



*Pretty Soldier*  
*Sailormoon*

**EXAM BATTLE SERIES**  
**VOLUME 1**

# **The melancholy of makoto**

# Naoko's Sailormoon Diary

Aug★

● Fists up! I just went to the televised "Hammer Price" auction, where I auctioned a spot in Sailor Moon off to the highest bidder. It went for over \$20,000 USD! Amazing! During the Action, Asa-P from Nakayoshi was sitting next to me. He was impressed. Until next time, everyone. I will keep working hard!



● Someone at a Party gave me a Sailor Moon Figurine! Cool!



● Tonight was opening night for one of our musicals! I went to go see it. Everyone there was so sweet. Afterwards, a Sailormoon event was held for us at the Prince Hotel.



● It's the Azabu Juuban Summer Festival! I saw a lot of new Sailormoon items for the first time.



● Went hiking on Mt. Ito. Afterwards, had refreshing juice. As always, thank you!



● New boyfriend! I've decided to name him Mr. Tahoe\*. But I've gotta get him some new tires. Embarrassing.

Sept



● I got to meet with Noriko Sakai. She was just like a doll. So whiff! She's got exactly the kind of image I want Ami to have. Your new nickname is now Nori-P! I hope you like it, Noriko!



● It's a new week, so I've gotta write an entry. It feels like I'm actually keeping up with a diary for once.



● When people call Naoko a famous manga creator, I'm shocked because I never thought I would end up doing such a thing in any universe. Now, for people to think of me doing anything else makes them think that I'd never change my job for the whole universe. I'm kinda terrible, though. I've give up on three series half way before. Embarrassing! (And to be fair, I stopped work on series 4, 5, and 7 too...)



● I got a new figurine of Sailor Moon climbing a mountain. So adorable! This one even comes with a little pink gem just like Usagi's. Tee hee-



● I need to get a holder for my keys (like a time staff or something.) Embarrassing.



● Just had a sandwich after mountain climbing. Thanks, Mariko!



● Just got another Sailormoon card! I get lots of cards from fans all over the world. It makes me so grateful to know I have a loyal fanbase. Special thanks to Saito Azabu, Ms. Ogata, Ms. Yurika, and of course, my friend Oboro. Thank you so much. Without you guys beside me on all the cities I visit, I'd be lost. And I would have nearly as many cards. I really am a terrible collector after all. Embarrassing.

Oct



● Just got back the results from an animation contest. It was a huuuuge contest, too! Lots of entries! I've got so much to read. I seriously love my job!



● OMG! I just got the Amazoness Quartet Figurines!



● Tuxedo Mask's voice actor was just on the radio! God, I love the radio. His actor, Furuya Toru, really does have the perfect figure to wear a tuxedo. My assistant has a figure like a bunny. It's too perfect. As for Mr. Asabu, his style is to wear red suits. As for me, I guess I have kind of a bitchy style. At least, that's how I sound on a mic. Guess that's why my specialty isn't radio. Haha.



● I went to go see the Frankfurt Ballet. I'm a huge fan. Actually, I'm more like obsessed.

● I feel so accepted. Recently, Naoko went to the house of another famous artist, Mishima Yukio, and recieved an award for artistic achievement.

● I just saw a presentation for the new Sailormoon video game. I guess polygon-shaped Sailormoon is cute in its own way, too.

\* pet name for her new car, a Chevy Tahoe

I'M HOME! WOW,  
SOMETHING SURE  
DOES SMELL  
DELICIOUS!



SINCE TODAY IS  
OUR 1 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY, I  
MADE LOTS OF  
TASTY THINGS  
FOR YOU TO  
ENJOY!



OH,  
WELCOME  
HOME  
DARLING!

BUT MAKOTO  
HONEY,  
I THINK I SMELL  
SOMETHING  
BURNING...



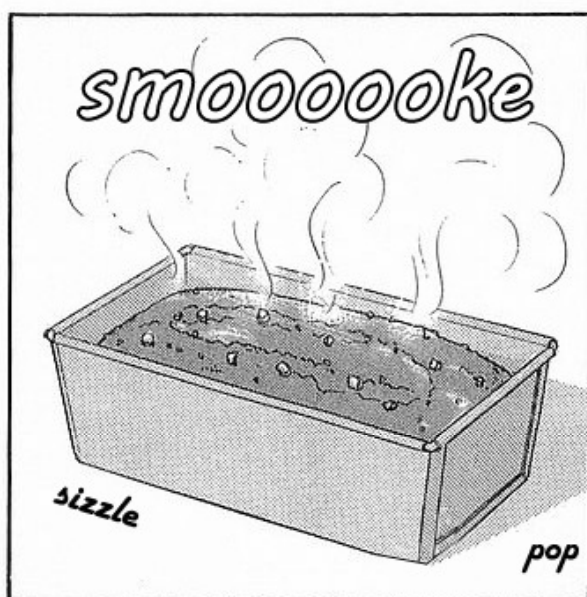
sniff

OH MAN, SOUNDS  
GREAT! I WENT TO  
THE FLORIST  
TODAY AND  
BOUGHT THE PINK  
FLOWERS YOU  
LOVE SO MUCH,  
JUST FOR YOU.

Waaah!!  
I'm so happy!









