

MOTHER, I REALLY
WANT TO PLAY IN
DRAMAS

THAT IS THE
ONLY THING
I CAN DO

I'M STUPID AND
USELESS, YET
SOMEHOW I HAVE
CONFIDENCE WHEN
IT COMES TO ACTING

THEREFORE, I
WANT TO TRY AND
LIVE ON THE
STAGE

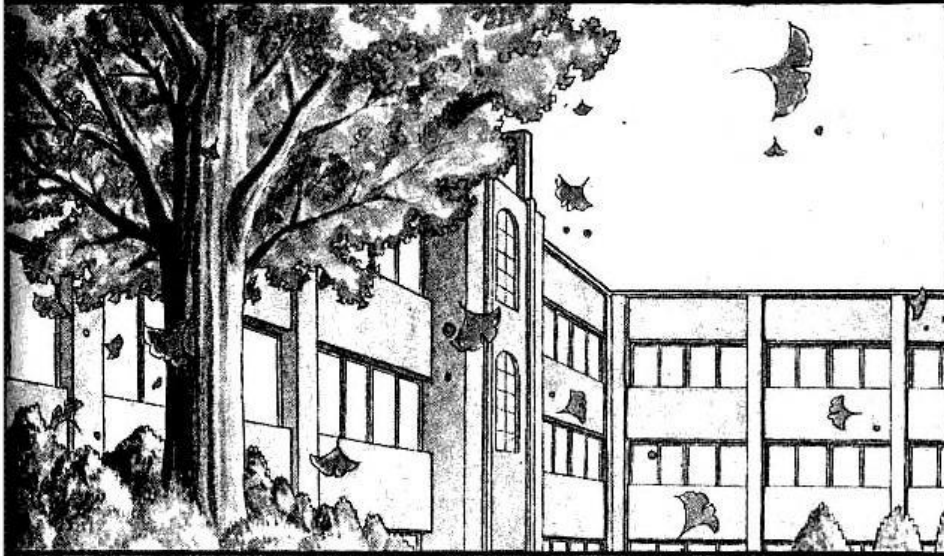
BECAUSE IT IS
THERE I FEEL
THANKFUL,
THANKFUL ENOUGH
TO BE ALIVE

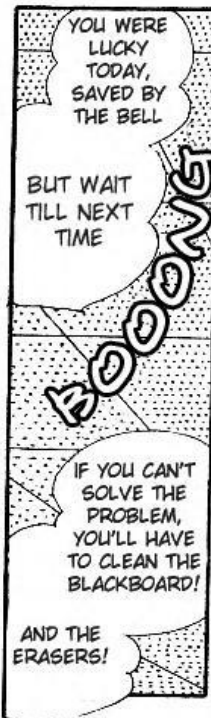
I'M SORRY
MOTHER,
BUT I REALLY
LOVE DRAMA!

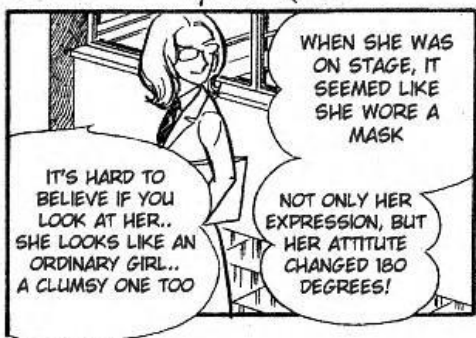
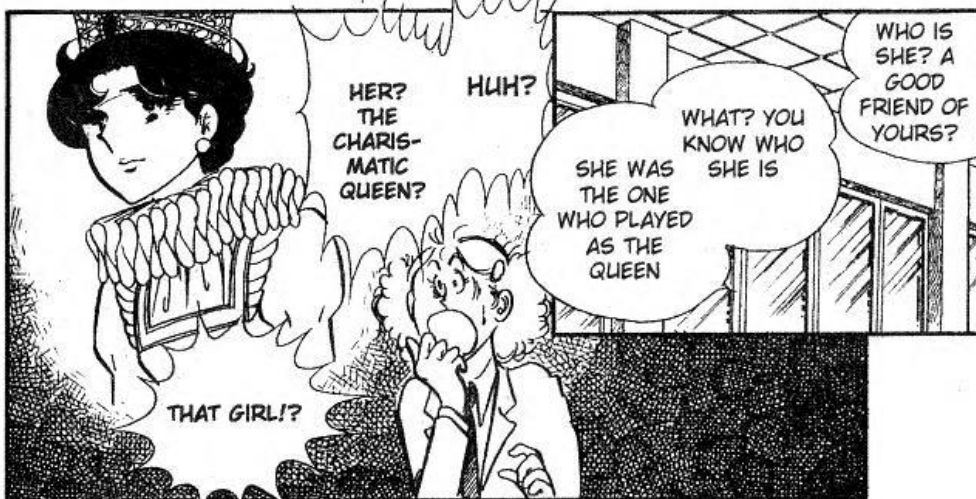
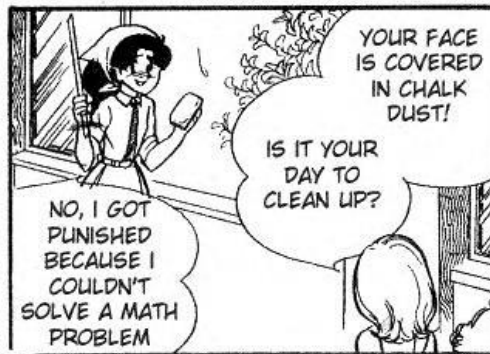
MY FLAME OF
DESIRE WILL
NEVER BE PUT
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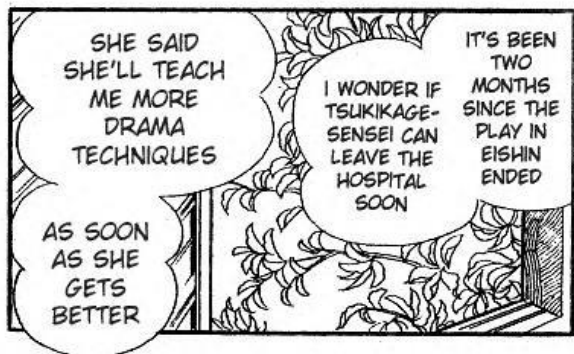
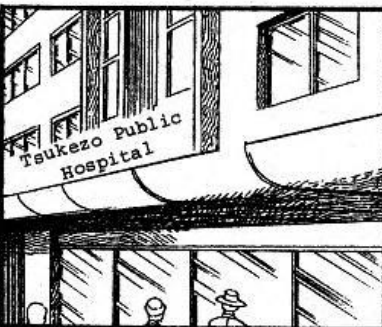
MOTHER, I CAN'T
BE HELD BACK
ANYMORE BY
ANYONE



