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SANGARE

UNDYING LOVE

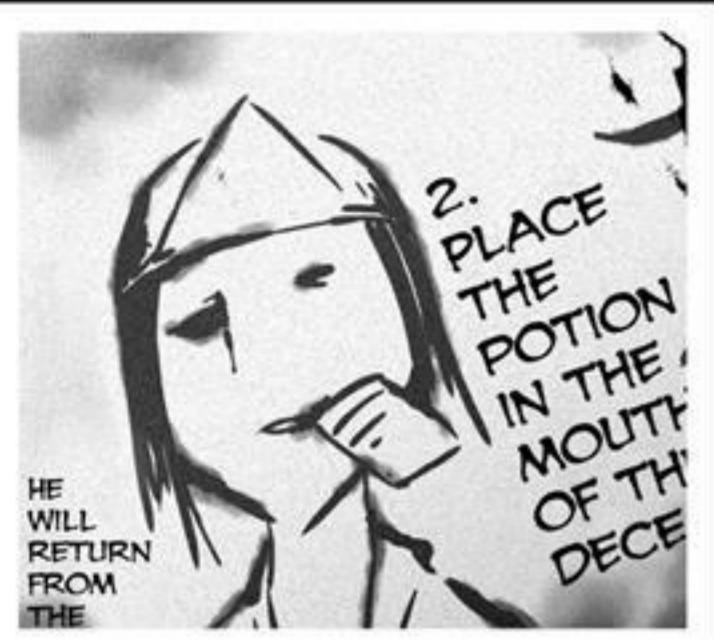
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SCR...

SCR...

...
KUN...

SCR...

FU...
RUYA
...

SCR

ARE
YOU...
SERIOUS
...?

...
KUN
...

SCR



SANKAREA

undying love

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IF I... BECAME... A ZOMBIE

◆◆◆◆◆ ZOMBIES: THE BEGINNING ◆◆◆◆◆

A few days
earlier-

YAWN...



May 17th, 8:00 A.M.



CL-CLACK



The town of Shiyo,
Ashikura County, K Prefecture.



ABOUT
SANKA
GIRLS'
AND SHIYOH
HIGH FACING
EACH OTHER
ACROSS THE
RIVER!

SO
WHAT DO
YOU
THINK,
THEN?

YAWN...

ABOUT
WHAT?



Shiyoh Public High School

(Boys' school, nothing special)

BUT
DO THEY
REALLY
NEED
TO HAVE
TOTALLY
SEPARATE
PATHS
TO THE
SCHOOLS
?!

OOH

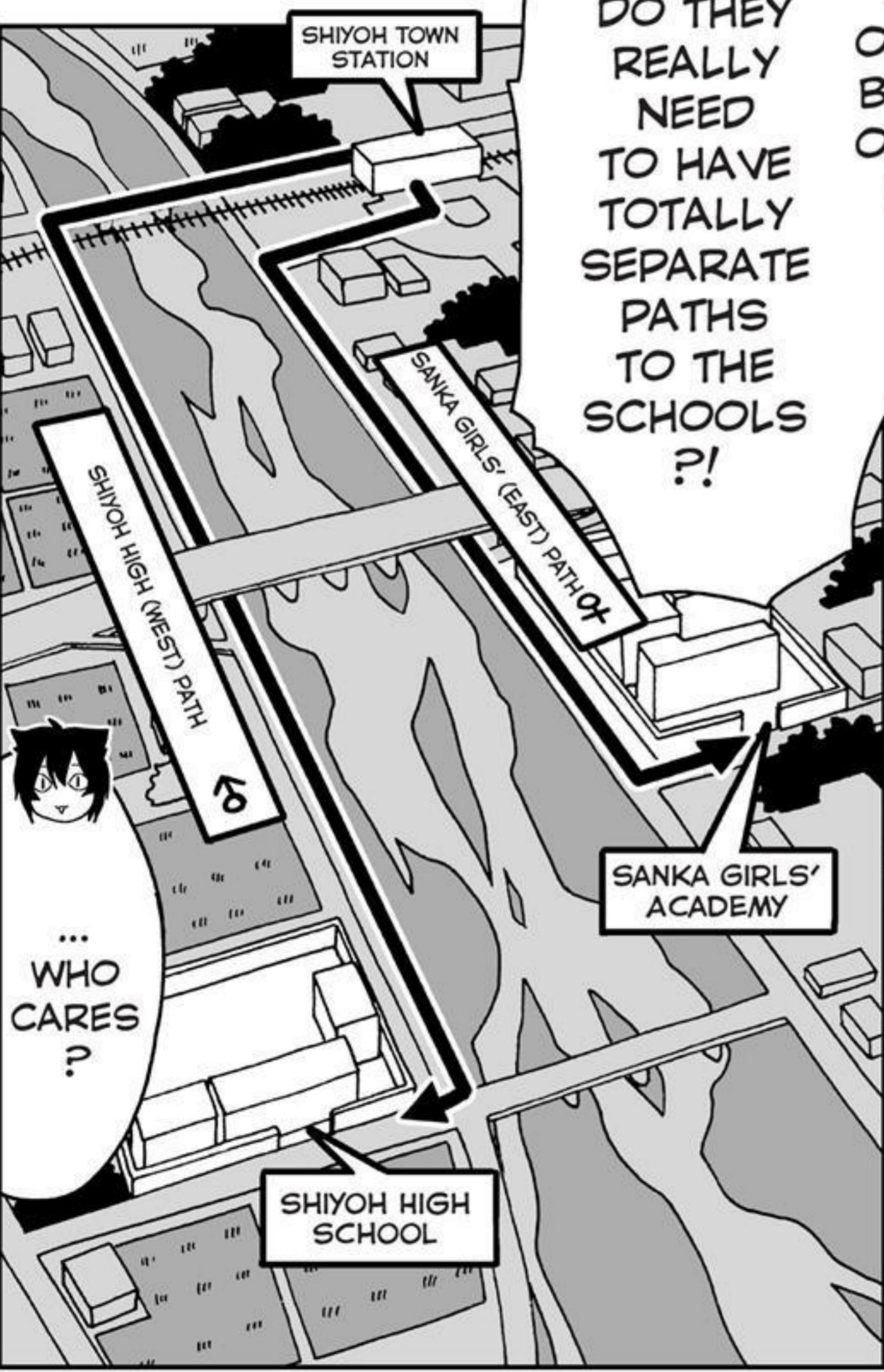
I KNOW
ONE'S FOR
BOYS AND
ONE'S FOR
GIRLS...

TEE
HEE
HEE

RIGHT?

Sanka Girls' Private Academy

(The leading school in the
prefecture for young ladies)



SOMEONE SUPER FAMOUS STARTED SCHOOL THERE.

PLUS, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS YEAR? HEH HEH...

It's too early for you to be so loud...



I THOUGHT I COULD GET CLOSE TO THE LITTLE PRINCESSES ON THEIR WAY HOME...

They treated me like a weirdo when I took that path on the first day of school!

OH YEAH?
I knew that 'cause I grew up here...

