

Kodansya Comics

チョコレート・プリンセス

●ウイング・レイン



武内直子



ナカヨ・クリスマス



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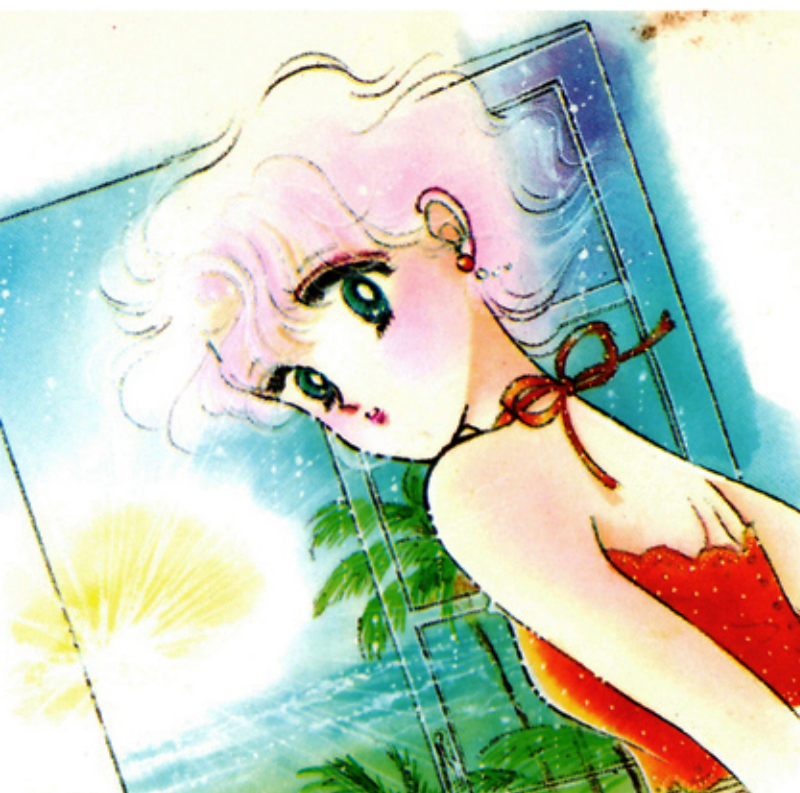


♥^{こいびと}恋人と^{ふたり}2人でクリスマスをすごしたい
と^{ゆめみ}夢見るりょんのイブは、いつもひとり
ぼっち。そんなとき、ふと^き聞いたラジオ
から^{ディー・ジュー}DJチョコさんの^{こえ}声……。りょんは
ひと^め目ぼれならぬひと^き聞きぼれ!? フワ
フワとりょんの^{こい}恋も^ま舞いはじめたの!

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代表作は、「チョコレート・クリスマス」「ウインク

・レイン」「プリズムタイム」など。


趣味は、デート。好物は、コーンクリームスープ。





チョコレート・プリン

●ウイング・レイン.....85



dear god

please grant my wish

this christmas

He definitely will

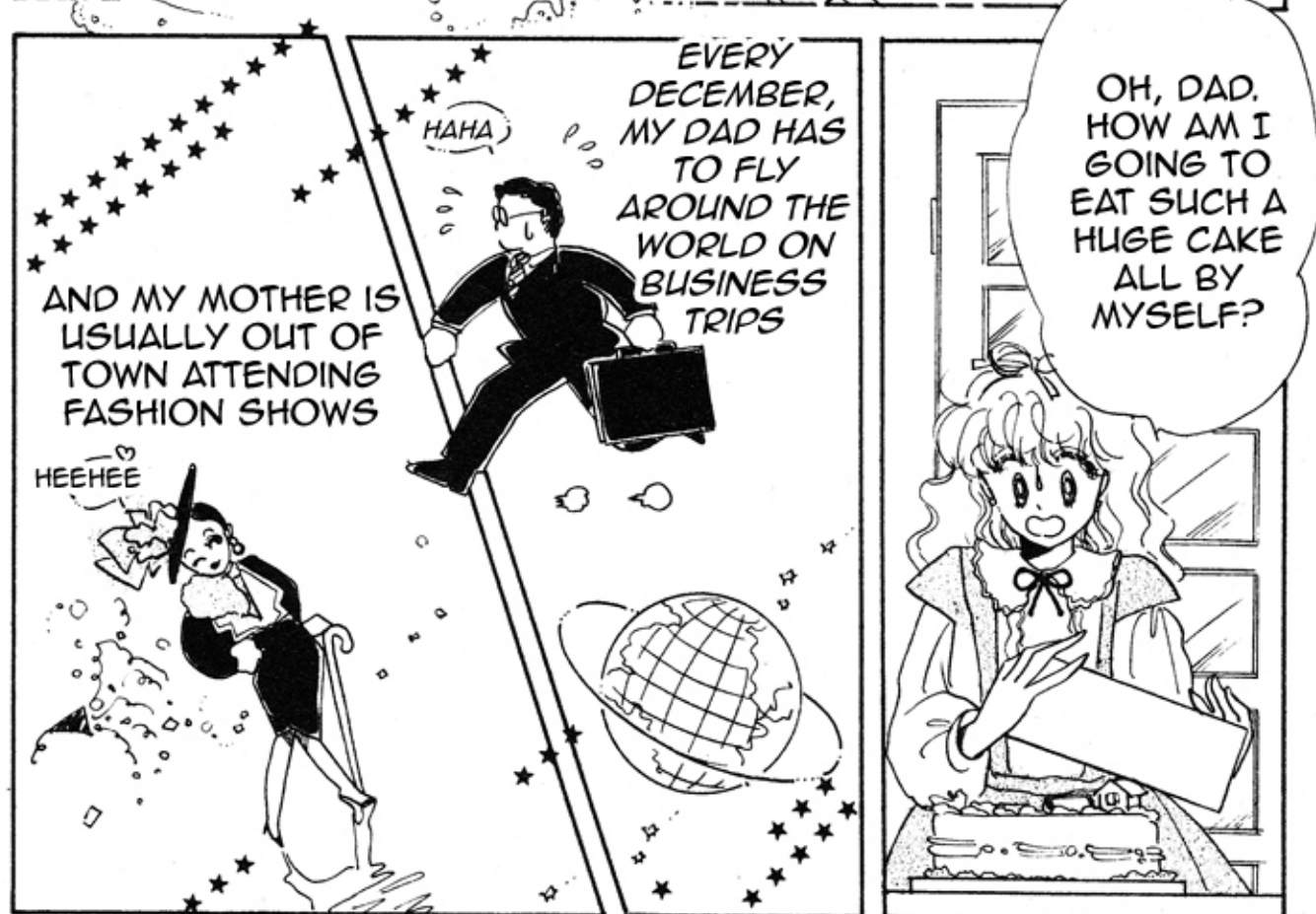
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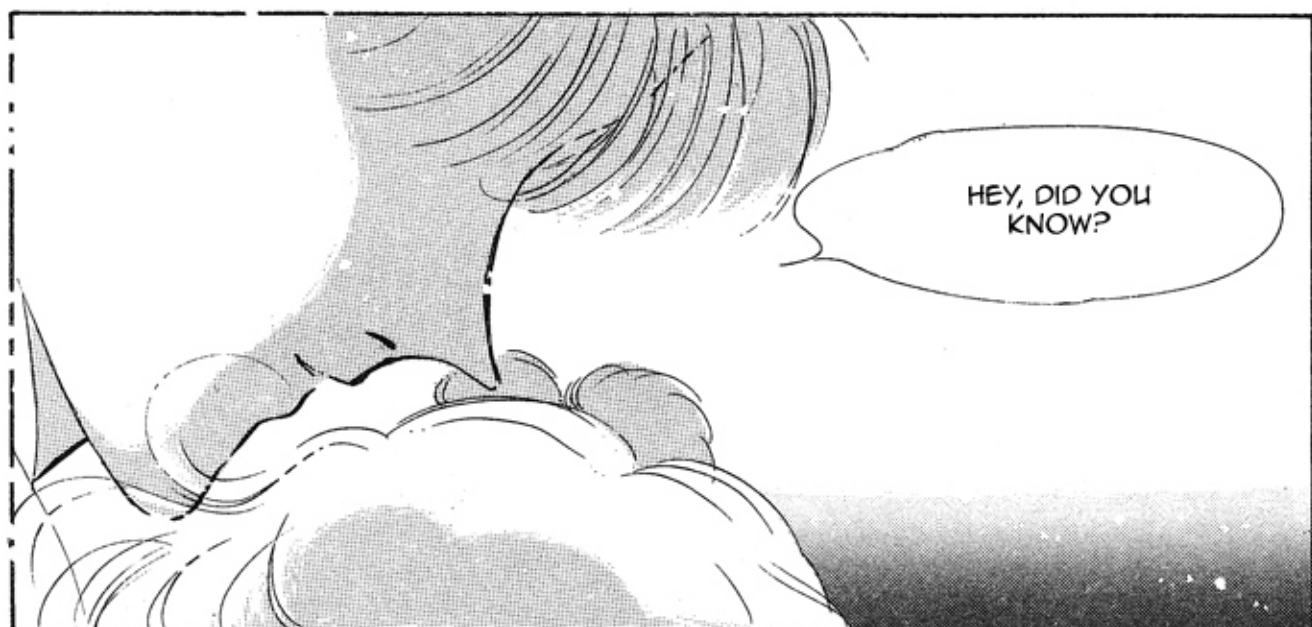
JINGLE

CHRISTMAS IS A
TIME FILLED WITH
GOLDEN BELLS

MS. HONDA!
MS. HONDA
RYOUKO,
DELIVERY
FOR YOU!







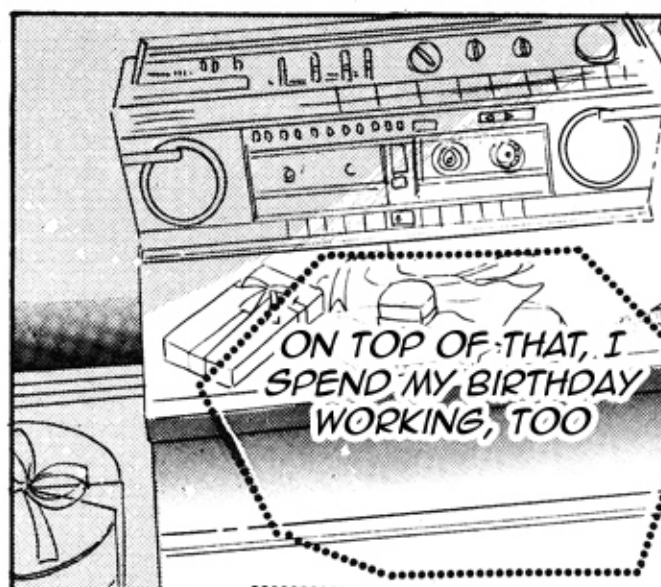
NO WAY

THAT'S
AWESOME!

THAT'S SO ROMANTIC

CHOCOLATE NIGHT IS HAVING
A LIVE BROADCAST ON ITS
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY,
CHRISTMAS EVE

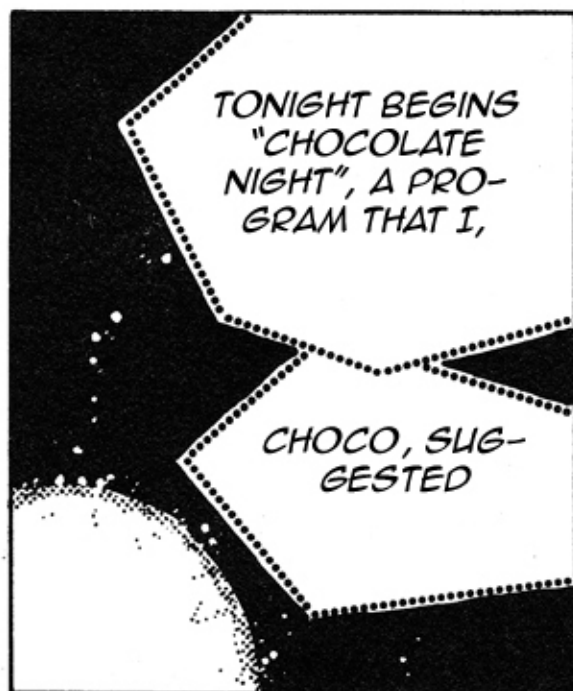




EVEN THOUGH I GET A YEAR OLDER WITH EVERY PASSING CHRISTMAS EVE, EVERYONE'S SO BUSY PARTYING THAT I GET TOTALLY IGNORED

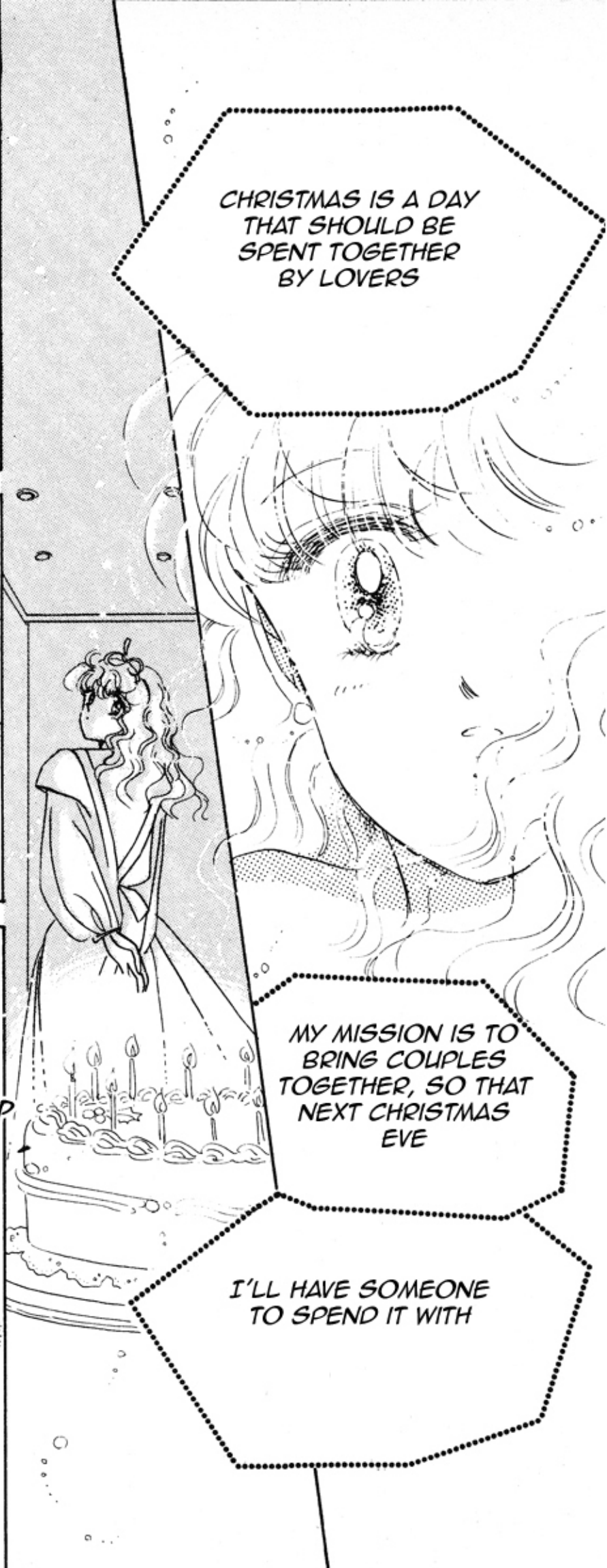


EVERYONE IS HAVING SUCH A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, WHILE I STAND HERE ALONE





CHRISTMAS IS A DAY
THAT SHOULD BE
SPENT TOGETHER
BY LOVERS



MY MISSION IS TO
BRING COUPLES
TOGETHER, SO THAT
NEXT CHRISTMAS
EVE

I'LL HAVE SOMEONE
TO SPEND IT WITH



UM, ARE
YOU ON
THE AIR
NOW?



twoosh



TO WISH HIM A
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

I JUST WANTED TO
GIVE THIS TO THE DJ

A year later

1987. 12. —

MS.
MAKKIKO!

I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO MEET
MR. CHOCO!!

H-HEY,
LISTEN, I
UM,
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO

HEH HEH,
WELL, YOU
KNOW...

MORNIN'
RYON

IS MR. CHOCO
THAT DJ YOU
GAVE THAT
CAKE TO LAST
YEAR ON
CHRISTMAS?

THE COLD
DOESN'T
SEEM TO
FAZE YOU AT
ALL, RYON...

thud





SHHH,
SHH,
DON'T
ACT SO
CRAZY

YOU
STARTED A
PART TIME
JOB?!

BUT WE'RE
STILL IN
JUNIOR HIGH!

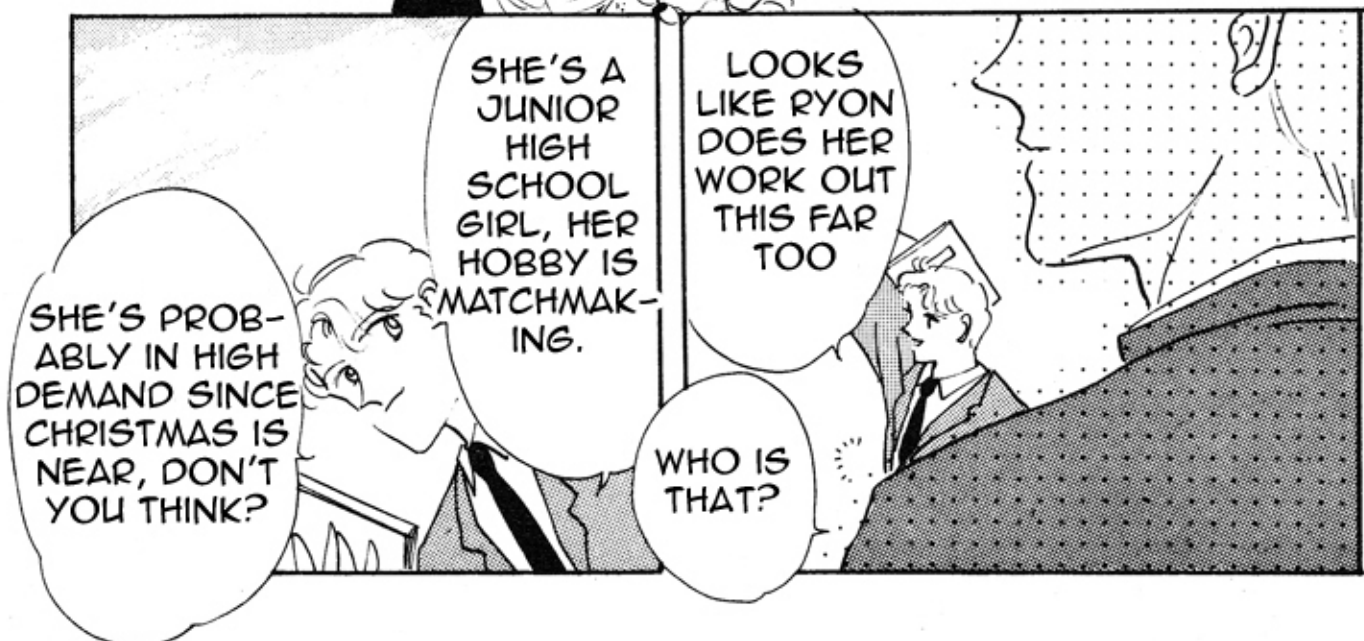
RYON!

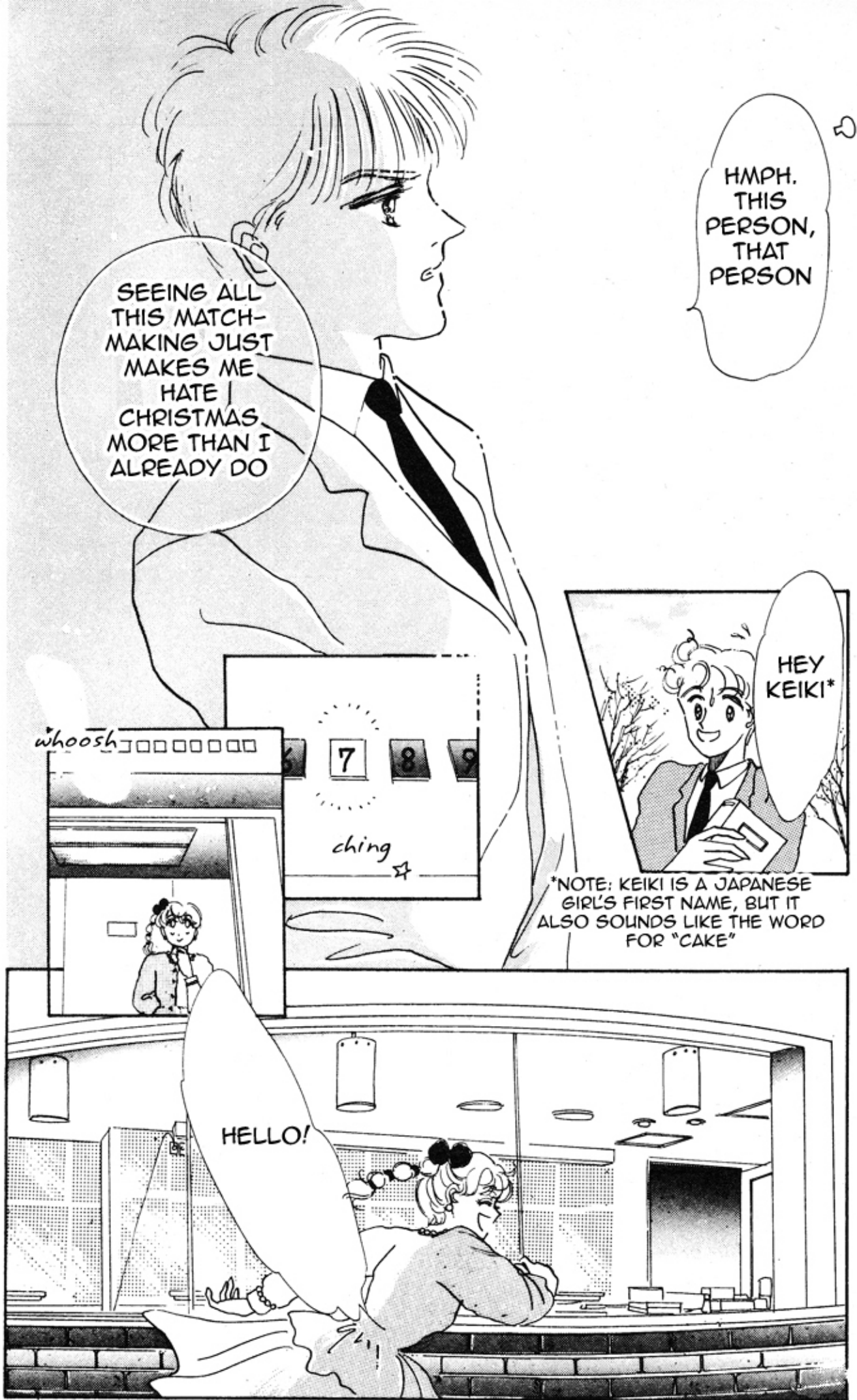
ANYWAY I GOT A
JOB IN THE MAIL
ROOM FOR MR.
CHOCO'S PRO-
GRAM, SO MEETING
HIM MAY NOT BE
JUST A DREAM FOR
MUCH LONGER!

OH, IS
THAT...?

I DON'T
FEEL
RIGHT
GOING
THERE
ALONE

HEY,
WOULD
YOU
COME
WITH ME
TO THE
HIGH
SCHOOL
?





RYON, YOU CAN'T LEAVE DURING THE RECORDING SINCE IT'S DONE LIVE, THE BROADCAST BEGINS AT 8 PM.

OH, BUT ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING? AREN'T YOU HAPPY HE CHOSE YOU OVER HER?

OH I SEE. SO HE LEFT THE GIRL HE WAS SEEING JUST TO DATE YOU? WOW

OH BOY, IT'S ALREADY STARTING

YO, RYON, YOU'RE LATE!

WELL, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

NOW, LET'S GO TO THE REQUEST LINES!

LEAVE IT TO ME

No comment!
MR. CHOCO IS A MAN OF MYSTERY

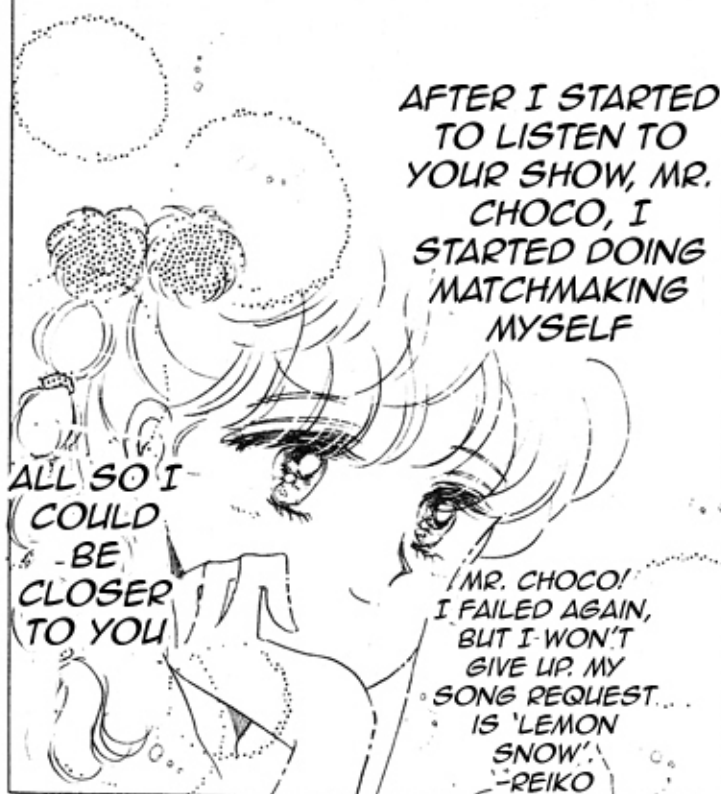
HEY, BE SERIOUS

AH HA HA

NO WAY. ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, HE'S EFFEMINATE? HE LOVES BEING A LOVE ADVICE DJ, AFTER ALL

HUH? I GUESS HE'S JUST ORDINARY, AN ORDINARY GUY

HEY, WHAT IS MR. CHOCO LIKE ANYWAY?



BEGINNING AT 8 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
NIGHT

AH HA
HA

IT'S 'CHOCOLATE
NIGHT'

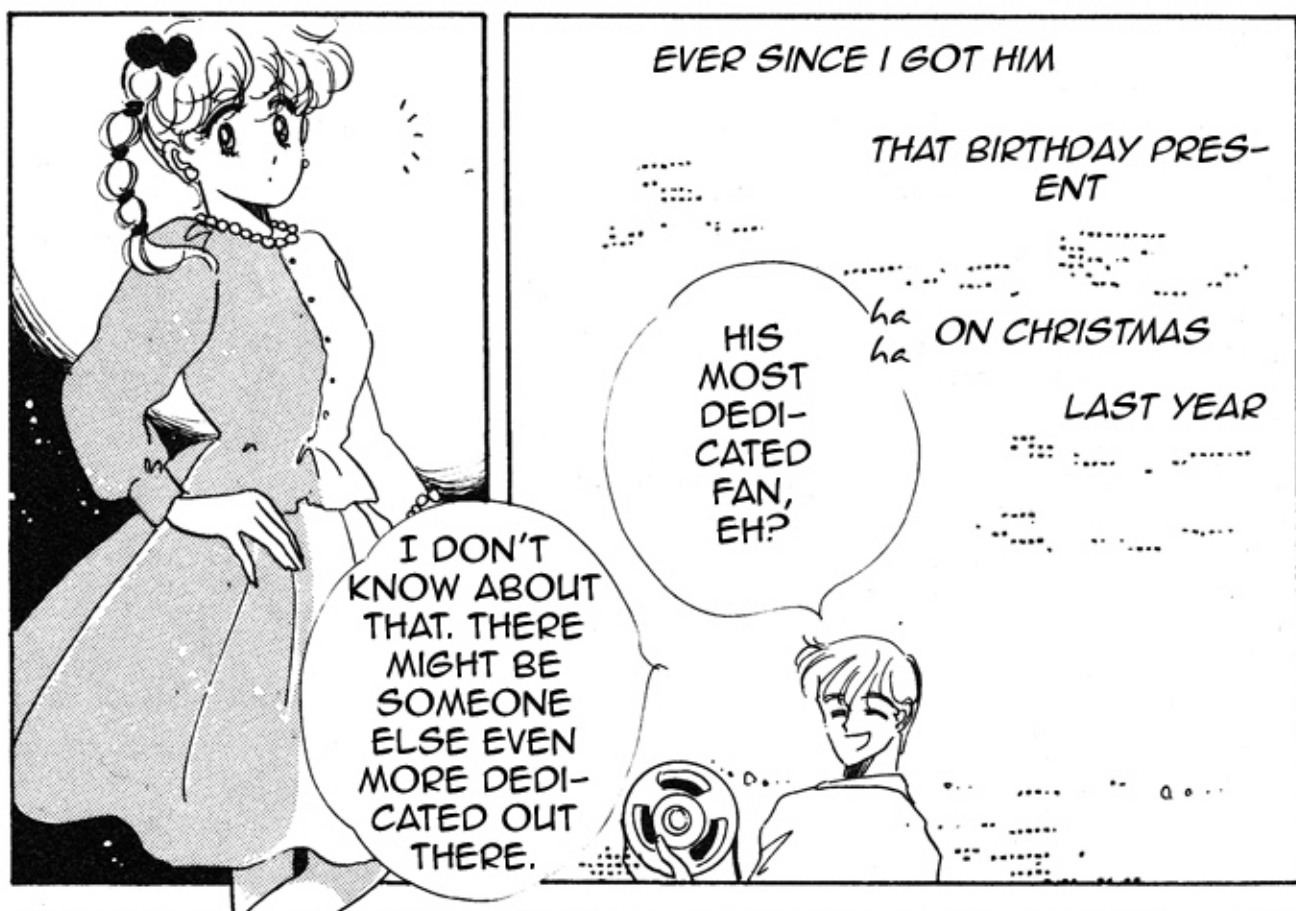
AT PANORAMA STU-
DIOS

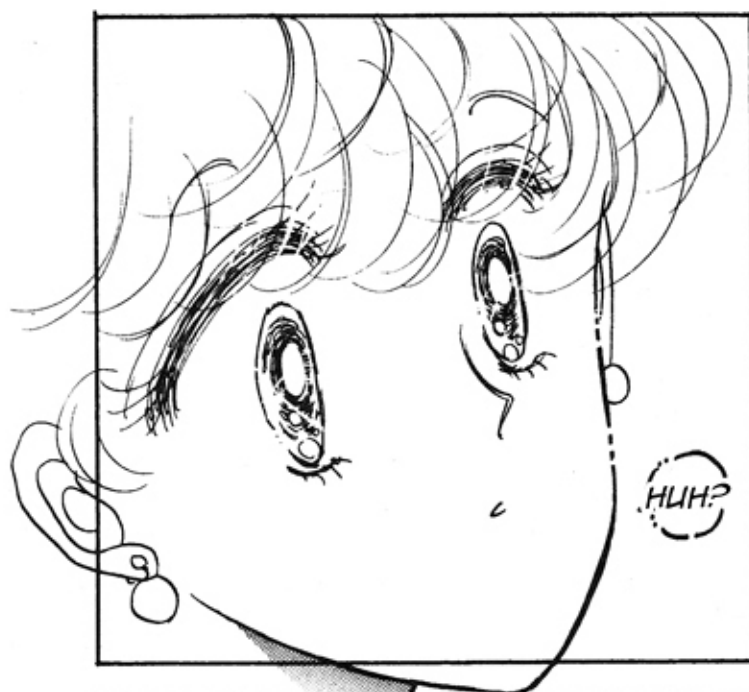
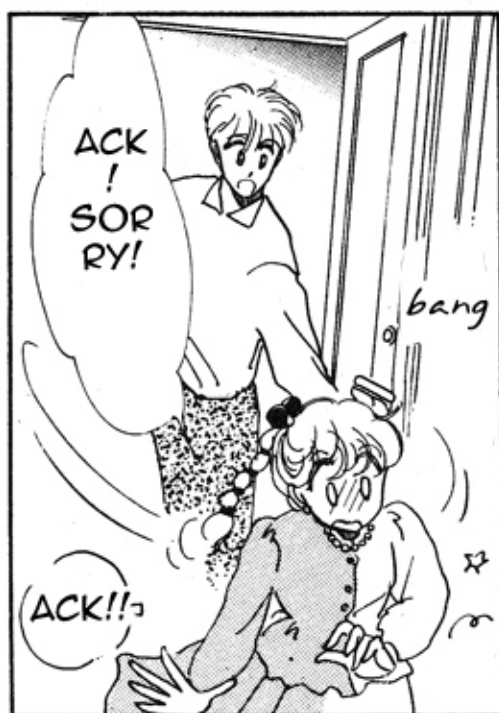
MR. CHOCO!
I FAILED AGAIN,
BUT I WON'T GIVE
UP. MY SONG
REQUEST IS
'LEMON SNOW'.

-REIKO

HMPH







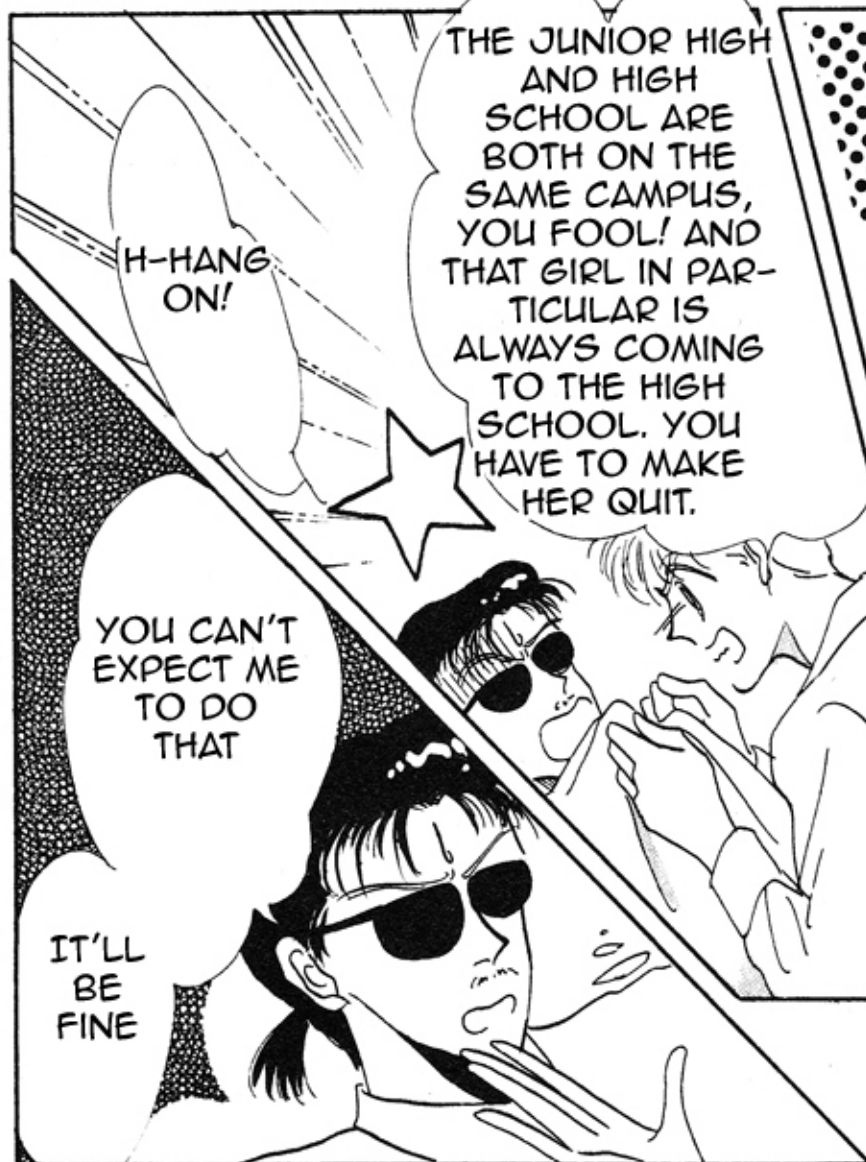


HUH?

YOU
MEAN
RYON?
SHE'S
THE NEW
PART-
TIME GIRL
HERE



W-WHAT
THE ...



H-HANG
ON!

THE JUNIOR HIGH
AND HIGH
SCHOOL ARE
BOTH ON THE
SAME CAMPUS,
YOU FOOL! AND
THAT GIRL IN PAR-
TICULAR IS
ALWAYS COMING
TO THE HIGH
SCHOOL. YOU
HAVE TO MAKE
HER QUIT.

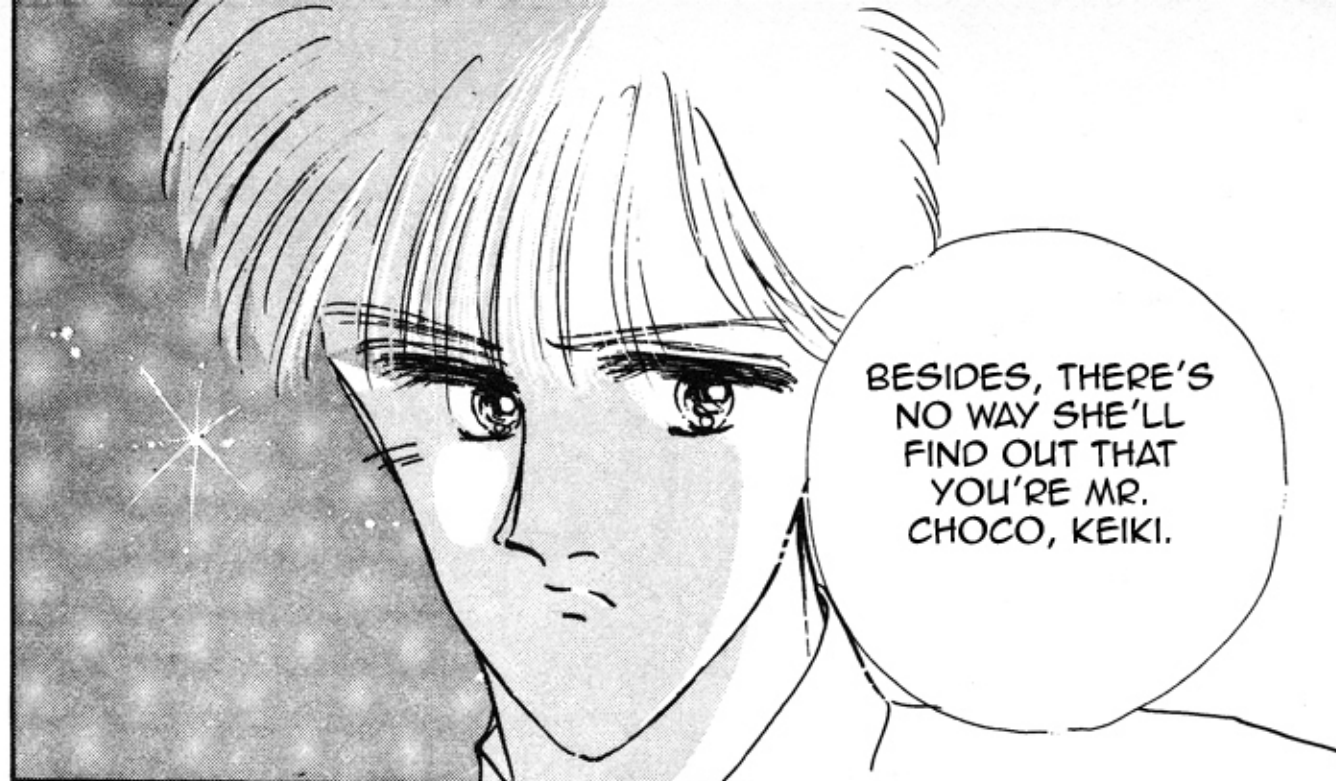
YOU CAN'T
EXPECT ME
TO DO
THAT

IT'LL
BE
FINE



BUT SHE
GOES TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL
AS ME! I
TOLD YOU
NOT TO
HIRE
ANYONE
ELSE LIKE
ME...!

OH
DON'T
WORRY.
SHE'S
IN
JUNIOR
HIGH.



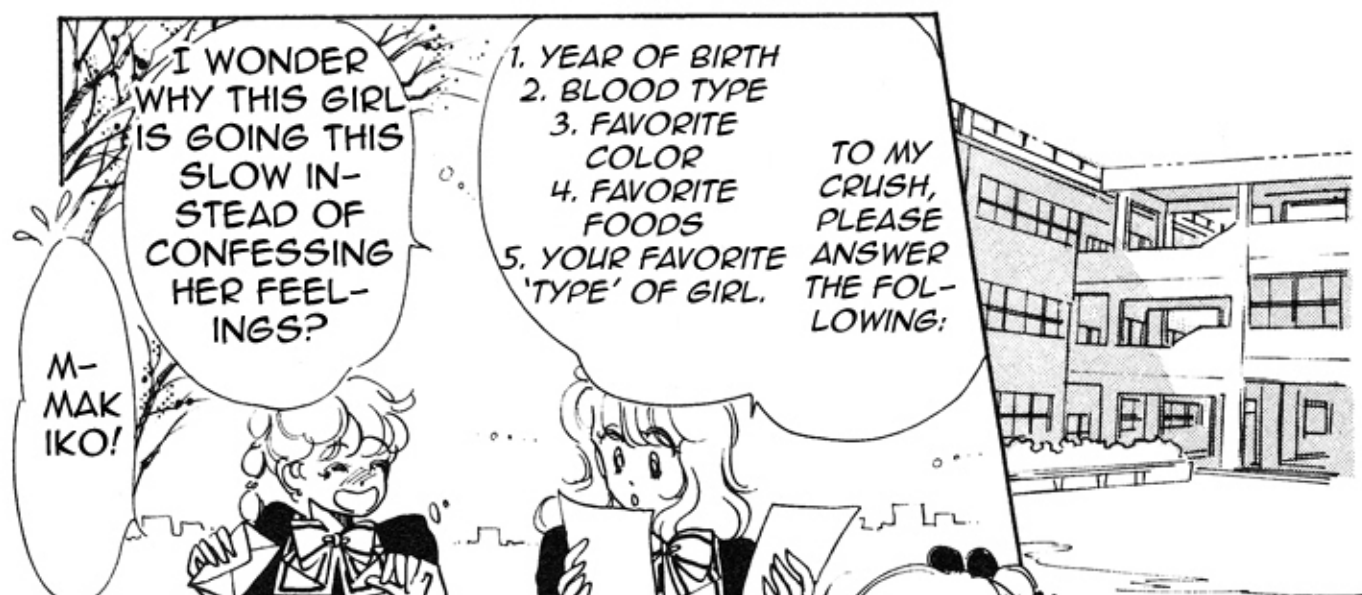


YEAH

WHY,
AN-
OTHER
LOVE
LETTER?

GOING TO
THE HIGH
SCHOOL
AGAIN?

HEY RYON,
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?



I WONDER
WHY THIS GIRL
IS GOING THIS
SLOW IN-
STEAD OF
CONFESSING
HER FEEL-
INGS?

M-
MAK
IKO!

1. YEAR OF BIRTH
2. BLOOD TYPE
3. FAVORITE
COLOR
4. FAVORITE
FOODS
5. YOUR FAVORITE
'TYPE' OF GIRL.

TO MY
CRUSH,
PLEASE
ANSWER
THE FOL-
LOWING:



ah
ha
ha



tap
tap



OH IT'S ALL
RIGHT. EVEN
IF I DID
NOTHING,
THESE TWO
WOULD STILL
END UP TO-
GETHER. IT'S
JUST A
MATTER OF
TIME

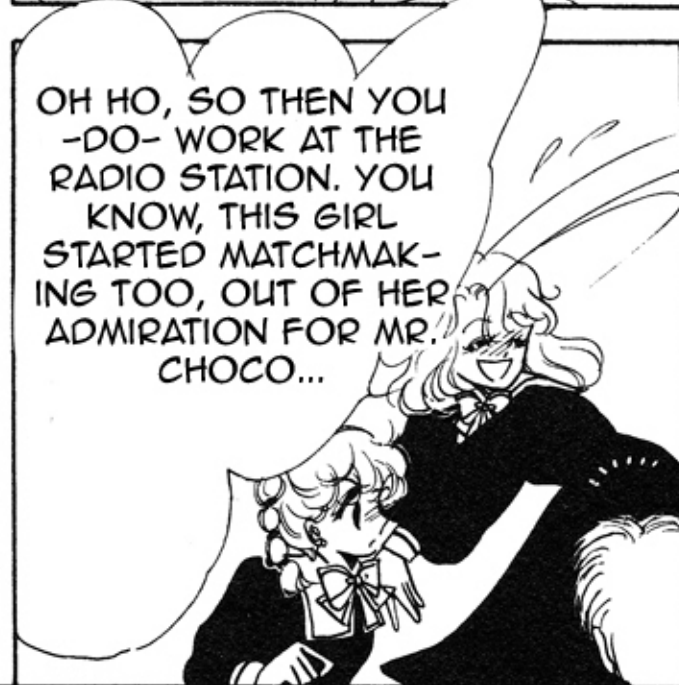
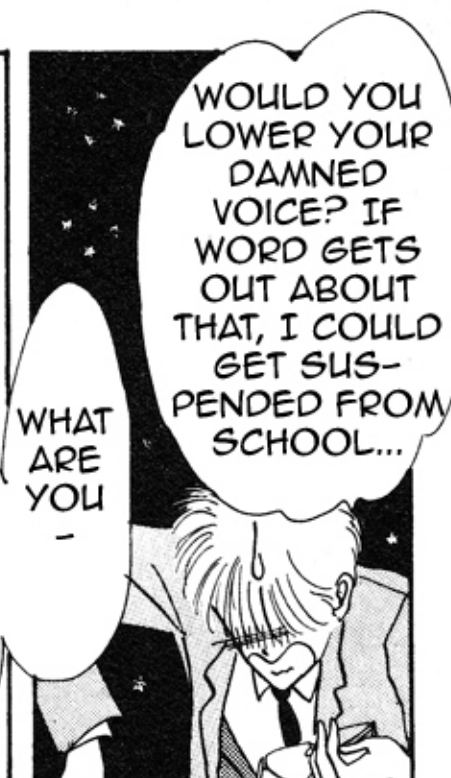
I'M JUST
PUSHING
THEM IN
THE RIGHT
DIRECTION

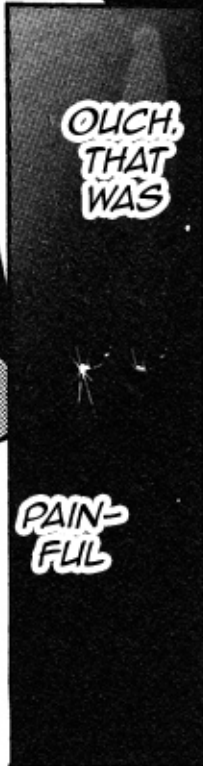
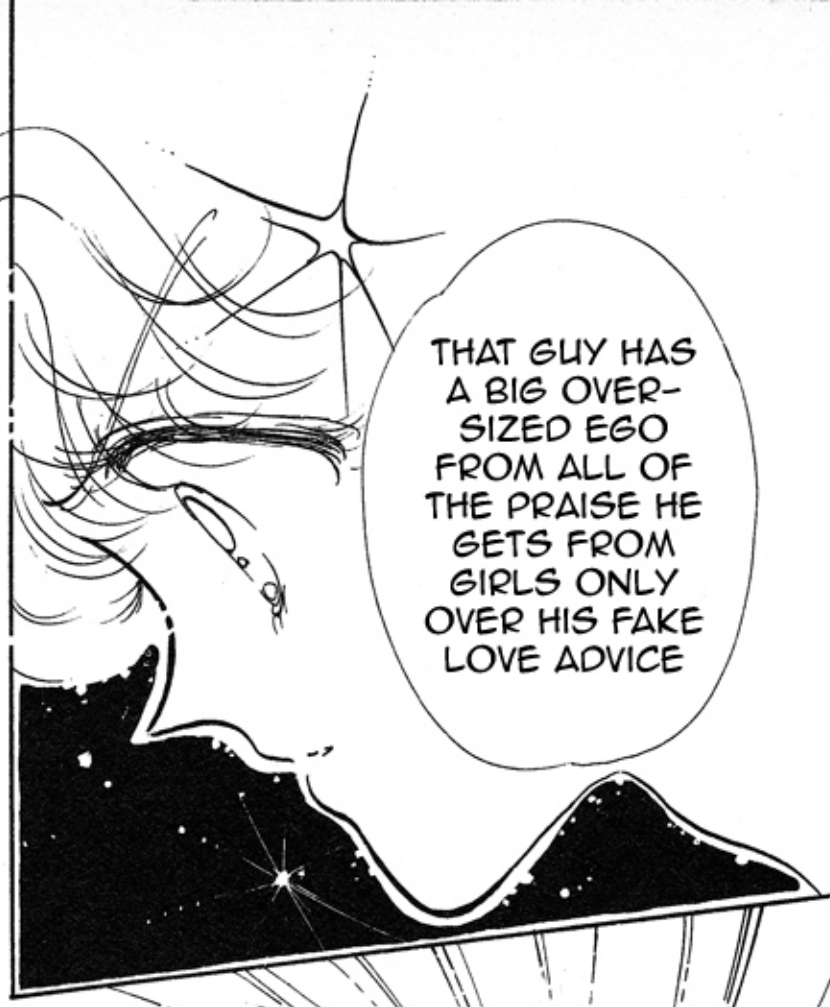






HUH







THAT'S
NUTS

MS.
KAORI
IN
CLASS
2

KAORI IS
WAY TOO
STUCK UP
TO FALL
FOR SOME-
BODY JUST
FROM A
STUPID
LETTER

RYON, WHO
WAS THAT
LOVE
LETTER
THAT GUY
GAVE TO
YOU FOR?



I'LL SHOW
YOU! I'LL
GET THEM
TOGETHER,
NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES!

glare

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!



RYON, SHI-
MADA IS
CALLING
FOR YOU!

RYON, EVEN IF
YOU WANT TO
MAKE IT
HAPPEN, IT
WON'T WORK
WITHOUT
KAORI WANT-
ING IT

HEY RELAX,
WHY ARE
YOU SO
UPSET?



jingle

HERE
YOU
GO

WHAT
DID
SHI-
MADA
SAY?



IT'S
ALMOST
CHRIST-
MAS,
SO I
BET ITS
A BUSY
TIME

THAT GIRL
HAS BEEN
SO IN-
TENSE
LATELY

I WENT
UNDER
THAT TREE
LAST YEAR
ON
CHRISTMAS
EVE!

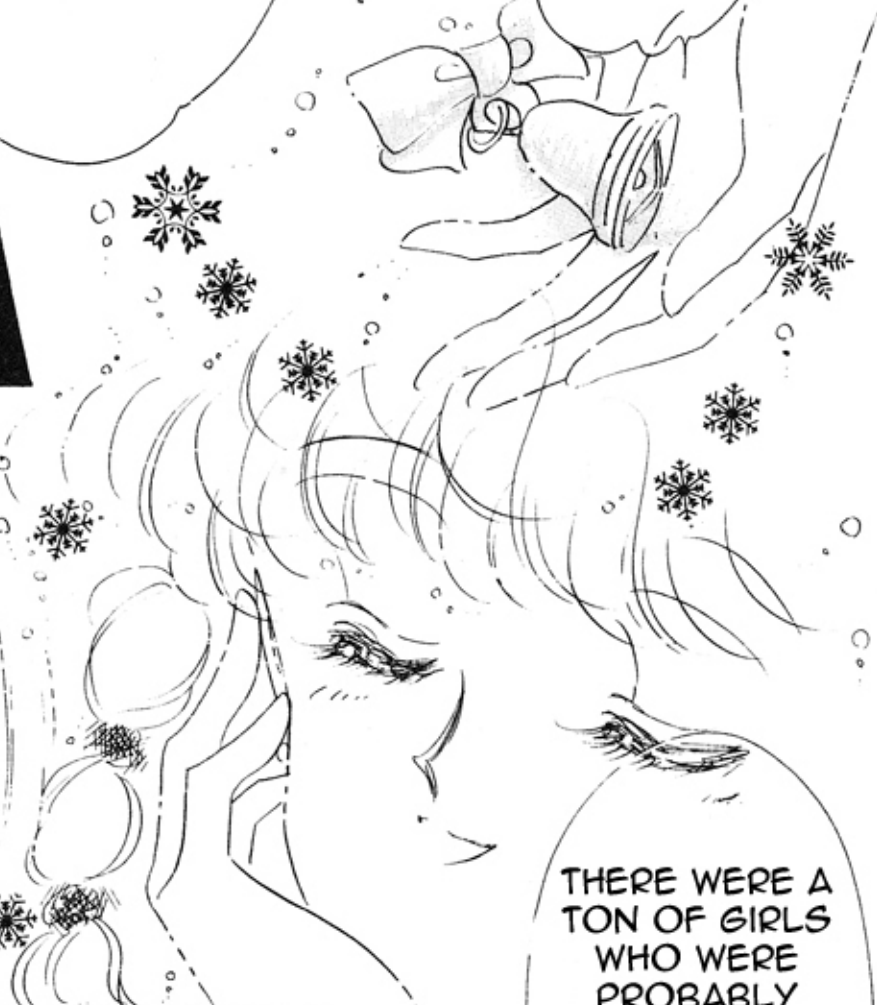


ISN'T THAT
NICE...IF I HAD A
BOYFRIEND, I'D
GET GOLD
BELLS TOO,
AND MEET WITH
HIM UNDER THE
TREE ON
CHRISTMAS EVE

WOW,
MATCHING
GOLD
BELLS! YOU
TWO MUST
BE GETTING
ALONG
GREAT!



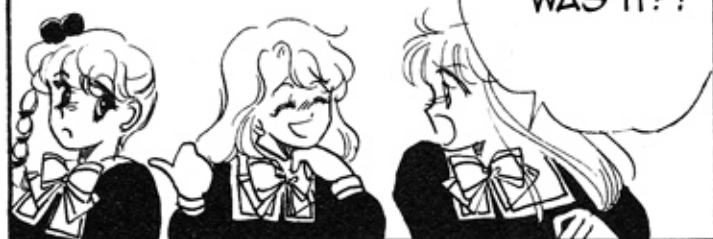
IT WAS
SO
BEAUTI
FUL



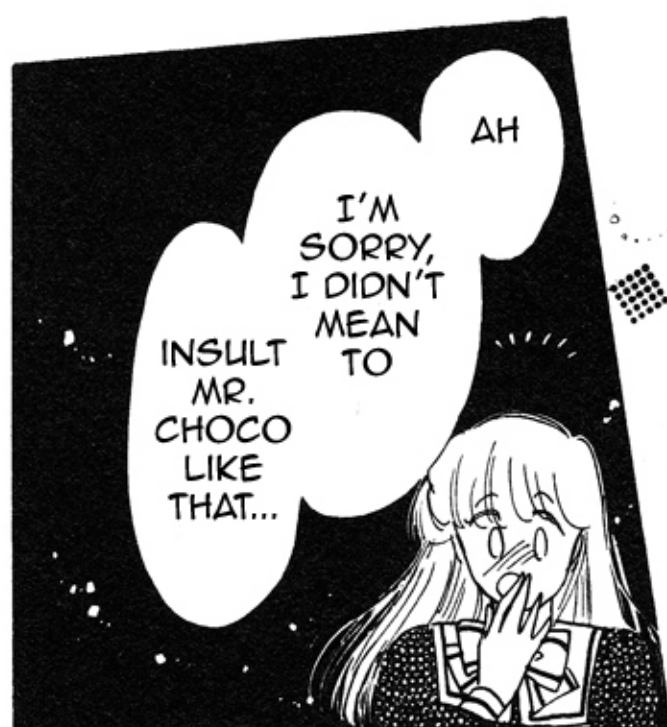
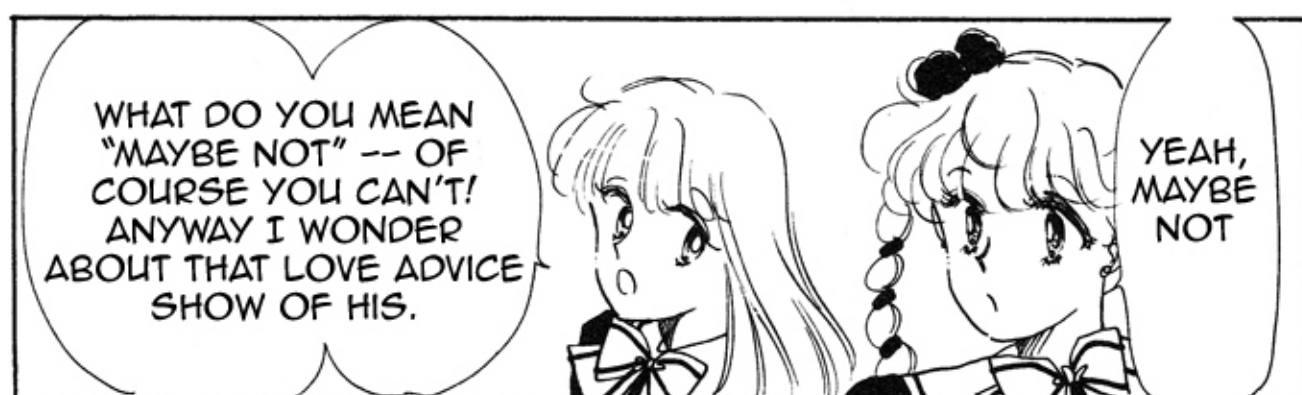
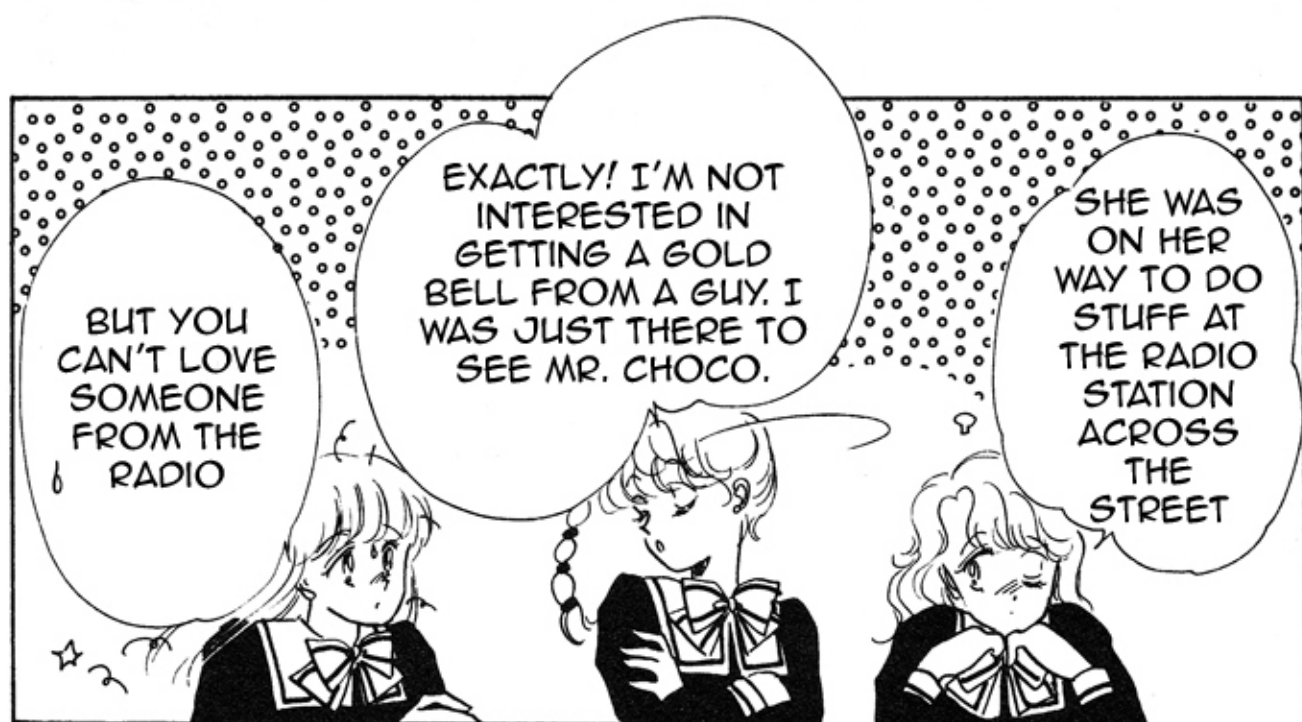
OH, NO, IT
WASN'T
LIKE THAT
AT ALL!

