

Yet another form about my future plans...

HEHE...

WHAT AM I GONNA DO? sigh...

My grades are better than average.

FLAP

Career Guidance Survey

CLASS 3A, #7

KURATA AZUMI

You could say I'm a jack of all trades. I have no particular talents or big dreams.



SHOULD I GO TO JUNIOR COLLEGE FIRST, AND PUT OFF THE BIG DECISION? WELL, IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO STUDY, THAT WOULDN'T REALLY BE FAIR TO MY PARENTS...

I might as well go on a trip to find myself in that case...

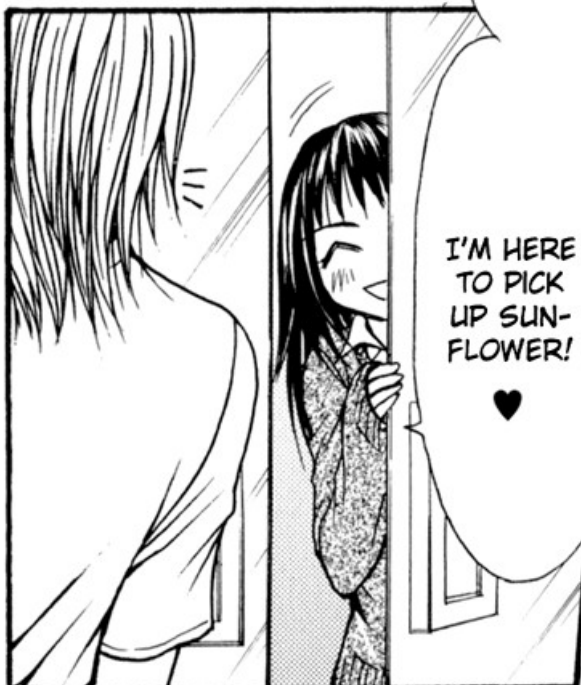




HELLO!
IT'S ME.
KURATA.



if there's
one thing
I'm pas-
sionate
about,



I'M HERE
TO PICK
UP SUN-
FLOWER!
♥



Welcome!

Woof
woof!!

Our Future Plans

quiver quiver

it's
prob-
ably
her.

Woof!



OH!!

WELCOME,
AZUMI!!

Nanzaki Iku



I SHOULD PROBABLY BE DONE AROUND 5...

SO I HAVEN'T GIVEN SUNFLOWER A BATH YET.

WE'VE BEEN SWAMPED ALL DAY,

Sunflower!

Woof woof woof! (Big Sis! ♡)

I'M SORRY, AZU.

shake ♡

shake ❄️

quiver

quiver



Woo-hoo!!

You're a lifesaver!!

YOU CAN TAKE ALL OF THOSE DRY FOOD SAMPLES IF YOU WANT.

ARE YOU SURE? I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

OH, THAT'S NO PROBLEM, SHIKI. I JUST STOPPED BY SINCE I WAS ON MY WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL ANYWAY.

She's 26 years old - 8 years older than me.

Her name is Tsukioka Shiki.

I'LL COME BACK LATER.



She's androgynous, with a deep voice and a gentle demeanor,

OH... I'M SORRY, I LEAVE ALL OF THAT TO MY BROTHER...

She's the dog groomer we take Sunflower to.

OH,
YOU SHOULD COME TO SOME OF THE LOCAL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS!!

SHIKI-CHAN!!

HER HUSBAND IS A FLO-RIST. SHE LOVES TAKARAZUKA*...

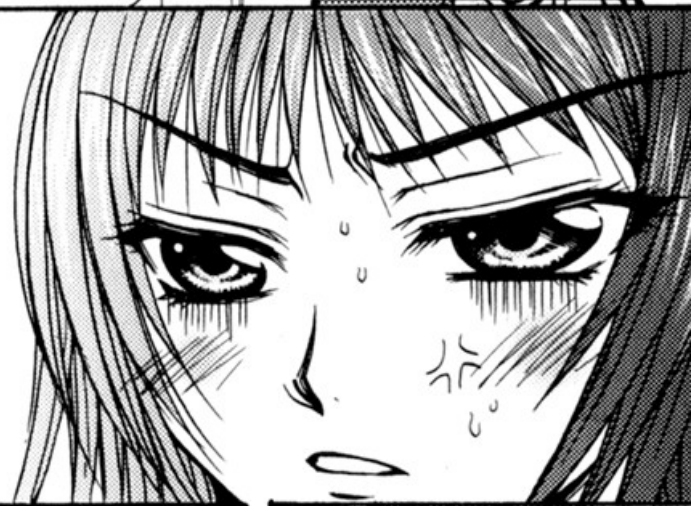
MY DAUGHTER'S A FAN OF YOURS, YOU KNOW.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. JUST COME TO A MEETING.

so women love her.

squeal

squeal



HM...? YES, JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET HER UNIFORM WET.

OH... SURE, I THINK THAT SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT. IS IT?

Huh?! *mew*

I WANT TO COME WATCH YOU WASH SUNFLOWER!! IS THAT OKAY?

HMM?

TUG TUG SHIKI !!

* A WELL-KNOWN ALL-FEMALE THEATRE GROUP.



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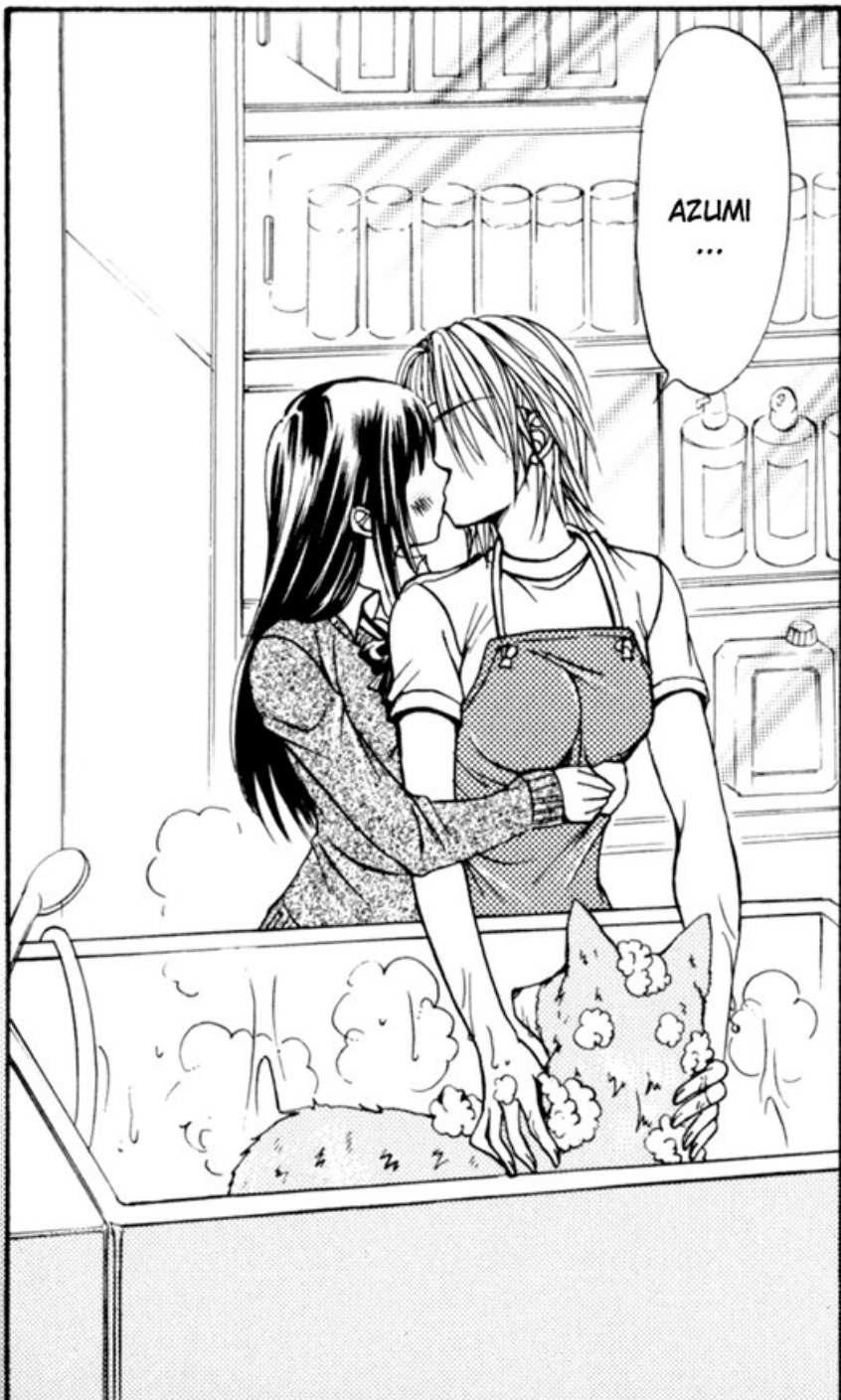
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SUN-
FLOWER'S
SO LUCKY,
GETTING
WASHED BY
YOU LIKE
THIS.

