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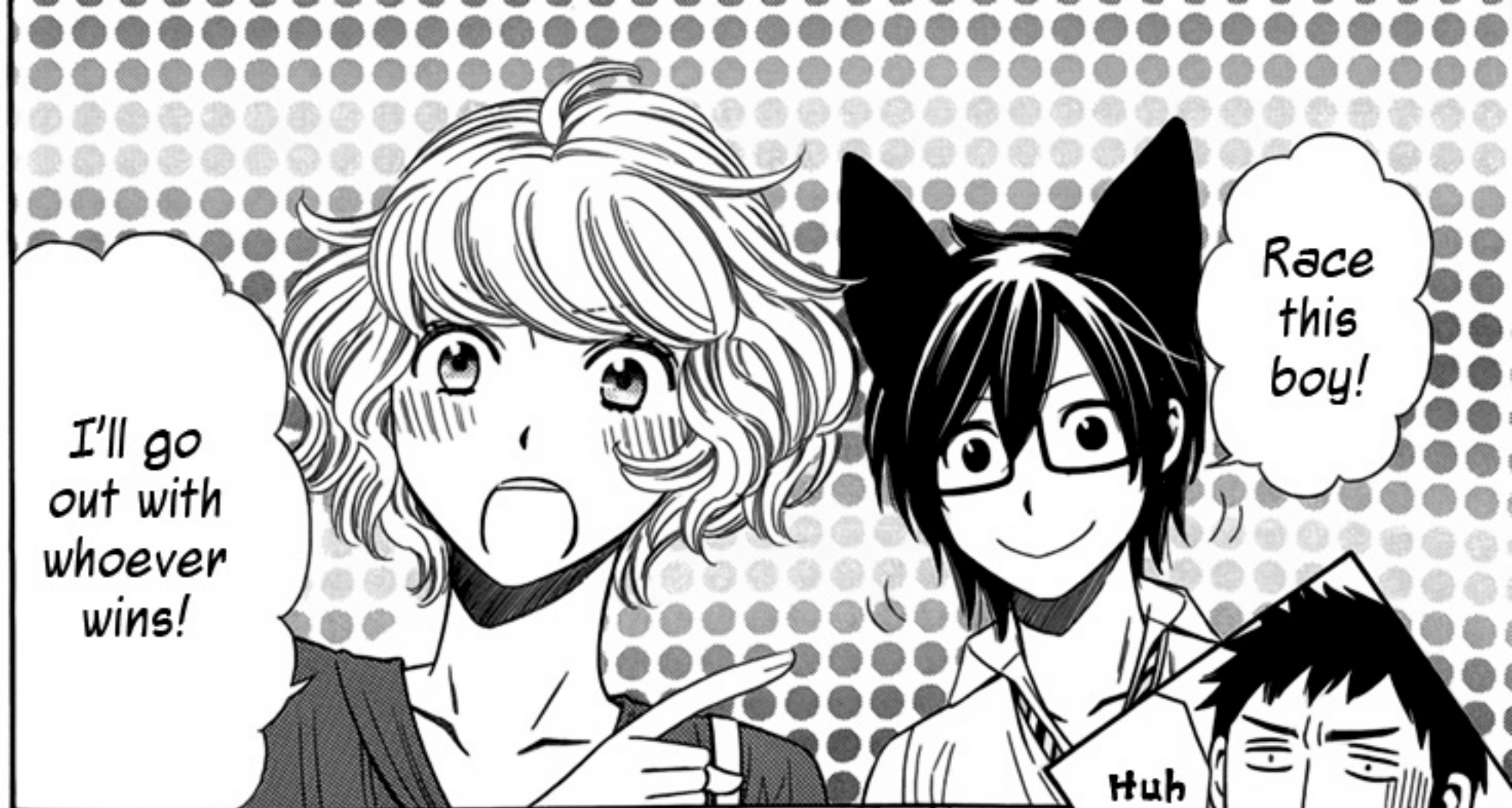
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## Chapter 14





Yakko Kashima  
(5 years old)

↑  
Yakko's fullname

• A cheerful child who was good at the hoola hoop. She also liked to dance.



• She dreamt of becoming Sailor Moon in the future. She liked Tuxedo Mask.















Ugh...

sparkle

sparkle

The ground  
under mah  
feet...  
breathin'  
the air an'  
feelin' the  
wind...!

When I  
b'came a  
ghost, I  
thought I'd  
never be  
able tah do  
that agin...!



I'm so  
happy... I  
sure never  
thought I'd  
be runnin' in  
a competi-  
tion agin!

Aa-woo!



Oh♥

kay.

okay!



...o...



Ughhh,  
dammit...

Why me?  
How did it  
get to  
this?!



And yer  
glasses are  
right  
smart  
lookin'!!

Sekka,  
you really  
are a man  
among  
men!!

