



I'M NOT RICH OR BEAUTIFUL, AND I'M ALOT YOUNGER THAN YOU, BUT STILL...

I...
...KNOW THAT I'M NOT ANYONE SPECIAL.

MR. HAYAMI...!

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!

MAYA!

MR. HAYAMI!



HUH?

THE DAY I FIRST SAW YOU IN THE VALLEY...

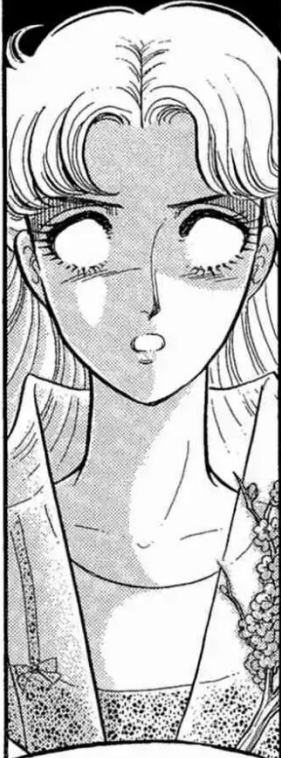
ON THAT DAY...

I RECOGNIZED RIGHT AWAY...

... THAT YOU WERE THE OTHER HALF OF MY SOUL THAT GRANDMOTHER HAD TOLD ME ABOUT.

I LOVE YOU...!

GRANDMOTHER SAID THAT A STRANGE POWER WOULD MANIFEST WHEN THAT TIME CAME.



IT IS THE POWERFUL DESIRE FOR THE SOUL OF ANOTHER...

SO THAT WHEN THEY REUNITED ONE DAY...

THE TWO HALVES WOULD JOIN TOGETHER AND BECOME ONE.



THEY WOULD BECOME GODS...

...AND BRING ABOUT NEW LIFE.

BACK WHEN THE WORLD WAS STILL A SEA OF CHAOS,

THE GODS HAD CHILDREN, AND SENT THEM TO THE WORLD BELOW.



IT WAS THEN THAT THEIR SOULS WERE SPLIT INTO YIN AND YANG...

...AND MADE TO DWELL IN DIFFERENT BODIES.



MR. HAYAMI!

THEY QUICKLY WISH TO BECOME ONE, DESIRING THE OTHER'S SOUL SO MUCH THAT IT MADDENS THEM.

THEY SAY THAT IS LOVE...

MAYA!

OF WHAT VALUE ARE A NAME AND A PAST?

MR. PURPLE ROSES!

WE LIVE, AND KNOW EACH OTHER NOW.

IS THAT NOT ENOUGH?

OR SOCIAL STATUS,

WITH NO REGARD TO AGE,

APPEARANCE,

THE TWO SOULS ARE DRAWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

IT IS SAID ONE CANNOT HELP BUT LONG FOR THEIR OTHER HALF.



MR.
HAYAMI!

I WANT
YOU TO
BECOME
MINE.

SAY
SOMETHING!
PLEASE!

YOUR
NAME AND
YOUR PAST...

...LEAVE
THEM BOTH
BEHIND.

MAYA!

WHAT
DO YOU
SAY, MY
DEAR?

WHAT ON
EARTH IS
THIS!?

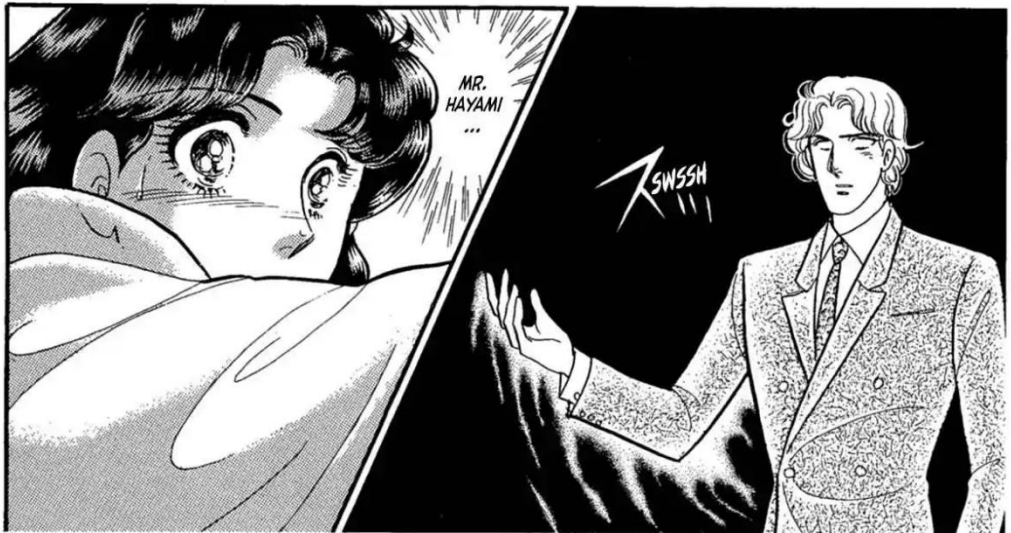
WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO...!?