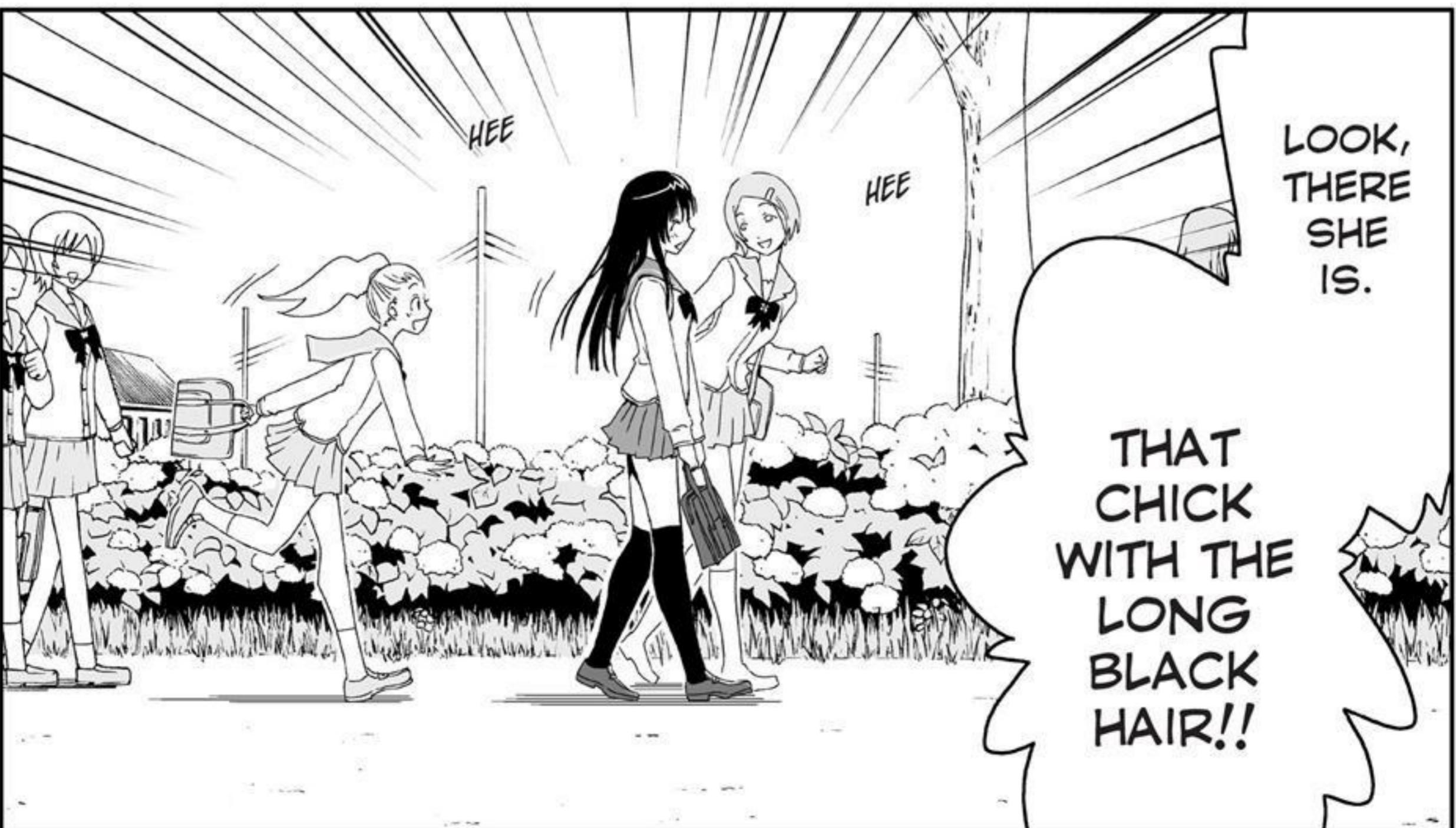
WAHOO

I CARE!!
I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO PICK THIS HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE SANKA GIRLS' WAS NEARBY...



HEE
HEE
LOOK, THERE SHE IS.

THAT CHICK WITH THE LONG BLACK HAIR!!



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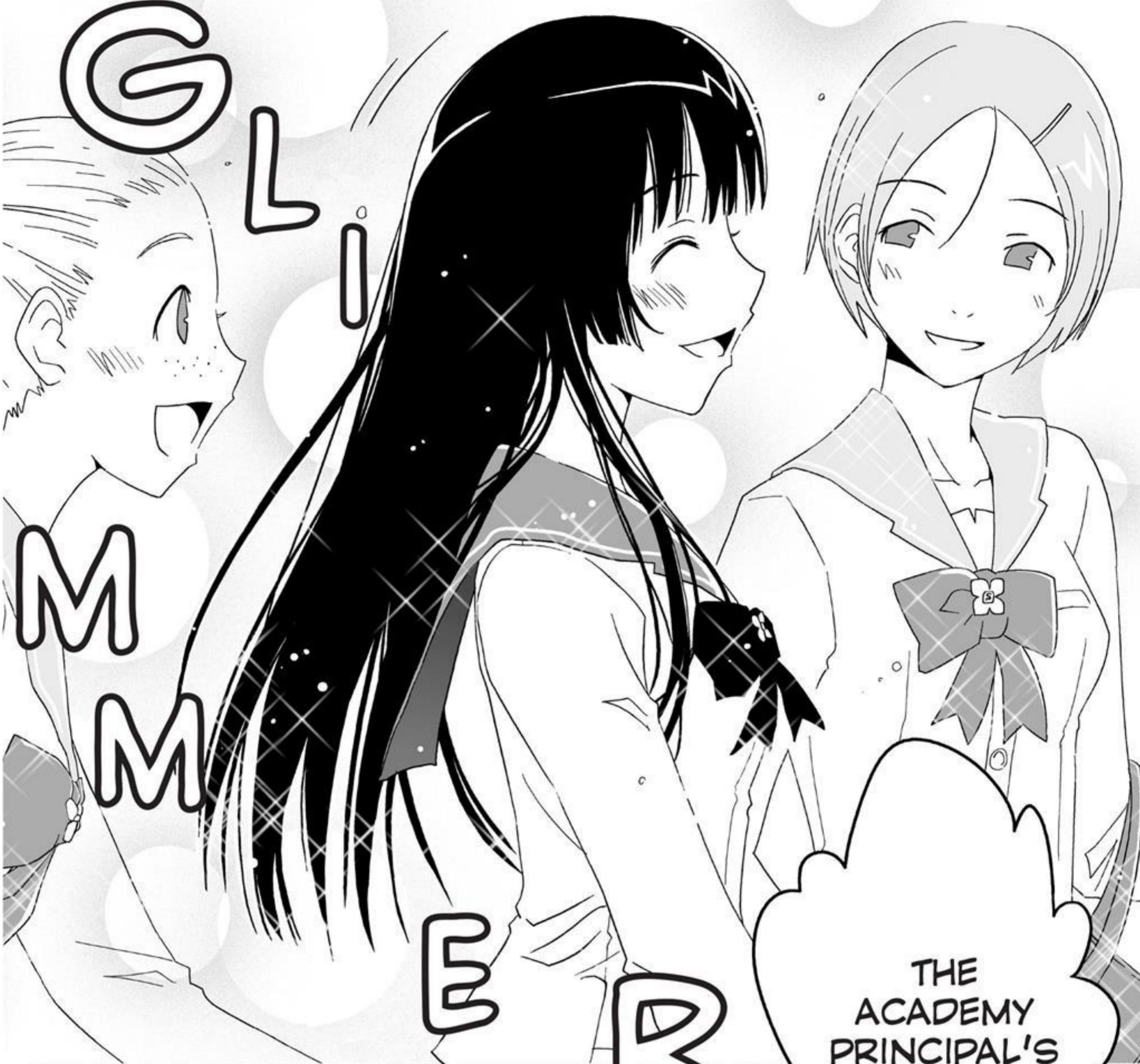
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SANKA
REA!!

STARE...

THE
ACADEMY
PRINCIPAL'S
DAUGHTER...

