

Eternal Dream



Kodou

(throbbing)

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A cold, glazed stare shoots through my heart.
Strong arms that coil around me won't release me.
Will these pent up emotions rob my spirit?

胸に爆弾、時を刻む愛

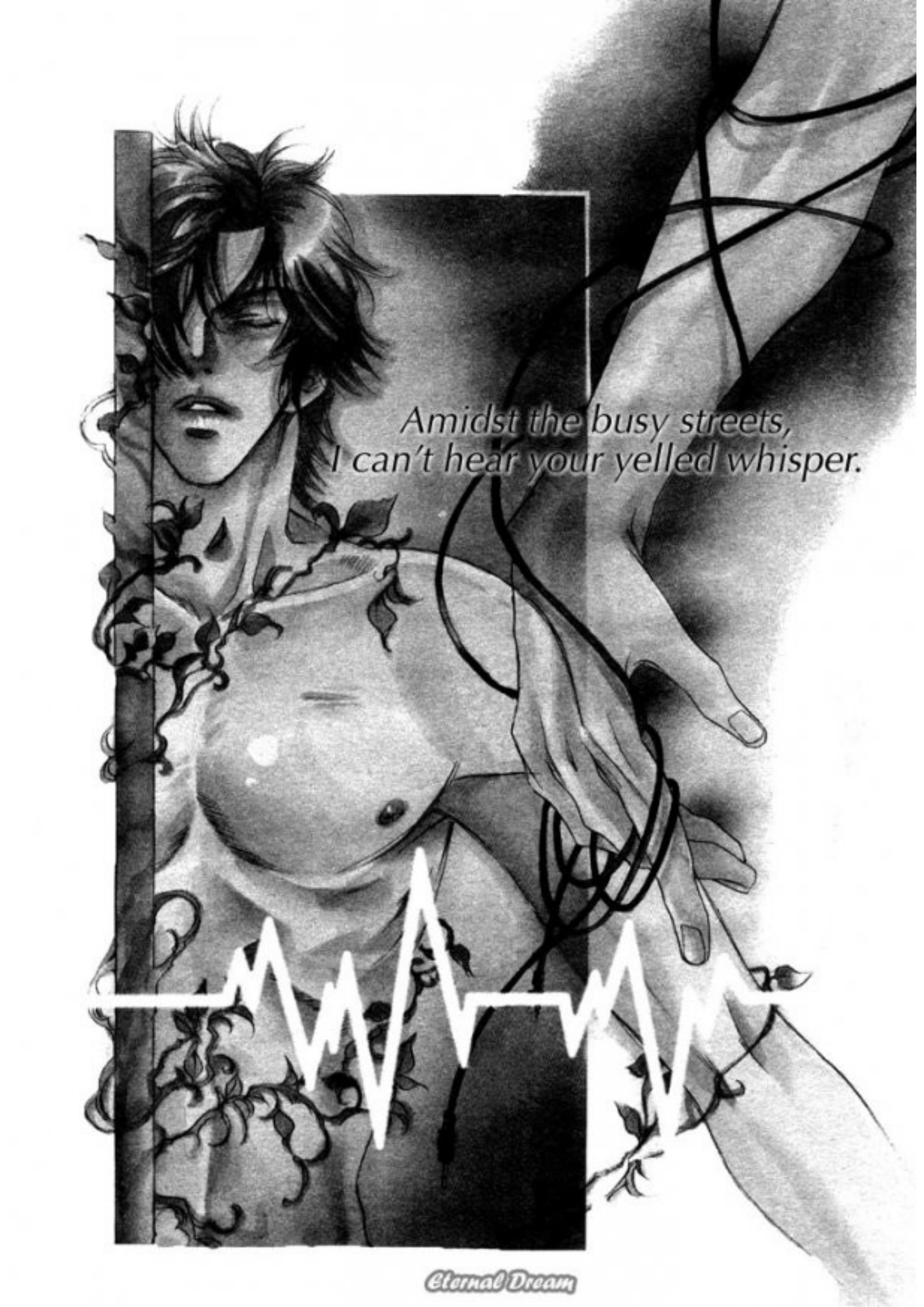
A BOMB IN HIS CHEST MARKS THE PASSAGE OF LOVE.

