



THREADS

OF

LOVE

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BAMBOO COMICS

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TAKESHOBO



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BORN ON JULY 20TH.

THIS IS MY SECOND COMIC.  
IT'S JUST AS FLUFFY AS THE FIRST!  
I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT.





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CHAPTER  
1





MOM!

IT'S LATE!  
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



TO PRAY AT THE SHRINE.

THE LAST TIME I DID THAT, YOUR FATHER CALLED.

WHAT...?  
WHY DON'T YOU JUST CALL H-

HE'S GOTTA BE THE ONE TO CALL ME!

**RING RING!**



IS IT  
DAD...?

GRIND!



OH...!

NO WAY!  
FLIP!



CRASH!

WHY'S...

IT  
ALWAYS  
WORK,  
WORK,  
WORK?

SEE...!?



KATSUYA

HOW'S KATSUYUKI  
DOING?

---END---

THEN  
I GO AND  
GET MY  
HOPES  
UP...

AND  
HE ONLY  
ASKS ABOUT  
YOU...!

RING

BA-DUMP...

BA-DUMP...

MOM...

RING

RING





RING RING RING

MMM...  
WHAT A STRANGE DREAM...

RING RING RING

JUMP!

TWTCH!!

RING RING RING

RING...

RING

RING

B-BMP RING RING

B-BMP

RING

HELLO?

RING...

SIGH...

...NOT AGAIN...

SLAM

SHLIP!

MM!  
HUFF...

HUFF...!

HUFF...

SHLIP!





OK.

CHATTER...



KATSU-YUKI...

LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER.



OH...

I TRIED CALLING YOU YESTERDAY, BUT COULDN'T GET THROUGH.

I GOT PISSED WHEN SOME CALL WOKE ME FROM MY NAP, SO I UNPLUGGED THE PHONE.

FOR REAL?



YOU'RE TOO KIND.

OH, PLEASE.

SOME-BODY'S STILL MR. POPULAR.



EEK!  
OK.  
BYE!

SEE YA TOMORROW.

OH!  
BYE, YUGO!



WAIT, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE?

THEY'RE PRETTY HANDY...

WELL.....



I'M JUST NOT, YOU KNOW?

WHY NOT?



I'M JUST NOT REALLY A BIG FAN.



KATSUYUKI YUUKI!

HANG ON A SEC!!



UM...!

NO, I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE...



DID YOU TALK WITH YOUR FATHER ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE PLANS?



WHAT'S UP, MR. SHIMOJIMA?



HE'S OVERSEAS ON BUSINESS, RIGHT?

I HEARD YOU'RE NEW IN TOWN...



SORRY, I KNOW IT'S AFTER SCHOOL...



AND NOW THAT YOUR GRANDMA'S GONE, YOU'RE LIVING ALL ALONE.



YEAH...

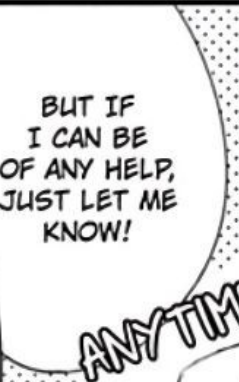


MAYBE I CAN TALK TO YUGO ABOUT IT...

.....I KNOW...



MR. SHIMOJIMA...



BUT IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP, JUST LET ME KNOW!

ANYTIME!



I'M ALSO NEW HERE, SO I MIGHT NOT BE THAT USEFUL...





CLATTER...



I WANNA WASH IT.

GOTTA GRAB MY GYM TOWEL.

HANG ON.



IT CAN'T BE...

DID SOMEONE... STEAL IT?

BA-DUM!

DID SOMEONE... TAKE IT HOME BY MISTAKE?

I PUT IT IN MY LOCKER AFTER CLASS...



WHAT'S UP?

UH... TWITCH!



THIS ISN'T A STALKER...

MAYBE...

BUT SOME KIND OF BULLY...!

IT SUCKS TO BE THE NEW KID...

IT'S NOTHING.

HEH HEH...

I CAN'T SEEM TO CATCH A BREAK LATELY, THAT'S ALL.

UM...!  
SURE... WHY NOT...?

BUT IT'S RIGHT NEXT TO YOUR PLACE.

YOU NEED TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS...

IN THAT CASE...

YOU WANNA STOP BY THE SHRINE? IT'S NOT LIKE...

WELL... IT CAN'T HURT...

.....WARDING OFF EVIL SPIRITS...

HUH?





HEY, FELLAS.

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?



TAKAHISA...?



THE HELL...!?

ACHOOOOO!!



HE ALWAYS FOLLOWS ME WHEN I PRACTICE HERE.

I FEEL BAD. THAT'S MY CAT.

YOU OK, MAN?



I USED TO BE ALRIGHT, BUT NOW I'VE GOT THIS ALLERGY.

OH...

IT'S THAT CAT...

I SNEEZE AND GET ALL TEARY AROUND CAT HAIR...

YAWN...



OH YEAH!

I WAS GONNA SWING BY YOUR PLACE LATER.

YOU SAVED ME THE TRIP.

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE...



SOME SUSHI.

MY MOM MADE IT FOR YOU.

SHE SAID IT MUST BE HARD ON YOUR OWN.



WHAT'S THIS?



HERE.

FWUD!



YEAH... I'M COMING, I'M COMING.

YOOO!  
WE DOING THIS SHRINE VISIT, KATSU-YUKI?

NO WORRIES.  
WHATEVER YOU NEED, JUST LET ME KNOW!

THANKS. I'LL EAT IT...  
FOR DINNER!  
WOW...!

I'LL BRING THAT BOOK YOU WANTED TO READ TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.  
SOUNDS GOOD.



CLATTER...

UM...

I GUESS  
I'LL WISH FOR  
THAT WEIRDO TO  
STOP STALKING  
ME...



CLAP!



...?

THAT'S  
SOME  
COSTUME...

BLINK...

YOU  
KNOW...  
HE  
SHOULDN'T  
BE SITTING  
ON THE  
DONATION  
BOX...



.....WHO'S  
THIS KID...?  
WHEND  
HE...?

BOW!

TO  
THE

YOU GUYS  
CAME HERE  
TO PRAY?



EVIL  
SPIRITS?

YOU'RE  
DOING  
THAT AT  
THIS  
SHRINE?

WE SHOULD  
TRY WARDING  
OFF EVIL  
SPIRITS.

I'VE BEEN  
DOWN ON MY  
LUCK LATELY,  
SO YUGO  
SAID...

YEAH...





IT IS...!?

BUT, IT'S FOR MATCH-MAKING!



HE'S GOT EARS AND A TAIL!

AREN'T THEY CURIOUS ABOUT THE KID ON THE BOX?

WAIT...

OH, WAS IT...?



STAAARE! 🖐️

PLUS, HE'S TOTALLY STARING AT ME...!

LET'S GO HOME!  
NOW!

CAN'T THEY SEE HIM...?

IS HE A GHOST.....?

WAIT UP, KATSUYUKI!





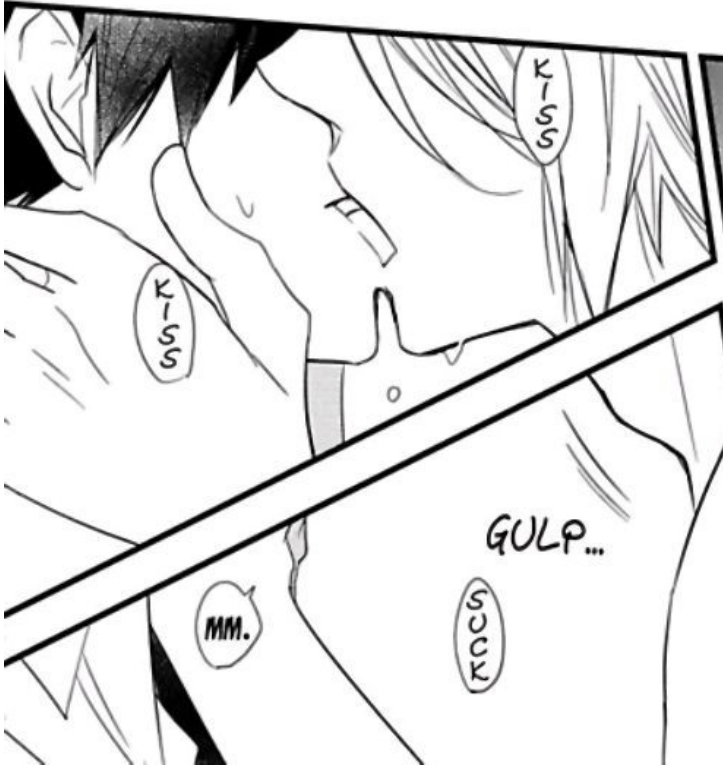


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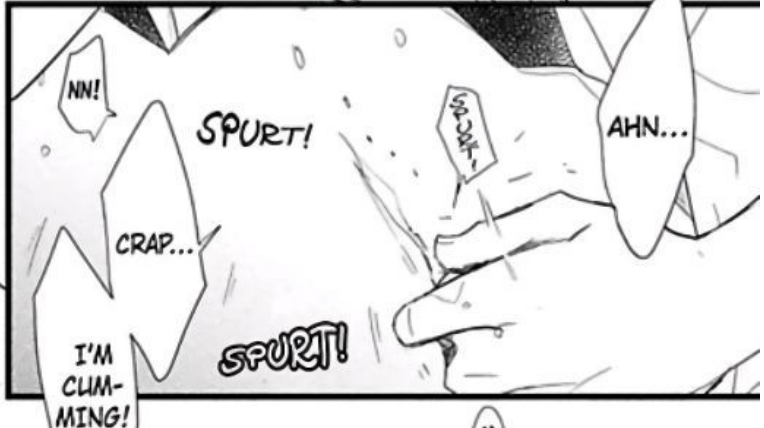
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...?

LOOK...

KATSUYUKI...









WHY'S HE GETTING TALLER AND TALLER...!?

A LITTLE MORE.

HM...?



SLIDE

AH!

NO.

NOT THERE...!

SLIP



TWITCH!

HOLD STILL. I'LL LICK YOU LOOSE.

DAMN.

GRAB!

HUH!?



TWITCH!!

OH!

EEP...!

OH...



OH!

NO...!

AH!

AH!

IT'S DIRTY...

PUSH!

TWITCH!

H.F.

QUIVER!

NH!



TWITCH!!

AHN!!

PUSH!!

OH!

HUFF.

HUH...?

HUFF...

HUFF...

HUFF...

MM!

PANT...

SLIDE!

NO WAY!

IT'S OK.

DON'T WORRY.

AH...!  
AH...

TWITCH  
TWITCH!

MM...!

I'LL GO SLOW.

PUSH  
PUSH!

WHAT'S GOING ON?



KISS

TWITCH!

MM!

PANT

IT FEELS SO GOOD.....

KISS

MY HEART FEELS SO WARM...

IT HURTS, AND YET...

MM...!

HF...



WHAT!?

JUMP!

I TOOK A SHOWER.

AND... I CLEANED YOU UP, TOO.

THROB

THROB

OW!!



BLINK...



PUT YOU IN BED.

I CLEANED YOU UP, TOO.

THROB

THROB

OW!!



YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.

...THAT WAS SOME WEIRD DREAM...

I'M HAVING A LOT OF THOSE LATELY...

ROLL...



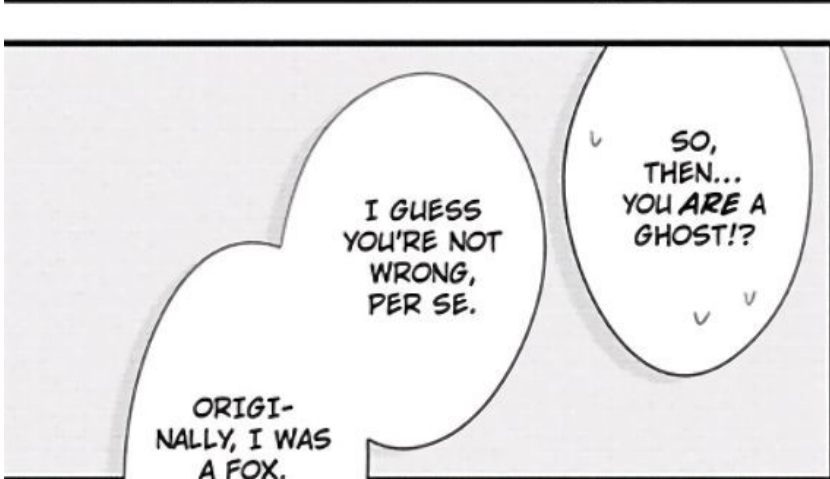
.....THIS PAIN...

THROB

IT WASN'T A DREAM...!?

THROB







WHAT...?

YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU...?

I DIDN'T ASSAULT YOU.

I...  
I GOT FUCKED BY A FOX...

SLUMP!!

たふさ



WAIT...

OH... SO, YOU...

I CAN MAKE THEM AND BREAK THEM.

YOUR WISH INVOLVED HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, DIDN'T IT?

YEAH, BUT THAT WAS A MATCH-MAKING SHRINE...

...YOU WERE JUST AT THE SHRINE, RIGHT?

NEVER MIND.

DAMN...!



!!?

LICK!

WHAT A PAIN...

TWITCH!

GRR!

YOU FOXES DO THAT, RIGHT?

