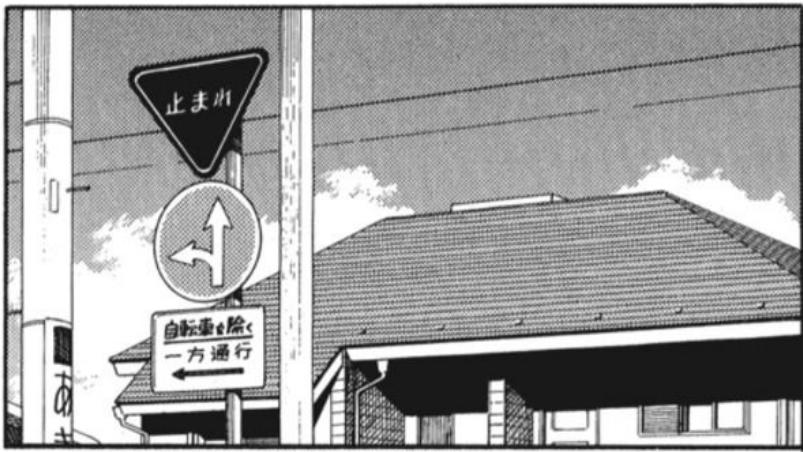


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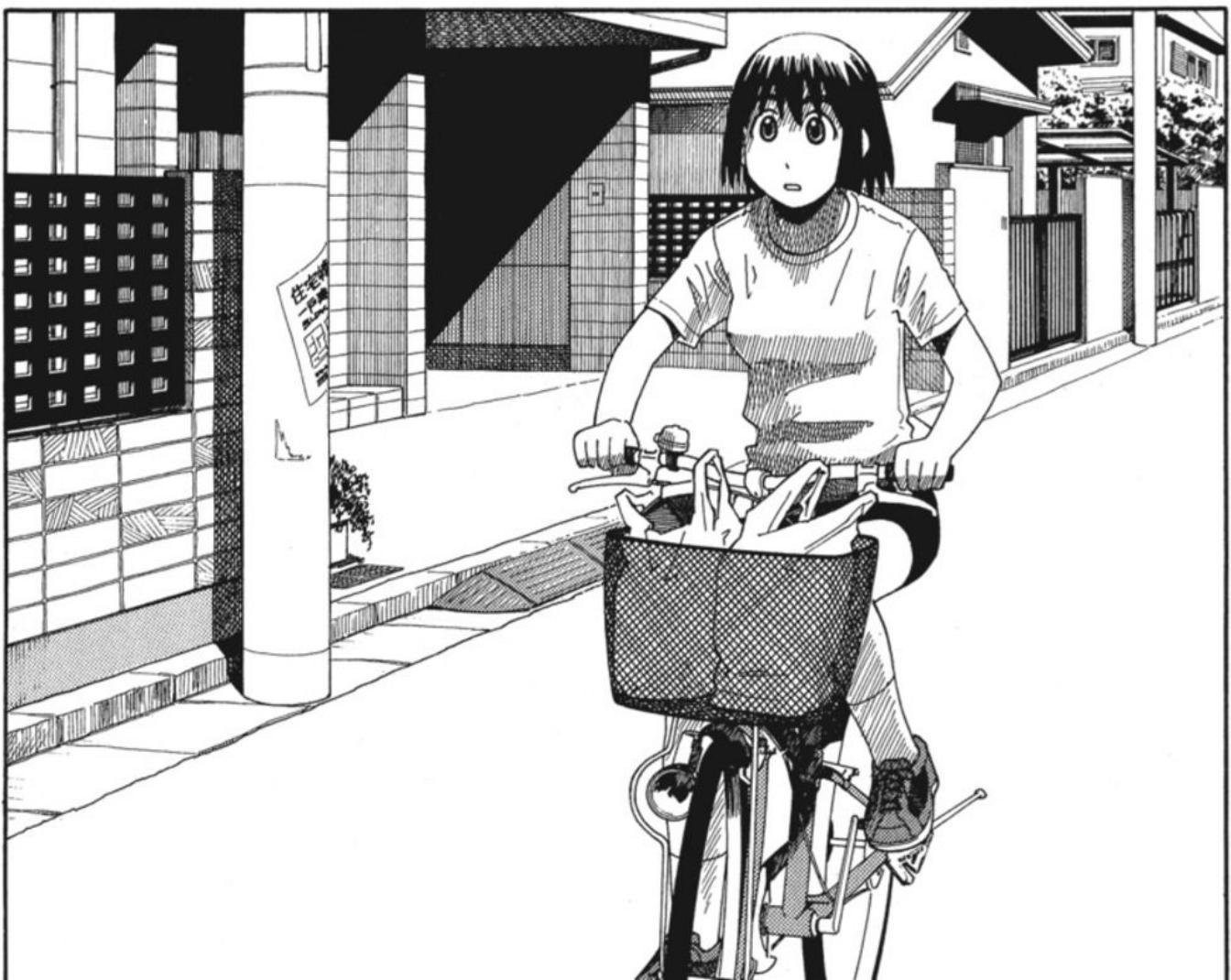
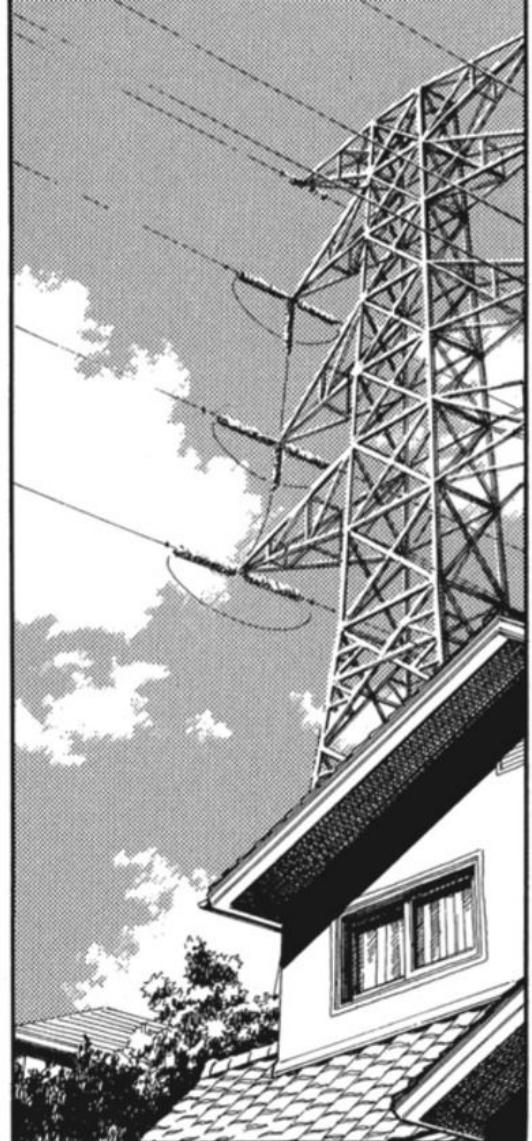
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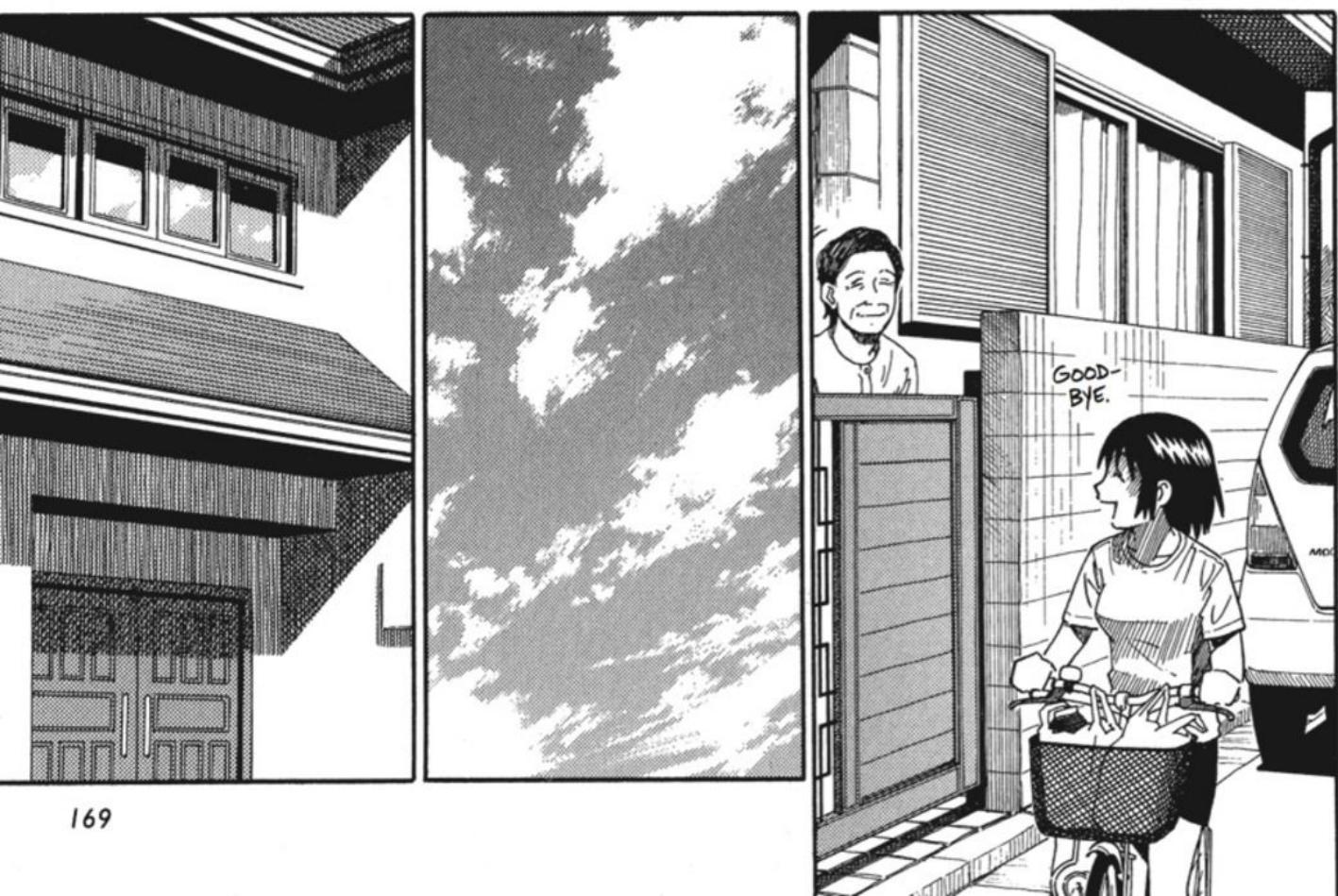
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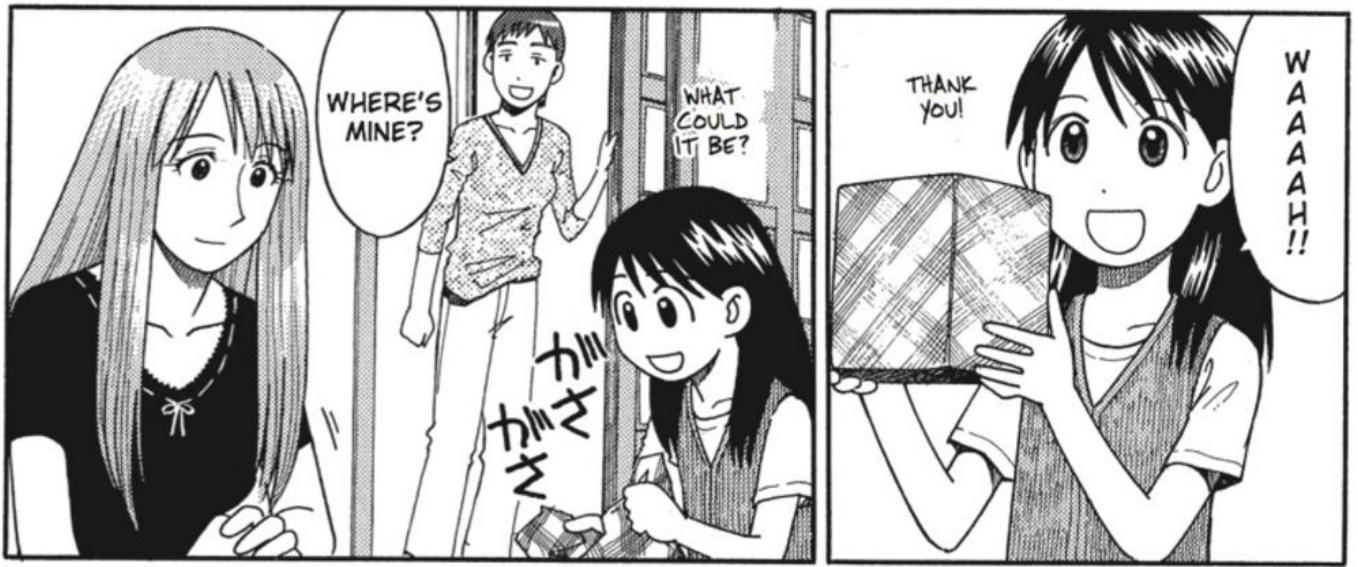