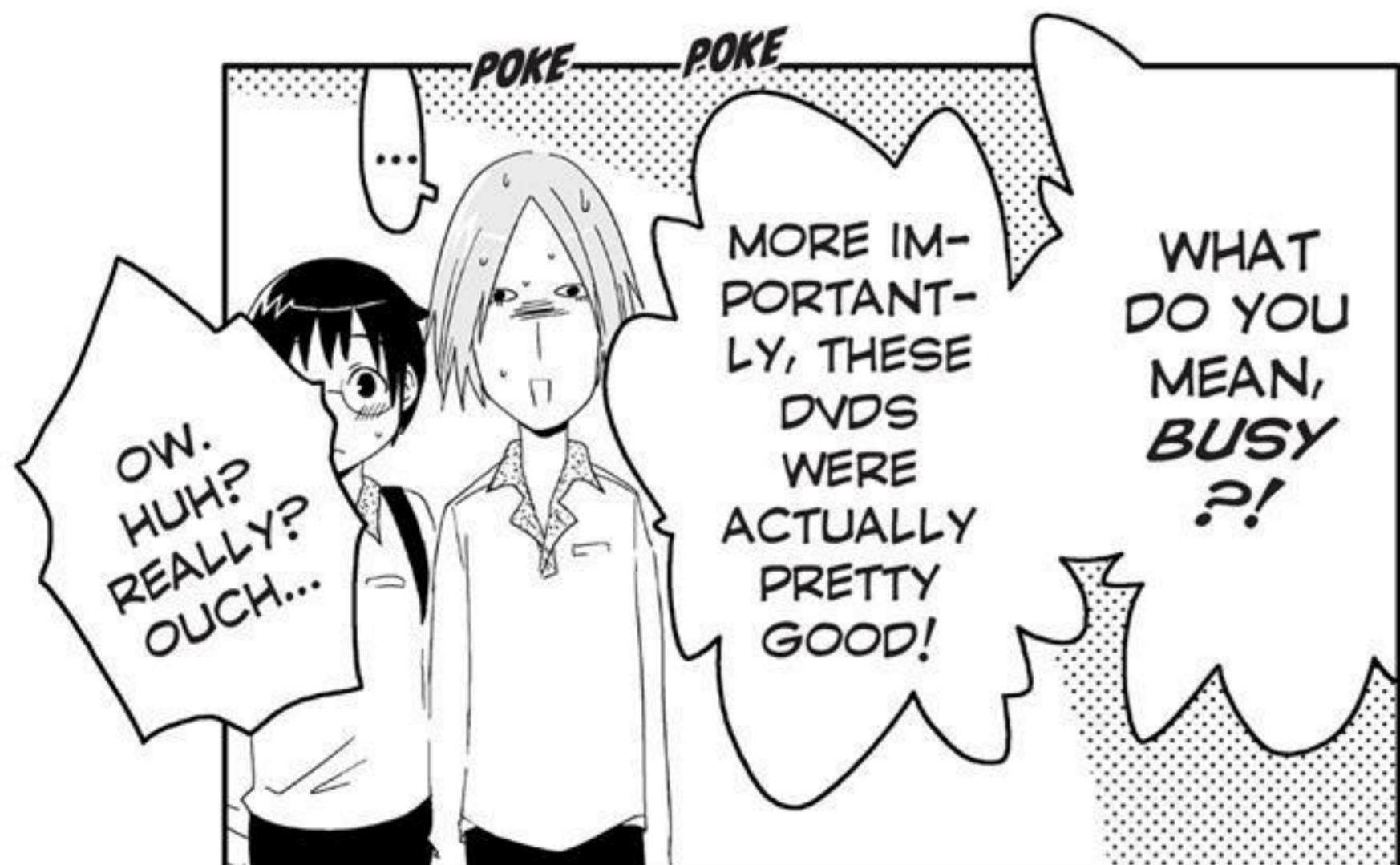


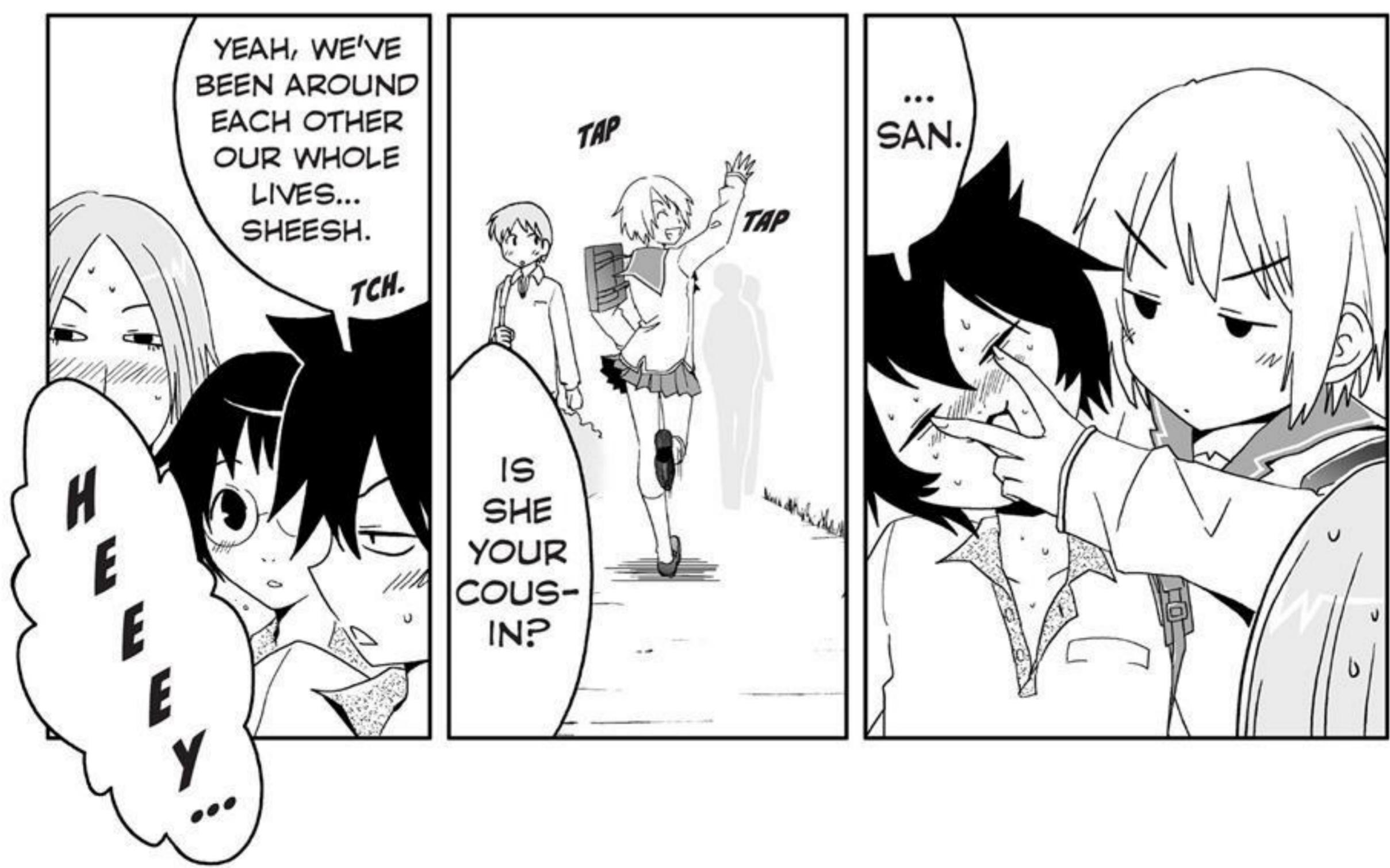


* Gakki = Aragaki Yui, a famous Japanese idol.













I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THE CREATURES CALLED "ZOMBIES."

AT HOME I EVEN HAVE A COLLECTION OF ZOMBIE GAMES, FILMS, TOYS AND STUFF...

WELL... I USED TO LIKE THEM JUST FOR THE VISUALS, BUT...

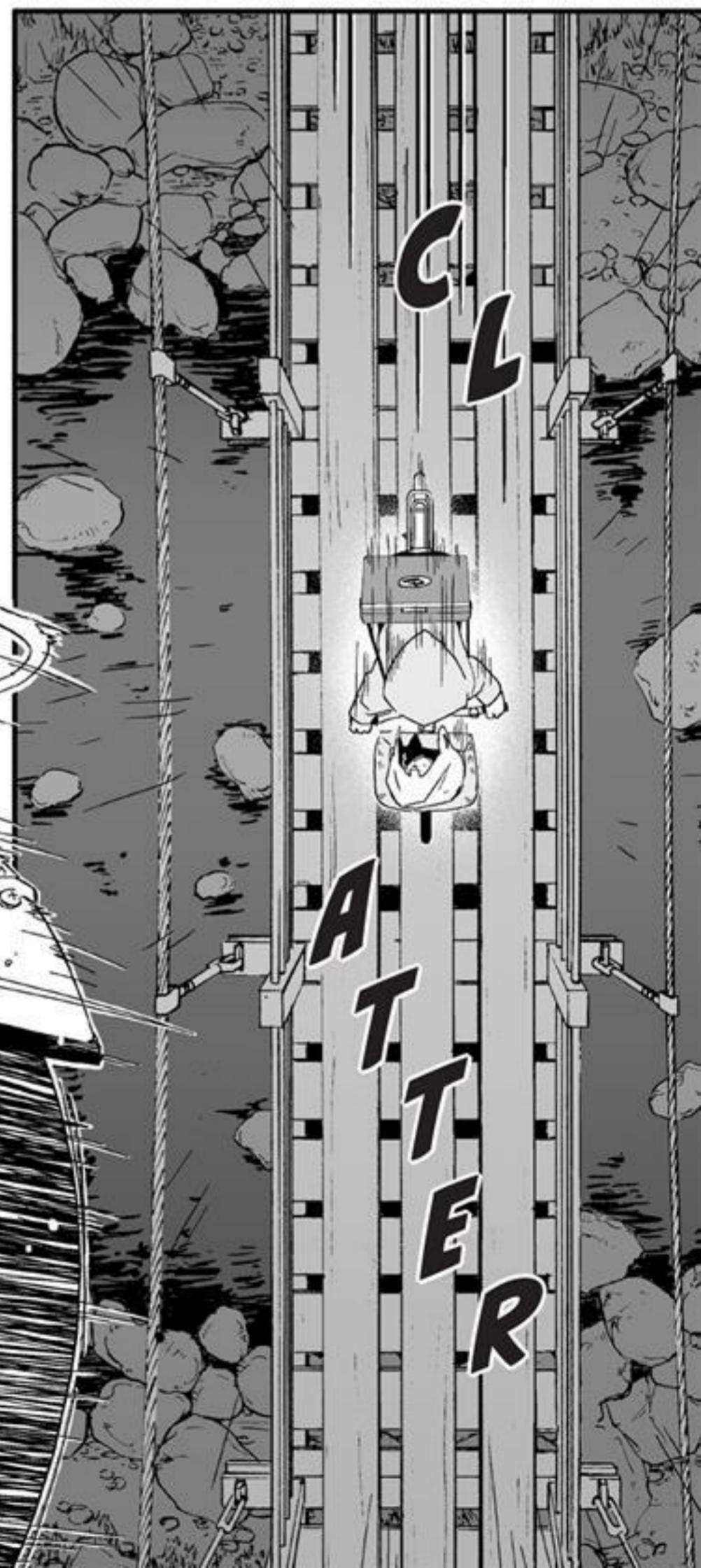
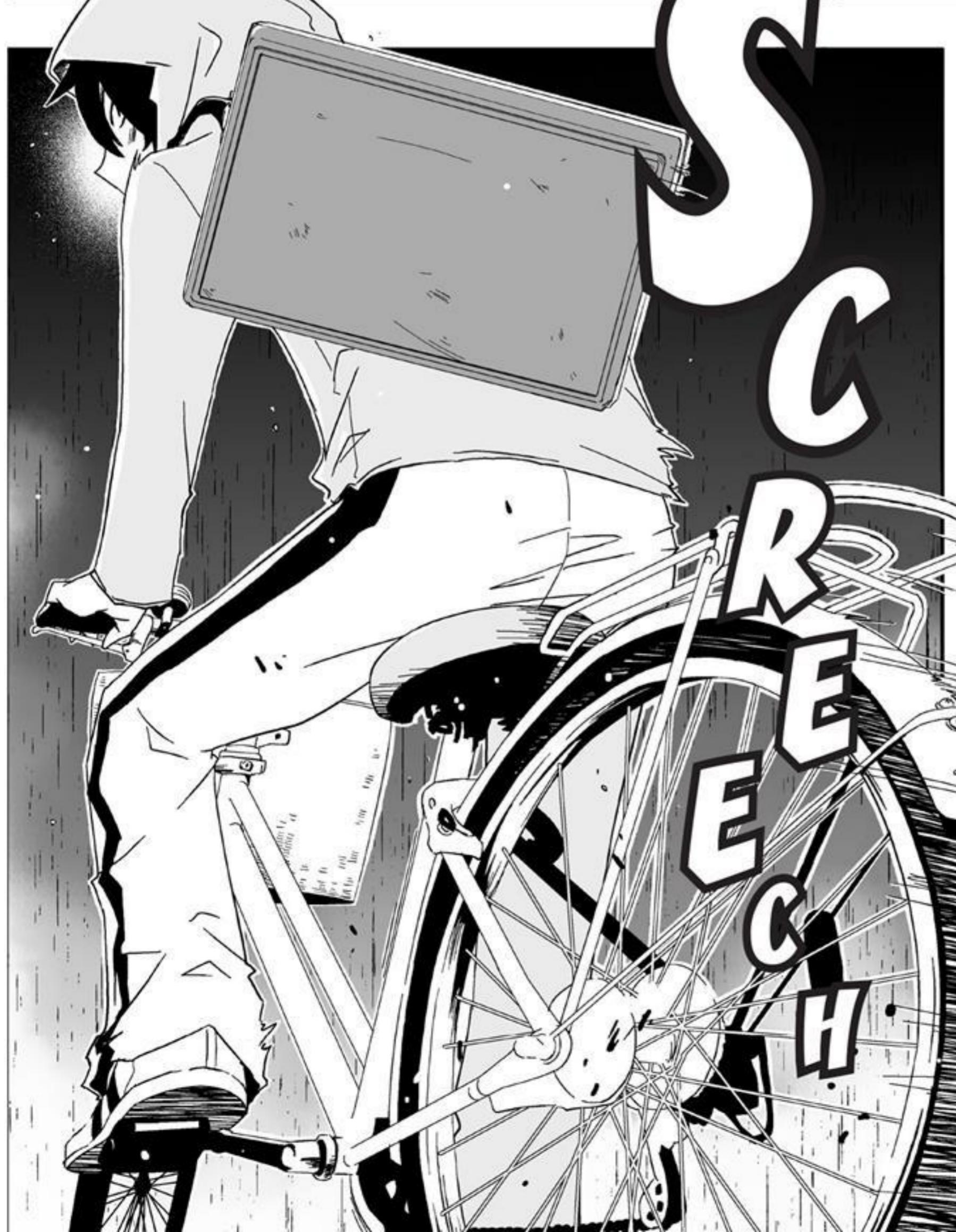


