



I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE'LL HELP LEAD MRS. DESMOND IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION.

DR. FORGER IS A VERY SINCERE AND TALENTED CLINICIAN.



YES,
BUT
...

I CAN'T SPEAK TO HER SPECIFIC CONDITION, BUT GENERALLY PATIENTS NEED SUPPORT NOT JUST FROM THEIR DOCTOR, BUT FROM THOSE AROUND THEM.

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU CARE FOR HER A GREAT DEAL.



MAYBE IT'S BEST TO LET PROFESSIONALS HANDLE IT.

NO... NEVER MIND.



HONESTLY, ALL OF US IN HER HOUSEHOLD STAFF WISH WE COULD DO MORE TO SUPPORT HER.





WE CAN FIND
A SUITABLE
PLACE FOR
YOU, WHERE
YOU AND YOUR
SONS WILL
BE SAFE.

...THEN I
URGE YOU
TO LEAVE
THAT ENVI-
RONMENT
IMMEDIATELY.

IF, HYPO-
THETICALLY,
YOU ARE BEING
HARMED IN
SOME WAY
BY YOUR
HUSBAND...

AND PERHAPS
THIS COULD EVEN
LEAD TO CRIMINAL
CHARGES BEING
FILED AGAINST
HIM...?



THERE ARE
STILL PLENTY
OF NATIONAL
UNITY PARTY
MEMBERS
WITHIN THE
STATE SECURITY
SERVICE AND
THE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT.

OF COURSE,
IT'S NEVER
AS SIMPLE
AS THAT.

IF WE COULD
USE THOSE TO
REMOVE HIM
FROM POWER, IT
COULD SPELL AN
END TO ALL HIS
WARMONGERING
AMBITIONS.



HE
HASN'T
DONE A
THING
TO ME.

SO
ONCE
MORE,
I—

STILL, IF WE CAN
PLANT EVEN A
SINGLE SEED OF
SCANDAL, IT MAY
ONE DAY BLOOM
INTO A POWERFUL
WEAPON AGAINST
HIM.

COULD HE BE
CONTROLLING
HER IN SUCH
A WAY AS TO
MAKE HER SAY
THAT, OR EVEN
MAKE HER
BELIEVE THAT?

...

...
HASN'T
DONE
ANY-
THING
TO ME.

THAT
MAN
...

