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AT FIRST,
IT SEEMED
THAT
KITAROU'S
SKATING
WAS
SMOOTH.

HOWEVER,
UNLIKE
NANAOKO'S
ORTHODOX
AND
ELEGANT
SKATING,
KITAROU'S
IS PAS-
SIONATE.

STEP 7

My Prince

MY
HEART
WAS
CAPTURED
IN AN
INSTANT

I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU TO
MAKE THAT
FACE,

ICE
QUEEN.

I'VE WANTED TO
MEET YOU SINCE
LAST YEAR'S
COMPETITION IN
CANADA.

BECAUSE
HE WAS
SO
COOL.

IT WAS
PROBABLY
LOVE AT
FIRST SIGHT.

STEP 7
My Prince





...I FEEL
A BIT
RELIEVED...

DO YOU
THINK
HE HAS
A
COLD?

NO,
MINATO
HASN'T
SAID A
WORD.

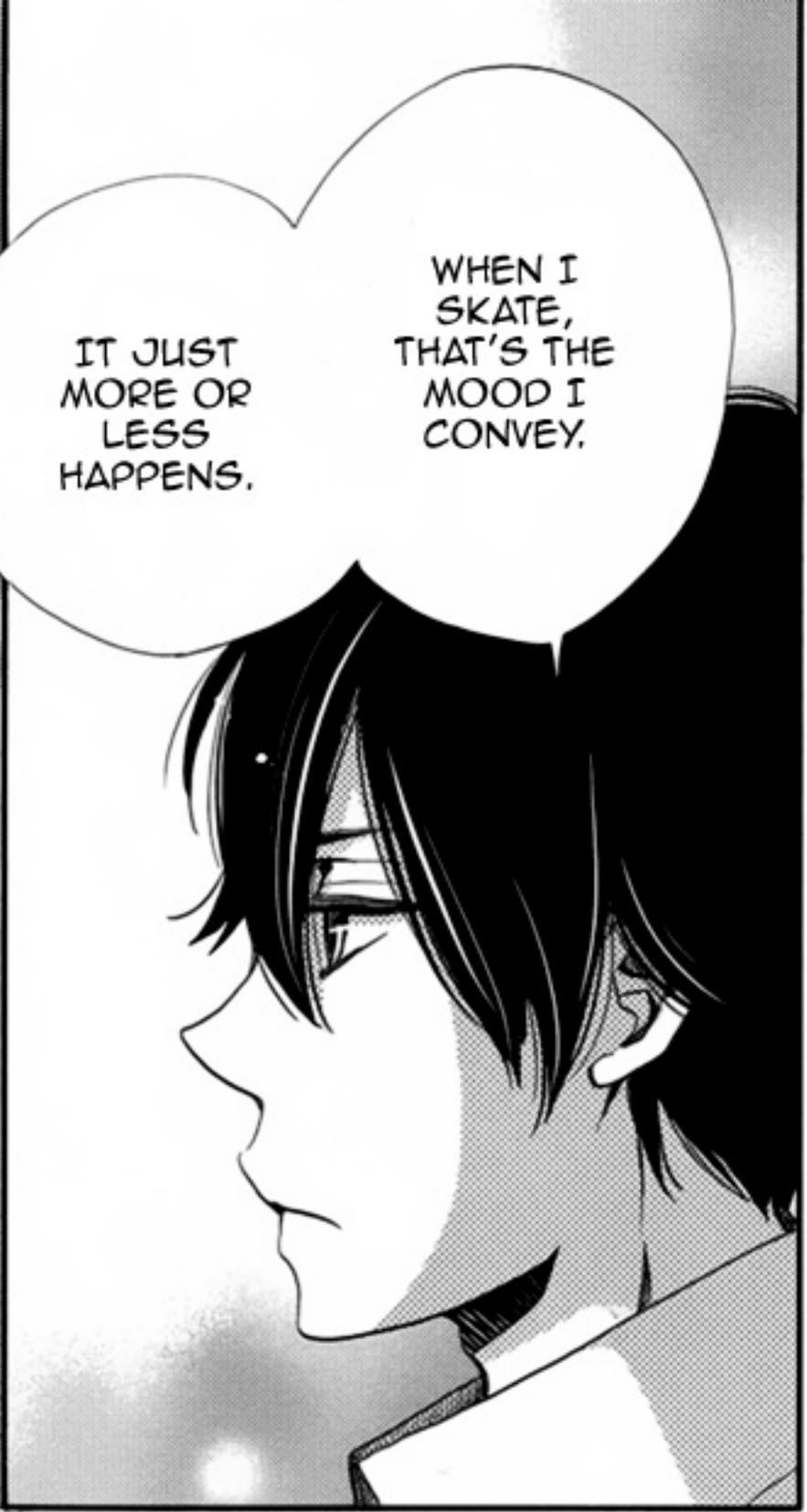
HAVE YOU
HEARD
FROM HIM?

