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WHOOP
WHOOP
WHOOP
...IF THERE'S ANY WAY TO HELP BIG BRO, I WAS SURE IT'D BE AT MBI.
EEK!
GYAH!
NOW I SHOW UP TO FIND THINGS LOOKING FISHY.
LIKE YOU WEIRDOS, SNEAKING AROUND WITH GUNS!
BLOWING UP THE BUILDING AND ALL!
FROM WHAT MY MOM TOLD ME...
...YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE SEKIREI?
!!
A "SEKIREI" AND AN "ASHIKABI" !?
CAPTURE THEM!!
HUUUUH? CAPTURE? THINK YOU CAN, BIG MAN?
WELL, LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
...OUR NICKNAMES ARE...



Chapter 164: Gathering in Teito




ONE WEEK EARLIER...
AFTER PHASE THREE, JUST BEFORE RETURNING TO PORT ON THE S.S. MINAKA...
SPLASH
SPLASH
YOU SAID YOU'RE "DROPPING OUT"...?
SO WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NEXT?
WELLLL, IT PROBABLY MAKES THE MOST SENSE TO GET THE HELL AWAY FROM THIS WHOLE GAME FOR NOW.
LIKE I SAID, WE'VE BASICALLY ACCOMPLISHED OUR GOAL...
BESIDES, IF WE KEEP PLAYING THIS GAME, WE'RE GONNA BUTT HEADS WITH YOU EVENTUALLY, BIG BRO.
EVEN THIS TIME WAS, LET'S SAY, A "NEAR MISS."
...LET'S NOT MAKE THEM FIGHT.
NOT A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO JUST REUNITED.


BUT WE'LL STICK AROUND IN TEITO.
WE'RE STEPPING AWAY, NOT RUNNING AWAY.
MAKE A GOOD EXCUSE FOR US TO MBI WHEN YOU REACH THE SHORE, 'KAY? ♡
BUT YOU'VE REALLY GOTTA BE MORE DEPENDABLE, BIG BRO!
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN RUSH OVER TO SAVE YOUR BUTT EVERY TIME!
Y-YUKARI...
OH? BUT YOU SAID YOU'LL BE ATTENDING COLLEGE IN TEITO, RIGHT, YUKARI-SAN?
OHH!
GYAAAH! SHUSH!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM THAT, SHIINA!
YAP YAP
OH...I-I'M SORRY!


THANK YOU...
...YUKARI.
HEH HEH!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW...?
...BAD NEWS TO REPORT, MINA-TAN.


IT SEEMS WE'VE GONE AND ACCIDENTALLY SUMMONED A HEAP OF TROUBLE.
THE VANISHED WALLS OF LIGHT... THIS UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCE...THE WHOLE SERIES OF IRREGULARITIES...
I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE EARLIER ISSUES WITH THE ISLAND... OR RATHER, THE "ARK."
ANOTHER "INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND."
AT PRESENT, THIS ISLAND...
...IS ON THE BRINK OF BEING INVADED.
THE ISLAND'S ...
...BEING INVADED ...!?


Y-YOU MEAN LIKE WHAT HAPPENED THAT ONE TIME? THE ONE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT?
HOW ALL THESE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND INDEPENDENT MILITIAS CAME AFTER MBI'S TECH...?
WHAT!? WHY NOW, THOUGH ...?
WHAA ...!?
THE ISLAND'S USUALLY MOBILE, BUT NOW IT'S STICKING OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB.
THE ISSUES WITH THE ARK ALSO SEEM TO BE A FACTOR, AS MATSU MENTIONED ...
...BUT THIS TIME, THERE'S ALSO MILITARY ACTION AGAINST MBI ITSELF, WHICH STILL HAS TEITO ON LOCKDOWN...
THE INVADERS CAN CLAIM THEY HAVE JUST CAUSE.
IN FACT, SPECIAL ATTACK SQUADRONS ARE ALREADY AT MBI HQ...
AT MBI HQ TOO...?
THAT'S WHERE UZUME-SAN'S ASHIKABI IS... CHIHO-SAN...!
MATSU DID SOME WIRETAPPING OF THEIR COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD INVASIONS, AND BASED ON THAT...
...THEIR TARGETS ARE—
THE SEKIREI ...!
...THE SEKIREI WHO'VE CEASED FUNCTIONING ARE THERE TOO.
MOST OF THEM ARE IN STASIS AT MBI HQ.


SEKIREI...? THE TERMINATED ONES...?
THAT MEANS UZUME-SAN TOO.....!!
! THERE'S JUST BEEN AN EXPLOSION AT HQ...
!!
AN EXPLO-SION...? MATSU-SAN!!
... HMM?
HMMMM? SOMETHING'S HAPPENING... THIS IS...
"DEMON AND REAPER" ...?
"THE SQUADRON'S BEEN STRIPPED NAKED"...?
"SOME CHICK IS STOMPING ON OUR FAMILY JEWELS... GYAAAH"?
"REQUESTING BACKUP! REQUESTING BACKUP!"
STRIPPED NAKED...?
DEMON... AND...
AND TALK OF JUNK GETTING STOMPED ON...?
... REAPER ...?
DON'T TELL ME...
M—
MUST BE... Y—
YUKARI ...?


D-DRY UP ANYTHING... RIGHT...
SO THOSE SCREAMS... THEY WERE GETTING DRIED AND STOMPED...
SHI-CHAN CAN DRY UP AAANYTHING! ♡
IF SHI-CHAN'S THERE, EVERY-THING'S OKAY.
IT'S YUKARI-CHAN AND SHI-CHAN!
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE THERE...
...
"SONG"...?
OOOH? WAIT JUST A MINUTE.
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN RUSH OVER TO SAVE YOUR BUTT EVERY TIME!
YUKARI ...!
...!
WHOOP
WHOOP


BUT OUR INTEL SAID THE "DISCIPLINARY SQUAD" AND MBI'S PRIVATE MILITIA WERE OFF-SITE!?
BUT SOME-ONE'S STILL —
WE'VE LOST ALL COMMUNICA-TION WITH THE SQUADRON HEADING FOR THE FRONT ENTRANCE!
WHAT!?
SINGING ...?






ZZZ...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS...?
HEY!
ME TOO...
SAME.
...I SUDDENLY DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT DUTY OR THIS MISSION...
.....IT'S LIKE...
THUD
...GO ON.....
CAN'T...
...LOSING... STRENGTH...
SLUMP
TCH...


TAKE THAT! KUNO'S "GO LIMP SONG"!!
MASTER, THAT ATTACK NAME IS SO UNCOOL...!
*BRINGING BACK THE WHOLE SEKIREI TELEPATHY THING.
DUNNO WHO YOU CLOWNS ARE, BUT...
...IF YOU'RE MESSING WITH THE SEKIREI PROJECT... AND TEAM SAHASHI, THEN YOU'RE GOING DOWN!!
MASTER, YOU WROTE IN THAT LETTER YOU WERE "BETTING IT ALL" ON HIIIM...
...BUT YOU GOT WORRIED AND MADE US COME BACK TO TEITO ANYWAAAY?
WHEN WE'D FINALLY MANAGED TO ESCAPE!
SH-SHUT UP, KUNO.
THE FRIENDS WE ENTRUSTED THE FUTURE TO ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES...
...AND WE'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO SIT BACK AT A SAFE DISTANCE AND DO NOTHING!!?
PLUS, NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN JUST WATCH WHILE MBI GETS ATTACKED.
BUT WE'RE WEEEAK. SO VERY WEEEAK...!
Y-YEAH, OF COURSE I KNOW THAT!!
...BUT, WELL...
...HARUKA-SAMA, THIS...
...IS WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU!
KUNO ...


WHOA!
GWAHHH!!
CAP-TURE THEM!
OVER THERE! A "SEKIREI" AND AN "ASHIKABI"!
EEK!
YOU'RE SERI-OUSLY NO GOOD —!
WHEEZE
ぜは
HARUKA-SAMA... I CAN'T... GO ON...
ALREADY? SO FAST!
WHOOSH
!
SEKIREI GUARD !!
TMP


BWOOSH
Y-
YOU'RE...
NO. 74,
NARA-
SHINO...
...AND HER
ASHIKABI,
TSUDANUMA-
SAN!
LIKE
WE TOLD
YOU—
"EVERYONE
LEFT"
SHOULD
GATHER
HERE!


IT APPEARS ALL THE OTHER HIDDEN SEKIREI HAVE EMERGED TO FIGHT BACK.
NAKED... SONG..... WALL...?
SHIGI-KUN...!
EVERY-ONE...!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
KAMI-KURA'S BEING INVADED ...
IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY MBI IS FACING A FULL ASSAULT ON ALL SIDES.
THOUGH, THE GAME'S DROPOUTS SEEM TO BE DEFENDING HQ...
BUT WHY NOW...!?



Chapter 165:
The Fourth Invasion of Kamikura Island


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
!
SLIIIDE
FWUMP


SOUTH ...!?
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
SPLASH
THE CEO !?
THAT'S IT! THE CEO WOULD DEFINITELY COME UP WITH A SOLUTION—
THE ARK!
... HUH?
IT WAS TECHNICALLY ME...
SORRY...
THE ARK! I BROKE IT, OKAY!?
CRAP! IT'S JUST LIKE THE CEO SAID.
THINGS ARE...
...PROGRESSING QUICKER THAN EXPECTED.


I BROKE THE ARK, SO THE ISLAND'S WHOLE SYSTEM WENT DOWN!
!
HISS!!
SO THAT'S WHY THE WALLS OF LIGHT DISAPPEARED...
AWW, GEEZ!
JOLT
JOLT
WHY'D I HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO SCREW UP THE GAME'S PROGRESSION!?
ME, OF ALL PEOPLE!!?
...THE WALLS OF LIGHT...
WAAAAAH!
...WERE MEANT TO KEEP US FROM FLEEING THE ISLAND, WHILE ALSO WARDING OFF INTERLOPERS.
ALL JINKI-RELATED MECHANISMS SEEM TO HAVE SURVIVED, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE IS BUSTED.
COMMUNICATIONS ARE DOWN, EVEN.
THE CEO'S DOING HIS BEST TO REPAIR IT ALL, BUT THAT'LL TAKE TIME.
...THE LAST INVASION WAS STOPPED...
...BY OUR CEO'S CHARISMA ALONE. THEY SAY HE PRESSURED AND PERSUADED THE OTHER NATIONS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS.
!
ORDINARY PHONES CAN'T GET A SIGNAL OUT.
BUT NOW, WE CAN'T EVEN REACH THE MAN...SO FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE...
...THE CEO'S GONE OFF THE GRID ON A MYSTERIOUS ISLAND, AND HE MIGHT EVEN BE DEAD.


YOU SURE TALK AS IF THIS IS ALL SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM.
IN FACT, THEY'RE PROBABLY THINKING, "IT'S NOW OR NEVER!"
IT'S ALL THE EXCUSE THEY NEEDED TO INVADE.
...THEY'LL DO ANYTHING, SPEND ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY... THAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR THIS INVASION.
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
BUT IN ORDER TO STEAL AWAY THESE "RELICS" AND "SEKIREI"...
ON THE SURFACE, THESE OTHER ENTITIES SEE MBI AS A CORPORATE RIVAL.
...SAY YOUR PRAYERS !!
YOU'D BETTER ...
HUH ...?
AND? BENITSU-BASA...
YOU BASTARDS CAN'T EVEN GO AND DIE WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO!!
WHADDAYA MEAN, TALKING LIKE IT'S SOMEBODY ELSE'S PROBLEM!?
HEH-HEH... CLAPPING BACK'S THE ONLY WAY YOU KNOW HOW TO TALK...


THIS IS NO TIME TO BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!
CUT IT OUT!
THE FIRST TIME, WE HAD NO. 01.
THE NEXT TIME, NO. 08 WAS HERE...
THE PAST THREE INVASIONS ONLY FAILED BECAUSE EXCEPTIONAL SEKIREI LIKE THEM WERE AROUND.
BUT THIS TIME .....


GET IT YET!?
GET HOW BAD THIS IS!?
IF WE LET THEM INVADE, THEN THE ARK, OUR SEKIREI...
EVEN WE ASHIKABI ARE ON THE LINE!
THEY MIGHT NOT KILL US, BUT THEY'LL WHISK US AWAY SOMEWHERE TO DO WHO-KNOWS-WHAT TO US!
WE'RE NOT...
...GONNA LET THAT HAPPEN...!
EXACTLY! I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT...
...LET'S CALL A CEASE-FIRE ON THIS GAME!
TOP PRIORITY IS TAKING CARE OF THIS NEW THREAT!!


MINATO.
WHAT ABOUT MUSUBI?
...WE CAN'T...
...STOP THEIR FIGHT.
SHE'S LIKELY... STILL FIGHTING NO. 04.
THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S TRANSPIRING.
EVEN NOW, I CAN FEEL IT DEEP INSIDE ME.
HER EMOTIONS... HER WILL...
BECAUSE THAT FIGHT...
...IS MUSUBI-CHAN'S WISH ITSELF.
SINCERE... FORWARD-FACING... PURE...


AND BEYOND STRONG —!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
WE'LL BE OUT OF LUCK IF THEY OVERWHELM US WITH SHEER NUMBERS.
SEKIREI ASIDE... WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU ASHIKABI...
FIRST, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE.
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
KAZE-HANA-SAN!
IT'S MY TURN TO PITCH IN, THEN?
...NO PROB-LEM.
KAZE-HANA!
KAZE-HANA-SAN!!
FALL
DON'T. YOU'RE TOO HURT...
SO JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH...
NONE OF THE OTHER GIRLS HERE CAN HIT AIRBORNE TARGETS...!


AHEM, MINA-TAN!
TIME TO GIVE MATSU A BIG, OLD KISS... ♡
PUCKER
むちゅ♡
WH——
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT, MATSU-SAN!?
WHY NOW!? AT A TIME LIKE THIS!!?
MINA-TAN! DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!!
...JUST AS MUTSU-TAN SAID, WE NEED TO BRING THOSE HELICOPTERS DOWN WITHOUT DELAY.
I HAVE A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE BATTLESHIPS... BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
IF NOT, THIS PLACE WILL SOON BE FLOODED WITH SOLDIERS!
NORITO!
MATSU NEEDS HER NORITO!!
OH...!
S-SORRY.


B-BUT WHAT'S YOUR NORITO EVEN DO, MATSU-SAN...?
HOW WILL IT TAKE DOWN THE CHOPPERS ??
FU-FU. IT'S UNWISE TO UNDERESTIMATE MATSU!


DESPITE MATSU'S LOOKS...
...NO. 02 IS ONLY ONE STEP BELOW MIYA-TAN. REMEMBER?


O.O.H.
WH-WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!?
ET TU, MUTSU-TAN!?
S-SO HOW, THEN?
DID I SAY SOME-THING WRONG?
TRUE ENOUGH, YOU ARE NO. 02... BUT STILL...
WHAT'LL YOU DO...?
WE'LL USE THAT!
...!!






KOU-TEN!?
HOW WOULD YOU EVEN...?
KU FU FU FU! ♡
WELL, YOU SEE...
!


FLASH
...TO MY ASHIKABI...!
...REVEAL THE WORKINGS OF THE WORLD...
BY THE WISDOM OF MY CONTRACT ...
NOW!!
PREPARE FOR A LESSON FROM MATSU... ♡
... KOUTEN-TAN!!


FLASH
BY THE WISDOM OF MY CONTRACT ...
...REVEAL THE WORKINGS OF THE WORLD...
...TO MY ASHIKABI...!
NOW!! PREPARE FOR A LESSON FROM MATSU... ♡
... KOUTEN-TAN!!


Chapter 166: Light to Rend the Heavens

#164: WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I'M INCLUDING SOME ORIGINAL CHARACTERS FROM THE ANIME.




RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...
KOUTEN
...
...IS MOVING ON ITS OWN...?
SO YOU'RE THE CULPRIT...
...AHH.
クス
GIGGLE


...MY BESPEC-TACLED THIEF, NO. 02.

