

There's
a divine
entity
residing
in this
mountain.

ほろ からだ いのち
美しき神...奉ずはその身と性命

She
is a
beautiful,
twin-
horned
god-
dess.

As I
passed
under
the
gates,
which
only
open

for
those
offered
up as
a sac-
rifice,

My
short
life
offic-
ially
ended.

或る人の記憶の柱

ヒトバシラノ
キオク

冬良坂比作



...WHY HAVE YOU COME?

Or rather, that was supposed to be the case, but the woman standing there was!



LIM,

THEY TOLD ME... TO GO BE A SCAPE-GOAT.



She just clicked her tongue at me, didn't she?

SO BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD YOU TO GO DIE, YOU ACTUALLY DID IT?

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FOOL.

LIM, ARE YOU... THE DEITY HERE...?



I certainly am.

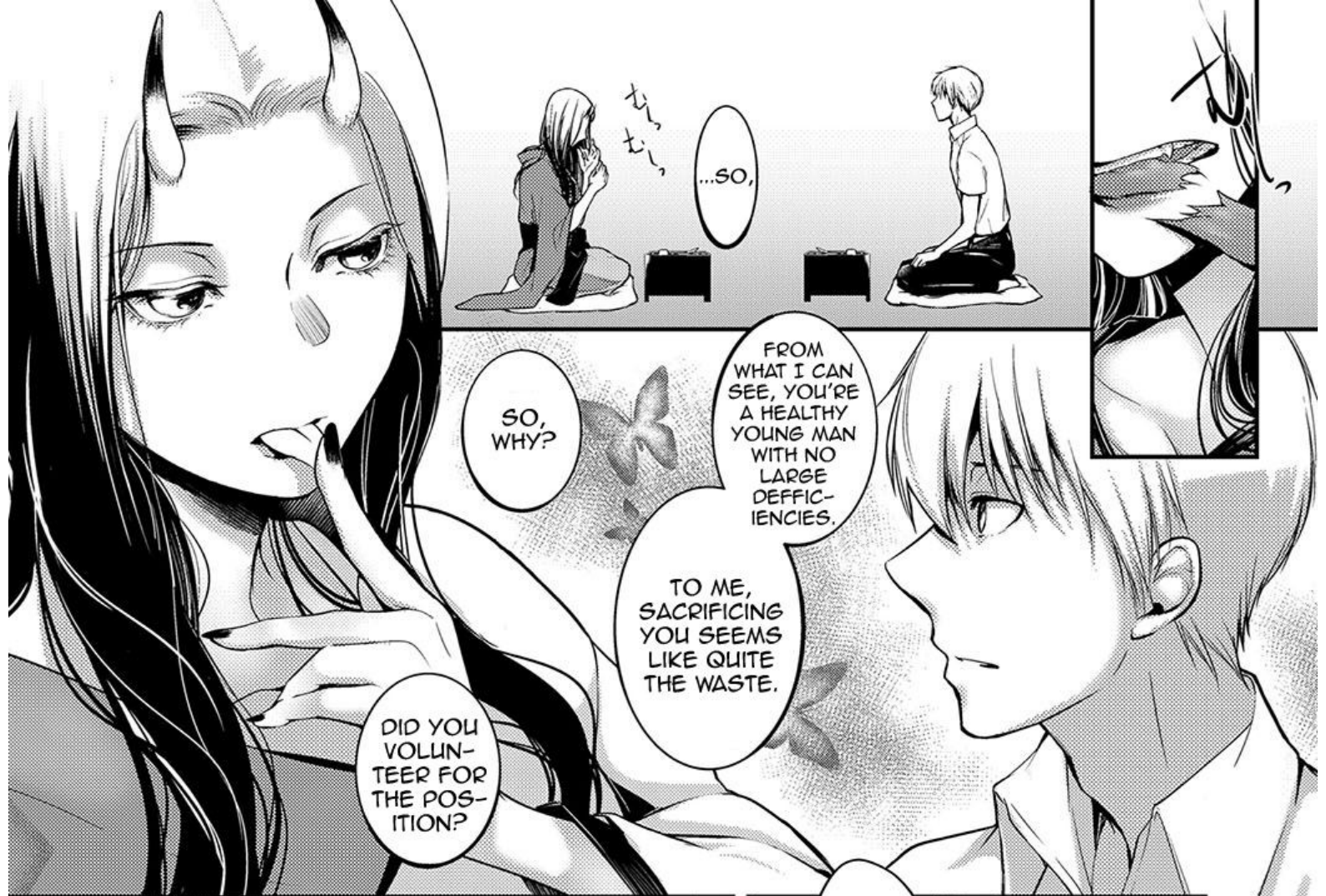
IF I SAY "I WANT TO CONSUME SOME MEAT," WATCH WHAT HAPPENS.