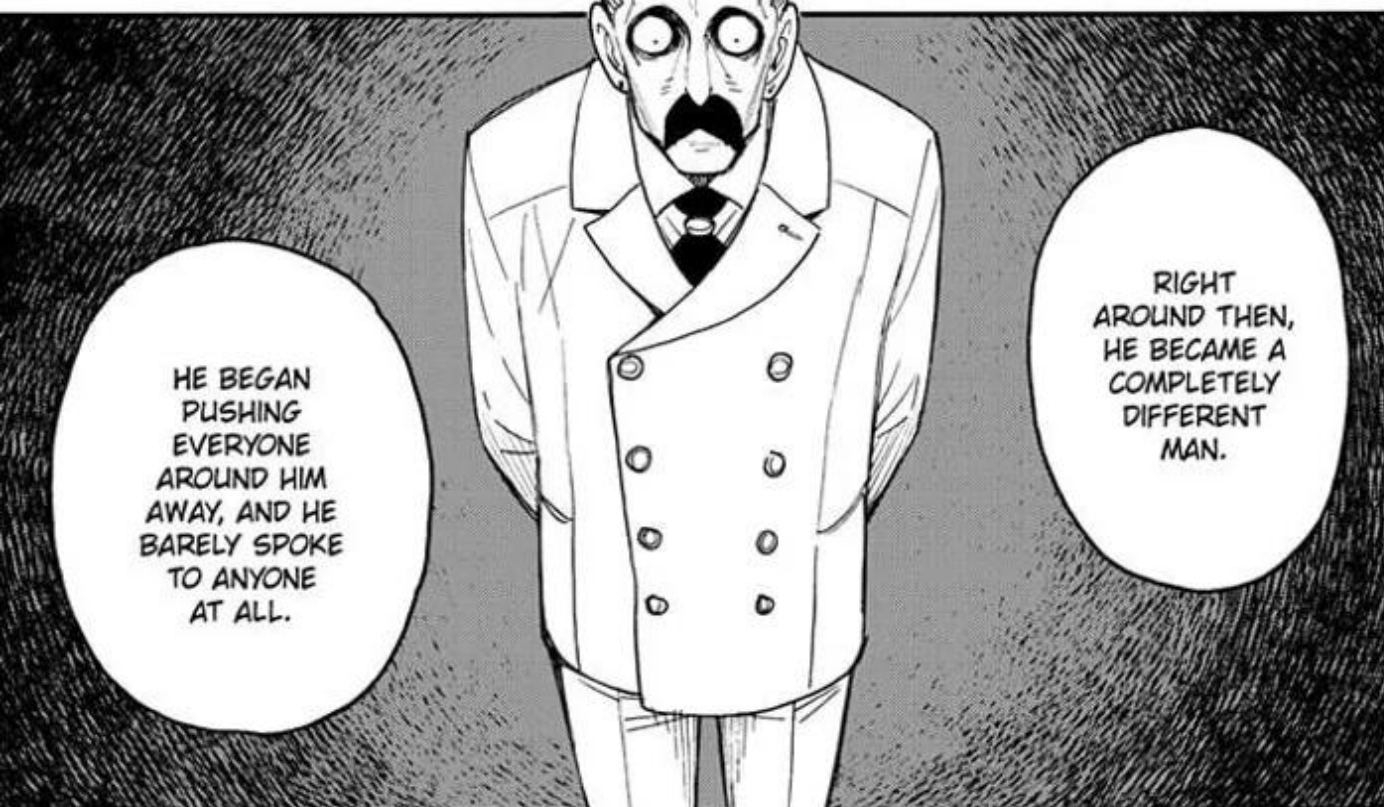
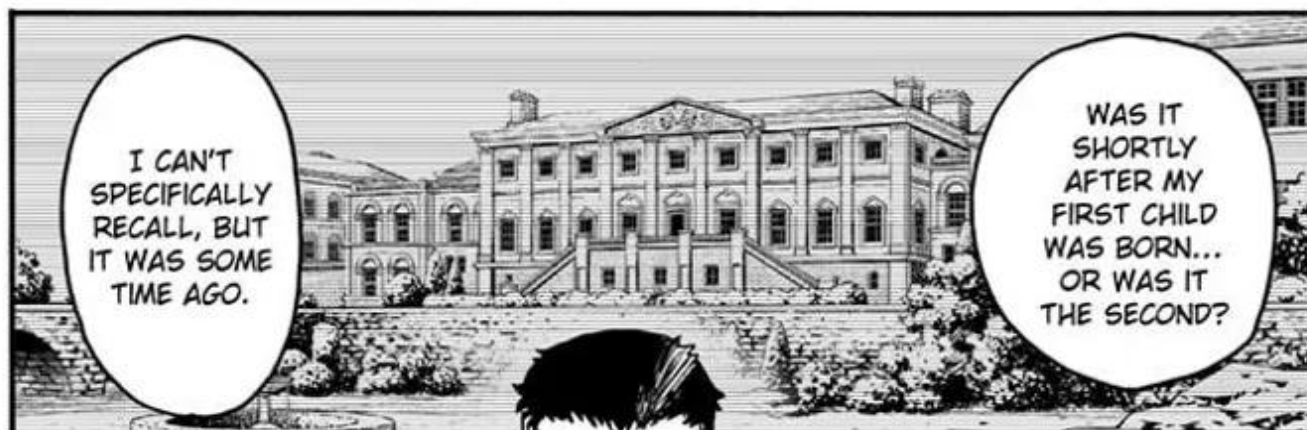


EVEN IF HE
HASN'T HARMED
YOU PHYSICALLY,
PEOPLE CAN STILL
BE HURT BY
THE WORDS OR
DEMEANOR OF
OTHERS.

THAT
SAID...

NOW, I
MYSELF DO
NOT KNOW
WHETHER HE
HAS ABUSED
YOU OR NOT.







...BUT THAT
AN EXTRA-
TERRESTRIAL
BEING HAD
ASSUMED
HIS IDENTITY.



BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SIGN
OF THE BRAIN PATHOLOGY
ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH
CONDITIONS. EVEN THE BASIC
COGNITIVE TEST SHE TOOK
EARLIER SHOWED NO SIGNS OF
IMPAIRED MENTAL FUNCTIONING.

