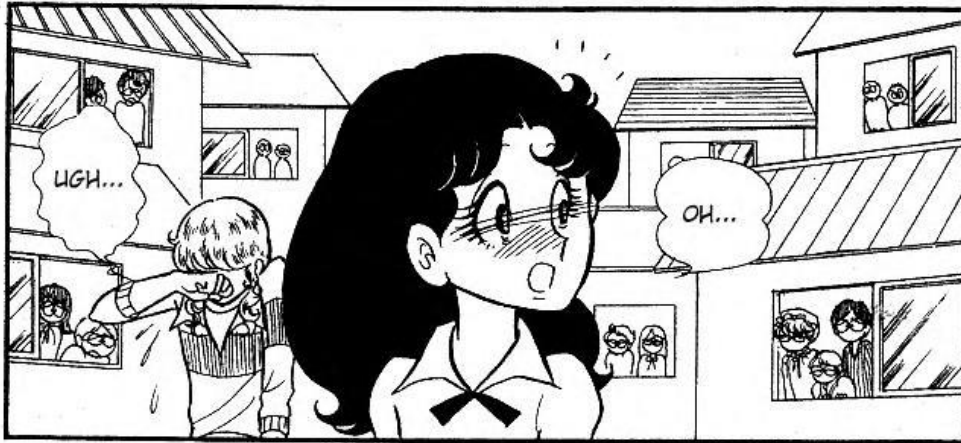
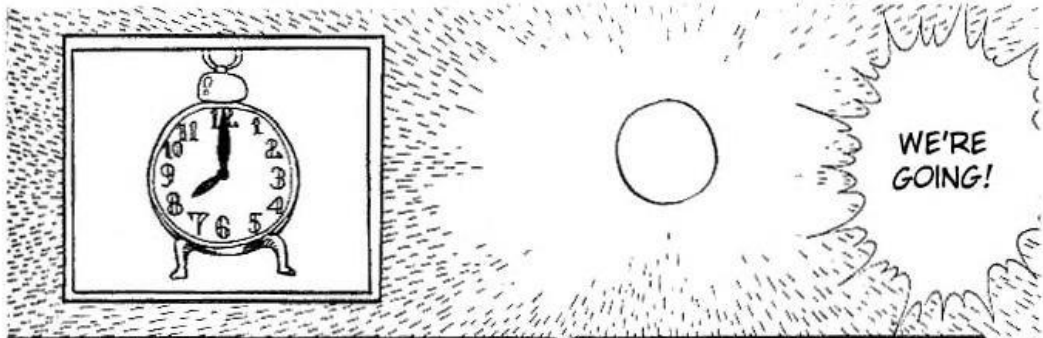


HM...









YOU'RE NOT IN HIGH-SCHOOL ANY-MORE

HEY, REI!

HI!



IT'S TOO BAD, SINCE YOU WERE GOING TO COLLEGE BEFORE

NOW I'M FREE I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF

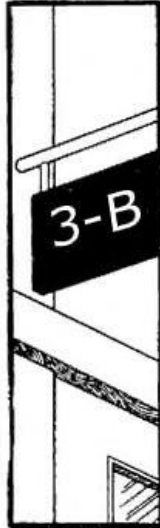
I'M LOOKING FOR A JOB I JUST CAME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THIS SCHOOL



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME NEXT YEAR?

I WANT TO STAY IN THEATER

AND MY GRADES IN SCHOOL AREN'T GREAT...



THAT WAS AT MY PARENT'S REQUEST

I HAVE MY OWN PATH



HEY,
I WANTED
TO SEE
YOU



YEAH, HEALTH
IS ABOUT THE
ONLY THING I
HAVE RIGHT
NOW

THANKFULLY
YOU'RE
HEALTHY

ha
ha
ha



SORRY
...

HOW MEAN!
YOU MOVED
WITHOUT
SAYING
ANYTHING



I TRY NOT TO
THINK ABOUT
THE PAST,
SINCE THERE'S
NO POINT

TOMORROW
IS MORE
IMPORTANT

ALTHOUGH I
REALLY WANT
THINGS TO BE
THE WAY THEY
WERE BEFORE



ONE DAY, I
WANT TO BE
ON THE
SAME STAGE
AS YOU

YOU
REALLY
LIKE
THEATER,
DON'T
YOU?



IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH,

PLEASE LET ME KNOW

THANKS, YUI



MAYA



REI!



"WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN 18 YEAR OLD WAITRESS"

YOU COULD TRY IT, REI

Coffee House



IT'S HARD TO FIND A JOB, EH?

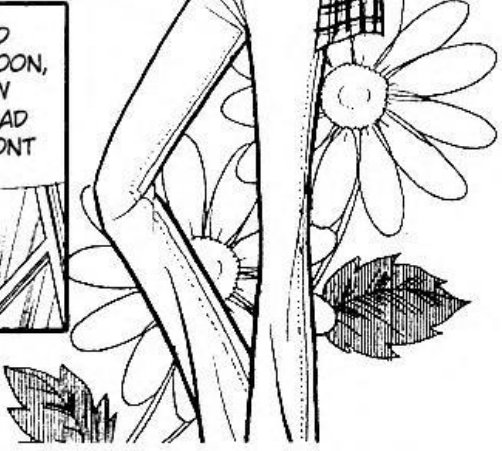
LOOK AT THAT, REI!

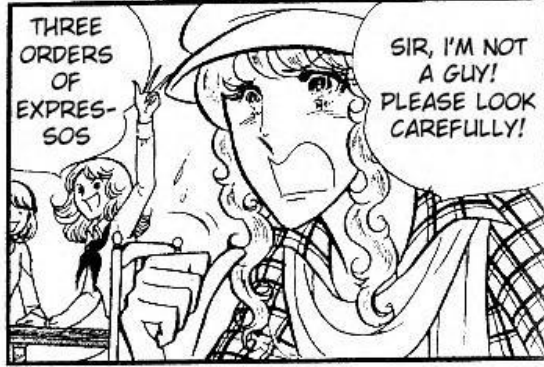


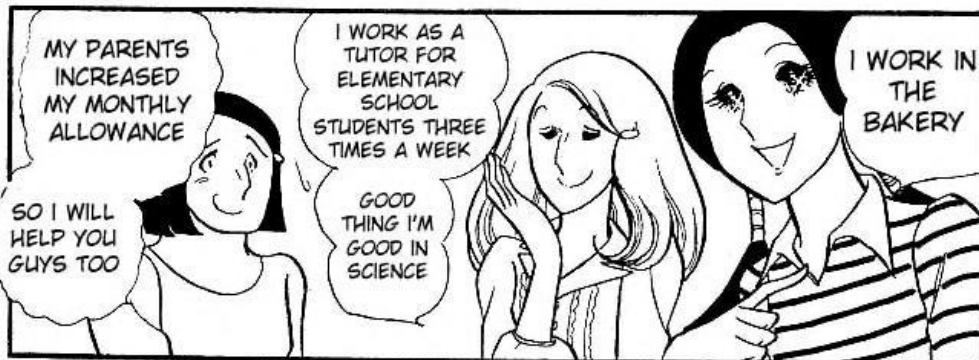
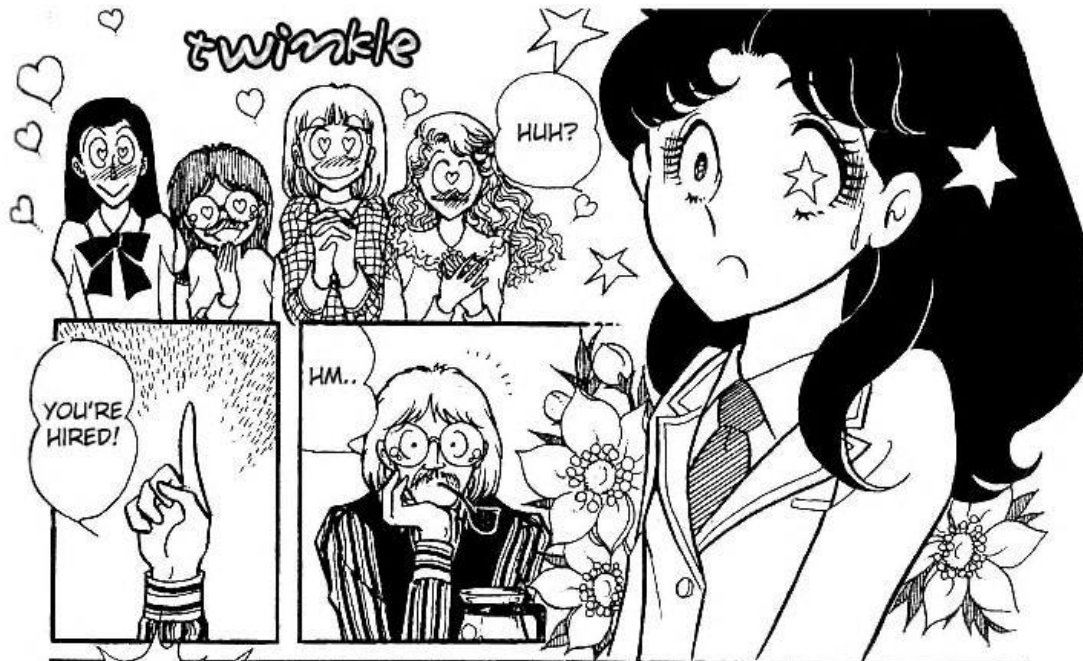
GOOD AFTERNOON, I SAW YOUR AD UP FRONT

