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Chapter 76: Sanada of the West




MAS-
TEEER!
SEO.


KUZURI!
♡
OHHH, I WAS SCARED, MASTEEER!
YOU'RE FINE, MY LOVELY. I PUT AN END TO THAT BAD MAN.
YOU FOUND KUZURI?
SANA-DAAA.
WAAAH, WAAAH!
STOP GETTING LOST, KUZURI!!
KUJI-KAAA.
OH, MY LOVELIES! ♡ HOW WONDERFUL THAT YOU'RE BOTH SAFE!
CRACK


DON'T THINK WE'LL LET YOU JUST WALK AWAY...
...AFTER DOING THAT TO OUR MAN!
SPARK
"LOVELIES ♡"? DON'T MAKE US SICK!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
HAH!!

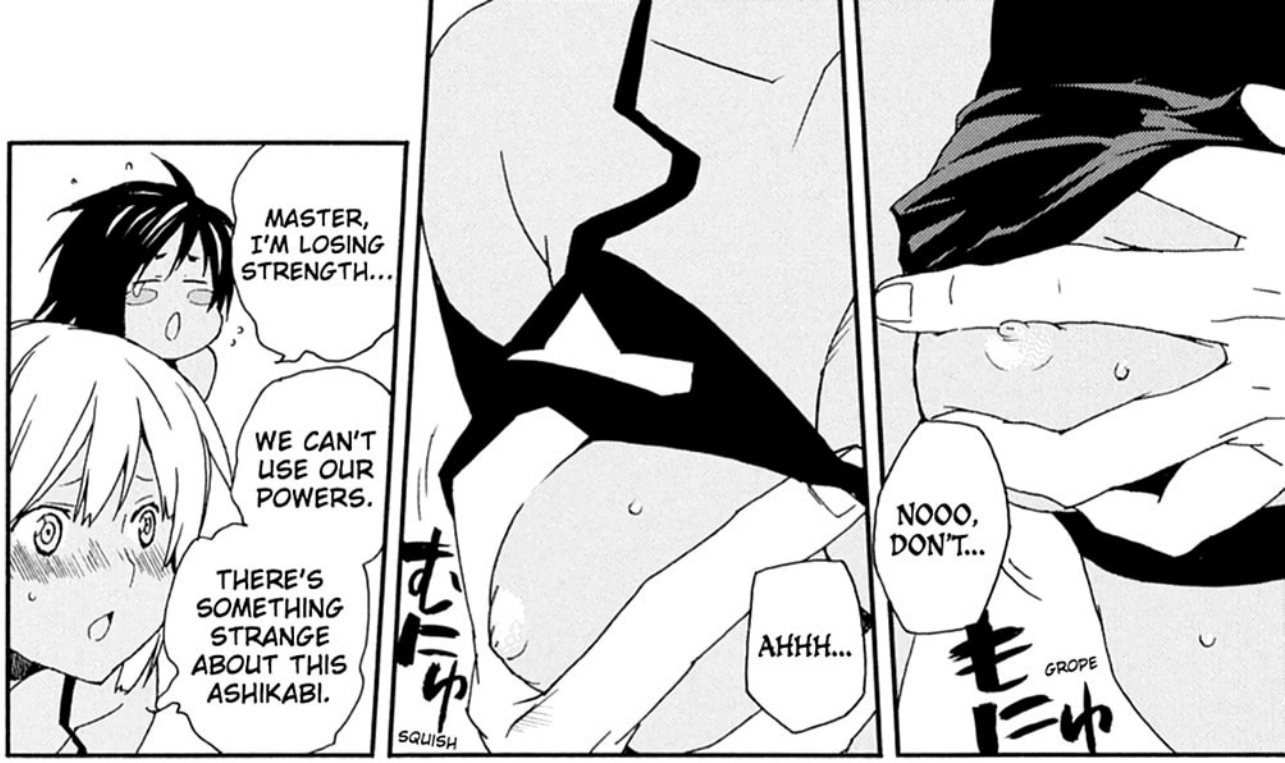

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
PIN NEEDLE ...
SANA-DA!
... BOLT !!
BOOM


COUGH
WHAT A SHOCK!
SANA-DAAA.
WHERE AAARE YOU?
WOBBLE
RUN AWAY, KUJI-KAAA.
HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY NOW, HANG ON.
THAT JUST ISN'T RIGHT.
YOU TWO...


IF YOU SHOOT LIGHTNING, THEN YOU SHOULD BE WEARING TIGER-STRIPE BIKINIS!!
RIGHT !?
I MEAN —
WHERE'RE YOU FROM ANYWAY?
AAARGH, SERIOUSLY!? HOW CAN YOU NOT GET WHAT I'M SAYING!!?
ARE YOU A MORON!? PRETTY SURE YOU ARE!!
NO ONE'S IN THE MOOD FOR YOUR WEIRD JOKES!!
HIKARI ...
I THINK WE'D ACTUALLY LOSE TO HIM IN A FIGHT...
HUUH?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW ME?


I'M NISHI SANADA-SAMA.
GOT IT?
NO, NISHI IS MY NAME.
MY NAME.
NISHI SANADA.
...YUP. HE'S A MORON.
... MM-HM...
...I SEE.
LICK
SO YOU'RE SANADA, HUH?
!
SANADA OF THE WEST ...!!


YOU'RE ALL RIGHT —
...!!
SEO!
WHACKING ME WITH A PIPE? SOME GREETING.
AHHH.
NOOO.


MASTER, I'M LOSING STRENGTH...
WE CAN'T USE OUR POWERS.
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS ASHIKABI.
むにゅ
SQUISH
AHHH...
NOOO, DON'T...
もにゅ
GROPE


I'M GUESSING YOU'RE USED TO THESE ONES...
...SANADA-SAN!
TOSS
GROPING BOOBS IS WHAT DOES IT.
HEH.
AHHH...
AWFUL...


...LAY ANOTHER STINKIN' PAW ON MY BOOBS!!!
DON'T YOU DARE ...
WHY, YOU...


SO IT'S TWO MORONS THEN. I CAN'T EVEN STAY MAD.
SOME-HOW...
...WE WERE TAKING IT SO SERIOUSLY, BUT I'M DRAINED NOW.
HOW EMBAR-RASSING.
YOU SAID IT, HIBIKI.
I'M CRYING OVER HERE.
LOOKS LIKE SEO USED IT THOUGH.
THAT.
NO HELPING IT.
HE'D SNAPPED ...
THE ABILITY THAT TAKEHITO ASAMA GAVE HIM AND ONLY HIM ...
THAT "UNYIELDING ASHIKABI" POWER...


THESE GUYS ARE AS DUMB AS EVER!
WOOOW.
MASTER, I THINK THEIR STUPIDITY IS CATCHING. LET'S MOVE.
IT'S HIM...!
DAMN. THE THIRD TEAM, AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
STUUUPID.
MIKOGAMI OF THE SOUTH!
DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
I'M NO. 39, MITSUKI.
AND I AM NO. 15, HIMEKO.
... HUH?
NO. 38? I THOUGHT SHE WAS PUT OUT OF COMMIS-SION...
WHO'RE YOU CALLING STUPID, STUPID!?
NO. 38!! DON'T YOU MOVE!


RARE ITEMS ON THE BRAIN
TAKI, I'M BORED OF THESE SMALL FRIES.
LET'S FIND THAT RARE ITEM INSTEAD.
I'M NO. 65, TAKI.
WE'RE AFTER THE JINKI...
...SO FORGIVE US IF WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY...
...WITH SMALL-TIME PUNKS LIKE YOU!!
"FOG CURTAIN"!
WHOOSH
GET BACK HERE!
WHO'S A SMALL FRY!?
HIKARI!
SEO IS—


CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE


GET BACK HERE.
...WELL, I GUESS HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

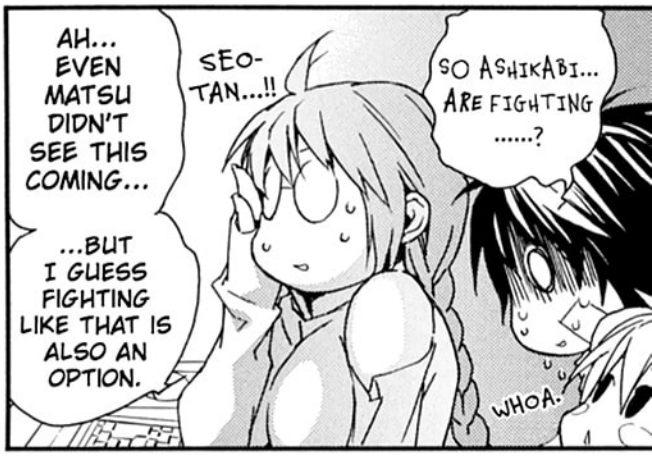

YOU WANT A FIGHT? YOU GOT ONE.
SOUNDS GOOD, YOU BASTARD!
AND YOUR WHOLE TOUGH-GUY ACT IS PISSING ME OFF!
THAT'S MY LINE, MORON!


I'LL KILL YOU!!
POW




MY BOXING TRAINING MAY PAY OFF, YET...
NO...
HUH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING JUST NOW?


KAORU-SAN...

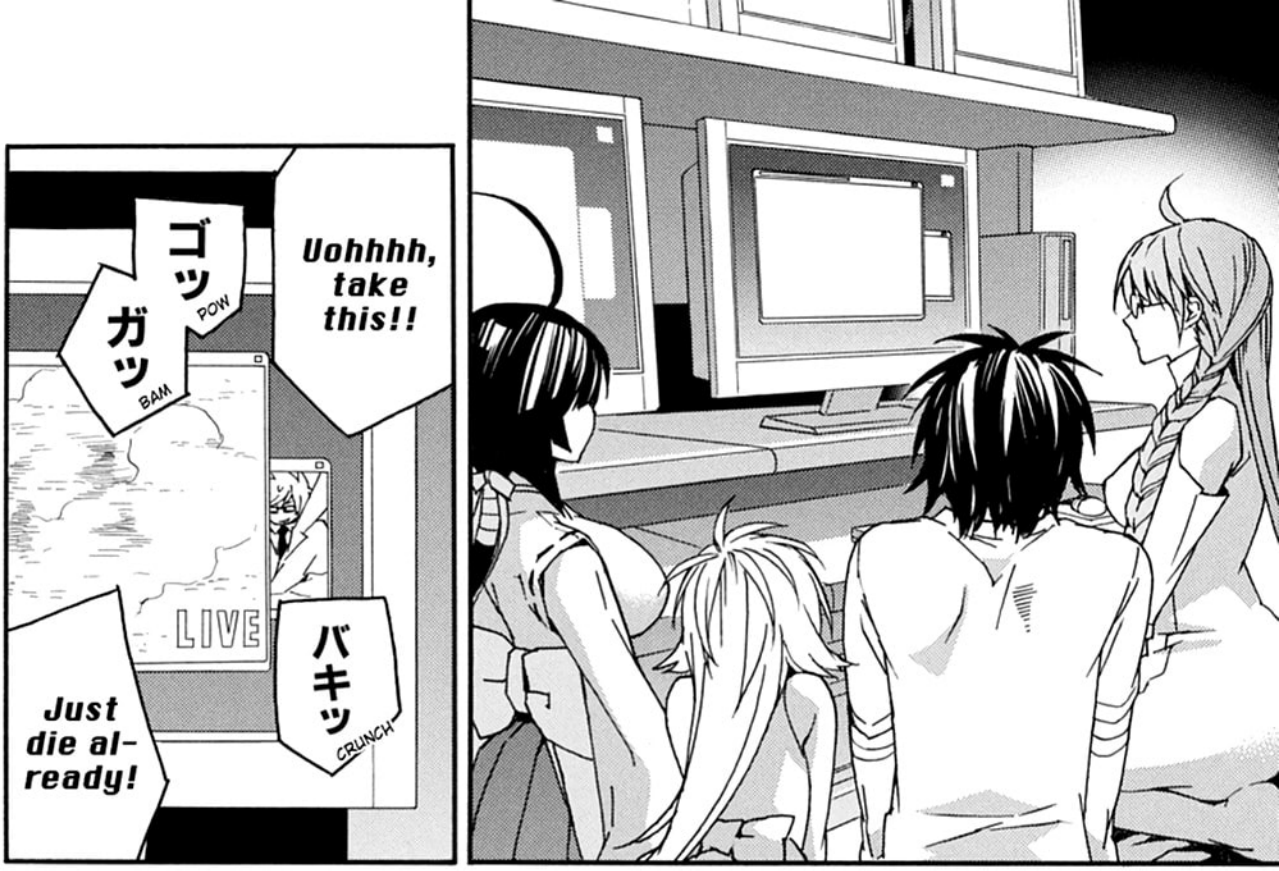

AH... EVEN MATSU DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING...
...BUT I GUESS FIGHTING LIKE THAT IS ALSO AN OPTION.
SEO-TAN...!!
SO ASHIKABI... ARE FIGHTING .....?
WHOA.

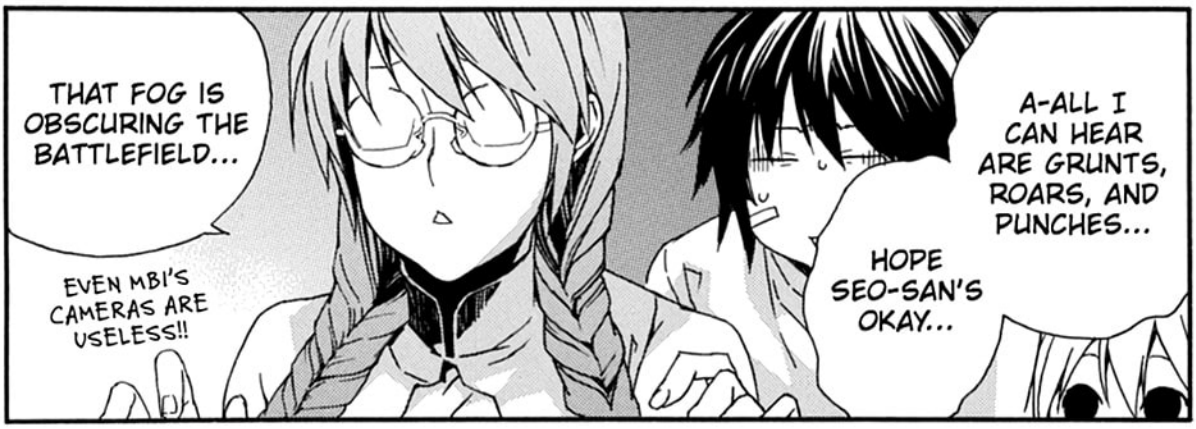

WHAAA ...!?
Ha-ha-ha-ha, just kid-ding.


Yes. This too is another way...
...to fight!

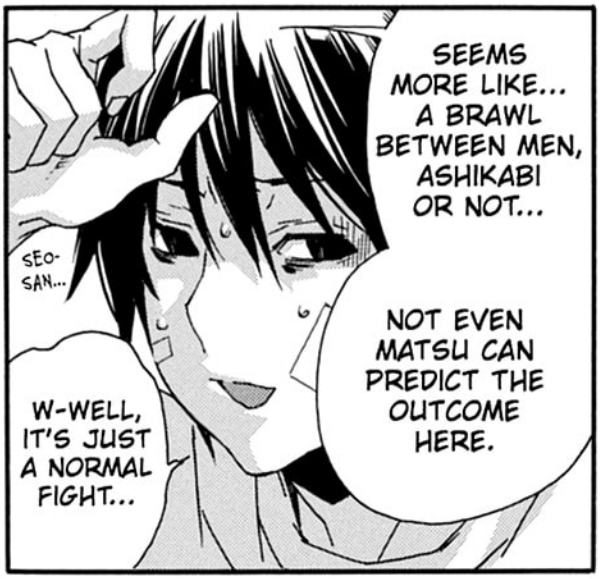
Chapter 77: Scramble




Uohhhh, take this!!
ゴッ
POW
ガッ
BAM
LIVE
バキッ
CRUNCH
Just die already!


THAT FOG IS OBSCURING THE BATTLEFIELD...
EVEN MBI'S CAMERAS ARE USELESS!!
A-ALL I CAN HEAR ARE GRUNTS, ROARS, AND PUNCHES...
HOPE SEO-SAN'S OKAY...


SEO-TAN ASIDE, I THINK...
...THE LIGHTNING TWINS WILL BE JUST FINE.


SEEMS MORE LIKE... A BRAWL BETWEEN MEN, ASHIKABI OR NOT...
SEO-SAN...
NOT EVEN MATSU CAN PREDICT THE OUTCOME HERE.
W-WELL, IT'S JUST A NORMAL FIGHT...


BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN CHASING AFTER OTHER SEKIREI ALL YEAR.
...THEY'VE GOT MORE FIGHTING EXPERIENCE THAN I DO, EVEN... WHICH IS IMPRESSIVE.
IT DOES SEEM LIKE THOSE TWO ARE EVER DESTINED TO LOSE, BUT...
TSUKIUMI...
IS THAT SO?
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE MERE COMIC RELIEF.
THOSE TWO ARE VERY STRONG!!
THEY BEAT MUSUBI ONE TIME!!
WHOA.
Such dishonor is nothing to boast about!
Eh heh heh...
THEY CERTAINLY ARE INTERESTING SEKIREI...
I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE TAKEHITO-SAN WAS THEIR MODIFIER.


HERE THEY COME!
MITSUKI, HIMEKO.
PUT A STOP TO THOSE ANNOY-ANCES!
I WON'T HAVE THEM GETTING IN MY WAY!
YES, MASTER! ♡♡
ANNOYING! SHOULD WE TAKE THEM DOWN!?
AH.
THE ASHIKABI'S RUNNING.
LEAP
TREASURE, TREASURE.
WAIT UP, YOU!!

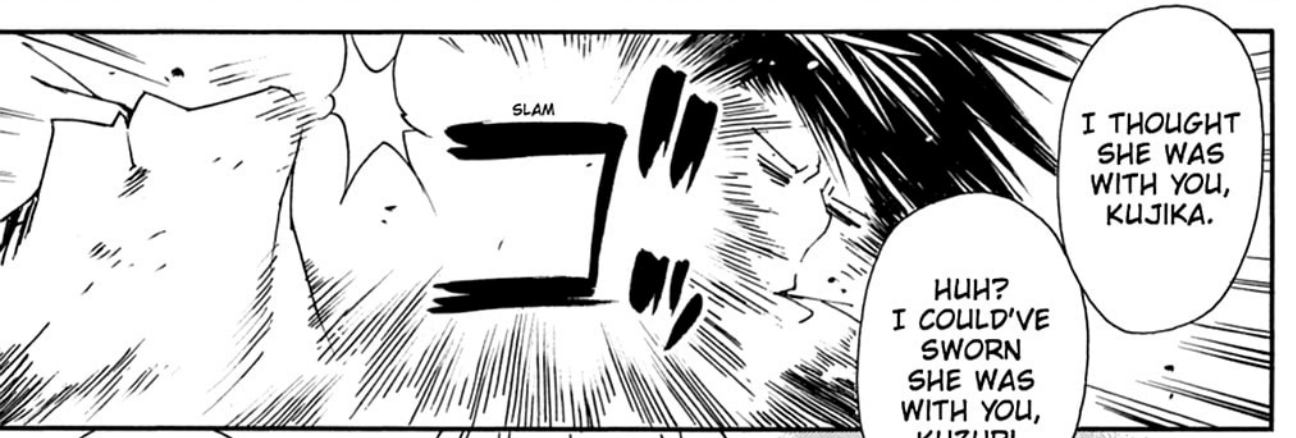

WHOA, WHOA.
SKID
YOU WON'T GET PAST US!
BOW
WE WILL SERVE AS YOUR OPPO-NENTS.
GET OUTTA MY FACE!!
YOU LITTLE PRINCESSES, LIVING THE HIGH LIFE AND LOOKING DOWN ON US BECAUSE YOU NEVER SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF YOUR ASHIKABI...
I FREAKING HATE YOU!
THE PATHOS OF SOUR GRAPES, HUH, HIKARI .....
WE'LL FRY YOU BITCHES!


URAAAH!
GORAAH!
PUSH
CRUNCH
カリ
キッ
BORED.
SO BORED.
WHAT DO WE DO, KUJIKA?
SHOULD WE HELP MASTER?
NO, NO, KUZURI.
IT'S USELESS TO INTERFERE IN A FIGHT BETWEEN MEN!
BAM
WHAM
ボカスカ
TAKE THAT AND THAT!
YOU BAS-TARD!

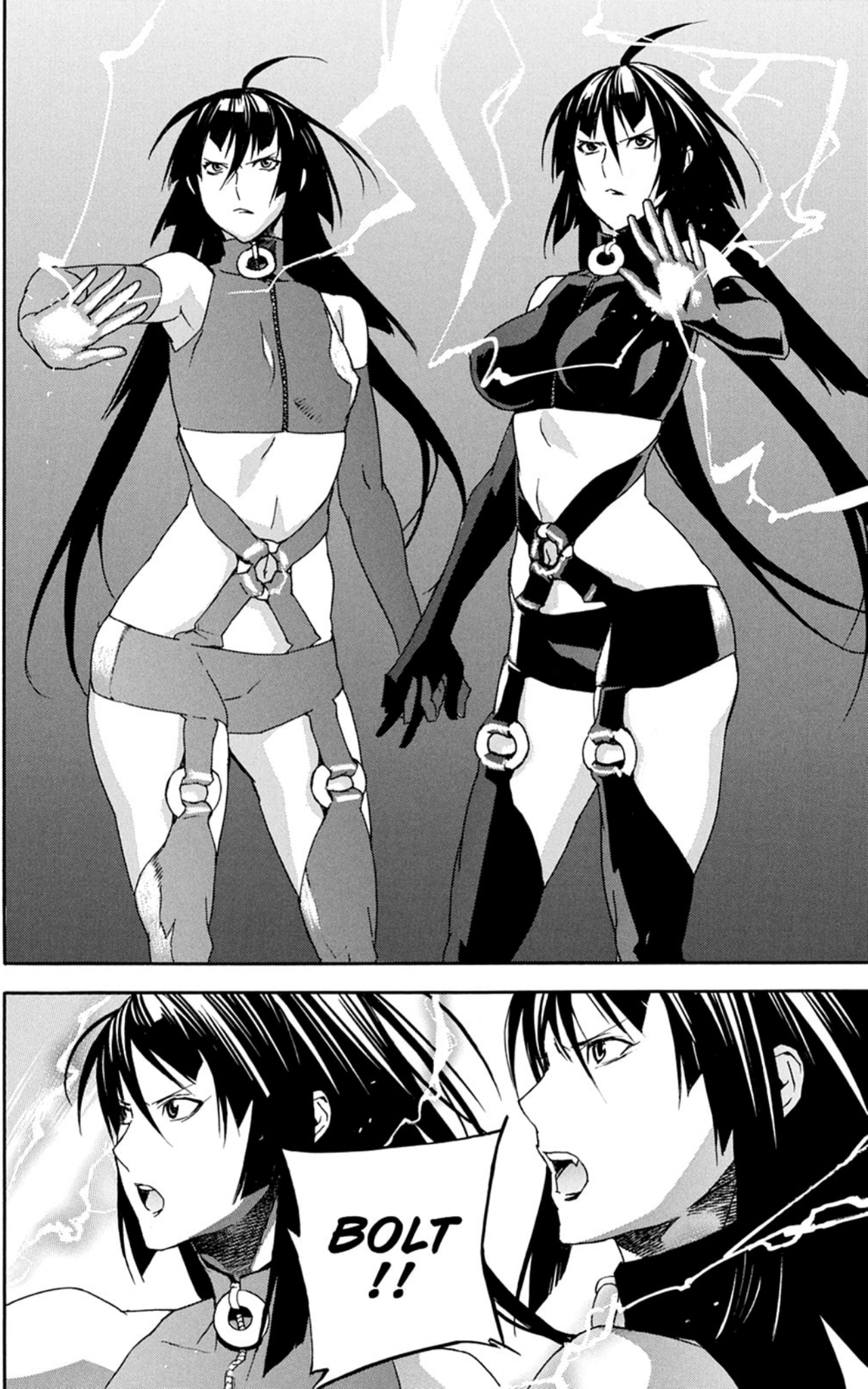

GRIND
ギリギリギリ
GRIND
GRIND
STRAIN
PUSH
STRAIN
PUSH
STRAIN
PUSH
HMM?
?
WAIT. WHERE IS SHE?
OUR THIRD MEMBER.

