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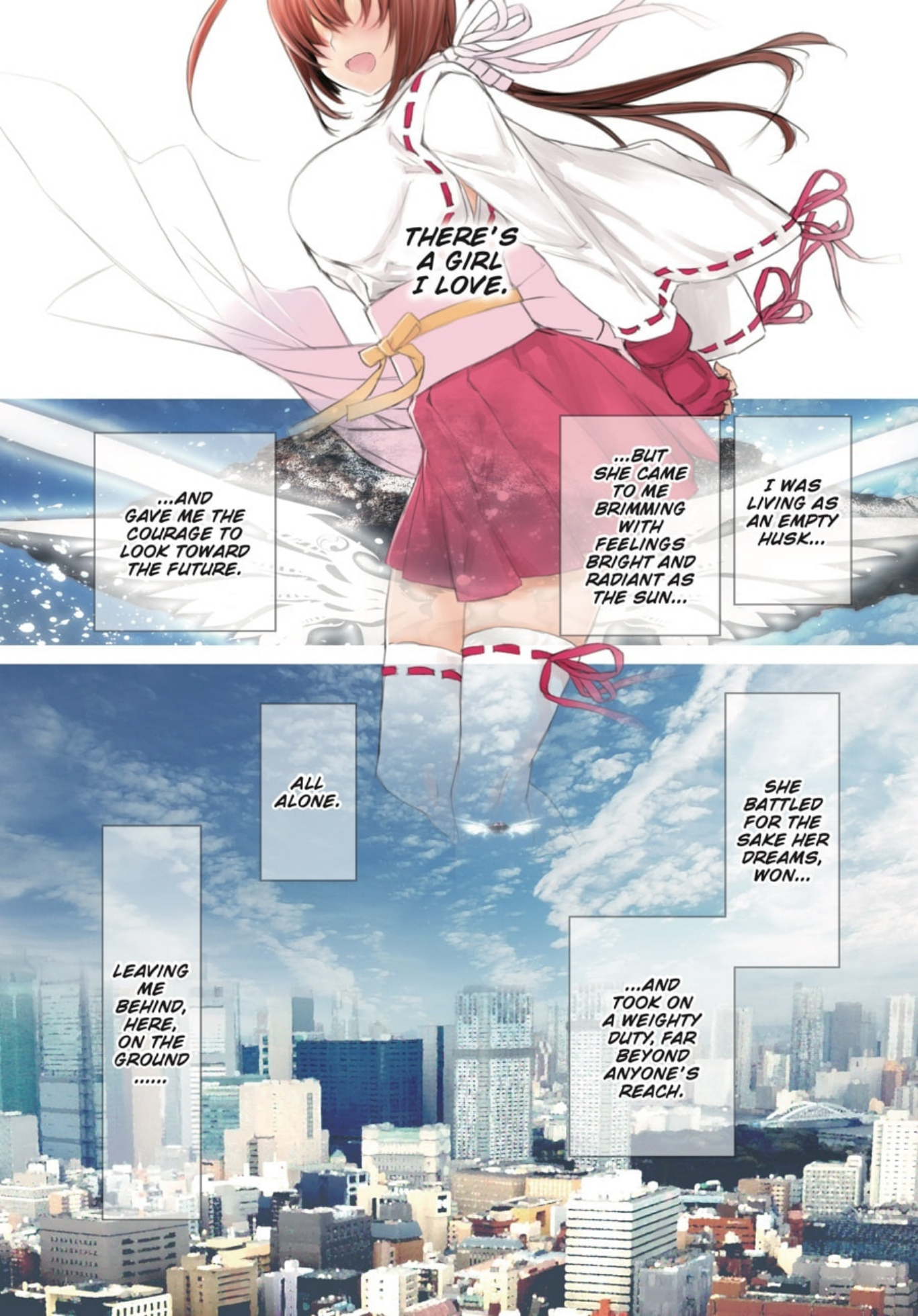
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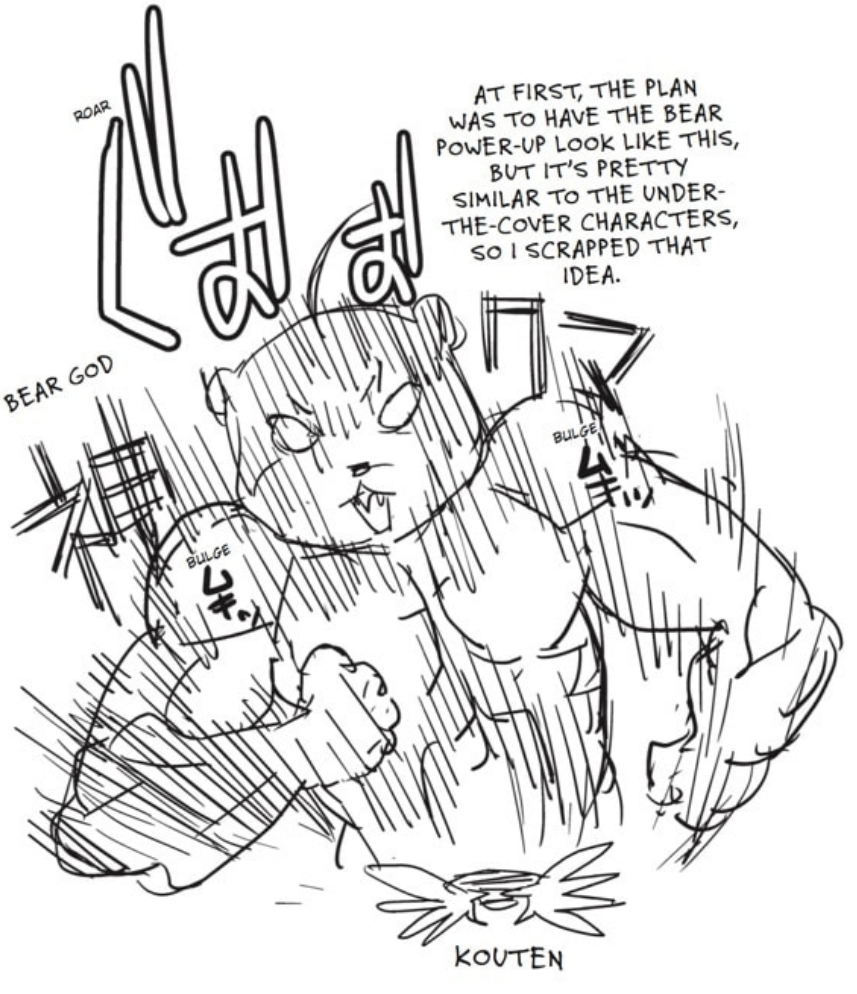
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THERE'S A GIRL I LOVE.
I WAS LIVING AS AN EMPTY HUSK...
...BUT SHE CAME TO ME BRIMMING WITH FEELINGS BRIGHT AND RADIANT AS THE SUN...
...AND GAVE ME THE COURAGE TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE.
SHE BATTLED FOR THE SAKE HER DREAMS, WON...
...AND TOOK ON A WEIGHTY DUTY, FAR BEYOND ANYONE'S REACH.
ALL ALONE.
LEAVING ME BEHIND, HERE, ON THE GROUND .....



Chapter 1: Reactivation


ROAR
AT FIRST, THE PLAN WAS TO HAVE THE BEAR POWER-UP LOOK LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S PRETTY SIMILAR TO THE UNDER-THE-COVER CHARACTERS, SO I SCRAPPED THAT IDEA.
BEAR GOD
BULGE
BULGE
KOUTEN

THE SEKIREI PROJECT UNFOLDED HERE IN SHINTOU TEITO.



WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A BATTLE ROYAL FOR THEIR VERY SURVIVAL.



I'M MINATO SAHASHI—IT WAS MY SEKIREI WHO WAS VICTORIOUS.

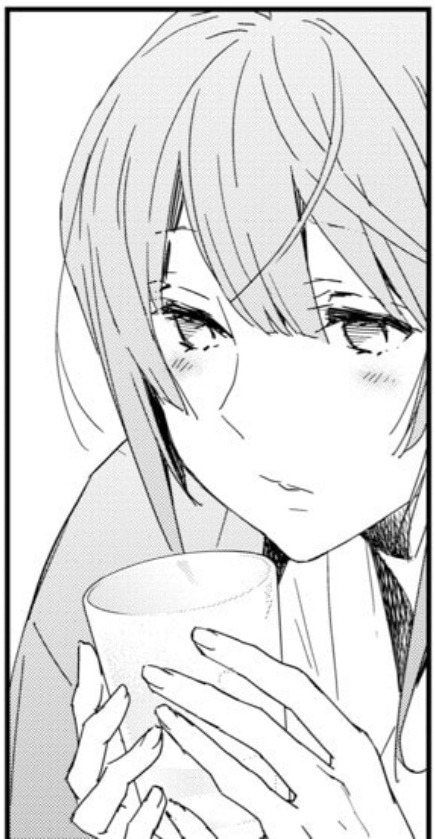

...THE DAY OF THAT FINAL BATTLE ...
...MBI FORCED THE REMAINING ASHIKABI AND SEKIREI TO LEAVE THE ISLAND.
WE ALL...
...WENT BACK TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.
LIVES WITHOUT CONSTANT BATTLING.
...MY OLD LIFE.


ACHOO!
CHILLY...
RIGHT. IT'S AUTUMN ALREADY.
SNIFFLE
...GOOD MORNING.


MORNING, KU-CHAN.
HEY! MIYA-CHAN SAID...
...SHE WANTED TO DRINK SOME WATER. ALL ON HER OWN!


HERE'S YOUR WATER, MIYA-CHAAAN!

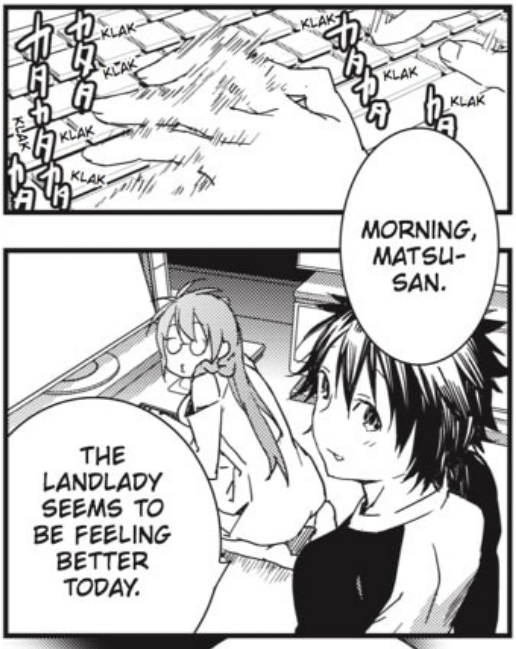

OH!
GOOD MORNING, BIG BROTHER! ♡

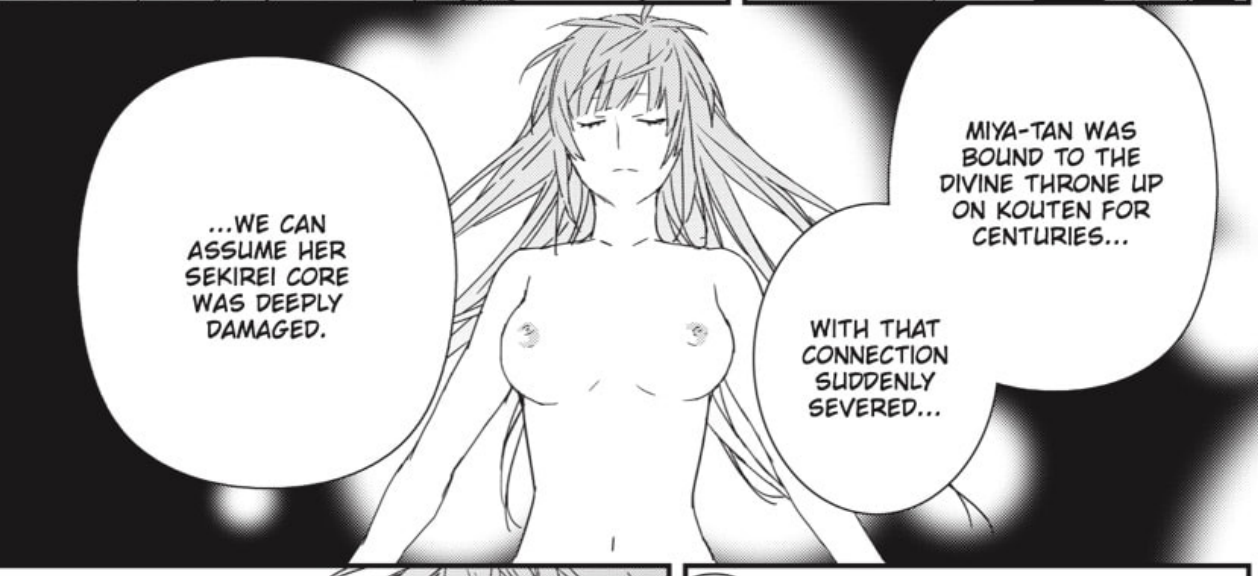







INDEED.
BUT SHE'S STILL FAR FROM STABLE...


KLAK
MORNING, MATSU-SAN.
THE LANDLADY SEEMS TO BE FEELING BETTER TODAY.


...WE CAN ASSUME HER SEKIREI CORE WAS DEEPLY DAMAGED.
MIYA-TAN WAS BOUND TO THE DIVINE THRONE UP ON KOUTEN FOR CENTURIES...
WITH THAT CONNECTION SUDDENLY SEVERED...


...YET...
...UPON RETURNING TO IZUMO INN, SHE SAID ONE THING—
...SHE'LL... BE LIKE THIS FOR THE REST OF HER DAYS.
I DARESAY THERE'S A CHANCE...
...SHE'D LOST HER MEMORIES AND EVEN THE ABILITY TO SPEAK.
AFTER NO. 01 CAME DOWN FROM KOUTEN... WHEN SHE FINALLY AWOKE...


...TAKEHITO-SAN.
...OH. SPEAKING OF!
ANOTHER TERMINATED SEKIREI HAS BEEN REACTIVATED.
OH?
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
...
RIGHT.
...AND MBI'S BEEN TRYING NONSTOP TO MAKE CONTACT WITH KOUTEN, BUT...
KLAK
カカカカ
KLAK
KLAK
...THERE'S POSITIVELY NO RESPONSE FROM HER.
...MINA-TAN...


WHY...!?
WHY'D SHE HAVE TO GO TO KOUTEN ALONE...!?
NOW THAT KOUTEN HAS AN OFFICIAL CONTROLLER, INSTEAD OF JUST A PROVISIONAL ONE...
...EVEN MATSU'S NORITO CAN'T INTERVENE.
AND FOR HER TO WIELD KOUTEN'S ABILITIES AS SHE DESIRES, SHE HAS TO REMAIN THERE...
... MEANING ...
...IF THIS REALLY IS HER WILL...
...THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
SHE BASICALLY IS KOUTE, NOW.
WITHOUT HER, IT COULD GO HAYWIRE.
IT MIGHT EVEN CAUSE UNPRECEDENTED CATASTROPHE ON A GLOBAL SCALE...
...I...!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE... I TOLD YOU YOU COULD DO IT.
I TOLD YOU I BELIEVED IN YOU.
THAT'S WHY YOU WENT UP THERE...ALL ALONE...
ALL BY YOURSELF...!


I'M SORRY...!
SORRY...!
I'M SO SORRY!
...CHAN...!
SMOK-ING?
THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU.
...OH, SORRY.
I WAS JUST SPACING OUT.
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
DON'T SEE YOU SMOKING MUCH THESE DAYS.
SAHA-SHI...


...HOW'S YOUR JOB BEEN LATELY...?
KAGARI-SAN...
YOU KIDDING ME?
OBVIOUSLY CAN'T WORK AS A HOST WITH THESE.
AH. S-SORRY 'BOUT THAT...
WAIT... WHY'RE YOU APOLO-GIZING?
I MEAN, IT'S EMBAR-RASSING, SURE, BUT...
BLUSH
AND... I GOT A CALL FROM TAKAMI-SAN EARLIER.
SINCE MORE AND MORE SEKIREI ARE REACTIVATING, SHE ASKED ME...
...IF I'D PLAY THE ROLE OF "GUARDIAN" AGAIN.
OH...? WHAT'D YOU SAY?
SAHA-SHI...
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MM...
STILL NOT SURE...
THINGS WERE DIFFERENT THEN, BEFORE I WAS WINGED...
.....
KAGARI-SAN, YOU COULD DEFINITELY ...


SORRY.
... NEVER MIND.
I MEAN... WHAT DO I KNOW?
...HUH.
IZUMO INN IS A NO-SMOKING ZONE!!
SPLOOSH
SIZZLE


HOMU-RA!
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO SLACK OFF, THEN AT LEAST HANG UP THE LAUNDRY!!
DRIP
DRIP
I'M OFF TO THE SUPER-MARKET.
THERE ARE BIG BARGAINS TODAY!!
HERE. TOWEL!
TH-THANKS.
TSUKI-UMI.
SORRY THAT MOST OF THE HOUSEWORK'S FALLING TO YOU...
IT'S FINE.
YOU HAVE YOUR STUDIES. THAT'S YOUR JOB, SO TO SPEAK.
AND HOUSE-WORK IS A WIFE'S DUTY.
SO SIMPLY CHEER ME ON AND DON'T LET IT TROUBLE YOU!
...LEMME HELP, AT LEAST. I CAN CARRY THE HEAVIER GROCERIES.
RIGHT? WE NEED RICE, DON'T WE?
RICE?
RICE...
.....


DRIP
...WE DON'T NEED RICE.


SHE WAS THE BIGGEST GLUTTON HERE AT IZUMO INN.
AND NOW, SHE ...!!


RICE ...!
TSUKIU —
WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
BE-CAUSE SHE...


SHOWING YOU THIS PATHETIC SIDE...
... ISN'T LIKE ME!


DON'T LOOK AT ME.
... TSUKI-UMI...


IT JUST ISN'T ME.....
...LET ME...
... GO DO THE SHOPPING.
YEAH.
THANKS, KAZEHANA-SAN...
DON'T WORRY.
JUST GIVE HER SOME TIME.
BOTTLE: SAKE
...SHEESH. THIS...
...ISN'T LIKE ME EI-THER.....


...SO I GUESS YOU'RE WATCHING OVER US NOW.
BUT WILL WE EVER GET USED TO LIFE WITHOUT YOU AROUND?
.....CHAN.
MA-CHAN! MA-CHAN!!
SCAMPER
EEK!
WH-WHAT IS IT!??
BAM
SCAMPER
HEY, HEY, HOW ABOUT...
...WE GO HANG OUT ON KOUTEN?


HUH?
LET'S JUST GO UP THERE TO PLAY!
THEN NOBODY WILL BE LONELY AND SAD!
LOOK!
!
...I SEE.
HMM...
THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
WELL?
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
-From the English Folktale-
HOW CAN MATSU BE OF ASSISTANCE?
HUH?
A "BEAN"?
A GOOD, STRONG STRAIN?
OBVIOUSLY, THE PHARMACEUTICAL SIDE OF THE HIYAMA CONGLOMERATION HAS A WEALTH OF WELL-ESTABLISHED DATA...
IN FACT, OUR BOTANY RESEARCH SURPASSES EVEN WHAT MBI CAN BOAST.
HOW-EVER ...
?


Why should we in the east honor a request from the north!?
OH? FORGOTTEN ALREADY?
KU FU KU FU KU FU!
THAT THE GAME'S WINNING TEAM HOLDS THE FATE OF ALL SEKIREI IN ITS HANDS? AND NORTH WON, SO...
TCH! UNDER-HANDED ...!
BUT NORTH... REACTIVATED US ALL...
TELL HER WHAT SHE WANTS.
OR I'LL REPORT YOU... TO HIGA-SAMA...
I'VE SKIMMED THROUGH OUR DATABASE, AND IT SEEMS WE HAVE NO LIVE SAMPLES.
I CAN ONLY SEND YOU THE LOCATION WHERE OUR RESEARCHERS FOUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
GREAT! THAT'S A BIG HELP.
ENGLAND...? WHERE THE TALE COMES FROM... HEH-HEH.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WE KNOW SOME PEOPLE SCOURING THE EARTH FOR EVIDENCE OF SEKIREI.
TIME TO EXPLOIT THAT OLD CONNEC-TION...
...WHAT DO YOU WANT?
KU FU KU FU KU FU!
Time to cash in that debt you owe us, from back on the island!
We made sure every-one got reactivated, after all...!
A BEAN ?
YEAH, MIKOGAMI DEFINITELY ADDED ONE TO HIS COLLECTION .....