DING

swoosh
DING









THEY ARE REALLY NICE KIDS



I WANT TO FIND A PART-TIME JOB TOO



UP UNTIL NOW, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REPAY YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIVING COSTS, MA'AM

KENZO ...



I ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT IT..

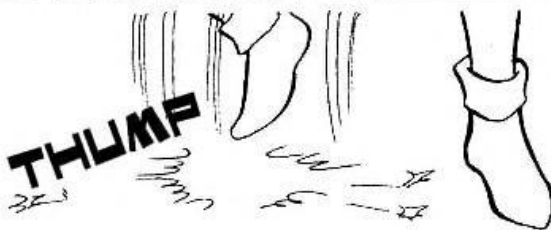
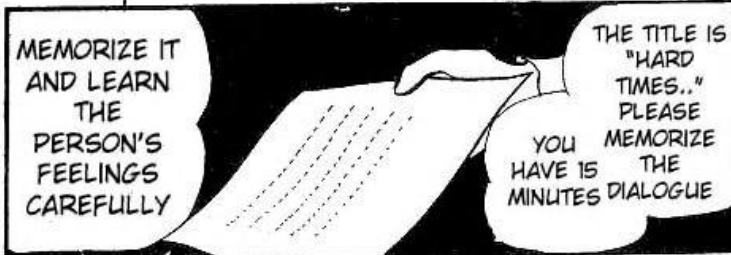
PLEASE DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, MA'AM.. TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR HEALTH

IF IT'S ONLY FOR ONE PERSON, I CAN SUPPORT YOU..

YOU WERE MY BUTLER BEFORE



IS IT ALRIGHT IF YOU SPOIL ME, KENZO?

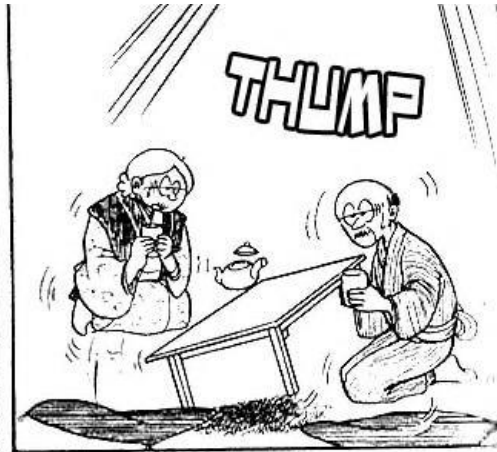




TSUKI-KAGE-SAN!

YOU'RE TOO NOISY! WE DON'T LIKE IT!

I'M SORRY!



