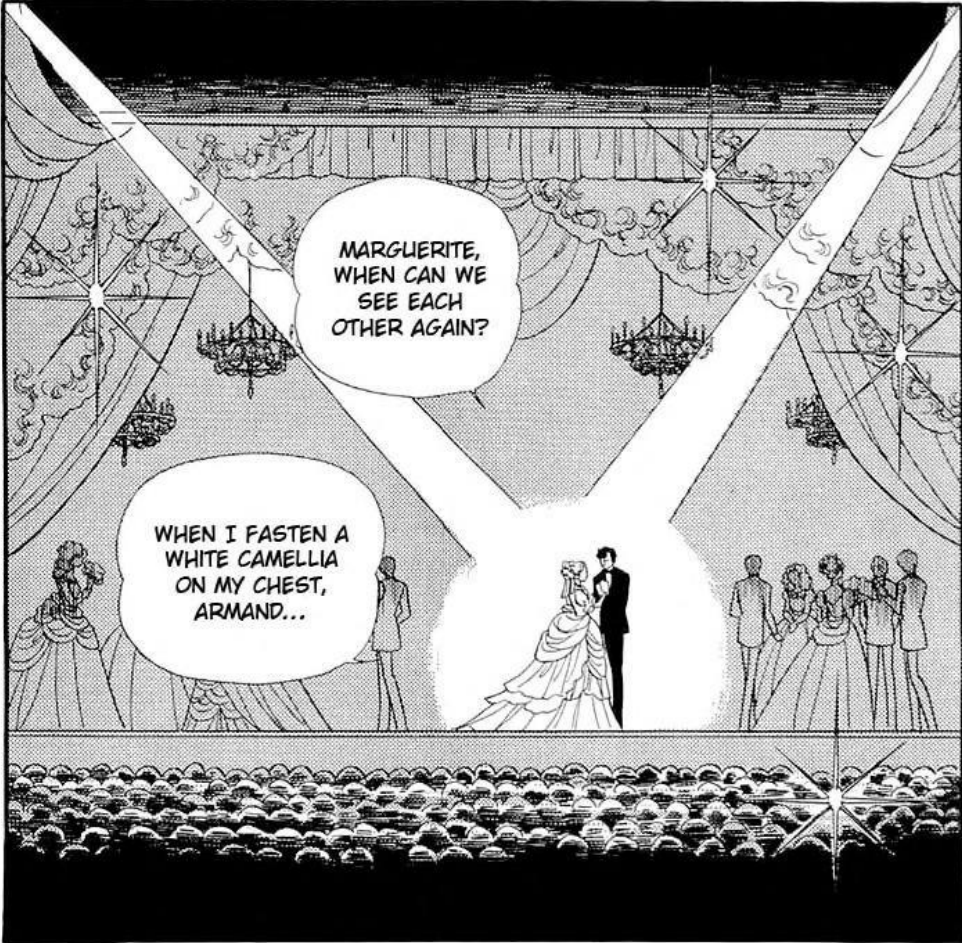




Sakurakoji-kun,
you are so kind
to me!

Even though I
used to treat
you like this...



MARGUERITE,
WHEN CAN WE
SEE EACH
OTHER AGAIN?

WHEN I FASTEN A
WHITE CAMELLIA
ON MY CHEST,
ARMAND...



You look so mature...

Sakurakoji-kun...
You became very handsome!

Your acting technique improved too.



CLAP Waaah
CLAP CLAP
CLAP Waaah
CLAP



Forgive me... You are always so gentle to me.

So gentle...
Sakurakoji-kun...



I KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE PIANO, I CAN TEACH YOU!

DO YOU LIKE THEM?

HERE, HAMBURGER AND FRENCH FRIES.

WE CAN PERFORM TOGETHER ON STAGE!

Sakurakoji-kun...



SILENCE

Sakurakoji-kun...

THE ACTOR
PLAYING
ARMAND
PERFORMED
SO WELL!

I'VE BECOME
HIS FAN!



Goodbye,
Sakurakoji-
kun...



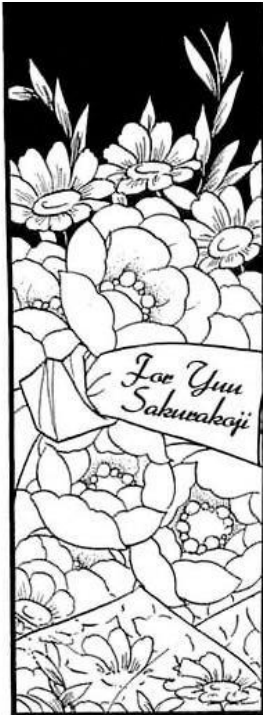
I still don't
have the
courage to
meet you.

In my
memory
you will
always be
this gentle.

Thank
you...



Blah
Blah
Blah
Blah
Blah



SAKURAKOJI-SAN,
THERE WAS A
BOUQUET OF FLOWERS
ON THE STAGE...

IT HAS
YOUR
NAME
ON IT.

Backstage

THANKS.

PLEASE
ACCEPT MY
FLOWERS.

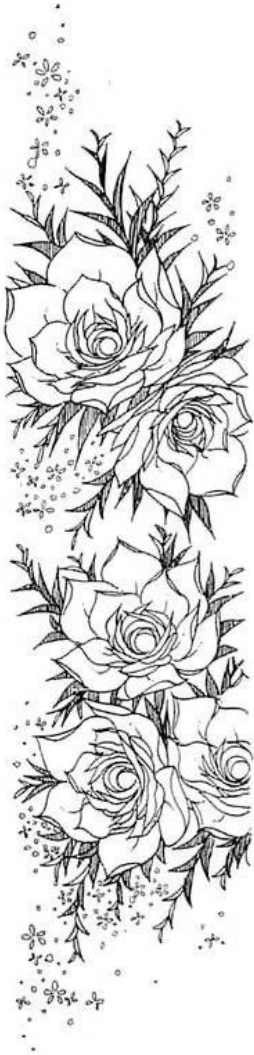
SAKURAKOJI-
SAN, CAN YOU
PLEASE LET
US HAVE AN
INTERVIEW?

