

# CRIMSON FLOWER



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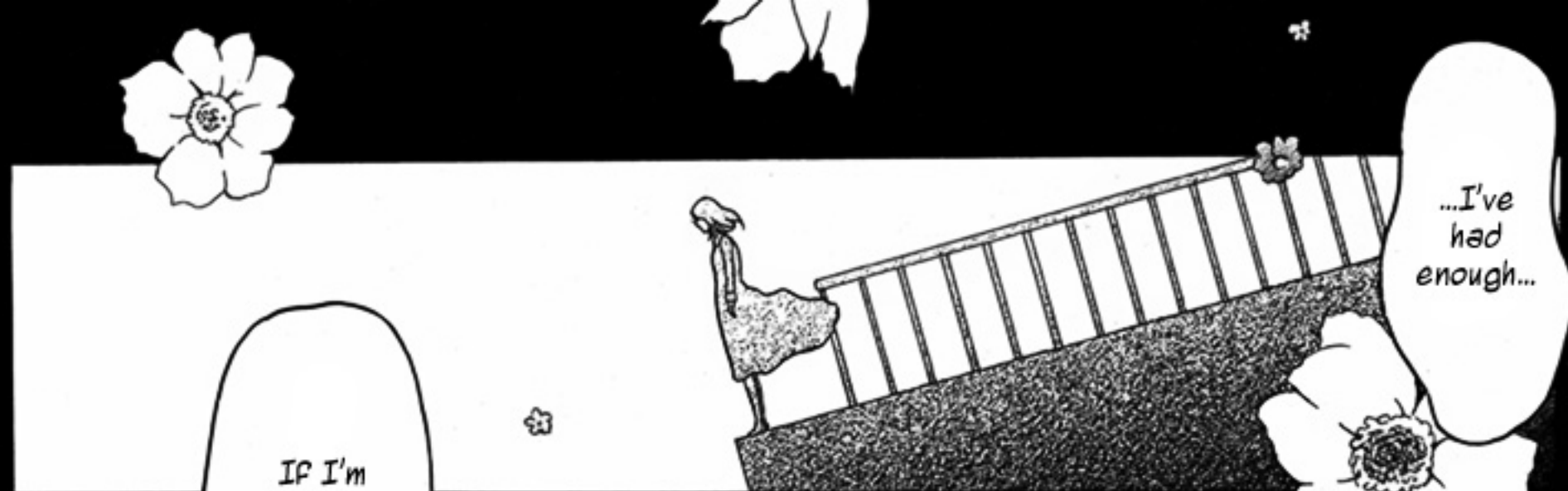
*The gifts you  
gave me —  
the red  
anemones, the  
will to live,  
and...*

*The Vampire's Gift*

# ヴァンパイアの おくりもの

暁生三三

Akio Mimi Presents



...I've  
had  
enough...

If I'm  
going to  
die  
anyway,

I'll end it  
myself.



Yeah, I  
thought



I was going  
to die  
there at  
that  
moment.





but I love these ordinary days.

As usual, I can't strike up much of a conversation with him,



The explosion at Chuudou Hospital?

Hey, did you hear about it?

For these wholesome and fun days?

Who do I thank

The vampires inside the Facility blew it up while escaping.

The vampires that were kept there were extraordinarily brutal. They sucked victims' blood until the victims died.

where experiments were being performed on vampires.

but I heard the explosion happened in a secret ward

It's a closely held secret,

It exploded?

Chuudou Hospital? The one here?

Yeah.

Are you talking about Seth?!

isn't the older boy who just transferred here gorgeous?

That sounds made up. There's no way there are vampires here.

Changing the subject,

He transferred to this school because there's a person he has to meet.

I wonder who that person is?

Squee!

CLATTER

and there's  
a guy who  
transferred to  
this school  
because there's  
someone he  
must meet...

A vampire  
who escaped  
From Chuou  
Hospital,

Class is  
starting.



Himari?!

Where  
are you  
going?!



4 years  
ago --

It has  
to be  
him!!

N-CITY CHUOU HOSPITAL

No matter  
what I do,  
I'm probably  
gonna die.

I'm tired.

You  
should  
have the  
surgery.

Himari,  
there's a  
chance  
now.

You  
mustn't  
give up.



to  
Find Food  
Falling  
From the  
sky.



...Huh?

O.

How  
lucky  
For me

I'm  
Float-  
ing?!



I'll suck  
every last  
drop of  
blood From  
you.

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If you Fall,  
you'll end up  
smashed on  
the ground like  
a tomato, so  
become my  
meal instead.

Aren't you  
going to  
die either  
way?

Let me  
Fall to my  
death.

squirm



It's so  
dark that  
I can't  
see...

Suck my  
blood?  
Are you a  
vampire?

I am.



When you  
are well, I  
promise I'll  
come see  
you.

Until then,  
make your  
blood tasty.



I'm sick  
and full of  
medication,  
so I wouldn't  
taste good  
at all...

SPLAT!

Smashed  
like a  
tomato?

