



EISUKE HAYAMI!



ARE YOU SURE, GENZO? EISUKE HAYAMI IS REALLY HERE?

YES, MADAM.

THIS MAN SHOWED ME AND I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES...



Ah... Uh...



Uughh...



Uughh...

CREAK





Hayami Mansion



OH!

EVERYONE
HAS STARTED TO
LOSE HOPE.

NONE
WHATSO-
EVER.

NO TRACE
OF YOUR LOST
FATHER?

STILL NO
NEWS FROM
THE POLICE?



YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE, YOU KNOW, TO CRY OVER HIM.

YOU ARE WORRIED FOR MY FATHER?
YOU ARE REALLY THOUGHTFUL.

THAT CAN'T BE...



SINCE I AM NOT ACTUALLY THE SON OF EISUKE HAYAMI, THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE RIGHTS AND POSSESSIONS I WOULD INHERIT.

AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE, THE ADMINISTRATORS OF DAITO ONLY THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN JOBS AND KEEPING THE BUSINESS GOING!



I CAN IMAGINE HOW WORRIED YOUR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER ARE.

THIS IS THE REALITY, SHIORI!

YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER MARRYING ME, SHIORI!

MASUMI...

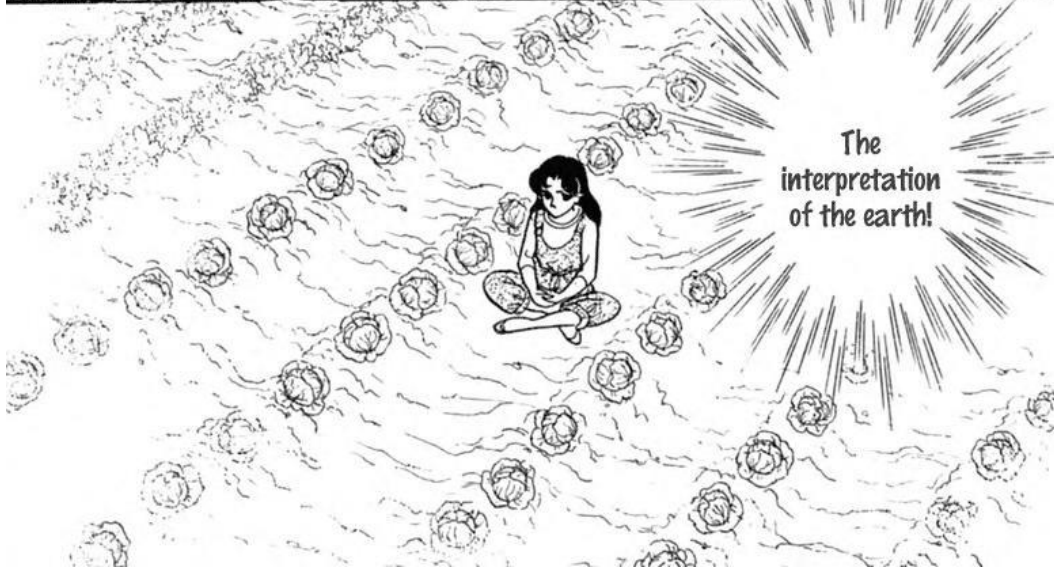
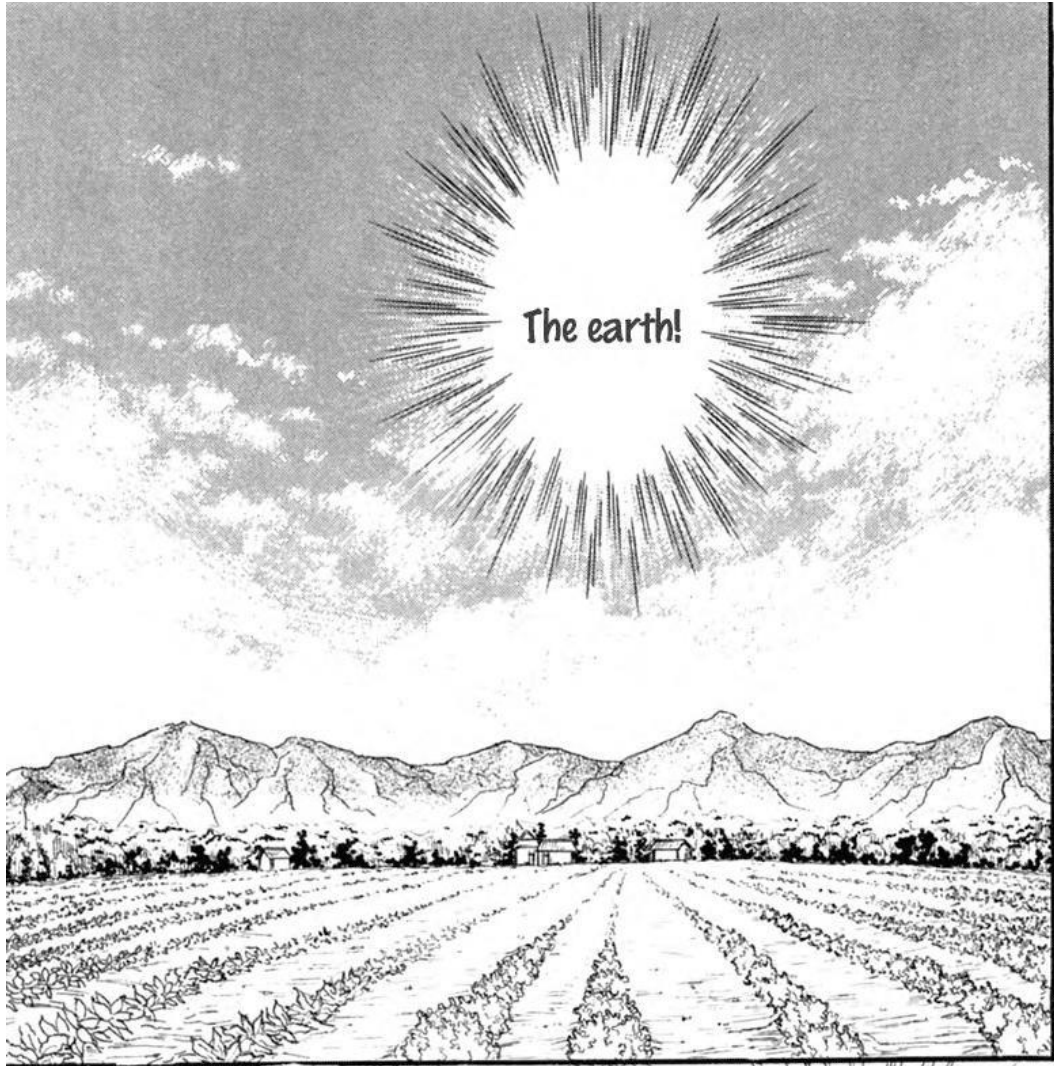


