





IF I ACT
AND TALK
AS
MIDORI..

NO! I
CAN'T!

I KEEP PICTUR-
ING THE WAY
AYUMI'S
MIDORI TALKED
OR ACTED...

I CAN'T BE
MIDORI!

I CAN'T DO
IT!



SO YOU FEEL
LIKE A LOSER
BEFORE YOU
EVEN START
FIGHTING?

MAYA!

YES!



BE-
CAUSE
..

I KNOW
AYUMI IS
REALLY
TALENTED...

I CAN'T ACT
A
MIDORI...

WHO IS
BETTER
THAN
HERS..



IF YOU DON'T
FEEL TALENTED...
NOTHING ELSE
CAN BE DONE!

THEN GIVE IT
UP! YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE IN
THE PLAY
ANYMORE!







AND VERY
TALENTED IN
ACTING...

BEAUTIFUL,
INTELLIGENT,
FROM A
WEALTHY
FAMILY...

HOW CAN
SUCH
PERSON
EXIST?



HERE'S A
FLASH-
LIGHT
TOO

THANK
YOU!

IS
SENSEI
STILL
MAD?



IT'S ME. I
BROUGHT
SOME FOOD
FOR YOU...

SAYA
KA!



I WANT
TO GO
HOME...

MOTHER...



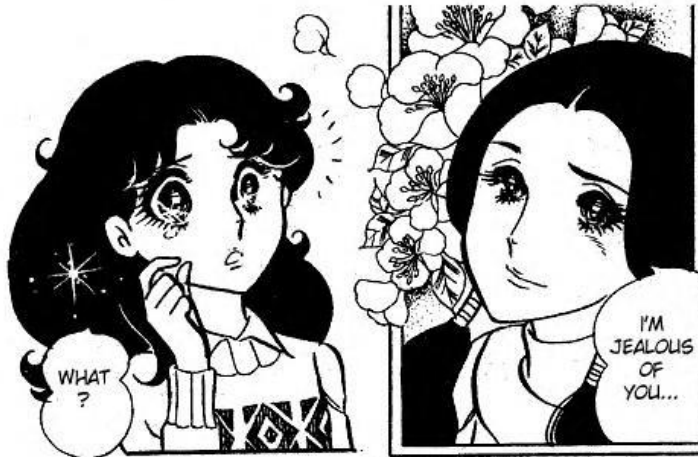
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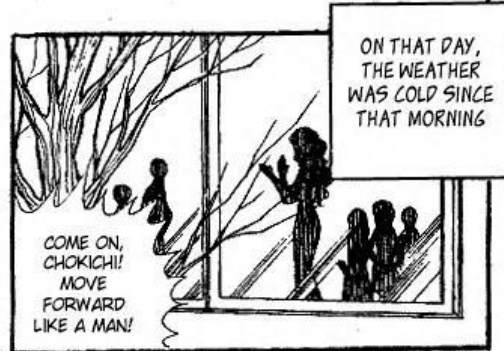


OH
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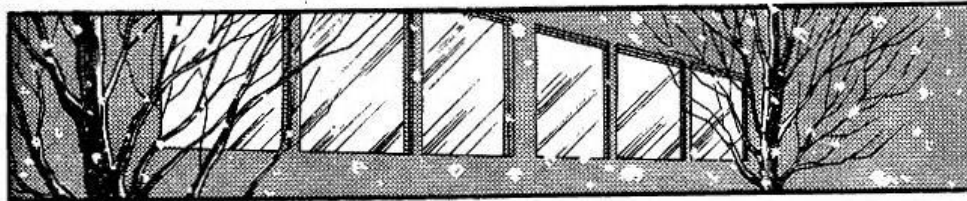


YES... SHE
SAID SHE
WON'T LET YOU
OUT FOR A
WHILE...





ON THAT DAY, THE WEATHER WAS COLD SINCE THAT MORNING



THE COMPETITION DATE IS REALLY CLOSE

IT'S ALREADY MID DECEMBER

THE LIGHT IS ON IN THE PRACTICE ROOM

THEY ARE STILL PRACTICING



NOTHING TO DO!

SO BORED I FEEL LIKE DYING!

I'M BORED!

I WANT TO WATCH TV... OR A PLAY...

HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?



HEY, ON THE 20TH THERE WILL BE A FESTIVAL. HOW ABOUT IF WE COME UP WITH SOMETHING, MIDORI?

YES! LET'S BUILD SOMETHING, MIDORI!



WILL YOU BUY US THIS BALL?



OR OUR FAVORITE PENS...

AND TOYS FROM THE STORE?



I WILL GIVE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU NEED



WHAT-EVER IDEA YOU COME UP WITH...



WHAT WILL BE GOOD?

SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY



THAN DURING THE PRACTICE?

HEY, HOW COME IT IS DIFFERENT..









THE DIALOGUE IS THE SAME, BUT THE ATTITUDE IS DIFFERENT

IT WORKS!
IT WORKS!



THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF MIDORI

I FORGOT TO BE
MIDORI WITH ALL MY
HEART...

THAT'S
RIGHT!
CREATE
THE PER-
SONALITY!

