

Kamisama Kise



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YOU WERE
SPEAKING
WITH
MIKAGE,
NANAMI?

JUST
A SMALL
CHAT,
THAT'S
ALL
...

NOT A
BIG DEAL
...

...
YEAH

THE ACT OF
COURTSHIP,

FOR A YOKAI,
IS THE
HIGHEST RISK.



BEING
IMMORTAL,
A YOKAI IS
FULLY AWARE
THAT A TOUCH
WOULD MEAN A
LIFETIME OF
LONGING.



EVEN SO,
DATING
TOMOE

IS A
HUGE
RESPON-
SIBILITY.



NANAMI,
WHAT'S
WRONG?



...
NOTHING



I'M
HUMAN.

I WILL
CERTAINLY
DIE BEFORE
TOMOE.

HE HOPES
TOMOE
CHOOSES
ME?

SO WHY DID
MIKAGE-SAN
SAY THAT

CLEARLY,
I WILL CAUSE
TOMOE THE
SAME PAIN.

Such
unhappy
expression,
Nanami
hime.

Though
you only had
seven days, you
completed your
tasks admirably.

You
can return
to your shrine,
standing tall.

EVEN IF YOU
DIDN'T HAVE TO
RUSH BACK,
YOU SHOULD
ANYWAY.

Ah,
separations
can be so
painful.
If only you
could stay in
this place
forever.

NO,
I ALSO
WANT TO
GET BACK
TO SCHOOL



THANK YOU,
OOKUNINUSHI
-SAMA.



I saw in
this month's
issue of
LIVING
GOD 'ZINE

DATE



Anyway,
Nanami
-hime.

I will
make a date
with that Kyoto
woman, which
day is best?



It wasn't
fair to pity
that girl.

My one
wish is that all
humans could
live in peaceful
harmony.

She also
has a great
ambition.

It is not too
much for me,
Ookuninushi,
to pay a per-
sonal visit.



STERN

DATE?
KAYAKO MAY BE
ECCENTRIC, BUT
SHE'S REALLY
JUST AN ORDI-
NARY HUMAN
GIRL...

AS OOKUNINUSHI,
IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER GOD IS A
DEMON OR A HUMAN,
AS LONG AS I LOVE
THE WOMAN,

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING!

TURNS HEAD

oh!

I DON'T
CHOOSE!

LOVE IS
MY GUIDING
PRINCIPLE.

Ookuni-
nushi-sama
is the
greatest!

hug
hug

...ABOUT
THAT

HUMAN
OR
YOKAI?

IS THAT
CONNECTION
POSSIBLE?





*it depends
on the parties
involved.*

*If I say it's
not allowed,
will love
simply stop?*

*No need
for you to
worry, but
I assure you,*



PROBABLY
TIRED

GET SO
EXHAUSTED
AFTER THE
BANQUET
ENDED...

WHY
EXACTLY
DID
NANAMI
-SAMA



YOU'RE
THINKING NON-
SENSE. THE
SHRINE'S BEEN
EMPTY THIS
WHOLE TIME.

I REALLY
WANTED TO
LET NANAMI
-CHAN HAVE
A LEISURELY
SOAK AT THE
HOT SPRINGS.

OF ALL
THE OTHER
GOD'S
DEMANDS,
AFTER
SEVEN
DAYS.



ARGUING
AGAIN
...

BICKER
BICKER

Nanami
and I will
stay behind.

You
go
home

Eh,
Tomoe-san,
aren't you
the one
who left
it?

Nanami
-chan and
I came
to Izumo
together.



LET'S
GET GOING,
NANAMI.

NANAMI
-CHAN,
HOT
SPRING

GET UP
HERE.



BETWEEN
TOMOE



...
SORRY

TOMOE,
WOULD
YOU GO
HOME
NOW?

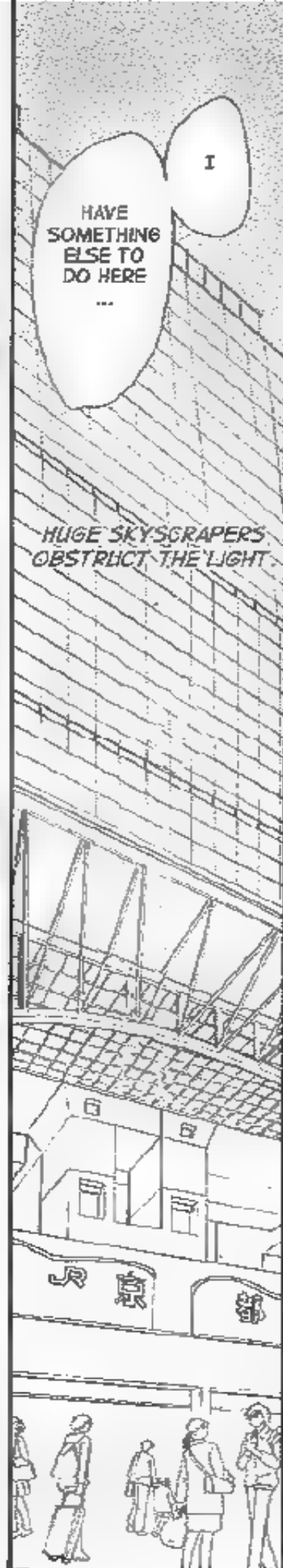
AND MYSELF,



FROM
IZUMO TO
KYOTO

REALLY, YOU
CAME SO FAR
TO GET HERE.

Ironie



I

HAVE
SOMETHING
ELSE TO
DO HERE
...

HUGE SKYSCRAPERS
OBSTRUCT THE LIGHT



EXACTLY
MY
POINT.

YOU
CALL ME
AT
RANDOM
FROM
THE
STREET
!!

I DON'T
RECALL
BEING
FRIENDS
WITH
YOU!

IT'S MY
SPECIALTY



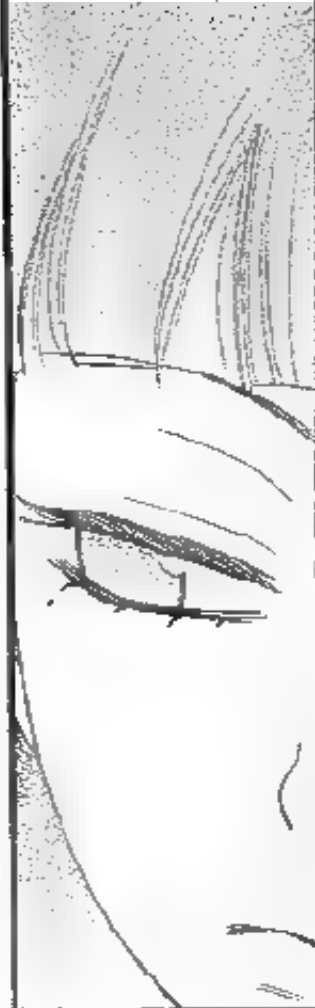
SEEING'S
OVER.

KAYAKO!
LONG
TIME NO
SEE--



HAVE
CHANGED,
A LITTLE
BIT.

YOU
ALSO



...
IT WAS
HARD
GETTING
HERE

WALK
WITH
ME?

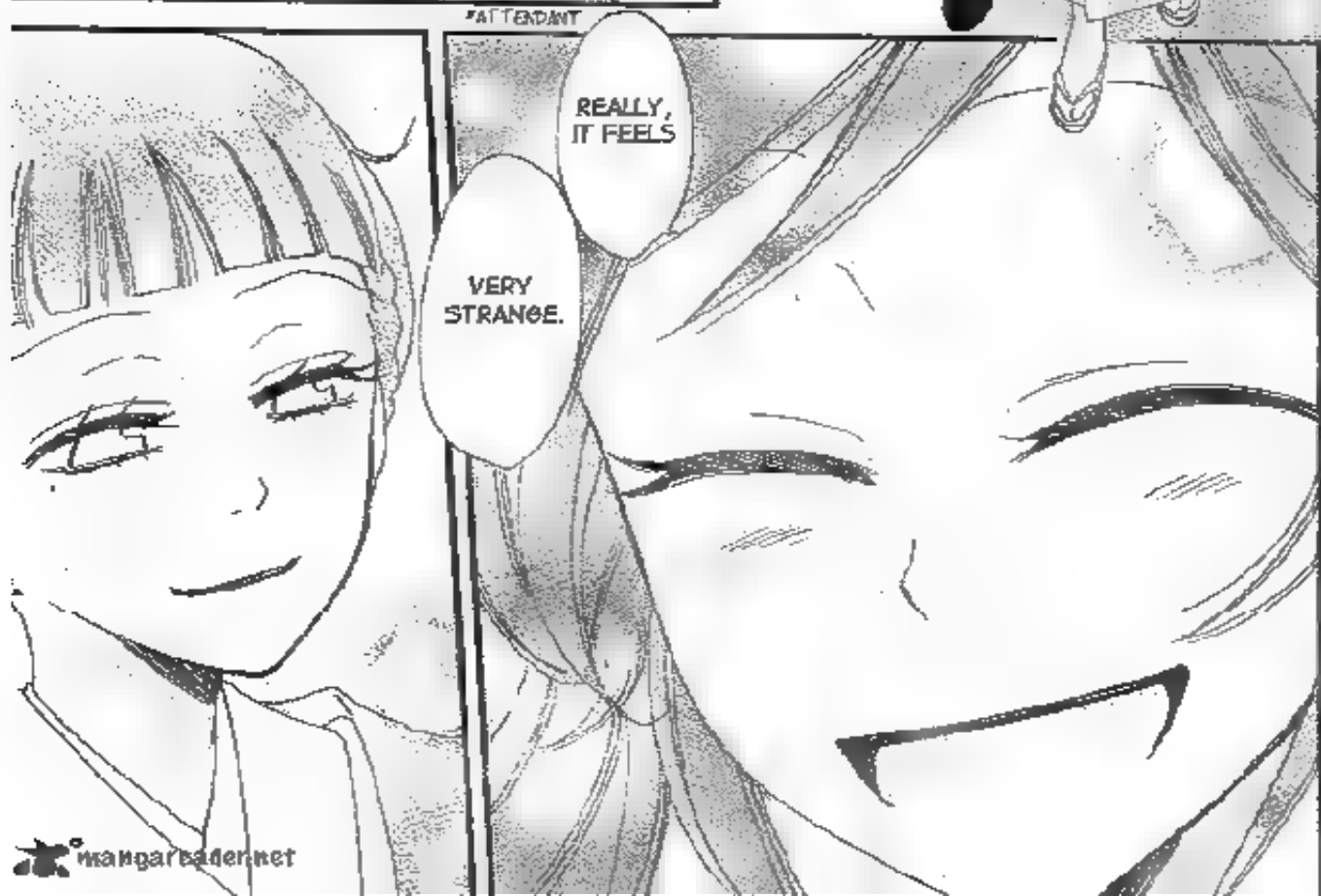
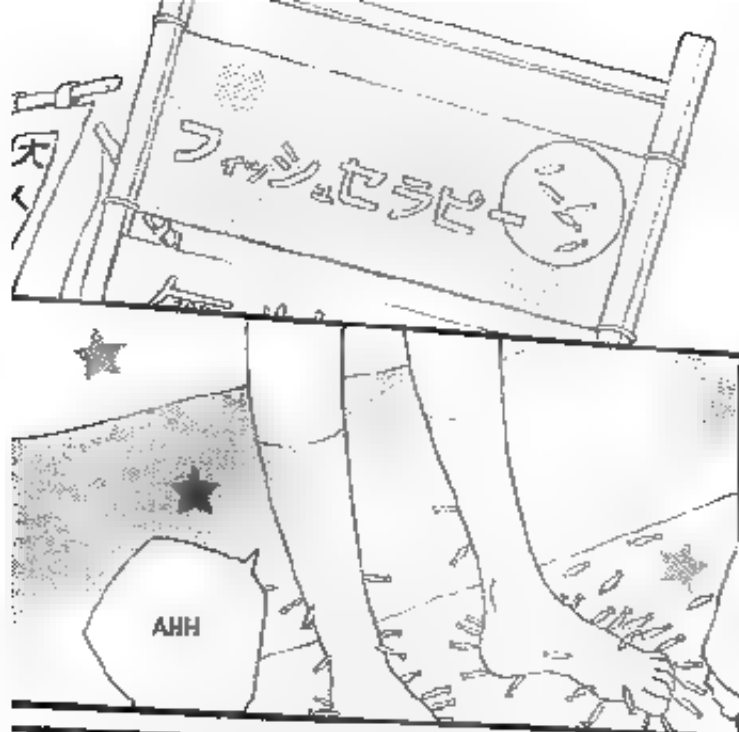


HIMANS
WILL WANT
TO PLAY
A LITTLE.



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and readers like you!





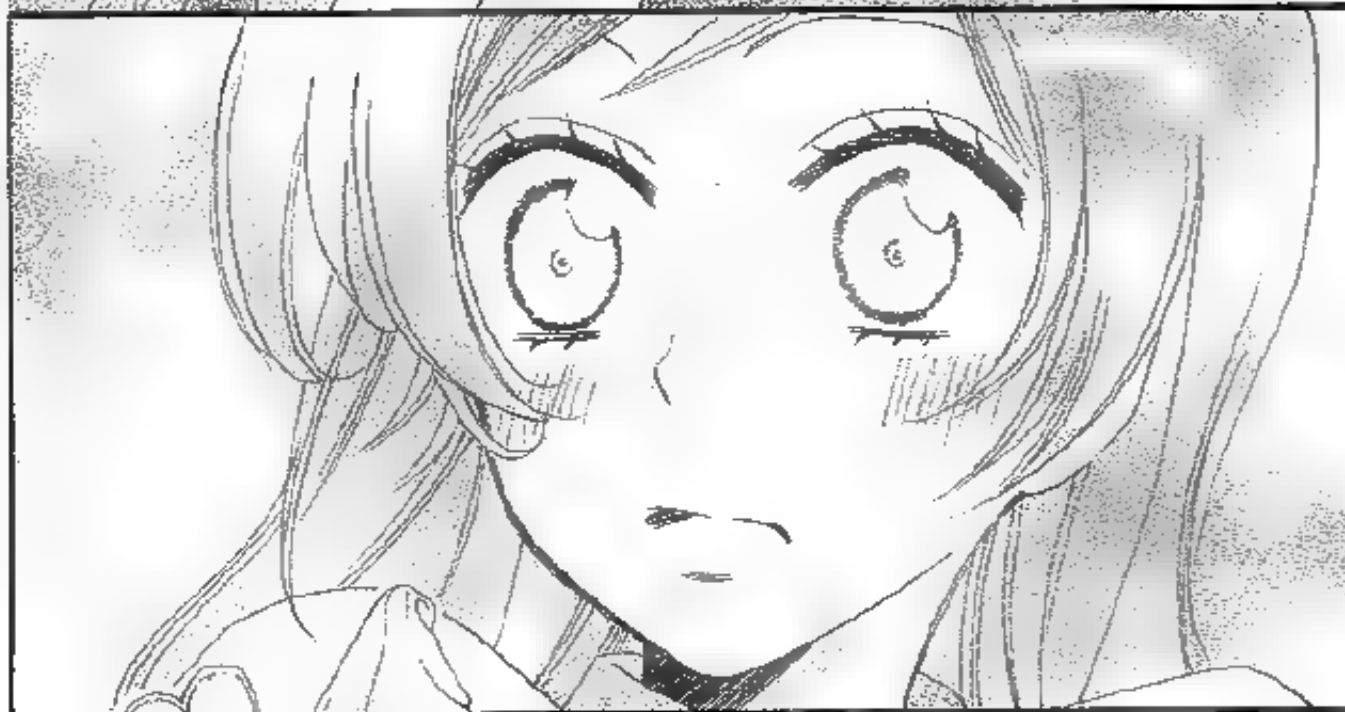


DID YOU
AND YOUR
FOX-
FAMILIAR

HAVE A
QUARREL?

THIS KIND OF
THING, LAUGHING
LIKE AN IDIOT,
SUITS YOU.

YOU
FINALLY
LAUGHED.

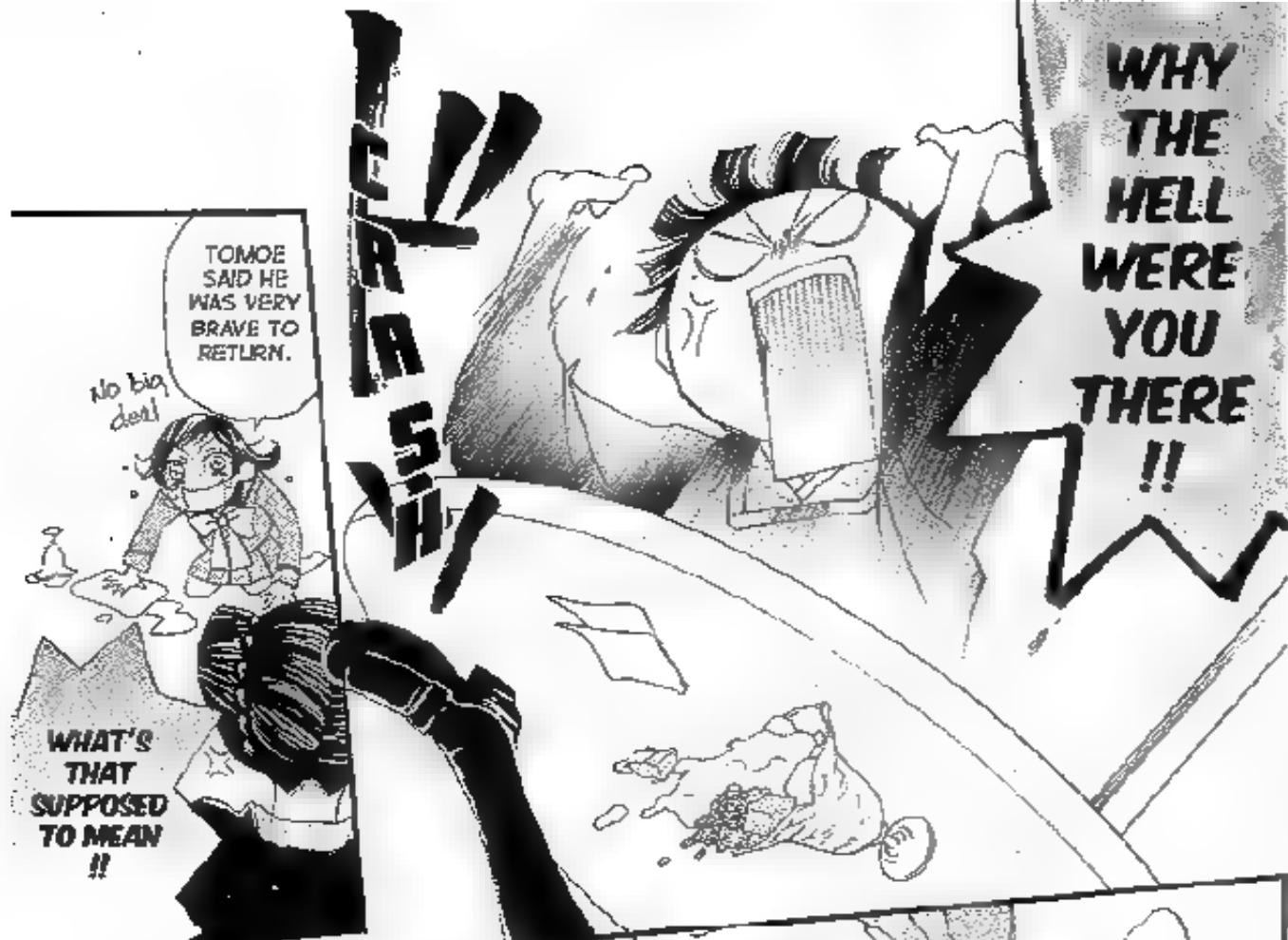


THE
DEGREE OF
PERSISTENCE
IS DIFFERENT IN
THE FEELINGS
BETWEEN
HUMAN AND
YOKAI.

AT IZUMO,
I WAS TOLD







TOMOE
SAID HE
WAS VERY
BRAVE TO
RETURN.

No big
deal!

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN
!!

WHY
THE
HELL
WERE
YOU
THERE
!!



WENT
TO
YOMI-
NO
-KLINI.

KIRIITO
-SAMA
...



YOU
KNOW
HIS
PHONE
NUMBER?

I'M
GOING
TO
CALL
HIM!

HE HAS A
PHONE?!

OF
COURSE
!

HOW TO
PUT THIS
...

HE'S ALSO
THE ELDEST
SON OF THE
KAMAKURA
CITY'S MORI
FAMILY.

KA-CHA

KA-CHA

KA-CHA



I SAID

tussle

tussle







THAT
POOR
CHILD

I WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED.

AFTER
HIS RETURN,
HE'S BEEN
STAYING
INSIDE.

BUT NOW,
I DON'T
SEE HIM.

RECENTLY,
HE SEEMS LIKE
A COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
PERSON.





