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## 20th Century Boys Profile

THESE ARE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS OF THIS STORY, LINKED TOGETHER AS FRIENDS THROUGH A BOYHOOD PACT. HERE ARE PICTURES OF EACH OF THEM IN THEIR YOUTH AND AS ADULTS.

IT'S NOT  
YET CLEAR  
WHO SHE  
IS, OR WHAT  
YEAR SHE  
IS LIVING IN.

GIRL

MARLUO

KENJI'S FRIEND.  
MANAGES THE FANCY  
SHOP. STILL BEST  
OF FRIENDS.

KANNA

THE CHILD OF  
KENJI'S MISSING  
OLDER SISTER.  
BEING RAISED BY  
KENJI.

DONKEY

KENJI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND. BECOMES A  
TEACHER AT AN INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, BUT...

YUKIKI



STRONGEST GIRL IN THE  
CLASS, YEARS AGO. WORKS  
WITH A DRUG-SNIFFING  
DOG AT THE AIRPORT.

OTCHO



A KNOWLEDGABLE BOY WHO  
ASSUMES THE LEADERSHIP ROLE  
OF THE BOYS. NO WORD FROM  
HIM SINCE BECOMING AN ADULT.

FRIEND

A MYSTERIOUS  
MAN PLOTTING  
SOMETHING AT  
THE END OF THE  
CENTURY. KNOWS  
THE CHILDHOOD  
SYMBOL. ONE  
OF THE  
FRIENDS...?



THIS STORY'S  
PROTAGONIST.  
SPENDS HIS YOUTH  
DREAMING OF A  
HOPEFUL FUTURE,  
THEN GROWS  
UP TO RUN A  
MINI-MART.

YANBO, MABO

MOST EVIL TWINS IN  
HISTORY. TWO EQUALY  
CRUEL AND BRUTAL  
PERSONALITIES.

MON-CHAN

ANOTHER FRIEND,  
PLACED OVERSEAS  
BY HIS JOB, BUT  
COMES BACK TO  
JAPAN.



YOSHITSUNE

A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.  
STILL IN TOUCH WITH  
KENJI AS AN ADULT.  
TIMID.



KEROYON

DID THAT NICKNAME  
COME FROM HIS  
LOOKS? LIVES IN SAME  
NEIGHBORHOOD AS  
KENJI, MARRIED IN '97.



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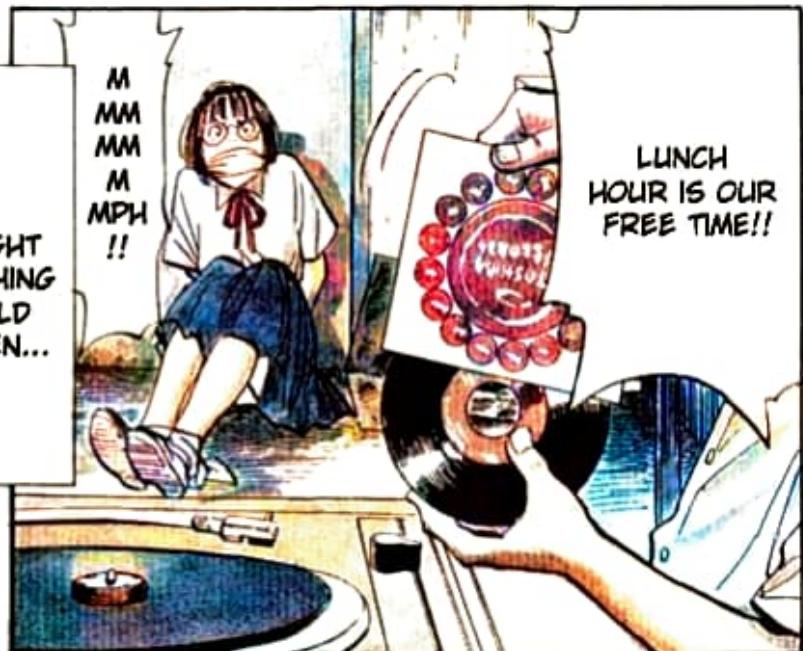
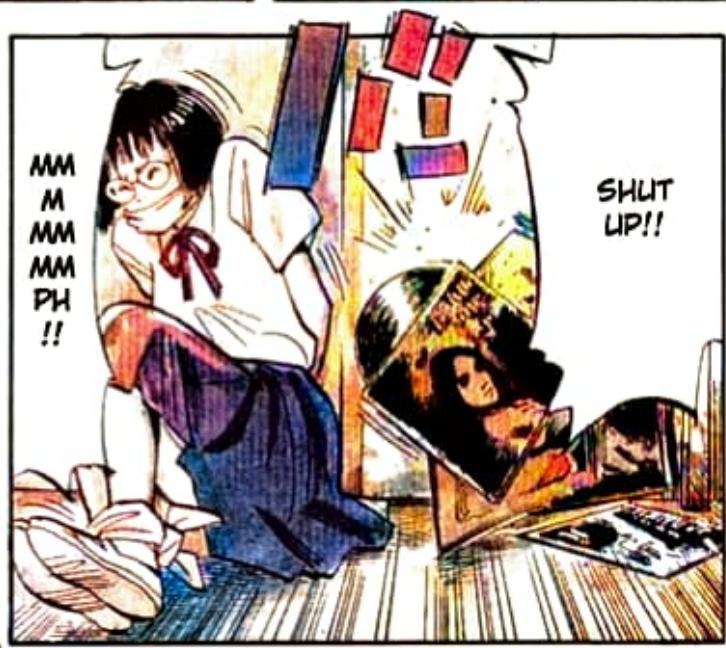
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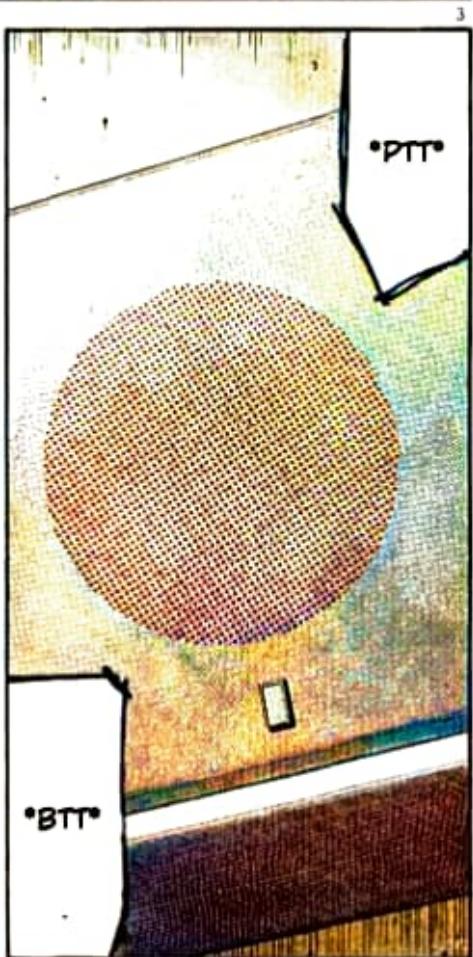
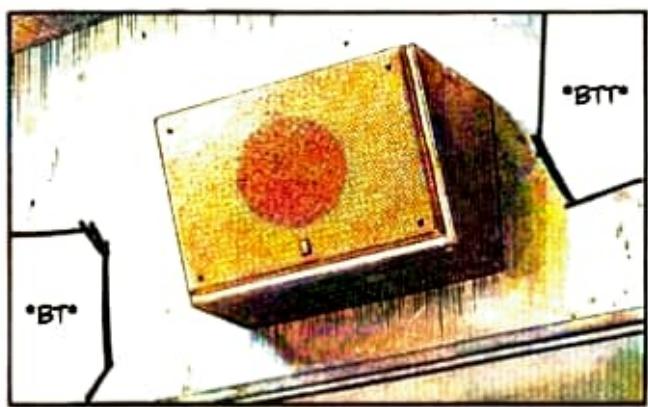
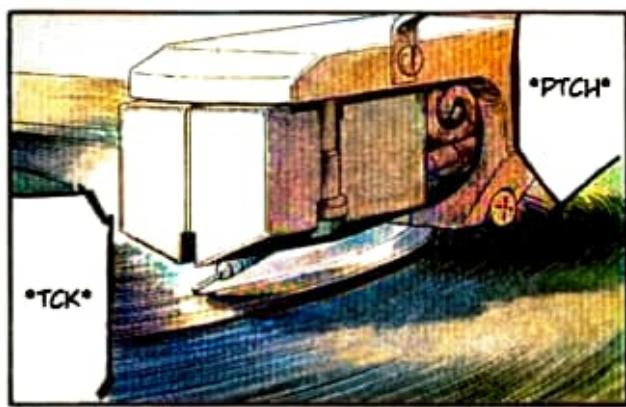
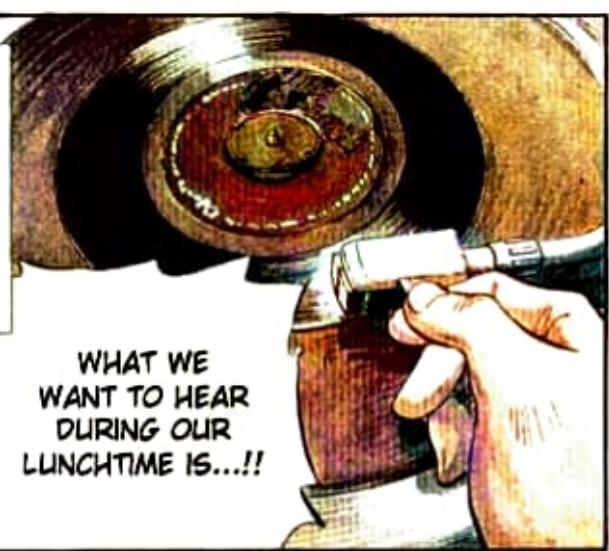
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1973

