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!
THEY'VE SET SAIL!


TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THE FOURTH ROUND...IS STARTING.....
THE CEO'S STARTED HIS ANNOUNCEMENT ...
Ladies and gentle-men!
So sorry for the long wait.
WHAT'S WRONG, HAIHANE?
YOU LOOK PALE.
HEH... HEH-HEH... I'M JUST... AFRAID OF HEIGHTS... HEH-HEH...
HUH!? FIRST I'VE HEARD.
FU FU... I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS TOO ACTUALLY.
HEH-HEH... BUT BEING SCARED...IS FUN...
I TEND TO LOSE MYSELF IN BATTLE, BUT...WHEN I COME TO, I GET SCARED AGAIN...
WHOA... YOU'RE SCARED OF SOMETHING, KARASUBA?
THAT'S SOME JUICY INFO.
I'M ALSO SURPRISINGLY CLUMSY...
...AND BAD AT GUARDING AGAINST ATTACKS FROM BELOW.
PLUS, I CAN'T HOLD BACK.
I OFTEN END UP KILLING MY OPPONENTS BY MISTAKE.
SCARY, HUH?

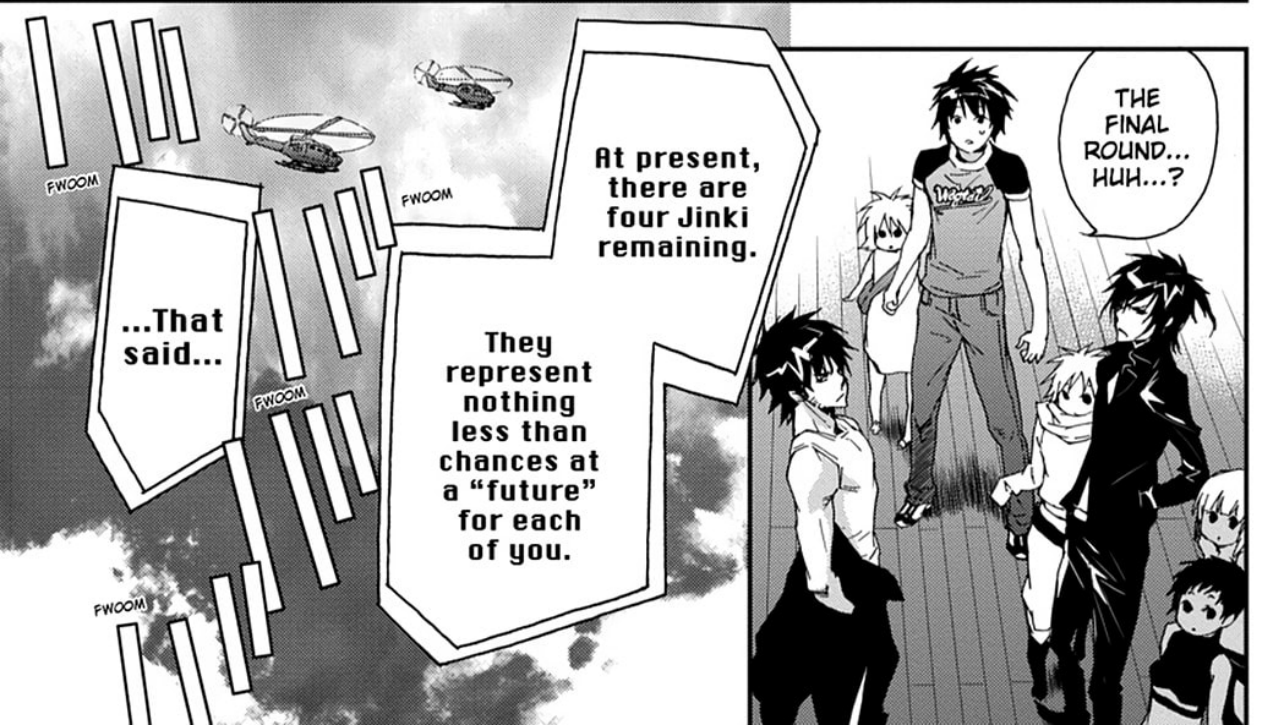

FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
...the Sekirei Project's third phase's ...
And this marks ...
Now ... ...the fourth round will begin!
SHUDDER
...!!
...WE SHOULD GET GOING SOON.
...final round!!!
FLAP
TIME TO GET TO WORK.


AT LAST.
IT'S THE BEGINNING ...
AT LONG LAST, YUME.
THE END OF THIS "FESTIVAL" IS NEARLY HERE.
...OF THE END OF EVERY-THING...
Chapter 120: Rules of the Final Round


THE FINAL ROUND !?
THAT CEO...!
... WHAT'S HE REALLY UP TO, HERE?
Here is your stage —
The S.S. Minaka, out in Teito Harbor!
This ship won't return to land until the fourth round is over.
WHOOSH

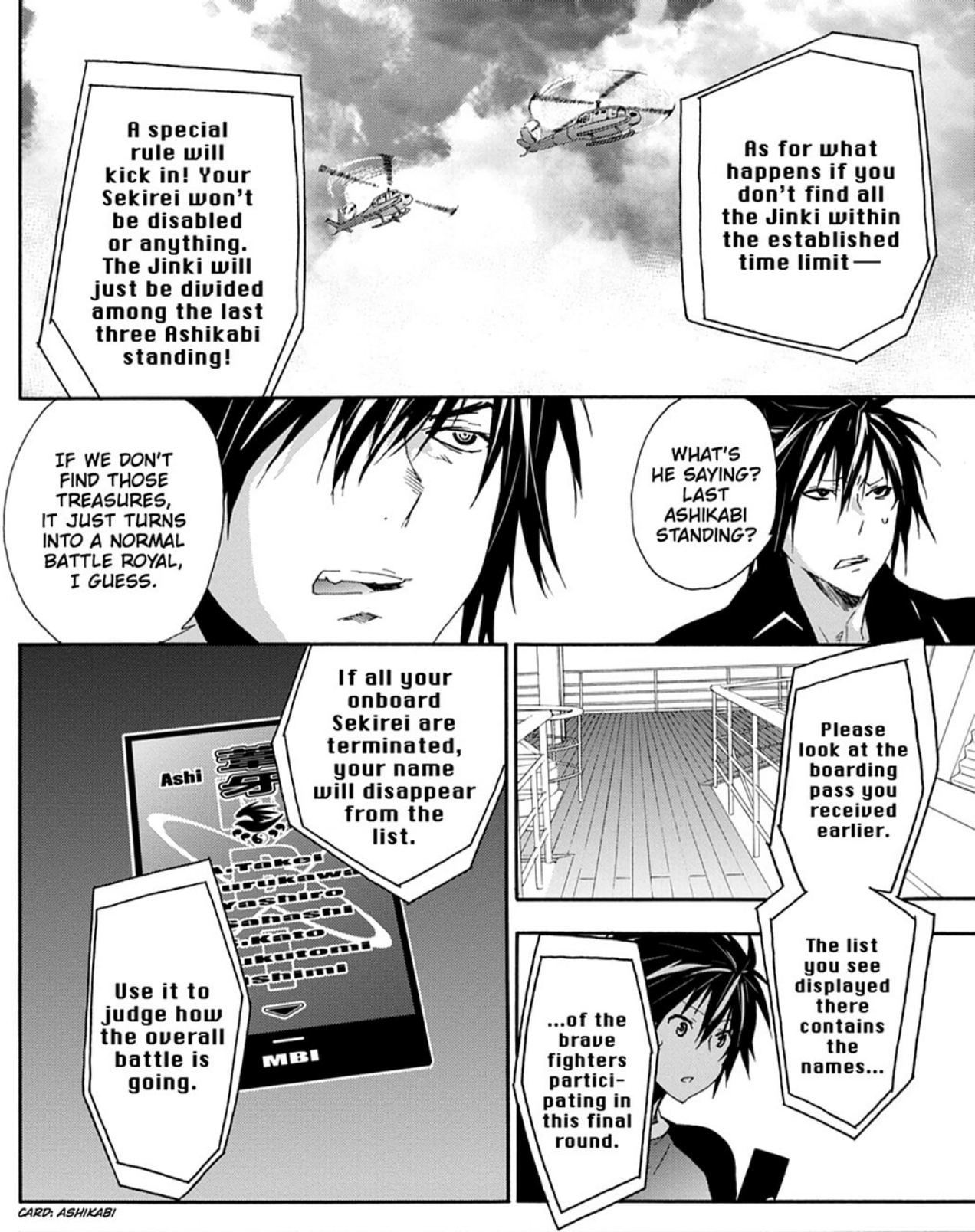

MINATO-SAN...!




FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
...That said...
At present, there are four Jinki remaining.
They represent nothing less than chances at a "future" for each of you.
THE FINAL ROUND... HUH...?


...I'm terribly sorry, but one of them has already been promised to someone.
→RING←
→RING←
BEEP
HELLO...? AH, BENITSUBASA. HAVE YOU LOCATED THE TARGET?
MM-HMM.
...MM-HMM.
Which means, for you folks, the actual number of Jinki remaining is...
IF ONLY EVERYONE HAD TRIED JUST A LITTLE BIT HARDER.
AH-HA-HA. OF COURSE.
...three!
RIGHT. GO AHEAD AND START THE OPERATION.
BATTLE... ROYAL...
Wagtail
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
THE FINAL ROUND ...
...IS A SCAVENGER HUNT BATTLE ROYAL!! ☆


We took the liberty to hide those three Jinki...
...in separate spots some-where aboard the S.S. Minaka!
The instant all three are found and safely in the hands of Ashikabi...
I'M ITSUKI YASHIRO, ASHIKABI TO NO. 13, AMEBANE.
WE'D LIKE AN HONEST BATTLE AGAINST YOU TWO, "DEMON AND REAPER"!
...the fourth round will be over.
It's fine if each is found by a different Ashikabi...
THE EXPLA-NATION'S STARTED, SHIINA.
WE'D BETTER HURRY AND FIND KU-CHAN.
YUKARI-SAN!
U.R.P.
HEY—
...but it's also okay if just one of you nabs all three.
PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING!



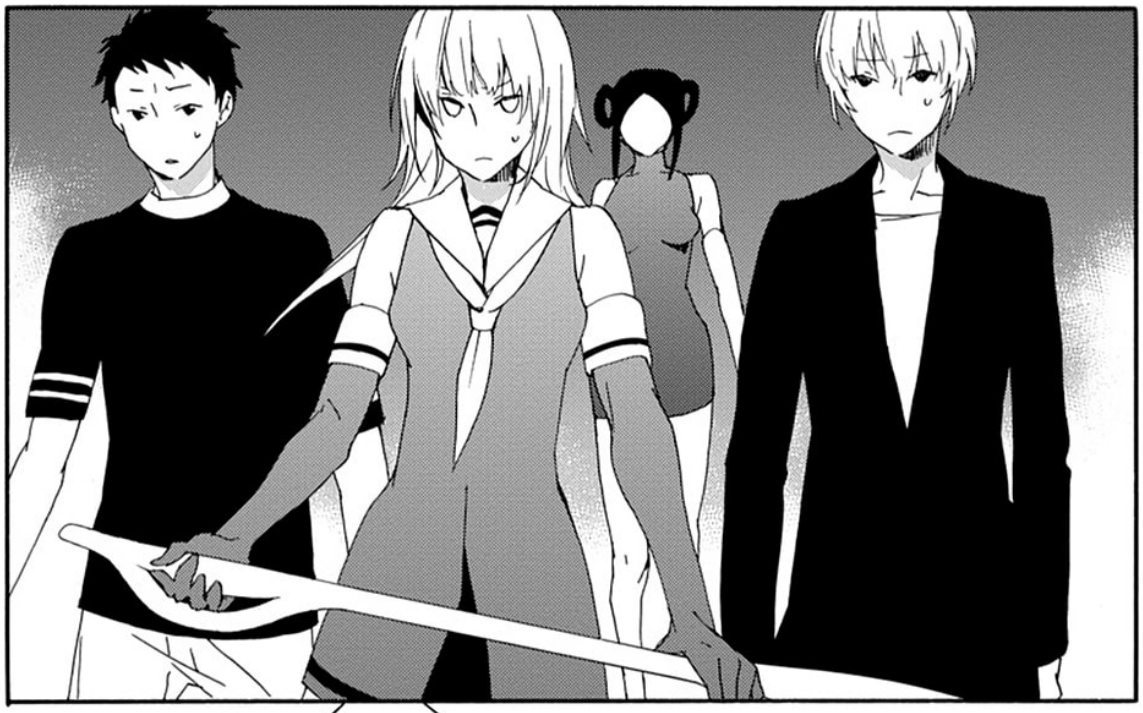
CARD: ASHIKABI




Only those who survive this last scramble for the Jinki...
...get to move on to the final phase of the Sekirei Project!!
NOW!
THE FINAL GAME OF THE THIRD PHASE!
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH THIS!!


