Even if time were to stop,
As long as one remains human,
That feeling we call "love" never will.
Professor Asakura's Memorandum
Story-art BINSEN
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WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO TAKE A NAP?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE XENOARTIFACT?
HEY.
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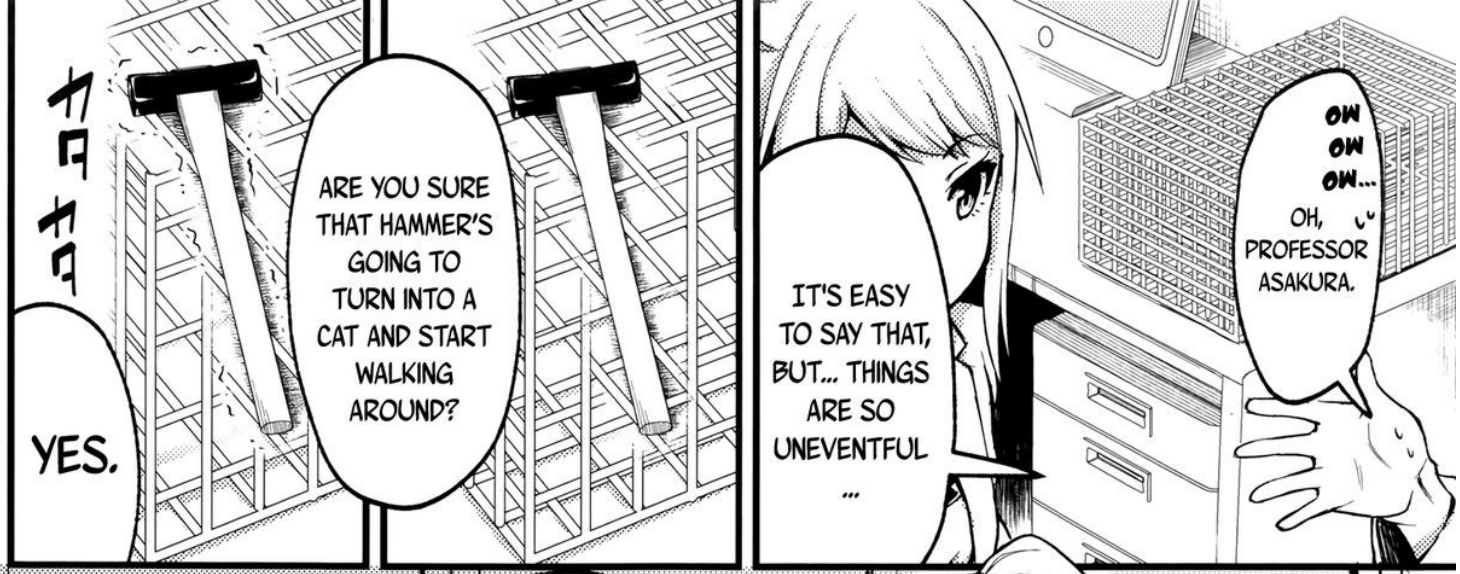
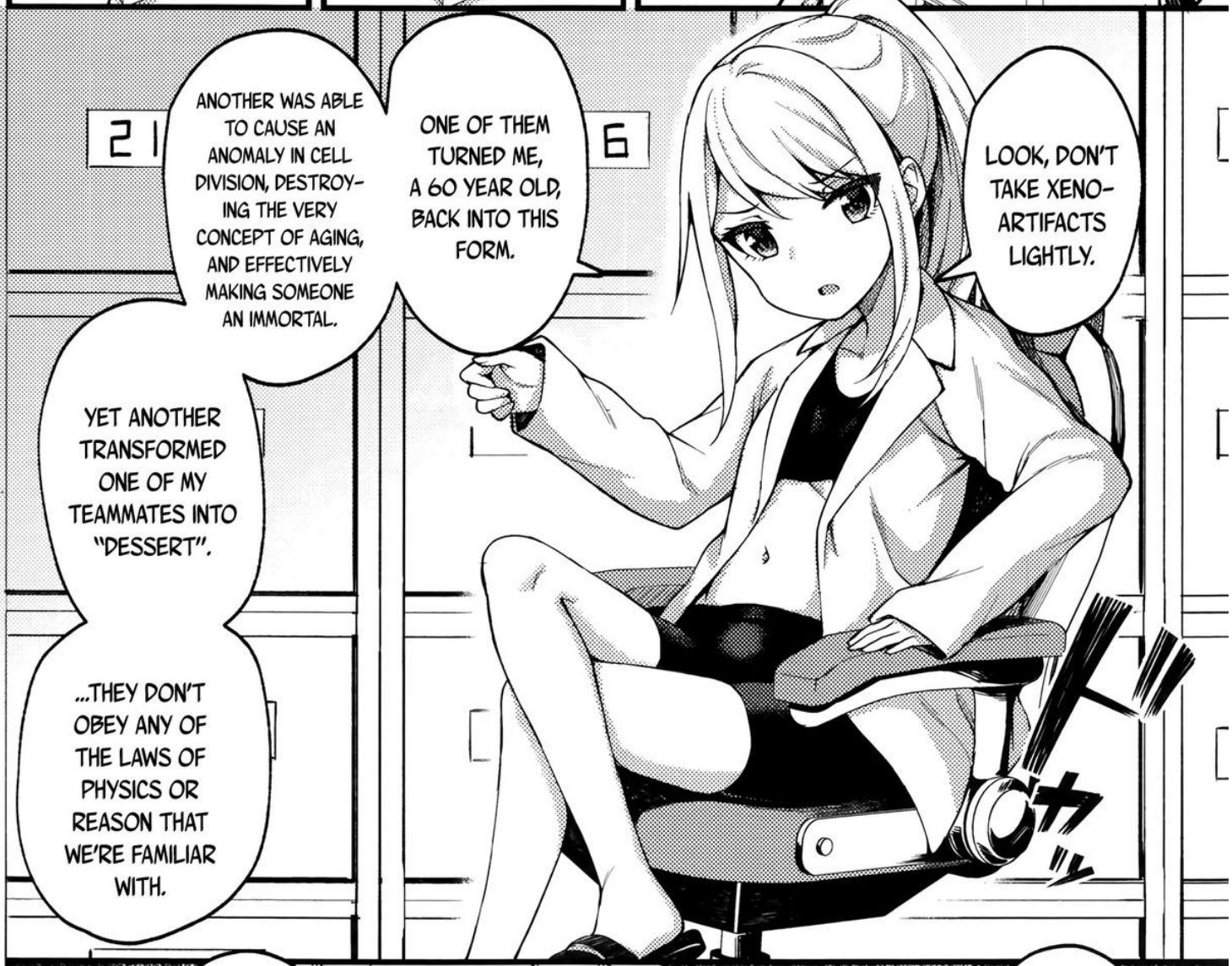