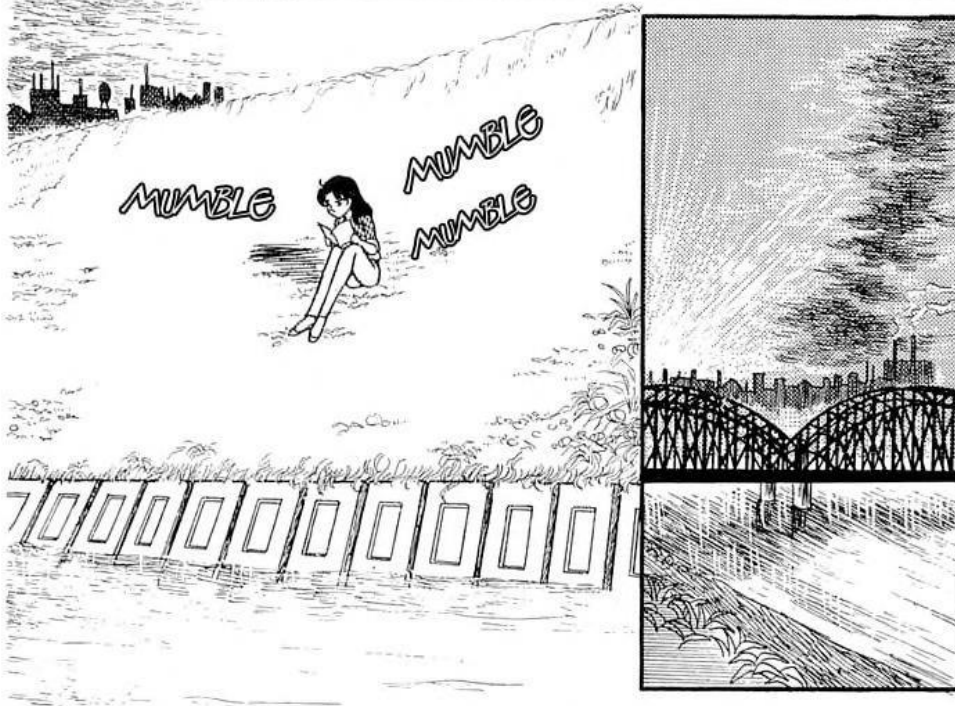
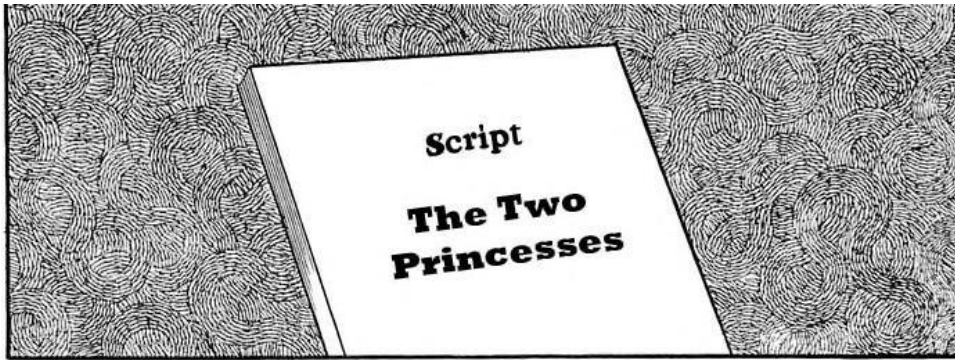
PLEASE
SIGN AN
AUTOGRAPH
FOR ME.

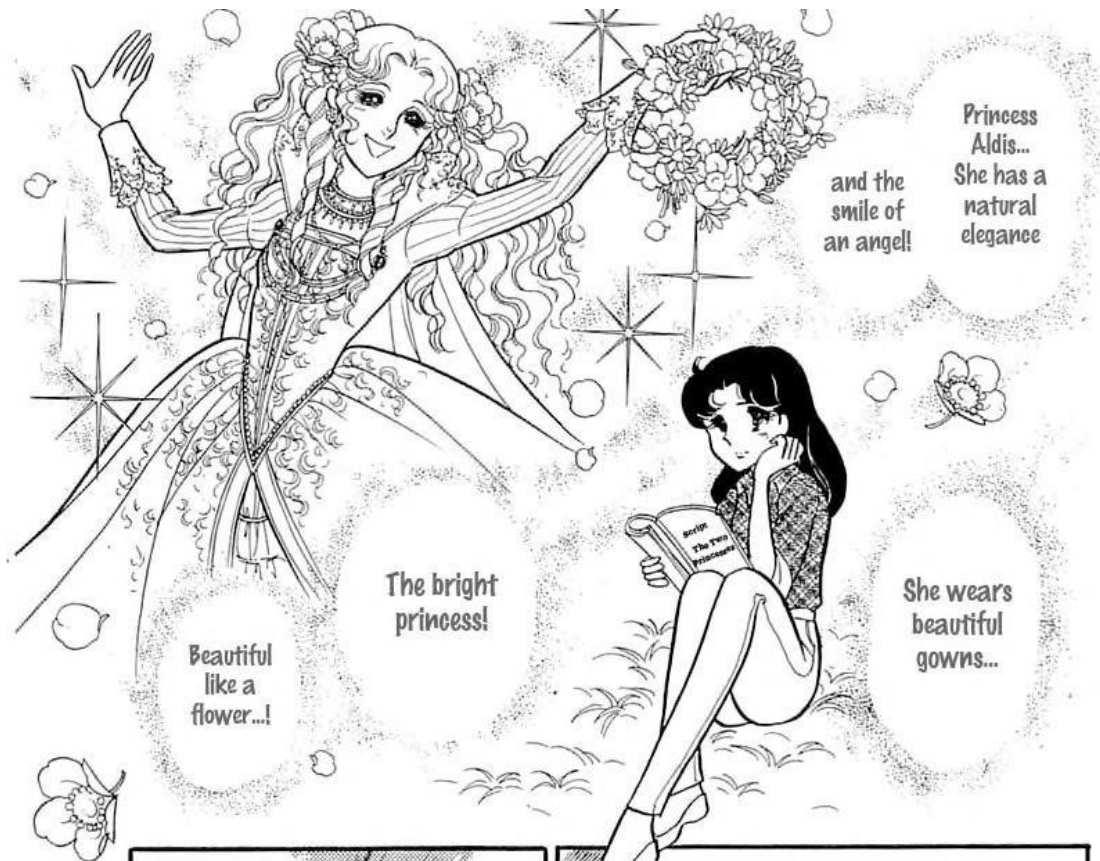


WHO IS IT
FROM? THERE
IS NO NAME.