WE  
THOUGHT  
SOMETHING  
WOULD  
HAPPEN.



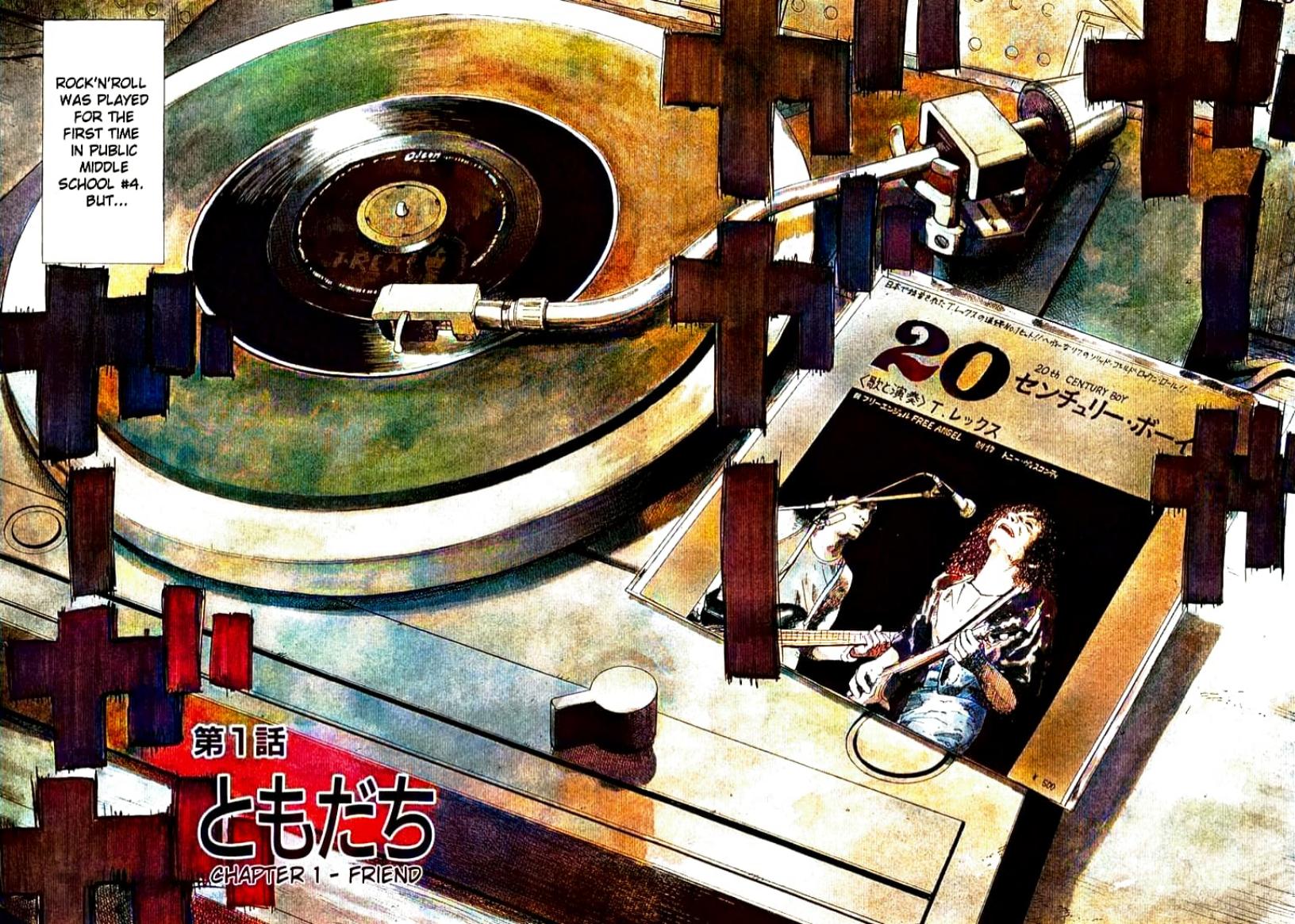


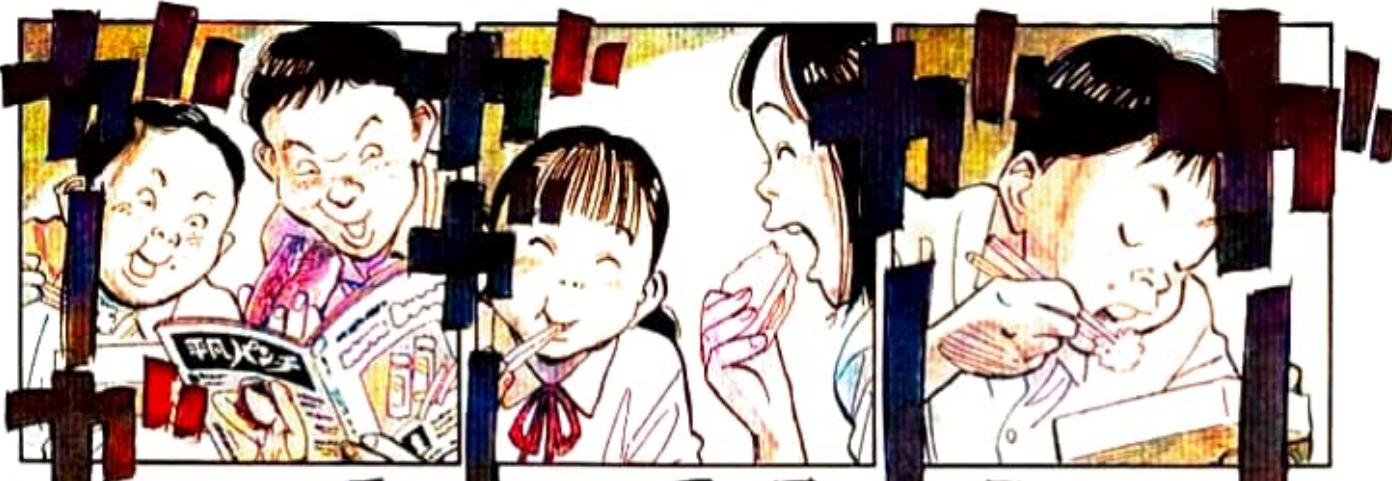


ROCK'N'ROLL  
WAS PLAYED  
FOR THE  
FIRST TIME  