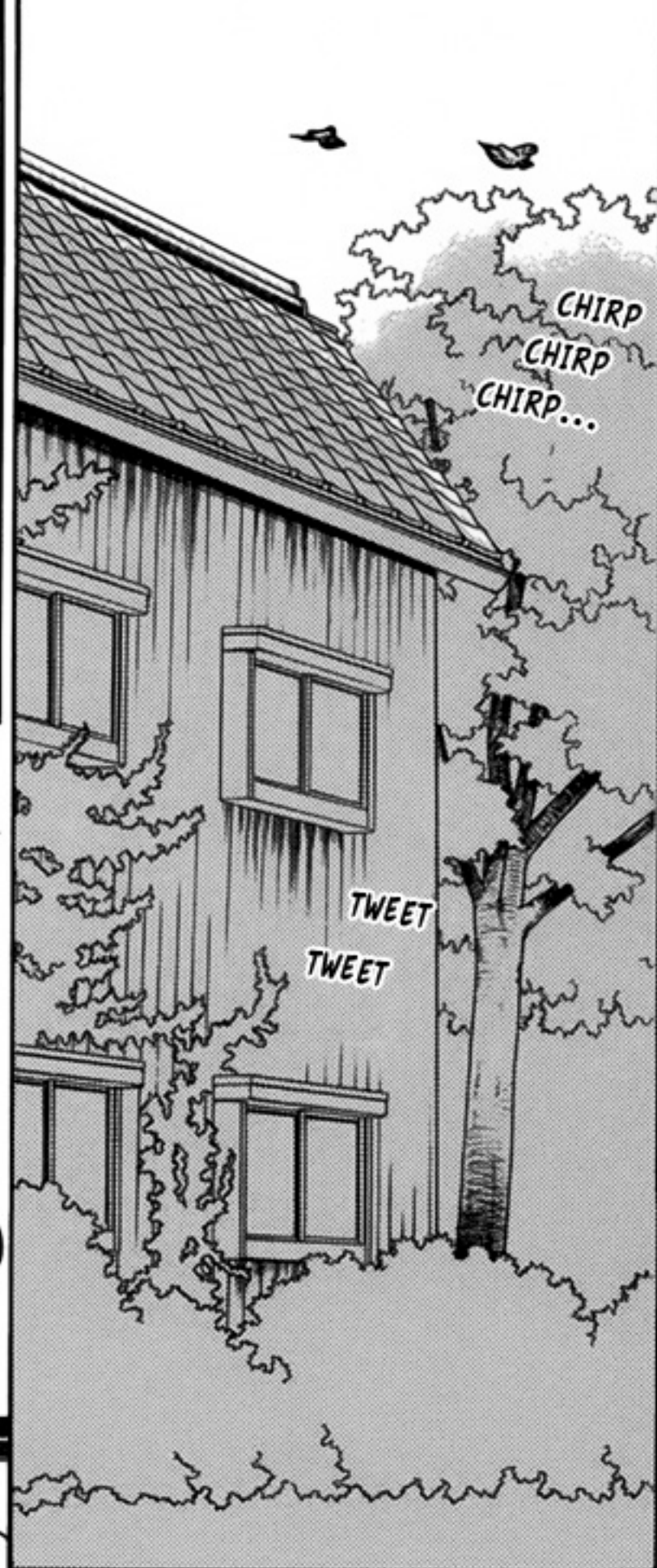
DING  
DONG

We're  
settled  
so cut  
that  
out!!





Wake up, Sekka!!











But to be honest, Tatsumi came up with the plan.

Really?

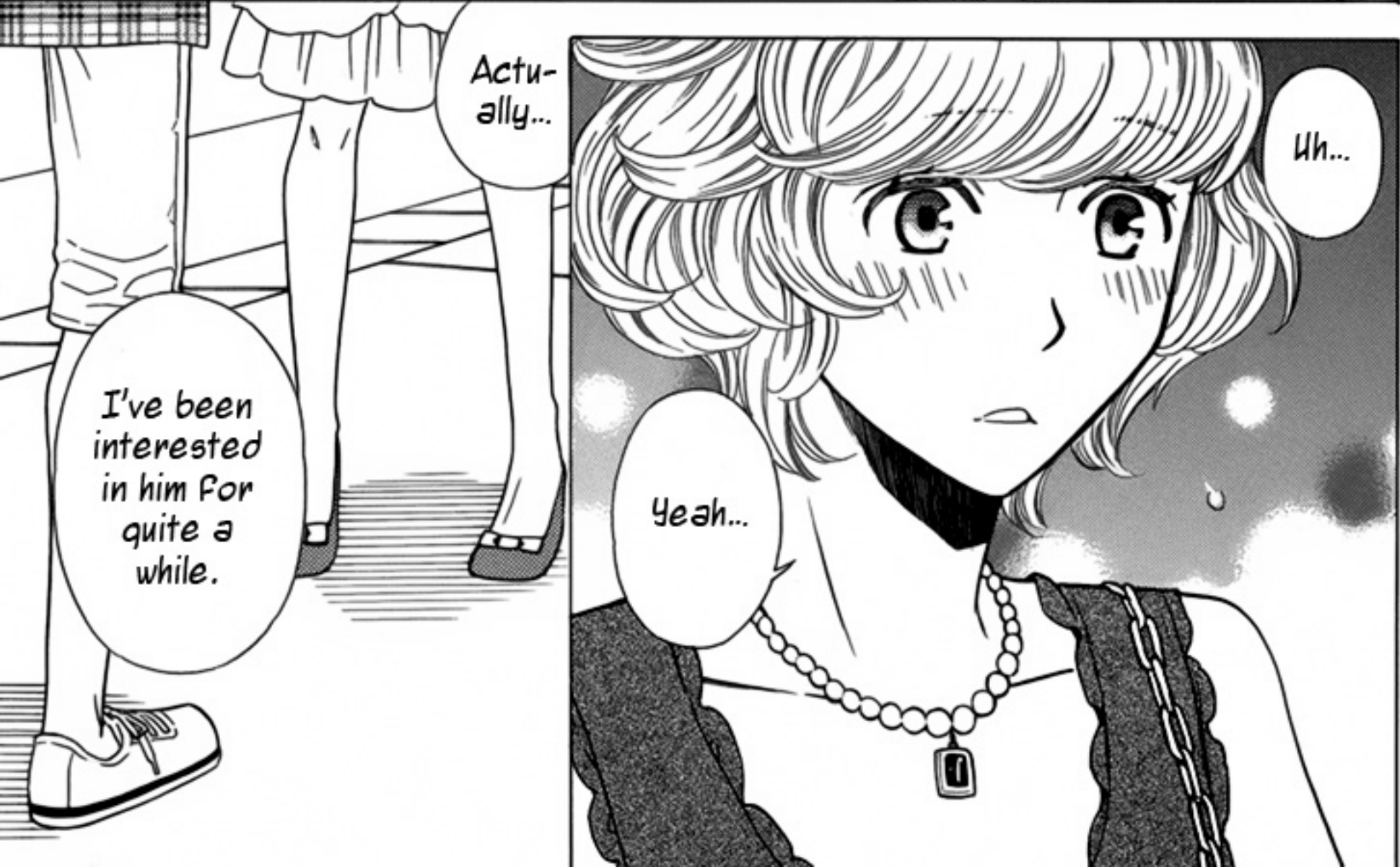
The plan Yakko and I came up with the day before yesterday?



do ya fancy that guy?

Ma'am,

Huh...?



