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Ruby: Life is one big new challenge!
Ruby: Hm... Well, every time I do an idol job, I consider it a new challenge too, you know!
—THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST ACTING JOB. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?
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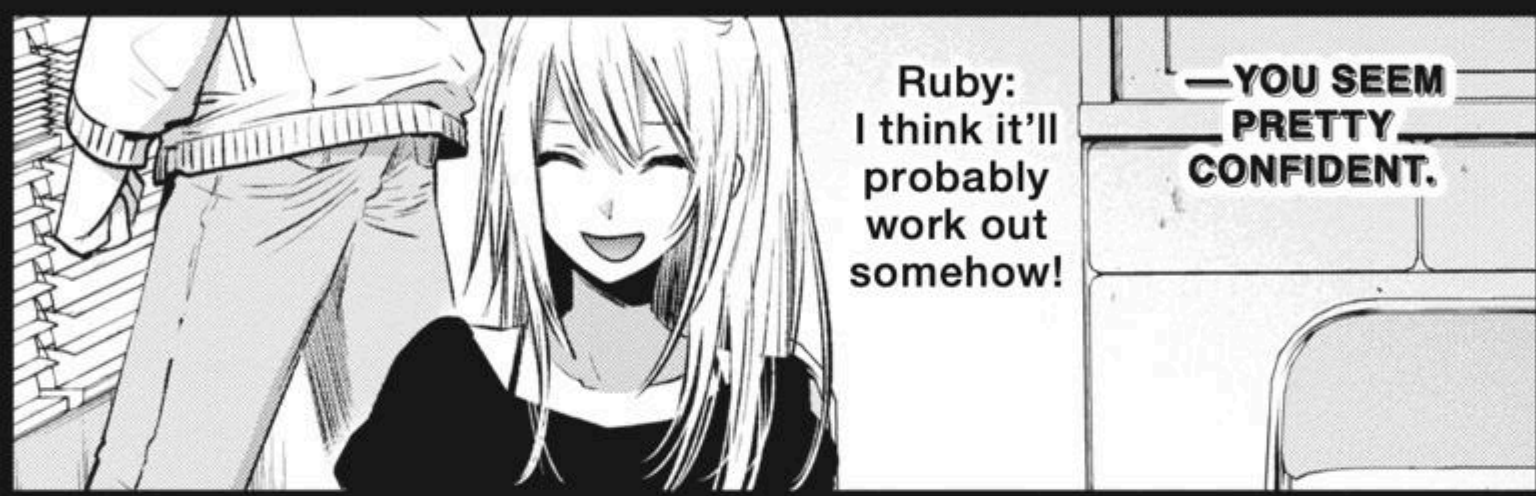
Ruby: I think it'll probably work out somehow!
—YOU SEEM PRETTY CONFIDENT.

Ruby: ...I'll have the most reliable person in the world right here with me.
Ruby: After all, on this job...
...ONII-CHAN?
RIGHT...

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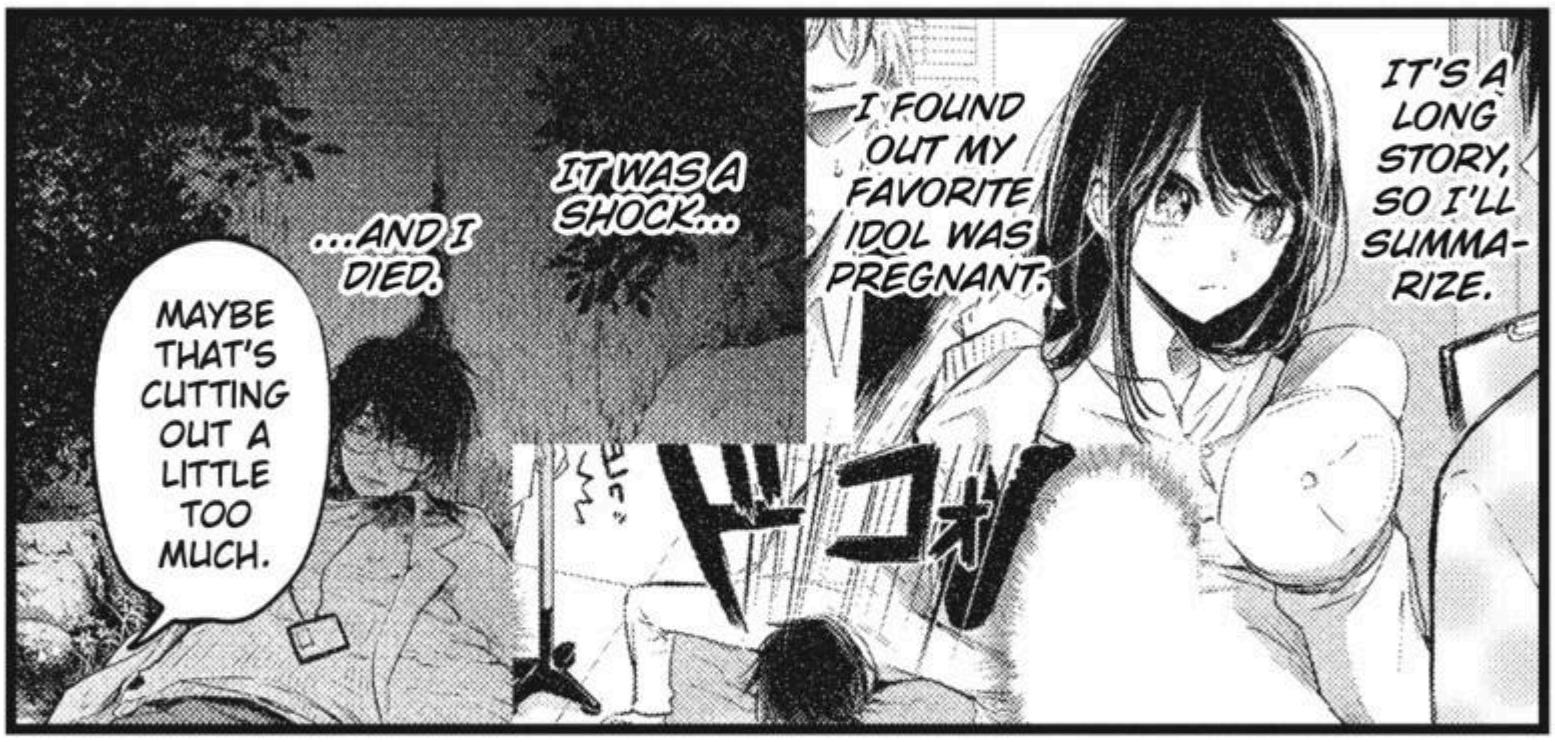