**MAYBE
I CAN'T
HELP HIM**

BUT

**IT'S MY
CHOICE TO
FOLLOW
HIM**

**RIGHT,
LAND-GOD?**



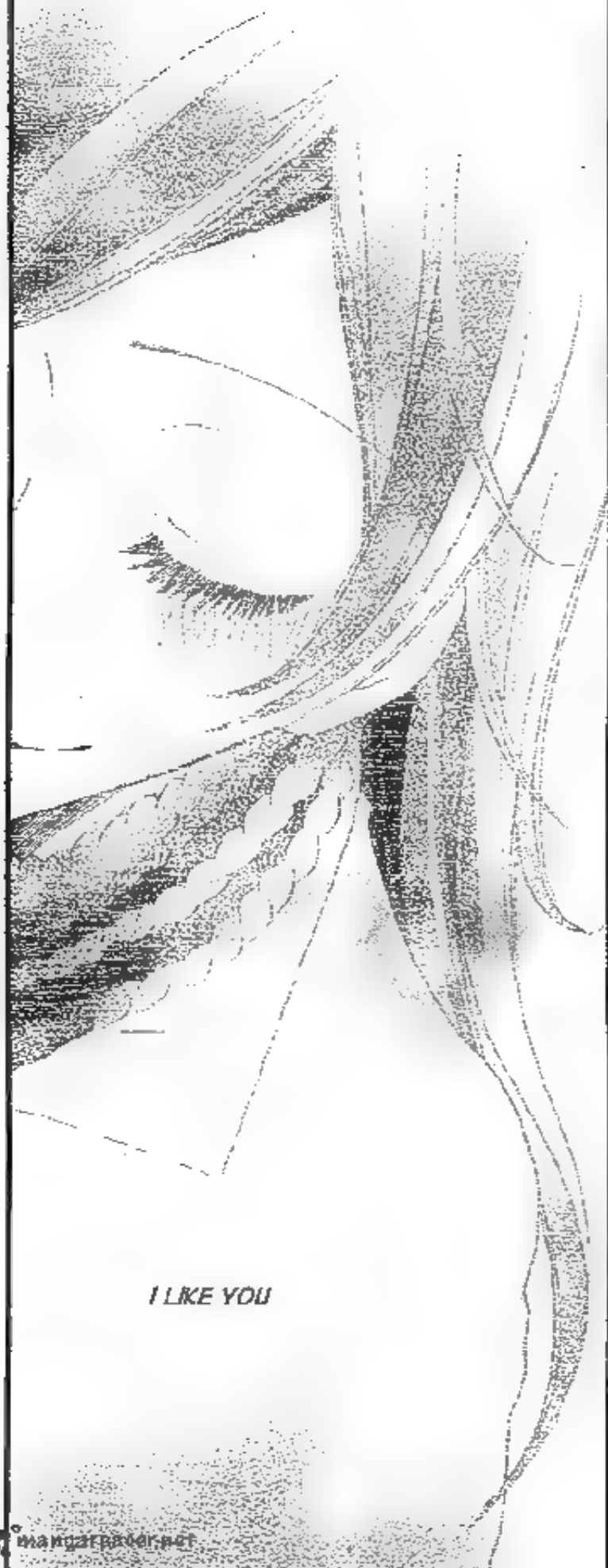
NOT DAZED AT ALL,
HER SHOULDERS
SQUARED

SEEMS LIKE
SHE'S GROWN WINGS
IN HER FREEDOM





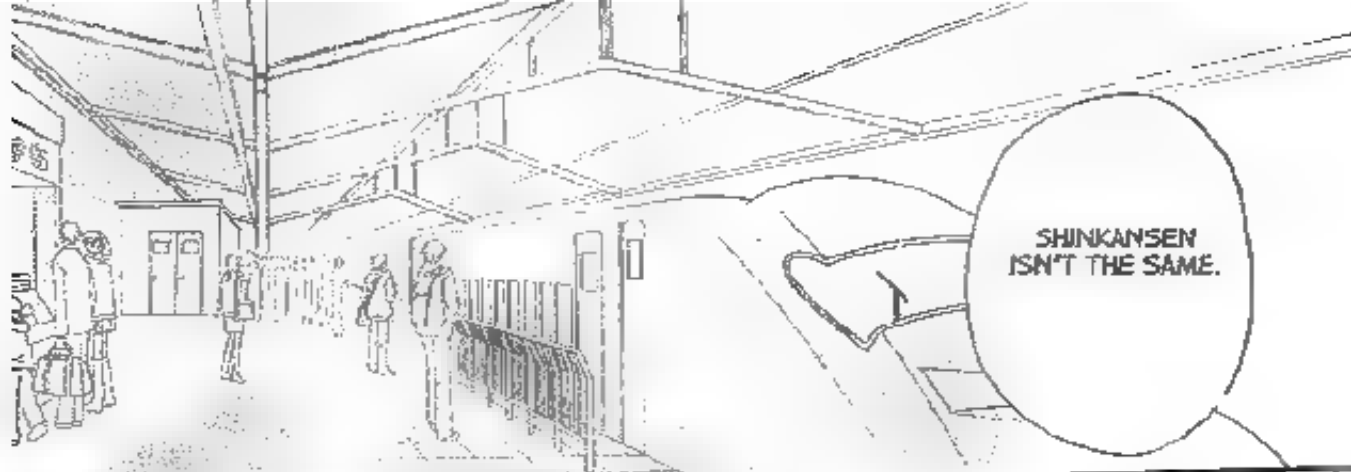
I WANT TO
COME TOO



I LIKE YOU

WANT TO
MOVE
FORWARD





SHINKANSEN
ISN'T THE SAME.



NOW I,
TOO, HAVE
A REASON
TO LIVE AND
USE ALL MY
STRENGTH.

SO DON'T
YOU BE SO
CONFUSED,
CHEER UP.



I'M
GOING
THEN

BECAUSE
I ALREADY
BOUGHT THE
TICKETS.

YEAH



YOU'VE
CHANGED,
KAYAKO.

IN A
GOOD WAY

THAT BEING
SAID, I GUESS
KIRIHITO
PROBABLY
WON'T SEE
ME.



WHAT
CHANGED
ME WAS
YOU.



I STILL
HAVEN'T
SAID IT,
TOO

NANAMI

THANK
YOU

KAYAKO

I'M ALSO
GOING

FROM NOW ON,
I WILL BE FACING
A VARIETY OF
DIFFICULTIES

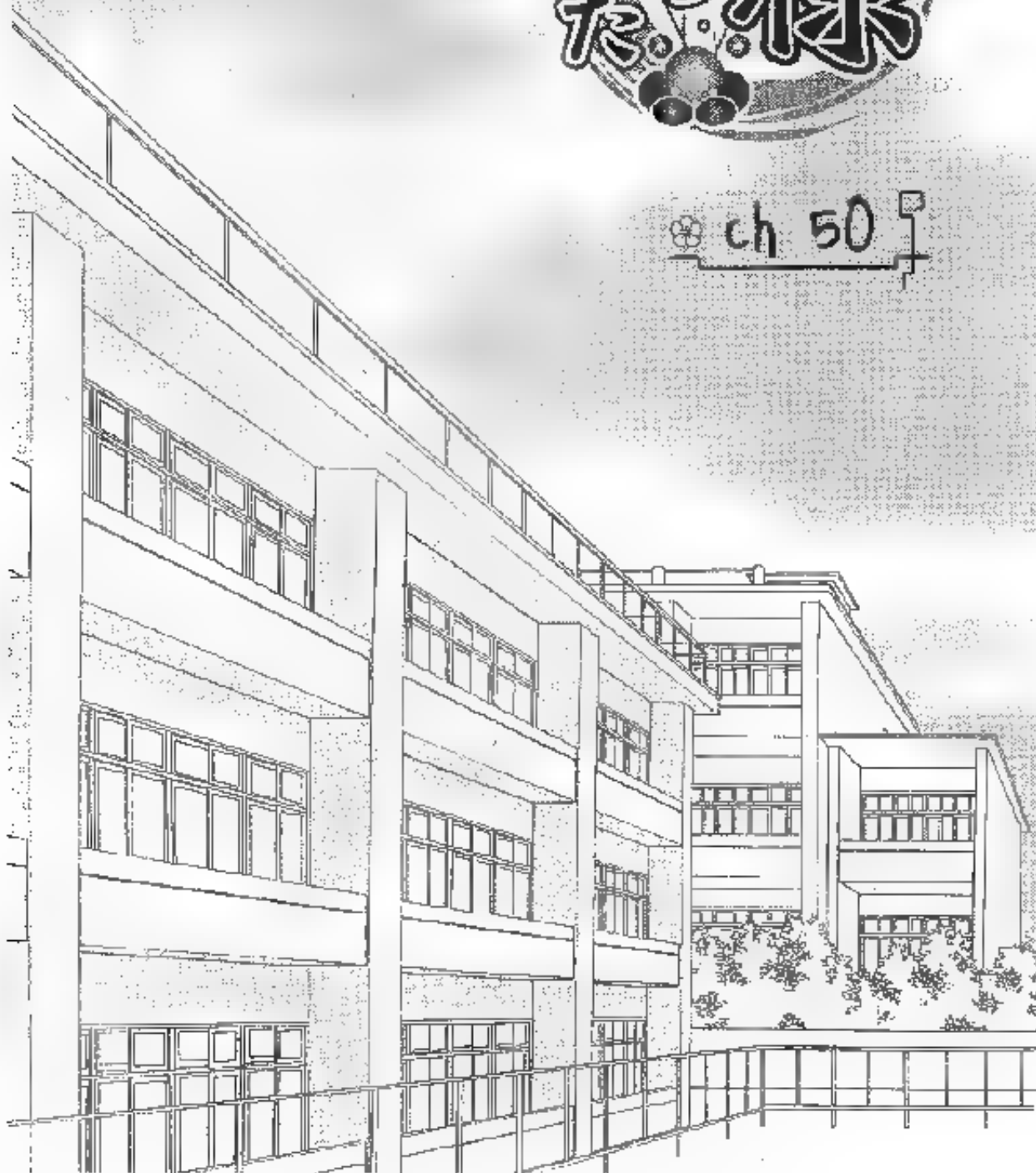
HOLDING ON,
NOT LETTING GO
OF THIS FEELING

ADVANCING
BRAVELY FORWARD



神様 はじめ ました。

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KURAMA-SAMA AND TOMOE-SAN!

I HEARD THAT
TOMOE-SAN WAS
INJURED AND
HAD TO BE
HOSPITALIZED!

HIS BODY
IS SO
DELICATE!

He exudes a kind
of fragility that can
only be described
as beautiful.
So romantic!

JUST AS
BEAUTIFUL
AS ALWAYS.
SUCH
GORGEOUS
FACES.

Kurama-sama
was on a loca-
tion overseas.
He just finished
filming yesterday.

Hey, that guy
still doesn't have
a girlfriend.

MEANWHILE,
I GOT ZERO
POINTS ON
MY ENGLISH
QUIZ...

chirp
chirp
whisper
whisper

Kurama-
san's smile
is so
dazzling.

AND I COUNTED
AMI AND MO-
MOZONO IN!

THERE'S A
GROUP DATE
THIS WEEKEND!

YOU TWO
BETTER BE
PREPARED!

NOT
AT ALL,
THERE
AREN'T
ENOUGH
GIRLS-

**GROUP
DATE?!**

I DON'T
LIKE
GROUP
DATES...

WEREN'T YOU
ALSO WISHING
FOR A BOYFRIEND
BEFORE
CHRISTMAS?

THAT'S
TOO
SUDDEN,
JUST
LIKE
THAT...!

Ami's
going on
a group
date

I WASN'T...

YOU'LL
OWE ME
ONE VERY
LARGE FAVOR,
MOMORONO.

I'LL
PAY.

...HOW

Does Ami
also owe?

This
Saturday,
2 o'clock

...OKAY

WHY

WHAT'S
WRONG,
NANAMI?

FIRST OF ALL,
I NEVER
LIKED GOING
TO EVENTS
LIKE THAT.
THAT'S NOT
ME AT ALL.

WHAT
TO DO?

I'M NOT
READY FOR A
GROUP-DATE.
THIS IS A
HUGE STEP!

I ALREADY
LIKE THIS
FOX

ALL OF YOU WERE
APPARENTLY EXCITED
ABOUT SOME
GOSSIP!

IT'S
NOTHING
...

...NO

STOP

KEI-

IT'S FOR
KEI-CHAN
AND AMI

JUST NOW,
DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU
WANT TO GO
ON A GROUP
DATE!?

STOP
LYING.





DO YOU
REALLY BELIEVE
THAT NANAMI
WILL NEVER
COME BACK?

CALM
AS USUAL,
I SEE...



I ALREADY
WARNED YOU
TO BE CAREFUL
WITH HUMANS,
Y'KNOW?

ESPECIALLY
FOR NANAMI,
SHE'S AT THAT
AGE FOR
GIRLS.

NANAMI
ALREADY SAID
THAT IT WASN'T
AN ISSUE.



ACK

FLARE
UP

MORE
IMPORTANTLY...





The Occupants
Next Door

IT'S ONLY
A GROUP OF FRIENDS.

WELL, TOMOE,
DON'T KNOW
ABOUT FRIENDSHIP.
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN POSSIBLE TO
GET LOST IN A
WOMAN'S GAZE
JUST BY SITTING
DOWN WITH HER.

HOW IS
THAT
FRIEND-
SHIP?

QUITE
SHAMEFUL...
THAT EVEN I
CONSTANTLY
WISH TO FIND
A WAY TO
JOIN.

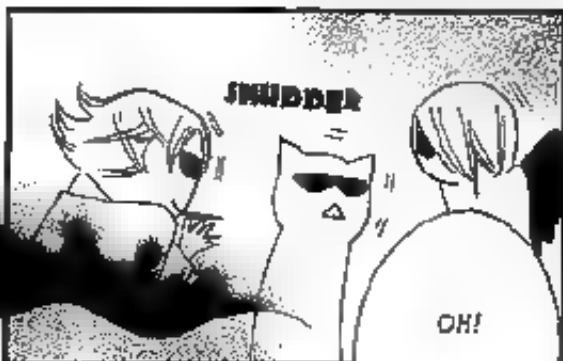
FRIEND-
SHIP?



**WRONG.
SHUT UP.**

WHAT KIND OF
VULGAR MEETING
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

IT'S NOT JUST
FRIENDSHIP WHEN IT'S
FIERY MEN AND WOMEN
TOGETHER IN AN UN-
BRIDLED DEBAUCHED
GATHERING,
OH, TENGU-SAN.



SHUDDER

OH!



WHAT, WHAT-
NANAMI WANTS
TO PARTICIPATE
IN A GATHER-
ING LIKE
THAT!

WITH
NO ONE ELSE
AROUND...

HAVING A BIT
OF SLAP-AND-
TICKLE* WITH
A FRIEND.

SHE
WANTS
A BIT OF
PASSION.

OF
COURSE,
ALL THE
YOUNG
GIRLS
DO.



THIS IS
GREAT.

T/L: MIZUKI'S ROJIN ABOUT TERM FOR FLIRTING
WITHOUT CLOTHES, THAT IS. *WINK*



MIZUKI!!!



I WANT
TO JOIN
IN, TOO.

YOU
CAME
HERE BY
YOUR-
SELF!?

NO.



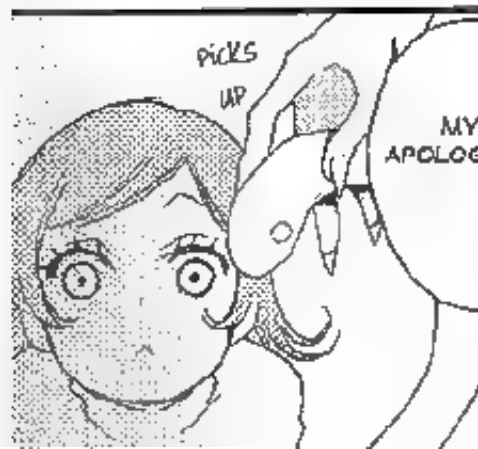
In
the
hall-
way

HOW
DID YOU
GET IN
THERE!?

BUT
NANAMI-CHAN,
I DON'T UNDER-
STAND THIS
WORLD'S
HAPPY GAMES.

PICKS
UP

MY
APOLOGIES.



IT
CAN'T
BE

TOMOE!!



WHY
ARE YOU
HERE..!!

BECAUSE
YOU LOOKED
KIND OF
STRANGE.
IT WAS A BIT
WORRISOME,
SO I WANTED
TO CHECK
ON YOU.

...WAS



BUT

...WAS
I SEEN
!?

YOU
SEEM
PRETTY
CALM.



APPARENTLY,
I WASN'T WATCHING
CUTE LITTLE MIZUKI
ATTENTIVELY,
ENOUGH.

TOMOE



WHEN
WE WERE
AT IZUMO,
YOU WERE
QUITE
TROUBLED.

YOU
NEED NOT
REPRIMAND
YOUR HEART.

WE'RE GOING.



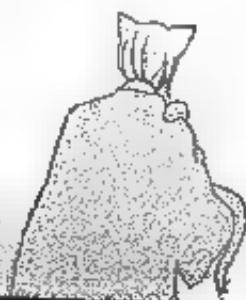
ENJOY
YOUR
EVENING.





AH

WHAT'S
THIS



I'M UNFAMILIAR
ON HOW TO ACT
AROUND BOYS.



...
NANAMI-
CHAN?

EVERY-
THING,
OKAY?

HE DIDN'T
EVEN TRY TO
CONCEAL IT

OBVIOUSLY,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER

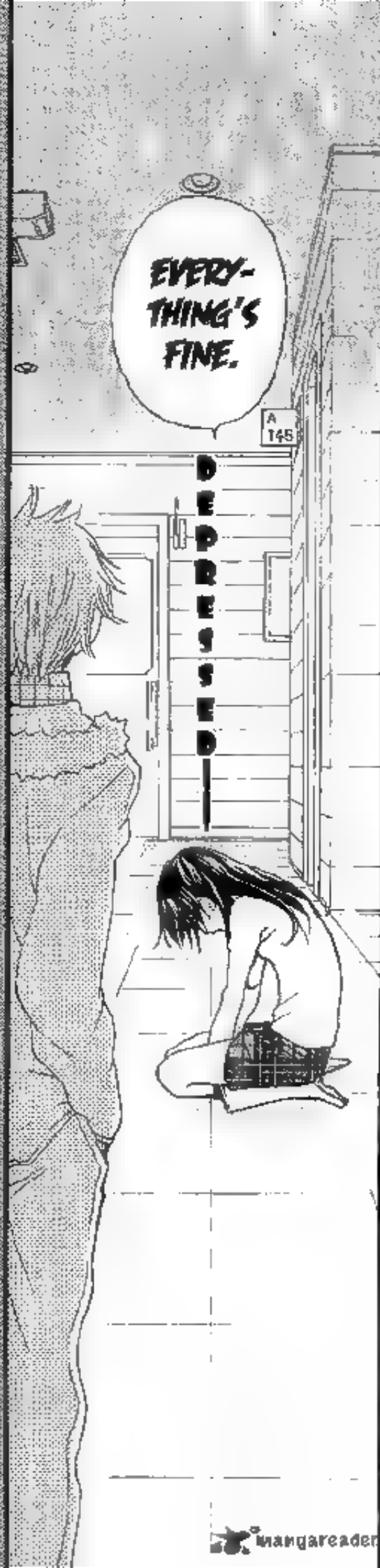
RIGHT,
TOMOE SAID
WHAT HE
WANTED.

AND HE WAS
ABSOLUTELY
INDIFFERENT
ABOUT IT.

I REALLY AM
AN IDIOT



REALLY
AN
IDIOT



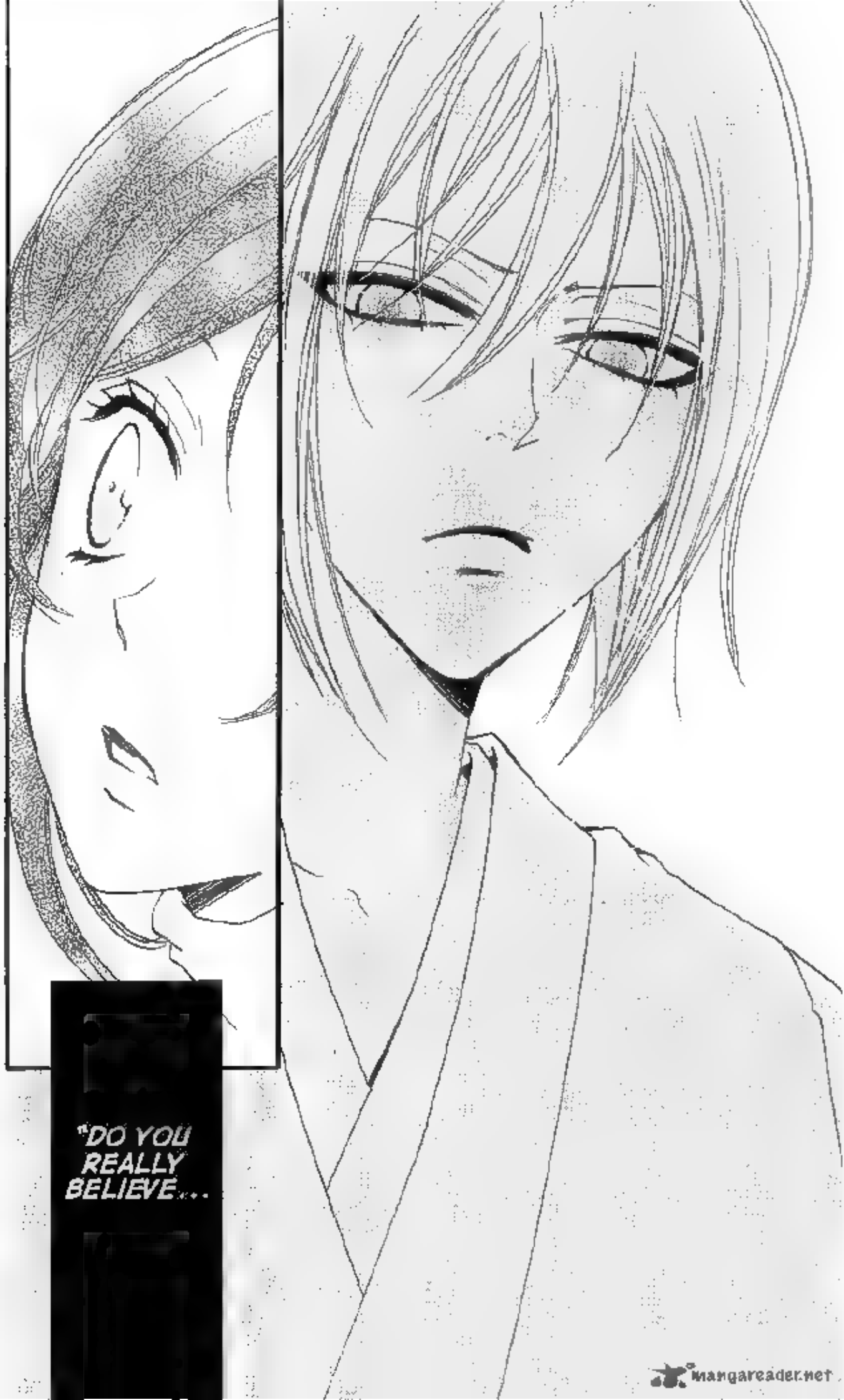








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**"DO YOU
REALLY
BELIEVE..."**

...THAT
NANAMI
WILL NEVER
COME BACK?"

LET'S
GO
HOME.

HEY!

IT'S THE
WEEKEND,

SO, THE
LAST TRAIN
WILL DEPART
EARLIER THAN
USUAL.

MY WRIST
HURTS

KA CHA

WAIT, WAIT,
WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
EVERYONE
AND GO.

I ALREADY
TOLD
EVERYONE
THAT YOU'D BE
LEAVING.

EEH!?

KA CHA

STRUGGLING
TO GET FREE

TOMOE

MAYBE

YOU'RE
VERY
ANNOYED.





HOLD
ON!!

神様はじめました



TOMOE WILL...

LIKE YOU SAID,



LOOKING AT HIS BACK.

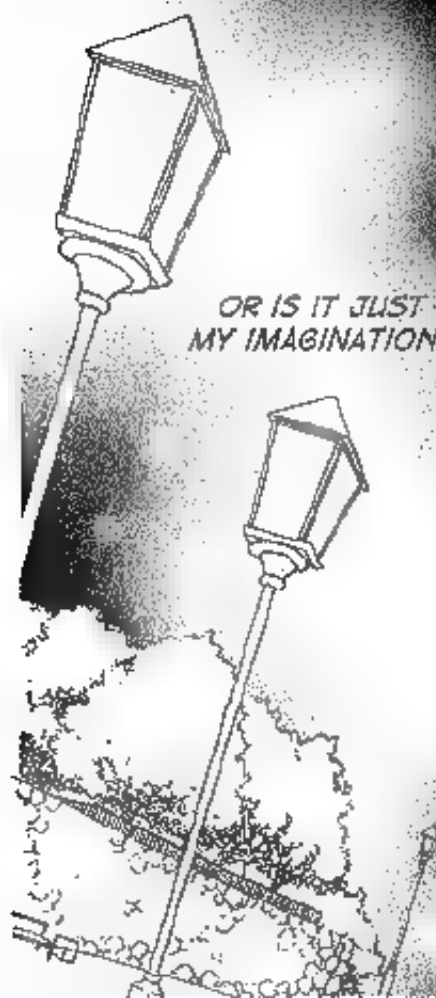
IT'S CHILDISH.

