



DON'T PUT THAT WORRIED LOOK ON YOUR FACE, EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT!



NO, IT'S NOTHING!

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THE CRIMSON GODDESS.

I WON'T DIE, GENZO!

GENZO.

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, MADAM?



AT LEAST UNTIL I'VE TAUGHT THE NEW CRIMSON GODDESS.

I'VE FINALLY MADE MY DECISION!







...and you gave me the part of the Crimson Goddess...



...when you taught me how to act...



Long ago you gave my life back to me...

Ichiren...



Ichiren...

On the stage you and I were linked together!



...but...

Ichiren...

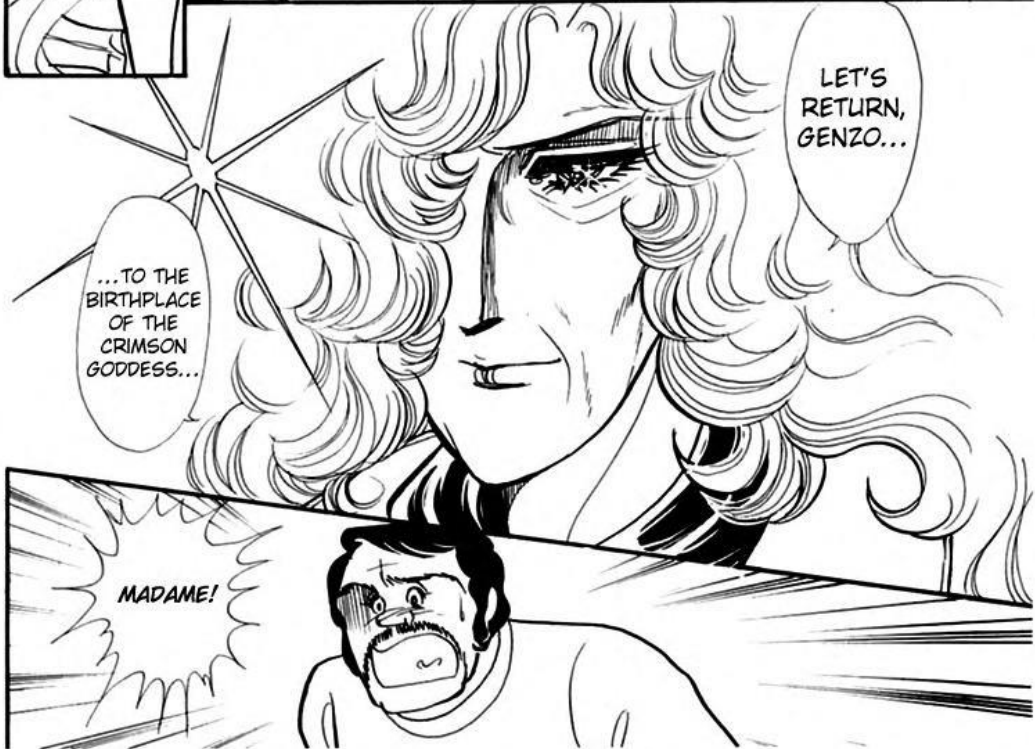
We couldn't be together in this world...



From your soul and my life entwined together...

...when I was playing the Crimson Goddess I was so happy...

...the Crimson Goddess was born on the stage...





The strength  
to live on...

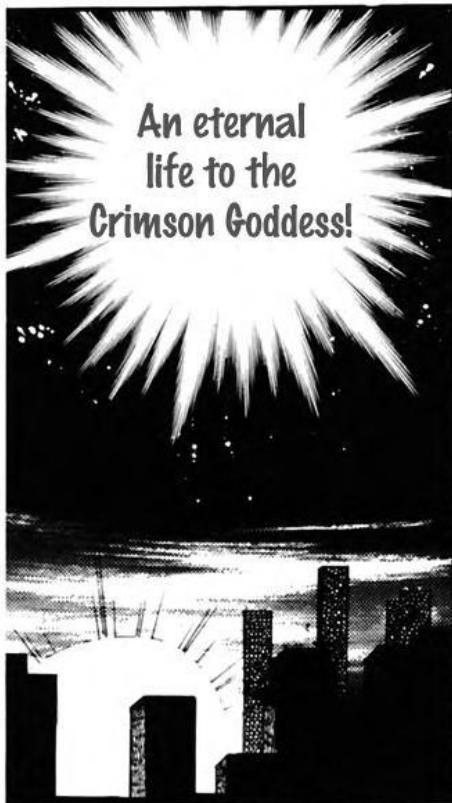
Ichiren...

Give me your  
strength once  
again...

...at least for a  
little more, the  
strength to live!

Your soul and my life  
tied together by *The  
Crimson Goddess*...

So long as the *Crimson Goddess*  
exists, your soul will continue to  
live on the stage...

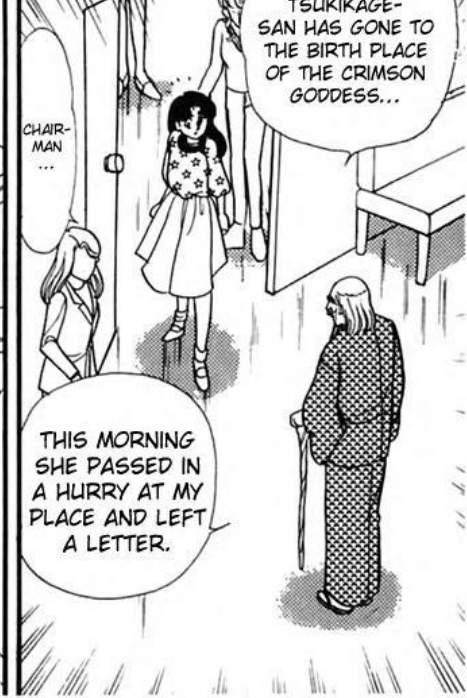
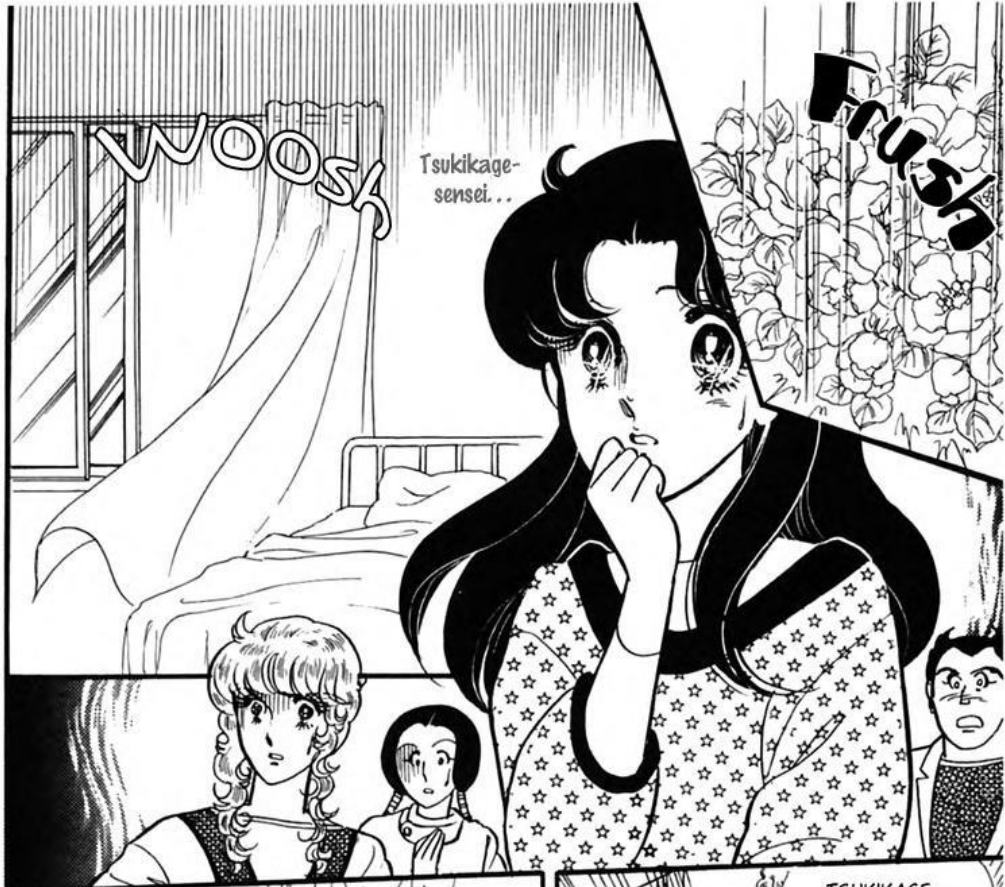


An eternal  
life to the  
*Crimson Goddess!*

I shall give  
birth to a  
wonderful  
*Crimson  
Goddess*...



You'll see,  
Ichiren...