IN PUBLIC  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL #4.  
BUT...

# ともだち

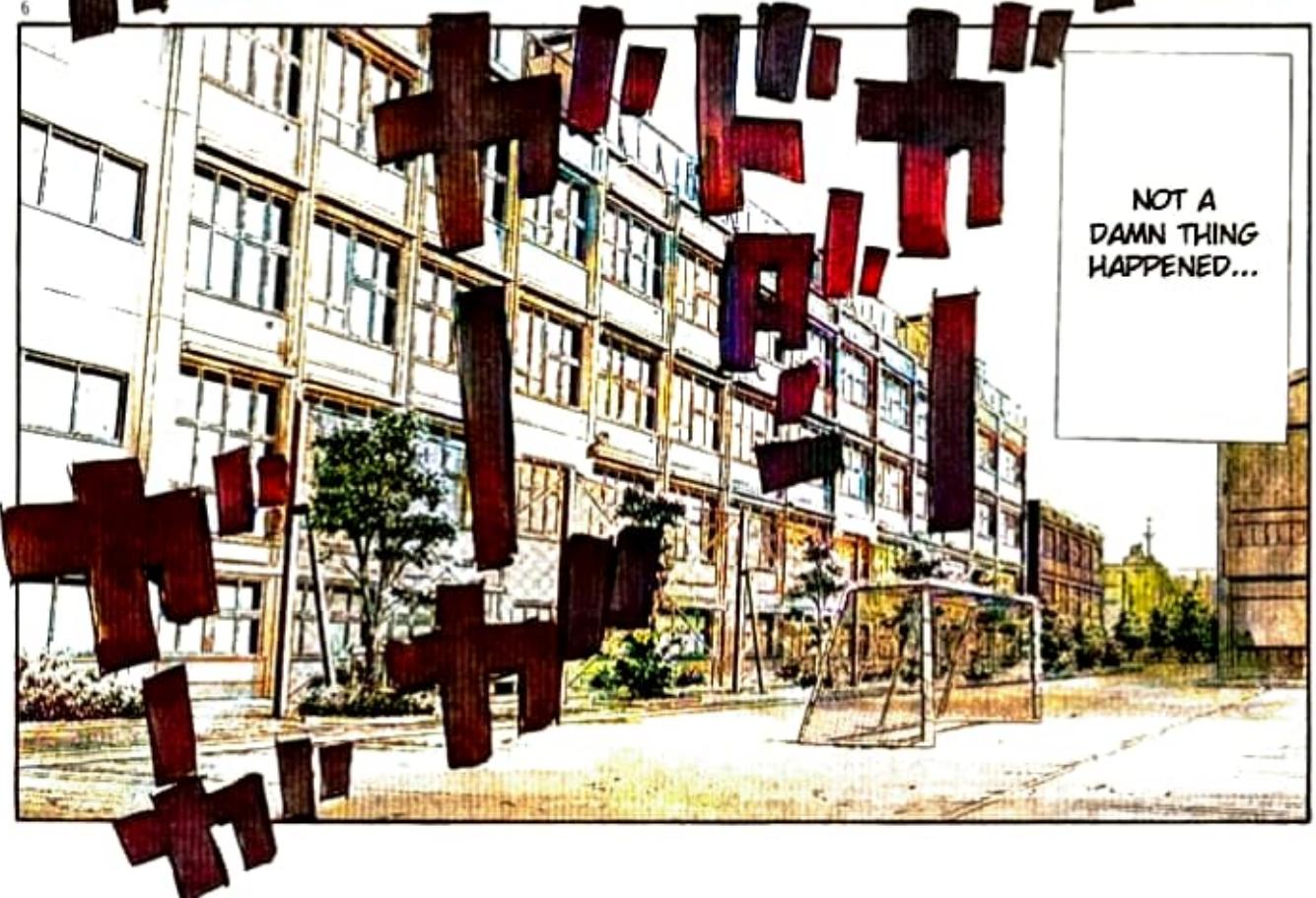
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NOT A  
DAMN THING  
HAPPENED...



