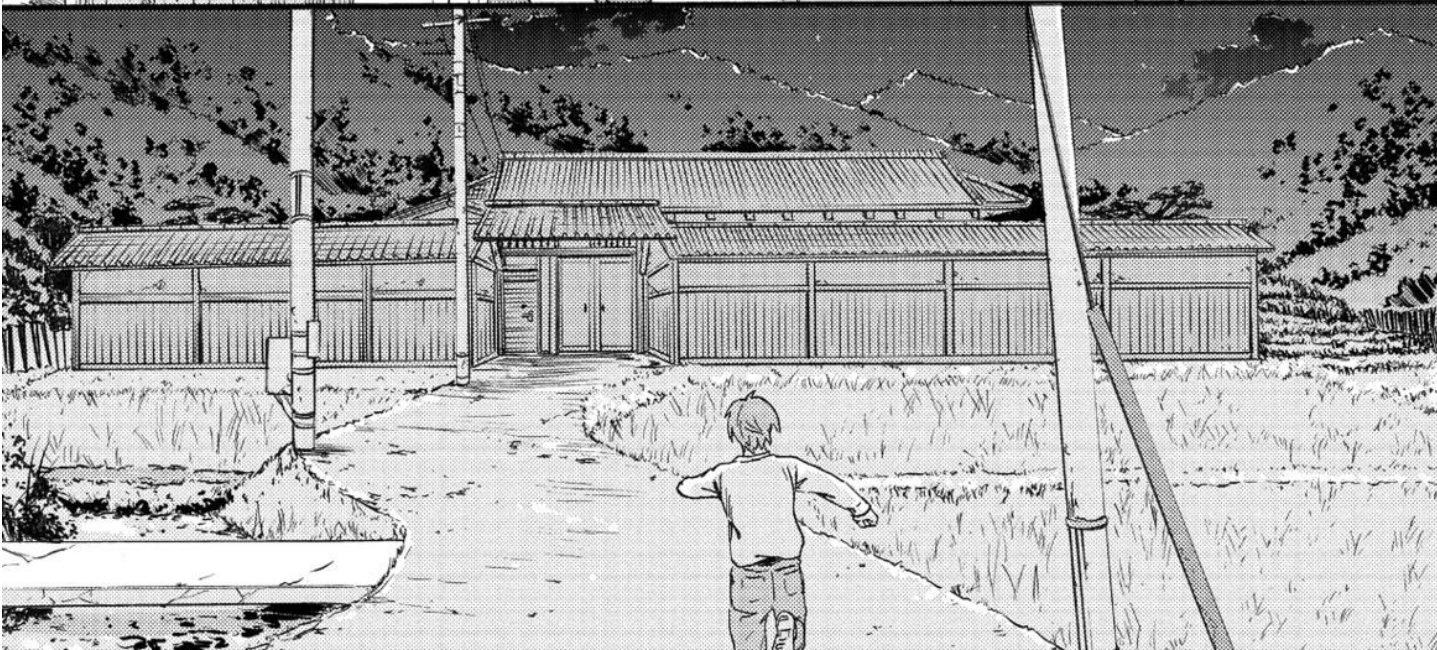
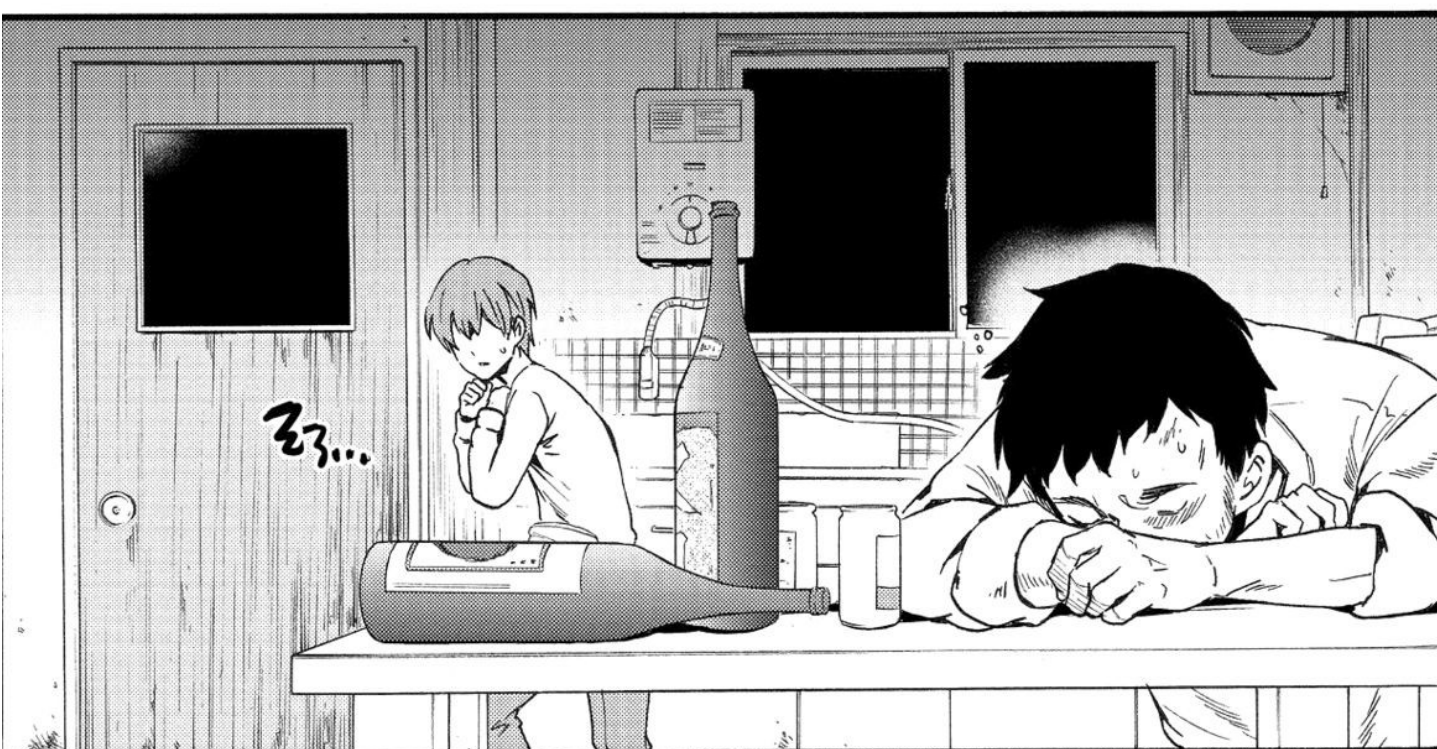
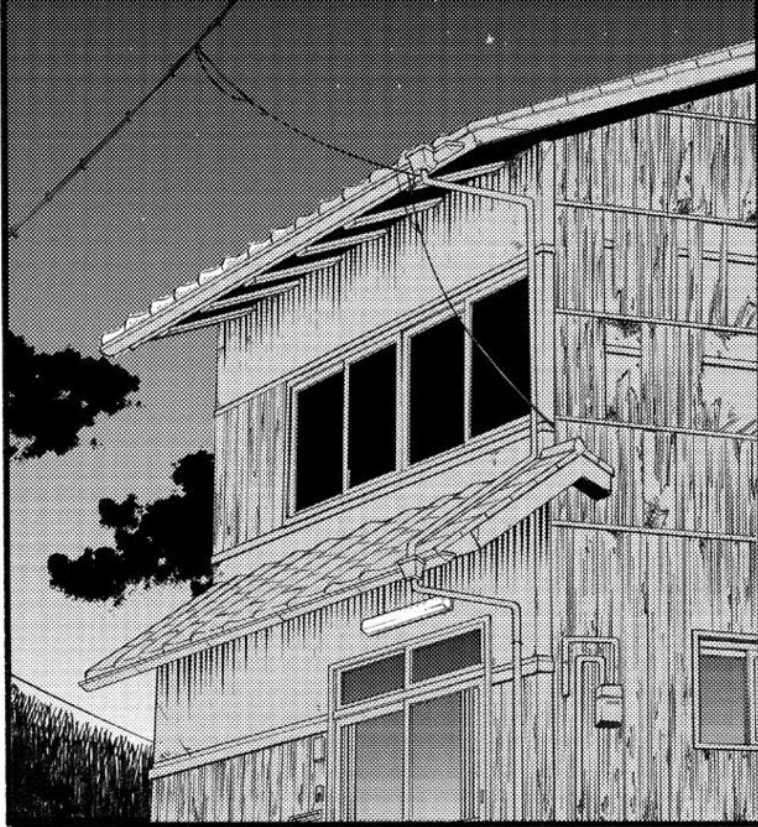
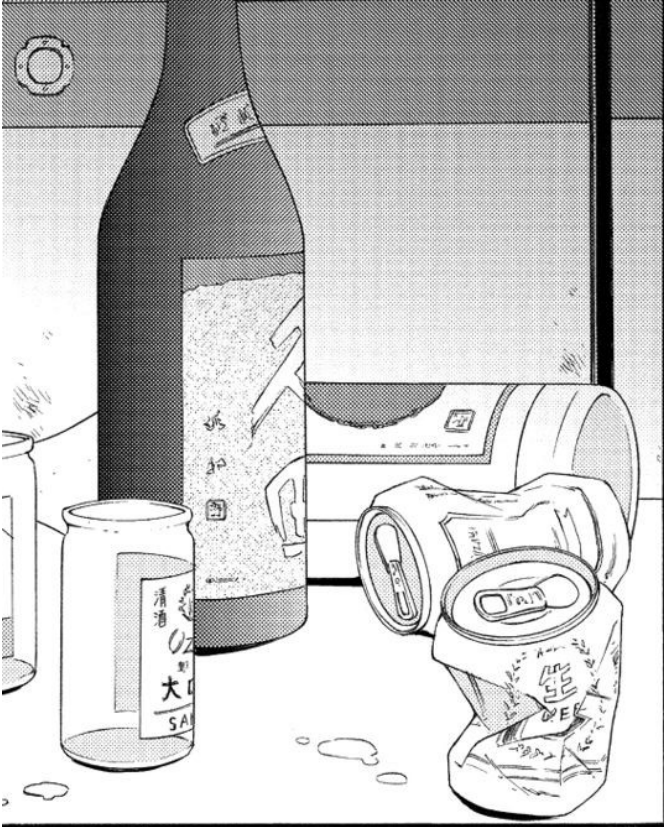
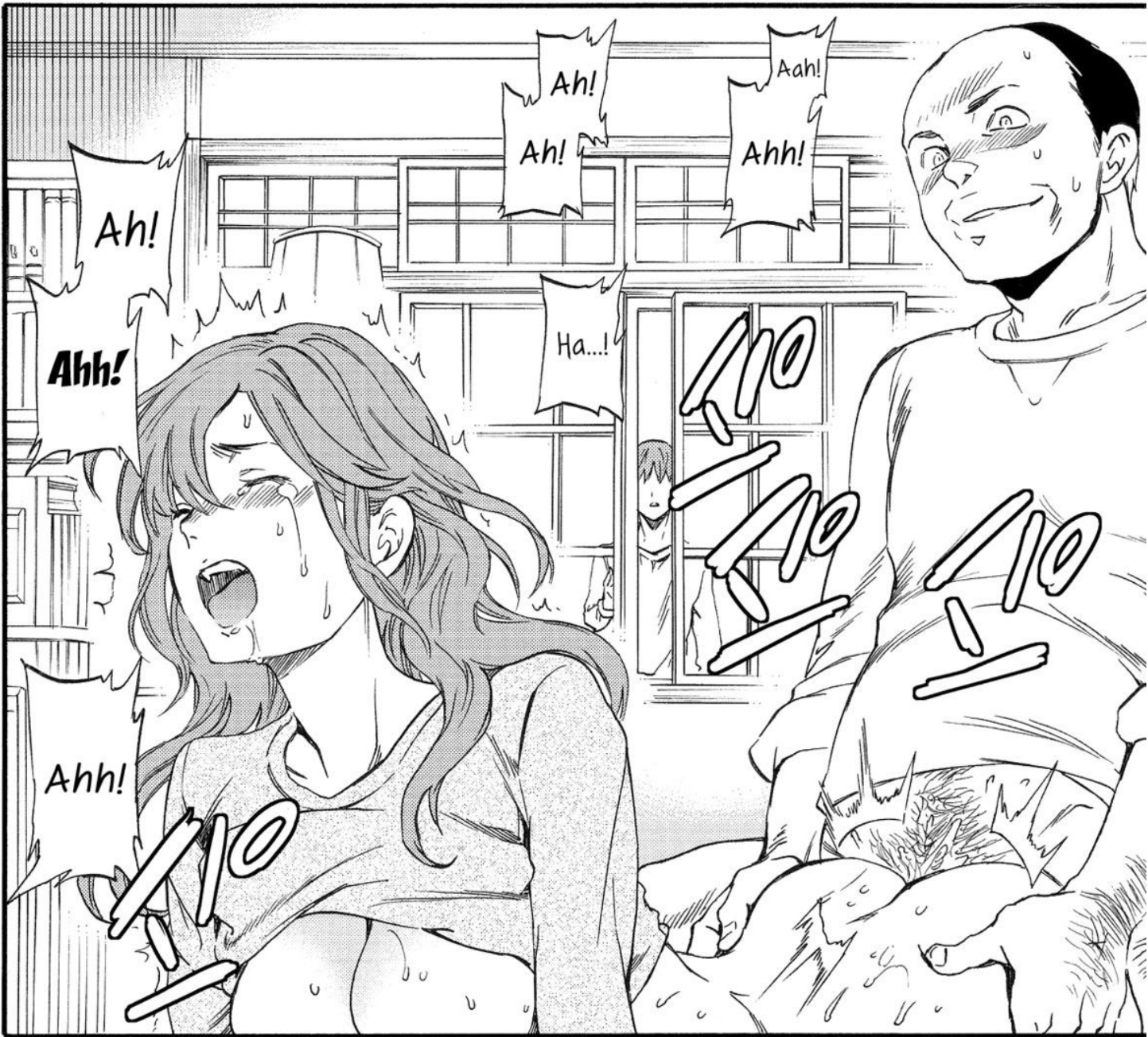








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I SEE...
HMM...