TOMOE SEEMS
NERVOUS, UNEASY...

I GUESS
IT'S MY
FAULT.

EVERYONE
COULD TELL THAT
HE WAS AN
EASY-GOING
GUY.

OR IS IT JUST
MY IMAGINATION?



grab

EVEN SO...



DO
YOU

...UH



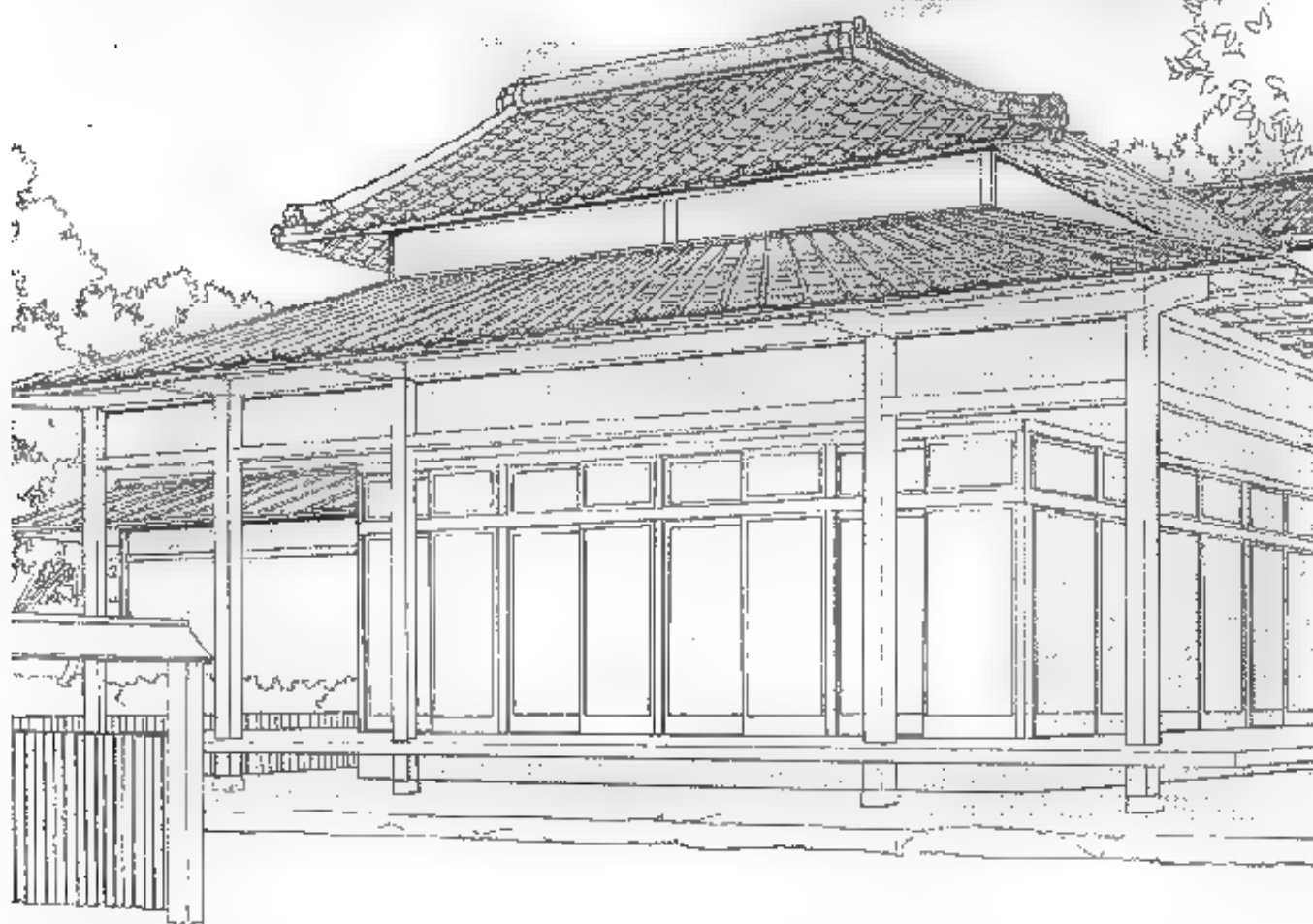


LIKE
ME?





KAMAKURA, MORI RESIDENCE





DON'T
KNOW HIM.

YATORI...

SOME
GUY NAMED
YATORI
WANTS TO
MEET WITH
ME



WRITE TO
KIRIHITO-
SAMA.
ALLOW ME,
KIKUCHI,
TO INVESTIGATE.

WE WILL DO
AS YOU WISH.
IT'S VERY
ANNOYING
THAT SOME-
ONE WOULD

CARRY
ON, THEN
NEXT ARE
THREE
YOKAI?

MY
STANDARDS
HAVE
DROPPED.



THAT
—

DO
WHAT-
EVER

MAY
I EAT THESE
DESSERTS
DELIVERED
TO US?

KIRI-
HITO-
SAMA

NO
NEED...

I CAN'T BE
BOOTHERED TO
DEAL WITH
TRASH



WAHH--
APPARENTLY
IT'S REALLY
GOOD TO
EAT.

CAN I HAVE
SOME?



WHO
ARE
YOU?

KYAAA

AAH



I ASKED,
WHO ARE
YOU?

AH,
YEAH...

*SCRAMBLING BACKWARDS

WHY DO
YOU SAY
THIS TO
ME?

PLEASE!



I'M
YATORI

Laugh



PLEASE
ALLOW ME
TO BE RESPON-
SIBLE FOR
AKIRA-OU'S
BODY.

DUE TO
THE RESCUE
FROM
YOMI-NO-
KUNI, I'M
NOW OUT OF
WORK.

I HEARD
A RUMOR
YOU WANT
TO RESURRECT
AKIRA-OU, WHO
SLEEPS IN YOMI-
NO-KUNI



I'M LOYAL
TO HIM
WITH EVERY
FIBER OF MY
BEING!

HE'S THE
MOST
SUITABLE TO
RULE THE
WORLD OF
HUMANS!

AKURA-OU-
SAMA IS MY
IDEAL!

WHY?

YOU?



HE HASN'T NOTICED I'M
AKURA-OU YET

MORON...

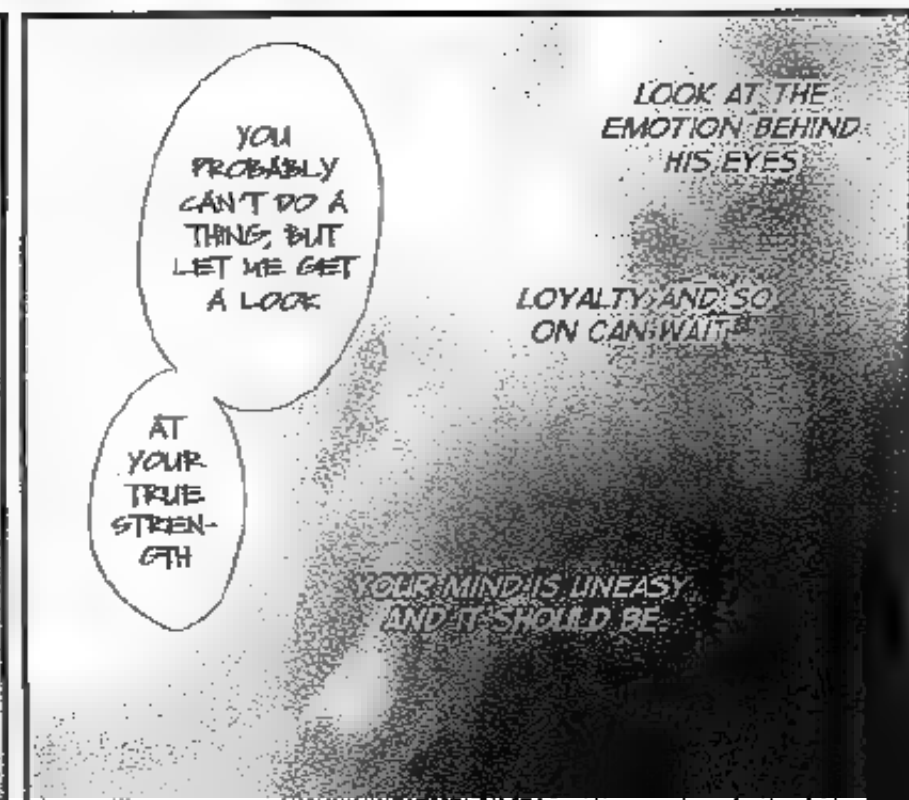
AH,
THAT'S
REALLY
DEPEND-
ABLE...

BUT CAN
YOU DO
IT?



NO
PROB-
LEM!

I'M ALREADY
WELL-PREPARED



YOU
PROBABLY
CAN'T DO A
THING, BUT
LET ME GET
A LOOK

AT
YOUR
TRUE
STREN-
GTH

LOOK AT THE
EMOTION BEHIND
HIS EYES

LOYALTY AND SO
ON CAN WAIT

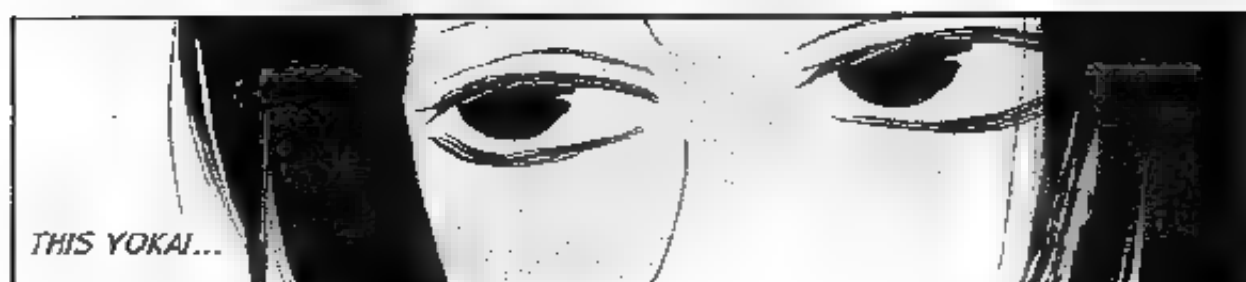
YOUR MIND IS UNEASY
AND IT SHOULD BE



I'VE
ALREADY
MASTERED
ALL THE
MOUNTAIN'S
TENGLI.

I PLAN TO
LEAD THIS
ARMY TO
ENACT
VENGEANCE!

I SHALL
PRESENT THE
HIGHEST SPIRIT OF
KURAMA MOUNTAIN TO
AKURA-OLI-SAMA, AS
PROOF OF MY
ALLEGIANCE.



THIS YOKAI...

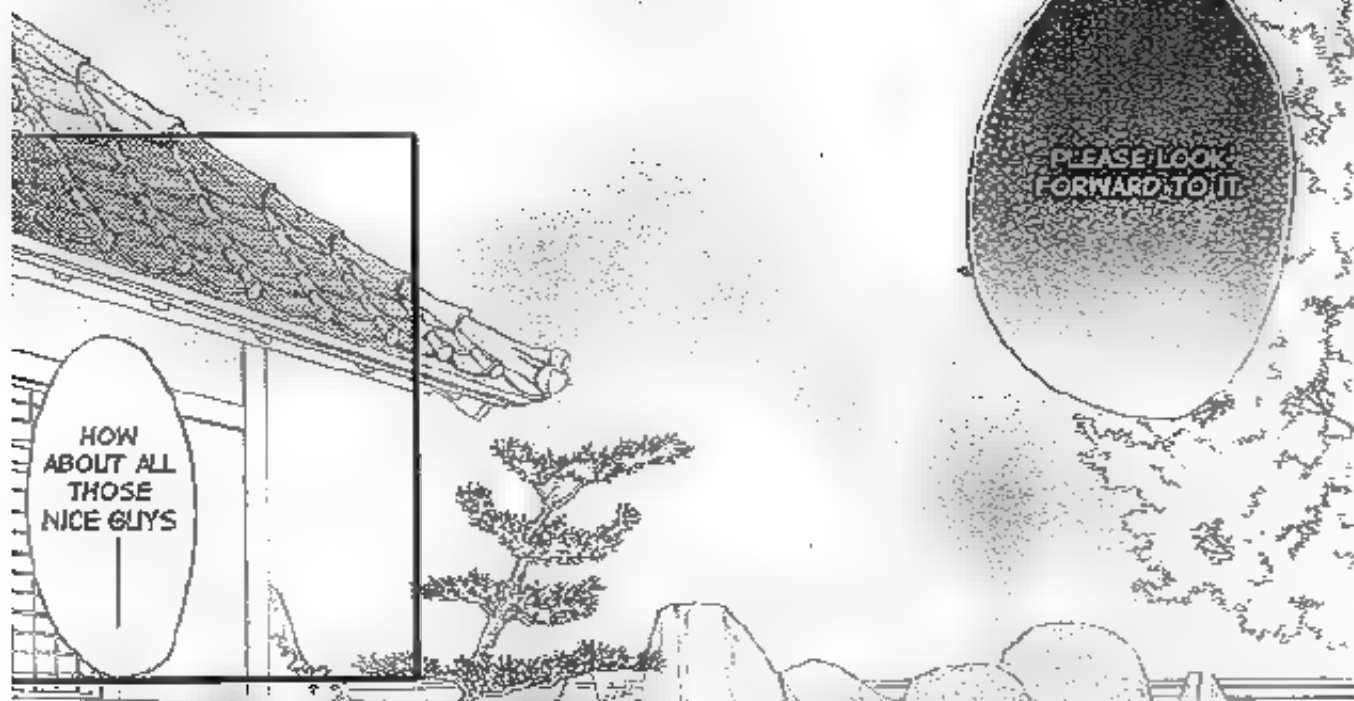


HA HA,
ABSOLUTELY.

I AWAIT YOUR
GOOD NEWS,
YATORU

IT IS DIFFICULT
TO BE UNABLE
TO TRUST HIM...

BUT IF I AM GOING TO
EXPLOIT SOMETHING, I
WILL EXPLOIT IT
COMPLETELY.





IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO
LISTEN
YESTERDAY,
WHEN YOU
SAID THOSE
WORDS

really
surprised

twist
twist

rose
rose

OH,
YESTER-
DAY



BAUNT

OH,
THERE'S
RICE ON
YOUR FACE,
NANAMI

COULD IT
BE THAT
TOMOE,
TO ME...



NO-
THING
IS
THERE!

THERE'S
DEFI-
NITELY
NO
RICE...!!

gloves

I SUPPOSE
YOU WERE
OUT SO LATE,
THIS IS TOO
EARLY FOR
YOU

OBVIOUSLY
A GIRL, BUT
SO SCRUFFY

!!?

!!!



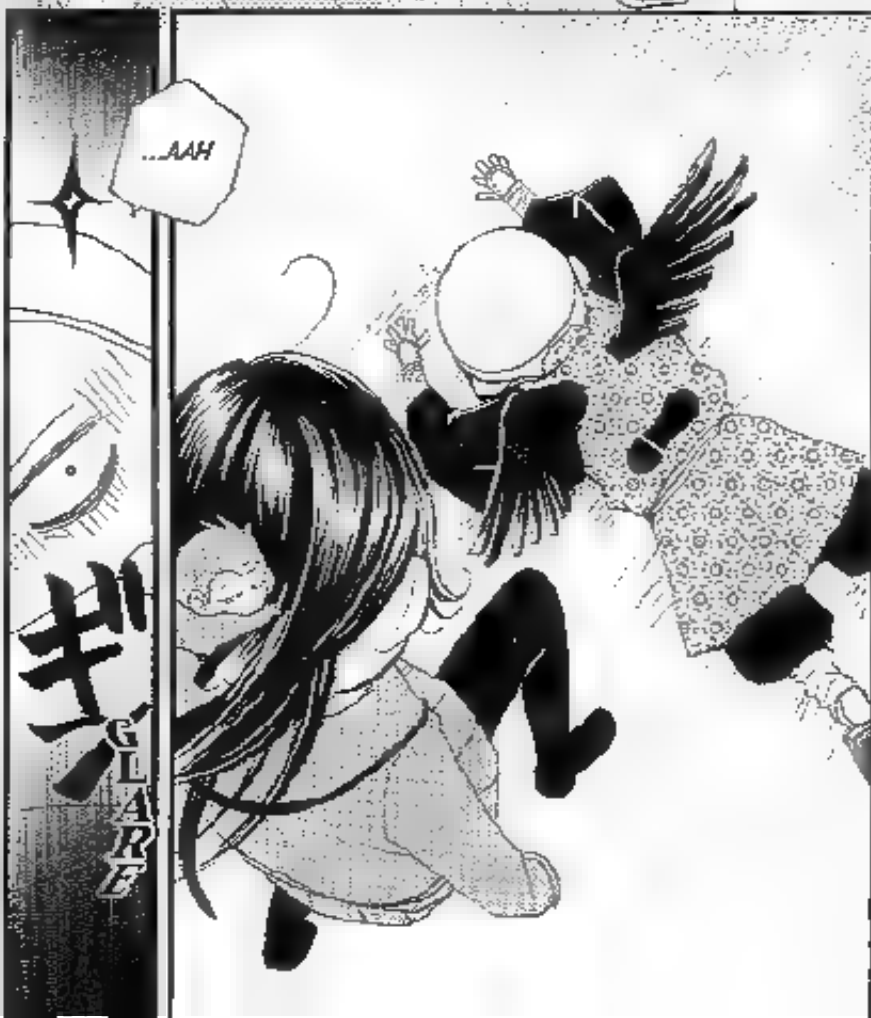
NEXT TIME,
JUST ASK THE
QUESTION
OUTRIGHT!!

COME
ON

TODAY,
NANAMI
LEARNED
THAT BAD
TIMING
ISN'T VERY
SMART.



TEN...
I WASN'T
EXPECTING
TO FIND
SOMEONE
SLEEPING
HERE...





LITTLE
TENGLU, YOU
RAN AWAY
FROM HOME?
YOU'LL GET
YOUR STUPID
SELF KILLED.

OH,
HOW
CUTE!!

THIS ONE
CAME TO
FIND
A CERTAIN
RESPECTED
PERSON!

THIS ONE
WASNT
SLEEPING!
THIS ONE
WAS LISTEN-
ING TO THE
EARTH'S
VOICE!



TENGLU!?

THIS ONE IS
KURAMA
MOUNTAIN'S
BOTAN-
MARU!!



NOW, SURELY,
HE'S GROWN TO
BE A MOST EX-
CELLENT TENGLU-
SAMA!

THIRD
CHIEF SOU-
JUBOU-
SAMA'S
ELDEST SON,
SHINJIROU-
SAMA!

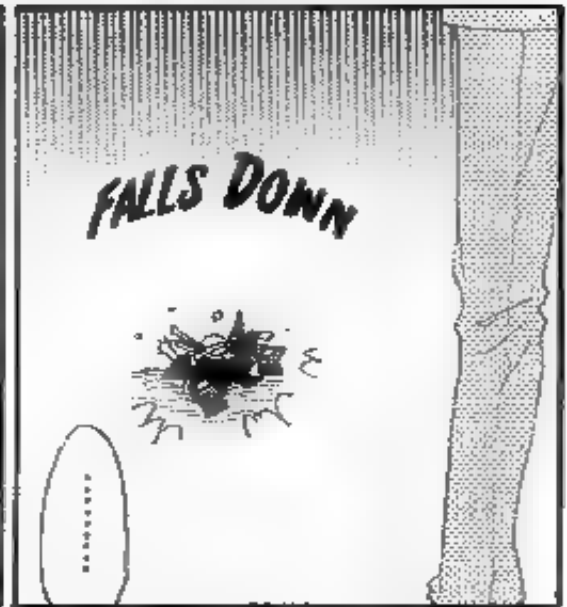
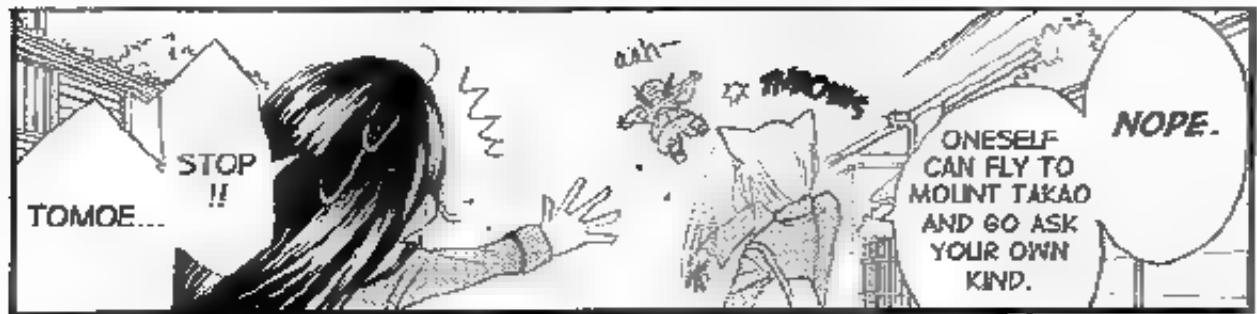
DO YOU
RECOG-
NIZE
HIM?

HE
LEFT ON HIS
OWN SEVEN
YEARS AGO,
AND NOW
NO ONE
KNOWS
WHERE HE
IS.

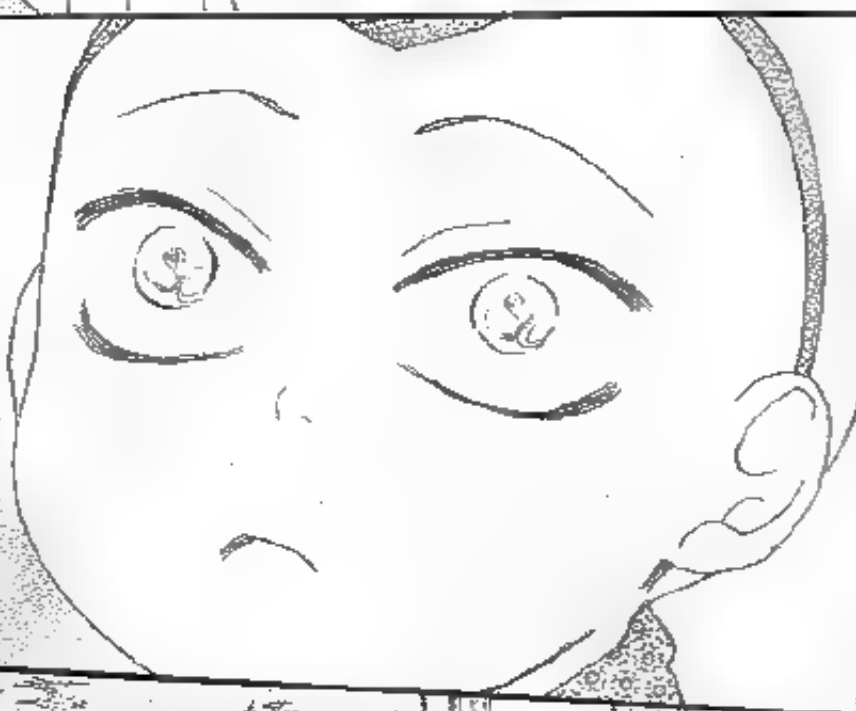
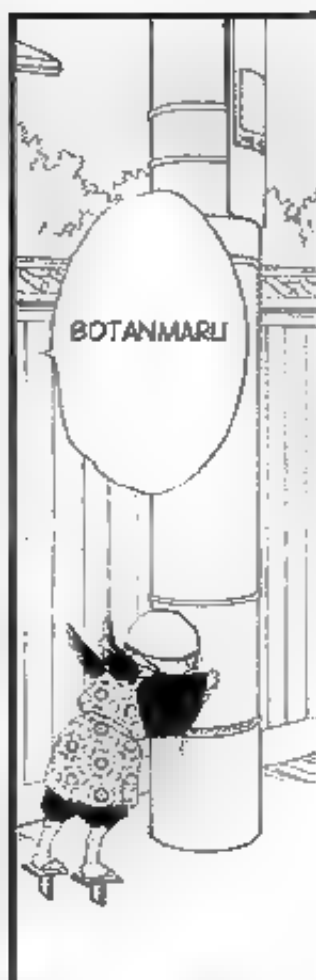
真壽郎様
素直

十七年前

Botanmaru is speaking in an older and more formal style









CRYING AGAIN,
BOTANMARU?



