

That's grandpa!

Grandpa isn't a thing like Papa.
But in this picture, he looks just like him!

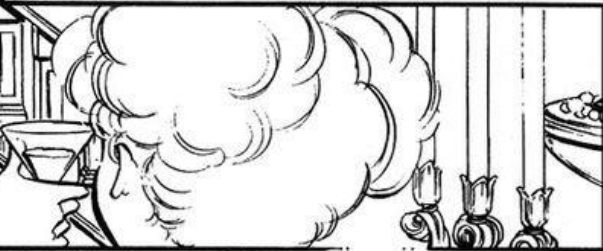
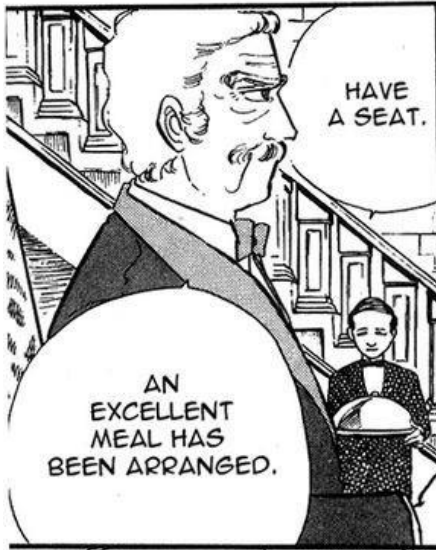


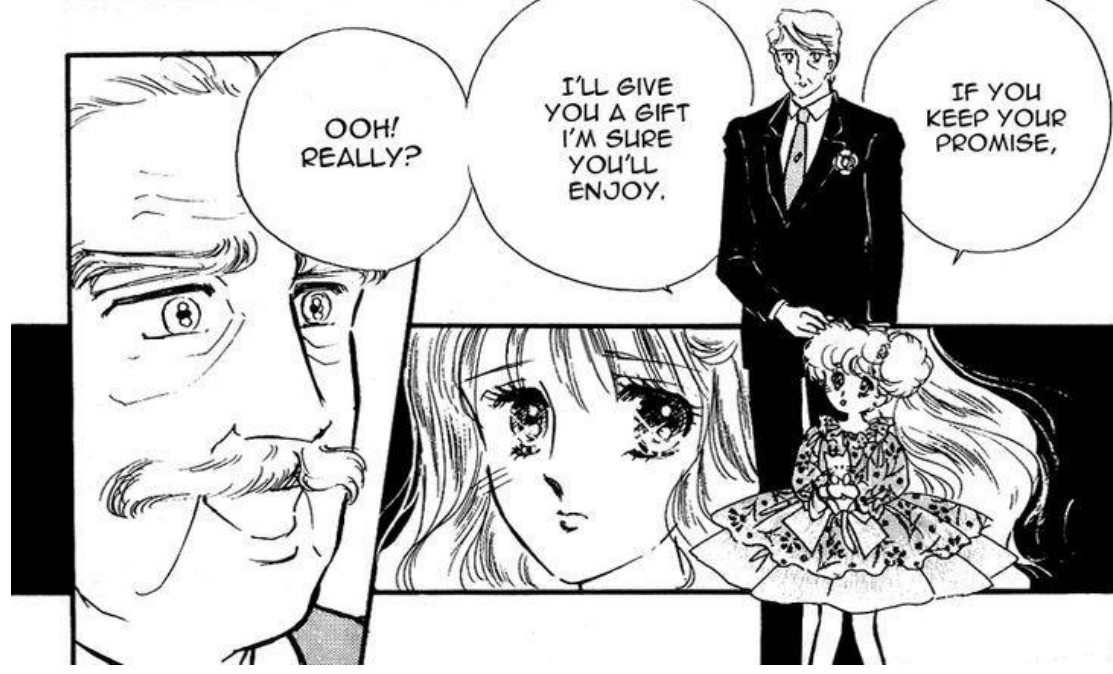
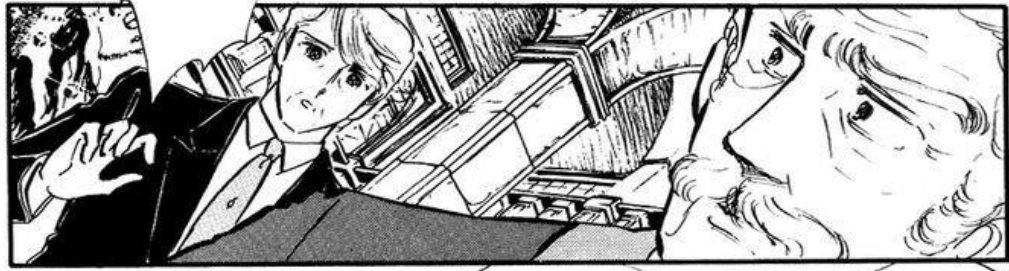
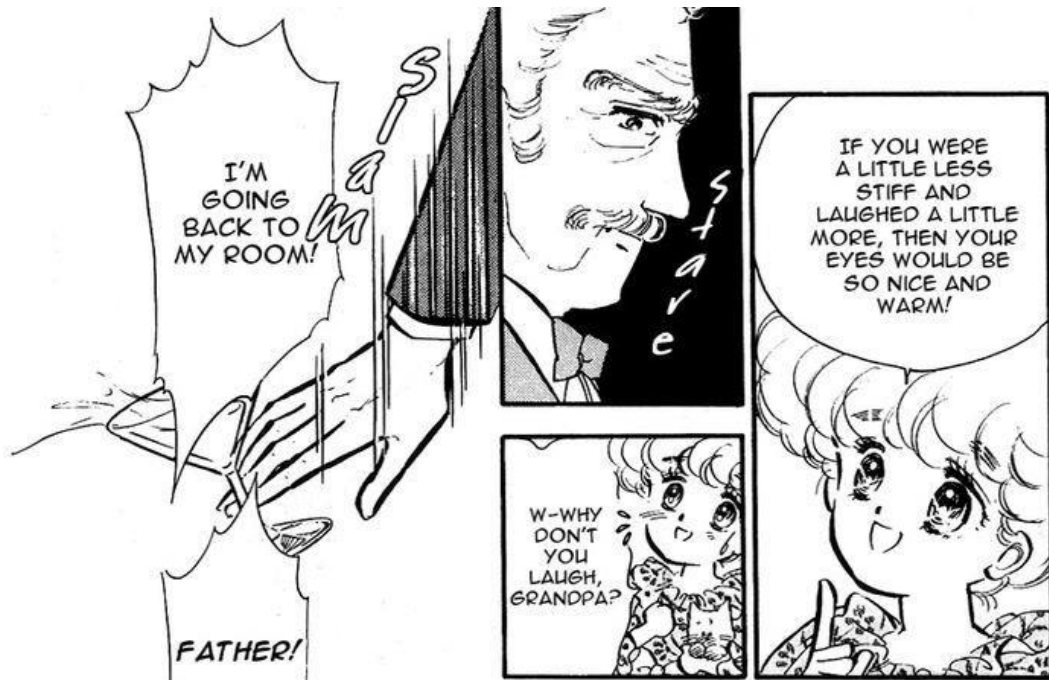
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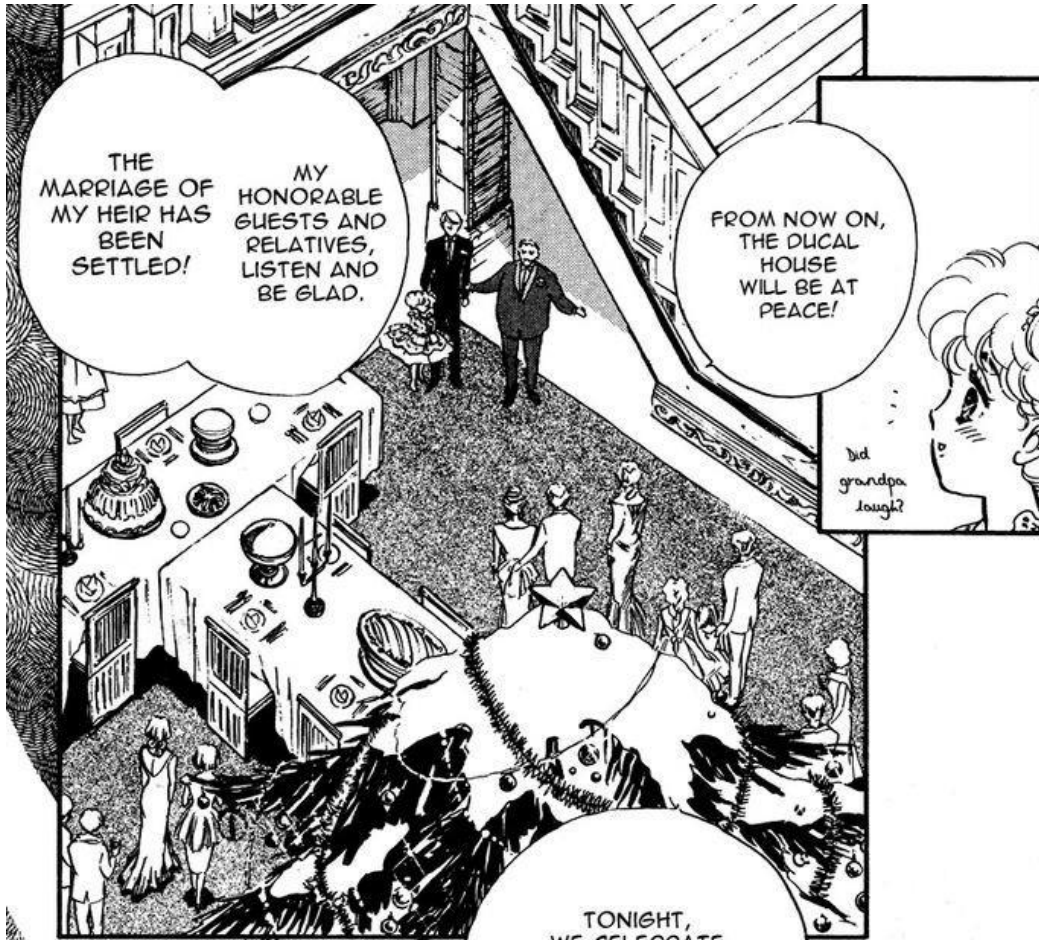












