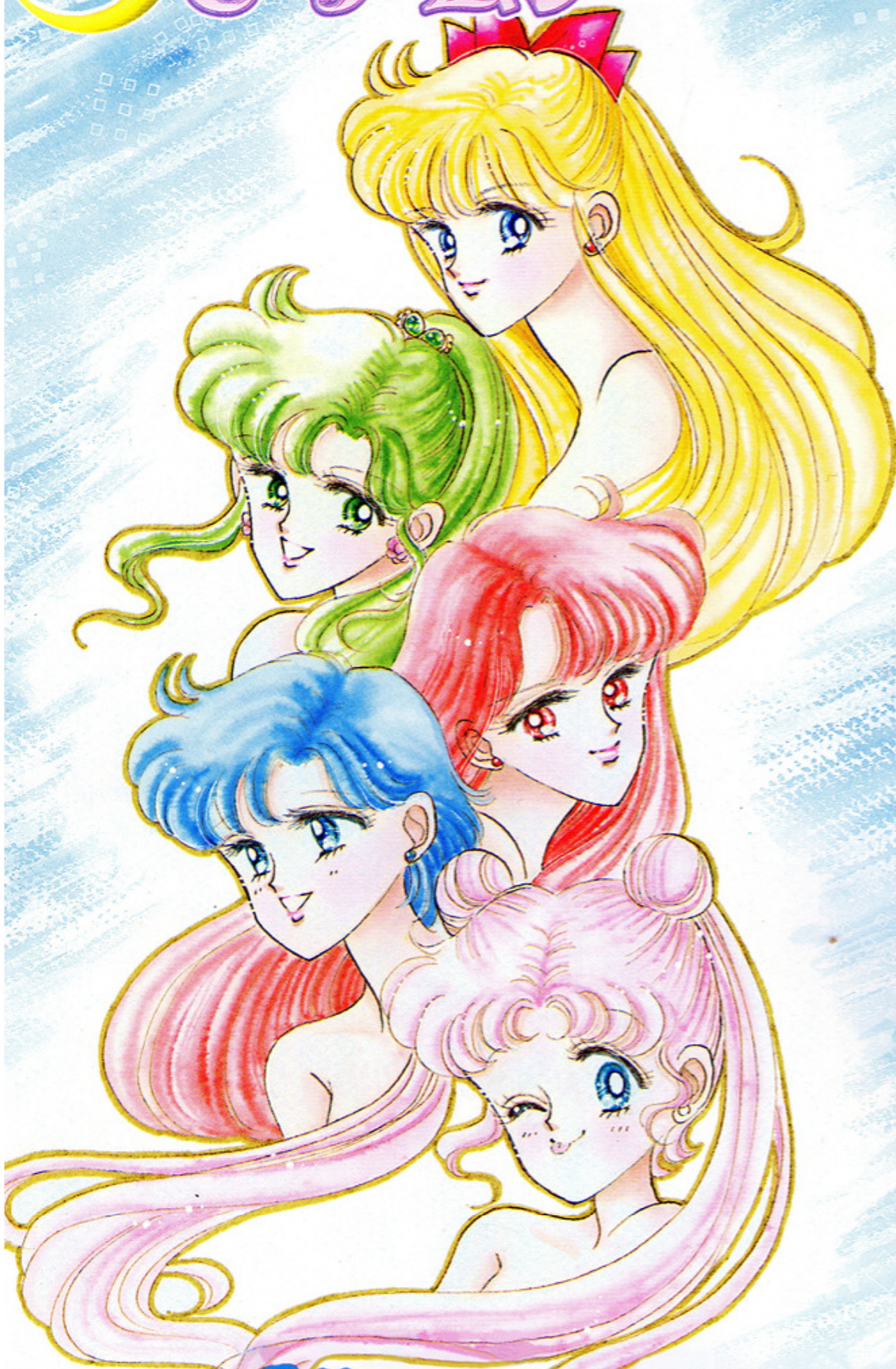


Pretty Guardian
美少女戦士

SAILORMOON
セーラー Moon



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Pretty Guardian
SAILOR MOON



MY HOME.

THIS IS

IS THIS

...

WHAT...
WHAT IS HE DOING
HERE...?!

CHIBA MAMORU?



I'M IN
CHIBA
MAMORU'S
HOME?
BUT HOW DID
I END UP
HERE...?

DON'T
YOU
REMEMBER?

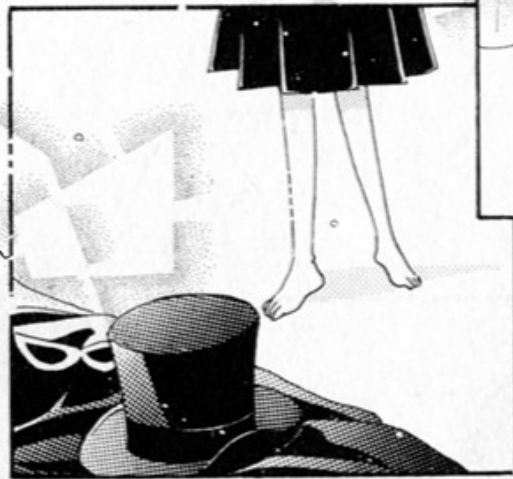
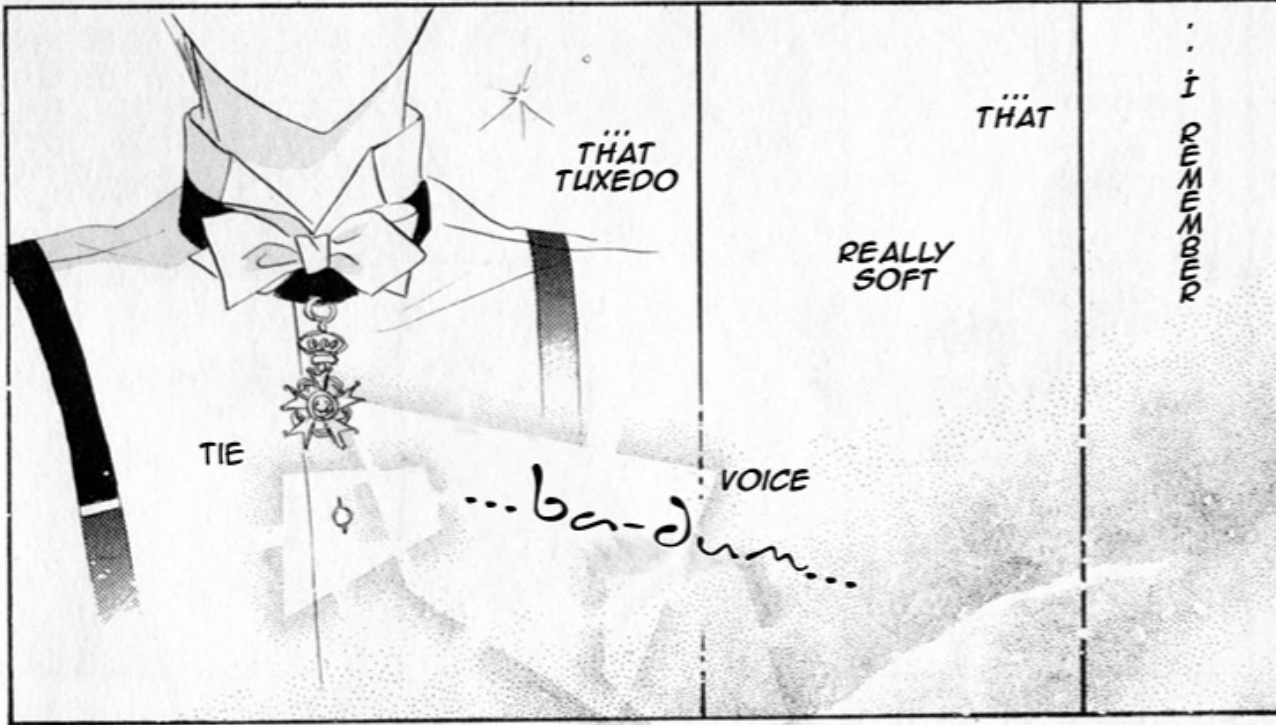


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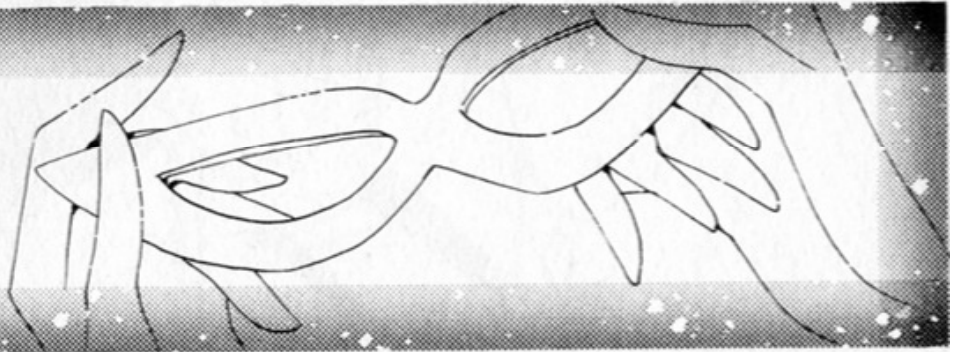


YOU
COLLAPSED
AFTER THAT
BATTLE AND FELL
INTO SOMETHING
OF A COMA.

