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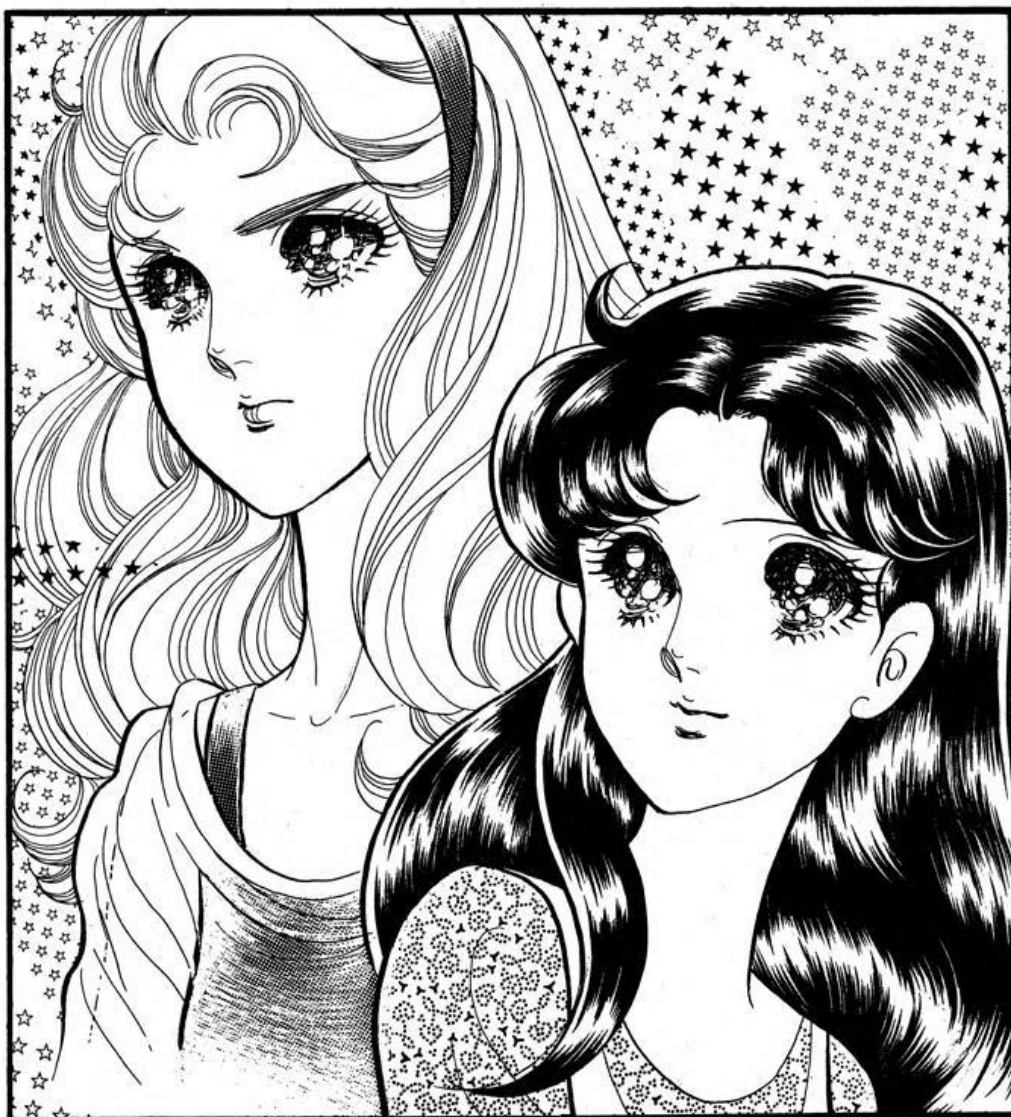


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GLASS MASK

VOLUME 39 THE CRIMSON GODDESS (6)

SUZUE MIUCHI





All I
have to do is
keep quiet...

Only I know
that the bridge
is rotted!

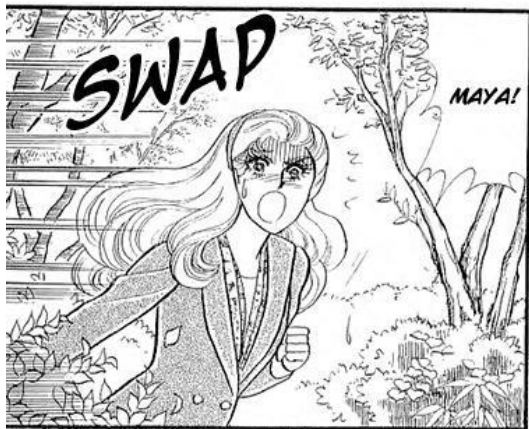
Just me!



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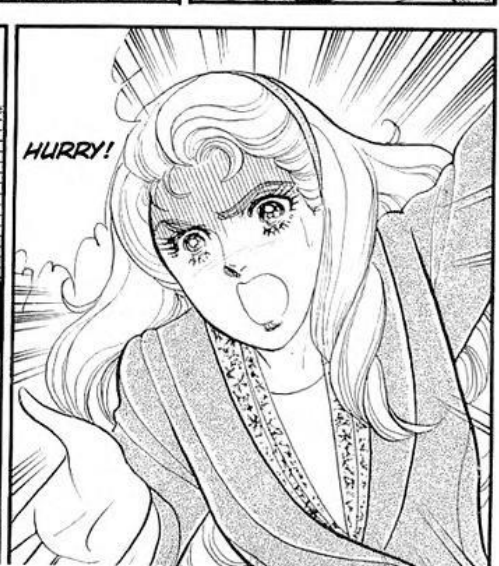