SO BASICALLY, WE'RE JINKI-HUNTING.
WE'LL START ON THE OTHER END OF THE BOAT.
GUESS I'M JUST RELIEVED THERE'S NO RULE ABOUT SLAUGHTERING ONE ANOTHER.
SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE...?
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM






WHA—?
HUH?
ME!?
HA-HA!
SO SOME BIGWIG OUT THERE'S PAYING YOU OFF?


HEY NOW, FELLAS.
AIN'T WE SUPPOSED TO SEARCH FOR THE JINKI BEFORE FIGHTING?
WH-WH-WHO'RE THESE GUYS...?
UM...?


YOU THERE... YOU'RE THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI, RIGHT?
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY...
IT'S JUST THAT A CERTAIN SOMEONE TOLD US THAT IF WE BEAT YOU, WE'RE OFF THE HOOK FOR THIS WHOLE SEKIREI PROJECT.


HEY, SAHASHI... ANY GUESSES WHO MIGHT BE HOLDING A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU?
G-GRUDGE !?
WHY WOULD...?
...BY FIGHTING FAIR AND SQUARE DURING PHASE THREE.
.....OH YEAH. I CAN THINK OF SOME-ONE...
WHOEVER THE BIGWIG IS, THEY'RE NOT HERE. SO IS IT "SOUTH" OR "EAST"?
WHO SICCED THESE DOGS ON US?
...RUN.
...WELL, NO HELPING THE UNEXPECTED.
IN TIMES LIKE THESE, WE JUST GOTTA...


CRACK
HOLD IT—
CRAP!
THE LANDLADY AT THAT GUY'S BOARDING-HOUSE IS ONE SCARY CHICK.
SHE'LL STOP FEEDING ME IF I DON'T RETURN HER PRECIOUS TENANT IN ONE PIECE.


WE'RE CRAZY STRONG.
BUT KNOW THIS—
SO I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT INSTEAD.
YES. YOU NEEDN'T DOUBT THAT.
...I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.
YOU'LL REALLY HELP US ESCAPE TEITO IF WE TAKE OUT "NORTH" FOR YOU?
RIGHT NOW, HE'S CORNERED BY THE OTHERS YOU SET ON HIM.
YES. THAT'S RIGHT.


NOW'S WHEN WE MAKE OUR MOVE.
THE TIME IS RIPE.
HIGA-SAMA...
...IT SEEMS THE FOURTH ROUND HAS BEGUN.


THUNDER-
BOLT!!
CRACK

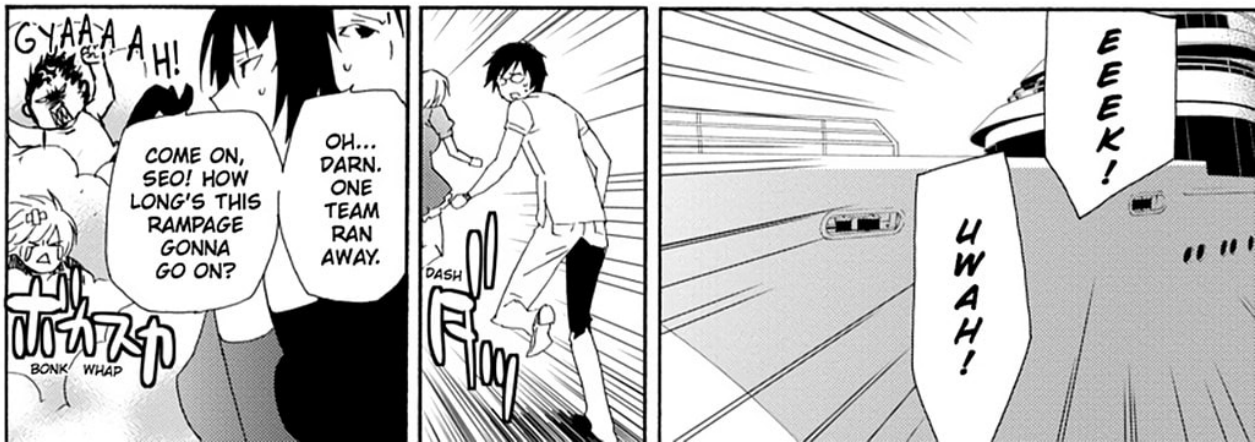
Chapter 121: Sekirei Declaration!




I'M DISSATISFIED.
I'VE HAD FEW APPEARANCES LATELY.


HOW DARE YOU...
GRAB
MIDORI-NO!!
UNH...
SWF
...TO MY SEKIREI !!?
HOW DARE YOU DO THAT...
WHAM
...HEY, DUMB-ASS.
LICK


...AIN'T THE PLACE FOR ASHIKABI TO FIGHT.
...BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING TO SCRAP ...
SEKIREI BATTLES...
...I'LL HAPPILY KICK YOUR ASS!!

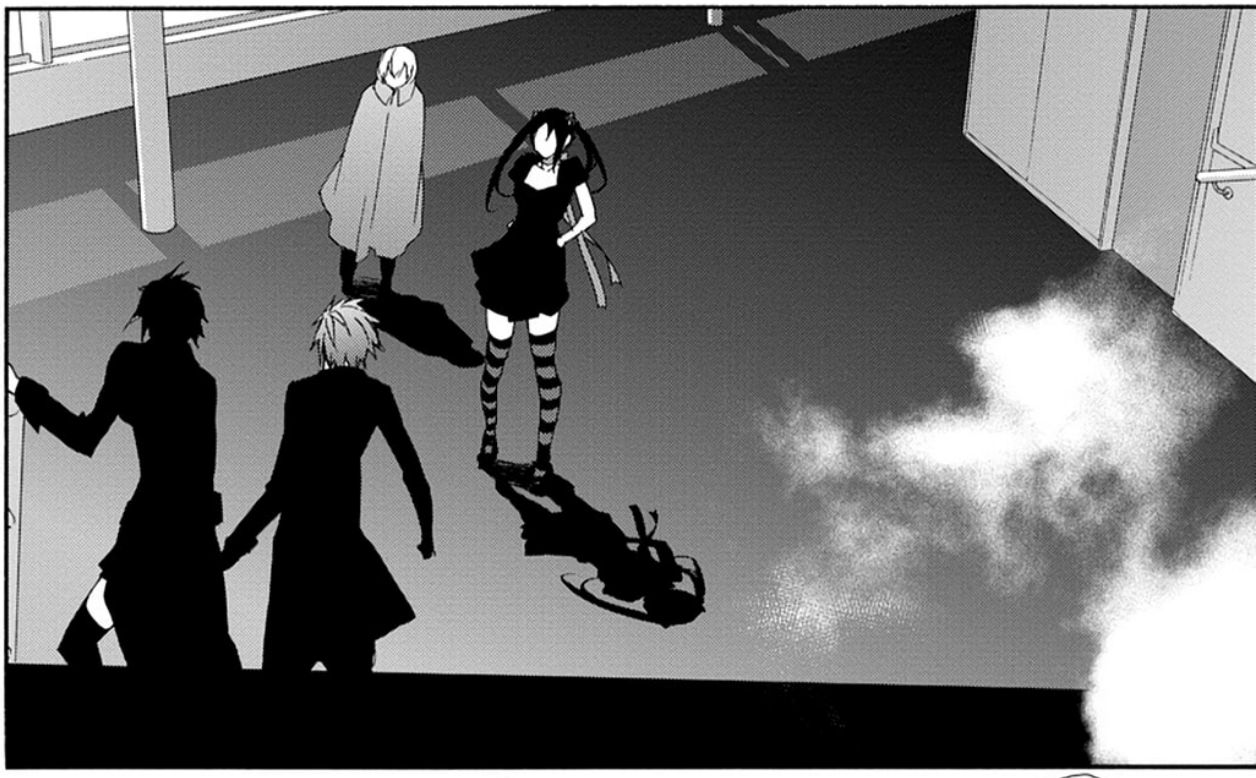

GYAAAAH!
COME ON, SEO! HOW LONG'S THIS RAMPAGE GONNA GO ON?
OH... DARN. ONE TEAM RAN AWAY.
BONK
WHAP
DASH
EEEK!
UWAH!


YOU OKAY, KU-CHAN?
YEAH!
IT'S LIKE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH BIG BROTHER.
SO FUN!
G-GUESS IT KIND OF IS LIKE HIDE-AND-SEEK...
SO SHE'S HAVING FUN...
MAYBE THAT'S MUSUBI-CHAN'S INFLUENCE ...?
RING
RING
HELLO? MINA-TAAAN?
I'VE GOT MY HANDS ON THE S.S. MINAKA'S BLUEPRINTS.
START HEADING TO THE SPOTS I DIRECT YOU TO.
R-roger that.


OKAY!
LET'S GO, KU-CHAN.
THIS WAY.
...?


KU-CHAN?
WHAT'S UP? CAN YOU KEEP MOVING?
OH, YEAH.
I'M OKAY.
BEING ON A BOAT REMINDS ME OF YUKARI.
YUKARI-CHAN?
YOUR SISTER WHO CAME TO IZUMO INN?
YUP, THAT'S THE ONE. SHE GETS TERRIBLY SEASICK...
HOW ABOUT YOU, KU-CHAN?
I'M OKAY!
AWE-SOME. LET'S KEEP GOING!
OH...
URRP.






AH CRAP.
I CAN'T TAKE THIS.


UH, HOLD ON... ARE YOU REALLY GONNA HURL?
FOR REAL?
GROSS!
HEH HEH...
WORRIED I'LL SPLASH YA?
EEEK, NO, STAY AWAY!
AH.
PLINK
DROP
YUKARI-SAN, YOUR CARD.
... AHH...
PLOP


SNAP
UGH, ENOUGH.
ENOUGH, ENOUGH, ENOUGH!
!
WHAT? NO. 13...?
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND WOMEN.
THEY START WHIMPERING AND WHINING OVER NOTHING!
BOOM


EEEK...
OUTTA THE WAY, UGLY!
BECAUSE NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PLAY...
...WITH NO. 107, HERE.
LET'S GO!


SHIINA!
YUKARI-SAN! GET BACK!
CLASH
I'M NO. 13, AME-BANE.
NOW, NO. 107, THE "REAPER SEKIREI" ...
...WE'RE GONNA HAVE OUR-SELVES A FUN, LITTLE FIGHT TO THE DEATH!


OW.
OW, OW.
E-EVERYTHING OKAY, KU-CHAN?
OKAY!
SQUEEZE
BOOM


WHAT ...?
S-SOUNDS LIKE A FIGHT. AND IT'S CLOSE BY.
...UM, BIG BROTHER.
.....
KU'S HEART'S BEEN RACING.
KU THINKS MAYBE...
...SHI-CHAN IS NEARBY...
LET'S SEE. NO. 107...
107...
SHI-CHAN...?
OH!
YOU MEAN YOUR BIG BROTHER!
HOLD UP. LEMME CHECK THE CARD FROM MBI...
...NOT HERE...
WONDER IF SHI-CHAN'S OKAY...


SHI-CHAN...
I WANNA SEE SHI-CHAN.
KU-CHAN...
IF WE WIN HERE, WE'LL DEFINITELY SEE HIM.
I KNOW YOU'LL SEE HIM AGAIN.
...IT'S OKAY!
YOUR SHI-CHAN...
...AND UZUME-SAN TOO.....
THAT'S WHY...
...EVERYONE'S TRYING THEIR HARDEST!


RIGHT?
BECAUSE, YEAH! KU'S GONNA BE THE NUMBER ONE WINNER IN THE SEKIREI PROJECT!
AND THEN, KU'S GONNA BE BIG BROTHER'S WIFE!
KU FU FU FU FU FU.
WHOA... ENOUGH OF THAT, KU-CHAN.
AND THAT LAUGH... YOU'RE TURNING INTO MATSU-SAN...!
...MM-HMM!
MM-HMM!
KU-CHAN...
RUB
RUB
KU'S NOT GONNA CRY.
NO MORE CRYING!
FWOOM


WH-WHAT THE?
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A GREAT WHILE, I SUDDENLY FELT LIKE SOME TROLLOP GOT THE DROP ON ME...
YES...!
MUSUBI FELT IT TOO...!!


I JUST REALLY HOPE WE CAN KEEP LIVING LIKE THIS.
FOOLING AROUND WITH YOU GUYS, HERE...PISSING OFF MIYA...


AH-HA-HA-HA.
YOU TWO ARE A RIOT.
I'LL NEVER GET SICK OF WATCHING YOU.