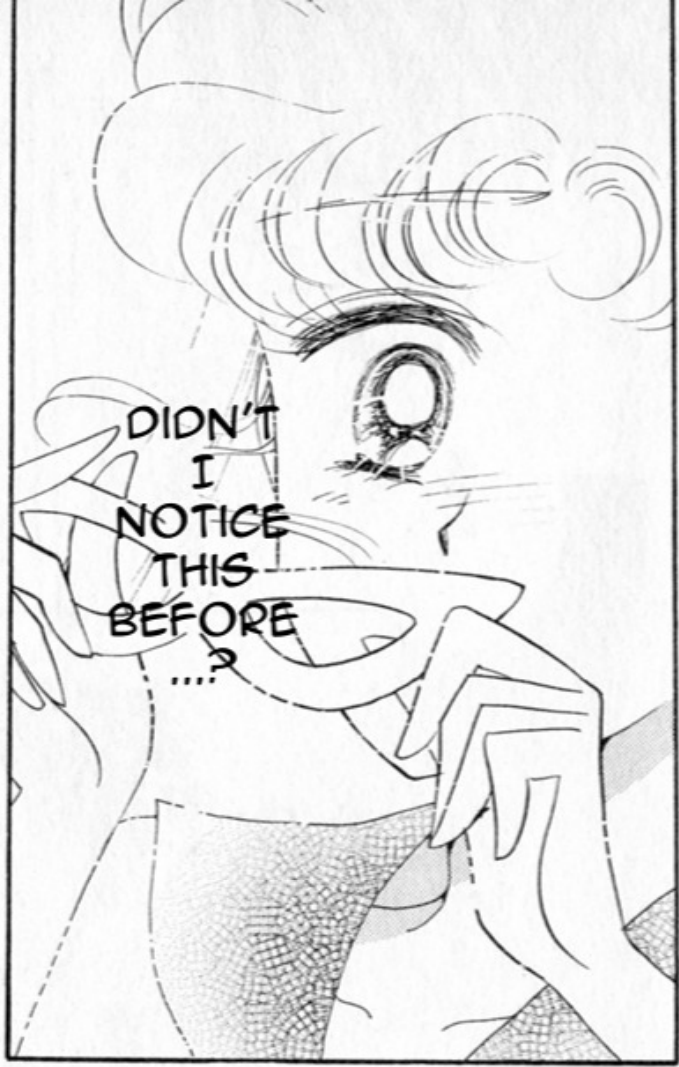




BUT WHY



THE COLOR
OF THOSE
EYES,
SO DEEP I FEEL
AS IF THEY ARE
SWALLOWING
ME.



DIDN'T
I
NOTICE
THIS
BEFORE
....?

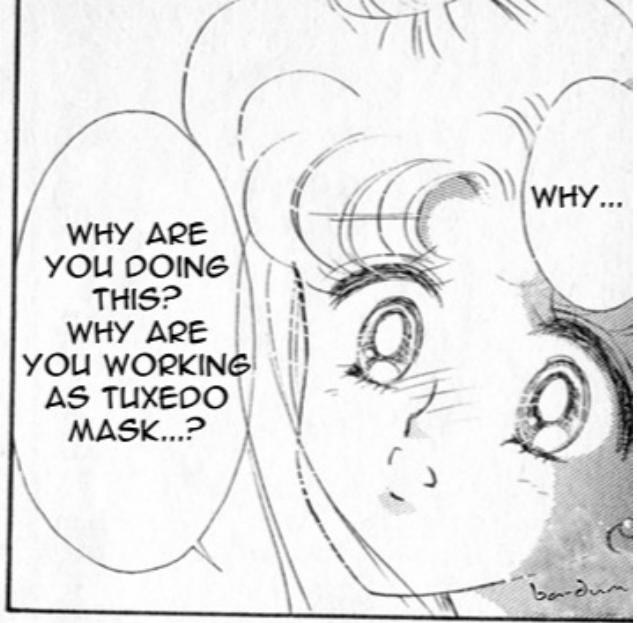


...TUXEDO
MASK...?





I HAVE TO DO THIS.



WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
WHY ARE YOU WORKING AS TUXEDO MASK...?

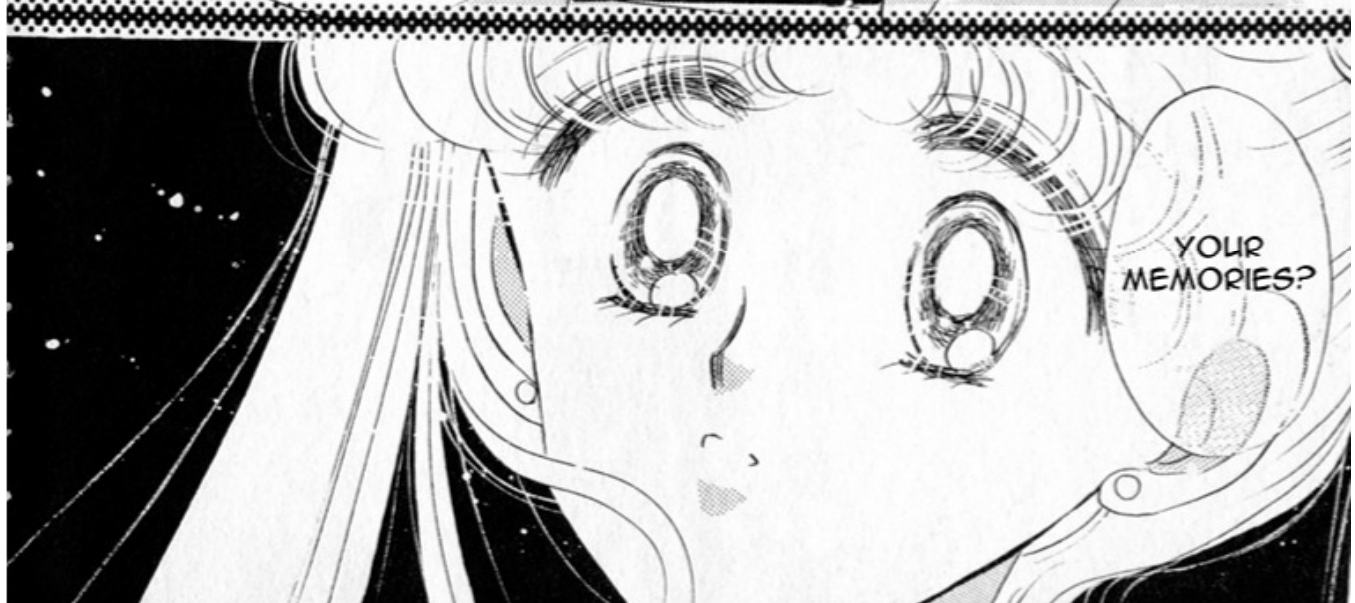
WHY...

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I MUST FIRST OBTAIN THE "SILVER CRYSTAL," IT'S THE ONLY WAY.

IN ORDER TO RECOVER MY MEMORIES.



YOUR MEMORIES?



"HURRY UP!
MOM, DAD!
HURRY, COME ON,
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
BE GOING OUT
FOR A DRIVE!"

"AH
HAH
HAH!"



HOWEVER..."

HOWEVER,
IT IS A MIRACLE
THAT THEIR ONLY
SON, MAMORU,
SURVIVED THE
CRASH.

"UNFORTUNATELY
THE PARENTS
DIDN'T SURVIVE..."



I CAN'T
REMEMER
ANYTHING!
WHO
AM
I?!

WHAT AM
I DOING
HERE?



—
W
I
H
O
A
M
I
?



AM I
REALLY
CHIBA
MAMORU
OR...

...AM I
REALLY
SOMEONE
ELSE?
IT'S BEEN
SO MANY
YEARS NOW
THAT I'VE
GONE ON,
NOT
KNOWING.

AS SOON
AS I WOKE
UP IN THE
HOSPITAL
AFTER THE
ACCIDENT,
I COULDN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING.

YOUR
NAME
IS
"CHIBA
MAMORU"



AND
THAT'S ALL
I CAN
REMEMBER
ABOUT
MY PAST.

BOTH OF
MY PARENTS
WERE KILLED
ON MY 6TH
BIRTHDAY.



IT'S
REPEATED
AGAIN
AND AGAIN
IN MY
DREAMS.

THAT
PHRASE,
"THE SILVER
CRYSTAL".

PLEASE
GIVE ME
THE
"SILVER CRYSTAL".

THERE'S
JUST
ONE
CLUE.
I KEEP
HAVING
THE
SAME
DREAM.



SEARCHING FOR A CLUE TO RESTORE MY MEMORY.

PROWLING THE STREETS LIKE A THIEF IN A TUXEDO.

I FOUND MYSELF SLEEPWALKING LATE AT NIGHT ALL OVER THE CITY

THE NEXT THING I KNEW



...ba-dum...



SEARCHING FOR THE "SILVER CRYSTAL."



SEARCHING?
YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
THE "SILVER
CRYSTAL"
TOO,
RIGHT?

WHY
ARE
YOU



HUH?

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

ba-dum



JUST THAT I DON'T
LUNA TOLD ME I NEED TO REALLY
FIND IT KNOW,
AND PROTECT EXACTLY
IT.

ba-dum

WELL,
LHH...
I...
LMM...

ba-dum

ba-dum



BA-DUM

KNOW
THAT

I
DIDN'T...

HE HAD
SUCH A
COMPELLING
REASON TO
BE SEARCHING
FOR IT...



...I SEE.



"WE MUST PROTECT THE 'SILVER CRYSTAL' AT ALL COSTS. WE CAN'T ALLOW IT TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS!"

