







OH, SO YOU'RE KITAJIMA MAYA'S MANAGER?

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HAVING MAYA APPEAR IN AN AD

YES.. LET'S TALK ABOUT IT IN THAT CAFE

WHERE'S MIZUKI?

WHAT'S TAKING HER SO LONG?

NORIE ISN'T HERE EITHER

TICK TOCK

TICK TOCK

SOON...

Changing Room E

Kitajima Maya

IT'S MY CHANCE...



IT'S MY TURN
TO GET ON
STAGE!



MAYA,
DON'T BE
SHOCKED!
I KNOW
EVERYTHING!

WHAT'S
WRONG?
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

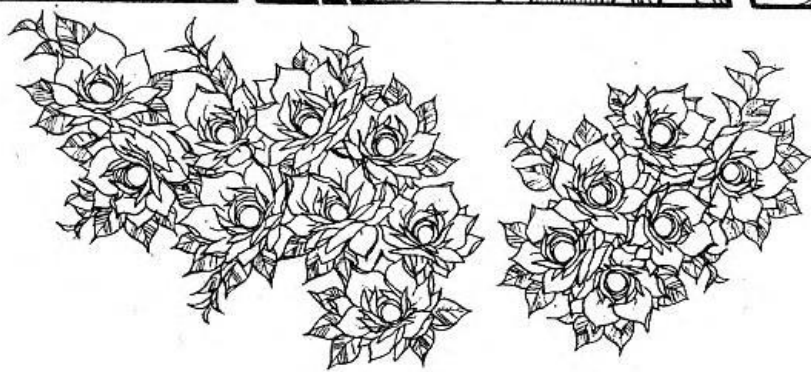
DAITO'S
TRICKS!

DAITO'S
SCHEMES,

NORIE...

YES?

KNOCK
KNOCK





YOUR MOTHER WAS CONFINED TO THE HOSPITAL BY DAITO!

I HEARD EVERYTHING!

THE NURSE WHO TOOK CARE OF MY MOM?!

SHE WAS THE NURSE WHO TOOK CARE OF YOUR MOTHER IN THE HOSPITAL

THERE WAS A GUEST FOR YOU EARLIER

YOU WERE REHEARSING, SO SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CAFE

CONFINED!?



SHE TRIED TO COME TO TOKYO EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS BLIND!

WHEN YOUR MOTHER FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, SHE RAN AWAY TO COME SEE YOU!

HE ORDERED ALL OF THE PEOPLE THERE TO KEEP IT A SECRET, SO IT WOULD BE A GOOD PROMOTION FOR YOU

HE ORDERED THE HOSPITAL TO CONFINE YOUR SICK MOTHER!

IT WAS HAYAMI MASUMI'S ORDER!

IT'S JUST AS IF SHE WERE KILLED BY DAITO, RIGHT!?

BUT SHE PASSED AWAY ON HER WAY HERE

IT'S SO OUTRAGEOUS!

THE HEAD OF THE HOSPITAL RECEIVED MONTHLY PAYMENTS FROM HAYAMI MASUMI!

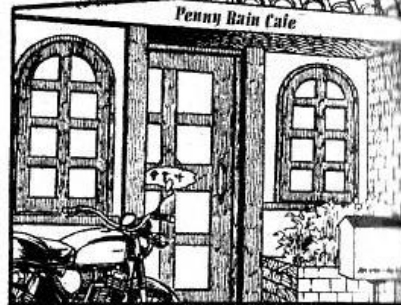


KILLED BY
HAYAMI
MASUMI...!

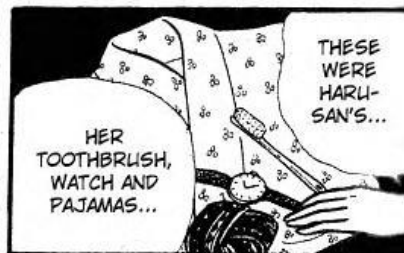


SHE REALLY
WANTED TO
MEET YOU...

HARU-SAN
ALWAYS TALKED
ABOUT MAYA...



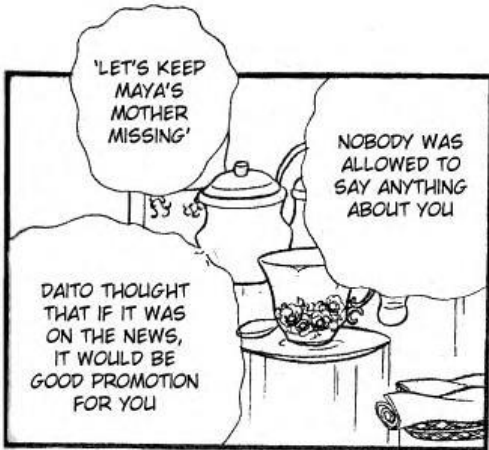
Penny Rain Cafe



THESE
WERE
HARU-
SAN'S...

HER
TOOTHBRUSH,
WATCH AND
PAJAMAS...

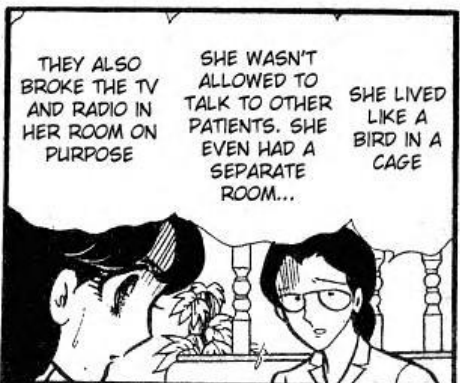




'LET'S KEEP MAYA'S MOTHER MISSING'

NOBODY WAS ALLOWED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU

DAITO THOUGHT THAT IF IT WAS ON THE NEWS, IT WOULD BE GOOD PROMOTION FOR YOU

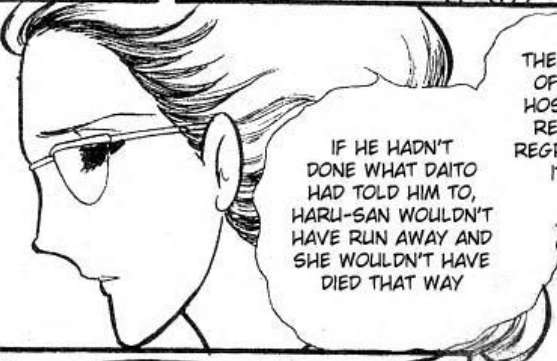


THEY ALSO BROKE THE TV AND RADIO IN HER ROOM ON PURPOSE

SHE WASN'T ALLOWED TO TALK TO OTHER PATIENTS. SHE EVEN HAD A SEPARATE ROOM...

SHE LIVED LIKE A BIRD IN A CAGE

HE SAID IF ONLY HE HAD LET YOU MEET YOUR MOTHER...