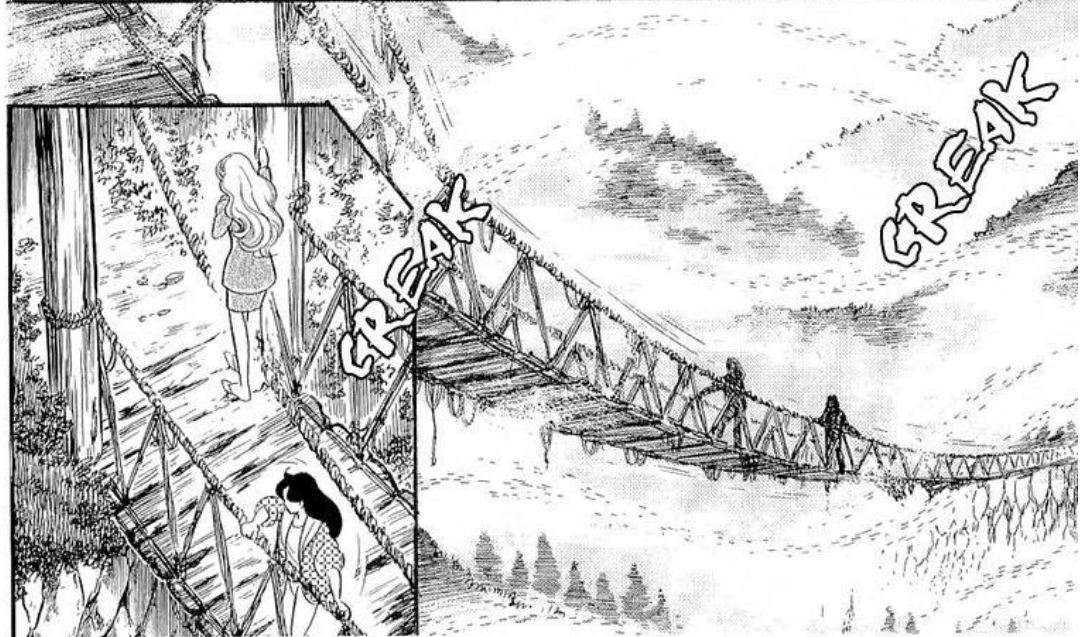
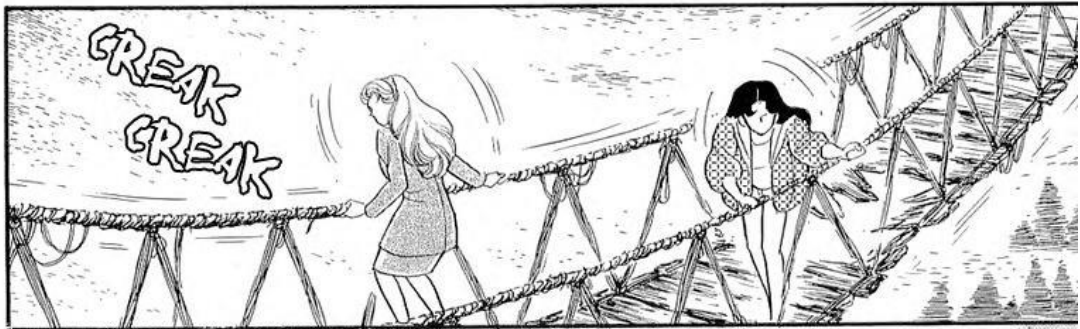
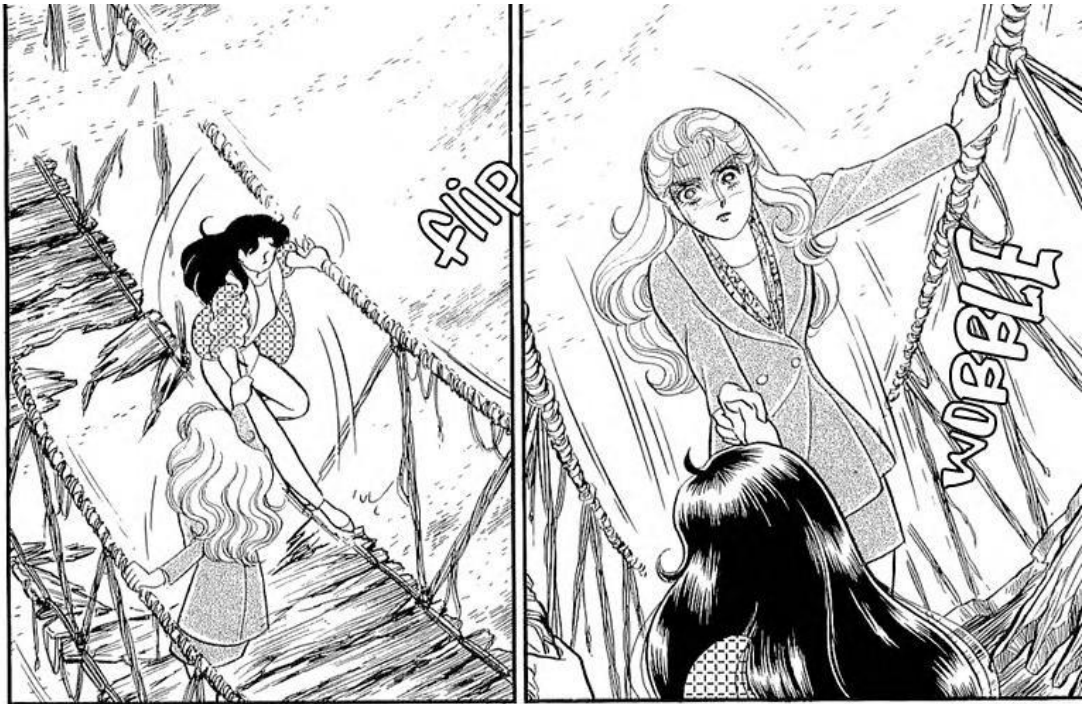




AYUMI!

Maya!







I THINK... THE SAME AS YOU!

I WANTED TO SEE THE VALLEY...



BUT WHAT WERE YOU DOING HERE, SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?



HAHA... THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE! JUST A BIT FURTHER, AND I WOULD HAVE ENDED UP AT THE BOTTOM...

THANKS, AYUMI.

YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

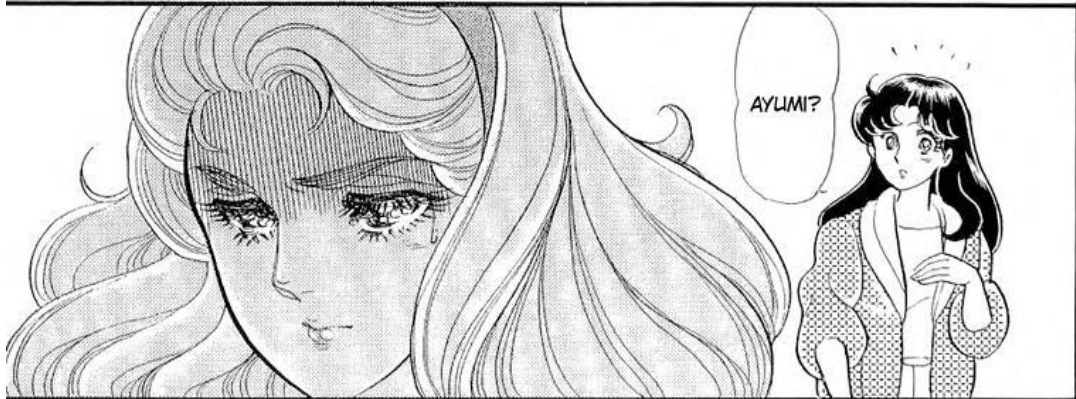


NO.

swap

REALLY?

WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK FOR ME.



AYUMI?



AYUMI.

EH?