THE 21ST  
CENTURY!!

UN HEADQUARTERS,  
NEW YORK

THE NUCLEAR THREAT  
THAT COULD HAVE DESTROYED  
US ALL. THE COLD WAR  
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.  
THE CONTINUAL REGIONAL  
CONFLICTS AFTER THE  
COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM.

THINK BACK  
UPON THE  
TWO WORLD  
WARS WE  
EXPERIENCED  
IN THE LAST  
100 YEARS...

WE HAVE PROGRESSED  
THROUGH TIMES OF  
CONFUSION AND OPENED  
THE DOOR TO A NEW  
MILLENIUM!!



NO MATTER  
HOW MANY  
CALAMITIES  
BEFELL US...

HOW-  
EVER  
...

WE WERE  
ASSAULTED  
ON ALL  
SIDES BY  
DANGER.

AND WE HAVE  
FINALLY ARRIVED  
AT THE 21ST  
CENTURY!!

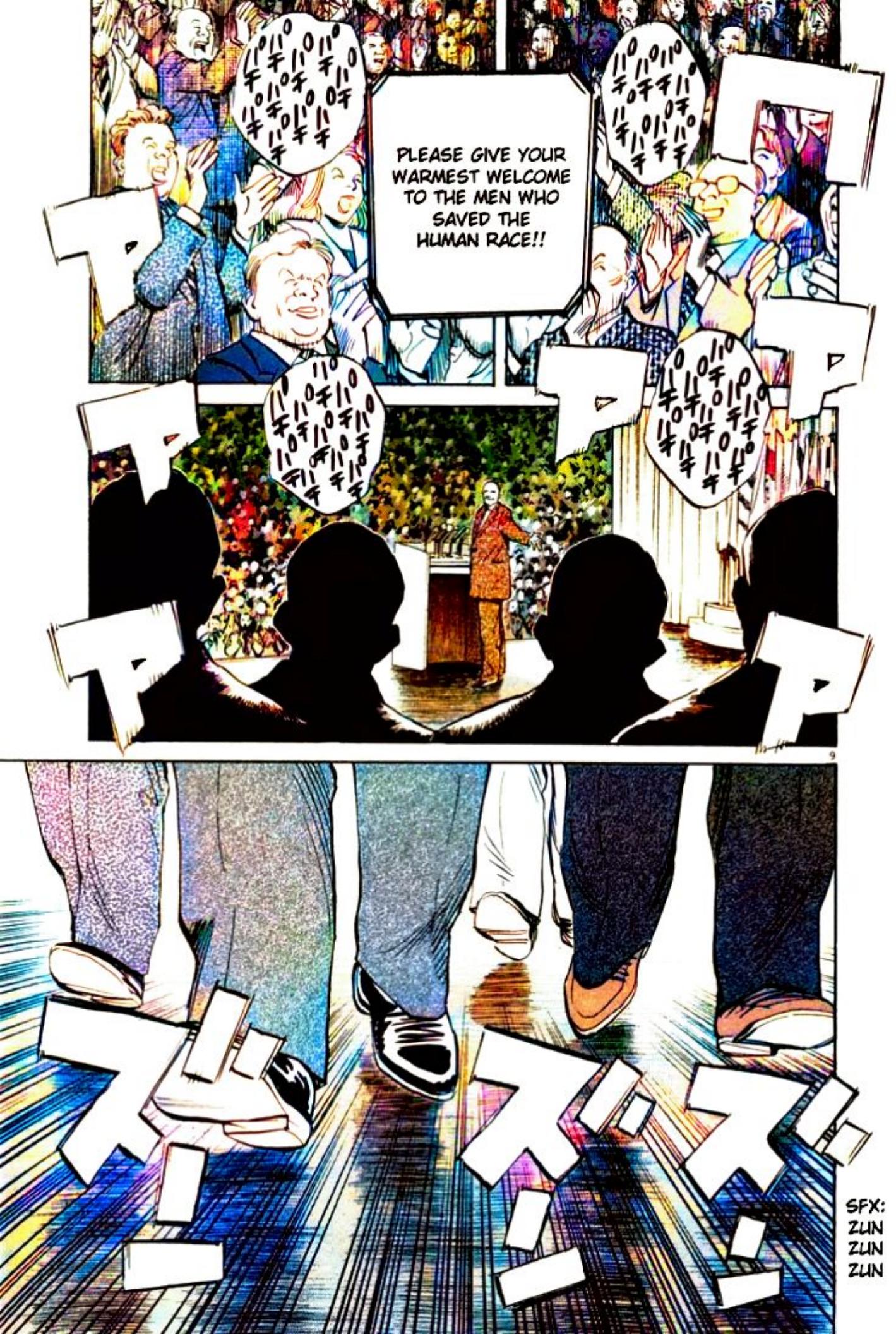
WE CONQUERED AN  
UNHEARD OF DANGER  
THAT HUMANKIND HAS  
NEVER EXPERIENCED  
BEFORE,

IF NOT FOR THEM,  
THE PREVIOUS  
CENTURY WOULD  
HAVE BEEN THE LAST  
IN HUMAN HISTORY!!

BUT WE MUST NOT  
FORGET WHO IT IS  
THAT ALLOWED US TO  
STEP INTO THIS NEW  
MILLENIUM!!

NOW, I  
SHALL  
INTRODUCE  
THEM!!