AND SINCE I HAVE NO BLOOD TIES WITH THEM, THEY CONSIDER MY PRESENCE DISGUSTING.

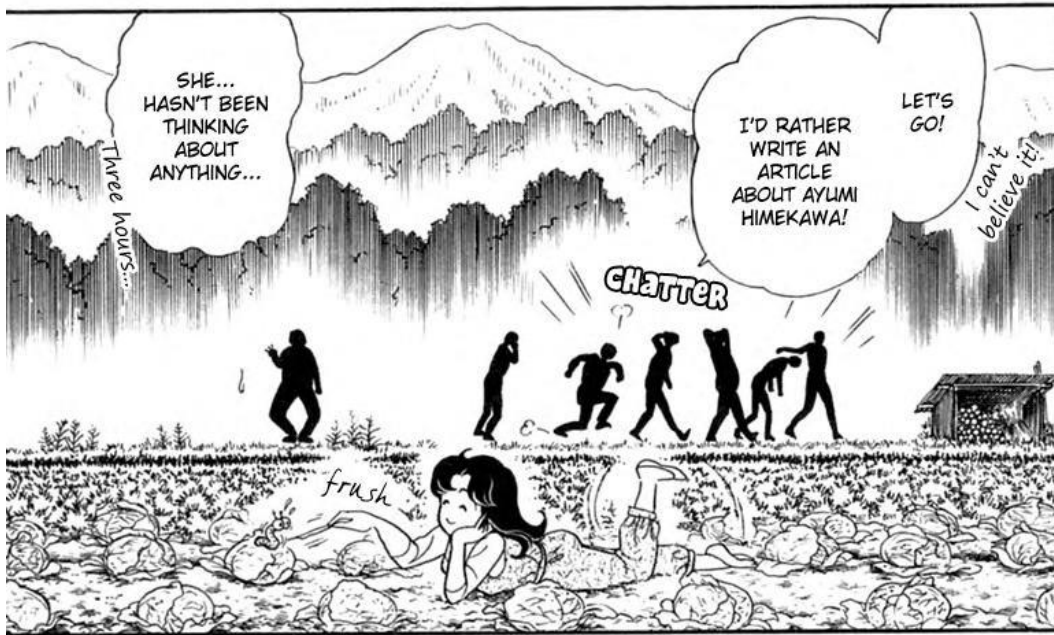
THE RELATIVES WILL ALSO FIGHT OVER HIS ASSETS, WHICH WOULDN'T BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY ALREADY DO.