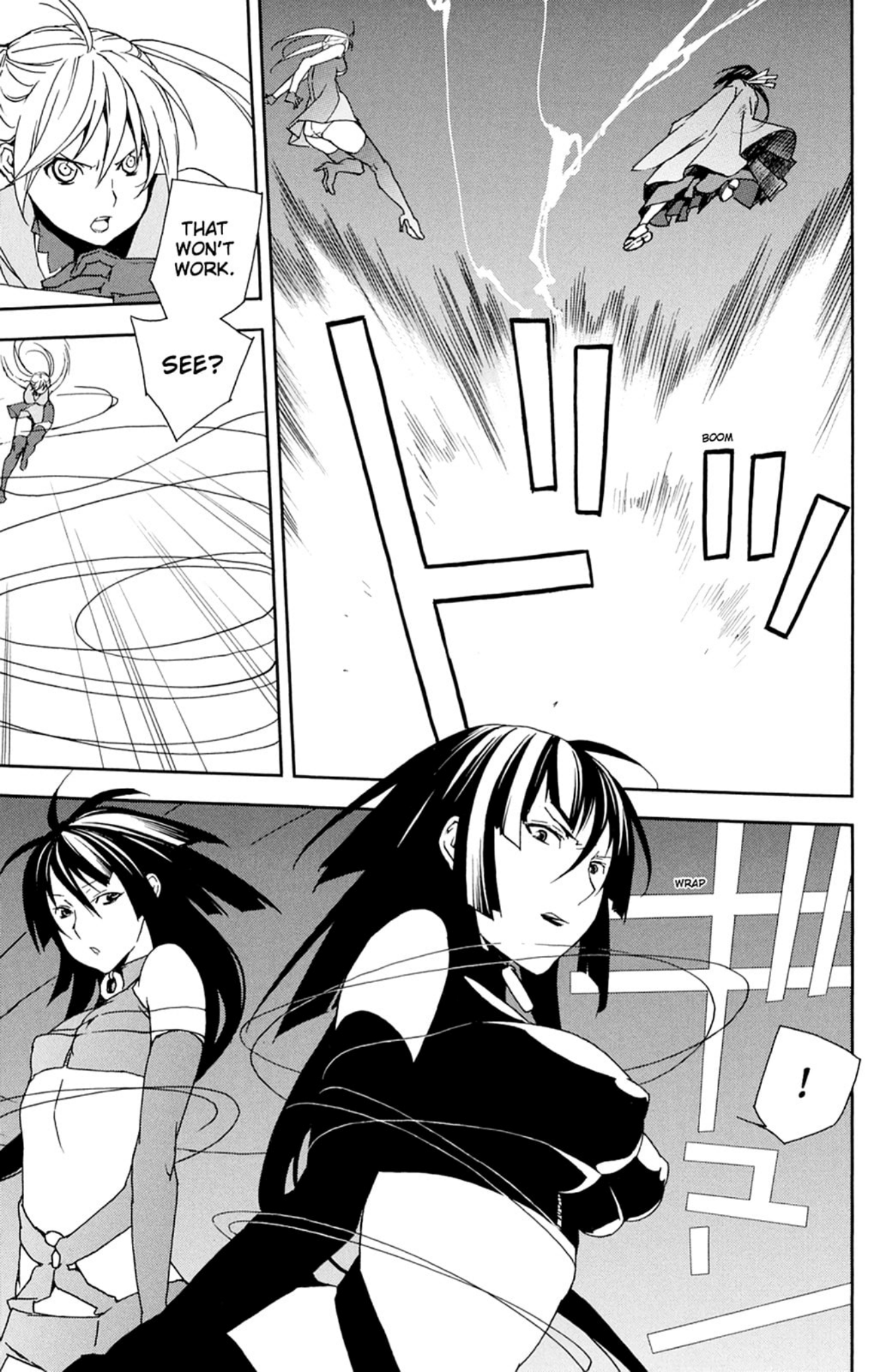

WAIT. BUT WHAT ABOUT WHY WE'RE REALLY HERE...?
THE, UHH, UHHH, JI... JIN...
JINKI.
YEAH, THAT. SHOULD WE GO GET IT?

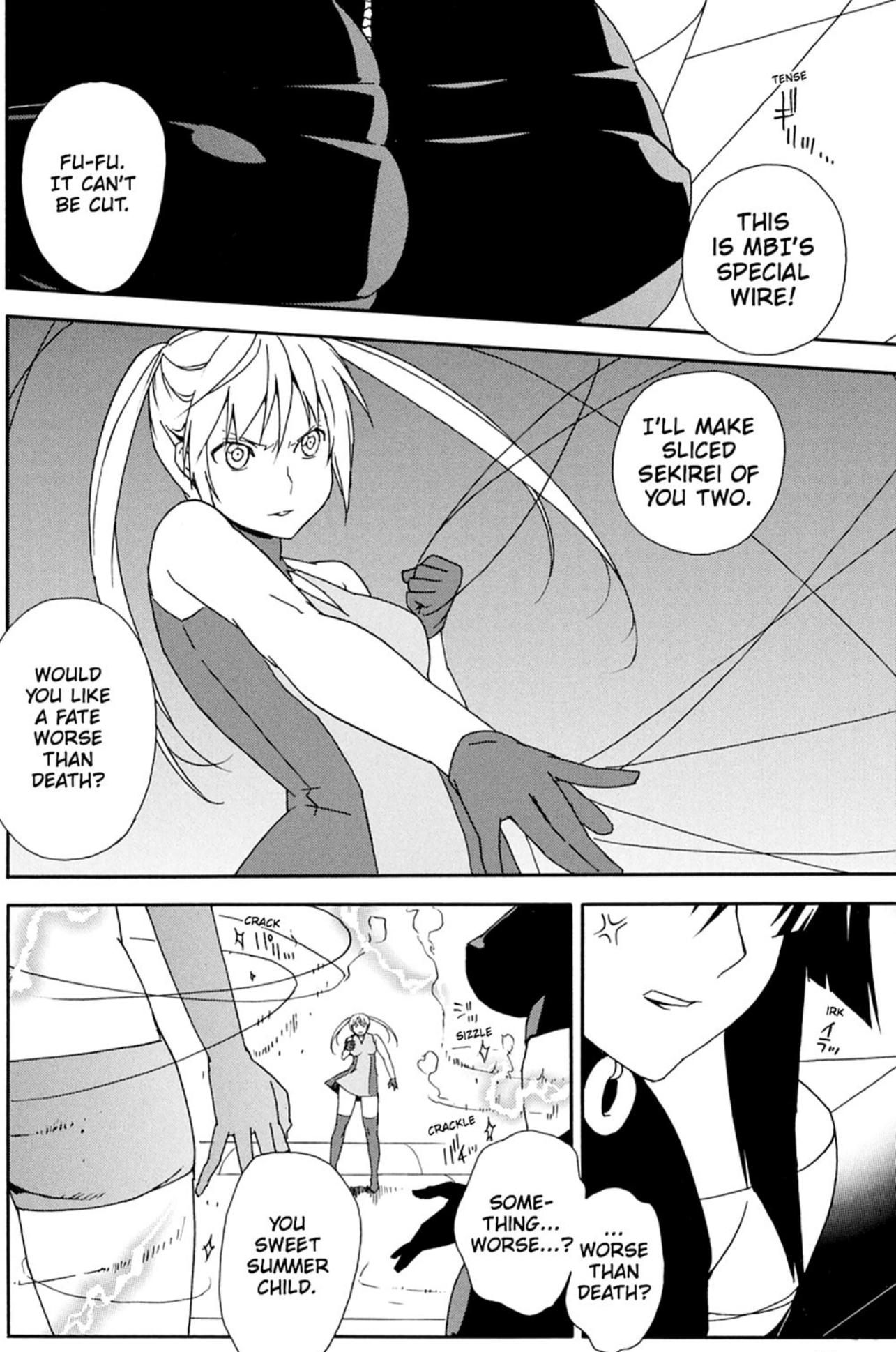

MAYBE, YEAH. NOTHING ELSE TO DO. LET'S CHASE THOSE OTHER GUYS.


SLAM
I THOUGHT SHE WAS WITH YOU, KUJIKA.
HUH? I COULD'VE SWORN SHE WAS WITH YOU, KUZURI.

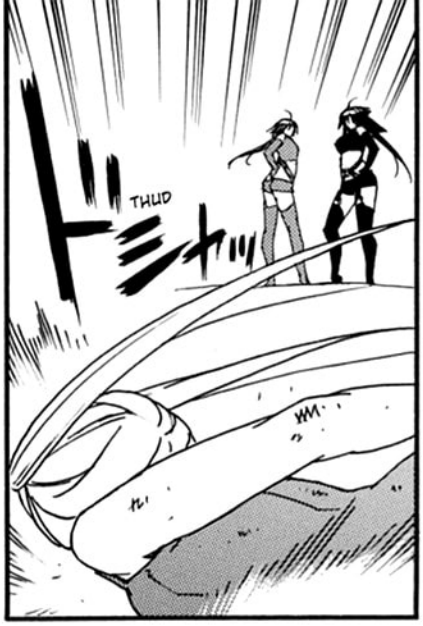

HEEEY, WHAT'S A JINKI ANYWAY?
IS IT YUMMY?
...WHERE'D SHE RUN OFF TO, THEN?
INCH
INCH
INCH


BOLT
!!

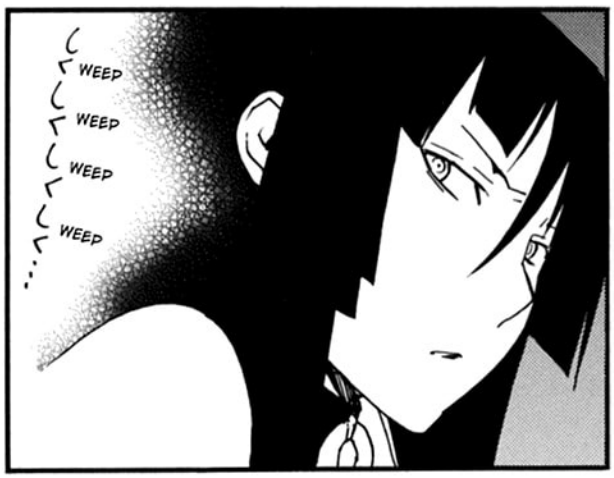

THAT WON'T WORK.
SEE?
BOOM
WRAP
!


TENSE
THIS IS MBI'S SPECIAL WIRE!
FU-FU. IT CAN'T BE CUT.
I'LL MAKE SLICED SEKIREI OF YOU TWO.
WOULD YOU LIKE A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH?
CRACK
SIZZLE
CRACKLE
YOU SWEET SUMMER CHILD.
SOME-THING... WORSE...?
IRK
... WORSE THAN DEATH?

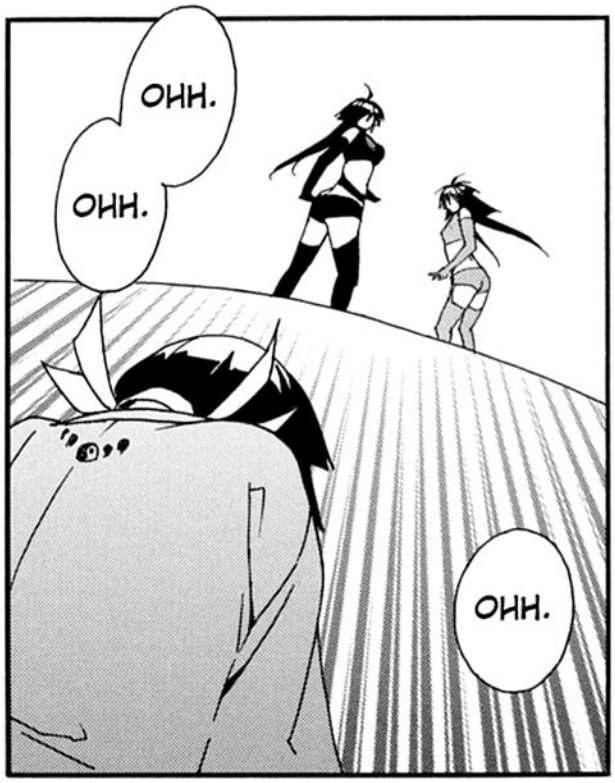

CRACKLE
"WORSE THAN DEATH," WAS IT?
LISTEN UP.
YOU...
YOU FRIED MY WIRE—?
YOU MEAN, LIKE, NOT KNOWING WHERE YOUR NEXT MEAL IS COMING FROM, DAY AFTER DAY...?
HUH?
.....
BOLT !!
CRACK


THUD


YOU TWO...
I DON'T GET...
...WHAT YOU'RE SAYING .....


WEEP
WEEP
WEEP
WEEP

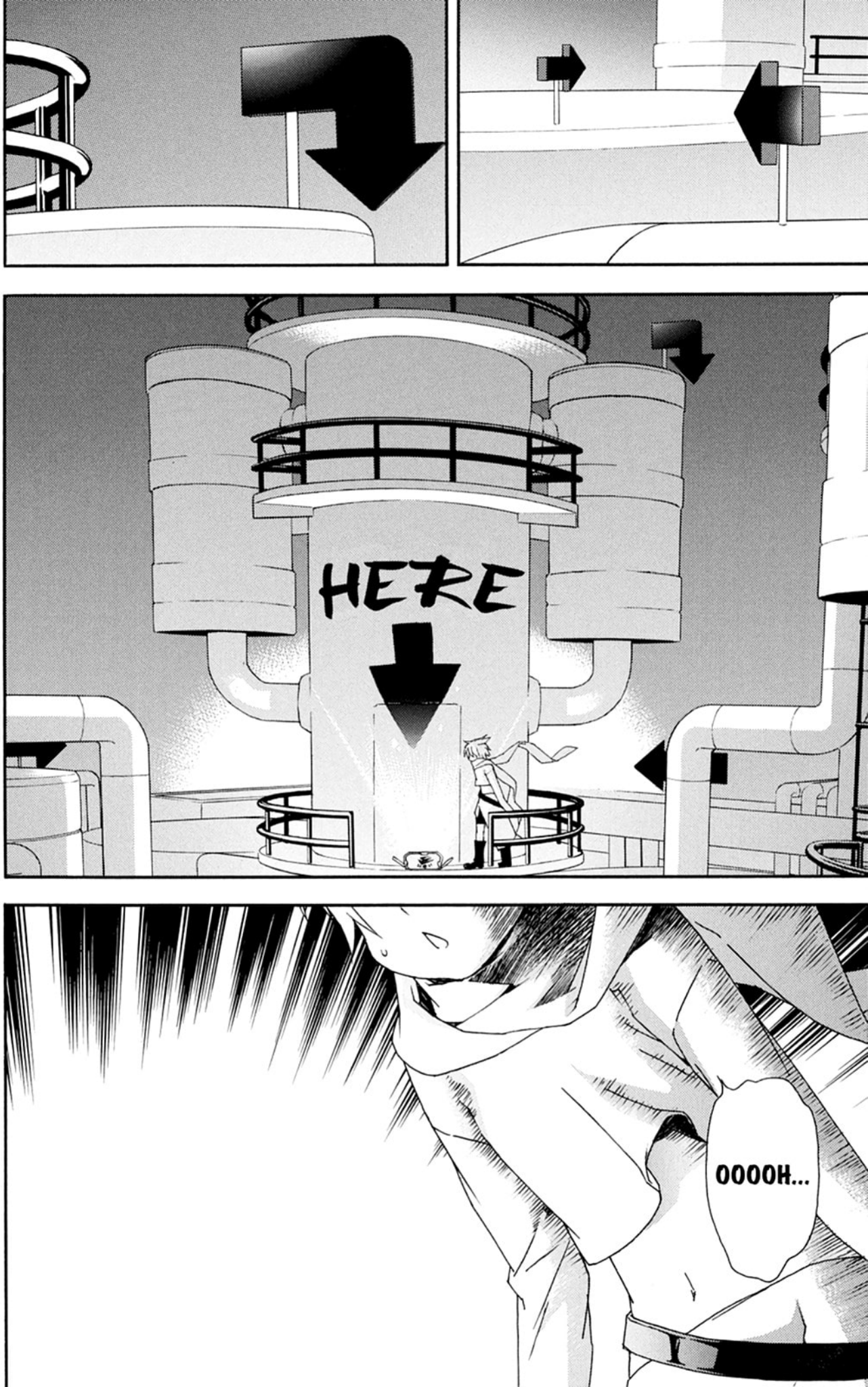

AND YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY THAT YOU NEVER WILL.


OHH.
OHH.
OHH.


PITIABLE... SO PITIABLE ...
IT BREAKS MY HEART.
TO GO TO BED HUNGRY... TO HAVE SUCH A CRUDE ASHIKABI...
SO SAD THAT I... CANNOT HELP BUT WEEP.
I'LL CLEAVE YOUR PITIABLE LIVES RIGHT IN TWO! ♡
THAT'LL PUT AN END TO ALL YOUR SUFFERING, WON'T IT?
.....
WHY, I OUGHTA —
THAT MIKO-GAMI'S SEKIREI ...
WITHOUT FAIL, THEY ALL KNOW HOW TO PISS ME OFF...!
WATCH OUT. SHE'S GOT A SPECIAL WEAPON.
SO PITIABLE ...!


HERE I COME.
TCH.
AHH! ♡
SO FUN! ♡


LET US PLAY TOO!
♡
KYAHH!
!
...HIS SEKIREI... ARE ALSO WEIRDOS.
.....GUESS WHEN THE ASHIKABI'S A WEIRDO...


HERE
OOOOH...


BOOM
BOLT!!
WOOOW. SO STRONG!
LET'S KEEP PLAYING! ♡


Chapter 78:
First Round, Decided


TOGETHER
FOR-GOO-GOO-
GAGA.


CRACKLE
CRACKLE
BOOM
SPARKLY LIGHTNING.
YAYYY!♪
I'M GETTING TIRED.
WE'RE NOT PLAYING AROUND HERE!


WHOOSH
FUN, FUN!
♡
SO FUN!
♡
HOP
BAM

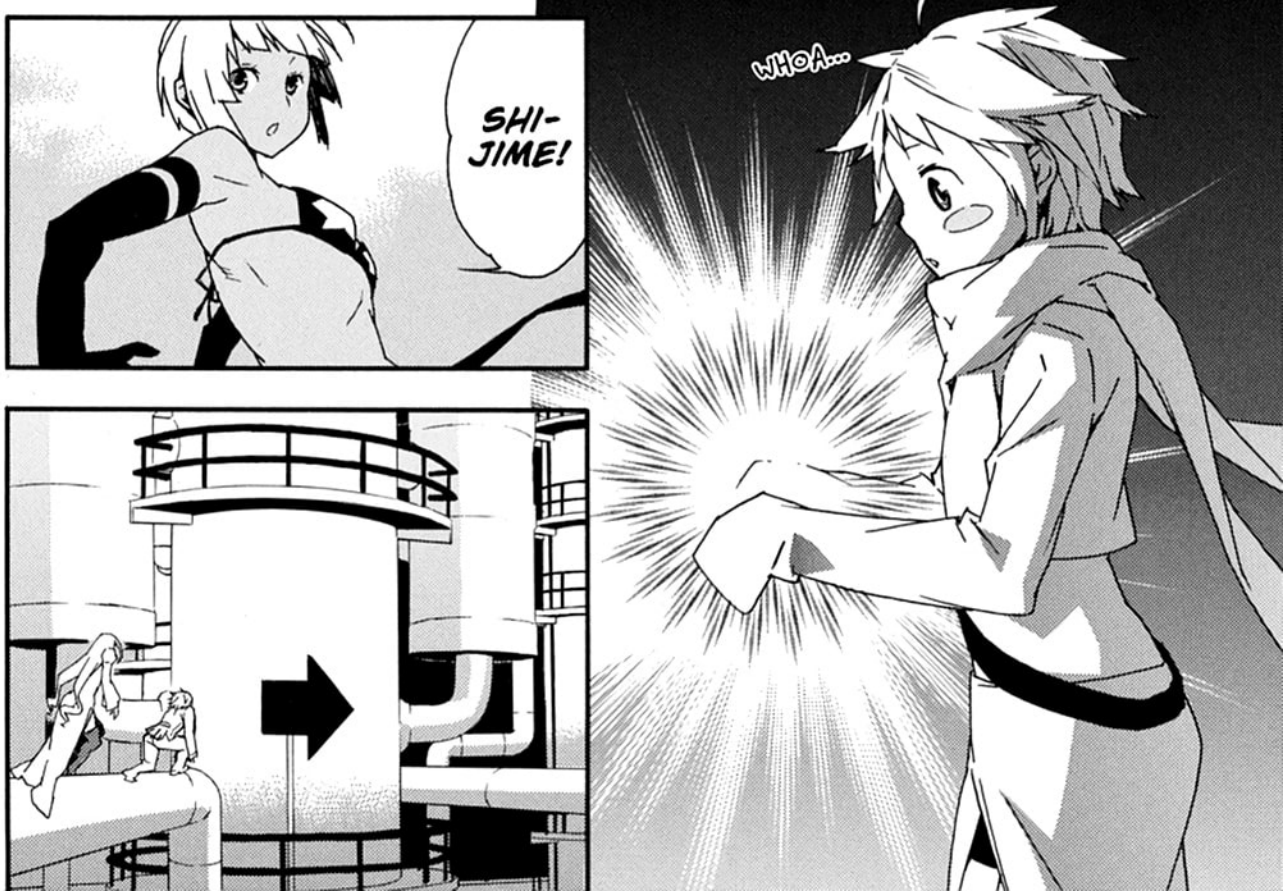

GRIND
PITIABLE... SO PITI-ABLE...
A FOOLISH ASHIKABI MEANS FOOLISH SEKIREI...!
THE FOOLISH WILL ALSO BE CLEAVED IN TWO!
CLEAVED IN...?
SOUNDS FUN! ♡


TMP
TUG
HUH!?
WHAT ...?
WHOOPSIE!
FLAP


WHITE...
...PANTIES!♡
KYAAAH!
EVEN MIKOGAMI-SAMA HAS NEVER SEEN THOSE...!


SHIT. STAND STILL!
GAAH!
THESE GIRLS AREN'T BAD.
BOOM
BOOM


AH.


SHI-JIME!
WHOA...


→pow←
→crunch←
You!!
WHOA...
MIKO-SAMA, LOOK.
FU-FU-FU.
IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL GO NAB THAT RARE ITEM.
HMPH. FOOLS.
BEAT EACH OTHER TO A PULP. FINE BY ME.
LIVE
Uraah!
→POW←
AAAH, MY JINKI!!


BOOM
BOOM
OH.
WOBBLE
WHOAAA.
KUJIKA, LOOK, LOOK!
OOH!
SO SPARKLY ...
SHIJIME!
DROP
AH.

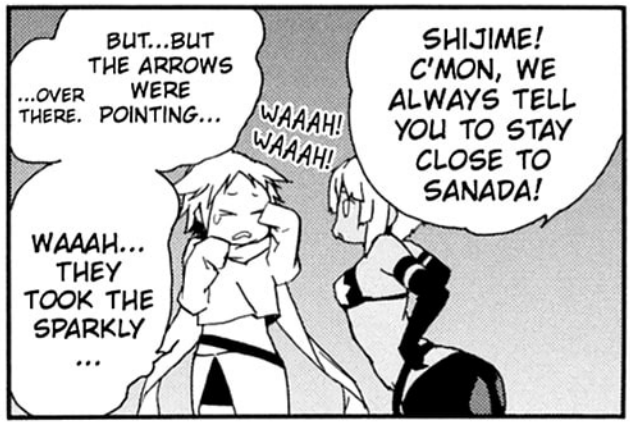

THE JIN—
WAAAH!
MASTER!!
FWUMP
ボズッ


THIS IS...
LIKE THAT COULD'VE KILLED ME!
SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
MIKO-SAMA!! YOU OKAY!?
...A JINKI...
STRAIN
STRAIN
SWAY


It's all over!!
THUD
The winner of the first round ...
...is Hayato Miko-gami!!


