





WHAT?

THEN IT'S OKAY IF I TELL RIN ABOUT MR. RUSSELL?

THAT HER FATHER IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION!!

BECAUSE I AM FED UP WITH ALL THE GOSSIP ABOUT ME BEING YOUR BOYFRIEND.

THAT PROMISE ENDS TODAY

IF YOU WANT TO TELL HER, THEN DO IT.

BECAUSE AT THE NEXT COMPETITION RIN'LL WIN AND SHE'LL GO TO ENGLAND.

REGARDLESS, SHE'LL FIND OUT EVENTUALLY.

BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK ARTHUR AND SARAH WILL SAY ABOUT IT?



IT WOULD BE BETTER IF RIN DOESN'T FIND OUT.

NOW, ENGLAND IS A PAINFUL AND SORROWFUL PLACE FOR RIN.



I'LL STAY BY HER AND SUPPORT HER.

EEEH-
THEN IT'S FINE TO TELL HER. I WONDER HOW SURPRISED SHE'LL BE AND HOW MUCH SHE'LL SUFFER.



BUT I DON'T AGREE WITH ARTHUR AND SARAH.





EDWARD WISHED ME A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

HE REMEMBERED.

RIN, YOU LOOK SO HAPPY.

If you want to avoid us then stay in Japan forever.
I'm breaking my friendship with you!
Edward
As there had been a rift between us.
BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE HAS EVER CONGRATULATED ME.
An old letter

BUT HE IS STILL A PRECIOUS FRIEND.

YES.

BUT RIN, EDWARD IS MARY'S BOYFRIEND.

THOUGH HE SURPRISED ME A LITTLE WITH HIS CONGRATULATION KISS.

BESIDES, THE EDWARD FROM TODAY WAS LIKE THE DEAR EDWARD FROM LONG AGO.



I'LL AIM FOR VICTORY AT THE NEXT CHAMPIONSHIP. AND AFTERWARDS I'LL GO TO ENGLAND AT THE OVERSEAS COMPETITION!!

I'LL DO MY BEST.





I WILL BE FINE IF I CAN SEE THEM AT LEAST ONCE.

I WILL BE FINE WITH THAT...



Ma-kun was also enthusiastic about giving you a present

WOW, I WONDER WHAT IT IS.

HE HE



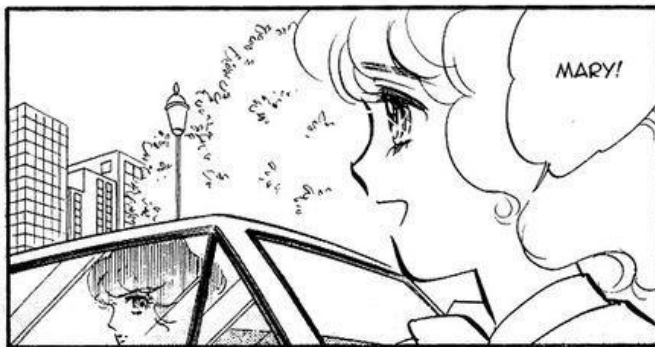
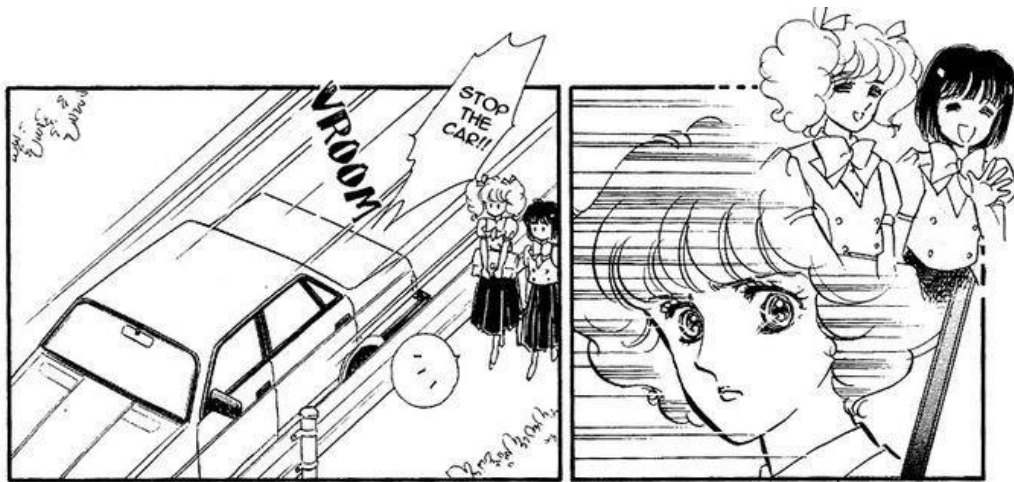
MANA.