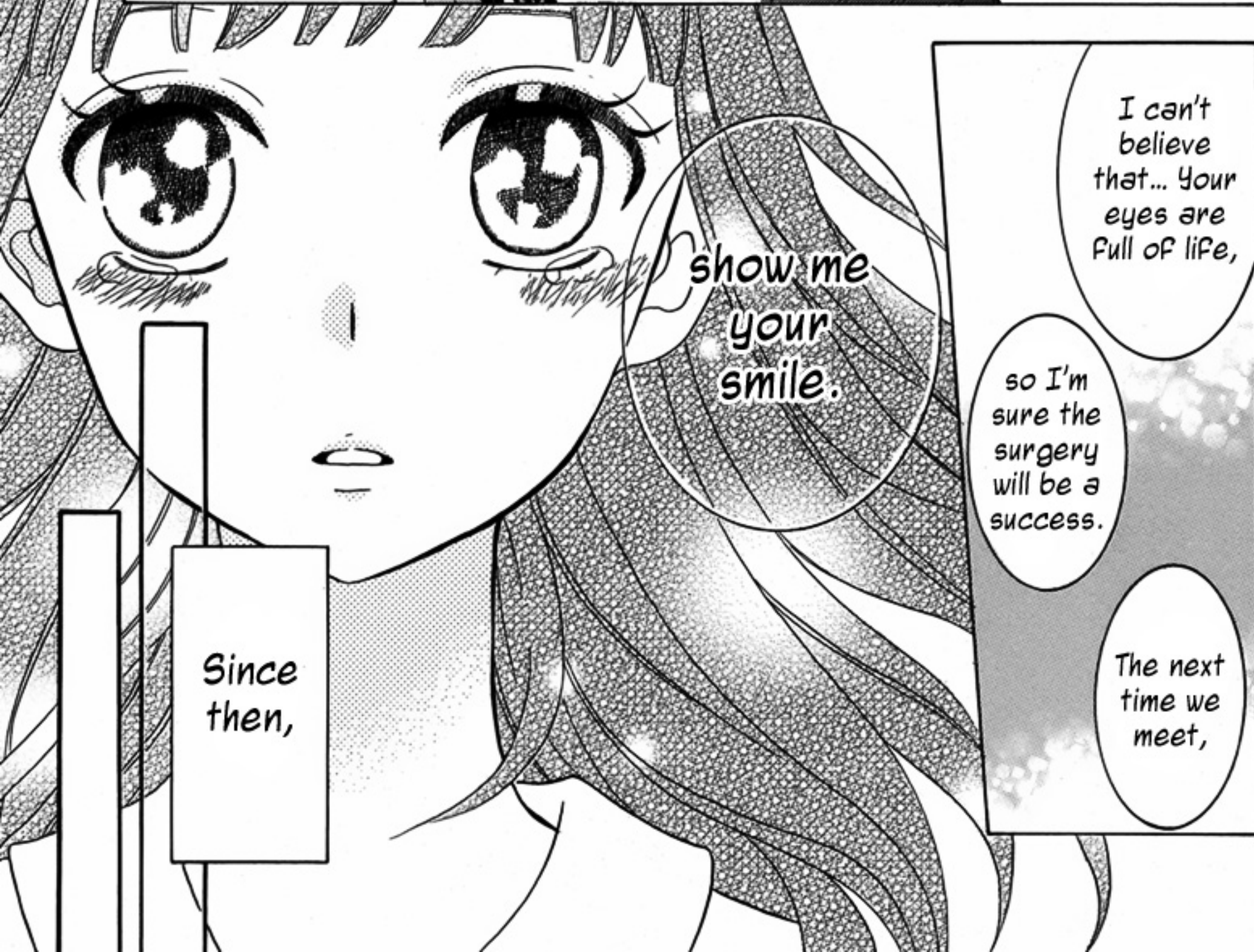


That  
doesn't  
sound  
tasty,  
so I'll  
put you  
back.



I'll probably  
die in surgery  
tomorrow.

...That's not  
gonna  
happen.



show me  
your  
smile.

I can't  
believe  
that... Your  
eyes are  
full of life,

so I'm  
sure the  
surgery  
will be a  
success.

The next  
time we  
meet,

Since  
then,

When I see  
him again,  
he'll probably  
kill me.

Seth?  
He's over  
there.

I don't  
know what  
he looks  
like or  
what his  
name is.

getting well  
and seeing  
that vampire  
again became  
my goal.

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I want to  
see him.

Regardless,

At last we  
meet again,  
right?!!

?

...Who  
might  
you be?



I'm so embarrassed.

gloom

...It wasn't him.



Blood? Huh? What are you talking about?

It's already been four years

Hey, first-year girl, get away from him.

Who's that girl?



Didn't you come to suck my blood?

I'm Himari.

Are you Mari? Perhaps Mika? Or maybe Miyu?

I'm sorry, I haven't learned everyone's names yet.

And after that...



He probably won't come...

sniffle



EEEEK!

TAP

SHIVER



He probably wasn't serious about his promise.

oo

and I'm healthy.

I wonder if he forgot...



teary

Thinking back, I was just food to him...





it's  
decided.



Wouldn't  
two heads

be faster  
than one?

If you  
don't  
want me  
to...

I don't  
mind...



Then



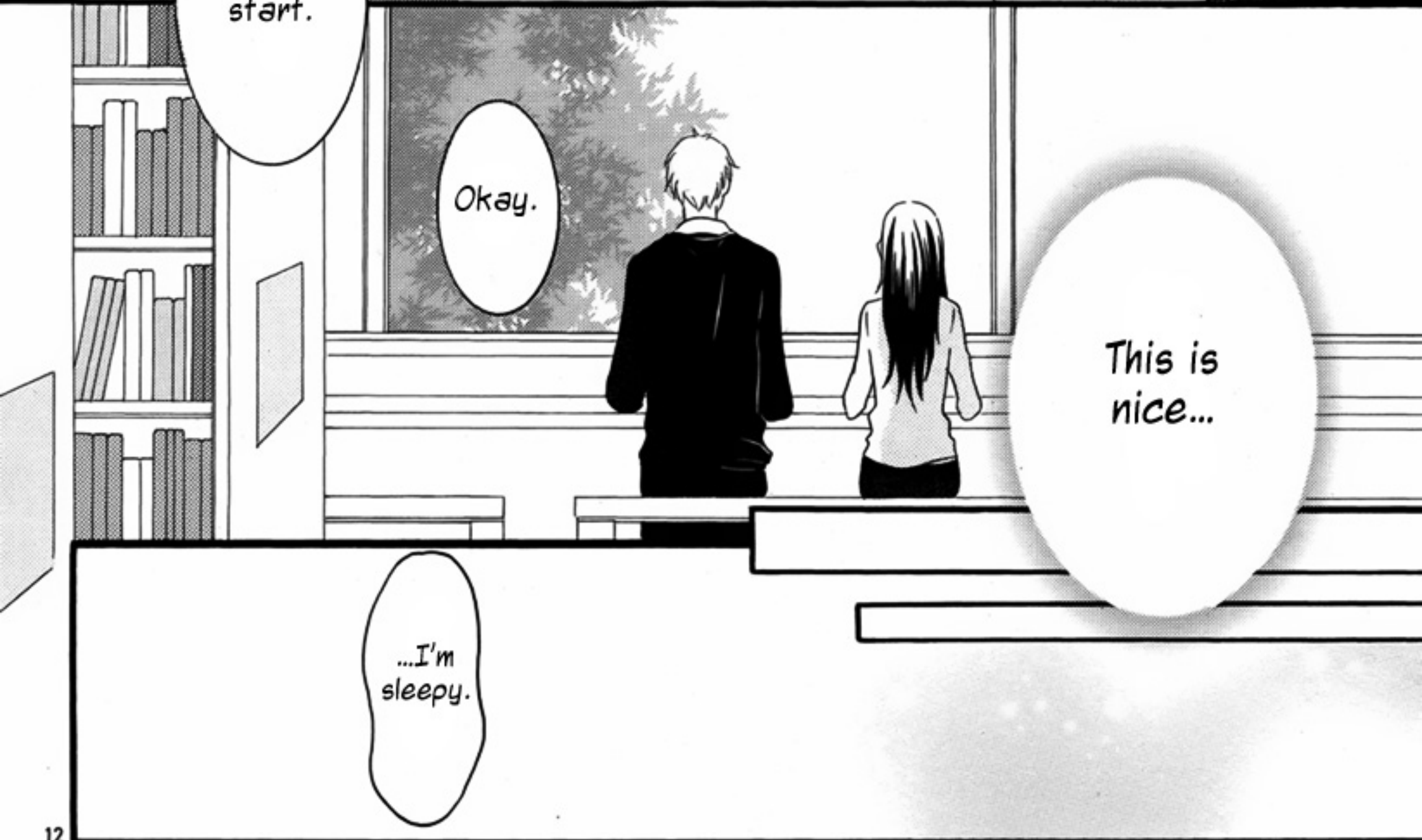
Yuuri  
sits  
behind  
me,

It's just  
that I'm  
a little  
sur-  
prised.

and even  
though I talk  
to him, we  
never have a  
conversation.  
In short,  
getting  
this far  
with him  
is...