THE PERSON
PROBABLY DID
NOT WANT
ANYONE TO KNOW
OR FORGOT.





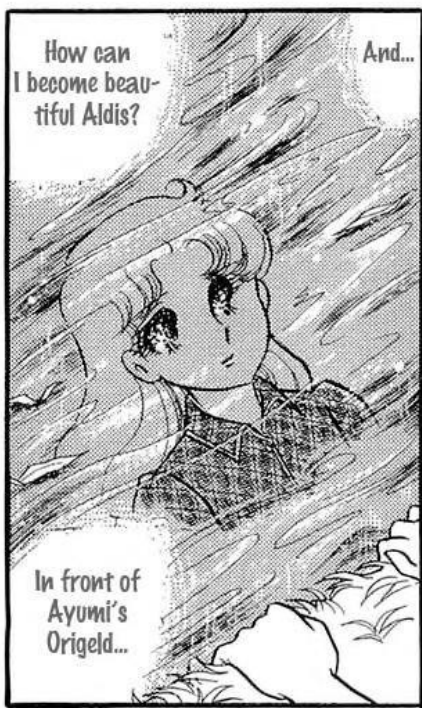


Princess Aldis...
She has a natural elegance
and the smile of an angel!

Beautiful like a flower...!

The bright princess!

She wears beautiful gowns...



How can I become beautiful Aldis?

And...

In front of Ayumi's Origeld...



I can't express her poise and elegance...

For me.. It is too hard!

Aahh... How can I act out Aldis?

Her way of walking, looking back, speaking and smiling.

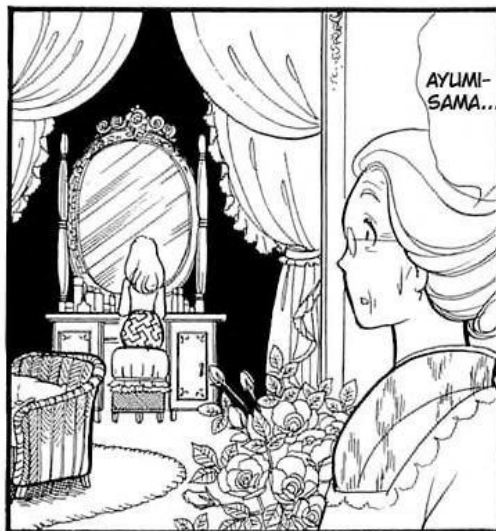


...whose dark eyes
blaze full of
suspicion and
revenge...

Origeld who
spent her
childhood in the
dungeon...

Aldis is the
light while
I am the
darkness...

What will be her
expression, way
of speaking
and acting?



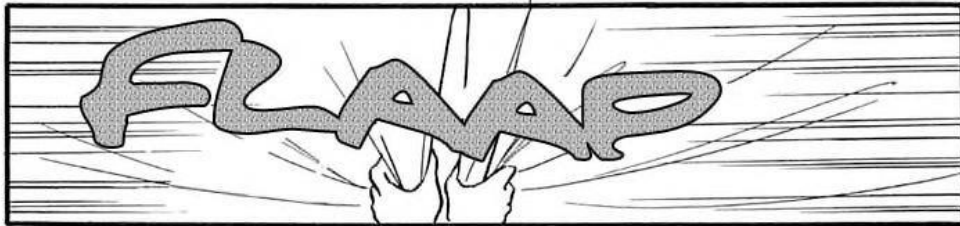
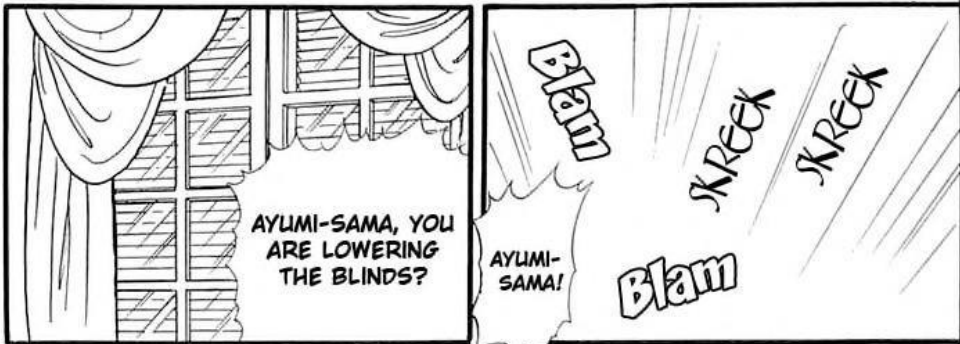
AYUMI-
SAMA...

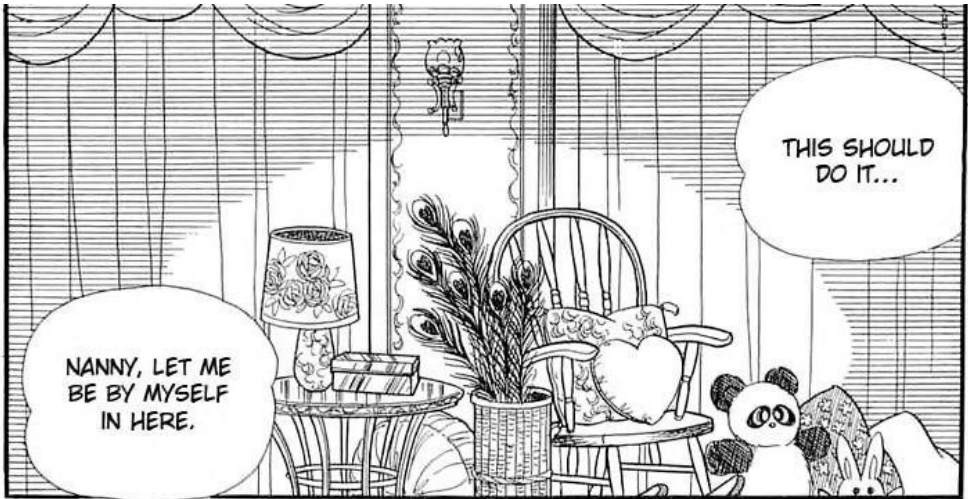


Her cold
eyes...