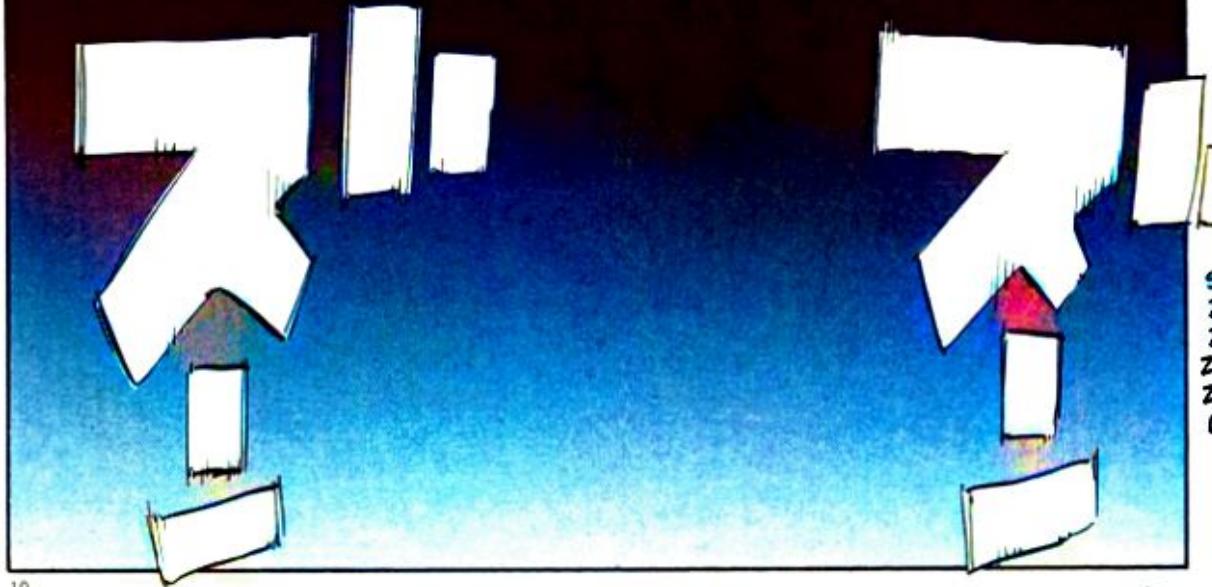




PLEASE GIVE YOUR  
WARMEST WELCOME  
TO THE MEN WHO  
SAVED THE  
HUMAN RACE!!

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SFX:  
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ZUN  
ZUN

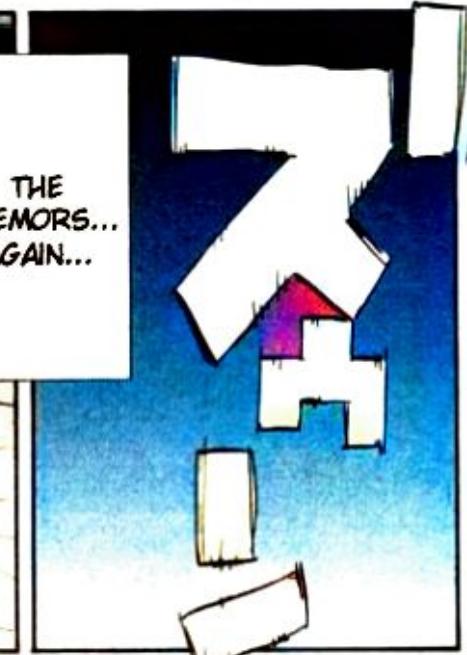


SFX:  
ZUN  
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ZULI-  
LILIN

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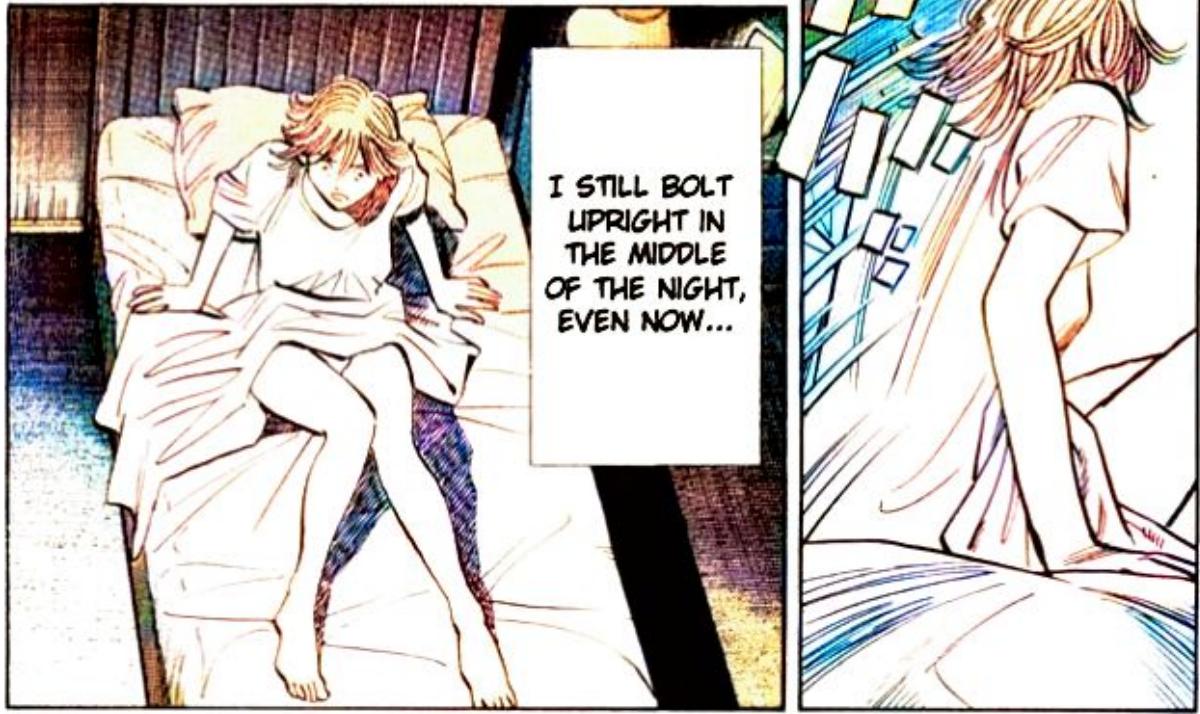


THE  
TREMORS...  
AGAIN...



I FEEL AS  
THOUGH I  
CAN HEAR  
THAT EARTH-  
SHAKING  
SOUND...  
AGAIN...