UZUME-SAN...
EVERY-ONE!
SHALL WE MAKE...
...A "SEKIREI DECLA-RATION" !?


WHAT IS THAT?
A SEKIREI DECLARATION...?
YES!
I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ...
...TO ASK YOU ALL FOR YOURS!
IF YOU WERE THE LAST SEKIREI STANDING...
...WHAT WOULD...
...EACH OF YOU DO?



Chapter 122: Each of Our Wishes


IF YOU WERE THE LAST SEKIREI STANDING ...
...WHAT WOULD...
...EACH OF YOU DO?
MY, MY.


...I...I... WOULD...
HOW CAN YOU ASK YOUR FELLOW SEKIREI A DIFFICULT QUESTION LIKE THAT SO BLUNTLY?
HUH? "BLUNTLY"?
YOU HAVE NOT AN OUNCE OF SELF-AWARENESS, DO YOU?
I WOULD ENJOY A SWEEEET, LOVEY-DOVEY LIFE WITH DEAR MINATO-KUN...! ♡♡
AND YOU CAN NEVER QUITE READ THE MOOD!
.....
REALIZE
...AH.
...IF ONE OF US HERE WERE THE LAST ONE STANDING, THAT WOULD MEAN...
...ALL THE REST OF US WOULD'VE CEASED FUNCTIONING.
UMMM, I GUESS I SHOULDN'T JINX IT, BUT...
SO YOU FINALLY CAUGHT ON!?


SO RATHER THAN LOOKING AT IT IN TERMS OF ONE OF US BEING THE FINAL SURVIVOR...
...WE SHOULD BE MORE CONCERNED WITH MAKING SURE MINA-TAN IS THE LAST STANDING ASHIKABI.
IT WON'T END UNTIL THERE'S ONLY ONE OF US LEFT. THAT RULE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GAME.
BUT IN THE END, THAT'S JUST HOW THIS SEKIREI PROJECT IS.
Yes, exactly.
SO THE ONE TO MAKE THAT "FINAL JUDGMENT" WILL BE SAHASHI...
MUSUBI ...
...LOVES MINATO-SAN!


AND I LOVE ALL OF YOU TOO.
EVEN IZUMO INN ITSELF!
TOGETHER FOREVER!
LET'S ALWAYS BE THIS WAY!
THAT'S WHAT MUSUBI'S FIGHTING FOR!!
THAT'S MY...
...SEKIREI DECLARA-TION!!


I-I WON'T LOSE TO ANY OF YOU WHEN IT COMES TO FEELINGS FOR MINATO!!
I WILL BECOME THE STRONGEST SEKIREI AND CLAIM MY PLACE BESIDE HIM.
THAT IS MY WISH— MY SEKIREI DECLARA-TION!!
BUT...IF YOU LOT WISH TO STAY ON AS CONCUBINES, I MAY JUST ALLOW IT...?
HOMU-RA!!
WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN MINATO?
HUH !?
PASSING THE BUCK TO ME!?
DAMN ...!
I'VE ACTUALLY COME TO... NOT HATE HIM... LATELY..
HUH...?
BUT WHY!?
DURING MY WING-ING
IN THE SIDE STORIES
LET ME RUB SOME CREAM ON.
IN THE AFTER-MATH
LATELY


MORE LIKE "DISEASE DECLARATION"!!
YOUR SICKNESS IS SPREADING!
I JUST WANT TO KILL MINAKA. THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH...
TH-THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, TSUKIUMI!! YOU'VE INFECTED ME!!
WHA—!?
DO NOT SPEAK OF ME AS IF I AM SOME VIRUS!
MATSU ACTUALLY ALREADY ASKED MUSUBI-TAN ABOUT HER GOALS.
AND MATSU FEELS ROUGHLY THE SAME WAY.
Are we being eavesdropped on?
WELL, MATSU'S ALWAYS FELT THAT WAY, HONESTLY.
BUT... HMPH. A SEKIREI DECLARATION, IS IT?
IF YOU'RE FORCING MATSU TO MAKE ONE...
IF MATSU'S THE LAST GAL STANDING, SHE'LL DO ALL SORTS OF NAUGHTY THINGS WITH MINA-TAN...
GUFU. GUFU. GUFUFU.
SHUDDER
ACHOO!
?
WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE...!


WE ARE COMRADES.
WE ARE RIVALS IN LOVE.
AND...
...WE HAVE THE SAME GOAL!
ENEMY
!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
BEEP
THEY REALLY DID COME...
I'D HOPED MY PREDICTION WAS WRONG, BUT...


WE EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF OUR ASHIKABI.
AND ALL THAT WE DO...
...IS SO WE CAN LIFT HIM TO NEW HEIGHTS.
TO GUIDE HIM TO KOUTEN!!


→BUZZ←
→BUZZ←
A TEXT?
!
BIG BROTHER ...?
...!
MA?
Subject: alert
We're under attack!
Just as I expected!
YEAH.
FROM MATSU-SAN...
HEY, KU-CHAN.
I'LL... NEVER QUITE UNDER-STAND.
WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD BE WORTH SO MUCH TO PEOPLE...
...TO MAKE THEM CRUSH OTHER PEOPLE'S HOPES THROUGH FORCE AND VIOLENCE?
...I JUST HOPE...
...EVERY-ONE'S...
...OKAY...!


BOOM
...WHOA.
SWAY
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S DECIDED TO RUMBLE FOR REAL.
TUG
HEY!
WHO SENT YOU?


...M—
MASTER ...
WH-WHO'S ASKING?
GET OFF HIM!
SEO!
OH...
DARN. THIS GUY HAD ANOTHER ONE.
キィィン
HUMM


LOOM
EEK...
SLUMP
TREMBLE
MY POWER... IS FADING...
WH- WHAT IS THIS...?
DON'T YOU?
...GOT SOME NICE KNOCKERS.
..... YOU'VE...
IT WAS EAST!
THE EASTERN ASHIKABI ASKED US TO DO THIS.
HE SAID IF WE TOOK DOWN NORTH AND WON THE JINKI FOR HIM, HE'D HELP US ESCAPE TEITO...
MAS- TER...
S— STOP IIIT!
SHAKE
N...
AH...


MOST OF THE GUYS ON THIS BOAT ARE WORKING FOR HIM.
NONE OF US REALLY THOUGHT WE COULD SURVIVE THIS GAME TO THE END.
WE JUST WANNA GET OUTTA TEITO AT THIS POINT ...!!
OH BOY. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BASICALLY THE VILLAINS AGAIN, HUH?
OUR METHODS ARE OBVIOUSLY PRETTY BAD...
WAIT, SEO!
WERE YOU SERIOUSLY ABOUT TO GROPE THAT OTHER SEKIREI'S BOOBS!?
HEY, YOU FIND HIM?
NAH. HE WASN'T OVER HERE.
DAMN...THAT NORTHERN ASHIKABI MANAGED TO GET AWAY.
ANYWAY, THE ONES FIGHTING DOWN BELOW...
ONE TEAM IS THE "DEMON AND REAPER," I HEAR.
WHOA... THAT'S BAD.
WE'D BETTER KEEP AWAY FROM THAT MESS...


BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
LET'S CHECK OVER THERE, I GUESS.
GLOW
GLOW
GLOW
...!?


GLOW
HEYYY.
YOU FIND SOME-THIIIING?
WE FOUND...
...A JINKI!


GLOW
WOW...
TURN
KU-CHAN?
HUMM
...?
HUH?
SOME-THING...
HEY, BIG BROTHER.
SOMETHING IS CALLING US?



Chapter 123: Melee on Deck


WH—
WHAT?
WHAT IS IT, KU-CHAN?
HMM.
LEMME SEE.
THIS WAY!
MOUSE MODE, SQUEAK!
SCAMPER
WHAT!?
H-HOLD ON!
K—
BONK
DASH
UNGGH
.....!!
.....!!!
CRINGE
Da-dada-daaah! ♪


Ladies and gentlemen of the fourth round!
The first Jinki has been found! And so soon!!
And the lucky Ashikabi iiiis...
SO THIS IS A JINKI?
WOW! SO SPARKLY, SANADA!
...this guy!!


Now! Only two Jinki remain!
But there's no telling how this will end just yet.
Because until that last one falls into an Ashikabi's hands...
...this guy!!
SANADA-SAN!
It's still anyone's game.
There could be pillag-ing!
Or plunder-ing!
NOW IT'S REALLY GETTING INTERESTING!
THIS IS HOW A REAL FESTIVAL'S GOTTA BE!
YOU'RE SO EXCITED! ♡
WOOOW. EVERYONE WANTS THE SPARKLY!


LET'S DO THIS THING!
URAAAAH!!
I-IT'S AN ALL-OUT BATTLE UP THERE.
WHIS-PERING
KU-CHAN!
WAIT UP, KU-CHAN!
THE "PLAN" ...
NOT YET, I GUESS?
BOOM
BAM


MATSU-SAN...!
P—
PLAY DEAD? THAT'S THE PLAN...?
YES.
...IS NO. 108, KU-TAN. MATSU WILL TRICK THE SYSTEM INTO THINKING NO. 108 HAS BEEN DISABLED.
THE SEKIREI MINA-TAN IS BRINGING ALONG FOR THIS ONE...
ONCE THE FOURTH ROUND BEGINS, MATSU WILL HACK INTO MBI'S SYSTEM.
THE ANNOYING PART ABOUT THIS THIRD PHASE IS HOW WE DON'T KNOW THE RULES OF EACH ROUND UNTIL IT BEGINS.
BUT WITH THIS PLAN, YOU CAN CONTINUE COOPERATING EVEN IF IT'S A FREE-FOR-ALL DEATH MATCH.
JUST STAY HIDDEN, AND NO ONE WILL FIND YOU.
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
OKAY, I GOT IT.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, MATSU-SAN.
BEAR PLAYING DEAD. ♡
BEAR! ♡
YOU TWO TAKE EVERY-THING SO LIGHTLY.
IT'S MATSU'S PLAN, BUT EVEN SHE'S A LITTLE WORRIED!
THE PROBLEM IS THE SECURITY SYSTEM PROTECTING SEKIREI DATA IS A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK.
...OF COURSE.
NO WONDER THEY'D MAKE SECURITY SO TIGHT, KNOWING A THIEF LIKE YOU IS OUT THERE.
I GET HOW MBI FEELS.
EVEN THE GREAT MATSU IS GOING TO HAVE SOME TROUBLE WITH IT.


ERROR!
POP
POP
POP
!?
EMERGENCY
BAM
...SO NEEDLESS TO SAY...
...MBI...WON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR US TO MANIPULATE THAT DATA...
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
FOR SOME REASON, THE SYSTEM MATSU PRIDES HERSELF ON IS FEELING PRETTY OMINOUS TODAY...
BEEP
!!
BEEP
WHAT IS THIS!?
WHAT HAPP—?
BEEP
...WHAT MATSU WAS UP TO...!!
BEEP
...THEY'VE FOUND OUT...
SPLASH
SPLASH
KU-CHAAAN!
KU-CHAN!


GLOW
ア ア ア...
KU-
CHA—
!
!!
HEY, BIG BROTHER.
THIS SHINY THING WAS CALLING US.
"ASHIKABI-SAAAN, SEKIREI-SAAAN."
THAT'S...
...WHAT IT SAID.


...
IT'S...
IT'S THE SECOND... JINKI...!
YOU FOUND IT...
DA-DADA-DAAAH!
BONK
SHOCK
Ladies and gents!
You wasted no time in finding the second one.
The lucky Ashikabi this time iiiis...


WHAT!?
FWIP
UH.
BIG BROTHER, YOUR PHONE.
→BZZZZ←
→BZZZZ←
A...
...CAM-ERA...
UH... UMM... MATSU-SAN...? ABOUT THAT PLAN...
I'm sorry, Mina-tan!!
The plan's failed. Ohhh...
IT'S THIS GUY!!


OPEN
UM...
WHEN YOU SAY "FAILED" ...
F-FAILED?
WAH!
THUD
AH!
OUCH.
...YOU OKAY, KU-CHAN?
OKAY!


A JINKI...
...THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI...!
A JINKI AND...
IF WE BEAT THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI...
...AND GET THAT JINKI...
...THEN WE CAN ESCAPE.
WE CAN LEAVE TEITO AND THE WHOLE SEKIREI PROJECT BEHIND.
UH-OH, SEO. LOOKS LIKE THE IZUMO INN TEAM IS IN TROUBLE.
SHIT. WHERE'D THAT IDIOT RUN OFF TO?
DON'T HOLD THIS AGAINST US, NORTHERN ASHIKABI!!
GRRR.
KU-CHAN...


