

CRIMSON FLOWER

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You can't go
home.



Tranquil days
suddenly
scatter into
disarray...



Kaeremasen.

Highest
Level of
Scariness

さか もと いさお
坂元勲
Isao Sakamoto





IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL.

Lately in this neighborhood, there have been several sightings of a suspicious man around 40 years old.

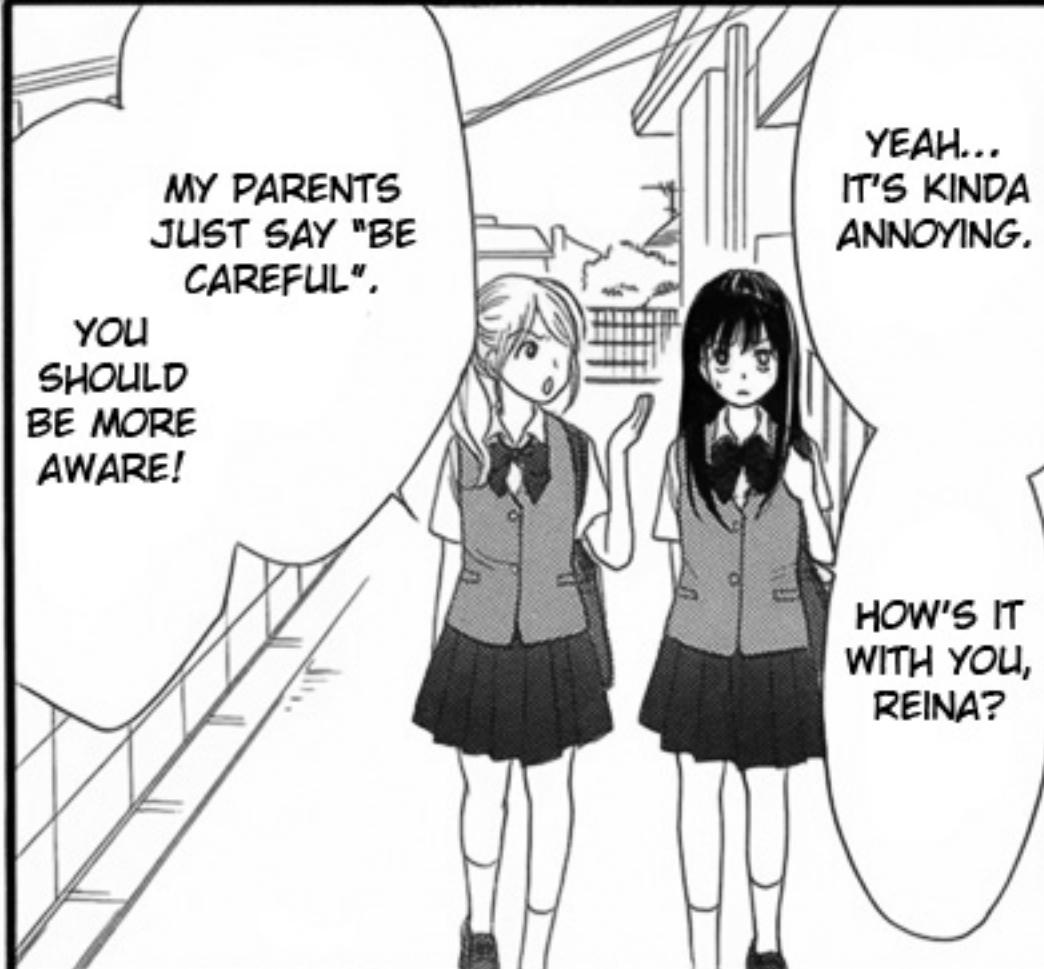
I WOULD DIE
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU.



As much as possible, make sure you are not alone.

If you see a suspicious man, run away immediately.

Several female students are being followed.





MOM!!

...NNN...

GRASP!

WOOOM...

SLAM!







MEALS
ARE
BROUGHT
TO ME 3
TIMES PER
DAY.

THIS IS HOW
I BECAME
IMPRISONED
IN THIS
ROOM.

WITHOUT
KNOWING
WHY,

I'M WATCHED
WHEN I TAKE
A BATH OR
USE THE
TOILET.

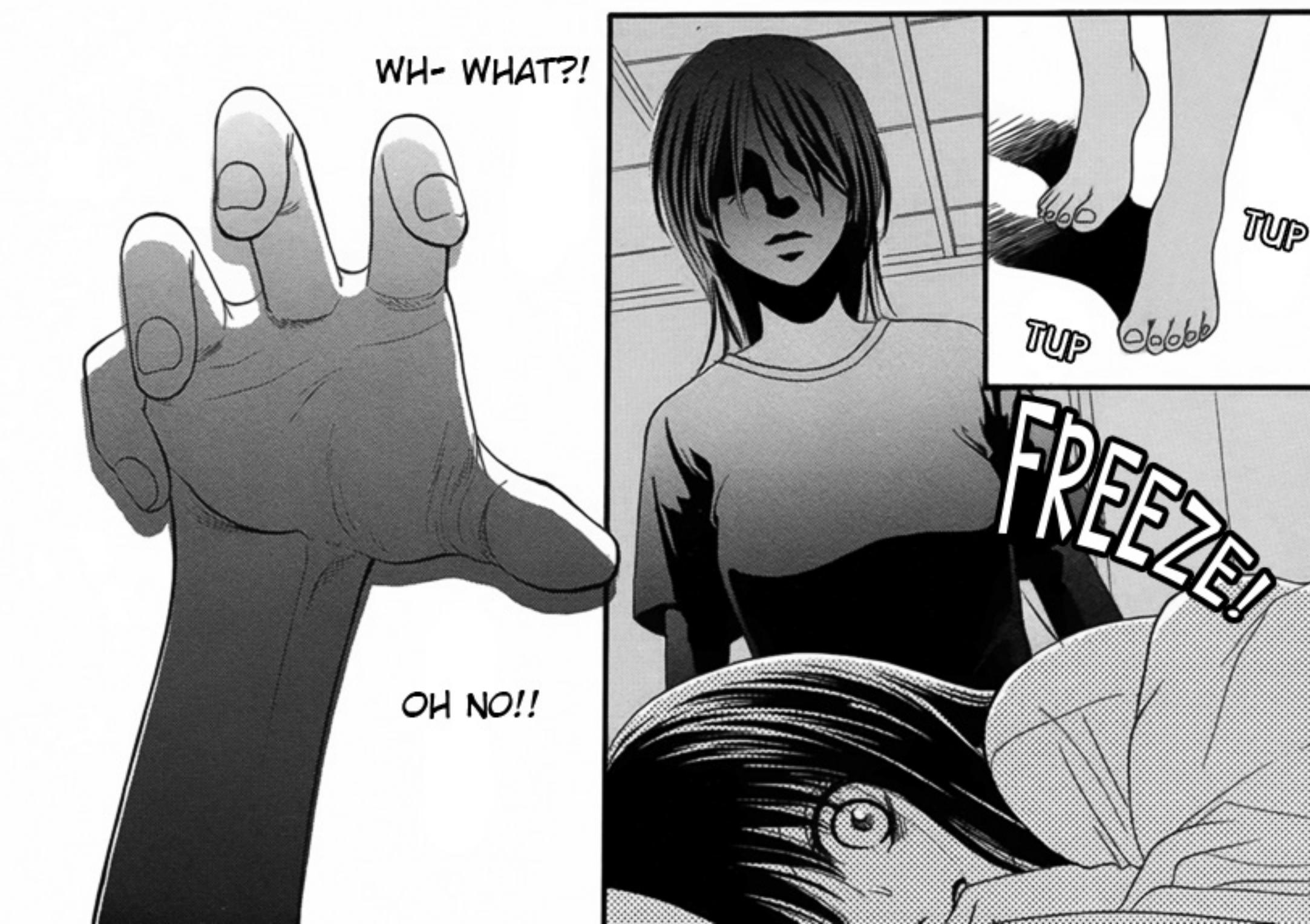
I WONDER
HOW MANY
DAYS HAVE
PASSED...