OW OW OW...
OH, PROFESSOR ASAKURA.
IT'S EASY TO SAY THAT, BUT... THINGS ARE SO UNEVENTFUL ...
ARE YOU SURE THAT HAMMER'S GOING TO TURN INTO A CAT AND START WALKING AROUND?
YES.


LOOK, DON'T TAKE XENO-ARTIFACTS LIGHTLY.
ONE OF THEM TURNED ME, A 60 YEAR OLD, BACK INTO THIS FORM.
ANOTHER WAS ABLE TO CAUSE AN ANOMALY IN CELL DIVISION, DESTROYING THE VERY CONCEPT OF AGING, AND EFFECTIVELY MAKING SOMEONE AN IMMORTAL.
YET ANOTHER TRANSFORMED ONE OF MY TEAMMATES INTO "DESSERT".
...THEY DON'T OBEY ANY OF THE LAWS OF PHYSICS OR REASON THAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH.

SOME OF THEM ARE RELATIVELY HARMLESS, LIKE THIS CAT HERE, BUT...
DON'T TAKE XENO-ARTIFACTS LIGHTLY.
Don't forget to keep a record.
MEOW
I'VE HEARD THAT STORY OVER AND OVER~
AND THE ONE ABOUT HOW YOU WERE THE CHIEF RESEARCHER ON XENOARTIFACTS, TOO...