...AZUMI?

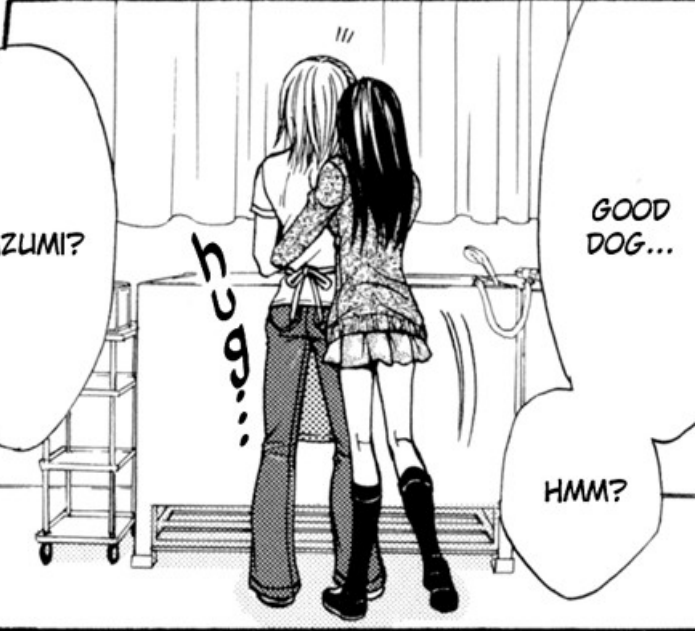


TUP
TUP
TUP

WAAH!

TIME
FOR SOME OKAY,
SHAMPOO,
SUN-
FLOWER.

It'll be
a little
cold.



...gah

GOOD
DOG...

HMM?



IT MUST
FEEL
GOOD.

Hmmm?

She's kind,
cute, and
cool,



but
she's a
little
thick.

nuzzle
nuzzle

SHII-
CHAN,

I...

AZU-

WHY
...



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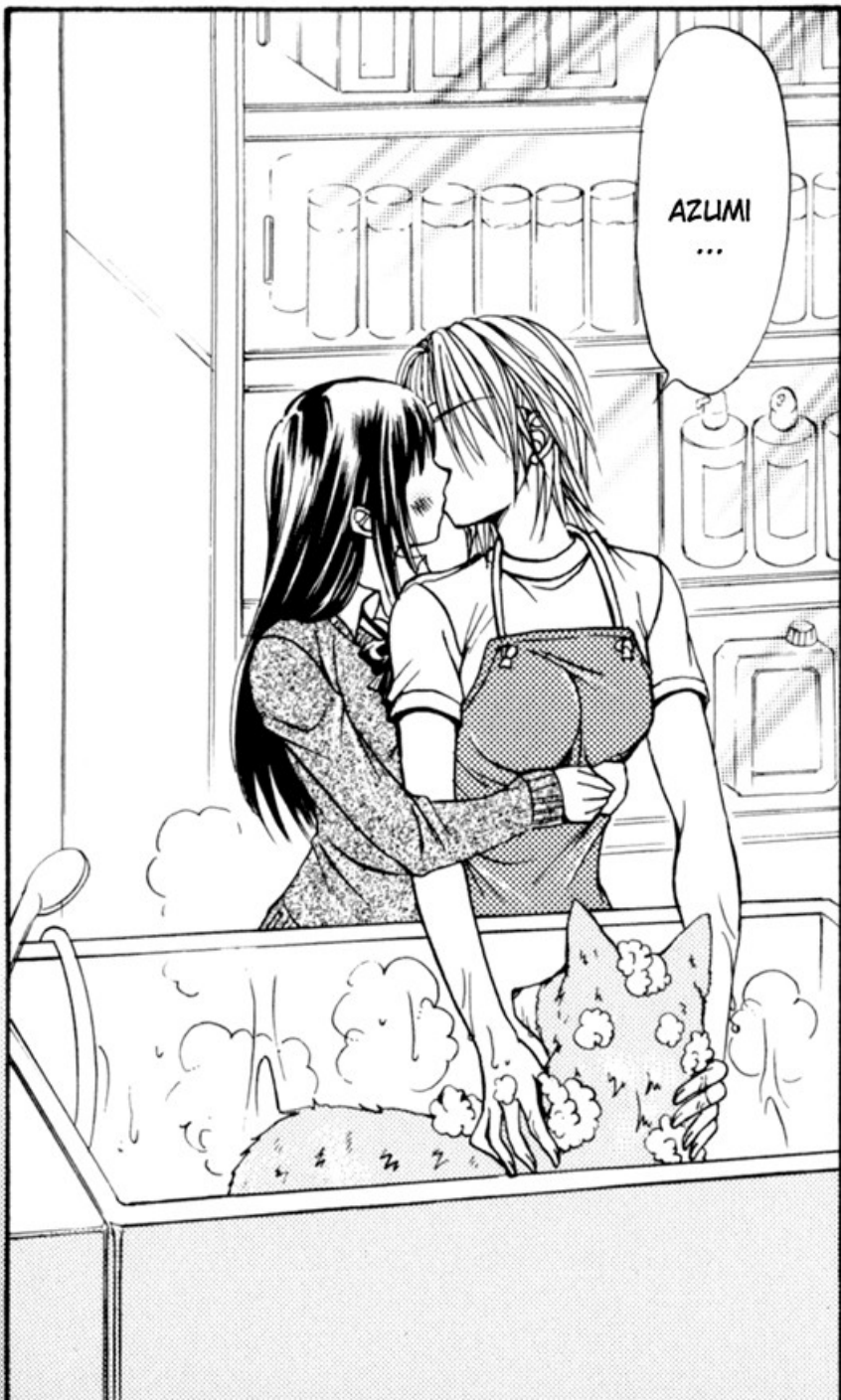
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Welcome, Azumi-chan, Sunflower!