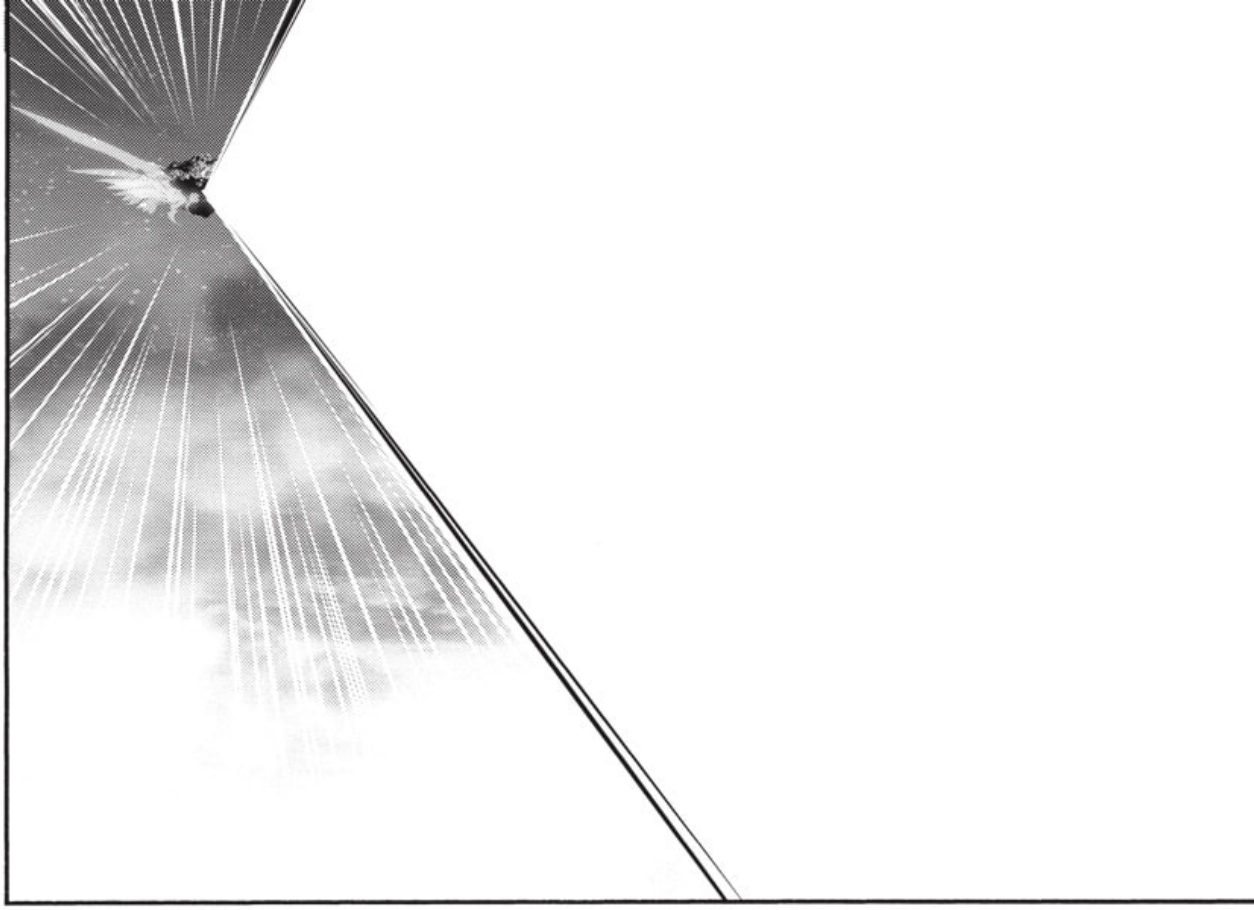

M—
MATSU-SAN?
...?
BADUM
HUMMM
...APOLOGIES, MINA-TAN.
WHEN HIJACKING THE LINK TO KOUTEN-TAN, EVEN THE GREAT MATSU FINDS HER HEAD A LITTLE OVERSTUFFED.
WE'LL HAVE TO COMMUNICATE TELEPATHI-CALLY. ♡


WHOA!?
BUT IT ONLY APPLIES TO YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE TOUCHING ME!
THIS IS MUCH LIKE WHEN MIYA-TAN TOLD YOU HER TALE OF LONG AGO.
KU FU!
KU FU. KU FU. KU FU.
SO PLEASE LET THIS BE A FEAST FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!!
BUT MATSU IS ALWAYS COMPLETELY OPEN WITH MINA-TAN!!
HAVE A LITTLE MODESTY, MATSU-SAN...!
MA-CHAAAN! BIG BROTH-EEER!
N-NOW EVEN MINATO IS FROZEN IN PLACE.


S-SO YOU SAID...
...YOU'RE USING KOUTEN...
I'M BRINGING IT TOWARD US RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!
YOU ALSO SAID, "HIJACKING THE LINK"...
BUT FROM WHO...?
YOU MEAN MBI ISN'T CONTROLLING IT?
THE SEKIREI...
.....
...QUEEN.
...RIGHT.
OF COURSE.
I GET IT.


.....
BOTH GOOD QUESTIONS.
HEY.
WHAT IS KOUTEN, EXACTLY?
AND WHY IS IT HERE?
"WHY ARE SEKIREI *HERE*?"
"WHAT QUALIFIES A PERSON TO BE AN ASHIKABI? WHAT IS THE EARTH? WHAT IS SPACE?"
"WHAT ARE SEKIREI?" "WHAT ARE ASHIKABI?"
...ALL THESE QUESTIONS ARE ECHOES OF ONE ANOTHER, AND MATSU CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO ANSWER ANY OF THEM.
...GOTCHA.
SHOULD'VE KNOWN... RIGHT... SORRY.
IN THE END, ALL WE CAN SAY FOR SURE IS, "KOUTEN IS KOUTEN."
THAT'S HOW WE OUGHT TO THINK OF IT FOR NOW!
IT IS SOMETHING ONLY THE SEKIREI QUEEN CAN TRULY SYNC UP WITH.
AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE JINKI...
THOUGH, MATSU'S BORROWING IT FOR THE MOMENT. ♡
...IT HOLDS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH.


WH—
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO M—?
IT MEANS THIS!
COME ON, KOUTEN-TAN!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
THOSE HELICOPTERS FLYING ALL ABOUT ARE GIVING US TROUBLE!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
BLAST THEM AWAY!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUMM
HUMM
HUMM
フォン
フォン
フォン
フォン




AH.


THE HELL!?


FLASH
ADJUSTING IT JUST RIGHT IS TRICKY...
A-A LITTLE TOO MUCH OUTPUT, THERE... ONCE MORE, THEN.
THE HELICOPTERS GIVING US TROUBLE...
KOUTEN-TAN, KOUTEN-TAN!
WOULD YOU GENTLY...
ピシャ
PEWWW
WH-WHAT IN THE WORLD!? WHAT IN THE WOOORLD!!?
WAS THAT A LASER BEAM!?
OH! UM!
THAT WASN'T QUITE RIGHT. NOT RIGHT AT ALL...
...BLOW THEM AWAY!?

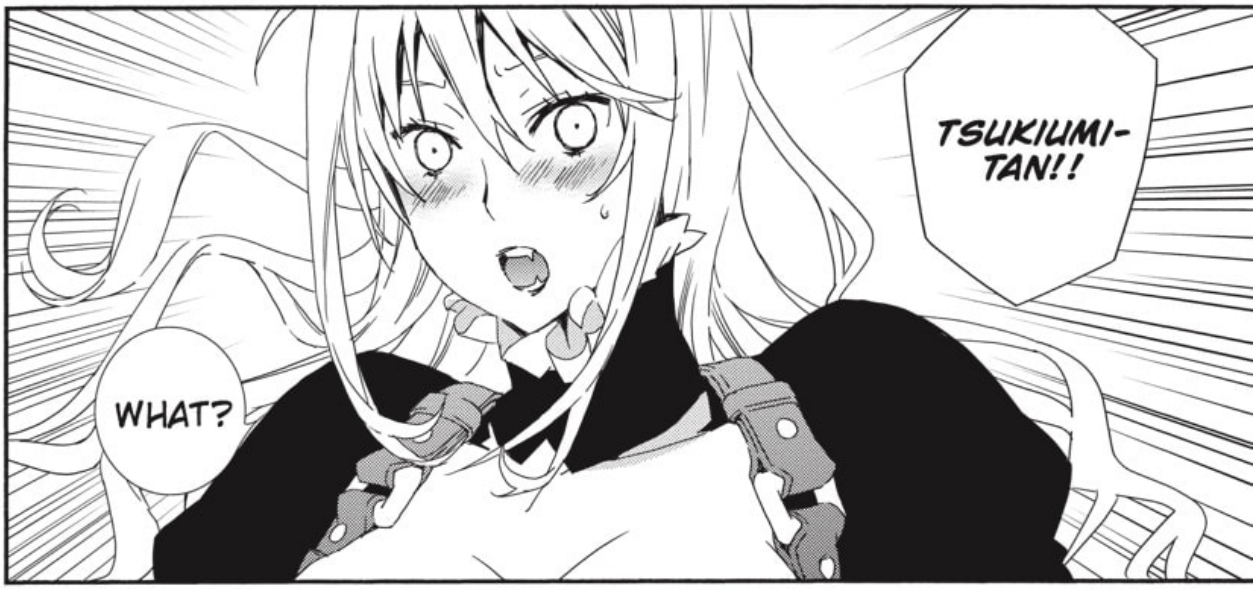

WHOOSH
BWOOM
F.WOOSH


SO THIS IS...
...THE POWER OF KOUTEN...
FWOOSH
FU-FU... TO THINK YOU WOULD WREST CONTROL FROM ME.
DOES YOUR ROTTENNESS... KNOW NO BOUNDS, NO. 02?
...ENOUGH.


BAM
!
...!
H—
HUH?
!
MINATO!
SWAY
ふわ
!


MINATO!
WAH!
FWUMP
OWW... MATSU SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THAT.
SHE...
...WASTED NO TIME IN TAKING BACK CONTROL.
ARE YOU OKAY, MA-CHAN!?
MATSU-SAN!
BLINK
KU FU FU.
BUT THE HELICOPTERS ARE DEALT WITH...
MEAN...! SUCH A MEANIE, HOMURA-TAN...!!
CON-SIDER-ING IT'S YOU.
STILL, A JOB WELL DONE, MATSU.
...MORE OF THEM LEFT THAN I WOULD'VE THOUGHT...
GULP
I HOPE THE PEOPLE ON BOARD EVACUATED IN TIME...
THAT BEAM...OR WHATEVER IT WAS... IF THAT WAS ITS MAXIMUM FIREPOWER ...?
STILL, MOST OF THEM FELL INTO THE SEA.
THAT'S WHAT "GENTLY" GOT US...


YOU'RE NEXT!!
NOW!


TSUKIUMI-TAN!!
WHAT?


WAR-SHIPS ...!
DON'T GIVE US THAT!
WITH THE HELICOPTERS GONE, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE!
...BECAUSE WE HAVE TO AVOID DAMAGING THE MBI MONITOR SHIP SEO-TAN AND HIS GIRLS GOT TOSSED ONTO.
THIS WILL REQUIRE A BIT MORE THINKING...


THEN YOU'LL AIM YOUR ULTIMATE ATTACK AT THE EXACT POSITIONS MATSU POINTS OUT TELEPATHICALLY!
...RIGHT AFTER YOU USE YOUR NORITO, YOU'LL OPEN UP THAT MUSCLE-BOUND BRAIN TO MATSU.
JUST AS IN ROUND TWO...
EXPLAINS WHY I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE.
S-SEO-SAN!?
"TOSSED ONTO"!?
IT WAS A DESPERATE MEASURE DURING ROUND TWO.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE BASHFUL. IT'S NOT EVEN YOUR FIRST KISS.
MY HEART'S NOT READY FOR THIS...
W-WAIT!
GO ON! QUICKLY, NOW!
GRR! GRR!
TSUKI-UMI.
GYAH!
HEY...YOU THINK IT'S EASY FOR ME!?
GYAAH!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU. IT'S NOTHING SO SIMPLE FOR ME!
I...!
PLEASE.
...VERY WELL.
V.....


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
JOLT
MINA-TAN!
LOOK UP.
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
THE INVA-SION ...
...HAS BEGUN ...!!
ubytail

Chapter 167: A Norito to Swallow the Sea




...TCH!
DON'T LIKE IT.
BUT, HEY, SEO...
THIS SEEMS A LOT LIKE THAT "INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND" WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT.
FROM WAY BACK WHEN?
HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THAT FROM TAKEHITO.
WE COULD ZAP THEM WITH LIGHTNING IF WE GOT A LITTLE CLOSER?
GUESS SO...
SOUNDS LIKE A PAIN, THOUGH.
SPLASH
GRIN
...NAH.
SPLASH
SPLASH


THOSE GUYS...
...ARE ABOUT TO TAKE CARE OF IT.
TSUKI-UMI...
...YOUR NORITO?
A-ARE YOU SURE YOU NEEDN'T WATCH OVER MUSUBI'S BATTLE?
SHE'S LOCKED IN COMBAT AGAINST THE FIERCEST OF ALL OUR FOES...
...M—
MINATO.


.....
SO YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT MUSUBI-CHAN?
OF...
OF COURSE I AM!!
WHAT'S THIS? FEELING GUILTY ABOUT TAKING ADVANTAGE WHILE SHE'S AWAY?
PEEVED BECAUSE THE NORITO WINDUP PROCESS IS TAKING TOO LONG
GEEZ! STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH! HURRY UP AND GET WITH THE SMOOCHING!
THE SMOOCH-ING!
HMPH !!
BE SILENT, YOU THREE!
...I JUST KNOW.
...?
SQUEEZE キリゅっ
HERE.
YOU CAN FEEL IT TOO...
...RIGHT, TSUKIUMI?
EVEN WITHOUT WATCHING ...
...I KNOW HOW SHE'S DOING.

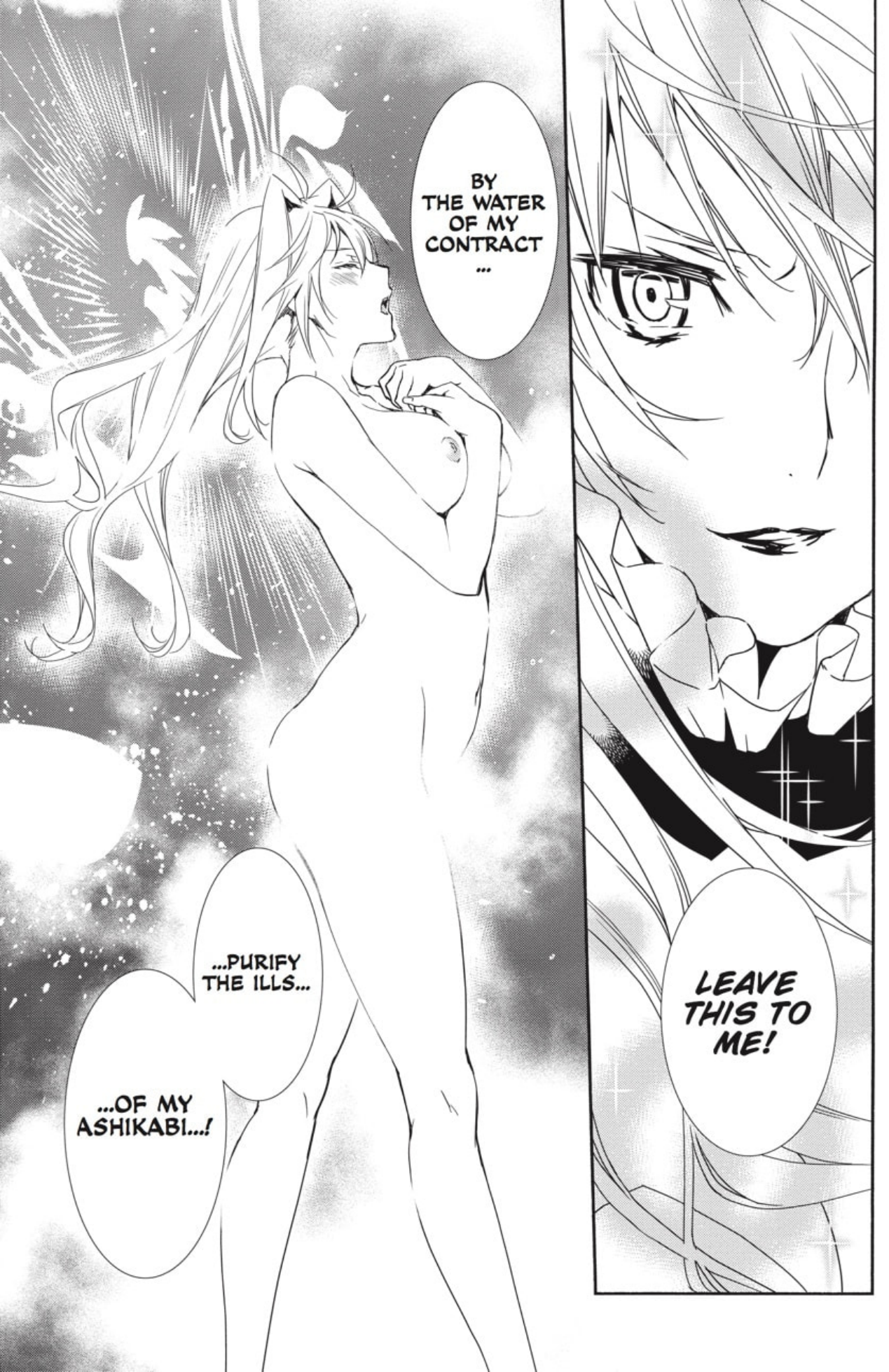

...!
...
KARA-SUBA-SAMA.
STRONG.
SO VERY STRONG!
BUT...
...
MUSUBI
...
...WON'T LOSE!
♡


MINATO... YOU...
YOU'RE FIGHTING WITH US AS WELL?
SO THIS IS...
...HOW IT IS BETWEEN ASHIKABI AND SEKIREI ...!!
MUSUBI... IS ALWAYS SO VERY EXCITED.
SHE'S FOUGHT EVERY BATTLE THUS FAR WITH SUCH JOY IN HER HEART!
...HMPH... MINATO.
I'M AFRAID I DIDN'T...
...UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT YOU. OR MYSELF, FOR THAT MATTER.
...BUT NOW...


TSU—
TSUKI-UMI?
I CANNOT LOSE...
...TO MY ROMANTIC RIVAL!


MY DEAR ASHI-KABI!
FIGHT WITH ME!
FLAP
... HUH?
WHAT WAS THAT?
FIRED UP, ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?
OHHH! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN TELEPATHY!
THE TRICK WHERE THE WORKINGS OF ONE'S MIND BECOME CLEAR TO ANOTHER BY LINKING UP BRAIN WAVES!?
OHHH.
MINA-TAN'S ASHIKABI ABILITIES MUST HAVE POWERED UP.


YES, TSUKIUMI!
ANYONE GETTING IN THE WAY OF OUR BATTLES HAD BETTER BE READY...
...TO GET THEIR BUTTS KICKED!!


BY THE WATER OF MY CONTRACT ...
...PURIFY THE ILLS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
LEAVE THIS TO ME!

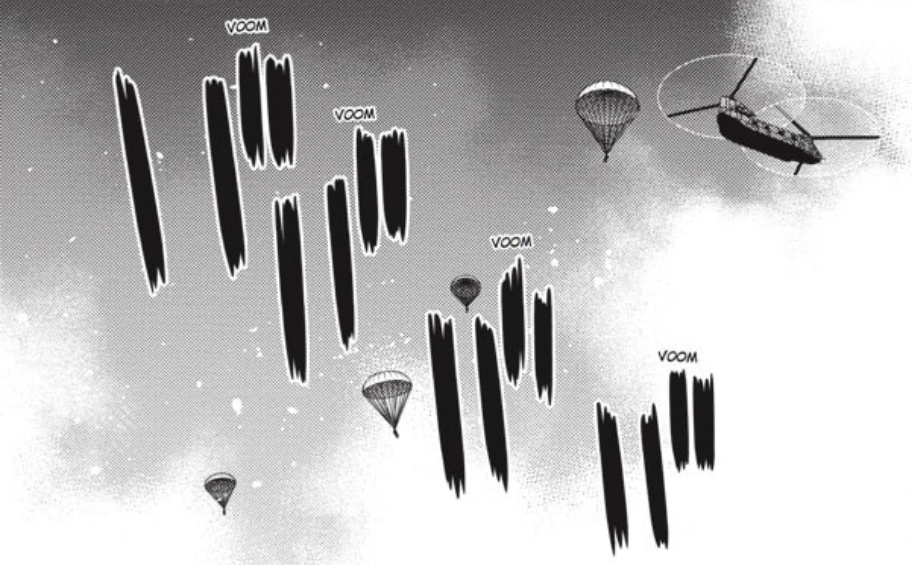

OH, PRIMAL SPIRITS OF WATER...
...EMERGE FROM THE DEPTHS...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
...TO TURN THE CURRENTS AGAINST OUR FOES!
KERSPLASH


SEA GODS' FEAST !!