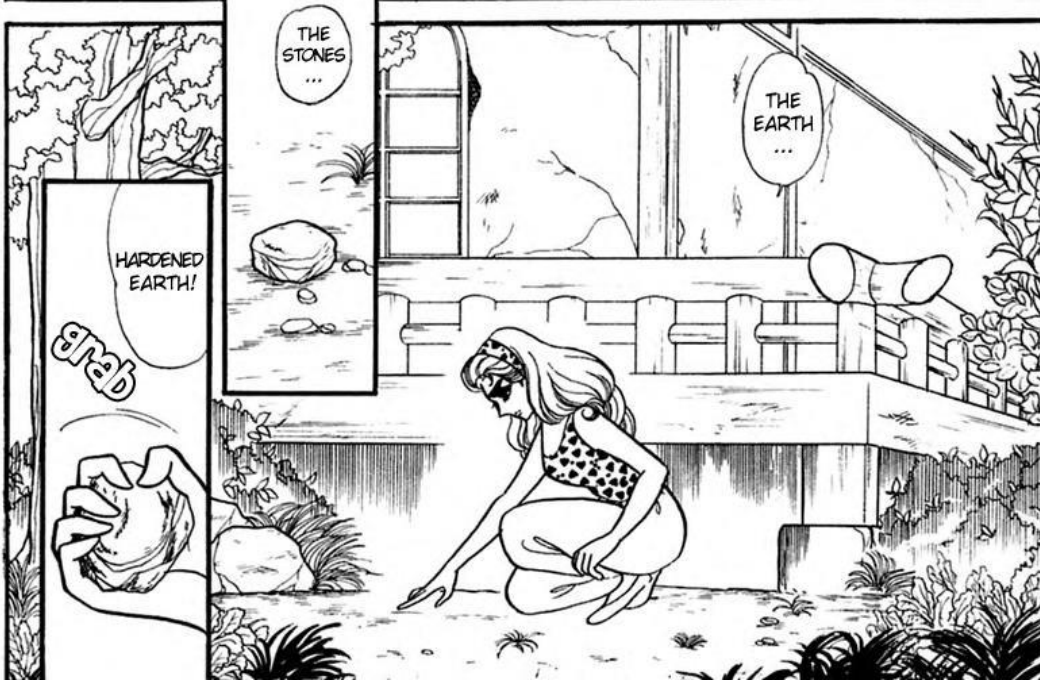
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE... MASUMI!