MMM,  
DELICIOUS

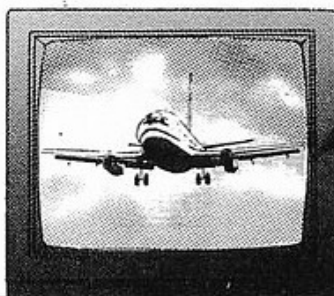
A MAKOTO  
SPECIALTY!  
WESTERN  
STYLE  
MEATLOAF,  
MY FAVORITE!

My hobby is  
bargain shopping,  
and I'm a pretty  
good cook.

My name is  
Kino Makoto.  
I am 15  
years old.

**Whooosh**

KYAAA!



You too can fly  
JAL airlines to  
Okinawa!

As for things  
I hate, well...

**ding dong**

AH,  
THEY'RE HERE!



ha  
ha

OH,  
IT WAS  
JUST A  
TV AD...

I CAN'T  
STAND THE  
SOUND OF  
AIRPLANES...

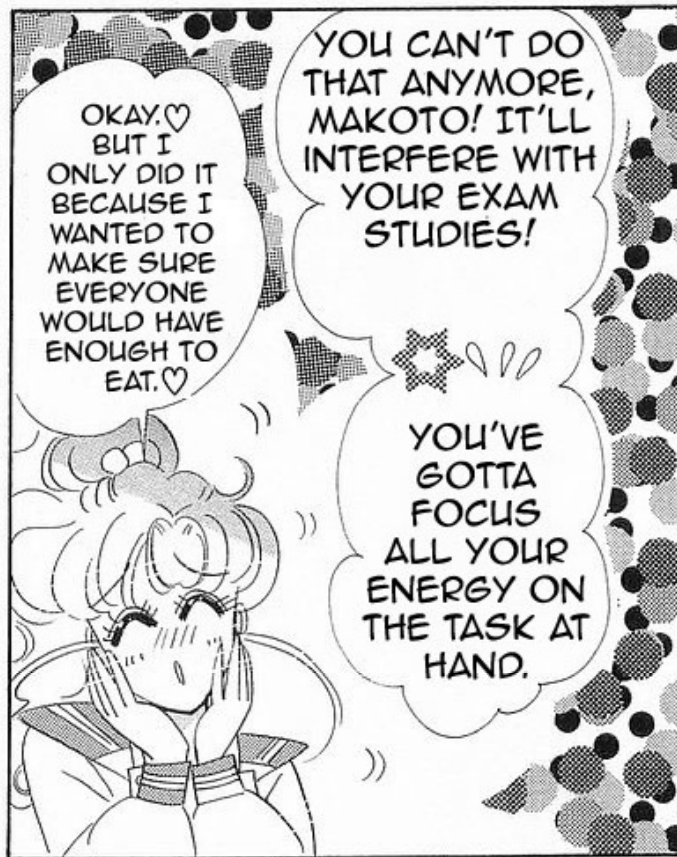
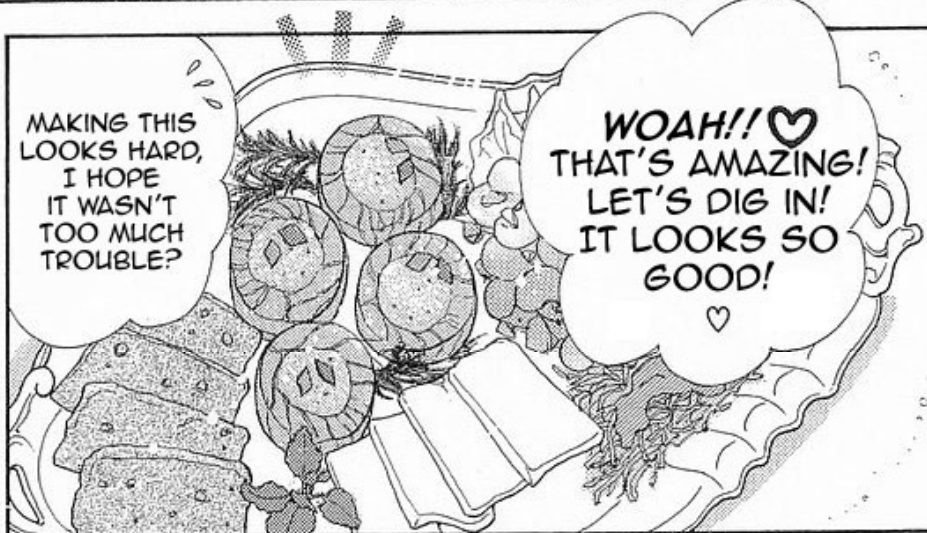
That'd be  
airplanes.  
I'm a weak girl  
when it comes  
to those.

\* **note:** JAL airlines is a real company,  
the initials stand for Japan Air Lines











shine

BUT WITH ALL OF YOU HERE, IT REALLY FEELS JUST LIKE BEING IN A FAMILY TO ME, BEING PART OF THIS GROUP, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ALL SIT AROUND AND EAT TOGETHER LIKE THIS. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY.

IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG AND MY PARENTS DIED IN A PLANE CRASH. I CAN'T STAND THE SOUND OF IT.



SORRY GUYS. I JUST CAN'T STAND THE SOUND THAT AIRPLANES MAKE...

OH, IT WAS JUST A COMMERCIAL

MAKOTO ARE YOU OKAY?!



D'WWWWWWWWWW!

THAT'S SO SWEET MAKOTO!

OH MAKOTO!



Goodnight!

COME OVER AGAIN ANY TIME FOR TEA AND GOODIES, OKAY?

SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU ALL FOR SO LONG.



OH WOW! IS IT REALLY THAT LATE ALREADY?



UGH! WE DIDN'T EVEN GET THROUGH HALF OF THE THINGS I HAD ON MY SCHEDULE. NEXT TIME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK MUCH HARDER!

# glare

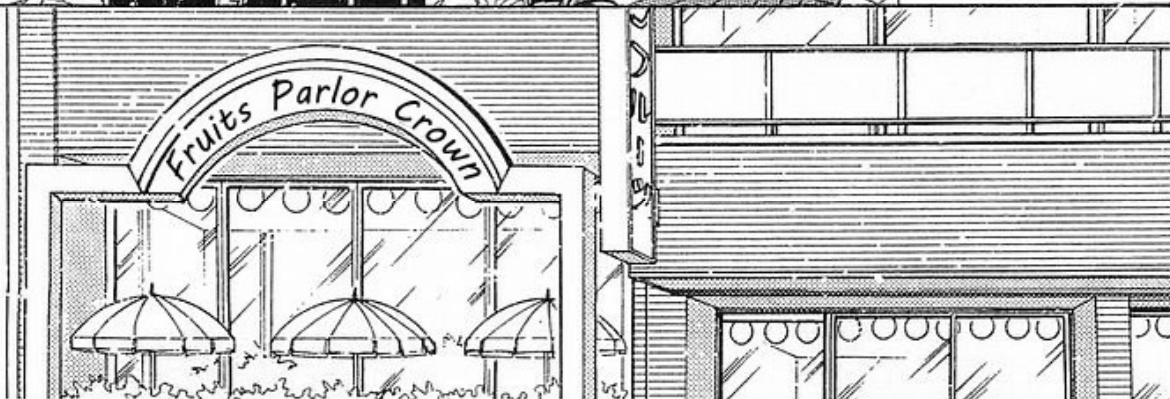
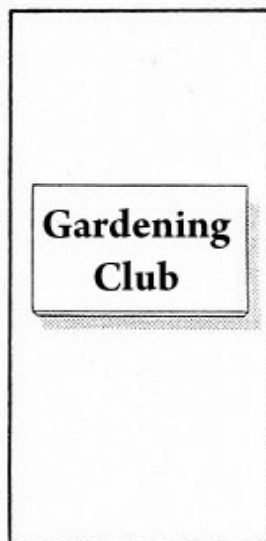
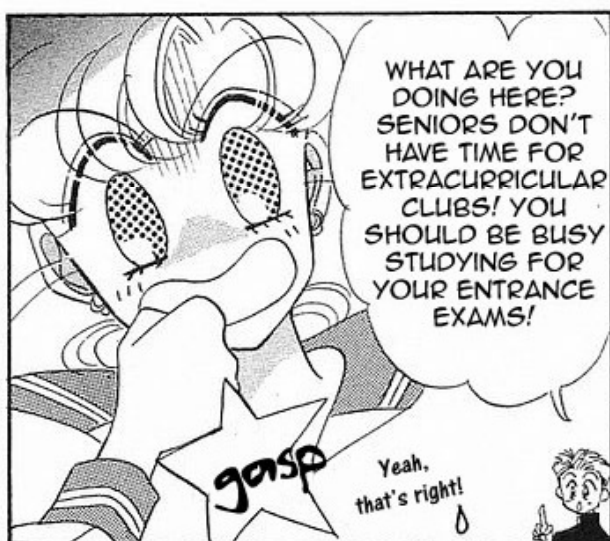
IS THAT WHAT SHE THINKS WE'RE OVER HERE TO DO?

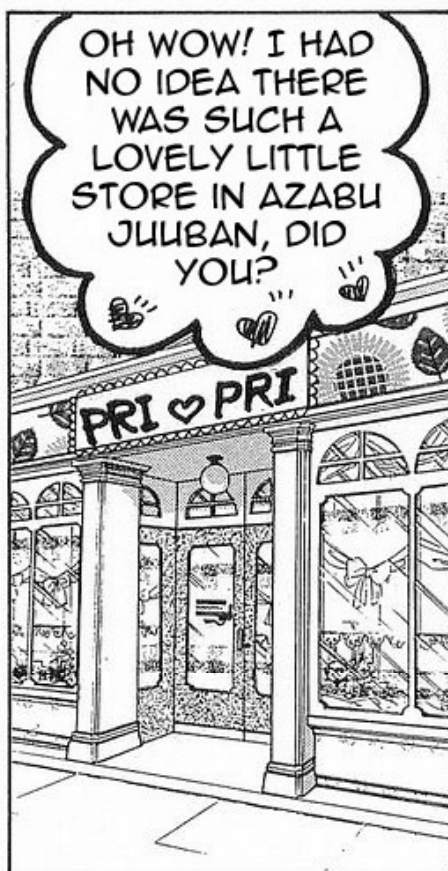
SLAM

COME OVER FOR TEA AND GOODIES?











THIS JEWELRY BOX IS SO PRETTY!

OH MAN, WHAT CUTE LITTLE ♥ EARRINGS!

IT LOOKS LIKE MAKOTO'S FOUND PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS SHE LIKES EVEN BETTER.

♥  
MY GOD! THIS CUSHION IS JUST TOO ADORABLE  
♥



WELL THAT'S OK

MAN, THAT'S TOO BAD. THEY SAID THEY'D BE GETTING MORE IN SOON. BUT I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED IN A STORE WITH SO FEW CLERKS WORKING HERE.