THUMP



LET'S TRY IT IN THE PARK

WE'RE DISTURBING THE NEIGHBORS HERE



BUT LET ME DO THE THINGS THAT I LIKE!

I UNDERSTAND IF MOTHER WORRIES ABOUT ME!



LIKE THREE DAYS A WEEK

AT NIGHT LIKE THIS, THERE MUST BE NO ONE NEAR THE RIVER, RIGHT?

WHAT IF WE RENT A CHEAP PLACE SOMEWHERE?

OR ONCE A WEEK SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH..



I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE PRACTICING A PLAY OR NOT, JUST DON'T BE SO LOUD IN THE PARK!



BE QUIET! IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, DO IT AT HOME!



BY THE TIME THEY RETURN HOME, THEY ARE SO TIRED THEY CAN'T CONCENTRATE AT THEIR PRACTICES

THEY GO TO SCHOOL DURING THE DAY AND WORK AT NIGHT

AFTER A WHILE, TSUKIKAGE'S STUDENTS BEGIN TO FEEL LIKE THEY ARE ALWAYS RUSHING AROUND



TODAY WE WILL DISCUSS PLAYS BASED ON STANISLAVSKI



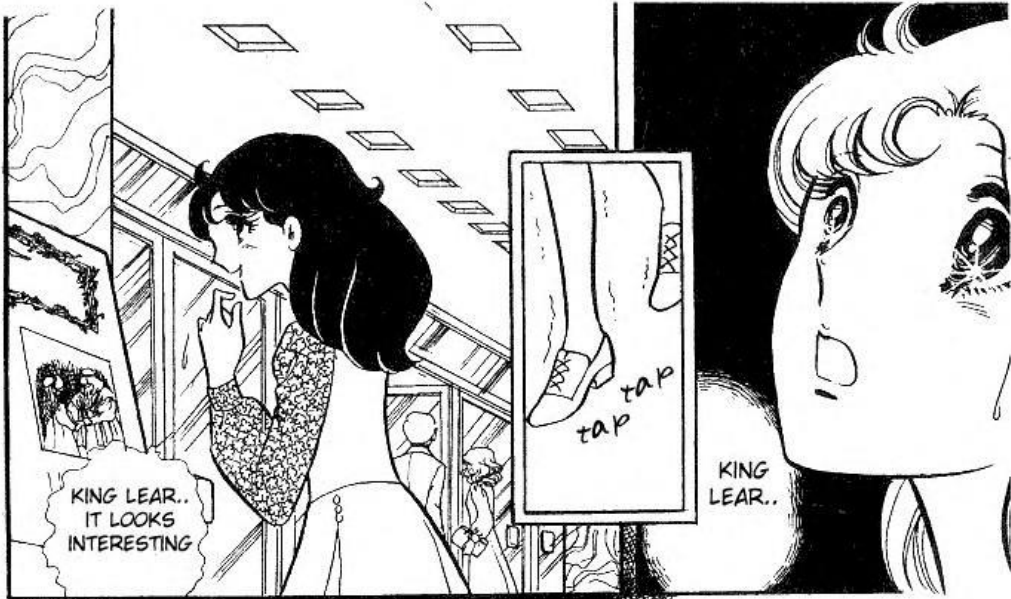
EVERY-
ONE'S
SO BUSY
WITH
WORK

I WANT
TO BE ON
STAGE
AGAIN

THESE PAST TWO
WEEKS, WE'VE
HAD NO TIME TO
PRACTICE

King Lear

TICKET







*Utako's talking about Hayami Eisuke, Masumi's father



Luchs' Note: Mizuki was the secretary of the former Daito President, Masumi's father.



DO YOU HAVE
A SPARE TICKET?

OF COURSE,
I'LL GET
ONE FOR
YOU

OH, THE
DIRECTOR
OF DAITO
COMPANY!

ARE
YOU THE
ONE IN
CHARGE?

A TICKET
TO THE
SHOW!

A
PURPLE
ROSE!

I'M SO
STUPID...

ONEE-
CHAN!

THAT
PERSON...
THE PURPLE
ROSE FAN!

