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Is Your *Love* Growing Cold?

by anime4christ

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

- Matthew 24:3-12 (KJV)

From many of the happenings in the world today, we can clearly see the end times are upon us. There are false christians popping up here and there, terrorist threats and attacks, and plenty of war (especially in the Middle East). Famine abounds in Third World countries, and earthquakes often occur in different places, such as the one that caused the huge tsunami near Sri Lanka not too long ago. Nowadays, Christians are persecuted in many parts of the world. Lots of betrayal, hate, deceit, and other such things are all around us. With all this evil, how is our love affected by it?

When we say "I love you", do we really mean it, or are we trying to impress people? I have noticed that many Christians do not seem to love people as much as they say they do. There are times when we say one thing, but we mean the other. I even catch myself not showing the love I should have. From Luke chapter 10 verse 27, we know that the number one law is that we should love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbors (people surrounding us) as much as we love ourselves:

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. - - Luke 10:27 (KJV)

I often find Christians, including myself, putting something other than God as our number one priority. We should remind ourselves that these things will not last forever, and therefore are not as important as God and people's souls. Jesus teaches us that we have to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be



given to us as well. By this teaching, we have to put God as our number one priority. And when we put God in first place that is where then love comes from because God is Love. And as we look up to God and His love for us, we then love the people around us not for what they do, but who they truly are. As for loving people, I often like to go over the list in the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 13 verses 4 through 8:

4 Charity [Love] suffereth long [is patient], and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up [is not proud],

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

I always find some area where I may need improvement. Patience is a tough one and the one that we all need help with. How often are we impatient, especially with our family members? Next, where is our love for others? How often do we treat people unkindly? Do we envy? Are we proud? Do we seek our own? It shouldn't be this way. In Galatians chapter 5 verses 22 through 26, Paul talks about the fruit of the Spirit, which is a fuller list of the things mentioned in 1 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 7:

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

The fruit of the Spirit is only one fruit; it all ties with love. For example: if we have love, we'll have joy. Same as if we have love, we'll have peace within each other. And that goes with the rest. That is what kind of characteristics we will all have if we just have love for one another.

I've often noticed how Christians sympathize with someone who has troubles, but won't help when we are capable of doing so. Love is more than an emotion, love is also an action. What's the point in sympathizing and not helping? Let us look at Jesus. When people came in need for help, He didn't just say "I'm sorry," He helped. I know that we can't raise the people from the dead, but we can be there with them when they are in sickness. When you think there's nothing left to do, you're thinking wrong; the best you can do is to pray for the ones who are in need, and by that you'll show your love towards people. Because prayer is love in action.

As Christians, we should love our God and put Him first in everything. When we love God, and make Him the center of our life, we will also be able to love the people around us as



we love ourselves. Let's look over our life and see how much we really love God and our neighbors. Let's pray for our love to grow instead of waxing cold during these difficult times.

A big thanks to those who have helped me create this study.

~a4c

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Cases Involving Books

by Misty Waterflower

"We deal in all cases involving books." This is the motto of Maggie, Michelle, and Anita, the three girls who make up the Paper Sisters Detective Company, and who are the main characters of Hideyuki Kurata and Ran Ayanaga's manga *Read or Dream*, which was released in English by Viz starting in November 2006.

If the term "Paper Sisters" sounds familiar to you, there's a reason: *Read or Dream* is the manga basis for the anime series *Read or Die*: The TV (also known as R.O.D.: The TV), which was released in English around the same time as the *Fullmetal Alchemist* dub. It's also meant as a sequel series to the manga *Read or Die*, which was also written by Hideyuki Kurata but with a different artist (Shutaro Yamada), and which became the basis for the other R.O.D. series, a 3-episode OVA called simply *Read or Die*.

Anyway, the reason that the girls are called the "Paper Sisters" is because each of them can control paper however they want. Generally, Maggie uses paper to create large or small paper creatures, Anita uses paper to create shields, and Michelle captures things with her paper bow and arrow. This varies, however, depending on the situation.

Having seen a bit of R.O.D.: The TV in anime club at my college, the manga immediately caught my attention when I saw it on the shelf at the local Borders Express. Seeing that it featured Maggie, Michelle, and Anita, I knew it had to be the manga on which R.O.D.: The

TV is based (which it is, although rather loosely). So I bought the first volume and loved it so much that over time I bought the other two currently available volumes (there's 4 total; the 4th one comes out May 8, 2007, according to viz.com).