BOOM
110

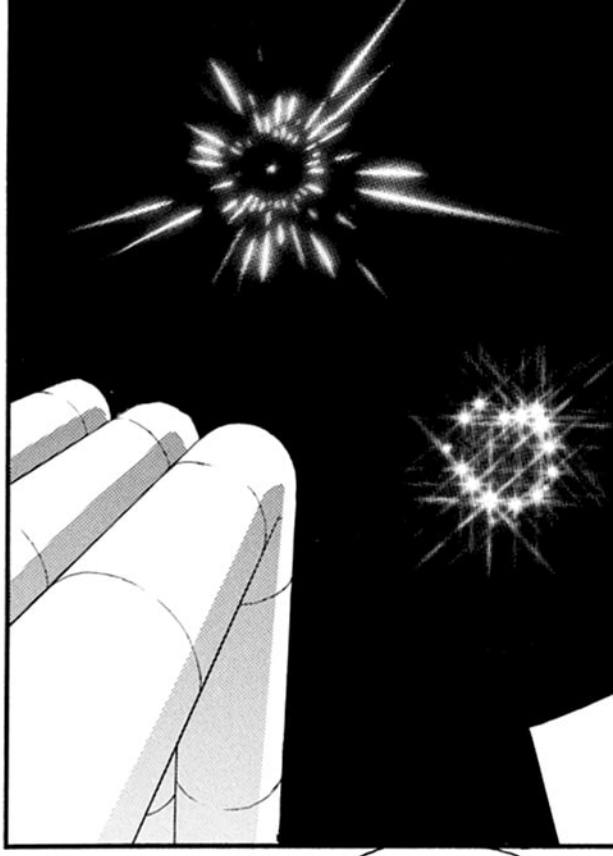



SHIJIME! C'MON, WE ALWAYS TELL YOU TO STAY CLOSE TO SANADA!
WAAAH! WAAAH!
BUT...BUT THE ARROWS WERE POINTING...
...OVER THERE.
WAAAH... THEY TOOK THE SPARKLY ...




BOOM
BOOM
The winner ...
...is Hayato Miko-gami!!
AHH, SO PRETTY. ♡
...LOOKS LIKE THIS ROUND IS OVER.






SO THE FIRST ROUND... IS OVER... I GUESS...
...YUP.


TO BEGIN WITH, ALL I REALLY CARE ABOUT ARE MY LOVELIES.


HEH...
YOU'RE... NOT ACTUALLY A BAD DUDE.


AND YOU THROW A HELL OF A PUNCH.
...YOU TOO...


AND THAT KID ENDED UP GETTING THE JINKI...? MIKO... MIKOGUMMY OF THE SOUTH, WAS IT?
WHATEVER. I NEVER REALLY WANTED IT ANYWAY.
IT'S "MIKO-GAMI."
AND YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE JINKI?


SOMEHOW, I KNEW IT'D END THIS WAY!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
OF COURSE TRASH AND GARBAGE WOULD BE BEST OF FRIENDS!!
MASTER'S ALL BURNED UP!
WAHHH.
WHOA.
...SEO-SAN...
...Now then.
Not to upstage the grand finale, but...


Let's start...
...the second round, shall we?
Moving on...


THE SECOND...
...ROUND .....?
The site? In the East Area.
The MBI Dome!
And because this first round was so exciting, let's have the same rules!
HUH!?
H-HE DECIDES THE RULES ON A WHIM ...?
The second round is also a race to the prize!!

Chapter 79: Memories of Yore



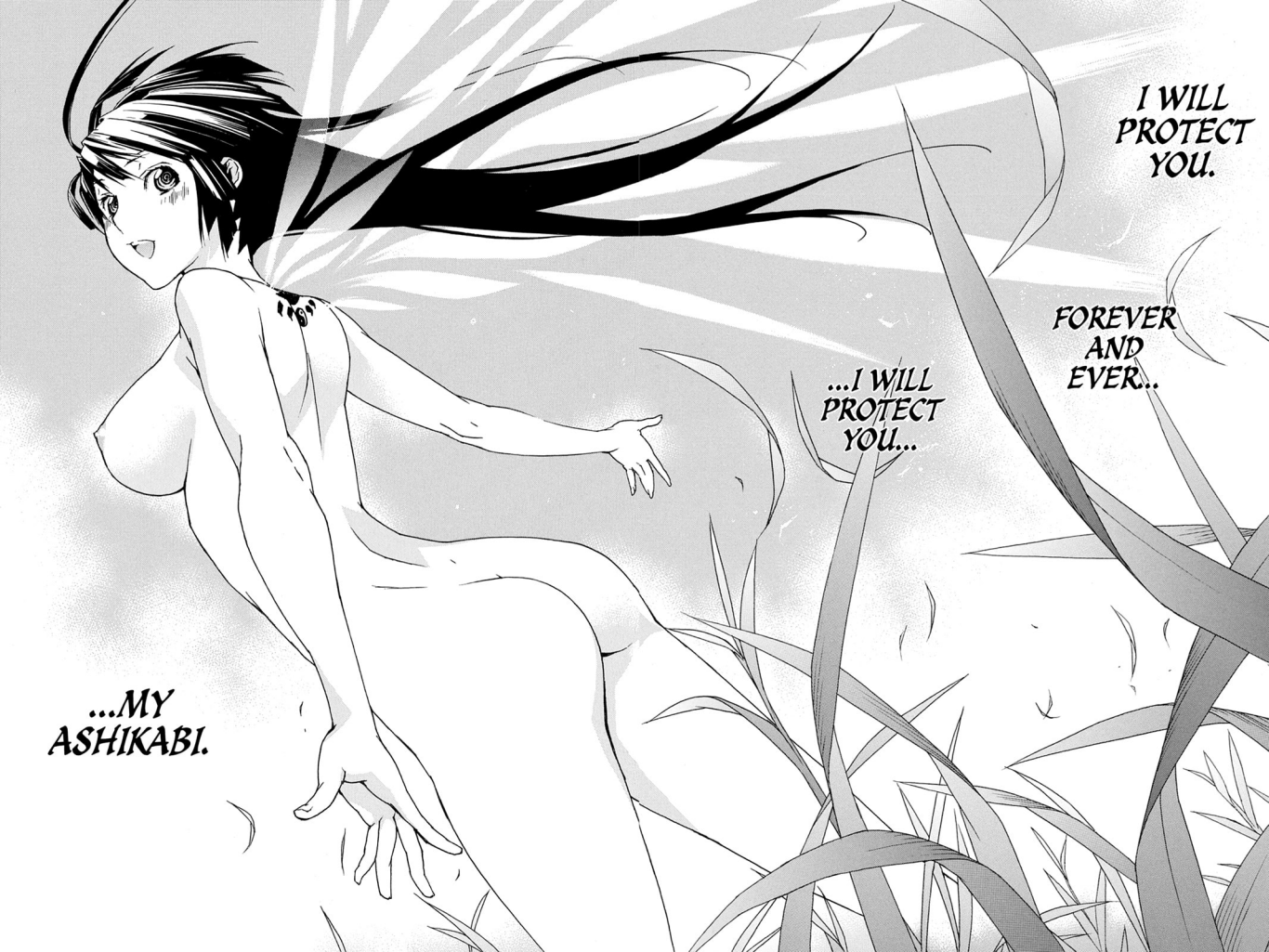

AH...
WHERE'S YOUR PHONE!?
SAHA-SHI!
SILENT
L-L...
MUSU-BI...
IS THAT REALLY SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRAT-ING...?
WOW! ♡ THAT'S AMAZING!
L-LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SITTING THIS ONE OUT TOO.
W-WELL, I ALWAYS WAS UNLUCKY WHEN IT CAME TO LOTTERIES... HA-HA.
IT'S LIKELY...
...YOU'RE A SEED COMPETITOR, MINA-TAN.


UP WE GO.
THAT'S NOT IT.
IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO THINK THAT THE MATCHUPS ARE DETERMINED BY RELATIVE NUMBER OF VICTORIES, BUT...
IS IT BECAUSE MUSUBI DEFEATED TWO OPPONENTS?
IS THAT WHY?
SEED?
WH-WHY?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
?
HUP.
POP
AAAH, HERE IT IS.
I'VE BEEN STORING IT UP HERE FOR SO LONG, IT'S COVERED IN DUST...
COUGH COUGH
M-MATSU-SAN?
WHAT'RE YOU...?
HERE, MINA-TAN.
TOSS
SPARKLE


STORING IT...?
HUH?
FWUMP
JIN—
WHOA... MATSU-SAN!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE...? IS IT REAL!?
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT BY "SEED."
THERE ARE EIGHT JINKI IN ALL.


AND ONE OF THOSE EIGHT...
...IS NOW SITTING IN YOUR HANDS, MINA-TAN.
BADUM
...
WELL?
HOW'D YOU COME TO HAVE ONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
ぎくっ
SHOCK
UMM... WELL, YOU SEE...
BADUM


...THE REASON MATSU FLED FROM MBI IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS...
...THAT JINKI... IN FACT.
...SO YOU STOLE IT, THEN?
NOT JUST A HACKER, BUT ALSO A COMMON THIEF...
NOOO, HOMURA-TAAAN!
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAAAT!
ANYWAY, THAT'S WHY THEY'RE STILL AFTER MATSU.
...IT'S THAT IMPORTANT.
AND THAT'S WHY MATSU CAME "HERE" AFTER STEALING IT.
.....
...TECT...
!?
...WAIT, YOU MEAN...
MINATO-SAN, MINATO-SAN. ♡
THAT LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING REALLY SPECIAL!!
MINATO... SAN?


I WILL PROTECT YOU.
FOREVER AND EVER..
...I WILL PROTECT YOU...
...MY ASHIKABI.


...MINATO-SAN?
AH.
WHAT'S WRONG?
JUST NOW... HUH!?
WH-WHAT?
?
WH-WHO WAS THAT!?
EVERY-BODY!
MIYA SAYS IT'S TIME FOR DINNER!
LET'S GO TOO, MINATO-SAN. ♡
AH... RIGHT...
LET ME HOLD ON TO THAT FOR NOW.
SAHA-SHI!
S-SURE.
DINNER! ♡
OH DEAR, THIS WON'T DO.
I MUST ASSIST.


WHAT WAS THAT, A MINUTE AGO?
...
HMM.
...AH.
THERE'S SO MUCH I FORGOT TO ASK MATSU-SAN.
LIKE ABOUT ASHIKABI IN GENERAL...
IT'S LOVE.
!?
AN ASHIKABI'S POWER COMES FROM ANCIENT TIMES.
IT'S TRACES OF LOVE FROM LONG AGO.
WHAT YOU SAW WAS AN ANCIENT MEMORY, CARVED INTO YOUR VERY GENES.


AN ASHIKABI IS ONE WHO RECEIVES LOVE FROM SEKIREI...
...AND ONE...
...WHO GUIDES US WITH THAT LOVE...
GO FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR.
WALK THE PATH YOU BELIEVE IN ...


...BECAUSE I WILL...
...BECAUSE MUSUBI WILL...
...PROTECT YOU!


AH.
MU-MUSUBI... CHAN?
HUH...?
JUST NOW...DID MUSUBI...
...SAY SOMETHING ...??
JUST LIKE BACK DURING THE ESCAPE PLAN...
NUM-BER...
... OB...?
HM?
SAYING HOW YOU'LL PROTECT ME.
I GUESS THAT WAS JUST YOU BEING YOU, MUSUBI.
NAH...
...BUT NOW...
...IT'S ALSO MY TURN.
...MY TURN TO PROTECT EVERYONE.


HEY, MATSU.
YOU GOTTA TELL US.
WHAT IS THIS, EXACTLY?
WHAT CAN IT DO?
I'D ALSO LOVE TO KNOW, ACTUALLY.
I...
I CAN'T SAY...
NO, NO, I'M A PACIFIST...!
BUT TELLING YOU WOULD BE REALLY, REALLY BAD!
YOU WANNA TURN THOSE BRAIDS INTO AN AFRO AGAIN?
FU-FU. KAGARI-SAN...
...I CAN TELL YOU THIS MUCH.
YES, IT WAS ME WHO WAS KEEPING HER QUIET.
BUT NOW...IT'S TIME YOU KNEW.


JINKI.


WHEN ALL EIGHT ARE ASSEM-BLED...
...THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO PUT AN END TO ALL SEKIREI.



Chapter 80: Second Round


NOW, MINATO-SAN. ♡
SAY "AHHH...♡"! ♡♡
HMPH.
DO THE "AHHH...♡" THING, MINATO!


UH... UMM...
LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING...
...I-I CAN FEED MYSELF.


JINKI.
...THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO PUT AN END TO ALL SEKIREI.
WHEN ALL EIGHT ARE ASSEMBLED ...
THAT'S SO VERY LIKE THEM, ISN'T IT?
U-FU-FU.
YOU GIRLS AREN'T NERVOUS AT ALL, HUH...
EVEN WITH THE SECOND ROUND GOING ON AS WE SPEAK.
THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THEM FOR NOW.
FOR THAT REASON ALONE, THE JINKI ARE INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS.
OHH!
IN THAT CASE—
HMM? ARE YOU UNABLE TO USE CHOP-STICKS, HOMURA?
N-NO.
MY HANDS ARE JUST A LITTLE BURNED.


GRAB
LET US FEED YOU! ♡
ALLOW US!!


OPEN YOUR MOUTH NOW, HOMURA.
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO EAT.
ROGER! ♡
WHAT AM I, YOUR EVENING'S ENTERTAIN-MENT!?
UWAHH
MUSUBI! SUBDUE HOMURA FOR ME!
MUNCH
MUNCH
LET KU HELP TOO! ♡
TSUKIUMI, WHAT'RE YOU—?
MORUK!


WHY IS IT YOU TWO ONLY SYNC UP AT TIMES LIKE THIS!?
WAI—


THERE ARE FIVE TEAMS, BUT... IT'S CLEAR WHO THE STRONGEST CONTENDER IS. THIS SHOULD BE OVER QUICKLY.
MM-HM.
HMM...
...IT SEEMS THE SECOND ROUND ONLY HAS ASHIKABI WHO POSSESS A SINGLE SEKIREI.
MA2


MATSU-SAN...?
ARE YOU MUMBLING TO YOURSELF AS YOU EAT.....?
HOW RUDE, MINA-TAN.
MATSU'S USING HER ABILITY, NOT JUST SPACING OUT.
PEEPING AGAIN ...
...WERE YOU, MATSU-SAN?
DON'T LOOK AT MATSU WITH SUCH JUDGMENTAL EYES, MIYA-TAN.
THIS IS ACTUALLY REALLY IMPORTANT!
RIGHT, YOUR ABILITY, MATSU-SAN.
PEEPING IN ON ELECTRON-ICS...
NOOO, MINA-TAN! PLEASE CALL IT "CYBERBRAIN GAZE"...!
AS I WAS SAYING...
...THE FIRST ROUND PARTICIPANTS WERE CHOSEN OUT OF A "LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!" ATTITUDE...
...BUT THIS TIME, THE CEO WANTS THE MATCHES TO BE FAIR... OR AT LEAST "NORMAL."
THE REAL CHAOS WILL BEGIN AFTER THIS ROUND.
UMM... YOU MEAN HOW...
...IT'S USUALLY JUST ONE-ON-ONE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
TO BE BLUNT, MINA-TAN AND THOSE GUYS IN THE SOUTH, WEST, AND EAST ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE.
I-I SEE...
BOTTLE: PRIME OF MANHOOD
BUT THESE SINGLE-SEKIREI TEAMS WILL TAKE ONE ANOTHER OUT IN THE SECOND ROUND.
IT WILL THIN THE RANKS...


MATSU FEELS AS THOUGH SHE FORGOT TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU, MINA-TAN.
THERE WILL BE FEWER... AND FEWER...
...HMM?
AH, OF COURSE, MATSU!!
I HAD SOMETHING TO ASK YOU, ACTUALLY.
HMM?
WHAT IS IT, TSUKIUMI-TAN?
THAT'S RARE...
WHAT IS AN ASHIKABI, REALLY?
!
THOUGH I AM ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, MY MODIFIER WAS AN ODD ONE.
SHE TAUGHT ME NOTHING ABOUT ASHIKABI.


I USED TO WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH THESE MATTERS BEYOND FIGHTING AND WINNING.
...BUT NOW...
NOW I HAVE MINATO.


JUST AS MINATO WISHED TO LEARN ABOUT US...
...N-NOW I TOO...WISH TO LEARN ABOUT ASHIKABI.
TSUKI-UMI...
UNDER-STOOD.
WHAT MATSU CAN TELL YOU ABOUT ASHIKABI IS THAT...
...!
MUSUBI ALSO WANTS TO KNOW!!
KU TOO!!
YOU TWO!!
MINA-TAN! OUT-SIDE!

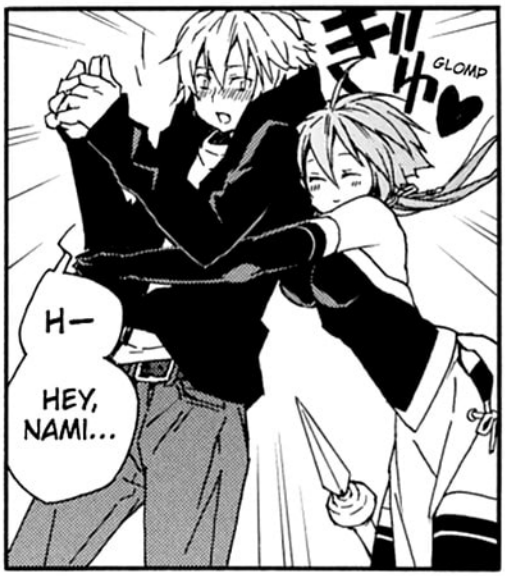

TH—
THAT SOUND ...
BOOM
...IT'S OVER.
THE SECOND ROUND'S OVER.
ヒュルルル
WHISTLE
ドドン
BABOOM


Is—!
The second round—!
Over...!!
The winner—Kouji Takano!!
And his Sekirei, No. 73—Namiji!!
DON'T KNOW THEM...
Moving right along to round three...
WHAAT!?


Let's make the next round one to remember!!
Wait for my call concerning time and location.
Round three will come another day!!
PHEW.
...Just kidding, of course.
...my dear Ashikabi !!
I'm looking forward to it...
BZZT




BOOM
WE DID IT, NAMIJI!
YEAH!
2


GLOMP
H—
HEY, NAMI...

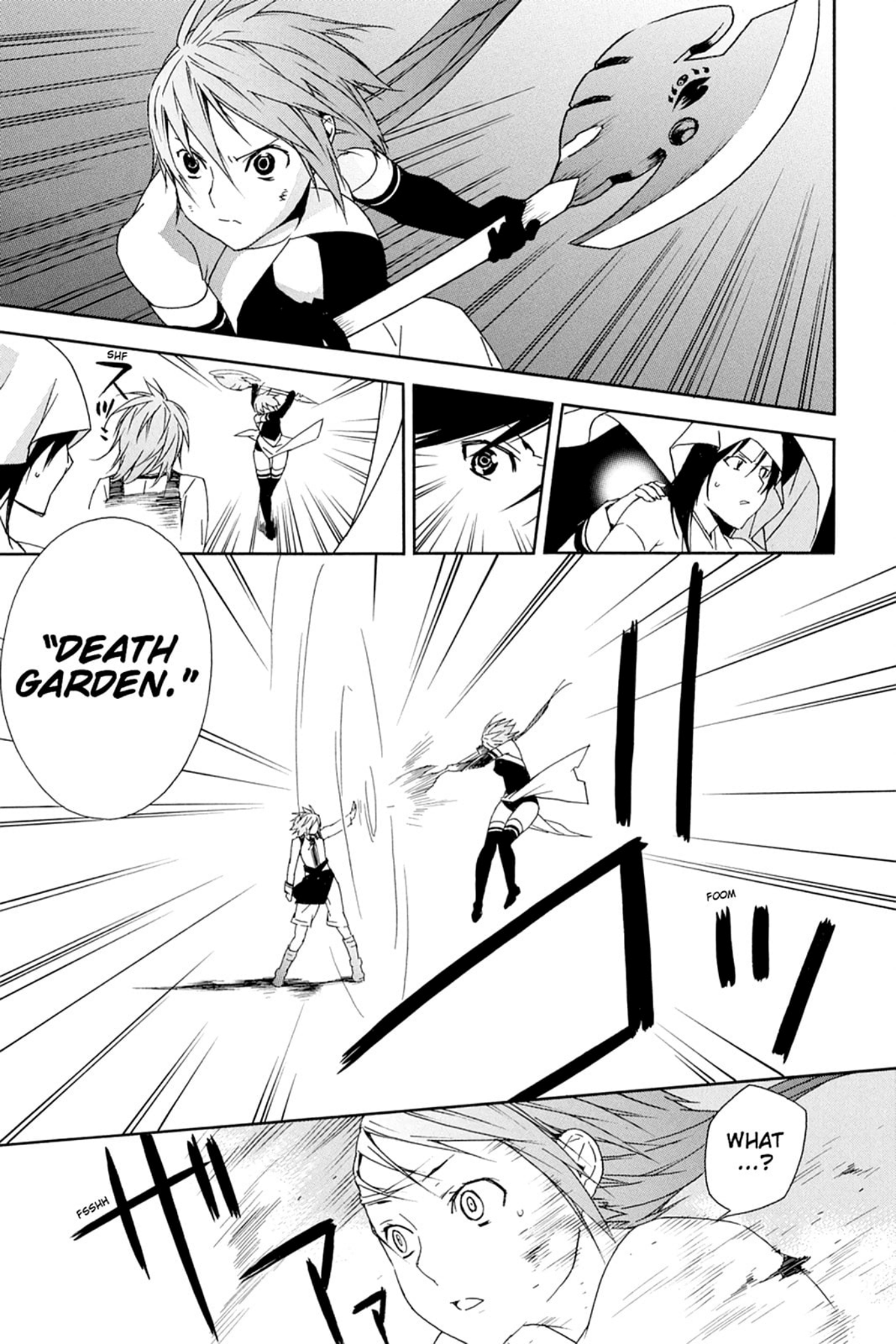

LET'S KEEP DOING OUR BEST...
...AND TRY TO WIN THE NEXT ROUND TOO.
YEAH!

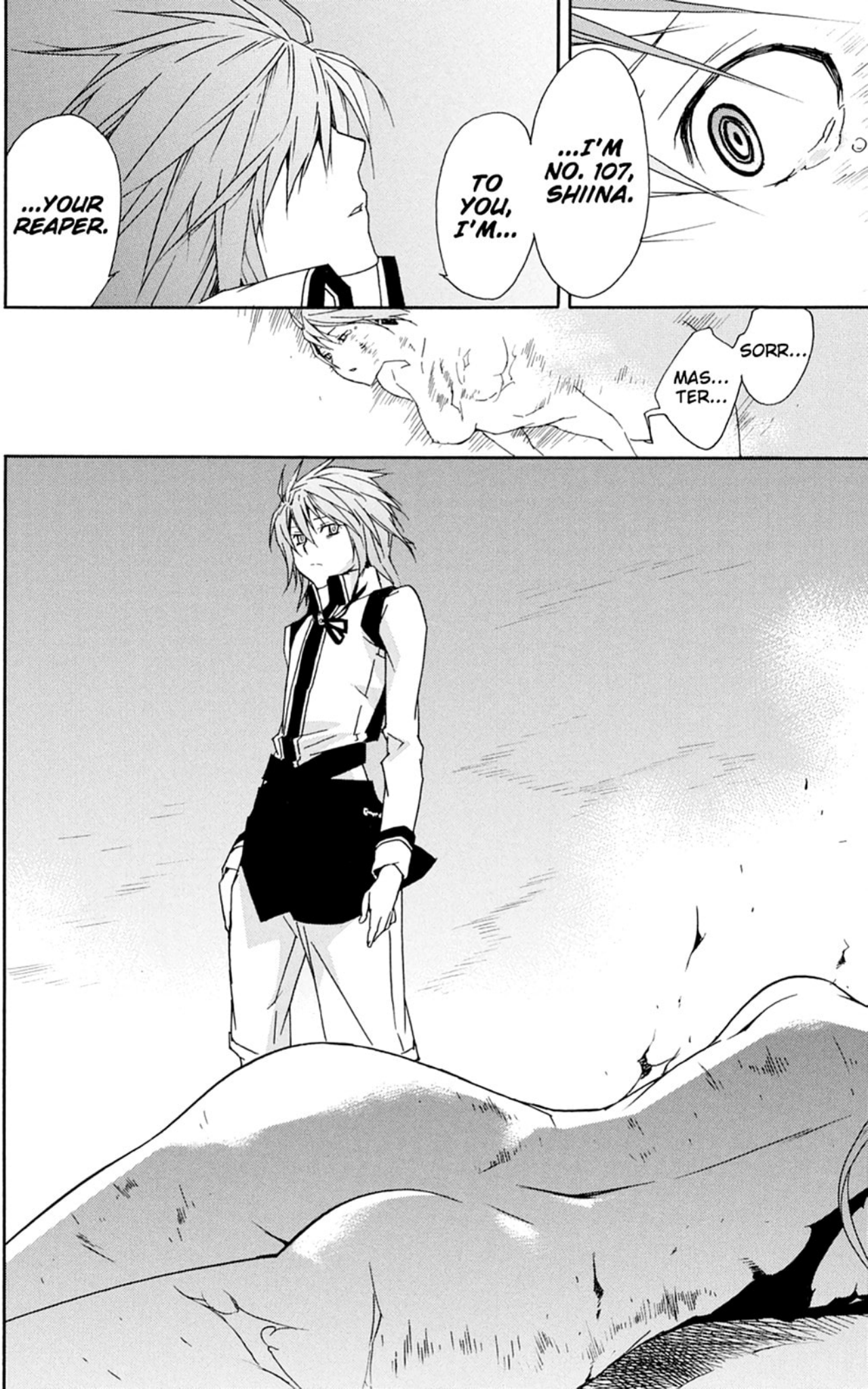

I'LL KEEP ON WINNING AND WINNING...
...SO I CAN STAY WITH YOU FOREVER ...