DID JIROU HURT
YOU AGAIN?



I'M
ALREADY
SIX YEARS
OLD...

ALL OF
LAST
YEAR'S
MOUNTAIN
STUDENTS
ARE BETTER
THAN ME.

I HATE
MYSELF.

UH-
HUH



SHINJIROU?

I DON'T
EVEN HAVE
ANY FULL-
LENGTH
FEATHERS

...SHINJIROU
IS THE SAME
WAY

THE THIRD
CHIEF'S ELDEST
SON WAS BORN...
JUST LIKE YOU.

A GOOD BODY,
BUT GROWING UP
TAKES TIME,
CHILD...

USUALLY BY
JIROU, WHO
BEAT HIM



FIVE HUNDRED
YEARS AGO, THERE
WAS A CHILD

AT THE TIME,
THERE WAS A LOT
OF DISCRIMINATION
AROUND THESE
PARTS

BUT

THE CHILD
REFUSED TO
CRY

SEE,
RIGHT WHERE
YOU'RE SITTING
NOW

HE WAS
ALWAYS
SITTING ON
THAT ROCK



BECOME STRONG,
BOTANMARU.

..WHERE IS
SHINJIROLI-
SAMA
NOW...?



WE ONLY
JUST MET, AND
WE DON'T WANT
TO LOSE
YOU.

HE WENT
DOWN THE
MOUNTAIN,
AND NO
ONE'S
KNOWN HIS
WHERE-
ABOUT.

I DON'T
KNOW. AT THE
AGE OF 12, HE
SUFFERED
SEVERE
INJURIES.

A TENGLI WHO
LEAVES THE
MOUNTAIN IS
CONSIDERED
FALLEN BY
THOSE LEFT
BEHIND.

BUT I
REFUSE TO
SEE IT THAT
WAY.

CLEARLY, AT
SEVEN YEARS
OLD, AND STILL
UNABLE TO REALLY
FLY...



TENGLI HAVE VERY
FEW CHILDREN,
AND WE GROW
SLOWLY COMPARED
TO HUMANS.



Brought to you
thanks to Tatemani Scans
and readers like you!





WHAT'S
UP? YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
DEMANDING TO
SEE ME.

IS
SHINJIROU

!?

KURAMA

IF ONLY
YOU'D TOLD
ME TWO
MONTHS AGO,
I COULD'VE
ADJUSTED MY
SCHEDULE AND
MADE TIME TO
TAKE YOU TO
DINNER.

SUPER
SUPER

IT'S
BECAUSE
SEEING
MY CM'S
MADE YOU
OBSESSED
WITH ME,
YEAH?

YOU
GAVE SUCH A
STRONG COM-
MAND, IT MOVED
ME. INDEED, I'M
A FALLEN ANGEL,
GIRL-GOD, BUT I
WAS EXPECTING
THIS.

THE ONE
WITH
SOME-
THING TO
SAY ISN'T
ME!

HOW
REBRET-
TABLE, THIS
EVENING I
ALREADY
HAVE
PLANS...

IF
SOMETHING
HAPPENS AT
SCHOOL,
JUST GIVE
ME A CALL





OH, IT'S
BOTAN-
MARU.

WHAT
THE!

WHO...
IS THIS
LITTLE
BOY...!?



To be able to
be here on this
wonderful day,
Shinjiro-sama,
to meet
you...

I'm Botanmaru,
from the
mountain!!

I'm ha...
happy, so
very
happy.



happy

DAMN



SHINJIROU-
SAMA IS
DEFINITELY
BEFORE MY
EYES!!

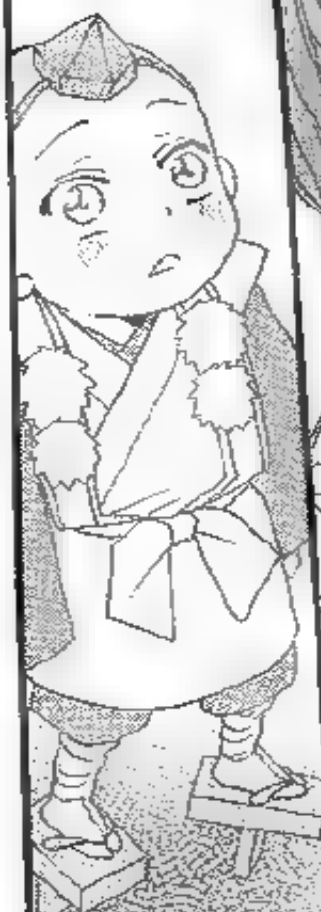
...YOU

STUTTER



SUCH LONG
FINGERS...

SHINJIROLI-SAMA



SEVEN
YEARS
OLD...

SEV...



SO SMALL...
HOW OLD
ARE YOU?

SHINJIROLI-SAMA

BUT YOU
SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY
RETURN TO THE
MOUNTAIN.

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHY YOU
SEARCHED
SO HARD.

TO GROW UP

TO BE A
GREAT MAN
LIKE THIS.

TO GROW
UP...

AND YOU'RE THE
SAME, BOTANMARU



EVEN IF
YOU ASKED
ME, I
DON'T HAVE
THE SPARE
TIME TO
LOOK AFTER
A RUNAWAY.

THE
ADULTS
SHOULD'VE
FORBIDDEN
YOU FROM
LEAVING THE
MOUNTAIN.

YOU
WEREN'T
AWARE, BUT
MANY SE-
CRETLY RUN
AWAY.

I COULD
BE LIKE
SHINJIROU-SAMA,
SOMEDAY...



NO!

I'M

WHAT?!

GO
HOME.



SHINJIROU-SAMA.

I CAME
TO MEET
YOU,



RIGHT NOW
THE MOUNTAIN
IS SUFFERING
FROM A TER-
RIBLE THING...



THE
MOUNTAIN'S
PEOPLE ARE
LIVING IN DAYS
OF UNREST.

PLEASE,
SHINJIROU-
SAMA, COME
BACK...

MANY
PEOPLE
WERE
OPPOSED
TO IT...

IT WAS
A DIFFICULT
PROCESS TO
SELECT JIROU-
SAMA TO BE
THE FOURTH
CHIEF.

EVER SINCE
SOUJOUBOU-
SAMA FELL ILL,
DARK CLOUDS
HAVE COVERED
THE MOUNTAIN
AND TAINTED
EVERYTHING.

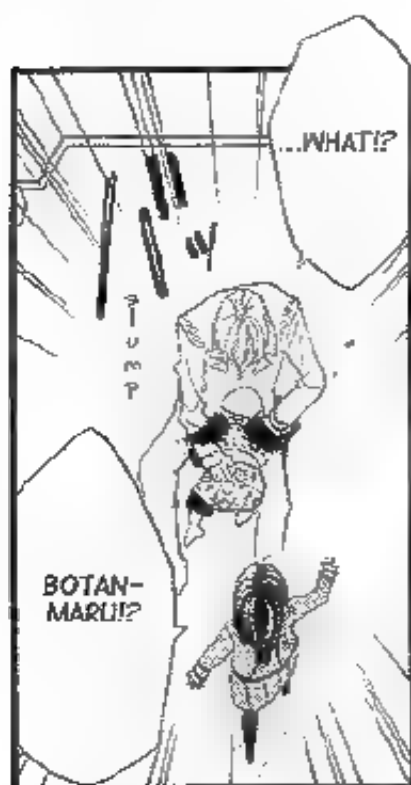




**SHIN-
JIROU-
SAMA
IS NOT A
DROPOUT
!!**

**SHIN-
JIROU-
SAMA...**

**IS MY
GOAL
!!**



CLEARLY
ONLY A
DEMON
WOULD LEAVE
THE MOUN-
TAIN.

JUST LIKE YOU,
STANDING IN THE
MIDDLE

I HOPE...

WITH YOU....





SO FOR
CHILDHOOD,
THERE'S
NOWHERE ELSE
THEY CAN LIVE
BUT WITHIN THE
MOUNTAIN'S
PROTECTION.

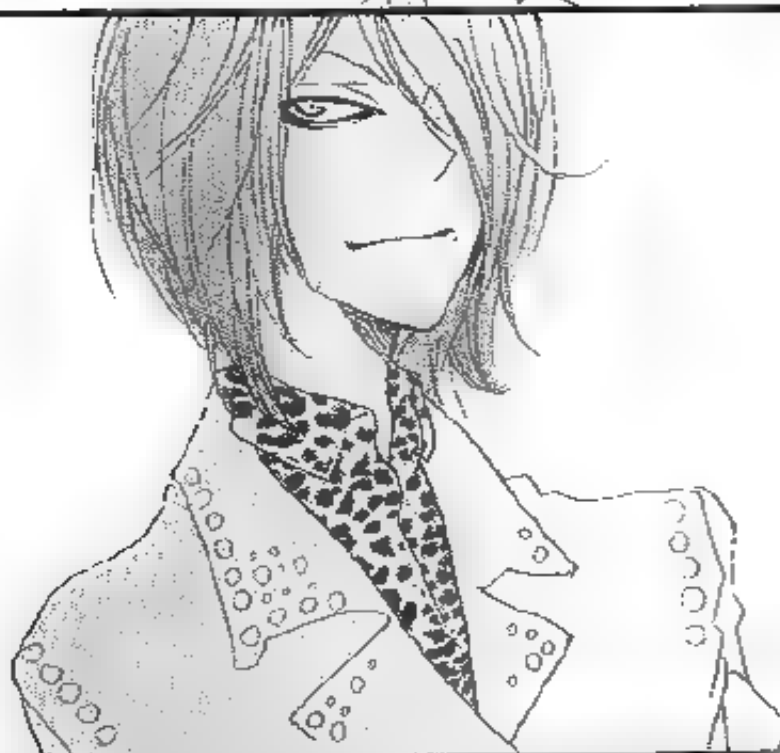
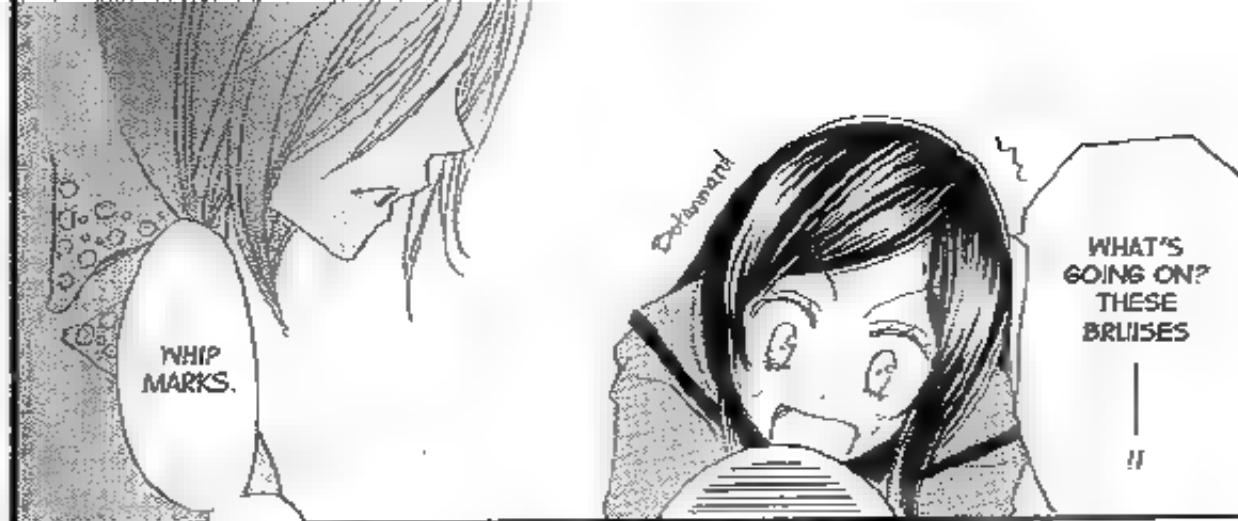
TENGU
CHILDREN
ARE RAISED
ON THE
MOUNTAIN.



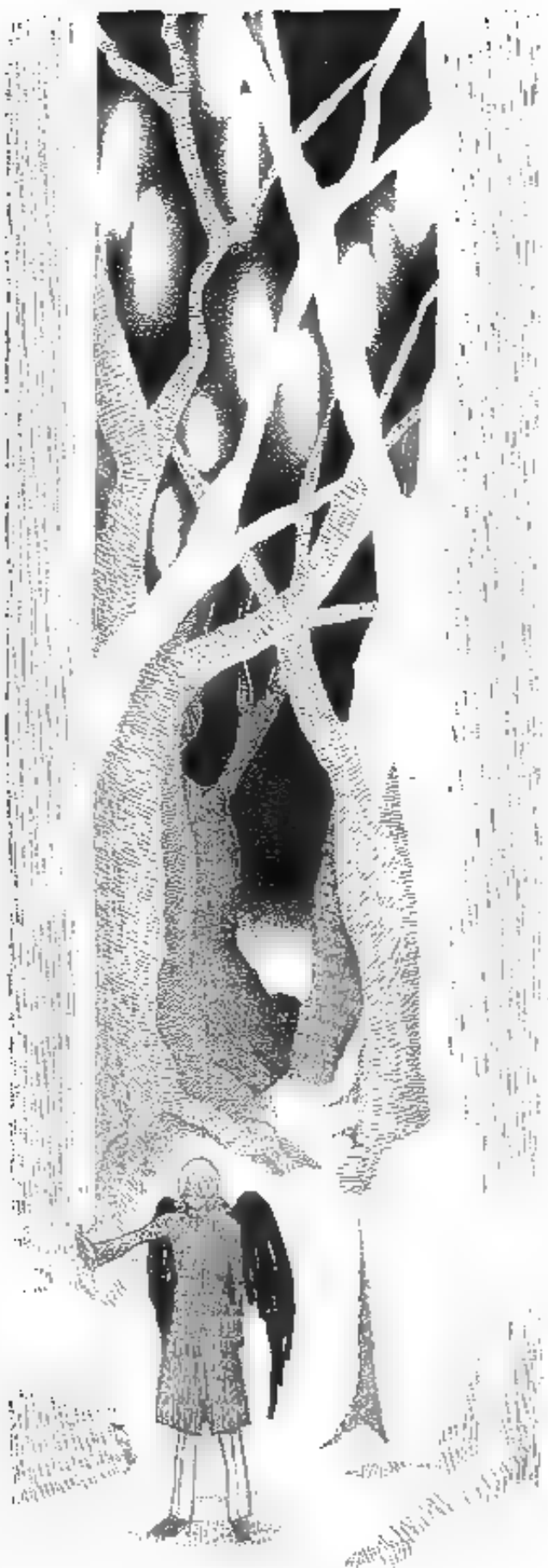
THIS ONE HAS
ABSORBED TOO
MUCH OF THE
LOWER WORLD'S
POISON.



AFTER ELECTING
JIROLI-SAMA AS
FOURTH CHIEF

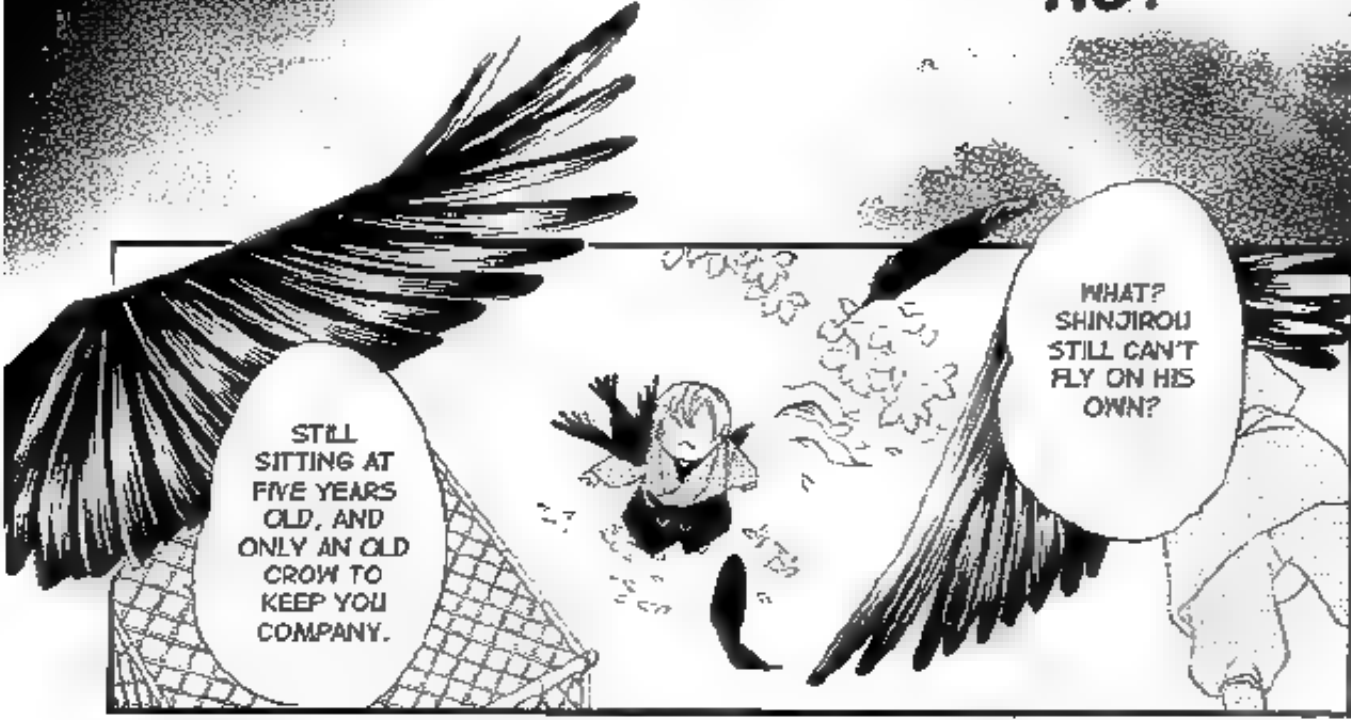






HOW FORTUNATE, TO BE SOUJOLIBOLI'S ONLY SON!

— NO. —



STILL
SITTING AT
FIVE YEARS
OLD, AND
ONLY AN OLD
CROW TO
KEEP YOU
COMPANY.

WHAT?
SHINJIROU
STILL CAN'T
FLY ON HIS
OWN?



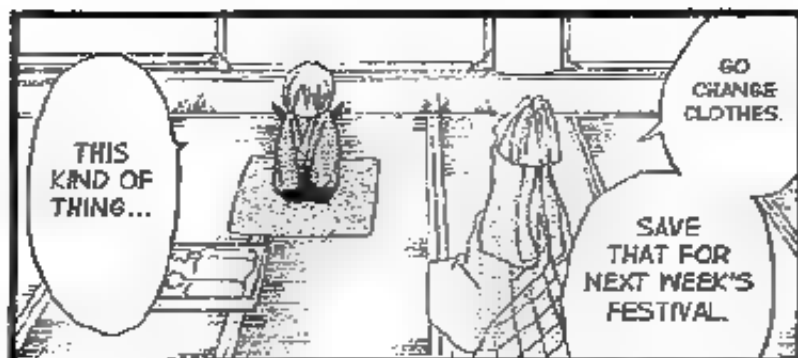
SO
WHAT IF HE'S
SOUJOLIBOU-
SAMA'S ONLY
SON? HE'S
STILL WORTH-
LESS, COM-
PARED TO
US.

ALL
YOU'VE GOT
ARE CLOTHES
A LITTLE
NICER THAN
OURS.

RIGHT, I'M AWARE I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A BURDEN.

RIGHT, AROUND HERE, THE OTHERS LIKE NOTHING MORE
THAN TO RIDICULE ME.