GET BACK, PLEASE!
HUH...?


WAR DANCE ...
...BLOOM PRIN-CESS!!
SLASH

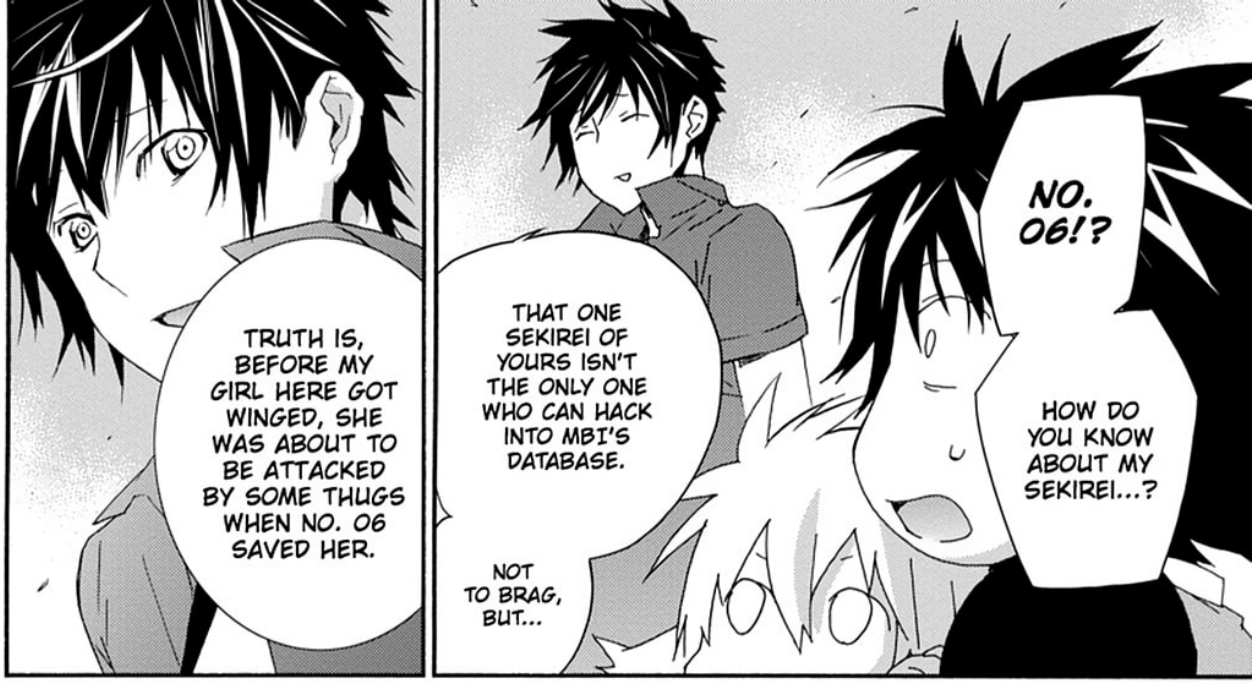

YOU MAY BE FELLOW SEKIREI, BUT IF YOU WOULD RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST THIS LITTLE ONE...
...THEN I, NO. 87, KAHO, CANNOT FORGIVE YOU!!
WHOA!
...IS...
...THAT ...??
WH—
WHO...

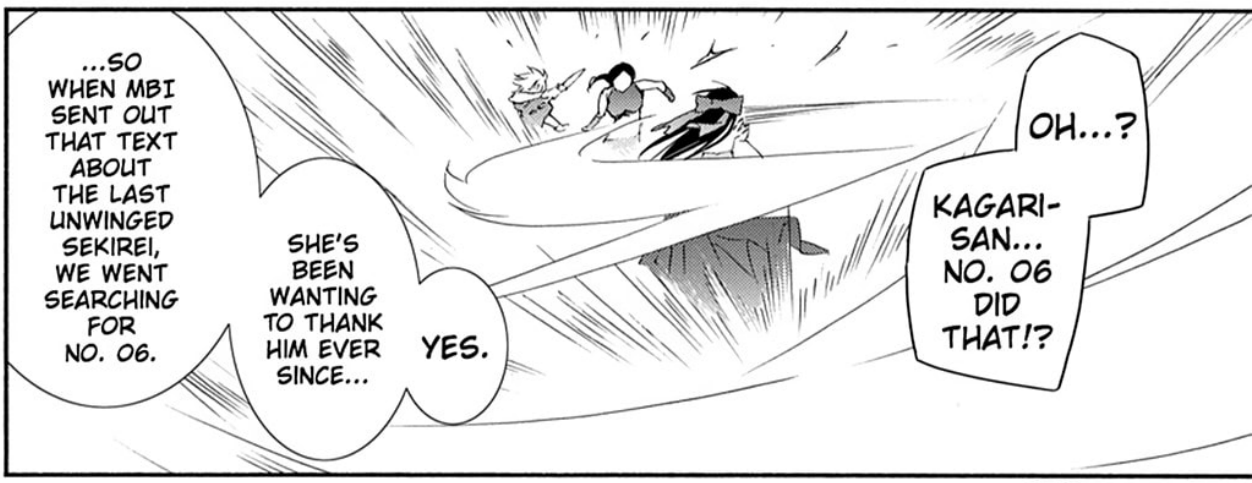


Chapter 124: No. 87


I HOLD NO GRUDGE AGAINST ANY OF YOU...
...BUT IT IS OUR FATE AS SEKIREI TO FIGHT.


...TASTE THE CONVICTION OF MY BLADE!!
NOW...
YOU. NORTHERN ASHIKABI.
YOU'RE SAHASHI-SAN, RIGHT?
NO. 06'S MASTER?


NO. 06!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY SEKIREI...?
THAT ONE SEKIREI OF YOURS ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HACK INTO MBI'S DATABASE.
NOT TO BRAG, BUT...
TRUTH IS, BEFORE MY GIRL HERE GOT WINGED, SHE WAS ABOUT TO BE ATTACKED BY SOME THUGS WHEN NO. 06 SAVED HER.


OH...?
KAGARI-SAN... NO. 06 DID THAT!?
YES.
SHE'S BEEN WANTING TO THANK HIM EVER SINCE...
...SO WHEN MBI SENT OUT THAT TEXT ABOUT THE LAST UNWINGED SEKIREI, WE WENT SEARCHING FOR NO. 06.


WE LEARNED SOMEONE NAMED "SAHASHI" ENDED UP WINGING HIM...
...AND I LATER DISCOVERED SAHASHI HAD ALSO WINGED NO. 88, 108, 02, 09, AND 03... THOSE FIVE OTHERS TOO.
WE CAME HERE TODAY IN THE HOPES OF MEETING NO. 06.
IMAGINE OUR SHOCK TO FIND YOU—SAHASHI-SAN—WITH ONLY THAT LITTLE ONE, THERE.
AND WE GOT THIS WEIRD TEXT FROM "EAST" RIGHT BEFORE THE FOURTH ROUND TOO.


HAH!
SLASH


FSSHH


.....
LOOKS LIKE THE FIGHT IS OVER.
WE CAUGHT SIGHT OF YOU SOON AFTER BOARDING THIS SHIP.
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO AN ASHIKABI, IT COULD VERY WELL LEAD TO THEIR SEKIREI BEING TERMINATED.
NATURALLY, WE WANT TO THANK KAHO'S SAVIOR, NO. 06, BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
...MUSUBI-CHAN... AND THEN, KU-CHAN...
YOU HELPED US ALL, KAGARI-SAN.
...SO ALL THE GOOD KAGARI-SAN DID...
...WASN'T FOR NOTHING, AFTER ALL.
OH, SHE'S ALSO MENTIONED HOW MUCH SHE WANTS TO FIGHT NO. 88.
SHE'S THAT EAGER ABOUT IT, HUH!?


WAIT... WH-WHY NO. 88??
OH? YOU DON'T KNOW?
BACK WHEN NO. 87 AND 88 WERE YOUNG, THEY GOT KIDNAPPED TOGETHER.
DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER...?
MUSUBI WAS KIDNAPPED.
THE "KAMIKURA ISLAND INCIDENT."
IT WAS THE NASTIEST INVASION MBI HAD TO DEAL WITH...
...AND THOSE TWO WERE THE VICTIMS.


ON THAT DAY, NO. 88... MUSUBI AND I—
WE BOTH SWORE ON YUME-SAMA'S NAME.
SWORE THAT, ONCE WE FOUND SOMEONE TO LOVE AND WING US, WE WOULD BECOME STRONGER THAN ANYONE.
SO THEN, WHICHEVER OF US REMAINED AT THE END OF IT ALL...
...SHE COULD FREE ALL THE SEKIREI WITH BROKEN WINGS ...
...AND RELEASE THEM INTO THE SKY.
MUSUBI... CHAN...


Da-dada-daaah!!
KEEP QUIET WHEN I'M FIGHT-ING!
IF WE CAN'T GET OUR HANDS ON THE THIRD ONE QUICKLY...
WHOA... THIS IS BAD, AMEBANE.
WE NEVER EXPECTED TWO OF THEM TO BE FOUND THIS QUICKLY.
FLAP
I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT ANY OF THAT.
I'M HAVING TOO MUCH FUN RIGHT NOW!


S-SO MEAN...
I SAID TO SHUT YOUR YAP! OR DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME, YOU DUMB BITCH!?
NOT TO MENTION, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A FIGHT FOR THE JINKI.
I WANT THE HONOR THAT COMES WITH IT...
B-BUT...!
IF WE CAN'T GET AHOLD OF A JINKI, THEN...
WHAT'S WITH THE S&M VIBE?
URP.
I'M NOT A PIG...
NOOO, SO MEAN.
SHADDUP, YOU GROSS PIG!!
B-BUT I STILL LIKE YOU, AMEBANE! WAAAH!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HATE HER.
HUH?
DO YOU ALWAYS TREAT YOUR ASHIKABI LIKE THIS?
...YOU...


BUT UNLESS WE GET WINGED, WE CAN'T USE OUR FULL POWERS, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY I BONDED WITH THIS BITCH.
I SURE DO!
.....
I REALLY HATE SEKIREI LIKE YOU.
I THINK...
...IT'S TIME I GOT SERIOUS.



Chapter 125: Demon and Reaper


DEATH FLOWER!
FOOM
BLAST
FSSHH
HEH-HEH. "SERIOUS"?
YES, YES!
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT...


...ANY OTHER WAY!!
BOOM
TCH...
SHIINA !!


THIS OPPONENT IS A MARTIAL ARTIST WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES TO BOOT...
SHIINA CAN CANCEL OUT THOSE ABILITIES WITH HIS OWN, BUT...
...HE'S GOT NO WAY TO FIGHT HAND-TO-HAND... OH NO!
SHIINA !!
...IT'S OKAY.


THIS ISN'T LIKE BACK THEN.
OUR HEARTS ARE TRULY BONDED NOW.
I CAN'T LOSE.
SHIINA .....
EEK...
YANK
TO SEKIREI, ASHIKABI ARE NOTHING BUT TOOLS TO BE USED.
HMPH! NAUSE-ATING.
SEE? JUST LIKE THIS!


MM...


ONLY THING APPEALING ABOUT HIM IS HIS FACE!
SHEESH...
THIS SEKIREI'S A PIECE OF WORK...
...YUKARI-SAN...
...LET'S USE MY NORITO TOO.


HUH?
OH...
R-RIGHT. SURE!


SHIINA...


POW
EEK!
...AME-BANE...
BY THE FIST OF MY CONTRACT ...
...CRUSH THE FOES...
CLENCH
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
LET'S FINISH THIS...
...NO. 107!!


I'M NO. 107, SHIINA.
...BUT TO YOU—
I'M YOUR REAPER.


WH-
WHAT IS IT,
KU-CHAN?
TWITCH
.....
SHI-CHAN.
SHI-CHAN'S
HERE...!
MEGAFIST!!


...THE CROSS OF MY ASHIKABI...!
...ROT AWAY...
BY THE CORPSE OF MY CONTRACT ...
DEATH WINGS.
...AND LULL YOU INTO SWEET SLUMBER.
TATTER
!?
WHA—?
THESE DEATH WINGS WILL ENVELOP YOU.


WAH...
AH...
—GOOD NIGHT.


...GOT US!!
THEY...
That means we can't rely on support from MBI's spy satellites or space lasers.
We're also cut off from the cameras around Izumo Inn and the neighborhood ...!
Matsu will try to get it back up as soon as possible...
Matsu's system was attacked. It's down...!
Yes, indeed, but that's a harsh way to put iiit!
...DOES THIS MEAN "EAST" HAS A SEKIREI WHO'S JUST AS ANNOYINGLY SNEAKY WITH TECH AS YOU, MATSU?