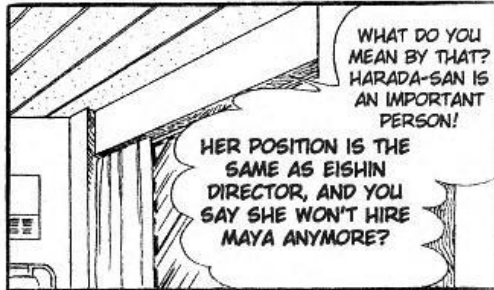


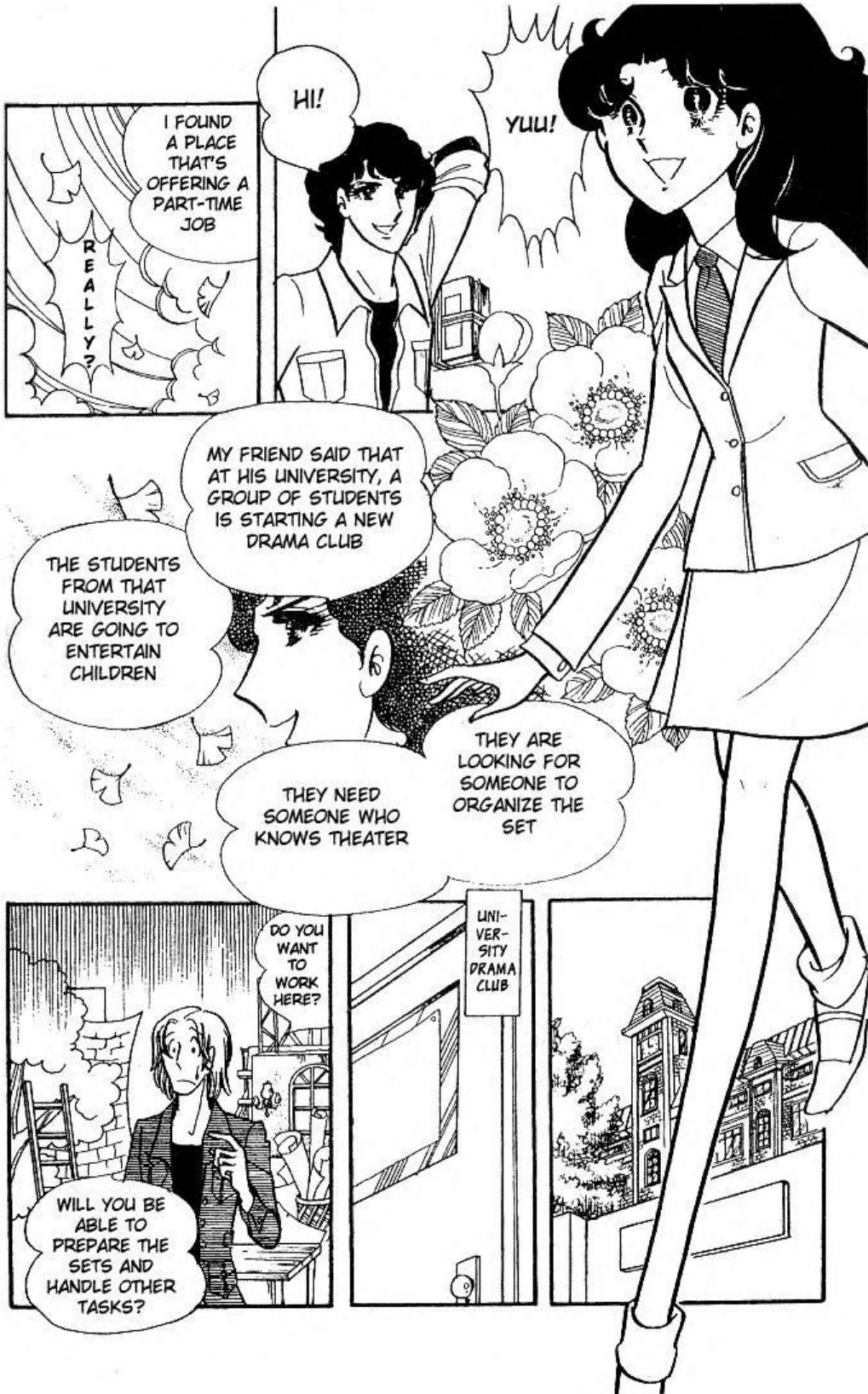












I FOUND A PLACE THAT'S OFFERING A PART-TIME JOB

REALLY?

HI!

YUU!

MY FRIEND SAID THAT AT HIS UNIVERSITY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS IS STARTING A NEW DRAMA CLUB

THE STUDENTS FROM THAT UNIVERSITY ARE GOING TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

THEY NEED SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THEATER

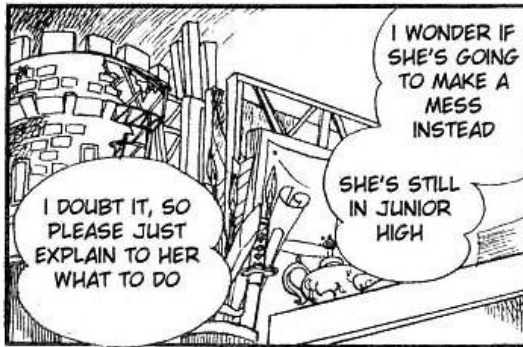
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO ORGANIZE THE SET

DO YOU WANT TO WORK HERE?

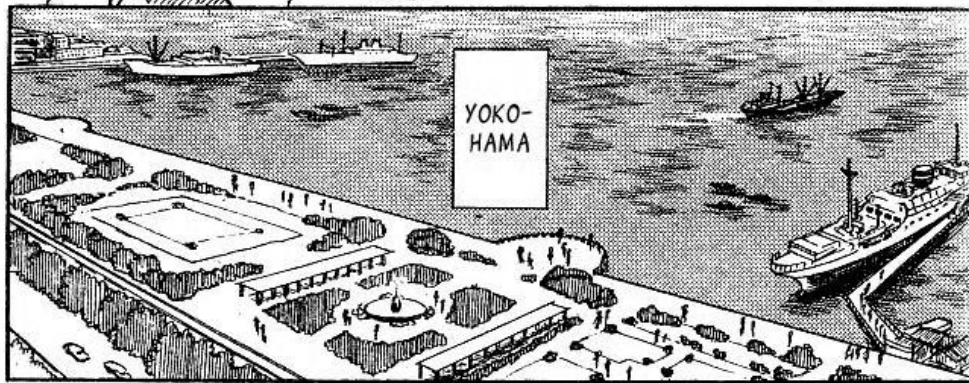
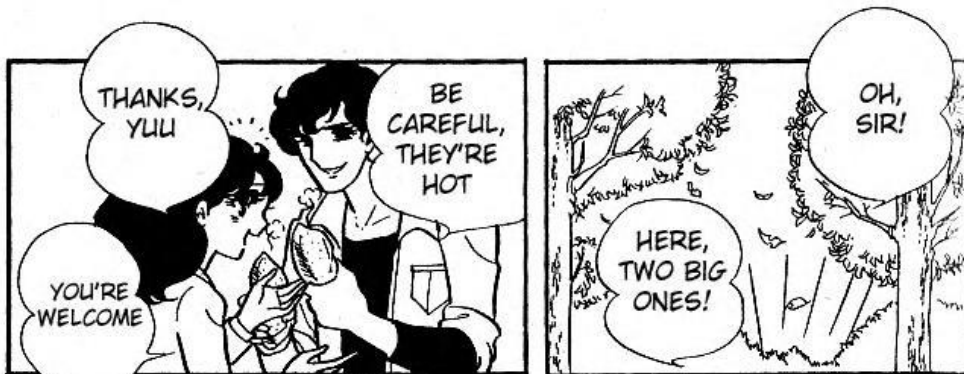
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PREPARE THE SETS AND HANDLE OTHER TASKS?