BUT WHEN
I SEE
HIM, HOW
SHOULD I
FACE HIM?
THIS IS SO
CONFUSING...

THIS IS ALSO
AWKWARD!

...UH.
SINCE YOU'RE
GOING TO THE
ICE RINK, I'LL
COME WITH
YOU...







IT WASN'T
MAGNIFICENT,
BUT

SHE WAS
AFLAME LIKE A
PHOENIX
RISING...

HER THIN
PETITE
FRAME
BELIES HER
SPEED AND
JUMP HEIGHT.



YOU BECAME
THE FIREBIRD,
DIDN'T YOU?



WHEN I
MET YOU IN
PERSON, I WAS
A LITTLE LET
DOWN.

You were
different than
on the ice.

WELL, BUT MY
PERSONALITY
DOESN'T GET
DRAGGED
INTO THE
PERFORMANCE
TOO.

I SEE
WHAT HE
MEANS...

IT'S TRUE,
WHEN I
PERFORM...

I BECOME
SOMEONE
ELSE.

THAN I
IMAGINED.

YOU ARE
CUTER

THAT'S
WHY

But I'm
normal of
course! Isn't
that
obvious?

Ha!

Ha!

Ha!

Ha!

A guy
said I'm
cute!

ROCKIN'

CUTE

woof

C
U
T
E

A guy
said I'm
cute!

CUTE



IT SEEMED
LIKE IT WOULD
BE FUN TO
SKATE AS A
PAIR WITH YOU.



WHAT DID
HE MEAN?

AM I BEING
ATTACKED?

WHAT'S
THIS?
KIWAKO,
YOU'RE
BLUSHING.

DID
SOME-
THING
HAP-
PEN?

YIKES!

BEING
POPULAR
IS SCARY!!!



I STAYED
UP LATE
LAST NIGHT
WATCHING THE
BALLET
GISELLE...

THAT'S
WHY
I'M
SLEEPY.

= yawn

OKAY,
NEXT.

What?

I SEE.

THEN,
FOR NOW,
REMAIN
STANDING

so you
don't fall
asleep.

She's such
an idiot.