COULD THIS
BE SOME
MANNER OF
DELUSIONAL
MISIDEN-
TIFICATION
SYNDROME?

OF
COURSE
YOU DO.

HEH... YOU
PROBABLY
THINK I
JUST SAID
SOMETHING
COMPLETELY
RIDICULOUS.



YOU
ASKED ME
EARLIER...

...WHAT
MY BASIS
WAS FOR
REACHING
THAT
CONCLUSION.



THE REAL
HIM IS
GONE.

I SUSPECT
THE ALIENS
TOOK HIM
AWAY TO
SOME DISTANT
PLANET.



...
AND IT
SCARES
ME.

WELL, WE
RARELY
CONVERSE,
BUT SOME-
THING BECOMES
MORE CLEAR
EVERY TIME WE
INTERACT...

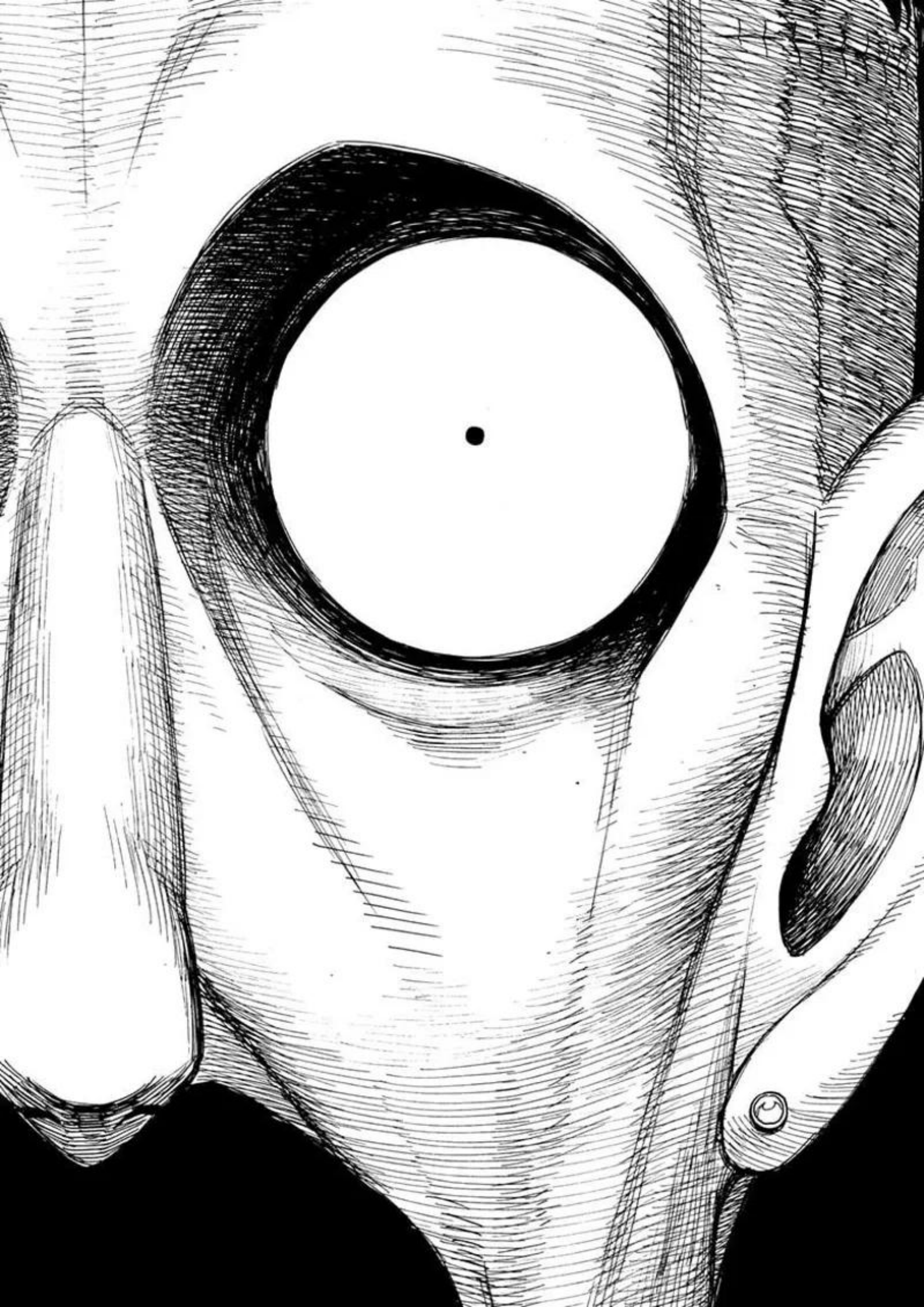


THAT MY
HUSBAND...
NO, THAT
ALIEN...