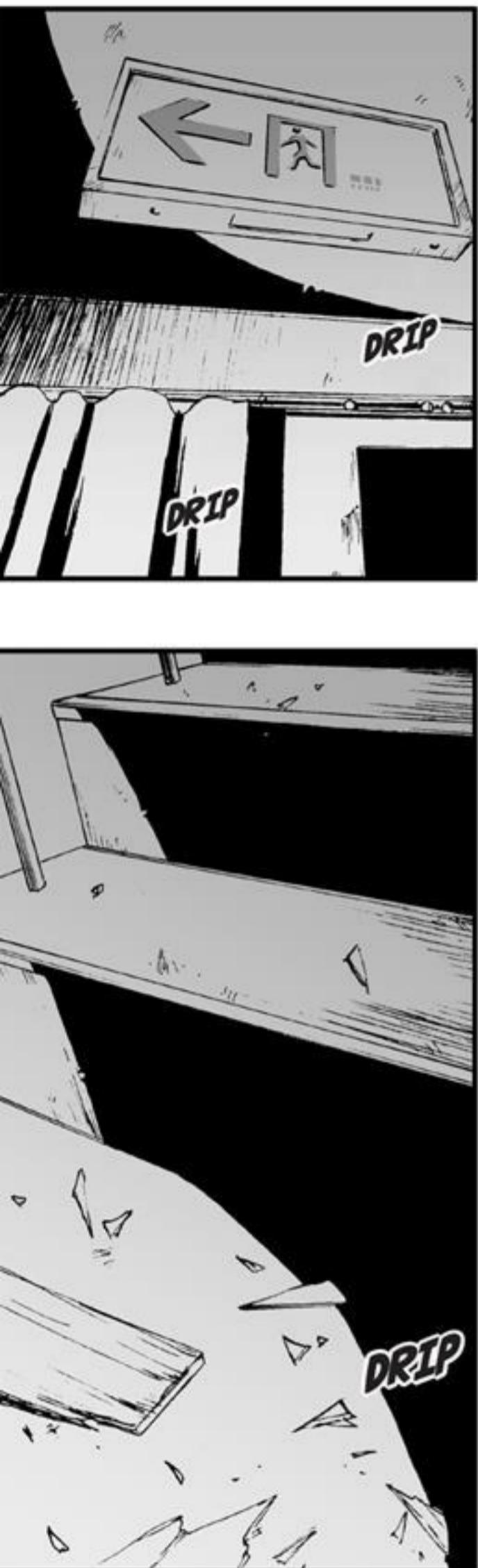
Games

LIFE ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

HAS STARTED TO BUBBLE UP INSIDE OF ME...