Chapter 126: When a Game's Not a Game


ACHOO!
...I FEEL AS THOUGH SOMEONE SOMEWHERE IS SPEAKING ILL OF ME...
MBI
MBI
MBI
...MASTER.
NO. 02'S SYSTEM IS DOWN.
VERY GOOD.
STAND BY FOR NOW.
Under-stood.


TIME TO CLAIM A JINKI OR TWO.
NOW'S OUR CHANCE.
...HIGA-SAMA.
WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM!?
WE MERELY NEED TO DEFEAT WHICHEVER ENEMY HAS "DOWNED" MATSU!
It's not Matsu. It's Matsu's system...
MATSU-SAN, WHAT ABOUT THE PLAY-DEAD-BEAR PLAN?


I-I'M ASHAMED TO SAY...
...THAT MATSU'S FAILED THERE TOO...!
FOR MATSU, OF ALL PEOPLE, TO FALL SO LOW...
...BUT THEY HAVE SEO-TAN AND THE OTHERS WITH THEM. THEY SHOULD BE OKAY...
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
...MINATO-SAN...
PLEASE ...
...BE SAFE...!


EVERY-ONE!
THIS IS A SEKIREI PROCLA-MATION!
JUST AS MINATO-SAN WISHES...
...SO DO I WISH!


WE WILL ABSOLUTELY PROTECT IZUMO INN!
I WON'T LOSE EITHER.
BIG SIS TOO.
...I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS, BUT YOU BUNCH SURE ARE HOT-BLOODED...
THERE'S HARDLY A NEED FOR A "PROCLA-MATION."
I WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE!!
NATU-RALLY!


...!
—HERE THEY COME.


YOU BUNCH KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, RIGHT?
TMP
OOH...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE EXPECTING US.
WELL, GIVEN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, NO WONDER.
THE JINKI.
HAND THEM OVER.


THE RESIDENCES SURROUNDING IZUMO INN HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED...
...SO FIGHT THEM ...
...TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT!
WE WON'T LET YOU HAVE THEM!


SEKIREI OF WATER!
SEEMS TO ME YOU TOOK DOWN A BUNCH OF MY ALLIES...
...SO NOW I'M GONNA PAY YOU BACK FOR EACH ONE.
BUT IT WAS YOUR ASHIKABI...
...WHO UNDERHANDEDLY MANIPULATED AN ALLY OF MINE.
THAT CANNOT BE FORGIVEN!!
WATER FESTIVAL!
SPLASH


NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
...!
FOOM

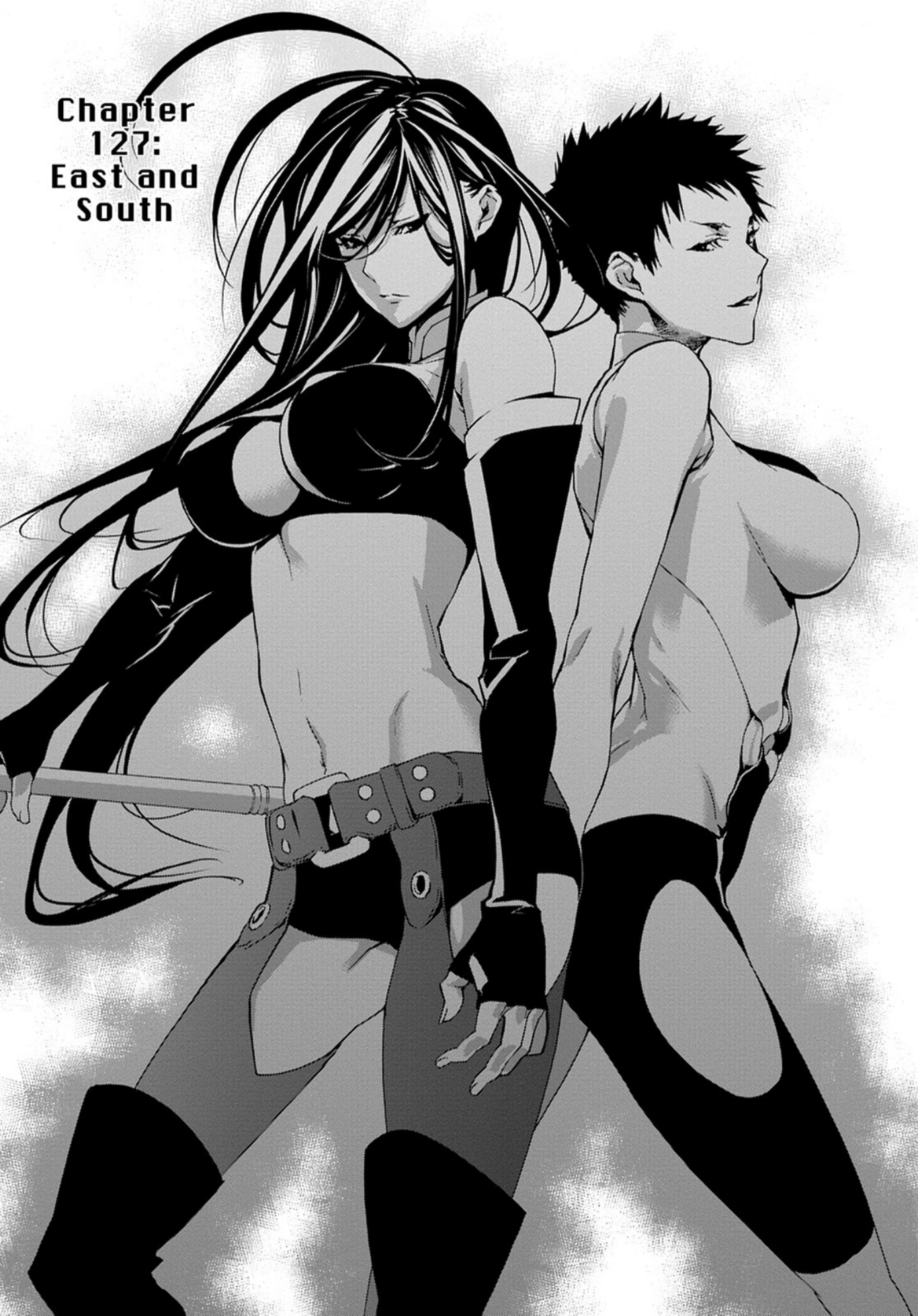

KAZE-HANA...
SO MANY WEAK POINTS, PANTIES-IN-FULL-VIEW-CHAN!
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
EVERY-ONE.
!
ALLOW ME TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR.
YOU WILL BY NO MEANS LEAVE ONE SCRATCH ON IZUMO INN. ♡


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IS THAT...
...UNDER-STOOD?
YES!


HIGA-SAMA.
WE OUGHT TO END THIS WITH A NORITO OR TWO BEFORE MBI REALIZES WHAT'S HAPPENING...
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD.
BONK
WHA—?
HMM? THERE WAS A CAR STOPPED IN THE ROAD AHEAD OF US...?
GUESS WE DIDN'T NOTICE IT, HASEGAWA!
INDEED, YOUNG MASTER.
RIGHT! I MEAN, WHY WOULD AN ASHIKABI'S CAR BE STOPPED HERE, OF ALL PLACES—?


OPEN
I BELIEVE I ASKED YOU A FAVOR A WHILE BACK.
THAT YOU NOT GO AND SCREW UP THIS GAME.
...SO IT'S YOU, BRAT...
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND GROWN-UPS!

Chapter 127: East and South




THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND GROWN-UPS!


YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS SO CLOSED-MINDED.
ALWAYS LIVING BY THE RULES OF YOUR OWN NARROW WORLD!
...AND ASHIKABI TOO!
SEKIREI...
HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED THAT THEY'RE "NONSTANDARD PRODUCTS"?
.....WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
JUST THAT I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR EVERY THOUGHT...
...HIGA-SAN OF THE EAST!


BEAR
...


...FIST !!
TCH...


WATER DRAGON !!
BURST
HMPH! THAT BIG, OLD THING...
SPLASH
...CAN'T HIT ME!
...!
WHOOSH


FOOM
TURN
CLASH
CLASH
FLOWER WHIRL-WIND.


I'M NO. 62, KAIE.
HERE I COME.
OH MY.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE MY OPPONENT, THEN?




JINKI... PLEASE GIVE US THE JINKI.
MUMBLE
PLEASE GIVE THEM TO USSS.
MUMBLE
IF YOU DON'T...
MUMBLE
IF YOU DON'T, THEN I'LLLL...


...HAVE TO...
...CARVE YOU INTO ITTY-BITTY PIECESSS.
...I ALSO WON'T LET YOU HAVE THE JINKI.
I MADE A PROMISE TO MY ASHIKABI. PLUS—
FLIK
I CAN'T LET YOU PAST HERE.
BECAUSE OTHER-WISE...
THERE'S A SCARY HANNYA...
...WHO'LL PUNISH ME.


YOU'RE, UH...
...THE HEIR TO THAT CONGLOMERATION, RIGHT?
YOU TRIED TO REORGANIZE THE STIFF, OLD-FASHIONED CORPORATE STRUCTURE.
OR SO I HEAR.
BUT YOU COULDN'T DO IT, RIGHT?
'COS THE OLD FAMILIES WHO MAKE UP THAT STRUCTURE SHUT YOU OUT.
THEY EVEN FORCED YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE WHOLE SEKIREI PROJECT AGAINST YOUR WILL, YEAH?
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON PEOPLE WITH CONNECTIONS.
MY MAMA RUNS A CORPORATE CONSULTING FIRM, SO I KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS KIND OF STUFF.
BUT TO YOU, SEKIREI...
...ARE NO MORE THAN TOOLS YOU CAN USE TO FIND OUT YOUR RIVALS' SECRETS.
...LISTEN, BRAT!
DON'T TALK AS IF YOU ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T GET IT!


...AND THINKING THAT'S ALL THERE IS.
BEING BORN INTO THAT SMALL, SMALL WORLD...
SO I REMEMBER WHAT THAT'S LIKE.
'COS I COME FROM A SPOILED BACKGROUND TOO.
A CHANCE TO JUST BE ME, INSTEAD OF THE ME EVERYONE ELSE WANTED.
BUT THEN, I STUMBLED ON A CHANCE.
SEKIREI GAVE ME THAT CHANCE.
!?
SPLASH
PEW
WATER ARROW !!


A JINKI!!
SWF
YOU'RE GONNA ...
...GIMME THAT!
CLASH
!?
IF YOU STIR THIS ONE TO ACTION, IT'S GAME OVER FOR EVERYONE.
DON'T LAY A FINGER ON NO. 01.


BE GOOD AND RETREAT NOW, PAWN OF "EAST."
MY ASHIKABI DOESN'T MUCH FEEL LIKE LETTING THE GAME END.
EVEN MATSU DIDN'T EXPECT THIS DEVEL-OPMENT...!!
OH? THIS IS A FAMILIAR FACE.
"SOUTH" !?
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?

Chapter 128: Old Squad Reunion




FU-FU. IT'S BEEN AGES, MUTSU.
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
...YEAH.
AND YOU'RE AS TERRIFYING AS EVER...
...NO. 01.
MY, MY. IF IT ISN'T MUTSU-CHAN.
WHOOSH
WHY HAVEN'T YOU WRITTEN, DEAR?
YOU'RE ONE TO JUDGE, DRUNK-ARD.
Mutsu-tan, Mutsu-tan, I've been dying to ask you!
HAA. HAA.
How'd you end up with a boy Ashikabi? Ku-fu-ku-fu-ku-fu.
DON'T TALK TO ME, PERVERT.
THE NORTHERN HANNYA IS NO. 01...!?
THEN THERE'S SOUTH'S NO. 05... AND NORTH'S NO. 02 AND 03...