...And





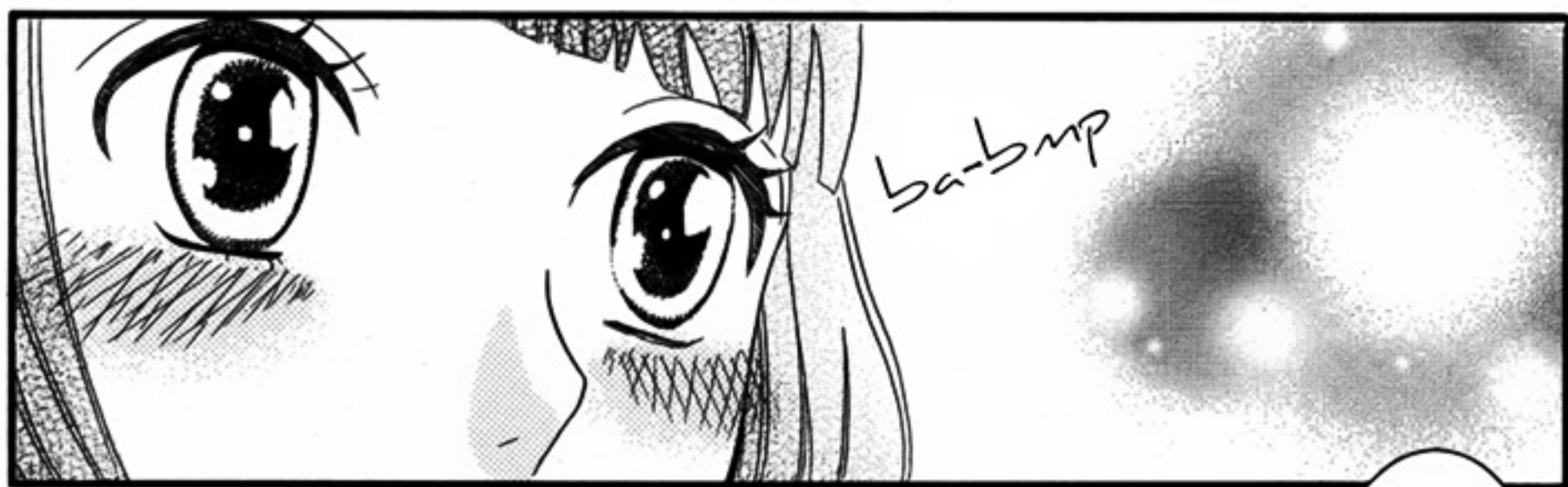
I like them too.



and my mom filled my room with anemones.

I was hospitalized when I was little

They were so beautiful...



ba-bmp

But he seemed so aloof...

The way he smiles...



we're talking about anemone.

Oh... my... God...

blush

Are the red ones your favorite?

I wonder  
what Yuuri's  
Favorite  
Food is.

What kind  
of music  
does he  
listen to?

to know  
more  
about  
Yuuri.

I want

Is it  
already  
that  
late?

Ouch!

You  
should go  
home  
before it  
gets  
dark.

I missed  
some  
problems  
and got  
an 85.

Oh?

What's  
wrong?



I cut myself, but it's not bad.

It should be fine if I lick it.



I was kidding.

Did I surprise you?

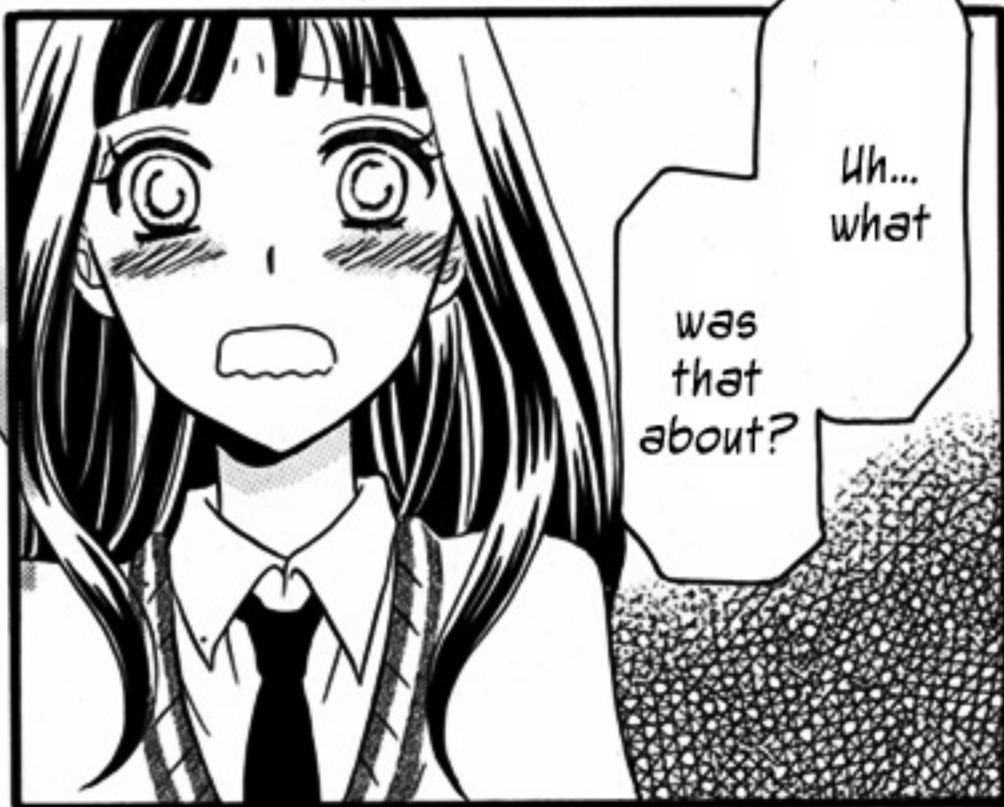
SMILE

Geez!



Wh... what

was that about?





What should I do?





Yo,  
Himari.

**Seth!!**

you haven't  
been  
forgotten,

VERK!

so be  
my...

There's  
no need  
to apol-  
ogize.

And

Uh... um,  
I'm sorry  
about the  
other  
day.

Naruse,

I'll see  
you  
later,  
Himari.

were  
there any  
Band-Aids?

Uh...  
okay.

Yuuri?

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I'm  
sorry it  
took so  
long.

I wonder  
what  
that was  
about.

It's  
already  
gotten  
late...

Hey,

GRAB!

