



Actually,
I'm just
called
Rip.

My
name's
Rip.




My ordinary
family runs
this ordinary
drugstore in
an ordinary
shopping
arcade.

My real
name is
Jiro
Yamada.
I'm a
clerk at a
drugstore.



To think it's
still affecting
me today—
life is so
weird.



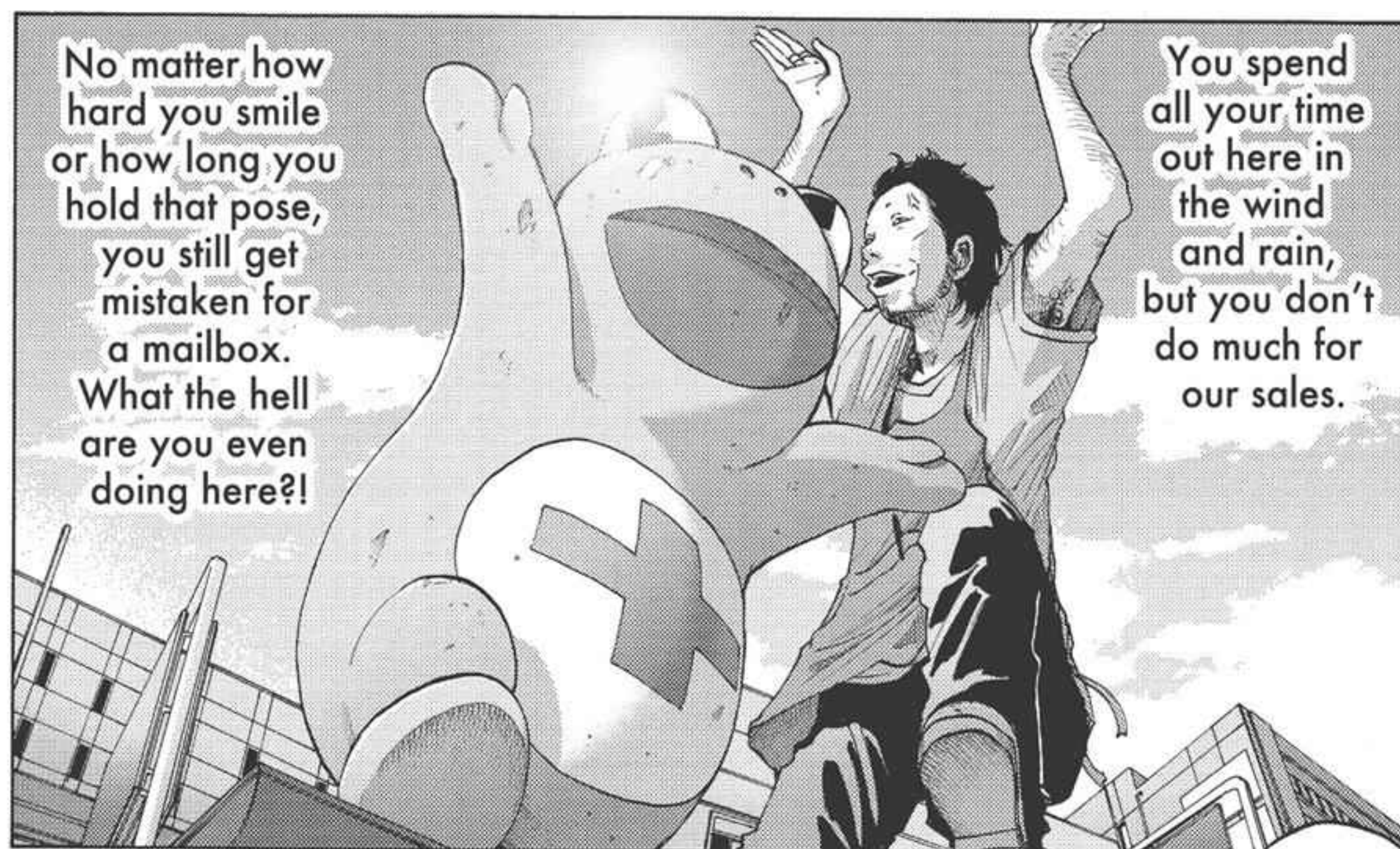
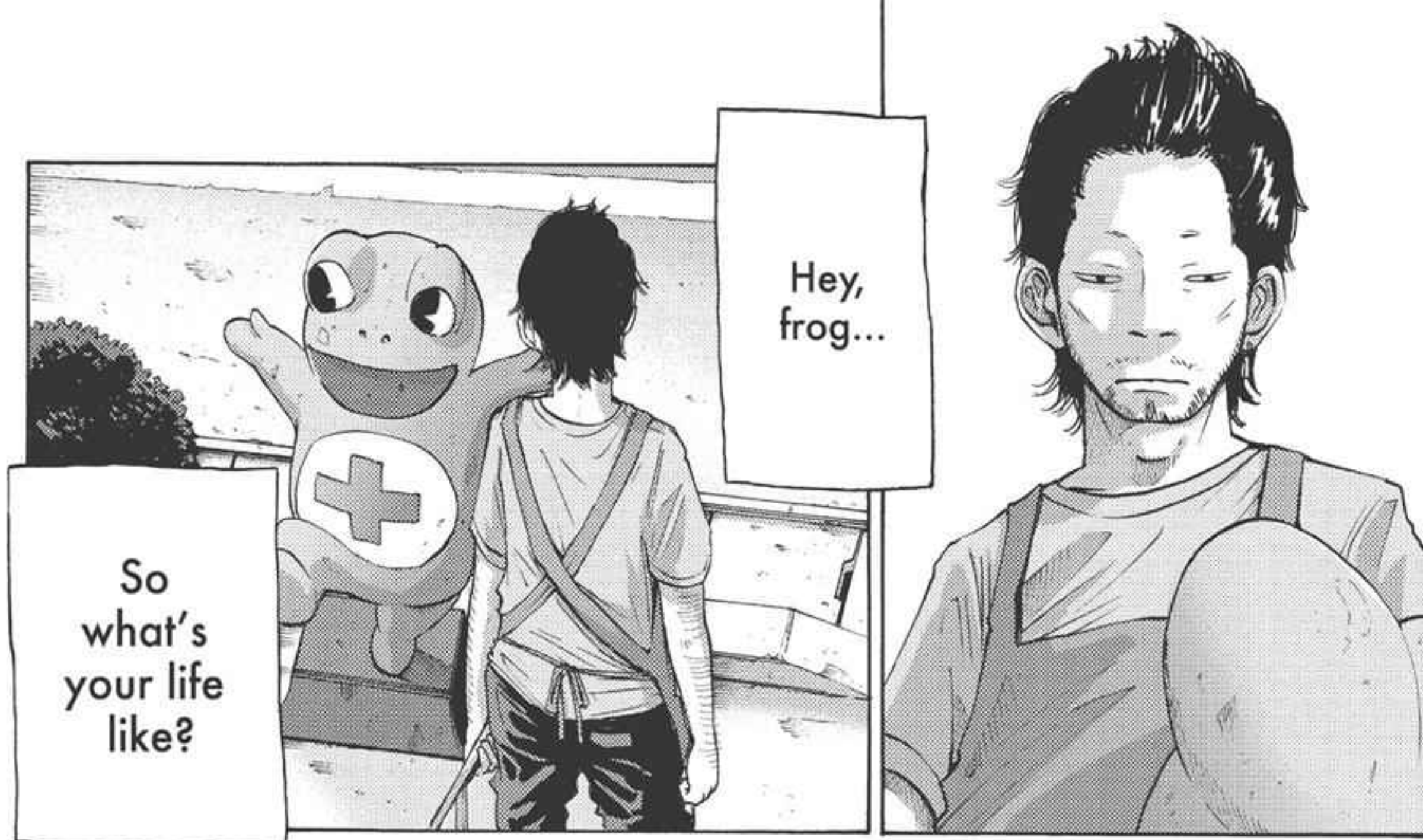
I got my
nickname
after a minor
incident in
elementary
school.



HEY,
JIRO!
A CUS-
TOMER!

UH,
WELCOME...





