
セキレイ
Shirei
16
極楽院櫻子


BATCHMANGA.IN
DOWNLOAD MANGA BAHASA INDONESIA


Sekirei
16
SAKURAKO
GOKURAKUIN

Sekirei 16

SAKURAKO GOKURAKUIN



SEKIREI ⑮

Gokurakuin Sakurako



CONTENTS

CHAPTER 153: BROKEN SEKIREI OF THE SOUTH...3
CHAPTER 154: YOUR VOICE, CALLING TO ME...19
CHAPTER 155: WINGS OF ICE, DANCING IN THE SKY...31
CHAPTER 156: QUALIFIED ASHIKABI...47
CHAPTER 157: HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS...63
CHAPTER 158: WHERE THE TRUE BATTLE LIES...79
CHAPTER 159: IN THE ABYSS OF KAMIKURA ISLAND...99
CHAPTER 160: PEOPLE WISHING TO KNOW OTHERS, SEKIREI WISHING TO KNOW LOVE...115
CHAPTER 161: THE ONE STANDING BEFORE YOU...131
CHAPTER 162: LIGHT FROM THE HEAVENS...151
CHAPTER 163: RED FLOWER, BLUE FLOWER...167



Chapter 153: Broken Sekirei of the South

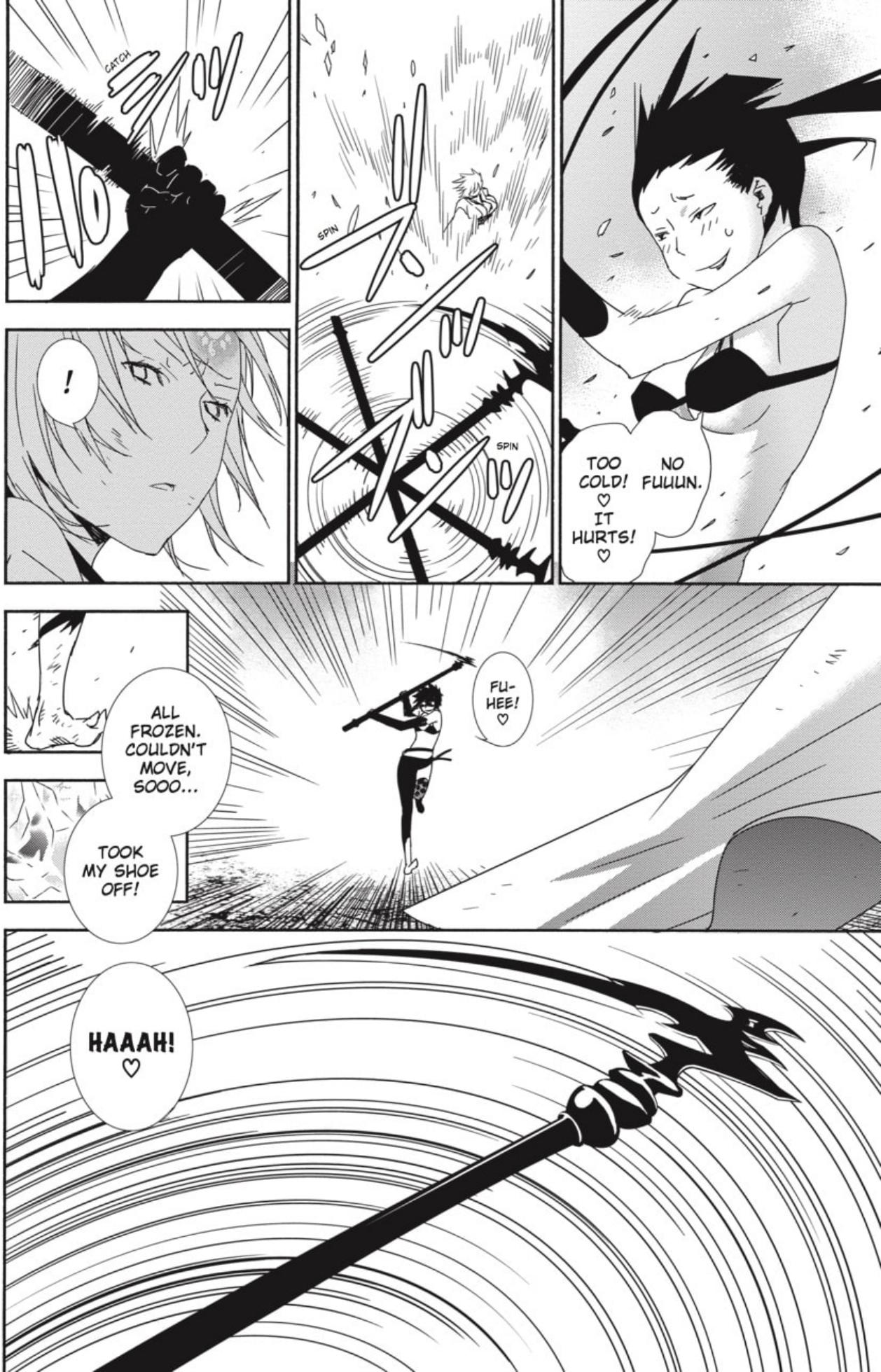



AKI-TSU!!
MUTSU! NORITO!
YOUR NORI-TO!!
...MY ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE WOULD BE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD IN THIS SITUATION.
IF IT COMES TO THAT, WE SHOULD SAVE IT FOR OUR FINAL MOVE.
BESIDES, MIKOGAMI ...
...LOOK AT AKITSU'S SEKIREI CREST... THERE'S SOMETHING ODD ABOUT IT.
...!?


KE-HEE! ♪
SHINK
MY...
MY FOOT, FROZEN ...? ♡


EAT THIS. ♡
KLANG
FU-HEE! ♡


KLANG
KE-HEE-HEE!
FWOOSH


CATCH
SPIN
SPIN
!
TOO COLD! ♡ IT HURTS! ♡
NO FUUUN.
FU-HEE! ♡
ALL FROZEN. COULDN'T MOVE, SOOO...
TOOK MY SHOE OFF!
HAAAH! ♡


SLASH
AKITSU
!!


...EY.
HEY.
I SAID, "HEY."
OOH... YOUR SEKIREI CREST'S ON YOUR FOREHEAD?
NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE!
YOU MUST BE THAT SCRAPPED NUMBER MBI'S LOOKING FOR!
HEY!
WHY DON'CHA COME WITH ME?


WANNA BE MY SEKIREI?
COME ON!
LET'S ENJOY THIS GAME TOGETHER!
IT WAS SO ODD.
THE DESPAIR I'D BEEN FEELING ALL ALONG JUST VANISHED.
IN ITS PLACE, HESITATION AND CONFUSION.
HE LOOKED AT ME WITH EYES UNCLOUDED.
NICE TO MEETCHA!
"TOGETHER FOREVER" AND ALL THAT! ♪
EVERYONE! I GOT THE SCRAPPED NUMBER!
CROWD
CROWD
そろそろ…
JOLT
ビク!!
GRAB
かしら


SO WHAT NUMBER ARE YOU AGAIN...?
SHE'S A SCRAPPED NUMBER. THAT MAKES HER RARE!
OHH, YOU'RE ALL COVERED IN BLOOD.
BETTER GET YOU SOME NEW CLOTHES!
YOMI...HER PRESENCE HAS VANISHED...
HMPH.
TOTALLY USELESS.
...USE-LESS!!
... MASTER ...
GETTING TAKEN OUTTA COMMISSION LIKE THAT, WITHOUT MY PERMISSION?
USELESS! YOMI WAS SO USELESS!!
MASTER...
SORRY... MASTER... IF ONLY... I HAD...FOUGHT HARDER...
THIS IS MY FAULT! MY STRATEGY WAS OFF!!
S'NOT IT.
UWAAAH!
BIKU (SOLT)


I'M GIVING UP ON NO. 108!
BUT THAT ROOKIE ASHIKABI...
THE ONE FROM THE NORTH! HE'S NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!!
LEAP
NO. 38 GOT TAKEN DOWN BY THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD!?


WHY WERE THEY EVEN...?
THIS DISCIPLINARY SQUAD...
I DON'T KNOW... WHY THEY WERE THERE... THEY JUST... STARTED ATTACKING...
NO. 38... THEY GOT HER BEFORE WE KNEW IT...
NO. 04... TOO STRONG... I...
ONLY I...
...GOT AWAY .....
NO. 04, HUH...? A REAL ANGEL OF DEATH.
NO. 38 JUST GOT UNLUCKY, IS ALL...
...MY TEAMMATE...
I... LET HER DIE...
WHAT THE HECK, THOUGH? WHY COME AFTER US? WHAT'D WE DO!?
NOT LIKE I'M BREAKING THE RULES OF THIS GAME!!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU...
YOU DEFECTIVE PRODUCT .....!!
SEKIREI... WHO DON'T SERVE THEIR PURPOSE...
...GET SCRAPPED ...
AKITSU! WHAT ABOUT YOU!?
YOU DIDN'T GET HURT OUT THERE, DID YOU?
...NO.
GOOD!
EVERYONE'S GOTTA BE REAL CAREFUL WHEN GOING OUTSIDE FROM NOW ON!


WHAT AN ODD PERSON.
ALWAYS SO BLUNT WITH HIS EMOTIONS. NEVER LYING OR DECEIVING.
WHEN-EVER HE CALLS MY NAME...
THE PART OF ME THAT WAS LOST WHEN I WAS YELLED AT IN THAT LAB...
THE REAL ME. I FEEL MYSELF BECOMING WHO I WAS ONCE AGAIN...
AKI-TSU.
AKI-TSU!
AH!
...MASTER .....
NO GOOD. STILL NOT TERMINATED.
WOW. SO STUBBORN ...!
YOUR OPPONENT IS RIGHT HERE.
FWIP
FINISH HER OFF ...?


THAT'S ENOUGH, AKITSU.
YOU RUN AWAY NOW.
MAS...
...TER ...?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN WINGED, Y'KNOW.
SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY MY SEKIREI.
THAT'S WHY—
YOU CAN RUN.
ARE YOU... ... THROWING ME...
... AWAY.....?
MASTER .....
NO!


WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!!
LISTEN!!
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!!
NOT THAT I'M PROUD OF THIS, BUT—
...HUH?
BECAUSE HUMANS, THEY'RE ALL SO...
HE'S LONELY?
IS THAT BOY JUST LONELY?
THEY'RE SNEAKY! AND WEAK!
ALWAYS LAUGHING AT DUMB CRAP THAT ISN'T EVEN FUNNY!
MASHIRO
LONELY?
LONELY?
ALL JUST SHEEP FOLLOWING THE CROWD.
WHEN YOU'RE HONEST, THEY GET MAD! THEN THEY LEAVE YOU FOREVER!
I HATE THEM ALL!!


IF YOU GOT IT, THEN GO!!
AND MY NEW FRIENDS AREN'T ALLOWED TO JUST LEAVE WHENEVER THEY WANT! GOT IT!?
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU IF YOU GET TERMINATED ...!!
.....RIGHT.
I STARTED ACCEPTING MYSELF FOR WHO I AM.
YOU SEKIREI...
BUT I'M NOT ALONE.
'COS WHEN I MET ALL OF YOU...
WITH YOU GUYS!!
I FOUND A PLACE WHERE I REALLY BELONG.
HE ACTUALLY NEEDS ME.
.....RIGHT. HE...
THIS PERSON IS ONE TO COME HOME TO.
MASTER.
I'LL FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE UNTIL THE VERY END...!
I... WON'T RUN.


...STAY WITH YOU, MASTER...
I...
...WANT TO...
AKI-TSU!?
THE CREST ON YOUR FORE-HEAD. IT'S...



Chapter 154:
Your Voice, Calling to Me

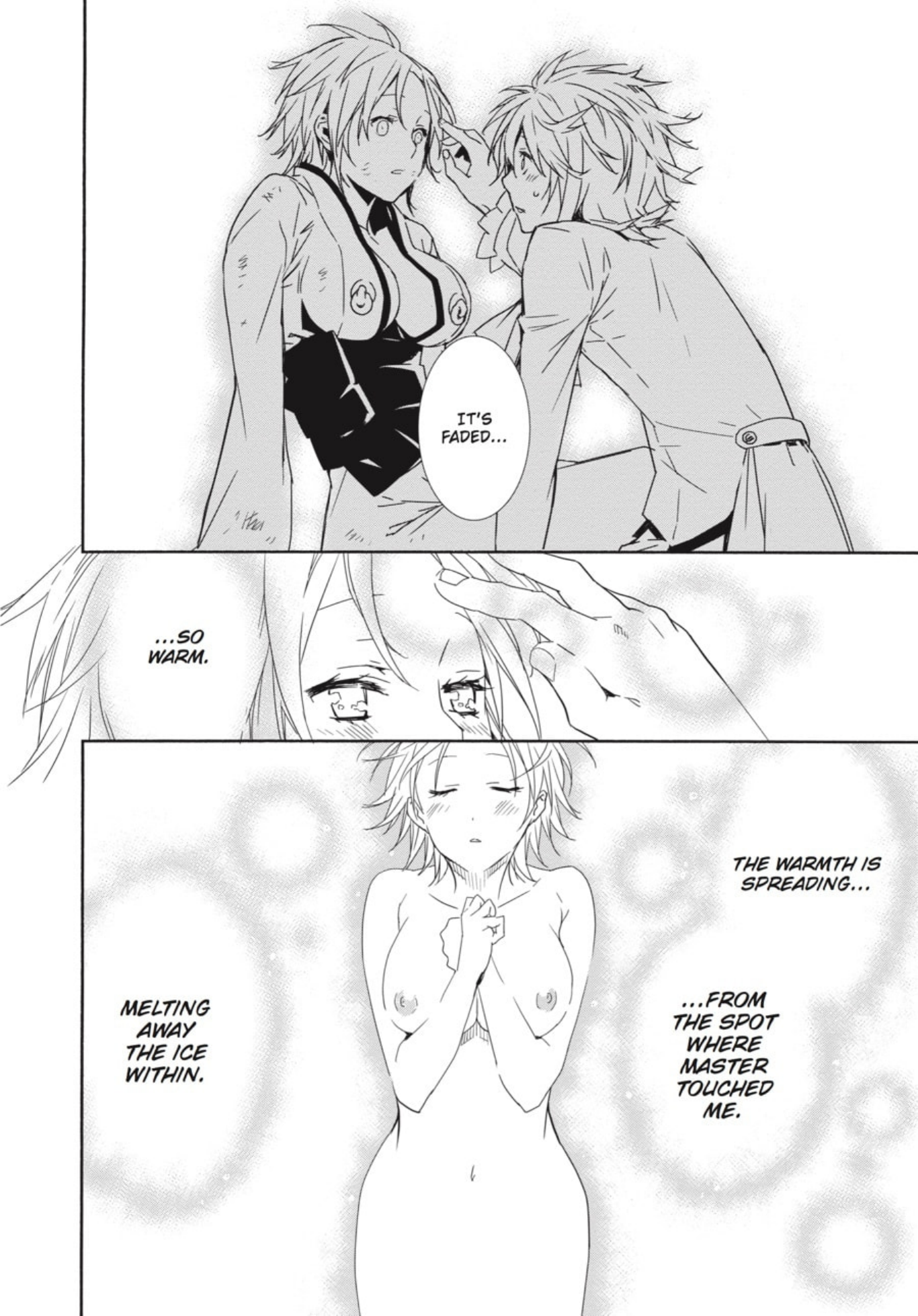

CLASH


WOOOW! ♡
ACTUALLY FIGHTING A DISCIPLINARY SQUAD GUY!
BUT HE RETIRED, YEAH?
OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
THE FIRST DISCIPLINARY SQUAD WAS THE STRONGEST.
WHAAA ...!?
WOOOW. REALLY? REALLY?
BETTER FIGHT EXTRA HARD, THEN!
SHINK
WITH THIS.
SHARPENED IT UP REAL GOOOOD! ♡