I DIDN'T
EXPECT THE
ONE TO COME
TO BE A MALE
STUDENT.



MY NAME
IS SENTANI
NOBUYUKI.

I'VE COME AS
PER THE RECOM-
MENDATION OF MY
CLASSMATE FROM
COLLEGE, SHIGEN
KAYO-SAN.



SO I WAS
HOPING TO
HAVE HER
TUTOR MY
GRAND-
DAUGHTER
AGAIN THIS
SUMMER.

SHIGEN-SAN...
THANKS TO HER,
MY GRANDDAUGH-
TER'S ACADEMIC
PROWESS HAS
CONSIDERABLY
IMPROVED,



SPECIALLY
MEN OLDER THAN
HER, SO I'M KIND
OF WORRIED THAT
SHE MIGHT COWER
IN FEAR OF YOU.

I THINK
THERE IS
NOTHING
FOR YOU
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

IT'S JUST
THAT... MY
GRANDDAUGH-
TER KUREHA IS
A BIT SHY OF
STRANGERS,

WELL, SINCE
SOMEONE OF
HER CALIBER
RECOMMENDED
YOU, THERE'S
NO DOUBT
YOU'D DO
WELL TOO.



OHH,
WHAT....?



AS EXPECTED,
YOUR GRANDFATHER
SEEMED TO BE KIND
OF HESITANT
ABOUT IT.

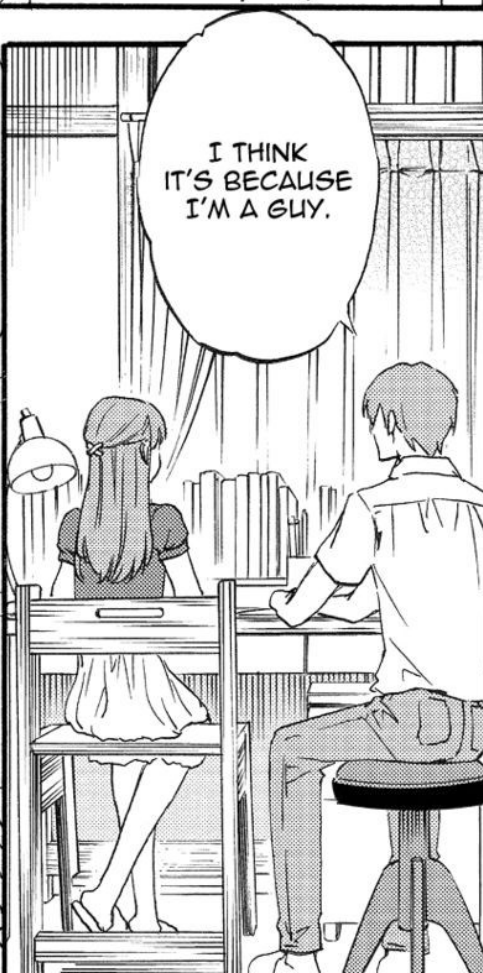


ACTUALLY,
SHE'S THE ONE
WHO GUIDED ME
ALL THE WAY HERE
FROM THE TRAIN
STATION.

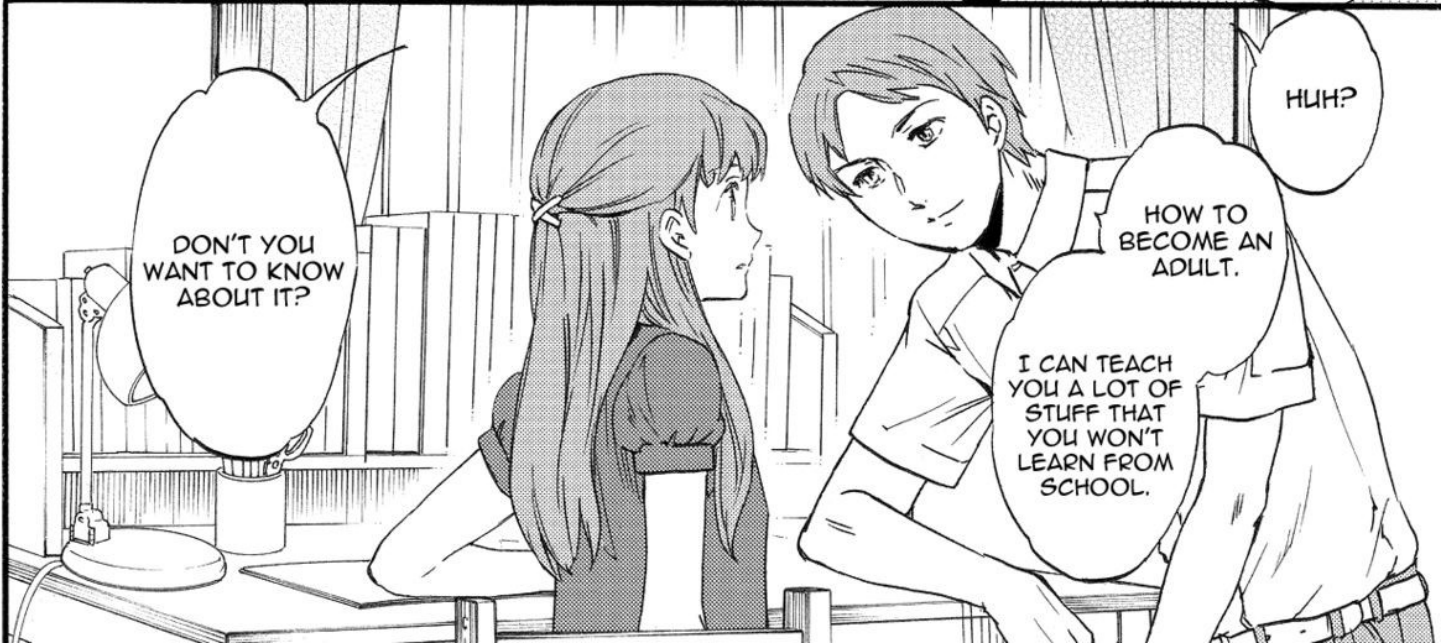
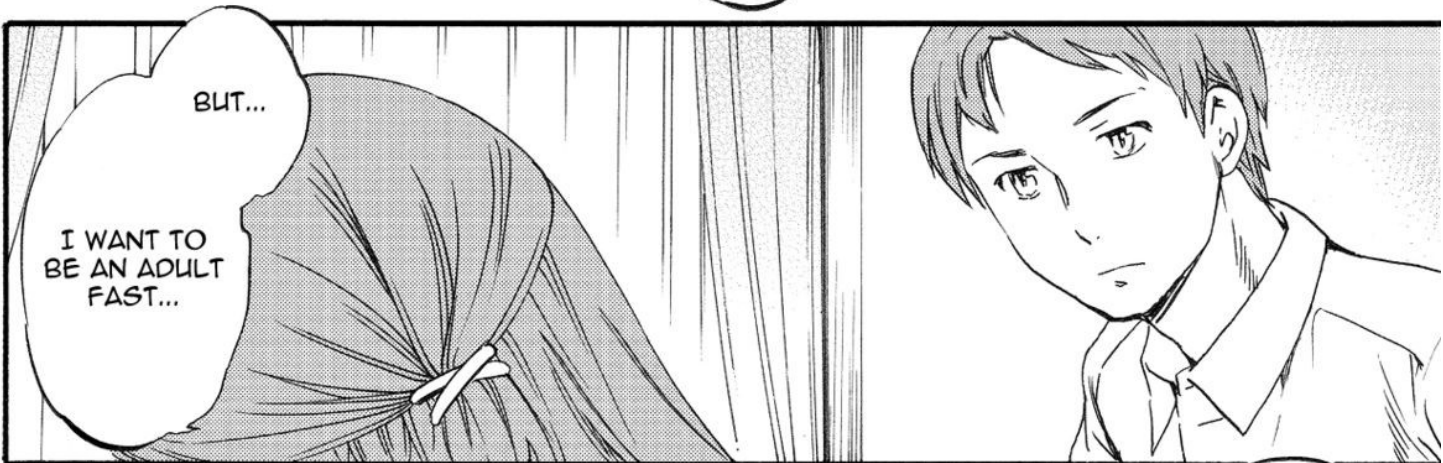


I'M SORRY...
GRANDPA IS
A BIT OVER-
PROTECTIVE
OF ME.

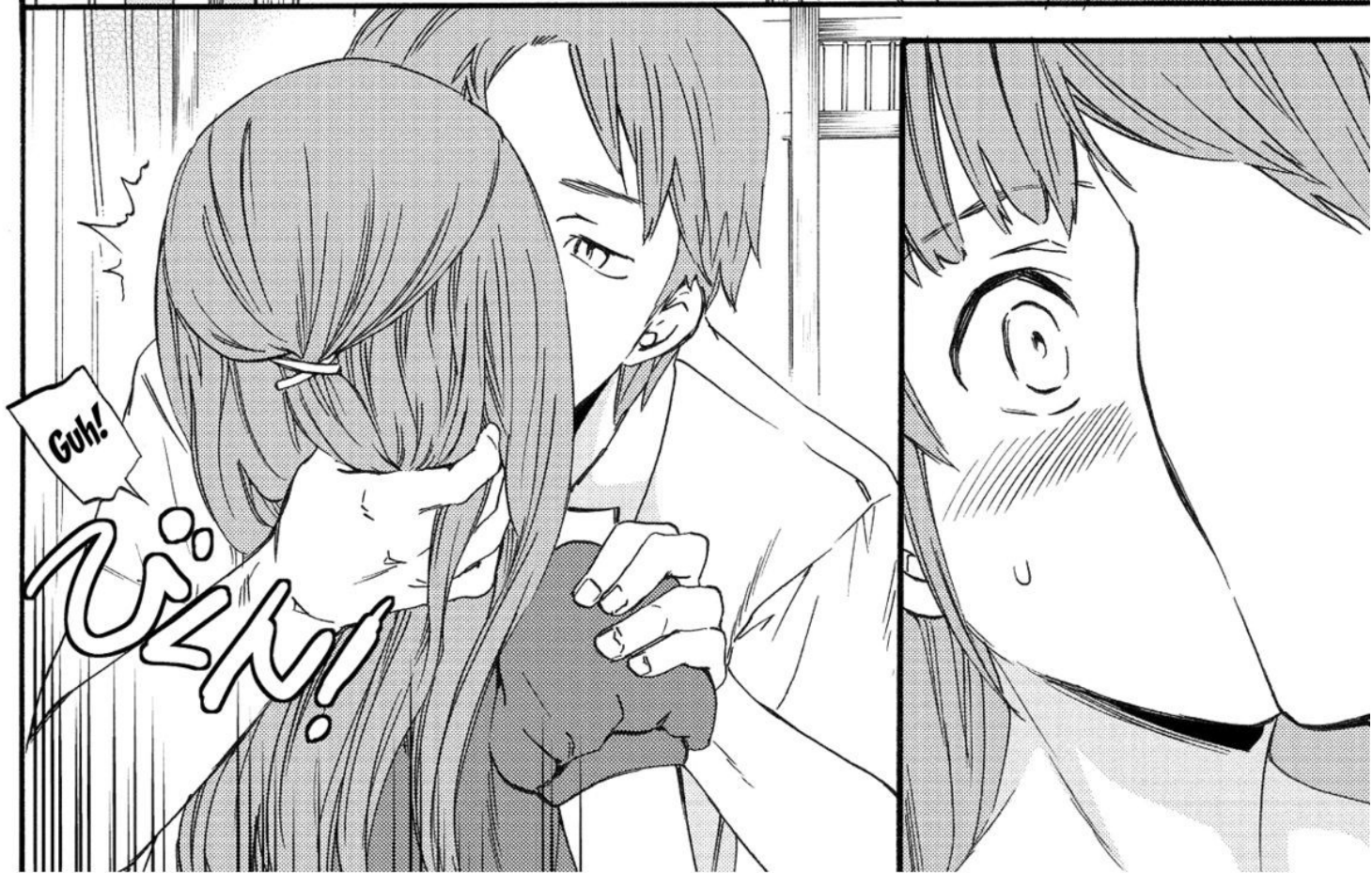
HE STILL
TREATS ME LIKE
I'M STILL A KID.

