

# CRIMSON FLOWER



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# Majo wa Kaben wo Mi ni Matou The Witch Who Wears Flower Petals

The rainy streets and  
poison flowers.

After several years, I had a chance  
reunion with a childhood friend.

The smile she once wore has faded and  
is now replaced by a shroud of gossip.

What the heck happened to her?-

梨  
月  
詩

Uta Nashizuki

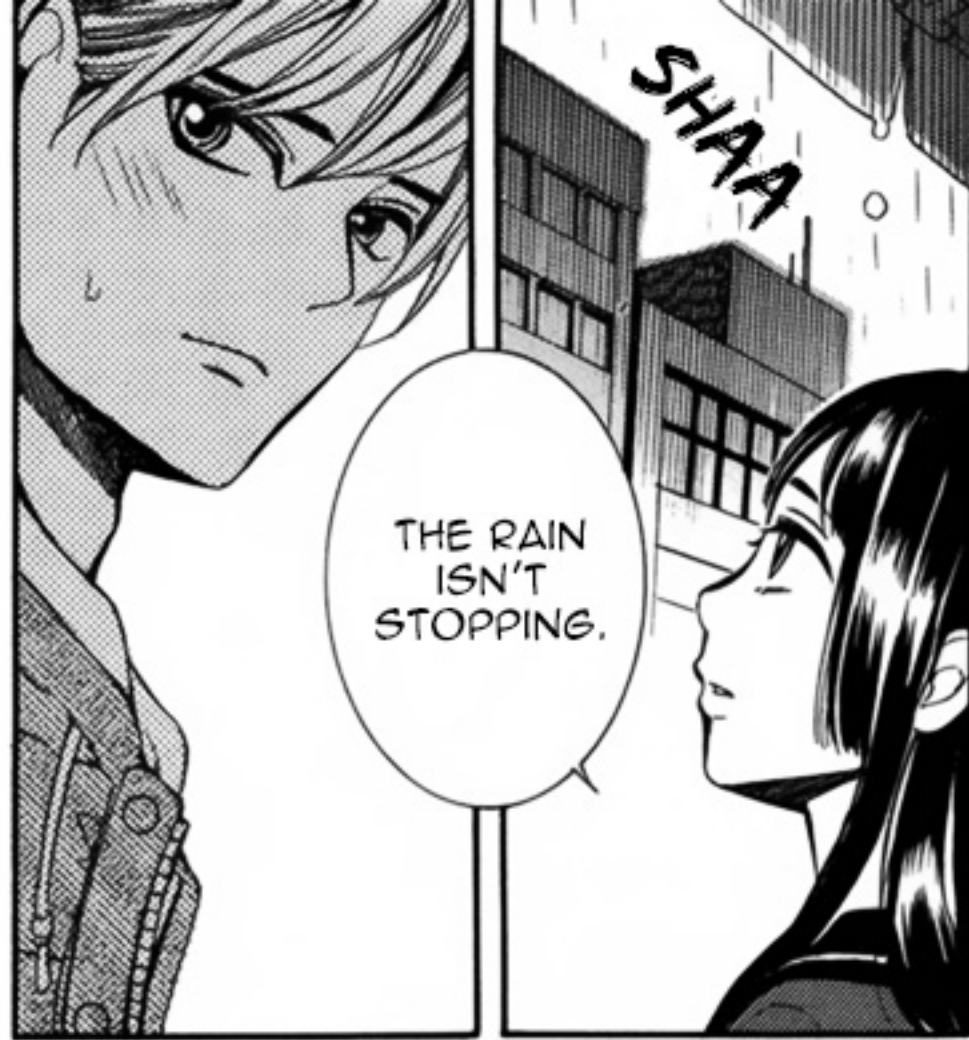












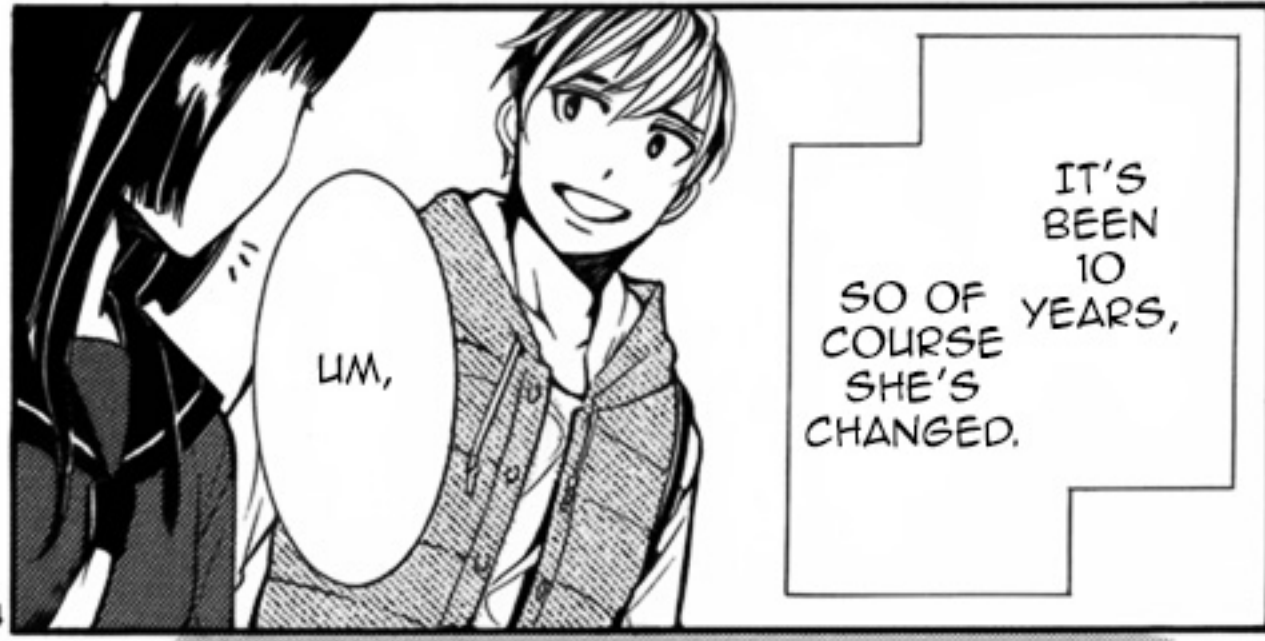
THE RAIN ISN'T STOPPING.



That's a good school! You must be pretty smart!

YOUR UNIFORM, IT'S FROM OOJI HIGH SCHOOL, YEAH?

YEAH.



UM,

IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS, SO OF COURSE SHE'S CHANGED.



SHE'S DIFFERENT SOMEHOW. SHE USED TO BE A CUTE, CHEERFUL GIRL.



I DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL MEET AGAIN, SO CAN I GET YOUR PHONE NUMBER?





A REUNION WITH A CHILDHOOD FRIEND...? SO YOU RECOGNIZED HER?

SHE KINDA LOOKS THE SAME.



THAT'S WHY

I THOUGHT I'D DROP IN FOR A VISIT TODAY.

I can't make it to the party.



DON'T TALK ABOUT HER THAT WAY. SHE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

SWIP

AN ACTUAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, RIGHT? YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY!  
I WANT A PIECE OF THAT, SO LET ME COME WITH YOU.



MY FIRST CRUSH.

SHE WAS

NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL.

RIN'S...





OH,  
THAT'S IT.  
IT'S THIS  
HOUSE.



IF I RE-  
MEMBER  
CORRECTLY,  
IT'S SOME-  
WHERE  
AROUND  
HERE.



DID RIN'S  
FAMILY  
ALSO  
MOVE?

HUH?



What  
happened?



WHAT?



UM, PARDON  
ME! THE  
FAMILY THAT  
USED TO  
LIVE HERE...

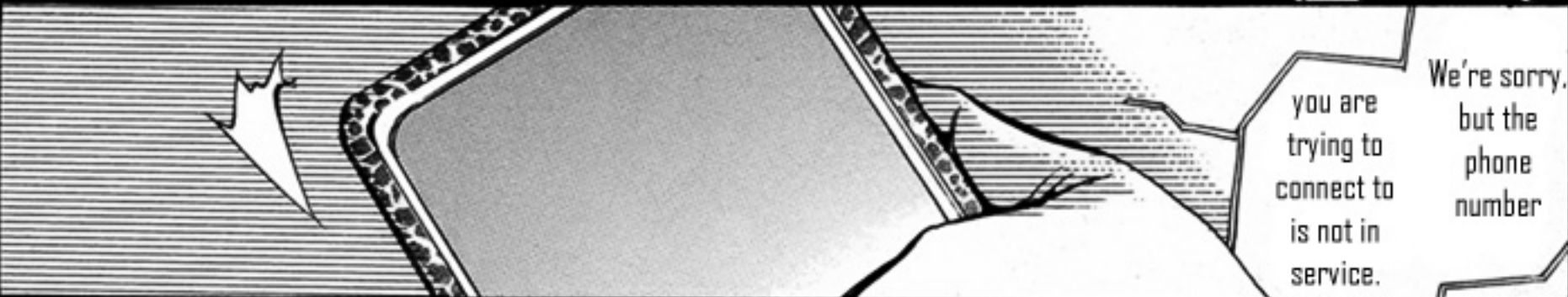
OH... THE  
KASUGA'S,  
RIGHT...?





THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY DIED.

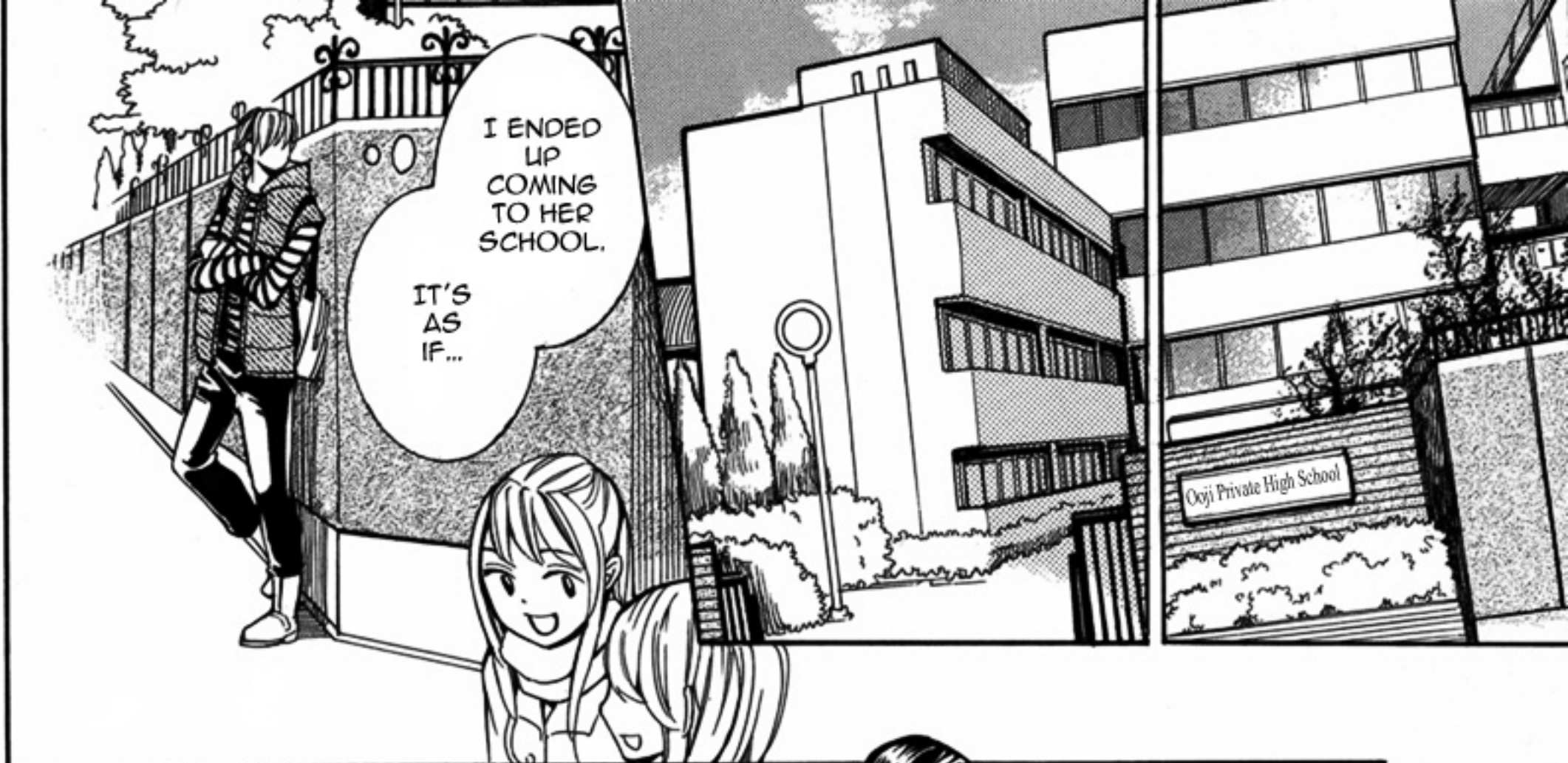
SOMEHOW, THE OLDEST DAUGHTER WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED...



WHY...  
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME, RIN...?

WHY HER SMILE FADED.  
THIS IS WHEN I UNDERSTOOD





IT'S AS IF...

I ENDED UP COMING TO HER SCHOOL.



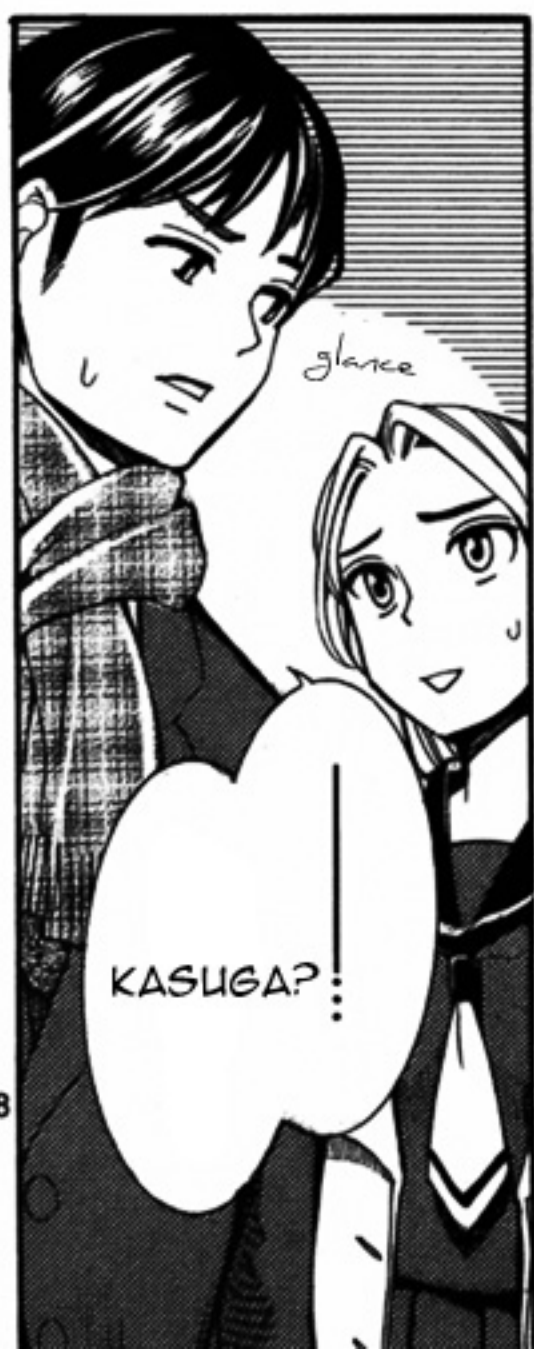
I'M A STALKER.

The world is so unfair.

SHOULD I GET A TEACHER?

PSST PSST

WHO'S HE? IS HE A STALKER? MAYBE HE'S A PERVERT?



glance

KASUGA?!



I WONDER IF SHE'S ALREADY GONE HOME.

