

Pretty Soldier
Sailormoon

EXAM BATTLE SERIES
VOLUME 3

**rei and minako's
Girl School Battle**



Naoko's Trip to America to See Sailor Moon!



Autumn, 1995. I went to New York for the 50th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony of the United Nations, which suddenly became a trip to see Sailormoon!

One of the first things I did after getting to New York was visit a very famous toy store on 5th Avenue*♡ (It's even been featured in movies!♡) And then I saw them! Sailor Moon, Mercury, Jupiter, and Venus dolls. But to be honest, they were pretty ugly. ♡ (They looked like they were company prototypes or something. ick.δ)

But next to the doll aisle, there were racks full of costumes! And there were adult costumes as well as children's sizes. It was so bizarre. But, I was there just before Halloween. And I hear that in America, adults wear costumes for the holiday as well as children. Very surprising. But anyway, one of the first costumes on the rack was a Sailormoon costume and this little American girl pointed to it and said to her mother, "Look, it's Sailormoon!" I almost cried. She was so cute and I was so flattered!♡ I do hope that America will soon get Sailor Moon toys like we have in Japan. I think ours are maybe a bit better. (Tee hee) ♡

The next place I was visited was a huge anime shop in the "college neighborhood"**. I WAS SHOCKED! Everything in the display window was Sailormoon related! They had posters up for the Super S movie and even a few issues of Nakoyoshi featuring Sailormoon on the cover. I heard that the shop also holds Sailormoon-focused events too. I also found out that the store owner used to be a private detective! And wouldn't you know it, he loves Sailormoon. To be honest, the store was a "guy shop" and really aimed towards "pleasing" them, if you catch my drift. But, the owner was very kind and gave me tons of Sailormoon items -- thank you out there, if you're reading this!

Finally, the main event! I got to watch Sailormoon on television, which I had been looking forward to all along. I was surprised to find out that it was airing at 6:30 A.M., so early in the morning. (Monday - Friday, Daily) I also got to see three different Sailormoon commercials too, which was neat. ♡ I think that they made Usagi's voice a little too low, but you know watching her speak English wasn't as weird as I thought it would be. I mean after all she is a blonde so maybe it's more natural that way. ♡ At any rate, getting to watch the show air live was really exciting for me! ♡ (Even though I own it in English on VHS. heh.) δ

Anyway! It was awesome to see that Sailormoon had become an international hit. ♡ Next time you go abroad you should watch some Sailormoon. It's everywhere! I know I'll be watching! ♡

*note: She is referring to FAO Schwartz, whose flagship store remains on 5th Ave. to this very day.

**note: she is referring to Image Anime, located on West 30th street which is a few blocks away from Columbia University and a few other smaller colleges.

A Retro-looking Venus!



They made her lips so thin and low on her face. She looks like an ancient

Japanese woman in a painting. δ

What's worse... all five of the characters are carrying moon sticks! δ



They actually made a pretty cool looking Queen Beryl doll, though. She was wearing this purple lame gown and she held a really cool looking rod too. ♡ Out of all the dolls, she's the prettiest. ♡

I think she's a collector's item... I want her! ♡

Right now, I'm at
Makoto's house
studying for
entrance exams.

My name is
Aino
Minako

I'm 15
years old,
and in 9th
grade

My hobby is
idol chasing.

I WANT
TO
WATCH
TV

My
favorite
colors are
red and
orange.

Bwa~

OH,
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THIS...

My birthday is
October 22nd, and
I'm a Libra. My
blood type is B

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
PROFICIENCY
TEST

BUY ME
PRESENTS!

ALRIGHT,
LET'S CALL
IT A NIGHT.

OH WOW,
IT'S
ALREADY
THAT LATE?

My
favorite
thing to
do is
goof off.

I CAN'T
TAKE
ANYMORE

SLUMP

I hate
shiitake
mushrooms

My favorite
foods are
curry and
ramen.