UNIVERSITY DRAMA CLUB











*TUBERCULOSIS



SHE NEVER WRITES ANY LETTERS

I WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW



MAYA...

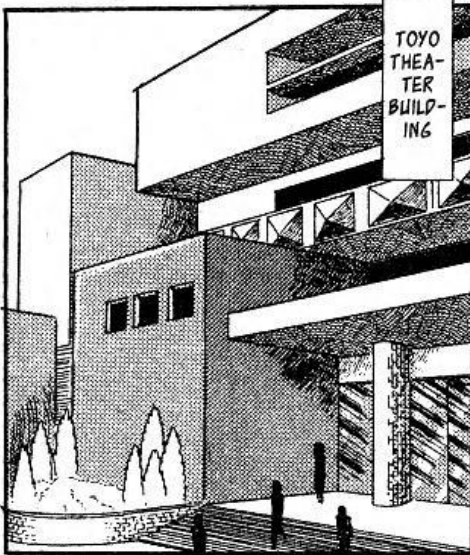
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB, I'LL DIE OF STARVATION!

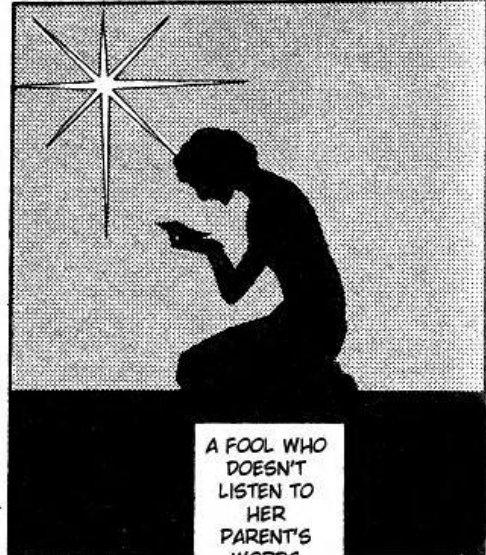


YOU ARE A FOOL, MY CHILD

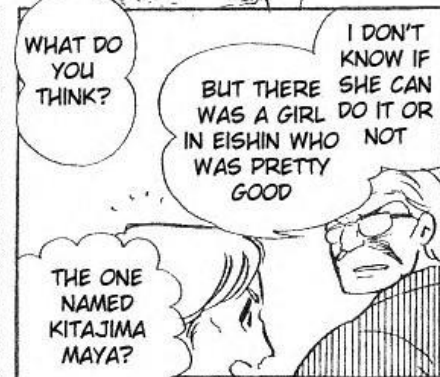
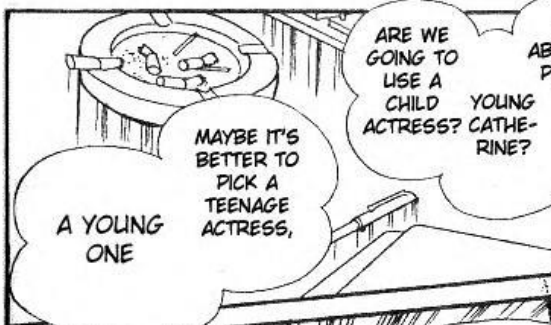
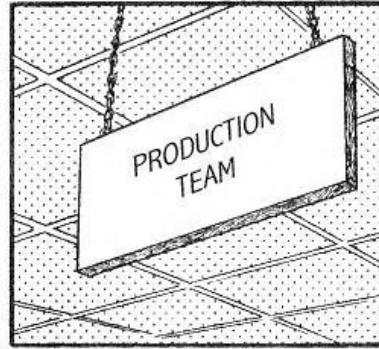
OUT OF THE BLUE YOU DECIDED TO BE A STAR