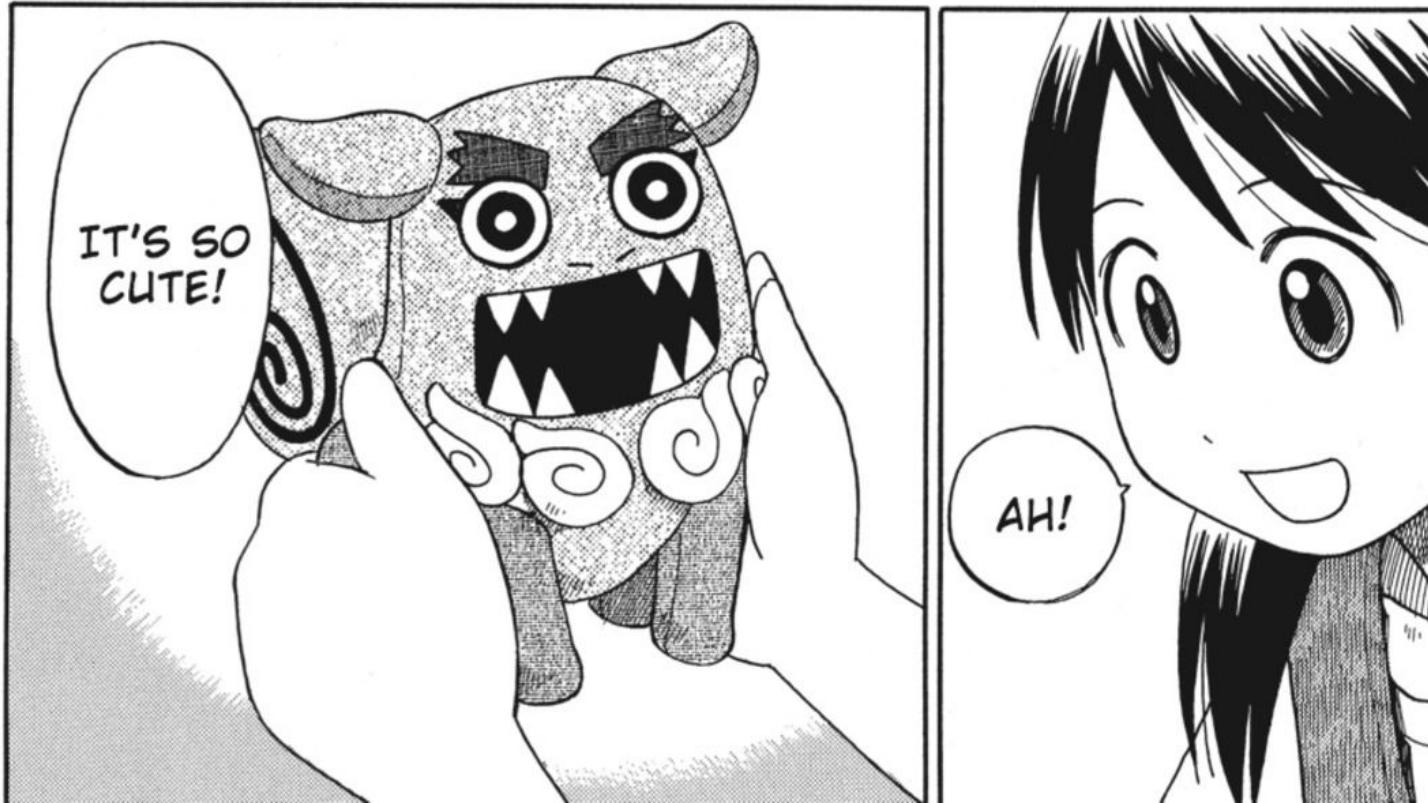
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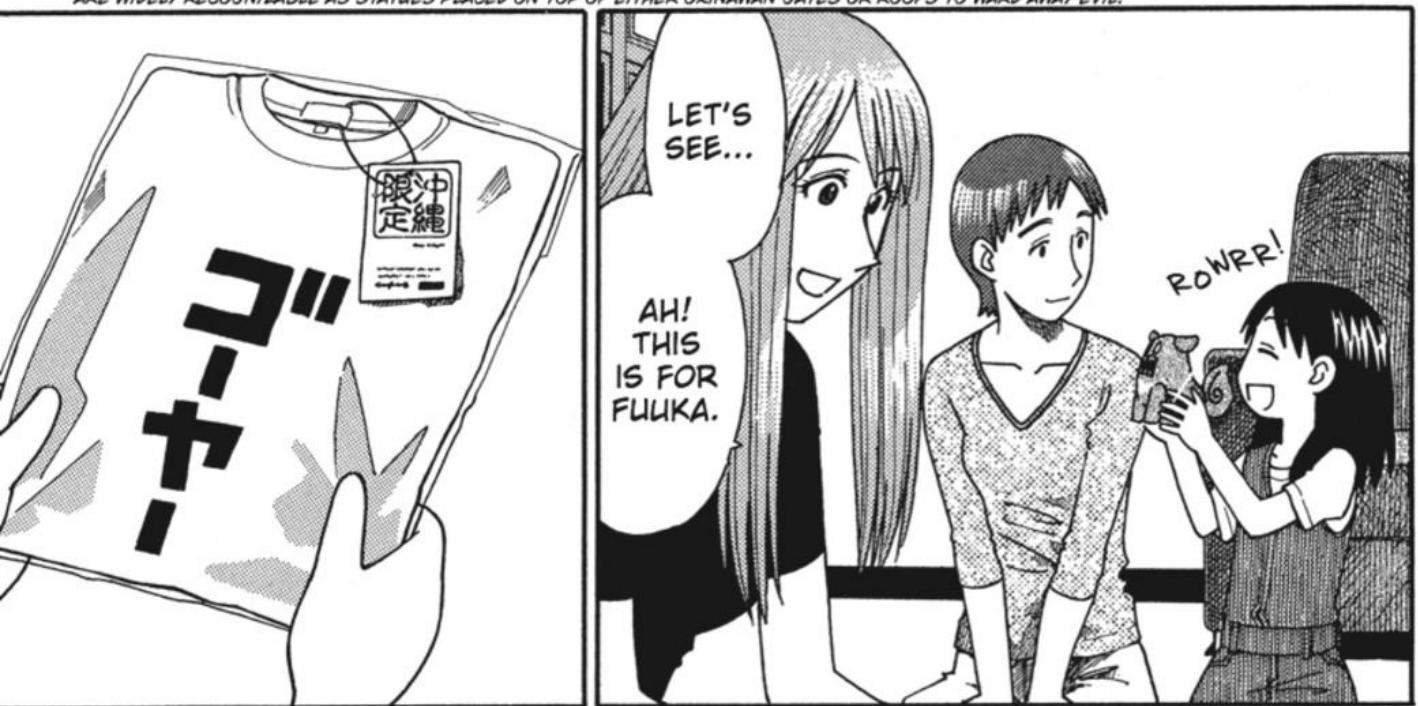