*raining
on her
parade*

NO FAIR! DID
YOU MEET
SOMEONE
THERE?
RYON? WHO
WAS IT?!



THERE WERE A
TON OF GIRLS
WHO WERE
PROBABLY
STUDENTS
THERE, ALL OF
THEM WEARING
GOLD BELLS





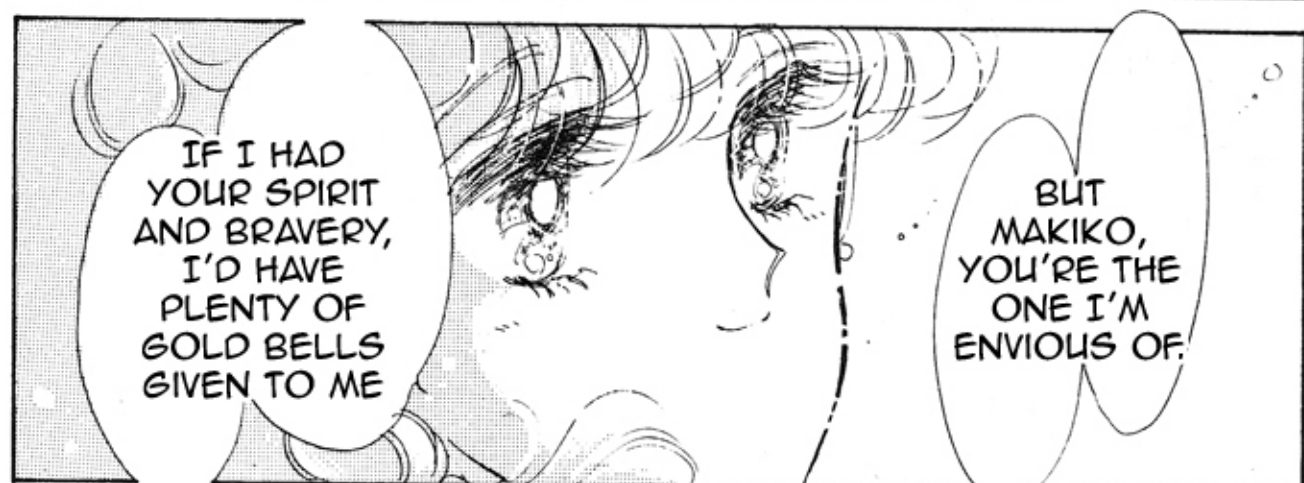


WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE SO
POPULAR
YOURSELF! IS
THERE SOMEBODY
YOU LIKE? COME
ON, YOU CAN TELL
ME!

NO,
THERE'S
NOT

SOUNDS
NICE

I GUESS THAT'S
WHY BOYS
ALWAYS ASK YOU
TO HELP THEM
BUILD BRIDGES TO
START
RELATIONSHIPS,
RIGHT? AND FOR
YOU, IT'S NO
PROBLEM TO DO,
THERE'S NO
HESITATION



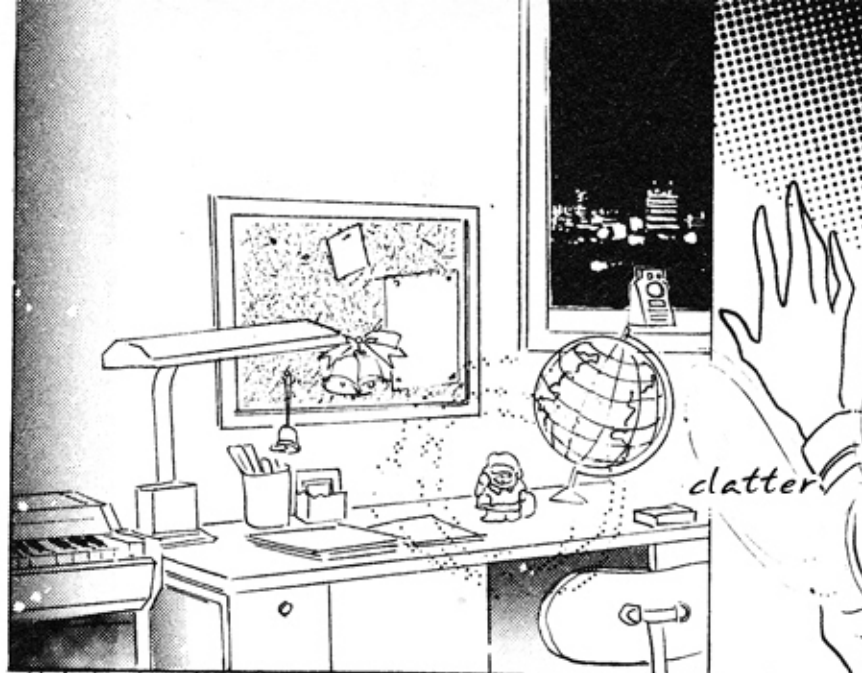
IF I HAD
YOUR SPIRIT
AND BRAVERY,
I'D HAVE
PLENTY OF
GOLD BELLS
GIVEN TO ME

BUT
MAKIKO,
YOU'RE THE
ONE I'M
ENVOUS OF.



I LOVE OUR
SCHOOL'S
TRADITION OF
GUYS GIVING
GIRLS GOLDEN
BELLS, AND
EVERYONE
MEETING
TOGETHER
UNDER OUR
BUILDING'S
TREE

I LOVE
IT!



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WHEN YOU
SAY YOU
HAVE NO
INTEREST IN
GETTING A
GOLD BELL

RYON,
YOU'RE A
LIAR

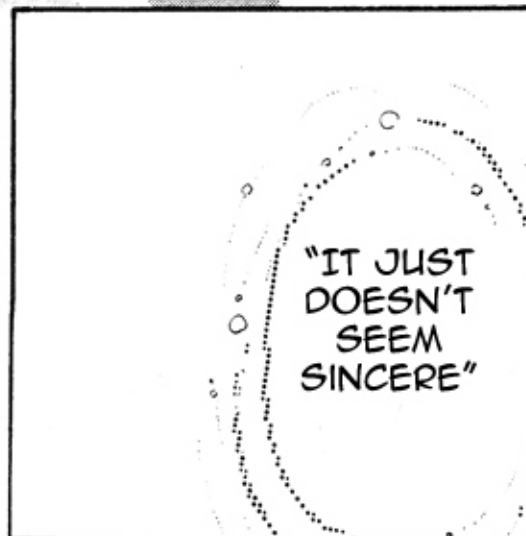
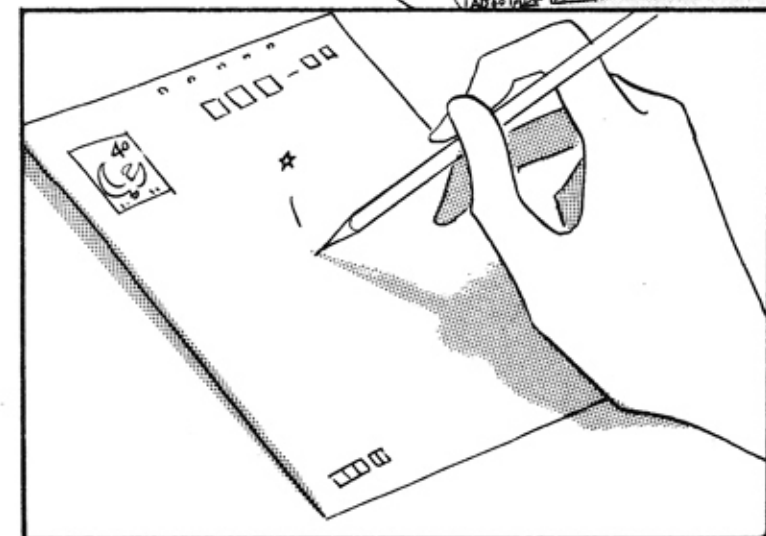
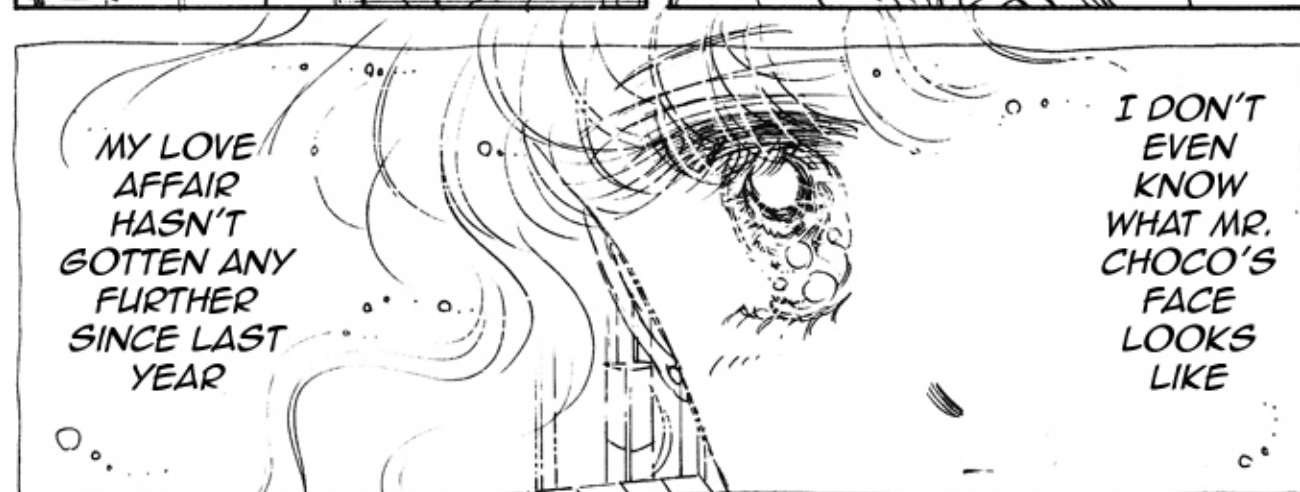
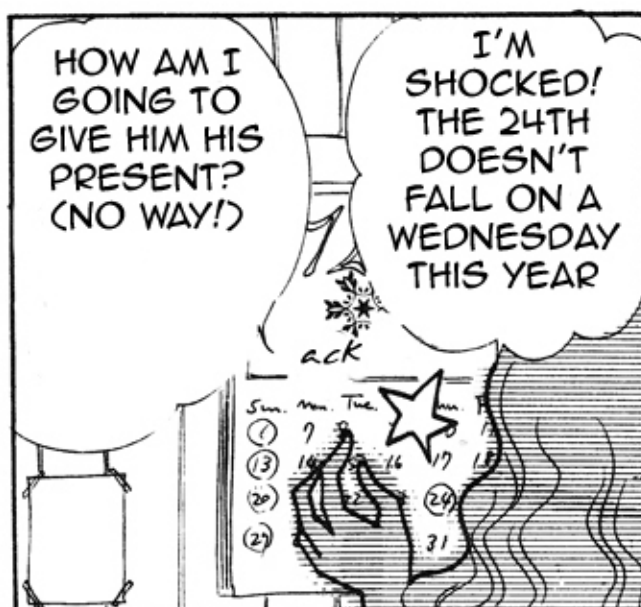
EVEN THOUGH I REALLY
WANT ONE

EVEN
THOUGH I
FELL IN
LOVE LAST
CHRISTMAS
EVE

NO ONE
WILL BE MY
BOYFRIEND



RYON
?



SHOULD I
BOTHER
WRITING
ANOTHER
POST
CARD?

THE
NEXT
ONE
IS

*my love is
unrequited.
it hurts so
much.*

from ryon

choco
late
night

gasp

KEIKI!
READ IT,
READ IT!



MS. RYON OF
KOUTOU
PREFECTURE

HAS
REQUESTED



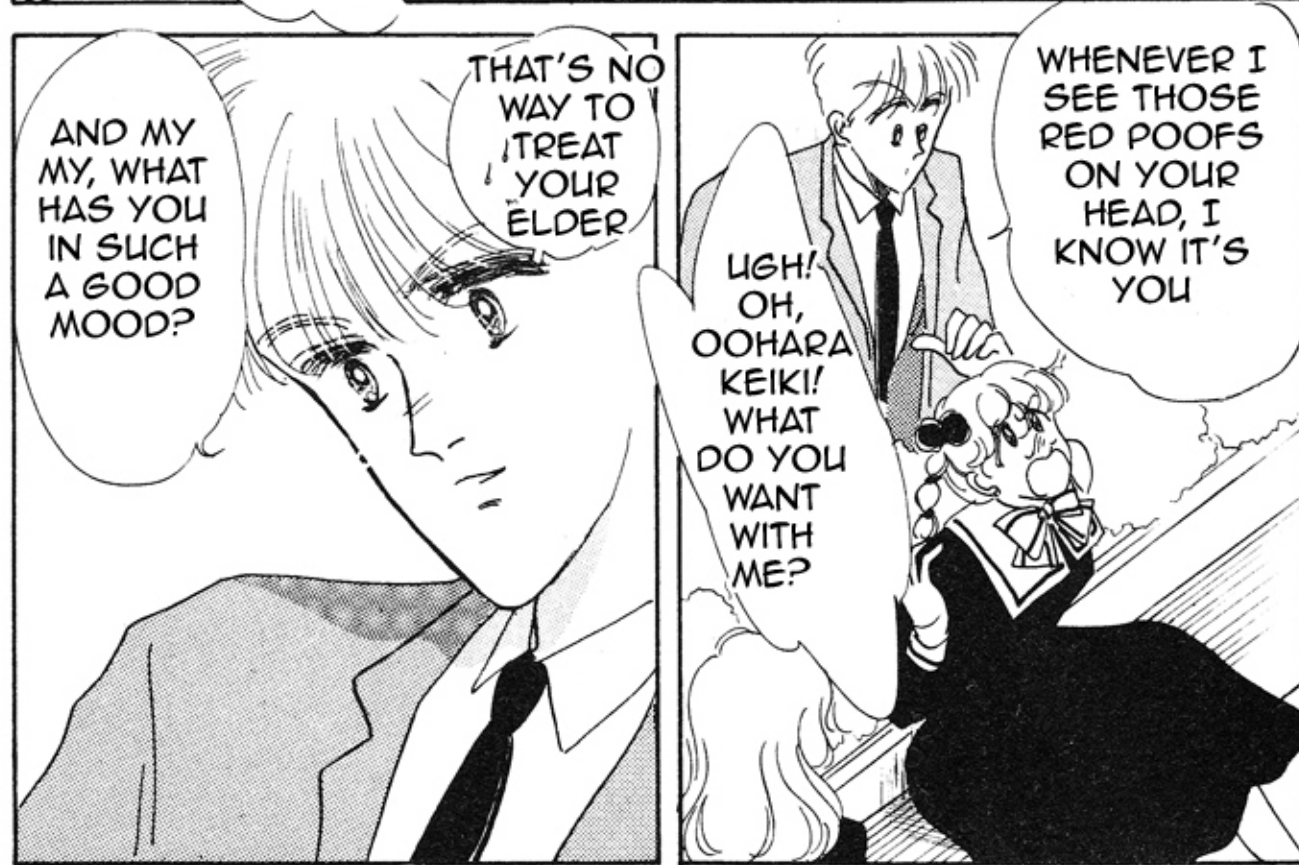
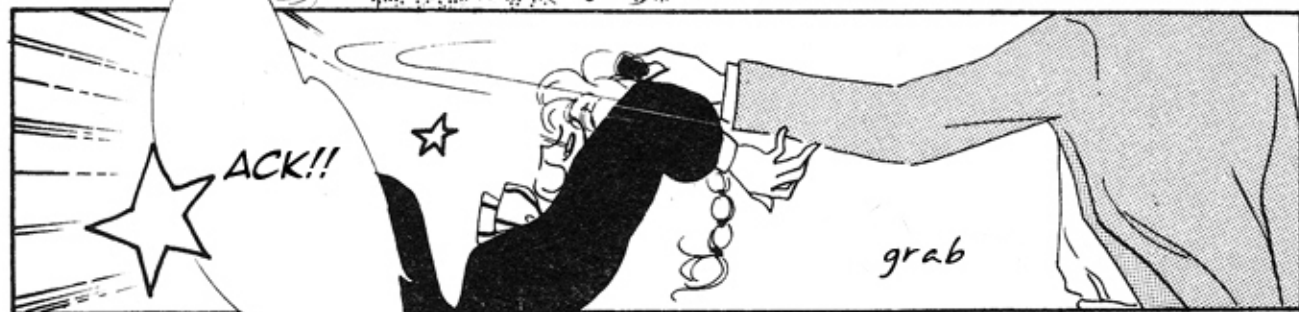
A SAD LOVE
SONG

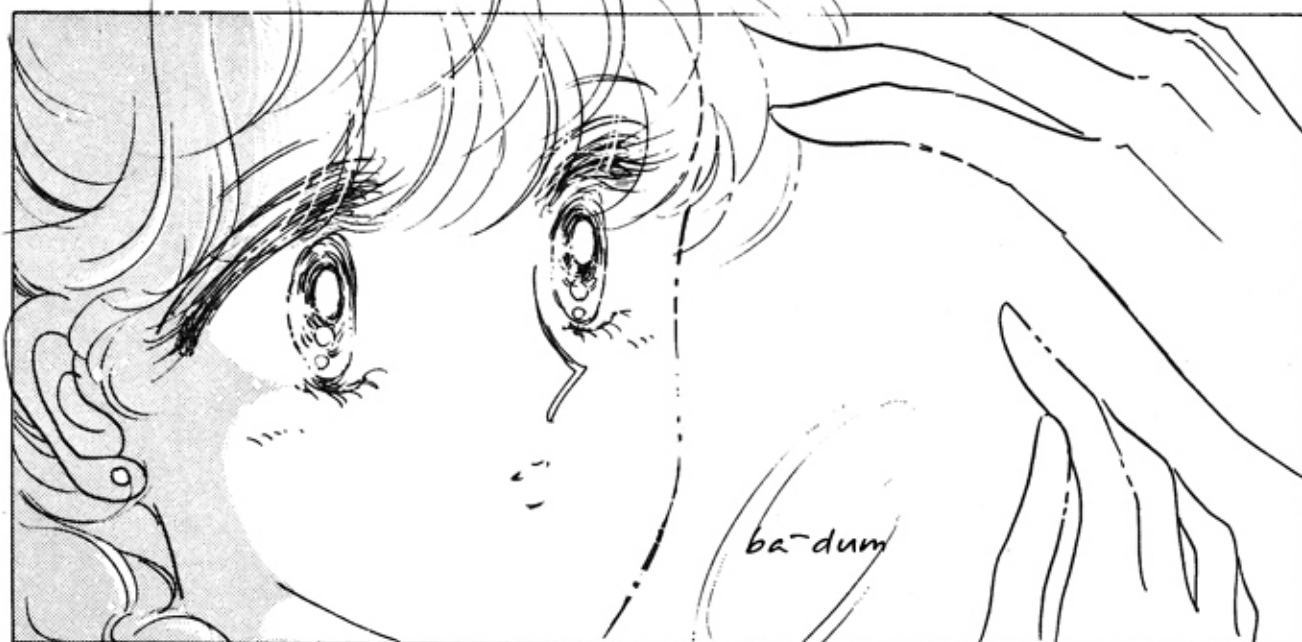
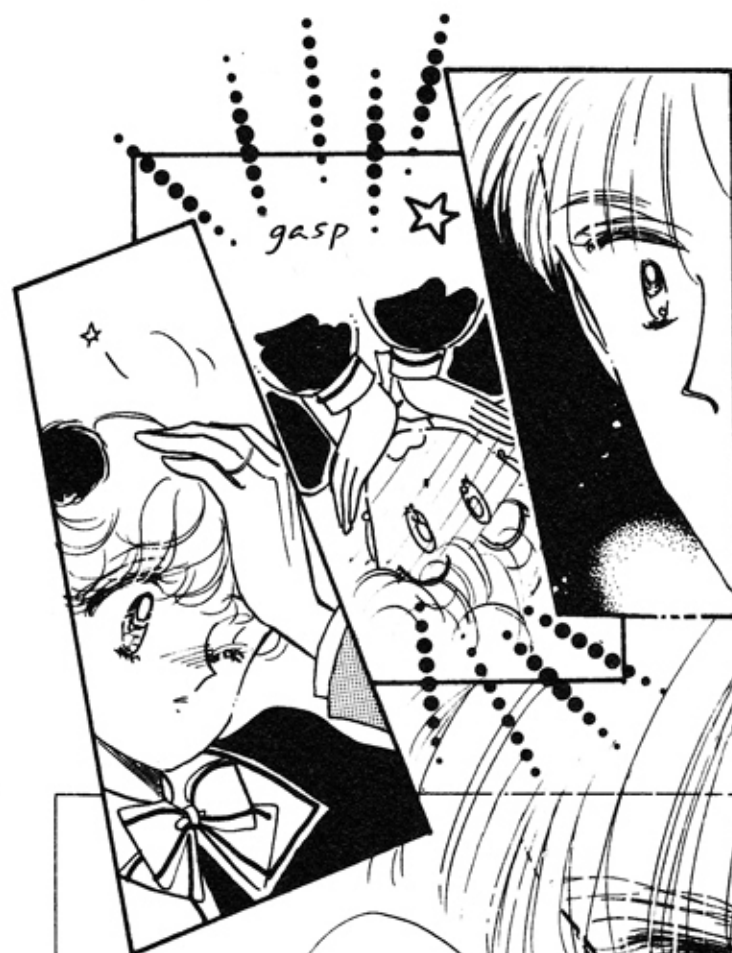
MR.
CHOCO
READ
YOUR
POST
CARD?!
YOU DID IT,
RYON!

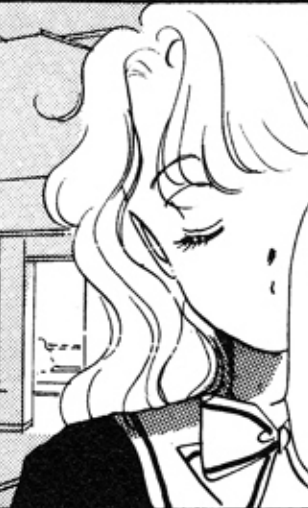
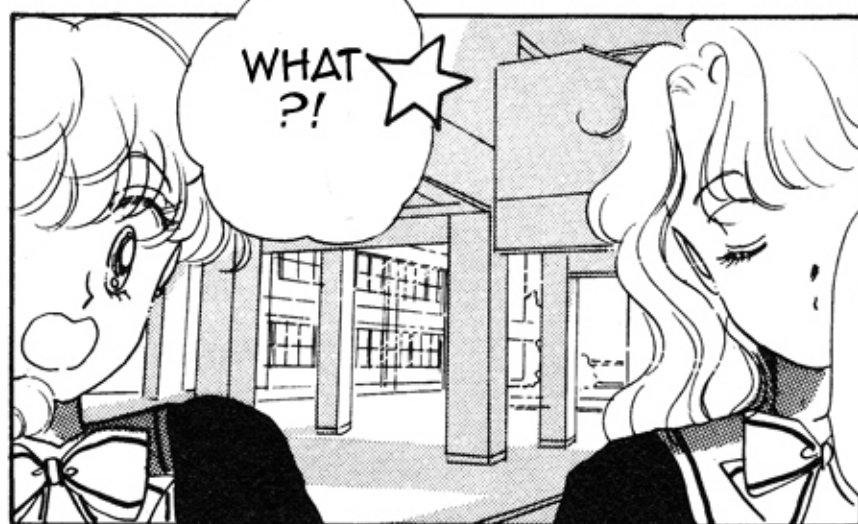
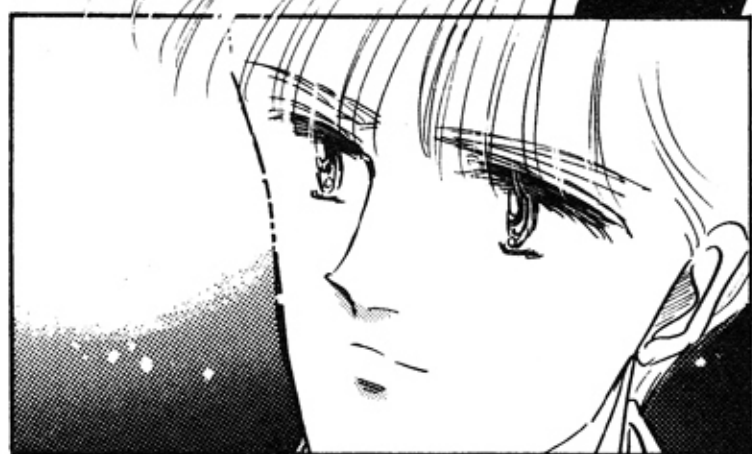
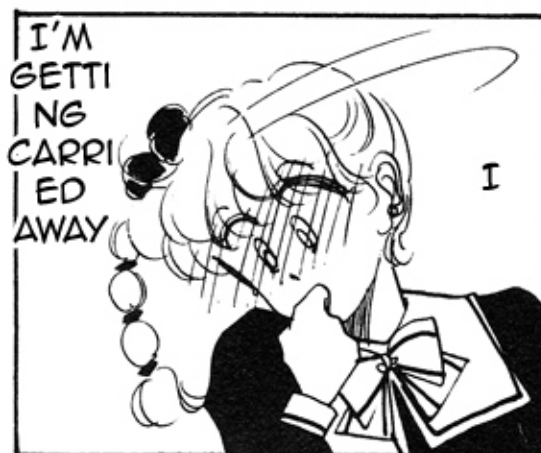
WHAT,
REALLY
?!

I HADN'T
THOUGHT OF
SENDING HIM A
POSTCARD
BEFORE, BUT

YEAH!







HE MUST HAVE
PRETTY STRONG
FEELINGS FOR
YOU, SEEING HOW
HE ALWAYS MAKES
AN EXCUSE TO
SAY SOMETHING
TO YOU



RYON, I
KNOW
YOU'RE
WORKING
REALLY
HARD, WITH
A PART-TIME
JOB, AND
NOW
SENDING
OUT
POSTCARDS

BUT YOU
CAN'T BE
THIS
HESITANT
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
FOREVER

THAT'S
RIGHT

W-WA
IT UP!
MAKI
KO!



HE WAS
TALKING
ABOUT
YOUR
LITTLE RED
POOFS LIKE
YOU WERE
A STUFFED
ANIMAL OR
SOMETHING

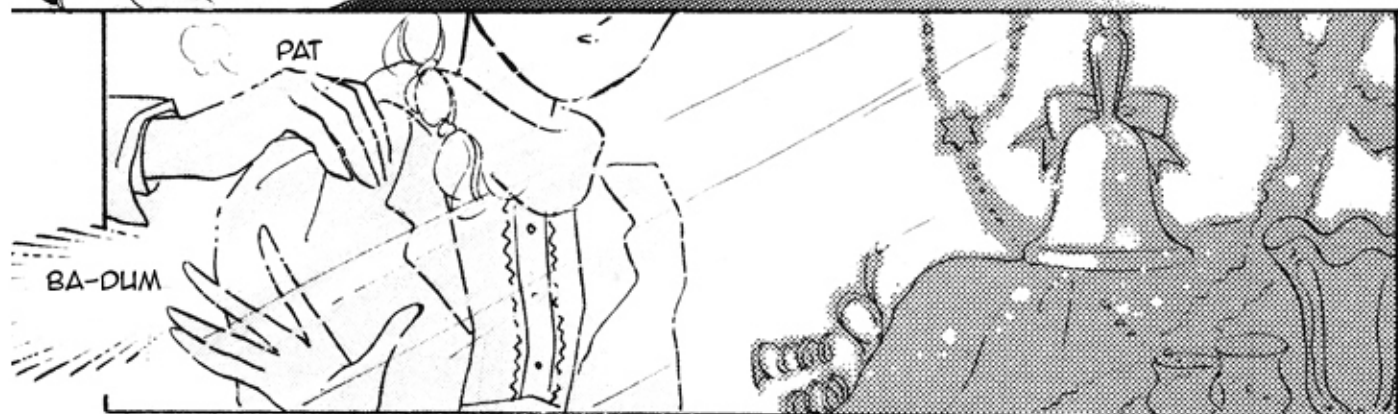


THE
PERSON I
LIKE IS

COME ON
RYON,
HELP ME
WITH MY
RELATION
SHIP



IS OOHARA KEIKI



PAT

BA-DUM



WELL

I WAS
JUST
THINKING
ABOUT...
HOW
NICE IT'D
BE...



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
STOPPING
HERE?

ON YOUR
WAY TO
WORK?



YOU
SURPRISED
ME. I
DIDN'T
KNOW WHO
IT WAS

AH



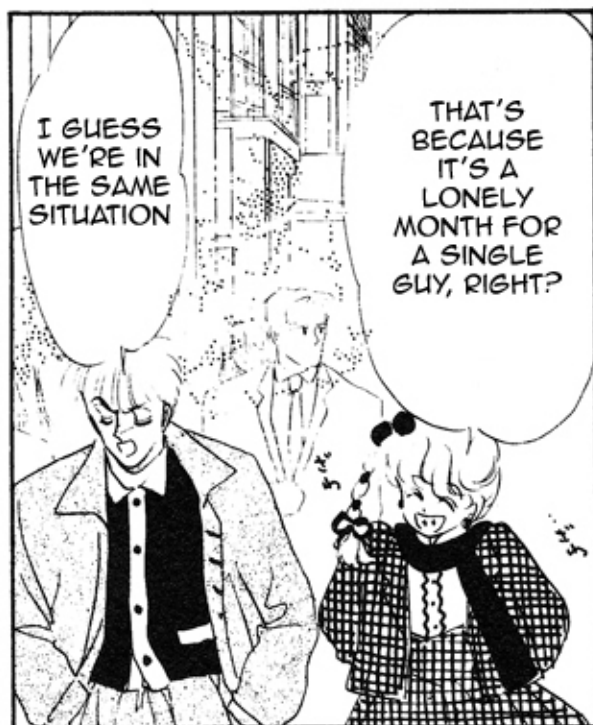
THAT'S WHY I
HATE THE
MONTH OF
DECEMBER

CAW

CHIRP

IT DOESN'T
MATTER
WHERE YOU
GO, ALL OF
CHRISTMAS
IS A BLUR
OF THE
SAME
COLOR

AH, A
GOLD
BELL



YOU'RE STILL
DETERMINED,
EVEN IN SPITE
OF YOUR LOVE
SITUATION?

DIDN'T YOU, YOU
STUPID JERK!

YOU SAW
MY
POSTCARD
AT THE
STUDIO

I'M THE
STUPID JERK?
YOU'RE THE
ONE SENDING
A POSTCARD
TO A GUY LIKE
HIM!

WHAT KIND OF
PERSON WOULD
DO SUCH A CRUEL
THING? YOU
REALLY ARE
UNBELIEVEABLE.

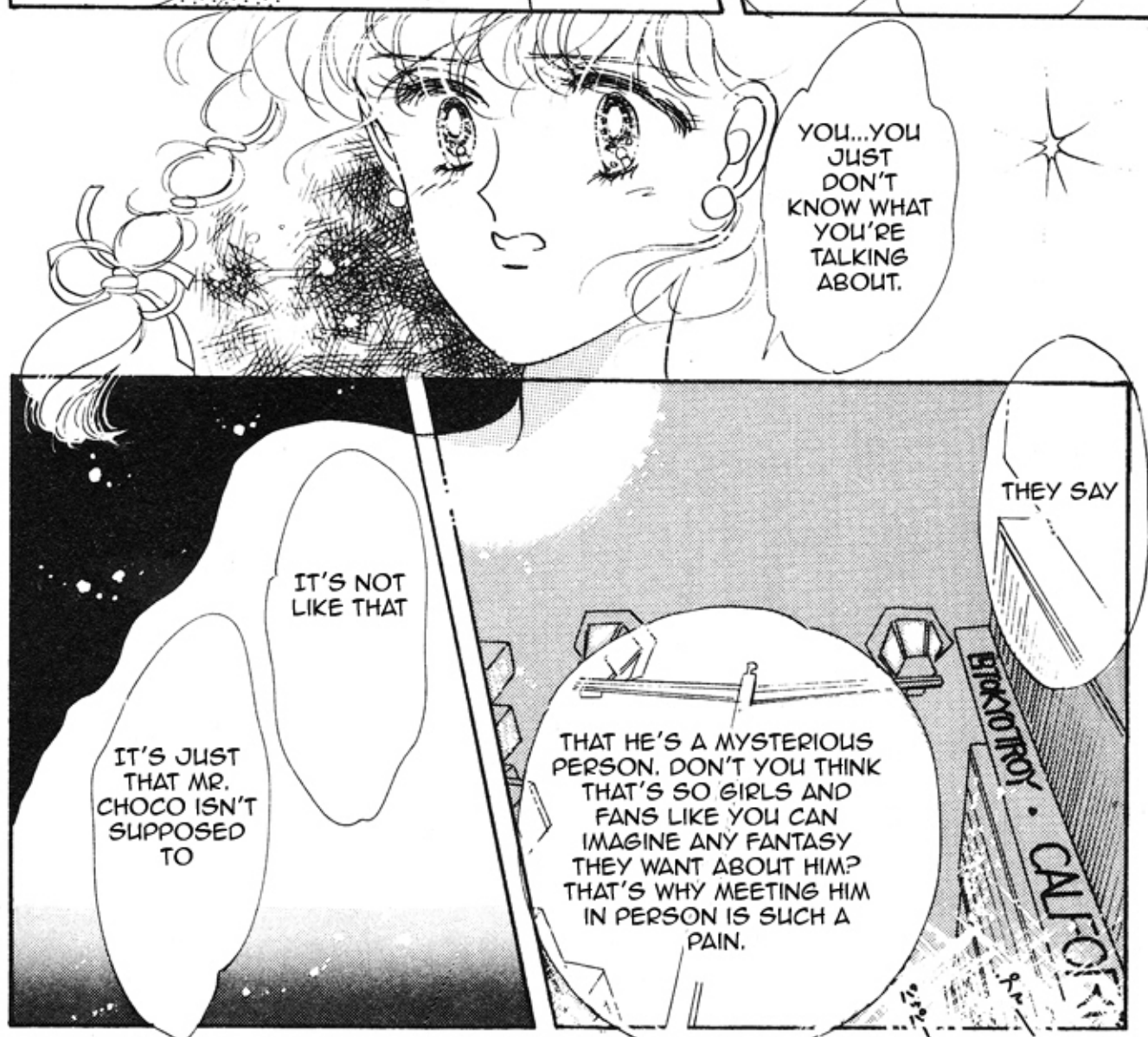
YOU REALLY
ARE A PIECE
OF WORK!



DON'T YOU
THINK YOU'RE
OVER
IDEALIZING
HIM?

HE JUST READS
FROM A SCRIPT.
THERE'S NOTHING
SINCERE ABOUT
WHAT HE SAYS OR
DOES.

A GUY LIKE THAT?! MR. CHOCO IS
TOTALLY KIND, UNLIKE YOU! AT
LEAST HE GIVES PEOPLE ADVICE
INSTEAD OF JUST CRITICIZING.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME SENDING
HIM POSTCARDS?



YOU...YOU
JUST
DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT

IT'S JUST
THAT MR.
CHOCO ISN'T
SUPPOSED
TO

THAT HE'S A MYSTERIOUS
PERSON. DON'T YOU THINK
THAT'S SO GIRLS AND
FANS LIKE YOU CAN
IMAGINE ANY FANTASY
THEY WANT ABOUT HIM?
THAT'S WHY MEETING HIM
IN PERSON IS SUCH A
PAIN.

THEY SAY

BIKKOROTY • CALIFORNIA

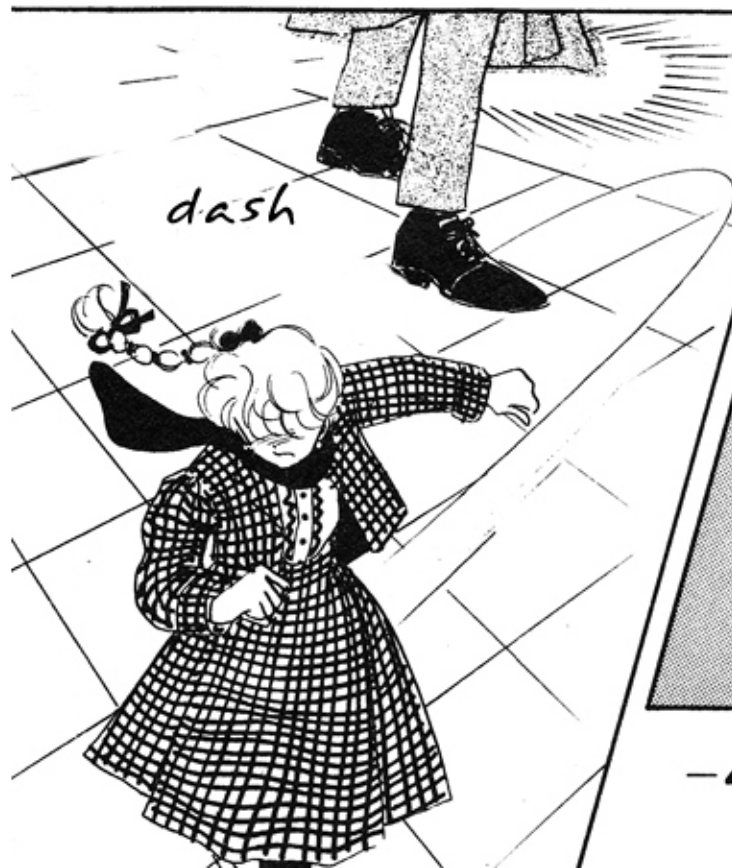


DO YOU MEAN TO
TELL ME THAT EVEN
AFTER WORKING
YOUR BUTT OFF AT
THE STATION, YOU
STILL HAVE NEVER
MET HIM? HE MUST
NOT LIKE YOU VERY
MUCH AT ALL.

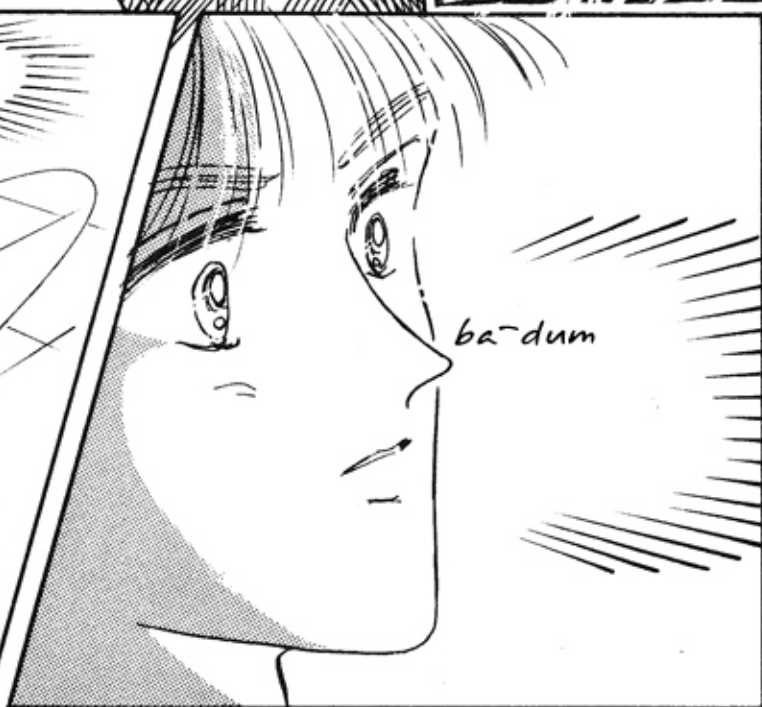
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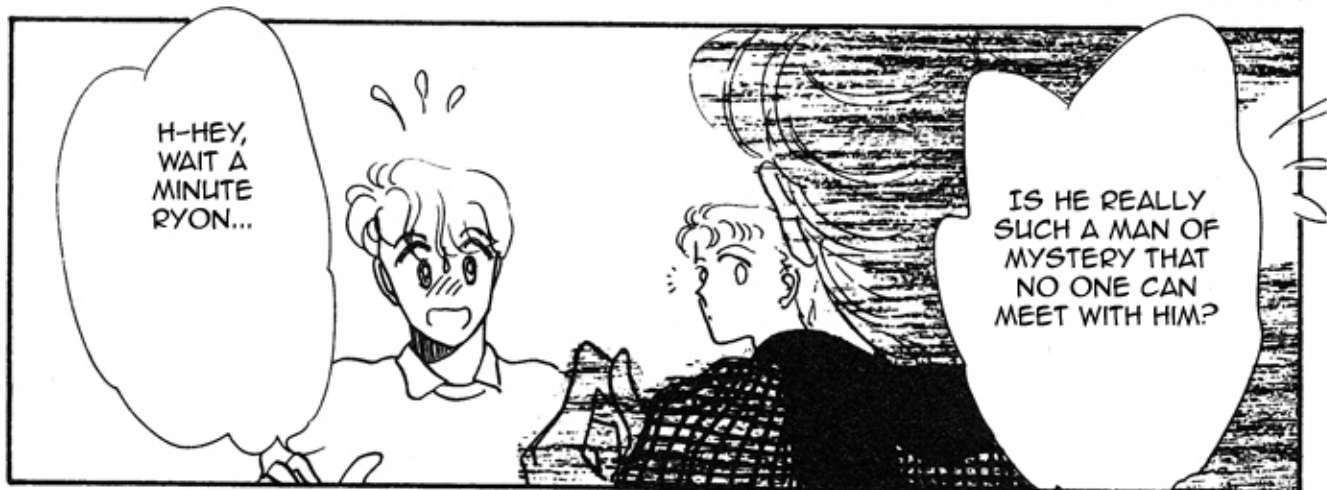
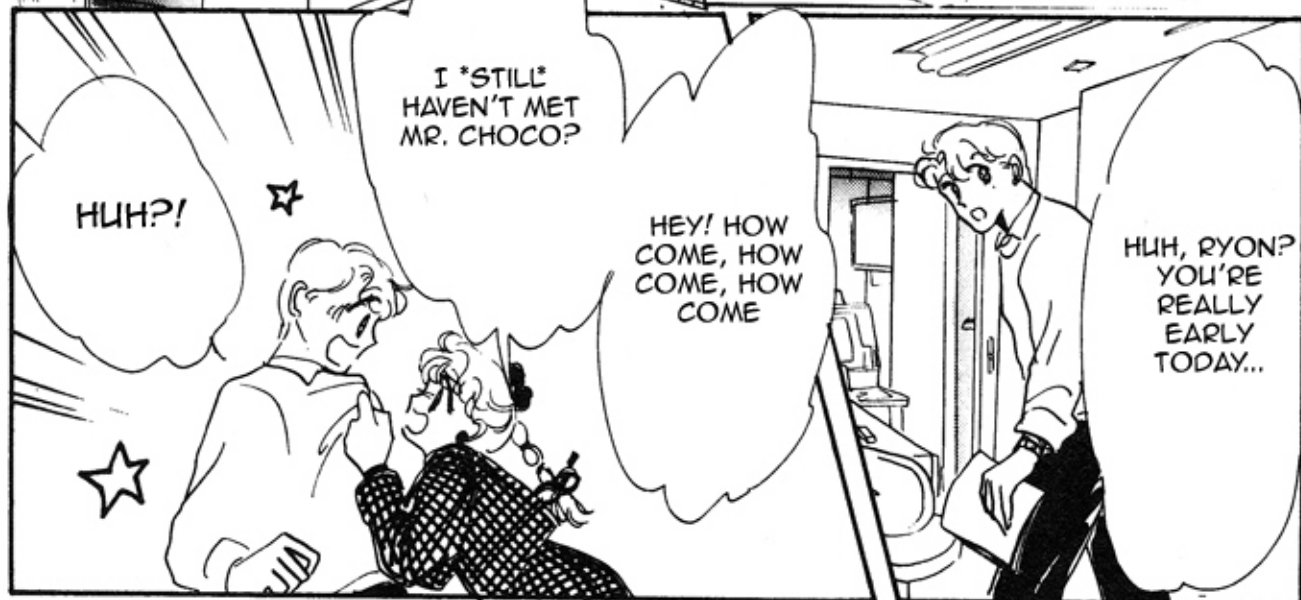
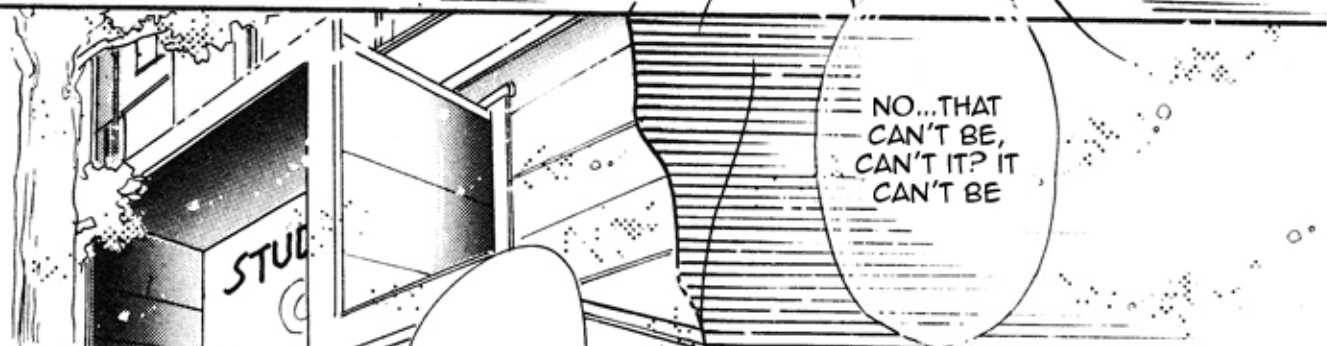
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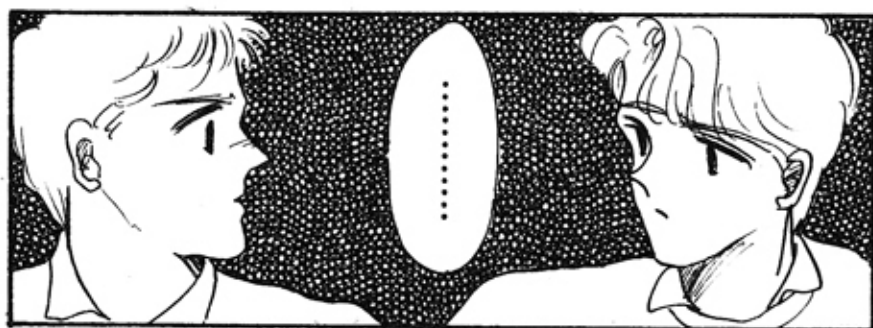
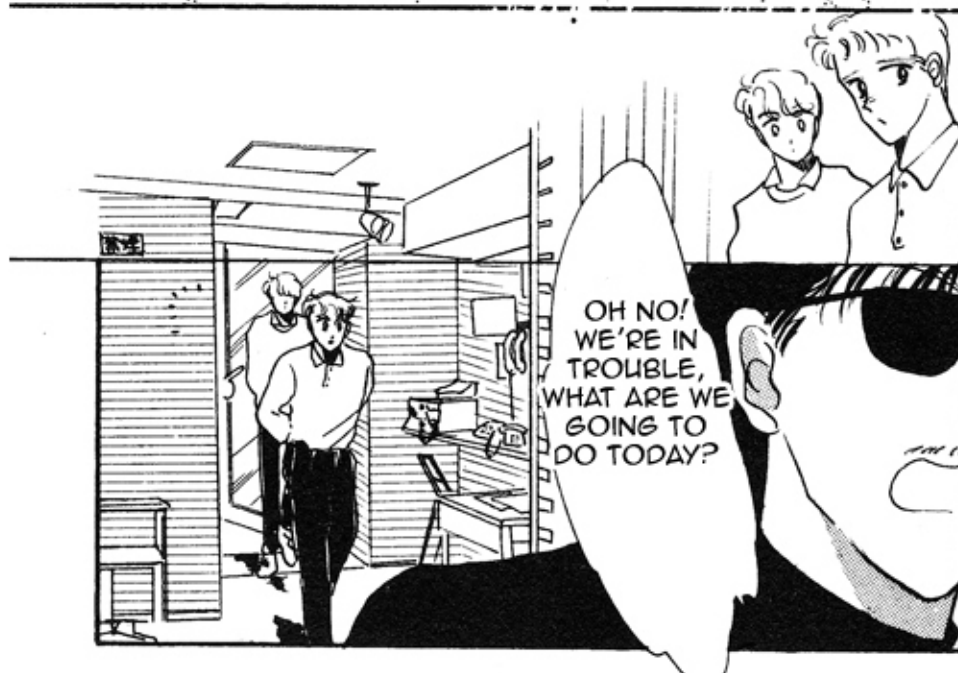
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ba-dum



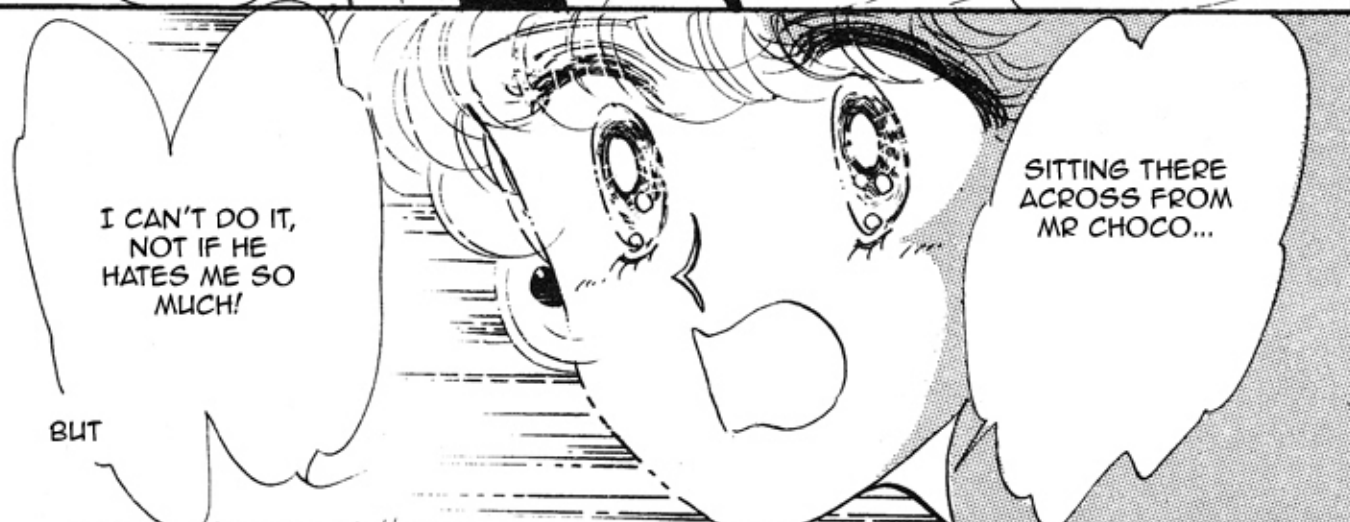






IT'S OKAY, RYON,
I WON'T TELL HIM
YOUR NAME!

H-HEY WAIT A
SECOND!



I CAN'T DO IT,
NOT IF HE
HATES ME SO
MUCH!

SITTING THERE
ACROSS FROM
MR CHOCO...

BUT



slam

HOW
SHOULD I
LOOK
WHEN I
FINALLY
FACE
HIM?!

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO

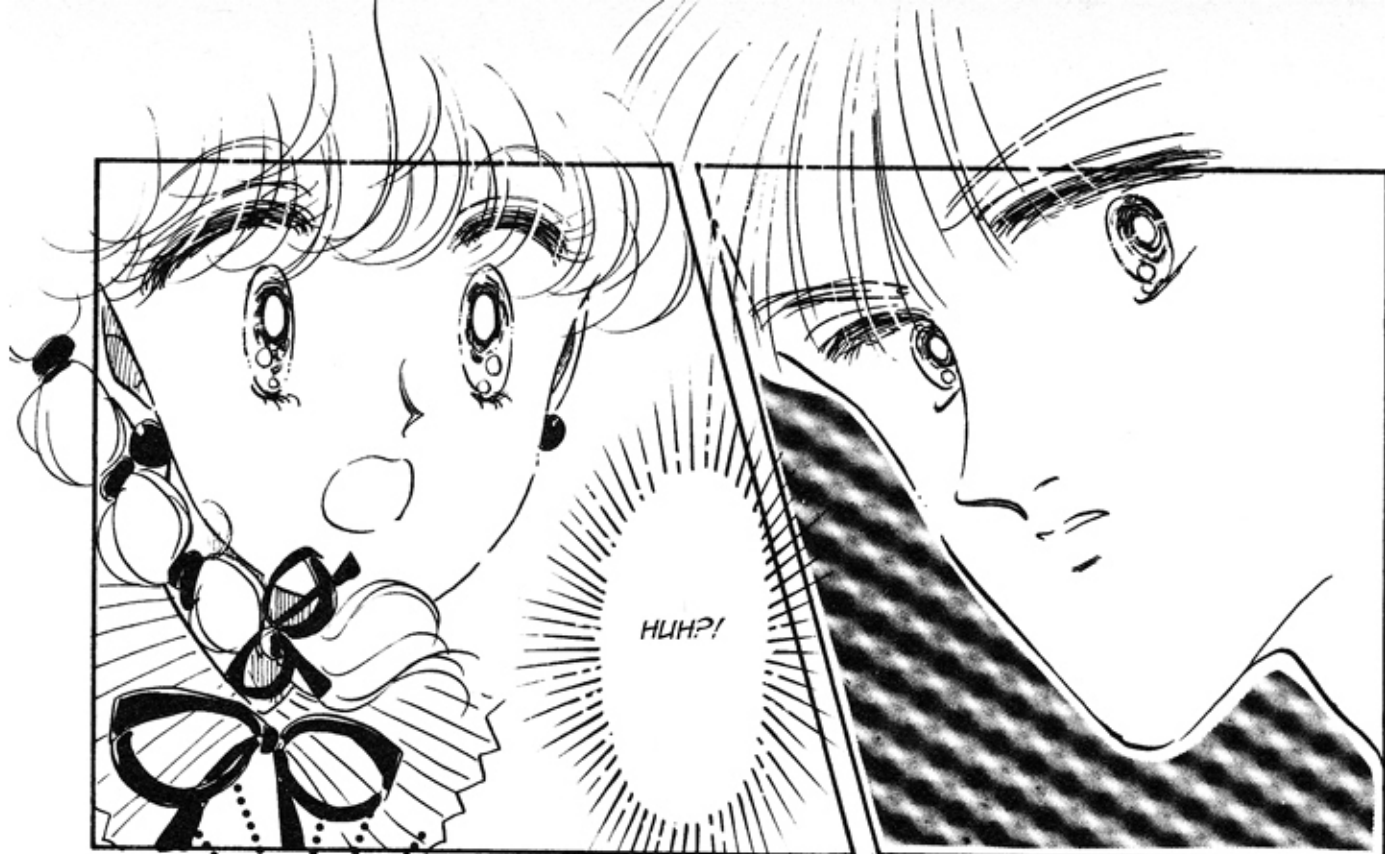
IT'S OKAY. ALL
YOU'RE GOING TO
DO IS CHOOSE THE
NEXT POSTCARD FOR
HIM TO READ.

I'M
BRINGING
IN OUR
PITCH
HITTER*,
HERE SHE
IS!

ba-dum
ba-dum
ba-dum

WE'RE ON
COMMERCIAL
FOR
ANOTHER
FIVE
SECONDS

* NOTE: "PITCH HITTING" REFERS TO SOMEONE
WHO IS CALLED IN TO DO TEMPORARY,
EMERGENCY WORK IN A COMPANY, OUTSIDE OF **45** —
THEIR NORMAL JOB RESPONSIBILITIES



WHAT?!

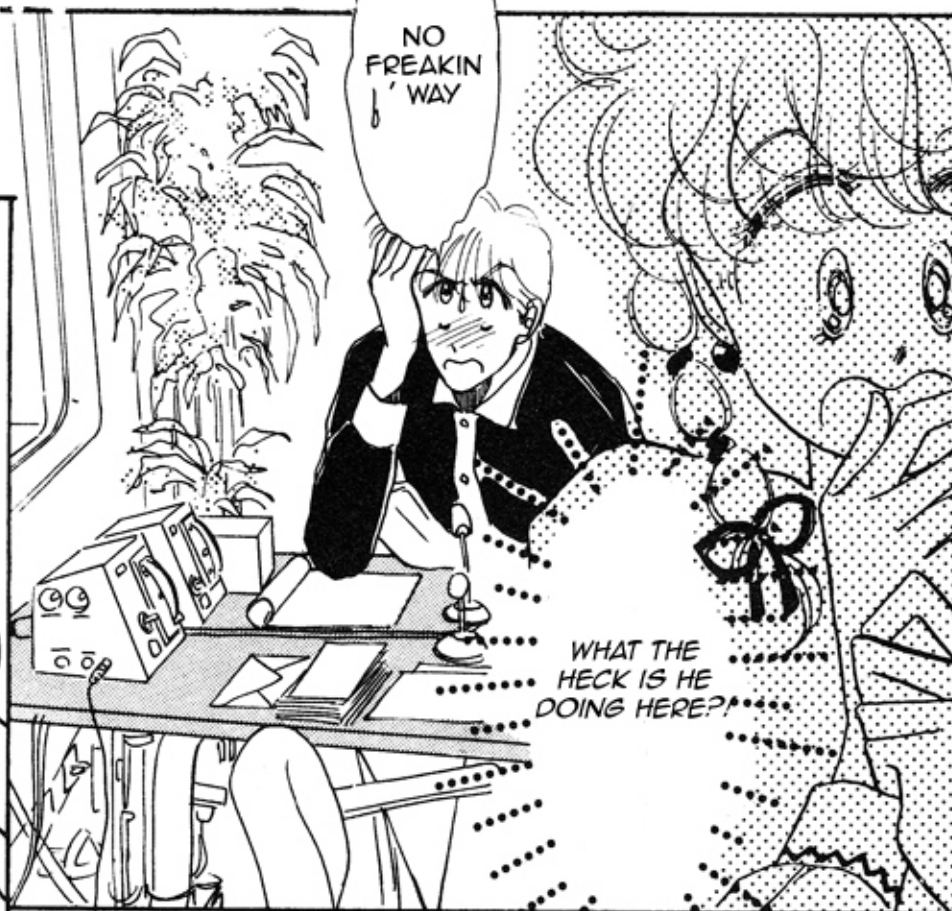
mouth
dropped open



NO
FREAKIN'
WAY

THE
COMMERCIAL
BREAK IS
OVER, WE'RE
BACK IN 3, 2,
1

WHAT THE
HECK IS HE
DOING HERE?!

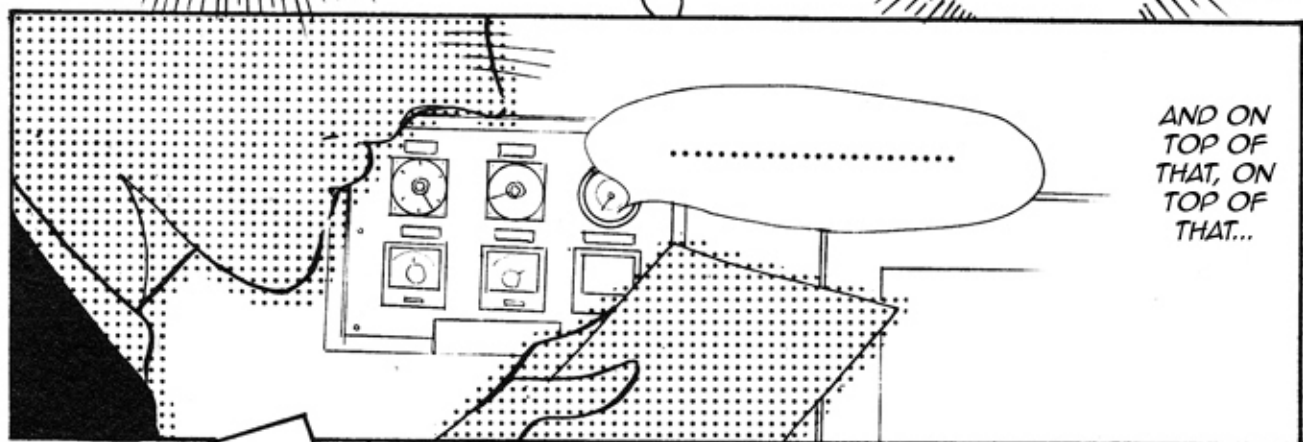




I CAN'T BELIEVE
THIS. MR. CHOCO IS
RIGHT BEFORE MY
EYES, TALKING
RIGHT IN FRONT OF
ME!

