

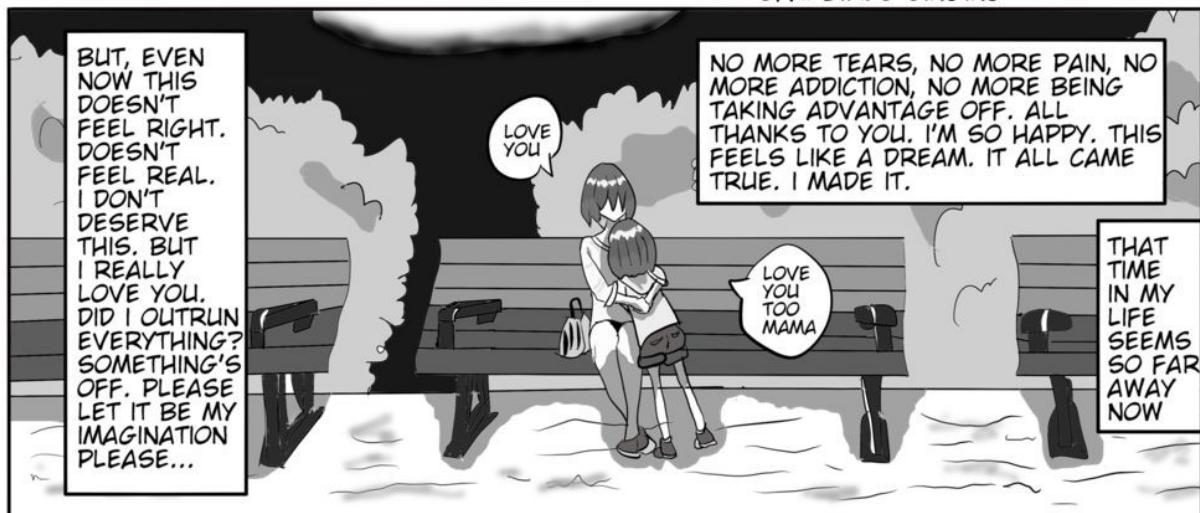


WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW, HANA?



EVERYTHING'S SO PEACEFUL NOW

SFX: BIRDS SINGING



BUT, EVEN NOW THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. DOESN'T FEEL REAL. I DON'T DESERVE THIS. BUT I REALLY LOVE YOU. DID I OUTFRIN EVERYTHING? SOMETHING'S OFF. PLEASE LET IT BE MY IMAGINATION PLEASE...

LOVE YOU

NO MORE TEARS, NO MORE PAIN, NO MORE ADDICTION, NO MORE BEING TAKING ADVANTAGE OFF. ALL THANKS TO YOU. I'M SO HAPPY. THIS FEELS LIKE A DREAM. IT ALL CAME TRUE. I MADE IT.

LOVE YOU TOO MAMA

THAT TIME IN MY LIFE SEEMS SO FAR AWAY NOW



WHAT'S THAT ON MY BACK, MOM???

IT HURTS !!!

WHY???

WHY MOMMY

!!!

L I A R !!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING???

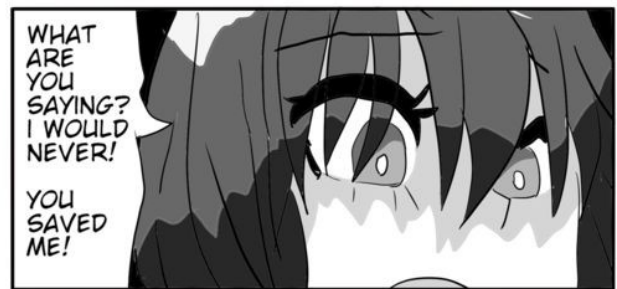
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SFX: STAB



YOU LOVE ME?

THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?

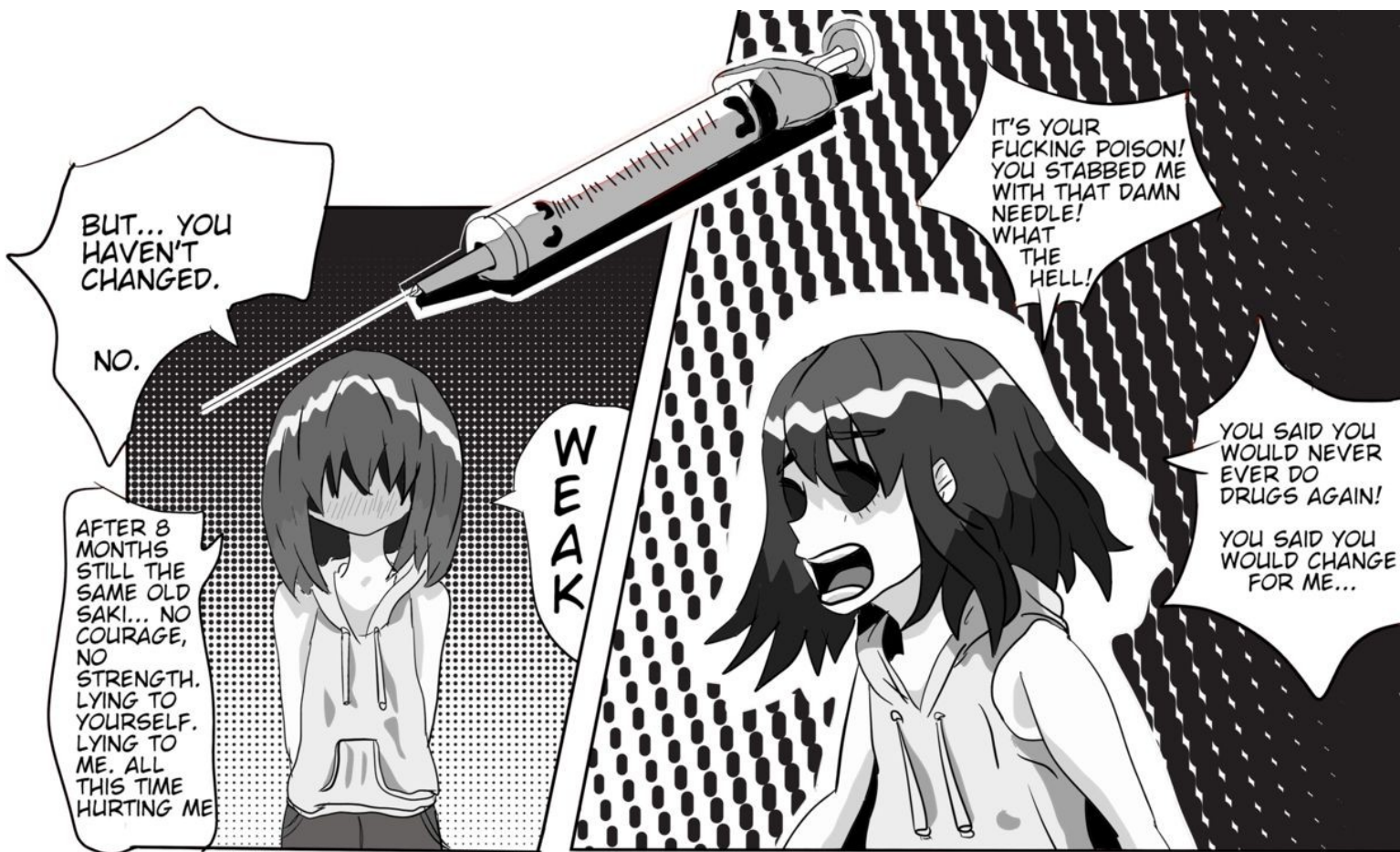


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I WOULD NEVER!

YOU SAVED ME!

SFX: HEART THUMP





BUT... YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.

NO.

AFTER 8 MONTHS STILL THE SAME OLD SAKI... NO COURAGE, NO STRENGTH. LYING TO YOURSELF. LYING TO ME. ALL THIS TIME HURTING ME

WEAK

IT'S YOUR FUCKING POISON! YOU STABBED ME WITH THAT DAMN NEEDLE! WHAT THE HELL!

YOU SAID YOU WOULD NEVER EVER DO DRUGS AGAIN!

YOU SAID YOU WOULD CHANGE FOR ME...



WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER!!!

WHAT IS THIS?

WHY???



IS THIS MY BABY?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

NO?

SFX: HEART THUMP



YOU LOVE GETTING KICKED DON'T YOU?

I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU A FUCKING LESSON

BITCH!!



THIS IS WHAT YOU DESERVE, YOU SHOULD'VE NEVER HAD ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YOU'RE PATHETIC!!