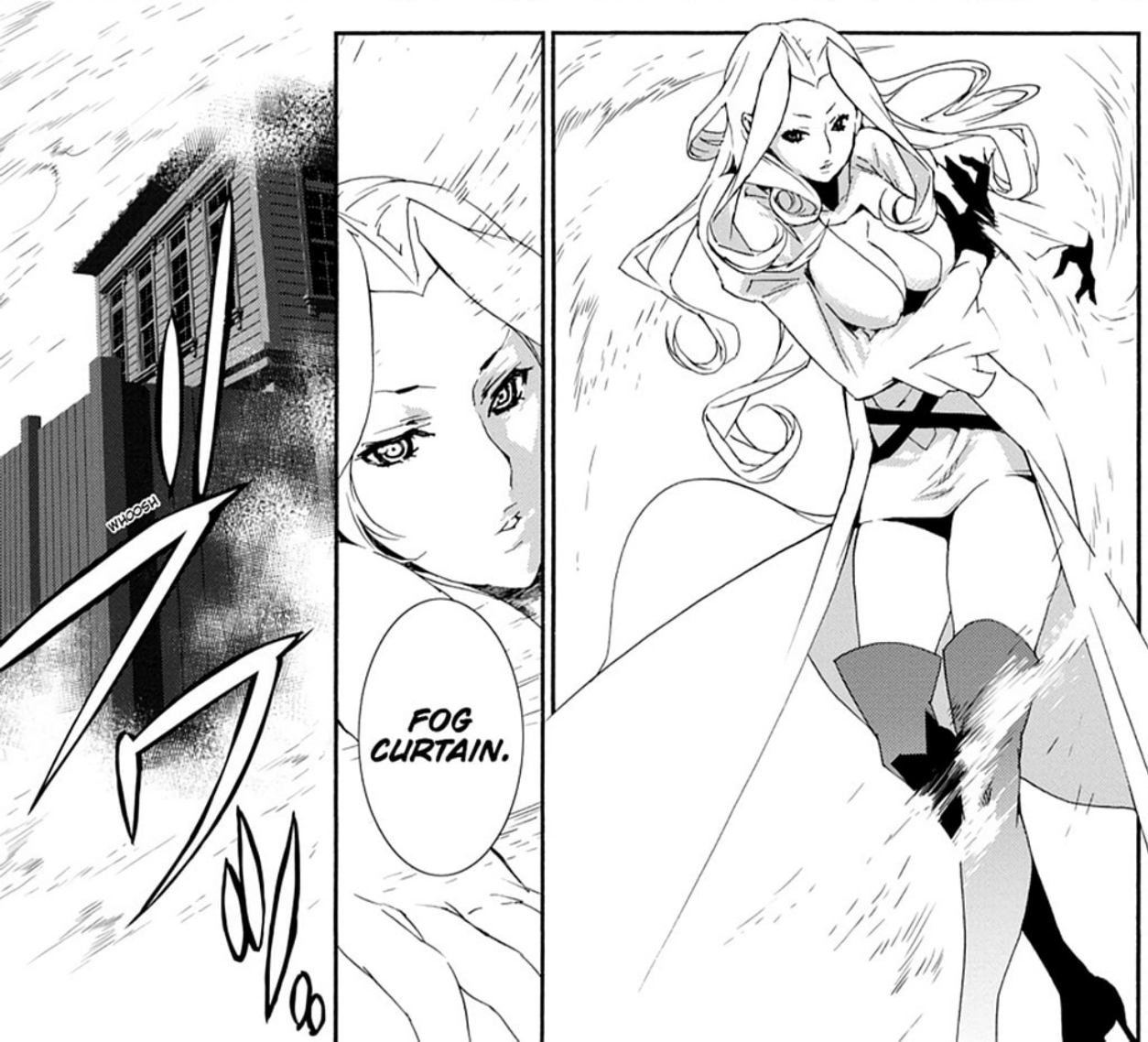

IT'S THE FORMER DISCIPLINARY SQUAD.....!!
I'VE HEARD IT'S BEST NOT TO PICK FIGHTS WITH SINGLE NUMBERS.
SHIT...IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE OLD FRIENDS.
IF YOU ATTACK NO. 01, THEN I WILL HAVE TO FACE YOU.
AND AT THAT MOMENT, EAST WILL HAVE MADE ENEMIES OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH.
OLD FRIENDS? HEARING THAT MAKES ME SICK.
NO FRIENDS OF MINE HERE.
YOU'RE AWFUL, MUTSU! JUST AWFUL!
WAIT.
YOU—!


WATER FESTIVAL !!
SPLASH
I'M SORRY FOR LETTING HER GET THIS FAR!
ARE YOU OKAY, LANDLADY-DONO!?
YES.
U-FU-FU. BUT, TSUKIUMI-SAN—

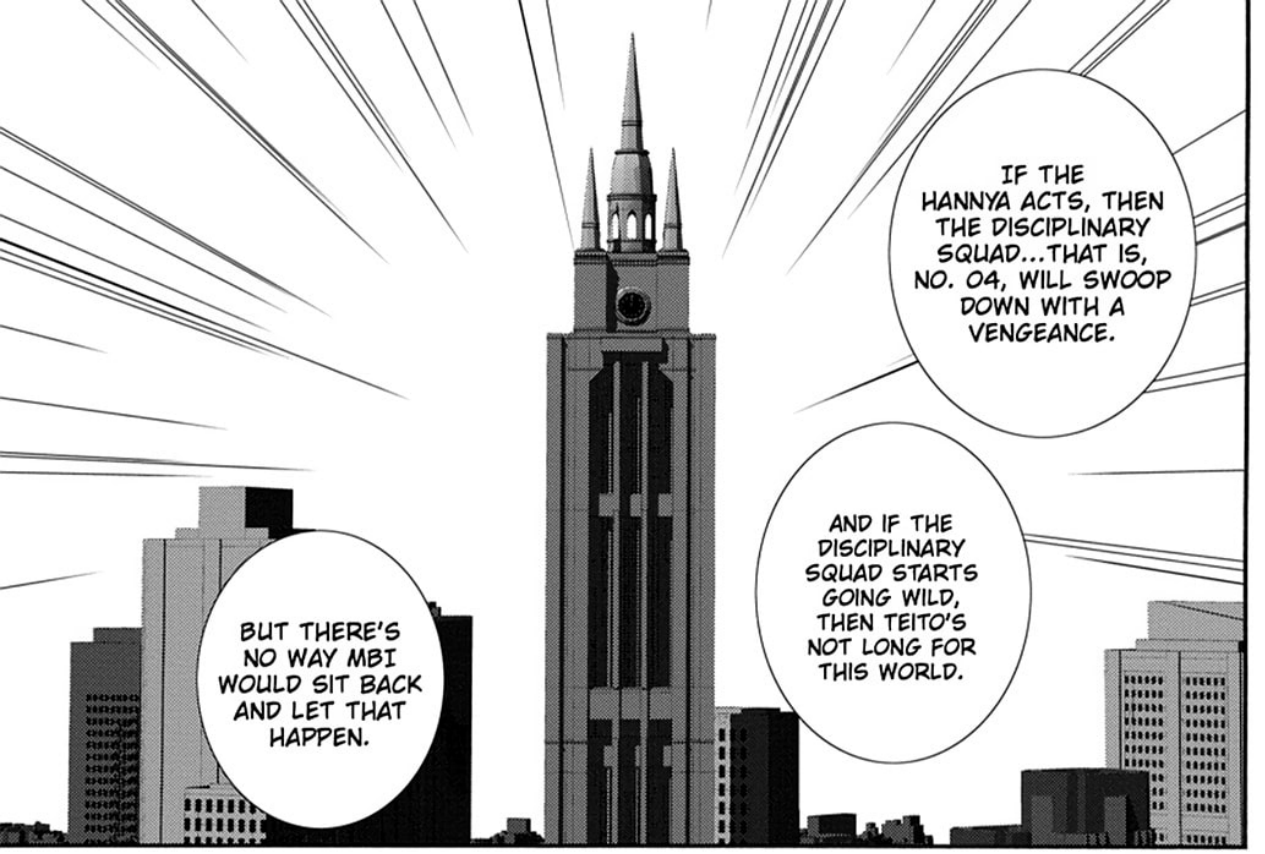

THE FENCE.
S-SORRY, LANDLADY-DONO!!
I PUT A BIT TOO MUCH POWER IN THAT LAST ATTACK ...!
U-FU-FU. JUST BE SURE TO PATCH IT UP LATER.
B—
BUT, LAND-LADY-DONO...
THIS IS...
YOU'VE DAM-AGED !!!IT.
...ONE OF SOUTH'S SEKIREI!!
WHY HAVE YOU COME ...?
DOES SOUTH ALSO SEEK THE JINKI?
OH, IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
I SEE. THE OLD DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD...
RELAX.
HE'S AN OLD FRIEND.
This former Disciplinary Squad member knows how scary Miya-tan can be, so he won't try anything foolish!
MY ASHIKABI WON'T GO BREAKING RULES THE WAY EAST DOES.




PERSONALLY, I DON'T LIKE BAD ENDINGS.
I JUST DON'T.


WHOOSH
FOG CURTAIN.


SO YOU'RE MAKING NORTH YOUR ALLY, SOUTH?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
I ACTUALLY HATE THAT NORTHERN ASHIKABI TOO!
BUT MY MUTSU WAS TELLING ME ABOUT HOW THERE'S SOMEONE *HERE* WE'D BETTER NOT PISS OFF.
...!?
...DON'T FEEL TOO BAD. I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN EITHER IF I DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE NUMBER.
ANYWAY, IF YOU ATTACK THIS PLACE...
...THEN THE NORTHERN HANNYA— YOU'VE HEARD OF HER, RIGHT?—
SHE'LL BE FORCED TO ACT.
LIKE I SAID, SEKIREI ARE NON-STANDARD PRODUCTS.


IF THE HANNYA ACTS, THEN THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD...THAT IS, NO. 04, WILL SWOOP DOWN WITH A VENGEANCE.
AND IF THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD STARTS GOING WILD, THEN TEITO'S NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD.
BUT THERE'S NO WAY MBI WOULD SIT BACK AND LET THAT HAPPEN.


LIKE I SAID BEFORE ...
I DON'T LIKE BAD ENDINGS.
I WANT THIS GAME TO KEEP GOING.
THEN WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL BECOME OF THE SEKIREI PROJECT?


WHY'D YOU TARGET THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI?
THAT'S WHY YOU STAND IN MY WAY.
...I GET IT.
I'VE GOT ONE QUESTION FOR YOU.
...BUT, WELL...
EXACTLY!


IF IT'S JUST JINKI YOU'RE AFTER, THEN WHY NOT COME AFTER ME?
OR—JOINING THE FOURTH ROUND WOULD'VE GIVEN YOU AS GOOD A SHOT AS ANYONE.
IS IT ALL 'COS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE THIRD ROUND?
OR MAYBE ...
...YOU'RE JEALOUS OF THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI?
...WHAT WAS THAT?
AH!
YOU WERE BORN INTO SIMILAR CIRCUM-STANCES, BUT...
...YOUR BACKGROUND AND THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU HAVE GIVEN YOU NOTHING BUT GRIEF.
YOUR FACE GIVES IT ALL AWAY.
MEANWHILE, HE'S NOT AFFECTED AT ALL BY ANY OF THAT...
AND HE'S A TWO-TIME ROUNIN, TO BOOT.
THAT'D MAKE ANYONE ANGRY, RIIIGHT?


...FOR A GUY WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE AN ADULT, THAT REACTION SEEMS PRETTY CHILDISH, NO?
HEY, MAN, I GET IT!
BUT...
CHILDISH ...?
...I SUPPOSE I REALLY DO.
HMPH ...
...RIGHT. I DO HATE HIM.


BUT AS A PLAYER IN THIS GAME, YOU'RE NOT WRONG.
IN FACT, I REALLY LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU.
IF YOU ONLY EVER THINK ABOUT GROWN-UP STUFF LIKE PROFIT AND LOSS, YOU GET TRAPPED BY THE RULES OF SOCIETY!
NOTHING IN THAT WORLD OF YOURS WILL EVER REALLY CHANGE.
TRY LOOKING AT THINGS AGAIN, FROM A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW.
LIKE CEO MINAKA.
BECAUSE WE'RE ASHIKABI, AFTER ALL!


Chapter 129: Where Strength Comes From
SHING
SHING
HEH HEH.
SER-PENT BLAZE ...
KAGARI-SAAAN.


ROAR
UNDER-STOOD ...?
MOST OF THE RESIDENCES AROUND HERE ARE MADE OF WOOD, INCLUDING MY OWN...!
SO I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BE AS CAREFUL AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE...!
...BUT... WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.
ARE YOU SAYING .....
...THAT, BASICALLY, I CAN'T FIGHT BACK?
SHING
SHING
...!
WHOOSH
FLOWER WHIRL-WIND.


FWOOMP
RAZOR-WIND WHIP.
OOH.
YOU'RE ACTUALLY NOT BAD!
POW
SPIN


POW
!
SMASH
OW, OW, OW!
ACK!
MUSUBI-SAAAN?
DID I JUST HEAR ROOF TILES BREAKING ...?
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M SORRY!! LANDLADY-SAMA!!!


HAA...
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE REPAIRS LATER...!
HAA...
...
YOU'RE...
...PRETTY STRONG...!
BUT IT'S JUST GETTING ME FIRED UP!!
...!?
THE BEAR INSIDE MUSUBI IS GETTING REALLY ANGRY.
SHE'S ABOUT TO GO WILD!!