YOU CAN COOK AT LEAST, RIGHT?

CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE.





SO,
WHY?

FROM
WHAT I CAN
SEE, YOU'RE
A HEALTHY
YOUNG MAN
WITH NO
LARGE
DEFFICIENCIES.

TO ME,
SACRIFICING
YOU SEEMS
LIKE QUITE
THE WASTE.

DID YOU
VOLUN-
TEER FOR
THE POSI-
TION?



SACRI-
FICES
END UP
LIKE
THAT.



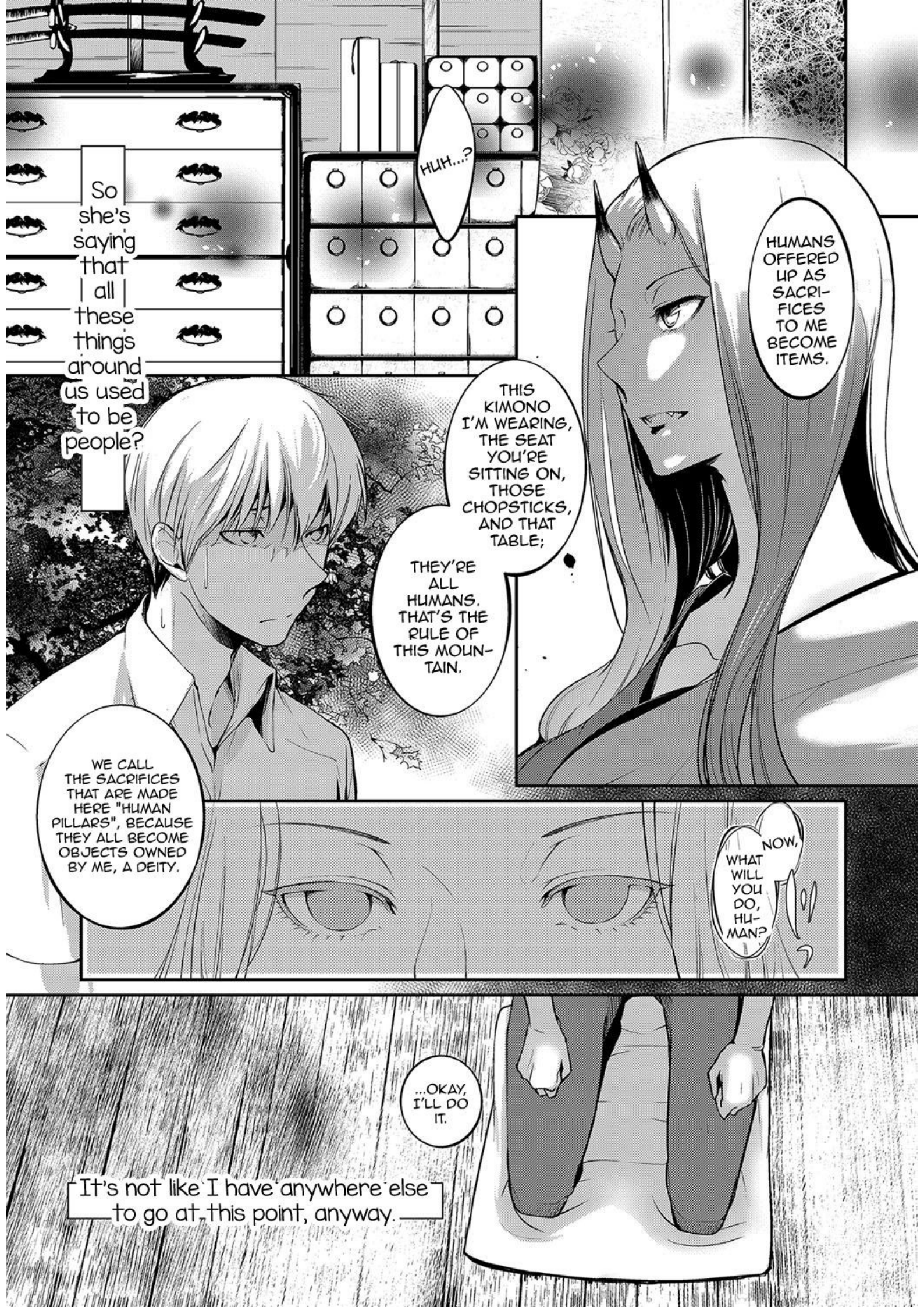
...I
HAVE NO
RELATIVES
OR
FAMILY.