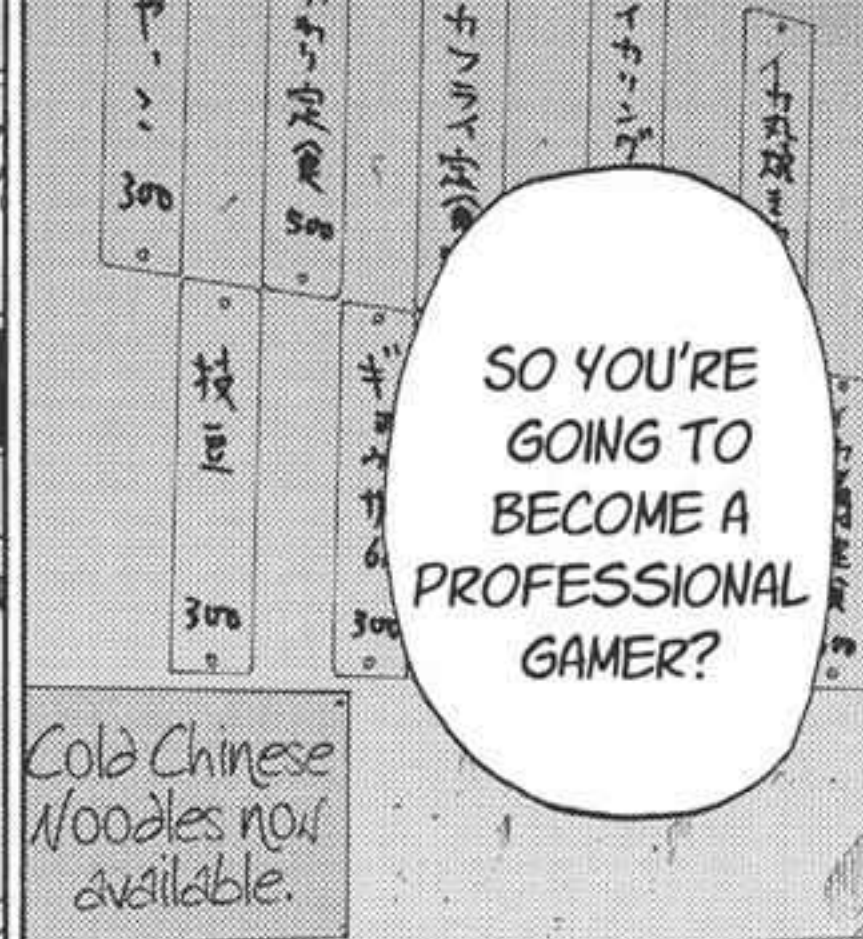




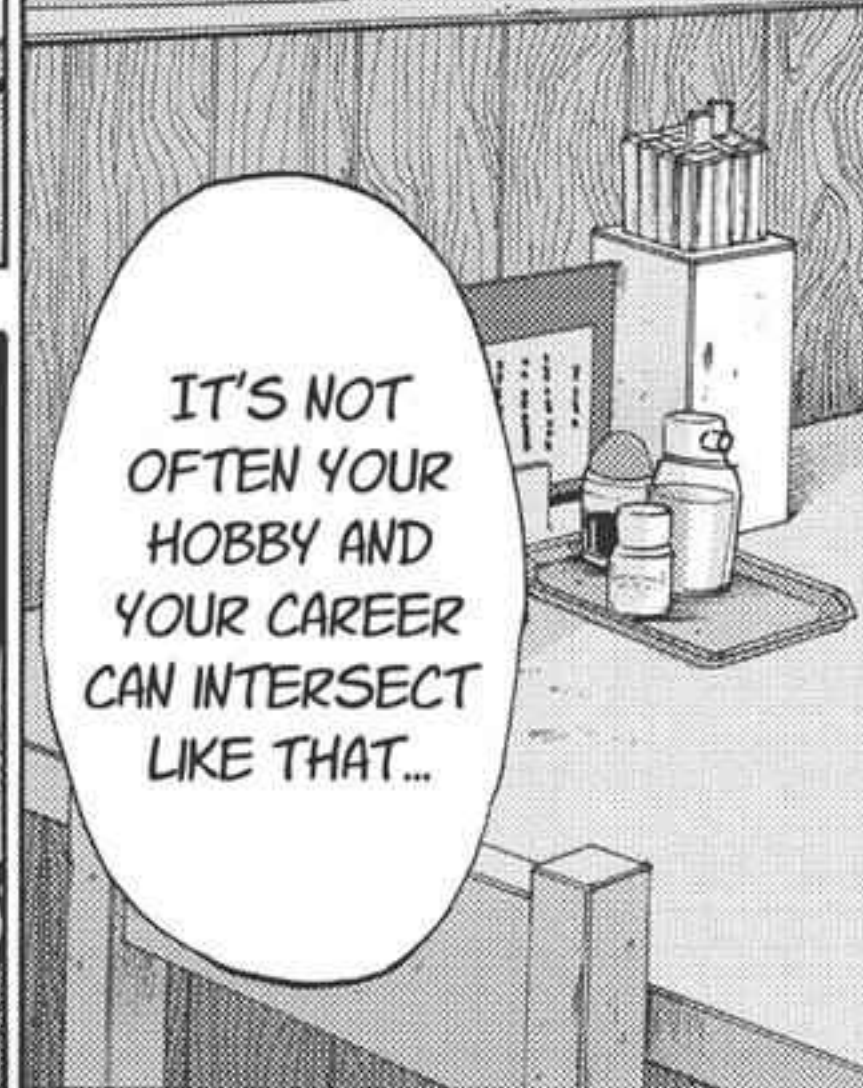
...EVEN
IF GAMING
IS OUT, THIS
IS THE TIME
TO TRY YOUR
HAND AT ALL
SORTS OF
THINGS.

WELL...

AND
AS LONG
AS NOTHING
DRASTIC
HAPPENS,
I DON'T THINK
YOU TWO WILL
REALLY BREAK
UP, DO
YOU?