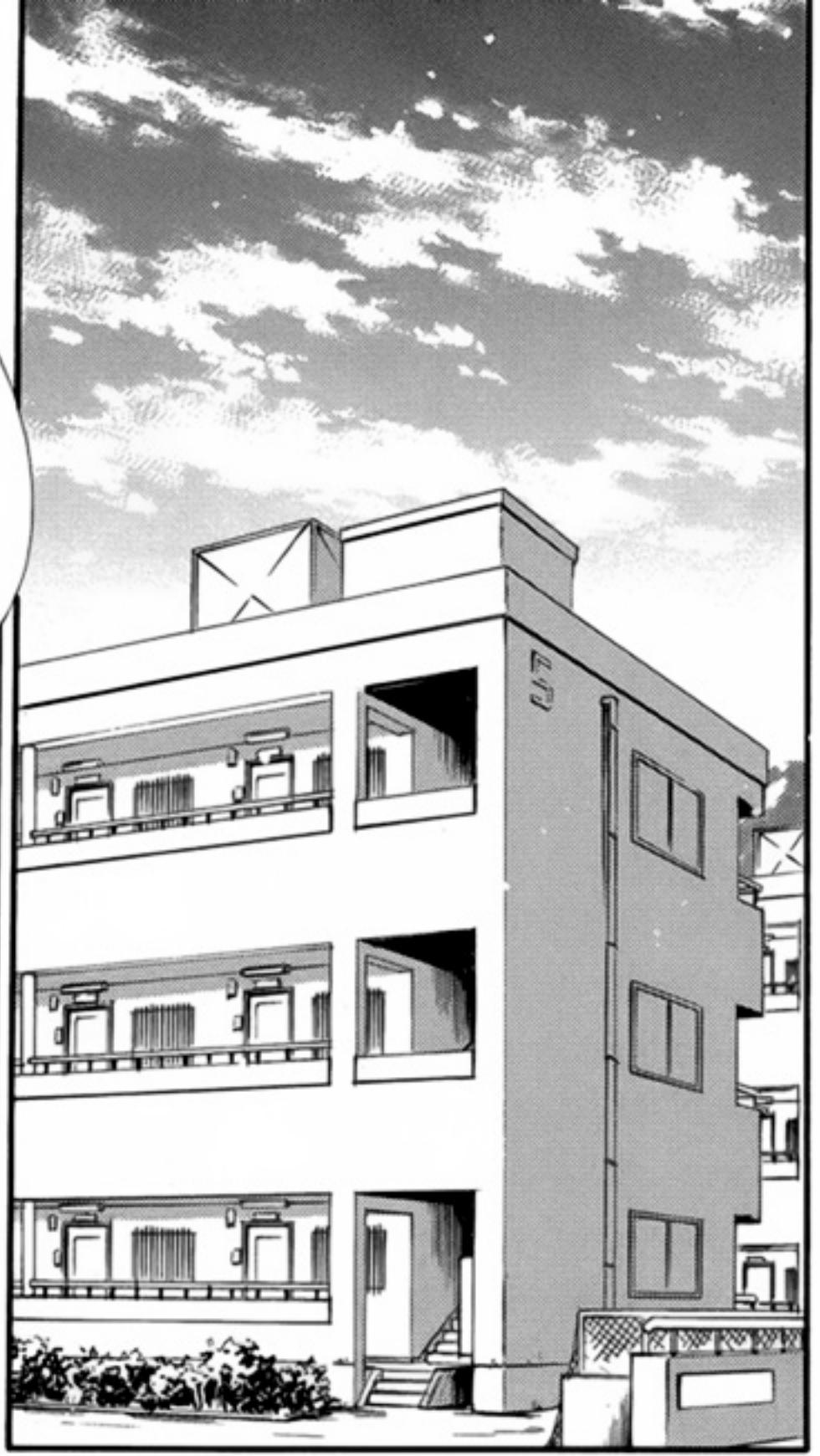
I'M ALREADY
TOO POPULAR.
I MUSTN'T GO
OVER MY
CAPACITY.

CLATTER

I
WON-
DER
IF
SOME-
THING
HAP-
PENED...

MINATO...
ENDED UP
NOT COMING
TO SCHOOL
TODAY TOO.







I WONDER
WHERE HE'S
BEEN
GOING...

THINKING
ABOUT
BACK
THEN,
I WAS
LEFT
STANDING
THERE
PUZZLED...



I'LL SEND A
MESSAGE
TO NANAO
TOO,





KIWAKO ISN'T
PUTTING ANY
FEELING INTO
HER PERFOR-
MANCE.

What
happened
to all of her
practice?

THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO IF
SHE'S LIKE
THIS.

IT
PROBABLY
HAS TO DO
WITH THAT
BOY...

HER HEART
ISN'T INTO IT.

DID
SOM-
THING
HAPPEN?

WOA!
WOA!
WOA!

IS
SOME-
THING UP?

I DON'T FEEL
LIKE TALKING
TO ANYONE
RIGHT NOW,

SO MAYBE
LATER...

KIWAKO!