I'M SORRY, RIN, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU.



OF COURSE. I HAVE PREPARED A PRESENT FOR YOU AND I THINK YOU'LL LIKE IT.

LISTEN, YOU'LL COME TO MY PARTY TONIGHT, RIGHT?





This is the trump card that'll break Kin's spirit.

But I have to choose the best time and place to break such important news to her.

MIDORIKAWA ANDORIKAWA

OPEN

Without a doubt: this isn't Mr Russell's handwriting.

This is from Kin's father?!

From Sarah and Arthur

These are for Kin

URGH...

Meow



Maybe he had Sarah or the butler write it for him.



Well, there's no need for Rin to see these.



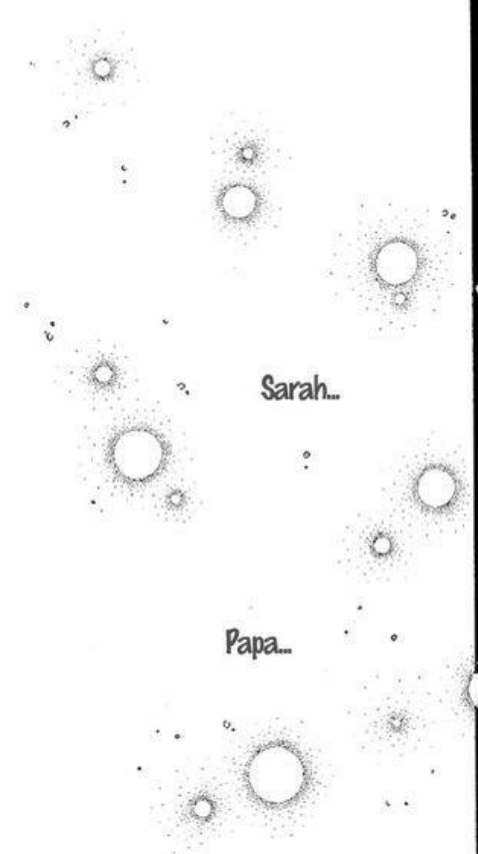












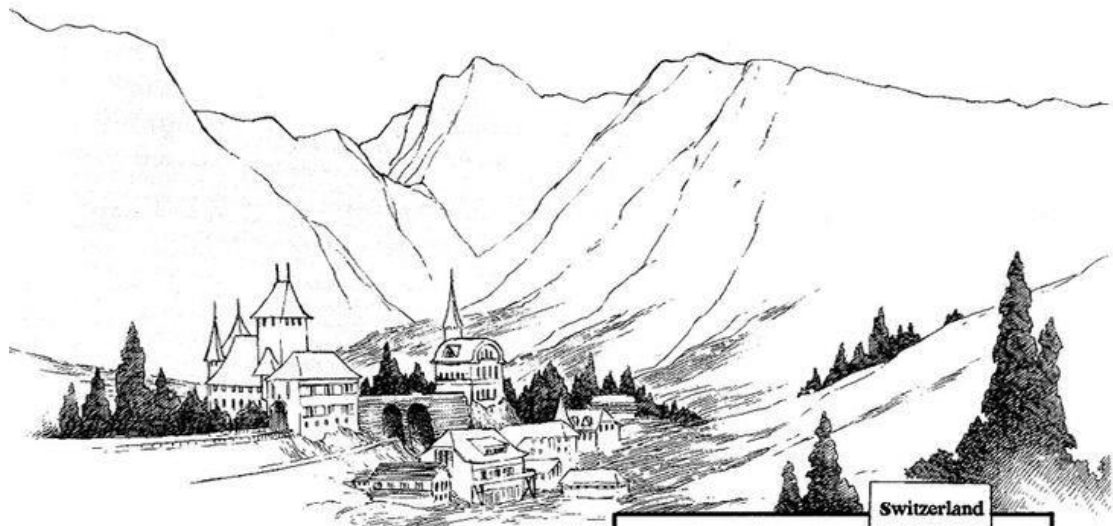
Sarah...