WHEN I
ASK ABOUT
ANYTHING, I
GET NO
ANSWER.

WHERE AM I?
WHAT'S GOING TO
HAPPEN TO ME?

THERE IS NO
WINDOW, SO I
HAVE NO IDEA
OF WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE
OUTSIDE.









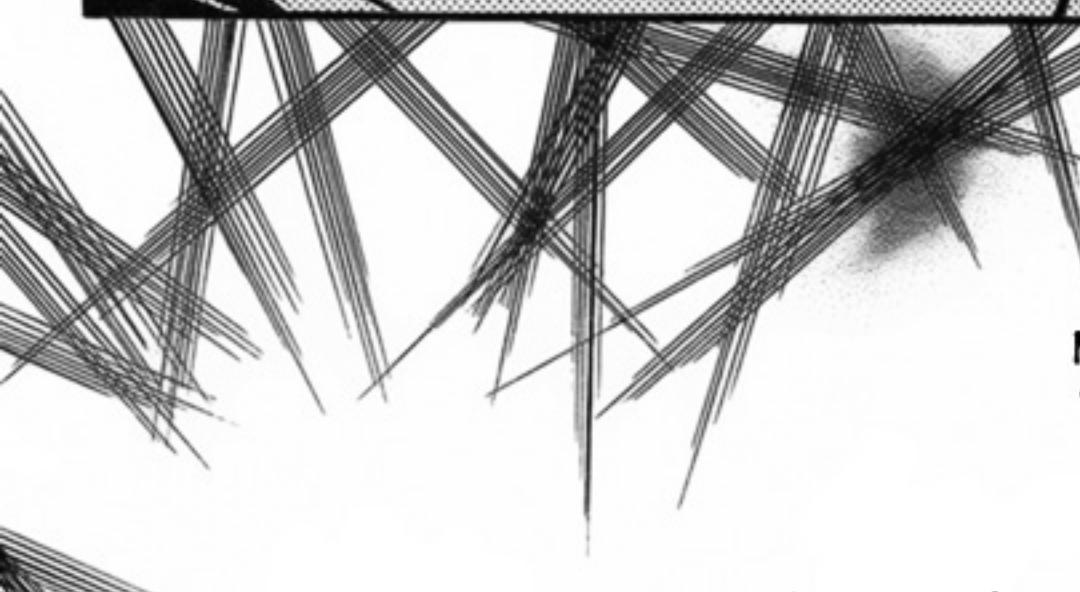
I'LL PUT
AN END
TO IT.

THAT'S TRUE.
I WILL NEVER
GIVE THAT
CHILD BACK,
YOU HEAR?



WE HAVE
TO QUICKLY
SETTLE
MATTERS.

WE CAN'T
LET THE
SITUATION
REMAIN
LIKE THIS
FOREVER.



THEY
REALLY
ARE GOING
TO KILL
ME!!

"QUICKLY"
DO WHAT?