THE MARRIAGE OF MY HEIR HAS BEEN SETTLED!

MY HONORABLE GUESTS AND RELATIVES, LISTEN AND BE GLAD.

FROM NOW ON, THE DUCAL HOUSE WILL BE AT PEACE!



Did grandpa laugh?

TONIGHT, WE CELEBRATE HIS ENGAGEMENT TO THE WIDOW OF BARON COTTON, MAGDALENE WAVERLY!



You did it, mother!



PAPA IS NEVER MARRYING AGAIN!

NO, IT'S A LIE!



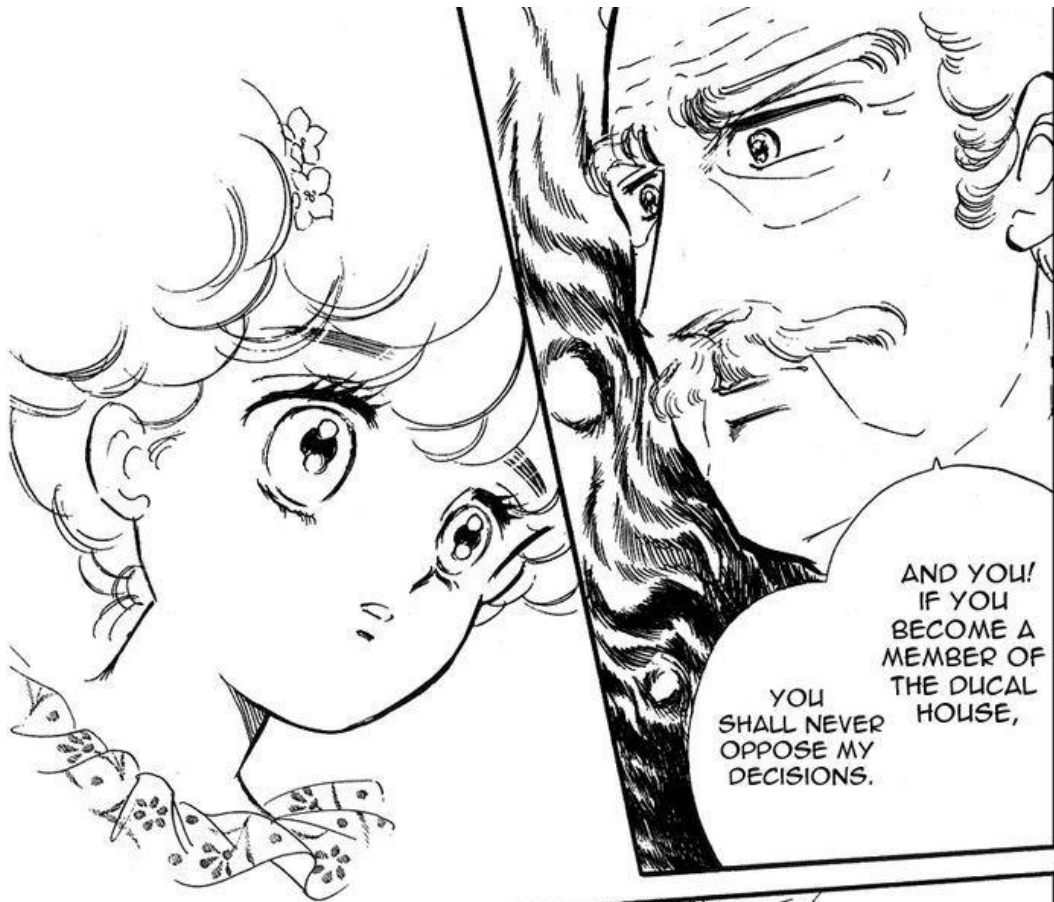
SAY IT ISN'T TRUE, PAPA.