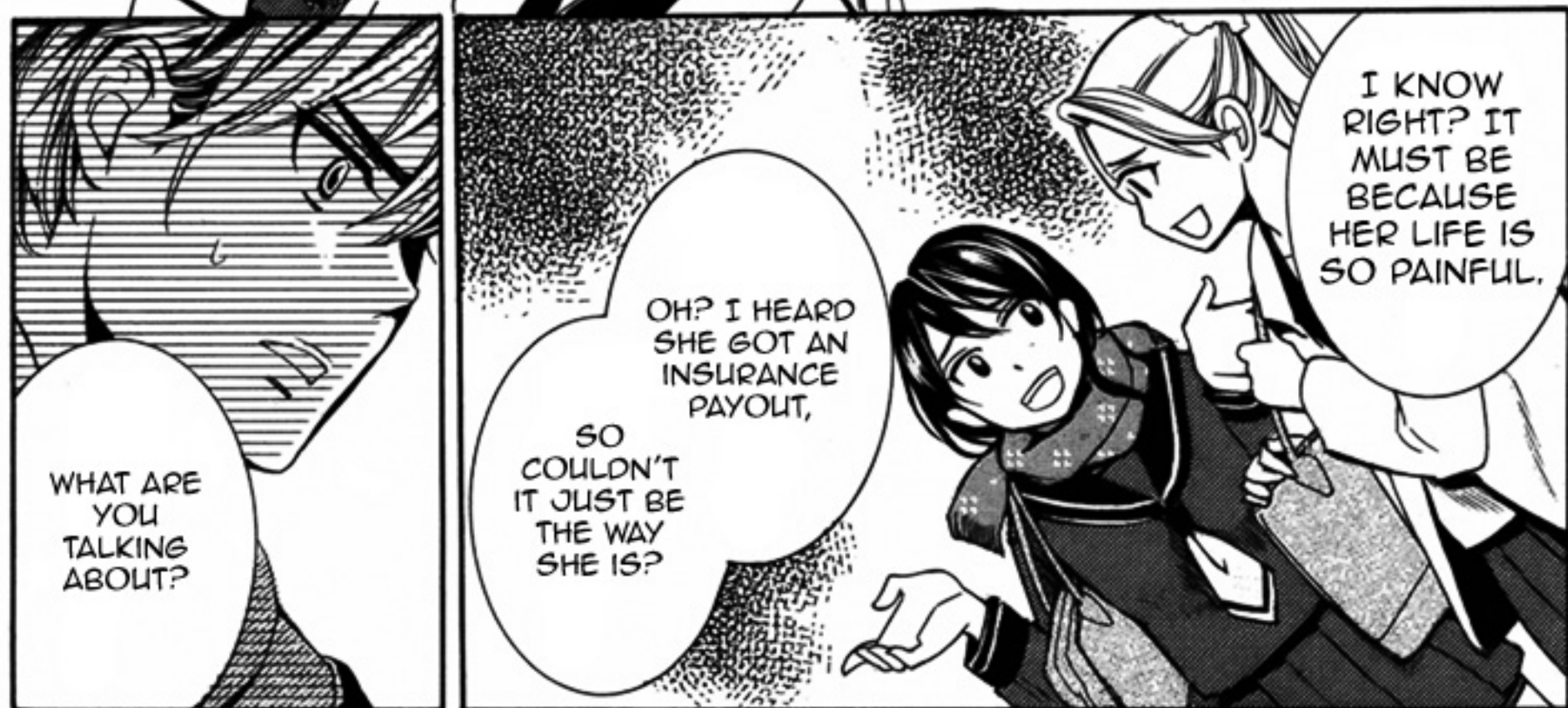
If she's here, can you get her for me?



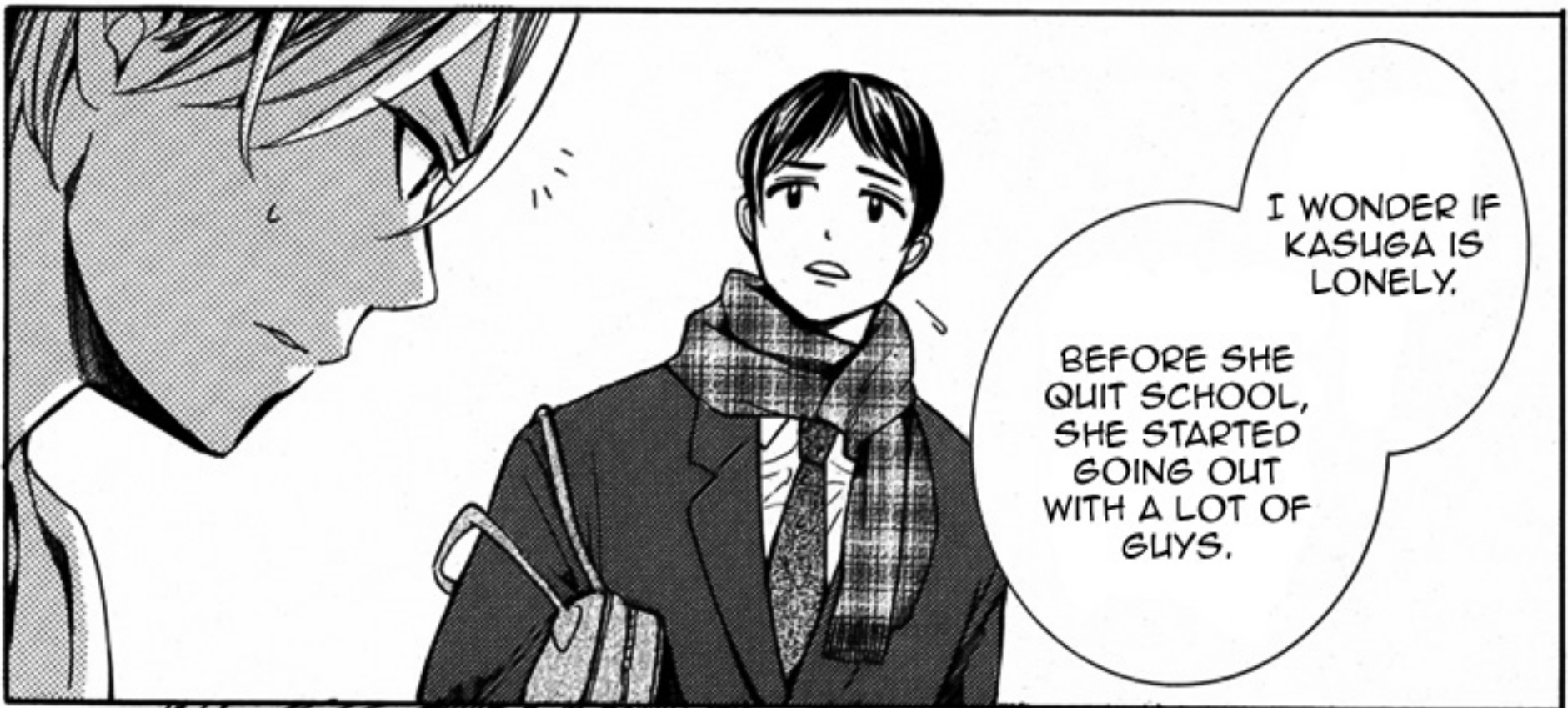
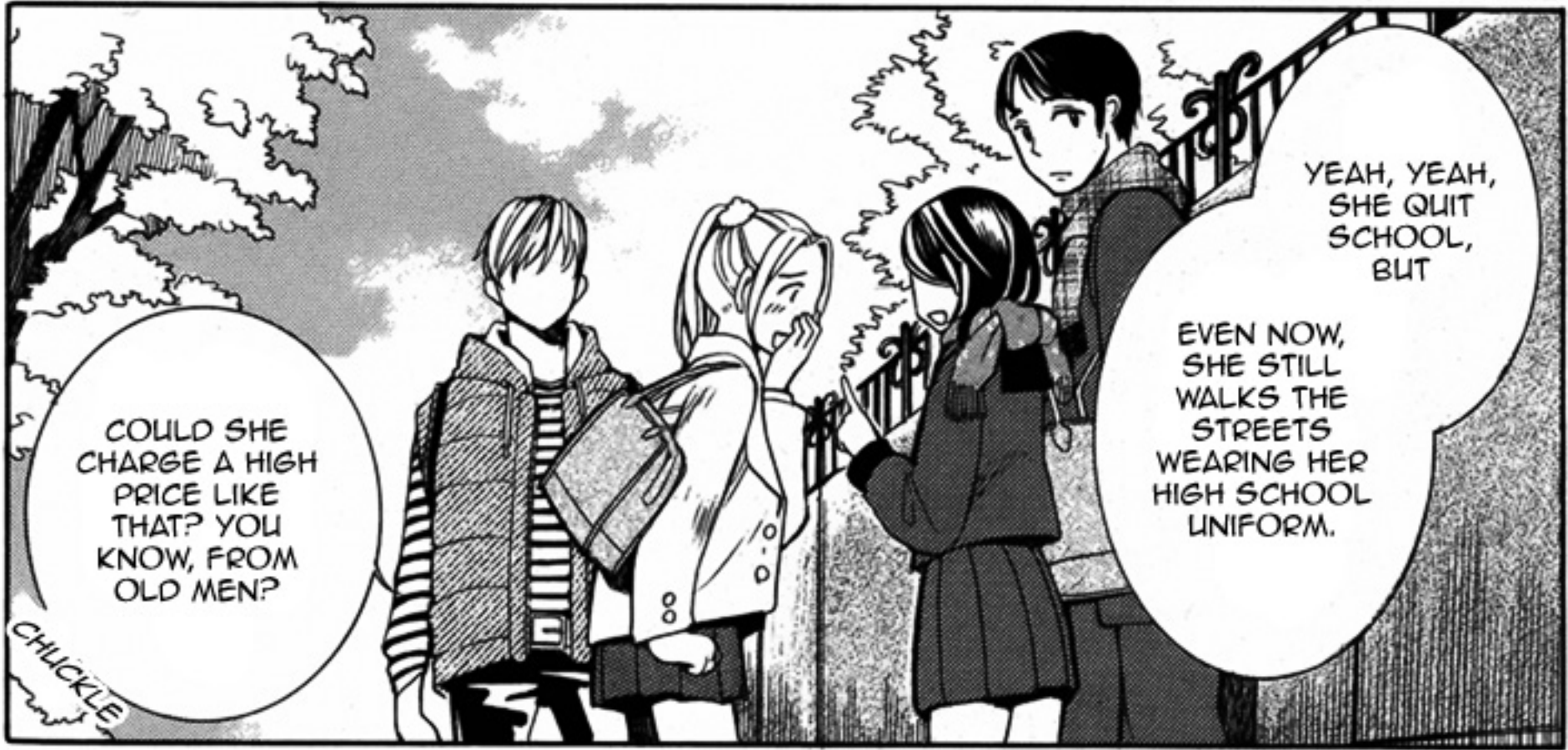
DO YOU KNOW OF A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT NAMED RIN KASUGA?