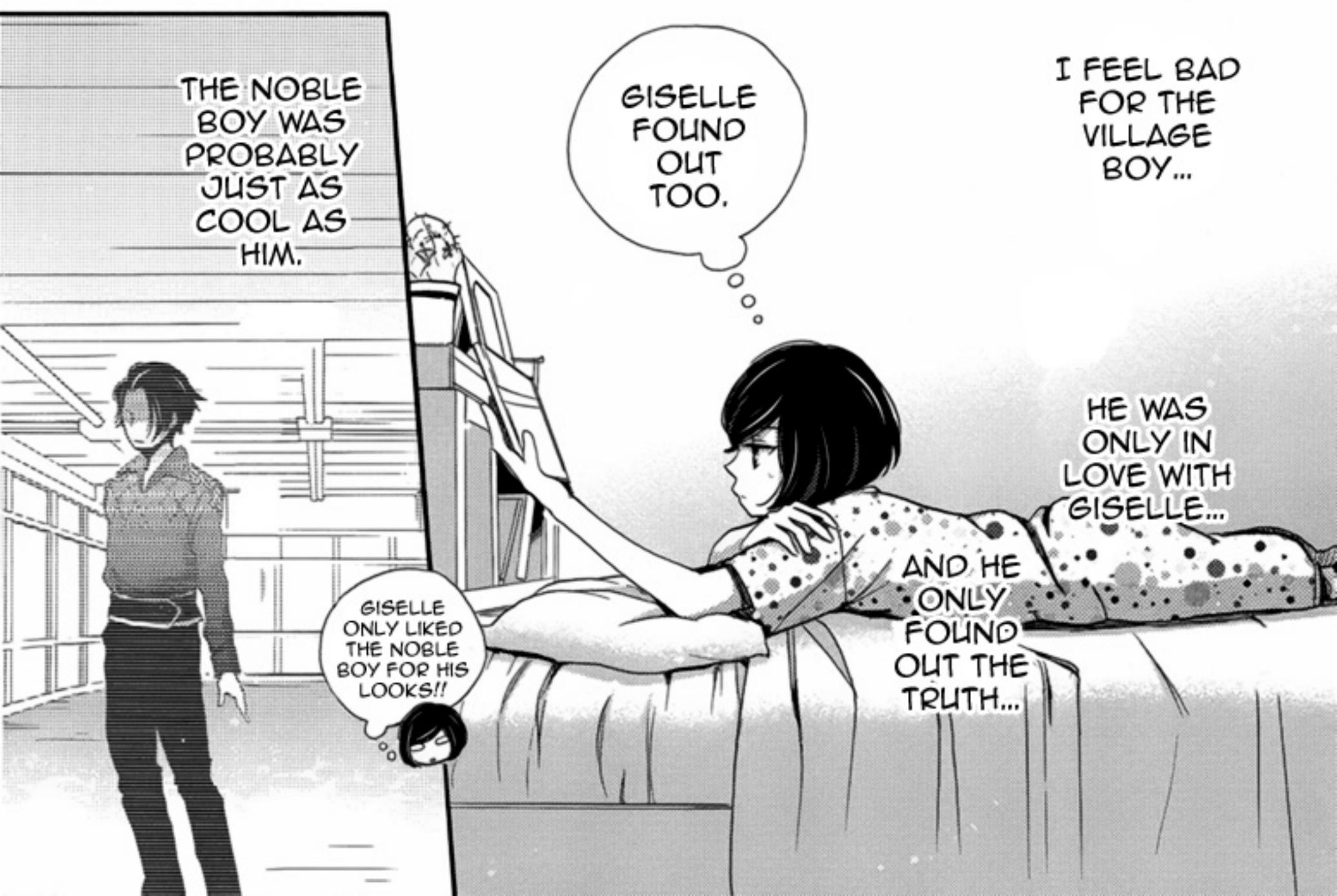
QUIT
TEASING
ME.



ORIGINAL
WORK OF
ART: DEATH
POSE.







WHAT
WOULD I
DO IN THAT
SITUATION?

