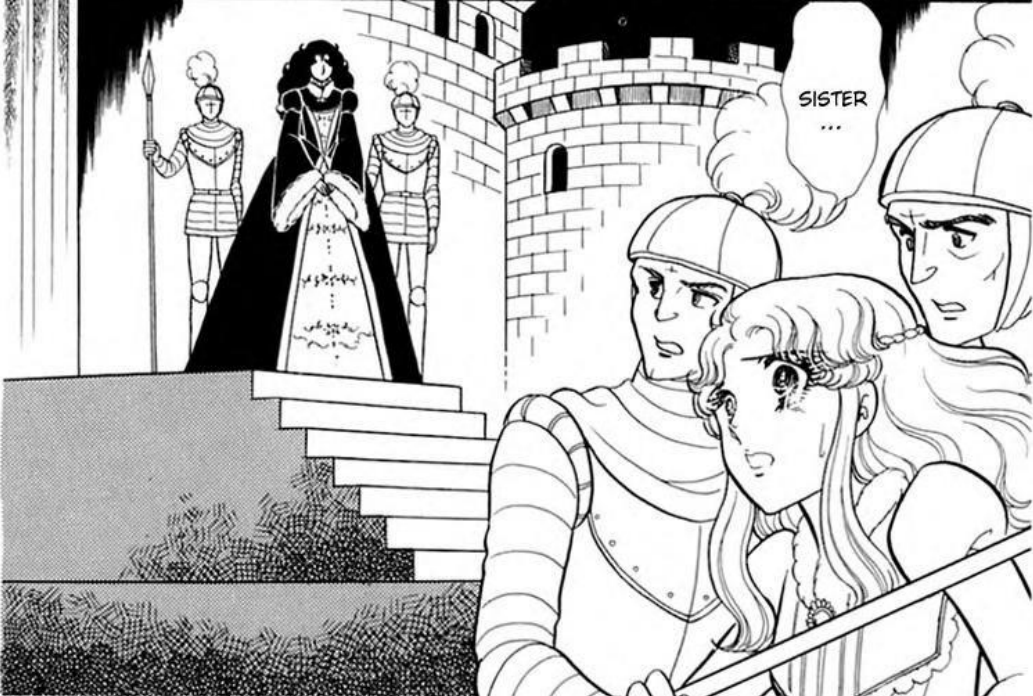




I HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD COME, SISTER!



GRAB



SISTER ...



...AND SO SHALL THE SUSPICION OF HIGH TREASON AGAINST THE HER ROYAL HIGHNESS BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED!

YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ORIGELD, CONSORT OF PRINCE ASIO OF ERINWALD AND HEIRESS APPARENT TO THE THRONE OF LASTONIA...

PRINCESS ALDIS!

boom



WHAT?!



TO PLACE YOU ON THE THRONE WAS THEIR PURPOSE!

BEING THE ONE WITH THE MOST TO GAIN, YOU COULD NOT HAVE BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK ABOUT THE PLOT!



...ARE THE LEADERS OF THE PLOT AGAINST HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, PRINCESS ORIGELD.

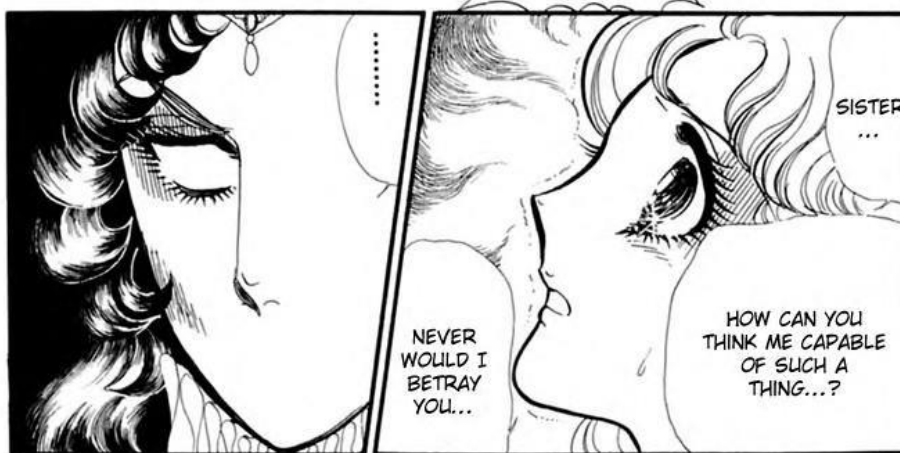
CONFESSED ALREADY HAVE THE TWELVE NOBLES THAT HAVE SIGNED THE TRAITOROUS PACT.

