

OK, THAT'S ENOUGH!
TWENTY MINUTE BREAK!

AFTER THAT WE'LL WORK ON THE FOURTH SCENE. THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PREPARE!



NO, THANKS!

THEN DO YOU WANT TO TRY SOME SANDWICHES?

NO, THANKS!

ARE YOU TIRED, AYUMI-SAN? WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?



AN ORIGELD THAT WAS RAISED IN PRISON AND THAT LOOKS HEALTHY WOULDN'T BE QUITE RIGHT.

IS IT REALLY NECESSARY?



EEH? LOSING WEIGHT? WHY?

SOME SAY AYUMI-SAN WANTS TO LOSE WEIGHT FOR THE SHOW.

SO THAT SHE WOULD RESEMBLE ORIGELD MORE.

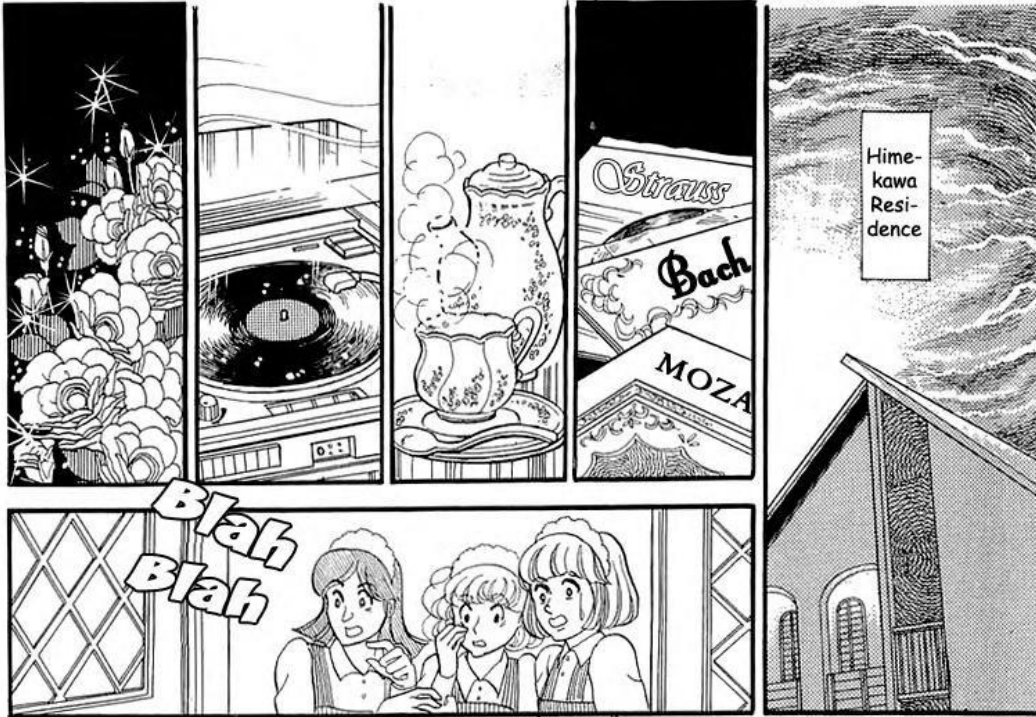


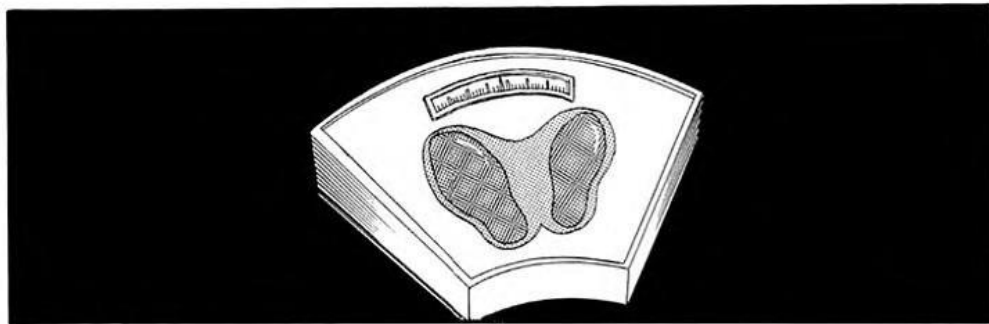
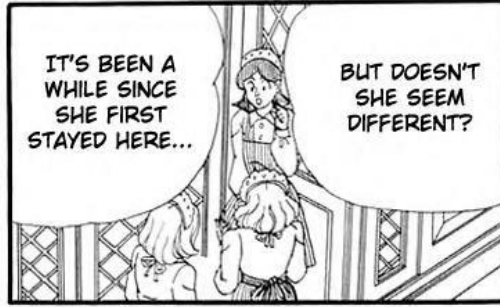
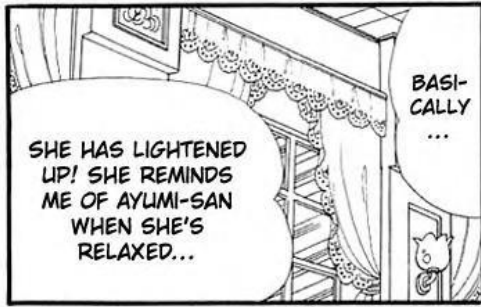
LATELY SHE SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HER APPE-TITE.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO AYUMI?

PROBABLY BECAUSE THE OPENING IS GETTING CLOSER?

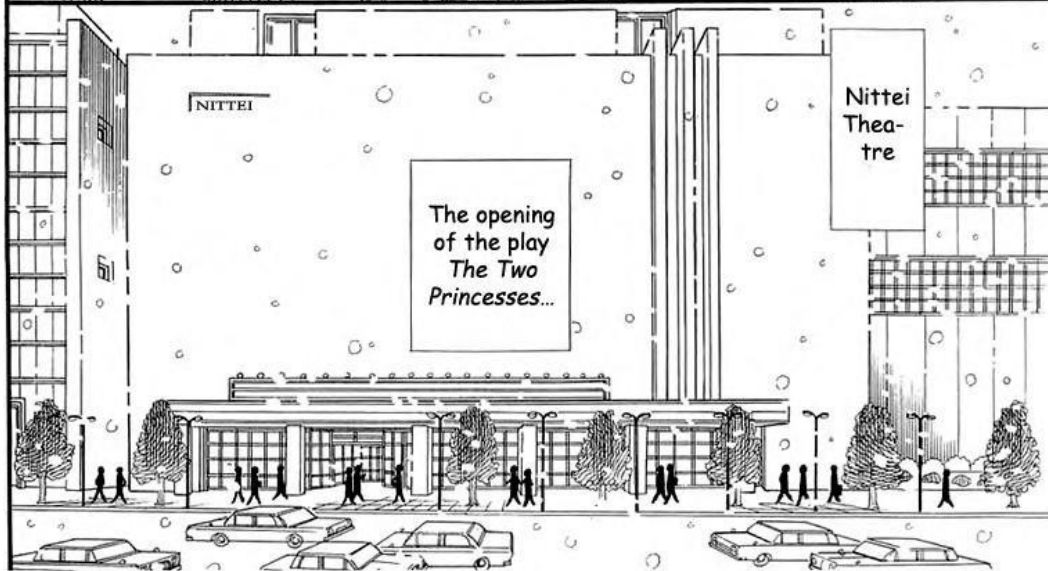
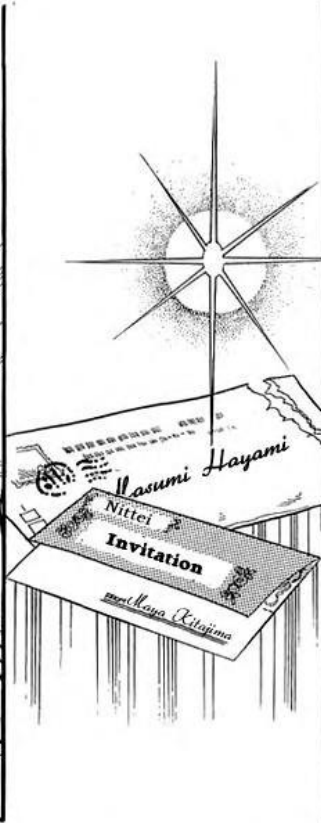
IT SEEMS SHE'S LOSING WEIGHT....