I
SEE.

SO THEY
WERE
GETTING RID
OF A NUI-
SANCE AS
WELL AS
SENDING ME
AN OFFER-
ING.

LISTEN
UP, YOU
FOOL.



So she's saying that all these things around us used to be people?

HUH...?

HUMANS OFFERED UP AS SACRIFICES TO ME BECOME ITEMS.

THIS KIMONO I'M WEARING, THE SEAT YOU'RE SITTING ON, THOSE CHOPSTICKS, AND THAT TABLE;

THEY'RE ALL HUMANS. THAT'S THE RULE OF THIS MOUNTAIN.

WE CALL THE SACRIFICES THAT ARE MADE HERE "HUMAN PILLARS", BECAUSE THEY ALL BECOME OBJECTS OWNED BY ME, A DEITY.

NOW, WHAT WILL YOU DO, HUMAN?

...OKAY, I'LL DO IT.

It's not like I have anywhere else to go at this point, anyway.

IT'S AN HONOR
TO BECOME A
SACRIFICE.

YOU HAVE NOWHERE
ELSE TO GO, ANYWAY.

THE DEITY OF THIS
MOUNTAIN IS
TERRIFYING.

IF ALL YOU
CAN DO IS EAT
OUR FOOD,

THEN AT
LEAST
MAKE YOUR-
SELF USE-
FUL HERE!

YOU
ACCEPT
WHATEVER
PEOPLE SAY,
OR WHAT
THEY TELL
YOU TO
DO.

I
SEE.

THAT'S
HOW
THEY...

TOLD
ME TO
BE.

YOU
HAVE NO
TRUE
HEART,
DO YOU?

AND
YOU'LL
EVEN
BE
ABLE
TO
MAKE
THE
DEITY
HAPPY.

THERE'S
NOTHING
GREATER
INSIDE
YOU.

IF YOU TURN
AS YOU ARE NOW,
YOU WON'T EVEN
BE ABLE TO
BECOME A SIMPLE
SCRAP OF PAPER.

I'LL
PRAISE
THAT
PURE,
INNOCENT
ATTITUDE
OF
YOURS,
BUT...



HOW PITIFUL.



SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY OPENED THE GATES, YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE THIS PLACE.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO LIVE HERE AS A HUMAN FOR A TIME.



IT'S AN ENJOYABLE SCENT. THE SCENT OF ONE STILL ALIVE.