'Sup? It's Kurata!

Sunflower needs a bath!

Both of us love animals, so we hit it off right away.



I'll throw in a sample of some dog pads.

and I went there to get some treats for Sunflower.



She wrote it off as

the sort of admiration girls feel in their teens sometimes—pseudo-love that's just a passing phase.

I was so excited about it that I confessed my love to her a bunch of times. She didn't take me seriously at first.



Well, I fell in love with her at first sight, actually.

When I look at you, I want to touch you... and I want you to touch me...

No, you're wrong!! Well, I can't say for sure that my feelings won't fade with time, but even so!!

SNAP!!

So one day,

I snapped.



... Besides... no matter what genders are involved,

WHAAAAT ?!

I get turned on, okay?!



there's no such thing as a love that's completely free from mistakes and misunderstandings...

Now, wait just one minute!!

fling

CONFRONTING HER HEAD-ON!!

Azumi-chan...

...So...



sigh

pat

pat

but

please
don't deny
my feelings
for you!!

So... I'll
understand
if you reject
me,



But I told
you I was
serious!!

You didn't
have to hold
back!!

Wha—

fwhip

pheW

so I've
been
holding
myself
back.

Oh, geez...
I didn't think I
should take you
seriously, since
you're eight
years younger
than me...



Huh?

...Wait...
what do
you mean,
holding
yourself
back?



Oh,
she
smells
like dog
sham-
poo...

...Does
that... does
that mean
you'll... go
out with
me?

Huh?!
Really?!

Well,
shall we
start by
going out
somewhere
together?



twitch...

I re-
member

Oh
...

THE WINNING MOVE:
USING TEARS TO
GET HER WAY.



how she
smelled like
Sunflower
after a bath...
and how safe
I felt with her.

how soft
her lips
and body
were,



Yes...

I will,
Azumi.

.....
Nh...!!

shudder...

Hmm...

That
was last
fall.

Six
months
have
passed
since
then.



Argh!

Is she treating me like a little kid?!

But we still haven't gone beyond kissing. What's up with that?!

WE HAVE GONE A LOT OF PLACES TOGETHER...



And it would be awful if she got arrested for it, though I doubt that would happen.

...I KNOW THAT IT'S HER WAY OF LOOKING OUT FOR ME,

AND I'M GLAD SHE CARES... BUT...

Well...

sex isn't everything in a relationship.

But even so...



BUT IT SHOULD BE OKAY SINCE WE BOTH LOVE EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT BAD STUFF COULD HAPPEN IF AN ADULT DOES STUFF WITH A MINOR...


Eight years isn't that much of an age difference!!





MAYBE SHE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH SOMEONE MORE MATURE THAN ME.

...THERE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN AT THE SHOP THE OTHER DAY... WHO WOULD'VE BEEN A MORE FITTING MATCH FOR SHIKI.



sometimes I feel utterly drained.



OR MAYBE... SHE PREFERS MEN?

SHE'S 26... MOST WOMEN ARE THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE BY THEN, RIGHT?

Sometimes I even wonder if she's only going out with me

IT'S ONLY NORMAL TO WANT TO TOUCH THE ONE YOU LOVE...

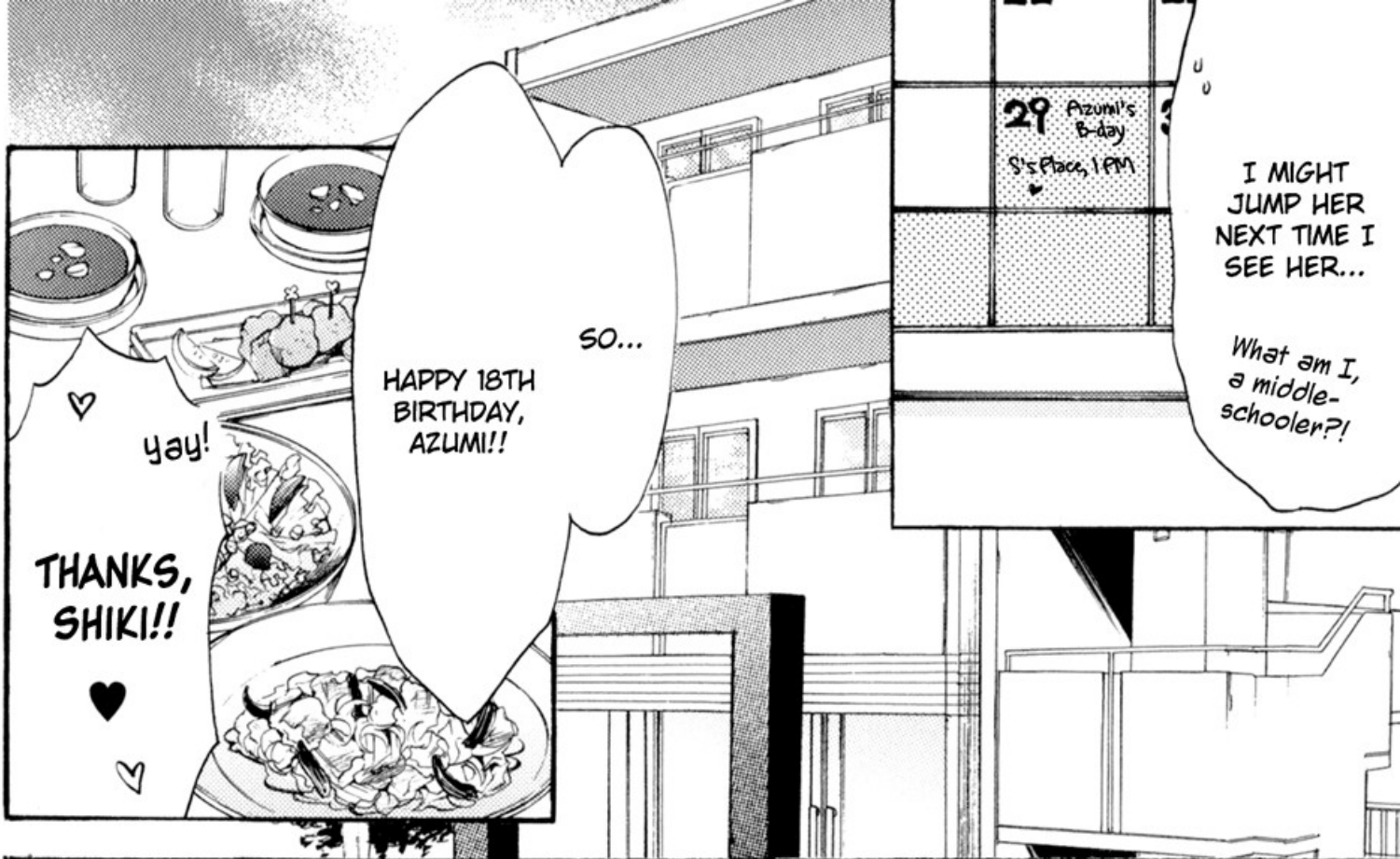
But maybe she doesn't...?