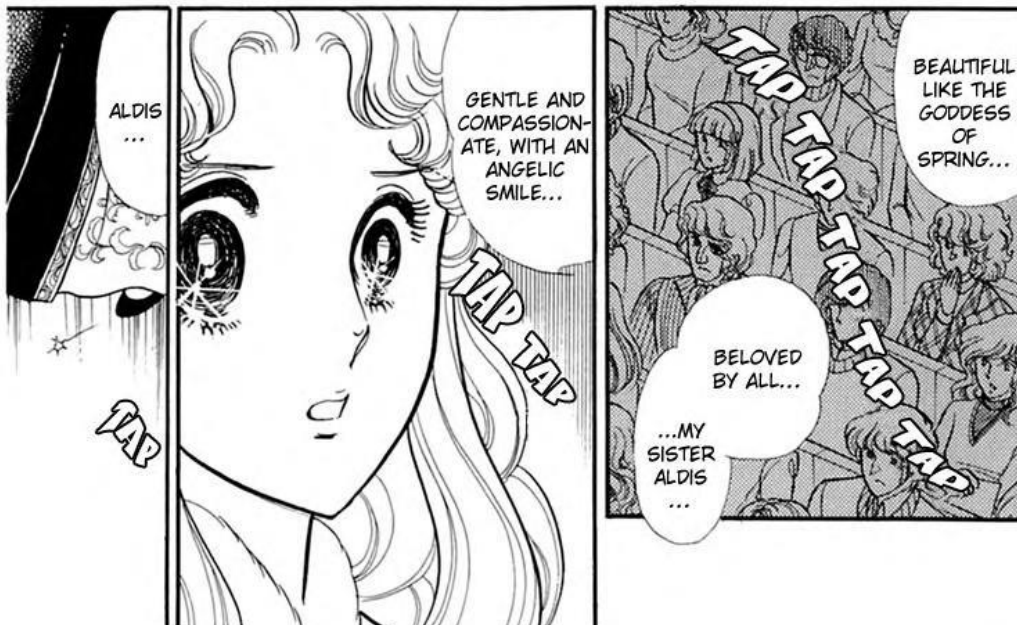
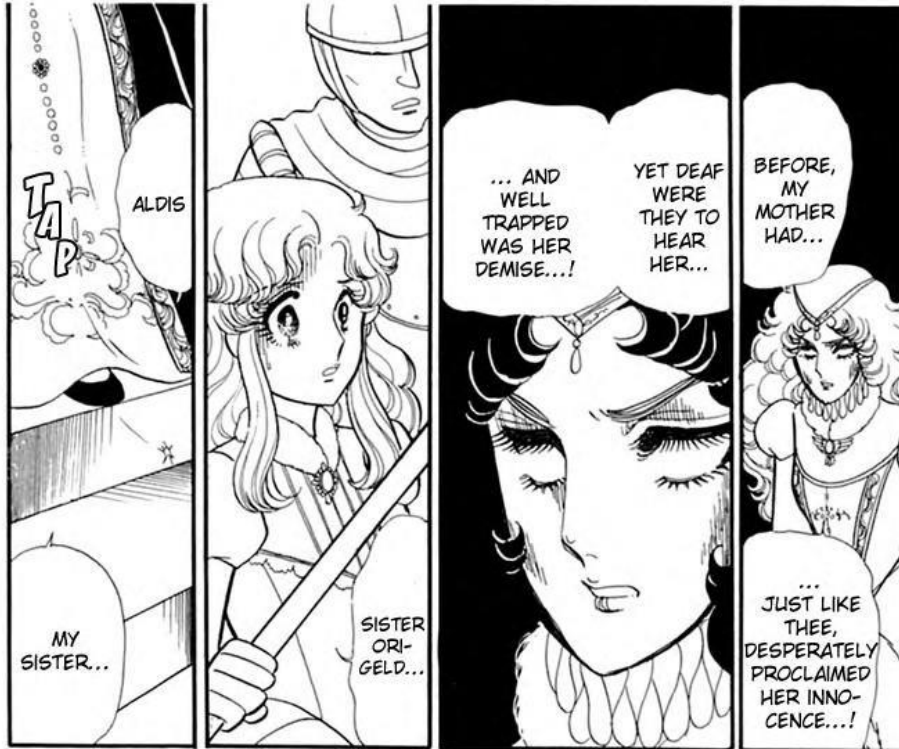
YET YOUR GRANDFATHER, COUNT GOTTFRIED AND HIS SON, YOUR UNCLE HANS, AND YOUR MOTHER RAGNEID...