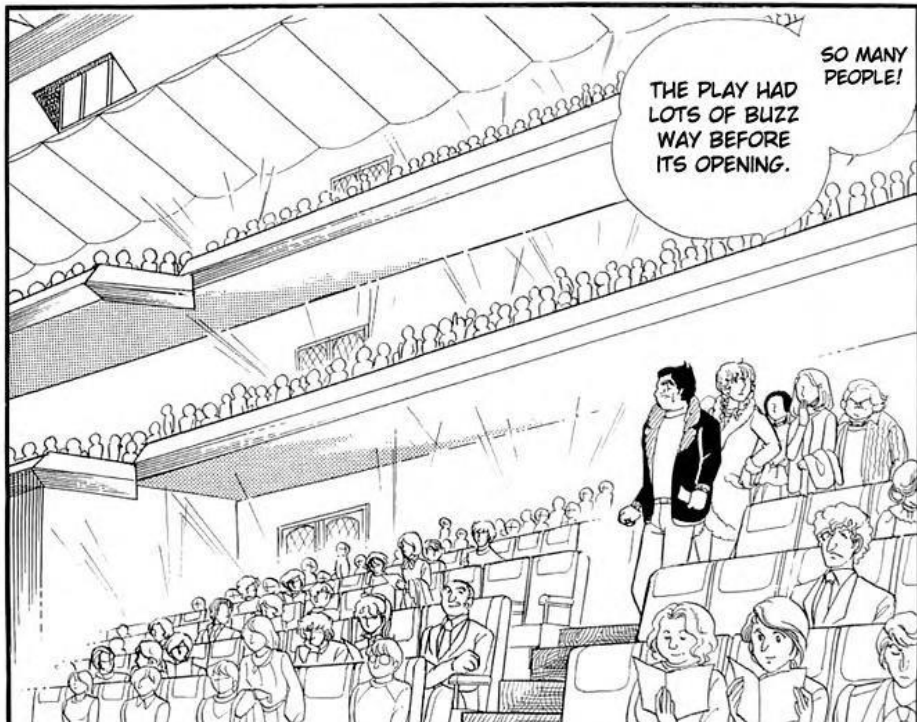
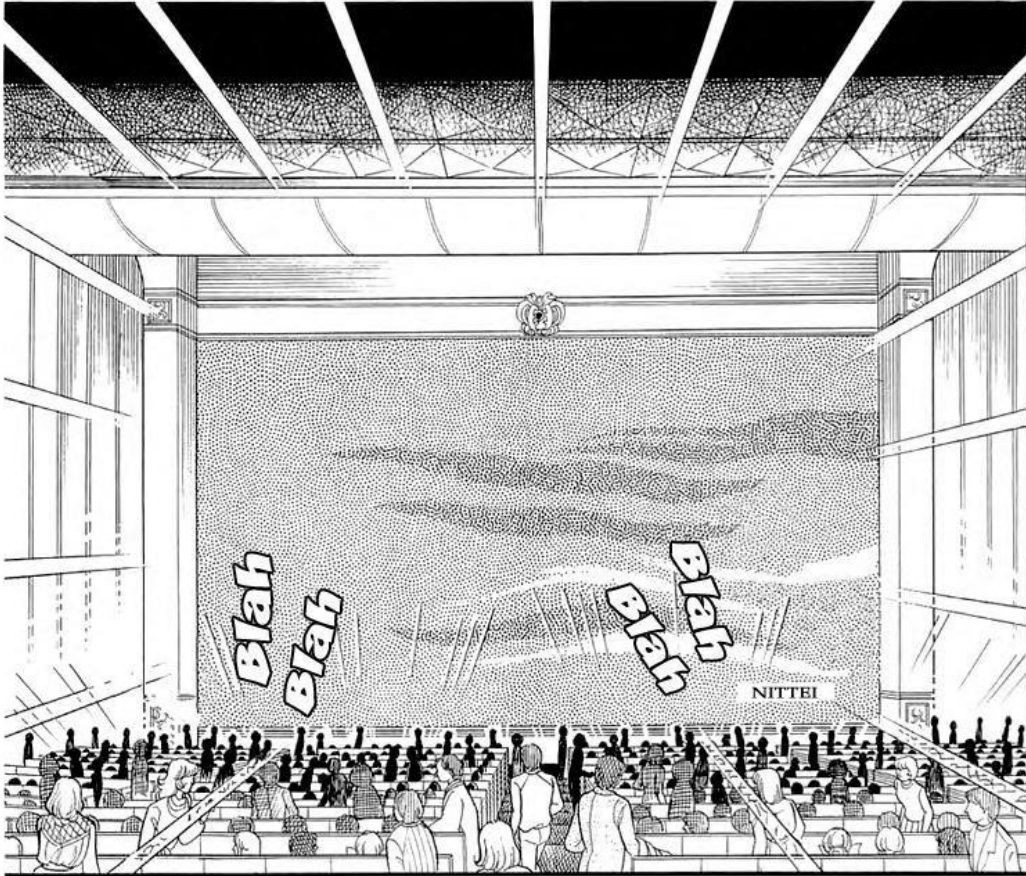






The seventh row in front of the stage. It's a good seat.





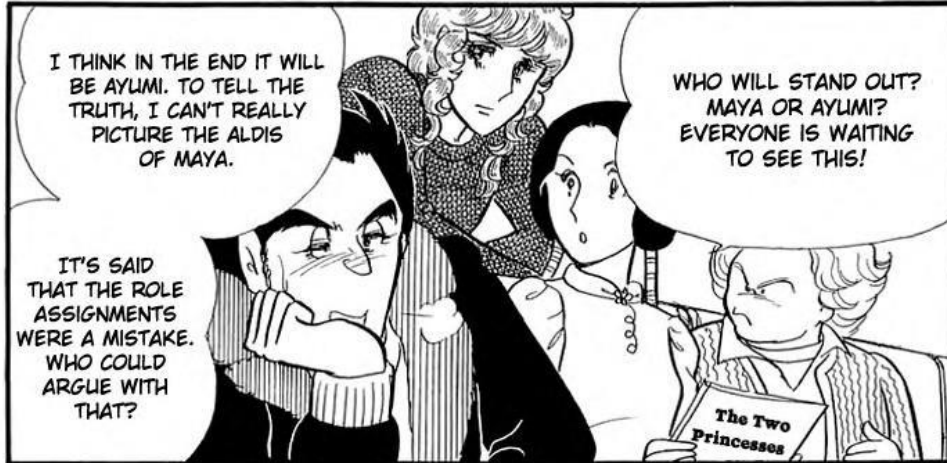


THERE IS ALSO THE CHALLENGE OF THE TWO CHARACTERS WHO ARE BOTH VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE ACTRESSES' PERSONALITIES.

Blah Blah

TOGETHER WITH THE PREVIOUS CRIMSON GODDESS, CHIGUSA TSUKIKAGE.

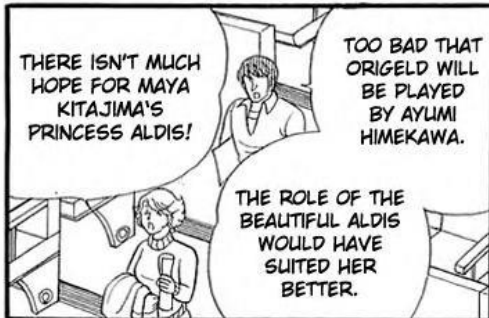
THE FAMOUS ACTRESS AYUMI HIMEKAWA AND HER RIVAL FOR THE CRIMSON GODDESS ON THE SAME STAGE...



I THINK IN THE END IT WILL BE AYUMI. TO TELL THE TRUTH, I CAN'T REALLY PICTURE THE ALDIS OF MAYA.

IT'S SAID THAT THE ROLE ASSIGNMENTS WERE A MISTAKE. WHO COULD ARGUE WITH THAT?

WHO WILL STAND OUT? MAYA OR AYUMI? EVERYONE IS WAITING TO SEE THIS!



THERE ISN'T MUCH HOPE FOR MAYA KITAJIMA'S PRINCESS ALDIS!

TOO BAD THAT ORIGELD WILL BE PLAYED BY AYUMI HIMEKAWA.

THE ROLE OF THE BEAUTIFUL ALDIS WOULD HAVE SUITED HER BETTER.



HOW WILL SHE BE ABLE TO PLAY ALDIS WITH HER PLAIN LOOK?

THEY'VE REALLY MADE A MISTAKE IN CASTING.



SUCH A BEAUTY WASTED ...

IT'S SUCH A SHAME THAT AYUMI HIMEKAWA WILL INTERPRET ORIGELD.



WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE CHIEF?

LOOKS LIKE LOTS OF SHOW-BIZ JOURNALISTS AND THEATER CRITICS HAVE COME!

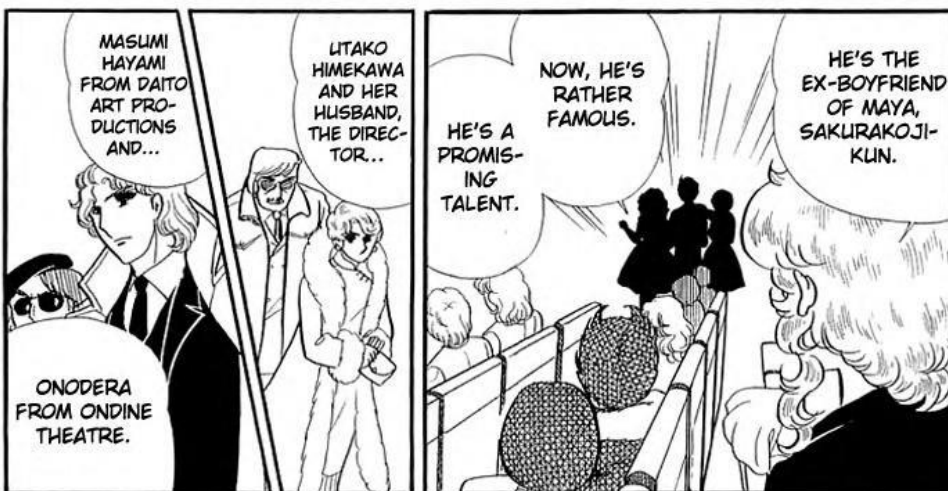


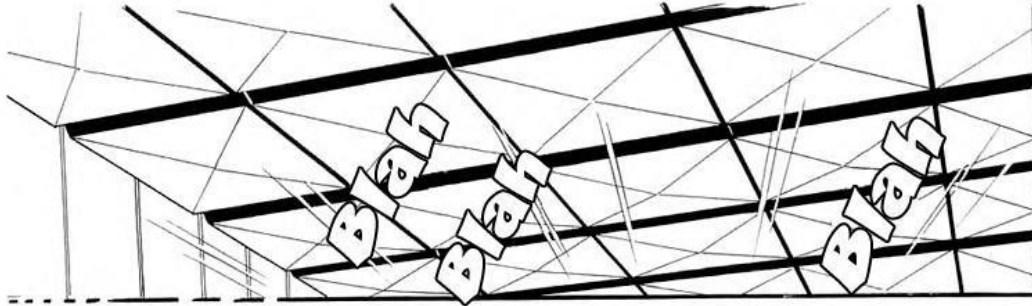
HA HA



NOW, THEN... BESIDES THAT, SEEING ALDIS PLAYED BY MAYA KITAJIMA WHO WAS BLACKLISTED FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY SOME TIME AGO...