How can
I act her
out?

In front of
Maya's
Aldis...





NANNY, LET ME BE BY MYSELF IN HERE.

THIS SHOULD DO IT...

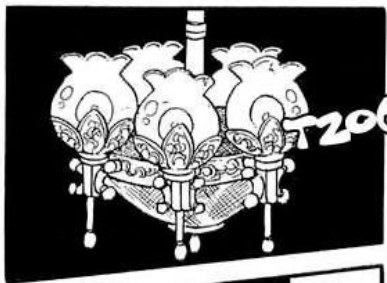


AYUMI-SAMA...



PLEASE!

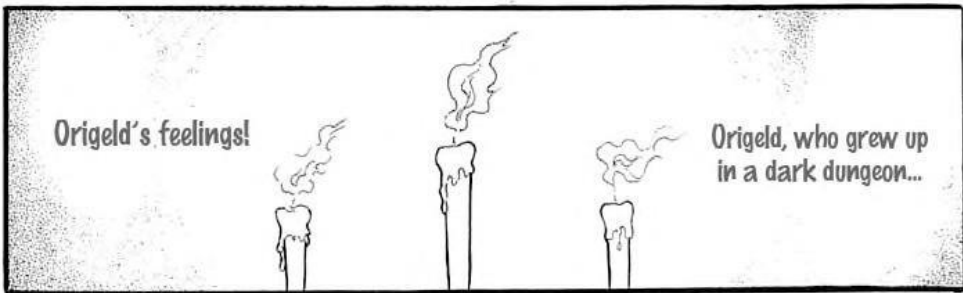
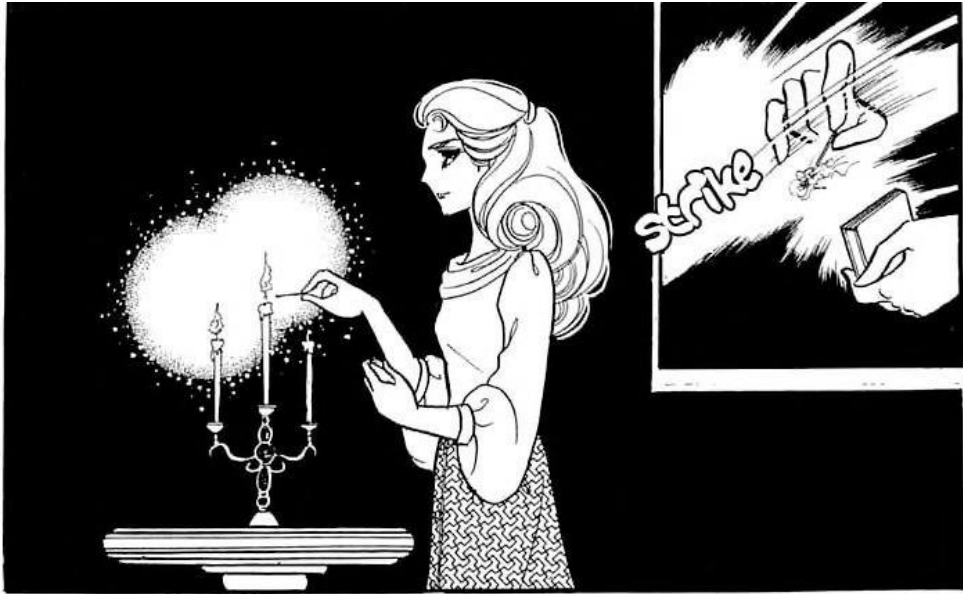
Smile



EVERYONE, DON'T GO NEAR AYUMI-SAMA'S ROOM FOR NOW.

NANNY ...

TAP TAP TAP






Aldis...







GUILTY! **GUILTY!** **GOD WILL PUNISH THEE!**



AND 7 YEAR OLD ORIGELD, HER DAUGHTER, WITNESSES THIS EVENT.

THE QUEEN HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH!

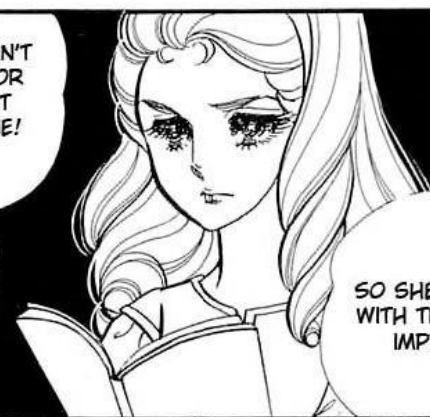
SHE IS GOING TO BE BEHEADED!

THE TRIAL SCENE IN THE PROLOGUE IS SHORT BUT INTENSE.

THE QUEEN'S SUFFERING CRIES... HAUNT PRINCESS ORIGELD'S HEART FROM THAT DAY ON.

THIS IS THE STORY'S BEGINNING.

THE QUEEN IS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE THAT FALSELY CONVICT HER OF THE CRIME...



SHE CAN'T LOVE OR TRUST ANYONE!

HATE AND A DESIRE FOR REVENGE GROW IN HER HEART...

PRINCESS ORIGELD IS SEEN AS AN OBSTACLE TO AMBITION...

SO SHE'S CHARGED WITH TREASON AND IMPRISONED.



IT'S THE KING'S DAUGHTER, PRINCESS ALDIS', 13 YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY.

THE STAGE IS THE PALACE'S ROYAL HALL.

AFTER THE FIRST SCENE THE CURTAINS RISES ON A SCENE 8 YEARS LATER...

THAT SCENE ENDS WITH THE QUEEN'S DEATH.



EVERYONE, WE'LL START WITH SOME LAUGHING.

AND THEN REHEARSE YOUR LINES!

SO EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO FULLY EXPRESS THEIR CHARACTER.

IT IS ALSO A SCENE TO INTRODUCE THE CHARACTERS TO THE AUDIENCE.

BESIDES ORIGELD, ALL THE IMPORTANT CHARACTERS ATTEND THE BALL.



ALL OF NOBLE BIRTH THROUGHOUT THE LAND HATH COME!

ALL HATH COME!

