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PLEASE DO NOT
UPLOAD TO ANY
MANGA AGGREG-
ATOR WEBSITE.

PLEASE SUPPORT
THE ARTIST AND
THE DISTRIBUTOR
BY PURCHASING
THE MANGA IF IT
BECOMES LICENSED
AND AVAILABLE
IN YOUR COUNTRY.

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THE
HEROES
OF
JUSTICE!

HATERS OF
EVIL AND
LOVERS OF
PEACE,

THEY ARE,
OF COURSE,

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A Cherry Blossom Colored Hero Arrives

CRISIS APPROACHES

QUICK-TEMPERED
KOTAROU...!?

MIKATA OF
JUSTICE!!

ミユキ蜜蜂

ミユキ蜜蜂
MIYUKI MITSUBACHI

コミックス
HC

「ラブ×テキ!-LOVE TEXT-」
「姫君と三匹の獣」<全4巻>
大好評発売中!



THE CHOSEN
ELITE HIDE
THEIR TRUE
IDENTITIES

EVIL IS
SPREADING
THROUGHOUT
PRESENT DAY
SOCIETY AND
A SECRET
NATIONAL
PROJECT IS
BEGINNING
TO MAKE
ITS MOVE.

"THE HERO
PROJECT"

AND AS
MYSTERIOUS
SAVIORS COME
RUNNING WHEN
PEOPLE ARE IN
TROUBLE.

HATERS OF
EVIL AND
LOVERS OF
PEACE,

THEY ARE,
OF COURSE,

THE
HEROES
OF
JUSTICE!

THIS
WORLD
IS
ROT-
TING.

I'M
GONNA

CAN'T
TREAT A
CUSTOMER
LIKE THIS.
WHAT ON
EARTH
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO DO?

Y...
YOU

STOP IT,
MIKATA-KUN!
IT'S NOT A
BIG DEAL.

WHAT WERE
YOU DOING!?
I CLEARLY
SAW YOU!

X SHUT
UP!

BEAT
THE CRAP
OUT OF
YOU!

FLAP

SERI-
OUSLY,

AREN'T THERE ANY HEROES?

BECAUSE OF HIS QUICK TEMPER, HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO HOLD A JOB LONG TERM IN ORDER TO HELP WITH HIS FAMILY'S FINANCES.

HE IS THE OLDEST SON OF A VERY POOR FAMILY OF 7.

I HEARD HE GOT FIRED.

OF COURSE HE GOT FIRED...

HEY, DID YOU HEAR?

I HEARD! I HEARD!

IT'S ABOUT MIKATA, RIGHT? HE BEAT UP A CUSTOMER AGAIN? He's super scary...

MIKATA KOTAROU, 16 YEARS OLD

IT'S THIS SAD SITUATION

JUMP

SORRY

NO!

HE JUST SAW SOME CUSTOMER AND THEN STARTED BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF THE GUY.

AT HOME HE'S TREATED LIKE A USELESS DEADBEAT.
AT SCHOOL IT SEEMS

NOW WHAT AM I GOING TO DO FOR LIVING EXPENSES?

THAT OLD MAN COST ME MY JOB.

MIKATA-KUN?

AND ALL HE CAN DO IS SULK.

BAM!





WHISH!

!!

KK

GAH!

What!?

WHY
SUD-
DENLY!

THUD!



WHO

MIKATA
KOTAROU-
KUN,

YOU CAN
EXPECT
TO BE
REWARDED.

KA-CHA

I'M AN
INVESTI-
GATOR FROM
A HIGHLY
CLASSI-
FIED DIVI-
SION OF
THE METRO-
POLITAN
POLICE.
I WAS
GIVEN
INFORM-
ATION
ABOUT
YOU.

WHO
THE HELL
ARE
YOU?

AND WHY
DO YOU
KNOW MY
NAME!?

IS
THAT
GLY?

FROM
NOW ON

YOU
WILL BE
A HERO.



VERY

UNFORT-
UNATELY,
ONCE YOU
ENTER THIS
PLACE, YOU
CAN'T JUST
SIMPLY
LEAVE.

YOU MAY
CALL ME
"S".

SUSPI-
CIOUS
!!

I'm...
LEAVING

SPIN...

ALL OF THE
"HEROES"
THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY ARE
MANAGED FROM
HERE.

CHIME CHIME

AS OF NOW, THERE ARE VARIOUS HEROES ON ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THEY ARE THE COUNTRY'S ELITE AND HAVE BEEN GATHERED TO FORM "THE HERO PROJECT".

THEY ARE MYSTERIOUS MEN WHO PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER FROM THE SHADOWS.

"HE-
RO"?
LIKE THE RUMORS YOU'VE HEARD, THEY EXIST.

HIS NAME IS

HE IS THE HERO ASSIGNED HERE TO THE SAKURADA DISTRICT.

LOOK.

WHOA!

IDIOTS WHO DON'T PRUNE PLUM TREES ARE THE PLUM'S ENEMIES!

IDIOTS WHO CUT CHERRY TREES ARE MY ENEMIES!!

TA-DA!

THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO, VILLAIN!!

SAKURAIYA.

AND WILL
RAIN DIVINE
PUNISHMENT
UPON YOU!!!

I AM THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
WARRIOR,
SAKURAIYA!

HOWEVER,
THE OTHER
DAY,

**TOTALLY
LAME!!**

*What
is that...!?*

UNTIL HE
RECOVERS,
YOU WILL
BE HIS
SUBSTITUTE.

