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## PO ANCELS

THE STORY UP TO THIS POINT

IT'S THE YEAR 1999, AND JAPAN IS STANDING ON THE PRECIPICE OF A NEW YEAR, WHEN THESE TWO GIRLS, "PEANUT AND KYUURI\*, DROPPED DOWN FROM THE SKY. THESE TWO ARRIVED SUD-DENLY, AND JUST AS QUICKLY LOST THEIR IMPOR-TANT ID CARDS. THEIR TRUE IDENTI-TIES ARE UNCLEAR, AND THEY'RE BEING CHASED BY A CRAZY GROUP .. THEY'RE TROU-BLE!! BUT LUCKY FOR

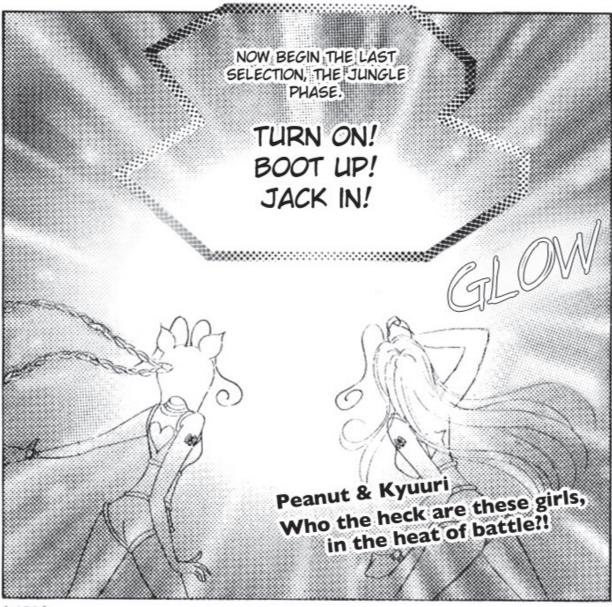
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THEY MET
A PAIR
OF BOYS
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MOVED IN
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DOOR TO,

IN ORDER

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HUMAN WORLD.









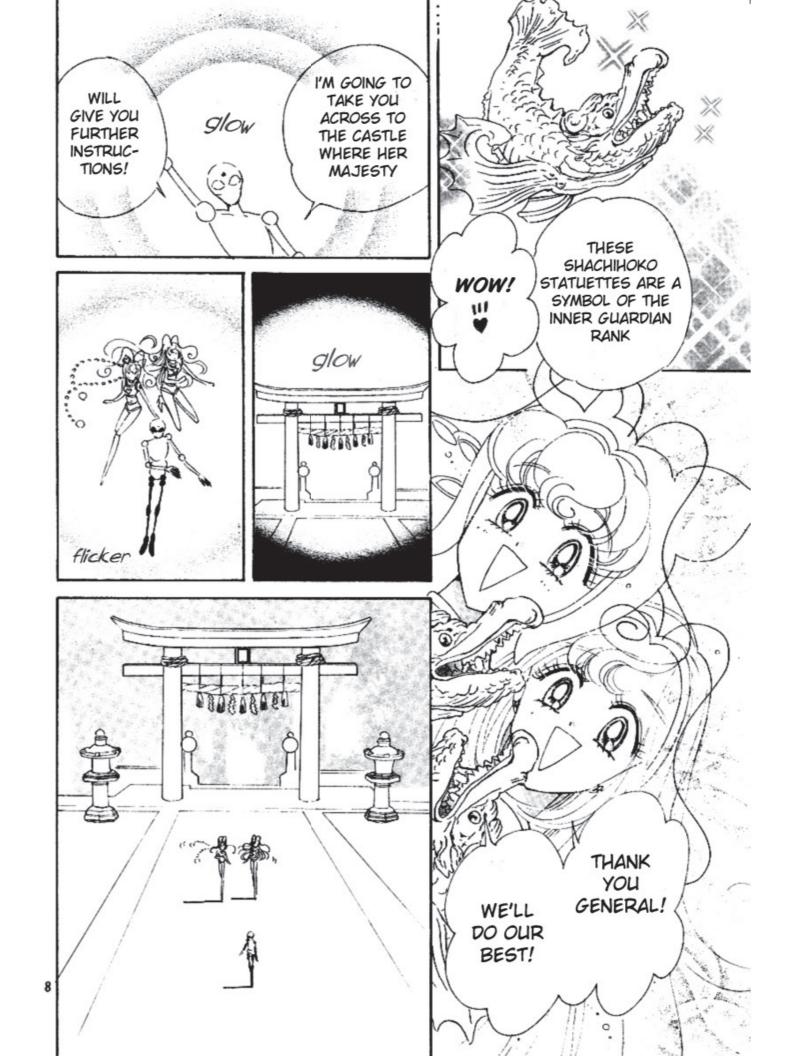
M e e t characte BEARING 188, ANGLE OF FIRE t h e 1961! I'LL COVER YOU! rs SHE'S Peanut. STRONG! A mysteri-ous girl who fell down to earth from the sky. THIS IS SUPER EASY! Kyuuri. Came to earth with Peanut. A strong person. WE WORK WELL TOGETHER! Hagemusha Ouji -Peanut and Kyuuri met him HEY at the airport. Heis suspicious