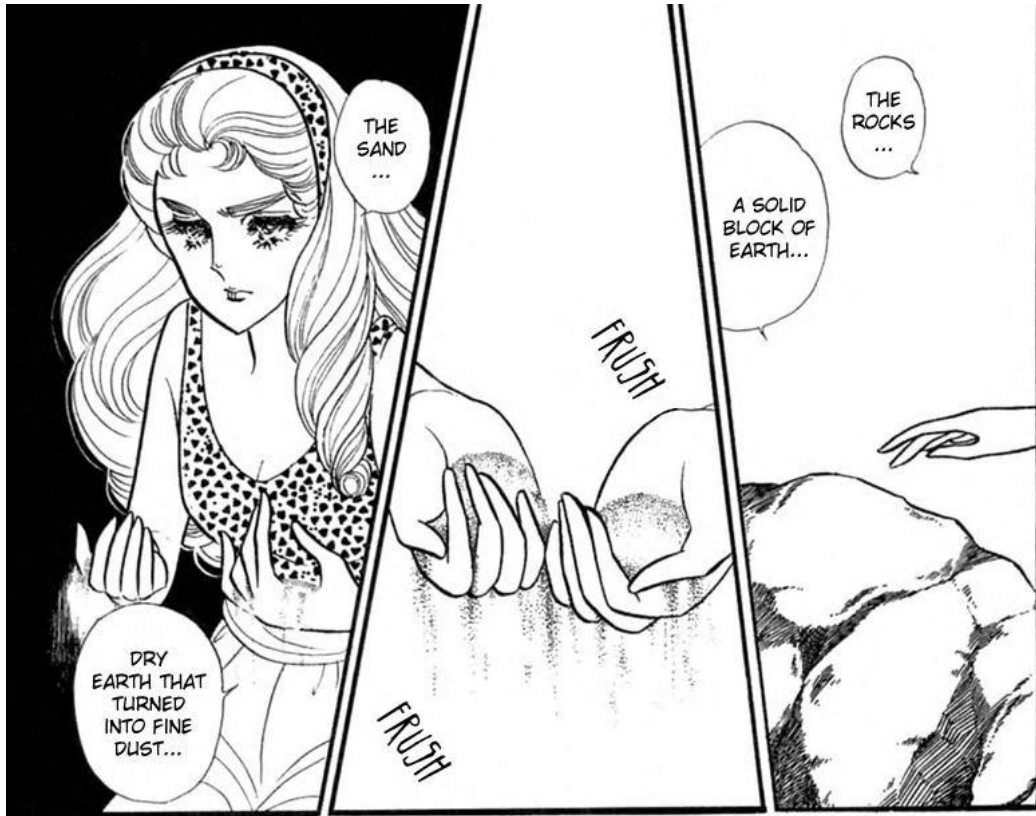












THE SAND ...

THE ROCKS ...

A SOLID BLOCK OF EARTH...

DRY EARTH THAT TURNED INTO FINE DUST...



This, too, is earth...

And the clay...



The types of earth, the earth's composition...

All of them of have different shapes and textures...



AH!

CRASH

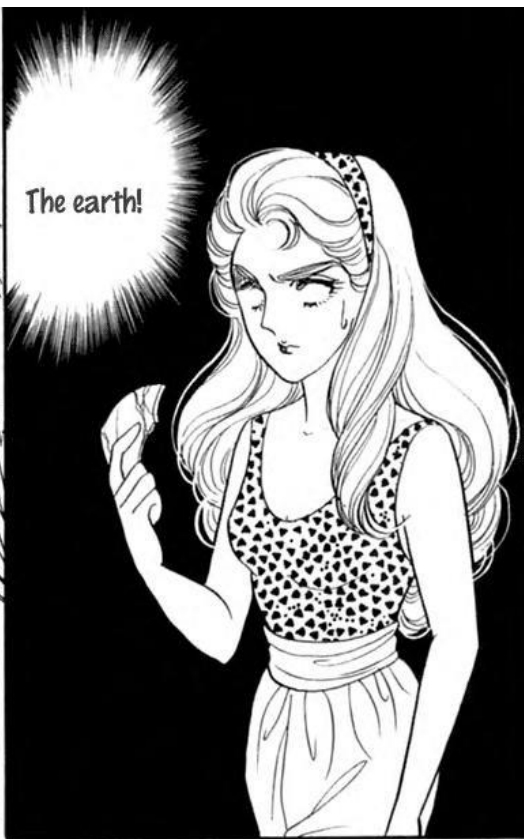
HEY! AYUMI HIMEKAWA BROKE A CUP!