"I DON'T WANT TO THINK THAT TUXEDO MASK IS AN ENEMY, BUT..."



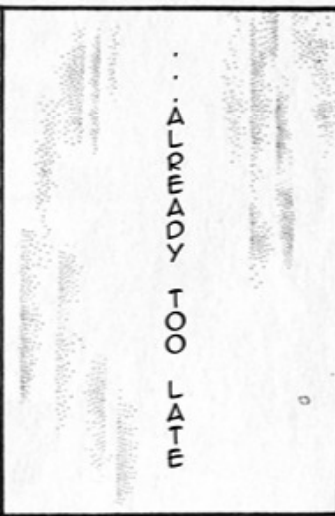
ba-dum

...LUNA IS SIGNALLING ME TO REMEMBER THIS.



SHARED OUR SECRETS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

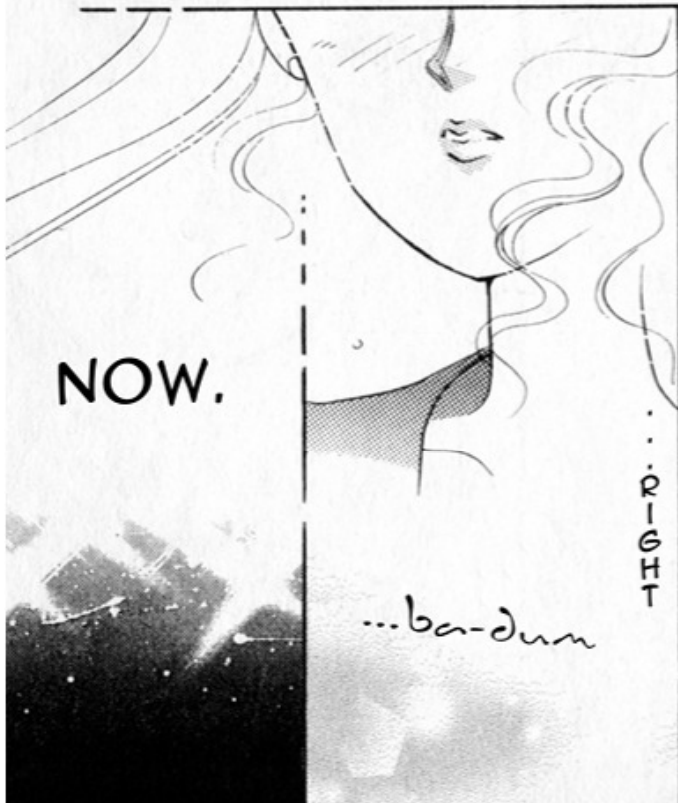
... WE ALREADY



... ALREADY TOO LATE



...BUT IT'S ALREADY



NOW.

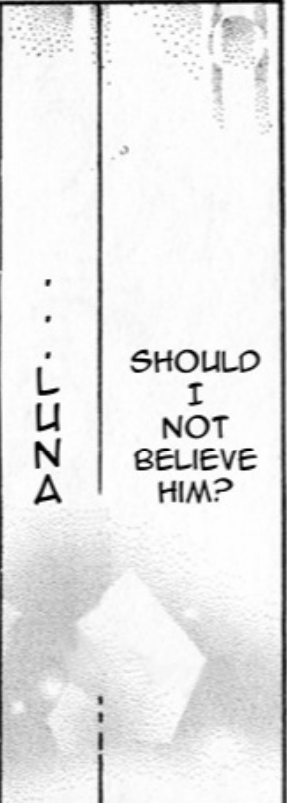
...ba-dum

... RIGHT



...MY HEART IS THUMPING WILDLY.

...WHAT SHOULD I DO?



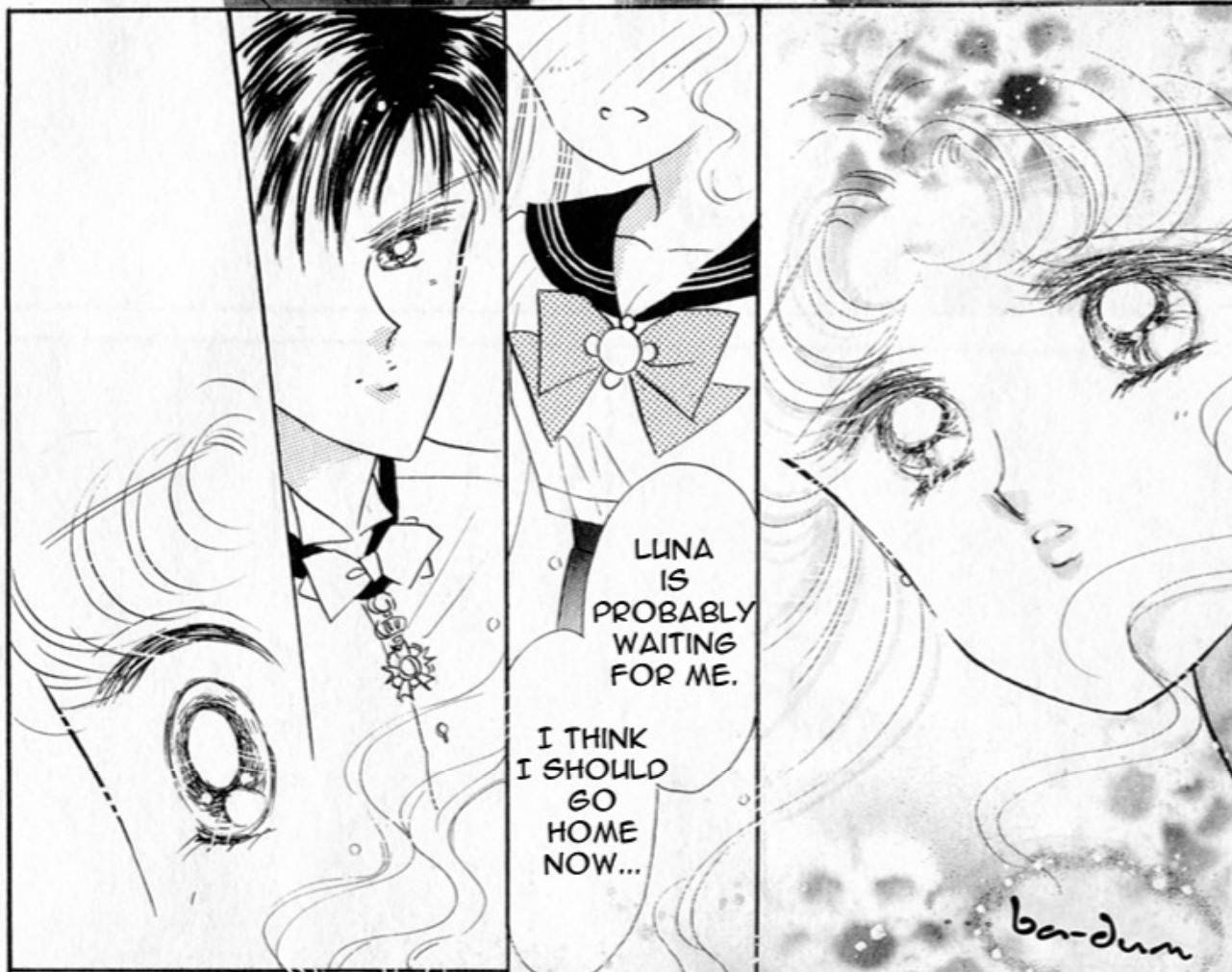
... LUNA

SHOULD I NOT BELIEVE HIM?

...WHAT A
NICE THOUGHT...

YES.

I WISH
TIME
WOULD
STOP RIGHT
NOW, SO
THAT WE
COULD GO
ON LIKE
THIS
TOGETHER.



LUNA
IS
PROBABLY
WAITING
FOR ME.

I THINK
I SHOULD
GO
HOME
NOW...

