The background of the cover features a romantic scene between a man and a woman. The woman, on the left, has long dark hair and is wearing a maroon kimono. She is looking down at the man. The man, on the right, has short dark hair and is wearing a dark brown kimono. He is looking back at her. They are standing under a canopy of hanging wisteria blossoms, which are a vibrant pink color. The blossoms are in full bloom, creating a soft, dappled light effect on the couple.

The Garden of Words

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SHAA

I
didn't
know

that I
had such
emotions
within
me.





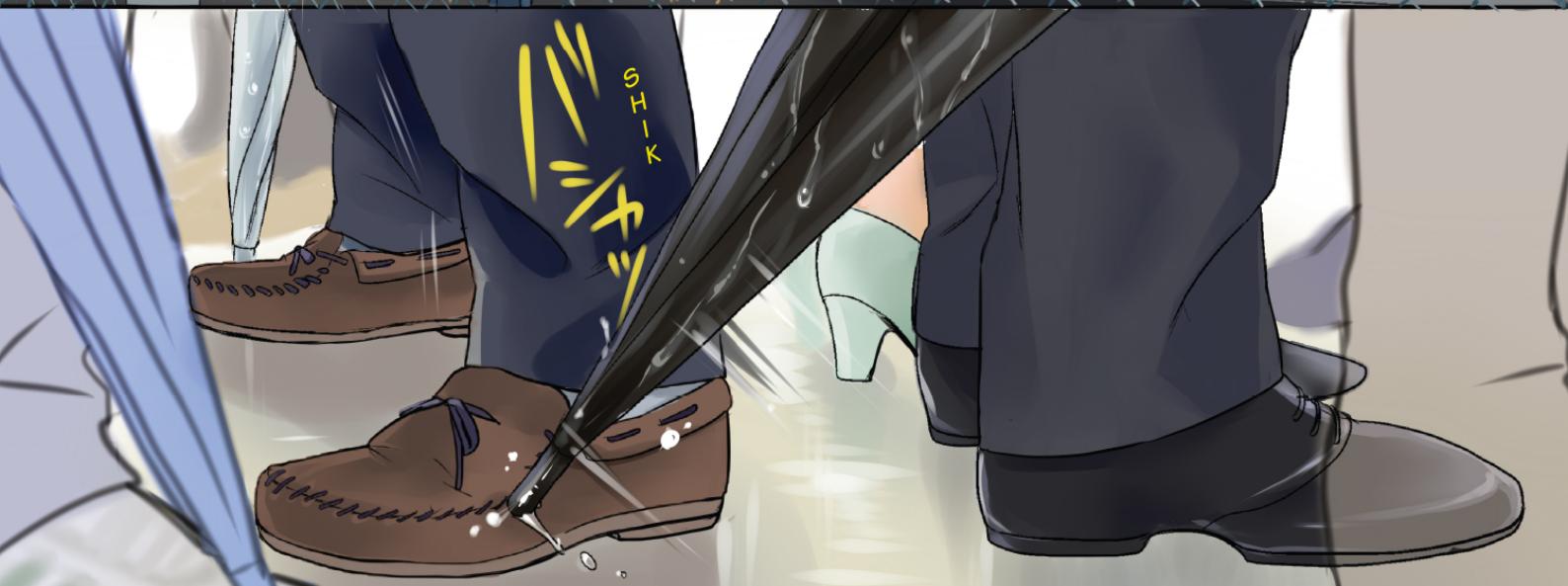
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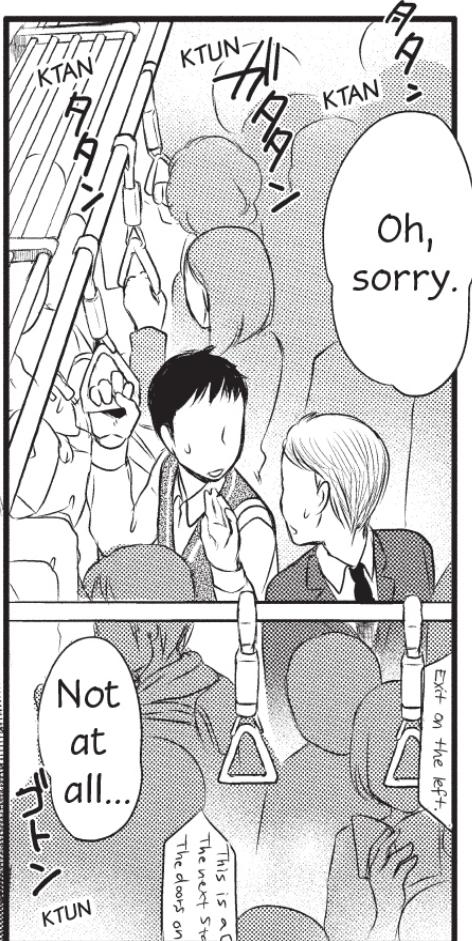
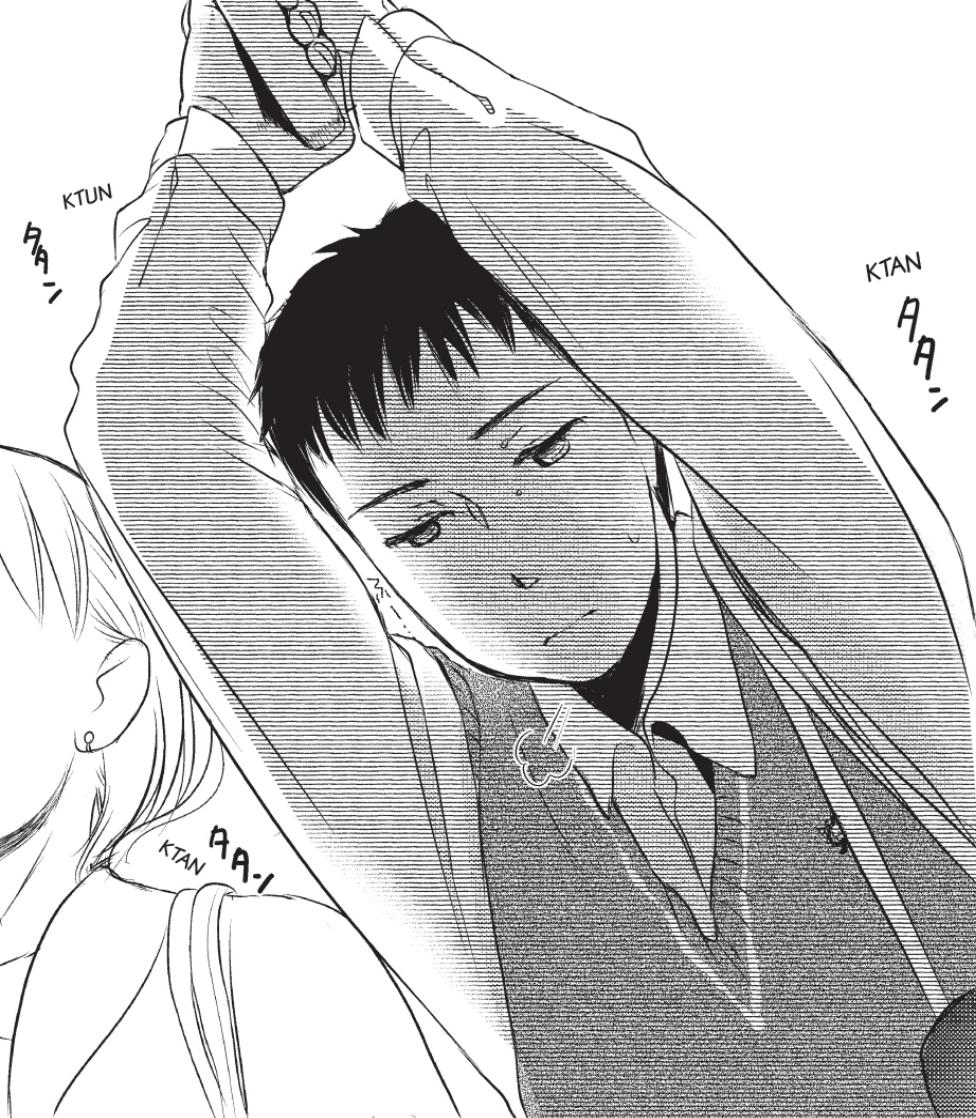
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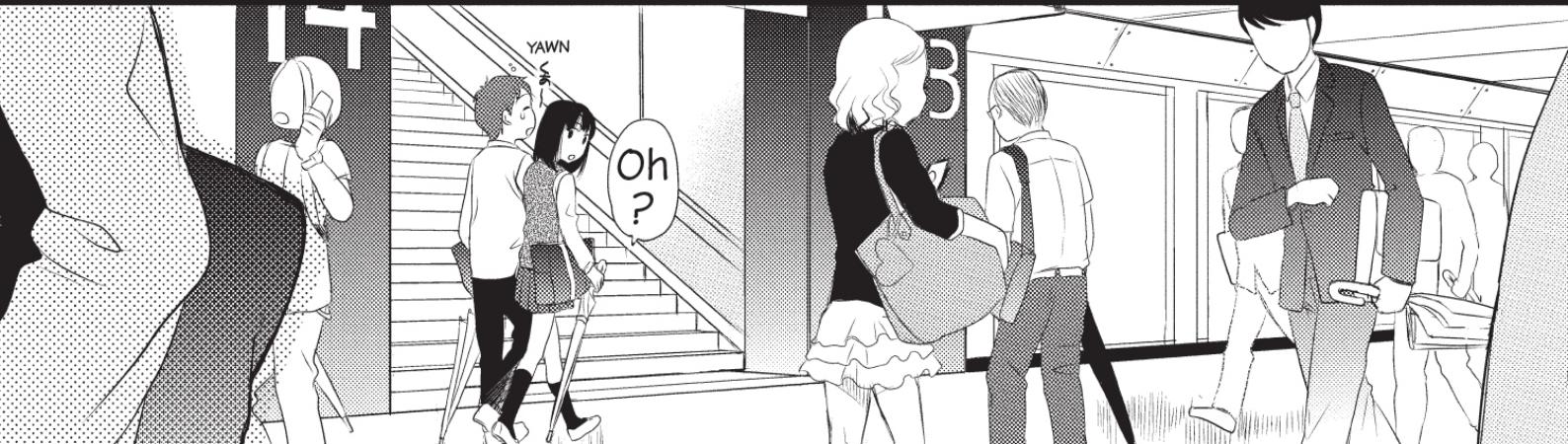
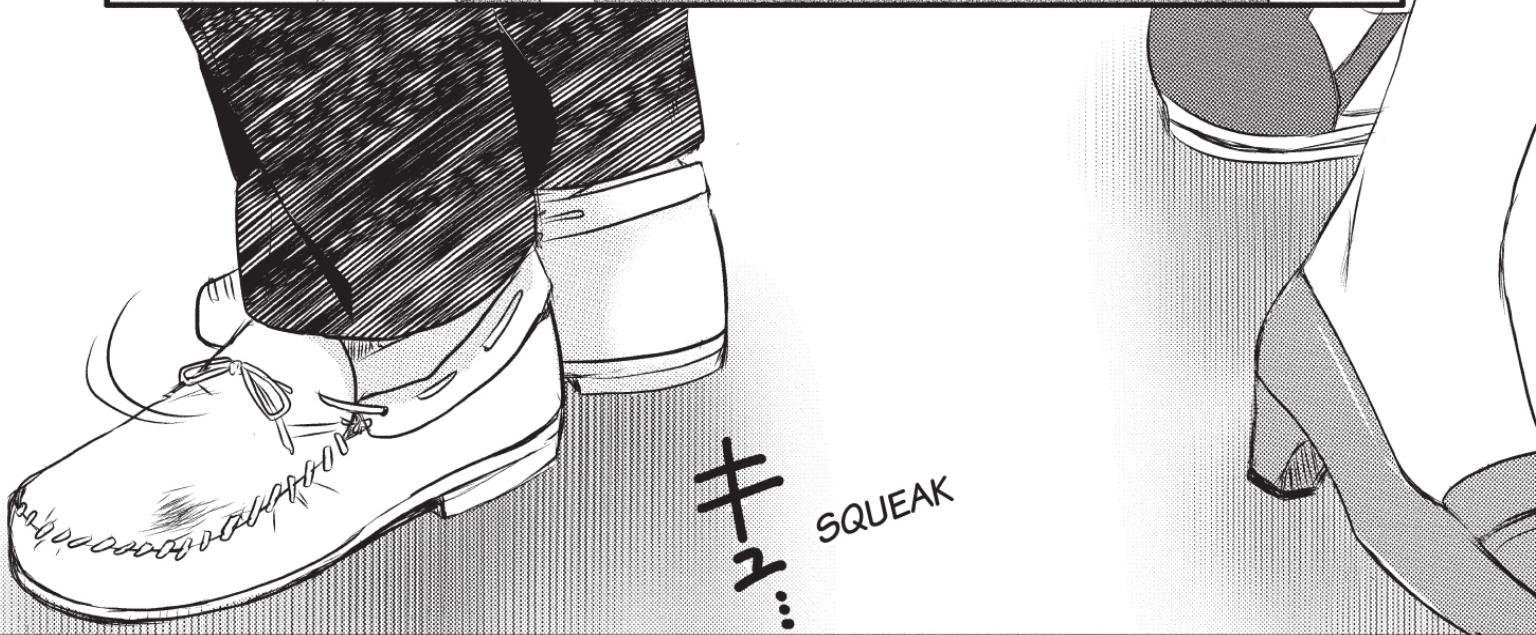
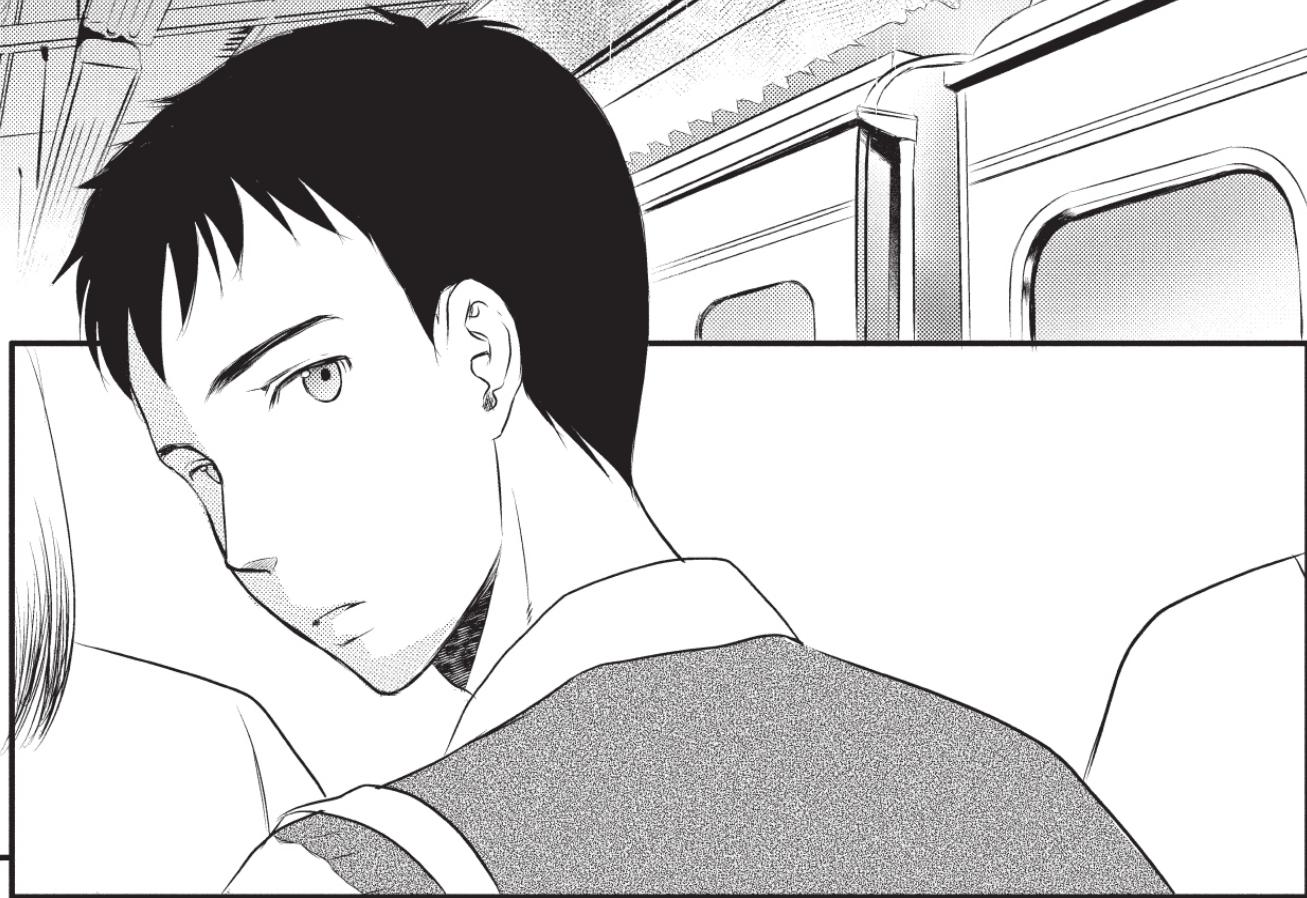
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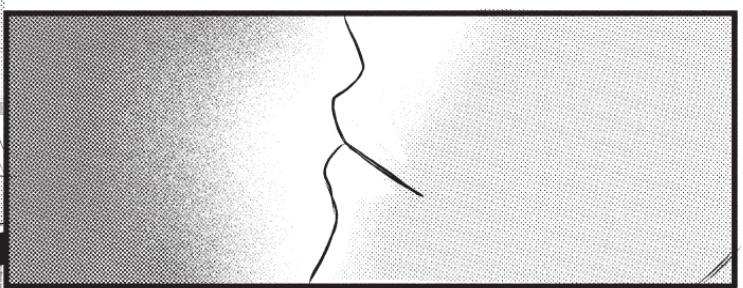
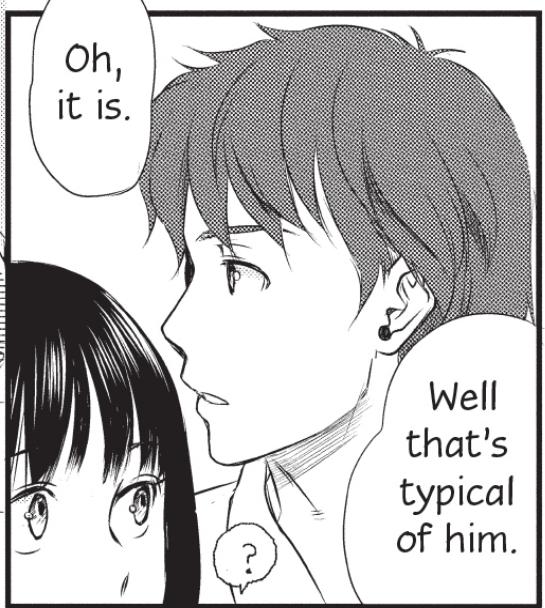