PARDON ME, I HAVE A QUESTION...













OH.

IT'S FINE. I ONLY CAME TO RETURN YOUR TOWEL.

I HAD MY MOBILE PHONE POWERED OFF.

I'M SORRY.



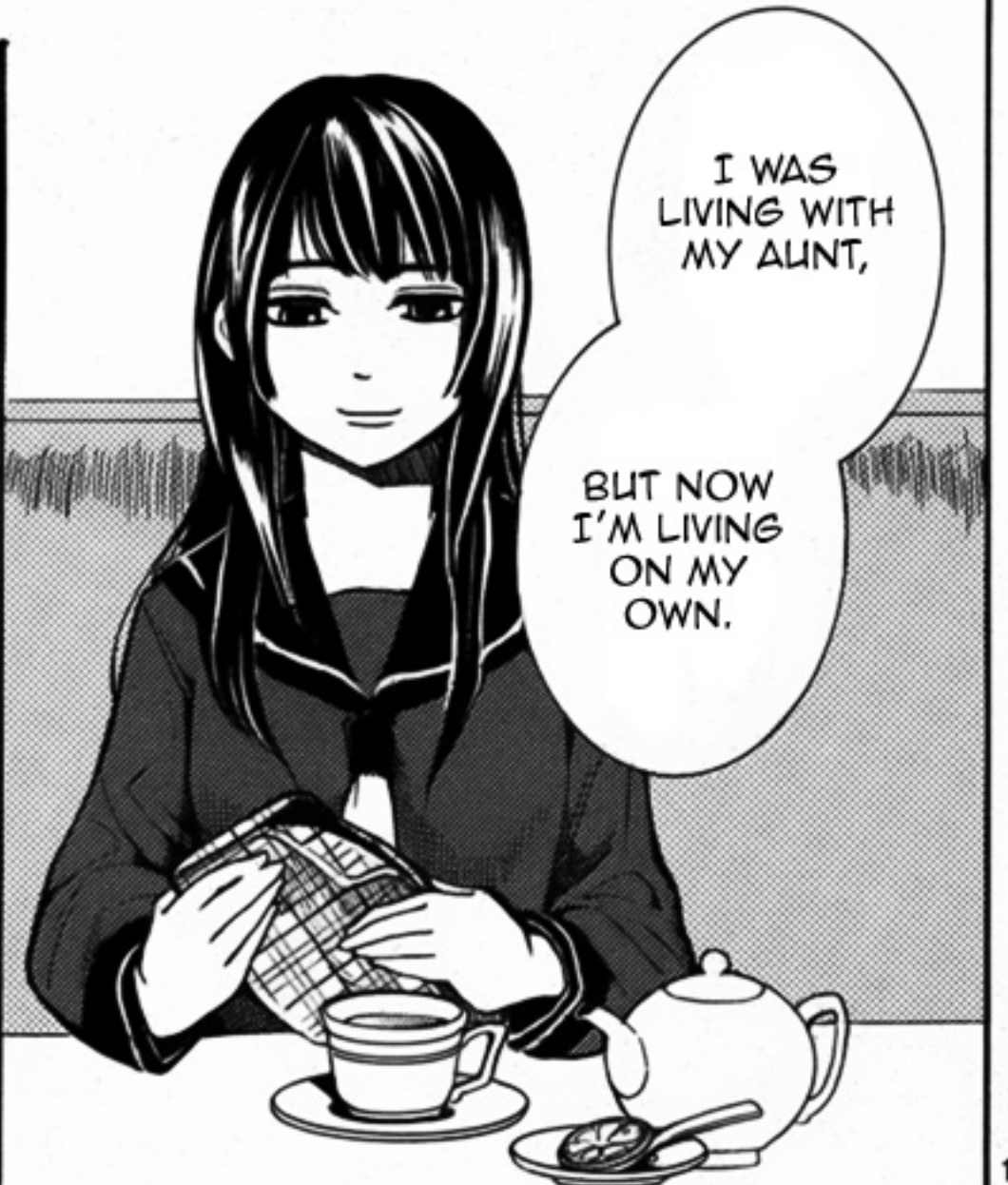
I SEE...



I HEARD ABOUT THE ACCIDENT FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS. ALSO...

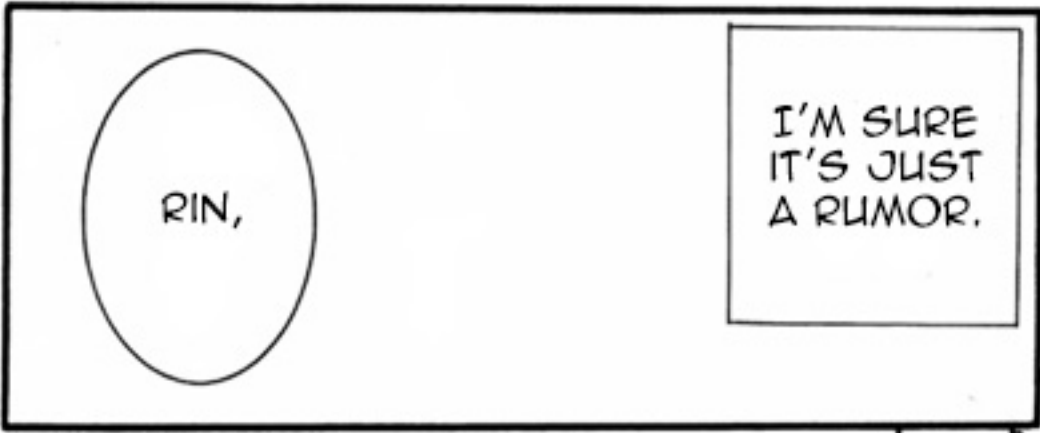


HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE RUMOR SHE'S SELLING HERSELF?



I WAS LIVING WITH MY AUNT, BUT NOW I'M LIVING ON MY OWN.