I'M
HUNGRY

THWUMP



* RELEASED AS "APOCALYPSE ZERO" IN ENGLISH, THIS MANGA WAS DRAWN BY YAMAGUCHI TAKAYUKI AND WAS WILDLY POPULAR IN JAPAN, THOUGH IT DID NOT SHARE SUCH SUCCESS IN THE US

We
love
you
like a
sister!

Okay,
what should I
make for dinner?

Makoto's
cooking is
the best in
the world!

HEY, ARE YOU
GUYS GUNNA
COME OVER
ON SUNDAY
TOO?

YEAH, I
CAN'T WAIT
TO COME
BACK!

Yay Yay!

When it comes to talking
about manga, or video games,
Usagi is the one to go to

HEY MINA-P,
THERE'S A NEW
VARIETY SHOW
ON TONIGHT! WE
SHOULD CHECK
IT OUT!

But without
her, our
studies
would get
nowhere

But Ami...
she's a little
scary, honestly.

I WONDER JUST
HOW FAR WE CAN
GET THROUGH OUR
STUDY SCHEDULE IN
AN EVENING...

Eh?!

AS
ALWAYS

4

4
O'CLOCK

A
M
!?

slurp

WHAT
TIME ARE
YOU
STARTING
?

I HAVE A
MEDITATION
SESSION EARLY
TOMORROW
MORNING TO
ATTEND, SO I'LL
HAVE TO PASS.

AS
FOR
ME

S L a M

Her birthday
is April 17th.
She's a very
stubborn
Aries, and
her blood
type is AB.

I think her
hobby is
fourth
telling
(At least,
she's always
doing that.)

This is
Hino Rei.
She's also
15 years
old and in
9th grade.

And
then

YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY
AWAKE AT
4 A.M.?
REALLY?



To be honest,
I don't know
much about her
aside from the
fact that she's
very cunning.

With her
grandpa.
The two of
them run
the place

She's a bit
stuck up
and lives
at the
shrine



MEDITATE.

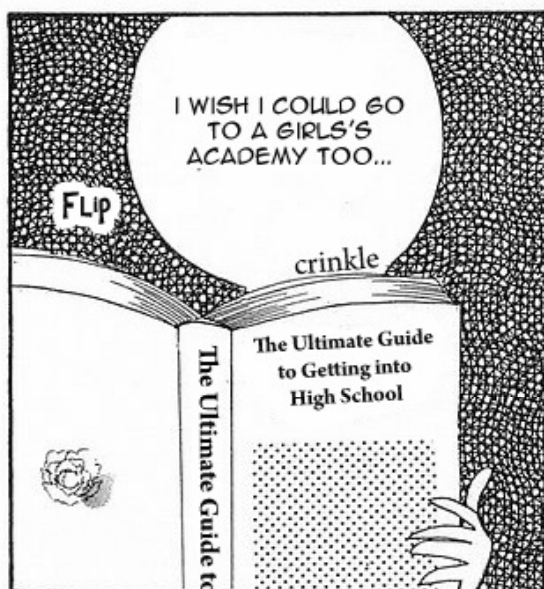
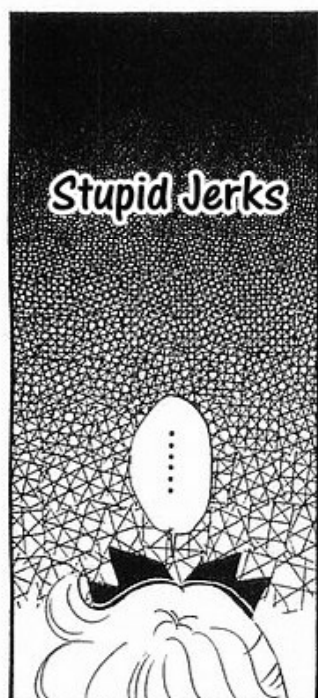
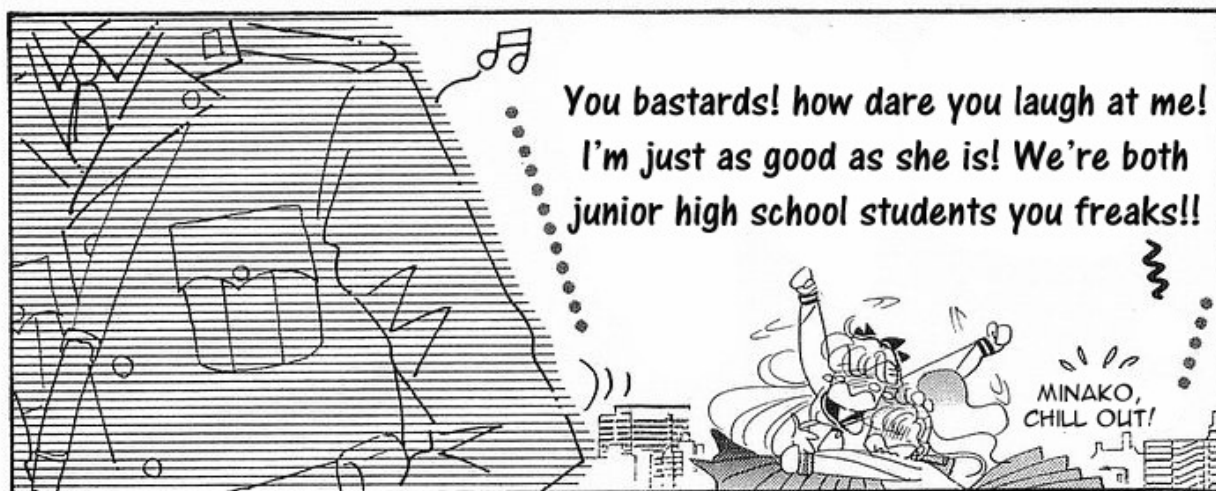
AND WHAT
IS YOUR
FAVORITE
THING TO
DO?

