



THE LONG-AWAITED NEW STORY!







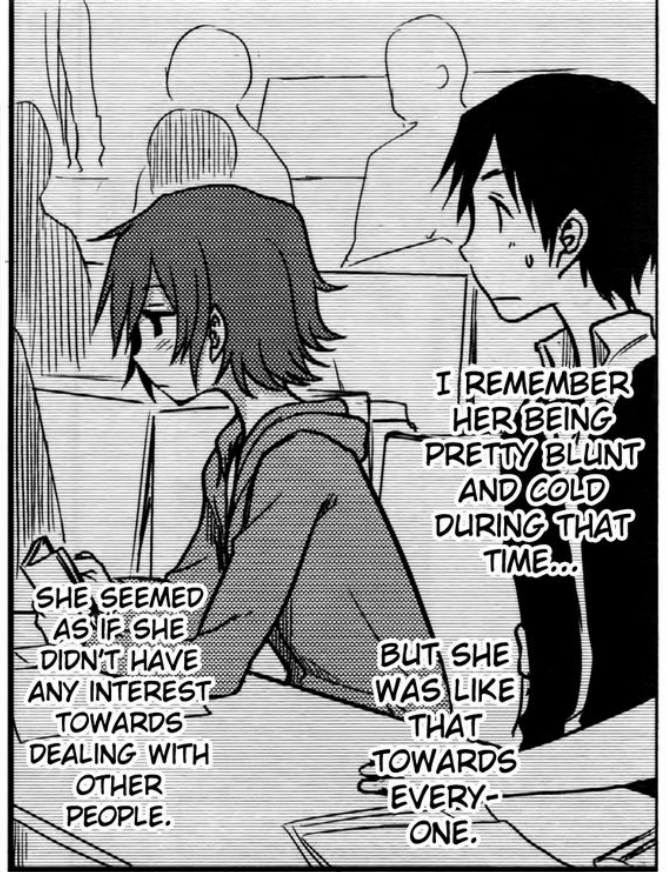
Makino...

Is that a camera?



Mm?

TO THINK THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET MAKINO, OF ALL PEOPLE, HERE....



I REMEMBER HER BEING PRETTY BLUNT AND COLD DURING THAT TIME...

SHE SEEMED AS IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST TOWARDS DEALING WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

BUT SHE WAS LIKE THAT TOWARDS EVERYONE.



Well... On a hobby level...

I take them on walks and stuff...



...It is... So?

So, do you take pictures often?



Oh, sorry.

I was just thinking about how I didn't know any camera buddies...

And, yeah... So you like photography too, Makino.



Wh-What, do you have a problem with that?

You're scaring me...

Seriously?!





Sorry,
did I
make you
wait?

AND
SO...

Makino!

WE MET
THE NEXT
WEEKEND
PLANNING
TO WALK
AROUND
THE CITY
WHILE
TAKING
PICTURES.

No...
I just
got here
myself.



But
honestly,
I don't
know how
to act
around
her.

I was
hyped to
find a
camera
buddy...

I never
thought
I'd go
somewhere
with just
Makino...

Well,
this sure
got
weird...



Or...
maybe
I was
wrong?

Let's
get going
already.

Yeah,
this
might've
been too
much.

Something
wrong,
Harada?

Even
Makino
didn't seem
too
enthusiastic
about this
trip...



I know what you mean.

Utility poles are nice, aren't they?

I'D STARTED TO THINK OF HER AS A SILENT, UNFRIENDLY GIRL JUST JUDGING FROM THE WAY SHE USUALLY ACTS AT SCHOOL...



Look, look!

AND SHE'D STARTED PLAYING AROUND AND LAUGHING INNOCENTLY.

BUT AS SHE WARMED UP TO ME, HER SOUR LOOK DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY...



REALLY BURNED INTO MY MEMORY AND I COULDN'T GET IT OUT.

THE SIGHT OF HER FACE AND EXPRESSIONS THEN...

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Do you
wanna
take a
shower
first?

I-
I guess
I could...



It looks
surprisingly
normal
inside,
huh...

I was
sure
it'd be
all
weird.

Aren't
the weirder
ones more
expensive or
something..?

Not that I
know anything
about that...



ARE WE
REALLY
GOING
TO DO
IT?

ME
AND
MAKI-
NO...



MAKINO...

WHAT IS SHE
THINKING..?

