



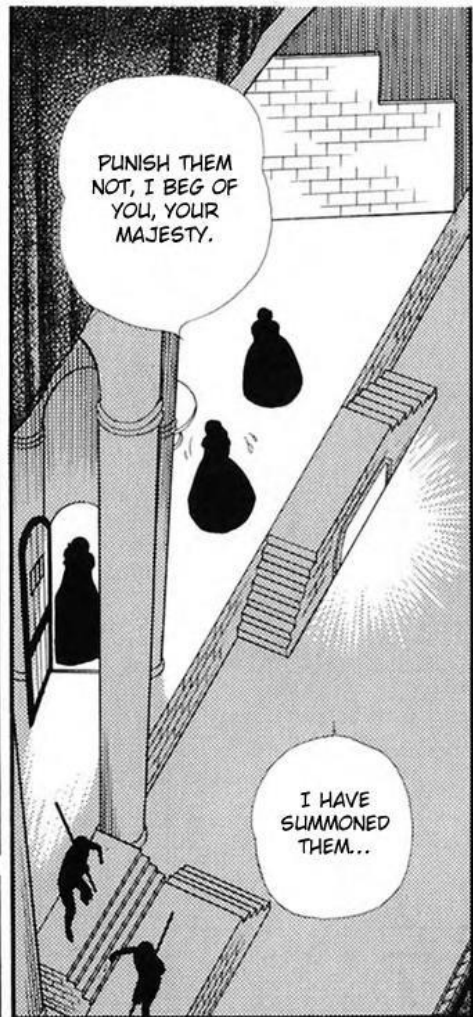
THEY MAKE ME FORGET ABOUT THE BOREDOM...

AND THE LONELINESS.

THEY TELL ME ENTERTAINING STORIES, AND THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD...

THEY COMFORT ME.

...



PUNISH THEM NOT, I BEG OF YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.

I HAVE SUMMONED THEM...



CALL ME NOT BY THAT NAME!



WHEN I WAS HERE THE GUARDS ONLY INSULTED ME!

YOUR MAJESTY...

BOTH PRINCESSES ARE WE...



EVEN THE GUARDS ARE THOUGHTFUL OF THEE, ALDIS...

HOW ARE WE DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER?



SISTER ORIGELD...

NO ONE CARES ABOUT ME!

IT SEEMS NOBODY CAN DO NAUGHT BUT CALL ME THUS!

MAJESTY!  
MAJESTY!  
MAJESTY!

JUST FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE...

AND THEY TELL ME...

...DO THIS, DO THAT!



HERE, SISTER...

OVER-  
JOYED  
OF YOUR  
ARRIVAL  
AM I,  
SISTER!

HAVE A SEAT NEAR THE FIRE!

SOMETHING DANGEROUS MAY HAPPEN...

'TIS BETTER FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THE FIRE.

ESPECIALLY AMIDST THE COMPANY OF OTHERS.

VIENA, BRING SOME WINE FOR MY SISTER ORIGELD!



SISTER ...

NO THANK THEE, TAKE IT AWAY.

IT WILL WARM YOU!

HAVE SOME, SISTER!

WHILST AWAY FROM THE PALACE, I PARTAKE IN NEITHER FOOD NOR DRINK.

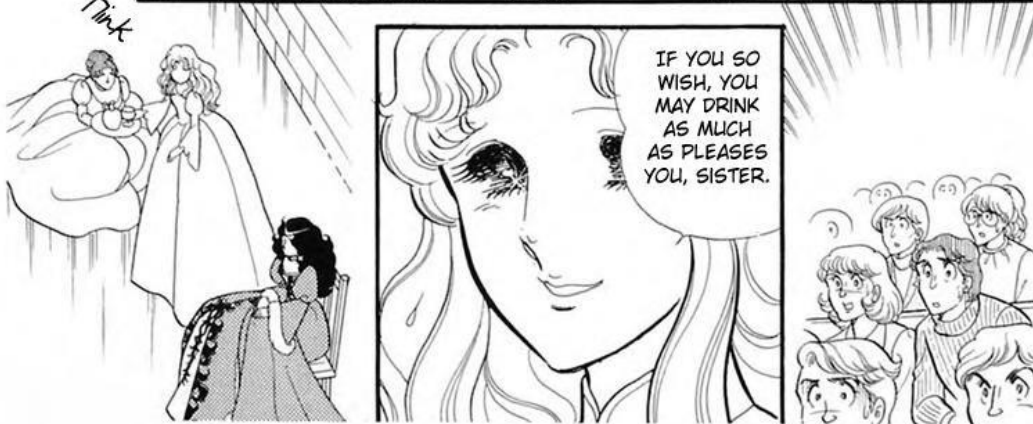


...MAY I DRINK IN YOUR STEAD?

THEN...



GULP



Tink

IF YOU SO WISH, YOU MAY DRINK AS MUCH AS PLEASES YOU, SISTER.







FROM WHAT THE GUARDS TOLD ME I DISCOVERED THAT THIS IS HOW MOST CITIZENS OF LASTIONA LIVE...

SIMPLE CLOTHES, ALMOST CLERICAL...

A HARD BED...

WINDOWS THROUGH WHICH ONLY SCANT LIGHT SEEPS THROUGH...

LOOK NOW...

SOME WITH EVEN A SIMPLER AND MORE MODEST LIFE.

I REPRIMANDED MYSELF FOR THE PRIVILEGES I HAD.

I AM ABASHED OF MY PRIDE AND IGNORANCE THAT CAME FROM THE SOLE FACT OF MY ROYAL BIRTH.

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD...

NEVER HAD I THOUGHT MUCH OF MY LIFE WHILE AT THE COURT...

...AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I UNDERSTOOD HOW LUXURIOUS IT HAD BEEN.

'T WAS THIS PRISON THAT TAUGHT ME THIS.



IN THE BEGINNING IT WAS QUITE DIFFICULT...