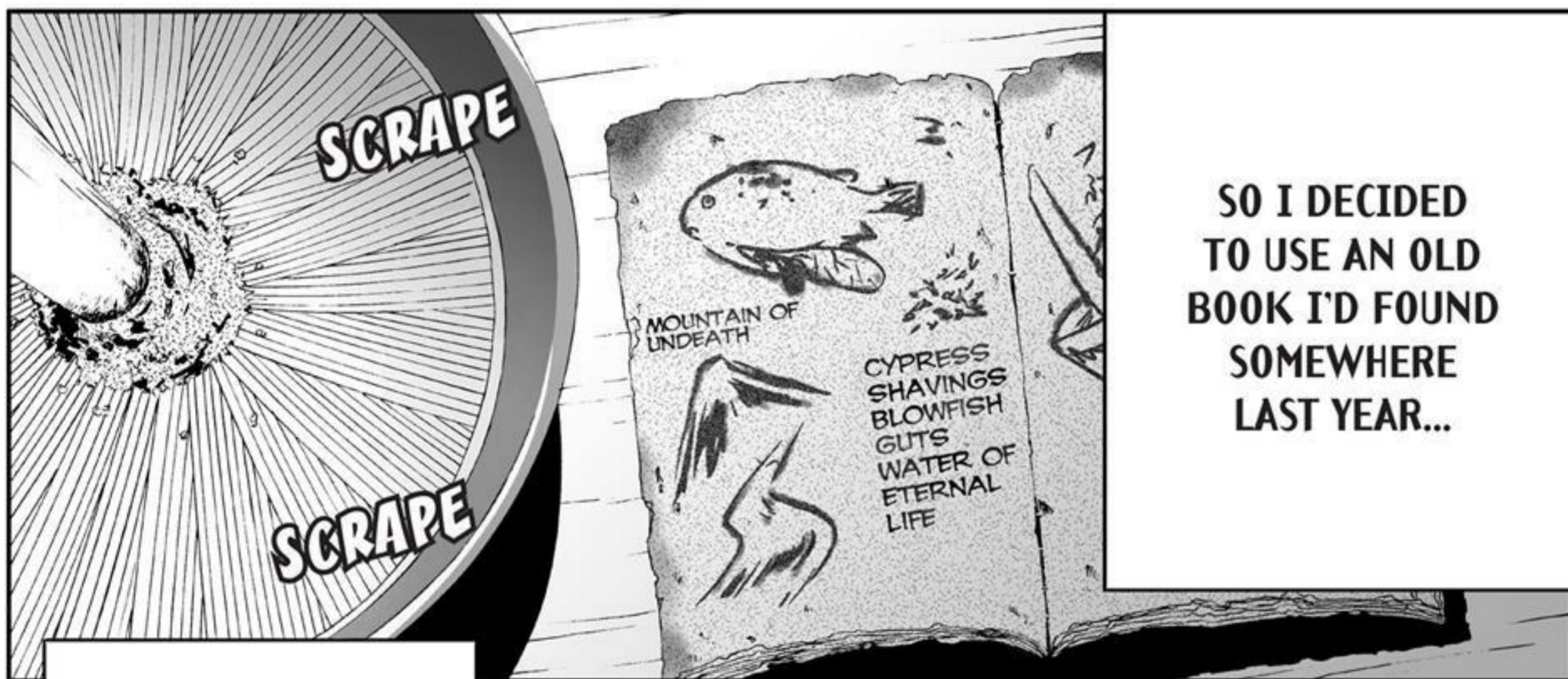
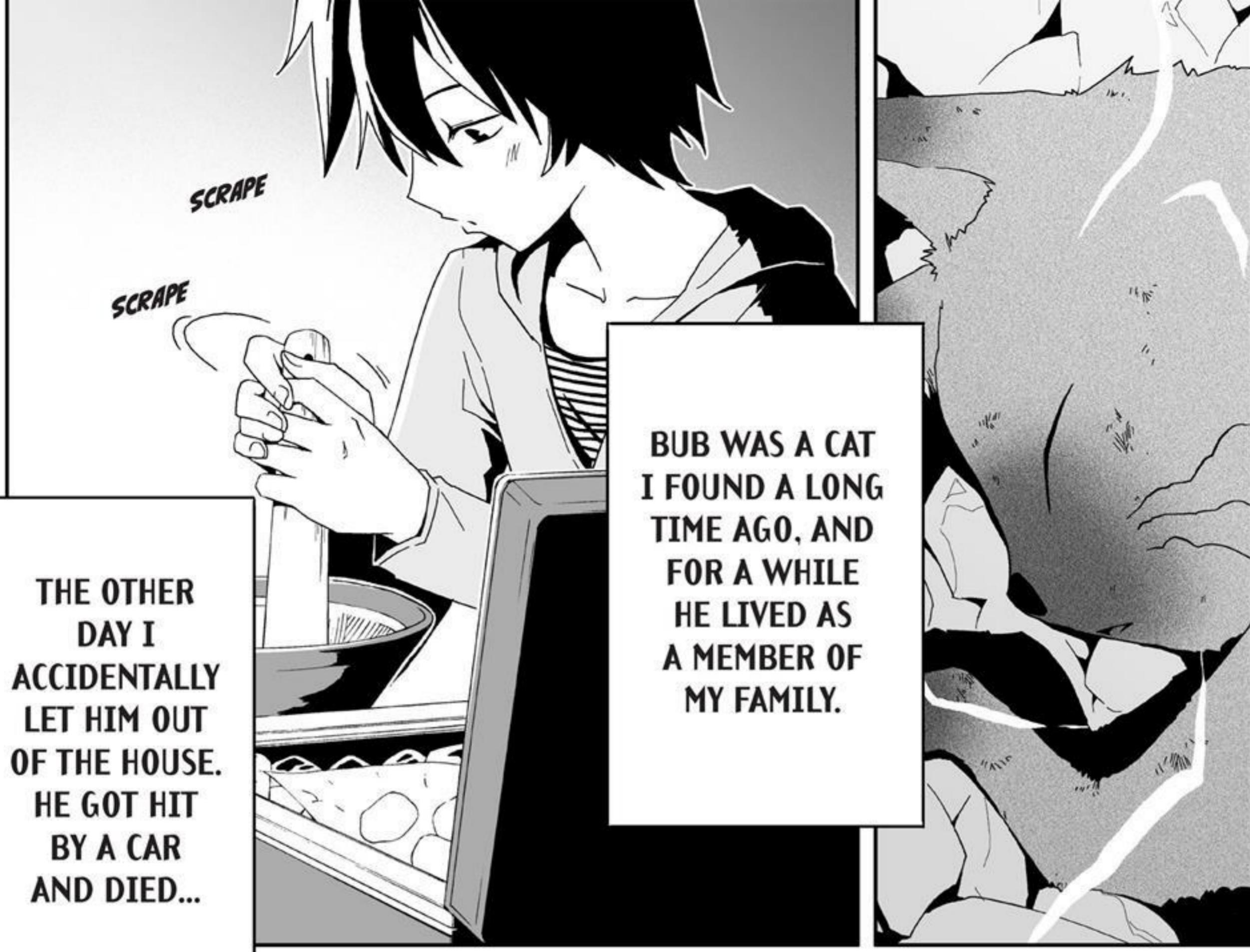
RECENTLY, A DIFFERENT TYPE OF INTEREST IN ZOMBIES...

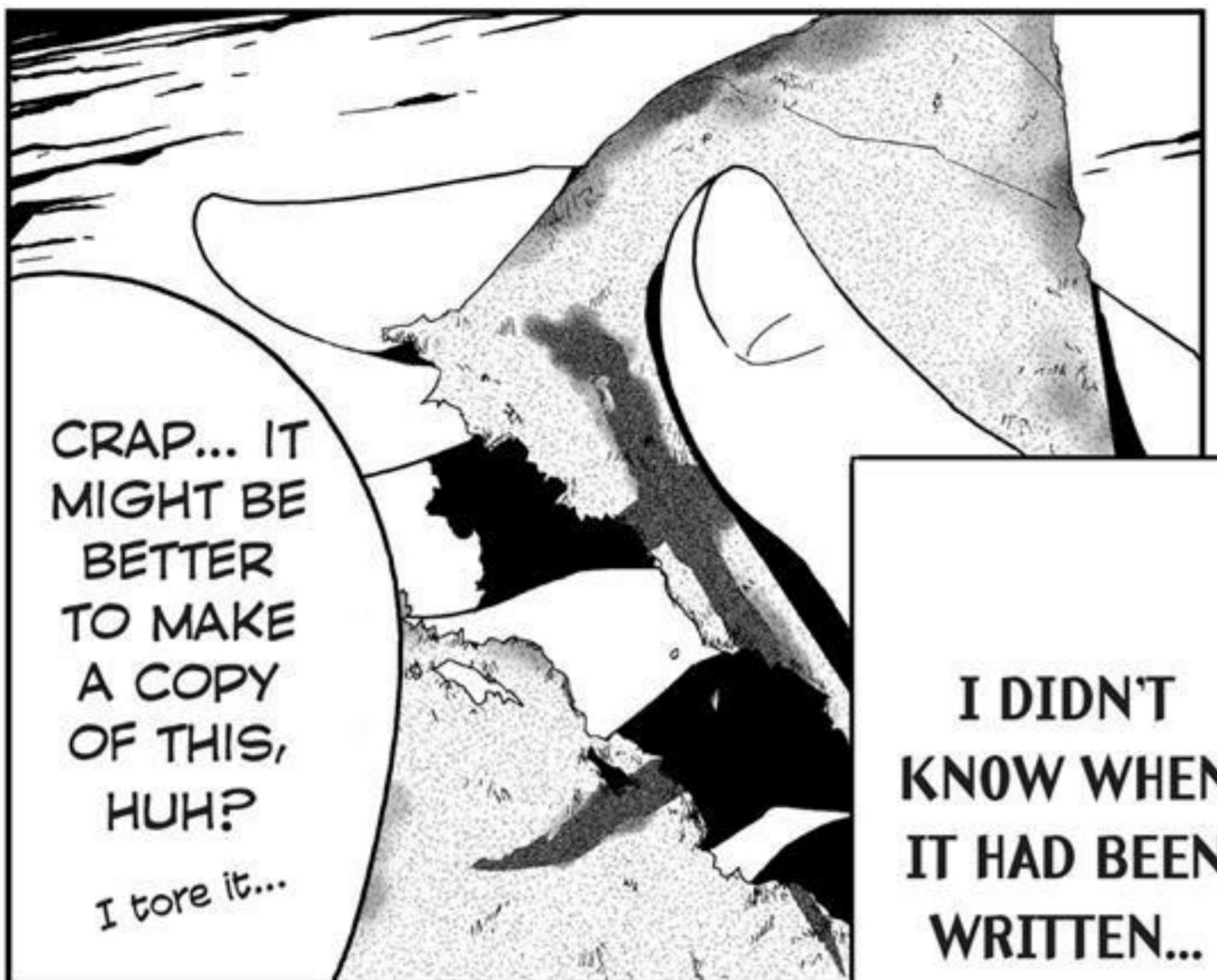






BUB
?





I CALL IT A BOOK, BUT IT WAS MORE LIKE SOMEONE'S NOTES, AND VERY HARD TO READ...