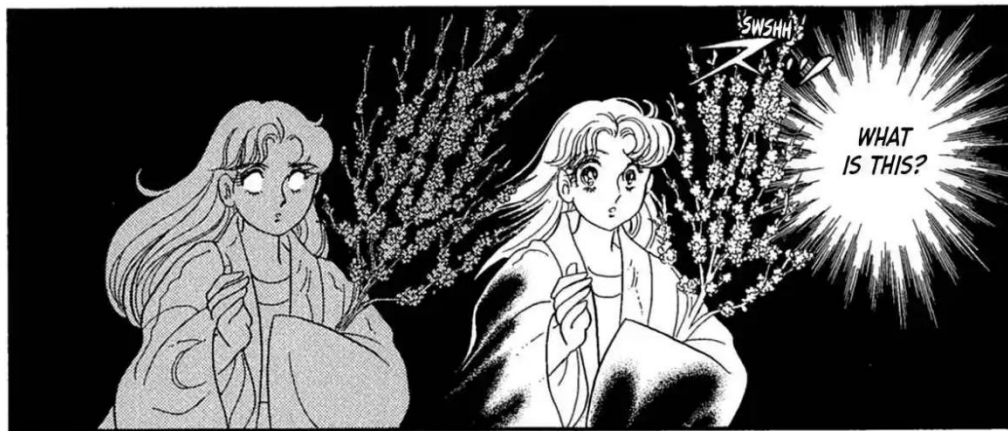
MAYA,
ARE YOU
...?

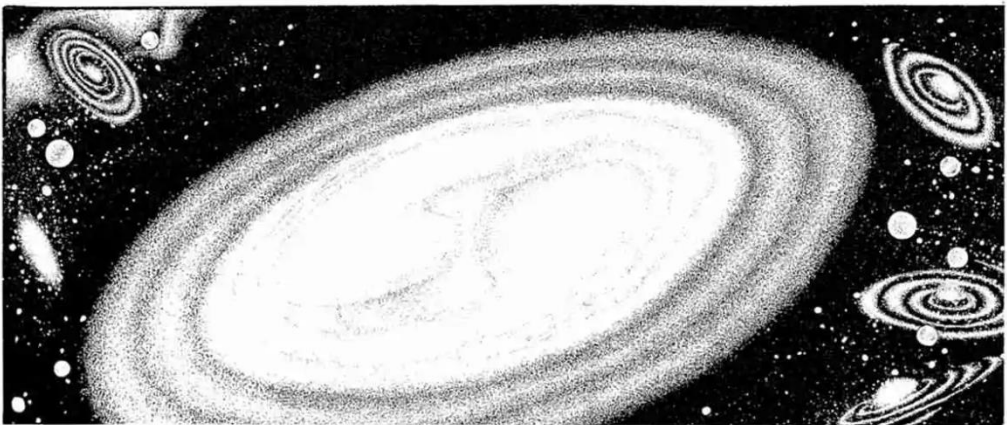
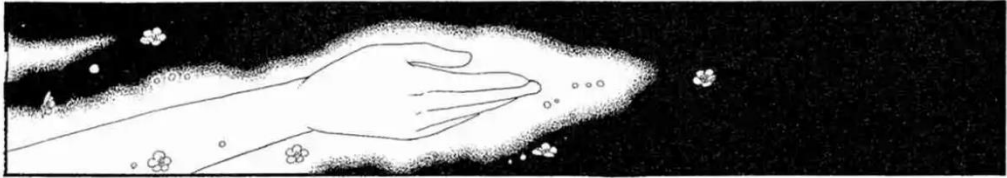
COULD
IT BE THAT
YOU...