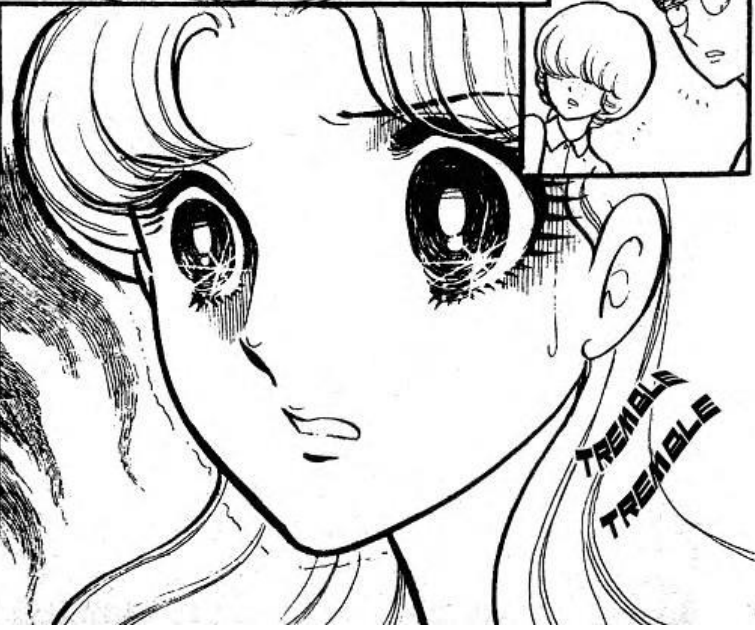


IF HE HADN'T DONE WHAT DAITO HAD TOLD HIM TO, HARU-SAN WOULDN'T HAVE RUN AWAY AND SHE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED THAT WAY

THE HEAD OF THE HOSPITAL REALLY REGRETTED IT...



MOM..!





AND NOW, YOU
HAVE TO PERFORM
AT HIS SHOW!
A PERFORMANCE
FOR YOUR
MOTHER...
AS HIS
APOLOGY TO
HER...

HE'S
REALLY
OUTRA-
GEIOUS!
MASUMI IS
REALLY A
HEARTLESS
PERSON!

HARU-SAN
WAS YOUR
MOTHER!

HAYAMI
MASUMI!

MOM!

CLATTER
CLATTER

SHE WAS
CONFINED
IN THE
HOSPITAL...

BY HAYAMI
MASUMI!

SHE WOULD'VE
BEEN ABLE TO
MEET ME...

IF HE HADN'T
DONE ALL THIS,
MOM WOULD
STILL BE ALIVE...

ALL THIS
ONLY TO
PROMOTE
ME!?

SHE WOULDN'T
HAVE RUN
AWAY FROM THE
HOSPITAL, BLIND

HE'S GONE
TOO FAR!
WAY TOO
FAR!



HE'S ALWAYS
MADE ME
SUFFER...

FROM
DESTROYING
TSUKIKAGE
THEATER TO
KILLING MY
MOTHER!

HE'LL DO
ANYTHING
FOR HIS
GOALS

HAYAMI
MASUMI...

I WON'T JUST
KEEP QUIET
AND DO
NOTHING!

HE KILLED
HER!

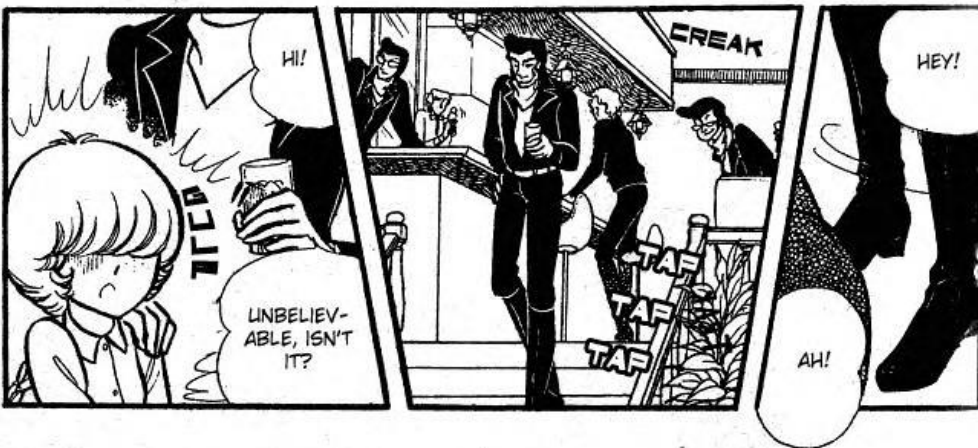
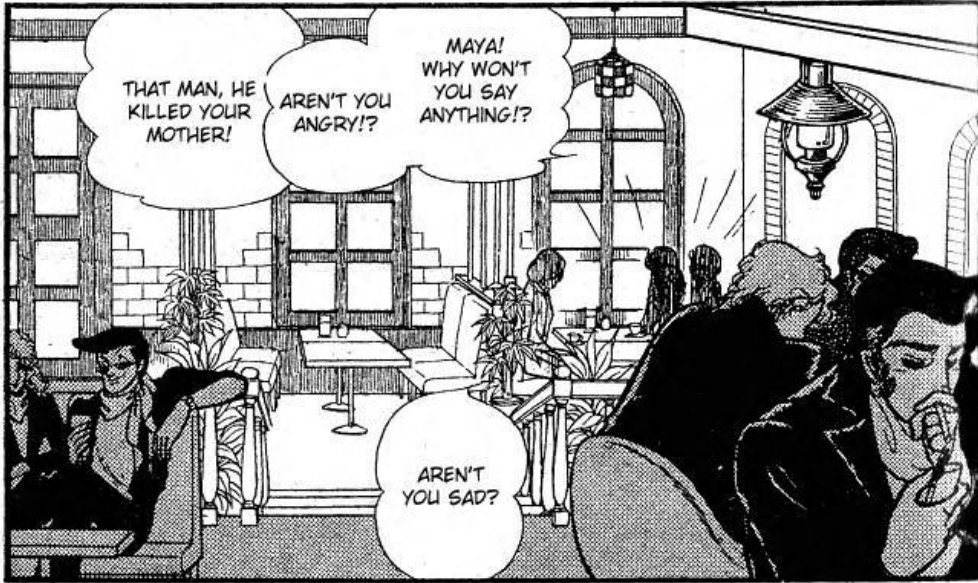
MOM!