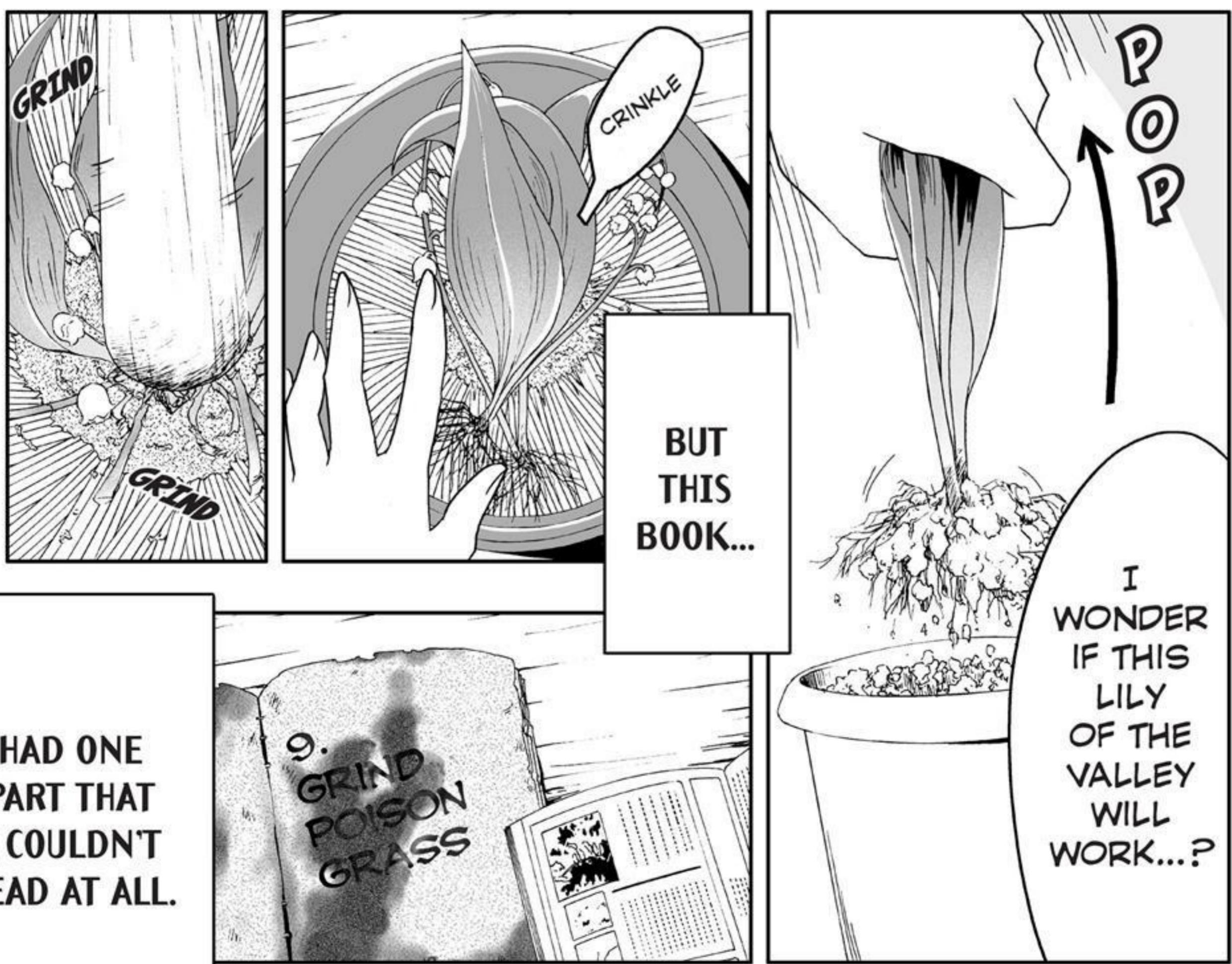


...
A RECIPE FOR REANIMATION.

HE WILL RETURN FROM THE DEAD...

2. PLACE THE POTION IN THE MOUTH OF THE DECEASED.

IT WAS...