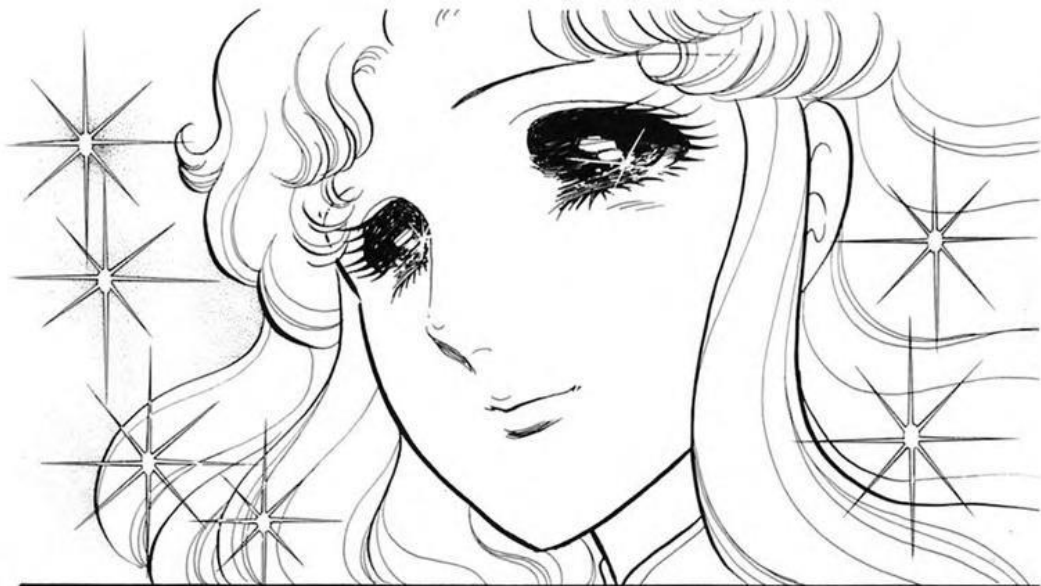
...THE REVEREND, MY TUTOR, VIENA, THE GUARDS... COULD BRING ME SUCH JOY.

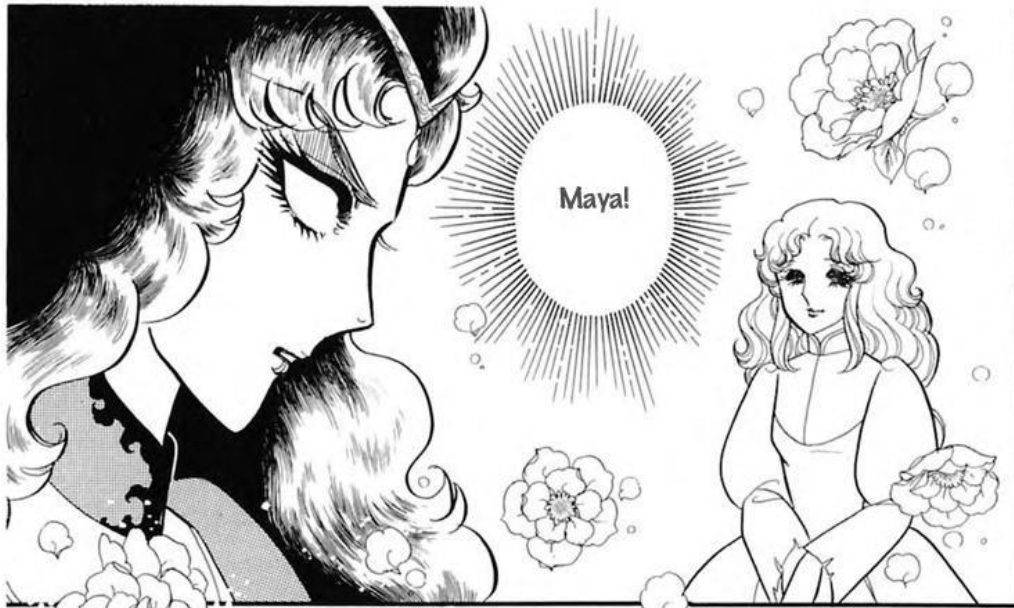
NEVER HAD I KNOWN THAT I OUGHT BE THANKFUL FOR THE LIGHT AND WARMTH OF THE SUN.

OR THAT THE SMILE OF THE PEOPLE THAT SURROUND ME...

IN THIS PRISON I UNDERSTOOD IT.

AND I GREW WEARY OF TRYING TO ADJUST MYSELF...









THOU HAST NOT CHANGED... THOU HAST NOT CHANGED!

WHAT A SMILE!

THOU HAST REMAINED THE SAME ...

SAY AGAIN...?

OR MAYBE THOU ART ONLY ACTING BEFORE ME SO THAT I WILL NOT SEE THROUGH THINE GUISE?



AND THANK THE ONES THAT STAY BESIDE THEE?

WHY, CONFINED WITHIN THESE WALLS, DOST THOU FILL WITH JOY...

DOST THOU NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THY OWN MISFORTUNE?



WHY DOST THOU NOT HATE ME, SINCE IT WAS I THAT HAD THEE IMPRISONED?