BUT THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHE WAS COOPERATING WITH TOLD ME THEY DIDN'T KNOW HER WHEREABOUTS.
I WAS ALWAYS DREAMING OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY UNDER HER...
SO I FOUND HER ADDRESS, AND BARGED IN.
SHE WAS A TOP AUTHORITY ON BIOLOGY AS WELL.
ONE DAY, SHE SUDDENLY TURNED BACK INTO A CHILD, AND BY THE TIME I BECAME AN ADULT, SHE HADN'T CHANGED IN THE SLIGHTEST.
I WAS CONVINCED THAT SHE'S A PIONEER IN THE EVOLUTION OF OUR SPECIES, THE ONE WHO WILL LEAD MANKIND TO GREATER HEIGHTS.
Meoow
THAT'S WHEN I LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE OOPARTS WE CALL "XENO-ARTIFACTS".
THAT WAS THE BIGGEST "OH GOD" MOMENT FOR ME.
WHAT I'D ALWAYS VIEWED AS THE HIDDEN POTENTIAL OF OUR SPECIES TURNED OUT TO BE THE DEVIL'S DOPING TOOL.
I FELT DEEPLY SHOCKED AND BETRAYED, ALBEIT FOR NO LEGITIMATE REASON.
BUT HER SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE WERE THE REAL DEAL, AND I ENDED UP FALLING FOR HER ALL OVER AGAIN.
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JUST PLAY WITH IT UNTIL IT GETS TIRED.
DON'T SHOW IT ANY NAILS, THOUGH. IT'LL TURN INTO A TIGER.
SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS...?
Where are the lungs...? The vocal cords...?
Mrrow?

I'D BEEN MEANING TO ASK.
YOU'RE ALWAYS TAMPERING WITH XENO-ARTIFACTS 24/7.
IF YOU LIKE THEM SO MUCH, WHY DID YOU MOVE TO SUCH A REMOTE REGION, ALL BY YOURSELF?
IT'S FAR MORE EFFECTIVE TO WORK IN TEAMS, ISN'T IT?
...YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN, RIGHT?
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN YOUR LOVED ONES INCINERATED, UNTIL NOTHING BUT ASH AND BONES REMAINED?
HAVE YOU EVER STUFFED THOSE BONES INTO A BOX?
...NO?
WHAT'S WITH THAT CREEPY RITUAL?
IN MY HOMELAND, THE DEAD WERE ALWAYS CREMATED.
MY HUSBAND, MY DAUGHTER, MY GRANDCHILDREN... EVEN MY GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN ENDED UP BEING BURNED TO ASH, NOT A TRACE OF THEM LEFT BEHIND.
EVEN AN OLD WOMAN LIKE ME COULDN'T HELP GETTING SENTIMENTAL.

...IS IT PAINFUL, LIVING THAT LONG?
SO PAINFUL THAT YOU'D RATHER SHUN SOCIAL CONTACT...?
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON.
I WANTED TO RUN AWAY, TO A COUNTRY THAT PRACTICES BURIAL INSTEAD OF CREMATION – AND AWAY FROM MY BONDS WITH OTHERS.
THE REASON I DON'T DO THAT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE I HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY.
NOT EVERYONE CAN PERFORM RESEARCH INTO THE XENOARTIFACTS.
...THERE'S GOOD THINGS ABOUT IT, TOO.
I'M NOT COMPLETELY IMMORTAL, EITHER.
IF I EVENTUALLY GET TIRED OF LIVING, SUICIDE IS ALWAYS AN OPTION.
THAT'S THE MEANING BEHIND MY SURVIVAL.

I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE HAPPINESS OF OUR SPECIES LAY IN LOOKING TOWARDS THE DISTANT FUTURE.

...CAN'T THE RELIC THAT MADE YOU IMMORTAL RETURN YOU TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORM?

...SORRY, THAT WAS A MEANINGLESS DIGRESSION.

I TRIED TO MINIMIZE ANY SORT OF PAINFUL MEMORIES, SO THAT I WOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT.