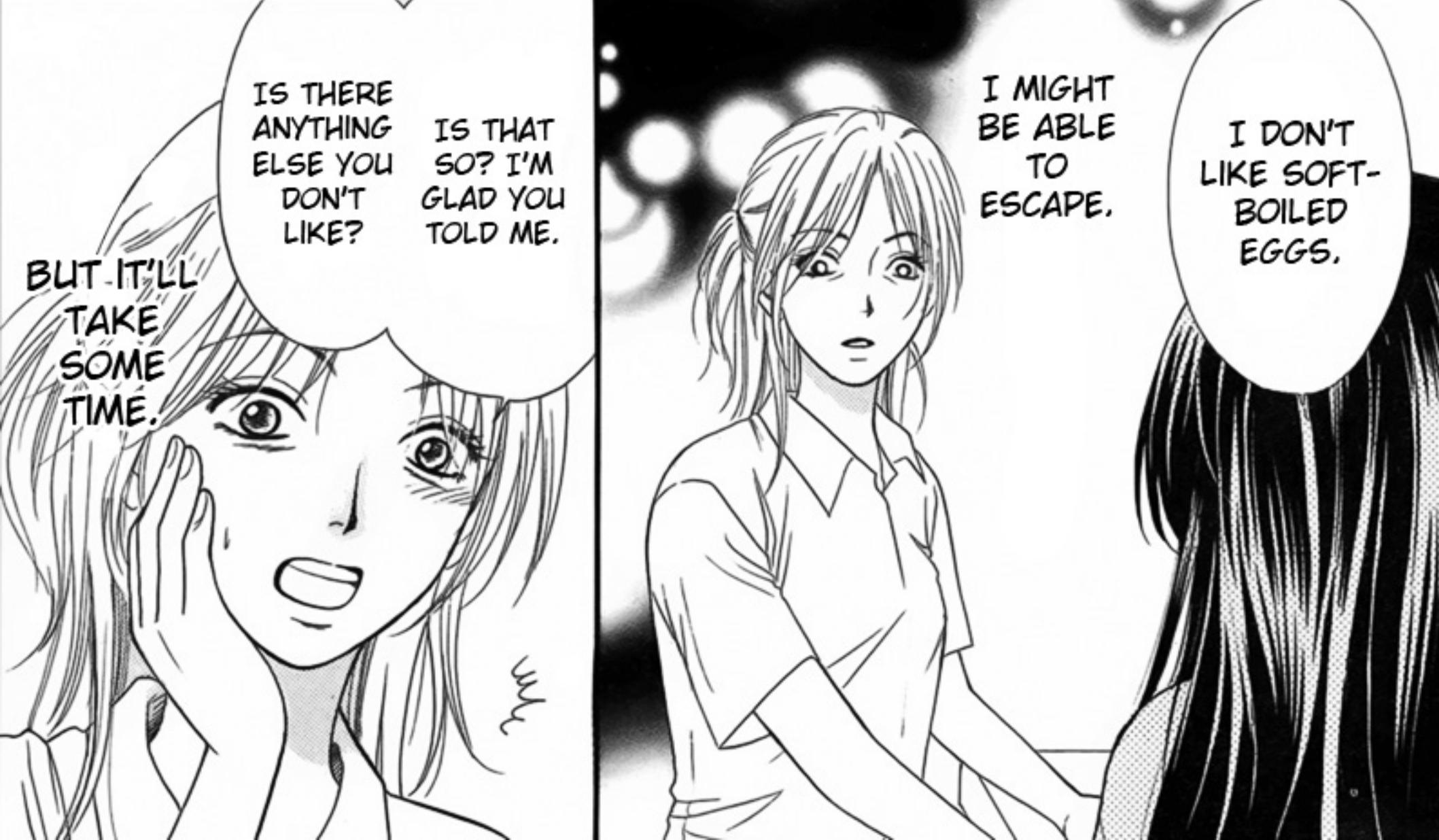
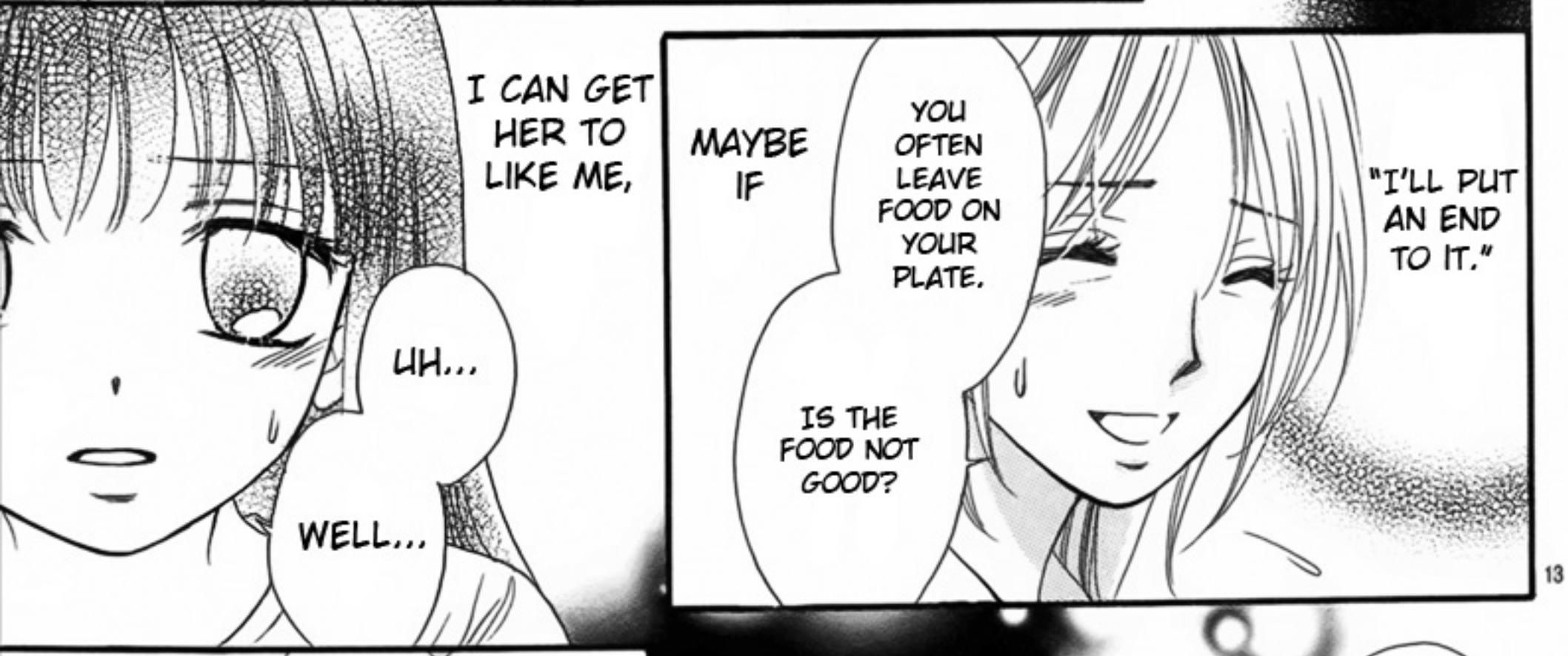
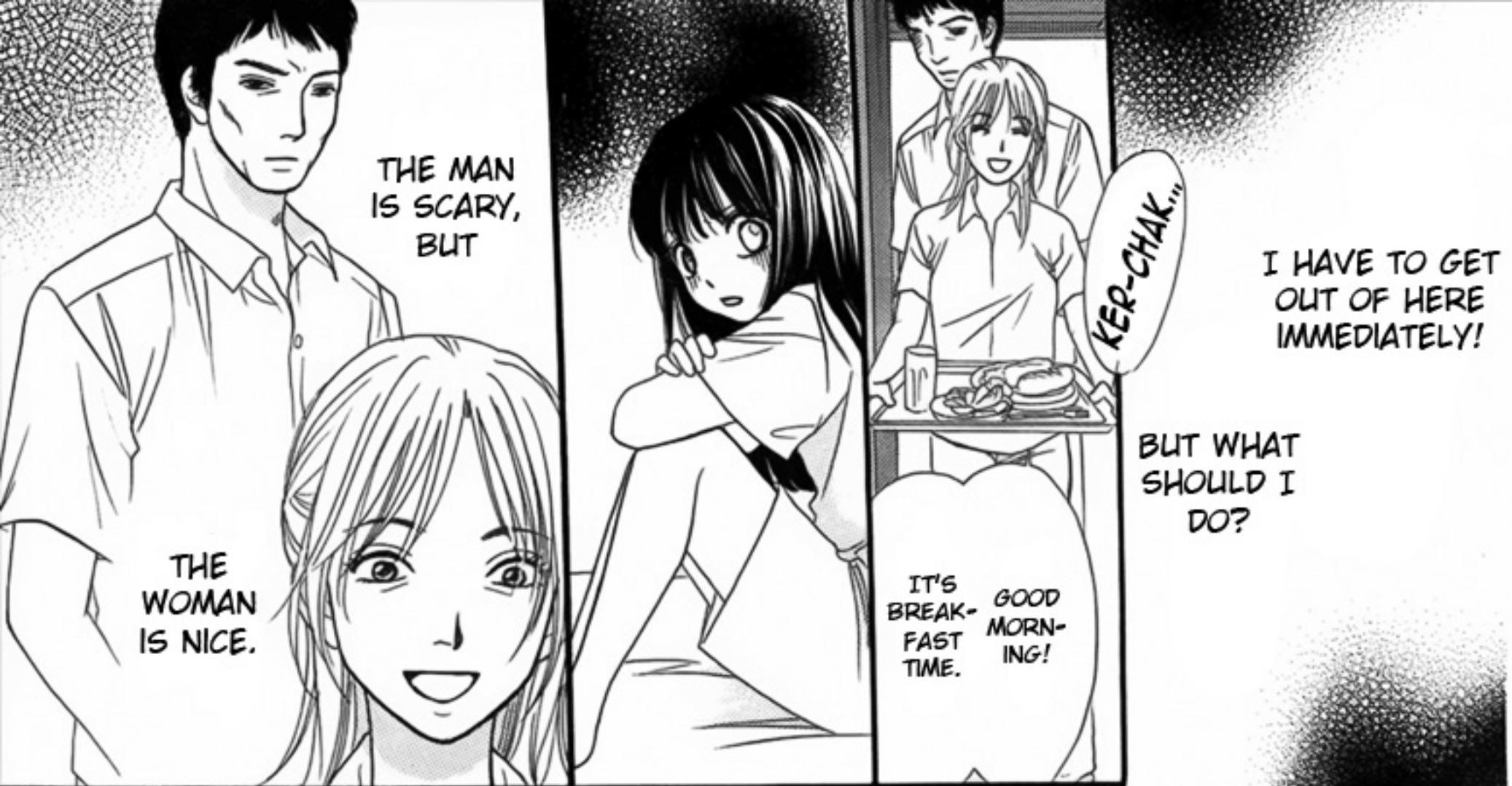
"I WILL
NEVER GIVE
THAT CHILD
BACK"?

WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN?
"SETTLE
MATTERS"?



WE
HAVE TO
HURRY.

KER-CHAK



I SHOULD TRY TO SPEAK NORMALLY TO HER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

I MUSTN'T UPSET HER.

I MUSTN'T SAY THOSE THINGS.

"WHERE AM I? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME? WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE? TAKE ME BACK HOME."

IT'LL BE SUSPICIOUS IF I SUDDENLY CHANGE MY BEHAVIOR.

OH? AND WHAT ABOUT SUSHI?

SASHIMI.

I HAVE TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH HER!

AS I THOUGHT, YOU LOOK ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE THIS WAY.

IT'S KIND OF REFRESHING.

MY MOM TOLD ME SHE PREFERENCES MY HAIR DOWN.

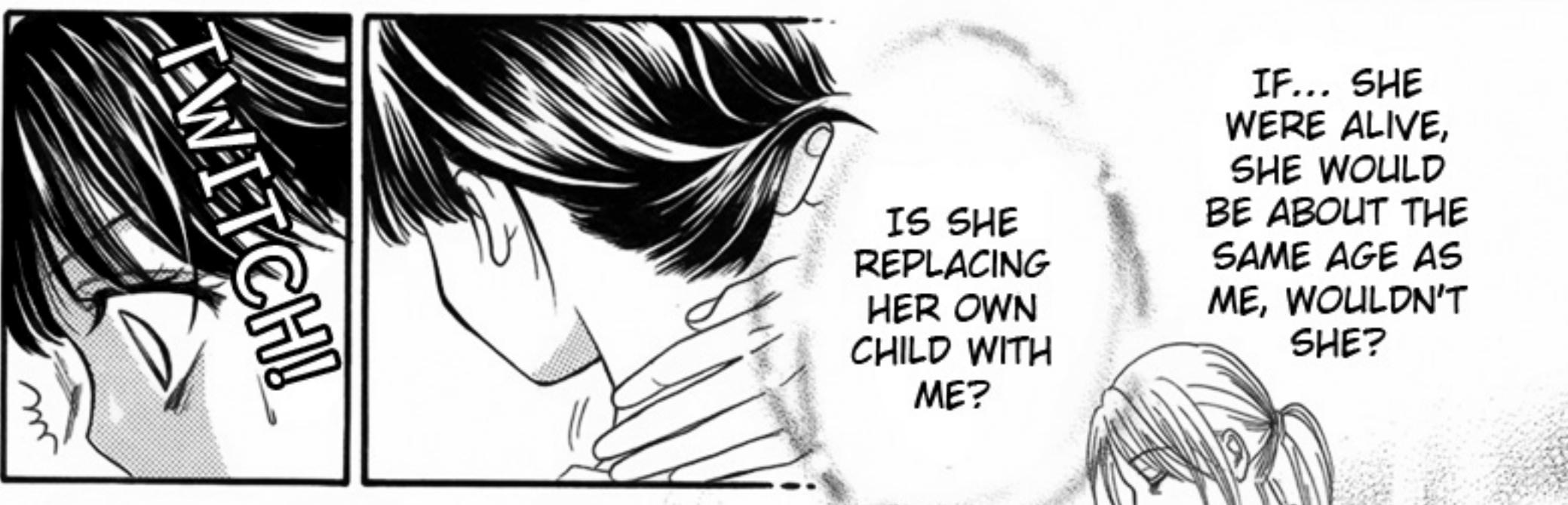
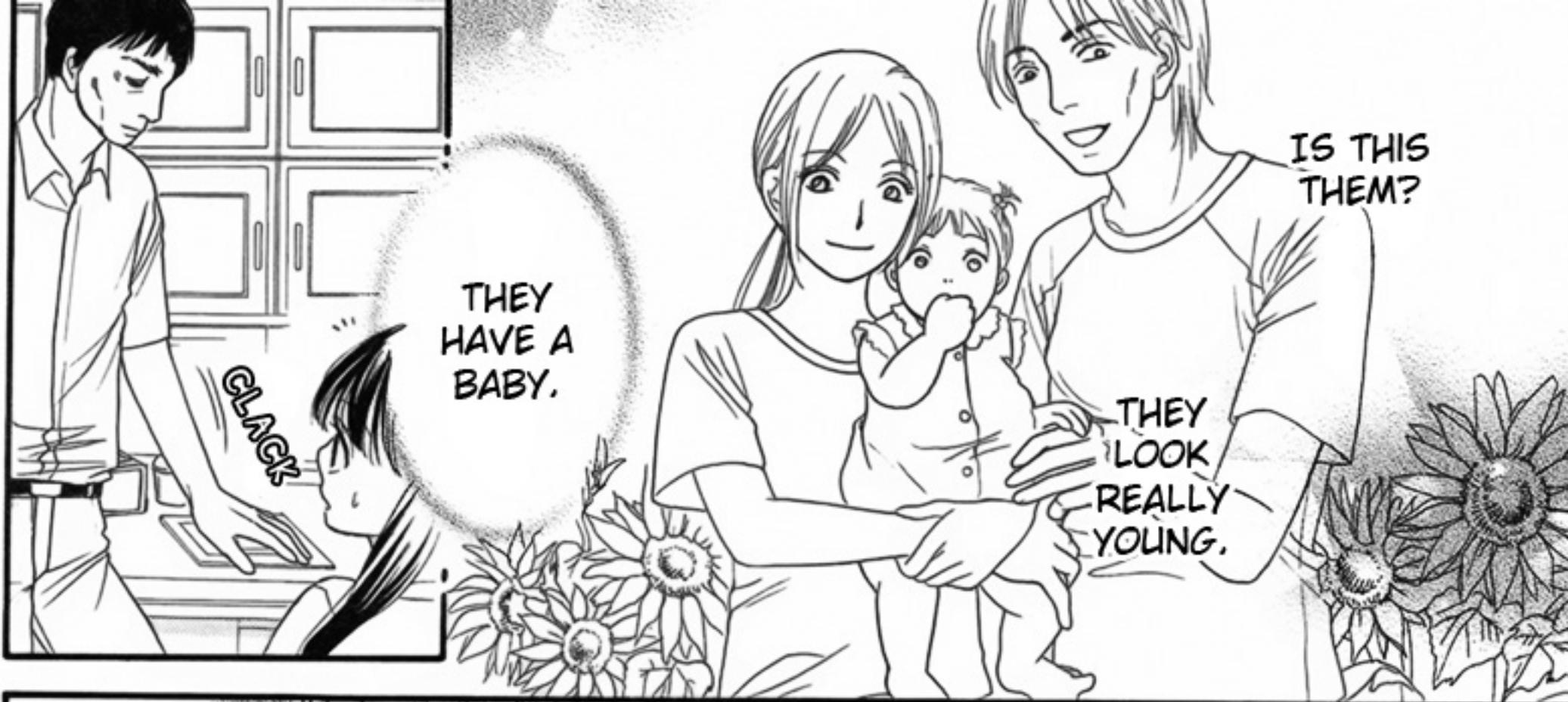
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

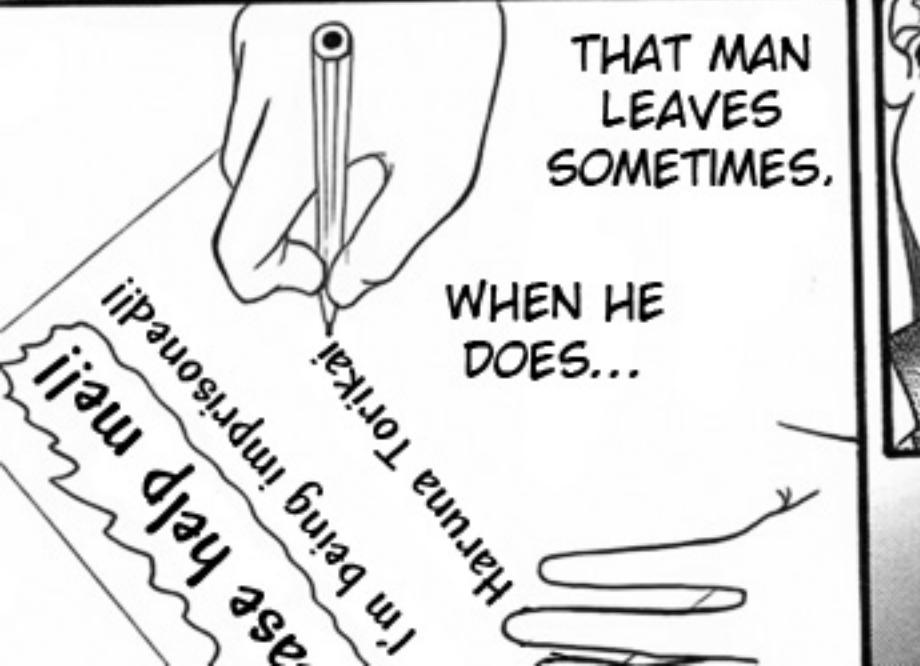
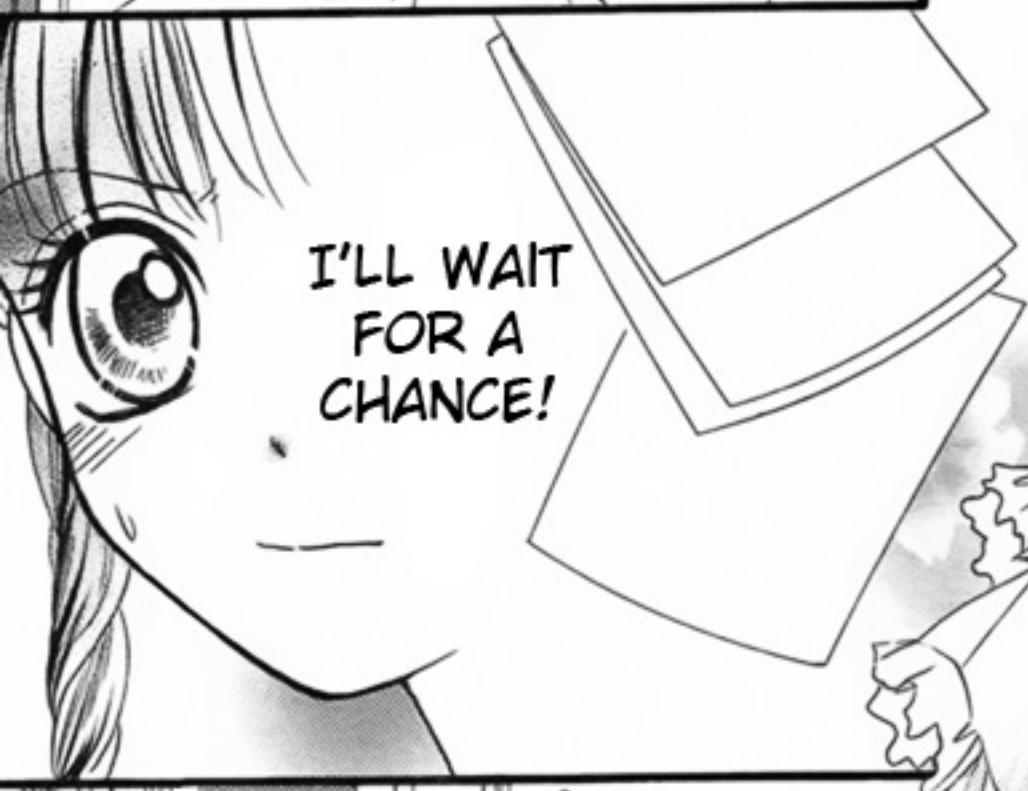
THERE'S A BREEZE ON MY NECK.