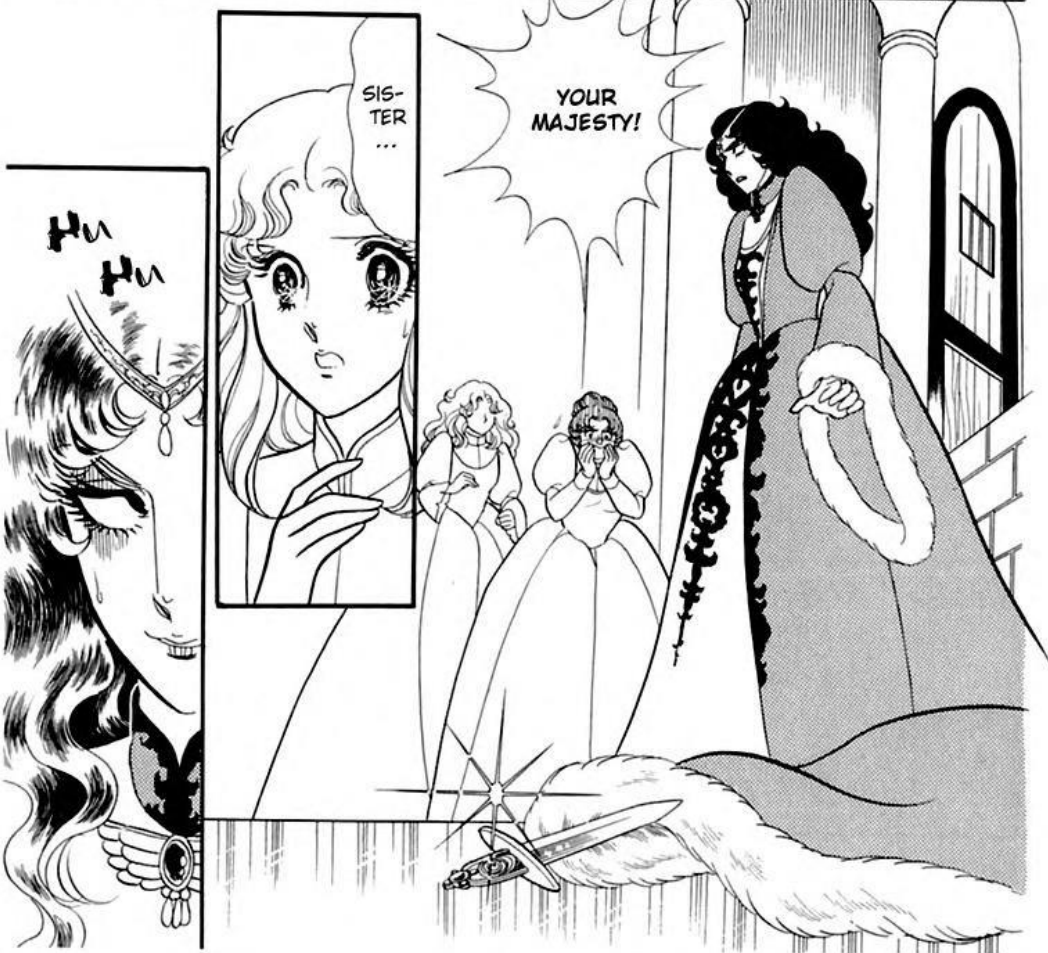
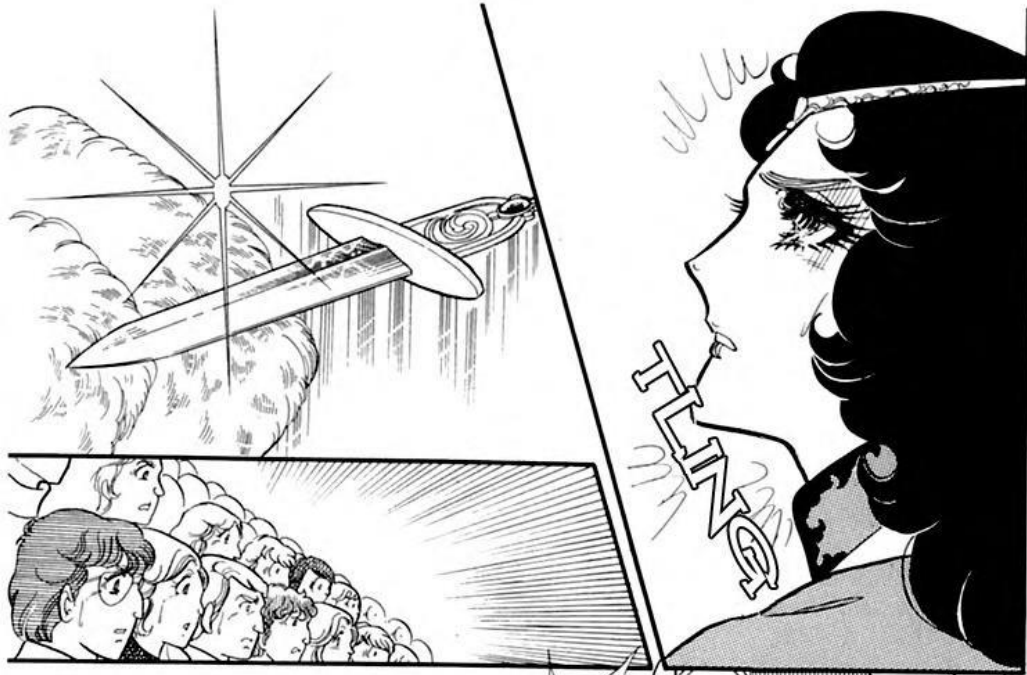
ONLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VISIT CAN I BE!