MR. CHOCO
THERE'S A BOY I'VE LIKED FOR A LONG
TIME...WE'LL CALL HIM MR. T...AND HE
FINALLY CONFESSED HIS FEELINGS FOR
ME TOO. BUT THE PROBLEM IS, MY BEST
FRIEND ALSO HAS A CRUSH ON HIM. SO
WE CAN'T SEE EACH OTHER...

W-WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?!

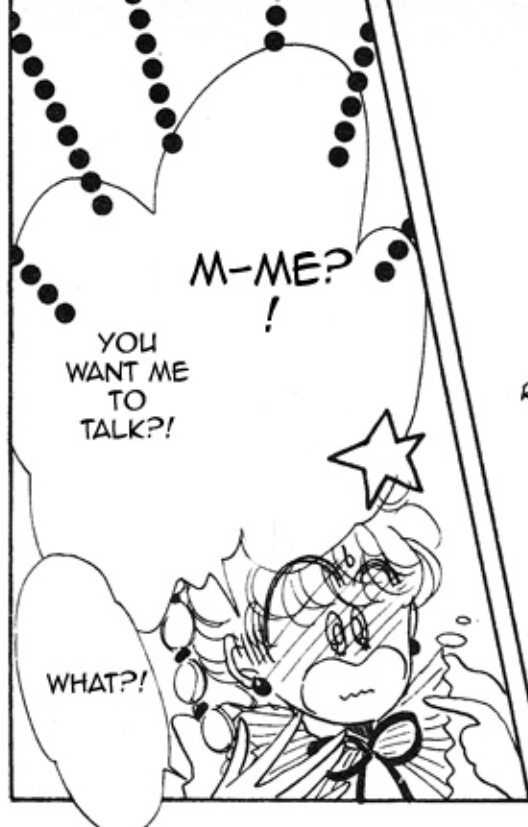


AND ON
TOP OF
THAT, ON
TOP OF
THAT...

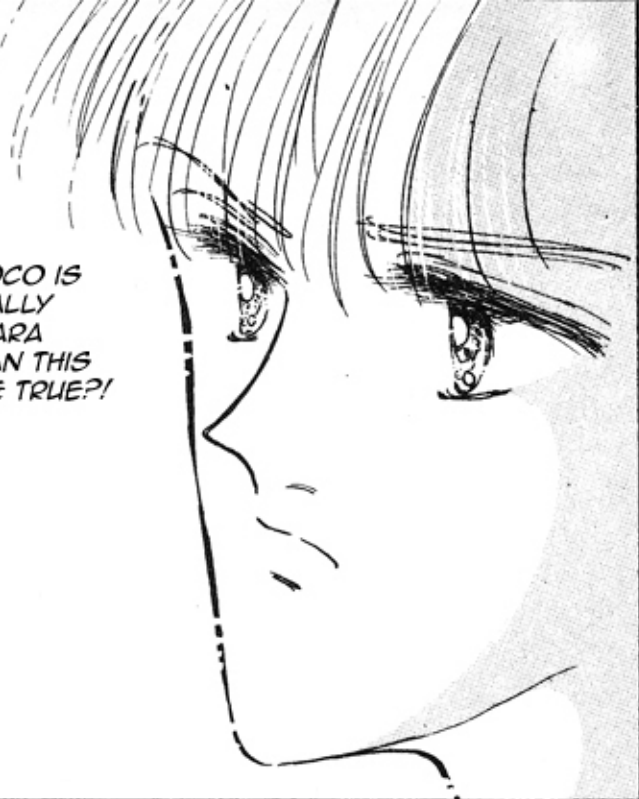


HUH?!

WELL RYON,
WHAT DO YOU
THINK ABOUT
THIS?

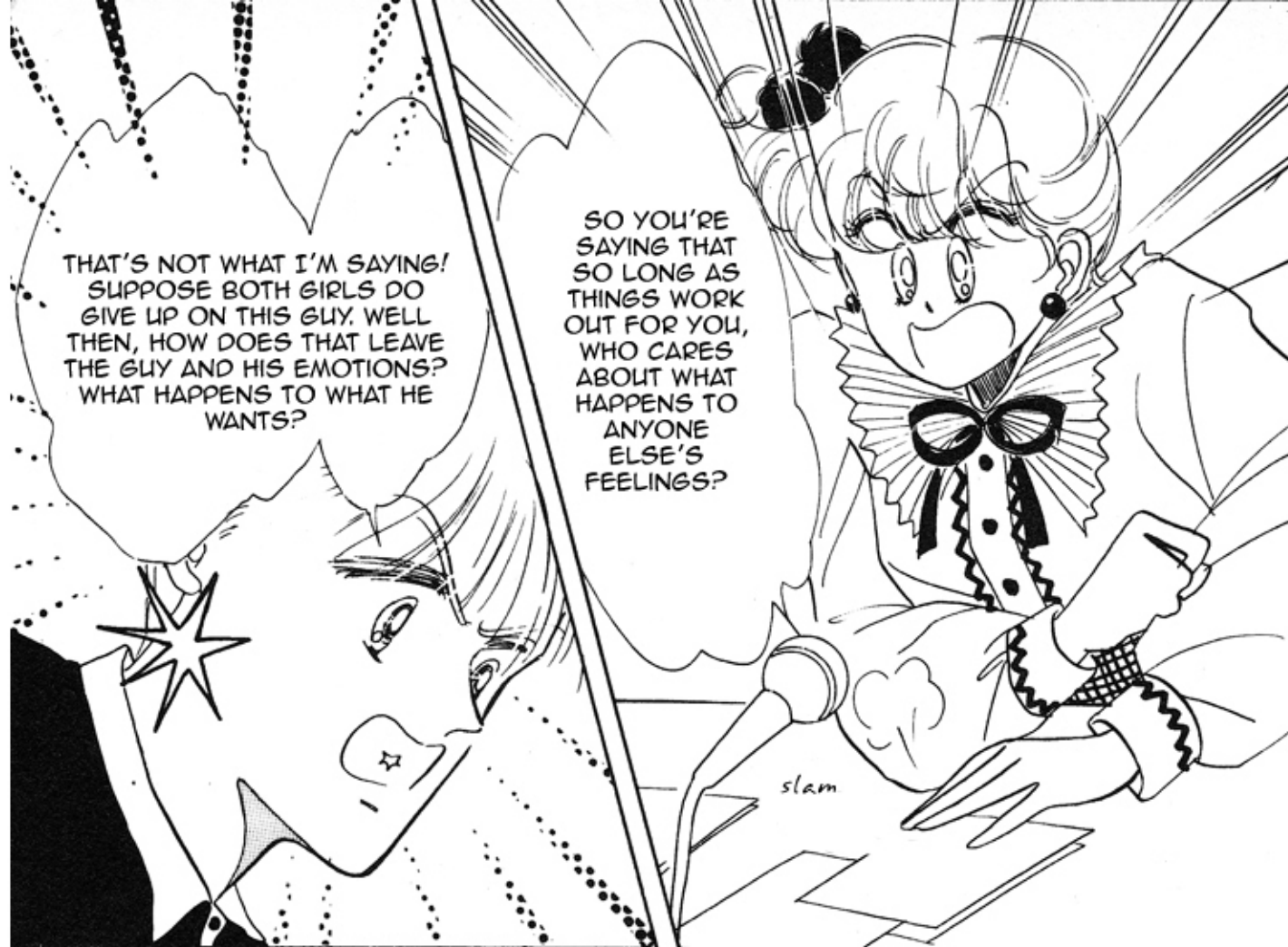


MR. CHOCO IS
ACTUALLY
OOHARA
KEIKI...CAN THIS
REALLY BE TRUE?!



gasp





THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING!
SUPPOSE BOTH GIRLS DO
GIVE UP ON THIS GUY. WELL
THEN, HOW DOES THAT LEAVE
THE GUY AND HIS EMOTIONS?
WHAT HAPPENS TO WHAT HE
WANTS?

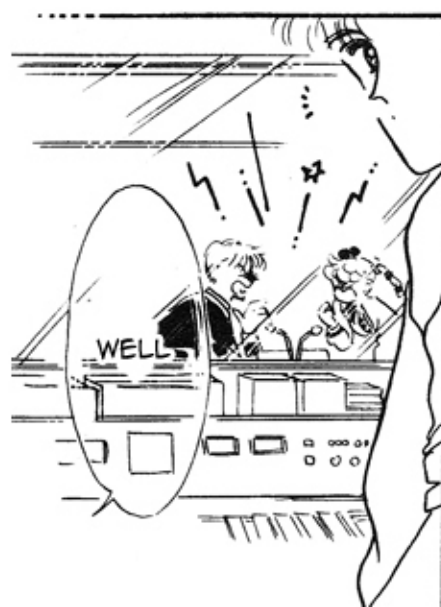
SO YOU'RE
SAYING THAT
SO LONG AS
THINGS WORK
OUT FOR YOU,
WHO CARES
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENS TO
ANYONE
ELSE'S
FEELINGS?

slam

AND IF IT
DOESN'T WORK
OUT, THEN SHE
SHOULD HURRY
UP AND DUMP THE
GUY SO SHE CAN
AT LEAST
SALVAGE HER
FRIENDSHIP


IF THEIR
LOVE
BLOSSOMS,
THEN THAT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH

WELL KEI- MR.
CHOCO. EVEN IF
THEIR LOVE DOES
BLOSSOM, THEN
YOU'LL BE TO
BLAME FOR THE
GIRLS'S
FRIENDSHIP
BREAKING UP.



YOU'RE
SO
SELF-
CENTERED AND
GREEDY

HEH
HEH



WHY ARE THEY
ALL PISSED OFF
AT ME? THIS IS
YOUR FAULT. IT
WASN'T MY IDEA
TO TALK!



BECOME
UNEXPECT
EDLY
REALLY
INTERESTI
NG

THIS
HAS

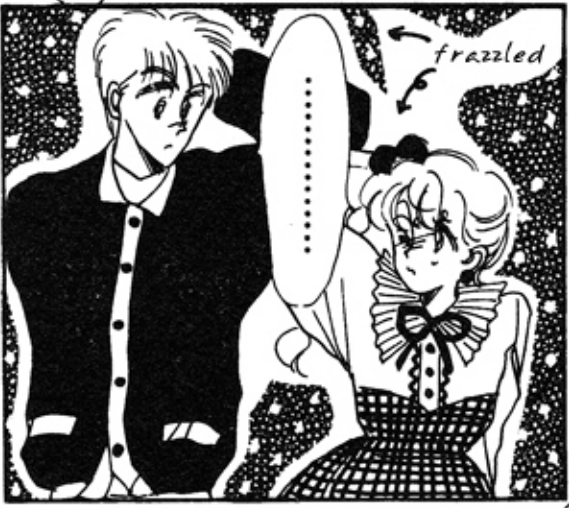
HASN'T
IT?




RECORDING
STUDIO

JEAZ

slam

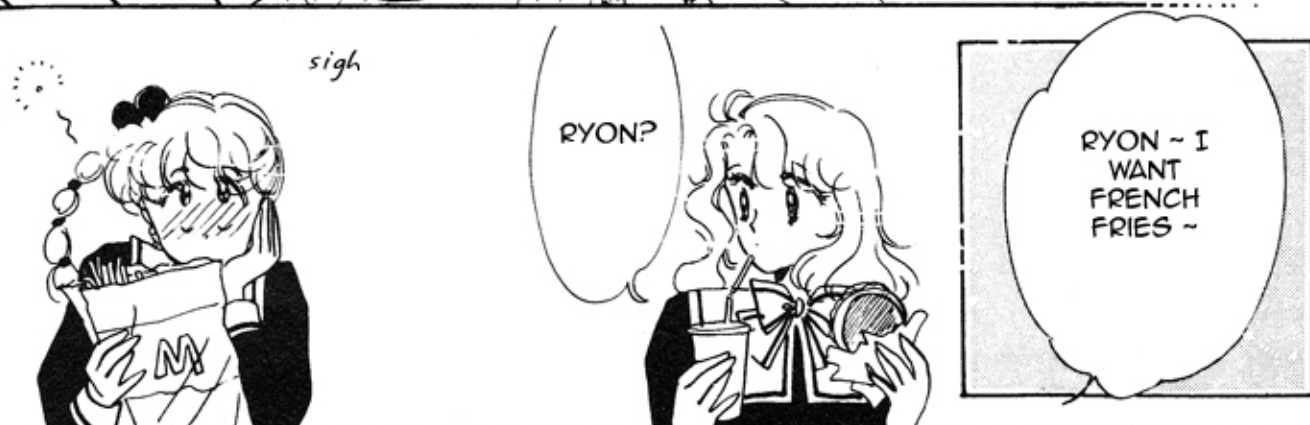
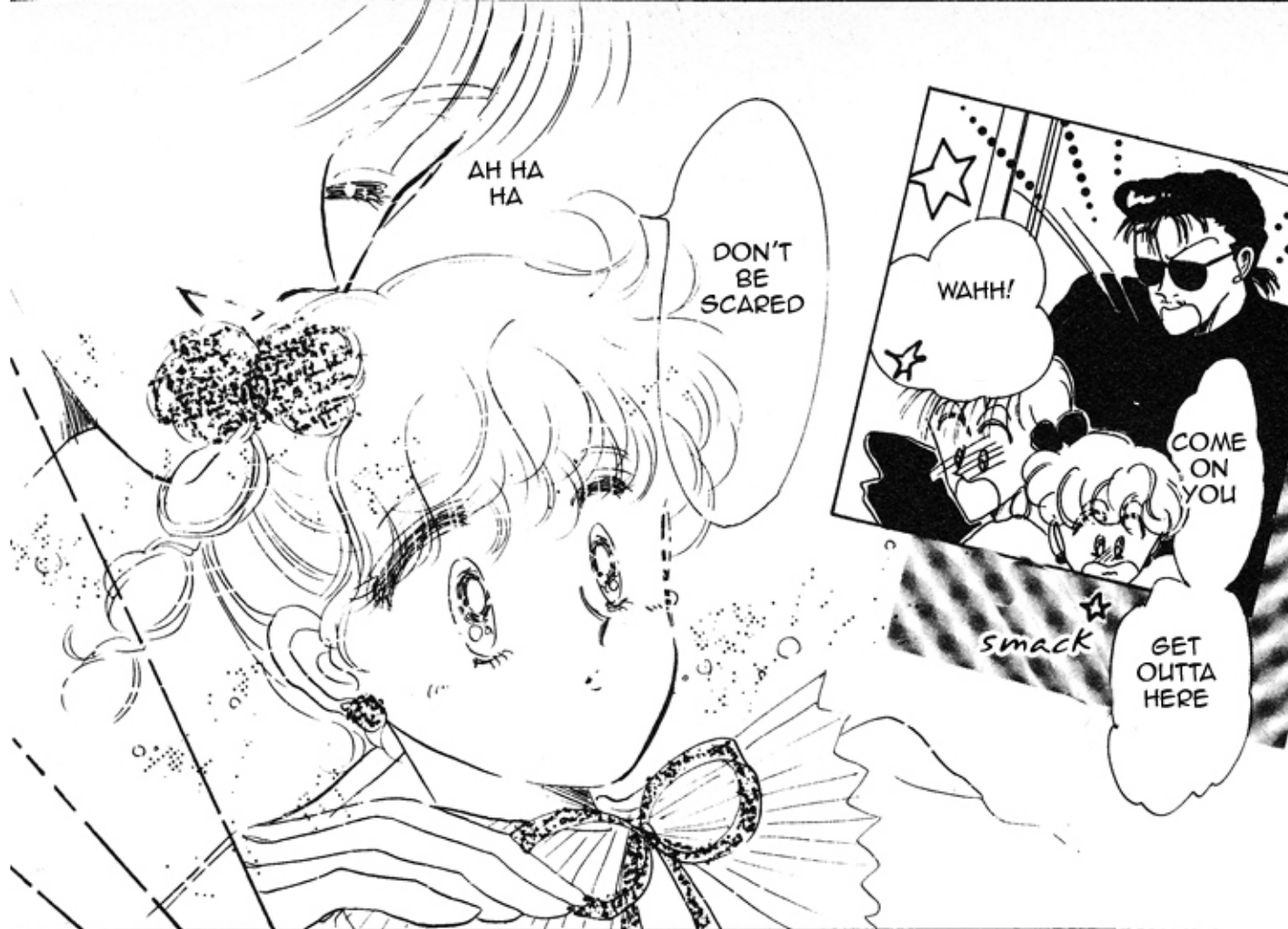


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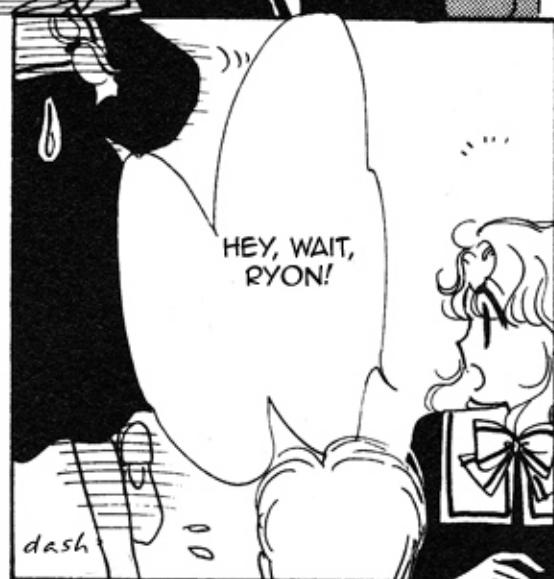


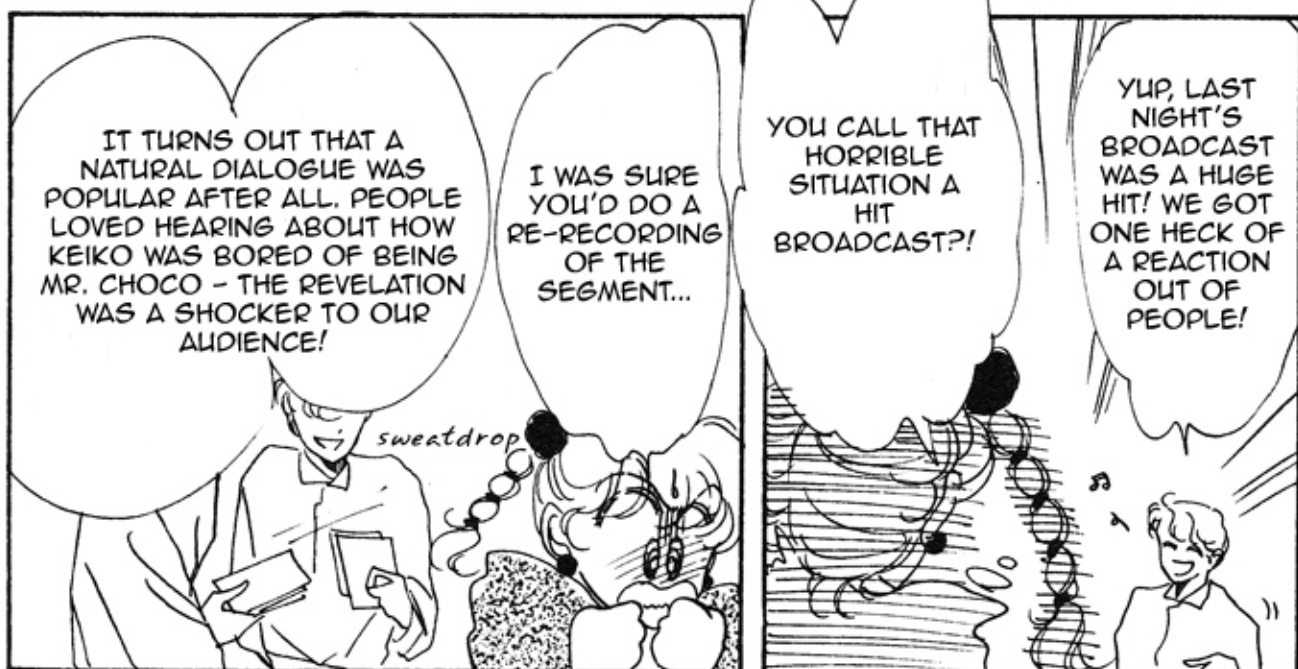
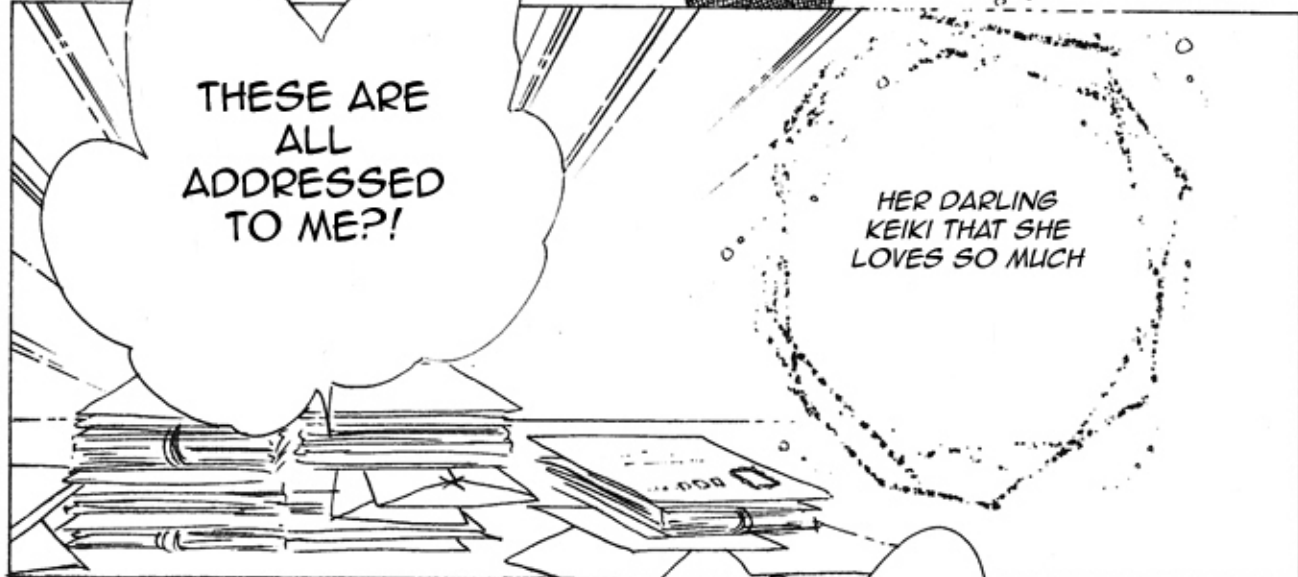
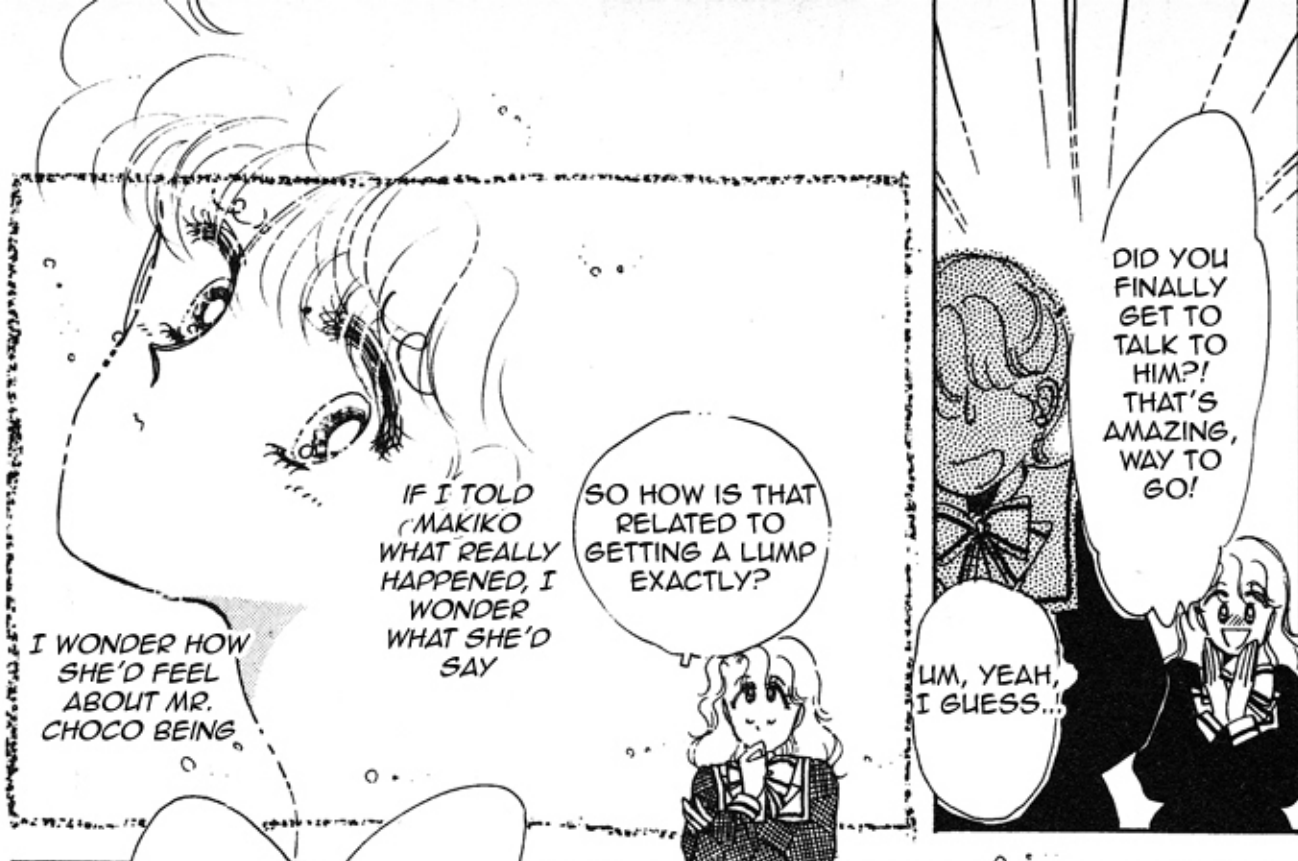
WELL, IN ANY CASE,
IT WAS REFRESHING
FOR ME. FOR ONCE
I GOT TO SAY HOW
I ACTUALLY FEEL
ABOUT ONE OF
THESE SILLY
TOPICS.

smirk

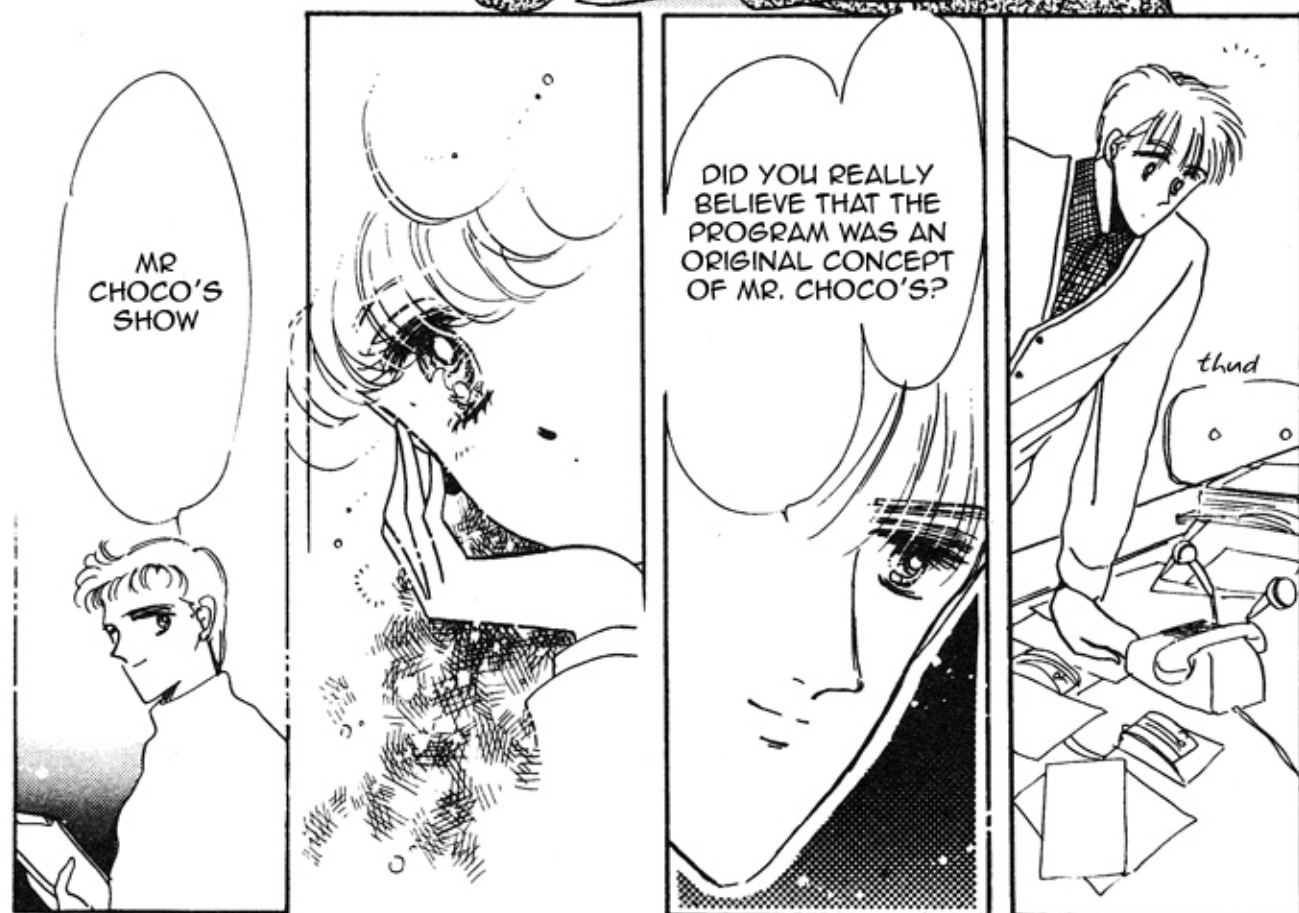


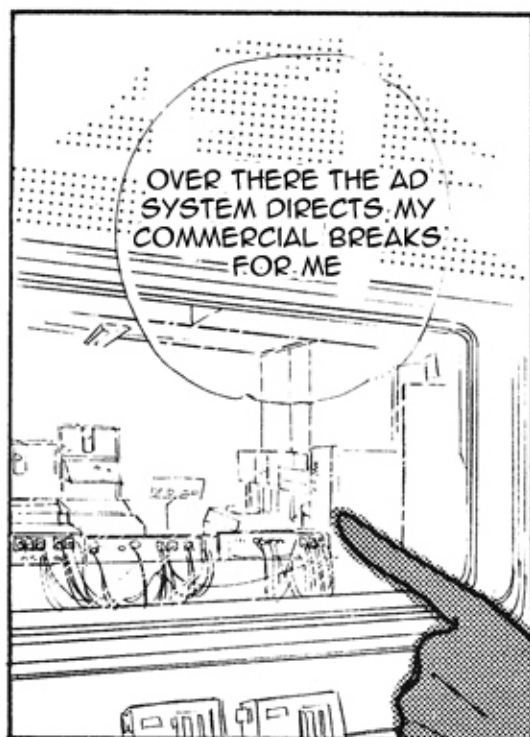
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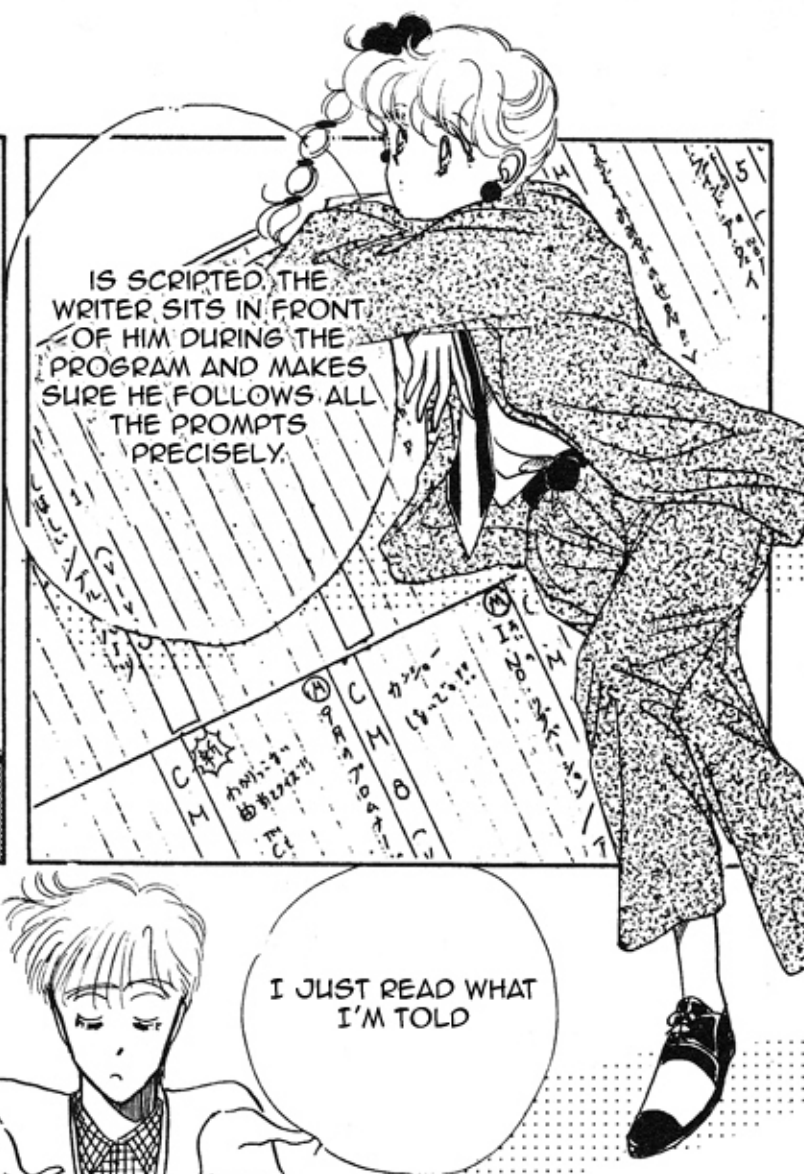








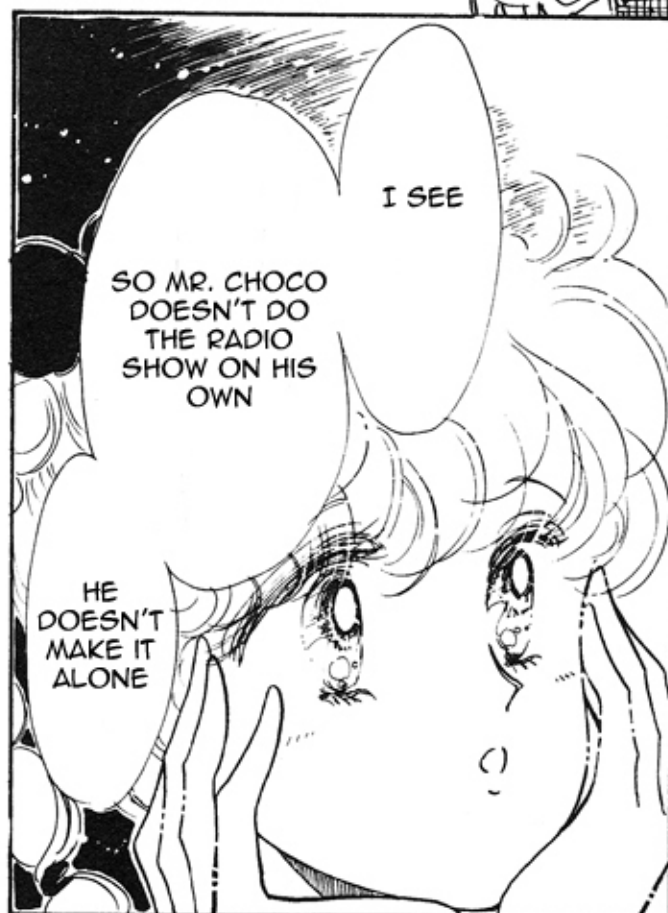
OVER THERE THE AD
SYSTEM DIRECTS MY
COMMERCIAL BREAKS
FOR ME



IS SCRIPTED THE
WRITER SITS IN FRONT
OF HIM DURING THE
PROGRAM AND MAKES
SURE HE FOLLOWS ALL
THE PROMPTS
PRECISELY.



I JUST READ WHAT
I'M TOLD



I SEE

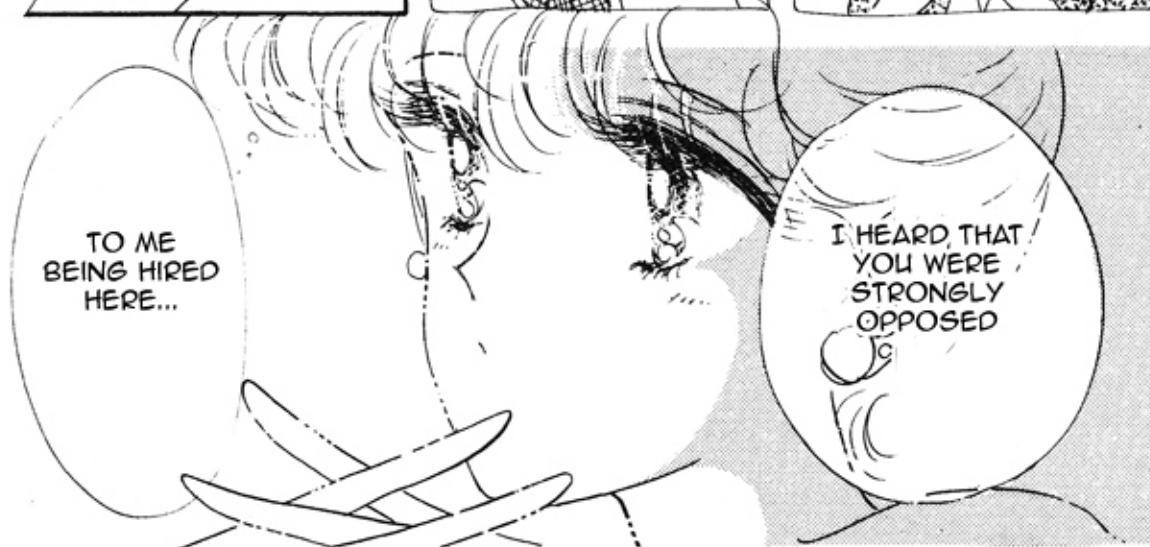
SO MR. CHOCO
DOESN'T DO
THE RADIO
SHOW ON HIS
OWN

HE
DOESN'T
MAKE IT
ALONE



DID YOU THINK RADIO WAS
ONE-ON-ONE
COMMUNICATION? NOBODY
CAN RUN A RADIO PROGRAM
BY THEMSELF, IT'S A
PROCESS THAT REQUIRES A
LOT OF PEOPLE WORKING
TOGETHER

ba-dum



MR. CHOCO
DOESN'T
HATE ME
AFTER ALL

WHAT A
RELIEF

WHAT
ELSE
WOULD
IT BE?

WHAT,
THAT'S
ALL?

IN A PINCH
IF PEOPLE
FOUND OUT
WHAT MY
JOB WAS

I'D
BE

ACK

GOTTEN ANY
POSTCARDS
LATELY?

HAVE
YOU

HAVE THIS LITTLE
ONE

fwip

I AM IN AN
UNREQUITED
LOVE. IT'S
SO PAINFUL.
FROM RYON

I DO

WHO IS
IN

A PAINFUL
RELATIONSHIP

ABOUT
A GIRL

ba~dum

OKAY, FIVE
SECONDS
LEFT!

I WONDER WHO IS
TUNING IN OUT THERE

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S
CHOCOLATE NIGHT

ba~dum

ba~dum

ba~dum

THAT I THINK
KEIKI REALLY
IS AMAZING

IT'S TIMES
LIKE THIS

WHEN HE'S IN FRONT OF THE MIC

NOW, LET'S OPEN A
POSTCARD

HIS FACE
BECOMES MORE
LIKE HOW I
IMAGINE MR.
CHOCO'S TO BE

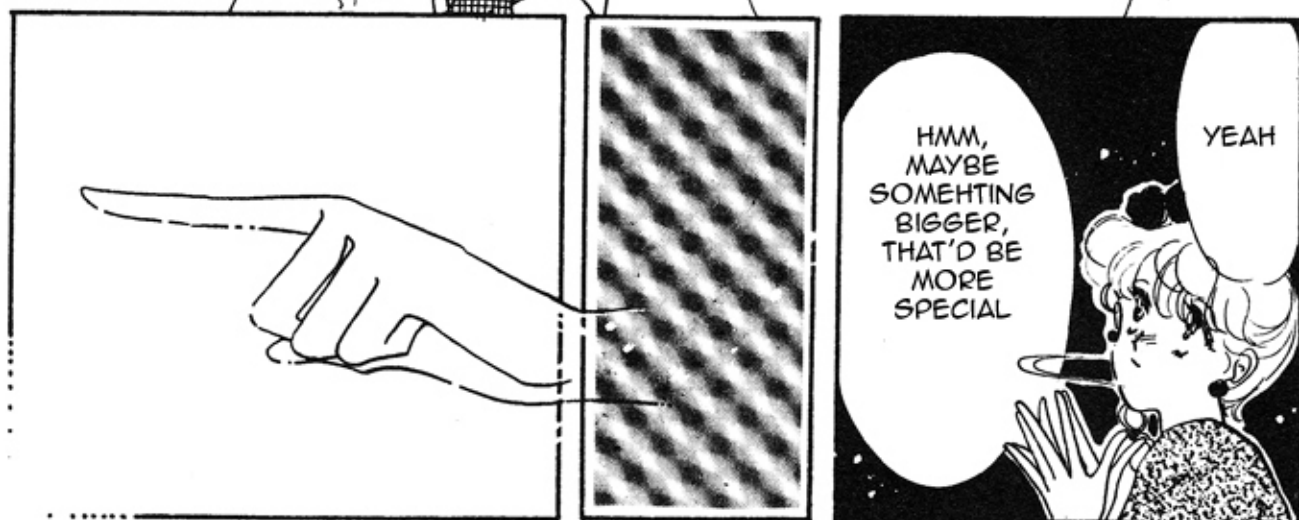
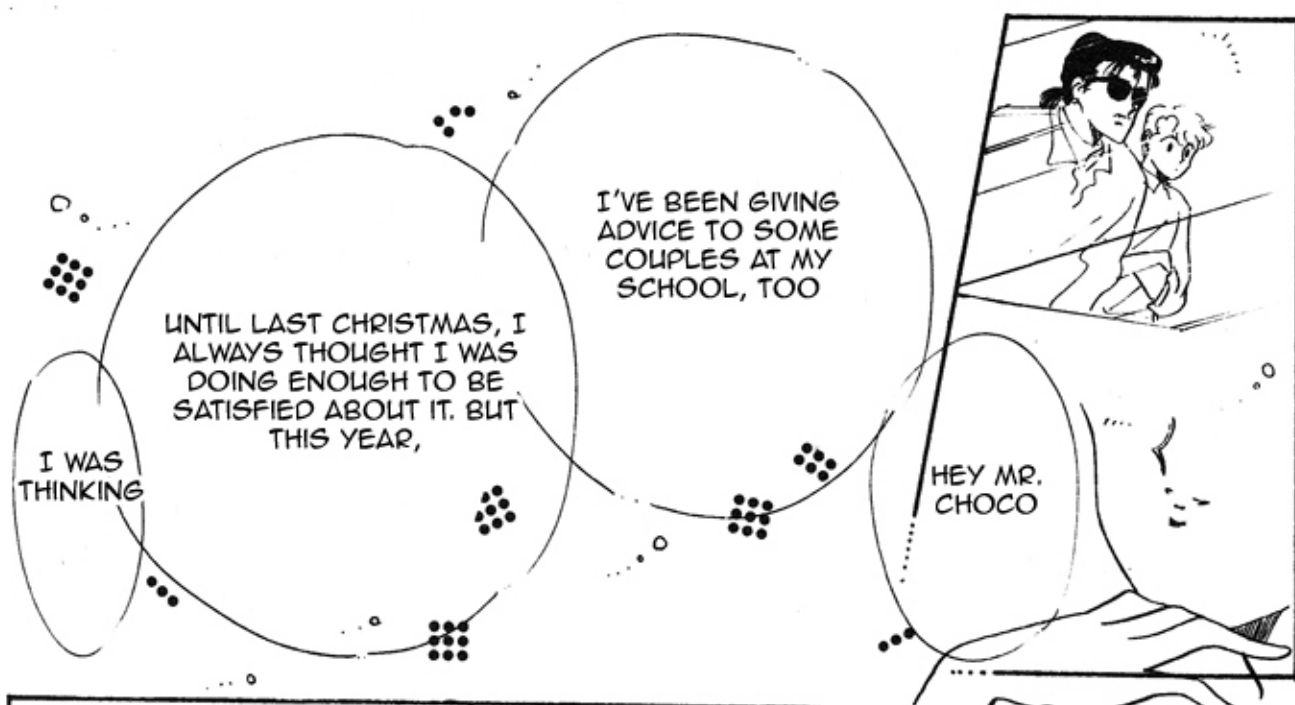
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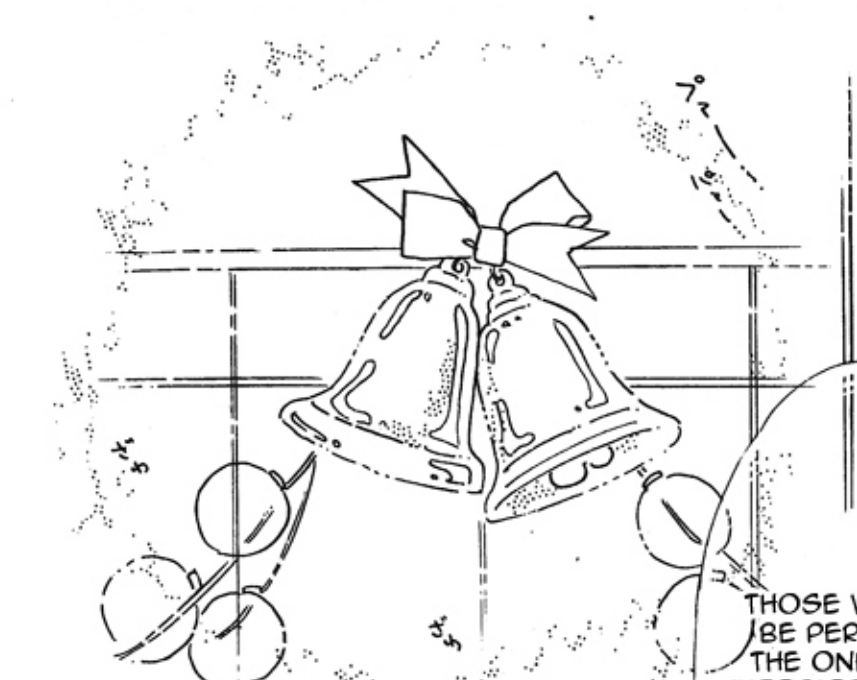
OH I KNOW
ABOUT IT,
WOMEN
EVERYWHERE
MAKE A BIG
FUSS ABOUT
IT.

AH, THE GOLD
BELL
TRADITION!
I THOUGHT
THAT WAS
JUST FOR
MIDDLE
SCHOOL KIDS

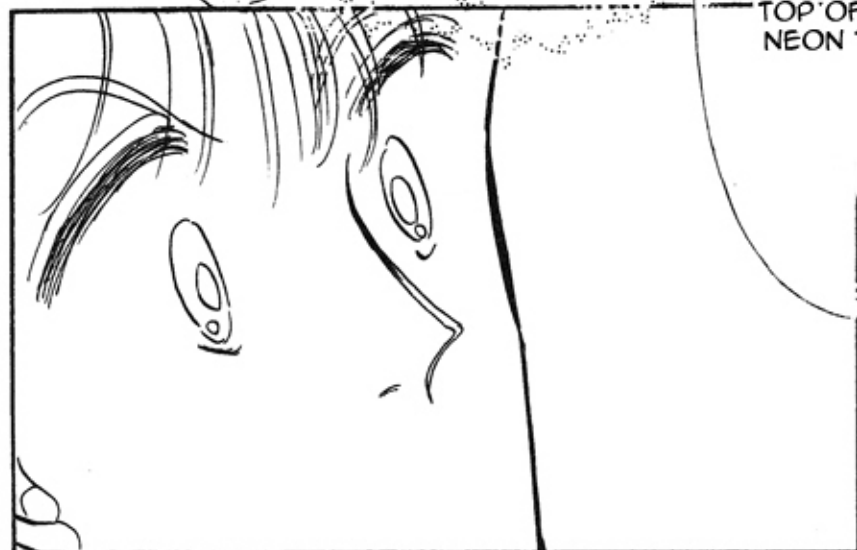
SO YOU MEAN, ON CHRISTMAS
EVE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO
WEAR THIS GOLD BELL OVER
YOUR CHEST, AND CONFESS
YOUR TRUE FEELINGS TO THE
PERSON YOU LOVE? AND THE
RENDEVOUS SPOT FOR THIS IS
UNDERNEATH THE TREE
ACROSS FROM OUR STUDIO?

LOOK,
LOOK! A
GOLD BELL!

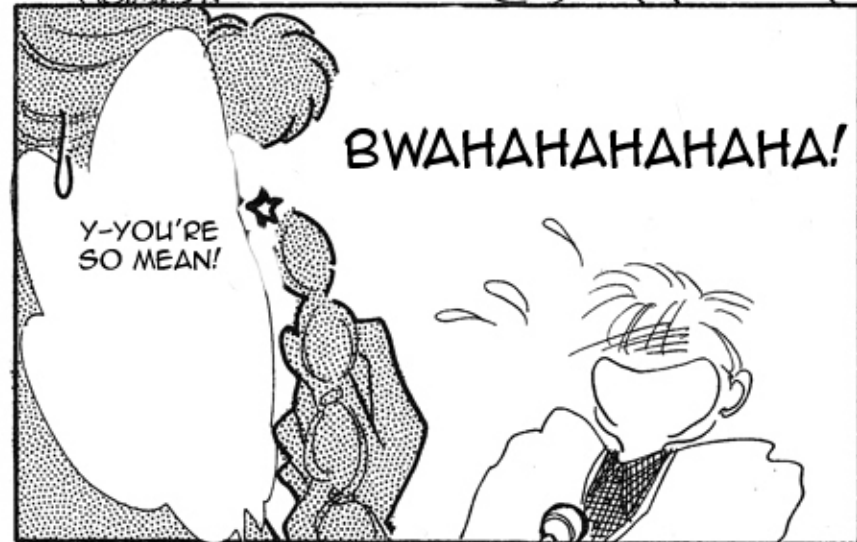




THOSE WOULD
BE PERFECT!
THE ONES ON
TOP OF THAT
NEON TREE!



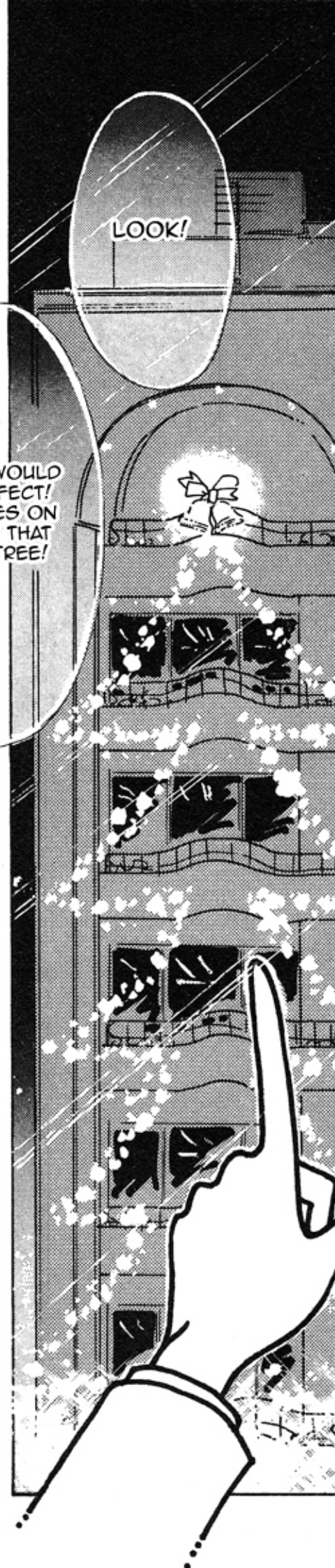
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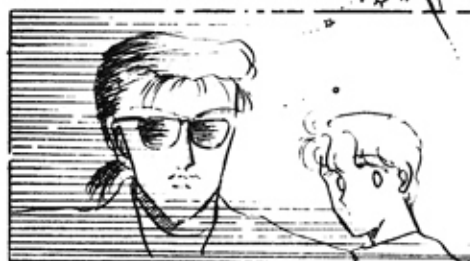
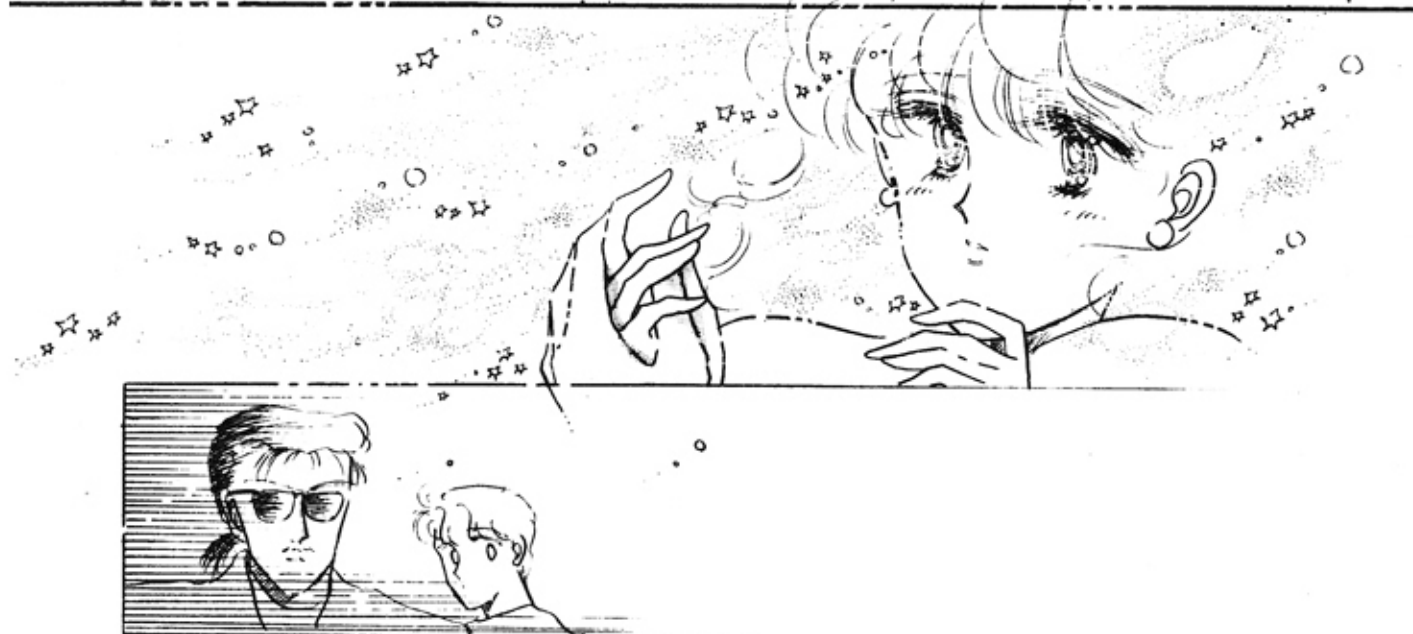
BWAHAHAHAHAHA!

Y-YOU'RE
SO MEAN!

WHO THE HECK COULD GET THOSE?!



LOOK!







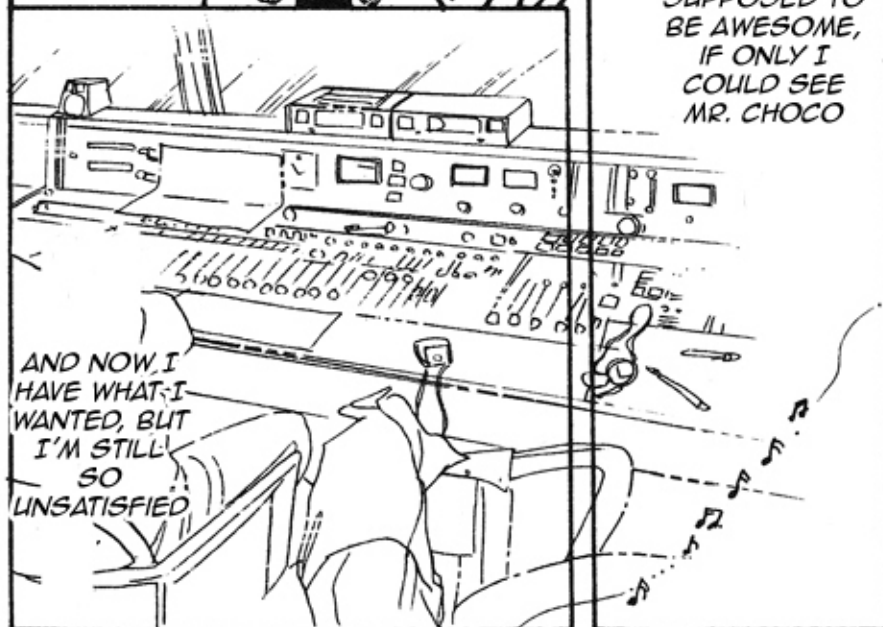
chatter chatter



WELL, IT'S A LITTLE EARLIER
THAN EXPECTED, SO LET'S PLAY
A SONG FROM THE CHRISTMAS
AID ALBUM

YEAH, BUT WHEN HE
WAS ON THE AIR
WITH RYON HE WAS
DOING GREAT!

KEIKI DOESN'T
SEEM INTO WHAT
HE'S DOING
ANYMORE



AND NOW I
HAVE WHAT I
WANTED, BUT
I'M STILL
SO
UNSATISFIED

EVERYTHING
WAS
SUPPOSED TO
BE AWESOME,
IF ONLY I
COULD SEE
MR. CHOCO



WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO? (HE LOOKS LIKE A PIRATE)

OH, THANK YOU

IN FRONT OF MR. CHOCO?

SITTING NEXT TO HIM

I WANT TO BE IN FRONT OF MR. CHOCO AGAIN

thwop

AH, THESE ARE KEIKI'S INSTRUCTIONS

ANYWAY, READ A POSTCARD

SHUT UP!

giggle giggle

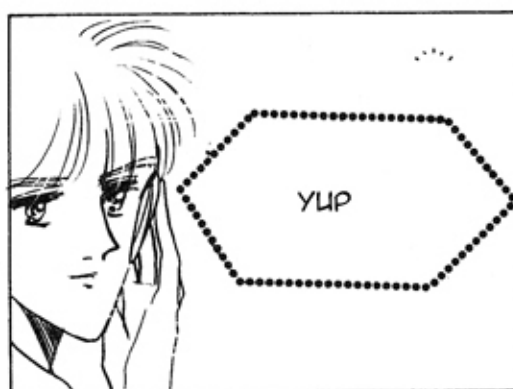
HEY, KEIKI! WHAT KIND OF A CRAPPY DJ ARE YOU ANYWAY?!

JEAZ, I'M WEARING HEADPHONES, YOU'RE GOING TO EXPLODE MY EARDRUMS WITH THAT BARKING!

HMMM

...LET'S SEE, A QUESTION FOR MR. CHOCO! WHY IS THE PROGRAM CALLED "CHOCOLATE NIGHT"? PLEASE EXPLAIN!