TRIED TO TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT?

HOW'S THAT WORKING FOR YOU???

WHAM!

WHAM!

THUD

WHAM!

THUD

STOMP

THUD

THUD

THUD



NO! I TRIED MY HARDEST TO CHANGE! I DID!!!

I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY!

SORRY!

!!!

STOMP

WHAM!

THUD

STOMP

THUD

WHAM!

THUD

WHAT ARE THESE WORDS THAT HANA IS SPEAKING? NOT DEAD? WAKE UP? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

!!!
STOP!!!
!!!

THUD

WHAM!

**I'M NOT DEAD!
WAKE UP!!!**

WHAT?
ISN'T THIS WHAT I WORKED HARD FOR?

EEEK!

I FEEL HAZY. IT HURTS SO BAD. HOW COME MY OWN DAUGHTER KICK MY STOMACH SO HARD?
BUT I ALSO FEEL OUT OF PLACE. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
EVEN THOUGH I AM HERE, IT FEELS AS IF I'M ABOUT TO WAKE UP.
AND EVEN NOW, MY ONLY THOUGHT IS
I LOVE YOU

**I LOVE YOU...
HANA**

MY GOD. IT'S THE DRUGS.
IT'S ALL IN MY HEAD.
I'M BACK HERE IN THIS DISGUSTING PLACE. I'M SORE ALL OVER. WHY? I TRIED SO HARD.

VANISHED

AM I NEAR DEATH?

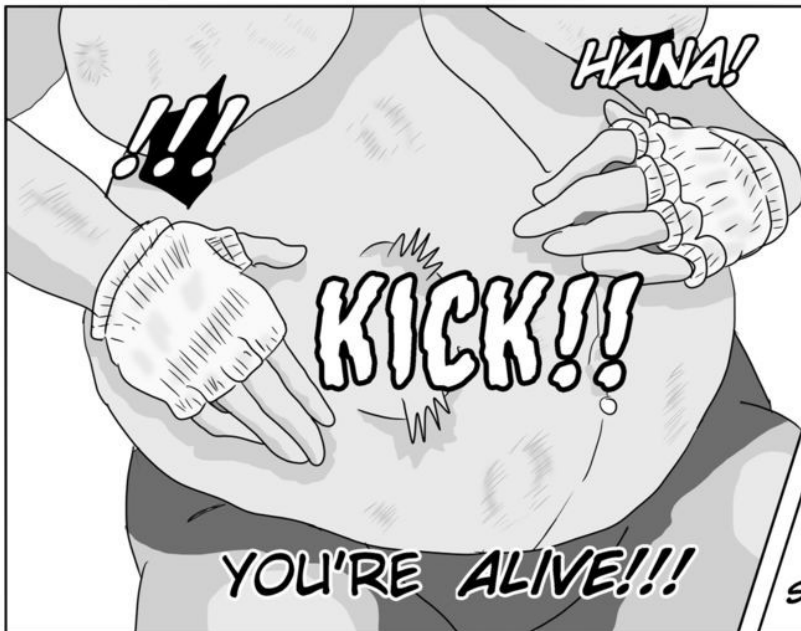


SFX: GASP

HOW COULD THOSE GLASSES BE HERE?

I HAVEN'T USED THEM SINCE JR. HIGH

WHAT? I'M BACK HERE? I'M ALIVE? NO! PLEASE!

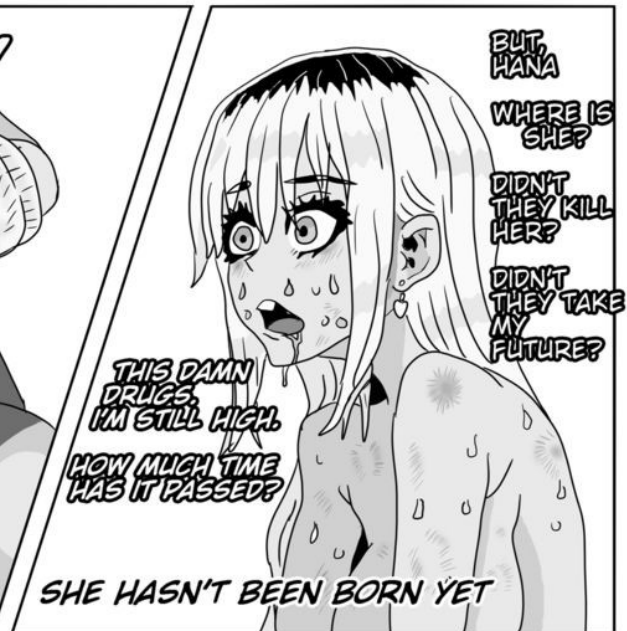


HANA!

KICK!!

YOU'RE ALIVE!!!

SFX: HEART THUMPING FASTER



BUT, HANA

WHERE IS SHE?

DIDN'T THEY KILL HER?

DIDN'T THEY TAKE MY FUTURE?

THIS DAMN DRUGS, I'M STILL HIGH.

HOW MUCH TIME HAS IT PASSED?

SHE HASN'T BEEN BORN YET

SFX: HEART THUMP

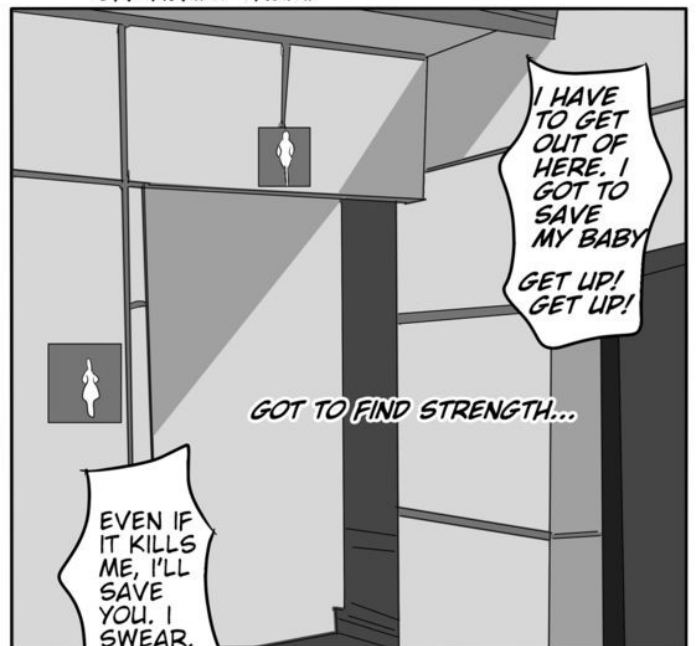


PLEASE GOD, HELP ME
HELP.
GOT TO HURRY.
HELP.

HANG IN THERE, BABY. I WON'T LET YOU DOWN. NOT YOU.

I AM...

YOUR MOTHER!



**I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE. I GOT TO SAVE MY BABY
GET UP! GET UP!**

GOT TO FIND STRENGTH...

EVEN IF IT KILLS ME, I'LL SAVE YOU. I SWEAR.



WITHOUT ANY CONCERN FOR THE COLD, OR HERSELF, SAKI GOT OUT OF THAT BATHROOM AND INTO THE STREET. SHE THREW SOME WATER IN HER FACE, DISCARDED HER TORN CLOTHES AND LEFT