ALTHOUGH NOW, WITH THE ENTRANCE EXAMS OVER OUR HEADS, WHY HAS ALL THE FUN GOTTA BE SUCKED OUT OF LIFE? I JUST WANNA GO BACK TO DRINKING TEA WITH YOU GUYS!

BUT USUALLY GOING BACK TO SCHOOL IS EVEN MORE FUN

WELL, GOING OUT SHOPPING AND DRINKING TEA TOGETHER SURE IS A LOT OF FUN.

Isn't that what we're doing now?



OH, UNAZUKI!

YOU JUST HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR NOW!

ONCE YOU GET INTO THE FLOWER GIRLS'S ACADEMY, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU LIKE! YOU CAN DRINK TEA ALL DAY AND SLACK OFF!

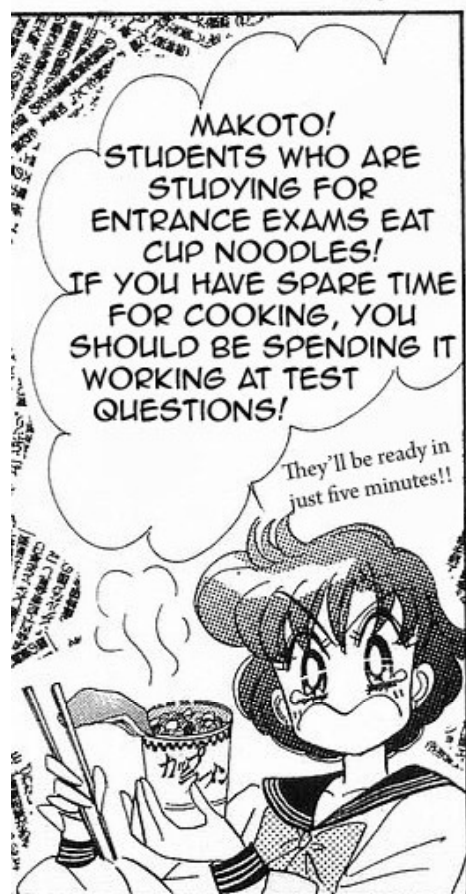
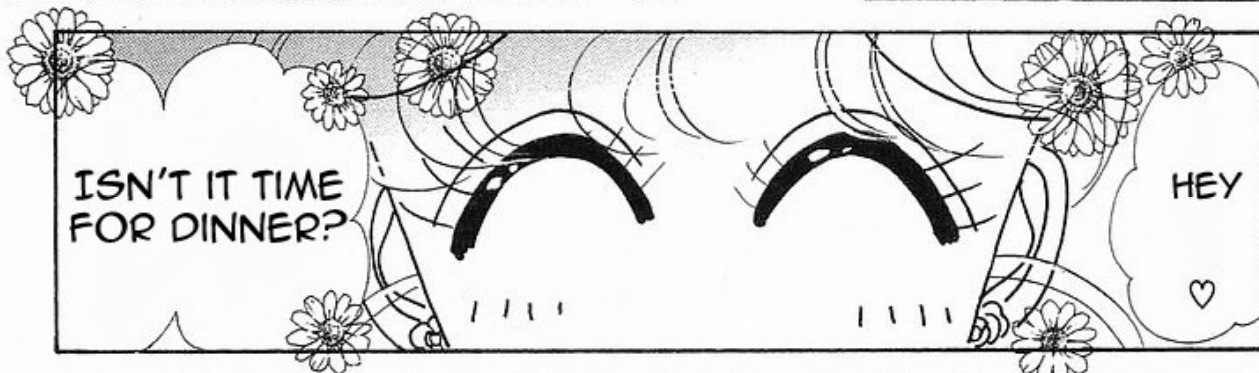
MAKOTO!

**clasp**

Sometimes, being a girl just isn't fair.♥









IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN?

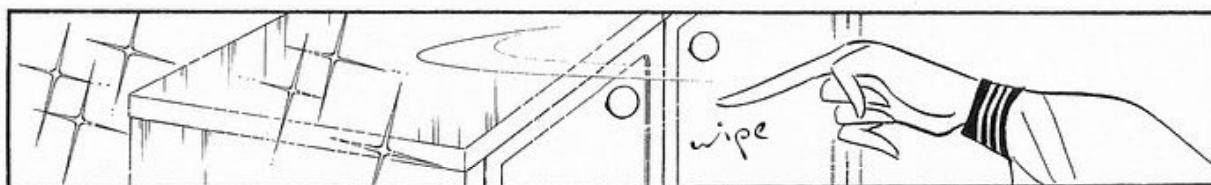
YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME **THE FAT** SAILOR SOLDIER!

THAT'S RIGHT! MAKOTO! IF YOU EAT LIKE THIS WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS, ...

Are you listening Usagi?

Eh?

School Work







*shine*

ENTRANCE  
EXAMS

I JUST  
DON'T  
THINK I  
CAN  
HANDLE  
THE...

*sigh*



I'LL JUST  
STOP TRYING  
TO GET INTO  
HIGH SCHOOL.

MAYBE...