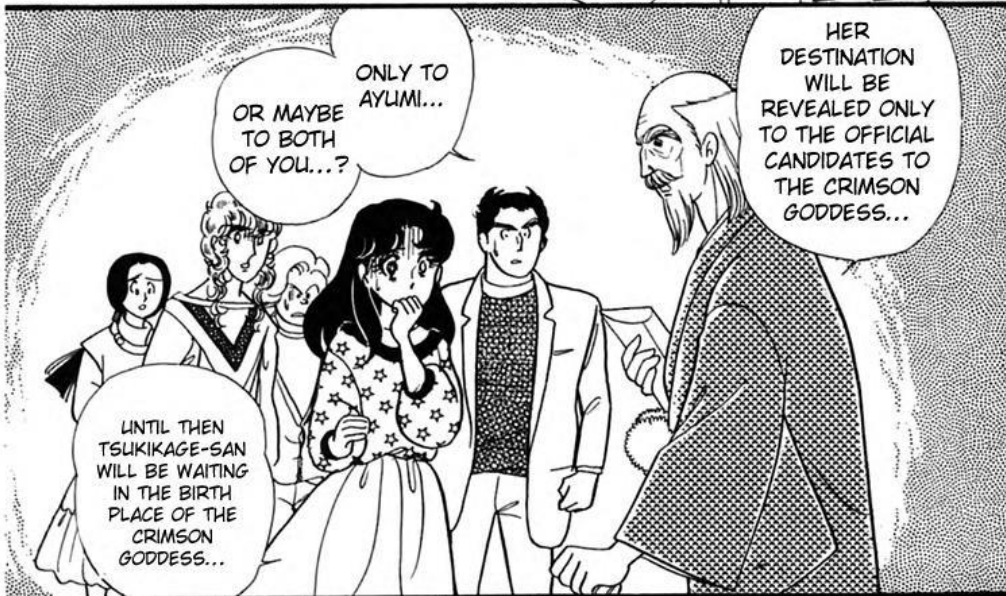


After the award ceremony!

AFTER THE ACADEMY ARTS FESTIVAL AWARD CEREMONY.

THEN WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO?!

SINCE TSUKIKAGE-SAN WISHED IT LIKE THIS I CAN'T TELL YOU YET.



OR MAYBE TO BOTH OF YOU...? ONLY TO AYUMI...

HER DESTINATION WILL BE REVEALED ONLY TO THE OFFICIAL CANDIDATES TO THE CRIMSON GODDESS...

UNTIL THEN TSUKIKAGE-SAN WILL BE WAITING IN THE BIRTH PLACE OF THE CRIMSON GODDESS...



Only the official candidates for the Crimson Goddess will be allowed to go there...

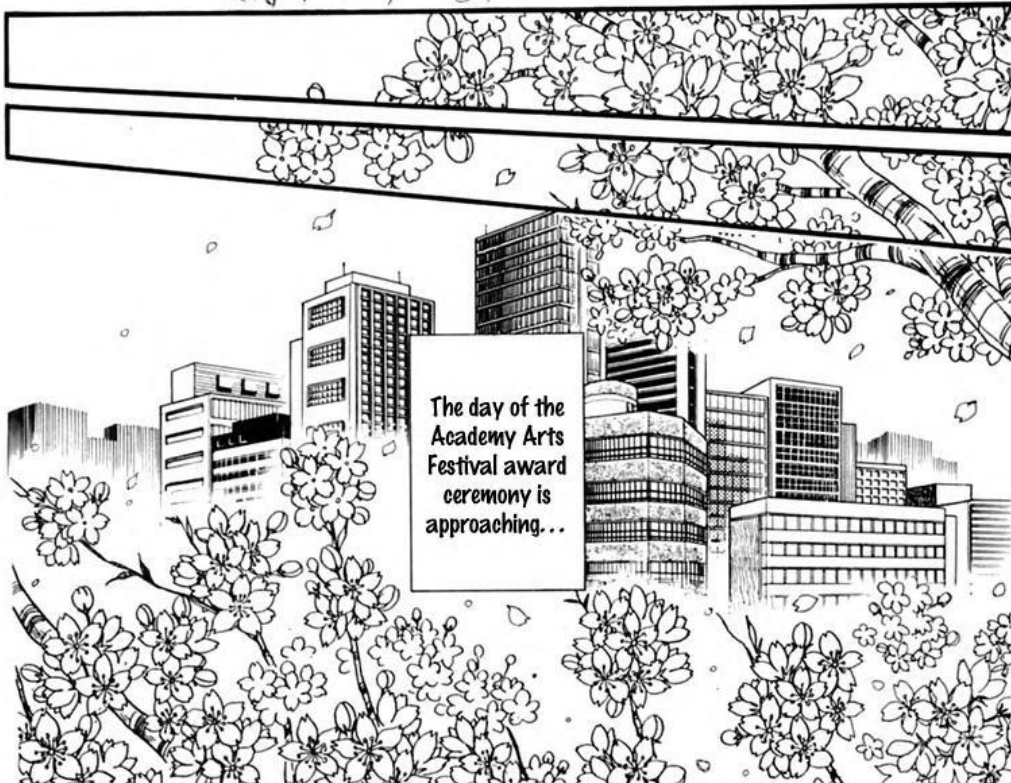
...Tsukikage-sensei...

The birth place of the  
Crimson Goddess...

...ONLY THE  
OFFICIAL CANDI-  
DATES TO THE  
CRIMSON GOD-  
DESS CAN GO  
TO HER BIRTH  
PLACE.

THEN  
...

YES, THAT'S  
ALL THE CHAIR-  
MAN OF THE  
ALL JAPAN  
ACTING ASSO-  
CIATION SAID.







MAYA!  
PICK UP THE  
PHONE,  
IT'S FOR  
YOU!

YULI  
SAKURAKOJI IS  
A CANDIDATE  
FOR THE BEST  
NEWCOMER  
AWARD.

YES.

WITH THE  
PART OF THE  
WOLF GIRL  
JANE?!

WHAT  
?!

I AM  
NOMINATED  
FOR THE  
BEST LEADING  
ACTRESS OF  
THE FESTIVAL  
...

AND I AM  
FOR THE  
DIRECTOR  
PART.

AND FOR THE  
ALL JAPAN  
ACTING  
ASSOCIATION  
AWARD?!

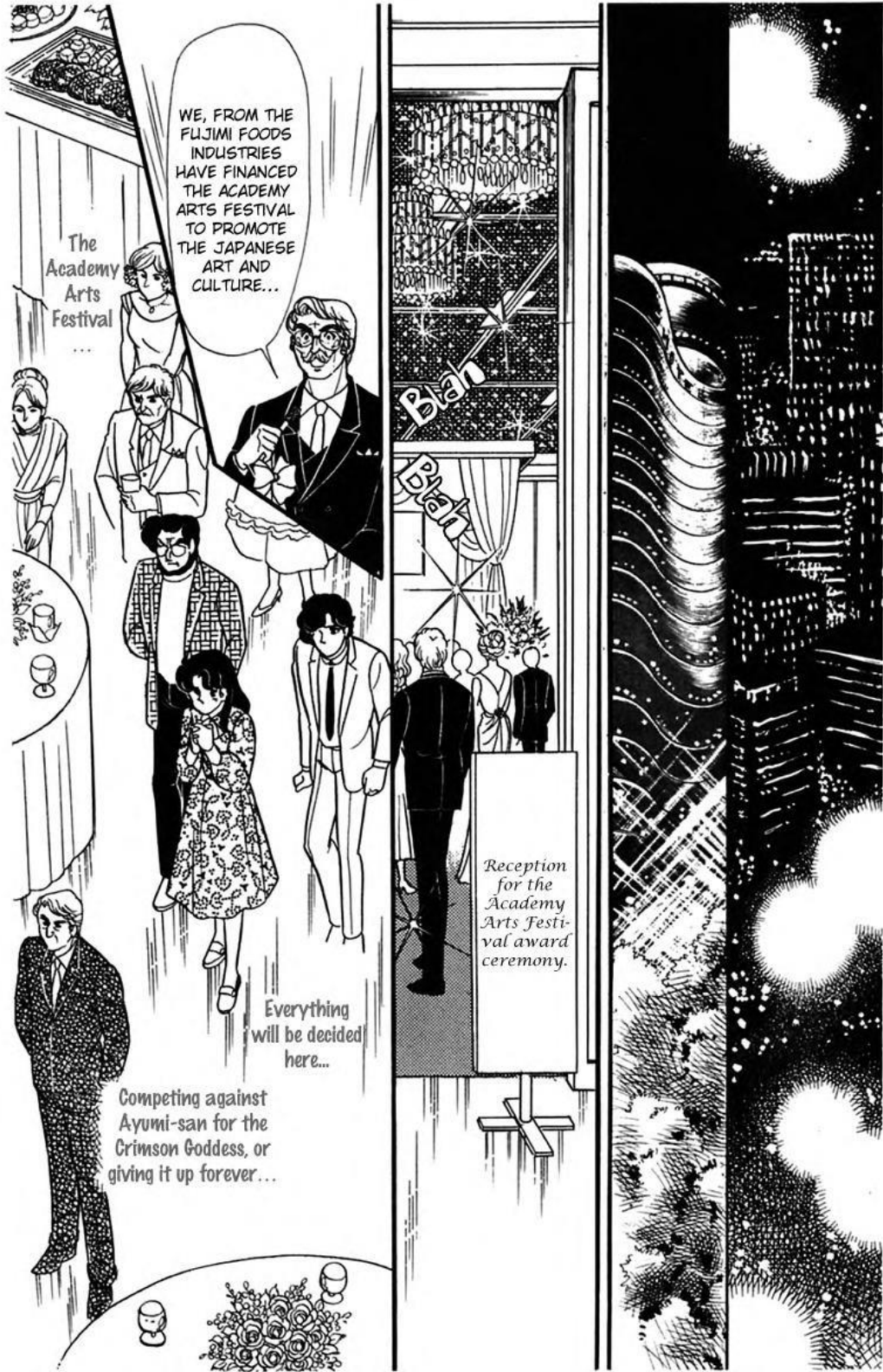
It seems  
incredible  
...