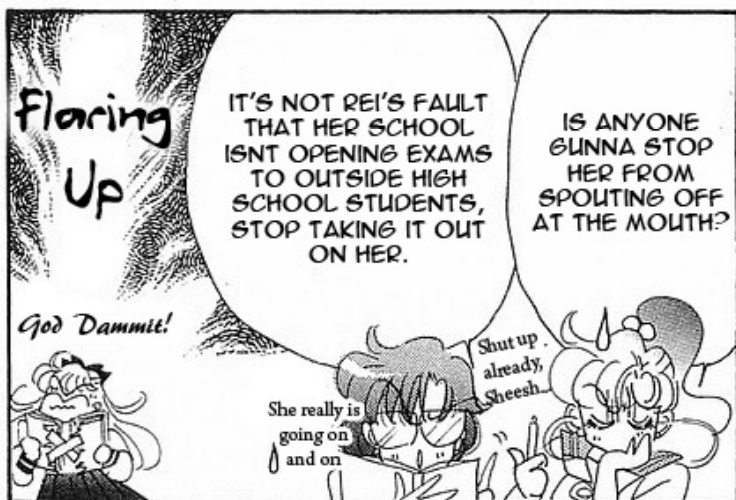
SLURP















I HAVE
TAKEN YOUR
CHALLENGE
REI AND I
AM HERE TO
SEE WHAT'S
WHAT!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
ACTUALLY
CAME HERE

T.A. GIRLS ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL



WELL
WELL!

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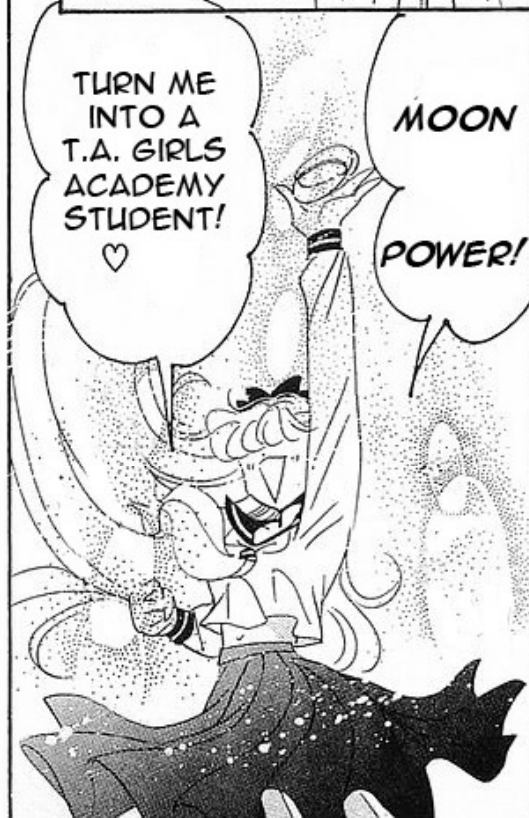
THIS THING
EVEN MAKES
ME LOOK
EVEN HOTTER
THAN USUAL,
DAMN!