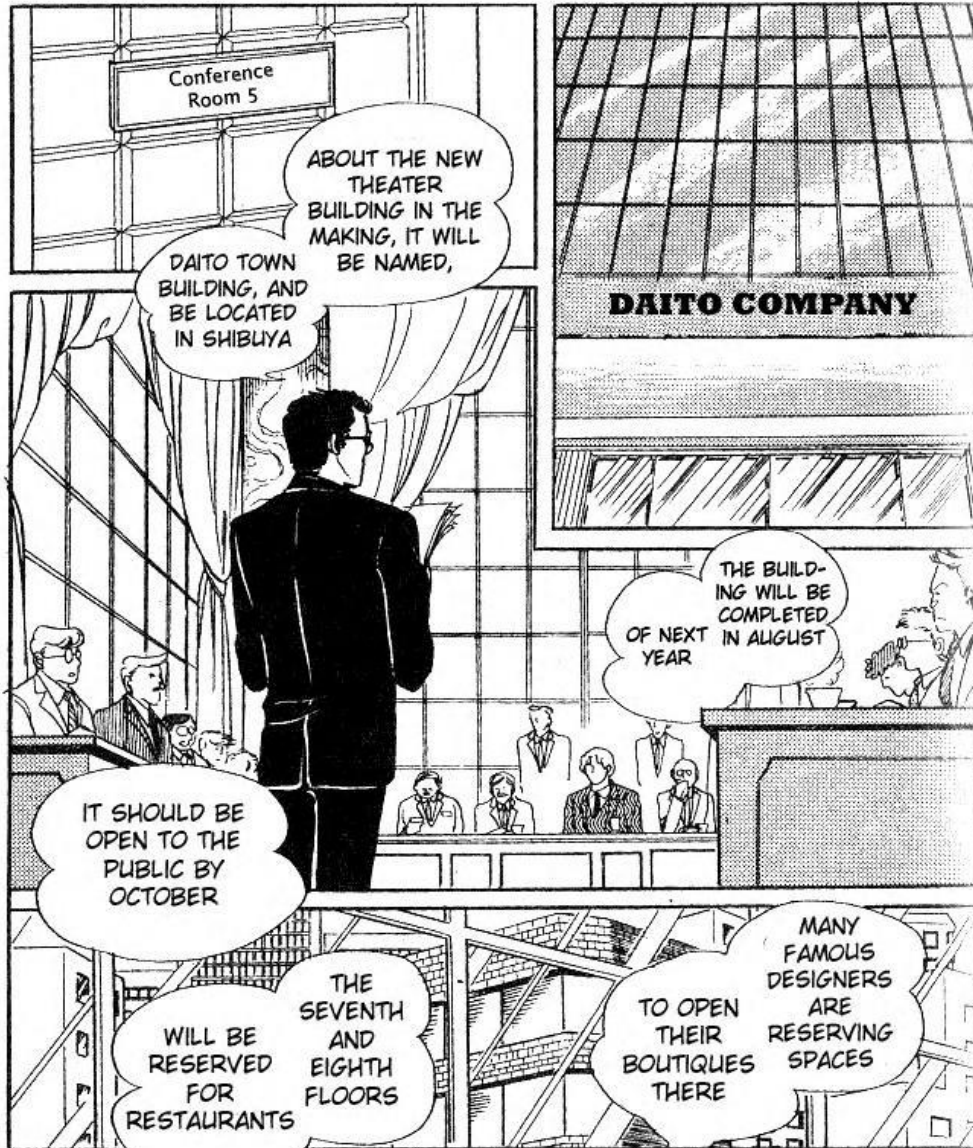
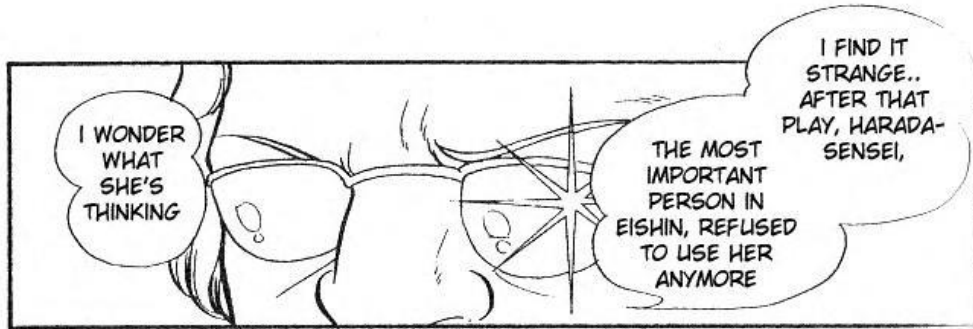