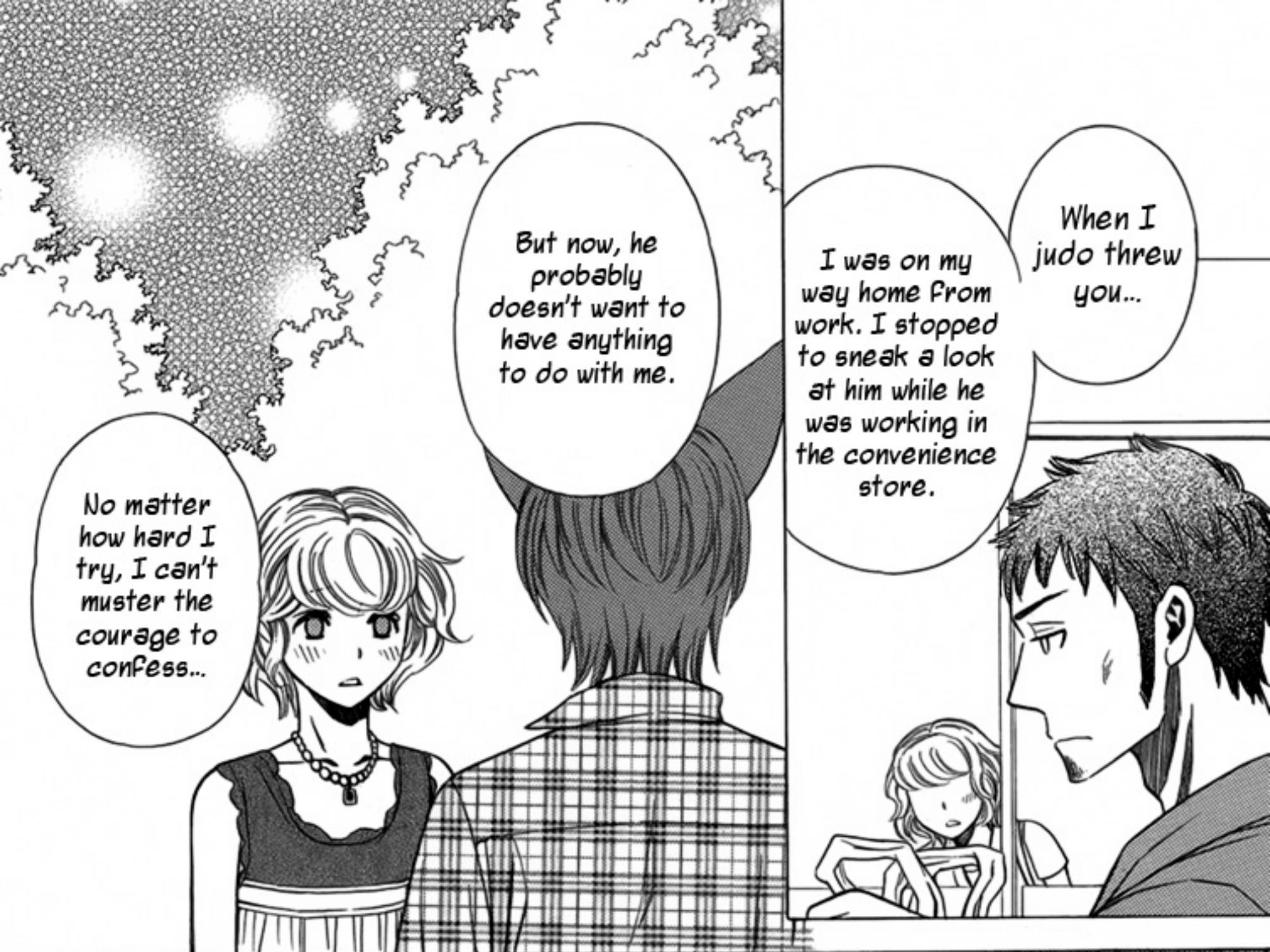
Actually...

I've been interested in him for quite a while.

Yeah...

Uh...





No matter how hard I try, I can't muster the courage to confess...

But now, he probably doesn't want to have anything to do with me.

I was on my way home from work. I stopped to sneak a look at him while he was working in the convenience store.

When I judo threw you...



Don't chu worry, ma'am!

'Cuz

I'm gonna b'come cupid fer ya two!





It won't be interestin' if ya don't do yer best!

MUMBLE

By the way, if I'm supposed to lose this competition, then why am I training?



Obviously everything's gonna be al'right fer everyone!

I can't believe I said I'd go out with whoever wins...

I-it's fine!

I wonder if I shocked Keiji.



It would also be nice if Keiji could regain a little bit of self-confidence with this.



What?

I was Keiji's best friend's girlfriend.

His best friend passed away, though...

You see,



For some reason after that when he ran the relay,

his team sash wouldn't stay tied on.

his friend was killed in an accident while on his way to school...

But during the winter of their 3rd year, just before that dream could come true,

He and Keiji were really close...

They were on the university track team together, and were working really hard to be on the long-distance relay team together.

Since then, he's had absolutely no motivation.

...Uh...

is she

talking about Tatsumi??!









Yeah,  
she  
was.

Tatsumi...  
she was  
your girl-  
friend?!!

Don't just say  
"yeah". Don't  
I need to let  
you meet her  
as her boy-  
friend?!



**WHY  
WOULDN'T I  
BE OKAY  
WITH IT?**

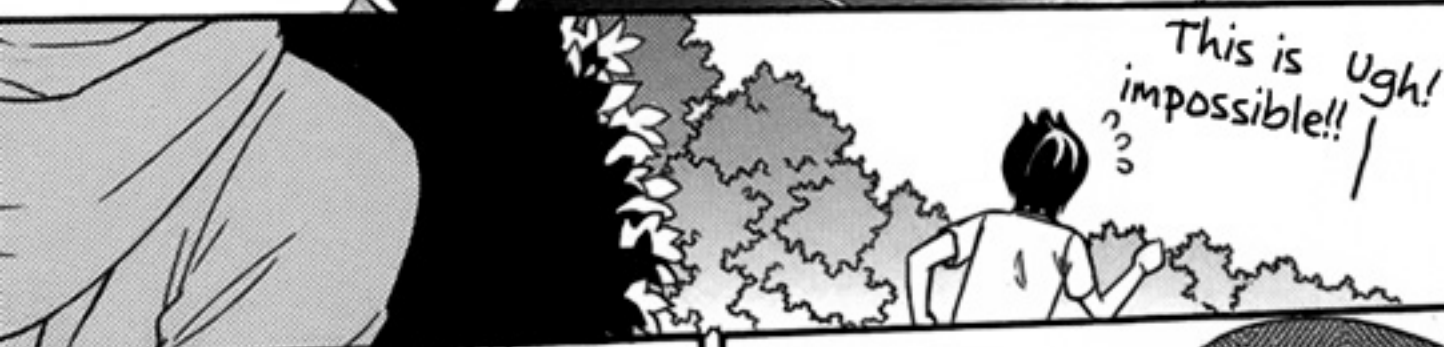
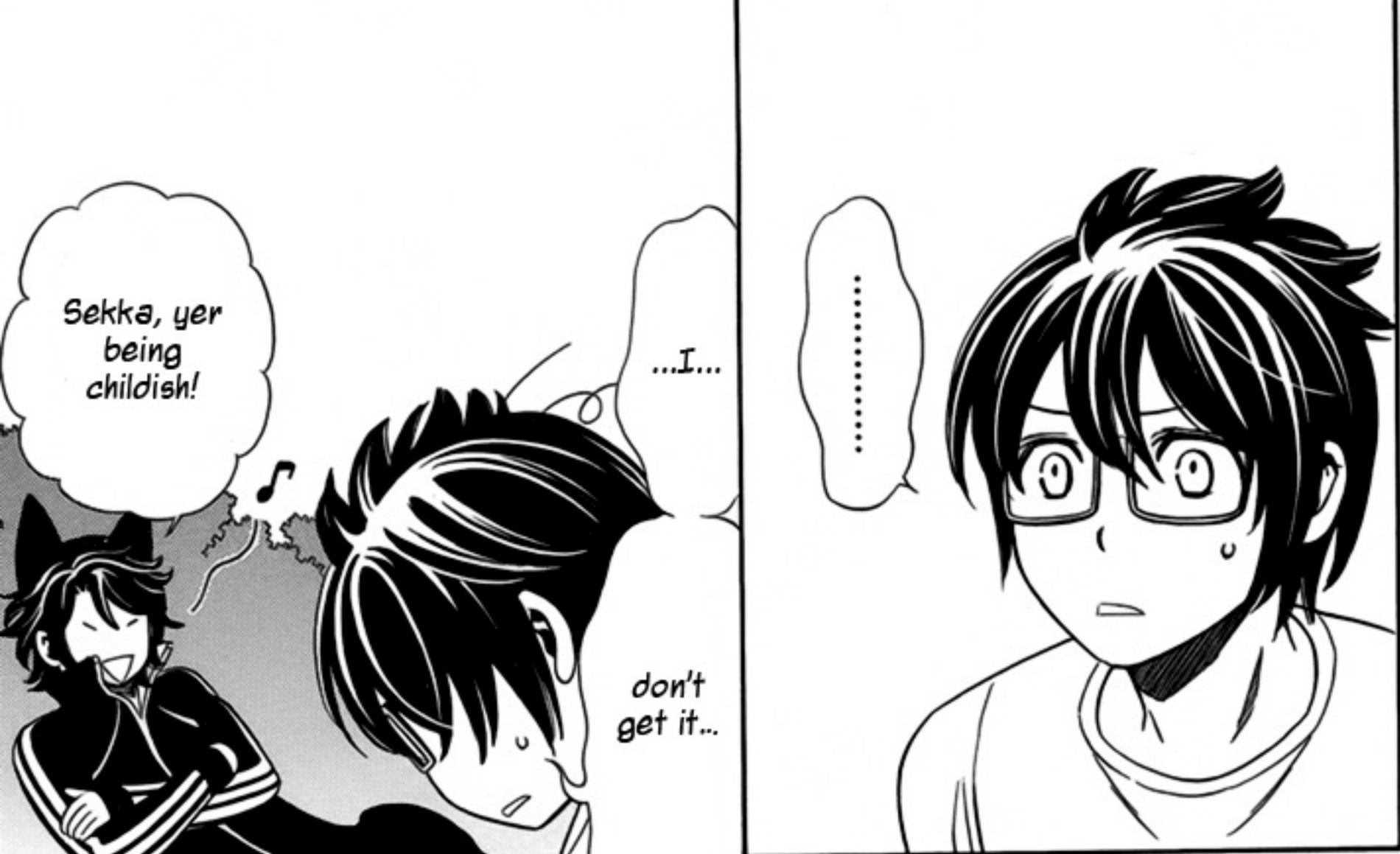