...AND EVER.....


WHO ARE YOU!?
...A HERETIC WITH A NAME NOT WORTH MENTIONING.
THAT JINKI.
HAND IT OVER.


RUN, MASTER!!
FWOOM
HAH!
TCH...


SHF
"DEATH GARDEN."
FOOM
WHAT ...?
FSSHH

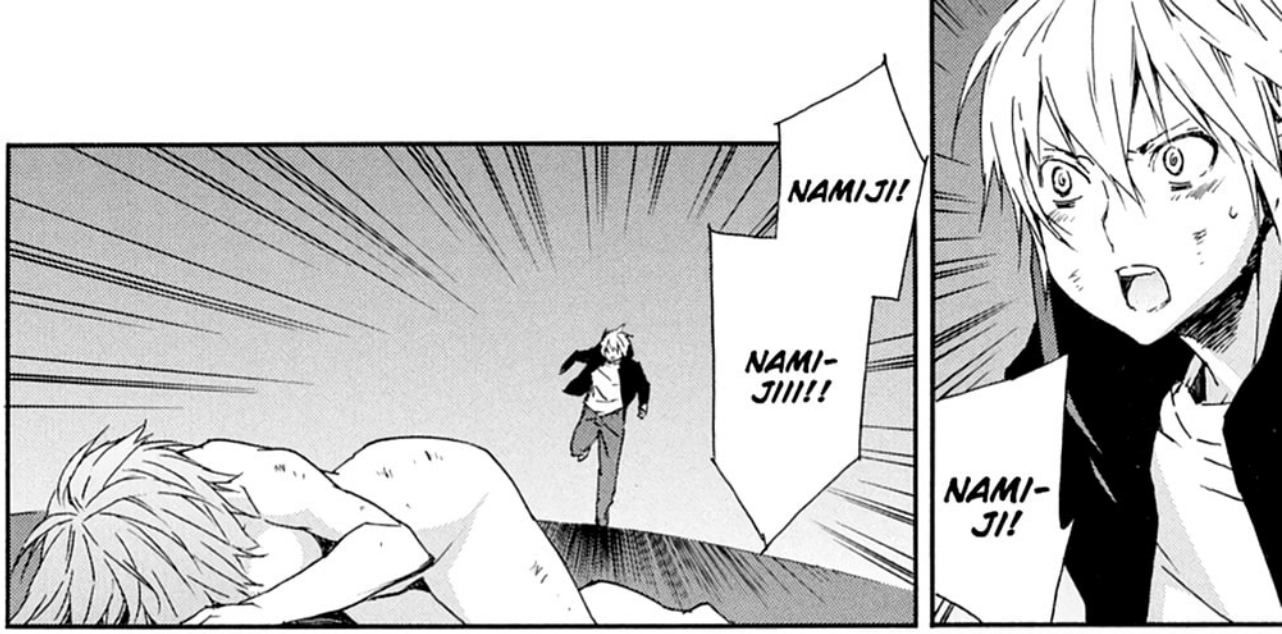

...YOUR REAPER.
TO YOU, I'M...
...I'M NO. 107, SHIINA.
MAS... TER...
SORR...



Chapter 81:
Skies of Conscience and the Meaning of Happiness


FADE
...YOUR ASHIKABI IS SAFE...
...FOR NOW... THAT IS.


HOWEVER ...
...HER CONTINUED SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU.
IF YOU DON'T WANT HARM TO COME TO HER...
...THEN YOU'LL AGREE TO HELP ME OUT A BIT.
JUST A FEW SIMPLE ERRANDS.
ONCE YOU'RE DONE, YOU'LL GET TO SEE YOUR ASHIKABI AGAIN.


NAMIJI!
NAMI-JIII!!
NAMI-JI!


!!
WRAP


I DON'T LIKE HURTING ASHIKABI.
...HAND IT OVER, NICE AND EASY.


N...
NO!!
IF YOU WANT ONE, FIGHT FAIR AND SQUARE IN THE GAMES.
NAMIJI WON THIS FOR ME...
...SO THAT WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER ...
...'COS, APPARENTLY, WE NEED THIS FOR THAT...
IS HE HIDING IN THE SHADOWS, BEHIND HIS SEKIREI!!?
WHERE'S YOUR ASHIKABI !?

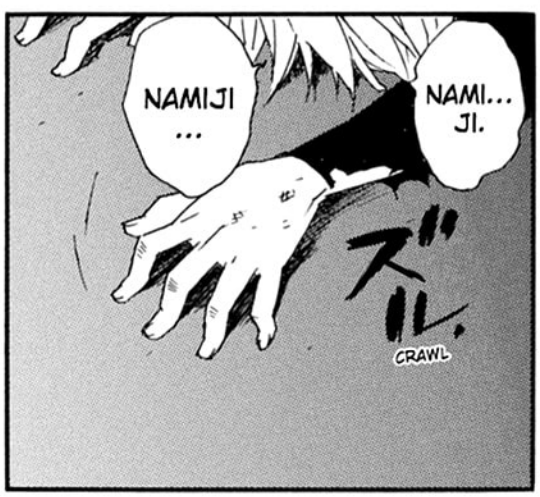

WHAT A COWARD !!
... NO. I'M THE REAL COWARD HERE.
... BUT...
TUG
BUT...
...MY ASHIKABI ISN'T...!!
!


WHIRL


GRAB

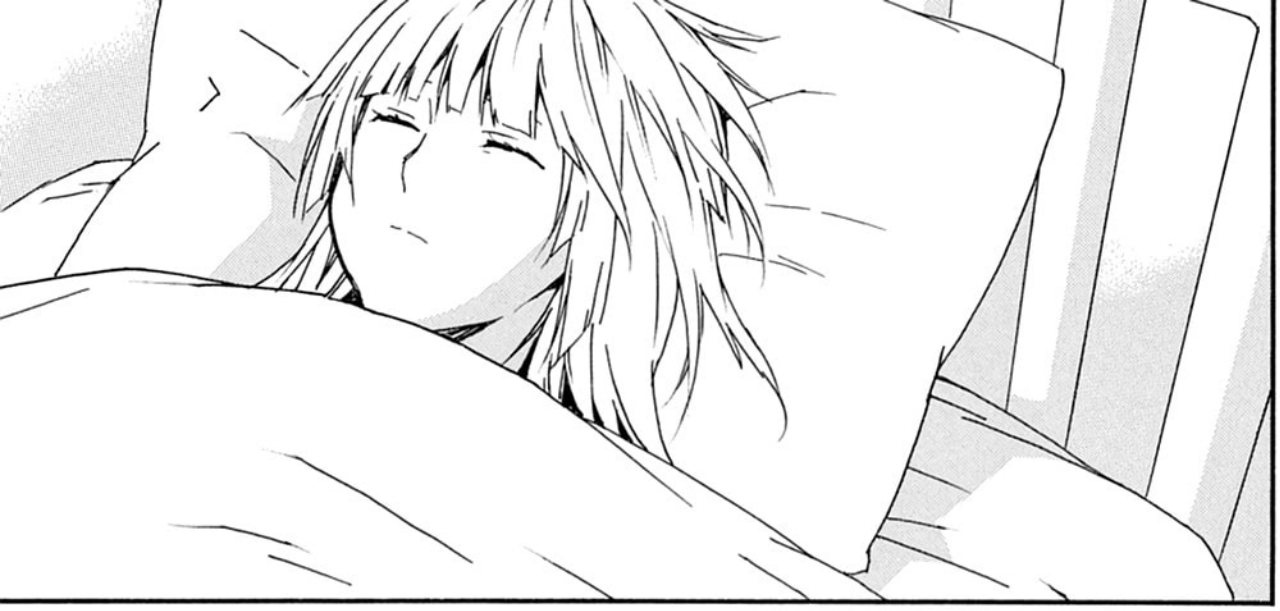

...CHIHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THIS.
THE ONLY ONE GETTING HER HANDS DIRTY... IS ME.




NAMIJI ...
NAMI... JI.
ズル.
CRAWL


I'M SO SORRY.....
I'M SORRY...
MBI'S COMING.
FLAP
LET'S GO.
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM

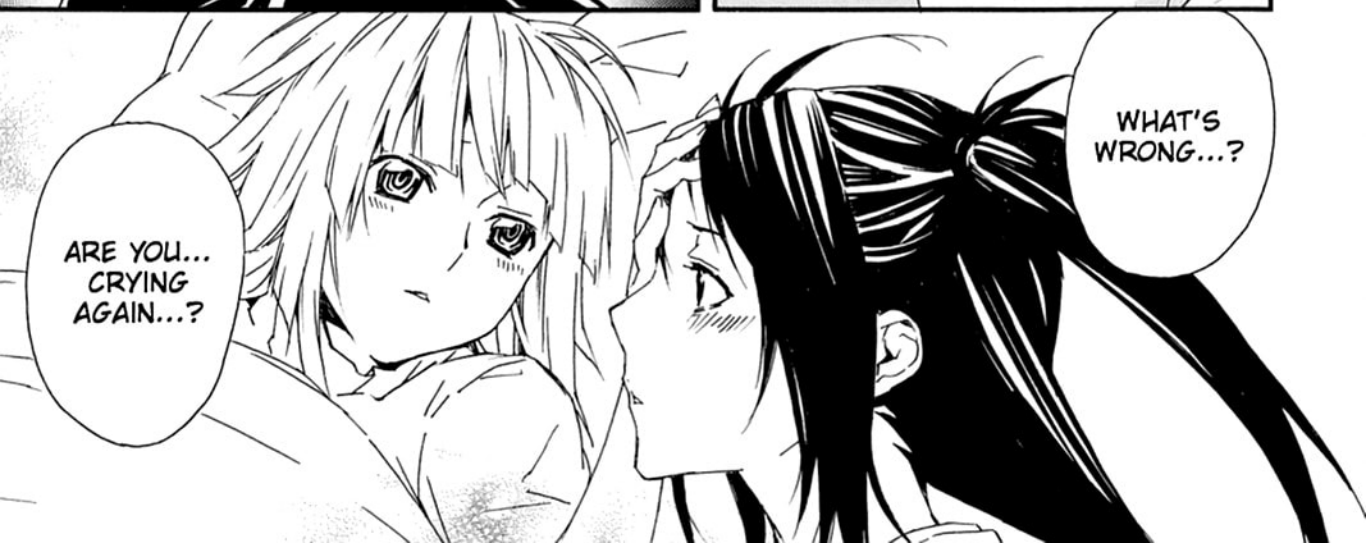

FLAP

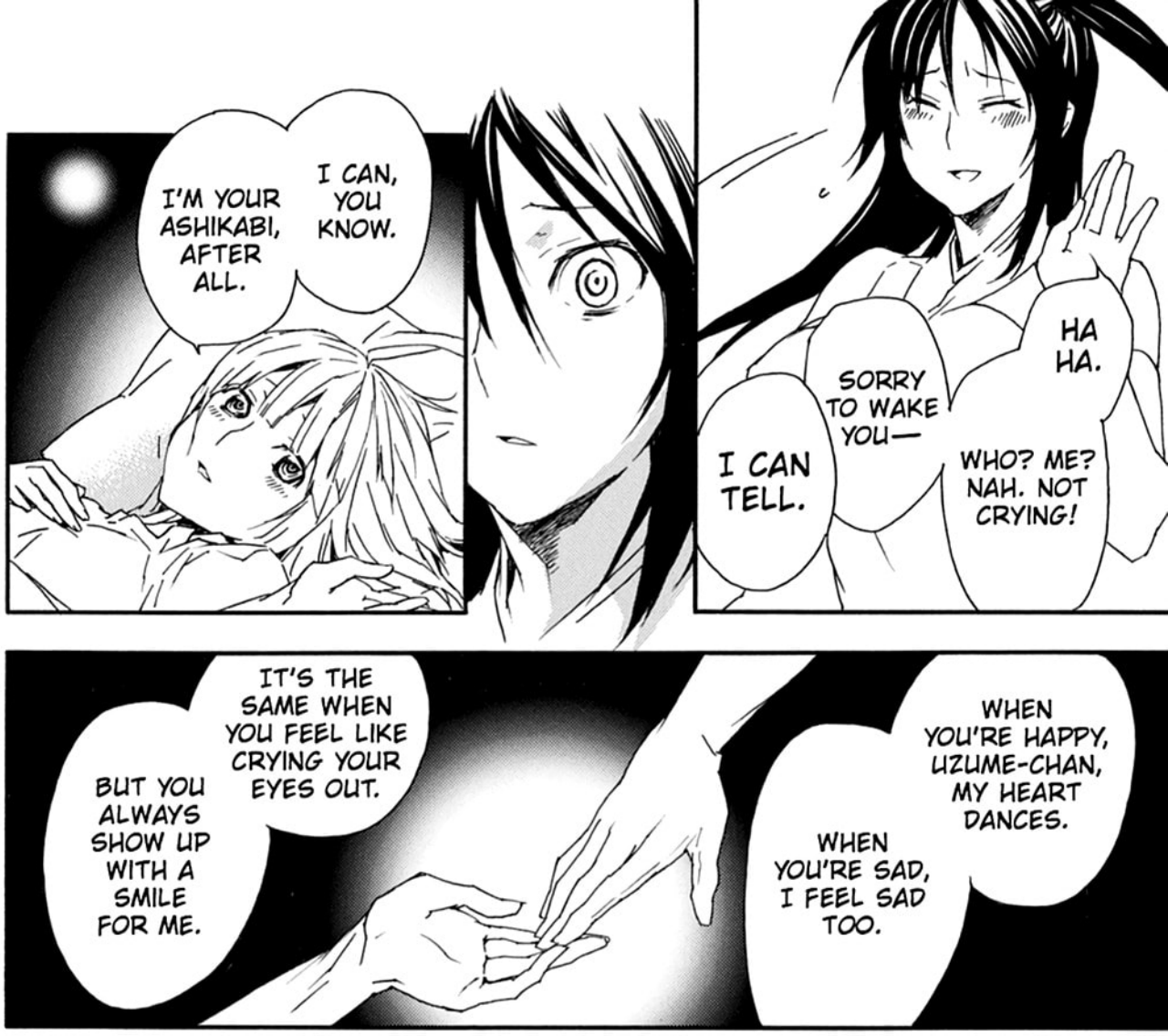



CHIHO
.....




...UZUME-CHAN.
PAT


WHAT'S WRONG...?
ARE YOU... CRYING AGAIN...?


HA HA.
SORRY TO WAKE YOU—
WHO? ME? NAH. NOT CRYING!
I CAN TELL.
I CAN, YOU KNOW.
I'M YOUR ASHIKABI, AFTER ALL.

WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, UZUME-CHAN, MY HEART DANCES.
WHEN YOU'RE SAD, I FEEL SAD TOO.
IT'S THE SAME WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE CRYING YOUR EYES OUT.
BUT YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP WITH A SMILE FOR ME.

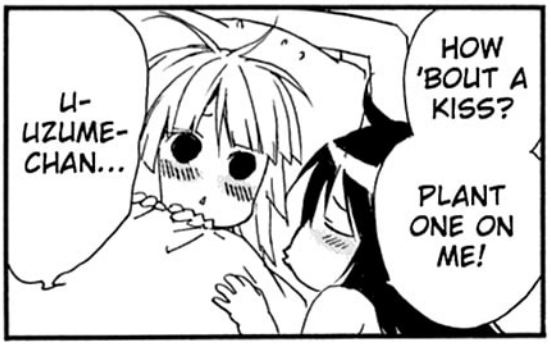

I CAN TELL EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU... BECAUSE...
...I LOVE YOU, UZUME-CHAN.

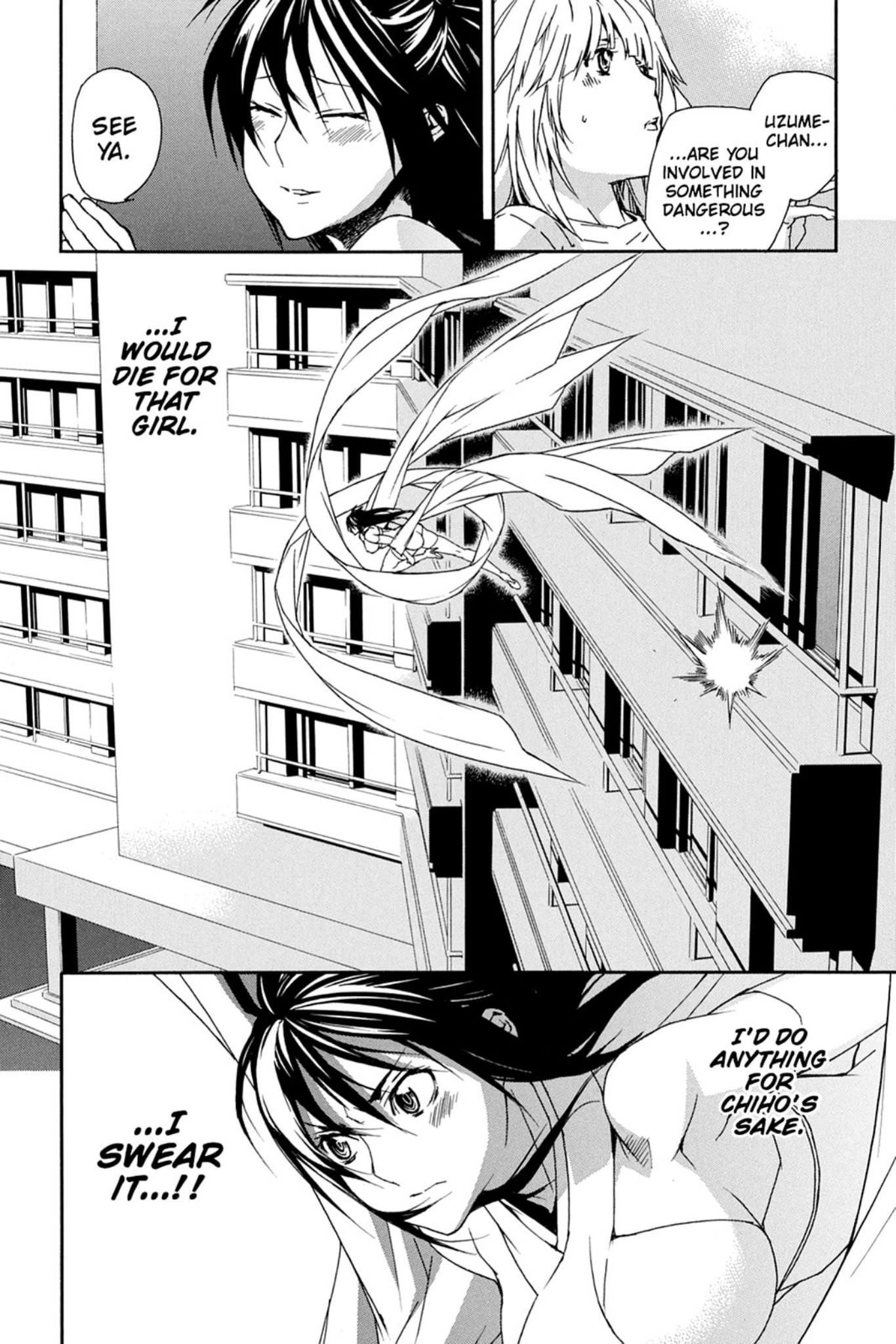


...YES.

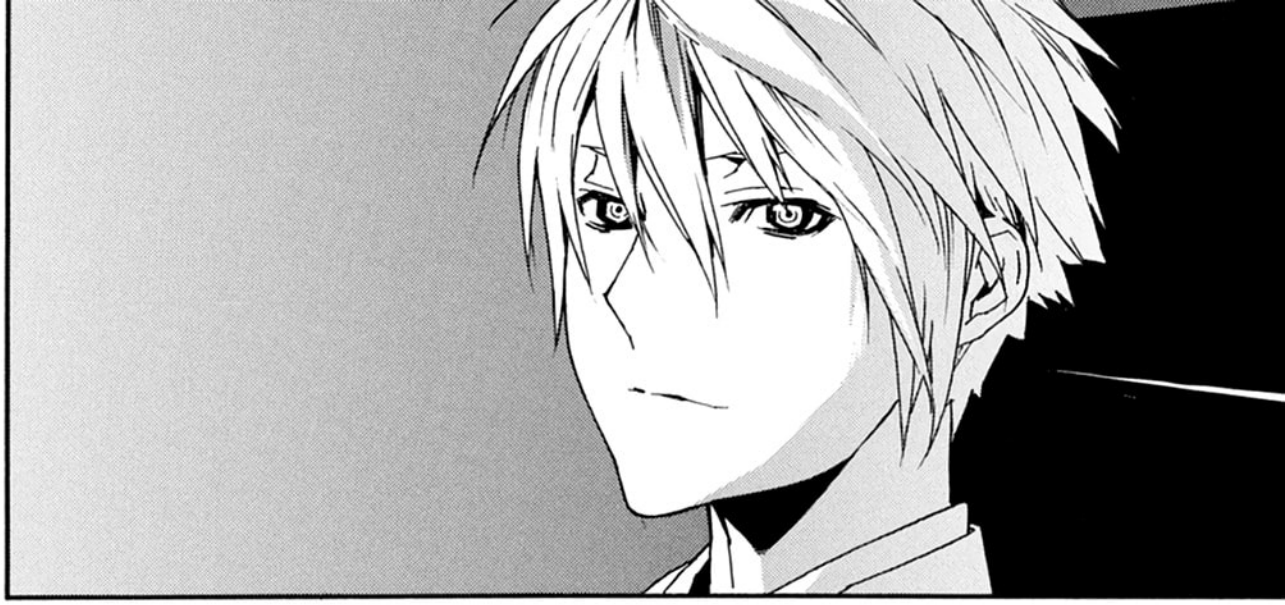

HOW'D I FIND AN ASHIKABI LIKE YOU?
I'M ONE LUCKY GIRL.
HEE HEE.
I'LL STEAL A KISS IN SECRET NEXT TIME.


I'M SO GLAD...
...I LOVE YOU TOO, CHIHO.
GLAD TO BE YOUR SEKIREI...


U-UZUME-CHAN...
HOW 'BOUT A KISS?
PLANT ONE ON ME!