TOYO THEATER BUILDING

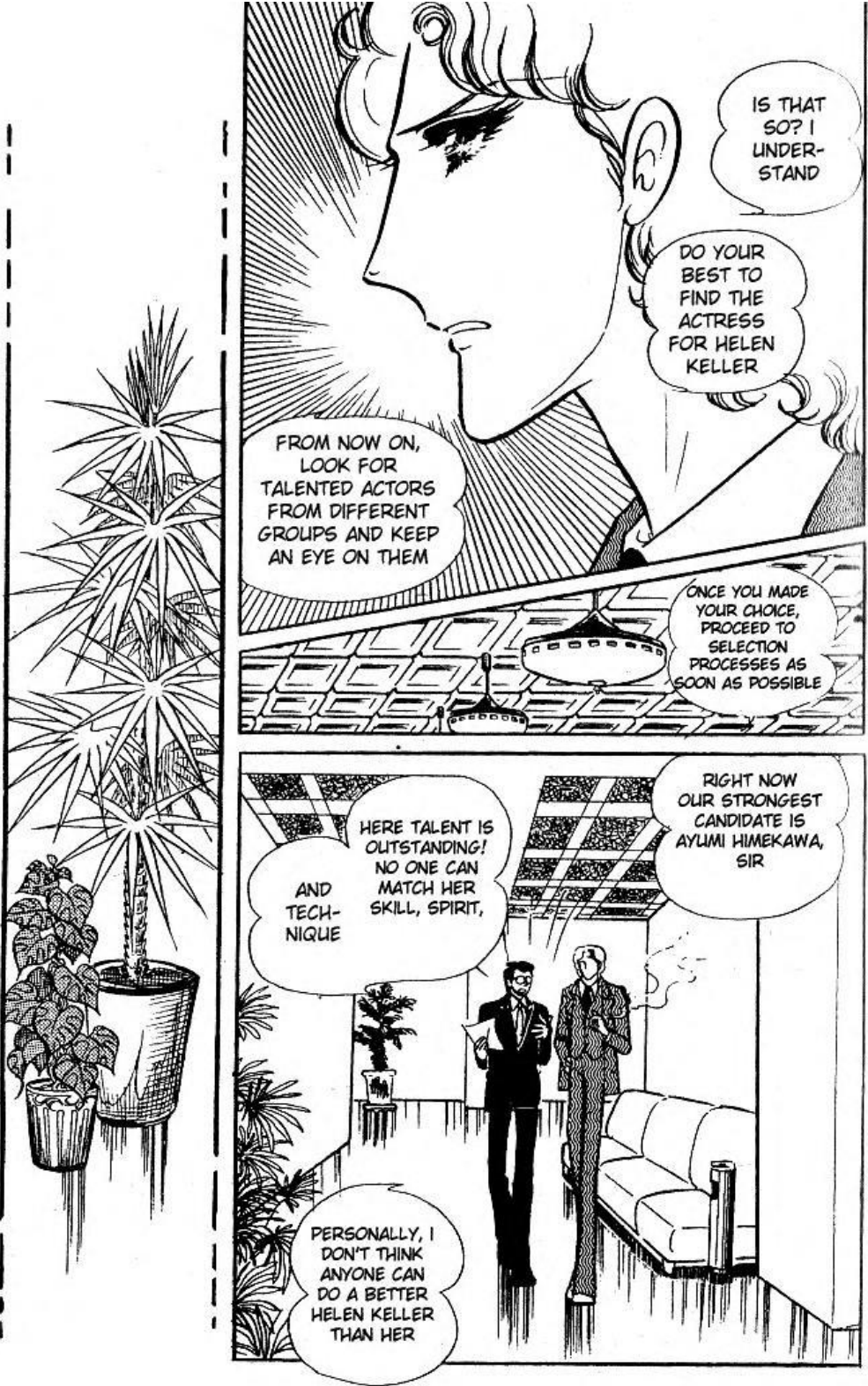


A FOOL WHO DOESN'T LISTEN TO HER PARENT'S WORDS









IS THAT SO? I UNDERSTAND

DO YOUR BEST TO FIND THE ACTRESS FOR HELEN KELLER

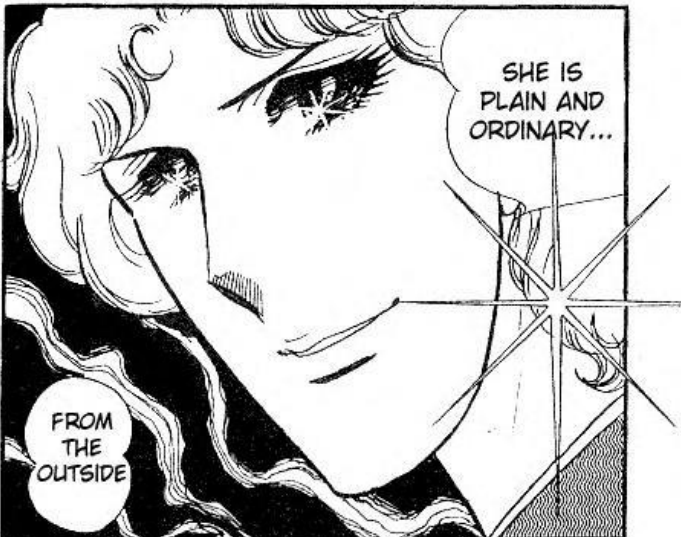
FROM NOW ON, LOOK FOR TALENTED ACTORS FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEM

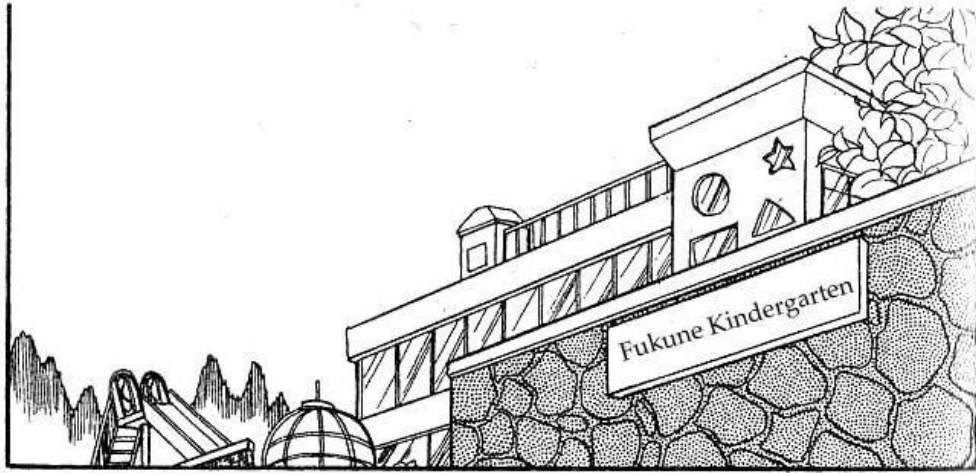
ONCE YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE, PROCEED TO SELECTION PROCESSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

HERE TALENT IS OUTSTANDING! NO ONE CAN MATCH HER SKILL, SPIRIT, AND TECHNIQUE

RIGHT NOW OUR STRONGEST CANDIDATE IS AYUMI HIMEKAWA, SIR

PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN DO A BETTER HELEN KELLER THAN HER







STAY CALM, CHILDREN!

THE DRAMA STUDENTS ARE GOING TO BE LATE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC!

HEADMIS-TRESS, BAD NEWS!

KYAAA

WAAH WAAH



YES? HELLO? WHAT?

THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT ON THE HIGHWAY!?

YOU'LL BE LATE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC? OH NO!



WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?



WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING UNTIL THOSE STUDENTS ARRIVE!

WAAAH WAAH WAAAH

RIGHT NOW THE CHILDREN ARE REST-LESS!



THE PRINCESS'S STEPMOTHER WAS AN EVIL AND WICKED QUEEN

AND PEOPLE CALLED HER SNOW WHITE

TAKE THIS!



CHILDREN, PLEASE LISTEN,

W A A H

WAAH! TEACHER! SIKEN PULLED MY HAIR!

I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY WHILE WE'RE WAITING, OKAY?



HEADMIS-TRESS.. WHAT SHOULD I DO? THEY WON'T LISTEN TO MY STORY!

PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A PRINCESS WITH VERY FAIR SKIN,

ALTHOUGH SNOW WHITE'S STEPMOTHER WAS A QUEEN, SHE WAS EVIL AND SCARY...

IT'S ABOUT SNOW WHITE TOO, THE ONE YOUR TEACHER WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT EARLIER

SINCE SHE WAS ALSO A WICKED FAIRY

TARO HIT ME ON THE HEAD!

HEY, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

THERE, THERE.. LISTEN, I'LL TELL YOU A STORY

WHO IS THE PRETTIEST WOMAN IN THIS WHOLE WORLD? ANSWER ME

SHE LOOKED INTO HER MIRROR EVERYDAY

MIRROR, OH MIRROR...



IS YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS

THE PRETTIEST WOMAN IN THIS WORLD..

AND THE MIRROR SAID...



THE
PRETTIEST
WOMAN IN
THE WORLD
IS..

SNOW
WHITE..!



HOWEVER,
AFTER A
FEW YEARS
PASSED,

THE
MIRROR
ANSWERED
LIKE
THIS



I
KNOW...

HEAD-
MIS-
TRESS..



OH, MY OWN
STEPDAUGHTER!
SHE'S PRETTIER
THAN ME,
YOU SAID?

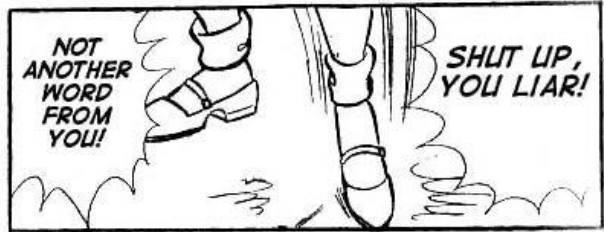
WHO IS
THE
FAIREST
OF THEM
ALL!?

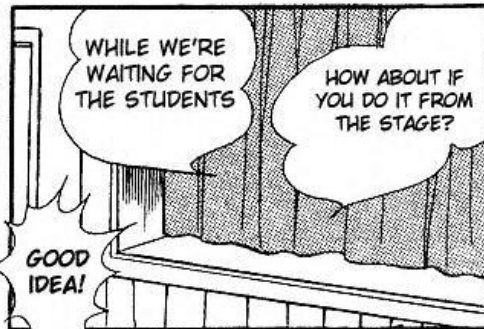


WHAT!?

SNOW
WHITE!?

LET ME
ASK YOU
ONE
MORE
TIME!
MIRROR!







YES
IT'S BEEN
MORE
THAN TEN
YEARS,
KIKUKO



LONG TIME
NO SEE,
CHIGUSA



THAT'S ALRIGHT,
I'M GLAD
YOU STILL
REMEMBER ME



I'M SORRY, I
DIDN'T KNOW
THAT YOU
WERE SICK



THAT
CHILD...
SCARES
ME...