VROOM
FRIENDS!
WE BROUGHT IT! ♡
SANADA-SAN!?
IT CAME FROM "SOUTH," THEY SAID.
PICKED THIS UP AT MBI FOR YOU GUYS.
SOUTH ...!?
WHAT IS IT.....?
HEY. BIG BROTHER.
SHE'S NOT REALLY GONE, Y'KNOW?
SHE'S THERE.
WAY UP THERE.
NOW OUR DEBT'S SETTLED!! -MIKOGAMI


PECK
ちゅ♡
キラッ
SPARKLE
キラッ
SPARKLE


...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
...AWAKEN THE STARS...
BY THE LIFE OF MY CONTRACT ...


...THE BEAN-STALK!!
KU AND...
BURST


WH-WHAT IS THIS!?
STRETCH
すぃすぃ
WE OUGHTA REACH OUT AND GRAB OUR DESIRES, SO...
...WE SHOULDN'T SULK AND SHOOT DOWN EVERY IDEA.
WELL, WHEN WE'RE GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES...
BECAUSE WE...
ONLY GOOD THINGS CAN COME FROM THAT.
MINA-TAN AND ALL OF US...
AS MY HEART WILLS IT!
...AND SEKIREI.
...ARE ASHIKABI ...
AS YOUR HEART WILLS IT, MINATO-SAN.


RIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT REALLY GONE AT ALL.
YOU'RE STILL THERE.
UP THERE.
I DON'T CARE IF WE'RE UP AGAINST KOUTEN OR WHOEVER.
I'LL STILL REACH OUT TO YOU.
IT'S ALL I CAN DO.
MARK MY WORDS, I'LL GET YOU BACK.
SO JUST HANG TIGHT!
...MUSUBI-CHAN!!



Chapter 2: Bride's Dawn




PECK
!
AH.
LOOK THE OTHER WAY, BIG BRO!!
SURE, SURE.
SHIINA'S GOTTEN SO COOL... ♡
...THE CROSS OF MY ASHIKABI ...!
...ROT AWAY...
BY THE CORPSE OF MY CON-TRACT...
WORLD END GARDEN! (SORRY, KU-CHAN!)
GLOW
BURST


FSSSHHH
...TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT...
...KU-CHAN'S "LET'S USE A BIG BEANSTALK TO GO HANG OUT ON KOUTEN!" PLAN...
...UNFORTUNATELY FAILED.
KU-CHAN!
NGH!
NGH!
TALL, BUT...
...NOT GONNA... REACH...
...DID REACH.
STRETCH
STRETCH
STRETCH


BLOOM
EVERY-ONE'S VOICES...
...DID REACH ME.
I...
...CAN HEAR THEM!
♡
MU-CHAN!
BIG BROTHER! IT'S MU-CHAN!
KU CAN HEAR MU-CHAN'S VOICE!
M—


LEAP
LEAP
TSUKIUMI!?
M—
MUSUBIII
!!!
KU-CHAN!
KU-CHAAAN!
WOBBLE
フラ～
KU'S ALL WORN OUT...!
ACK!
HEY!
WAIT!


TCH.....
MUSUBIII!!
...M—
UNTIL YOU RETURN ...
...I CALL A TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE ON THE BATTLE TO BECOME THE TRUE WIFE!!
IN THE MEAN-TIME!
I SHALL CONTINUE MY BRIDAL TRAINING!
THE ULTIMATE, NUMBER ONE SEKIREI WIFE SHALL BE ME!!
...JUST WATCH ME!


I WON'T STAND TO HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT IT LATER!
UNDER-STOOD?
MUSUBI!?
...IT'S TRUE. YOU...
ALL OF YOU...
"AS WE WILL IT."
...YOU'RE RIGHT, MUSUBI-CHAN.
WE CAN'T STOP MOVING FORWARD.
ME TOO.


YOU WANT TO HELP OUT WITH THE SEKIREI PROJECT? AT MBI?
WHAT'S THAT, NOW?


kirei
OPEN


AND TAKAMI-SAN AGREED TO THAT?


AND I'M TOTALLY FIRED IF I FAIL MY ENTRANCE EXAMS NEXT YEAR.
WHA ...?
YOU'RE NOT... WORRIED ?


IT'S NOTHING MUCH.
MOSTLY RUNNING AROUND DOING ODD JOBS FOR NOW.


BUT IT'S SURPRISING...
...SEEING YOU AT A NEW JOB, KAGARI-SAN.
HA... HA-HA... A LITTLE...
STILL HAVE TO TRY.
AND I'LL BE EARNING SOME PART-TIME CASH TOO, SO...TWO BIRDS, ONE STONE.
YEAH.
A FRIEND FROM MY LAST JOB INTRODUCED ME TO THIS BAR.
AND THE OWNER'S A GOOD GUY.
AH!
I KIND OF LIKE IT.
THAT ASPECT.
...AND ALCOHOL HAS A WAY OF BRINGING SOMETHING OUT OF PEOPLE.
THE ATMOSPHERE SUITS ME...
I GUESS I JUST LIKE THE SERVICE INDUSTRY.
UM... DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU'LL BE BRINGING HOME DRUNK GIRLS.....?
WHAT ...?
NO!
THIS ISN'T LIKE WHEN I WAS A HOST!!
AND THIS ISN'T THAT SORT OF SHOP!!


...BESIDES...
I HAVE YOU NOW, SO...
THIS... OBLIVIOUS BLOCK-HEAD...!!
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
THIS COCKTAIL IS DELICIOUS.
MM... ONE MORE THING.
KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM KAZEHANA, OKAY?
IF SHE SHOWS UP, SHE'LL EMPTY EVERY LAST BOTTLE IN HERE.
T-TOO TRUE...
KAZEHANA-SAN'S BEEN IN A REAL FUNK, THOUGH.
YEAH. SHE WAS MORE DEPENDENT ON MIYA THAN ANYONE.
NO. 01 WAS THE ONLY HIGHER-RANKING SEKIREI SHE COULD RELY ON...
AH... MATSU-SAN MUST NOT COUNT.
HOW AWFUL, KAGARI-TAN. JUST AWFUL!
NO. 02
...OH. RIGHT.
KAGARI-SAN.


I HEARD FROM MY MOM...
...THAT YOU'RE GONNA BE THE SEKIREI GUARDIAN AGAIN.
OH...
YES.
UM, CAN I ASK WHY?
ANY... REASON YOU ACCEPTED ...?
LAST I HEARD, YOU WERE STILL ON THE FENCE.
...
SURE.
IT MAY BE HER JOB TO REACTIVATE ALL THE FALLEN SEKIREI, BUT...
...WE NEED SOMEBODY TO PICK UP THE SLACK ONCE THEY'RE SENT BACK OUT INTO THE WORLD, RIGHT?
SINCE I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES, IT'S UP TO ME.
THOUGHT SO.
KAGARI-SAN'S SO DEPEND-ABLE.
...OR PUTTING IT ANOTHER WAY...
SINCE A CERTAIN ASHIKABI COULDN'T CONTROL HIS SEKIREI, THE ONE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT...
...SHOULD BE ANOTHER SEKIREI UNDER THE SAME ASHIKABI...
S—
SORRY, SORRY.


...STILL, THOUGH ...
AFTER SEEING JUST HOW DRIVEN NO. 108 WAS...
...I'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD TOO, WHATEVER IT TAKES...
...AS NO. 06, HER ELDER.
YOU FEEL...
...THE SAME, RIGHT?


GREAT. WE CAN HEAD HOME TOGETHER.
SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE NEXT SHIFT, SO I'M ABOUT TO LEAVE.
OOH.
LET'S CHECK IT OUT!
I HEAR THE BARTENDER HERE IS A SMOKIN' HOT DUDE!
JINGLE
JINGLE
カランカラン
OH, LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT CUSTOMERS.
GO ON AND FINISH THAT DRINK.
WELCOME.
JUST THE TWO OF YOU?
OH! YES.
INTERESTING.
THIS'S THE FIRST TIME I'M SEEING KAGARI-SAN WORK.


...LOOKS LIKE KAGARI-SAN ENJOYS IT.
THAT SERVICE INDUSTRY SMILE ISN'T BAD.
GOOD WORK TODAY!!
MY TURN NOW, KAGARI-SAAAN—
OH!
HUH?
Y-YASAKA!? SPEAK FOR YOUR-SELF.....
WHY'RE YOU HERE!?
SAHA-SHI!?
HUUUH?
H-HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE VOLUME 1...!!!
RIGHT— THE TWO OF YOU KNOW EACH OTHER, HUH...?
HE'S THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED ME TO THIS PLACE.


RATTLE
RATTLE
SWAY
WHAP
RATTLE
THUD
THUD
TENSE
MM-HMM.
SURE IS CROWDED.
THIS TRAIN.


FEEL FREE...
...TO COME A LITTLE CLOSER...
...IF YOU NEED TO.....
UM?
DID...
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
BONK
NOTH-ING...
...AT ALL!
NO!
UMM.
WELL...
I AM TOO.
SLOW GOING, AREN'T YOU?
?


AND OF COURSE ...
YOU ARE AS WELL.
RING
RING
RING
PHONE!
TSU-CHAN.
...?

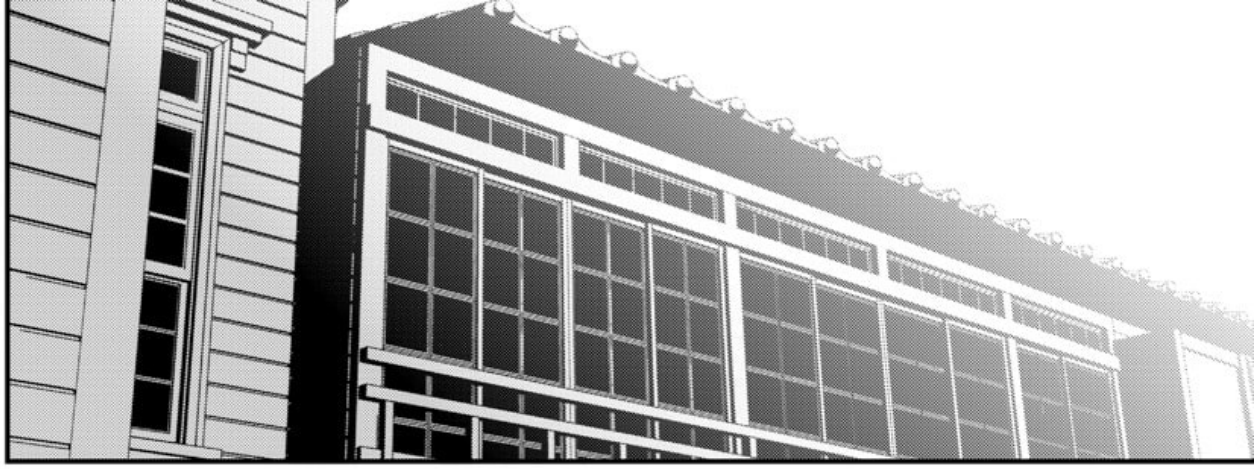

HAAH!
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POP
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MMGH!
HAAH!
はー!
POP
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POP
POP
—YES?
UNWINGED SEKIREI IN TROUBLE? IN THE SOUTHERN AREA?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, KUSANO-TAN?
HMM? TRAINING? SO THE NEXT BEANSTALK WILL REACH KOUTEN FOR SURE?
AND YOU WANT AN EVEN STRONGER BEAN FOR THAT?
WOW! YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.


OF COURSE. ON MY WAY.
I'M THE SEKIREI GUARDIAN, AFTER ALL.
WE'RE EACH DOING ALL WE CAN, DOWN ON EARTH.
...AND I BELIEVE THAT EACH STEP WE TAKE...
...TIES US...
...CLOSER TO YOU, MUSUBI-CHAN.
I'M BACK!
.....!?
JOLT
LOOM
HUH...!? TSUKI-UMI...?

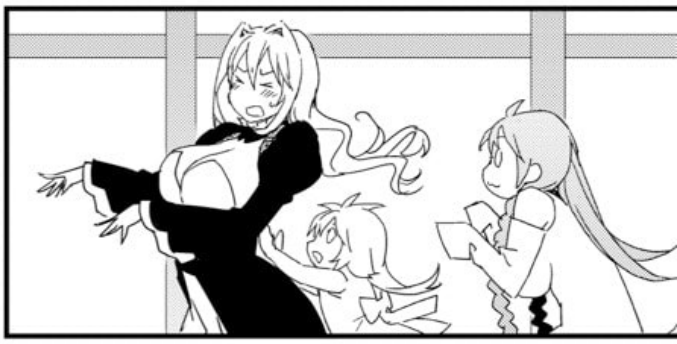


Chapter 3: Modifier From Hell










I-IT ISN'T FUNNY!
THE HAG HAS SUMMONED ME!! WE MAY AS WELL BE WALTZING INTO HELL ITSELF!
QUIT EXAGGERATING... SHE WAS YOUR MODIFIER, RIGHT, TSUKIUMI?
SO THIS IS LIKE A HOMECOMING FOR YOU?


WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO DIE WITH YOU...
...I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS, OF ALL THINGS.


SOMEONE TRIED TO KIDNAP ME FROM MBI WHEN I WAS AROUND KUSANO'S AGE.
AFTER THAT, THE HAG BROUGHT ME HOME AND RAISED ME LIKE A PRINCESS.
SO... SHE TOOK REAL GOOD CARE OF YOU...?
MIYAJIMA-SAN, RIGHT?
MOM TOLD ME SHE WAS A COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO HELPED FOUND MBI.
SHE ALSO SAID THIS WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY AND I SHOULD PAY HER A VISIT.
PLUS, EVEN CEO MINAKA WAS NEVER A MATCH FOR MIYAJIMA-SAN.
YOUR MODIFIER SOUNDS LIKE AN INCREDIBLE PERSON, HONESTLY.
NNGH ...!
INCRED-IBLE...? THAT MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT WORD...
FOR INSTANCE, WHEN I DISCOVERED SWEETS THE OLD HAG HAD HIDDEN...
TSUKIUMI!


ROAR
HAVE I NOT TOLD YOU IT'S WRONG TO EAT THINGS WITHOUT PERMISSION!?
!!!
YOU ARE ONLY TO EAT WHAT I PLACE ON THE DINING TABLE, UNDERSTOOD?
WHAP
WHAP
AS YOU'RE STILL BEING MODIFIED...
...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EFFECTS HUMAN FOOD MIGHT HAVE ON YOU!
AT THE HAG'S PLACE, IT WAS ALL INJECTIONS, ALL STUDYING, AND NO SWEETS— EVER...
WHY, IT WAS HAG-RASSMENT, I TELL YOU...!
MY YOUNG MIND COULDN'T BEAR IT, SO ONE DAY, I RAN AWAY.
LOOM
WHERE'RE YOU OFF TO, LITTLE MISS?
HAH. HAH.
YOU'RE A CUTIE...
HOWS ABOUT YOU COME ON BACK TO MY PLACE, OKAY?



SIGN: MIYAJIMA




CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
BEEP
OH NO, MINATO!
!
HUH?
IT OPENED ...
FWOOSH
WOBBLE
HUH?

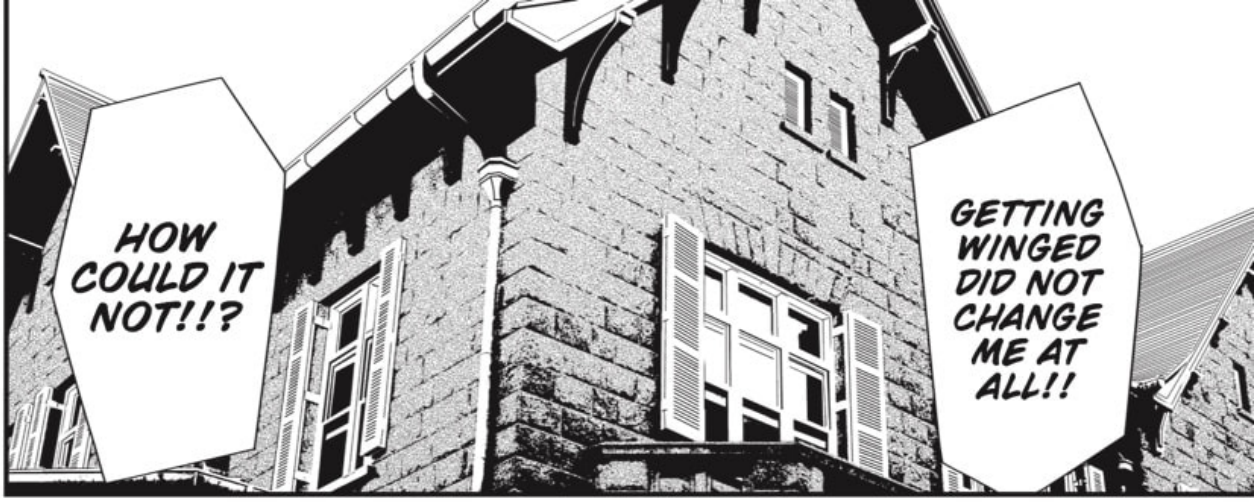

MINA-TO!
MINA-TO...
.....
.....
HELP ME, MAN!!
WHOA, SAHA-SHI!! IT'S REALLY YOU!
...SEO-SAN...?
WHY ...?
THIS OLD HAG, SHE...
URK!
.....


HMM?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE UP.
BLUB
BLUB
APOLOGIES. PLENTY OF TROUBLE RECENTLY...
...SO I UPGRADED MY SECURITY SYSTEM.


I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU A MEDICAL CHECKUP.
YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, MY PRECIOUS TOMBOY'S BETROTHED. ♡
MINATO SAHA-SHI-KUN.
HUH!?
WHAT? I'M NAKED!?
HUH!?
I HEAR YOU CEASED FUNCTIONING, BACK ON KAMIKURA ISLAND...
...BUT I FOUND NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR BODY OR YOUR ASHIKABI ABILITIES.
AH. OH. SURE.
TH-THANKS A LOT, I GUESS?
UH...
UM... WHO ARE YOU.....?
OH, THIS INTRODUC-TION IS LONG OVERDUE!
I'M MIYA-JIMA.
YOU'D KNOW ME AS TSUKIUMI'S MODIFIER.


TSUKIUMI'S GETTING HER OWN SEKIREI CHECKUP.
HOW ABOUT SOME TEA WHILE WE WAIT?
SORRY TO SUMMON YOU SO SUDDENLY.
BUT I REALLY DID WANT TO MEET YOU.
AFTER ALL, MY HUMAN-HATING TSUKIUMI CHOSE TO BOND WITH YOU.
NO, I REALLY SHOULD'VE PAID YOU A VISIT SOONER...
SORRY IT'S TAKEN SO LONG.
FU-FU. I DARESAY TSUKIUMI WANTED TO KEEP ME A SECRET.
YOU AREN'T WHAT I EXPECTED.
YOU WERE HER MODIFIER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, BUT YOU STILL LOOK SO YOUNG...