SPLASH
SPLASH
TH-THANK GOODNESS SEO-SAN AND HIS SEKIREI ARE OKAY.
AND THE MBI MONITOR SHIP IS SAFE!


MATSU'S TELEPATHY SEEMS TO BE WORKING AS INTENDED.
IT'S ALLOWING HER TO TARGET MORE ACCURATELY.
AMAZING ...!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM


AND NOW...


WHERE'D Y'ALL RUN OFF TOOOO...?
SHI-JIMEEE, HEYYY!
HEYYY.
KUJIKAAA, KUZURI!!!


!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
MAKING A DAMN RACKET FOR A WHILE NOW.
HUUUH? WHAT'S ALL THIS?
CAPTURE AS MANY "SEKIREI" AND "ASHIKABI" AS POSSIBLE! PREFERABLY ALIVE...
...BUT I'M GRANTING PERMISSION TO OPEN FIRE IF THINGS TURN SOUTH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, SKULKING AROUND IN MY TERRITORY?
WHO THE HELL'RE YOU PEOPLE ANYWAY!?
KAPOW
GYAAH ...
THUD
!


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KERSPLOOSH


I'D HAVE TO BE A FOOL TO GO UP AGAINST THEM IN EARNEST.
IT'S AS IF HE'S CHEATING.


ONE OF "NORTH"'S SINGLE NUMBERS ...?


THAT *THING* IN YOUR EAR.
IS IT SATELLITE-BASED? CAN YOU REACH THE OUTSIDE WORLD?


KAKIZAKI, THE WARSHIPS DEPLOYED NEAR THE ISLAND...
WHAT'S THEIR CURRENT STATUS?
All have taken heavy damage.
They seem to be scattering.


EAST... UMM...
"HIGA-SAN," WAS IT?


WE'VE GOT WIRETAPS RUNNING.
THEY'RE SHOUTING ABOUT "MONSTERS!"
ARE YOU OKAY? THEY'RE INVADING THE ISLAND.
Yes. Though, I believe CEO Minaka ran into some trouble.


...I CAN.
WOULD YOU MAKE USE OF THAT...
...AND SPREAD WORD THAT OUR CEO IS ALIVE?
...WAIT. ALIVE...?
IS HE ALIVE?
HE'S ALIVE, YEAH! DOING GREAT, IN FACT!
...I SEE.
IF WE GET WORD OUT THAT HE'S IN ONE PIECE...
...THEN THE MASTERMINDS BEHIND THIS INCURSION WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL IT OFF...?
WOULD YOU...
...BE SO KIND?
...FINE.
I'M RELUCTANT ABOUT THIS ARRANGEMENT, BUT... I'LL TRY.
DID YOU CATCH ALL THAT, KAKIZAKI?
I did. I'll spread the news.
To all the "Ashi-kabi"...
...currently on the island!!
KZZZT
!


We've captured one of your allies.
The man called Sanada.
MASTER!
MASTER?
We don't want things to get violent here either.
If you bring your Sekirei to us and surrender peacefully...
...we'll have no cause to harm any of you.
Be at the island's center within ten minutes.
We're hoping ...
THAT'S PLAYING DIRTY!! GROWN-UPS ARE THE WORST!!
...you make the wise choice here.
SANADA-SAN...!!







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MINA-TAN!
WE...
WE'VE GOTTA GO SAVE HIM.
WE MUSTN'T.
AS YOUR TACTICIAN, I CAN'T AGREE WITH THAT COURSE OF ACTION.
...FOR ONCE, I ACTUALLY AGREE WITH MATSU.
B-BUT...
THEY'VE CAPTURED HIM, BUT THEY SURELY WON'T KILL HIM.
WAAAH!
BYAAAH!
BYAAAH!
MAS-TERRR...!
MASTER!
WAAAH!
THEY LOVE HIM ...!


THE ISLAND'S CENTER ...!
LET'S GO!
BYAAAH!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
MUTSU!
HIHI-MEKO!
!
I-IT'S NOT THAT I PITY THEM OR ANYTHING!
AH!
BUT AT THE SAME TIME...!!
!!
I'M THE ONE WHO CAUSED ALL THIS!
SO I HAVE TO TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY!


BUT IT MAKES ME SO MAD!
IT REALLY GRINDS MY GEARS!!
HOW THEY'RE RUNNING ROUGHSHOD OVER MY GAME.
THEY BETTER NOT THINK THEY'RE GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!!
WELL, THEN ...
PERHAPS I'LL TAG ALONG.
WHAT!?
NA-TSUO—!?
THIS ISLAND IS MBI'S PRIVATE PROPERTY.
I'M AN EMPLOYEE, SO IF I DON'T PUT UP A FIGHT...
...THE CEO IS SURE TO BE CROSS WITH ME.
HEH-HEH... NATSUO'S SUCH A CORPORATE DRONE...
ALL FIRED UP...
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO...
... HIGA-SAN OF THE EAST?


JUST BECAUSE THEY'VE TAKEN A HOSTAGE AND DEMANDED WE SUBMIT...
...I SEE NO REASON TO WALTZ OVER AND GIVE IN.
...HOW-EVER...
...NOTHING ABOUT THIS SITS WELL WITH ME EITHER.
SOUTH OVER THERE ONCE SPOKE OF BEING A "PROPER ASHIKABI."
AND THAT OPTION JUST BECAME A BIT MORE APPEALING.
AT THE VERY LEAST...
...I NEED TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH NORTH...


SURE.
WE'RE ALL HERE, AFTER ALL.
WITH NO WALLS OF LIGHT TO STOP OUR FIGHT.
MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
LET'S DO IT!


M-MINATO!? WHAT'RE YOU...?
HAS MINA-TAN GONE NUTS...!?
JUST LIKE THE INVADERS SAID—
WE'RE ASHIKABI AND SEKIREI.
SAHA-SHI...!
SO WE...
...SHOULD PLAY BY OUR OWN RULES.
THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR.
REMINDS ME OF SOME-THING I HEARD...
!
RIGHT NOW, ONE OF MY SEKIREI ...
...IS BATTLING YOUR NO. 04.


WHAT SHE TAUGHT ME...
...IS THAT ALL SEKIREI...
...LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN HEARTS.
AND NOBODY CAN KEEP THEIR WINGS BOUND.
THEY LIVE FREELY.
AND WE ARE ASHIKABI.
THE NORMAL RULES DON'T APPLY TO US.


JUST LIKE OUR SEKIREI...
AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THOSE INVADERS... NO...
IF THE WHOLE WORLD, EVEN...
...GETS CAUGHT UP IN OUR FIGHT!
...WE OUGHTA FIGHT ACCORDING TO OUR HEARTS.
BE-CAUSE, LOOK!
KOUTEN ...
...IS JUST OVER-HEAD!!


...
HEH...
HEH
HEH...
IT FEELS AS THOUGH I'VE GONE CRAZY SINCE COMING TO THIS ISLAND...
...BECAUSE NORTH'S WORDS ARE ACTUALLY RINGING TRUE TO ME...


MAYBE BECAUSE I, TOO...
...AM AN ASHIKABI.
YES, MASTER!
YES!
CAN YOU STILL FIGHT?
HEY.
HUH!?
YOUR HERITAGE IS UNMISTAKABLE.
YOU SO RESEMBLE THE CEO.


GO FORTH AND RAMPAGE ...
...TO YOUR HEARTS' DESIRE.
BENITSU-BASA.
HAI-HANE.
BUT NOW, I JUST LOOK DUMB!
HERE I THOUGHT I WAS DELIVERING THIS COOL, MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH.
GEEZ!!
GAAAH!


YOU WERE KIND OF COOL...
THOUGH, I STILL HATE YOU, NORTH!!
BUT I TOTALLY AGREE!

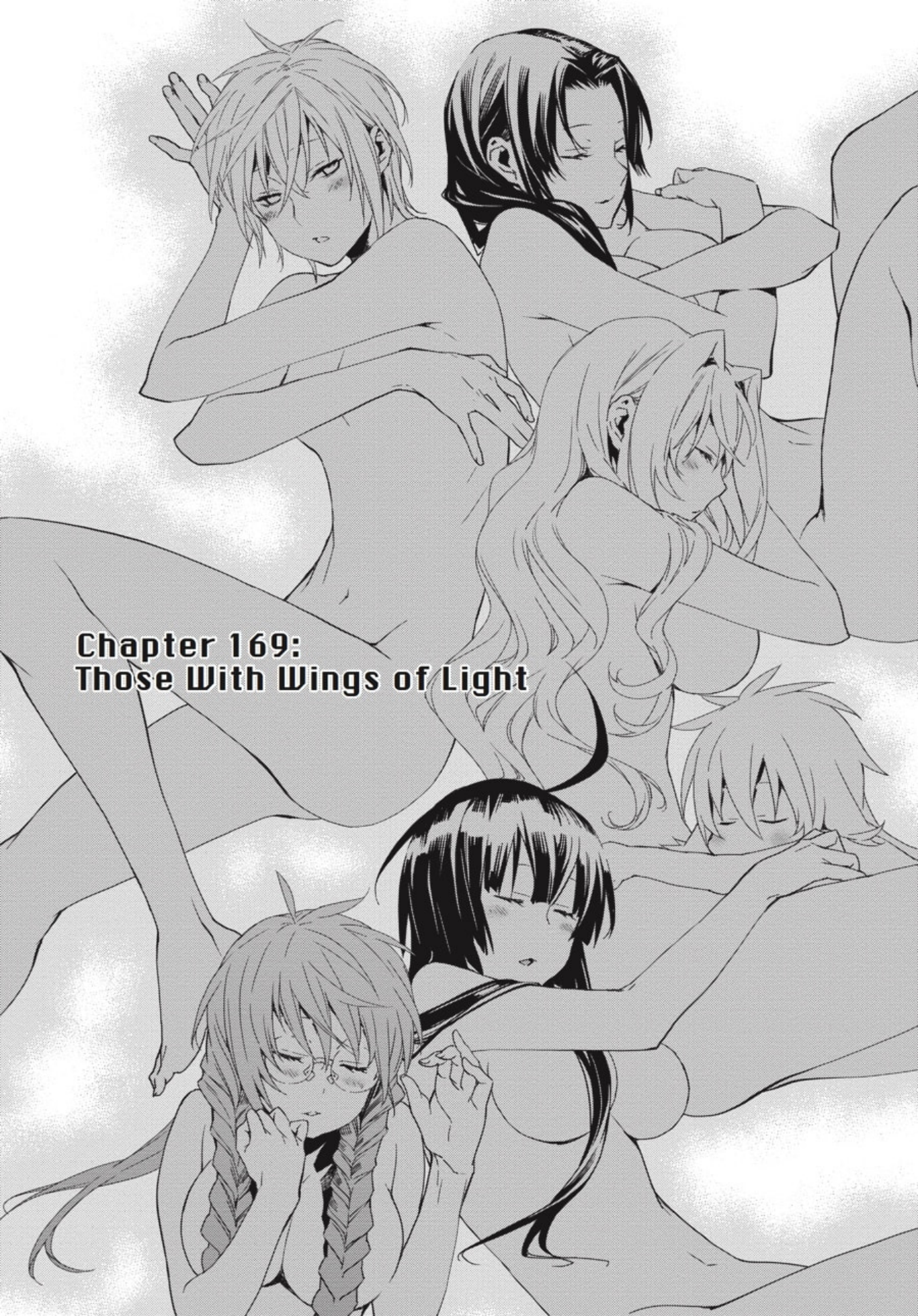

MI-
MINA-TAN...
KAGARI-
SAN...
...LET'S
DO YOUR
NORITO!
NO—
—
RITO
!?
RIGHT.
I'M
READY
TOO!
THEY'LL
SEND UP
THE SMOKE
SIGNAL FOR...
THE START TO
OUR FINAL
BATTLE.
SO LET'S MAKE
IT AS FLASHY
AS POSSIBLE!
YOUR
FLAMES...
RUMBLE
ONE
MORE
MINUTE
...


BLAZE
!!
SHOW US YOUR PANT-IEBES!
NOOO!
NOO-OOOO!
SHOW USSS!
SHOW US!
... USS!
!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT THE —!?


...WHO WINDS UP LIKE THIIIS!?
WHY'S IT ALWAYS ME...
APPEAR
"SE-SEKI—
"REI"...
AH!
STAMP
ゴッ..
HMPH!
SPLOOSH
WATER FESTIVAL!
I'M GONNA SLAUGH-TER...
...EVERYONE WHO AIN'T NATSUO!


KERSLAM
GIGA ☆ QUAKE !!
YOU OKAY!?
WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT SORTA PARTY IS THIS?
HUH!? SAHA-SHI!?
SANADA-SAN!
?
にゅるり…
WRIGGLE
WH-WHAT'S THIS?
WRAP
WHOA!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
A PARTY TO DETERMINE THE #1 SEKIREI!


KAGARI-SAN...
...LET'S DO YOUR NORITO!
NO—
—RITO!?
LET'S MAKE IT AS FLASHY AS POSSIBLE!
TRYING TO TAKE THIS ISLAND...
TRYING TO TAKE SEKIREI BY FORCE IS A LOST CAUSE, RIGHT?
SO LET'S SHOW THESE INVADERS... AND WHOEVER'S PULLING THEIR STRINGS.
WE'LL SHOW THEM...
...EVERYONE'S POWER!



Chapter 169:
Those With Wings of Light


SAHASHI
.....
.....
...WHEN DID YOU...
...BECOME SUCH A RELIABLE GUY?
HUH !?
R-RELIABLE !?
BACK THEN...
...YOU SPOKE OF WINGING ME BY FORCE.
THAT'S NOT TRUE, THOUGH.
MY SEKIREI CORE WAS REACTING TO YOU.


MAKE NO MISTAKE.
"HOMURA" CHOSE YOU.
KAGARI-SAN...
THOUGH... TO BE HONEST, THE FEELINGS CAME LATER.
...YOU COULD SAY.
IT TOOK A CERTAIN JEALOUS SOMEONE TO MAKE ME REALIZE.
YOU DON'T FIND THIS AMUSING EITHER, RIGHT!?
WHA—?
BUT NOW, I'VE DECIDED, DEEP DOWN.
THESE FEELINGS ...
JUST AS I CONFESSED AT IZUMO INN...
MY ASHIKABI ...


ALL I DO...
...IS FOR YOU.


BY THE FLAMES OF MY CONTRACT ...
...INCIN-ERATE THE KARMA...
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
KAGARI-SAN...!
.....
NO. 06.
HOMURA.




MY FLAMES ...
...WILL BURN ALL BUT MY ASHIKABI TO CINDERS!


LISTEN, EVERY-ONE.
I RECOMMEND RUNNING AWAY FROM THE CENTRAL AREA...
TOO HOT!
GET BACK, NA-TSUO !!
...UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR ASHIKABI BURNING UP WITH THE REST OF THE ISLAND.


LET'S RUN AWAY, KU-CHAN!
ANY CLOSER, AND YOU'D ACTUALLY KILL THE INVADERS.
HOT, HOT, HOT!
YEAH.
HOT!
SHOULD I MAKE MY MOVE HERE?
HURRY, NOW.
SAHA-SHI.
I'LL RAISE A GRAND SMOKE SIGNAL FOR ALL TO SEE.
GOT IT.
WINGS OF...
...IMMO-LATION !!
!


BLAZE
...WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE ASHIKABI.
?
BEFORE BEING WINGED, THAT SEKIREI WAS ON THE VERGE OF SELF-DESTRUCTING.
BUT NOW, HE HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER HIS POWERS.
HOW'S THAT MAKE THE ASHIKABI IMPRESSIVE, HUH?
THAT'S NORMAL ONCE A PAIR BONDS, RIGHT?
A LONG TIME AGO...
...PROFESSOR ASAMA EXPLAINED THIS HYPOTHESIS TO ME—
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW, AS YOU'RE A SPECIAL ASHIKABI AS WELL.
NO...NOT REALLY.


WHEN AN ASHIKABI FORMS A CONTRACT WITH A SEKIREI...
...PERHAPS SOMETHING INSIDE THEM IS BORN.
AN "ASHIKABI CORE," IF YOU WILL. SIMILAR TO THE SEKIREI CORE.
UNDER THIS THEORY, THE ASHIKABI CORE WOULD INTERACT WITH THAT OF THEIR BONDED SEKIREI.
THESE INTERACTIONS WOULD ENHANCE BOTH, ALLOWING THEM TO SHINE BRIGHTER...
THAT WOULD MEAN AN ASHIKABI WHO'S BONDED WITH MULTIPLE SEKIREI IS STRONGER, RIGHT?
THAT WOULD BE THE CASE, IF IT WORKED LIKE SIMPLE ADDITION.
BUT IT DOESN'T... ACCORDING TO ASAMA.
IT'S LIKE...
A PERSON CAN'T DIVIDE THEIR HEART INTO SEPARATE PIECES, YEAH?
"THE TRAIT THAT ALLOWS ONE TO WING SEKIREI"...
WE AT MBI CALL THOSE WITH THAT PARTICULAR GENETIC MARKER "ASHIKABI."