Papa...



Sarah, Papa
what is wrong?

Have you forgotten
about me?



Switzerland



I wonder
how
you're
spending
it.

Rin, your
birthday is
today, right?



They were just some birthday wishes that I asked the butler from England to send you.

Did you get the birthday card I sent you?

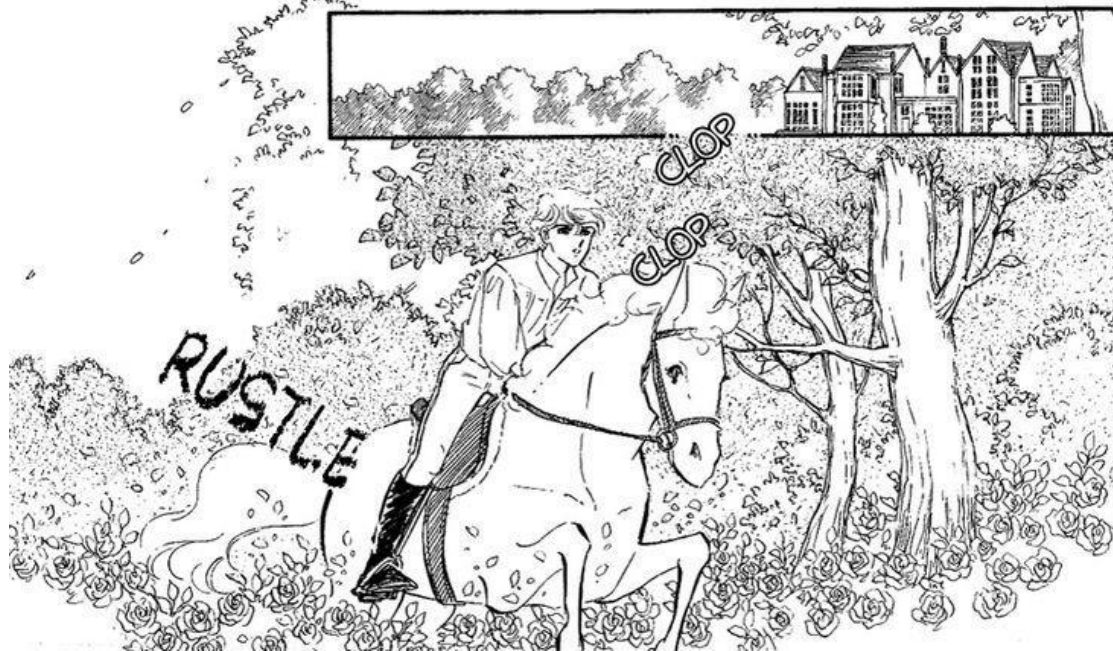
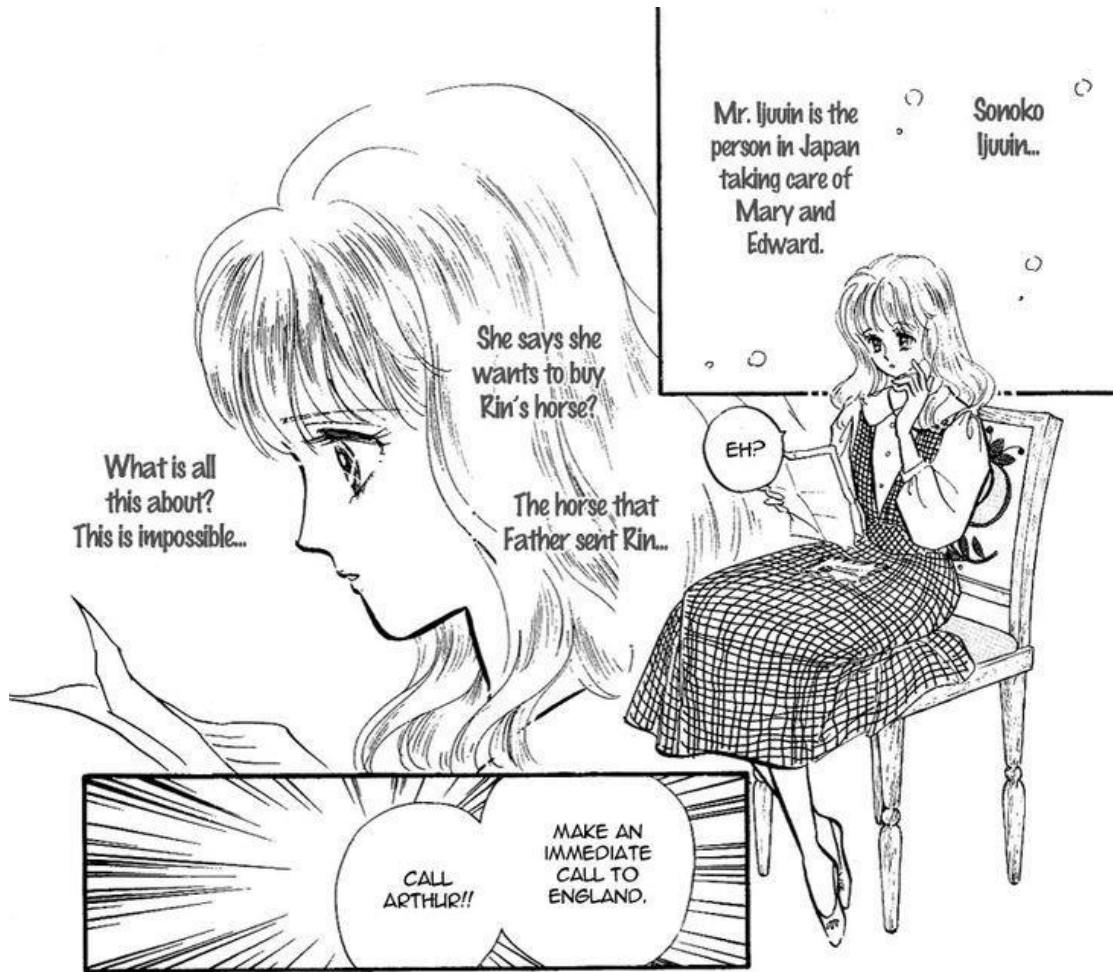


Forgive me, Rin, for not letting you know anything.

Oh... if only Father was well...



MISS SARAH, A LETTER FROM JAPAN WAS SENT HERE FROM ENGLAND.





YOU MUST BE LONELY TOO. I STAY AT THE COLLEGE DORMITORY ALL THE TIME AND EDWARD IS FAR-AWAY IN JAPAN.

Neigh

ALEXANDRA, YOU'RE HAPPY THAT WE ARE RIDING AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

Steady!



MARY HAS GONE TO JAPAN!?

SHE SAID SHE'S GOING TO STAY AT RIN'S PLACE.

YOU TOO, OF COURSE, ALEXANDRA.