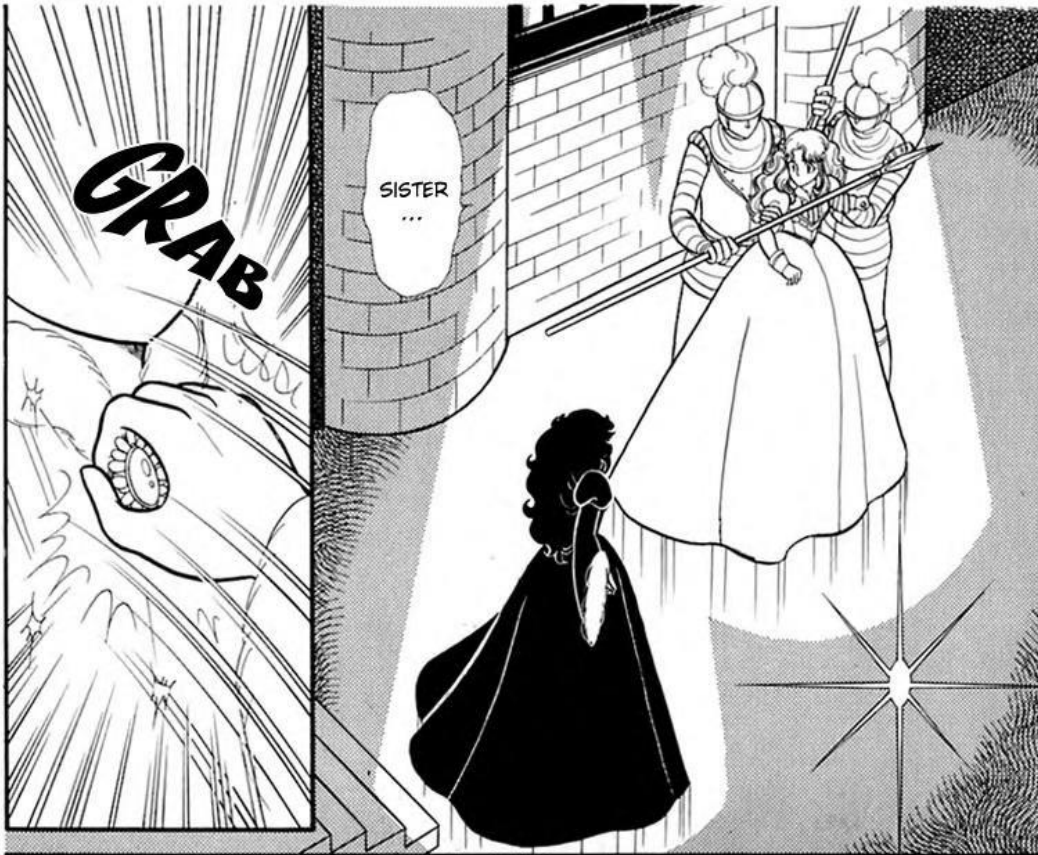


I...I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ANY OF THIS!

NEVER ONCE HAVE I CONSIDERED HARMING MY SISTER!









AH!