Once you get over the "sexual themes" that give the series its T+ (Older Teen, meaning for age 16 and above) rating from Viz (there's a slight bit of nudity here and there, plus almost all of the female characters, except Anita, are drawn with rather large chests), the series is actually rather enjoyable, and the comedy is very witty. One continuously running joke in the series is that Michelle and Maggie are such bibliophiles (book lovers) that the girls often run out of money for food, rent, or some other essential expense due to that money having gone to buy books to feed their obsession. Also, there is some humor in that while Anita solves cases involving books and writers, she herself does not like to read.

The real humor, though, comes in the chapters that aren't even devoted to solving cases. In Chapter 7, for instance (the last chapter of volume 1), Anita forces Michelle and Maggie to organize their huge book collection, which proves to be disastrous when the books that didn't fit on the bookcases are stuffed into another room of the apartment and come crashing down on Anita when she opens that room's door to go take a nap. In Chapter 18 (third chapter of volume 3), Michelle suddenly finds she has gained lots of weight (and believe me, she looks very funny like this), and so Maggie and Anita force her to diet.



There is character development in this series, though, not just humor and mystery. Anita becomes more confident in her detective skills in both volumes 2 and 3, when she has to face off alone against the evil thief Lily the Reader Extraordinaire. Maggie, who tends to think she's worthless at her job and everything else in life, gains perspective on this in Chapter 5 (the fifth chapter of volume 1) when she reads to and befriends a young girl who has lost her sight because of a brain illness, and again in Chapter 16 (the first chapter of volume 3), when a strange book called The 24 Faces of Maggie Mui causes her to transform into different characters and Anita begs her to return to normal. Their seriousness is a good foil for Michelle's ever-bubbly (and slightly crazy at times) demeanor, although Michelle herself does change some, mellowing out a little going into volume 3.

Overall, I think the series is excellent and very well written. The humor is witty and fun and the serious scenes help balance out the plot so that it doesn't go into over-the-top comedy or melodrama.

So if you like books, or just fun comedy, or if you're a R.O.D. anime fan, pick up this series (noting the "rating" of course) and enjoy the antics of these three Hong Kong detectives. The first three volumes of Read or Dream are out now from Viz in unflipped format (written from right to left, back to front, like the original manga) and should be available at any place that sells manga, including mainstream bookstores like Borders and Barnes & Noble. Volume 4, which concludes the series, is, as I said, coming out May 8th.

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CHECK THIS OUT!

A year ago I would not have believed this! 19 comics (of many types) by Christian creators being issued by nine different publishers over the course of four months! And all listed on one page, with websites if you want more information! I hope this gives you some idea of the amount of comics that are out there waiting to be discovered if you keep looking! I've been keeping my eyes out for new Christian comics releases and keeping track of old ones so you don't have to. But hey, I'm just one man, not a machine (I don't care *what* the minors say), so if I've missed something or have incorrect information anywhere, or if you just want to let me know what you like and what you don't like, just send an email to: stevemacdonald@msn.com (two "m"s) and tell me all about it! Please keep in mind that the list can change at any time, but the listed items are correct **AS OF MARCH 7th, 2005**, as far as I know. Check some of these titles out, I know you'll find something good here! God bless you, and enjoy!

- Steve MacDonald

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some sexual situations (S),
infrequent coarse language (L),
or
some suggestive dialogue (D).



Anime Angels Mangazine Presents....

The Writer's Corner



by The Mangazine Staff

This is a section created just for those who write fictional stories and wish to have an audience to share it with. Whether it be a one-time shot or a chapter of the story, all are welcome as long as they pass the requirements that have been posted in the “Writer’s Block” section of animeangels.net. If you have a story you would like to submit, we would be more than willing to check it out and publish it. We send a thank you to all who have already submitted or have shown interest in this.



White WINGE L

by Kiddo_X

"Hey! Bianca!"

"Huh?" Bianca turns around to see three girls standing there with a serious look and with their arms crossed.

Hey, isn't that Ashley and her two monkeys. Whadda they want now?

Ashley and her friends were one of the popular girls in school who liked Kyo since Junior high.

"We saw you get all comfortable with Kyo back there." Said Ashley.

"And?" Said Bianca.