THAT SWORD.
WHY NOT DRAW IIIT...?
KLANG
...I PREFER NOT TO CUT WOMEN.
SWOON
キュウン♥
OHHH, TOO COOL! ♡
I'VE GOT CHILLS ...!
SO OBNOXIOUS... REAL PAINS TO FIGHT...
WANNA HUG HIM! ♡
YAP キャ〜ッ
YAP キャ〜ッ
.....
...YIKES.
CRAP LIKE THAT MAKES ME JUST...
THEY'VE GOT CHILLS? REALLY?
KINDA EMBARRASSING, AS THEIR ASHIKABI.
HEY, LOVELIES ...

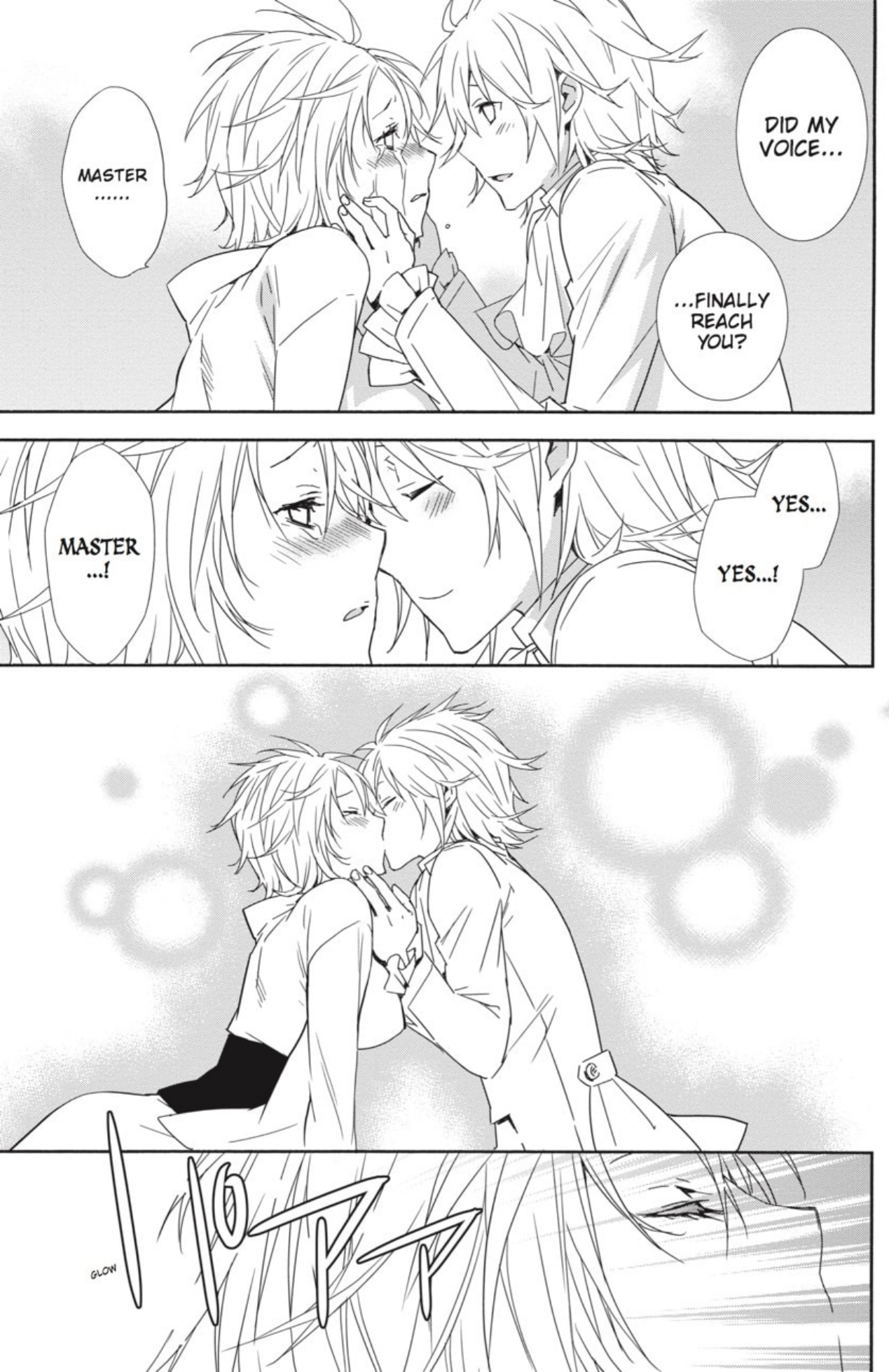

WAIT, THEY'RE GONE!?
FWUMP
...ARE WHIIITE! ♡
YUP.
...HER PANTIES ...


WHITE PANTIES-CHAN.
LET'S PLAY! ♡
TCH...
NOT JUST ONCE, BUT TWICE NOW, THEY'VE GONE AFTER MY PANTIES ...!!
SO THESE THREE ARE STILL HERE...!!
WHOOSH
AKITSU.
YOU...
THE SEKIREI CREST... MARKING YOU AS A SCRAPPED NUMBER. IT'S...


IT'S FADED...
...SO WARM.
THE WARMTH IS SPREADING...
...FROM THE SPOT WHERE MASTER TOUCHED ME.
MELTING AWAY THE ICE WITHIN.


...MASTER .....
DRIP
I... WANT IT...
ALL ALONG... I'VE WANTED NOTHING BUT.....!
I WANT TO BE WINGED ...!
BUT... AS A DEFEC- TIVE SEKIREI ...
...I NEVER HAD THE RIGHT TO BOND WITH ANYONE...
I ALWAYS... BELIEVED THAT...


...WANT TO BE WINGED.
I...
I...
I WANT TO...BOND WITH YOU, MASTER...!
PLEASE.
YOU'RE THE ONE... MASTER.
EVEN IF I SAID NO, YOU'RE ALREADY MY SEKIREI, AKITSU.
BUT, I MEAN...
OKAY.


MASTER .....
DID MY VOICE...
...FINALLY REACH YOU?
MASTER ...!
YES...
YES...!
GLOW



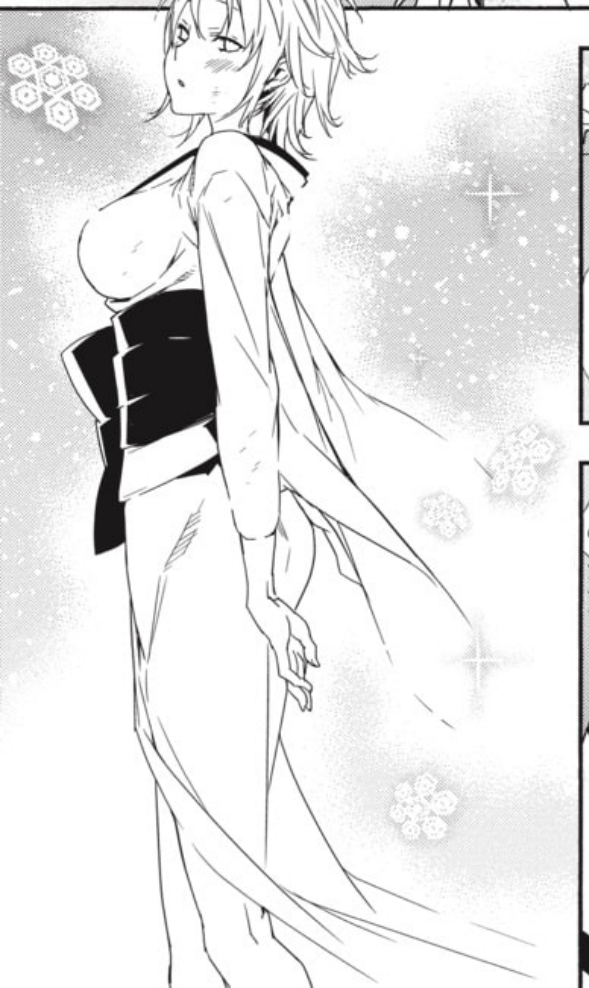



Chapter 155:
Wings of Ice, Dancing in the Sky


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS VOLUME...
...IS AN AKITSU BONANZA.
THE COLOR PAGE, THE UNDER-COVER ART, ETC.




AKITSU ...!




WAH! SNOW!
PRETTY!
AKITSU'S... BEEN WINGED!?


COLD!
ACHOO!


OOOH...
SNIFFLE
YOU'VE... FINALLY BECOME...
...ONE OF MIKO-SAMA'S SEKIREI ...!!

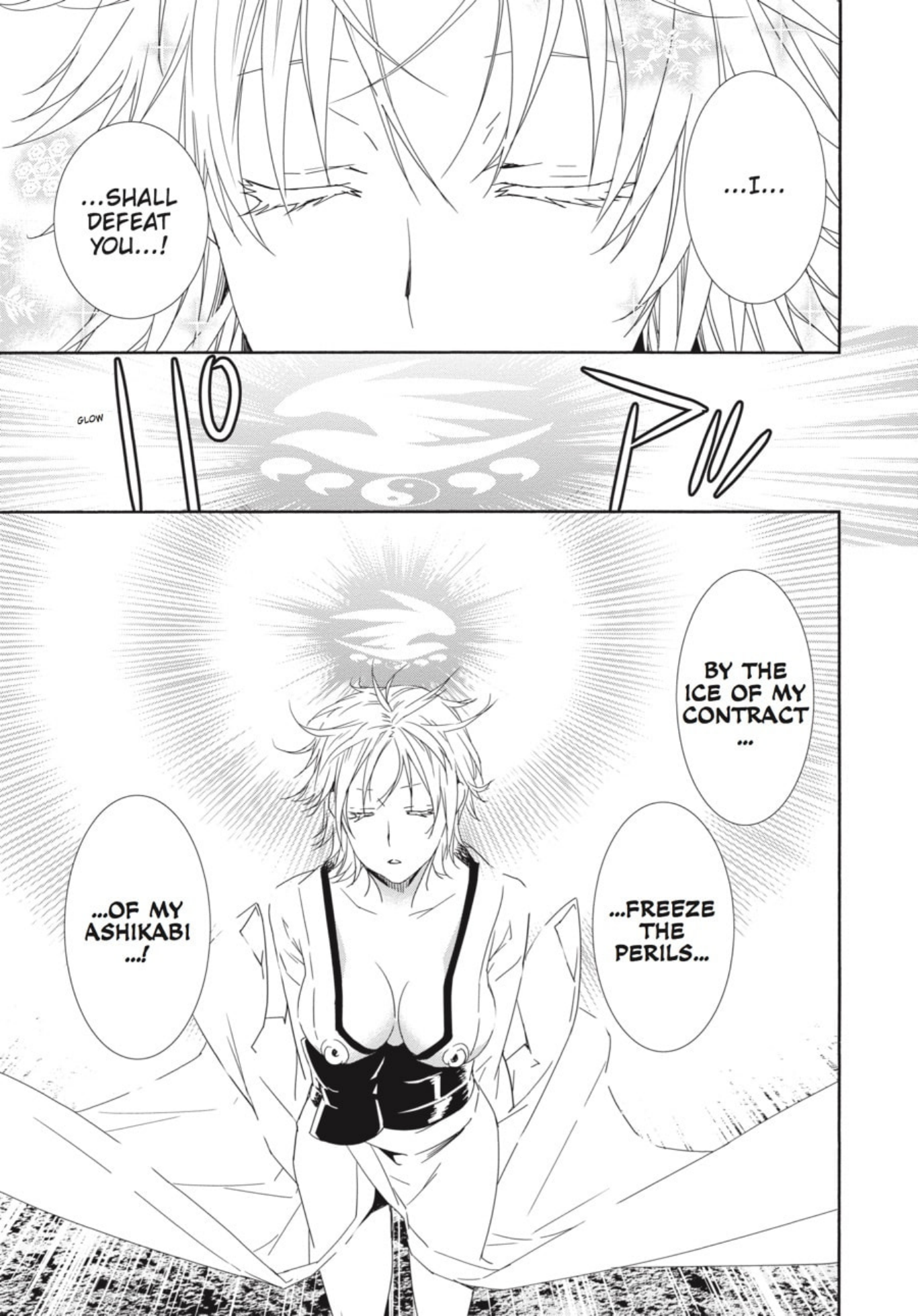

...MASTER.
I FEEL THIS WARMTH... DEEP IN MY CHEST.....
FOR THE FIRST TIME... I...
THANK YOU...
THE BOND BETWEEN THOSE WHO PROTECT ONE ANOTHER... BETWEEN FRIENDS.
I NEVER REALLY REALIZED.
I NEVER KNEW.