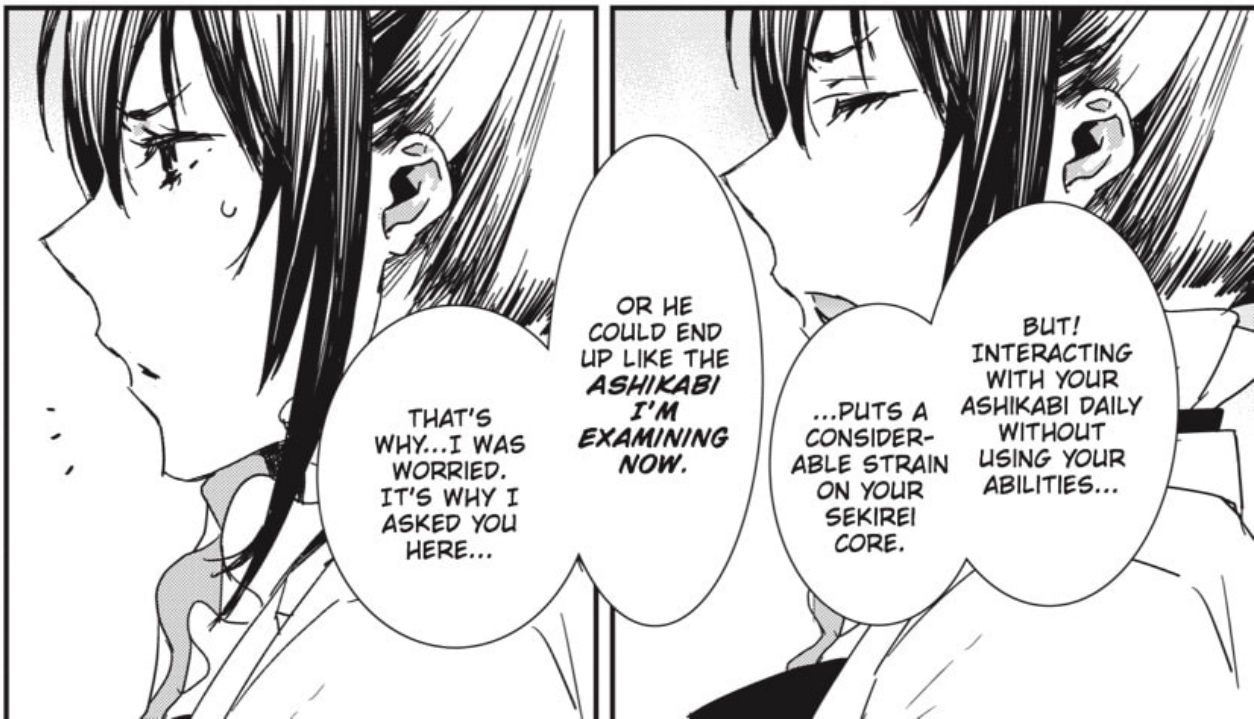

BAM
IT'S ONLY THANKS TO MBI'S FINEST TECHNOLOGY THAT SHE APPEARS YOUTHFUL.
DO NOT BE FOOLED, MINATO!!
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THERE WOULD EVER BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME!!?
HOW DID IT GO?
CHECKUP ALL FINISHED, THEN?
WHEN YOU LEFT, I TOLD YOU TO COME BACK AND GET EXAMINED ONCE YOU WERE WINGED, BUT YOU HAD TO FLY THE COOP FOR GOOD!
A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST TIME I CHECKED YOU OVER!!


HOW COULD IT NOT!!?
GETTING WINGED DID NOT CHANGE ME AT ALL!!


AND WITH SUCH A YOUNG, HEALTHY PARTNER!?
SURELY, YOU WOULD BE WELCOMING HIS YOUTHFUL LUST!!


ONCE WINGED, YOUR SEKIREI CORE BEGAN PUTTING OUT UNTOLD ENERGY!


YES. LUST. EXCHANGE OF BODILY FLUIDS.
GAPE GAPE
...LUST.....?
Y-YOUTH-FUL...

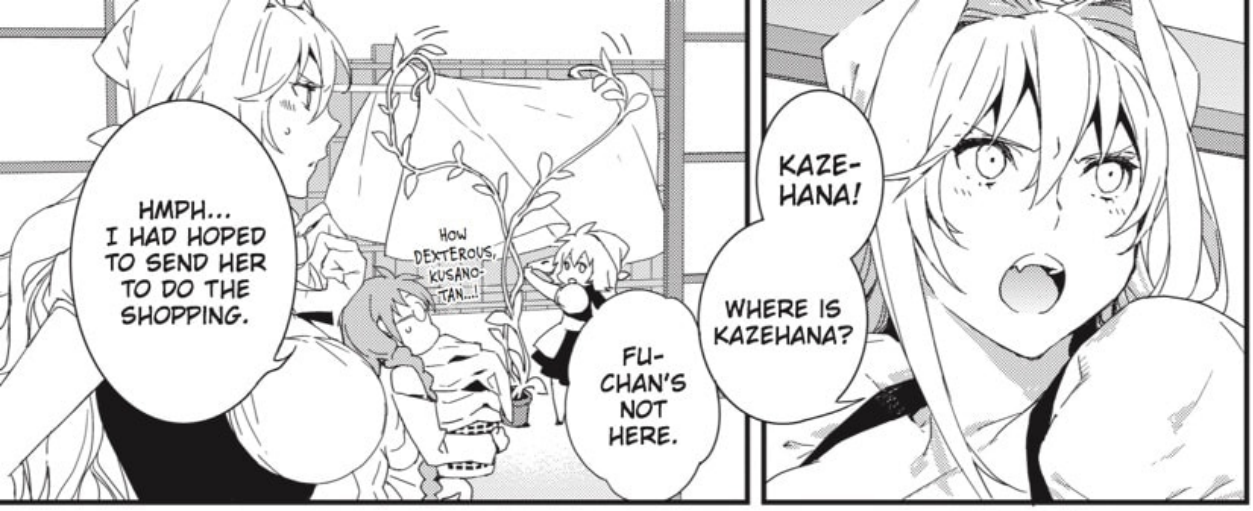

THAT'S WHY...I WAS WORRIED. IT'S WHY I ASKED YOU HERE...
OR HE COULD END UP LIKE THE ASHIKABI I'M EXAMINING NOW.
...PUTS A CONSIDER-ABLE STRAIN ON YOUR SEKIREI CORE.
BUT! INTERACTING WITH YOUR ASHIKABI DAILY WITHOUT USING YOUR ABILITIES...


WE...
WE'VE KISSED!
...WHAT IS IT?
...NO.
DON'T TELL ME.
YOU TWO HAVEN'T EVEN CROSSED THAT LINE.....?
THREE AND A HALF TIMES, EVEN!
SO YES! MY SEKIREI CORE HAS SEEN SOME ACTION...
...AT THE HANDS OF MY PASSIONATE HUSBAND!
FU FU FU.
...HOW DOES ONE PERFORM "HALF" A KISS?
WE KISSED IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, YOU SEE!
I HAD CEASED FUNCTIONING AT THAT POINT, BUT IT STILL COUNTS AS HALF!
SO GO ON— GIVE ME ANOTHER EXAM...
HAG!!


...WAIT. DID SHE ...
...MENTION ANOTHER ASHIKABI GETTING EXAMINED .....?
...NO...I'M REASSURED.
THIS OLD LADY'S DONE ENOUGH WORRYING OVER LEWD THINGS FOR NOW.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED... NOT AT ALL, TSUKIUMI.....
PAT
WH-WHAT?
WHY? WHY SO KIND, HAG.....?
UM... SPEAKING OF...
I FEEL LIKE I SAW SEO-SAN EARLIER...
YES... I HAVE HIM CONFINED IN THE LAB SO HE MAY RECEIVE PROPER PUNISHMENT.
THE BOY DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO MBI, SO I'M WATCHING OVER HIM FOR NOW.....
THE TWINS ARE IN ANOTHER ROOM.
HUH !?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN TO THOSE THREE?
CAUSE TO CELEBRATE, ACTUALLY.
...THEY'RE EXPECTING.


IS HE REALLY THE GREAT ASHIKABI ASAMA SAW HIM TO BE?
E—?
EXPECT-ING...?
OR IS HE JUST A SCUMBAG ...?
IT'S CLEAR HE LOOKS BEFORE HE LEAPS, AT ANY RATE.
YES, HE WENT AND GOT THEM IN THE FAMILY WAY!
BOTH AT ONCE, EVEN.
IF ALL GOES WELL, MBI WILL BE SHOCKED BY THE BIRTH OF A COUPLE OF HYBRIDS.
MEANING, YOU TWO...
...HUH?
HUH?
HUH ...?
...HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO CATCH UP...
WHAAT?
...OH, I NEARLY FORGOT.
I HEARD A SUSPICIOUS RUMOR... THAT BACK ON KAMIKURA ISLAND...
...HEY. YOU TWO.
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING...?


H-HMPH.
TH-THAT'S A SHOCKER.
ABOUT SEO-SAN.
CAW
CAW
LOTS OF SURPRISES TODAY, BUT I'M GLAD...
...I MET YOUR MODIFIER, TSUKIUMI.
AH!
EVEN THOUGH SHE EXAMINED YOU!?
SHE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
LIKE ANY REAL PARENT WOULD BE.
A LITTLE LIKE MY MOM, ACTUALLY. MAYBE WOMEN LIKE THAT TEND TO RESEMBLE EACH OTHER.
P-PERHAPS, ONE DAY, I TOO ...WILL BEAR YOUR... ...
?
YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NEVER YOU MIND!
AH! NO!
I WON'T MAKE THE HAG WORRY ABOUT THAT...
...UNTIL AFTER THE BATTLE WITH YOU-KNOW-WHO IS DECIDED!





Chapter 4: Melancholy of Wind




MBI
STUDYING ALL DAY AGAIN?
MM-HMM.
OH, BUT THIS TEXTBOOK ISN'T FOR CRAM SCHOOL. IT'S AN MBI MANUAL.
I HAVE TO LEARN EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE SEKIREI PROJECT.
STILL CRAMMING ON THE SIDE, THOUGH.


ARE YOU SLEEPING ENOUGH?
YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE PALE.
...
WELL... MAYBE NOT, BUT...
WHOA !?
K-KAZE-HANA-SAN??
YOU CAN HOLD YOUR LIQUOR, SURE, BUT AT SOME POINT...
I NOTICED IT'S GOTTEN BAD LATELY.
...HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING AGAIN?
WOULD YOU TAKE THE TIME TO UNDER-STAND?
DO YOU KNOW WHY I DRINK?


JOLT
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
MINATO! ARE YOU UPSTAIRS?
IT'S DINNER-TIME!
...KAZE-HANA-SAN?
SLIP
スル..
OKAAAY.
TIME TO EAT.
OH...
SLIDE
FSSHH
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
アア..


SPLISH
.....
WAIT.
...I'M DONE IN HERE.
I CALLED A CEASE-FIRE ON THE WIFE BATTLE, REMEMBER!?
MY, MY. WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
I SAW YOU EMBRACING MINATO EARLIER!!
YOU MADE UP THOSE RULES ALL ON YOUR OWN.
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM, HUH?
DAMN YOU ...!


NO FIGHT-ING!
HEY!
MATSU CAN'T STOP A FIGHT BETWEEN THESE MEATHEADS...
OH NO...
NO FIGHTING, OKAY?
SHATTER
SORRY.
SORRY, KUSANO ...!


...SO YOU AND TSUKIUMI HAD A FIGHT?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
THOUGHT YOU'D BE UP HERE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, REALLY ...?
MINATO-KUN.
...IT'S BECAUSE YOU WON'T TAKE ME IN YOUR ARMS.


AM I THAT UNAPPEALING?
WHY WON'T YOU GIVE ME ANYTHING?
WHA—!?
OF COURSE I LIKE YOU, KAZEHANA-SAN.
TH—
THAT'S NOT IT, I SWEAR...
I CAN NEVER MEASURE UP TO THE CEO.
BUT... BUT I...
I MEAN ...


IF STARTING WORK AT MBI HAS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT'S JUST HOW AMAZING...
...THE CEO REALLY IS.
I...DON'T HAVE HALF HIS KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, OR INITIATIVE.
IT MAKES ME SIGH, JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW INADEQUATELY I STACK UP.
AND YOU LOVED HIM, RIGHT, KAZEHANA-SAN?
SO...IF THE ONLY REASON YOU LOVE ME...
...IS BECAUSE I'M HIS SON OR WHATEVER ...
...THAT STINGS A LITTLE.
I PROMISED I'D SHOW YOU...
...WHAT KIND OF MAN I AM.
NOT JUST YOU.
ALL OF THESE FEELINGS FROM ALL OF YOU... I'VE GOT A LOT TO LIVE UP TO.
ONLY THEN CAN I REALLY...
...ACCEPT WHAT YOU'RE ALL OFFERING...


YOU REALLY ARE A MAN.
...
YOU'RE THE ASHIKABI MY SEKIREI CORE CHOSE.
...
YET...
WHAT I WANT NOW...
...ISN'T ANYTHING SO ACADEMIC.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ALL I NEED...
...IS SOME COM-FORT.


W-WE REALLY CAN'T.
WAIT... KAZE-HANA-SAN.
WE...!
KAZE-HANA ...
KAZE—
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
K-KAZE-HANA-SAN.
KAZE-HANA-SAAAN!!


RUMBLE
ROAR
KRRRACK
KZZT
KZZT
KZZT
OH YEAH? WHAT OF IT!?
MU-MUSU—
CALM DOWN!!
OKAY!?


PLEASE DON'T PICK A FIGHT!
YOU TWO COULD DESTROY ALL OF TEITO, SO STOP!!
STOP! STOP!
GOT SOMETHING TO SAY? GO RIGHT AHEAD!!
ROAR
BWOOSH
...ENOUGH OF THIS, YOU TWO!
...WHEN SHE GETS LIKE THIS, THERE'S NO STOPPING HER...
—DAMN! KAZEHANA'S LIKE A NICE BIG SISTER MOST OF THE TIME, BUT...

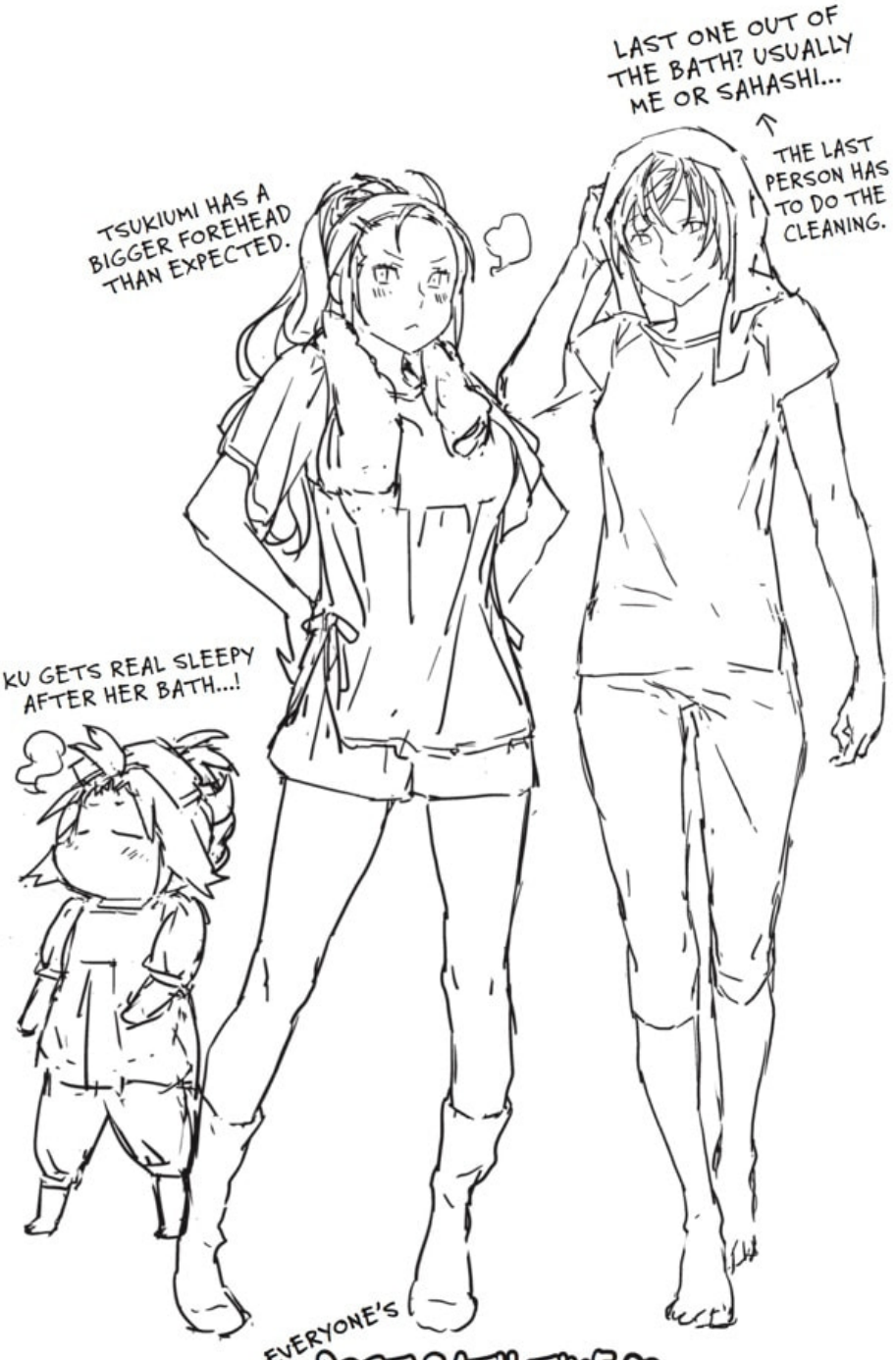

BONK
スコ
EEP!
KASHINK
IZUMO INN...
...IS NO PLACE FOR LOVERS' QUARRELS!


CRASH
KAZE-HANA-SAN!
WHIMPER
MIYA!?
JUMP
HONESTLY, THOUGH!
WHAT AM I EVER GOING TO DO WITH YOU PEOPLE?


SWAY
M-MIYA-TAN!!
...
HUH?
WHAT... WAS I DOING ...?
I'LL... GET THEM BACK.
...JUST YOU WAIT.
THE LAND-LADY AND HIM...
...AND YOU-KNOW-WHO.
YOU CAN COUNT ON IT...!
FINE. UNTIL THAT DAY...
...NO MORE FIGHTING...


カポーン
PLUNK
キリッ
CLINT
IT SEEMS THAT MERCILESS BINDING ATTACK OF YOURS MADE A POINT, KUSANO-TAN.
THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN QUIET LATELY...
FRUITS OF YOUR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, KUSANO-TAN?
'COS FIGHTING IS BAD!


Chapter 5: A Talk With Sekirei No. 02



EVERYONE'S **POST-BATH TIME♡**

(CAN'T SHOW KAZEHANA OR MATSU, SINCE THEY DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF DISCRETION)




SNEAK




...OH.


ACHOO!
2020
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ALREADY WINTER, HUH...?
YEAH, I THOUGHT IT FELT COLD.
SNOW...
December
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7 8 9 10 11 12
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20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31


...AND EVEN NOW...
...MUSUBI-CHAN'S UP THERE, ALL ALONE...
TMP
TMP
TMP
トタタタ...
EAT THIS, BIG BROTHER
FROM TSU-CHAN AND RU


I'LL EAT UP AND KEEP WORKING.
RIGHT!


ARE YOU...
...MY ASHIKABI-SAMA .....?
OH.
MATSU-SAN...
...ABOUT YOUR LATEST MATSU-MOCK EXAM...
WAGTAI
2030

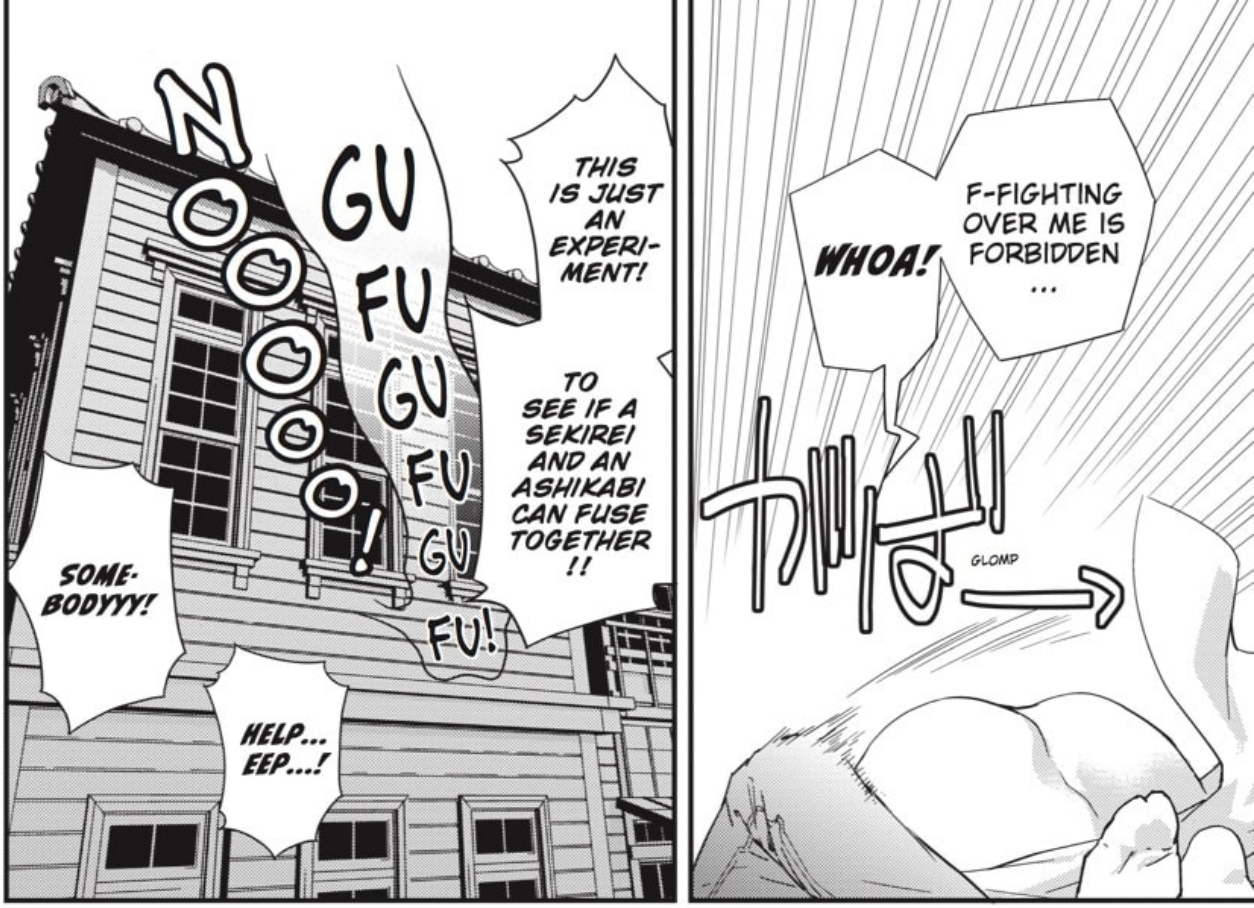

SHE'S SLEEPING.
...MIYA-TAN...
HER CORE IS SO STRONG, SHE'S BASICALLY SELF-DESTRUCTING.
SHE RETURNED TO HER OLD SELF FOR JUST A MOMENT WHEN KAZEHANA-SAN WAS ACTING UP...
...BUT THAT WAS PROBABLY JUST...
...BECAUSE SHE GOT *HIT* BY A BIG BURST OF KOUTEN'S ENERGY.
OR KOUTEN WAS REACHING OUT TO ITS OLD CONTROLLER FOR HELP, SINCE THE *BEAR INSIDE* STARTED RAMPAGING ...
...PER-HAPS?
THE BEAR...? C'MON, MATSU-SAN...
EITHER WAY, IT'S CLEAR MIYA-TAN IS STILL CONNECTED TO KOUTEN, AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT.
AND THAT'S CAUSING THE INSTABILITY IN HER CORE.