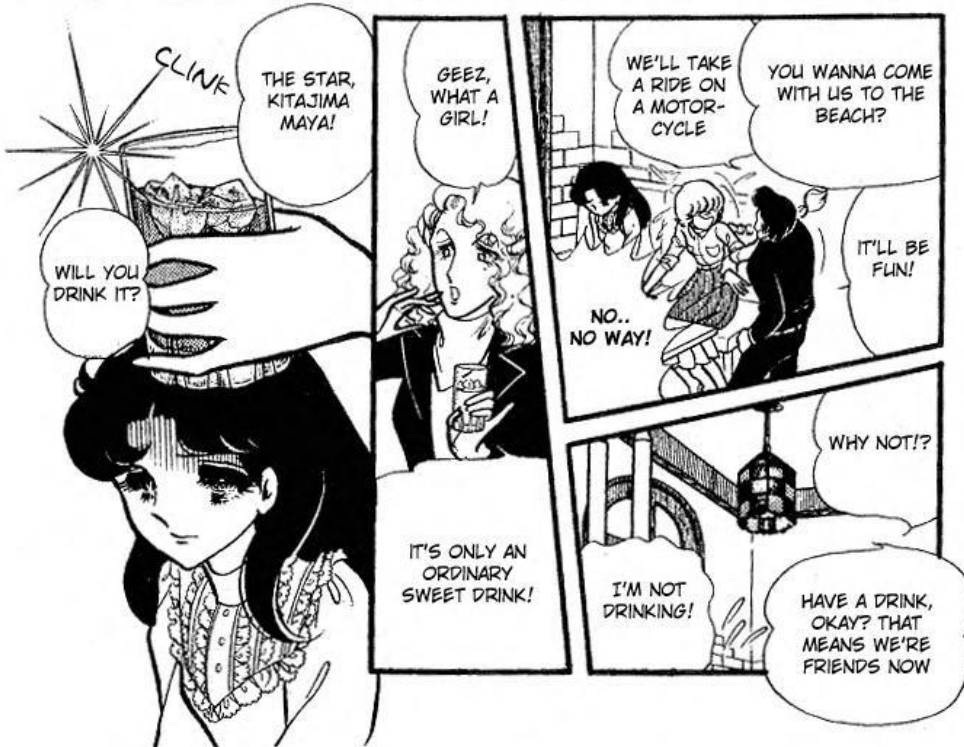
MAYBE SHE
WOULDN'T
HAVE DIED...

I DESPISE
HIM!



I WANT TO
KILL HIM!









UGH...

C'MON!

YOU NEED REFRESHMENT!

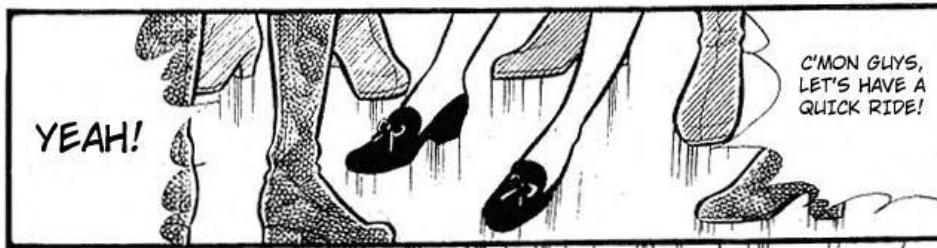
C'MON, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FORGET EVERYTHING!

THE WIND WILL REFRESH YOU!

OOPS!

OUCH!

GET OUT OF THE WAY! YOU'RE BLOCKING US!



YEAH!

C'MON GUYS, LET'S HAVE A QUICK RIDE!



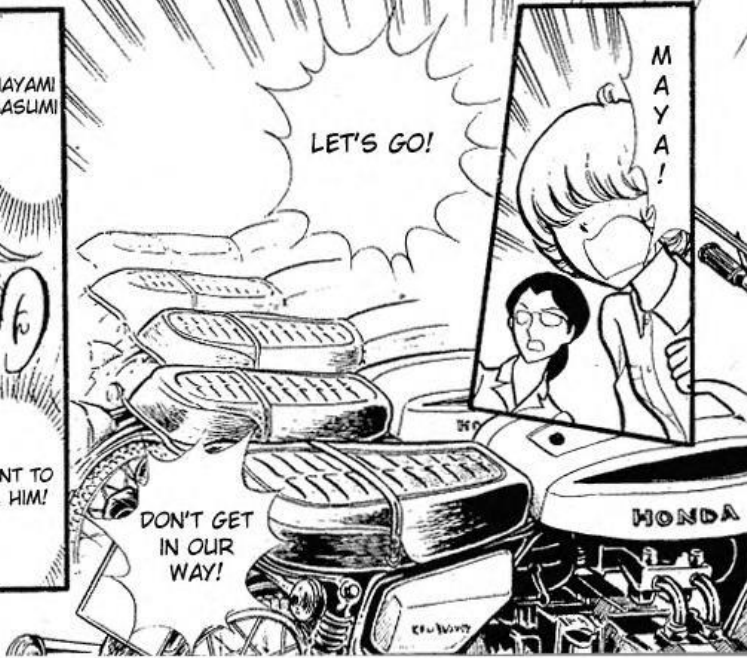
HE'S REALLY EVIL!

THAT COLD MAN...

HAYAMI MASUMI

MOM...

I WANT TO KILL HIM!

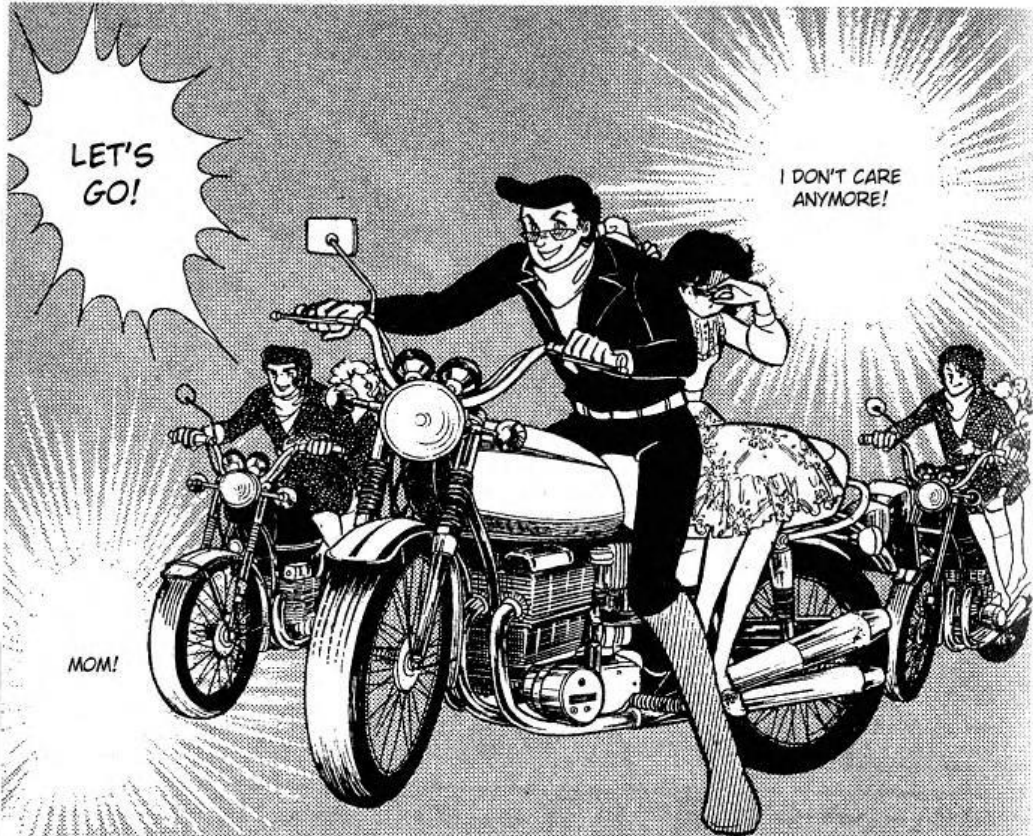


LET'S GO!