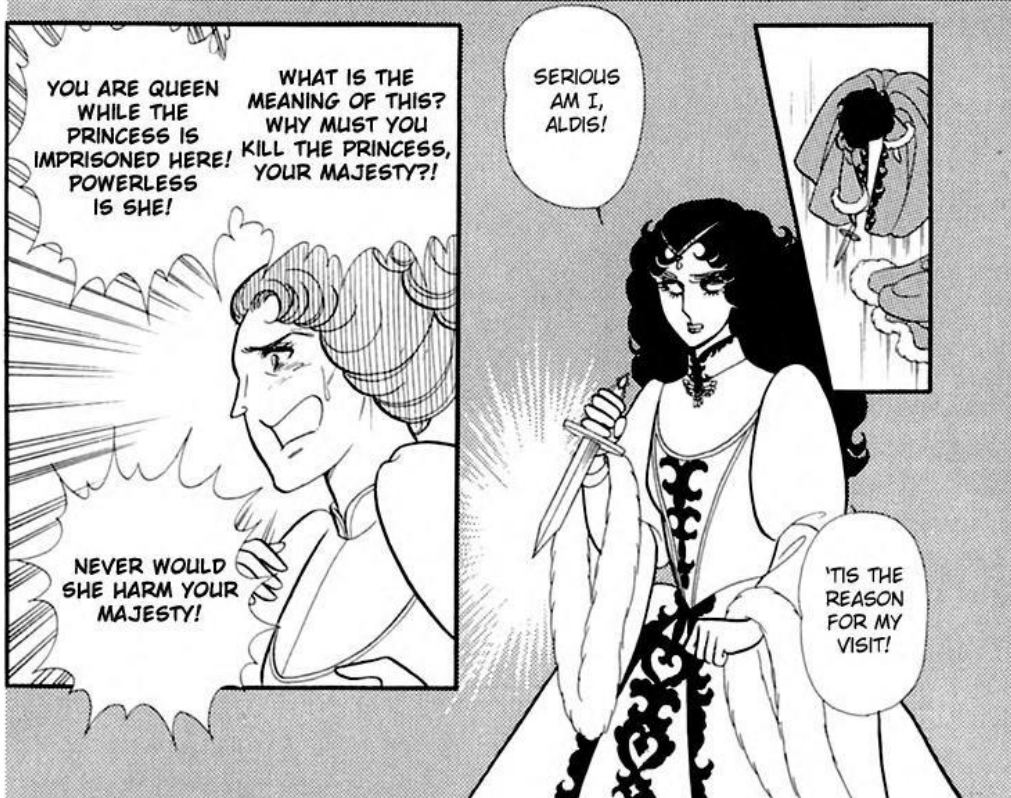
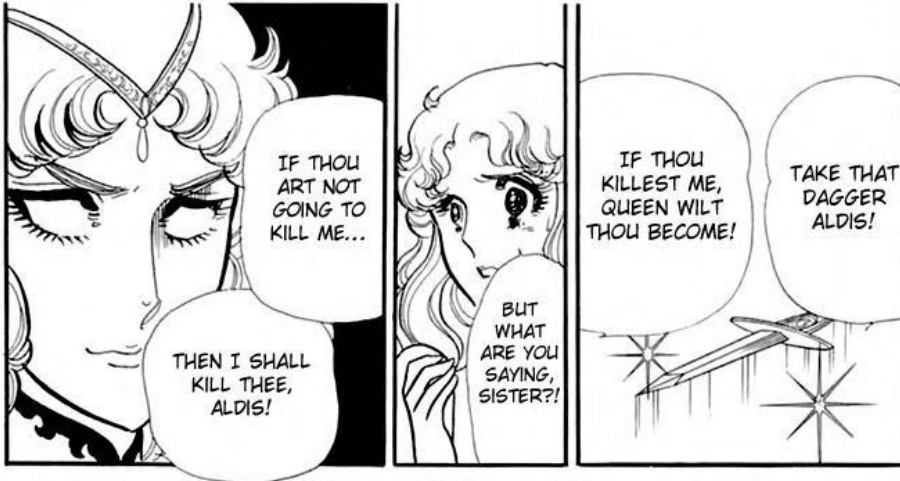
IF I THINK OF WHAT MY MOTHER AND GRAND-FATHER DID TO YOU...

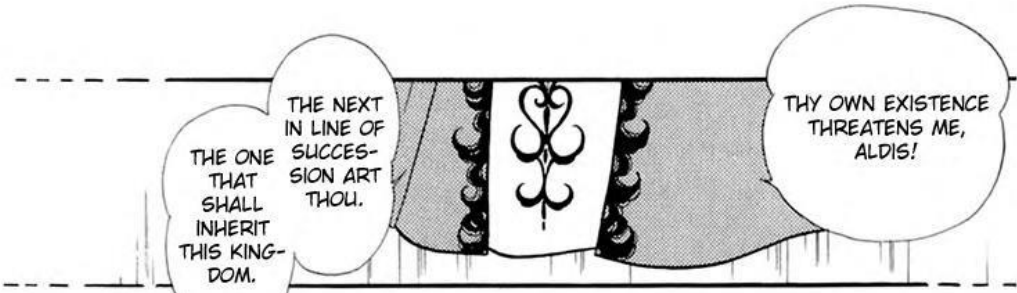
I COULD NEVER ...



BE SINCERE, ALDIS!







THE ONE THAT SHALL INHERIT THIS KINGDOM.

THE NEXT IN LINE OF SUCCESSION ART THOU.

THY OWN EXISTENCE THREATENS ME, ALDIS!



SIS-TER!



AND IF, LET US SUPPOSE, ONE DAY ERINWALD WOULD TURN AGAINST ME?



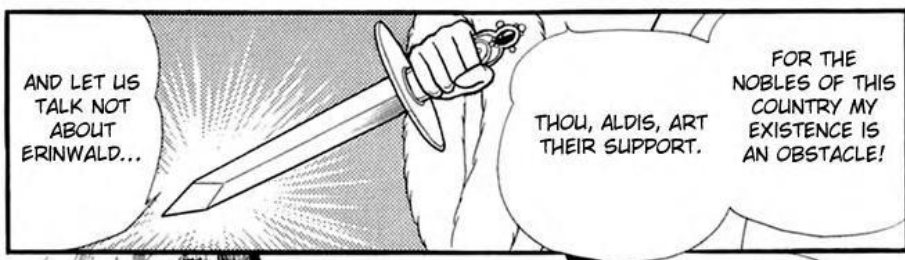
'TWOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE! THE SUPPORT OF ERINWALD IS YOURS!

NONE WOULD DARE HARM YOU!



THE DISSIDENTS AND THOSE THAT CRAVE THE POWER...

...MAY ONE DAY UNITE AND USE THEE TO DESTROY ME...



AND LET US TALK NOT ABOUT ERINWALD...

THOU, ALDIS, ART THEIR SUPPORT.

FOR THE NOBLES OF THIS COUNTRY MY EXISTENCE IS AN OBSTACLE!



THOU WOULDST BE FREE OF THIS PRISON AND WOULDST RETURN TO THE PALACE!