WELL, THERE'S A MINT CHOCOLATE CALLED "AFTER EIGHT"



YUP



AND WE BROADCAST AFTER 8 PM, RIGHT? I REALLY LIKE THAT KIND OF CHOCOLATE, SO I THOUGHT MAYBE I WOULD NAME MYSELF AFTER THE SWEET I LIKE SO MUCH, THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE A HUGE SWEET TOOTH.

OH, IS THAT SO?



DO YOU LOVE SWEET THINGS?



OH YES, I LOVE SWEET THINGS, LIKE CHOCOLATE, AND CAKE...



I ALSO LOVE CAKE*



*NOTE: CAKE AND KEIKI'S NAME ARE PRONOUNCED THE SAME WAY IN JAPANESE

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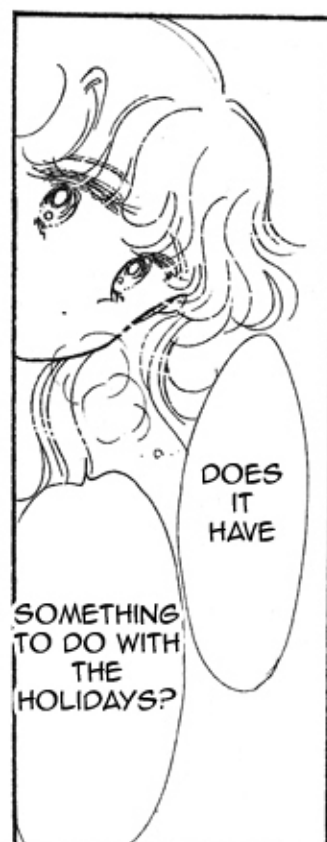
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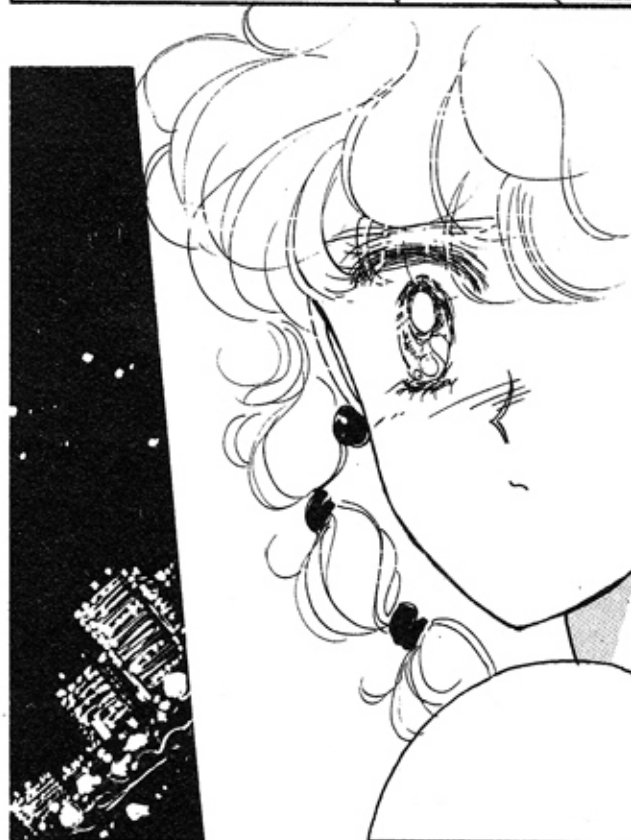
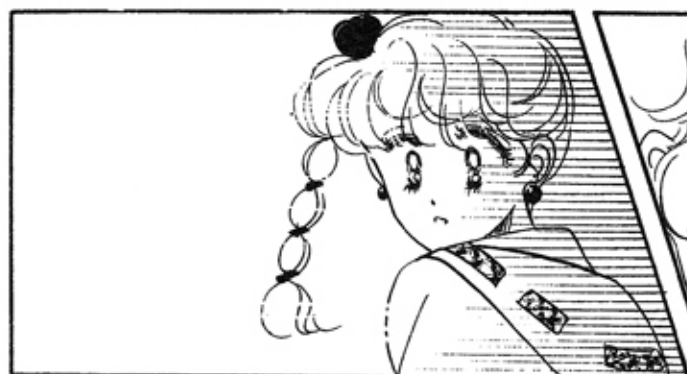
RYON!

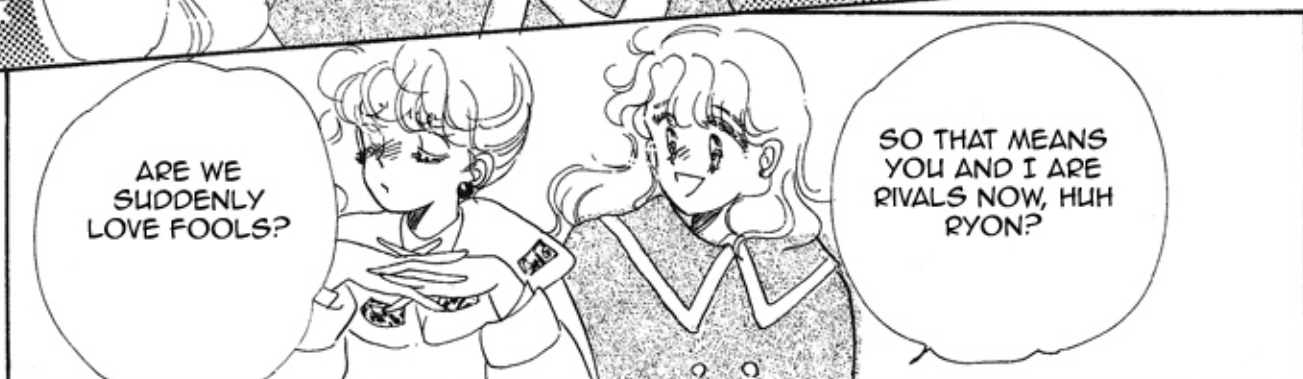
flutter

I WAS ON MY WAY HOME
FROM CRAM SCHOOL
AND I THOUGHT I'D
STOP BY AND SEE YOU,
LOOKS LIKE I HAD
GOOD TIMING!

MAKIKO? NO
WAY...WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE...?







THIS COAT REMINDS ME OF CHRISTMAS IN LONDON



RYON, I'M
ABANDONING THIS
LOVE FOR YOU

OKAY
THEN!

EVEN WHEN
HE'S NOT
MR. CHOCO

DON'
T
YOU

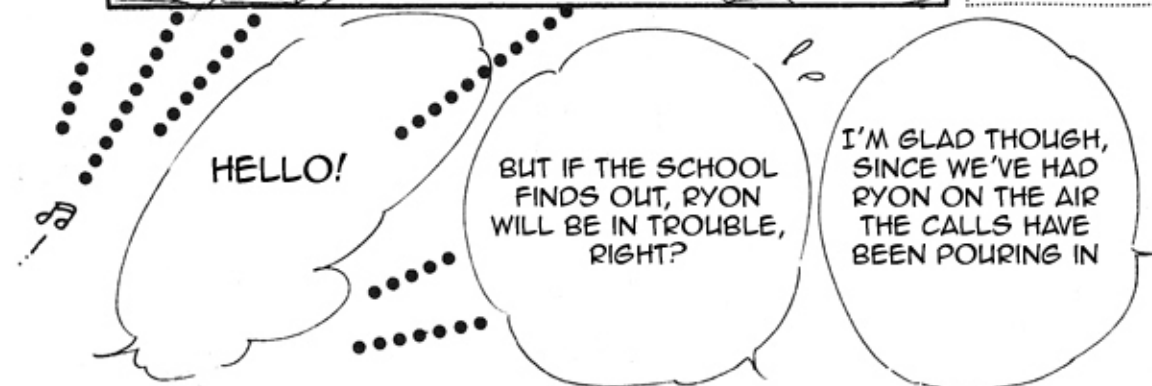
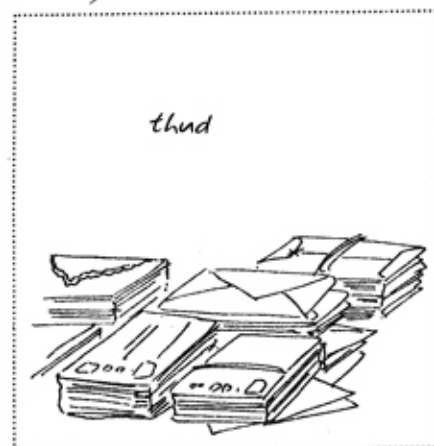
LIKE
KEIKI?



THIS IS YOUR FIRST
LOVE, RIGHT RYON?

YOU TWO MAKE A
GREAT COUPLE







WOULD YOU LET ME DO
THE SHOW WITH MR.
CHOCO ONE LAST TIME?

I'M OUT

WE'LL REACH SOME
KIND OF BREAK
THROUGH OR
CONCLUSION

I KNOW IT'S BAD OF
ME TO ASK, BUT I GET
THE FEELING THAT IF I
GET ONE MORE TIME TO
DO IT

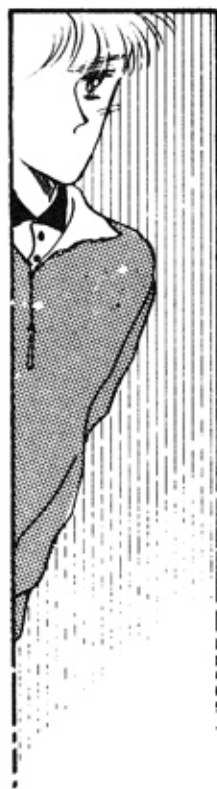
BUT I WANT
TO SIT
ACROSS
FROM KEIKI
THIS TIME

NOT MR.
CHOCO

OF THE
FISHBOWL

BUT
SOMEHOW I
JUST WANNA
GO BACK IN
ONE MORE
TIME





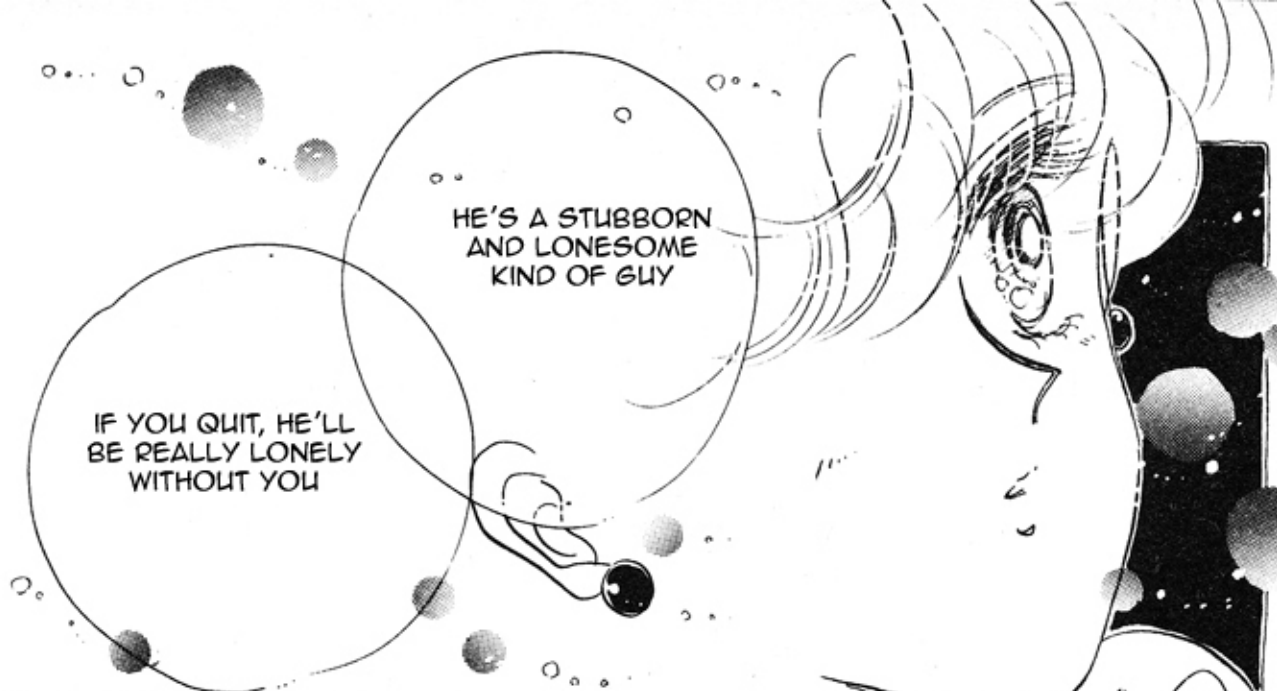
BUT BACK THEN, HE
KEPT LOOKING AT US
FOR GUIDANCE, HIS
EYES WERE SO
HELPLESS LOOKING

WHEN WE DID OUR
FIRST BROADCAST,
OUR WRITER
WASN'T HERE. KEIKI
DID IT ALL BY
HIMSELF

KEIKI STARTED
WANTING TO
DO THE
PROGRAM ALL
ON HIS OWN

HE EVEN FOUND
HIMSELF A
GOOD PARTNER

I THOUGHT WE'D
ALWAYS HAVE TO
PREPARE THE WHOLE
PROGRAM FOR HIM TO
PERFORM. BUT BEFORE
WE KNEW IT



HE'S A STUBBORN
AND LONESOME
KIND OF GUY

IF YOU QUIT, HE'LL
BE REALLY LONELY
WITHOUT YOU



YEAH
STAY!

PLEASE
STAY!



THE ORDINARY GIRL
WHO IS KEIKI'S
PARTNER?

OR AM I
JUST AN
ORDINARY
GIRL?

I WANT TO
FIND OUT

PARTNER?

I'M MR
CHOCO'S



STERDAYS

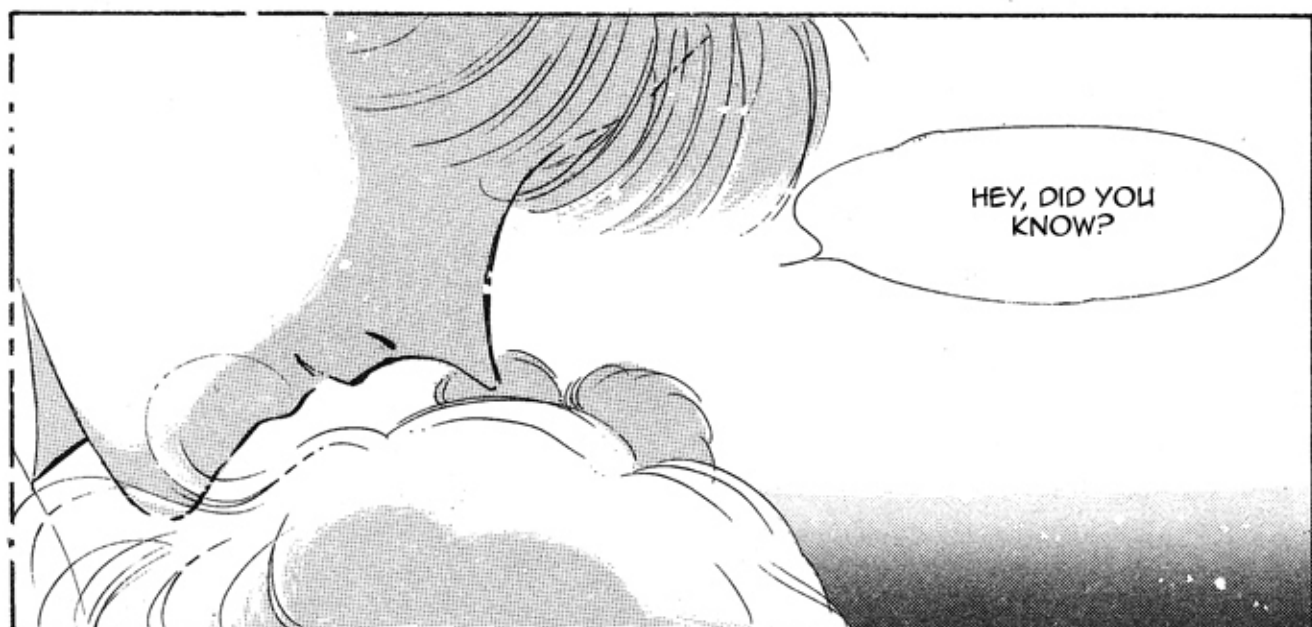
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vita-Cole was a...
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day, 9 Show" and "The...
High-...
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dealers

Aug. 30, 1931

A story in The Times reported that the California Highway Patrol was...
tough with one of the most...
hellions of the highways—the road...
The Times said the CHP defin...
in a big car...

WHAT?





NO WAY

THAT'S
AWESOME!

THAT'S SO ROMANTIC

CHOCOLATE NIGHT IS HAVING
A LIVE BROADCAST ON ITS
ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY,
CHRISTMAS EVE





I HOPE

IT SNOWS

THAT'D BE NICE

S-SORRY
ABOUT THAT!

WHERE THE HECK HAVE
YOU BEEN?! YOU'RE
LATE!



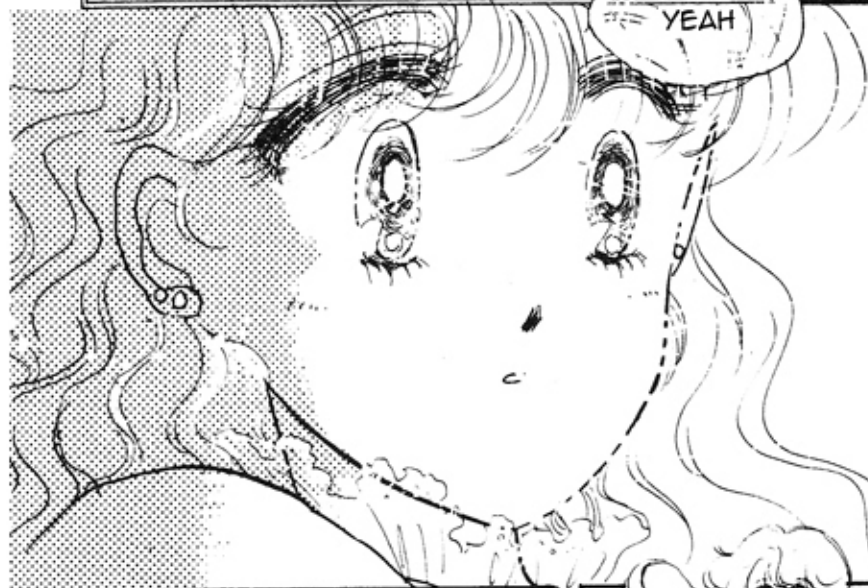
THAT WAS YOU?

YOU MEAN, LAST CHRISTMAS EVE...

YEAH, THIS YEAR I WANTED TO BRING YOU THIS WHITE CHOCOLATE CAKE IN PERSON, IT'S MY PRESENT TO YOU

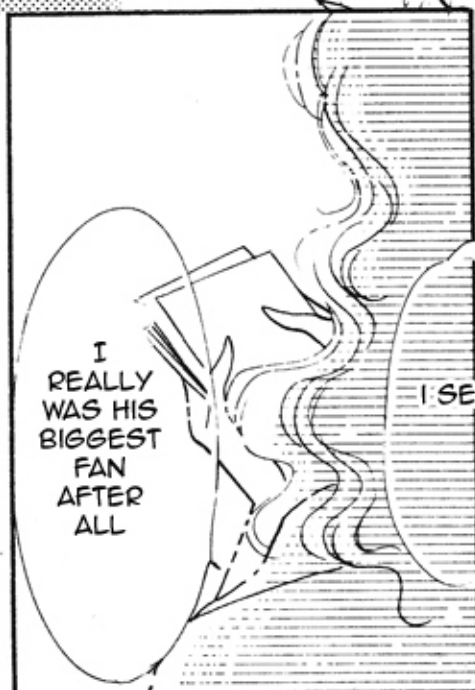
CAKE ?

AS SOON AS I RECEIVED THIS CHRISTMAS CAKE I...



YEAH

YOU MEAN, MY BIGGEST FAN, THE ONE WHO SENT ME THAT CAKE... RYON, THAT WAS YOU ALL ALONG?



I REALLY WAS HIS BIGGEST FAN AFTER ALL

I SEE



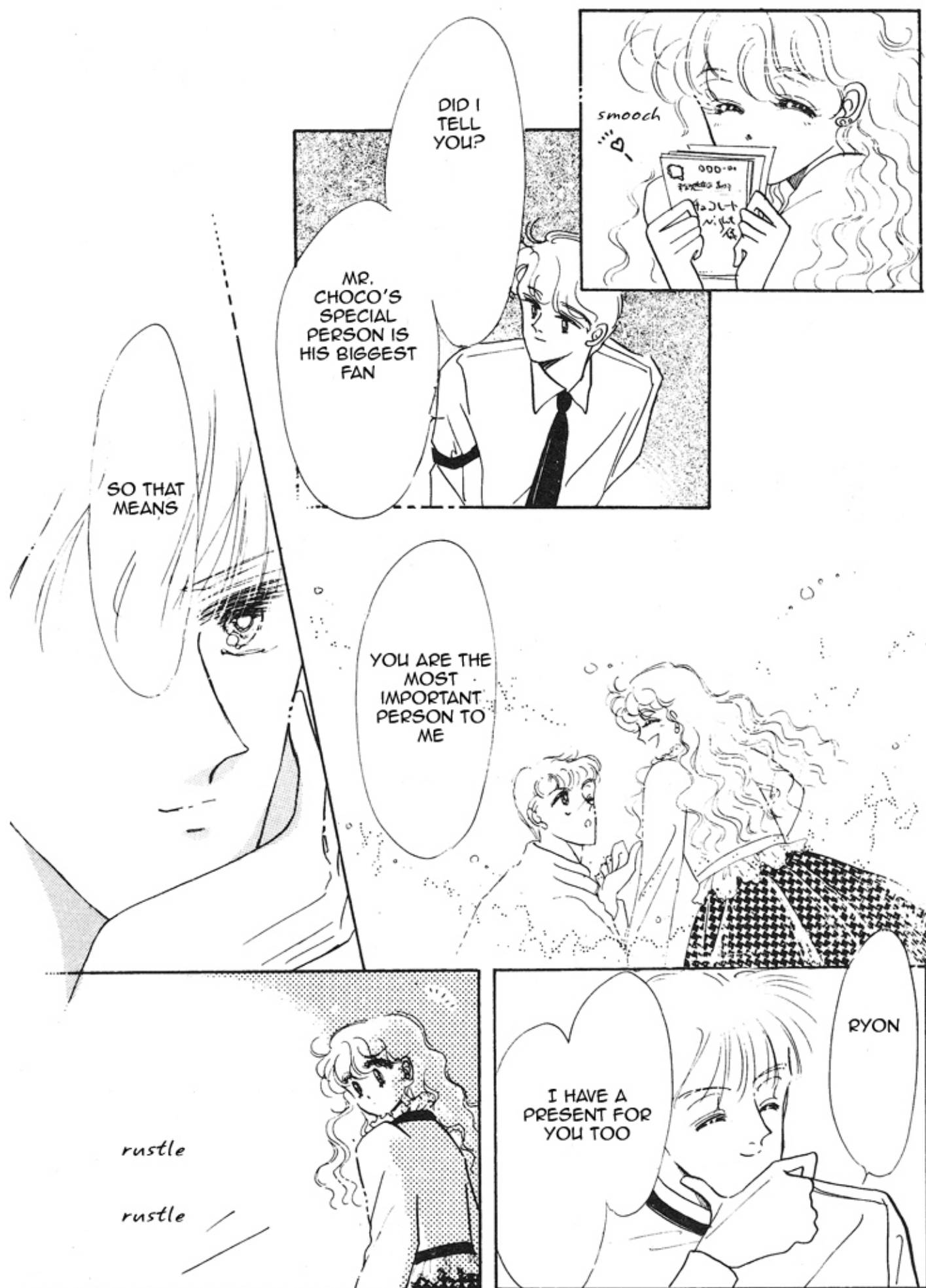
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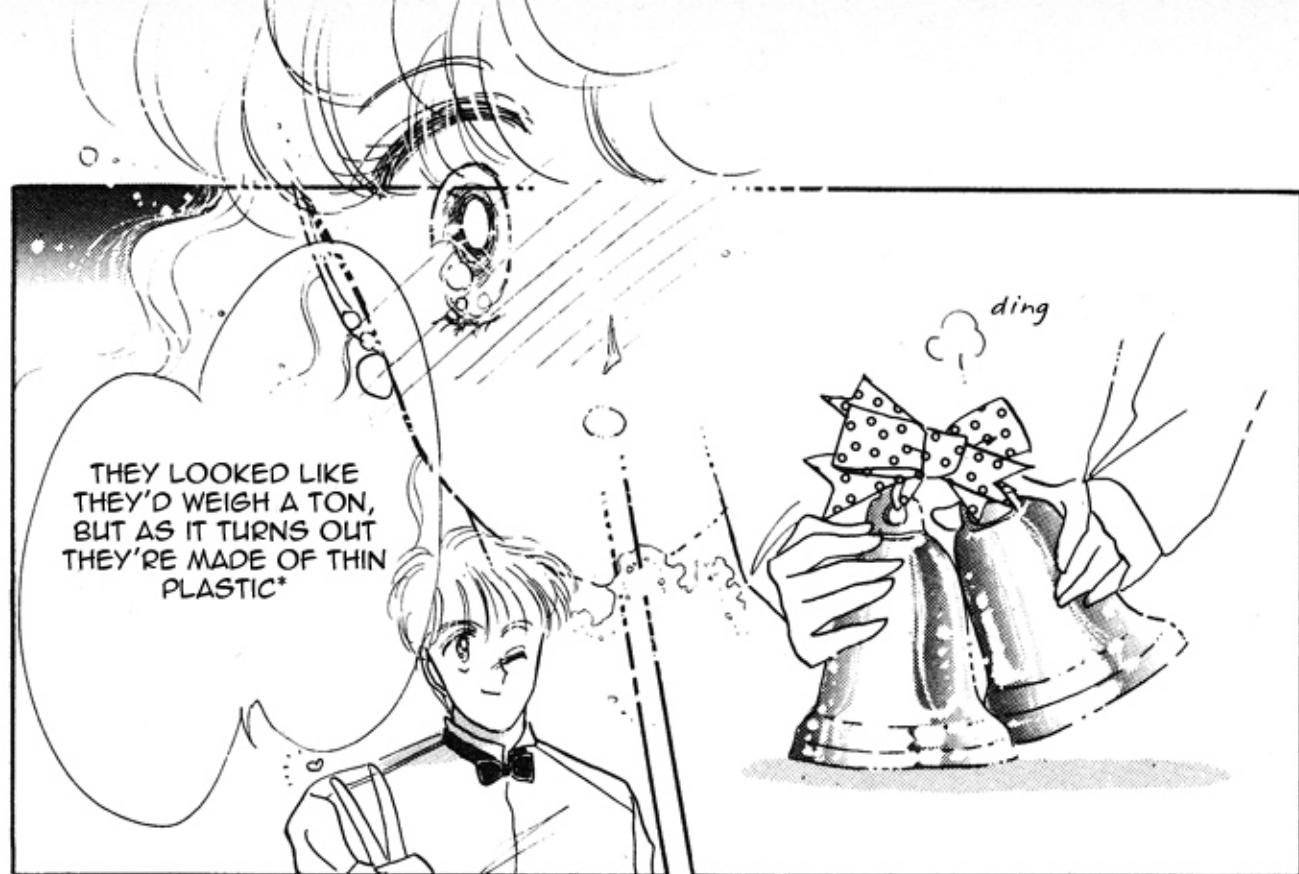
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE WE DID. LAST CHRISTMAS EVE WE DID A LIVE BROADCAST TOO!

YOU MEAN, YOU GOT IT?



OHH! IT'S NO FAIR, I WANT A CAKE TOO, SO TEMPTING!

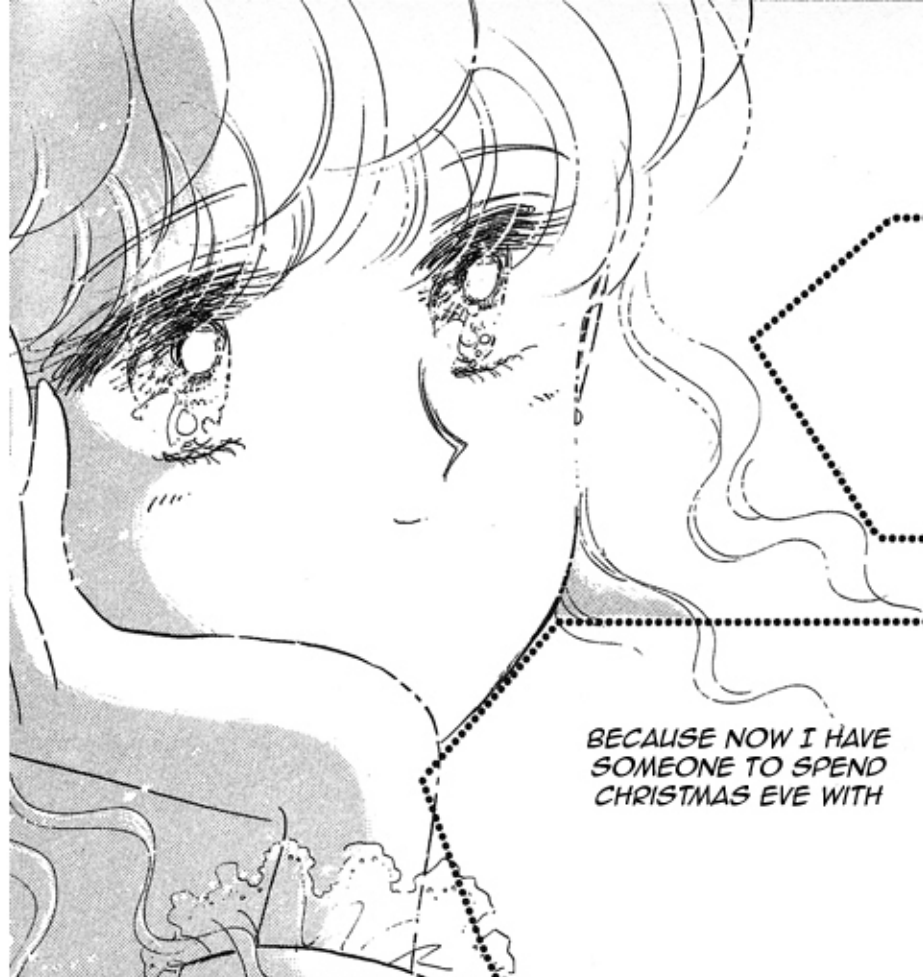




*NOTE: HE SAYS THE WORD "STYROL", A LESS COMMON WORD FOR THE SAME THING

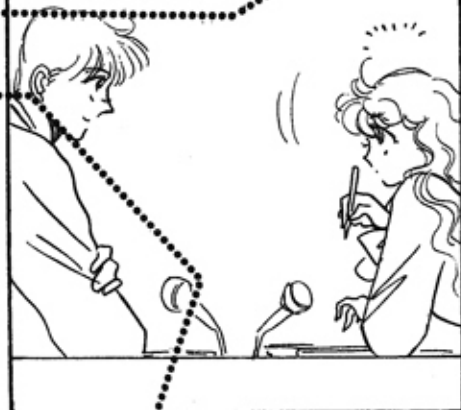


Special Thanks to Mr. Matsushima ...and Mr. Sasaki



BUT THIS YEAR IS
SPECIAL

BECAUSE NOW I HAVE
SOMEONE TO SPEND
CHRISTMAS EVE WITH



WOW,
THEY
REALLY
ARE!

HEY LOOK! THE
BELL TOPPERS
ARE MISSING!



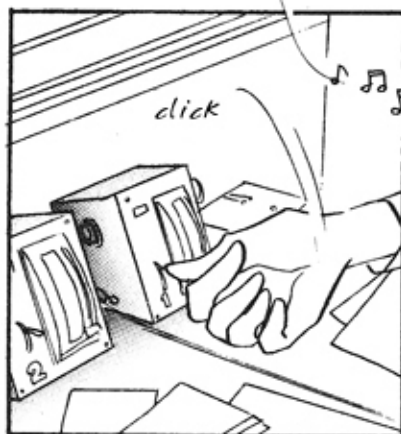
SOMEHOW,
THAT JUST
DOESN'T
LOOK AS
SATISFYING

THIS YEAR, AS USUAL THERE
ARE MANY GIRLS WAITING
UNDER THE TREE OUTSIDE,
WEARING GOLD BELLS ON
THEIR CHEST



I WANT YOU
TO READ THIS
POSTCARD
NEXT

MR.
CHOCO



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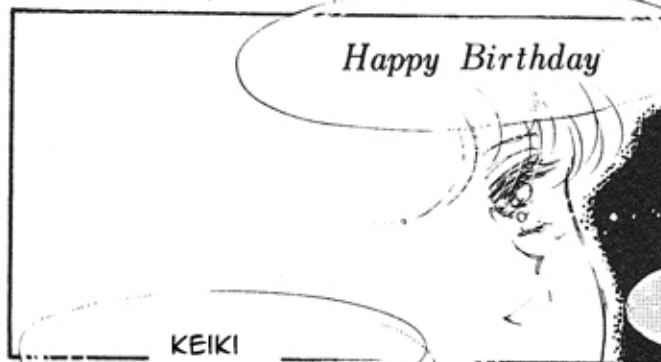
Yurika Thankyou ♡

flutter

MR. CHOCO
MY PAINFUL UNREQUITED
LOVE IS NO LONGER
UNREQUITED. I AM
FULFILLED, THE PERSON I
LIKED IS RIGHT BEFORE MY
EYES.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S
CORNY, I'D LIKE TO
PLAY JINGLE BELLS IN
HONOR OF THEM ALL

from Ryona



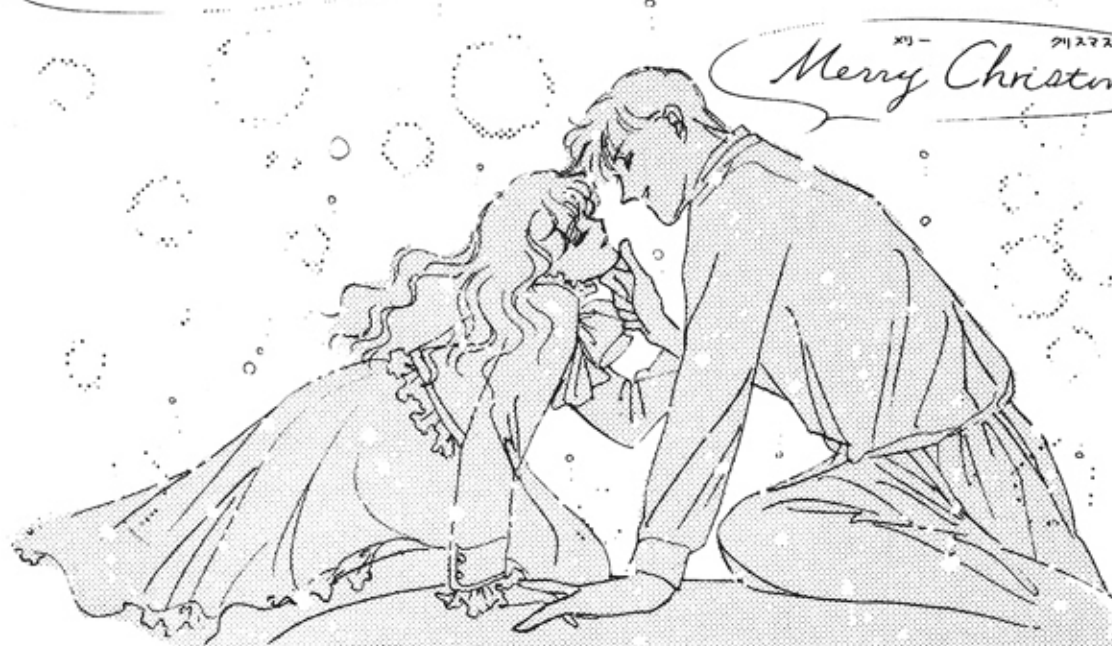
Happy Birthday

KEIKI



THANKS FOR THE

CHRISTMAS CAKE



Merry Christmas

... — and May be a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year!

★★ THE END ★★

from Noko ♡
1987 & 1988 December
with my heart ♡

WINK RAIN





I LOVE:

DREAM-LIKE SUMMER AFTERNOONS

A STOLEN KISS, LIKE THE BLINK OF AN EYE

THE RAINY OCEANSIDE

AND THEN, THERE'S YOU...

click

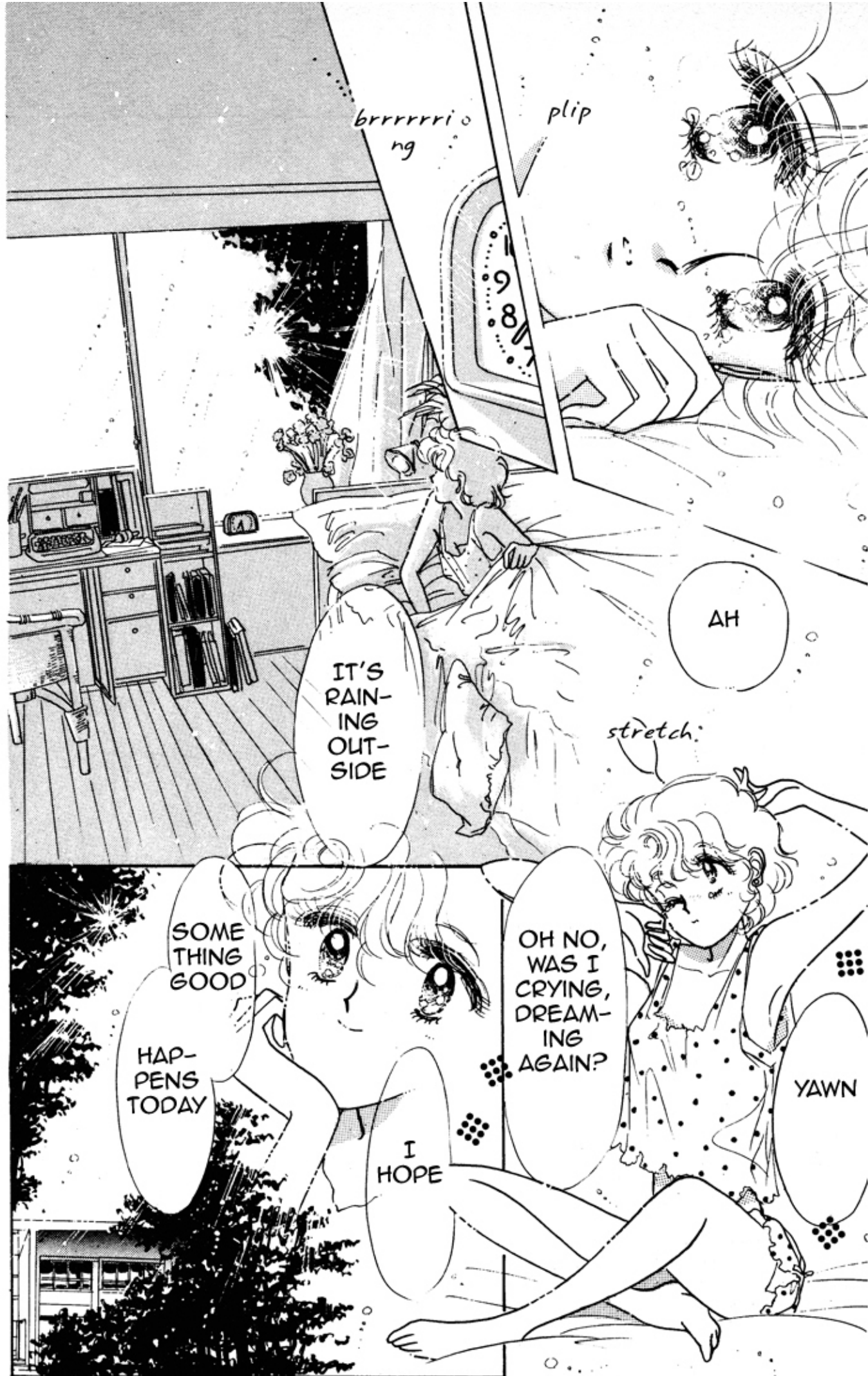
click

THE SOUND OF GLASS SLIPPERS
CLICKING

WHO IS
THIS?

НУН?

ba-dum



LET'S
GO
HOME
TO-
GETHER
TODAY!

YO,
MARIN!

GOOD
MORN-
ING

MOR
NIN'

ITOUKI!

OKAY!
TODAY
YOU'VE
GOTTA HELP
ME STUDY
ENGLISH,
OKAY?

FOR CRAM
SCHOOL, CAN
YOU TRANSLATE
THIS FOR ME?

FOR CRAM
SCHOOL OR
FOR REGU-
LAR CLASS?

AYA IS
COMING
?!

OKAY, TODAY
AIKAWA WILL BE
COMING TOO, SO
DON'T GO HOME
WITHOUT US!

第 38 回

高

3-1

yawn

chatter

chatter



OKAY!

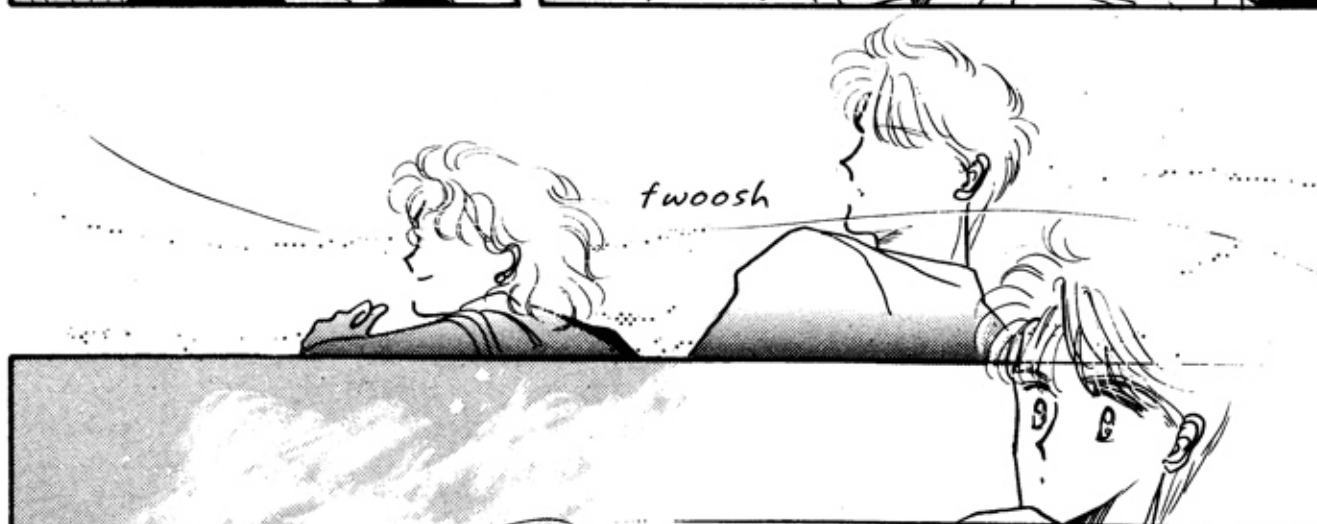
I'VE GOTTA RUN, BUT WAIT FOR US AFTER SCHOOL MARIN!



AND ONCE AGAIN, YOU'RE RANKED WITH THE HIGHEST GRADE!

ITOU, THE EXAM SCORES HAVE COME OUT!

WE THREE HAVEN'T WALKED HOME TOGETHER SINCE WE GRADUATED MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIGHT?!
-WOW!



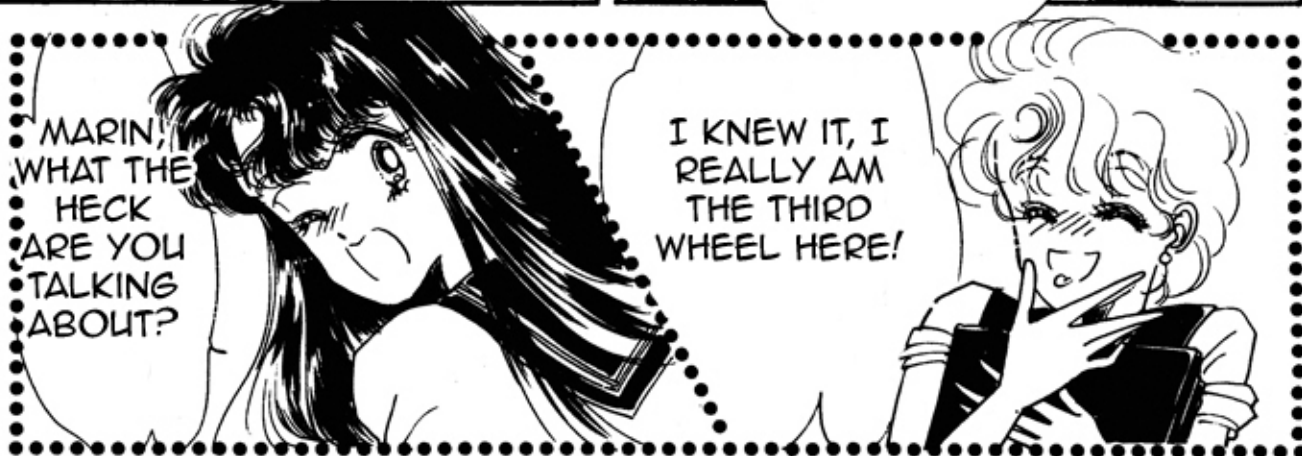
fwoosh



YOU'RE LATE!

MARIN, HAJI!!

YOO HOO! AYA!





MARIN, ARE
YOU FREE
AFTER
AUGUST?

ANYWAY



IT'LL BE
OUR
SECRET
GET-
AWAY

Haji and I
were think-
ing of
going to
the beach,
and we
could stay
at my
cousin's
place,

BE-
CAU
SE

MARIN, WILL
YOU COME
WITH US?

HMM

YEAH,
LET'S
GO

THE
THREE
OF US
HAVE
NEVER
GONE
ON A
TRIP TO-
GETHER

BUT

BUT

IT'S BEEN
TOO LONG -
DEFINITELY!

THE THREE MUSKETEERS
THAT WAS BACK IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL

HAVE YOU AL-
READY
STRAIGHTENED
YOUR SCHED-
ULE OUT?

SOMEDAY THOSE TWO
WILL...

SORRY,
I'VE GOTTA
BACK OUT
ON YOU

ACTUALLY,
UMM, I
DON'T
THINK I
CAN MAKE
IT

I DIDN'T
MEAN FOR
YOU TO
DO THAT,
IT'S JUST
THAT I...

I DON'T
WANT TO
COME BE-
TWEEN
THEM, BE A
THIRD
WHEEL

WHAT? OH, I
GUESS IN THAT
CASE I'LL SKIP
OUT ON MY
SUMMER
TRAINING SO
WE CAN HANG
OUT

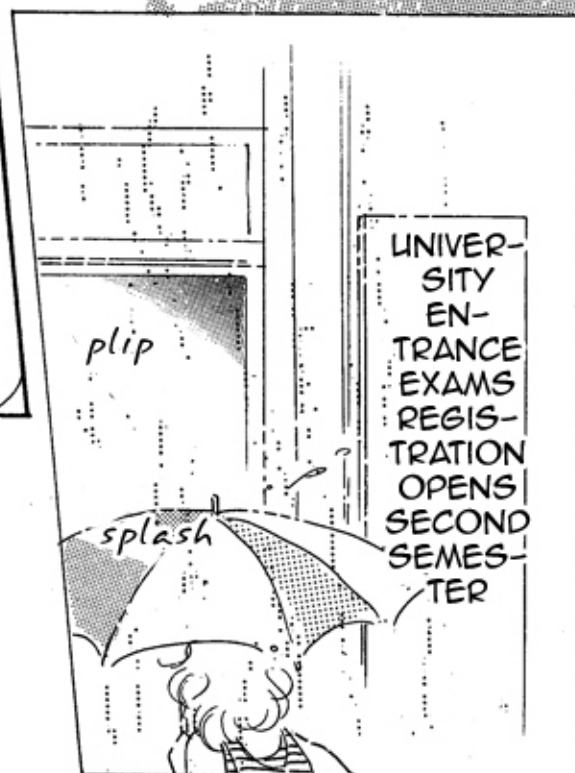
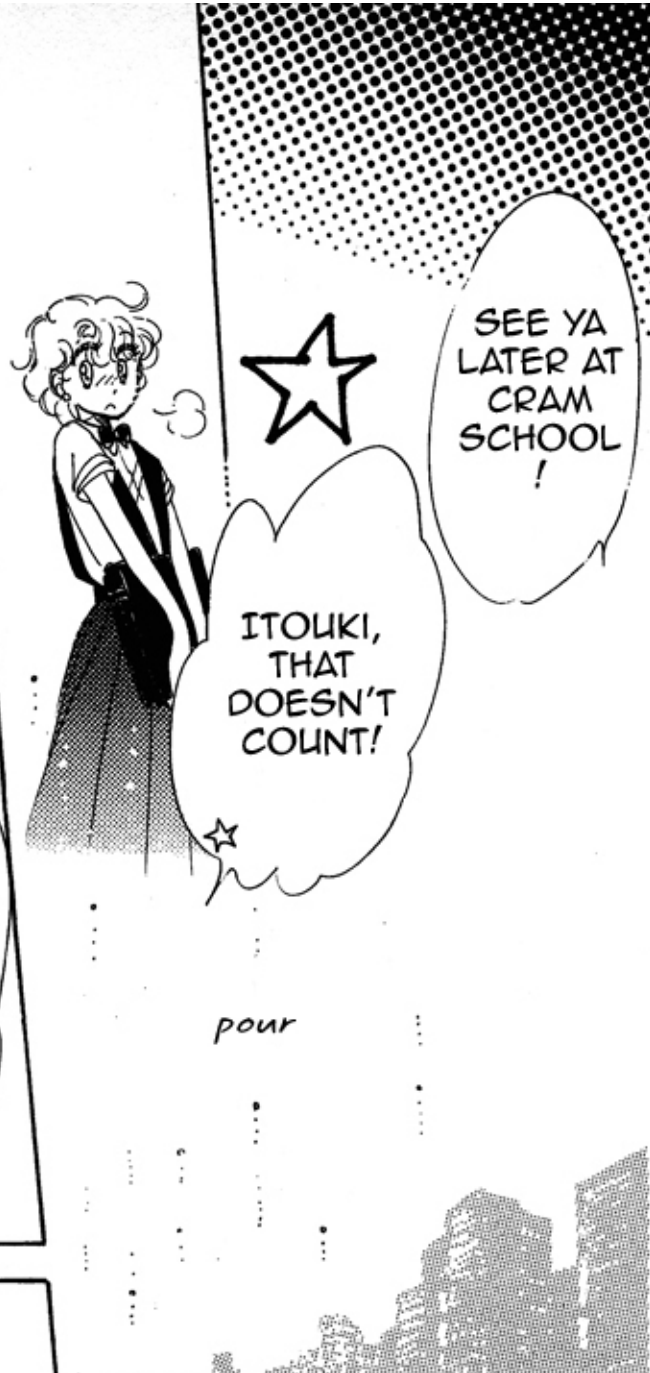
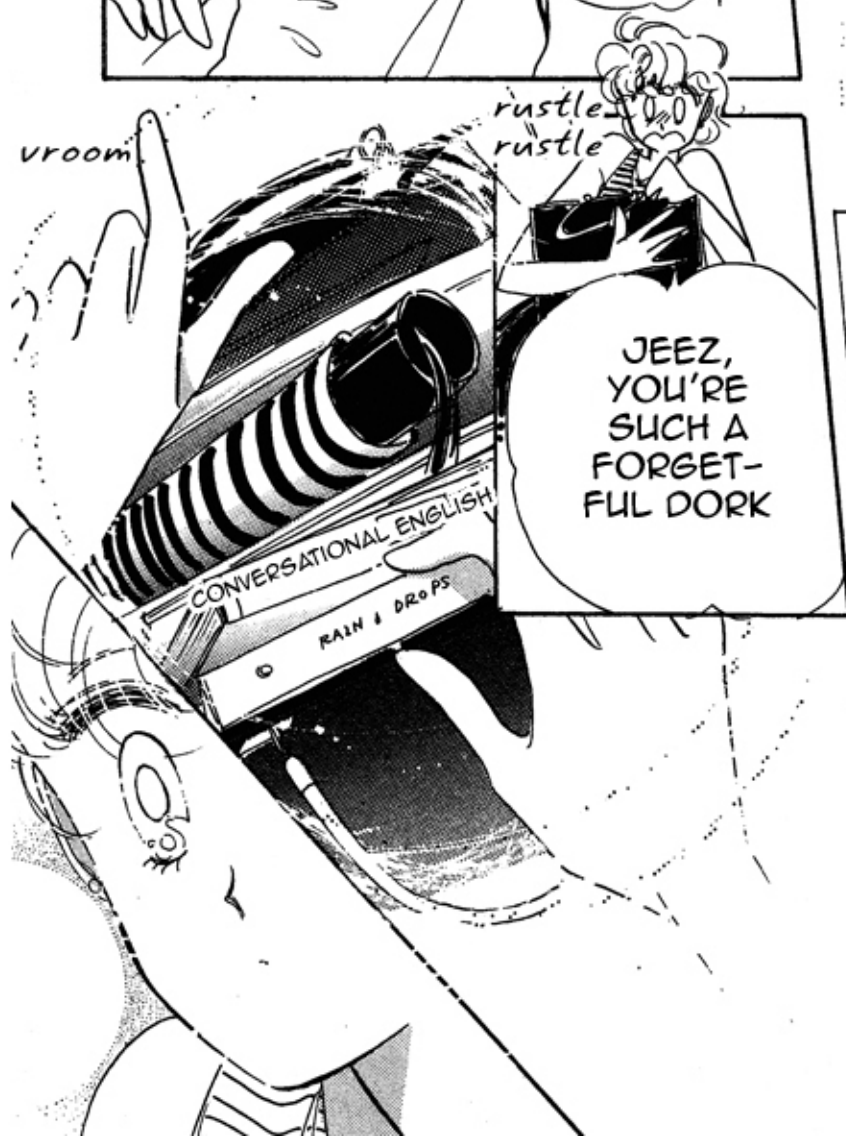
HOW TO SWIM!
(NO, SERI-
OUSLY)

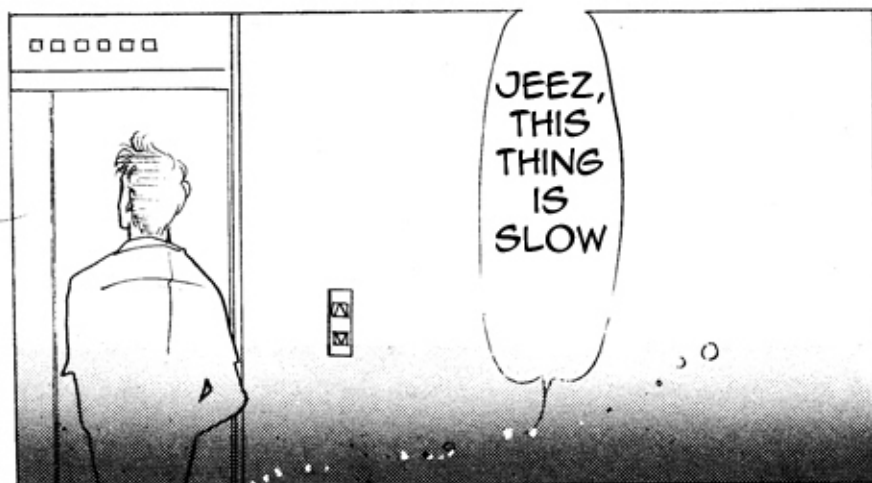
I JUST NEVER
LEARNED



5月21日 今日本 Saturday.







ITOUKI



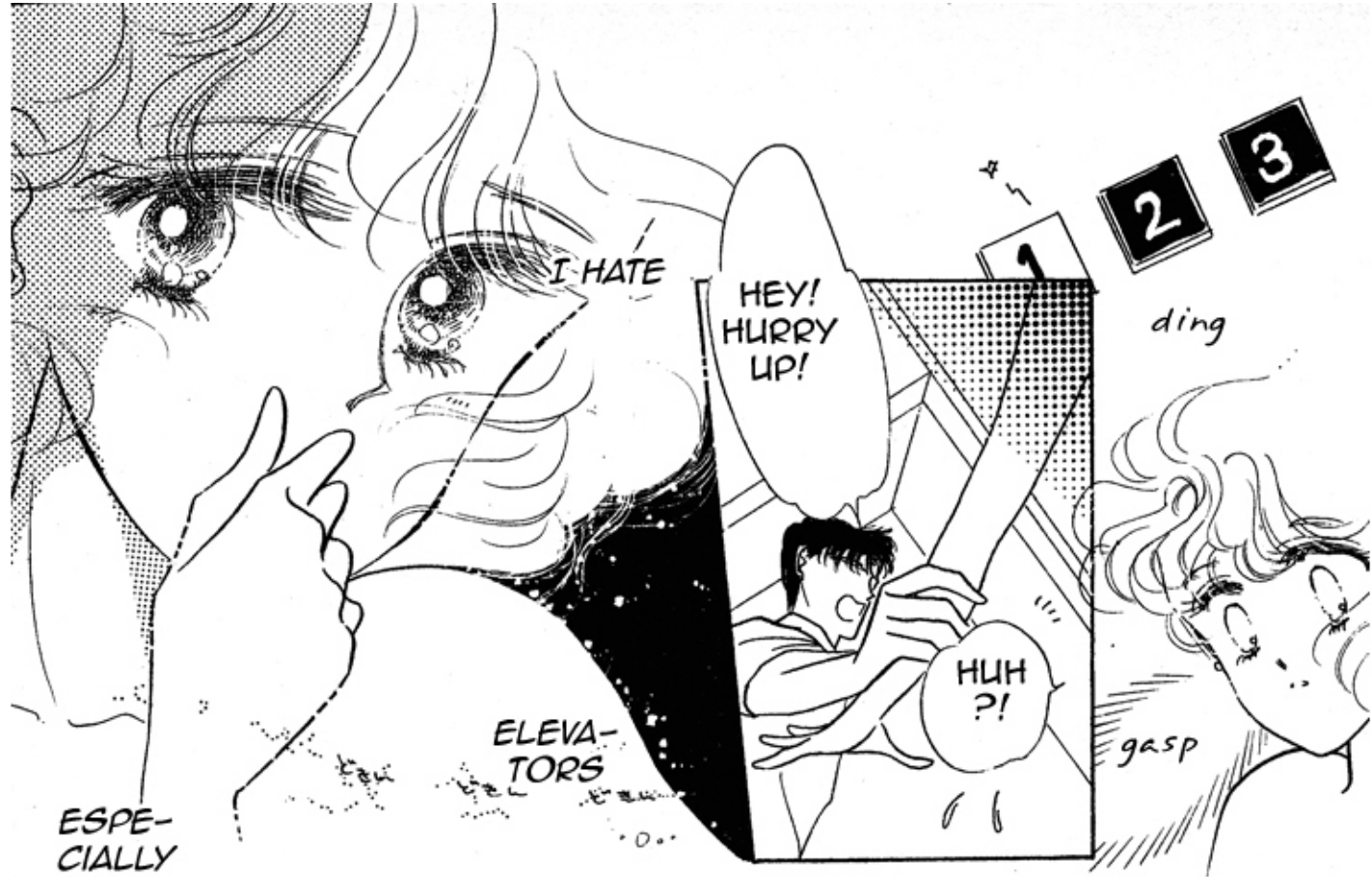
I
GUESS
SO



OR ME
AND
AIKAWA
WILL HAVE
TO SMACK
YOU UP



SO I GUESS
THAT MEANS
THAT I CAN'T
HANG OUT
WITH YOU THE
SAME WAY
ANYMORE,
HUH



ESPECIALLY
WHEN
I'M
ALONE
IN ONE
WITH
ITOUKI

ba-dum

MY HEART BEAT

ba-dum

ba-dum

IS STRONG
ENOUGH TO CRUSH
ME

ba-dum

ding



fwoosh

YO
YO!