EVEN MY
OLDER SON
HAS BEEN
SAYING THE
SAME THING...



**HE CAN
READ
PEOPLE'S
MINDS.**







...I
SIMPLY
HAVE
TO GO
ALONG
WITH IT.

WHETHER
THAT MAN
DECIDES
TO ENGAGE
WITH THE
KIDS OR
IGNORE
THEM COM-
pletely...

IT TAKES
ALL I HAVE
JUST TO
PROTECT
MYSELF.

...I'M
TOO
SCARED
OF HIM.

I KNOW
THAT I
HAVE TO
PROTECT MY
CHILDREN,
AND YET...



DOES HE
TELL YOU
TO DO AS
HE SAYS?

...HAS
YOUR
HUSBAND
ORDERED
YOU TO
DO SO?

BUT
IF I
MAY
ASK
...



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...MUST BE
VERY HARD
FOR YOU.

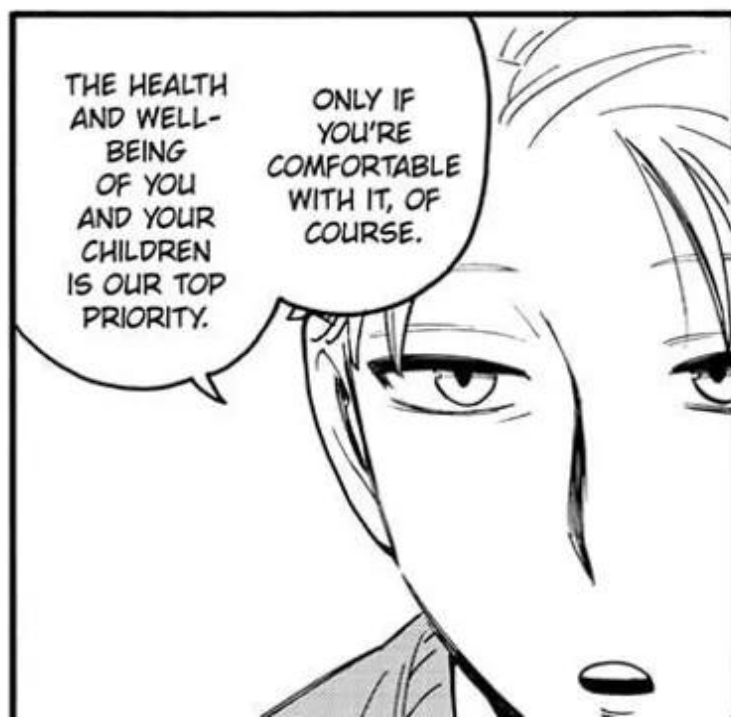
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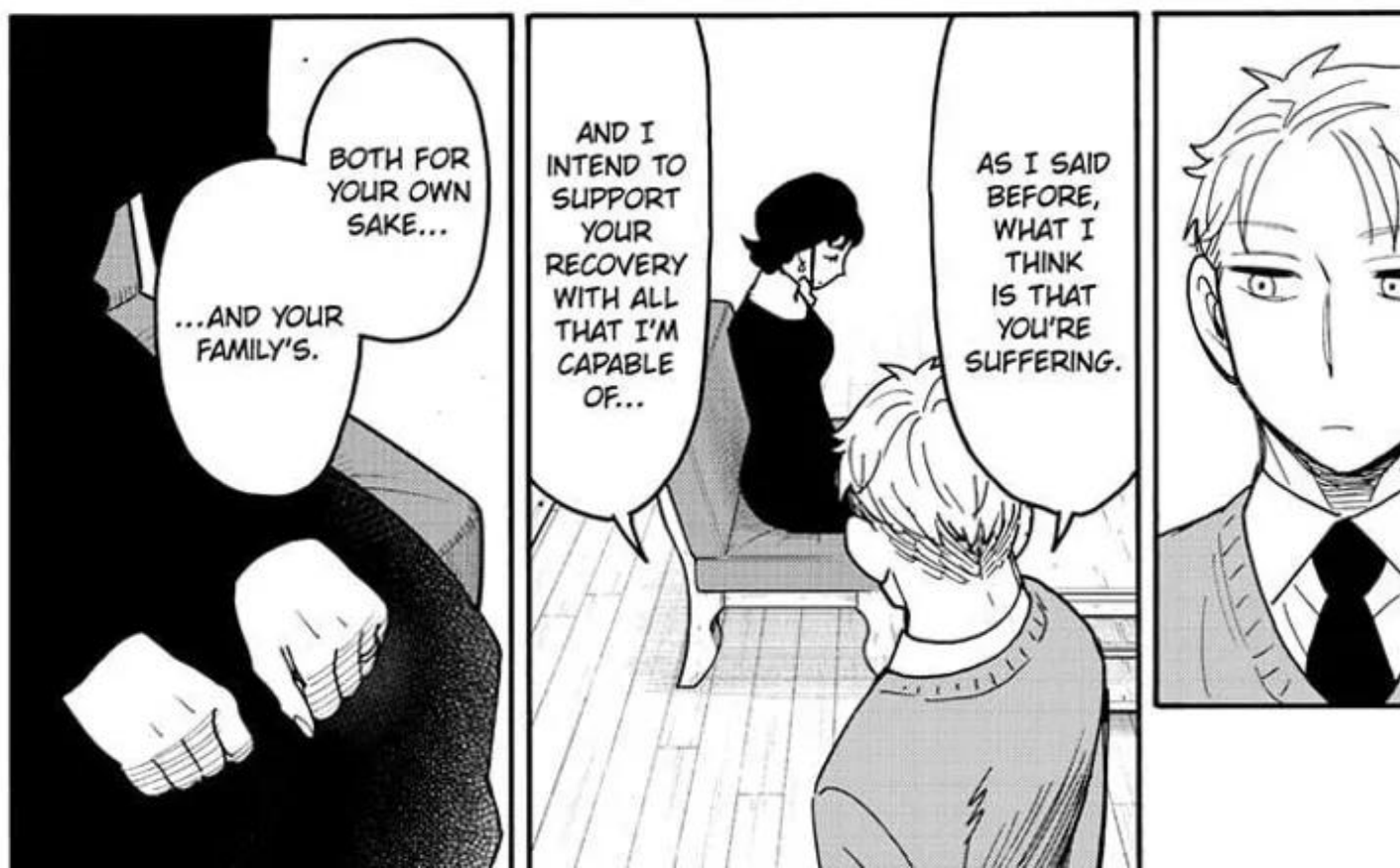
DON'T YOU THINK
IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT IF YOU AND
YOUR HUSBAND
WERE TO CALMLY
DISCUSS THESE
CONCERNS, IT
MIGHT HELP TO
ALLEVIATE YOUR
FEARS?