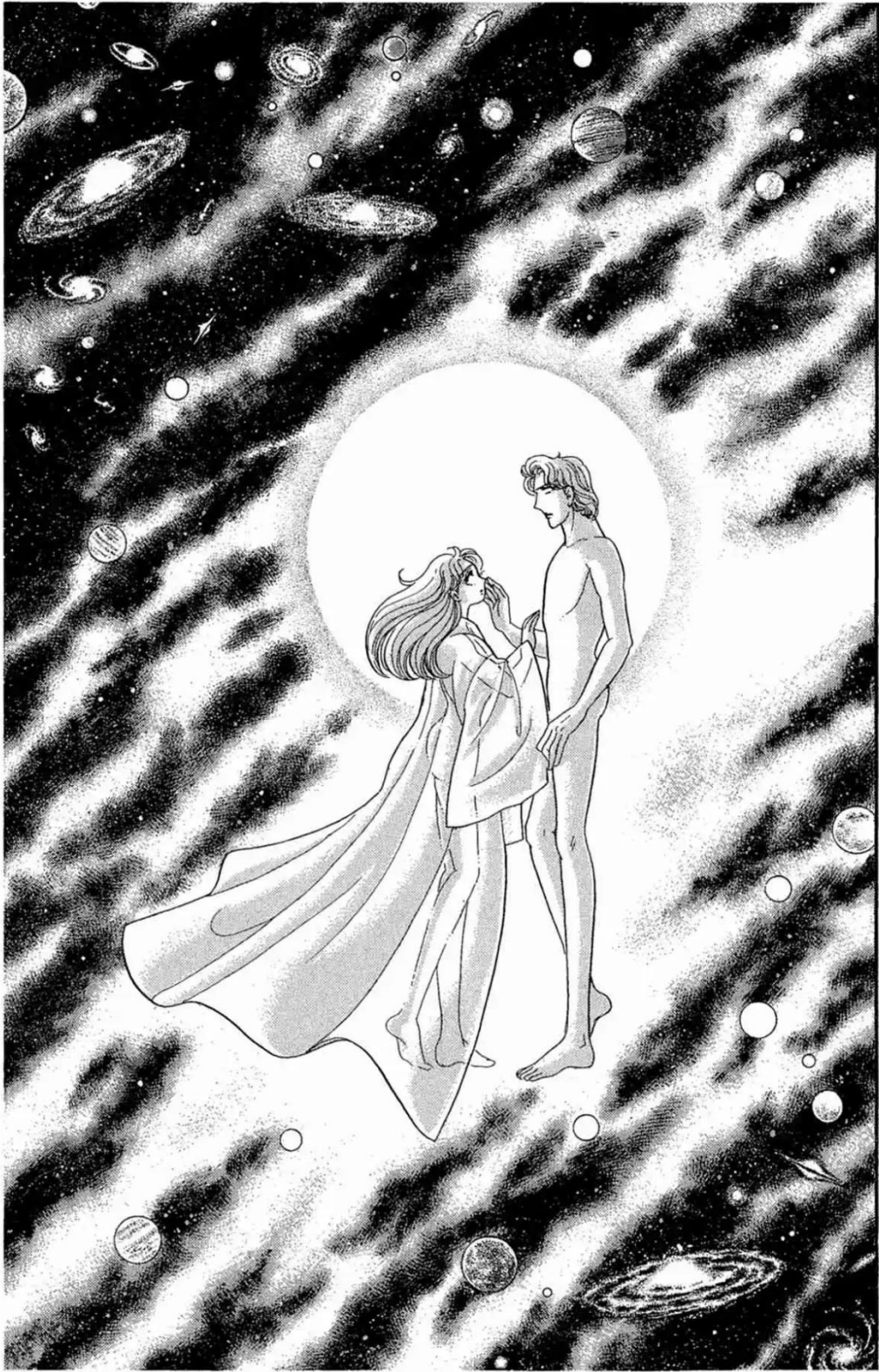
THERE'S
NO WAY!