HOLD ON... DID YOU CAST A SPELL ON ME?



THOSE ARE THE "THREADS OF FATE."

I CAN SEE THREADS.

SO...?

HUH...?  
OH...?  
CAN YOU SEE THEM?

MY EYE!

TWITCH!

THE STRONGER THE FATE AND FEELINGS, THE THICKER AND MORE VIBRANT THE THREAD.

YEP.

AND THESE THREADS MATCH UP?

RED ONES ARE FOR LOVE. GREEN FOR TRUST. BASICALLY, THERE'S A LOT OF CATEGORIES.

DIFFERENT COLORS HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS.

THERE ARE ACTUALLY TONS MORE.

THE MORE VIBRANT THE THREAD, THE PURER THE EMOTIONS...

THE GREEN THREAD ON MY RIGHT HAND... DISAPPEARS HALFWAY...

REALLY...?

THAT'S 'CAUSE THERE'S NO ONE AT THE OTHER END.

IT LOOKED LIKE ONE OF THE THREADS WAS STRETCHING TOWARDS HIM...

TIME'S UP.

OH!

HM... THE THREAD ON MY LEFT HAND...

THEY'RE GONE...

SHIRO.

BUT, JUST NOW, ONE THREAD W-

AND WHO ASKED TO ME TO PLAY MATCH-MAKER.

LIKE, WHOSE THREADS ARE CONNECTED TO THOSE...

F.Y.I., I CAN'T BE SPECIFIC WITH STUFF.

HUH?

NO...

RING ANY BELLS?

ISN'T THAT A DOG'S NAME...?

... SHIRO...

THAT'S MY NAME.

OOPS!

SNAP!

... SORRY. REALLY...

ADOG...?



CONNECTING PEOPLE REDUCES MY SENTENCE BY THE LIFE SPAN OF THE ONE CONNECTED...

I COMMITTED LONG AGO...

NO.

I DO THIS TO SERVE OUT A PUNISHMENT FOR A CRIME...

...ARE YOU A GOD?

AND DISCONNECTING PEOPLE INCREASES IT.

I'LL BE FREE WHEN I CONNECT THE EQUIVALENT OF 10,000 YEARS.

SERIOUSLY...!?

TODAY, I...

I'LL FIGURE IT OUT ON MY OWN.

IF MY WISH IS KEEPING YOU HERE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT.

WISHED TO BE DISCONNECTED...

... LOOK...

SORRY...

JUST FORGET IT.



JEEZ...

.....?

I'VE GOT RULES AND STUFF.

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT.



SHOCK!

THAT'S TOO SHORT!

LONG STORY SHORT, I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE FOR A WHILE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. GET SOME SLEEP.

"SLEEP," HE SAYS...



BOOF...

HOW THE HECK CAN I...?

WHO CAN I TALK TO? NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE HIM.

I CAN'T ASK ANYONE FOR HELP.

...HANG ON...

HE DID  
FORCE  
HIMSELF  
ON ME,  
THOUGH...

...WELL,  
MY LIFE'S  
NOT IN ANY  
DANGER...  
FOR NOW.



JUST  
WHY  
CAN I  
SEE  
HIM...?

I AM  
PRETTY  
TIRED...

NOD...



RING

RING

RING...

RING...

RING

KER-CHIK...

チキチキ...



I WAS  
JUST GONNA  
LEAVE YOU  
ALONE...

AND IF  
IT WASN'T  
FOR THAT  
WISH...

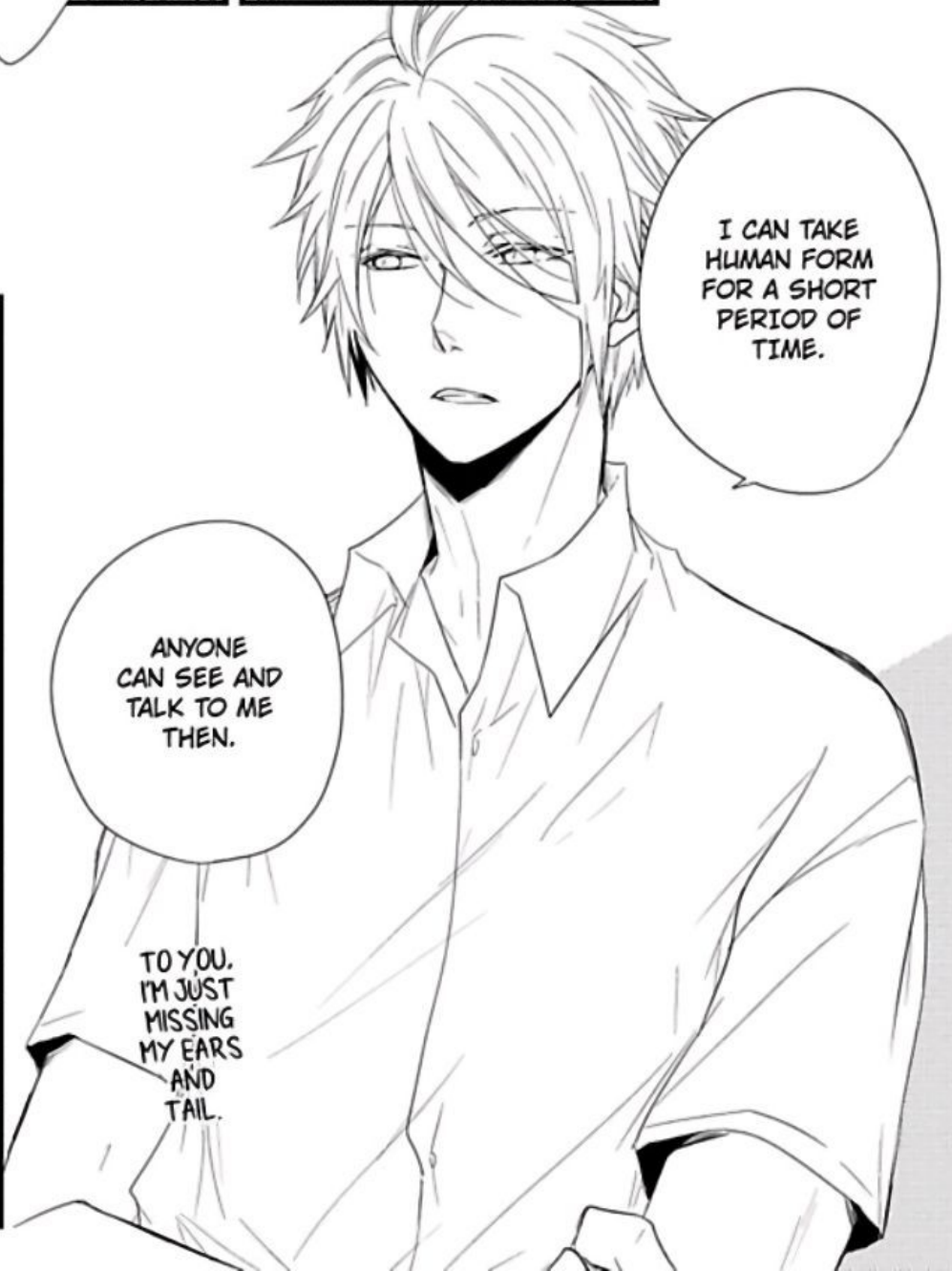
...I  
KNEW  
YOU'D  
COME  
BACK...



...WHY ARE  
YOU CAUGHT UP  
IN NONSENSE  
AGAIN...?

SHHHFF...

SHHHFF...





WHAT'S THAT!?

I'LL HAVE TO MATE WITH YOU LATER TO REPLENISH IT.

TAKING HUMAN FORM DRAINS MY ENERGY, THOUGH...



MATING WITH YOU RE-CHARGED ME, SO I COULD RETURN TO MY USUAL FORM.

IT'S LIKE A POWER SAVE MODE. I CAN CONSERVE MORE ENERGY WHEN I'M SMALLER.

TH... THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY 'FEEDING'...?

BA-DUM!



SO, YOU GREW UP FAST YESTERDAY 'CAUSE...

WAS HE SERIOUS JUST NOW?



... "THINGS"?  
... YEP...



I CAN'T AFFORD TO.

I WANNA SEE HOW THINGS ARE UP CLOSE.



WAIT... JUST STOP TAKING HUMAN FORM!



WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT THE...?

CLATER...

CRUMPLE...



ARGH...  
THE HELL...?



HEY, KATSU-YUKI...

I GUESS SOMEONE DID TAKE IT HOME BY MISTAKE.....

IT'S JUST THE TOWEL I THOUGHT I LOST YESTERDAY...

NO-THING...

WHAT'S THIS...?

SOMETHING'S ON IT.....



SNIFFLE...



UGH!

SLAM!!

!?



DRIP...



Achooo!!



IS THIS  
FROM TAKA-  
HISA'S  
CAT...?

...BLACK  
CAT  
HAIR...?



.....NAH, IT  
COULDN'T  
BE...

□ END □



...THERE'S NO WAY THAT TAKAHISA'S BEEN THE ONE HARASSING ME LATELY...

SNIFFLE...

.....IT CAN'T BE HIM...

THREADS OF LOVE

CHAPTER 2





SNIFFLE...

PLUS,  
ACCUSING  
HIM JUST  
'CAUSE OF  
SOME CAT  
HAIR  
DOESN'T  
MAKE  
SENSE...

...HE'D  
NEVER DO  
THAT...



SIGH...



GASP...!

"ORIGINALLY,  
I WAS A FOX."



FWIP...

HEY, YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
ANY IDEAS WHO  
THE CULPRIT  
IS, DO YOU?  
WHAT,  
WITH YOUR  
HEIGHTENED  
SENSE OF  
SMELL.



YOU  
DON'T  
WANNA  
KNOW.

I  
DON'T...?







"LAST NIGHT"?

ARGH!  
YOU'VE BEEN HOUNDING ME SINCE LAST NIGHT.



HMPH!  
WHO YOU CALLING SLOW?



BEFORE I FORGET...  
HEY...  
HERE'S THAT BOOK YOU WANTED.



TAKAHISA!  
M...  
MORN-ING.

BOYS...  
LITTLE EARLY TO BE ROWDY.



WHAT'S WITH THE STAR-ING...?  
?



STAAARE...  
GIVE IT BACK WHENEVER YOU'RE DONE.



...I JUST KNEW IT COULDN'T BE HIM...  
IT'S NOTHING.  
WHOOSH!!











MM!  
SUCK!  
MM!

GULP!

MM!  
KISS  
KISS



GASP!

KISS

HEY!!

BLUSH!!

HE SWALLOWED MY SPIT AGAIN...!!

SHIRO!

KNOCK IT OFF!

WE'RE AT SCHOOL!!



NIBBLE

TWITCH!



I KNOW THAT, BUT...

.....IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH AT ALL.

GRRR...

I WANTED TO FAN SOME FLAMES.

YOU WHAT?

WHY'D YOU EVEN DO IT AND FOLLOW ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!?



HUM?

SIIGH...

WHOSE FAULT IS THAT!?

I'M TIRED FROM BEING A HUMAN ALL DAY.

POOF...

LET'S JUST KEEP GOING...



SST...!

ARE YOU DENSE?

IF SOMEONE SEES US, MY HIGH SCHOOL LIFE IS OVER!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

SO, IT'S OK AS LONG AS THEY DON'T SEE US?

I ALREADY HAVE!

MAKE UP YOUR MIND.

HEY...



SLAP!!



ANOTHER WEIRDO!



HMPH!

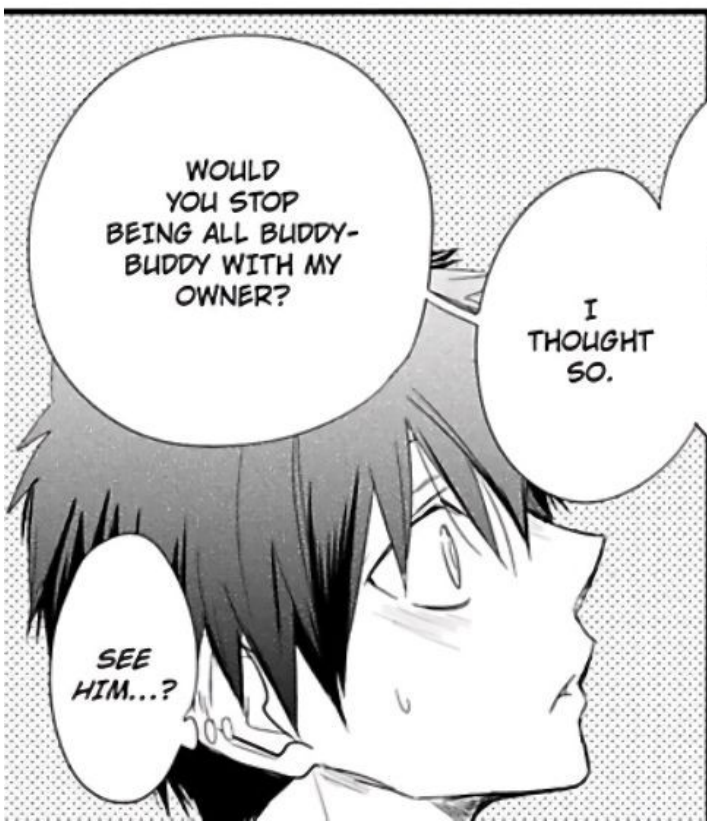


AHOOO!!

SNIFFLE...