Oh. crap...

URGH...

CHURN
CHURN
CHURN

out of pity.



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S's Place, 1PM

I MIGHT JUMP HER NEXT TIME I SEE HER...

What am I, a middle-schooler?!

SO...

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY, AZUMI!!

yay!

THANKS, SHIKI!!



I made a cake, too. I'll bring it out when we're done.

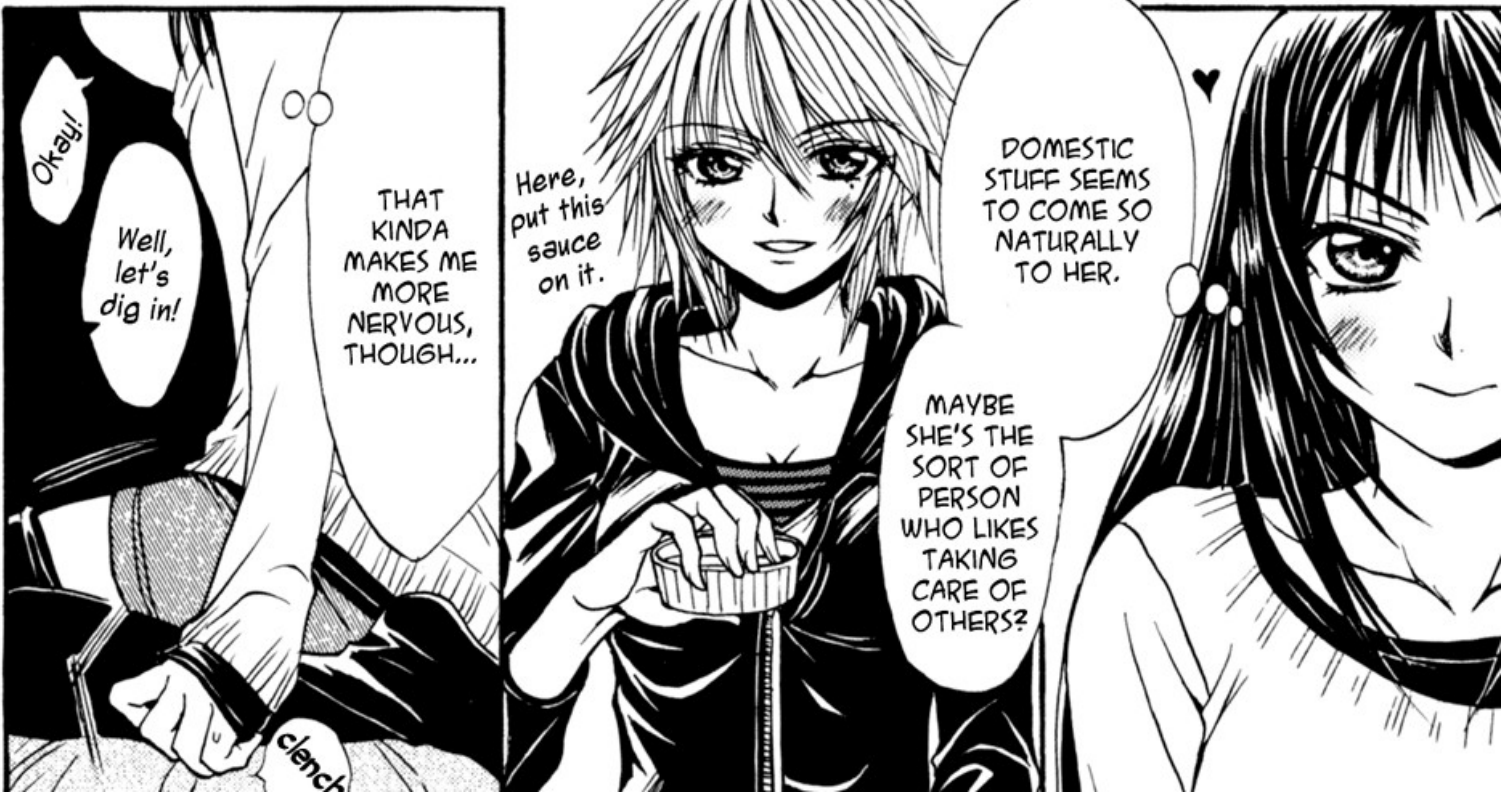
YEAH,

I LIKE TO COOK.

She brought Sunflower.

WOW, DID YOU MAKE ALL THIS YOURSELF?

Really?!



Okay!

Well, let's dig in!

THAT KINDA MAKES ME MORE NERVOUS, THOUGH...

Here, put this sauce on it.

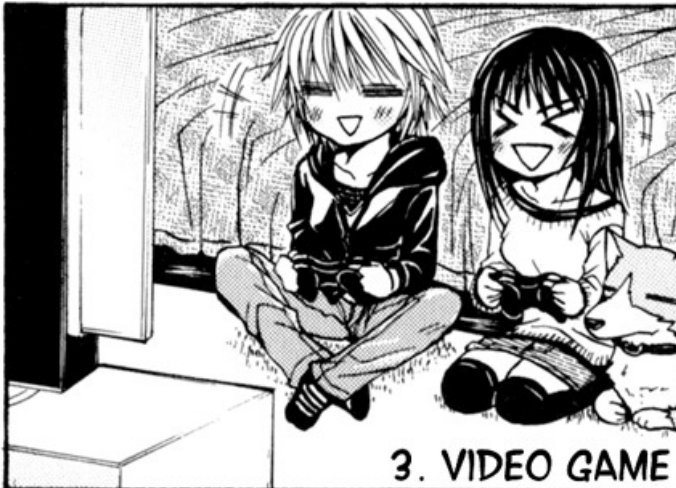
DOMESTIC STUFF SEEMS TO COME SO NATURALLY TO HER.

MAYBE SHE'S THE SORT OF PERSON WHO LIKES TAKING CARE OF OTHERS?

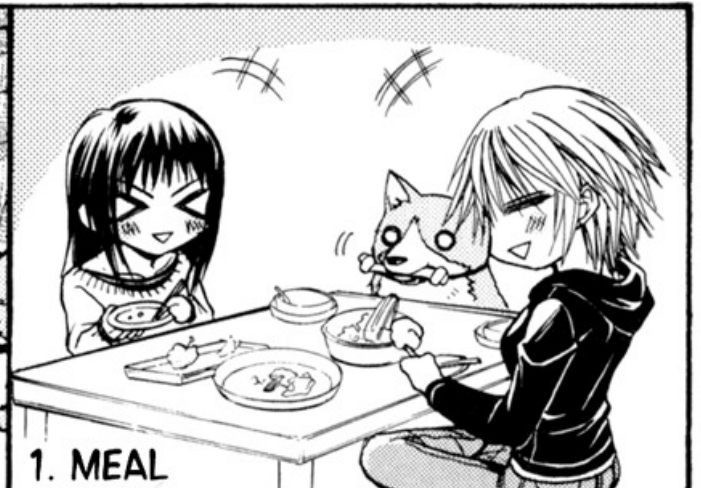
clench

HOW SHIKI AND AZUMI SPENT THE DAY TOGETHER.