Huh?



**STAY  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME!**

*huff*

*huff*

**PLEASE...  
SPARE  
ME!**

It's dark,  
so I'll  
walk you  
home.

I  
can't

because  
I'm  
starving.

There-  
fore,  
become  
my  
food.

**WHISH...**

What are  
you two  
whisper-  
ing  
about?

Were  
you  
serious  
about  
that?

It's too  
bad.

But I  
didn't  
beat  
Yuuri.

Himari, your  
grades are  
going up.

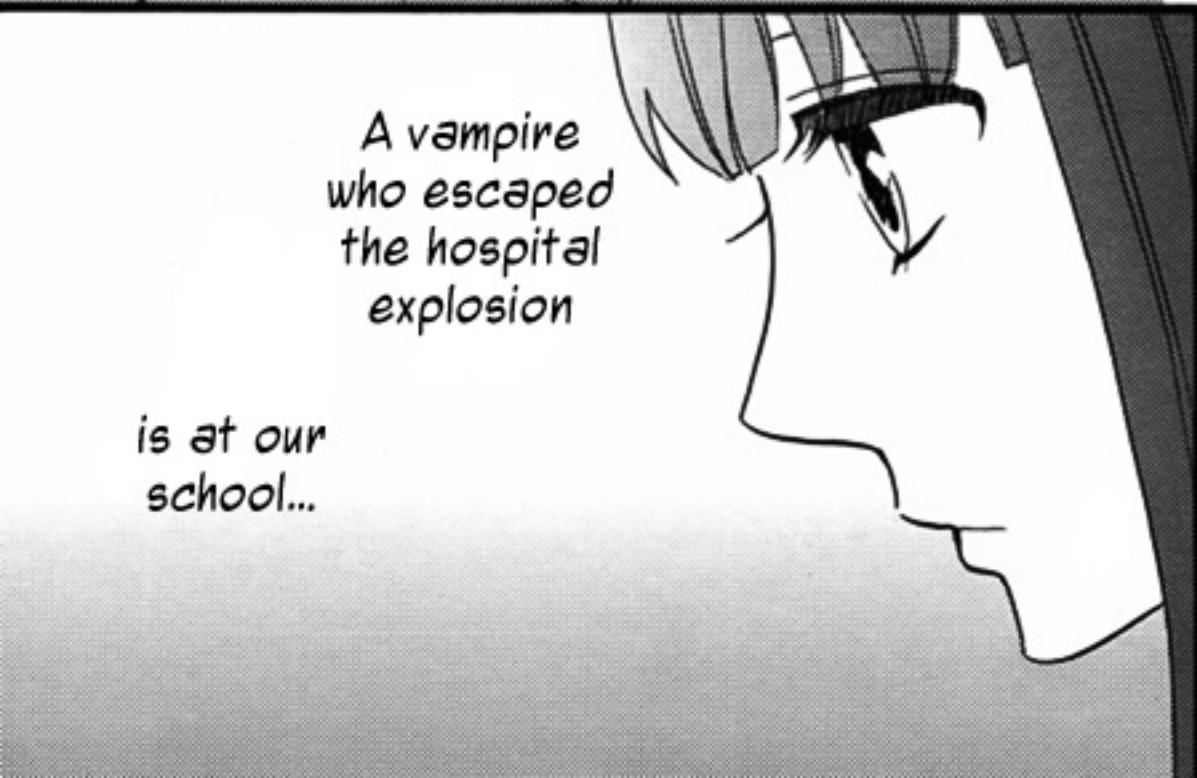
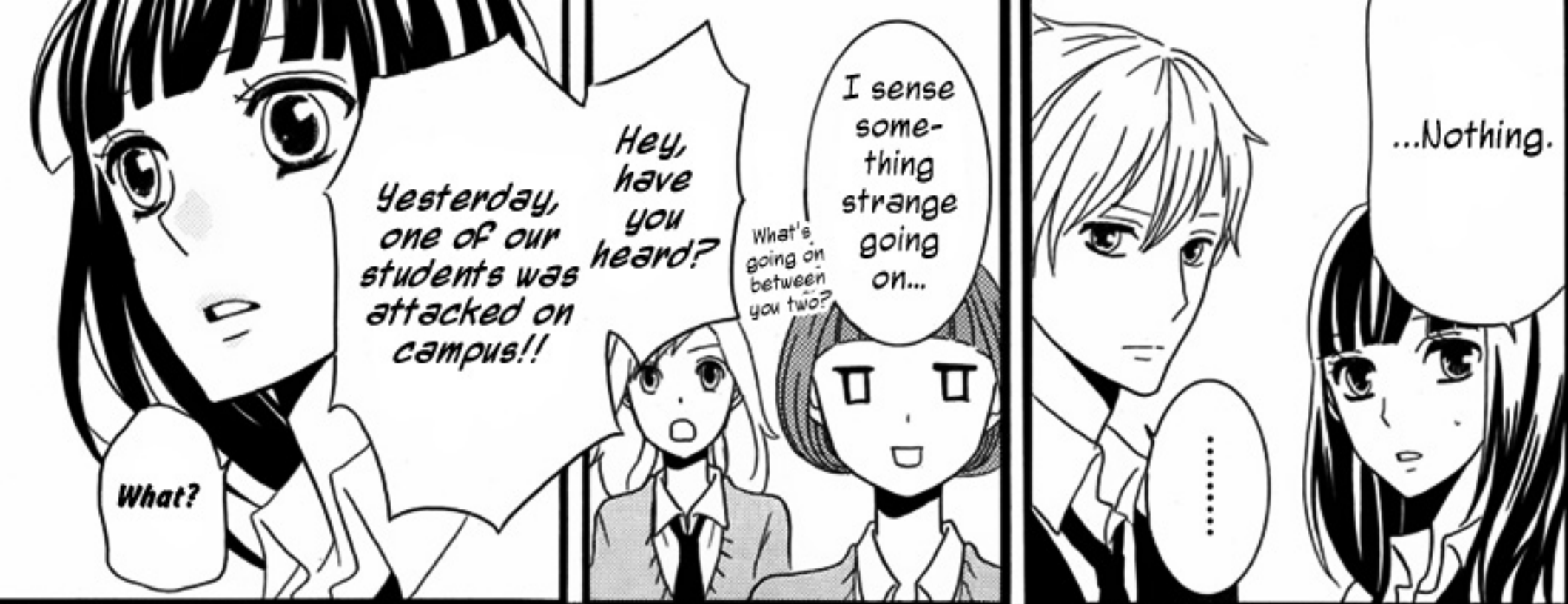
Isn't that  
great?!

92/

85/

95/

98/





Okay.

Oh, too bad. Try not to stay out too late, okay?

N... no, it's nothing like that.

MOM!!