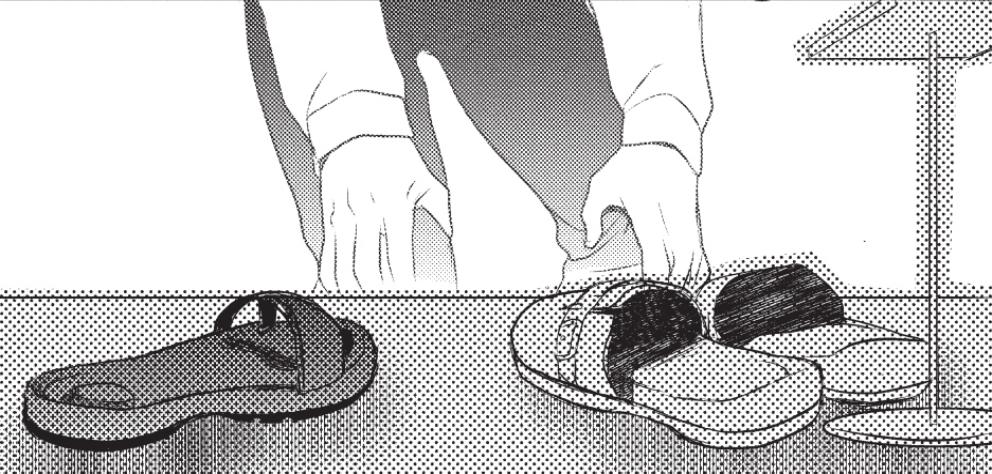
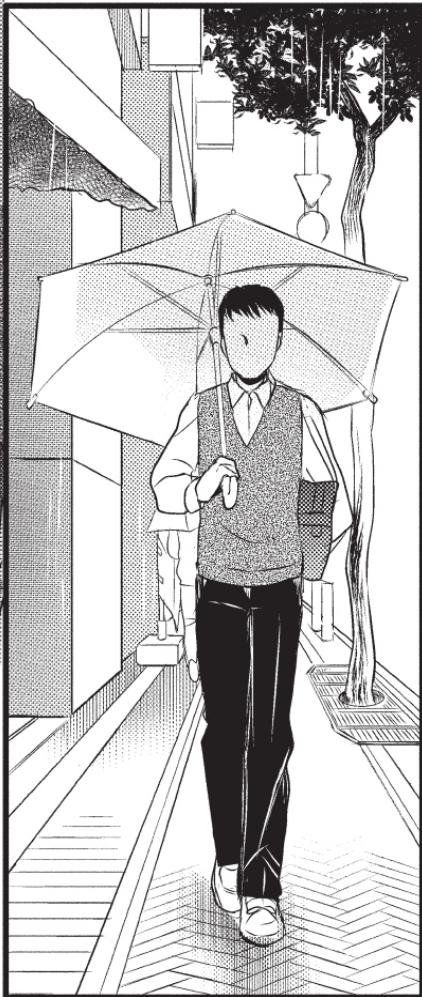
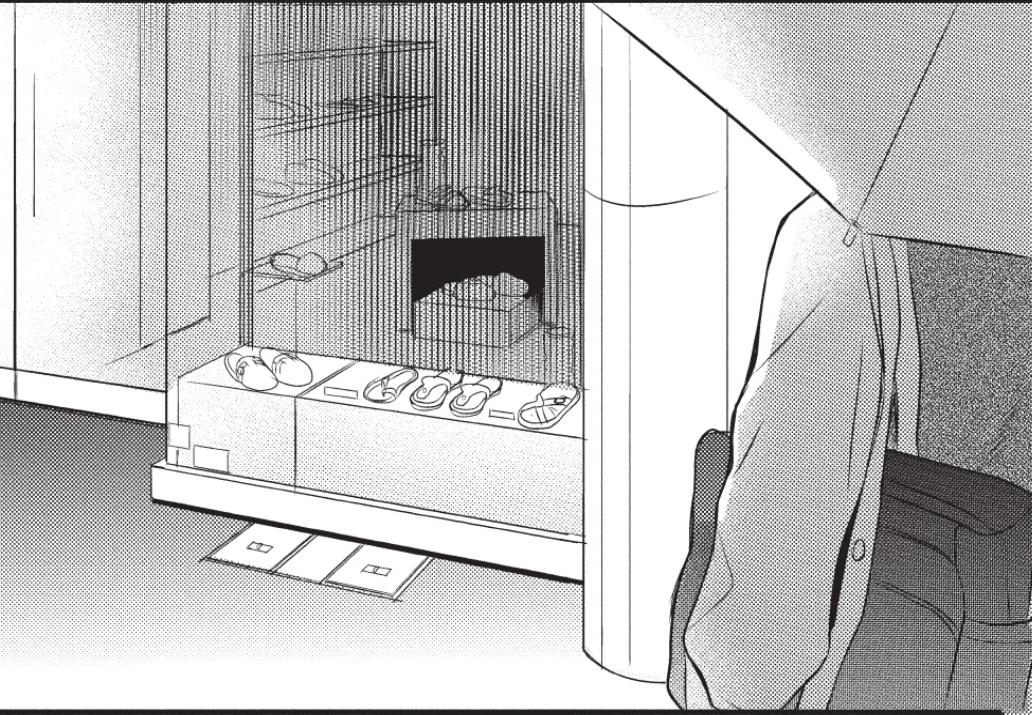


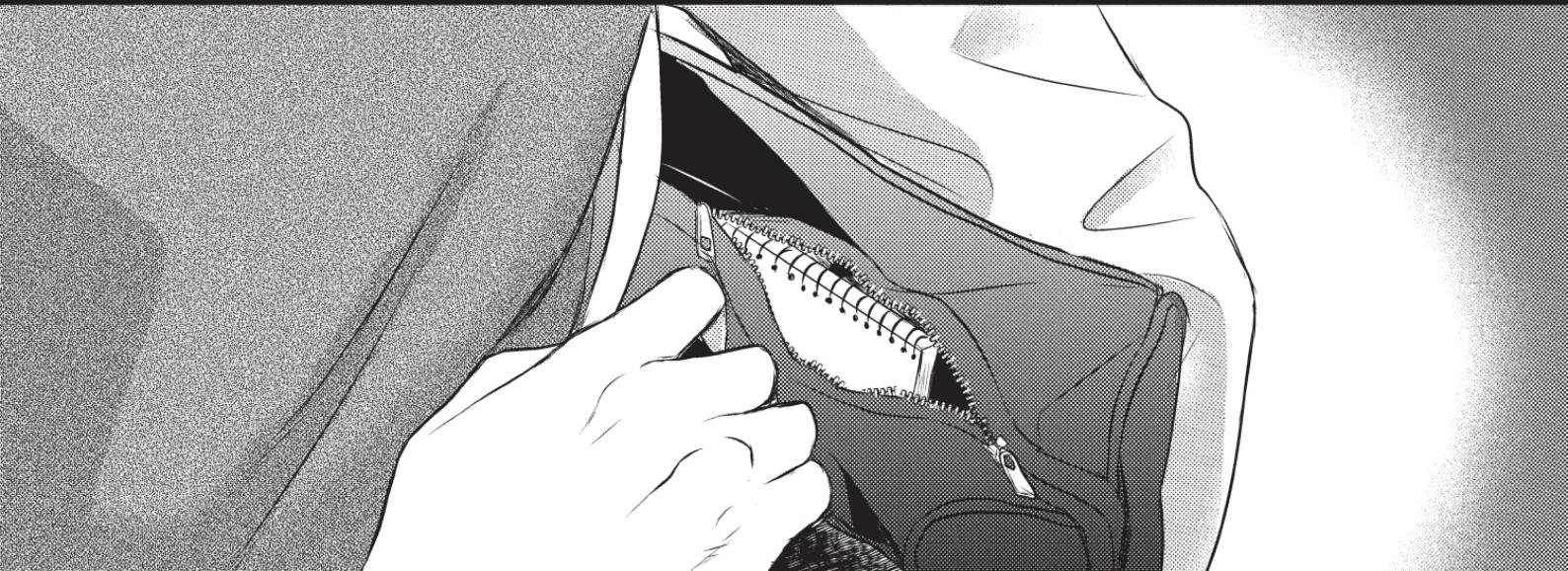
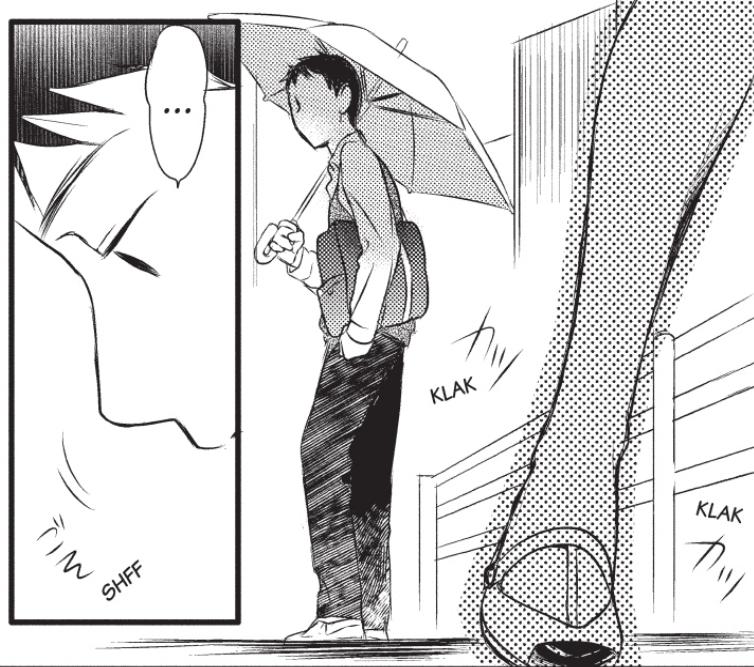
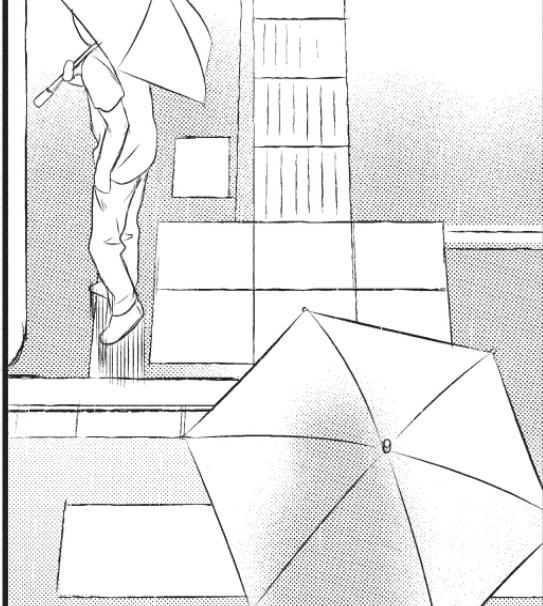


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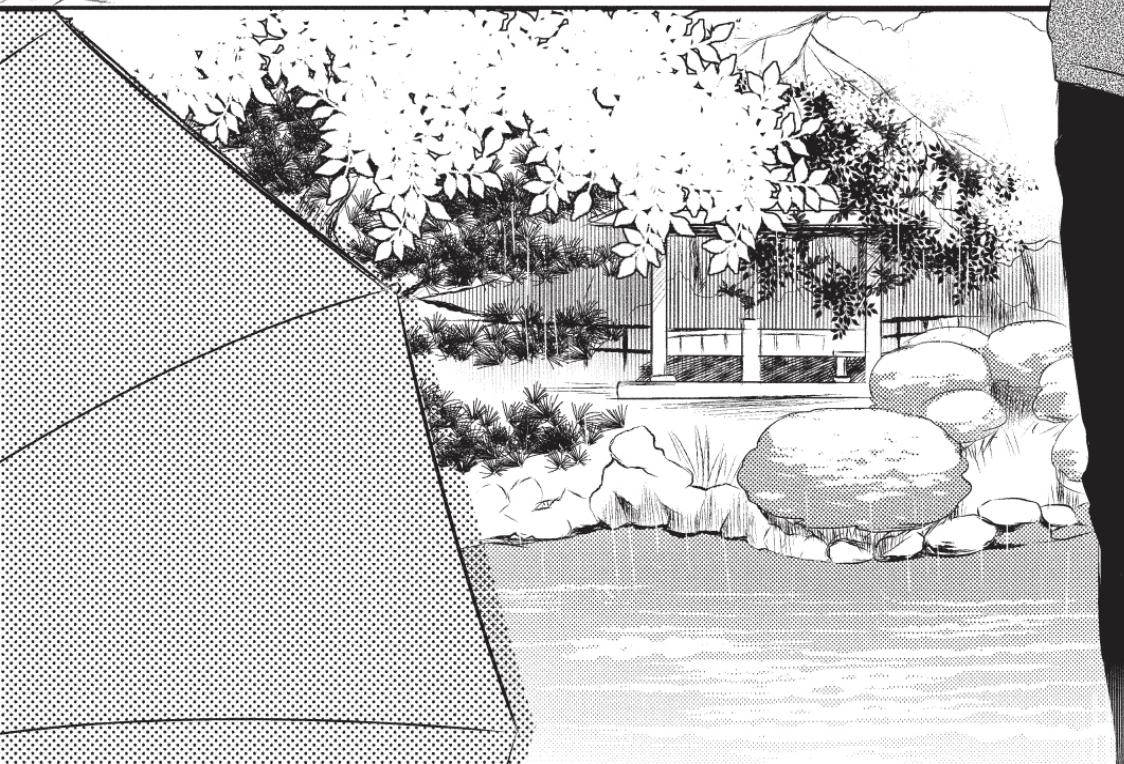