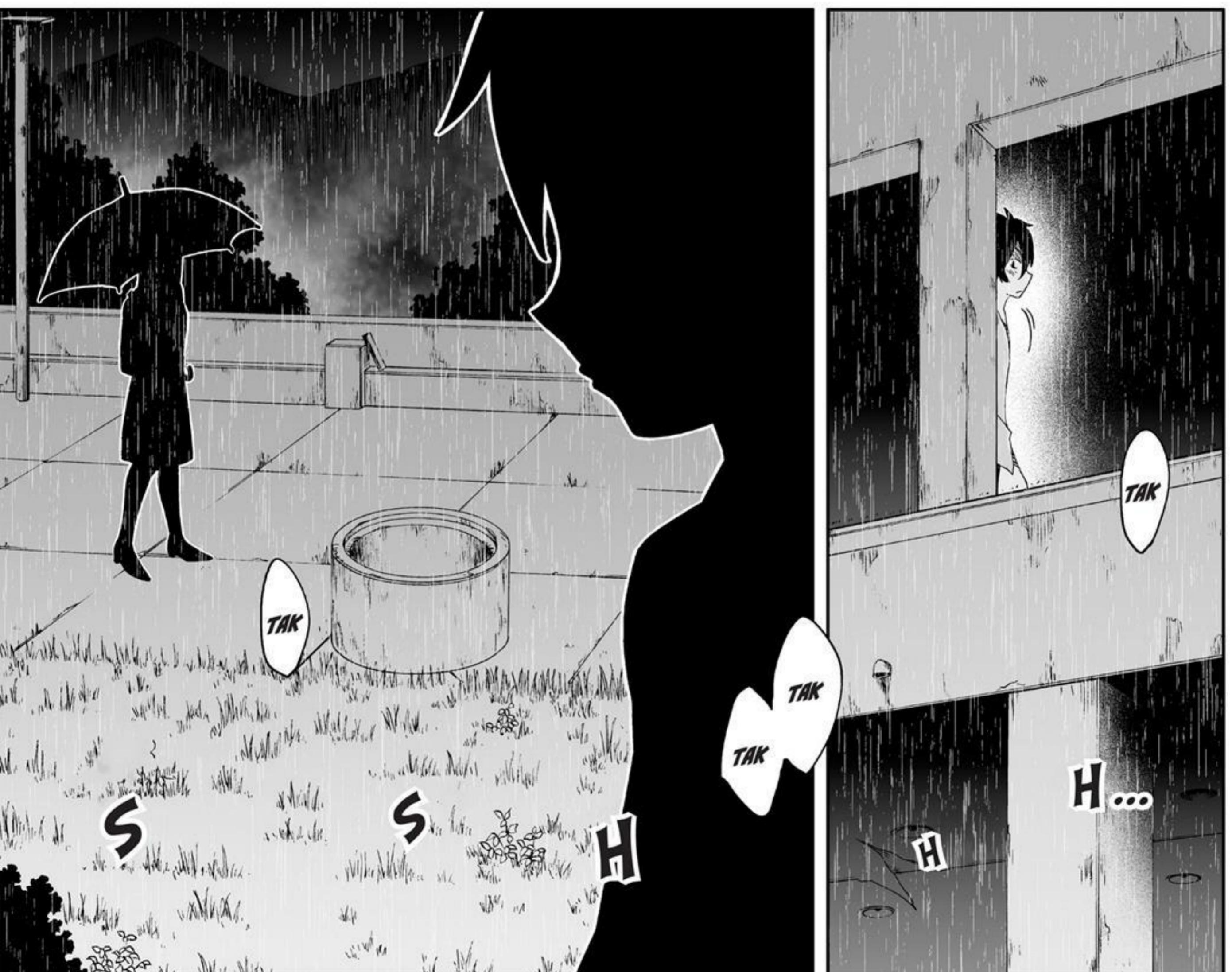




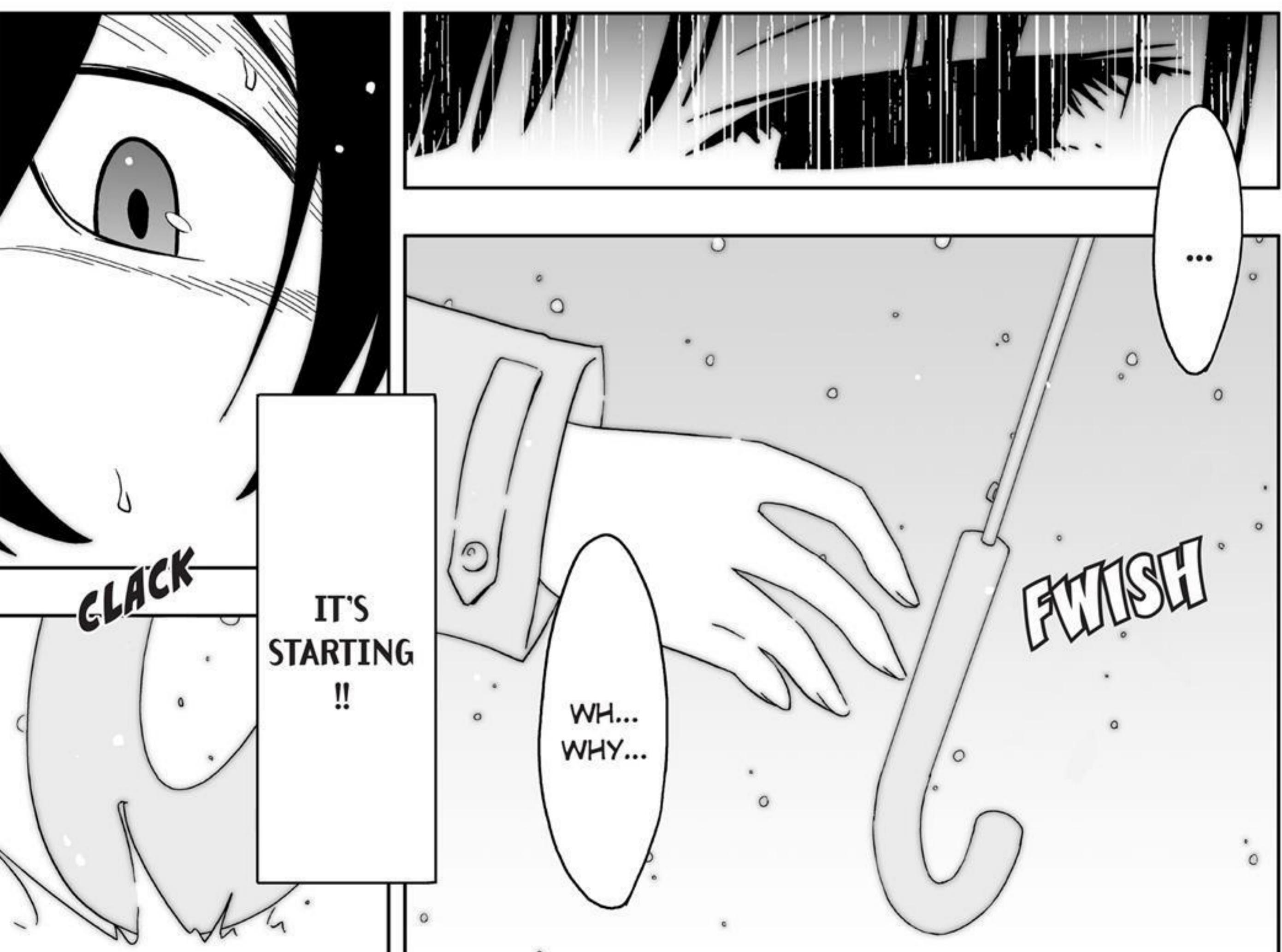


CAME
AGAIN
TODAY...

SHE
...







...HAVE
TO BE
BORN
INTO THE
SANKA
FAMILY?

WHY
DID
I...



**...BY
TAKING
NAKED
PICTURES
OF ME!!**

**STOP
"RECORDING
MY GROWTH"
ON MY
BIRTHDAY
EVERY YEAR...**



SWISH

!!









GLOOM

...yes-
terday,
too...?

You were
watching
me...

Oh, should
I not have
told you?

I CAN
TELL THEM
WHAT
I SAW
YESTERDAY,
THEN?

SO I
COULD BE
REBORN AS
SOMEONE
ELSE...

SCRITCH

DEAD...

I'D
RATHER
BE
DEAD...

AHH...I
JUST
WANT TO
DIE...

...THINGS
MUST BE
HARD EVEN
FOR A GIRL
RAISED IN A
GOOD FAMILY
LIKE YOU,
HUH...?

SCRITCH

WELL...I
DON'T
REALLY
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED,
BUT...

FAMILY

ALWAYS
BEING
FORCED TO
ACT AND
LOOK A
CERTAIN
WAY...

INTELLIGENCE

DEPARTMENT

NEATNESS

GOOD MANNERS

OF COURSE
YOU'D GO
SOMEWHERE
WITH NO ONE
AROUND
FROM TIME TO
TIME JUST TO
SCREAM.

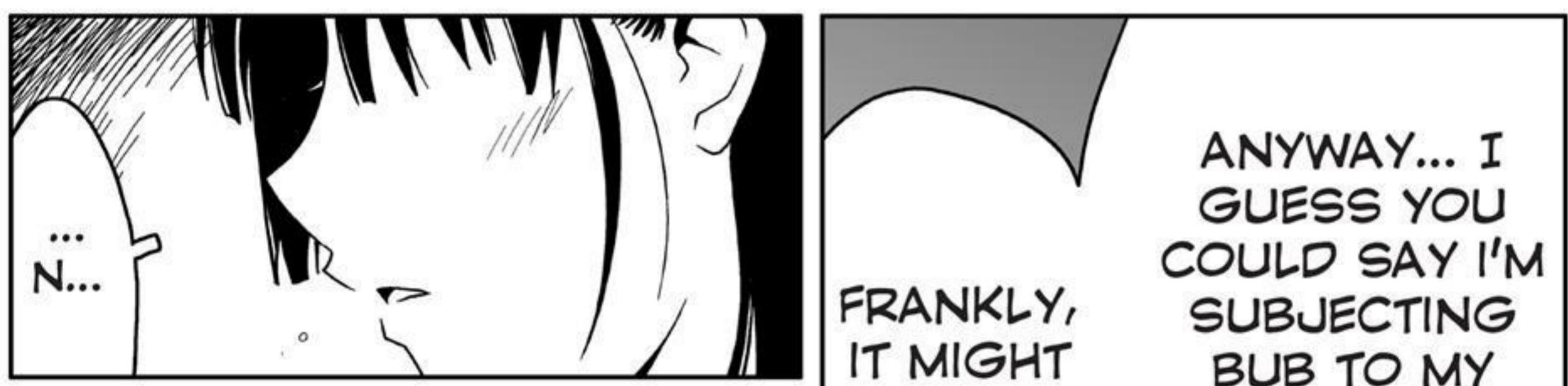
NOT BEING
ABLE TO SAY
NO... IF YOU
HAD TO LIVE
LIKE THAT
EVERY DAY...

NO,
NO,
NO.

THAT
YOU CAME
HERE TO
SCREAM,
TOO...?

COULD
IT
BE...









HUH...?
BUT
THAT'S...

BA-
BUMP

FOR BUB'S
SAKE...
FOR THE
POTION...

...YOU
DID
SAY...

YOU
WANTED TO
DIE AND BE
SOMEONE
ELSE,
RIGHT...?

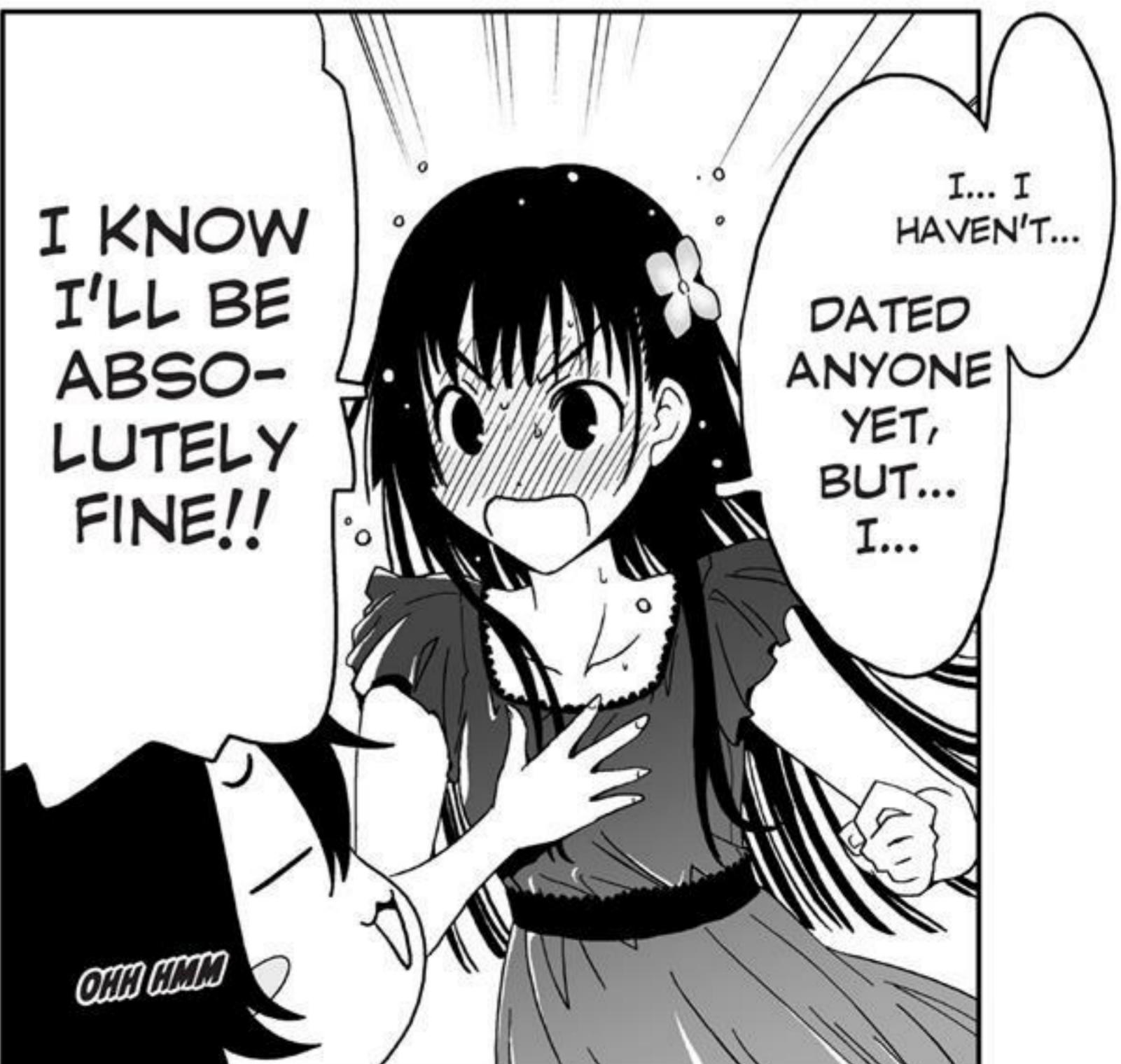
BA-
BUMP

AH MAH
AH
SO...
BECOME
A
ZOMBIE...