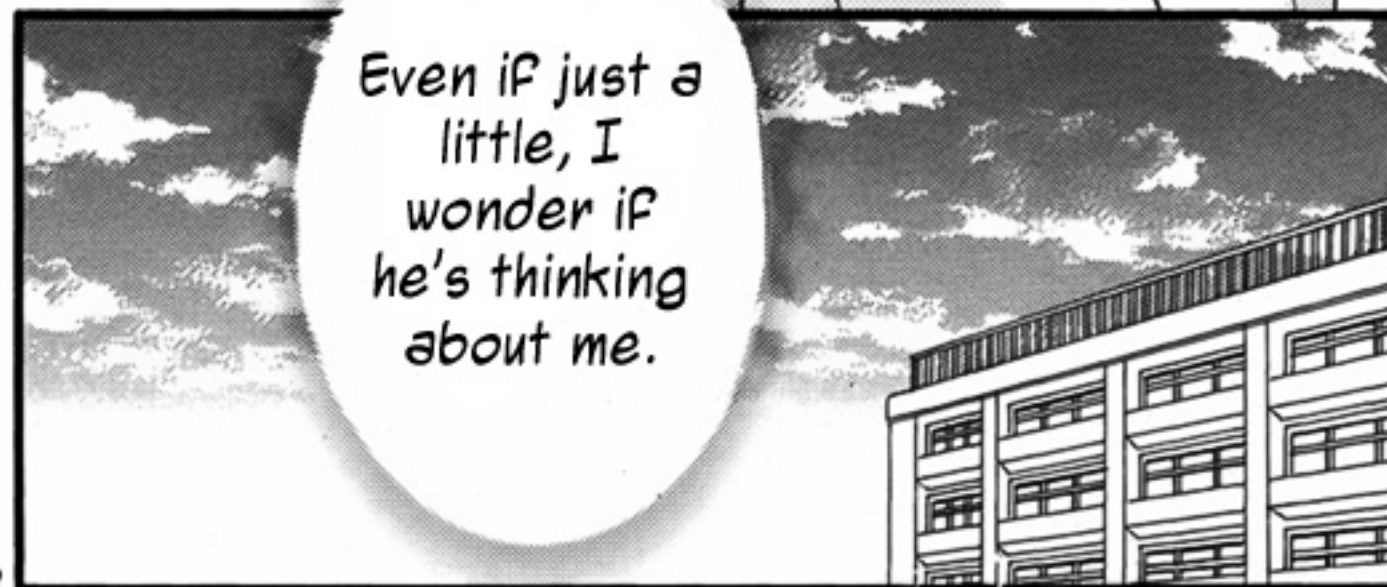
Oh, are those home-made? Are you going to give them to a boy you like?



A boy I like...

He's been on my mind since back then.

Even if just a little, I wonder if he's thinking about me.



I wonder if the vampire from then is the one attacking people.

If so, then why hasn't he come for me?

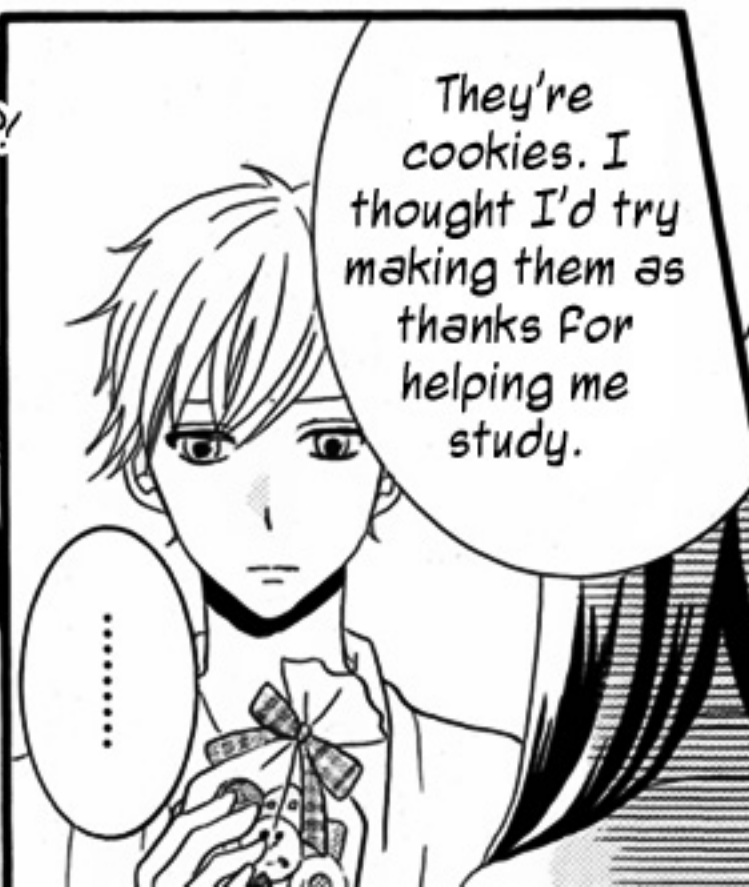


Oh no!

Maybe I should--

GASP!

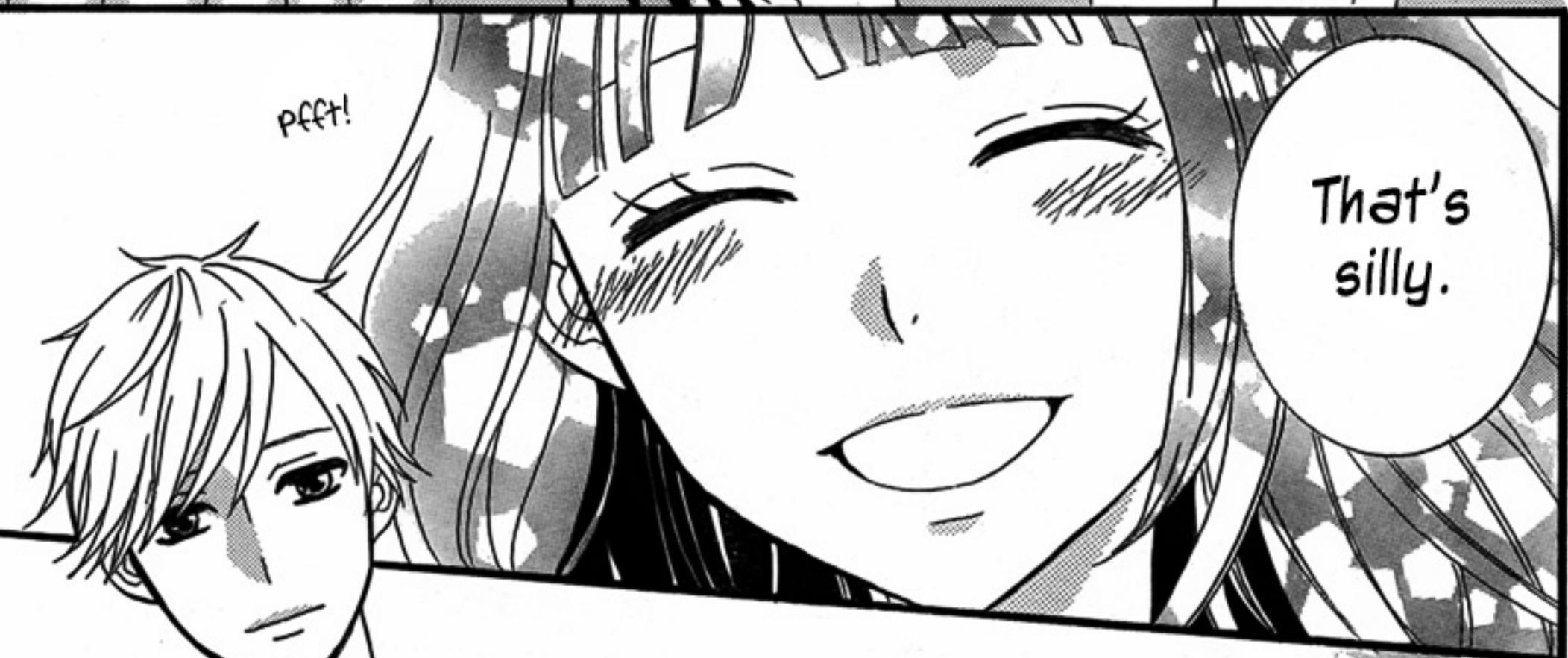
He looks like he hates them!