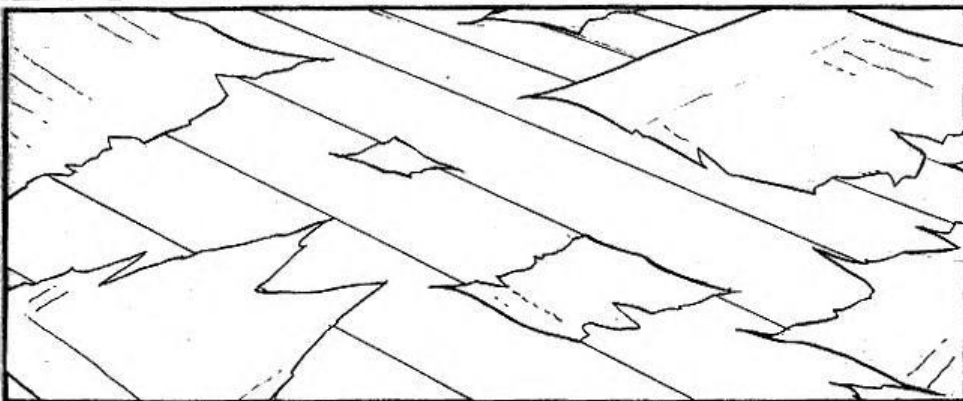
I JUST
REALIZED IT!

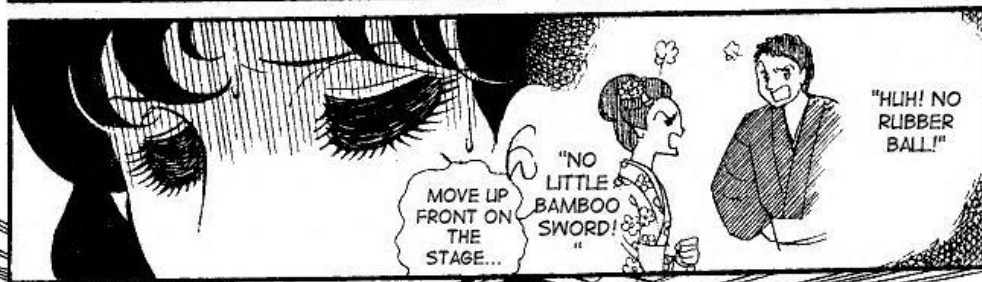


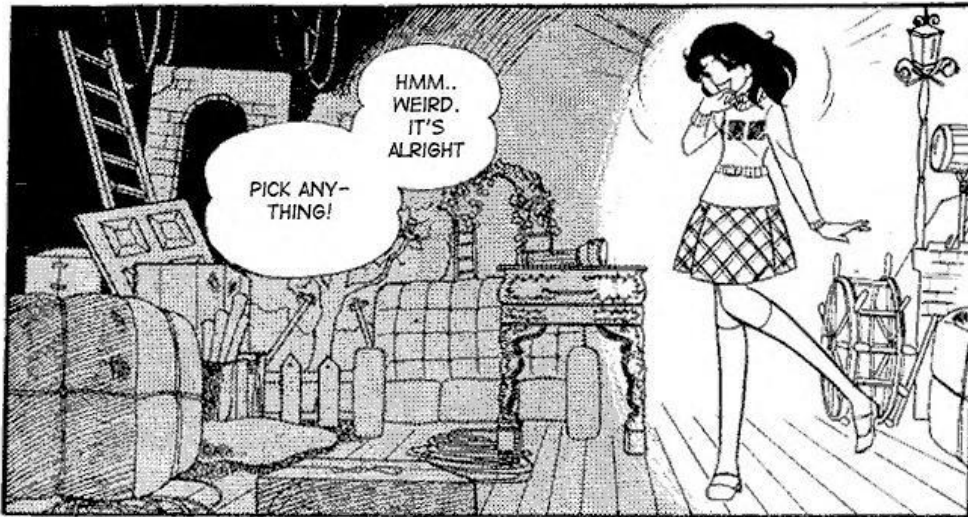
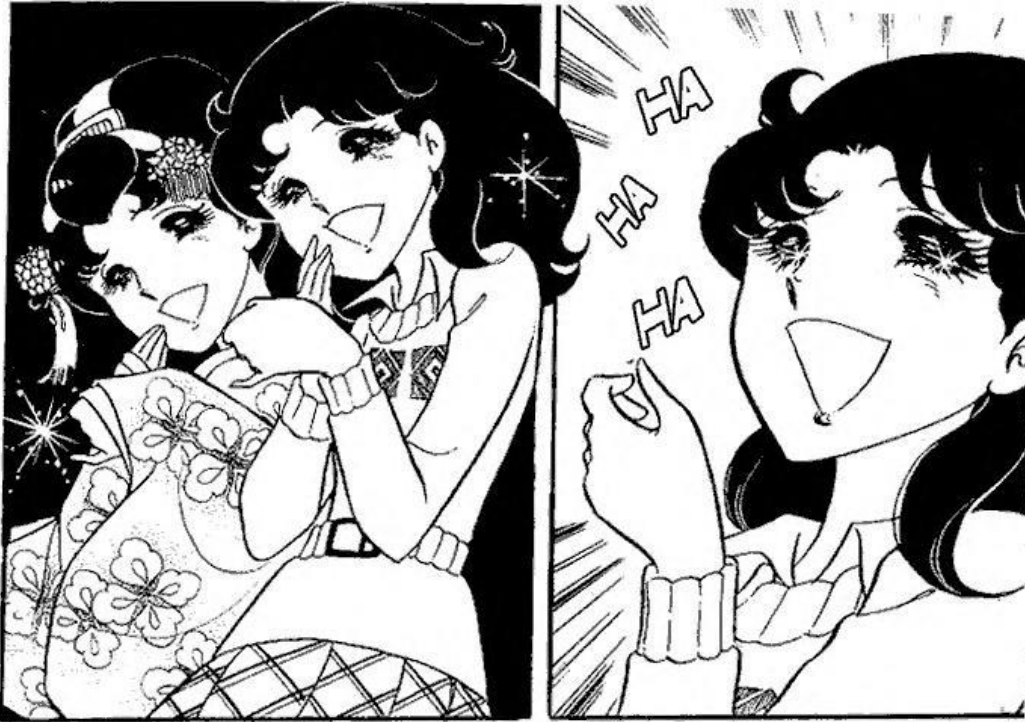
IT'S DIF-
FERENT!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

IT'S
ANOTHER
MIDORI!