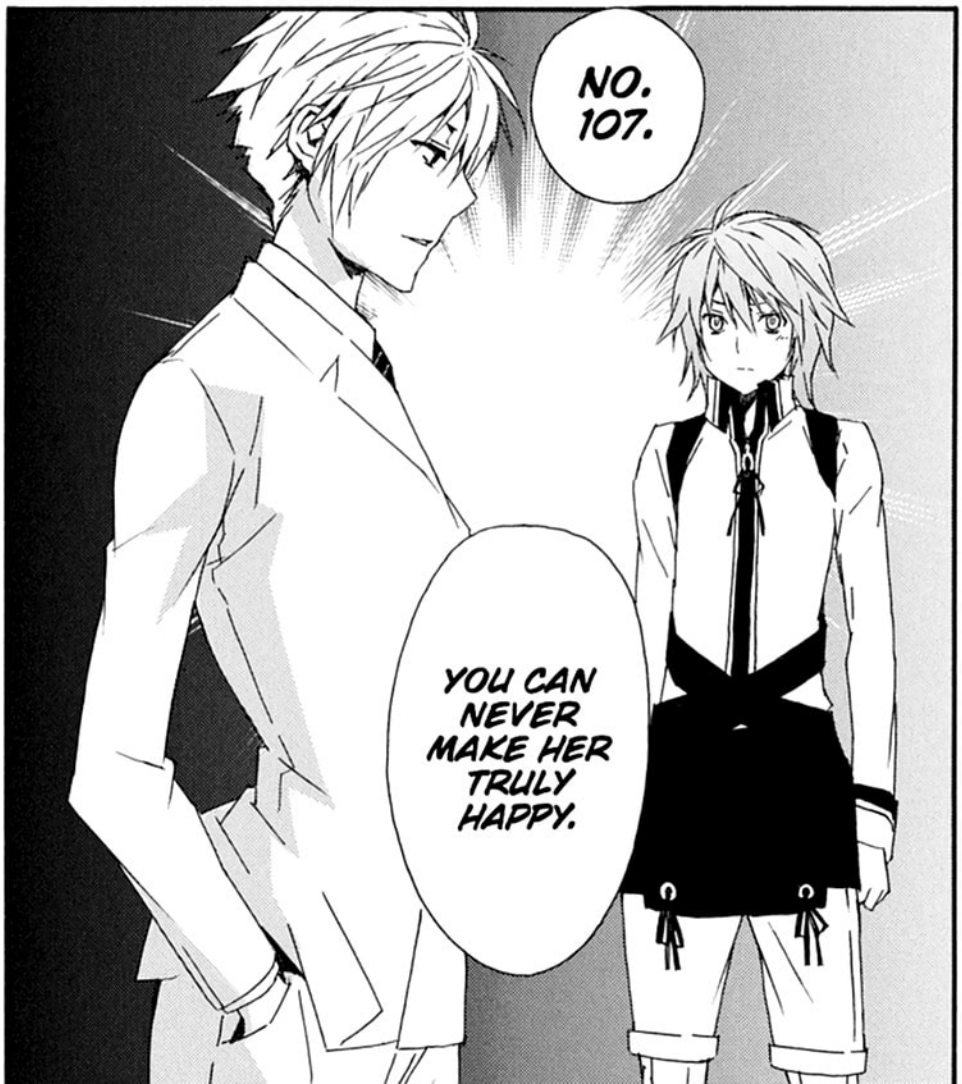

SEE YA.
UZUME-CHAN...
...ARE YOU INVOLVED IN SOMETHING DANGEROUS ...?
...I WOULD DIE FOR THAT GIRL.
I'D DO ANYTHING FOR CHIHO'S SAKE.
...I SWEAR IT...!!


UZUME...
...CHAN...?
WELL DONE.
OH? SO THIS IS...
HIGA-SAMA.
THE JINKI.




AH, RIGHT. I DID PROMISE YOU.
ARE YOU THAT WORRIED ABOUT HER?


PLEASE LET ME SEE HER NOW...
... YUKARI-SAN...

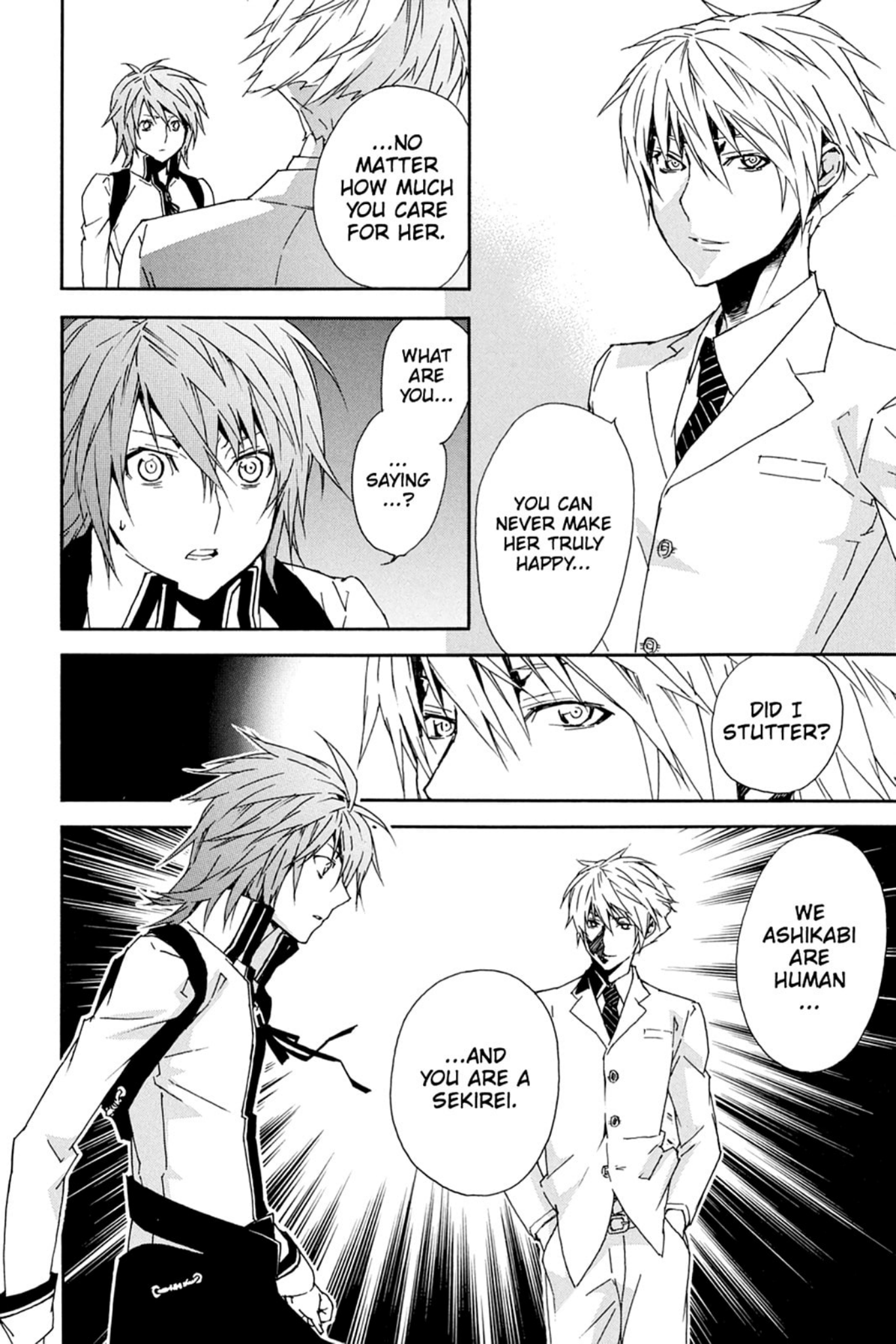

NO. 107.
YOU CAN NEVER MAKE HER TRULY HAPPY.


OF COURSE I AM—
BUT...
...LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR FIRST.

Chapter 82: Thoughts of You, Far Away



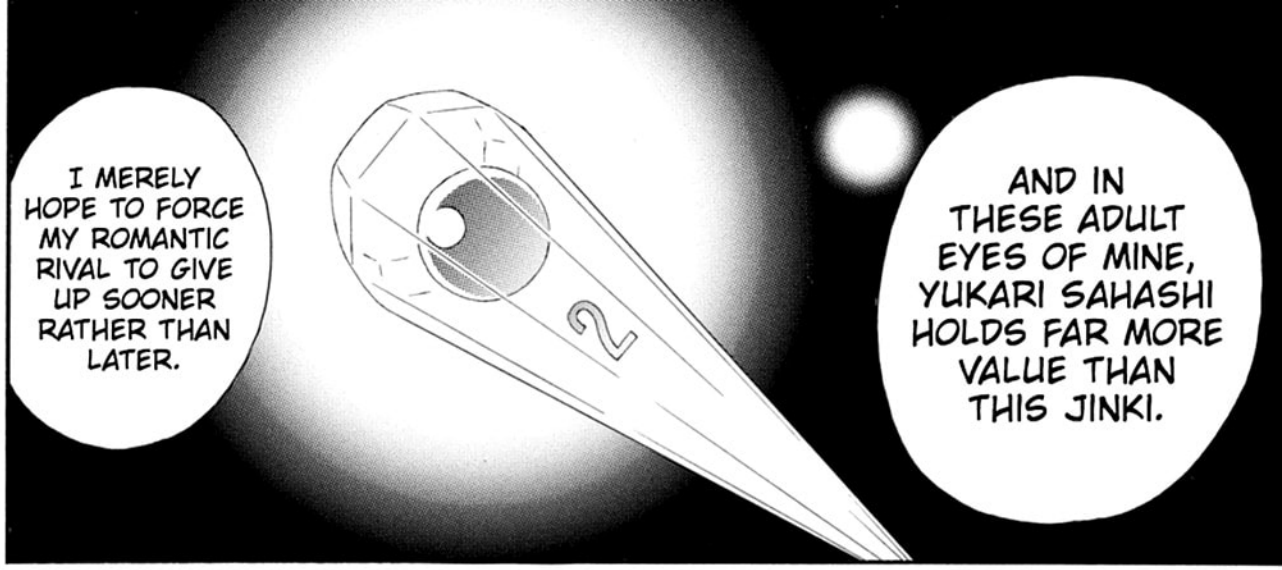
BOTTLE: SAKURAKAZE, REFINED SAKE


...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CARE FOR HER.
WHAT ARE YOU...
...SAYING ...?
YOU CAN NEVER MAKE HER TRULY HAPPY...
DID I STUTTER?
WE ASHIKABI ARE HUMAN ...
...AND YOU ARE A SEKIREI.


WE'RE NOTHING LIKE YOU NONSENSICAL SEKIREI.
ASHIKABI OR NOT, WE CAN'T ESCAPE THESE TIES OF OBLIGATION.
WE EACH HAVE OUR POSITIONS AND ROLES TO PLAY IN OUR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.
HUMANS HAVE SOCIETAL RESPONSI-BILITIES.
...SHE EXPECTED TO LIVE A PERFECTLY ORDINARY LIFE.
BATTLES AND DANGER WEREN'T ORIGINALLY IN THE CARDS FOR HER.
YUKARI SAHASHI WAS MEANT TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND MAKE FRIENDS HERE IN TEITO.
JUST WHO CAME IN AND RUINED ALL THAT?
...WHAT HAPPENS AFTER-WARD?
EVEN IF BY SOME MIRACLE YOU SURVIVE THE SEKIREI PROJECT...
YOU SEEM LIKE A BRIGHT BOY...
...SO I ASSUME YOU SEE WHAT I'M GETTING AT.


SHE'S HUMAN. THERE'S A WORLD SHE'LL RETURN TO.
WHEN THAT DAY COMES, DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE IN HER LIFE WILL ACCEPT YOU?
IN HER ORDINARY LIFE...
...CAN YOU GO ON PROTECTING HER?
TOYOTAMA! ICHIYA!
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
GO AHEAD AND ESCORT NO. 107...
...TO HER.


I...
...CAN MAKE HER HAPPY.
I CAN DO IT, YOU KNOW.
SHUT
バタン
NO. 107 IS THE REASON WHY SHE DOESN'T BEND TO MY WILL.
I'M EXPLOITING THAT WEAKNESS.
ADULTS HAVE TO PLAY DIRTY SOMETIMES.
PLEASE DON'T ADMIT SUCH A THING.
JUST LIKE YOU TO EMPLOY SUCH CLEVER SOPHISTRY, HIGA-SAMA.
CLAP 110 CLAP 110
DON'T CALL IT THAT.
I'VE ONLY TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.


I MERELY HOPE TO FORCE MY ROMANTIC RIVAL TO GIVE UP SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
AND IN THESE ADULT EYES OF MINE, YUKARI SAHASHI HOLDS FAR MORE VALUE THAN THIS JINKI.


SQUIRM
キュッ
UMM...


GYAAH!!
WH-WHAT!?


HEY... WHAT!? THIS WAIST...
DON'T TELL ME I'VE GAINED WEIGHT...?
NOOO!

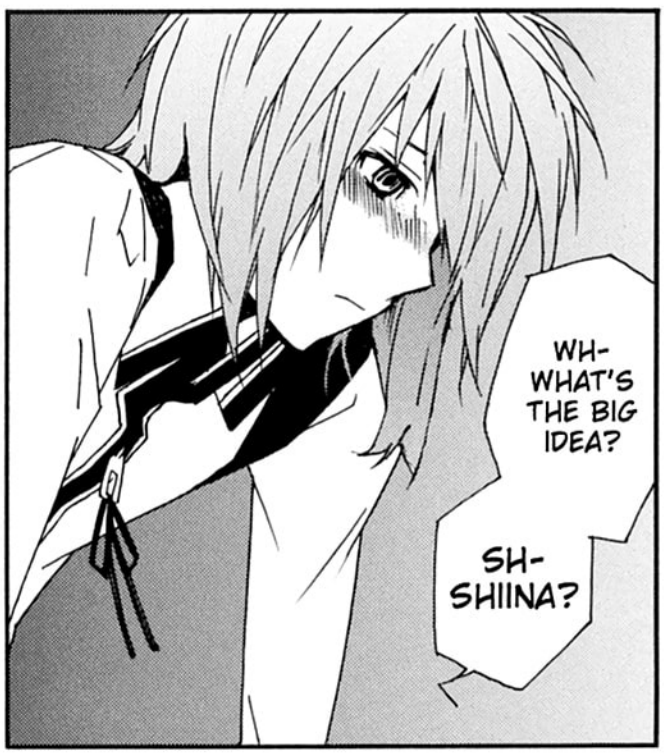

KNOCK KNOCK
SQUEEZE
キュッ
THE BACK TOO...
I CAN'T ZIP IT UP...


...
SHIINA!!


HUG
カバッ!
SHIINA ...!
SHIINA !!
... YUKARI-SAN...
CLOSE
バタン.
COME OUT ONCE YOUR HOUR'S UP.
WE'LL BE WAITING OUTSIDE THE DOOR.
UGH! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
ARE YOU OKAY!?
DID THEY HURT YOU!?
SHIINA...


...HE TOLD ME I HAVE TO MARRY HIM.
EVEN MADE THIS DRESS FOR ME.
THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE OUTSTANDING!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY!?
EVERY MEAL IS A FULL COURSE SPREAD. WHAT'S HE UP TO?
... YEAH. I'M OKAY.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M GETTING FAT...GAH! DON'T ASK...
THAT DRESS...?
... YUKARI-SAN...
I...
...CAN MAKE HER HAPPY.
SHIINA'D LOOK GREAT IN IT THOUGH...
GUHEHEHEH!
... YUKARI-SAN...
...DO YOU LIKE HIM...LIKE THAT...?
HUH?




WH-
WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?
SH-
SHIINA?


THUD
ドサッ
GYAH!


SH—
SHIINA?


EEK!
YUKARI-
SAN...


WAAAH!
I COULDN'T ZIP IT, SO THE DRESS IS SLIPPING OFF...
SLIP
SHI—
SHI...
SHI...
SLIP
ズル!!
!!
SHOVE
!!
NO...
...AH...



BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM

BAM

SHIINA !!

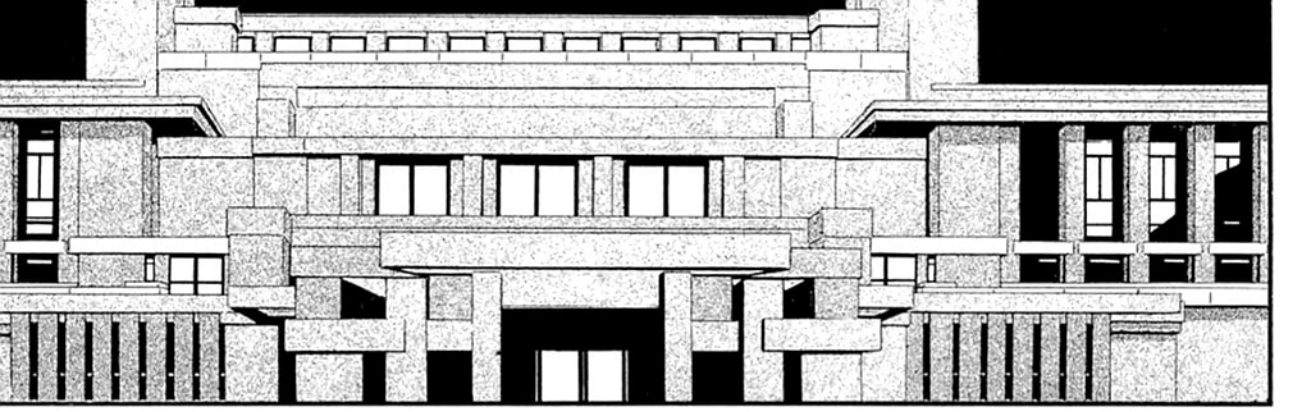
ASHIKABI... PREFER HUMANS, RIGHT...?

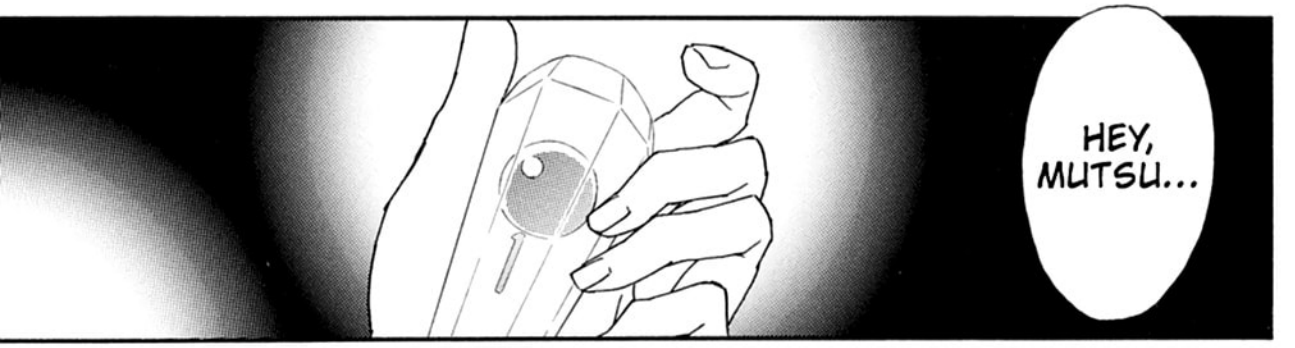
IT'S TRUE... YUKARI-SAN, YOU...

HOLD ON... WHAT'S WRONG, SHIINA ...?

ASHI-KABI? HUMANS ?

SHIINA...?



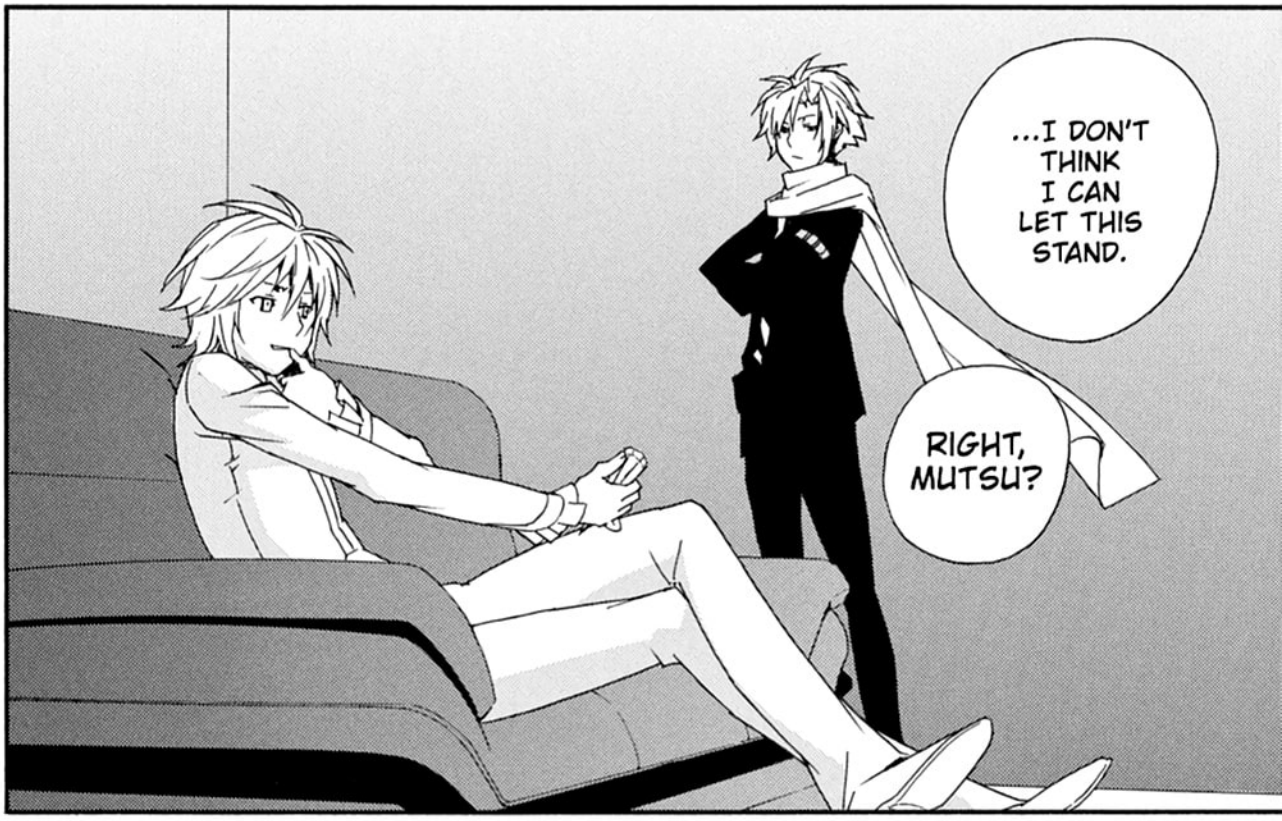

HEY, MUTSU...

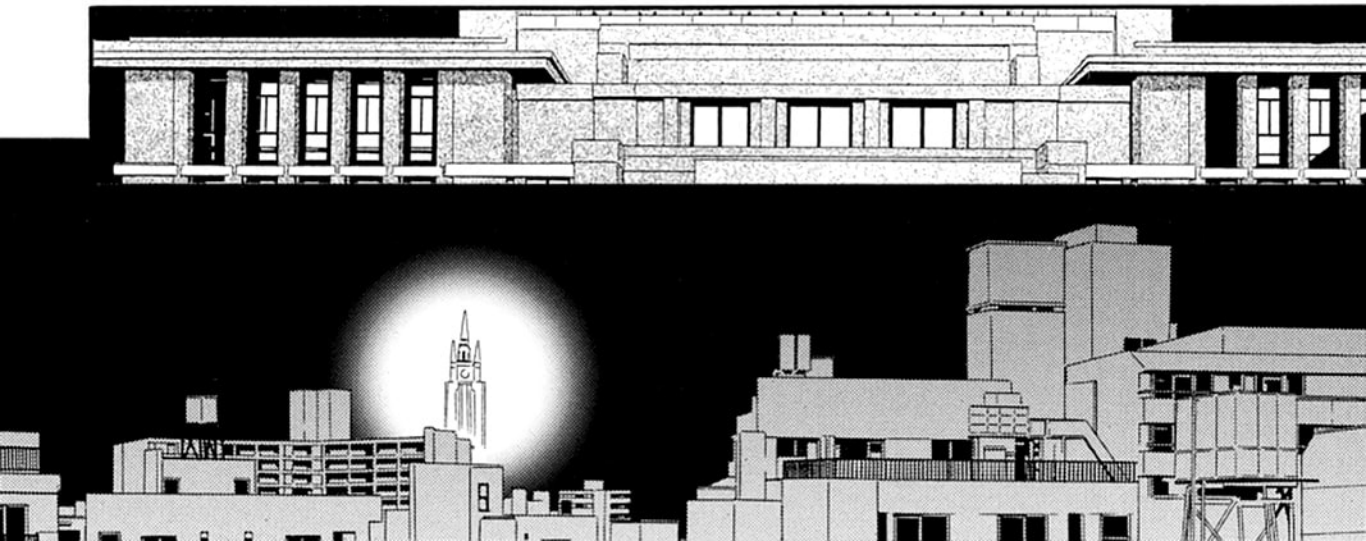

...YOU MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE FOR THAT.
WE JUST GOT A REPORT THAT THE WINNERS OF ROUND TWO WERE ATTACKED— THEIR JINKI WAS STOLEN.