...YOU HAVE A PLEASANT SCENT.

IT'S... THE SCENT OF A MAN.

IT'S A NOSTALGIC SCENT OF A HUMAN FROM LONG AGO.

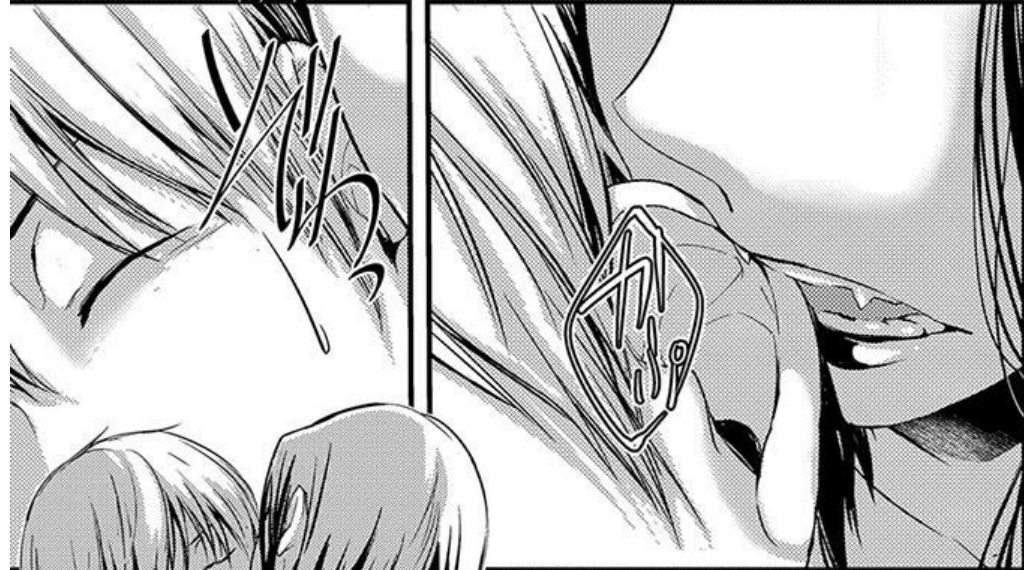


A
SIMPLE
TASTE
TEST.
THAT'S
ALL.

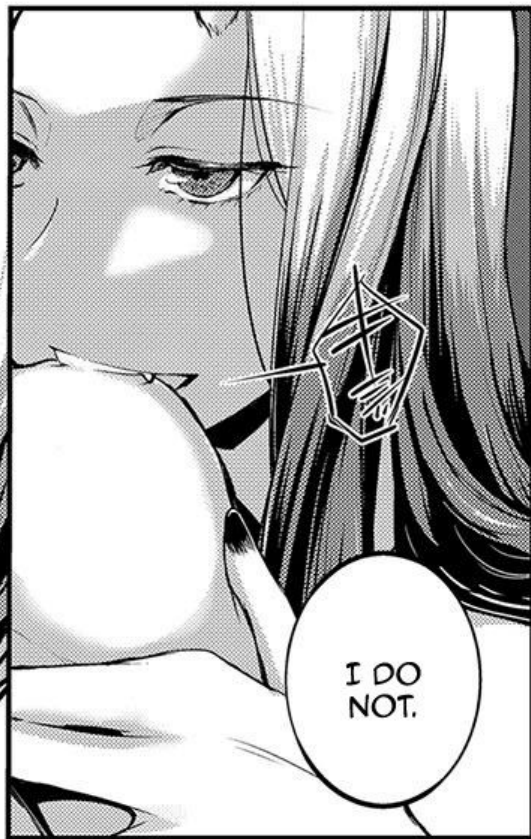
MOUN-
TAIN
GOD-
DESS,
WHAT
ARE
YOU...



What a
fantastic
scent. It's
the scent
of an
undefiled
male.