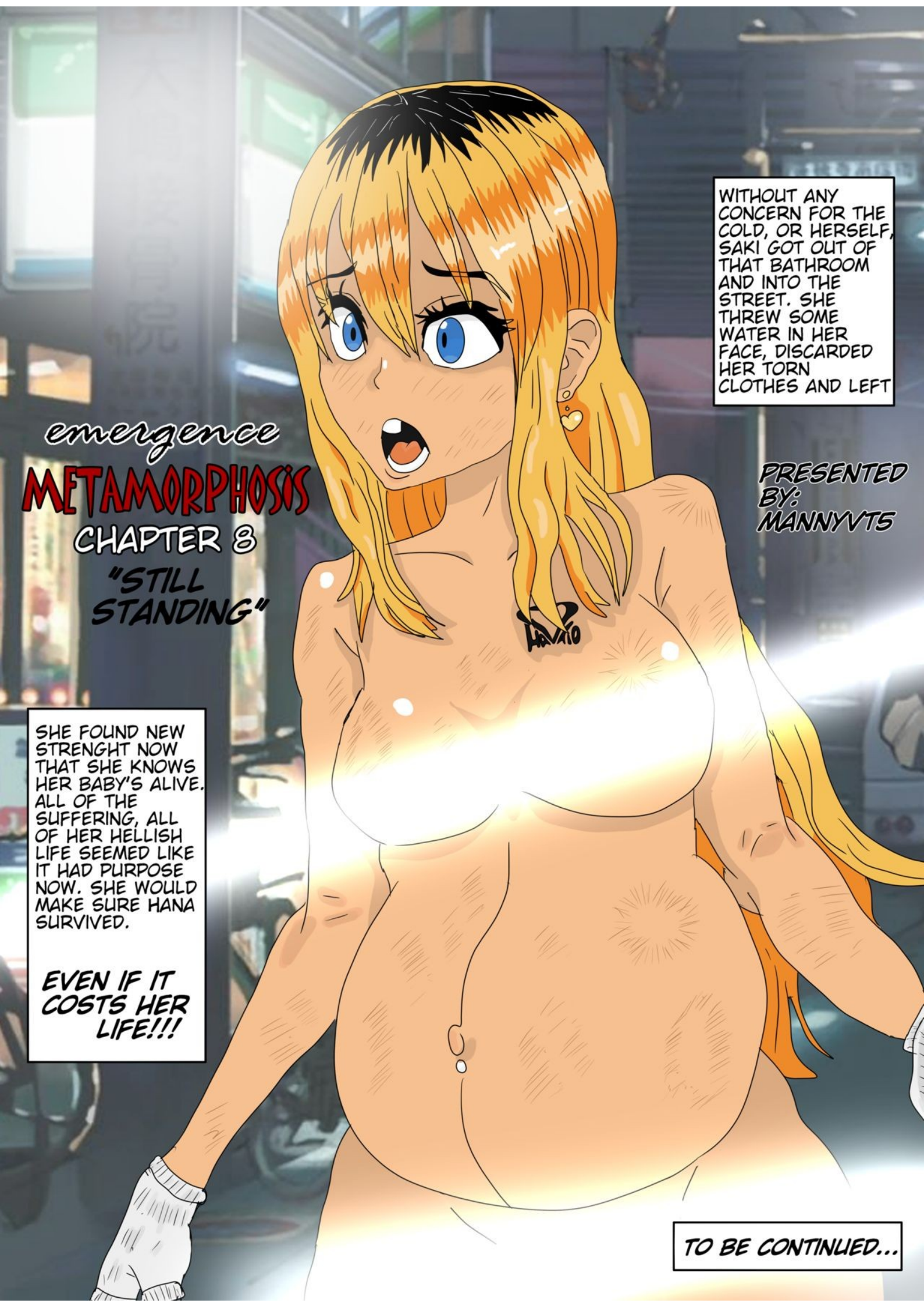
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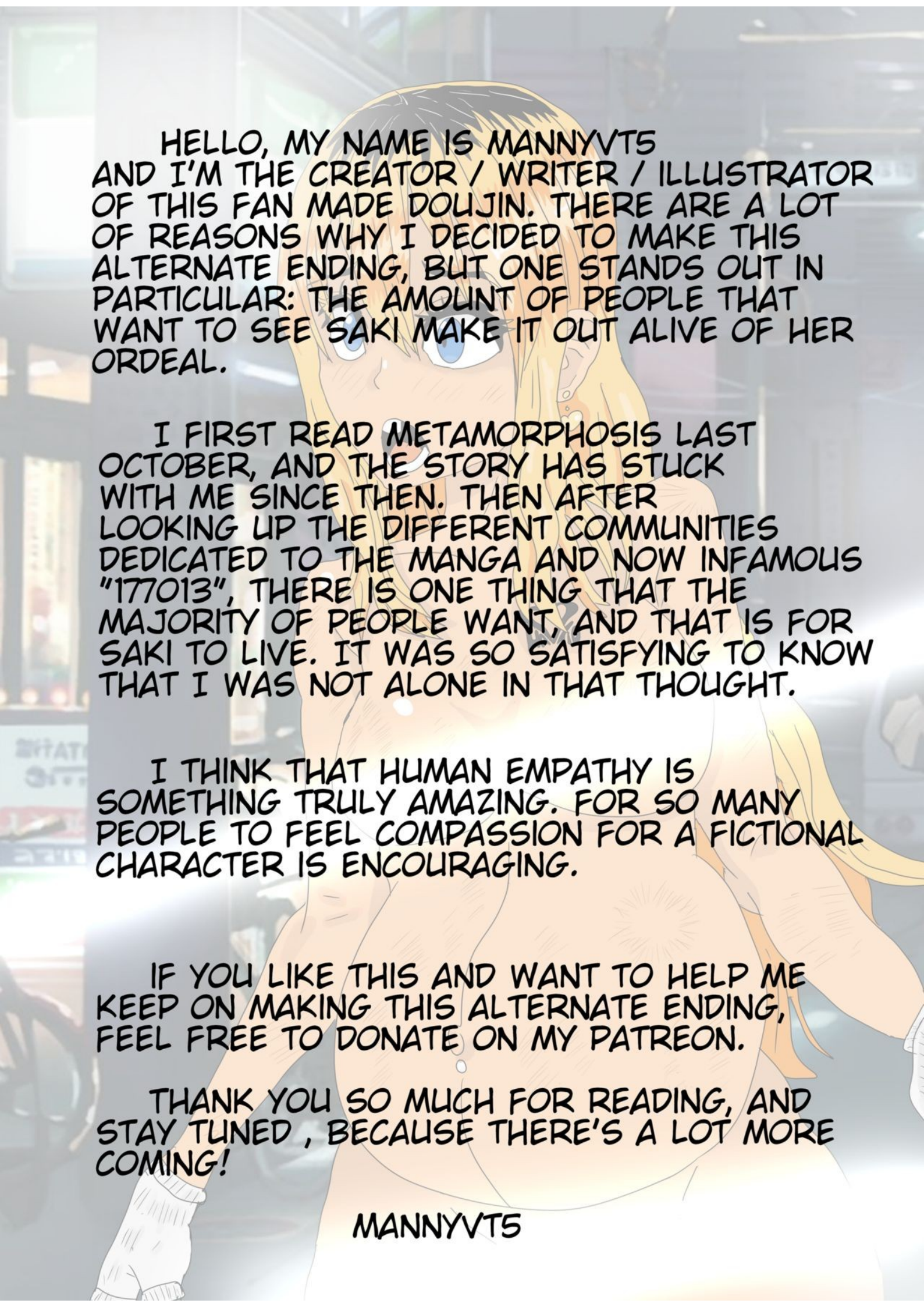
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SHE FOUND NEW STRENGTH NOW THAT SHE KNOWS HER BABY'S ALIVE. ALL OF THE SUFFERING, ALL OF HER HELLISH LIFE SEEMED LIKE IT HAD PURPOSE NOW. SHE WOULD MAKE SURE HANA SURVIVED.

EVEN IF IT COSTS HER LIFE!!!

TO BE CONTINUED...





HELLO, MY NAME IS MANNYVT5 AND I'M THE CREATOR / WRITER / ILLUSTRATOR OF THIS FAN MADE DOUJIN. THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS WHY I DECIDED TO MAKE THIS ALTERNATE ENDING, BUT ONE STANDS OUT IN PARTICULAR: THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SEE SAKI MAKE IT OUT ALIVE OF HER ORDEAL.

I FIRST READ METAMORPHOSIS LAST OCTOBER, AND THE STORY HAS STUCK WITH ME SINCE THEN. THEN AFTER LOOKING UP THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES DEDICATED TO THE MANGA AND NOW INFAMOUS "177013", THERE IS ONE THING THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WANT, AND THAT IS FOR SAKI TO LIVE. IT WAS SO SATISFYING TO KNOW THAT I WAS NOT ALONE IN THAT THOUGHT.

I THINK THAT HUMAN EMPATHY IS SOMETHING TRULY AMAZING. FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO FEEL COMPASSION FOR A FICTIONAL CHARACTER IS ENCOURAGING.

IF YOU LIKE THIS AND WANT TO HELP ME KEEP ON MAKING THIS ALTERNATE ENDING, FEEL FREE TO DONATE ON MY PATREON.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING, AND STAY TUNED , BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT MORE COMING!

MANNYVT5



THIS IS NOT GOOD.
I'VE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD.
I FEEL I'M ABOUT TO PASS OUT...

**SOMEBODY HELP!!!
PLEASE!!!**

SEVERAL HOURS PASSED BEFORE SAKI GOT UP, SO THERE WERE NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND.



THIS WASN'T EXACTLY A PLACE YOU WOULD WANT TO BE AT THIS HOUR. BUT SAKI WASN'T THINKING ABOUT THAT. SHE NEEDED HELP. NOW.