your best  
friend and  
girlfriend  
getting  
closer?!

I  
mean...

Are you  
okay with  
that?!













There's a course on the grounds.

You mean at the Tenmangu Shrine over there?!

Well, today I'm going to take it easy.



Yeah, because the God of Scholarship is there!

I went before I took an exam.

The Tenmangu Shrine? Do you know a lot about it, Usami?

I'm going to try running the actual marathon course!



do you know about the local legend?!


Come to think about it, Sekka,



They were placed hundreds of years ago when the area was constructed!

This neighborhood is surrounded by 5 shrines.






and that  
five-pointed  
star forms a  
barrier that  
protects the  
area.

If you connect  
the shrines with  
straight lines,  
they form a  
five-pointed  
star,



Heh,  
heh!




Heh! Isn't  
that inter-  
esting?!

You know  
a lot  
about it,  
don't  
you,  
Usami...!

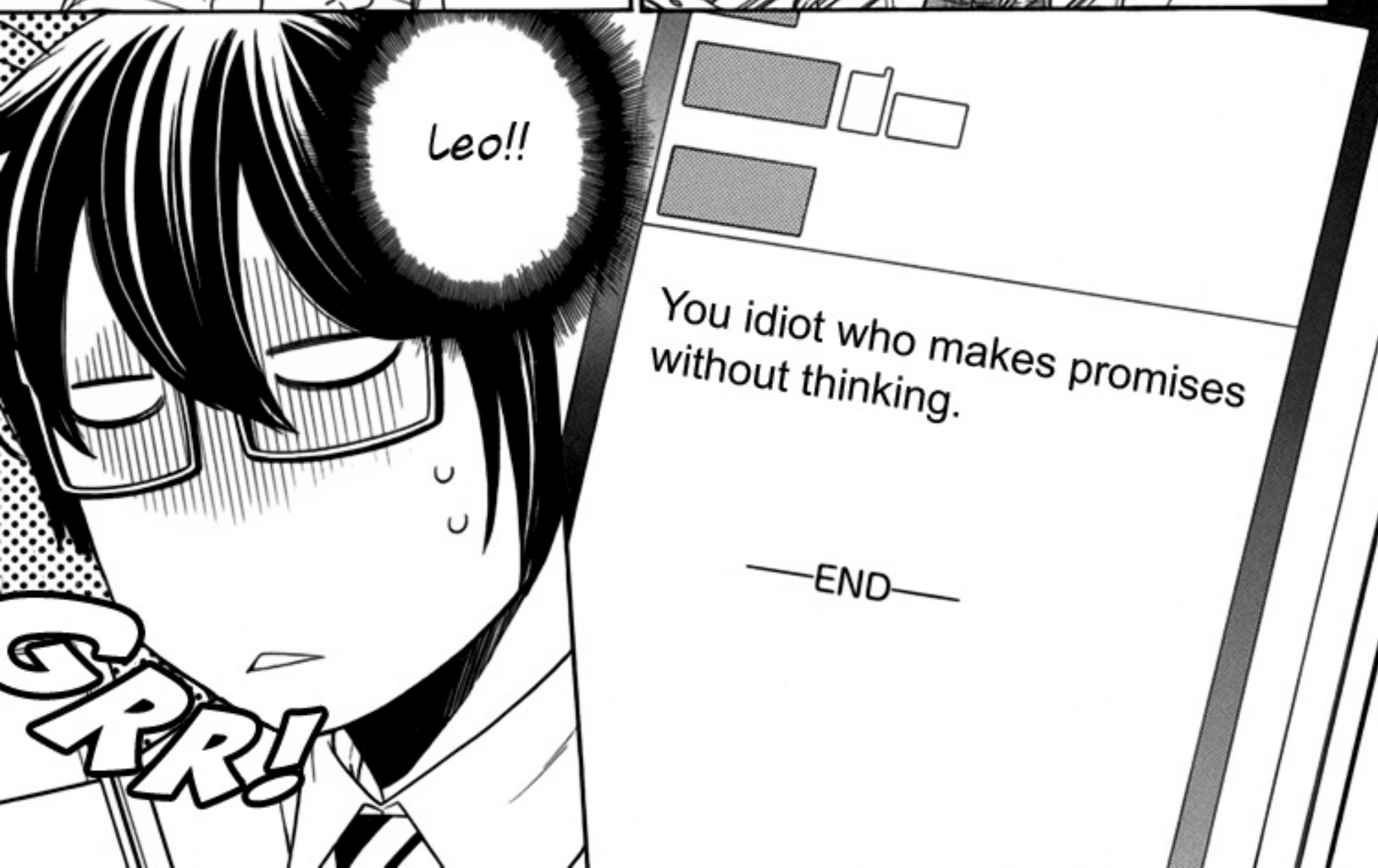


Doesn't  
knowing that  
make living  
here a little  
more fun?