Strap

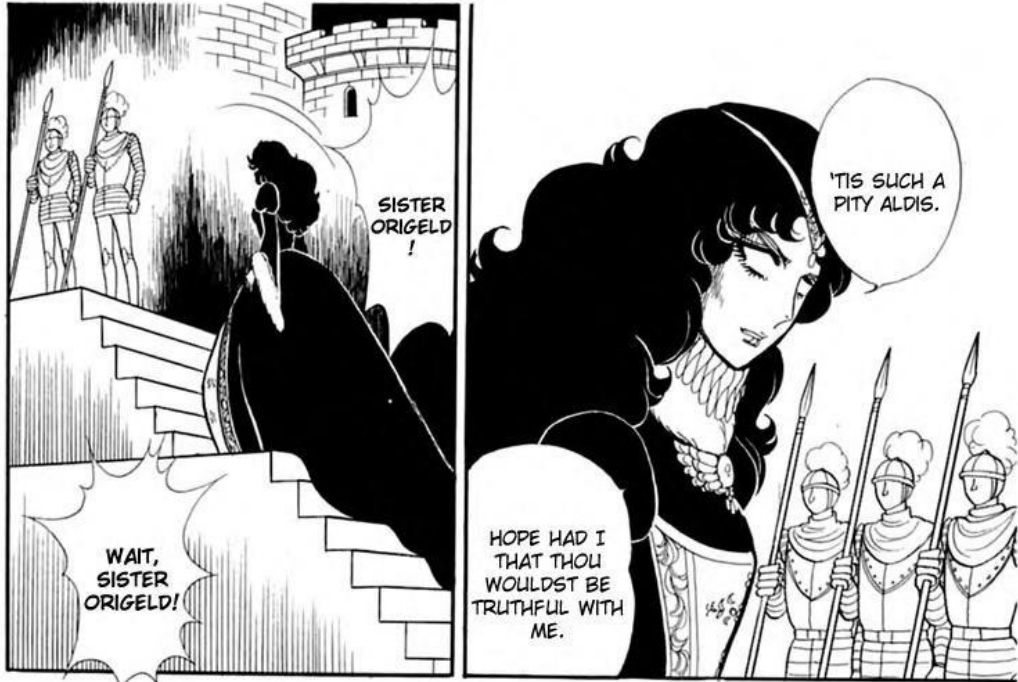
SHE'S TREMBLING WITH HATE!

AYUMI-SAN...

UNFIT FOR A PRISONER ARE THEY!







SISTER
ORIGELD
!

'TIS SUCH A
PITY ALDIS.

WAIT,
SISTER
ORIGELD!

HOPE HAD I
THAT THOU
WOULDST BE
TRUTHFUL WITH
ME.



BELIEVE ME, I BEG
OF YOU! EVEN NOW
I SEE BEFORE ME
MY BELOVED SISTER!

I
LOVE
YOU!

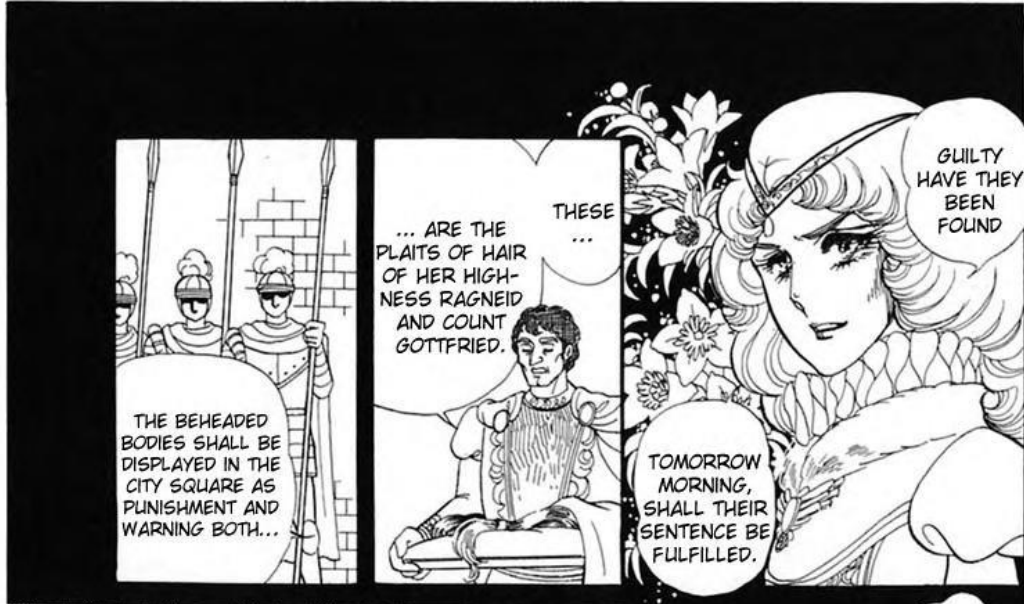
ABOUT THE
PLOT I TRULY
KNOW
NOTHING.