HOW THIS WARMTH...
...WAS GRANTED TO ME.
EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT...
THE NIGHT I FIRST MET MASTER.
ALL ALONG...


I HAVEN'T...
...BEEN ALONE.
...I...
...LOVE YOU...
... MASTER.
... MASTER.
SO...
TAKE CARE.


!?
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING ...?
AKITSU !?
AKITSU !!
SKLIT
!
KLANG
SWING
SWING
OH! THAT WAS ME!
WROOONG. MY ATTACK HIT HIIIM!
I'LL HAVE TO DRAW AFTER ALL...
...NO. 05.
PROTECT... MASTER...
GET HIM AWAY FROM ME... AS FAR...AS YOU CAN...
AKITSU!?
YOU'RE ...


NORITO.
I NEVER EXPECTED TO USE IT.
...THIS WILL BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME.
MY NORITO.
...ARE YOU...
...SURE ABOUT THIS...?
NOD
LEAP
HUH? SWITCHING OUT? YOU AGAIN?
LAAAME. WANNA FIGHT DISCIPLINARY SQUAD GUY!


...I...
...SHALL DEFEAT YOU...!
GLOW
BY THE ICE OF MY CONTRACT ...
...FREEZE THE PERILS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI ...!


LEAP
...!
AKI—
HEY, MASTER! MASTER!
EEP! NORITO.
US TOO!
STOMP
MUTSU!
AROUND HERE...THE GROUND FEELS DIFFERENT.
...I'M BETTING THAT'S UNDER-NEATH US...
...WILL THIS WORK?
YOU TOO, HIHI-MEKO.
WE NEED TO GET AWAY.
O-OKAY.
TAP
SMASH
CRUSH POINT.


AKITSU!!
WHY ARE YOU THREE HERE TOO!?
WANNA PLAY MOOORE!
WHITE PANTIES! ♡
RUMBLE


SHIII


GET AWAY!
HEY!
!
"GET AWAY"? ...HUH?
WHAT'S THAT, MASTER?
WHOOOOSH


WHOOSH.
KRAKL
LET'S ENJOY THIS GAME TOGETHER!
WANNA BE MY SEKIREI?
HEY!
WHY DON'CHA COME WITH ME?
...TER.....
YES...!
MAS...


CHIK
CHIK
CHIK
VOOM


...WAIT... HOLD ON A MINUTE.
SOME-THING ON THE MONITOR ...
...Higa-sama!
GOING SO FAR AS TO ATTACK AN ASHIKABI?
I SUPPOSE THIS MAKES ME A MURDERER?
THOUGH, YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE ONE WHO DID IT, KAKIZAKI.
Ugh. You're truly the worst.
THOUGH, I ALREADY KNEW THAT.
YOU WOULDN'T LET IT END THAT EASILY...
.....NO, OF COURSE NOT.

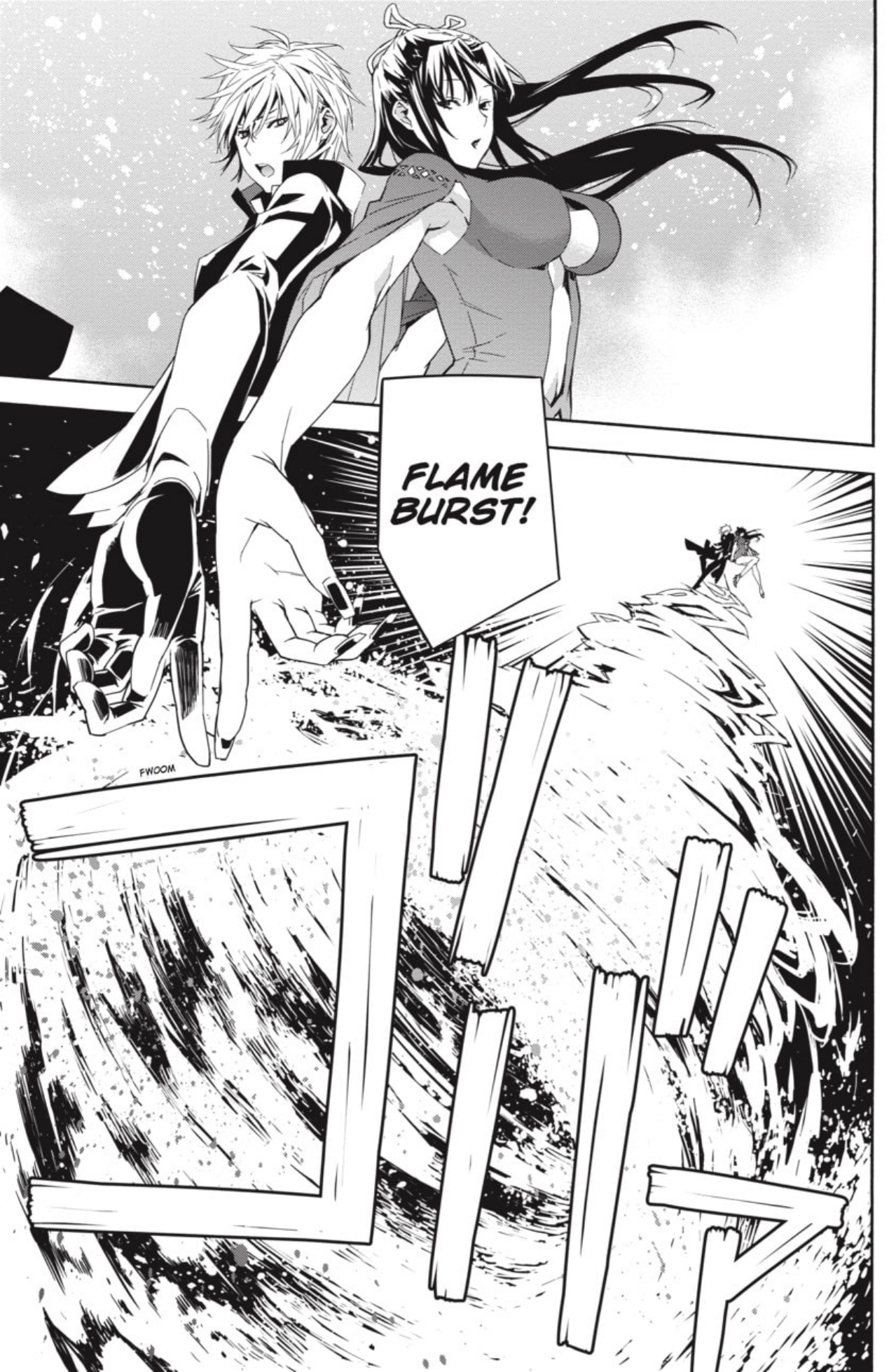


Chapter 156: Qualified Ashikabi


TWIST
ニョキッ
TWIST
ニョキッ
SIZZLE
ビスビス…
SIZZLE
MY SNEAK ATTACK FAILED.
HOW DISAP-POINTING.


MY DEFENSE EXPERT, KU-CHAN ...
...REALLY SHOWS HER STUFF AT TIMES LIKE THIS.
BADUM
BADUM
DUMB, DUMB MATSU-SAN!
INNER THOUGHTS
DON'T LET DANGEROUS STUFF FALL INTO THEIR HANDS.
BADUM
...!?


...TOO LATE.
WAFT
ふわっ。。
MASTER!
THE OTHER TWO ARE GONE!
ANYWAY...
OUR RESIDENT FOUR-EYES IS IN FOR A BEATING TOO.


FLAME BURST!
FWOOM

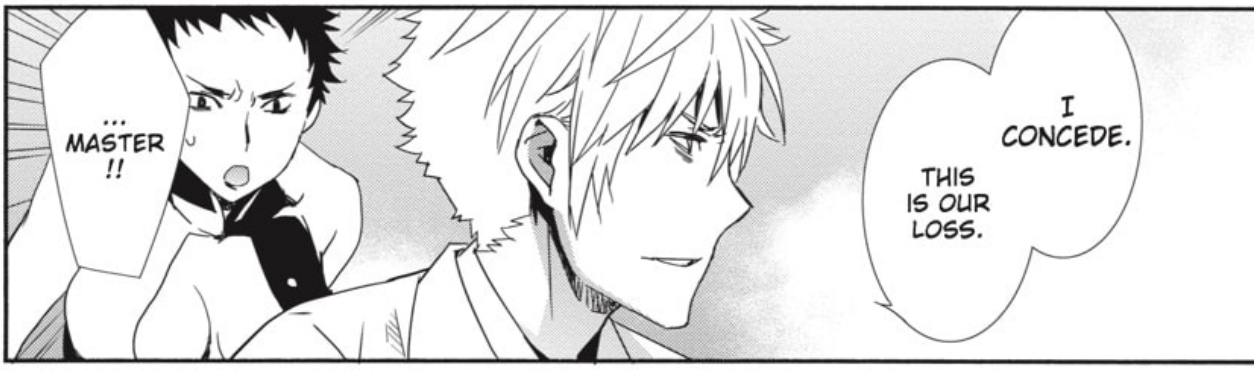

MASTER !!
KABOOM
HOT!
HOT!
LEAP


BLAZE
WHOOSH
ARE YOU OKAY, MASTER?
...YES.


WHY DON'T WE FINISH...
...THE FIGHT WE STARTED EARLIER?
...JUST WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR!
ROLL
ROLL
HOT!
HOT!
ゴロゴロ
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
TH-THOUGHT I WAS GONNA... DIE...
...YOU OKAY, THERE?
YEAH... DON'T MIND ME...
GLINT
...BE-CAUSE ...
..THIS IS...
...MY CHANCE FOR REVEEENGE.


TODAY, I'M PLENTY FIRED UP.
MIYA FORBADE ME FROM USING MY POWERS BACK THEN.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOOK ME APART THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?
IF YOU'D SLASHED UP MY CLOTHES ANY WORSE, MY CHEST WOULD'VE BEEN ON FULL DISPLAY...
SO I COULDN'T DO MUCH TO FIGHT BACK, YOU SEE.
...BUT TODAY ...
THAT LASER ATTACK CAN'T WORK IN A CHAOTIC FIGHT LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
FWISH
FWOOM
ゴオオ
ヒュウウウ


JUDGING FROM THAT PAIR'S ATTACK JUST NOW...
...MY PAWNS DON'T MEASURE UP TO YOUR SEKIREI.
...A STALEMATE, IS IT?


I CONCEDE.
THIS IS OUR LOSS.
... MASTER !!


...NO.
HIGA-SAN...
...YOU'RE THE ONLY LOSER HERE.


...WHAT ...?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THEIR EYES.
THOSE SEKIREI, DESPERATELY FIGHTING JUST FOR YOU.
THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING WITH THE INTENT OF LOSING TO ANYONE...
...BECAUSE THAT'S HOW SEKIREI ARE. THEY GIVE IT THEIR ALL TO FACE THEIR OPPONENTS.


EVEN IF THEY'RE KIND OF WEAK...
EVEN IF THE ENEMY'S GOT AN OVER-WHELMING ADVANTAGE...
NONE OF THAT MATTERS.
THEY POUR THEIR HEARTS INTO PROTECTING THEIR ASHIKABI...
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SEKIREI.
YOURS ARE STILL FIGHTING ...
...FOR THEIR ASHIKABI.
THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR YOU.
SO IF YOU'RE GONNA STAND THERE AND ADMIT DEFEAT...
...THEN YOU, HIGA-SAN...
... AREN'T CUT OUT TO BE AN ASHI-KABI!


DAMN YOU...
MASTER ...!
... ASHIKABI OF THE NORTH.
MINATO SAHASHI.
THAT'S EASY ENOUGH TO SAY WHEN YOU'RE ONE OF THE "HAVES."
YOUR VICTORY HERE WAS DECIDED FROM THE START.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE ELITES.
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ISN'T WRONG, BUT...
ALL I'M HEARING IS EMPTY THEORY... BECAUSE I'M A "HAVE-NOT"...
E-ELITE ...??
HUH ...?
NEVER BEEN CALLED THAT BEFORE, I GOTTA SAY.
MOST OF YOUR SEKIREI ARE SINGLE NUMBERS...
YOU'RE LIVING IN THE HOUSE OF THE FORMER MBI HEAD RESEARCHER .....
ALL OF IT...
...WAS HANDED TO YOU BY YOUR PARENTS, RIGHT?


THERE'S NO POINT HIDING IT. NOT ANYMORE.
...DON'T PLAY DUMB.
I-I MEAN, I KNOW THAT MY MOM... MY MOTHER WORKS FOR MBI, BUT...
PARENTS? HANDED TO ME??
?


...IS HIROTO MINAKA.
YOUR FATHER...
HA!


.....HUH?
HA!


YOUR FATHER...
...IS HIROTO MINAKA.
.....
HUH?
SAHA-SHI...
OH MY.
WHOOSH
...NAKA?
MI...
...RO TO...
...HI...