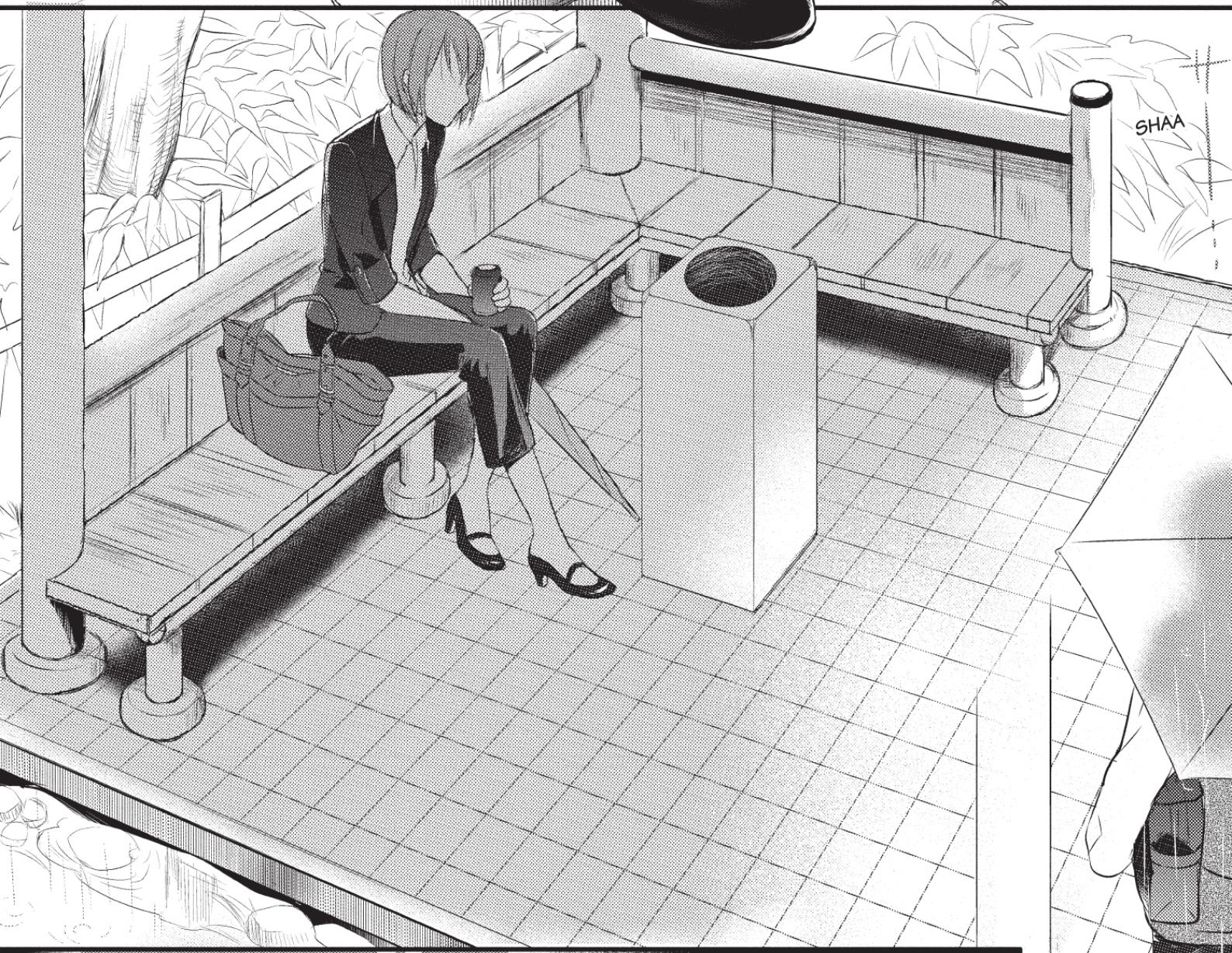


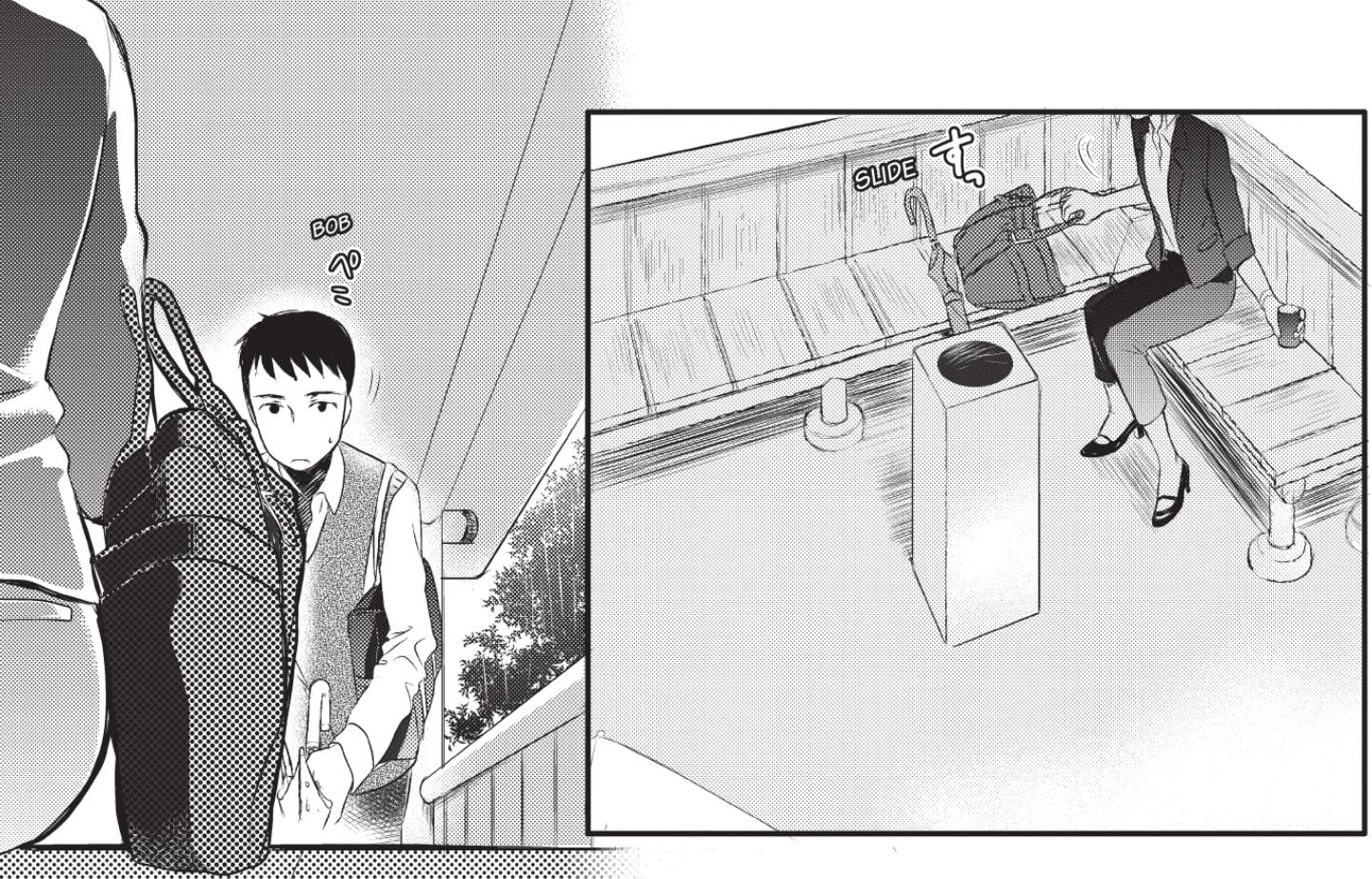


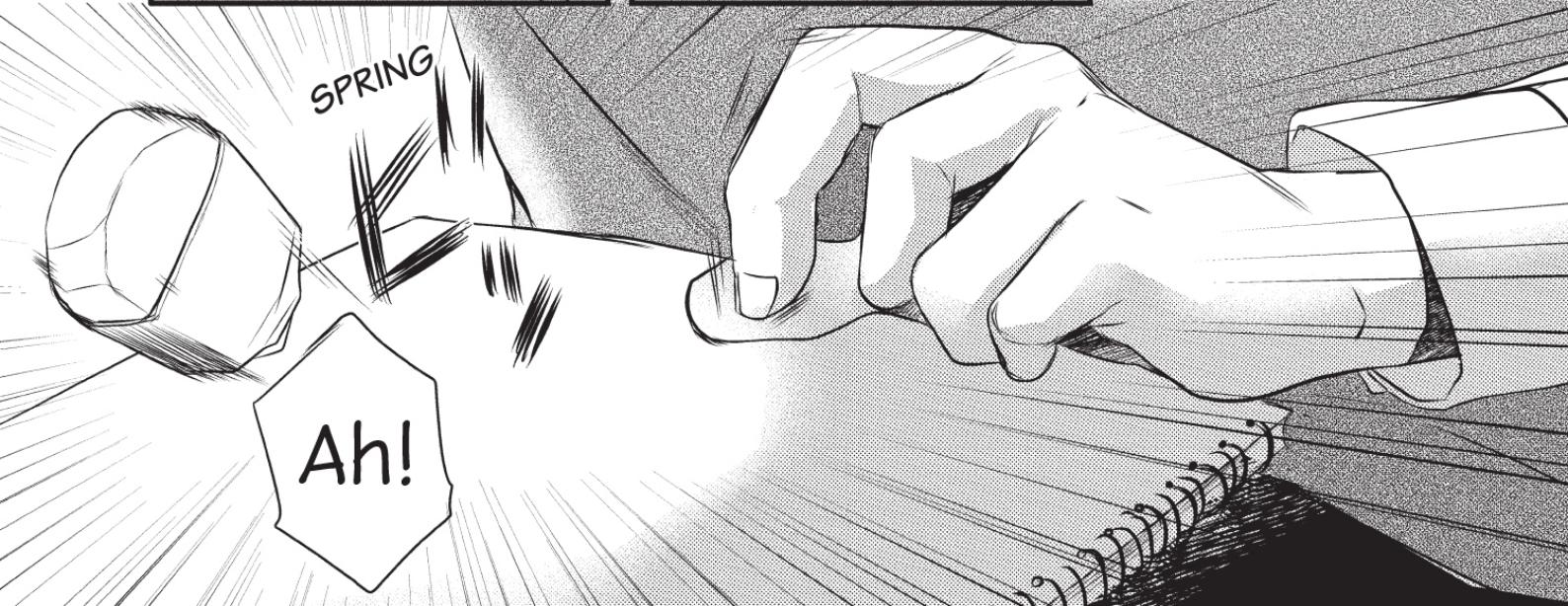


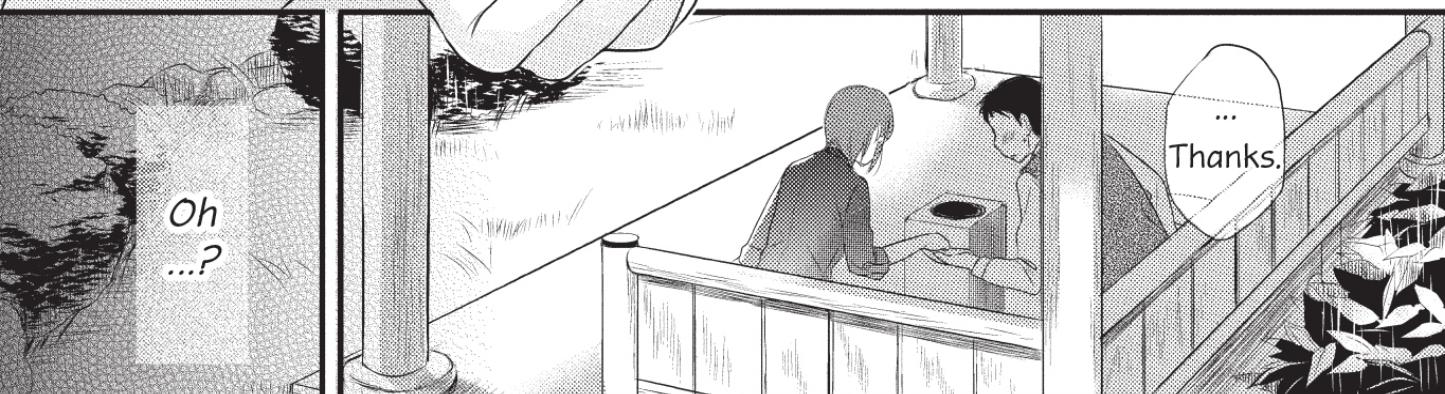
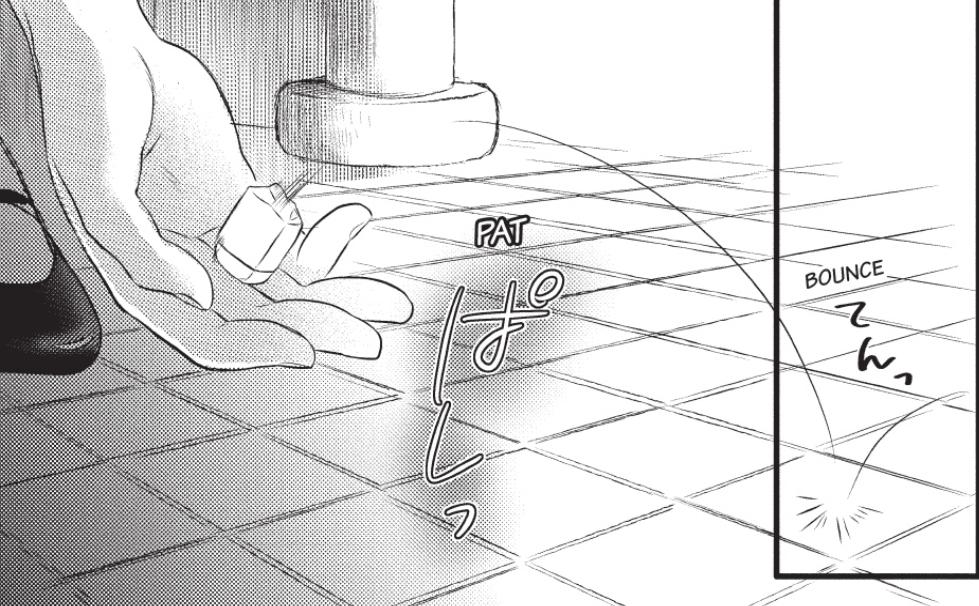