"And you know very well that Kyo belongs to Ashley." Said one of the other two girls.

"That's right. The only one that can get all comfy with him is me. So unless you don't wanna get hurt, just stay away from him."

"Whatever. I don't have time to talk to a stalker and her two monkeys." Said Bianca with a bored look. "Well I gotta go! See ya!" Bianca gave them a smile and a peace sign as she runs away.

"How dare you call me a stalker!" said Ashley.

"Waaaahhh! She just called us monkeys!" Said her two friends as they tugged on Ashley's shirt.

"Just shut up! And leave me alone!" Ashley pushes them off and walks away, while her two friends followed behind her crying.

"I'm home!" Bianca drops her book bag on the couch in the living room and walks into the kitchen. "Hey dad! Are you in here?" No one was in the kitchen.

She sees a small green notebook paper on top of the table. She picks it up and starts reading it.

"Bianca, I might be coming home late. Dinner is in the fridge so just heat it up. God Bless Love, Dad."

She puts down the note and sighs. "Well looks like I'll be eating dinner alone. Oh well, I hope he cooked something good." Bianca then starts to remember the times when she would always had dinner with her dad and her Michael.

Flashback

"But I don't wanna eat my beans! They look icky and nasty!" Nine-year-old Bianca sulks in her chair as she looks down with disgust. "Well, I guess you don't want to eat cheesecake for dessert." Said her Dad as he calmly eats his dinner.

Bianca quickly sits up. "Yes I do! I wanna eat some cheesecake."

"Then eat your beans. If you eat your beans than you can eat cheesecake." He stands up and takes his empty dish to the kitchen.

Bianca sat there on her chair all teary-eyed staring at her plate of food.

Michael looks at her and smiled. "Come on, eat up or you wont have any dessert. It's not that bad."

Bianca didn't respond she just sat there still



staring at her plate. Michael sighs and takes her plate and starts eating all her beans. He then gives it back to her and their dad walked in, "Hey you ate all your beans, that's a good girl. I'll get you and your brother a piece of cheesecake."

He walked out of the kitchen smiling. Bianca looks at her brother and smiled at him. "Thank you."

"Next time you're gonna have to eat everything on your plate, ok kiddo?" He said as he rubs her head making her hair a little messy.

(Flashback Ends)

Bianca sighs. "Michael I miss you so much." Hot tears rolled down her cheek as she slowly chewed on her food.

"Huh? Where am I?"

Bianca looks around she was back to that pitch black place,

"Someone! Help me! Please!! Help!" A woman screamed.

Bianca quickly turned around to see a woman sitting on the floor looking terrified. The woman had long curly red hair, and she looked like she was in her twenties. In front of her was a big, tall guy. For some reason Bianca couldn't see his face. The man then grabbed the woman's arm.

"No!!! Someone help!!!" "Hold on! I'm coming!"

Bianca started running towards them. But as soon as she got closer to them they disappeared.

"What the heck!"

She then hears footsteps behind her. She quickly turns around and sees White Angel.

"Big Brother! What's going on?"

"God has given you the power to change it." He said.

"Change what? What are you talking about?"

"Later on you'll understand." He said as he starts walking away.
"Michael wait!"

Bianca then suddenly wakes up. She rubs her eyes.

"That was some weird dream. Man! I'm thirsty." She goes to the kitchen and opens the fridge.

"Man! we're out of everything! And there's no soda or juice. That sucks!" She says as she takes out an empty juice bottle.

She looks at her watch.

"Ok the bodega doesn't close till eleven so I got thirty minutes."

She quickly puts her shoes on and runs out of the house. When she gets to the bodega she bumps into a woman.

"Oops! I'm so sorry ma'am. Please forgive me."

"That's ok." Said the woman as she smiled.

Bianca then recognized the woman.

It's that woman from my dream!

"Well take care." Said the woman and she walked away.

"Ma'am! Just be careful!"

The woman turned around still smiling.

"Thank you."

Bianca looks at her watch. "Oh shoot! Gotta go!"

She then noticed she stepped on something; she looks down and picks up a picture i.d.

"Hey it must belong to that woman, I gotta go give this to her."

She then looks at her watch. "But the store is gonna close."

She whines.

"Whatever, this is more important than buying some stupid juice."

She runs towards the direction that the woman was heading but then she stops, noticing that she lost the woman.

"Hey where did she go? I know I saw her head this way. Hmm..." She looks around.