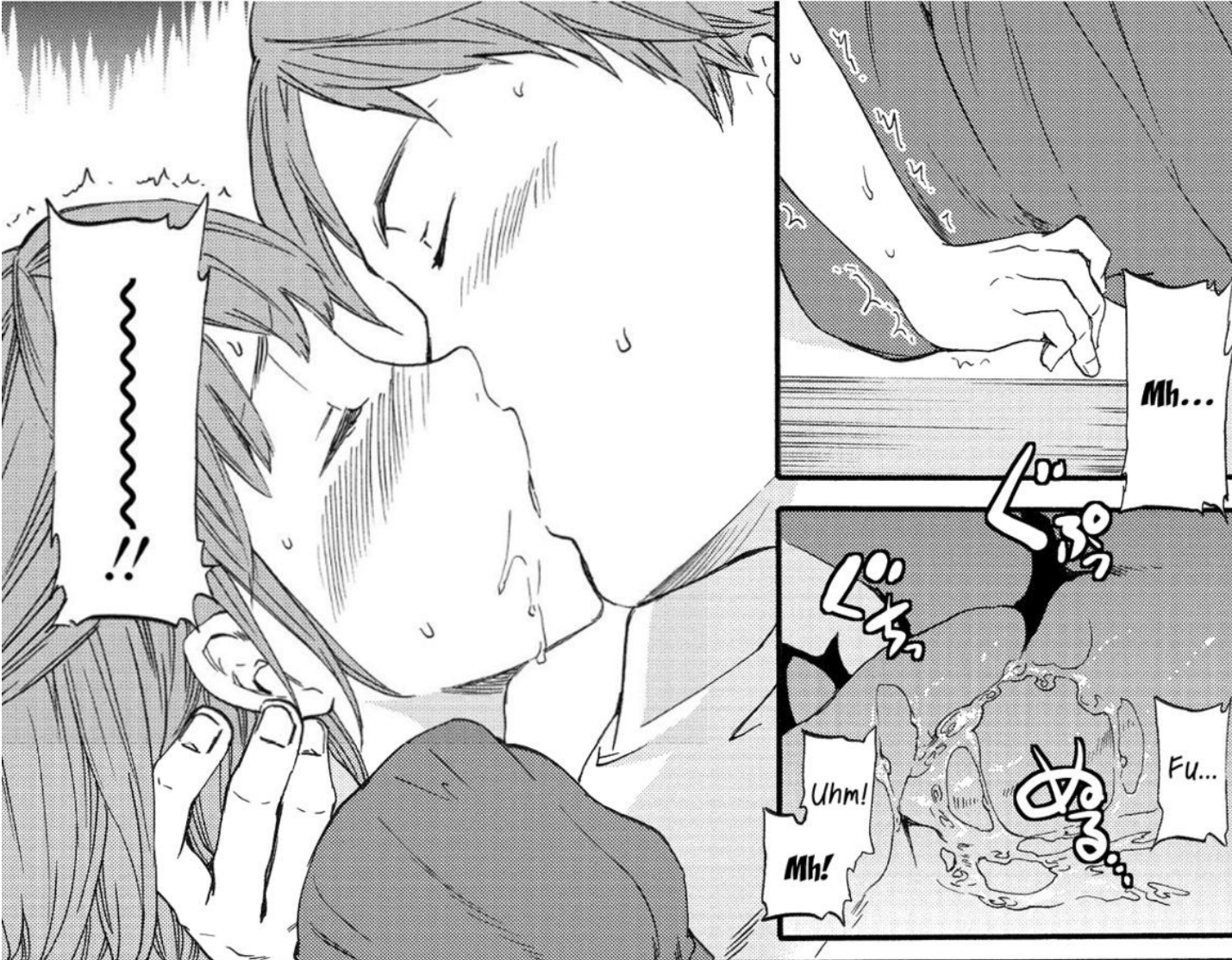


I THINK
IT'S BECAUSE
I'M A GUY.











I WAS VERY SURPRISED...

IT'S... NOT THAT I DON'T, BUT...



I'M SORRY.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT KISS YOU... YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT?

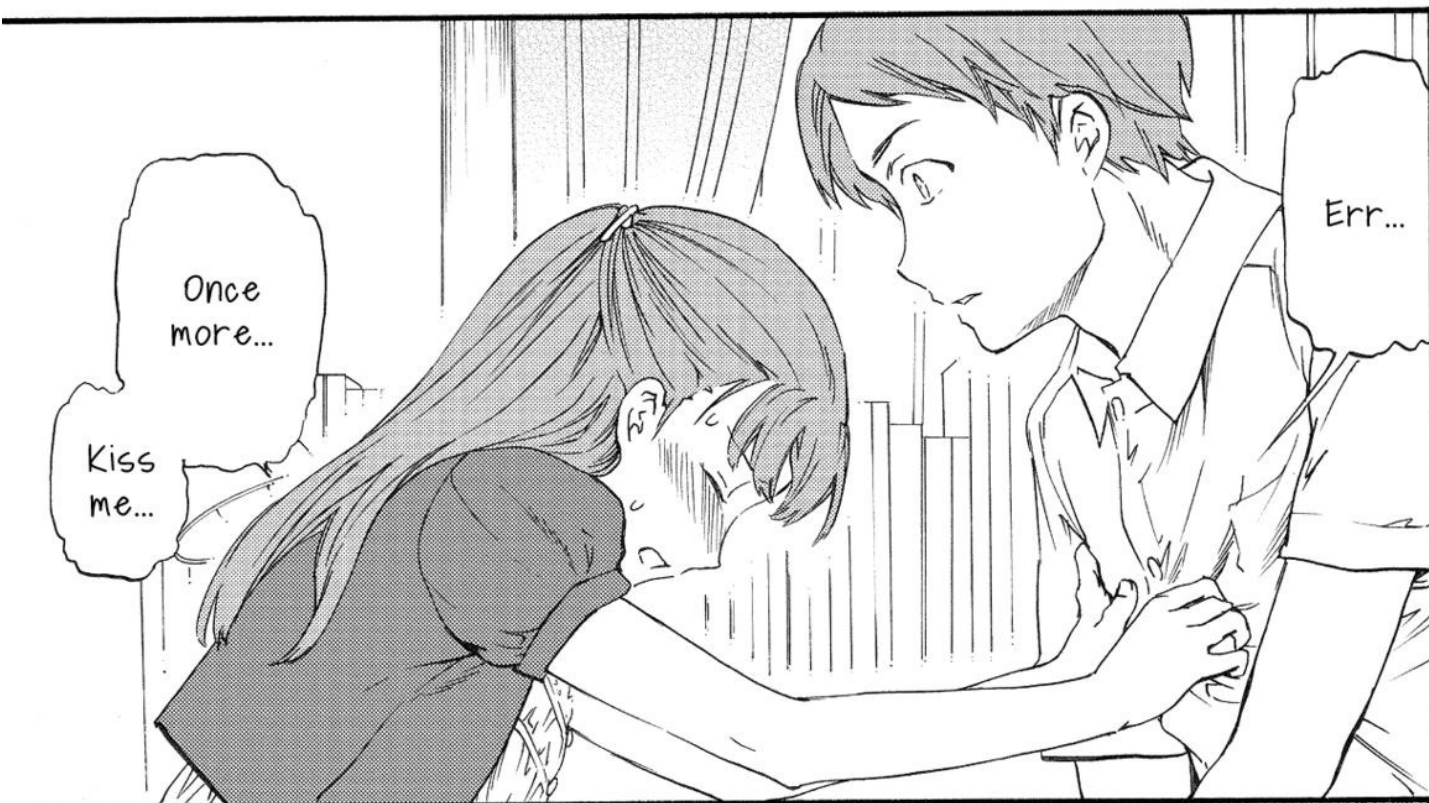


OR PERHAPS...

SHALL WE TRY IT ONCE MORE?



YOU'LL TELL YOUR GRANDFATHER ABOUT IT.

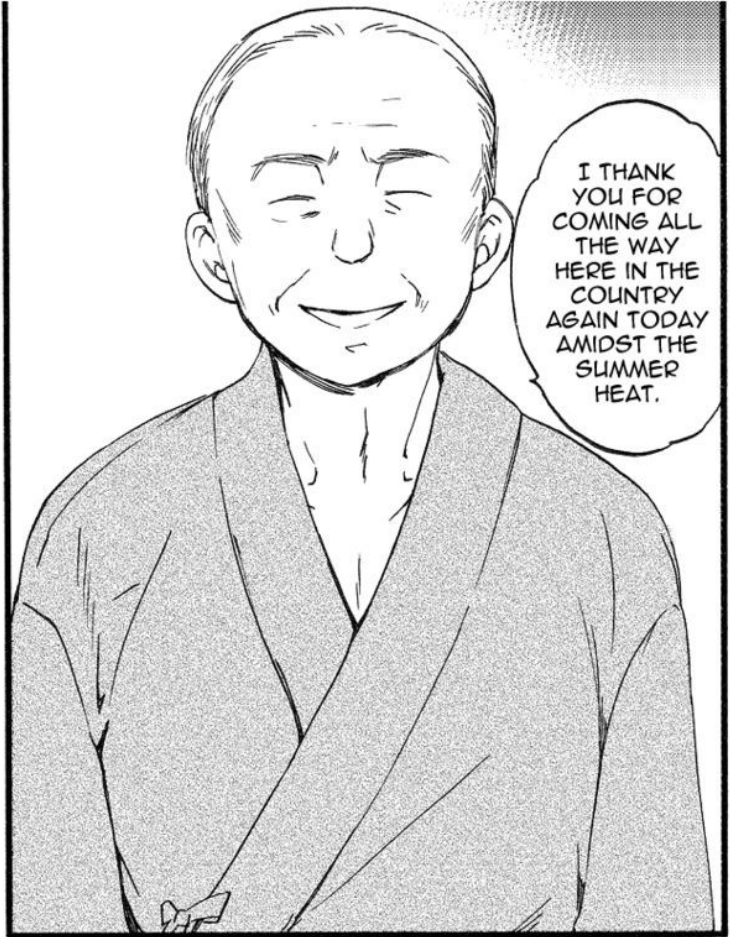




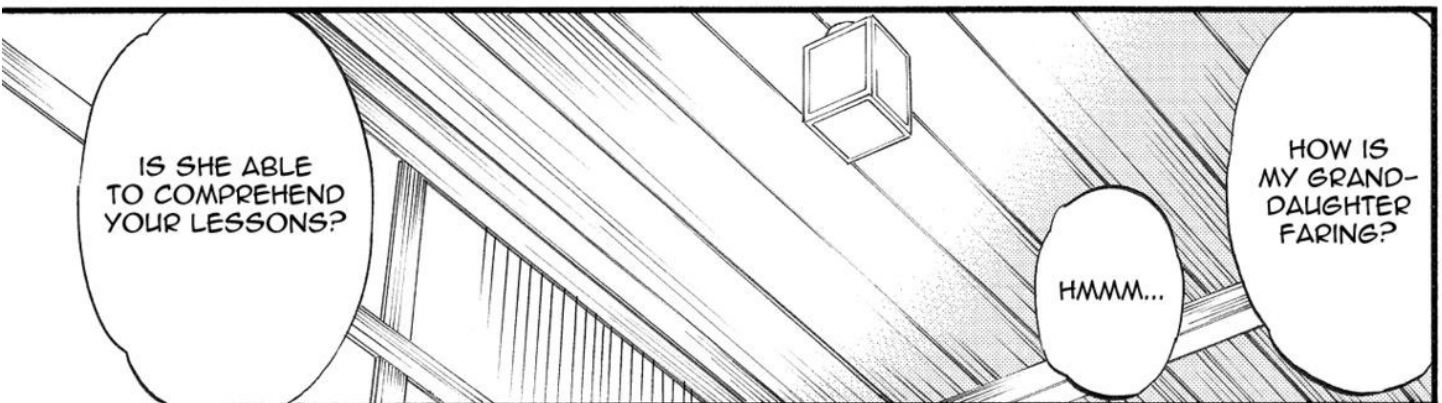


I'M JUST
DOING MY
JOB....