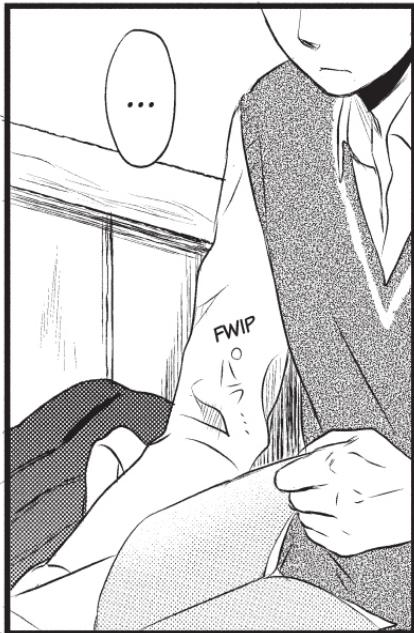




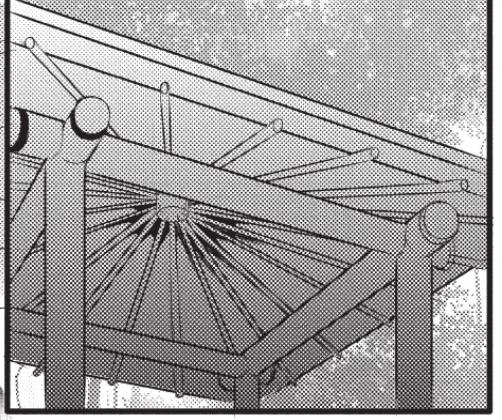






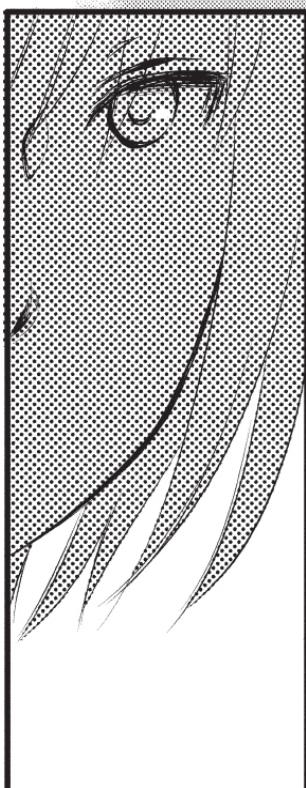
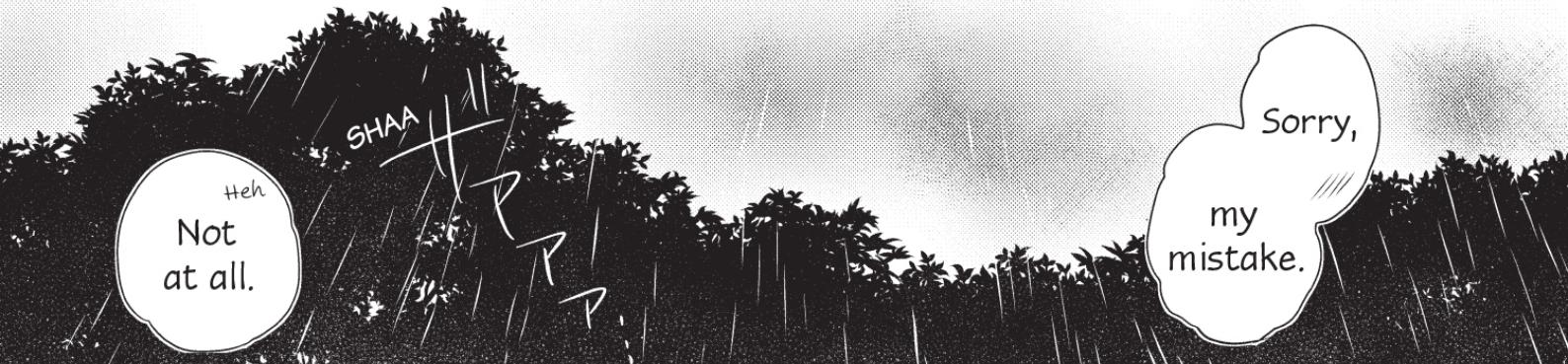


I feel like
I've seen her
before...





...No?



I
wish



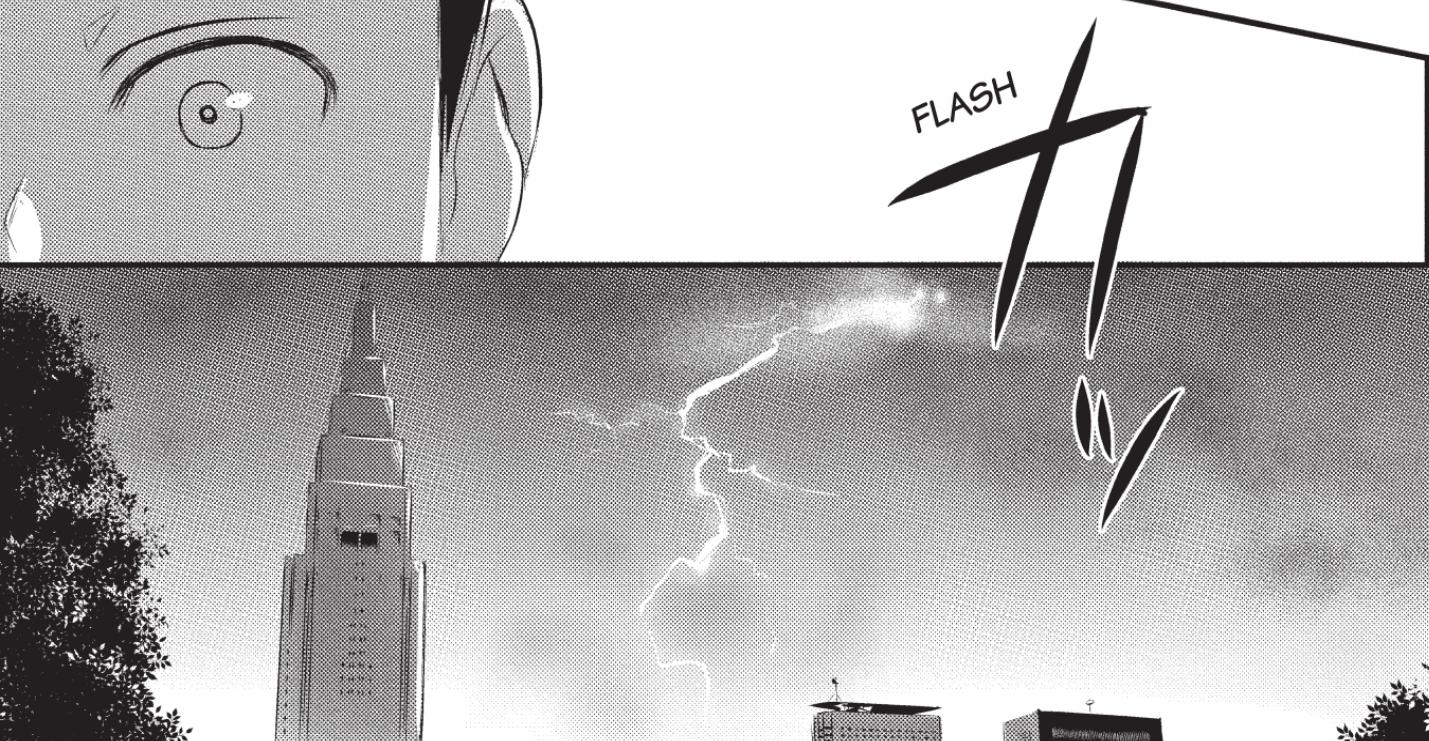
Perhaps
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met...

there would be a clap of thunder as the sky is clouded,

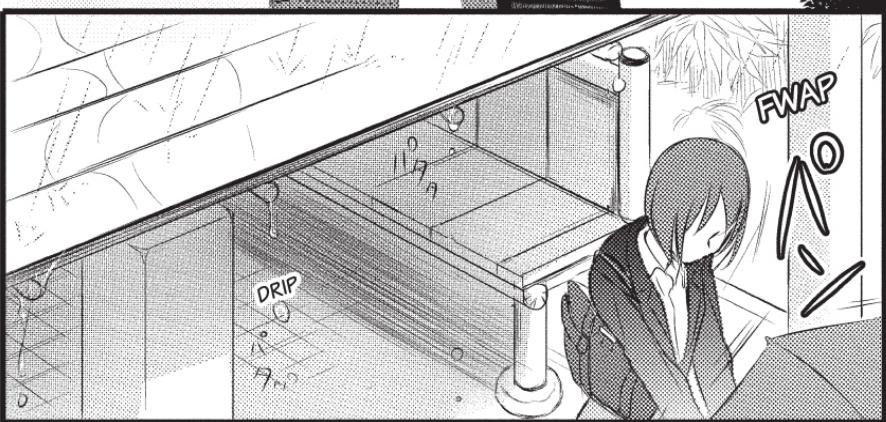
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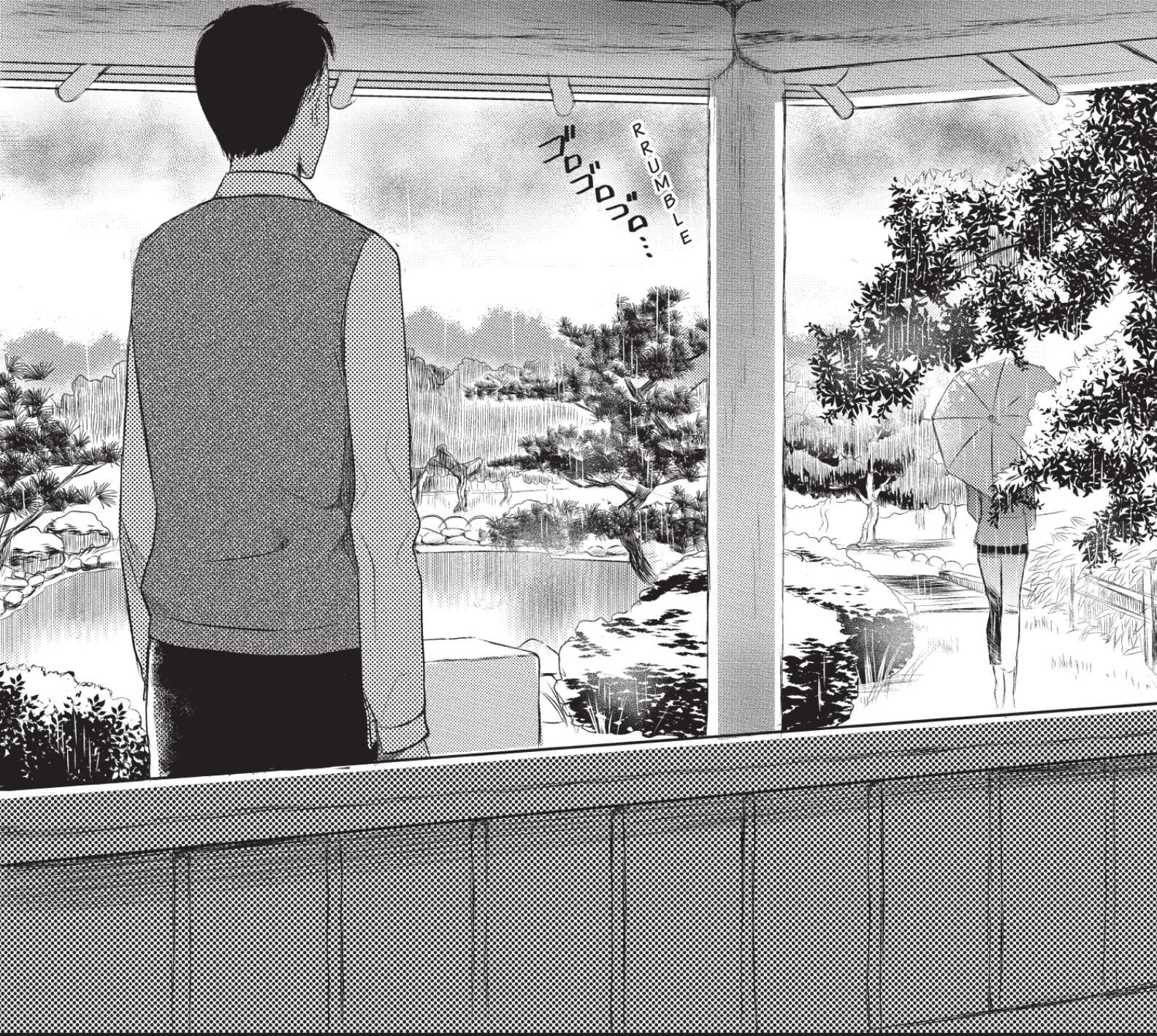


then I would
keep you from
leaving.

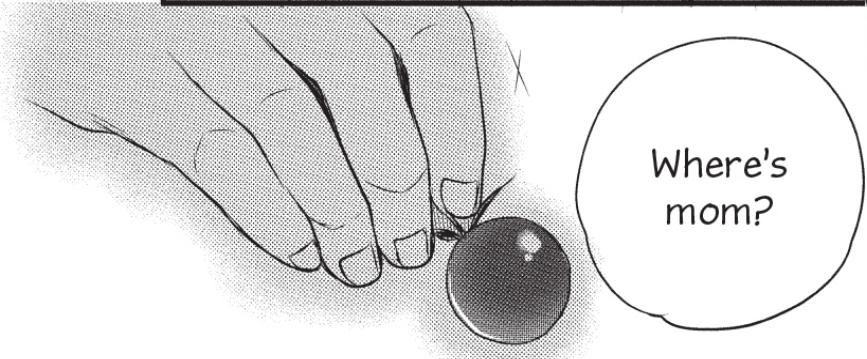
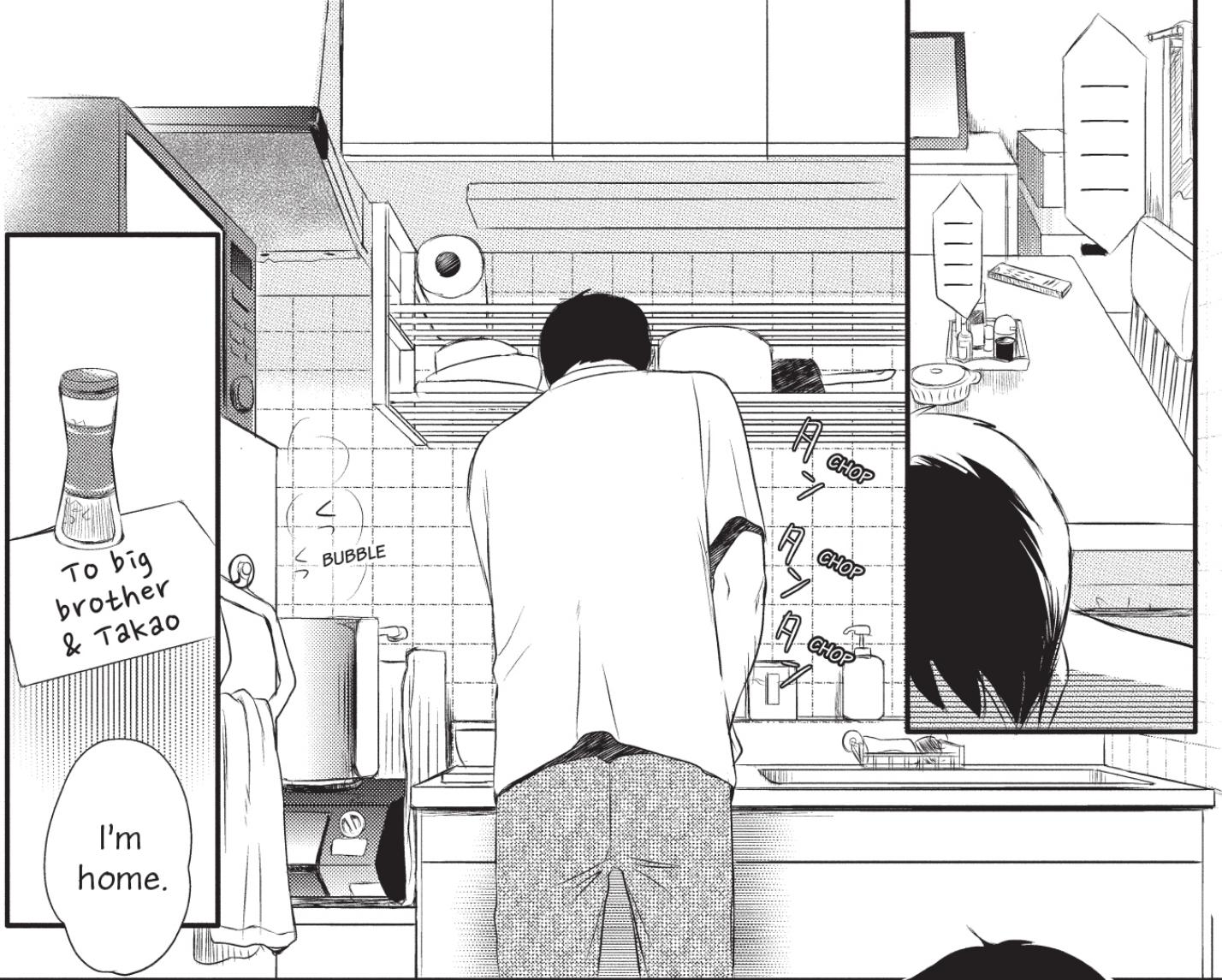