The maiden
with a pure and
innocent smile...

She loves music,
flowers, people
and peace.

Aldis, also
known as the
daughter of
Spring from
the Kingdom
of Lastonia
in Northern
Europe...

With a
kind
heart,
like an
angel...

The most
beautiful
princess,
blessed
by God...

The prin-
cess
Aldis
...

Back-
stage

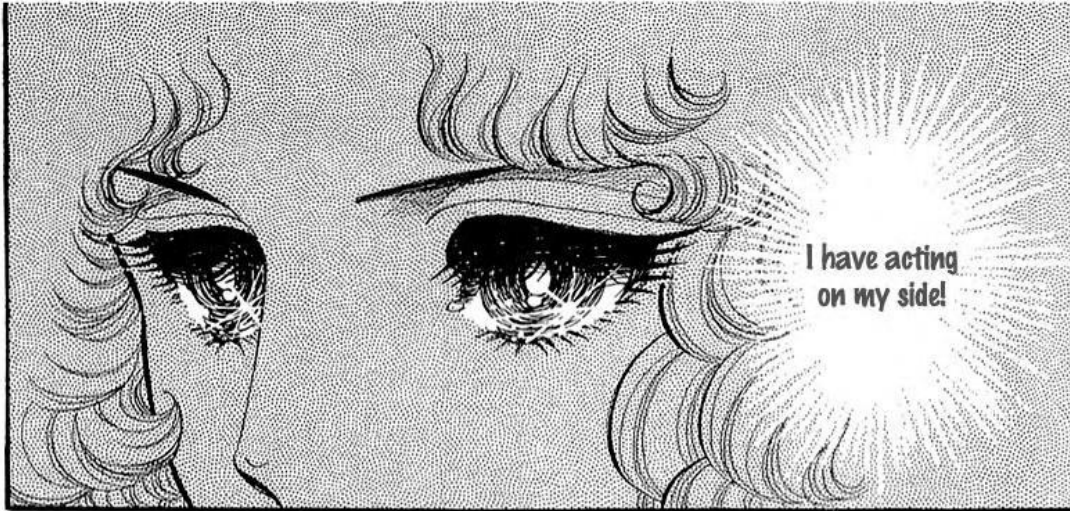
Although I'm a
simple girl, silly
and plain...

I can become a
princess of un-
equaled beauty!

For a brief
moment, in the
place where
the rainbow
shines.

Now, on the
stage, I shall be
Princess Aldis!

I am looking forward
to seeing you onstage,
Yours fan.



I have acting on my side!



Turning her back on love and forgiveness...
With resentment and suffering as her only friends but given a reason to live by the thirst for revenge and ambition...

The spirit is calmed in the shadow of suspicion...



SHE'S SO THIN THAT SHE SEEMS LIKE ANOTHER PERSON...



IS THAT REALLY AYUMI HIMEKAWA?

Origeld... The maiden raised surrounded by hatred...

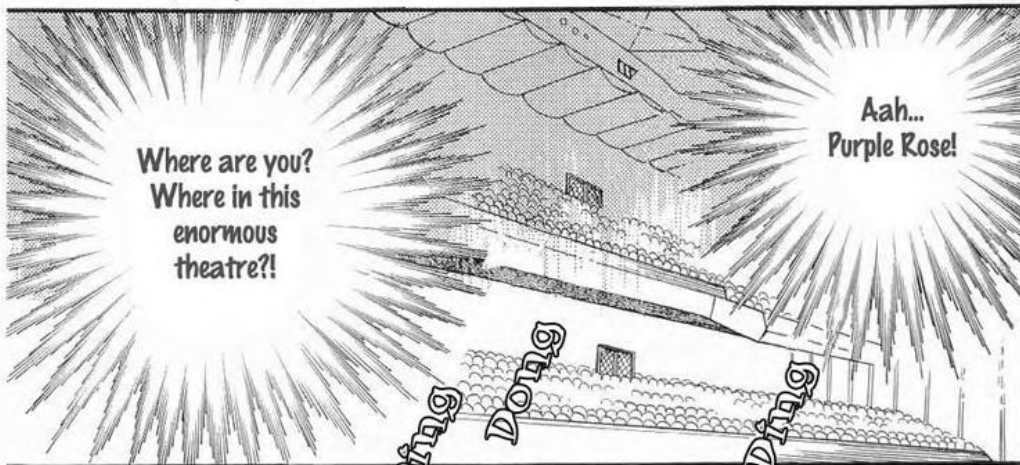


I am Princess
Origeld!

OUR USHERS
CAN ASSIST
THE AUDIENCE
TO THEIR
SEATS

Ding Dong

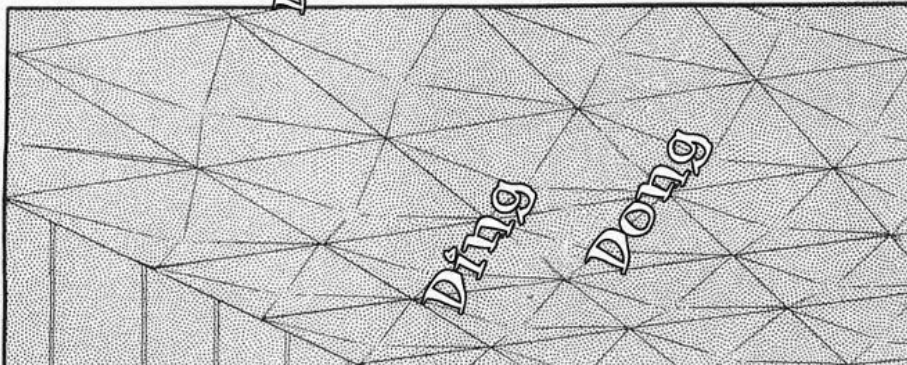
FIVE MINUTES
UNTIL THE
START OF
THE PLAY.



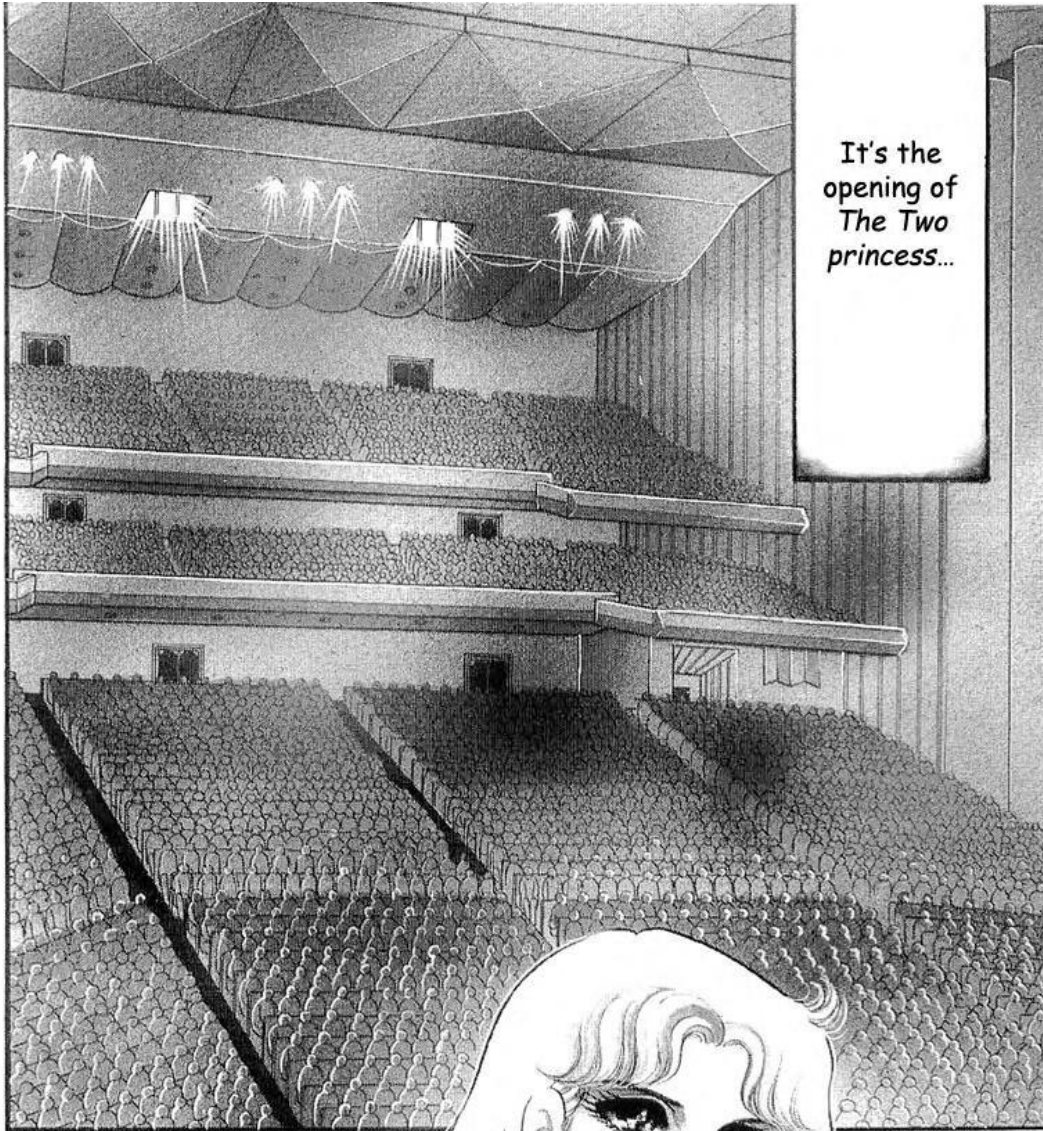
Where are you?
Where in this
enormous
theatre?!