YEP...!

GASP!







HELP
ME!!

PLEASE,
PLEASE

I'M BEING
IMPRISONED.

SOMEBODY
FIGURE IT
OUT!

SFF...

ALL
RIGHT!

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO GO
OUT FOR A
BIT?

I WON'T
ESCAPE AS
SOON AS
I'M LET
OUT.

I FINALLY
MADE IT
TO THIS
POINT!

I'M
BEING
LET
OUT!!
AT
LAST!!

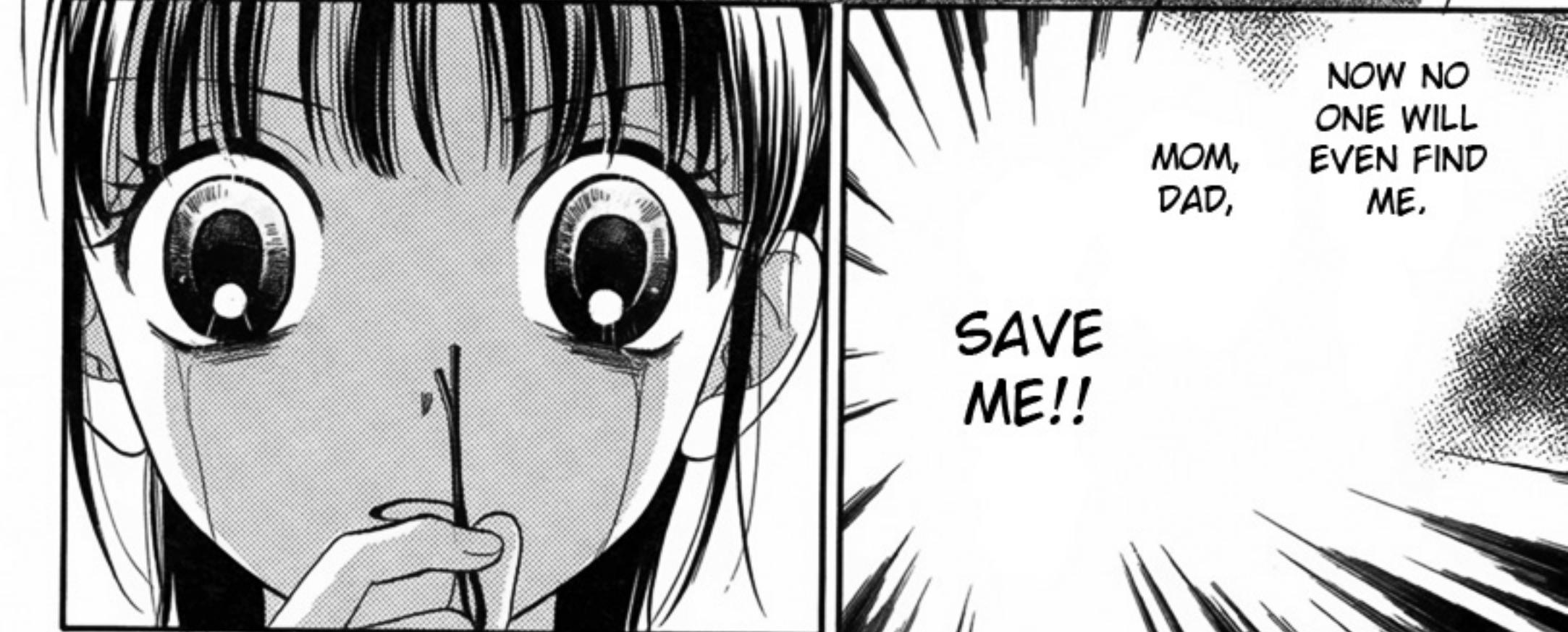
IT'S NO FUN
BEING IN THE
HOUSE ALL
THE TIME.

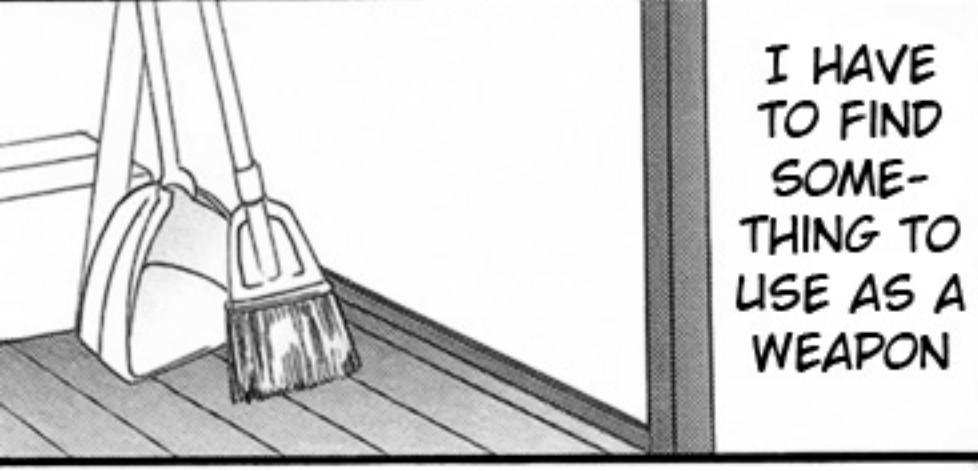
HUH...?