**HUH
!!?**

HE FELL
DOWN THE
STAIRS AT
THE TRAIN
STATION
AND WILL
BE OUT FOR
6 MONTHS

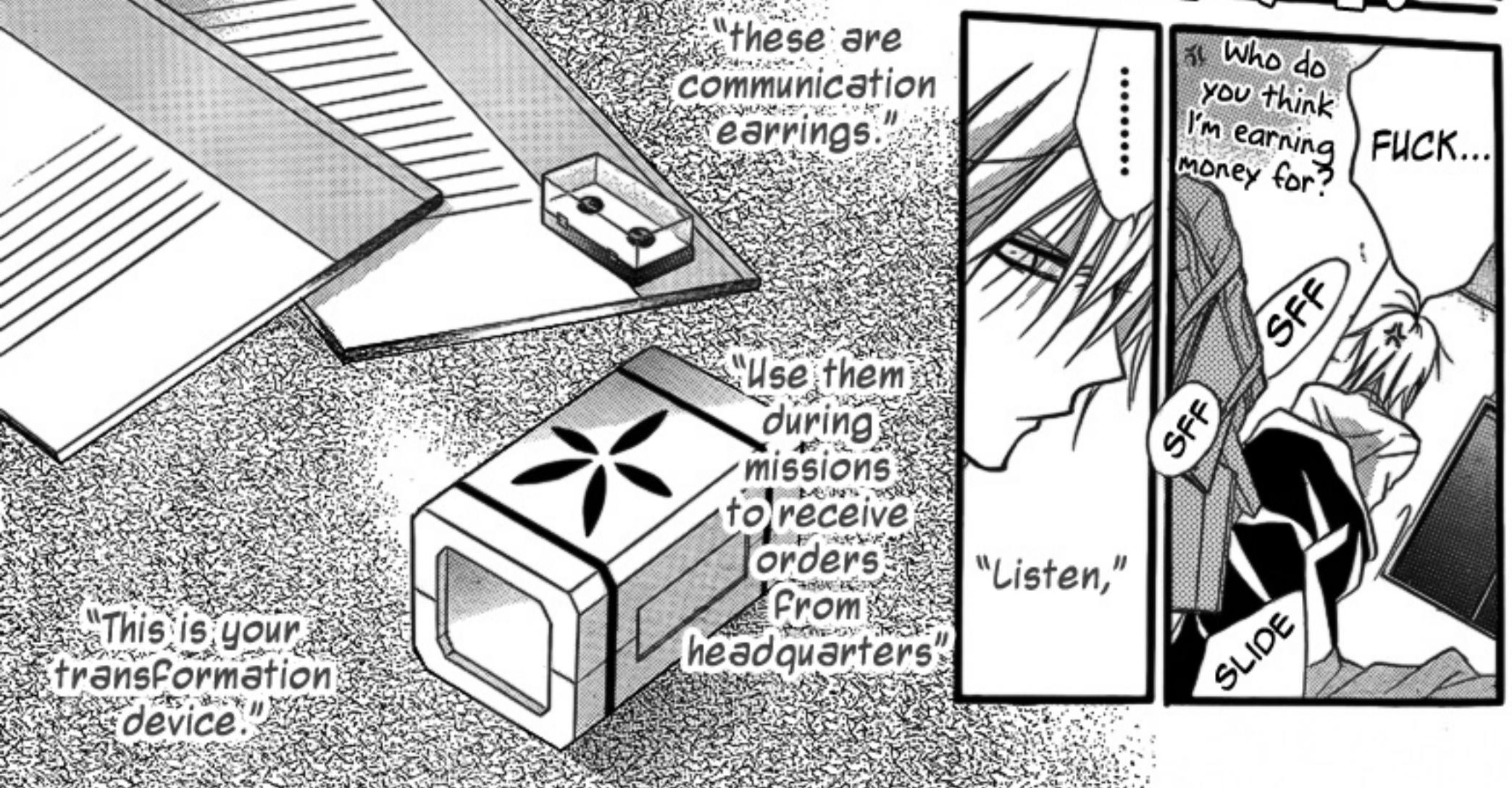
AS OF NOW,
THE SAKURADA
DISTRICT IS
WITHOUT A HERO,

SO,

**THAT'S
A RIDIC-
ULOUSLY
LONG
TIME!***







...
THIS IS
RIDICU-
LOUS.

A SPECIAL CHEMICAL RELEASES ENERGY THAT CAN INSTANTLY ENVELOP YOU IN A BATTLE SUIT.

IS THIS
WHAT

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEVICE ITSELF TRANSFORMS INTO A WEAPON.

CARRY
THESE WITH
YOU AT ALL
TIMES.

TRANS- FORMA- TION DEVICE?

ISN'T
THIS JUST
A PIECE
OF JUNK?

Are you
kidding
me?

A "HERO" IS?

Kyndahakno

!

IS THAT
I'M WALK-
ING AROUND
WITH THIS
PIECE OF
TRASH LIKE
I'M TAKING
THIS SERI-
OUSLY.

What
tweaks
me the
most
} ...

**DUMBFOUNDED
BY THE TRANS-
FORMATION
DEVICE**

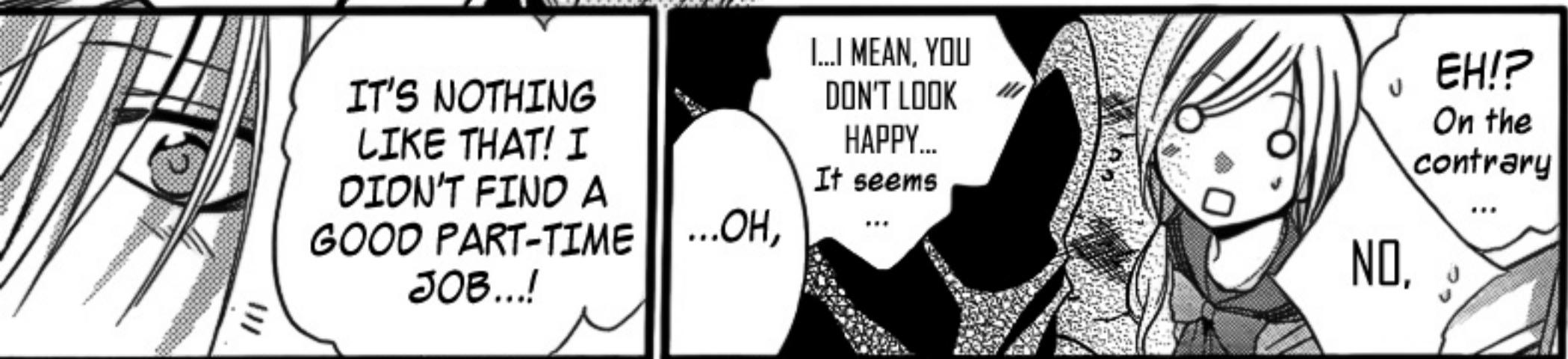
THAT GUY'S
COMPLETELY
NUTS AND
HE'S
MESSING
WITH ME,
ISN'T HE? //

BUT...

PEAK!

roll

SHIT...!
I'M
PISSED.







EH

!?

WH!

WHISH

WH!

WHAT THE HELL
IS THIS!!!?



KA-BAM!

I WILL
RAIN DIVINE
PUNISHMENT
ON YOU!!!

THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
WARRIOR,
SAKURA-
IYA!