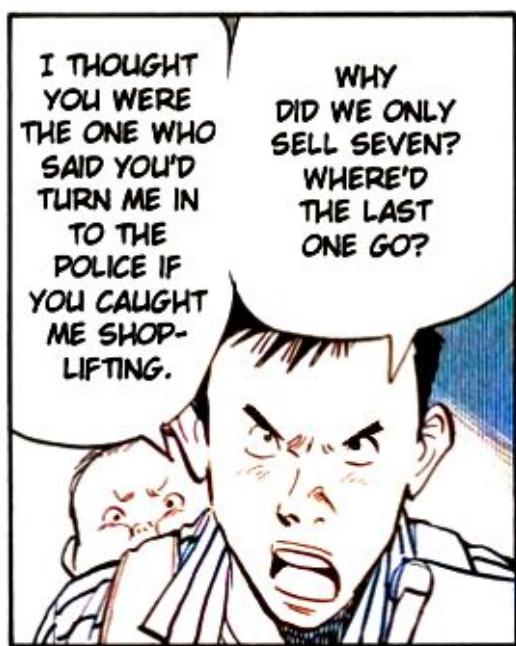
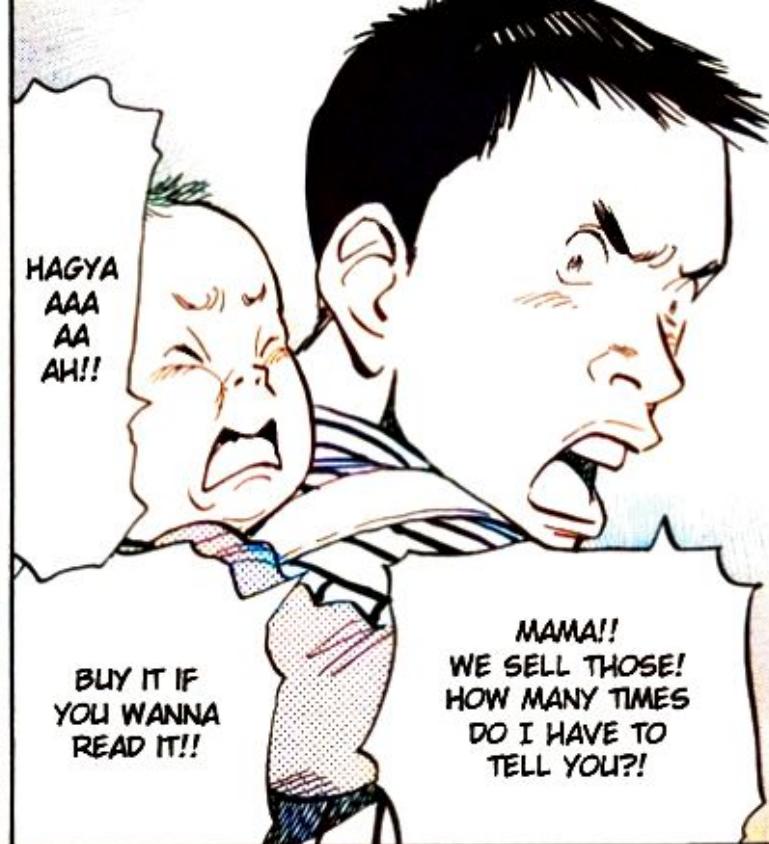
ANYTHING  
BUT THAT  
AGAIN...!!

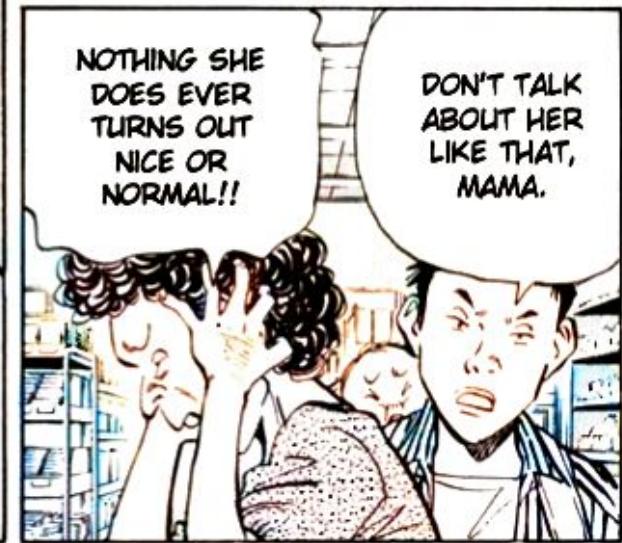
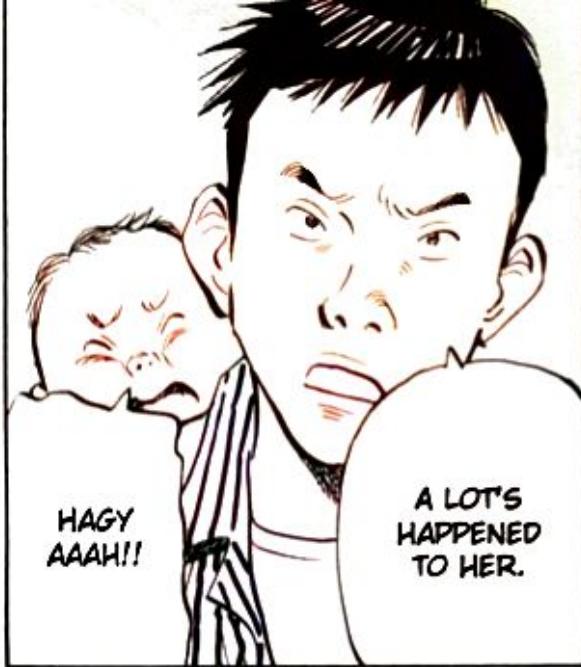
THING: \*FSHHHHH\* \*FSHHHHH\* \*FSHHHHH\*