YOU'RE
CONCEITED!



flip

AND IT SO
HAPPENS I HAVE
THE PERFECT
THING FOR THIS
SITUATION:
MY COMPACT!



TURN ME
INTO A
T.A. GIRLS
ACADEMY
STUDENT!



MOON

POWER!



HEY, CLASSMATE! YO GIRL,
OVER HERE! I'LL PLAY A GAME
OF VOLLEYBALL WITH YOU
GUYS! IT'LL HELP ME
DIGEST MY LUNCH!

I WONDER
WHY SHE'S
SPEAKING IN
SUCH A BAR-
BARIC WAY...?

WHO
KNOWS?!

WHOA,
YOU GUYS
ACTUALLY
TALK THAT
POLITELY
TO EACH
OTHER?

WHY THANK
YOU FOR
THE KIND
OFFER, BUT
REGRETTABLY
I AM
MOST BUSY
TODAY...

HA HA HA

WHY, HELLO THERE
MS. REI! WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
PARTAKE IN THIS
LITTLE MATCH
OF OURS?



WHOOOSH

BAM

ALRIGHT GUYS
LET'S GO!

I COULD TOTALLY
GET USED TO THIS!

A
CHANGE OF
CLOTHES

BAM



OH NO!

OH WOW!
THIS IS EXACTLY HOW I
DREAMED IT WOULD BE!
THE HALLS HERE ARE SO
WONDERFUL AND PERFECT!

A SECRET
FLOWER
GARDEN

TAP
TAP
TAP

M-MINAKO!
HEY, COME
BACK! STAY
AWAY FROM
THERE!

LISTEN, YOU'RE
ONLY STAYING
FOR LUNCH
PERIOD, SO
DON'T MAKE A
SCENE, OKAY?

IN A GIRLS'
SCHOOL,
IT'S ALL
ABOUT A
GIRL'S
STATUS

MANY APOLOGIES, SISTER.
SHE WAS RUNNING IN SUCH A
FOUL MANNER BECAUSE YOU
SEE, SHE HAS THE RUNS
AND NEEDS TO USE THE
BATHROOM. I PROMISE TO
MAKE HER BEHAVE IN A
MORE REFINED MANNER

HOW DARE YOU
BLASPHEME GOD BY
RUNNING AROUND SO
RECKLESSLY! TELL ME
WHAT GRADE LEVEL
YOU ARE, WHICH CLASS
YOU'RE IN, AND YOUR
ROLL NUMBER!

Hold it
right
there!

YOU
THERE!
YOU
CRUDE
GIRL!

I-I'M ABOUT
TO BURST
RIGHT NOW...