FLASH

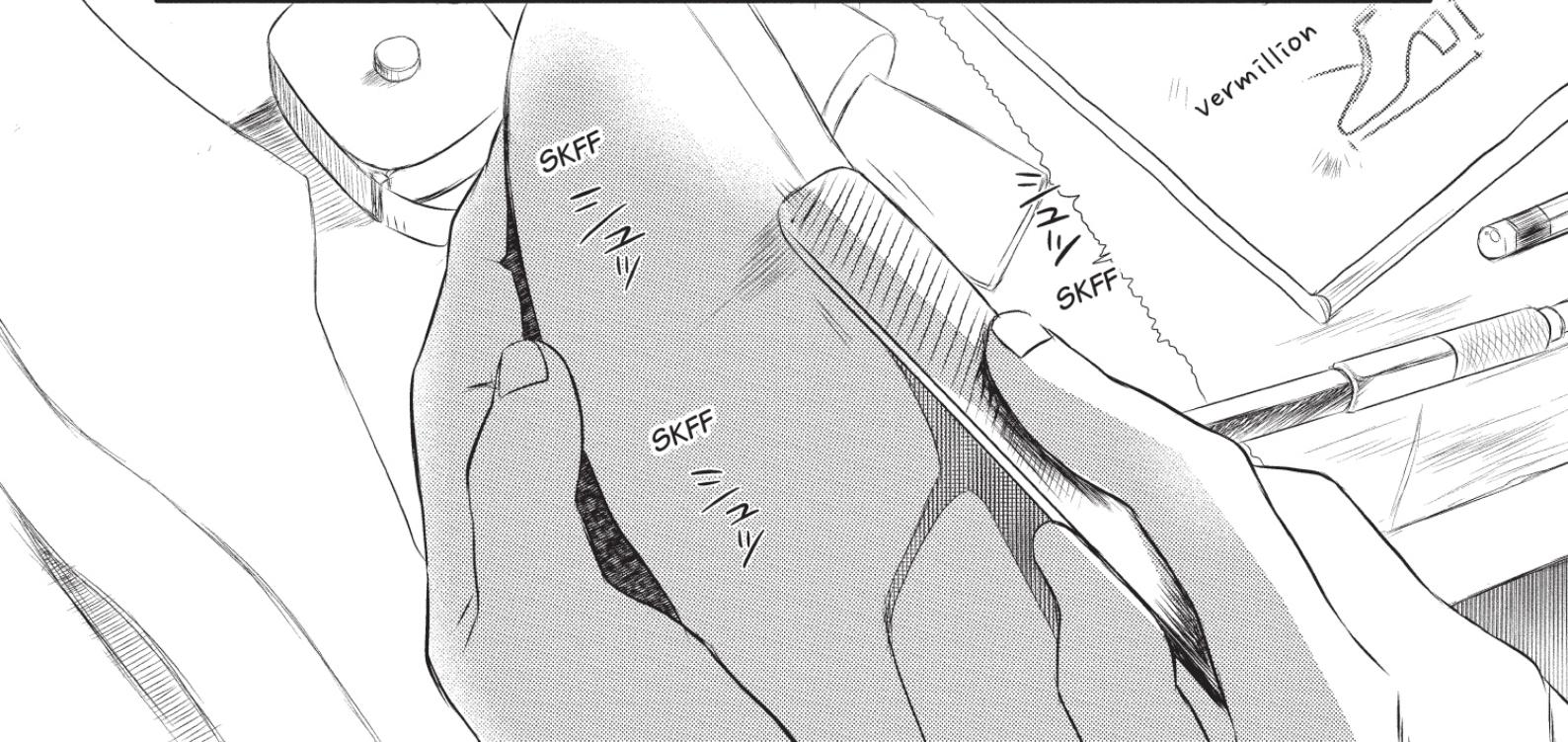
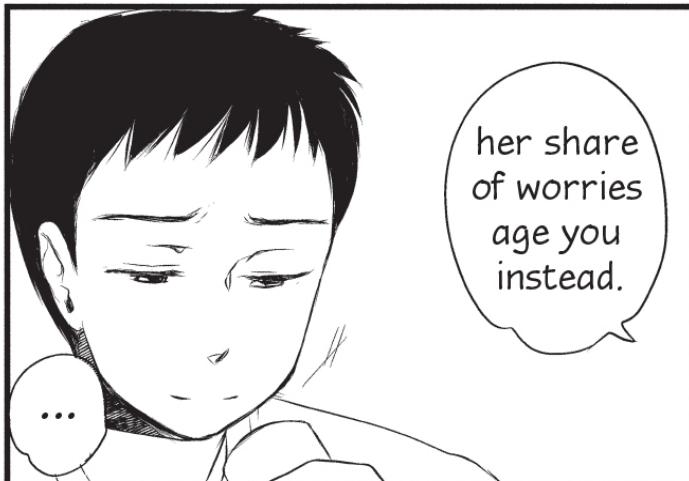
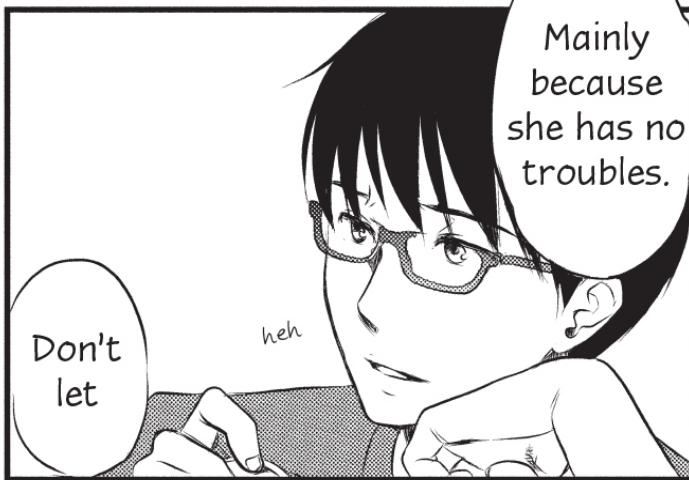


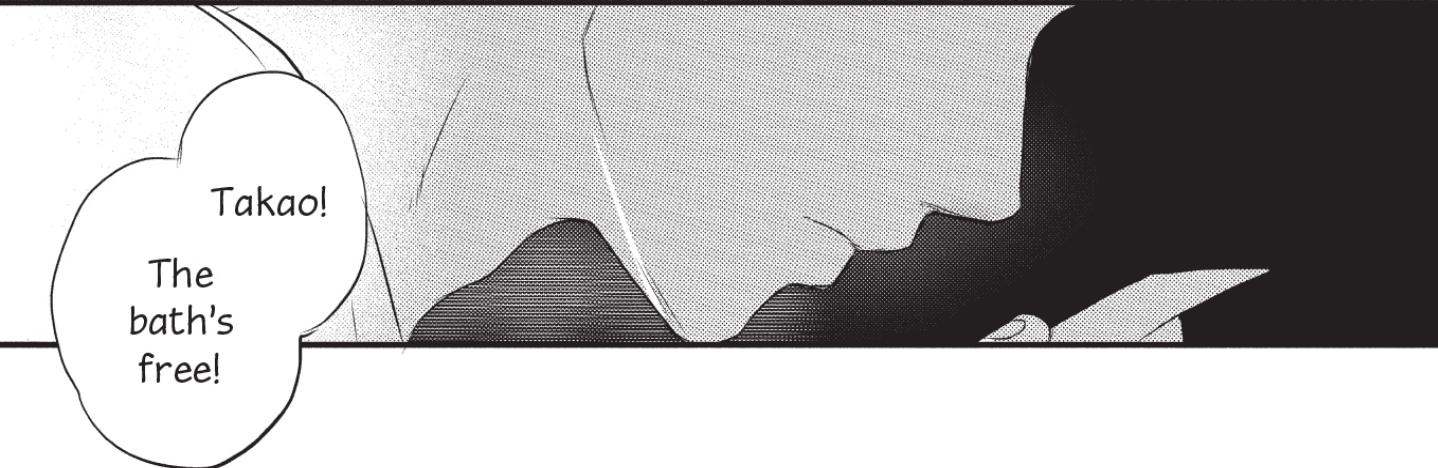
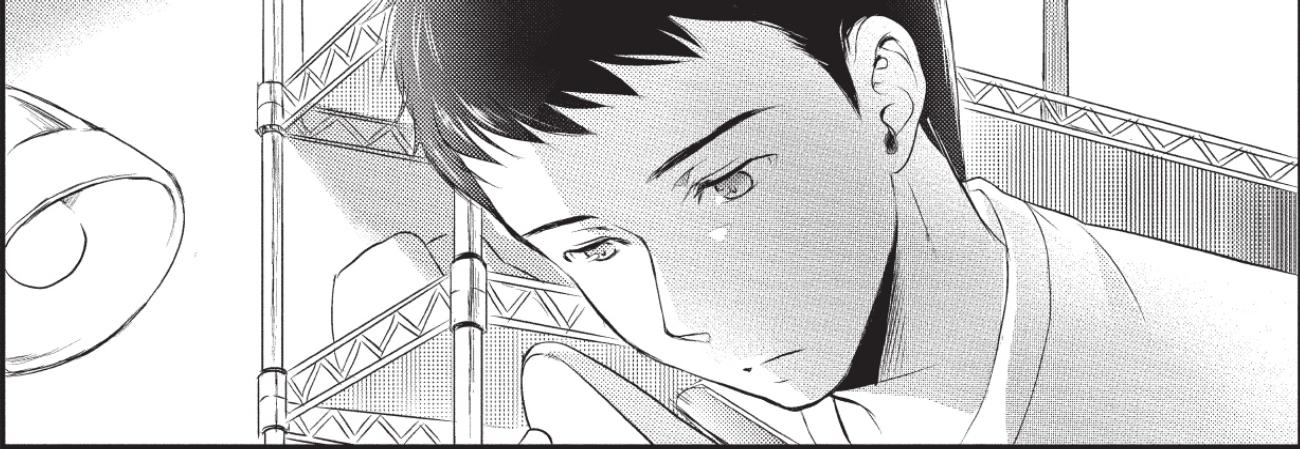