I didn't know  
because I  
moved away  
after elemen-  
tary school.





You idiot who makes promises without thinking.

—END—





DING  
DONG...

Sekka,  
are you  
done?



You're a  
ghost, so  
don't text  
message me!  
Come talk to  
me directly!!

CLACK!



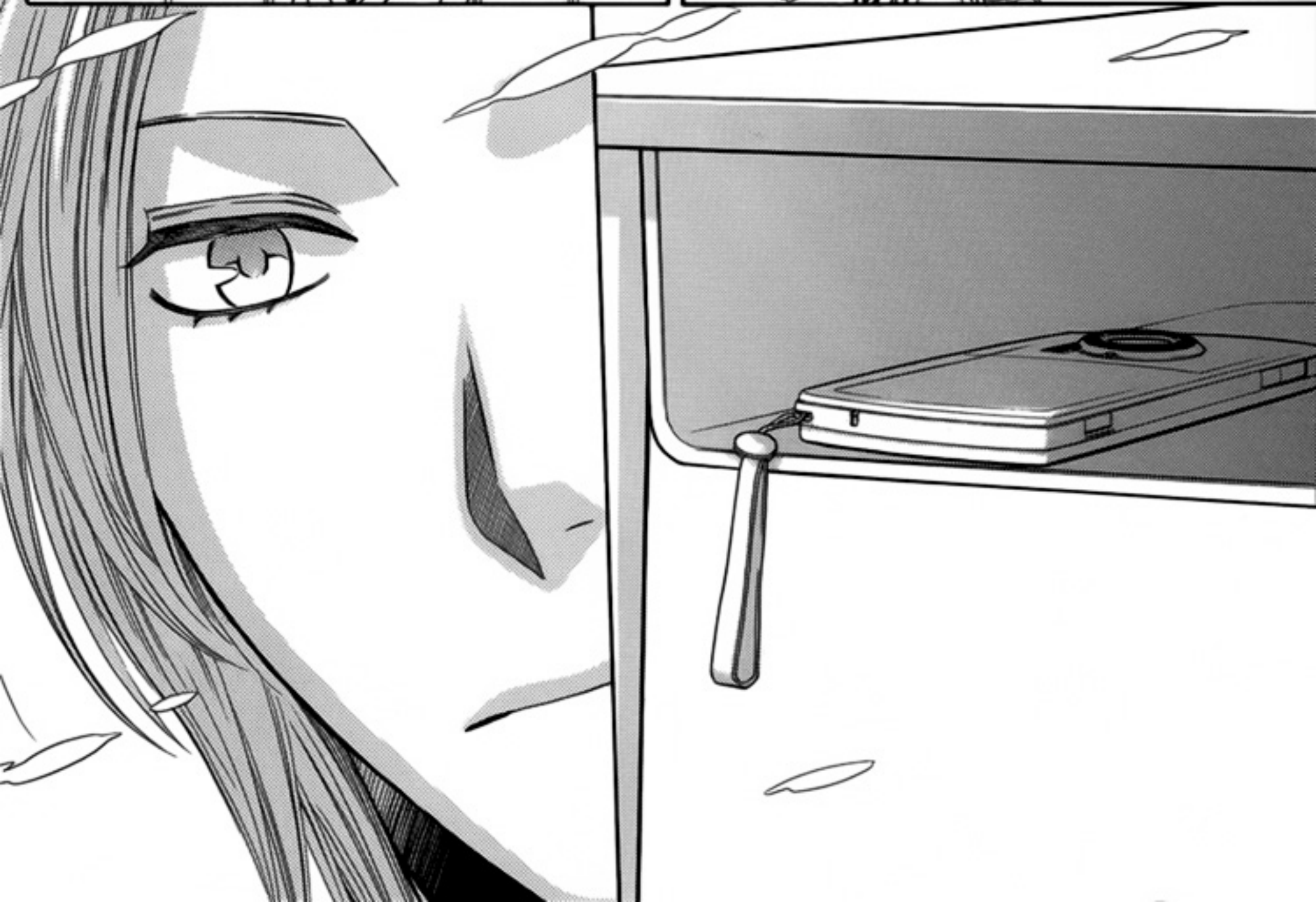
What's  
with  
him?!!



Won't  
you at  
least let  
me have  
a  
break?

Let's go  
train!