THE MARKER ITSELF IS A RARE THING INDEED... BUT...
"THE ABILITY TO ACT AS AN ASHIKABI" ISN'T ALL THAT UNIQUE.
ANYONE CAN HAVE THAT.
IT COULD BE THE ABILITY TO SYMPATHIZE...
...THE ABILITY TO LOVE...
THAT'S LIKELY ALL IT IS, REALLY.
BY LOVING AND FEELING... THOSE EMOTIONS ENHANCE THE SEKIREI CORE AND ASHIKABI CORE (NAME PENDING)...
...AND THE SEKIREI AND ASHIKABI THEMSELVES.
THOSE SPARKS GROW AND RUN WILD...
...UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR ORIGINAL FORMS, PERHAPS.
THIS WOULD MAKE SEKIREI COMPATIBILITY AND ASHIKABI CAPABILITY TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS.
WE'RE LIKELY TO SEE PLENTY OF ASHIKABI WHO SUCCEED IN WINGING SEKIRE, YET FAIL TO DRAW OUT THEIR POTENTIAL.
THOUGH, I WOULD HOPE YOU ALL MANAGE TO FIND COMPATIBLE ASHIKABI? YOU'D LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU?
QUESTION! MATSU HAS A QUESTION!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "ORIGINAL FORMS"!?
WHY, SHOULDN'T THAT...
...BE OBVIOUS?
AS MINAKA-KUN WOULD PUT IT— "THOSE SPOKEN OF IN THIS COUNTRY'S MYTHOLOGY."


GODS!
GEEZ, MUTSU!
THAT SOUNDS REAL IMPOR-TANT!!
WHY'VE YOU NEVER TOLD ME ANY OF THIS BEFORE!?
LIKE I SAID, IT WAS ONLY A THEORY.
SPREADING UNVERIFIED INFORMATION AMONG ASHIKABI IS A SURE WAY TO INVITE CHAOS.
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO A SEKIREI OTAKU LIKE YOU...
I'M PUTTING YOU DOWN NOW.
SO WHY TELL ME NOW?
...BECAUSE IT'S NO LONGER...
...AN UNPROVEN THEORY.


NO. 09 AND NO. 06'S POWERS...NORITO OR NOT, THOSE ABILITIES ARE OFF THE CHARTS.
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT NO. 06 WAS ORIGINALLY SO UNSTABLE AS TO BE CONSIDERED UNWINGABLE.
SO POWER LIKE THAT MUST BE CONNECTED TO THEIR ASHIKABI.
MUTSU...
I DON'T LIKE YOU PRAISING NORTH...
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, MIKOGAMI.
...!?
WHEN YOU WINGED AKITSU...
...I GOT A GLIMPSE OF IT.
A STRONG LIGHT...
...WITHIN YOU.


AKITSU'S POWER... HER SOUL, EVEN—HAD BEEN SEALED AWAY, BUT IT REACTED TO YOUR CORE.
WE BELIEVED AKITSU COULDN'T BE WINGED, BUT YOU PULLED IT OFF ALL THE SAME.
...BUT THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW AN ASHIKABI'S.
THE CORES OF FELLOW SEKIREI SOMETIMES APPEAR AS LIGHT, TO US.
...CORE.
MY ASHIKABI ...
...THAT YOU'RE OUR RIGHTFUL MASTER.
...IT'S PROOF ...
...?
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS.
WRONG, MUTSU!
WHAT I'VE RECEIVED FROM ALL OF YOU.


BECAUSE, IN THE END, WE'RE FRIENDS!
WE'RE FRIENDS!
MASTERS? SERVANTS? I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT JUNK.
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING A GOOD MASTER WOULD SAY...
...GOT IT.
GET IT!?
...ALL THAT ASIDE, MUTSU...
...SOMETHING'S BEEN ON MY MIND.
MBI HASN'T... COME TO COLLECT ANYONE FOR A WHILE.
IF THIS GOES ON MUCH LONGER... THEY'LL BE IN REAL DANGER.
NO DOUBT, SOME ARE CRITICALLY WOUNDED.
... RIGHT.


WATER FESTIVAL!
SPLOOSH
GIGA ☆ QUAKE !!


WH-WHOA...
ACK!
CAN'T LET THOSE BASTARDS HEAD THAT WAY!!
SANADA-SAN?
SOME OF MY SEKIREI ARE OVER THAT WAY! THE GIRLS WHO GOT FROZEN BY SOUTH!
GET BACK HERE, DAMMIT!
!
I CAN'T JUST STAND BY WHILE THOSE ASSHOLES KIDNAP MY LOVELIES!
SAME GOES FOR ME!
THAT IDIOT TERMINATED SOME OF MY SEKIREI TOO.
AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T BEEN COLLECTED BY MBI!


MINA-TAN, MINA-TAN.
MATSU BELIEVES IT'S TIME FOR KUSANO-TAN TO TAKE CENTER STAGE! ♡
MATSU IS ACTUALLY READING THE SITUATION QUITE LEVEL-HEADEDLY!
WHICH IS WHY MATSU RECOMMENDS KUSANO-TAN FOR THE JOB.
TRY READING THE ROOM...!
...NORTH, YOU JERK!
THIS IS KINDA URGENT...
M—
MATSU-SAAAN!!
MATSU'S PREDICTION IS LIKELY RIGHT ON THE MONEY!
MUTTER ぼそ
MUTTER ぼそ
MUTTER ぼそ
I MEAN... I REMEMBER YOUR "NORITO PREDICTION" FROM OUR SECRET MEETING, MATSU-SAN.
BUT CAN KU-CHAN REALLY DO THAT...?
?
HMPH!


...THE PAIR OF THEM POSSESS DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED ABILITIES.
KUSANO-TAN WAS MODIFIED ALONGSIDE NO. 107...
...WHICH MEANS...
SO THERE'S A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY THAT KUSANO-TAN'S ISN'T EITHER.
...IN WHICH CASE—
NO. 107'S POWER ISN'T LIMITED TO PLANT LIFE.
THIS IS THE PERFECT SITUATION FOR TESTING THAT THEORY.
? ?
AT LEAST BASED ON SOMETHING TAKEHITO-TAN SAID LONG AGO.
MATSU THINKS YOU'RE CAPABLE OF DRAWING *THAT* OUT OF HER, MINA-TAN.
K-KU-CHAN...
MMM.
AND KUSANO-TAN SEEMS MORE THAN WILLING TO TRY! ♡
HMPH.
HMPH.
HMPH.


HEY!
PULL IT TOGETHER.
THOSE INVAD-ERS!
I'M TELLING YOU, THEY HEADED OFF TOWARD MY SEKIREI!
DO YOU WANT THEM GETTING THEIR HANDS ON MY GIRLS!?
...NO.
THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE THREAT...
...ALL BY THEM-SELVES!


...NO.
THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE THREAT ALL BY THEMSELVES.
HUUH? COME AGAIN?
BY THEMSELVES? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MY GIRLS WHO CEASED FUNCTIONING!
THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, IDIOT!
HISS
HA HA...
N-NORMALLY, YOU'D BE RIGHT.
WELL...
WATCH, AND YOU'LL SEE.



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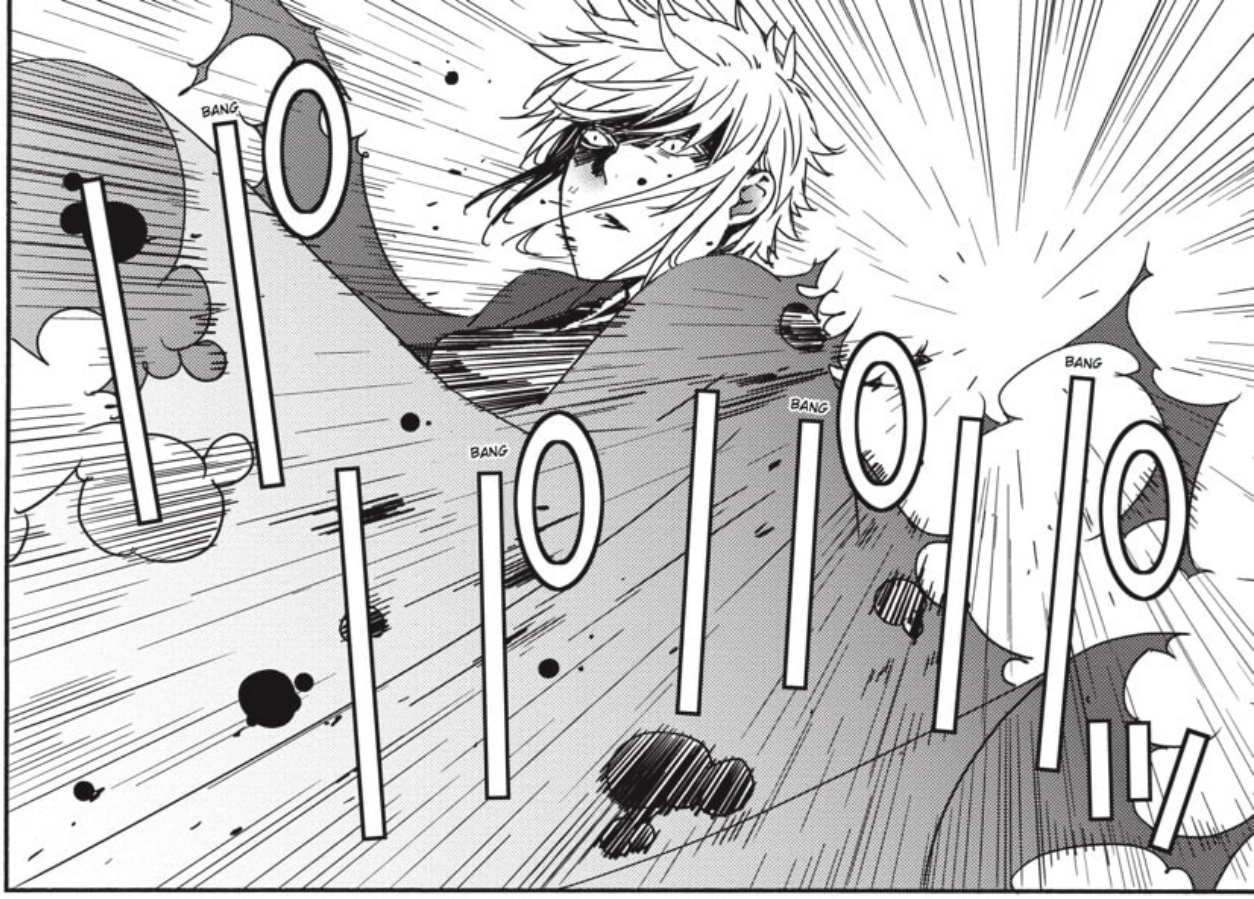

KICK...
...OF THE BEAR!
... ATTACKS FROM BELOW GIVE ME TROUBLE.
BUT I'M GREAT AT HANDLING ONES FROM ABOVE.
TIME TO SKEWER YOU.


SHING
WHAM
!?
MUSUBI'S SHOES!
ARE MADE SPECIAL BY MBI! ♡
THEY'VE GOT METAL SOLES! ♡
...HEH HEH...
.....


FASCI-
NATING
...!
FASCINAT-
ING.....!!
YOU
REALLY DO
FASCINATE
ME.
MORE...
I WANT
MORE.
MORE FUN
AS WE
SLAUGH-
TER EACH
OTHER.
JUST
THE TWO
OF US...
FOREVER
...!!
KARA-
SUBA-
SAMA...
VOID
BLADE.
SLASH


BURST
SKLIT
...!
WHOOSH
STUMBLE
AH...!
...FU FU...
THAT WAS SLOPPY, MU-CHAN.
PLAYTIME'S NOT OVER!
GET UP.


...HAVING FUN UNTIL YOU'RE GOOD AND DEAD.
WE'LL PLAY AND PLAY SOME MORE...
...YUME WILL BE DRAGGED OUT FROM INSIDE OF YOU...!
AT WHICH POINT...
.....
...KARA-SUBA-SAMA.
WHAT ...?
STEP
!
YUME-SAMA...
SHE'S ...
...NOT AROUND ANY-MORE.


BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG


KARA-
SUBA-
SAMA!


OOZE
...?


DON'T MOVE, YOU TWO!!
WE'VE ENCOUNTERED A CLASS-A THREAT! CURRENTLY FIRING ON HER!!
RE-QUESTING BACKUP.
GRIND
...WITH ME.
DON'T MESS WITH ME.
DON'T MESS WITH ME.


DON'T MESS WITH ME.
BURST
DON'T MESS WITH MEEE!
IF YOU FOOLS...!
IF YOU'D NEVER COME TO THIS ISLAND...
TREMBLE
WH.....
TREMBLE
WHOA ...!
TREMBLE
SHUDDER


...BEEN LOST TO ME.
...WOULD NEVER HAVE...
...YUME...
CATCH
—YOU MUSTN'T!


WE MUSTN'T DO THAT!
ENDING A LIFE...
...IS THE SAME...AS DESTROYING BONDS.
YUME .....?
...HAS BECOME ONE WITH ME.
YUME-SAMA...
NO.
I'M MUSUBI.


KARA-
SUBA?
MUSUBI-
CHAN!


C'MON, KU-CHAN!
YOU READY?
YEAH!
KU WILL DO HER BEST.
HUH?
GUHEHEH.
KU-CHAN... I THINK MATSU-SAN IS A BAD INFLUENCE ON YOU!
KU-FU
KU-FU.
OHHH MYYY!
EEK...
ACK! DON'T PIN ME DOWN.
YOU WANT TO BE KISSED LIKE THAT?
THAT GIRL TOTALLY REJECTED ME BACK THEN. BUT LOOKIT HER NOW!
... DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS...
...KU-CHAN.
GLOW


BY THE LIFE OF MY CONTRACT...
...AWAKEN THE STARS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
POOF
FLOATY, FLOATY...
...GREEN!!


RUSTLE
FSSHH
FLOAT
ほわ…
FLOAT
ほわ…
ほわ…
FLOAT
TWITCH
ピクッ
FLOAT
ほわ…
WHOOSH
FLOAT
ほわ…


FSSHH
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Awaken, Light
TWITCH
FLOAT
ほわ
FLOAT
ほわ
.....?


UH...
HUH?
WE... I WAS SURE WE GOT TAKEN OUT BY WEST'S SNEAK ATTACK.
CLOTHES ARE ALL RIPPED.
...WHAT THE HELL??
!?
THE PAIN... THE WOUNDS ...
THEY'RE ALL GONE .....?
WHERE'D THIS GRASS SPRING UP FROM...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
!!
"SEKIREI" !?
DON'T MOVE! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!!
HUHH ?
WHO'RE YOU PEOPLE!?

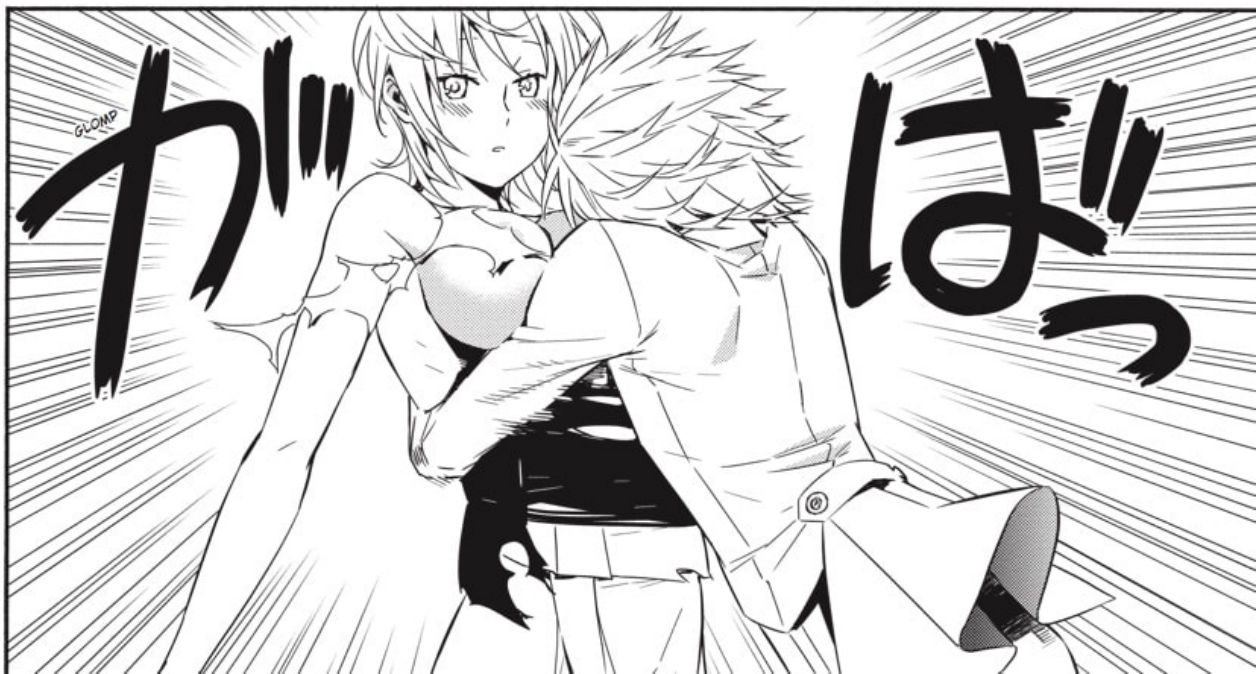

DON'T GO AROUND ACTING...
WHIP
...LIKE YOU'RE SO TOUGH!
SLICE
ARM: 103
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH!
CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING !?
CRUMBLE
EEP...
WHOA!
...HEY!
EVERY-ONE!!


HAHA. HAA.
EVERY-ONE...!
TAKI.
JUUZA.
MIKO-SAMA!!
MITSUKI.
MOMO ...!


...
AKITSU.
WAAH!
YOU ALL...! STOPPED FUNCTIONING ...
AND I...! I.....
...
NNN.
UNGHH.
MIKO-SAMA.
PLEASE DON'T CRY.
IT DOESN'T SUIT THAT CUTE FACE OF YOURS.
WHERE ARE WE, MIKO-SAMA!? WHAT'S THIS GRASSY FIELD!?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?


...
MASTER
...
WHOA, AKITSU ?
HOW'D YOU GET WINGED?
IS THAT EVEN POSSI-BLE!?
AWFUL!


...
MASTER.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW I FELT, HEARING THAT!?
...WITH NOTHING BUT A "TAKE CARE."
LEAVING ME...