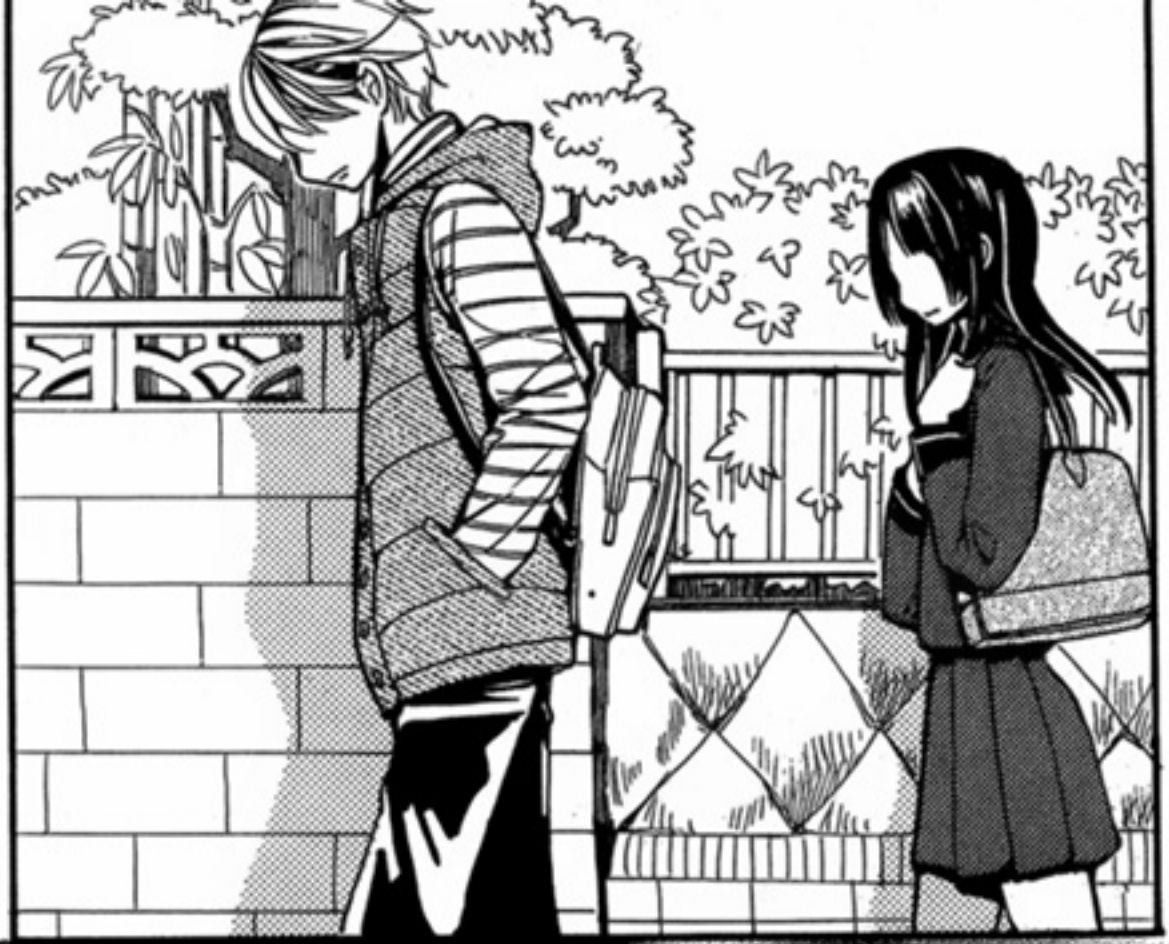
I WONDER WHY SHE WON'T TELL ME THE TRUTH.

WHY?

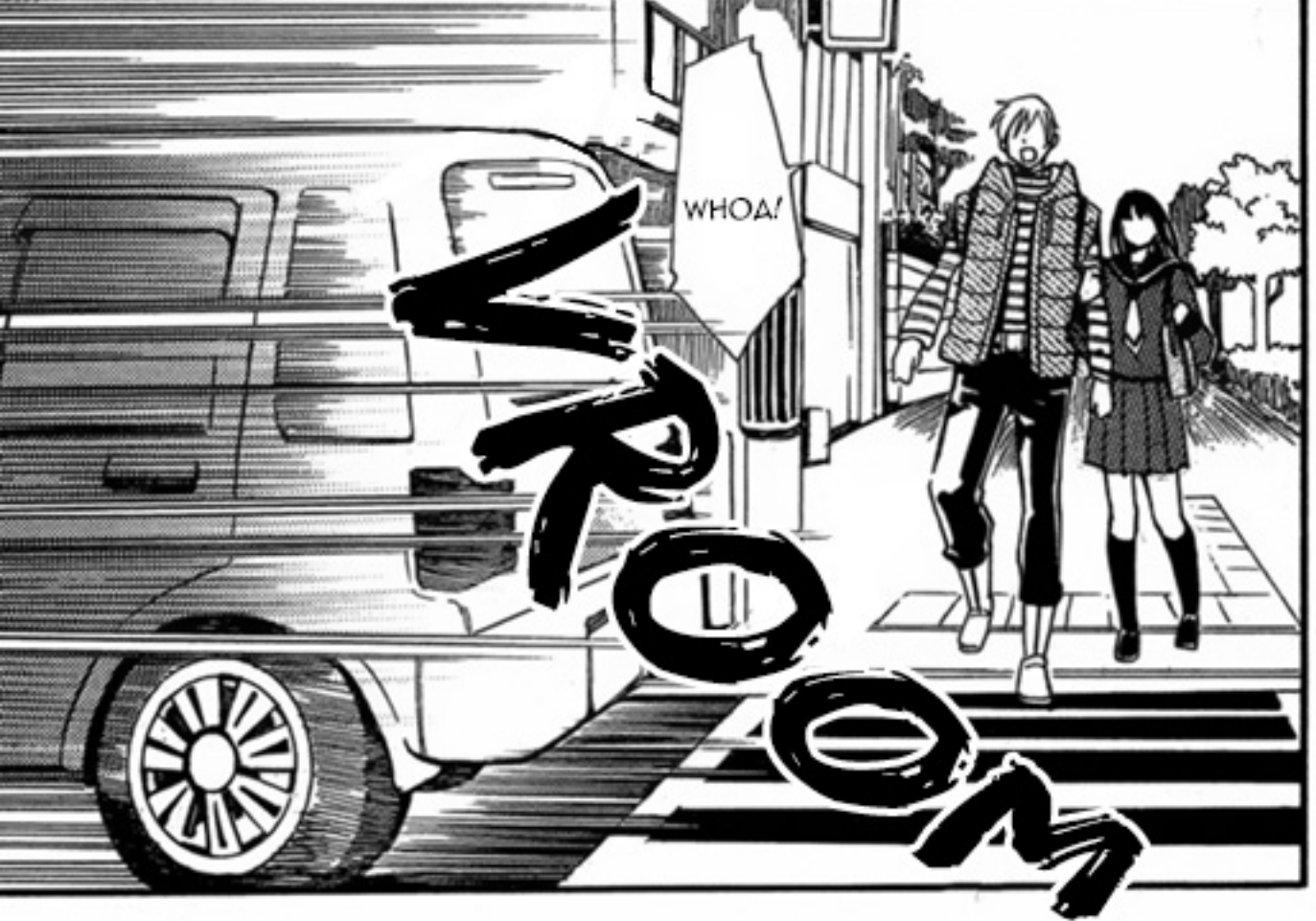




IT MUST BE THE SHOCK FROM THE ACCIDENT...



BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE CAN'T HELP BUT ACT WEIRD.



WHOA!



HUH?!

SQUEEZE!

STOP!





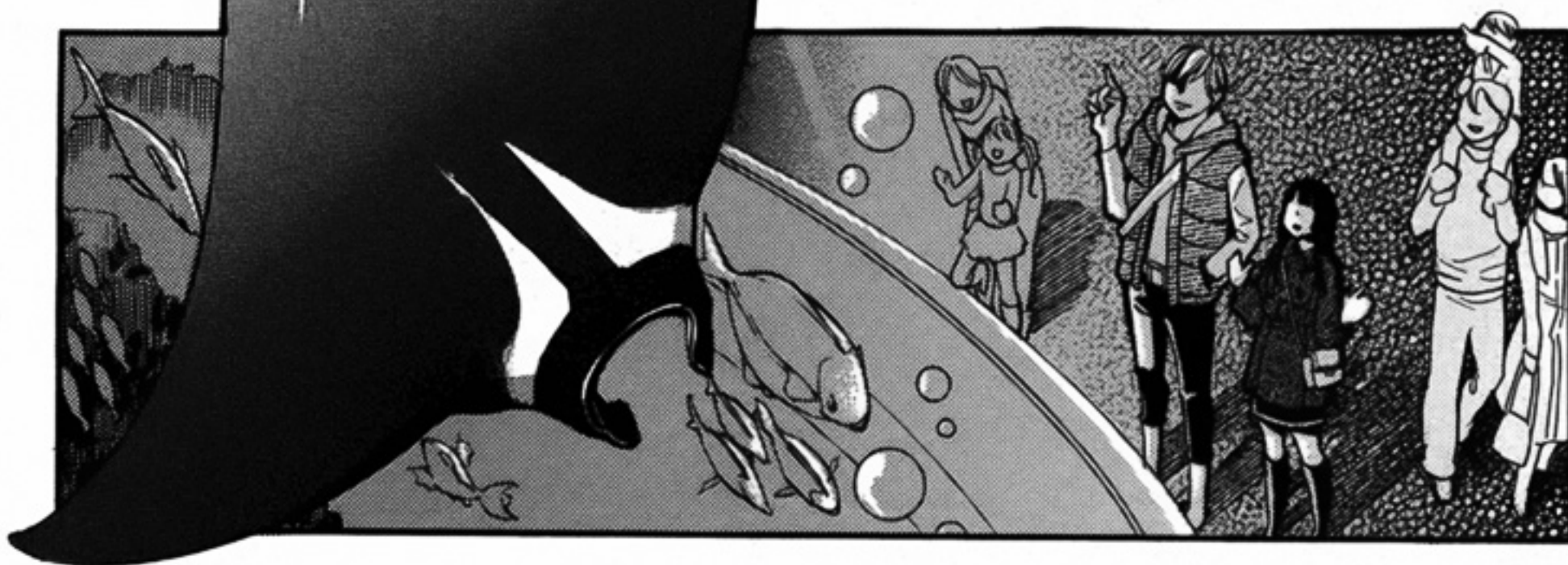
SHE HASN'T  
CHANGED A  
BIT.