SNIFFLE... THIS FEELS LIKE...



WOULD YOU STOP BEING ALL BUDDY-BUDDY WITH MY OWNER?

I THOUGHT SO.

SO, YOU CAN SEE ME.

SEE HIM...?



YOU MENTIONED TAILS BEFORE.

WHAT THE WHAAAAT!?

.....THAT MEANS...

THIS IS THAT BLACK CAT.

TAKAHISA'S...?

SHUT UP.



BY...

MY-SELF...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE BY YOUR-SELF?

BA-DUMP!

RIGHT...

PEOPLE'LL THINK I'M CRAZY.

THE WHOLE INVISIBLE THING...

JUST ON MY WAY HOME.

NOTHING.

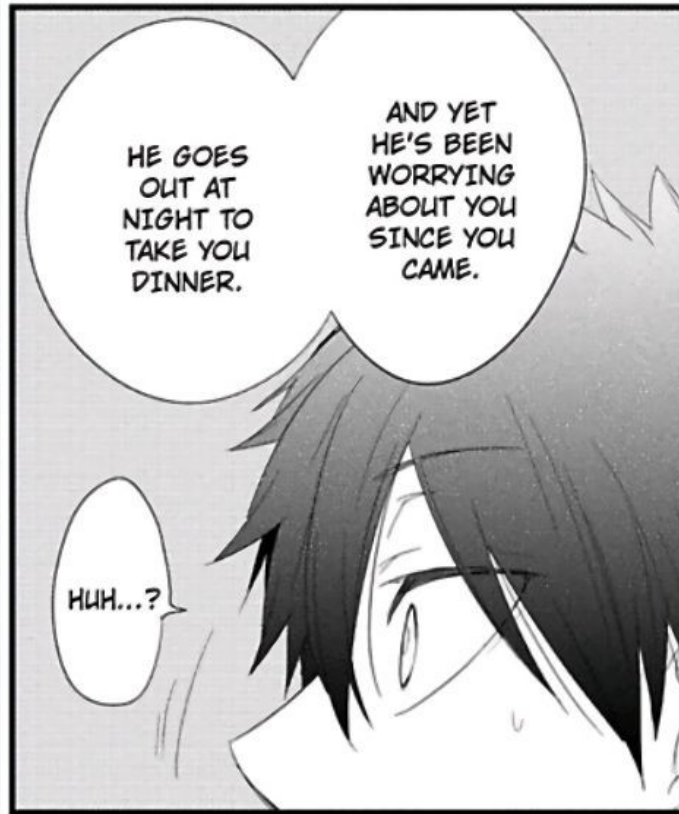
SEE...

YA.

TAKAHISA'S MINE...

REALLY? OK. BYE, THEN!







BY THE WAY, I'M THE ONE WHO RUMMAGED THROUGH YOUR LOCKER.



SIGH...



HEY!  
UH... WAIT...

TMP!

POOF...

HE REALLY IS A CAT...

SNIFFLE...



ERRR...



LIKE HELL I AM!

YOU IDIOT!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE MY STALKER!?

THAT WAS YOU...!?



...WHY CAN A NITWIT LIKE YOU EVEN SEE ME TO BEGIN WITH...?

HUH...?

GRAB!



A...  
TWIN-  
TAILED  
CAT...? ♪

IT'S RARE,  
BUT SOME  
CATS WHO  
LIVE LONG  
BECOME  
LIKE HIM.

AT  
LEAST,  
HE AL-  
MOST  
IS.

HE'S A  
TWIN-  
TAILED  
CAT.



CAN SEE  
HIM, LIKE  
YOU CAN  
SEE ME...

ANYONE  
HE SWAPS  
BODILY  
FLUIDS  
WITH...



SO, THAT  
MEANS HE  
LOOKS LIKE AN  
ORDINARY CAT  
TO TAKAHISA?

YEP.

IS  
'CAUSE  
YOU AND I  
MATED.

THE  
REASON  
YOU CAN  
SEE  
HIM...



.....

BUT...

...I WAS  
ABLE TO SEE  
YOU BEFORE  
YOU FORCED  
YOURSELF  
ON ME...

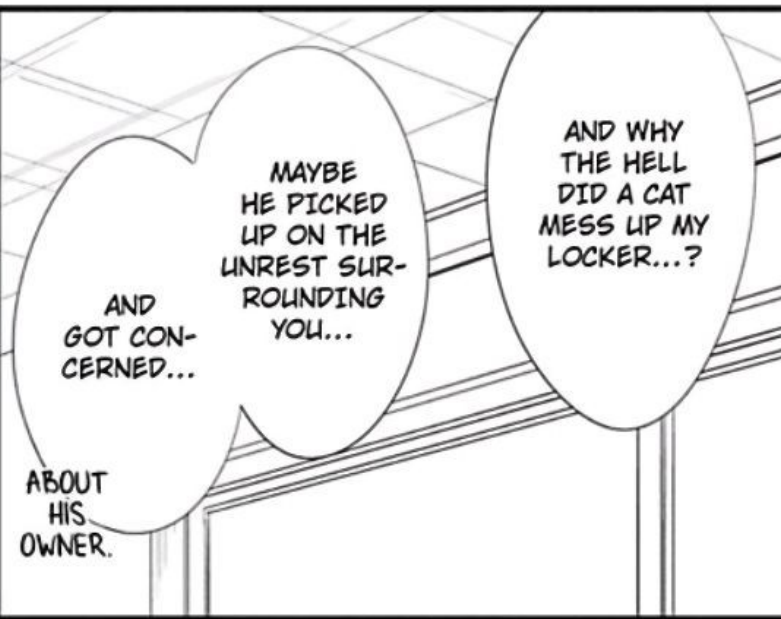
HMMM...



SO...  
YOU DO  
KNOW  
WHO'S  
BEHIND  
ALL  
THIS.

I GORE!

INCH...



MAYBE  
HE PICKED  
UP ON THE  
UNREST SUR-  
ROUNDING  
YOU...  
AND  
GOT CON-  
CERNED...  
ABOUT  
HIS  
OWNER.

AND WHY  
THE HELL  
DID A CAT  
MESS UP MY  
LOCKER...?



GRAB!

C'MON...  
YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
TELL  
ME.  
I JUST  
NEED TO  
KNOW.





LISTEN...

I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...

UMMM...

HOW DO I SAY IT...?



CLATTER

NO-THING.

JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN MY SEAT?

IS THAT SO...?



WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR NECK?

KATSU-YUKI...

CLATTER

GRAB!

WHAT...?

H H H...



NO, THIS IS NOTHING.

THAT BASTARD!

WAS IT THE GUY FROM THIS MORNING?

YOU WERE TOGETHER YESTERDAY, TOO, RIGHT?

OH...! FROM JUST NOW, WHEN SHIRO...



IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE.

BITE MARKS? A HICKEY?



ARE YOU GUYS DATING?

CLATTER!  
9!!



...I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU.

TRYING TO GET YOU TO NOTICE ME.

I'VE BEEN...

I THOUGHT IT WAS OVER, THOUGH, WHEN YOU MOVED AWAY.

SINCE YOU CAME BACK...  
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF...



CLENCH!

!!



I AM MESSED UP!

YOU'RE ACTING MESSED UP!

WHAT'S WITH YOU!?

OW...!



YUGO...  
SO THEN, YOU...

TWITCH!



A GIRL DIDN'T GIVE THIS TO YOU...

LIKE YOU CAN SAY THAT?

SHUDDER!

RIGHT?

THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING?

KISS

WE'RE BOTH DUDES...

GET OFF!

BA-DUMP...

BA-DUMP...

KISS



TWITCH!

SUCK

IT'S JUST, THIS IS LIKE, A DOG BITE OR SOMETHING...

THOUGHT SO.

YOU DON'T DENY IT.

CLENCH.

I CARE ABOUT YOU SO MUCH...

SCALD.

BA-DUMP...

BA-DUMP...



gah...

STOP IT!

NGH!



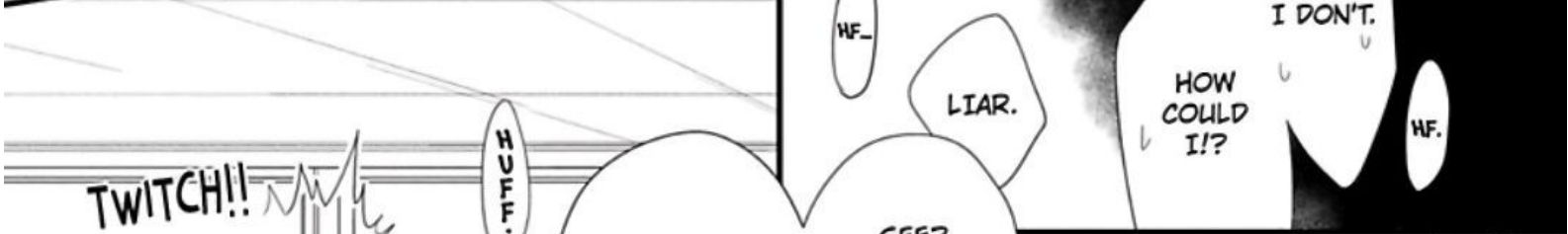
MMM!



NUDGE  
NUDGE!

I THOUGHT  
YOU DIDN'T  
WANT  
THIS...

SO I'VE  
BEEN  
HOLDING  
BACK...



TWITCH!!

HUFF.

YOU WERE  
BETTER  
OFF NOT  
KNOWING.

SEE?  
THAT'S  
WHY...

Hf...

LIAR.

HOW  
COULD  
I!?

OF  
COURSE  
I DON'T.

Hf.



KISS

HUFF.

NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE HIM IN THAT FORM.

CRAP.

SHI-RO!

WHACK!

!!?

CLATTER!

SLUMP...

Y...

YOU SAVED ME...

PHEW...!

HANG ON!

BUT, I WANTED THE OPPOSITE! WE CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT!

ARE YOU HERE TO TIE THE THREAD BETWEEN YUGO AND I!?



SST!



YOU'RE  
WRONG.





HE DID...!?

SST...

HE WISHED TO CUT TIES WITH YOU!



WHEN THE THREAD'S... CUT?

WHAT'LL HAPPEN...

EVEN YOU CAN SEE THE POWERFUL LUST EMANATING FROM THAT THREAD.

IS THIS... THE THREAD I SAW YESTERDAY...?

YOUR CONNECTION WILL BE SEVERED.

**BA-DUMP**

WHAT...!?

I...

YOU'LL FADE FROM EACH OTHER'S MEMORIES AND EVENTUALLY FORGET.

I DON'T WANT THAT!

**BA-DUMP...**

I WON'T  
LET YOU CUT  
OUR BIND TO  
EACH OTHER!

YUGO'S MY  
FRIEND. HE'S  
IMPORTANT  
TO ME.





SORRY.

I...

STAGGER...

YOU AWAKE?

YOU OK!?

I DID SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO YOU...



KATSU-YUKI...

FIDGET...



?

EVEN IF IT WAS JUST SUPERSTITION, I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP ME SETTLE THINGS.

IT DIDN'T WORK.

THINKING IT WAS MY LAST CHANCE.

I WENT TO THE SHRINE WITH YOU...



...BUT, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS BOTHERING YOU...

MY FEELINGS HAVE BEEN OUT OF CONTROL LATELY.

SIGH...





TO BE HONEST...

... YUGO...

...BUT, I DO LIKE YOU.

I DON'T HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS FOR YOU.



HAHAHA.  
...SO CRUEL...

SORRY.  
I GUESS WE'RE EVEN NOW, RIGHT?

AFTER WHAT YOU JUST DID TO ME AND ALL.

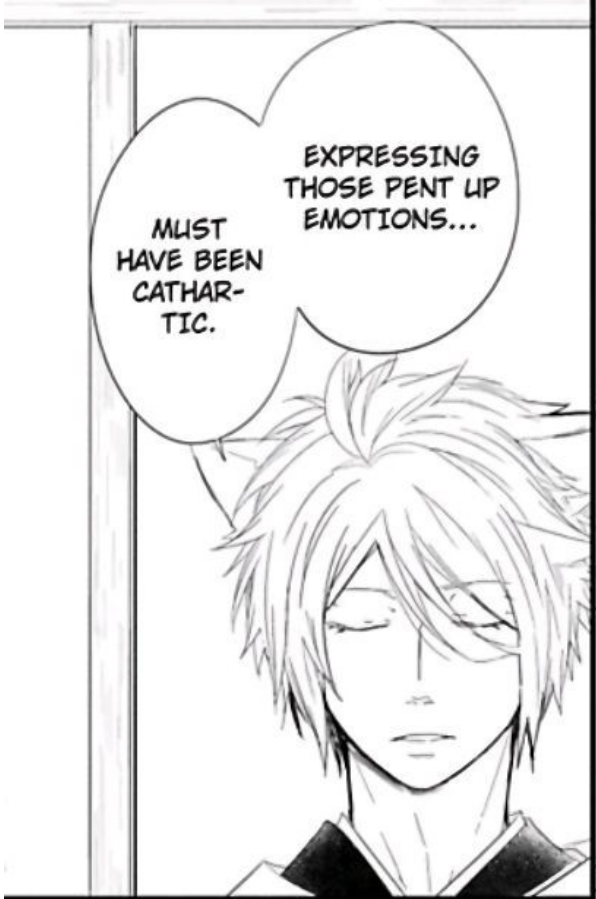
...SORRY.