GLOMP
がば
ぱっ


NO MORE ...
...LEAVING ME!!
YOU'RE ALL...
...MY FRIENDS, SO...
...I WON'T LET YOU GO EVER AGAIN!
I SWEAR IT ON MY ASHIKABI CORE!!
NEVER AGAIN! NOT ONE OF YOU!
I'M NOT GONNA LET ANY OF YOU GET TERMI-NATED!
I'M DETER-MINED NOW!!
...MASTER .....
MASTER ...
M—
MIKO-SAMA?


EVERY-THING'S SHOWING...
WRAP YOURSELF WITH THIS, AKITSU.
SO BE GRATEFUL TO HIM.
BUT ONE OF NORTH'S SEKIREI SAVED YOU.
YOU WERE ALL BEATEN INTO SUBMISSION BY WEST'S SEKIREI.
...WHAT'S... GOING ON NOW?
"NORTH" !?
WHOOSH
FLAP
I WAS FIGHTING NO. 03 AND...GOT BEATEN...
WHAT... HAPPENED TO ME...?

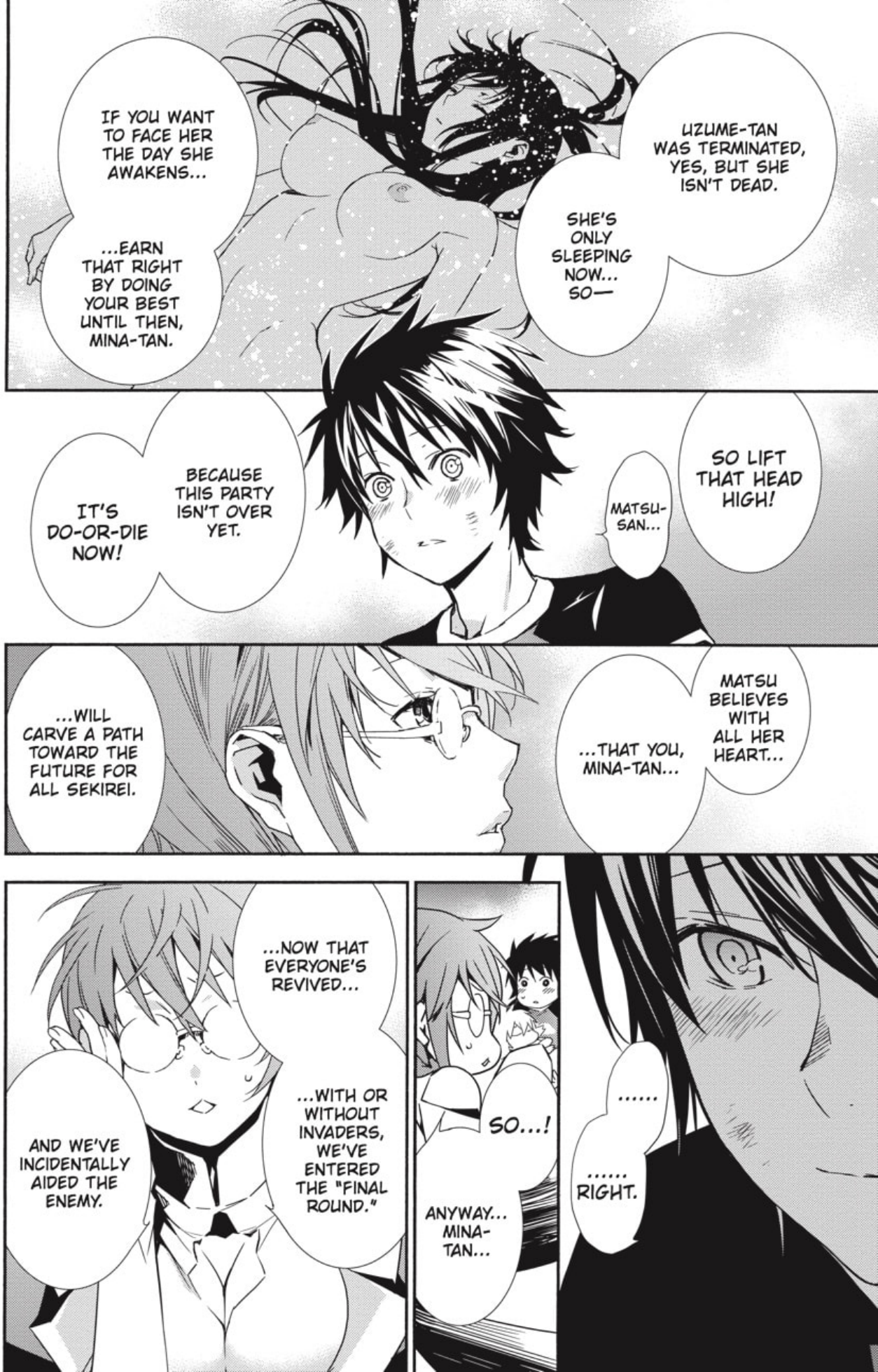

...THIS "PARTY" ISN'T OVER YET.
SORRY, BUT YOU'RE STUCK WITH ME A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
... MASTER ...
... OKAY!
Y-YOU GUYS!!
GET US OUT! GET US OUUUT!
QUIVER
CRACK
COLD !!
QUIVER
SHAKE
QUIVER
SHAKE
KU CAN HEAR THEM, BIG BROTHER.
KU CAN HEAR THEM ALL WAKING UP!
THE ONES WHO WERE SLEEPING ARE AWAKE AGAIN.


YOU'RE AMAZING, KU-CHAN!
THAT'S ...
...AMAZ-ING!
KU...
...DID HER BEST...
...BUT NOW...
SWAY
ふらぁ
!
KU-CHAN!


SWOOSH
そよ
FLOAT
POOF
ぽすっ
!
KAZE-
HANA-
SAN!


PHEW!
MATSU'S NORITO PREDICTION WAS ACCURATE.
BIG SIS GOT REVIVED TOO!
FWIP
THANK YOU, KUSANO-CHAN.
YOU WERE THE COOLEST GIRL AROUND.
KAZEHANA-SAN...THANK GOODNESS.
FWIP
NONSENSE. MATSU'S JUST A STRATEGIST.
KUSANO-TAN WAS THE REAL STAR HERE.
A NEW LIGHT...? C'MON, MINA-TAN...
I'M SEEING YOU IN A NEW LIGHT!!
YEAH, YOU'RE BOTH AWE-SOME!
KU-CHAN AND MATSU-SAN TOO.
?
IN ANY CASE, THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS!
THAT SAID...
...YOU WERE GREAT TOO, MINA-TAN...
...A SEKIREI'S SOUL CAN REGAIN ITS SHINE...
SO IF SOMETHING IS DONE TO GET THE CORE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN IN TIME...
ONCE A BODY HAS CEASED FUNCTIONING, THERE'S STILL SOME TIME BEFORE A SEKIREI'S CORE SHUTS DOWN COMPLETELY.


IT SEEMS TAKEHITO-TAN'S THEORY WAS RIGHT.
IN THIS CASE, KUSANO-TAN'S ABILITY TO HEAL PHYSICAL WOUNDS ACTED AS THE CATALYST...
...ALLOWING FALLEN SEKIREI TO REACTIVATE.
JUDGING FROM KUSANO-TAN'S TRIUMPHANT LOOK, WE CAN ASSUME SEKIREI ALL OVER THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN REVIVED.
KU GOT THE JOB DONE!
.....
? WHAT IS IT?
JUST...
...I WISH WE'D KNOWN THIS...
...WHEN UZUME-SAN WAS...YOU KNOW...
...THE THING IS, MINA-TAN...
...YOU'VE FOUGHT YOUR FLAWS AND FAILINGS AND WORKED HARD TO GET THIS FAR.
THAT'S MADE YOU THE MAN YOU ARE TODAY.
BUT UNTIL YOU BECAME THAT MAN... TSUKIUMI-TAN, HOMURA-TAN, KAZEHANA-TAN, KUSANO-TAN, MATSU-TAN...
WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE OUR NORITOS LIKE THIS.


IF YOU WANT TO FACE HER THE DAY SHE AWAKENS...
...EARN THAT RIGHT BY DOING YOUR BEST UNTIL THEN, MINA-TAN.
UZUME-TAN WAS TERMINATED, YES, BUT SHE ISN'T DEAD.
SHE'S ONLY SLEEPING NOW... SO—
IT'S DO-OR-DIE NOW!
BECAUSE THIS PARTY ISN'T OVER YET.
MATSU-SAN...
SO LIFT THAT HEAD HIGH!
...WILL CARVE A PATH TOWARD THE FUTURE FOR ALL SEKIREI.
...THAT YOU, MINA-TAN...
MATSU BELIEVES WITH ALL HER HEART...
AND WE'VE INCIDENTALLY AIDED THE ENEMY.
...NOW THAT EVERYONE'S REVIVED...
...WITH OR WITHOUT INVADERS, WE'VE ENTERED THE "FINAL ROUND."
SO...!
ANYWAY... MINA-TAN...
.....
.....
RIGHT.


YOU ONLY JUST REALIZED !?
OH... YEAH. I GUESS WE HAVE?
"BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN! ♡" RIGHT ?
I KNOW THAT'S WHAT SHE...
I SUPPOSE THEY ARE "ENEMIES," HUH?
SO MAYBE IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER...
...TO LET THEM STAY KNOCKED OUT.
...WOULD SAY.
MUSUBI-CHAN.



Chapter 172: Hollow Land, Birth of Bonds




SO THE DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD IS NOW...
...DOWN TO JUST YOU, HUH?
THE OTHERS ARE ALL GONE.
...YEAH.
AREN'T YOU LONELY?
DON'T KNOW.
...BUT.
I KNOW THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE ME AT ALL NOW.
I'M AS EMPTY AS THIS LANDSCAPE.


A BARREN WASTELAND.
LIKE TRACES OF A FADED DREAM.
BUT... ...YOU HAVEN'T YET BEEN WINGED, RIGHT?
SO THAT'S NONSENSE! YOUR "DREAM" IS FAR FROM OVER.
IN FACT, IT HASN'T EVEN REALLY BEGUN!!
...DON'T TALK LIKE YOU UNDERSTAND ME.
WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?
OH...!
MY APOLOGIES. I SHOULD HAVE INTRODUCED MYSELF!
BAM


I'M NO. 08!
YUME, "SEKIREI OF BONDS"!


I UNDERSTAND.
YOUR BLADE SPEAKS TO ME.
IT REVEALS YOUR HEART, BARE AND UNHIDDEN.
CATCH
!
I SEE...THEY MENTIONED HOW MBI HAS TROUBLE CONTROLLING YOU, NO. 04.
A DESIRE FOR SOMETHING... FOR SOMEONE.
THERE'S A DESIRE...
SO TENDER... AND PAINFUL... IT BURNS TO TOUCH.
DESPAIR...PRIDE... A HOLLOWNESS LIKE A GAPING VOID.....BUT ON A SINGLE THREAD OF HOPE DANGLES... A WISH...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
WHAT THE.....?
YOU, TOO, ARE A "SEKIREI" AFTER ALL! ♡
...IT SEEMS I WORRIED OVER NOTHING... FU-FU.
BEFORE MEETING YOU IN PERSON, I WAS CONCERNED, BUT...


I'VE DECIDED!
TUG
!
SNAP
STARTING TODAY!
I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE!!
I'LL WEAR YOUR COLORS...
...AND WATCH OVER THE FLEDGLINGS!


...I SHALL JOIN YOU AS THE FLEDGLINGS' GUARDIAN!
UNTIL THE DAY COMES WHEN YOU FIND WHAT YOU SEEK...
UNTIL YOU ENCOUNTER YOUR DESTINY...
MY GARB WILL GO TO THE NEXT GENERATION! ♡
OKAY?


...THIS SEKIREI'S WORDS SOMEHOW SPEAK TO ME.
...YET...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO TELL ME.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S SAYING.
TWITCH
ピク!!!
GRAB
カバッ
GOTCHA! ♡
WEEOO
WEEOO
WEEOO
MORE SPIES ON THE ISLAND!?
HOW'S THE FACILITY?
IF THEY GET INTO THE "ARK," IT'S ALL OVER.


GEEZ. HOW MANY ATTEMPTS THIS YEAR NOW?
YOU PEOPLE JUST DON'T LEARN. I KNOW YOU WANT THOSE RELICS, BUT...
WEEOO
WEEOO
SLASH
THEY ATTACK WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.
CLENCH
GRIPPED BY THAT FEAR, THEY TAKE UP ARMS.
THEY WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE, WITH FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS.
THEY'RE SCARED OF US SEKIREI.
...THAT'S NOT ALL IT IS, THOUGH.
THEY LET FEAR CONTROL THEM AND RESORT TO VIOLENCE...
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT? THEIR PATHETIC SPECIES JUST ISN'T NECESSARY.
IT'S DISGUSTING. EACH ATTEMPT IS JUST A DEMONSTRATION OF HOW UTTERLY WEAK THEY ARE, IN THE END.
DO YOU KNOW THE VERY FIRST THING THAT OUGHTA BE DONE WHEN TWO GROUPS DON'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?
...WHILE YOU SPEAK OF LIVES YOU DEEM UNNECESSARY. BOTH OF YOU ARE BOGGED DOWN BY YOUR CONCLUSIONS.
ENOUGH TO ANNIHILATE THEM...
THERE'RE, WHAT, SEVEN BILLION OF THEM NOW?
AND 108 OF US? MORE THAN ENOUGH.


WE MUST LOVE! ♡
LOVE IS THE ONLY LIGHT THAT CAN TRULY GUIDE US.
LOVE EACH OTHER...
...AND THROUGH THAT LOVE, ARRIVE AT A GREATER UNDERSTANDING.
...A SINGLE RAY OF HOPE CAN LIGHT THE WAY AND ALLOW THEM TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS.
THOUGH THE SKY OUR FLEDGLINGS SOAR ACROSS MAY BE DARK AND CLOUDED...
...LIGHTING A PATH TO WHAT LIES BEYOND.....
SOMEDAY, THAT LIGHT WILL REND THE THICK CLOUDS APART...


HERE WE GO AGAIN.
THAT SPEECH OF YOURS, YUME.
...UNLIKE ME.
C'MON, KARASUBA!! I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND!
YOU CAN BE WINGED...
YOU WILL BOND WITH SOMEONE, SOMEDAY, AND BE WINGED.
YOU WILL ASCEND TO THE HEIGHTS WE WERE MEANT FOR.
HEIGHTS I CAN NEVER REACH, NO MATTER HOW HARD I YEARN... WITH AN ASHIKABI...
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THAT, WITH A PANG OF LONELINESS IN MY HEART...
FU-FU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL THIS STRANGE FEELING.
.....YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T GET IT, YUME.
WHAT I REALLY WANT IS.....


BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
GASP
SHOULD'VE SLICED UP THEIR GUNS.
AW...SORRY. GUESS I HADN'T FINISHED THEM OFF.
MONSTER ...?
W-WAH...
MON-STER...
SCATTER
PLINK
PLINK
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE NOT WILLING TO LISTEN.
WHAT NOW, YUME?
HOW CAN YOU NOT UNDERSTAND SOMETHING SO SIMPLE!? IT MAKES ME MAD!!
DON'T CALL A YOUNG MAIDEN SUCH AS MYSELF "MONSTER"!
THE MONSTER, SHE'S...!!
M-MONSTER!
BAM
BAM
BAM


IF MY WORDS OF LOVE CAN'T REACH THEM...
...THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE.
FEEL THE LOVE...
...OF MY FIST!!
KERBLAM
BUT, KARASUBA...
...JUST BECAUSE WE CANNOT SEE EYE TO EYE...
ON THAT FINAL DAY...
ON THAT DAY, I GAVE INTO MY ANGER AND TOOK LIVES... I STOLE AWAY THE POTENTIAL IN ALL THOSE LIVES.
I'VE ALWAYS REGRETTED THAT.
...DOESN'T MEAN THEY HAVE TO DIE.
WE MUSTN'T DO THAT!
ENDING A LIFE IS THE SAME... AS DESTROYING BONDS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING... YUME.....?
NO.


I AM MUSUBI.
YUME-SAMA...
...HAS BECOME ONE WITH ME.


SNAP
...SHE'S NO LONGER WITH US.
WHICH MEANS...
ALL OF IT.
IT'S GIVEN ME NEW UNDER-STANDING...
...ABOUT MYSELF... ABOUT YUME-SAN... AND HER FEELINGS TOWARD YOU, KARASUBA-SAMA.


.....
.....WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YUME IS...
...HIDDEN INSIDE YOU, ISN'T SHE?
SO IF I KILL YOU AND SLICE OPEN YOUR CHEST...
...HER CORE WILL...
WON'T YUME EMERGE?
...YUME-SAMA WAS LONELY.

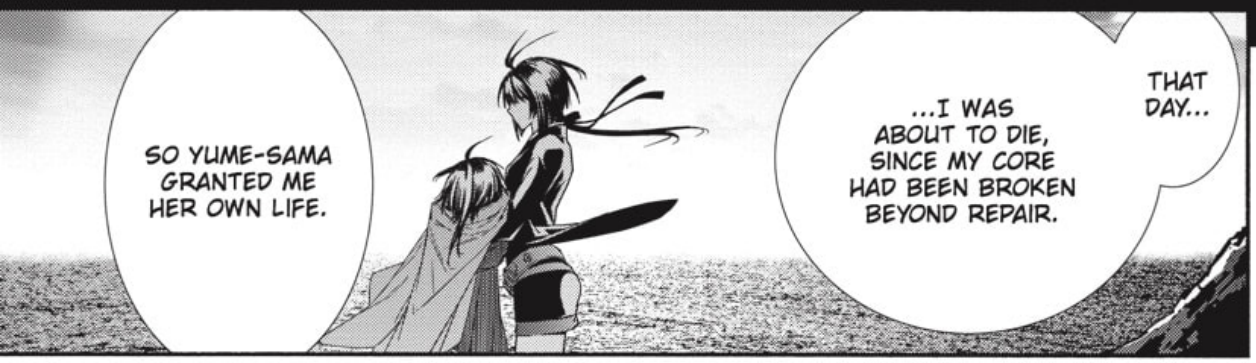
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THE ONLY ONE, OUT OF ALL 108...