I SEE.



OH...  
THANKS.



HMM...



TURN HER  
BACK INTO  
THE CHEER-  
FUL GIRL SHE  
USED TO BE.



I'LL





TWITCH







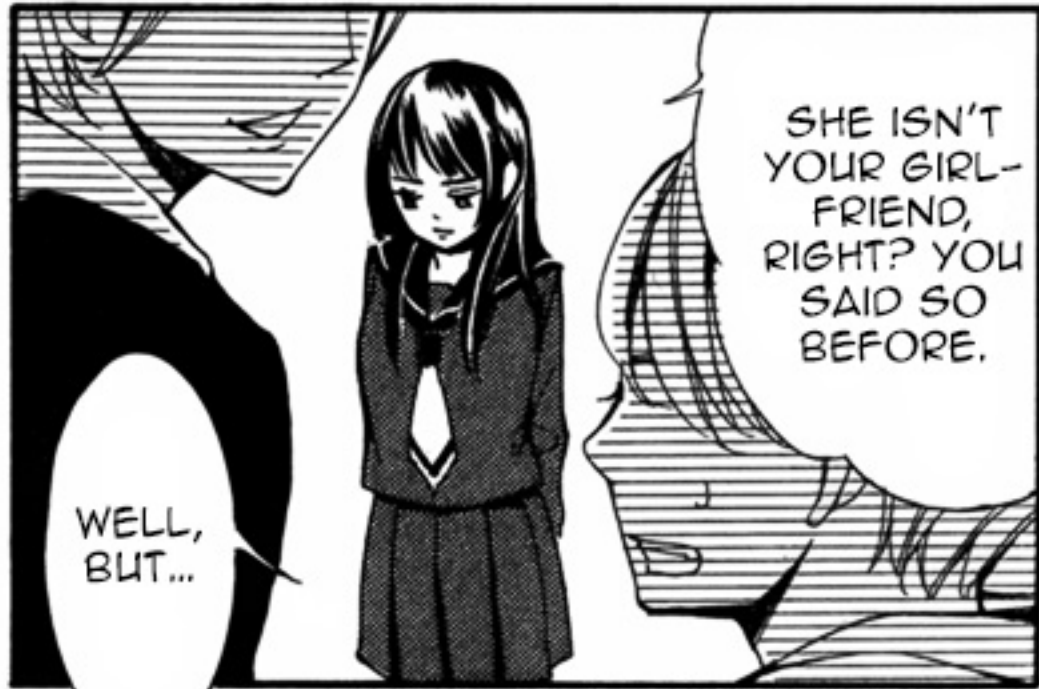
HEY!  
HEY NOW,  
KAWA-  
MOTO!

WHY  
DON'T  
YOU GO  
OUT  
WITH  
ME?

HEY,  
HEY,  
RIN!



HMPH,  
YOU'RE  
TOO  
GOOD  
FOR  
KEITA!



WELL,  
BUT...

SHE ISN'T  
YOUR GIRL-  
FRIEND,  
RIGHT? YOU  
SAID SO  
BEFORE.



DAMN,  
SHE'S  
CUTE!



...I'M FINE  
WITH IT.



I'LL GO  
OUT WITH  
YOU,  
KAWAMOTO.

HUH?

IT'S TRUE  
THAT I'M  
NOT HER  
BOYFRIEND,  
BUT

R...  
REALLY?!  
GREAT!



# 魔女は花弁を身にまとう



KEITA,  
ARE YOU  
OKAY  
WITH  
THIS?

EARLIER,  
I SAW  
KAWAMOTO  
AND RIN  
WALKING IN  
THE HOTEL  
DISTRICT...

THIS  
SEEMS  
LIKE A  
BAD  
JOKE.



IS THERE AN  
EXPLANATION?

SHE'S THE  
ONE WHO  
AGREED TO  
GO OUT.  
WHAT'S  
THERE FOR  
ME TO SAY  
ABOUT IT  
NOW...?



WHY?

WHY ARE  
YOU  
TELLING  
ME THIS?

I'M  
BUSY, SO  
I'M  
HANGING  
UP.  
SORRY.



WH...

WHY ARE  
YOU  
HERE?

OH,

he's from  
Rin's high  
school...

HUH?!

TWITCH





THEN WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



...



IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME BEING IN A BOOKSTORE?

UH, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...



BUT

IT'S TRUE. EVEN AT MY SCHOOL, THREE GUYS HAVE GONE MISSING...

THAT'S WHY BEHIND HER BACK, EVERYONE CALLS HER

I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WOULD TOO...

HUH?

DO YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING SO RIDICULOUS?

Is that an urban legend?!



THE RUMOR IS,

GUYS WHO GO OUT WITH RIN ALWAYS GO MISSING.





I SAW THAT IT'S TRUE. TWO STUDENTS AND A TEACHER WENT MISSING FROM HER SCHOOL.

WHEN I LOOKED IT UP ON AN INTERNET NEWS SITE,

"THE POISON FLOWER WITCH".



IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER HE WAS CAUGHT UP IN SOME SORT OF SITUATION.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF A CONFLICT AT THE TEACHER'S HOUSE, BUT A LOT OF FLOWERS WERE FOUND THERE.



FLOWER PETALS ...

HMM...





KAWAMOTO'S GONE MISSING!

DID SHE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS TEACHER?

I SHOULD STOP. THIS IS RIDICULOUS.



I HEARD HIS FAMILY HAS REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION.

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE HE LAST CAME HOME.

ISN'T IT JUST HIS USUAL MESSING AROUND?



HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD?



DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RIN?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THAT GIRL...

Are you leaving?

KEITA?

...NO.






I KNOW  
KASUGA.

I TRUST  
HER.



SHE'S  
GOT  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH THIS!



Rin Kasuga

We're sorry,  
but the phone  
number you  
are trying to  
connect to—



WHAT A  
PAIN... I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHERE  
HER AUNT  
LIVES...



gasp



FLUTTER...

THESE  
FLOWER  
PETALS...



# BA-BMP

"LOTS OF  
FLOWER  
PETALS..."

"MISSING..."

STOP!

"THREE  
PEOPLE..."

"SITUATION..."

BA-BMP

IT STARTED  
TO RAIN, SO I  
WANTED TO  
BORROW AN  
UMBRELLA.

I  
SEE.

OH...