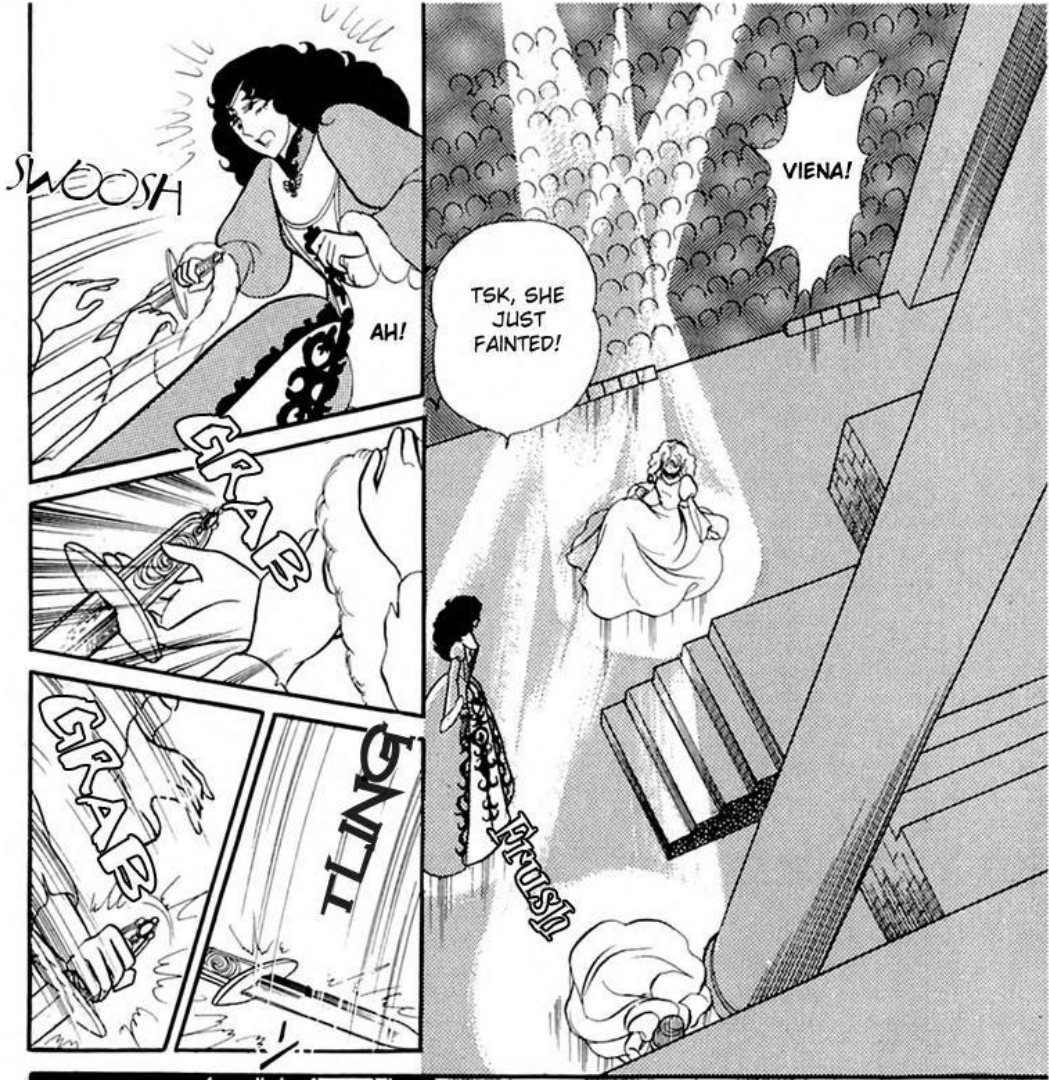


IF I WERE TO DISAPPEAR, 'TWOULD BE THY TURN TO BE QUEEN!











WHY DO YOU SPEAK OF SO MANY SAD THINGS?

WHY DO YOU SPEAK OF SUCH SAD AND FEARSOME THINGS?

I HAVE NOT YET FORGOTTEN THE KINDNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN ME.



IF THOU DOST THAT THEN THE THRONE IS THINE, ALDIS!

COME, TRY TO STAB ME.

COME NO CLOSER! COME NO CLOSER! I BEG OF YOU SISTER!



FINALLY, DOST THOU REVEAL THY TRUE SELF, ALDIS...



MY KINDNESS?



AND AFTERWARDS IN MANY LETTERS DID YOU COMFORT ME!



YOU SACRIFICED YOURSELF IN MY PLACE, GOING TO ERINWALD WHEN IT WAS OUR FOE!



Ho Ho

ALDIS, THOU ART BUT A FOOL!

I HAD NO LOVE FOR THEE!

Ho Ho



I WAS CLOSE TO THY HEART?!



THOU DIDST CARE ABOUT ME?





THE TIME HAS COME TO STOP PLAYING THE ROLE OF THE UNDERSTANDING AND GENTLE SISTER!

ART THOU SURPRISED?

DIDST THOU NOT HEAR ME?

HOWEVER, I HATE THEE WITH ALL MY BEING!

I TOLD THEE I HATED THEE, ALDIS!

YES, ALWAYS HAVE I HATED THEE!

AND ALWAYS HAVE I HATED THY GENTLENESS AND THY SMILE THAT WARMS THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE!

SISTER!



WITHERING AWAY IN A COLD PRISON WAS I...

I CRIED AND REMEMBERED MY UNFORTUNATE MOTHER!

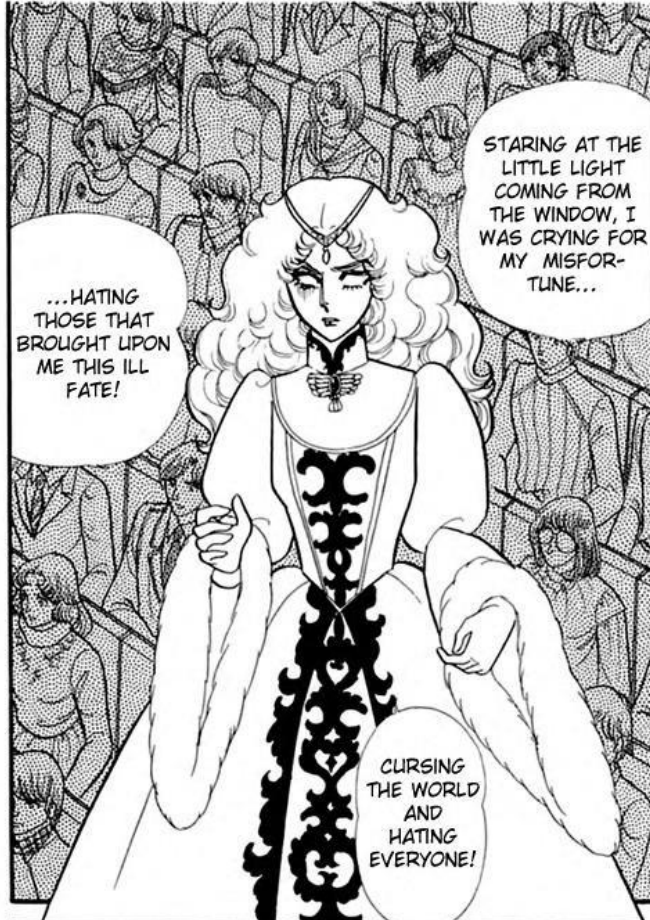
WHEN I HEARD PEOPLE SPEAKING ABOUT THEE, LOVED BY EVERYONE, BLESSED WITH HAPPINESS...