I have a chance  
at the Crimson  
Goddess!

A candidate  
for the best  
leading actress  
in the festival

...and also  
for the All  
Japan Acting  
Association  
award...

A chance at  
the Crimson  
Goddess!



The Academy Arts Festival

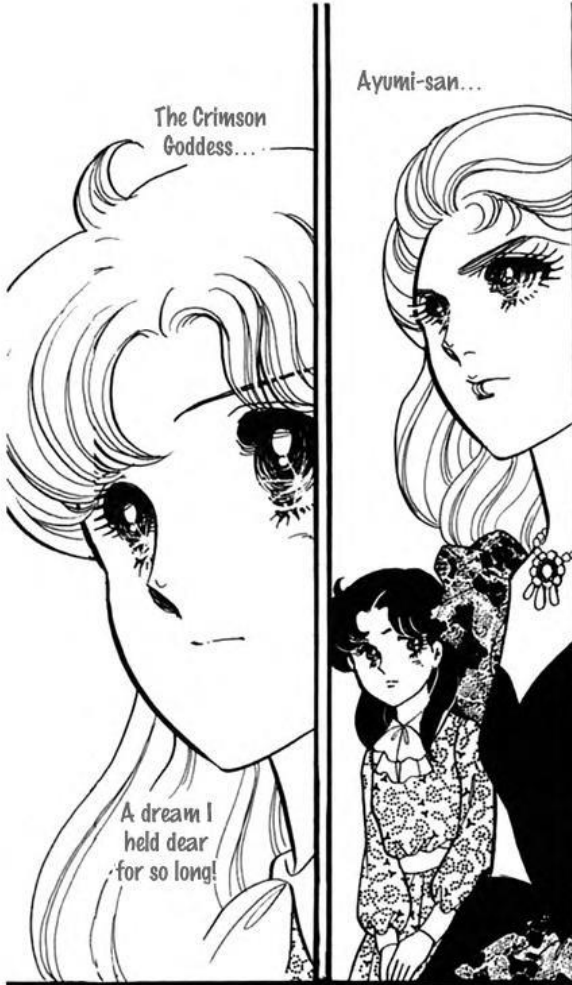
WE, FROM THE FUJIMI FOODS INDUSTRIES HAVE FINANCED THE ACADEMY ARTS FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE THE JAPANESE ART AND CULTURE...

Blat  
Blat

Reception for the Academy Arts Festival award ceremony.

Everything will be decided here...

Competing against Ayumi-san for the Crimson Goddess, or giving it up forever...



The Crimson Goddess....

Ayumi-san...

A dream I held dear for so long!



Tsukikage-sensei ...

In the case in which Maya Kitajima will not be able to obtain the Academic Arts Award...

...I shall give all the rights of the *Crimson Goddess* to Ayumi Himekawa!

If, however, she will be able to obtain it, she will be allowed to compete against Ayumi on equal footing to win over the part of the *Crimson Goddess* ...

...and in the future I will decide between the two.



I wanted to become an actress so that one day I might play in the *Crimson Goddess*...

It was this dream that lead me here....

Aaah

Aaah

SUMMER HILLS, RONDO, BLUE TRIANGLE ....

CINEMA SECTION!

BEST MOVIE!



Then Ayumi-san  
will be the one to  
play the Crimson  
Goddess...?!

What if I  
don't receive  
any award  
...?!



I shall congratulate  
Ayumi-san for the  
Crimson Goddess while  
smiling...



L..

I have to  
prepare  
myself for  
that  
moment.

If it goes  
bad, I must  
absolutely  
not cry!

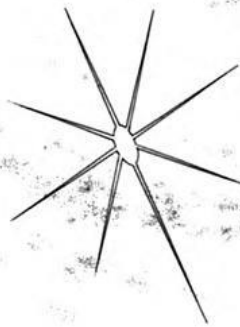


I am  
afraid!

What  
will I do  
then...?

Will I be able  
to judge things  
clearly ...?

Everything I've  
done is growing  
inside me...



I know I've done my  
best to obtain the  
Crimson Goddess...

And even in the  
worst case scenario,  
everything I've done  
so far won't be in  
vain.

Today,  
tomorrow,  
always... I shall  
continue to be  
an actress!

Whatever  
the result  
may be...

The theatre has  
taught me I was  
good at something  
and how beautiful  
it was to live  
other lives on the  
stage!

I love  
acting!



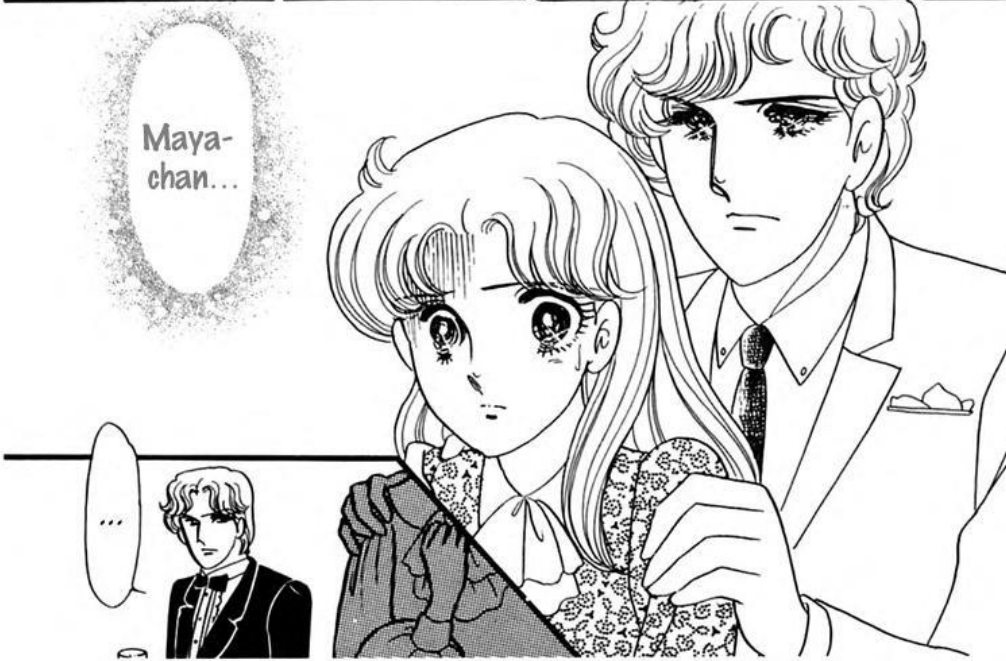
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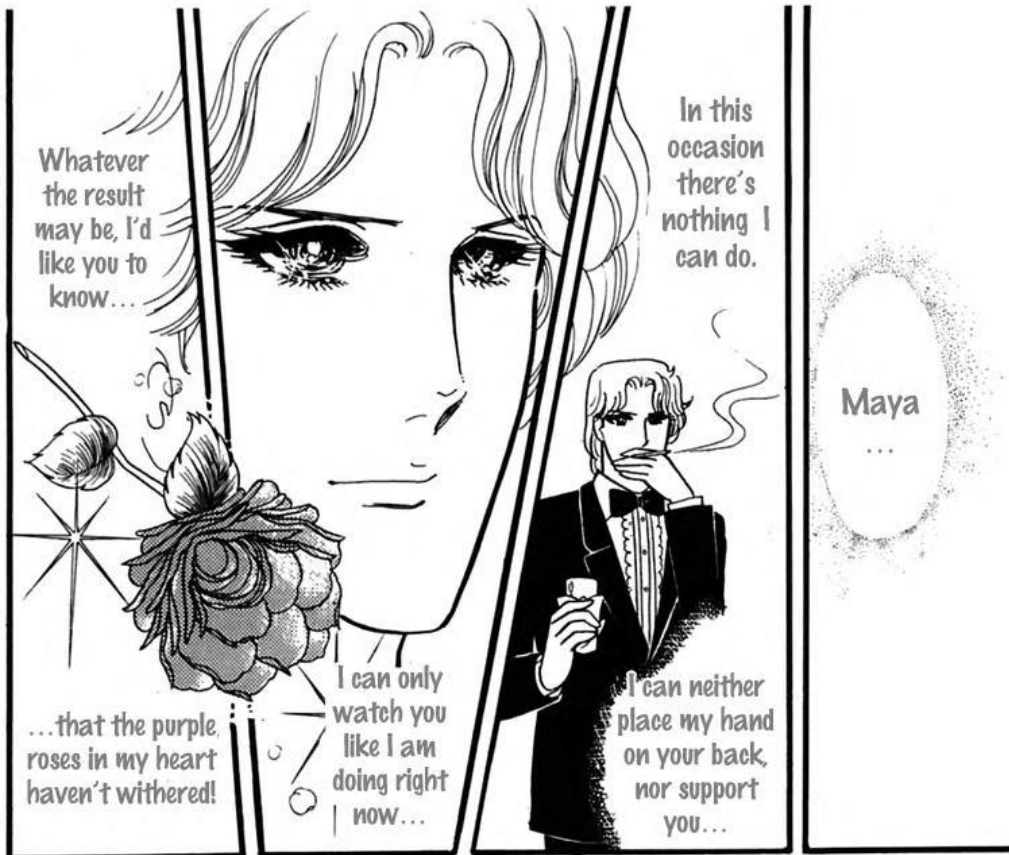
Now all I  
have to do  
is wait for  
my destiny!