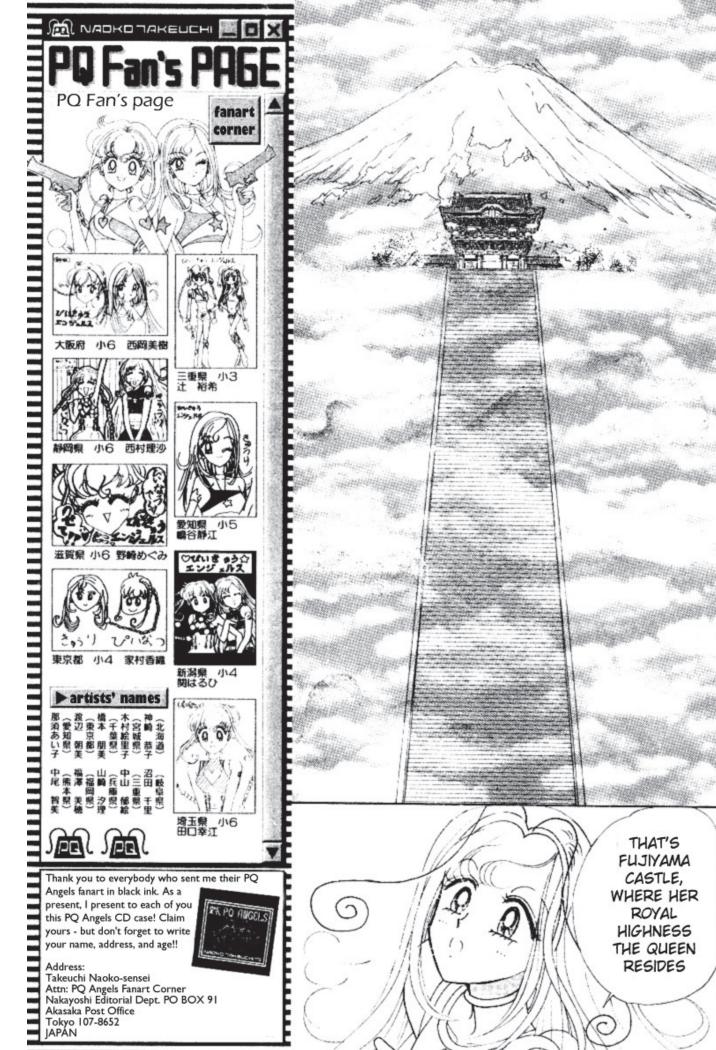
of the girls.