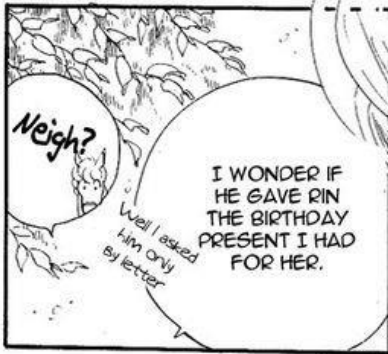
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JUST LIKE ME AND SARAH. THAT EDWARD, NO MATTER WHAT HE SAID, I'M SURE THAT HE WENT TO JAPAN BECAUSE HE THOUGHT ABOUT RIN.

That is what Edward told us frankly when he lost his cool.





Arthur and Edward's mother, Mrs Brighton





MAYBE,
WELL...

I KNOW THAT
FATHER WAS
ALWAYS LOOKING
FOR A HORSE LIKE
ALEXANDRA
FOR RIN.



I WOULD LIKE
TO SEE RIN'S
FAVOURITE
HORSE.

THOUGH, ALEX-
ANDRA AND I
ARE A LITTLE
DISAPPOINTED



ME
TOO.



DON'T WORRY,
AS HE SAID, HE
DOESN'T INTEND
TO BRING RIN HERE.



OH, I
WONDER
HOW RIN IS
DOING
NOW.
YOU KNOW
THAT MARY IS
STAYING AT
HER HOUSE.

EDWARD'S
THERE, SO
DON'T WORRY.



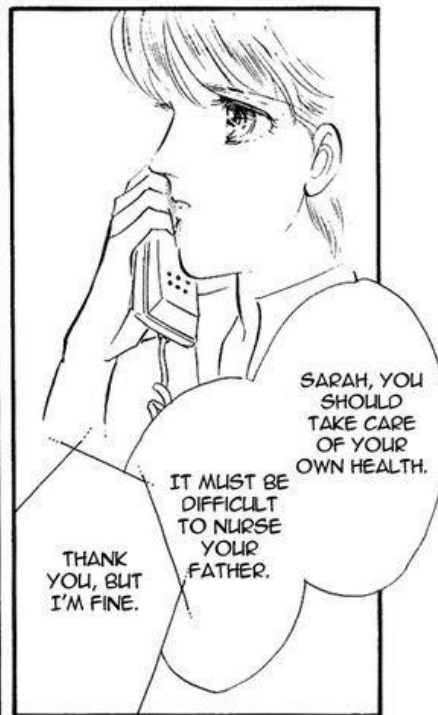
ABOUT RIN'S HORSE?

WHAT SHOULD I DO

HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED IN JAPAN?



GRAND-FATHER.



SARAH, YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN HEALTH.

IT MUST BE DIFFICULT TO NURSE YOUR FATHER.

THANK YOU, BUT I'M FINE.



THERE ARE DOCTORS AND NURSES HERE AT THE VILLA.

I'LL COME AND VISIT YOU AGAIN SOON. WAIT FOR ME.

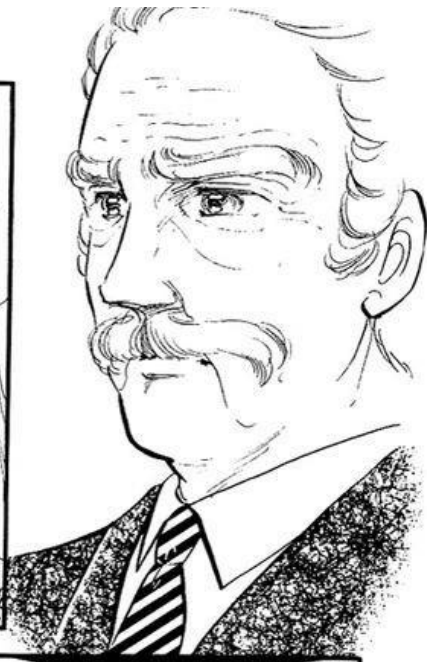
OKAY.



SARAH,
SHOW ME
THAT LETTER.



IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO
WITH YOU,
GRAND-
FATHER.
IT IS
ABOUT RIN.



GRAND-
FATHER...



GRAND-
FATHER...!!