WHAT ARE YOU!!?
GLITTER
SHUDDER
YOU... WHAT?
GLOW
HAND!
!
WHAT THE...!?
OF!


THE!
BEAR!!


WHA—?
BAM


LET ME START BY SAYING THIS.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR WEAK SEKIREI.
MY "CONTRACT" WITH YOU IS LIKE A BUSINESS AGREEMENT.
THAT'S WHY, FROM THE DAY WE WERE WINGED BY HIM...
...WE'VE STRIVED TO BE STRONG. STRIVED TO FIGHT.
THAT'S WHY WE'VE TRIED SO HARD.
ESPECIALLY ME, NO. 16, AND ICHIYA, NO. 18, BECAUSE WE WERE EARLY ARRIVALS.
WE SHOWED EXTRA INITIATIVE, SINCE WE FINISHED OUR MODIFICATIONS AND GOT RELEASED INTO TEITO EARLY ON.
SO HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
WHAT IS SHE?
HOW IS SHE SO STRONG?


IT'S LOVE!
MUSUBI HAS WHAT YOU DON'T...
AND THAT'S ...
...LOVE!


THEY'RE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE.
YOUR SEKIREI, THAT IS.
IF, AFTER ALL THIS, YOU STILL WON'T RETREAT ...
...I'M GONNA HAVE TO SEND IN THESE TWO.
HONESTLY, MY MUTSU ALONE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TAKE OUT YOUR SEKIREI IF HE GOT SERIOUS.
I CAN TELL!
ALL OF YOUR CURRENT PAWNS ARE HERE, RIGHT?
NOT COUNTING ANY FROM YOUR FOUR-EYED LACKEY OVER THERE.
SO WILL YOU TAKE THE ROUTE OF A BORING "HUMAN" AND LOSE IT ALL HERE?
OR LET THE GAME GO ON AS A PROPER ASHIKABI?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS...
...HIGA-SAN OF THE EAST.


WAIT!
WAIT, KU-CHAN.
WHERE'RE YOU RUNNING OFF TO?
HOLD UP.
KU-CHAN!?
HE'S HERE!
...HUH?
SHI-CHAN IS ON THIS BOAT!
...KU?


YUP! SOMEWHERE ON THIS BIG BOAT!
BIG BROTHER SHI-CHAN IS HERE.
KU CAN TELL!
!
YOUR BIG BROTHER, KU-CHAN...?
NO. 107 IS HERE!?
YOU MEAN IT, SHIINA!?
YES! I KNOW FOR SURE.
SOMEHOW, I JUST SENSED KU'S PRESENCE...
...SHE'S SOMEWHERE UP ABOVE!



Chapter 130: Sekirei Pride


!
HOLD ON... KU-CHAN.
HEY!
WH-WHERE? WHERE IS HE?
NO. 107...?
MASTER!
THAT'S GOTTA BE THE "REAPER" ...
I'VE MADE IT THIS FAR...
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, I WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT PUTTING UP A FIGHT...!
SAME HERE...


FU-FU.
WELL SAID!
THAT'S THE SEKIREI WAY.
I WILL GLADLY ...
...FACE YOU!!


OH BOY.
TIME FOR ROUND TWO, I GUESS.
WAAH!
OOH!
SEO-SAN? SANADA-SAN?
GUESS SOMEONE'S GOING ALL-OUT UP ON DECK.
THUD
!!
URAAAH!
POW
FEH!


SO FUN! ♡
YAY!
EEK!
HIYAH!
WHOA!
YOUR NORITO, YOSUGA!
RIGHT!
TCH...


...THE FOES OF MY ASHIKABI ...!
.....BY THE ARM OF MY CONTRACT ...
...BIND UP...
HERE I COME!
I'M NO. 44, YOSUGA.
ALL RIGHT!
WE CAN USE NORITO TOO!!


OKAAAY!
COME HERE, MY LOVELIES! ♡♡
SMACK
むちゅ♥
SMOOCH♥ (×3♥)
(×3♥)


BY THE...
...HEEL OF MY CONTRACT ...
...ELBOW OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SLEEVE OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SMASH ALL THE WALLS...
...FOR MY ASHIKABI!

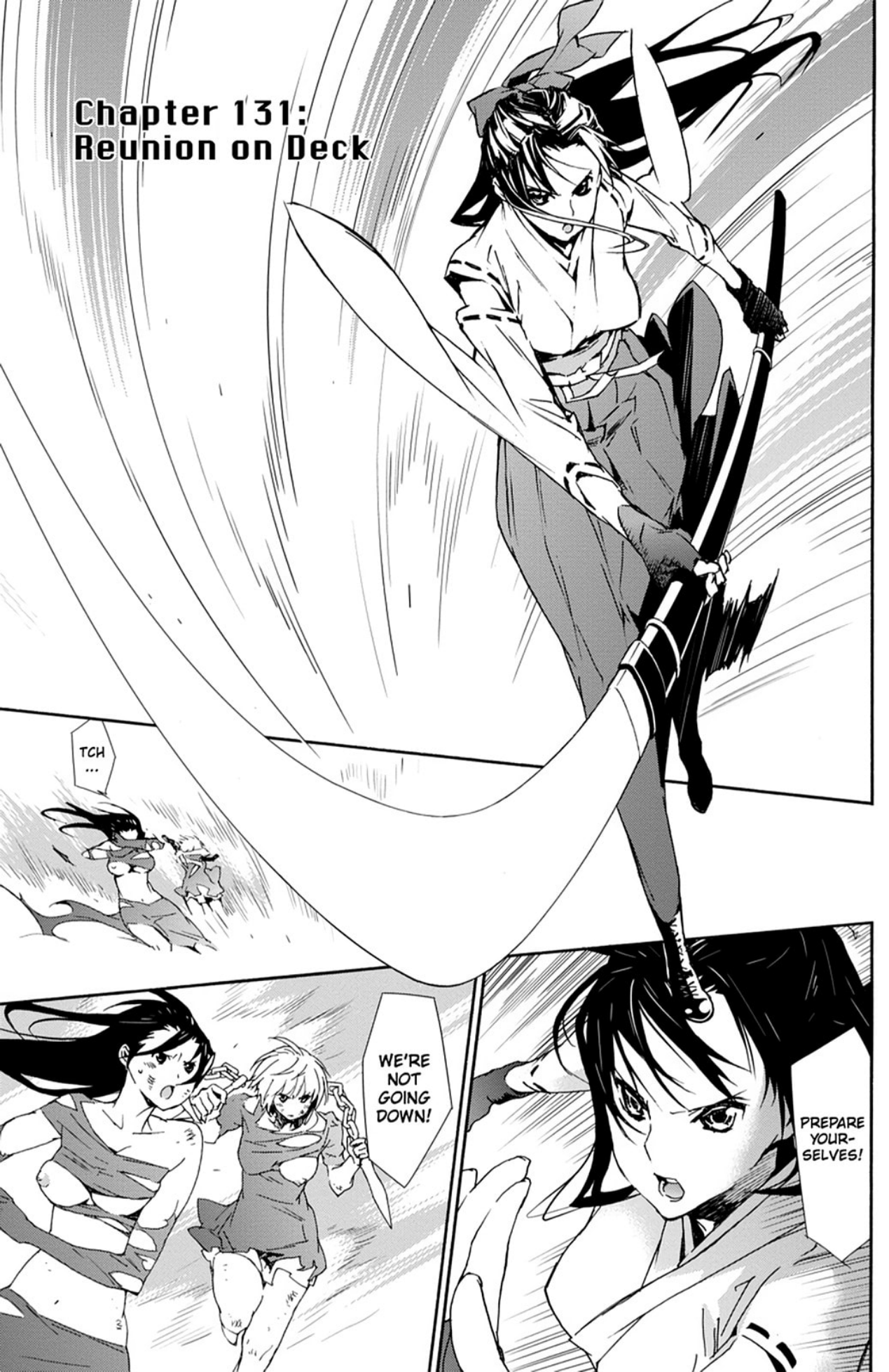

LET'S BREAK THEM!
LET'S CRUSH THEM!
INTO LITTLE BITS!
TCH!
KAPOW


OOH ...
WHOA ...
THUD
THUD
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
AHH!
N-NO, KU-CHAN! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!!
THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER THERE...!
SLIP
AH!
ROLL
ROLL
CLUNK
GOTTA GET THE JINKI!
NO, IT'S DAN-GER-OUS!
I SAID NO, KU-CHAN!!
SORRY, SORRY...!
IT-IT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY! UGH!!
SQUEEZING A LITTLE KID AND MAKING HER CRY...


...UM?
GET OFFA...
YOU PER-VERT !!
POW
BU FA H!
...KU-CHAN!

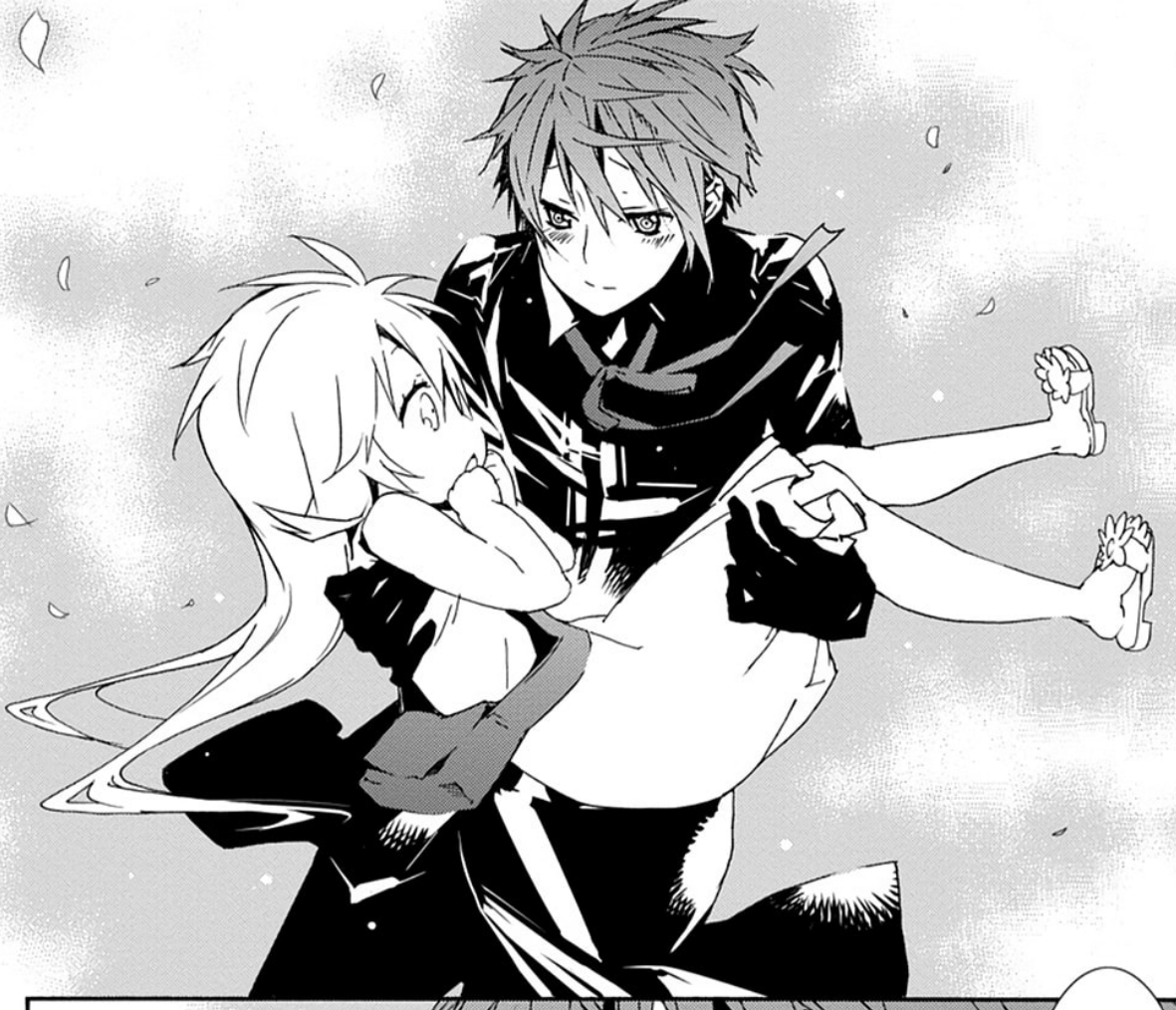

THAT FACE...
...HUH?
...LOOKS FAMILIAR...
WH—
WHA —?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY BODY...?