FWAH

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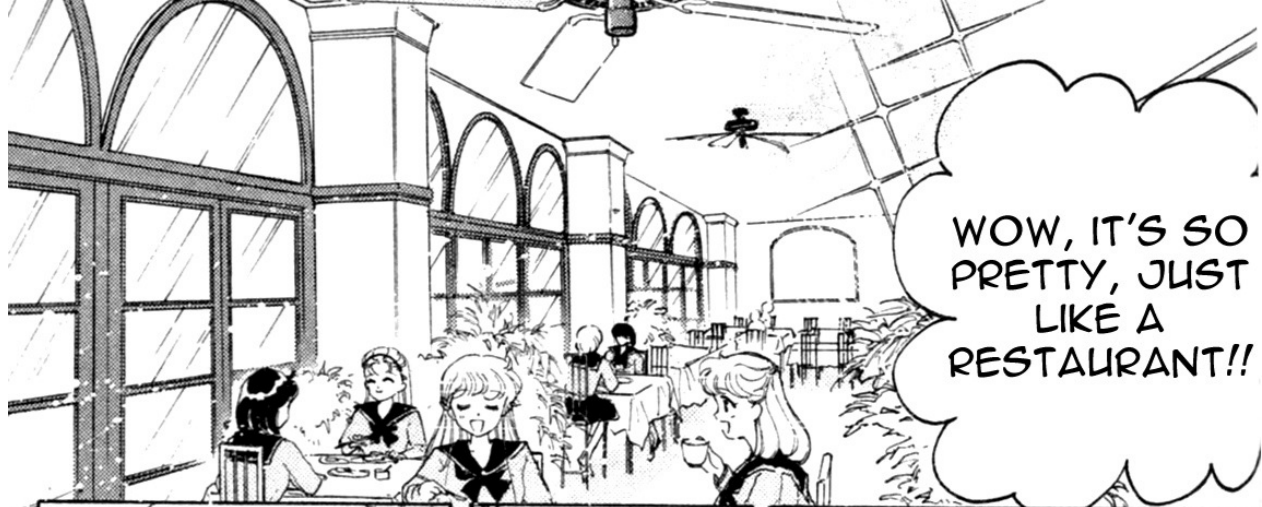
WOAH, WOW!
YOUR SCHOOL
HAS A DINING
ROOM?!

Dining Hall

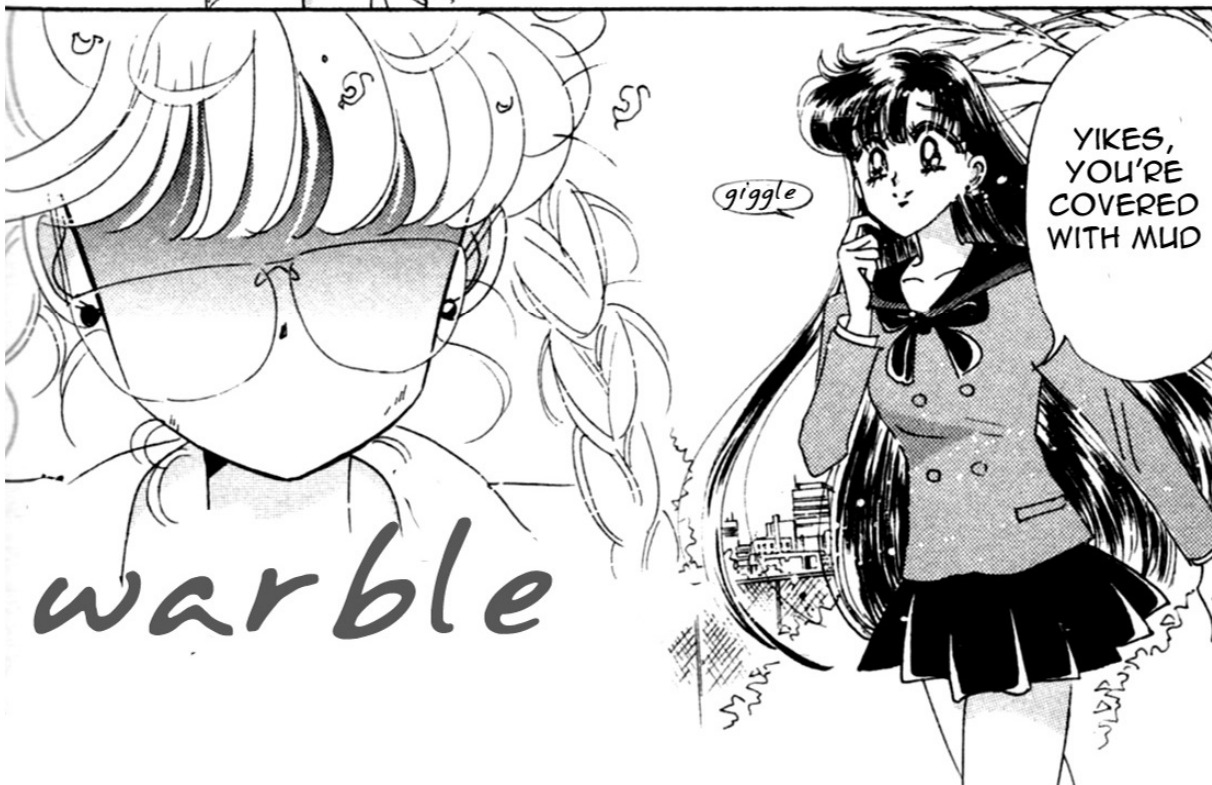
YOU MORON!
IF THE SISTER CAUGHT YOU,
SHE'D TAKE YOU TO THE
"REFLECTION ROOM"
AND BEAT YOU WITH
A ROD UNTIL YOU HAD
BLISTERS
ALL OVER YOUR ASS