THAT'S
HOW
SHE IS



IT SEEMS
YOU HAVE TO
GET RID OF
HER TO SAVE
EISHIN

IT'S
PROBABLY
BETTER
FOR
EISHIN
TOO

I HEARD
ONE OF MY
STUDENTS,
PLAYED KITAJIMA
MAYA,
IN EISHIN,
RIGHT?



I
REALLY
DON'T
KNOW
MUCH
ABOUT
MAYA

YOU'RE STILL
AS SHARP
AND CRITICAL
AS BEFORE



WHEN SHE WAS ON STAGE, EVERYONE ONLY PAID ATTENTION TO HER

EVEN THOUGH SHE PLAYED A SMALL PART, THE AUDIENCE KEPT STARING AT HER... ON STAGE,

SHE SHONE SO MUCH THAT EVERYONE ELSE SEEMED TO BE SWALLOWED BY THE DARKNESS

THE MAIN CHARACTERS, THE SUPPORTING CHARACTERS, EVERYONE SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR...

AS IF SHE WERE THE ONLY ONE THERE...

IT GIVES ME GOOSE-BUMPS

IT WASN'T TOO BAD SINCE SHE ONLY GOT A SMALL PART... BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE IF SHE PLAYED A MAIN CHARACTER?



EISHIN ISN'T THE STAGE FOR HER...

IT CANNOT BE



PEOPLE WILL NOTICE HER

BUT ONE DAY..



THAT CHILD...

IS A THREAT FOR EVERYONE WHO SHARES THE STAGE WITH HER

RIGHT NOW SHE IS PROBABLY GETTING KICKED OUT OF ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER FOR THAT REASON



THAT DAY
WILL
COME...



THE TIME WILL
COME WHEN
PEOPLE WILL
WORSHIP HER
MORE THAN
ANYTHING ELSE



PEOPLE
WILL BEG
FOR MORE..



CHIGU-
SA..
YOU..



DON'T
WORRY,
WE'LL
START
SOON

THE
CHILDREN
ARE REST-
LESS,
AREN'T
THEY?

I'M
SORRY
WE'RE
LATE

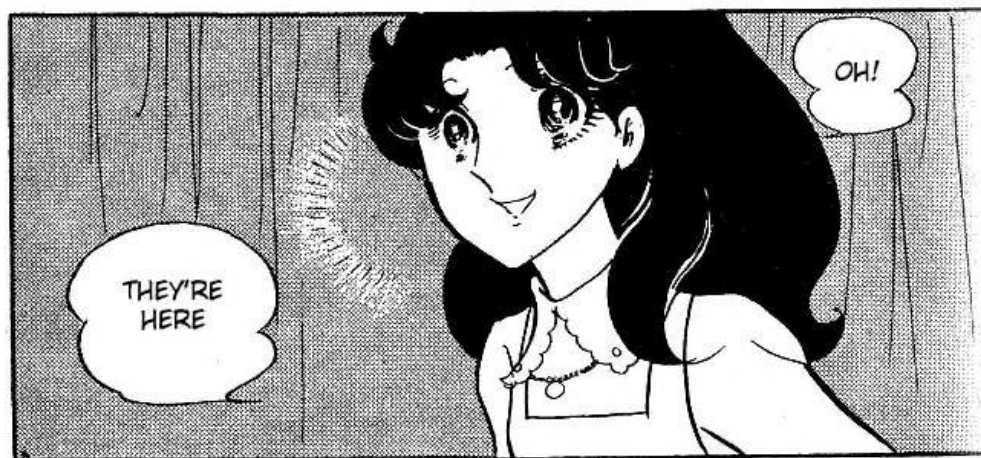
HUH?



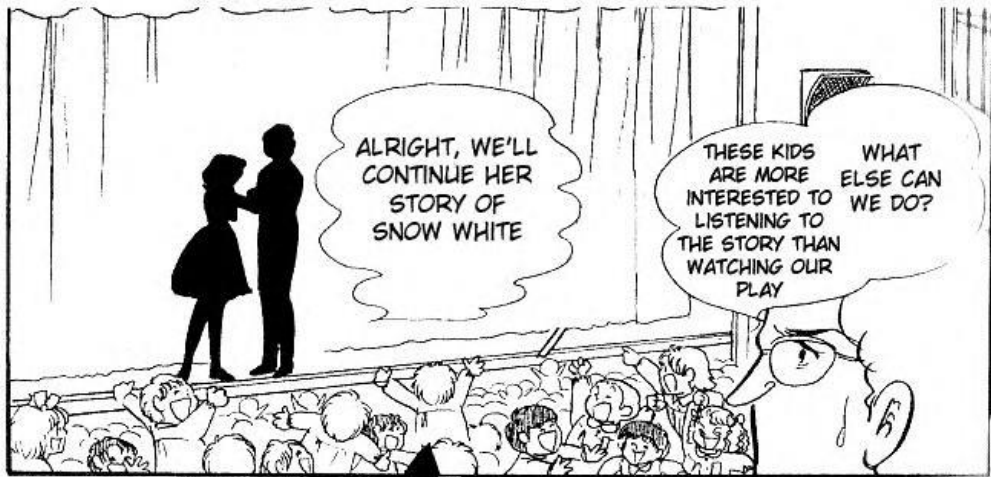
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FUKUNE