NO NEED
TO THANK
ME,



I THANK
YOU FOR
COMING ALL
THE WAY
HERE IN THE
COUNTRY
AGAIN TODAY
AMIDST THE
SUMMER
HEAT.



IS SHE ABLE
TO COMPREHEND
YOUR LESSONS?

HMMM...

HOW IS
MY GRAND-
DAUGHTER
FARING?



BUT IT SEEMS
SHE QUICKLY
OPENED UP TO
YOU.

I
SEE.

AT FIRST,
SHIGEN-SAN
HAD A HARD
TIME DEALING
WITH HER,



I SURE
HOPE THAT'S
THE CASE.



KUREHA-
SAN IS AN
EXCELLENT
STUDENT.

NOT ONLY
DOES SHE
STUDY FOR THE
NEXT LESSON
BEFOREHAND,
BUT SHE ALSO
LEARNS
FAST.

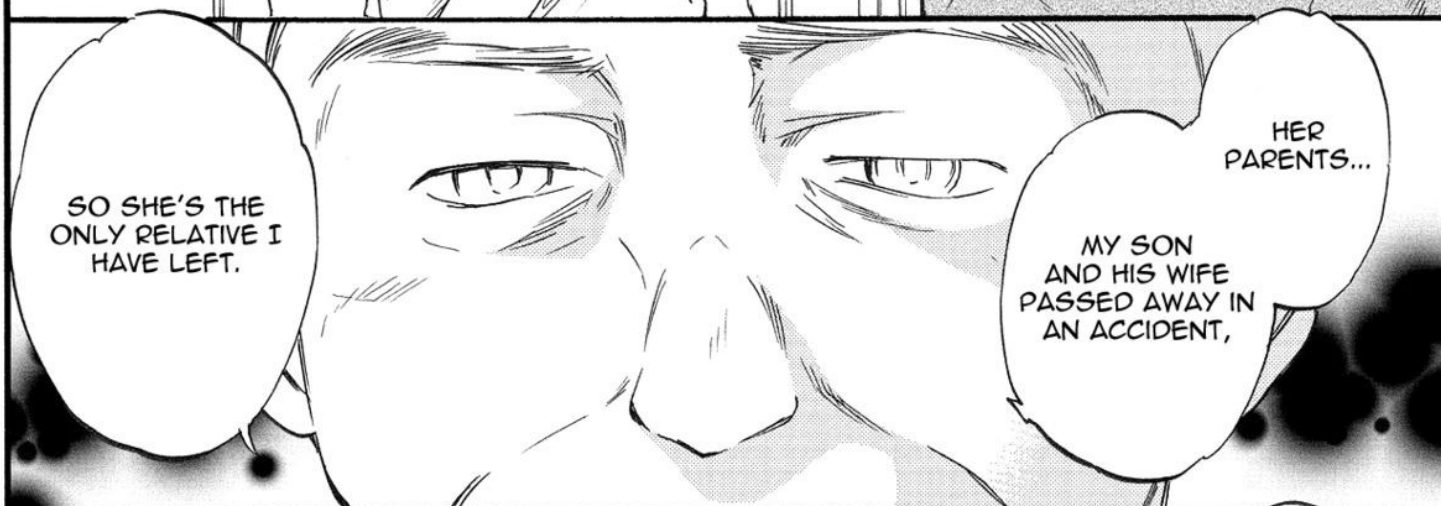


SHE'S
MY PRECIOUS
GRANDDAUGHTER.
I'VE RAISED HER
WITH GREAT CARE
WHILE PREVENTING
CURIOUS INSECTS
FROM GETTING
CLOSE TO HER.

PLEASE
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
HER.

OH,
NEEDLESS
TO SAY

AS A
STUDENT,
THAT IS.



SO SHE'S THE
ONLY RELATIVE I
HAVE LEFT.

HER
PARENTS...

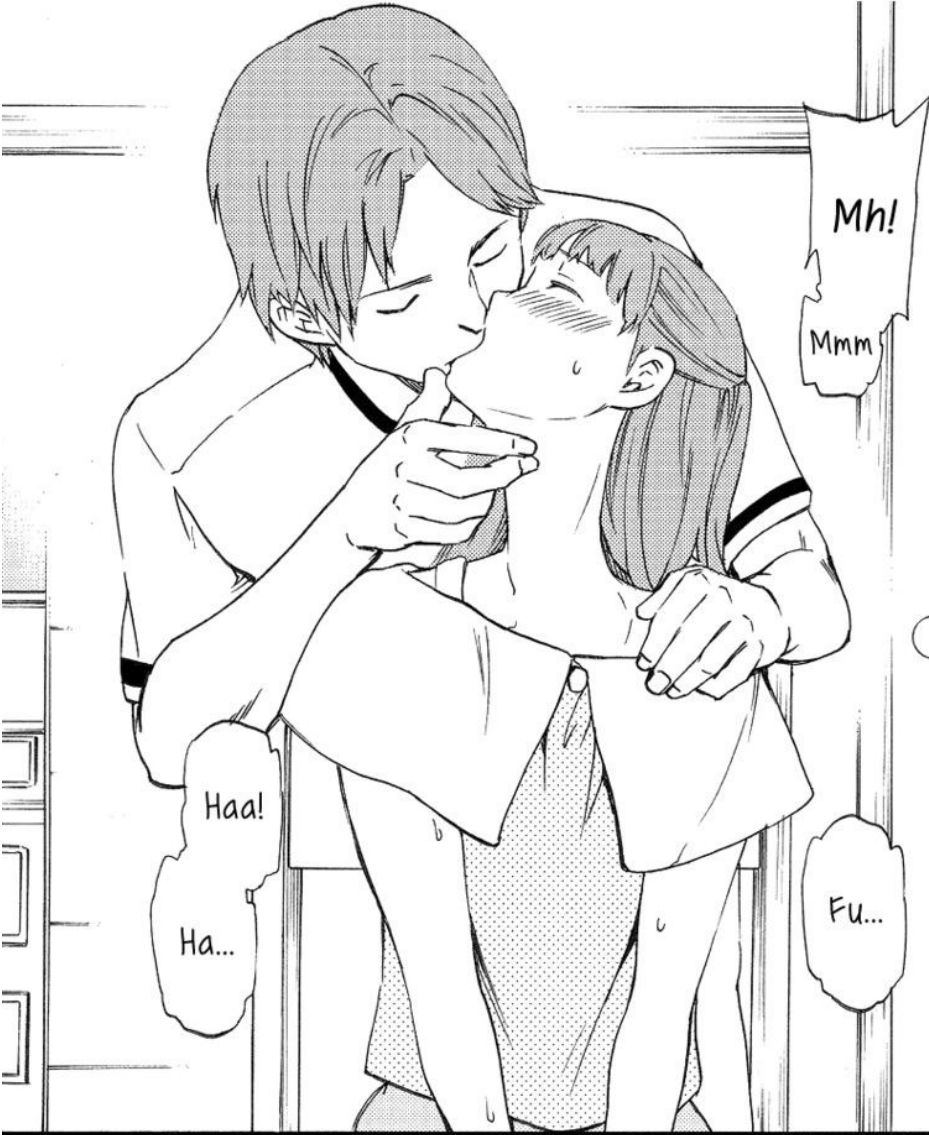
MY SON
AND HIS WIFE
PASSED AWAY IN
AN ACCIDENT,



I SEE...

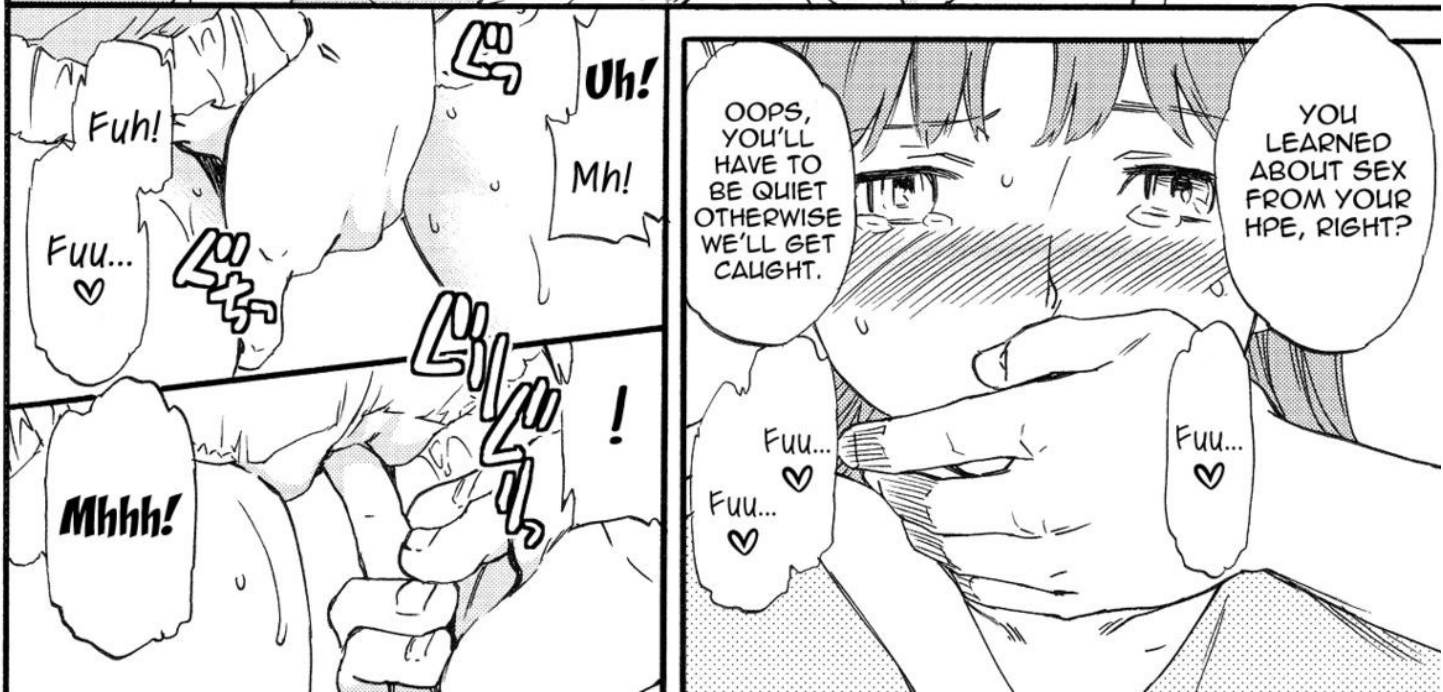
YOU RUINED
MY FAMILY.

I, TOO, LOST MY
MOTHER... NO, MY
WHOLE FAMILY
BECAUSE YOU.









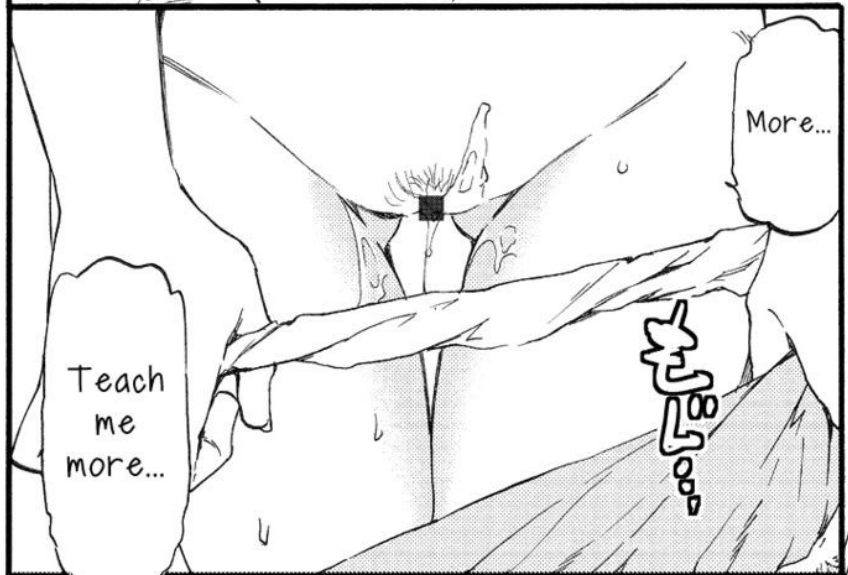
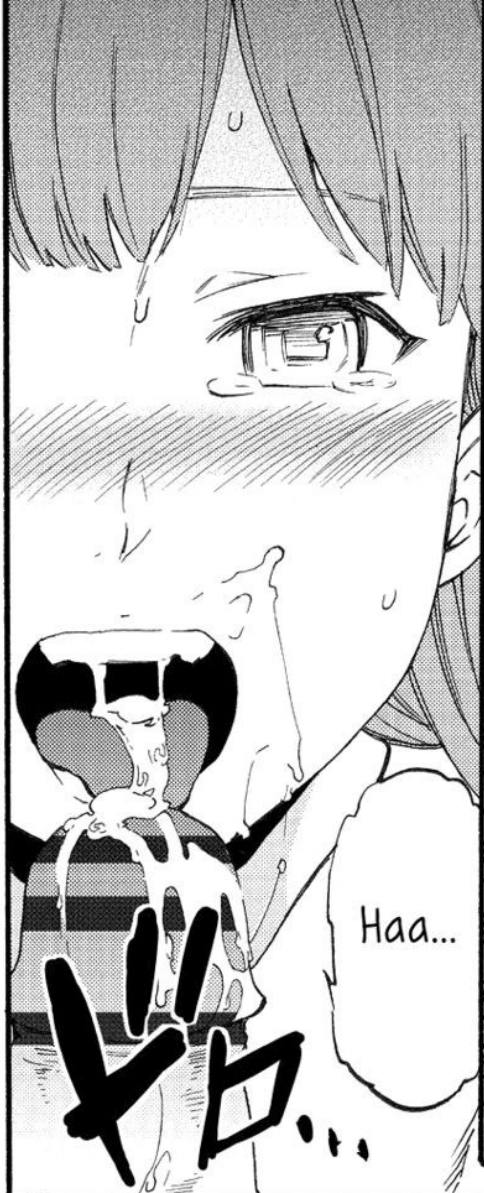