Chapter 157: Haves and Have-Nots


...AH.
...
UM...
WHAT'RE... YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I HONESTLY HAVE NO CLUE.....
I SAID, "DON'T PLAY DUMB"!
IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH RESEARCH TO FIGURE OUT.
YOU MIGHT BE USING YOUR MOTHER'S NAME, BUT...
...YOU'RE THE SON OF MBI'S CEO, HIROTO MINAKA!
HUH...?
HUH?
HUH ...!?
TAKAMI-SAN TOLD ME NOT TO SAY ANYTHING... SHEESH...
WHISPER
I...WASN'T ACTUALLY SURE IF YOU KNEW, BUT... SAHASHI...
...YOU REALLY HADN'T REALIZED .....?
SO THAAAT'S WHY YOU REMINDED ME SO MUCH OF HIM! ♡
THAT STRONG JAWLINE, THOSE HANDS... ♡♡


...KU KNEW TOO.
ACTUALLY ...
WHAT!?
'COS TAKAMI-CHAN TOLD KU ONCE.
KU'S FLASHBACK
HEY, HEY, ARE YOU GONNA MARRY THEM?
OOH! ♡
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I DO HAVE SOMEONE SPECIAL IN MY LIFE...?
HUH!?
HEY, HEY, TAKAMI-CHAN.
IS THERE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
MUMBLE
UH...WELL... IT BASICALLY MEANS WE MIGHT AS WELL BE MARRIED...
MUMBLE
WHAT'S "DEE-FAK-TOW"?
WE ALREADY HAVE A DE FACTO MARRIAGE, KIND OF...
MARRIAGE... MARRIAGE, HUH... YEAH. WE MIGHT, SOMEDAY.
IT HAS TO STAY A SECRET FROM EVERYONE, OKAY?
OKAY!
WANNA KNOW! WANNA KNOW!
YEAH...YOU DEFINITELY KNOW HIM... BUT...
HEEEY, DOES KU KNOW THIS PERSON YOU LIKE?
WHO? WHO IS IT?
OHH!
WE ALREADY HAVE TWO CHILDREN TOGETHER.
I SAY "CHILDREN," BUT THEY'RE BIGGER THAN YOU, KUSANO.


KU'S FLASHBACK END
...AND NOW YOU KNOW.
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WELL...
TAKAMI-CHAN... ALSO SAID HER DAUGHTER PROBABLY ALREADY KNEW...
...WHO HER DADDY WAS.
.....BIG BROTHER'S THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW...
SHOCK
Ukyaa!
HEY, BIG BRO.
WHO D'YOU THINK OUR DADDY IS?


...OH.
OKAY.
NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT!
DADDY?


ASK THE CEO!
GREAT ADVANCES IN INDUSTRY
GUESS THAT'S JUST HOW YOU ARE, BIG BRO.


JUST STOP AND THINK ONCE IN A WHILE !!!
IDIOT !!


YOU MEAN TO SAY... YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR OWN FATHER?
IT SEEMS HE REALLY WASN'T AWARE.....
... MAS-TER.
SHOCK
ガーン
SHOCK
ガーン
PAT
ポン


YOU WERE NEVER CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR OWN PARENT-AGE?
AND YOU'VE MADE IT TO ADULTHOOD WITHOUT EVER QUESTIONING IT!?
E-EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, MOM ALWAYS SAID NOT TO PRY ABOUT WHO DAD IS...
SO I JUST... GREW UP THAT WAY, NEVER PAYING IT ANY MIND...
M-MAKES SENSE I TURNED OUT A TWO-TIME ROUNIN...I MEAN, WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
UNTIL MUSUBI-CHAN...
UNTIL I MET ALL MY SEKIREI...
...I WAS A LOSER!
A BIG LOSER... BUT... BECAUSE OF MY SEKIREI...
...BECAUSE... I MET THEM.....
THEN WHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU WERE BLESSED WITH!?
ALL THOSE SINGLE NUMBERS! AND THE JINKI YOU HAD FROM THE START!!
WASN'T ALL THAT HANDED TO YOU ON A SILVER PLATTER !?
...WE NEVER LET MINAKA TELL US WHAT TO DO.


WE'RE WITH HIM BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE.
AND THE JINKI? OUR NO. 02 JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE IT.


...SHOWED ME WHAT A MAN HE COULD BE! ♡
MINATO-KUN...


AND KU GOT SAVED BY BIG BROTHER—!!
...HIGA-SAN.


I GET WHY YOU CALLED ME AN ELITE...
...AND WHY YOU HATE ME SO MUCH.
...I UNDER-STAND, REALLY.
BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF WHO I WAS BORN AS. I DIDN'T START WITH A LEG UP OR ANYTHING.
IT WAS ALL GIVEN TO ME...
...BY THE PEOPLE I'VE MET.
TO USE YOUR WORDS, I'M DEFINITELY...
...ONE OF THE "HAVES," BUT...


...ALL OF THEM...
...GAVE ME THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS.
THEY...
...MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE STANDING HERE TODAY.


...IN OTHER WORDS, HIGA-SAN...
THAT HATE YOU HARBOR FOR ME...
THAT "JEALOUSY," IT'S JUST...


...A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING!!
IT'S JUST...


.....
...MIS... UNDER-STANDING .....
YOU SAY...?


Pfft ...
Heh... Heh heh...
PFFT... DEFINITELY JEALOUSY.
I MEAN, HIGA-SAMA...
WHAT CAN WE DO...
...BUT LAUGH, AT THIS POINT?
.....WHAT EXACTLY IS SO FUNNY, KAKIZAKI?
... No, it's just... Heh..... Sorry.
HEH-HEH...


HEH HEH...
HA HA HA HA!
HAA HA HA HA HA!
.....
HEH...
M—
MAS-TER!?
I'VE BEEN THE CLOWN RIGHT FROM THE START...
RIGHT.
UTTERLY RIDICU-LOUS.
SO RIDICU-LOUS.


...STILL..... MINATO SAHASHI.
I HATE YOU EVEN MORE.
AFTER HEARING THE TRUTH...
BECAUSE I NOW KNOW THE TRUTH, EVEN...
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID.
I HAVEN'T LOST TO YOU YET!!
...JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR...!


SMOLDER
SMOLDER
SMOLDER
KAIHA.
KAIE.
ICHIYA.
...
MASTER?
YOU'VE DONE WELL, TRULY.
...I NEED TO THANK YOU ALL.
...IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO TAKE MY HAND AND FOLLOW ME...
...HOW-EVER...
I'LL NEVER REALLY BE THE SORT OF ASHIKABI THE BOY FROM THE SOUTH DESCRIBED.
I'M NOTHING MORE THAN A CUNNING HUMAN.
WITH YOUR NORITO.
...THEN WE OUGHT TO FIGHT THE ENEMY BEFORE US WITH FULL STRENGTH!


MASTER!
YES...!
RIGHT, MINATO-KUN? ♡
OHHH, IN THAT CASE...
US TOO, RIGHT?
...VTH-THEN WE SHOULD TOO.....
IF THEY'LL BE USING THEIR NORITO...
IN-INDEED.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME...
HUH, YOU TOO, KU-CHAN!?
YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO EAGER, KUSANO-SENPAI!
SMOOCH
...RIGHT!

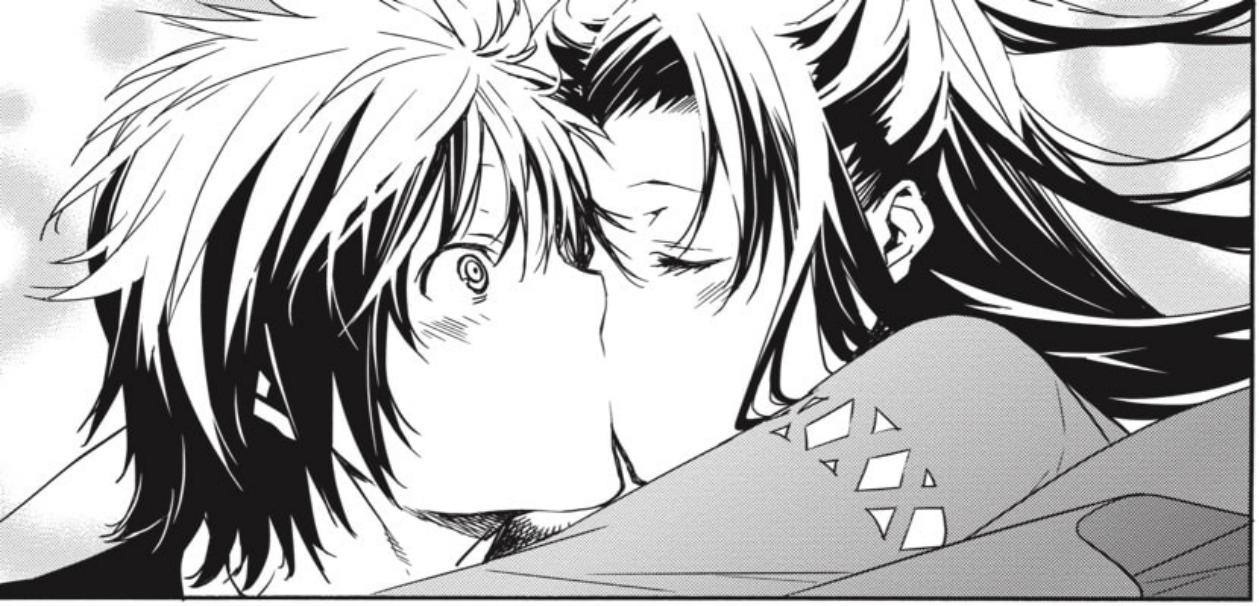

YOUR NORITO.
WAAH!
N-N—
NORI-NORI-NORITO...!?
...MASTER...!
...TO DO NORITO!!
KU ALSO WANTS...
POUT
あー
BECAUSE I'M THINKING WE MIGHT NEED TO CALL ON YOUR POWER AGAIN BEFORE LONG...
...SO YOU GOTTA BE READY TO ACT, WHEN THE TIME COMES.
SAHASHI...
N-NOT YET, KU-CHAN. MAYBE NEXT TIME.
KU TOO!
FLAIL FLAIL
いたいた
KU TOO!
KICK
KICK
ばたばた



Chapter 158: Where the True Battle Lies


UM... RIGHT.
KAGARI-SAN.
I KNOW HOW YOU HATE CEO MINAKA...
DID YOU KNOW ALL ALONG I WAS HIS SON...?
BUT THEN... I WENT AND WINGED YOU.
I KINDA FORCED IT ON YOU, EVEN...
I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE LATE, BUT I'M REALLY SORRY!!
WHA...? NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE...
I WAS ABOUT TO SELF-DESTRUCT WHEN YOU DID IT.
AND THE WINGING ONLY WORKED AT ALL BECAUSE IT WAS YOU, SAHASHI.
I'M KIND OF A SPECIAL SEKIREI, YOU KNOW?
B-BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YOU MORE AS TAKAMI-SAN'S SON.
I MEAN, I LET YOU WING ME BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE, SAHASHI.
NOT THAT YOUR PARENTAGE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYONE ELSE BUT YOU... I GUESS WHAT I MEAN IS...
... RIGHT.
KAGARI-SAN.


THANKS.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT.
SAHASHI .....
K-KAZE-HANA-SA—
MEEE TOOOO! ♡
AH!
UM... SO, UHH... WELL...
BLUSH
DON'T BE SHY WITH MY NORITO...
MY, MY, NO FAIR.
HOMURA-CHAN'S THE STAR OF THIS SHOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN!




K—
KAZE-HANA-SA—
ALWAYS SO SUDDEN WITH YOU.
FU FU. ♡


BY THE WIND OF MY CONTRACT ...
...BLOW AWAY THE DARK CLOUDS...
...FROM MY ASHIKABI!


...
COME.
...
MASTER.
I WILL FACE...
...THAT ONE.
...SO MUCH...
...THANK YOU...


BY THE WHIP OF MY CONTRACT...
...SHRED THE FOES...
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!


BWOOSH
KAZE-HANA-SAN!
FWOOSH
.....
...IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY?
OUR ASHIKABI SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HEAR OVER THIS WINDSTORM.
SO SPEAK YOUR MIND.
...I WAS...
...WE WERE...
...JEALOUS OF YOU SEKIREI.


OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR ASHIKABI... AND HOW YOU'RE SO ALIVE WHEN YOU FIGHT.....
IT'S TRUE, MASTER WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF YOUR ASHIKABI.
...WE FELT THE SAME WAY.
AND...
WE ALWAYS WONDERED.
EVEN THOUGH WE CHOSE TO BOND WITH HIM...
MY CONNECTION TO YOU LOT...
...IS LIKE A BUSINESS CONTRACT.
EVEN THOUGH WE TIED OURSELVES TO HIM...
IT WAS LIKE, "WHY ARE WE REALLY *HERE*?"
YOU KNOW?
WE ALWAYS WONDERED.


...I'M CONNECTED.
...BUT...
...NOW...
WE'RE FINALLY CONNECTED TO OUR MASTER .....
I... WE...
...IT MAY BE A STRANGE, DISTORTED CONNECTION, BUT...
... COMPARED TO YOU GUYS...
...SO THANK YOU.
...IT'S THANKS TO YOU GUYS.
BECAUSE... YOU FOUGHT US HEAD-ON.
AND... MOST LIKELY...
THAT'S ALL... I HAVE TO SAY.


IT MAY NOT BE LOVE... BUT IT'S STILL A CONNECTION...
HARDLY A BAD THING.
THAT'S A STRONGER LOOK IN YOUR EYES, COMPARED WITH WHEN WE FOUGHT AT IZUMO INN.
...FU FU.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU A SEKIREI.
I, NO. 03, KAZE-HANA...
...WELCOME YOU.
FWOOSH
I WILL RECEIVE ALL YOU CAN MUSTER.


I'M NO. 62, KAIE.
HERE I COME!
SPIN
キュルルル
100-LASH WHIP!!


KAMIKAZE
BLOOM.


RIGHT... IF WE'RE TALKING THE COMPLETE PACKAGE, THAT'D BE NO. 03...
NORTH'S STRONGEST SEKIREI?
WHETHER IT'S IN LOVE... OR BATTLE... SHE JUST HAS FUN GIVING IT HER ALL AS A SEKIREI... NO ONE ELSE CAN MEASURE UP.
NOT THAT SHE EVER REALLY CUTS LOOSE.
BIG SIS NO. 03'S SERIOUSLY STRONG.
THE OTHERS ARE A FUN BUNCH WHO DRIVE ME UP THE WALL, BUT...
...FOR TAKING THIS FIGHT SERIOUSLY.
...THANK YOU, NO. 03...
...I'M ACTUALLY GLAD TO BE A SEKIREI.
THIS... IS THE FIRST TIME...
I'M SO HAPPY I GET TO FIGHT YOU...!
FOR MY ASHIKABI ...
...AND FOR ME...