SHALL WE
GO TAKE A
WALK
AROUND?

STOP.









DID
YOU
THINK
I'D
LET
YOU
KILL
ME?!!



NEVER!



NO!



WITNESS



!!



WHY ARE
YOU TRYING
TO RUN
AWAY?

WHY?

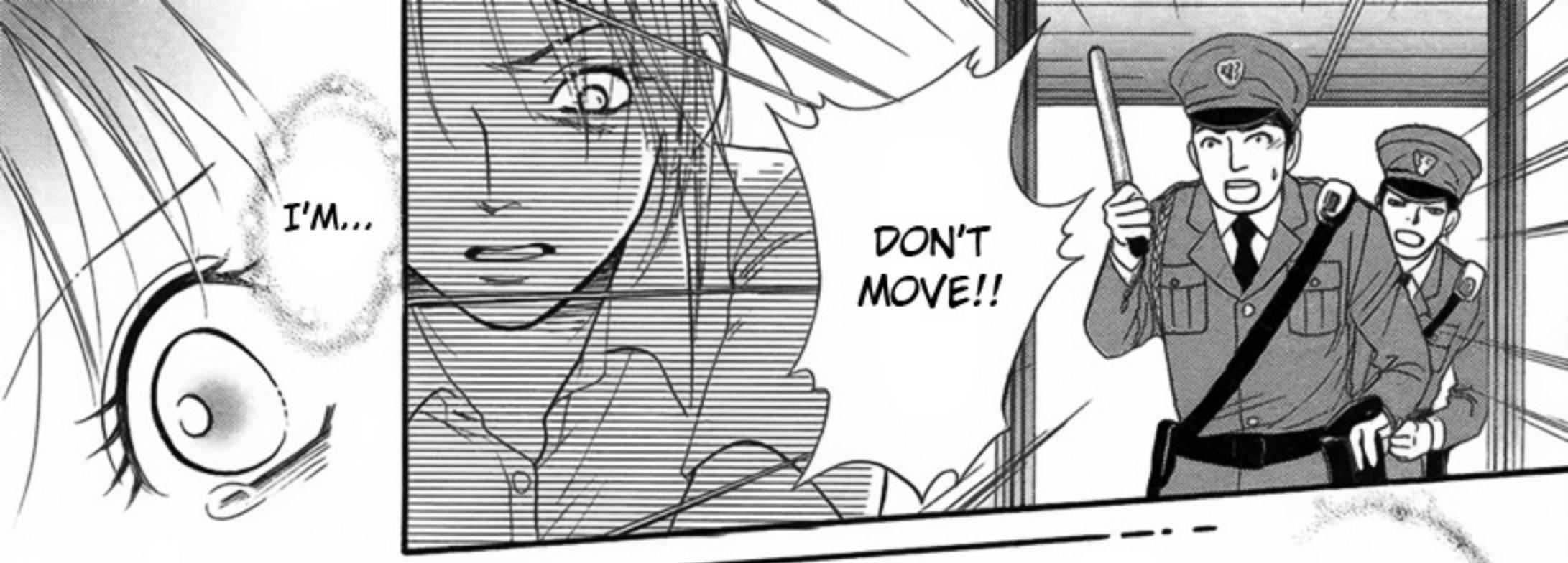
SHE'S
GOING TO
KILL ME!!

IS THERE
SOMETHING
YOU DON'T
LIKE?!

IT
H-HURTS!

ACK!

TELL
ME!