...WITH A SPECIAL, *PAIRED* SEKIREI CORE.

A COMPLETE UNIT, WITH NO NEED FOR WINGING.

A SOUL NOT MEANT TO BOND WITH ANYONE.....





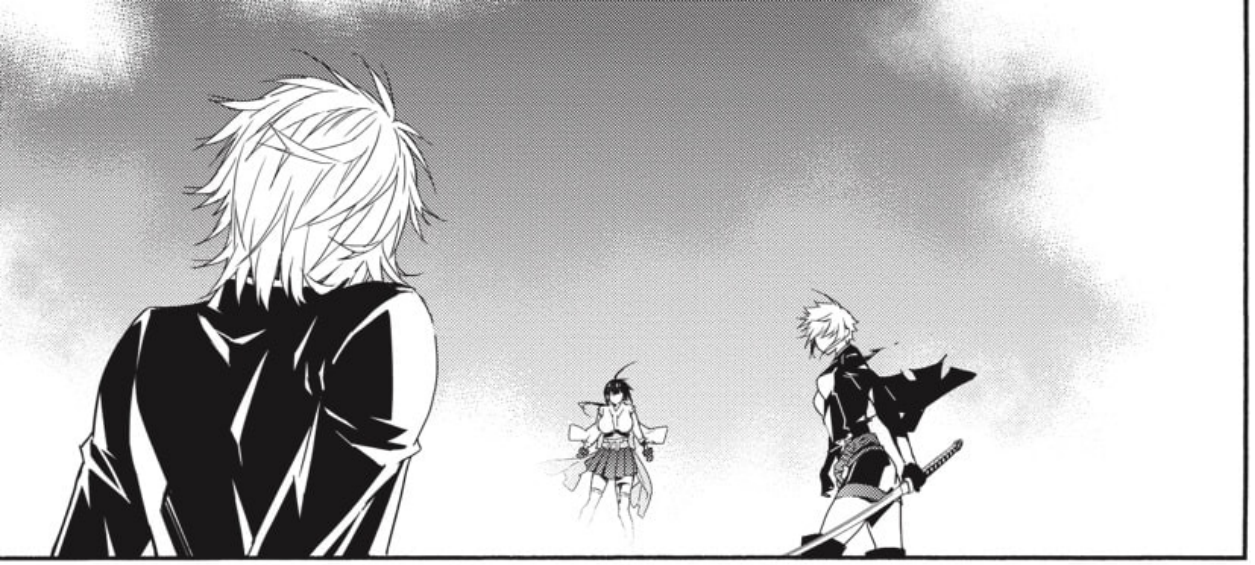



BUT NO LONGER.
...WHY NOT?
"SEKIREI DECLARATION."
WHEN A SEKIREI DEDICATES THEIR HEART TO ONE THEY LOVE...
...WE WERE TOUCHED BY MINATO-SAN'S KIND SOUL.
THAT'S WHEN WE FINALLY BECAME ONE.


AND BRING MINATO-SAN ALONG.
IN ORDER TO REACH THE HEIGHTS OF KOUTEN!
KARA-SUBA-SAMA ...!!
YOU'RE WRONG, KARA-SUBA-SAMA.
HE KILLED HER ...!!!
HE KILLED HER.
HE KILLED HER.
...HE... KILLED HER?
...AN ASHI-KABI...
A HUMAN ...
KARA-SUBA-SAMA.
... TOOK YUME ...!


KILL.
PLEASE LISTEN, KARASUBA-SAMA.
I'LL KILL YOU ALL...!
...AND YOUR ASHI-KABI.
YOU...
...I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
KARA-SUBA!!
KARA-SUBA-SAMA.


HAA.
HAA.
HAA.
...
NATSUO
.....
KARA-SUBA...




...
KARA-
SUBA
.....


BADUM


BADUM
...IT
FEELS
AWFUL
...!


WHAT...
IS THIS?
MY CHEST...
MY SEKIREI
CORE...
IT'S HOT...
BADUM
BADUM


...
WHAT?


HAA.
HAA.
BADUM
BADUM
.....
NATSUO.
WHY ARE YOU...
...
HERE?
BADUM
THERE'S SOME-THING...
...I HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW.



Chapter 173: Wings of the Reaper


... WHAT ...?
WHAT IS IT ...?
WE'RE SEKIREI AND ASHIKABI.
I'VE FINALLY REALIZED.
NOW, FINALLY... AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
...KARA-SUBA.
WE'RE INHERENTLY CONNECTED.
WE...
YOU AND I...
WE WERE NEVER COMPLETELY EMPTY.


BECAUSE I HAD LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO ME THAT DAY.
BECAUSE I HAD NO ONE AND NOTHING LEFT.
...I WOULD'VE PLUNGED FROM THE TOP OF MBI HQ.
...IF I HADN'T RUN INTO YOU THEN...
BUT NOW, I HAVE YOU THREE.
I MET YOU AND LIVED ON.
BENITSU-BASA AND HAIHANE HELPED ME LIVE THROUGH THIS BATTLE.
AND I'VE BEEN THINKING...
...ABOUT WHAT IT ALL REALLY MEANS.


KARA-SUBA.
I HAD TO TELL YOU THIS.
I HAD TO TELL YOU, AND...
IT WAS NOW OR NEVER.
THROB
...!
THIS HEAT.
THIS PAIN IN MY CHEST ...
... WHAT ...!?
THAT MUST BE...
...THE PAIN YOUR ASHIKABI FEELS.
IT'S WHAT HE'S TRYING TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU.
AND IT'S PROOF...
...THAT WE'RE REALLY SEKIREI.


CLENCH
PROOF WE'RE "SEKIREI" ...
ONE OUT OF... ...107 SEKIREI .....
KARA-SUBA...
...WE BOTH HAVE DARKNESS SPREADING THROUGH OUR HEARTS.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE SAME THING AS BEING EMPTY.
EVEN WHEN THAT DARKNESS LEAVES US BLIND...
...WE'RE STILL CONNECTED.
IF YOU WRENCH OPEN THOSE DOORS...
IF YOU REACH OUT TO ME...
...I'LL BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR HAND IN MINE, THIS TIME.


LET'S USE YOUR NORITO, ONE MORE TIME.
THIS TIME, FOR SURE...
...I'LL SEND YOU SOARING.
KARA-SUBA.
YOU WILL BOND WITH SOMEONE, SOMEDAY, AND BE WINGED.
YOU WILL ASCEND TO THE HEIGHTS WE WERE MEANT FOR.
HEIGHTS I CAN NEVER REACH, NO MATTER HOW HARD I YEARN... WITH AN ASHIKABI...
TENSE
...WRONG.


WRONG.
WRONG.
WRONG, WRONG.
WHAT I...
...REALLY WANTED .....
WRONG!!
...HEH HEH!
NA-TSUO.
HEH...
LET ME TELL YOU WHY I CHOSE YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE ALREADY DEAD.
THE EMPTINESS IN THOSE EYES OF YOURS TOLD ME YOU WERE A DEAD MAN WALKING.
AND I KNEW A DEAD MAN WOULDN'T GET IN MY WAY.
WHY WOULD I EVER BOND WITH A HUMAN OTHER-WISE?
...KARA-SUBA...
WRONG... YOU'RE WRONG.
I NEVER CARED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THOSE 107.
JUST ONE... THAT ONE LONELY SOUL WHO SAW ME AND.....

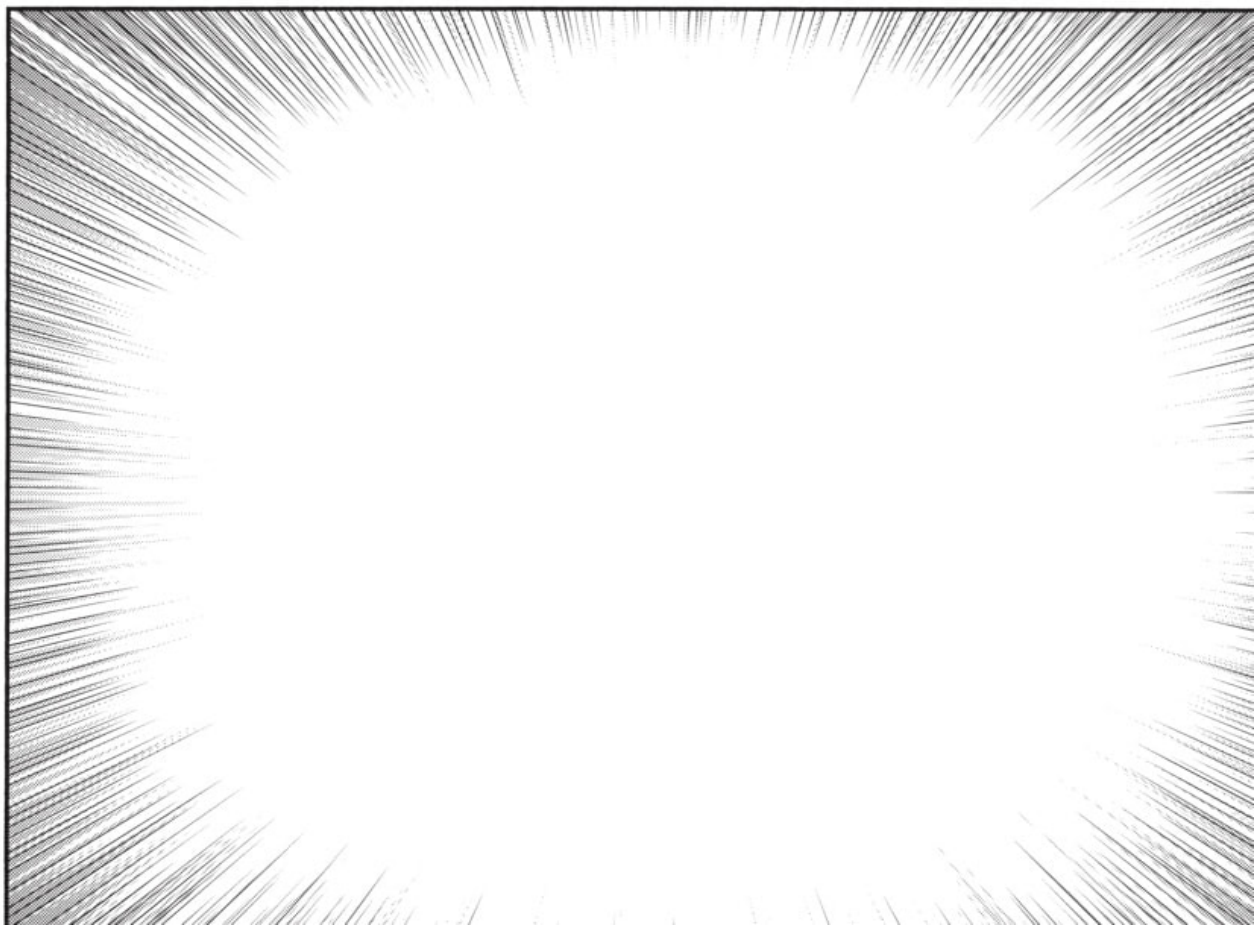

...SO, THIS?
DON'T NEED IT.
BURST
YOU MUSTN'T!
CLENCH
OH NO! KARASUBA-SAMA!! THAT'S...
...THE VERY LIFE FORCE OF A WINGED SEKIREI.
THAT'S PROOF OF THE BOND WITH YOUR ASHIKABI...
SO HOW...?
BUT SHE DIDN'T CHANT HER NORITO?
WINGS OF LIGHT!!
OH!


CRACK
GRIP
CRACK
CRACK
RIP
AAAAAH!
KARA-
SUBA!
THROB
...NGH!
WHAT DID YOU ...?
GAHK!
HAA!
FAREWELL, NATSUO.



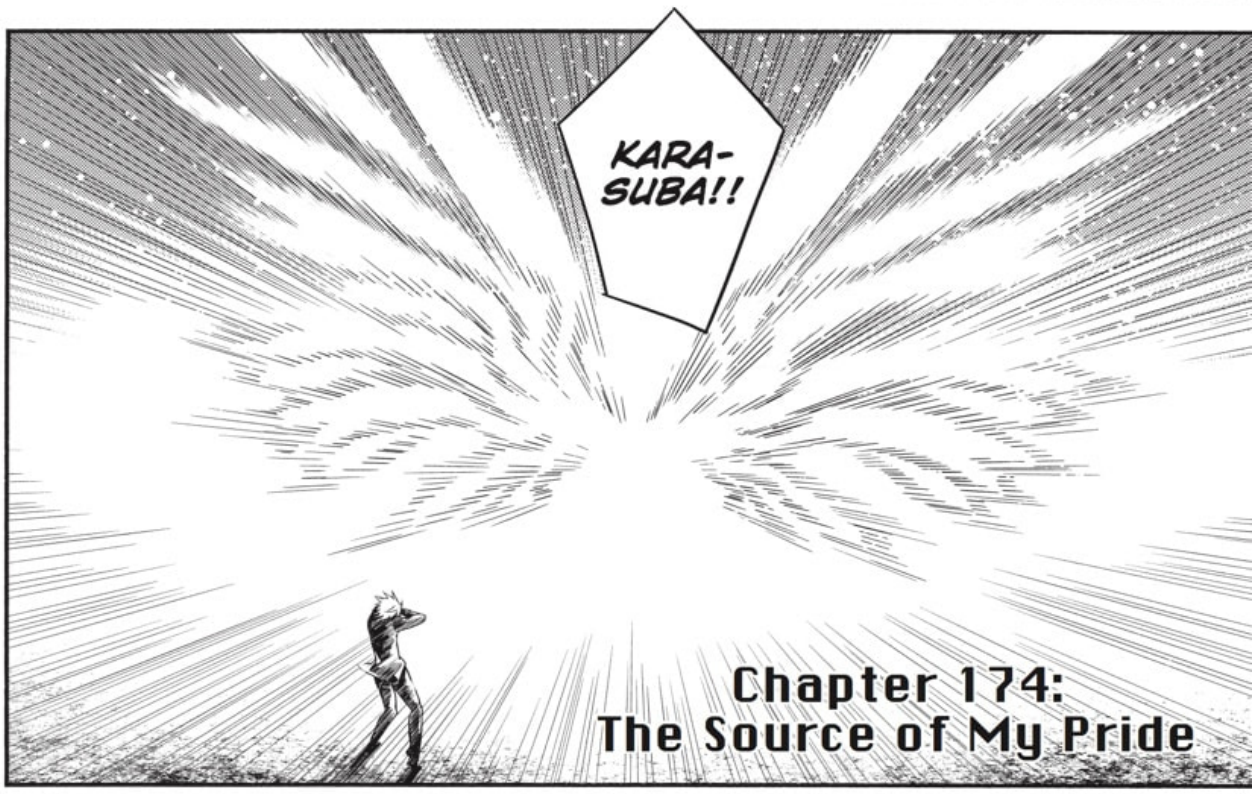

KARA-
SUBA!






WE ONLY EVER JOINED FORCES BECAUSE I SOUGHT "POWER."
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH. IT'S ALL SO WORTHLESS.
BONDING WITH A HUMAN? SEKIREI WISHES?
FEELS DISGUSTING.
MAKING MY CHEST ALL TIGHT...
IT'S ROUSING MY SEKIREI CORE... MY VERY EXISTENCE.
BUT THIS INFERNAL HEAT FLOWING INTO ME WHERE WE'RE JOINED...
I DON'T NEED IT...!





Chapter 174: The Source of My Pride






KARA-
SUBA.
I CAN'T HEAR YOUR VOICE.
YOU'RE ...
...GONE .....
KARA-
SUBA-
SAMA!!
TO BREAK YOUR OWN WINGS OF LIGHT LIKE THAT...
TO SEVER THE BOND BETWEEN A WINGED SEKIREI AND THEIR ASHIKABI...
YOUR SEKIREI CORE... YOUR "ARAMITAMA" IS RUNNING WILD.


YOU'LL DIE.
KARA-SUBA-SAMA!
...MY SEKIREI CREST IS GONE.
I'M JUST A SINGLE WING AGAIN.
MY HEART'S THE ONLY ONE SWINGING THIS BLADE NOW.


AND THIS FINAL ATTACK...
...IS DEDICATED TO YOU!


YUME!


KARA-SUBA-SAMA .....