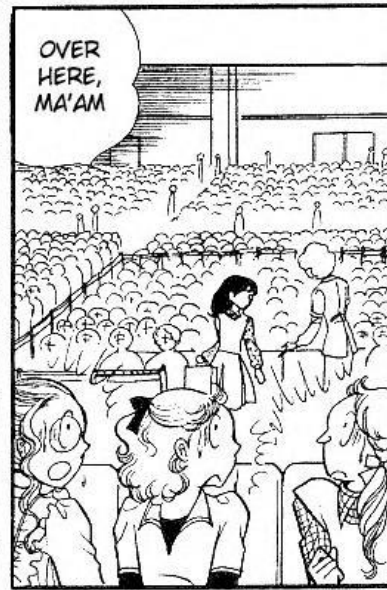
SOMEONE
ASKED
ME

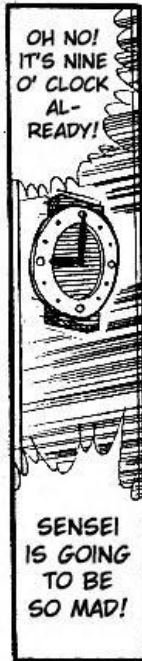
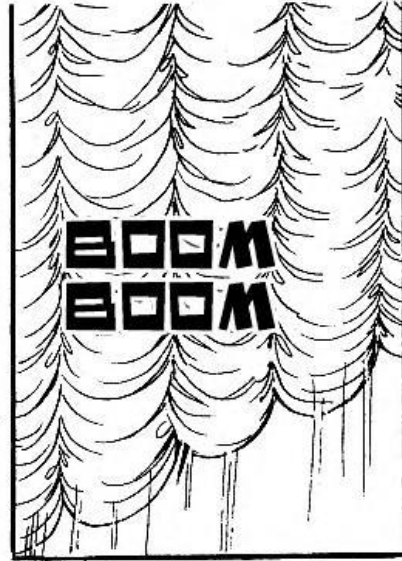
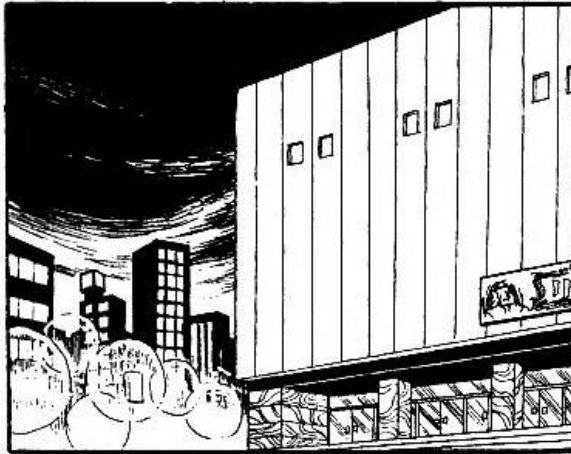
..TO
GIVE
YOU
THIS

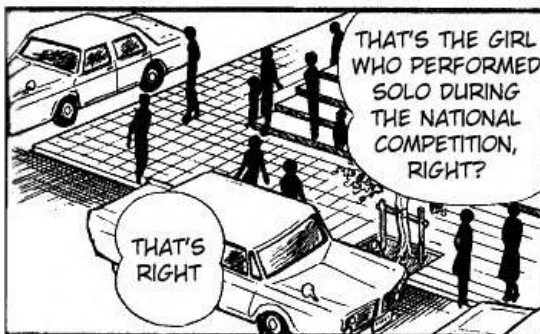
I CAN'T
AFFORD TO
WATCH THIS, BUT
I'M STILL
STANDING HERE



SWOOSH









I CAN'T ONODERASAN, THAT GIRL REALLY HATES US

SHE'S NOT THE TYPE WHO WILL FALL FOR

PERSUASION OR BRIBERY

WE HAVE TO WAIT

MASUMI, WHY DON'T YOU JUST ASK THAT GIRL DIRECTLY?