LET'S FORGET THIS WHOLE THING EVER HAPPENED.

...SORRY.

I WON'T BRING IT UP AGAIN.

CLINK-I



MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
CATHAR-  
TIC.

EXPRESSING  
THOSE PENT UP  
EMOTIONS...



I CAN'T  
SEE THAT  
BLACK STUFF  
ANYMORE.



PHEW...!

MAKES  
SENSE...

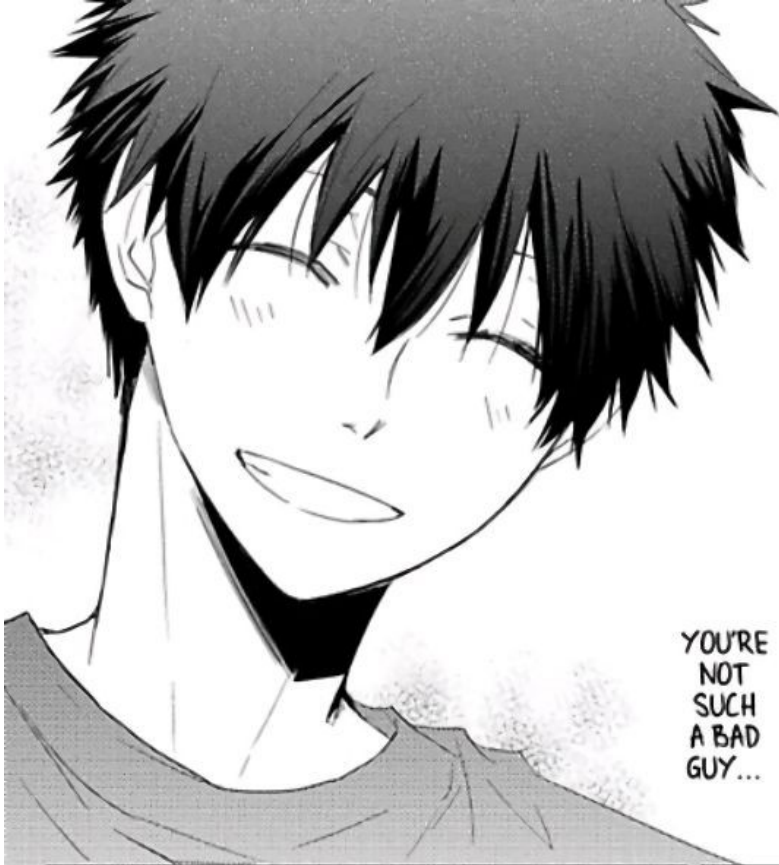


THAT'S  
FINE.



BUT...  
SO LONG  
AS MY  
BUSINESS  
GOES  
UNDONE...

I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO LEAVE  
YOUR  
SIDE.



IT'S NICE HAVING SOMEONE AROUND LIKE THIS.

I'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE EVER SINCE GRANDMA DIED.

YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD GUY...

NO ONE CAN SEE YOU.



KISS

KISS



GULP...



I'M BEAT...

A LOT HAPPENED TODAY...



HUH...?

SLUMP...

NOD...



HEY.

WHAT ABOUT MY MEAL?

I SAW A  
THREAD  
BETWEEN  
US...

THAT  
REMINDS  
ME, THE  
DAY HE  
SHOWED UP  
HERE...

NOD...



LOOK...

THIS IS  
GONNA  
HAPPEN  
REGARD-  
LESS.

ZZZZ...

END



JUST  
WHAT...

ZZZZZ...

WAS  
THAT.....?



THEY COULDN'T.



THREADS OF LOVE  
Kyohei Azumi



THREADS  
OF  
LOVE

CHAPTER  
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I'VE  
BEEN BY  
HIM  
THROUGH  
THE GOOD  
TIMES  
AND THE  
BAD.

WHEN  
I WAS  
JUST A  
REGULAR  
CAT.

TAKAHISA  
AND I  
HAVE BEEN  
TOGETHER  
EVER SINCE  
I WAS  
BORN...

WHERE'D  
HE RUN OFF  
TO THIS  
TIME...?



.....KURO?

KER-CHIK!

AND YET  
NOW.....

110  
A-TMP...  
%



THREADS  
OF  
LOVE

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3



YOU TIRED?

...UH-HUH...

RUB...

YAWN...  
あー  
あー

KATSU-YUKI...



I'M SCREWED.

I CAN'T STUDY EVERYTHING THAT'LL BE ON THE TEST...

YOU USUALLY DO FINE, DON'T YOU?

I GUESS SO, BUT...  
GOTTA GET HOME AND START REVIEWING...

IT'S THE FREELOADER AT MY PLACE.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

NO, MAN!

WELL, IT'S NOT NOT YOUR FAULT!

HAHA...

UH!

... SORRY.

SLUMP...

TWITCH!

SIGH...

HOW CAN I STUDY WITH ALL THAT'S GONE ON RECENTLY...?

OH...

FREE-LOADER? YOU MEAN THAT GUY FROM SCHOOL?

YEAH.

I CAN'T SEE IT ANYMORE.

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT THREAD.

THE THREAD OF YUGO'S PASSION FOR ME...

I'M STUCK WITH SHIRO AS A RESULT OF HIM NOT CUTTING...



ACCORDING TO SHIRO, ONCE ONE CONFESSES HIS FEELINGS...

THEY WON'T LOSE CONTROL FOR SOME TIME.

YOU TWO REALLY ARE AN ITEM?

... SO... JUST HOW LONG IS THAT...?



WELL, WE HAVE HAD SEX...



.....



...LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

...YOU SURE?

N... NO WAY!



GOT A SEC?

DASH!



YUGO! KATSU-YUKI!

SO MUCH FOR A NEW SUBJECT.

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!



SERIOUSLY, THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US!



I TOLD YOU...

I DON'T LIKE THEM.

YOU NEED A CELL PHONE, KATSUYUKI.



...TALK ABOUT A HAUNTED HOUSE...

I HEAR PEOPLE TALKING...

IS IT SHIRO AND KURO?

...?

KER-CHIK...?

I'M HOME.

...SO...

RIGHT...?

CLATER...?

...I'LL CUT THE THREAD WHENEVER YOU WANT.





h...  
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

IF MY GRADES SLIP, MY DAD'LL GET PISSED.

I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK.

MAKING ANY PROGRESS?

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS WITH YOU HERE.

URK...!



IN THAT CASE...

LET ME FEED ALREADY.

PULL!





JUST HANG ON.

HEY...!

THUD...

MMPH!

WHAT?



YOU CAN TAKE HUMAN FORM, RIGHT?

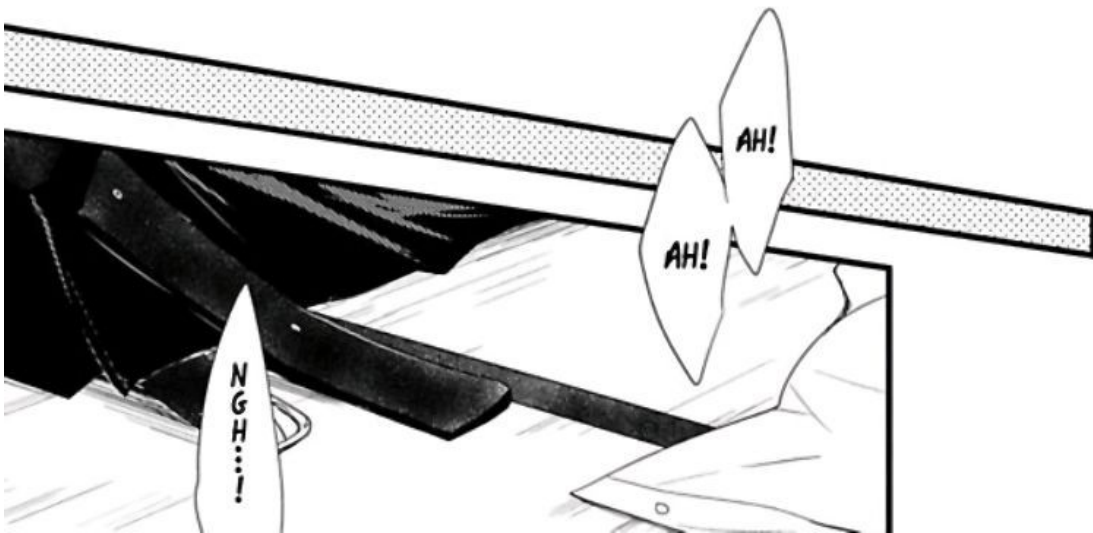
JUST GO DO IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE!

I...

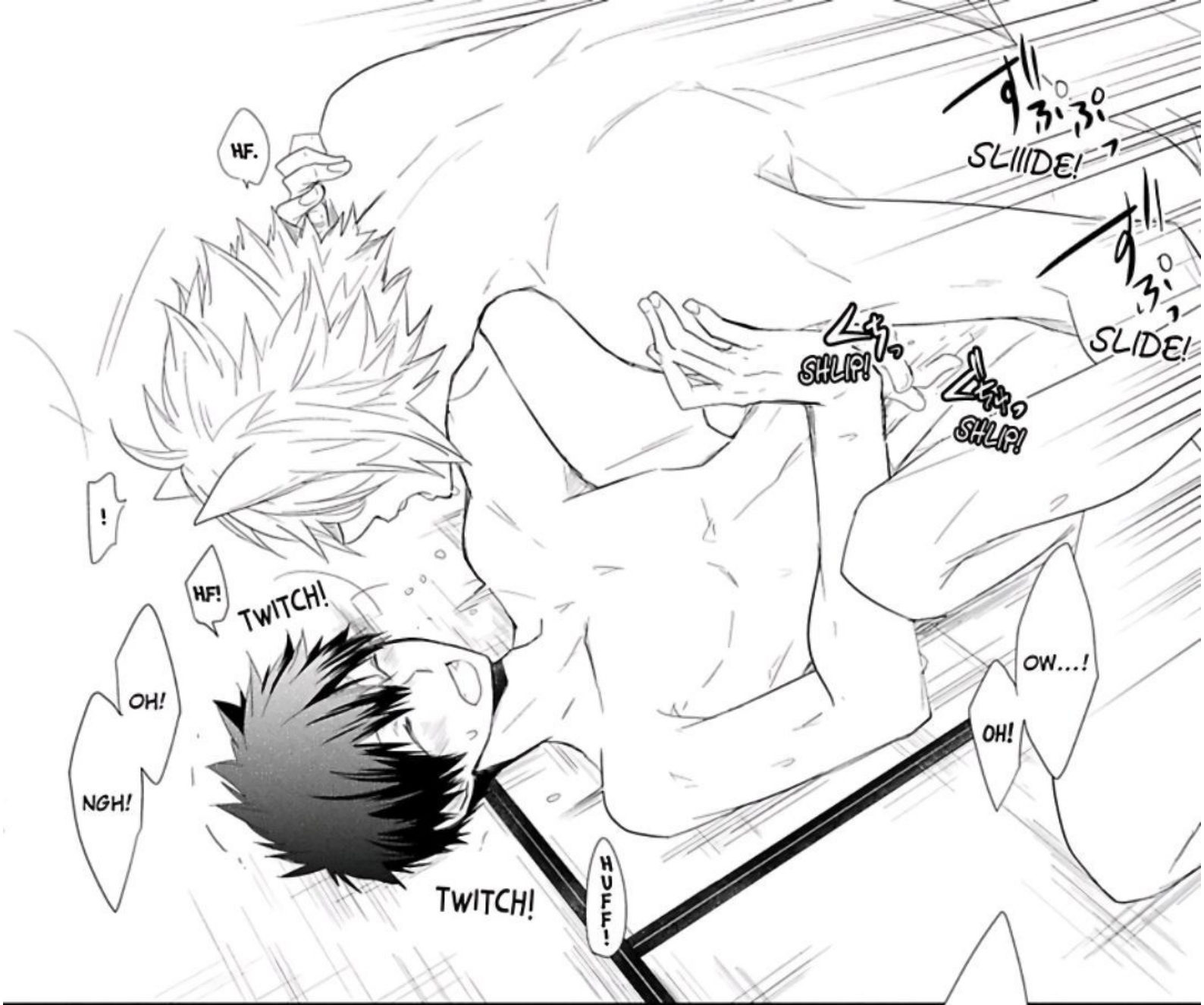
I THINK THIS IS THE KINDA STUFF YOU DO WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE.







DOES HE  
LOOK SO  
HURT.....?



I SHOULDN'T LIKE THIS...

IT'S SO WEIRD.

KATSU-YUKI!

MM!

SHLP

SHLP

OH!!

PANT!

TWITCH!

TWITCH!

SHLP

SHLP

SLIDE!

TWITCH!

SPLOURT!

I'M...!  
CUMMING!!

THRUST!  
THRUST!

TWITCH

TWITCH!

TWITCH!!

HULL...

HULL... HULL...

BUT IT FEELS SO DAMN GOOD.....

HLL..

CLENCH...



BA-DUMP...

HUFF...

.....IS THIS...

BA-DUMP...



SMACK

SLIDE

SHLIP

AH!

SMACK

MM!

HEY!

AGAIN!?

MM!

SMACK

AH...!

NH.



THRUST!

OH!

SHLIP!

SLIDE

MMM!

.....A THREAD...?

...GRAND-MA...





HMMM...