Aah...
Purple Rose!

Ding Dong Ding



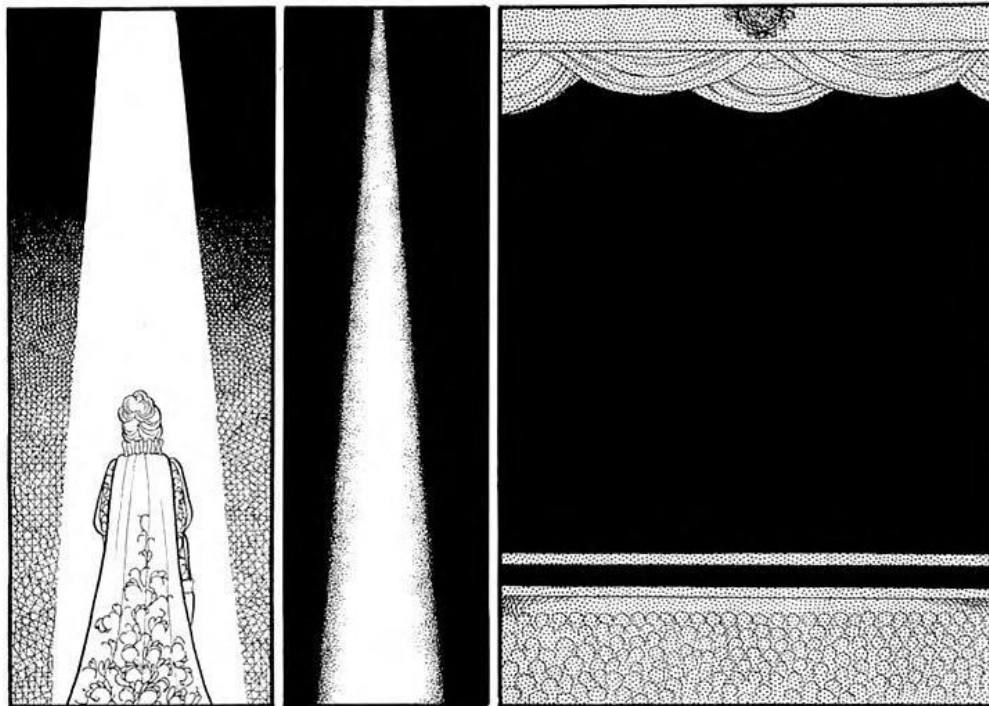
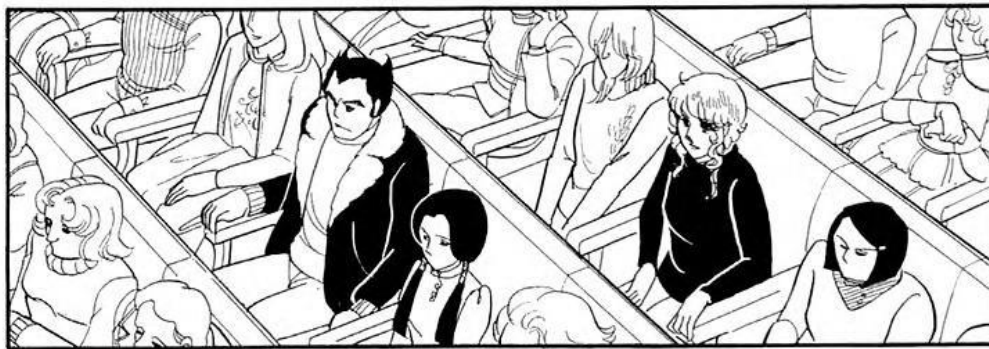
Ding Dong

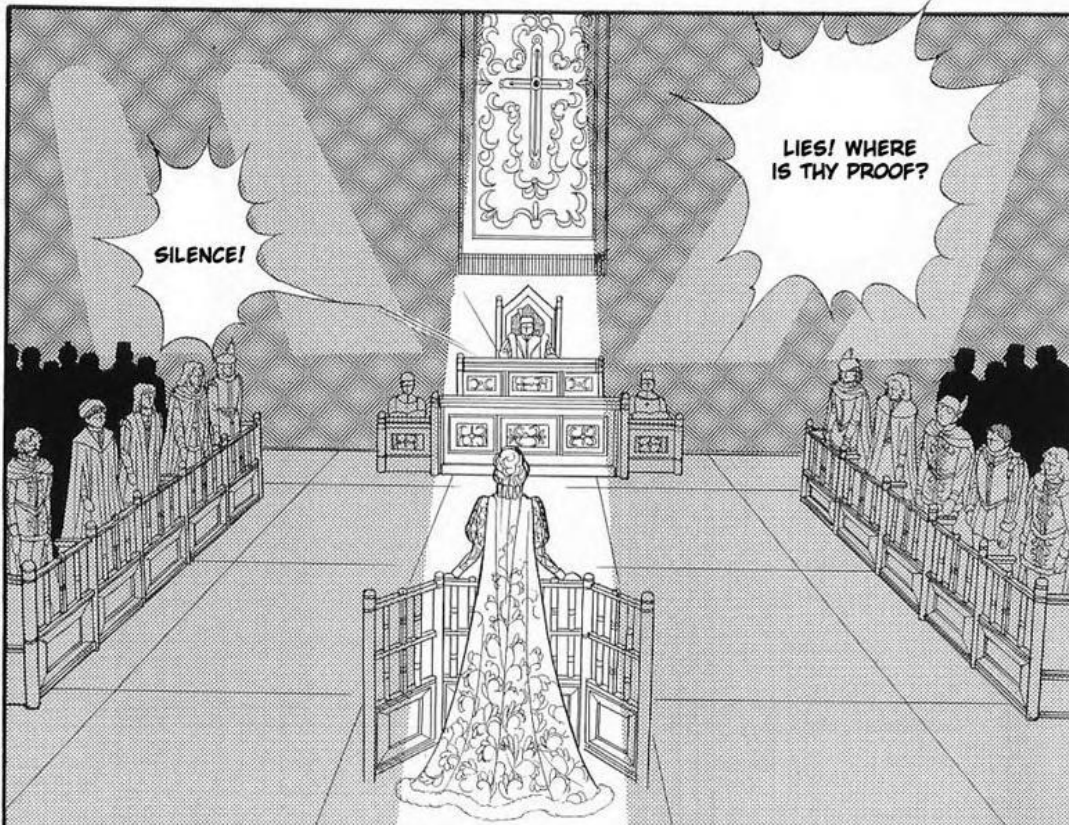
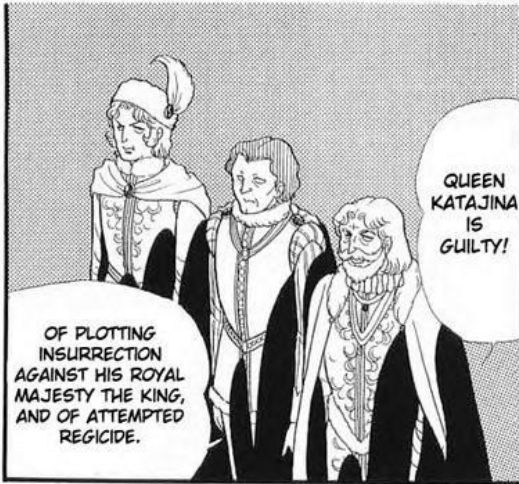


It's the
opening of
The Two
princess...



Maya!







EVEN AS I CONCEALED HIM MANY A TIME IN THE QUEEN'S CHAMBERS.

MY HANDS DID THOSE TRAITOROUS WORDS PASS.



YOUR PARDON!

'T WAS I THAT AIDED THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWIXTED THE QUEEN AND COUNT AUGUST.



WHAT DOTH POSSESS THEE TO SPEW FORTH SUCH VITRIOL?