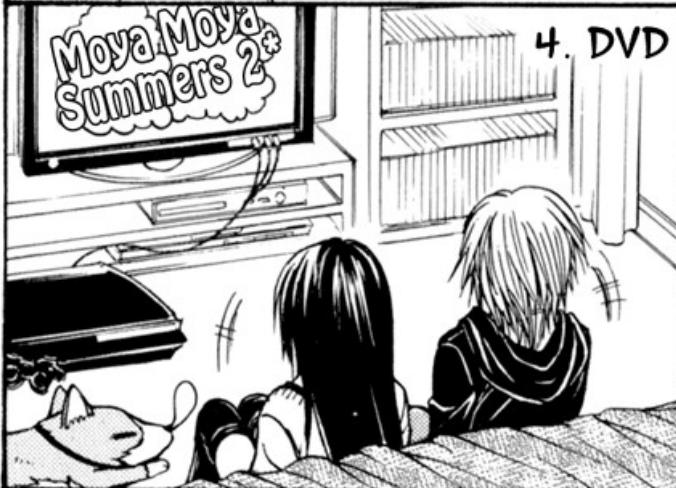
*COMPLICATED SUMMERS 2, A VARIETY PROGRAM IN WHICH COMEDIANS VISIT LITTLE-KNOWN ("MOYA MOYA," OR "HAZY") SPOTS. "SUMMERS" IS A COMEDY DUO.



3. VIDEO GAME



1. MEAL



4. DVD



2. PRESENT

A corgi pillow.



S-SURE!!

SO,

READY FOR SOME CAKE?

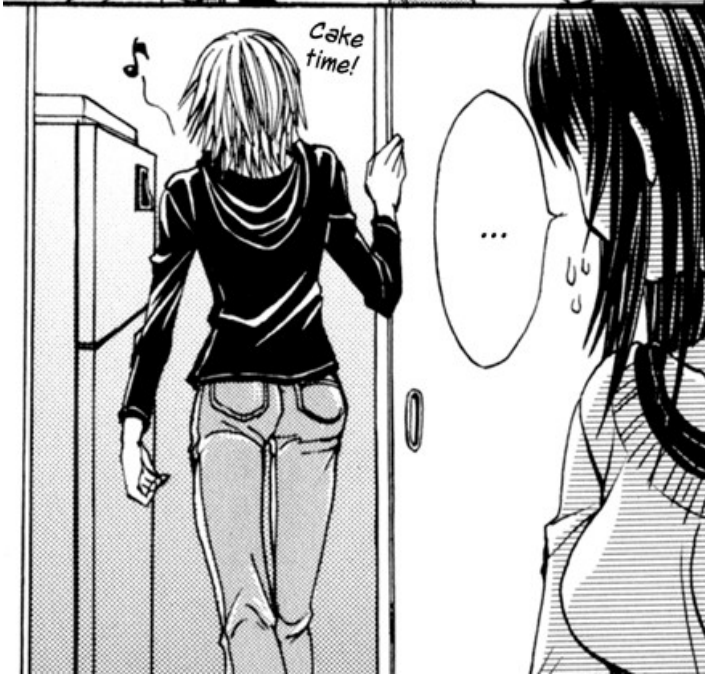


Hey... there's no mood at all, is there?!

This is really fun, but...

There's no good time to make a move!!

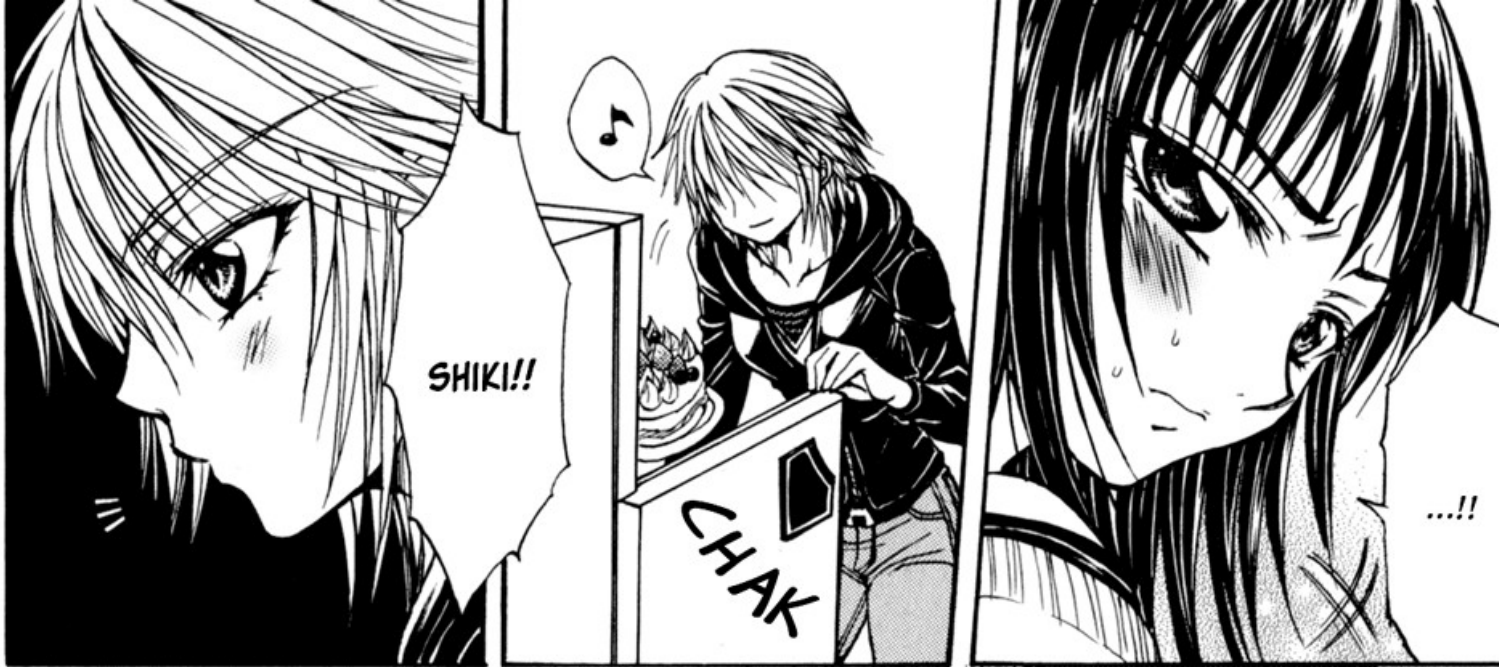
Look at those clouds...*



Cake time!