まき...



Man,
I'm
pathe-
tic...

...Rather
than feeling
happy,
I'm getting
nervous
as hell.



I'm
partly
to blame
myself
for just
following
her in...

Why did
she invite
me to a
love hotel
out of the
blue...

She
said it so
lightly...
even though
she doesn't
look like the
type.

Is she
actually
used to...
playing
around?

No,
she really
doesn't
feel like
that at
all...

Just
what the
hell...



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Sorry for the wait...

So-



And now her head's cleared up?



Maybe we really should call this off after all...

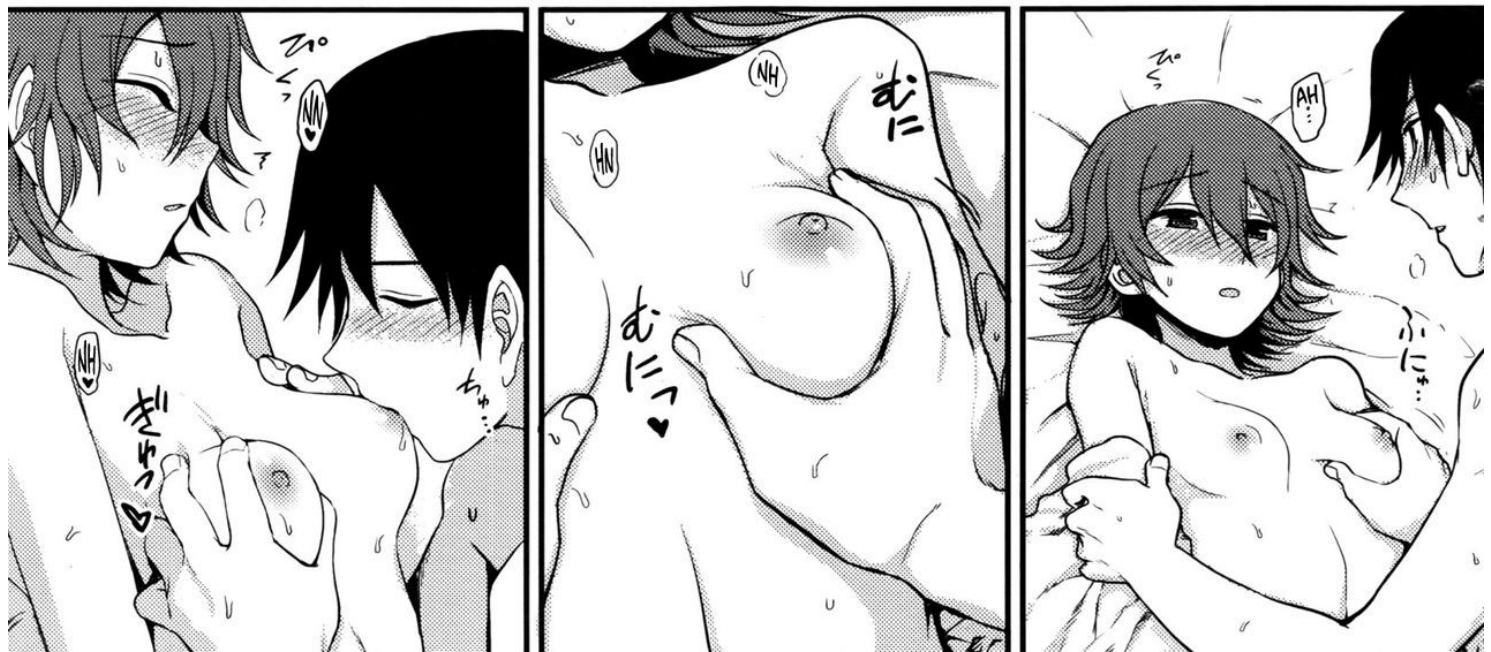


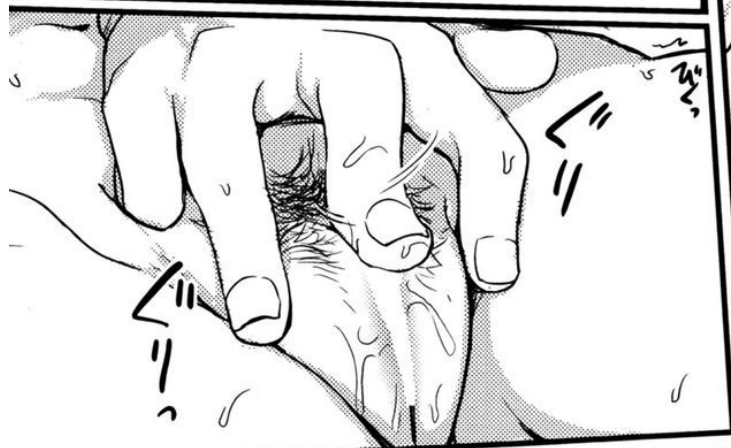
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Mm...