"Oh well, I'll just drop it off at the police station or something." She was about to head back when she heard a woman crying.

Is it her?

The crying was coming from a nearby alley. Bianca slowly walked towards the alley. Her eyes then got big, and felt Goosebumps all over her body. This is just like my dream! There he was the big tall guy holding a knife. It was a little different than the dream; he had the woman pinned against the wall. He takes his knife and held it against her face.

"Just be a good girl and keep your mouth shut."

He gives her a sinister smile. Bianca quietly watches from behind the brick wall, not knowing what to do.

Stop being a coward! This woman is in danger. She's probably going to get killed if you don't save her! Darn it! For once Bianca! Do something!

Frustrated, Bianca accidentally kicks an empty can. The man hears the sound and sees the empty can slowly rolling from Bianca's direction.

"Who's there? Show your self!"

Darn! What am I gonna do? This guy is gonna kill me!!!

"I said show yourself!"

Bianca slowly comes out from hiding. The man smiles.

"It's just a kid."

"You better let her go! Or I'll-"

"Or what! You'll hit me with your girly punches? Don't make me laugh!"

"Help me! Please help me!" Screamed the woman.

"Shut up!" The man smacks the woman across the face. He then pushes her so hard to the ground that she hit her head and falls unconscious.

Bianca got mad and scared at the same time. What am I gonna do? Why am I just standing there?

The man starts walking towards her.

"Looks like I'll be playing with you for a little while."

What am I gonna do? I can't even defend myself.

She then remembers something.

(Flashback)

"Nice kick." Said Mr. Arima (Kyo's dad).

"Just practice everyday and your kicks will get even stronger. Just like your brother's."

Little Bianca smiled. "Thanks, Mr. Arima. I know I'm going to become a great fighter just like him!"

"Yeah, yeah, but I'm gonna be an even better fighter than him." Said Kyo.

"If you two keep practicing you'll become great martial artists, but I want you guys to use it for good." Said Mr. Arima as he pat both of their heads.

(Flashback ends)

That's right, I did know how to fight before but after I got into High School. I thought there was no point.

She looks up at the man. "I'm not afraid of you. So don't think because I'm a girl I can't defend myself. You must be a big loser if you think you can think I'm gonna cooperate with an ugly loser like you."

The Man's face turned red from anger. "You don't talk to me that way! Die!"

He charges at her with the knife. As soon as he got closer to her, she gives him a high kick on the face. He drops his knife and falls on his knees while holding his nose.

"You broke my nose! Now you're really gonna get it!"

He stood up ready to punch her. But she quickly moves out of the way and she kicks him from behind making him hit his head on the wall and fall unconscious.



"Wow, I never thought I had all that strength in me." Bianca said surprisingly.

The woman then starts to wake up.

"What happened?" She then sees the man on the ground, and looks at Bianca all wild-eyed.

"Is he dead?"

"No he just got knocked out, that's all."

The woman looked at her surprised. She then runs up to Bianca, hugs her and started crying.

"Thank you! Thank you! I thought I was gonna die!"

Bianca didn't really know what to say.

"Umm... You're welcome I guess."

Bianca and the woman tied the man up with the womans jacket in case he woke up. And they called the police. As soon as the police got there, Bianca's Dad, Kyo, Megumi and Mr. Arima came as soon as they heard the news.

"I told you not to go out by yourself!" Her father scolded at her. But he then smiles. "But I'm glad you're ok." And he hugs her.

Bianca felt a little embarrassed. "Umm... Dad its ok, you can let go now."

He stops hugging her. "I just don't want to lose you too, like your brother."

Kyo smacks her across her head. "You should've told me you were going out! I would've accompanied you."

"Ok, ok next time I will." Bianca rubs her head.

"It was a good thing you remembered what I taught you or you and the young lady would've been dead." Said Mr. Arima.

"Yeah I know. But the strange thing was that I kind of knew that this was going to happened." Said Bianca.

"Huh, what do you mean?" Her Father asked.

"I don't know I just knew this was going to happened, like I've seen it before."

"It's probably just some De javue, that's all."

"Yeah, maybe." Bianca said quietly.

Her father puts his arm around her. "Come

on, let's go home. You just need some rest that's all. Right Megumi?"

Megumi was there quietly was just staring at Bianca quietly. "Megumi." Said Mr.Arima.