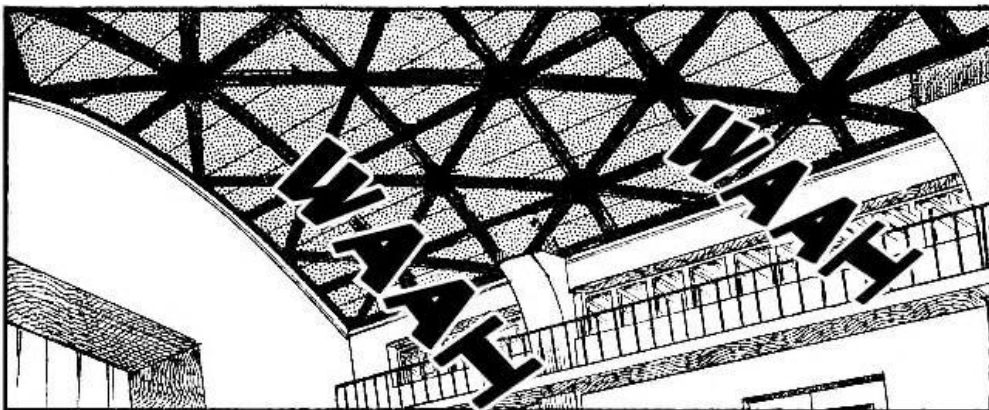
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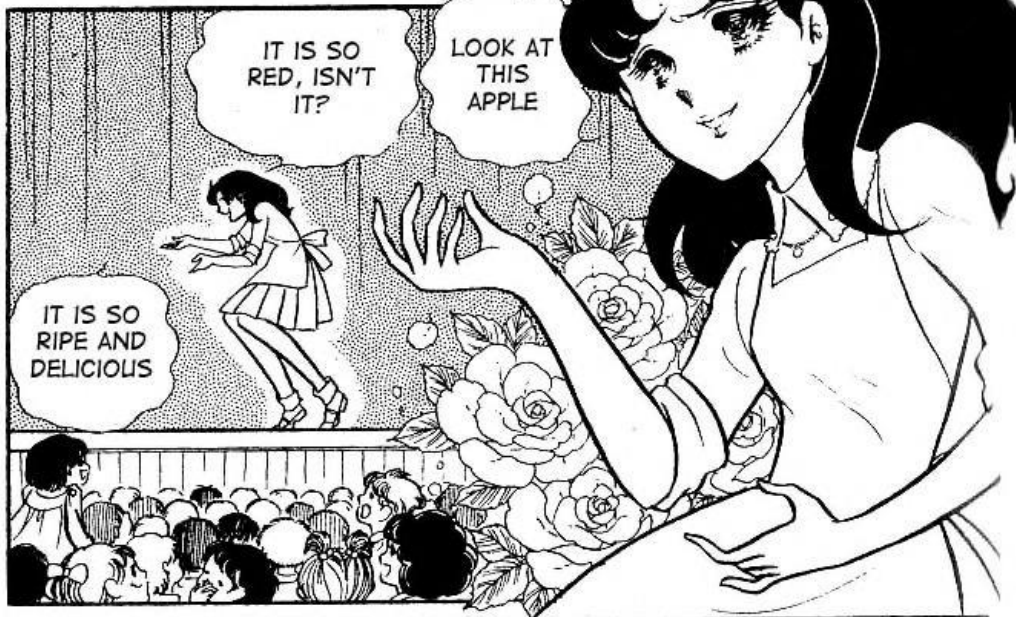








MMM..
ALRIGHT..
LET'S
CONTINUE THE
STORY



IT IS SO
RED, ISN'T
IT?

LOOK AT
THIS
APPLE

IT IS SO
RIPE AND
DELICIOUS



I WANT YOU
TO TRY IT

DON'T
SAY
THAT

PLEASE DON'T
REJECT MY
OFFER



NO, I
CAN'T...



YES,
GIVE IT
A TRY



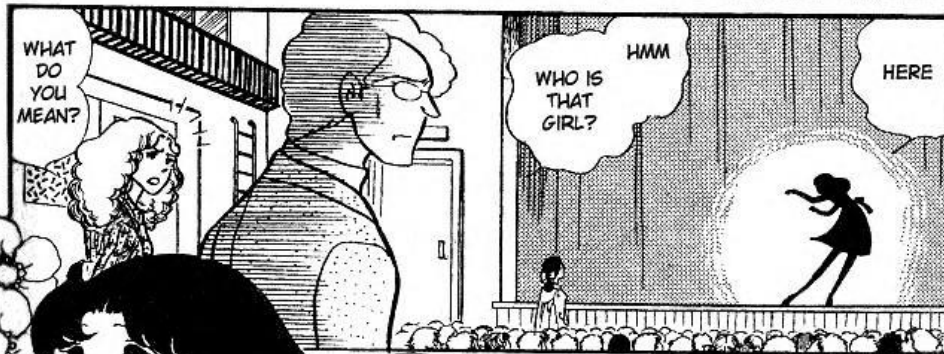
GIVE IT A
TRY, EVEN
IF ONLY
ONE BITE

SO RED..
SO
PRETTY..
SO DELI-
CIOUS..



OH ALRIGHT...
JUST ONE BITE

EAOUMF



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHO IS THAT GIRL?

HMM

HERE

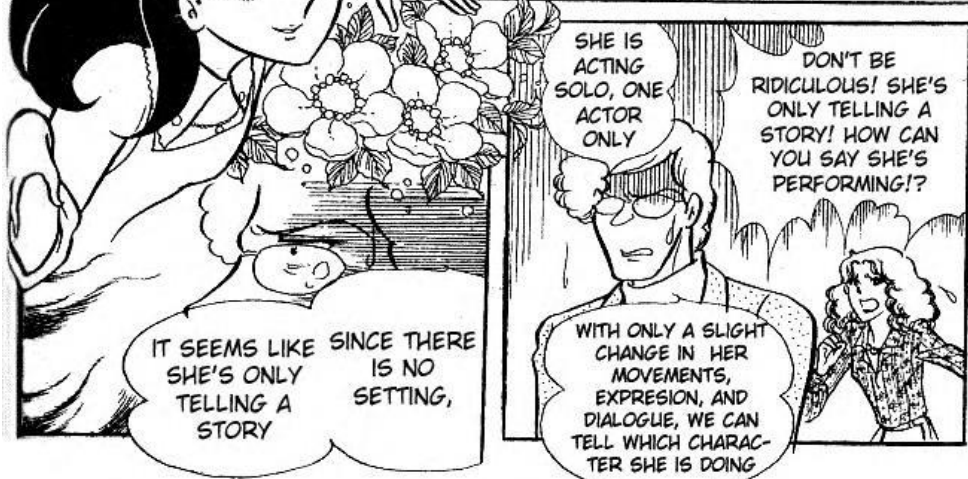


SHE'S DOING A GOOD JOB AT ACTING AS ALL OF SNOW WHITE'S CHARACTERS BY HERSELF

LOOK AT HER FACE

SHE'S NOT AN ORDINARY GIRL

DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T NOTICE IT



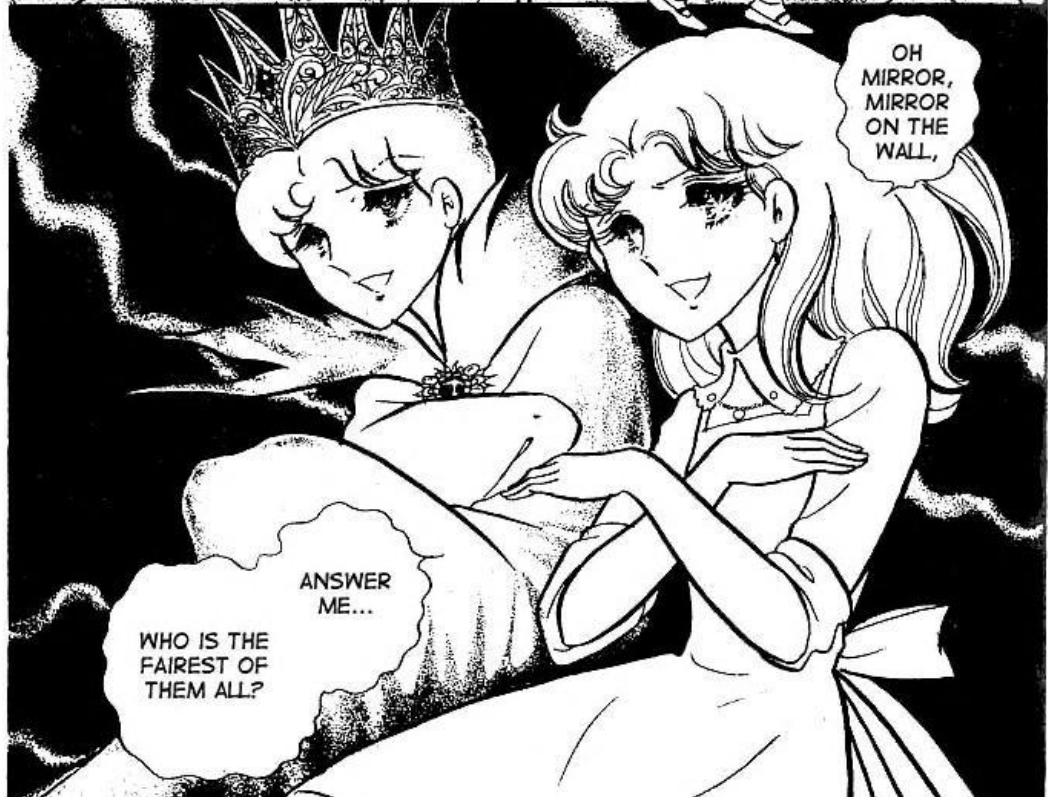
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S ONLY TELLING A STORY