WAAA!
AAA!
AH!
FWOOSH
KAZE-HANA-SAN!!
FWOOM

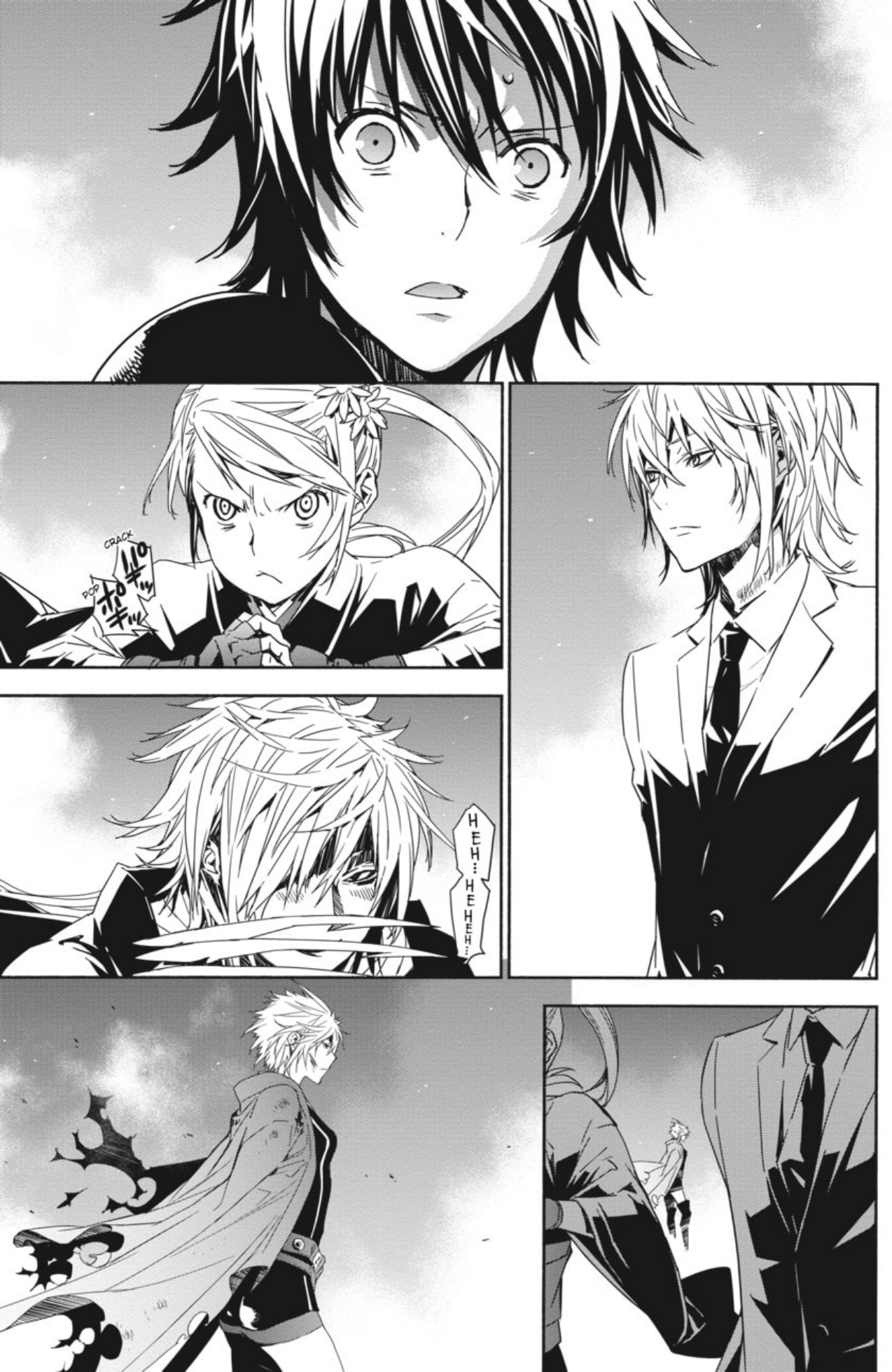

BLAST
ヒュオオオ
!
MAS-
TER.
AH...


...YOU WERE A STRONG ONE.
I ENJOYED THIS TOO.
THANK YOU.
WHOOSH


SHAKE
KAZE-
HANA-
SA—
RUMBLE
HUH...?
WHAT
WAS
THAT!?
FADE
SAHA-
SHI!
LOOK
...!!


THAT "WALL OF LIGHT"...
...IS VANISHING ...!?
B-BUT WHY.....?
THIS WAS STAGE TWO OF THE FINAL PHASE...
...MEANT TO BE A SERIES OF DEATHMATCHES BETWEEN TEAMS, ALL DIVIDED UP INTO "CAGES" BY THOSE WALLS...
THERE'S NO WAY THE RULES WERE SUPPOSED TO CHANGE AGAIN, THIS LATE IN THE GAME..... SO WHAT'S GOING ON...?
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE RULES.
... STILL...
...IT'S NO REASON FOR ME TO STOP THIS FIGHT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD...!
LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
HOW MANY ARE LEFT?


THE DISCI-PLINARY ...
...SQUAD ...!!


CRACK
POP
HEH… HEHEH…

Chapter 159: In the Abyss of Kamikura Island




THE LIGHT BARRIERS ARE DOWN.
AND WE HAVE NO EXPLICIT ORDERS FROM THE CEO.
BLUE!
NORTH IS MINE TO TAKE DOWN.
INTER-FERE, AND I'LL KILL YOU!!
HEH HEH... FINE...
B-BATTLE ROYALE!?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL WE WOULD MOVE INTO A BATTLE ROYALE.
WH-WHAT'S NATURAL ABOUT THAT!?
Y'HEAR ME, BLACK!?
YOU GOT NO REASON TO STEP IN!!
SHIT. IGNORING ME, HUH?
HEH-HEH... KARASUBA'S... BEEN LIKE THAT...EVER SINCE BEATING NO. 87...
HEH HEH...
GOT... IT...
YOU TAKE ON EAST AND HIS GIRLS.
DON'T WANT THEM GETTING IN MY WAY!


SWAY
ユラッ...
EAST... YOU PEOPLE'VE BEEN PUSHING THE LIMITS WITH THE RULES...
SO THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD... THAT IS, BENITSUBASA... HAS REACHED HER LIMIT.....
HEH-HEH... PUSHING THE LIMIT... REACHED HER LIMIT...
PFFT... HEH-HEH-HEH..... YOU GET HOW IT IS... RIGHT...? HEH-HEH.
GRIN
ニィッ...
I'M CARVING YOU UP... ASHIKABI INCLUDED ...!
GET READY ...
FIRST, AT THE BRIDGE... THEN AGAIN DURING PHASE THREE...
THIS'LL BE MY THIRD TIME FIGHTING YOU PEOPLE.
NOT A CHANCE!

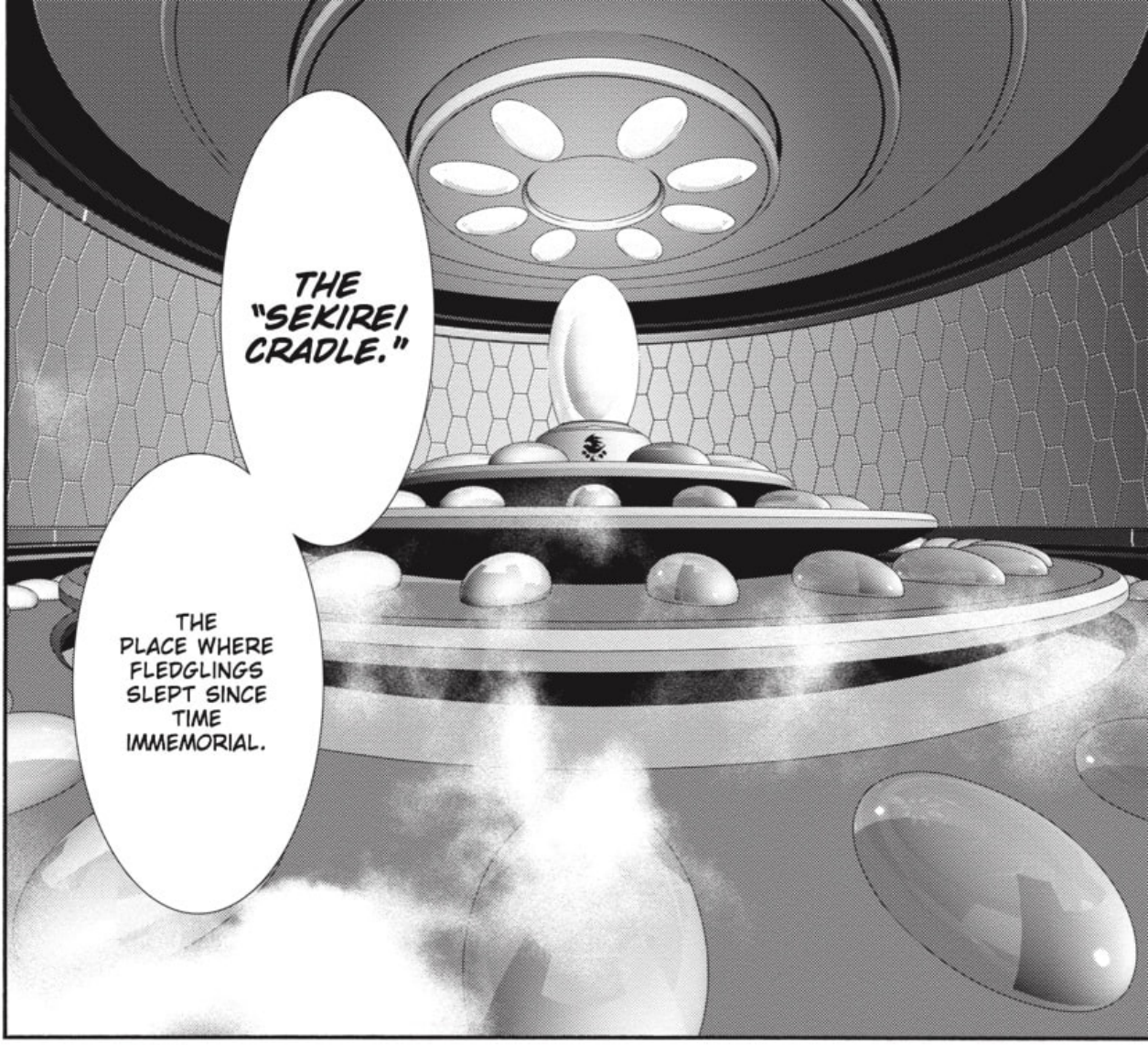

I'LL FINALLY GET...
...TO HAVE MY REVENGE AGAINST YOU!
IT'S A REAL GODDAMN SHAME NO. 88 ISN'T HERE!
BUT KILLING HER ASHIKABI'S JUST AS GOOD!!!
GET BACK, SAHASHI !!


GIGA
☆
QUAKE
!!!
RUMBLE
WHOAAA!
!!


RUMBLE
ドドドド
CLINK
.....
PWAAH!!
SHATTER
バリーン
WH-WHAT HAPPENED ...?
C-CAN'T MOVE! SO COLD.
WHOA, I'M ALL FROZEN!?
MY SEKIREI GOT FROZEN TOO!?
KASHINNNK
カキーン
HEY! HEYYY!
WHERE'D MY LOVELIES RUN OFF TO!?
OHV RIGHT. WHERE'RE MY LOVELIES AT!?
ACK!


HEEEEY, KUJIKA, SHIJIME!
KUZURI! HEEEY!
...?
DRIP
TOTA...
...YOU AWAKE?