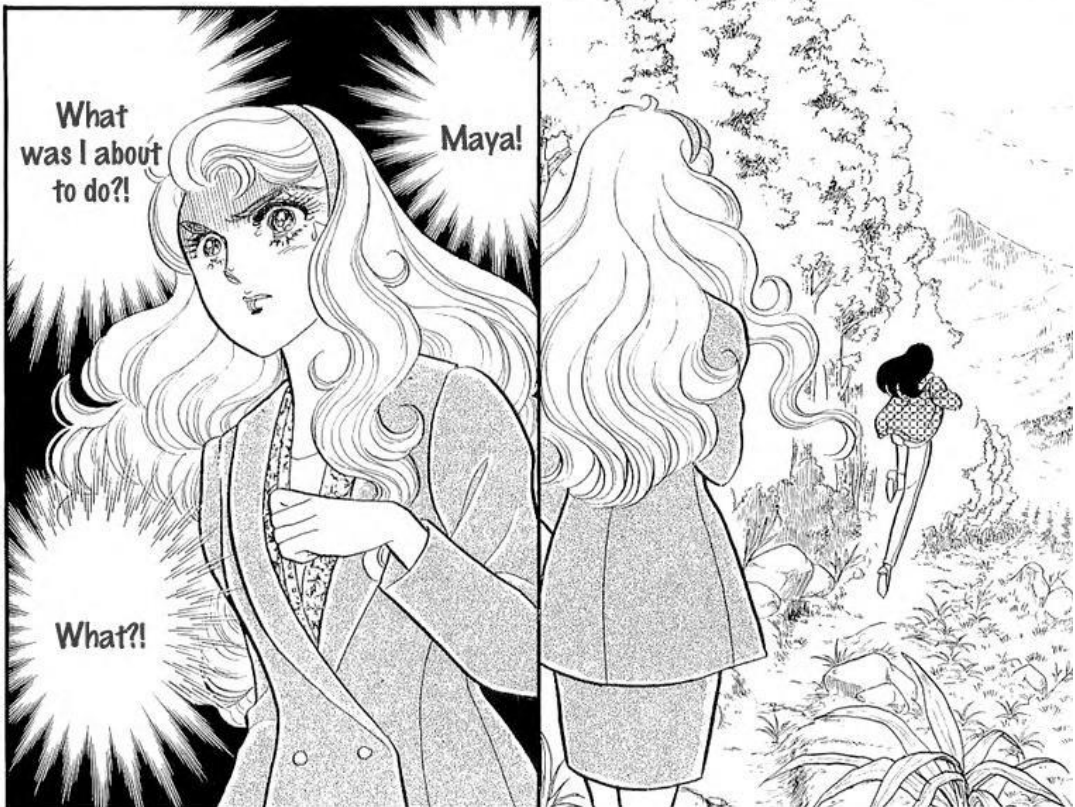


YOU'RE RIGHT!

I'LL GO RIGHT NOW.

BETTER HURRY AND TELL TSUKIKAGE-SAN...

AND THE OTHERS THAT THE BRIDGE IS UNSAFE...





I have the same cruel instincts!

I've never ever, even once, thought about resorting to low tricks to get a part!

I'm always honest!

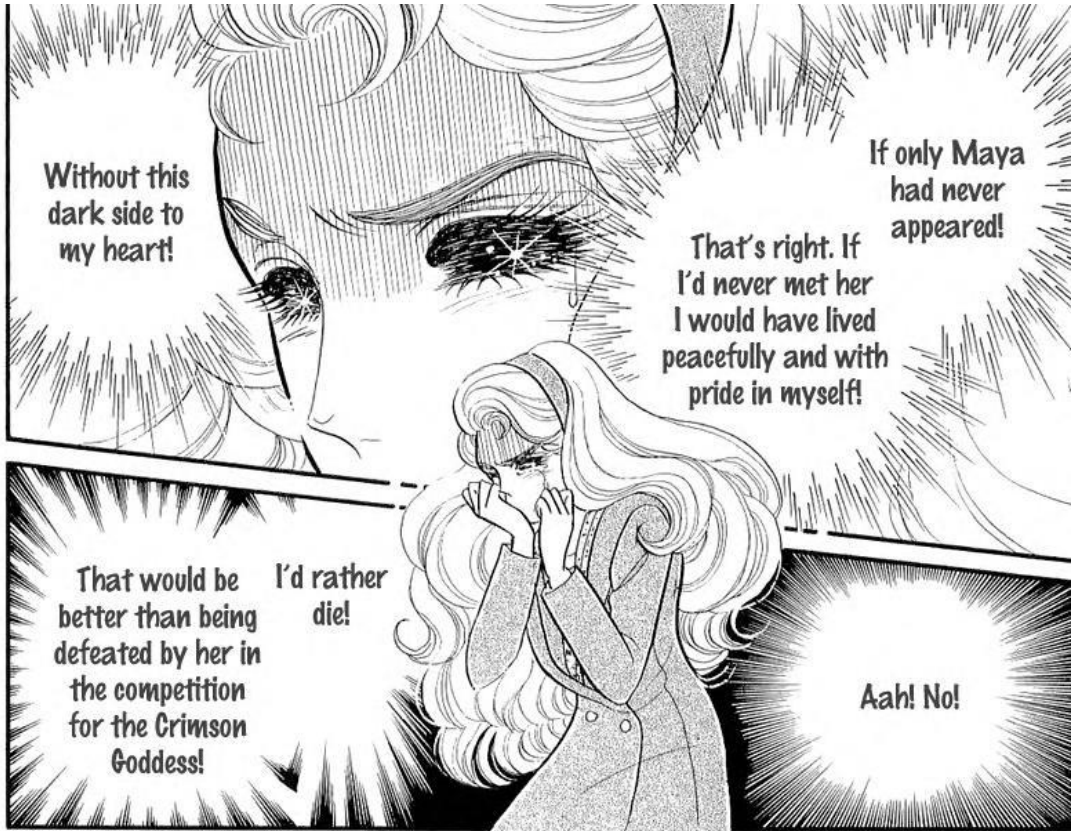
I was about to let her die!

I hated the people who used them, those mean actors...

I'm such a horrible person!

But now I see...

I can't believe I even considered such a thing!



Without this dark side to my heart!

If only Maya had never appeared!

That's right. If I'd never met her I would have lived peacefully and with pride in myself!

That would be better than being defeated by her in the competition for the Crimson Goddess!

I'd rather die!

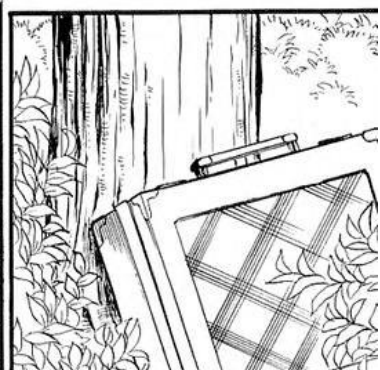
Aah! No!