They're cookies. I thought I'd try making them as thanks for helping me study.



What are these?





could last  
forever.

Are you  
even  
eating  
weird  
things  
now?

squeak



Weren't  
you  
told?

You are a  
vampire  
after all.

Blood is  
your only  
food.





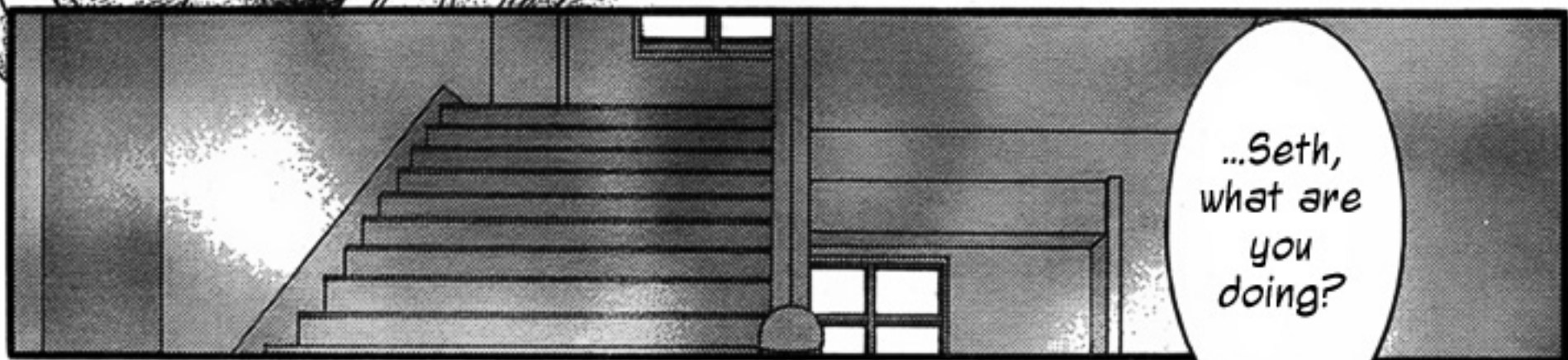
I've only  
been  
thinking  
of Yuuri  
lately...

Hmm...

Next time,  
I'll make  
them  
better...

The cookies  
didn't taste  
good, but he  
forced  
himself to  
eat them.

I wonder  
where  
Yuuri  
went?



...Seth,  
what are  
you  
doing?



She  
smells  
so  
good...

**GRAB!**

I thought  
it'd be fun  
to hang out  
with you  
like we  
used to.

Doing?  
I came  
here to  
meet  
you.



It seems  
that you  
haven't fed.  
Why did you  
escape the  
facility?

I don't  
want to  
hang out  
with you.



Oh my.

You should  
suck that  
girl's  
blood.



Heh.

She's  
of no  
concern  
to you.

SWIP  
...Don't  
tell me.  
That girl  
is...

She's  
only Food.  
What are you  
getting upset  
about?

You don't know  
what will happen  
if you restrain  
yourself for  
too long.

A secret  
ward was  
built in the  
hospital  
for experi-  
mentation.

Aughh! A  
vampire!

We feed  
on human  
blood. We  
are the  
enemy of  
humanity.

We are  
vampires.

Soon  
after, we  
were  
captured.

But

I lived too  
long and I  
was tired of  
humans and  
myself.

I didn't  
necessarily  
want to be  
free.

Thanks to  
research, it  
became possible  
for us to be  
active in daylight.  
Being inside of a  
cage wasn't bad.



you were  
over there in  
the general  
ward.



but it  
became a  
habit for  
me to  
watch.

I  
couldn't  
talk to  
her,

What's  
wrong  
with that  
girl?

I want to  
suck it  
directly from  
a human.

Sorry  
for the  
wait.  
Here's  
your  
blood.

You have  
to make  
do with  
that.

That  
medical  
test is  
scary. I  
don't  
wanna  
do it.

Oh,  
that girl?  
She has a  
serious  
disease.

I feel  
sorry for  
her. She's  
so young.

Hmm, if  
you go  
through  
with the  
test,

I'll grant  
you one  
wish.



It's not  
anemone  
season.

How  
about  
another  
kind of  
flower?

.....

I saw  
them in a  
picture  
book.  
They're  
pretty.

Then I  
want  
anemone  
flowers.



Huh?

Wow,

it's like a  
flower  
garden.

Mama,  
thank you!