MAYA!

DON'T GET IN OUR WAY!

HONDA



LET'S GO!

I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!

MOM!

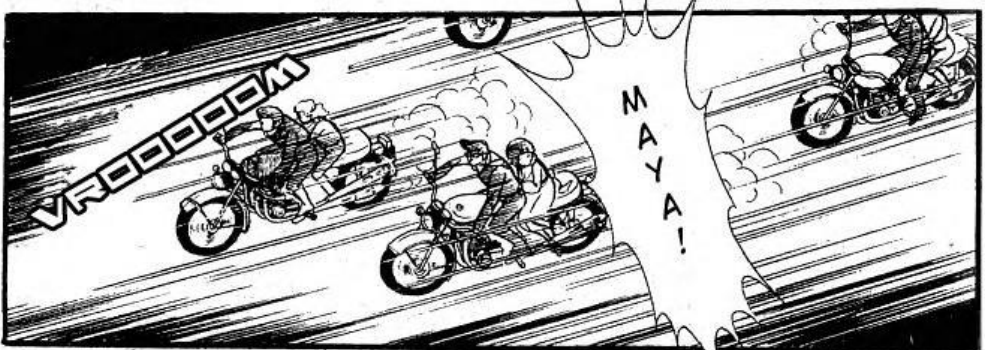


VRRRR

VRRRRM

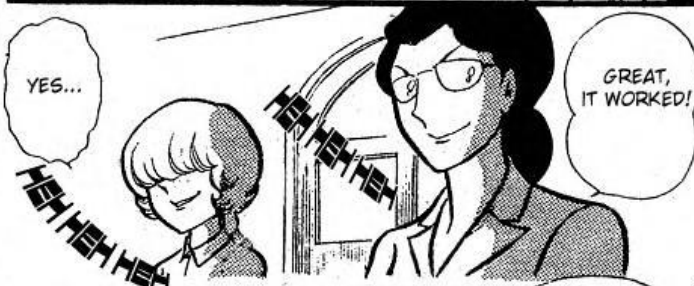


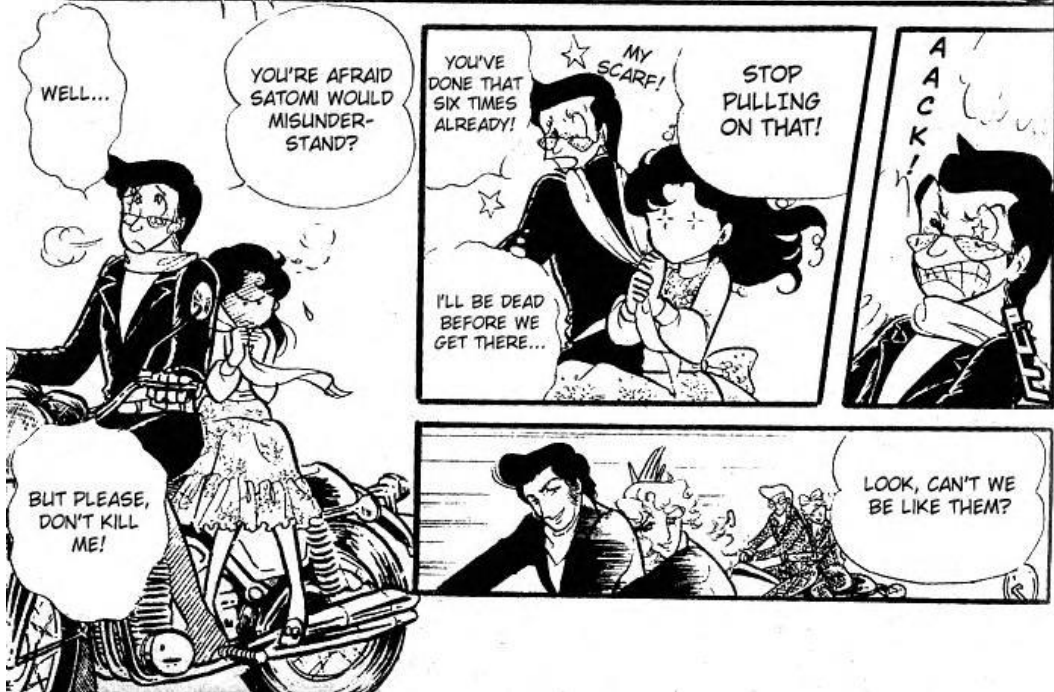
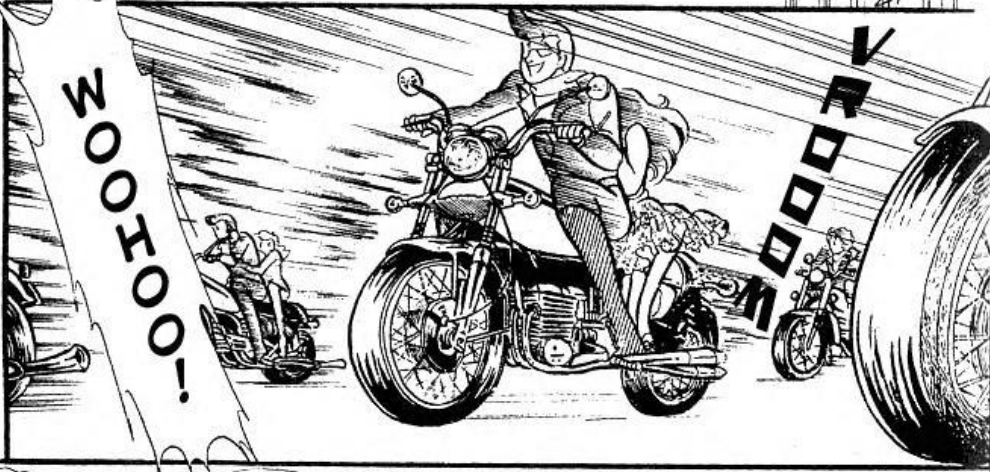
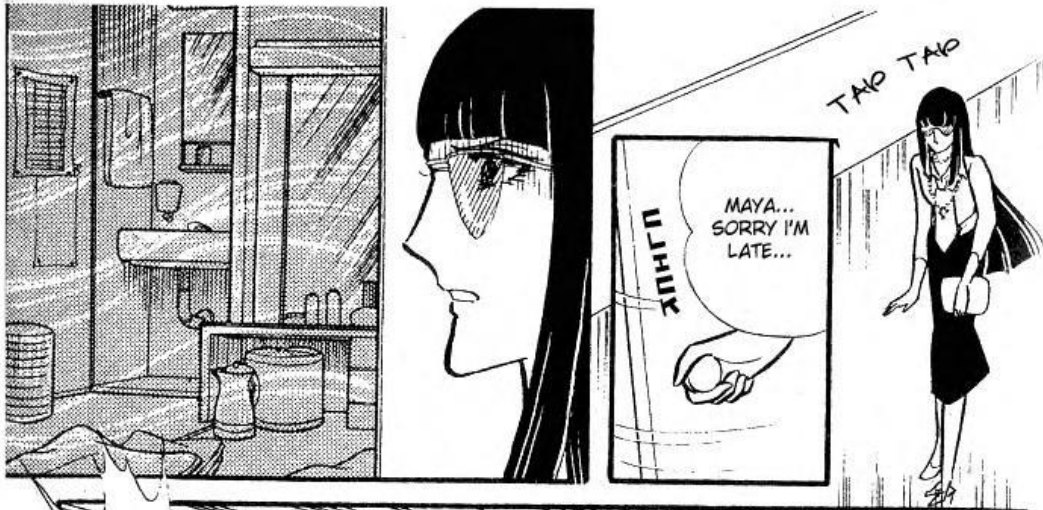
MAYA!