ROW TAKAKURA presents.

高座朗

In an instant, our worlds changed.
It feels like the raw wound on his chest
is binding him to me.

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*Amidst the busy streets,
I can't hear your yelled whisper.*



This is about wanting to escape from reality.

HEY!

DID THE USUAL EMAIL COME IN YET?


A noisy society.

I feel as though many things from this era are unbearable.



Hectic every day.

THIS MAKES IT THE THIRD TIME, RIGHT?



WHO KNOWS?

STILL, IT HAS TO BE DEALT WITH. WELL THEN, I'LL LET YOU FINISH THIS BUSINESS.

DO YOU THINK THIS TIME IT'LL EXPLODE?

In this occupation, the possibility of meeting someone who'll tell you off are high.



We had an email notice that a bomb was placed right inside the mail box of the police station a few months ago...



JEEZ, WHAT A STRANGE INCIDENT...



Just as a precaution, we urged civilians to take refuge while we lower-ranking officials disposed of it.



REMOVAL IS COMPLETE.



So far, these time bombs have never detonated.

THIS MUST BE THE TYPE OF CRIMINAL WHO DELIGHTS IN WATCHING PEOPLE'S REACTIONS, DON'T YOU AGREE?

OF COURSE, I DON'T THINK HE MISSED THIS.

THAT WAS QUITE UNSETTLING.

WASN'T THAT A VERY INTRICATELY BUILT BOMB?



The clock is set to after six, but...

For some reason, it always stops like this...



Huh?

JUST NOW...



Kushinada?



WERE PICTURES OF THE CRIMINAL TAKEN?



This cap...



That certainly was...

ER...

...NOTHING.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MITANI?

Kushinada Takeshi.

During the four years of high school, we were the best of friends.

YO, YAKUMO!

WHY ARE YOU WORKING OVERTIME BY YOURSELF?

He was frighteningly pretty for a man.

I'VE NO CHOICE. ISN'T IT INEVITABLE THAT NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE CLUB?

He had better reflexes, was smarter and overall better than me on many things. He was a proud friend.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

And then....

YOU WANNA GO OUT?

C
L
A
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E
R




A short while later, Kushinada changed schools?

I became frightened by his forcefulness, and I fled from the scene.

After that, I couldn't face him because I didn't know what to say.

But... why do I remember feeling relieved at that moment?



IS IT
HERE...?

DING
DONG

creak



YO!

LONG
TIME NO
SEE...



COME IN, MAN.

I JUST RAN OUT OF BEER THOUGH.

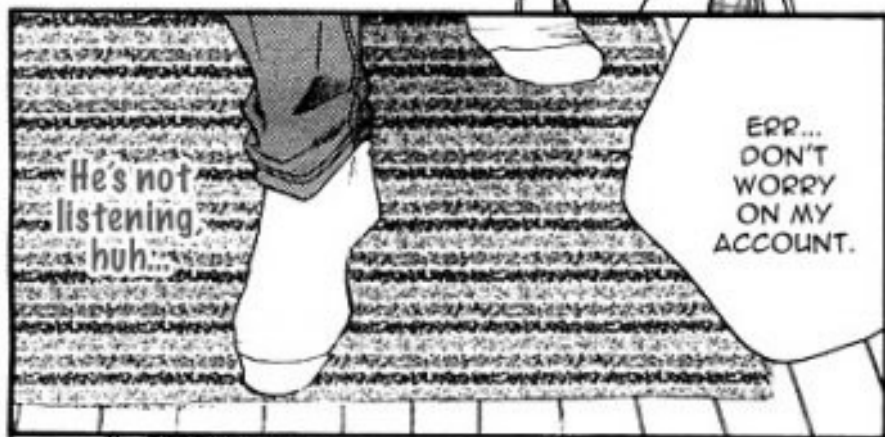


WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOUR VISIT?

.....



YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL, HAVE YA? YOU SOLVED IT RIGHT AWAY.



He's not listening huh...