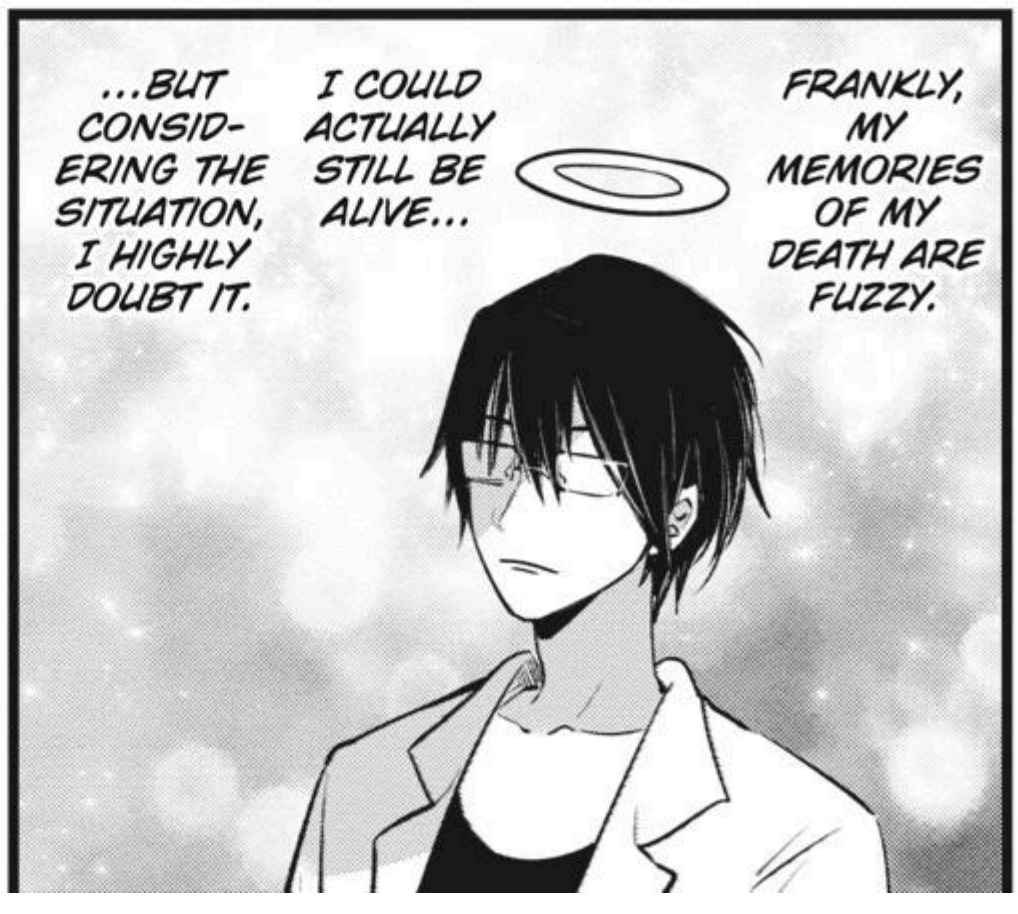

...BUT WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS IN HEAVEN.

THIS IS ME NOW.

DON'T ASK ME WHY.
AT THIS POINT, I'M THE SON OF AI HOSHINO THE IDOL.
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HOSHINO

WELL, THAT'S ONE HECK OF A NAME.
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY, AQUA-MARINE!
NEW NAME: AQUAMARINE HOSHINO

HOW DOES THAT EVEN WORK?
WHY DO I STILL REMEMBER MY PAST LIFE?
OR SHOULD I SAY, "THAT TIME I GOT RE-INCARNATED AS AN IDOL'S KID"?
WAS I RE-BORN?
IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO ACCEPT THIS AS REALITY.
I MEAN TO FIGURE OUT THE MECHANISM SOMEDAY.
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I AM A DOCTOR.
BUT.
RIGHT NOW, I'D PREFER TO FOCUS ON ENJOYING INFANT LIFE.

...THIS IS SERIOUSLY HEADY STUFF.
FOR THE HEART OF A WORN-OUT ADULT...
GOO...
GAH-GAH...

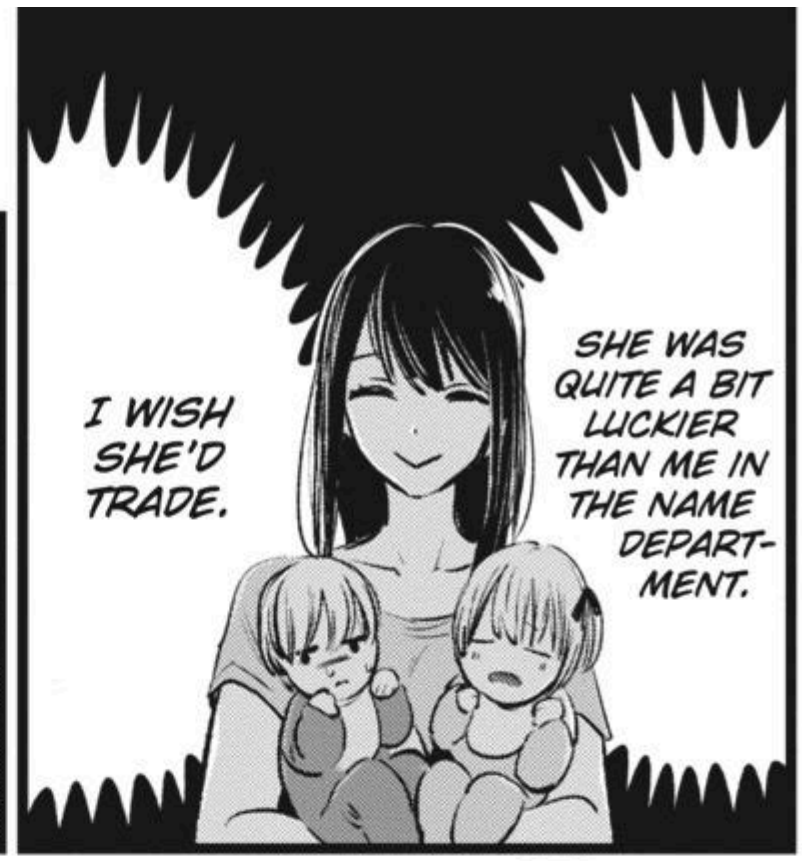
MY FAVORITE IDOL...
...IS SMOTHERING ME WITH LOVE AND ATTENTION!