TELL THEM YOU DON'T LIKE THAT WOMAN!

THIS MARRIAGE IS AN ORDER.

RIN...



AND YOU!
IF YOU
BECOME A
MEMBER OF
THE DUCAL
HOUSE,
YOU
SHALL NEVER
OPPOSE MY
DECISIONS.



YOU'RE
SO
STUPID,
PAPA!

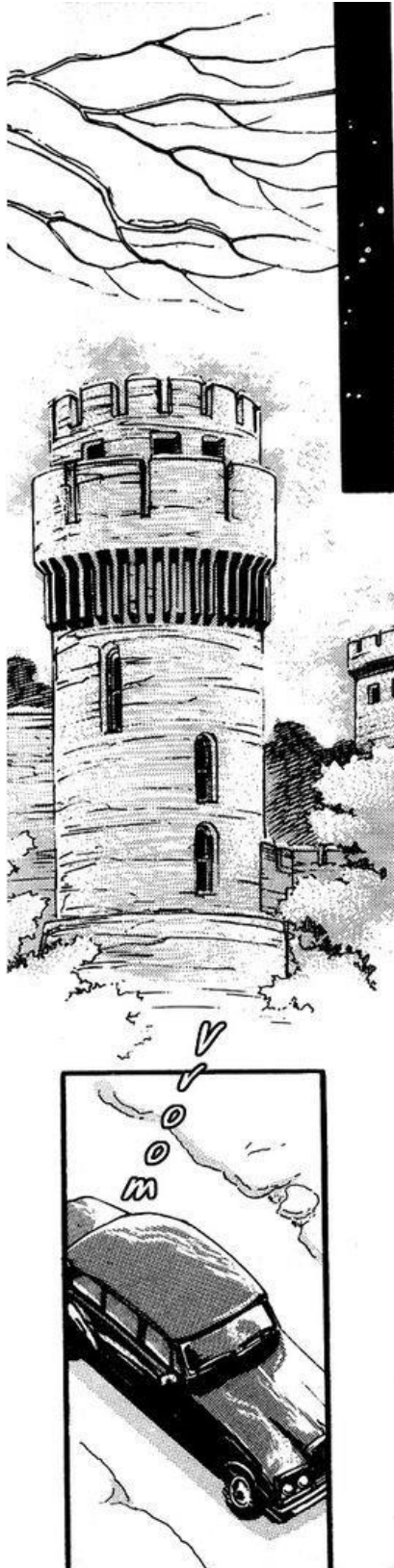
THAT'S
WHY
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YOU AND
SARAH NEED
A MOTHER.
AND SHE
CAN FILL IN FOR
ME WHEN I'M
AWAY AT WORK.

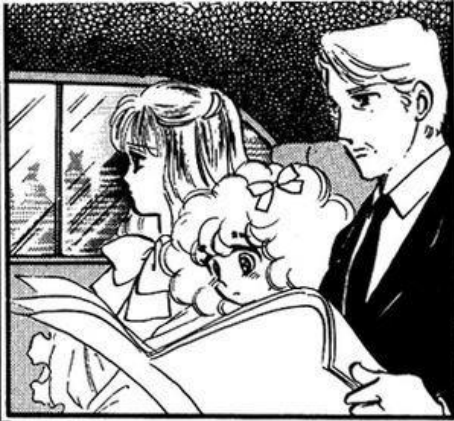
PAPA
...

THAT'S
RIGHT, RIN.
THIS IS FOR
EVERYONE'S
HAPPINESS.

RIN!



YOU SHALL NEVER OPPOSE MY DECISIONS!

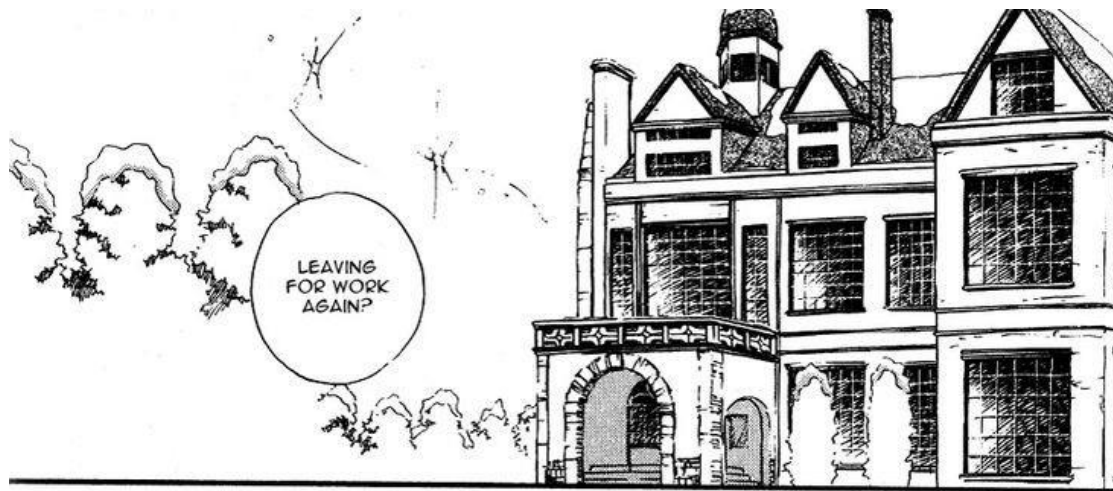


Why does he have such a scary face?