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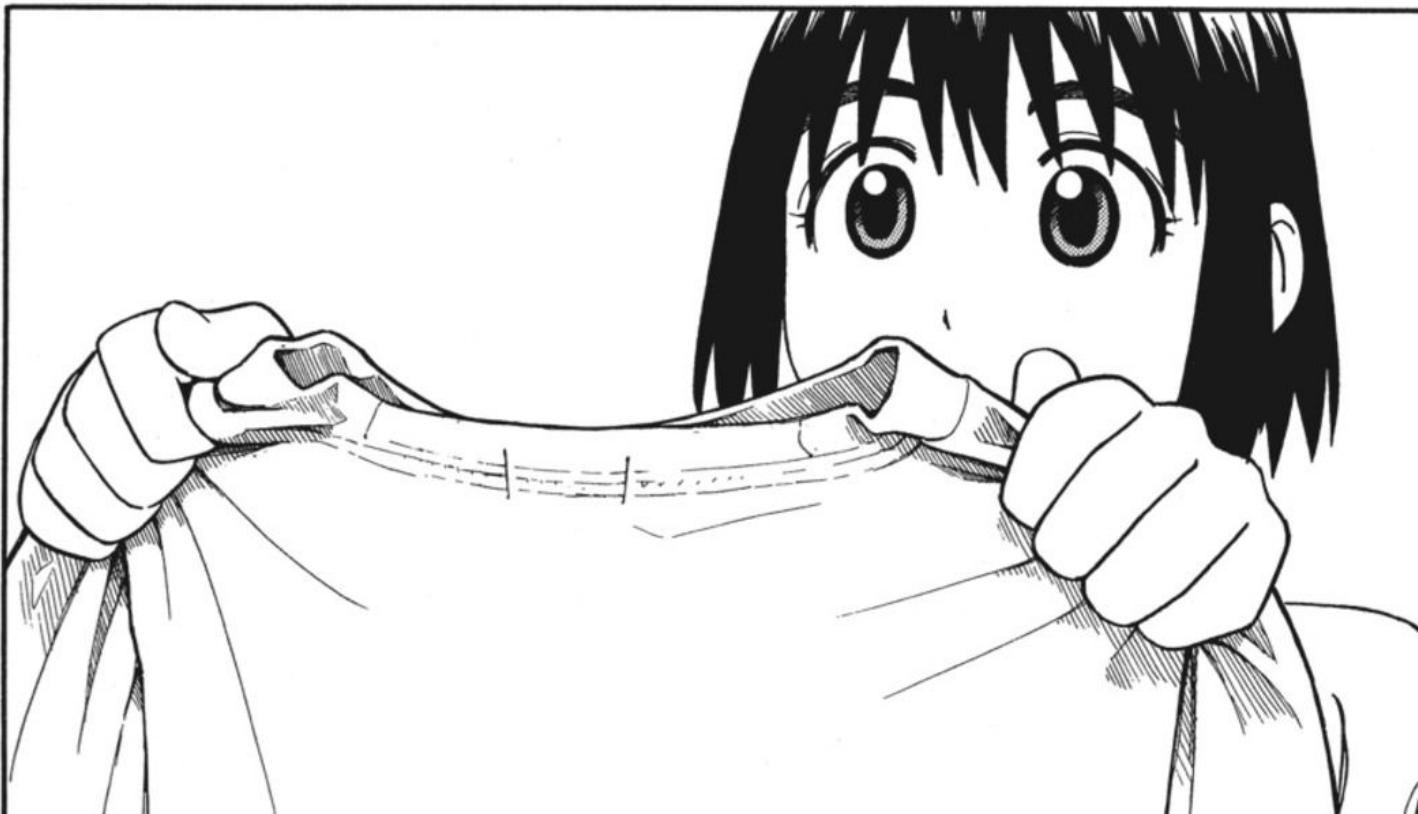
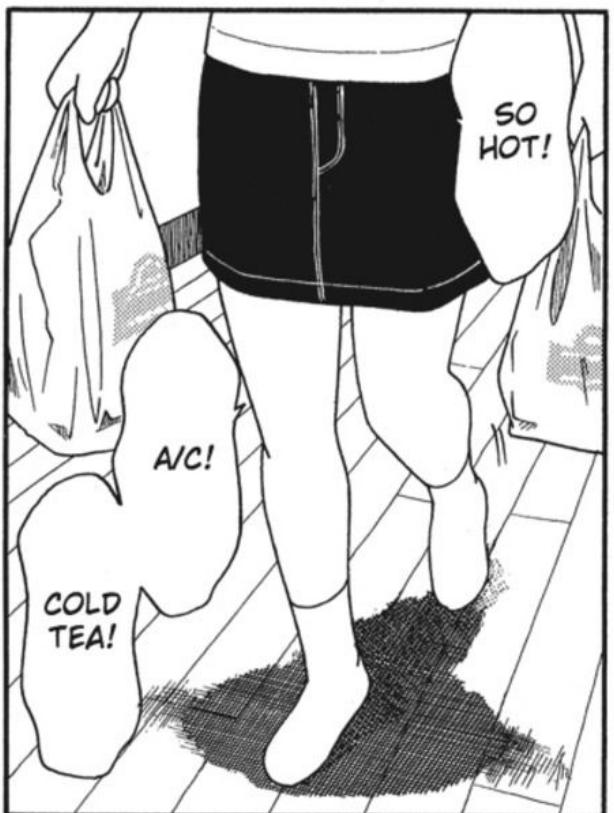
*SHISA: CREATURES FROM OKINAWAN MYTHOLOGY RESEMBLING A CROSS BETWEEN A LION AND A DOG. NOWADAYS, THEY ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZABLE AS STATUES PLACED ON TOP OF EITHER OKINAWAN GATES OR ROOFS TO WARD AWAY EVIL.