NICE
LEGS,
DUDE!

Kyahahaha!!!

GUH!

OH MY
GOSH!
IT'S TOO
MUCH!
MY STOM-
ACH'S
HURTING!!

IT'S THE
REAL
THING!

A
WEIRDO
NUT
JOB!!

WHAT'S WITH
THIS STUPID
SUIT?
WHY DOES IT
HAVE SHORT
SHORTS!?
AND WHY THE
HELL IS IT
PINK!?

I
WANT
TO
DIE
!!!

REG-
ULA-
TIONS

YOU'RE
IN DANGER
OF HAVING
YOUR REAL
IDENTITY
EXPOSED.

UNTIL YOU
MASTER THE
"SAKURAIYA
SPEECH",
YOU BETTER
BE CARE-
FUL.

WHAT!?
WHAT'S
WITH THE
ELECTRIC
SHOCKS!!?

ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
OWW!

HOW
LONG DO
YOU INTEND
TO LAUGH,
YOU...

OI! *

Ah
ha!
ha!
ha!
ha!
Keh!
Keh!

F
U
C
K
!!

ZAP!

WITH THE
IMPACT
ABSORPTION
CAPABILITY,
YOU CAN'T
LOSE IN A
FIGHT.

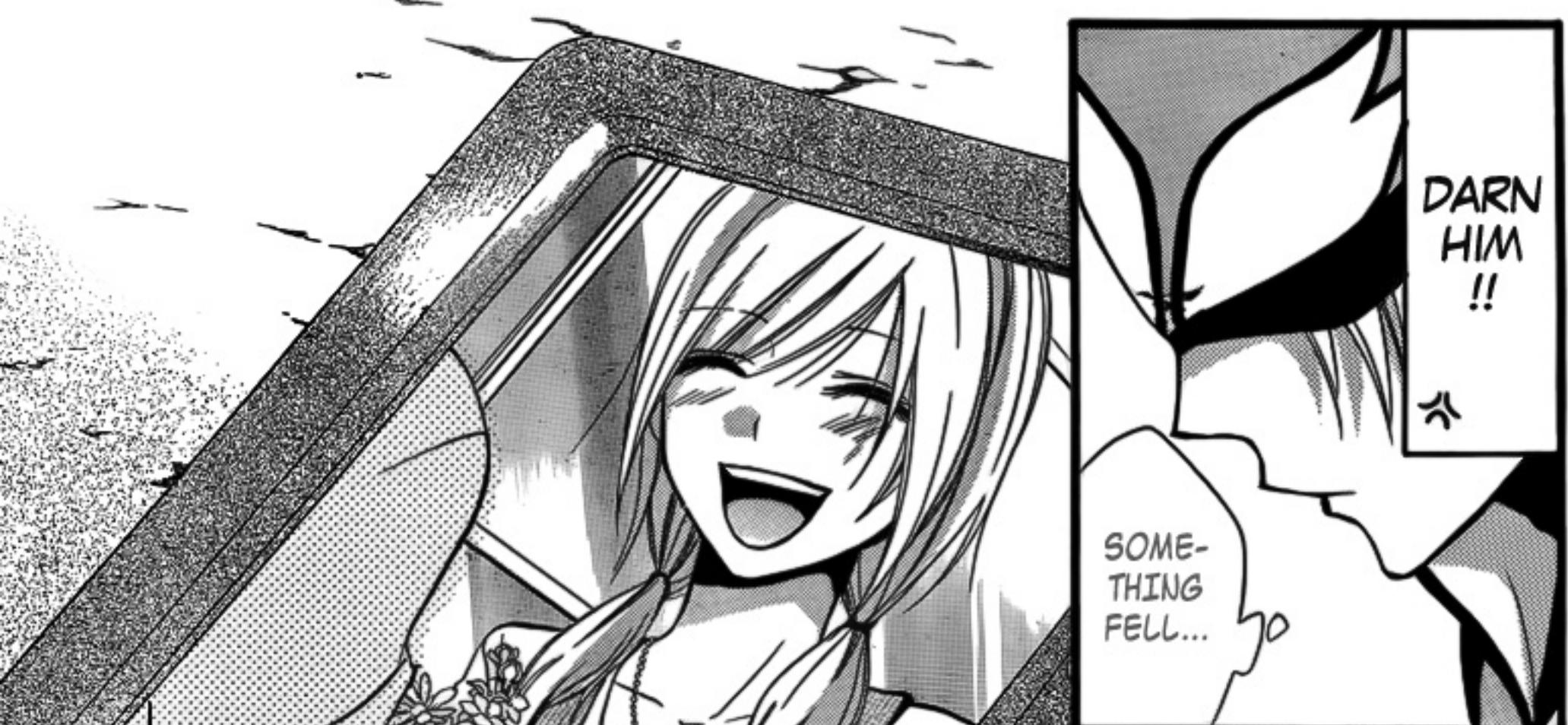
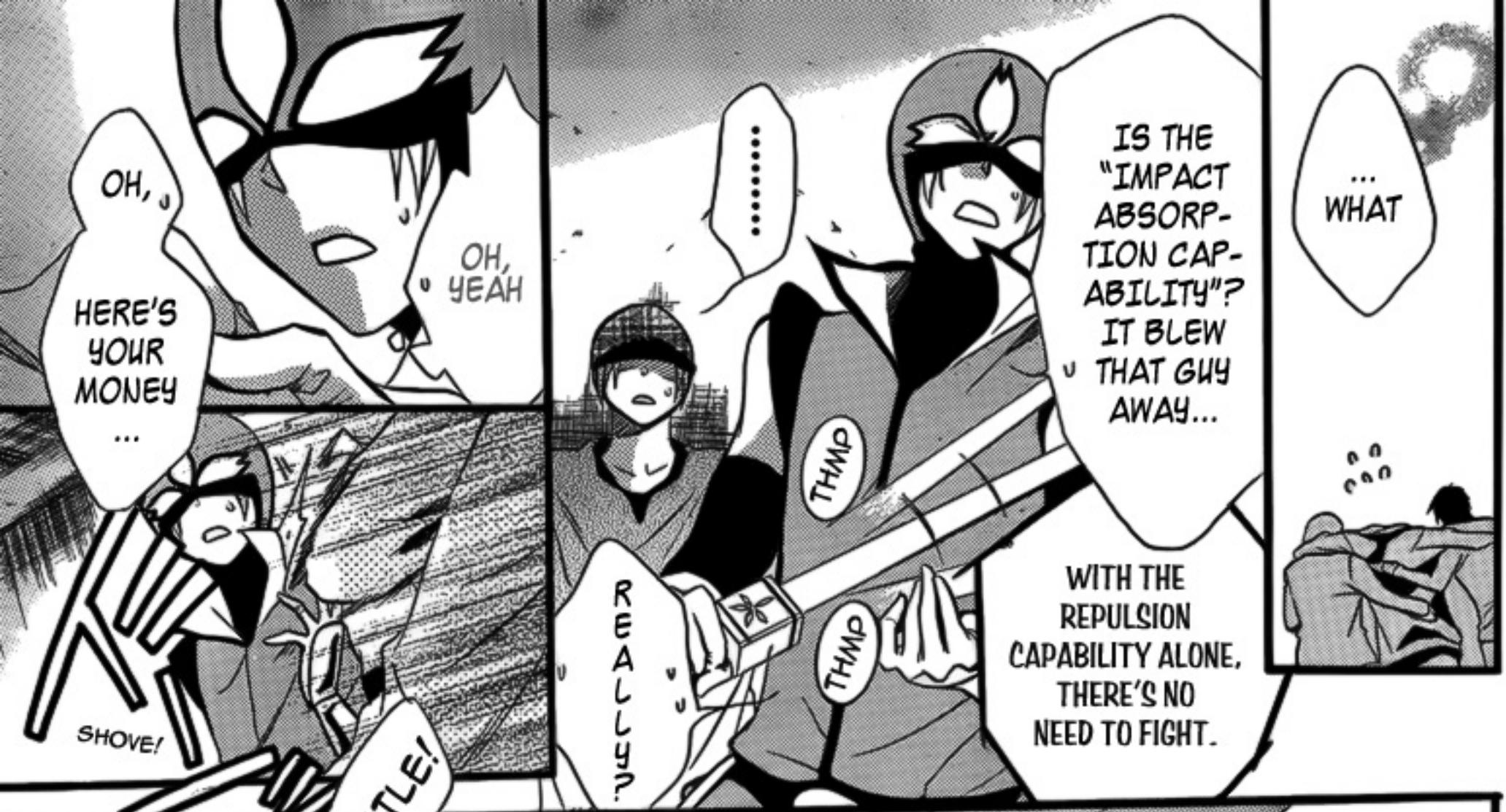
USE THE
DAGGER TO
ATTACK.