...COULD VERY WELL HELP STABILIZE HER...
WING-ING...
MATSU-SAN...
...YOU KNOW...
...I CAN'T BE THE ONE TO DO THAT.
WAGTAIL
Dr. ASAMA
...YOU WOULD SAY THAT!
WELL ...
MATSU KNEW...


YOU GOT A PERFECT SCORE.
THERE'S NO MORE NEED TO STUDY FOR THAT ENTRANCE EXAM.
YOU'RE A SHOO-IN FOR CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OR SHINTOU TEI UNIVERSITY, SO WELL DONE, MR. TWO-TIME ROUNIN.
WAGTAIL
ANYHOW, ABOUT YOUR RESULTS ON MATSU'S SPECIAL TEST...!
STILL, AS THE SEKIREI PROJECT WINNER, YOU WERE THE MAN WITH THE FATE OF HUMANITY ON YOUR SHOULDERS.
AND THAT LOVERS' SPAT BETWEEN YOUR SEKIREI NEARLY DESTROYED TEITO, BUT THAT ASIDE...
TH-THAT'S ...
...A LOT TO HANDLE, MATSU-SAN.
I'LL DO IT IN FOUR YEARS. NO, THREE...
MAYBE EVEN TWO.
THEN I'LL JOIN MBI AS A RESEARCHER... AND THAT'S WHEN THE REAL WORK BEGINS.
BEARING ALL THAT IN MIND, THOUGH...
IT JUST MAKES ME WANT TO WORK EVEN HARDER... Y'KNOW?
OH-HO.
PLANNING ON BREAKING THE SPEED LIMIT, MINA-TAN...?
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP UP WITH YOU GUYS.
... AND...


WAGTAIL
2020
...SOONER OR LATER, I'LL TAKE OVER MBI.
...
REALLY?
AT THE SPEED I'M GOING, WHERE ELSE WOULD I END UP?
YEAH. I MEAN ...
...HA HA.
I MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO AMBITIOUS.
WHEN DID YOU START TALKING LIKE A CERTAIN SOMEONE?
IT MAKES SENSE. AFTER ALL, YOU DID HELP THAT BEAR FULFILL HER AMBITIONS.


EVEN MORE DEPENDABLE THAN MATSU THOUGHT.
MMM! YOU'RE SOMETHING ELSE, MINA-TAN.
LET'S EXPERI-MENT!
MORE AND MORE, MATSU WANTS TO...
...EXPERI-MENT!
MATSU-SAN?
NO, WAIT!


NOOOOO!
GU FU GU FU GU FU!
THIS IS JUST AN EXPERI-MENT!
TO SEE IF A SEKIREI AND AN ASHIKABI CAN FUSE TOGETHER !!
SOME-BODYYY!
HELP... EEP...!
WHOA!
F-FIGHTING OVER ME IS FORBIDDEN ...
GLOMP


FLAIL
NOOO!
KRAK
FLAIL


KU'S ON THE JOB...!
TMP
TMP
TIME TO PUNISH MATSU!!
KUSA-NO!


YO!
YOU HERE, SAHASHI!?


HEY.
BEEN A WHILE.


ARE YOU REALLY...? IT SURE HAPPENS ENOUGH.
GUESS I OWE HIM FOR ABANDONING HIM THE OTHER DAY.
SORRY FOR SHOWING UP AT MEALTIME.
I TAKE IT YOU HEARD ABOUT WHAT'S UP WITH US?
THEY'RE AT OLD LADY MIYAJIMA'S PLACE.
SO... HOW'RE HIKARI-SAN AND HIBIKI-SAN...?
WHAT THE HECK'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW!?
BURST
I MEAN! AS IF!
... CONGRATS?
YEAH... UM, NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY...
YOU! WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH MINATO TODAY?
WHERE ARE PIKA-CHAN AND HI-CHAN?
AND WHY'S HE TALKING ABOUT TOOTH-PASTE!?
A TOTAL SCUM-BAG...!!
HE'S SCUM.
KINDA MOVING, NO?
THERE'S NO PUTTING THE TOOTHPASTE BACK IN THE TUBE, I SAY.
WORSE COMES TO WORST, I'LL ASK MY PARENTS FOR HELP.


MATSU FINALLY FREED HERSELF...
RIGHT, RIGHT.
TRUTH IS...
...A BUNCH OF FORMER ASHIKABI WERE TALKING.
THEY CAME TO MY PLACE.
YOU SURE ARE WELL-CONNECTED, SEO-SAN...
THEY WANNA HOOK UP WITH THEIR OLD SEKIREI, BUT THEY DUNNO WHERE TO START.
BUT THAT STUFF ...
LIKE, MATTERS OF THE HEART, THERE AIN'T MUCH A THIRD PARTY CAN DO...
AND TO START WITH...
IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT, EVEN.
SEE, THEY'RE ALL STILL WAITING FOR THEIR SEKIREI TO GET RELEASED FROM SOME "CAGE."
ONE OF THESE DUDES EVEN GOES TO MBI HQ EVERY DAY.
...AND HE SAW SOME-THING.

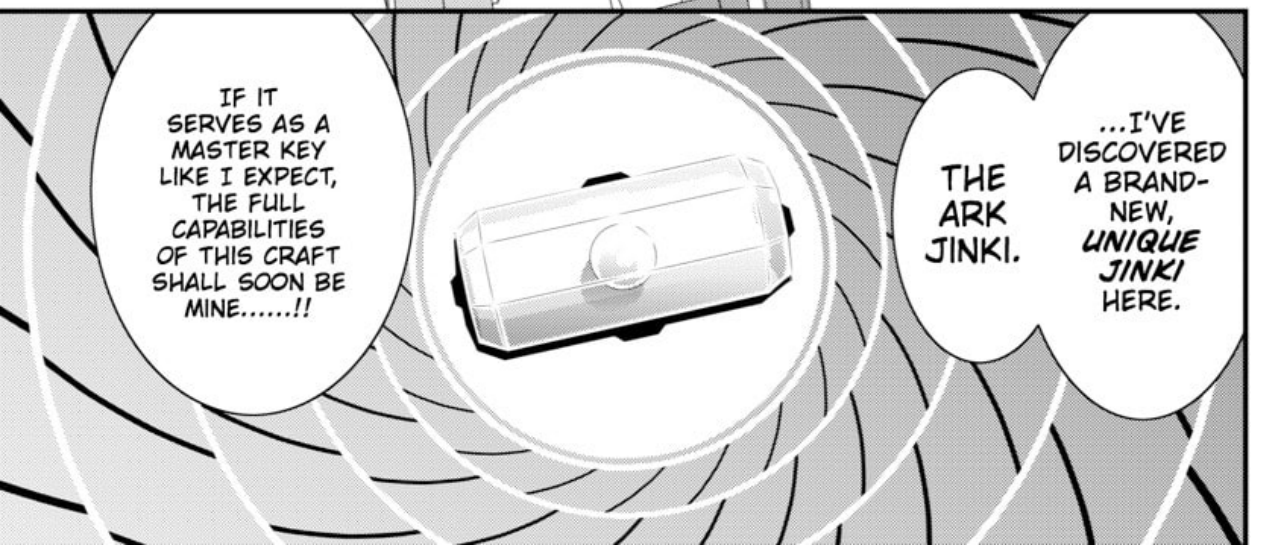

A BUNCH OF UNKNOWN ASHIKABI ...
...EACH WITH MULTIPLE SEKIREI.
INCLUDING HIS OWN.

ACCORDING TO THE GUY WHO CAME TO ME...
...THERE'RE OTHER ASHIKABI LIKE HIM, WHOSE SEKIREI SHOULD'VE GOTTEN RELEASED BUT HAVEN'T TURNED UP.
SEEMS AWFULLY FISHY TO ME.

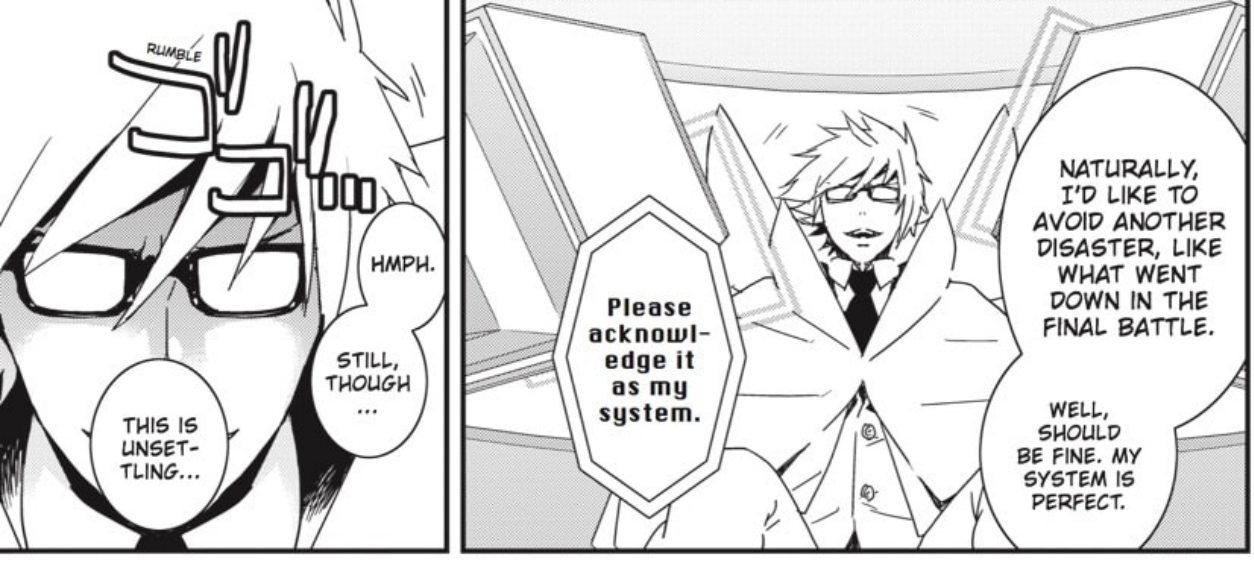

WELL, SAHA-SHI?
YOU THINK...
...SOME-THING SUSPICIOUS MIGHT BE GOING ON IN SHINTOU TEITO AGAIN?

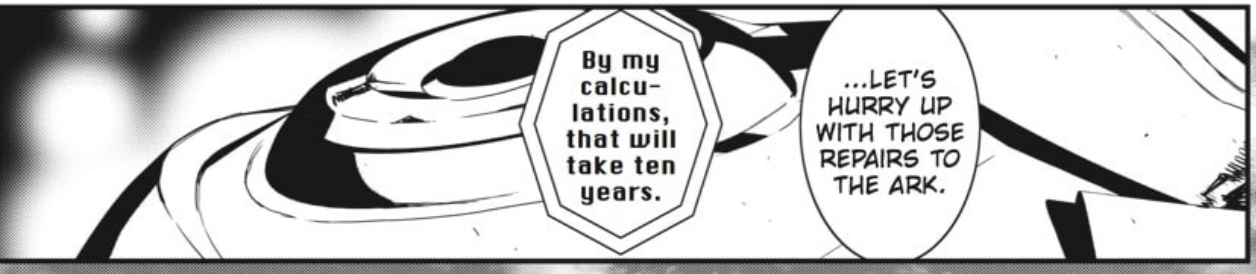



THE HOLE IN THE ARK, OPENED UP BY MUTSU-KUN DURING THE FINAL BATTLE OF THE SEKIREI PROJECT...
I NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND THE CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM IN THERE.
IT STAYED HIDDEN FOR TWENTY LONG YEARS, SO...
...TALK ABOUT A LUCKY BREAK!
MY HEART'S STILL BROKEN OVER MISSING THAT FINAL BATTLE, BUT...


...I'VE DISCOVERED A BRAND-NEW, UNIQUE JINKI HERE.
THE ARK JINKI.
IF IT SERVES AS A MASTER KEY LIKE I EXPECT, THE FULL CAPABILITIES OF THIS CRAFT SHALL SOON BE MINE.....!!

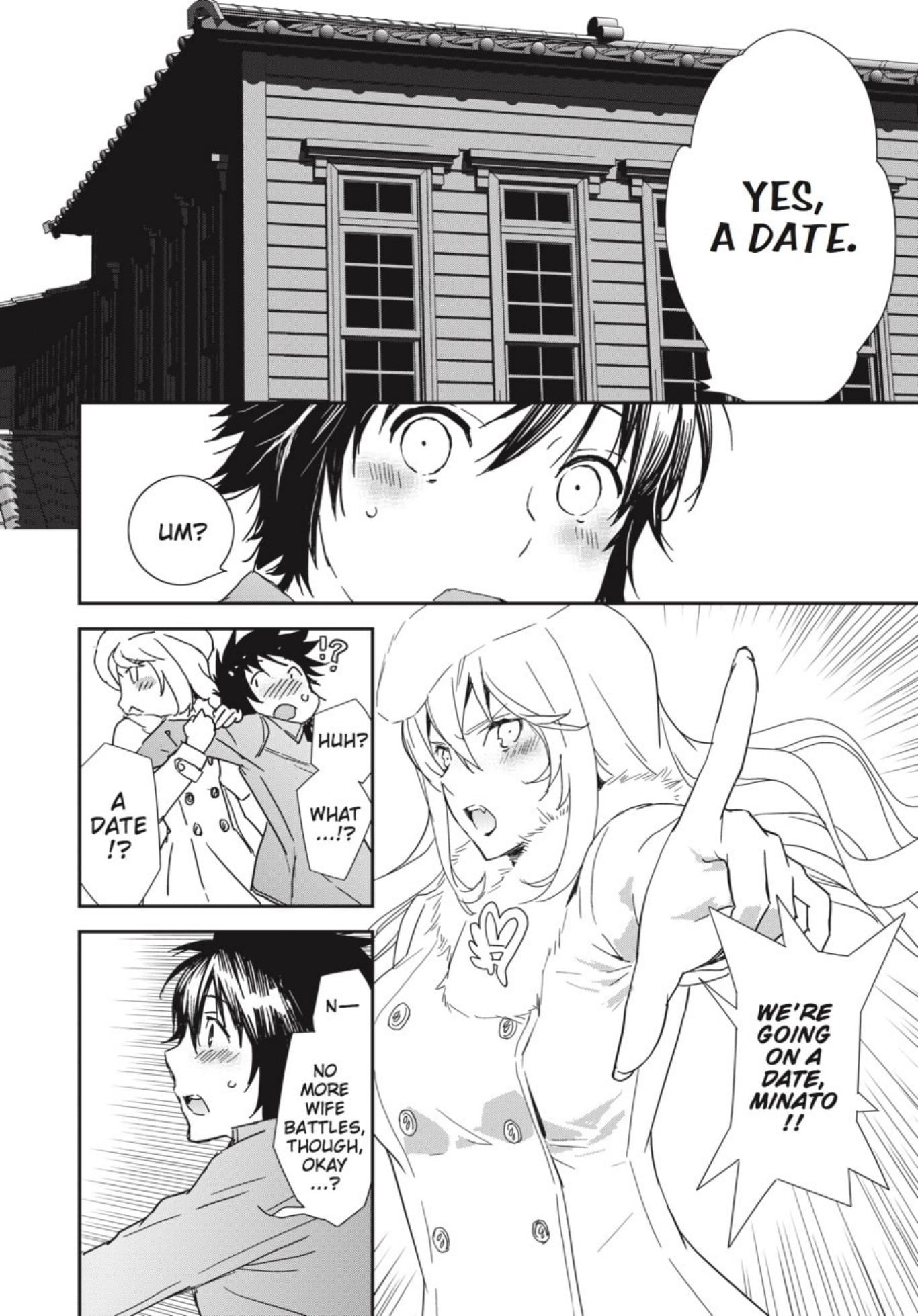

HA!
HA-HA-HA!
But over these three months, your backlog has grown to over one hundred million unread messages.
Sorry to interrupt your fun.
HEH HEH HEH...
SET ASIDE THE LOVE LETTERS FROM MY SWEET TAKAMI-KUN, WOULD YOU?
After scanning the messages, it seems the ones from the vice president contain approximately zero sweet nothings.
Sigh...
BUT THIS AI STILL ISN'T ACCUSTOMED TO THAT SORT OF NUANCE.
HEH... SHE'S NEVER BEEN THE MEEK TYPE.
Though, they do contain several instances of the words "kill" and "die."
AN INVADER, MAYBE?
This island is currently protected by a reverse-polarity shield.
Meaning only those with Sekirei or Ashikabi cores can step foot here.
WHAT WAS THAT?
Slight tremors from the tide or perhaps a shock from physical contact.
Cannot confirm details, as my radar is not yet fully operational.
...!







Chapter 6: Everyone in Love Gets Along


YES, A DATE.
UM?
!?
HUH?
WHAT ...!?
A DATE !?
WE'RE GOING ON A DATE, MINATO !!
N—
NO MORE WIFE BATTLES, THOUGH, OKAY ...?


.....
HUH?


HUH!?
WAGTAIL
MATSU JUST WANTED TO GET ALL DRESSED UP.
MATSU WILL GUARD THE INN, OKAY?
HUH?
SIGN: ARAHA RIVER THEME PARK
HUUUH?
あらはがわ ゆうえん


FWOOSH
EEEEK!
URP...


HA HA...
JUST HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN A WHILE...
HERE.
HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE RIDES?
HONESTLY, I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.
AH HA HA!
IT WAS TSUKIUMI'S IDEA.
A WAY TO SOCIALIZE, IN THE FORM OF A GROUP DATE.
SOCIALIZE ...?


THE OTHER DAY, KAZEHANA'S FEATHERS GOT RUFFLED, AND SHE HAD A SPAT WITH THE ONE UP THERE, RIGHT?
...SO NATU-RALLY...
IF WE DON'T WORK THROUGH THIS, OUR ASHIKABI'S LIFE WILL BE THROWN INTO DISARRAY!
SOME WIVES WE MAKE!
...SHE SAID.
TSUKIUMI REALIZED SHE WAS PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR THAT, SO...
...SHE WAS BROODING ABOUT IT.
I MEAN, TEITO WAS ALMOST WIPED OUT.
HENCE THIS DATE.
ACTUALLY KIND OF THOUGHTFUL OF HER...
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HAVING FUN, AT ANY RATE. DON'T YOU THINK?