SHIRT TAG: OKINAWA LIMITED / SHIRT: GOYAA

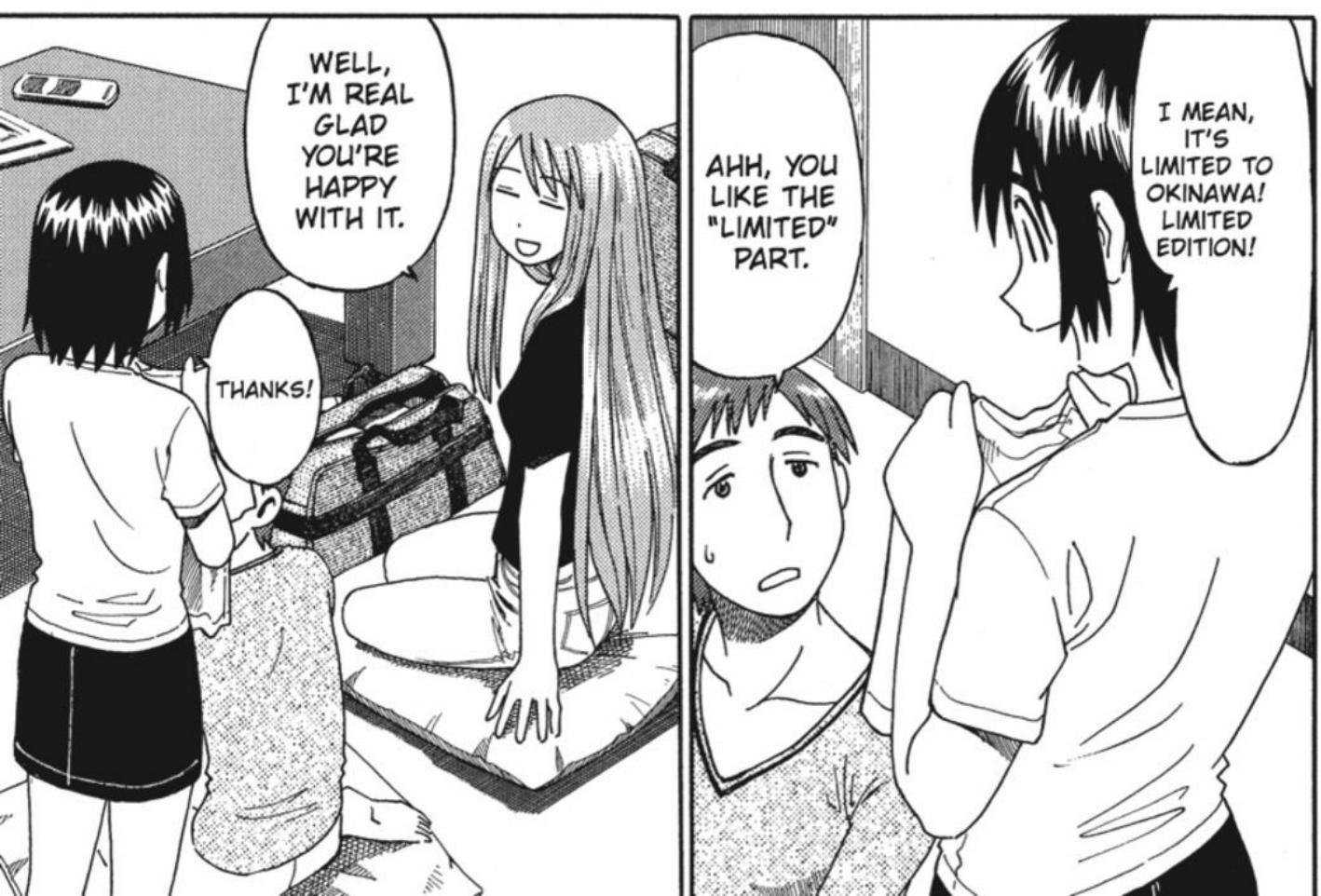


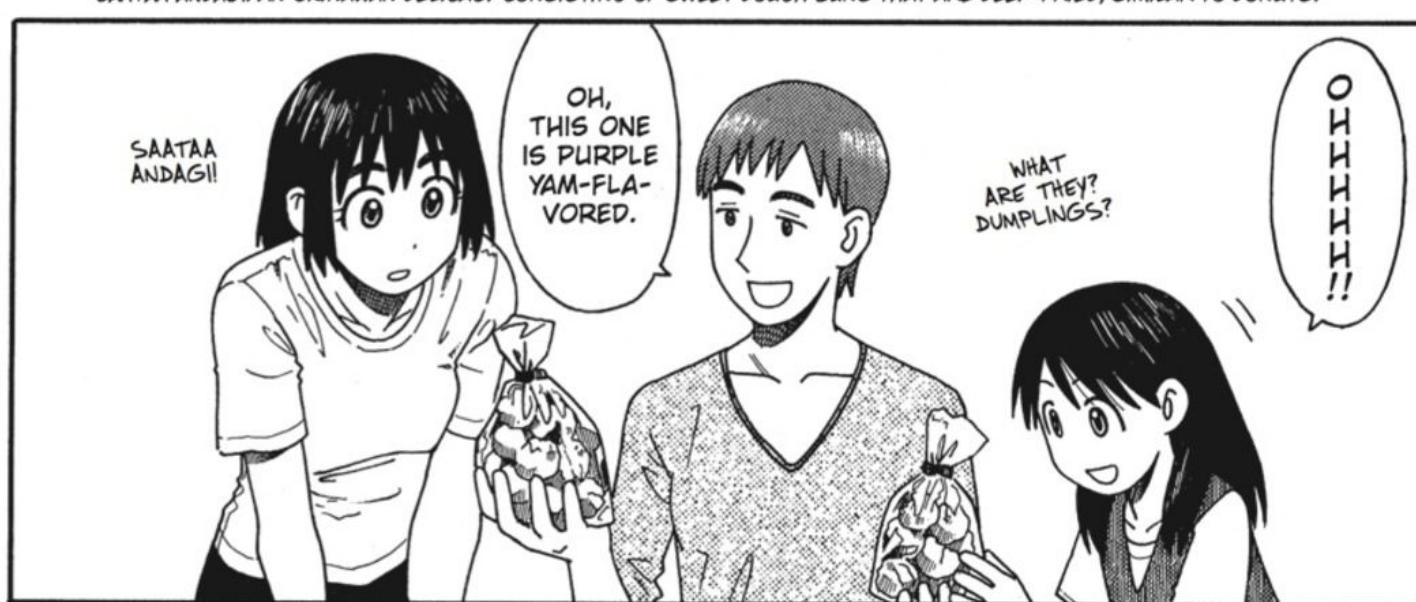
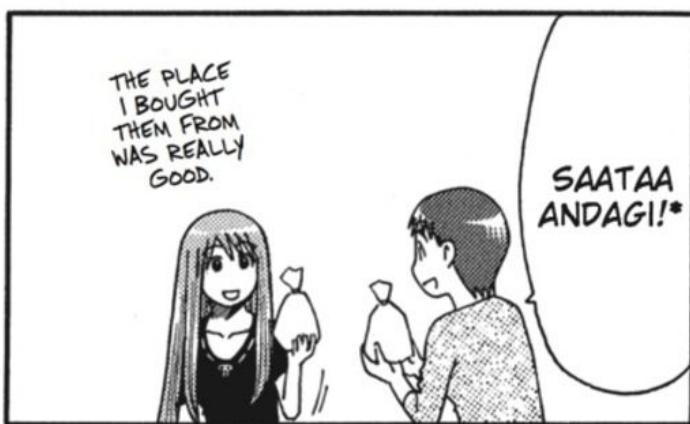
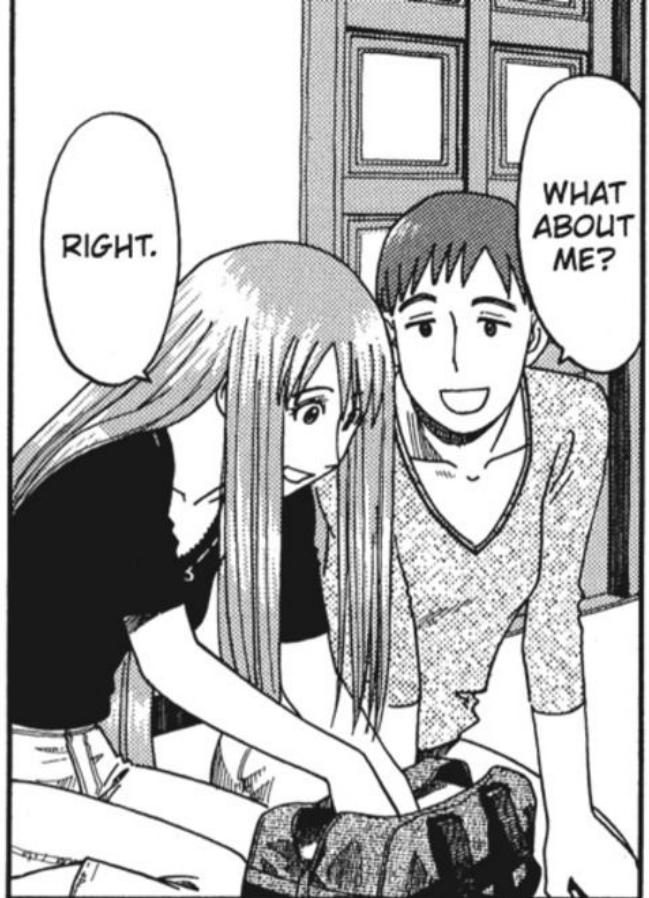
** GOYAA: KNOWN AS "BITTER MELON" IN ENGLISH, THIS VEGETABLE GROWS IN SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN ASIA AND IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OKINAWAN CUISINE.