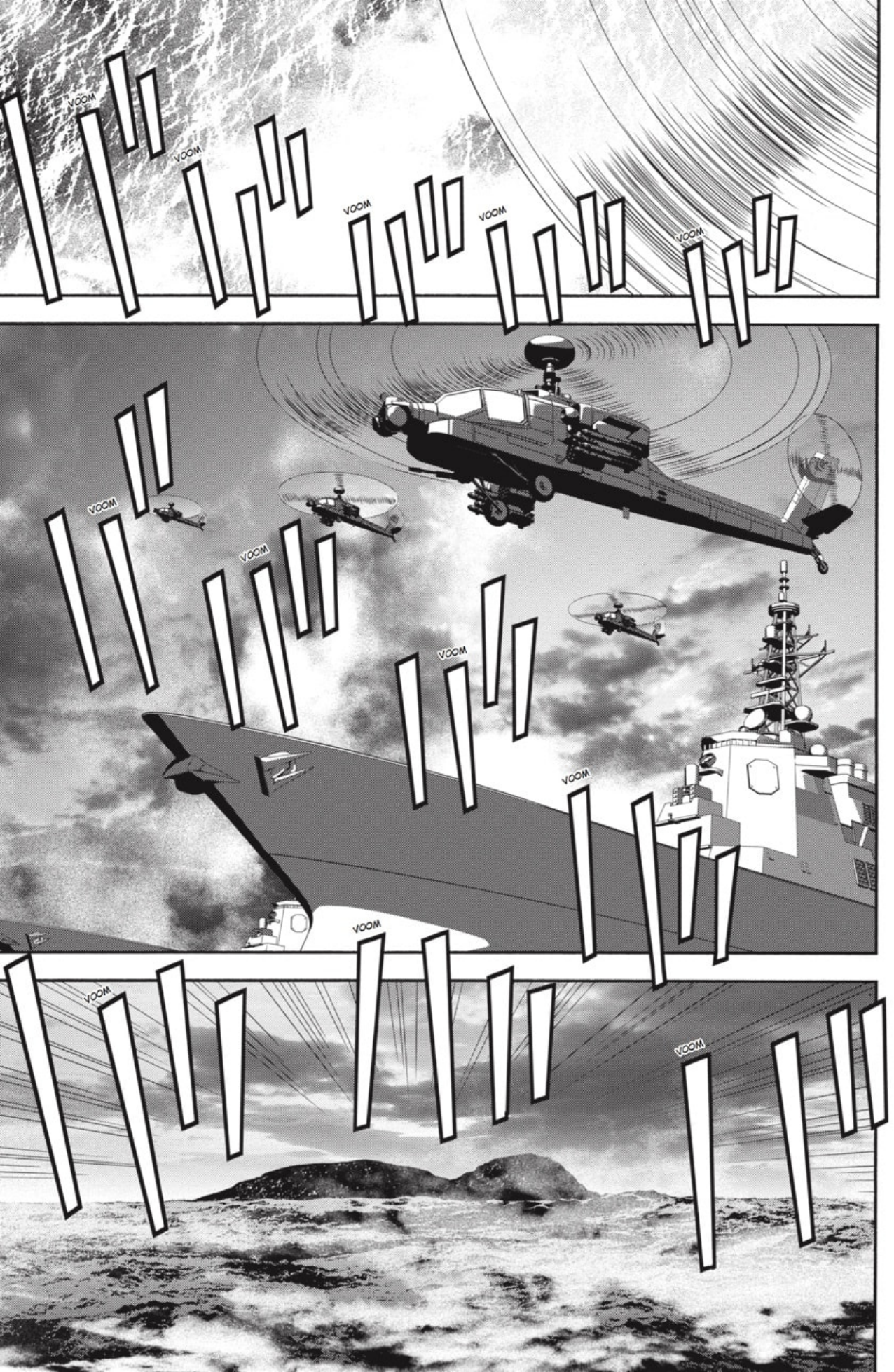

AS HER ASHIKABI, SHOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO FEEL THAT?
NO TELLING WHAT'S HAPPENED UP ABOVE.
BUT... IT'S LIKELY AKITSU IS ALREADY...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS UNCONSCIOUS.
JUST A SCRATCH. NOT A PROBLEM.
I WAS STRUCK BY SOME FALLING RUBBLE.
WAAH, BLOOD!?
MUTSU!! YOU'RE HURT!!
RUBBLE... YEAH...YOUR CRUSH POINT BROKE THE GROUND...
...OH!
OH YEAH! AKITSU! WHERE'S AKITSU!?
.....
.....MM-HMM.
WHERE THE HECK ARE WE ANYWAY?
...HEY. MUTSU.
SNIFFLE
RUB
GLOW
THIS IS...
...A SPECIAL PLACE FOR US SEKIREI.
I KNOW THIS ISLAND WELL, THANKS TO THE SEARCH-AND-DESTROY OPERATION DURING MY DISCIPLINARY SQUAD DAYS.
DIRECTLY BELOW THE BATTLEGROUND FROM EARLIER.
THE PERFECT PLACE TO RUN AND HIDE... PART OF THE "HOLLOW" WITHIN THE ARK.


THE "SEKIREI CRADLE."
THE PLACE WHERE FLEDGLINGS SLEPT SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL.


YOU'RE THE FIRST GAME PLAYER TO EVER STEP FOOT IN HERE, MIKOGAMI-KUN!


CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
SO ALL THIS IS YOUR DOING, THEN.
THE AUTOMATIC DOORS AREN'T EVEN WORKING... TCH...
OHH, THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS ARE LIT.
BUT THE ARK SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED FUNCTIONING ALTOGETHER.
THE ISLAND'S "POISON" WAS JUST BARELY NEUTRALIZED, BUT...
CEO MINAKA ...!
WITH THE WALLS OF LIGHT GONE, IT'S PRETTY CHAOTIC UP THERE.
...THE ISLAND'S DEFENSELESS AGAINST EXTERNAL ENEMIES.
AND SINCE THE ARK ISN'T FUNCTIONING...


THE ISLAND'S IMMOBILE NOW, AND THE WALLS OF LIGHT THAT DEFENDED IT AND KEPT IT OFF RADAR ARE GONE.....
TAKING ALL THAT INTO ACCOUNT AND RECALLING THE TRAGEDY THAT ONCE OCCURRED ON THIS ISLAND...
...ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS, YOU SEE.
NO. 05, MUTSU...
EXTERNAL ...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
...YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEDUCE WHAT I MEAN BY "EXTERNAL ENEMIES," YES?
MUTSU ...?
THE INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND ...!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM


FLAME WALL !!
SWING
BLAZE
BAM
PUL-VERIZER ☆ !!
...WON'T WORK AGAIN!
HMPH! AN ATTACK I'VE ALREADY SEEN...


GAH!
AH!
UNH ...
BIG BROTH-ERRRRR!!
BIG BROTHER! BIG BROTHER!
K-KU-CHAN, YOU OKAY ...?
FU-CHAN! FU-CHAN, SHE'S...!
KAZE-HANA-SAN!
I MANAGED TO PROTECT YOU, MINATO-KUN, BUT I COULDN'T DODGE THESE ROCKS.
FIGHTING AT FULL STRENGTH AFTER USING MY NORITO IS TOUGH, Y'KNOW?
NATSUO'S GONNA WIN THIS THING!
GIVE UP!
!
SO JUST LIE DOWN AND DIE ALREADY!
SAHA-SHI!


KICK...
...OF THE...
...BEAR!
M—
MUSUBI-CHAAAN!!
MINATO-SAN!
WHA—!?


KARASUBA-SAMA...
THIS IS MY POWER.
THE POWER OF BONDS BETWEEN HUMANS AND SEKIREI!!
...FOR A MOMENT THERE, YOU STRUGGLED AGAINST ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE BY ALL MEANS BEEN WEAKER THAN YOU...
THAT, KARASUBA...
...WAS BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH COMPLETELY EMPTY INSIDE.
THE POWER OF BONDS...
THE POWER... OF FATE.
YUME...

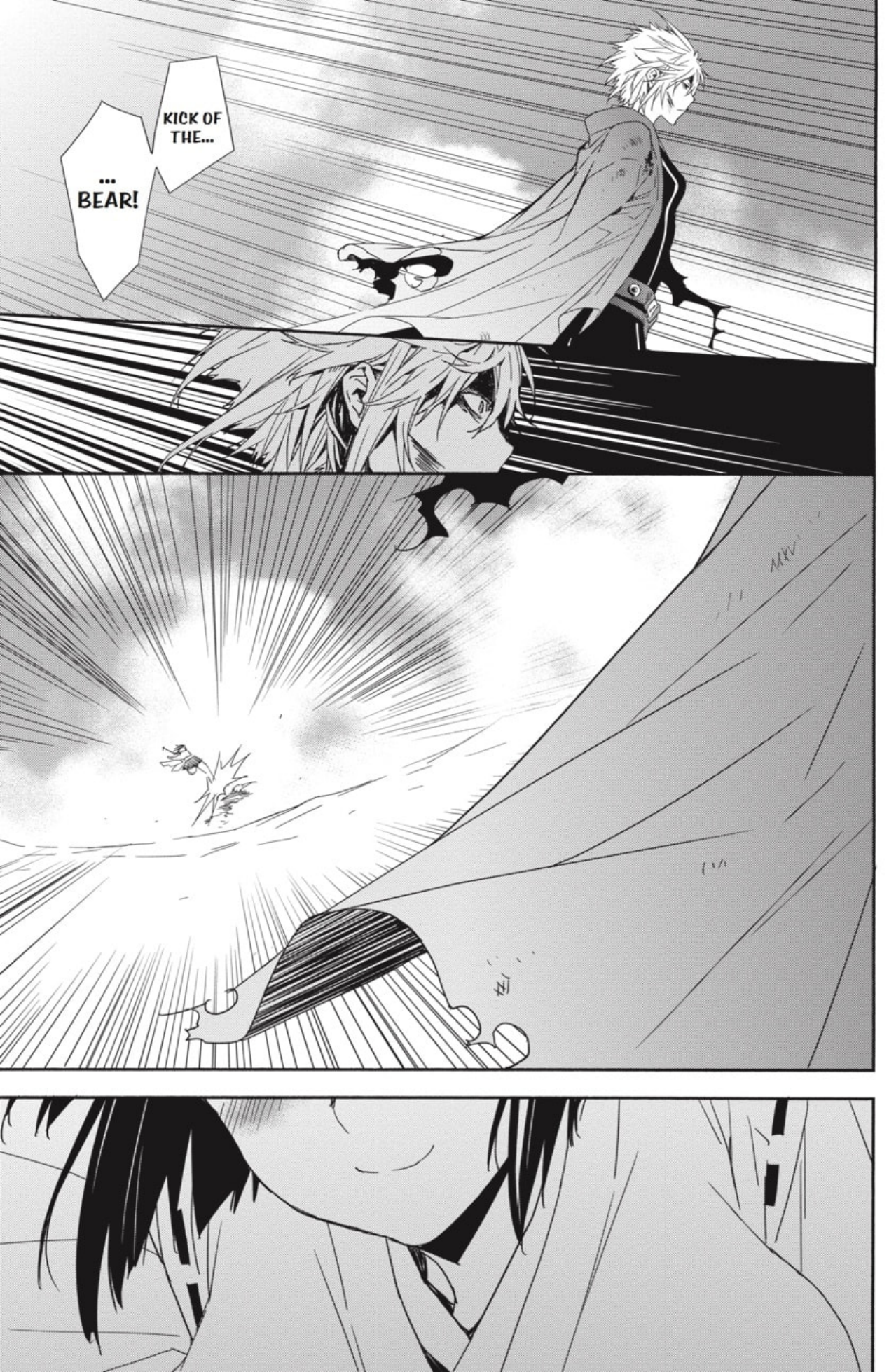

Chapter 160:
People Wishing
to Know Others,
Sekirei Wishing
to Know Love


YOU WANT TO KNOW THE REASON I CALL MYSELF THE "SEKIREI OF BONDS"...?
IS THAT IT?
RIGHT... IN A SENSE...
...I'M ASKING FOR WHAT I CAN'T EVER HAVE.
IT'S SOMETHING IN YOU, KARASUBA.
SOMETHING I LACK.
?
NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE LACKING?
YOU'RE THE ONLY SEKIREI WITH NO NEED FOR AN ASHIKABI.
YOU HAVE A PERFECT SEKIREI CORE AND COMPLETE CREST.
AND THAT'S...
... EXACTLY WHY!


PEOPLE ARE BORN LACKING, SO THEY SEEK OUT OTHERS.
THEY SEEK CONNEC-TIONS.
AND THOSE CONNECTIONS TURN INTO BONDS OVER TIME.
IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE, YOU SEE! ♡
WHAT YOU OTHERS HAVE, THAT I LACK...
THE POTENTIAL FOR BOUNDLESS LOVE.
...IS THAT POTENTIAL.


BONDS ARE THE SEEDS FROM WHICH LOVE CAN BUD.
THE "SEKIREI OF BONDS" HOPES TO PROTECT THAT FOR ALL OF YOU.
IT'S WHY I BEAR THAT NICKNAME.
HEE HEE.
YOUR FACE TELLS ME YOU STILL DON'T GET IT.
UNTIL YOU TRULY UNDERSTAND...
...YOU CAN NEVER DEFEAT ME! ♡


KARASUBA...
WHOOSH
...
YUME...
GRIND
I WAS SUP-POSED... TO BE THE ONE...
...TO KILL YOU, IN THE END.
BUT YOU WENT AND LEFT ME BEHIND...
...I'VE BEEN WINGED, BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.
IS THAT WHY I CONTINUE TO NOT MEASURE UP TO WEAKER SEKIREI?
YUME ...!


KICK OF THE...
... BEAR!


YUME
...!


MINATO-SAN!
M—
MUSUBI-CHAAAN!
MINATO!!
M-MATSU COULDN'T HAVE FORESEEN ALL THIS...
TSUKI-UMI!
MATSU-SAN!


TCH ...
NO. 88!
YOU SERI-OUSLY PISS ME OFF, Y'KNOW !!
SO THIS TIME FOR SURE...
...I'M GONNA KILL YA!!!
CLASH
WHA —?


MUSUBI WON'T LOSE!
BAM
THIS IS LOVE!


MUSUBI FEELS SO MUCH LOVE.
DEVO-TION.
TRUST.
FRIEND-SHIP.
HEBEY!
HEBEY, LOVE-LIES!
SO MANY TYPES...
EEP, NATSUO ...!
YEAH!
YOU OKAY, BENITSU-BASA?
PURE LOVE.
RIVALRY.
ALTRUISM.
THIS IS HOW HUMANS ARE...!
THIS IS HOW SEKIREI ARE.
IT'S ALL LOVE.
THE FEELINGS OF THOSE CARRYING ON FOR THEM.
THE FEELINGS OF THOSE GONE BUT NOT FOR-GOTTEN.


...WHAT THE...!?
ACK, HOT!
WHAT THE HELL IS YOUR DEAL!!?
SHIT. GET OUTTA MY WAY!
I'M SICK OF LOSING.
SO I'LL BE TAKING YOU ON.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON THE DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD, YOU!!
AND UNDER-ESTIMATING THE SEKIREI GUARDIAN WILL BE YOUR LAST MISTAKE.


CLASH
CLASH
BLAZE
KARA-
SUBA-
SAMA!


HERE ON THIS ISLAND, THE PLACE YOU AND I PARTED WAYS!
OUR FISTS! OUR FEELINGS! LET THEM CLASH!
THE WINNER GOES TO KOUTEN!
YU... ME.....!
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA...!
HEH... HEH HEH...


...NOT FAIR AT ALL... AWFUL.
PROTECTING THAT FLEDGLING.
HIDING YOUR-SELF.
OF COURSE YOU WERE IN THERE.
...TO THINK...
HEHEH...
NO MORE RUNNING.
...NOW...
BUT...
KOUTEN? I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
THE MOMENT I GET TO KILL YOU.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.