Why?

It makes me so sad...

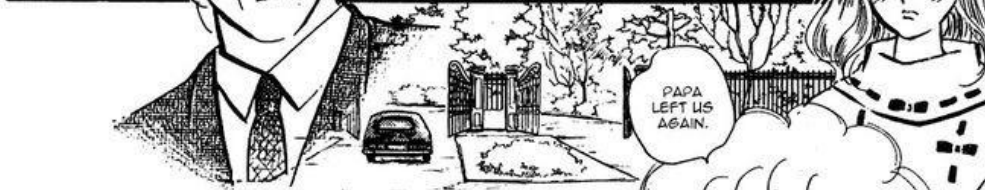


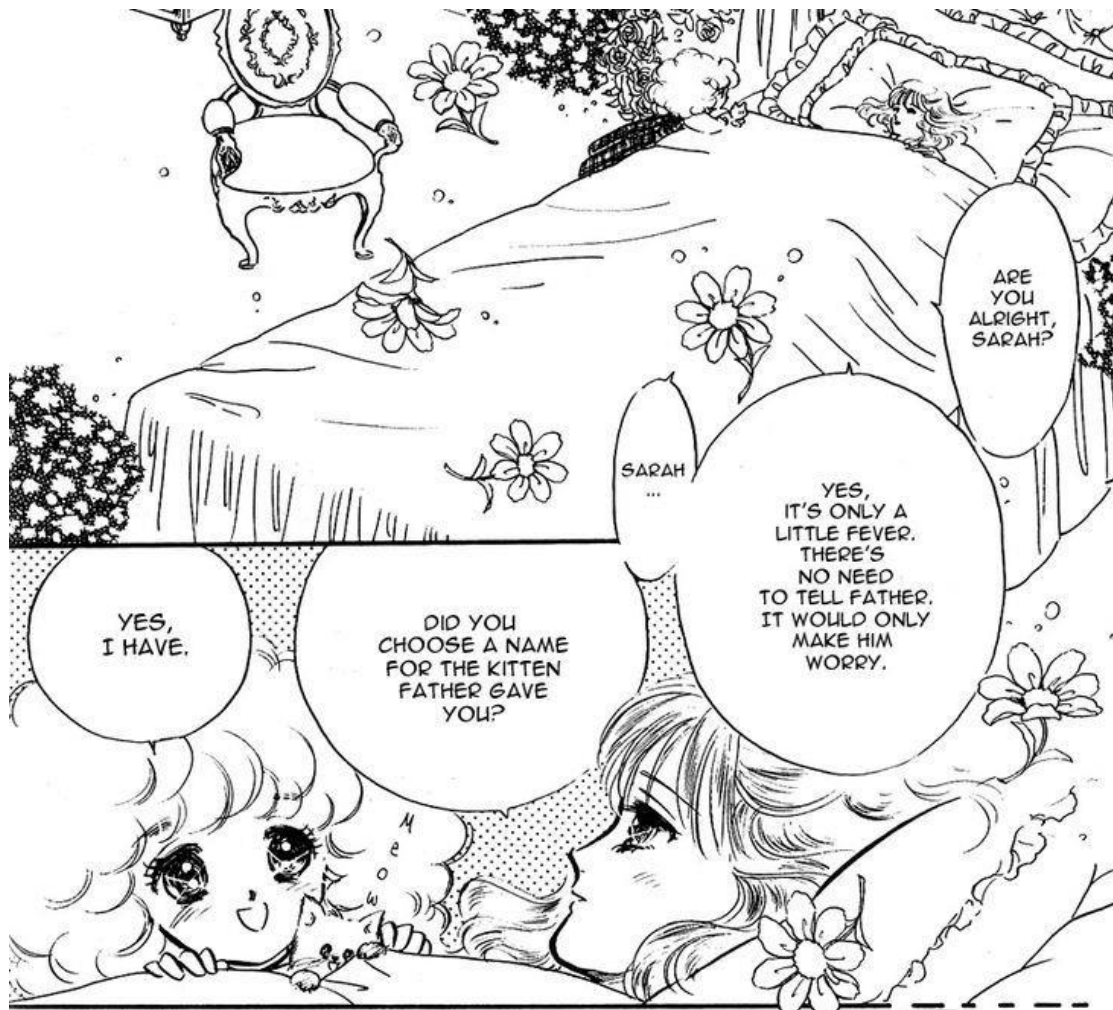


MY PARENTS ARE VERY WELL-OFF. IF YOU'RE EVER IN NEED OF ANY ECONOMIC SUPPORT, THEY'LL SUPPLY ANY AMOUNT ASKED OF THEM.

MAINTAINING BOTH THE CASTLE AND THE MANSION TAKES ENORMOUS EXPENSES. EVEN MEMBERS OF A DUCAL HOUSE NEED TO WORK.







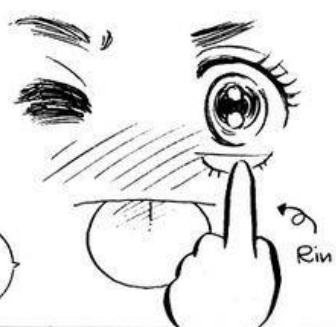






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TAKE THIS.



Rin



RIN!!

How dare you stick your tongue at me?



YOU ARE RIGHT, THOMAS.

THAT GIRL NEEDS SOME GOOD, FIRM PUNISHMENT.

!!



Grab

LET GO! IT HURTS!



OH, IT'S ALEXANDRA!



D-DID THAT GUY E-EDWARD COME TOO?

THOMAS ?!

Ouch that hurt...





WHERE DID YOU GET THIS CUTE LITTLE KITTY?







YOUR DAD...
AND THAT
WOMAN?!

I DON'T
CARE ABOUT
EDWARD,
BUT DON'T
TURN ARTHUR
AWAY.