NOW,

IS HE REALLY
A SADIST??

WHENEVER
YOU SAY
SOMETHING
INAPPROPRIATE
OR USE POOR
JUDGMENT,
I'LL SEND
ELECTRICITY
THROUGH
YOUR SUIT.







Sendou-san?

WHY





QUIT MAKIN'
A FUSS! IT'S JUST
A LITTLE CUT
ON MY LIP!



I borrowed
that day.

everyone
stayed away
from me.

On the
day of
the
entrance
ceremony,

USE
THIS.

DING

DONG

BYE-BYE

CLEANING
DUTY

DANG

MIKATA
SENDOU

DONG

I
couldn't
help but
be happy.

Even now
I still
haven't
returned the
handker-
chief



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将军お見え
おひせ

男文
女文
大ヒット
連載

大奥
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よしながふみ

川原泉&河惣益巳
待望の新連載
W新連載
スター!!

新人氣
がある
シリーズ

JTC
「コメットさん
にも夢がある」
6/28発売!!

**色
禁
不
ル**
カラ
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新連載
「玄
和
の世界」
たなる
河惣益巳の
世界

河惣益巳

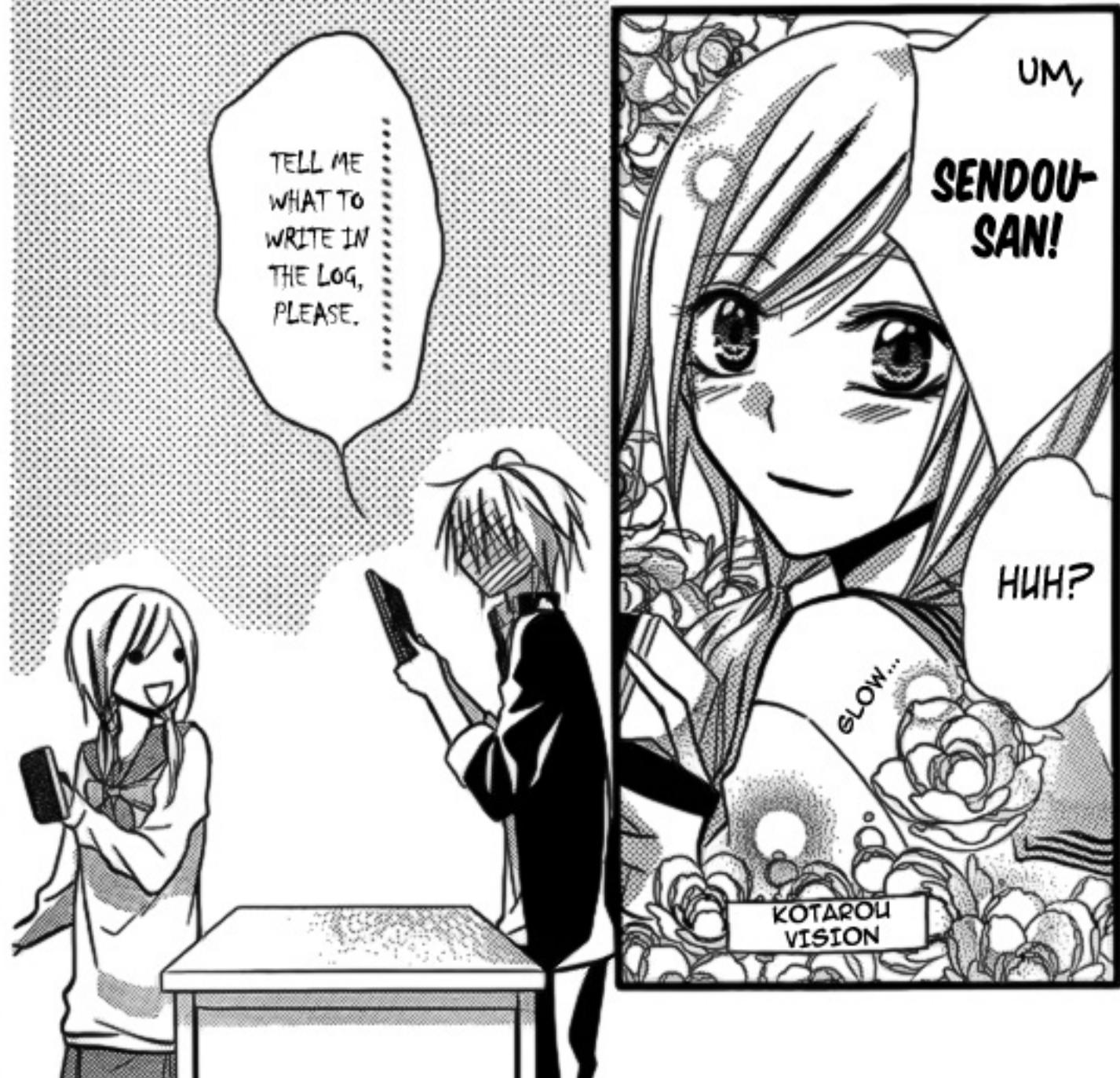
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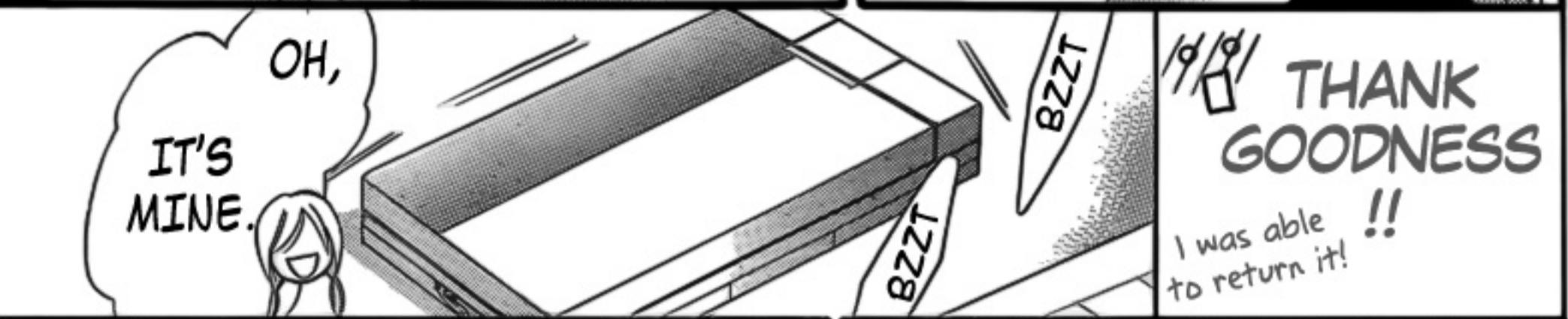
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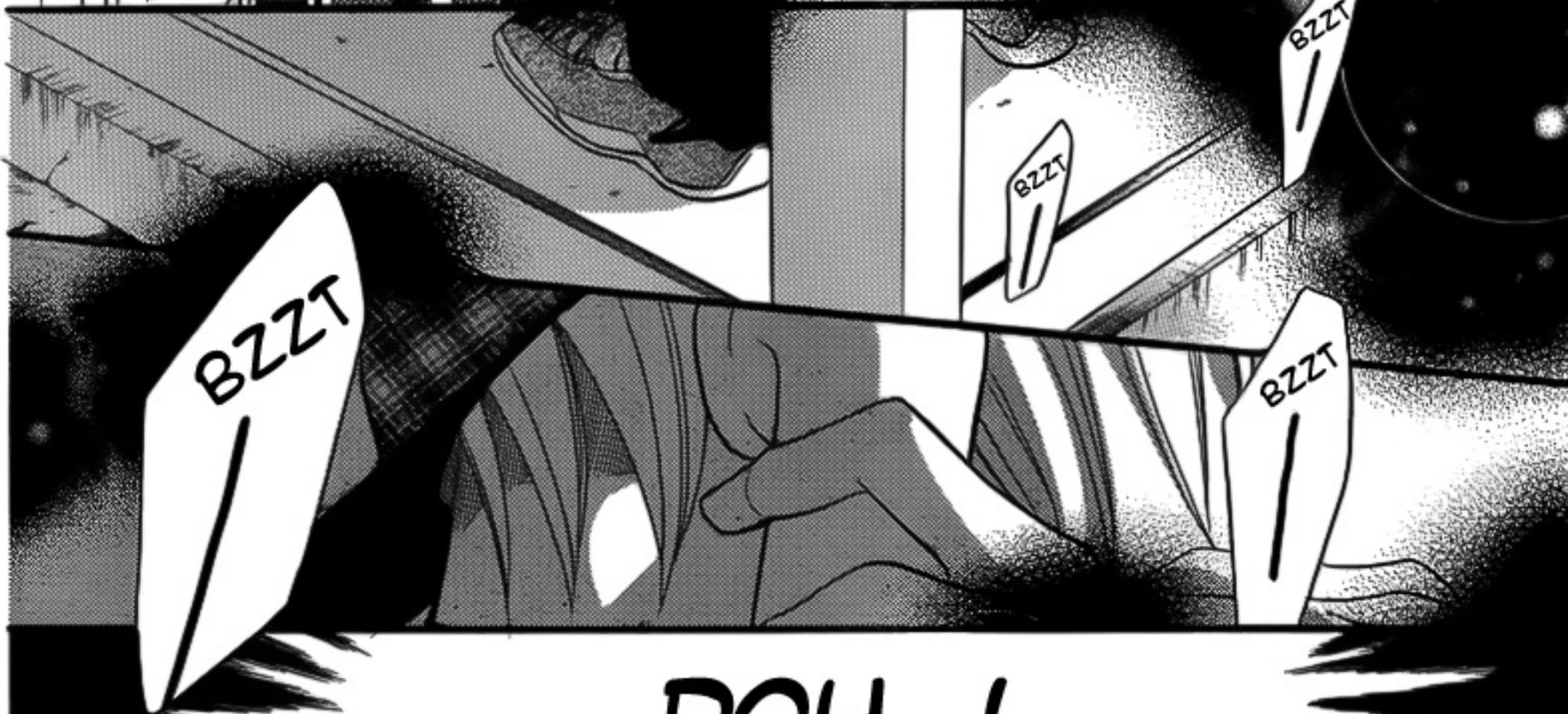
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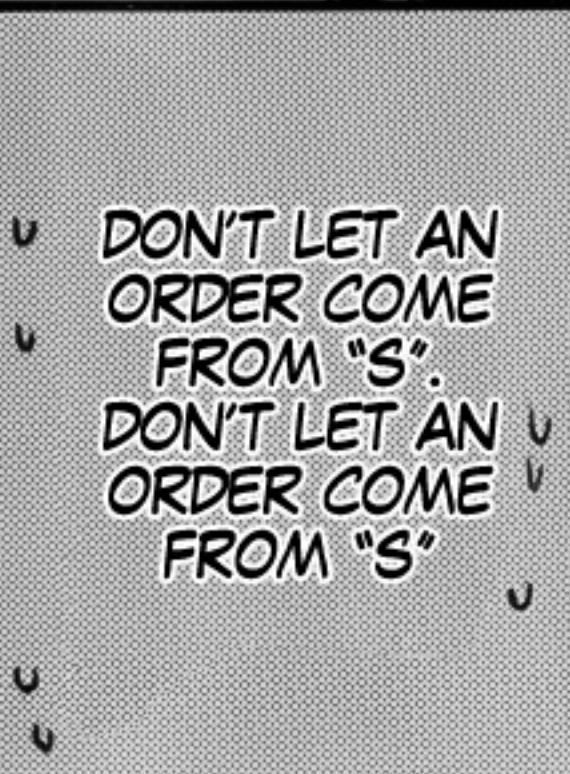