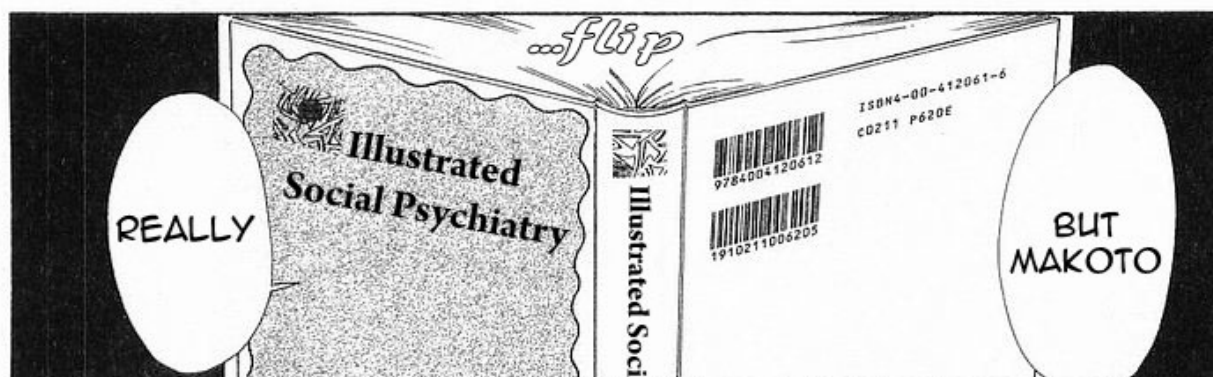
IT'D BE JUST GREAT IF MY  
WHOLE LIFE WERE ABOUT  
TEA AND COOKING WHILE  
BEING SURROUNDED BY  
LOVELY, BEAUTIFUL  
THINGS!

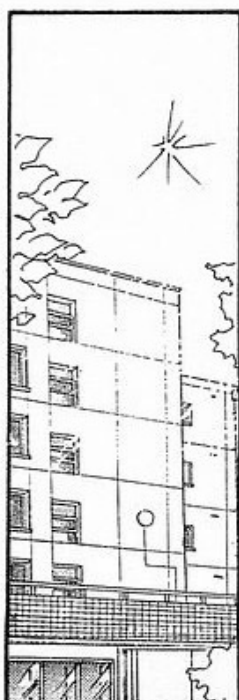
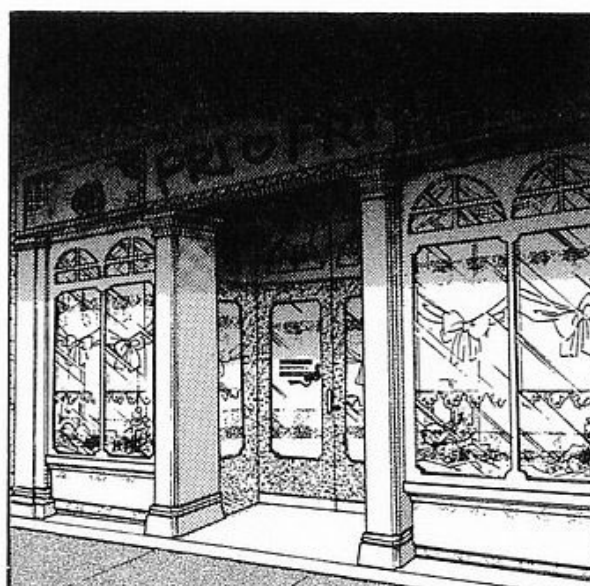
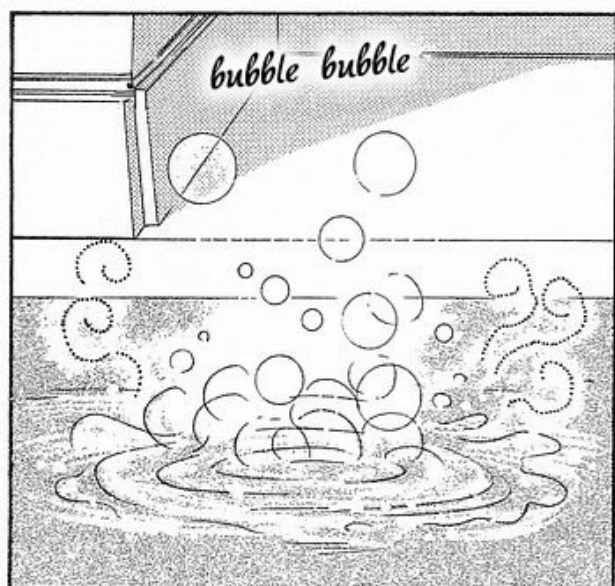
want  
want  
want  
want



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO THINK  
YOU HAVE TO DO IT, CONSIDER  
THIS! ALL YOU'LL WANT TO DO IS  
DRINK TEA! YOU'LL WANT TO SPEND  
ALL YOUR TIME COOKING!  
EVEN CLEANING IS FUN! YOU'LL  
WANT TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME  
BUYING PRETTY THINGS