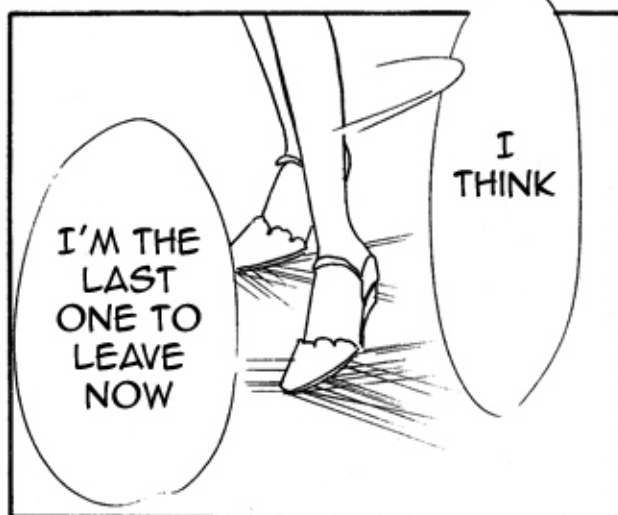
ITOU,
YOU'RE
LATE!

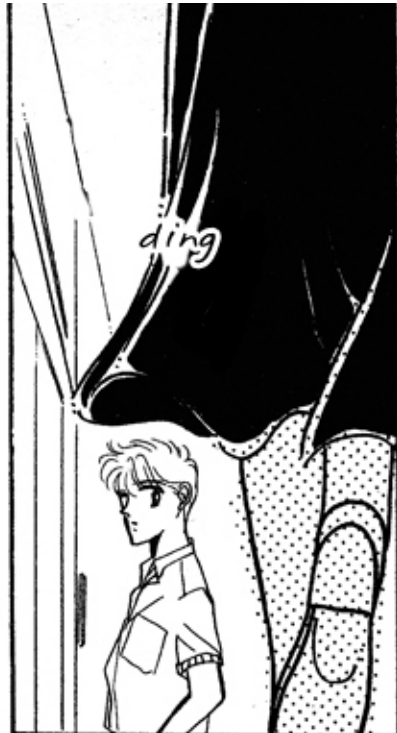
FOOLS!

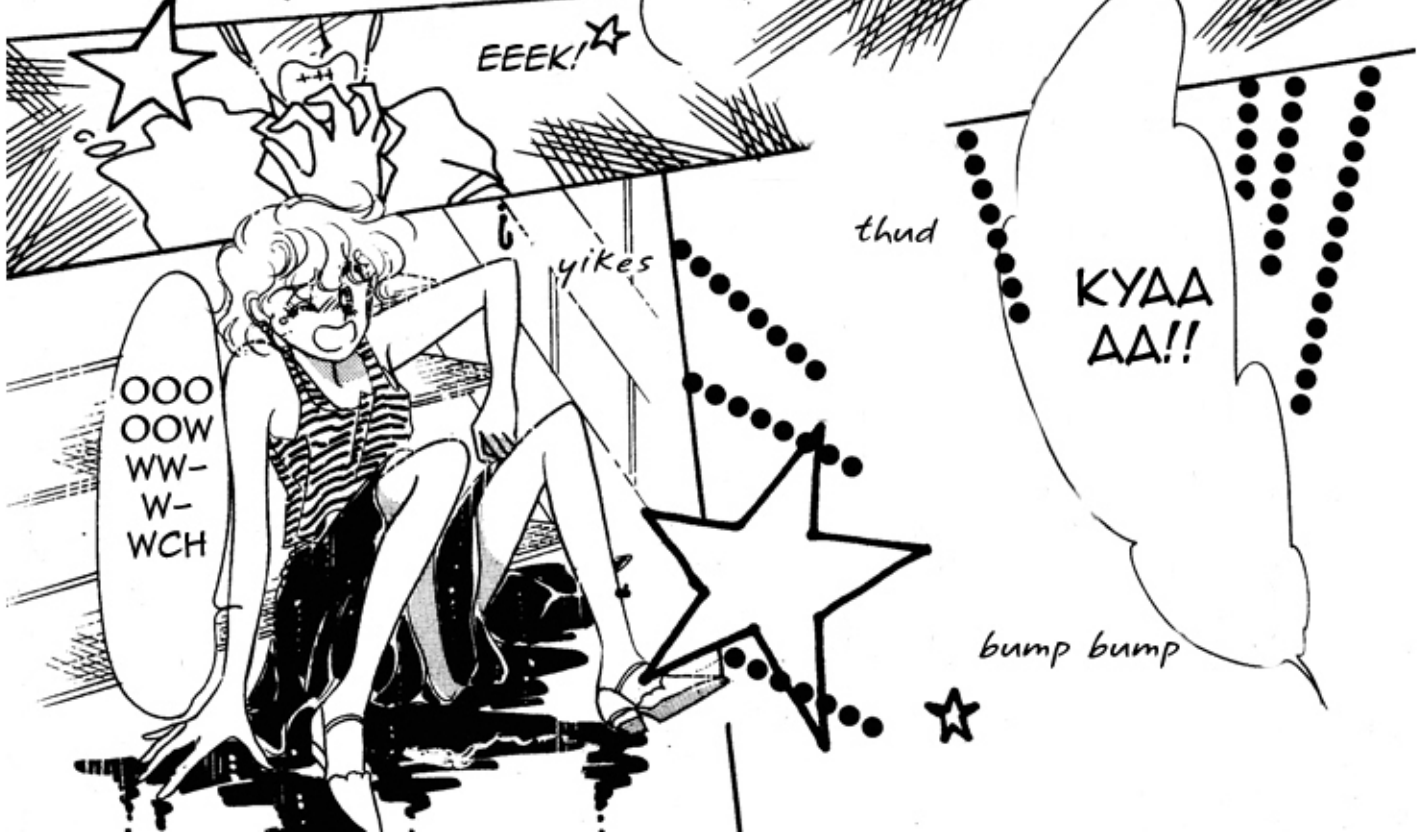
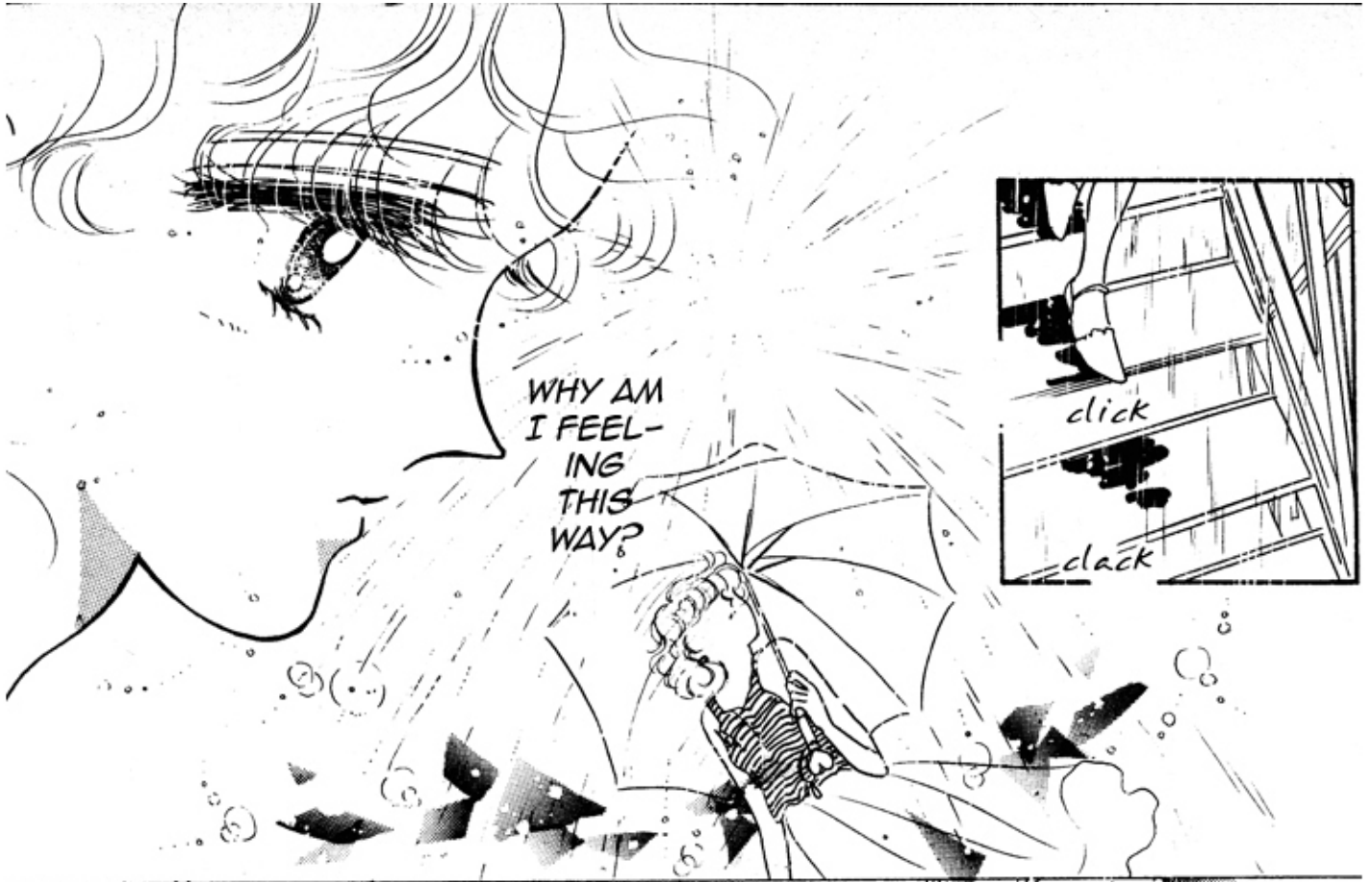
THE
TEACHER
IS
ALREADY
IN
CLASS!

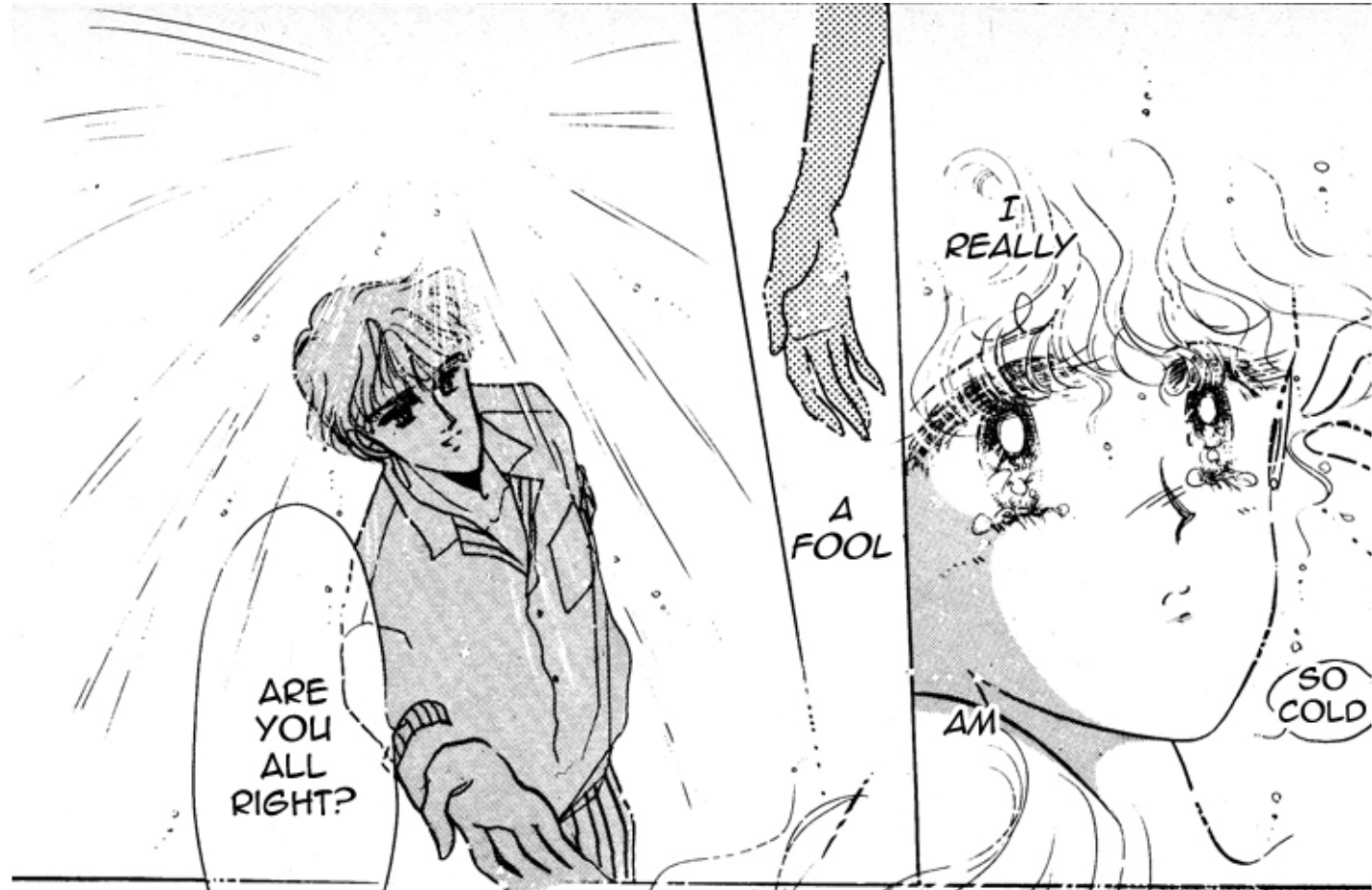
whoosh

I SHOULD
HAVE









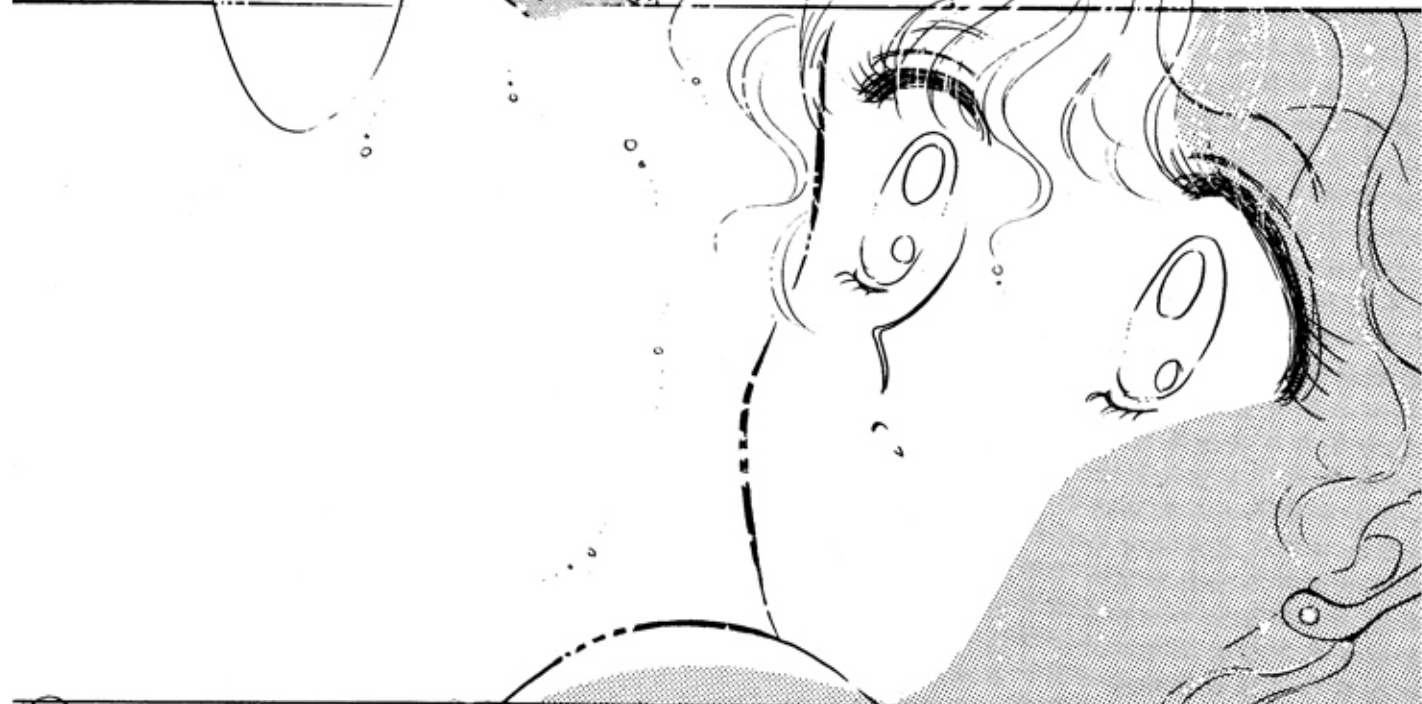
ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

I
REALLY

A
FOOL

AM

SO
COLD



WHA?

ba-dum



HUH?

pour

SO CRAZY

IT FEELS

YOUR
PULSE

IS BEAT-
ING SO
FAST

grin

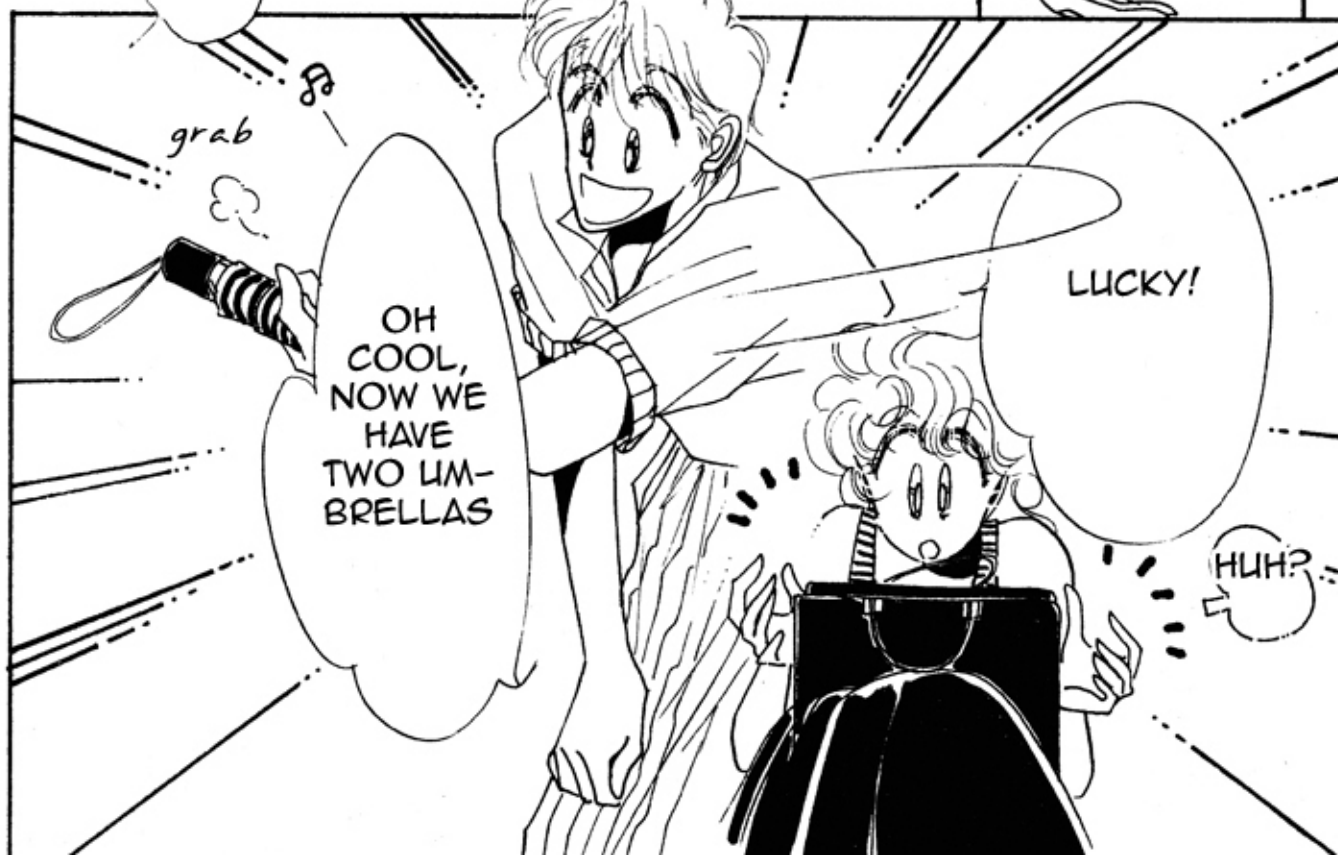
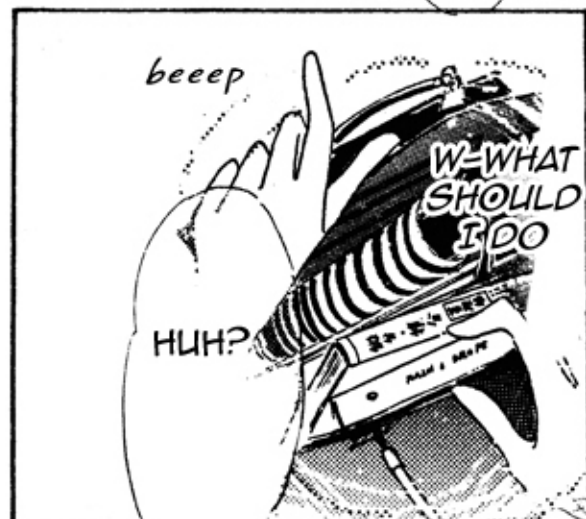
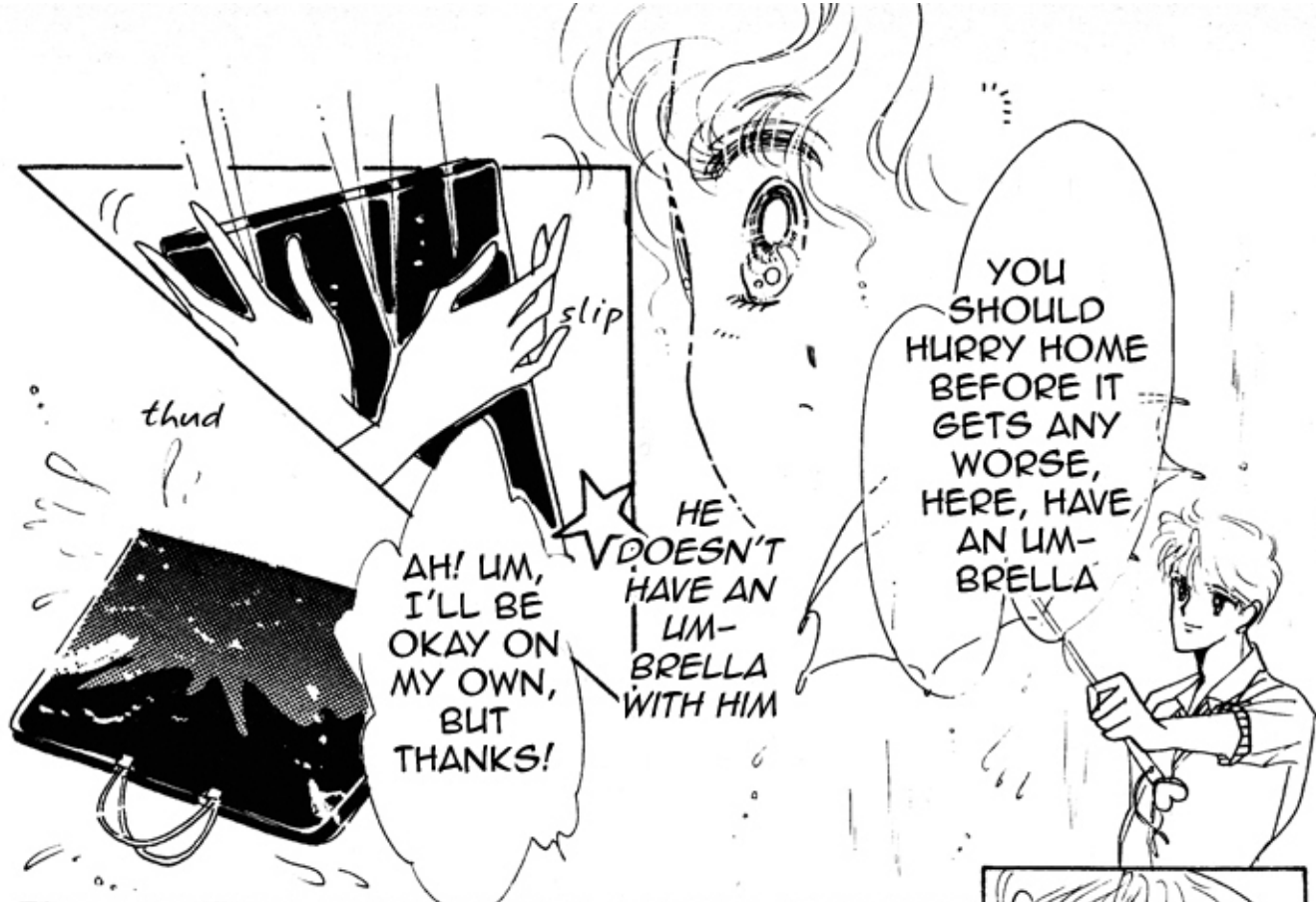
WOULD
YOU LIKE
MY
JACKET?

shiver

gasp

I
THOUGHT
IT WOULD
STOP
RAINING
SOON,
BUT SO
FAR NO
SIGNS OF
IT LETTING
UP

UGHH, THIS IS
SO EMBARASS-
ING, I COULD
DIE!





UM,
HANG
ON A
MINUTE

WHAT?!

YOU'RE
MARIN!

IS IT OK IF
I BORROW
THIS? I'LL
BRING IT
BACK
DURING
OUR NEXT
CRAM
SCHOOL
SESSION

YOU SAVED
ME! I
FORGOT
MY
UMBRELLA
AT HOME

RIGHT?

THAT'S WHEN

I FIRST FELT

THAT SOMETHING MORE
IMPORTANT

THAN MY UMBRELLA HAD BEEN
TAKEN

FROM ME

*It's a divine
emotion*



WHY IS HE
SMILING
AT ME
LIKE
THAT?

THE EL-
EVATOR
IS
COMING
DOWN

smile



swing

THAT WEIRD GUY

DID YOU
COME
HERE
STRAIGHT
FROM
SCHOOL
?

I THINK I'VE SEEN
HIM SOMEWHERE
BEFORE

OH NO,
I'M LATE
AGAIN! I
WISH I
COULD
SKIP



NO,
IT'S NOT

THAT'S NOT
YOUR
REAL
NAME?

YEAH,
MARIN
IS MY
NICK
NAME

YOUR
NAME
?

HOW DID
YOU KNOW
MY NAME?



HUH
ARE
YOU A
FRESH-
MAN IN
HIGH
SCHOOL
LIKE
US?

REALLY?
I
WOULDN'T
HAVE
GUESSED
THAT



swing

I GO TO
HER
REGULAR
SCHOOL

ITOUKI

HEY,
HOLD
THE
DOOR
FOR ME!

pant
pant



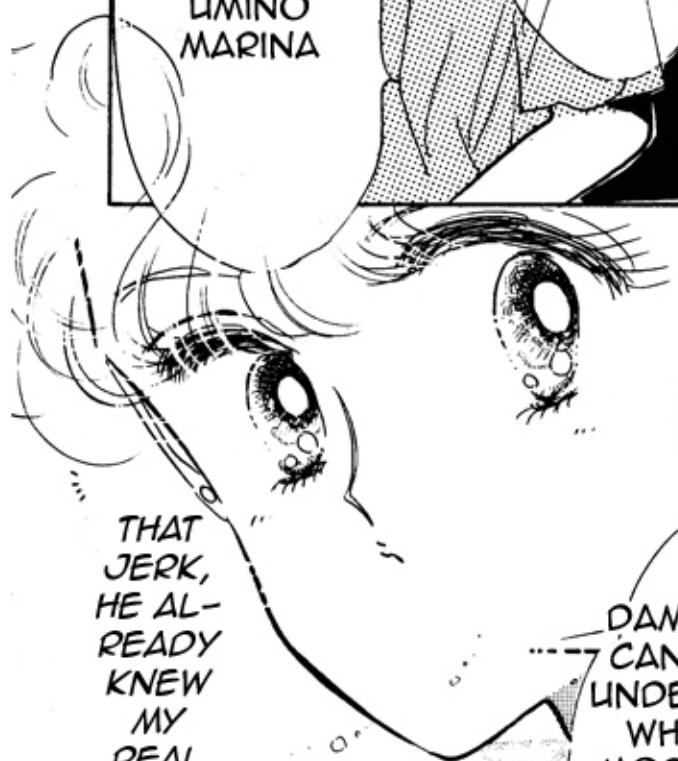
THE
BROWN-
EYED MISS
UMINO
MARINA

YOU
ALWAYS
MAKE THE
SAME
FACE,
EVEN IN
CRAM
SCHOOL

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
(THEN
AGAIN,
I HAVE
NO IN-
TEREST
IN
BOYS)

HAHA, OH, YOU
DIDN'T KNOW
KOIZUMI? FROM
OUR BOYS'S
CLASS?

~
☆

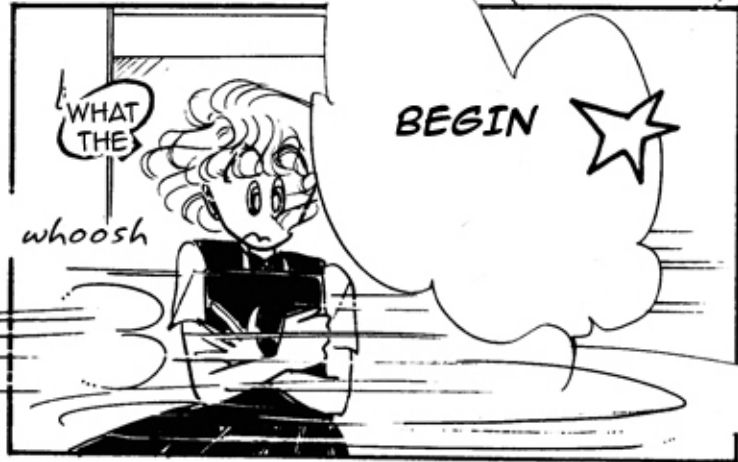


THAT
JERK,
HE AL-
READY
KNEW
MY
REAL
NAME!

DAMN! YOU
CAN NEVER
UNDERSTAND
WHAT MR.
MORIZAKI IS
TEACHING IN
MATH UNLESS
YOU TAKE
NOTES!



ACK! CLASS
STARTED
TWENTY MIN-
UTES AGO!



WHAT
THE

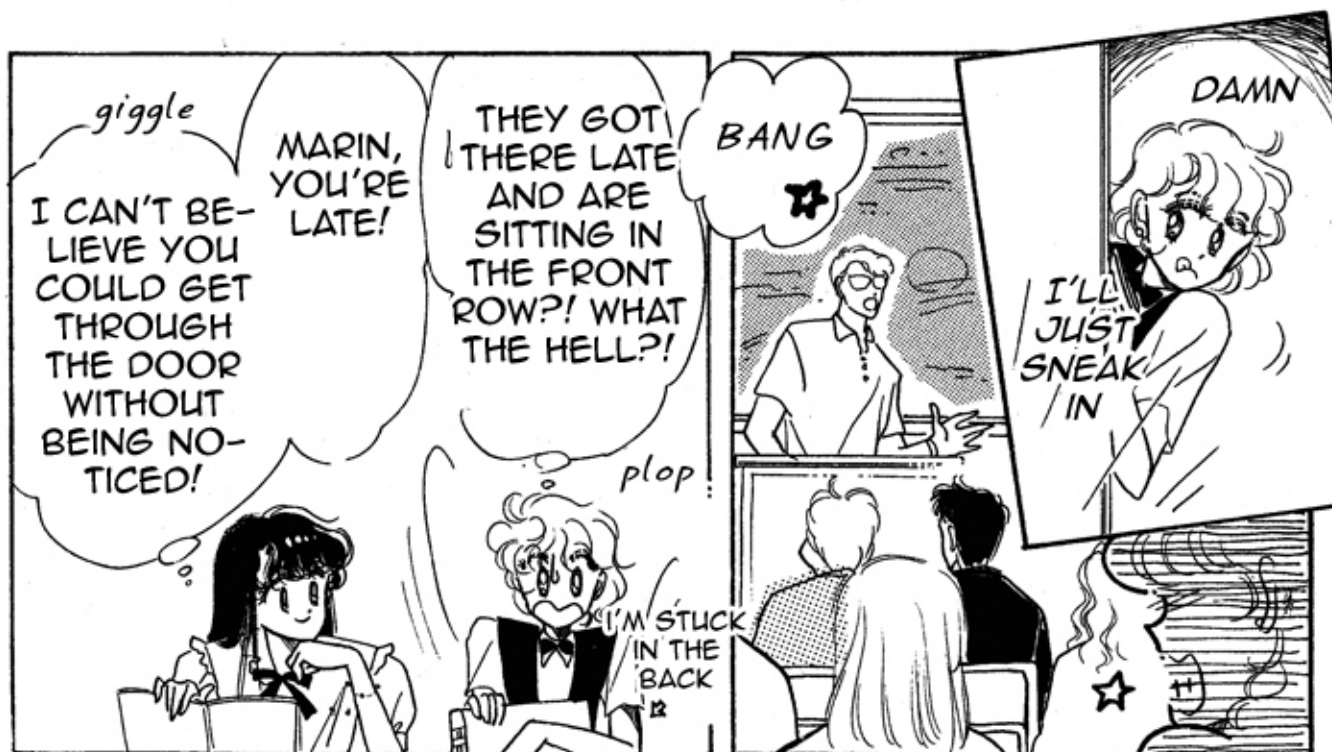
whoosh

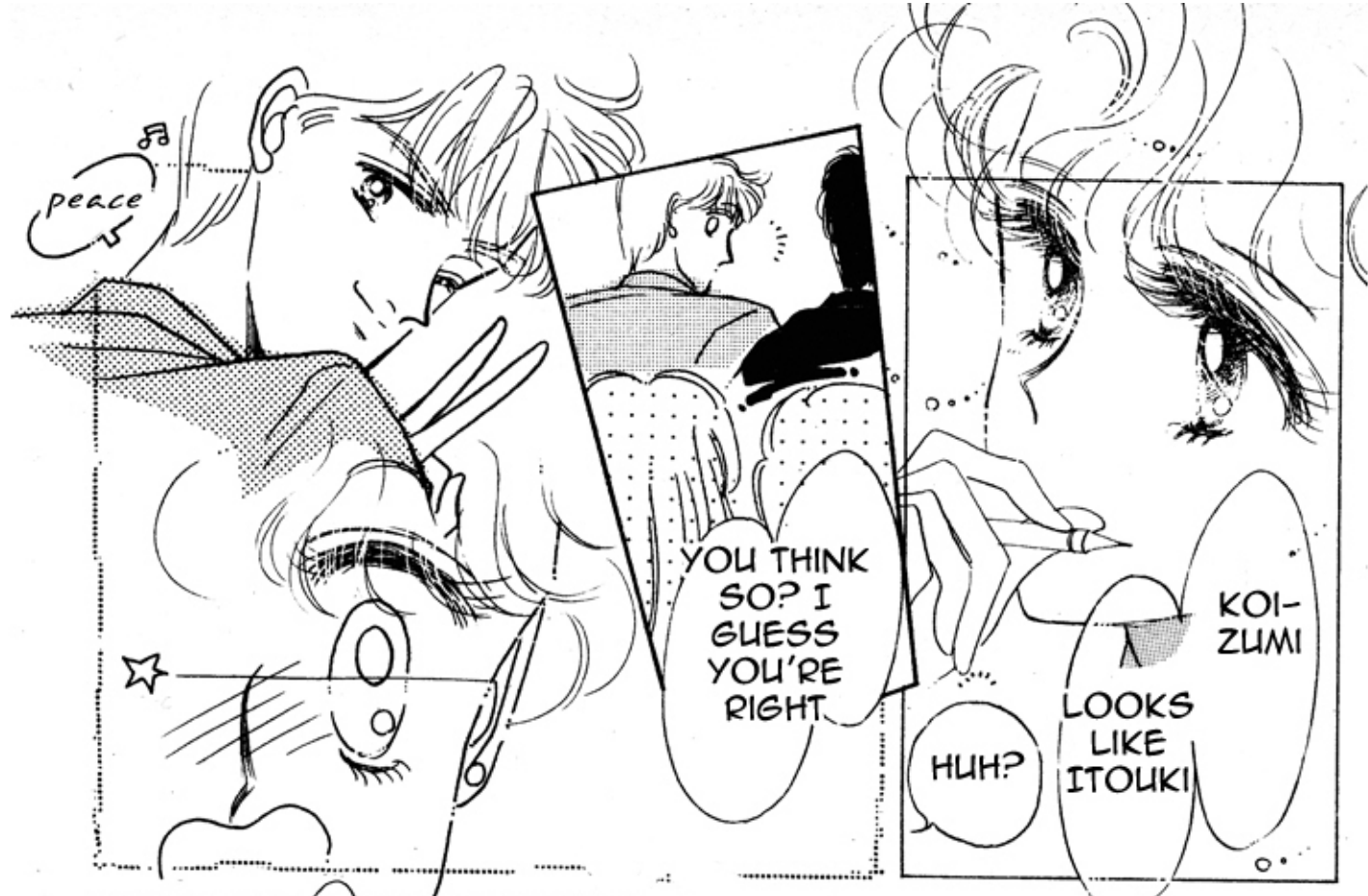
BEGIN



OKAY!
READY,
SET

ding





IDIOT, YOU
GOT THAT ONE
WRONG!

OH,
REAL
LY?

THEY'VE ALWAYS
GONE TO CRAM
SCHOOL TO-
GETHER, EVEN
WHEN THEY
WENT TO DIF-
FERENT MIDDLE
SCHOOLS

THEY'RE
JUST LIKE

A COUPLE OF KIDS

giggle

COME
ON,
LET'S
GO
HOME

MY UM-
BRELLA

twish



OR DID YOU
PACK IT FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE TO
USE?

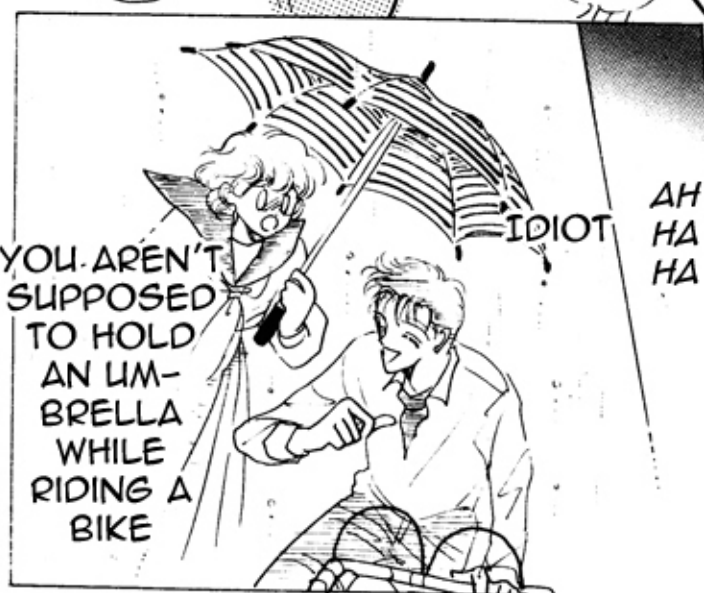
BUT
ANYWAY,
MARIN,
WHY DID
YOU HAVE
TWO UM-
BRELLAS
PACKED IN
YOUR
BAG?

WAS
IT BY
ACCI-
DENT
?



I
THOU-
GHT AS
MUCH

OH
UHH...
I
FORG
OT IT



YOU AREN'T
SUPPOSED
TO HOLD
AN UM-
BRELLA
WHILE
RIDING A
BIKE

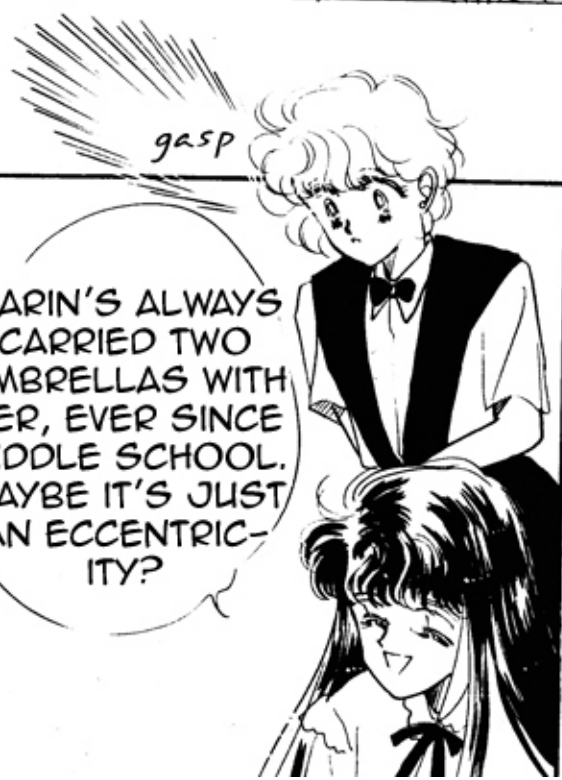
IDIOT

AH
HA
HA



ba-dum

UM,
JUST A
MIS-
TAKE

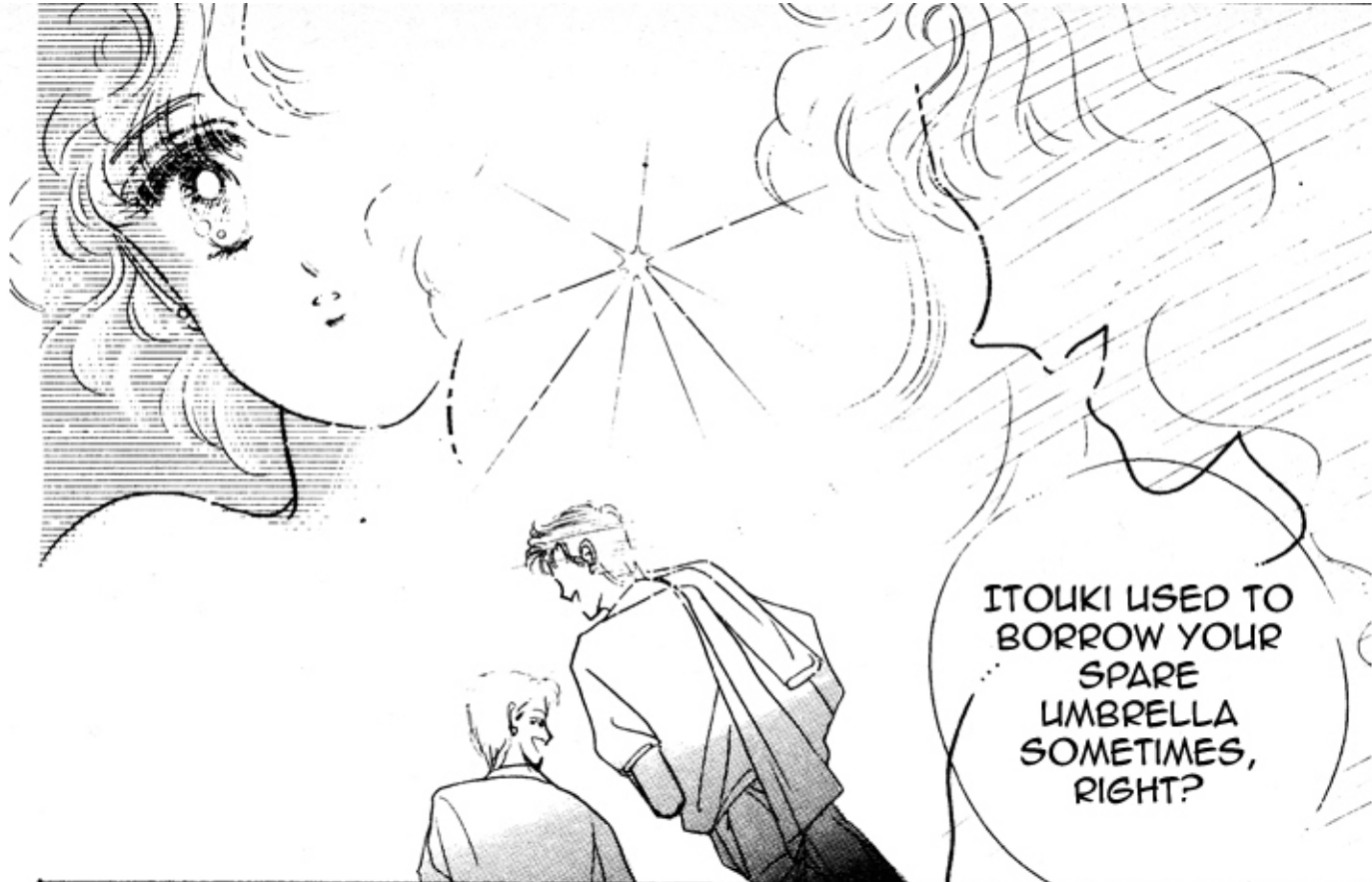


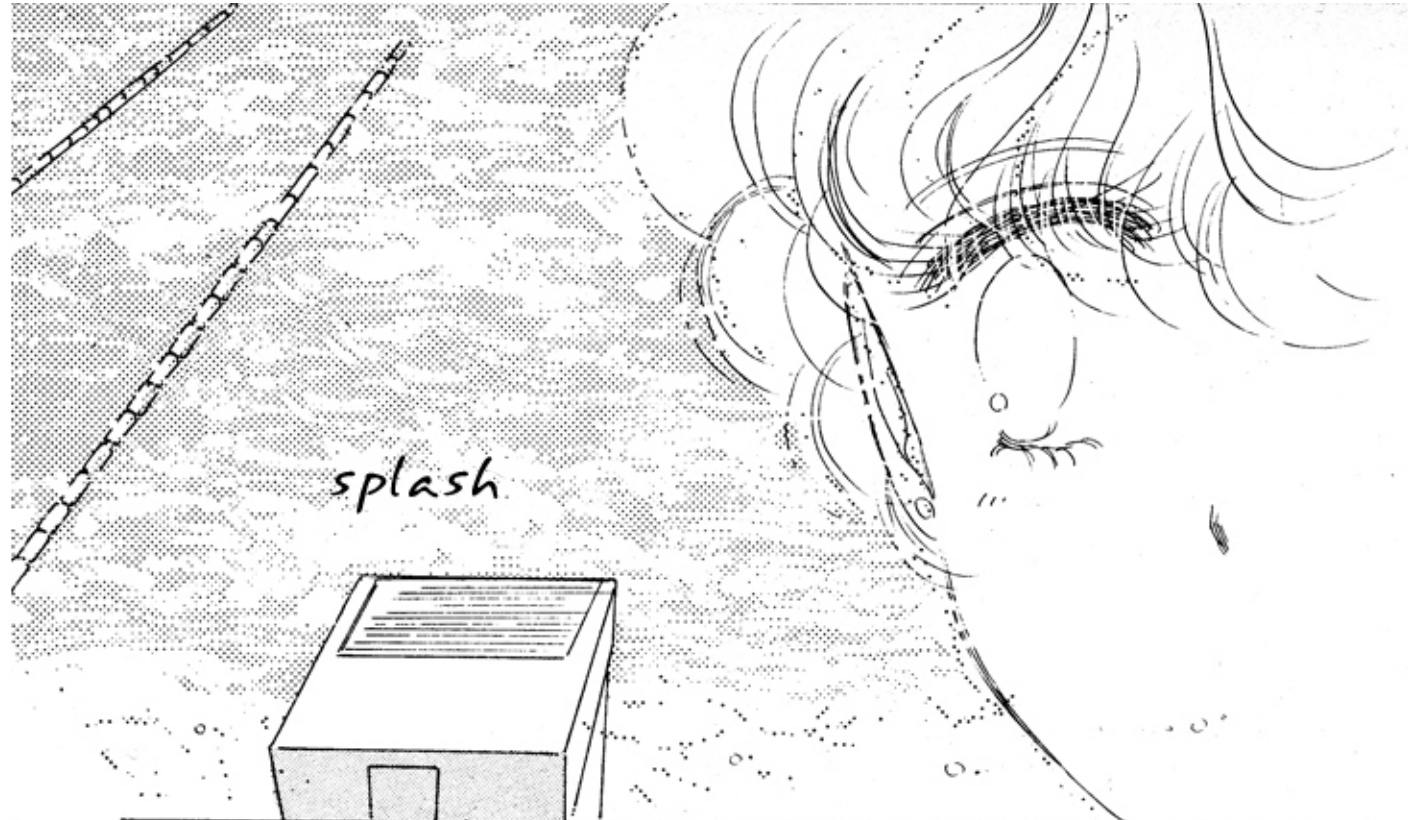
gasp

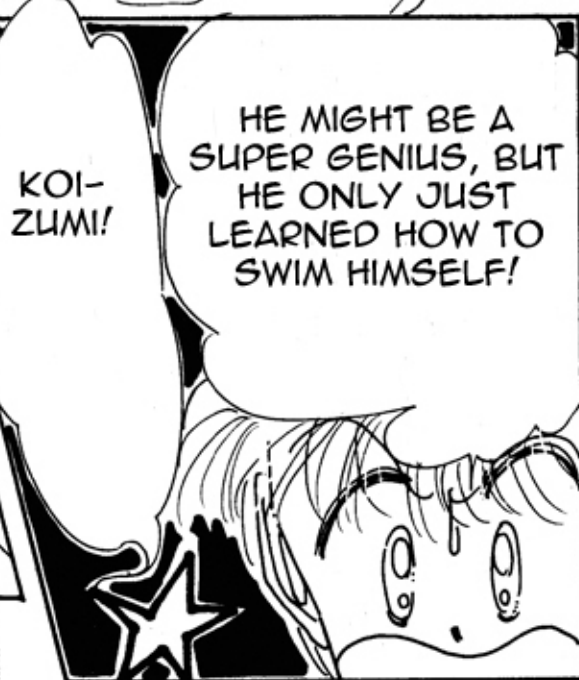
MARIN'S ALWAYS
CARRIED TWO
UMBRELLAS WITH
HER, EVER SINCE
MIDDLE SCHOOL.
MAYBE IT'S JUST
AN ECCENTRIC-
ITY?

AH HA
HA

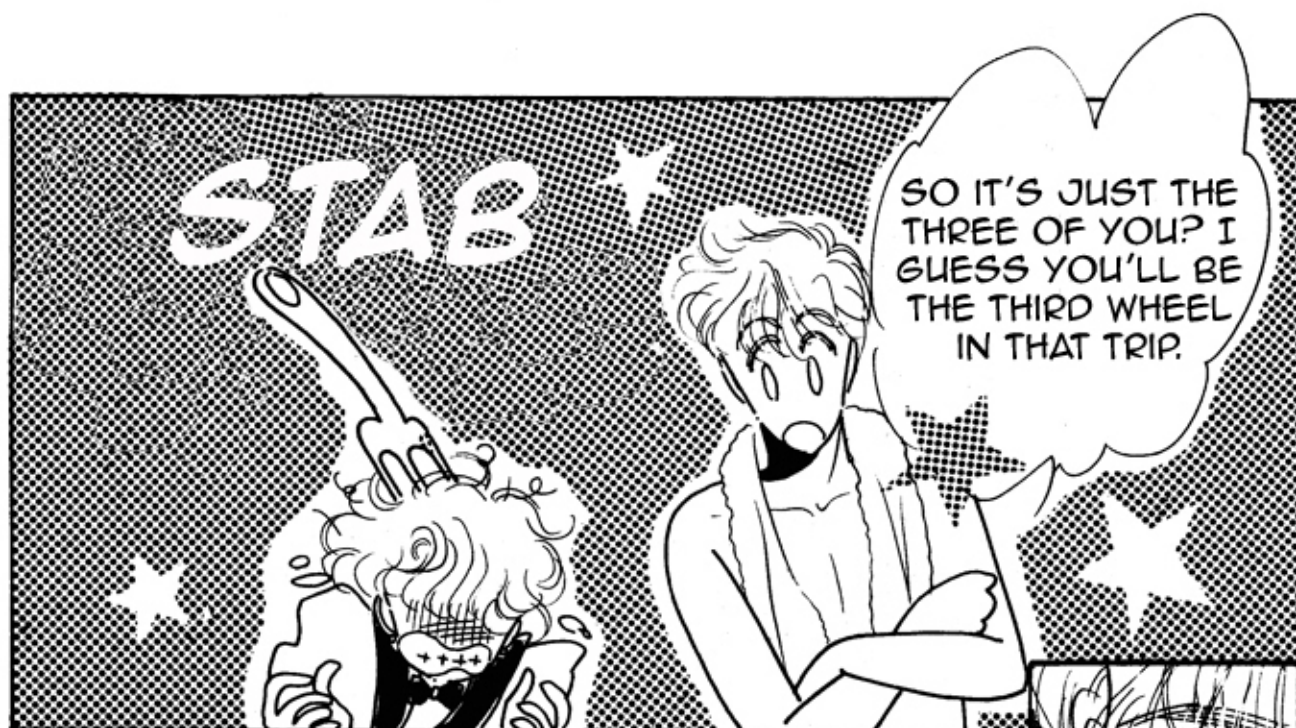




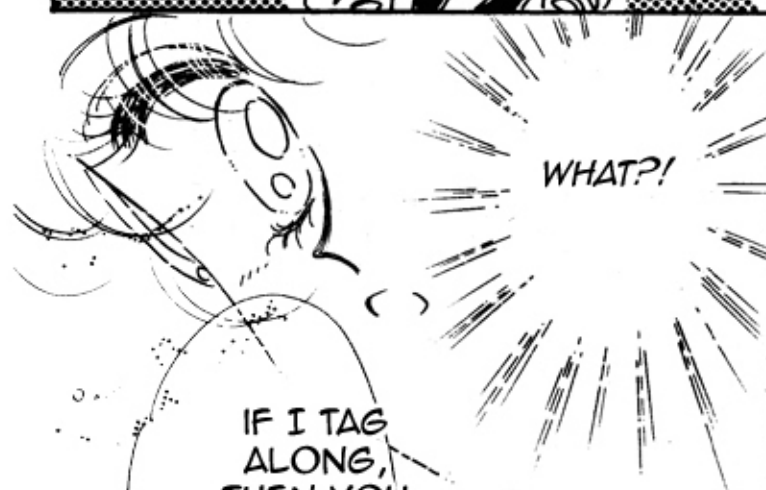








SO IT'S JUST THE
THREE OF YOU? I
GUESS YOU'LL BE
THE THIRD WHEEL
IN THAT TRIP.



WHAT?!

ba-dum

IF I TAG
ALONG,
THEN YOU
WON'T BE A
THIRD WHEEL
WITH THOSE
TWO. BE-
SIDES, I
LOVE THE
OCEAN.



SOUND
GOOD
?



I'LL
GO
TOO!



HE'S A WEIRD
ONE

INSPIRATION

SINGS OUT PEEP
PEEP PEEP

THIS
YEAR'S

SUMMER VACATION

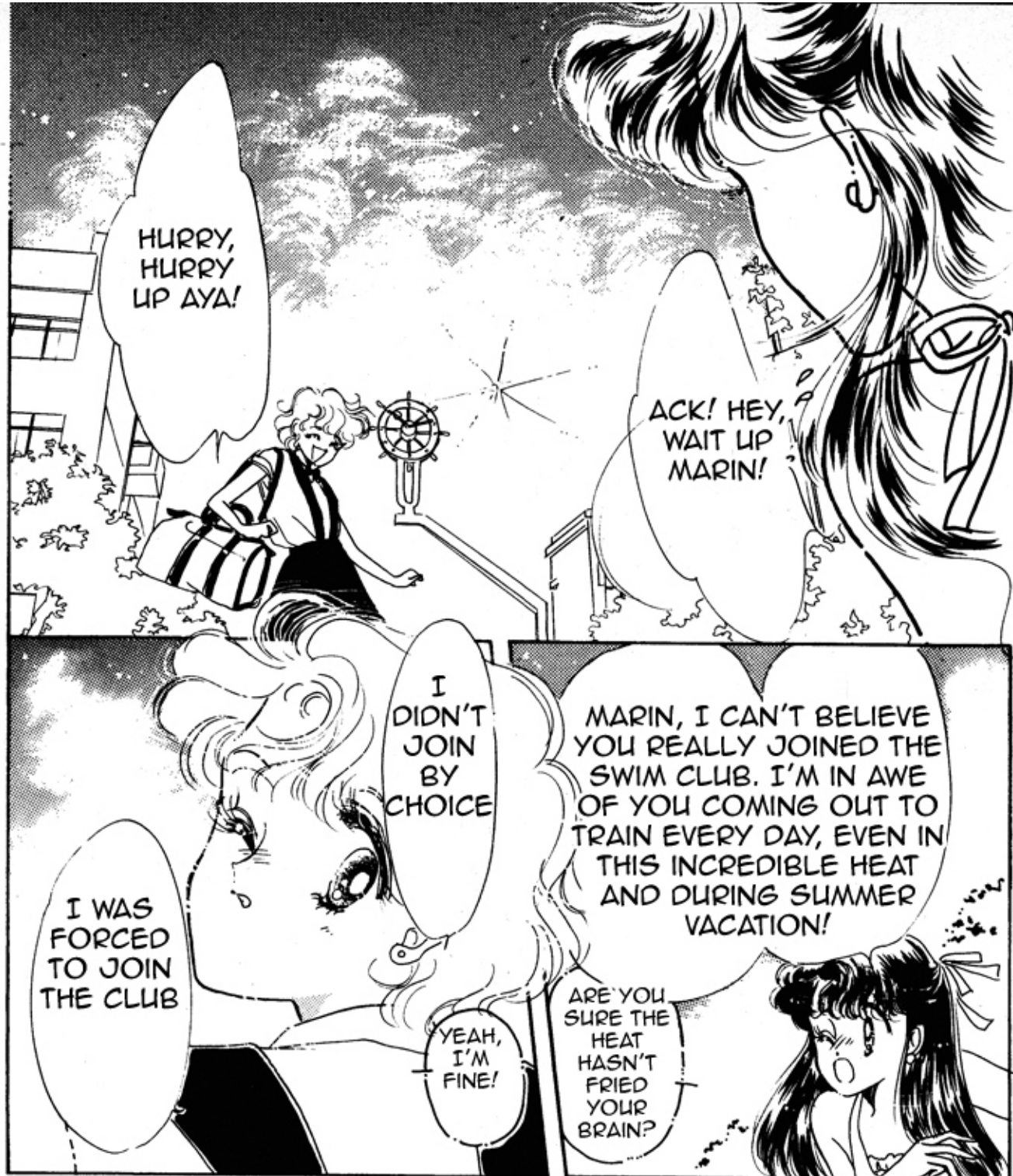
WILL DEFINITELY
BE DIFFERENT

RIGHT?

THAT WOULD BE
WONDERFUL

HLIH
?





THANK YOU FOR READING
CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS
AND WINK RAIN! I WROTE
THESE STORIES FROM
MEMORIES OF MY
(NAOKO'S) OLD FRIENDS.
I LOVE AND MISS THEM SO
MUCH. TO THEM, I DEDICATE
THIS BOOK!



push

AAAAACK!!

WELL, WE DID
TAKE SWIMMING,
BUT US GIRLS
JUST SKIPPED
THE CLASS
SINCE WE DIDN'T
WANT THE GUYS
GAWKING AT US
IN OUR BATHING
SUITS

JEAZ

LET ME
GUESS, IN
THE GIRLS
GYM CLASS
YOU DIDN'T
DO SWIM-
MING. SO
WHAT DID
YOU ACTU-
ALLY DO?

THE POOL
WATER
ALWAYS
DAMAGES
MY HAIR

UGH

splash

KOIZUMI!

blub

YOU'
RE
SO
MEAN
!

WHAT AN
AMATEUR.
HERE'S
HOW
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED
TO DIVE

HEY AIKAWA!
WANNA
BORROW ONE
OF MY BATH-
ING SUITS IN
THE GIRL'S
LOCKER
ROOM?