I can't go back to Tokyo with these feelings!



I don't want to be a loser!





All my efforts up till now haven't been in vain!

I have to believe in myself!

Yes. I'll try my hardest!

There's nothing I can't do!



Like that day when I was little...

This time I'll win!

Yes! The battle is just beginning!

I will win!

Yes, I will win!



I'll go back... to Tsukikage-san!

And I'll compete fair and square with Maya for the Crimson Goddess!



LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING,

YOU GOT IT, RIGHT?

YES!

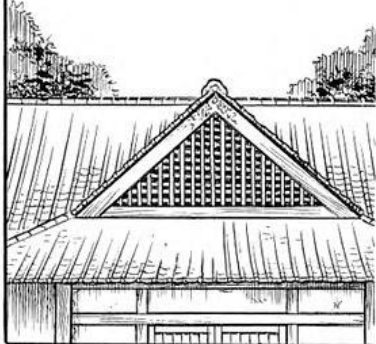
YES!

IS THAT FINE WITH YOU, GIRLS?

PERFORM THEIR CRIMSON GODDESS IN THE VALLEY OF THE PLUM TREES.

WHEN THE BRIDGE IS IN USE AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO HAVE MAYA KITAJIMA AND AYUMI HIMEKAWA...

UNTIL THE BRIDGE IS REPAIRED, WE CANNOT GO INTO THE VALLEY.



REALLY NOW, YOU'RE BEING SILLY!

Come on

MAYBE THE GODDESS OF THAT REMOTE PLACE DOESN'T LIKE US THERE.

SO, FOR NOW, NO MORE TRIPS TO THE VALLEY?
TOO BAD...



COME ON! WE SHOULD ALSO GO TO THE RIVER TO REHEARSE FOR OUR NEXT SHOW!

YEAH!

TAD TAD

YES!

YOU ARE RIVALS!

AND TAKE YOUR PRACTICE SERIOUSLY!

NOW GO!

clap





WHAT IS IT, AYUMI?

TSUKIKAGE-SAN!

I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...



TAP TAP



I STILL HAVEN'T GRASPED HER ESSENCE.
THERE'S SOMETHING... THAT I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND.

WHO IS THE CRIMSON GODDESS?
I KNOW SHE IS THE ANCIENT SPIRIT OF THE PLUM TREE, BUT...



PLEASE, TSUKIKAGE-SAN!
TELL ME WHO THE CRIMSON GODDESS IS!

PLEASE!

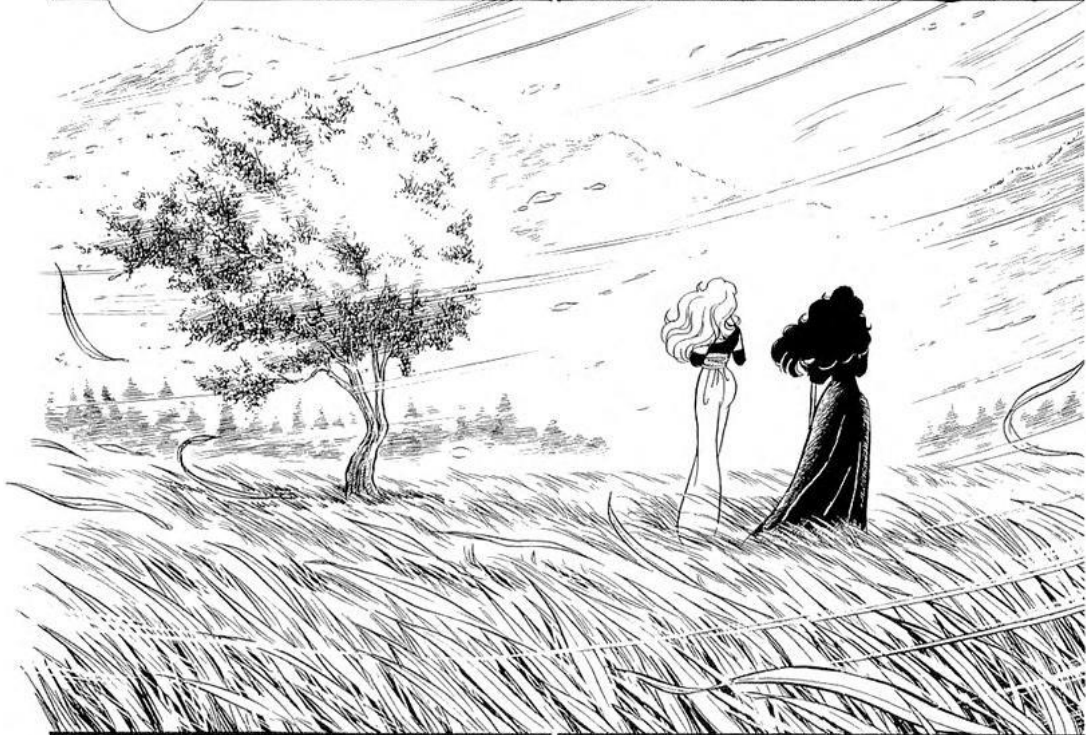


WAIT!



BY NOW, YOU SHOULD ALREADY COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE CRIMSON GODDESS!

TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHY I MADE YOU INTERPRET WIND, FIRE, WATER AND EARTH.





I WANTED TO EXPRESS THE INVISIBLE WIND WITH THE MOVEMENTS OF MY BODY...

YES...

AYUMI, DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU INTERPRETED THE WIND?

THE WIND?



AH!

YOU UNDERSTAND FROM THEIR MOVEMENTS THAT THE INVISIBLE WIND IS THE ONE THAT STIRS THEM!

WELL, NOW... HOW ABOUT THESE TREES AND THE GRASS? AREN'T THEY DOING THE SAME?



FIRE?

YES, THAT WAS YOUR WIND.

HOW ABOUT FIRE?

YOU CANNOT SEE IT, BUT IT MOVES THINGS ON THE SURFACE...