IT'S ALRIGHT. WE ARE FRIENDS

TO MAKE MANY PEOPLE HAPPY

YES. WHAT WILL BE GOOD?

I WILL GIVE AS MUCH MONEY...

AS YOU NEED

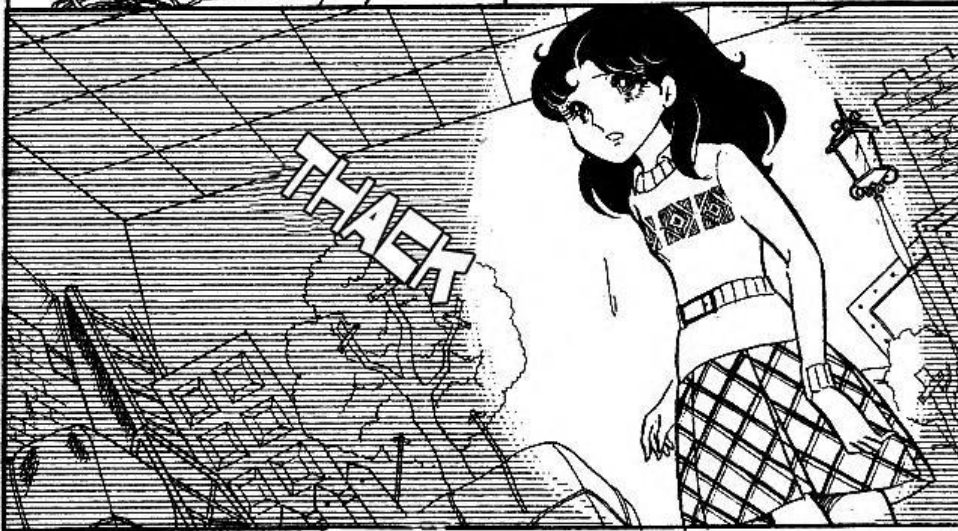
OH YES, IT SOUNDS INTERESTING

SAN IS FUNNY, WHENEVER HE TALKS, EVERYONE LAUGHS

WE CAN'T LOSE TO THE OTHER GUYS!

NO WAY! IF IT'S WITH SHOTA, I'M SHY...

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY?





IT'S ALRIGHT!

DID SHE REALLY MEAN IT?

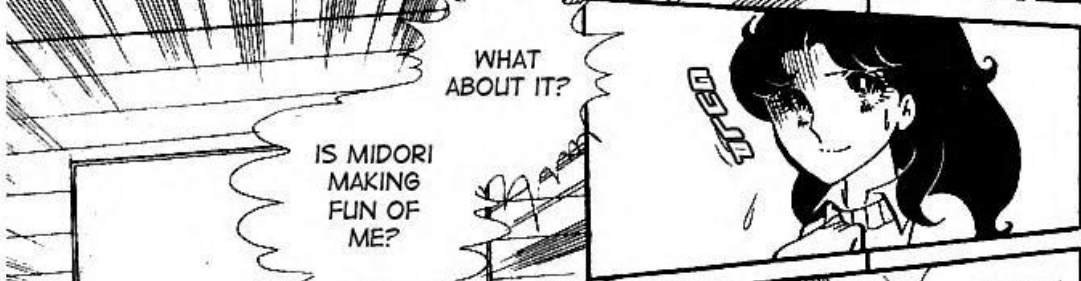
WELL, WHAT CAN I DO?



I'M DOING MY "GROWING UP!"

WHAT MATTERS IS I'M PLAYING IT!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO WILL PLAY THE PART



WHAT ABOUT IT?

IS MIDORI MAKING FUN OF ME?



NO WAY! IF IT'S WITH SHOTA, I'M SHY...
WHAT'S THE BEST WAY?

THE BEST WAY...



TAP





ONLY ONE WAY!



PLEASE TELL ME, SENSEI!

TELL ME HOW TO BE A BETTER MIDORI THAN AYUMI!

SAY IT!



IT SEEMS LIKE SHE COMES FROM THE SCRIPT

IT'S TRUE AYUMI IS TALENTED

SHE PLAYS MIDORI JUST LIKE ON THE SCRIPT



AND NOBODY'S ABLE TO GO BEYOND THAT

A PERFECT MIDORI..

IS INFLUENCED BY TALENT



TO WIN

THAT'S THE CHANCE FOR YOU..

BEYOND THAT...



WE WILL TRY TO SHOW A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MIDORI...
THAN AYUMI'S MIDORI!

YOU HAVE TO SHOW A DIFFERENT MIDORI!



WE HAVE ENOUGH CHANCE TO CREATE THE PERFECT MIDORI

IF IT WORKS, WE WILL CREATE THE PERFECT MIDORI, WHO WILL LEAVE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON THE AUDIENCE



A NEW MIDORI...



WHAT-EVER HAPPENS
I WILL DO IT!

YES!
YES! I'LL DO IT!



IT WILL BE TOUGH

BUT TO CREATE BEYOND THE PERFECT MIDORI..