Ha Ha Ha

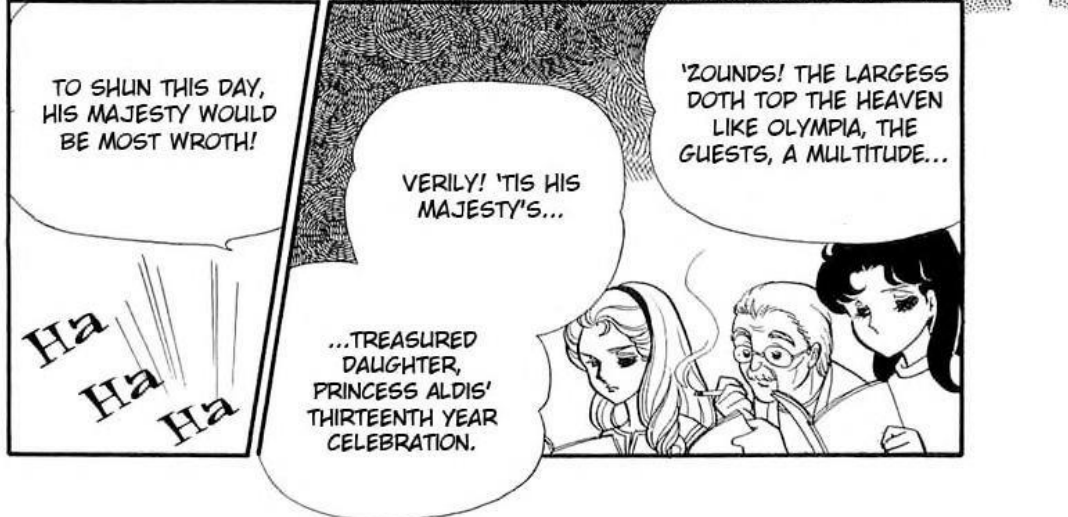
Ho Ho Ho

Ho Ho Ho

AH!

REALLY!

IT WOULD BE GREAT IF IT WAS LIKE THIS DURING MEETINGS TOO!



TO SHUN THIS DAY, HIS MAJESTY WOULD BE MOST WROTH!

Ha Ha Ha

VERILY! 'TIS HIS MAJESTY'S...

'ZOUNDS! THE LARGESS DOTH TOP THE HEAVEN LIKE OLYMPIA, THE GUESTS, A MULTITUDE...

...TREASURED DAUGHTER, PRINCESS ALDIS' THIRTEENTH YEAR CELEBRATION.





Tsukikage-sensei...



EVERYONE IS SILENT.

AT THIS POINT THE SOUND OF THE FANFARE IS HEARD!



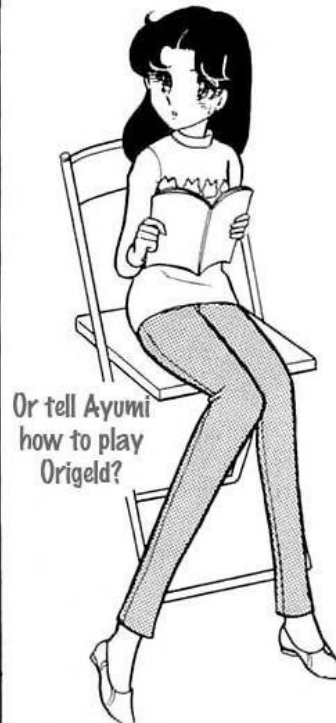
Were you the one who suggested this casting, Tsukikage-sensei?



AT THE HERALD'S CALL, THE KING AND PRINCESS ALDIS APPEAR...

THEY SLOWLY WALK TO THE THRONE.

Why will you not say anything? You don't tell me how to play Aldis...



Or tell Ayumi how to play Origeld?



LET ALL EAT, DRINK AND MAKE MERRY TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT!

OUR THANKS TO ALL YOU HAVE COME TO CELEBRATE PRINCESS ALDIS' BIRTH.



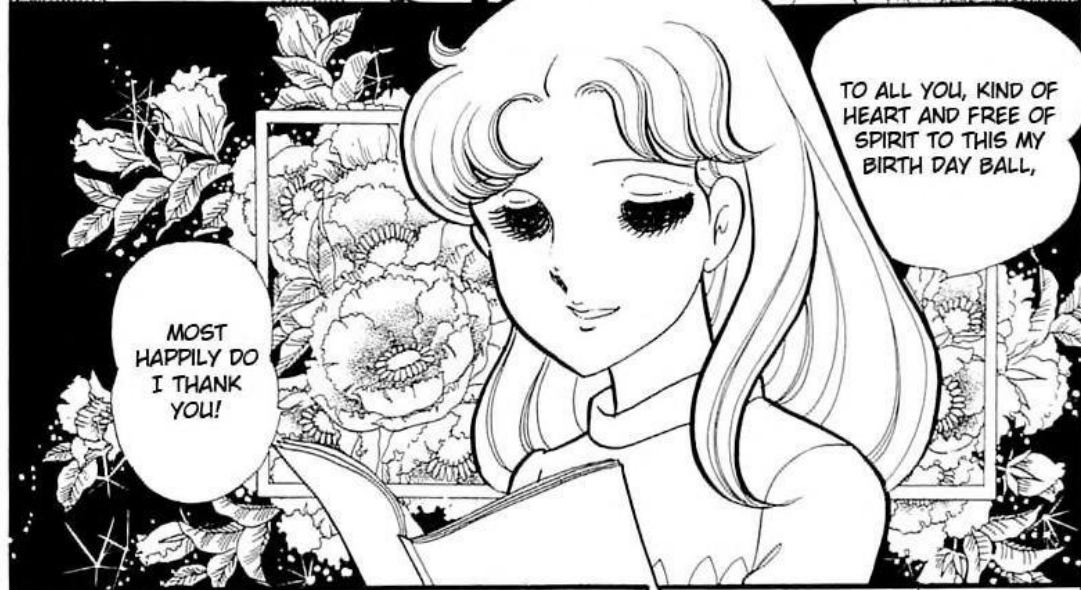
TOGETHER!

GOD SHINE UPON THIS MERRY DAY!

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR MAJESTY!

AFTER THEY ASCEND THE THRONE, THEY SLOWLY LOOK AT THE PEOPLE.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR HIGHNESS!