HELP!!!

SFX: CARS IN THE DISTANCE

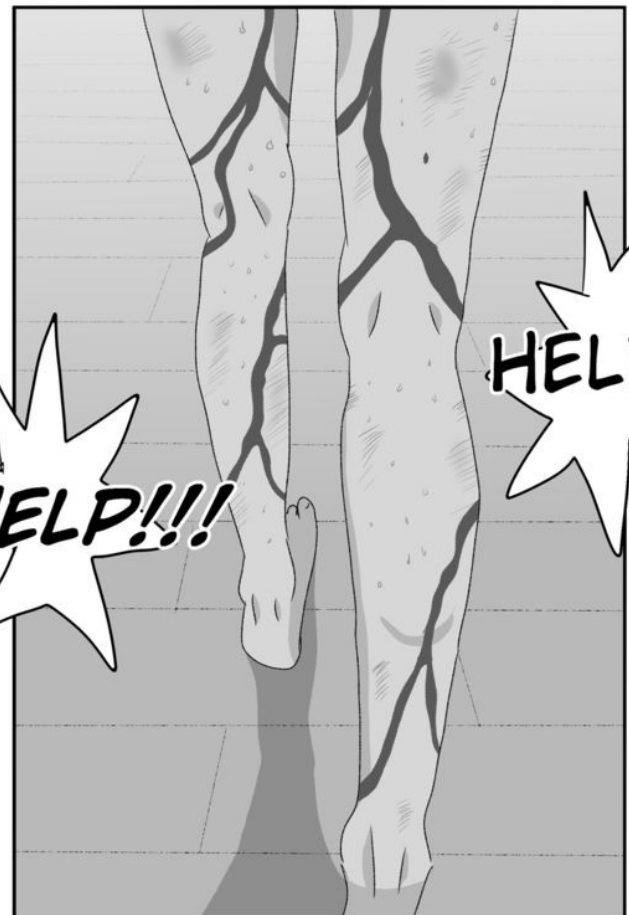


HE WAS WALKING DOWN THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STREET. BUT ONCE HE SAW HER, HE SUDDENLY STOPPED. HE LOOKED PERPLEXED HONESTLY...

THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE THAT SAW HER, BUT THEY TURNED AWAY IN DISGUST. EXCEPT ONE PERSON...

WHAT IS THIS?
A VISION?
IT CAN'T BE...

IS IT YOU?
IS IT???



HELP!!!

HELP!!!





PLEASE MISTER...
HELP ME.
I'LL DO ANYTHING.



WHAT IS THIS???

IT CAN'T BE...



AIKO???

HOW???

PLEASE GOD, WHY NOW OF ALL TIMES YOU DO THIS TO ME... I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT. THIS WAS THE ONE THING. BUT THIS GIRL... SHE JUST LOOKS LIKE HER. AND THAT DAMN NAME. HE BRANDED HER TOO. CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN. SHE LOOKS BADLY WOUNDED. WHO WOULD DO THIS TO A PREGNANT WOMAN? BUT I WILL NOT LET THIS CHILD DIE ON THE STREET. SHE WILL NOT MAKE IT WITHOUT MY HELP.



THIS WILL HELP WITH THE COLD. I'LL CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE SO LET'S SIT TIGHT FOR A MINUTE.

THANK YOU. I'VE BEEN WALKING FOR A LONG TIME NOW, AND HAVE NOT FOUND ANYONE THAT WOULD HELP. THEY ALL JUST TURN AWAY...

HIS ACCENT IS STRANGE...
HE HAS KIND EYES...

NOBODY HAS LOOKED AT ME LIKE THAT IN A LONG TIME...

I'LL TRY TO REMAIN CONSCIOUS. I'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. I'M FREEZING.



MY PRECIOUS AIKO... I WILL NOT LET ANYONE ELSE GO THROUGH WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH.

I GUESS I'LL DEAL WITH THAT BASTARD LATER.

MAKE NO MISTAKE,

HAYATO, YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS AGAIN!

SHE'S BEEN USED BY THAT MONSTER TOO. GOD, WHY DO YOU LET THIS HAPPEN?

BUT I KNOW NOW WHY YOU PUT HER IN MY WAY.

IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

THERE'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO DO.
I'LL HELP YOU. YOU LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.
LET'S GET YOU TO THE HOSPITAL. QUICKLY NOW.



... AWAKE... I ...
HAVE... TO... WALK...
I... WON'T... BE... A
... BURDEN... MY...
..... !

SWOOSHAAAAH!!!



I'M SO
GLAD I
RAN
INTO
YOU.
MY
NAME'S
SAKI.

I'LL...
TRY...
..TO..
STAY
...



I WANT TO TELL YOU
EVERYTHING...
WHY DO I FEEL I CAN
TRUST THIS MAN?

I'VE BEEN
SO WRONG
BEFORE...

THANK
YOU. I
HAVE TO
SAVE MY
BABY.

MY...
BRAIN...
IT'S KINDA
.....
SHUTTING
OFF... I'M
LUCKY I..
...FOUND
...YOU...

I WILL NOT
FAIL HER.

SHE'S AS
TOUGH AS SHE
WAS.

SHE'S BEEN
THROUGH
HELL.

JUST LIKE US...

BUT... ON HER OWN..

DON'T TRY TO
PUSH
YOURSELF.
YOU ALREADY
DID ENOUGH.
YOU ARE SO
STRONG.
EVEN WITH ALL
THOSE BRUISES
YOU ARE STILL
STANDING.
LET ME TAKE
IT FROM HERE.

I WILL HELP YOU.
EVEN IF I HAVE TO
CARRY YOU ALL THE
WAY.

NOW THAT HE HELD HER, HE NOTICED THE STRONG SMELL OF BLOOD, AND OF SAKI HERSELF. HE FELT SO MUCH ANGER. IT REMINDED HIM OF HER.

HE WAS OVERWHELMED.

IT WAS OBVIOUS SHE HAVEN'T SHOWERED, OR ATE A PROPER MEAL FOR A LONG TIME.

HE TRIED WITH ALL HIS MIGHT TO KEEP HIS EMOTIONS IN CHECK...



SINCE SAKI COULDN'T WALK ANYMORE, HE WASN'T ABLE TO CALL THE AMBULANCE. HE REMEMBERED THERE WAS A HOSPITAL A FEW BLOCKS DOWN, SO HE THOUGHT SOMEONE WOULD EITHER GIVE THEM A RIDE OR CALL AN AMBULANCE FOR THEM

ALL HE COULD DO NOW WAS WALK AND HOPE SHE WOULD MAKE IT. HE WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO MAKE IT SO.

AFTER 30 MINUTES THEY ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL. HE CARRIED HER ALL THE WAY. NOT ONE CAR STOPPED TO HELP THEM ON THE WAY.



HELP!!!

STEP...

SOMEONE!!!

STEP...

WE NEED HELP!!!

HE WALKED FOR A GOOD TWENTY MINUTES, AND NO ONE CAME TO THEIR AID, EVEN THOUGH THEY PASSED SOME PEOPLE ON THE WAY. THEY JUST TURNED AWAY.



I'M... TRYING ... WITH ALL THAT... I... HAVE... MY BABY... MAKE SURE... THEY ... SAVE... HANA... SAVE HANA



TRY TO STAY AWAKE, SAKI. WE ARE HERE.

THEY WILL HELP US.

EVEN IF I HAVE TO MAKE THEM.

OUT OF THE WAY!!!

**LISTEN UP!!
WE NEED HELP...**

PREP FOR EMERGENCY INTERVENTION NOW!!!



SWOOSH!!

NOW!!!

SFX: WHEELS

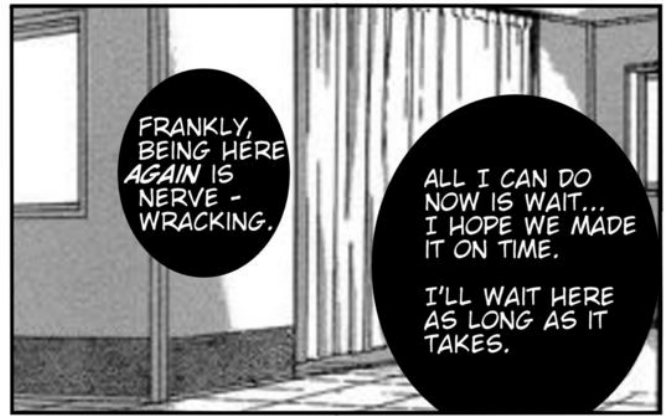
SFX: PEOPLE ON INTERCOM

HER NAME'S SAKI YOSHIDA. PEOPLE AROUND HERE KNOW SHE'S A HOMELESS PROSTITUTE. BUT I WAS SURE SHE WAS RAPED THAT DAY, AND IT WAS PROBABLY BY MORE THAN ONE GUY. SADLY, SHE RAN AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE THE POLICE CAME TO INTERVIEW HER. I THINK SHE WAS SCARED.