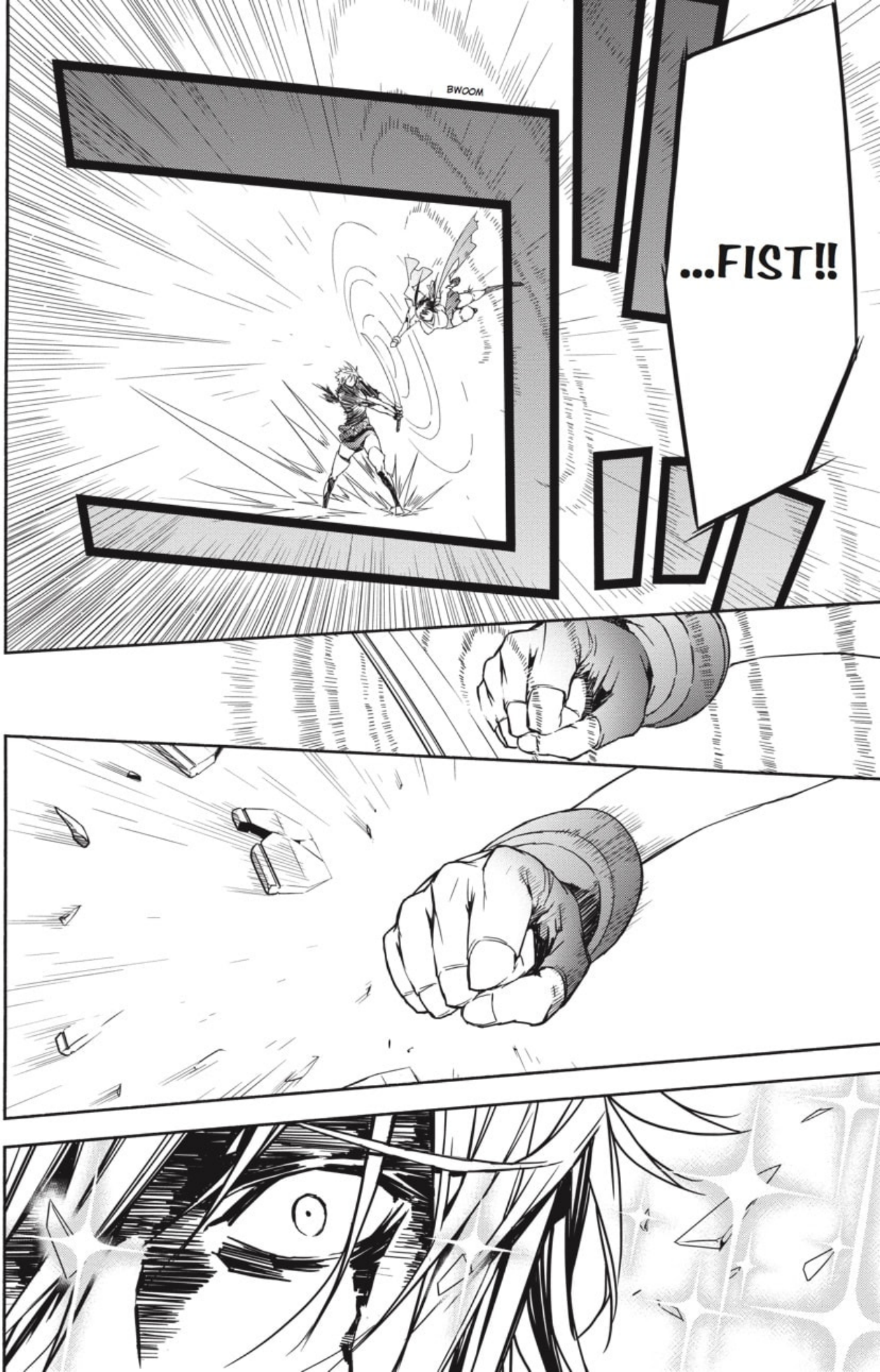

YOUR BOND... YOUR FEELINGS... YOU'VE SEVERED THEM.
YOU'VE CHOSEN THIS DELUDED PATH.
...VERY WELL.
IF THAT'S REALLY YOUR ANSWER...


...MUSUBI WILL SUMMON EVERYTHING SHE HAS...
...TO BREAK YOUR BLADE!
YUME
...!!
SFX: SHUDDER
SCARY...
CAN I REALLY TAKE HER ON...?
THOSE SHADOWS... THAT DARK POWER IS SWELLING.
...I'M WATCHING OVER YOU.


I'M ALWAYS WATCHING OVER YOU.
REMEMBER THAT, MUSUBI-CHAN.
DO YOUR BEST.
OKAY!!


...UNLEASH THE WILL...
...OF MY ASHIKABI AND ME!
BY THE FIST OF MY CONTRACT...


BEAR
...


BWOOM
...FIST!!


KARA-
SUBA—


HEY! ♡
IT'S JUST AS I ONCE TOLD YOU.
UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND "BONDS"...
...YOU CAN NEVER DEFEAT ME!
YUME .....
BUT, TOO BAD! ♡
IT'S NOT OVER QUITE YET!


...HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN.
BECAUSE YOU...
...YUME.
...RIGHT.
MUST BE TRUE IF YOU'RE SAYING IT, YUME.
AM I EVER GONNA CATCH UP TO YOU, I WONDER.....?
HEH... LOOK AT ME.


WHOOSH
GLOW
...
NATSUO
...?
HEY, KARA-SUBA.
WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS ALL WRONG.


IF THE GOAL WAS TO ISOLATE OURSELVES AND DESTROY THE WORLD...
...FIRST, WE HAD TO MAKE ACTUAL CONNECTIONS WITH THE REST OF THAT WORLD.
IRONIC, NO?
THE FIRST PROMISE WE MADE TO EACH OTHER...
REMEMBER IT?
WE HAVEN'T KEPT THAT PROMISE. NOT YET.
THAT'S BECAUSE ...
...I'M *YOUR* ASHIKABI.
...WHAT A STRANGE HUMAN.....


...NEED TO SLEEP.
...TIRED.


...RIGHT.
REST WELL, KARASUBA
.....


URAAAAH!
GIGA ☆ QUAKE!!
TCH...
BE GOOD GIRLS...
...AND DIE ALREADY!
KARA-SUBA.
UH. HUH...?
WHAT!?
NA-TSUO!?


KARA-SUBA!!
NO WAY... BLACK!?
BLACK'S ENERGY IS...
BLUE!?
OUR LINK...IT'S SEVERED...
GONE, YEAH... NO. 04 .....
ALSO... AT SOME POINT... NATSUO GOT DISTANT .....
ALSO PHYSICALLY DISTANT.
HAIHANE GOT CARE-LESS... DIDN'T REALIZE...
WHAT.
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GO!?
USUALLY FEEL HIS PRESENCE... BUT IT GETS IN THE WAY DURING FIGHTS...
NATSUOOO!
NATSUOOO!
HE'S WITH BLACK!? BUT WHERE IS BLACK ANYWAY?
MASTER! OUR NORITO!
TH-THIS IS OUR CHANCE. WHILE THEIR ASHIKABI IS GONE...!
GRIND
...YOUR CHANCE? DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE DIS-CIPLINARY SQUAD.
TAKE US ON IF YOU THINK YOU CAN!!



Chapter 175: Shine on, Maidens!


MASTER!!
HELLLLP...
...MEEEE!!
BEHIND ME!
LOOK BACK THERE!
I WOULD HARDLY CALL THIS "PLAYING"!!
STOP PLAYING AROUND, HIHIMEKO!
RUSTLE
ガガガガアッ
FU-HEE!♡


WE'RE BAAACK! ♡
AH...!
IT'S THEM .....!!
MIKO-SAMA! NORITO !!
WE WON'T LOSE THIS TIME!
YOU'RE DEAD! DEAD MEAT!!
AFTER THAT DIRTY SNEAK ATTACK BACK THERE!
DAZE
WE WERE ALL DOWN FOR THE COUNT, THOUGH...
I... BEAT THEM ALREADY ...


...MIKO-GAMI?
...LISTEN UP!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA DIE AND LEAVE ME ALL ALONE THIS TIME...
YOU DON'T HAVE MY PERMIS-SION!!

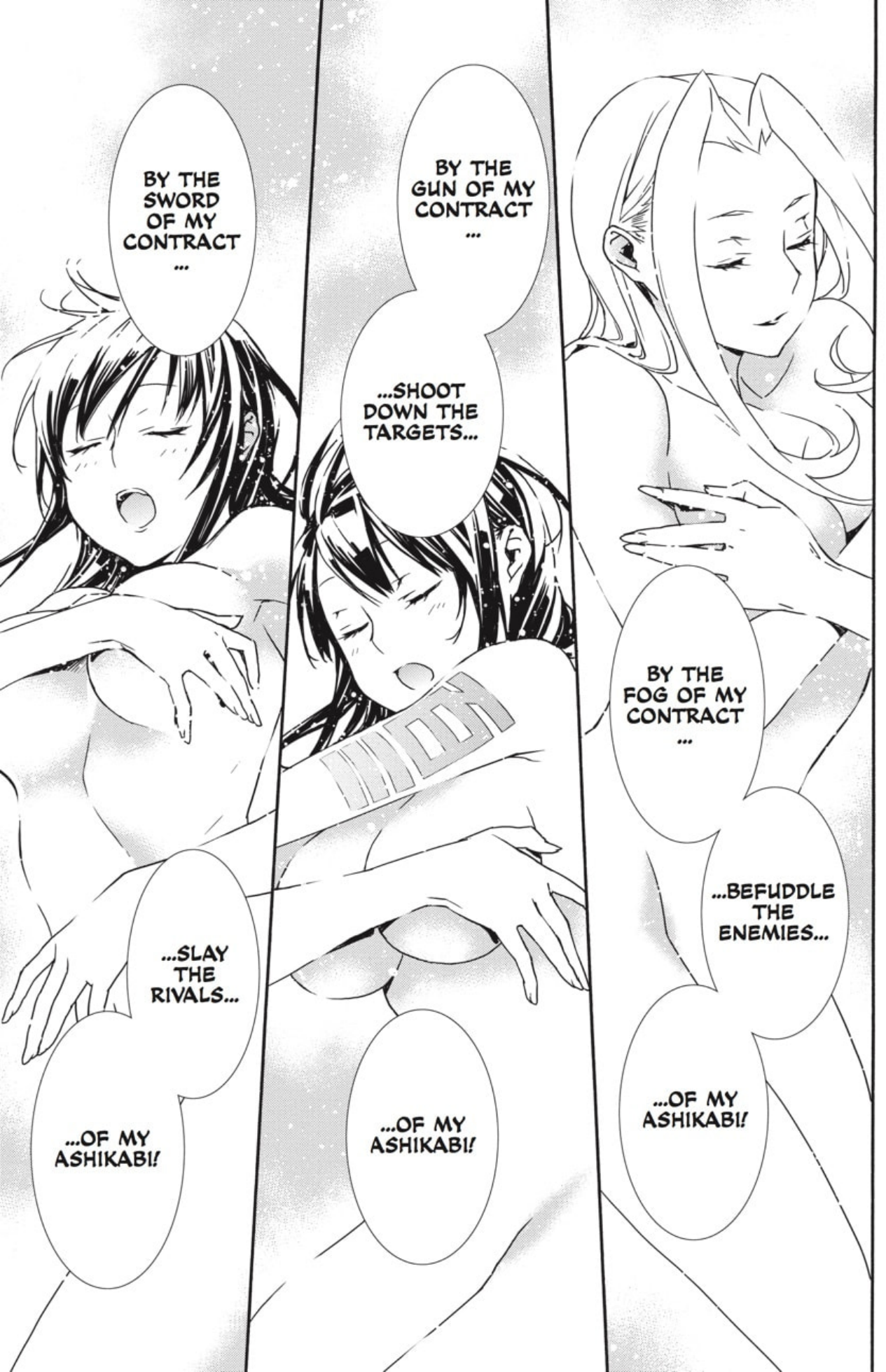

GOT IT!?
YES!


KERSLAM
GIGA ☆ QUAKE !!
I REALLY WISH I COULD JOIN MY OWN GROUP!!
THIS PARTY'S FINALLY HEATING UP!
THINKING IT'S TIME FOR OUR NORITO TOO!
COME ON! ♡
MY LOVE-LIES...
WASN'T TALKING TO YOU THREE!!
HERE WE AAAARE!
HEY, HEY! Y'ALL BETTER NOT MESS UP AND BITE MY LIPS, 'KAY!?
HUUUH? OKAAAY...
YOU SURE? 'COS YOU SEEM READY AND RARING TO CHOMP DOWN!?
THAT'S JUST ONE WAY OF SHOWING LOVE...
HMM♡


FU-HEE! ♡
CAREFUL WITH THOSE FANGS!
AWW, OKAAAY!
NO BITING!! YOU HEAR ME? NO BITING!!
OOH!
GLOW
I LOVE YOU
GYAAAAH!
MASTER!
TO ME, EVERYONE!!


...
MASTER
...
GLOW


BY THE LEG OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SHATTER THE ENMITY...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
BY THE SHEARS OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SEVER THE ILLS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
BY THE WHIP OF MY CONTRACT ...
...RELEASE THE BINDINGS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!


BY THE SWORD OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SLAY THE RIVALS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
BY THE GUN OF MY CONTRACT ...
...SHOOT DOWN THE TARGETS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
BY THE FOG OF MY CONTRACT ...
...BEFUDDLE THE ENEMIES...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!


BY THE...
...BLACK TWIN BLADES...
...BLACK JIGSAW...
...BLACK SCYTHE...
...OF MY CONTRACT...
...DEVOUR THE EVILS OF MY ASHIKABI!
CUT YOU TO RIBBONS—!
SLICE YOU IN TWOOO!
REND YOU APAAART!


FOR OUR ASHI-KABI!
WE WILL DEFEAT YOU, DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD!!
AS IF YOU COULD!
GIGA ☆ QUAKE !!
WHIP-LASH KICK!
CRAG-CUTTER SHEARS !!
CLASH


WHOOSH
YOU THREE ...
YOU'LL END UP DEAD THIS TIME!!
HEH! ♡ SO SAD FOR YOU BUNCH... ♡
GETTING KILLED BY US TWICE! ♡
CLASH


RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ…
…WHAT'S UP?
THE ISLAND… IT'S SOMETHING OMINOUS ……
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ…
FIGHT ON, EVERY-ONE!
…!?
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴゴ…
FLASH
ピカアッ
…THIS IS…!!


HUMMM
THE SEKIREI UP ON THE ISLAND'S SURFACE...
COULD THE JINKI BE RESONATING WITH THEM?
IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE ARK WILL SHUT DOWN COMPLETELY.
NOT A GOOD SIGN... THE JINKI HAVE OVERLOADED THEIR CONTROL DEVICES.
BAM
BOOM
KYAH!
THE ISLAND...
...WILL SINK...!


SPLAT
TCH ...
KABLAM
HEH...HEH... STRONG...
EAST'S TEAM... THEY WERE ALWAYS FIGHTERS... AND NOW, WITH THEIR NORITO...
HAIHANE'S NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD...
YOU'RE STAYING RIGHT HERE!
EVEN WITHOUT OUR NORITO, WE'RE THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD.
THE STRONGEST SEKIREI AROUND.
NO WAY WE'RE LOSING THIS!
WELL SAID, RIGHT. BENITSUBASA.
NATSUO !?



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...
THERE.
I'M GONNA MURDER HER!!
BB!!
AIN'T IT OBVI-OUS!?
WH-WHO BEAT BLACK .....?
FEEL FREE TO TAKE YOUR REVENGE.
NOW WE STRIKE BACK. ☆
LET'S USE YOUR NORITO TOO.
POOF
PECK
STEAM
N—!?
NORI...
HUH?
WHA—?
!!
PECK


DISCI-
PLINARY
SQUAD
!!
TIME
TO END
THIS!
...ARE
YOU
PEOPLE!
THE ONLY
ONES
ABOUT
TO GET
FINISHED
OFF...
SAY
THAT
AGAIN
?
...OF...MY
ASHIKABI
...!
...SHRED
THE
HELLISH
DEMONS
...
...BY THE
CLAWS
OF MY
CONTRACT
...
...OF MY
ASHIKABI!
...BREAK
THE
TORMEN-
TORS...
BY
THE FIST
OF MY
CONTRACT
...

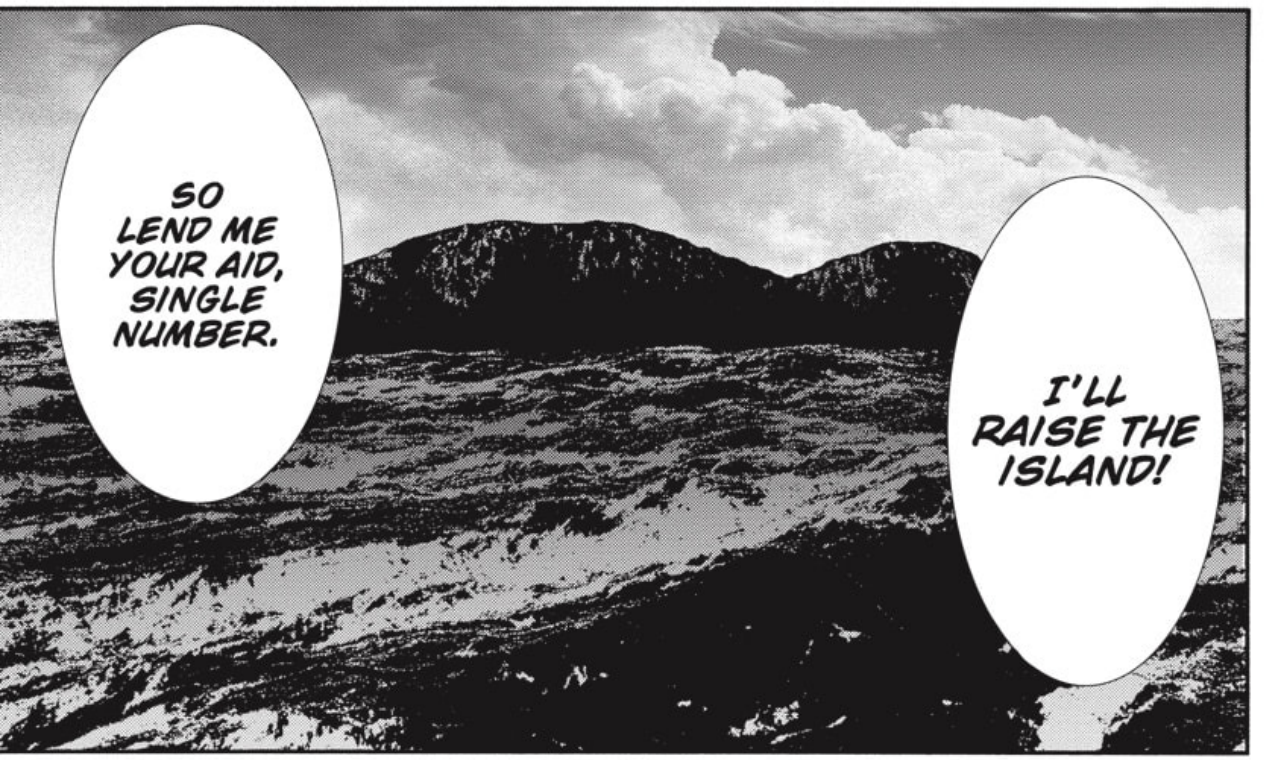

KAPOW
FLASH REND CLAW ...!
POINT ☆ EXPLO-SION!!
RUMBLE
POW
POW
POW


RUMBLE
WH-WHY'RE WE SHAKING!?
IS THE ISLAND MOVING?
NO...
THE ISLAND'S COORDINATES HAVEN'T CHANGED.
RATHER...
WHAT!?
...IT APPEARS TO BE SINKING.
THE ISLAND, THAT IS.
THE "ARK" IS CAUSING IT.
MATSU IS TAKING A PEEK THROUGH THE ARK'S CAMERA.
THERE ARE IRREGULARITIES WITH THE JINKI CONNECTED TO THE ARK.
THEIR INTERNAL ENERGY IS RISING TO UNCONTROLLABLE LEVELS...!!
THIS IS HAPPENING BECAUSE THE JINKI ARE RESONATING WITH ALL THE SEKIREI ON THE ISLAND.
THE CEO LOOKS A LITTLE PALE.
TCH.
SO HE'S STILL ALIVE ...?
YES.
RESONATING?
FUNDAMENTALLY, THE JINKI EXIST TO SYNC UP WITH SEKIREI CORES.
THE PROBLEM NOW IS THE NUMBER OF CORES IN QUESTION AND HOW MUCH POWER THEY'RE PUTTING OUT...
IN OTHER WORDS, MBI NEVER EXPECTED...
...EVERYONE TO GET THIS STRONG!