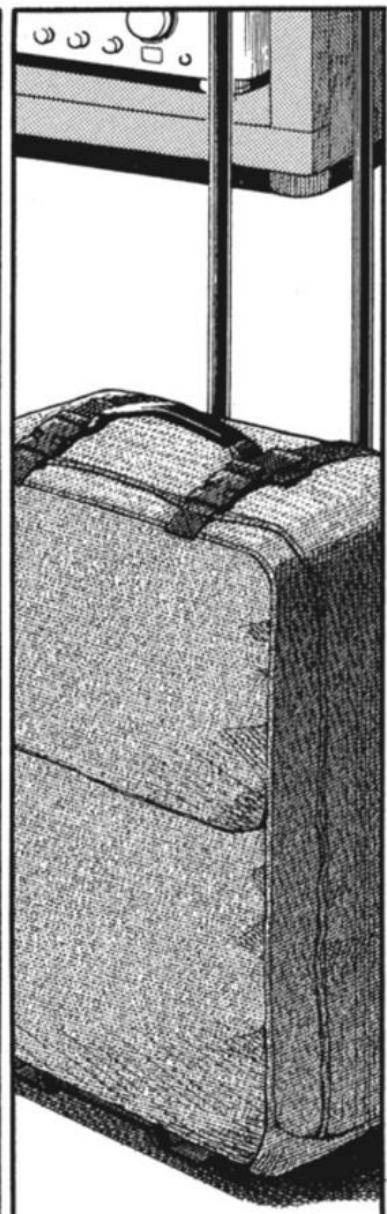
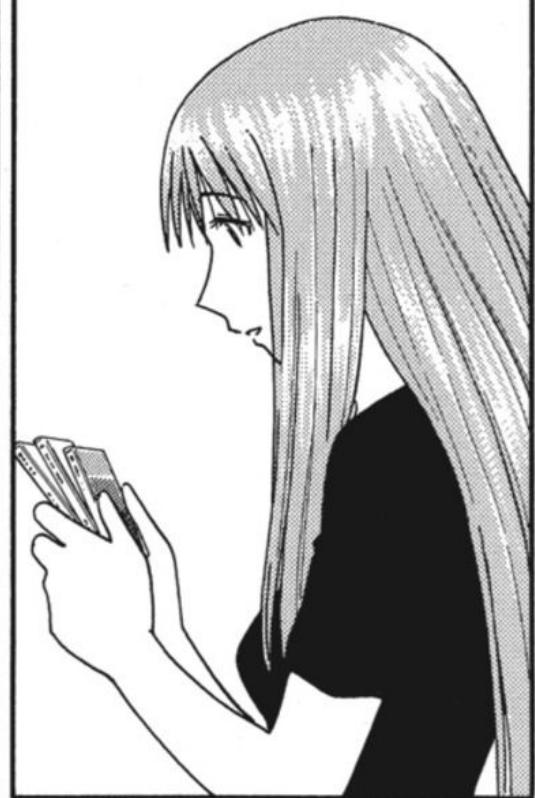
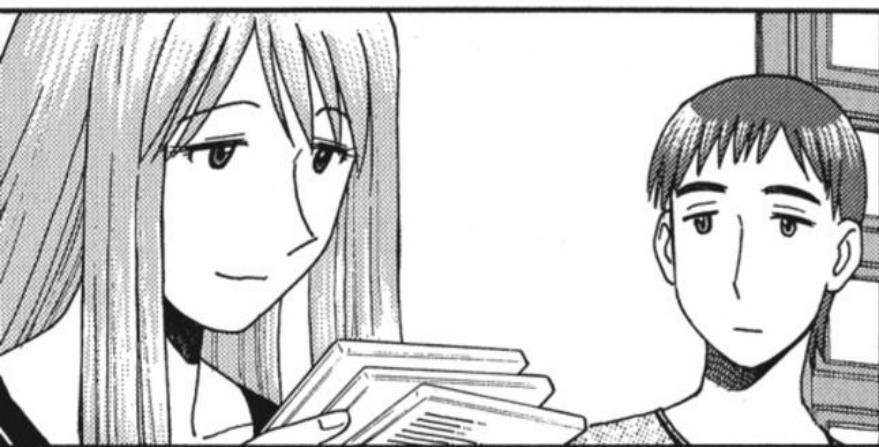




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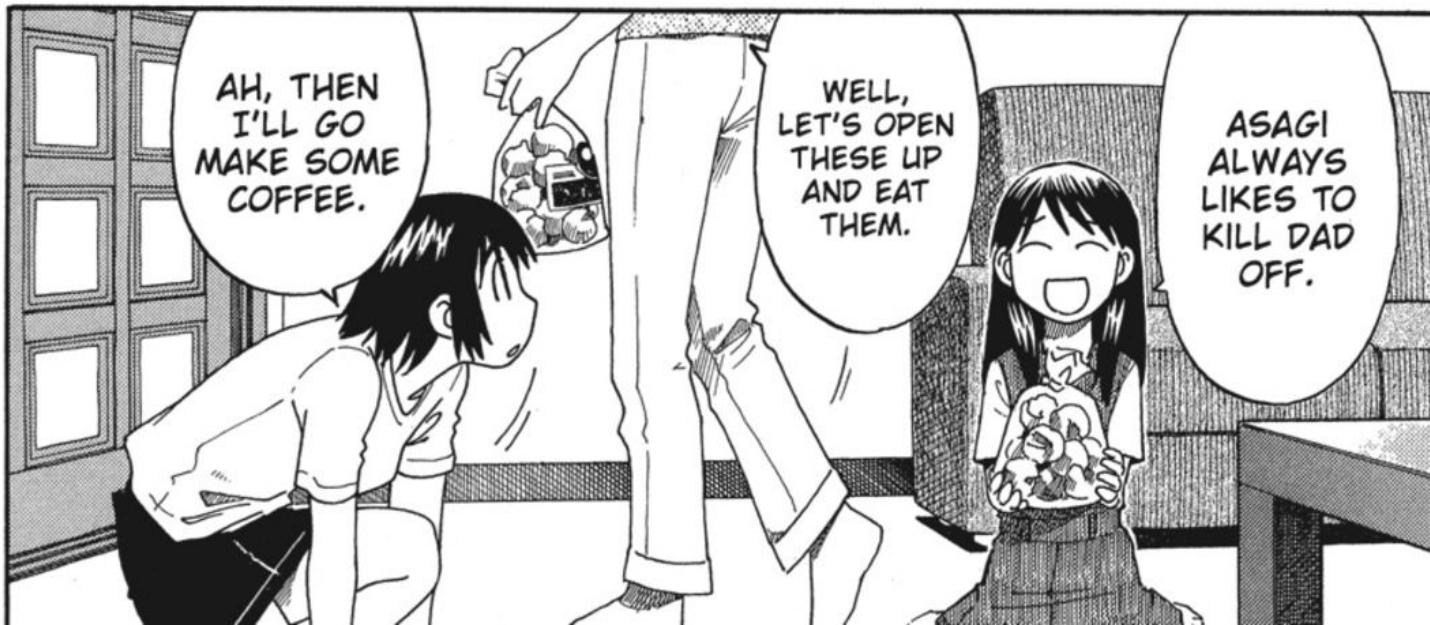
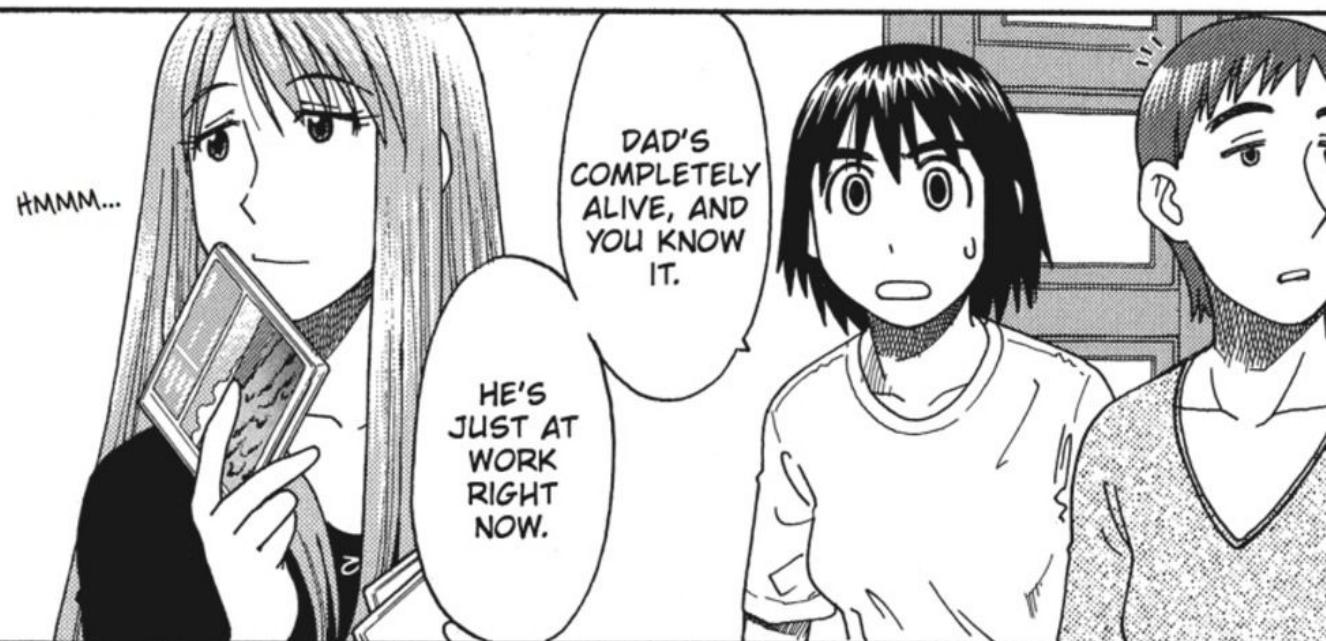