PISSED



CHILDHOOD

I STILL HAVEN'T TAKEN NOTE OF
MY OWN LONELINESS BREAKING THROUGH

TO NEVER FEEL
ALONE IS A
LONELY THING

STARTING
TODAY, I'M
SLEEPING IN
THE DORMI-
TORY.

appears

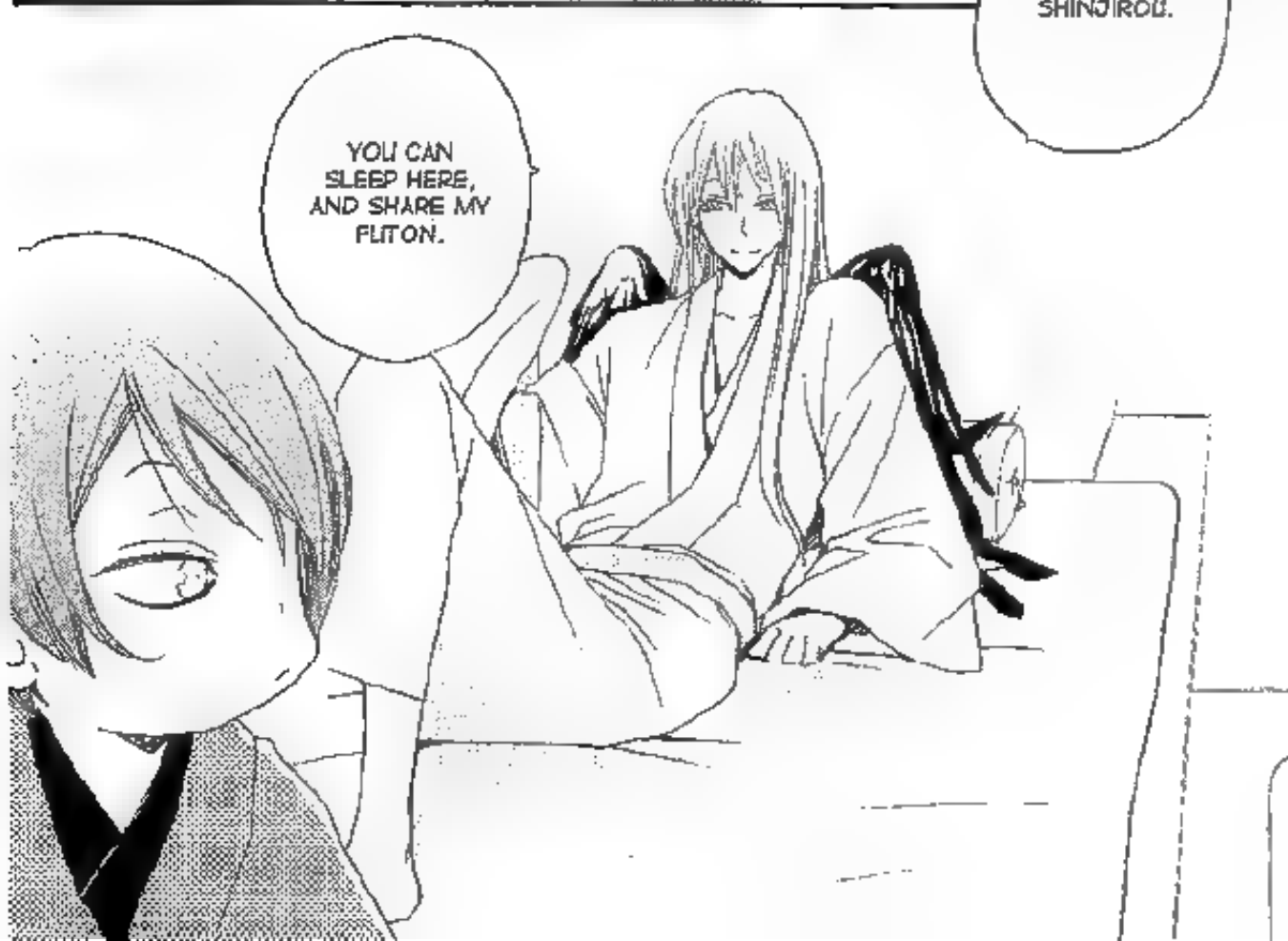
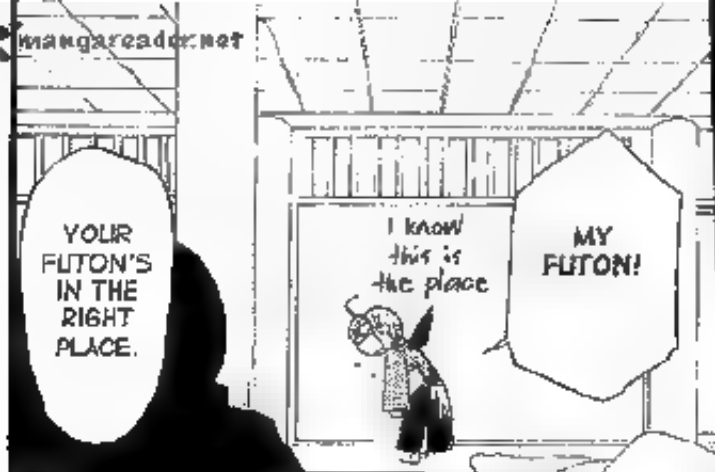
MY
BROTHERS.
I HUMBLY
REQUEST
YOUR GUID-
ANCE

OTO-
SAMA
ONLY
SEES A
FEW
PEOPLE

A
LONG
BEARD...

WILL
I END
UP THE
SAME?

I
NEVER
SPOKE
WITH
OTO-
SAMA
AT ANY
LENGTH.

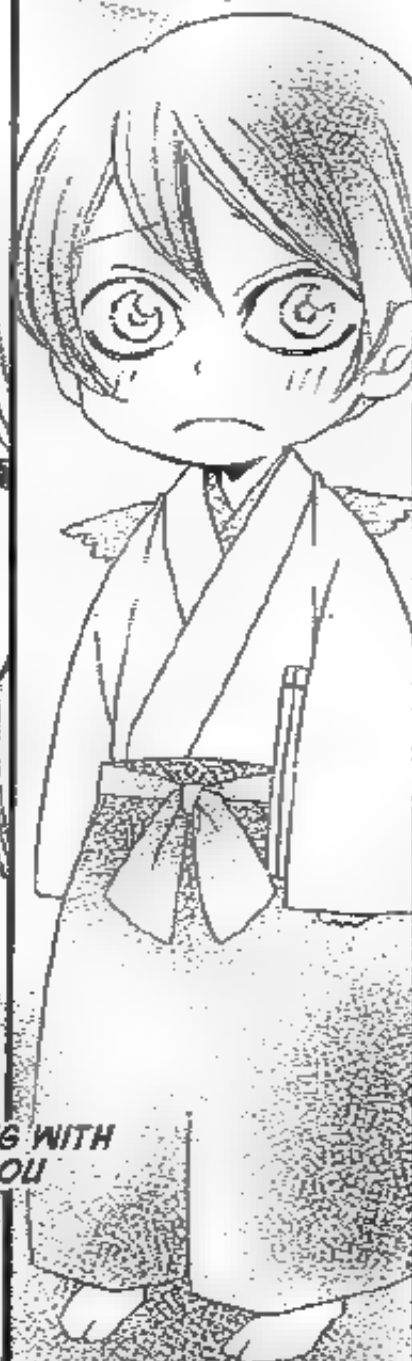




AND IN MY FIRST MEETING WITH
ELDER BROTHER SUIROU

I COULD NOT

UNDERSTAND THE WARMTH OF AFFECTION



I'M SIMPLY
ESCORTING
BOTANMARU
BACK AND VISIT-
ING WITH OTO-
SAMA. NOTHING
MORE.

LISTEN UP.



IT'S
VITAL TO
SAVE THE
PLACE YOU
LEFT BEHIND.

I'M
COMING
ALONG AS
KURAMA'S
BACKUP!



EVEN IF YOU
COME, TOO.
IT WON'T BE
A FUN
AFFAIR.

AWW,
YOU'RE
NO
FUN!

I ALSO
BROUGHT
ALONG A
WHOLE LOT
OF TALIS-
MANS!

ROLL
ROLL
ROLL



YEAH.
IN THESE
TROUBLE-
SOME MAT-
TERS, I'M
JUST A NEU-
TRAL OB-
SERVER.

Oh,
yeah?

and
here I
fig-
ured..

SOR
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHY
THE FOX IS
COMING
WITH US,
TOO.

I REALLY
DIDN'T EXPECT
YOU TO BE
SOUJUBOU'S
SON.

YOU
LOOK LIKE
A COMMON
TENGL.



YOU TWO!
COULD YOU
KEEP IT
DOWN?

oh,
seriously?

BOTAN-
MARU'S
SLEEPING.

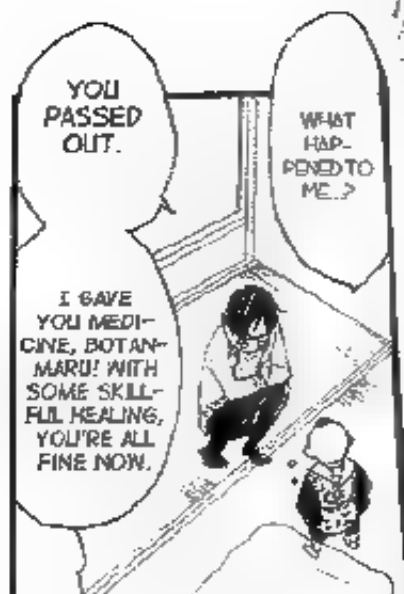
AH
...

WHERE
AM
I...?



YOU'RE
MERELY
FEELING
JEALOUS.

YOU
HADN'T EXPECTED
NANAMI AND I TO
BE STAYING TO-
GETHER, SO YOU
RUSHED OVER IN
A HURRY TO COME
ALONG.



YOU
PASSED
OUT.

WHAT
HAD-
PENED TO
ME..?

I GAVE
YOU MEDI-
CINE, BOTAN-
MARU! WITH
SOME SKILL-
FUL HEALING,
YOU'RE ALL
FINE NOW.



HUNH?

WHY
...



YOU'RE
AWAKE,
BOTAN-
MARU?

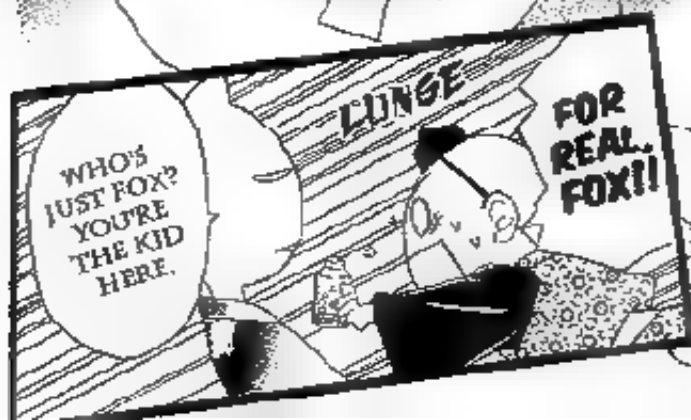


DRINKING
THIS MAY CURE
HIM...

IT'S
DIFFICULT,
LIKE THIS, TO
KNOW WHAT
ILLNESS SOU-
JOUBOU
CAUGHT.



THESE
PEACH PILLS
ARE A GOD'S
ELIXIR, AND
WHETHER
INJURY OR
DISEASE, THESE
CAN CURE IT.

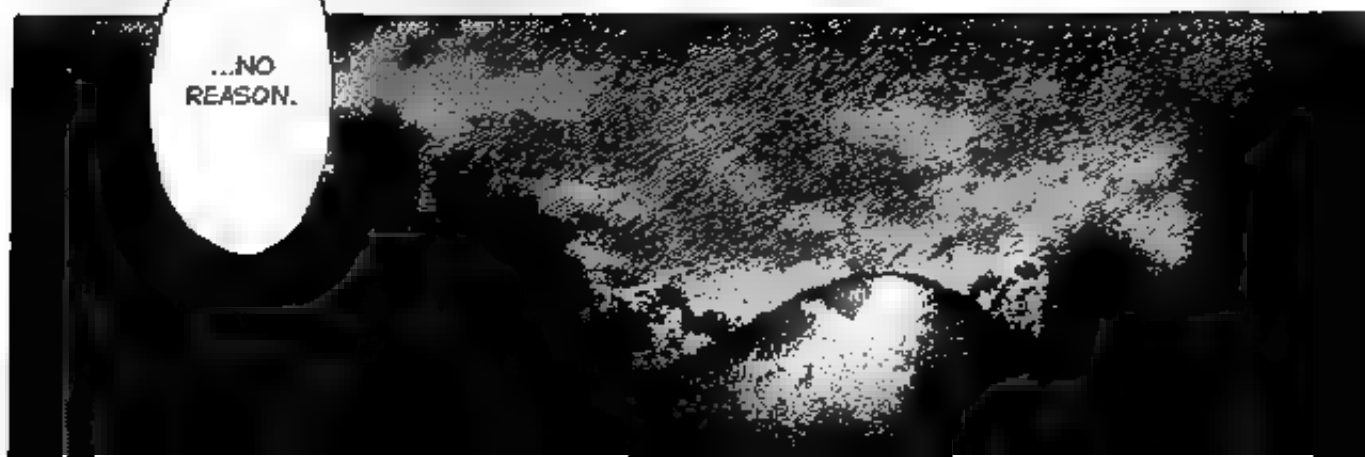


WHO'S
JUST FOX?
YOU'RE
THE KID
HERE.

LUNGE

FOR
REAL,
FOX!!







HERE'S
THE EN-
TRANCE,

SOUJOU
VALLEY
VILLAGE.

IF THE HUMAN WORLD'S
KURAMA MOUNTAIN IS THE
SURFACE

THE TENGU MOUNTAIN
DWELLING IS JUST LIKE
KURAMA



YOUR
HOUSE IS
ALSO IN
THE MOUN-
TAINS.

AN OLD
HOUSE IN
THE MOUN-
TAINS, SO
AWESOME.

my home
is in the
city

Fresh air, so
wonderful!



AH, SO
COMFORT-
ABLE.



BE
CAREFUL...
THIS IS
SACRED
LAND.

THIS
CEDAR
TREE AT
THE FORK
IN THE
ROAD
BINDS THE
RESIDENTS.

WALK FOR-
WARD, AND
YOU CAN
ENTER OUR
MOUNTAIN.

FRESH AIR
IS SO
GOOD.



IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY STEP OFF THE PATH, YOU'LL BE TRAPPED IN THE FOREST.

THE MOUNTAIN'S DRENCHED IN MISTMA, AND THAT CAN DISTORT THINGS.

DON'T TROMP ABOUT, NANAMI.

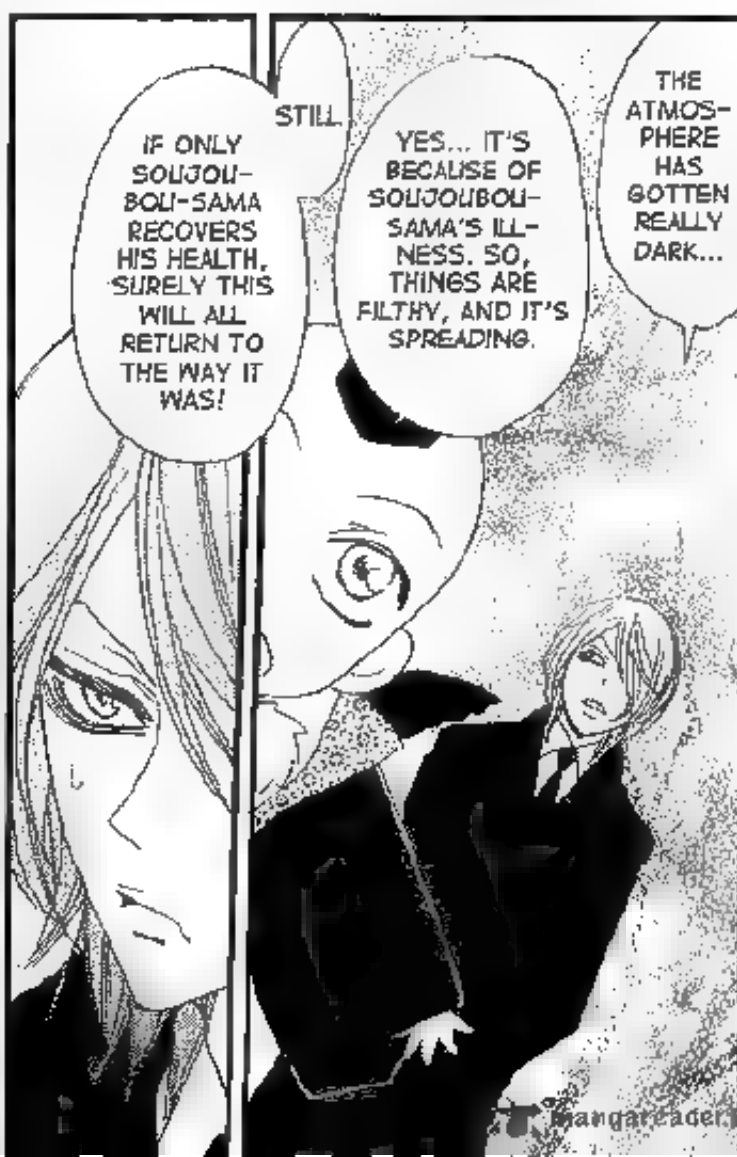
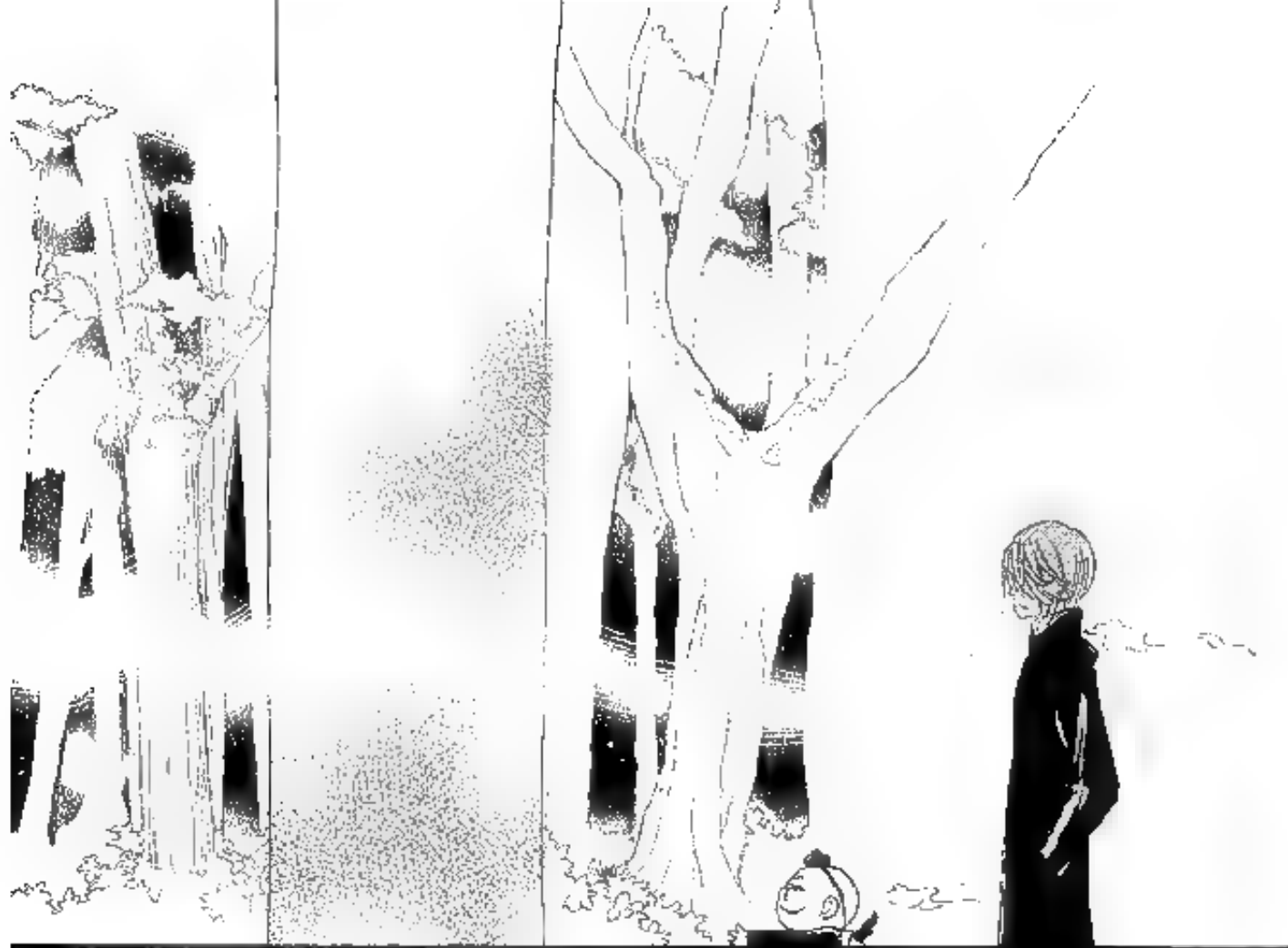


...OH, MY.

THE ATMOSPHERE SUDDENLY CHANGED.

IT'S DEFINITELY EARLY MORNING BUT IT'S GOTTEN DARK.

IT'S MOUNTAIN FOG.





SHINJIROU-
SAMA WILL
BECOME
FOURTH
CHIEF!

AND THEN,
SOMEDAY,



THE TENGU ATAGO
AND TAKAO ARE
VERY ENVIOUS OF
YOU

OTO-SAMA'S
BEARD IS LONG,
AND HIS EXPRES-
SION SOLEMN,
BUT BROTHER
SUIROU IS VERY
BEAUTIFUL

I HOPE
BROTHER SUIROU
BECOMES
FOURTH CHIEF

BROTHER
SUIROU



I'M
SERIOUS.

PLAY SOME
MORE FOR
ME, I LOVE
THAT SONG.

ON THE
MOUNTAIN,
BROTHER IS
THE FASTEST
FLIER AND
THE BEST
FLUTE
PLAYER.



ME, BE
THE
FOURTH
CHIEF?

SHINJIROU'S
STILL SAYING
SUCH
STRANGE
THINGS?



...MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY,

GRAB



BROTHER
JIROU
ONLY USED A
LITTLE OF HIS
STRENGTH TO
MAKE HIS
POINT.

IT'S
'CAUSE
I'M
REALLY
WEAK.
IT'S MY
OWN
FAULT.



IT'S
NO
BIG
DEAL

THESE
SEVERE
BRUISES.

DID
JIROU
STRIKE
YOU
AGAIN?

THAT'S
MY FAULT, I
WASN'T
LOOKING,
WAS JUST
PLAYING...



BROTHER
SUIROU

IN ALL
THE
MOUN-
TAIN,
YOU'RE
THE MOST
ABLE TO
MAKE ME
FEEL
HAPPY TO
BE ALIVE

BUT

BUT
BECAUSE
OF ME

OKAY,
THEN.

I HAVE
SOME-
THING
FOR
YOU.

YOUR
FAVORITE
SONG.



**BROTHER
SUIROU!!**

**SHIN-
JIROU-
SAMA
!?**





IT'S
NOTHING...

COMES
TO THIS



WHAT IS
IT? NOT
FEELING
OKAY...?



SURE.

WAIT,
BOTAN-
MARU.



I'M ALSO
AFRAID OF THIS
GUY



THEY'RE
NOT
THERE...

HATEFUL...!



THE
FOG'S
GETTING
THICKER.

IT'S NOT
A WUKKY,
NANAMI.



IT
CAN'T
BE



SHIN-
JIROU-
SAMA

THIS FOG

unfurl

THIS ISN'T
MERELY
FOG...

AND
WE'RE
NOW
WITHIN
IT

IT'S AN
ENCHANT-
MENT



**IT PREVENTS
US FROM
LEAVING**



...BUT NOT
WELCOMING
US...



ALL
GROWN
UP, SHIN-
JIROU...

...AND FLYING...

...LIKE A TRUE
TENGU COM-
MANDER.



BROTHER
SUIROU..

.....



LOOK AT
ME.



LOOK, MY
WINGS.

I CAN NO
LONGER
FLY.

BECAUSE I
HELPED YOU,
I LOST
FLIGHT.

SHIN-
JIROU!



STOP,
BROTHER
JIROU

I'VE
COME
AGAIN TO
TOUGHEN
YOU UP!

BLIT,
SHIN
JIR-
OU!

IT'S
FROM
SUIROU
CODDLING
YOU!

ALREADY 12,
AND STILL CAN'T
FLY. SCARED?
MAYBE YOU'RE
NOT SCARED
ENOUGH!



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
USE YOUR OWN WINGS
TO FLY OUT...

...OR YOU'LL BE BEATEN
BY THE RAJYU!

LEAVE?
AT THIS POINT...



HURRY

PLEASE
HURRY



I WAS
HIT BY LIGHT-
NING, AND
THIS WAS MY
FATE.