1997

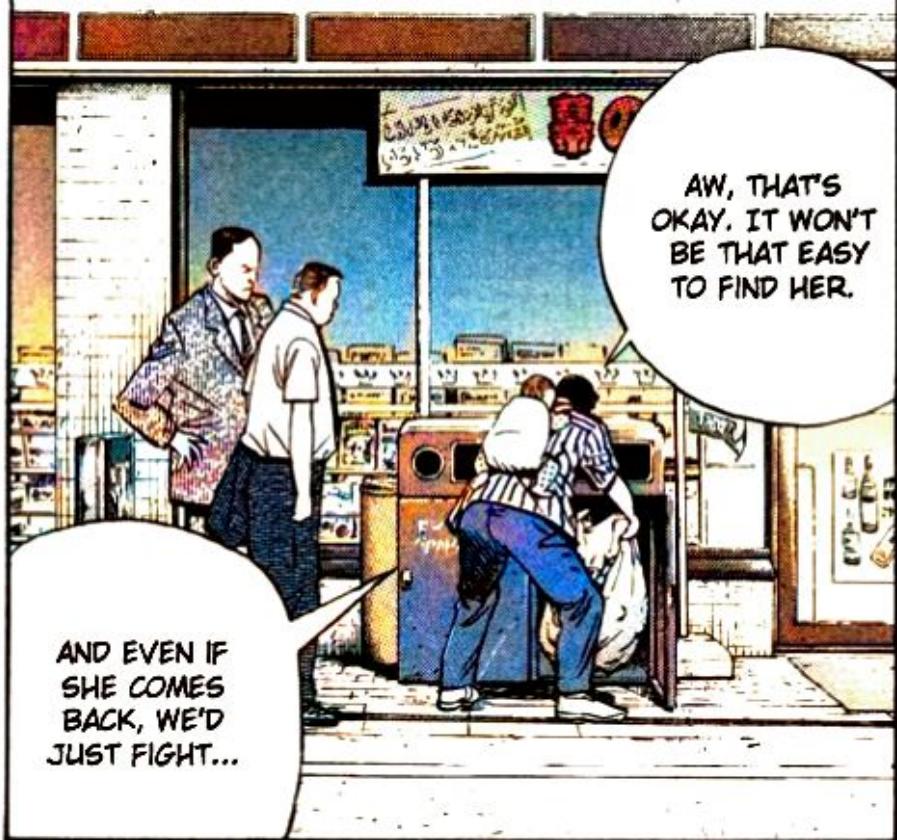




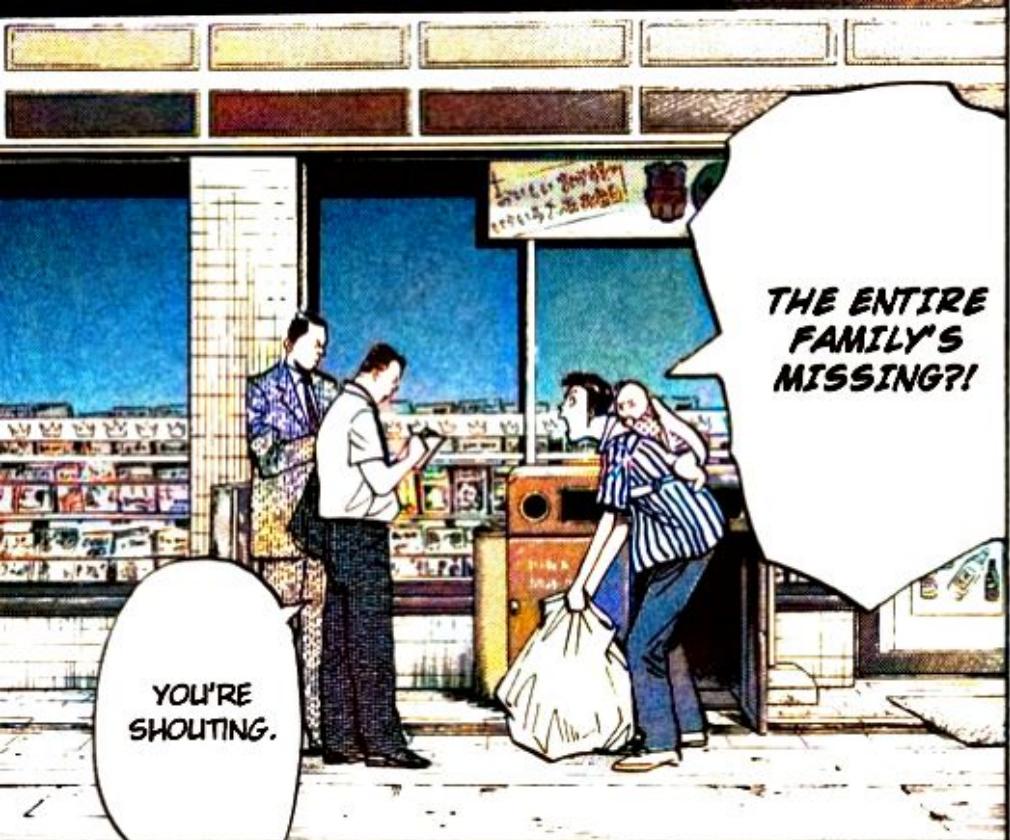




THIS USED  
TO BE A  
LIQUOR  
STORE,  
DIDN'T IT?





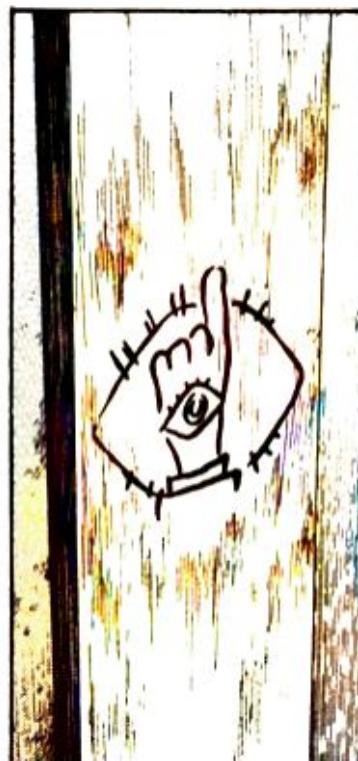






NOTE: KEROYON, A FAMOUS FROG MASCOT FOR A JAPANESE DRUG COMPANY.  
KIND OF LIKE A PRECURSOR TO KEROPPI.