ba-dum





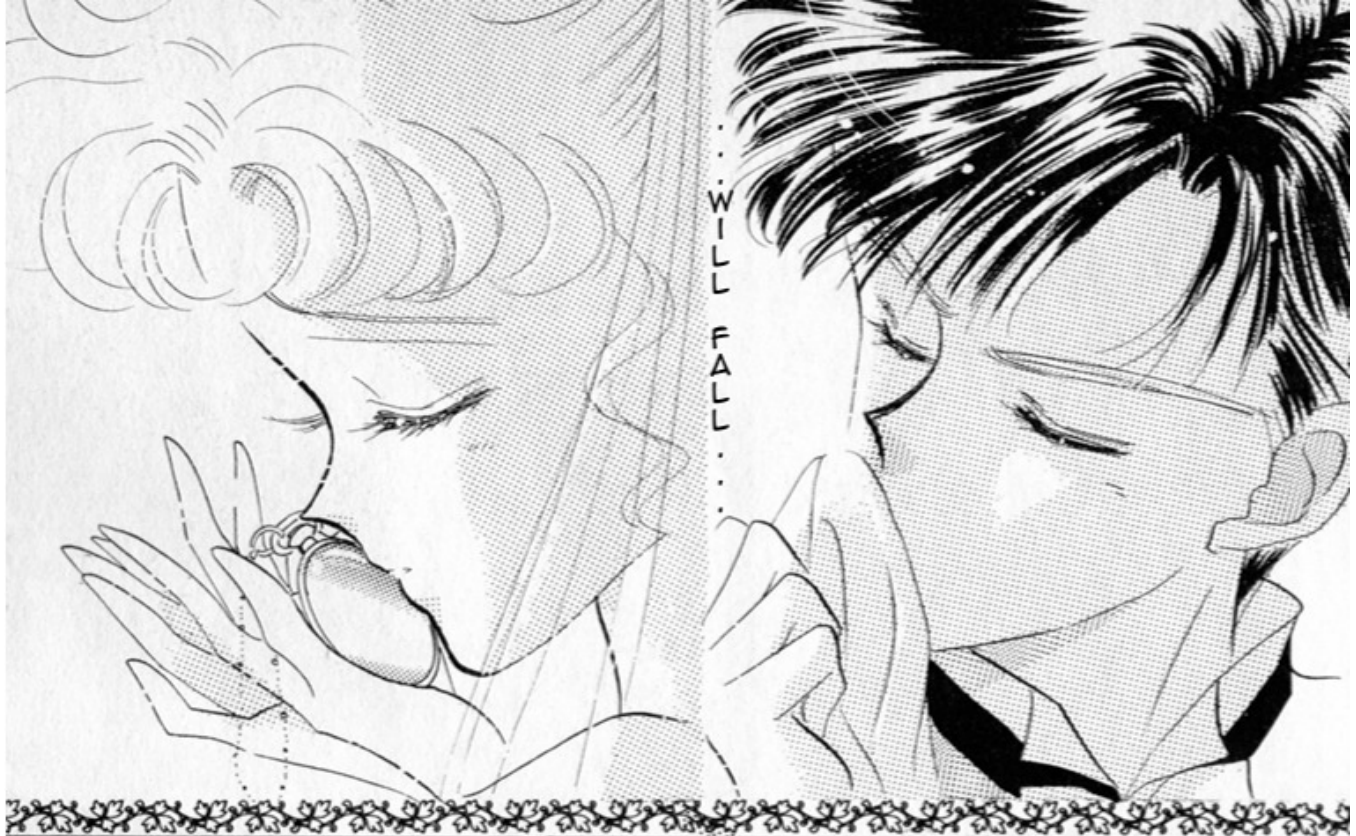
CALL HIM MAMORU FROM NOW ON.

MAYBE I SHOULD

ba-dum

ba-dum





... WILL FALL ...

ANYTHING ABOUT THE LAST TIME THEY WERE SOLDIERS. IN PARTICULAR, SAILOR MOON IS LACKING AS A SOLDIER, SHE'S ONLY AS GOOD AS HALF OF ONE OF THE OTHERS. IT'S TOO SOON NOW. WE MUST GIVE HER MORE TIME, AND WAIT.

THAT'S RIGHT, THEY HAVE FINALLY AWAKENED

BUT THEY DON'T YET REMEMBER ...



AND BECAUSE OF THAT EVERYONE IN YOUR AREA IS IN GREAT DANGER.

THE ENEMY IS FAST APPROACHING IN YOUR DIRECTION.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME, LUNA.



WHAT WAS THAT AMAZING POWER SAILOR MOON WEILDED?!

ENOUGH POWER TO REVIVE THE PEOPLE WHOSE POWER WE HAD DRAINED TO THE BRINK OF DEATH.



FWOOOOOSH



YOU MEAN THE POWER OF THE "SILVER CRYSTAL"?

THE POWER TO RESTORE LIFE...



GRIMACE



QUEEN BERYL!



YOU MEAN, THOSE BRATS ALREADY HAVE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR?



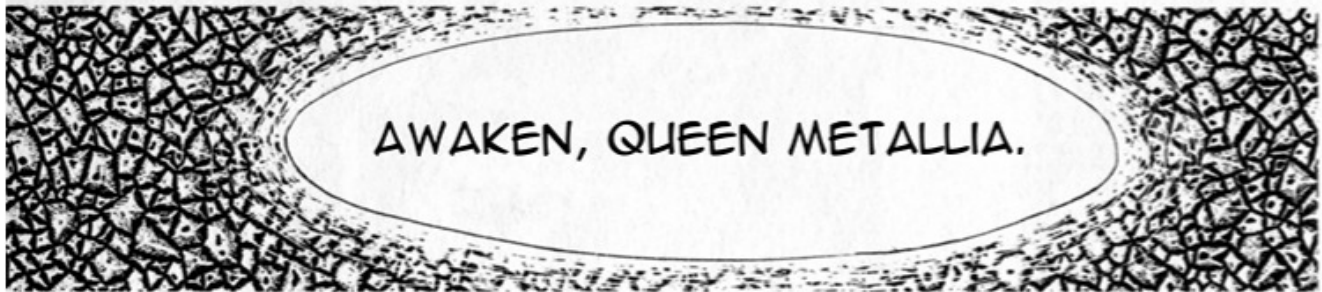
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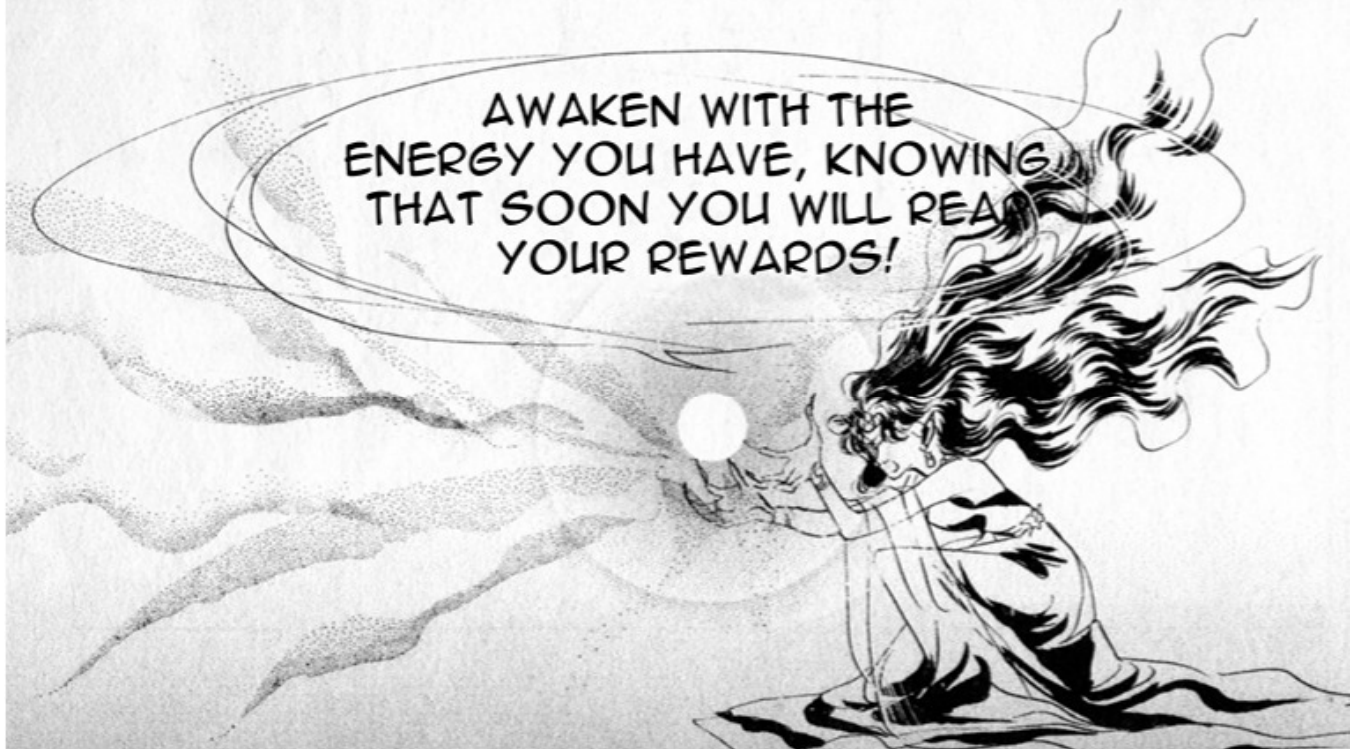
fwoosh



OUR GREAT RULER,



AWAKEN, QUEEN METALLIA.



AWAKEN WITH THE ENERGY YOU HAVE, KNOWING THAT SOON YOU WILL REAP YOUR REWARDS!



QUEEN METALLIA,

MY SUBORDINATES, THE FOUR GENERALS, HAVE SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW THROUGHOUT THE EARTH.

BUT NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS TO SEARCH IS THE NATION OF JAPAN!

BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE IT YET.

FWOOOOOSH

HURRY...

HURRY AND BRING ME THE "SILVER CRYSTAL" RIGHT NOW...! I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY I NEED TO... UGHHHHH....

OH H H



NO.
I
MUSTN'T
ALLOW
THAT
TO
HAPPEN...!

COULD THEY BE
THE HENCHMEN
OF THAT WRETCHED
KINGDOM THAT
SEALED ME HERE
SO LONG AGO?
IS IT POSSIBLE...
HAVE THEY BEEN
RESURRECTED?

ソルジャー...
ソルジャー...

I CAN
FEEL IT...

EVEN HERE,
BURIED DEEP
BELOW THE
EARTH'S
SURFACE, I
CAN FEEL ITS
GREAT POWER
LOOMING
OVER ME

I MUST NOT
ALLOW THAT
INCESSANT BRAT,
THE HEIR TO THE
MOON KINGDOM,
AWAKEN!

ARE THEY ONCE
AGAIN TRYING
TO SEAL ME AWAY,
TO PREVENT MY
RESURRECTION?