IT'S IRRELEVANT. WHETHER YOU LIVE A LONG LIFE, OR YOU DIE YOUNG...

IF THERE'S NOBODY TO SHARE IT WITH...!

BUT THAT WAS A HUGE MISTAKE.

I DESTROYED IT.

I WAS YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED AT THE TIME.

No idea if that would work, though.

PROFESSOR ASAKURA...

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NO-

MISS KAEDE ASAKURA!

W-...WHAT'S WITH THE FORMALITIES?
LET'S HAVE A CHILD!
...IS HE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOME XENO-ARTIFACT?
BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ANY THAT INDUCE LUST...
I'M PERFECTLY LUCID, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LET'S SAY, FOR CONVERSATION'S SAKE, THAT I ACQUIESCE. I DID MENTION THAT MY CELLS HAVE UNDERGONE A MUTATION THAT DEFIES ALL COMMON SENSE, DIDN'T I?
MY EGG CELLS ARE NO EXCEPTION.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULDN'T LET COMMON SENSE RESTRICT US.
YOU JUST WANT TO GET YOUR DICK WET, DON'T YOU?
I DON'T MIND IF YOU INTERPRET IT THAT WAY.

...OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...
WE HAVEN'T SPENT THAT MUCH TIME TOGETHER, BUT I KNOW HOW OBSTINATE YOU ARE.
I SUPPOSE ...
WE COULD EXPERIMENT TO SEE WHETHER IT'S POSSIBLE OR NOT.
YES...!
DON'T CRY IF I COMPARE YOU TO MY FORMER HUSBAND, YOUNG MAN.

FIRST OF ALL, TO BRING YOU INTO AN ACTIVE STATE.
NOW.
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WE SHOULD WORK ON THAT WORDING.
...UH, WHAT'S THE POINT OF...?
I'M STARING...? IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY DRESSED...!
HOW DID SHE NOTICE!?
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IF IT'S HOT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, CLOTHES ARE THE HEIGHT OF IMPRACTI-CALITY.
YOU'RE ALWAYS STARING AT MY ABDOMEN, AREN'T YOU?
A SCHOLAR NEEDS NOTHING BUT A WHITE COAT.

IT'S SO GOOD, I FEEL MY SANITY SLIPPING AWAY
IT FEELS SO SMOOTH, EVEN WITHOUT USING ANY LOTION
LIKE I'M GETTING A TANK FULL OF DOPAMINE POURED INTO ME...!
AHH... MY PENIS IS RUBBING
AGAINST MISS KAEDE'S BEAUTIFUL STOMACH

OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M A PERVERT WHO GETS AROUSED BY LITTLE GIRLS' MIDRIFFS.
WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, YOU WERE STILL IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE.
HAHA, I WASN'T TOO FAR OFF THE MARK, WAS I?
IT'S GETTING MORE ERECT THAN I EXPECTED.

HM...
MISS KAEDE...!
I CAN'T...!

HUP.
Ah?
SCHLICK
...!
AH...!
W-WHY DID YOU PUT IT IN...?
SPU-UUU-RT
SPU-UU-RT
WE'RE TRYING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT I CAN GET PREGNANT.
WHAT'S THE POINT IF THERE'S NO VAGINAL INSERTION?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN STILL GO AT IT.
FOR THE TIME BEING...
GLOOP
GLOP
BUT LET'S BE OPTIMISTIC, AND AIM FOR AN ESTIMATED 15 MILLILITERS.
THERE'S NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN FERTILIZATION AND THE AMOUNT OF SEMEN,
FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF THE AVERAGE EJACULA-TION!?

YOUR POST-EJACULATION CLARITY CAN WAIT UNTIL LATER.
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I AM A WOMAN, YOU KNOW.
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY MYSELF.
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HER MIDRIFF IS SO BEAUTIFUL...
HEY.
AH ...!
YES, MA'AM!

IT-...
IT'S IN...!
YOU DON'T NEED TO REPORT EVERY SINGLE DETAIL.
DON'T HOLD BACK ON MY ACCOUNT.
MOVE AS YOU LIKE.
UNDER-STOOD!
MM!
Nn ♡ ...!