ERR... DON'T WORRY ON MY ACCOUNT.



I haven't seen him in a while.

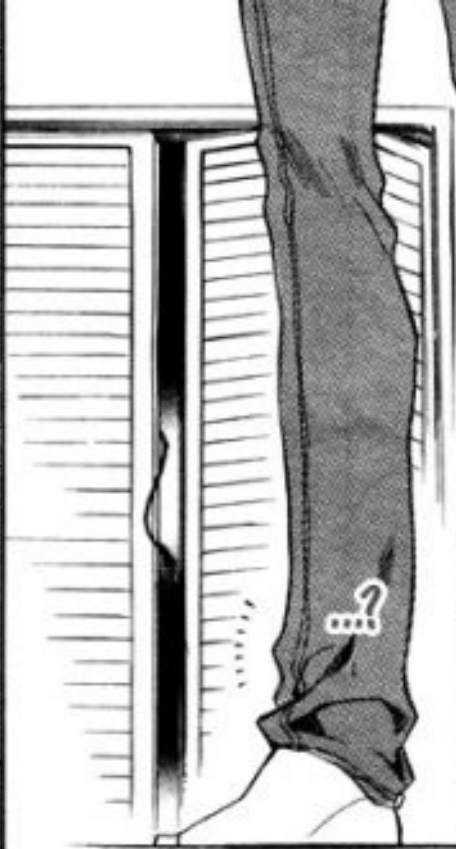
Have you become a criminal all of a sudden...

...my old friend?



BUT, I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU'D BE THE ONE COMING.

YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, RIGHT?





ABOUT
A HALF A
YEAR AGO,
I SAW YOU
BY COINCIDENCE
ON THE STREET.

BUT, YOU
SEEMED TO BE
IN THE MIDDLE
OF WORK,
BECAUSE YOU
DIDN'T HEAR
ME.



WHY ARE YOU
DOING THESE
THINGS?



I THINK THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
YOU CAME
LOOKING FOR.

.....



YOU WERE
WEARING A
POLICE
UNIFORM.



SO, I FIGURED
IF PULLED ALL THE
POLICE OFFICERS
OUT QUICKLY,
IT'D BE A GOOD
WAY TO TRY TO
GET TO YOU.

YOU WERE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAME OUT
NONCHA-
LANTLY.

I HATE
ASKING
PEOPLE...

...AROUND
THE POLICE
STATION FOR
NO REASON.



I WAS HAPPY
JUST LOOKING
AT YOU FROM
A DISTANCE.
THAT'S WHY
I DID IT RE-
PEATEDLY.

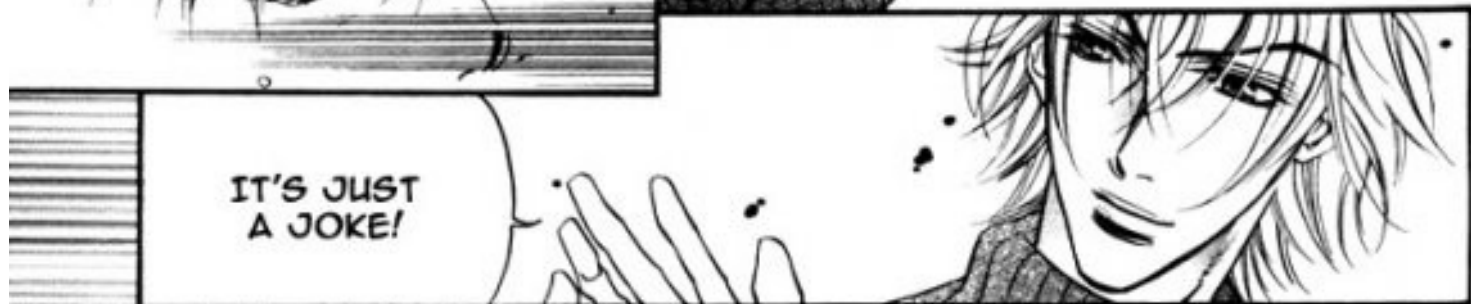
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WHY...

...WOULD
YOU DO
SUCH A
THING?