WAAAAAH!
UGYAAAH!

RUBY HOSHINO
THE KID WHO WAS BORN AS MY TWIN.

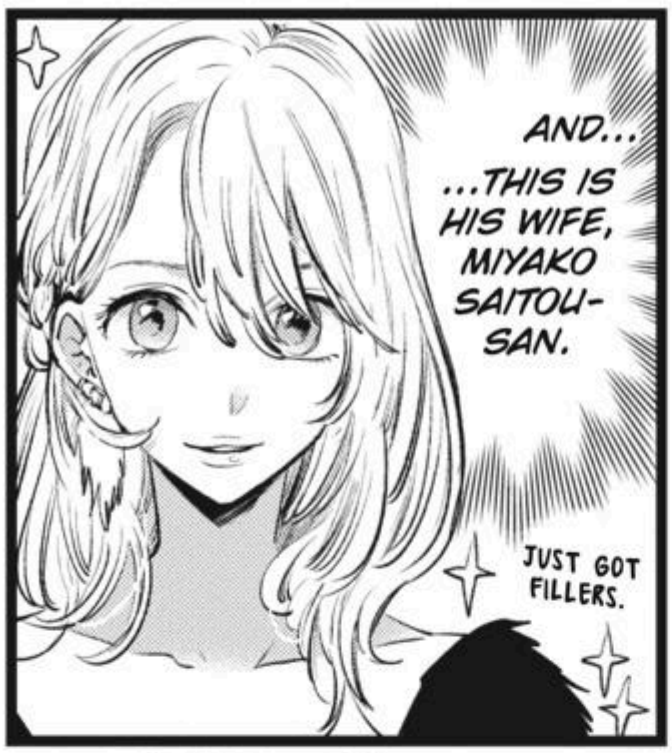
HI, HONEY. WHASSA MATTER, HMM?
THAT'S RIGHT.
SOME-BODY ELSE LIVES HERE.

WAAAAAH!
WHAT'S WRONG, AQUAAA?


I WISH SHE'D TRADE.
SHE WAS QUITE A BIT LUCKIER THAN ME IN THE NAME DEPART-MENT.

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A MOTHER?
UH, THAT'S RUBY.

BUT I DO
DON'T GO
WHAT


AND...
...THIS IS HIS WIFE, MIYAKO SAITOU-SAN.
JUST GOT FILLERS.

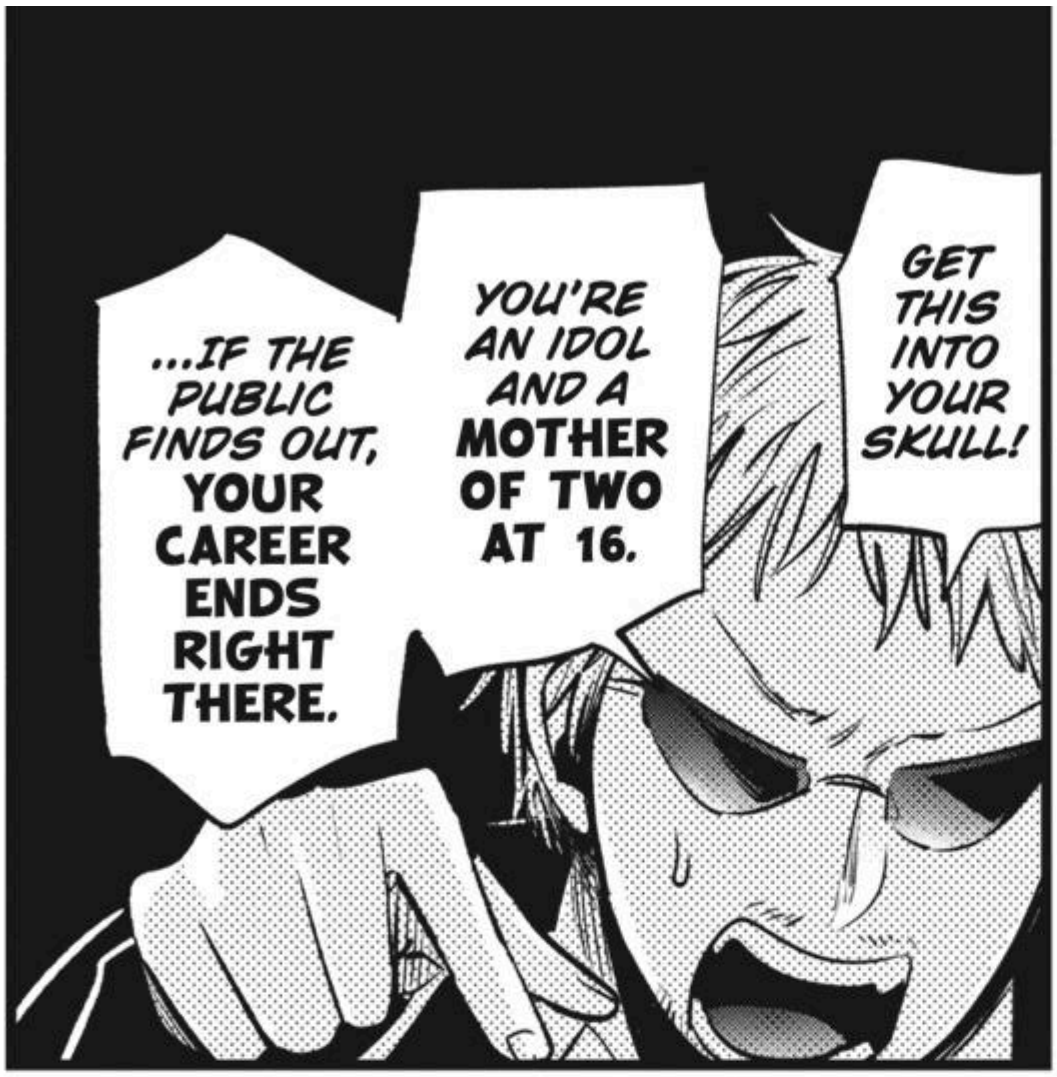
ICHIGO SAITOU
REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR OF ICHIGO PRODUCTION, INC.
I'VE KNOWN THIS GUY SINCE MY PREVIOUS LIFE.
HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF AI'S AGENCY.