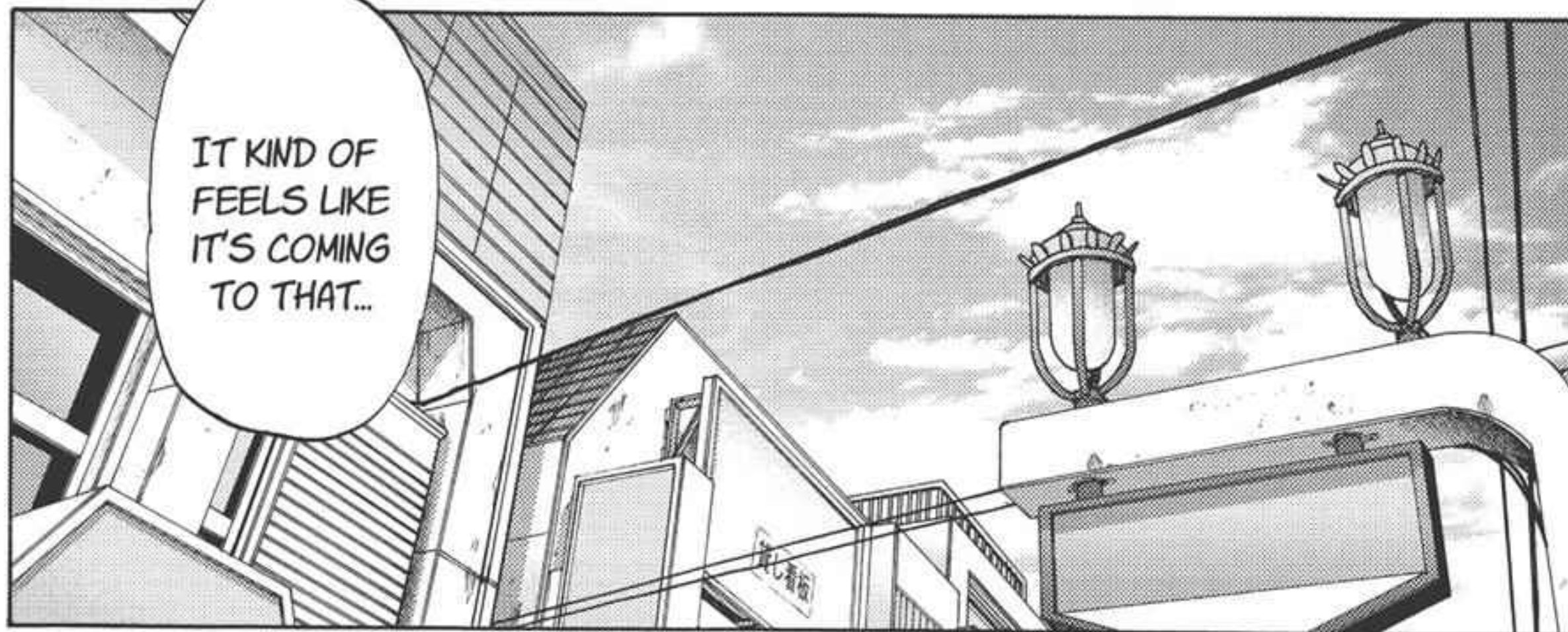


SO YOU'RE
GOING TO
BECOME A
PROFESSIONAL
GAMER?



IT'S NOT
OFTEN YOUR
HOBBY AND
YOUR CAREER
CAN INTERSECT
LIKE THAT...

SOMETHING
DRASTIC,
HUH...?