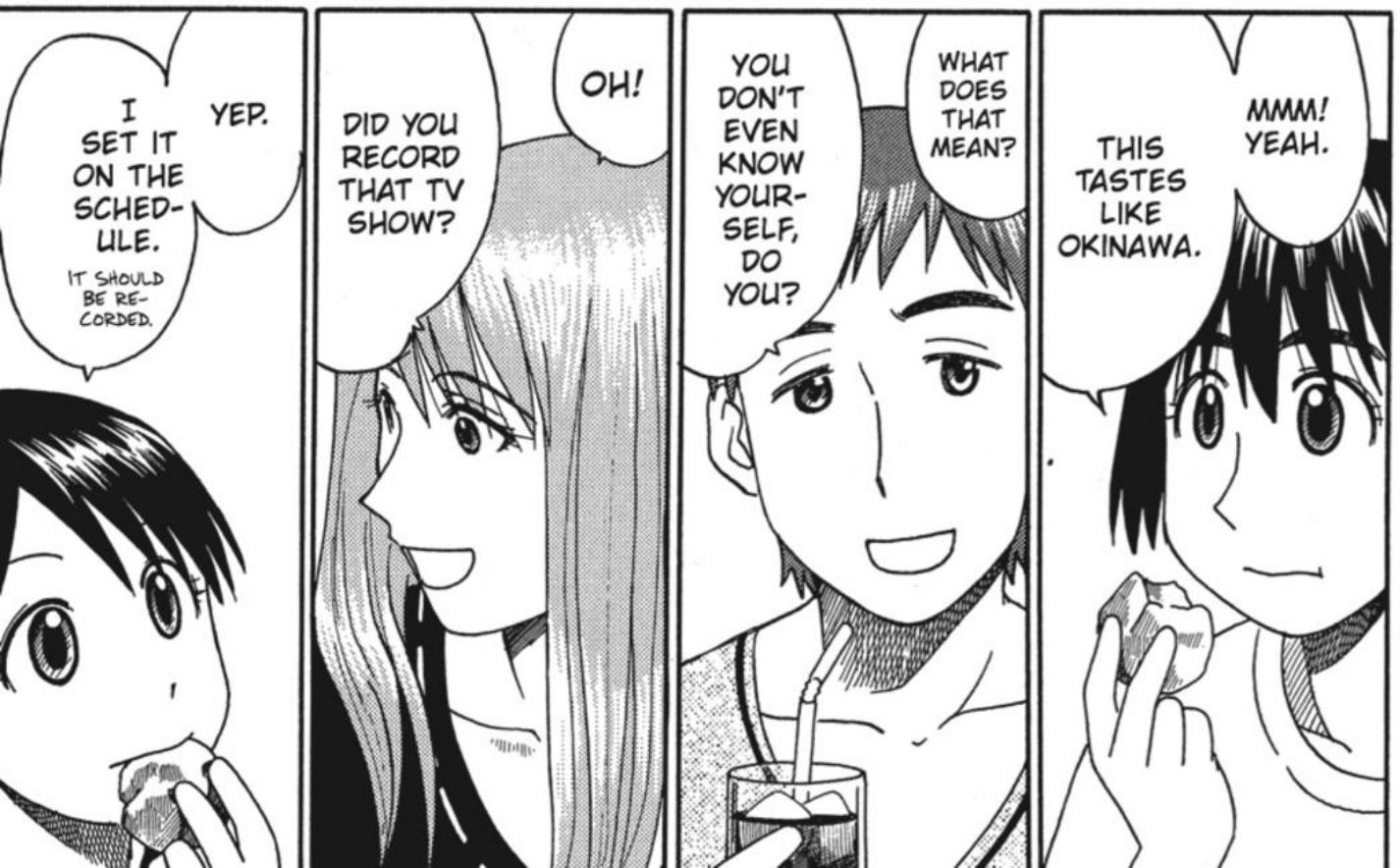
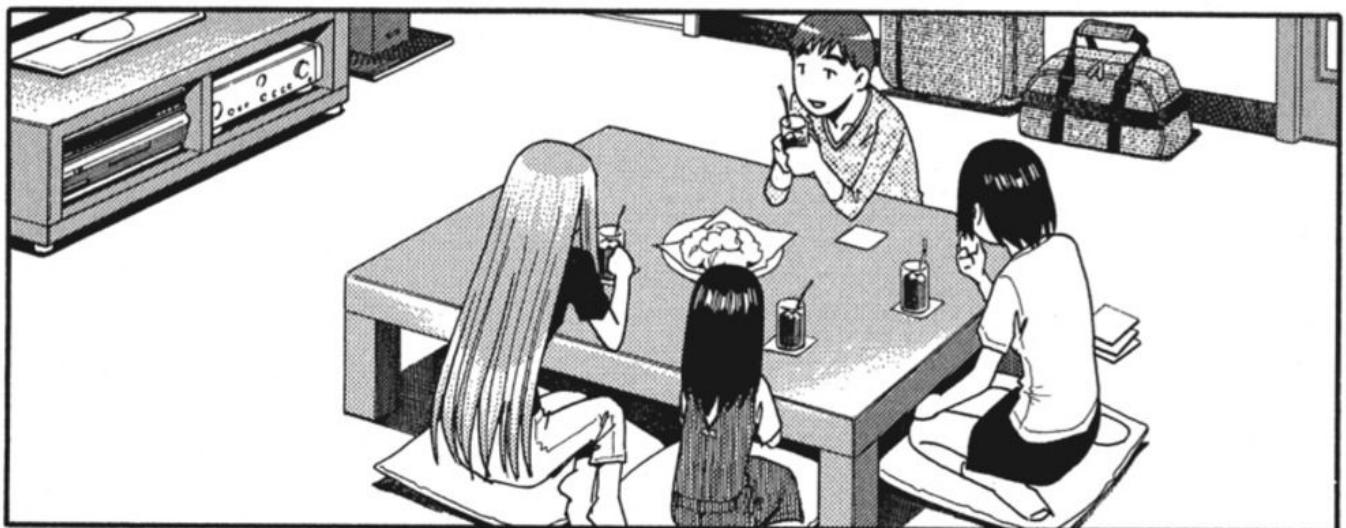
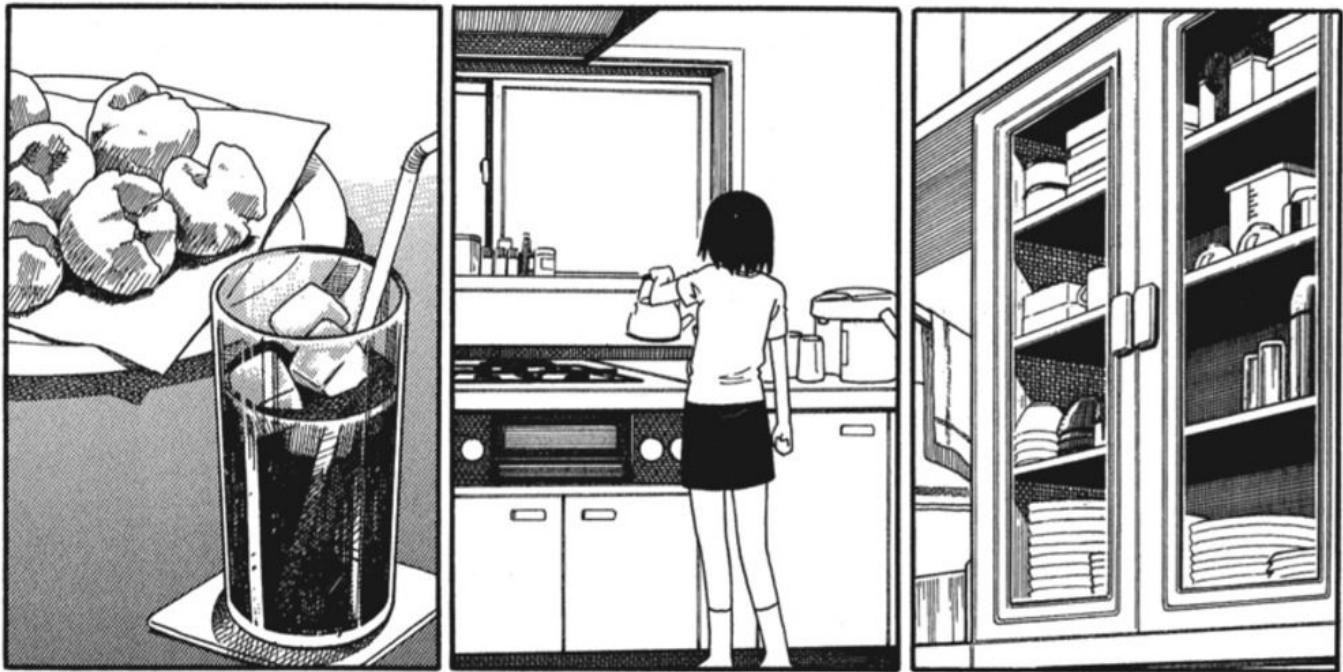






NO,
NO,
NO.





BUT
DOESN'T
THIS
USE A
HARD
DISK OR
SOMETHING?

I USED
TO KNOW
HOW TO
DO IT BACK
WHEN WE
USED THE
VCR.