WHATEVER HAPPENS, DO IT, MAYA!



EITHER YOU OR ME.. THIS IS A MATCH..
WILL DECIDE..

GOOD..

MAYA..



OH! NOW I CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

LET'S PRACTICE!
THE NEXT PART...
BE-GINS!

IF YOU LOSE, YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THIS THEATRE
IF I LOSE, I HAVE TO CREATE A BETTER MIDORI

AH! NOW I CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

SAY IT FULL OF ANGER!

HEY!
NOW I CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

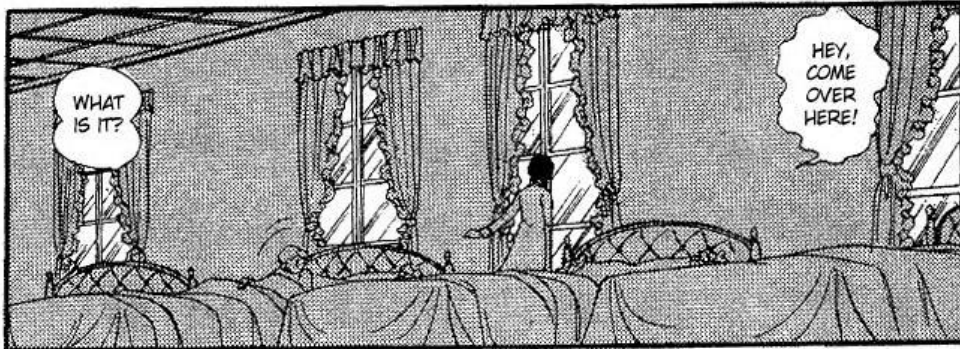
MOCK-INGLY...

HMMP!
NOW I CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

LIKE YOU'RE UPSET...

NOW LAUGH A BIT MORE.

TRY THE MOCKING ONE AGAIN
THAT'S GOOD





O..
OKAY!

FUFF
FUFF

YES, ON
MORE
TIME!

DURING
THAT
PART,
LAUGH
LIKE THAT

NOW GO!



STOP
IT,
CHO-
KICHI

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?



I DON'T
REMEM-
BER YOUR
FACE



PLEASE
REMEM-
BER!

DAMN
IT!



SHE PLAYS
THE REST
OF
THEM

SENSEI IS
GOOD

I CAN ONLY HEAR
HER VOICE, BUT IT
SEEMS THERE
WERE TEN DIFFER-
ENT PEOPLE WITH
DIFFERENT VOICES

I CAN
ONLY
PLAY
MIDORI



COUGH

COUGH
COUGH



LET'S CONTINUE

I'M ALRIGHT
DON'T WORRY



SEN SEI!



NOW ADD MORE ANGER!

STOP IT..
SHOTA AND ALL OF YOU!!



STOP IT..

SHOTA!

AREN'T WE HERE TO HAVE SOME FUN?



SPEAK LOUDER!

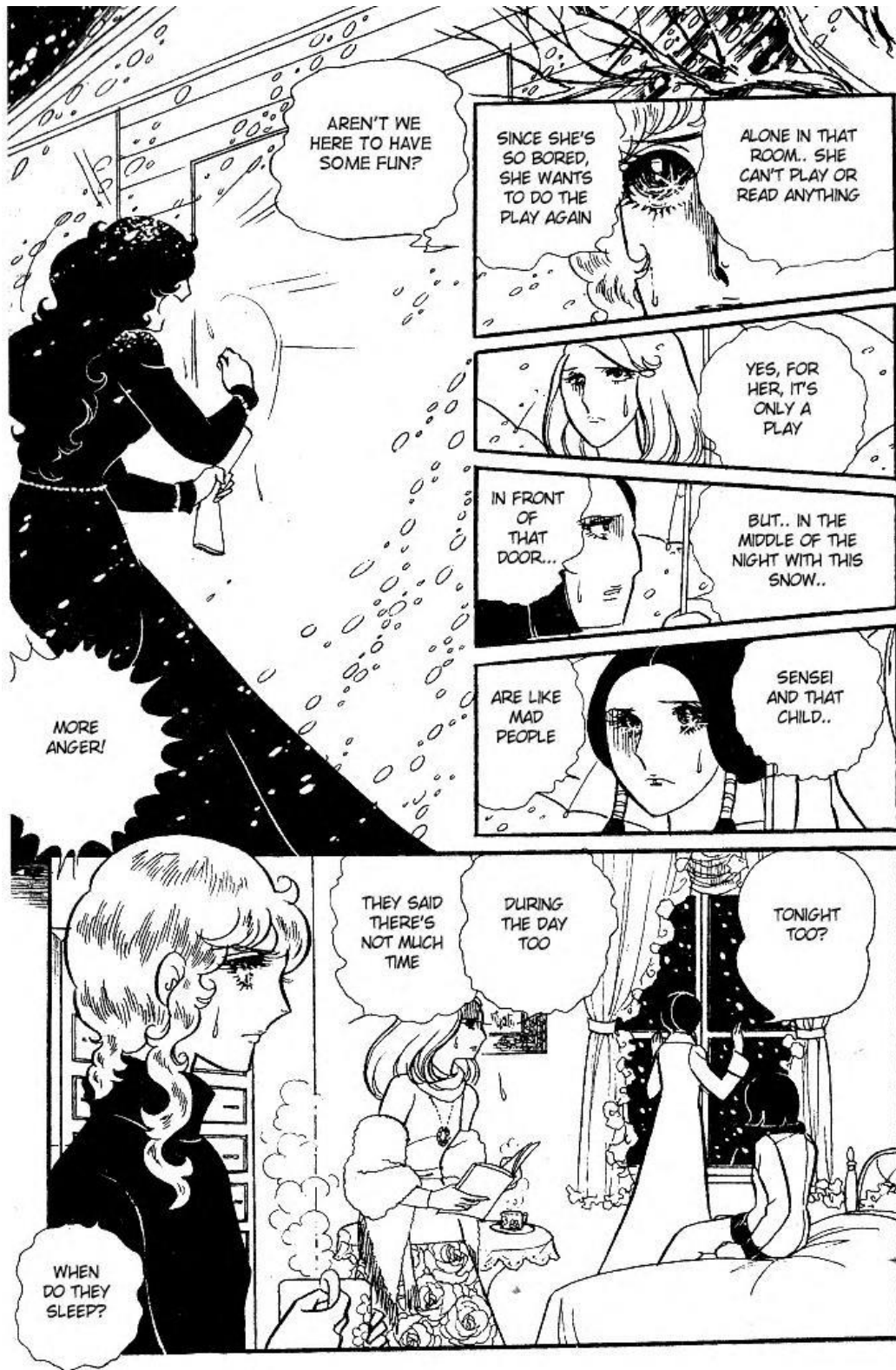
MAKE IT POWERFUL!