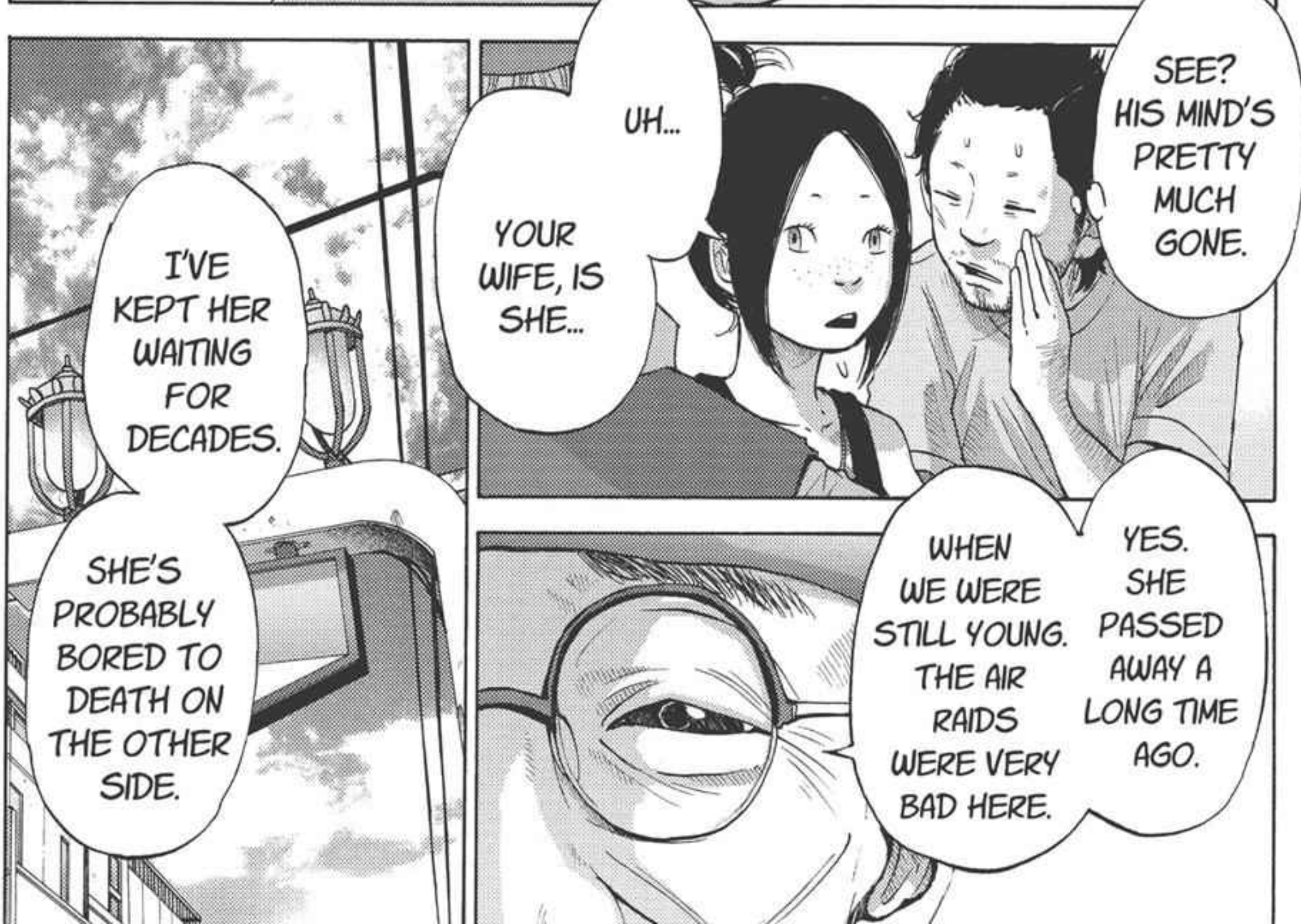