MOST HAPPILY DO I THANK YOU!

TO ALL YOU, KIND OF HEART AND FREE OF SPIRIT TO THIS MY BIRTH DAY BALL,



How is she like?

Aldis... The bright Aldis...

I do not get her character...

How will she ascend the throne in front of everyone?



WE AND THE ENVOYS OF THE NEARBY NATIONS...

YOUR HIGHNESS IS TOO GENEROUS.

...HAVE COME TO BASK IN YOUR GLORY!



Inside a dim, cold room with barred windows, what does she think of everyday?

And each day there is only one chance to go up the tower to breathe some fresh air and see the sun...



But, I still do not grasp her character...

To play Origeld, I need to forget myself.



Origeld...

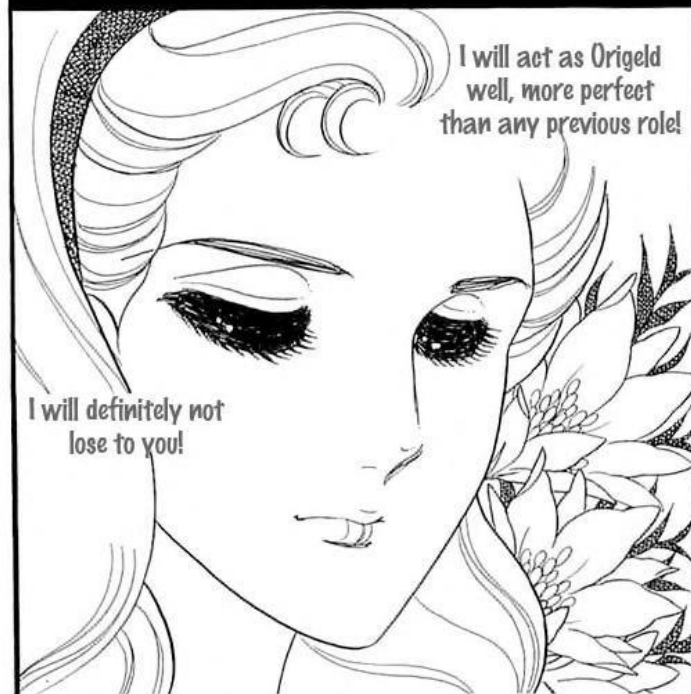
A girl full of hate, suspicion and desire for revenge...

This is a challenge to me...



And how will she view this northern country's dark sky?

How will she feel about the sunlight?



I will act as Origeld well, more perfect than any previous role!

I will definitely not lose to you!



Maya...



I can't let Ayumi-san look down on me!

Aldis... I need to understand Aldis' personality.



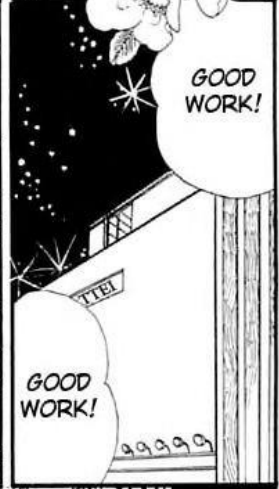
I ENVY HER.

AYUMI IS SO LUCKY; EVERYDAY THERE IS A CAR WAITING AT THE DOOR TO SEND HER HOME.

Vrooom



GOOD EVENING, AYUMI-SAMA!



GOOD WORK!

GOOD WORK!



Maya Kitajima...

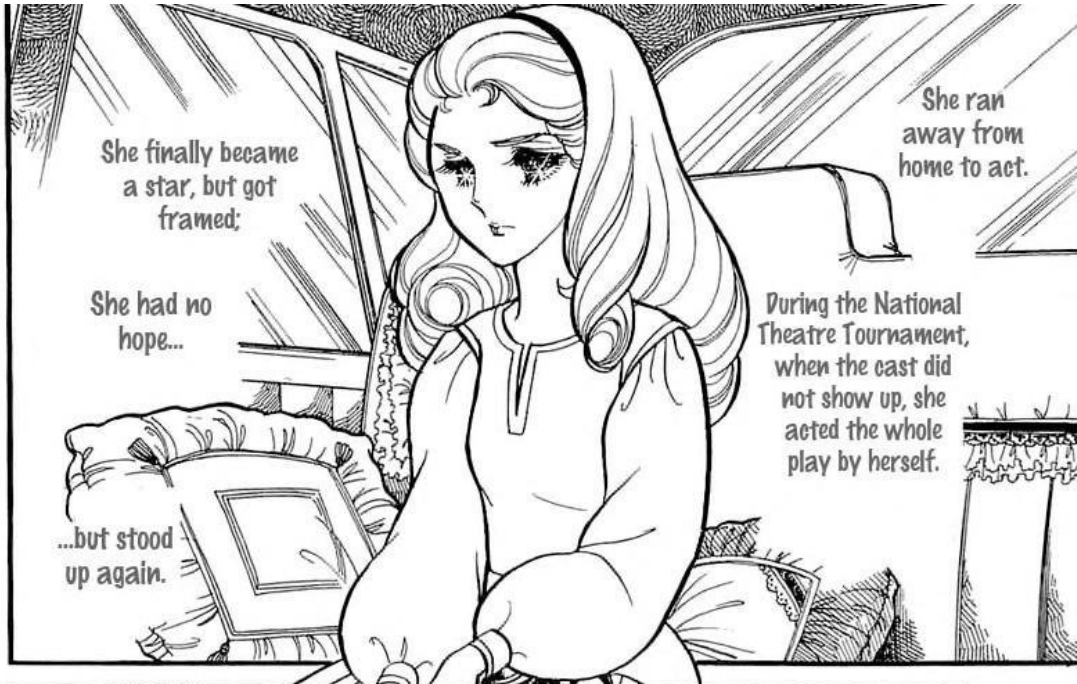
She lived in poverty.

She's been living surrounded by luxury since she was born. Her actions and attitude are very sophisticated by nature.

Aldis' role would be perfect for her!



Ayumi-san...