SHE WAS BRUTALLY BEATEN BY A MAN. HER FACE WAS SO SWOLLEN YOU COULD HARDLY RECOGNIZE HER. THE GUY REALLY DID A NUMBER ON HER. HE EVEN KNOCKED A TOOTH OUT. SHE CLAIMED SHE WASN'T RAPED, SO THERE WAS NOT MUCH WE COULD DO.



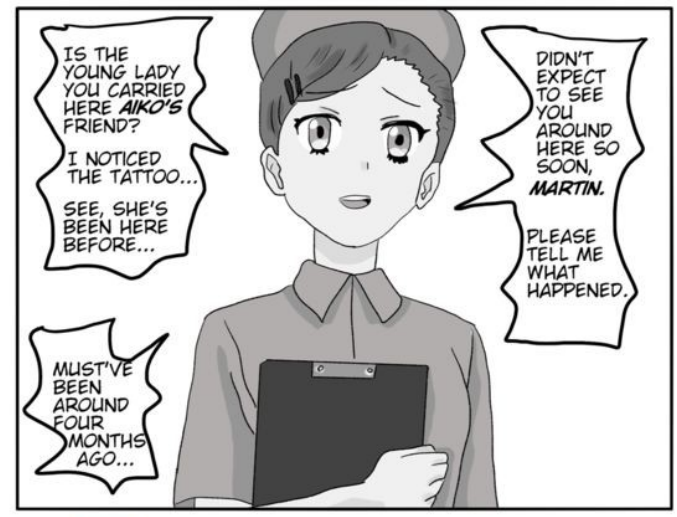
THE THING IS PEOPLE AROUND HERE DON'T CARE ABOUT WOMEN LIKE HER. NOT EVEN THE POLICE. IT IS A SAD REALITY. NOW, PLEASE TELL ME EVERYTHING...



FRANKLY, BEING HERE AGAIN IS NERVE - WRACKING.

ALL I CAN DO NOW IS WAIT... I HOPE WE MADE IT ON TIME.

I'LL WAIT HERE AS LONG AS IT TAKES.



IS THE YOUNG LADY YOU CARRIED HERE AIKO'S FRIEND?

I NOTICED THE TATTOO... SEE, SHE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE...

DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU AROUND HERE SO SOON, MARTIN.

PLEASE TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.

MUST'VE BEEN AROUND FOUR MONTHS AGO...



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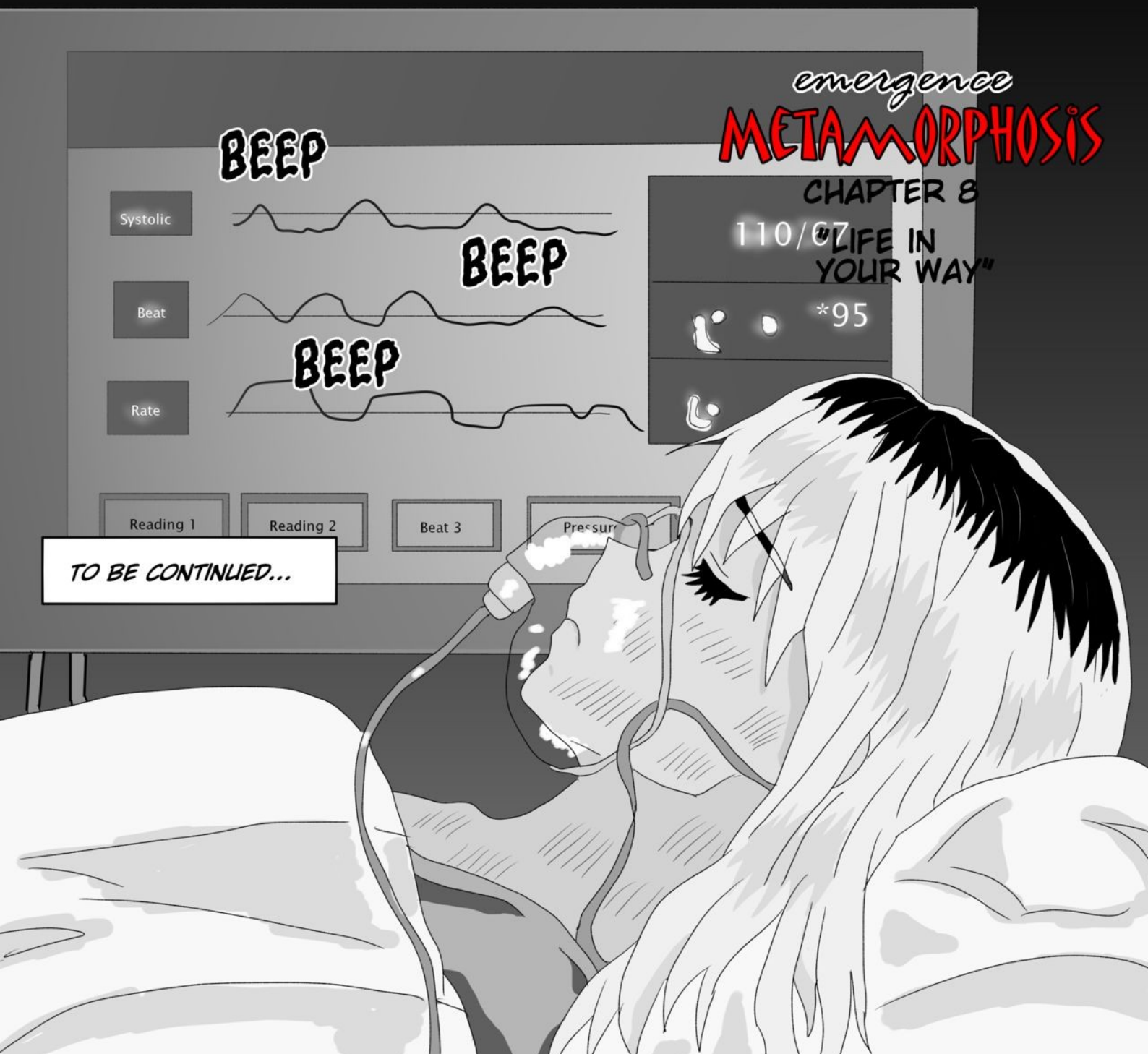
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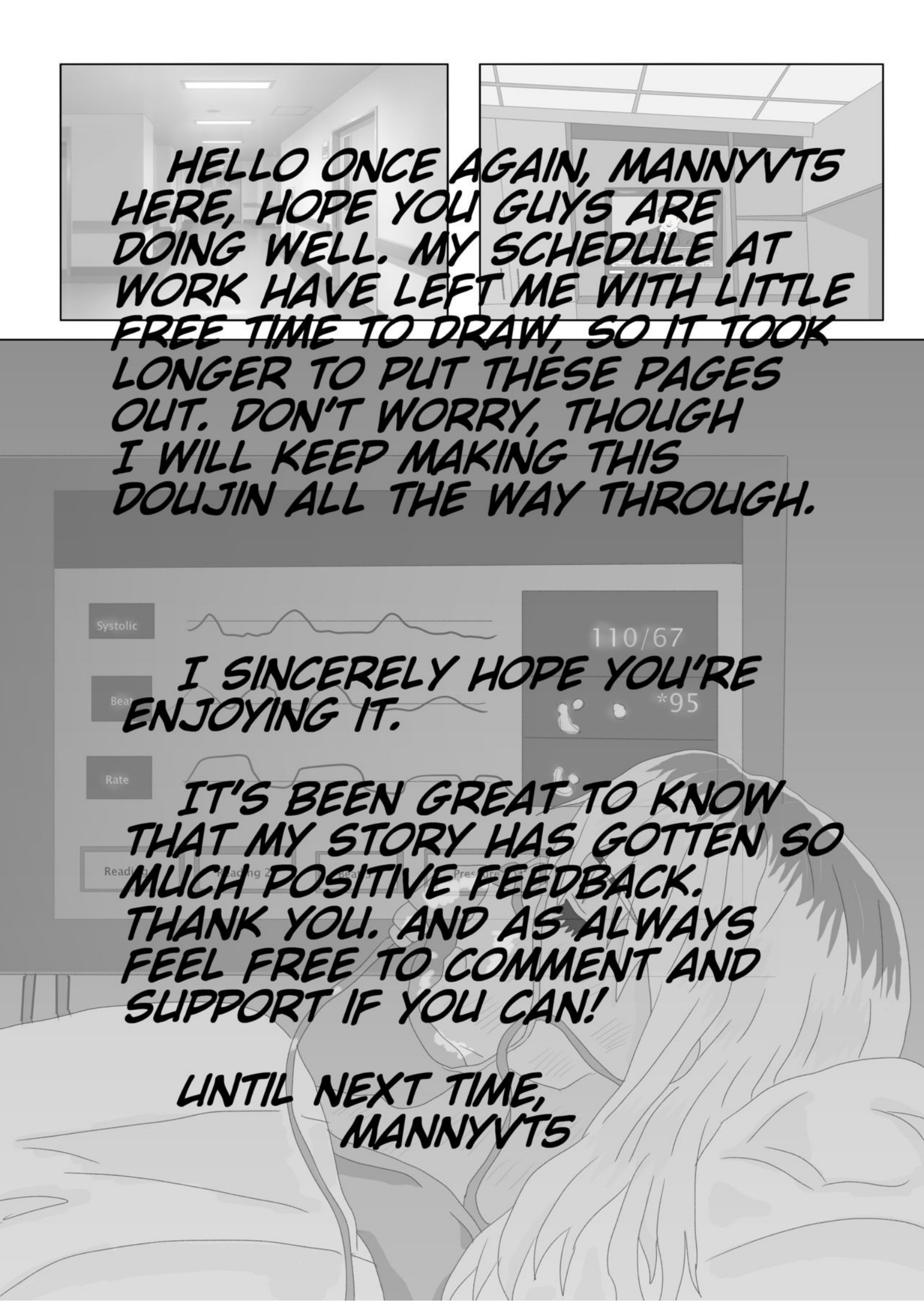
IT'S NOW BEEN A FULL DAY SINCE WE ARRIVED AT THE ER. I'VE JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT AFTER A 22 HOUR INTERVENTION, SAKI'S BABY WAS SAVED. THEY HAD TO PERFORM AN EMERGENCY C SECTION TO BE ABLE TO DO SO. ALTHOUGH THE BABY IS IN BAD SHAPE, THEY JUST TOLD ME THAT SHE WILL SURVIVE.
 SAKI HAD TO BE RESUSCITATED 3 TIMES DURING THE OPERATION. SHE LOST A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF BLOOD, AND WAS SEVERELY DEHYDRATED. ON TOP OF THAT SHE WAS ASSAULTED WITH A BOTTLE, SO SHE HAD EXTENSIVE VAGINAL AND ANAL TRAUMA. THEY FOUND A COUPLE OF PENS AND TRASH UP IN HER RECTUM THAT WERE LEFT FROM THE VICIOUS ASSAULT. ON TOP OF THAT SHE HAS A SEVERE INFECTION, PLUS GONORRHEA, CHLAMYDIA AND HEPATITIS C. NOT TO MENTION ALL THE BRUISES AND HEMATOMAS ON HER SKIN.