TO LOCK HER IN THAT ROOM, SO SHE CAN THINK CLEARLY..

AND REGAIN HER SELF-ESTEEM

I UNDERSTAND HER REASON...



AREN'T WE
HERE TO HAVE
SOME FUN?

SINCE SHE'S
SO BORED,
SHE WANTS
TO DO THE
PLAY AGAIN

ALONE IN THAT
ROOM.. SHE
CAN'T PLAY OR
READ ANYTHING

YES, FOR
HER, IT'S
ONLY A
PLAY

IN FRONT
OF
THAT
DOOR...

BUT.. IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
NIGHT WITH THIS
SNOW..

ARE LIKE
MAD
PEOPLE

SENSEI
AND THAT
CHILD..

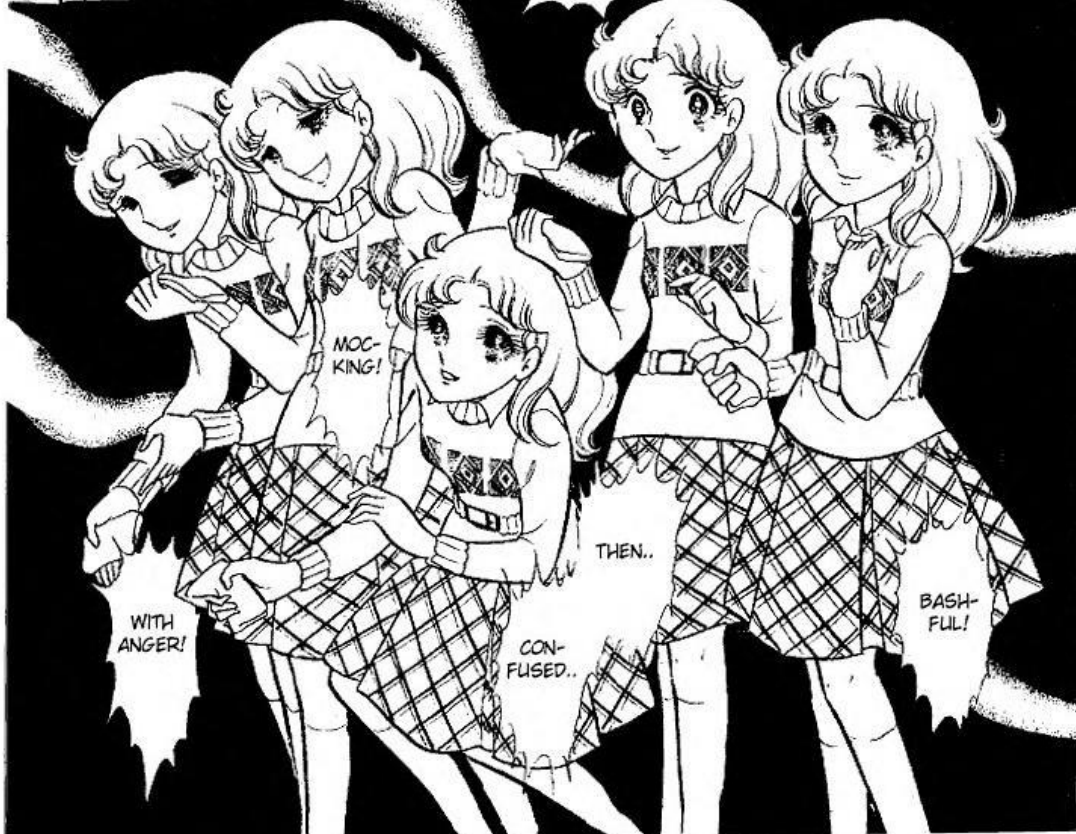
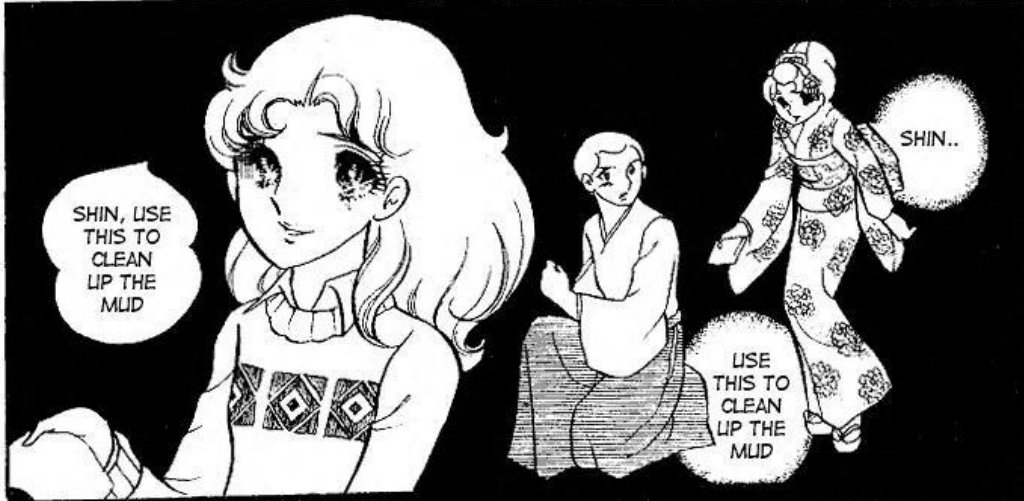
MORE
ANGER!