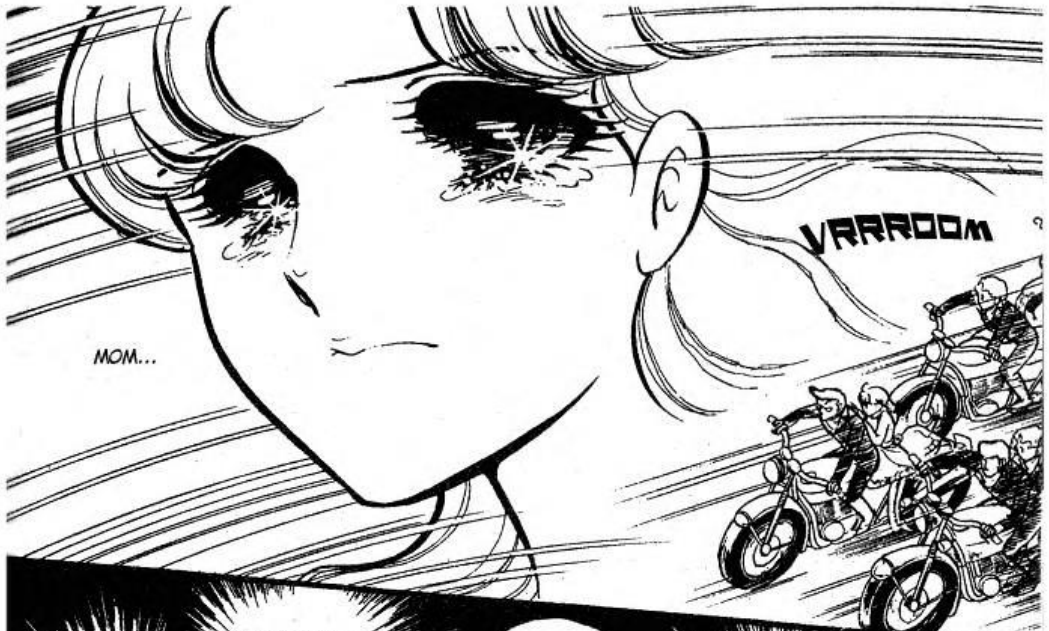


VROOOOM

MAYA!







MOM...

VRRROOM



AS AN APOLOGY TO HER?

THE STAGE THAT BELONGS TO YOUR MOTHER'S KILLER

YOU STILL WANT TO PERFORM ON THAT STAGE?

A PERFORMANCE FOR YOU MOM, HUH?



MY SAKE...!



WTF



MAN, MY SCARF!

WTF

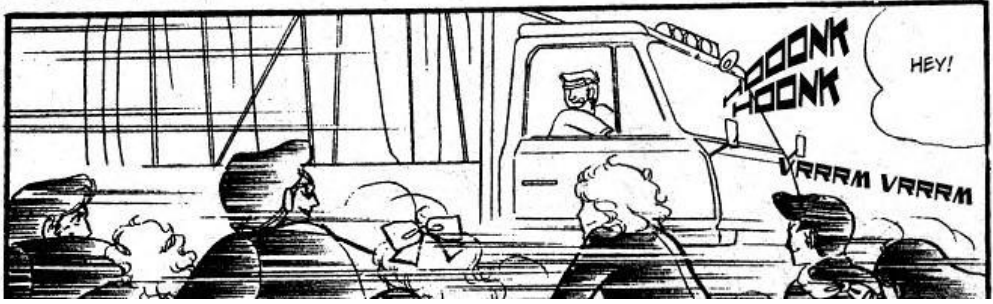


MOM... POOR MOM... FOR YOU TO BE CONFINED LIKE THAT...

AS AN APOLOGY TO YOUR MOTHER?

JUST FOR MY SAKE...

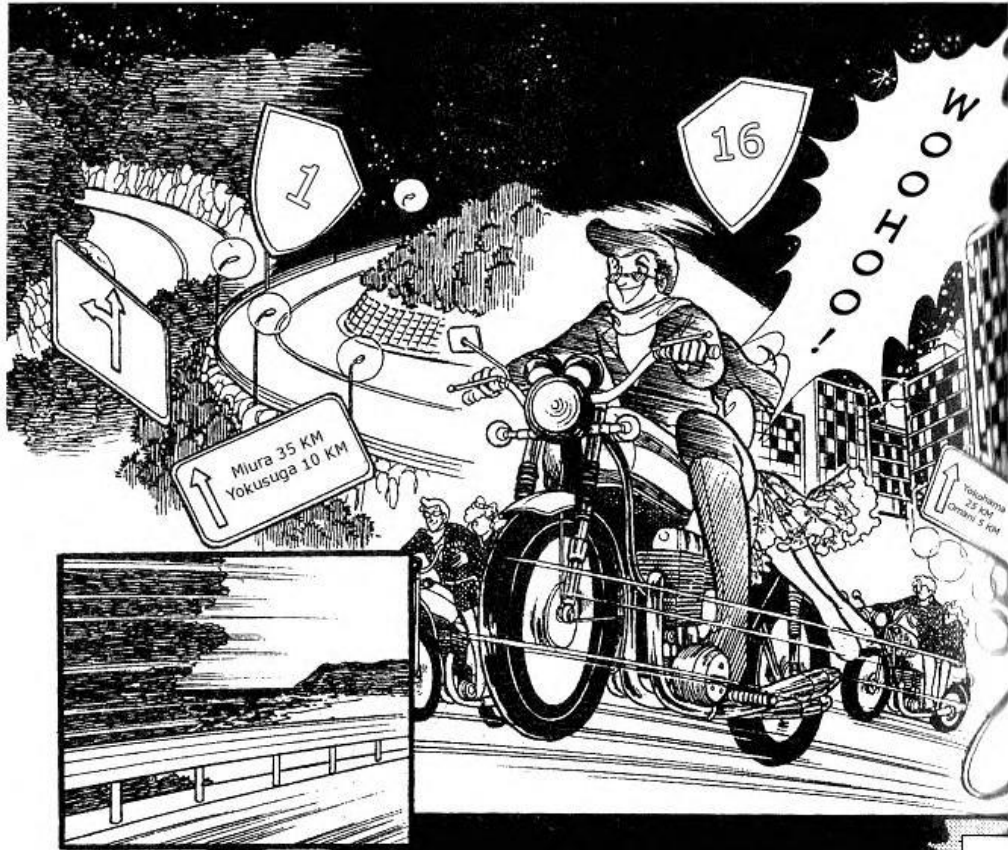
MOM...