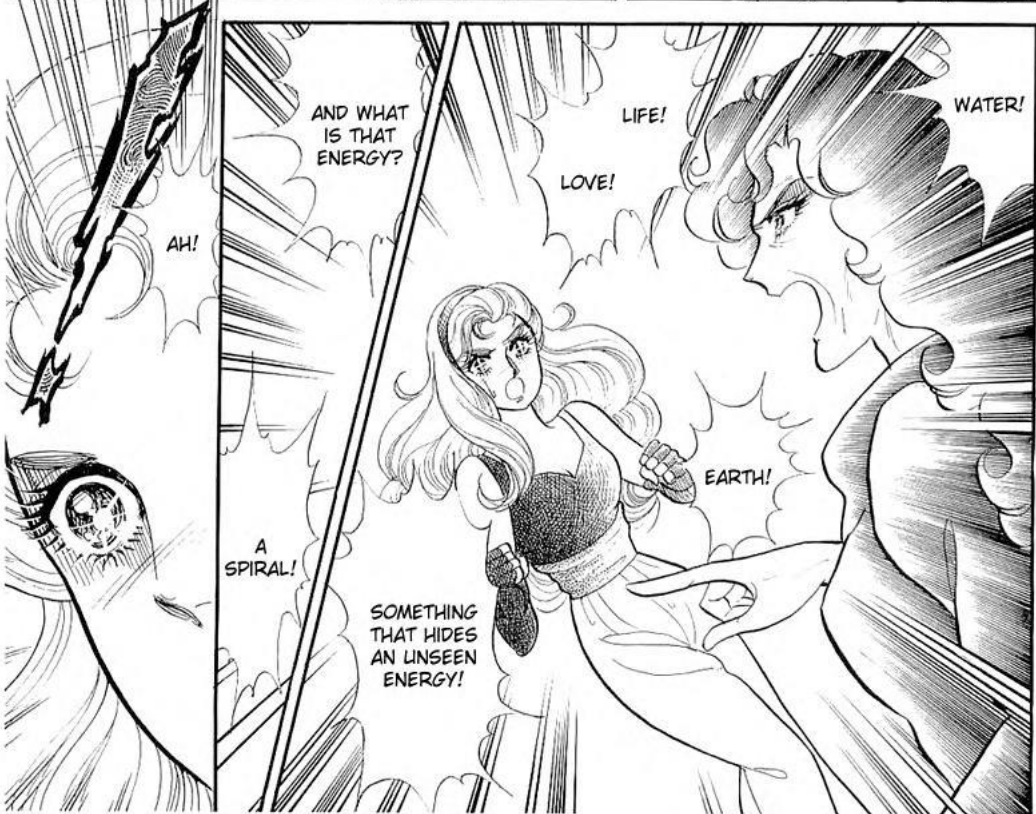
THE WIND!

THAT WAS ...

THE RHYTHM WITHOUT A SHAPE ...
THE RHYTHM THAT BURNS ...

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SHAPELESS WIND...







YES!
I HAD YOU STUDY WIND, FIRE, WATER AND EARTH SO THAT YOU COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CRIMSON GODDESS!

SO THE CRIMSON GODDESS IS...?!



MY STRENGTH SPIRALS UP TOWARDS THE HEAVENS, WATCHING OVER THE CREATURES OF THE EARTH...

GO ON! SAY THE LINES...

OF THE CRIMSON GODDESS!

AND OF THE WATER...



EXACTLY! THAT IS YOUR CRIMSON GODDESS!



EVEN THOUGH SHE IS INVISIBLE, SHE HAS THE POWER TO MOVE THINGS ON THE SURFACE...

THE PASSION OF THE RHYTHM WITHOUT A FORM...

THE CRIMSON GODDESS ...!

SHE MOVES THE TREES TO GROW ON THE SURFACE ...

AND BRINGS FORTH A SPIRALING ENERGY FROM THE EARTH... SHE GIVES LIFE TO ALL BEINGS,

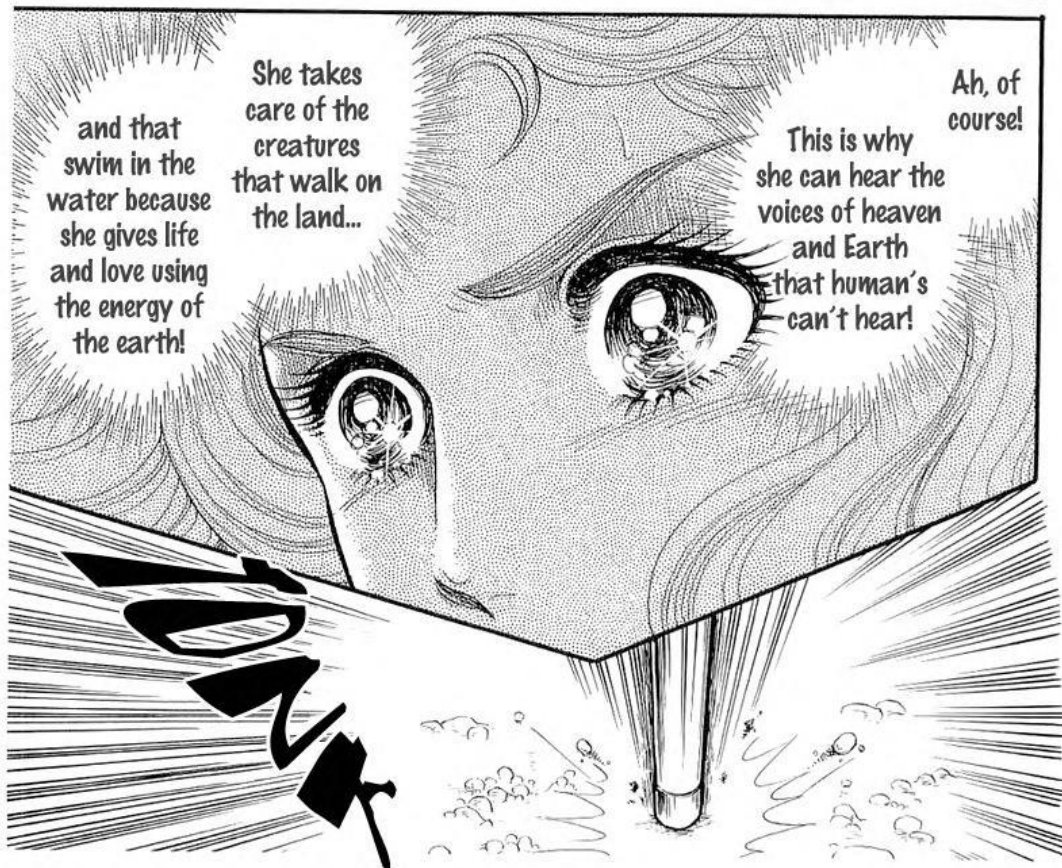


THE SPIRIT OF THE GODS!

This is my Crimson Goddess!

THE TREE AND THE SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH'S GODS GROWS AND SHOW ITSELF ON THE SURFACE...

This is the Crimson Goddess, the ancient plum tree's spirit!