DOST THOU LIE, BIRGITTA!

I STOOD PROOF AGAINST DISCOVERY FOR THE QUEEN AND THEIR MANY TRYSTS.



BRING IN THE REBELLIOUS COUNT'S TRUSTED RETAINER, LOFT GORM.



HIS MAJESTY'S RECENT ILLNESS BEARS ALL THE MARKS AS DESCRIBED BY THE ALCHEMIST...

WE ARE CERTAIN IT WAS POISON.

UPON TAKING THE ANTIDOTE, HIS ROYAL MAJESTY RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY.



WEAKNESS AND FEVER BE THE SYMPTOMS AFTER CONSUMPTION.

IN GOLD DID THE QUEEN PROFFER ME TO A POTION MAKE....

ON THREAT OF DEATH DID THE QUEEN ORDER MY SILENCE....

OVER TIME, THE VICTIM WILL LOSE THE ABILITY TO MOVE OR SPEAK, RESULTING IN DEATH.



'TIS
UN-
TRUE!



POZ



WAS IT THE
QUEEN THAT
AIDED COUNT
AUGUST?

ANSWER
TRUTH-
FULLY,
GORM!



THE QUEEN SUPPORTED
US AND REPORTED THE
MOVEMENTS OF HIS
MAJESTY AND THE
STATE OF HIS TROOPS.

UPON HIS DEATH,
SHE WOULD RULE
THE KINGDOM AT
THE COUNT'S SIDE.



POZ

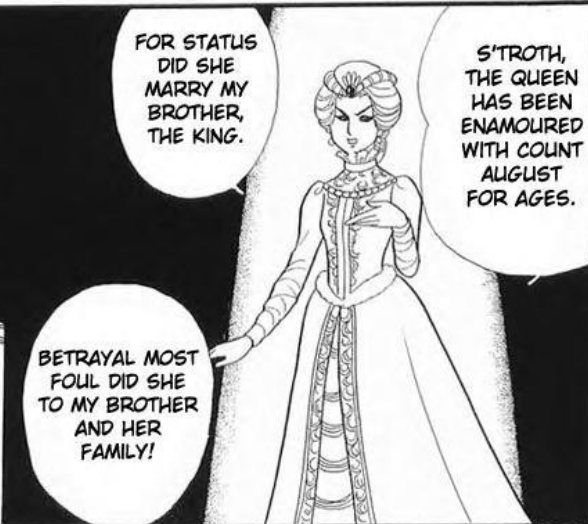
O
HEA-
VEN!



GORM, DID THE
QUEEN AID AND
ACQUIESCE TO
THE COUNT IN
ALL THINGS?



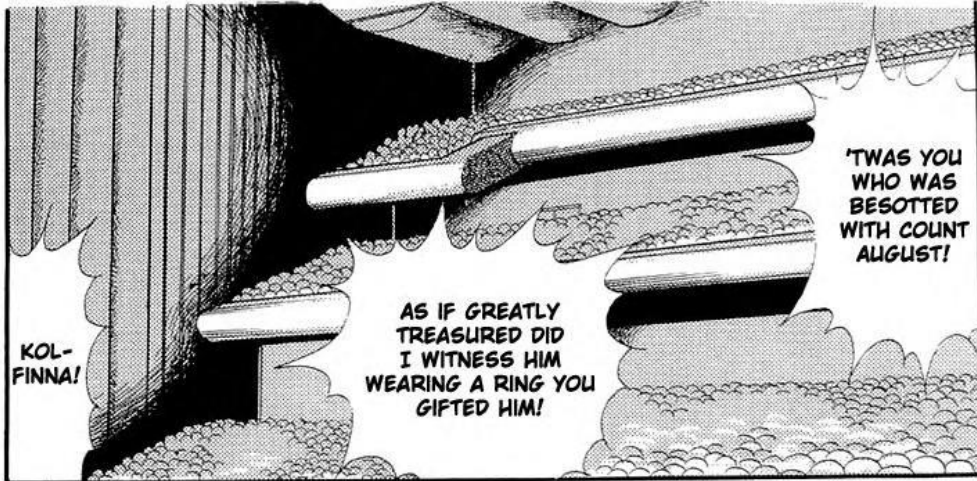
SHE LIES!
HOW DOST THOU
SAYEST SO,
KOLFINNA?!



FOR STATUS
DID SHE
MARRY MY
BROTHER,
THE KING.

BETRAYAL MOST
FOUL DID SHE
TO MY BROTHER
AND HER
FAMILY!

S'TROTH,
THE QUEEN
HAS BEEN
ENAMOURED
WITH COUNT
AUGUST
FOR AGES.



'T WAS YOU WHO WAS BESOTTED WITH COUNT AUGUST!

KOL-FINNA!

AS IF GREATLY TREASURED DID I WITNESS HIM WEARING A RING YOU GIFTED HIM!



THE POISON AND THE OTHER PROOFS THAT CRY FOR THE VERDICT OF GUILTY.

A STYLUS WITH THE COUNT'S FAMILY CREST ON IT.....

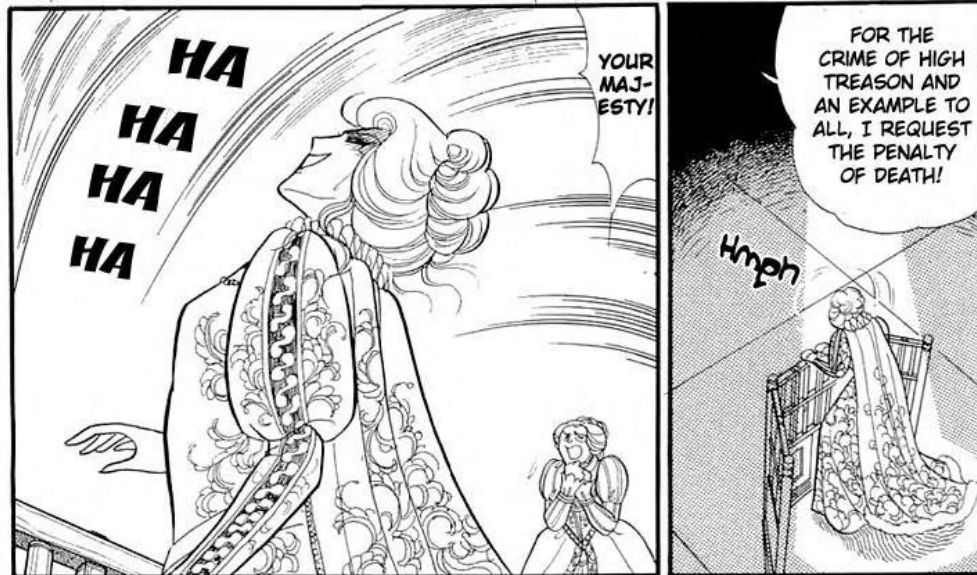
SUCH BAUBLES AND ARDENT LETTERS WAS FOUND IN THE QUEEN'S CHAMBERS AND THE TOILET OF THE IMPERIAL VILLA...



GUILTY!

GUILTY!

GUILTY!

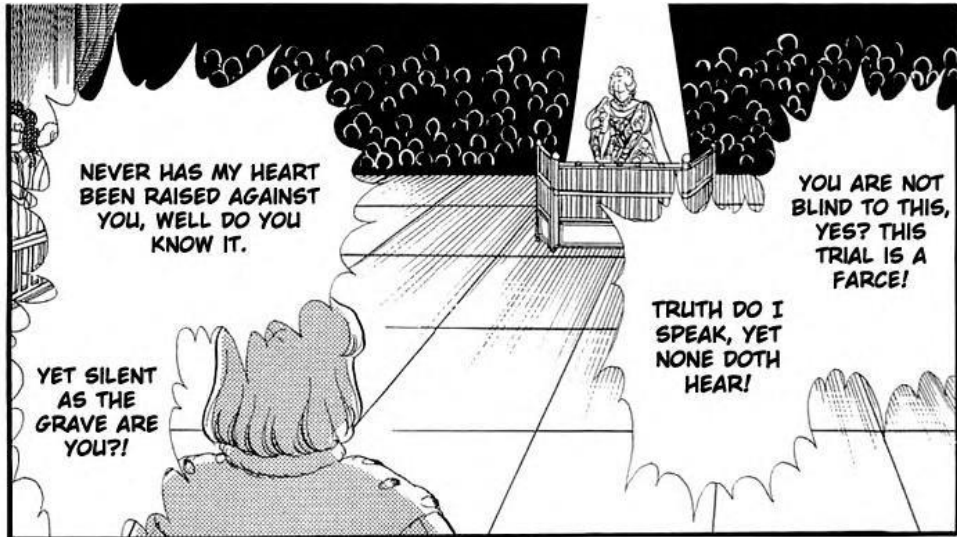


YOUR MAJESTY!

FOR THE CRIME OF HIGH TREASON AND AN EXAMPLE TO ALL, I REQUEST THE PENALTY OF DEATH!

Hmph





NEVER HAS MY HEART BEEN RAISED AGAINST YOU, WELL DO YOU KNOW IT.

YOU ARE NOT BLIND TO THIS, YES? THIS TRIAL IS A FARCE!

YET SILENT AS THE GRAVE ARE YOU?!

TRUTH DO I SPEAK, YET NONE DOTH HEAR!