Chapter 131: Reunion on Deck




CLUNK
TAP
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL


SILENT
SMASH
SPIRAL
SPLAT
...
HUH...?
KU.....
FWUMP




...FINALLY FOUND YOU.


THANK GOOD-NESS.
I'M SO GLAD...
...YOU'VE BEEN SAFE...


HIC.
SHI-CHAA—
HIC.
SHI-CHA—
HIC, HIC.
SHI-CHAAAN!
WAAAH!
WAAH!
I MISSED YOU!
I MISSED YOU SO MUCH, SHI-CHAAAN!







WAIT! HOLD ON, YUKARI!! YOU'RE NOT ACQUAINTANCES WITH ANY PERVERTS, RIGHT!?

WAIT, WHAT? BUT IF I FOLLOW THIS TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION...



THAT'S RIGHT. ♡ MUST'VE BEEN MY IMAGINATION! ♡ AND THAT WASN'T HIS VOICE! ♡ I'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! ♡

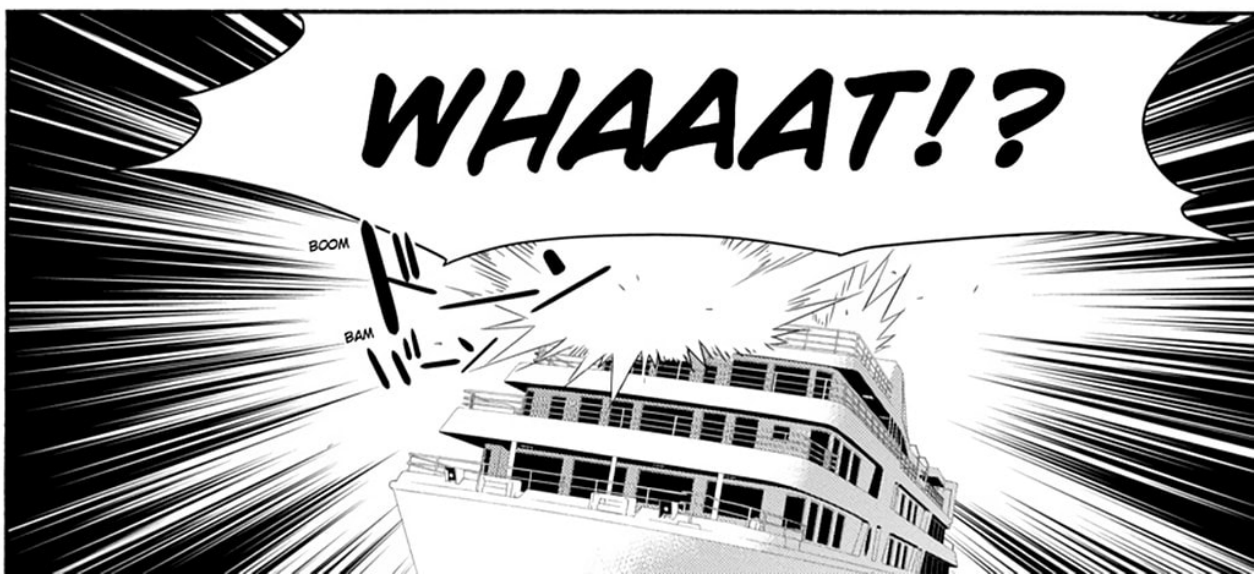
YUKARI'S SAFE SPACE WHILE EVADING WHAT SHE KNOWS TO BE TRUE (FIELD OF FLOWERS)


GYAH!!
NOPE. IT REALLY IS MY BROTHER!!!
!!!
?
HUH...?
Y—
YUKA-RI!?
WHY'RE YOU HERE, OF ALL PLACES...?
BIG BRO!!
WHEN DID YOU TURN INTO A PERV, BIG BRO!?

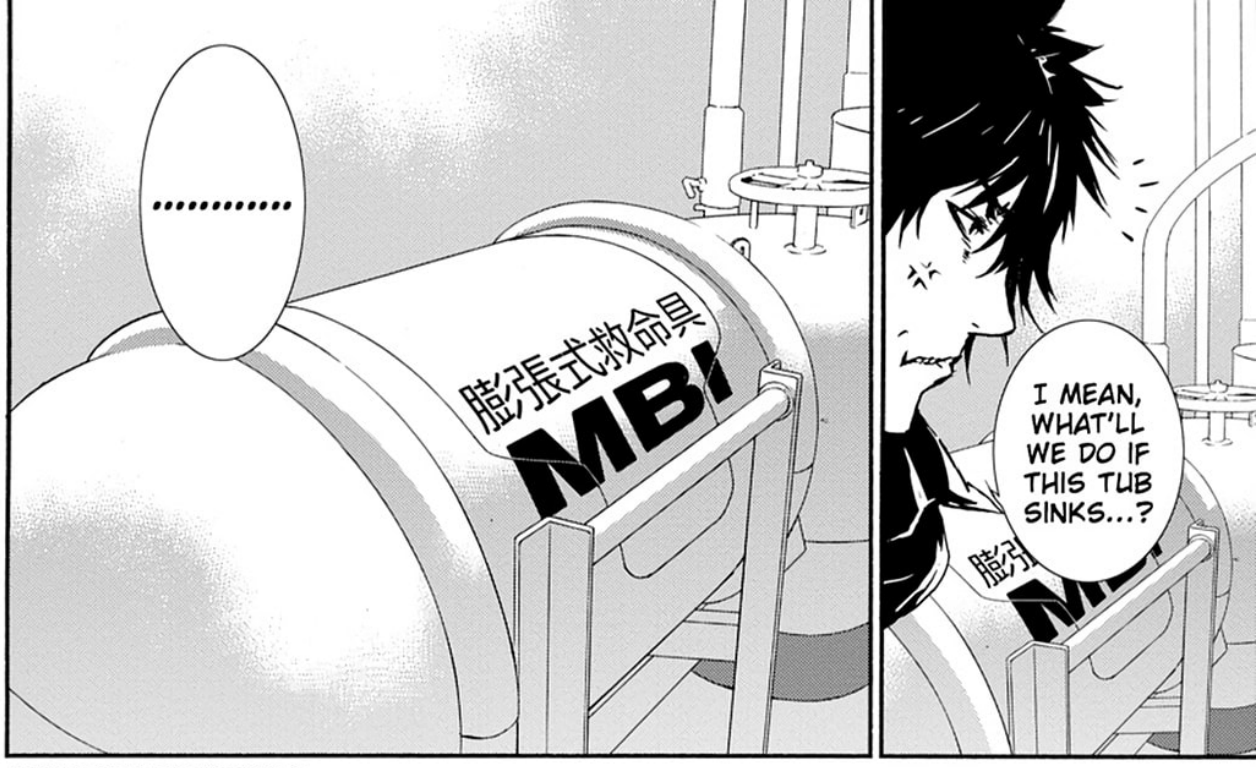

P—
PERV ...!?
YOU WERE HOLDING THAT LITTLE GIRL AGAINST HER WILL!
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE A GUY WHO GETS OFF ON MAKING GIRLS CRY, BIG BRO...
YOU'RE THE WORST!!
BUT BEFORE THEY ARREST YOU FOR BEING A PERV...
...YOUR LITTLE SIS IS GONNA WORK YOU OVER...!
SWAY
やらり...
WORK ME OVER!? WHAT'S THAT MEAN!?
WAIT JUST A—WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
NO, STOP!
DON'T BULLY BIG BROTHER!
JUST STOP!


YUKARI-SAN...
...THAT MAN IS KU'S ASHIKABI.
HUH?
"BIG BROTHER" ...?
HUH?
SHE SAYS HE SAVED HER IN TEITO, WHEN SHE WAS CRYING AND ALONE...
... APPAR-ENTLY.
HUH? ASHIKABI !?
R-REALLY?
BIG BRO'S AN ASHIKABI...
WHO COULD'VE IMAGINED KU'S ASHIKABI WOULD BE YOUR OLDER BROTHER, YUKARI-SAN...?
IT... MAKES ME HAPPY.
WAIT, YUKARI.
IF YOU'RE HERE, THEN...
DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE ALSO.....


WHO KNEW THE NORTHERN ASHIKABI AND THE DEMON ASHIKABI WERE SIBLINGS?
CRAZY.
ALL I SAW WAS THE BASIC DATA— ASHIKABI AND SEKIREI NAMES, BASICALLY.
I REMEMBER NOTICING YOU TWO HAD THE SAME LAST NAME.
OH... COME TO THINK OF IT, I DID TAKE A PEEK AT MBI'S DATABASE.
SORRY FOR BUTTING INTO YOUR LITTLE REUNION.
"NORTH-ERN...
..."ASHIKABI"...?
AH... "DEMON"...?

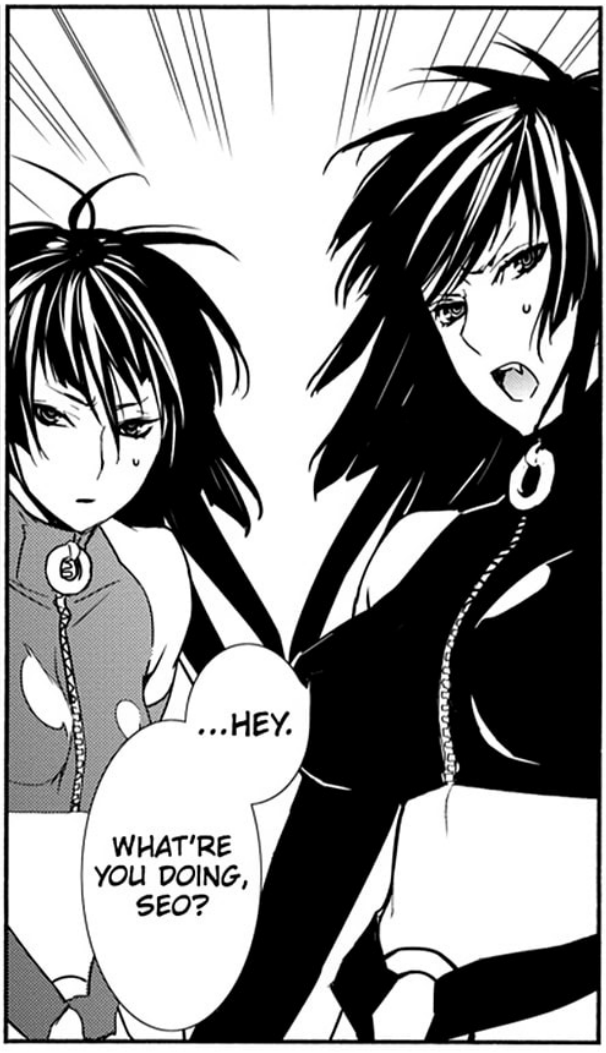

WHAAAT!?
BOOM
BAM


WHOA.
SWAY
ALMOST SLIPPED, THERE.
I'M GUESSING IT'S THAT DUMBASS SANADA WHO'S ROCKING THE BOAT?
BOOM
BAM
HOPE HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN WE'RE OUT AT SEA, HERE.



CAPSULE: INFLATABLE LIFE JACKETS








TUMBLE
WAHH!?
OWW!
SHIT.
YOU OKAY, SEO?
JUST LEAVE THE IDIOT TO BLEED.
GLOW
...!
...WHOA. YOU KIDDING ME?


DA-DADA-DAAAH!!
!!
HUH...? ANOTHER JINKI?
SO SOMEONE FOUND THE THIRD ONE?
The third phase is over!
So now, we start the count-down!
3
... Three.
MBI
WH-WHAT!?
Two.
WHAT'RE WE COUNTING DOWN TO??
One!


HUMMM
SLUMP
FWUMP
!?
SLUMP


POKE
ちょちょい
POKE
HEY, YOU OKAY? HEEEY.
DON'T KNOW...SHE JUST FELL DOWN.
WHAT HAPPENED?
FWUMP
FWUMP
...!?
STAGGER
NIWA !!
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG, NATSUKA?
HEY!
WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS?
OH NO.
...ON EARTH JUST HAPPENED .....?
WHAT...


GUFWAAA! (THAT'S HER ROAR.)
NO USE PLAYING DEAD AGAINST A BEAR.
I'LL EAT YOU!
SHE'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKE HER ANIMAL.


HISS!!
IT'S JUST TSUKIUMI.
SO I LIKED THE WHOLE "BEAR MUSUBI" THING AND THOUGHT OTHER ANIMAL VERSIONS OF TEAM MINATO MIGHT BE CUTE, BUT THIS ONE TURNED INTO A REAL NYAAMATA NO OROCHI. SEKIREI ANIMAL-IFICATION IS A FAILURE.


...I'M BEING CALLED.
NO DOUBT.
I'M BEING CALLED.....
...SO THIS...
...IS TEITO.....
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