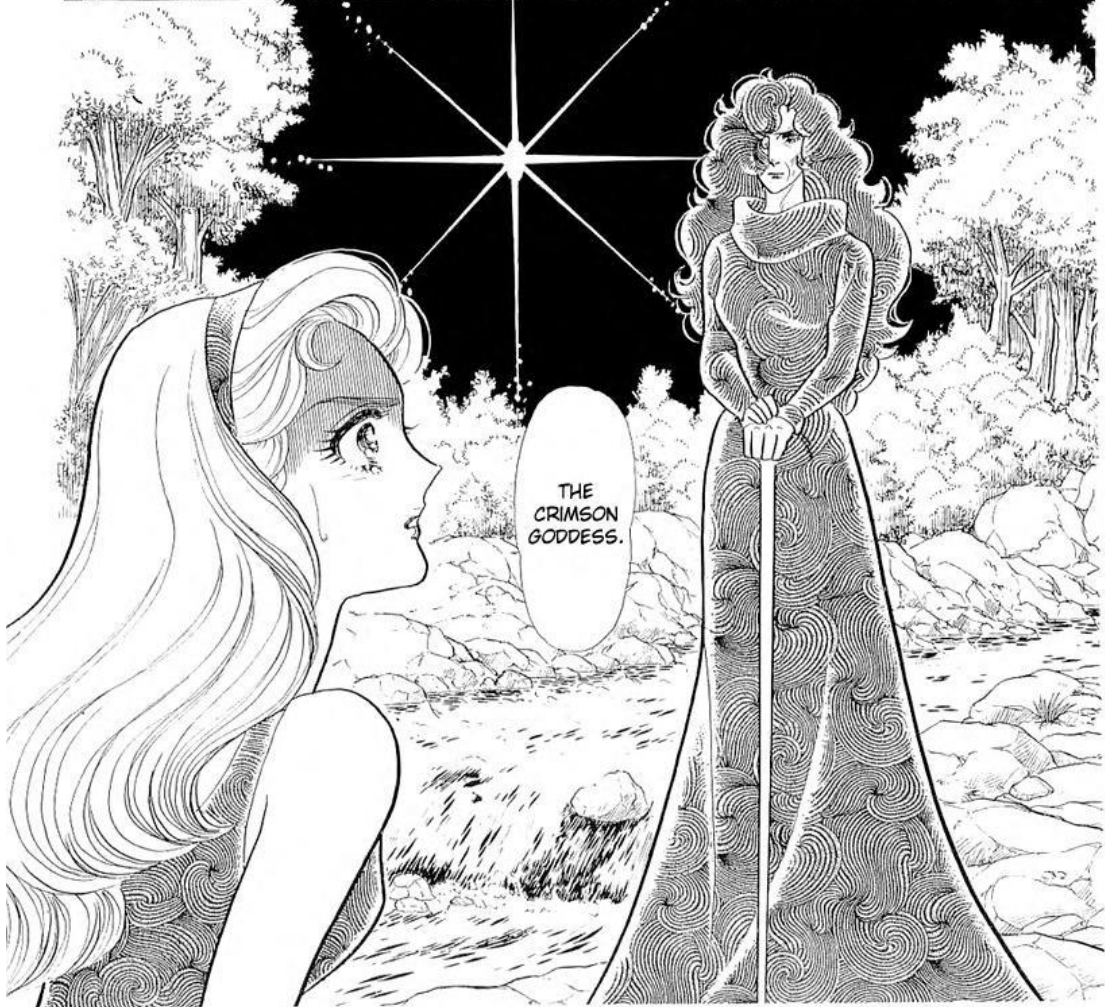
and that swim in the water because she gives life and love using the energy of the earth!

She takes care of the creatures that walk on the land...

This is why she can hear the voices of heaven and Earth that human's can't hear!

Ah, of course!

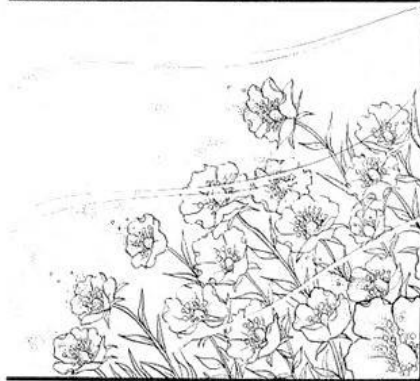
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I want to return to the valley...

Yesterday... It was incredible... It was like I wasn't myself anymore...



EH?

POLLEN ...?



UH!

I GOT DUST IN MY EYES ...



But somehow, deep down, I feel like I know her...

Who could the Crimson Goddess be? I still don't understand her...

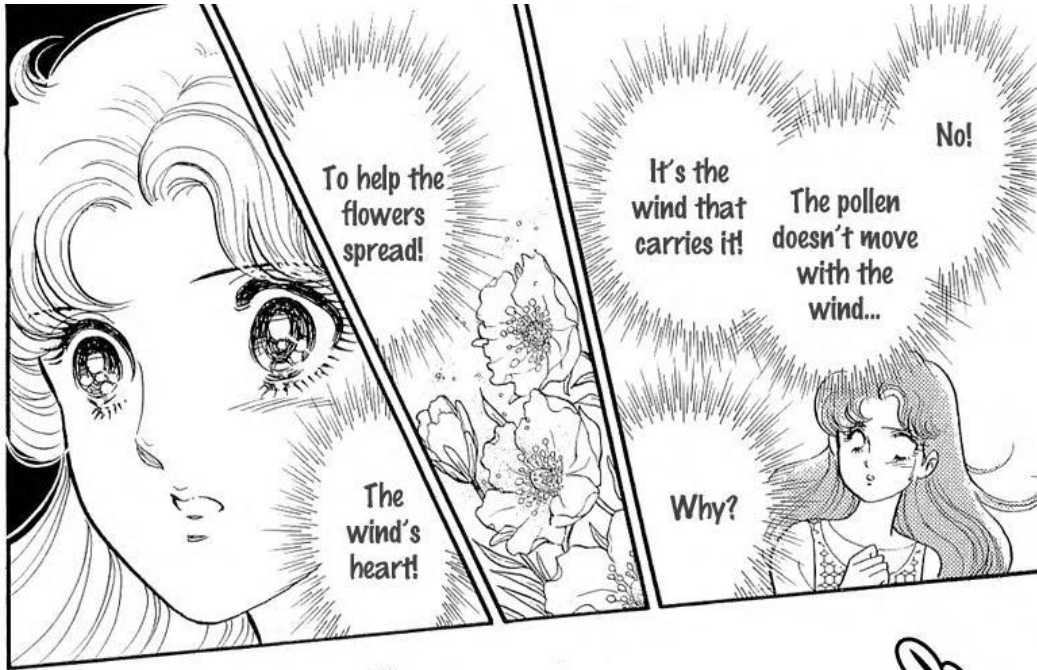
I don't know how to express her with words or actions...