AH,
NO
THANKS

plop

KOIZUMI! HOW MANY
TIMES DO I HAVE TO
TELL YOU THAT YOU
AREN'T SUPPOSED TO
DIVE HERE?! IF YOU
GET HURT AND WE
HAVE TO SHUT DOWN,
IT'LL BE ALL YOUR
FAULT!

splash

ACK!

splash

I'LL
ONLY
BE
SEEN IN
A
SWIM-
SUIT AT
THE
OCEAN

splash

PASS IT
HERE, PASS
IT HERE!
COME ON
GET BACK
TO TRAIN-
ING!

blub

YEAH

YOU'RE
RIGHT

THE THREE
MUSKE-
TEERS
BECAME
THE FOUR
MUSKE-
TEERS

SOME
HOW
IN AN
IN-
STANT

HEY!

AH HA
HA

KYAAA!!

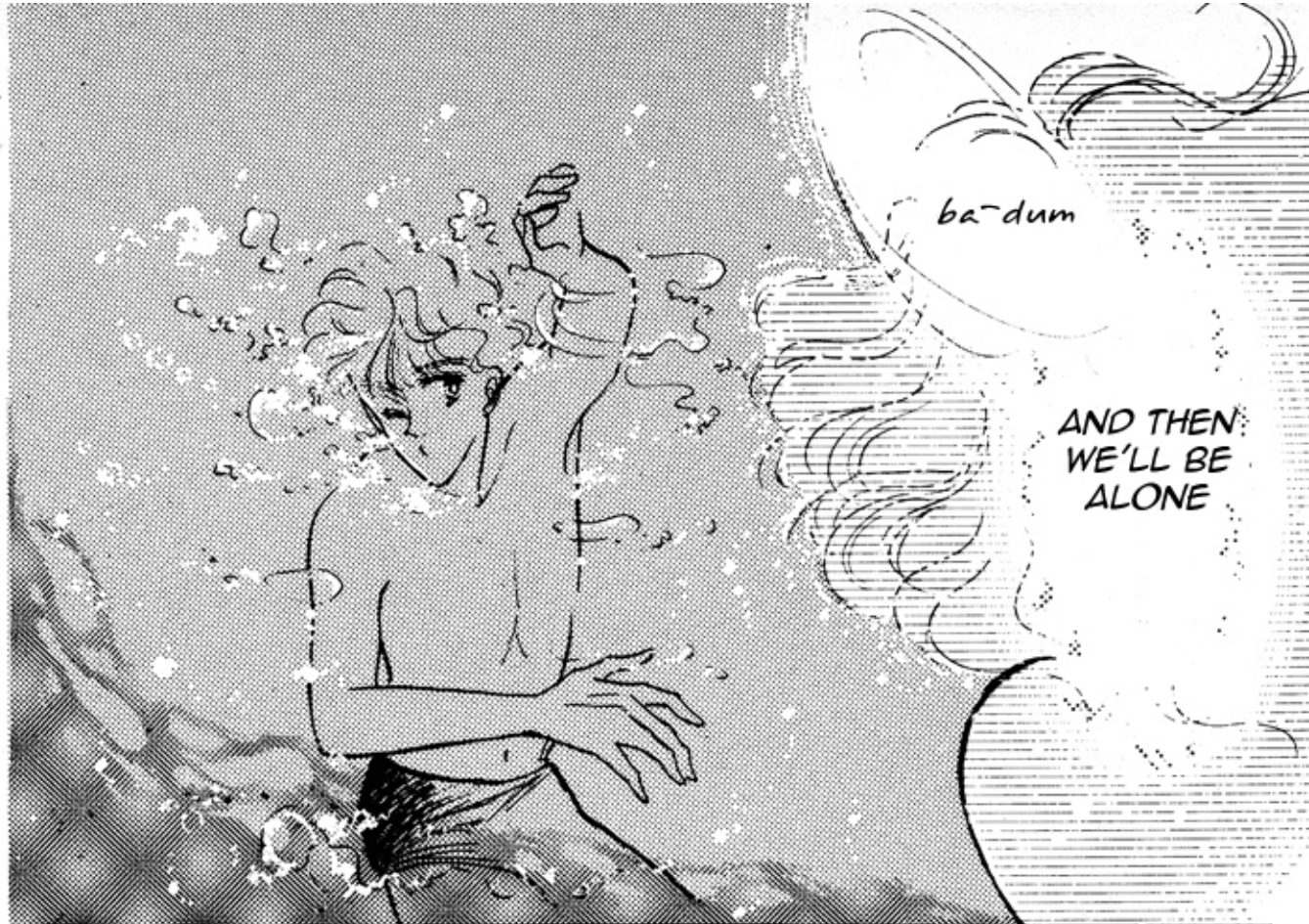
splash

UMINO WILL COME SO
LONG AS SHE'S NOT A
THIRD WHEEL!

EVENTU-
ALLY AYA
AND
ITOUKI
WILL GO
OFF ON
THEIR
OWN

IF THE
FOUR OF
US ALL
GO TO
THE
OCEAN
TO-
GETHER

OKAY THEN,
THAT'S
SETTLED



ba-dum

AND THEN
WE'LL BE
ALONE



BY OUR
USUAL
METHOD

OKAY, THIS
WEEK'S POOL
CLEANING RE-
SPONSIBILITY
WILL BE DE-
TERMINED

I'M AMUSED



clap clap

YOU
FOOL, THE
FIRST
ONE TO
GET
PUSHED
INTO THE
POOL
HAS TO
DO ALL
THE
CLEAN-
ING!

shove

EEP

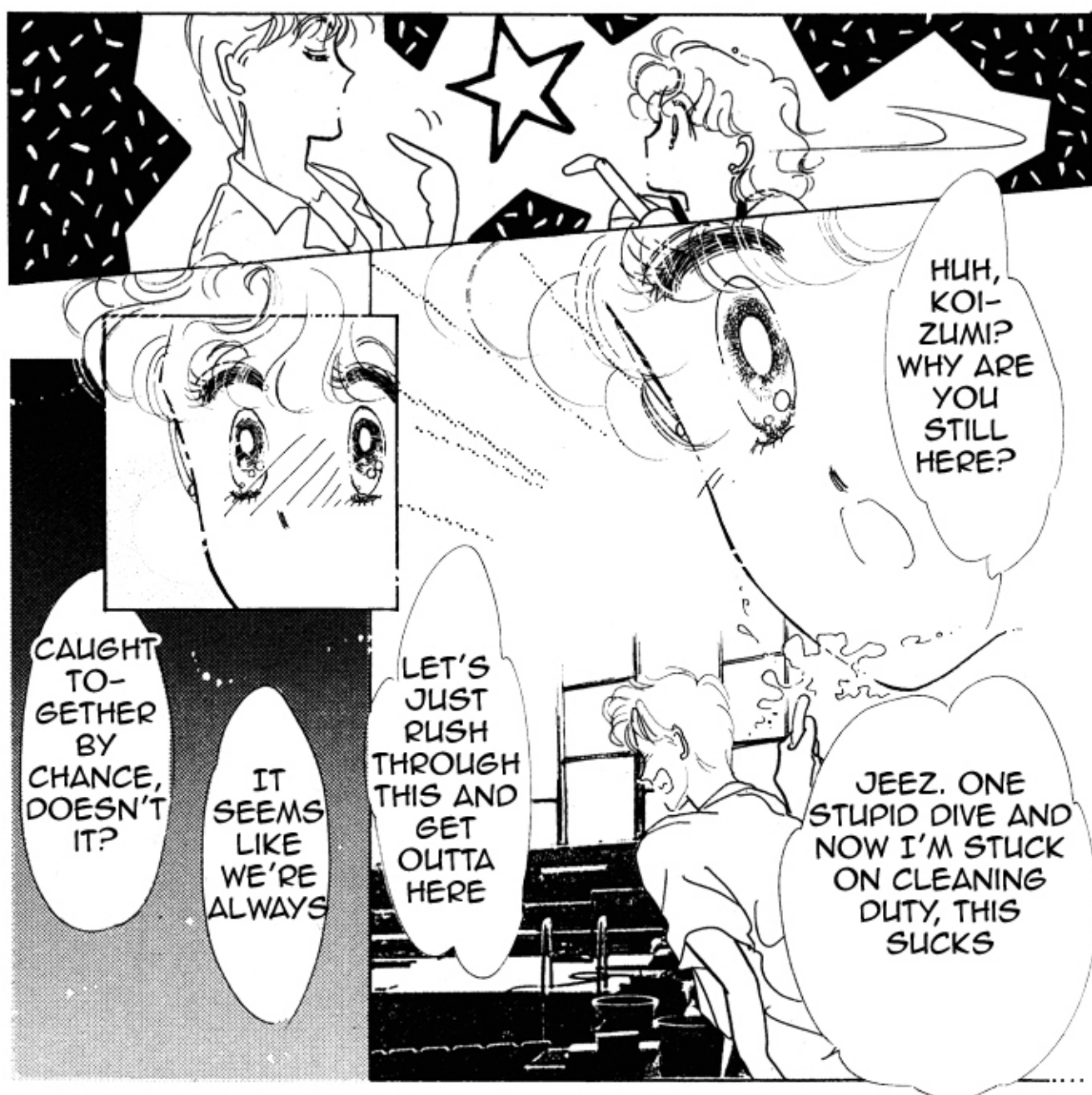


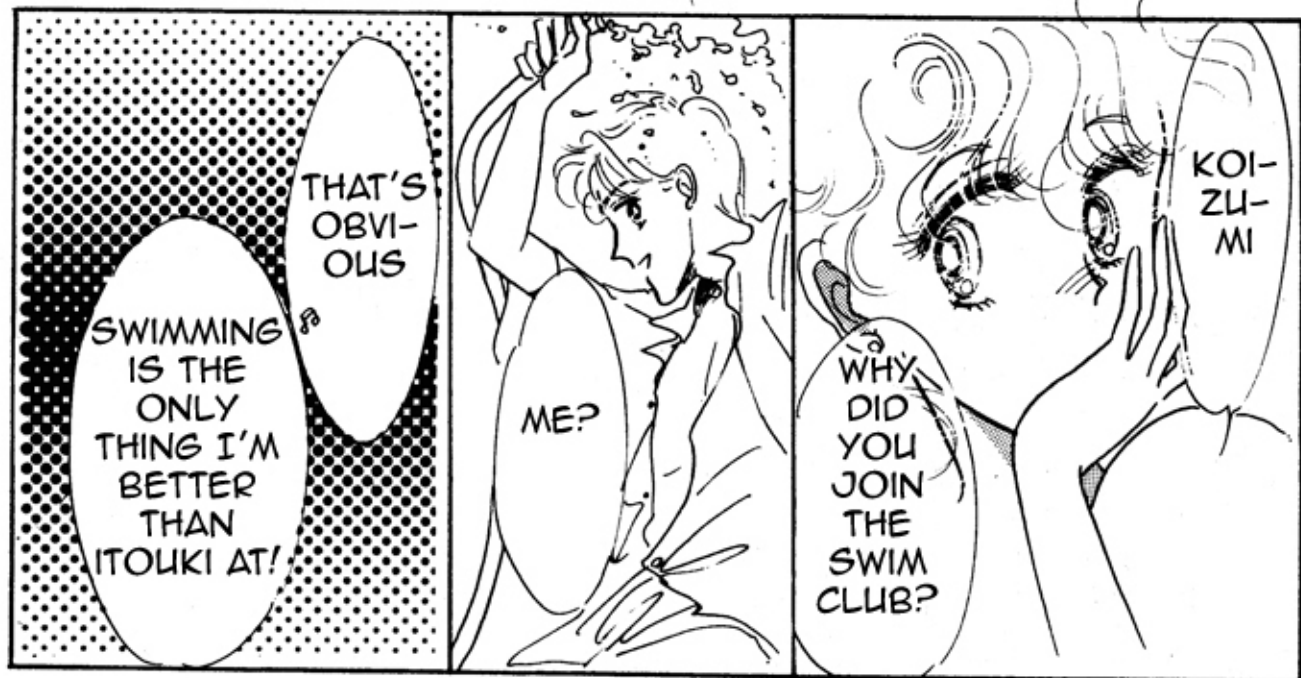
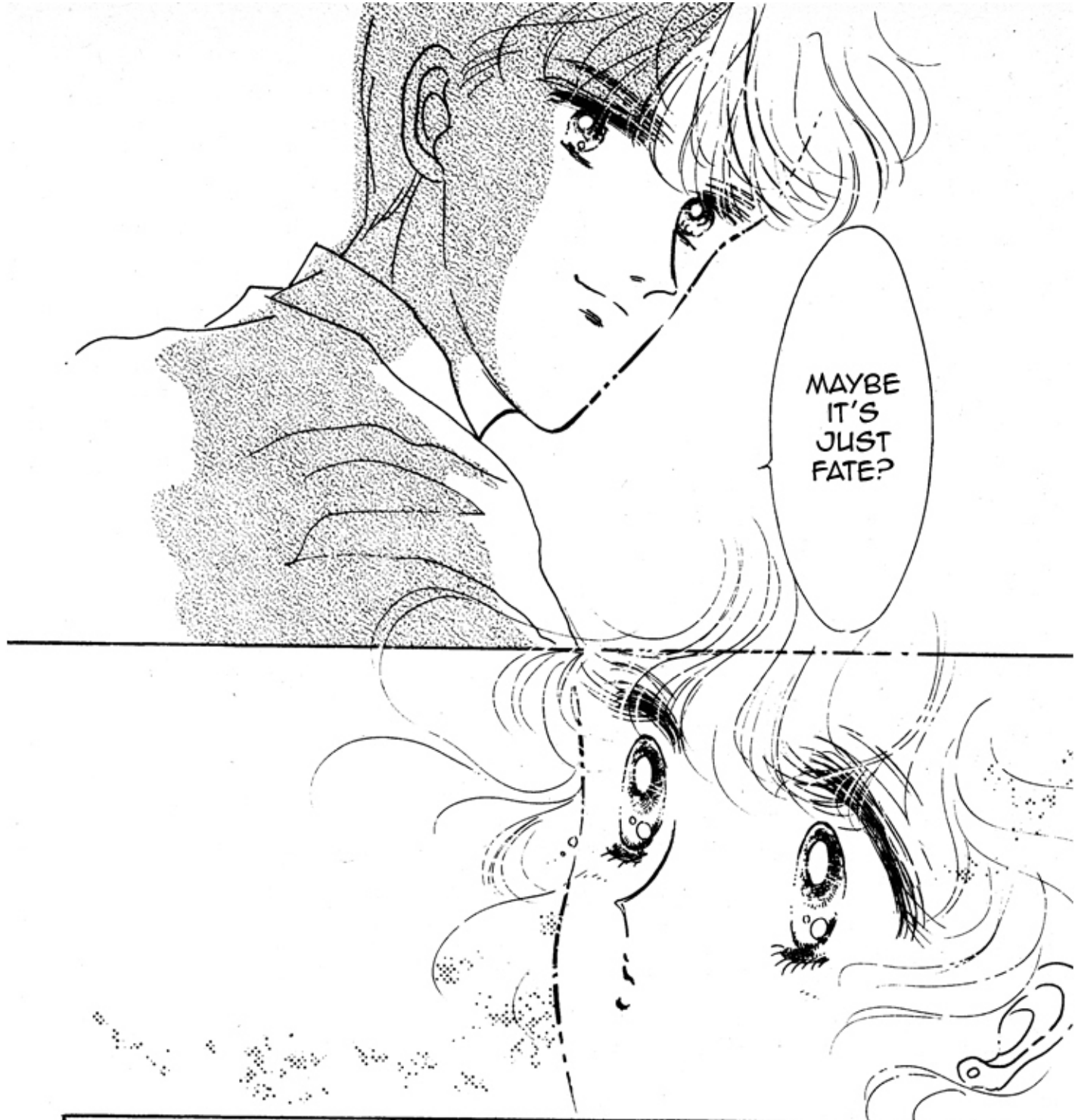
WAHH!!

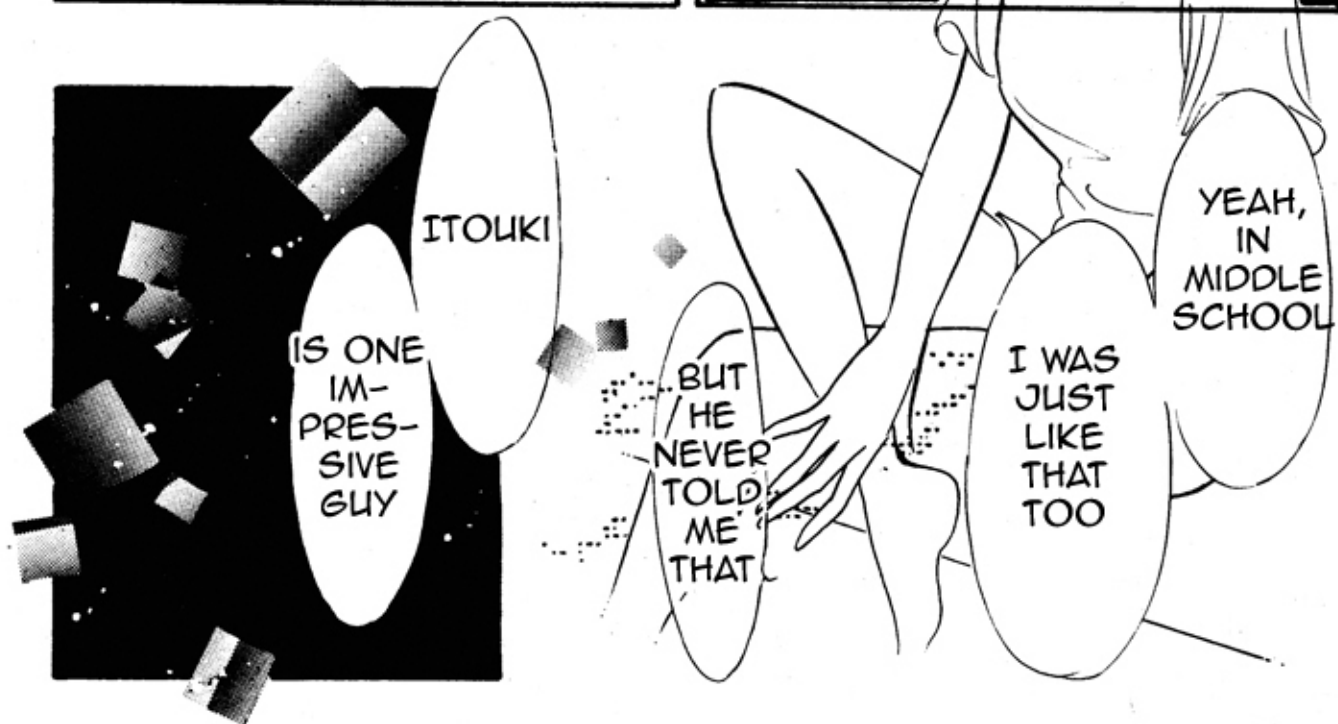
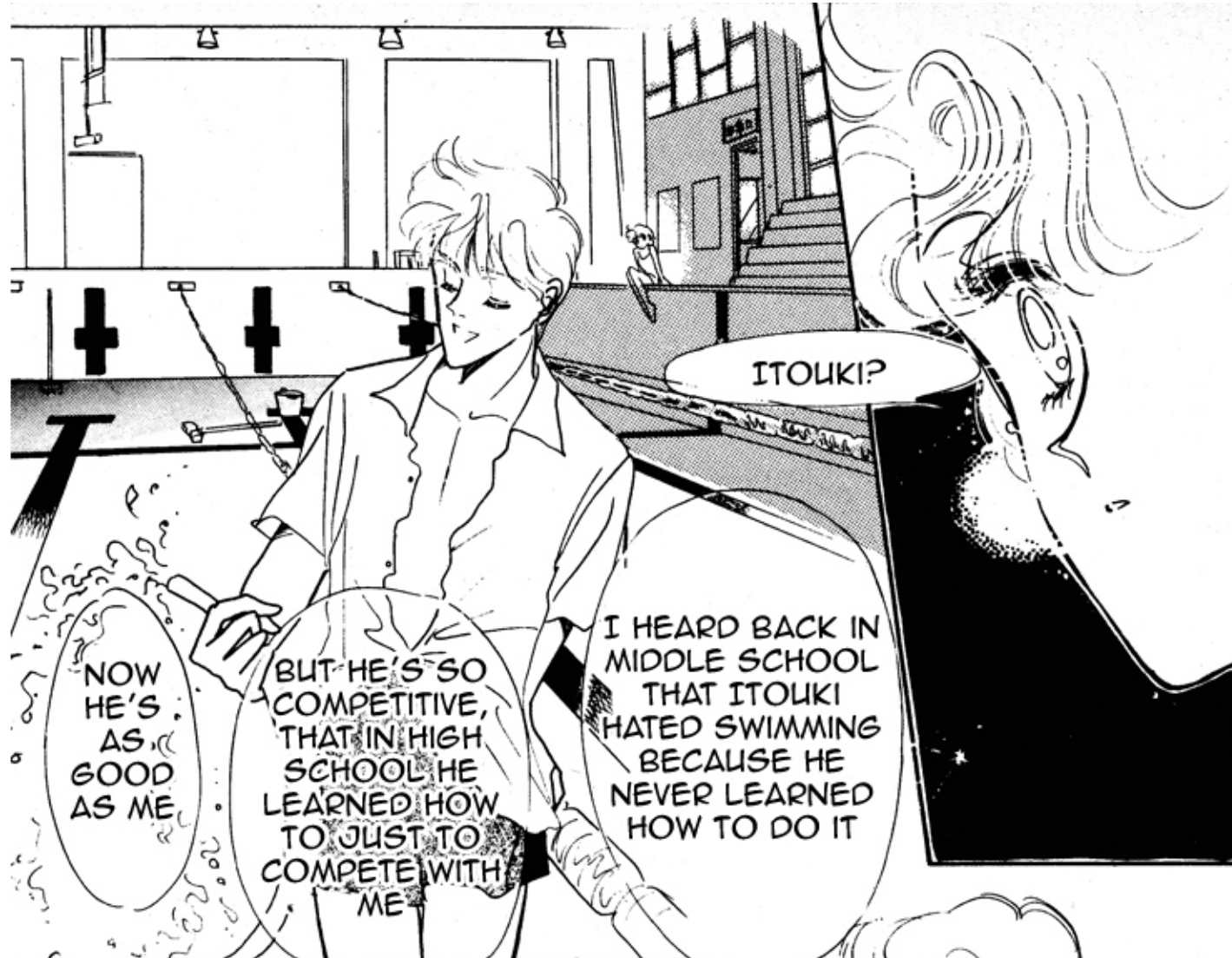
WELL WELL
WELL

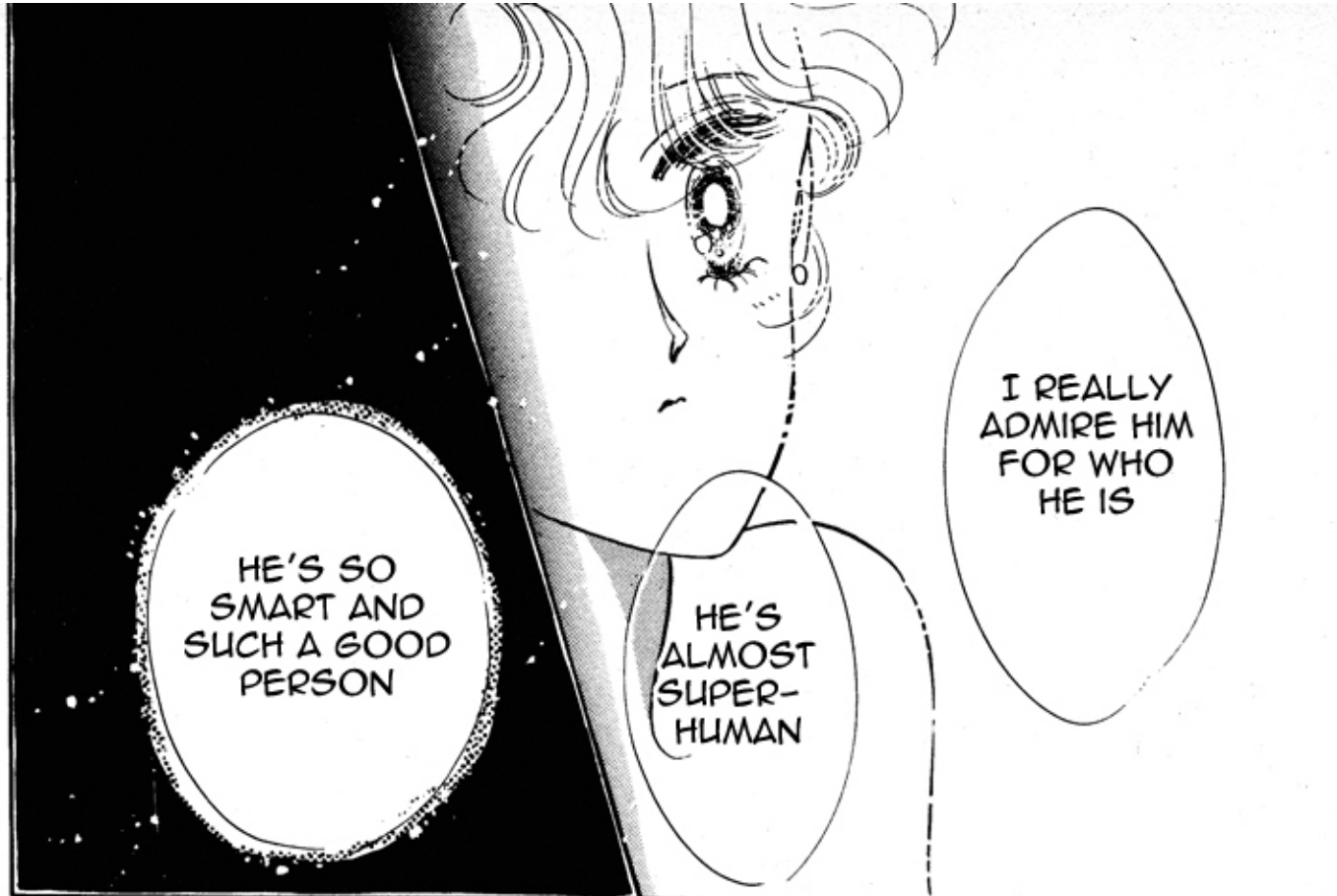
OUR
USU
AL
MET
HOD
?

WAHH! MISS
UMINO, DON'T
YOU KNOW THAT
STANDING AT
THE EDGE OF
THE POOL LIKE
THAT IS -VERY
DANGEROUS-?!







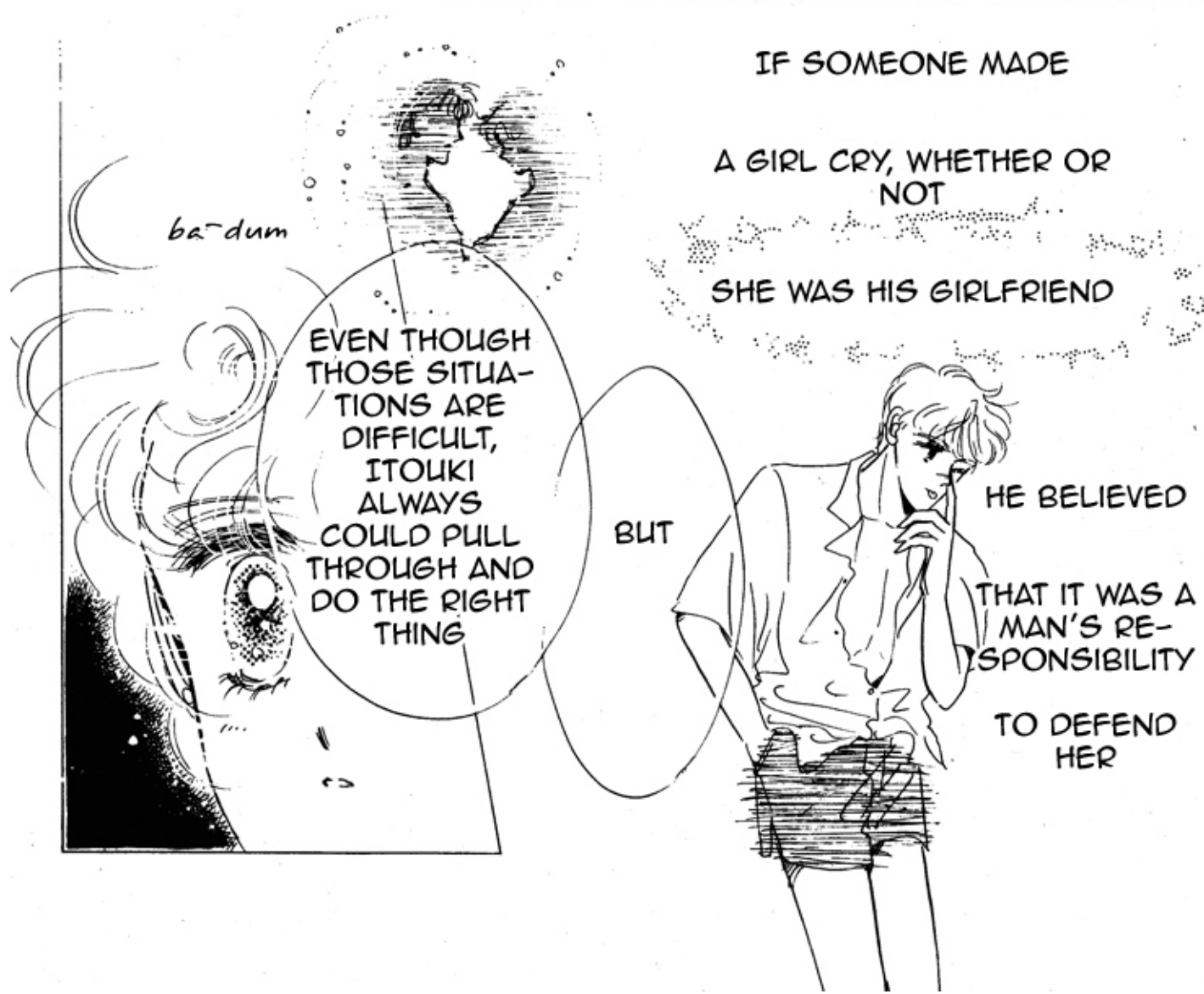


HE'S SO
SMART AND
SUCH A GOOD
PERSON

HE'S
ALMOST
SUPER-
HUMAN

I REALLY
ADMIRE HIM
FOR WHO
HE IS

FOR EXAMPLE



ba-dum

EVEN THOUGH
THOSE SITUA-
TIONS ARE
DIFFICULT,
ITOUKI
ALWAYS
COULD PULL
THROUGH AND
DO THE RIGHT
THING

BUT

IF SOMEONE MADE

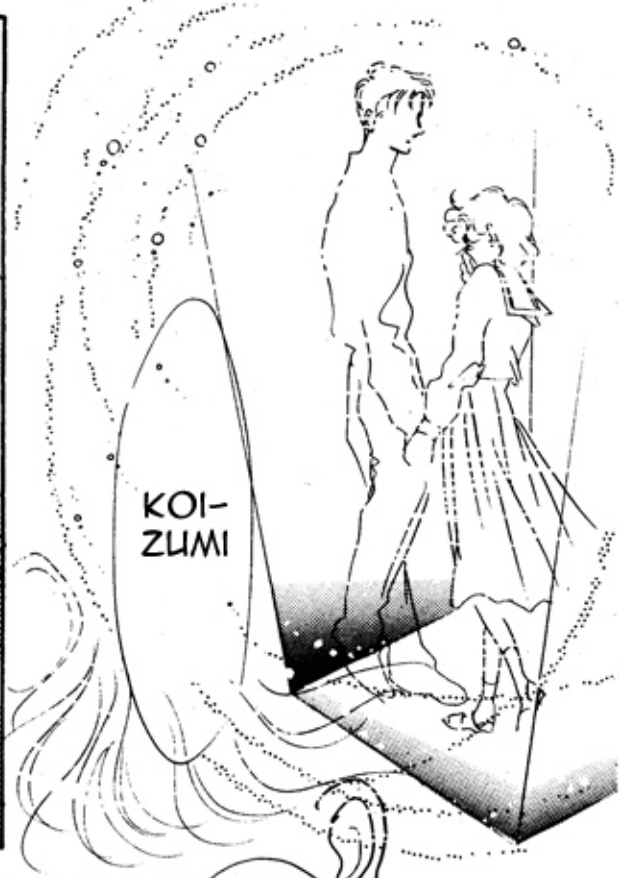
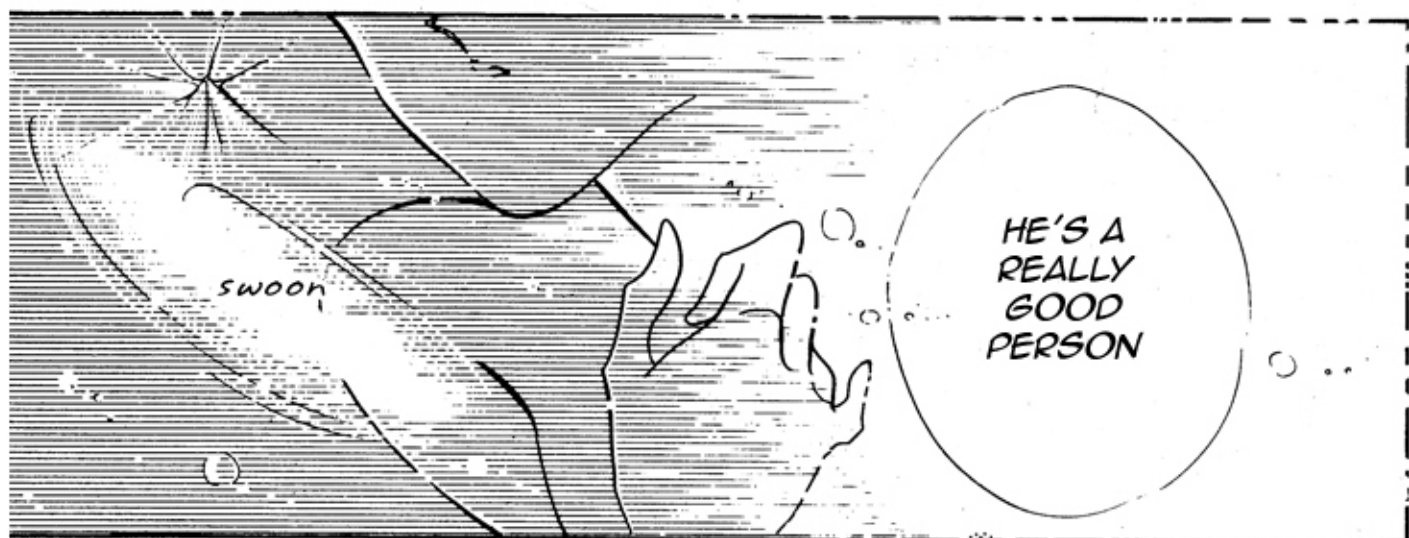
A GIRL CRY, WHETHER OR
NOT

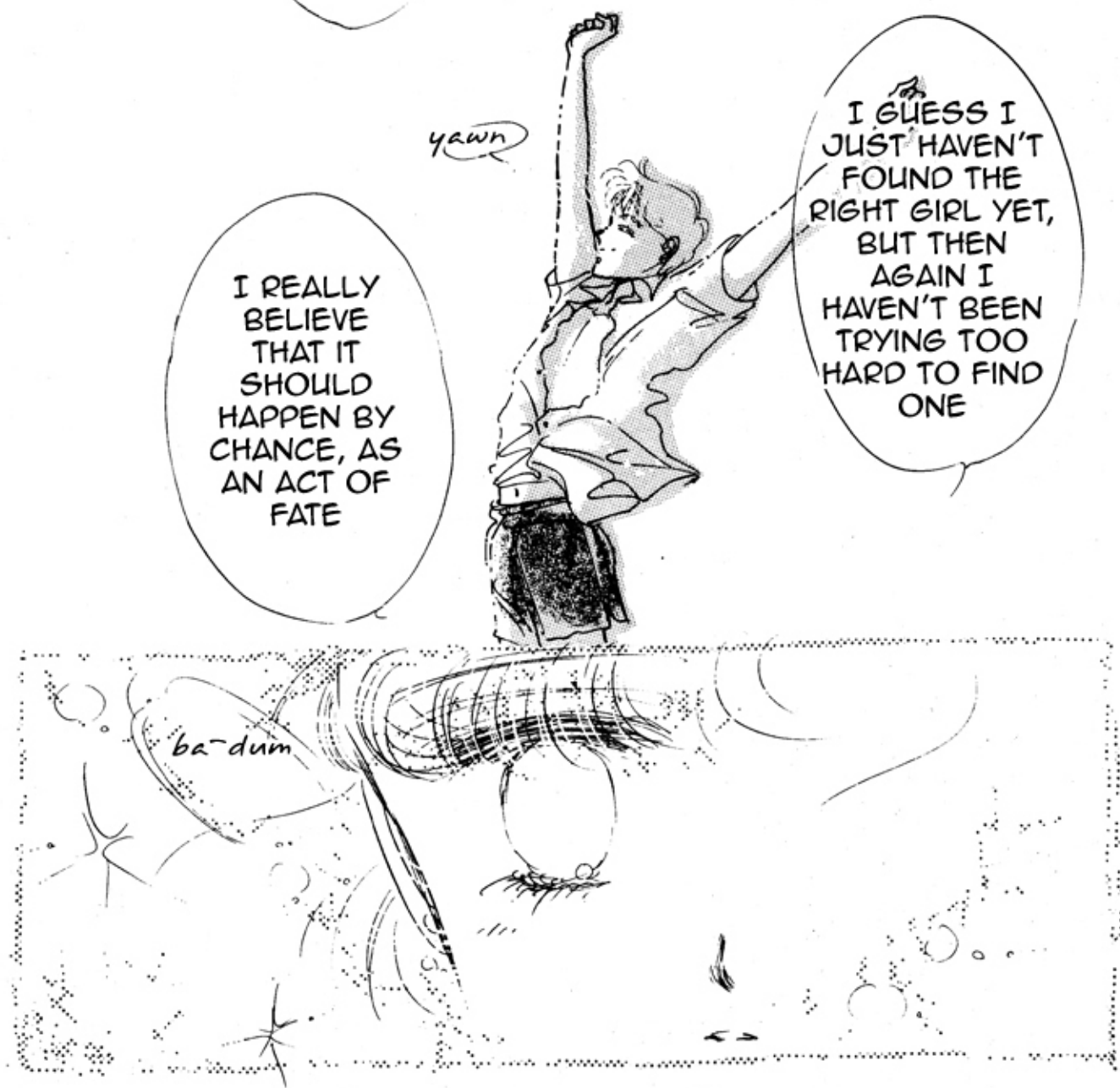
SHE WAS HIS GIRLFRIEND

HE BELIEVED

THAT IT WAS A
MAN'S RE-
SPONSIBILITY

TO DEFEND
HER



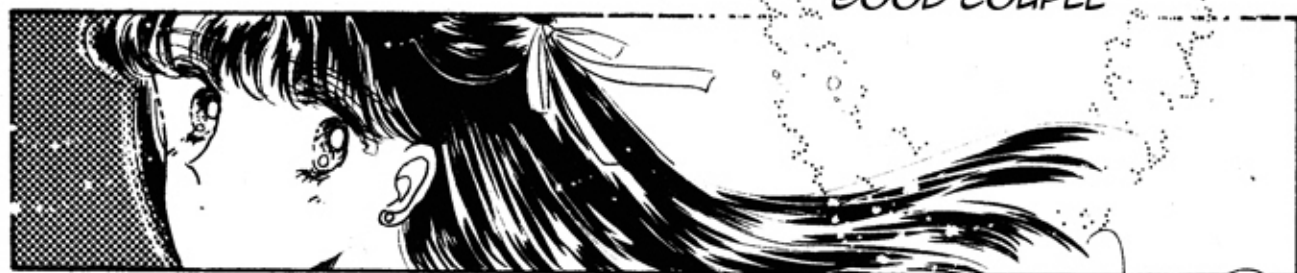




WAS KOI A
HELP TO
YOU? IT
SEEMED
LIKE A
LOT OF
WORK TO
DO ALONE

MARIN,
YOU'RE
OUT
LATE!

THEY'RE A
GOOD COUPLE



I
WILL!

☆
SO WHY
DON'T
YOU
JUST
CHANGE
SCHOOLS
?

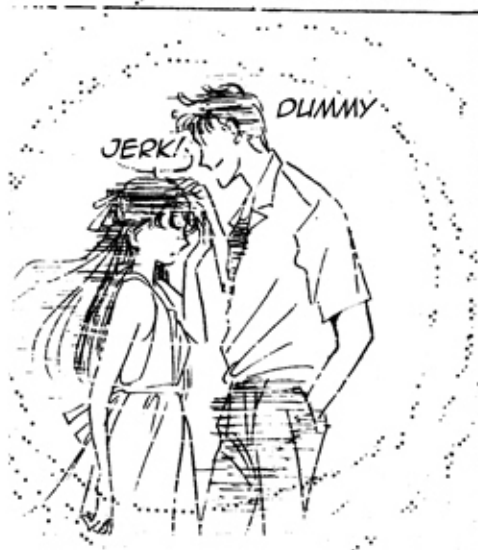


HEY

LET'S GO
HOME WITH-
OUT MARIN,
AS A PUN-
ISHMENT
FOR KEEP-
ING YOU
LATE!



YOU GUYS
HAVE IT SO
GOOD,
GETTING TO
GO TO THE
SAME
SCHOOL
TOGETHER



JERK!

DUMMY





HEY WAIT UP
ITOU!

bonk bonk bonk



GOING
TO
TAKE
THE
STAIRS
AGAIN?

MAYBE
THAT
MEANS



LAST TIME
YOU
WALKED
RIGHT PAST
THE ELEVATOR,
EVEN
THOUGH IT
WAS RAINING
OUTSIDE



HUH?



WE'RE
GOING
HOME
ALONE
TOGETHER?



IS
THAT?

BUT
WHY

LAST
TIME

THEY
JUST
KEPT
GOING
HIGHER
AND
HIGHER

AND

THERE WERE
LONG
STAIRS,
GOING
STRAIGHT
INTO THE SKY

I
HAD
A
REAL
LY

WEIRD
DREAM

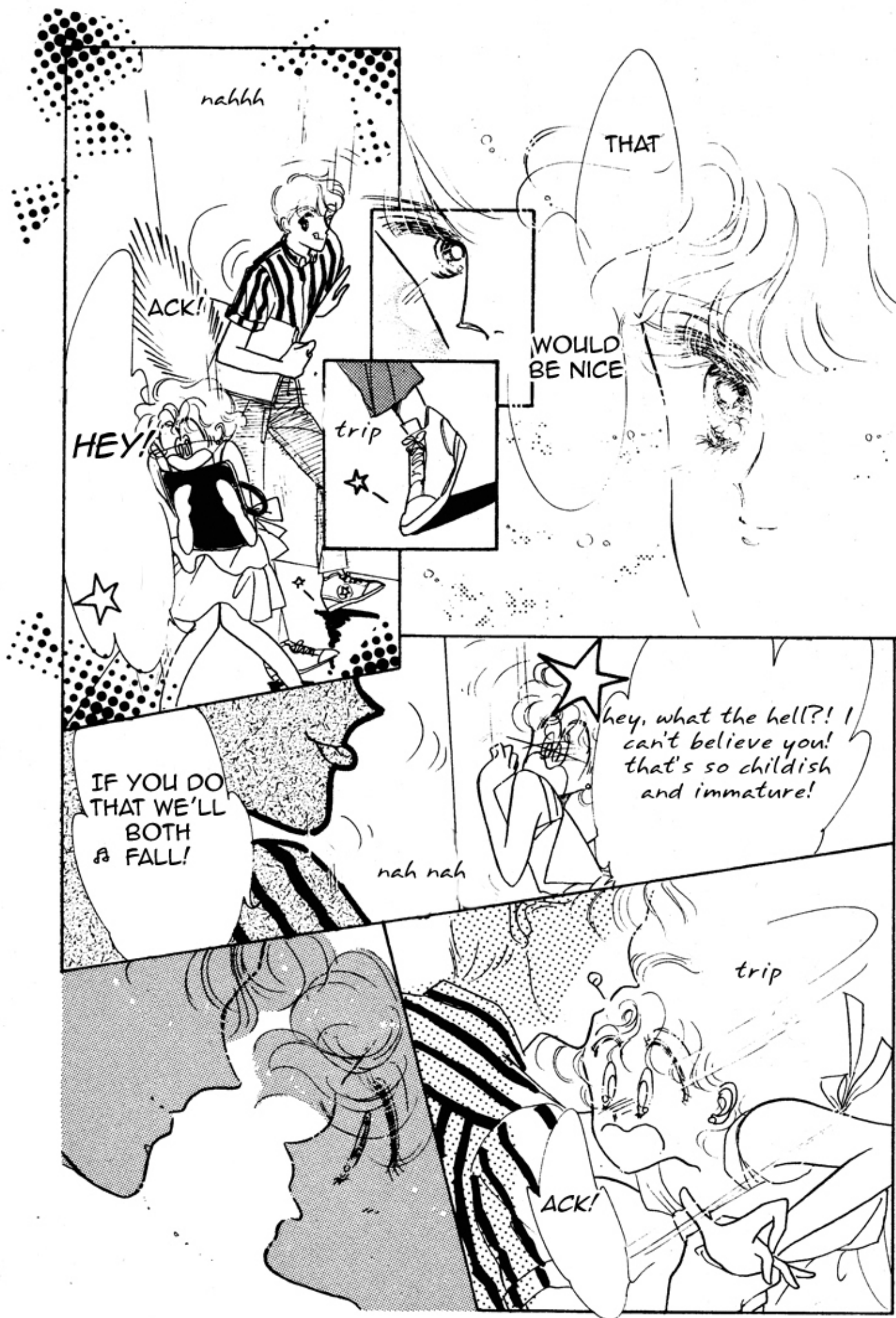
SOME
THING
GOOD
?

SOME-
THING
GOOD
WILL
HAPPEN

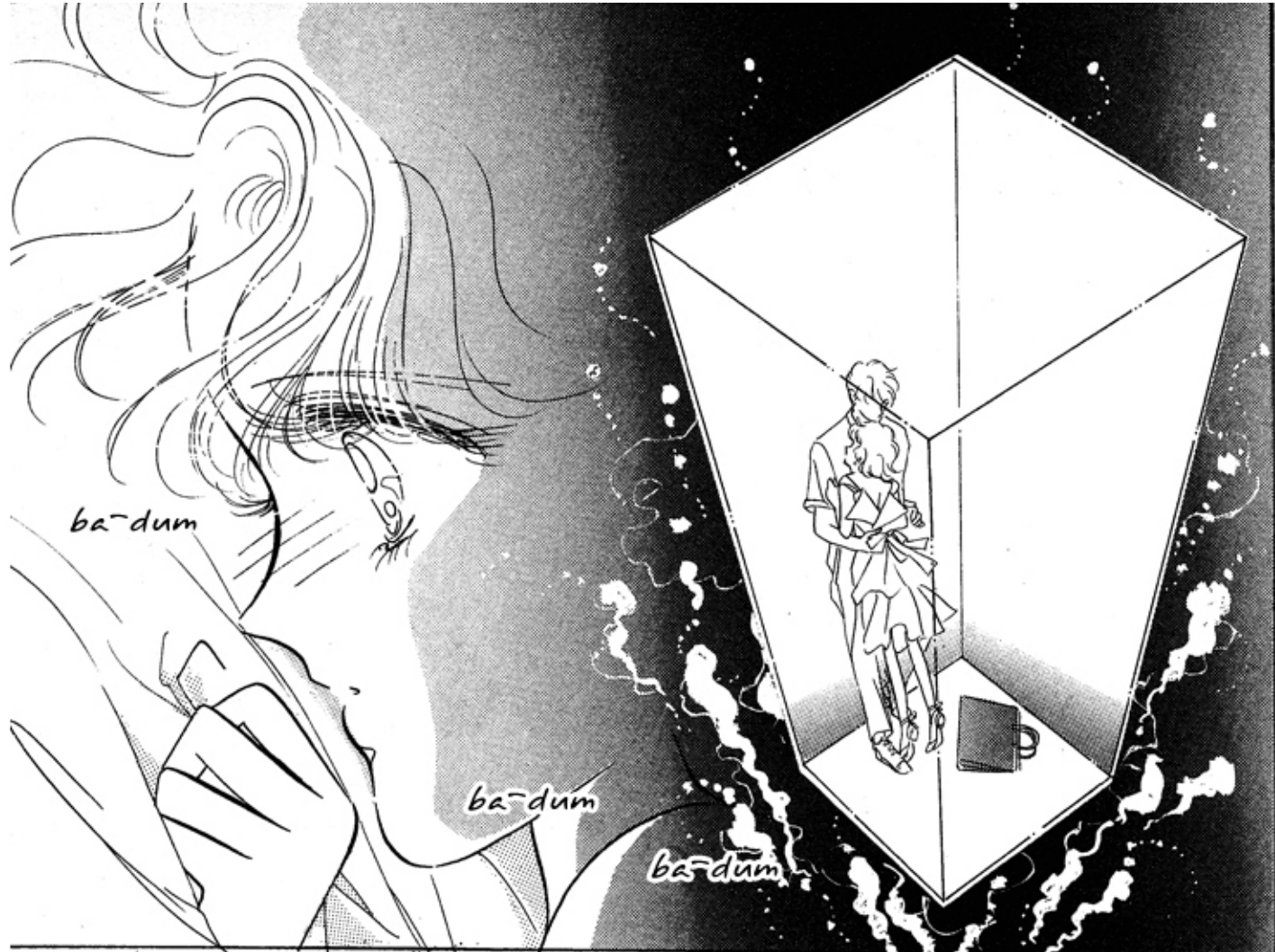
swing

FOR-
EVER

REALLY? WELL
THEN, ALLOW ME
TO INTERPRET
YOUR DREAM FOR
YOU! IT MEANS
THAT

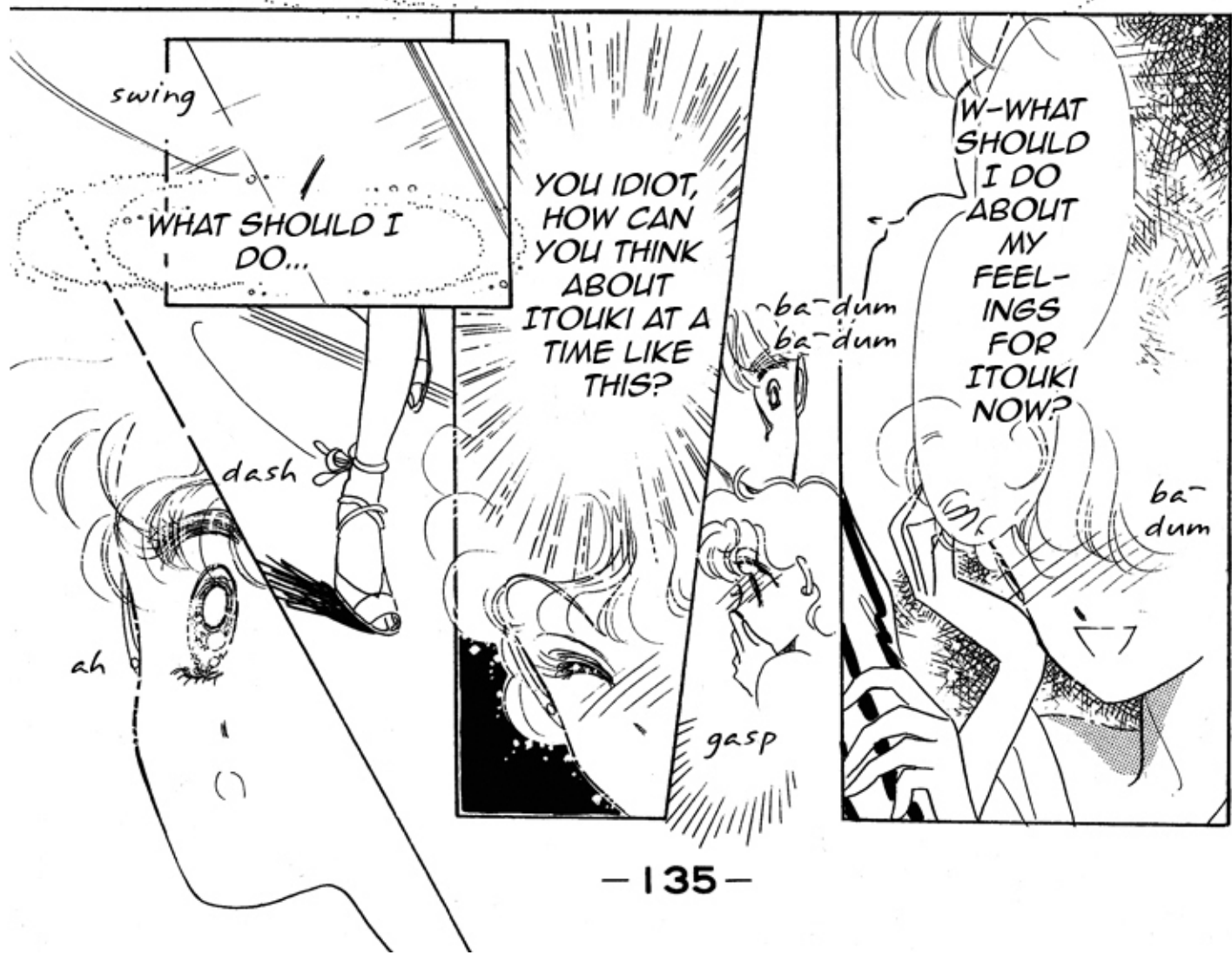


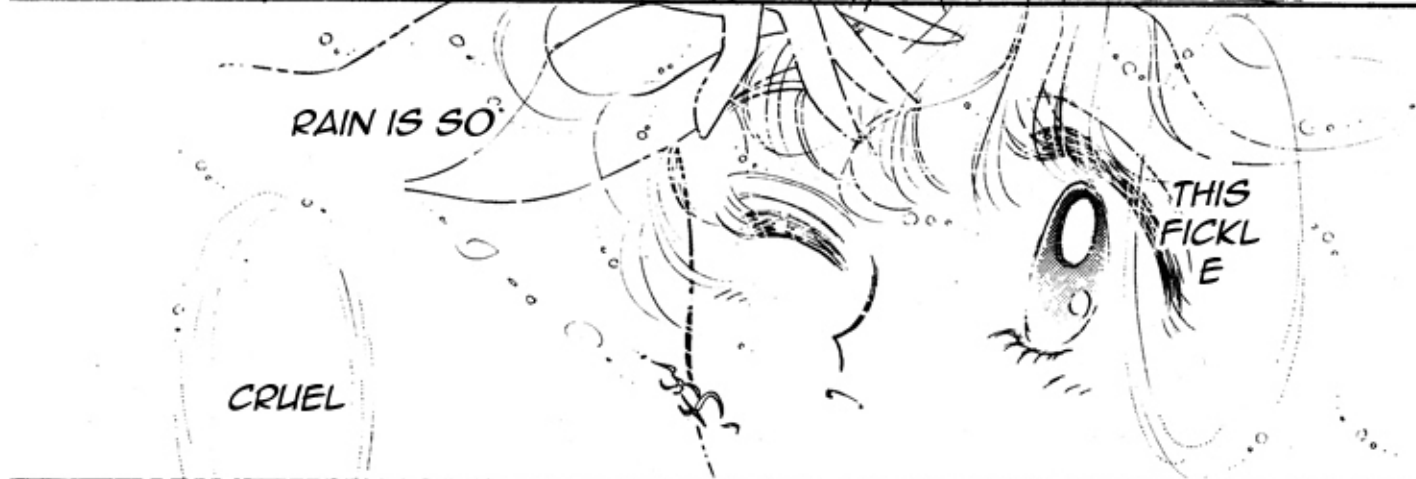
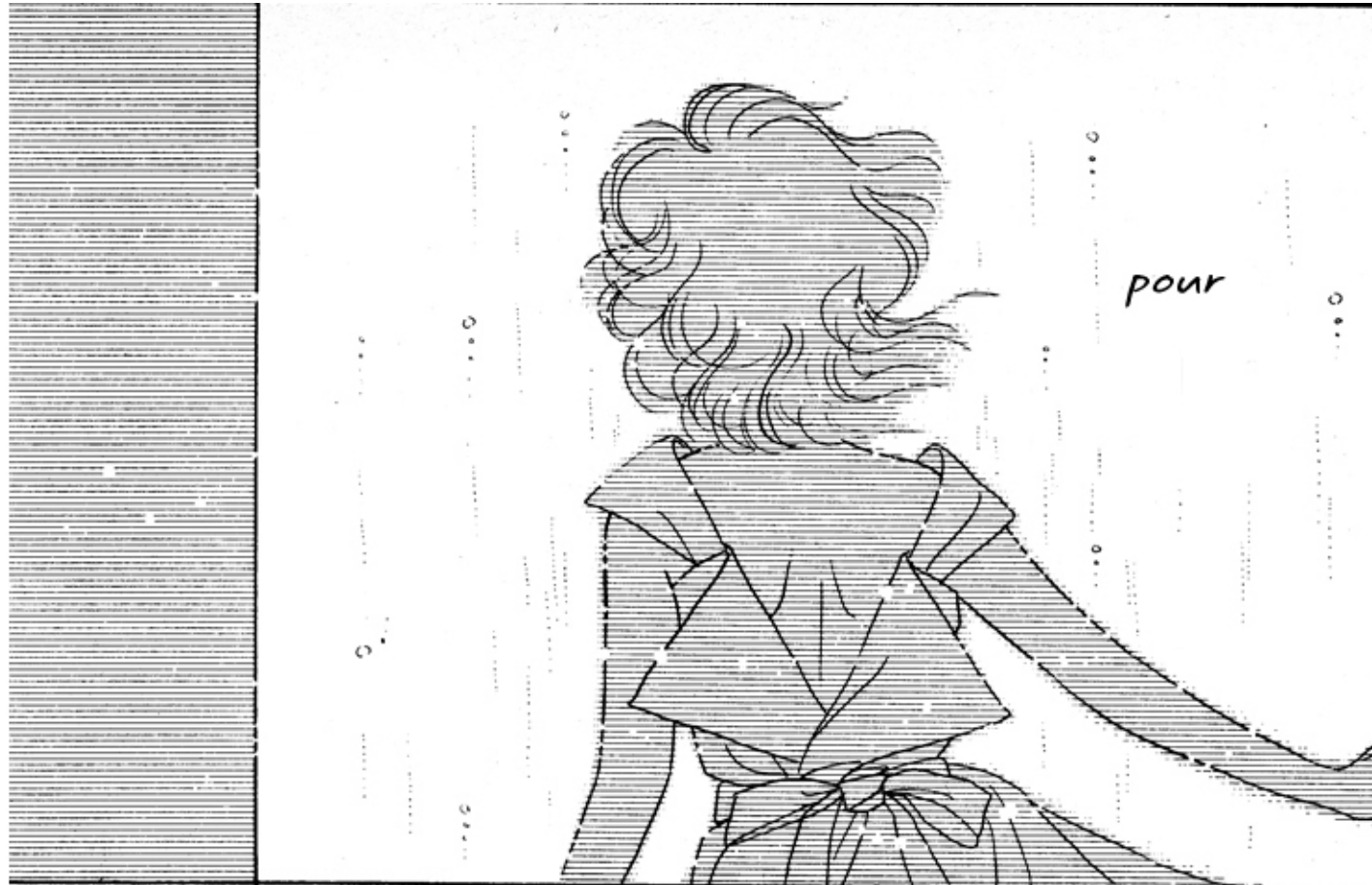




WHAT SHOULD I
DO?

ba-dum





HE LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE
I'VE MET BEFORE



*NOTE: PHRASE USED HERE IS "AMEONNA"; A
WOMAN WHOSE PRESENCE CAUSES RAIN — 136 —

MY HEART BEAT

IS WONDERING: IS
THIS IT?

WHENEVER IT KNOWS
THE TRUTH



IT POUNDS

COULD THIS BE
THE RIGHT THING?

THIS

RAIN
REALLY
IS

FICKLE

AUGUST



IT
FEELS
LIKE
IT'S



CARRYING ME
AWAY





MAYBE WE'LL
GET A CHANCE
TO GET THEM
TOGETHER AT
THE BEACH



HEY...DOESN'T IT
SEEM LIKE MARIN
AND KOIZUMI HAVE A
CRUSH ON EACH
OTHER?