LET'S REVIEW HOW THIS IS GOING TO WORK.
BAN (WHAM)
ICHIGO PRO MEETING
• AI'S COMEBACK
• DEALING WITH KIDS
ANYWAY!
"AI THE IDOL" IS MAKING HER COMEBACK TODAY.

SHE'S REALLY YOUNG.
THAT'S NEWS TO ME. I'LL WATCH IT.
THE OTHER MEMBERS SAY THE WAY YOU FAVOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS IS A TOTAL TURNOFF.

OF COURSE.
YOUR FIRST APPEARANCE IS ON A MUSIC PROGRAM TONIGHT.
IT'S A LIVE BROADCAST, BUT YOU'LL MANAGE, RIGHT?

HAAH...
WHILE YOU'RE WORKING...
...MY WIFE WILL WATCH THE TWINS.


...IF THE PUBLIC FINDS OUT, YOUR CAREER ENDS RIGHT THERE.
YOU'RE AN IDOL AND A MOTHER OF TWO AT 16.
GET THIS INTO YOUR SKULL!

CAN'T I TAKE THE KIDS TO WORK WITH ME?
TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY ASKING THAT!!

WE'LL ALL GO TO HELL TOGETHER.
SINCE IT HAPPENED ON MY WATCH, MY AGENCY WILL ALSO BE TOAST.

GEEZ, WHAT A PAIN.
THAT'S NO FUN, HUH, RUBY.
THAT'S AQUA.

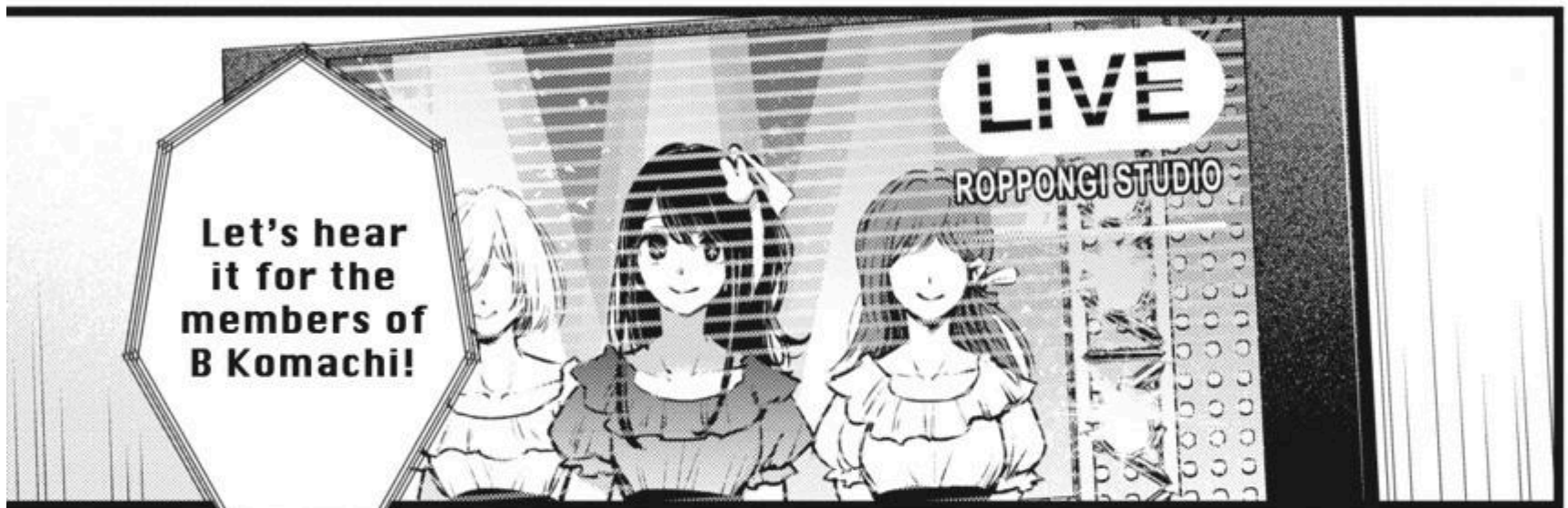
BUUU (BZZZT)
YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR KIDS WHEN YOU TURN IN PAPERWORK AT CITY HALL OR GO SHOPPING.

...TELL PEOPLE YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF OUR KIDS!
IF SOMETHING URGENT COMES UP AND YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE...

'KAAAY.
LET'S MOVE.
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE RE-HEARSAL.
...IT MAY ACTUALLY WORK OUT.
BUT WITH THE SAITOUS COVERING FOR HER...
AS MOMS GO, AI'S PROBABLY NOT THE GREATEST.
AH HA HA!
SURU (SLIP)
WHOOPS.

