

LIFE.26: I'LL CUT THROUGH
THE MADNESS!







LOOKS
LIKE YOU
WERE
HAVING
QUITE
A BIT
OF FUN,
HMM?

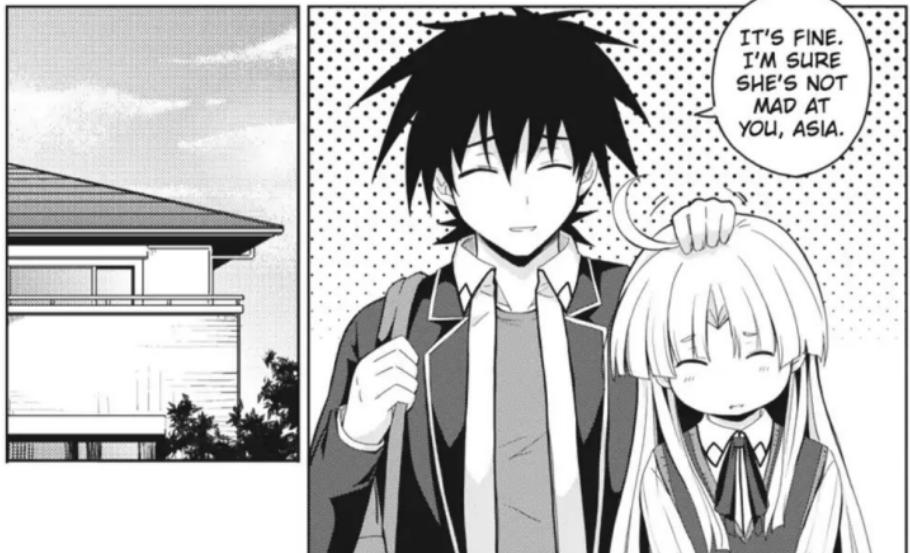
...ISSEI.



I THINK YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
HAS GONE
TO THE NEXT
LEVEL, ISSEI-
KUN.

JEALOUSY
IS SO CUTE
ON HER.









OH.
WELCOME
HOME.
WHAT'S
WITH THAT
LOOK?











AH, SURE IS NICE TO BE LOVED BY THE PRESIDENT LIKE THIS. I-I WONDER IF NOW'S THE RIGHT TIME TO ASK FOR SOMETHING RIDICULOUS...



AND I'M SORRY FOR TALKING BACK TO YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WERE TAKING ISSEI-SAN AWAY FROM ME, PRESIDENT... I THOUGHT I WOULD LOSE HIM TO YOU....



PRESIDENT. YOUR BOOBs.



OF COURSE. I UNDERSTAND. I REALLY DO SPOIL YOU, THOUGH—







THREE OF
THE EXCALIBUR
SWORDS MAINTAINED
BY THE CHURCH
WERE RECENTLY
STOLEN.







SINCE THEN, EACH OF THE DENOMINATIONS HAS HAD ONE OF THEIR SWORDS STOLEN FROM THEM, AND WE BELIEVE THEY WERE BROUGHT TO THIS AREA.

THE CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, AND ORTHODOX CHURCHES EACH POSSESS TWO OF THE SEVEN SWORDS. THE SEVENTH WENT MISSING SHORTLY AFTER THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE THREE POWERS.



WE ASK THAT YOU DEVILS NOT INTERVENE IN THIS FIGHT BETWEEN US AND THE GRIGORI OVER THE EXCALIBUR SWORDS. IN OTHER WORDS—

STAY OUT OF THIS.

NO NEED FOR SUCH A TONE. ARE YOU WORRIED WE WOULD TEAM UP WITH THE FALLEN ANGELS?

THE HIGHER-LIPS CERTAINLY CONSIDERED THAT POSSIBILITY.

HAS THE ORTHODOX CHURCH TAKEN ANY ACTION YET?

THEY'RE HOLDING BACK FOR NOW. BUT I SUSPECT THEY'VE GOT THEIR FINAL SWORD UNDER HEAVY LOCK AND KEY.

WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ALLYING WITH US ON THE SIDE OF GOD—EVEN TEMPORARILY—WOULD CAUSE GREAT UPSET TO THE THREE-WAY BALANCE.

I SWEAR ON THE NAME OF GREMORY THAT I WOULD NEVER SIDE WITH FALLEN ANGELS.



INDEED
WE DO.



SO YOU
TWO HOPE
TO RETRIEVE
THE SWORDS
FROM KOKABIEL
ON YOUR OWN?
THAT SEEMS
RECKLESS...
A GOOD
WAY TO GET
YOURSELVES
KILLED.



TO THAT END,
WE VOLUNTEERED
FOR THIS MISSION.
THE ONLY THING
THAT CAN
STAND AGAINST
AN EXCALIBUR
IS ANOTHER
EXCALIBUR.

THE CHURCH HAS
DETERMINED THAT THE
EXCALIBUR SWORDS ARE
BETTER OFF DESTROYED
THAN UTILIZED BY THE
FALLEN ANGELS. THE
GOAL IS TO RENDER
THEM UNUSABLE BY
THE FALLEN AT
ANY COST.



YOU'RE
CONFIDENT.
I'LL GIVE YOU
THAT. DO YOU
HAVE SOME
SORT OF
SECRET
WEAPON?

WELL...
LET'S
JUST
LEAVE
THAT TO
YOUR
IMAGINATION.



BUT OF
COURSE.
WE DON'T
INTEND
TO DIE.

YOUR FAITH
IS AS BLIND
AS EVER...
WILL THE
TWO OF YOU
REALLY BE
ENOUGH TO
PULL THIS
OFF?







THAT SAID,
THERE ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE BETRAYED
THE LORD AND CHOSEN
TO LIVE IN SIN BUT
HAVE NOT COMPLETELY
FORGOTTEN THEIR
FAITH... I FEEL
THAT YOU MAY
BE ONE SUCH
INDIVIDUAL.



...I
COULD NEVER
ABANDON MY
FAITH. IT'S
BROUGHT ME
THIS FAR,
AFTER
ALL...



SHOW YOUR
CONVICTION
IN THE NAME
OF THE
LORD.



IS THAT
SO? THEN
IT'S ONLY
FITTING
THAT WE
SHOULD
END YOUR
LIFE.



SINFUL THOUGH
YOU MAY BE, THE
LORD WILL REACH
OUT AND SAVE
YOUR SOUL.

SCREW
YOU!

IF YOU'RE
ONE OF
THOSE
BASTARDS
WHO CAN'T
SEE WHAT
A KIND
HEART ASIA
HAS, THEN
YOU'RE
MORONS
TOO!

WHEN
ASIA
NEEDED
HELP, NOT
A SINGLE
ONE OF
YOU CAME
TO SAVE
HER, DID
YOU!?

NONE OF
YOU COULD
EVER HOPE TO
UNDERSTAND
ASIA'S PAIN!
DON'T YOU
DARE THROW
GOD AND
LOVE AROUND
IN MY FACE!!

...HOW
FUCKED
UP IS
THAT?

SO IF
SOMEONE
YOU WENT
AND CALLED
A "SAINT"
TURNS
OUT A BIT
DIFFERENT
THAN YOU'D
HOPED, YOU
JUST GO AND
ABANDON
HER?

A SAINT HAS
NO NEED OF
FRIENDS. ALL
THAT MATTERS
IS UNTINTED
COMPASSION AND
LOVE. IF GOD HAD
TRULY LOVED HER,
SHE COULD HAVE
GONE ON
LIVING.





YOUR
SENPAI.