AND YOU TOO, OF COURSE.
EVEN ME.
CLENCH
WE'LL GET HER BACK.
...YEAH.
IN THE END...
...HER LEAVING SEEMS TO HAVE THROWN EVERYONE FOR A LOOP...
I'LL...
...DO ALL I CAN.
...I'LL KEEP WORKING AT IT.
UNTIL SHE'S BACK DOWN HERE WITH ALL OF US...
.....
I... MIGHT BE...
SO THE ONE MOTIVATING YOU TO MOVE FORWARD...
...REALLY IS HER, IN THE END.
...A LITTLE JEALOUS.


N-NEVER MIND! FORGET IT...
HUH?
OH! RIGHT. ALMOST FORGOT.
ABOUT WHAT SEO TOLD YOU. THE ASHIKABI AND THE STRANGE BUSINESS WITH THEIR SEKIREI.
COULD MINAKA BE HATCHING ANOTHER PLOT, YOU THINK?
TAKAMI-SAN HASN'T MENTIONED ANYTHING, AT LEAST.
OH... YOU'RE CON-CERNED, HUH.
AS THE "GUARD-IAN."
MOM'S BEEN REAL BUSY LATELY... BUT I FINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH HER TO ASK.
SHE SAID THE CEO AND MBI HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
...SHE'S PISSED, ACTUALLY, BECAUSE HE STILL HASN'T COME HOME FROM THE ISLAND.
THOUGH, APPAR-ENTLY, HE IS STILL ALIVE.
THEN WHO'S SPIRITING AWAY THOSE REACTIVATED SEKIREI ...?
AH.
...!
... PERHAPS... IF IT ISN'T MINAKA, THEN...
YEAH. GOTTA BE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT SEKIREI AND THEIR POWERS. SOMEONE WHO WANTS THEM FOR THEIR OWN.


JUST LIKE DURING THE INVASION OF KAMIKURA ISLAND...!
WHAT FUNNY BUSINESS ARE YOU UP TO!!?
HMPH!
AHA!!
JOLT
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
TALKING!
JUST AN ORDINARY CONVERSATION. SHEESH.
THEN WHY SO FLUSTERED? VERY SUSPICIOUS, HOMURA!
HMPH! HMPH!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
MBI'S CHOPPERS ...?
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
RING
RING
RING
HEY, HEY. PHONE!

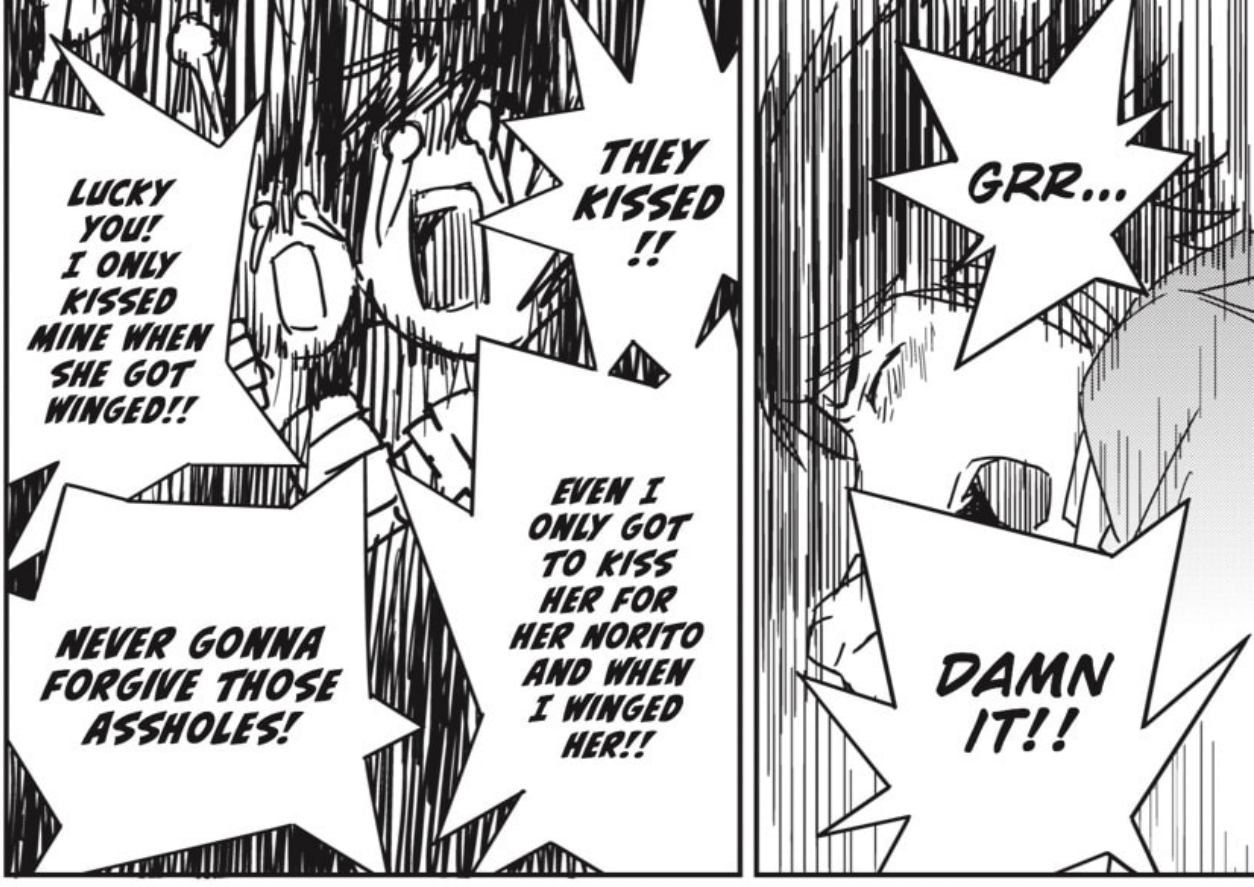

WAIT...!
WAIT.
TOYOTAMA .....!!


GET HIGA-SAMA ...!
HIGA-SAMA ...
GUH ...
HIGA-SAMA.
WE SENT KAIE TO MEET TOYO-TAMA, BUT...!


RING
Orihiko Oosumi
...OOSUMI-SAN?
HELLO?
GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU.
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
Please ...!
I need your help.
Please, Sahashi-kun.


IT'S KAHO.
SHE'S BEEN KID-NAPPED ...!!


OOSUMI-SAN!
...A FRIEND OF MINE WORKING AT MBI TOLD ME, ON THE DOWN LOW.
THEY SAID NO. 87 WAS GETTING OUT OF THE CAGE.
Y-YEAH, OUR SEKIREI TOO...
WE CAME TO MEET THEM, BUT...
...SOME STRANGE MEN SHOWED UP.
AND TOOK KAHO ...!


LUCKY YOU! I ONLY KISSED MINE WHEN SHE GOT WINGED!!
THEY KISSED !!
GRR...
NEVER GONNA FORGIVE THOSE ASSHOLES!
EVEN I ONLY GOT TO KISS HER FOR HER NORITO AND WHEN I WINGED HER!!
DAMN IT!!


SEO-SAN!
IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHAT'S GOING ON, AFTER THIS.
I ASKED THE FOUR-EYES AT YOUR PLACE ABOUT IT...
ARRRGH!
THAT'S A MAN'S SOUL, CRYING OUT.
WHAT A SCREAM .....!!
WH—


RING
BUZZ
...THE CEO?
Hiroto Minaka
RING
BUZZ
...WE KNOW IT AIN'T A BUNCH OF RIVALS IN LOVE SHOWING UP ALL AT ONCE.
FOR ONE...
RIGHT. YOU MENTIONED THIS WAS HAPPENING.
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON, REALLY ...?


We have an emergency situation!
Greetings, my good Ashikabi!
This is short notice, but...
At present, *Kamikura Island* is under assault by *someone*...!!
BOOM
KASHOOM
...Here's a live feed. No explanation necessary, I assume?
This is happening right now, on the island.

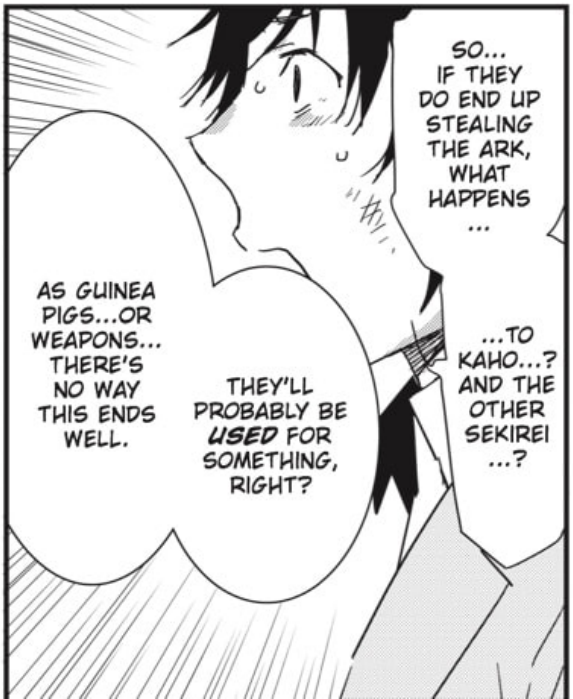


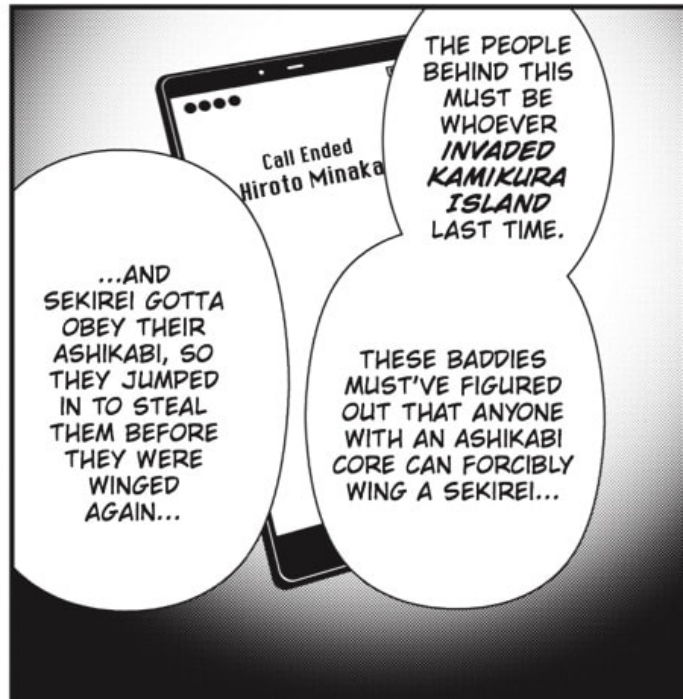
Chapter 7: Shadows Threatening Love


PULVER-
IZER!!
WAR
DANCE
!
BOOM
……
CRAG-
SPLIT-
TER!
CRES-
CENT
SLICE
!!
KASHOOM


It's only a matter of time before this hostile party breaks into the ark.
WAAAAH!
IS THAT KAHO!?
NAMI-JIII?
MIMI —!?
My dear Ashikabi and Sekirei ...
...I need your help!

IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER NOW.
WHOEVER DID THIS WANTS TO TAKE OVER THAT ARK.
GATHERING SEKIREI WAS THE FIRST STEP.
HANG ON.
HE'S HEADING... OUR WAY .....?
I'm heading your way now, so...
KZZT
Please —
KZZT
H-HOW, EVEN?


SO... IF THEY DO END UP STEALING THE ARK, WHAT HAPPENS ...
...TO KAHO...? AND THE OTHER SEKIREI ...?
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE USED FOR SOMETHING, RIGHT?
AS GUINEA PIGS...OR WEAPONS... THERE'S NO WAY THIS ENDS WELL.


THE PEOPLE BEHIND THIS MUST BE WHOEVER INVADED KAMIKURA ISLAND LAST TIME.
Call Ended
Hiroto Minaka
THESE BADDIES MUST'VE FIGURED OUT THAT ANYONE WITH AN ASHIKABI CORE CAN FORCIBLY WING A SEKIREI...
...AND SEKIREI GOTTA OBEY THEIR ASHIKABI, SO THEY JUMPED IN TO STEAL THEM BEFORE THEY WERE WINGED AGAIN...

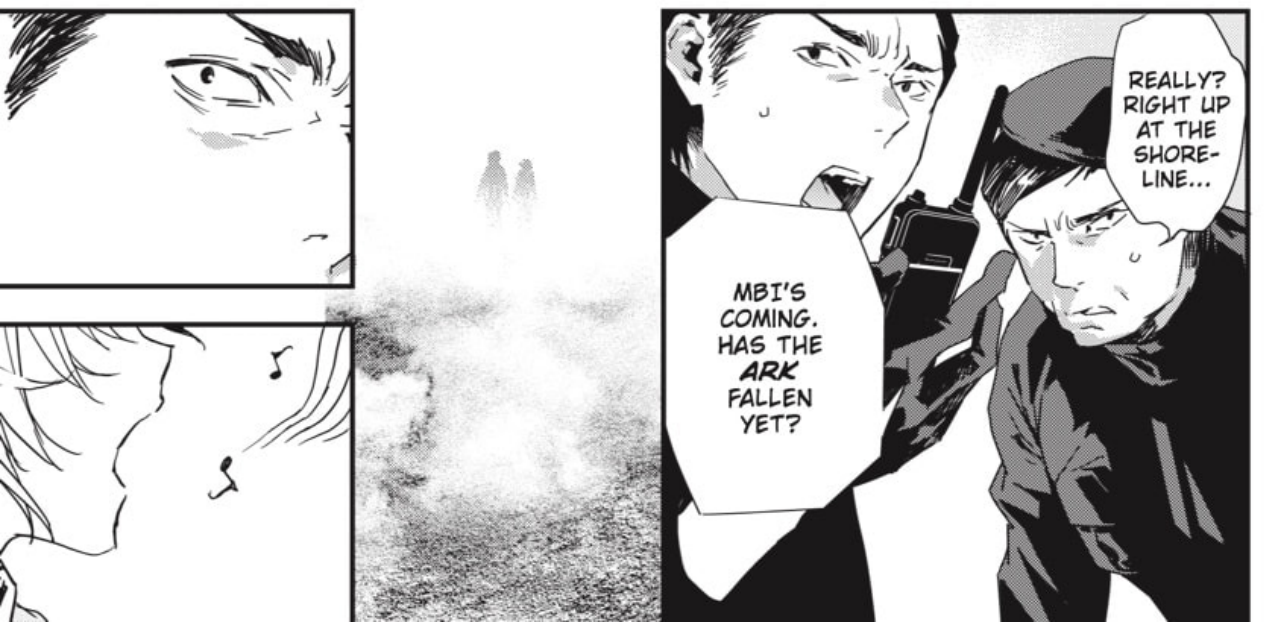

NO...!
NAMIJI ...!
WHAT DO WE DO...!?
BUT...
...ON THE OTHER HAND...
...THEY'RE PARADING THEIR STOLEN GOODS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
MAKING THIS...
...THE PERFECT CHANCE TO WIN THEM BACK, NO?
SAHASHI-KUN...!
I'D EXPECT ... ... NOTHING LESS FROM MY OLD PAL!
...! IT'S YOU...

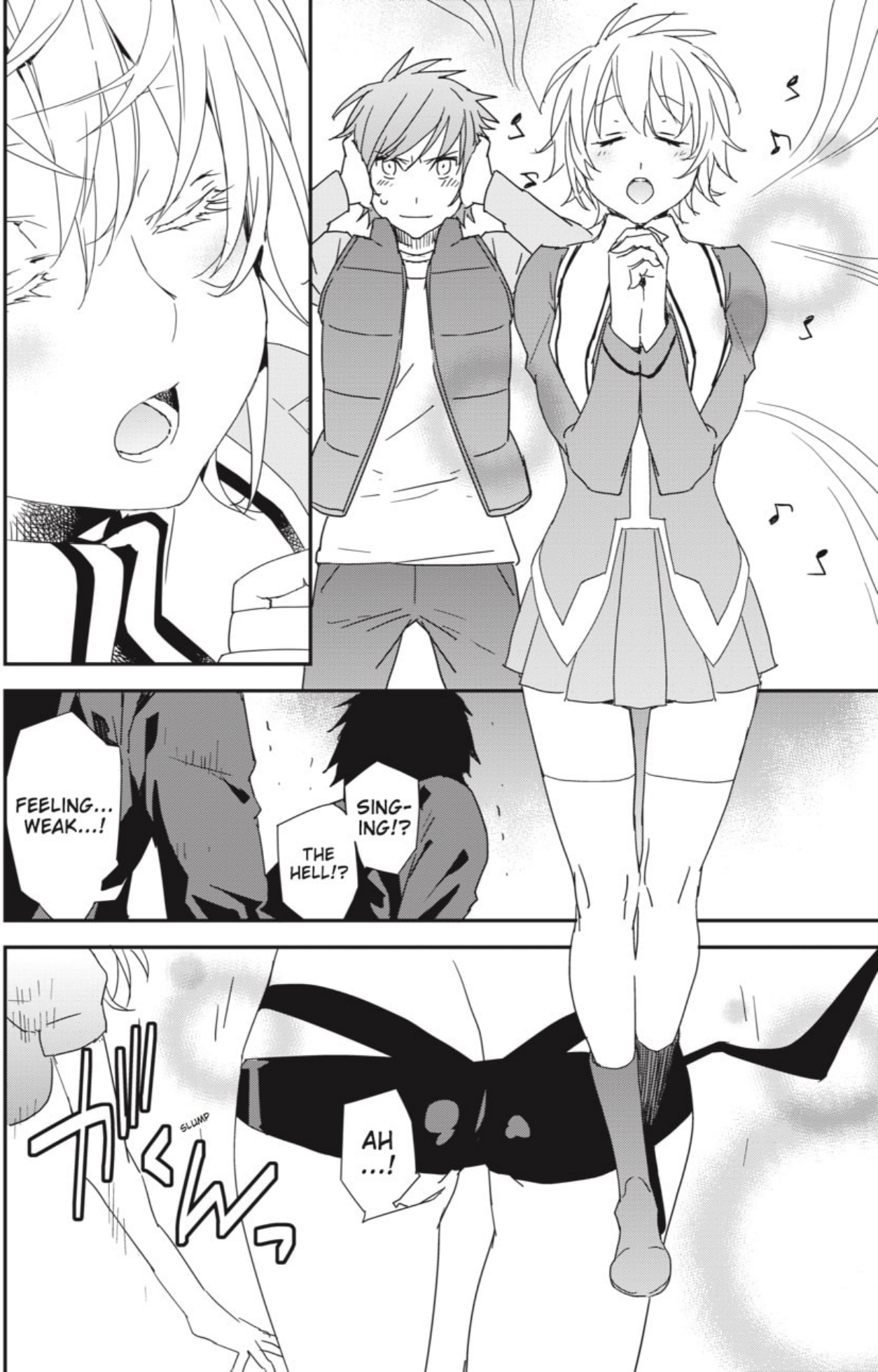

SHOOM


...THIS UNPLANNED BATTLE ROYAL IS GOING INTO OVERTIME.
HEH-HEH... NOT THAT I MIND THIS NEW DEVELOP-MENT.