SINCE THERE IS NO SETTING,

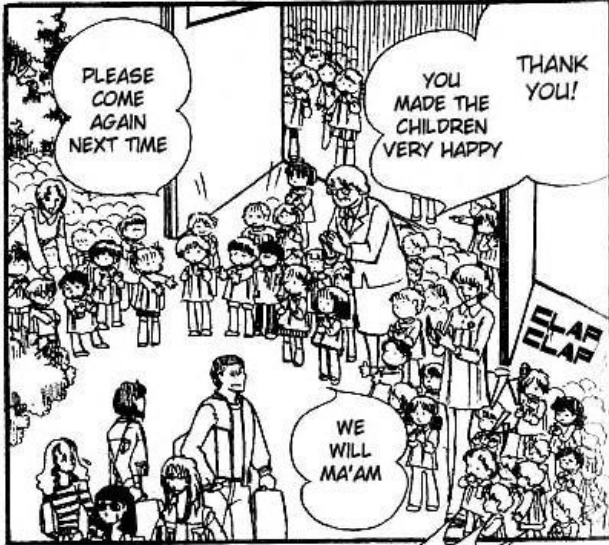
SHE IS ACTING SOLO, ONE ACTOR ONLY

WITH ONLY A SLIGHT CHANGE IN HER MOVEMENTS, EXPRESION, AND DIALOGUE, WE CAN TELL WHICH CHARACTER SHE IS DOING

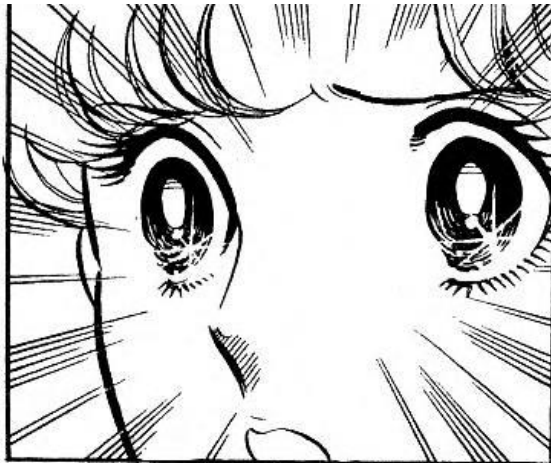
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! SHE'S ONLY TELLING A STORY! HOW CAN YOU SAY SHE'S PERFORMING!?

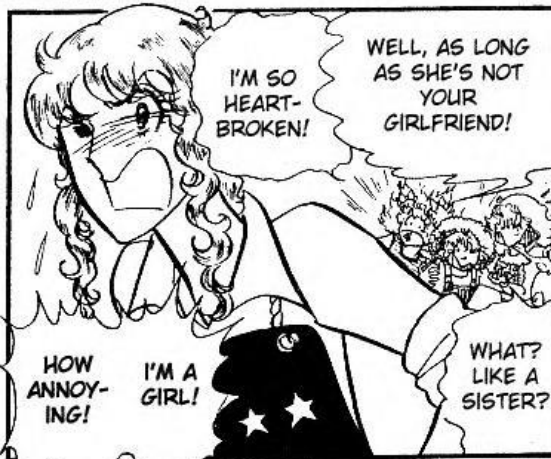


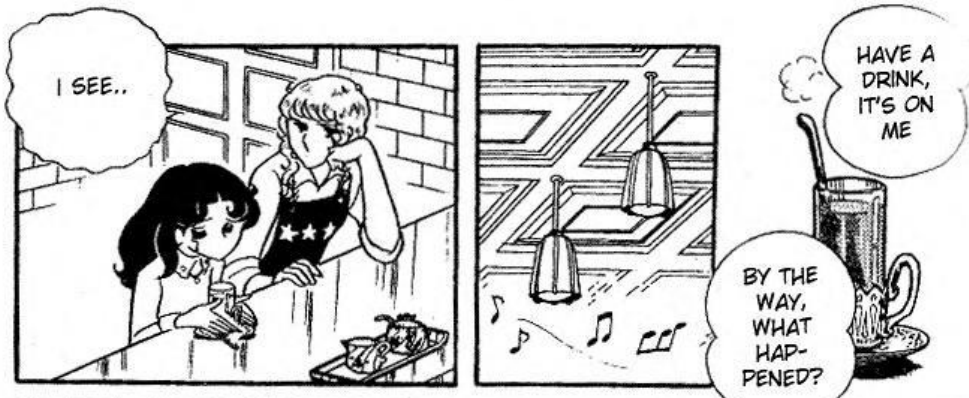












I SEE..

HAVE A DRINK, IT'S ON ME

BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED?



REI... WAS IT WRONG FOR ME TO TELL SNOW WHITE TO THE CHILDREN?



THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T WANT YOU THERE

THEY ARE JEALOUS



THAT'S NOT IT, MAYA.. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.. YOU ENCHANT PEOPLE WITH YOUR PERFORMANCES.. YOU SHOW THEM YOUR CHARM AND MAGIC..



...



IF YOU REMEMBER ONLY THE SAD MEMORIES, YOUR LIFE WILL BE MISERABLE

IN THIS LIFE

YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE THINGS WE HAVE TO FORGET

SLAP
JUST FORGET ABOUT IT

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS OF YOUR TALENT, THAT'S ALL

COUGH!







SMASH BONT
THUNK BONT

BARTENDER!
REFILL
PLEASE!

SMUSH

CRASH

WHAM

ANOTHER
CUP OF
COFFEE
PLEASE!
WITH
LOTS OF
MILK!