CRACK
EEP!
!
SPLURT
WH-WHAT'S OUR MOVE, MATSU-SAN?
CONTINUING WITH THE GAME IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
AND THE ARK ITSELF IS BUSTED, SO THERE'S LITTLE SENSE IN ATTEMPTING TO TAKE SHELTER THERE.
MBI'S MONITOR SHIP MUST HAVE SENSED THE IRREGULARITIES AND MOVED AWAY FROM THE ISLAND.
ALREADY OUT OF SIGHT
SEO-TAN WAS QUICK TO TURN TAIL, APPARENTLY...!!
AS IT SINKS, WE'LL BE ASSAULTED BY WAVES OF WATER AND SAND.
SPLASH
SEKIREI ASIDE, THE ASHIKABI HAVE LITTLE HOPE OF SURVIVING.
WE'LL BE WIPED OUT...!


THEY SAY THE ISLAND'S SINKING!
HEY!
LISTEN, EVERY-ONE!!
!
SHEESH! NOBODY'S LISTENING!
SINCE THEY'VE USED THEIR NORITO, SOMETHING AKIN TO ADRENALINE IS FLOODING THEIR SYSTEMS...
THEY WON'T TAKE NOTICE OF YOU UNLESS YOU'RE DYING.
...NO CHOICE.
SHALL I USE MY NORITO ...?
SAY WHA —!?
HEY!
YOU! PERVY FOUR-EYES!!


YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, RIGHT?
BUT OF COURSE!!
MATSU HEARD YOU JUST NOW, MUTSU-TAN!!
YOU'RE GONNA KISS HIM!?
TREAT THIS LIKE A PEEP SHOW, AND I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF, YOU DEGENERATE!


I'LL RAISE THE ISLAND!
SO LEND ME YOUR AID, SINGLE NUMBER.

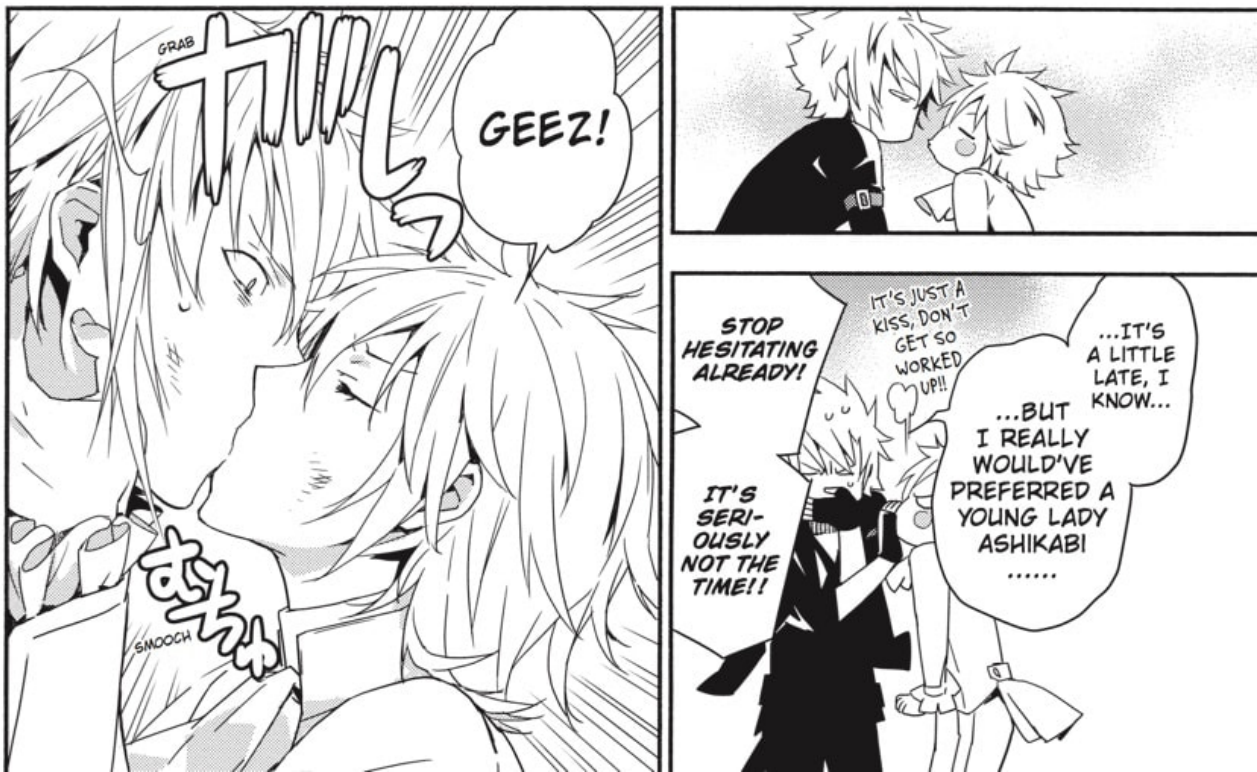

RAISE...
...THE ISLAND...?


TUG
GYAH...
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE, THEN!
OKAY! ♡
PLEASE MAKE SURE...
SOAR
...YOU GET PICKED UP BY A BOAT.
NOD
NOD
NOD
NO MORE SHOOTING GUNS, OKAY? ♡
NOD
NOD
WAS YOUR GROUP THE ONLY ONE IN THE AREA?
FLING
EEK!
THEN OFF...
...YOU GO!
KARASUBA-SAMA.....


BUT THIS IS ENOUGH FOR NOW.
THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING HER.
SHE... COULD ONLY EXPRESS HERSELF IN BATTLE.
...SHOULD RETURN TO YOUR OWN ASHIKABI NOW.
SO YOU...
SHE'S MINE, SO...
...OKAY!
.....
LEAP
MINATO-SAN!


...THIS WON'T COME WITHOUT RISK, THOUGH, SO I NEED HELP.
NO. 02 WILL SYNC UP THE TIMING OF MY ULTIMATE MOVE...
...WHICH MEANS I NEED YOUR TELEPATHIC SUPPORT, NORTH.
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING!?
YOU SAID, "RAISE THE ISLAND"... HOW'S THAT GOING TO WORK?
MUTSU'S GONNA USE HIS NORITO!!
HIS NORITO ATTACK! GET IT!?
UM...


ALL RIGHT, MUTSU!
NORITO TIME!
WHATEVER YOU NEED!
WH—
BESIDES WHICH, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.
WE CAN TRUST MUTSU-TAN.
RIGHT.
MATSU-SAN?


GRAB
GEEZ!
SMOOCH
STOP HESITATING ALREADY!
IT'S SERI-OUSLY NOT THE TIME!!
IT'S JUST A KISS, DON'T GET SO WORKED UP!!
...IT'S A LITTLE LATE, I KNOW...
...BUT I REALLY WOULD'VE PREFERRED A YOUNG LADY ASHIKABI .....


GLOW
WHOAAA.
...BY THE EARTH OF MY CONTRACT ...
...EXPAND THE HORIZONS ...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
WHAM
RUMBLE
LAND-HEAVING BLADE !!!


GRAB ONTO THOSE TREES WITH KUSANO-TAN, MINA-TAN.
MATSU WILL GET THE TELEPATHIC TIMING JUST RIGHT TO REACH OUT TO THE OTHERS.
にゅる STRETCH-
KU-CHAN!
MMM.
POP にょろ

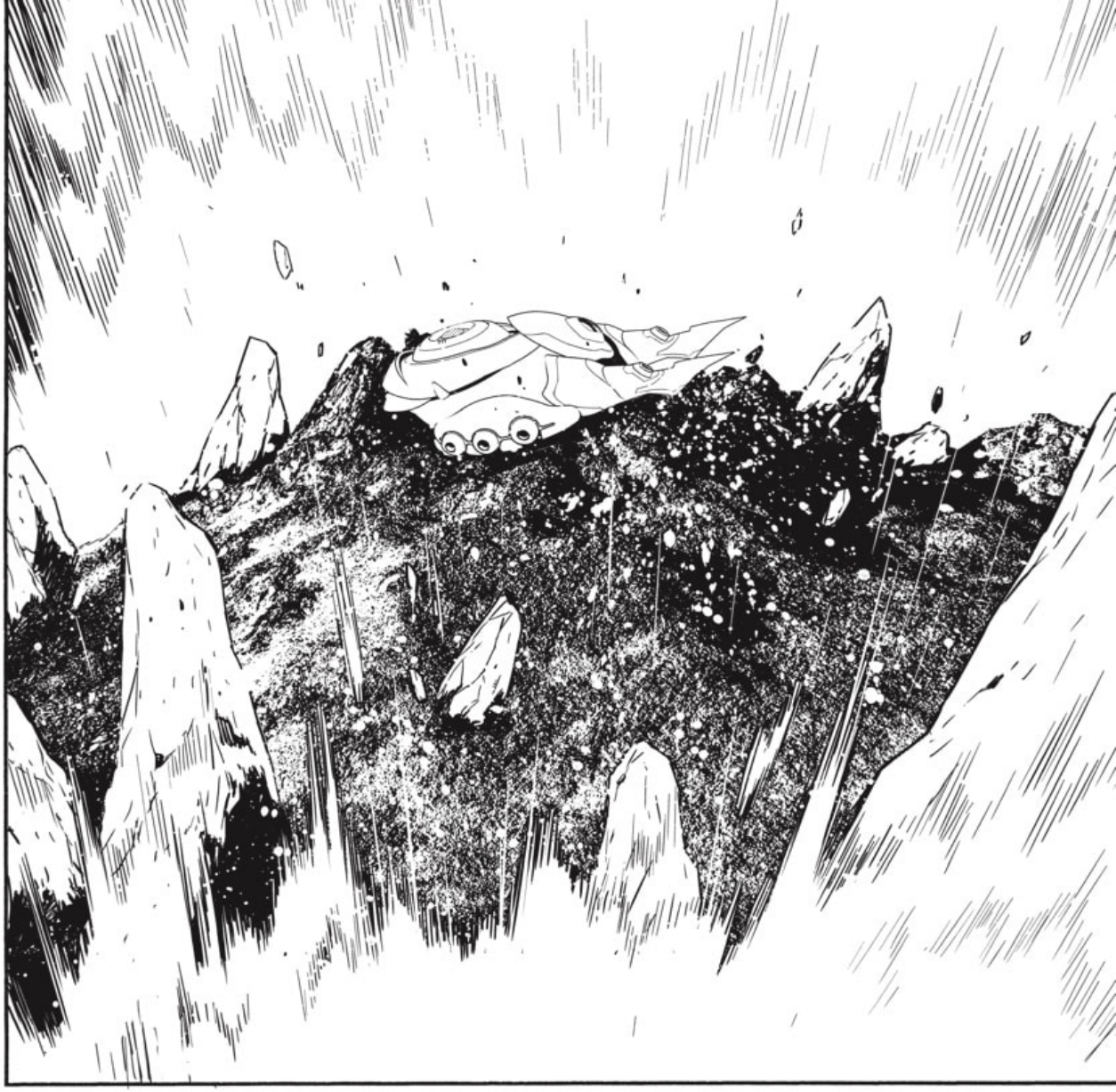

THREE.
TWO.
UNDER-STAND !?
LET US SINGLE NUMBERS SHOW OUR TRUE WORTH!
WE'LL SAVE EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND.

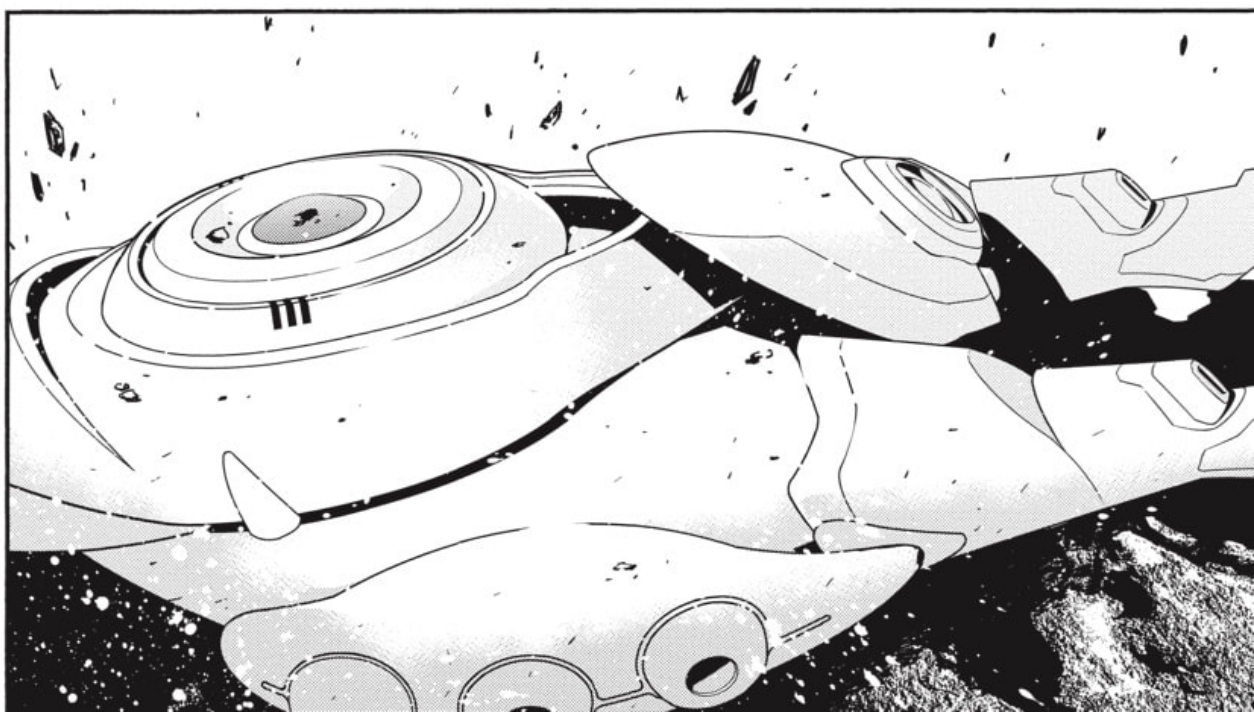

ONE!
KRRRACK


CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
THE EARTH ITSELF ...
RUMBLE
THE ISLAND'S BEING RAISED UP!
MUTSU-TAN'S NORITO ATTACK STRUCK THE SEAFLOOR AND..... WHOA!?
A BOULDER.
FIRE WALL!
BLAZE
YOU OKAY, SAHA-SHI?
KAGARI-SAN!
YIKES.
WHAT THE HELL'S THIS!? WHOA!!
RUMBLE
SPLURT
NATSUO!!


WHIRL
REVERSE CURRENT!
SPLASH
...
HMPH!
RUMBLE
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON NOW!?
WHOA!
U-FU. ♡
...!
HEYYY, ARE YOU THE ONLY MEAN, OLD SOLDIERS LEFT ON THE ISLAND?
TH-THAT'S RIGHT, BUT.....
WHAT'S THAT? YOU DEFYING ORDERS?
I'M THINKING... WE'D BETTER HAUL ASS AND GET OUTTA HERE.
THE JOB HERE'S TOO BIG FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE TO HANDLE...


LET BIG SIS SEND YOU OFF IN STYLE.
EEK!
WAAH!
ENJOY THE QUICK GETAWAY.
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?
MUST BE MUTSU-SAMA.
WH-WH-WHAT THE HECK!?
MASTER-RRR...!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
WHAT'S ALL THAT ABOUT...!?






THE SHAKING HAS STOPPED.
...IT SEEMS?
IF I HAD TO GUESS, IT MUST'VE BEEN MUTSU-KUN'S NORITO.
HE RAISED THE SEAFLOOR TO KEEP THE ISLAND FROM SINKING ANY FARTHER...
.....
HMM?
.....A NORITO ATTACK?
AND SUCH A STRONG ONE?
IN THIS DIRE STATE...?
WON'T THE JINKI... RESONATE WITH THE NORITO AND.....RUN AMOK.....?
!!
SHATTER


PHEW! IT'S FINALLY CALMING DOWN...
ズル
SLUMP
!
MINA-TAN!?
!
BADUM
HEY!?
MIKO-GAMI! HEY!
!
...NOT BREATH-ING...!
... HE'S ...
MINATO!
SPEAK TO ME!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MINATO !!?
MINA-TO!
MINATOOO!


TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME
18!!
THANKS FOR READING!! THE NEXT BOOK'S THE PENULTIMATE VOLUME!!


...A VERY IMPORTANT TALK...
MINATO-SAN... IT'S TIME WE HAVE...
AT LONG LAST, THE CLIMAX!
...THE BITTERSWEET TRUTH BEHIND OUR MASSIVE CHESTS AND HOW THEY RELATE TO OUR VERY SOULS...
IT HAS TO DO WITH, WELL...
WE'LL FINISH THIS UP IN THE NEXT VOLUME! ♡
UMM...
AH!
WE'RE ALL OUT OF SPACE!


HONESTLY, I DON'T CARE.
THOUGH, I AM A LITTLE CURIOUS....
BUT PLEASE— STOP IT...!
STOP! CUT IT OUT, REALLY...
WHAT!? HOLD ON...
NNGH. NNGH.
MY NIGHTMARE'S GONNA END IN THE NEXT VOLUME!?
WAIT, HUH!?

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