nyuuu—



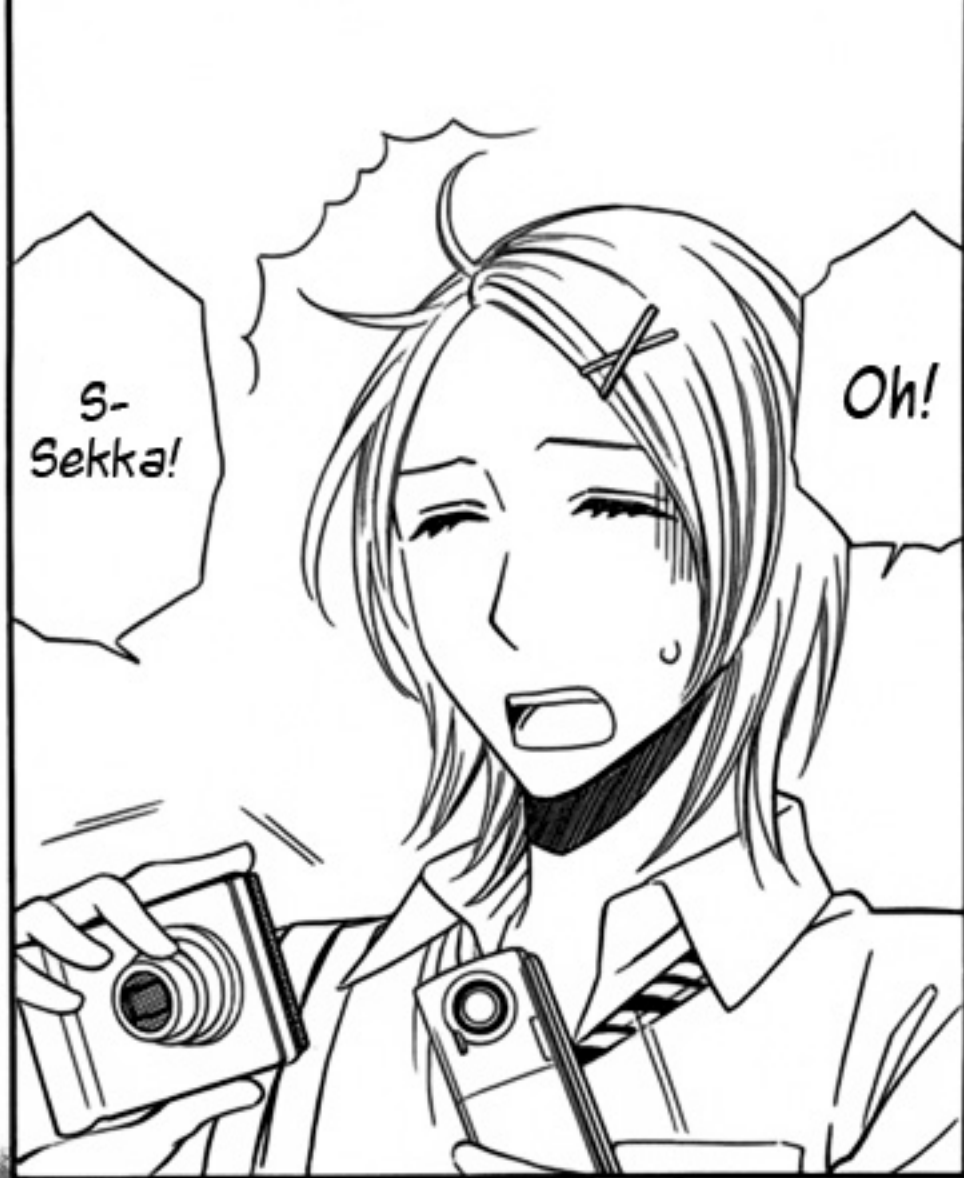








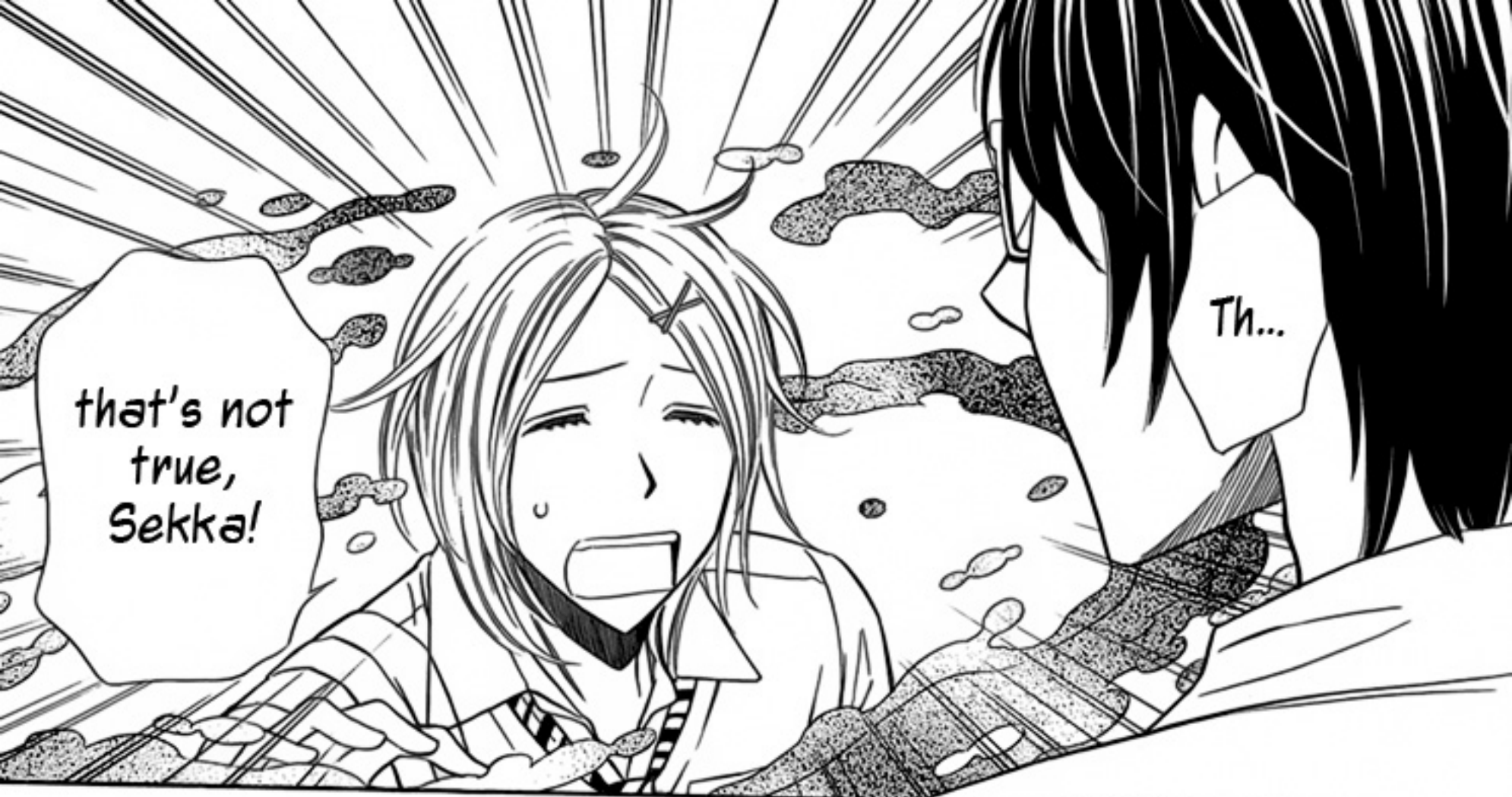












that's not  
true,  
Sekka!

Th...



and I  
was only  
interested  
in your  
behavior...

but I didn't  
intend any  
harm!

I-it's  
true

th-that  
video...  
was  
taken in  
secret...