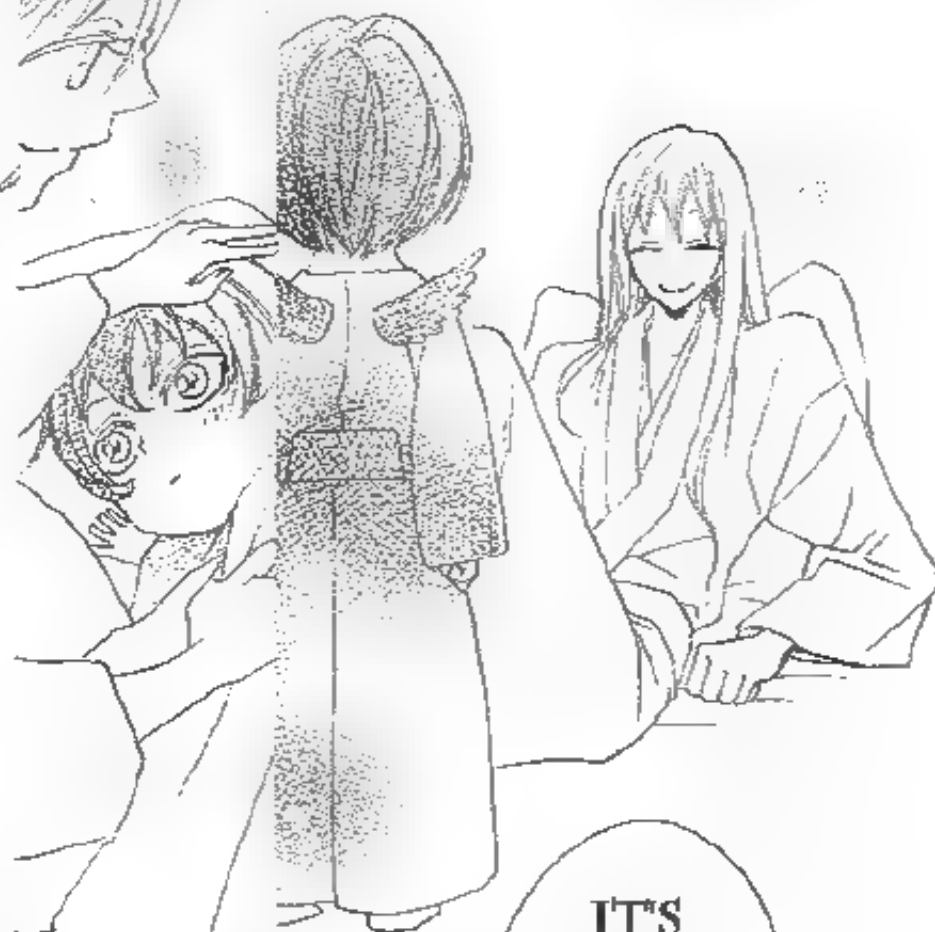
WHEN
I GOT WORD, IN
ORDER TO SAVE
YOU I ENTERED
THE RAJYU'S
CAVE.

BACK THEN,
YOU WERE
STILL UNABLE
TO FLY.





THAT
DAY...



DON'T SAY
THAT...

BROTH-
ER...

IT'S
ONLY
PROPER,
TO TURN
AWAY
FROM
YOU.



I
BEG
YOU...



ON THE
MOUNTAIN

BECAUSE



IF YOU'RE LOOKING
FORWARD TO IT
THAT MUCH

I HAVE
EVERY IN-
TENTION OF
FULFILLING
YOUR
DESIRE

ONCE, BROTHER
SUIROU WAS THE
ONE I LOVED MOST

...

FLUTE MUSIC



THAT
MELODY...



WHAT
IS
THAT?

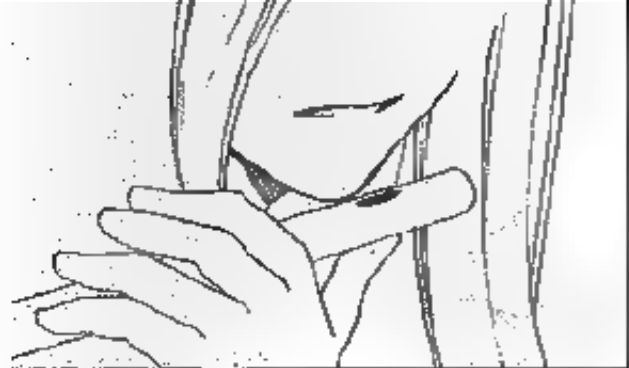
VANISH...

IT'S
SAYING
THAT YOU
ARE NOT
REAL.

FOR ME,
THAT FLUTE-
PLAYING...

...THAT IS
THE GENUINE
BROTHER
SHIROU, IN
THESE
MOUNTAINS.

BECAUSE I LOVE
THAT SONG.



**MUST BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE
IMPORTANCE OF YOUR EMOTIONS**

SO WE MAY MEET AGAIN



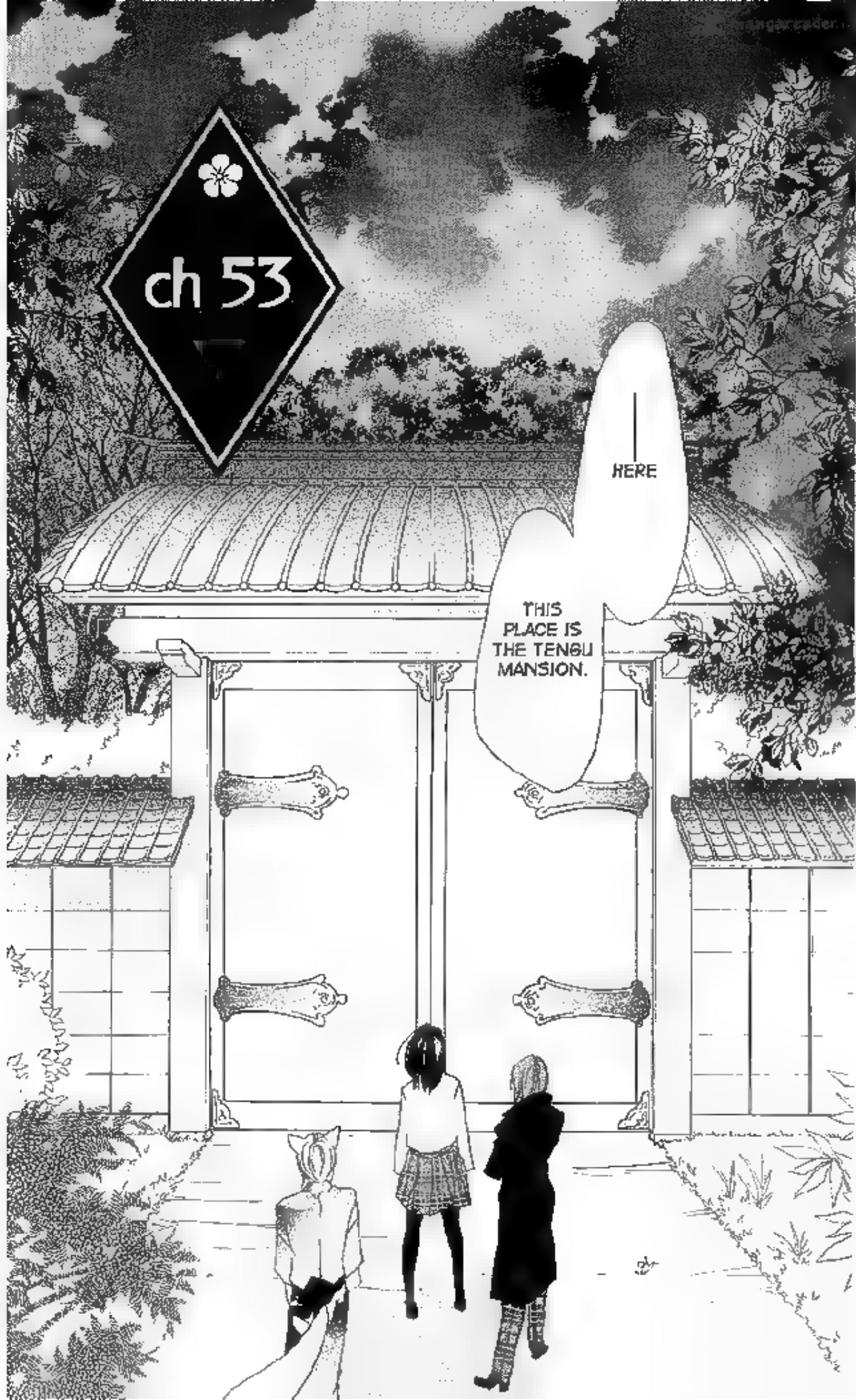
I REALIZE NOW...

**EVEN IF THE HEART IS UNEASY,
I MUST NO LONGER HESITATE TO MOVE
FORWARD ON THE PATH**

ch 53

HERE

THIS
PLACE IS
THE TENGU
MANSION.



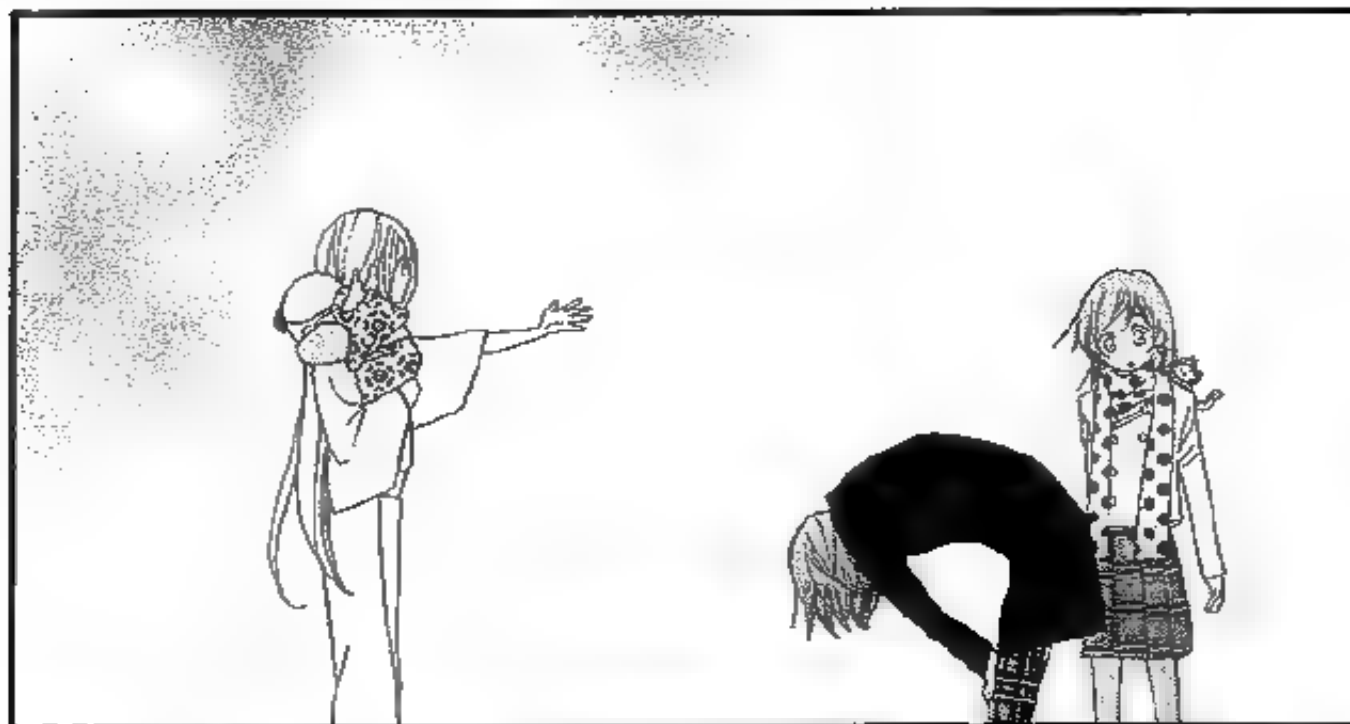
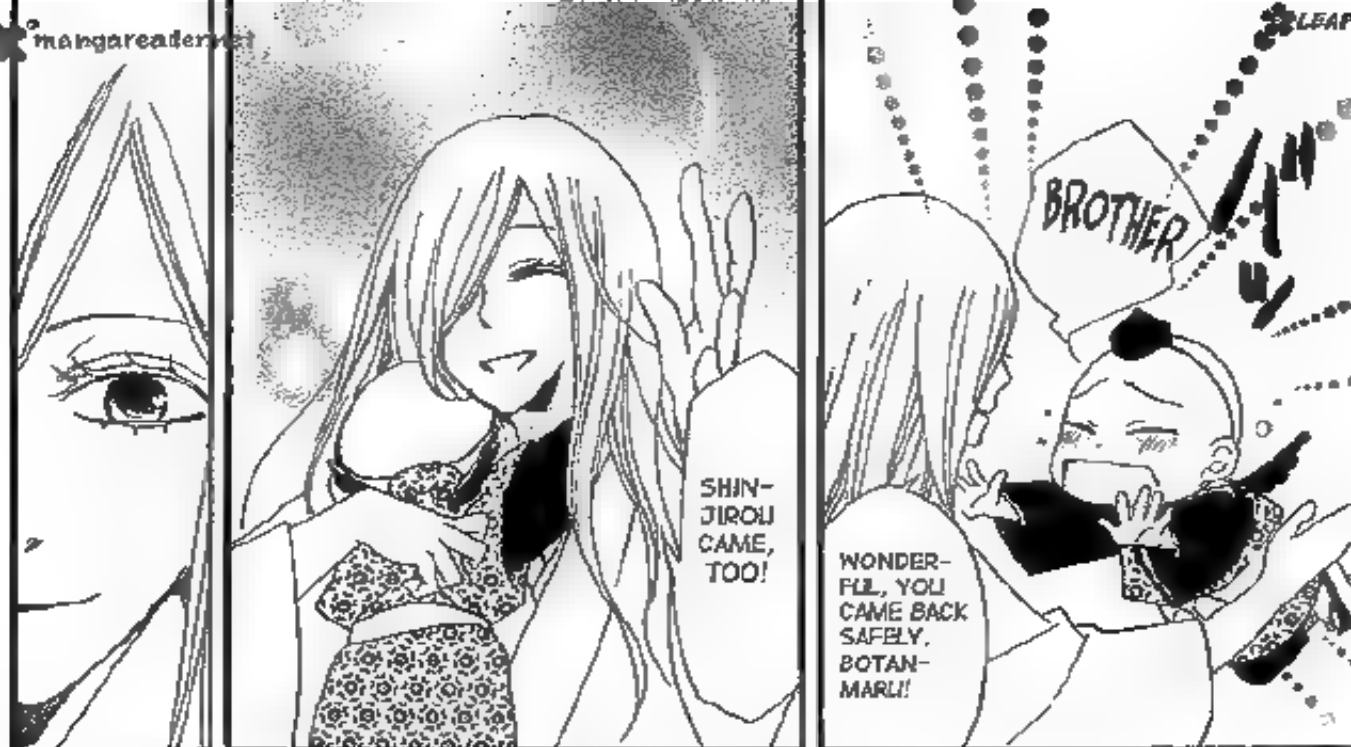




WELCOME
BACK,

SHINJIROU.

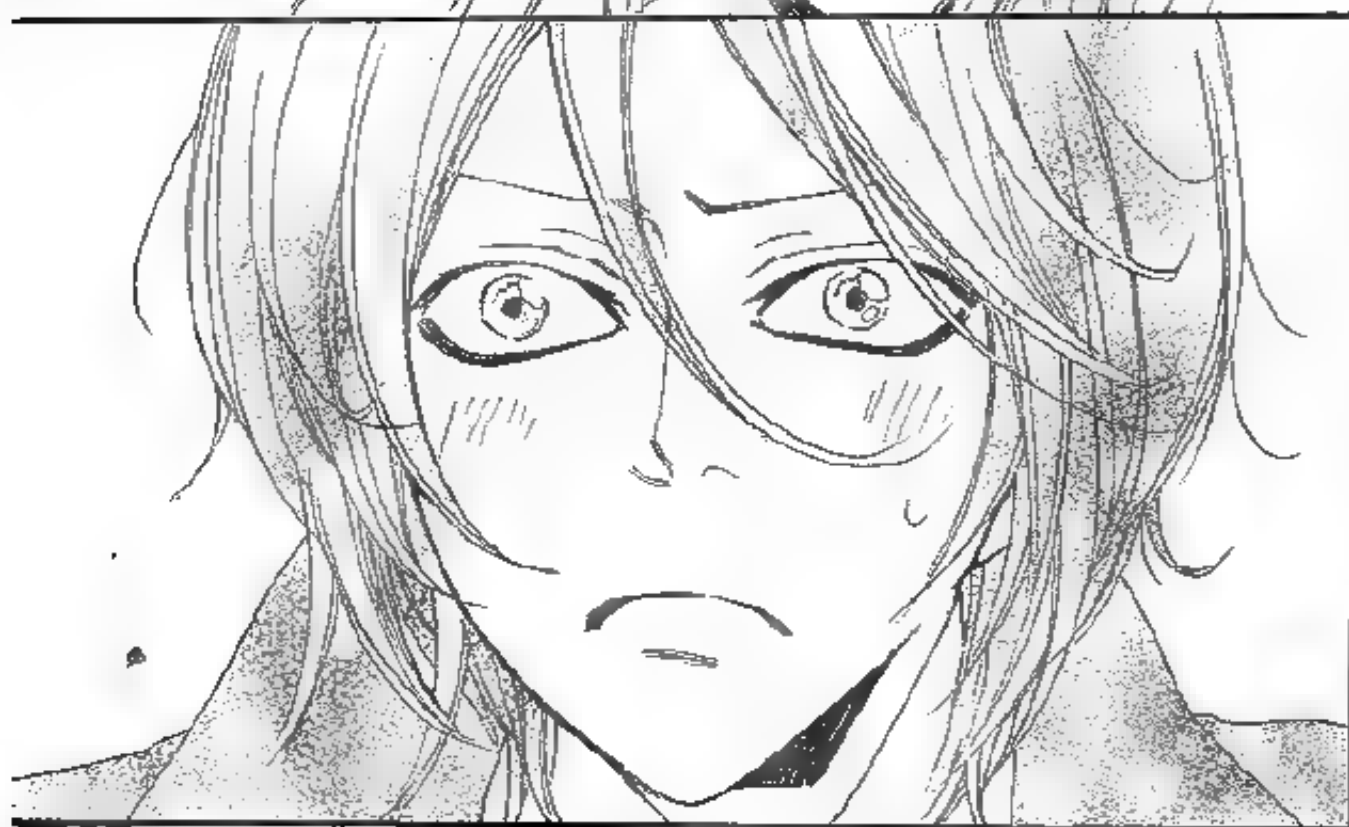




PAT



GET UP.



RUB-RUB



WFLUMP





BROTHER SUIROU
BEING UNABLE TO
STAY AT THE
TEMPLE HOME,
THAT'S MY
FAULT.

AM I...

OH,
SOMETIMES
THERE'S A
BREEZE,
AND IT
FEELS
GOOD.

JIROU
WON'T
ALLOW IT.

AND
HOWEVER
DIFFICULT TO
BELIEVE, TO
BE ALLOWED
INTO THE
WARMTH OF
THE CLAN'S
TEMPLE...

Just being here is iffy.

I WAS
EXPECTING
YOU TO BE
LIVING IN
THE MAIN
HOUSE.

ANYWAY,
BROTHER SUIROU,
WHY WOULD YOU
LIVE IN SUCH A
DESOLATE OLD
HOUSE ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE?

SQUIRM
SQUIRM

EXCUSE
ME FOR
ASKING,
SUIROU

...
EX-
CUSE
ME

rub
rub

AM I...

EH??

✿ TURNS AWAY

IN THAT
CASE, I'LL
SHOW YOU
TO THE
TOILET.

★
smile
★

OH!!
IS THERE,
FAMILIAR-
SAMA

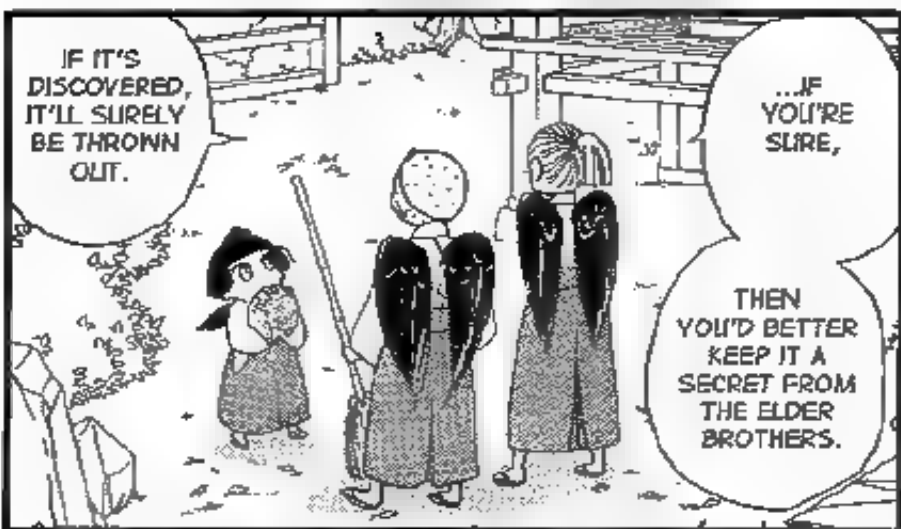
really
bad
idea

SUIROU-
SAMA

MY DEEPEST
APOLOGICS, BUT
MY MASTER HAS
AN EMERGENCY
SITUATION.

seems like it can't
wait much longer
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Brought to you
thanks to Tatedami Scans
and readers like you!



IT WON'T
SURVIVE ON
ITS OWN.

THAT'S
SIMPLY
ITS FATE.



IF YOU
CAN'T RELY
ON YOUR
OWN
STRENGTH
TO SUR-
VIVE.

THE
WEAK
DIE.

DON'T
WANT TO
DIE?
BECOME
STRONG-
ER.



THAT
WILL BE
YOUR END.



JIROLI-
SAMA.

TODAY
■ NOT AN
ORDINARY DAY.
A TRULY MUR-
DEROUS SPIRIT
LURKS ABOUT.

AYEE,
SO DREAD-
FUL



DROP



YOU'RE
SAYING....
THE THOU-
SAND-YEAR
SAKURA?

ONCE THAT
SAD TREE WITHERS,
ALL THE MOUN-
TAIN'S CREATURES
WILL GRADUALLY
SUCCUMB TO THE
MIASMA

YATORI.



SEEMINGLY
GRIEVING THE
END OF THE
MOUNTAIN'S
ELDER.