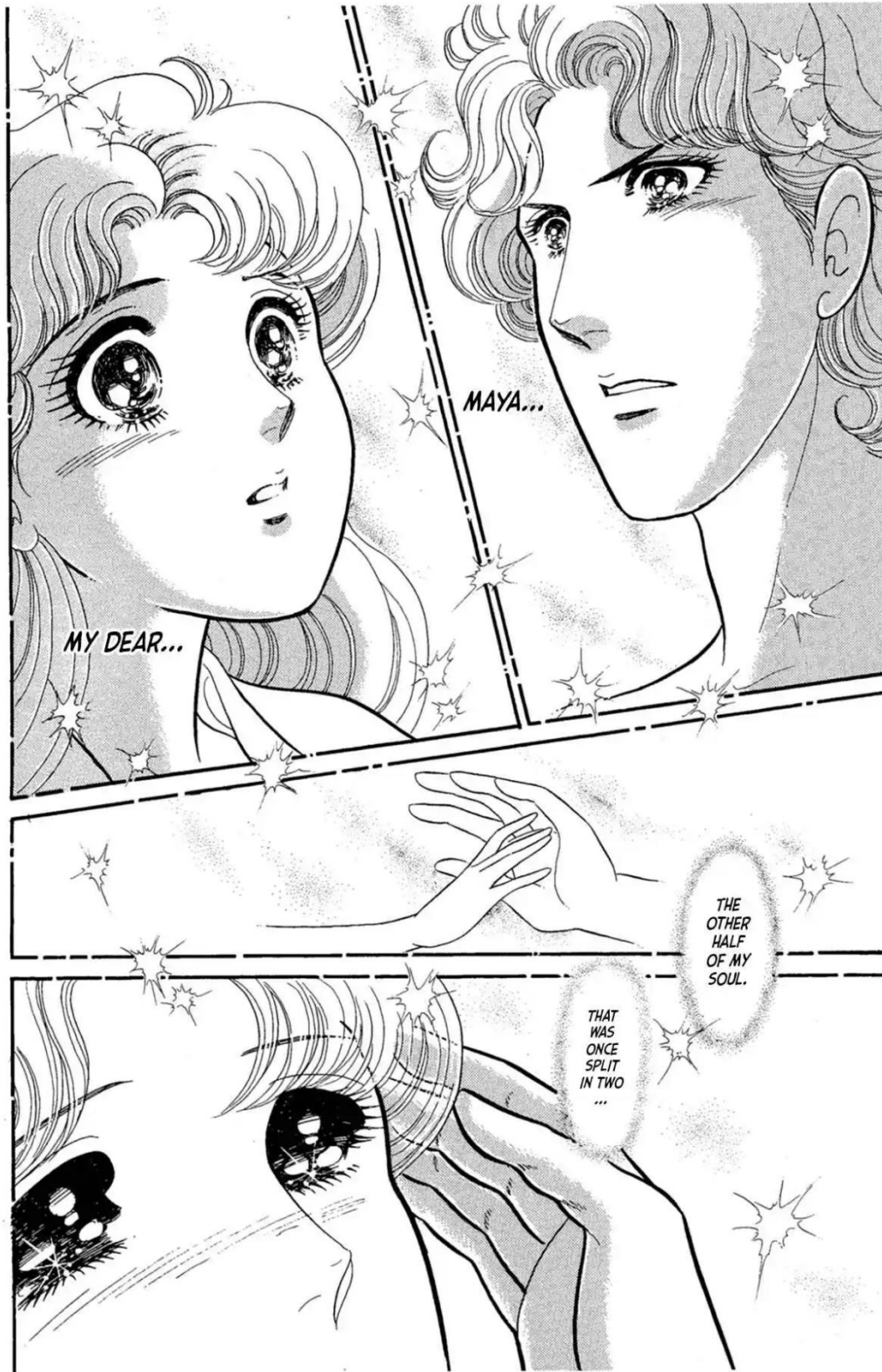




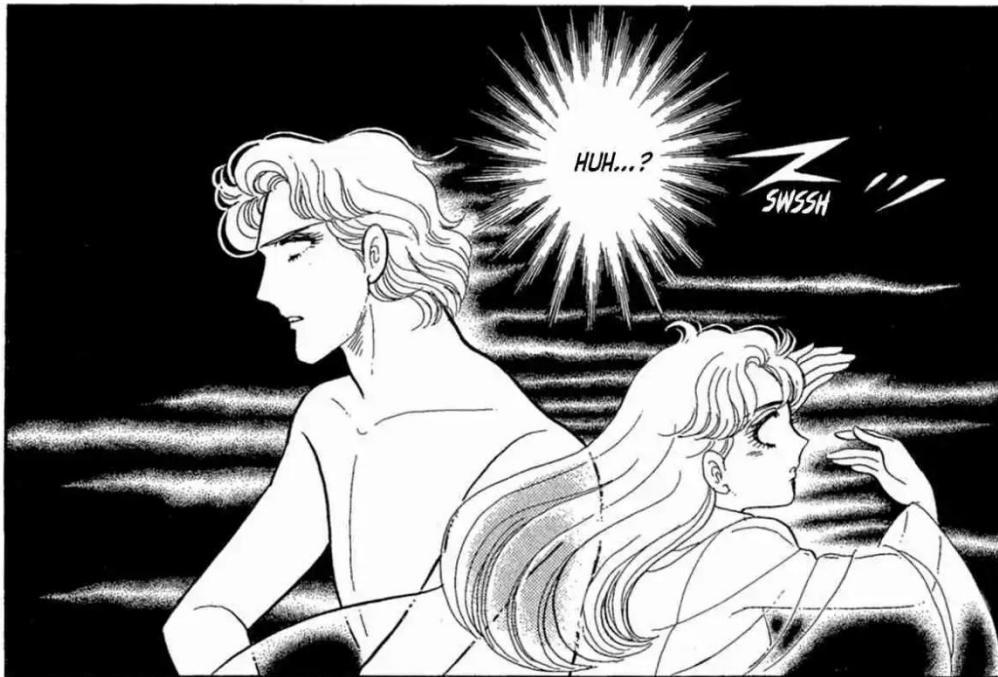






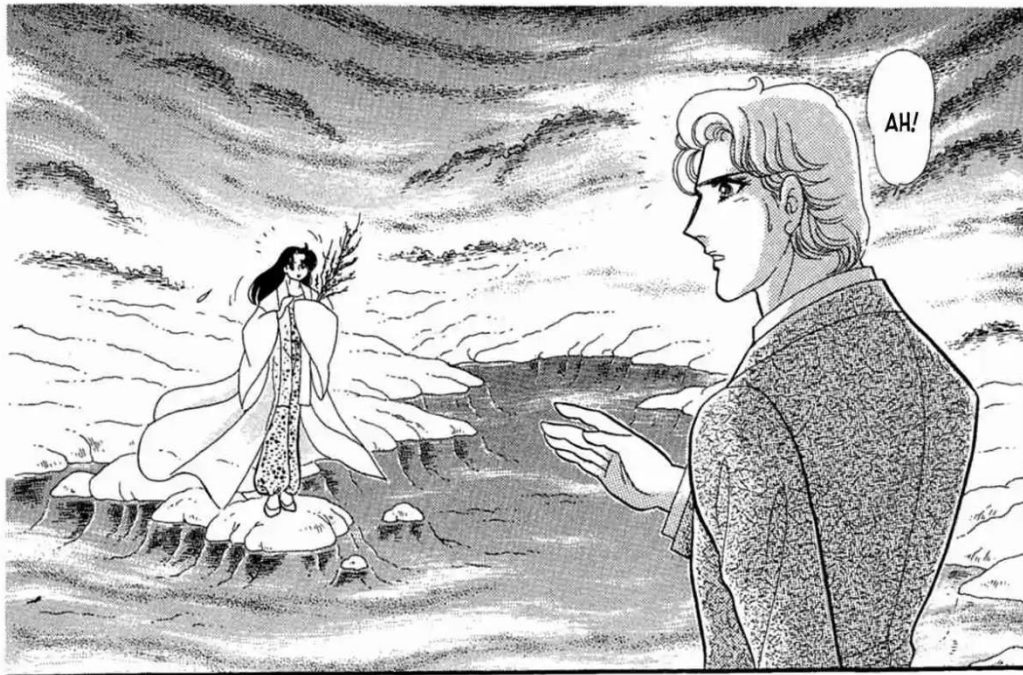


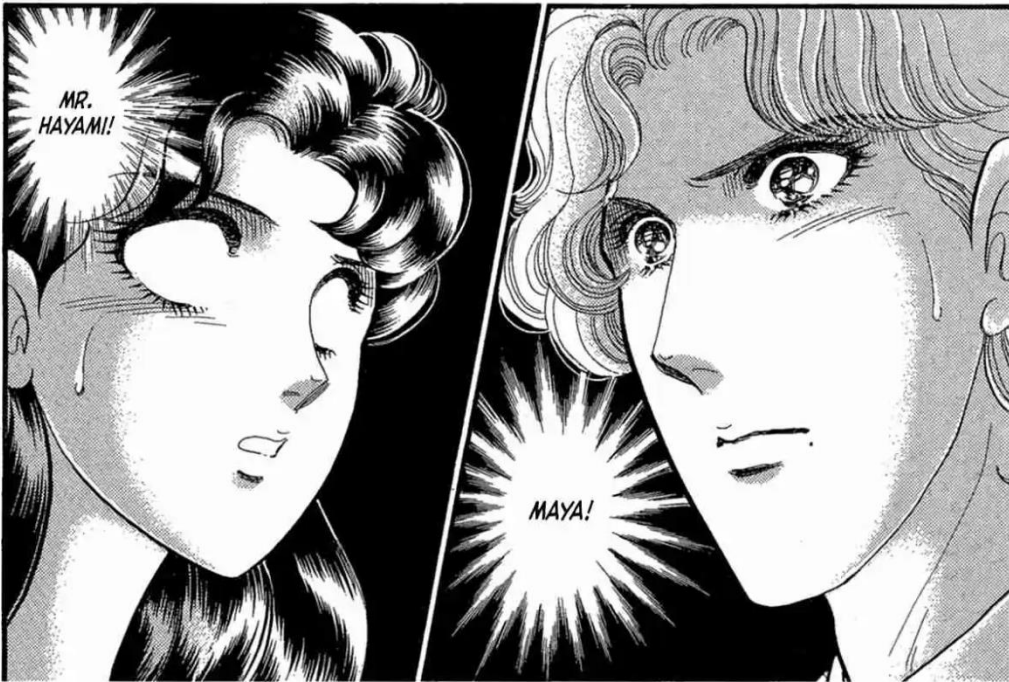




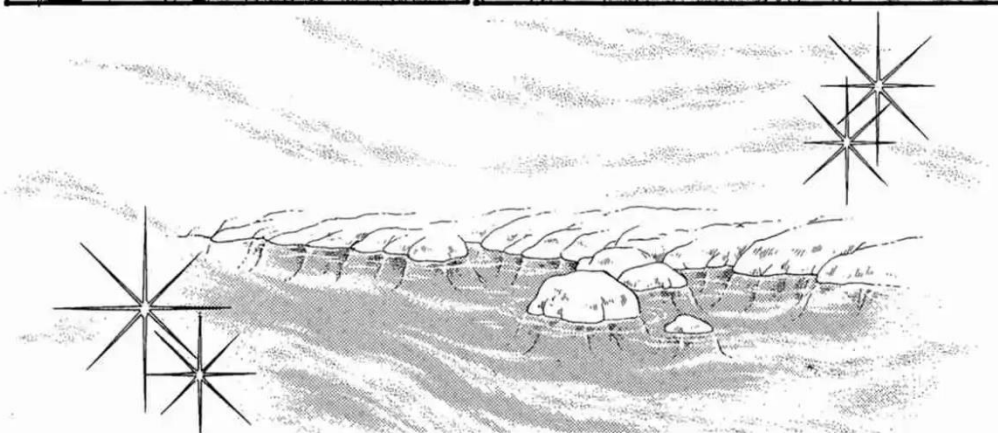


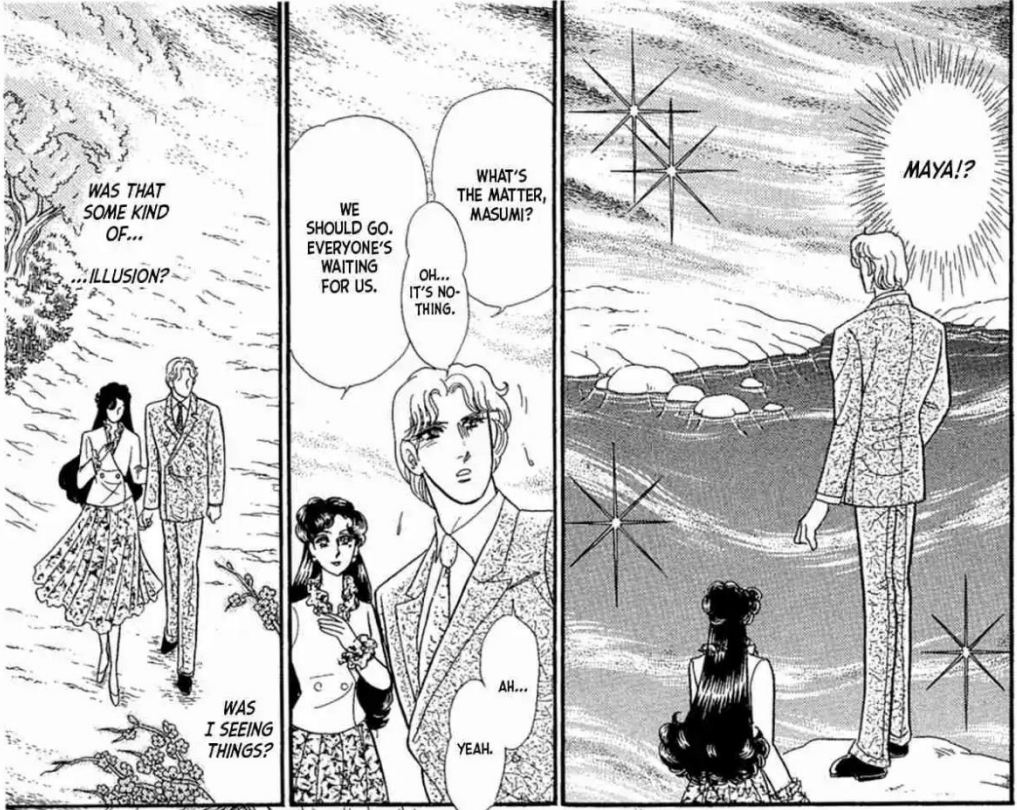












WAS THAT SOME KIND OF...
...ILLUSION?

WE SHOULD GO. EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR US.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MASUMI?