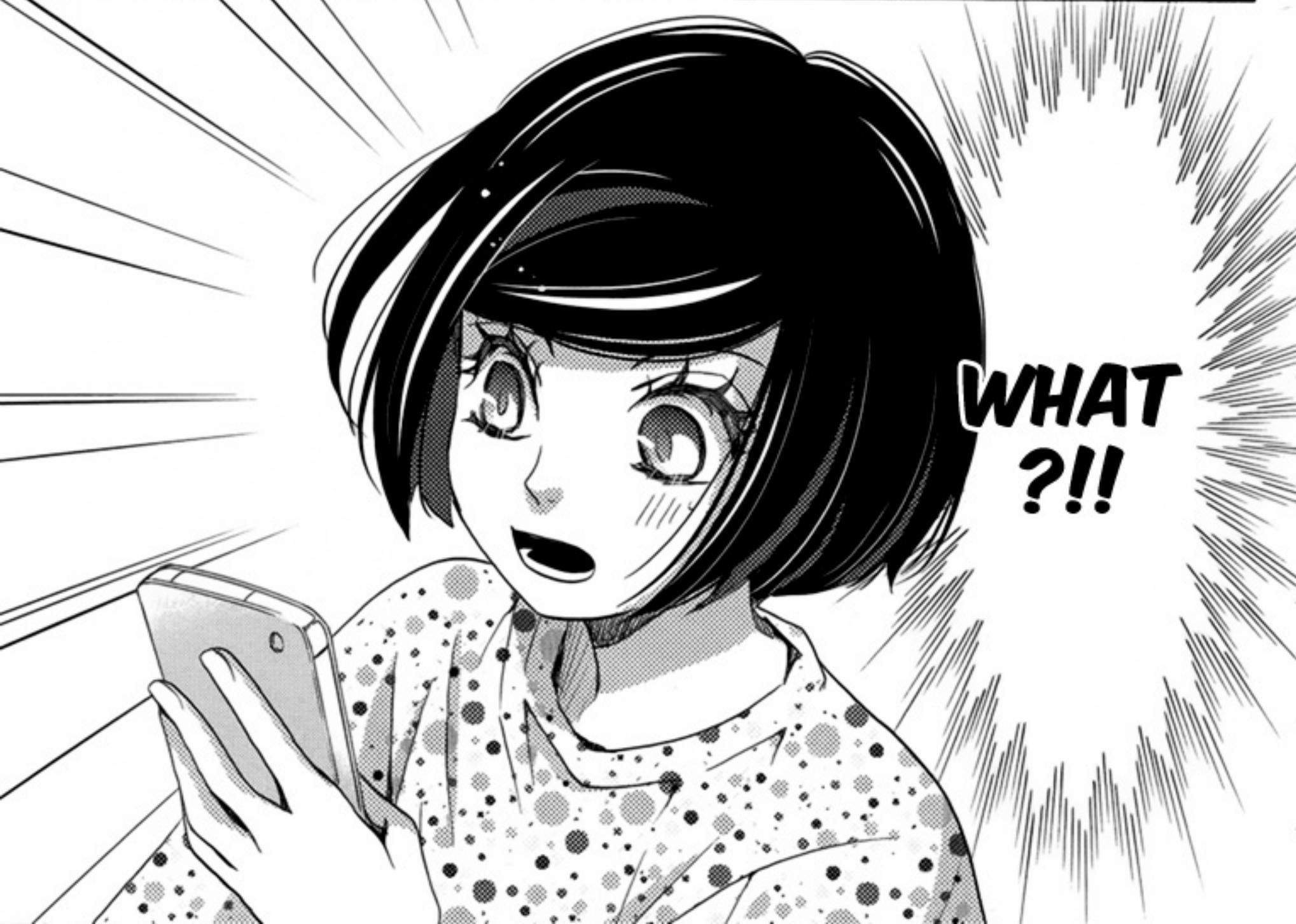