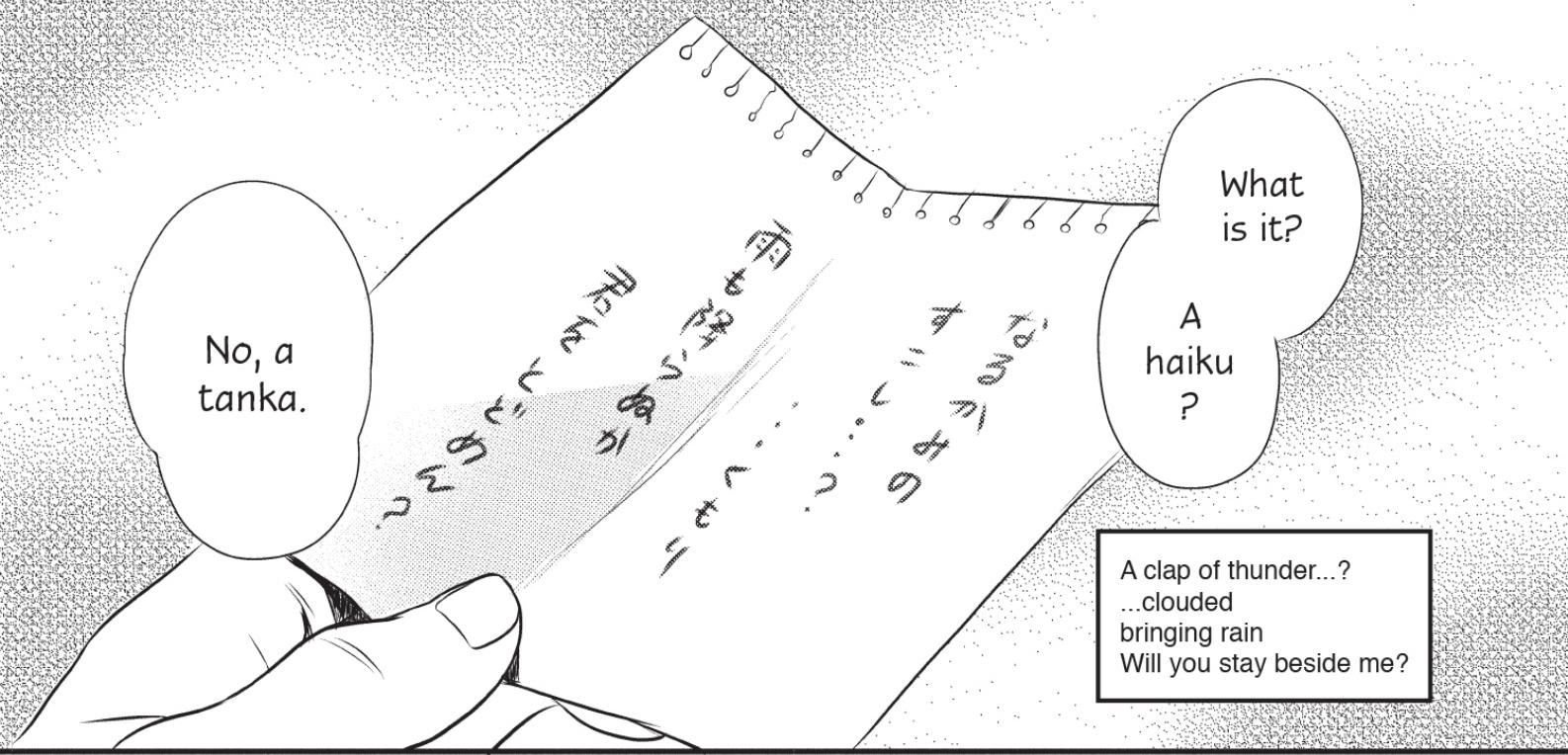


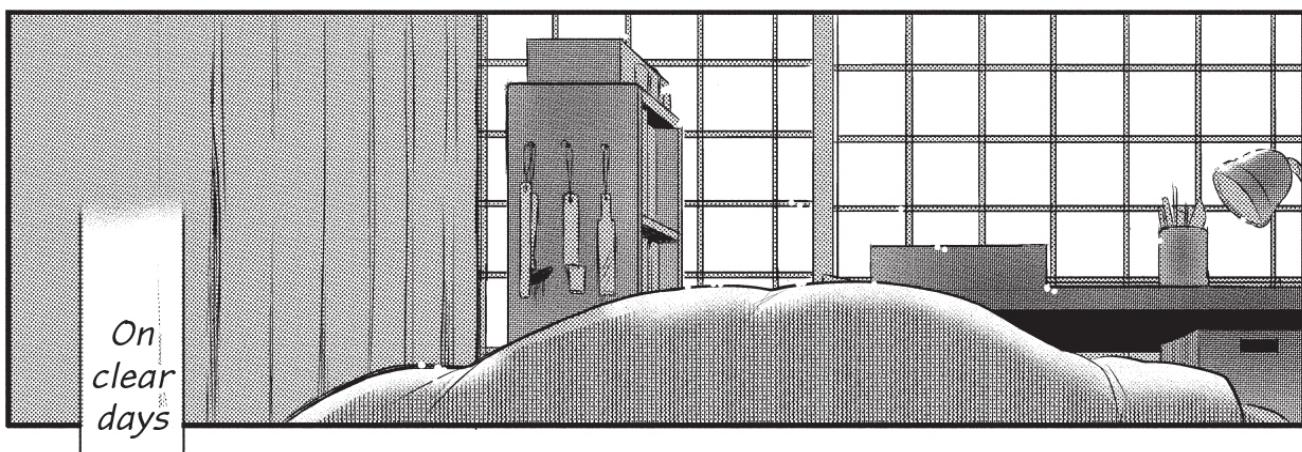
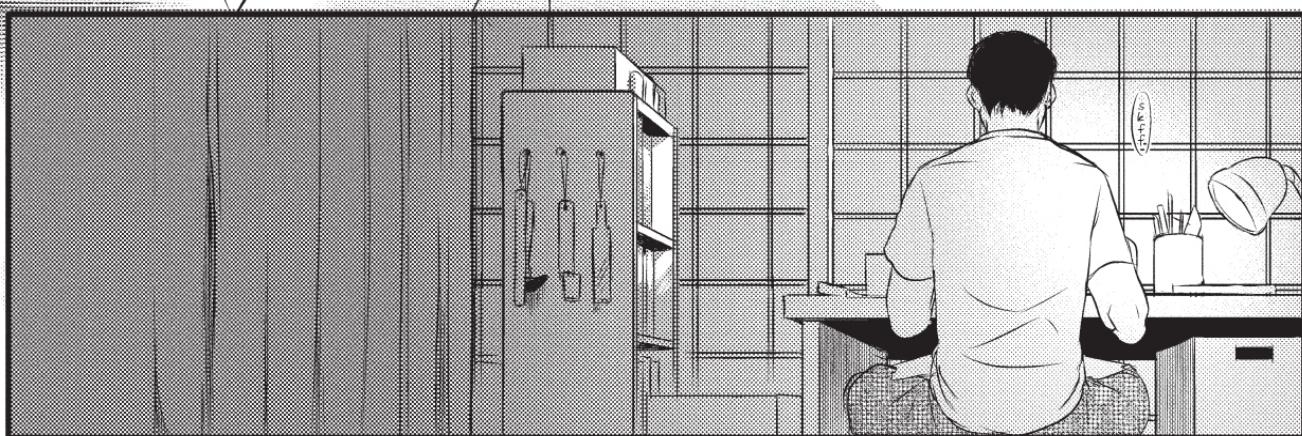
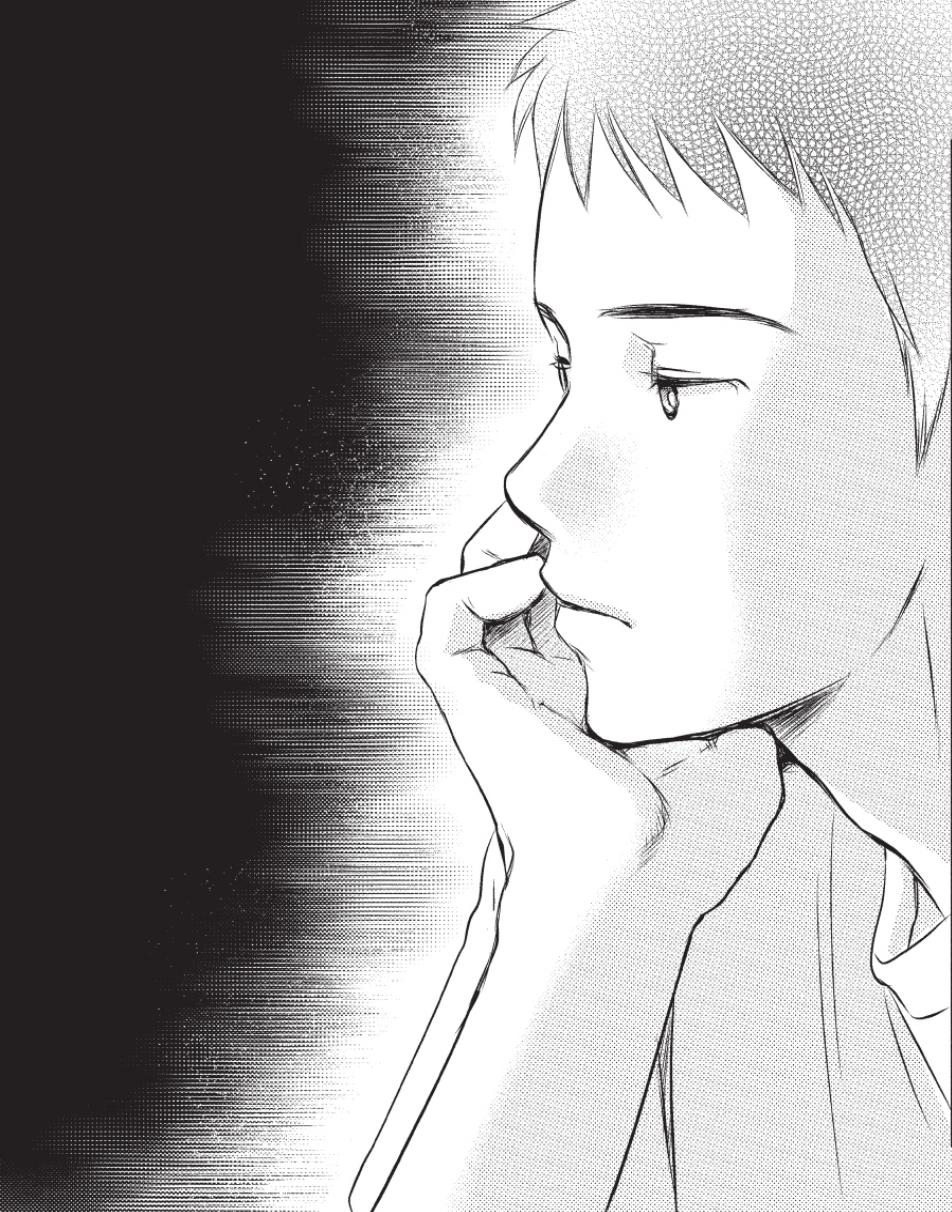


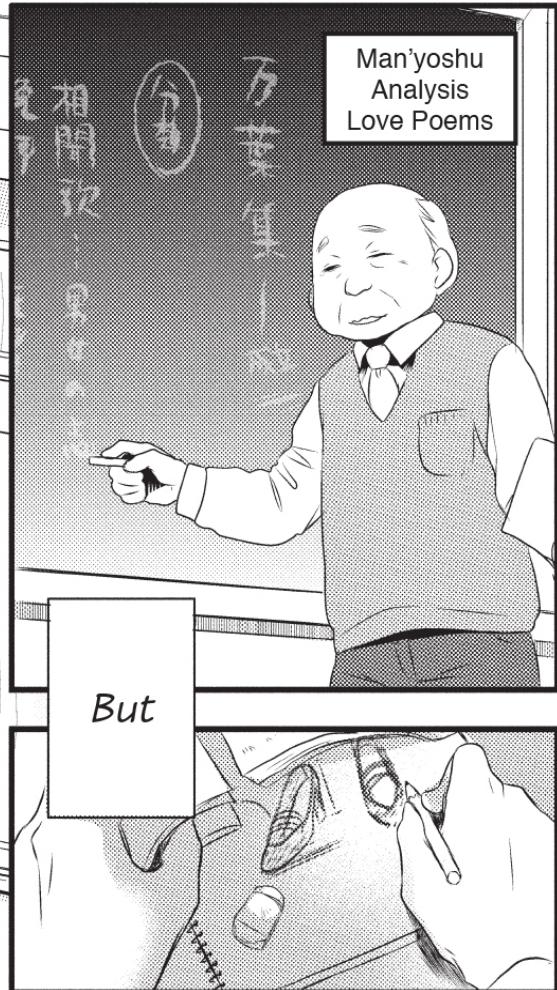
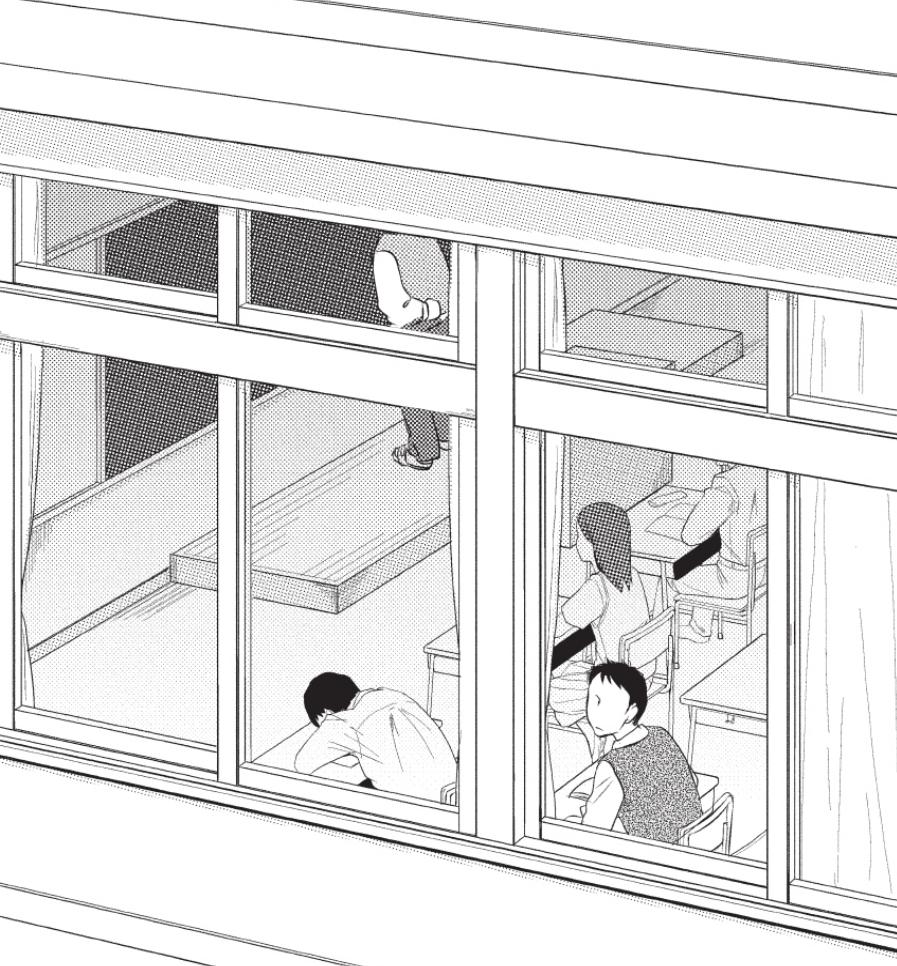
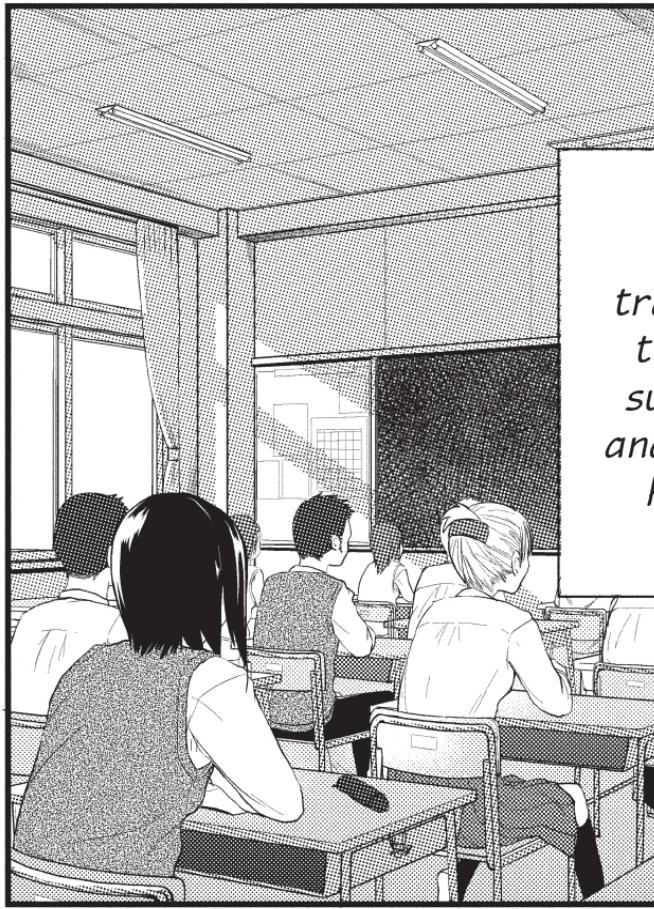












Or so I
think.