SFX: TV ON BACKGROUND

*THEY ARE NOT SURE IF SHE'S GOING TO SURVIVE THIS ONE...
 NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL NOT LEAVE HER SIDE.*





**HELLO ONCE AGAIN, MANNYVT5
HERE, HOPE YOU GUYS ARE
DOING WELL. MY SCHEDULE AT
WORK HAVE LEFT ME WITH LITTLE
FREE TIME TO DRAW, SO IT TOOK
LONGER TO PUT THESE PAGES
OUT. DON'T WORRY, THOUGH
I WILL KEEP MAKING THIS
DOLJIN ALL THE WAY THROUGH.**

**I SINCERELY HOPE YOU'RE
ENJOYING IT.**

**IT'S BEEN GREAT TO KNOW
THAT MY STORY HAS GOTTEN SO
MUCH POSITIVE FEEDBACK.
THANK YOU. AND AS ALWAYS
FEEL FREE TO COMMENT AND
SUPPORT IF YOU CAN!**

**UNTIL NEXT TIME,
MANNYVT5**

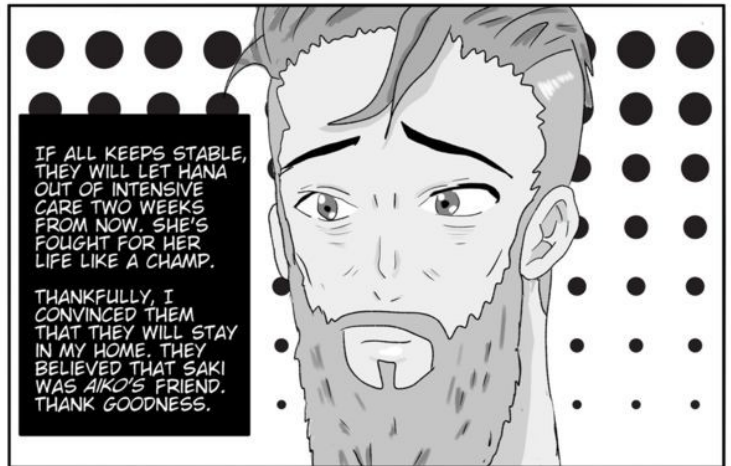


AFTER ALL THAT HELL, SAKI IS GOING TO MAKE IT TOO. SHE'S BEEN IN AND OUT OF A COMA ALL THIS TIME. I'VE BEEN HELPING THE NURSES CARE FOR HER. IT'S A MIRACLE SHE'S ALIVE, HONESTLY.



I'VE BEEN HERE EVERY DAY.

IT'S BEEN 2 WEEKS NOW. BOTH SAKI AND HANA ARE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.



IF ALL KEEPS STABLE, THEY WILL LET HANA OUT OF INTENSIVE CARE TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. SHE'S FOUGHT FOR HER LIFE LIKE A CHAMP. THANKFULLY, I CONVINCED THEM THAT THEY WILL STAY IN MY HOME. THEY BELIEVED THAT SAKI WAS AIKO'S FRIEND. THANK GOODNESS.



I'LL MAKE SURE SHE GOES TO REHAB. SHE DOES NOT NEED THAT AWFUL ADDICTION IN HER LIFE. THE DOCTOR TOLD ME THAT AFTER SHE COMPLETES THE PROGRAM, SHE NEEDS TO GET A JOB AND WE WILL BE GETTING VISITS FROM SOCIAL WORKERS EVERY WEEK. AFTER SHE DOES THAT, THEY WILL LET HER BE WITH HANA WITHOUT SUPERVISION. I CAN'T WAIT FOR HER TO WAKE UP AND GIVE HER THE NEWS.

I HAVE SO MUCH I NEED TO TELL HER.



BECAUSE SHE WAS A VICTIM, THEY ARE GIVING HER THAT CHANCE. IF IT WAS NOT BECAUSE WE KNOW YOU, AND WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, SHE WOULD'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE BEING ALLOWED TO KEEP THE BABY.

YOU ARE THEIR LEGAL GUARDIAN NOW.

HELLO, MARTIN.

AS YOU KNOW, AFTER SAKI IS STABLE, SHE HAS TO GO THROUGH 3 MONTHS OF REHAB.



WHERE'S MY BABY???



SFX: HEART BEATING FASTER



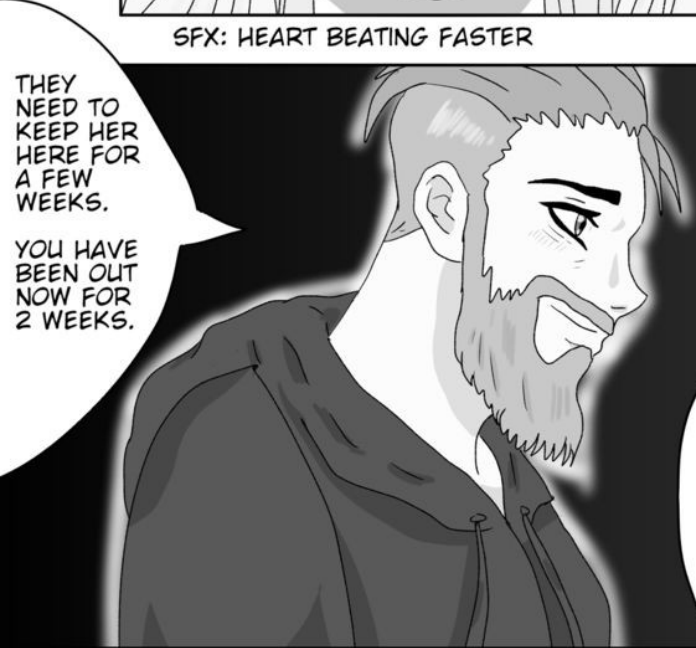
I FEEL SO HEAVY...