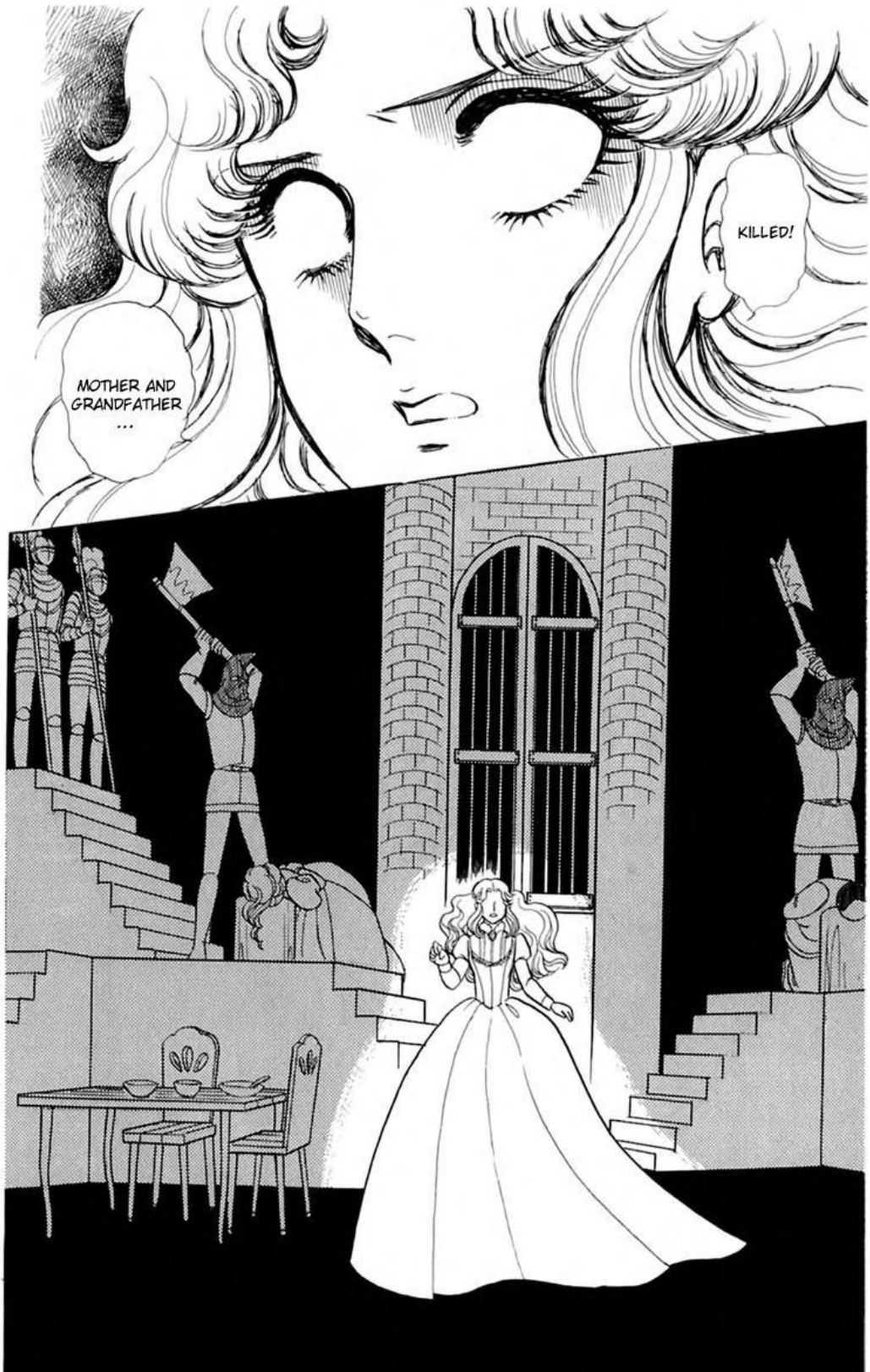


THEY HAVE
ATTEMPTED
HIGH TREASON
AGAINST THE
HEIRESS OF
LASTONIA.

'TIS NOT
POSSIBLE
ALDIS!