DOH...!







AND
THAT'S HOW
THE FIGHT
STARTED...



Kya!
AT
YOUR
LAST
JOB...

I ALSO
KNOW YOU HAD
A REASON TO
BEAT UP THAT
CUSTOMER

...YOU DID
IT TO
PROTECT THE
CHERRY TREE,
RIGHT?



I CAN SEE
THAT YOU'RE A
HERO, MIKATA-
KUN.

AT
TIMES
LIKE
THOSE



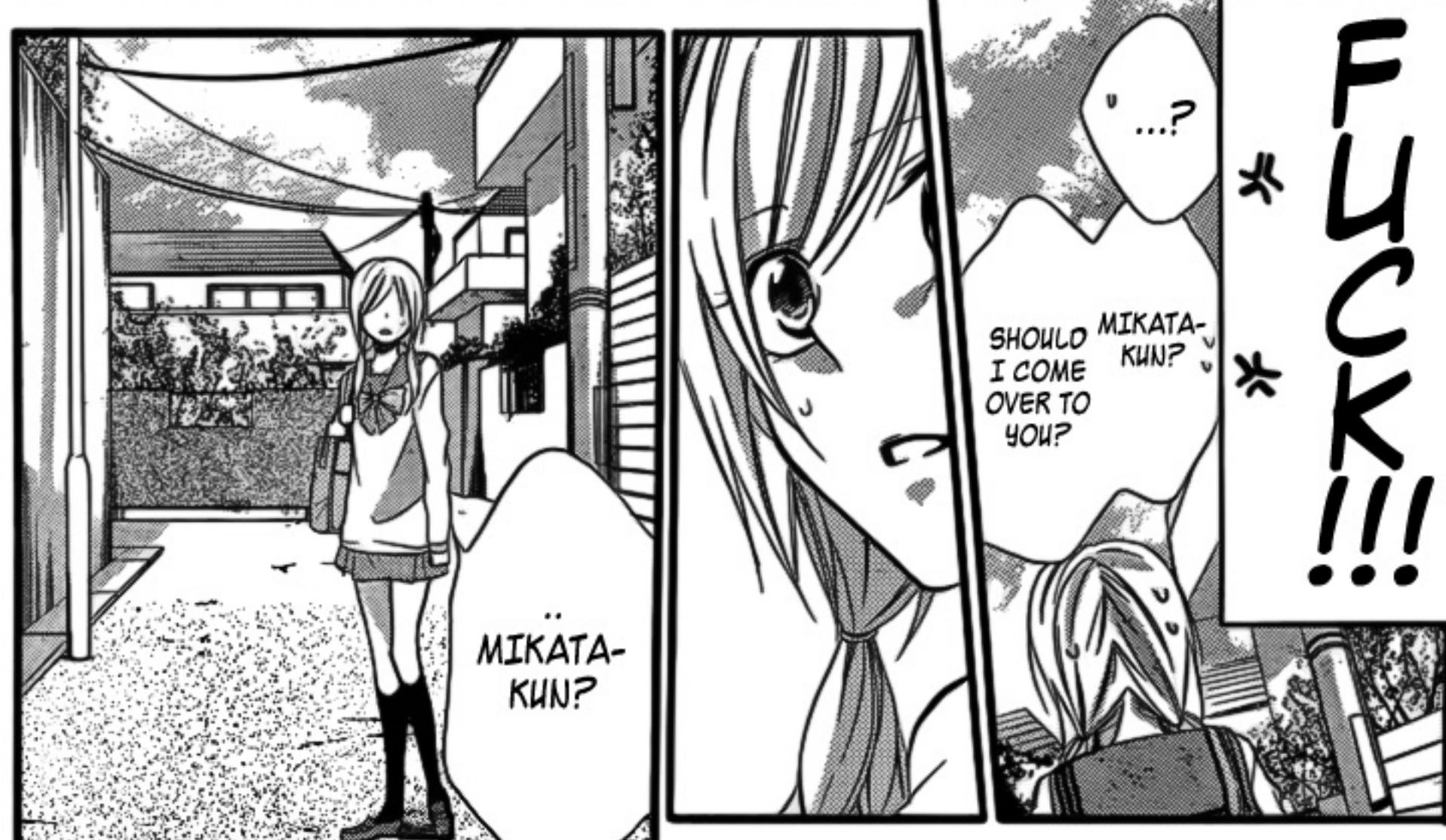
except
for
Sendou-
san.