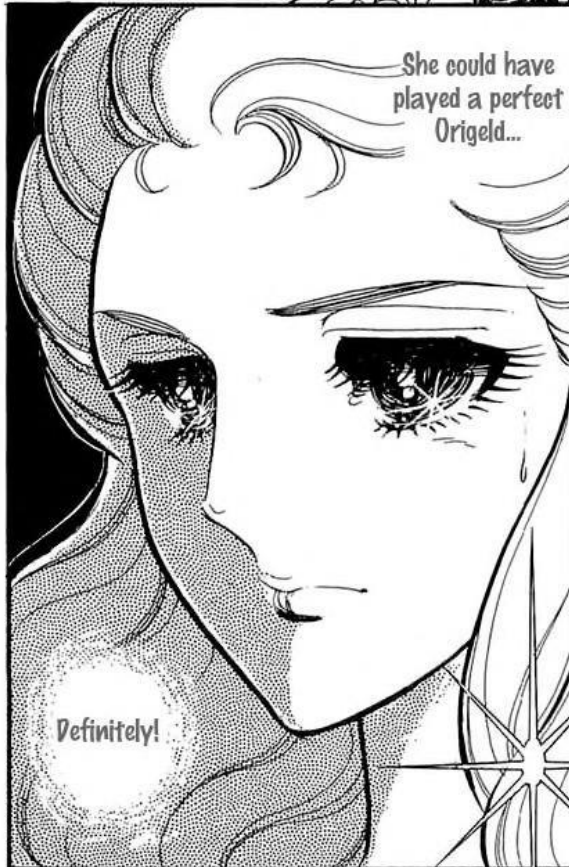
She finally became a star, but got framed;

She ran away from home to act.

She had no hope...

During the National Theatre Tournament, when the cast did not show up, she acted the whole play by herself.

...but stood up again.



She could have played a perfect Origeld...

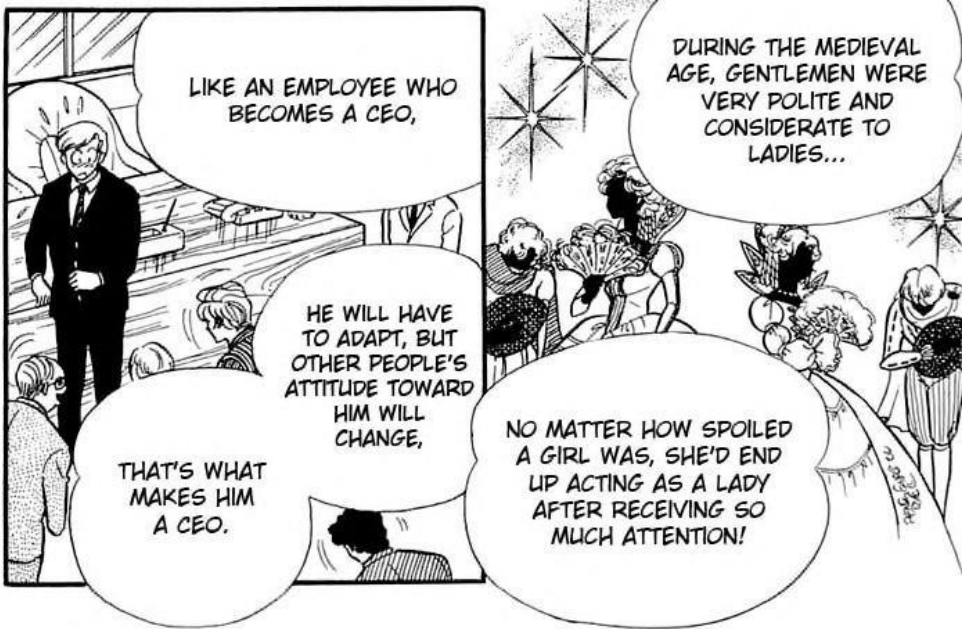
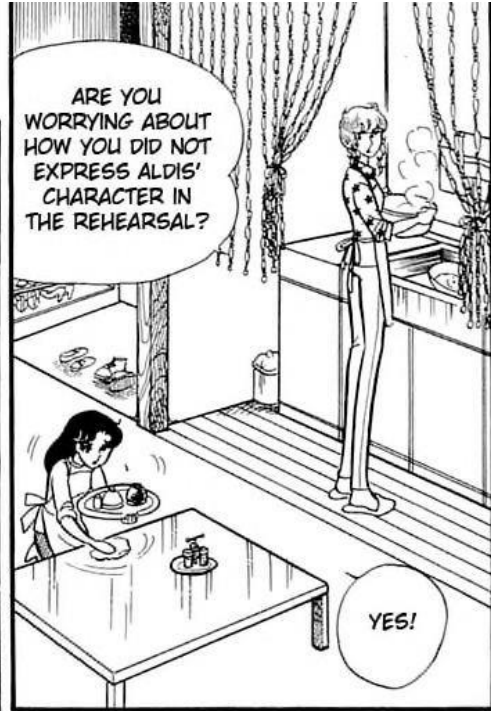
Definitely!



I suppose there was a time in her life when she lost faith in people... She must have felt desperate...

But I'm sure she also experienced boundless passion and emotion...

At unsteady fate...





BUT NOBODY IS BORN A PRINCESS.

ALDIS' BEAUTY IS NATURAL,

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE ENVIRONMENT!

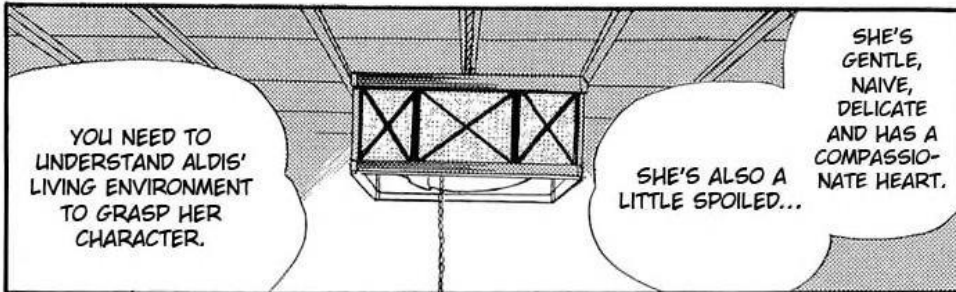
OH...



HIS PERSONALITY WILL CHANGE.

THIS PERSON WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKE A CEO...

AH!



YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND ALDIS' LIVING ENVIRONMENT TO GRASP HER CHARACTER.

SHE'S ALSO A LITTLE SPOILED...