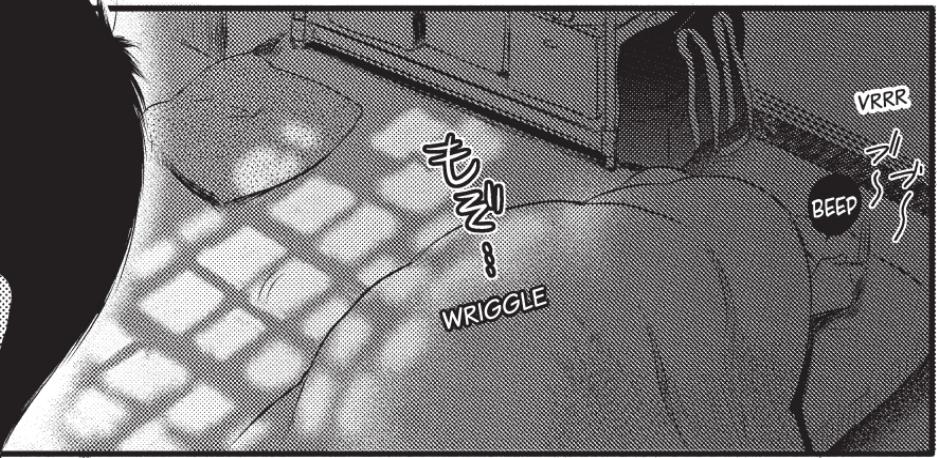
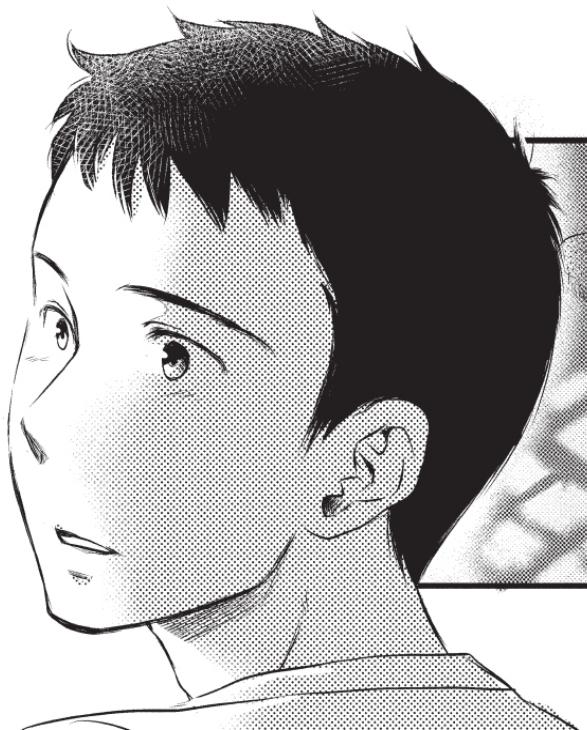
I don't
have
the time
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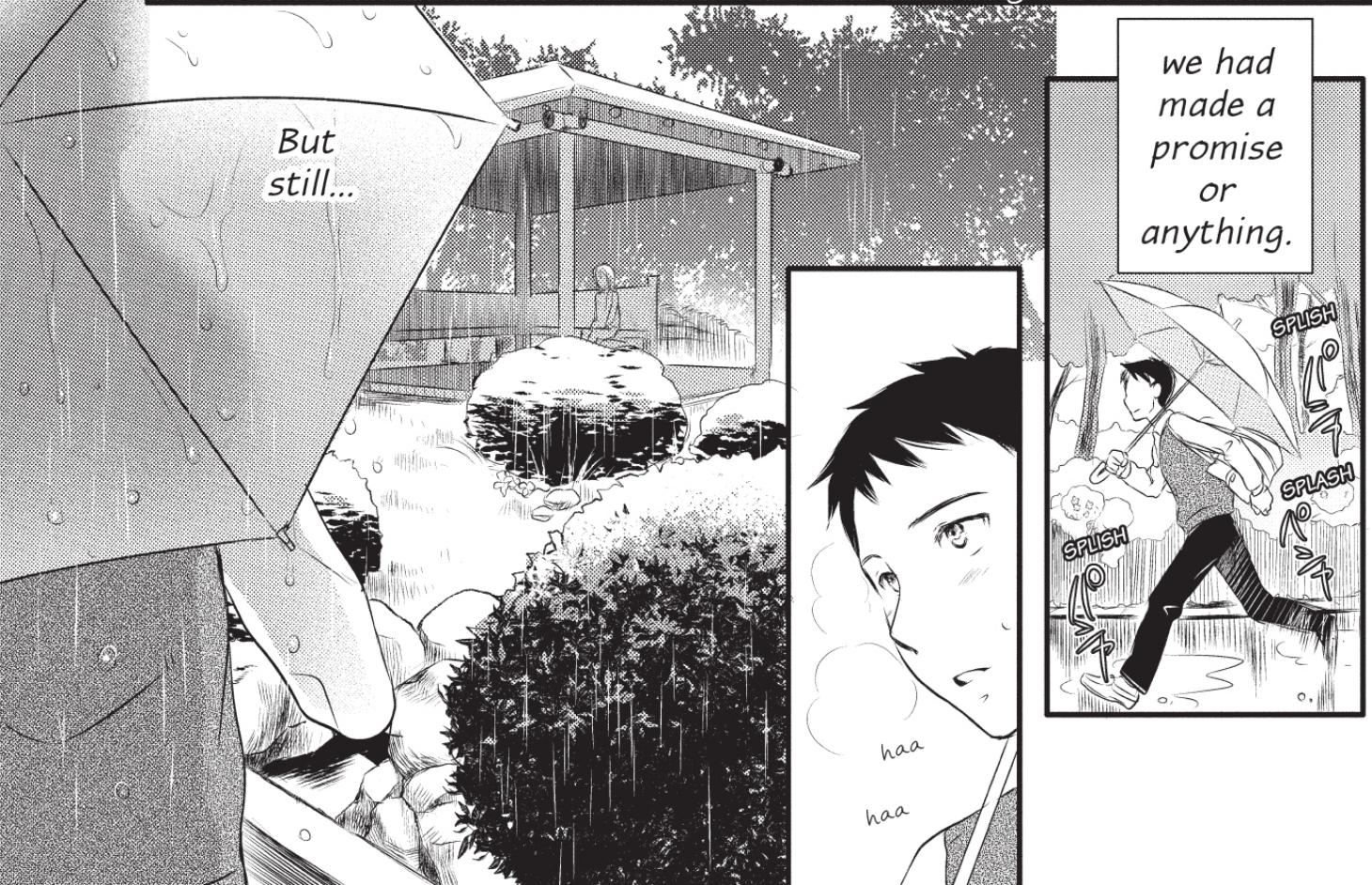
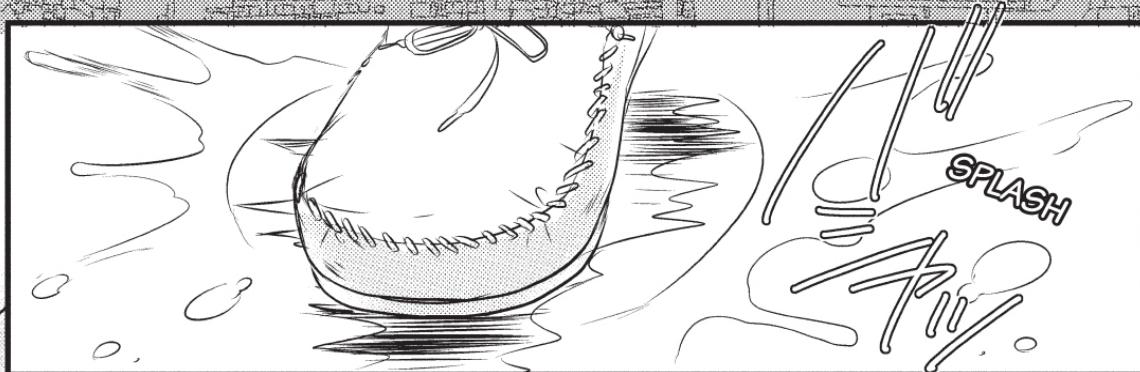
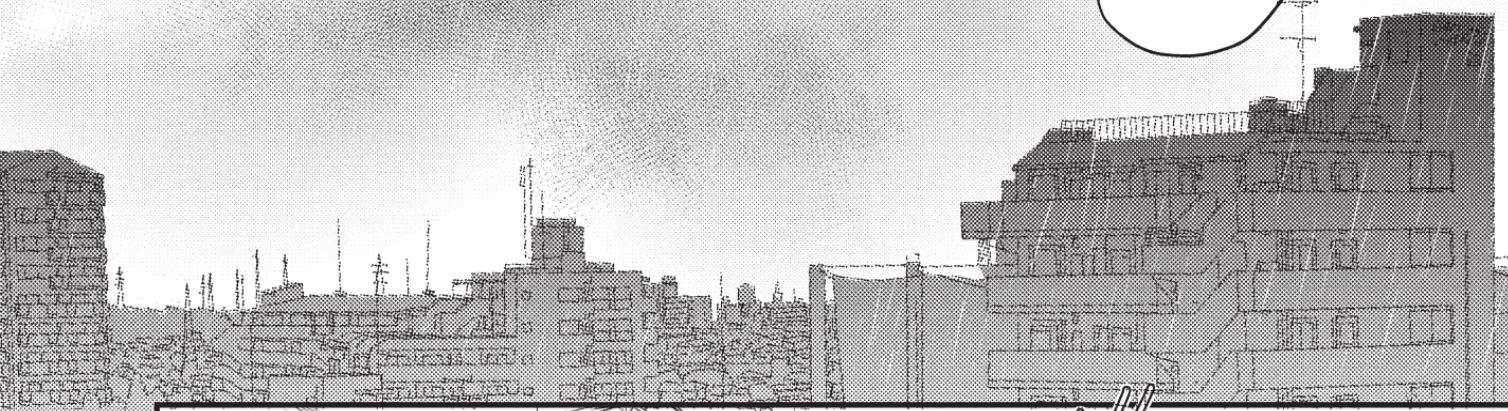
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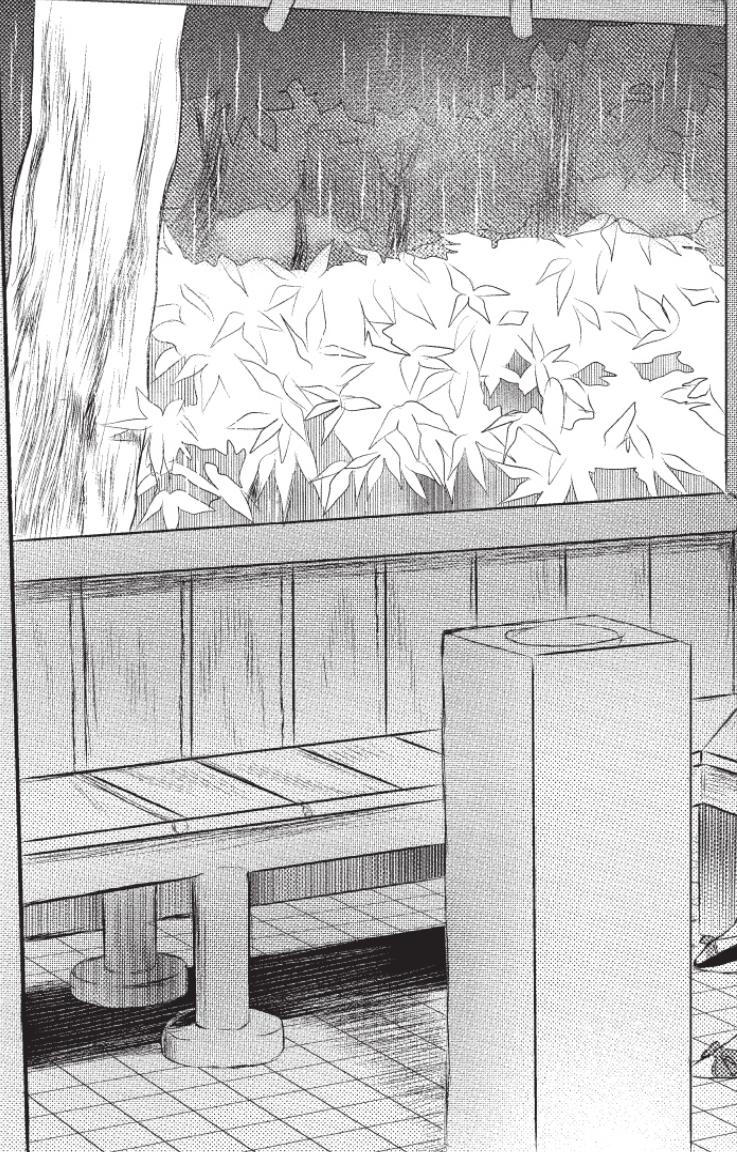
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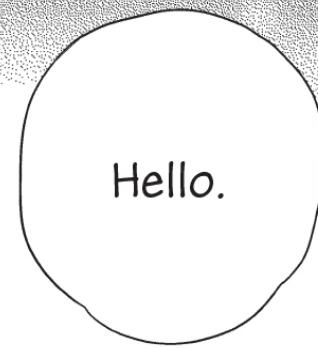
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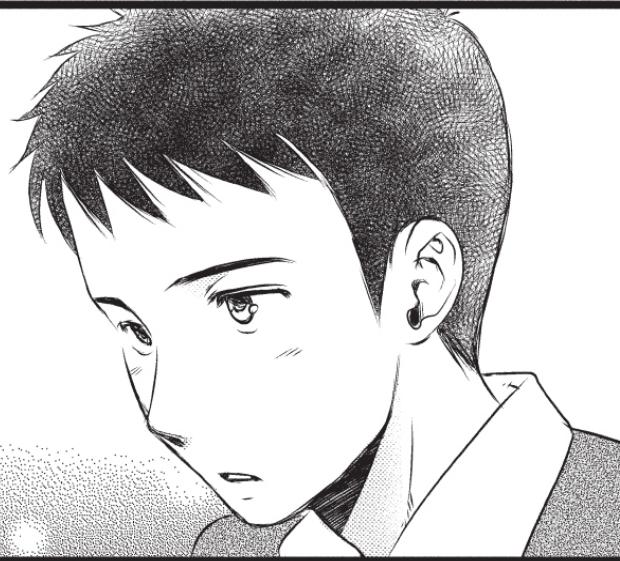
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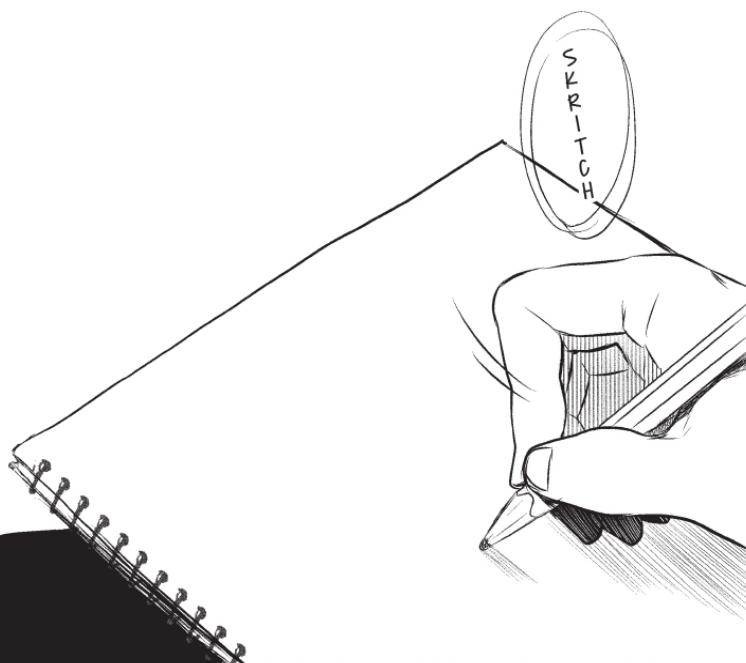




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...Hi.