MOT-
HER.

WHAT?
THEY'RE
SERIOUSLY
GETTING
MARRIED?!

ARTHUR IS
THE HEIR
OF AN
EARL.

MARY?

IT WOULD
BE A
LOSS TO
NOT TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF HIS
ACQUAINTANCE.

YOU'RE NOTHING
BUT A COWARD,
BROTHER!
YOU RAN AWAY
BECAUSE YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
EDWARD,
DIDN'T YOU?

I...

SERIOUSLY?
THAT GIRLY
KID?

*you've
got
ouful
taste!*

HUH?
MARY, DO
YOU LIKE
ARTHUR?

ba-thing

He's
from a
noble
family
too
...

IF YOU
LOOK AT IT
THAT WAY,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



IS THAT TRUE, SARAH?

YES, MY FATHER IS GOING TO MARRY HER.

THERE, THERE, DON'T CRY. AS A MEMBER OF THE DUCAL HOUSE, YOU'LL BE MUCH MORE DISTINGUISHED THAN EDWARD.



But he's so mean, Mommy...

That's right. I'm going to be a member of the ducal house, too.
There's no way I'll lose to Sarah and Kim.



GRANDFATHER WANTS TO HAVE A GRANDSON TO BE THE HEIR TO THE DUCAL HOUSE.

BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU OPPOSE?

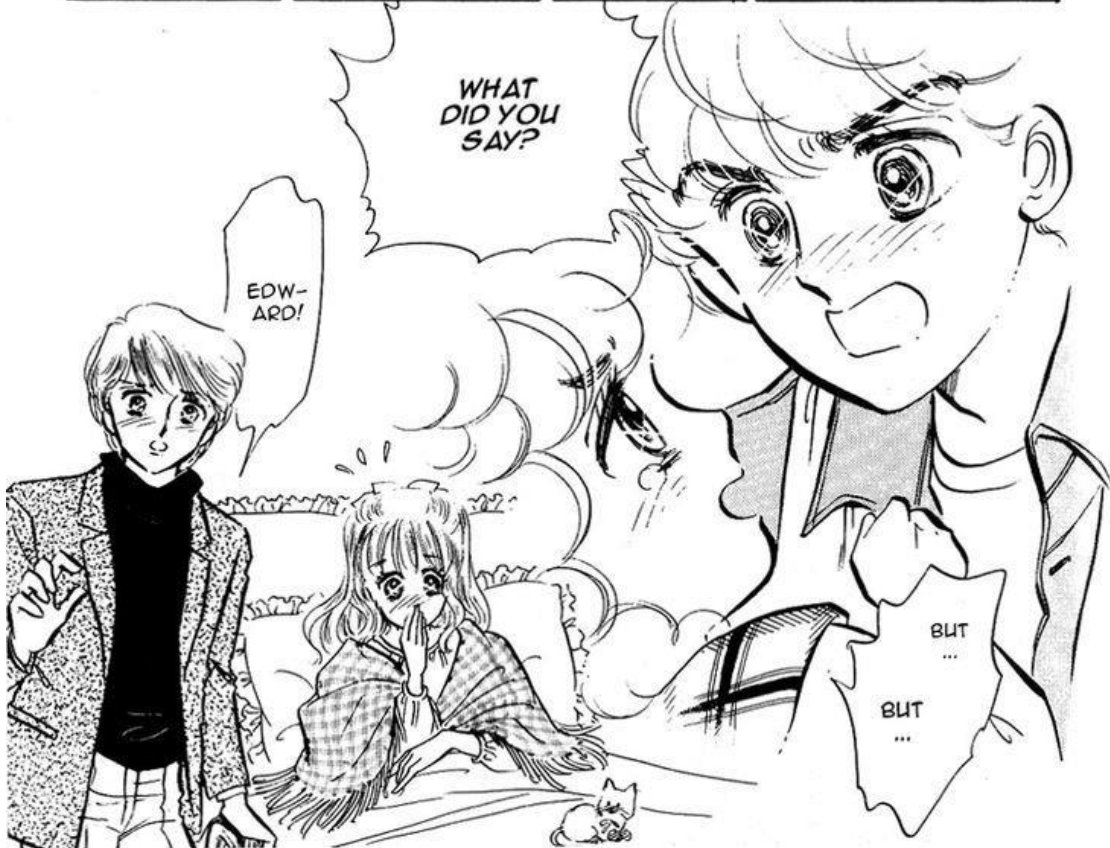
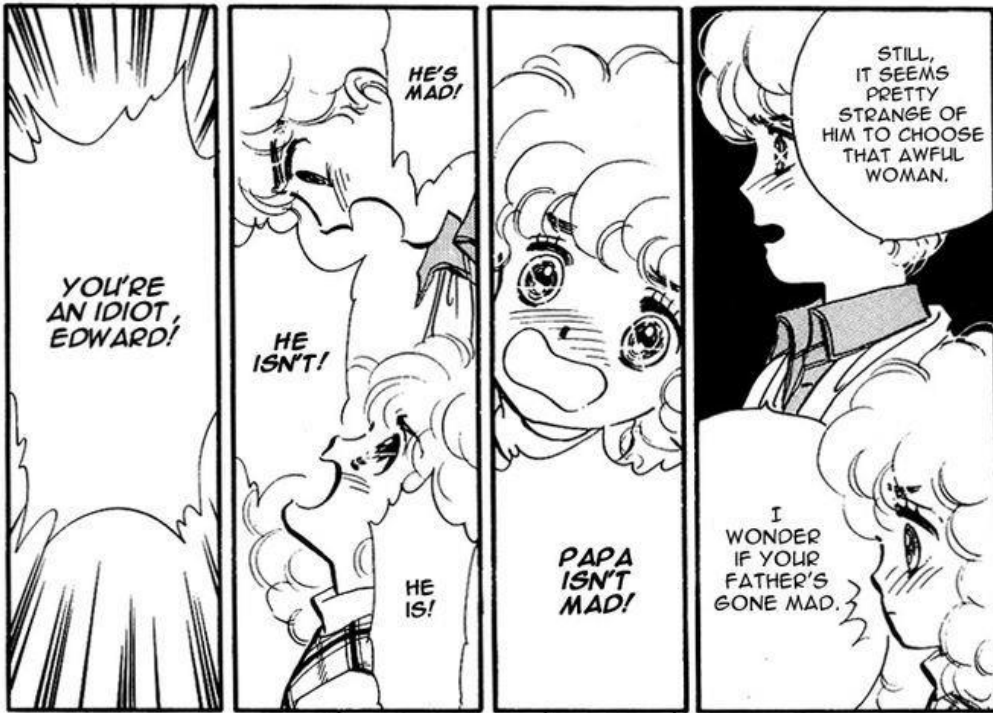


ENGLAND HAS A QUEEN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU BEING HEIR?



THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

IF ONLY I WEREN'T SO SICKLY ...





I'D LIKE YOU AND RIN TO CHEER FOR ME AT THE EQUESTRIAN TOURNAMENT NEXT SUNDAY.

OH! YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN A TOURNAMENT, ARTHUR?

SARAH, MAKE SURE TO GET WELL SOON.

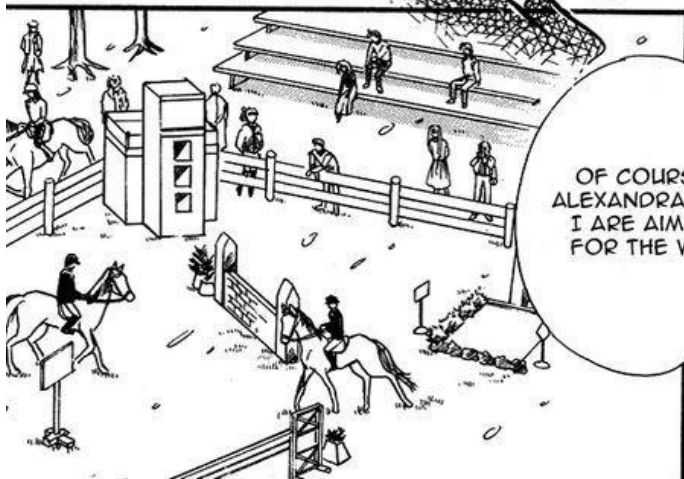


EQUES-
TRIAN?

IT'S ONLY A SMALL EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR. THE EQUESTRIAN CLUB I'M A MEMBER OF IS ORGANIZING IT.

No. 1

OF COURSE, ALEXANDRA AND I ARE AIMING FOR THE WIN.





WOW!
LOOK AT
ALL THE
HORSES!



HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING,

ARTHUR
AND
ALEXANDRA?



EDWARD,
AREN'T YOU
COMPETING
TOO?

ZOOO

PERFECT!



YEAH!

AND THEN YOU'LL COMPETE IN AN EVEN BIGGER TOURNAMENT, RIGHT?

SOMEDAY, WHEN I CAN HANDLE ALEXANDRA MORE EASILY.



MARY!

ARTHUR!



I'M HERE TO CHEER FOR YOU!
DO YOUR BEST, ARTHUR!

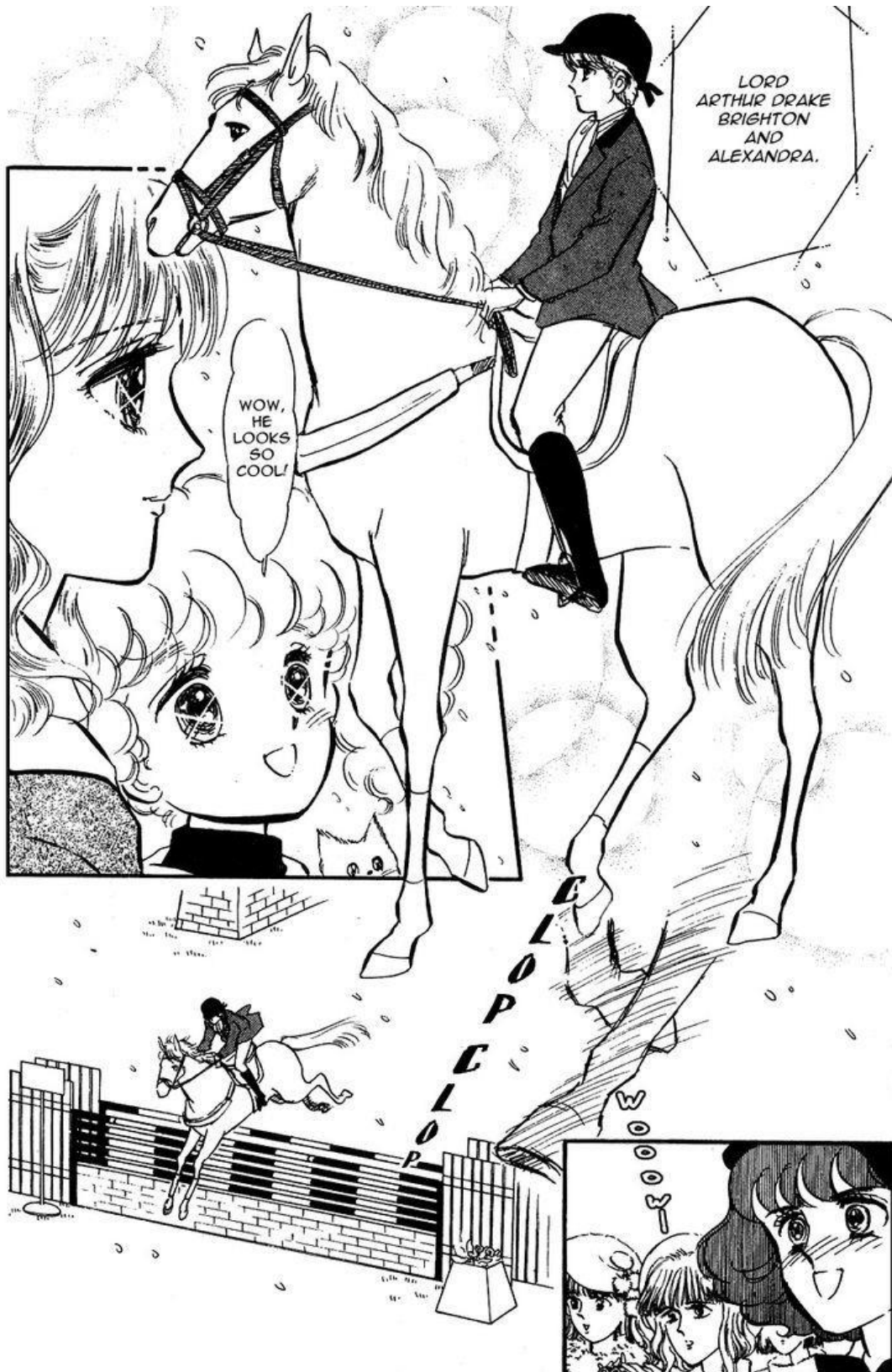


I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST.