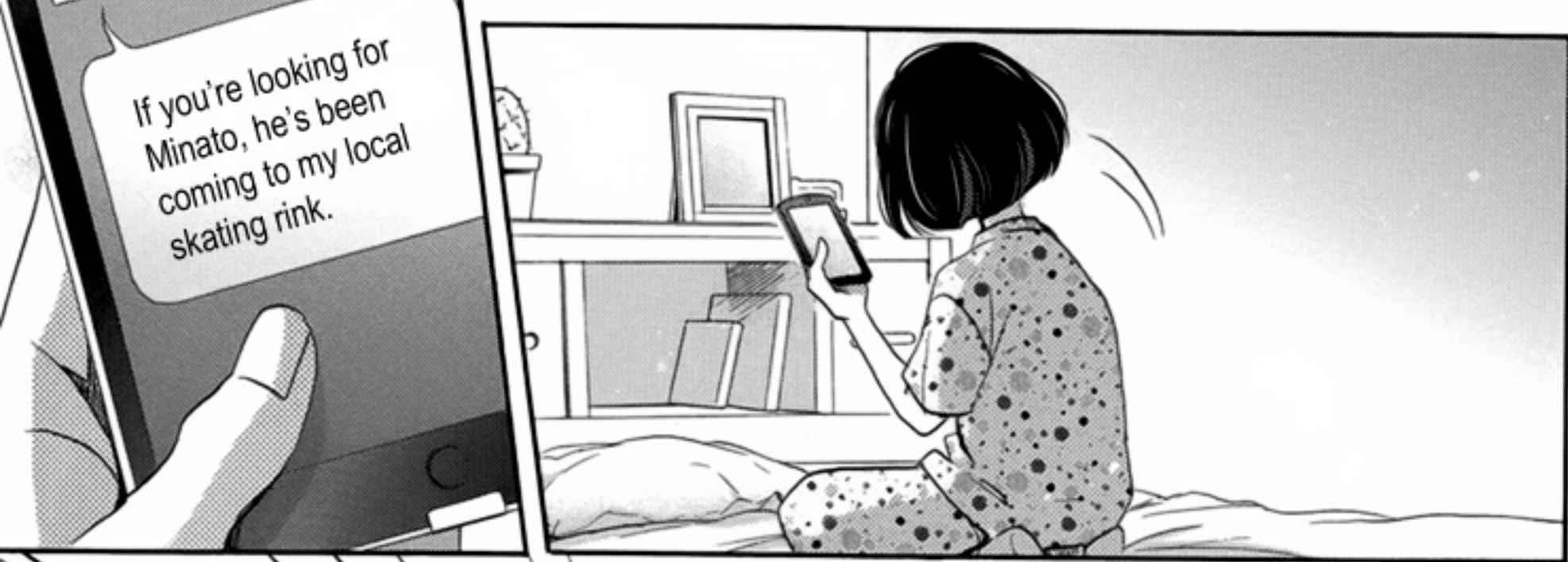
IN MY
CASE,