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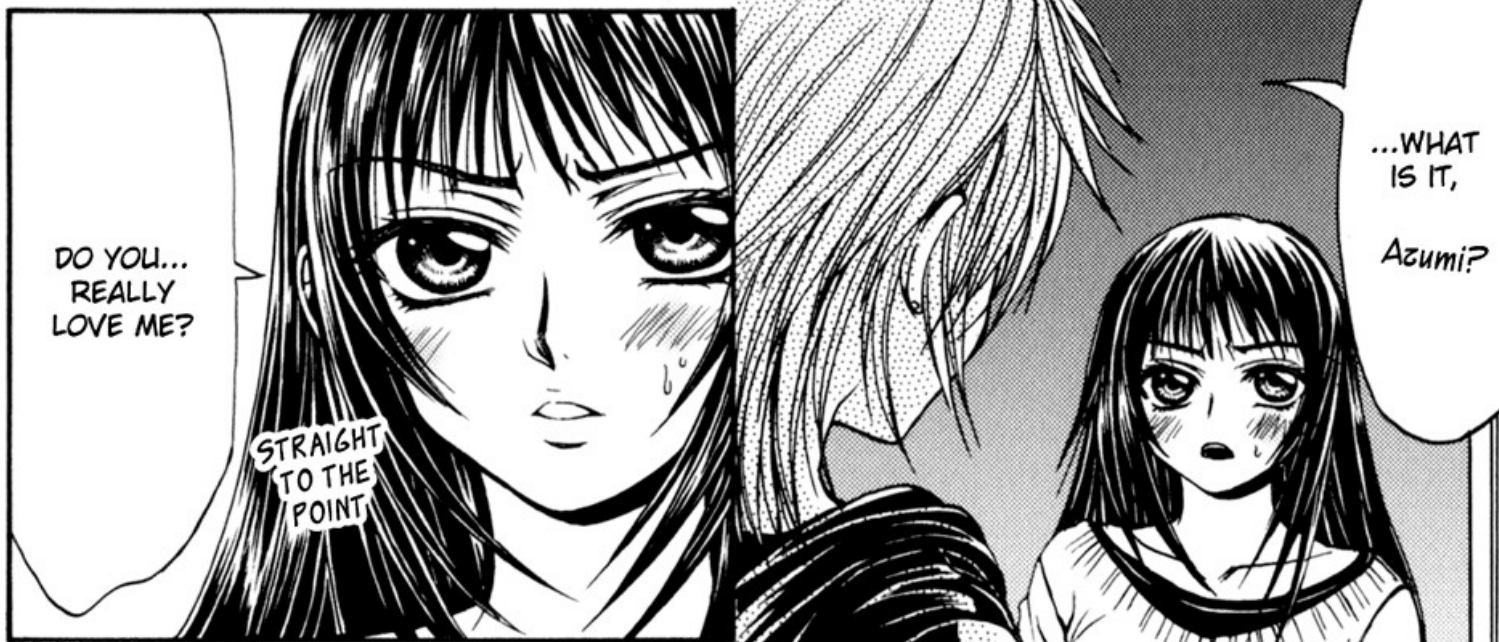
*"MOYA MOYA," LIKE THE TV PROGRAM'S NAME. IT CAN MEAN "GLOOMY," TOO, AND IS ALSO AN OLD-FASHIONED TERM FOR AROUSAL, SO NANZAKI MAY BE MAKING A PLAY ON WORDS.



SHIKI!!

CHAK

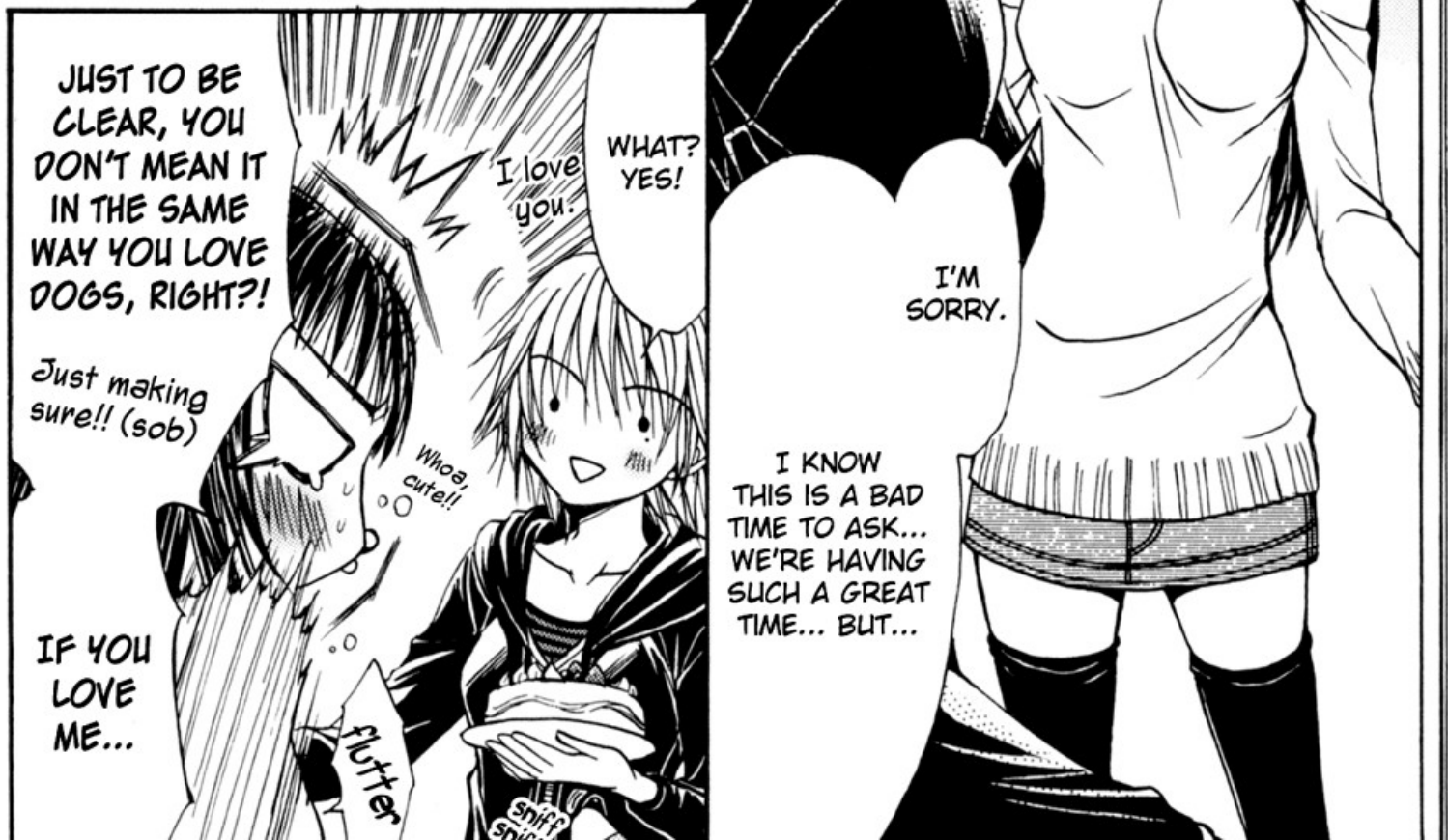
...!!



DO YOU... REALLY LOVE ME?

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

...WHAT IS IT, Azumi?



JUST TO BE CLEAR, YOU DON'T MEAN IT IN THE SAME WAY YOU LOVE DOGS, RIGHT?!

Just making sure!! (sob)

I love you.

WHAT? YES!

I'M SORRY.

I KNOW THIS IS A BAD TIME TO ASK... WE'RE HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME... BUT...

IF YOU LOVE ME...

Whoa, cute!!

flutter

sniff



IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY I DO, I'D RATHER YOU JUST TELL ME!!