I've
never
been
touched
like this
before.



I DO NOT.



DO YOU EAT HUMANS AS WELL, THEN?



DO YOU ENJOY BEING BITTEN LIKE THIS?

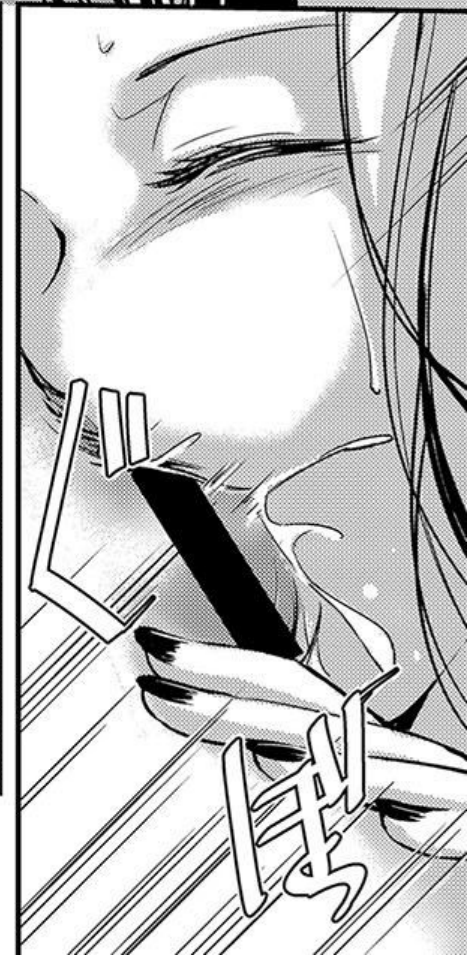
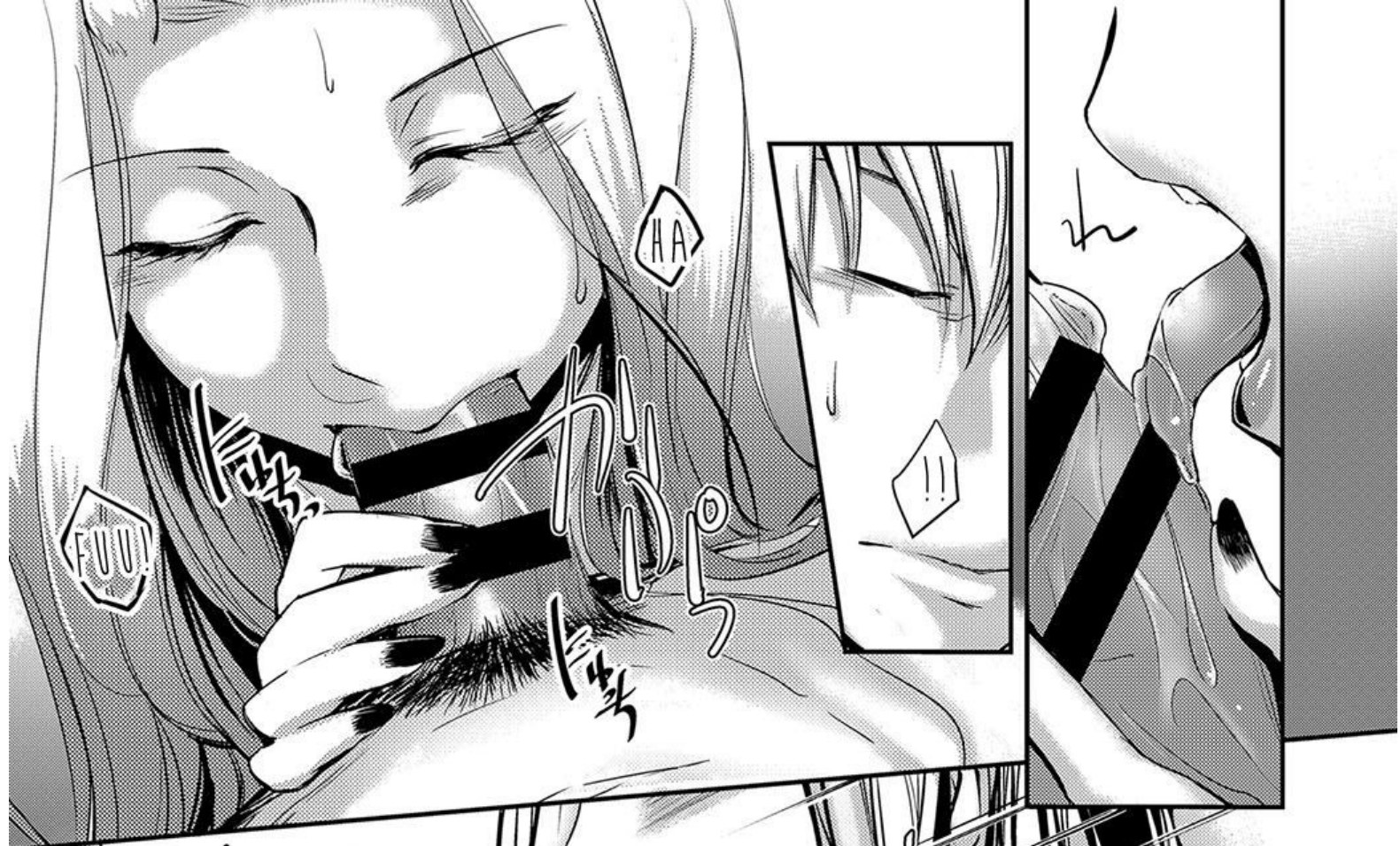