WE CAN'T FIND IT!
AND IT'S ALL
BECAUSE OF THESE
"SOLDIERS" GETTING
IN OUR WAY!!
FURTHERMORE, IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT THEY
MAY HAVE OBTAINED
THE "SILVER CRYSTAL"
BEFORE WE HAVE!





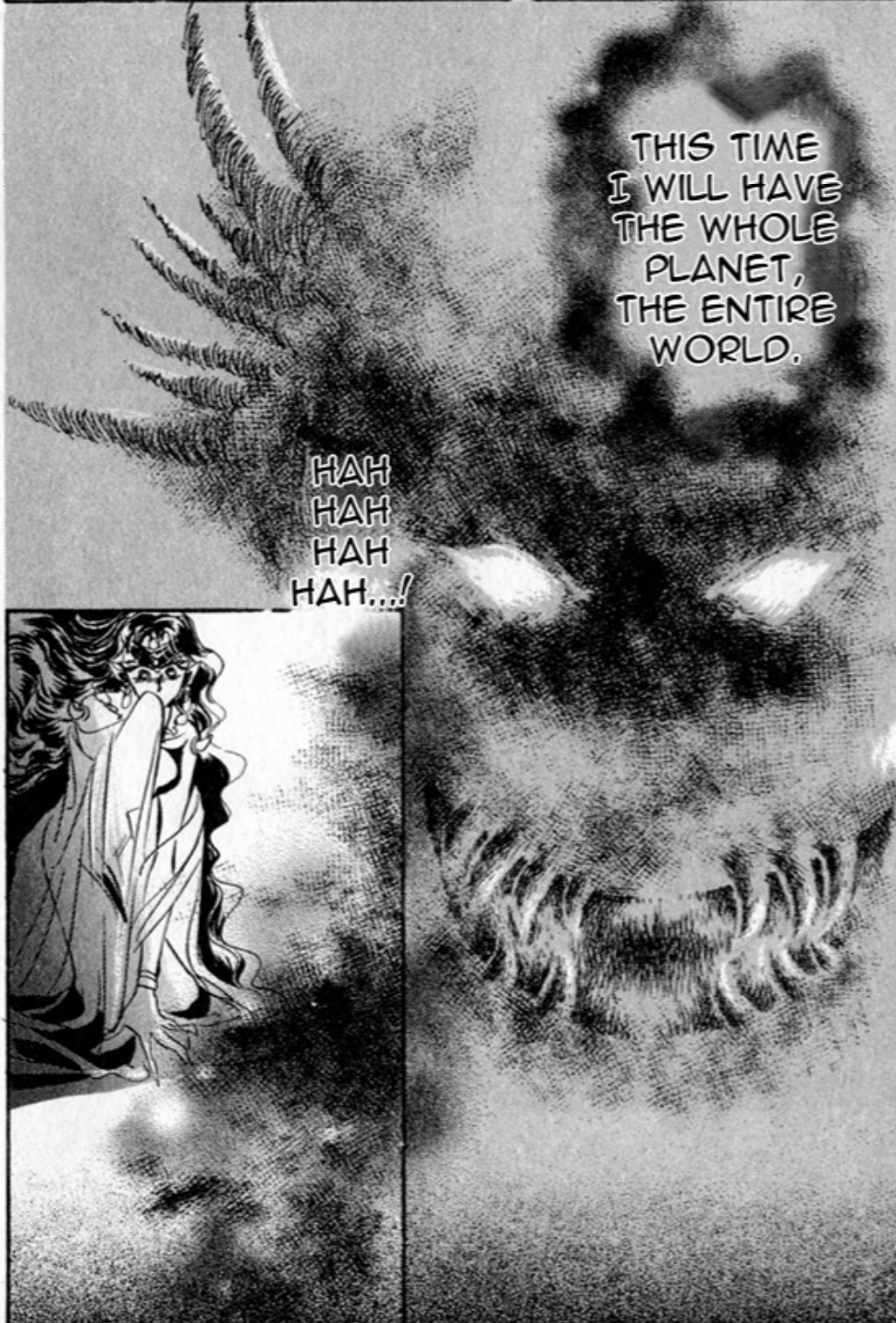
BUT I
NEED
THAT
STONE.

AND ONCE
AGAIN,
THIS PLANET
WILL FALL
TO ME.



I WILL
BE
RESURR-
ECTED

THIS
TIME

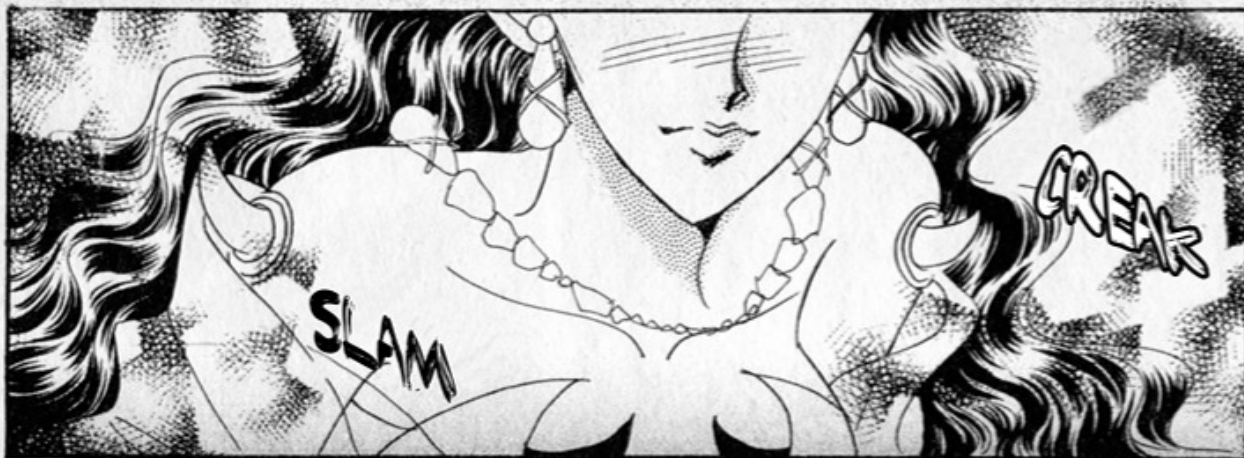


THIS TIME
I WILL HAVE
THE WHOLE
PLANET,
THE ENTIRE
WORLD.

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH...!



CRUSH THEM!
STEAL THE "SILVER CRYSTAL"
FROM THEM IF YOU CAN!



BUT,
THERE'S
NO
TURNING
BACK
NOW.

I'VE
ALREADY
BROKEN
THE
SEAL THAT
KEPT HER
IN
CAPTIVITY...



AT THIS
RATE OF
GROWTH,
IF
QUEEN
METALLIA
REALLY
DOES
BECOME
RESURRECTED

SHE WILL
SURELY
SWALLOW
THE
ENTIRE
PLANET
IN
DARKNESS.



EVERY TIME
I GO IN
THERE,
IT'S EVEN
MORE DARK
AND
ENORMOUS
THAN THE
LAST TIME...



DRAWN TO IT,
I BROKE THE
SEAL THAT
KEPT IT IN
A SLUMBER.



AND
THERE
WAS
THE
DARK
KINGDOM.

THAT DAY,
FAR UP IN
THE ARCTIC
CIRCLE, AT
POINT D,
I COULD
HEAR
SOMETHING
CALLING
OUT TO ME.
THAT'S WHEN
I FOUND
HER.

SHE WAS
THERE,
HIDDEN,
CURSED,
RUINED.



IS TO
OBTAIN
IT AND
THEN TO
RULE
THIS WORLD
ACCORDING
TO MY
DESIRES!!

MY
DEAREST
WISH

IT WAS I
WHO
RELEASED
HER FROM
HER PRISON.

"THE
SILVER
CRYSTAL"

IT WAS
SIMPLY
A MATTER
OF FATE.



I BET
SAILOR MOON
KNOWS WHO
THE CARRIER
OF THE
"SILVER CRYSTAL"
IS.



ZOICITE.

OR MAYBE
SHE'S SECRETLY
CARRYING IT
HERSELF!!

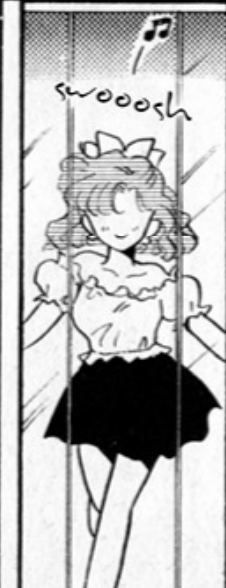


NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
QUEEN METALLIA
WANTS THE
"SILVER CRYSTAL"
FOR HERSELF,
IT WILL BE I
WHO OBTAIN
IT BEFORE HER
TO USE FOR
MY OWN
PURPOSES!!