HEY!

HOONK HOONK

VRRM VRRM







HEY, TURN THE VOLUME UP!

DISCO QUEEN

WAAAA

LOOK, THERE'S A PRETTY BIRD OVER THERE!

THIS DRINK IS REFRESHING, REALLY!

LOOK, WE EVEN HAVE CANNED FOOD!



HA HA HA



I CAN'T BE MIKO RYRA...

MOM...

I CAN'T ACT ANYMORE...

I CAN'T DO IT...



I CAN'T BE MIKO RYRA, MOM... I CAN'T DO IT!

BECAUSE THAT MAN KILLED YOU!



SO HORRIBLE!

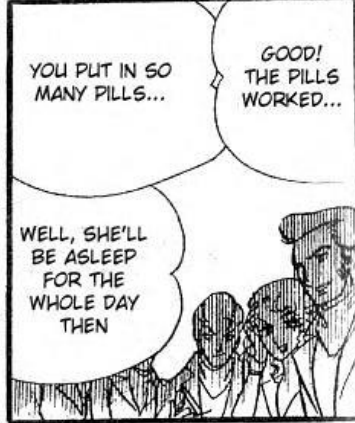
MOM WAS CONFINED...

HAYAMI MASUMI...

MOM DIED BECAUSE OF HIM...

HE KILLED HER!





JUST AS PLANNED

YOU PUT IN SO MANY PILLS...

GOOD! THE PILLS WORKED...

WELL, SHE'LL BE ASLEEP FOR THE WHOLE DAY THEN

C'MON! LET'S HIDE HER IN A QUIET PLACE! QUICK!

THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



MIZUKI!
WE DON'T
KNOW THAT
YET!

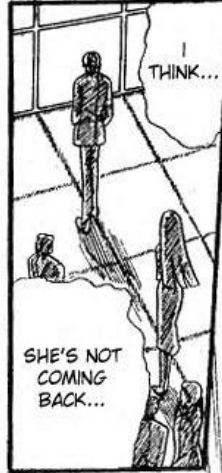
SHE
MUST'VE BEEN
KIDNAPPED,
OR HAD AN
ACCIDENT!

WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR HER
NOW!



WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR HER
EVERY-
WHERE

WHY IS SHE
MISSING...?



I THINK...

SHE'S NOT
COMING
BACK...



WHAT'S WRONG
WITH MASUMI-
SAN? HE'S
USUALLY SO
COLD...

YEAH,
LOOK AT
HIS FACE,
HE'S
WORRIED...

MASUMI-
SAN



WHAT'S
WRONG,
CHIBI?

I HOPE
SHE'S
OKAY!

COME ON,
COME BACK
SOON!

COME BACK!



NEXT
DAY, 10
AM



PENNY RAIN CAFE

SHE SAID MAYA'S MOTHER WAS CONFINED IN THE HOSPITAL

SHE WAS WITH TWO WOMEN...

ONE SAID THAT SHE WAS A NURSE

MASUMI-SAN, PHONE CALL FROM THE MAN LOOKING FOR MAYA!

HE SAID MAYA WAS SEEN AT PENNY RAIN CAFE LAST NIGHT

AND THAT IT WAS DAITO WHO DID IT

MAYA'S FACE WAS REALLY PALE WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT IT...

IT WAS ALL HAYAMI MASUMI'S ORDERS...

WHAT!?

KNOWS!

SHE ALREADY ...





SHE MUST HATE ME SO MUCH

SHE MUST WANT TO KILL ME RIGHT NOW



YOU WERE SO PANICKED!

THE TIME SHE ALMOST COULDN'T ACT..

AH, NO! IT'S BEEN TWICE

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LIKE THIS...

IT'S PECULIAR TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS...

WHEN SOMEONE SWITCHED THE SCRIPTS FOR "THE CHERRY TREE OF DREAM FEASTS"

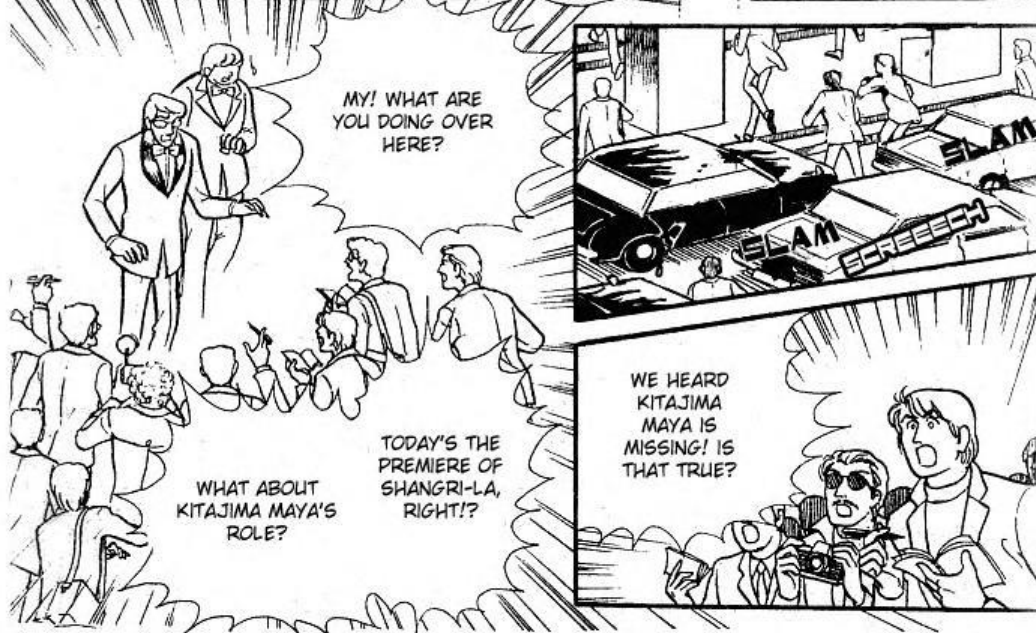
JUST FOR A GIRL THAT'S ELEVEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU

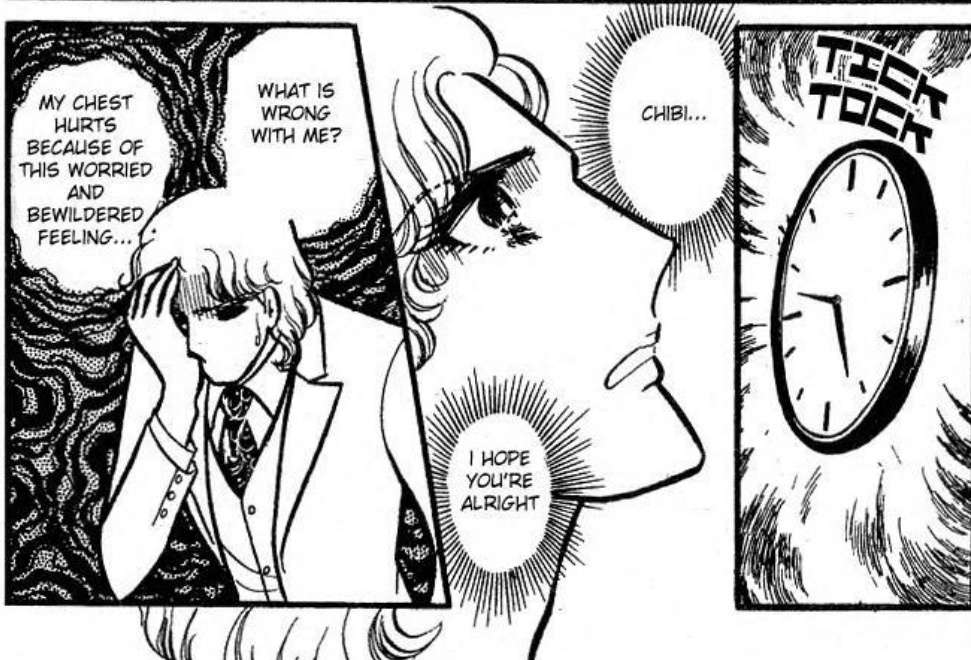
BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HER, YOU'RE DIFFERENT

DAITO'S DIRECTOR, WHO IS A COLD WORKAHOLIC

A MAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS









ME, THE ONE WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS...

IS NOW SO WORRIED ABOUT A GIRL TO THE POINT THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...



MY, THOSE KIDS FROM TOKYO CAME HERE AGAIN...

HOW DIRTY!



THEY MUST HAVE BEEN RIDING THEIR MOTORCYCLES

HOW ANNOYING, TO HAVE TO CLEAN ALL THIS UP AGAIN...



WE CAN'T OMIT HER CHARACTER, CAN WE?

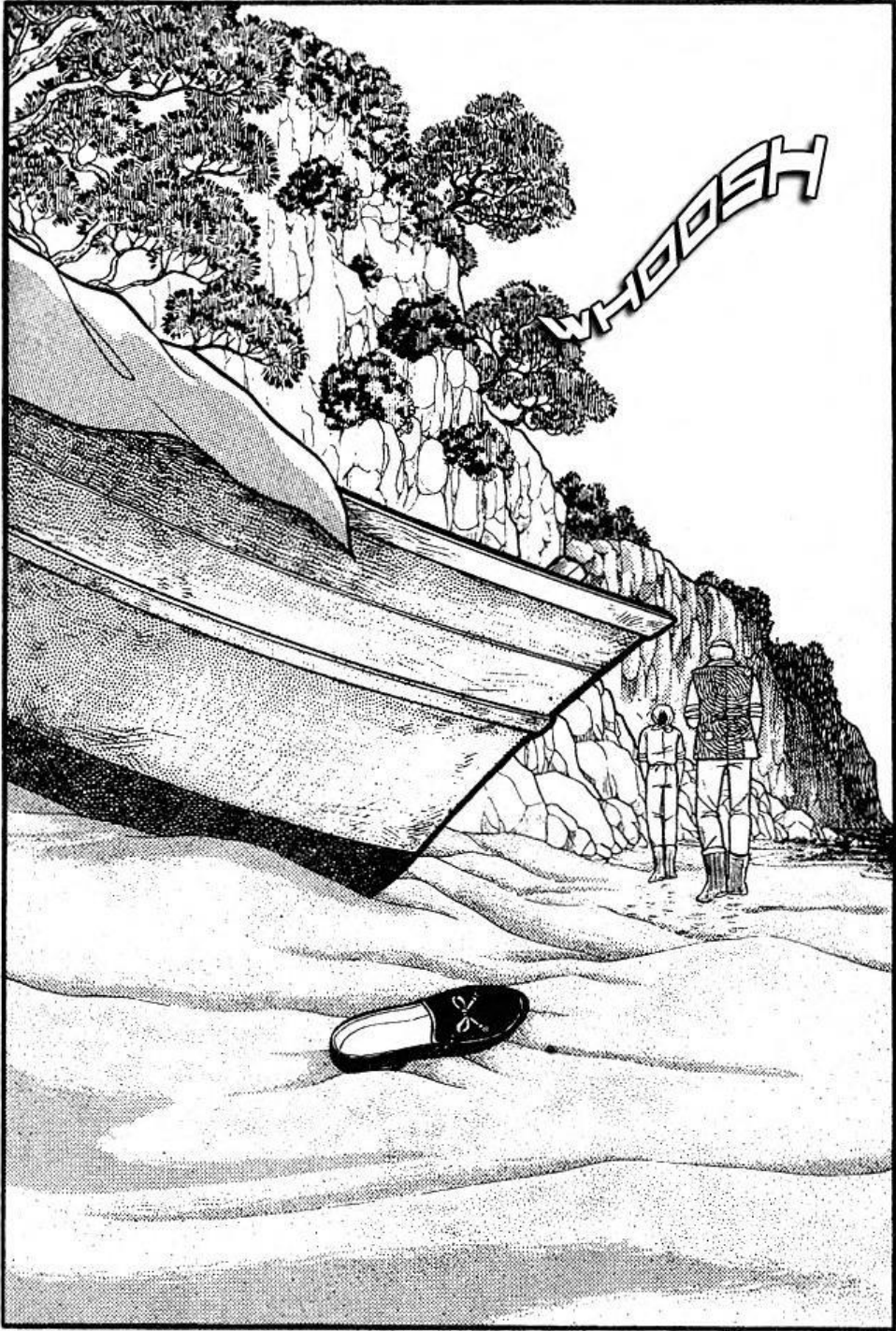
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

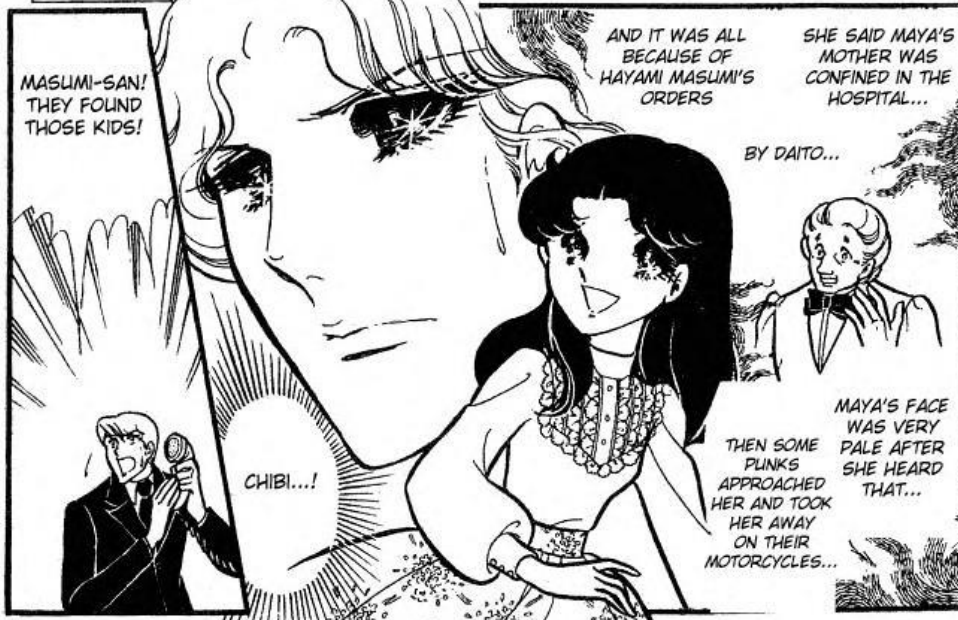
WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA

HEHEHEHE

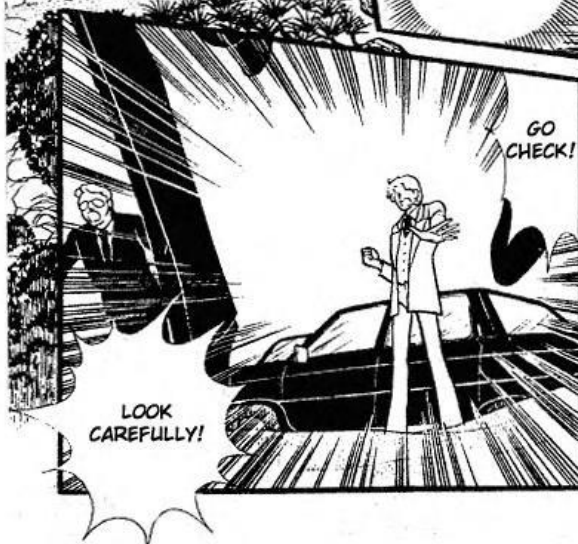


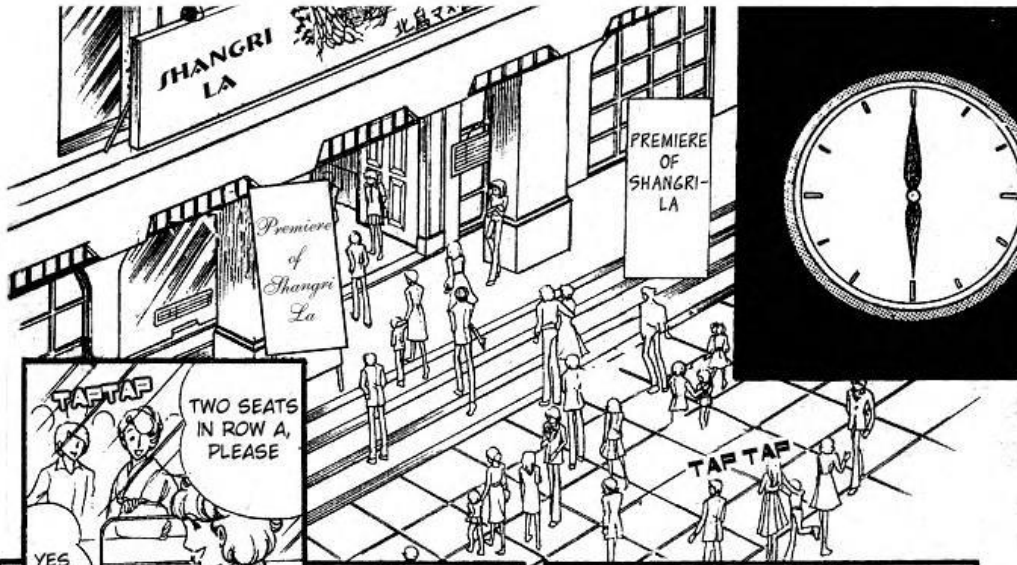












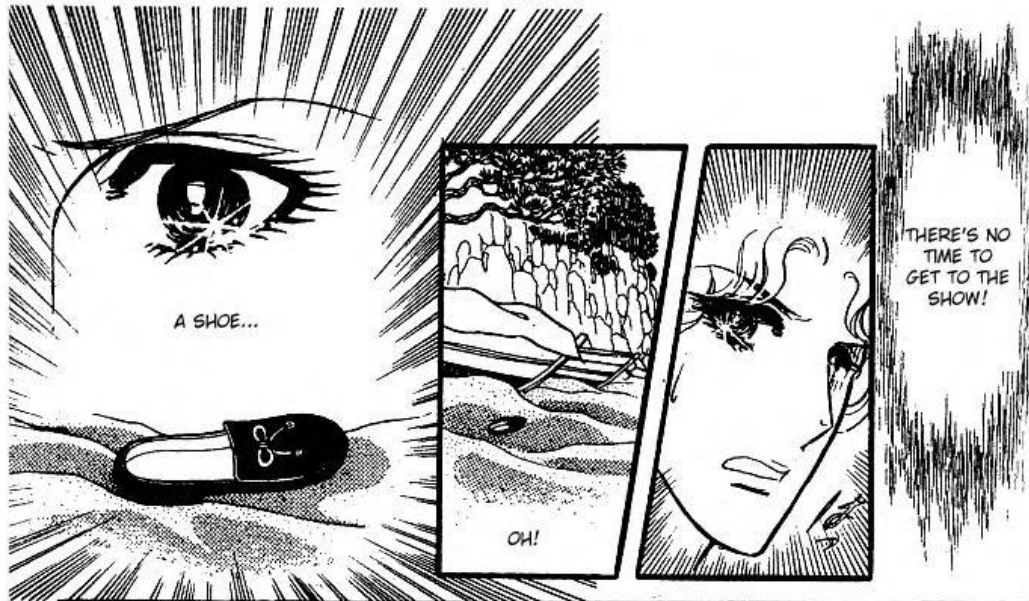
TAPTAP
TWO SEATS IN ROW A, PLEASE
YES

EXCUSE ME
WE CAN'T OMIT THAT
FIND A SUBSTITUTE FOR MIKO RYRA'S ROLE!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THIS SHOW!?
STILL NO NEWS?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? IT'S GOING TO START SOON!

I'M OTOBE NORIE...
I CAN DO IT
I KNOW THE DIALOGUE...
AND I ALWAYS WATCHED MAYA REHEARSING...
I KNOW HOW TO ACT

WE FOUND THEIR CAMPFIRE, BUT MAYA'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN...
WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE...
STILL CAN'T FIND HER..!?





THE ONE WHO
COULDN'T DO
ANYTHING AND
ALWAYS
FOLLOWED
MAYA
AROUND...
WHAT KIND
OF GIRL IS
SHE...?



AND OTOBE
NORIE WILL
PLAY AS HER
SUBSTITUTE!

CAN'T
BE...



WAAAAA

BECAUSE OF
UNFORESEEN
CIRCUMSTANCES,
KITAJIMA MAYA
CANNOT
PERFORM AS
PLANNED



HMMM

TO SEE
HER THIS
BEAUTIFUL...

IT'S
LIKE A
DREAM...

HOW
BEAUTI-
FUL...