WHEN
DO THEY
SLEEP?

THEY SAID
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
TIME

DURING
THE DAY
TOO

TONIGHT
TOO?







THAT'S CRAZY!
WHAT IF YOU
GET PNEUMO-
NIA?

WHAT?
OUTSIDE
PRACTICING
UNDER THE
SNOW AND
WITHOUT
SLEEPING?



SOON,
MIDORI WILL
BE BORN..

IT CAN'T BE..
IT'S ONLY A
LITTLE BIT
MORE..

IF IT'S
NOT ME,
THERE'S
NO
WAY...

SENSEI, LET US BE
HER PARTNER DURING
THE PRACTICE! YOU
JUST REST
IN HERE...

A NEW
MIDORI!

NO!

SENSEI..



SHUT
LIP!

NOW WITH
IMPATIENCE!



SHUT
LIP!

LOUDER!



COUGH
COUGH

HEY,
IT'S
WEIRD

FUJIMOTO IS A
MONK, BUT HE ACTS,
TALKS AND LAUGHS
LIKE A WOMAN



AFTER A WHILE, I KNOW MORE...

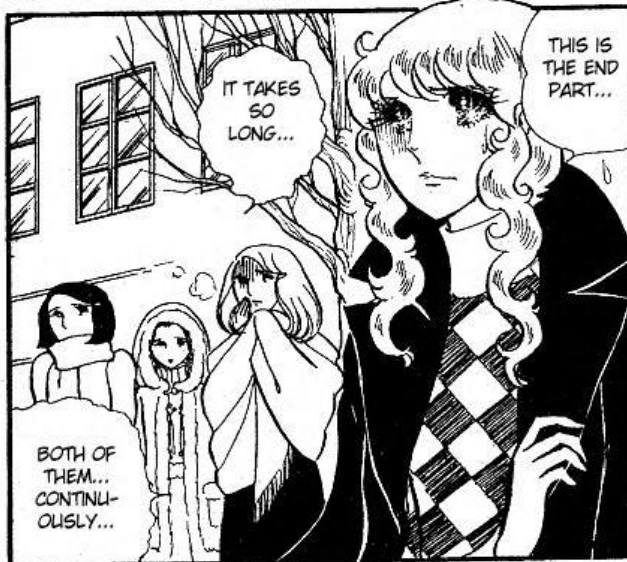
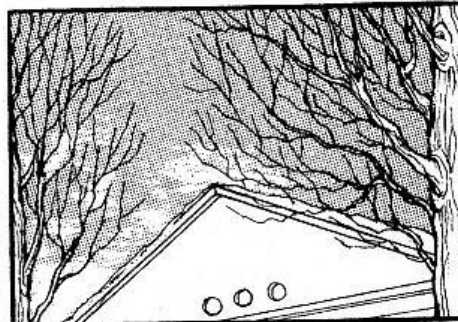
ABOUT MY MIDORI!

IT WORKS! IT WORKS! I FEEL LIKE THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON...

INSIDE OF ME



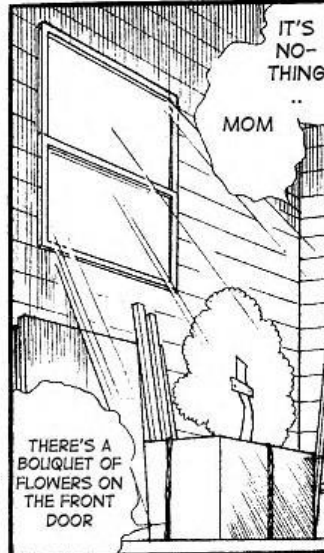
WHAT'S WRONG.. MIDORI?



IT TAKES SO LONG...