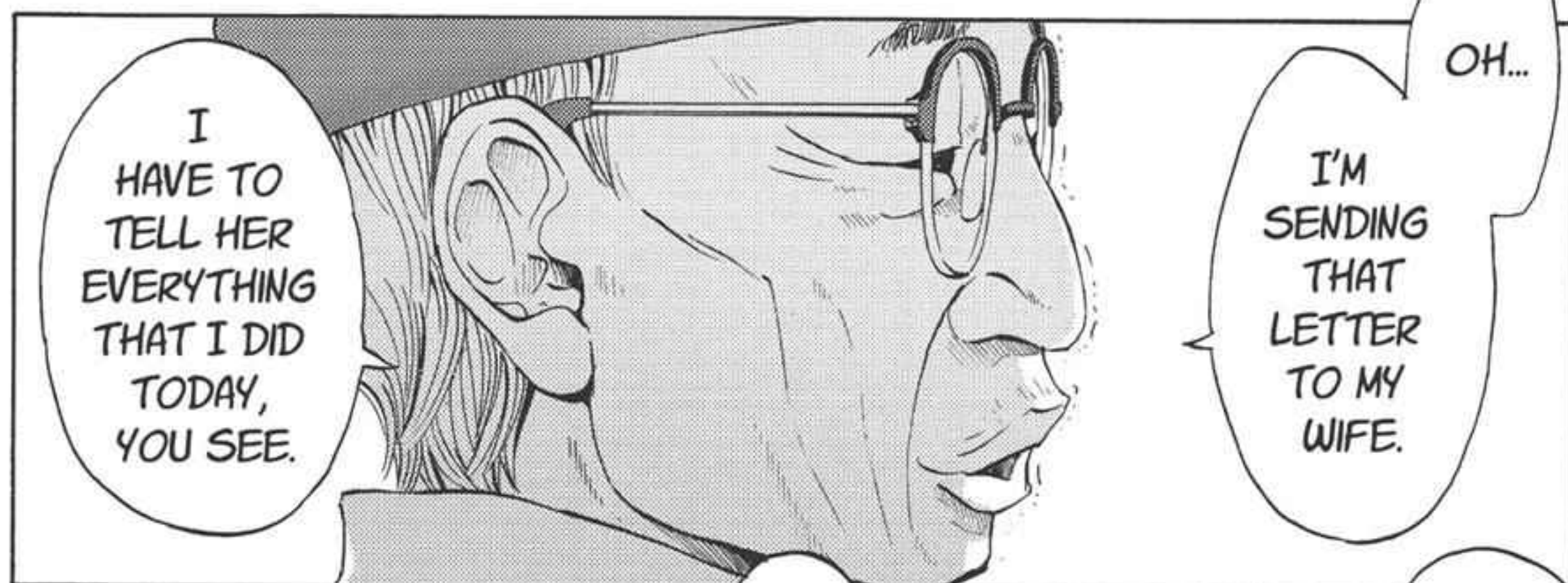