I'VE ALWAYS HAD STRONG FEELINGS TOWARDS PROFESSOR KAEDE ASAKURA,
IN TWO WAYS.
HEY... ARE YOU AN ACTUAL PEDOPHILE?
IT FEELS SO INCREDIBLY GOOD INSIDE YOU...!
AHH... I CAN'T FIND THE WORDS!
...EVEN WHEN I WAS AN OLD HAG?
THAT'S A BIT TOO MUCH, EVEN FOR ME.
I'M SO GLAD I'M ALIVE...!
OF COURSE.
NO! YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!
NONE OF THOSE RESEARCHERS COULD FIGURE OUT WHERE I WAS HIDING, BUT HE HAD THE GUTS AND DEDICATION TO DO IT...
HE'S THE REAL DEAL, NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.
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OH WELL.
I CAN GIVE YOU SOME-THING EXTRA.
Mm
Bump
DON'T TELL MY HUSBAND ...
...!
MISS KAEDE !!
AH
MISS KAEDEE-EEEE-EE!
WAI-
Nn

OH DEAR, I GOT HIM ALL FIRED UP.
GUESS I'M NOT THAT GOOD AT HANDLING MEN, EITHER.
MISS KAEDE!
Mm!
Mn!
Ah
I LOVE YOU!
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OKAY, OKAY. CALM DOWN.
BOOF!
I SAID YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT, BUT
ARE YOU TRYING TO BREAK ME?
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YOU NEED TO BE AS DELICATE WITH A WOMAN AS YOU ARE WITH XENO-ARTIFACTS.
YOU IDIOT.

Ahn!
Mm!
A-ah!
Ah!
Ngh!
Ah
MISS KAEDE...!
I'M... CUMMI-...!
MM! GO AHEAD...!
I'M ALSO...!

Glop Glop
Mm...!
...!
YOU YOUNG ONES CAN PRODUCE SO MUCH...
Spurt
ドクドクドクドク
HO. (NO.)
I HOL HOU HOW NUH WE'E AIING HO. (I TOLD YOU HOW MUCH WE'RE AIMING FOR.)
SHE'S PRETTY STUB-BORN...
...UH, WE'RE NOT DONE YET?

HURRY UP AND PLUG IT WITH YOUR PENIS.
WE DON'T WANT THE SEMEN TO LEAK OUT.
RI-... RIGHT AWAY!
Squelch
...!
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Hah!
Mm
That's it...!
Ah
Hah
Give it...!
A thorough stirring...
Agh
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Ah
Mph
Mm
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ぱちゅっ
ぱちゅっ
Hah!
Hah!
HE TOOK MY HAIRBAND OFF...
!
MISS KAEDE...! HERE COMES THE NEXT ONE...!
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AH...
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ビクッ
...!
Spuuurt
Spuuurt
Spuu-urt