YOU CAN
SCHEDULE
RECORD-
INGS NOW.
INCRED-
IBLE.

THERE'S
NOTHING
"INCREDIBLE"
ABOUT IT.
IT'S EASY.

HARD
DISKS?

NO, IT'S
SIMPLE.

HARD
DISKS ARE
WAY TOO
COMPLI-
CATED.

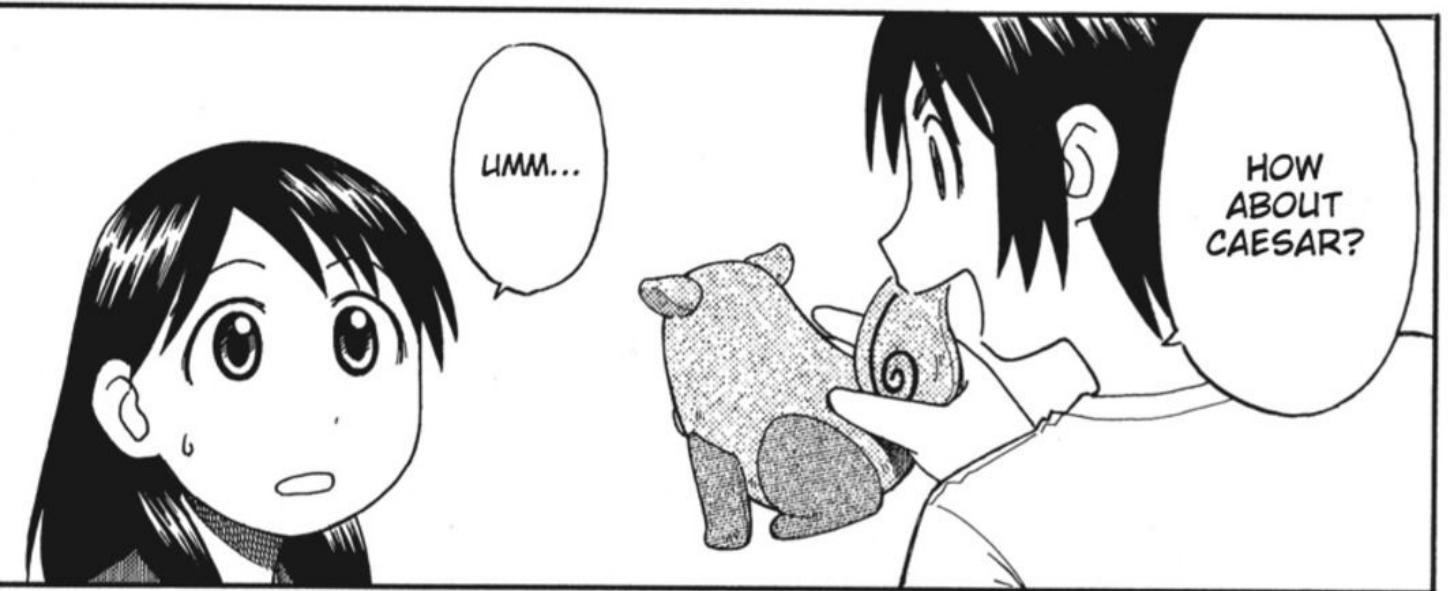
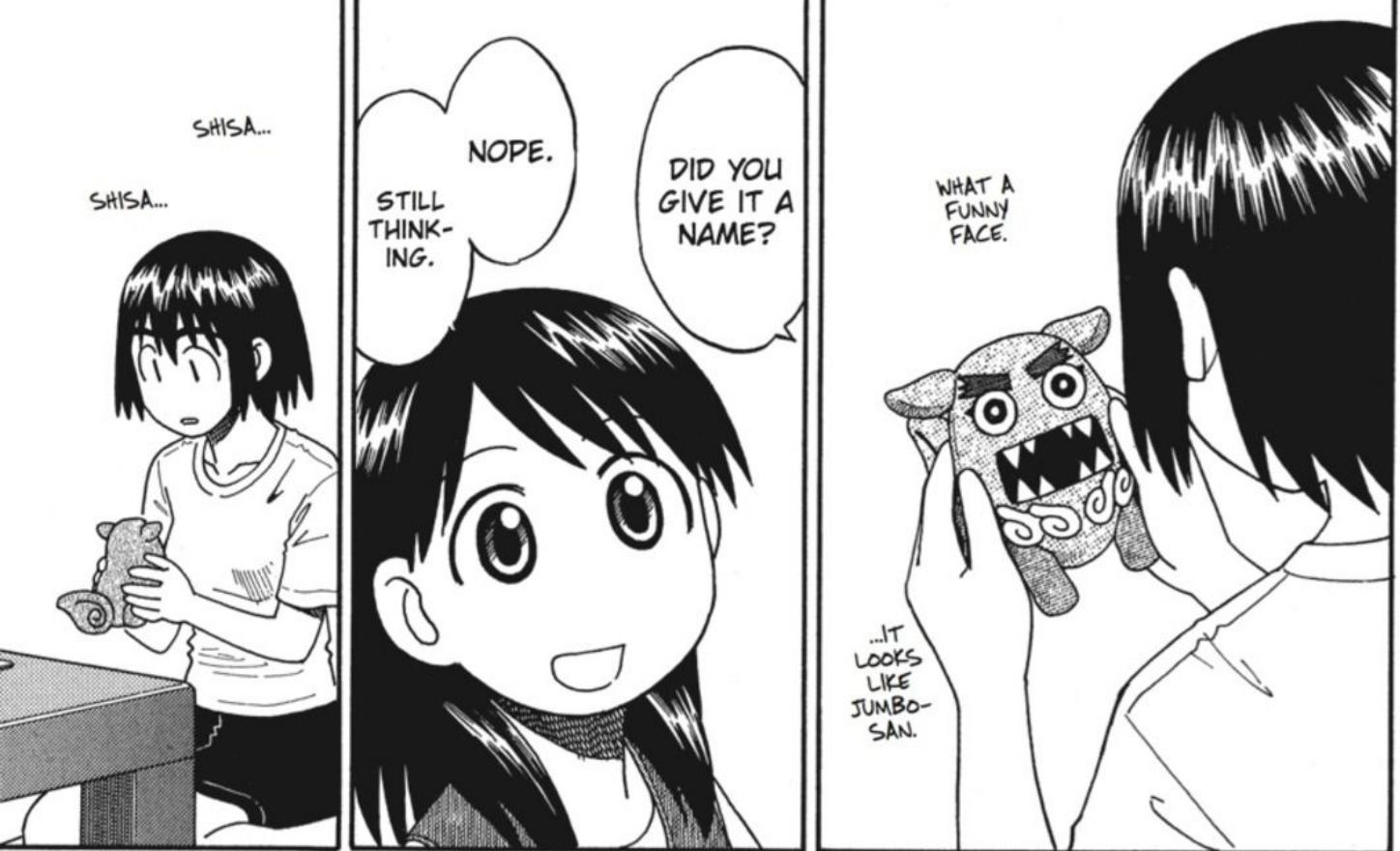
DO YOU
HAVE ANY
SAVINGS
LEFT?

NOT A
CENT.

LET
ME
SEE!

HEY!
A
SHISA!
RIGHT?

IT'S
SO
EASY
TO
USE.



OH YEAH?

IT'S FINE.
I'LL THINK
OF SOME-
THING.

AMURO...
GUSHIKEN...
SHIMABU-
KURO...*

HMM...

OKINAWA-ISH...

*FUKA IS NAMING FAMOUS OKINAWANS: POP STAR NAMIE AMURO, PROFESSIONAL BOXER YOKO GUSHIKEN, AND SINGER HIROKO SHIMABUKURO, FORMERLY OF THE GROUP SPEED.

HMM...

WHAT
KIND OF
STUFF
IS IN
OKINAWA?

ASAGI?

YOU
HAVE TO
THINK OF
THINGS
FROM
OKI-
NAWA
...

...LIKE...