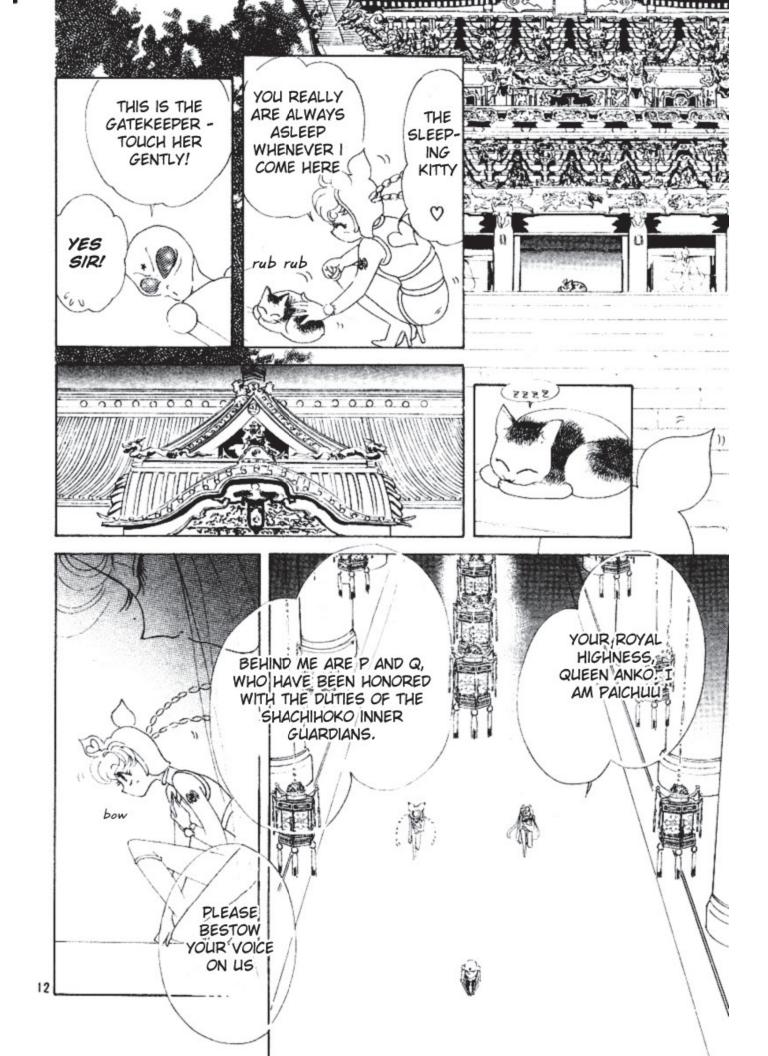
\*Note: "Shachihoko" (鯱) - a mythical animal popular in Japanese folklore that has the body of a carp and the head of a lion. it is common to find these as decorations outside of temples. They are thought to prevent fires.