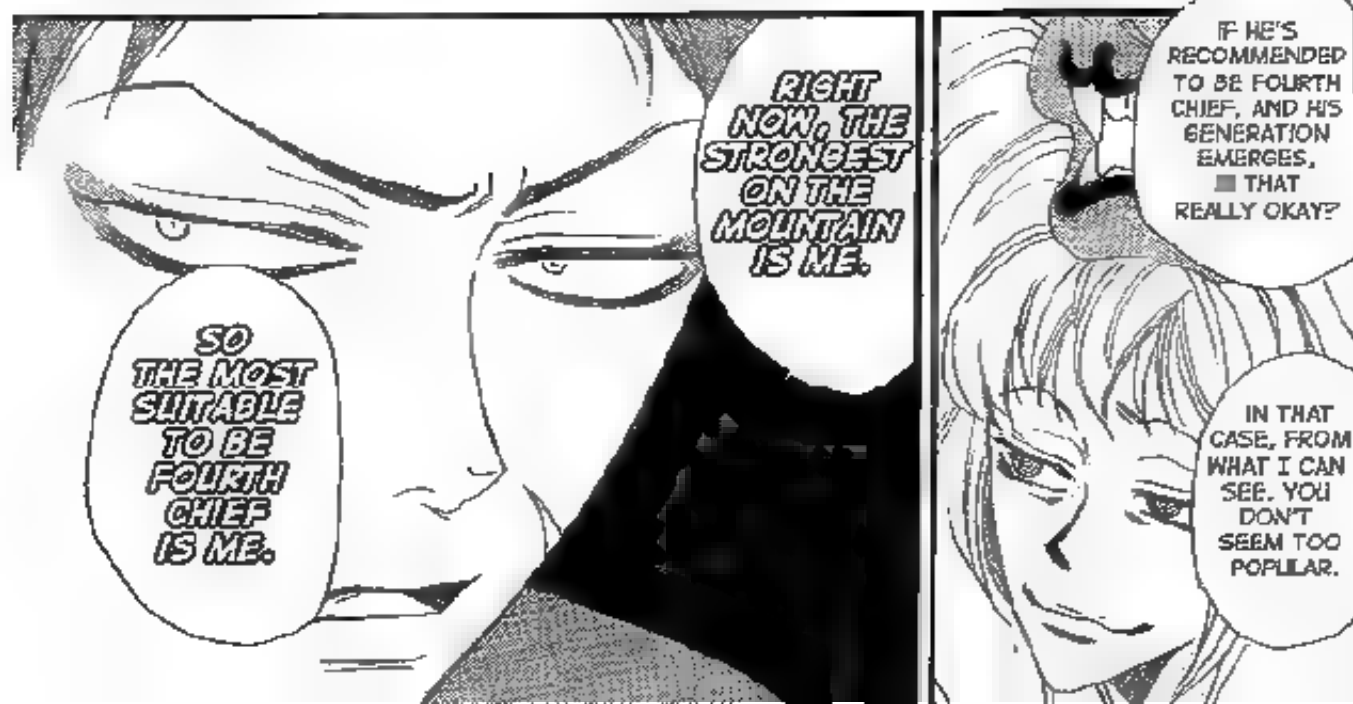
CLEARLY
JIROLI-SAMA,
YOU'LL SOON
ASCEND AS
THE FOURTH
CHIEF, EVEN
THOUGH YOU
STILL SPEAK
SO RUDELY.

TO BE
BLUNT, NEW
THINGS
ARE GOOD.



AFTERWARDS,
I'LL GO ALONE
AND CLEAR OUT
THAT BIG TREE.

EVERYONE
WILL REALIZE
IT'S THE
START OF A
NEW ERA!





TO BECOME
THE
STRONGEST

AS THE
SECOND
CHIEF
PASSED
AWAY
BEFORE

I WILL
USE THIS
POWER
OF THE
THRONE

BARELY A
FEW DAYS
REMAIN
UNTIL THE
INHERITANCE
CEREMONY.

NO ONE
CAN
OBSTRUCT
ME NOW.

CERTAINLY

BETTER THAN ANYONE,
FLYING THE FASTEST

BETTER THAN ANYONE,
FLYING THE HIGHEST

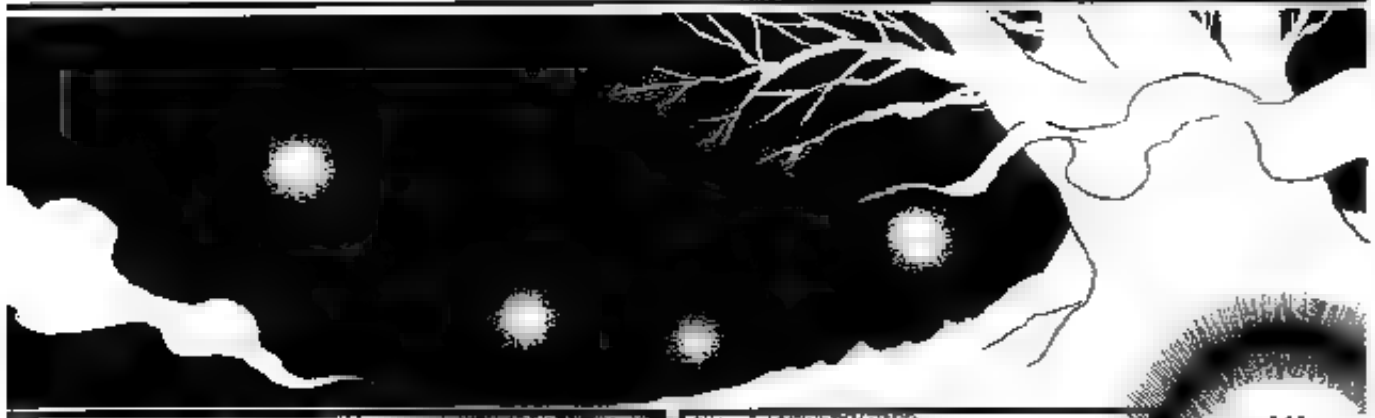


DAY AND NIGHT,
NEVER RELENTING
TO PRACTICE

EXISTING SOLELY
TO TOUGHEN MYSELF

IT WON'T BE SUIROU,
AND DEFINITELY
WON'T BE SHINJIROU

THE ONE MAN
WITH THE TRUEST
DOMINATING FORCE
IS CERTAINLY ME



can't
use
my
house
toilet

APPARENTLY,
SUIROU REALLY
DOESN'T
LIKE ME

IT'S OKAY, I WON'T
LET HIS ATTITUDE
GET TO ME



cough
cough



AH
|
REALLY

FORTU-
NATELY
THE
TOILETS
ARE
KEPT
QUITE
CLEAN

going fast
on temple
path

TO
DO THIS
AGAIN, THE
TOILET IS
JUST TOO
FAR!





...HOW RUDE!!

WHY!!



DON'T TOUCH HUMAN!!



THIS GREAT TREE IS THE MOUNTAIN'S THOUSAND-YEAR SAKURA!

IF AN OUTSIDER CASUALLY TOUCHES IT, THEY'LL HAVE TO BE PUNISHED!

THOU-SAND-YEAR SAKURA?



OH HOW CUTE

YOU'RE ALL LITTLE TENGU?

Ack, >tray >tray





...WHY
CAN'T
YOU
TALK?

OH
OH

Actually
talked
to a
woman
...

really
so rude

COULD
THE
BROTHERS
ACCUSE
US

NOT ALLOW-
ED TO LOOK AT
WOMEN, AND
NOT ALLOWED
TO TALK TO
WOMEN,

ESPECIALLY
IF CONFRONTED
BY AN **ABSO-
LUTELY BEAUTI-
FUL** WOMAN,
A MAN MIGHT
FALL INTO
VULGARITY



...YEAH

YEAH,
AND....



'absolutely beautiful'
what things
you say

laugh
laugh

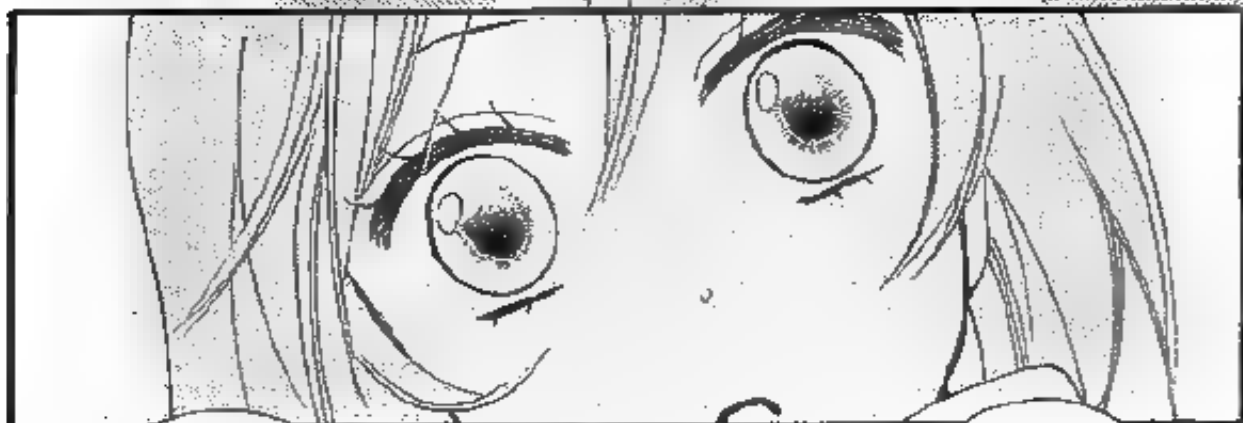
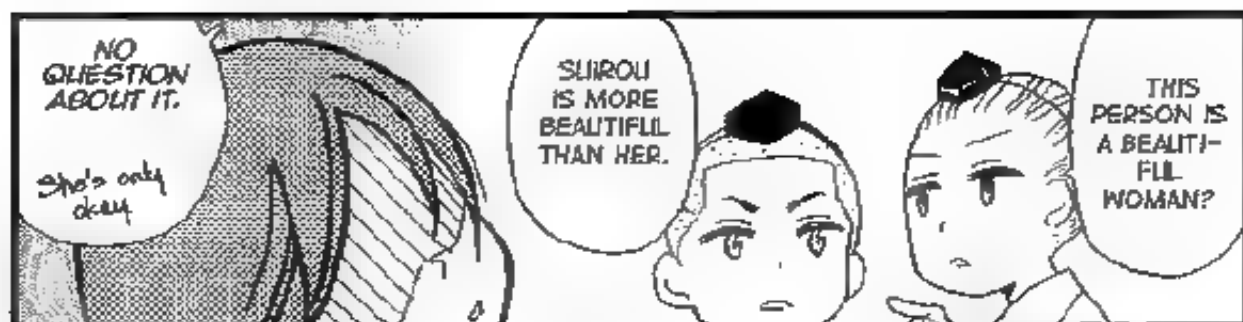
...NO

....LH,
HOLD
ON

NOT SO
MUCH,
THAT'S
AN
EXAGGE-
RATION



first time ever
to be called this





OH,
DON'T
WORRY.

THEN THE
MOUNTAIN
WILL ALSO
BE HEALTHY
LIKE THE WAY
IT WAS!

SOUJOUBOU
-SAMA WILL
RECOVER HIS
HEALTH RIGHT
AWAY.



AFTER THIS,
WHO KNOWS
WHAT THE
FUTURE WILL
BRING...

EVEN THE
THOUSAND-
YEAR SAKURA
IS GRADUALLY
DYING...



SO
JIROU-NISAN
WILL BE
FOURTH
CHIEF AFTER
SOUJOUBOU.

IDIOT.
JIROU-NISAN
ALREADY SAID
SOUJOUBOU
-SAMA WON'T
LIVE LONG.

YUP

REALLY!?



THIS
THOUSAND-
YEAR
SAKURA...

...COULD STILL
BLOOM...

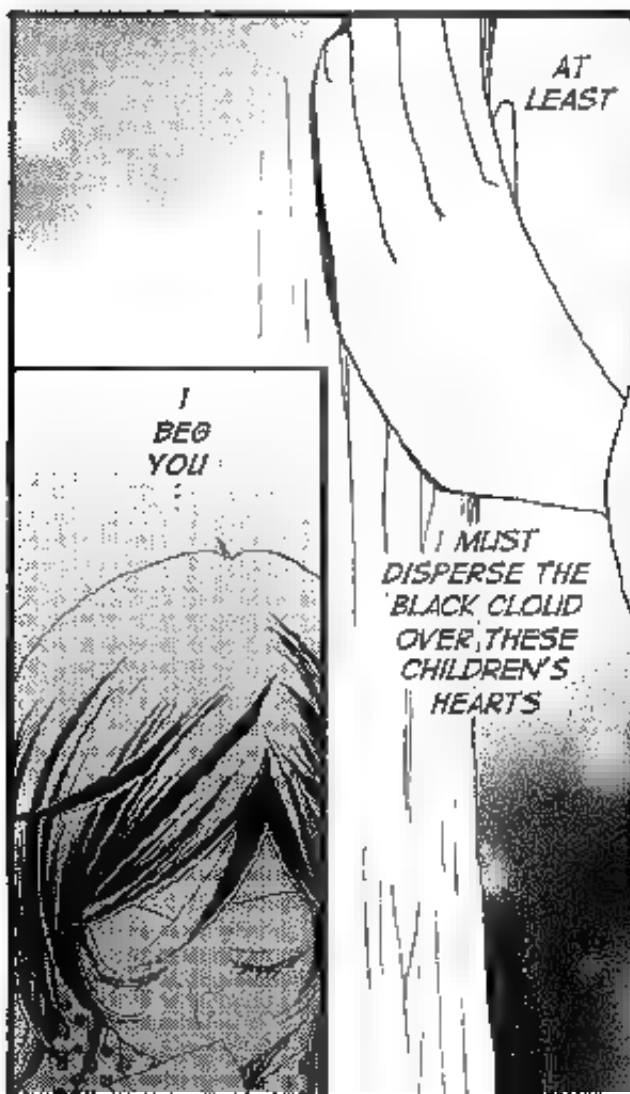


BUT TO
ALLOW
JIROU-
NISAN
TO BE
FOURTH
CHIEF...

SOMETHING'S
REALLY WRONG
WITH THE
MOUNTAIN.



ALTHOUGH MY STRENGTH ALONE
CANNOT REMOVE THE MIASMA COVERING THIS MOUNTAIN



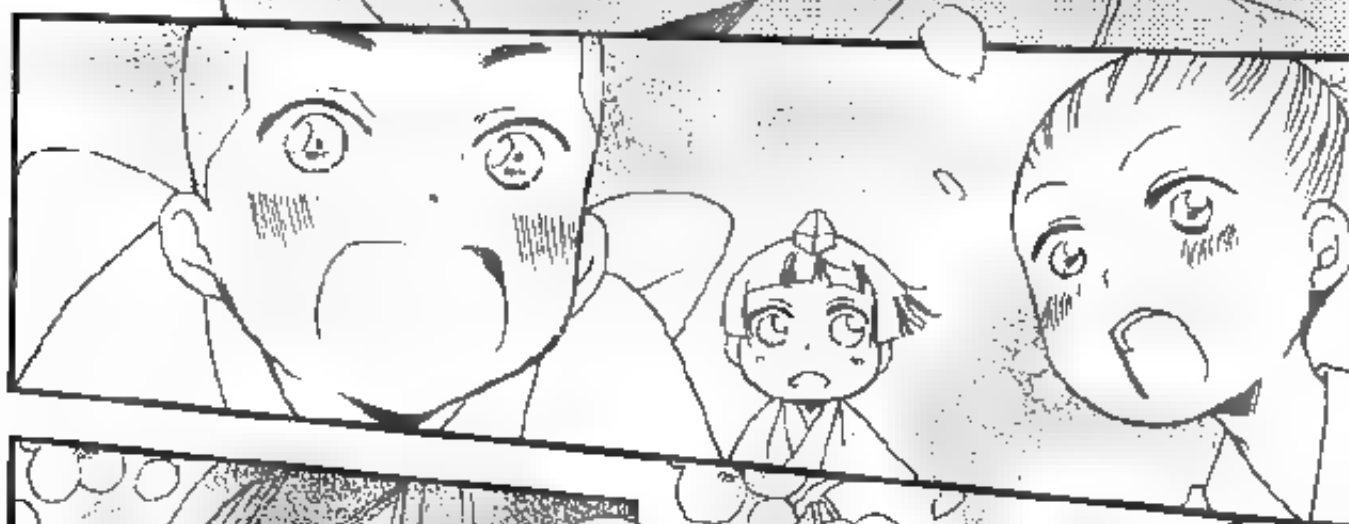
I
BEG
YOU

I MUST
DISPERSE THE
BLACK CLOUD
OVER THESE
CHILDREN'S
HEARTS



**BLOOM,
THOUSAND-YEAR
SAKURA**





JUST
LIKE ALL
OF YOU
SAID...

IT
BLOOMED
....!

...I CAN
SEE NOW,
IT TRULY IS
AMAZING.

SUCH
BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERS

ARE WE
DREAMING
?

THE
THOUSAND-
YEAR
SAKURA IS
BLOOMING
....!

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THE
FLOWERS

SCATTERED
...!

NO WAY

AFTER ALL, MY STRENGTH
STILL WASN'T ENOUGH



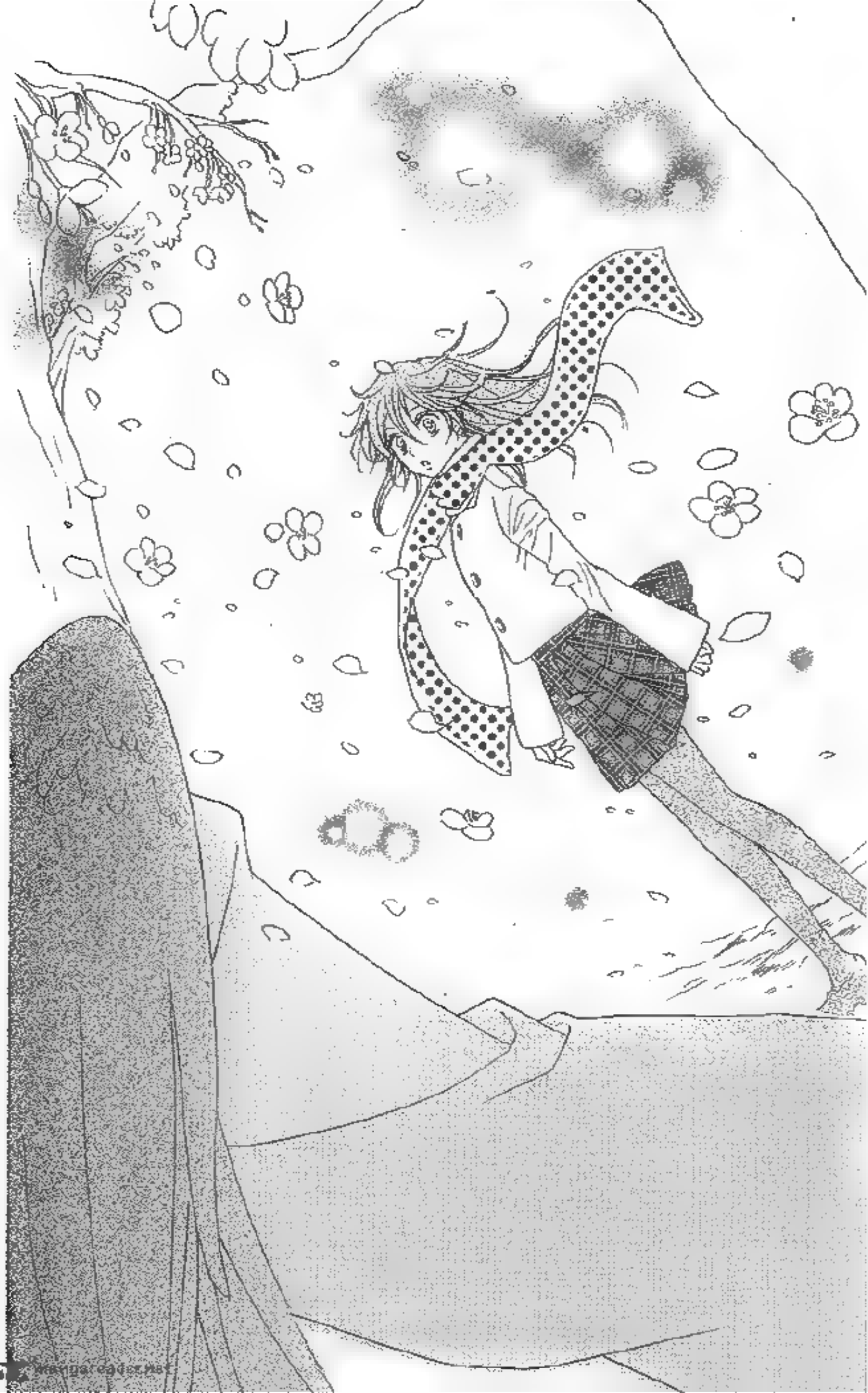
HURRY UP

MUST HURRY UP



crack

LET SOUJOUBOU
RECOVER HIS HEALTH

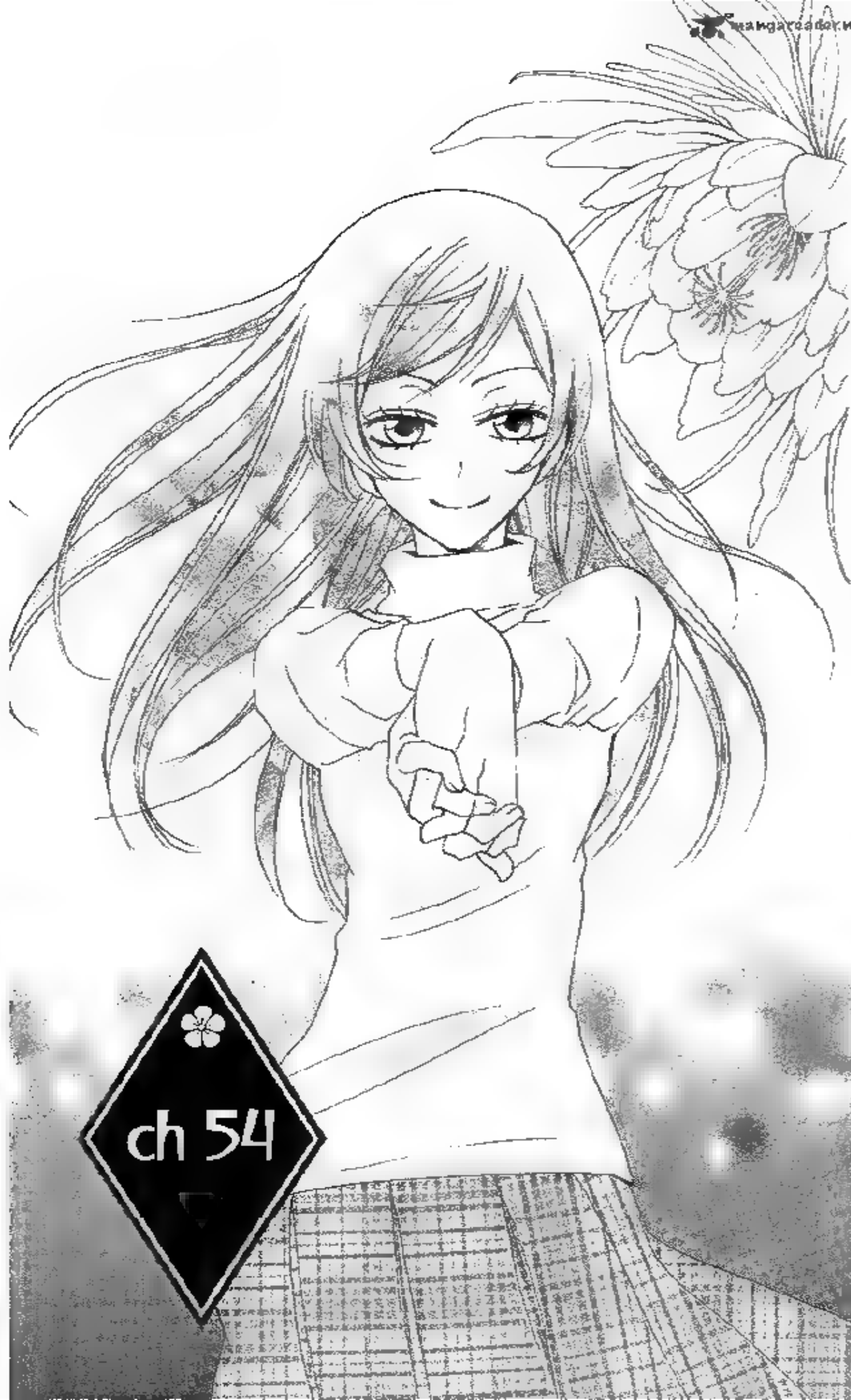




*A forbidden
woman within
Kurama
mountain*

*A man
unexpectedly
meets a
fairy*





FAIRY

UM...