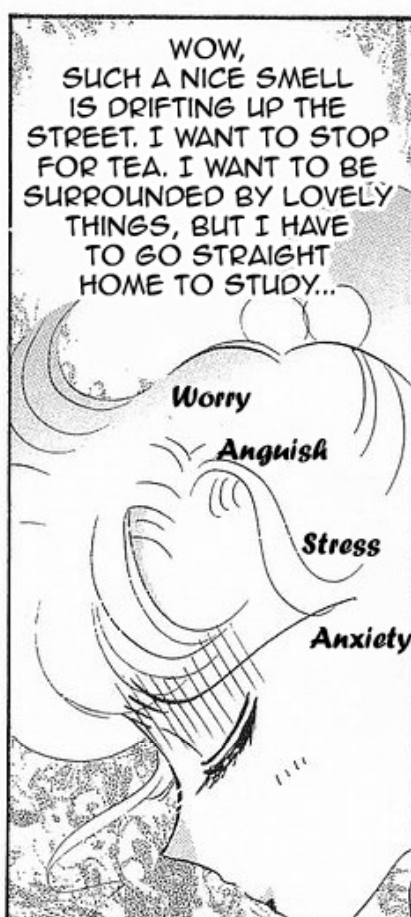
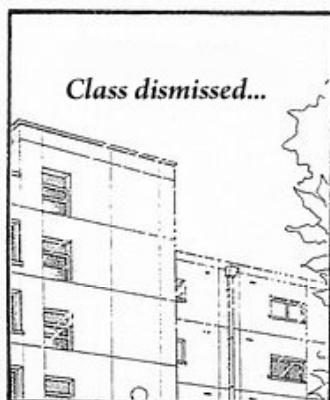
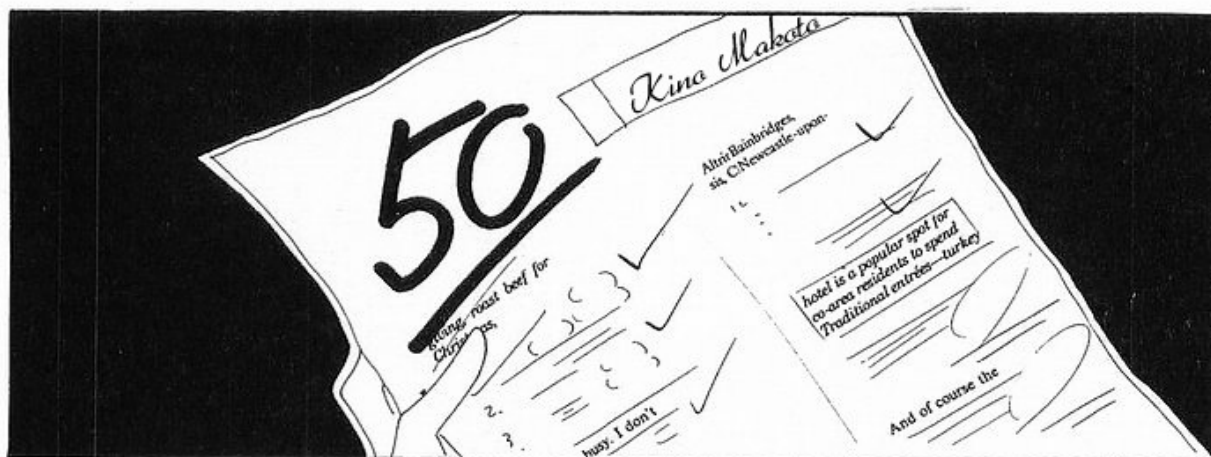
Yeah! I understand you,  
Makoto! I just want to  
watch TV and read  
manga all day!

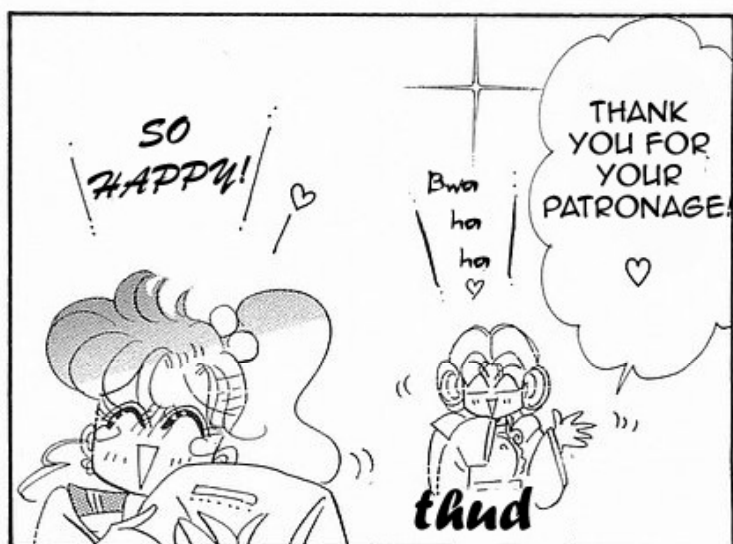
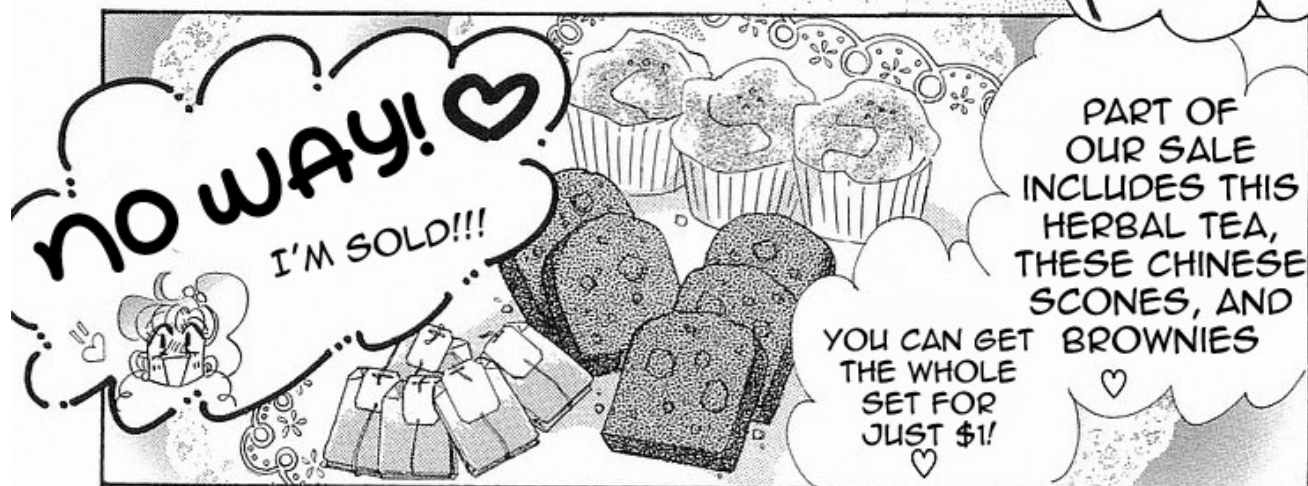