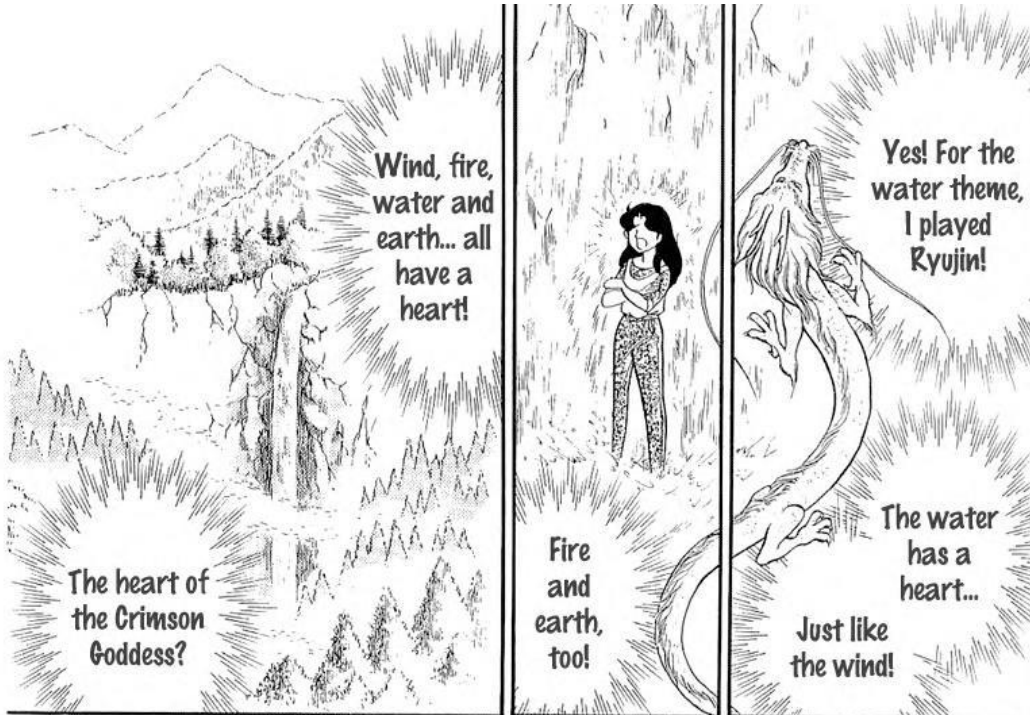


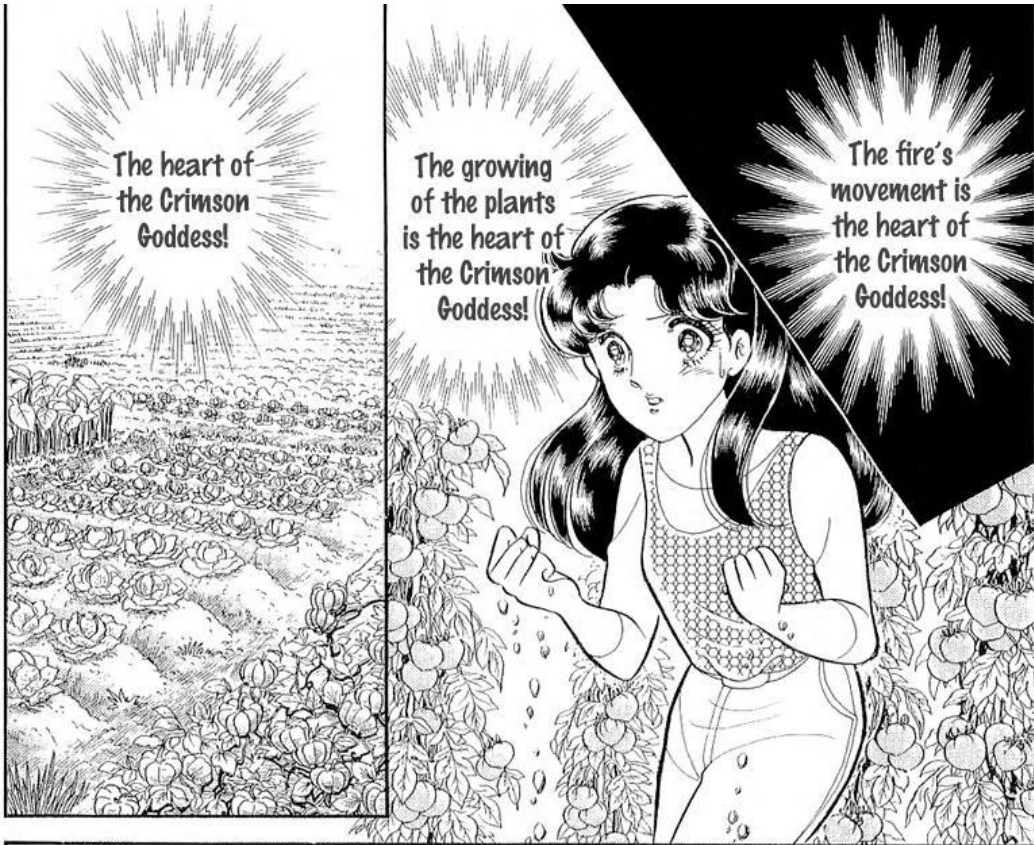
With the wind?



The pollen moves with the wind... To spread flowers...



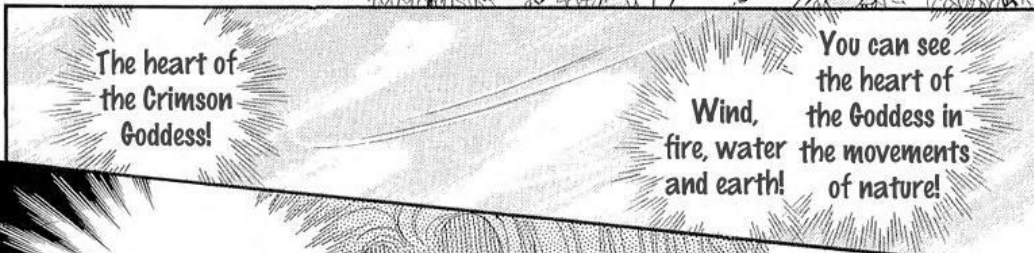




The heart of
the Crimson
Goddess!

The growing
of the plants
is the heart of
the Crimson
Goddess!

The fire's
movement is
the heart of
the Crimson
Goddess!



The heart of
the Crimson
Goddess!

Wind,
fire, water
and earth!