HEY, DID THAT RASCAL THOMAS COME TOO?



TH-
THANK YOU.

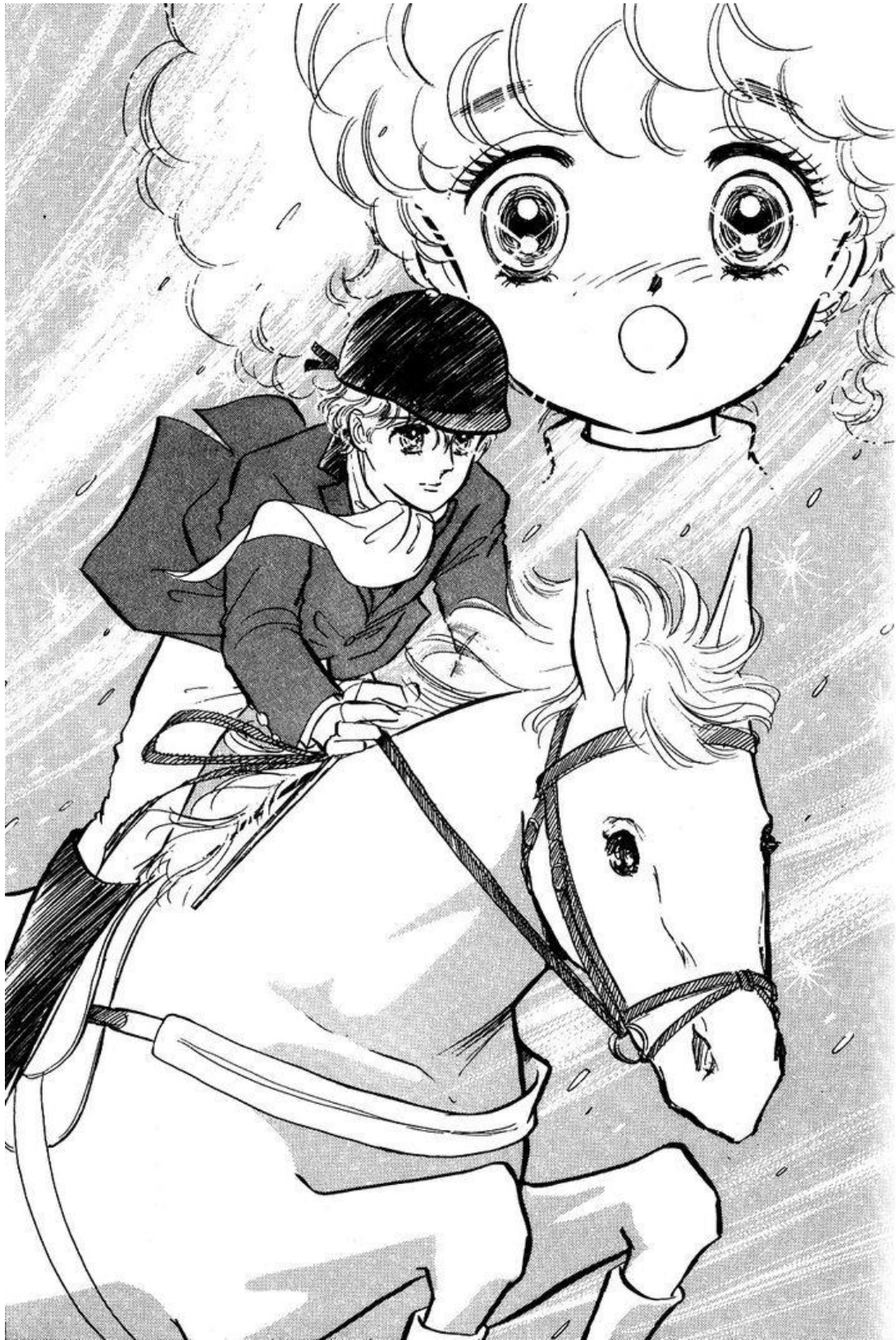


LORD
ARTHUR DRAKE
BRIGHTON
AND
ALEXANDRA.