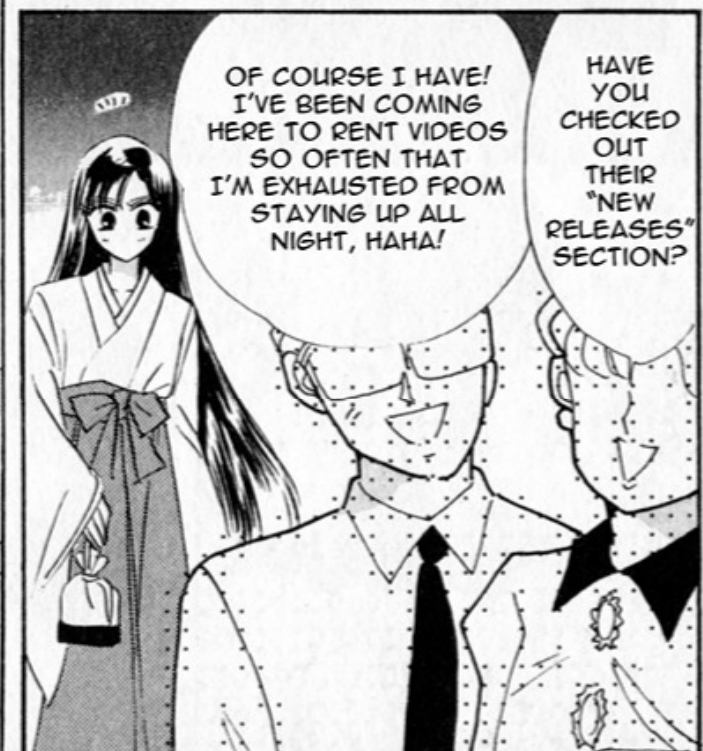
AS FOR
THAT HEIR
TO THE
MOON
KINGDOM...



AH,
YUMIKO,
KURI! ♡



swoosh





I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS PLACE.

RENTAL SHOP "DARK"...

THAT SAILOR MOON...

RUMOR HAS IT THAT SAILOR MOON IS ITS OWNER!

DARK

gumble gumble

ding dong



INDEED, YOU SAID YOU WERE INTERESTED ABOUT HER, SO I DECIDED TO DO A BIT OF RESEARCH ON THE TOPIC.

IS THAT DATA ON SAILOR V?

TODAY I HEH HEH! HAVE FRUIT JAM SANDWICHES. ♡

THE STRAWBERRY ONES ARE GREAT. ♡

AND WHAT IS IN MAKOTO'S LUNCH TODAY, I WONDER?

IT'S LUNCH TIME, IT'S LUNCH TIME! ♡

YAY! ♪



"SAILOR V"
-NAME/AGE: UNKNOWN
-PERSONAL DATA: UNKNOWN
-ID NUMBER: UNKNOWN
-GROUP AFFILIATIONS: UNKNOWN
-BACKGROUND: UNKNOWN
-CRIMINAL ARREST RECORD: UNKNOWN

NOTABLE FACTS:
-SELF PROCLAIMED
"SOLDIER OF JUSTICE"
-EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF HER
REACH INTO THE HUNDREDS SINCE
199X, MAINLY IN THE TOKYO AREA.
-SINCE AROUND THE TIME OF
SAILOR MOON'S APPEARANCE,
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF HER
ACTIONS HAVE SUDDENLY DECLINED.

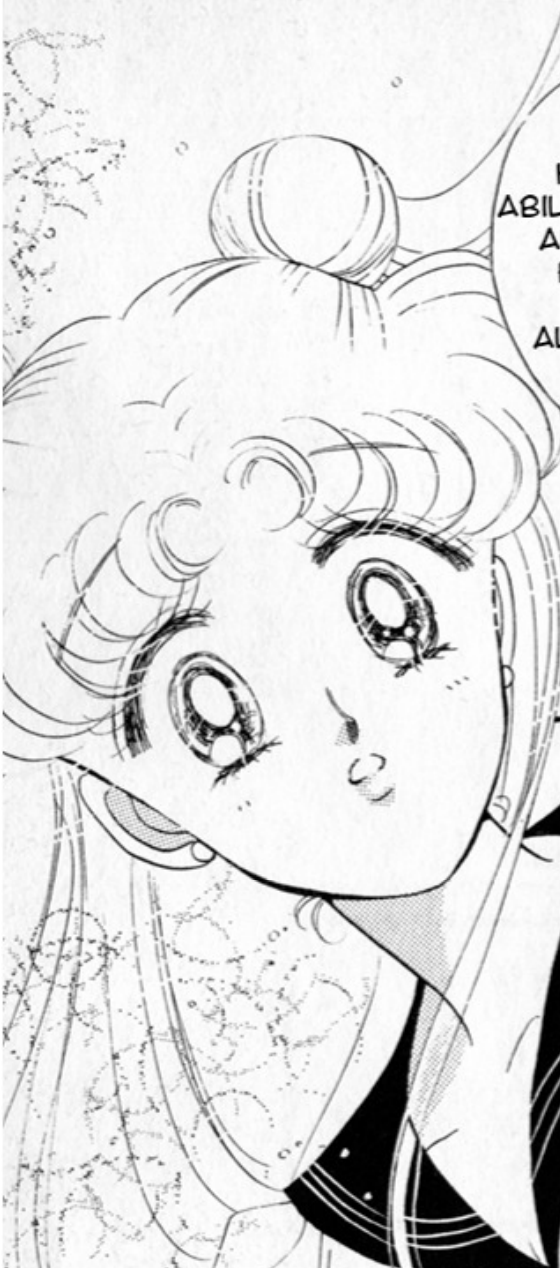


HEY, DO YOU THINK SHE HAS ANY RELATION TO THAT MOON KINGDOM STUFF LUNA WAS TELLING US ABOUT?

LOOK, V HAS A CRESCENT MOON MARK TOO.

HEY,

THE PHANTOM SOLDIER OF JUSTICE, EH?
SAILOR V...



MAYBE USAGI
HAS DETECTION
ABILITIES OF HER OWN,
AND IS GETTING A
FEELING ABOUT
SAILOR V
ALL ON HER OWN...

BUT
MAYBE
...

YOU'VE REALLY
TAKEN AN INTEREST
IN THIS, HUH?
LUNA SAID THAT
SHE DIDN'T GET ANY
KIND OF VIBE FROM
SAILOR V LIKE SHE
HAD WITH US,
THOUGH.

MAYBE
USAGI IS JUST
AWAKENING TO
HER POWERS
FASTER THAN
WE ARE!

AND HEY,
YOU KNOW,
LUNA SAID THAT
OUR AWAKENINGS
WEREN'T COMPLETE
YET.

I HAVE
SPECIAL POWERS...?

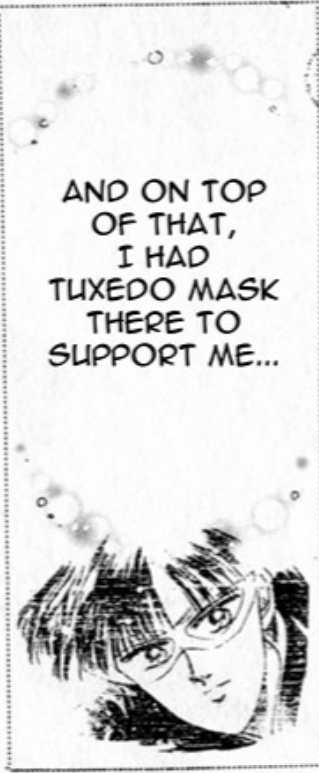
GREAT
POWER?

AFTER ALL, LUNA GAVE YOU THAT
AMAZING STICK WEAPON, WHICH
HAS HUGE POWERS OF ITS OWN.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, USAGI,
YOU'RE THE LEADER OF ALL OF US
SOLDIERS. IT ISN'T SUCH A STRECH
TO THINK THAT YOU'VE GOT SPECIAL
POWERS APART FROM THE REST
OF US.





I WAS ONLY
ABLE TO USE
MY POWER
BECAUSE I HAVE
OTHER THINGS
HELPING ME.



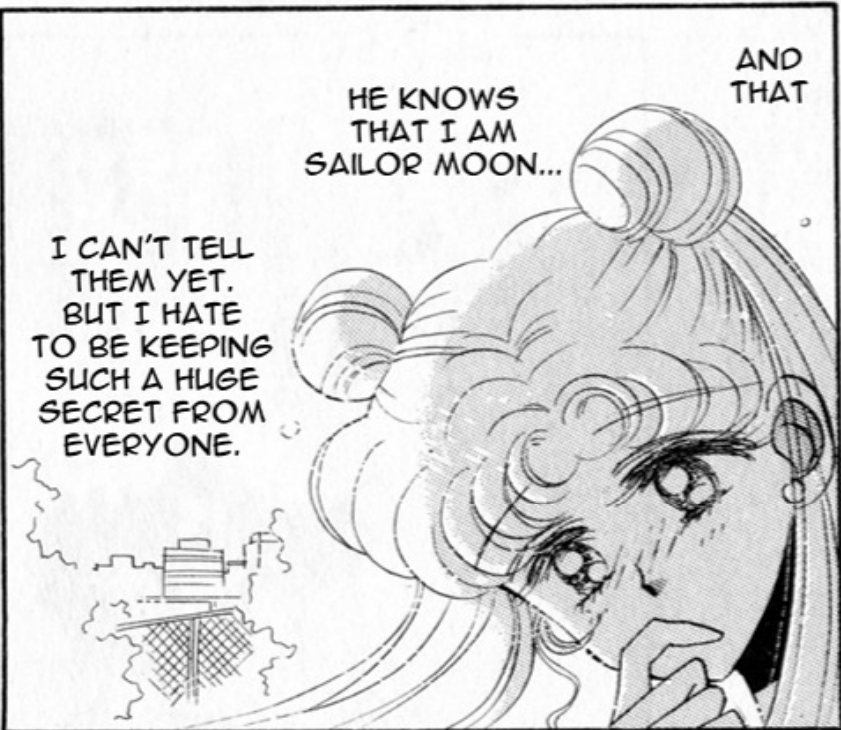
AND ON TOP
OF THAT,
I HAD
TUXEDO MASK
THERE TO
SUPPORT ME...