BA-BMP

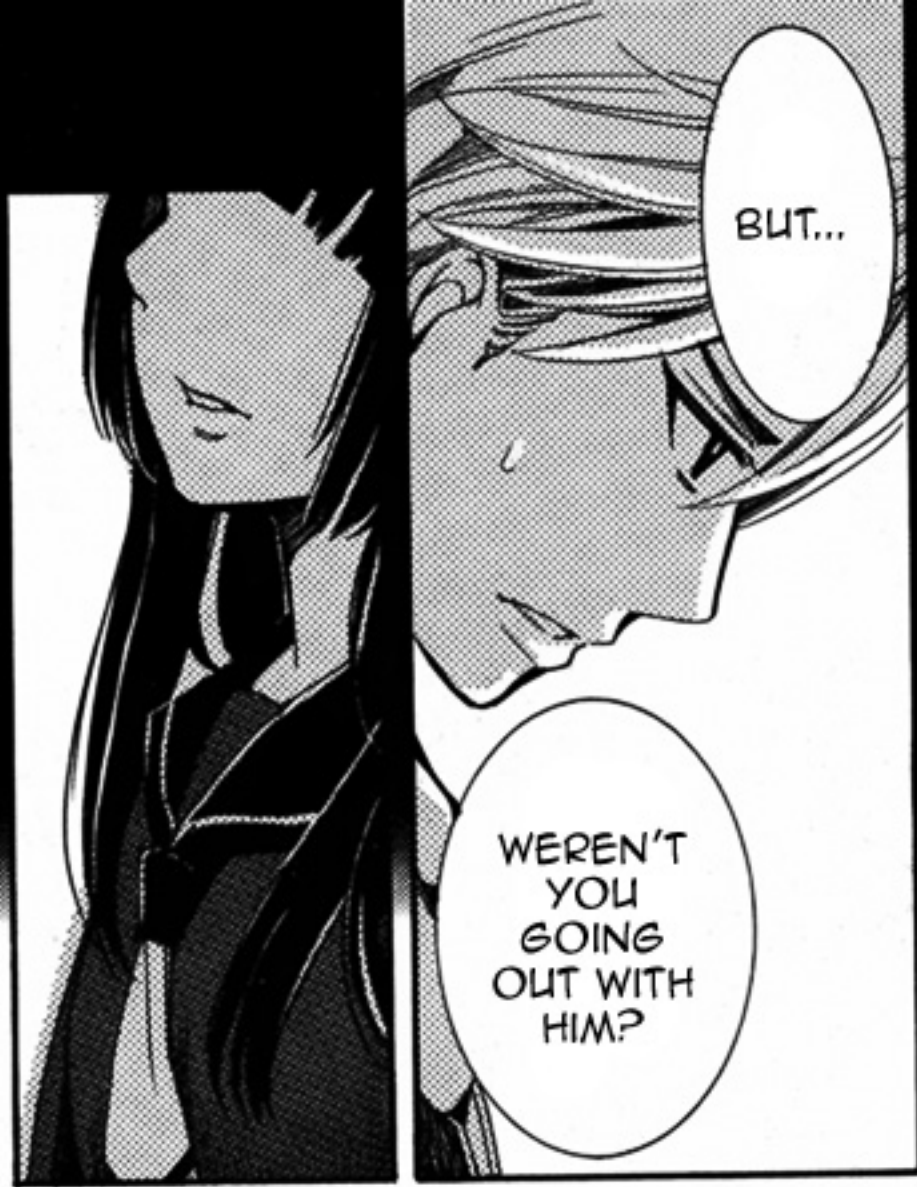
BA-BMP

RIN...

OH  
YEAH,

I HEARD  
KAWAMOTO'S  
GONE  
MISSING...





BUT...

WEREN'T YOU GOING OUT WITH HIM?



DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

...NO CLUE.



SMILE

I WAS, BUT...

I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE HIM...

UH!

gasp!







OH YEAH,  
THIS IS  
WHERE I  
REUNITED  
WITH RIN...



HUH?



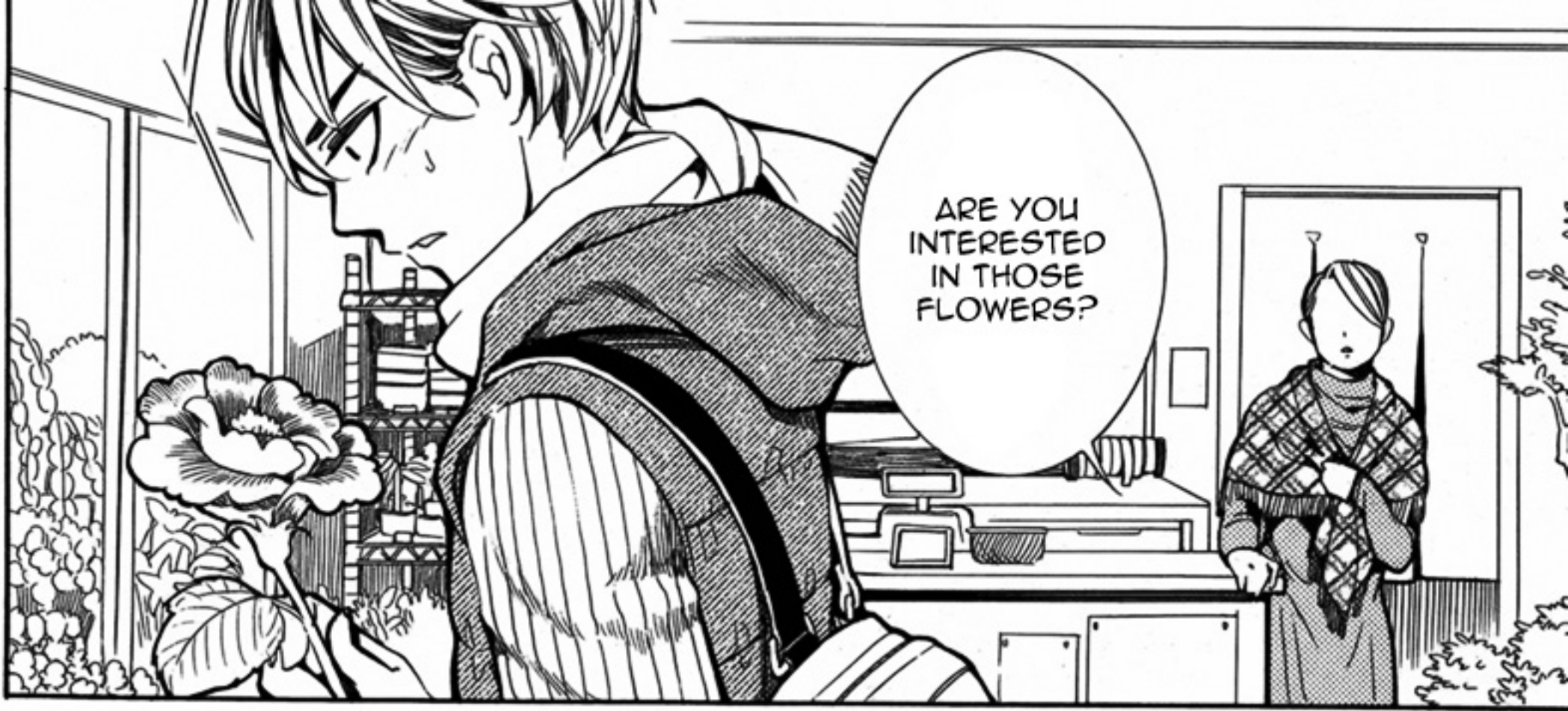
THEY ARE  
THE ONLY  
FLOWERS  
WITHOUT A  
NAME AND  
PRICE TAG...



THERE'S NO  
DOUBT ABOUT  
IT; THESE ARE  
THE FLOWERS  
RIN ALWAYS  
HAS WITH  
HER...







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おたより  
くださり!