WITHOUT A SMILE, WITH A COLD AND STONE-HARD EXPRESSION...

'T WAS LIKE BEING IN A TOMB FOR THE LIVING!

...SPENDING DESPAIRING DAYS IN AN ENDLESS SOLITUDE...



...HATING THOSE THAT BROUGHT UPON ME THIS ILL FATE!

STARING AT THE LITTLE LIGHT COMING FROM THE WINDOW, I WAS CRYING FOR MY MISFORTUNE...

CURSING THE WORLD AND HATING EVERYONE!



MY FATHER, THE KING...

...THAT PUSHED MY MOTHER AND ME INTO THE PITS OF DESPAIR!

MY HOPE WAS THAT ONE DAY I WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE MY REVENGE ON THOSE...



BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WANTED POWER!

THEE, ALDIS, AND THE HEIR TO THE THRONE, PRINCE JOHANNES!

THE MASTERMIND OF THE PLOT, COUNT GOTTFRIED...

I THOUGHT THAT UNTIL I HAD OBTAINED IT I WOULD NOT BE HAPPY!

YOUR MOTHER THE QUEEN RAGNEID THAT HAD STOLEN MY FATHER'S LOVE FROM MY MOTHER AND ME.



WEDDING IN AN ENEMY COUNTRY IN THY STEAD WAS EXACTLY THE CHANCE I WAS WAITING FOR!



SOON I LEARNED THE MEANING OF BETRAYAL AND SLYNESS!



'T WAS FROM MY HAND THAT SHOT THE ARROW FROM HARLAND THAT STRUCK PRINCE JOHANNES IN THE FOREST...

WANT TO HEAR MORE, ALDIS?



THAT POISONED THE BEDRIDDEN AND SUFFERING KING...

AFTER GETTING RID OF THE HEIR TO THE THRONE...

'T WAS I, HELPED BY A SECRET ALLY,

FOR EIGHT YEARS, THAT WAS WHAT SUSTAINED ME...

ALLOWING ME TO ESCAPE FROM HERE!



IT IS NOT POSSIBLE!



IT IS...







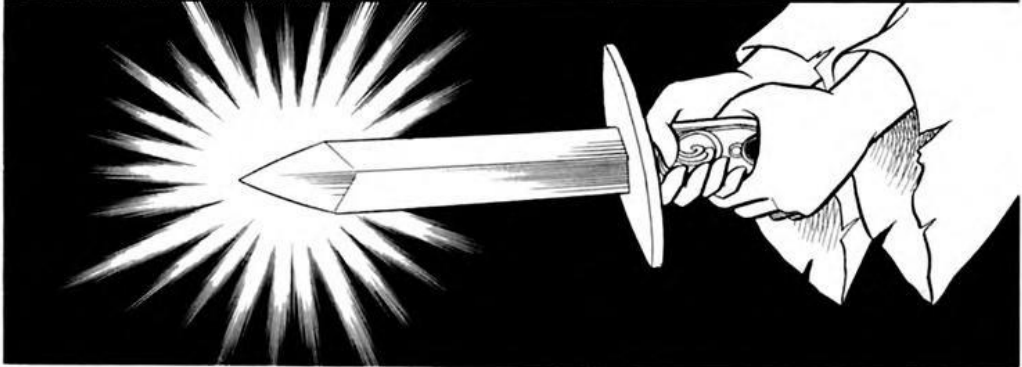
TELL ME, DOST  
THOU STILL LOVE  
ME IN SPITE OF  
EVERYTHING?!

HAST THOU  
UNDERSTOOD  
ALDIS? I WAS  
THE ONE TO  
IMPRISON THEE  
HITHER!

I WAS THE  
ONE TO STEAL  
THY HAPPI-  
NESS!

AH...

OR DOST THOU  
HATE ME?!



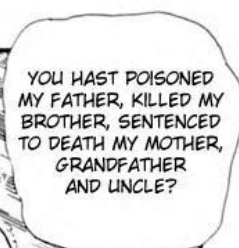




ALDIS... I KNEW THAT SOMEDAY WE WOULD HAVE TO FACE EACH OTHER THUS!



BESIDES MAKING USE OF MY LOVE AND TRUST?



YOU HAST POISONED MY FATHER, KILLED MY BROTHER, SENTENCED TO DEATH MY MOTHER, GRANDFATHER AND UNCLE?



THE ONLY PERSON WHO LOVED AND TRUSTED YOU!



AND IF YOU KILL ME YOU WOULD ELIMINATE THE ONLY OBSTACLE IN YOUR PATH AS A QUEEN!

THE ONLY PERSON WHO LOVES YOU!

AND AT THE SAME TIME YOU WOULD LOSE THE ONLY SIBLING YOU HAVE LEFT,



IF THOU KILLEST ME THOU WOULD BECOME THE NEW QUEEN OF LASTONIA!

BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY RIGHT NOW SISTER!



I DON'T WANT TO BE QUEEN!



NO! YOU SISTER  
ARE THE MOST  
UNHAPPY PERSON  
IN THE WORLD!

BE QUIET  
ALDIS!

POOR  
QUEEN!

A SAD AND  
LONELY  
QUEEN ARE  
YOU!



BE SILENT,  
OR ELSE...

AH!

SISTER, THERE  
ARE TWO  
WAYS TO USE  
A DAGGER...