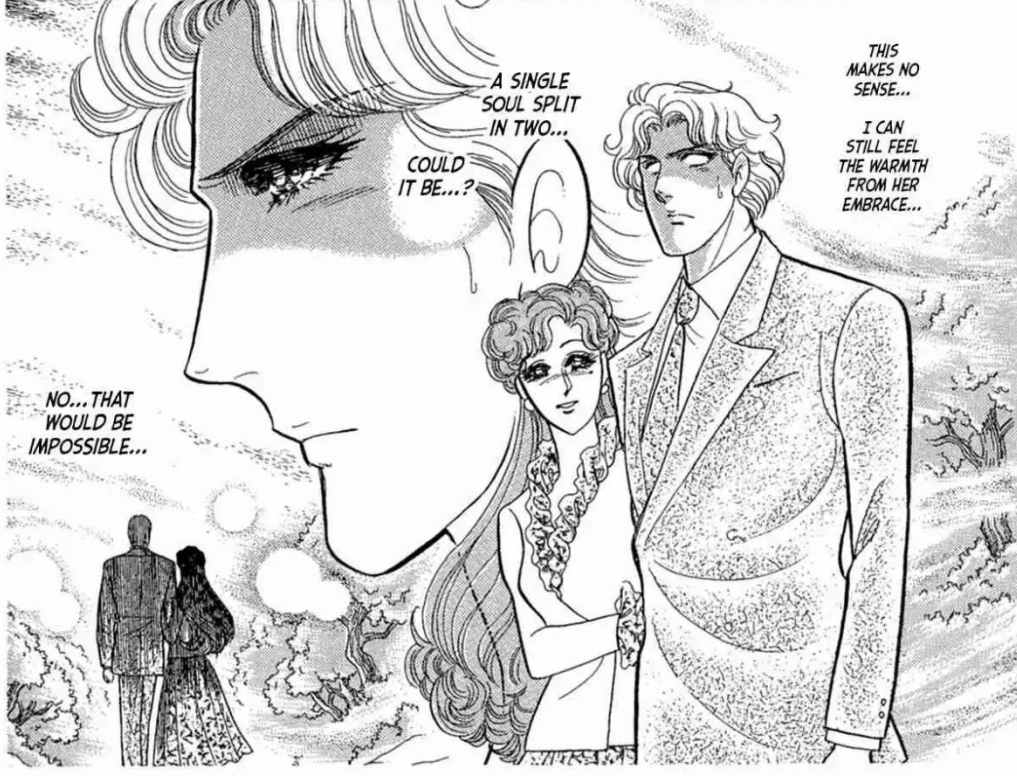
OH... IT'S NOTHING.

MAYA!?

WAS I SEEING THINGS?

AH...

YEAH.



A SINGLE SOUL SPLIT IN TWO...

COULD IT BE...?

THIS MAKES NO SENSE...

I CAN STILL FEEL THE WARMTH FROM HER EMBRACE...

NO... THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE...



MR. HAYAMI!

MR. PURPLE ROSES!

THE OTHER HALF OF MY SOUL...

...MY OTHER SELF.



WAS THAT A DREAM? WAS IT SOME KIND OF ILLUSION?

BUT WE DEFINITELY EMBRACED EARLIER...

IS THAT EVEN A REAL THING THOUGH? IS THE STORY REALLY TRUE?



NO WAY!
BUT...

WHAT IF
MR. HAYAMI
FELT THE SAME
THING!?

WAS IT
THE SAME
FOR HIM
...!?

THAT
WASN'T
JUST A
DREAM!
IT WASN'T
JUST AN
ILLU-
SION!

NO! IT
COULDN'T
BE!

OUR
HEARTS
CONNECTED AND
JOINED TOGETHER.
FOR A MOMENT I
WAS FILLED WITH
HAPPINESS...

BUT
WHAT IF
HE...

MR.
HAYAMI
...

IF ONLY
I HAD A
LITTLE MORE
COURAGE...