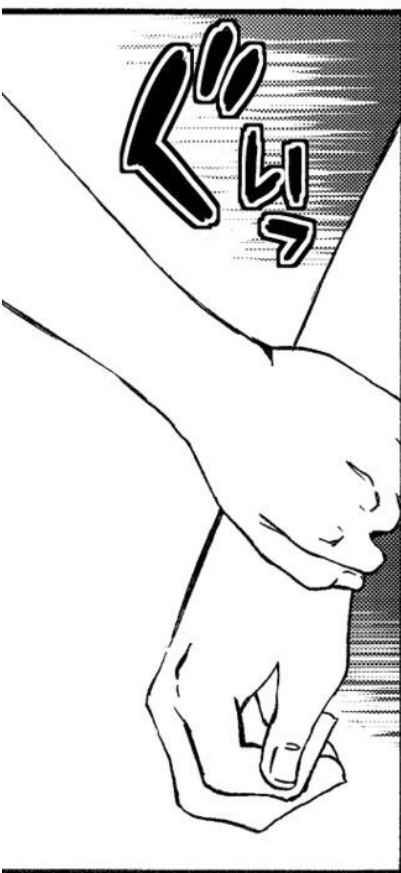


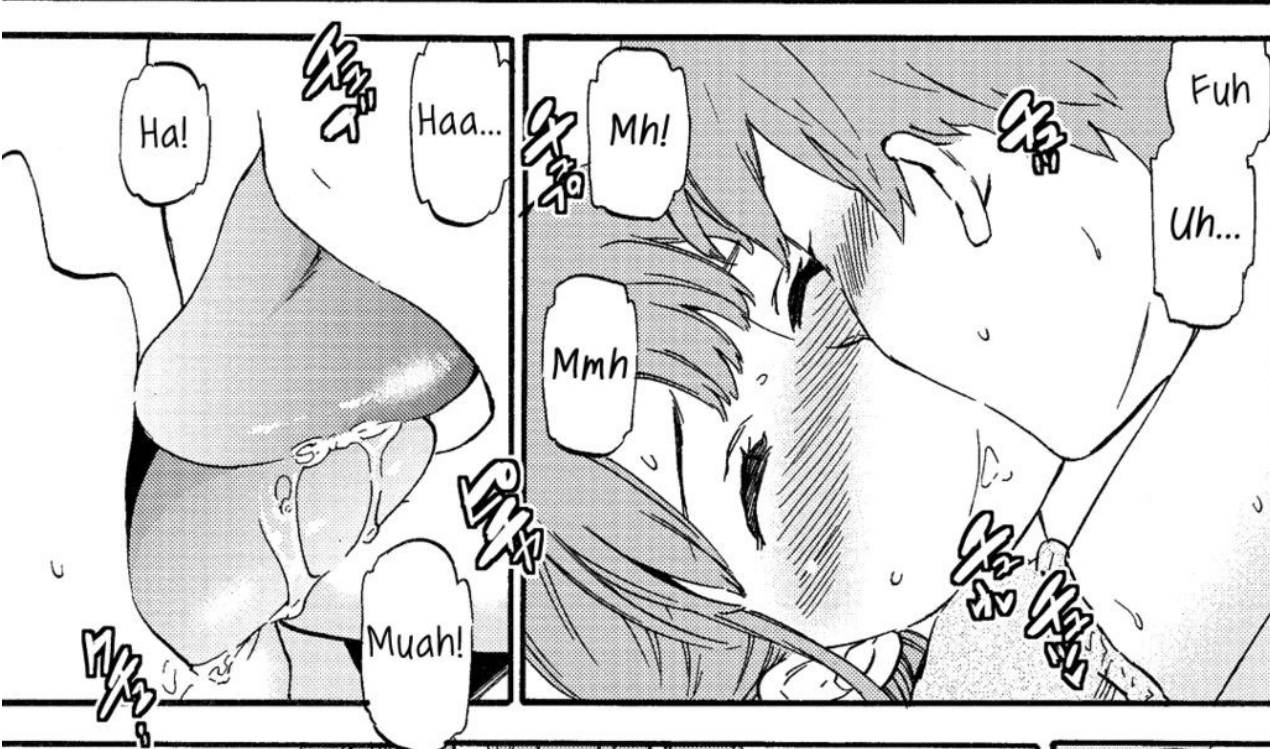




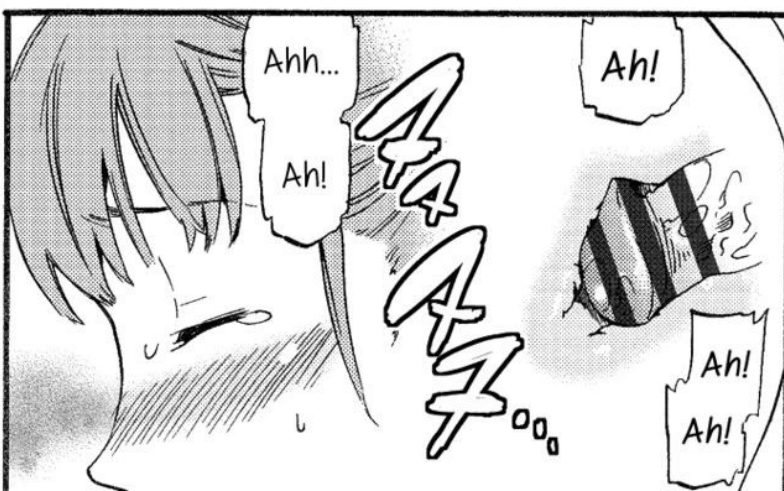
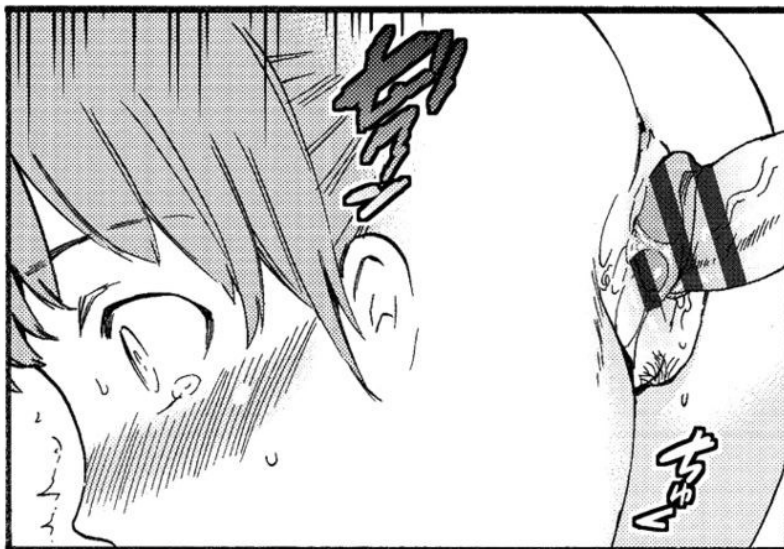