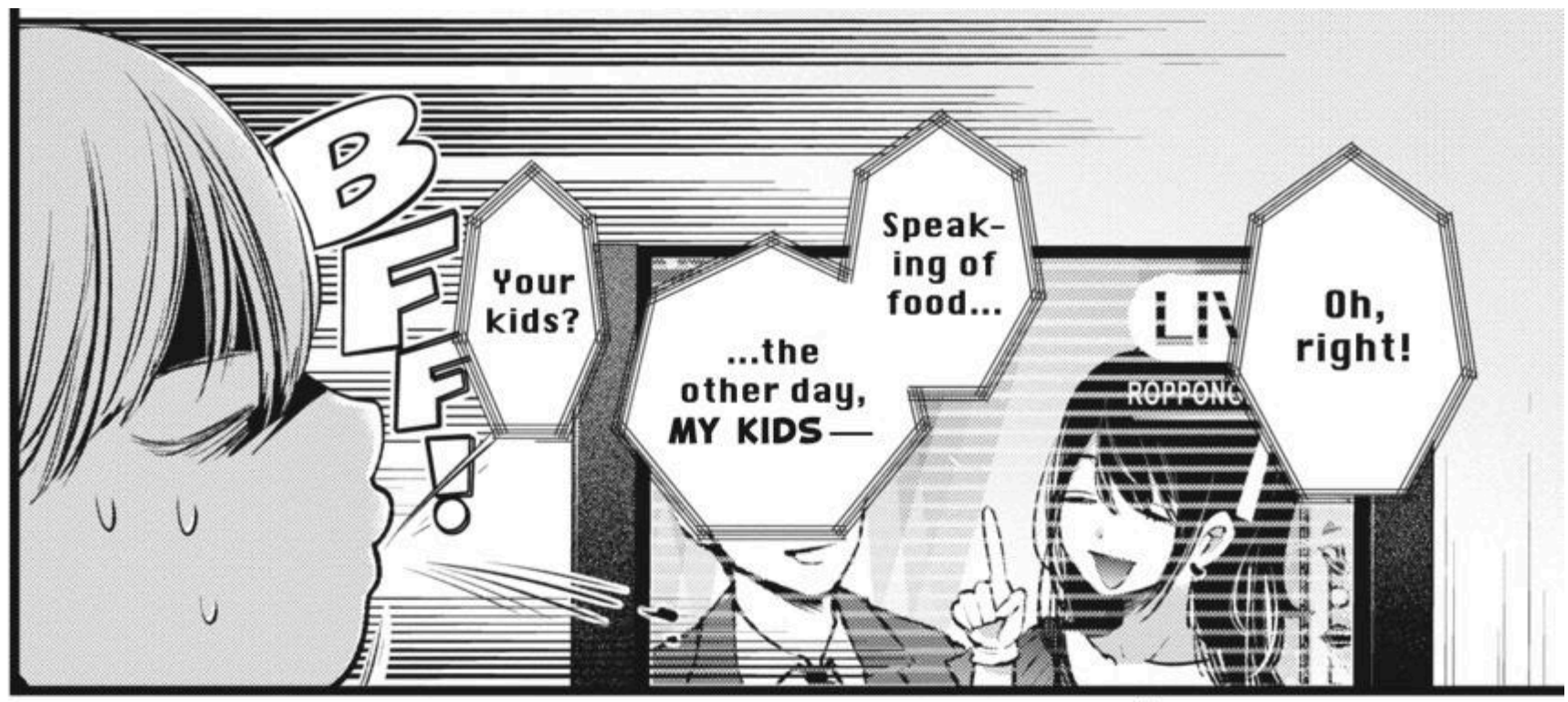
LIVE
ZZZZZ

WHY DID THEY DUMP THIS ON ME?
UUUGH! I'VE NEVER BABYSAT IN MY LIFE.....


LIVE
ROPPONGI STUDIO
Let's hear it for the members of B Komachi!

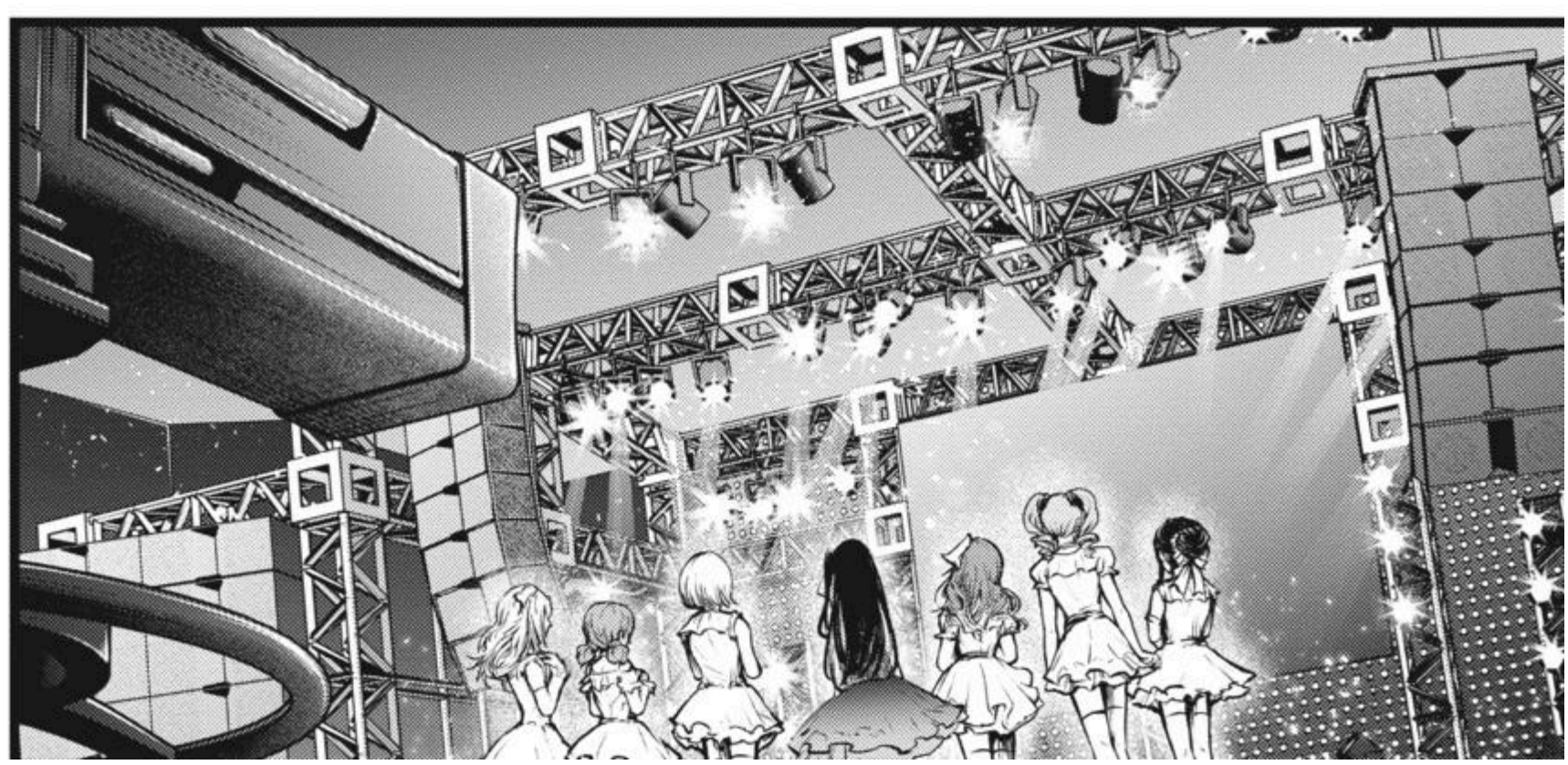
Ai...