WOULD YOU
HAVE BEEN
HAPPY IF I
TOLD YOU?



IT'S JUST
A JOKE!



No way...

If this is
how it is...

CLINK

I'M
GONNA
GO OUT
FOR A
BIT.

ARE YOU
GOING
TO RUN
AWAY?!

NAH, SINCE I
DIDN'T HAVE
ANY BEER,
I'M JUST
GONNA GO
AND BUY
SOME.



WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
DOING?

DON'T
YOU
NEED A
KEY...

...TO
UNFAST-
EN IT?

CLANK...

CLINK...

But now
there's a
small iron
cuff...

...that binds us
both together.

He hasn't
forgiven me
for running
away.

I ran away
from him
that time.



CLINK

THIS DOESN'T LOOK EASY TO CUT, Y'KNOW.
OR, IS THERE A SOFTER PLACE TO CUT?

C'MON, SPIT IT OUT!

COUGH

CLANK...

ISN'T THIS BAD, SINCE YOU ATE THE KEY?



FREEZE...

AHA!
I GOT IT!



COUGH
HUFF
COUGH



IF I STIMULATE YOUR ASSHOLE, IT MAY COME OUT QUICKER-FROM THERE.

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STOP... IT.

PROD...

POKE...

AAH...
AH!





TWITCH TWITCH

UGH...

OOH!

SSSS
HH



DON'T
CALL MY
NAME WITH
THAT SEXY
VOICE!



KU...
SHI...

NA...
DA...

Haa Haa

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Squirt

PLUNGE

AAAH!

Splash...

AH...
AH!



*TL-PACEMAKER IS A SMALL DEVICE THAT'S PLACED UNDER THE SKIN OF YOUR CHEST OR ABDOMEN TO HELP CONTROL ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS.



I GUESS I DIDN'T TELL YOU I HAVE ADAMS-STROKES SYNDROME.



A PACE-MAKER?



IT'S A SICKNESS THAT MAKES MY HEART-BEAT GO UNCONTROLLABLY FASTER OR SLOWER DEPENDING ON HOW I FEEL.



ONLY PROBLEM IS... I JUST CAN'T GET EXCITED.

THIS HELPS ME REGAIN MY COM-POSURE.

SO I NEED THIS THING TO MAINTAIN MY HEART-RATE.



I JUST MIGHT.

BUT... IF IT'S YOU...

Since when?

Stab



AAH
TWITCH

PINCH

ST...

STOP!

AAH!

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DON'T WORRY.
EVEN THOUGH
I'M A SICK
PERSON...

DON'T...
TOUCH...

AAH!



ARGH!

SHUDDER

...MR.
POLICE-
MAN.

I'LL TAKE IT
EASY AND
TREAT YOU LIKE
AN ADULT...

NIBBLE...





AH...

I'M GONNA MAKE YOUR HEART POUND.

HAA...

WHAT IS IT?

CAN'T YOUR ASS TAKE THIS?

IT FEELS AMAZING TO ME!



I GUESS YOU JUST HAVE A BORING HEART.

BUT...

YOU'RE NOT EXCITED...

...AH!

I couldn't help gasping for air.

No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't control my breathing.

Even though... He climaxed often. Kushinada's heartrate didn't change. In fact, it always remained at a constant rhythm...

CAN...

...YOU EVEN HEAR MY HEARTBEAT PROPERLY?

Although...

ANYONE CAN HEAR IT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAN OVER. I GUESS YOU COULD HEAR IT JUST AS WELL.

Huh?


IF I COULDN'T HEAR IT, WOULDN'T IT MEAN THAT YOU'RE DEAD?



TL: A URINARY CATHETER IS A PLASTIC TUBE INSERTED INTO A PATIENT'S BLADDER VIA THEIR URETHRA TO URINATE.







WHATEVER,
I'LL PUSH IT
IN DEEPER.
IT MAY BE
UNPLEASANT,
BUT IT'LL
MAKE IT
COME OUT.



WHAT,
YOU'RE STILL
HOLDING IT
IN?



As usual...


...There isn't
any change in
his tone.