I BEG OF YOU,
FORGIVE MY
MOTHER AND
GRANDFATHER!







QUEEN
RAGNEID!

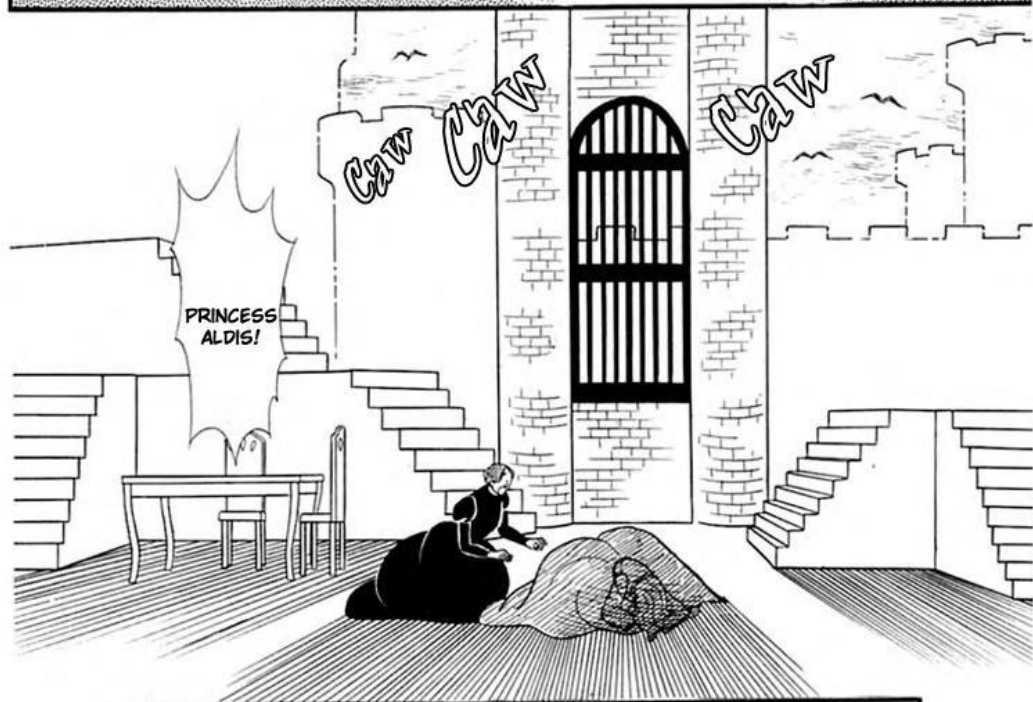
COUNT
GOTTFRIED!
GUILTY!