GOOD. SHE'S DOING FINE.
LIVE
Yes, I'm eating a ton!
Are you okay? Are you eating properly?
So, Ai-san, this is your first day back on the job!


BFF!
Your kids?
...the other day, MY KIDS—
Speak-ing of food...
Oh, right!

And now!
B Komachi, please set up for your performance!
LIVE

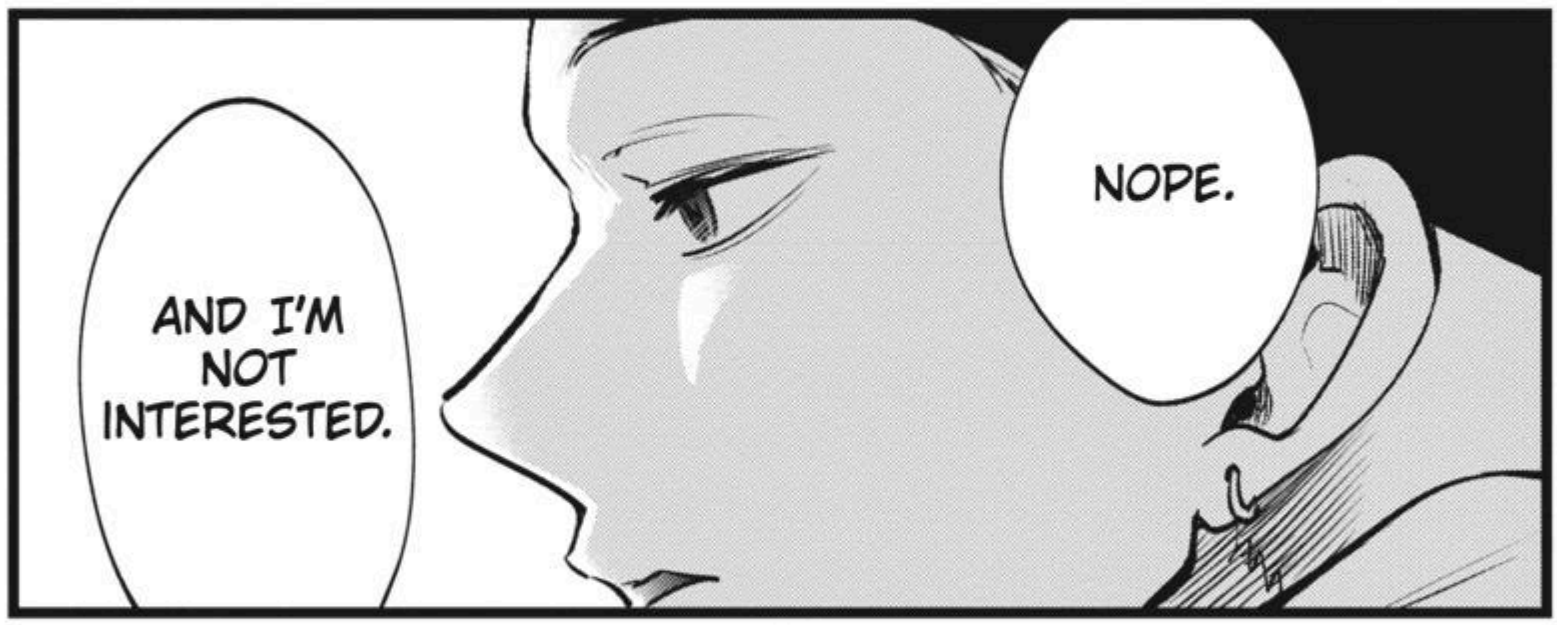
BAKU BAKU BAKU (THADUMP)
How about that...
I adopted them during my recovery.
Oh, I mean, MY KITTENS!
HYEH HYEH!
YEAH, ACTUALLY, THIS MAY NOT WORK.



GIVE US A STELLAR SHOW!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

WE'LL BE SWITCHING CAMERAS IN THIRTY SECONDS.

DO YOU KNOW THEM?
B KOMA-CHI...


NOPE.
AND I'M NOT INTERESTED.