WHAT'S HE LIKE?

THAT'S LOVELY, DEAR.

GUESS WHAT... I MADE A NEW FRIEND AT THE SHRINE AROUND BACK.

OH... THAT YOU, KATSUYUKI?



WELL...

HE'S GOT SHINY HAIR LIKE YOUR RING.



YOU DID?

I MET A MAN AT THAT SHRINE WITH SHINY, WHITE HAIR.

YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL...



IS IT OK IF I BRING HIM HERE, THEN?

I DON'T SEE SO WELL NOW, SO I CAN'T GO THERE.

SO, MAYBE YOU KNOW HIM...

OF COURSE.



CRAP, I'VE GOTTA STUDY...

WHAT...

..... MM.

BINK...  
BLINK...

RISE...!



THAT ASS. DOING WHATEVER HE WANTS TO ME...

HEY...

SNIFFLE...

THROB

THROB

QUIVER



URK!





SIGH...

DID YOU  
EVER GO  
HOME?

TAKA-  
HISA WAS  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU.

YOU  
KNOW...



TRYING  
TO HELP...

JUST...

MIND YOUR  
OWN DAMN  
BUSINESS.



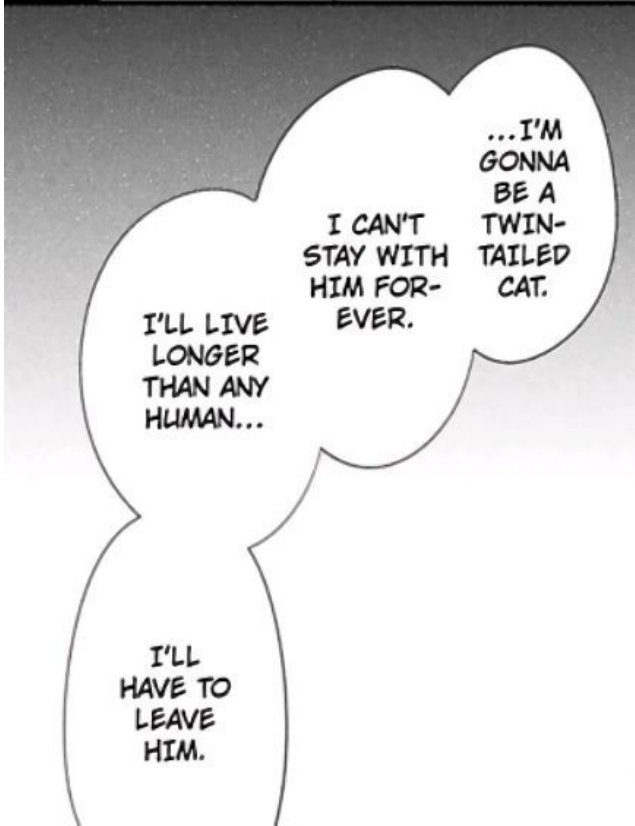
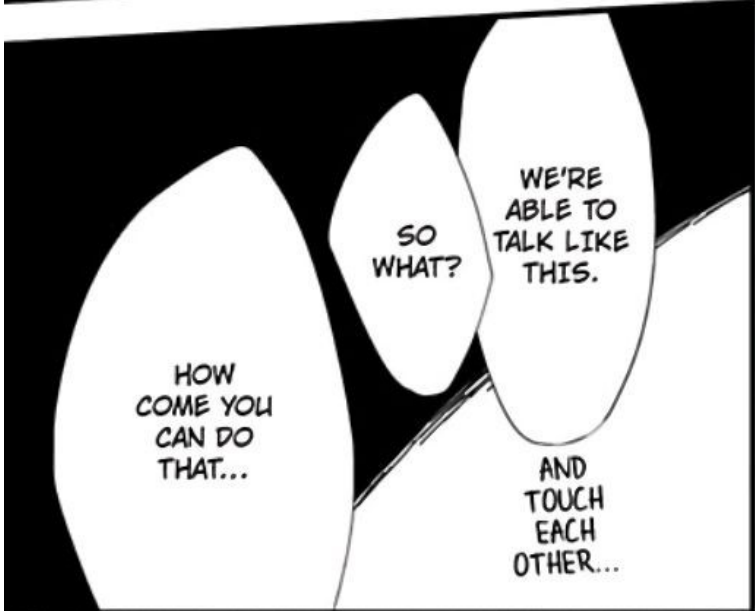
JEEZ...

WHY ARE  
THEY BOTH  
SUCH ASS-  
HOLES?

HIM

HIM TOO.

IS IT  
ME!?





...IS THAT THE THREAD HE WANTED TO CUT...?

...I DON'T THINK I CAN PART FROM HIM...

BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE ME AT ALL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HE CAN SEE ME IN MY CAT FORM...



... HMPH.

... KU-RO...

IF I COULD, I'D STAY A CAT AND HAVE HIM CARE FOR ME.



THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO.

CUTTING THE THREAD WILL APPARENTLY CAUSE THOSE AROUND ME TO FORGET.



DING  
DONG

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

THAT MEANS TAKAHISA...

MAKES HIS KIND VISIBLE TO HUMANS.

...BUT...  
SHIRO SAID SWAPPING BODY FLUIDS...



HAVE YOU SEEN KURO?

HE VANISHED THE SECOND I TOOK MY EYES OFF HIM...



HEY, MAN.

YEAH?

TMP  
TMP...

KER-CHIK!



HUH...!?



OH, RIGHT.

FWIP!



GLANCE...



TAKAHISA  
CAN'T SEE  
HIM IN THAT  
FORM.



...MAYBE.....



HE'S  
ACTING  
OUT  
'CAUSE  
IT  
HURTS...

TO BE  
WITH  
TAKAHISA  
WITHOUT  
BEING  
NOTICED...



WHO'RE  
YOU  
TALKING  
TO?



TAKAHISA  
CHANGES MY  
COLLAR  
WHENEVER  
HE FEELS  
LIKE IT ☆



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Kyohei Azumi



.....I MEAN, I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER HERE MYSELF...

I CAN SEE BOTH SHIRO AND KURO.

TAKAHISA CAN'T SEE KURO WHEN HE'S IN HUMAN FORM...

ONLY WHEN HE'S A CAT...



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✿

CHAPTER 4



DUDE?



AND... EXCHANGING BODY FLUIDS CAN MAKE THEM VISIBLE. RIGHT...?

...THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP, RIGHT?



HMMMM...

TAKAHISA'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND HIM...

KIRO WAS JUST IN HIS HUMAN FORM...

...BUT, WHAT DO I DO...?

YOU FEELING SICK OR SOMETHING?



HAD AN ERRAND.

SHIRO...! WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN!?

DUDE?

OH!



CRAP... TAKAHISA CAN'T SEE SHIRO...

UH... I'LL HELP YOU LOOK.

YEAH.

YOU SURE?



PEEK!

UM... LOOK...

UH...

YOU OK?

JUMP!

HE'S DRIPPING WITH SWEAT...

I GUESS HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR A WHILE...

IF YOU FIND HIM, CALL MY PHONE.

YOU GOT IT.

DASH!

DID YOU SEE KURO AROUND?

HE WON'T JUST LEAVE HIS OWNER.

...STOP LOOKING.

SIGH...

THE SHRINE. HE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?!

HE JUST TOOK OFF...

DASH!

HIS INSTINCTS WON'T LET HIM.

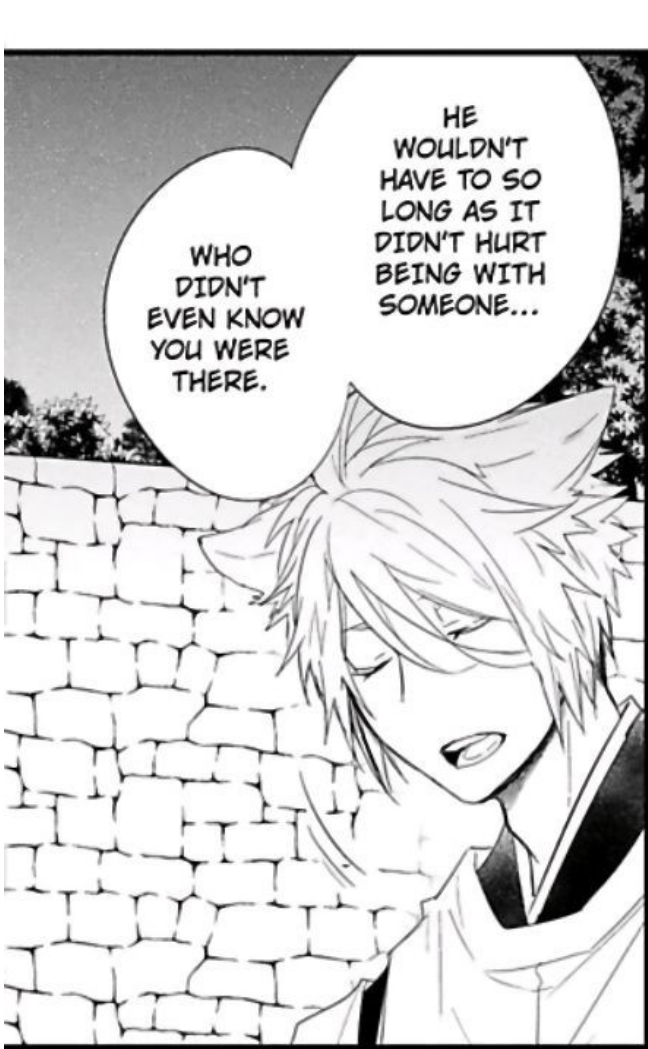
NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIES...

HE'S A CAT AND ALL.

...WHY DOES HE HAVE TO LEAVE HIM?

NOPE.





WHO DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE THERE.

HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO SO LONG AS IT DIDN'T HURT BEING WITH SOMEONE...



STARE



...IF HE BECOMES VISIBLE AND THEY GET CLOSE...

HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE.



JUST SWAP BODY FLUIDS.

YOU SAID IT YOUR-SELF...

...WHY DON'T WE JUST HELP THEM OUT?

DOES KURO KNOW ABOUT THAT?

...NO.



I HAVEN'T DONE IT YET.

THAT WAS YOUR IDEA...!?

THAT'S WHY I SUGGESTED CUTTING THE THREAD.

NOT THAT...

FOR HIS OWNER'S SAKE.

**BLUNT!**



WHAT ABOUT TAKAHISA'S FEELINGS?

THE CONTRACTS I MAKE DON'T REQUIRE APPROVAL BY BOTH PARTIES.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR RULES.



THEIR LIFE SPANS AND WORLDS ARE JUST TOO DIFFERENT.

TAKAHISA WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE IF KURO STAYS WITH HIM.

TWIN-TAILED CATS LIVE MUCH LONGER THAN HUMANS.

IF HE WANTS TO BE WITH KURO...

THEN THEY SHOULD BE TOGETHER.



I THINK TAKAHISA HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW.

THE OTHER PERSON ISN'T EVEN AWARE OF WHAT'S BEEN DONE, AND YET IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

WHY DOES ONLY ONE PERSON'S FEELINGS MATTER?



HE HAS NO IDEA KURO'S A TWIN-TAILED CAT.

IT'S NOT LIKE WITH YOU.

SO... YOU'RE GONNA EXPLAIN IT TO HIM?



SIGH...



KATSUYUKI!

.....WE WHAT?

YOU AND I FORMED A BOND A LONG TIME AGO.

...THAT'S 'CAUSE...



...YOU'RE RIGHT.

JUST WHY WAS I ABLE TO SEE YOU FROM THE START?



THANKS, THOUGH!

BUT IT'S LATE. YOU SHOULD GO HOME.

NO...

OH!  
DID YOU FIND KURO?



UH...

LISTEN...

JUST TO CHECK IN.

UM... YEAH.

YOU GOING HOME, TOO?

WHAT'S UP?



RIGHT...!

I GOT WORRIED I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU.

I REMEMBERED YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE.



URK...!

KURO'S...

WELL...

...HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM...?

MUMBLE...!





... SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE!

BUT KURO CAME HOME.

I KNOW IT'S LATE...

YAWN



HELLO?

KATSU-YUKI?

IT'S TAKAHI-SA.



WASN'T A NORMAL CAT?

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF KURO...

URK...!  
... UM...

YEAH?

UH...!

OK, THEN. SEE YA...

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR...

WASN'T A WHAT NOW?

CREAK...



YOU MEAN HOW HE'S A MIXED BREED?

UH, NOT QUITE. LIKE, HIS LIFE SPAN... UM...

PURR

PURR

OH...



NO WAY...

OH...

O-...

A GRANDPA...

HE'S PRETTY MUCH A GRANDPA AT THIS POINT...

I DO GO OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM...

I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THAT, TOO.

YOU MEAN HOW CATS OFTEN DISAPPEAR JUST BEFORE THEY DIE...?

**NUZZLE!**

BUT...

**PURR PURR**

I WANNA BE WITH HIM...

UP UNTIL HIS LAST MOMENTS.

BUT I WANNA BE THERE FOR HIM WHEN HE PASSES ON.

AND MAYBE I'M BEING SELFISH...



LICK!

MM...!



NUZZLE!

C'MON...  
I'M ON  
THE  
PHONE!

LOOK,  
TAKAHI-  
SA...  
KURO'S...

SQUIRM!



DAZE..?

HM...?



TOUCH!

TOUCH!

I CAN  
TOUCH  
HIM?