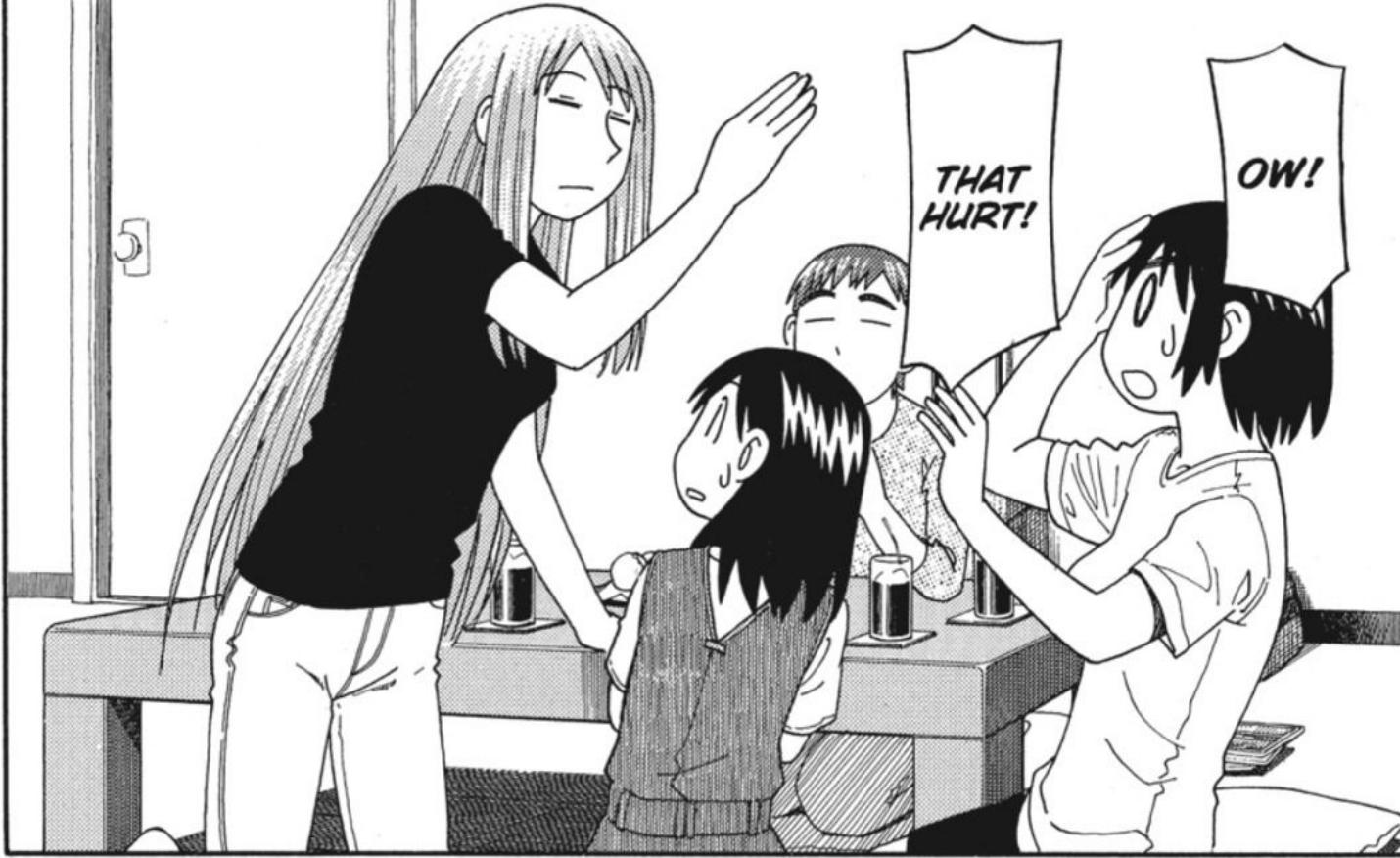
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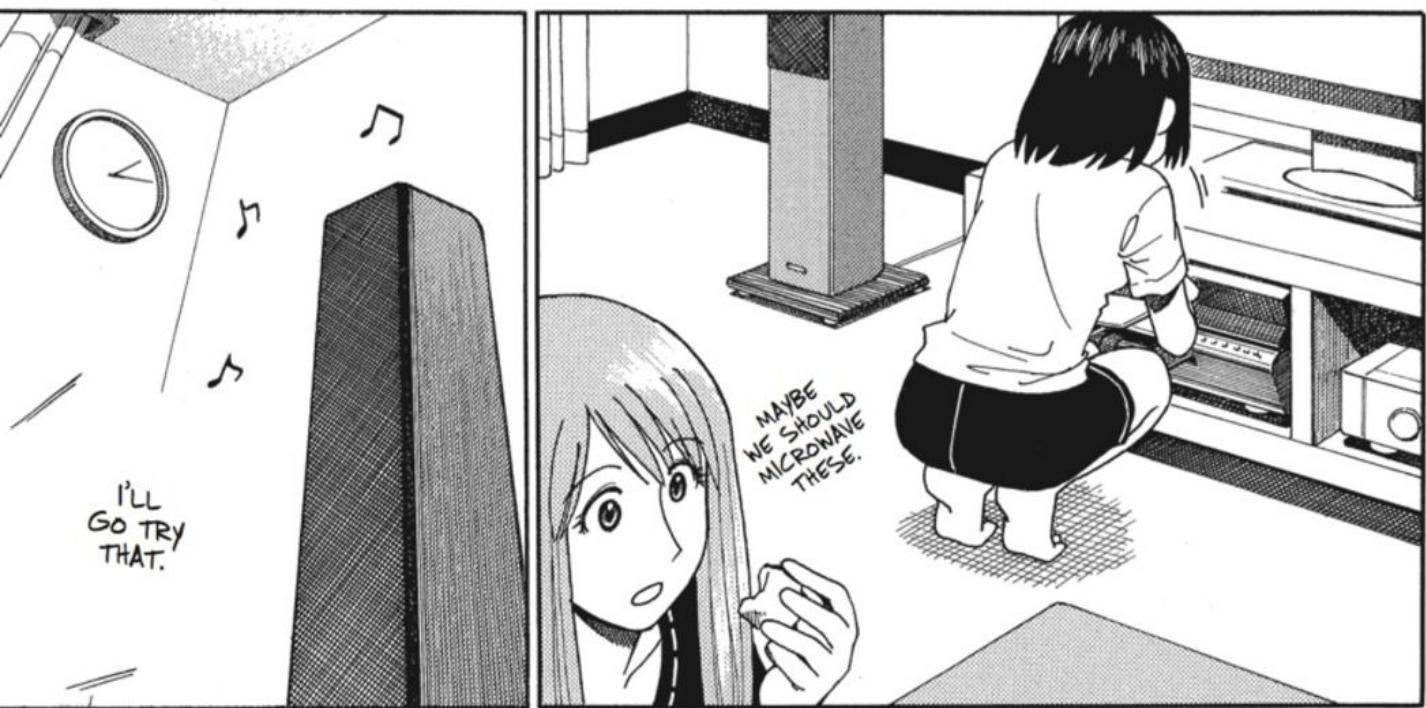
ENA!

WHAT?
NOTHING
AT ALL?

NOTHING,
REALLY.

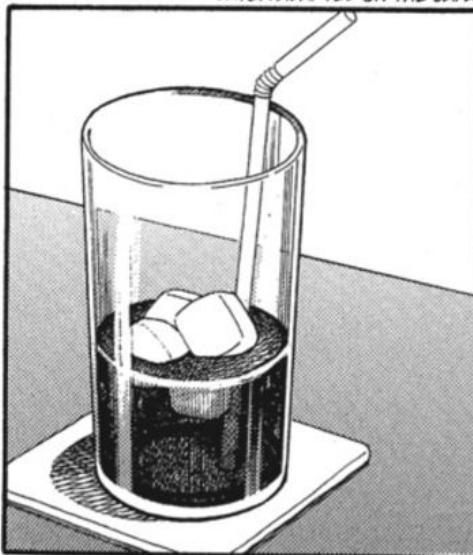


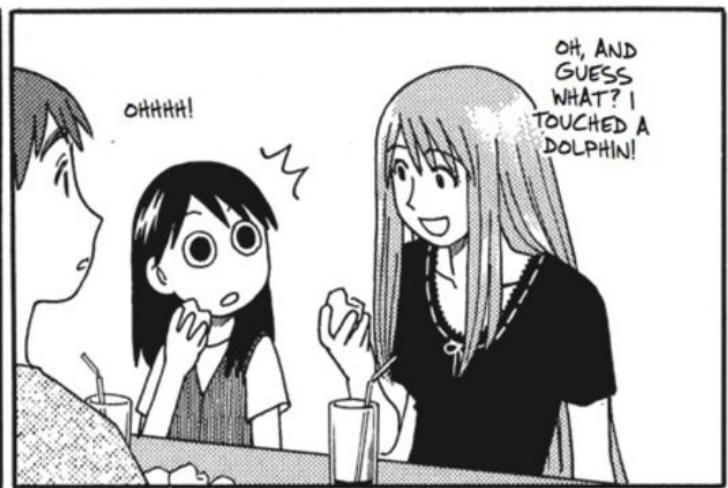


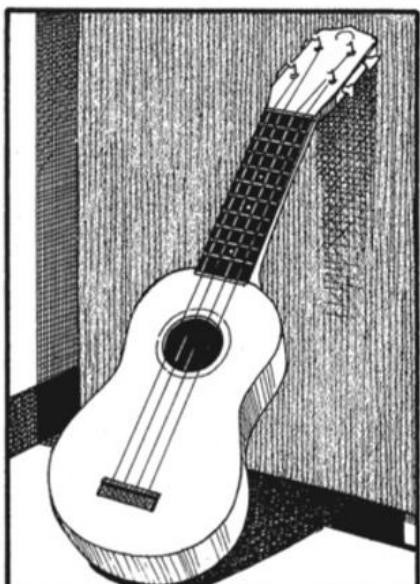




*SANSHIN: A THREE-STRINGED OKINAWAN INSTRUMENT THAT WAS LATER ADAPTED ON THE JAPANESE MAINLAND INTO THE SHAMISEN.









*OBON: A JAPANESE SUMMER HOLIDAY DURING WHICH ONE'S ANCESTORS ARE HONORED. BECAUSE OF THE FAMILIAL NATURE OF THE HOLIDAY, IT IS COMMON TO REUNITE WITH EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS.