I love  
to act!

Maya-  
chan...





Whatever the result may be, I'd like you to know...

In this occasion there's nothing I can do.

Maya  
...

...that the purple roses in my heart haven't withered!

I can only watch you like I am doing right now...

I can neither place my hand on your back, nor support you...



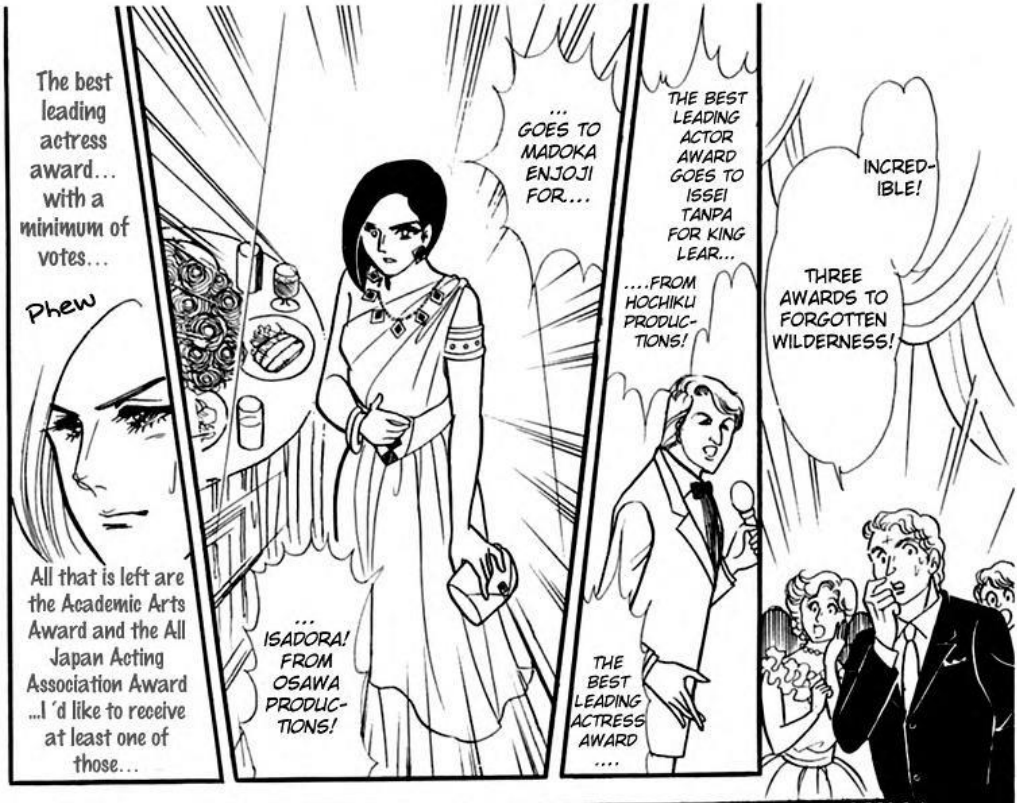
...until the curtain is down!

And that's how it will always be  
...



AND NOW WE'LL GO FORWARD TO THE THEATER SECTION!





The best leading actress award... with a minimum of votes...

Phew

All that is left are the Academic Arts Award and the All Japan Acting Association Award... I'd like to receive at least one of those...

... ISADORA! FROM OSAWA PRODUCTIONS!

... GOES TO MADOKA ENJOJI FOR...

THE BEST LEADING ACTOR AWARD GOES TO ISSEI TANPA FOR KING LEAR...

...FROM HOCHIKU PRODUCTIONS!

INCREDIBLE!

THREE AWARDS TO FORGOTTEN WILDERNESS!

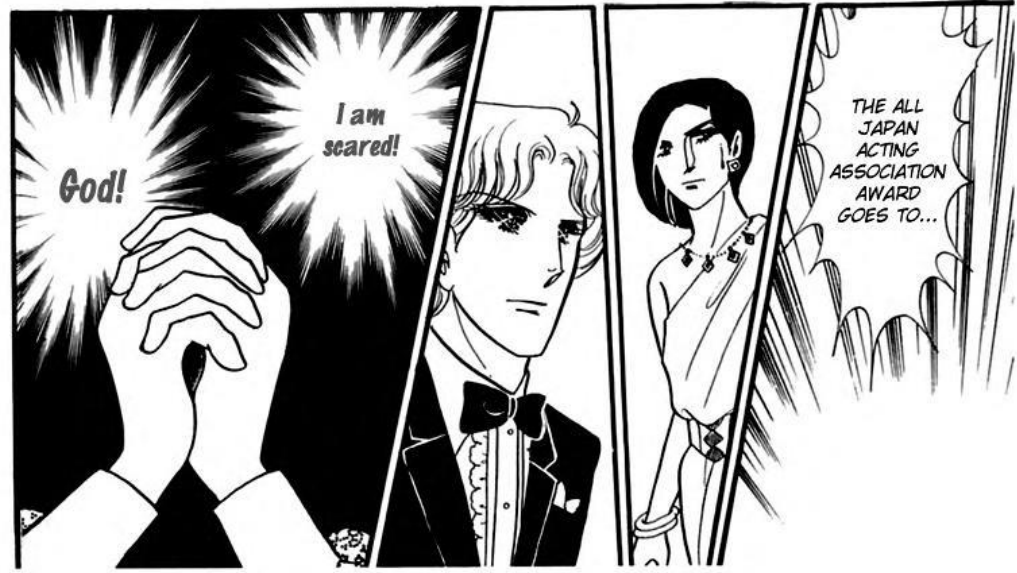
THE BEST LEADING ACTRESS AWARD ....



...FOR AISHU OF HAYATO COMPANY!

THE ACADEMIC ARTS AWARD GOES TO JO TAGAMI...

I missed... the best leading actress award ...



God!

I am scared!

THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION AWARD GOES TO...





Eh?!

...  
MÄYA  
KITAJIMA

...  
..FOR  
THE  
PART OF  
THE  
WOLF  
GIRL  
JANE  
IN....

...  
FORGOTTEN  
WILDER-  
NESS!