TO DEFEND  
YOURSELF  
AND TO  
ATTACK AN  
OPPONENT.

WHICH DO YOU  
WISH FOR ME  
TO CHOOSE?

AH...



Tremble



ALDIS ...



...UNDERSTAND ME!

THOU CANST NOT POSSIBLY...



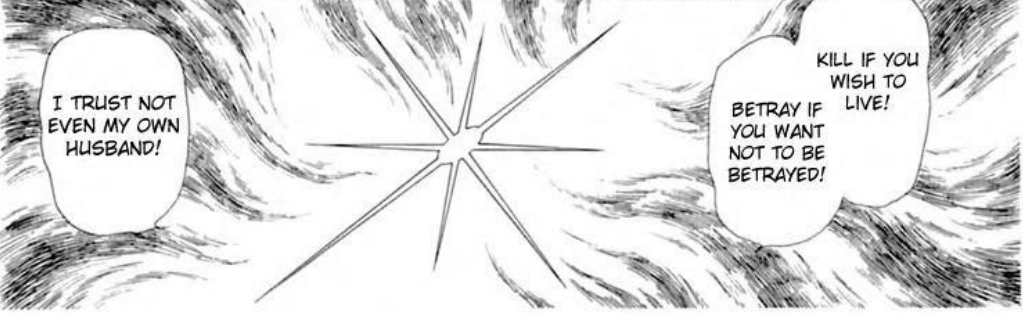
SISTER ...



ALWAYS HAVE I LIVED WITH THE SENSATION OF HAVING A KNIFE AT MY THROAT!

THIS WORLD IS A HELL!

IF YOU TRUST SOMEONE, THEY BETRAY YOU.  
IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE, THEY USE YOU....



I TRUST NOT EVEN MY OWN HUSBAND!

KILL IF YOU WISH TO LIVE!  
BETRAY IF YOU WANT NOT TO BE BETRAYED!





ALDIS I HATE THEE!



YES... I HATE THEE!

ALDIS ...



HOW CAN ONE LIKE THEE UNDERSTAND ME, THOU WHO HATH ALWAYS LIVED IN HAPPINESS?!

HOW CANST THOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I FEEL?!



'TIS TRUE, YOU ARE RIGHT!

NEVER HAVE I LIVED A SINGLE PEACEFUL DAY!

A SINGLE HAPPY DAY!



SIS-  
TER...

I HATE  
THEE...

**SILENCE**



Sob  
Sob



UNDERSTOOD  
HAVE I THAT  
THERE IS  
ANOTHER WAY  
TO USE A  
DAGGER.

HERE,  
I RETURN  
THIS TO  
YOU...



'TIS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO FOR YOU NOW, SISTER!

IF IS MY EXISTENCE THAT TROUBLES YOU, I BEG OF YOU...

SEND ME TO WHERE MY FATHER AND MOTHER ARE...



ALDIS!



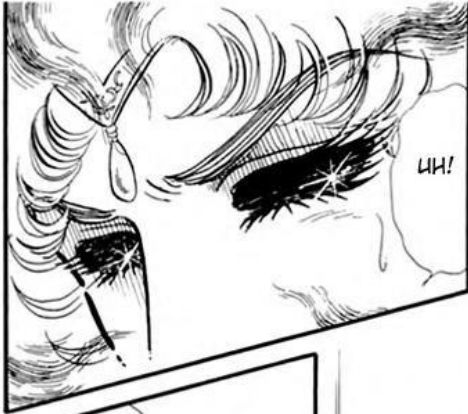
TURN



ALDIS ...



I BEG OF YOU, SISTER.



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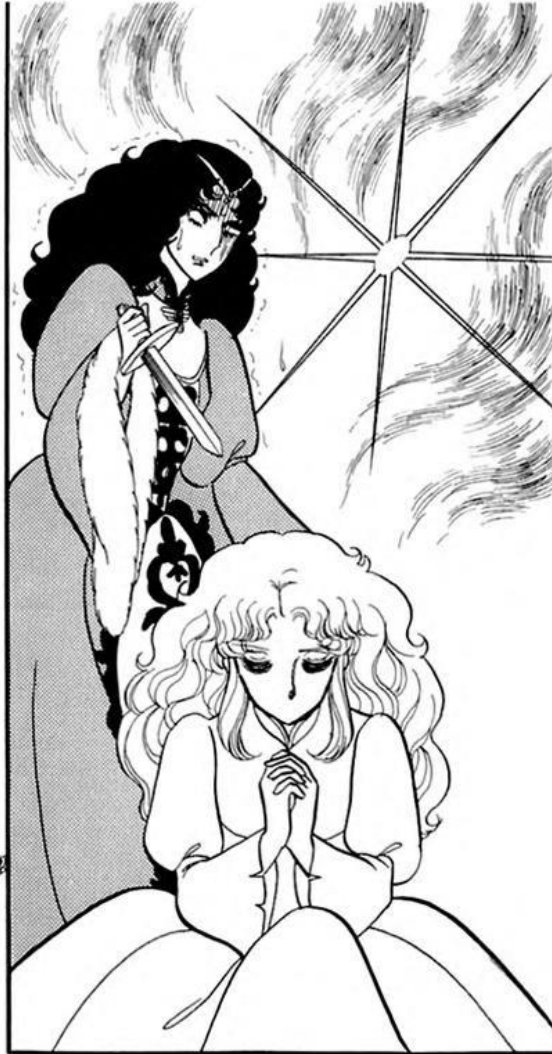


WHY?! WHY ALDIS?!

WHY DOST THOU NOT HATE ME?!

SISTER!

CLANG



SIS-  
TER...

WHY DO I, THE  
QUEEN, FEEL  
DEFEATED BY THEE?

WHY WILT  
THOU NOT  
HATE ME?

AND WHAT IS  
WITH THIS  
FEELING OF  
DEFEAT I  
PROVE?!

WHY?! WHY  
ALDIS?!



I KILL  
AS TO  
NOT BE  
KILLED...

I BETRAY  
AS TO  
NOT BE  
BE-  
TRAYED...

LOVE  
NO  
ONE...

I...I  
TRUST NO  
ONE...