I'M OKAY.

OUCH ...

SORRY, AZUMI.

Eek!

OWW ...

I'm all goopy ...

Ack!

thunk

THUD



IT'S 'CAUSE OF MY DUMB DOG...

And after you went to all the trouble of making it for me...

NO, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE!

munch munch

Oh. no... Your birthday cake...



AT LEAST I GOT TO TASTE IT. IT'S GOOD.

WELL...

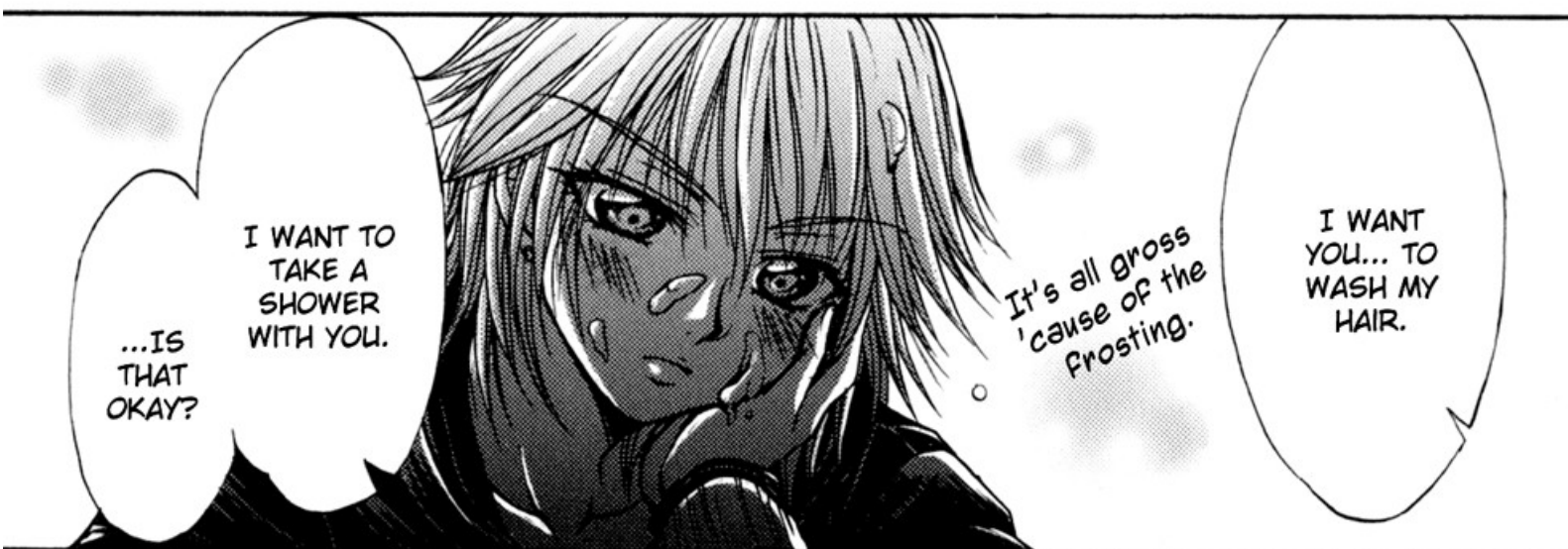
TWITCH...

MM.

AZUMI ...

lick







YOU'RE GOOD AT WASHING PEOPLE, TOO, SHII-CHAN.

NOPE.

scrubba scrubba

ANY ITCHY SPOTS?

VSSHH

...IT'S NOT TOO HOT?

NOPE.

splish...

I AM?

Glad to hear it.

VSSHHH



splash...

I'LL WASH YOUR BODY, TOO, AZUMI. STAND UP.

YOU'D HAVE A GOOD BODY...

SHII-CHAN.

MM-HMM.

YOU, TOO... YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL SKIN.

OH...

I FIGURED

Ehehe!!

WELL, I AM STILL IN MY TEENS!!



NO... I'M JUST A COWARD.

... Mm ...!

Uhh ...

OH... DOES THE AGE DIFFERENCE STILL BOTHER YOU?

YOU'RE SO SERIOUS.

Vssh...



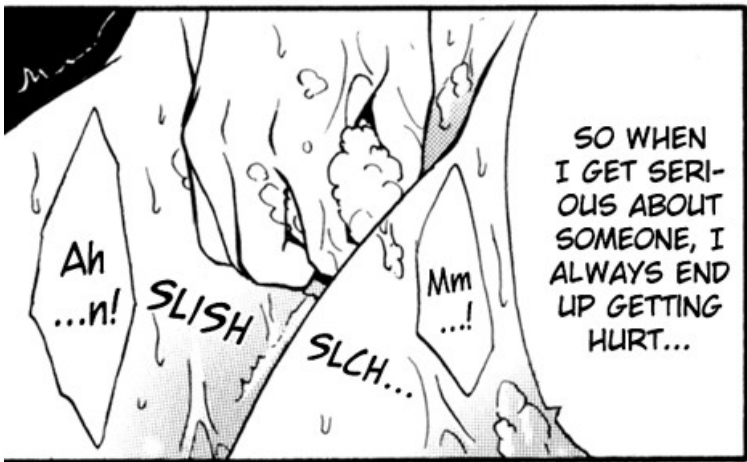
shudder...

Ah ...

YES...

YOU'RE STILL A TEEN-AGER.

SLIP...



Ah ...n!

SLISH

SLCH...

Mm ...!

SO WHEN I GET SERIOUS ABOUT SOMEONE, I ALWAYS END UP GETTING HURT...



She's sensitive...

That's a good girl.