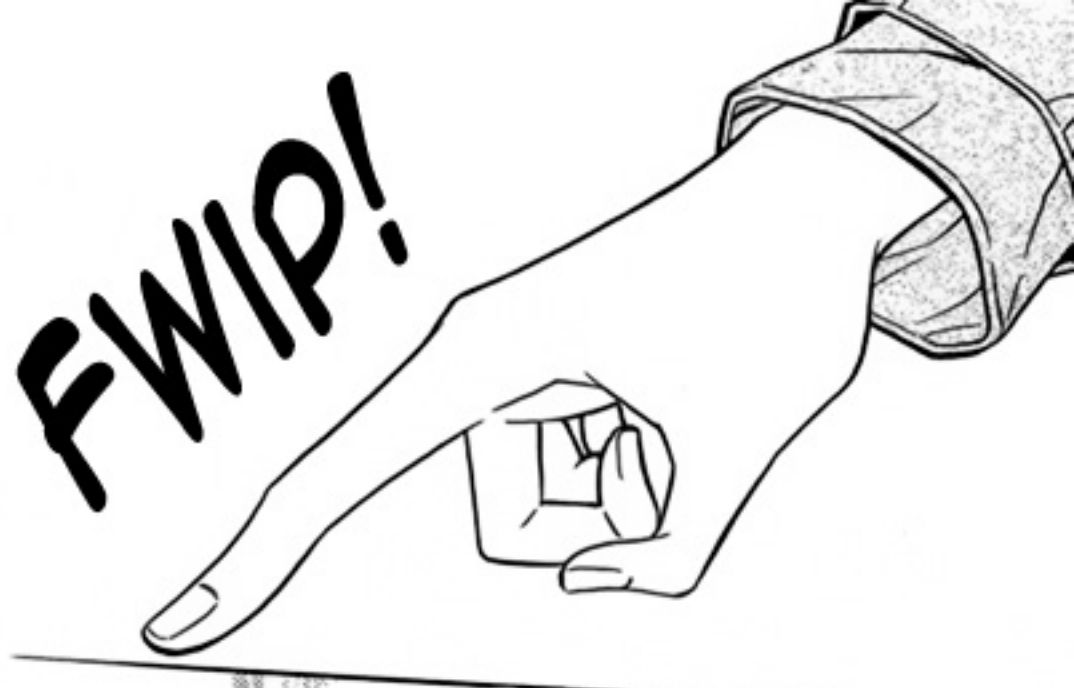
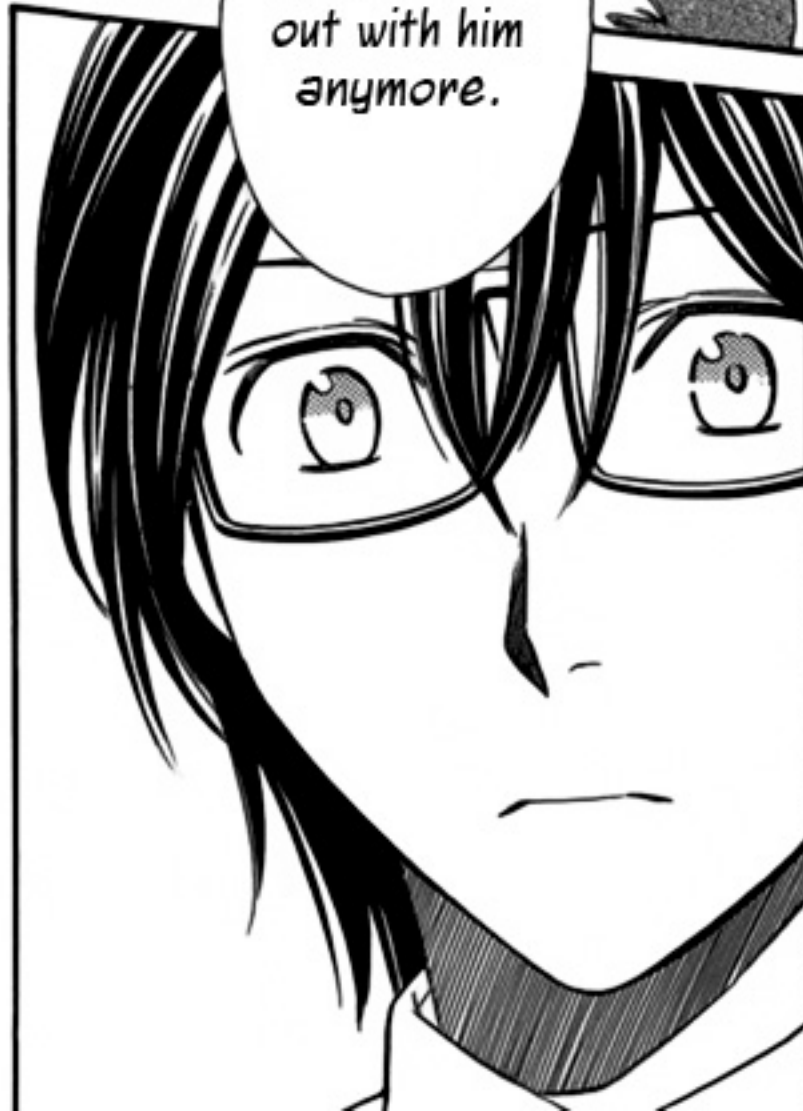
*Liar.*



I genuinely  
wanted to  
know more  
about you.

I wanted to  
become your  
friend!