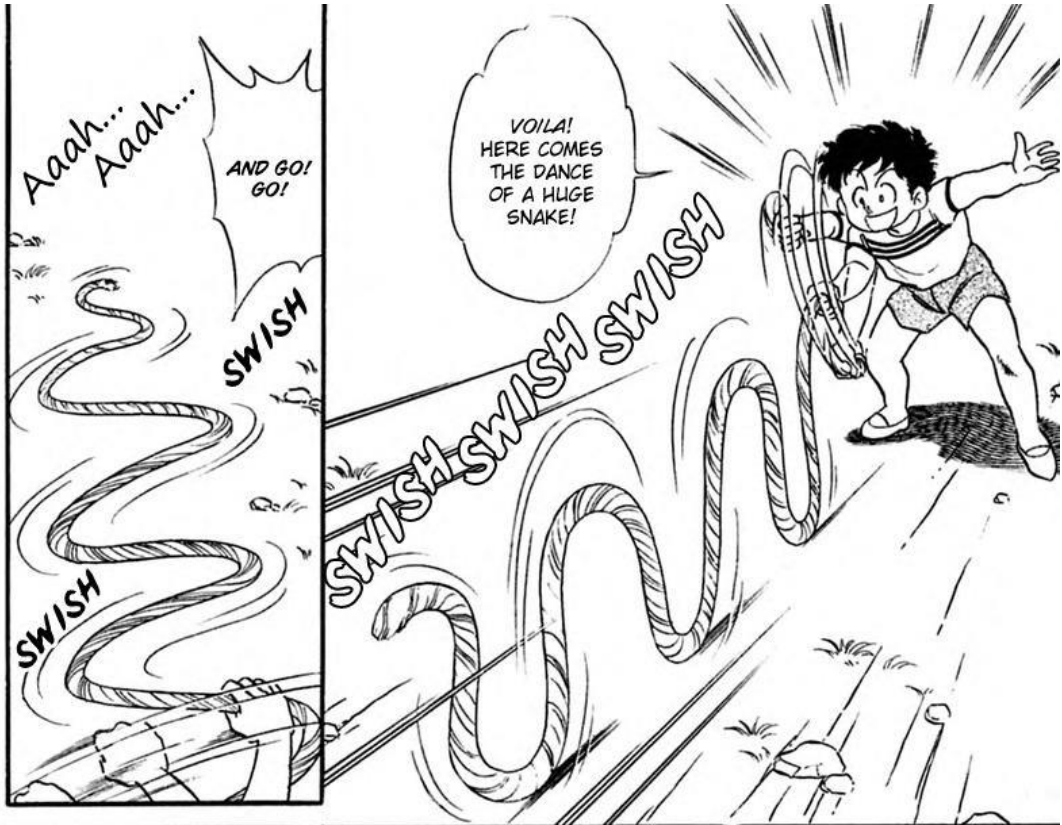
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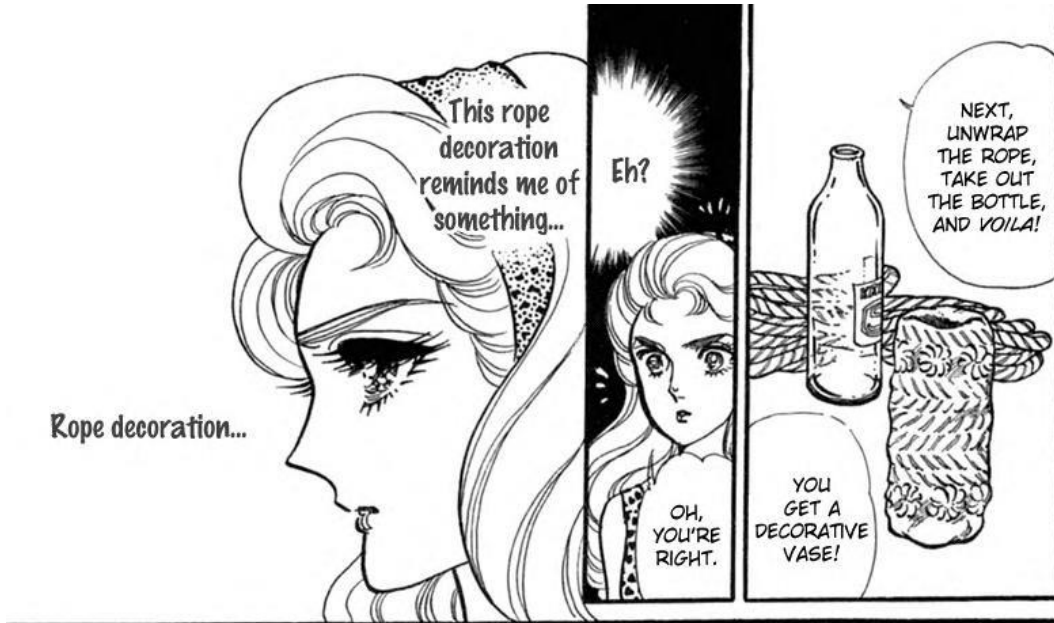
The earth's transformation!

This, too, is earth!