SHE'S GENTLE, NAIVE, DELICATE AND HAS A COMPASSIONATE HEART.



How did she grow up?

How can I know Aldis' environment?

GO TO HISTORY, SECTION F!

YOU NEED TO RESEARCH ON SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS OF MEDIEVAL NOBILITY?



It was created by her environment!

She was not born a princess...

I need to understand her environment to grasp Aldis' character.



THERE ARE SO MANY WORDS I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

Arggh!

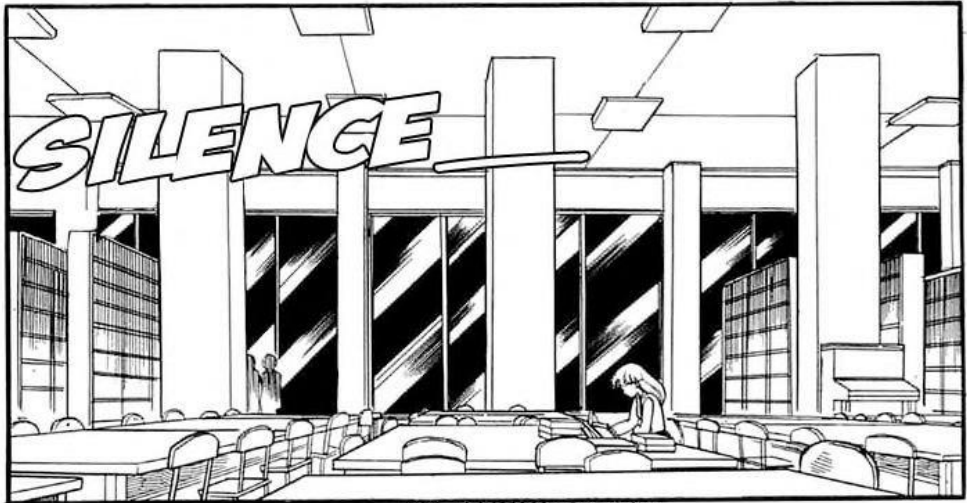
I'M GOING TO DIE...



WOW! THERE IS A LOT!

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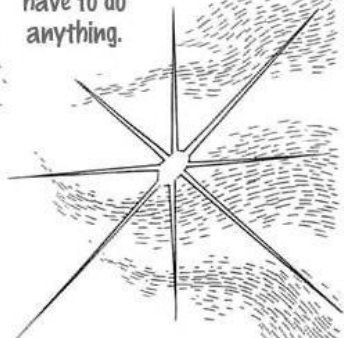
I THOUGHT THEY ALL LIVED UNDER THE SAME ROOF!

The king had dozens of men at his service.

What an opulent lifestyle... One princess had 12 servants.

So she didn't have to do anything.

Parents and children had their rooms in different sections of the palace. It's hard to believe...



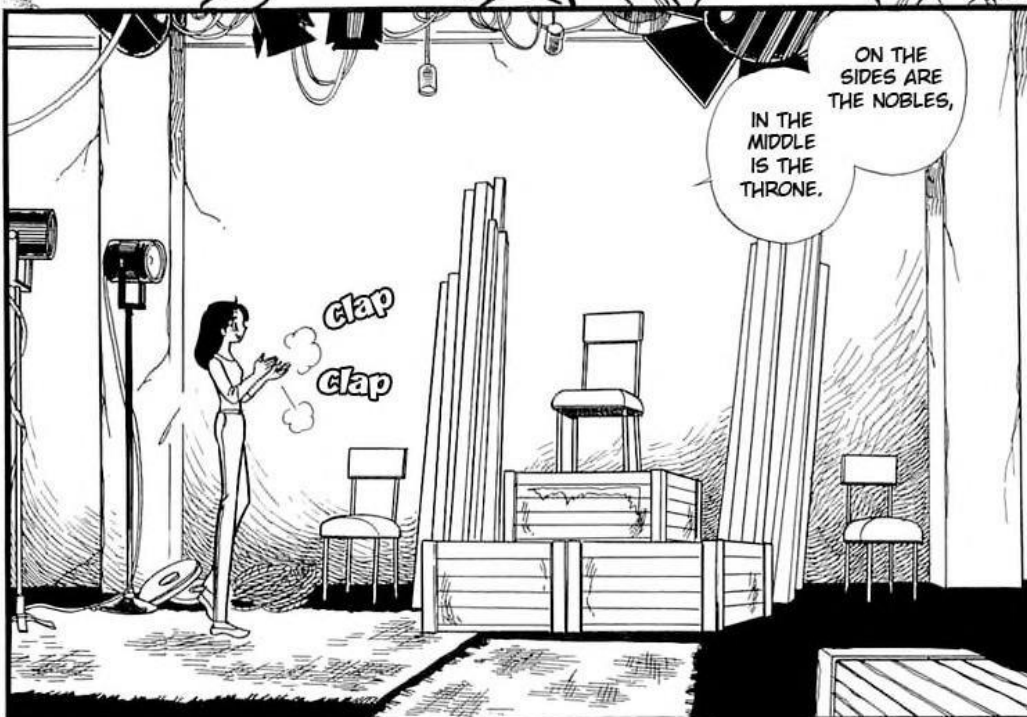


Wearing elegant gowns, loving art,

Flowers and music, dancing and loving...

Having a carefree life...

SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS OF MEDIEVAL NOBILITY



ON THE SIDES ARE THE NOBLES,
IN THE MIDDLE IS THE THRONE.

Clap

Clap



AT THE HERALD'S CALL, THE KING ESCORTS PRINCESS ALDIS TO THE THRONE...

click





THE HORN'S LOUD SOUND...

Frush
I ENTER THE STAGE.



It must be this kind of smile...

Thank you!
Thank you!



PRINCESS ALDIS SLOWLY WALKS TOWARD THE THRONE,

SMILING AT THE PEOPLE IN FRONT WHO ARE CONGRATULATING HER.



THE KING SAYS HIS SPEECH.

AND THEN, TURN AROUND.

I REACH THE THRONE,

AND THEN,

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TO ALL
YOU,

KIND OF HEART
AND FREE OF
SPIRIT TO THIS
MY BIRTH
DAY BALL,

MOST
HAPPILY DO
I THANK
YOU!

Smile

Aldis...