DYING FROM
SHOCK.
GISELLE IS
A FOOL.

EVEN THE
VILLAGE
BOY WAS A
GOOD
PERSON.

JUST
LIKE IT
WAS WITH
NANAO.

NO MATTER
WHICH ONE
I CHOOSE,
IT'LL BE
PAINFUL



MINATO...
WHY IS HE
GOING TO A
SKATING
RINK?



Nanao

He said he's
coming again
tomorrow, so will
you come?

COULD
HE BE...?

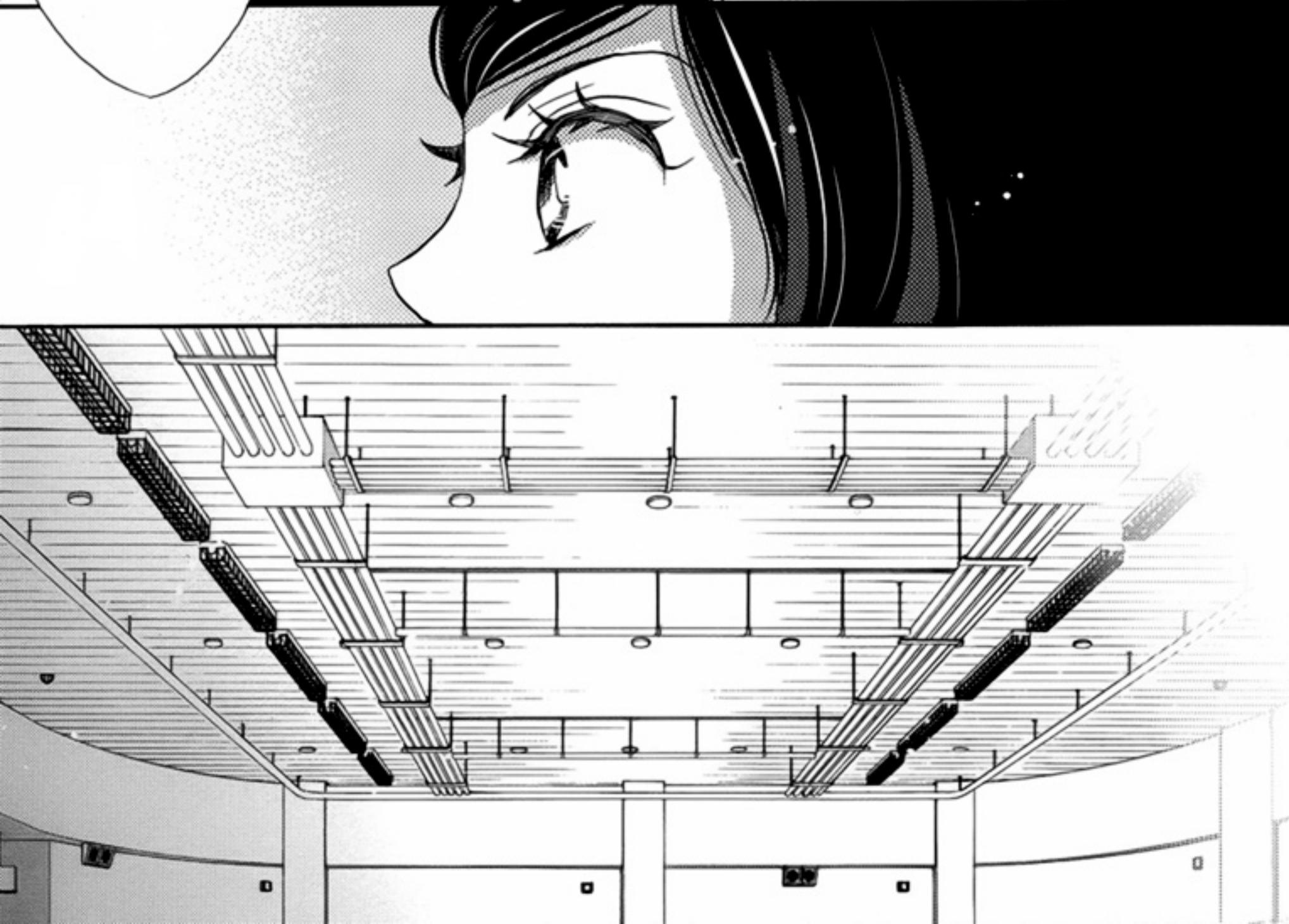
SKATING
RINK?

SHE SAID THE
SKATING RINK
SHE'S GOING TO
IS TWO HOURS
AWAY.

IF YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
KIWAKO, SHE
LEFT EARLY.











I SAID BEFORE THAT I WAS GOING TO MAKE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, RIGHT?

I WAS FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF... OR RATHER, I FELT LIKE I WASN'T ANY GOOD.

A LITTLE IRRITATED WITH MYSELF...

THAT WAS ME BEING...



BUT WHILE SKATING, I HAD A REALIZATION.

I fall all over the place.

BUT I'M TOO OUT OF PRACTICE AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
I can't do double jumps.

I KINDA WANTED TO SEEM LIKE I COULD STILL SKATE...



YOU WERE RIGHT.



I DO LIKE
SKATING.