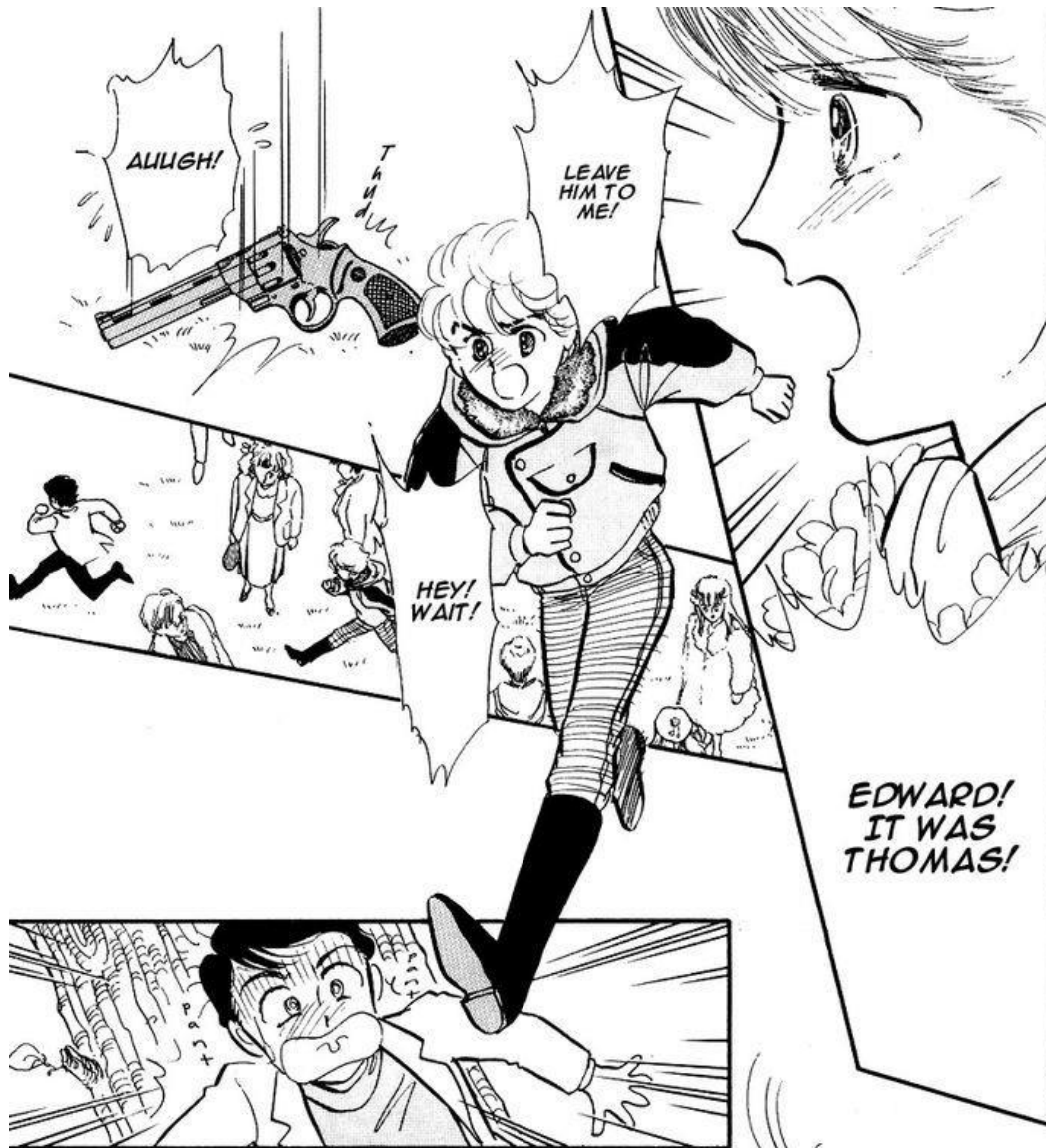
WOW,
HE
LOOKS
SO
COOL!

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ALUGH!

THUD!

LEAVE HIM TO ME!

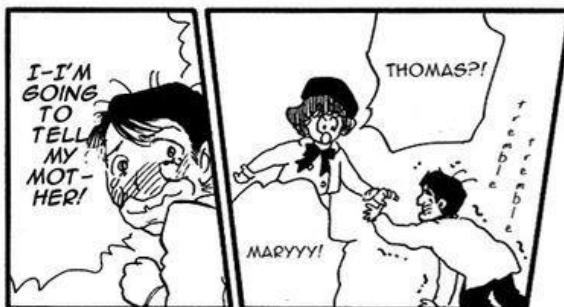
HEY! WAIT!

EDWARD!
IT WAS THOMAS!



I'M GONNA
BREAK YOUR
TEETH!

ARE
YOU READY
FOR THIS?





EDWARD,
WHY DON'T YOU
TAKE RIN OVER THE
FENCE TO SEE
ALEXANDRA?

COME
WITH ME.

OH!
SURE!



HA HA!
Just kidding.
"MOM-
MYYY"

MOM-
MYYY
...

Teh!



YOU'RE STRONG,
EDWARD.



I
KNOW,
RIGHT?



MINE
WOULD,
TOO.

I'M A TOMBOY,
BUT MY MAMA
WOULD SCOLD ME
FOR DOING THAT.



BUT
VIOLENCE
ISN'T THE
ANSWER.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
JUMPING THOMAS
IS JUST A
HABIT OF MINE.



BUT YOU AREN'T COMFORTABLE WITH THE BARONESS AND HER CHILDREN, ARE YOU?

OH, IT'S FINE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

I'M SORRY, SARAH.

FOR WHAT?

IS YOUR FATHER AWARE OF THAT?

NO...

IF THOMAS AND THE BARONESS WIDOW

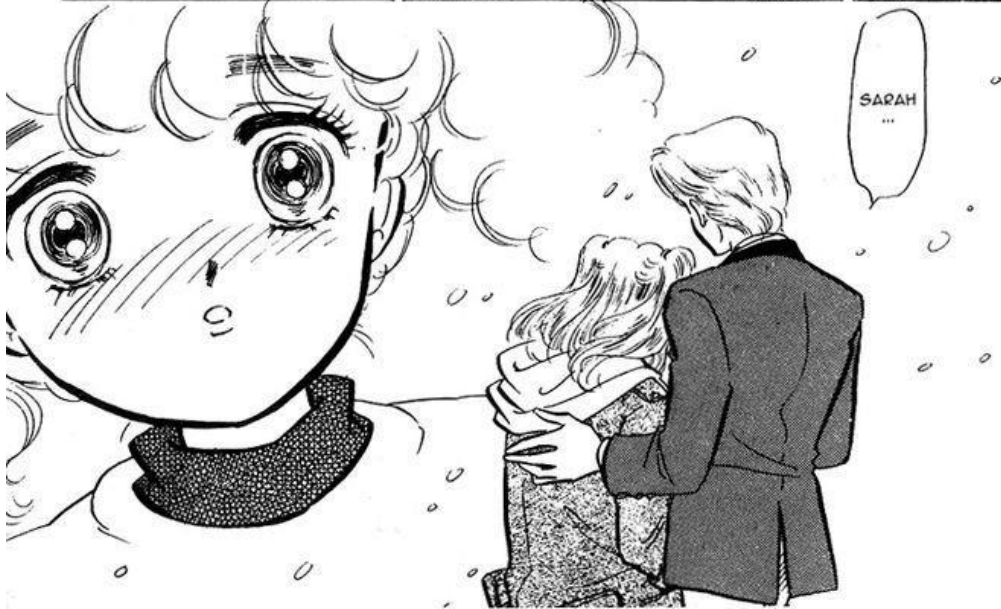
ARE CRUEL TO YOU AND RIN NOW, IT'LL BE OUR FAULT.

BUT WHY? SARAH, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM?

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT!

THERE MUST BE A REASON.

SARAH!





A good match...

YOU SEE IT TOO, DON'T YOU? ARTHUR AND SARAH MAKE A GOOD MATCH.



FATHER AND I ARE GOING TO ENDURE THIS FOR RIN'S SAKE.



HE'S GETTING MARRIED SO THAT

RIN DOESN'T HAVE TO GO BACK TO JAPAN...