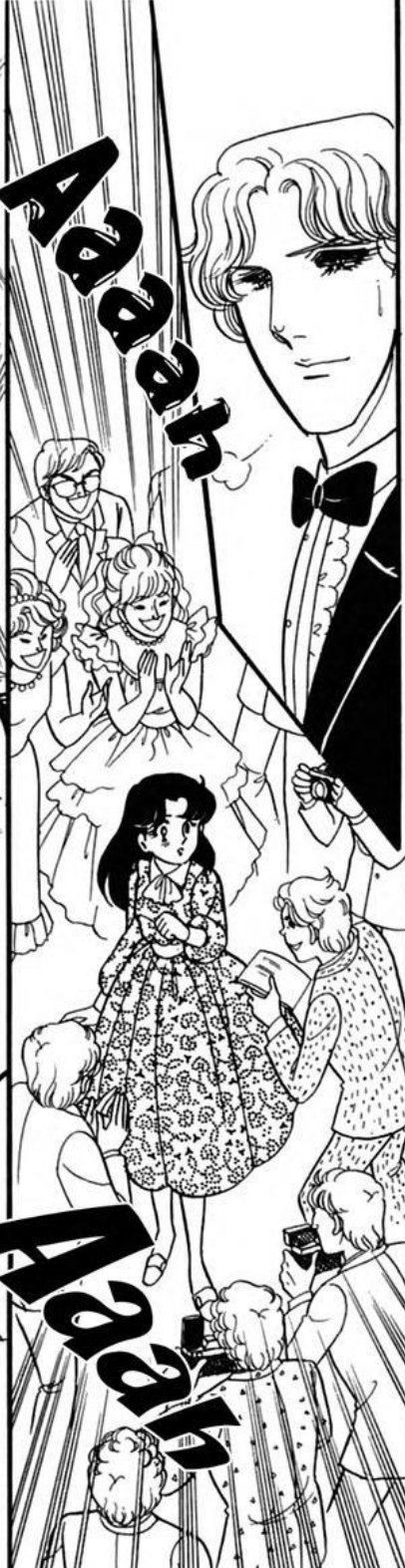


*It seems like a dream... if it is, don't wake me up!*

*I can't believe it! Is it true?*

*I shall be playing the Crimson Goddess!*

*I shall compete with Ayumi-san!*



**Aaaaah**

**Aaaaah**



**Aaaaah**

**Aaaaah**

**Aaaaah**

CONGRATULATIONS, MAYA-CHAN!

CONGRATULATIONS!



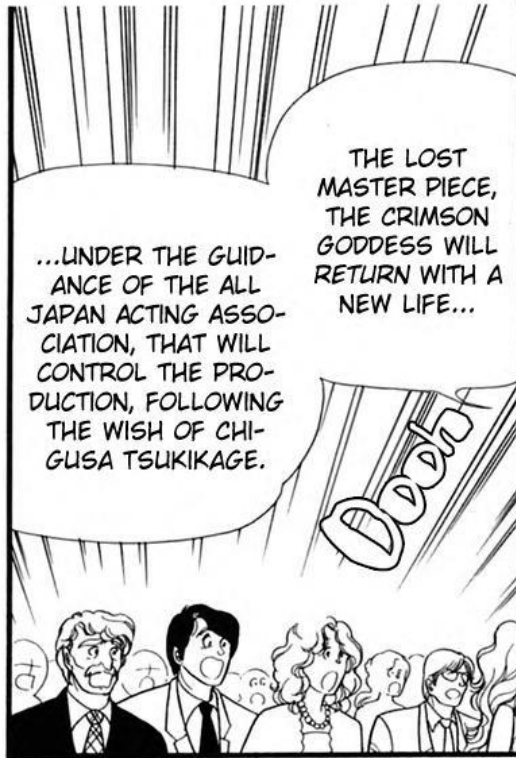
NOW ...  
THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION AWARD IS BEING GIVEN TO MAYA KITAJIMA, FOR THE PART OF THE WOLF GIRL JANE IN FORGOTTEN WILDERNESS.  
THE ACADEMY ARTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED HER BRILLIANT ACTING.



THE LARGE NUMBER OF VOTES GATHERED BY MAYA KITAJIMA'S WOLF GIRL WAS ALSO SHOCKING.

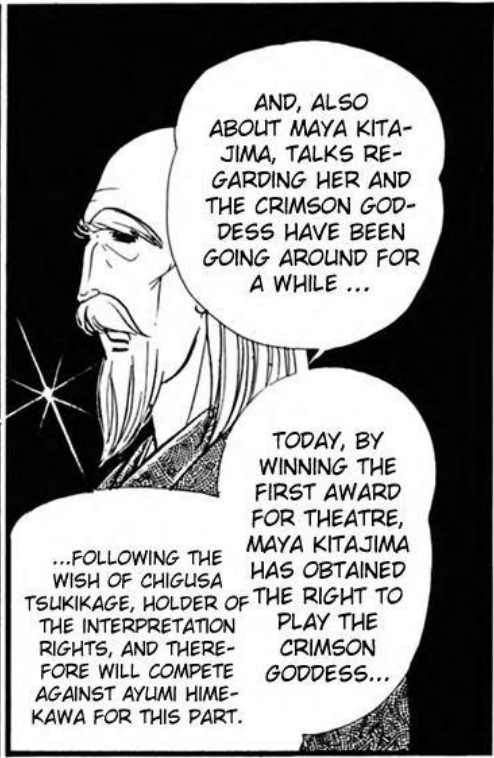
GREAT INTEREST WAS AWAKENED ESPECIALLY BY THE DIRECTING OF RYUJUZOU KURONUMA IN FORGOTTEN WILDERNESS.

THE JURIES OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL AS WELL AS THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION HAVE TRIED TO GIVE AWARDS BY WHICH TO REWARD YOUR WORK.



...UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION, THAT WILL CONTROL THE PRODUCTION, FOLLOWING THE WISH OF CHIGUSA TSUKIKAGE.

THE LOST MASTER PIECE, THE CRIMSON GODDESS WILL RETURN WITH A NEW LIFE...



AND, ALSO ABOUT MAYA KITAJIMA, TALKS REGARDING HER AND THE CRIMSON GODDESS HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND FOR A WHILE ...

TODAY, BY WINNING THE FIRST AWARD FOR THEATRE, MAYA KITAJIMA HAS OBTAINED THE RIGHT TO PLAY THE CRIMSON GODDESS...  
...FOLLOWING THE WISH OF CHIGUSA TSUKIKAGE, HOLDER OF THE INTERPRETATION RIGHTS, AND THEREFORE WILL COMPETE AGAINST AYUMI HIMEKAWA FOR THIS PART.



I'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, MASUMI-KUN!

...CHIGUSA TSUKIKAGE HAS MADE A DEAL, MAKING THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION HER ALLY.



THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION WILL CONTROL THE PRODUCTION ...?

Murmur

Murmur

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



ARGH!





I WAS EXPECTING THIS...

I'VE STUDIED ALL THE MOVEMENTS OF CHIGUSA TSUKIKAGE.

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU MASUMI-KUN? YOU ARE INCREDIBLY CALM.

LOOK! OUR COMPETITORS FROM HO-CHIKU ARE OUTFLANKED!

THEATRE, PROMOTION, DIRECTION, INTERPRETS ...

... AS SHE WAS APPROACHING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION ...

ALTHOUGH YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE CRIMSON GODDESS FOR YEARS...

THEY WANTED THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE CRIMSON GODDESS AT ALL COSTS.

EVERYTHING WILL HAVE TO HAVE THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION'S APPROVAL.



...SO THAT DAITO WOULD BE ABLE TO MONOPOLIZE THE CRIMSON GODDESS ...?

THEN...YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING ...



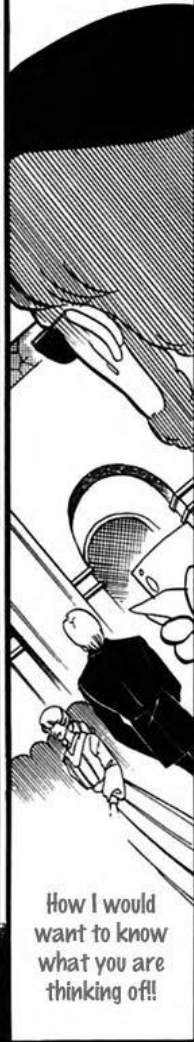
YOU SHALL NOW GO TO THE CRIMSON GODDESS' BIRTH PLACE.

AYUMI-KUN, MAYA-KUN, LISTEN TO ME.

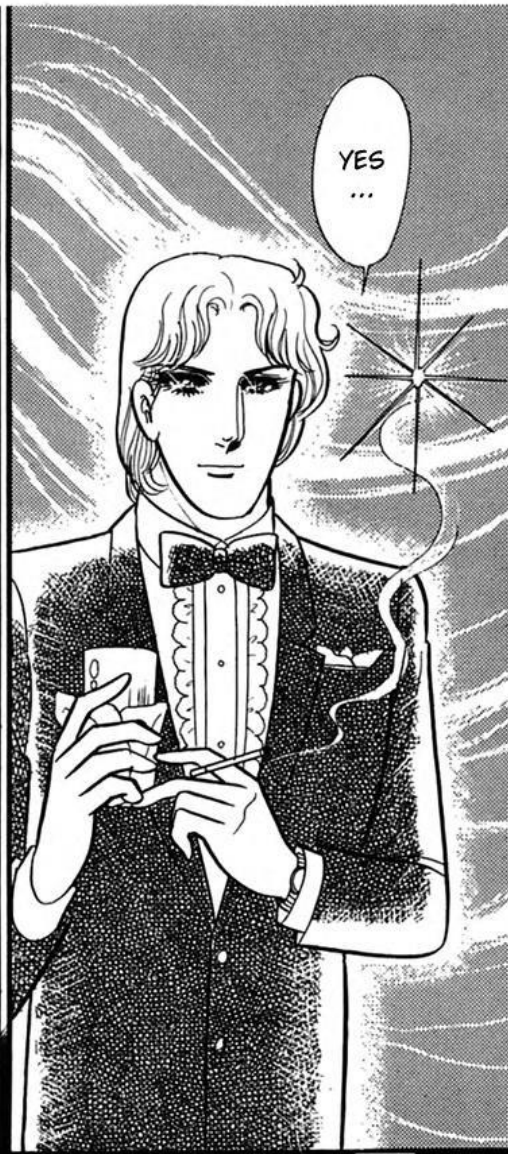
THE CRIMSON GODDESS' BIRTH PLACE?