THAT WAS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY



HE'S NOT SCANDAL-FREE IN THE WORLD OF STARS

I TOOK CARE OF HIM ALREADY

HE WON'T DO ANYTHING TO HER

BUT I BET SCOTT WON'T STAY QUIET ABOUT THIS



HA HA HA HA HA

WE ARE AT THE TOP NOW

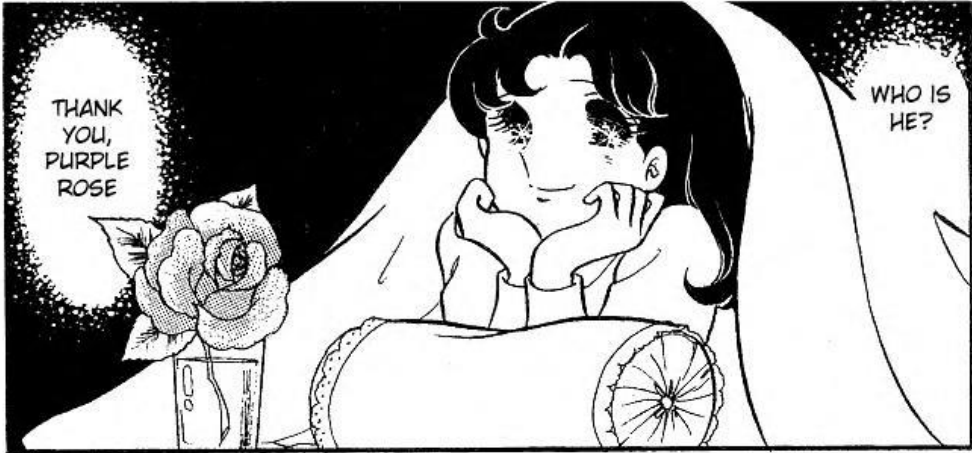
I ASKED HIM TO BE THE MANAGER

FOR A NEW UK BAND

CLACK

DID YOU BLACKMAIL HIM?

NO, I JUST TOLD HIM THE TRUTH



THANK YOU,
PURPLE
ROSE

WHO IS
HE?



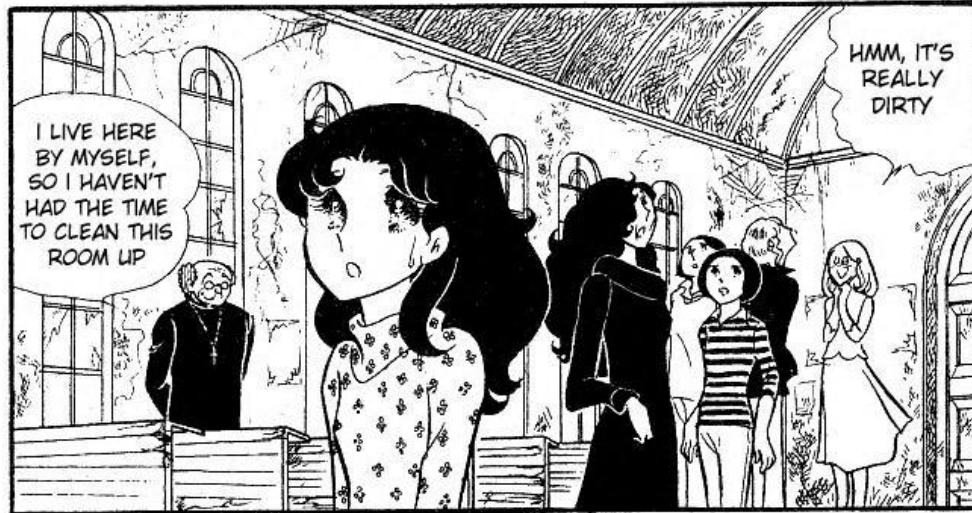
REALLY?

GOOD
NEWS!

WE ONLY
NEED TO
CLEAN THE
PLACE UP
EVERYDAY

YES,
FOR FREE
TOO!

I FOUND A
PLACE FOR
US TO
PRACTICE!



I LIVE HERE
BY MYSELF,
SO I HAVEN'T
HAD THE TIME
TO CLEAN THIS
ROOM UP

HMM, IT'S
REALLY
DIRTY