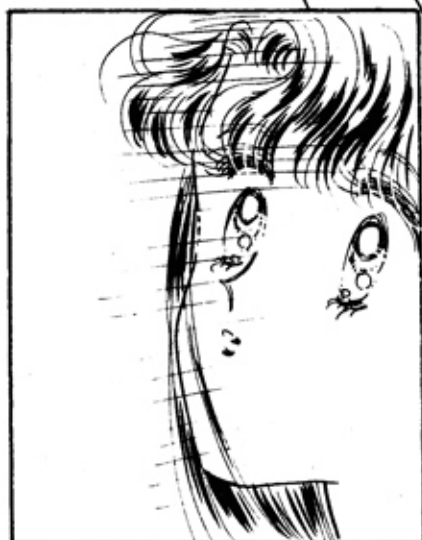


MAYBE
THOSE
TWO AL-
READY
WALKED
HOME TO-
GETHER



BUT IF THAT'S NOT THE
CASE, THEN I THINK IT'D
BE BEST FOR MARIN TO
FIND HERSELF A NICE
BOY, A REALLY GOOD
PERSON. SHE SHOULD
HAVE HIGHER STAND-
ARDS

I GUESS IF
THEY BOTH
REALLY LIKE
EACH
OTHER,
THAT'S FINE

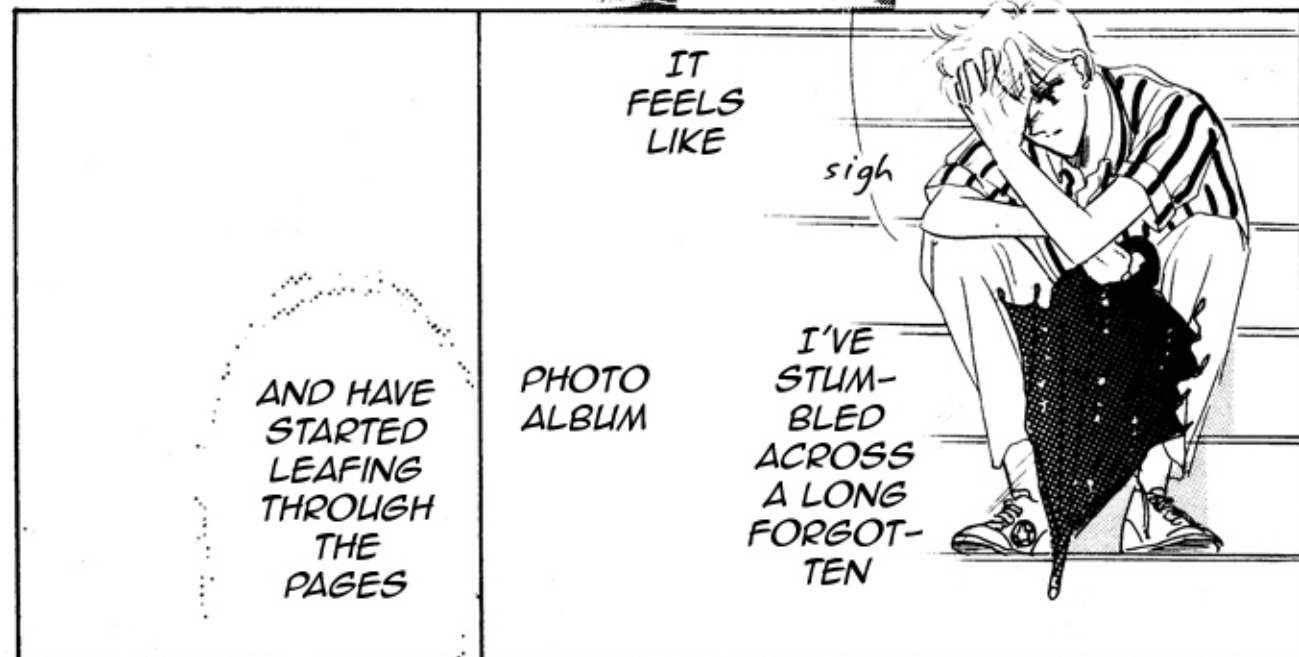
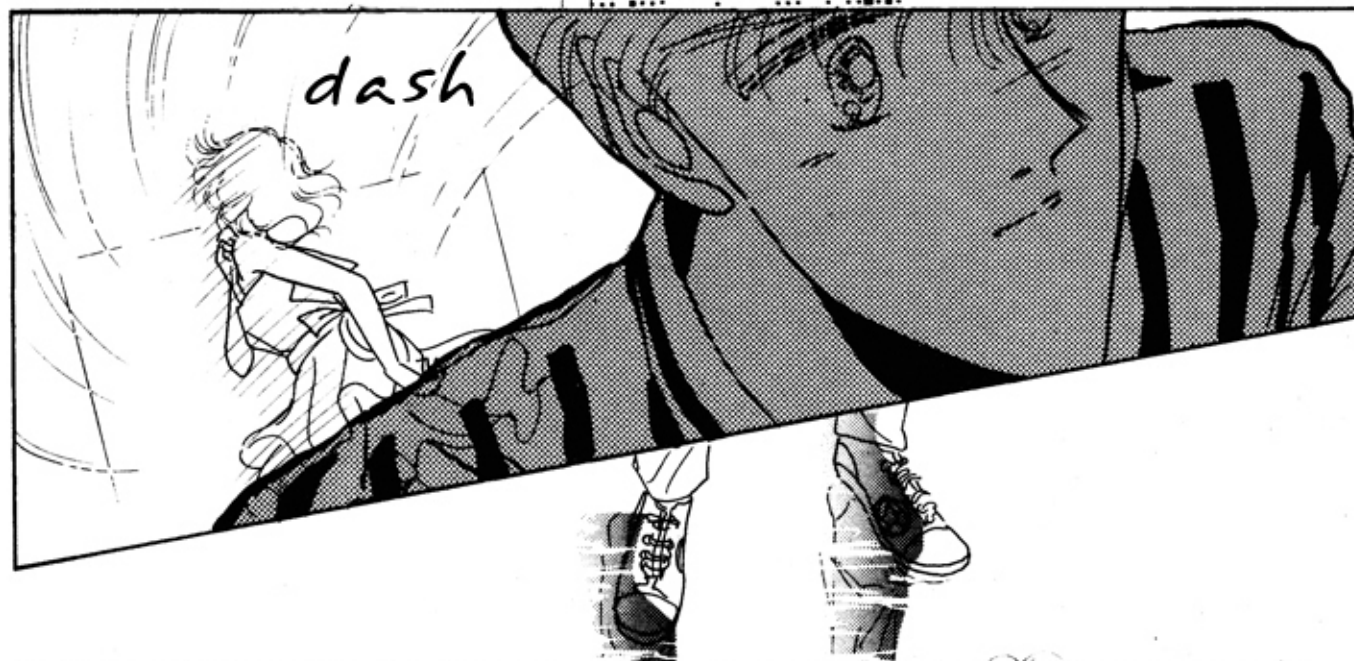
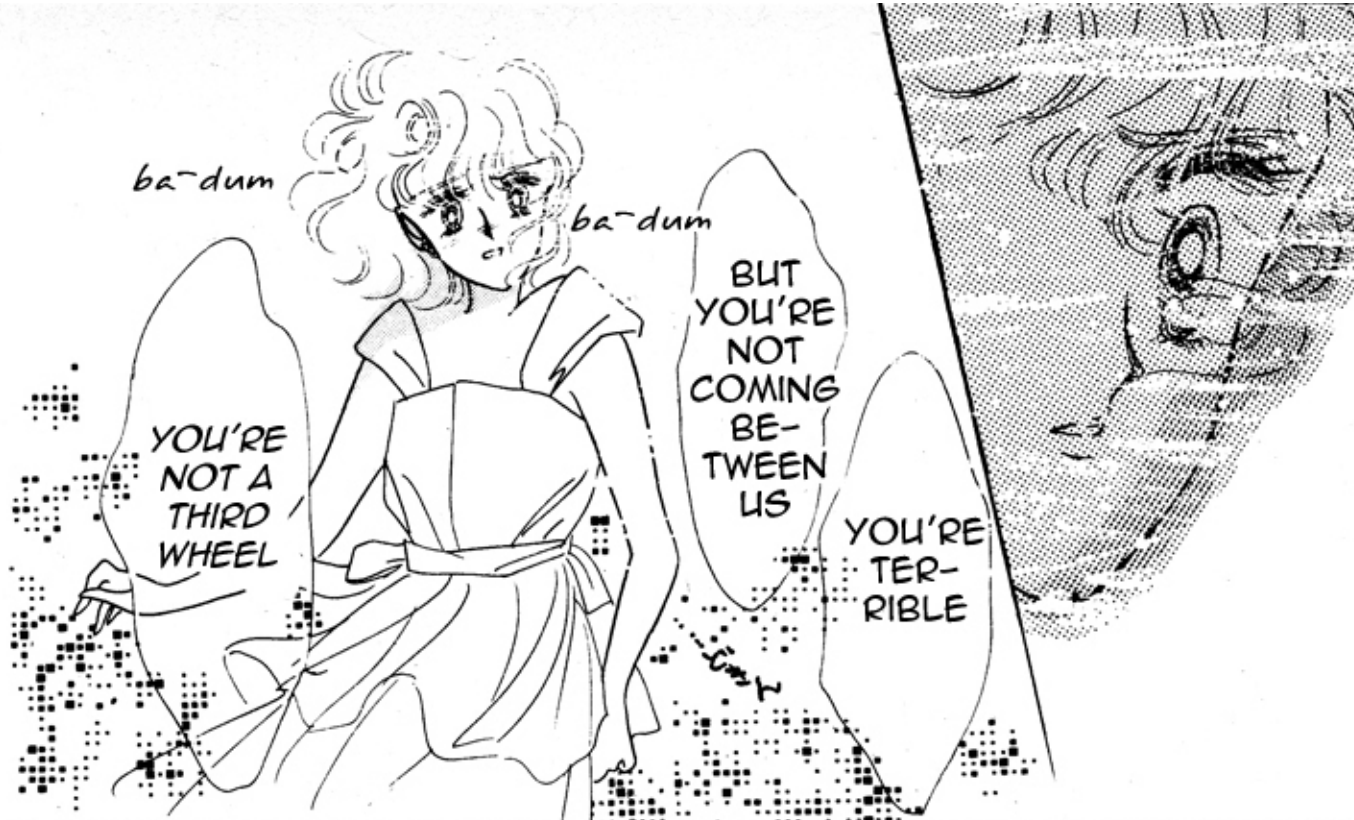


IT'LL
BE
OKAY

DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL KEEP
AN EYE ON
HER













MARIN,
IS THERE
SOMEONE
THAT YOU

LIKE?

giggle

HAIJI SAID
THE SAME
THING



REALLY
KNOW

I
DON'T

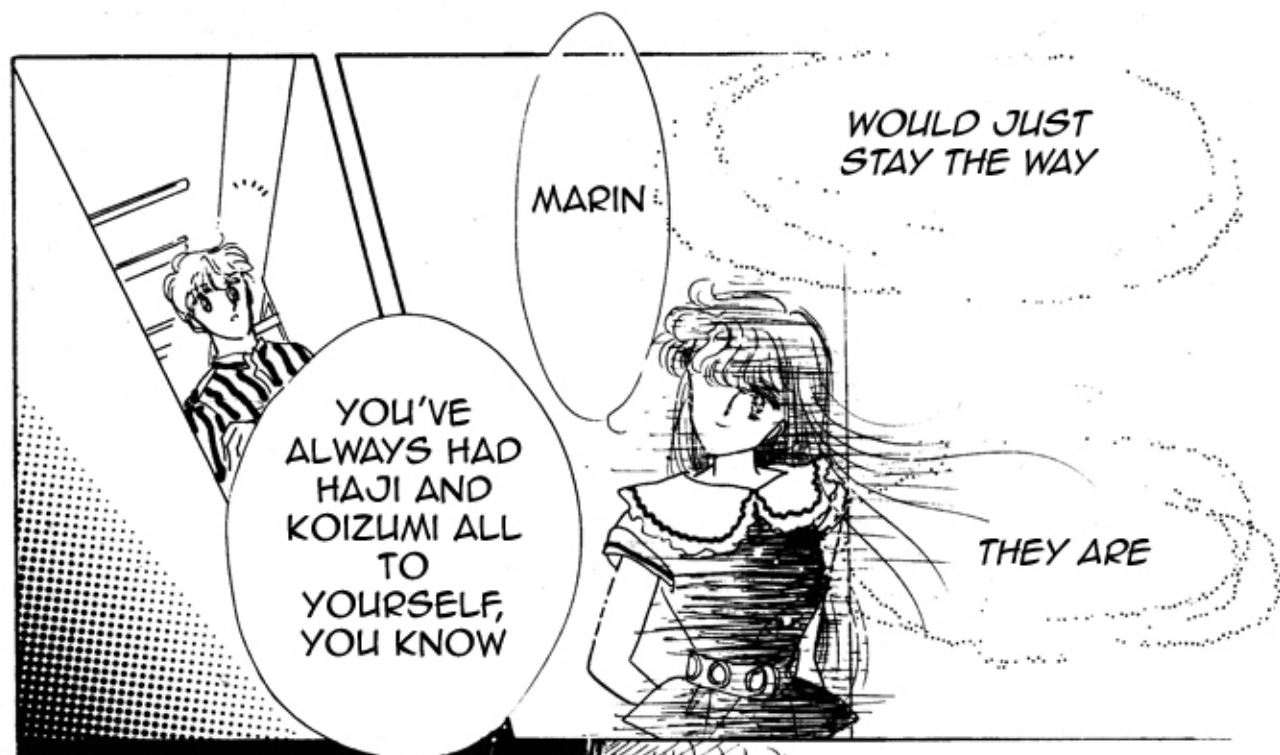
WHY DO
PEOPLE
ALWAYS
NEED TO
GET
TOGETHER
?

WHY ARE
WE
FORCED
TO
DECIDE
TO GO
STEADY

TO DECIDE
IF WE LIKE
SOMEONE
OR NOT

swoosh
I DONT
UNDER
STAND

I WISH EVERYTHING



MARIN

WOULD JUST
STAY THE WAY

YOU'VE
ALWAYS HAD
HAJI AND
KOIZUMI ALL
TO
YOURSELF,
YOU KNOW

THEY ARE



WHEN THE THREE OF US
WERE STILL THE
MUSKETEERS, I USED TO
WORRY THAT HAJI WAS
REALLY ONLY
INTERESTED IN YOU, IT
MADE ME REALLY
UNCOMFORTABLE

IT'S
STRANGE, I'M
SORRY

WHAT?
AYA



BUT NOW
YOU'VE
GOTTA
MAKE A
CHOICE

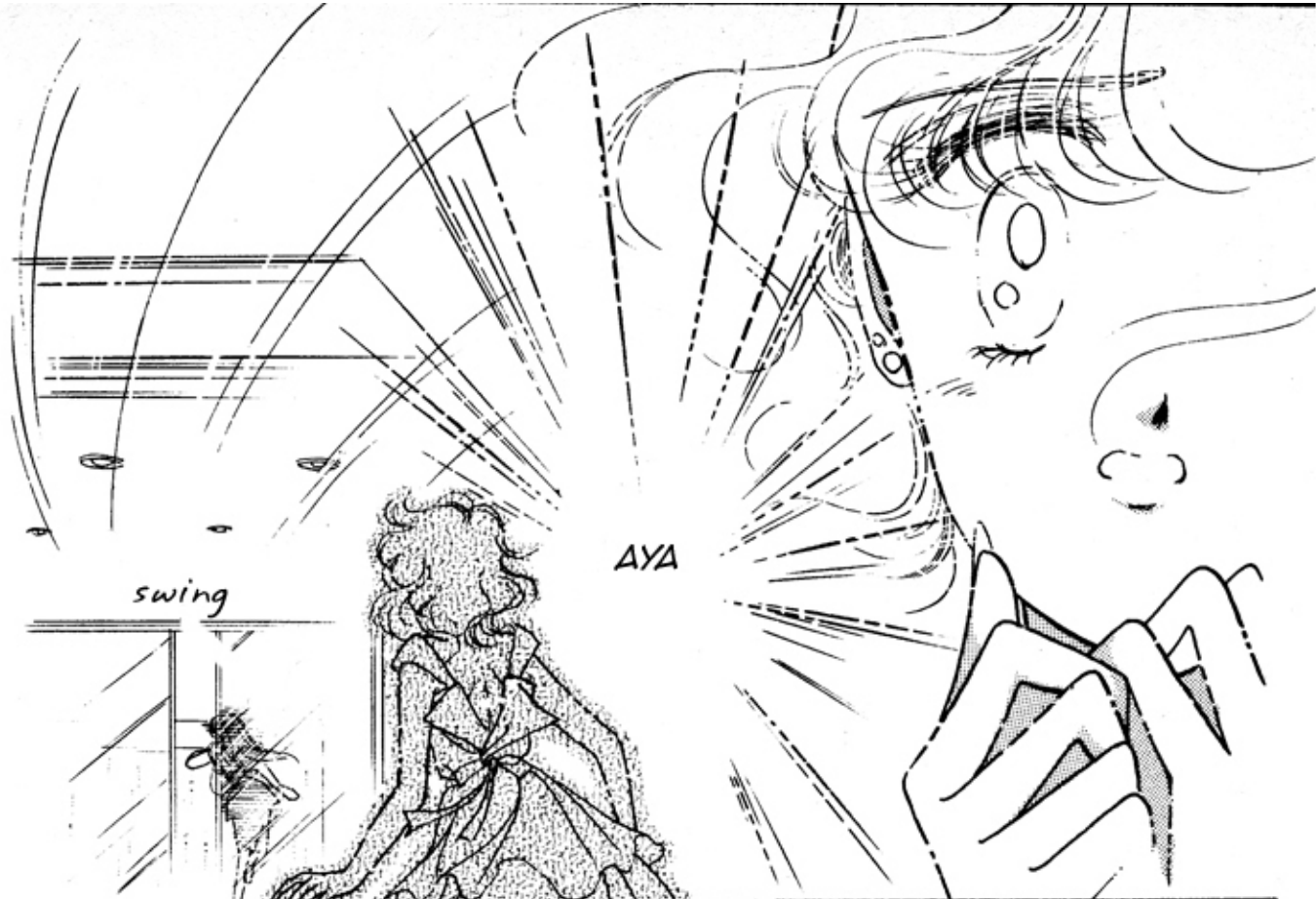
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN THE SAME.
YOU AND HE SEEM
TO UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER THE
MOST, AND GET TO
SPEND THE MOST
TIME TOGETHER



DO YOU
LIKE
KOIZUMI?
OR HAJI?

MARIN, I
BELIEVE THAT A
MUCH GREATER
PART OF YOU
HOLDS
FEELINGS FOR
HAJI...

AYA?!



WHAT?

THAT
MAYBE

FOR
THE
OCEAN
TRIP

I THINK
IT MIGHT
BE
BETTER
IF I SAT
THIS
TRIP
OUT

THAT'S
WHAT
I'VE
DECIDED
...

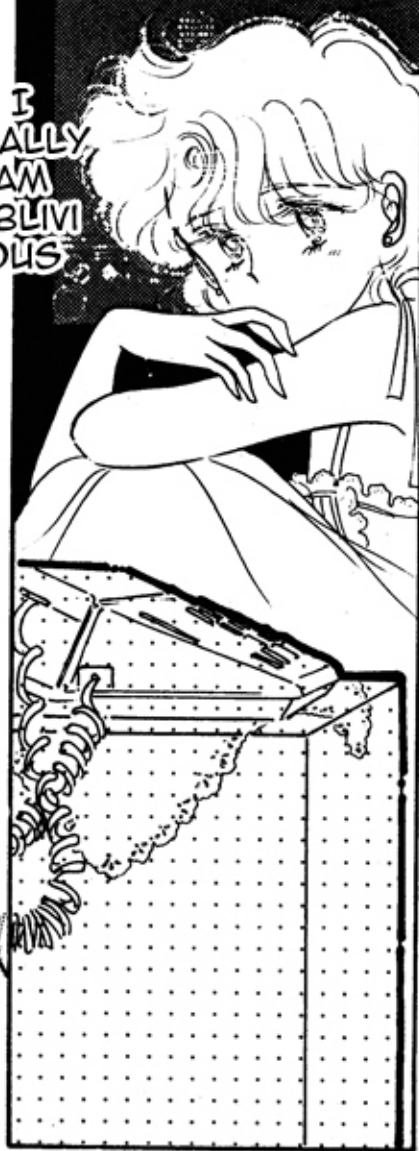
MARIN

LET'S GO
SHOPPING FOR
OUR OCEAN
TRIP!

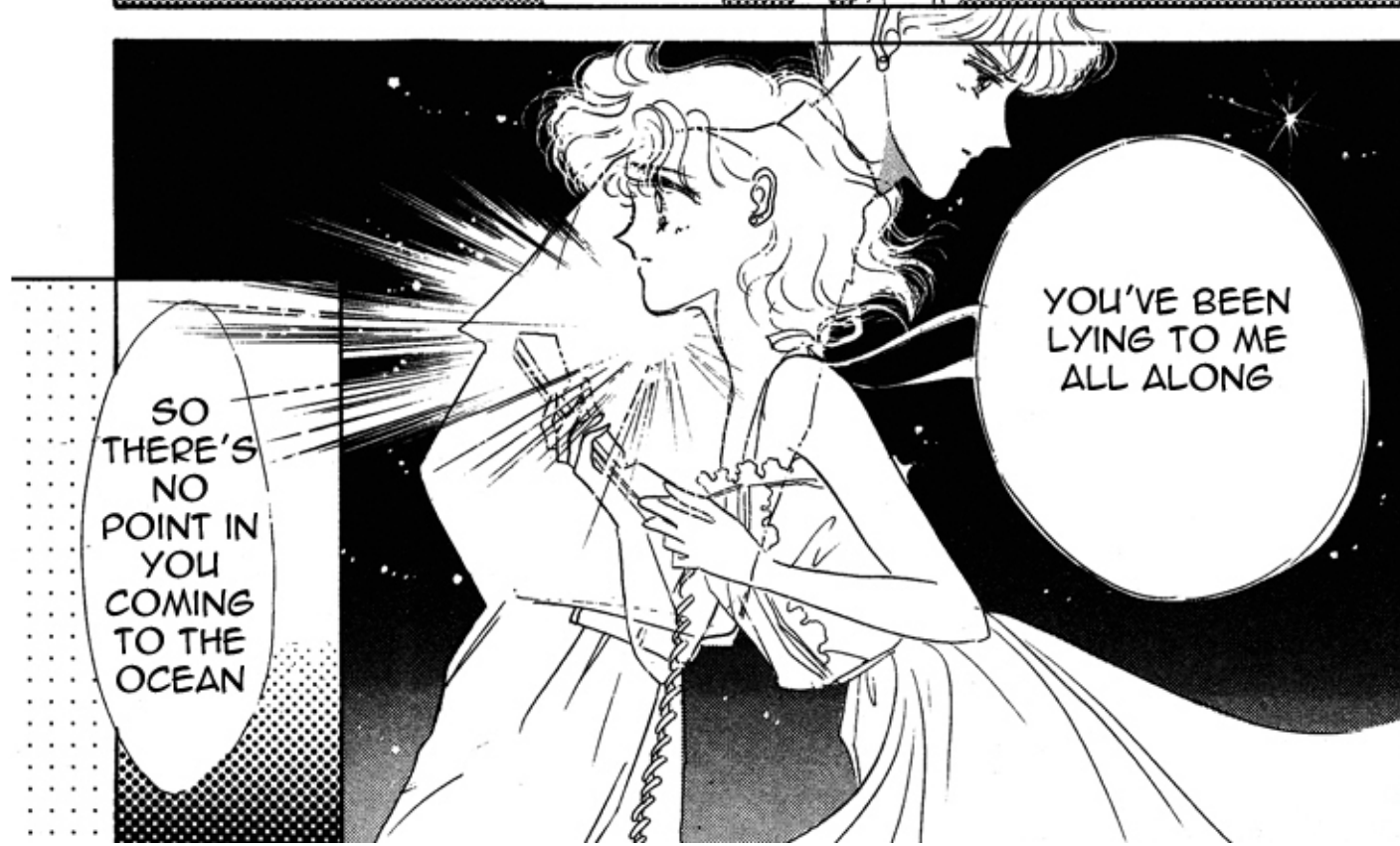
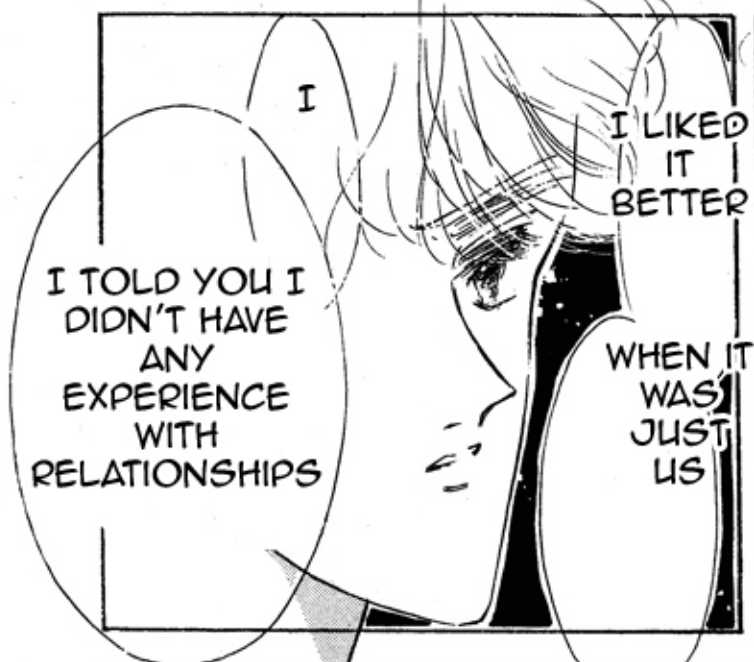
MAYBE IT'D
BE BEST IF
YOU WENT
ON THE
OCEAN TRIP
INSTEAD OF
ME,
KOIZUMI?

I THINK

I
REALLY
AM
OBLIVI
OUS









JUST ONE
MORE
WEEK
OF
THIS

JUST ONE
MORE
SEMESTER
TO PUT UP
WITH

HE KNEW
THAT I LIKED
ITOUKI ALL
ALONG? BUT
HOW DID HE
FIND OUT...



gasp

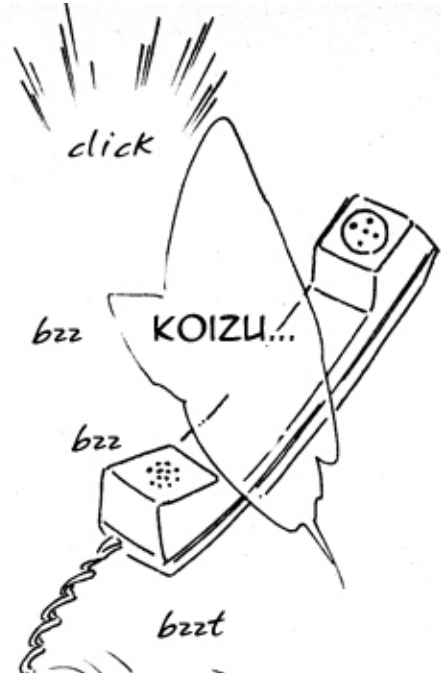
pat

ding



WHAT'S
GOING ON
WITH YOU?
YOU DIDN'T
SHOW UP AT
CRAM
SCHOOL OR
AT SWIM
CLUB

dong



click

bzz

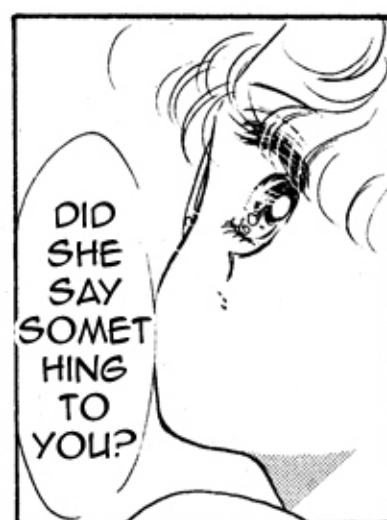
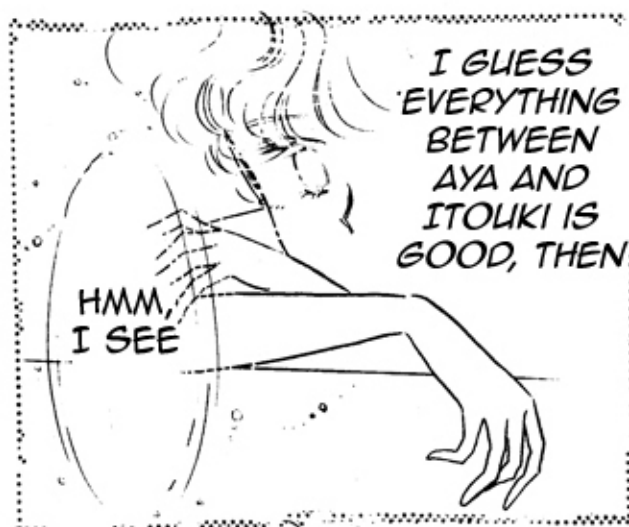
KOIZU...

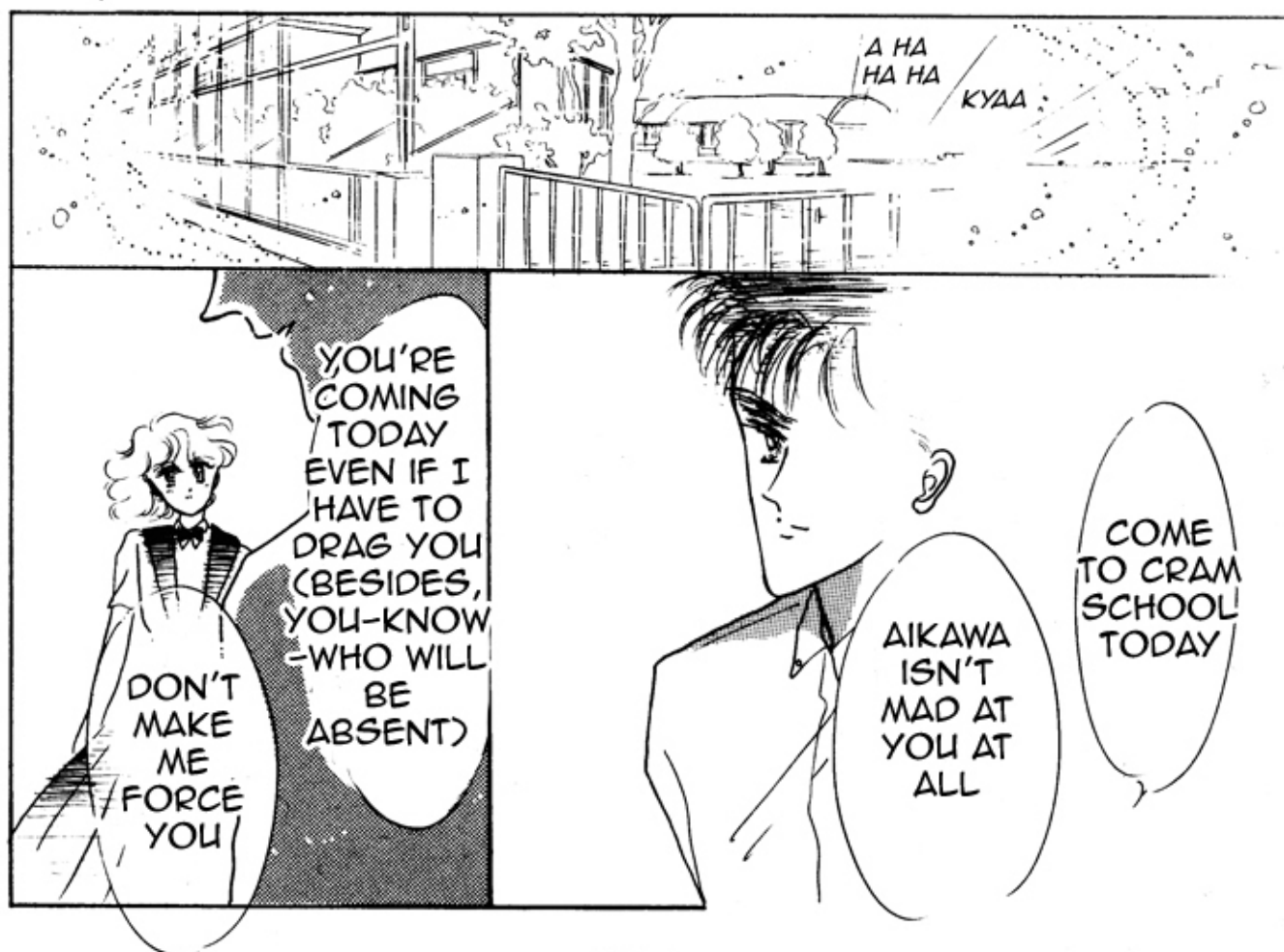
bzz

bzzt

AH...

KOIZUMI
KNEW
ABOUT
THIS?!







I THOUGHT
YOU'D BE
UPSET IF I
TOLD YOU I
WASNT
COMING ON
THE OCEAN
TRIP

ITOLUKI,
YOU'RE
SUCH A
NICE
GUY

SO, HE
DOESN'T
WANT TO

SEE ME
EITHER

THESE GUYS WERE
SIMILAR

I COULD THINK

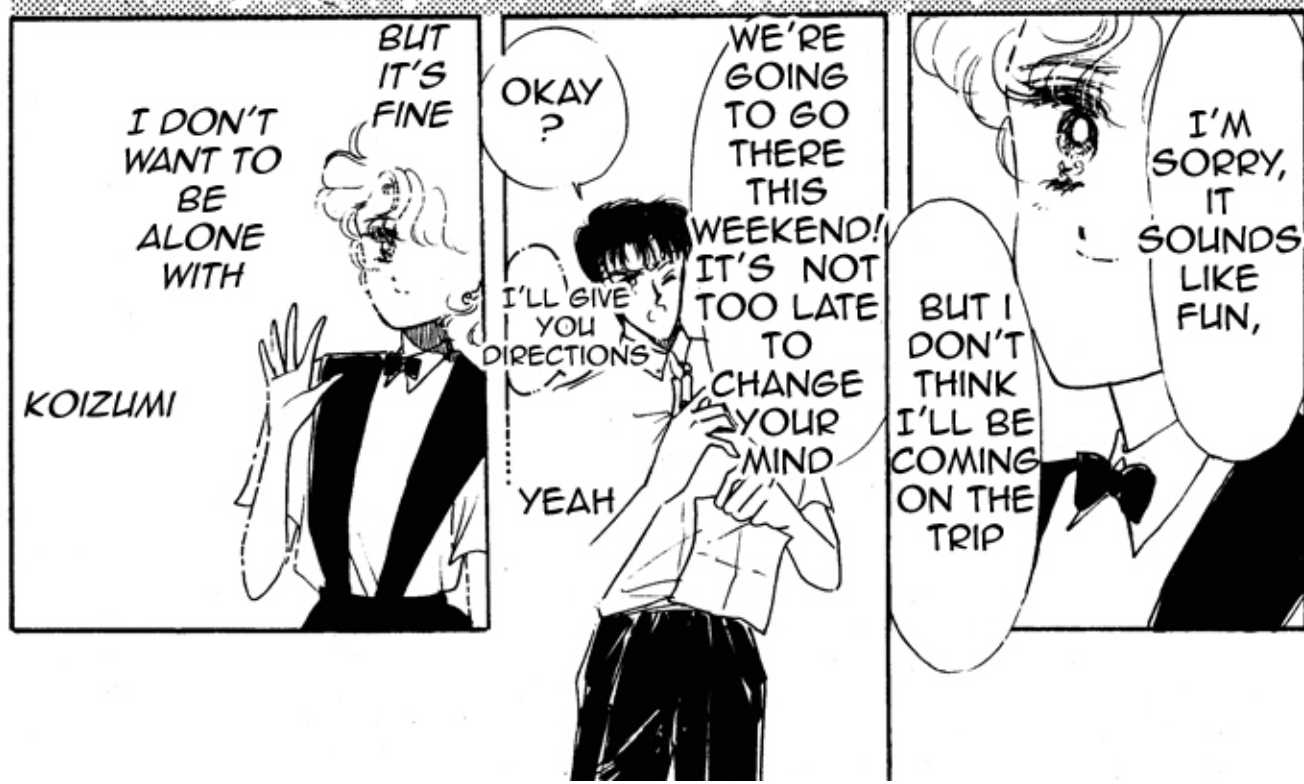
I DON'T KNOW
HOW



KYAAA!

OKAY! SO,
ARE YOU
GOING TO
COME ON THE
OCEAN TRIP
WITH US
NOW?!

KOIZUMI AND ITOLUKI ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT



I DON'T
WANT TO
BE
ALONE
WITH

KOIZUMI

BUT
IT'S
FINE

OKAY
?

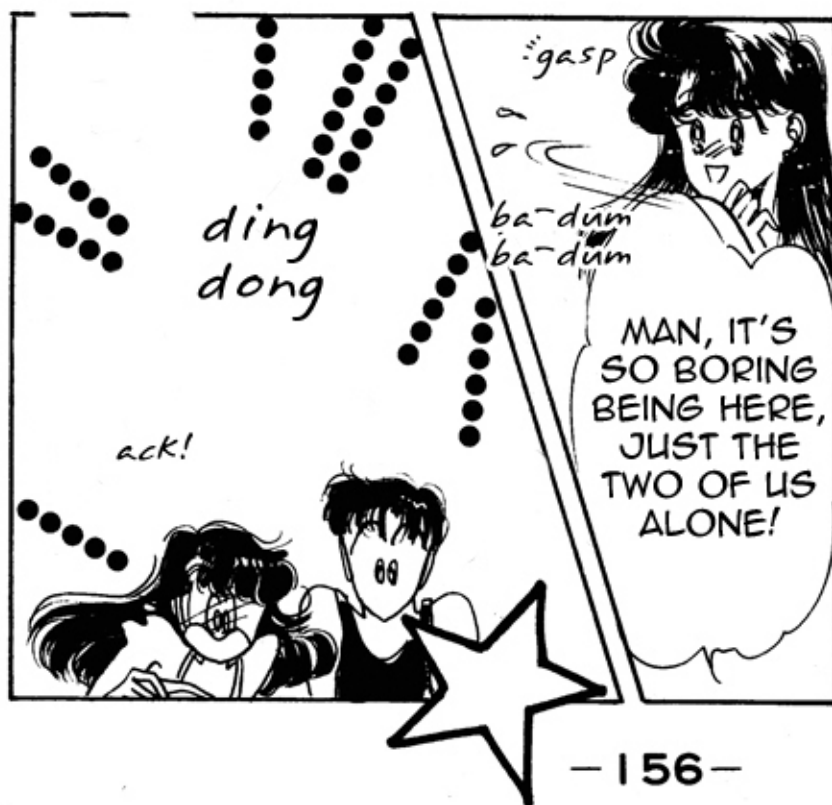
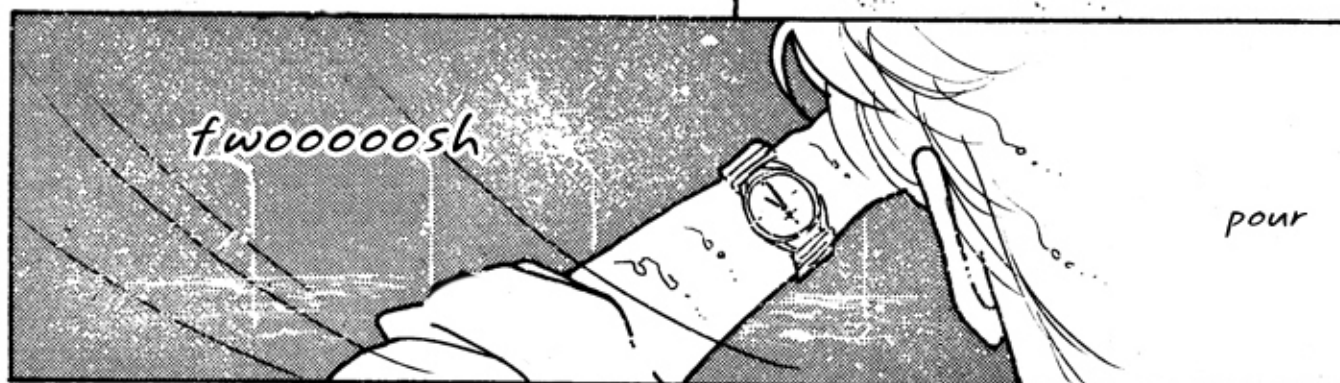
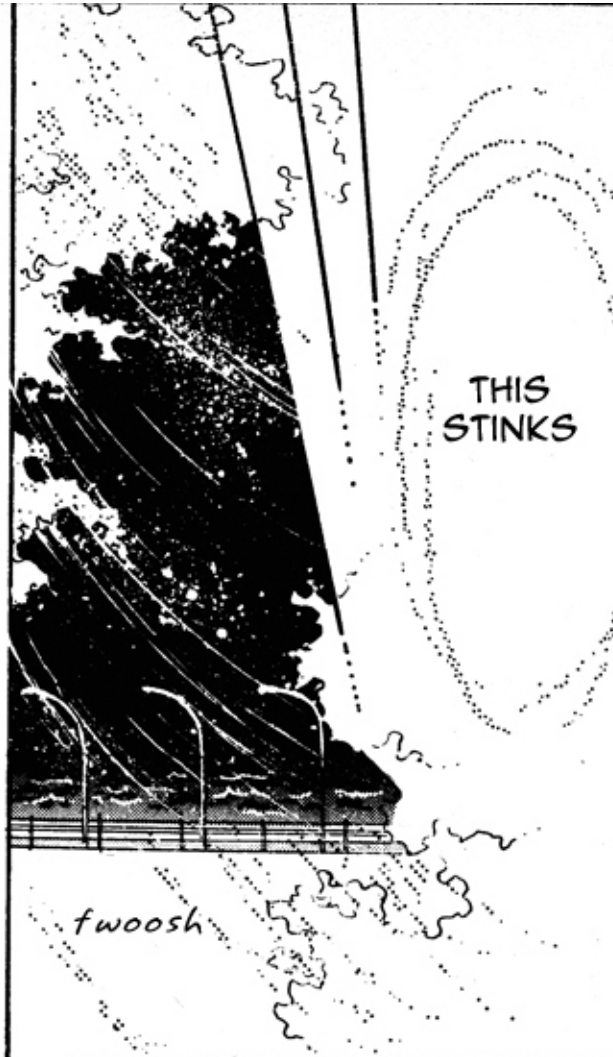
I'LL GIVE
YOU
DIRECTIONS

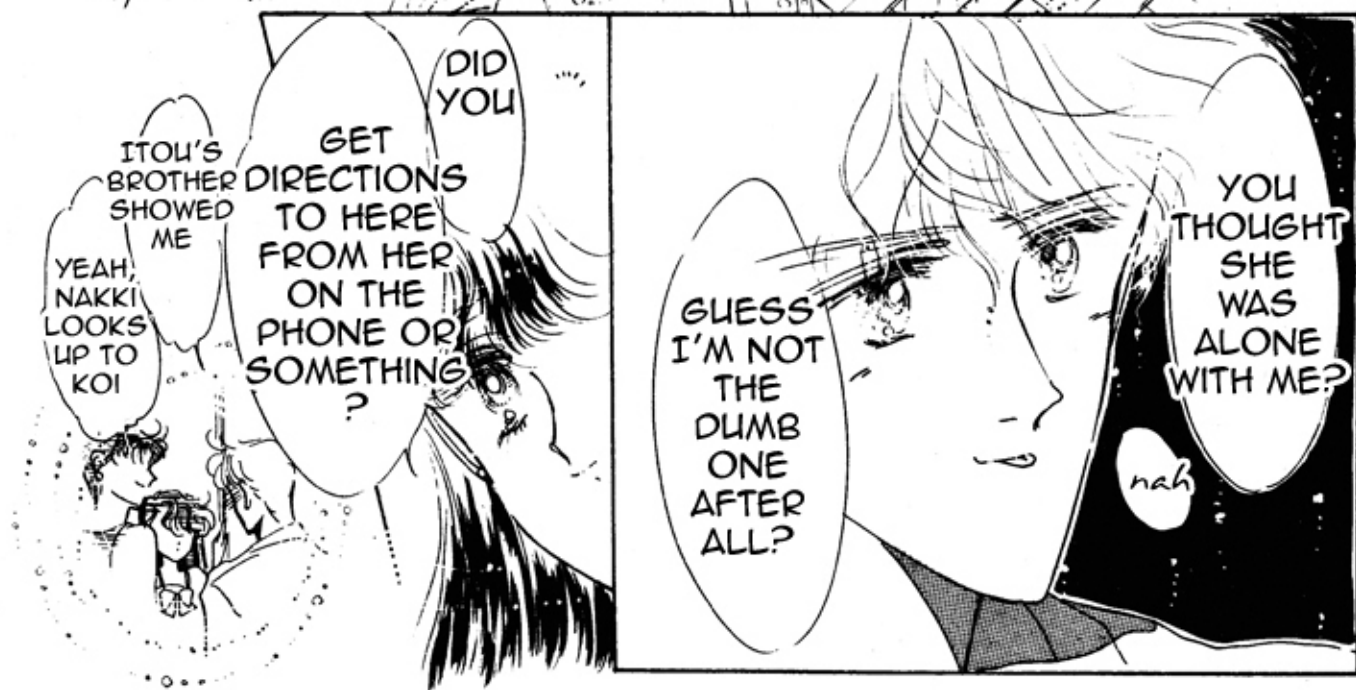
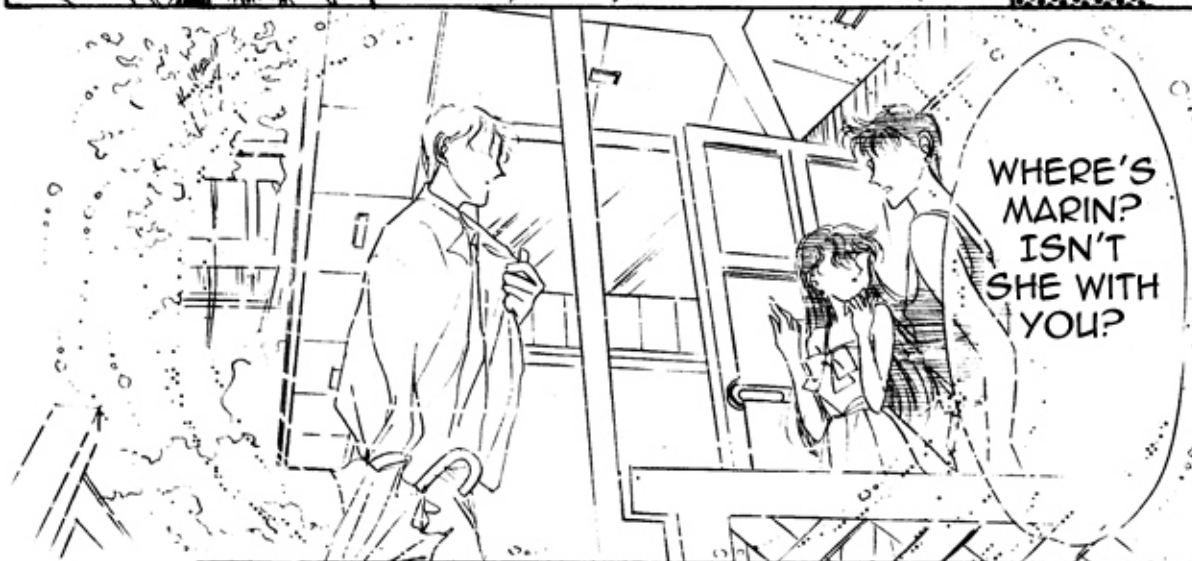
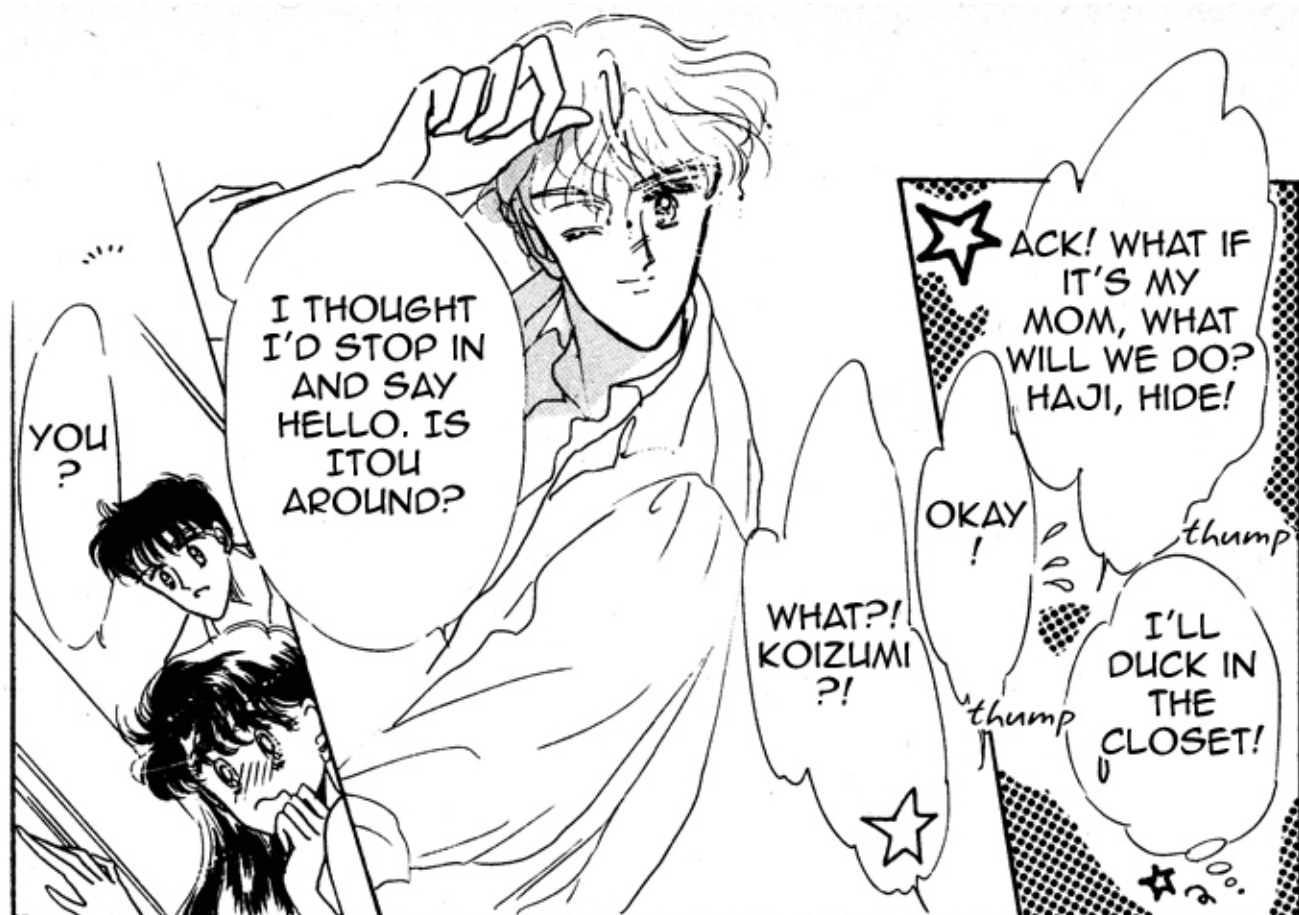
YEAH

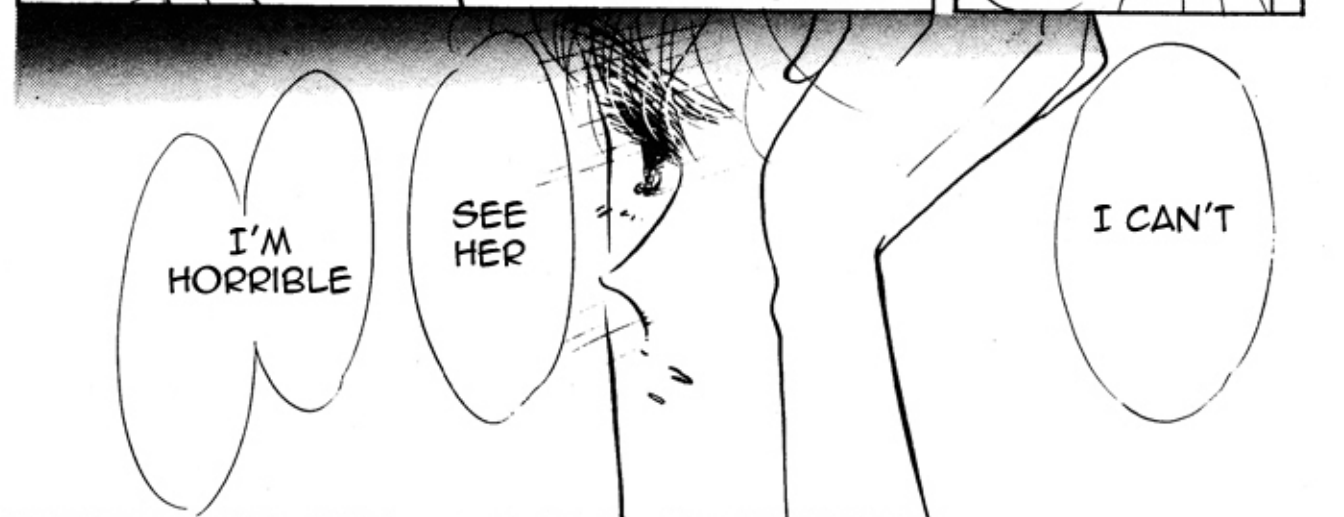
WE'RE
GOING
TO GO
THERE
THIS
WEEKEND!
IT'S NOT
TOO LATE
TO
CHANGE
YOUR
MIND

I'M
SORRY,
IT
SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN,

BUT I
DON'T
THINK
I'LL BE
COMING
ON THE
TRIP







I

BECAUSE
UNTIL THEN, I
CAN ONLY
LAUGH ABOUT
WHAT MY TRUE
INTENTIONS
ARE

I WISH I COULD

BE AN ADULT ALREADY



FOR THE
GIRL I
LOVE

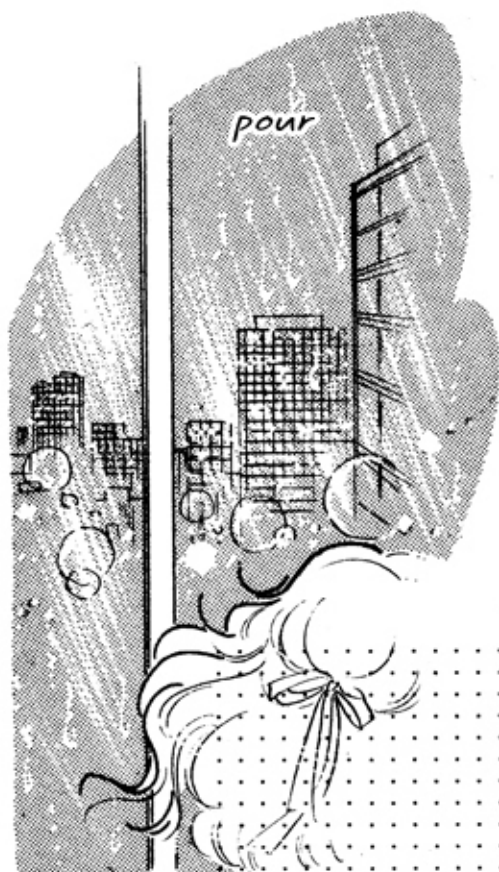
THE ONE I'M
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT...

Yurika Thanks

I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT
MARIN WAS
SO
SERIOUS
ABOUT HAJI
LIKE THIS

I

gulp



I HAVE
HURT
MARIN



DO
YOU
THINK
SHE'S
MAD

YEAH



HA HA
HA
NO WAY

YOU'RE
SO
MEAN!
HAJIII!



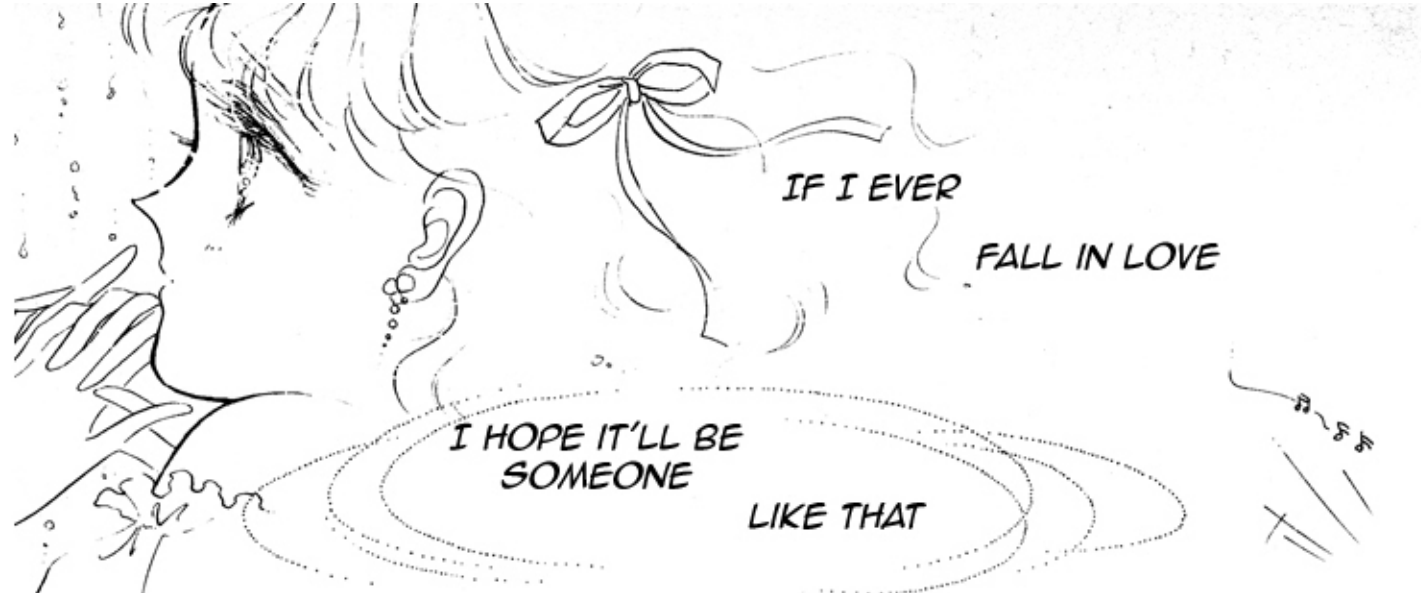
YEAH

AND NOW FOR THE
WEATHER FORECAST: A
TYPHOON IS PREDICTED
TO...