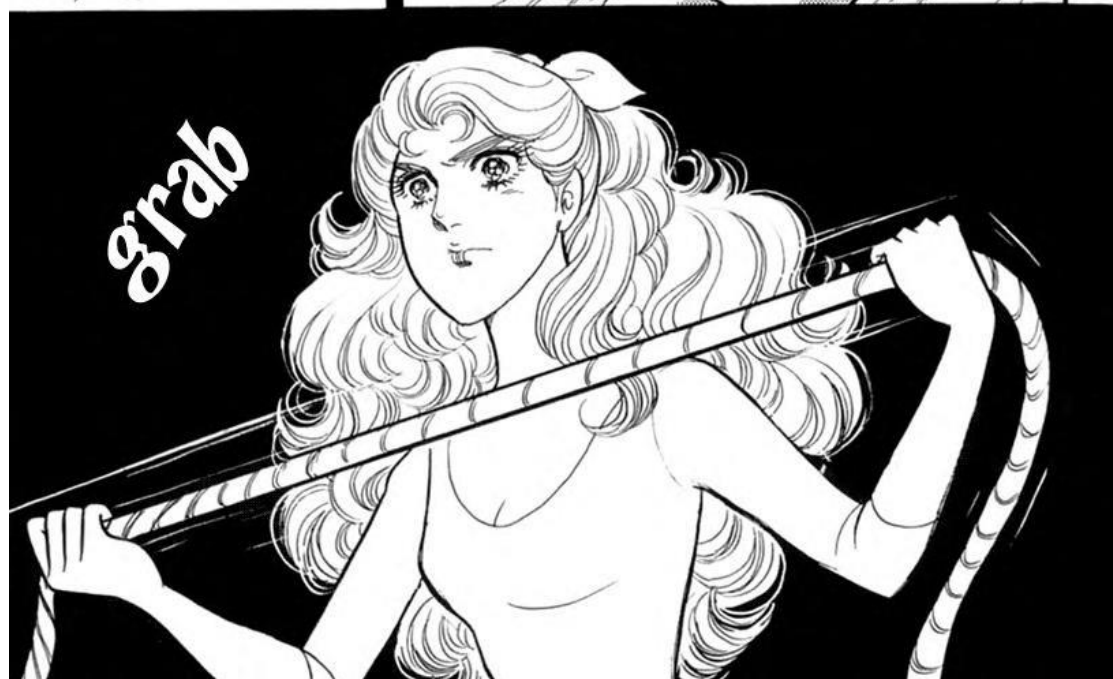
The earth that transforms!