I DON'T WANT
THESE INCREASING
WORRIES TO HARM
YOUR HEALTH.

LEAVE IT
TO ME.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.
THEN IT
WAS YOU,
GRAND-
FATHER!?



SARAH, DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME!!

GRANDFATHER, YOU'VE SENT RIN A HORSE.

I DID IT IN GEORGE'S PLACE...

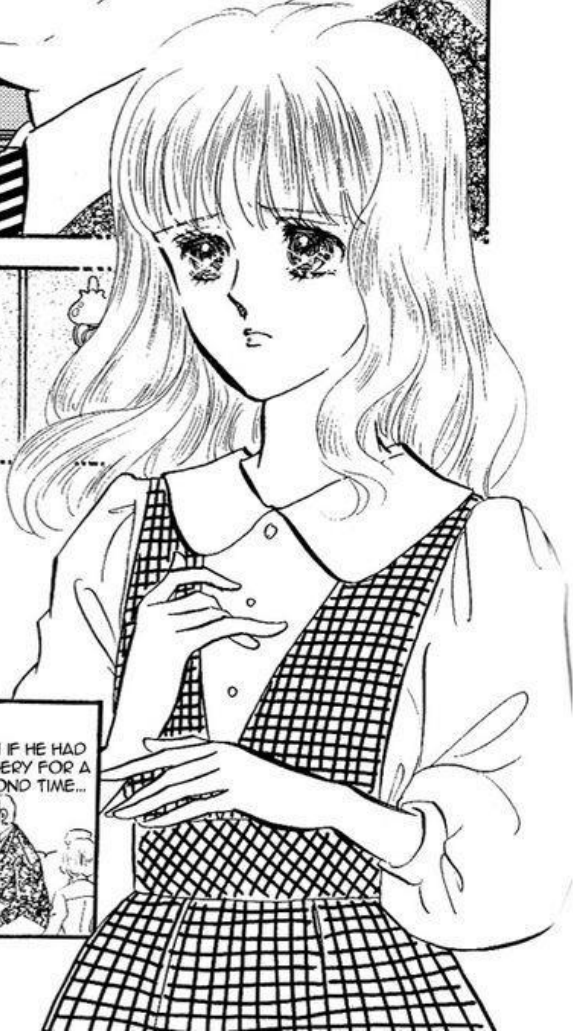
I THOUGHT TO DO IT FOR GEORGE WHO WAS HOSPITALISED. IT WAS NOT FOR RIN.



WHEN GEORGE MARRIED MAGDALENE I RECOGNISED RIN AS MY GRANDCHILD.

THAT WAS MY PART OF THE DEAL.

HOWEVER, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING RIN INTO THE DUCAL HOUSE FOR A SECOND TIME.





Someday a
miracle will
happen...

My beloved
little sister.

And I'll live
with you,
Rin.



I'M SORRY THAT I STARTED TO CRY.



MA-KLIN, MANA, YOU'VE GIVEN ME SUCH NICE PRESENTS...



COME NOW, LET'S CUT THE CAKE.

THAT'S IT, RIN.



HE HE

THIS MA-KLIN...

YAHOO!!

How embarrassing in passing...

It's the same every year.



YUP. THE BIGGEST PART IS FOR MA-KLIN

Meow



OH, WHO COULD IT BE NOW?



RIN...

Papa...

Sarah...





TO GIVE IT TO YOU.



HE ASKED ME



I GAVE HER A KISS.

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? DID YOU GIVE RIN ANYTHING?



Thank you, Arthur.





YES.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OF COURSE THEY HAVEN'T!



CALM DOWN.
THAT'S THE
WAY FOREIGN-
ERS GREET
EACH OTHERS

KISS

WELL, THE
SAME AS I
GAVE YOU.

WELL NOW, RIN.
NEXT WEEK IS
MY BIRTHDAY.

OH! WHAT
SHOULD I
GET YOU?

Meow

Would only
that be okay?
A KISS
ON THE
CHEEK.