I BET
THOSE
TWO ARE
AT THE
OCEAN BY
NOW

HA HA
HA

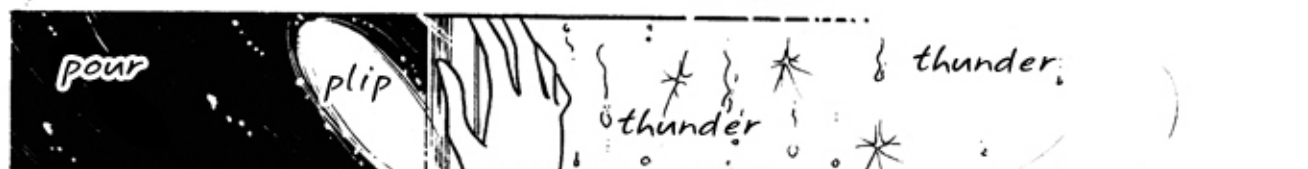


IF I EVER

FALL IN LOVE

I HOPE IT'LL BE
SOMEONE

LIKE THAT



pour

plip

thunder

thunder

UNTIL NOW,

I GUESS I JUST
HADN'T FOUND THE
RIGHT ONE



UNTIL NOW

ba-dum

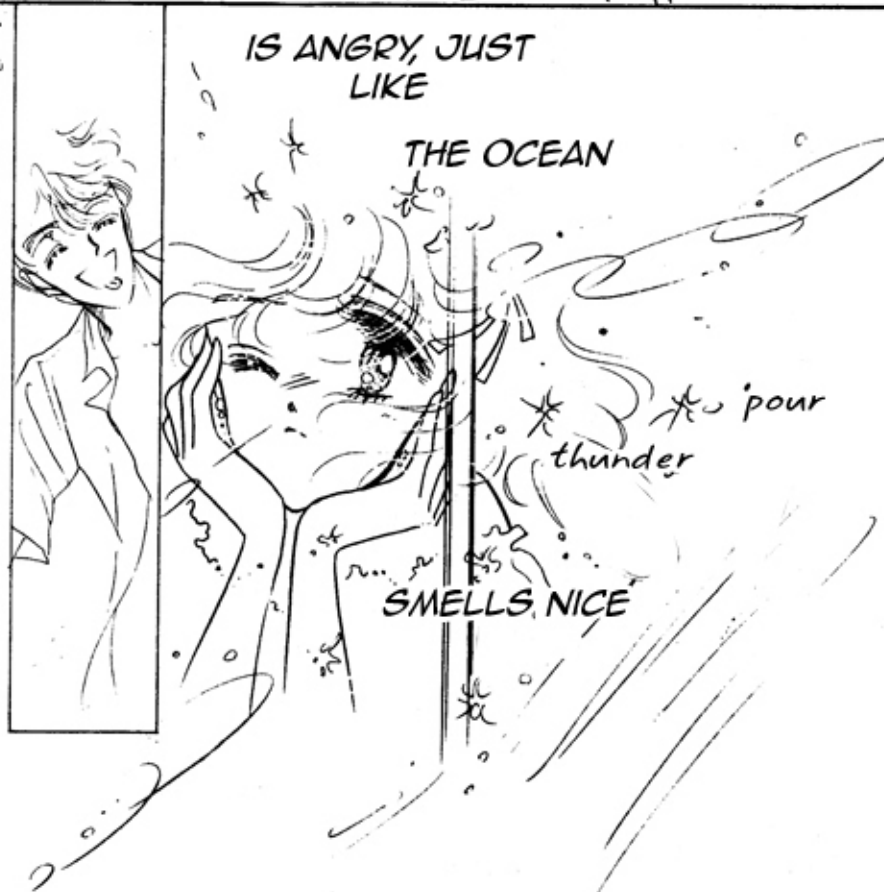
THE RAIN



IS ANGRY, JUST
LIKE

THE OCEAN

I WANT
TO SEE
HIM



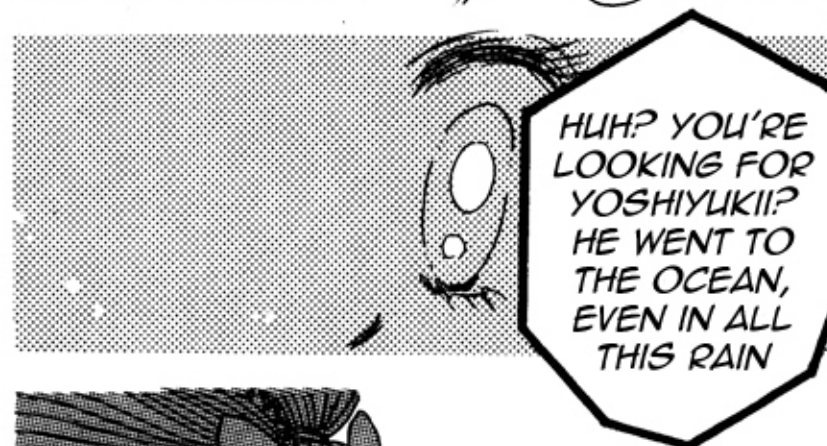
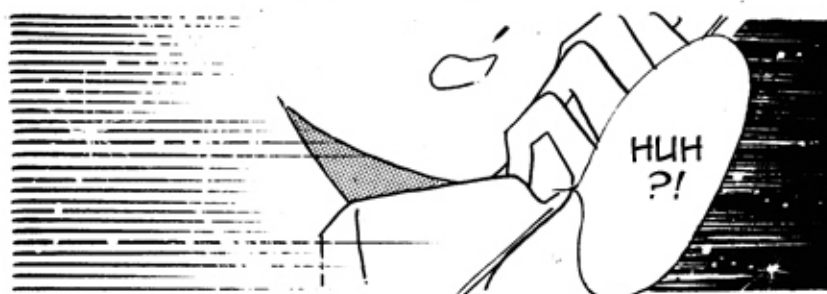
pour
thunder

SMELLS NICE



I WANT
TO HEAR
KOIZUMI'S
VOICE

MAYBE
I'VE
BEEN
TOO
MEAN
TO HIM
AND
HAVE
LED
HIM ON





THE SUMMER
WILL END
WITHOUT ME



KARMA

IS SO FICKLE

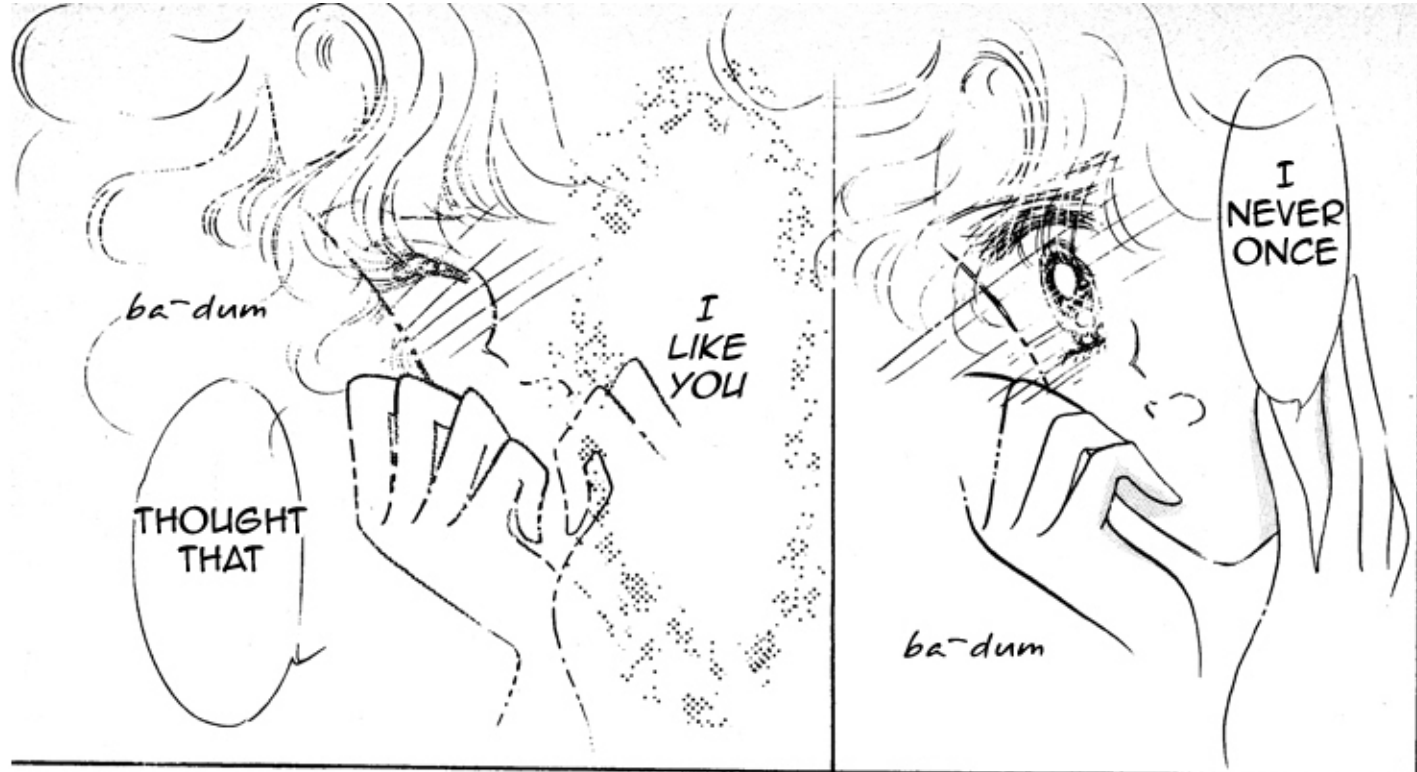
I'M
SORRY, I
WAS
WRONG

plip

plip

I DON'T
THINK OF
YOU AS A
PROXY FOR
ITOUKI,
KOIZUMI...

BUT IT ALWAYS
MAKES MY HEART
POUND



I LIKE YOU SO MUCH



MAYBE THIS IS FATE





I
ALREADY
KNEW
THAT
YOU
HATED
ELEVATORS

THE DAY I
BORROWED
YOUR
UMBRELLA,
I DIDN'T
JUST
HAPPEN TO
SHOW UP
TO SAVE
YOU BY
CHANCE

I ALREADY
KNEW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOU

ITOU HAD
TOLD ME
YOU DIDN'T
LIKE THEM

ALL
ALONG
I'VE
BEEN THE
LIAR!

YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT A
TERRIBLE
PERSON I
AM, SO
DON'T
APOLOGIZE
TO ME



IF



WE

IF I WERE
EVER GOING
TO BE A
BETTER
PERSON
THAN ITOU,
I WOULD
HAVE TOLD
YOU BY
NOW

IDIOT

SHOULDN'T
BE
TOGETHER
ANYMORE

I'VE ALWAYS
THOUGHT OF YOU AS
ONE OF MY BEST
FRIENDS, DIDN'T YOU
KNOW?

IF YOU
KEEP
RANTING
LIKE
THIS, I'LL
GIVE YOU
ONE OF
AIKAWA'S
DOUBLE
PUNCHES

I'M BAD
FOR
YOU

smooth

IS
BREAKING swing

MY
HEART

IF YOU
CRY,
ITOUKI
WILL GET
MAD AT
ME

grip

DON'T
CRY,
MARIN.
IT'LL
UPSET
ITOUKI

REALLY
THINK
ABOUT
ITOUKI
IS...

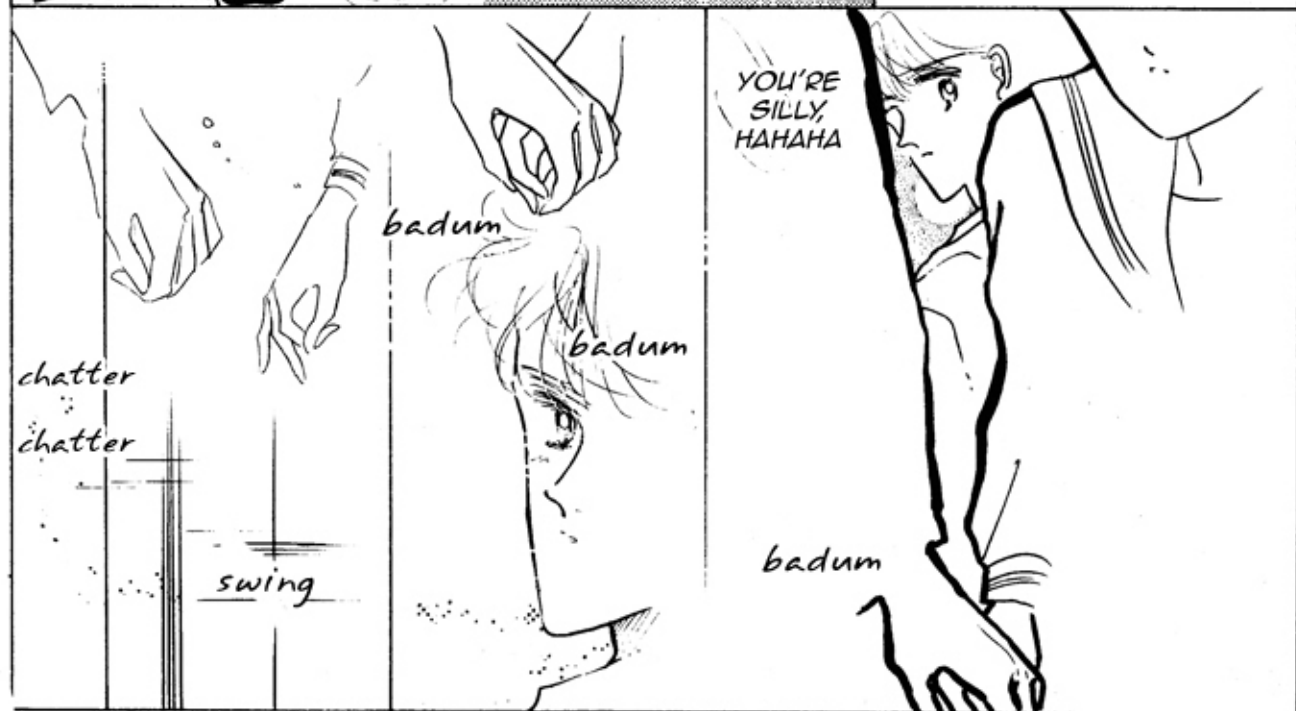
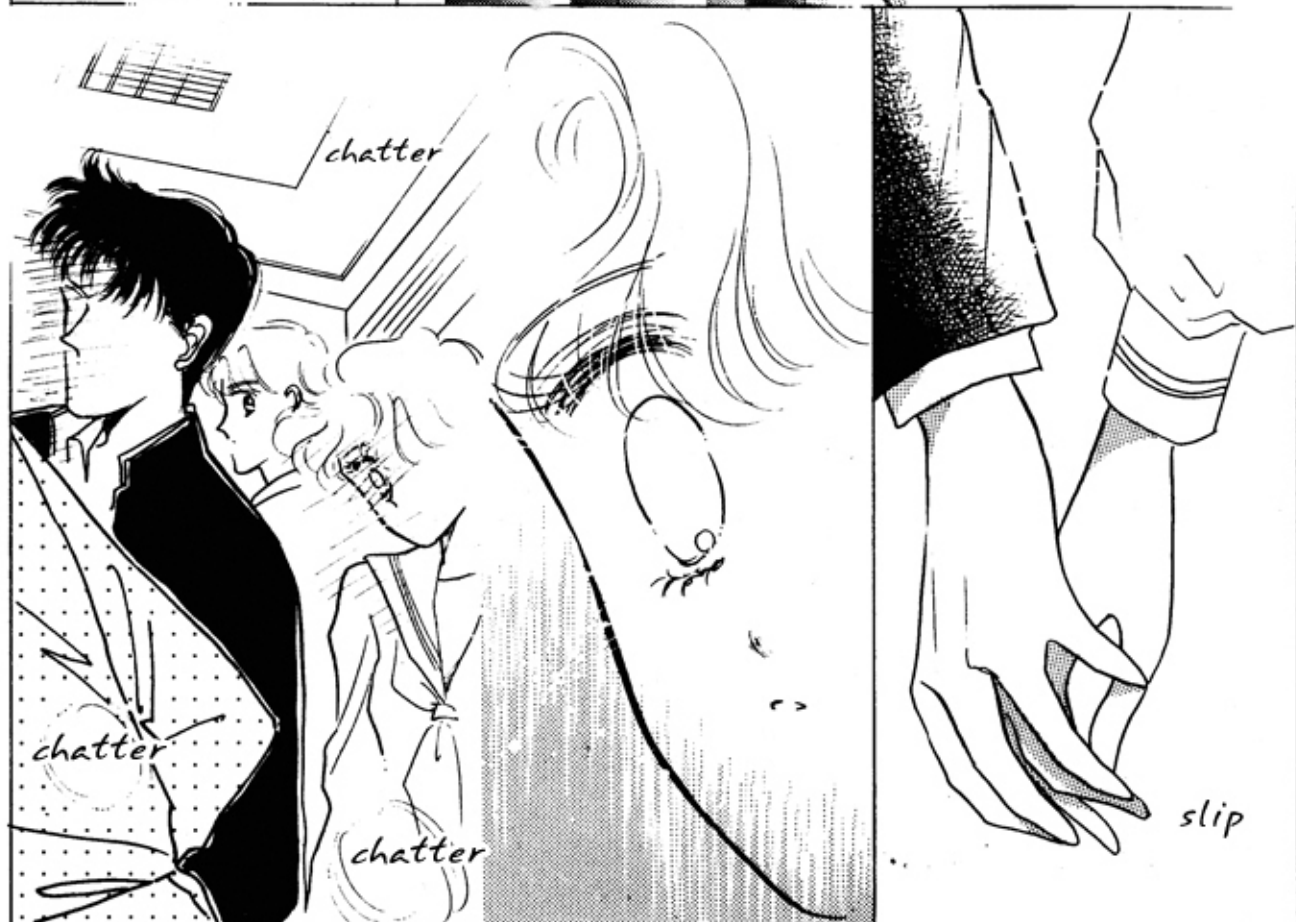
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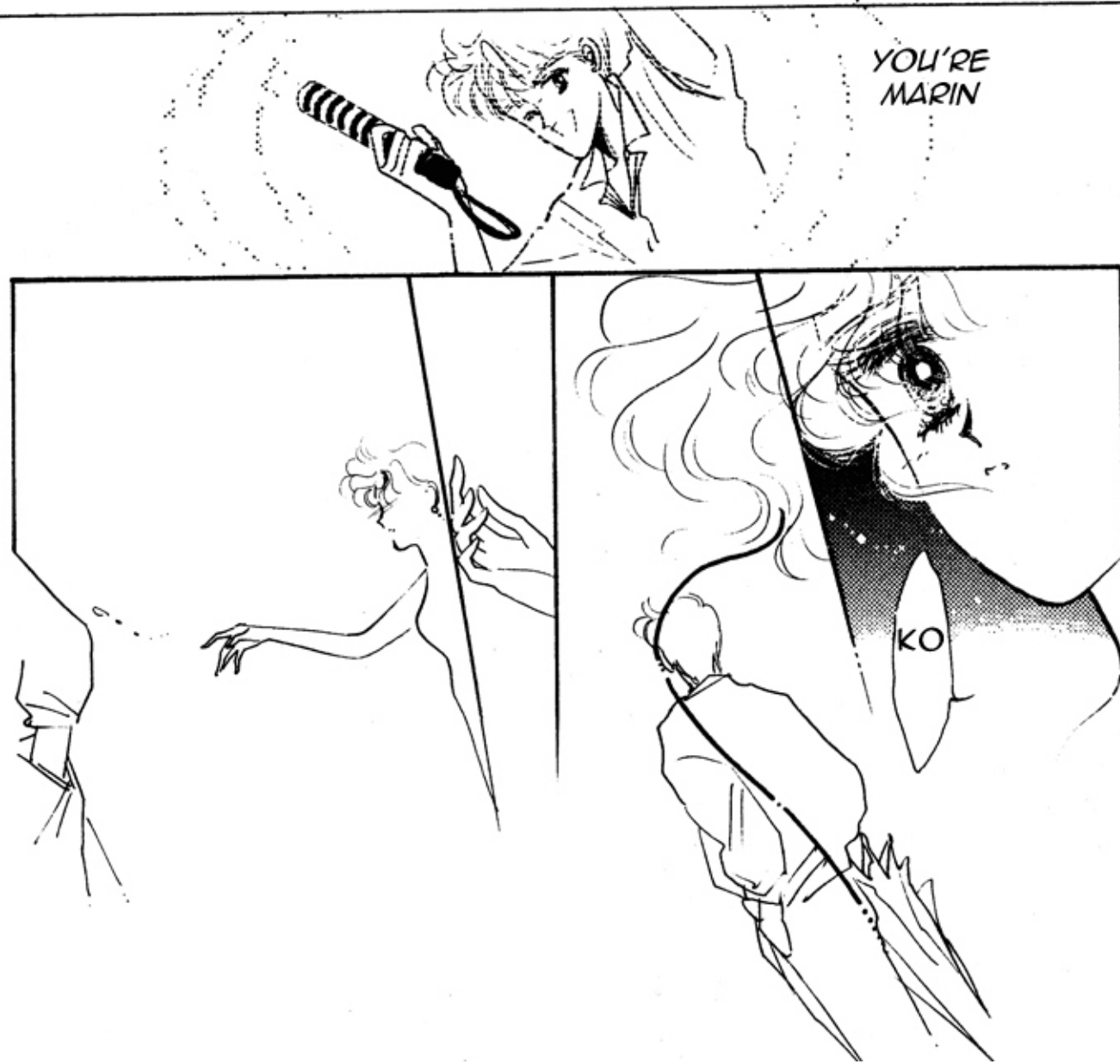
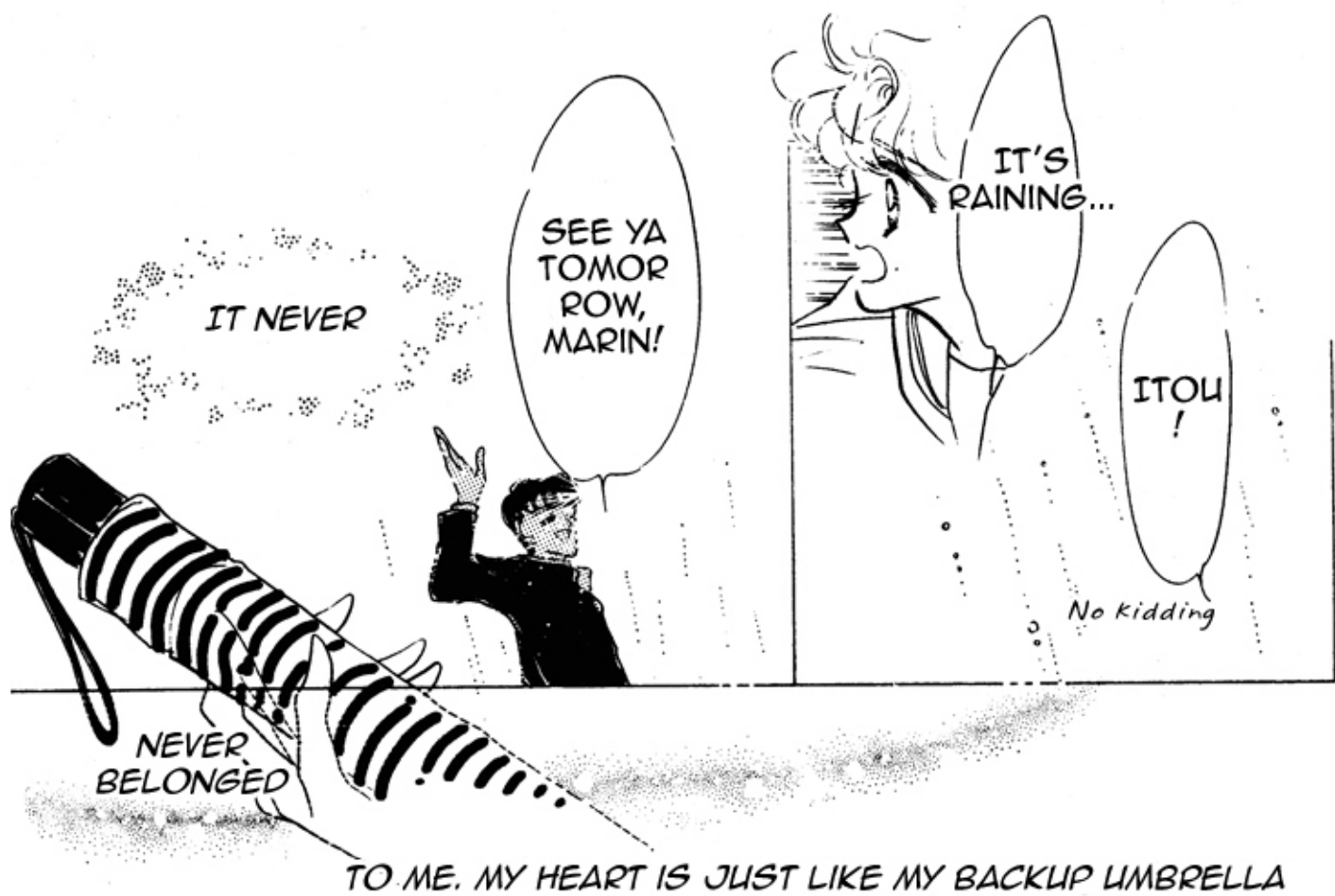
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WHAT I
REALLY

THE TRUTH IS

THE TRUTH
ABOUT
ITOUKI IS

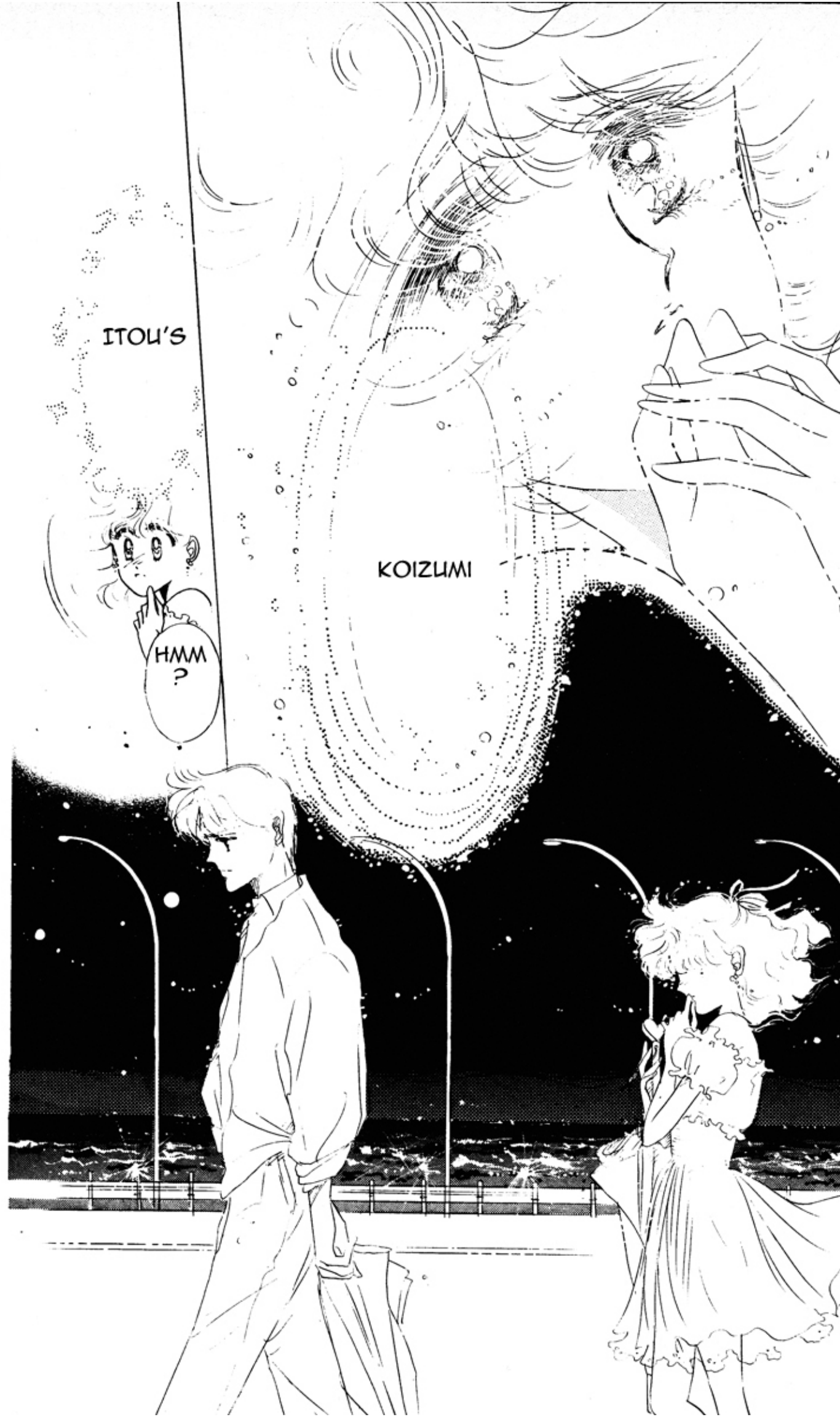




ITOU'S

KOIZUMI

HMM
?



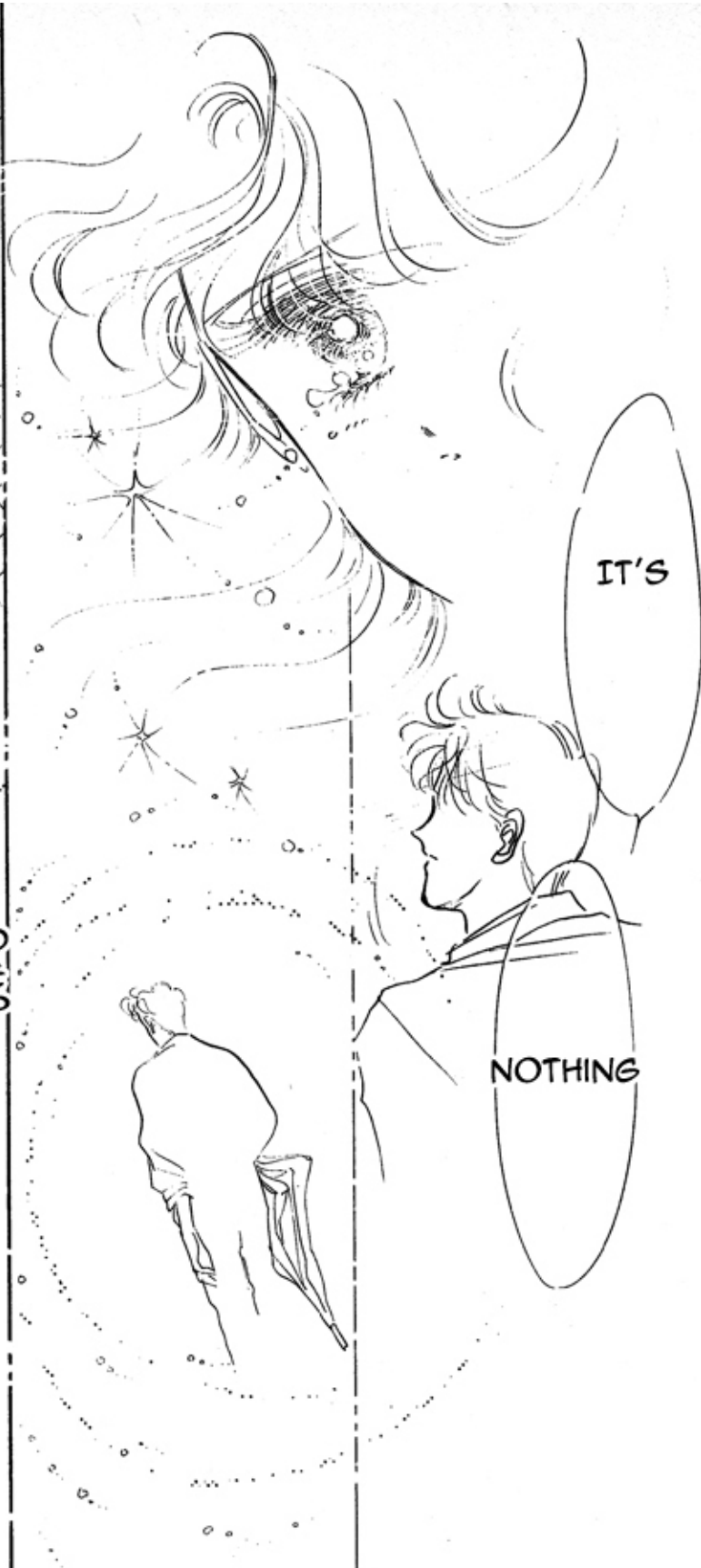


MARIN!

WHAT
COULD
I HAVE
DONE?

WHAT DO
YOU
WANT ME
TO SAY
TO YOU?

KOIZUMI,
YOU'RE
SO
DISTANT



IT'S

NOTHING



WHAT ARE YOU
DREAMING

ABOUT?

SEPTE
MBER
1ST
(MON
DAY)

MARIN!

flutter



AIKAWA
IS
WAITING
FOR US
OUTSIDE
THE
GATE TO
WALK
HOME

ARE
YOU
DONE
FOR
THE
LAST?



I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE AT
SCHOOL
TODAY! (I'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
EVERYWHERE
FOR YOU!)

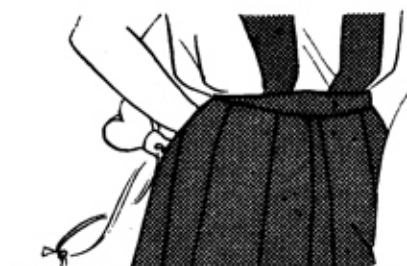
YOU'RE
SUCH A
TEASE



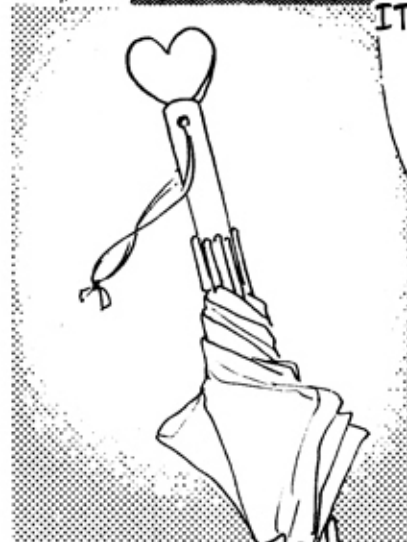
BUT I'M GOING
TO GET SOME TEA
WITH SOME OF
THE GIRLS FROM
CLASS TODAY

IT'S
TOO
BAD

SORRY



ITOUKI!



RAINING
AGAIN?
SERIOUSLY?



DANG,
LOOK
S LIKE
RAIN
AND I
FORG
OT MY
UMBRE
LLA

SERIOUSLY?—

OKAY, IF
THAT'S WHAT
YOU
WANT...HAVE
FUN

thunder



ITOUKI,
YOU
TAKE IT

I
DON'T
NEED
THIS
UMBR
ELLA
FOR
ANYT
HING



YOU
SHOUL
DN'T
LET
AYA
GET
WET

YOU
KNOW!

RIGH
T?

AHH

IT'S A NEW
SEMESTER,
BUT STILL
NOTHING
GOOD HAS
HAPPENED
YET

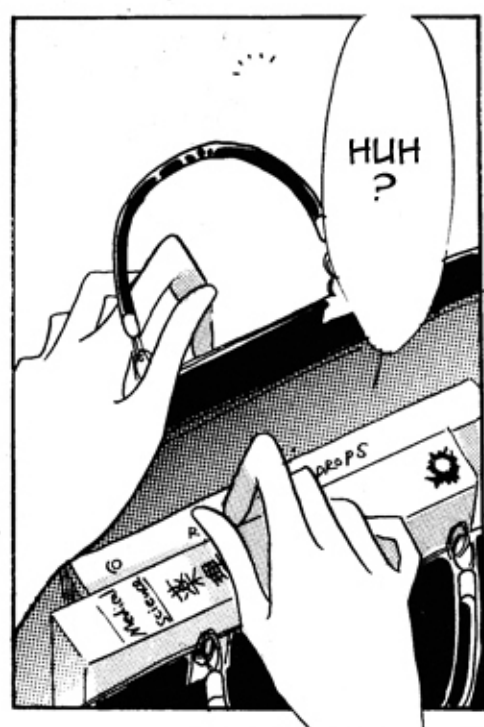
THANK
YOU





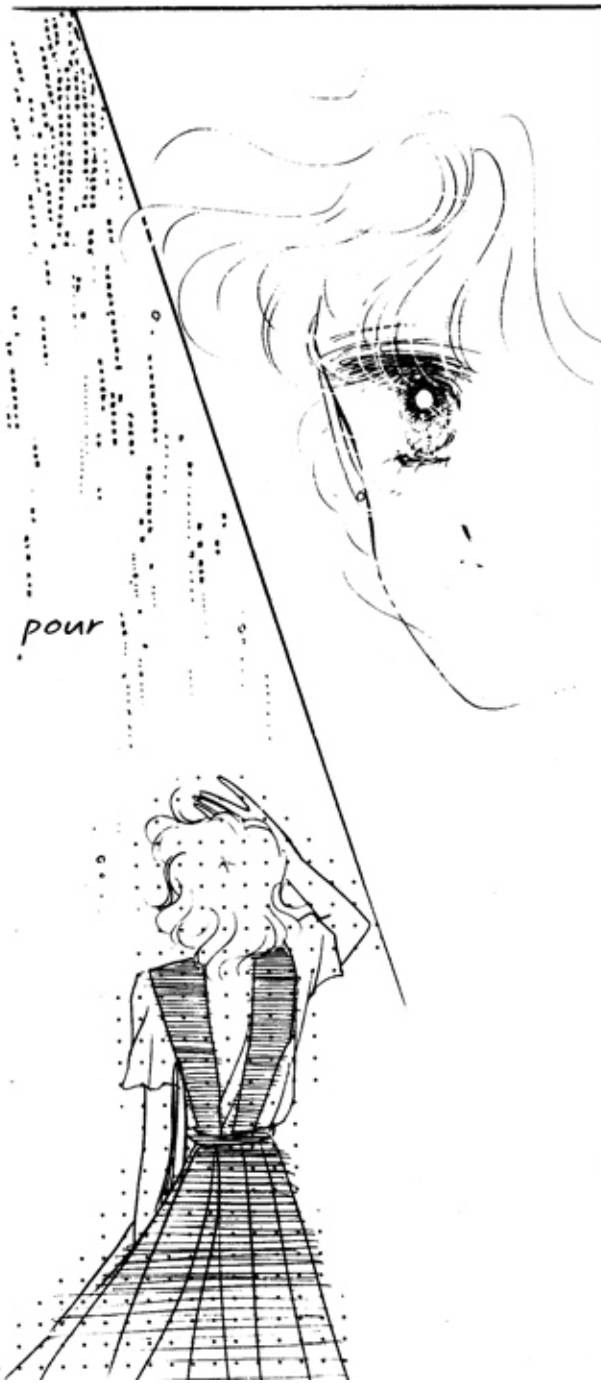
SOON

REALLY



HUH ?

LET ME
INTERPRET
YOUR
DREAM

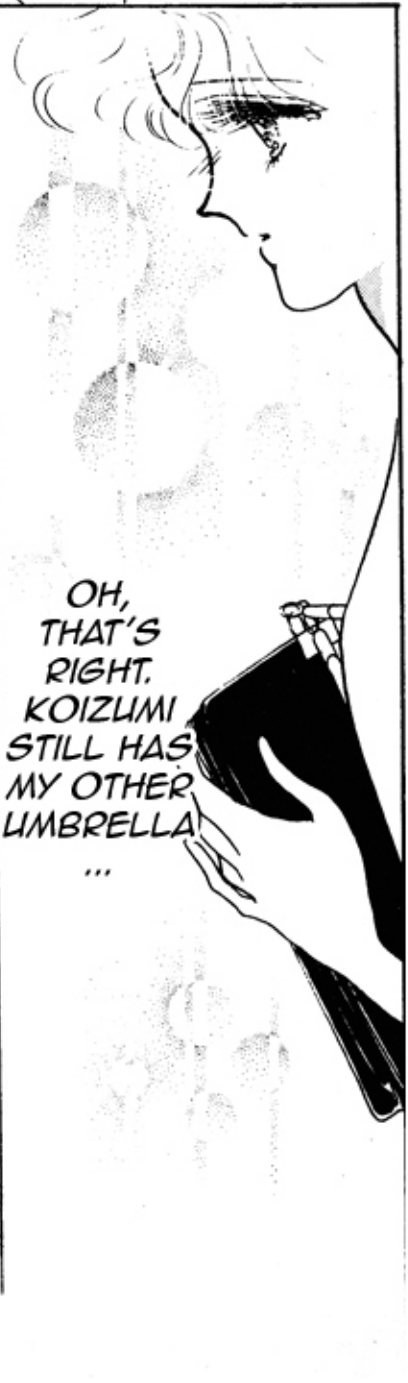


pour



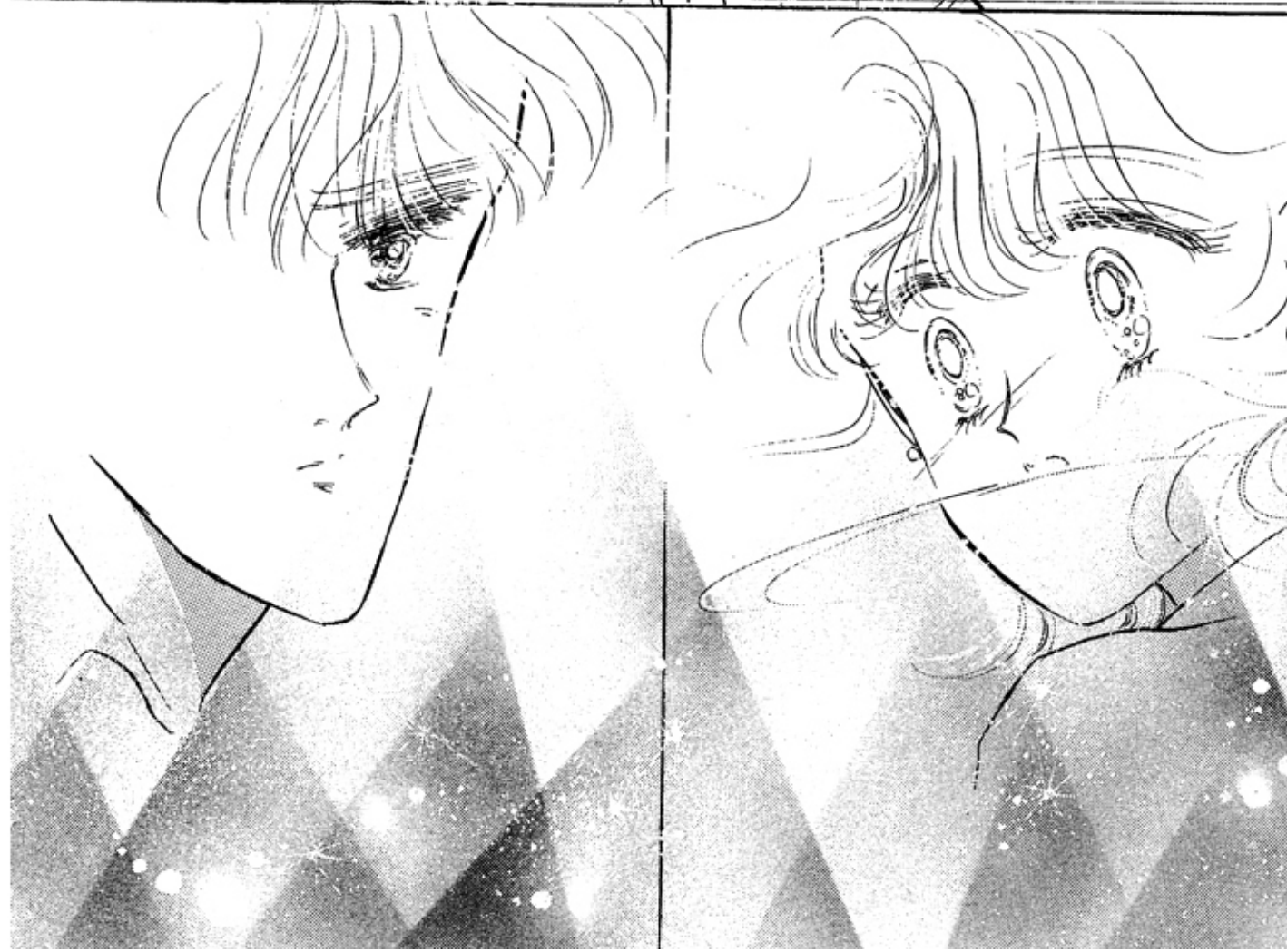
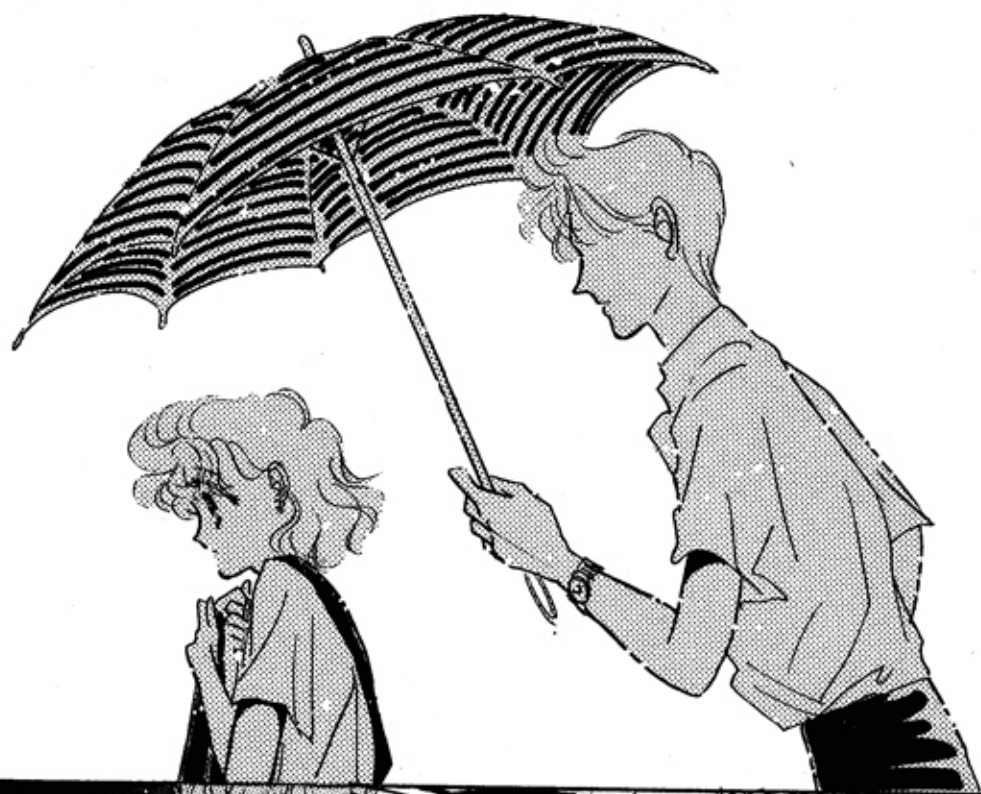
AHH
WELL,
TIME TO
GO
HOME

ON
MY
OWN



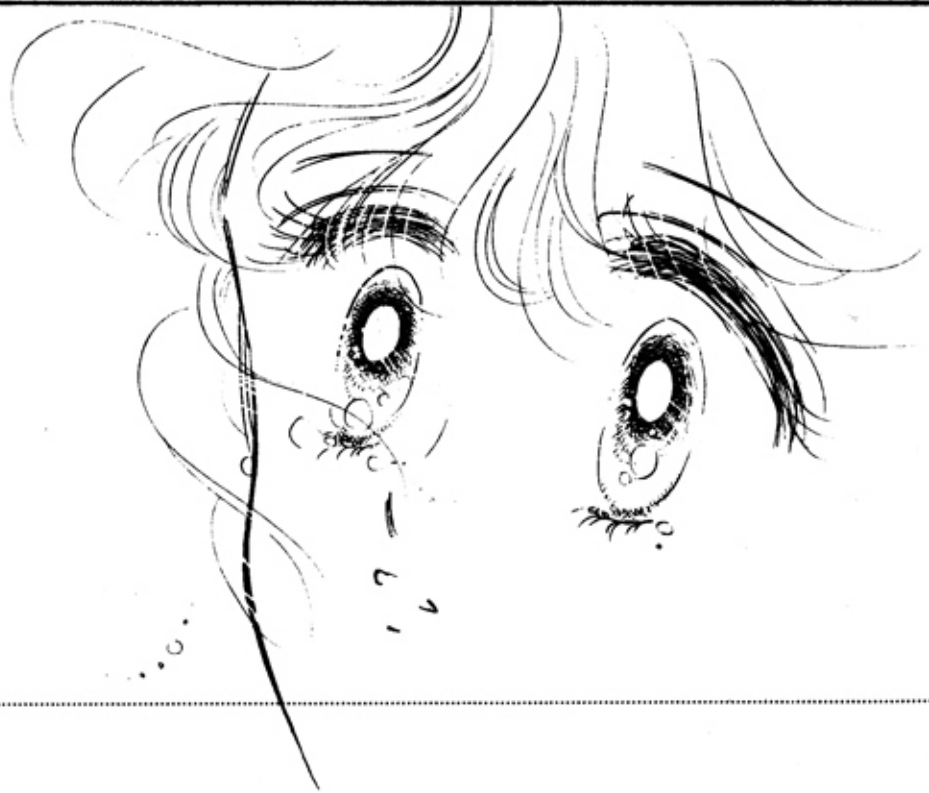
OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.
KOIZUMI
STILL HAS
MY OTHER
UMBRELLA

...



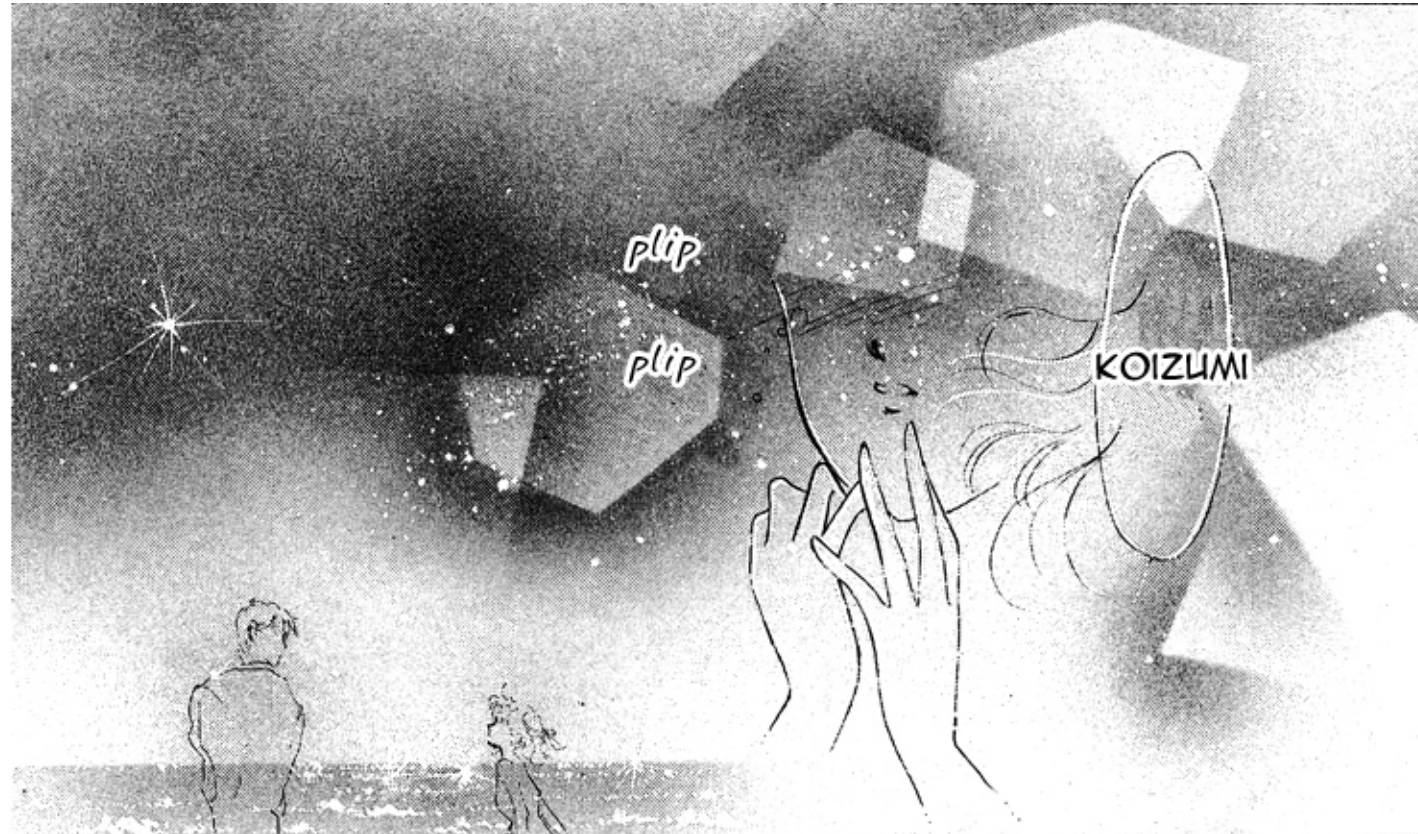


VERY SOON SOMETHING



GOOD WILL HAPPEN





KOIZUMI

TELL ME WHAT HAPPENS NEXT



I'M SORRY

THAT TIME

FOR BEING LATE

I SAID



AS ITOUKI'S
REPLACEMENT... I WOULD
BE HONORED

YOU THINK OF ME



IF YOU FELT THAT WAY
ABOUT ME



THE RAIN

FROM THE OCEAN



TICKLES

MY EARS



KOIZUMI, A GOOD THING
REALLY HAS HAPPENED

★★ THE END ★★

コミックスなかよし

がいっぱい♡
はっばい ちゅう
発売中!★

ほんや ちゅうもん
本屋さんに注文してね。

●原ちえこシリーズ

虹の伝説	全4巻
星屑ファンタジー	全1巻
もしかして不思議…!	全1巻

●ひうらさとるシリーズ

ぼーきゅばいん	全2巻
エンジェル・ブルー	全1巻
レピッシュ!	第①巻

●佐藤まり子シリーズ

おたすけ飛行船	全1巻
どろろんパッ!	全1巻
とんねるミッキーズ	全1巻
くすくすエッセンス	全1巻
あ・ぶ・な・いラブ♡ソング	全1巻
バブルガムくらぶ	全1巻



●あさぎりタシシリーズ

青い宇宙のルナ	全1
花詩集 こでまりによせて	全1
わたしの恋は星まかせ	全1
きらら星の大予言	全2
あいつがHERO!	全2
こっちむいて ラブ!	全4
あしたからのHERO	全1
アップルどりいむ	全3
あこがれ冒険者	全3
なな色マジック	全6
あさぎりタ初期短編集	全1

●竹本泉シリーズ

パイナップルみたい♡	全1
あおいちゃんパニック!	全3
ハジメルド物語	全1
魔法使いさんおしずかに!	全2
ちょっとコマーシャル	全1
あんみつ姫(ワイドKC)	全4
ひまわりえのぐ	全1



●いでまゆみシリーズ

つかまえて! ⑤組のひと	全1
木の実はあとふる	全1
かぼちゃ物語	全1
青い月マジック	全1
大スキ! 大ちゃん	全1

●あべゆりこシリーズ

わんころべえ	①②
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●曾祿まさこシリーズ

わたしが死んだ夜	全1巻
氷の城	全1巻
闇に消えたクリスマス	全1巻
七年目のかぞえ唄	全2巻
不思議の国の千一夜	全11巻
ふたりめの神話	全2巻
悪魔の十三夜	全2巻
幻想組曲 ばらによせて	全1巻
王さまはネコがきらい	全1巻
ふしぎ館の相続人	全1巻
ダーク・クィーン	全1巻



●高階良子シリーズ

ピアノソナタ殺人事件	全1巻
修学旅行殺人事件	全1巻
交換日記殺人事件	全1巻
赤い迷路	全1巻
理科室殺人事件	全1巻
魔界樹	全2巻
死者の狩人	全1巻

●小室しげ子シリーズ

ねじれたシルエット	全1巻
ばらの封印	全1巻
Aの悲劇	全1巻
悪魔の橋	全1巻

●あなだ◆もあシリーズ

こまめちゃん	①②巻
すずめのチュンちゃん	①②③巻



●関よしみシリーズ

ガラスの標的	全1巻
赤い悪魔の子守歌	全1巻
血色の闇	全1巻



●曾根原澄子シリーズ

悪魔のファンタジー	全1巻
沈黙のメッセージ	全1巻
愛してもいいですか?	全1巻
62日の砂時計	全1巻
眠りの岸辺	全1巻
暗闇に鈴が鳴る	全1巻

●森下さとみシリーズ

きらきら星変奏曲	全1巻
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●長野加代子シリーズ

舞舞草の谷	全1巻
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がいっぱい♡
はっばい♡ちゅう
発売中!★♡

ほんや ちゅうもん
本屋さんに注文してね。

●松本洋子シリーズ

だれかが見つめてる	全1巻
黒の輪舞	全1巻
黒の組曲	全1巻
殺人よ こんにちは	全1巻
シンデレラ特急	全1巻
黒の迷宮	全1巻
ストロベリー探偵団	全1巻
ばらの葬列	全1巻
ぬすまれた放課後	全2巻
呪いの黒十字	全2巻
見えないシルエット	全1巻
すくらんぶる同盟	第①巻

●猫部ねこシリーズ

どっきんタイムトリップ	全1巻
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●西原ちかシリーズ

だから恋してパラダイス	全1巻
どっきんハートはマリンブルー	全1巻
しゃ・ぼ・ん・だ・ま	全1巻
謝・謝・桃華	全1巻

●高橋千鶴シリーズ

GOOD MORNING メグ	全1巻
LET'S SMILE メグ	全1巻
しあわせ半分こ	全1巻
きゃらめるフィーリング	全1巻
さくらんぼデュエット	全1巻
マリエ, 背番号16	全3巻
王子さま〜っ!	全1巻
ピンクのイレブン	全2巻



●竹田真理子シリーズ

MOMOウエルカム!	全1巻
ロンドン 倫敦館夢だより	全1巻
いつかグリーンパラダイス	全2巻
いちごみるく ³	全2巻
涙をラッピング	全1巻
ぽてとちっぷ	第①巻

●響理奈シリーズ

でこぼこキューピッド	全1巻
ピエロがP0!	全1巻

●秋元奈美シリーズ

花まるカンパニー	全1巻
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●牧村ジュンシリーズ

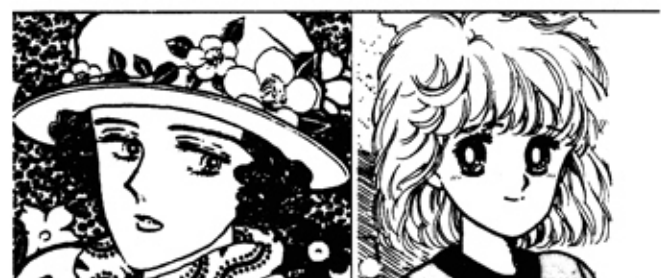
蝶のように	全2巻
アタッカーYOU!	全3巻
蝶の舞う日	全3巻

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15歳のエチュード	全1巻
涙のむこうにラブゴール	全1巻
子ねちゃんメトロノーム	全1巻
はあとシグナル	全2巻
おもちゃ箱革命	第①巻

●さこう栄シリーズ

すきゃんだる♡4	全1巻
なつき長月神無月	全1巻
危機一髪いけないラブコール	全1巻
OH! ぱにっくBOY	全1巻
夢をみたいの	全1巻



●たておか夏希シリーズ

もうすぐ春ですね	全1巻
赤いふうせん	全1巻
プレゼント	全1巻
いまどき少女図鑑	第①巻

●武内直子シリーズ

チョコレート・クリスマス	全1巻
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●上野すばるシリーズ

ミラクルアベニュー1番地	全1巻
アイドルしましょ!	全1巻
うさぎちゃんラブ♡オール	全1巻

●富沢珠緒シリーズ

すきなのかしら?	全1巻
あいどるし隊っ!	全1巻

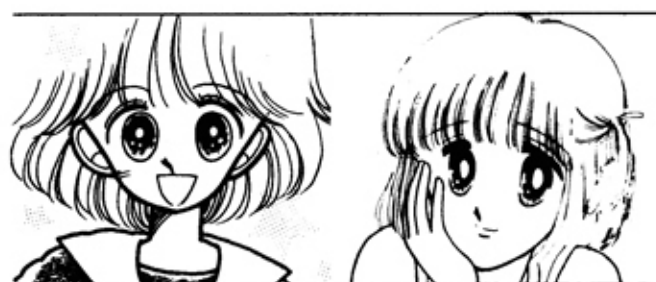
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ふたりのポプリ	全1巻
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●高杉菜穂子シリーズ

わたしだけの指定席	全1巻
つたえられたら素敵	全1巻
そっとI LOVE YOU	全1巻
ギンガム☆A G E	全2巻
指輪物語	①②巻



●たかなし♡しずえシリーズ

おはよう! スパンク	全7巻
秘密のう・ふ・ふ	全1巻
空ちゃんのぼうし	全2巻
海ちゃんどんな色?	全3巻
おまかせランチ	全1巻
ハートのないしよばなし	全1巻

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