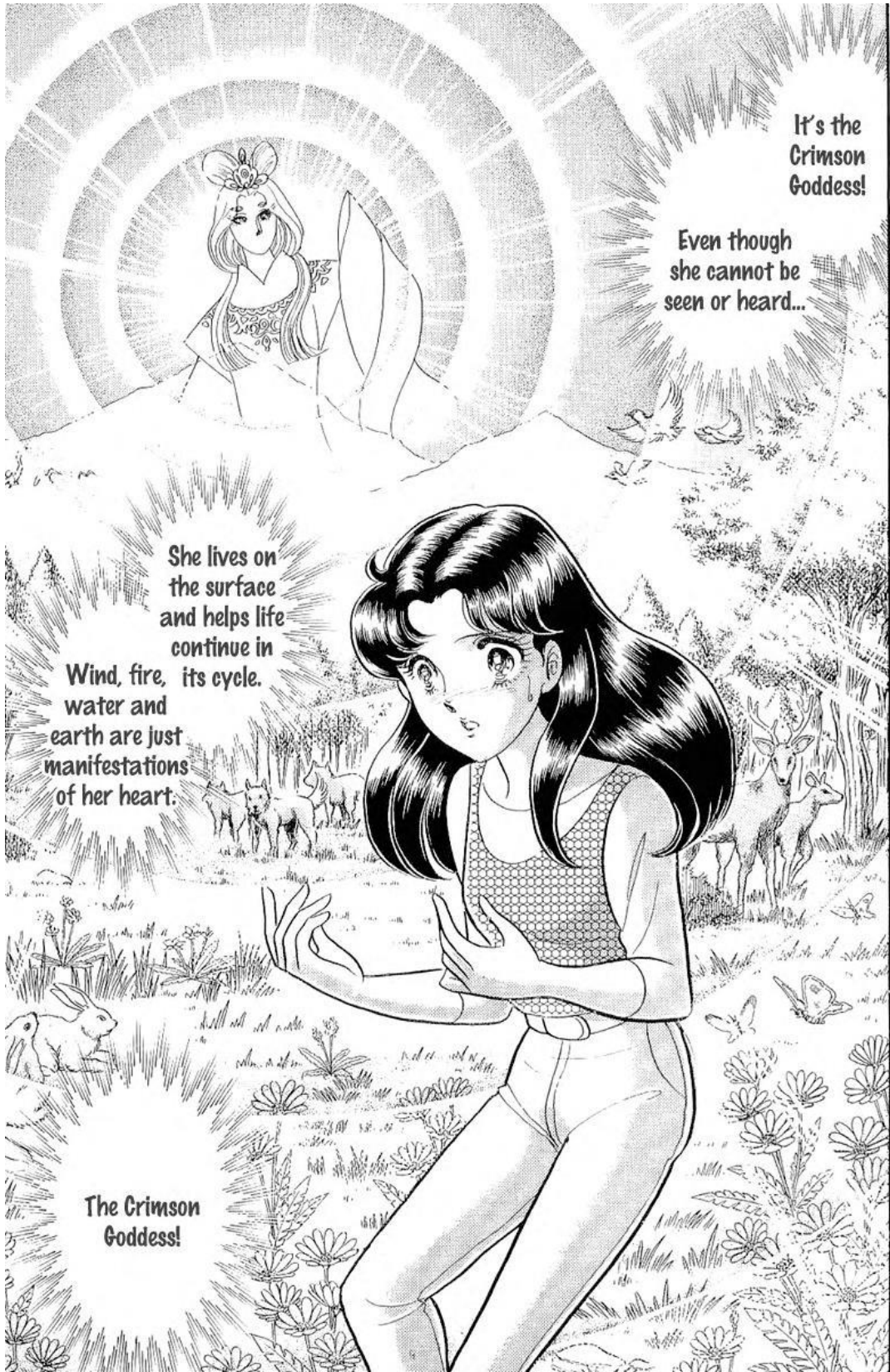
You can see
the heart of
the Goddess in
the movements
of nature!



Everything is
brought to life by
her heart!

That's what
makes plants
and animals
grow and live!

In that heart,
one by one, the
god of wind, the
god of fire, the
god of water and
the god of earth
come to life!



**It's the
Crimson
Goddess!**

**Even though
she cannot be
seen or heard...**

**She lives on
the surface
and helps life
continue in
Wind, fire, its cycle.
water and
earth are just
manifestations
of her heart.**

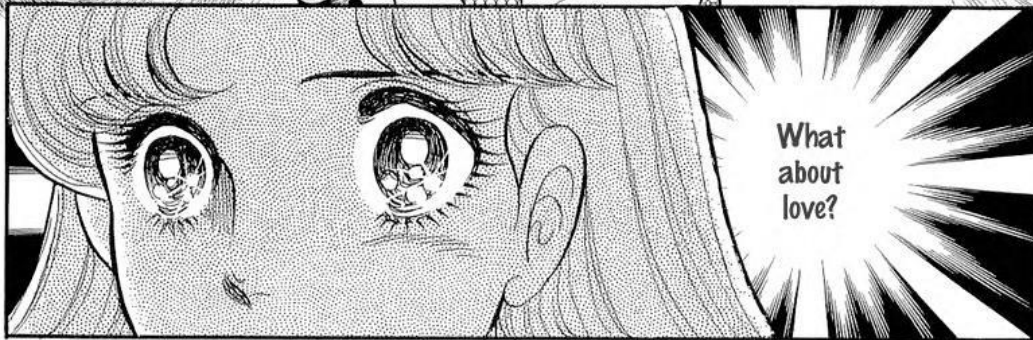
**The Crimson
Goddess!**



I have the feeling that the Crimson Goddess is something truly beyond us...

I...

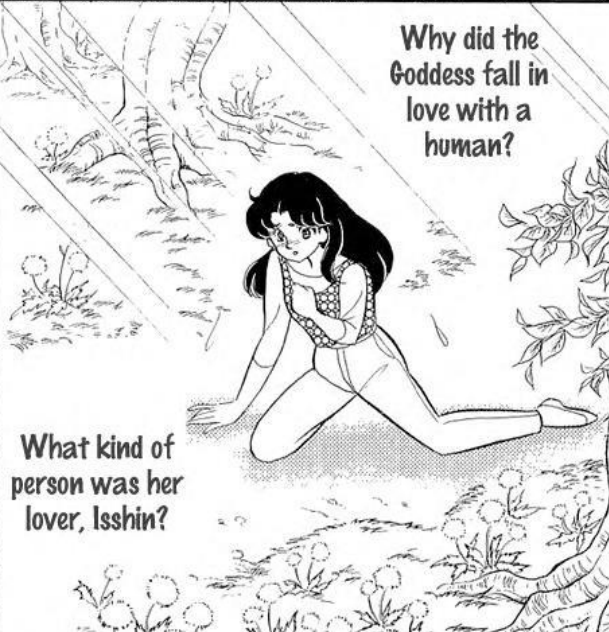
I think I have a chance to portray something really special...



What about love?



WROOM



Why did the Goddess fall in love with a human?

What kind of person was her lover, Isshin?



The place where
the plum trees are
always in bloom...
The place where
the Crimson
Goddess falls in
love with Isshin...



VROOM

SKRECH

What kind
of person
was the
Crimson
Goddess?



SWAP

Who could
she be...?

The Crimson
Goddess that
Isshin fell in
love with...