YOUR MAJESTY!



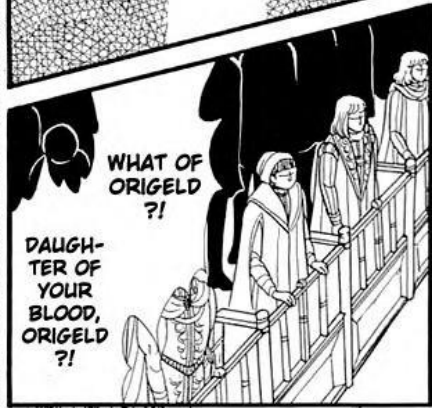
ORIGELD IS....

... TRULY MY DAUGHTER, KATAJINA?



FOR THE SAKE OF RAGNEID AND THE CHILD SHE HAS GIVEN YOU, ALDIS!

OR DO YOU WISH THIS?



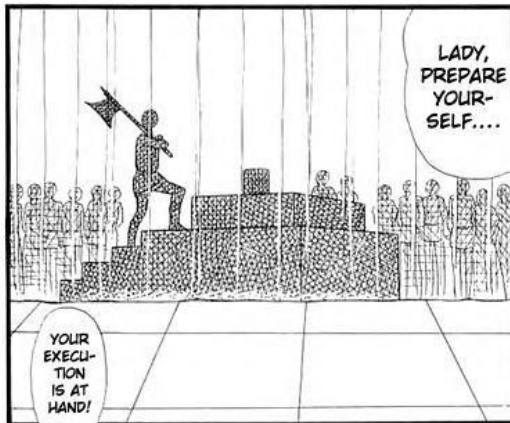
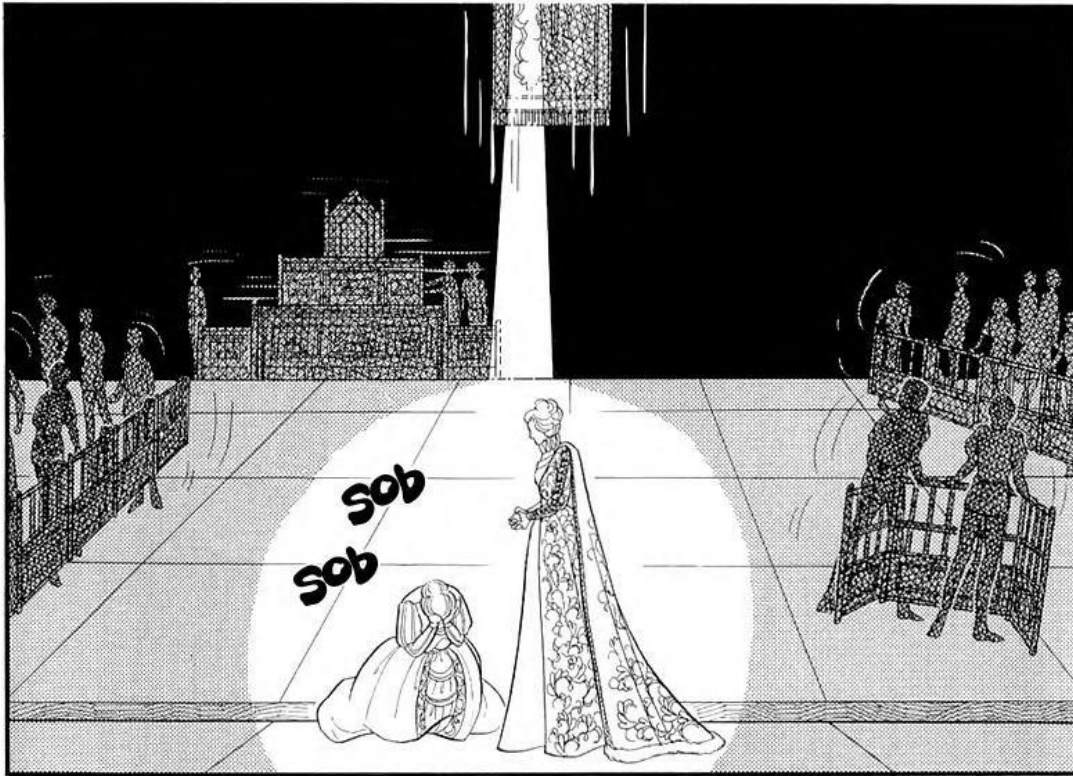
WHAT OF ORIGELD ?!

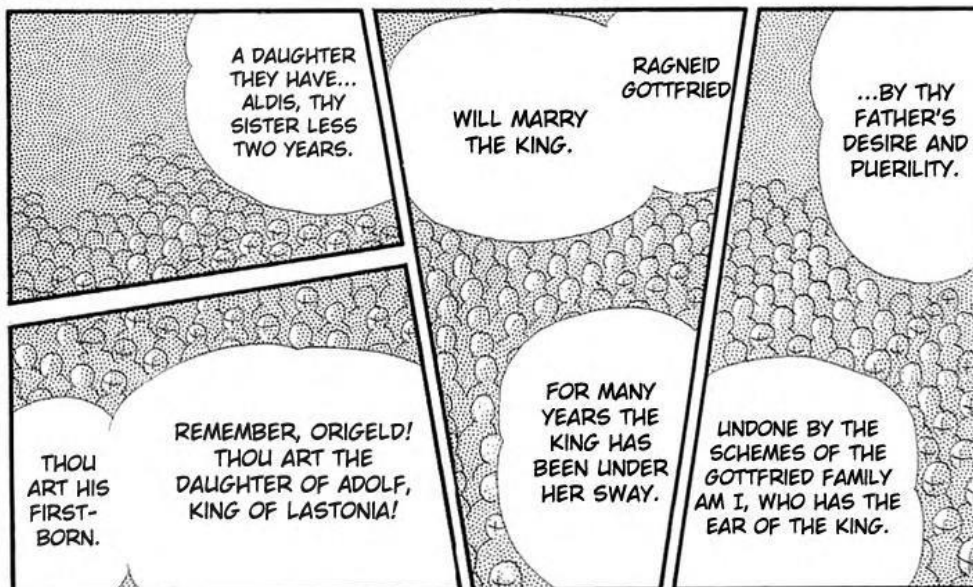
DAUGHTER OF YOUR BLOOD, ORIGELD ?!

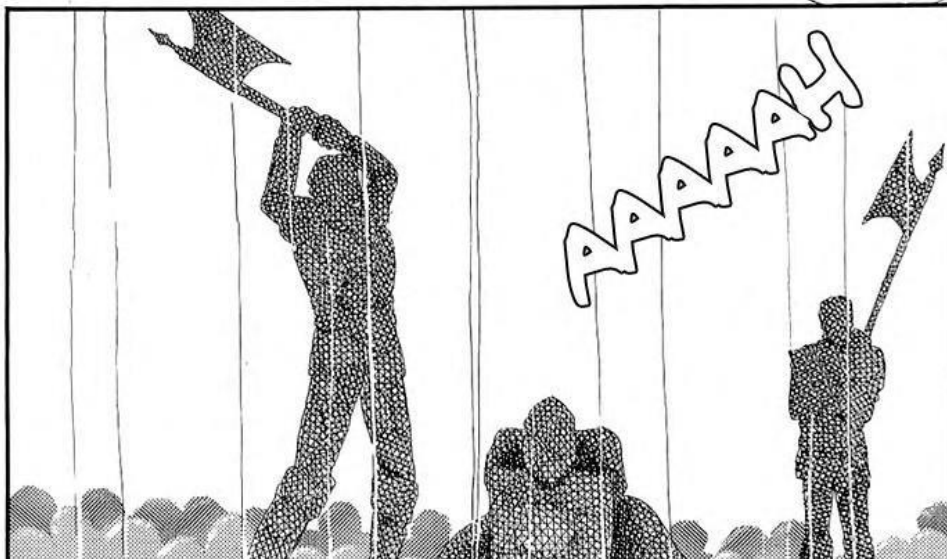
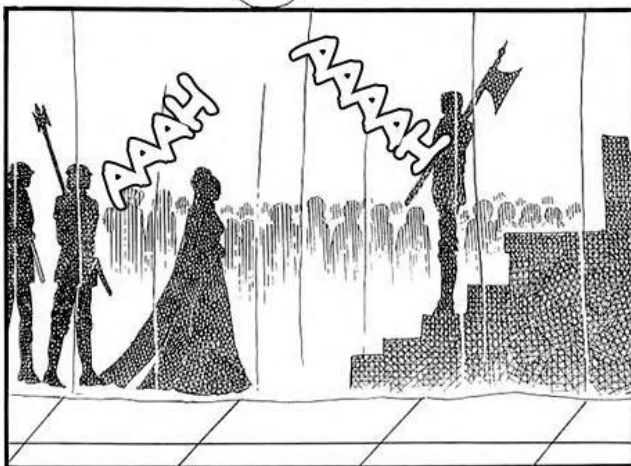