BE MY
TEST
SUBJECT.

AH...

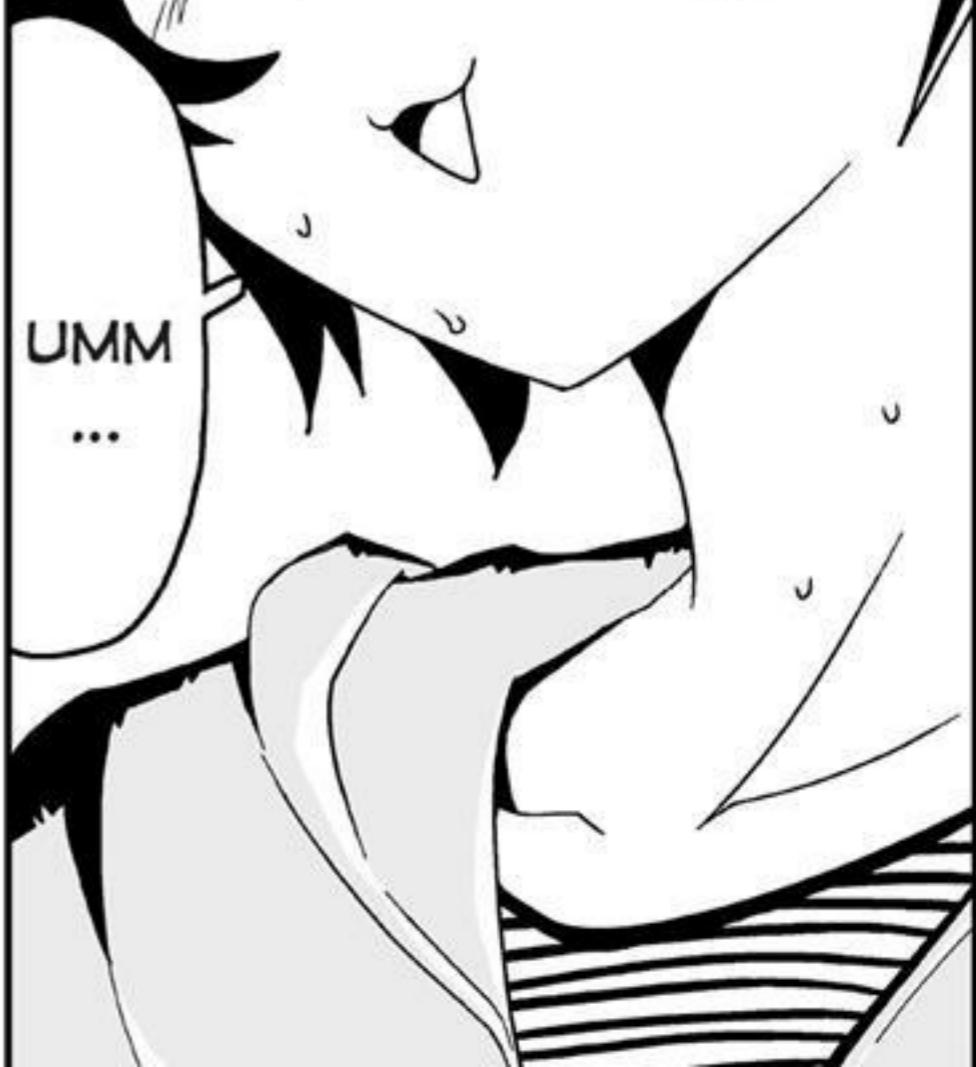
BA-
BUMP





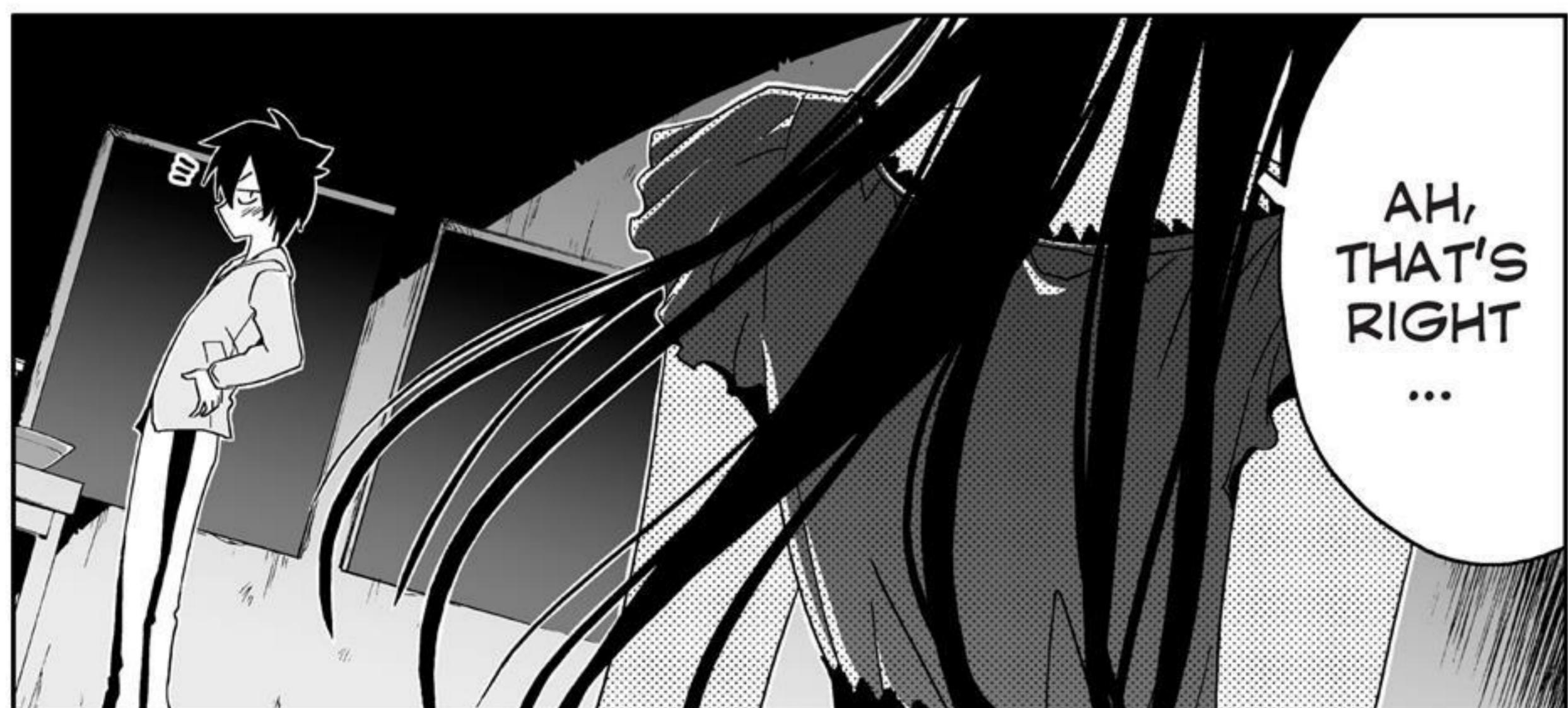
YOU'D
ACCEPT
RESPON-
SIBILITY
FOR ME,
RIGHT...?

IF I...
BECAME A
ZOMBIE...





Back then... I would never have even dreamed...



That she... would really...

YOU'LL
BE HERE
AGAIN
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

FU-
RUYA...
KUN.

become... a zombie...

SANKAREA

ANECDOTES 1

ABOUT THE TITLE

Here I'm thinking I'll write about the kinds of characters, places and other parts of the setting that aren't discussed in the main story of "Sankarea."

This time around, let's talk about the title. Some people may have realized this, but I got the title "Sankarea" by changing around the title of an actual zombie movie. That film is a famous one called "Sangeria" in Japanese (the original title was Zombi 2 or Zombie), and I just liked it, so... (Even though the plot of that film has nothing at all to do with this comic.)

Anyway, when I was still thinking of tentative titles, the very first one I liked was "Sangerea: Her and My Undead Diary." So long!

(The graphic below is just part of my notes before the series was published. See, it's double circled, right?)

Rea's last name, Sanka, was originally "Sange," a Japanese word meaning, "giving wrapped flowers as an offering to the deceased" or "dying young." So because of that I thought it would be good to play off the title of that zombie film, "Sangeria."

But in the end, the “ge” sound wasn’t too catchy, so I changed it to “Sankarea,” and totally cut the long subtitle. By the way, the blacked-out sections had something close to a spoiler for the story in them, so I cut them out. But that’s a story for another time...