HOW MANY TIMES DID WE DO IT AFTER THAT?
THREE TIMES. THEN YOU MALFUNCTIONED.
UH... SO
Hah
Hah
Inside
I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR HUSBAND.
YOU'RE QUITE A BEAST WHEN IT COMES TO SEX.
Mm!
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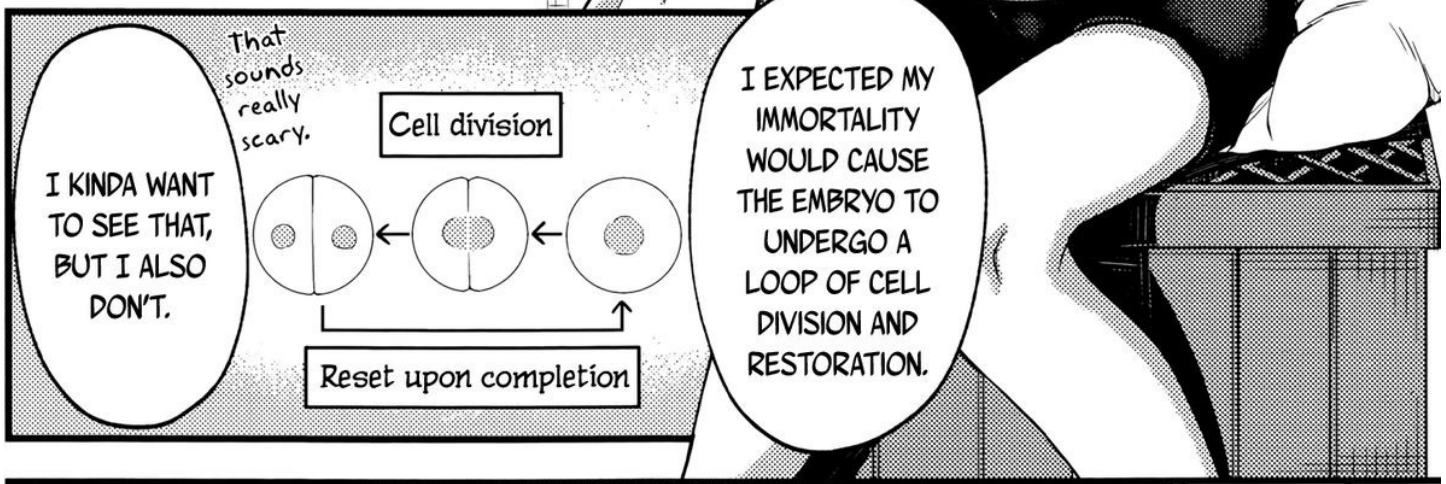
NOW, STARTING WITH THAT DAY, I EXPERIENCED THE FIRST SIGNS OF MENSTRUAL ACTIVITY IN DECADES.
HE NEVER COMPLAINED, THOUGH.
AND SINCE THEN, WE'VE BEEN CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS TO SEE IF FERTILIZATION IS POSSIBLE.
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
KICK

WE'VE ASCERTAINED THAT YOU DO HAVE EGG CELLS,
BUT WHY IS THERE NO VISUAL CONFIRMATION...?
Mm!
...!
Ah
MY PERCEPTION OF XENO-ARTIFACTS HAS CHANGED.
Nha-
Ah Ah Ah
Ah!
WE KNOW WHAT OUR NEXT RESEARCH SUBJECT IS, THEN.
ALTHOUGH
THAT WON'T BE HAPPENING ANYTIME SOON-
Gloop Gloop