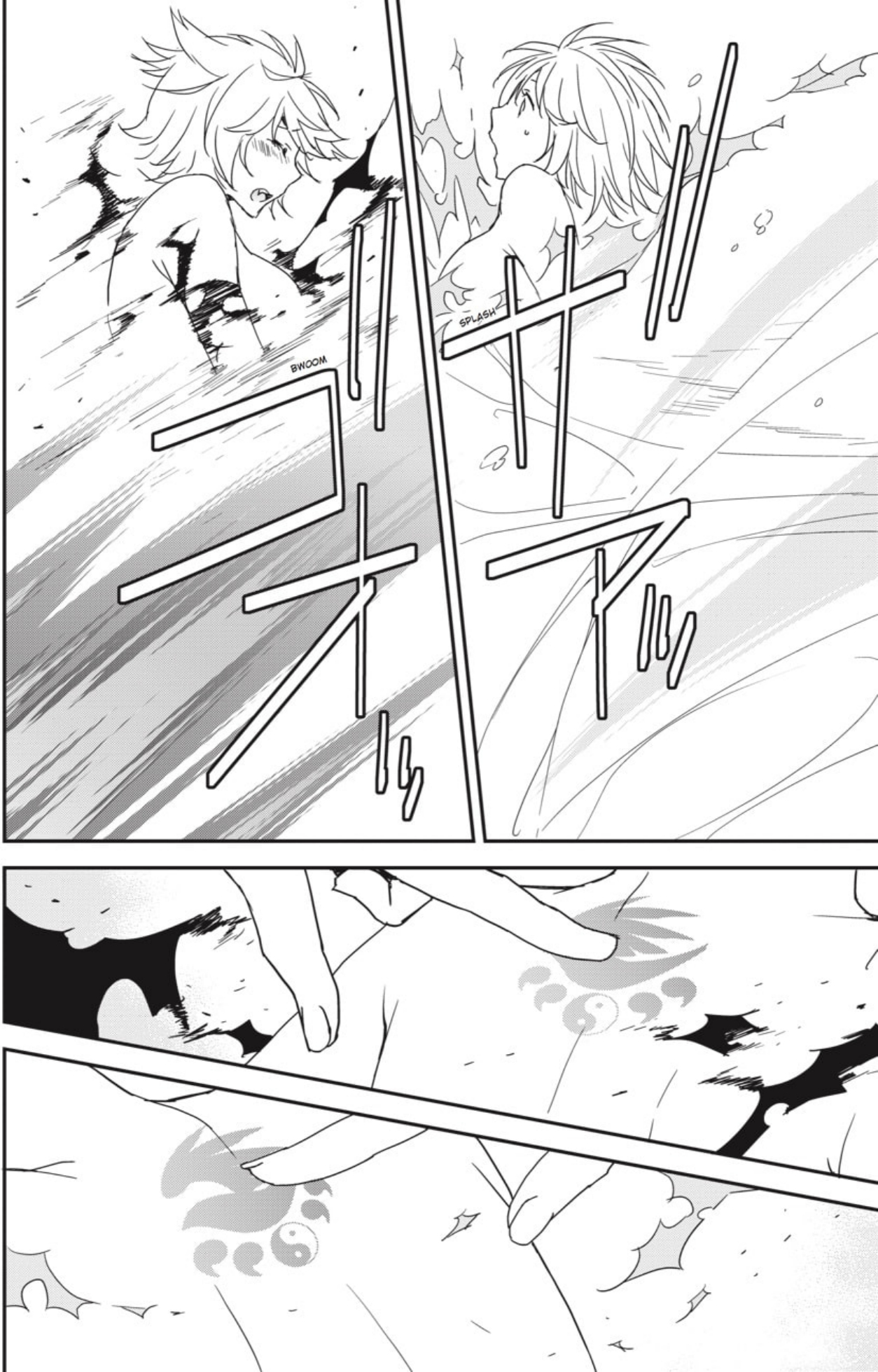

THE PARTY'S OVER HERE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
AND I'VE GOT A FRONT-ROW SEAT TO MORE OF THAT FINAL BATTLE.


BOOM
I just repaired that, so cut it out.
Ack, stop that.
BWOOM
KASHOOM


REALLY? RIGHT UP AT THE SHORE-LINE...
MBI'S COMING. HAS THE ARK FALLEN YET?

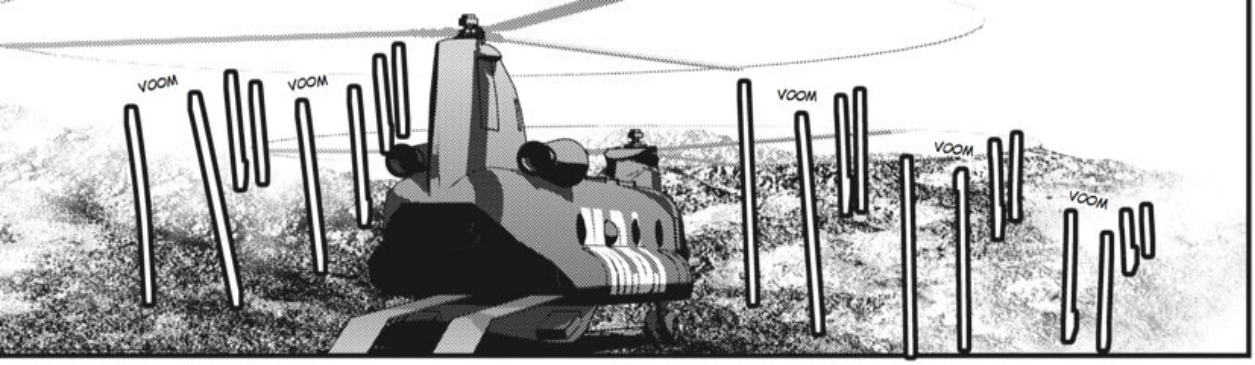

FEELING... WEAK...!
THE HELL!?
SING-ING!?
SLUMP
AH ...!


EEP!
STRAIN
SPLORT
ACK!
IT'S KUNO, NOT NO-GOOD...
THAT QUICK, REALLY?
PULL IT TOGETHER, NO-GOOD!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
LEAP
FLAME SWORD!
WATER BLADE!


BWOOM
SPLASH


BY THE FLAMES OF MY CONTRACT...
BY THE WATER OF MY CONTRACT...
...PURIFY THE ILLS...
...INCINERATE THE KARMA...
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
...OF MY ASHIKABI!


FADE
INSOLENT ASHIKABI. KNOW THAT MY WATER WILL FIND ITS MARK!!
YOU'LL BE TASTING ALL OF MY RECENT RESENT-MENT!
AS THE GUARDIAN, I CANNOT LET THIS STAND.
THE STOLEN BIRDS ON THIS ISLAND ARE ALL GOING BACK IN THE CAGE.
UNHARMED, IDEALLY.
STEALING AWAY A SEKIREI'S CHANCE AT LOVE?
YOU KNOW JUST HOW TO PISS OFF THIS BIG SISTER!
LOVE, LOVE!


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM

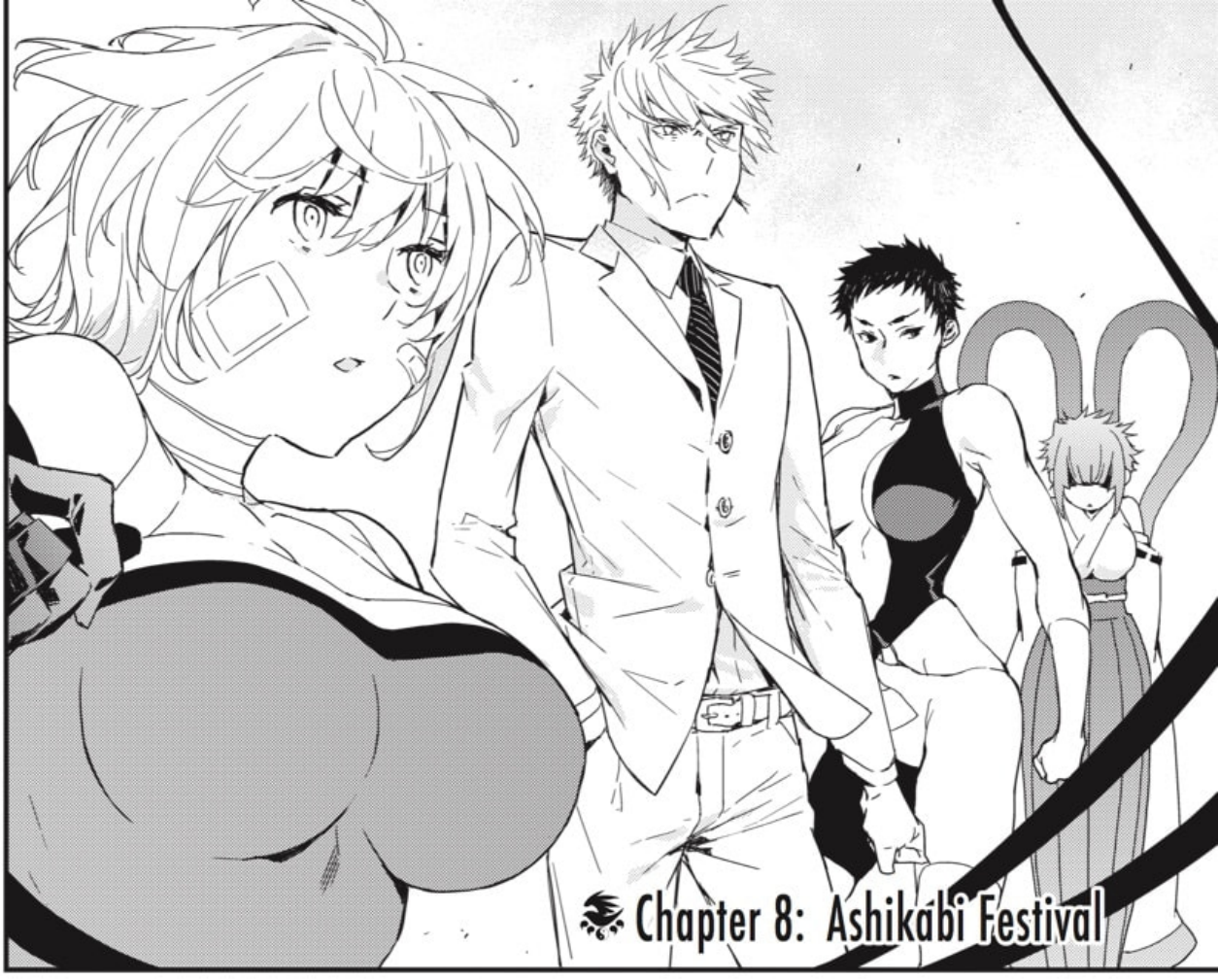




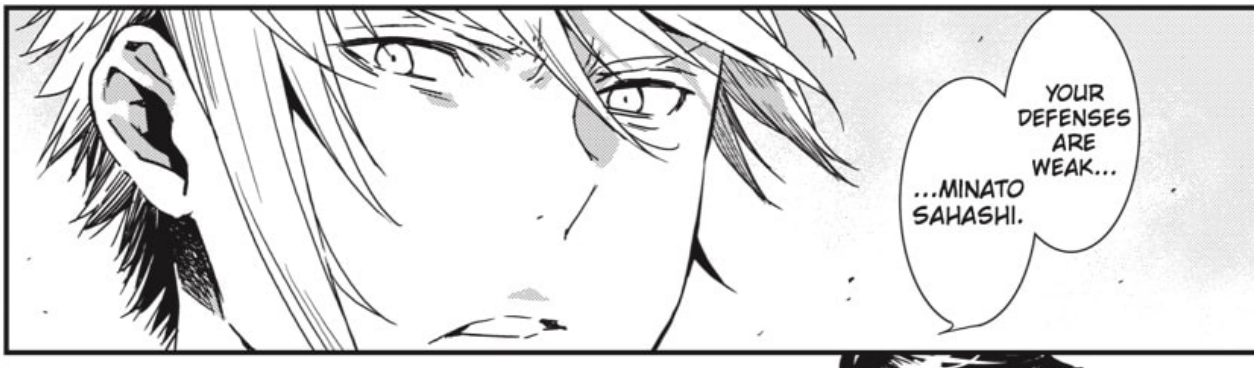



SORRY... SAHASHI.
THIS IS WHERE WE MAKE A TACTICAL RETREAT.
TRIED TO BE ALL COOL, BUT THIS IS JUST EMBARRASSING ...
SORRRRY!
YOU'VE DONE PLENTY, SHIGI-KUN. THANKS.
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE FINE.
IT'S OUR TURN TO DO SOME GOOD DOWN HERE.
LET'S GO!
TIME TO RECLAIM THOSE LOST BONDS!


WRAP
...!?
SHIT
...!



Chapter 8: Ashikabi Festival






I HATE ADMITTING THIS TO YOU...
...BUT I STAND HERE NOW AS AN ASHIKABI.
NO FURTHER EXPLA-NATION NEEDED, RIGHT?
...NOPE!
LISTEN UP, WORMS!


GIVE THEM BACK.
...THOSE ARE MY...
...SEKIREI.


STAMPEDE
HEYYY!
...HELP MEEE!!
SOME-BODY...
YAHOO!♡
BEHIND ME! LOOK BACK THERE!!
WH-WHAT'S WITH YOU, SANADA-SAN?


FU-HEE! ♡


THEY PICKED A FIGHT WITH THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD WHEN SANADA WASN'T LOOKIIING!
WELLLL, Y'SEE, THEY...
AREN'T THEY WITH YOU, SANADA-SAN?
?

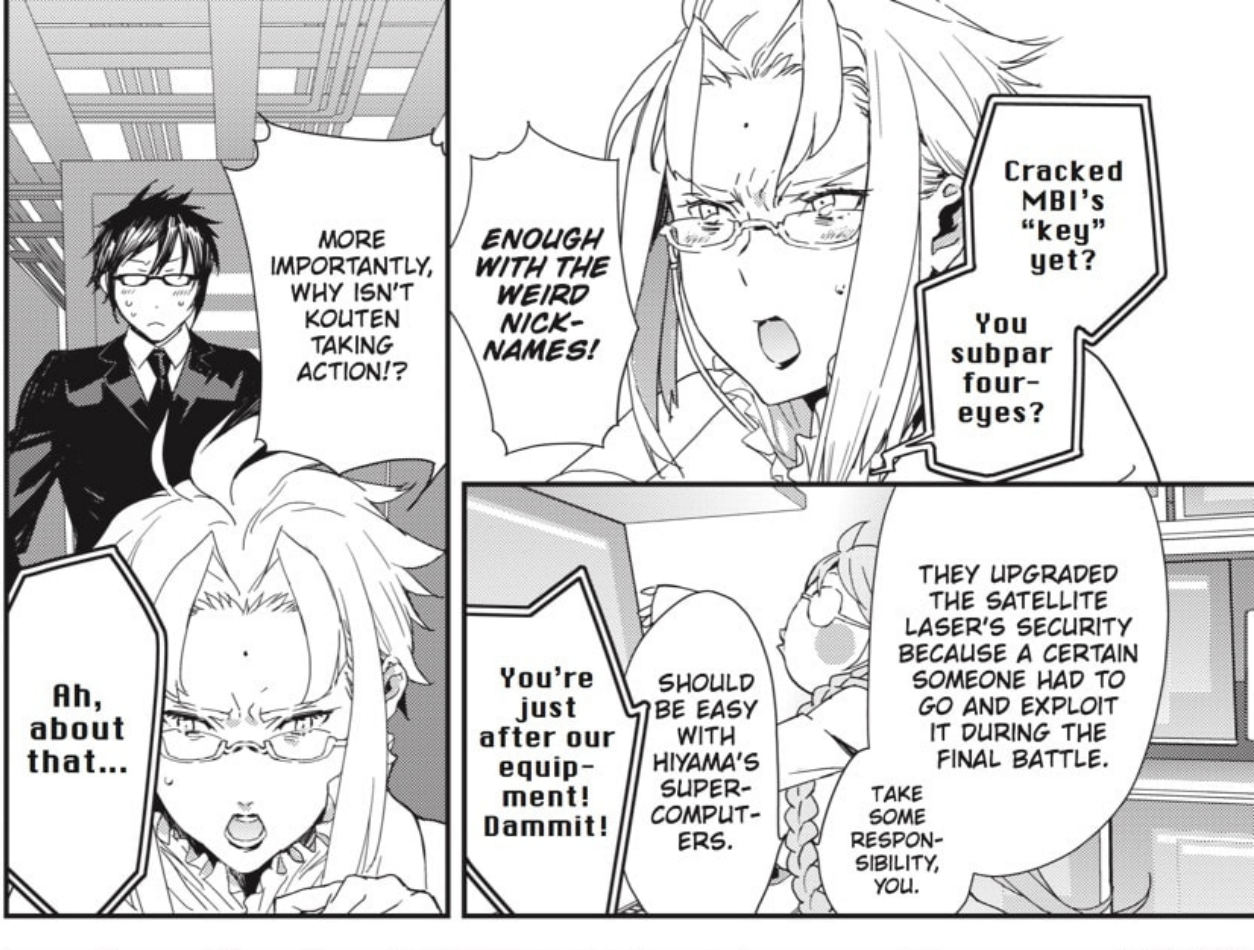

BUT THEY ONLY WANNA PLAY WITH SANADA!
WE CAME HERE TO PLAY WITH THEM!
THEY GOT TERMINATED JUST LIKE THAT, BY THOSE NORITOS.


...BUT I GUESS THIS IS, LIKE...THEIR SPECIAL BOND WITH YOU...?
THEY SHOULD'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THEIR OLD ASHIKABI.
I DON'T GET IT!
YO, YOU GOT ANY CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON, SAHASHI!?
WANNA KILL! ♪
FU HEE. ♪
NOT SURE WHY, BUT I REALLY WANNA KILL THAT ONE GUY!


MY AME-BANE!!
HE'S MINE!
SHOCK
どっ
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO IF I CAN'T GET HIM BACK!
HE'S HERE, AFTER ALL!
HUUUH!?
IS THAT SERIOUSLY HOW YOU ASK SOME-ONE FOR A FAVOR!?


B-BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ASHIKABI I KNOW HEEERE!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER BEING OUR ENEMY JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO!?
BESIDES, THAT SEKIREI CALLED YOU AN UGLY PIG, AND YOU STILL WANT HIM? WOW...
BUT! BUT I LOVE HIM!
OH, FINE!
I'D STILL BE HERE EVEN IF YOU HADN'T ASKED.
D-DEMON AND REAPER ...!!
NEVER SHOULDA COME...
MAS-TER!
WHO WANTS A GOOD STOMPING? LINE ON UP!!
THE DEMON AND REAPER ARE ON THE SCENE!!
SHI-CHAAAN!
Y—
YU-KARI...
ISN'T THERE A BOUNTY ON THEM!?
RIGHT !?
WE'LL BE RICH!!
WHOA ...
HA HA...
TALK ABOUT CHAOTIC.


A "FESTIVAL" LIKE THIS...
...WAS BOUND TO GET A LITTLE CRAZY.
MATSU'S BACKING YOU UP, OF COURSE!
FU-FU. YUP, THEY'VE DEPLOYED NEAR THE ISLAND.
ENEMY SHIPS, THAT IS.
ONCE WE TAKE THOSE OUT, IT'LL BE JUST LIKE THE FINAL BATTLE—NO RUDE INTERRUPTIONS.


MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY ISN'T KOUTEN TAKING ACTION!?
Ah, about that...
ENOUGH WITH THE WEIRD NICK-NAMES!
Cracked MBI's "key" yet?
You subpar four-eyes?
You're just after our equip-ment! Dammit!
SHOULD BE EASY WITH HIYAMA'S SUPER-COMPUT-ERS.
THEY UPGRADED THE SATELLITE LASER'S SECURITY BECAUSE A CERTAIN SOMEONE HAD TO GO AND EXPLOIT IT DURING THE FINAL BATTLE.
TAKE SOME RESPON-SIBILITY, YOU.


Aah... I see.....
SHE NEARLY DESTROYED TEITO THE OTHER DAY, SO SHE'S PROBABLY HESITANT ABOUT ATTACKING.
SHE'D END UP BLOWING AWAY THE WHOLE ISLAND, ALONG WITH THE INVADERS.
THE MEATHEAD UP THERE CAN'T REGULATE HER OWN POWER OUTPUT.


ONE!
TWO.
THREE.
COUNT-DOWN!
NICE AND GENTLE, NOW, SO NOBODY HAS TO DIE...
NOW TO AIM AND SYNC UP THE TIMING.
Take that back.
OH! WELL DONE.
MATSU WOULD'VE ACHIEVED 100%, BUT STILL.
BEEP
95% CONTROL OVER THE SBL IN RANGE OF THE ISLAND.
THERE WE GO!


BWOOM
BWOOM
SPLASH
CRAP. OUR BACKUP GOT WIPED OUT.
HAVEN'T WE BROKEN INTO THE ARK, YET?
SHIT. THE NORITO THEN!
GOTTA USE THEM.
TUG


...THE TROUBLES OF MY ASHIKABI ...
...BY THE DANCE OF MY CONTRACT ...
...MOW DOWN...


SLASH


THIS IS BAD.
HRMM ...