KARA-SUBA-SAMA!
THE ONE CHALLENGING YOU WITH HER FISTS RIGHT NOW...
THE ONE STANDING IN YOUR WAY IS...!!


NO. 88—
MUSUBI !!

Chapter 161: The One Standing Before You




...THIS LITTLE ONE'S SEKIREI CORE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.....
WITHOUT CONSCIOUSNESS... ONLY WAITING FOR ONE'S LIFE TO END.....
NO WINGING... NO NORITO... NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF IT...
AND A SEKIREI WITH NO CORE HAS NO FUTURE...
...AS ONE OF THE FLEDGINGS WHO WILL TEACH THE WORLD OF LOVE...
...YOU WILL SPREAD YOUR WINGS SOMEDAY...


GLOW
SO I, SEPARATE AND APART FROM THAT WORLD...
...CAN AT LEAST PROTECT THIS LITTLE CHICK.
THIS IS HOW...
...I BECOME THE SEKIREI OF BONDS.




—ME...
YUME...!
YUME!!
SOMEONE... CALLING.
...IT'S CALLING OUT TO SOMEONE.
THAT VOICE... SO LOVELY...


NO, NOT ME... BUT...
... "ME"?
CALLING...
...ME.
WHY GIVE YOUR CORE TO THAT WEAKLING...?
YOUR SOUL? WHY?
WHY GIVE UP YOUR OWN SOUL?
...WHY!?
WHEN I WAS GOING TO BE THE ONE TO KILL YOU...
WHEN YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND ALREADY...


...I CAN'T...
I CAN'T FORGIVE ...!
I CAN'T FORGIVE.
I CAN'T FORGIVE ...


NO. 88.
I CAN...
...NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
FOR BEING SO VERY WEAK.
FOR BEING SO PATHETIC.
I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU.
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU...!
.....NO.


DON'T CRY.
I'M STILL HERE.
AT YOUR SIDE.
ALL THIS TIME... AND GOING FORWARD...
KARA-SUBA...
...YOU JUST HAVEN'T REALIZED IT YET.
AND...


...IS YOUR JOB! ♡
...MAKING HER REALIZE...
NOW.
LET US MAKE THOSE CONNECTIONS TOGETHER.
THOSE BONDS.
THOSE FEELINGS.
WE'LL FORGE THEM TOGETHER!


KARA-SUBA-SAMA!
THE ONE HERE AND NOW IS MUSUBI!
SO PLEASE SEE ME FOR WHO I AM.
OKAY? ♡
KERSLAM

SWING
SLASH


MUSU-
BI!!


LET ME ASSIST—
MINATO !?
...THAT FIGHT.
WE SHOULDN'T INTERFERE.
IT'S A "PROMISE" MUSUBI-CHAN MADE.
BUT, MINATO...
MUSUBI MAY BE IN DANGER...
...HER OPPONENT IS NO. 04.
...!
CLENCH
...I'M SCARED.
...BUT... THIS IS WHAT MUSUBI-CHAN WANTS.
THE SORT OF DESIRE THAT SEKIREI STAKE THEIR LIVES ON.
IF I CAN'T SEE HER THROUGH IT... I HAVE NO RIGHT CALLING MYSELF HER ASHIKABI...!


MINATO.....
NO. 09 ...!!
DUNKED ME... IN THE RIVER. ALMOST DROWNED ME...!
STILL HAVEN'T... PAID YOU BACK FOR THAT.....!!
I'M THE TYPE TO HOLD A GRUDGE.
THINK YOU CAN TURN YOUR BACK ON ME!?


SLASH
REAPING CLAW...!
NO. 18...!
AH... WHOA!
...KAKI-ZAKI.
Yes?
THAT LASER.
CAN WE FIRE IT AGAIN?
It's pos-sible, yes...
But the island's moved a bit, so our aim's been thrown off.
This next shot won't be nearly as accurate.


IF I GET HIT, THAT'S AS FAR AS MY LUCK CARRIES ME.
HANG ON, MASTER! PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!
IT MIGHT EVEN HIT YOU, HIGA-SAMA.
DON'T CARE.
NO.!
09!!
DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD!


FIRE IT.
...THE TARGETS ARE...
...
"NORTH"
...
...AND THE DIS-CIPLINARY SQUAD.


HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
.....PLAY!
PANT-IES!
PLAY WITH US!
PLAAAY! ♡ PLAAAY! ♡
SHOW US YOUR PANTIES!
SHOW US, SHOW US!
M-MIKO-SAMA! MUTSU-SAMA!
WHERE ARE YOUUU!?
STAY BACK! KEEP AWAY!
NOOOO!


A—
A DEAD END?
!
EEK...!
MY WEAPON! I MUST HAVE DROPPED IT SOMEWHERE!!
MY...
WHEN THE EARTH SPLIT APART!
WHITE PANTIES IS FUNNYYY!
AH HA HA HA!
...OH.
EMPTY
からっ
NO CHOICE LEFT BUT TO FIGHT.....
GLOW
NOOO, STAY BACK!
SLAM
WHITE PANTIES!
PLAY WITH US! ♡



Chapter 162: Light From the Heavens


NO. 09.
YOU'RE DEAD ...!!
CLASH
WATER BLADE!


WATER ARROW !!
CRYING CLAW!!
KERBAM


GIGA ☆...
...QUAKE!!
!
FLIK


COMBUS-
TION!!
BLAZE
DAM-
MIT!!
HOT!
HOT!
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ
RUMBLE
ゴゴ
HUH?
THE
GROUND
...
?
IT'S
SHAKING
...?
!


POP
FSSHH
WHAT HAP-PENED ...?
WH—?
WH-WH-WH-WH—


SLAM
N-N-NOR—
D-D-DISCIP—
NORTH AND DISCI-PLINARY?
M-MIKO-SAMAAA!
GLINT


OH...
...THAT'S ...!
TSUKI-UMI-TAN!
HOMURA-TAN!!
WHIP OUT YOUR WATER AND FIRE DRAGONS, IF YOU WOULD.
CREATE A STEAM DRAGON FOR US!
HURRY !!
WH-WHAT'S UP, MATSU-SAN?
NOTHING BIG. MATSU JUST KNOWS WHAT THAT GLINT OF LIGHT MEANS...
...THE LASER'S ABOUT TO HIT...!


NOT AGAIN ...!
LASER ...!?
...A LASER, HUH?
IF IT WERE TO HIT ME, WOULD I DIE?
LASER !?
NATSUO!
HURRY! TSUKIUMI !!
FWOOM
YOU NEEDN'T TELL ME TWICE!
SPLASH


VOOM


HAND OF THE...
...BEAR!!
RELEASING LIGHT STRAIGHT FROM YOUR SEKIREI CORE, HUH?
...JUST LIKE YUME.


SLASH
I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM YOU!
RUMBLE
...THINGS SURE ARE GETTING BUSY AROUND HERE.
-WAFT-


WORRIED FOR YOUR ASHIKABI?
FWOOSH
BUT NOT YOU, I TAKE IT?
...SO, YEAH. I GUESS. I'M WORRIED.
...RIGHT. IF MY MASTER DIES, OUR FIGHT COMES TO AN END...
MUSUBI ...
...BELIEVES IN THEM!
SAHA-SHI!
MINATO, ARE YOU OKAY!?


A LASER IS JUST LIGHT, SO IT WOULD DIFFUSE WHEN PASSING THROUGH STEAM.... THAT WAS MATSU'S THINKING.
IT-IT SEEMS MATSU WAS RIGHT.
I'M GLAD... YOU TWO ARE SAFE.
TSUKI-UMI!
KAGARI-SAN!
THAT'S WHY MUSUBI CAN FIGHT WITH PEACE OF MIND.
...WILL PROTECT MINATO-SAN.
MUSUBI KNOWS THAT EVERYONE ELSE...
?
YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING ALONE EITHER, KARASUBA-SAMA.
...YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT MUSUBI!
SEKIREI OR NOT, IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH...



Chapter 163: Red Flower, Blue Flower


NATSUO!
NATSUO! YOU OKAY!?
FWOOM
NATSUO!!


YOU OKAY, THOUGH!? NOT HURT, RIGHT!?
THE BLAST OF HOT AIR FROM THAT STEAM BLEW ME AWAY...
...BENI-TSUBASA.
SORRY.


DAMMIT! WE KEEP GETTING SAVED BY THOSE GOONS FROM THE NORTH!
NOT THAT I'LL EVER THANK 'EM FOR IT!
HERE... IN THE CENTER... SO MUCH HOT AIR... BUT IT WON'T HIT YOU AGAIN, NATSUO...I'LL SLICE IT ALL UP.....
THAT LASER... BROKEN UP BY THE STEAM DRAGON...
GETTING A LITTLE BURNED, BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE SAFE, NATSUO ...


...OH. SO I...
...DIDN'T DIE.
...I WON'T!
NATSUO! YOU AREN'T...
...GONNA DIE!
...WON'T LET YOU!!
BE-CAUSE I...
...BENI-TSUBASA?


THROB
...BENI-TSUBASA ...?
MY CHEST... HURTS...? OH... RIGHT.
THIS... THIS PAIN IS...
...THE SAME PAIN THEY FEEL. THE SEKIREI I'M BOUND TO.
HAH.
HOT... IT HURTS... HAH.
THE HOT WIND... FINALLY STOPPED ...
SNIFFLE
...YOU TWO...
...MUST HAVE REALIZED BY NOW.
HOW EMPTY I AM INSIDE.
...TO MY OWN LIFE AND DEATH.
THE HOLLOWNESS THAT MAKES ME SO INDIFFERENT...
...HE REALIZED TOO.
ICHINO-MIYA-KUN, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU...
...TO NO. 104, HAIHANE, AND NO. 105, BENITSUBASA.


I THOUGHT THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD WOULD BE A BIT SHORTHANDED WITH JUST NO. 04, KARASUBA-KUN.
NATURALLY, THESE TWO ARE THE REAL DEAL IN A FIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU SAY? TRY BONDING WITH THEM?
IF THOSE ARE YOUR ORDERS, CEO.
ORDERS? SURE. THINK OF IT HOWEVER YOU LIKE.
WELL...
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU TWO.
JOLT
.....
GULP
HEH-HEH... JUST THE SORT OF FACE...THAT BENI...IS INTO...
AND VOICE...
I CAN TELL HE'S A NICE GUY TOO.
LIKE... INSTANT DEATH...
"TOGETHER FOREVER," WAS IT?
SEKIREI'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY THAT LINE!
ICHINO-MIYA-KUN, WHEN YOU...
WHEN YOU BONDED WITH NO. 04, YOU HAD JUST LOST YOUR DEAR FRIEND...
...AND WERE IN A BIT OF A DOWNWARD SPIRAL... RIGHT?


IT'S BETTER TO BE UPBEAT WHEN BONDING, THOUGH.
BECAUSE, SOONER OR LATER, YOUR SEKIREI...
...WILL BRING NEW MEANING TO YOUR LIFE!
HONESTLY, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE MEANT AT THE TIME.
BUT NOW...
THE EFFECT SEKIREI HAVE ON THOSE THEY BOND WITH...THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL LINK...
WHAT A FOOL I AM... THAT IT TOOK A SITUATION LIKE THIS FOR ME TO FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT.
...YOU TWO...
?
...HAVE KEPT ME IN CHECK.
THE CEO SAW THROUGH EVERYTHING.
THE HOLLOW-NESS I CLING TO.
THE DARKNESS WITHIN KARASUBA.
AND OUR DARK DESIRES .....


...THAT WILY, OLD FOX...
I'M NO MATCH FOR...
HELP ME STAND?
HEY.
WHAT!?
WH—
...BENI-TSUBASA.
OH. MY CLAWS. RIGHT...
L-LET HAIHANE HELP YOU STAND TOO.
OKAY!
OH!


...WHAT IS THIS...?
DEEP IN MY CHEST... THE PART CONNECTED TO MY ASHIKABI.....
...FEELS HOT...IT HURTS.
IT'S DISGUSTING .....
THAT'S PROOF YOU'RE A SEKIREI!
IN YOUR SEKIREI CREST...
...AND CARVED INTO YOUR SEKIREI CORE...
IT'S PROOF YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN THIS WORLD!
YUME-SAMA NEVER HAD THAT.
AS MUCH AS SHE WANTED IT, YUME-SAMA NEVER COULD.
THAT... IMPORTANT CONNECTION.


YUME...
...WANTED IT...?
IT'S... IMPORTANT ...?
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
HUH...? HELICOP-TERS...?
THOSE AREN'T MBI'S.
WHAT THE...?


THE INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND.


BUT NOW THAT MBI'S LEADER IS PRESUMED DEAD...
EVER SINCE WE SEALED OFF TEITO, MBI'S POWER HAS WARDED OFF EXTERNAL PRESSURE.
...THERE'S NOTHING HOLDING THEM BACK ANYMORE.


THE PLACE WILL REBOOT AUTOMATICALLY AFTER ENOUGH TIME, BUT...
WITH THE ARK IN THIS STATE, WE CAN'T MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
...AT THIS POINT, AS FAR AS EVERYONE ELSE IS CONCERNED, "MBI'S LEADER IS MISSING."


WE REALLY SCREWED UP?
...DIDN'T WE?
RIGHT, MUTSU?
THAT MEANS... THIS WHOLE SITUATION...