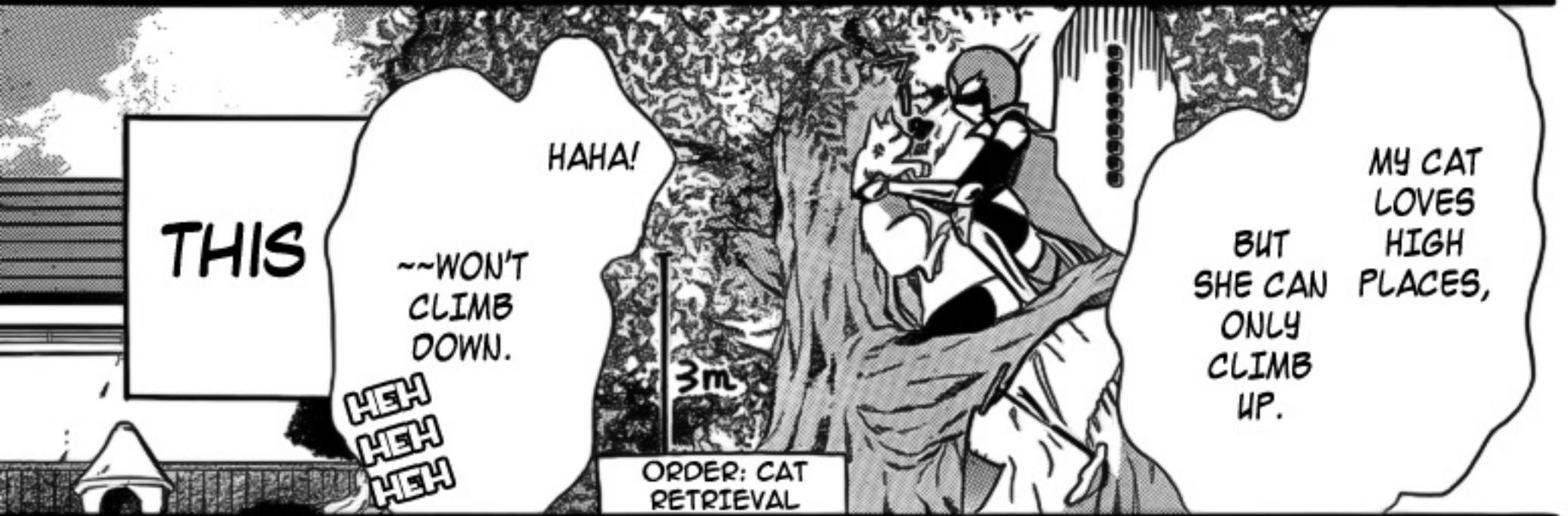
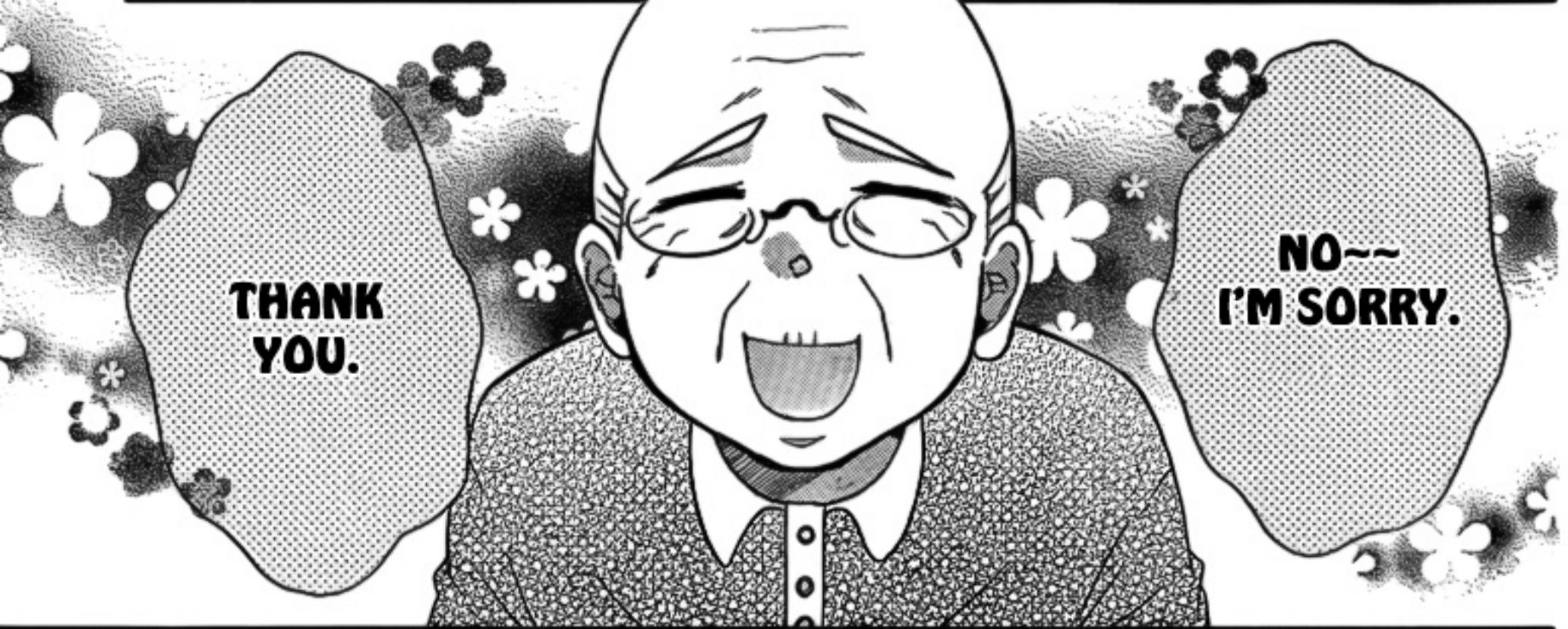
KOTAROU,
THIS IS AN
ORDER.



all of the time,









From the start this was ridiculous.

What is Sakuraiya? And what is a hero

If I can't rescue important people?

PLEASE,
I ONLY WANT
TO TALK!

LET
GO OF ME,
PLEASE!

WAIT!

SOMEBODY
WISHES TO BE
RESCUED.

BEEP!
WH-

WHAT'S
HAP-
PEN-
ING?

KA-CHI!

!?

SENDOU-SAN!

KOTARO!!

GOT-
CHA!

DASH!

CLATTER

THE GUY IN
THE HAT FROM
EARLIER!



but,
"...MIKATA-KUN?"

I never considered wanting to have someone who understands me,

and that's the way it's always been.

I'm either hated or people want to fight me

ever approaches me.



The telephone

She rescued me.



IDIOTS
WHO CUT
CHERRY
TREES
ARE MY
ENEMIES!!

IDIOTS
WHO DON'T
PRUNE
PLUM TREES
ARE THE
PLUM'S
ENEMIES!

STALKER!

WILL PROTECT
SENDOU-SAN!!

I AM THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOM
WARRIOR,
SAKURA-
IYA!