MY ENEMIES  
ARE EVEN  
MORE...

NOW THAT I  
AM QUEEN, MY  
PAIN HAS BUT  
INCREASED.

SISTER  
ORIGELD  
...

NO ONE  
TRUSTS  
ME...  
NO ONE  
LOVES  
ME...

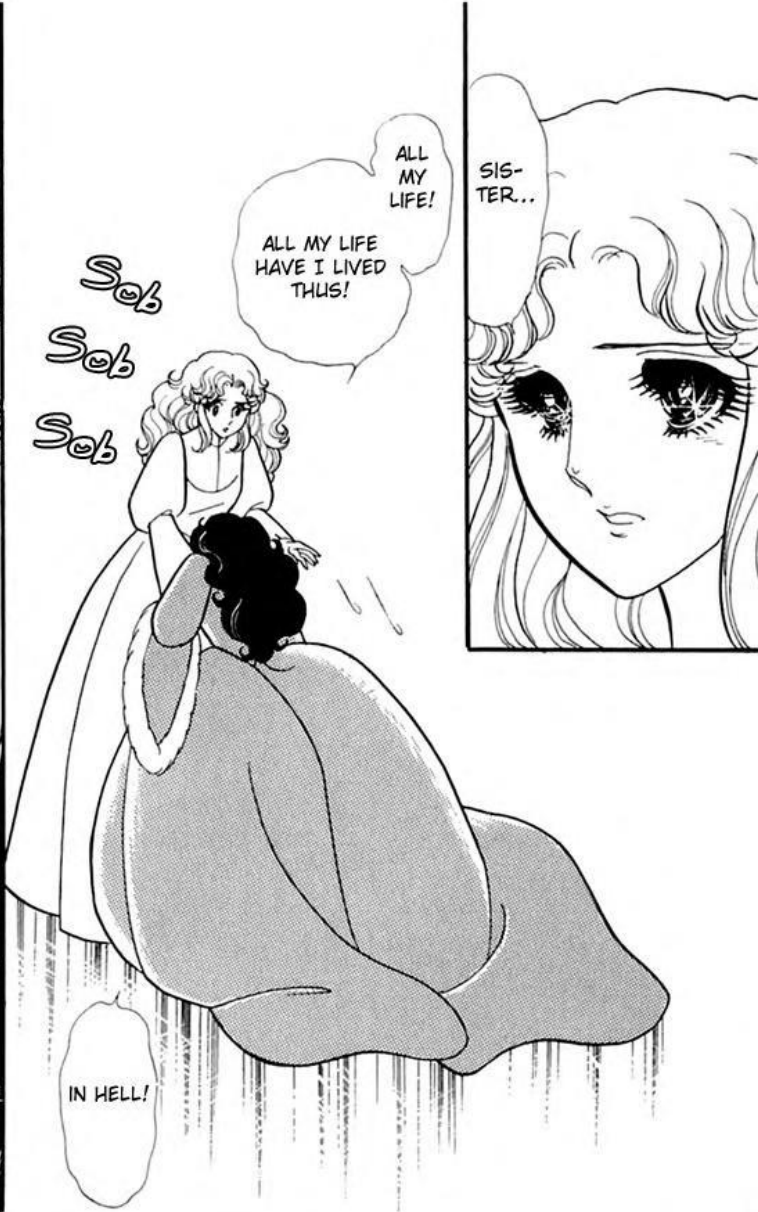


OPEN NOT MY  
EYES TO  
LOVE!

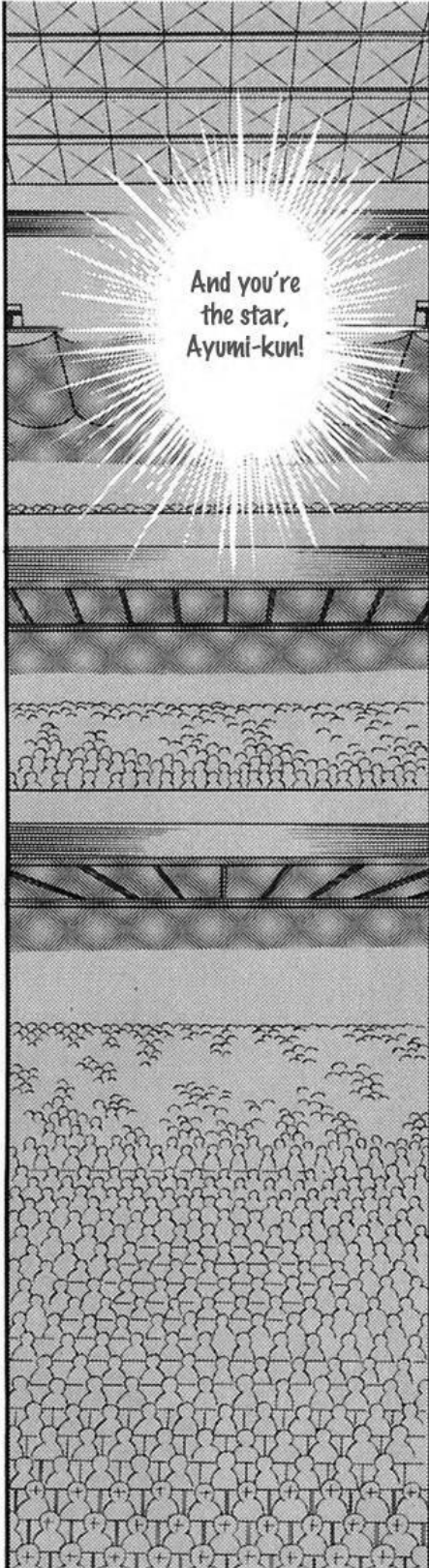
OPEN NOT  
MY EYES  
TO MY  
MISFORTUNE!

I BEG OF  
YOU ALDIS!









And you're  
the star,  
Ayumi-kun!



She is perfectly  
expressing the  
tragedy of Origeld  
in a dark  
evil way.

Ayumi  
Himekawa  
stands true!

The unfortu-  
nate queen  
Origeld!



The audience  
is entranced  
by her.



They can  
understand her!



The show is  
about to end.