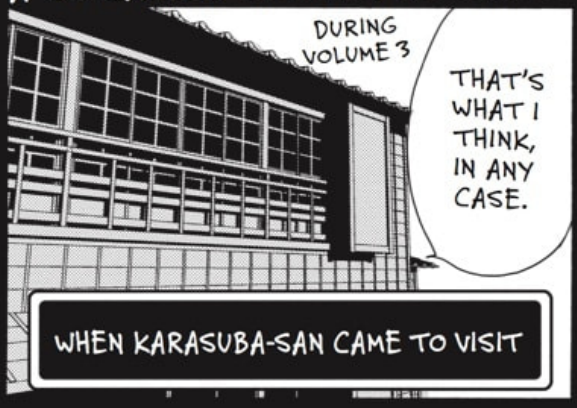

W-WE'VE LOST COMMUNICATION WITH THE ISLAND.
WHAT'S THAT IDIOT DONE NOW!?
BEEEP
Their target is MBI HQ.
From intercepting their comms, we've confirmed their target is MBI HQ.
BEEEP
An armed force of unknown origin is approaching.
DO THEY REALLY WANT THE SEKIREI THAT BADLY?
THIS IS... JUST LIKE THE INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND...
OUR PRIVATE ARMY MIGHT STILL BE LACKING... BUT...
...AT LEAST WE CAN BUY SOME TIME WITH THE SHELTER.
IN THE MEANTIME, IF WE CAN GET BACK IN CONTACT WITH THE ISLAND—
TRANSFER ALL TERMINATED SEKIREI AND THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENT TO THE UNDERGROUND SHELTER!
AND CALL BACK EVERY MERCENARY ON THE PAYROLL BESIDES THE ONES DEPLOYED TO THE ISLAND!

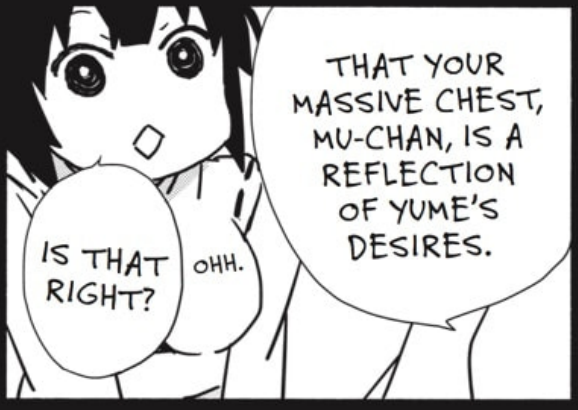

BOOM
!!
WEBOO
WEBOO
WEBOO
Explosion reported near MBI HQ's front entrance.
A force of armed men have surrounded the building.
RRRING
RRRING
TCH... WHAT TO DO...?
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PROTECT THE SEKIREI, THOUGH.
THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD'S GONE...AND OUR SECURITY IS SHORT-HANDED...

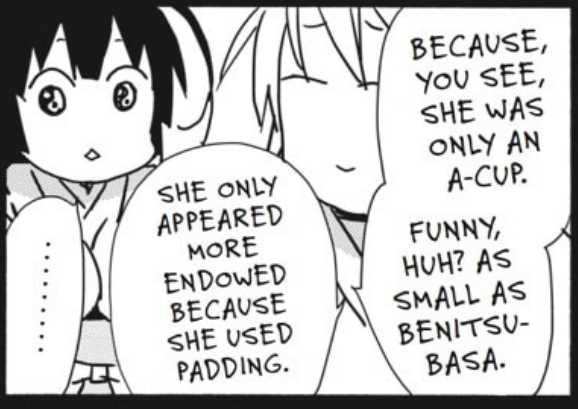

!!
LEAVE IT TO US! YOU AND EVERYONE WILL BE FINE.
OKAY, I THINK I GET WHAT'S GOING ON!
YEP, WE WERE CLOSE BY. THAT EXPLOSION WAS PRETTY SHOCKING!
AHAHAHA!
RIGHT. HANGING UP NOW!
NEAR THE ENTRANCE... AH, THERE THEY ARE!
LEAVE AT ONCE. THIS AREA'S DANGER-OUS!
A CIVILIAN ?
DEATH GARDEN!!


BURST
DEMON AND REAPER ARE ON THE SCENE!!
THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME FIGHTING HUMANS, SO...
...SORRY IF WE DON'T MANAGE TO HOLD BACK!!

A SO-CALLED SECRET, REVEALED







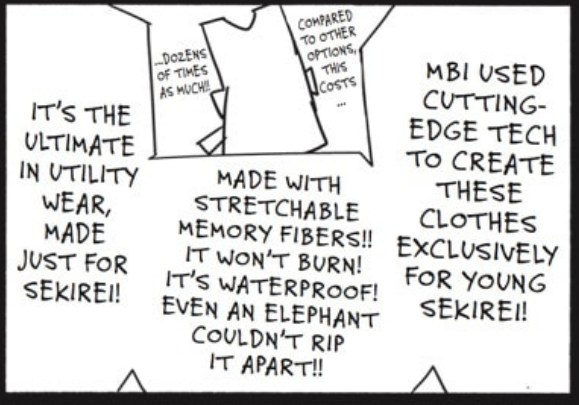


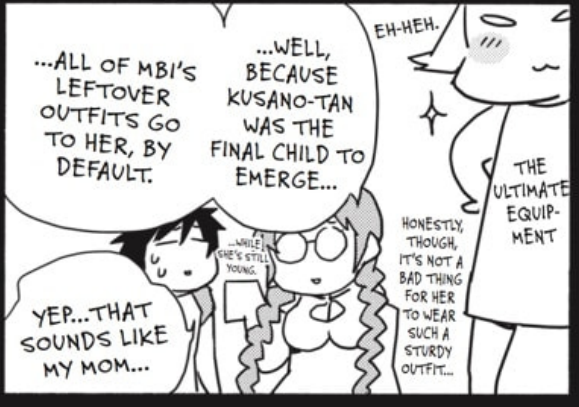
ASTRONOMICAL R & D COSTS, APPARENTLY



BOX: MINAKA SHIPPING







KNOWLEDGE WITHHELD IS THE SAME AS NO KNOWLEDGE AT ALL









THE QUEEN'S FINANCES

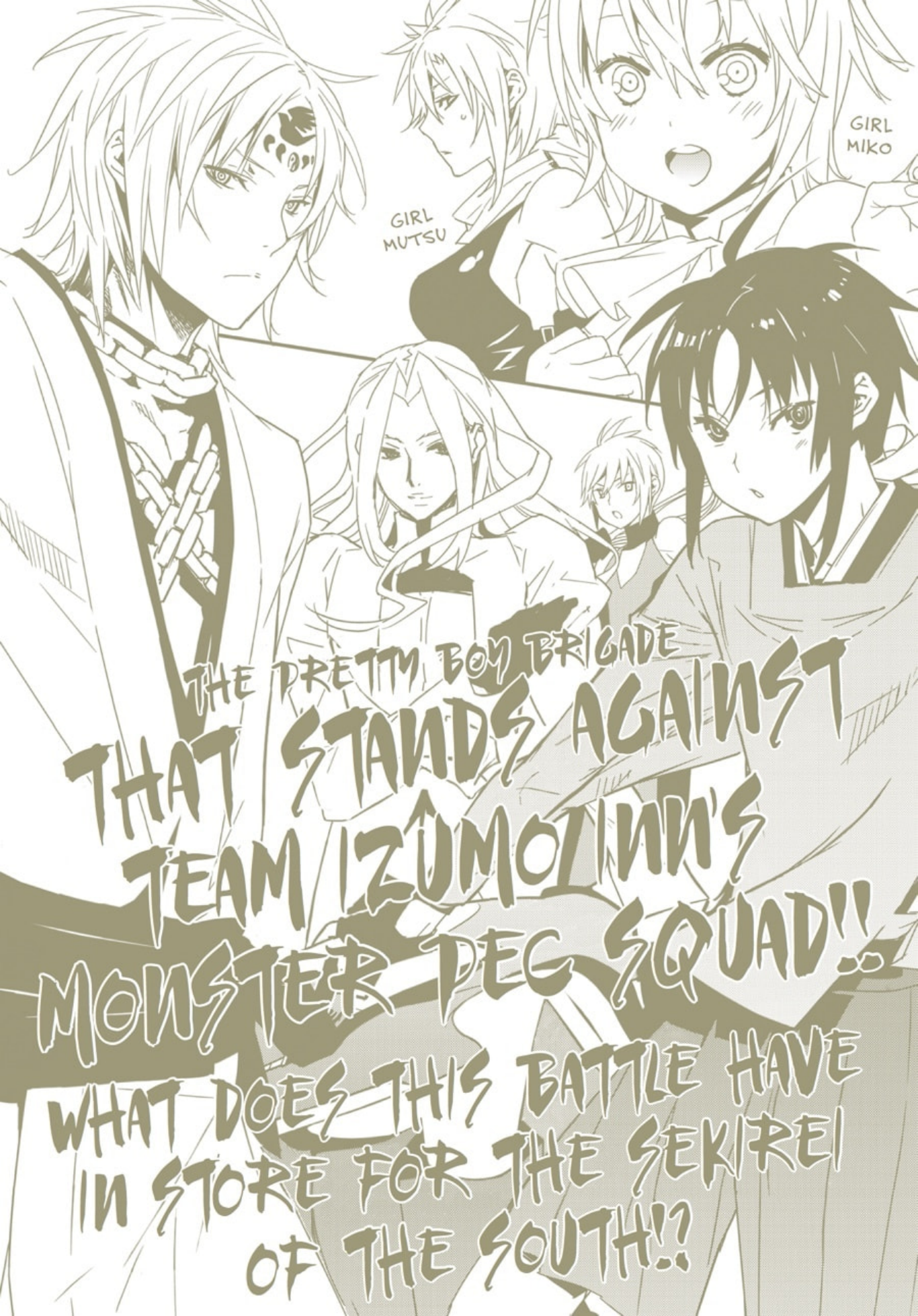




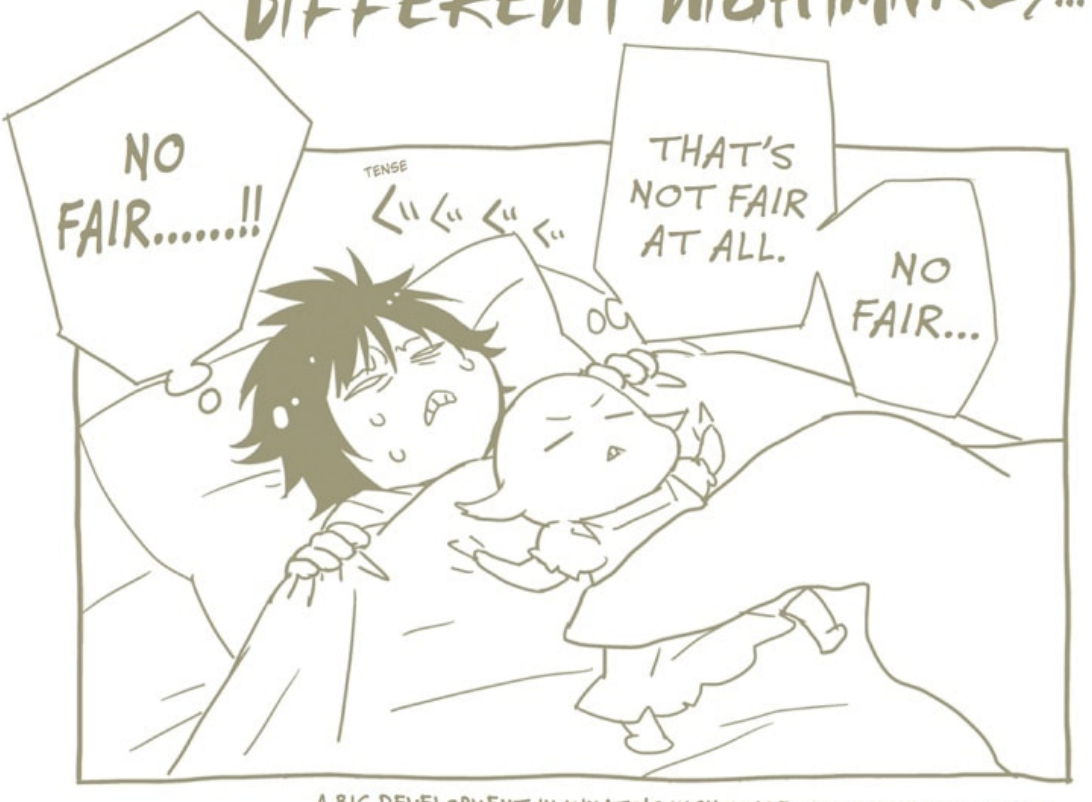





SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME
17...
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING THIS BOOK!


GIRL MIKO
GIRL MUTSU
THE PRETTY BOY BRIGADE
THAT STANDS AGAINST
TEAM ZUMOIN'S
MONSTER PEC SQUAD!!
WHAT DOES THIS BATTLE HAVE
IN STORE FOR THE SEKIREI
OF THE SOUTH!?

DIFFERENT ASHIKABI, DIFFERENT NIGHTMARES...



A BIG DEVELOPMENT IN MINATO'S NIGHTMARE, COMING NEXT VOLUME!?



SEKIREI 16

Sakurako Gokurakuin

Translation: Caleb D. Cook

Lettering: Phil Christie

This book is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents are the product of the author's imagination or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual events, locales, or persons, living or dead, is coincidental.

SEKIREI Volume 16 ©2014 Sakurako Gokurakuin/SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD. First published in Japan in 2014 by SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD. English translation rights arranged with SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD. and Yen Press, LLC through Tuttle-Mori Agency, Inc., Tokyo.

English translation ©2018 by SQUARE ENIX CO., LTD.

Yen Press, LLC supports the right to free expression and the value of copyright. The purpose of copyright is to encourage writers and artists to produce the creative works that enrich our culture.

The scanning, uploading, and distribution of this book without permission is a theft of the author's intellectual property. If you would like permission to use material from the book (other than for review purposes), please contact the publisher. Thank you for your support of the author's rights.

Yen Press
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10104

Visit us at yenpress.com
facebook.com/yenpress
twitter.com/yenpress
yenpress.tumblr.com
instagram.com/yenpress

First Yen Press eBook Edition: May 2018

Yen Press is an imprint of Yen Press, LLC.
The Yen Press name and logo are trademarks of Yen Press, LLC.

The publisher is not responsible for websites (or their content) that are not owned by the publisher.

ISBN: 978-0-316-56005-4 (ebook)