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?

WAIT A MINUTE...

IS THIS THE HOSPITAL?

DID WE MAKE IT?



THEY NEED TO KEEP HER HERE FOR A FEW WEEKS.

YOU HAVE BEEN OUT NOW FOR 2 WEEKS.

SHE IS. IT WASN'T EASY FOR HER, BUT SHE'S A LITTLE WARRIOR.

BUT, SOMEHOW YOUR FACE TELLS ME EVERYTHING'S FINE.

IT TELLS ME HANA'S ALIVE



IT'S YOU!

I REMEMBER NOW.

YOU KEPT YOUR PROMISE.

I WAS FEELING DESPERATE FOR A BIT...



I KNOW THIS MUST SOUND CRAZY TO YOU, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.

THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS

I NEED TO SAY TO YOU.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,

YOU SAVED ME.

REALLY? IT'S JUST A BLUR IN MY MIND.

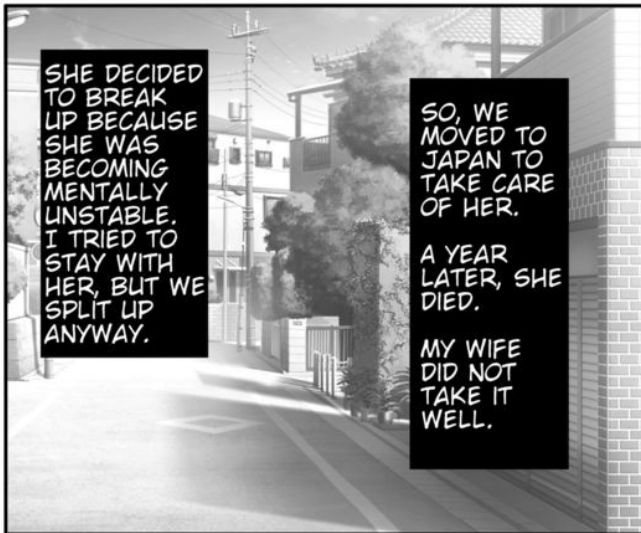
BUT I REMEMBER YOU BEING THERE ALL THIS TIME.

RIGHT BY MY BEDSIDE.

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH I CAN DO TO THANK YOU.

YOU SAVED US...



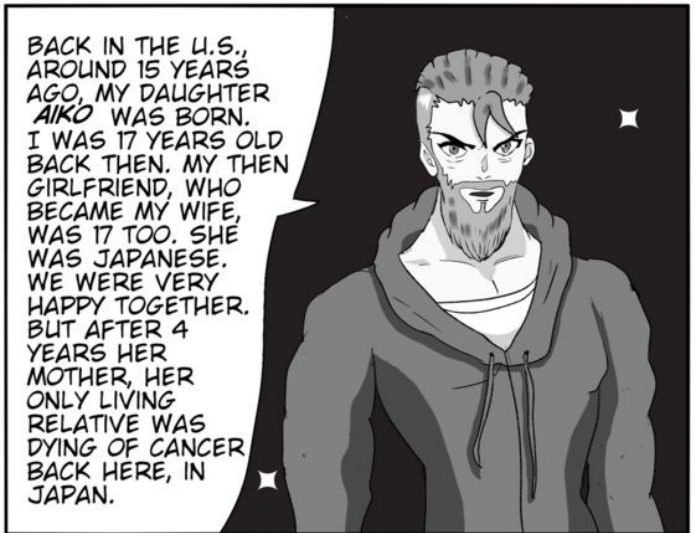


SHE DECIDED TO BREAK UP BECAUSE SHE WAS BECOMING MENTALLY UNSTABLE. I TRIED TO STAY WITH HER, BUT WE SPLIT UP ANYWAY.

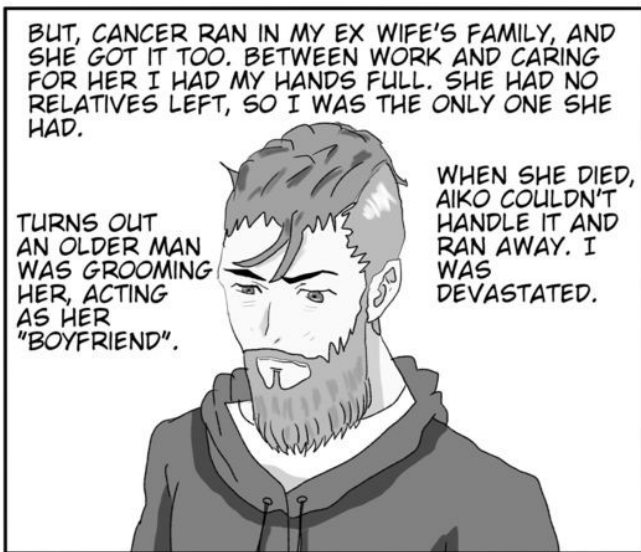
SO, WE MOVED TO JAPAN TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

A YEAR LATER, SHE DIED.

MY WIFE DID NOT TAKE IT WELL.



BACK IN THE U.S., AROUND 15 YEARS AGO, MY DAUGHTER AIKO WAS BORN. I WAS 17 YEARS OLD BACK THEN. MY THEN GIRLFRIEND, WHO BECAME MY WIFE, WAS 17 TOO. SHE WAS JAPANESE. WE WERE VERY HAPPY TOGETHER. BUT AFTER 4 YEARS HER MOTHER, HER ONLY LIVING RELATIVE WAS DYING OF CANCER BACK HERE, IN JAPAN.



BUT, CANCER RAN IN MY EX WIFE'S FAMILY, AND SHE GOT IT TOO. BETWEEN WORK AND CARING FOR HER I HAD MY HANDS FULL. SHE HAD NO RELATIVES LEFT, SO I WAS THE ONLY ONE SHE HAD.

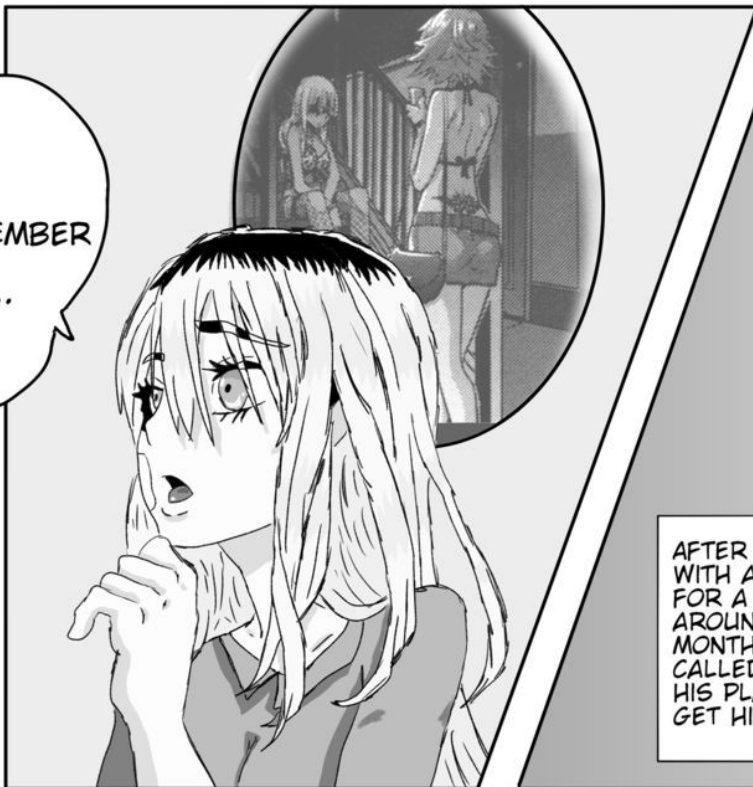
TURNS OUT AN OLDER MAN WAS GROOMING HER, ACTING AS HER "BOYFRIEND".

WHEN SHE DIED, AIKO COULDN'T HANDLE IT AND RAN AWAY. I WAS DEVASTATED.



I SPENT ALL OF MY FREE TIME WITH HER. I LOVED HER.

MY DAUGHTER AIKO WAS GROWING UP AND BECOMING AS BEAUTIFUL AS HER MOM.



I REMEMBER HER...