NOT RIGHT THERE...



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human-
like than
I, or any-
one else
had
originally
imagined
her to
be.

Perhaps
this
person
is much
more



She also
seems...
as alone
in this
world as
I am.

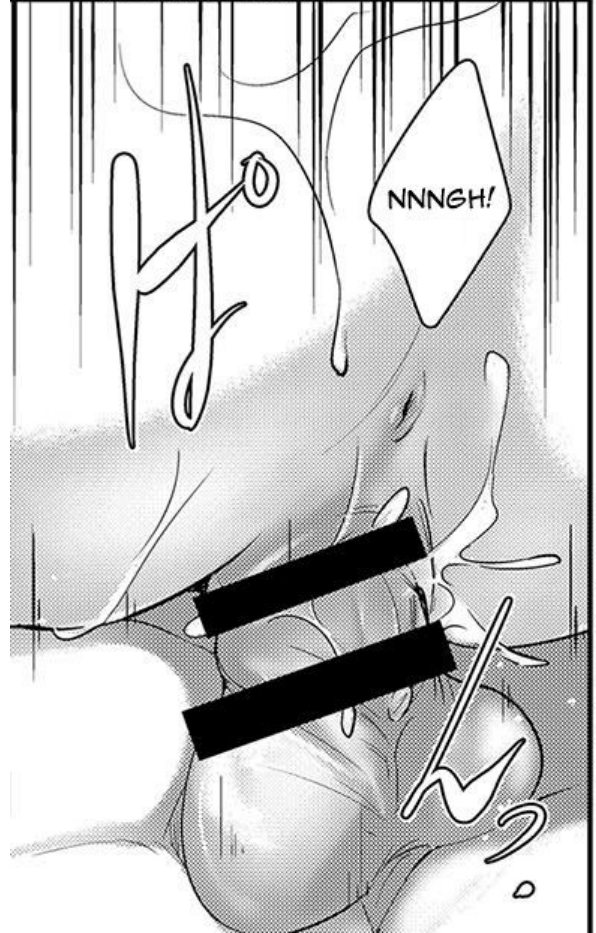


NGH...
IT'S
INSIDE
ME NOW.
♥

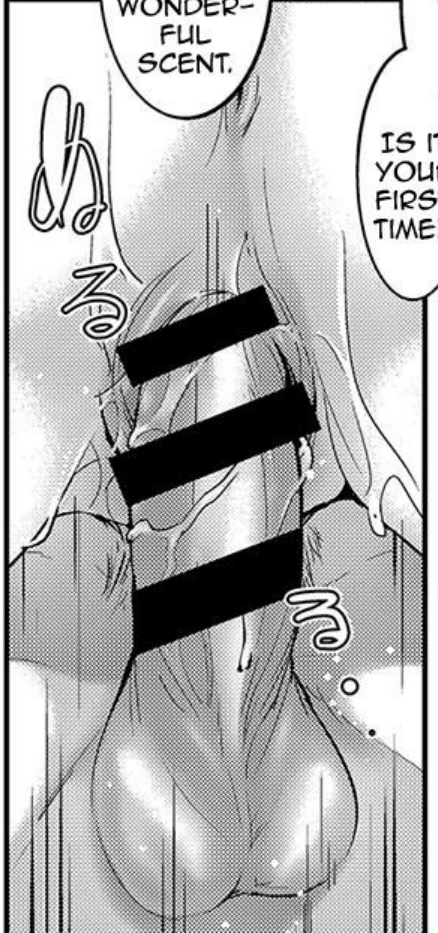
AH!

THAT
WOULD
EXPLAIN
THIS
WONDER-
FUL
SCENT.

WHAT
ARE
THESE
FEMINE
MOANS
YOU'RE
MAKING?



NNNGH!



IS IT
YOUR
FIRST
TIME?



This
feels...
ama-
zingly
good.



HA!

HAA

This feels so good...
I feel so warm
like my and soft...

U-
UHM...

conscious-
ness might
fly off
some-
where.

HA

WHAT
IS IT?

WHAT IS
YOUR
NAME?
WHAT
SHOULD
I CALL
YOU...?

Y-
YES,
PLE-
ASE...!

MY
NAME?
WOULD
YOU
LIKE TO
KNOW?

If I don't
think of
some-
thing else
to take
my mind
off this,
I'm going
to cum
immediately.

HA

THE
PEOPLE
OF YOUR
VILLAGE
CALL ME
BY THIS
MOUN-
TAIN'S
NAME,

UUU!



THE
FIRST
HUMAN
PILLAR;
THE ONE
THAT BE-
CAME THIS
ENTIRE
MANSION,

CALLED
ME
"SENKI."

The
human
pillar
who
became
this
entire
man-
sion!?



There are people other than this woman here with us right now.

They're here right this moment,

look-
ing
at
us.

We're being watched right now...



They're watching her..!



Watch-
ing...



Nooo!

HAY A

I'm going to... cum!!

CUM-MING!

HI

suddenly get so passionate about this?

W-why did you



AH

SENKI!

AH

Wait!

I don't care if I end up as just a plaything.

I just came...

Wait!

AAGH

HAA!

SENKI!