Masumi-kun

...



How I would want to know what you are thinking of!!



YES

...



TSUKIKAGE-SAN IS WAITING FOR YOU THERE.

EXACTLY!



Tsukikage-  
sensei...

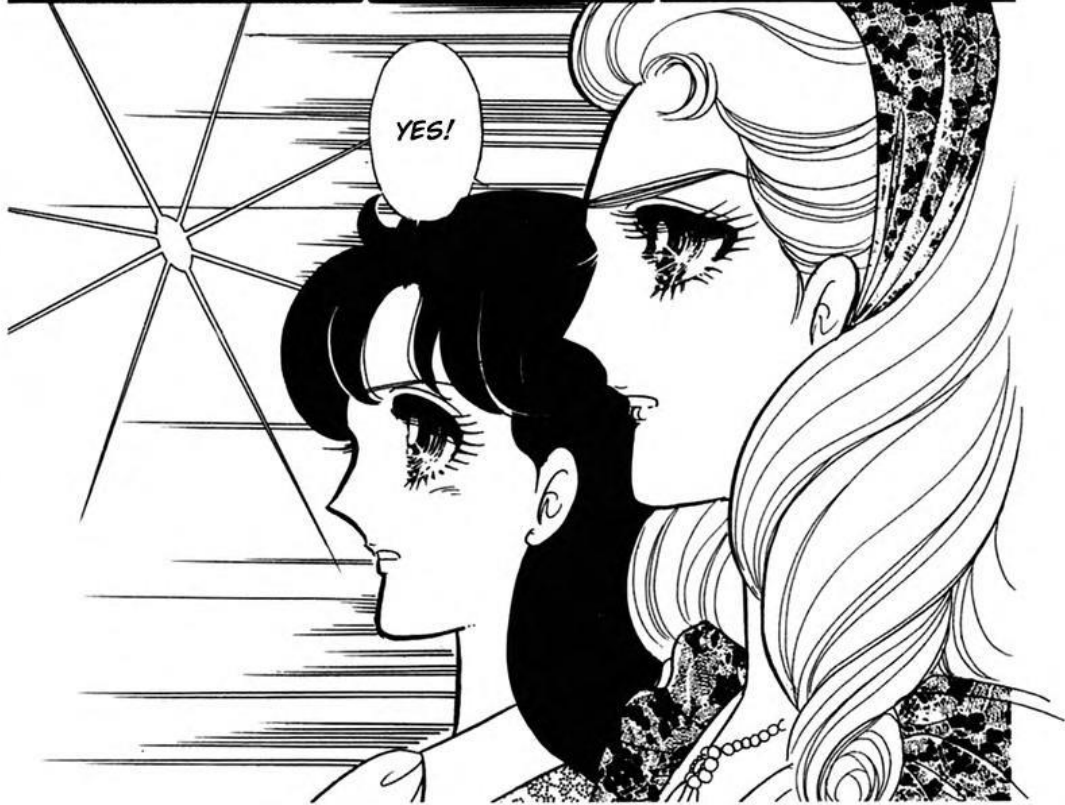
Everything  
about the  
Crimson  
Goddess...



SHE LEFT  
ORDERS THAT  
ONLY THE OFFI-  
CIAL CANDI-  
DATES FOR THE  
CRIMSON GOD-  
DESS CAN GO.

THERE  
YOU'LL MEET  
TSUKIKAGE-  
SAN WHO WILL  
TEACH YOU...

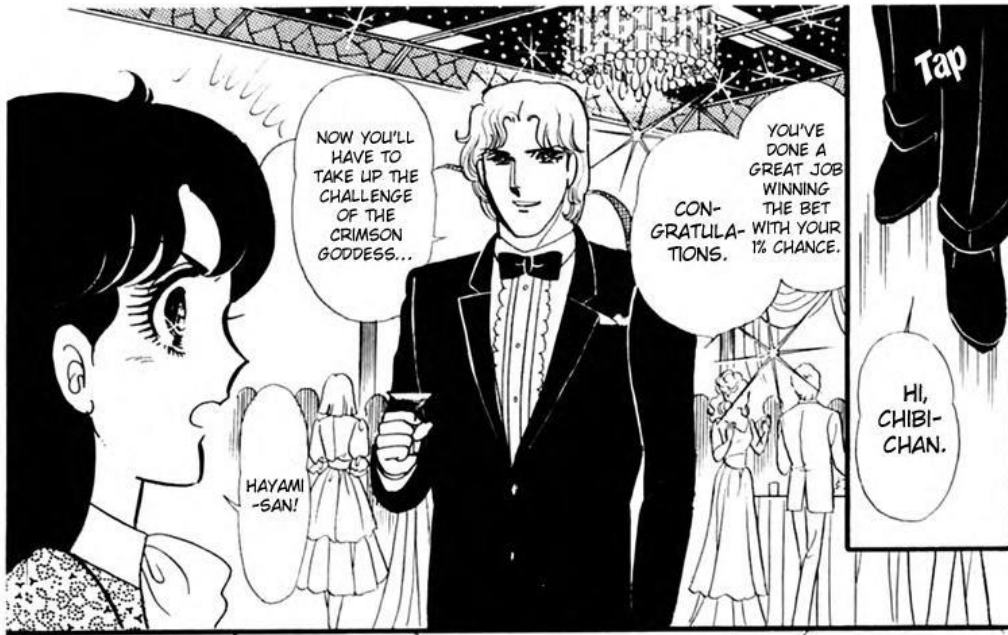
...  
EVERYTHING  
YOU MUST  
KNOW ABOUT  
THE CRIMSON  
GODDESS.



YES!







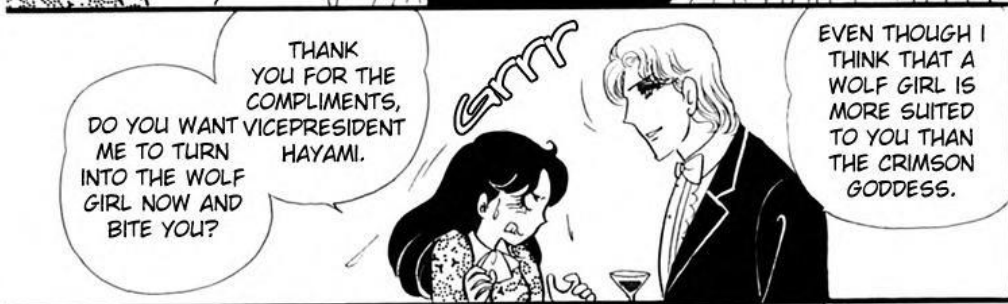
NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF THE CRIMSON GODDESS...

YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB WINNING THE BET WITH YOUR 1% CHANCE. CONGRATULATIONS.

Tap

HI, CHIBI-CHAN.

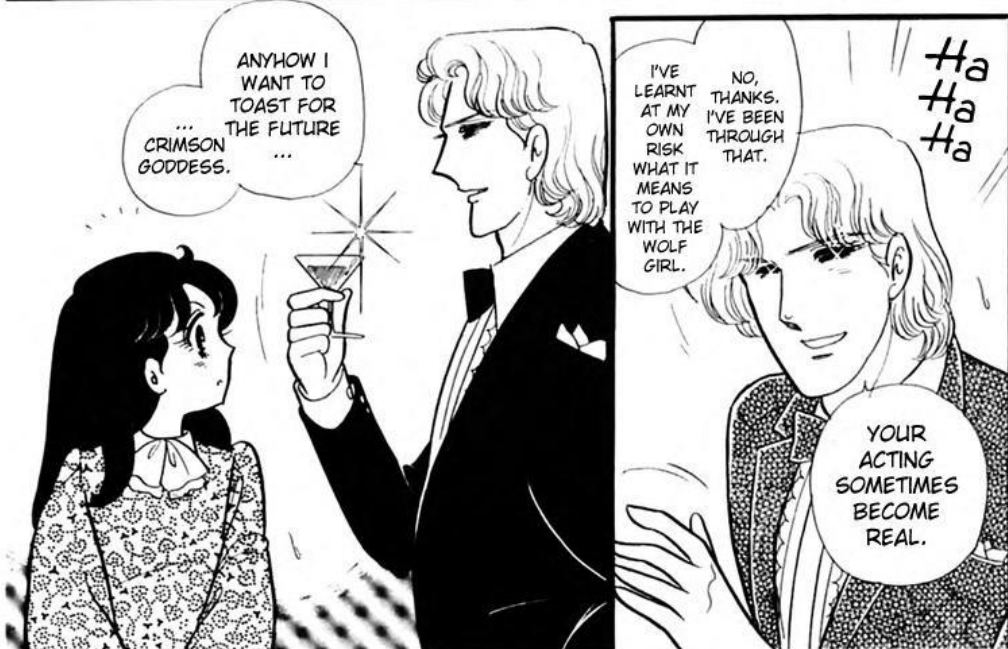
HAYAMI-SAN!