BUT THE TRUTH
IS I WAS ONLY
ABLE TO SAVE
EVERYONE BECAUSE
I WAS GIVEN THE
MOON STICK.



I HAVEN'T
TOLD THE
OTHERS ABOUT
THAT YET.



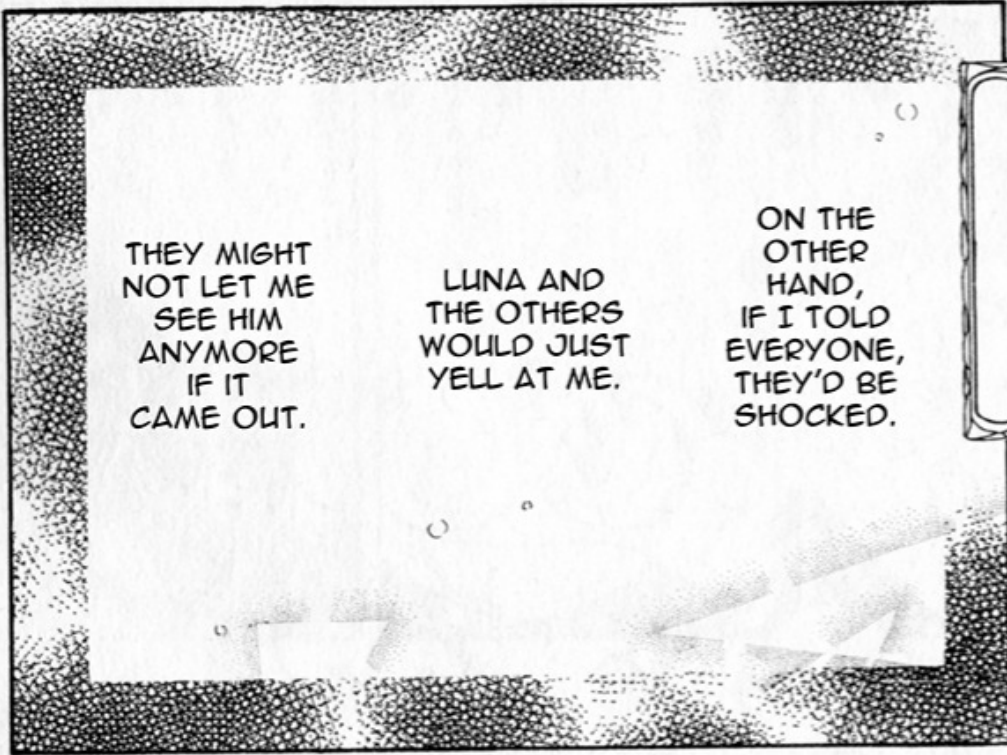
I CAN'T TELL
THEM YET.
BUT I HATE
TO BE KEEPING
SUCH A HUGE
SECRET FROM
EVERYONE.

HE KNOWS
THAT I AM
SAILOR MOON...

AND
THAT

THAT OF ALL PEOPLE,
TUXEDO MASK
TURNS OUT TO BE...
HIM.





THEY MIGHT NOT LET ME SEE HIM ANYMORE IF IT CAME OUT.

LUNA AND THE OTHERS WOULD JUST YELL AT ME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I TOLD EVERYONE, THEY'D BE SHOCKED.



...BUT

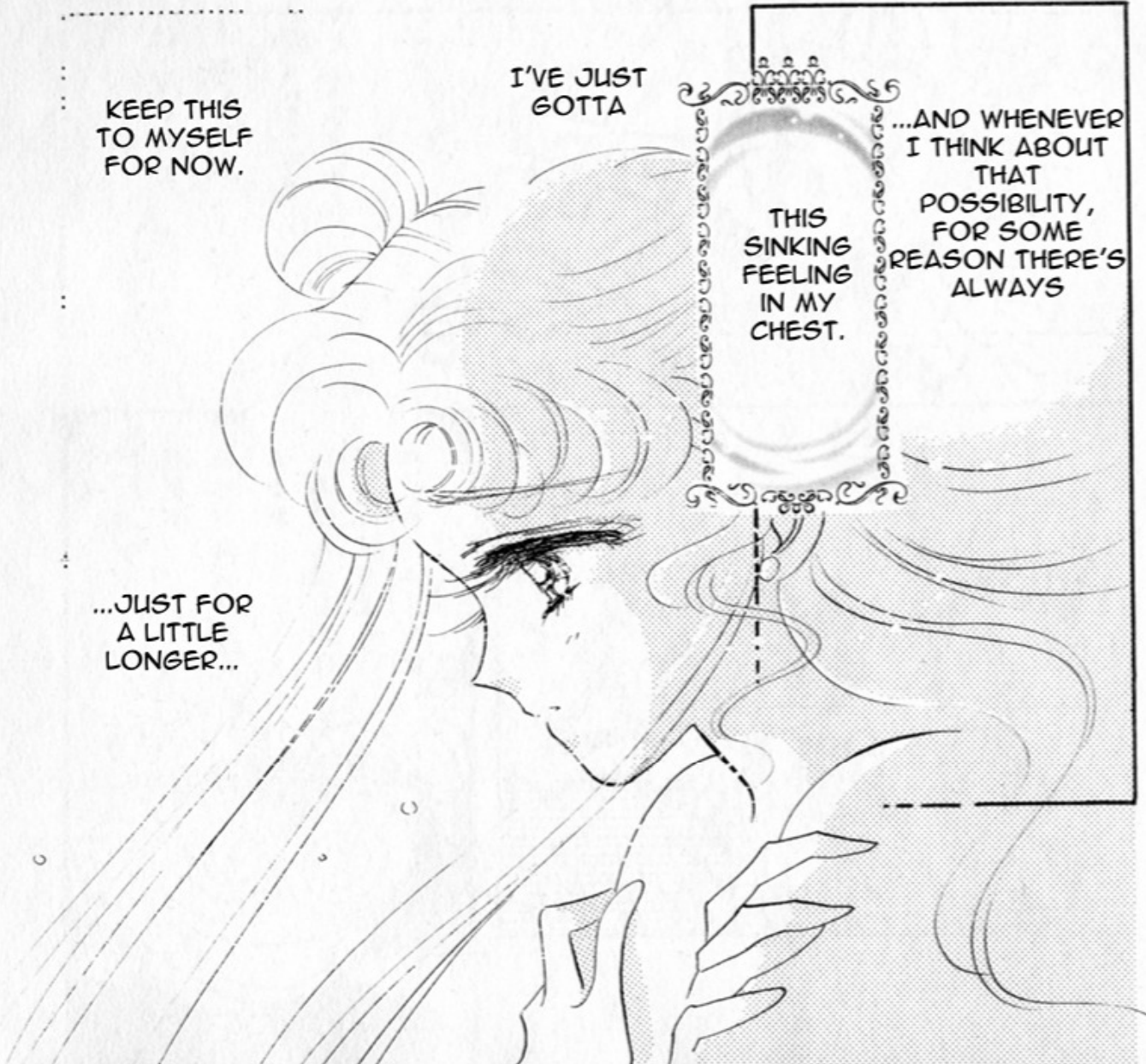
KEEP THIS TO MYSELF FOR NOW.

I'VE JUST GOTTA

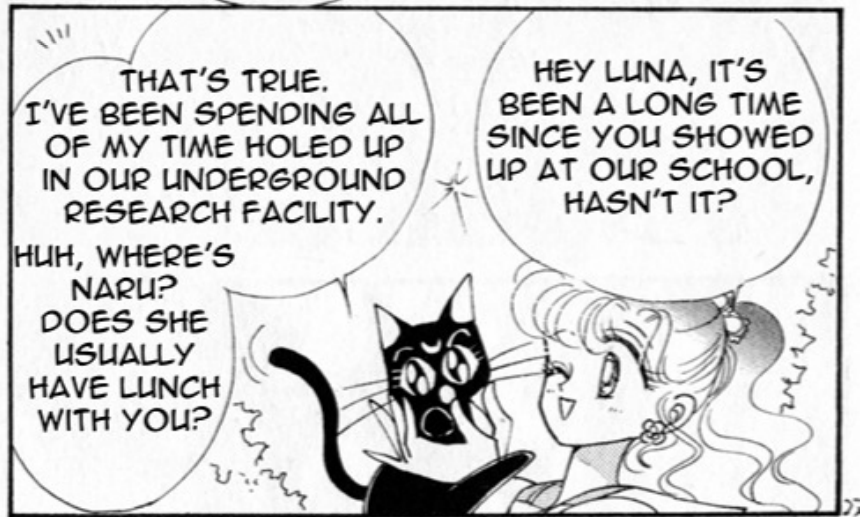
THIS SINKING FEELING IN MY CHEST.