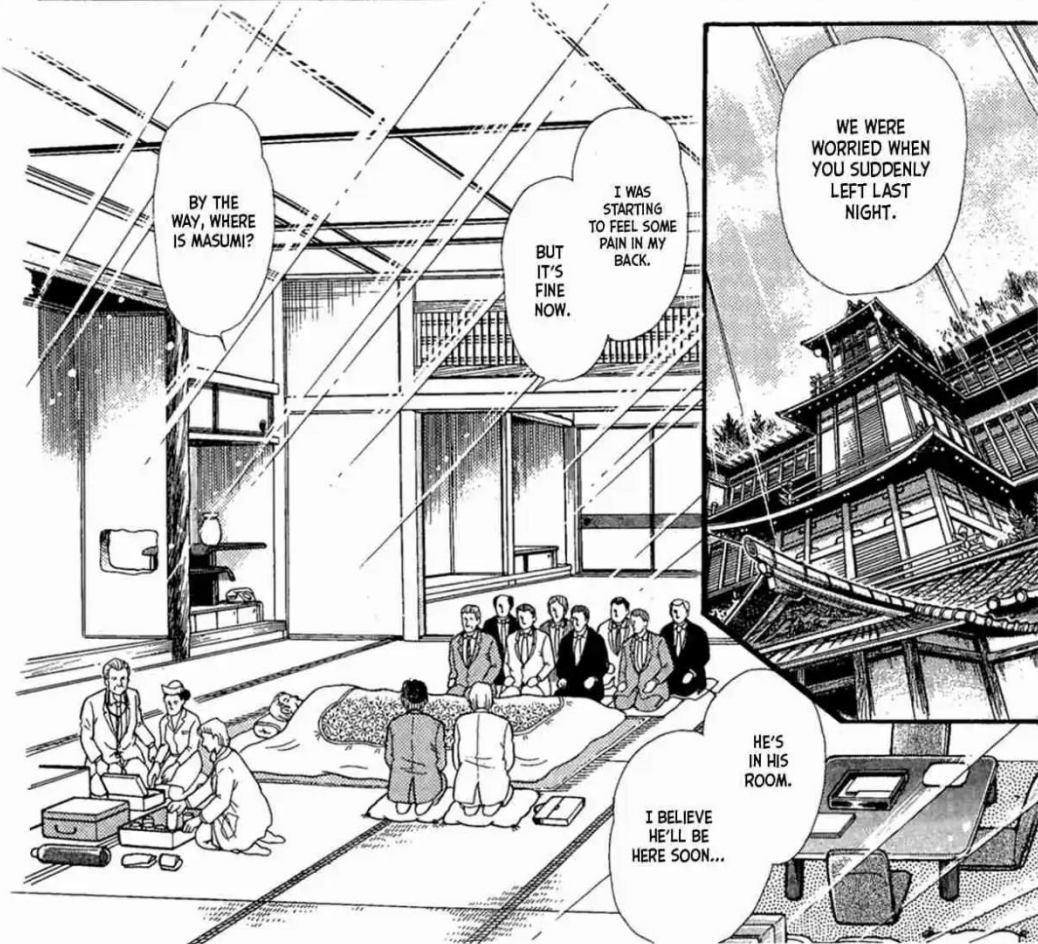
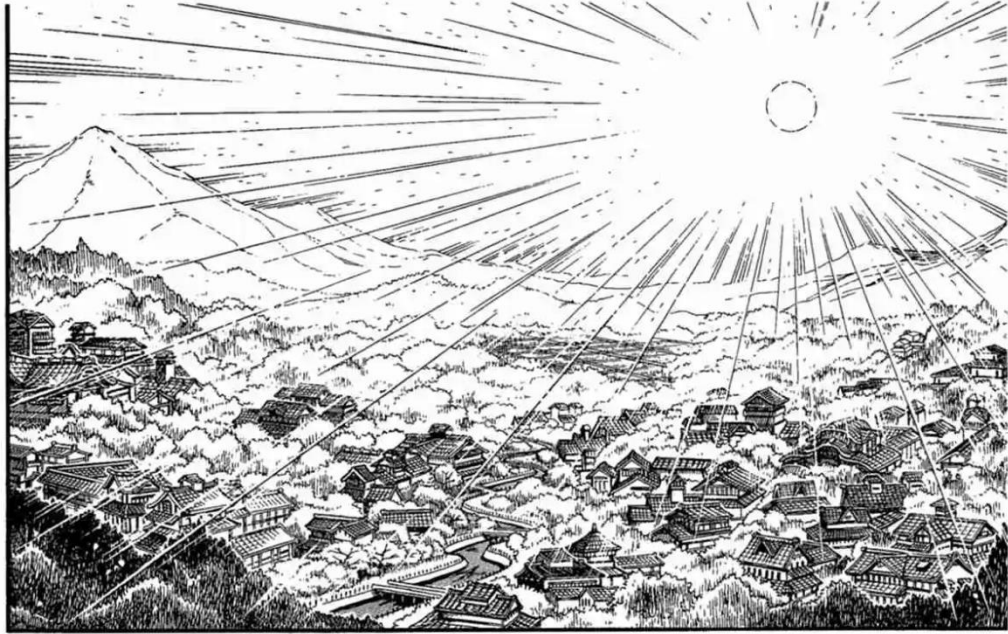