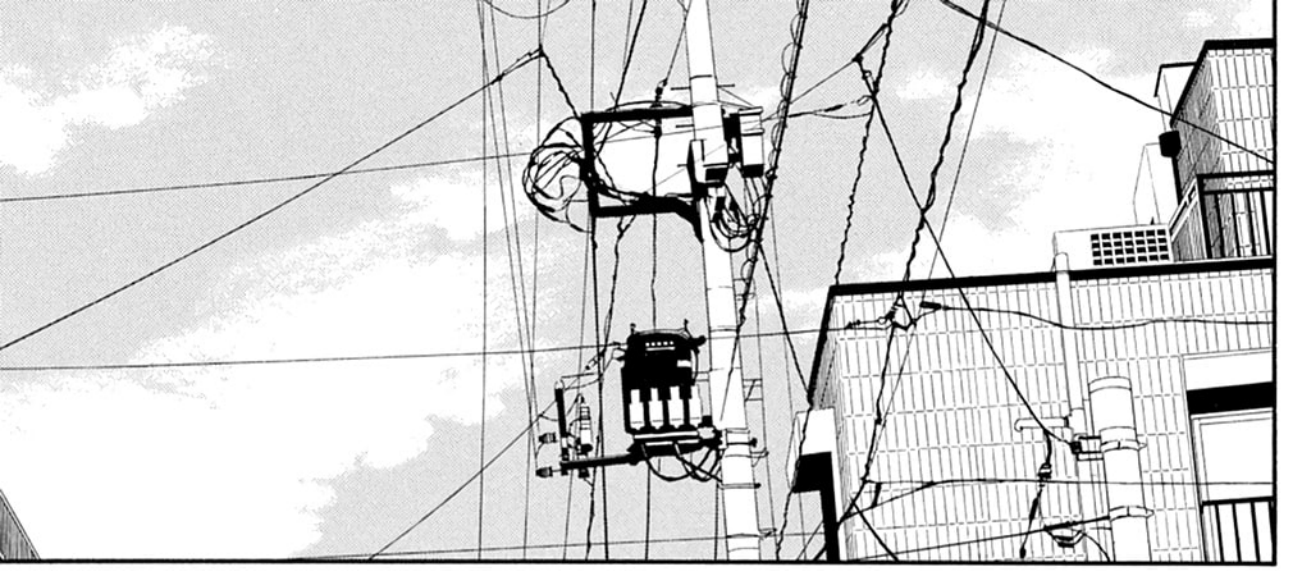

SO... WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?
MBI'S BEING MEAN AND NOT TELLING ME ANYTHING.


GREAT. NOW HE'S FIRED UP...
GUESS I GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL! ♡
OH YEAH?
NO. 02 TOLD ME THAT, LONG AGO.
THAT'S ALL I KNOW...
WHEN THEY'RE BROUGHT TOGETHER AND USED PROPERLY, SOMETHING BIG WILL HAPPEN...


...WHICH ONLY LEAVES...
THOUGH WE'RE NOT SURE, WE CAN GUESS WHO DID IT BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION.
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE WESTERN POWER FROM THE FIRST ROUND, AND THE NORTHERN HANNYA WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING.
SAY WHAT!?
DAMN. JUST LIKE WITH NO. 06!!
EAST!!


...I DON'T THINK I CAN LET THIS STAND.
RIGHT, MUTSU?






M mart
M mart


WHEEZE
PANT
W-WE SURE BOUGHT A LOT.
YES. ♡
WE'RE LIVING UP TO THE HONORED POSITION OF "SHOPPERS"!


IT'S KINDA WEIRD.
ONE WHOLE WEEK SINCE ROUND TWO, AND STILL NOTHING...
I'M SURE THE CEO IS BUSY COMING UP WITH A WAY TO PICK ON US...
...WITH THE THIRD ROUND! ♡
D—
DON'T SAY SCARY THINGS LIKE THAT, MUSUBI-CHAN.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE CEO BULLIES YOU, MUSUBI WILL PROTECT YOU, MINATO-SAN. ♡
RIGHT. I'LL... DO MY BEST TOO.
I PROMISE.
OKAY! ♡
mart

Chapter 83: The Northern Ashikabi



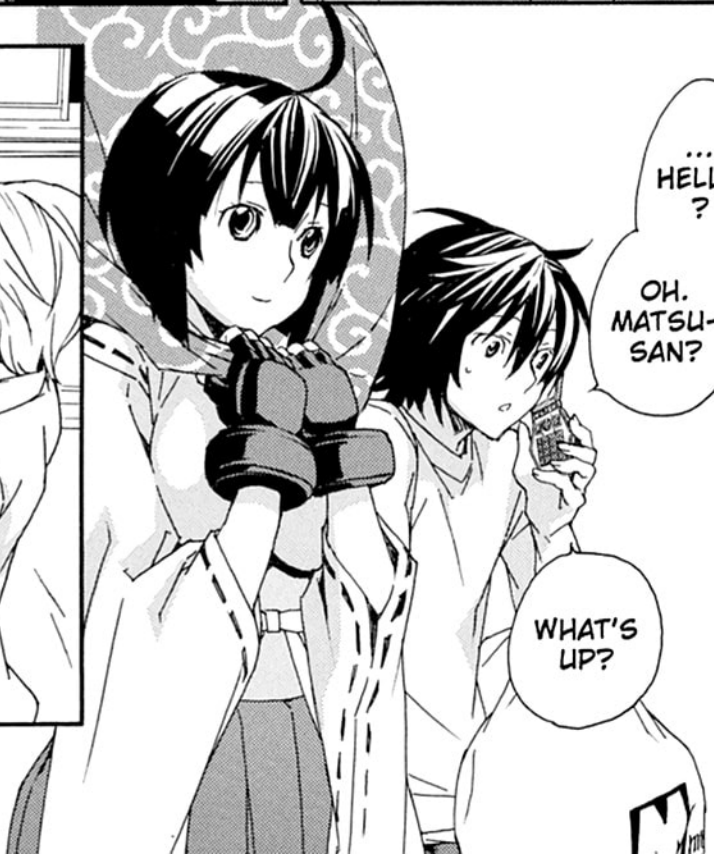

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RING
...HUH? MY PHONE?


RING



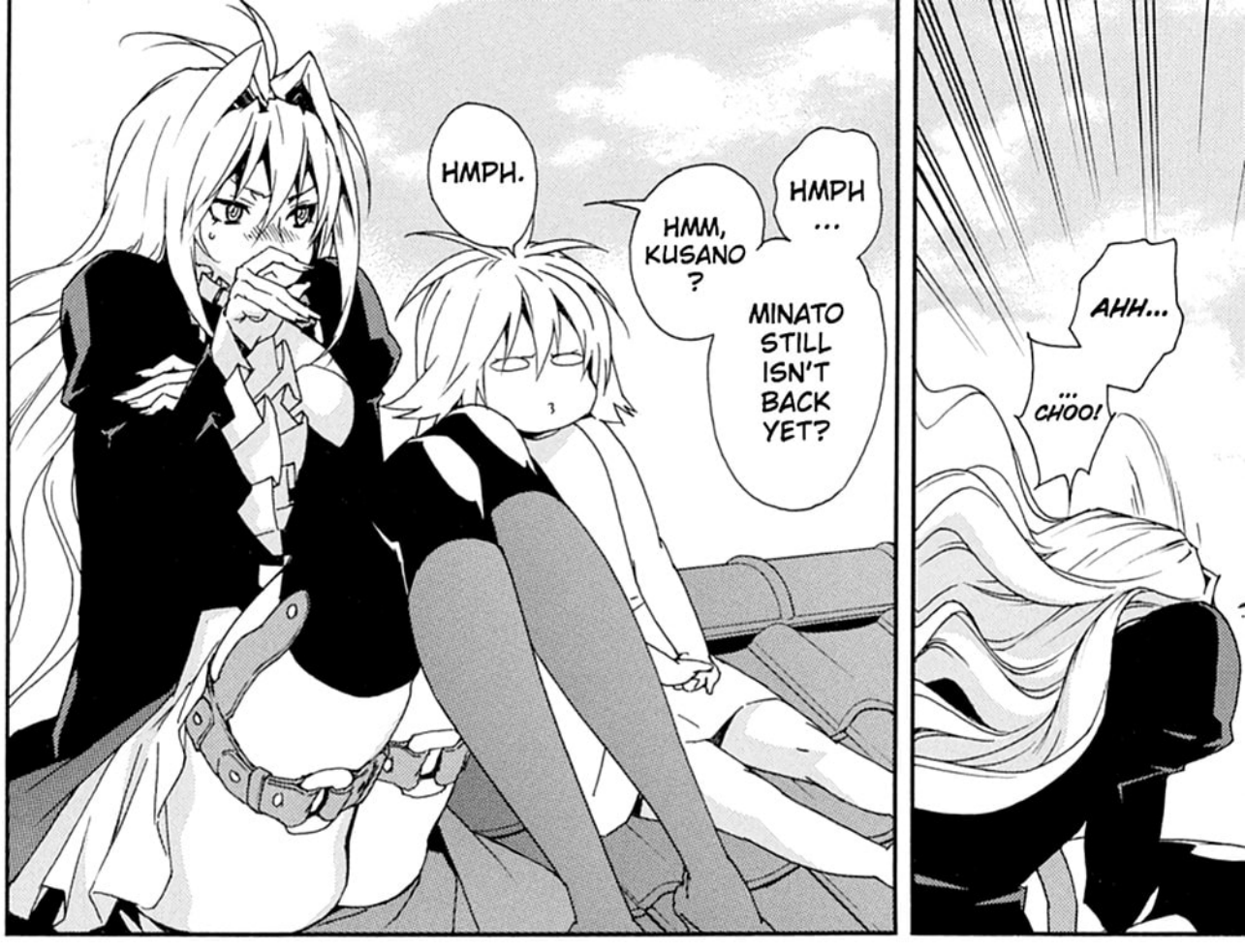

MINA-TAN, MINA-TAAAN!
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW...


...HELLO?
OH. MATSU-SAN?
WHAT'S UP?


WHAT ...!?
It's a pair.
Most likely...
...an Ashikabi and a Sekirei.
...YOU AND MUSUBI-TAN...
...ARE BEING FOLLOWED.
UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN
F—
FOLLOWED ...?
WH-WHAT DO WE DO?
?
WHAT IS IT, MINATO-SAN?
S—
SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING US, APPAR-ENTLY...
TURN
FOLLOW-ING?
?


EEEEEK!
MU—
MUSUBI-CHAN!!
HELLO!
WHO ARE YOU?
SEKIREI ?


YOU BROKE THAT BRIDGE AND HELPED SHIGI ESCAPE.
YOU'RE THE "NORTHERN ASHIKABI," RIGHT?
...YOU...
HUH?
...!
...AND IF THEY WERE GOING TO ATTACK, THEY WOULD'VE ALREADY DONE SO.
LET'S JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH FOR NOW!
THAT'S... TRUE.
IF WE STIR THE POT AND CAUSE TSUKIUMI-TAN TO MAKE A SCENE, WE RISK NOT FINDING OUT WHAT THEY WANT.
THEY'VE MADE CONTACT.
SHOULD WE HEAD OUT, THEN?
HMM. THERE'S ONLY ONE OPPOSING SEKIREI...

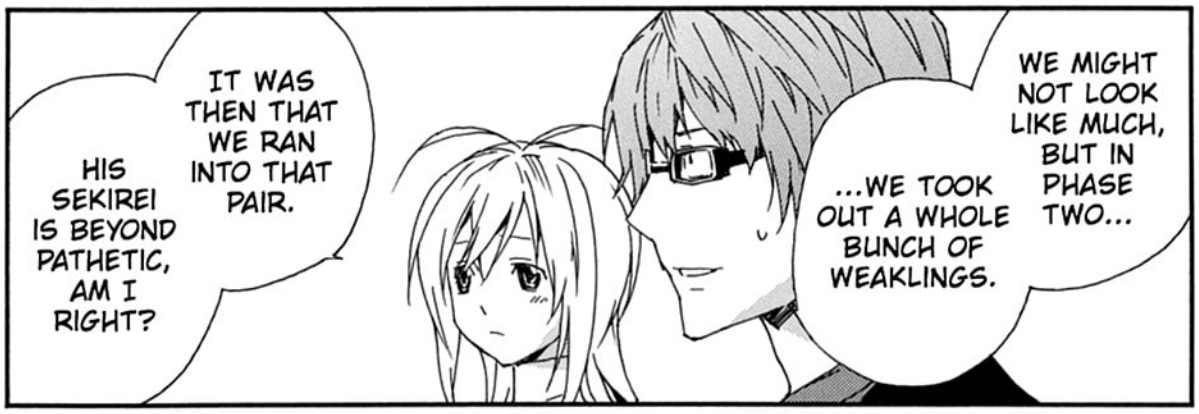

HMPH.
HMM, KUSANO?
HMPH...
MINATO STILL ISN'T BACK YET?
AHH...
...CHOO!

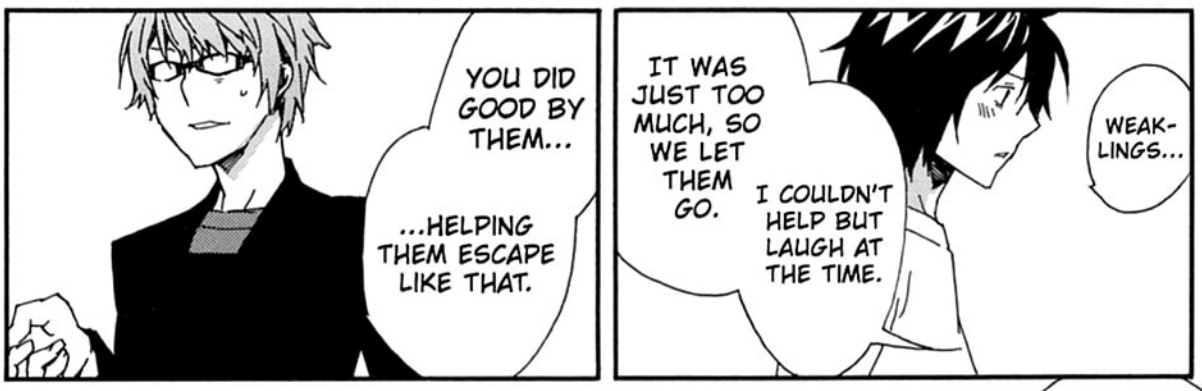

I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
NORTHERN ASHIKABI.


!!
...WHO HAVE A PLAN TO ESCAPE TEITO.
N-NORTHERN ASHIKABI??
THERE ARE ACTUALLY A BUNCH OF US—ASHIKABI AND SEKIREI...


ESCAPE... TEITO...
YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US TOO, IF YOU WANT.
WOULD YOU...
...HELP US OUT?
...NO... NO.
HEY, MUSUBI-CHAN.
OPEN YOUR EYES.
MUSUBI-CHAN!!
YEAH.
SEE YA!
SOMEDAY, HERE IN SHINTOU TEITO!
GOOD LUCK!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN.


...YOU... MENTIONED SHIGI.
ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH SHIGI-KUN?


WE MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT IN PHASE TWO...
...WE TOOK OUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF WEAKLINGS.
IT WAS THEN THAT WE RAN INTO THAT PAIR.
HIS SEKIREI IS BEYOND PATHETIC, AM I RIGHT?


WEAK-LINGS...
I COULDN'T HELP BUT LAUGH AT THE TIME.
IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH, SO WE LET THEM GO.
...HELPING THEM ESCAPE LIKE THAT.
YOU DID GOOD BY THEM...


AND NOW, WITH PHASE THREE GOING ON...
...THINGS ARE ONLY HEATING UP IN THIS DANGEROUS GAME.
YOU'VE GOT THOSE GUYS IN THE SOUTH AND EAST, WITH THEIR BEASTLY SEKIREI BEHIND THEM.
WE'VE GOT NO CHANCE, SO WE'RE HOPING TO RUN.

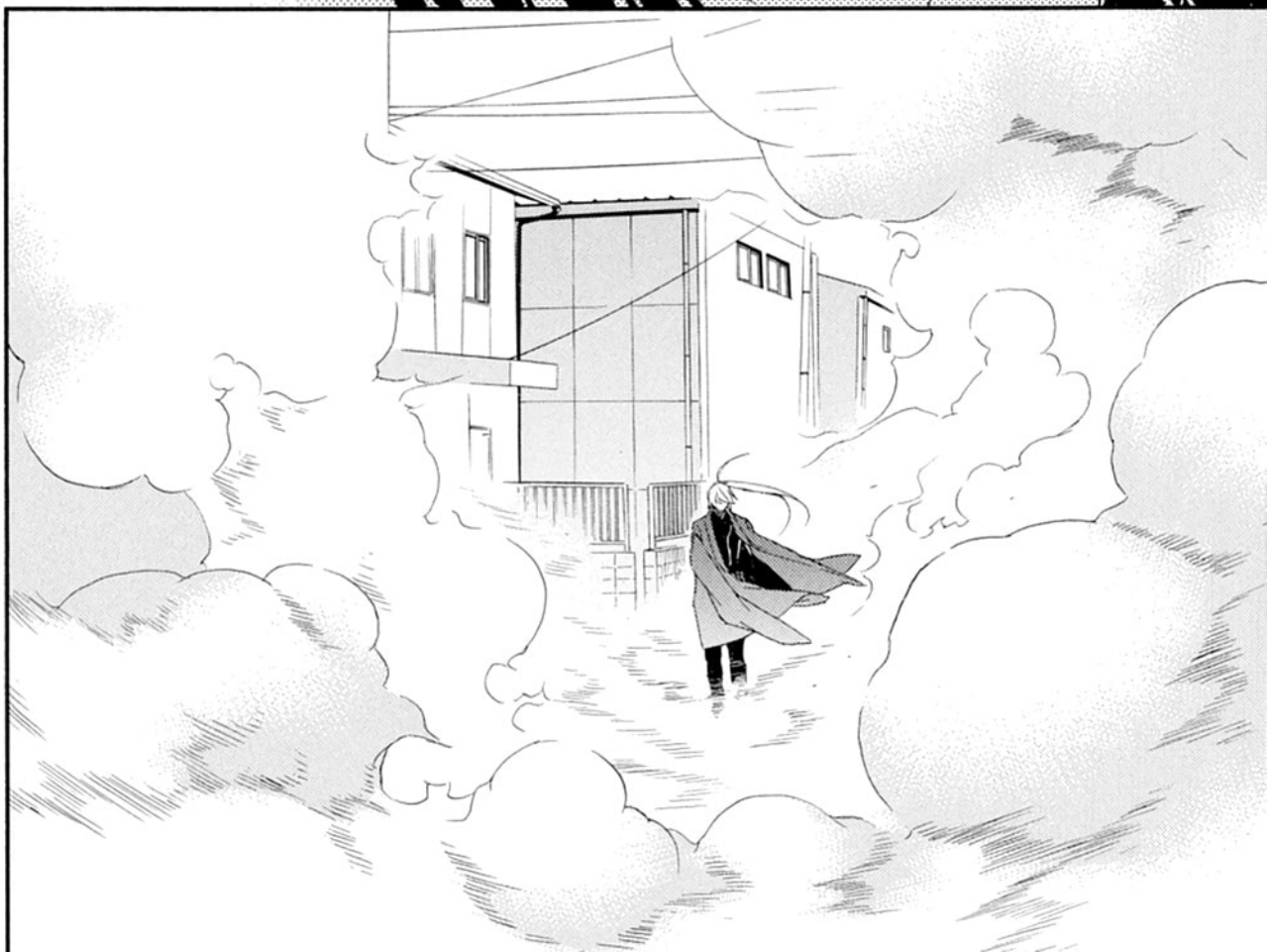

FIRST, WE TRIED ASKING THAT SEO GUY...
NAH, NO WAY.
JUST GIVE UP...
...'COS YOU'RE SURE...
...TO DIE.
YOU HEARD ABOUT ME... FROM SEO-SAN?
WE FOUND YOU THROUGH A DIFFERENT SOURCE.
NOPE.
YOU EVEN FOUGHT THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD, YEAH?
I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY THOSE WEAKLINGS COULD'VE ESCAPED ON THEIR OWN.
GUESSING YOU GUIDED THEM OVER THAT BRIDGE?
...
THEY'RE NOT WEAKLINGS.
KUNO-SAN...
...ISN'T A WEAKLING!


...MM-HM.
IF SEO-SAN SAID IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, THEN IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU CALL OTHER SEKIREI WEAKLINGS? YOU LAUGH AT SHIGI-KUN, WHO WAS TRYING HIS HARDEST?
I'D NEVER HELP YOU.
M mart
CRAP. LET'S GO, NANAHA! IT'S MBI!
FWOOM
FWOOM
...TCH.

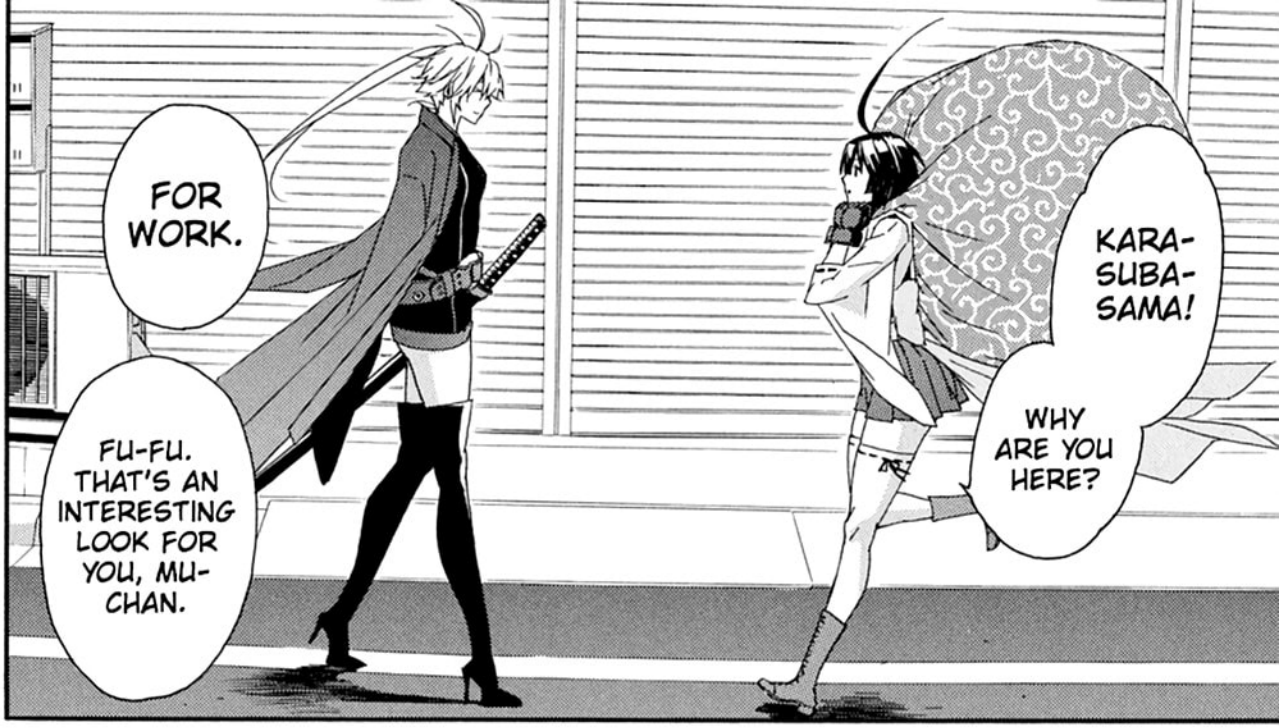

FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
DASH
RUMBLE
FWOOM
FWOOM
RUMBLE


TH-THAT'S QUITE A BIG FORCE TO SEND AFTER THEM.....
NEWS OF THEIR PLAN MUST'VE GOTTEN TO MBI...
ESCAPING... REALLY SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE NOW...






...
HEYA...
...MU-
CHAN.