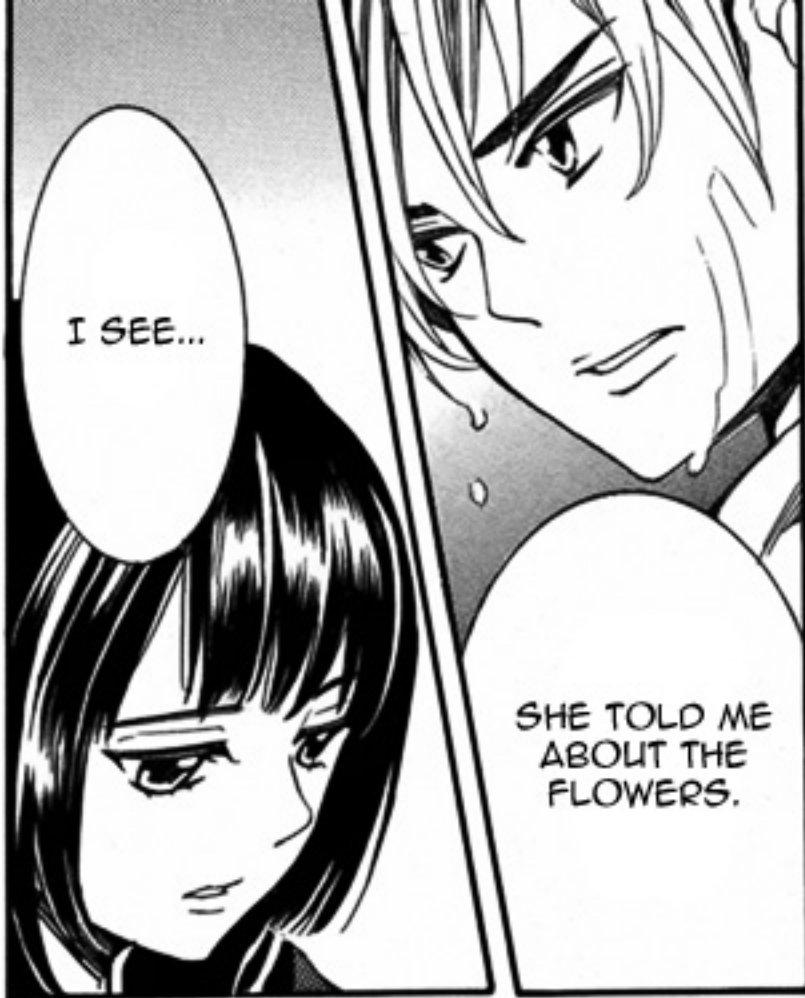
Fan  
Letter to

梨月

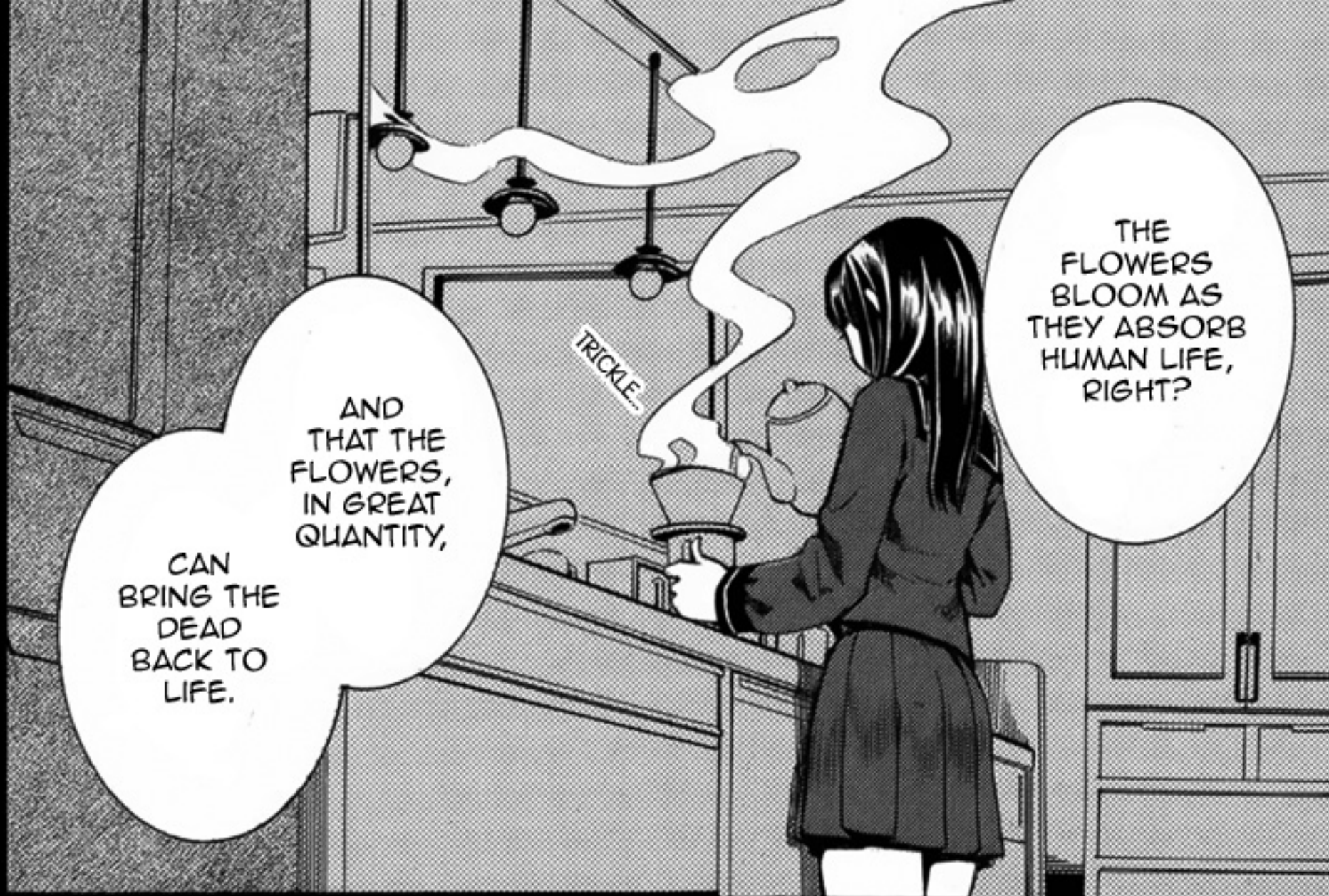
詩

久々の現代もの！  
よかったですら叱咤激励のお手紙下さいませー！

〒101-8001 小学館チーズ！  
梨月 詩 先生へ







CAN BRING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE.

AND THAT THE FLOWERS, IN GREAT QUANTITY,

TRICKLE...

THE FLOWERS BLOOM AS THEY ABSORB HUMAN LIFE, RIGHT?



YOU HAVE SEX WITH HIM.



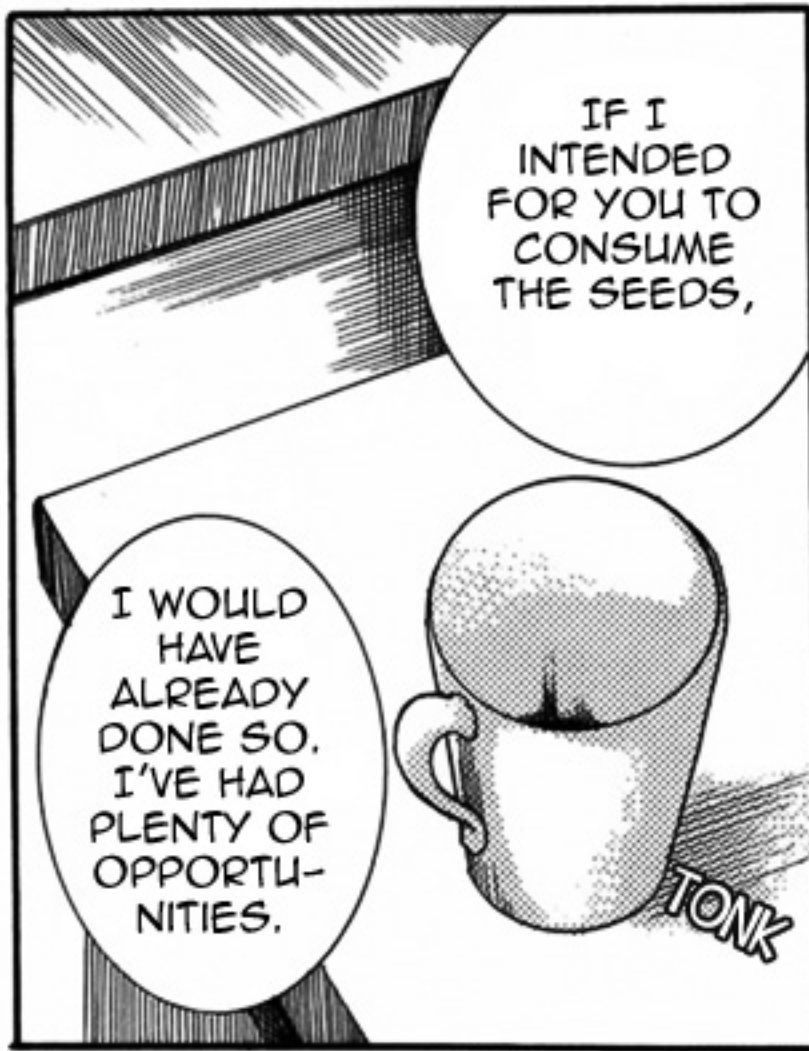
AFTER YOU MAKE A MAN CONSUME THE SEEDS,

TO GERMINATE WITHIN HIS BODY, AND THEY THEN GROW AS THEY ABSORB HIS LIFE...

THAT TELLS THE SEEDS











I'M NOT PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU LIKE THE OTHER GUYS.



YOU'RE SPECIAL.

SLIP...



YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT ME.



I SHOULDN'T INVOLVE YOU WITH THE FLOWERS.

THAT'S WHY...

IS SHE

GONNA SUCK THE LIFE OUT OF ME?





OR  
NOT?

DO I  
TRUST  
HER

GULP!



YOU  
SEE,

I'VE LOVED  
YOU SINCE  
WE WERE  
CHILDREN.

THE WITCH  
SAID AND  
THEN  
SMILED.

Majo wa Kaben wo Mi-ni Matou  
The Witch Who Wears Flower Petals

END