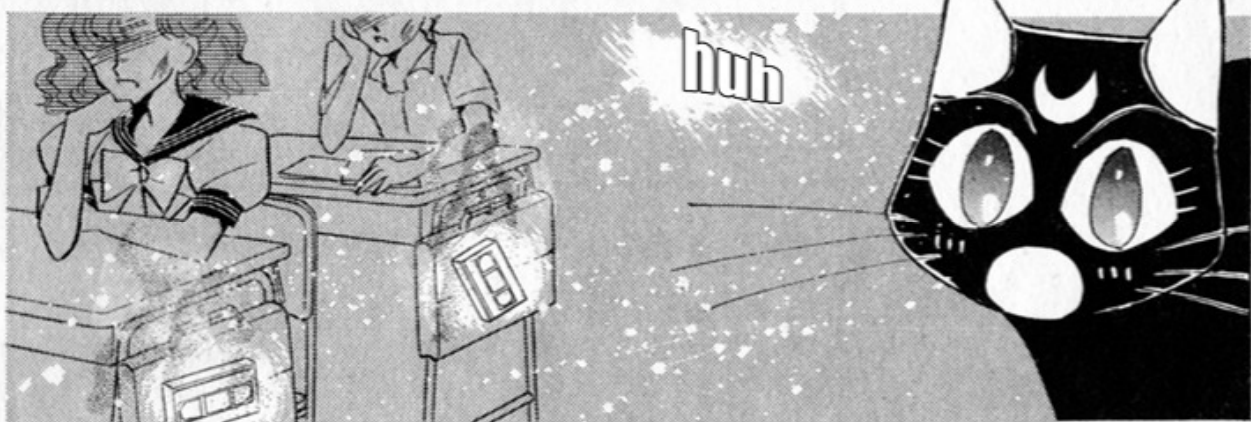
...AND WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THAT POSSIBILITY, FOR SOME REASON THERE'S ALWAYS

...JUST FOR A LITTLE LONGER...









IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THOSE NEW RENTAL STORES OPENING UP EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE IS JUST RENTING VIDEOS AND NOTHING ELSE!

RIGHT NOW THE ARCADE IS TOTALLY EMPTY, WE HAVEN'T HAD MANY CUSTOMERS LATELY!

Though I don't really watch many myself.

YO, USAGI, AMI!

AH!

HEY FURUHATA!

USAGI! HURRY, HURRY!

meow meow!!

VIDEOS?

SPARK CRACKLE

KACHINK

KYAAAAA!

THIS MACHINE IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE CONTROL ROOM UNDERNEATH US.

INTO THE GAME MACHINE?!

STICK THAT VIDEO CASSETTE INTO THIS SAILOR V GAME!!

WHAT?! SERIOUSLY?!

SAILOR V GAME START

THAT'S NOT JUST ANY ORDINARY VIDEO TAPE! COULD IT BE THE WORK OF THE ENEMY?!

MORE IMPORTANTLY LUNA, CHECK IT OUT! SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO THE SAILOR V GAME! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WOAH, THAT TAPE WAS SERIOUSLY DESTROYED! IT SEEMS LIKE THE GAME MACHINE REJECTED IT!

thwunk

CRACKLE CRACKLE

SHHHHHZZZZ

DID WE BREAK IT JUST NOW?!

THAT VIDEO IS THE WORK OF AN ENEMY! AND THE CITY IS FILLED WITH THEM! AND IT'S NOT JUST BRAINWASHING, PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE AT RISK!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, SAILOR MOON?!



SAILOR V?!

V FROM THE GAME TALKED?!



USAGI!
GO! I'LL
MAN THE
UNDERGROUND
CONTROL
ROOM, I'M
ON MY
WAY!



flash

N-NO
WAY!

AH...!



---FIND SAILOR MOON.

CAPTURE THE
SECRET HOLDER
OF THE
"SILVER CRYSTAL",
THE MYSTERIOUS
SAILOR MOON!

TAKE HER ALIVE!



IS IT
SOME KIND
OF
SUBLIMINAL
MESSAGE
TAPE?!

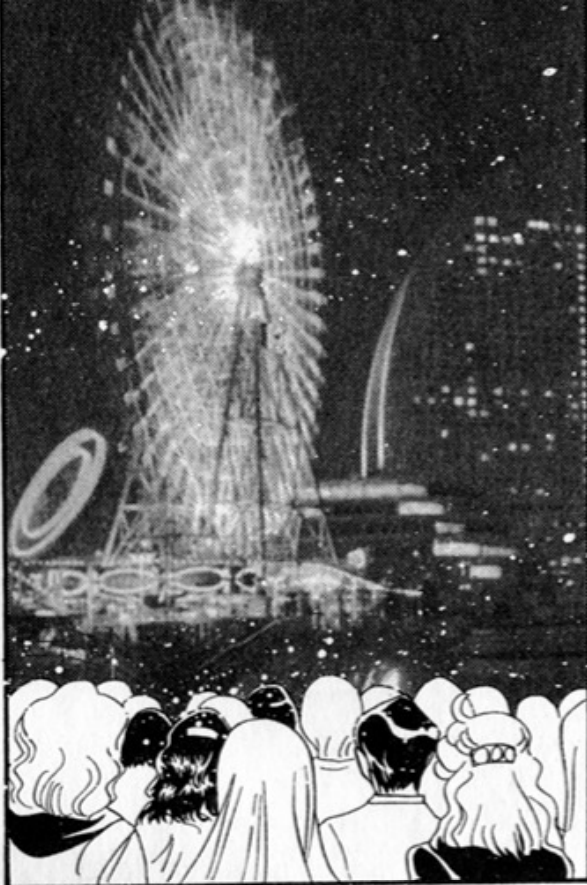


flash

!!



AND BRING SAILOR MOON
STRAIGHT HERE,
TO THE DARK KINGDOM!



SHATTER

fwoosh

HUH?
MY
ENERGY
IS FADING
AWAY!!

!?

part

DID THEY
JUST SAY
"DARK
KINGDOM"?!

Gwener

CAPTURE
SAILOR
MOON!!

WHERE ARE
YOU?!
WHERE...

FIND
HER!

I'M
RIGHT
HERE!!

THESE
PEOPLE
ARE
CONSTANTLY
USING PEOPLE,
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER, JUST TO
REACH THEIR EVIL
GOALS.
BUT WHO ARE
THEY? WHAT IS
THE ENEMY
EXACTLY?

LUNA,
WHAT
IS
THAT?!



MOON
HEALING
ESCALATION!!



THE PRETTY
SAILOR SUITED
SOLDIER OF
LOVE AND JUSTICE,
SAILOR MOON,
HAS ARRIVED!!



Whoooooosh

WHAT?!!

HUH?

☆

pop

HOW DARE YOU TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE
WHO ARE SIMPLY TRYING
TO TAKE SOME TIME TO
THEMSELVES TO UNWIND
A BIT?!

IN THE NAME OF THE
MOON, SAILOR MOON
WILL PUNISH YOU!

SAILOR
MOON,
YOU
CAME
AFTER
ALL!

MOON
TWILIGHT
FLASH!!

fwoosh





BWAAH



I'LL
HELP
TOO,
REI!

SUPREME
THUNDER!!



FW OOOOOSH



HMPH.
ANNOYING
PESTS!!



LIGH
...



REI?!
MAKOTO?!



I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE ...

WHEEEZE

TUXEDO MASK....

HELP ME...

whoosh



DIE!

WITH THAT BARRIER SHIELD I CAN'T EVEN GET CLOSE...!

DAMMIT...!

BWAHA

USAGI...!!

ZOOOOO



SAILOR
MOON!
NOW!
GET HIM!

bam

whoosh

bite

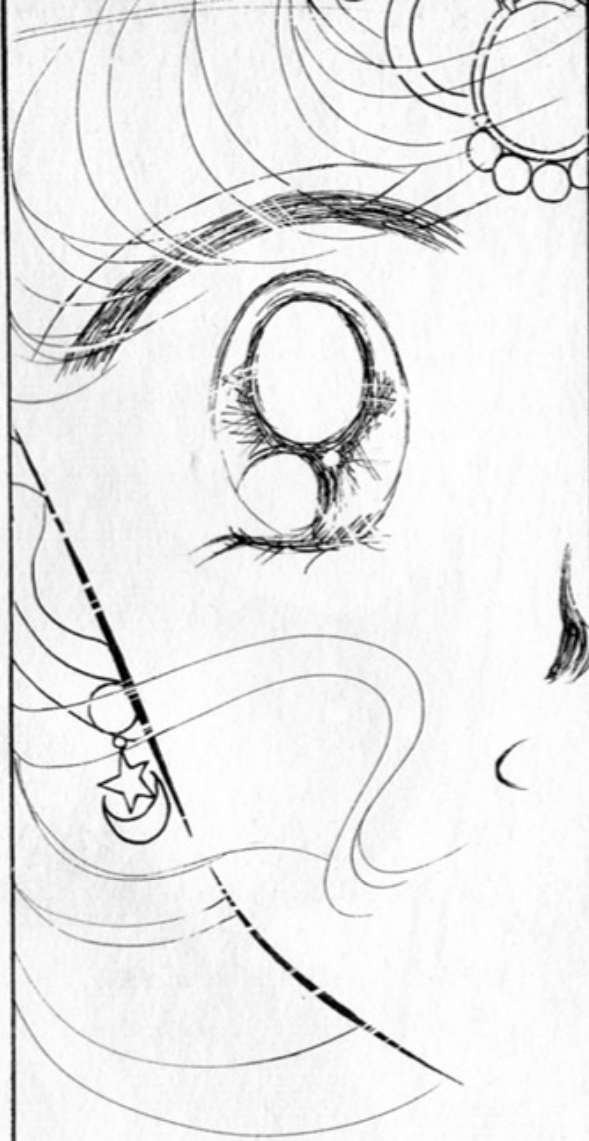


throw

SLICE

BWOOOSH





...WHO
IS
THAT?





NO, IT
CAN'T
BE.
THERE'S
NO WAY...

THAT
SILHOUETTE



AN ELECTRIC PULSE
RAN THROUGH
MY VEINS TO
TELL ME

JUST
THIS
INSTANT

BUT, I
JUST
KNOW
IT!



COULD IT
BE...
THE PHANTOM

SOLDIER
OF
JUSTICE

SAILOR V?!