....



With me?

Were you really fine...



That that was your first time kissing, too?

Could it be...



Well, I mean, I've never had any one to do it with...

....



Listen, Makino...

IT MIGHT BE THAT IT'S THE SAME FOR HER...

I THINK I FELL FOR MAKINO.

DURING OUR "DATE" EARLIER TODAY...



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Yeah...

...Can I?

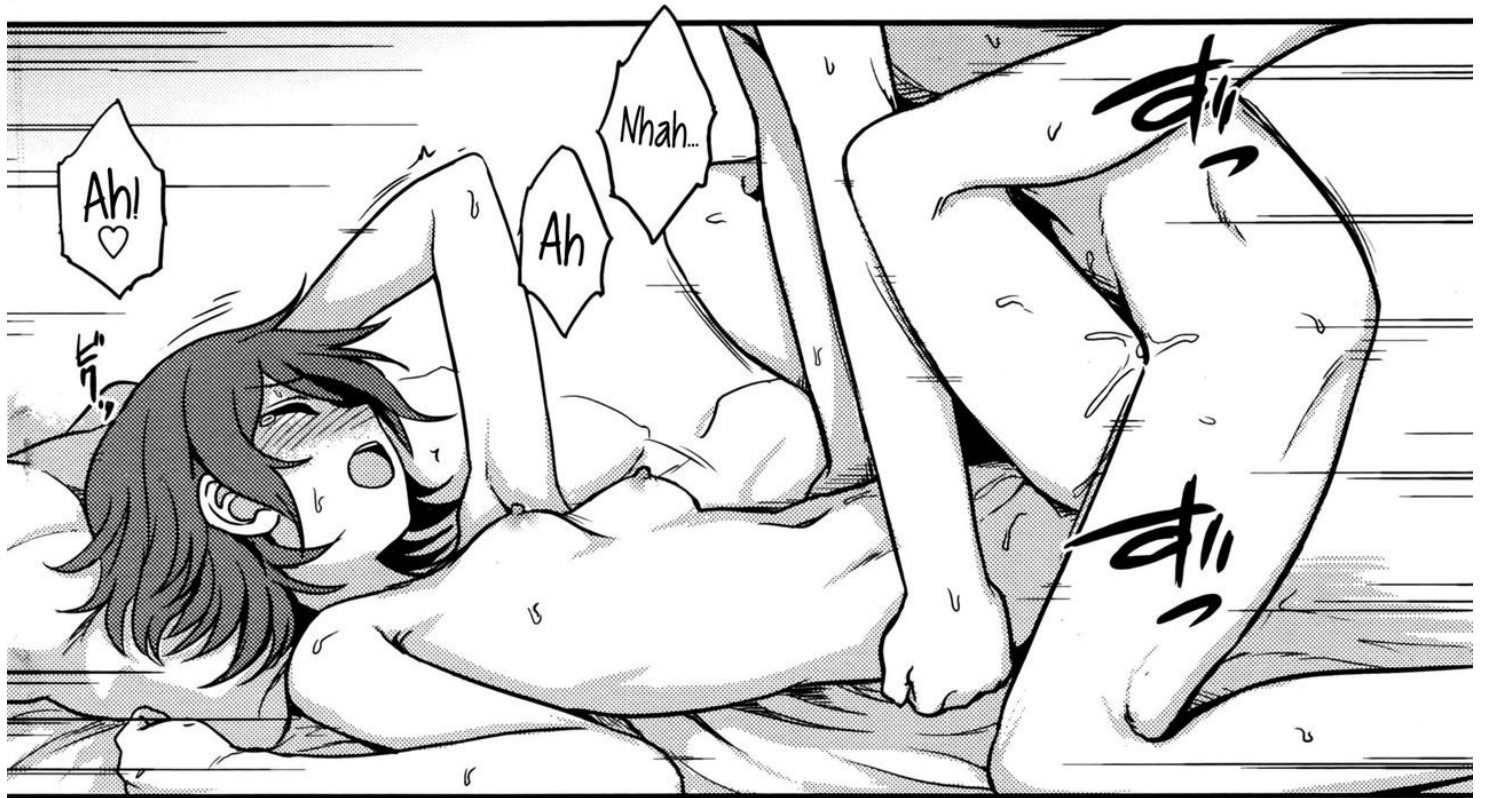


I want to...