YOU
WON'T
DO IT,
HUH?

FINE,
I GET IT.

JUST GO
OUT WITH
ME?






In those days, his tone didn't change...



CLENCH!!!



Why is that?

I miss it.

It's comforting.


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...Ever since then,
I've been...

...dragged by his
shadow
all along.

Perhaps...



In that
crowd,
amongst
the gar-
bage...



I found
Kushinada.



THIS IS BAD HUH, DOING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

HN!

AH... UH!

...AH!

Clink...

SAVISH

SAVISH

HAA!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S BECOME A HABIT.

Thrust

Thrust



YOU FEEL SO GOOD!

I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TASTE YOU.

Squish

Squish

Squish

Squelch

Haa

Haa

Haa

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FROM HERE, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S QUICK-ENED.

I CAN HEAR YOUR PULSE.



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING DIZZY.

Feels like my entire body is throbbing like my heart.

THIS IS...
...PAINFUL...



Haa

Spread...



TWITCH
TWITCH

Haa



Schlip

It was a cruel stimulation...

Ah

Ah



SINCE
THAT
TIME...

IT'S AS IF
EVERYTHING
INSIDE ME
STOPPED.



IT'S
THUMPING,
ISN'T IT?



...RAN
THROUGH MY
BLOOD.

AS THAT EXCITE-
MENT WENT UP
AND DOWN,
I COULD FEEL
THE SENSATION
IN MY CHEST.

...WHEN YOU
PUSHED ME
DOWN...

...THE
EXCITEMENT
ACCUMU-
LATED IN
MY BODY...

...at
that
moment,
would
we...

...have been
together
like this all
along?

If I hadn't
stopped him...



Now
that I
think
about
it...



...club
activities
ended at
six that
day.



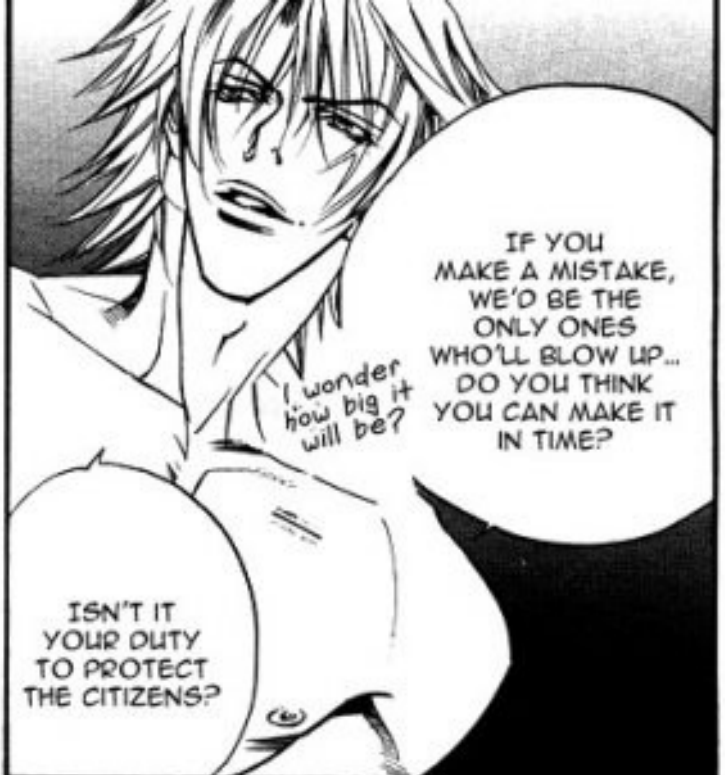
Rustle...





SAY
MR. POLICEMAN,
YOU DON'T
CHARGE YOUR
CELL PHONE ALL
THAT OFTEN HUH?

COZ' WHEN YOU
SNUCK IT OUT,
YOUR BATTERY
WAS DEAD.



IF YOU
MAKE A MISTAKE,
WE'D BE THE
ONLY ONES
WHO'LL BLOW UP...
DO YOU THINK
YOU CAN MAKE IT
IN TIME?

I wonder
how big it
will be?