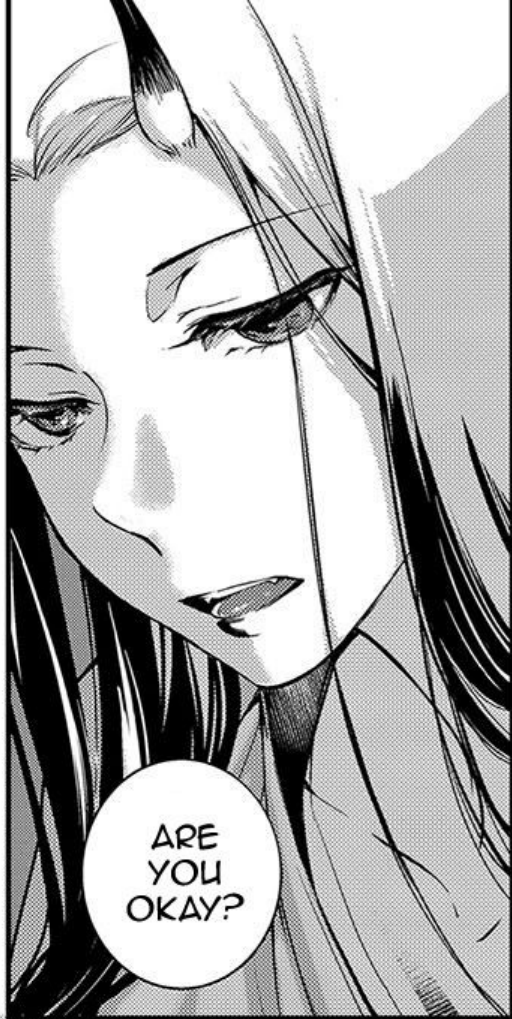
CUMMING

AHHH

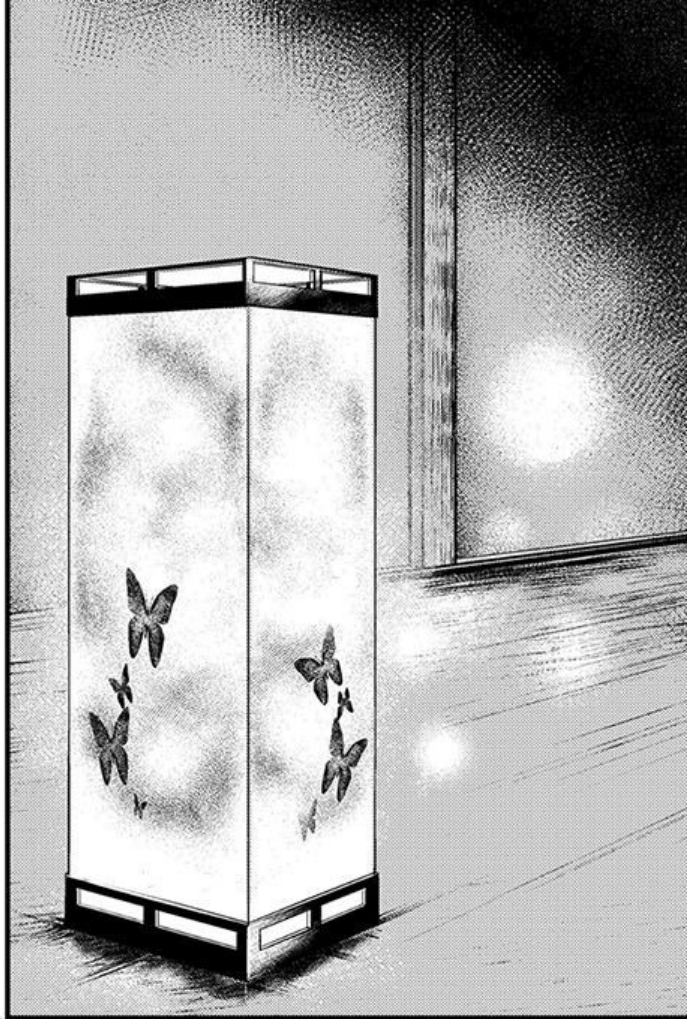
I'm the only other person here that has a physical body.

XAGH!!

However, I still...



ARE YOU OKAY?



FOR TONIGHT, JUST SLEEP WELL.



I can hear a voice.

It's very gentle, as if whispering a speech to someone.



To someone..



If you turn as you are now.

*you won't even be able to
become a simple scrap
of paper.*

then
I'm
count-
ing
down
the
mom-
ents
until I
can
become
an
item.

If it
means
that
I'll
be
loved
by
some-
one
forever
like
that,

ARU HITOBASHIRA
NO KIOKU



TO BE CONTINUED...