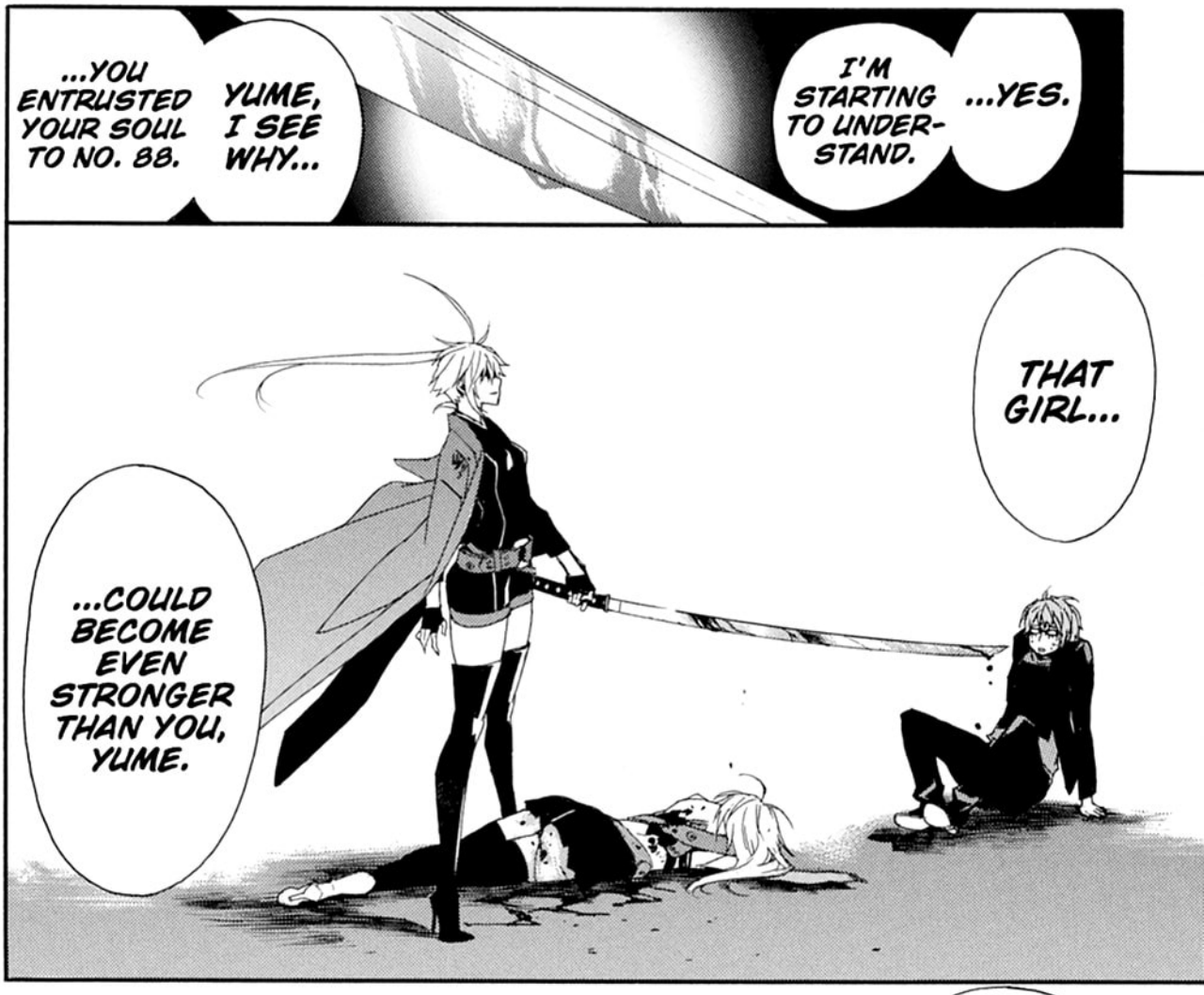

KARA-SUBA-SAMA!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
FOR WORK.
FU-FU. THAT'S AN INTERESTING LOOK FOR YOU, MU-CHAN.


...WELL NOW.


YOUR SEKIREI CORE...
...IS GLOWING BRIGHTER.


MUSUBI LEARNED "BEAR FIST." ♡
YES. ♡
I'LL SEE YOU IN KOUTEN.
HEH HEH.
FU-FU ... I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT PROMISED DAY.
YES!


THOSE TWO WE JUST MET...
...ARE ABOUT TO DIE.
...MINATO-SAN.
DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD ...


...YOU ENTRUSTED YOUR SOUL TO NO. 88.
YUME, I SEE WHY...
I'M STARTING TO UNDER-STAND.
...YES.
THAT GIRL...
...COULD BECOME EVEN STRONGER THAN YOU, YUME.


IT SENDS CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE!

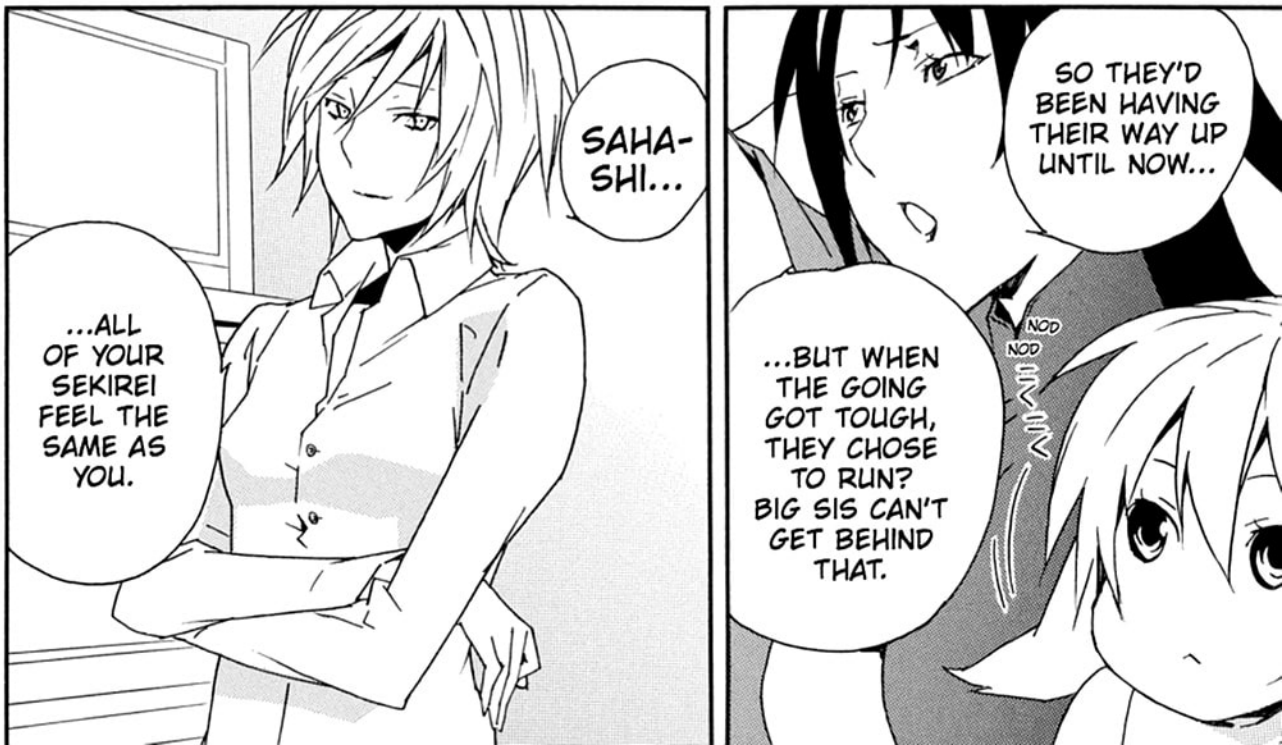


Chapter 84: The Call


WE'RE HOME!
MINATO!
HUH?
WE ONLY WENT OUT TO DO SOME SHOPPING, BUT...
...THEN ALL THAT HAP-PENED ...
AH.


EEP!
THUD
GYAH!
YOU'RE LATE!!
CHOMP
カミカミ
S-SORRY...
DON'T BITE, KU-CHAN...


A GROUP OF ASHIKABI PLOTTING TO ESCAPE TEITO...
—SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.
I REFUSED BEFORE ASKING YOU GUYS HOW YOU FELT...
SORRY.
NATU-RALLY!
...BUT I CANNOT STAND THOSE WHO FLEE FROM BATTLE!
THE CASE OF NO. 95 WAS ONE THING...

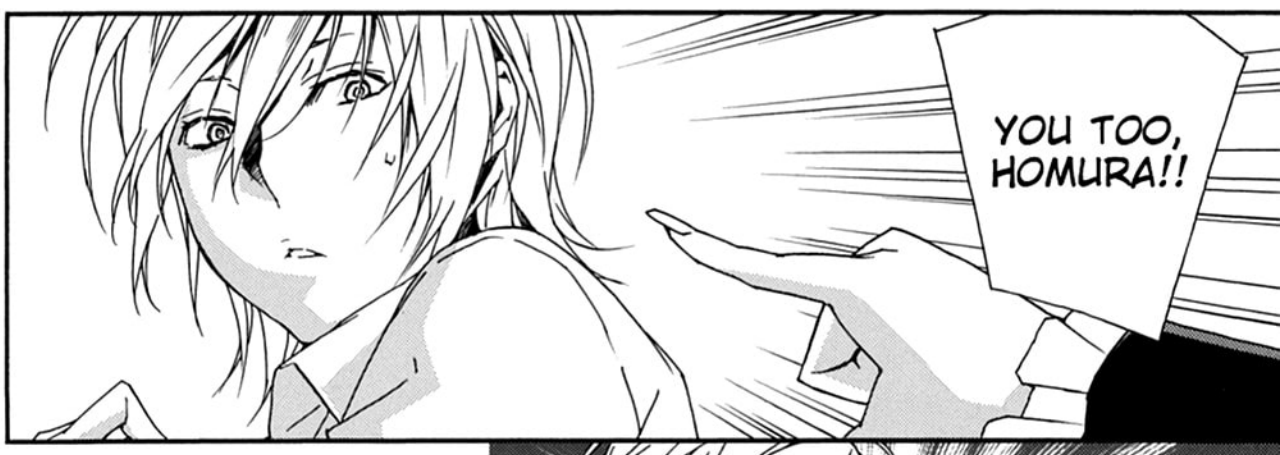

SAHA-SHI...
...ALL OF YOUR SEKIREI FEEL THE SAME AS YOU.
SO THEY'D BEEN HAVING THEIR WAY UP UNTIL NOW...
NOD NOD
...BUT WHEN THE GOING GOT TOUGH, THEY CHOSE TO RUN? BIG SIS CAN'T GET BEHIND THAT.


O-OH.
THANKS ...
YES, YOU WERE RIGHT TO REFUSE.
SPEAKING OF SUCH A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION UNGUARDED AND OUT IN THE OPEN WAS CARELESS OF THEM.
THAT MBI WENT AFTER THEM IS PROOF THAT THE PLAN WAS LEAKED.
RESPONSES TO ATTEMPTED ESCAPES HAVE GOTTEN MUCH HARSHER SINCE THE BRIDGE INCIDENT.
SO WHAT HAPPENED... TO THOSE TWO?
MATSU WAS CURIOUS, SO SHE FOLLOWED UP ON THE MATTER...


I SUSPECT... THEY PLAN TO INTERROGATE HIM ABOUT THE ESCAPE PLAN.
...AND IT SEEMS HER ASHIKABI'S BEEN TAKEN INTO MBI'S CUSTODY.
NO. 78, NANAHA, WAS DISABLED BY THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD...
LEVEL4
CEASED FUNCTIONING
Youichi Himura
No. 78 Nanaha
M.B.I
CLENCH
THE DISCI-PLINARY SQUAD ... AGAIN ...!
WAH!
MUSUBI CAN!!
NO. 04.
I DOUBT ANYONE CAN MATCH HER IN BATTLE AT THIS POINT...
...UNLESS FORMER SQUAD MEMBER NO. 01 WERE TO TAKE ACTION...


MUSUBI WILL GET STRONGER!
MUCH STRON-GER!
STRON-GER AND STRON-GER...
...UNTIL MUSUBI CAN FIGHT AGAINST KARASUBA-SAMA!!
WAIT NOW, MUSUBI !!
IT IS I WHO WILL BE THE STRON-GEST!!


EVERYONE'S OPTIMISM IS ACTUALLY KIND OF UPLIFTING.
PFFT... HEH HEH.
OH, FINE. COUNT ME IN TOO, THEN.
KU TOO!

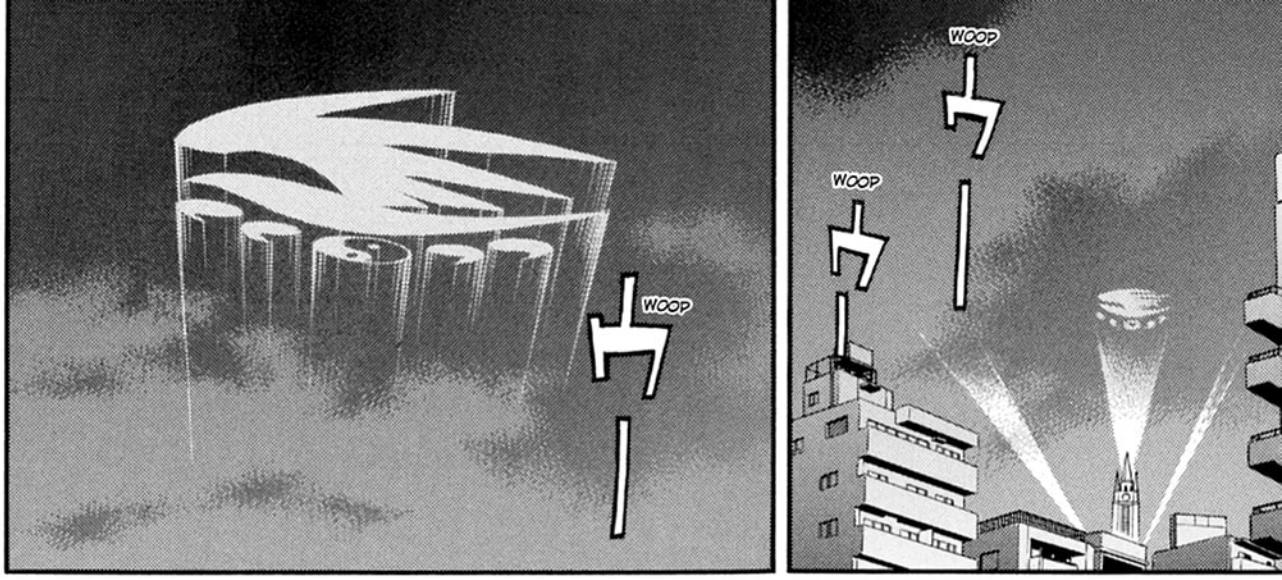

YOU TOO, HOMURA!!


MY, MY.
YOU'RE WORSE THAN AN ASHIKABI.
UNDER-STAND!!?
AS YOU ARE MY RIVAL...
...YOU CANNOT LET ME SURPASS YOU!


HEY, MATSU-SAN.
YES? WHAT IS IT?
.....
TWITCH
YOU'RE... ALWAYS BRINGING UP THIS NO. 01.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE N—?
MMPH.
!?
SHH!
KEEP IT DOWN, SAHASHI.
YOU'RE GONNA SUMMON A SCAAARY DEMON...

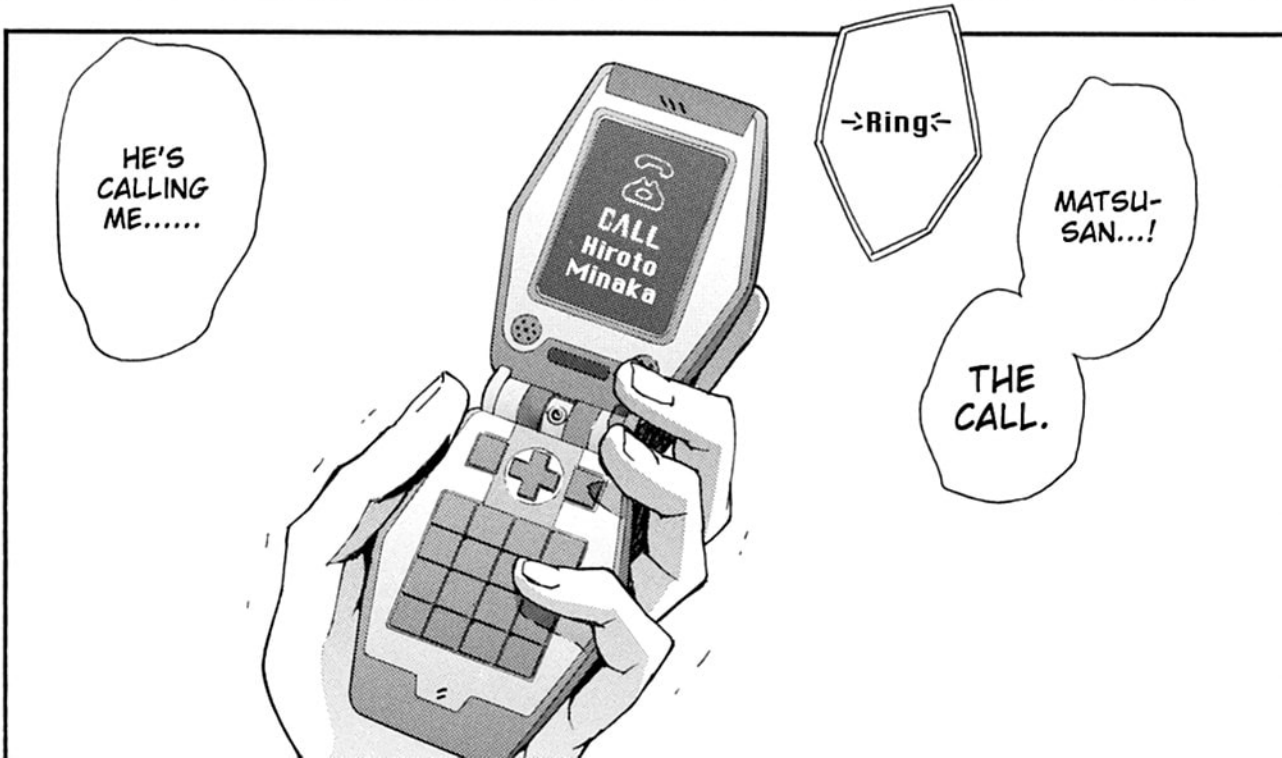

EVERY-ONE...
...DINNER IS SERVED...!
OHH, I'M SORRY, MADAME LANDLADY. I OUGHT TO HAVE HELPED.
NAUGHTY MUSUBI-SAN. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CALL EVERYONE, BUT I FIND YOU HERE PLAYING.
OH, MADAME LAND-LADY. ♡
EH-HEH. SORRYYY!
Y-YES?
..... SAHASHI-SAN.


MISS...
...LAND-LADY...?
NO. 01 IS DEAD ...
...ALONG WITH MBI'S TAKEHITO ASAMA.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP


WOOP
ウー
WOOP
ウー


→Ring←
→Ring←


→Ring←


HE'S CALLING ME.....
CALL Hiroto Minaka
→Ring←
MATSU-SAN...!
THE CALL.


Sorry to keep you all waiting...
...my dear Ashikabi.
The third round...
...is about to begin!

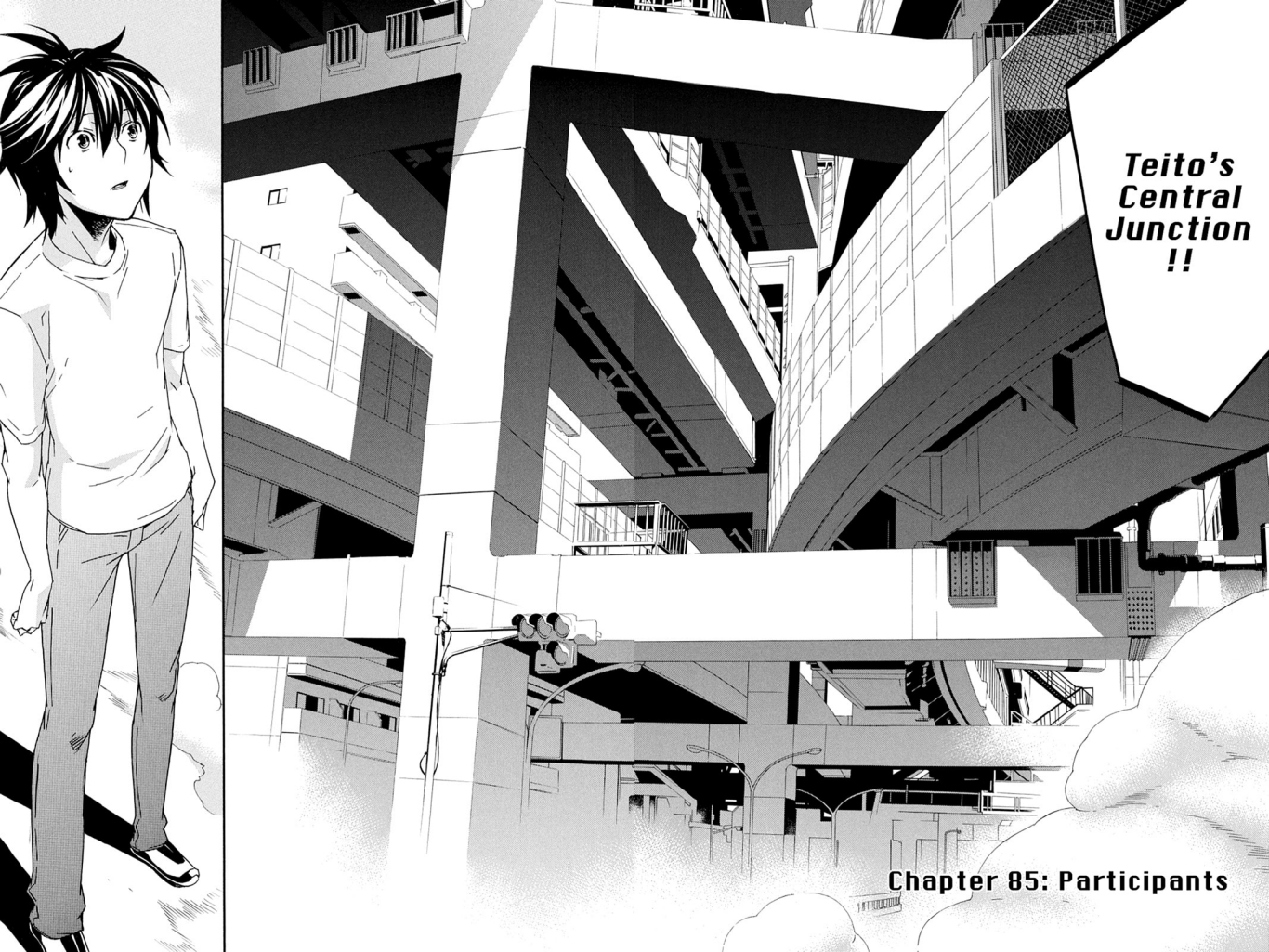

...HIGA-
SAMA...


I'VE FINALLY BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE GAME.


Three teams will participate.
Each Ashikabi is allowed three Sekirei.
I'll explain the rules once you're on site. Isn't this fun?
THREE SEKIREI.....


OF COURSE ...
...I WILL JOIN YOU!!
...MUSUBI WILL COME!!
MINA-TO!
NATURALLY, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME, ARE YOU NOT!?
UMM...I'M A LITTLE OVER-WHELMED...
KU TOO! KU TOO!
MUSUBI IS DEFINITELY GOING! ♡
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT FOR READY FIRE-POWER.
YOU'LL WANT YOUR EXPERIENCED BIG SIS, NO?
KU-FU-FU. THIS COULD GET MESSY! ♡


Welcome, my dear Ashikabi ...
...to the site of round three!
You will fight alongside your Sekirei. Fight, fight...
...and fight some more.
Here, on this stage—



Chapter 85: Participants


WHAT'S WITH THE SMOKE?
...?
THERE'LL BE THREE TEAMS TOTAL.
CAN WE REALLY FIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY...?


I DON'T SENSE ANYONE AROUND HERE... NO CARS EITHER...
THE AREA'S PROBABLY BEEN COMPLETELY EVACUATED.
SO WE MAY FIGHT TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT, THEN.
I'M SO EXCITED! ♡♡
HA HA...
L-LET'S DO OUR BEST.
YES! ♡
EACH ASHIKABI IS ALLOWED THREE SEKIREI...


WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE, MINA-TAN?


THIS WHOLE COMPE-TITION'S A LITTLE SHAME-LESS...
.....
KU-FU. KU-FU-FU.
WELL, MINA-TAN?


MUSUBI WILL FIGHT!!
I OUGHT TO GO!


I ASSUME YOU'LL TAKE BIG SIS WITH YOU?
KU TOO! KU TOO! KU TOO!

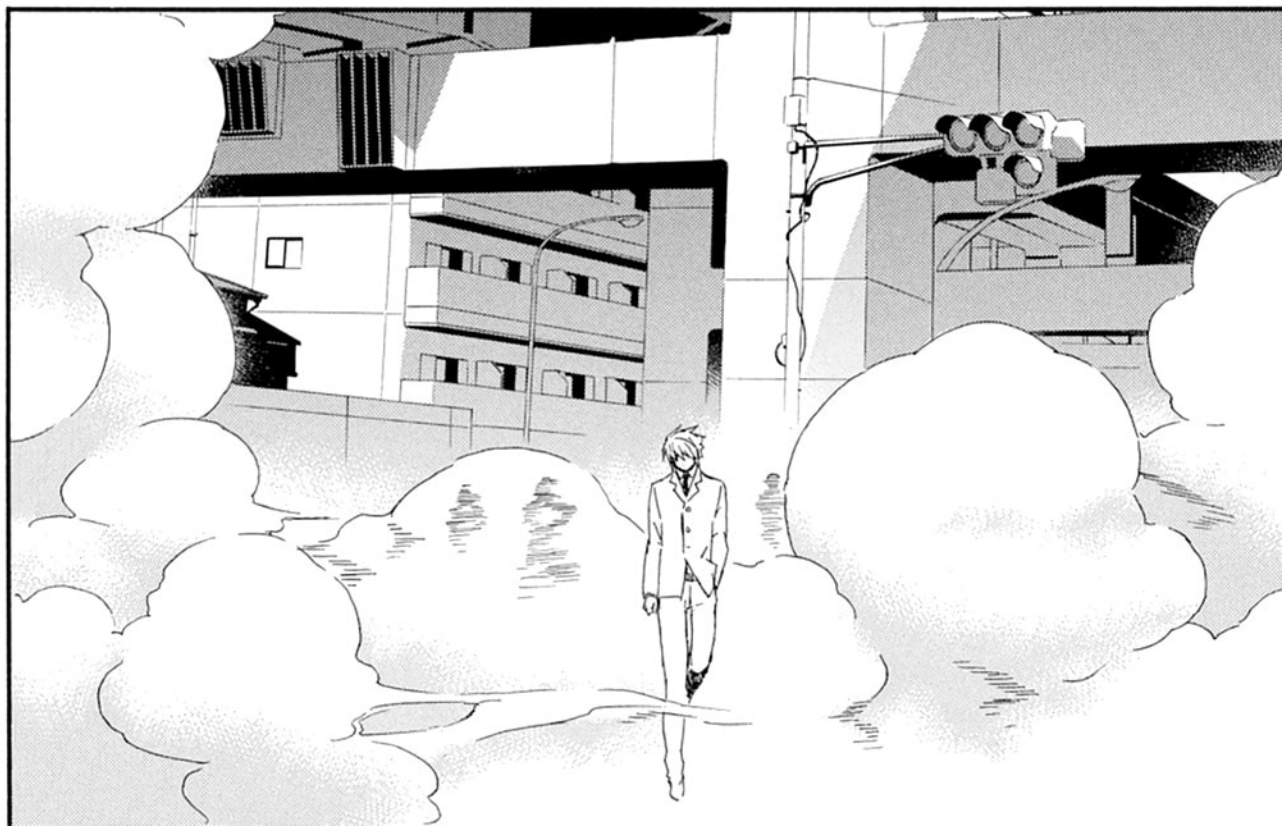

-Beep-
-Beep-
MINA-TAN, CHECK YOUR PHONE.
OH, WE'VE GOT THE LOCATION.
TEITO'S...
...CENTRAL JUNCTION...?
FLIP
...SEEMS SO.
UMM... DOES THAT MEAN...
WELL, GIVEN THE PROCESSING PLANT AND NOW THIS, I'VE GOT A SENSE OF THE CEO'S STYLE.
...WE'LL BE USING THAT GIANT, MULTILEVEL STRUCTURE ...?


...IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT TO MAKE IT PAST THIS STAGE...
BUT...
...I...
...REALLY DON'T WANT TO LEAD ANY OF YOU INTO DANGER.
GRIP
IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY FORWARD FOR US...
...THEN I'LL FIGHT TOO.
I'LL FIGHT WITH ALL I HAVE.


MUSUBI-CHAN...
YES!
KAGARI-SAN...
TSUKI-UMI...
R-RIGHT.
...WILL YOU THREE COME WITH ME?




LOOK, MINATO-SAN!

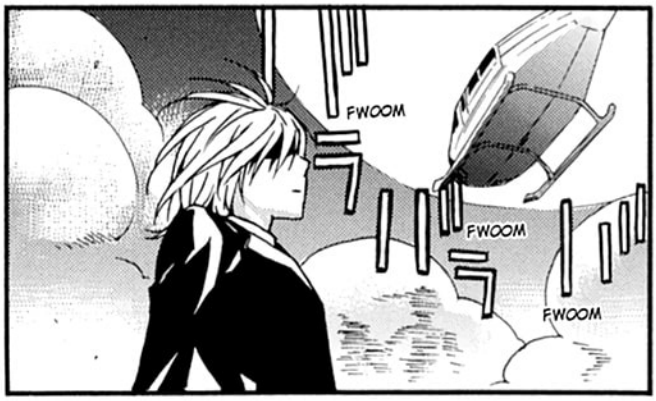


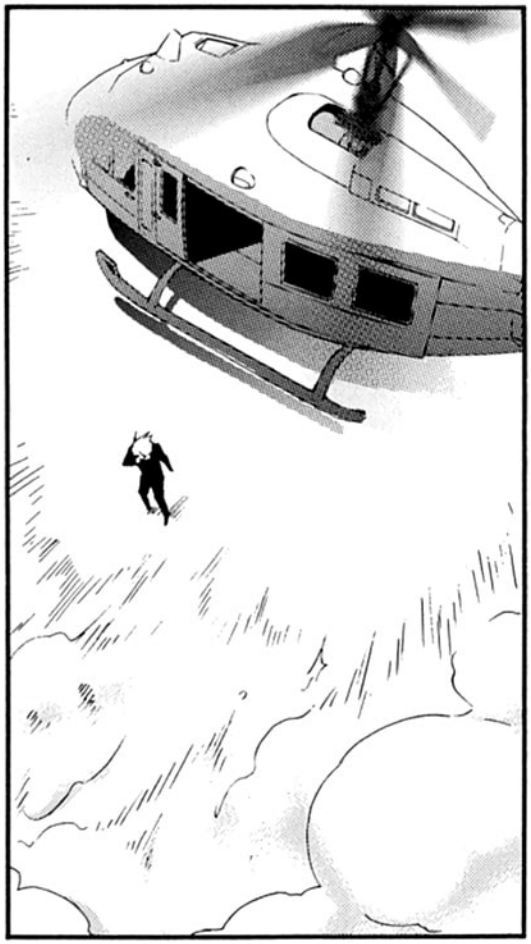

AHH.
YOU'RE A PAR-TICIPANT, AREN'T YOU?
OH?
YOU'RE ...
AAH!
MASTER!! THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DID IN KATSURAGI !!
YOU! FROM WHEN HOMURA WAS WINGED!!
DAMN YOU!! YOU'RE DEAD!!
—ORIHA.


I HAVE NO NEED FOR SEKIREI WHO DON'T OBEY ME.
I DON'T REMEMBER GIVING YOU AN ORDER.
UNDER-STAND?
HIGA-SAMA!
.....
...YES, SIR...
.....
...!
AND YOU ARE...?
HOW RUDE OF ME. YOU'RE...
...THE "NORTHERN ASHIKABI," MINATO SAHASHI-KUN, NO?


IZUMI HIGA.
AN ASHIKABI.
!
THE EASTERN ASHIKABI ...!
MINATO SAHASHI-KUN...
...I'VE BEEN WANTING TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH YOU.
W-WITH ME?
HAVE YOU...
...EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING DOWN MBI?


FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM


FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM






I CAN'T BELIEVE THE CEO LAID DOWN ALL THIS DAMN SMOKE.
ALWAYS WITH THE THEATRICS.
LOOKS LIKE...ALL TRAFFIC IS STOPPED... ON THIS HIGHWAY...
SERIOUSLY? THAT'S CRAZY.
IT'S MEANT TO DEMONSTRATE MBI'S POWER TO THE WORLD.
OR MAYBE HE'S JUST HAVING FUN WITH THIS.
OR PERHAPS THOSE TWO GOALS ARE ONE AND THE SAME. I'D HONESTLY RATHER NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WARPED MIND THINKS.
AH-HA-HA, NICE ONE!
HEH... HEH HEH... THAT'S FUNNY .....
EITHER WAY, WE'RE HERE ON THE CEO'S ORDERS.
SNAP
LET'S ENJOY THIS THIRD ROUND.
BENI-TSUBASA.
HAIHANE.


ROGER THAT! ♡
I WONDER WHO'S COME TO DIE TODAY? ☆



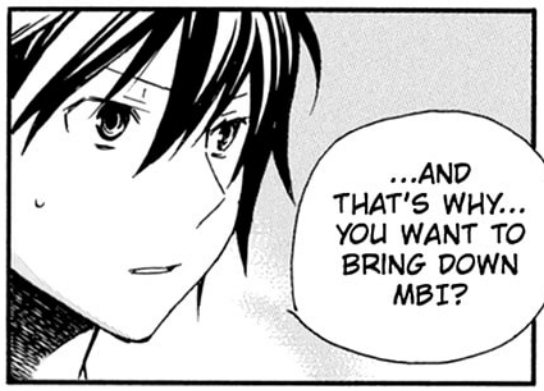
Chapter 86: Third Round, Start!


HAVE YOU...
...EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING DOWN MBI?
TAKING DOWN...
...MBI ...?


DON'T YOU THINK IT'S UNREASONABLE...
!?
...THAT, ONE DAY, THEY DECIDED YOU WERE AN "ASHIKABI"...
...AND DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS UNKNOWABLE, LIFE-OR-DEATH GAME?
.....
SAHASHI-KUN...
...I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK ON YOU.
YOU'RE A ROUNIN, AREN'T YOU?
YOU NEVER REALLY HAD THE SPARE TIME TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS GAME.


THERE ARE PLENTY OUT THERE WHO'VE HAD THEIR LIVES TURNED UPSIDE DOWN...
...BY MBI'S SELFISH DISPLAY OF ITS MASSIVE POWER.
AND IT'S NOT JUST YOU.


AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT.
YES.


...AND THAT'S WHY... YOU WANT TO BRING DOWN MBI?


...?
M-ME? BUT I'M JUST A ROUNIN, LIKE YOU SAID...
...MY, MY. YOU *TOO*?


YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR OWN VALUE.


THIS WOULD BE FOR THOSE OTHER, POOR ASHIKABI'S SAKE TOO.
MINATO SAHASHI-KUN.
WON'T YOU JOIN ME?
I'VE MET HIGA A FEW TIMES MYSELF.
HE'S ACTUALLY OPPOSED TO THE WHOLE SEKIREI PLAN.
AND HE'S GOT A FEW OTHER ASHIKABI UNDER HIM.
ANYWAY, NOT REALLY A GUY YOU WANNA PISS OFF.


...HIGA-SAN.


BUT... I CAN'T FIGURE OUT YOUR REAL MOTIVE.
I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, AND I THINK I AGREE.


TEITO IS A SCARY PLACE...
...SO DON'T GO AROUND TRUSTING STRANGERS.
IT'S LIKE MOM ALWAYS SAID.


TODAY, WE MEET AS ENEMIES.
GO EASY ON ME, WON'T YOU?
IF YOU HAPPEN TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, GIVE ME A RING.
BUT...
HMPH ...
SO OUR NEGOTI-ATIONS ARE OVER BEFORE THEY'VE BEGUN?
I SWEAR ...
...YOU TWO SHARE THAT SAME STUB-BORNNESS.
...!?
..... SAHASHI.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD REFUSE HIM, JUST LIKE THAT?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
AH...SORRY. I KNOW YOU'RE IN THE CAMP THAT WANTS TO TAKE DOWN MBI, KAGARI-SAN...
STRATEGICALLY SPEAKING, IT MIGHT BE SMART TO HAVE A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE "EAST."
...THAT GUY...
HE SAID HE DOESN'T NEED SEKIREI WHO DON'T OBEY HIM...

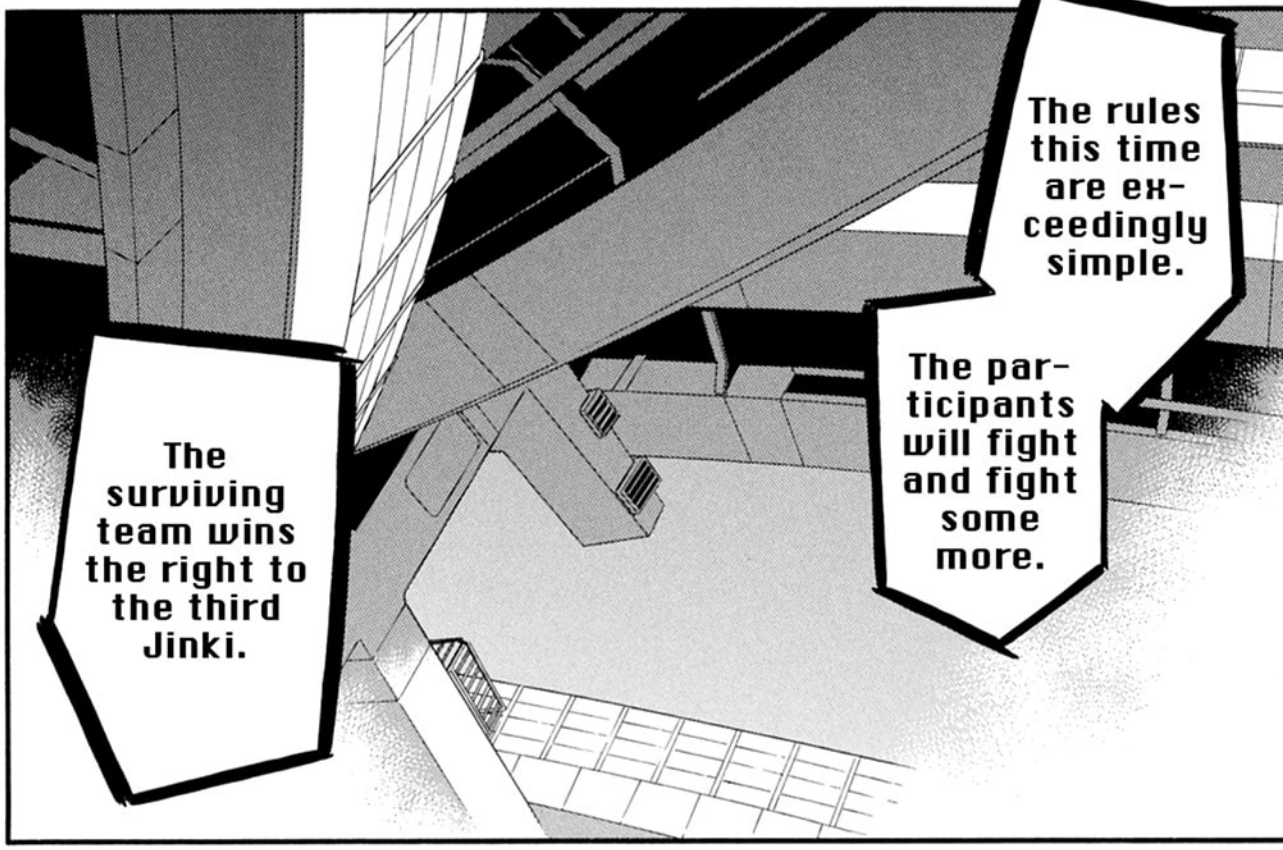

SORRY... BUT I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
...AND THAT... REALLY MADE ME ANGRY, FOR SOME REASON...
MM-HM.
ACHOO!
AS YOUR WIFE, I HAVE TO WORRY. YOU MUSTN'T MAKE ANY MORE STRANGE FRIENDS. SEO IS ONE TOO MANY!!
MINATO! SO MANY OUT THERE ARE WAITING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR SIMPLE NATURE.
MU-MUSUBI-CHAN.
MINATO-SAN, YOU JUST DON'T LIKE MEAN PEOPLE. WE GET IT! ♡
IT'S JUST LIKE THE ASHIKABI WE MET ON THE WAY BACK FROM SHOPPING!


GUESS THIS MEANS WE'RE UP AGAINST THE EAST.
ALSO, THE THIRD TEAM...
GAH! SO ANNOY-ING!
GET THIS SMOKE OUTTA MY FACE.
HEH... HEH-HEH... NO USE FIGHTING... AGAINST SMOKE.....
HEY, NATSUO, WHY ISN'T BLACK HERE?
OH, SHE HAD SOME DISCIPLINARY SQUAD WORK TO TAKE CARE OF.
NO FAIR! SHE GOT OUT OF THIS!!
HEH HEH... HEH... YEAH...I KNOW...
BLACK ...?
THAT VOICE...! COULD IT BE...?


...AH.
YOU!


Mwa-ha-ha-ha-ha!!
SCREEEE
All the players ...
...have arrived at the stage!
SO LOOOUD.
SO HE'S SET UP SPEAKERS EVERY-WHERE?


In that case...
...let the third round begin!!


The rules this time are exceedingly simple.
The participants will fight and fight some more.
The surviving team wins the right to the third Jinki.


This is—
That's right.


A battle royale!!
YOU'VE GOT MINA-TAN, WHO HELPED WITH THE ESCAPE PLAN...
...AND THE DIS-CIPLINARY SQUAD.
..."EAST," WHO'S BEEN MAKING SUSPICIOUS MOVES AGAINST THE WHOLE PROJECT...
YOU CAN CALL IT THE "THIRD ROUND," BUT IT'S REALLY A PURGE...!
CLAK
CLAK
CLAK
...YOU'VE DONE IT NOW, CEO.


BATTLE ...
...ROYALE .....
IF WORST COMES TO WORST, I CAN HELP.
IF I MELT DOWN, THEN AT LEAST YOU GUYS CAN...
WHISPER
SAHA-SHI.
CLENCH
THIS IS WHAT I FEARED MOST...
...!
SO LET'S GO WIN THIS.
THAT'S OUR ONLY OPTION.
... KAGARI-SAN.
I'M NOT LOSING ANYBODY, HERE.


SAHA-SHI...
INDEED, HOMURA!!
WE'LL ALL FIGHT TOGETHER! ♡
YOU WON'T STEAL OUR SPOT-LIGHT!!
Now...


Every-
one...
...let
the
blood-
bath...
...begin!!

Side Story: The Hair-Raising Modifier




KAZE-HANA-SAN— YOU WENT ON A TRIP, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. ♡
I MET KU-CHAN RIGHT AFTER SHE CALLED OUT TO ME...
YAY! ♡
MUSUBI-CHAN, FOR INSTANCE ...
...WAS WANDERING AROUND, HUNGRY, AFTER LEAVING MBI.
THEN MINATO-SAN GAVE ME A HAMBURGER! ♡♡
AND MATSU-SAN AND KAGARI-SAN WERE HERE AT IZUMO INN THE WHOLE TIME.
YEAH. MIYA ACTUALLY INVITED ME TO STAY HERE, BUT...
...MATSU, BEING A WANTED WOMAN, JUST HID UP IN THAT ROOM.
YOU SAY THAT WITH SUCH VENOM, HOMURA-TAN.
MMM .....
OH. I-IF IT'S TOO HARD TO EXPLAIN ...
IT SEEMS...YOU WON'T BE SATISFIED WITHOUT AN ANSWER ...
...NO!
TO KEEP SECRETS FROM MY HUSBAND IS TO SULLY MY TITLE OF "TRUE WIFE"!!


I STAYED ...
...WITH MY MODIFIER.
THIS IS A FINE CHANCE ...
...TO TELL YOU MY TALE.
SHE WAS NOT MODIFIER TO ANY OTHERS HERE. WHILE YOU ALL EMERGED INTO THE WORLD DIRECTLY FROM MBI...
...MY CIRCUM-STANCES WERE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.
EVER SINCE I WAS A SPROUT EVEN SMALLER THAN YOUNG KUSANO, I LIVED WITH THAT HAG...
...WITH MY MODIFIER, IN HER MANSION HERE IN TEITO.
TSUKIUMI!!


YOU!!
COME DOWN AT ONCE! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT CLIMBING UP SO HIGH IS DANGEROUS!?
I REFUSE.
GRANNY WANTS TO GIVE TSUKIUMI A SHOT. SHOTS HURT.
MY BUTT IS ALREADY FULL OF HOLES.
A LADY SHOULD NOT BE TALKING ABOUT HER BUTT LIKE THAT!
BUT I GUARANTEE YOUR BUTT'LL BE SORE FOR MAKING ME CHASE AFTER YOU!
AH.
TOPPLE
WAAAH!
FWUMP


ROAR
EEK!
NOW TIME FOR YOUR PUNISH-MENT!!
GRAB
GRANNY...
SQUEEZE
YOU FOOL ...!!
DON'T WORRY ME LIKE THAT...!


THINKING BACK, THOSE SHOTS WERE LIKELY MEANT TO HELP MY SEKIREI BODY ADAPT TO THE ENVIRONMENT...
ANYHOW, THE HAG WAS A STRICT WOMAN, IN THAT SENSE.
I TREMBLED IN FEAR EVERY DAY AT THAT YOUNG AGE...
MATSU'S SEKIREI TRIVIA
☆ADAPTIVE MODIFICATION BEGINS FROM AN EARLY AGE. THAT'S WHY MATURE SEKIREI DON'T REQUIRE FURTHER MODIFICATION.


...FROM TAKE-HITO-SAN.
THIS WOMAN... I'VE HEARD ABOUT HER...
KU'S ALSO SCARED OF SHOTS!
SOUNDS A LOT LIKE MY MOM, ACTUALLY .....


AH.
MISS LAND-LADY.
I HEAR SHE'S A SPECIAL CONSULTANT AT MBI, UNMATCHED EVEN BY HIROTO MINAKA.
THOUGH SHE'S OVER SEVENTY, SHE DOESN'T LOOK IT.
TAKEHITO-SAN CLAIMED SHE WAS MORE OF A MAD SCIENTIST THAN HIM EVEN, IN ONE SENSE.
!!
SHUDDER
MORE THAN HIM...!?
HER NAME IS, UMM...
MIYA-JIMA—
DON'T SAY IT!!
DON'T SAY HER NAME, MADAME LAND-LADY!!
WHO KNOWS WHAT IT WOULD SUM-MON?
RING
OH? THE PHONE?
RING
RING
RING
CLICK
YES?
HELLO?
...OH.


TSUKI-UMI-SAN.
JOLT
WH-WHAT IS IT!?
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
IT'S FOR YOU.
...IT'S...
...IT'S ME.
...WHY HAVEN'T YOU WRITTEN ...
...SINCE LEAVING HOME, TSUKIUMI ?
Are you well?
Y-YES.
A-AND YOU, GRANNY?
I'm fine.



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IN VOLUME 10
...!


OUR ANIME'S GETTING ANOTHER SEASON, MUSUBU!!
YES, GEKKAI-SAN! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL ALSO BE TOGETHER FOREVER!



MINATO'S NIGHTMARES GO ON, FOREVER AND EVER...

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.
***-san*:** The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.
***-sama*:** Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.
***-kun*:** Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.
***-chan*:** An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

PAGE 9
"If you shoot lightning, then you should be wearing tiger-stripe bikinis!!": Sanada is apparently a fan of Rumiko Takahashi's *Urusei Yatsura* series, whose heroine, the alien Lum, wears a tiger-stripe bikini and has lightning powers.

PAGE 10
"I'm Nishi Sanada-sama." / "Sanada of the West...!!": "Nishi" means "west" in Japanese, and Nishi Sanada just happens to be the powerful Ashikabi from the western area of Teito.

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