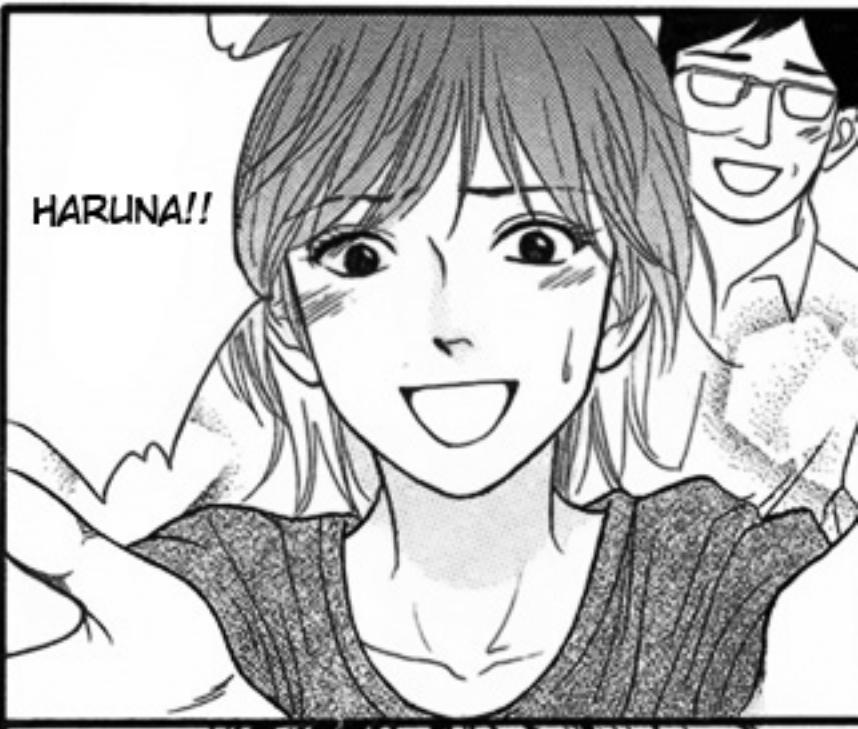
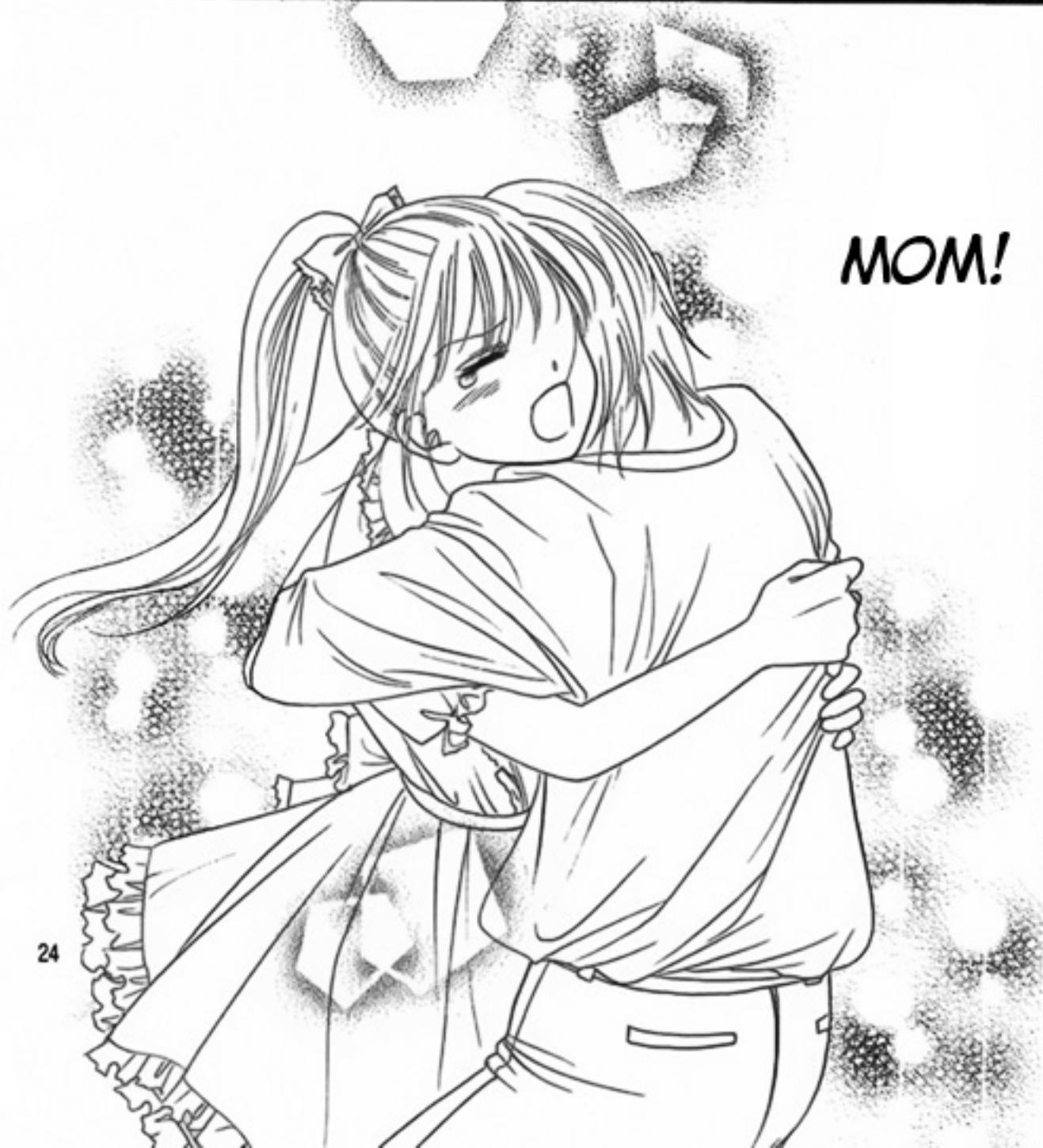


BY CHANCE
SOME LOCALS
HAPPENED TO
PASS BY,
PICKED IT UP,
AND REALIZED
WHAT IT WAS.



ONE OF
MY PAPER
AIRPLANES!

SAVED!





CHIEF!
WE'VE
DISCOVERED
THE
SUSPECT
CHIZURU'S
DIARY.

WHY
WOULD
THEY DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?

TADASHI
FUJINAKA, 40
YEARS OLD,
AND CHIZURU
FUJINAKA,
38.

There's no mistaking it. The birthmark on her neck is proof that she is my child. Thank goodness she's alive. At last I found her.

IT WAS
WRITTEN IN
EVERY DAY
SINCE
HARUNA'S
ABDUCTION.

WHAT?

13
YEARS
AGO,

THIS
COUPLE'S
CHILD WAS
ABDUCTED,
AND

"Before we're get caught, I'll get a DNA test to prove we are her parents. I'm sure that will put an end to this."

"It makes me so happy to see her birthmark when I put her hair up. I want to hug her."

"What should I say? You are my child. She'll never believe me now. I'll wait until she opens her heart."

Diary pages:

7/30 (Tues) What should I say? You are my child. She'll never believe me now. Of course she won't. I'll wait until she opens her heart. It shouldn't take much time. I can't help but want to hug her.

7/31 (Wed) Today, she smiled. It was so precious, just like when she was a baby. It makes me so happy to see her birthmark when I put her hair up. I want to hug her. I want her to call me "Mom".

REMAINED
SO UNTIL
NOW.

"I've always wanted to live as a family with my child."





FOR 13 YEARS
I CONVINCED
MYSELF I
WAS RAISING
MY OWN REAL
CHILD!!

28
YOU ARE THE
CHILD WE
KIDNAPPED 13
YEARS AGO!

YOU AREN'T
MY CHILD.

WHEN I
SEE THAT
BIRTHMARK,
I REMEM-
BER.

WHAT?

HOW
ABOUT I
REMOVE
THAT
BIRTH-
MARK?

SAY...
HARUNA,
HEY!
STOP!

HUH?

YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
THE
TRUTH,
DON'T
YOU?

THAT
THOSE
PEOPLE
ARE YOUR
REAL
PARENTS?

WHAT ON
EARTH IS
SHE
SAYING?

YOU ARE
OUR CHILD,
AFTER ALL,
RIGHT?

WITHOUT
THAT BIRTH-
MARK, I'M
SURE WE CAN
BECOME A
REAL FAMILY.

WHAT IS
GOING
ON...?

YOU LOVE
MOM AND
DAD, DON'T
YOU?





IT'S STRANGE.
DAD AND MOM
AREN'T MOVING
ANYMORE.

WHAT A
GREAT IDEA.
I CUT ONES
INTO THEIR
NECKS WITH
A KITCHEN
KNIFE, BUT

DAD SAID IT
WOULD BE
QUICKER IF
THEY HAD
THE SAME
BIRTHMARK
AS ME.

RATHER
THAN
REMOVE MY
BIRTHMARK,

31

BUT I
THOUGHT BY
DOING THIS,
WE COULD AT
LAST BECOME
A REAL
FAMILY.

I'M
HOME.

DAD,
MOM,

Heheh...

I
WONDER
WHY?

THE END