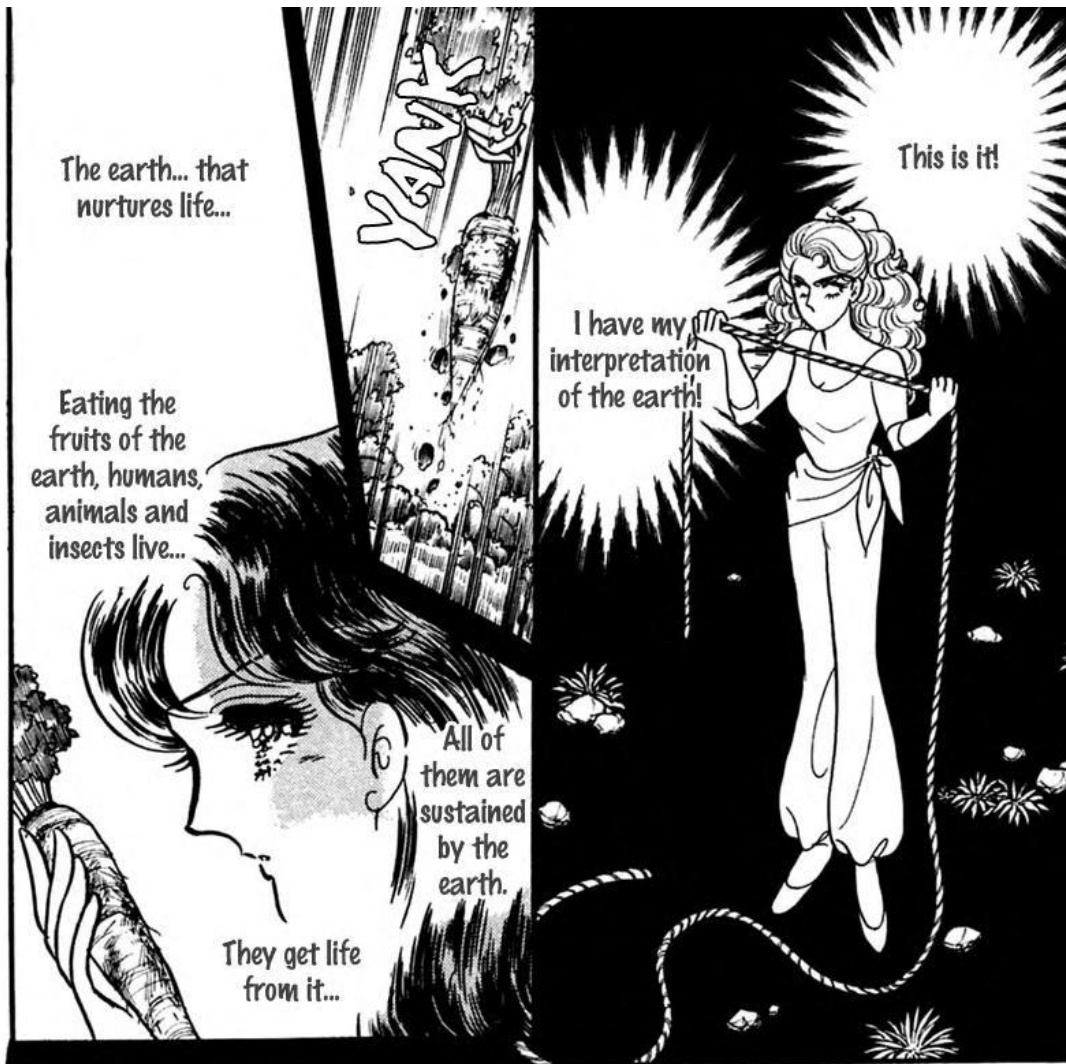












The earth... that nurtures life...

Eating the fruits of the earth, humans, animals and insects live...

All of them are sustained by the earth.

They get life from it...

YANK

I have my interpretation of the earth!

This is it!



I've always taken for granted...

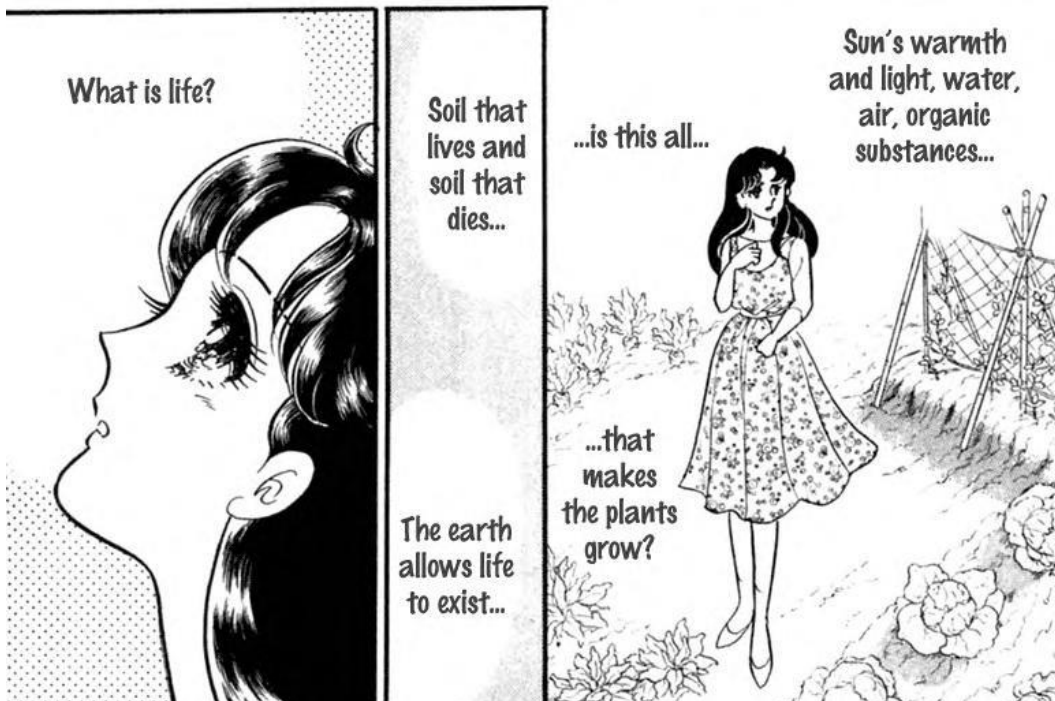
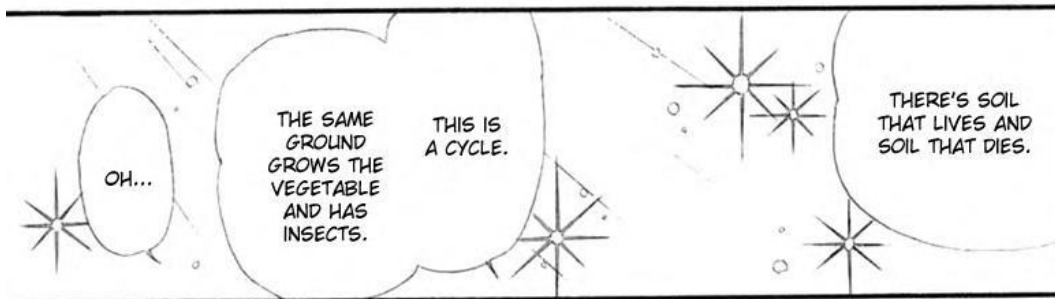
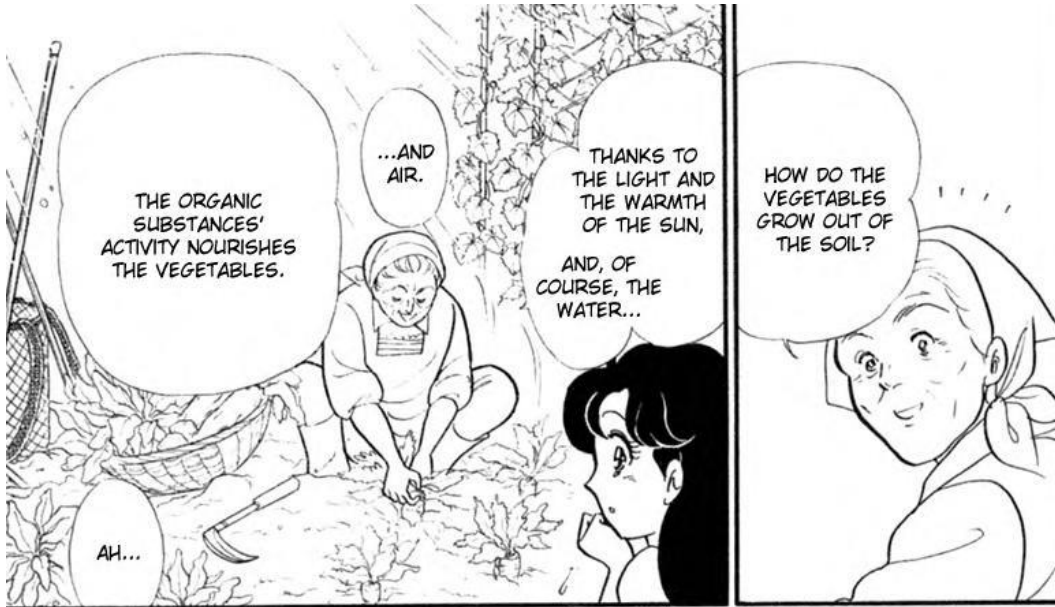
I've never thought about it!