WHAT  
THE...?

?  
ONE  
MORE  
TIME...

BA-DAMP...

TWITCH!

OH,  
WOW...

TAKA-  
HISA...  
YOU CAN  
SEE  
ME?

REALLY?

???

GULP...

WH-...  
WHO  
THE  
HELL...  
ARE  
YOU?

JANGLE...

IT  
CAN'T  
BE...

...KURO?



THIS IS ONLY A BORROWED FORM.

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN MY ACTUAL ONE, APPARENTLY.

YOU'VE TOTALLY LOST ME.

JINGLE

THIS IS THE SAME COLLAR AS KURO'S...

JINGLE

JUST A LITTLE BIGGER.

MAYBE IT'S NOT A DREAM...

MY LIFE SPAN'S LONGER THAN YOURS.

RIGHT... MAYBE...



SO, YOU'RE SAYING YOU WON'T GET OLD?

TO BE HONEST, I'M STILL NEW AT THIS, TOO.

YOU LOOK NOTHING LIKE A GRANDPA...





I GET IT.



OH...

HUG...



I'LL GET TO SPEND MY WHOLE LIFE WITH YOU, RIGHT?

THAT MEANS...

SIGH...

BUT... I'M...

...!

SOB...

.....IT'S GREAT.

WHY WOULDN'T IT BE?

HUH!?

IS THAT OK?

...NO...

YOU'RE A CAT.

THEN WHY'RE YOU CRYING?

I'LL ASK SOMEONE WHO DOES.

...I DON'T KNOW...

RUB!

RUB

PRESS!

THAT'LL NEVER CHANGE... RIGHT?

I CAN SEE YOU, SO WHO CARES?

EVEN AS A CAT.

I MEAN, EVENTUALLY I'LL BECOME INVISIBLE TO EVERYONE...

HE CAN...?

YEP... ALSO, KATSUYUKI CAN SEE ME, TOO.

PHEW...!

SO... THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CAN GIVE YOU ADVICE?

THAT'S GOOD.

.....

HE WAS DESPERATE TO TELL ME SOMETHING TODAY...

HE WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU.

OHHH... I GUESS THAT'S WHY...

AND MAYBE YOU WON'T.

I'LL PROBABLY DO IT AGAIN WHEN YOU GET MARRIED IN THE FUTURE.

ON TOP OF THAT...

I KNOW I GOT IN BETWEEN YOU AND KATSUYUKI BEFORE.

SO...

...I CAN REALLY STAY BY YOUR SIDE...?

CLENCH...!





!?

YOU KNOW!  
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED...

KISS



AND HOLD YOU...

TO TOUCH YOU...

NUZZLE

NUZZLE!



TWITCH!!

HEY...!

NUZZLE!

WHAT'RE YOU...!?



C'MON!

AND MAKE YOU MINE.

SLURP!

MM.

OH!

! QUIVER...

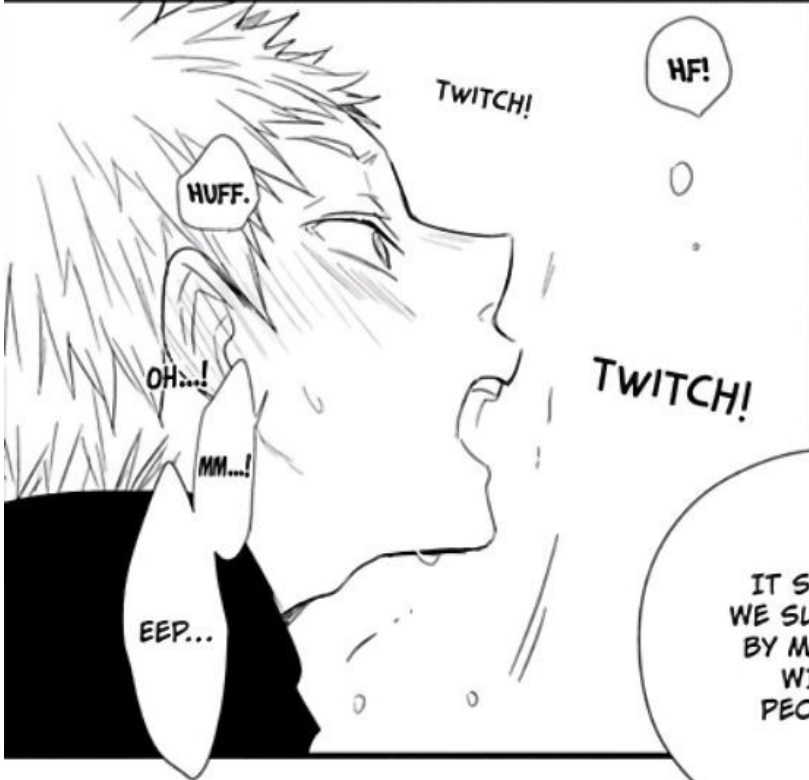
RUSTLE!



MM!

TWITCH!

TWITCH!





SIGH...

PUSH!

...NO FAIR.

...NO?

NEXT TIME, WATCH OUT!

I WON'T GO ALL THE WAY THIS TIME, BUT...

HUH?

ALL THE WAY WHERE...?

HEH HEH...

I HAVE TO NOD AND SAY OK...

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR EXISTENCE...

WERE YOU ALWAYS THIS KIND OF CAT...?

GRIN

GRIN

YUUKI

BUT  
GET CLOSE  
TO TAKAHISA  
AND YOU'RE  
DEAD.

IT'S NOT  
THAT I'M NOT  
APPRECIATIVE...

TEEHEE...

.....

SNIFFLE...

...WELL, AS  
LONG AS TAKA-  
HISA'S HAPPY, I  
GUESS IT ALL  
WORKED OUT.

AHHOOO!!  
Zzzzzzzzz

STOP  
LOOKING  
SO HAPPY.  
IT'S  
GROSS...

DRIED  
SARDINE?

DON'T  
BE LIKE  
THAT.

RUSTLE!

DRIED  
SARDINES

I GET IT.  
SO GET  
AWAY  
ALREADY!

YEAH?

GREAT.

TAKAHISA'S  
HEART IS TO-  
TALLY ACCEPT-  
ING OF WHO  
I AM!

SNIFFLE!

SNIFFLE..!

KATSU-  
YUKI...



.....THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.

I HEARD SHE LEFT WHEN I WAS LITTLE, SO NOT REALLY...

MY MOM...?

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER?

I'VE BEEN FORGETTING TO ASK WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU BONDED US TOGETHER.....

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.



.....YOU DID WHAT?

THE REASON SHE'S GONE... IS BECAUSE I CUT YOUR THREADS TO HER.





THREADS OF LOVE  
Kyohei Azumi

I'M  
SORRY,  
MOM...!

!!

SMACK!

!!

I'M  
SORRY!!

SMACK!

I'M SO  
SORRY!

I'LL  
BE A  
GOOD  
BOY!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

MOM...!

...

...





CLATTER...

LOOK...

COULD YOU NOT KILL YOURSELF HERE?

IT'S MY HOME AND ALL.

TWITCH!

...!



CLATTER!

HUH...!?

WHO ARE YOU...?

YOU'RE ALWAYS BEATING KATSUYUKI HERE...

CANT DO IT AT HOME?

UM!

TWITCH!

DO YOU KNOW MY SON?

.....



HE'S MY FRIEND.



...HEY...

MUTTER

AND HAS LOTS OF FRIENDS HERE...

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, AM ALL ALONE.

MUTTER...



WELL...

KATSUYUKI'S LOVED BY HIS FATHER...



...HIS FATHER'S ALWAYS MOVING AROUND FOR WORK.

I'D INTENDED TO FOLLOW HIM WHEREVER HE WENT...

BUT HE SAID CONSTANT CHANGE WASN'T GOOD FOR OUR SON...

SO KATSUYA LIVES ON HIS OWN.

MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S EYE-SIGHT STARTED GOING AROUND THE SAME TIME...

AND I WAS ASKED TO BRING KATSUYUKI AND LIVE HERE WITH THEM FOR A WHILE...

BUT...

I LOVE  
KATSUYUKI.  
HE'S ADORA-  
BLE.

NO  
FRIENDS  
OR ANY-  
BODY.

THE  
MIDDLE  
OF NO-  
WHERE.

I ALWAYS  
GET UPSET  
WHEN HE  
COMES  
NEAR.

HE'S NOT  
THE ONE I  
WANT BY MY  
SIDE.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
I CAN  
DO.

**CLENCH!!**

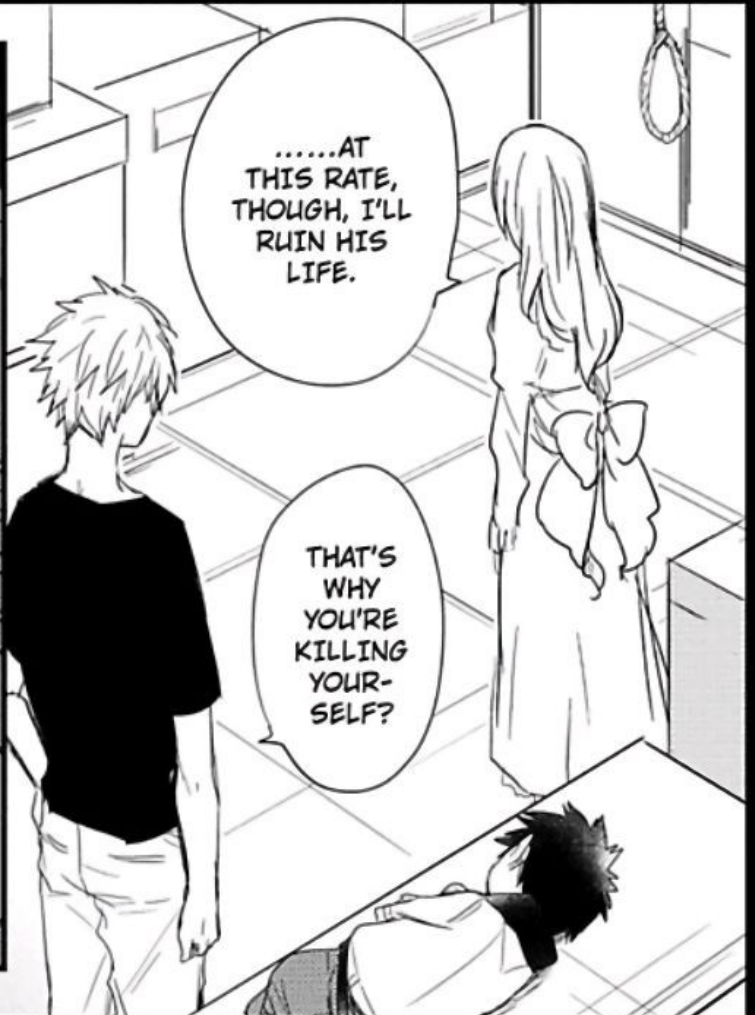
I'VE  
BEEN CAST  
ASIDE.

...I KNOW  
THE TRUTH.

I WANTED  
TO GET BACK  
AT MY HUS-  
BAND.

.....AT  
THIS RATE,  
THOUGH, I'LL  
RUIN HIS  
LIFE.

THAT'S  
WHY  
YOU'RE  
KILLING  
YOUR-  
SELF?





.....LET  
ME MAKE A  
SUGGES-  
TION.

WHETHER  
YOU GO  
THROUGH  
WITH IT OR  
NOT IS UP  
TO YOU.





I CUT THE THREAD BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR MOTHER.



WH-...

WHY...?  
I DON'T REMEMBER THAT...

I'M SURE YOU DON'T.

CLATTER!



.....

SO... WHY'D YOU DO IT!?

FWIP!



GASP

I SUGGESTED IT TO HER.

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU JUST... DID IT?



?

...I'M...  
NOT FOLLOWING  
YOU AT  
ALL...

BUT, I  
GUESS YOU  
THOUGHT IT  
WAS A KIND  
OF SPELL SO  
YOU COULD  
RETURN TO  
THIS TOWN.

YOU  
WERE  
AWARE  
OF  
THAT.

AND  
WHAT'S  
THIS  
ABOUT A  
THREAD  
BETWEEN  
US...?



HEY!

IF YOU'RE  
UNHAPPY, I  
CAN CUT OUR  
THREAD  
WHENEVER  
YOU WANT.

THAT  
MEANS...  
YOUR  
SENTENCE  
WILL GET  
LONGER,  
RIGHT?

IT'S  
NOT THAT  
SIMPLE...



WHICH  
IS WHY I'M  
TELLING YOU  
ALL THIS.

I AGREED  
WITH YOU  
ABOUT  
HEARING  
THE OTHER  
PERSON  
OUT...

MUNCH

MUNCH

.....!

I GUESS  
THAT  
MAKES  
SENSE...!

DRIED  
SARDINES



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY HAVE ANY CONCRETE IDEA OF HOW MUCH TIME IS LEFT.

P-TMP...



WELL...

WHAT... DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



SO, THAT'S WHAT THAT SHRINE'S ALL ABOUT...

WOW... CUTTING THREADS, HUH...?



YOUR GRANDMA STEPPED IN AND CONVINCED THE LOCALS...

YOU USED TO SAY IT WASN'T, THOUGH.

THAT SHRINE WAS ALWAYS KNOWN FOR CUTTING TIES.

THAT THERE WAS A SPIRIT WHO BOUND PEOPLE TOGETHER.