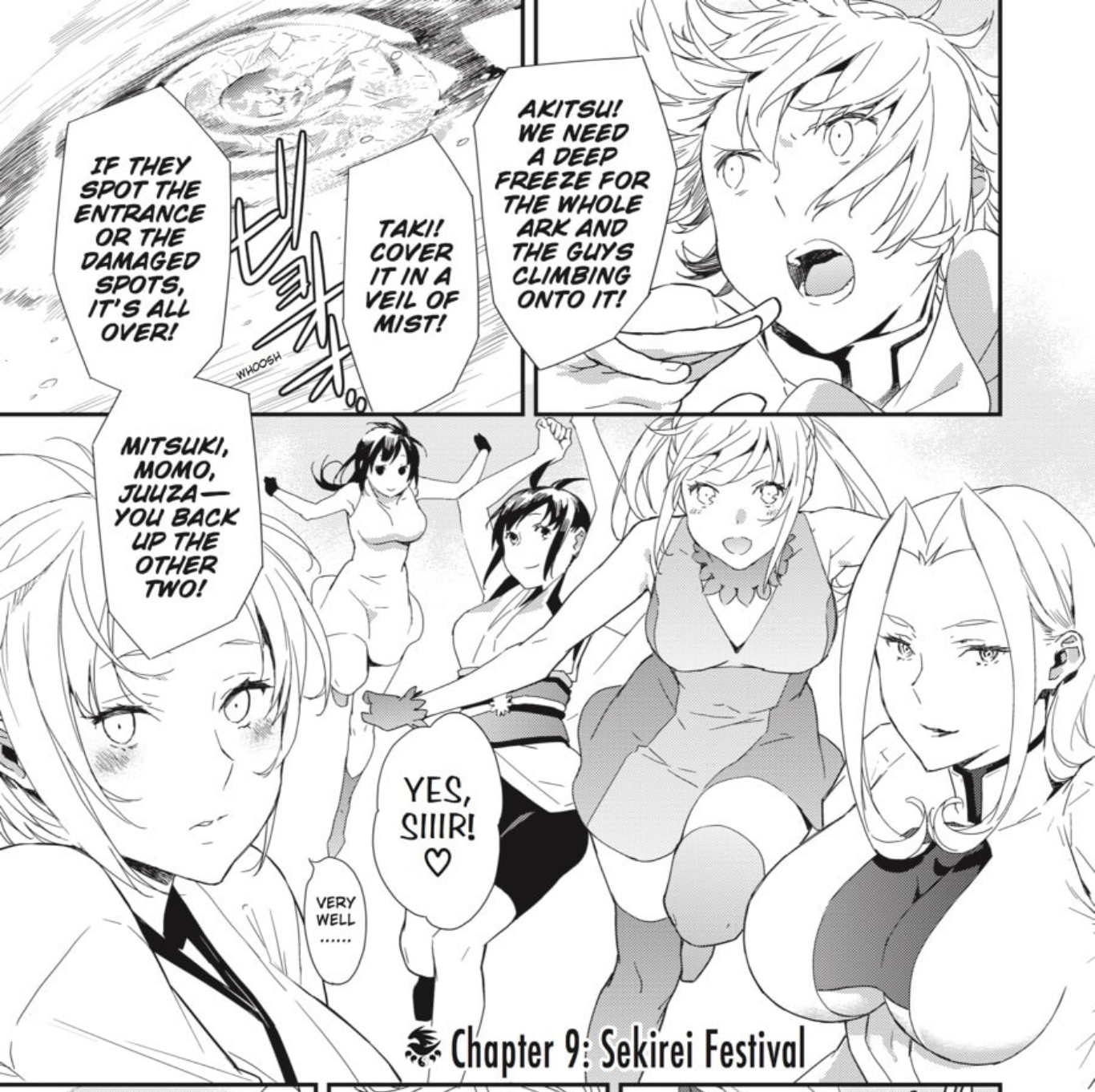

KAHO!


RUMBLE
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
The ark's outer hull is pierced.
Invasion is imminent.


WHOOSH
RUSH
!
STAY ALERT, MINATO!
THE ARK...!
OH NO.


NOW LET'S CAPTURE THAT "CEO"...
QUICK-LY!
GET IN THERE!
SNOW ...?
CHILL
.....
BLIZZARD ...!
FWOOSH


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
IT'LL BE MY FAULT, SINCE I SMASHED IT UP IN THE FINAL BATTLE!!
IF THIS ARK GETS STOLEN...!
ENOUGH!
SO GET THE HECK AWAY FROM OUR HOLY GROUNDS!
OR THIS IS GONNA GET UGLY!



Chapter 9: Sekirei Festival




I HATE IT!
HOW DID THIS CHUMP WIN THE WHOLE GAME!!?
I DON'T ACCEPT IT!!
HISS
SAY THANKS FOR THAT BEAN, KU-CHAN.
O-OKAY, THEN.
WHOOSH
STILL ...!
ANYONE WHO'D RUN AROUND USING SEKIREI AS TOOLS...
THAT'S WHAT I REALLY CAN'T ACCEPT!
TAKE CHARGE, MR. WINNER!
TEACH THEM A LESSON !!


NORITO TIME!
WE WANNA END THIS QUICK.
SO GO AHEAD AND GO WILD!


ROAR
RUMBLE
CALM YOURSELF, MUSUBI!!
W-WE AREN'T SNEAKING AROUND BEHIND YOUR BACK!!
TOGETHER FOREVER.
I LOVE THAT ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE SO SINCERE, TSUKIUMI.
GLOW


GRIP
I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU...
...KAGARI-SAN.
AND MARK MY WORDS.
I'LL SURPASS THE CEO, SOMEDAY.
SO JUST YOU WAIT...
...KAZE-HANA-SAN.


BY THE WATER OF MY CONTRACT...
BY THE FLAMES OF MY CONTRACT...
BY THE WIND OF MY CONTRACT...
...PURIFY THE ILLS...
...INCINERATE THE KARMA...
...BLOW AWAY THE DARK CLOUDS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
...OF MY ASHIKABI...!
...FROM MY ASHIKABI!

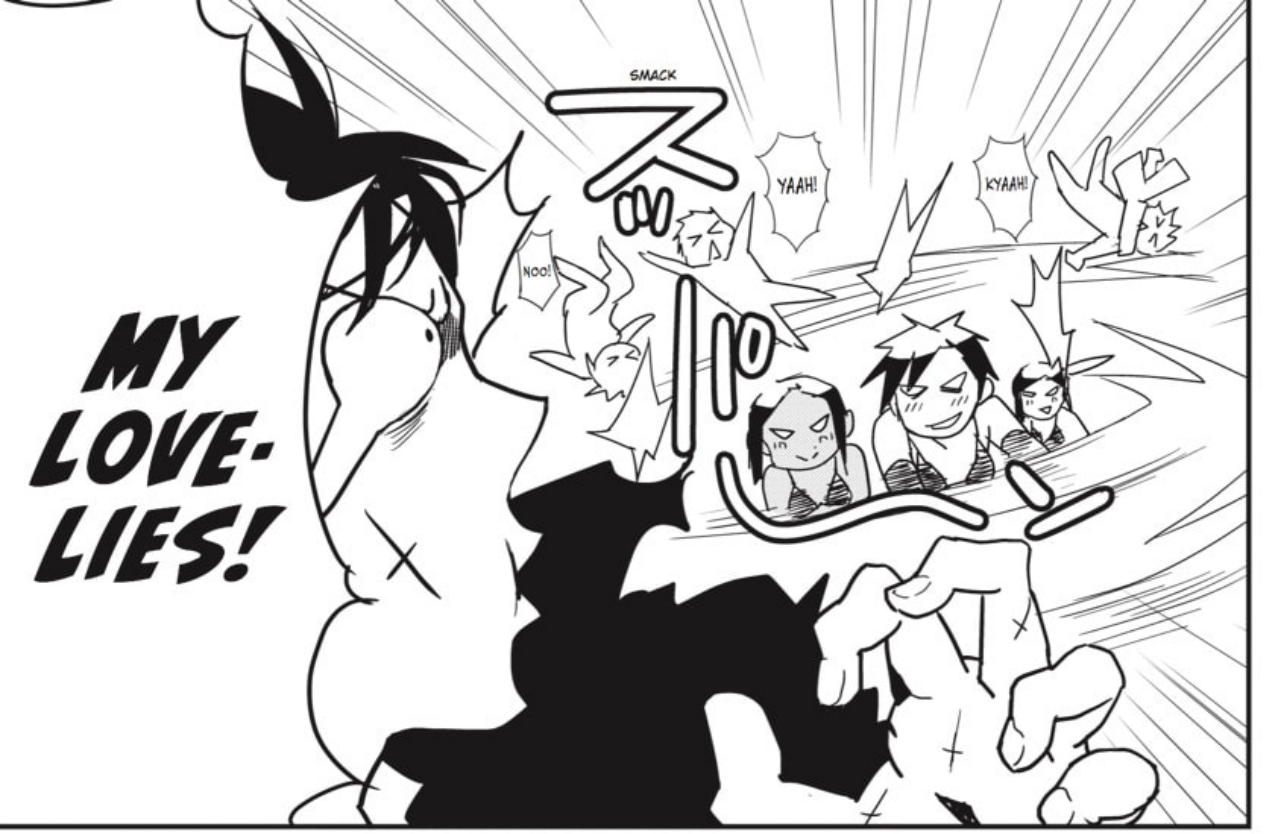

KERSPLASH
YOU FOOLS WERE KIDNAPPED BY LAWLESS ASHIKABI!
WATER ATTACK!
HIGH-TIDE ORBS!
NOW RECEIVE ALL OF MY MIGHT AND AWAKEN!!
THIS ENDS NOW, THOUGH!
I MEAN ...
HOW DID THE GUARDIAN NOT REALIZE THIS WAS HAPPENING? MAYBE I'M THE FOOL AFTER ALL.
I RECOMMEND A QUICK DIVORCE!
NO LOVE, LUST, OR BONDS BETWEEN YOU AND THESE PARTNERS.


KAMI-KAZE BLOOM!
WINGS OF IMMOLA-TION!


KU-CHAN, YOUR FLOATY NORITO CAN CARRY THE FALLEN SEKIREI TO SAFETY AT MBI.
YEAH!


COOL! WE'LL SHOW OFF OUR NORITOS TOO, THEN.
C'MON, MY LOVE-LIES .....


AWW, MINA-TAN...!
MATSU WANTS A KISS TOOOO!


MY LOVE-LIES!
SMACK
NOO!
YAAH!
KYAAH!


I NEVER GOT TO USE MY NORITO DURING THE FINAL BATTLE!
SO... WOULD YOU MIND...!?


YOU'RE DEAD MEAT! ♡♡
FRET
FRET
EEP!


M—
MIKO-SAMA! ME TOO!


SHE HOPES TO RESCUE THEM...
MUST'VE GROWN ATTACHED TO THE KIDDOS...
YOU REALLY WANNA?


AAAAH!
...COMING AT ME WITHOUT HESITATION?
SOMEWHERE, DEEP IN YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS...
...YOU MUST RECOGNIZE ME AS YOUR HATEFUL FORMER MASTER.


HIGA-SAMA .....
IT'S TIME TO UNLEASH YOUR POWER.
NORITO.
SHIINA! NORITO TIME!!
WE'RE GONNA SET EVERYONE FREE!
YES!
YUKARI-SAN.
AND LET'S STRIP DOWN THOSE HUNKY ENEMY ASHIKABI!
AS FOUL AS EVER, AREN'T YOU?
BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT TOO.


SURE!
MAS-
TER...
OH...
HUH?
CAN I?
CAN I?
PLANT A NICE WET ONE ON ME! ♡
CAN I DO IT TOO?


WORLD END GARDEN...!
SHOOM
キルアアアッ!
...!?
SHAKE
SHAKE
THIS IS, YES...
JUST LIKE IN THE FINAL BATTLE... I SEE!
INDEED, NORITOS ARE THE KEY...!!
RUMBLE


RUMBLE
THE ARK JINKI IS LIGHTING UP!
...AND THE ARK'S ABILITIES...
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
...WILL BE UNLEASHED ...!
STEP
!
.....A MESSAGE, FOR THE ONES CONTROL-LING YOU ALL.
IF THEY LAY HANDS ON THE RELIC...
...THEY'LL BE MAKING AN ENEMY OF HIYAMA CORP.


MORE AND MORE LIKE A REAL ASHIKABI, HUH.
HMPH.
TALKING WITH YOU ONLY EVER PISSES ME OFF.
MIKO-SAMAAA!
WE MOPPED UP THE JERKS NEAR THE ARK!
TH-THEY SHOULDN'T UNDERES-TIMATE US TEENS!
SO STRONG, WHITE PANTIES!
THANKS. WE LOVE YOU!!
THE ONLY ONES LEFT...
...ARE OVER THERE.
...
OOSUMI-SAN...!


STAY BACK...!
KAHO ...!
...DON'T GET IT... I DON'T GET IT.
WHY...? YOU'RE NOT MY ASHIKABI-SAMA, SO...
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU...
...TO ME .....!!?


JUST LISTEN!
YOU CEASED FUNC-TIONING, BUT—
WHY DO YOU KEEP TELLING ME THAT?
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU?
I...I MUST PROTECT MY ASHIKABI-SAMA.
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO. YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW!
OKAY!? WHAT'S OKAY ABOUT ANY OF THIS!? I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE TO ME?
WH-WHY, WHEN I LOOK AT YOU...
...DOES MY HEART START HURTING ...!?
ONCE THEY'RE WINGED AGAIN, ALL THOSE MEMORIES OF PREVIOUS CONNECTIONS AND ASHIKABI VANISH.....
RIGHT—SO SHE CAN'T REMEMBER HIM.
...THAT'S HOW THE WHOLE "SEKIREI" SYSTEM WORKS.
...BUT SHE'S HAVING TROUBLE ACTUALLY FIGHTING AGAINST OOSUMI-SAN EVEN SO.
ENOUGH! PICK UP THE PACE !!
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM


THESE REWINGED ATTACKERS NEED SOME MORE FINE-TUNING IN THE CAGE!
I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER.
'KAY!?
Chapter 10: Star-Joined Celebration
EXE-CUTION CLAWS ...!
GIGA ☆ QUAKE !!


BY THE FIST OF MY CONTRACT ...
GLOW
...BREAK THE TORMEN-TORS...
...OF MY ASHIKABI!
KAHO!
NEXT TIME...
...BE SURE TO PICK THE RIGHT PARTNER!


GLOW
NO ONE'S CRYING ANYMORE.
EVERYONE'S SLEEPING, NICE AND QUIET.
Matsu peeked at MBI's sensor system, and...
...all attacking Sekirei have ceased functioning.
SORRY, EVERYONE.
IT TOOK A WHILE TO ELIMINATE THE INVADERS AT HQ.
OH, LONG TIME NO SEE. ☆
AS FOR DEALING WITH THOSE BEHIND THIS ASSAULT ...
MBI WILL KEEP THEM ON THIS COMPANY-OWNED ISLAND.
HE'S ON FIRE... EVER THE CORPORATE SLAVE, NATSUO...
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
LISTEN HERE, MR. MBI.
HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS TRY TAKING BETTER CARE OF YOUR ISLAND?


AGREED! WHAT'S TO KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN?
WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING, AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES, WON'T WE?
AFTER ALL, WE'RE...
...SEKIREI AND ASHIKABI.
Aaah!
My good Ashi-kabi!

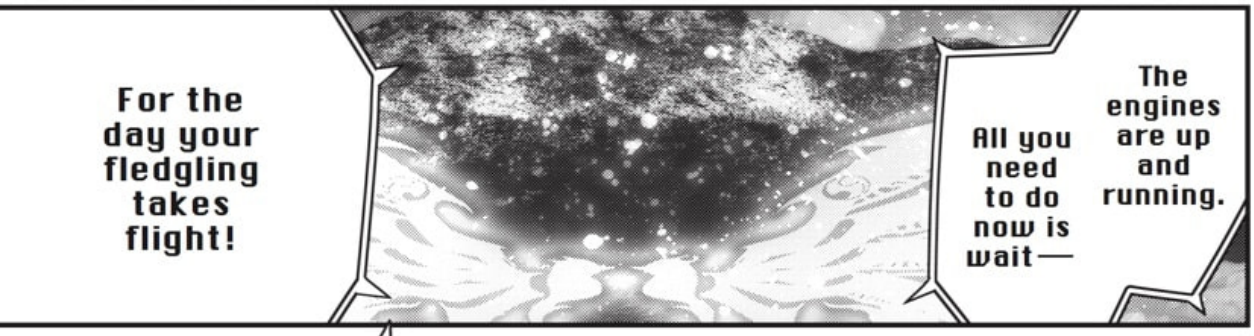

I, Hiroto Minaka, CEO of MBI, thank you from the bottom of my heart!!
Thanks to your valiant efforts ...
...the ark and the fledglings are safe!


Oh...
By the way, Minato Sahashi-kun...


TOO MANY GLITCHES HERE!
YOU SUCK AT BEING GAME MASTER!
C'MON, CEO!
Wa-ha-ha. Indeed, I am ashamed.


...?
YOU'RE A FAN OF HAPPY ENDINGS, AREN'T YOU?







You hold the future in your hands.


I CAN'T WAIT TO WITNESS IT.
A TALE EVEN I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE!
A SURPRIS-ING FUTURE FOR ALL!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


I AWAIT THE MOMENT...
...YOUR BLOSSOMING LOVE STORY RESHAPES THE VERY WORLD!
EVERY-THING...


...STARTS HERE.






UM, RIGHT!
I...
...HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU, MINATO-SAN! ♡♡


BEYOND THE LIGHT, THERE WERE A WHOLE BUNCHA PEOPLE WHO LOOKED LIKE LANDLADY-SAMA...
...AND I WAS TALKING TO THEM THIS WHOLE TIME!
EH HEH HEH!
ONLY GOOD THINGS TO SAY!
THEY WERE REALLY PROUD OF MINATO-SAN AND EVERY-ONE ELSE. ♡
??
WH-WHAT... DOES ANY OF THAT MEAN?
EXPLAIN YOURSELF MORE CLEARLY, MUSUBI!
UMM... HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID.
"WE HAVE A WONDERFUL ASHIKABI-SAMA *HERE*, JUST LIKE YOUR MINATO-SAN ♡."
AND, WELL!
RUMBLE
.....
LOOK!

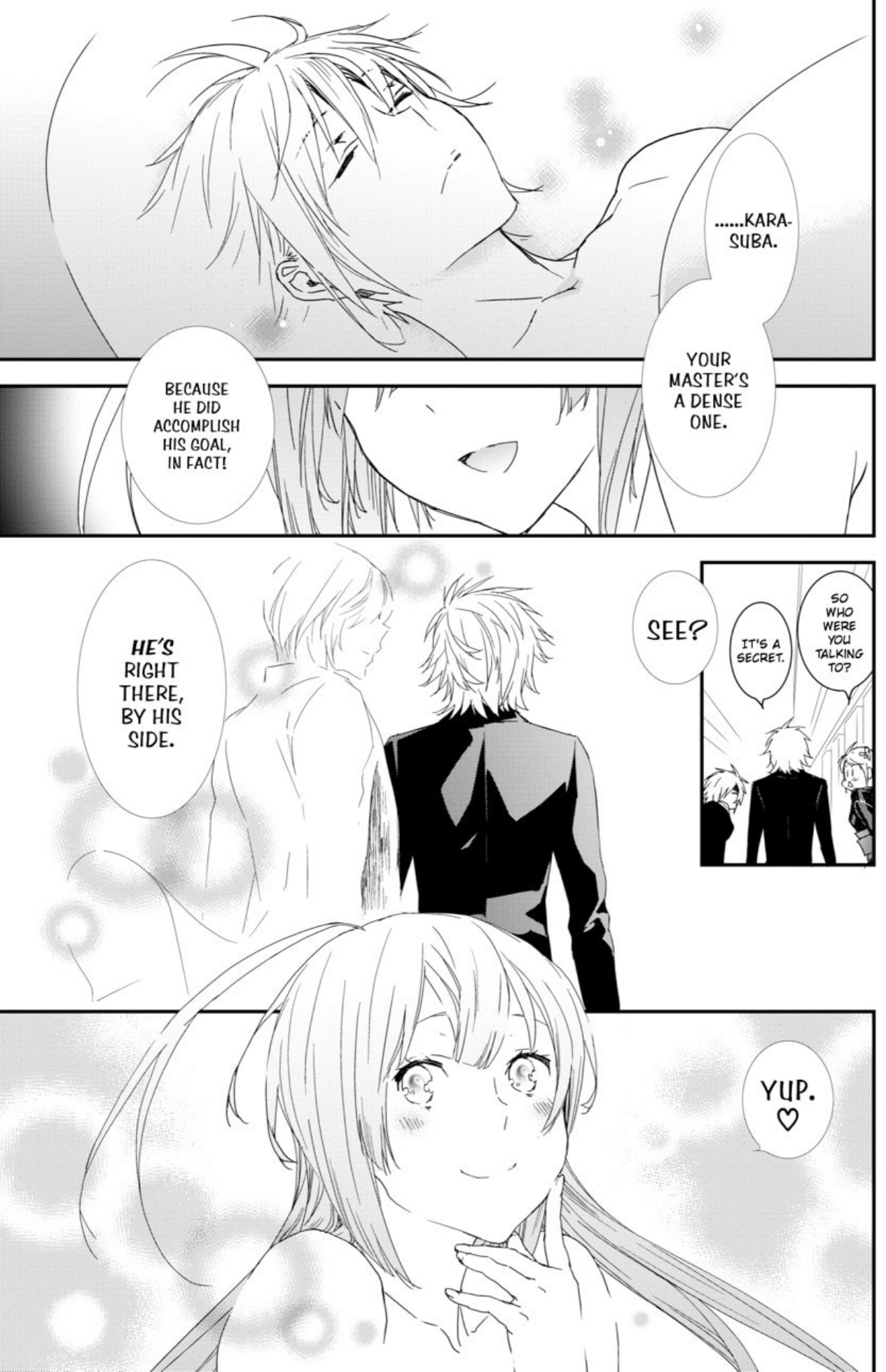

NO...
WELL, THIS IS A SURPRISE.
ALMOST... LOOKS LIKE THE WORLD'S ABOUT TO END, HUH?