WE HAVE TO TALK THEM UP, EVEN IF THEY'VE GOT NOTHING. WHAT DO WE DO?
ABOUT ALL I COULD COMPLIMENT IS THEIR CENTER'S FACE.
MASS-PRODUCED IDOLS.
I HEARD THEIR CD.
...AL-THOUGH THAT'S WHAT SELLS, I GUESS.
HOW-EVER YOU WANT TO TAKE IT, THEY'RE JUST AVER-AGE.

ICHIGO PRO? HAVEN'T HEARD OF THEIR AGENCY EITHER.

THEY'RE JUST A HYPED-UP INDIE GROUP.

I KNOW THEIR NAME, BUT THEY DROPPED OFF THE RADAR FOR SIX MONTHS.

SO WHO FORCED THIS THROUGH?

LET'S TAKE THAT ONE OUT TO EAT.

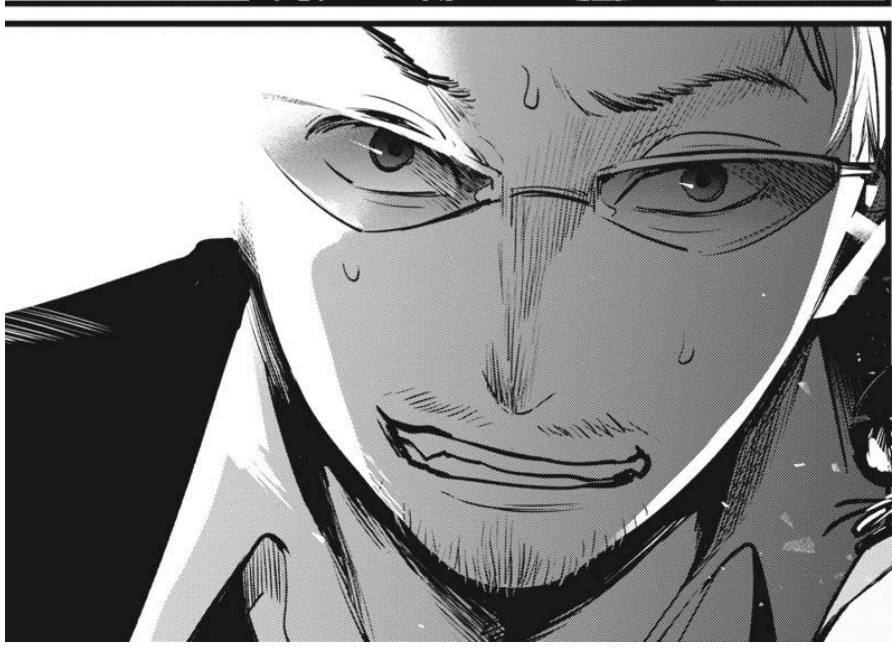
SHE LOOKS LIKE THE PRO-DUCER'S TYPE.

HEY, ONE OF THEM HAS A NICE RACK.

WHY NOT HAVE HER DO PINUP WORK?

...IS A PRO-FES-SIONAL LIAR.

SEE, MY Ai...



THAT PRESIDENT'S SOMETHING ELSE.
IF PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT THIS, HE'LL LOSE EVERYTHING.
YOU CAN'T HELP LOSING YOUR GRIP A LITTLE...
I GET IT, THOUGH.
...PEOPLE JUST...
FACED WITH A LIGHT THAT'S TOO INTENSE...

GET

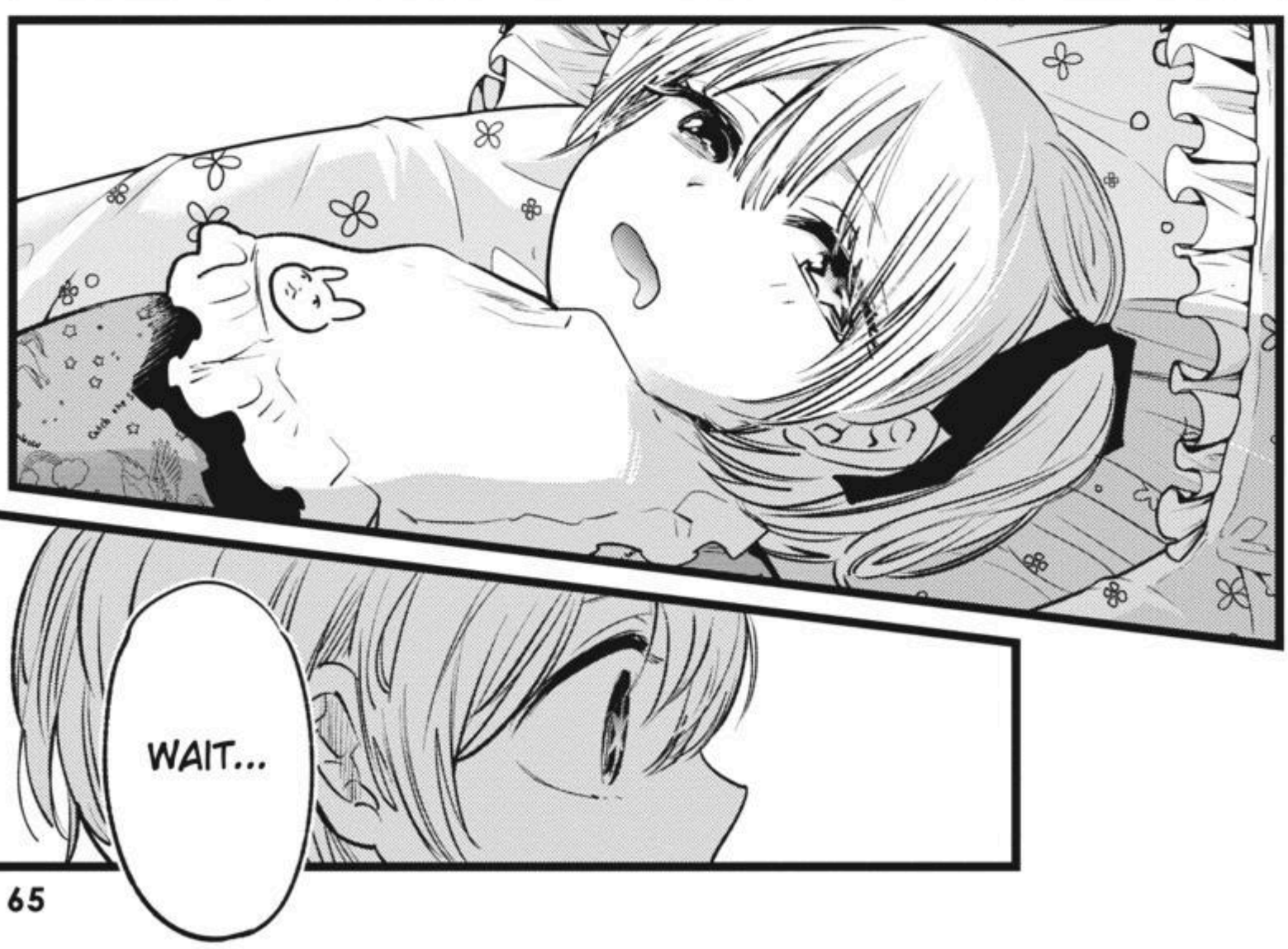
...AND I'M ACTUALLY GRATEFUL TO HIM!