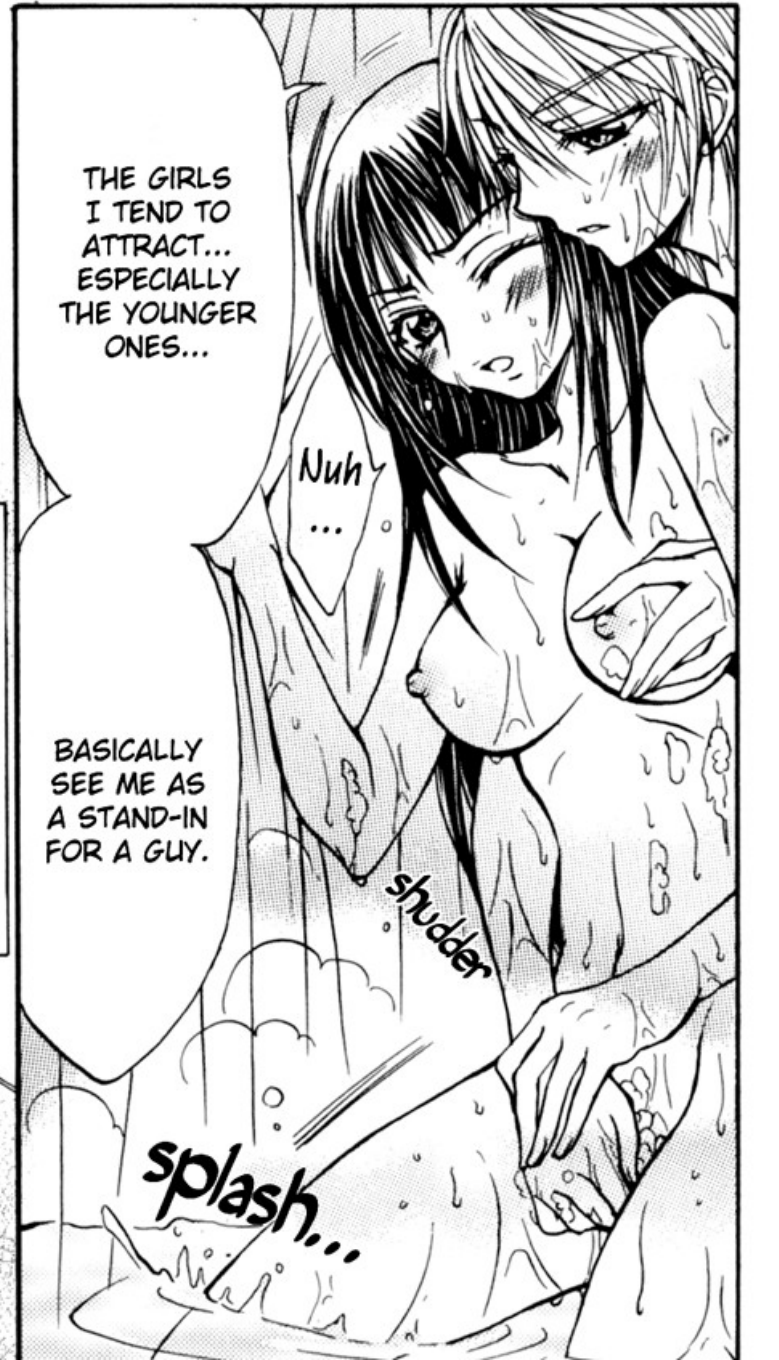
Oh... I get it now. She's been hurt before.

Haha...

PRETTY OBLIVIOUS, HUH?

That's why she's been so cautious with me.

I can't argue with that...



THE GIRLS I TEND TO ATTRACT... ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES...

Nuh ...

BASICALLY SEE ME AS A STAND-IN FOR A GUY.

shudder

splash...



YOU'RE
A CUTE,
SENSITIVE
WOMAN...

NO...
I MEANT
YOUR EX-
GIRLFRIENDS
WERE.

Not
you.

HUH
...?

BUT THAT
WAS WASTED
ON THEM.
RIGHT?



AZUMI
...

AND
IF THEY
WANTED A
GUY WHO
WAS LIKE
YOU,

AZU...

Kiss



...
OKAY.

So don't
worry,
okay?

SHIKI.

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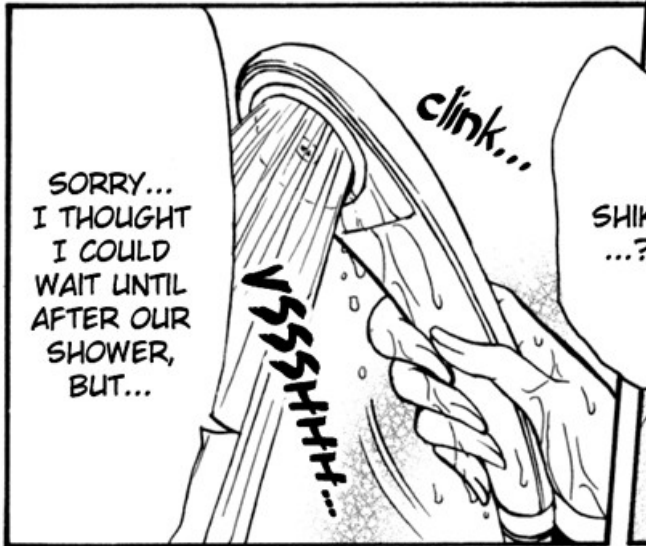
WHY DIDN'T
THEY JUST
PICK YOUR
BROTHER IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?!

Instead
of you,
with
your
soft
butt!!



He looks
just like
her.

grope



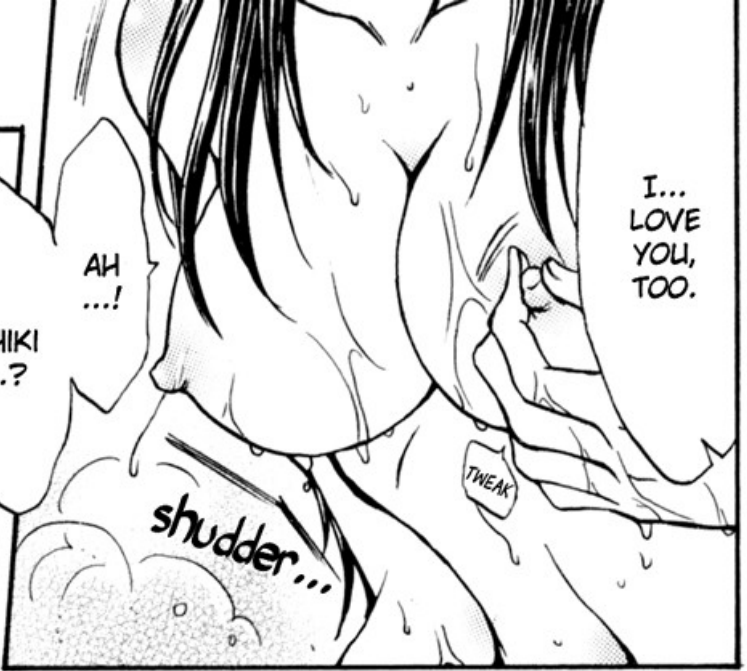
SORRY... I THOUGHT I COULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER OUR SHOWER, BUT...

VSSSSHHH...

clink...

SHIKI ...?

AH ...!



I... LOVE YOU, TOO.

shudder...

TWEAK



QUIVER

MMMM
H
H
H

Nuh ...!
Mm!

QUIVER...

NO...

THAT'S -

Okay, Shiki.

I've been waiting all this time, too.

I'm... COM-

VSSSSHHH

splash...

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
shudder...

Now you...

MM...
MMM-
MM!



AH...!

Mm!

AHHHH ...!!

It's hot!

shudder

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE... LET ME HEAR YOU, AZUMI...

NUH ...

VSSSSHHH

shudder



Oh!
... HEY,
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

HUH?

Creak...

have to show me sides of you

that I've never seen before.



YOU'RE ADORABLE...

Pant +

Duzzle...

Mm ...

Pssst...

Pant...



Show me more of yourself.

sniff sniff

pant

pant

AND MY BROTHER WANTED TO OPEN A SHOP, SO...
BECAUSE I LOVE ANIMALS, OF COURSE.
HMM ...

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A DOG GROOMER?



Why don't you start by visiting some schools?

okay?

Sure.

Now, and in the years to come...

I think you just gave me a new perspective!

MAYBE I COULD GO INTO A SPECIALIZED PROFESSION!!

Well, IN THAT CASE,

SOMETHING YOU COULD DO YOUR WHOLE LIFE, HUH?

Hmm.

I can always strike out on my own with it, too.

SOMETHING I COULD DO MY WHOLE LIFE.

That I could support myself and a partner with.

BUT MAYBE THE BIGGEST REASON WAS THAT I WANTED TO LEARN A TRADE.

The End

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