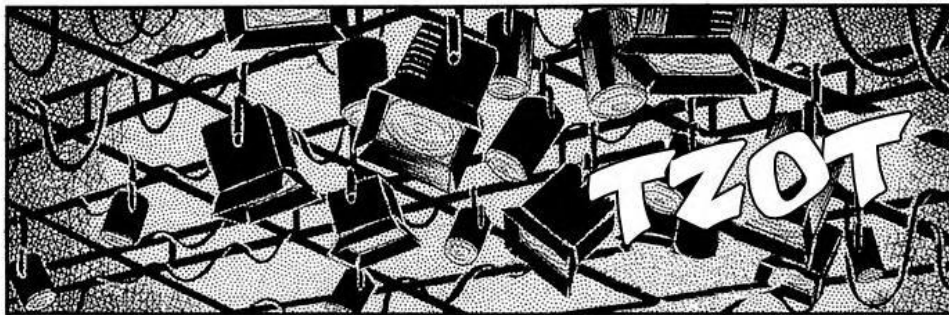
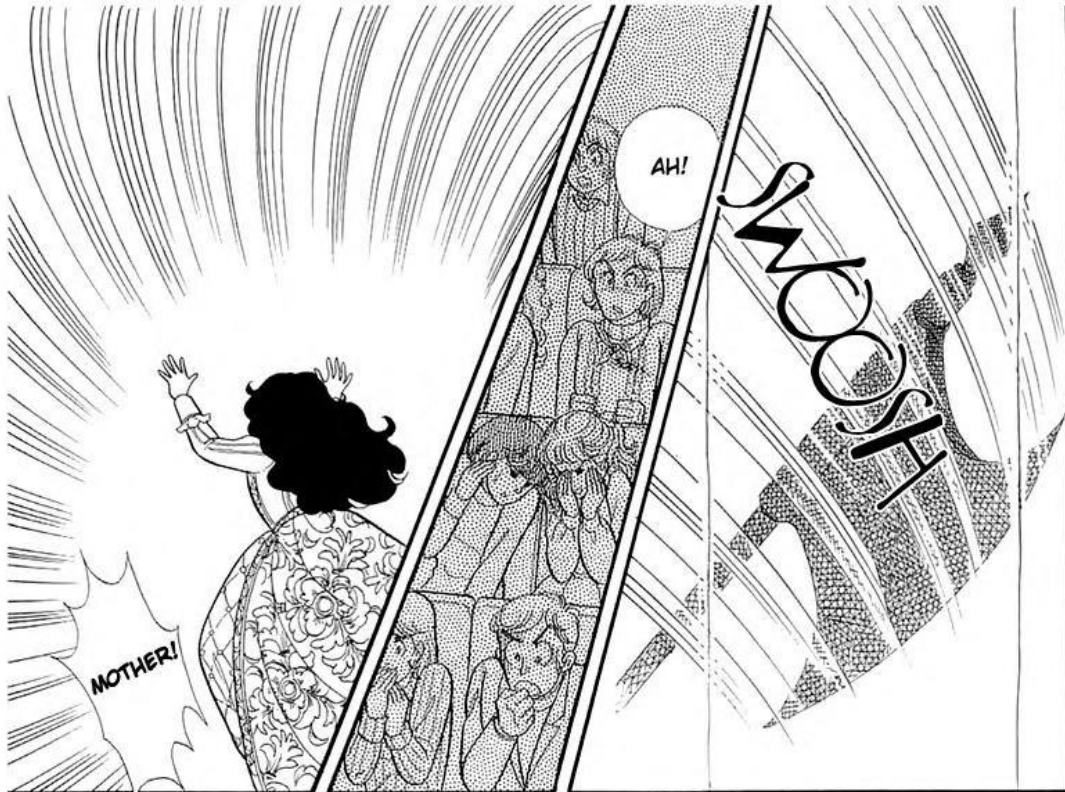
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LADY KATAJINA IS STRIPPED OF ALL LANDS AND TITLES AND SENTENCED TO DEATH BY BEHEADING!











AND AS SUCH, THE NAME OF GOTTFRIED WILL RULE THE KINGDOM.

QUEEN'S KATAJINA'S GUILT WILL STRIP HER FAMILY OF ALL TITLES AND POSSESSIONS, AND WILL FALL TO RUIN...

IT IS BANDIED ABOUT THAT PRINCESS ORIGELD IS OF COUNT AUGUST AND QUEEN KATAJINA'S GET.

THOUGH THE KING REFUTES THIS, HE HARBOURS DOUBT.



THE KING'S FATHER-IN-LAW WILL I BE....

AFTER THE QUEEN'S DEATH, MY DAUGHTER RAGNEID, THE KING'S FAVOURITE, SHALL TAKE HER PLACE.

SST! FATHER, SOMEONE MIGHT OVER-HEAR...
BEWA-RE.

AND YOU, HANS, HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.



NO DOUBT HAVE I!

SHE IS THE KING'S DAUGHTER!



AND...

WHAT IS YOUR MIND, FATHER?

IS ORIGELD REALLY THE KING'S DAUGHTER OR THE ADULTEROUS GET OF THE COUNT?



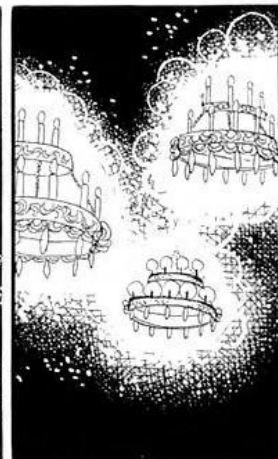
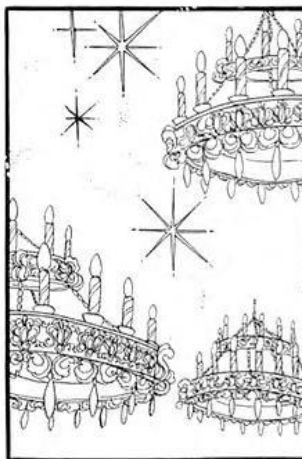
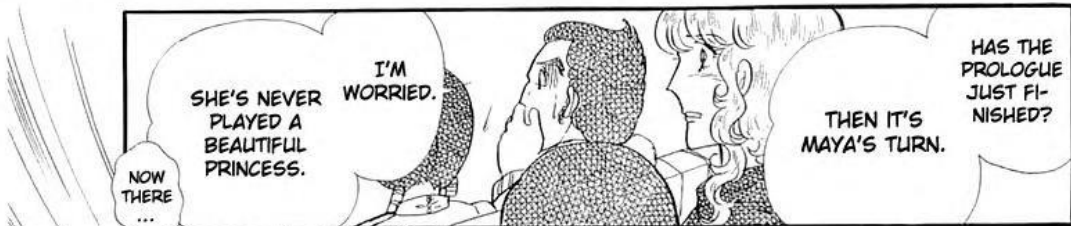
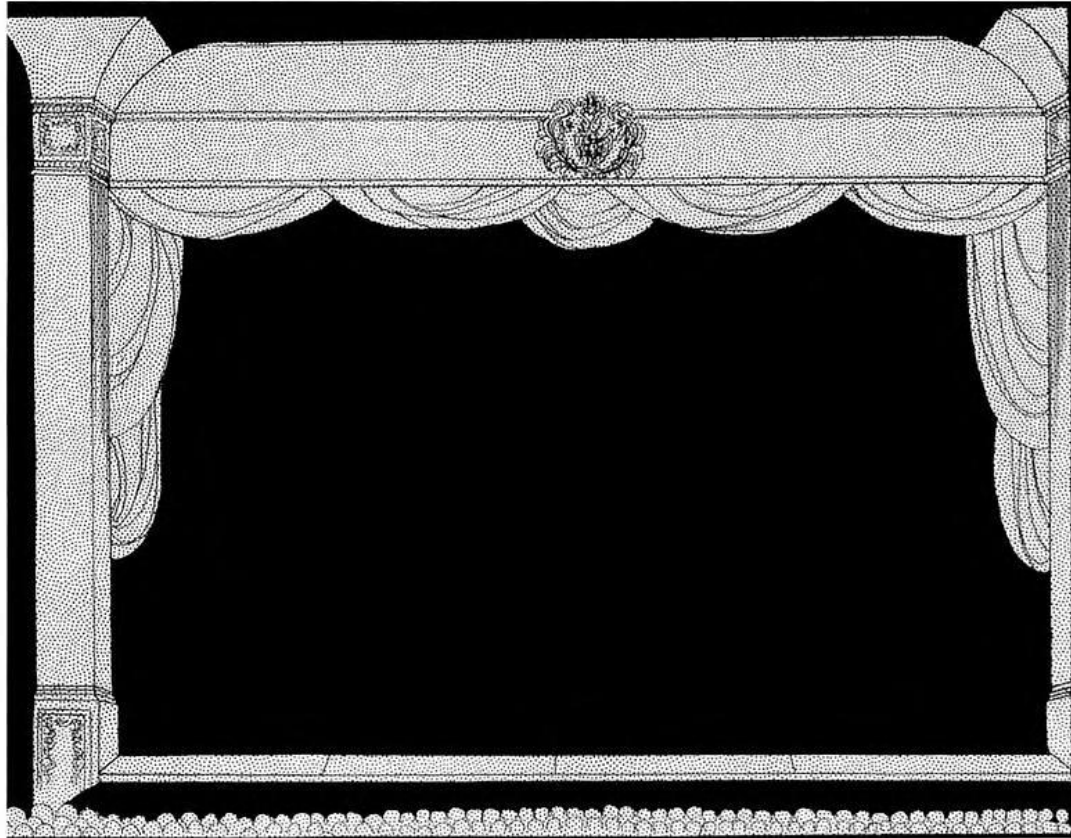
THE GIRL WILL ONLY LEAVE PRISON FOR A CONVENT OR...