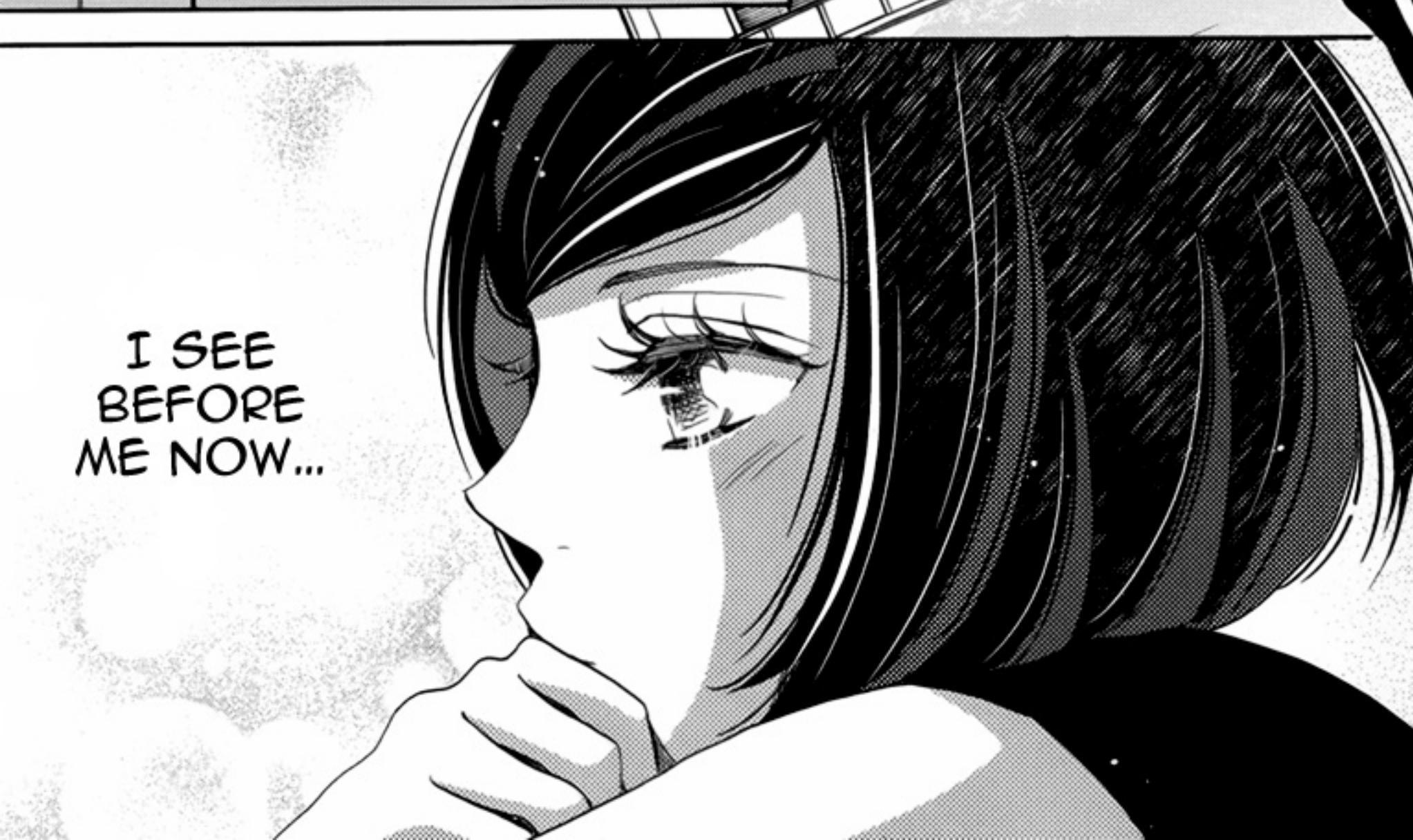
KATE CENTER



THE
MINATO



I SEE
BEFORE
ME NOW...



JUST
MADE

BURN A
LITTLE...

MY
HEART



THAT WAS
COOL!









BOTH
OF THEM
WERE
BEING
SERIOUS
WITH ME.

I SEE.

THAT'S WHY I
HAVE TO GIVE
THEM HONEST
ANSWERS
TOO.

JUST
LIKE WHEN I
GIVE THOSE
INTERVIEWS
BEFORE I
GO OUT ON
TO THE ICE.

I'M OVER-
WHELMED
WITH
THOUGHTS

UM...

BUT NOW,
SOMEHOW

I-I
GUESS I
CAN'T
HELP IT...

UH... THIS IS
TRICKY.

I FEEL LIKE I'LL
SAY SOMETHING
HURTFUL OR GET
THE WORDS ALL
WRONG.

I SAID
IT.

I AIM FOR
THE TOP,
SO I CAN'T
CONSIDER
ANYONE
OTHER
THAN
NANAO!

OH, I'M
SUCH A
FOOL.

END OF CHAPTER 7