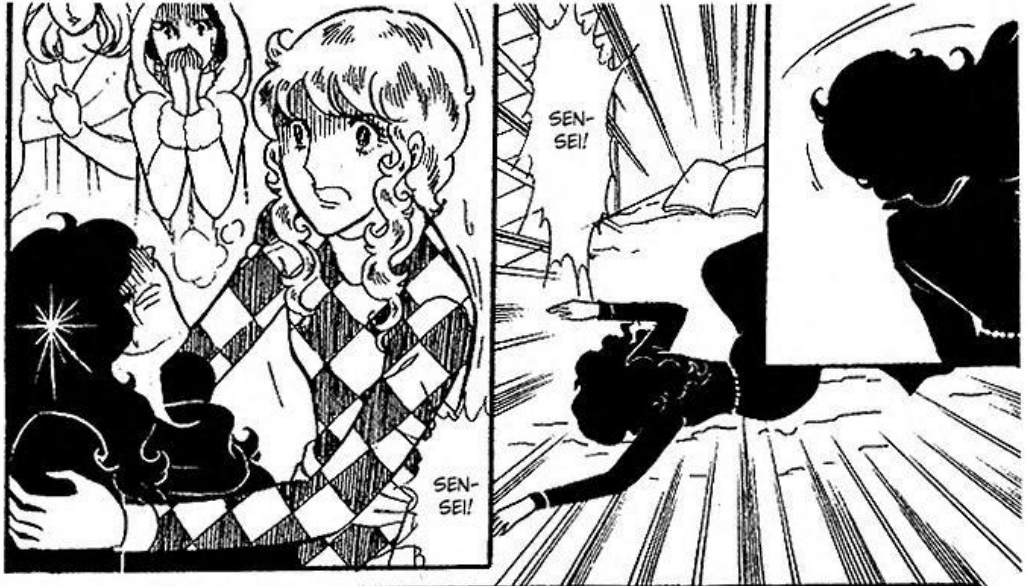
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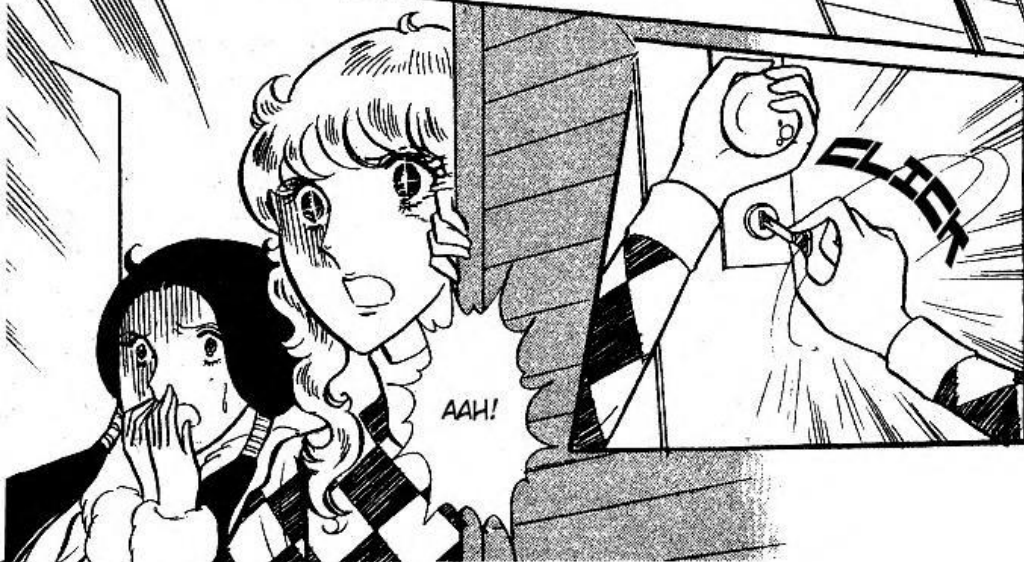
BOTH OF THEM... CONTINUOUSLY...

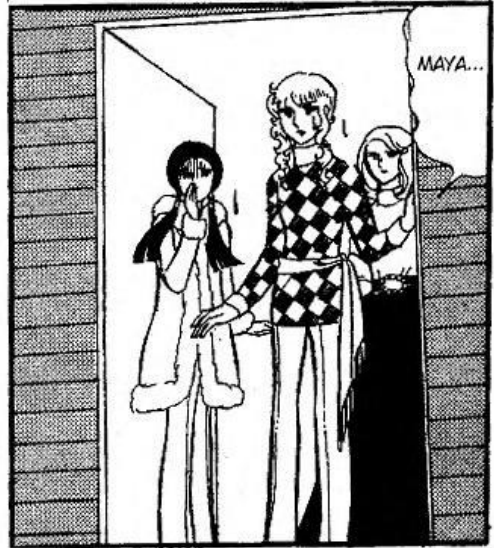
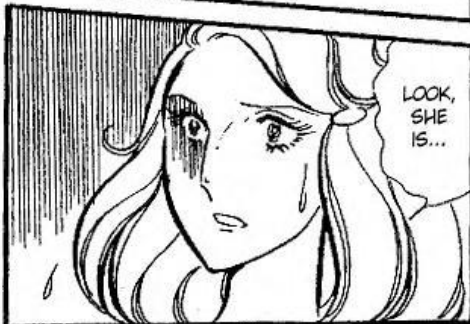
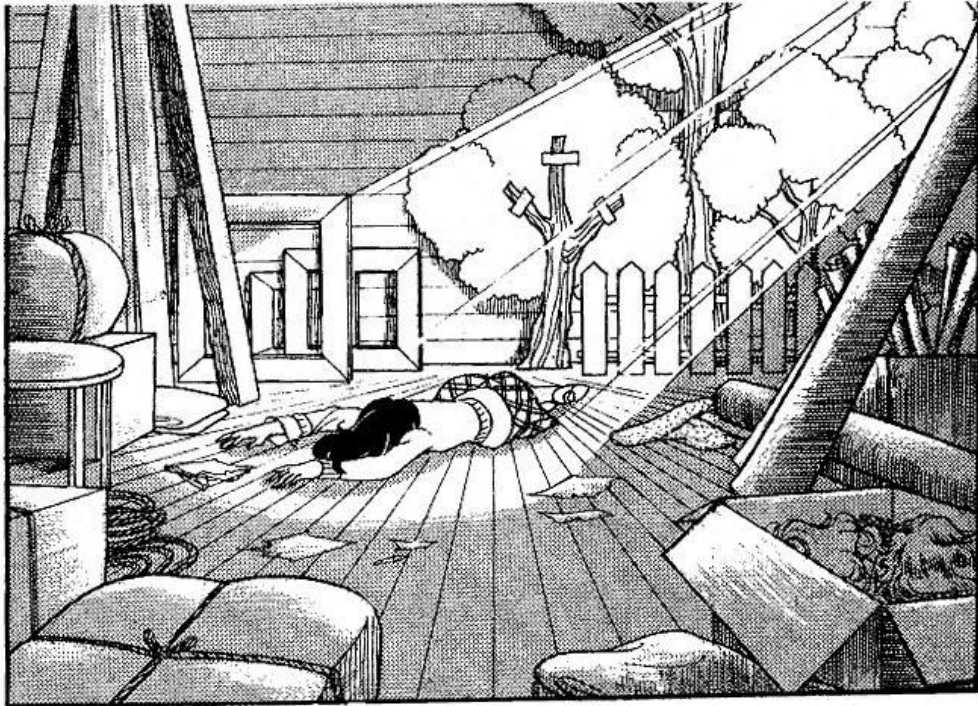