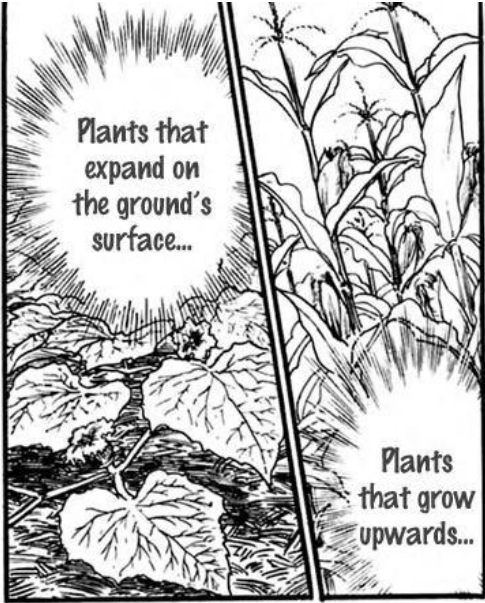
...that plants would grow from the soil!



But how does the earth do that?

That's right, life is born and grows out of the earth...





Plants that expand on the ground's surface...

Plants that grow upwards...



Who knows why the vine wraps around itself?

Why tree rings have their shape?



In the earth, life is born, but it also dies there...

The soil that nourishes...



THAT'S IT, GOOD BOY.



The earth
that gives
birth and
allows life to
grow!

Ah!

The mother!

The mother!

Grab



Of course!
In the earth,
there is a
growing
power!

A force
that rises
from within
the earth!

And that
force must
surely be...



That's
the earth's
power!

WHY
IS THAT
WHIRLWIND
ISN'T
BLOWING
DOWN
THERE?
...



Surely...

...A mother's
love!