SO, YOU REMEMBER MY MOM...?

YUGO AND I USED TO TALK ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME.

AFTER YOU MOVED AWAY.

THEY USED IT AS A PROMOTION TOOL, WHICH WORKED FOR A WHILE.

THAT A SHRINE CONNECTING PEOPLE WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE TOWN'S IMAGE.

REALLY...?



HMMM...

YOUR MOM?



SO I'M NOT REALLY SURE...

SHE WASN'T BIG ON QUALITY TIME WITH THE NEIGHBORS...

I KNOW SHE WAS SUPER PRETTY.

KINDA OUT OF PLACE HERE.

OH... BUT, THERE WERE RUMORS, TOO...

WHEN WE'D PLAY TOGETHER...

I WAS ALWAYS NERVOUS WHEN I SAW HER...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELL...

IT'S NOT LIKE I SAW IT MYSELF...

AND YOU DIDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT IT...

NOR DID YOUR GRANDMA, FOR THAT MATTER...

I'M NOT 100% SURE.



GO ON.



NOT IN PERSON. HE'D MAKE NOISES AND STUFF.

HE'D ALWAYS TRY TO STOP IT.

DOES SHIRO KNOW...?

SO, THE RUMORS WERE TRUE...?

YOUR GRAND-MA'S EYES WERE BAD, BUT HER EARS WORKED JUST FINE. THAT'S WHY YOUR MOM USED THE SHRINE.

IT DID THE TRICK

NO ONE'S THERE AT NIGHT...

SHE WHAT...!?

WAS WHEN SHE TRIED TO KILL YOU.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE ONLY TIME HE ACTUALLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF YOUR MOM...

KA!  
BA-DUMP...

I...

OBSESSED WITH YOU...

HEY!

BE QUIET!

OW!

MMPH!

I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA WHY HE WAS SO...



FOR HELPING THIS GUY.

I DUNNO ALL THE DETAILS, BUT THANKS...

KATSU-YUKI...

HEH HEH...

THUD!

I DON'T REMEMBER IT AT ALL...

...IS THAT TRUE...?

I... NEED TO TALK TO SHIRO.



DESPITE HIS USUALLY PASSIVE NATURE.

SHIRO'S ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR ME...

"I SUGGESTED IT TO HER."

HE MUST REALLY HAVE A GOOD REASON...



...THAT'S RIGHT.

SHIRO'S THE ONE WHO TAUGHT HIM STUFF...

SURE. BUT, I DIDN'T REALLY DO MUCH...

SEE YA!







YOUR MOM'S BEEN BRINGING YOU HERE A LOT AT NIGHT, RIGHT?

YEP.

SHE SAYS "LET'S GO," AND WE GO.



WHO ARE YOU?



SHE GETS LONELY AT NIGHT.

I DON'T LIKE NIGHT-MOM MUCH... BUT I LOVE DAY-MOM.

IT'S QUIET HERE DURING THE DAY...

BUT, IN THE DAYTIME SHE'S REALLY NICE.



HEH HEH...





MY GRANDMA SAYS SHE MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU HERE A LONG TIME AGO.

HOW 'BOUT I GIVE YOU ONE, THEN?

THAT'S RIGHT.



WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

SURE.

BUT IT'S HARD TO SAY... IS JUST "SHIRO" OK? ...OH...



CAN I CALL YOU THAT, TOO?

I THINK THAT WAS IT!

SHIRO... GANE?



HEH HEH...





PAT...

THAT'S...

THE  
FIRST  
TIME I'VE  
SEEN YOU  
SMILE,  
SHIRO.

...YEAH?

...NOW I  
REMEMBER.

I GAVE  
HIM...



JOLT!

HIS NAME...

...HEY...



WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

DON'T WORRY, AND DON'T JUST SLEEP HERE.

SHIRO!

JUMP!

OH... SORRY.

CLINK!



FWIP!

WAIT...!

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO!?

WHAT...?

CUT OUR TIES. WHAT ELSE?



HANG ON!

THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!

OH... HI, THERE.

UH...

HELLO...


LET'S... GO HOME FOR NOW.

I'LL LOOK RIDICULOUS...

IF WE TALK HERE...

WHISPER

WHISPER



AND YOUR MOTHER. YOU WERE GOING TO LIVE WITH YOUR FATHER...

'CAUSE I CUT THE ONE BETWEEN YOU...

SO...

BUT, I DON'T...

WANNA LEAVE EVERYONE...

OK, THEN LET'S FORM A BOND.

I CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE, SO...

IF WE FORM A BOND, YOU'LL COME BACK HERE FOR SURE.

A WHAT?

LET'S DO IT!

...ABSOLUTELY NO MEMORY...



... WHY'D YOU FORM A BOND WITH ME?



MAYBE  
'CAUSE YOU  
COULD SEE  
ME...

WHEN I  
CUT YOUR  
THREAD.



BUT  
WHY'D I  
FORGET  
ABOUT  
YOU?

I GET  
WHY I FORGOT  
ABOUT MY MOM  
AFTER YOU CUT  
OUR CONNEC-  
TION...



SO  
EVEN  
I GOT  
CAUGHT  
IN THE  
WAVE.

BUT YOU  
AND I AL-  
WAYS HAD  
A STRONG  
CONNEC-  
TION...

I'M  
USUALLY  
NOT AFFECT-  
ED, SEEING  
HOW NO ONE  
KNOWS I  
EXIST...

IT'S NEVER  
HAPPENED  
BEFORE...

REALLY...?



IT'S LIKE A  
RIPPLE EFFECT,  
SLOWLY ERASING  
YOUR MEMORY.

YOU DIDN'T  
JUST FORGET  
IT ALL AT THAT  
MOMENT.



IS THAT WHY YOU NEVER TOLD ME...?

BUT I WAS HAPPY YOU'D FORGOTTEN ALL THE PAIN.

TO BE HONEST, I WAS SHOCKED THAT YOU DIDN'T REMEMBER ME AT FIRST...

SLIDE...



HAVE YOU... ALWAYS PROTECTED ME BECAUSE OF YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME...?

YOU REAPPEARED FOR THAT WHOLE THING... WITH YUGO.

IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

YOU BEING HAPPY...

BUT... CLENCH...



YOU GAVE A SIMPLE FOX LIKE ME A NAME.

YOU'RE...  
SPECIAL TO ME.

YOU TRIED YOUR BEST TO REDUCE MY SENTENCE.



WOW!

ARE YOU A GOD OF MATCH-MAKING?

NOT A GOD EXACTLY...

BUT IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN, SO SURE!

COMPARED TO THAT, I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING.

JEEZ...  
YOU'RE SO HARD TO GET!

ARGH!

C'MON...



?

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST COME CLEAN FROM THE BEGINNING!!?

YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T. BUT STILL!

HUG!



UURK...

WHAT'S WRONG?

SIGH...

BA-DUMP

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW.

...YOU KNOW...

I MEAN...

NO... EVEN AS A MEAL IS OK.

I WANNA DO IT, BUT NOT AS YOUR MEAL.

.....

BA-DUMP...



BA-DUMP



BA-DUMP...

YU...HU...

BA-DUMP

YU...HU...

CAN WE?

NO...?



HAHA...

ALL YOU TRY AND DO IS MAKE ME HAPPY, HUH...?

BA-DUMP!!

VITZ??

t...

...IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LAUGH.

IT IS?



MM...!

KISS

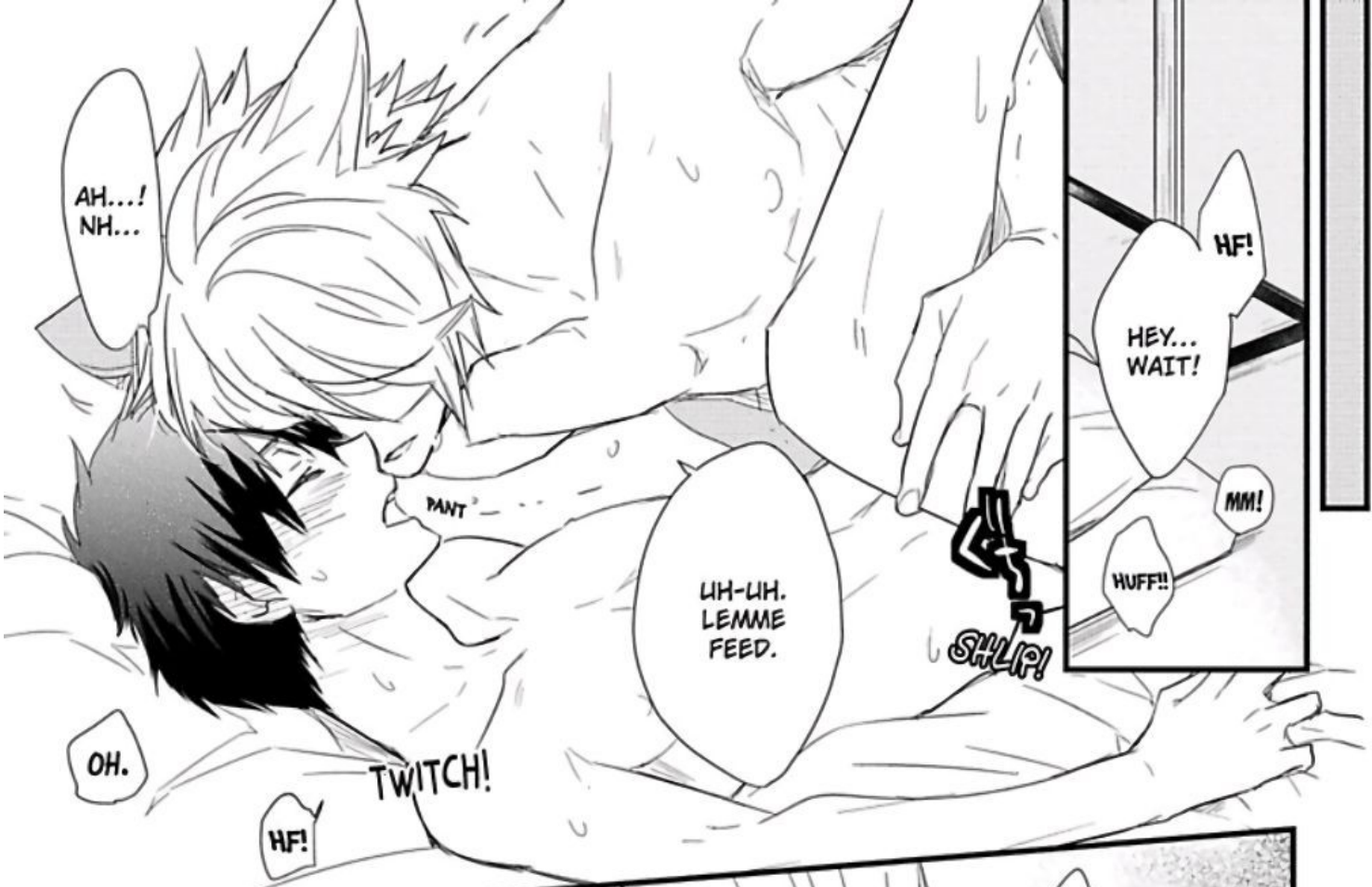
KISS

HF...













HUFF...

PLUS...  
THE ENERGY I GOT WHEN WE FIRST DID THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO NOW.

PANT!

AHHH!

I'M CUMMING...!

PANT!

HUFF...

TWITCH!

DOES THAT MEAN YOU LOVE ME...?

PANT...!

Sweet~

TWITCH!

HF.

CLENCH!



HF.

THAT'S RIGHT.

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

OH.

HF.

MM.

MMM.



HF.

MM!





...YOU KNOW...

I REMEMBER YOUR FULL NAME NOW.

SHIROGANE. RIGHT?

TWITCH!



OOPS.

SORRY.

THAT TICKLES.

JOLT!



BUT, "SHIRO" REALLY IS EASIER TO SAY. CAN I STILL USE IT?

HEH HEH...



CALL ME  
WHATEVER  
YOU LIKE.

...SURE.

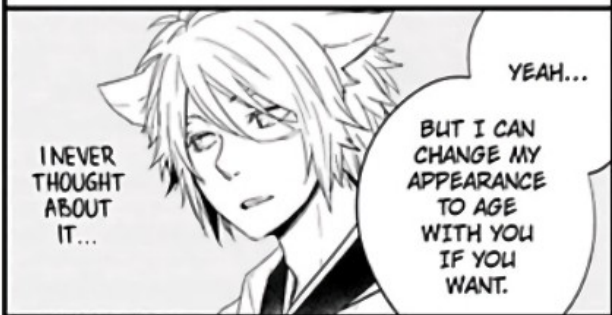


LOOKS  
LIKE I'LL  
BE  
HAUNTED  
BY THIS  
FOX FOR  
THE REST  
OF MY  
LIFE.

■ END ■



SO...  
WILL YOU ALWAYS LOOK THE SAME?  
AS I GET OLDER...



I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT...  
YEAH...  
BUT I CAN CHANGE MY APPEARANCE TO AGE WITH YOU IF YOU WANT.



HMMM...  
THAT'S USEFUL...  
WOW... HE CAN JUST CHANGE IT...



YOU DO?  
WELL, THEN!!  
I LIKE HOW YOU LOOK.  
NAH, YOU'RE FINE AS IS.