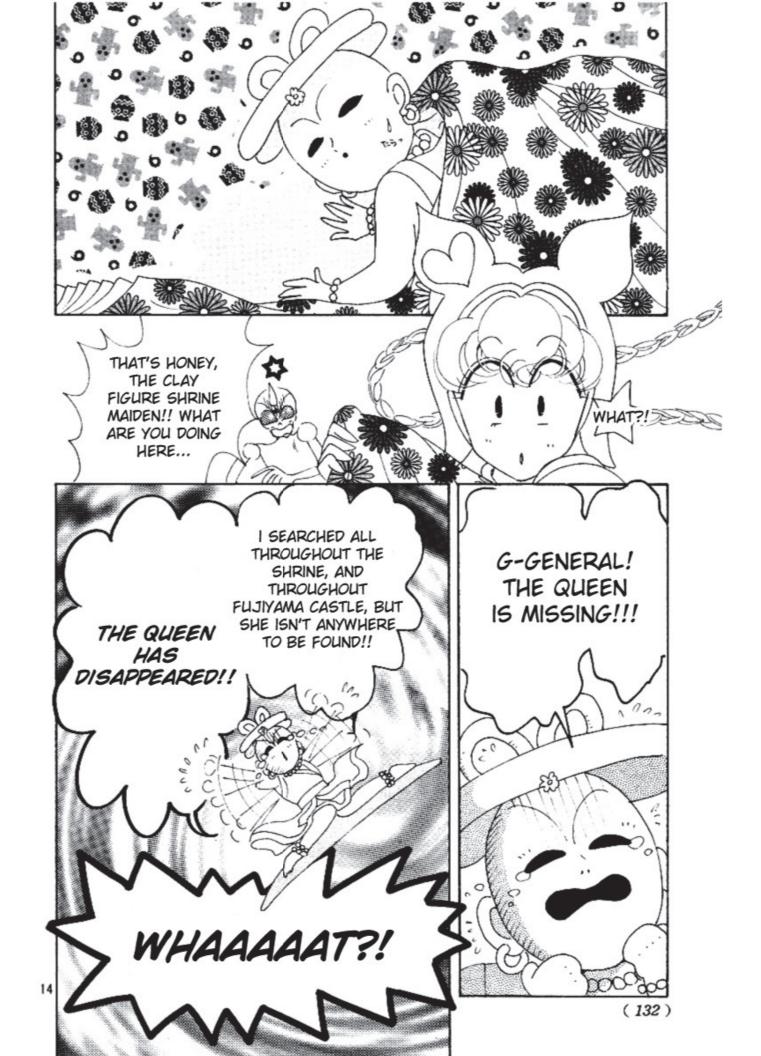






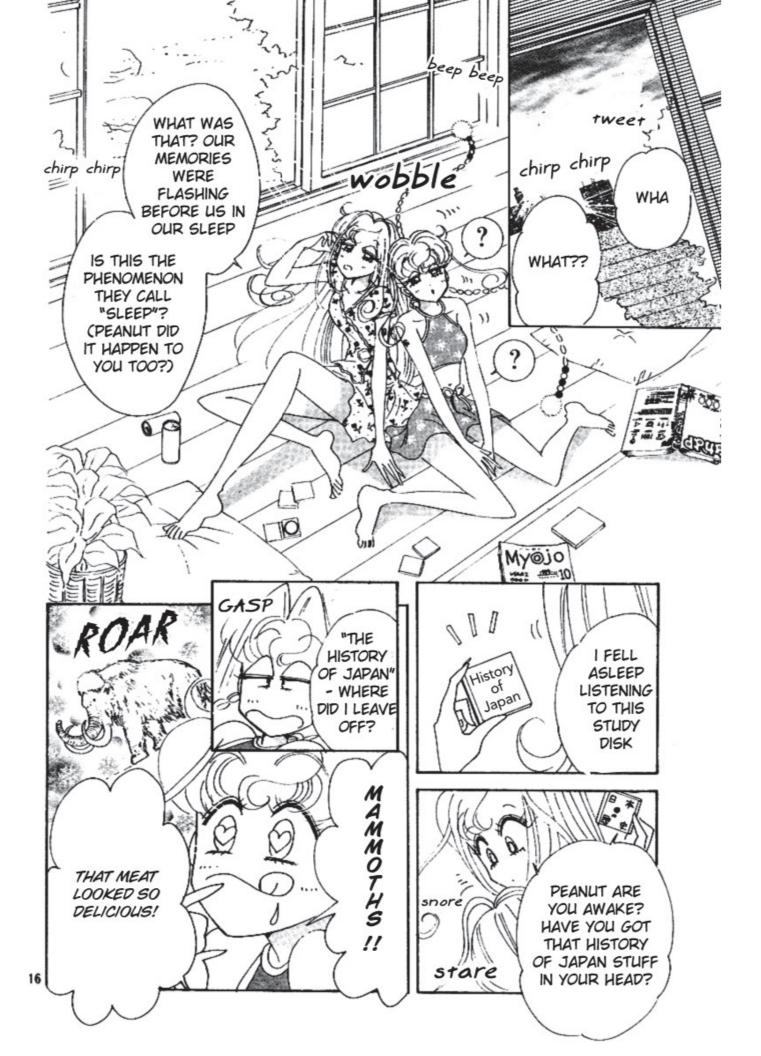








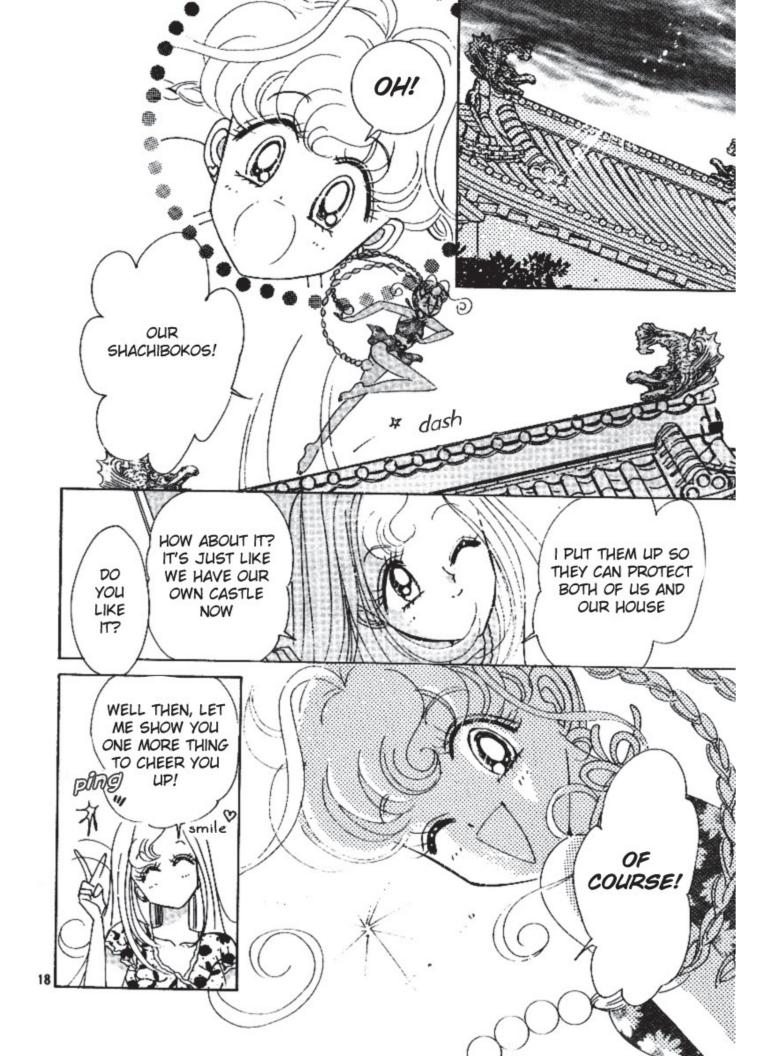




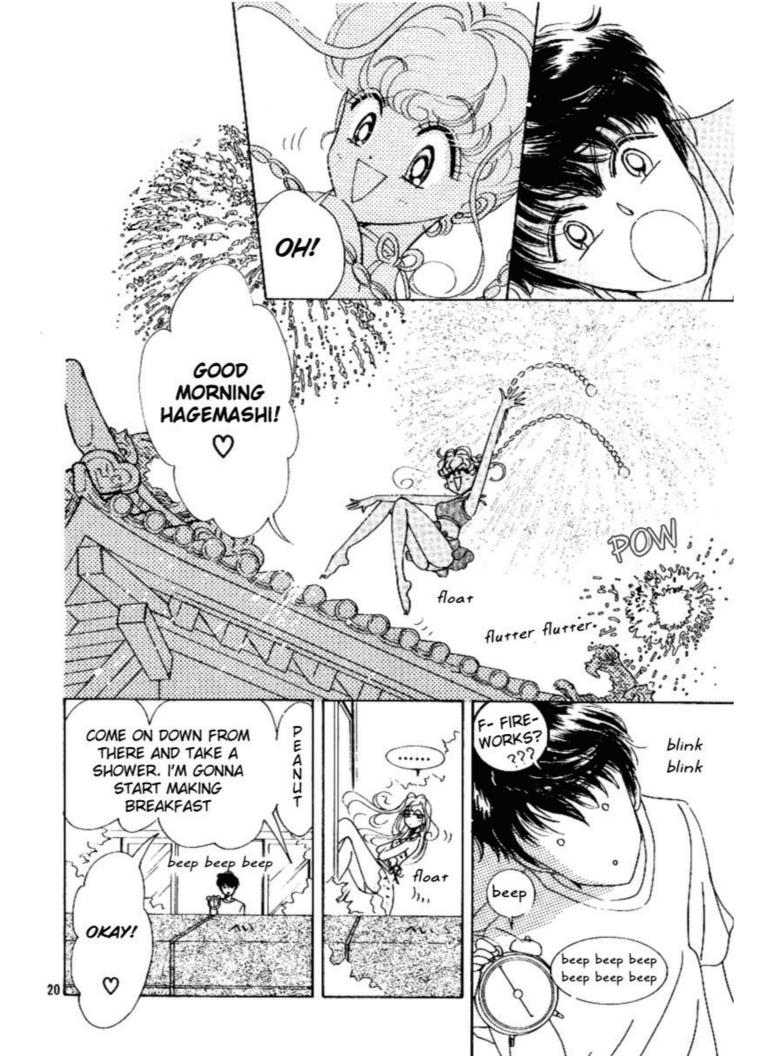


\*Note: Yamatai is the ancient word for the kingdom of Japan; ruled by Queen Himiko \*Note: the Edo Period lasted roughly between 1603 and 1868 and was centered around modern day Tokyo

Note: the Heian Period lasted betwwen roughly 798 and 1185 and was centered around modern day Kyoto.