DO YOU WANT ME TO TURN INTO THE WOLF GIRL NOW AND BITE YOU?

THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENTS, VICEPRESIDENT HAYAMI.

EVEN THOUGH I THINK THAT A WOLF GIRL IS MORE SUITED TO YOU THAN THE CRIMSON GODDESS.



ANYHOW I WANT TO TOAST FOR THE FUTURE ... CRIMSON GODDESS. ...

I'VE LEARNT AT MY OWN RISK WHAT IT MEANS TO PLAY WITH THE WOLF GIRL.

NO, THANKS. I'VE BEEN THROUGH THAT.

Ha Ha Ha

YOUR ACTING SOMETIMES BECOME REAL.

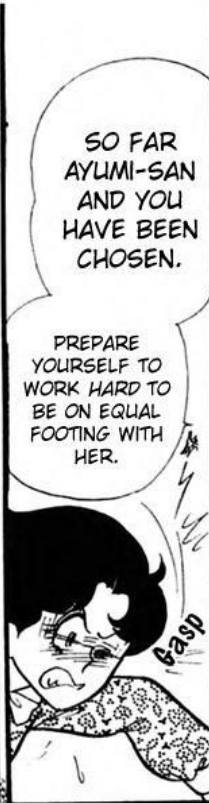


I AM AN ACTRESS OF GREAT ABILITY, HAYAMI-SAN!

So un-erving!

But he's right...

YOU SHALL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE SEE MY CRIMSON GODDESS!



SO FAR AYUMI-SAN AND YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

PREPARE YOURSELF TO WORK HARD TO BE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH HER.

Gasp



THE MILLENNARY SPIRIT OF THE PLUM TREE...

...AND THE GODDESS OF INCOMPARABLE BEAUTY...



DON'T FORGET MY WORDS!

Ha Ha Ha

WE SHALL SEE, CHIBI-CHAN.

ANYHOW, IF I DO GET TO PLAY IT, IT WILL NEVER BE FOR DAITO!



SOME KITAJIMA MAYA-SAN FLOWERS HAVE COME IN FOR YOU.

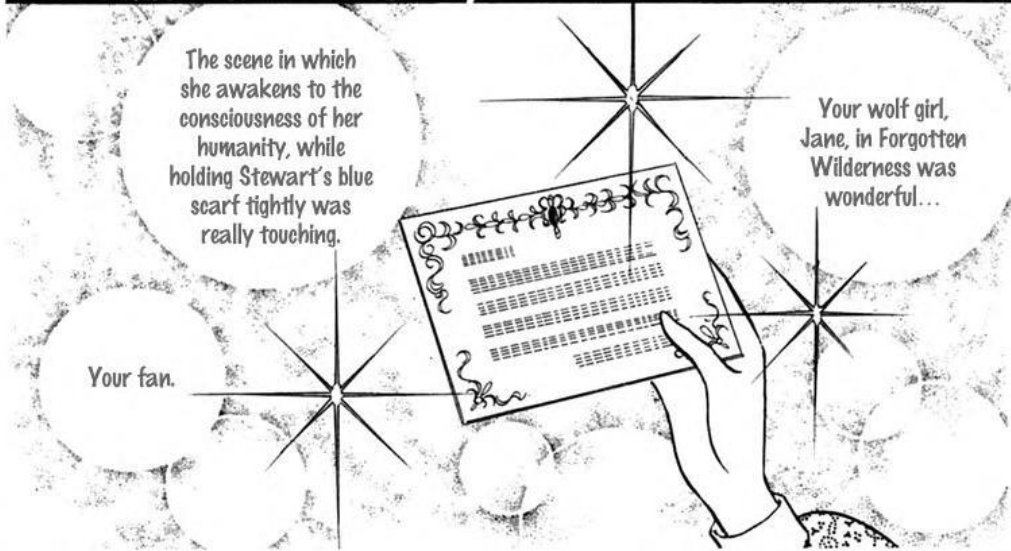
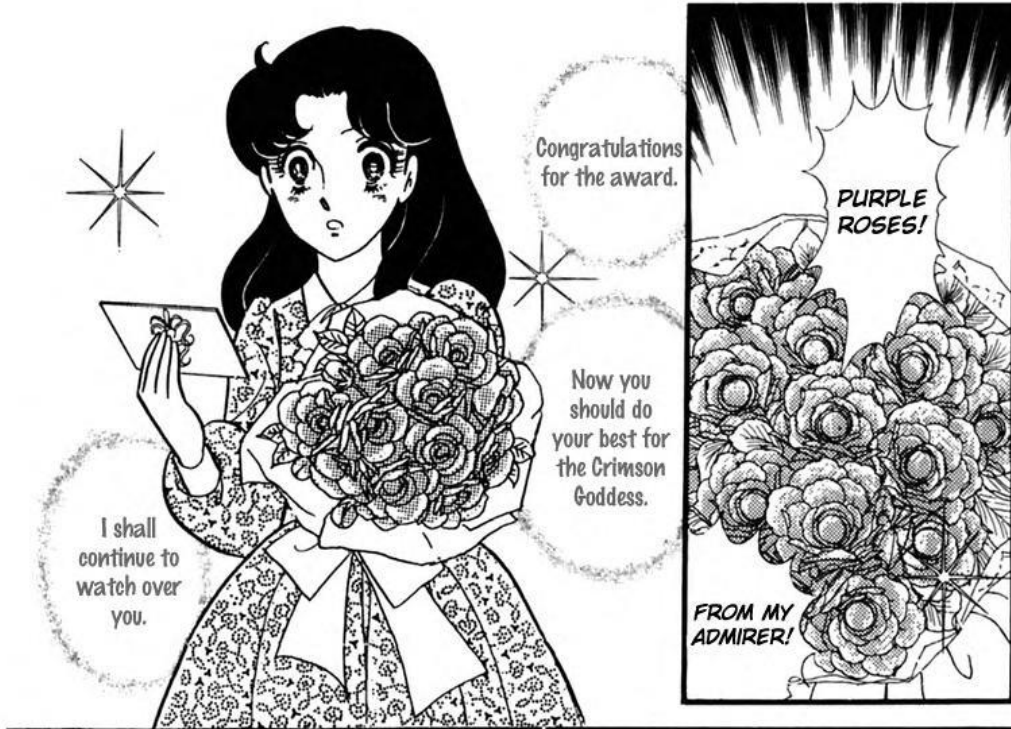


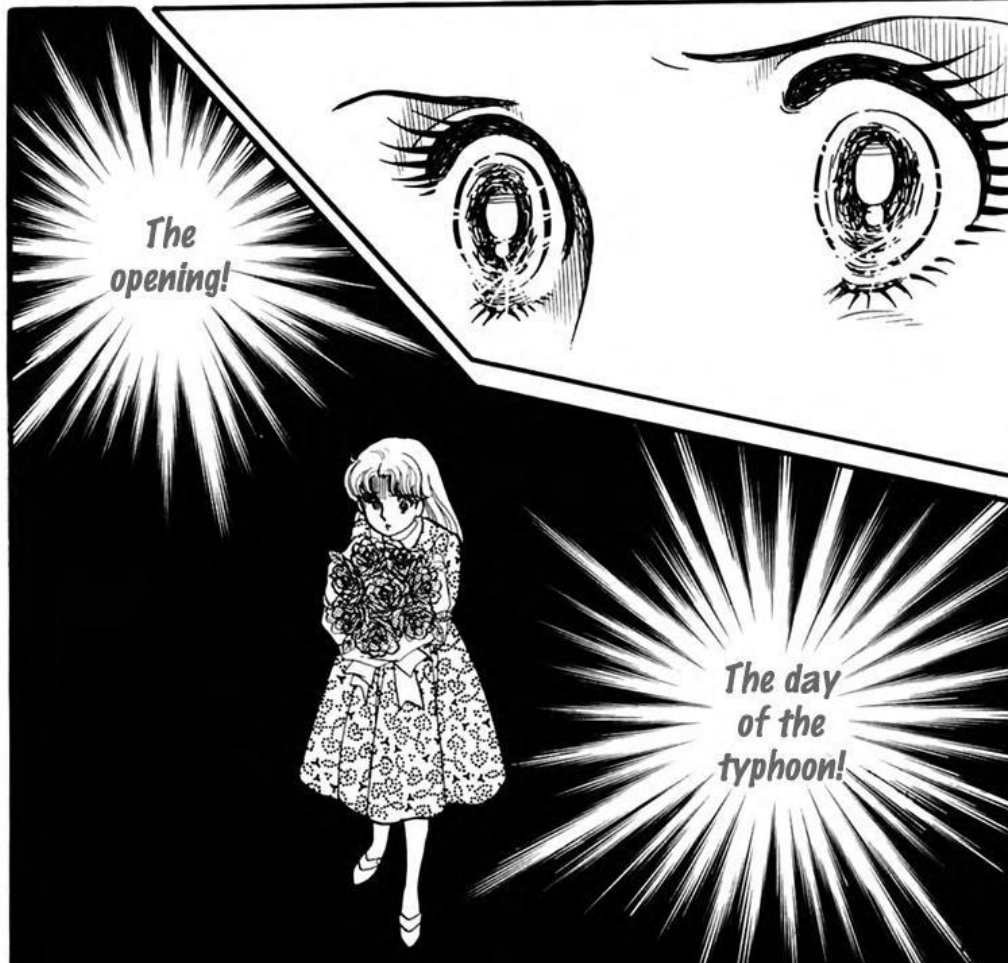
EVIL!