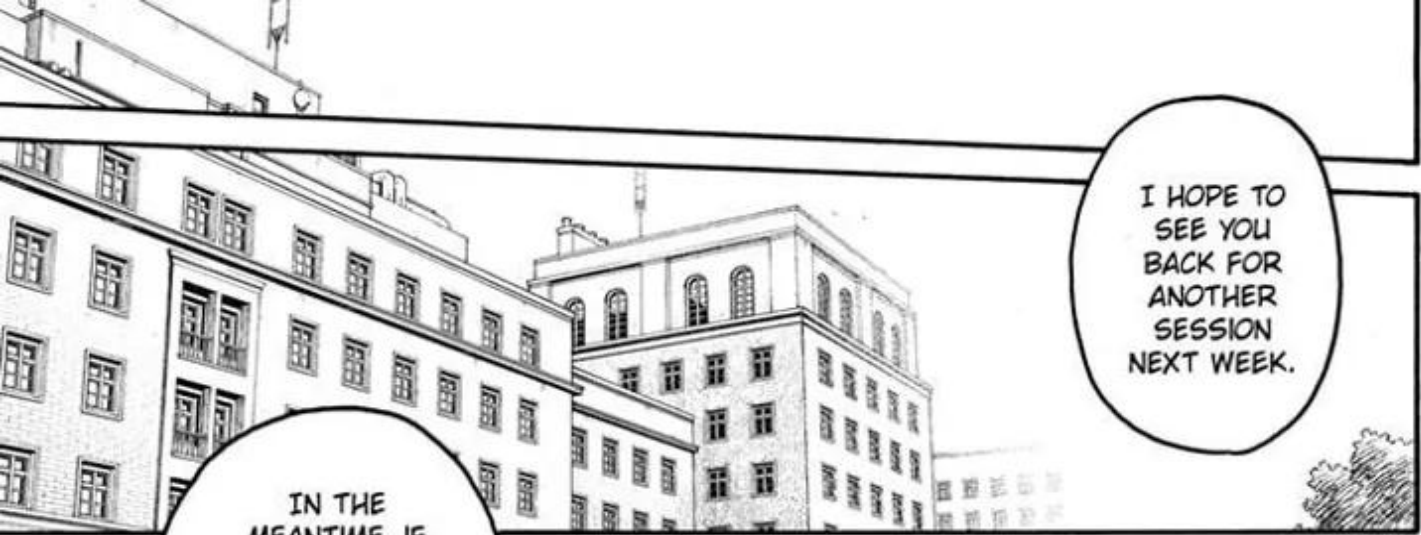
EVEN A
SUBTLE
COGNITIVE
BIAS CAN
EASILY LEAD
TO A COM-
MUNICATION
BREAKDOWN
BETWEEN
TWO PEOPLE.

MRS.
DES-
MOND
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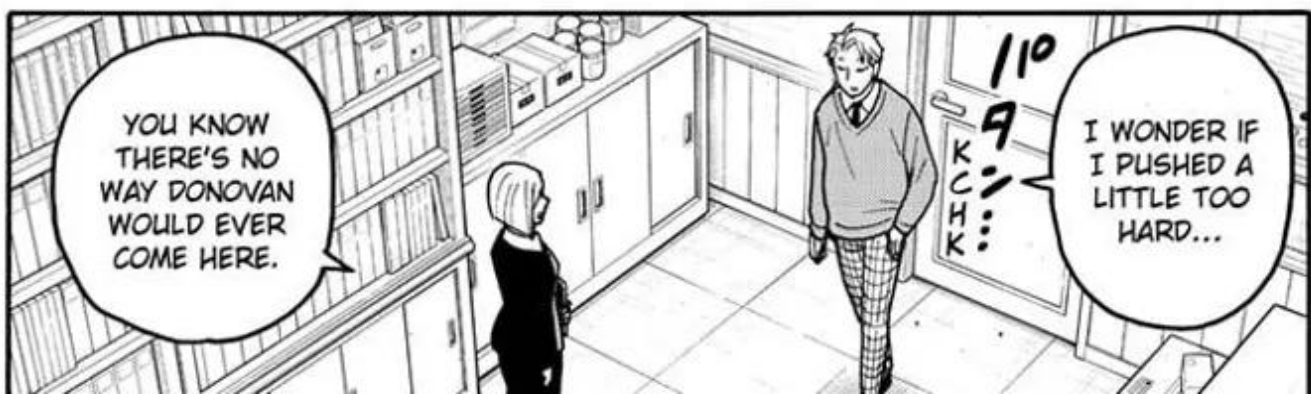




IN THE MEANTIME, IF THE MEDICATIONS DON'T AGREE WITH YOU, OR ANYTHING ELSE TROUBLES YOU, I'LL BE AVAILABLE.



YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WAY DONOVAN WOULD EVER COME HERE.



I WONDER IF I PUSHED A LITTLE TOO HARD...



IF AN ABILITY
LIKE THAT TRULY
EXISTED, IT
WOULD BRING
DOWN EVERY
INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY IN THE
WORLD.

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I can
...

BUT THIS
IDEA OF
READING
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
MINDS...

NO WAY
COULD
ANYONE
ACTUALLY
DO THAT.

THE MORE
I LEARN
ABOUT HIM,
THE LESS
I UNDER-
STAND.

DONOVAN
DESMOND.

...HAS
THE SAME
SUPER-
POWER
THAT I
DO...?!

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THE
EVIL
SUPER-
BOSS
...

For
real
?!?

To be continued!