"Huh?" Megumi snaps out of it.

"Mr. Guerra , was just saying that Bianca just needs some rest, right?" Said Mr.Arima.

"Ye-Yeah, Bianca, you just need some rest. You don't have to go to school tomorrow. I'll just notify the teacher about what happened tonight."

Bianca just smiles. "It's ok. You don't have to do that. I'm feeling alright."

I'm just glad I remembered how to kick like that, if not I would've been dead. But it's so weird I felt like something just gave me so much energy. Was it Michael?

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Anime Angels Mangazine Presents....

The Manga Section















For weeks I'd been dreaming of....



....immeasurable pain.



...but that was His point, I guess.





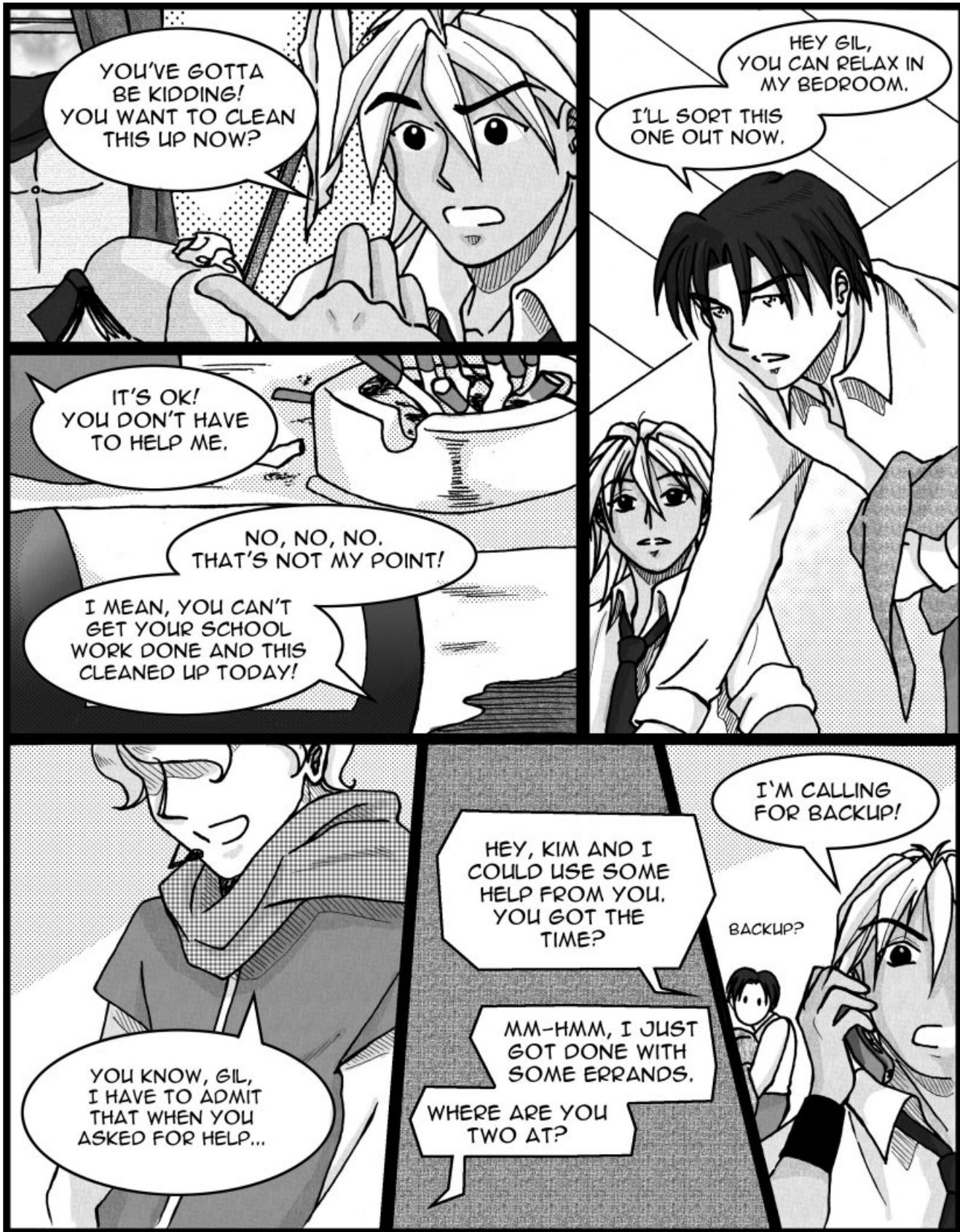
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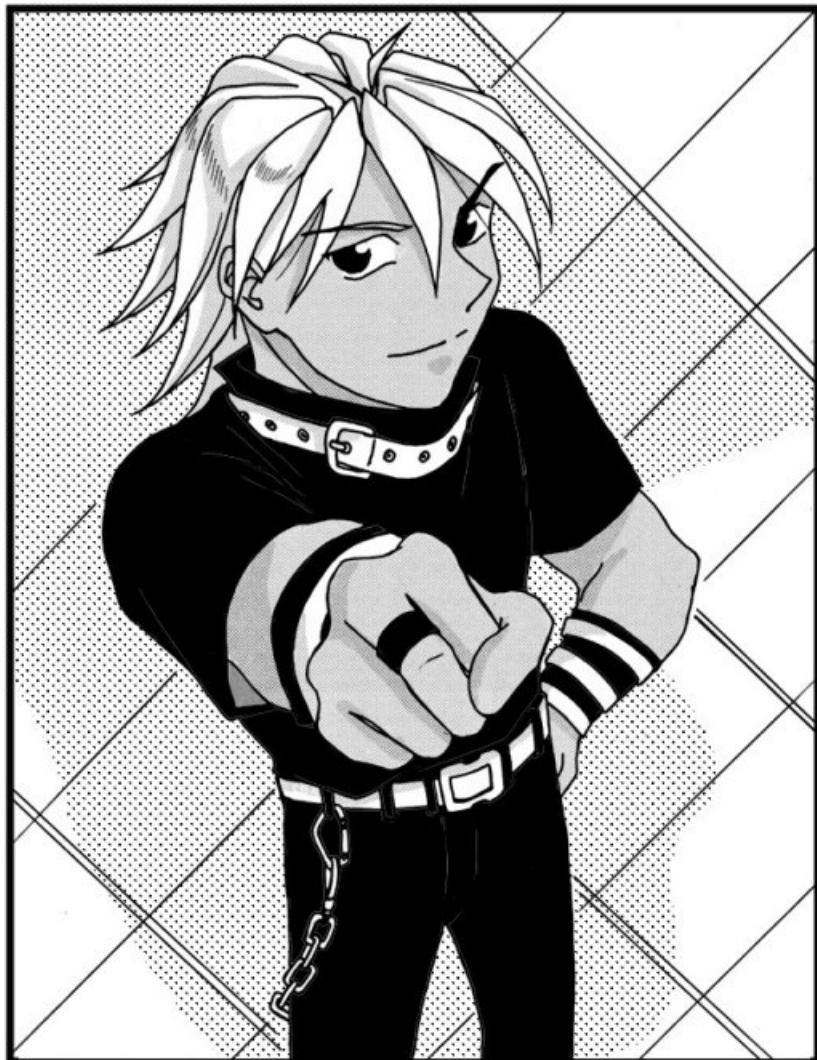






KINGDOMCOME

CHAPTER 5



Art and Story: Mave

For those who are new to manga...

"Traditionally, manga are written from right to left. Some publishers of translated manga keep that format, but some switch the direction to left to right, so as not to confuse foreign readers."

That is an extract from Wikipedia.org. If you want more information about what a manga really is, I would suggest checking it out.

The reason for this is to explain that one of our artists, Mave, creator of Kingdom Come, does her's in this traditional way. I want to eliminate the confusion of reading this incredible manga.



To the left is an example of how to read Mave's Kingdom Come. Follow the arrows on all pages.

Anime Angels Mangazine presents

Featured Artist

anime 4christ

First off, a4c does not wish to reveal his true name so we, the Mangazine staff, will respect that decision. Secondly, because of a terribly busy schedule, a4c was not able to write a paragraph about himself, so I have taken it upon myself to write about him as best as I, Jordyn, know him.

Anime4christ has been a member of AA for two and a half years. He doesn't watch anime nor read manga but he loves the cute style of the art which brought him to us. He has an incredibly passionate heart for Christ and he serves and attends his church as much as he can. A4C also enjoys playing his old guitar as well as his Linux system. He is incredible with coding anything which he now has a job as a web designer; perfect for him.



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