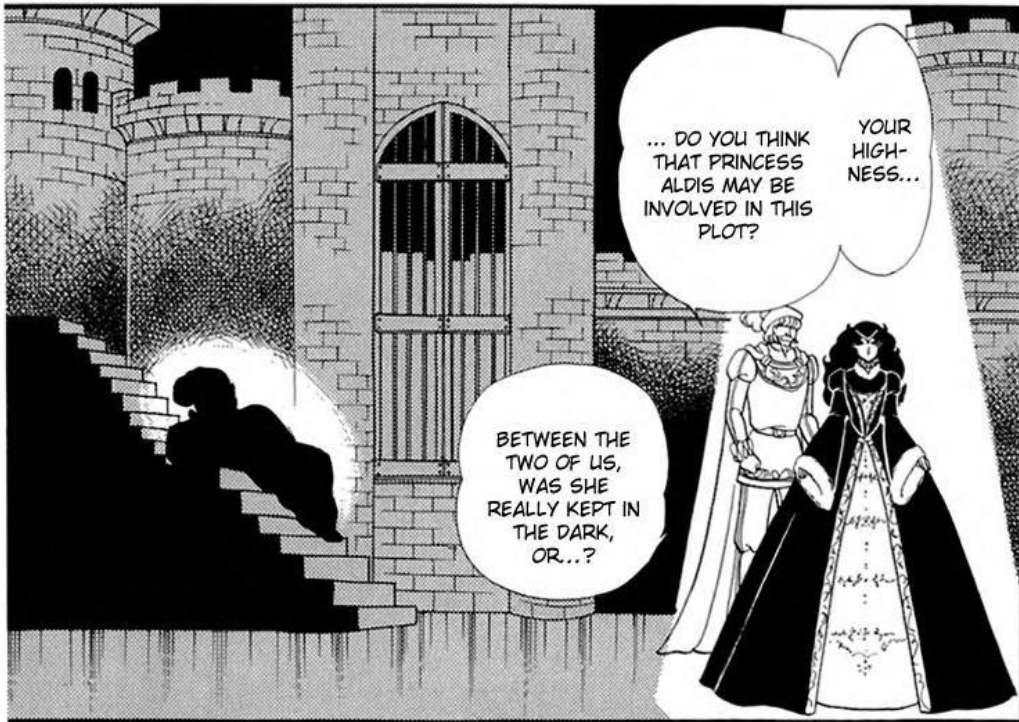
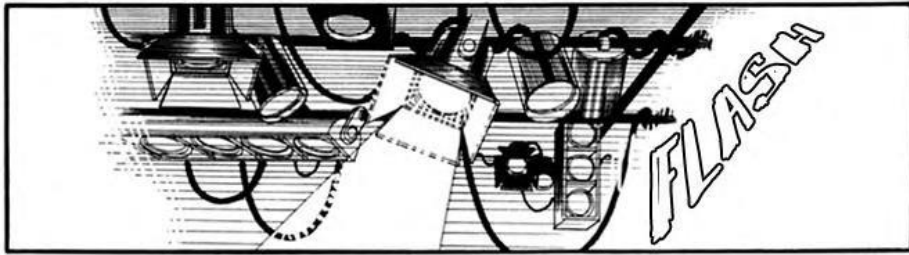
YOU ARE
HEREBY
FOUND
GUILTY OF
HIGH
TREASON!

GRAND-
FATHER!

MOTHER!

Grandfather





... DO YOU THINK THAT PRINCESS ALDIS MAY BE INVOLVED IN THIS PLOT? YOUR HIGHNESS...

BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, WAS SHE REALLY KEPT IN THE DARK, OR...?



THAT ANGEL...

IGNORANT WAS SHE...
... SO DID SHE DISSEMBLE.



I DO NOT WANT TO KILL ALDIS YET.

IF YOU WISH HER TO BE FOUND GUILTY, I CAN FIND ALL THE EVIDENCE...

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH HER THEN?



ON THE OTHER HAND, IF FREEDOM WERE GRANTED TO HER, SOMEONE MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE TO STEAL THE THRONE FROM ME.

... IF I WERE TO KILL THE SECOND IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION, MY REPUTATION IN THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WOULD SUFFER FROM IT.

SHE IS THE SECOND-BORN PRINCESS, MY SISTER...



THOU WILT SEE FROM THE WINDOW THE PASSING OF THE SEASONS...

DAY AFTER DAY, ONLY ICE COLD WALLS WILT THOU SEE...

ALDIS...

THE WISH TO SEE OTHERS, THE RESTLESSNESS AND THE PAIN WILL ALLOW THEE TO DISCERN THE DARKNESS THAT LURKS WITHIN PEOPLE'S HEARTS.