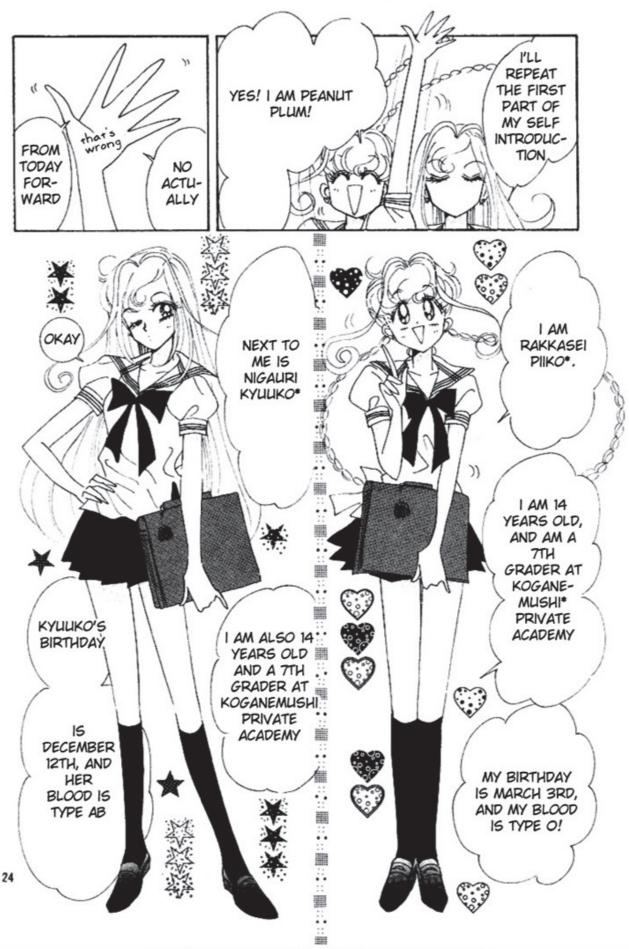












\*Note: Rakkasei means peanut; Nigauri means cucumber \*Note: Kogenemushi - Japanese beetle

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Kyuuko and Piiko are puns on their codenames P & Q - adding "ko" to the end of a name denotes a feminine deminuitive





\*Note: one of the ways the word "Hagemashi" is written with Chinese characters also means "cheerfulness". Hagemashi's name is not written with these characters, but the pun is intended





\*Note: the name "Ouji" means prince in Japanese







\*Note: in Japan, your blood type is thought to be a representation of your personality. O types are clumsy, forgetful, but brave and energetic

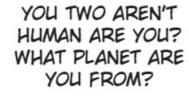


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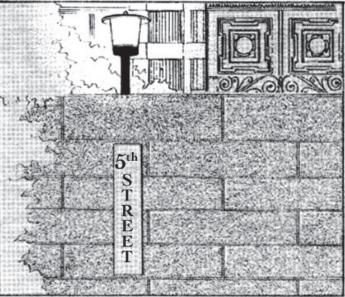
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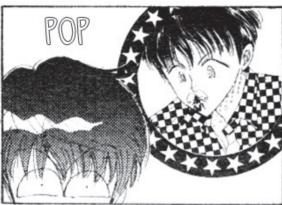
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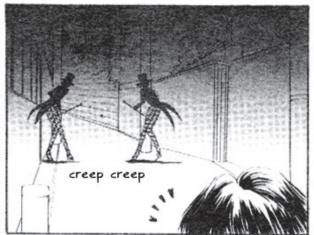