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT
NUNS WERE
SWEET...

WURK WURK









I'M JUST A
CRUDE
DELINQUENT!

I'M NOT
LIKE YOU
AFTER
ALL,
REI!!!



YOU
LAUGHED
AT ME



HUH?



REI,
I HATE
YOU

*Now that I think about it,
Rei's face did look a bit sad
when I said that to her...*

Oh...

M-MINAKO!









POW!!!!

**CRESCENT
BOOMERANG**

OW!

**JUST WHO
DO YOU
THINK
YOU ARE?!**

**HOW
CRASS!**

**THIS IS WHO I AM! I AM A
FRIEND TO FEMALE HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS,
A SOLDIER OF LOVE
AND BEAUTY...**

**SAILOR
VENUS**

**...ON
THE
SCENE!**

**ONCE UPON A
TIME I WAS A
MISERABLE
ENTRANCE
EXAM
STUDENT**

**AND THEN
I WAS A WEAK,
SUFFERING T.A.
GIRLS ACADEMY
STUDENT. BUT
NEITHER OF THOSE
THINGS DEFINE ME!**

* EDO IS THE OLD NAME OF TOKYO, COMMONLY REFERRING TO THE TOKUGAWA PERIOD, WHICH WAS FROM 1603-1868.

I AM THE
GHOST
THAT HAS
HAUNTED
THIS FLOWER
GARDEN
SINCE THE
TIME OF EDO

MY NAME
IS GHOST
SISTERN!



*SISTERN IS A PLAY ON THE WORDS FOR "STERN" AND "SISTER", A MOCKERY OF THE NUNS FROM THIS COMIC

OH MY!

IT'S A
CRUDE
LITTLE
MONKEY
GIRL!

fwoosh

SHOW ME YOUR
TRUE FORM, YOU
EVIL SPIRIT WHO
POSSESSED REI!

MWAAA



I THINK I
SHALL EAT
YOU



NOW AS
FOR YOU,
YOU CRUDE
LITTLE
THING...