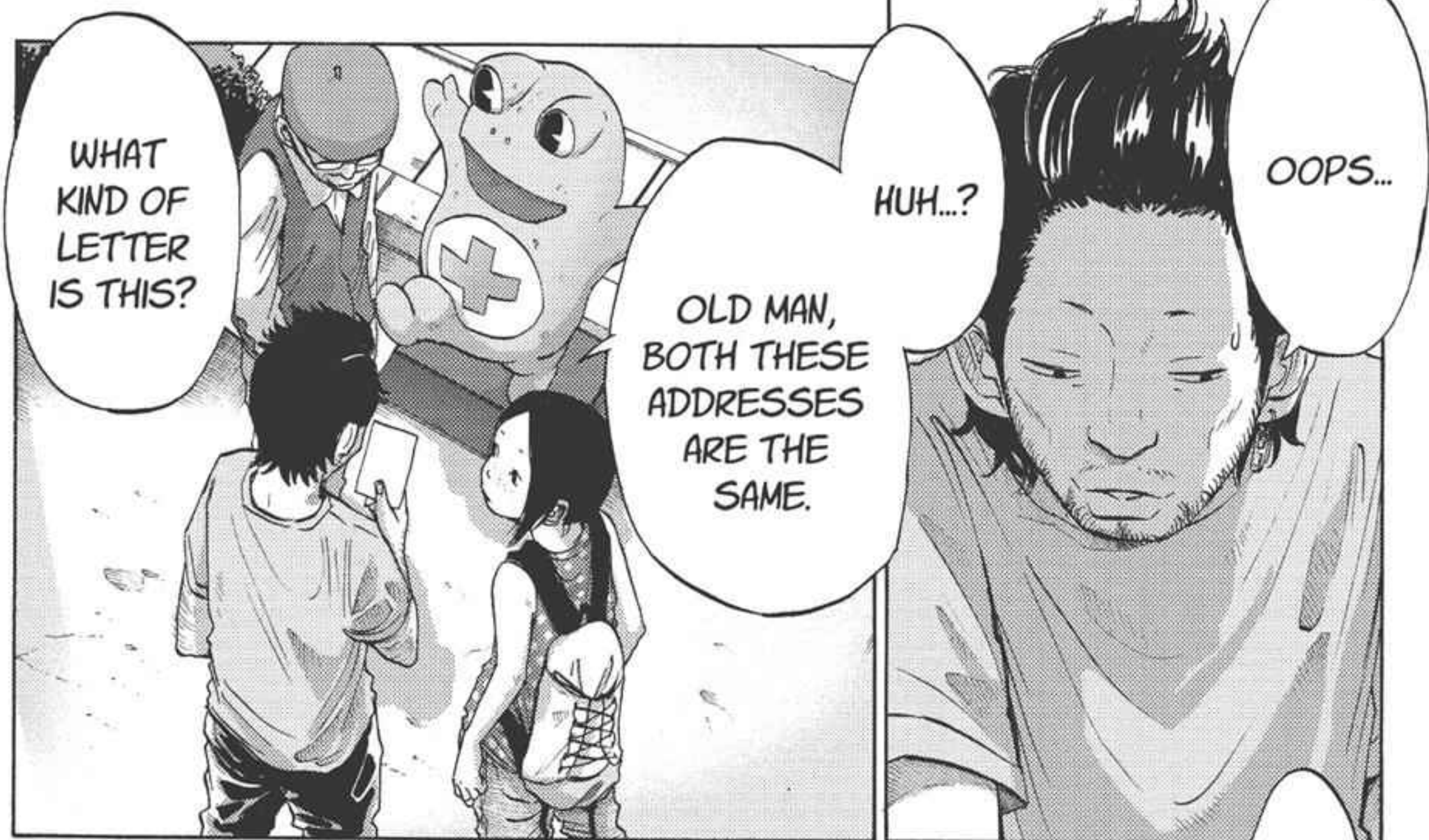