\*note: "Touhi" means "escape". The ghost's name is a pun on the fact that Makoto's escapism is leading her to the Pri Pri store.







*\* From Sir Francis Bacon's "The Studies", on "Essays Civil and Moral"*

BUT AS BACON SAID, "TO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME IN STUDIES IS SLOTH."

WE SHAN'T FEAR LEARNING! WE MUST ALL GET INTO HIGH SCHOOL! AND SO WE MUST STUDY!

Bacon? You mean like the stuff you eat?

AS SHAKESPEARE WROTE: "KNOWLEDGE THE WING WHEREWITH WE FLY TO HEAVEN"!

*\* from Henry VI, Part II, Act IV, Scene VII.*

What?!

AN EVIL SPIRIT!

GASP

HEY! THAT'S THE STORE MAKOTO IS ALWAYS VISITING NOWADAYS!

EVERYONE COMING OUT LOOKS STRANGE!

float fuzzy

fuzzy float

THERE'S A WEIRD SMELL COMING FROM THAT SHOP OVER THERE!

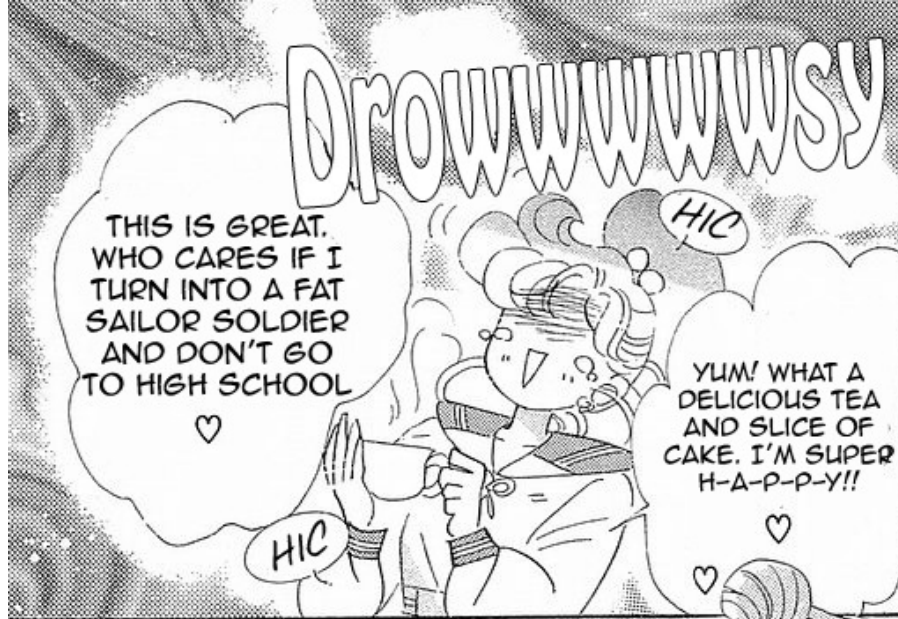
NOM NOM

NOM NOM

fling

chuck





Drowwwwwwwwsy

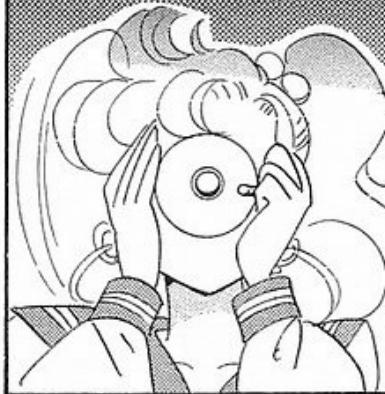
THIS IS GREAT.  
WHO CARES IF I  
TURN INTO A FAT  
SAILOR SOLDIER  
AND DON'T GO  
TO HIGH SCHOOL  
♡

HIC

YUM! WHAT A  
DELICIOUS TEA  
AND SLICE OF  
CAKE. I'M SUPER  
H-A-P-P-Y!!  
♡

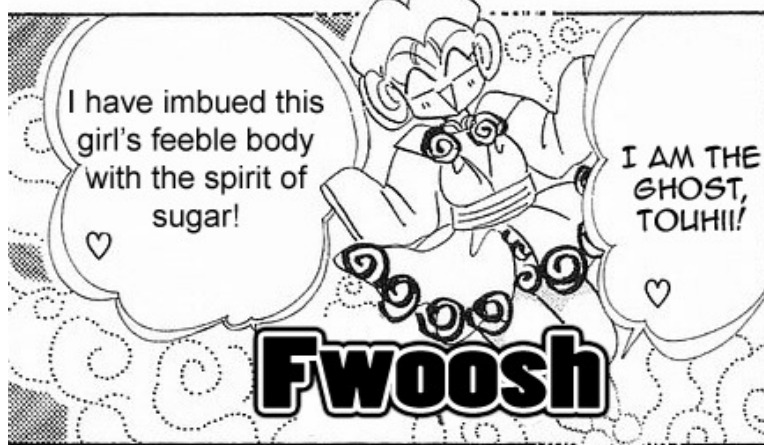
HIC

SLURRRRRP



WHOOSH

MAKOTO?!