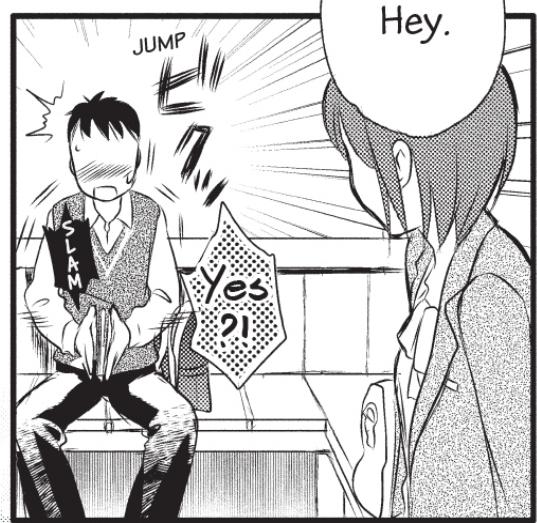




SKRITCH

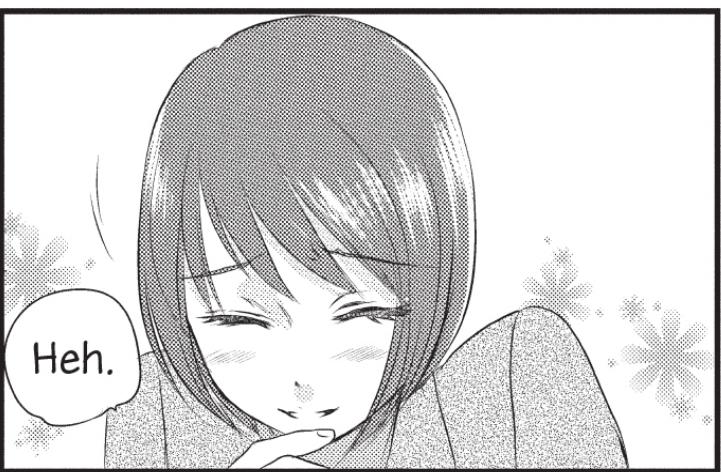


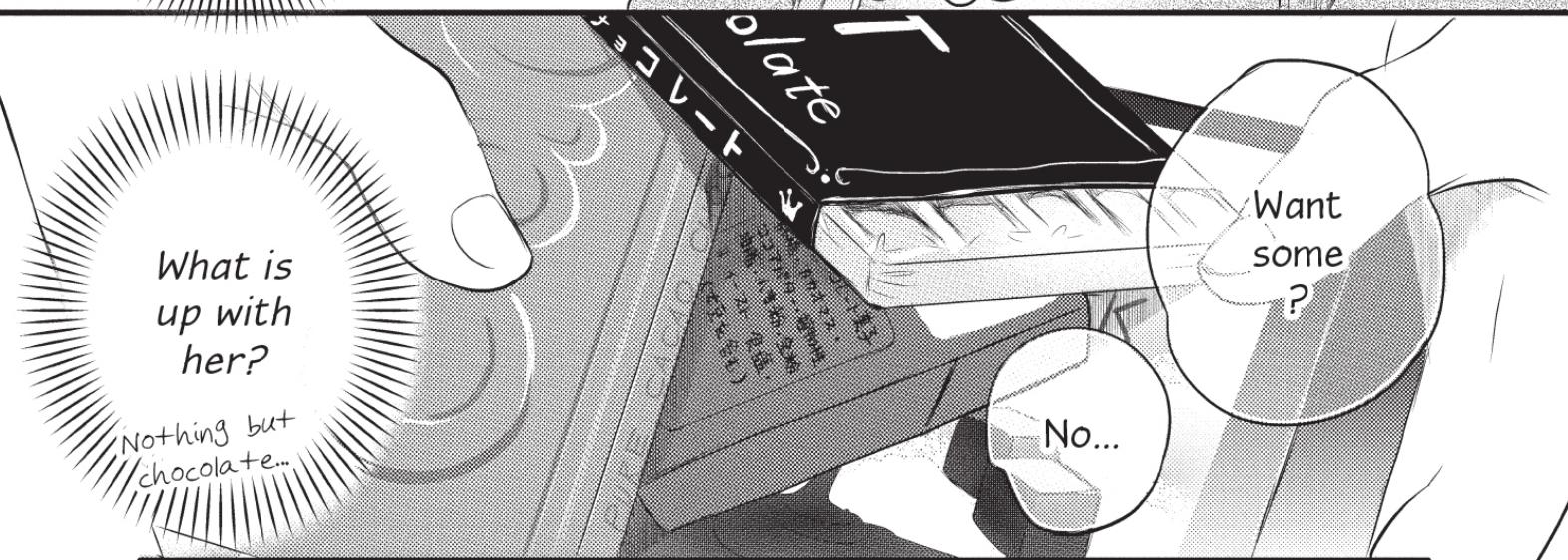
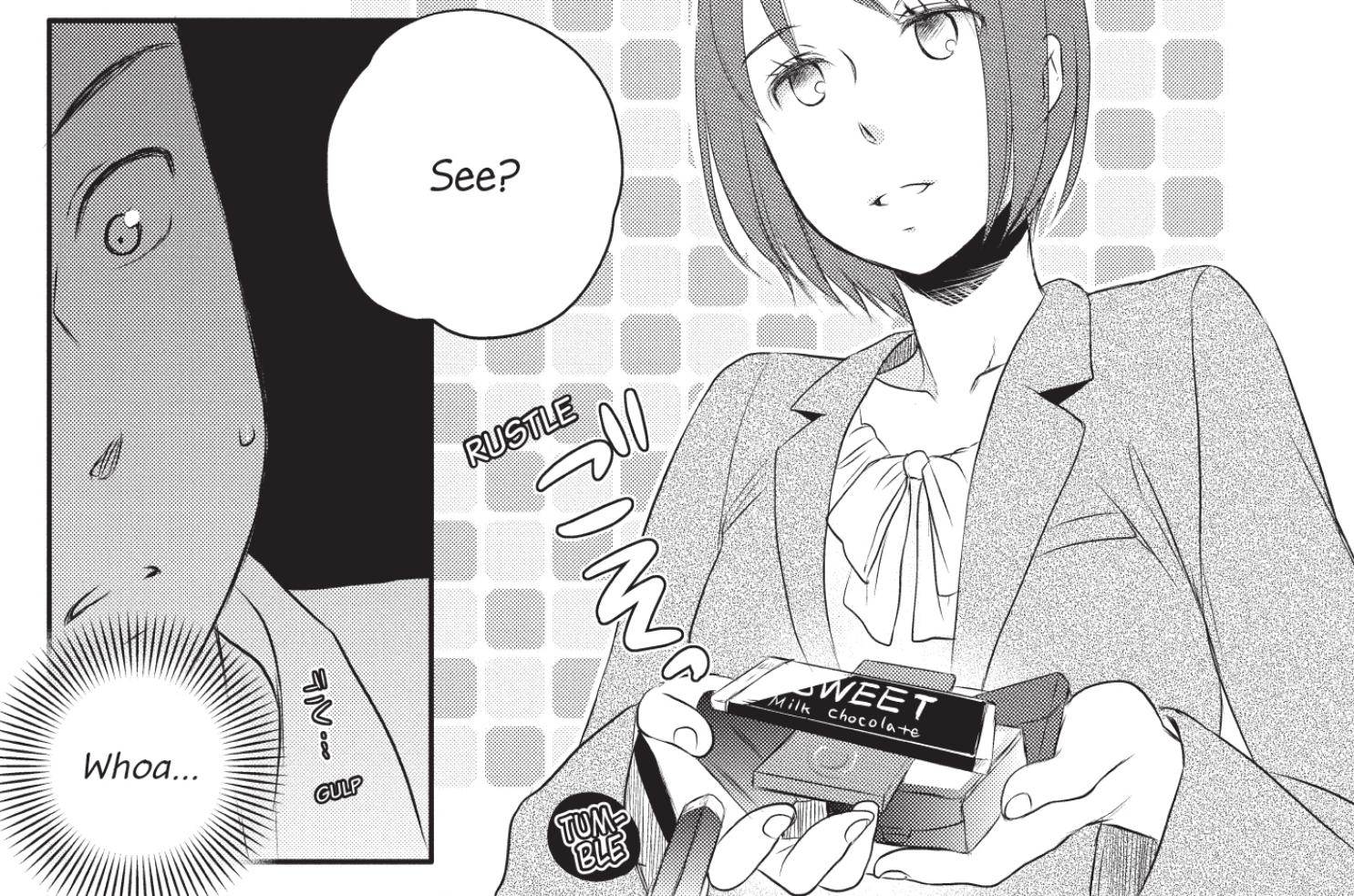
Is
school
closed
today?



Hey.





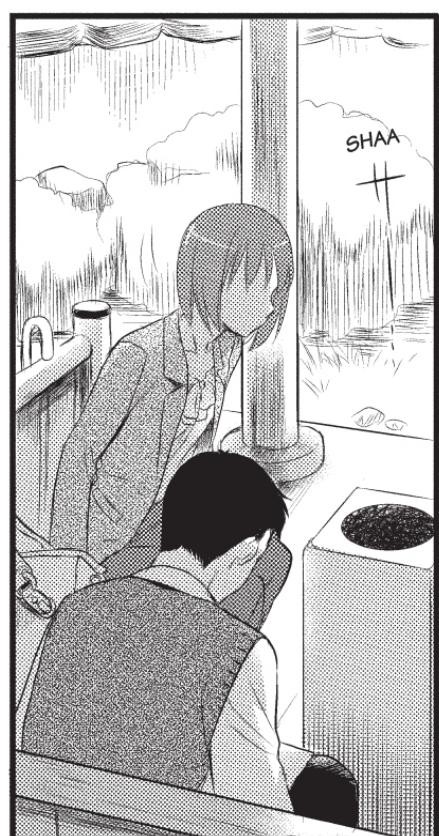
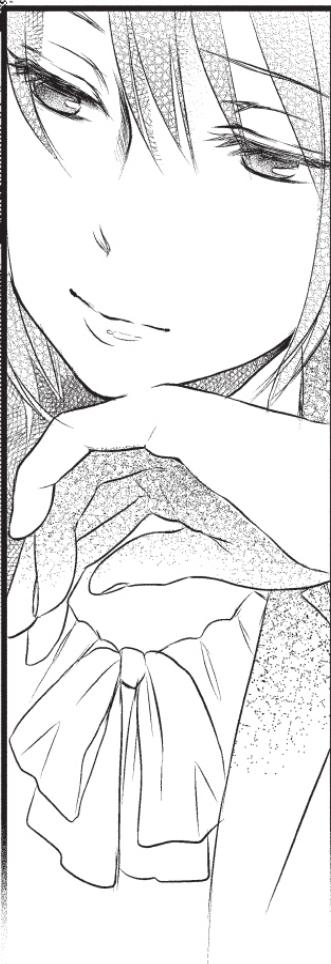


Everyone

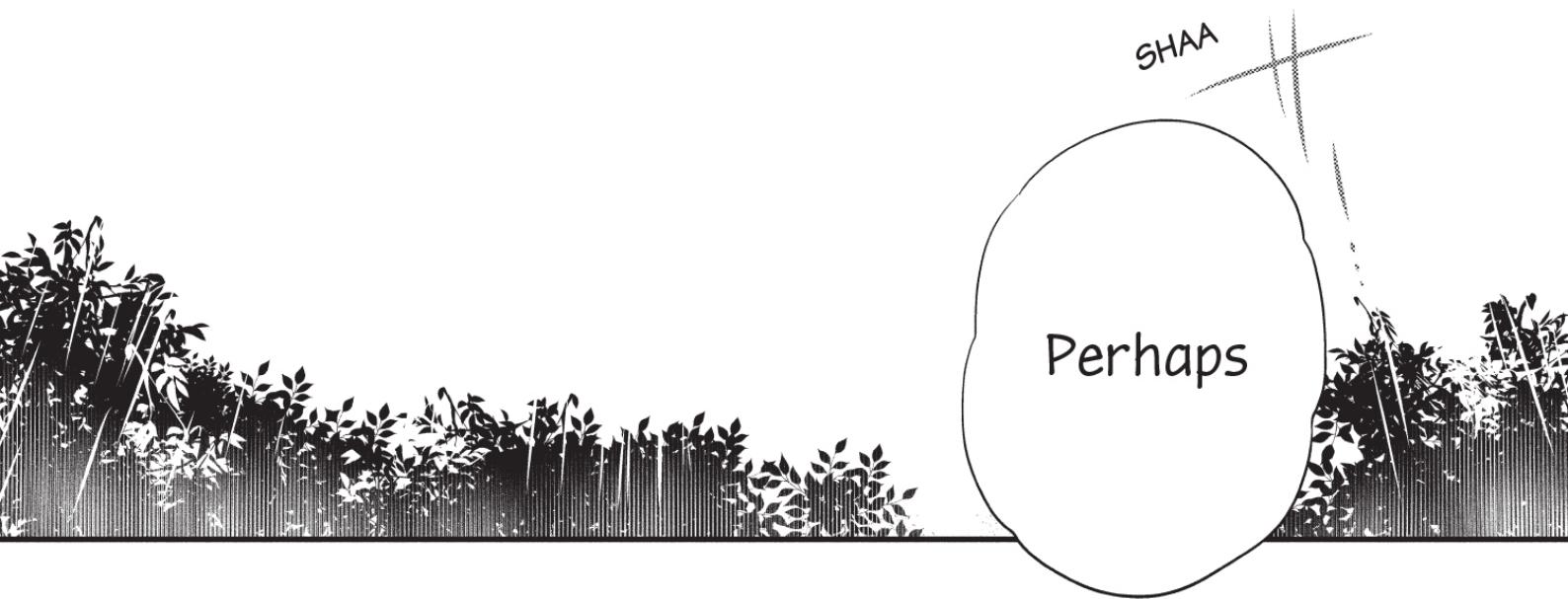
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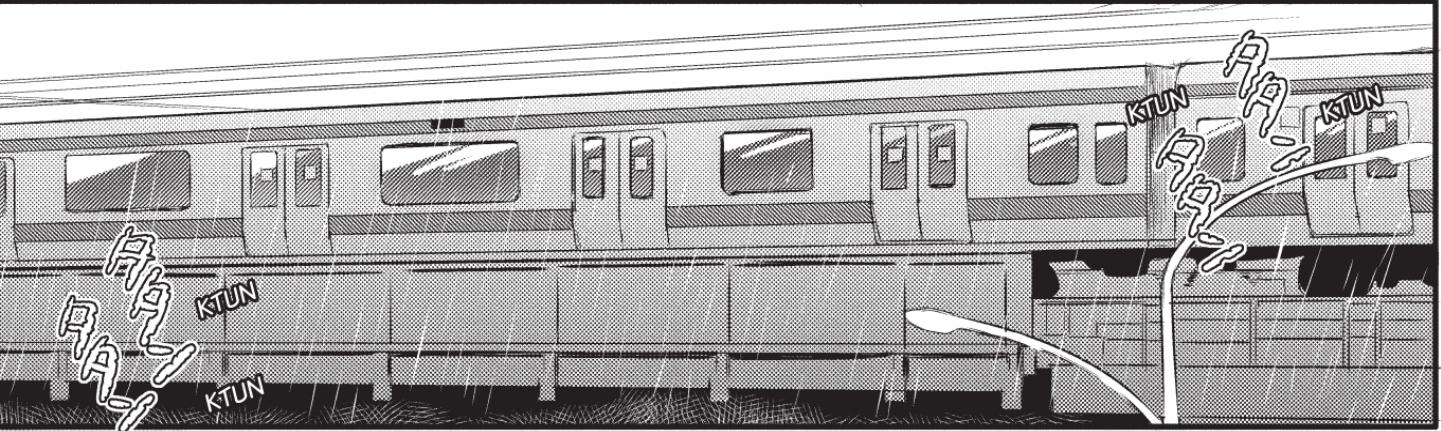
It's
OK.

has their
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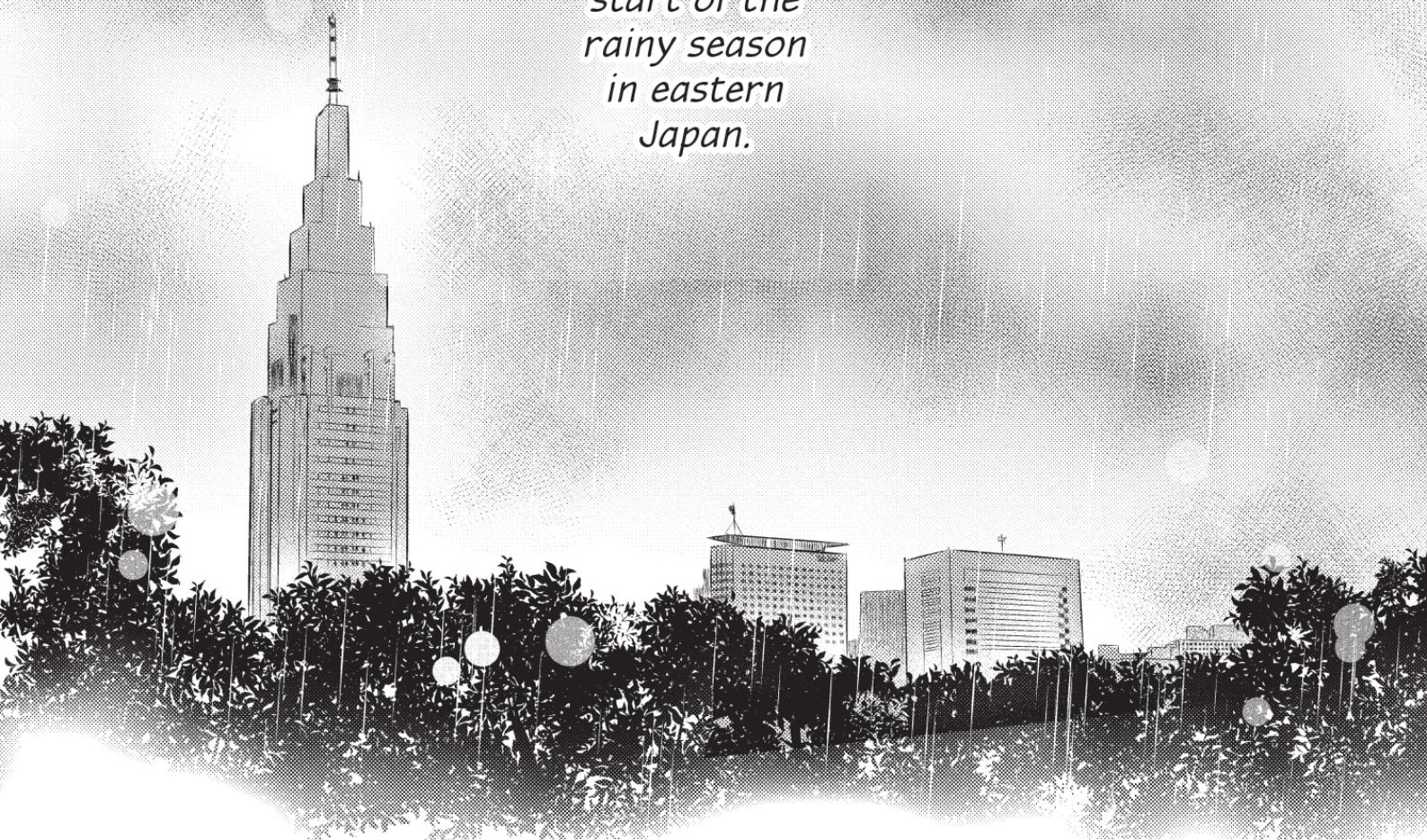








*marked the
start of the
rainy season
in eastern
Japan.*



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