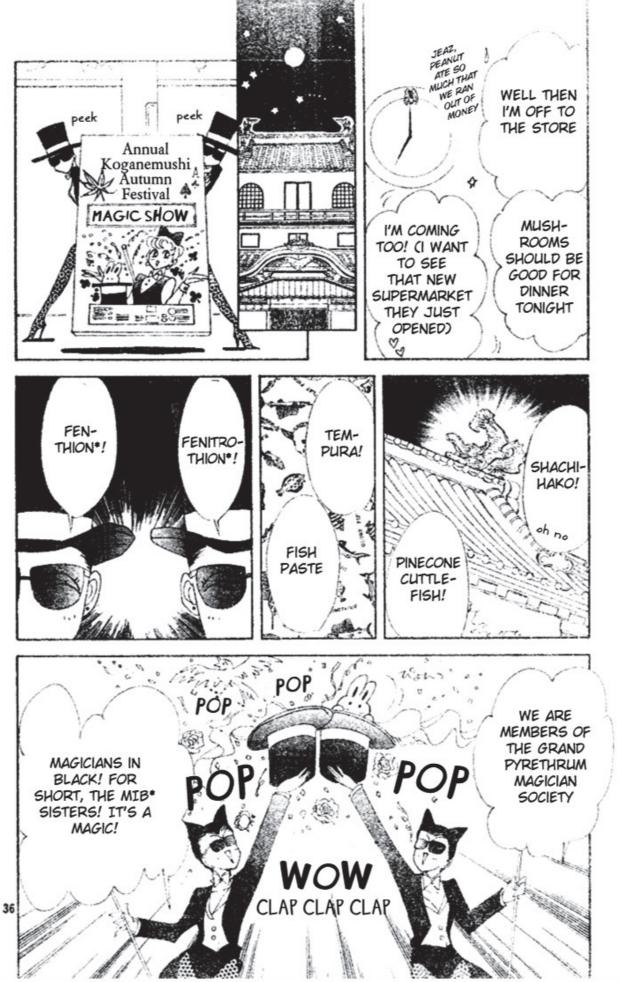








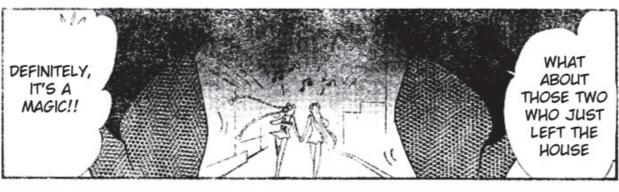


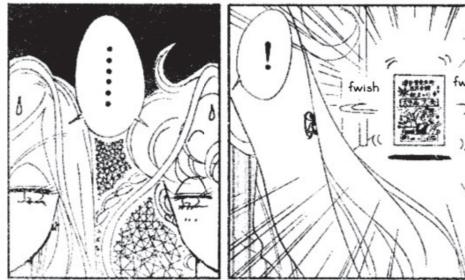


\*Note: Magicians in Black is a pun on the title of a hit movie that was popular during this comic's release: Men in Black

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Fenitrothion and Fenthion are both inexpensive chemical insecticides.

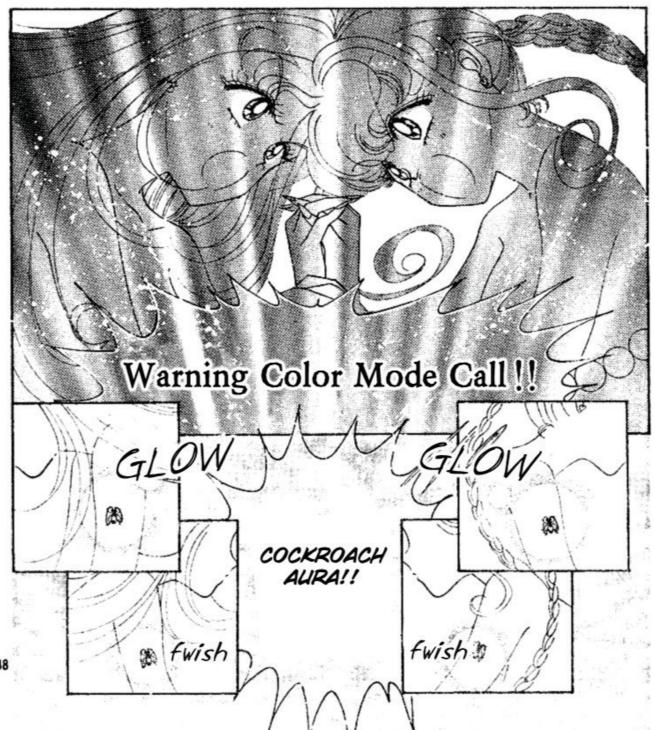














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