I have imbued this  
girl's feeble body  
with the spirit of  
sugar!  
♡

I AM THE  
GHOST,  
TOUHI!!  
♡

Fwoosh

UGH



MAKOTO,  
DON'T DIE!!

AN  
ENEMY?!



Oh no!  
Makoto!?

THE EVIL  
SPIRIT FROM  
THE SHOP?!

MAKOTO!  
WE WILL  
GET INTO  
THE FLOWER  
GIRLS'  
ACADEMY  
TOGETHER!

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GET  
INTO THE FLOWER GIRLS'  
ACADEMY, AND GO TO SHIBUYA  
AND BUY PAGERS, AND GET  
BOYFRIENDS, AND GO TO  
SOCIALS TOGETHER!!

\* yes, she's actually talking about a beeper/pager here, this series is old

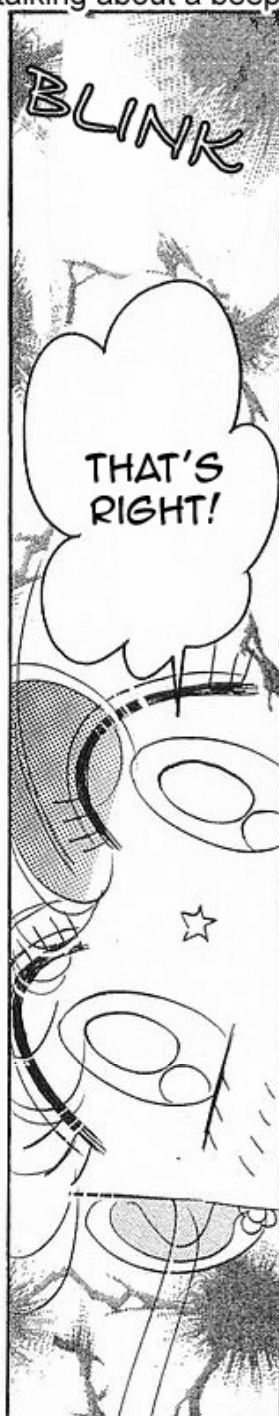
YOU'VE BEEN  
RIGHT ALL  
ALONG!

JUPITER  
PLANET  
POWER  
MAKE  
UP!



BLINK

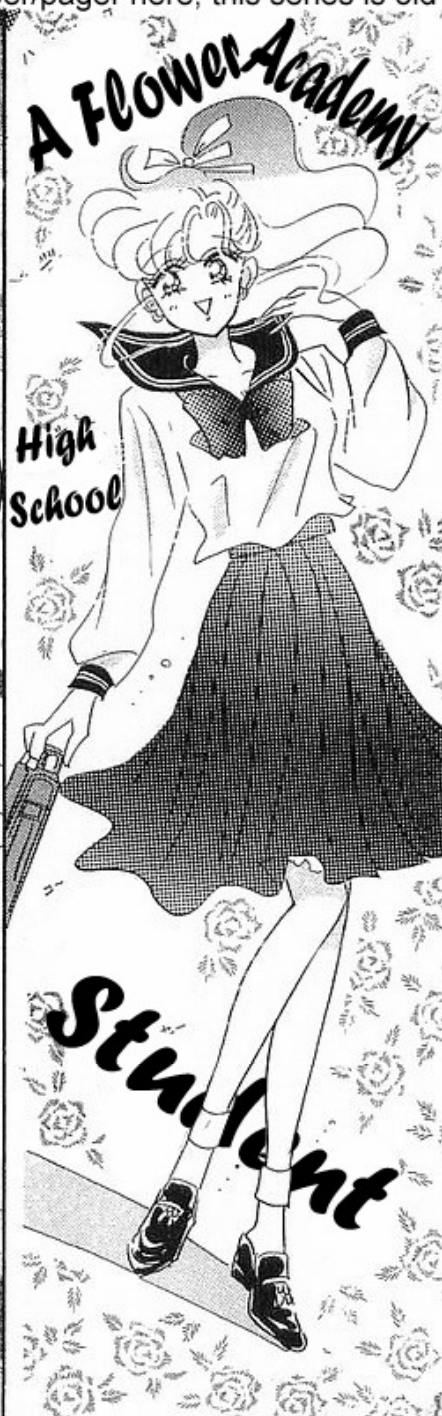
THAT'S  
RIGHT!



A Flower Academy

High  
School

Student







LET'S GET INTO  
THE FLOWER  
ACADEMY, AND  
STOP OFF FOR  
TEA ON THE WAY  
TO SCHOOL. I  
WON'T LET THIS  
KILL ME!



JUPITER  
COCONUT  
CYCLONE!