AND I
SHALL RAIN
DIVINE
PUNISHMENT
UPON YOU
!!

SHING!



BEFORE
THAT GIRL
GETS HURT!!

PLUU!
I WILL
PROTECT

...
SECRET
TECHNIQUE!!
..."

CHERRY
BLOSSOM
BLIZZARD
!!!

SENDOU-
SAN!!!

BA-SHA!



...THANK
GOODNESS

YOU'RE
SAFE.

I

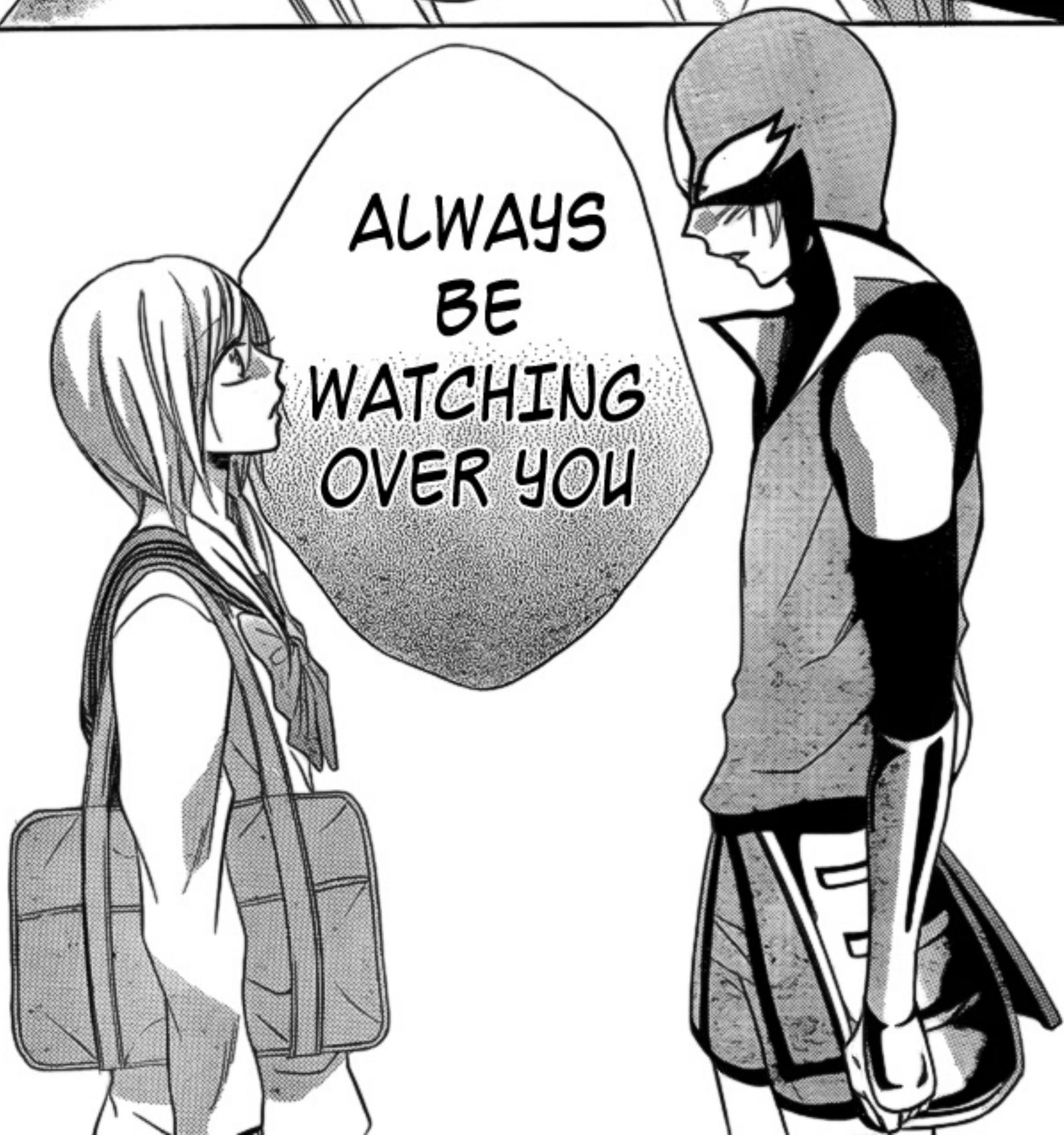
Aah,

...I
WILL

I can
look.

I've never been
able to look
Sendou-san
straight in the
eyes, but now

ALWAYS
BE
WATCHING
OVER YOU





"BIG"

THAT
WAS
SCARY,
BUT

BIG
BROTHER IS
HERE, SO IT'S
ALL RIGHT.

ARE AYAKA,
YOU HURT?

NO,
I'M FINE.

SO "S"
IS NOT
THAT KIND
OF "S"!

WAIT!

WHAT
THE!
HELL!?

"BROTHER"
!!?



WHAT'S
WRONG,
AYAKA?

...THAT
GUY IS
GONE.

ALWAYS,



HUH?



UGH
TOTTER...

SHOO
SHOO

**"S" IS
FOR
SENDOU**

...

I'll be
watching
over you.

wherever
you are,

— Maybe —

being a hero isn't
all that bad.

DING
DONG
DANG



THERE'S
NO NEED OH!
FOR YOU TO
APOLOGIZE.
IT WAS YOU
WHO CALLED
THE POLICE,
RIGHT?

I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE THOSE
TWO ARE
RELATED.

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY LOOK
ALIKE, THEY
ARE NOTHING
ALIKE.



OH!
MIKATA-
KUN,
GOOD
MORNING!

...I SHOULD
THANK THAT
OTHER GUY
TOO.

"YEAH.
UH,

IS
THAT
WHAT
THE
SADIST
TOLD
HER?

IT TURNS OUT THAT
GUY WAS A CUSTOMER
AT THE FLOWER SHOP
AND A SENDOU-SAN
FAN.



MORNING

SENDOU-SAN
WAS STRESSED
OUT BECAUSE
of him.
goodness
I kicked
his ass.

IT WOULD BE
NICE TO SEE
HIM AGAIN...

FAR OFF

SAKURAIYA

KOTAROU,
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

WHAT
IS IT
WITH

I
HAVE
AN
ORDER.

YOU'VE
GOT TO BE
KIDDING
God!!!

HEROES!?

X
BY THE
WAY, STAY
AWAY FROM
MY SISTER.

E N D