I MEAN, SOME GUY KILLED ME...
WHY...?
POPPING OUT BRATS...
YOU LIAR...
...YOU TRICKED ME.....

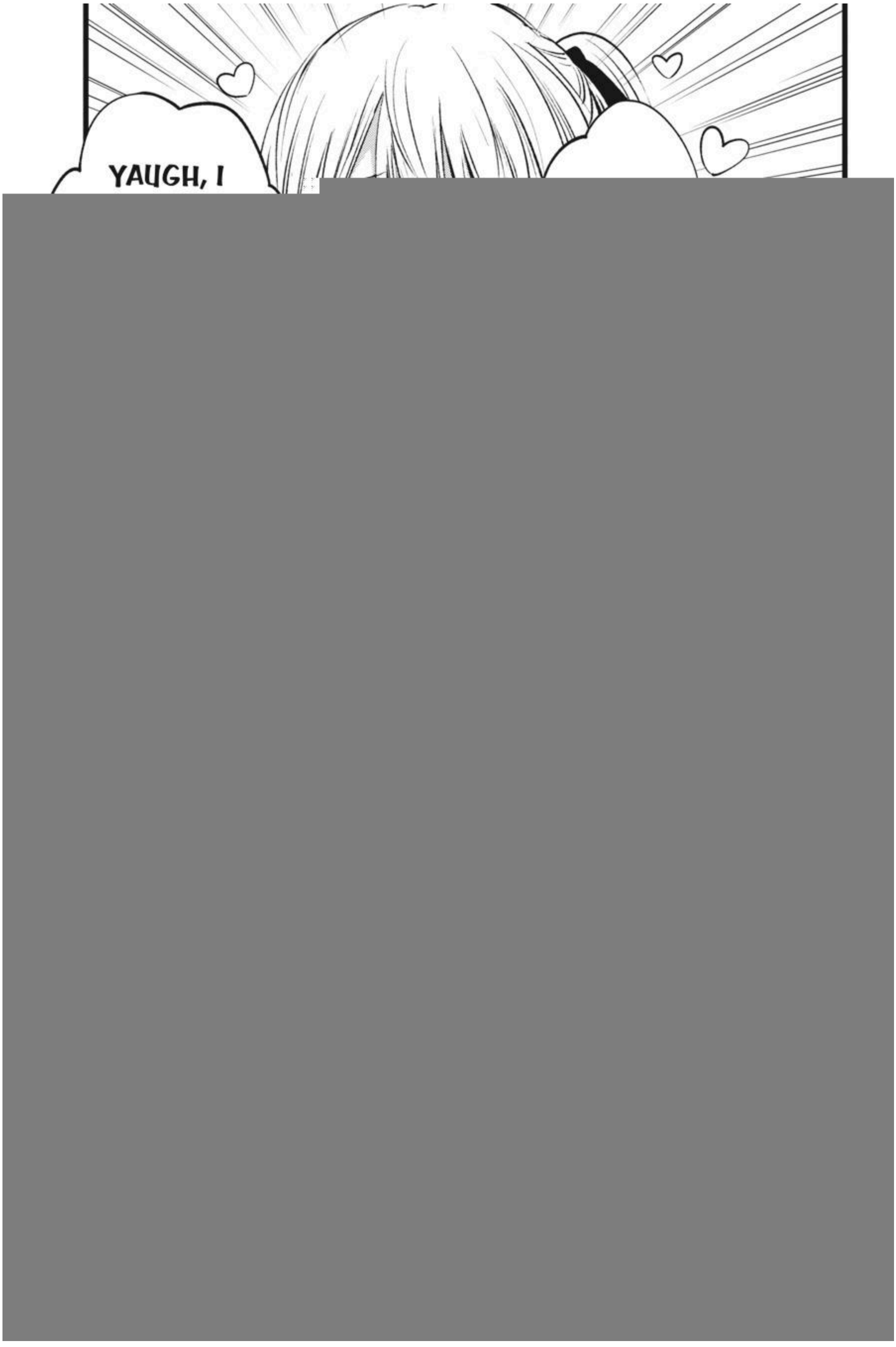
DAH...
AWAH...
TO BE HON-EST...
...I WISH SHE COULD HAVE HAD NORMAL KIDS...

...I WOULD NOT BE THE LEAST BIT SUR-PRISED.
IF THIS REINCAR-NATION...
...IS A MIRACLE WORKED BY ALL THE OBSESSION FOCUSED ON HER...

SO I'M JUST GOING TO ENJOY THIS.
AWAH...
YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE SUPER-NATURAL.
...BUT IT'S OUT OF MY CON-TROL.


WAIT...

WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP!?
JITA (FLAIL)
HEY, N-STE IS ON ALREADY !!
JITA
EVERY VIEWER SHOULD BE PAYING A HUNDRED MILLION YEN FOR THIS!!
MOM IS WAAAY TOO CUTE!
EEEEEEE! OMIGAWD!!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