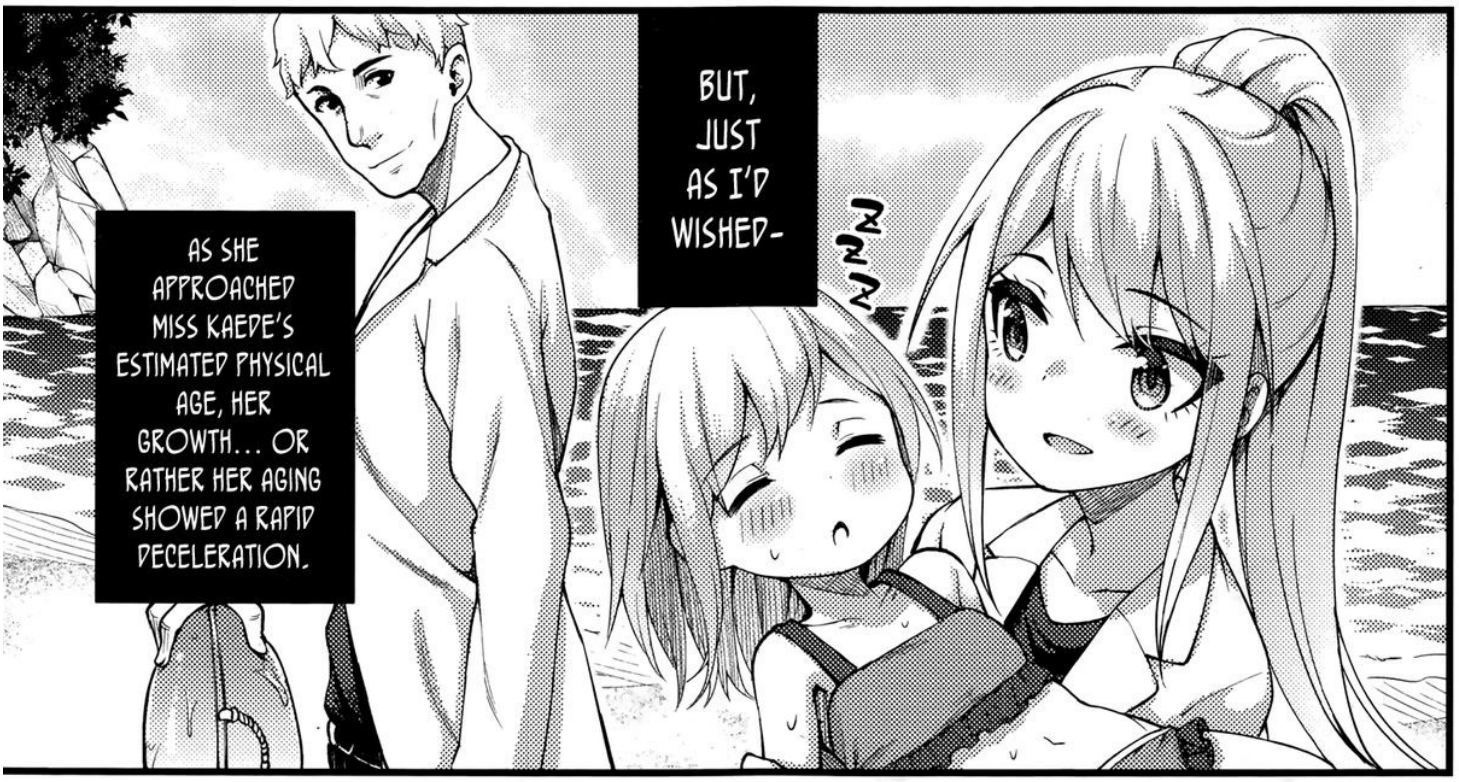
TO BE HONEST, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER GET PREGNANT AGAIN.

THE BABY SEEMS TO BE GROWING JUST FINE.


I EXPECTED MY IMMORTALITY WOULD CAUSE THE EMBRYO TO UNDERGO A LOOP OF CELL DIVISION AND RESTORATION.
That sounds really scary.
Cell division
Reset upon completion
I KINDA WANT TO SEE THAT, BUT I ALSO DON'T.

STILL, EVEN WITH ALL THESE IRREGULARITIES INVOLVED, WE STILL MANAGED TO HAVE A CHILD...
COULD THIS BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE POWER OF LOVE... OR SOMETHING?
STOP BEING AN IDIOT AND START LOGKEEPING.
RIGHT...

AND SO, THE CHILD THAT WAS BORN BETWEEN US
Aaa~
GREW UP LIKE A PERFECTLY NORMAL CHILD.


BUT, JUST AS I'D WISHED-
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AS SHE APPROACHED MISS KAEDE'S ESTIMATED PHYSICAL AGE, HER GROWTH... OR RATHER HER AGING SHOWED A RAPID DECELERATION.

THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN I ENVISIONED THE EVOLUTION OF OUR SPECIES, BUT
Daddy~
SOMEONE WHO CAN STAY BY HER SIDE DURING HER LONG, LONG LIFE WAS BORN.
I THINK I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HUMAN POTENTIAL.
THAT'S WHY I CAN SAY...

"I DID MY PART"... HUH.
YOU IMBECILE.
Mommy... Why did Daddy change like that?
He got all wrinkly and stuff...
RIGHT... I SHOULD PROBABLY TEACH YOU ABOUT THAT SOON.
AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHETHER IT'S CREMATION OR BURIAL...
WHEN YOU LOSE SOMEONE YOU LOVED AND SPENT TIME WITH
YOU CAN'T HELP GETTING SENTIMENTAL.
I MUSTN'T FORGET TO WRITE THAT DOWN,
ALONG WITH MY MEMORANDUM OF YOU.
End