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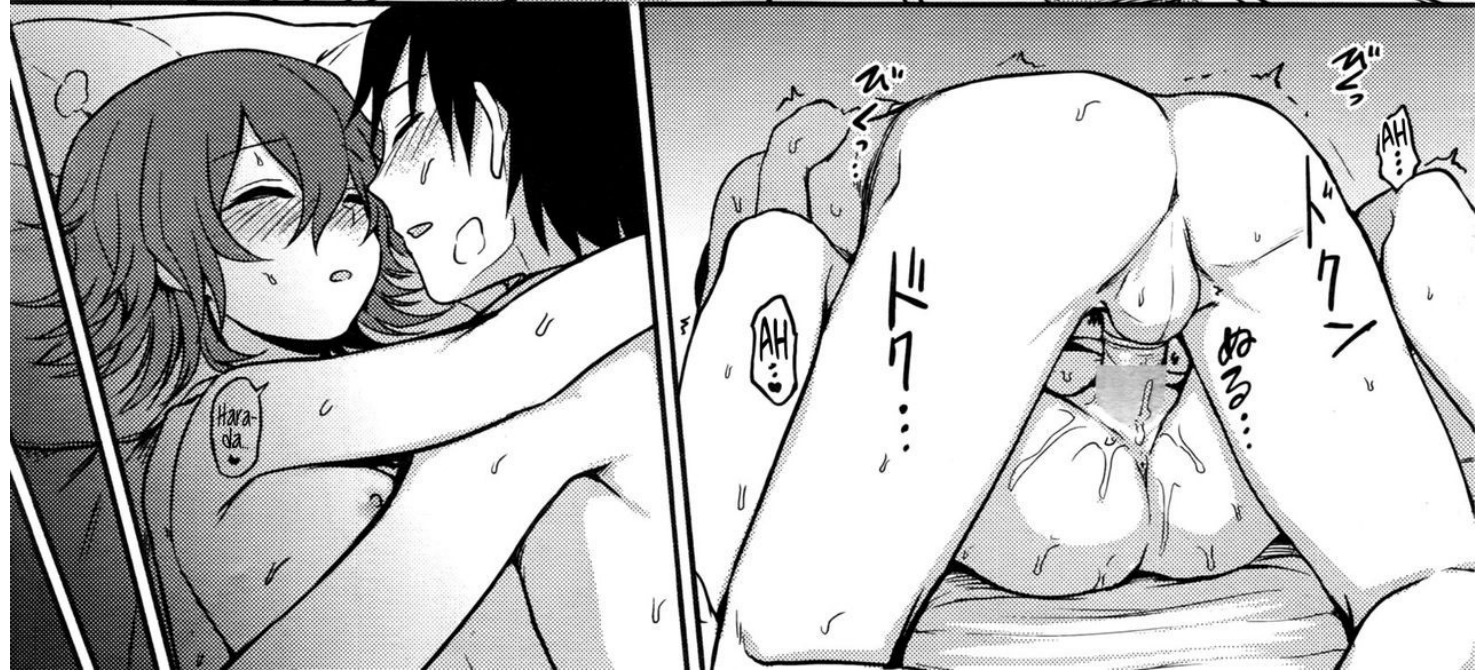
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This sure
got
awkward...



Mm...



Thanks
for
actually
coming
with me
today.

I really
had fun
today.



Um...
Harada..?



And I didn't
even
manage to
tell her
I like her...

But I
can't
bring
myself
to invite
her
now...

I want
to go
out with
Makino
again...



I don't
think I'll
ever be
too busy
for...
this...



You
can...
invite
me out
again.

Uh...
Well...

If you
want
to...



End

You
moron...

I'd like
to have a
picture of
the girl
I like...
so...

I mean,
you
know...

Wh-
Why...

Eh?!

Could
I take
a picture
of you?

Makino.