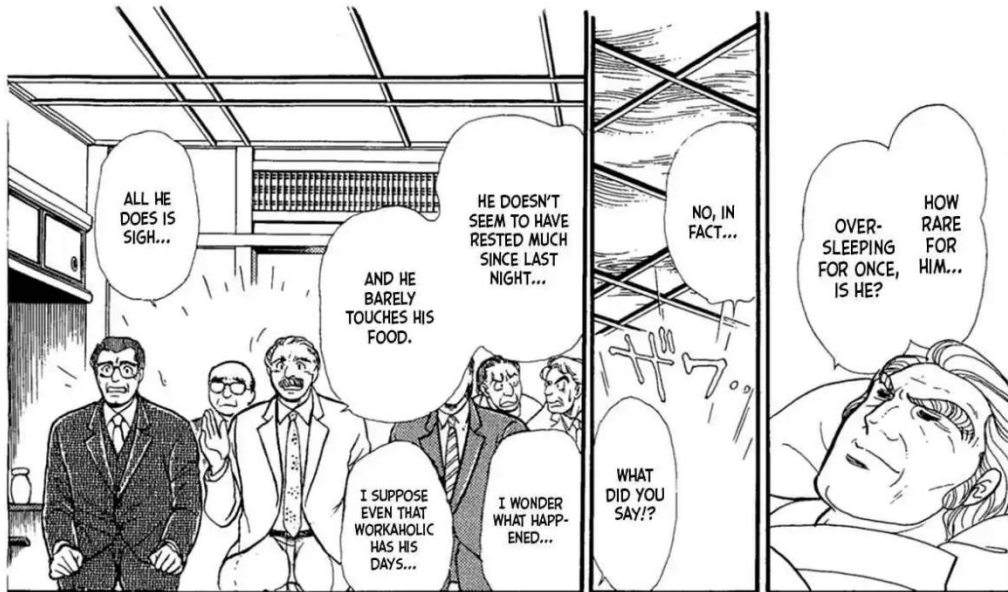
IF ONLY I
HAD A LITTLE
MORE COURAGE,
I COULD HAVE
CROSSED TO THE
OTHER SIDE...

I COULDN'T
CROSS THE
RIVER...











YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT IS THE ONLY THING ON MY MIND.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME...?

I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING TODAY.

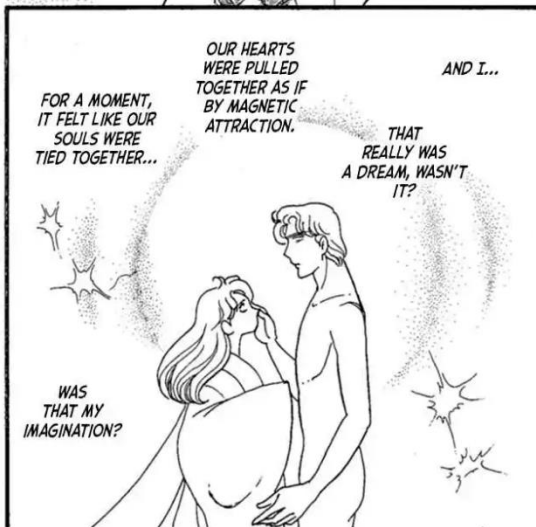
IT FELT LIKE I SAW THE CRIMSON GODDESS HERSELF...

AND AKOYA AND I...

YOUR NAME AND YOUR PAST... LEAVE THEM BOTH BEHIND.

THAT SOUNDED LIKE A CONFESSION OF LOVE...

I WANT YOU TO BECOME MINE.



FOR A MOMENT, IT FELT LIKE OUR SOULS WERE TIED TOGETHER...

OUR HEARTS WERE PULLED TOGETHER AS IF BY MAGNETIC ATTRACTION.

AND I...

THAT REALLY WAS A DREAM, WASN'T IT?

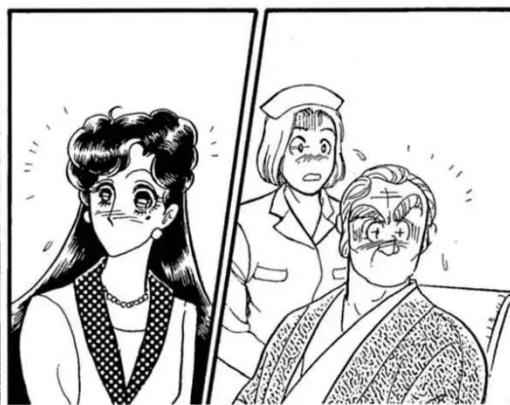
WAS THAT MY IMAGINATION?



THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE. SHE HATES ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART...

HOW ABSURD.







THE PLAN IS TO TRANSFER THE PRESIDENT TO KEIYOU HOSPITAL IN TOKYO.

WE WON'T BE FAR BEHIND YOU.

UNDERSTOOD!

WELL, IT'S TIME FOR US TO HEAD BACK HOME!
WE'LL BE GOING TO TOKYO A LITTLE EARLY.

I LEAVE SHIORI IN YOUR CARE.



MASUMI...



I'LL ALSO BE GOING BACK SOON.

THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH MY FATHER WHILE HE WAS UNWELL.

MASUMI ...

TAKE CARE, AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP.