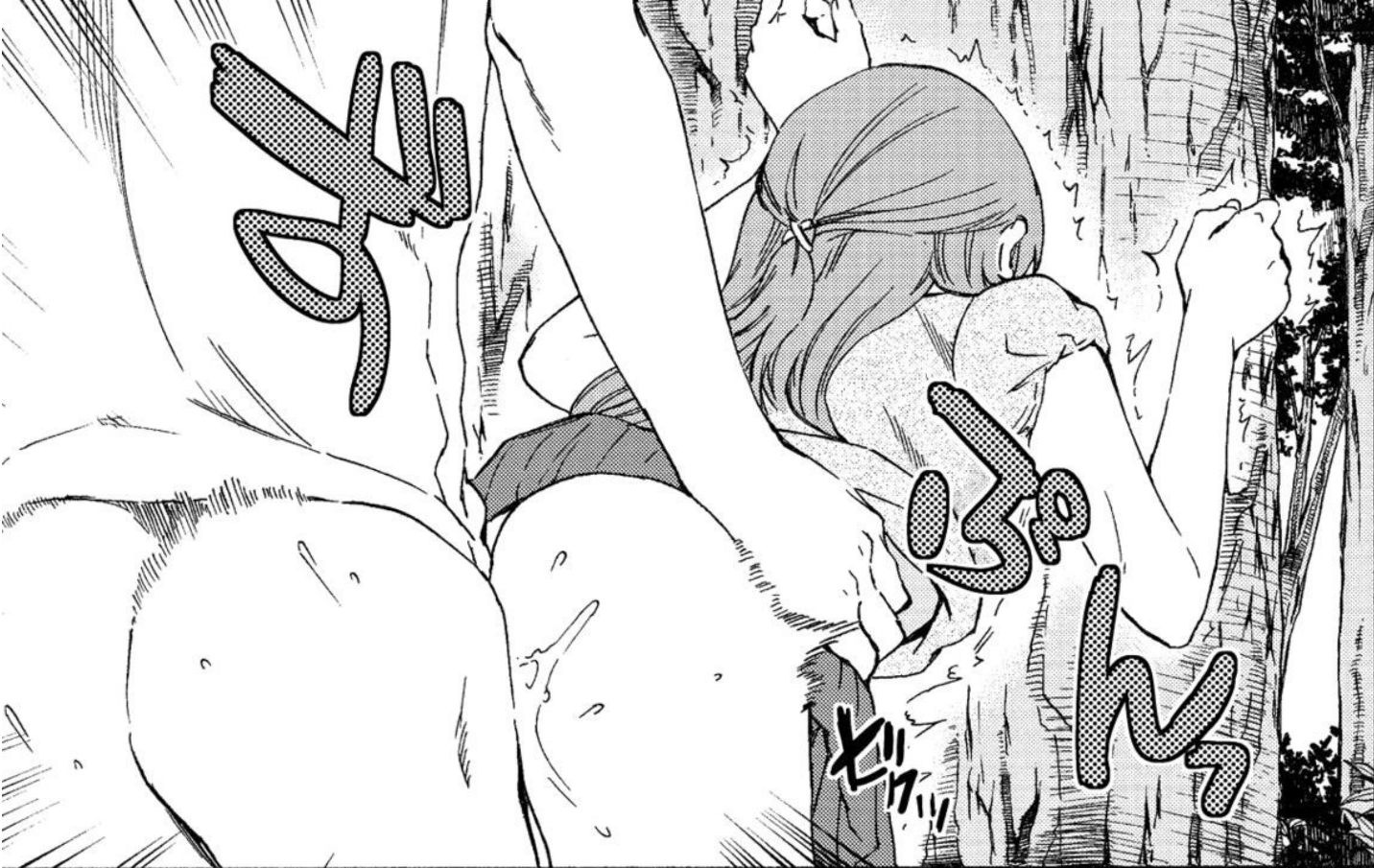
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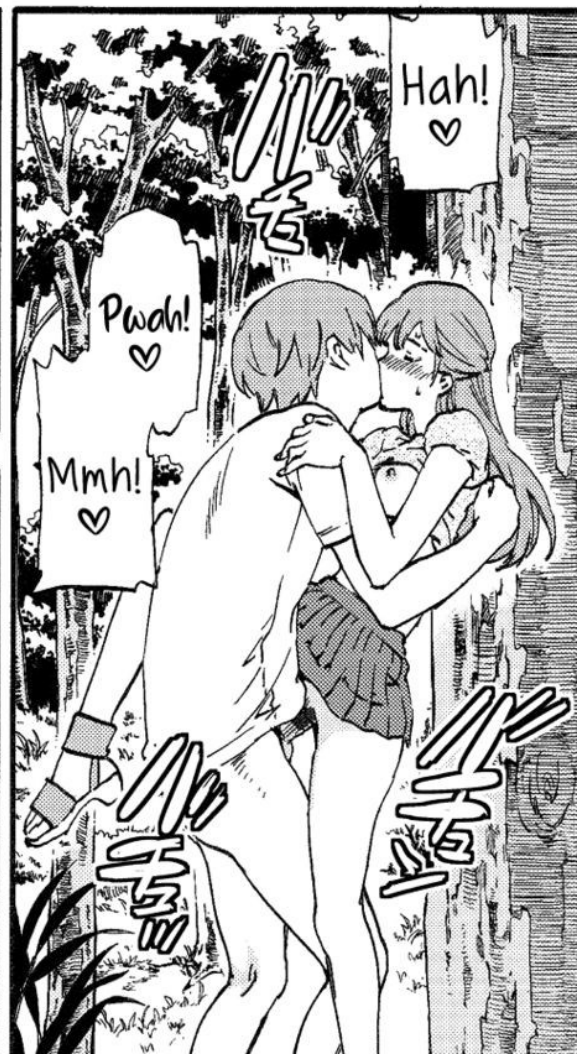
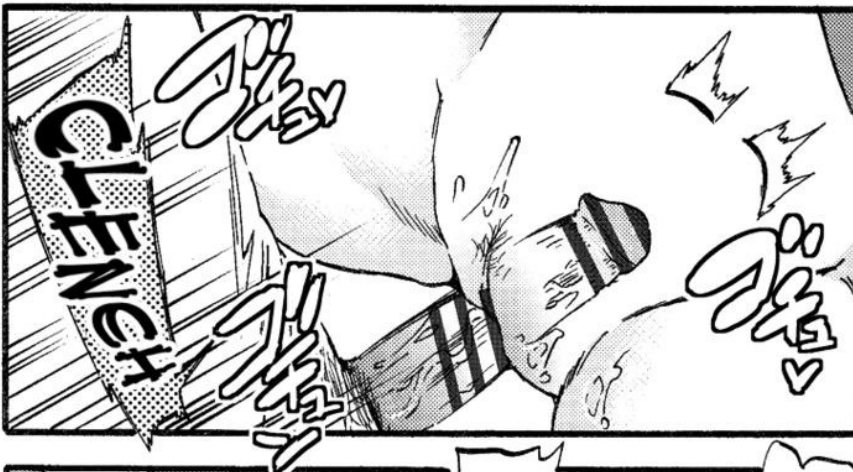
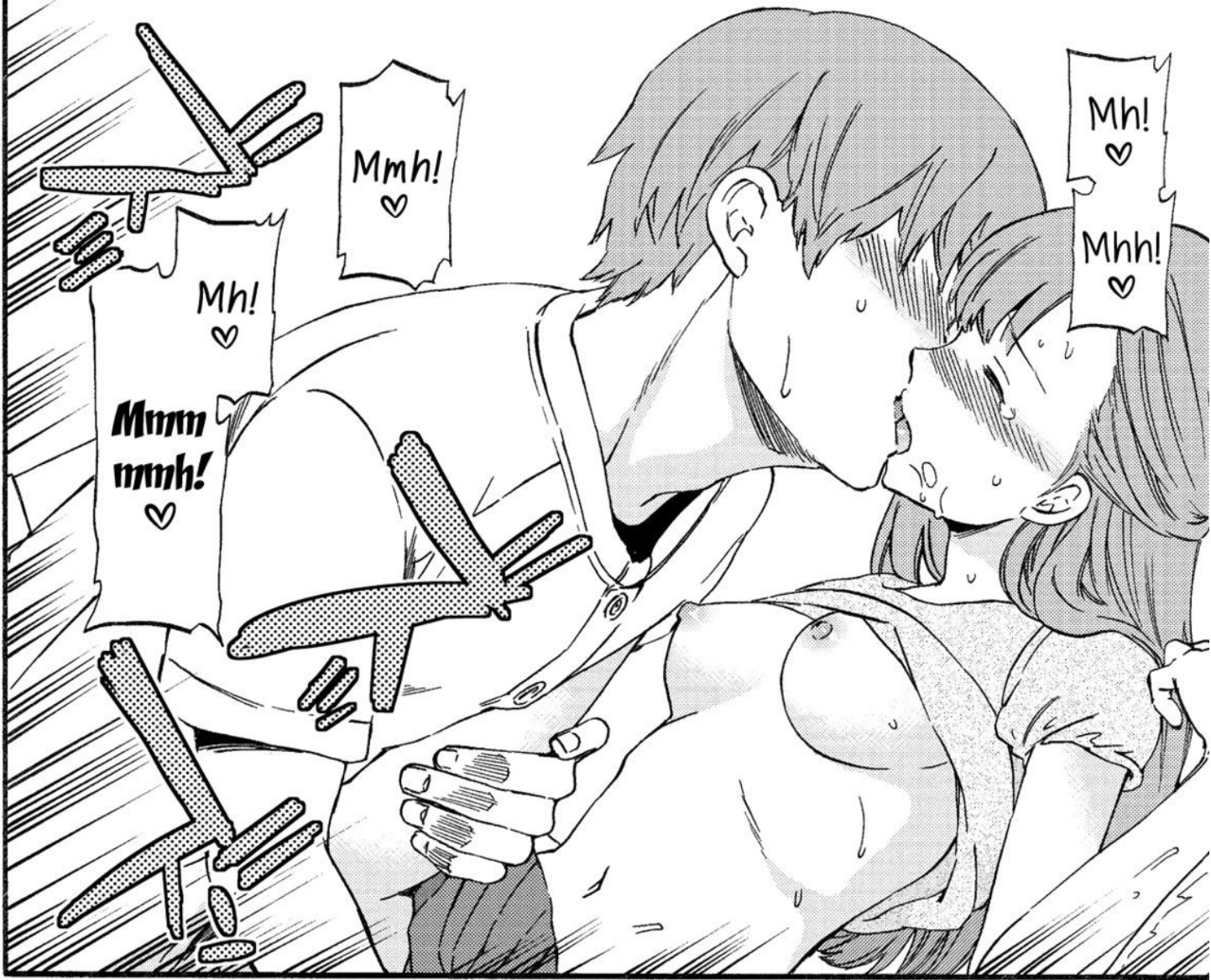




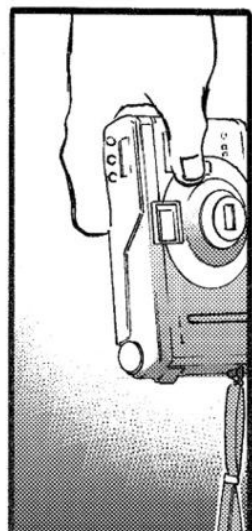














LOOK HOW SWEATY YOU ARE.

AMIDST THIS HEAT?

I WENT OUT FOR A BIT OF A WALK.

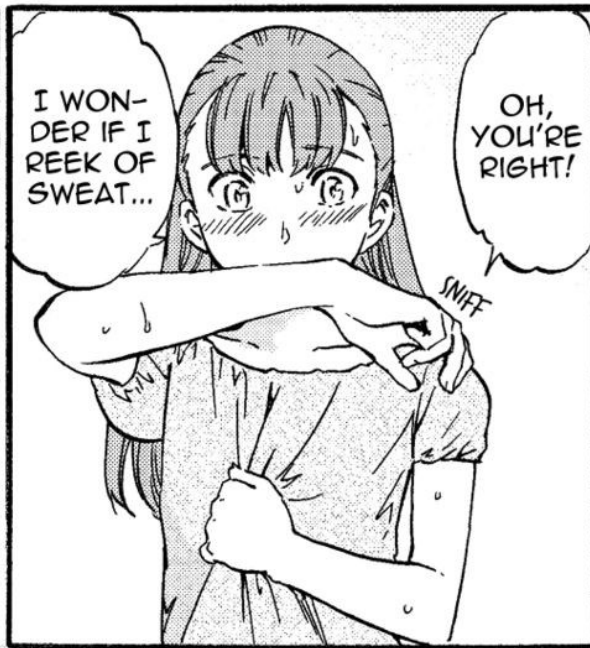


SENSEI'S ABOUT TO BE HERE SOON.

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NO, YOU DON'T REALLY STINK...



I WONDER IF I REEK OF SWEAT...

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!

SNIFF

THAT STILL WON'T DO! SENSEI WILL COME TO DISLIKE ME!



IT SURE IS HOT TODAY TOO.



GOTTA GO GET A TOWEL!

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KURE-HA...

GOOD AFTER-NOON.





EVEN WHEN I
DO IT MYSELF,
IT DOESN'T
FEEL THE SAME
AS WHEN YOU
DO IT FOR ME...

BUT...



SAME AS
TUTORING
YOU, I WON'T
ALWAYS BE
HERE TO HELP
YOU STUDY.



Huh?!

S-show
you...

N-NO,
THAT'S IM-
POSSIBLE
FOR ME!

SHOW
IT TO
ME,
THEN.

YEAH,
I WANT
TO SEE
YOU DO
IT.



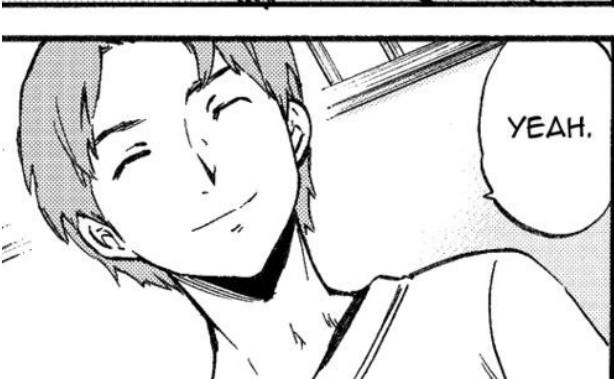
OH, YOU
WERE
ALREADY
DOING IT?

Ah!

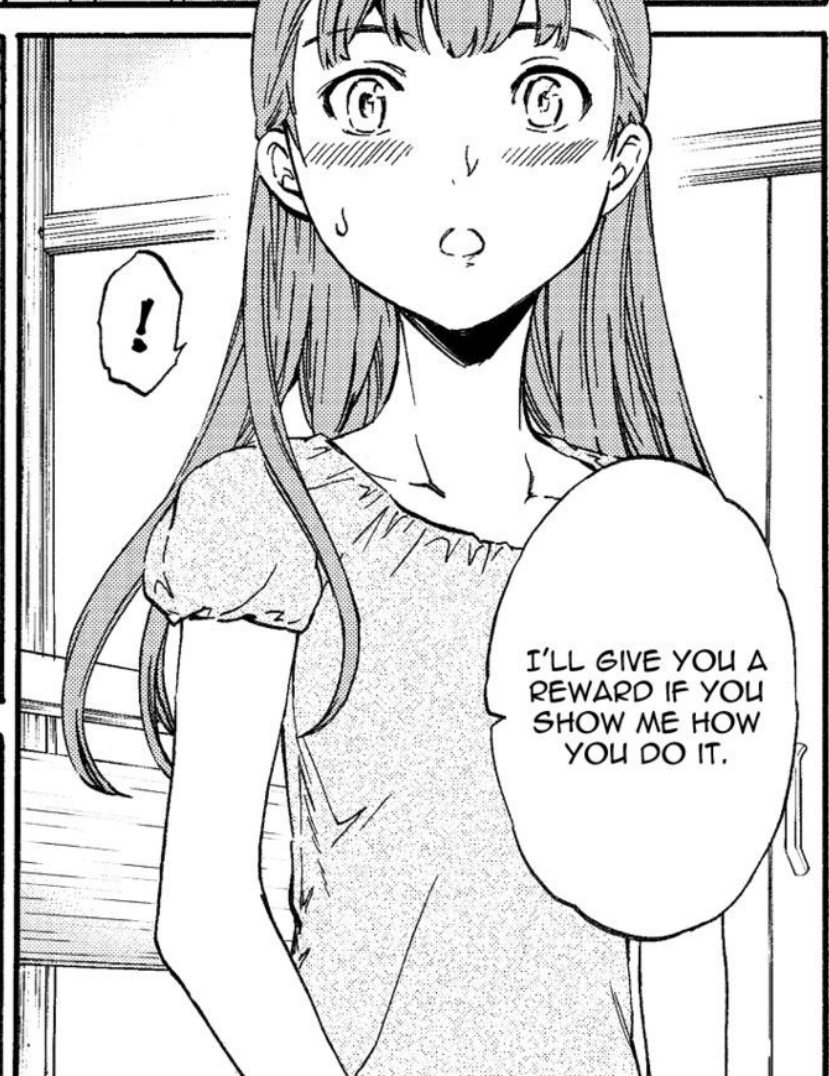


Y-

YOU'LL
GIVE ME A
REWARD
...?