IT KIND OF
FEELS LIKE
IT'S COMING
TO THAT...



OH.







WHEN MY
LETTERS COME
BACK TO ME,
IT MAKES ME
FEEL LIKE MY
WIFE STILL
REMEMBERS
ME.

BESIDES...
I'M VERY
OLD AND
I CAN'T
REMEMBER
THINGS
TOO WELL
ANYMORE.



WELL...

I
GUESS HIS
DEMENTIA'S
STILL
SPORADIC.



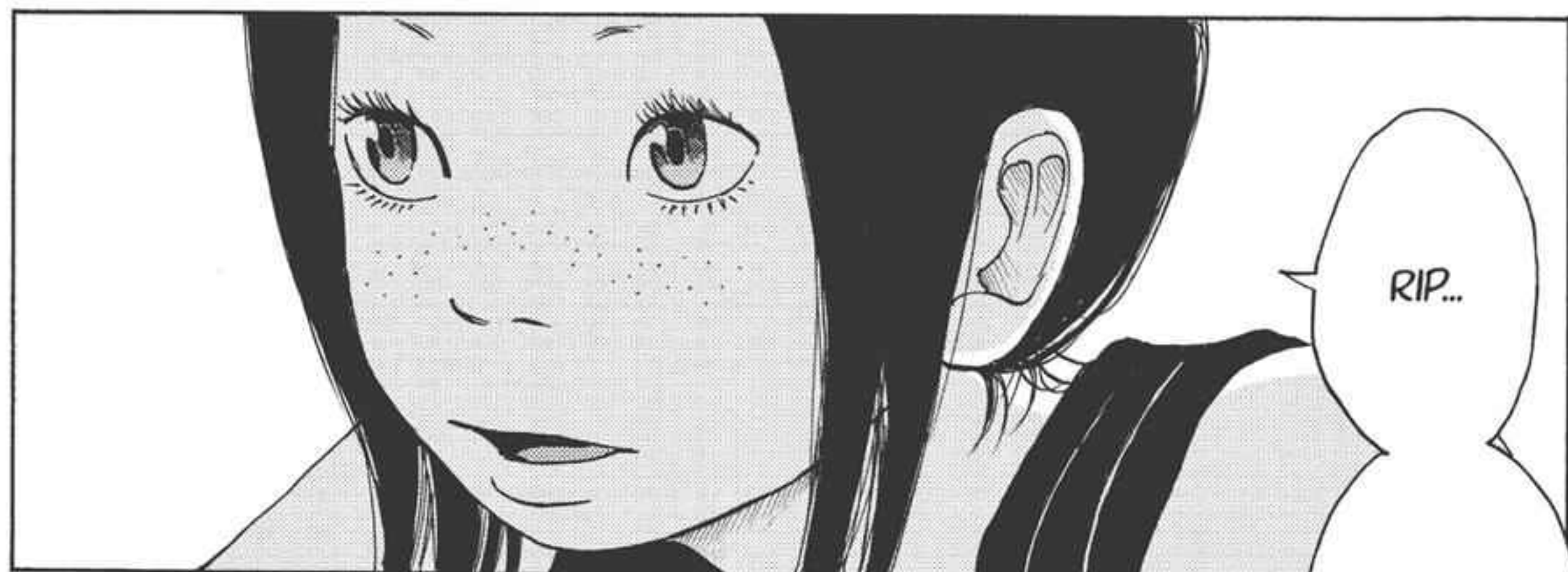
I
DUNNO.

YOU'D
HAVE TO
ASK HIM.

I
WONDER
IF THAT
OLD MAN IS
HAPPY.

IT'S REALLY
GREAT THAT
HE'S STILL SO
CLOSE TO HER
EVEN AFTER ALL
THIS TIME,
ISN'T IT?

I
SUPPOSE.





LISTEN...

CAN YOU
REALLY SAY
THAT YOU'RE
SATISFIED
WITH YOUR
LIFE?

SO IF
YOU DIED
RIGHT NOW,
WOULD YOU BE
SATISFIED
WITH YOUR
LIFE?

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
LIFE IS?



THESE
ARE ALL
QUESTIONS...



...AREN'T
THESE
THINGS YOU
SHOULD BE
TALKING
ABOUT WITH
TANEDA?

ANYWAY...

DON'T
ASK ME
DIFFICULT
THINGS LIKE
THAT, OKAY?

...THAT
YOU WANT
TO ASK
YOURSELF,
AREN'T
THEY?



HEY...
MEIKO!
LONG TIME
NO SEE!

I
GUESS...