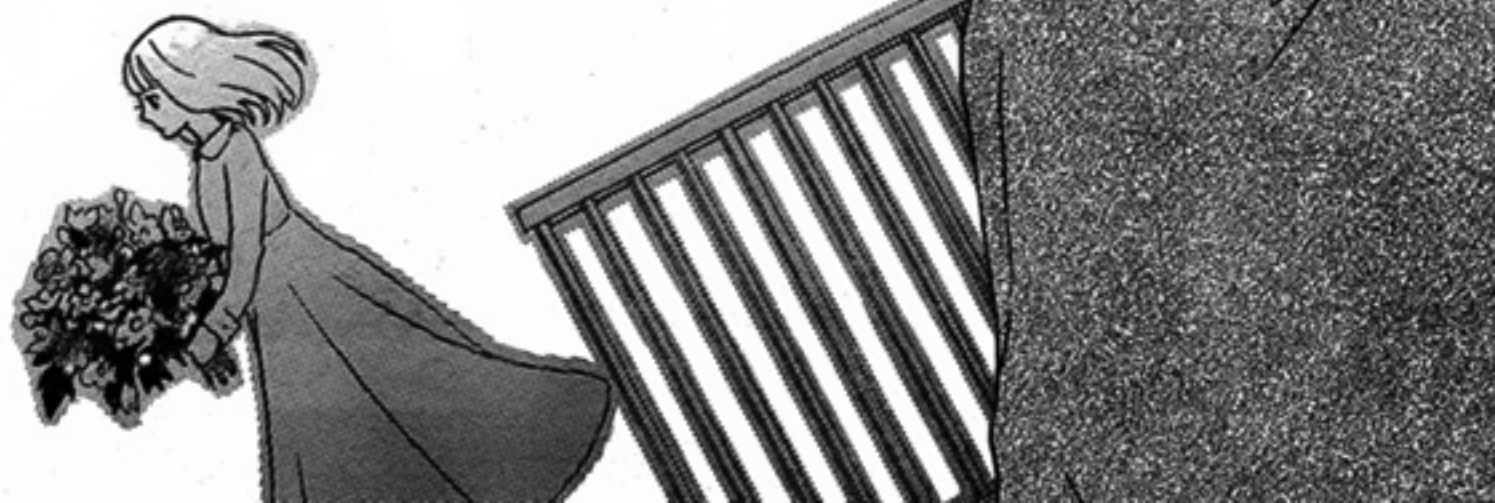
I'd give you  
flowers all  
the time

to see  
your  
smile.

But that  
day



there  
weren't  
any  
flowers.





Flowers?

It was  
raining.

anemone  
flowers.

I've had  
enough...

If I'm  
going to  
die  
anyway,

then I'll  
end my  
life  
myself.

I want  
to

You  
mustn't.

save  
you.

He has  
such a  
handsome  
face.

Yuuri?

Where did  
he go?

Here  
he is.

He  
looks so  
defense-  
less!

He's  
sleeping.

.....



What's  
the  
matter?

Hey, wait  
a minute.



Oh no...  
I am

...Uh!

a monster  
after all.

I wonder  
what the  
heck was  
going on  
with him.

Yesterday,  
Yuuri was  
kinda scary.

Huh?  
Himari,  
haven't you  
heard?

...Oh? Is  
Yuuri  
absent?

Good  
morning.

Yuuri quit  
school.

Yuuri

Chuuou Hospital

suddenly  
disappeared.

Why are  
you  
here?

Seth!  
Please  
quit  
sneaking  
up on me.

Hey,  
Himari.

I remem-  
ber that I  
met you  
here four  
years  
ago.

This is  
where...

I came to  
suck your  
blood.

Don't put up  
a fight.  
Become my  
food.

Is he the  
person I've  
been wanting  
to meet all this  
time?

Is  
Seth

a  
vam-  
pire?



*you are  
not that  
person!*

*Seth,*

*But now  
I know.*



*but he's  
become a  
fool since  
meeting you.*

*What*

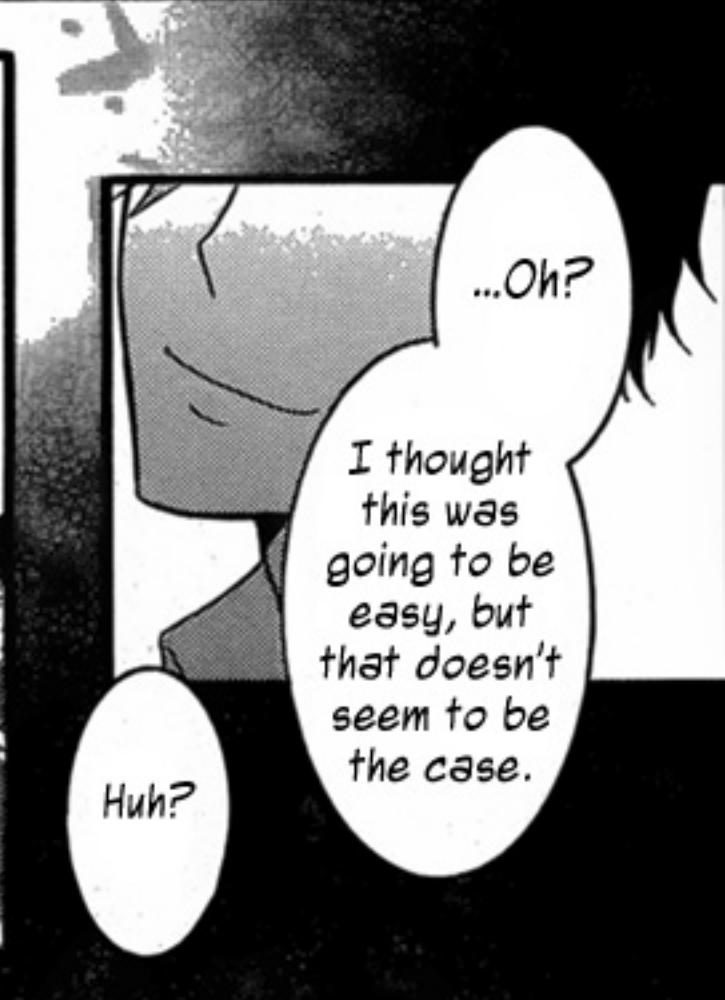
*is he  
talking  
about?*



*I'm tired  
of being  
monitored.*

*I want to  
go back to  
being a true  
vampire.*

*There is  
another  
vampire it  
would be  
best for  
too,*



*...Oh?*

*I thought  
this was  
going to be  
easy, but  
that doesn't  
seem to be  
the case.*

*Huh?*



*Yuuri got  
in my  
way last  
time,*

*but this time  
I'm going to  
slowly torture  
you to death.*

*have  
caused me  
all sorts of  
problems.*

*You, who  
escaped  
death,*

PLIP

Yuuri,

why  
are you  
here?!

you're the  
one who's  
gonna die.

Seth...

Oh, what a  
pity. You  
found me.

DRIP..

We are  
vampires.

We are  
blood-  
sucking  
monsters.

That's  
right.

Comrades?

It's a joke.  
It wouldn't  
be good for  
us two  
comrades to  
kill each  
other.



Ah hahaha!

SETH!

UGH!

Good-  
bye,  
Himari.

Next time,  
I promise  
I'll kill you.

Yuuri, you were  
the vampire  
from back  
then, weren't  
you?

thank you  
for saving  
me.

The person  
I was  
looking for  
was right  
next to me  
the whole  
time.

I didn't  
realize it  
at all.


wanted  
to tell  
you

I...



so I  
escaped  
the  
facility.

I wanted  
to meet  
you and  
see your  
smile  
again,



But a human  
and vampire  
can't be  
together.

Is that  
why you  
suddenly  
disap-  
peared?

Yes.

At First, I  
was just  
going to be  
by your  
side and  
watch you.


But then  
Seth came...  
and to  
protect  
you, I got  
close to  
you.