YEAH.



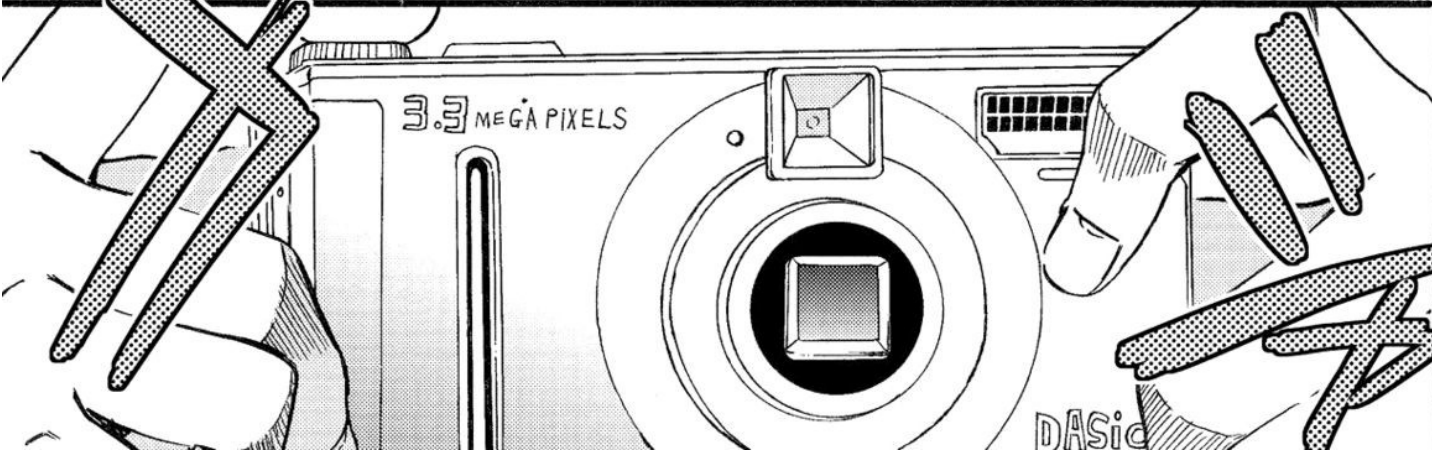
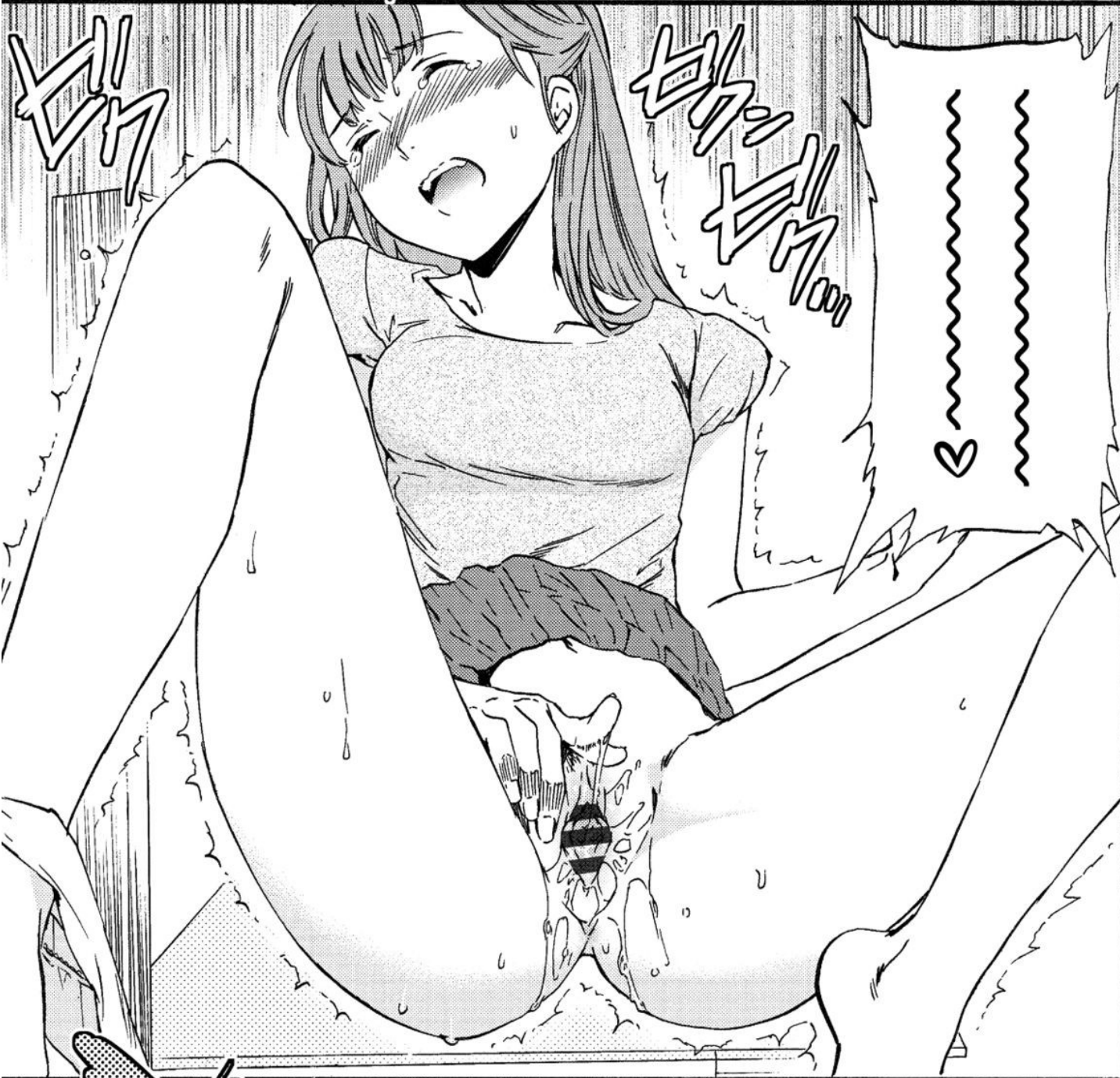
I'LL GIVE YOU A
REWARD IF YOU
SHOW ME HOW
YOU DO IT.



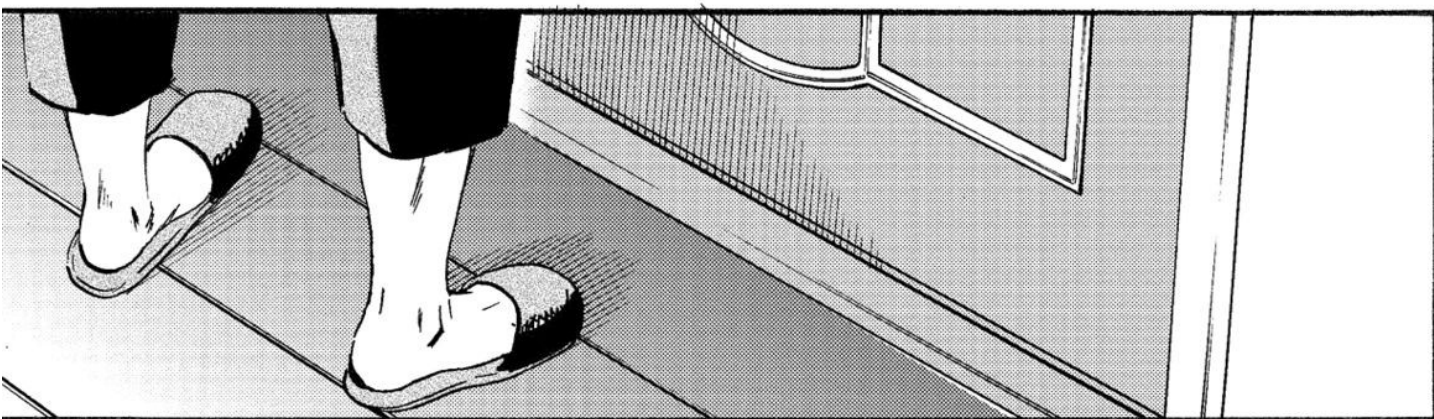
IS MAKING
ME FEEL IT
WAY BETTER
THAN
BEFORE...

JUST
BEING
WATCHED
BY SEN-
SEI...











YOUR GRANDFATHER MIGHT GET SUSPICIOUS.

IF WE DO IT EVERY DAY,

Uh!



I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH YOU LIKE THIS FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!

I... DON'T CARE!



Ah!

Ah!

Ha... Ahh!

Mh!

Ah!