...HELL.



AFORE ANY PROOF BE DISCOVERED, SHALL I WHISPER IN HIS EAR TO ENSCONCE HER IN THE WHITE DUNGEONS.

PROUD IS THE KING, AND HAVING A MUCH MALIGNED AND TAINTED DAUGHTER HE WOULD NOT COUNTENANCE.





THE AMBASSADOR
OF SCOTLAND
AND HIS WIFE!

Blah
Blah

Ho
Ho
Ho

LADY CAROLINA,
IMPERIAL
PRINCESS OF
BIENA!

FIRST
ACT



Blah
Blah

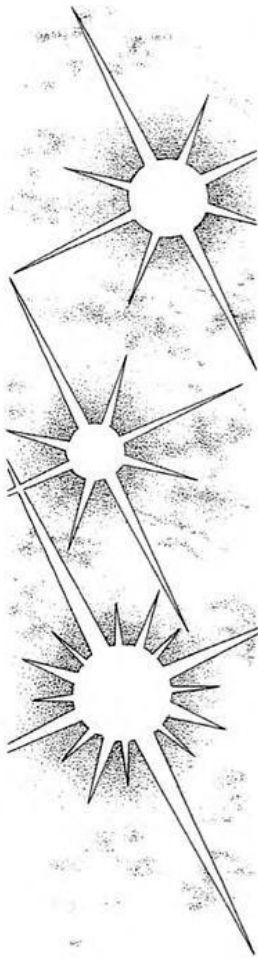
Ha
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ALL OF NOBLE
BIRTH THROUGHOUT
THE LAND HATH
COME!

ALL
HATH
COME!

NOW, IF THE PARLIA-
MENT WOULD BE
AT LEAST THIS
POPULAR.



VERILY! 'TIS HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURED DAUGHTER,

'ZOUNDS! THE LARGESS DOTH TOP THE HEAVEN LIKE OLYMPIA, THE GUESTS, A MULTITUDE...

PRINCESS ALDIS' THIRTEENTH YEAR CELEBRATION.

TO SHUN THIS DAY, HIS MAJESTY WOULD BE MOST WROTH!

BUT I AM NOT UNTOWARD HIS MAJESTY'S PASSION.

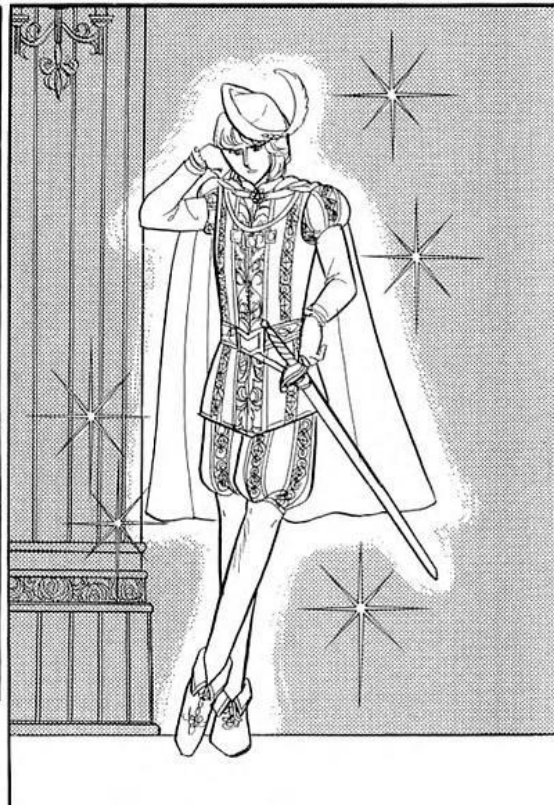
WERE PRINCESS ALDIS MY OWN DAUGHTER...

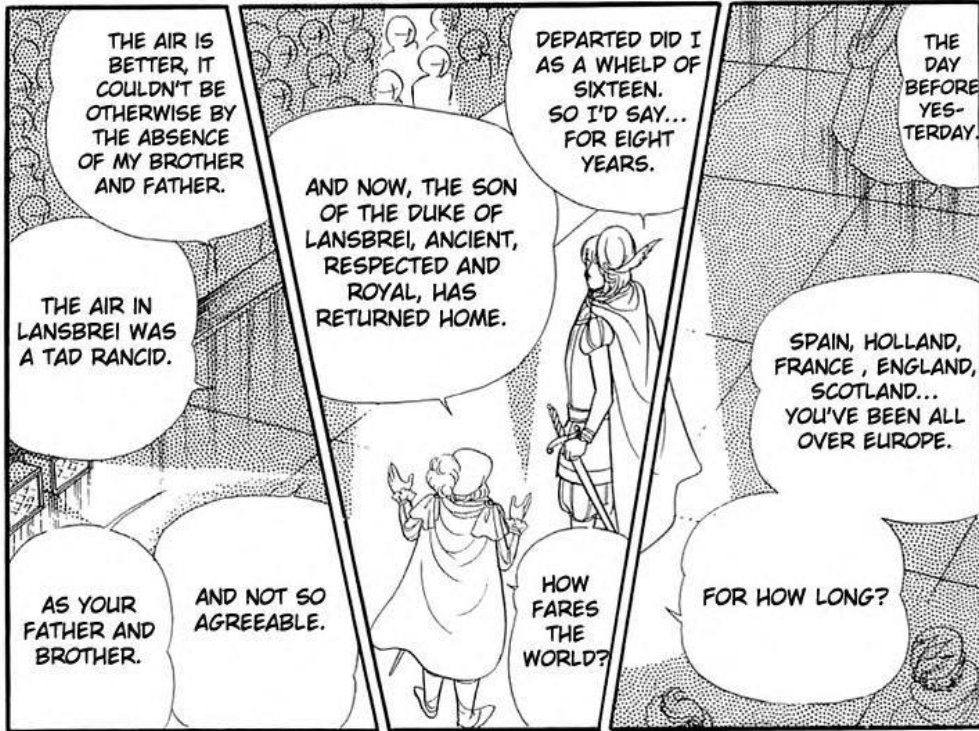
THIS NATION'S FLOWER.

LIKE GABRIEL IS HER SMILE.

UPON HER APPEARANCE, AN AIR OF HALCYON FIELDS SURROUNDS HER.

A MORE BEAUTEIOUS GIRL, NOUGHT HAVE I WITNESSED!







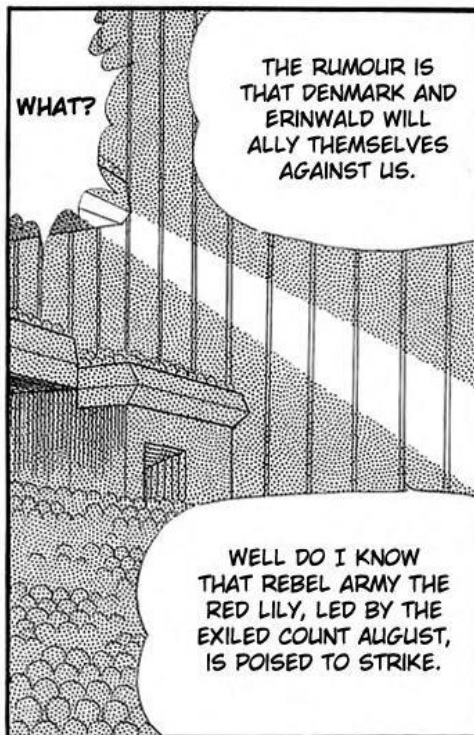
THE SCHEMING OF PARLIAMENT AND QUEEN RAGNEID'S FATHER, GOTTFRIED...

THE COMMONS ARE FULL OF RED LILY SYMPATHISERS.

HUSH, YULIUS, BUT SHOULD SOMEONE OVERHEAR, OUR FATE T'WOULD BE UNCERTAIN!

...STAND AGAINST THE SENATE,

YET THE CHURCH SITS IDLY BY THE ROYAL FAMILY.



WHAT?

THE RUMOUR IS THAT DENMARK AND ERINWALD WILL ALLY THEMSELVES AGAINST US.

WELL DO I KNOW THAT REBEL ARMY THE RED LILY, LED BY THE EXILED COUNT AUGUST, IS POISED TO STRIKE.



AND DO WE WONDER WHY LASTONIA'S PEERS SCOFF AT US?

FOR A STRIPLING OF A GIRL, A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD DOTED ON BY THE KING.

YET, DO I SEE SUCH FAWNING AND ADORATION

I CARE NOT. 'TIS BUT TRUTH.

Blah

Ha Ha

Ha Ha Ha

Blah Blah



WITH THE HEART OF AN ANGEL.

A BEAUTY IS SHE.



BUT THE CHANCE TO BEHOLD PRINCESS ALDIS.

SO YOU SAY, BUT SPECIAL IS SHE.

'T WAS NOT SIMPLE OBEDIENCE THAT HATH COMMANDED ATTENDANCE HERE

EURI-
GES...

WHEN YOU SEE
HER, YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND,
YULIUS.

HER SMILE IS LIKE
PERSEPHONE, WARM
AND GENTLE, BRINGING
HAPPINESS TO THOSE
WHO WITNESS IT.