IT'S NOTHING... MOM

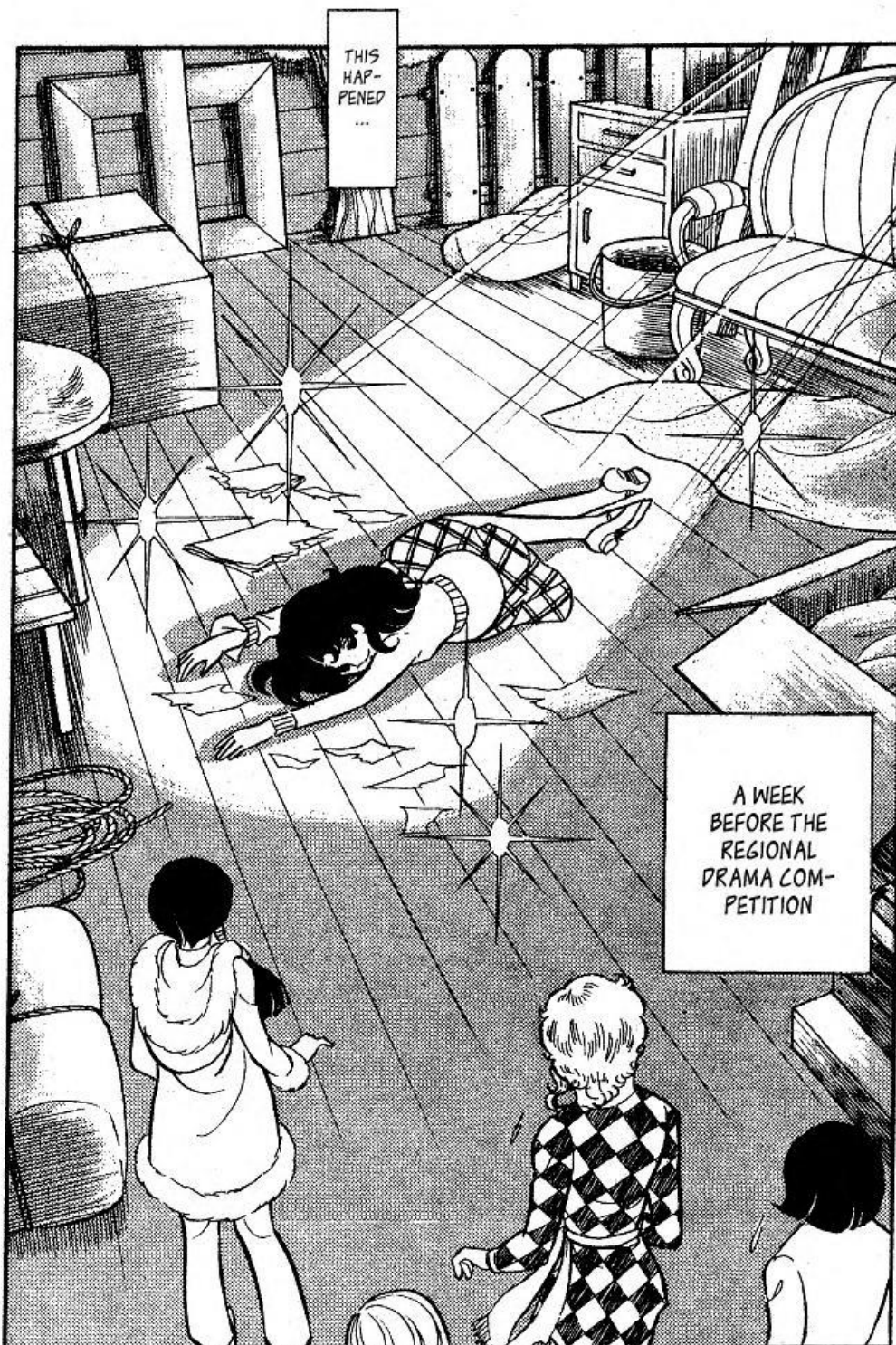
THERE'S A BOLIQUET OF FLOWERS ON THE FRONT DOOR











To Be Continued

Growing Up