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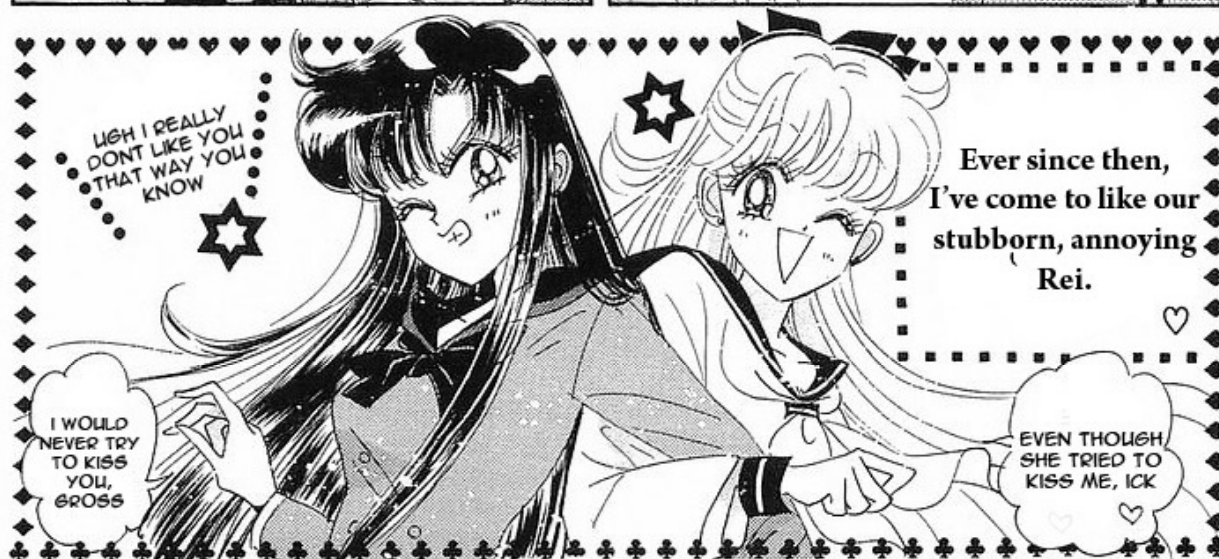
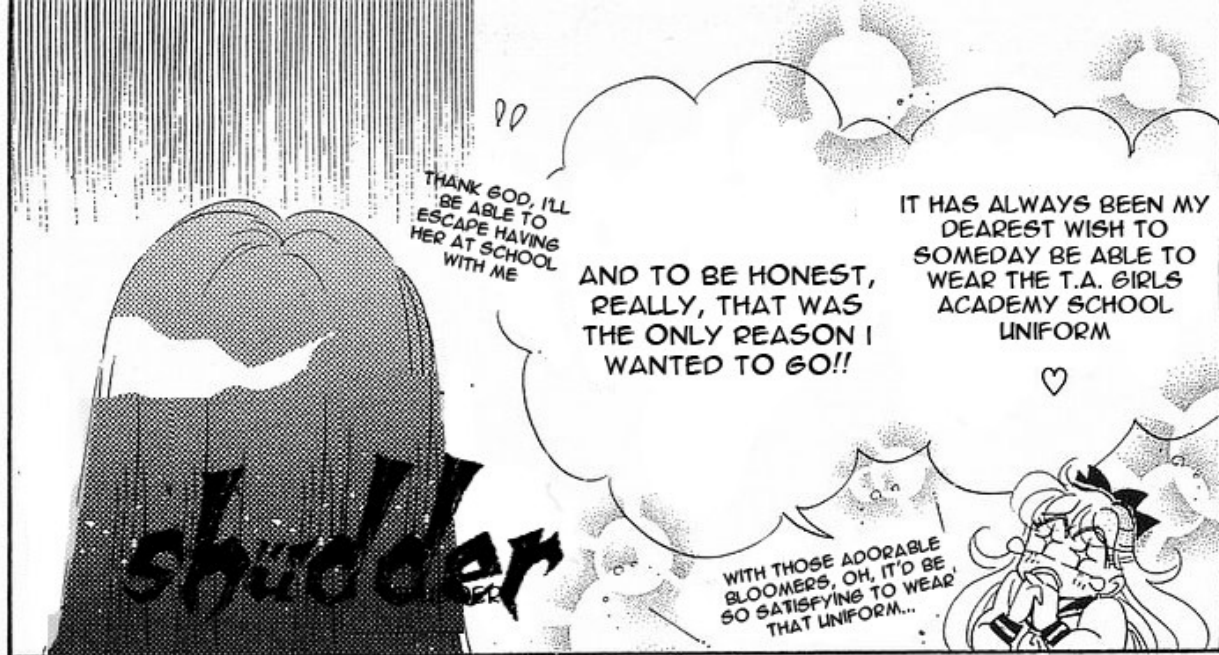
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NOOOOOO!





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