AFTER LIVING WITH A FRIEND FOR A WHILE, AROUND 7 MONTHS AGO HE CALLED HER TO HIS PLACE TO GET HIGH.

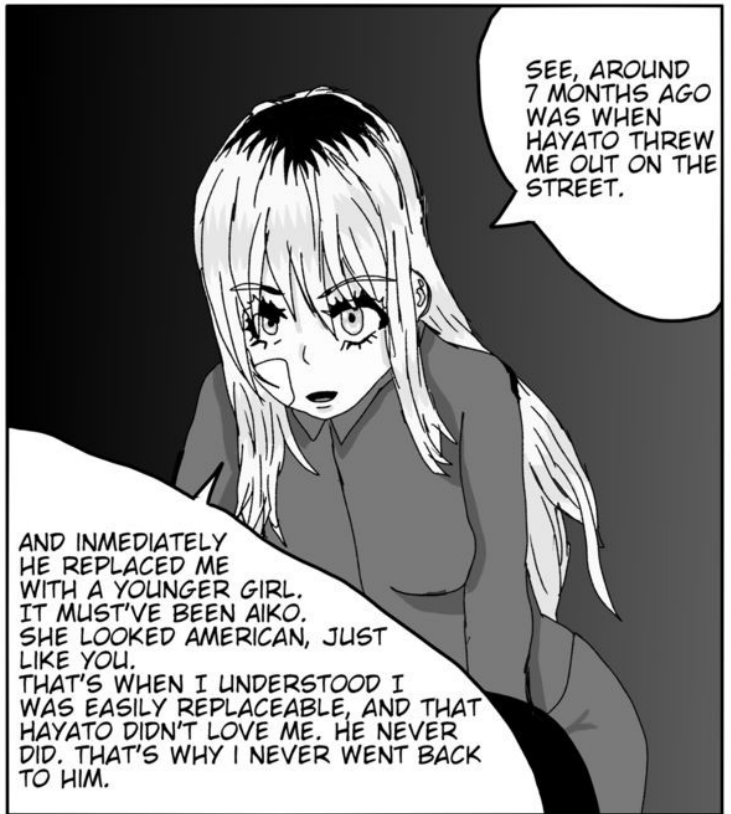
I THINK YOU KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT. HE BRANDED YOU TOO. HIS NAME IS HAYATO. HE BRANDED MY DAUGHTER ON HER NECK WITH AN "H" TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HER FRAGILE MENTAL STATE AND YOUNG AGE. HE ALSO GAVE HER A COUPLE OF TATTOOS, JUST LIKE YOURS. THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME HE DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

THAT BASTARD TOOK THE ONLY THING THAT I HAD LEFT IN THIS WORLD. BUT HE WAS SCREWED. SOMEBODY CALLED THE POLICE, AND THEY WENT TO THE APARTMENT AND ARRESTED HIM. HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT HE GAVE DRUGS TO A MINOR. IT WAS AWFUL, BUT I THOUGHT I HAD CLOSURE.



THING IS AIKO DIED OF AN OVERDOSE THAT DAY.

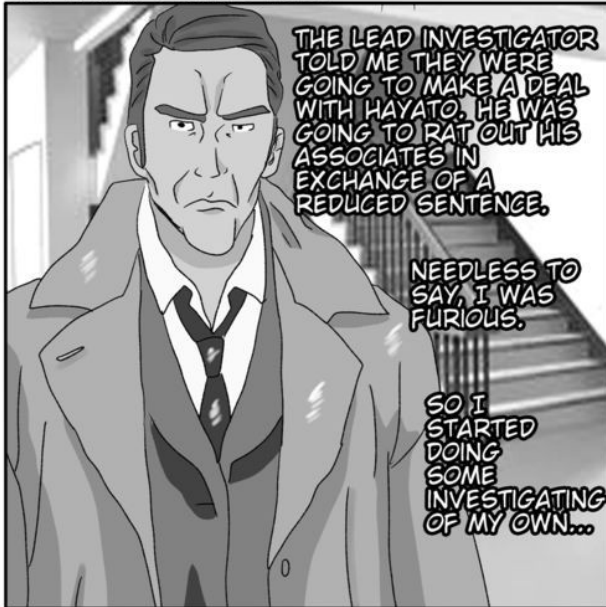
SEE, AROUND 7 MONTHS AGO WAS WHEN HAYATO THREW ME OUT ON THE STREET.



AND IMMEDIATELY HE REPLACED ME WITH A YOUNGER GIRL. IT MUST'VE BEEN AIKO. SHE LOOKED AMERICAN, JUST LIKE YOU. THAT'S WHEN I UNDERSTOOD I WAS EASILY REPLACEABLE, AND THAT HAYATO DIDN'T LOVE ME. HE NEVER DID. THAT'S WHY I NEVER WENT BACK TO HIM.

SFX: HEART BEATING FAST

THE LEAD INVESTIGATOR TOLD ME THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH HAYATO. HE WAS GOING TO RAT OUT HIS ASSOCIATES IN EXCHANGE OF A REDUCED SENTENCE.



NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WAS FURIOUS.

SO I STARTED DOING SOME INVESTIGATING OF MY OWN...

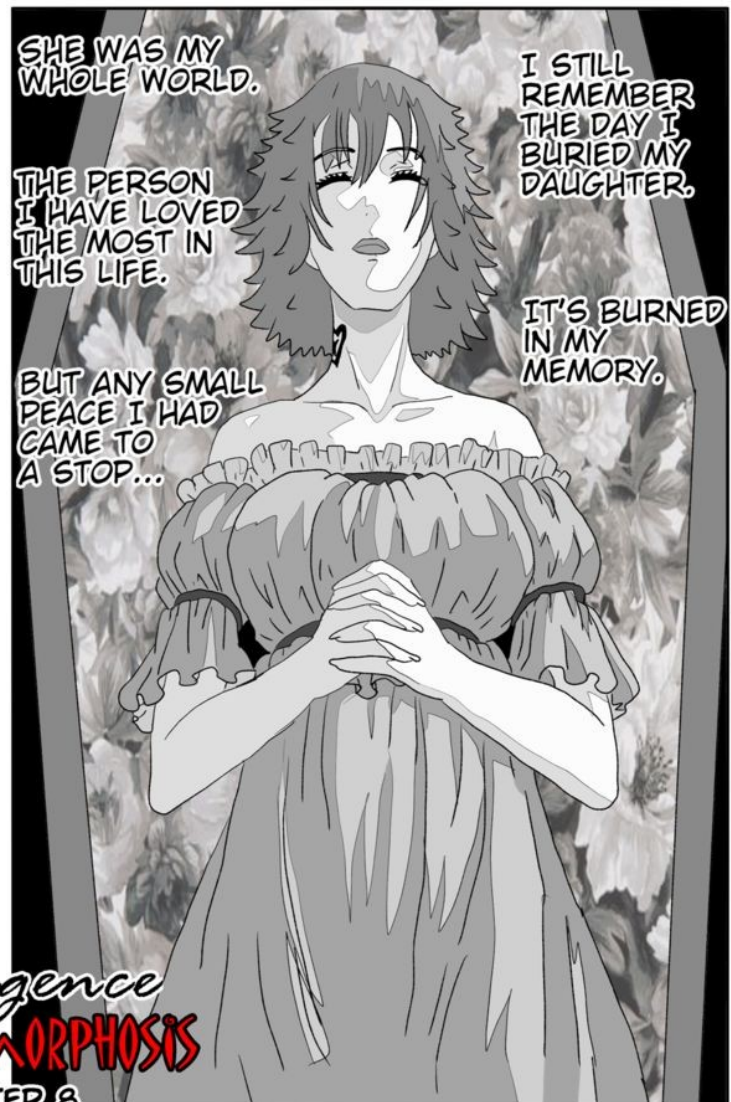
SHE WAS MY WHOLE WORLD.

I STILL REMEMBER THE DAY I BURIED MY DAUGHTER.

THE PERSON I HAVE LOVED THE MOST IN THIS LIFE.

IT'S BURNED IN MY MEMORY.

BUT ANY SMALL PEACE I HAD CAME TO A STOP...



SOME TIME PASSED, AND 2 WEEKS AGO, I DISCOVERED WHERE HAYATO WAS GOING TO BE AT.

I TOOK THE FIRST THING I THOUGHT I COULD USE AS A WEAPON, AND LEFT MY HOUSE FULLY AWARE THAT I MAY NEVER COME BACK.

BUT, I FOUND YOU ON MY WAY, INSTEAD...



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CHAPTER 8

" SONG OF A BROKEN MAN "