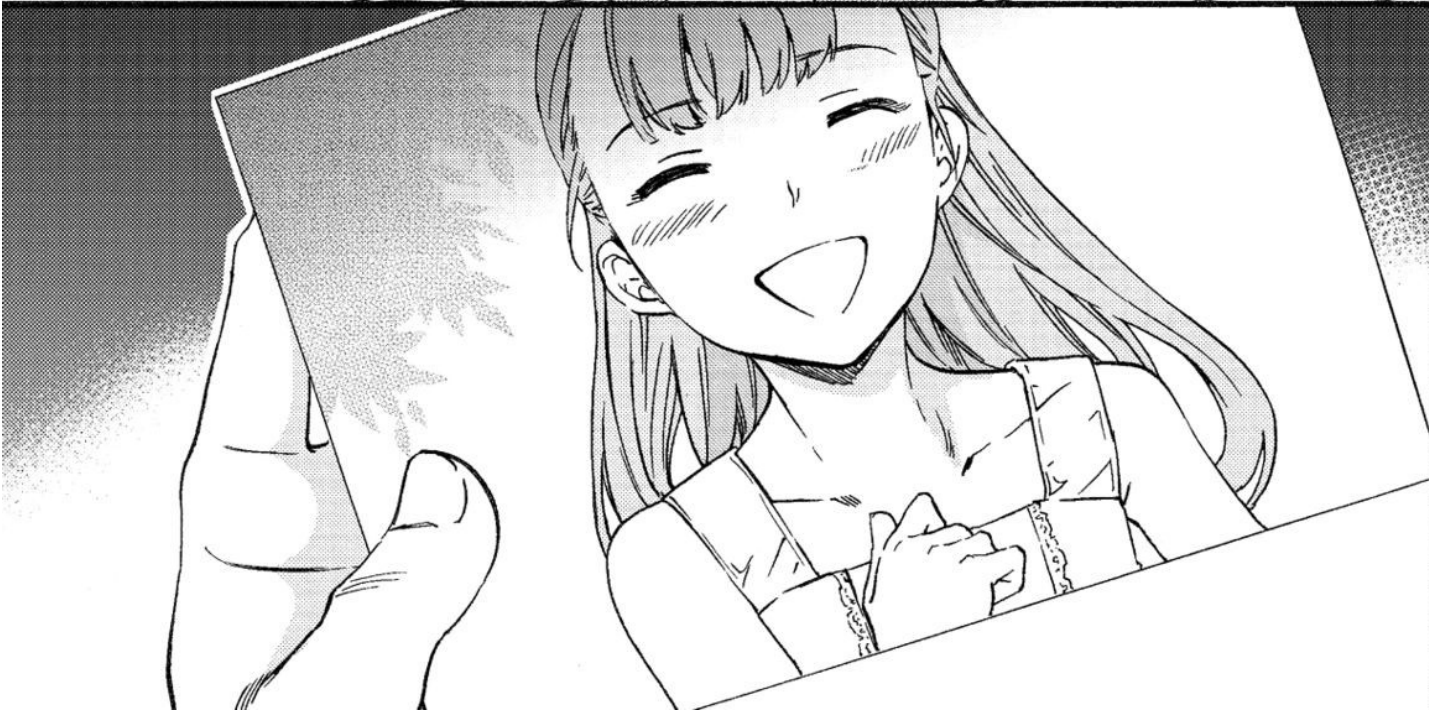
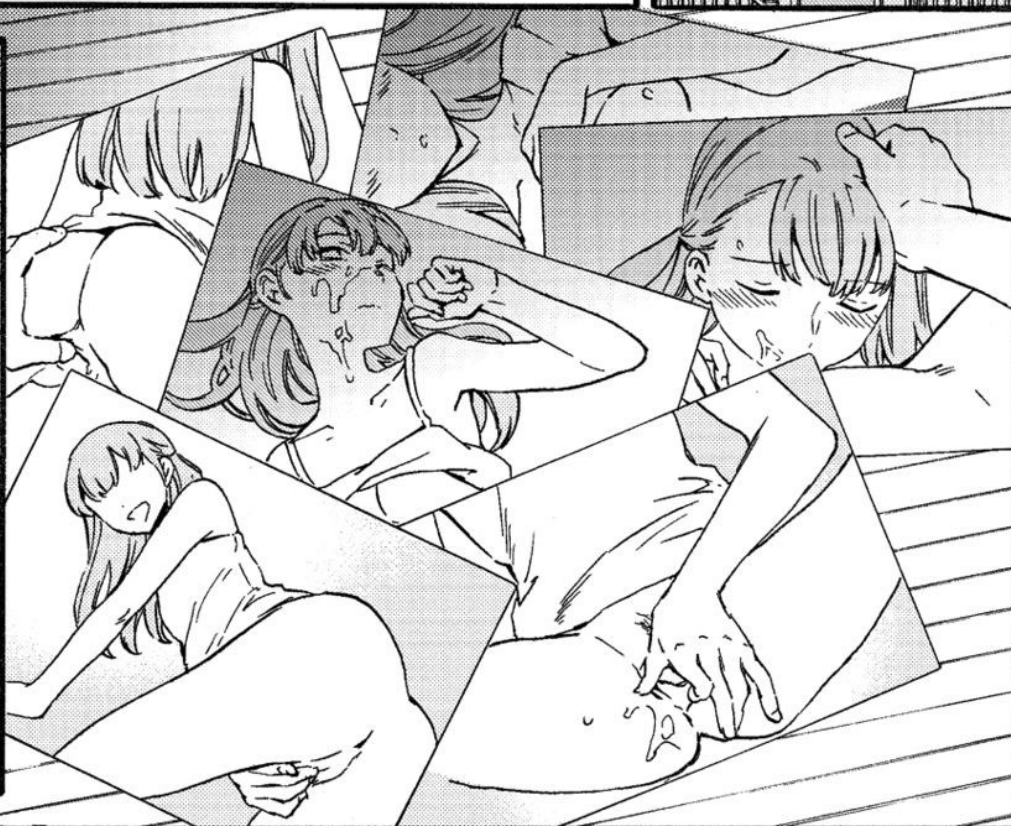
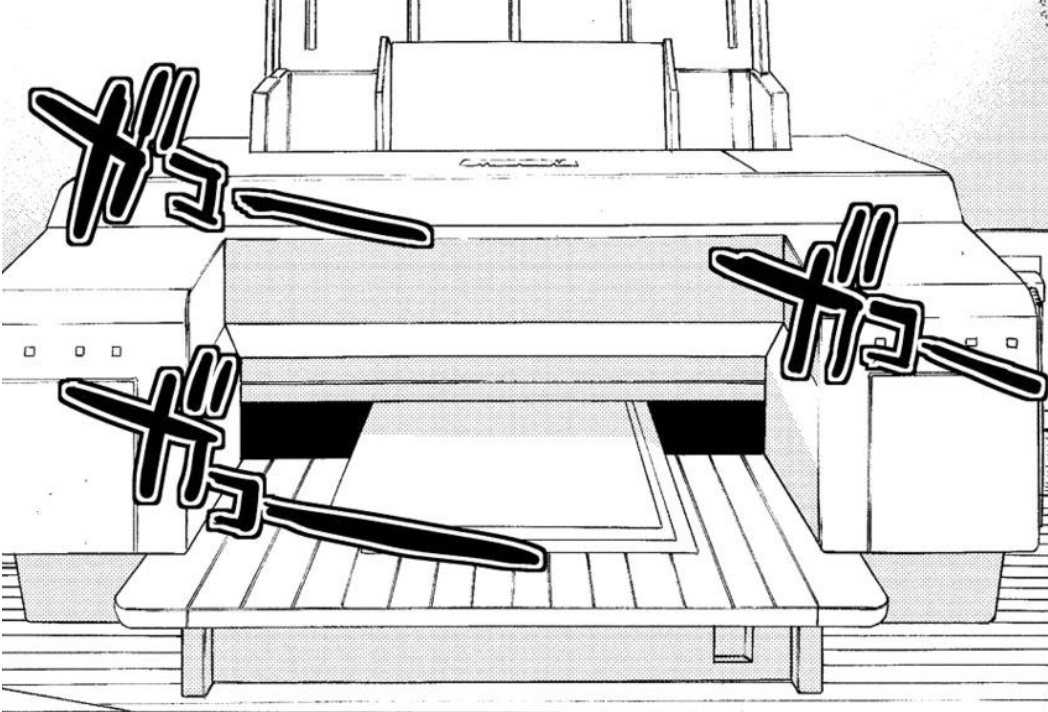
Ahh!

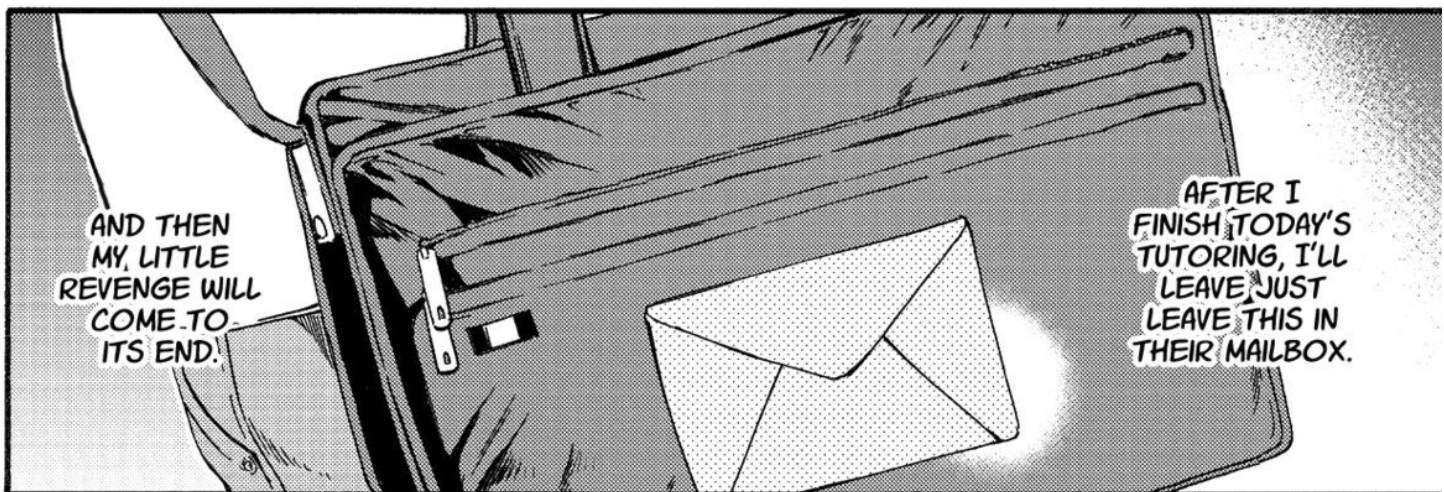
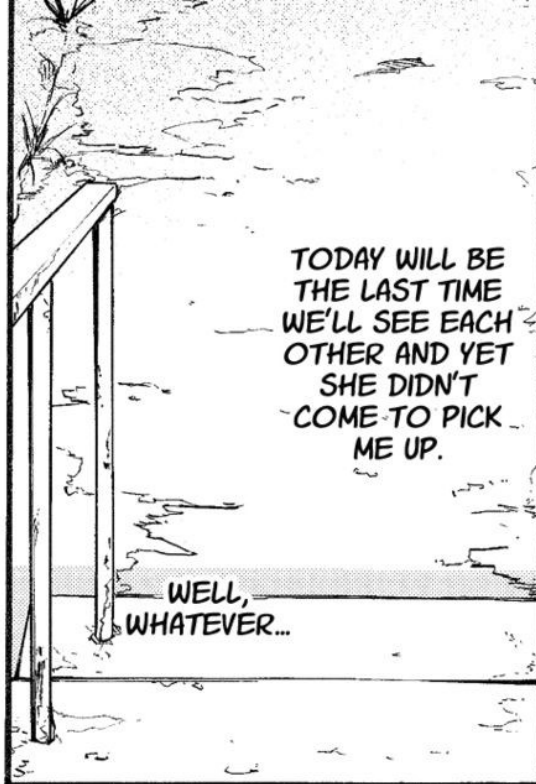


Kyah!











YOU'RE

SASAKI
AYAKO-
SAN'S SON,
AREN'T YOU?



I'M
SORRY.

THIS IS
ABOUT SOME-
THING I DON'T
WANT KUREHA
TO HEAR.



"SENTANI" IS
AYAKO-SAN'S
MAIDEN NAME.

WHY DIDN'T I
NOTICE THAT
SOONER...

IT SEEMS I'VE CAUSED
YOU A LOT OF HARDSHIPS.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR
YOU ALL THIS TIME.



EVEN
A THICKHEADED
PERSON LIKE ME
WOULD NOTICE THAT
FROM SEEING HOW
SHE'S ALWAYS
PICKING YOU
UP FROM THE
STATION EVERY
DAY.

BUT IT
SEEMS
KUREHA'S
FALLEN
FOR YOU.

I THOUGHT
I'D JUST
PRETEND
THAT I DIDN'T
REALIZE IT IF
YOU WON'T
TALK ABOUT
IT,



YOU TWO ARE
HALF-SIBLINGS.

KUREHA IS

MY DAUGHTER
WITH AYAKO-
SAN.

SHE'S FALLEN
FOR YOU, NOT
KNOWING THAT
YOU TWO ARE
RELATED BY
BLOOD.

AND SINCE IT
WOULD BRING
DISHONOR TO MY
FAMILY IF PEOPLE
KNEW ABOUT MY
RELATIONSHIP WITH
OUR HOUSEMAID,

I MADE UP THE LIE
THAT SHE'S THE
DAUGHTER OF MY
DECEASED SON
AND HIS WIFE AND
RAISED HER AS MY
GRANDDAUGHTER.

I WANTED TO
SAVE HER FROM
HER DRUNKARD
HUSBAND! I REALLY
LOVED HER!

WHA-?!

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME!

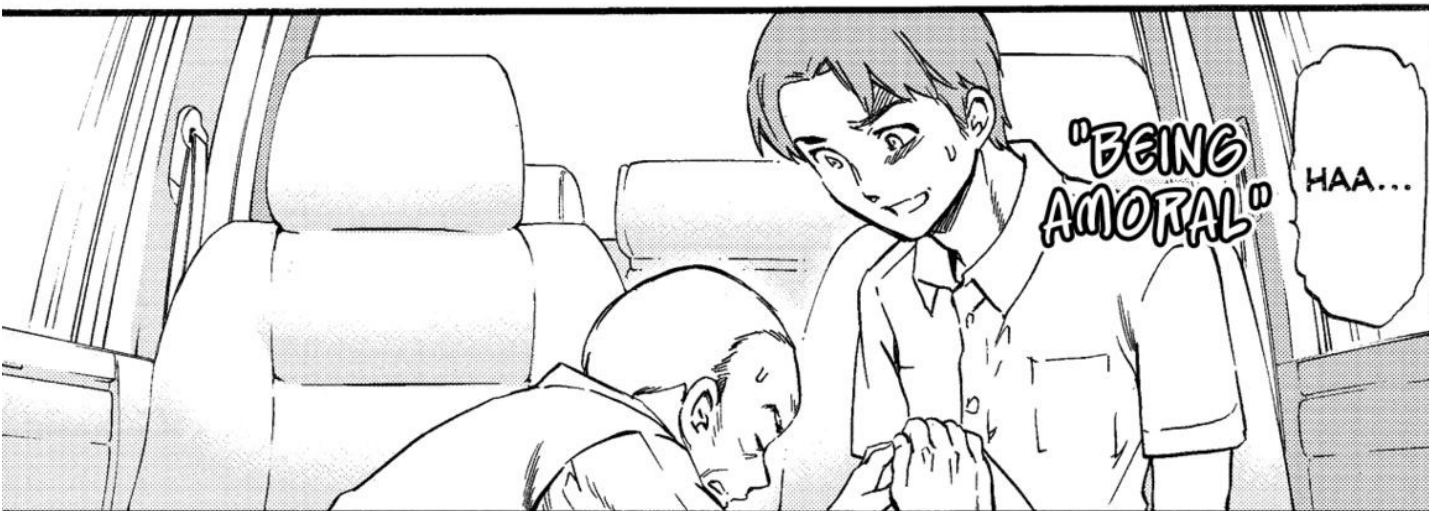
BUT SHE DIED
RIGHT AFTER
SHE GAVE BIRTH
TO KUREHA...



THEN...

ALL THIS
TIME... I'VE
BEEN...

TO MY
LITTLE SISTER...



"BEING
AMORAL"

HAA...



"RUNS IN
THE BLOOD"



END