And then  
I got  
greedy.

I  
wanted  
to talk  
to you  
more


and I  
wanted  
to be  
with you  
more.

...No, I'm  
not  
leaving.



If you stay  
any longer,  
I'll attack  
you.

Go  
home.




that I had  
fallen in love  
with you.



Since  
then, I've  
wanted  
to meet  
him.


You  
see,  
I haven't  
been able to  
forget the  
vampire who  
saved me  
four years  
ago.




But after  
being with  
you,



you  
gradually  
became  
more  
important.



And then I  
realized



But I'm a  
vampire.

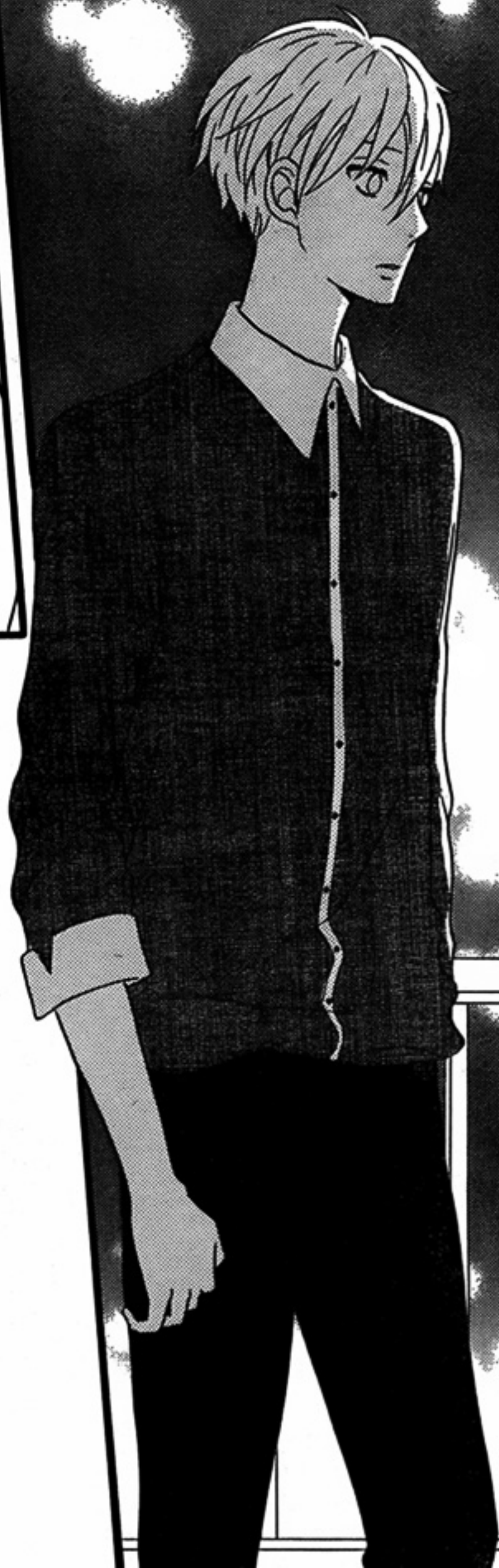
If we  
stay  
together,

I will  
probably  
attack  
you.



And the  
next time,  
I might  
even kill  
you.

That's  
Fine with  
me.





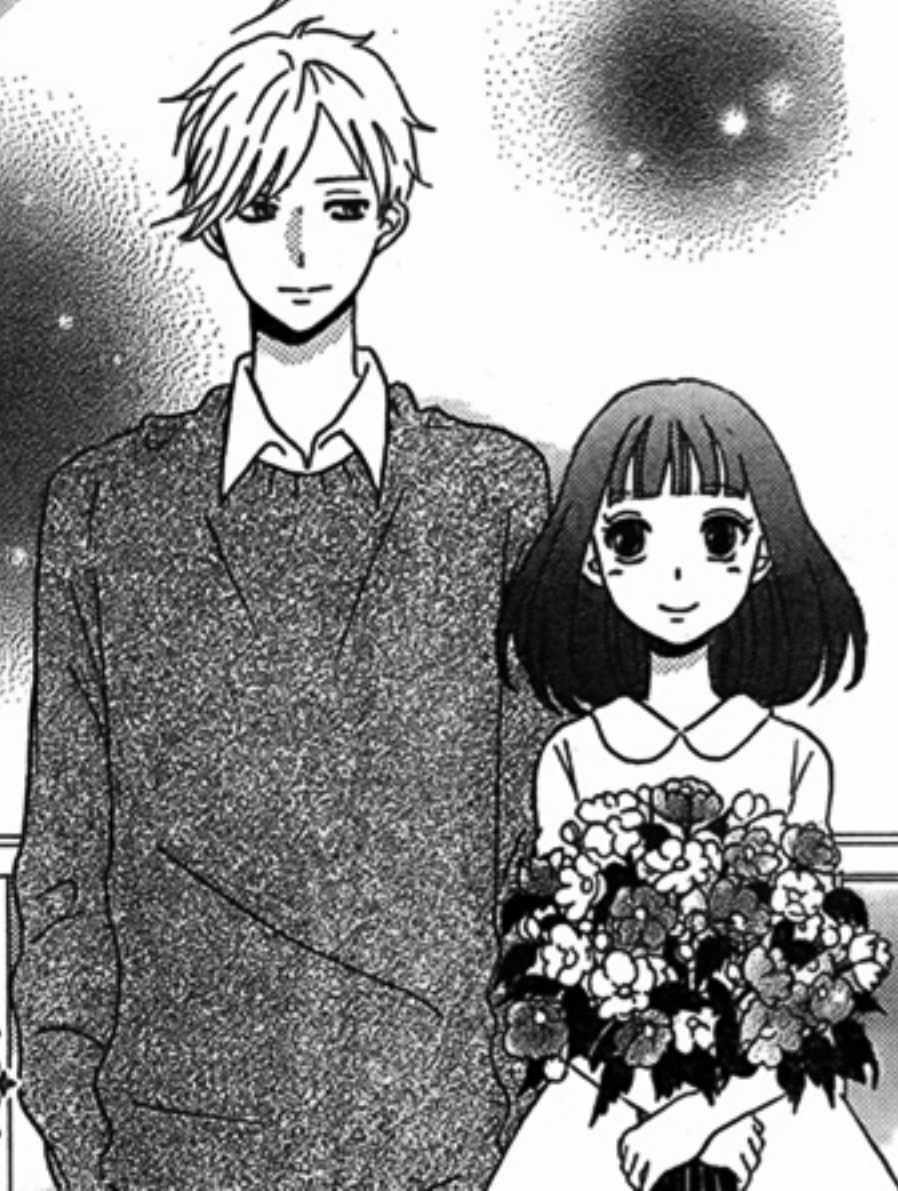
Everything



We  
can't be  
sepa-  
rated.



My life is  
already  
entirely  
yours.



began  
back  
then.

**The End**