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I WONDER  
IF TAKAHI-  
SA'LL BE LATE  
AGAIN.....

I'M A  
CAT.

MY NAME  
IS KURO.

HE GETS  
MAD WHEN  
I CHECK  
ON HIM AT  
SCHOOL...

ALL TO  
MYSELF

...BEING  
HOME ALONE  
SUCKS...

ROLL..

MAYBE I'LL  
GO MESS WITH  
KATSUYUKI  
LATER...

I'M A  
BLACK CAT  
ON THE  
VERGE OF  
BECOMING A  
TWIN-TAILED  
ONE.

BUT...

I'M  
KINDA  
SLEEPY  
NOW...

WHAT I DO  
REMEMBER  
IS BEING  
SURPRISED.

I CAN'T  
REALLY  
RECALL  
WHEN THE  
FIRST  
TIME...

I TOOK  
HUMAN  
FORM  
WAS.

ZZZZZZ...

TAKA-  
HISA?

HE DIDN'T  
NOTICE ME,  
NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
I CALLED  
OUT TO  
HIM.

HE  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
LOOK AT  
ME.

HEY,  
WAKE  
UP!

BA-DUMP!

HE'S THE  
WEIRD GUY  
FROM THE  
SHRINE...

...!?!?

A  
HALF-  
A-ONE,  
THAT  
IS...

...RARE  
TO SEE A  
TWIN-TAIL  
HERE.

SLUMP...

JUST  
WHEN I  
FELT  
TOTALLY  
LOST.....

FWIP!



I DUNNO HOW CLOTHES WORK.



FORGET THAT.

BUT, I'M A CAT.

CAN YOU GET DRESSED ALREADY?

... LOOK...

HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD SEE ME...

MY POOR EYES...

SO WE NATURALLY GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER.



THIS?

THEN, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT COLLAR?

JINGLE



JUST TRY TRANSFORMING INTO SOMETHING YOU KNOW.

...?



?

THEN, TRANSFORM LIKE THAT.

IT STAYS ON!

TAKAHISA ALWAYS PUTS IT ON ME.



HE REALLY HELPED ME OUT...

I FIGURED OUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME.

THE FOX TAUGHT ME A LOT.

PURR...

PURR



PERK!

TAKAHISA!?

I'M HOME!

KER-CHIK!



YOU OK?

WANT ME TO TAKE YOU UP-STAIRS?

NAH, I'M GOOD HERE. THANKS.

STOP!



DASH DASH DASH

HE SAID HE WAS GONNA BE LATE TODAY...



TAKA-.....









...I GET IT.

HAHA!





HEH HEH!



AH!

NGH!

DOES IT HURT?

NN-NH...

TWITCH!

AH.

HF.

HF!

SUCK

TWITCH!

SUCK!

DON'T THRUST YET!

HF!

OH!

KISS

KISS

MM!

HF!

YOUR TONGUE'S ALL ROUGH.

IT'S LIKE A CAT'S.

IS IT GROSS?

OF COURSE NOT.

KISS

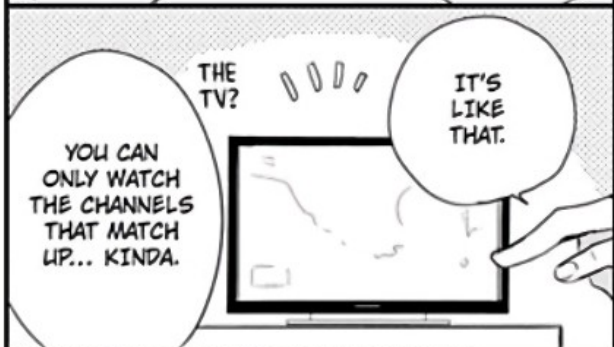


HF!

HF!



■ END ■





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I KNOW YOU'RE NOT LET'S HANG OUT!!

YOU BUSY KATSUYUKI?

STAY AWAY CAT!

MY TERRITORY

KER-CHIK!

\*SIGH\*...

THAT WAS UNPLEASANT...

I GUESS KURO'S LONELY, WHAT WITH TAKAHISA SO BUSY LATELY.

I'M NOT THAT FREE. DAMMIT...

SNIFFLE...



SHIRO?

SLIDE...

SHIRO



SILENCE...

I'M HOOOME!







JEALOUS  
OF HIM?

...ARE  
YOU...



\*SIGH\*...  
LOOK...

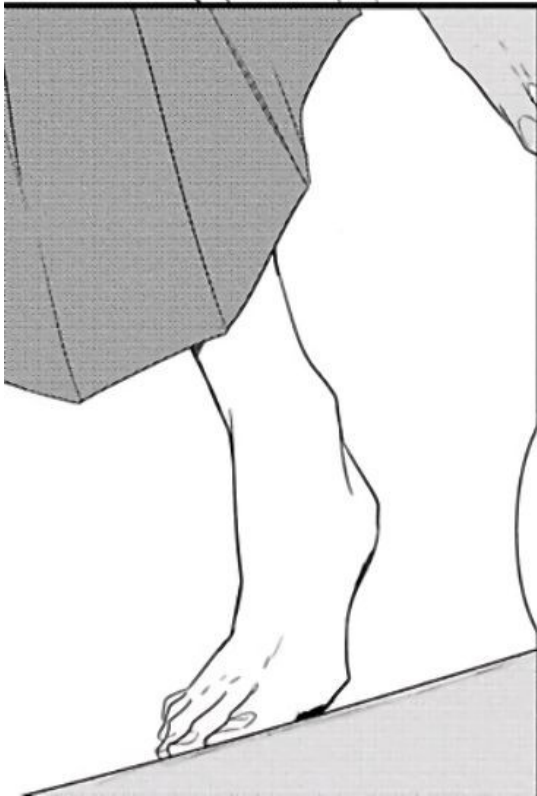


CUTTING  
THREADS  
ONLY  
HURTS  
YOU.

FOCUS  
MORE ON  
CONNECTING  
PEOPLE...

.....

...WHY  
ARE YOU  
EVEN  
ANGRY?



NOT AT  
ALL...

N-...

IS THAT  
STRANGE?

...WHAT  
IF I  
AM?





IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SCENT?

I HAVE A KEEN NOSE, BEING A FOX AND ALL.

SO HOW CAN I BE FINE WITH YOU COVERED...



...

...?

NOT SAY EMBARRASSING STUFF SO EARNESTLY LIKE THAT...?

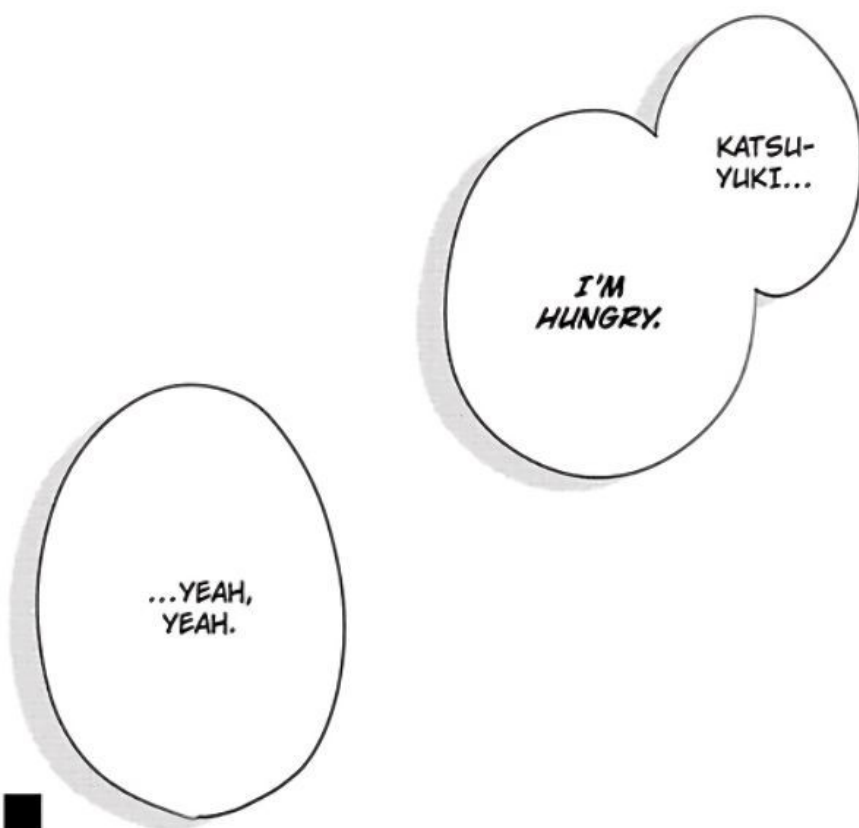
.....  
COULD YOU...

KISS



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME...


I SHOULD SAY WHATEVER I'M FEELING.





**HELLO.  
I'M KYOHEI AZUMI.**

THANKS SO MUCH  
FOR PICKING UP THIS COMIC!



THIS TIME, I WROTE ABOUT  
CHARACTERS WITH ANIMAL EARS  
AND TAILS. JUST BEFORE I STARTED  
WRITING THIS STORY, QPA DID AWAY  
WITH THEIR SPECIAL THEMED MAGAZINES.  
WHEN ASKED WHAT I WANTED TO DO NEXT,  
WITHOUT HESITATION I SAID,  
"ANTHROPOMORPHISM!" THAT'S HOW THIS  
ALL STARTED. I LOVE EARS AND TAILS.

I'D FIRST  
PLANNED  
ON A BLACK  
CAT AS  
THE MAIN  
CHARACTER.


IT WAS FUN!

SOME PARTS STILL NEED WORK,  
BUT I'D BE REALLY HAPPY IF YOU  
WERE ABLE TO ENJOY IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE  
PUBLISHER AND DESIGNER,  
MY EDITOR, EVERYONE INVOLVED,  
AND OF COURSE, YOU, READER.

THANKS AGAIN!

I WAS ALSO THINKING OF A  
STORY WITH THE TEACHER  
AND A WOLF. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE  
A CHANCE TO WRITE IT!



I WANTED TO  
DO A YOUNG WOLF  
THAT DOMINATED  
THEIR RELATIONSHIP...  
AND THEN HE'D GET  
REALLY BIG!

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KATSUYUKI RETURNS TO THE TOWN HE LIVED IN AS A CHILD AFTER BEING AWAY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE'S FACED WITH NOTHING BUT TROUBLE. IN ORDER TO TRY WARDING OFF EVIL SPIRITS, HE GOES TO A SHRINE TO PRAY. THERE, HE MEETS AN ODDLY-DRESSED CHILD WITH FURRY EARS AND A TAIL, WHO ONLY KATSUYUKI CAN SEE. THE CHILD FOLLOWS HIM HOME, ASKING TO "FEED", AND PROCEEDS TO KISS KATSUYUKI AND SWALLOW HIS SPIT...

*"WHAT THE? DID HE JUST GET TALLER...? AND NOW HE WANTS TO MATE WITH ME...!"*

THE THREADS OF FATE INTERWEAVE IN THIS MYSTERIOUS ANTHROPOMORPHIC FANTASY!





SO...  
YOU USE LESS ENERGY IN THAT FORM, RIGHT?

WHY NOT JUST STAY LIKE THAT, THEN?

MUNCH

MUNCH

I GOT THIS FROM ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS.



THIS PASTRY'S GOOD.

I FEEL FULLER WHEN I EAT LIKE THIS.

WHY? BUT, SOMETIMES YOU TAKE THAT FORM.

WHEN WE WERE APART, I USED MY POWER TO MAINTAIN THE THREAD CONNECTING US.  
I DON'T NEED TO IF YOU'RE NEXT TO ME AT HOME.



..... GOTCHA.

I DON'T GET ENERGY. BUT STILL...

I LIKE DELICIOUS FOOD.

.....OK.

OH... HEH HEH!



SO WHAT  
IF YOU  
LEARNED  
HOW  
TO!?

I TOLD  
YOU NOT  
TO OPEN  
THE CAT  
FOOD!!

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A  
M  
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T  
!!

SLAM!

NH!

TWITCH!!



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(BONUS STORY)  
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MM.

MAYBE I  
PUSHED  
HIM TOO  
MUCH...

JUST THE  
OTHER DAY,  
HE WAS  
A KID...



OUR LIFE  
SPANS ARE  
DIFFERENT...

...!

SHOCKER...

.....ONE  
DAY.....

SO  
I GUESS  
IT'S TO  
BE EX-  
PECTED.

BUT NOW  
THAT I  
KNOW ONE,  
I CAN'T  
LET GO.

...I'VE  
TRIED TO  
DISTANCE  
MYSELF  
FROM  
HUMANS...

RUFFLE!

SIIGH...

DID  
I WAKE  
YOU?

...SORRY.

DID  
YOU  
PUT  
PAJAMAS  
ON  
ME...?

RISE...

MM...  
SHIRO?

THINGS  
WOULD BE  
SMOOTHER  
IF I  
MYSELF  
WERE  
ABLE TO  
FORGET.

DON'T  
CHANGE  
THE  
SUBJECT.

I CAN  
KINDA TELL  
WHEN YOU  
DO THAT,  
NOW.

I'M A  
SERIOUS  
GUY,  
SO...

WERE  
YOU  
OVER-  
THINKING  
STUPID  
STUFF  
AGAIN?



HUG...

KISS

KISS

PHEW...!

UNTIL  
TOMORROW,  
THEN.

...YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

THANKS FOR BUYING!