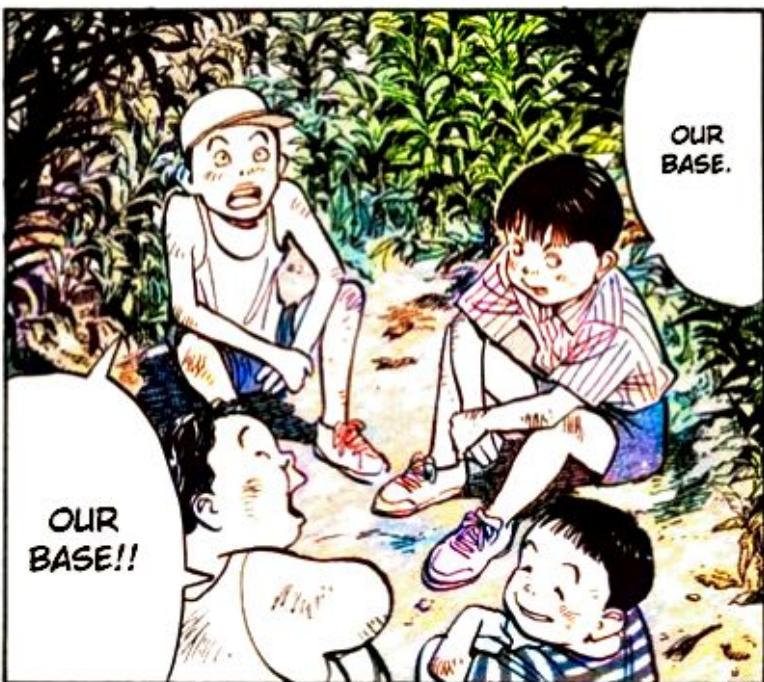






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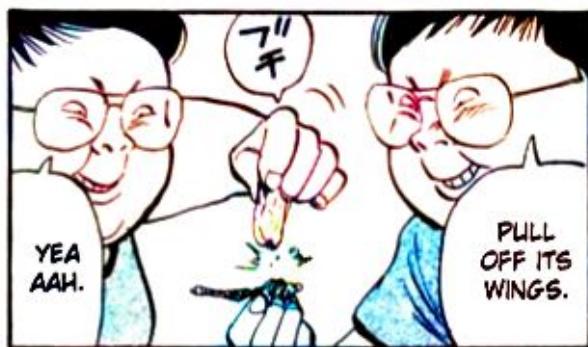


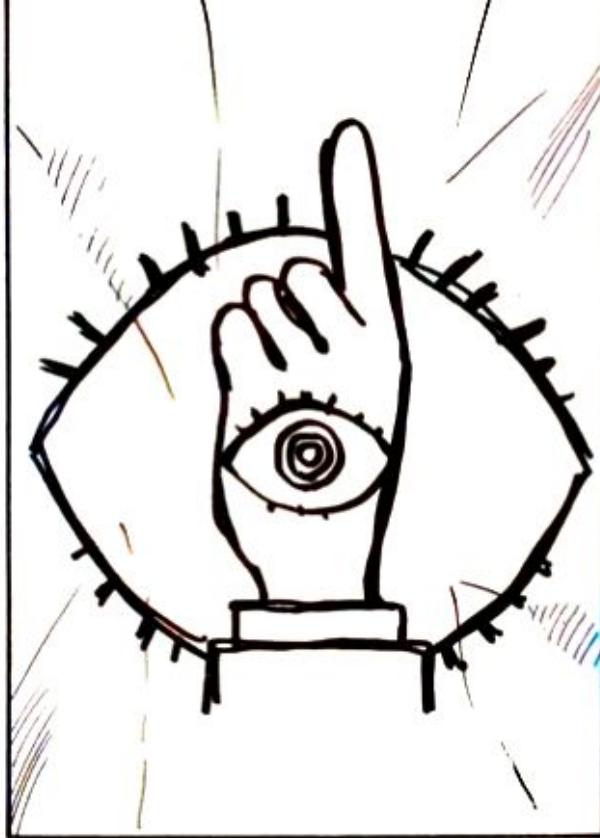






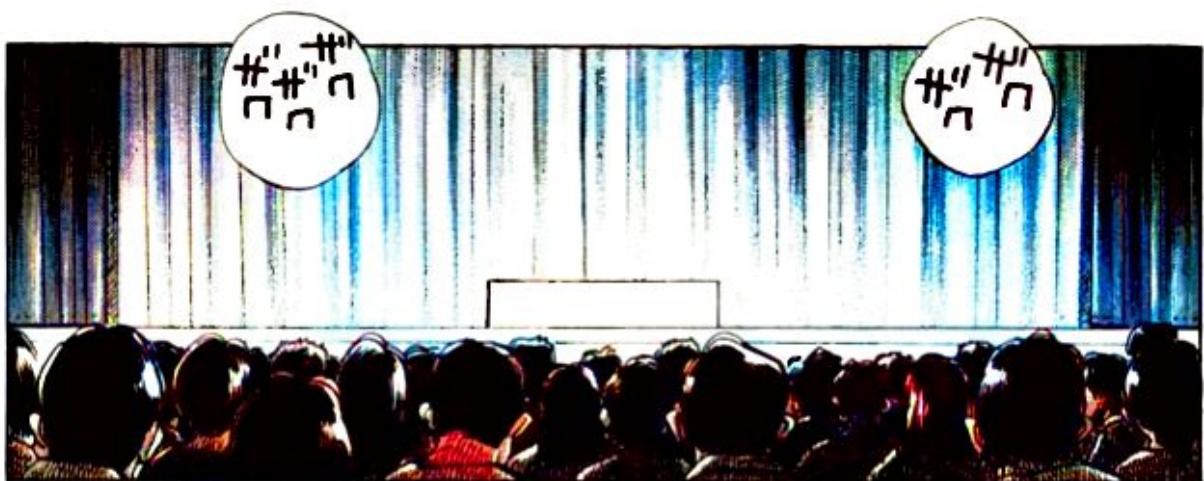


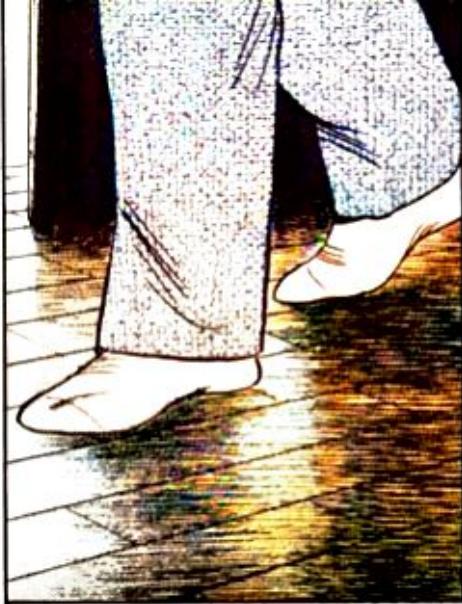




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