ISN'T IT
YOUR DUTY
TO PROTECT
THE CITIZENS?



IS A
SIMPLE
THING TO
DO.

DID YOU KNOW
THAT IF THE
PACEMAKER IS
WITHIN 30CM
OF A CELL-
PHONE...

...IT COULD
MALFUNC-
TION?

Kushi-
nada...



C'MON,
PUT THE
BATTERY IN
QUICKLY!

YOUR
BACKUP
WILL HAVE
TO STOP
IT.

PUNCH

PUNCH



DIDN'T YOU
GO THROUGH
THE TROUBLE
OF GETTING
THE CELL-
PHONE?

09:39

Click



Ba-Dump

04



Click

03:0

02:5

Ba-dump

Click

DUMP!

Ba-





WHEN I
PUSHED YOU
IN THE CLUB
ROOM...

...YOUR WHOLE
BODY WAS
TREMBLING.



I SEE...



I admired
his looks,
and his
smarts.

AND THEN,
EVERY TIME
I'D SEE
YOU AT
SCHOOL...

WASN'T YOUR
HEART BEATING
SO FAST, THAT
IT COULD BE
HEARD BY
EVERYONE?



AND I WAS SO
NERVOUS,
THINKING THAT
ONE DAY, YOU'D
ATTACK ME
AGAIN.

And I
thought that
by being
with me,
Kushinada...

Immersed
himself in his
superiority
complex more
and more.

YOU TRIED
SO HARD TO
AVOID BEING
NOTICED.



I MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
WAITING...

I felt
relieved.

Because
that throbbing
wasn't
there any-
more.

BUT YOU
SUDDENLY
DISSAPEARED.





It seems ...
... that the bell that marks the passage of time is ringing.



IT ECHOED IN MY HEAD.



YOU COULD HEAR THE WHISPER OF MY HEART-BEATS IN THAT NOISY SCHOOL?!

Poke...



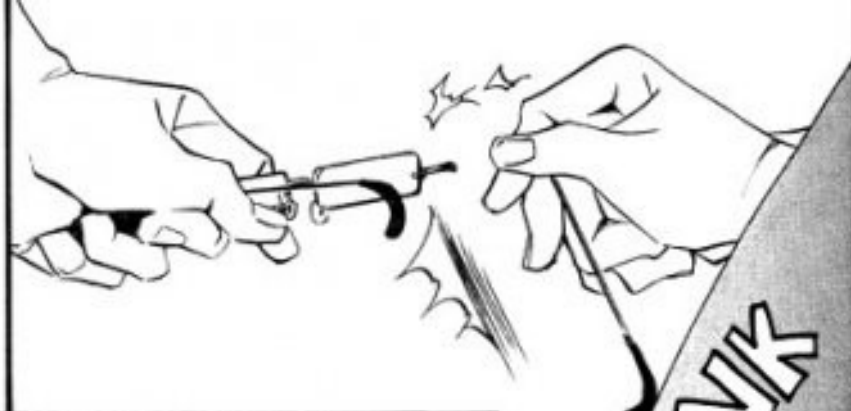
Grip

HAA...

Thrust...

NNH...





And you didn't have to do that toilet thing!!

YOU'VE GOT A CRIMINAL HERE AFTER ALL.

OF
COURSE
NOT!

YOU'RE
NOT RUN-
NING AWAY
ANYMORE,
ARE YOU?

BECAUSE,
I'VE BEEN
CAPTURED.





But, if we don't waste time from this point on, we can reclaim what we lost.

If you hadn't run away back then, we might've finished this journey of ours.

IF IT MEANS CATCHING YOU, YAKUMO ...
I'D GO ANYWHERE.



...has just begun.

Because our count-down...



.....
Are you planning to hold out that long?

ERR, BUT... I DO HAVE TO CHANGE THE PACEMAKER'S BATTERY ONCE EVERY SEVEN YEARS OR I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.

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WHICH SIDE WILL YOU BE ON?

ugh!
I hate claws.
They're
such high
mainte-
nance!

Who needs
claws when
your weapon's
as big as
mine?

Of course
I'm the
prettiest...
I'm the only
real woman!

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