HATEFUL BUSINESS MAN!

SHE'S CRAZY ...

TO ADDRESS HAYAMI-SAN THAT WAY...







That day in  
the room  
there was

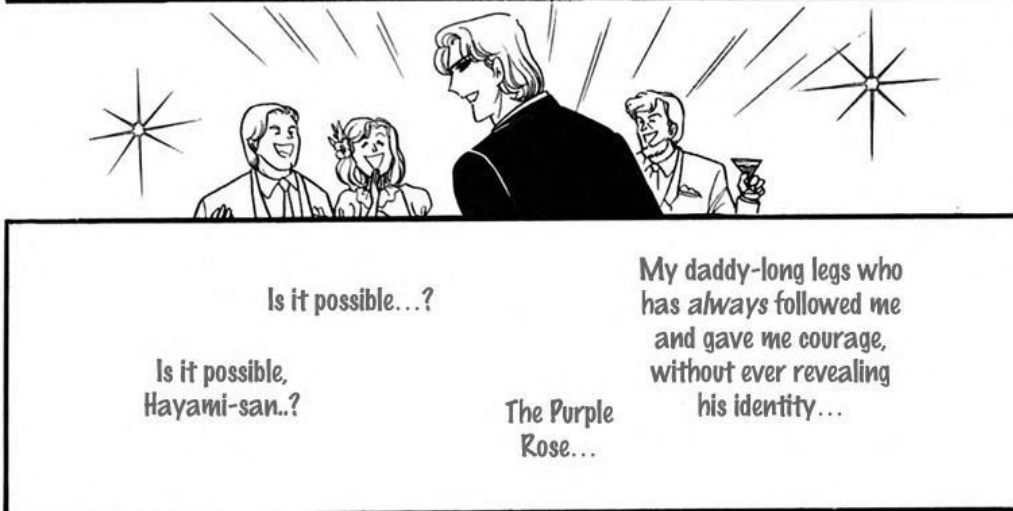
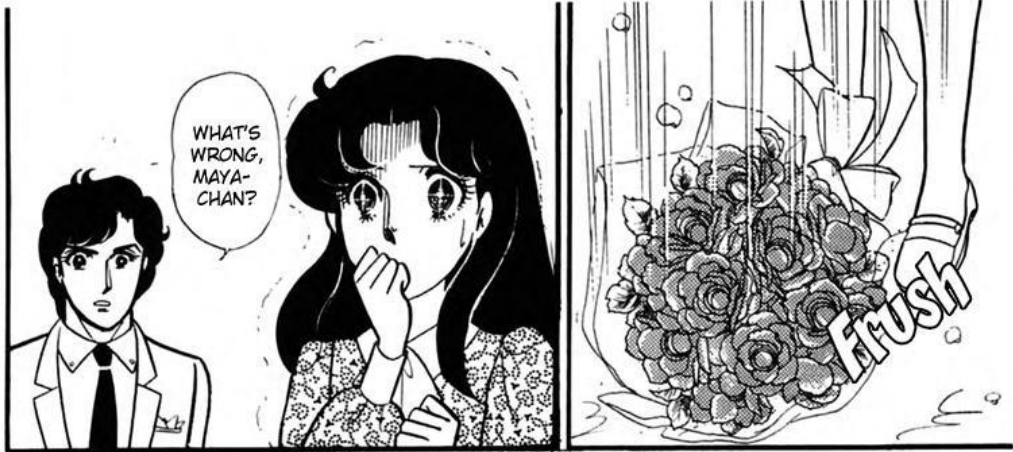
In the room  
there was...

I promised  
you I'd come.

The Purple  
Rose is a  
person who  
keeps his  
promises.

...only one  
spectator!

Hayami-  
san!





*Hayami-san!*

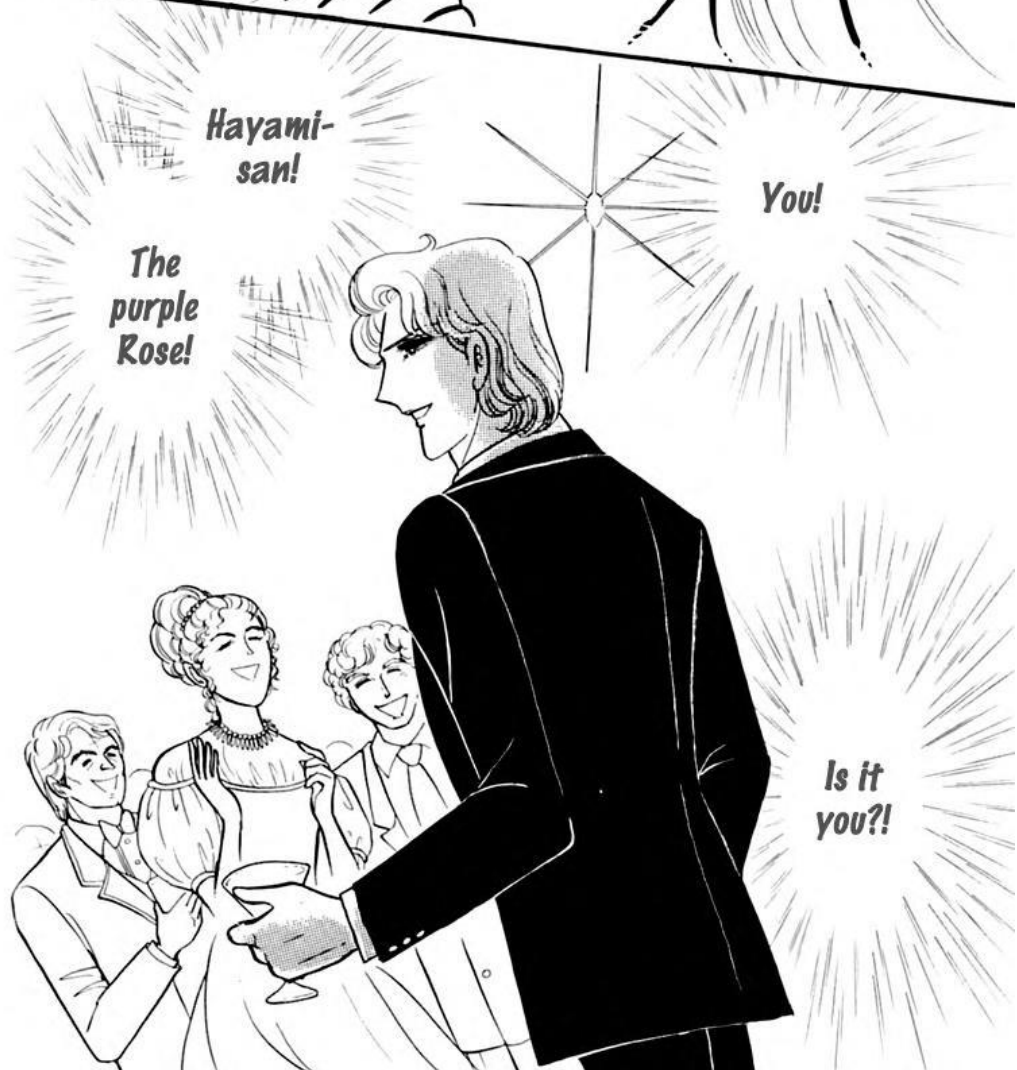
*The Purple Rose...*

*Is it you?!*



Hayami-san...

It can't be..  
It can't be...



Hayami-san!

You!

The purple Rose!

Is it you?!