...AWAITING GOOD NEWS THAT WILL NEVER COME.

NOW THOU WILT LIVE IN THE SAME PRISON I LIVED!



HOW I WISH TO SEE IT...

HOW WILL THY SMILE BE THEN?

ALDIS ...

...MY SISTER, BEAUTIFUL LIKE THE SPRING GODDESS!



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HO
HO

FOR THEE, SPRING SHALL NE'ER COME ANON.

THOU SHALT BE AS IF ENTOMBED ALIVE IN THE WHITE DUNGEONS.





QUEEN ORIGELD ...
...WHAT CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE SHE PROJECTS...

LONG LIVE HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN!

AYUMI HIMEKAWA, A TRUE GENIUS.

THE FACE OF ORIGELD IS DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!

THE SCEPTER OF LAST-ONIA...

... THAT I DESIRED FOR SO LONG IS FINALLY IN MY HANDS!

MOTHER, ARE YOU WATCHING ME?

I HAVE TAKEN RETRIBUTION FOR YOU ON EVERYONE THAT MADE YOU SUFFER!





ARE YOU NOT ANGERED?
THE ONE ACCLAIMED COULD
HAVE BEEN YOU!

HOW NOW,
VIENA? WHY
ART THOU
CRYING?

AND SO HAS SHE
ASCENDED THE
THRONE...

Waaah
Waaah
Waaah

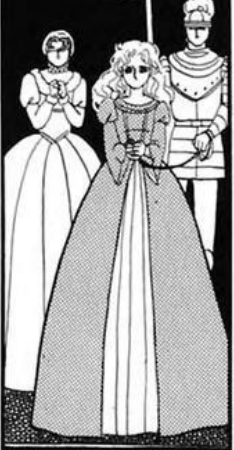
...AUGHT MAY I DO BUT
ACCEPT SUCH A
SITUATION!

LONG HAVE I
CONSIDERED THE
SADNESS MY
GRANDFATHER
AND MOTHER
VISITED UPON
MY SIB...

THOU
SHOULDST
NOT
SPEAK
ABOUT
THIS!

CEASE
THIS
IMME-
DIATELY
VIENA!

EVEN YOUR
SUPPORTERS
HAVE TURNED
THEIR FACES
FROM YOU.



CERTAINLY SHE
IS CONVINCED OF
MY BETRAYAL.

NOT SOME YEARS
PAST DID MY
SISTER SACRIFICE
HERSELF, TAKING
MY PLACE AND
BRAVED THE
LION'S DEN.

MUCH SUFFERING
MUST THIS BE
CAUSING HER!

HOW
COULD
I HAVE
DESIRED
TO KILL
HER...?

...IN MY
DECEASED
FATHER'S
STEAD...

PRIN-
CESS
ALDIS...

PRIN-
CESS
ALDIS!

Waaah
Waaah
Waaah



WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR PRINCESS ALDIS?

SECOND IN LINE OF SUCCESSION AND YOUR HALF SISTER!

SHE HAS NO POWER, YET SOME MAY YET GIVE HER MEANS ANON.

YOUR MAJESTY!

APPRENTICE

'TIS INDEED UNFORTUNATE, YET MUST I SILENCE MY ACCOMPLICES!

MINISTER GREER, THOU KNOWEST TOO MUCH!

...THAT IS YOUR WISH. BUT YOU CANNOT REST ASSURED, YOUR MAJESTY.

SO THAT YOU RULE WITHOUT ANY INCONVENIENCES...

YOU HAVE FREED YOURSELF FROM ME...

INDEED ...



WHAT? BUT WHO...

WHO CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ONE DAY SOMEONE SHALL NOT FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE...?!



WHO CAN ASSURE THAT NO ILL FATE WILL BEFALL YOU?



IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU...

UPON YOUR DEMISE, SHE WOULD BECOME QUEEN.



KILL HIM THIS INSTANT!



DOUBLE THE GUARD FOR ALDIS!

LET NONE SAVE THE TUTOR AND PRIEST SET FOOT WITHIN THE WHITE DUNGEONS!



SOMEDAY, SOMEONE...

...MAY ACT AS I DID?