to us being  
Friends,

Usami,  
with  
respect



I was  
the only  
one



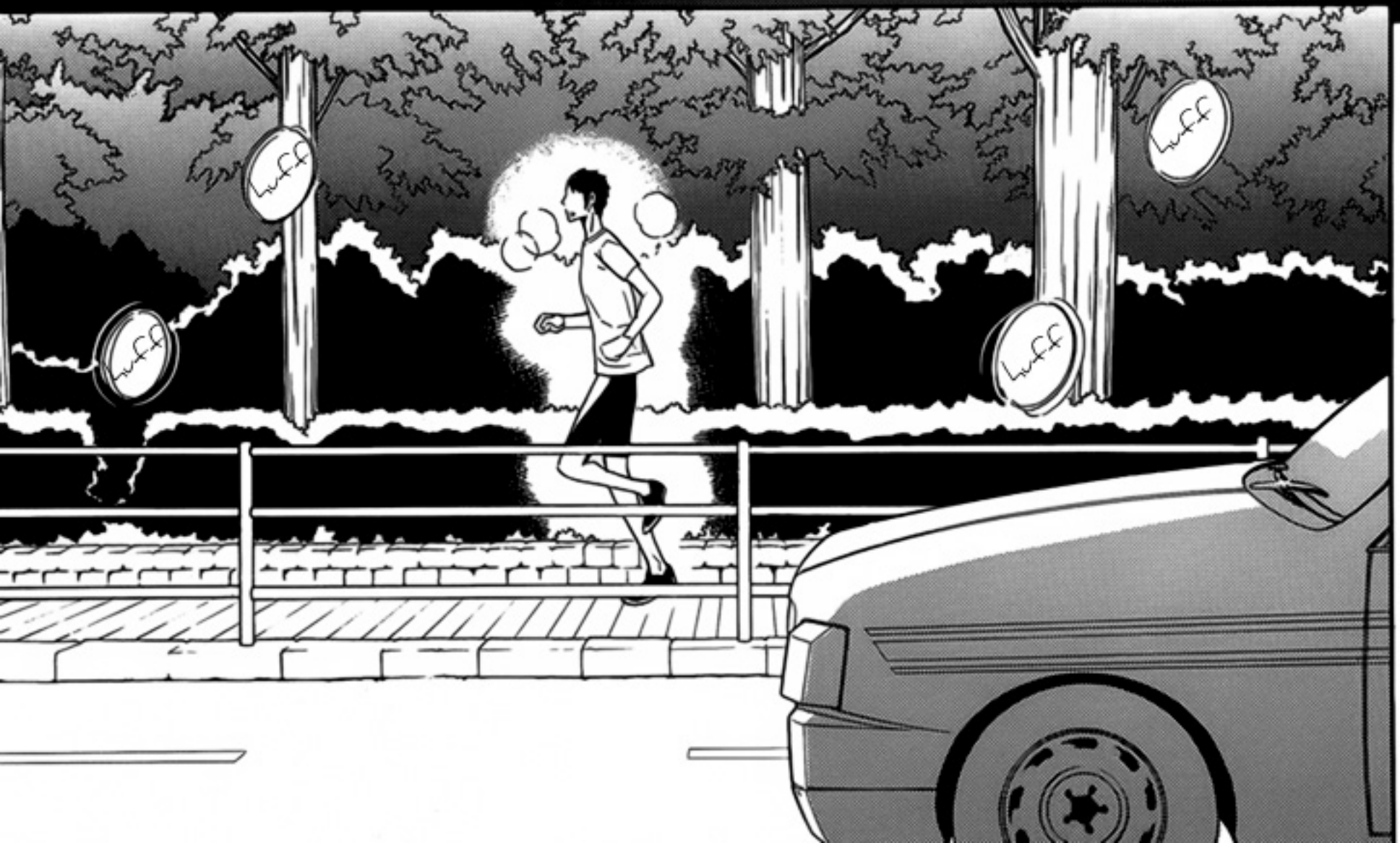
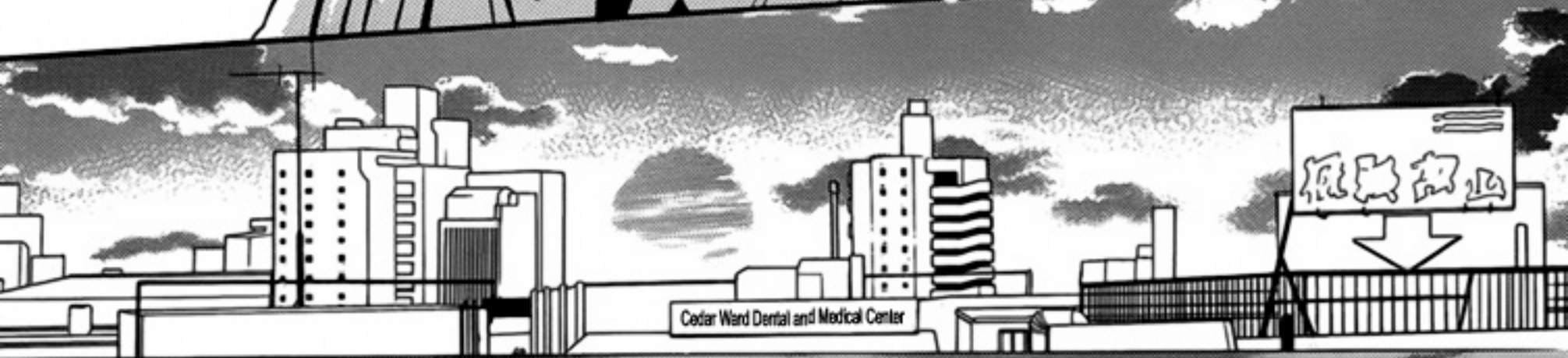
who thought  
that we  
were.



Um!

Sekka!









This might be a problem...

Oh,

my time is off more than I expected.



Ahh...

I'm beat.

HUFF

HUFF



Back then...

I used to run that fast?



Go! Go!

Come on!

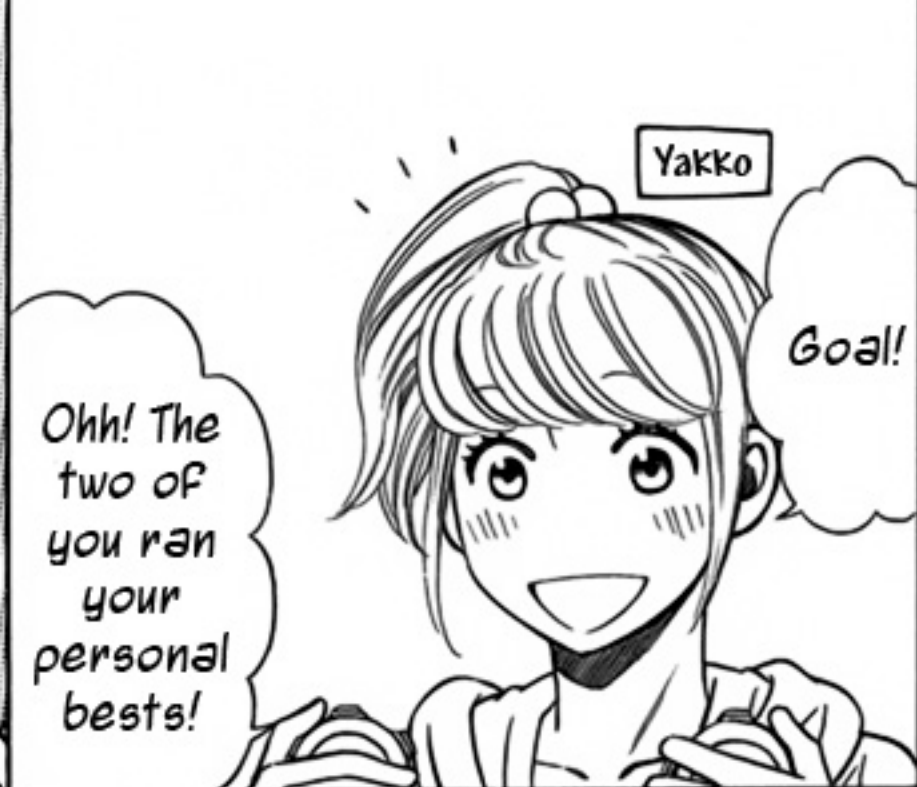
Just a little more! You can do it!





Hey,  
Keiji!

We'll dominate  
the long-  
distance relay!



Yakko

Goal!

Ohh! The  
two of  
you ran  
your  
personal  
bests!



WHEEZE

WHEEZE

Heh! I'm  
makin'  
amazin'  
progress,  
Keiji?!

Shut up,  
man! I'm  
not con-  
ceding  
the top  
spot to  
you!!

WHEEZE  
HUFF



You  
dumbass!!!

SMUFF

We're not  
that  
strong...

At best  
we'll be  
seeded  
...



Oh?

Nah,  
man.





*looked  
up to  
him.*

*I*



*We'll  
b'come  
legends!*

*You and I!*



*He  
was like  
the sun  
shining  
down on  
everyone.*

*Everyone  
was drawn  
to him and  
our results  
improved.*



*his  
feelings  
toward  
Yakko.*

*And he  
freely  
ex-  
pressed*





*But I...*

*But*



*while a  
good-for-  
nothing  
guy like me  
is still  
alive.*

*I wonder  
why he's  
dead,*



**WHISH!**

**AUGH!**

**WHACK!**