AN ADULT
TENGU

EXCUSE
ME...

HEAP (LEARS)





TELL ME,
OR I'LL
BREAK YOUR
WRIST.

WHAT'S
YOUR
PURPOSE?

WHOSE
ORDERS?!

REALLY
HURTS.

WHAT

神様はじめました





WHAT!?

THAT TENGLI'S
ROUGH!!

THAT SORT
OF TENGLI IS TO
BE THE FOURTH
CHIEF!?

the
mountain
can't do
a thing

HOW
COULD
NOTHING
BE DONE
...!?



...
GYAH!

A GIRL'S
WRIST.

IS REALLY
DELICATE.





SURE
YOU WERE REALLY
RUNNING. LOOKED
MORE LIKE MOSEY-
ING TO ME.

GOING TO
THE TOILET
TOOK THAT
LONG?

...
TOMOE







AH,
MY BAD...



PISS



ROUGH
MAN

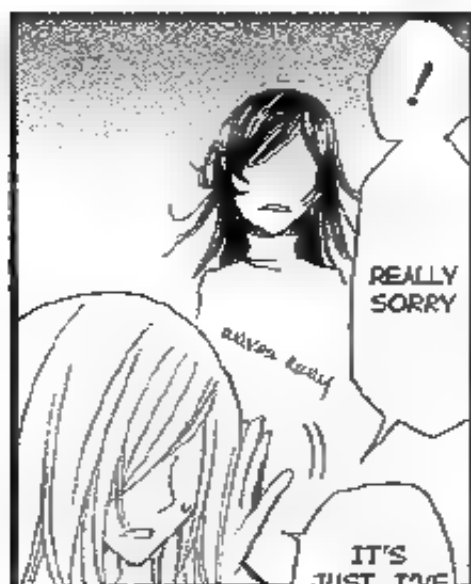


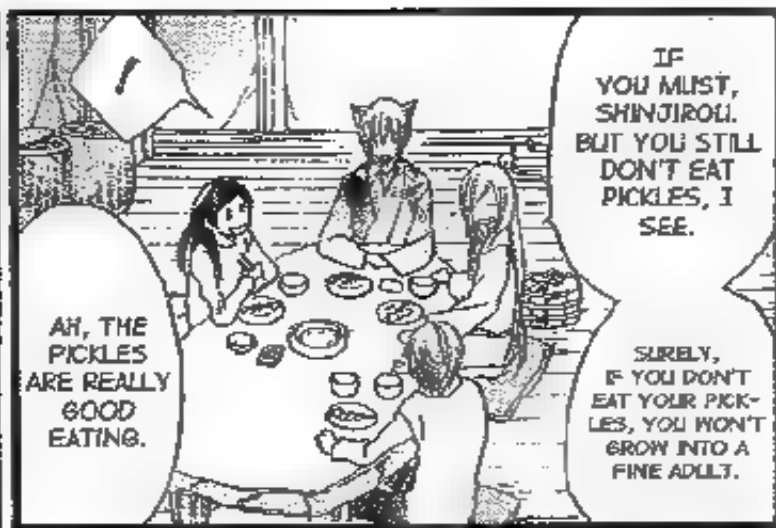
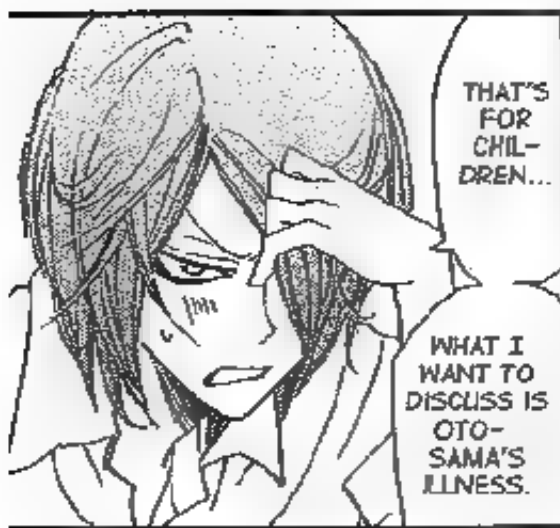
NOW, I AM
SERIOUSLY
PISSSED!

SUIROU...!!

WHY
WONT YOU
LOOK ME
IN THE
FACE?!

AAAHH!!







IF
BROTHER JIROU
INHERITS THE
POSITION OF
FOURTH CHIEF,
EVERYTHING
WILL BE FOR
NOTHING.

LET
OTO-SAMA
DRINK
THIS.

AFTER HE RE-
COVERS HIS
HEALTH, THE
MOUNTAIN ALSO
CAN RECOVER
AS WELL!



...IT MAY BE
ABLE TO CURE
SOIJOUBOU'S
ILLNESS...

BUT

let me see...

...IF THIS ■
THE GOD'S
PEACH
ELIXIR,



THERE'S
NO WAY TO
DELIVER THIS
TO SOIJOUBOU

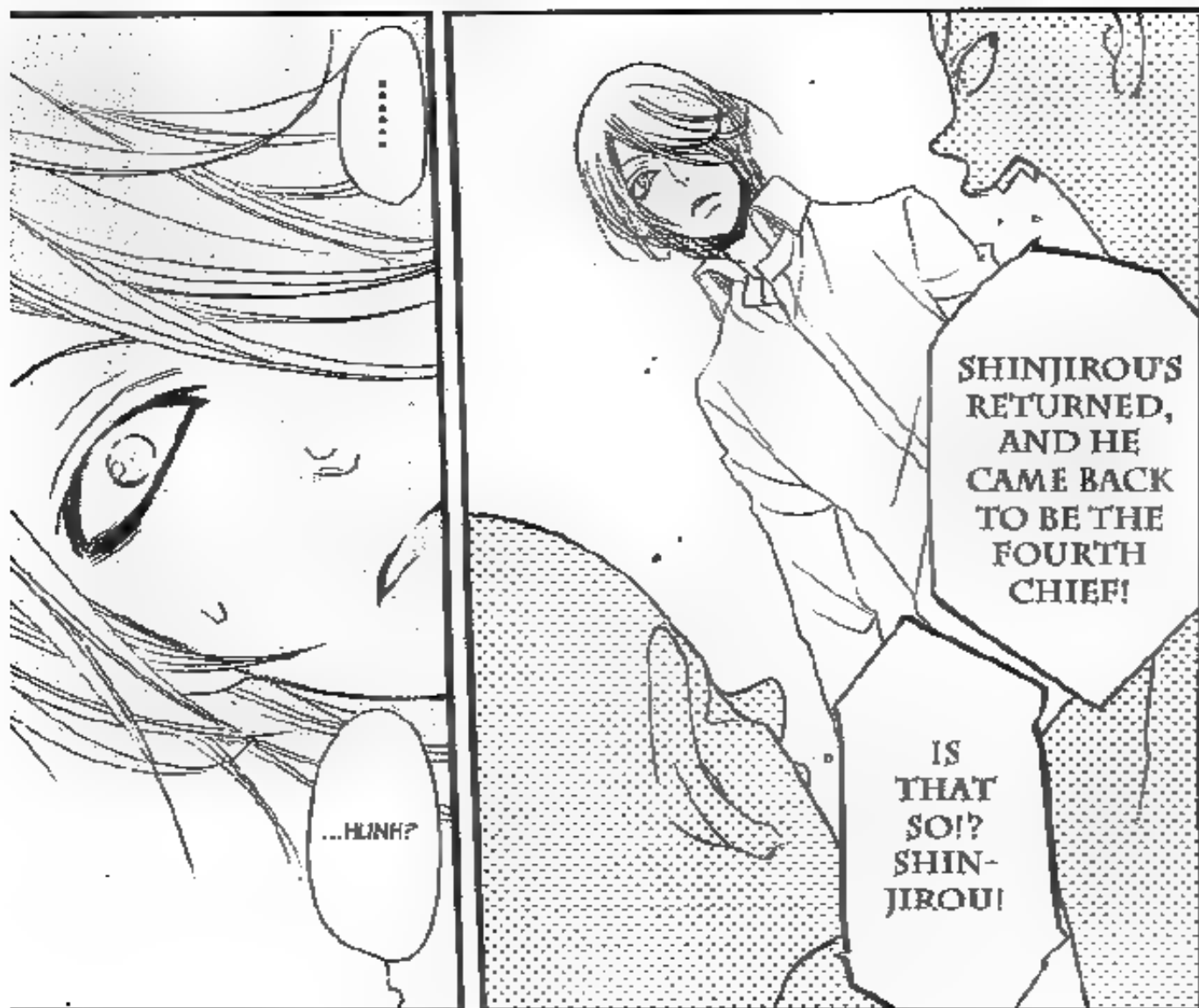


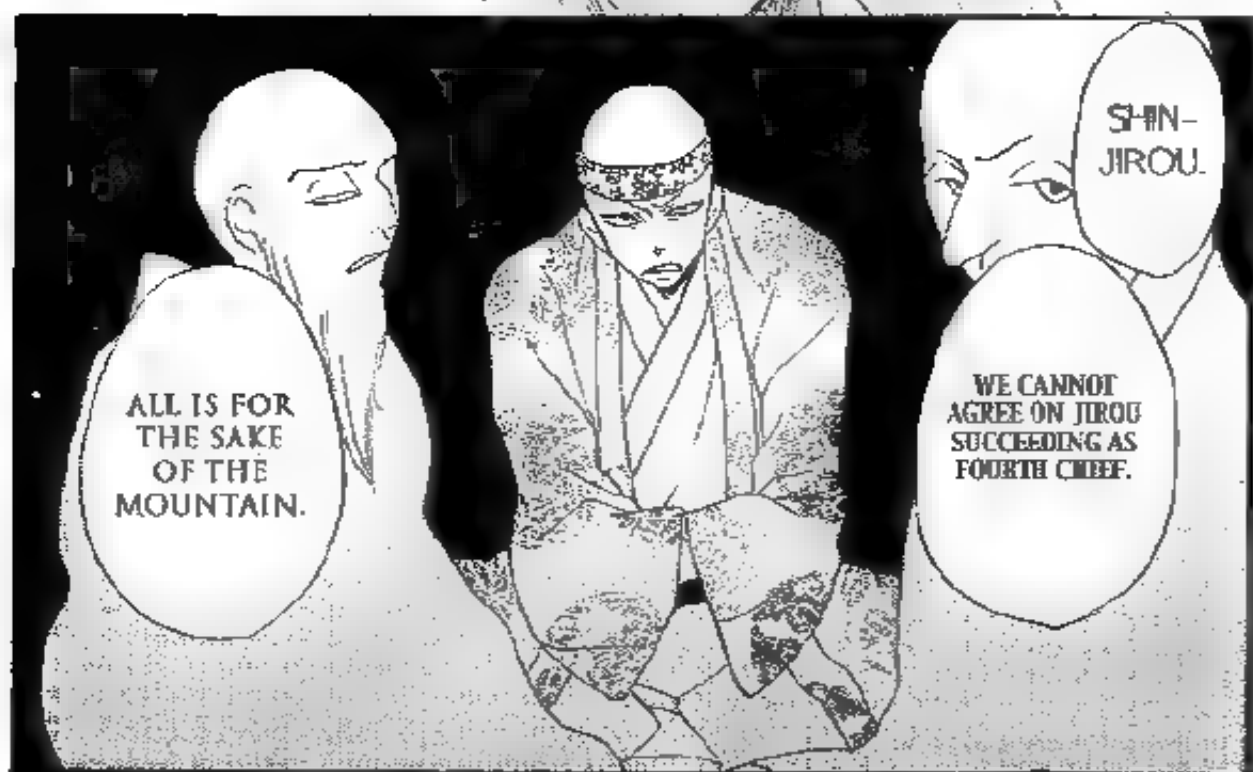


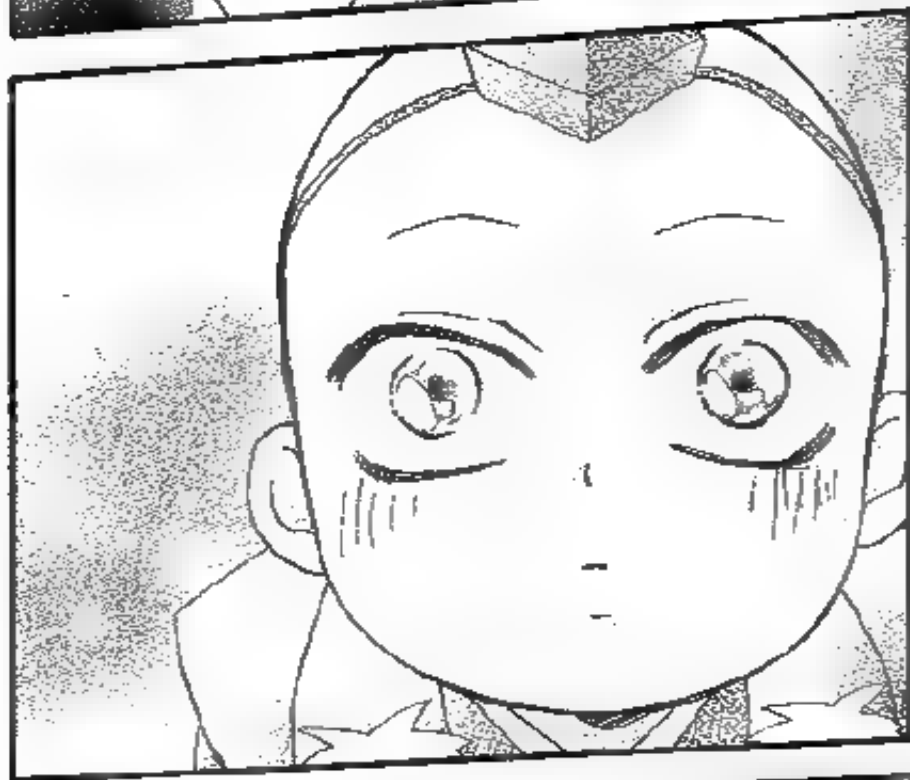
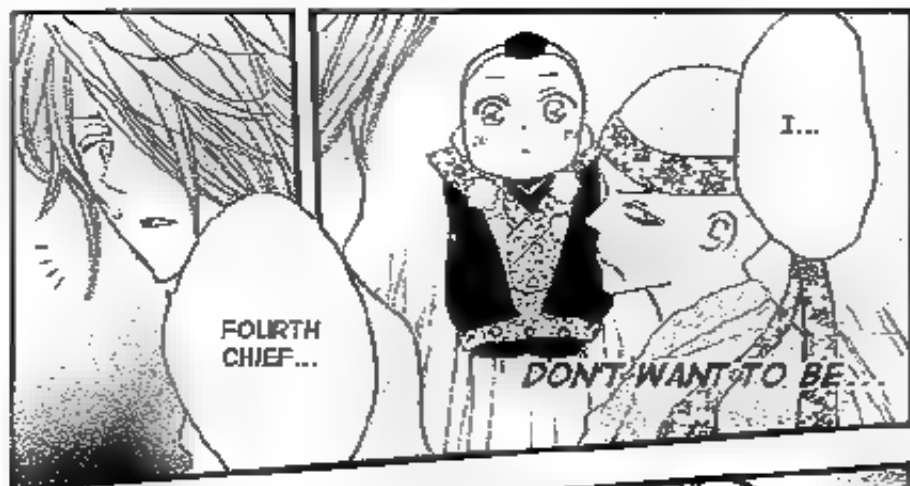




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brought to you
by tateemi scans
and readers like you!





I'M GOING
OUT FOR A
LITTLE BIT,
TO CALM
DOWN.

SORRY...
BROTHER
SHIROU.



NOTHING
TO BE DONE
ABOUT IT.
HE'S SEVEN-
TEEN YEARS
OLD.

HE
DOESN'T
WANT TO
BE FOURTH
CHIEF.

IT'LL BE
OKAY,
KIRAMA
...



YOU
THREE AND
SHINJIROU,
TOMORROW
MORNING, GO
DOWN THE
MOUNTAIN,

AND
DON'T BE
DRAWN
INTO THESE
TROUBLES.



LAND-
GOD,

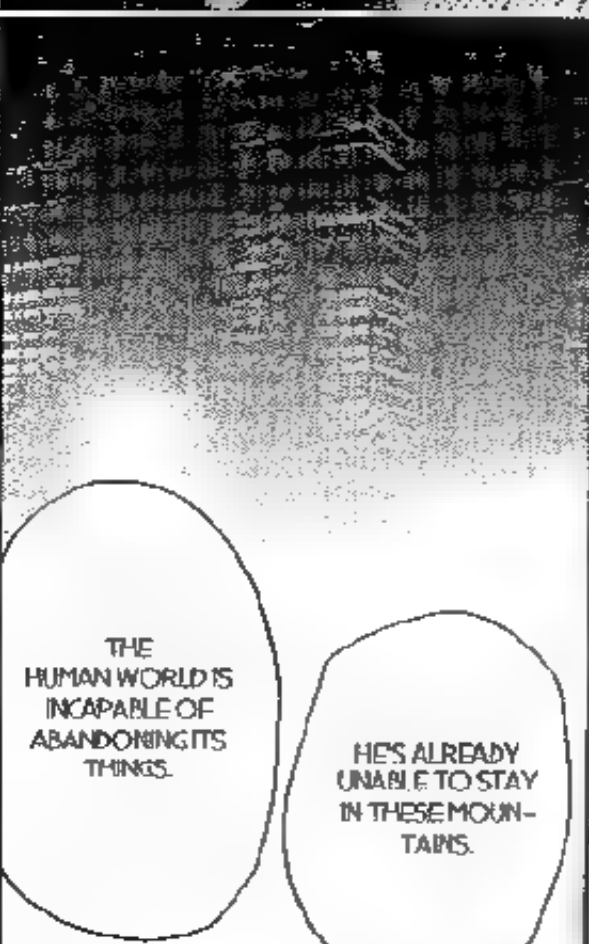
FOR
SOUJOU-
BOU'S SAKE,
PLEASE TAKE
BOTANMARU.
I'M A BIT...



UNTIL
HE SAYS IT'S
TIME TO GO, WE
WON'T LEAVE.

NOW
YOU'RE
SAYING
THAT? WHAT
TROUBLES?

WE'RE
ONLY HERE
TO HELP KILL...
SHINJIROU.



THE
HUMAN WORLD IS
INCAPABLE OF
ABANDONING ITS
THINGS.

HE'S ALREADY
UNABLE TO STAY
IN THESE MOUN-
TAINS.



I'M
WELL AWARE
HE'S NO LONGER
THE CHILD I ONCE
KNEW.

I SAW
HIM WITH A
WOMAN.
YOU.



AT
THE GATE
WITH SHIN-
JIROU, WHEN
WE MET
AGAIN.



HUNHE

LAND-GOD,
YOU UN-
DERSTAND
SHINJIROU'S
PERSON-
ALITY.

HE
CAN NO
LONGER
BECOME
ENTIRELY
THE MOUN-
TAIN'S.

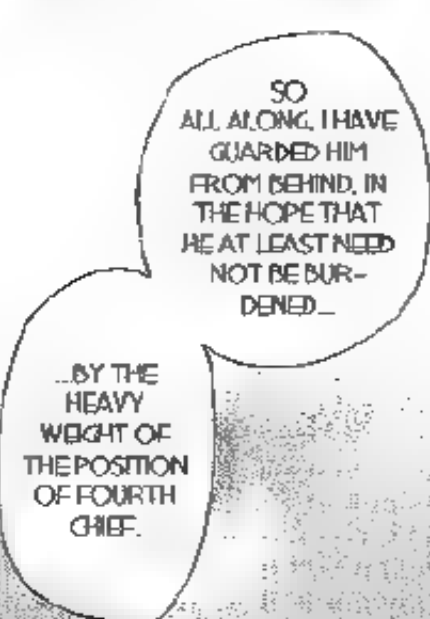
NOW



NEVER
RELYING ON
ANYONE
ELSE.

EVEN WITH ALL
HIS POWER, HE
OUGHT NOT
PUSH HIMSELF
SO HARD TO
DO MORE.

A PERSON IS
BURDENED
WITH SO
MANY
THINGS.



SO
ALL ALONG, I HAVE
GUARDED HIM
FROM BEHIND, IN
THE HOPE THAT
HE AT LEAST NEED
NOT BE BUR-
DENED...

...BY THE
HEAVY
WEIGHT OF
THE POSITION
OF FOURTH
CHIEF.

EVEN
AS A CHILD,
ALWAYS
WITH ME, AT
MY SIDE...

...NOT
ONCE DID HE
TURN TO ME
FOR HELP.



PLUS THE
DESIGN OF
SEVERAL
THREE-LAYER
CHARMS.

EVEN
FROM SO FAR
AWAY, I CAN
SENSE THE
TEMPLE'S
POWER.

WHO
KNOWS.

BROTHER
SUIROLI
SAID TO
TAKE ME
AWAY,
HUNH.

...I WAS
THINKING
THE SAME
THING.

THE
THOUGHT OF
ABDICATING
MAKES ME
WANT TO
DIE.

IT WAS
ALL LIES, BUT
THE PRETENSE
DIDN'T MAKE
THE SLIGHTEST
BIT OF DIFFER-
ENCE.

BROTHER
SUIROLI STILL
SAW RIGHT
THROUGH ME.

WELL,
THEN.

...WANT
TO DO
THIS?

HOW DO
YOU...

step step step

HEY!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
NEXT!?

PANT

PANT

KURAMA!

* COLLIDE

whoa



...AND
DELIVER
THE MEDI-
CINE TO
OTO-SAMA.

I
WANT TO
SNEAK
INTO THE
TEMPLE...

.....



COULD...

COULD
YOU HELP
ME... AND
LEND ME
A HAND?



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