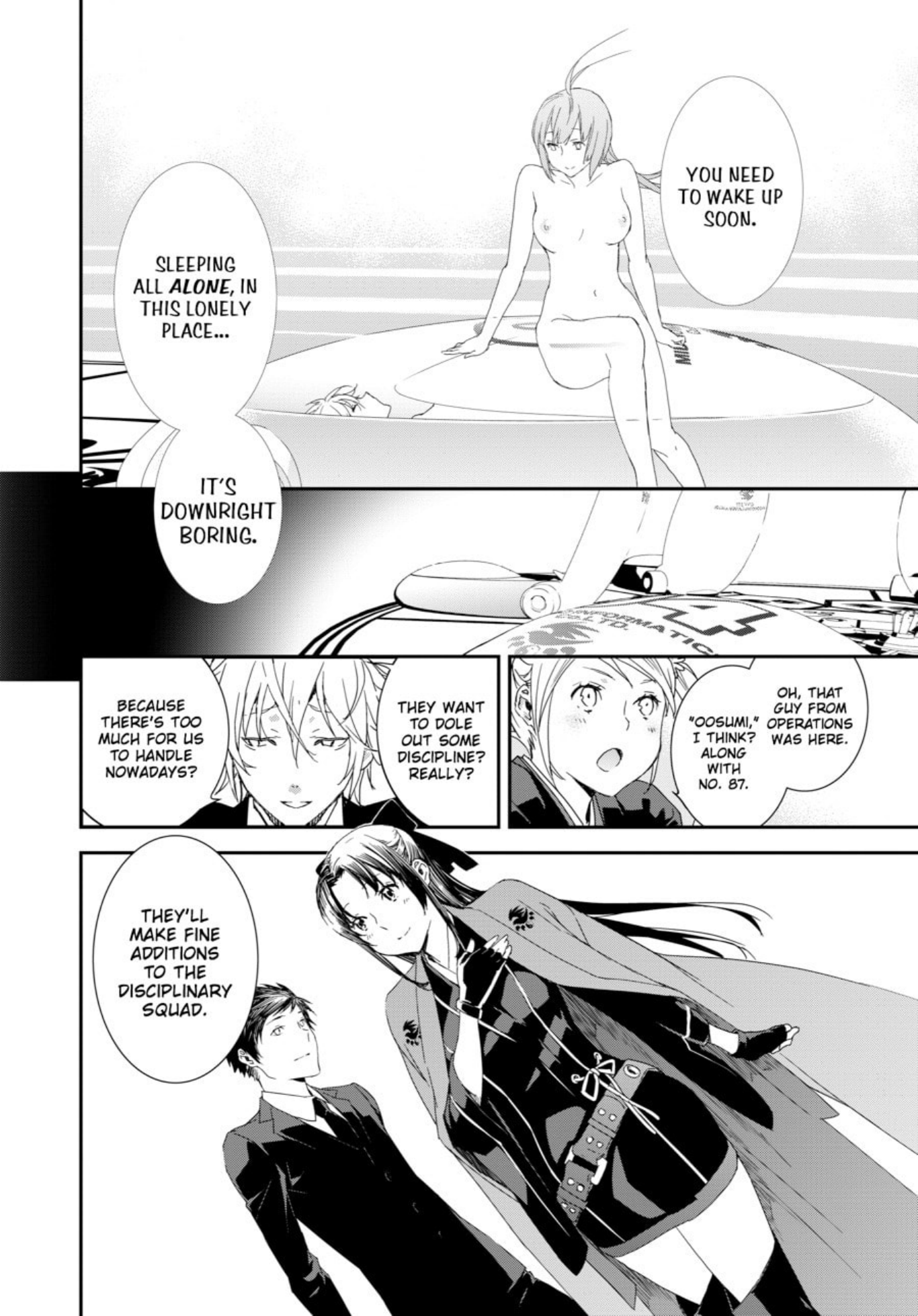

A WORLD...
...FULL OF SEKIREI LOVE.
...A NEW WORLD.
IT'S JUST BEGINNING.
...LIVING SIDE BY SIDE.
ALL OF US...
EVERY-THING...
...STARTS NOW!
AND A FUTURE WE CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE.
A NEW LIFE.

Chapter 11: Epilogue: Together Forever, Wherever




NATSUO!
THOUGHT YOU'D BE IN HERE.
I-IT'S LUNCH-TIME!
COME EAT WITH US?
I MEAN, GIMME A BREAK.
THEY CALLED ME BACK FROM THE BATTLE-FIELD ON THE "DAY OF ADVENT"...
EVER SINCE THEN, I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH MY GOAL...
THEY'RE HERE FOR ME.
BUT I'LL BE BACK.
WATCH OVER *HER*, OKAY?
FSSSH
CLOSE


.....KARA-SUBA.
YOUR MASTER'S A DENSE ONE.
BECAUSE HE DID ACCOMPLISH HIS GOAL, IN FACT!
SEE?
IT'S A SECRET.
SO WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
HE'S RIGHT THERE, BY HIS SIDE.
YUP. ♡

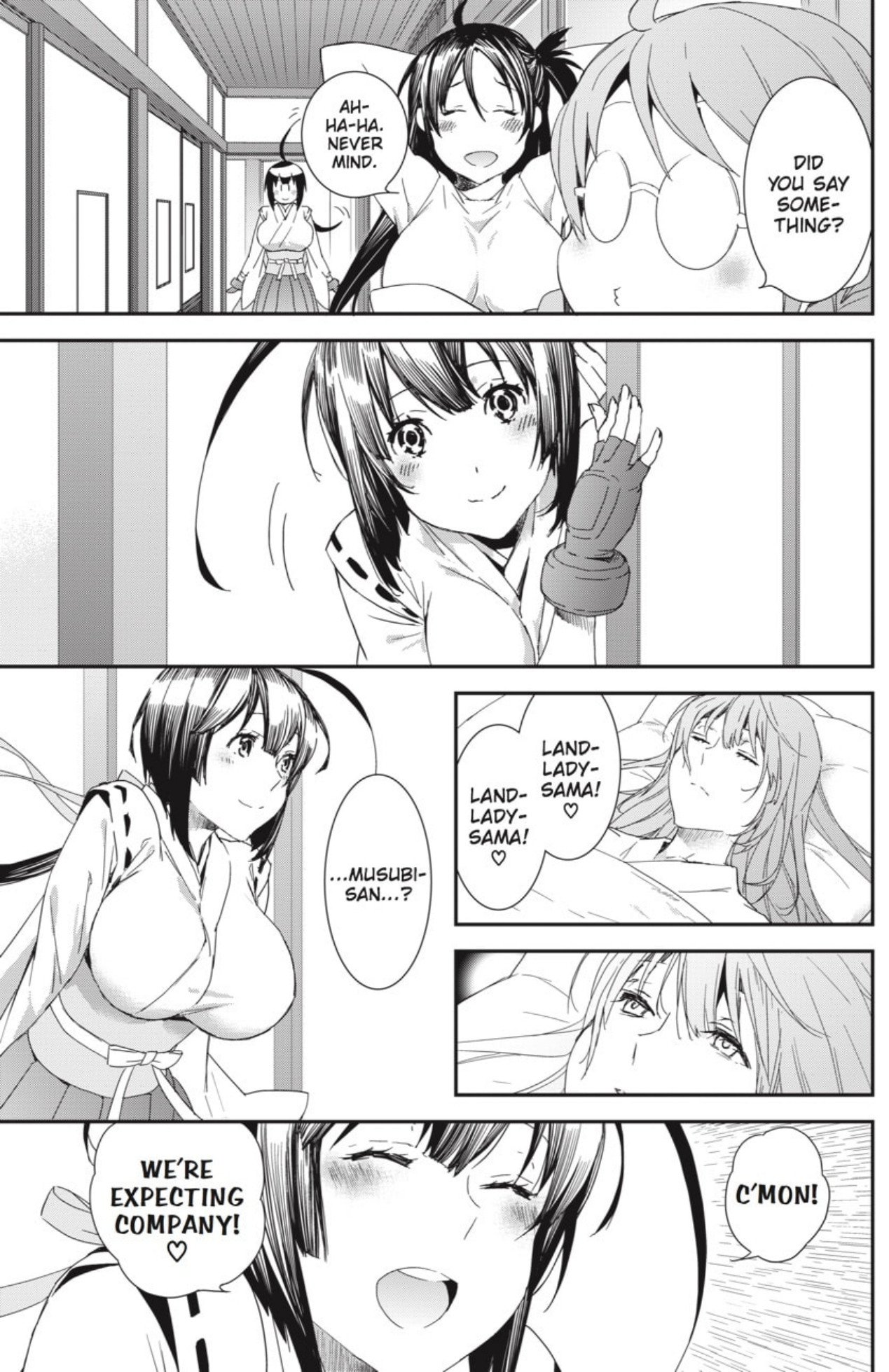

YOU NEED TO WAKE UP SOON.
SLEEPING ALL ALONE, IN THIS LONELY PLACE...
IT'S DOWNRIGHT BORING.
OH, THAT GUY FROM OPERATIONS WAS HERE.
"OOSUMI," I THINK? ALONG WITH NO. 87.
THEY WANT TO DOLE OUT SOME DISCIPLINE? REALLY?
BECAUSE THERE'S TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE NOWADAYS?
THEY'LL MAKE FINE ADDITIONS TO THE DISCIPLINARY SQUAD.


...WELL.
THE SUGGESTION'S COMING FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE "NEW SEKIREI PROJECT."
AND SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
HIYA.
HELLO.
!
BEHIND YOU. IS THAT...?


...HEY. UZUME-CHAN.
CAN I TELL YOU SOME-THING?
...YOU WOULD DIE WITH ME.
...THAT IF I DIED...
YOU KNOW, I WAS... HAPPY...
THAT THERE WOULD BE NO "NEXT ASHIKABI" FOR YOU...
THAT WE'D MEET OUR END TOGETHER...
LYING IN BED, ALL THAT TIME...
...IT'S ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT.


IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED TO DIE.
BUT JUST KNOWING I HAD YOU FOR MYSELF...
IT HELPED SO MUCH... I WAS HAPPY.
SORRY... I KNOW THAT'S PETTY.
...NAH.
HAVING YOU AS MY ASHIKABI, CHIHO... IT MADE ME HAPPY TOO.
IT'S LIKE...
...I KNEW YOU NEEDED ME AROUND.
AND DASHING OUT ON MY OWN, ALL STUBBORN ...
IN THE END, IT ONLY MADE YOU CRY.
IF OUR FRIENDS HADN'T BEEN THERE FOR US...
...I COULDN'T BE HERE WITH YOU NOW, FEELING YOUR WARMTH.
SO IF THAT MAKES YOU PETTY, CHIHO...
...THEN IT MAKES ME A DUMBASS.
I SAY WE MAKE A PRETTY PERFECT PAIR OF LOVEBIRDS, ACTUALLY.
OH, UZUME-CHAN...!
CHI-CHAAAN! U-CHAAAN!
SQUEEZE


HEE-HEE. I'M STILL LEARNING.
YOU'RE GONNA BE A PAH-TISS-EE-AY, RIGHT?
YOU'RE GOOD AT MAKING CAKES, CHI-CHAN!
JUST WHEN THINGS WERE GETTING HOT AND HEAVY!
YOU'LL GET TO FEED U-CHAN LOTS AND LOTS OF YUMMY CAKE!
LET'S MAKE A CAKE FOR THE PARTY!
HEY, HEY!
...OR THE MORALS COMMITTEE IS GONNA SPLASH YOU GOOD.
AND YOU'D BETTER CONCEAL THOSE REACTION LIGHT WINGS...
FOOLING AROUND IN THERE, WERE YOU?
YOU'RE BLUSHING QUITE A LOT, UZUME-TAN!
FATTENING ME UP, HUH?
...MAKES THAT ONE FUNCTION ALL THE MORE USEFUL.
DYING TOGETHER, I MEAN.
SEKIREI NATURALLY GROW AT A RELATIVELY SLOW PACE.
OH RIGHT. ABOUT THAT...
HEY. YOU NOTICE HOW KUSANO-TAN HASN'T DONE MUCH GROWING UP?
WHOA, FOR REAL?
BY MATSU'S CALCULATIONS.
...KUSANO-TAN LEFT HERS VERY EARLY... ANYHOW, HER LIFE SPAN WILL BE TWICE THAT OF A HUMAN.
NORMALLY, THE ARK CAPSULES CONTROL THESE THINGS, BUT...


AH-HA-HA. NEVER MIND.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
...MUSUBI-SAN...?
LAND-LADY-SAMA! ♡
LAND-LADY-SAMA! ♡
WE'RE EXPECTING COMPANY! ♡
C'MON!


BADUM
HMMM ...?
CAN YOU ALREADY TELL WHO IT'LL BE?
YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE.
WHAT A SIGHT.
NEVER THOUGHT TEITO WOULD END UP LIKE THIS.


THIS IS REALLY ALL YOUR DOING?
MBI FILLED ME IN.
HUH!?
MY DOING? REALLY!?
NO... I MEAN... I GUESS?
MUSUBI-CHA— I MEAN, WHAT MY SEKIREI DID ON KOUTEN...
WE DO SHARE RESPON-SIBILITY... HA-HA...
THE STATE OF TEITO, SURE, BUT ALSO...
...IT WAS YOU WHO BROUGHT ME BACK.
THANKS FOR THAT.
NAH... I JUST PUT TOGETHER THE FUNDAMENTAL THEORIES.
IT WAS THE CEO WHO GAVE THOSE THEORIES SHAPE.
Come home already!!
ONLY ONCE YOU PUT ME IN THE FAMILY REGIS-TRY!!
I STILL CAN'T MEASURE UP TO THAT GUY.
THE WORLD IS IN MY HANDS!!
PLUS... WE NEEDED YOU UP AND RUNNING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


THE BURDEN WOULD'VE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR ME.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR HER, AFTER ALL.
...LOOK!


THERE!
LAND-LADY-SAMA! ♡♡
...SORRY I'M SO LATE...
...WHEN I SAID I'D BE HOME SOON.
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.


EVEN SO, WILL YOU STILL...
...HOLD ME? AND KISS ME?
AND TELL ME YOU'RE MINE?
A-AFTER WHAT YOU PUT ME THROUGH ...!
I'M SORRY.
YOU, YOU...!
I'M SORRY.
LET ME SEE THAT FACE.
MY MIYA.


TAKE-HITO-SAN.
TAKE-HITO-SAN...!
WELCOME HOME...!

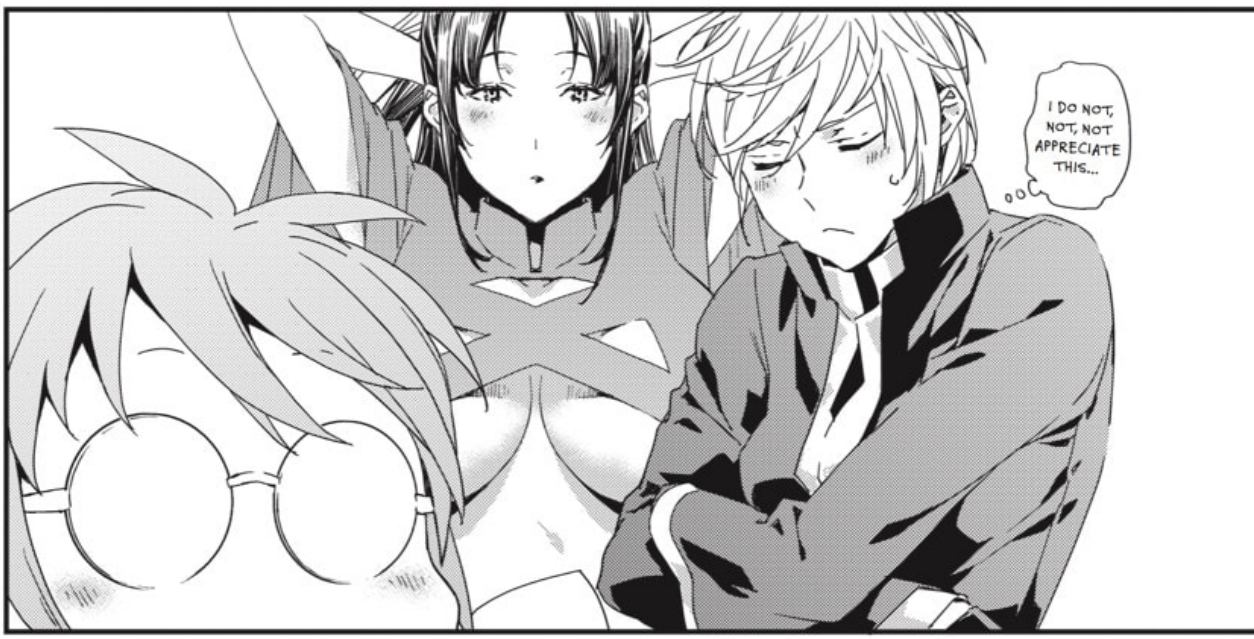

IS ALL THIS...
MUSUBI-CHAN.
..... WELL.
YES!
...WHAT YOU WISHED FOR?
THE WORLD YOU DREAMED OF?
I'M SO VERY GLAD I BONDED WITH YOU.
MY FIGHT IS OVER NOW.
THANK YOU, MINATO-SAN.


UNBE-
LIEVABLE,
REALLY!
IT'S
AWFUL HOW
YOU ALWAYS
GET THE
JUMP ON US,
MUSUBI-
KUN!
LEAP
DON'T
FORGET
US!
KU TOO!
KU TOO!
BOND
WITH
US!
BOND!
TRY
YOUR
HARD-
EST!
RUN
AWAAAY,
SANADA!
WHOA,
TAKE-
HITO!?
GIMME
SOME
GRUB,
SAHA—


EVERYONE'S OVERWHELMING LOVE WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD.
MINATO!
SA-HASHI...
MINATO-KUUUN!
BIG BROTHER...!
MINA-TAN!
SO LONG AS LIFE EXISTS ON THE PLANET.
FOREVER...
MINATO-SAN! ♡
...AND EVER.






I DO NOT, NOT, NOT APPRECIATE THIS...






TOGETHER FOREVER!


WARNING!!
THERE ARE SPOILERS HERE, SO READ THE VOLUME FIRST!!
THIS WAY! OPEN THE BOOK!
THE TRUE SEKIREI AFTERMATH
"THIS IS A TALE OF INFINITE POSSIBILITY" - HIROTO MINAKA
SHOOM
CRASH
FSSHH


SMASH
RUMBLE
TIME TO FIND US THE ASHIKABI OF OUR DREAMS...!
NOW. THEN !!!

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 the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.
-dono: A more archaic form of address, similar to *-sama*.
-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.
-tan: A cutesier version of *-chan*.

Page 13 - Minato's wagtail T-shirt
The Japanese wagtail is a common species of bird that prefers freshwater environments. The Japanese name for it, *sekirei*, also happens to be the title of the series.

Page 15 - "Obviously can't work as a host with *these*."
Host and hostess clubs constitute a significant part of Japanese soft-core nightlife entertainment. At host clubs, male servers cater to mostly female clientele and offer casual conversation. Since Kagari doesn't fit the mold anymore, he gets a job as a bartender instead.

Page 91 - *Rounin*
Though *rounin* once referred to masterless samurai, in modern Japanese society, it's used to denote prospective college students who've failed their entrance exams and exist in a sort of societal limbo.

Page 125 - Kuno/No-Good
Kuno's name sounds very similar to *munou*, which means "incompetence."

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