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# Glass Mask

Miuchi Suzue

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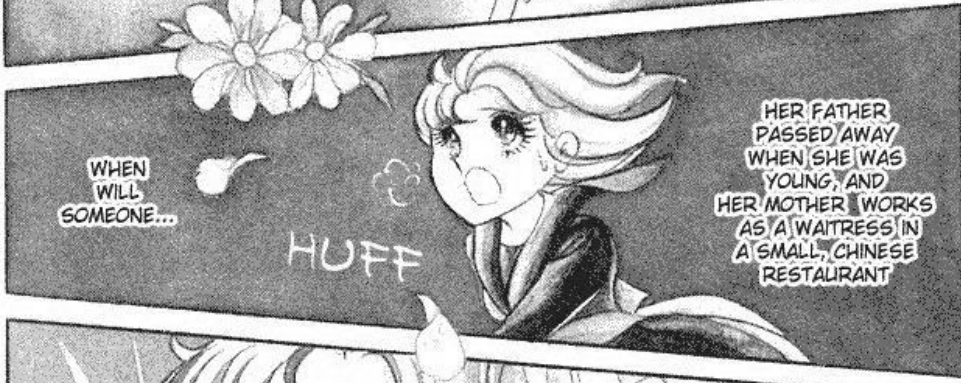




KITAJIMA MAYA  
LOOKS LIKE  
JUST ANOTHER  
ORDINARY GIRL



SHE HAS  
NEITHER  
GORGEOUS  
LOOKS NOR  
TOP MARKS  
IN SCHOOL



WHEN  
WILL  
SOMEONE...

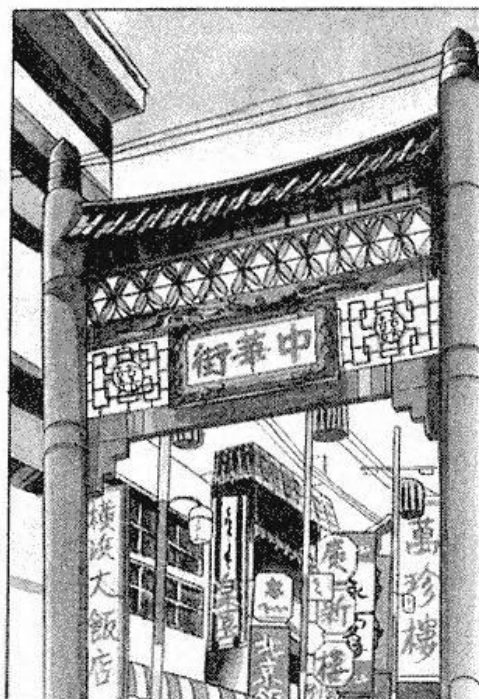
HER FATHER  
PASSED AWAY  
WHEN SHE WAS  
YOUNG, AND  
HER MOTHER WORKS  
AS A WAITRESS IN  
A SMALL, CHINESE  
RESTAURANT

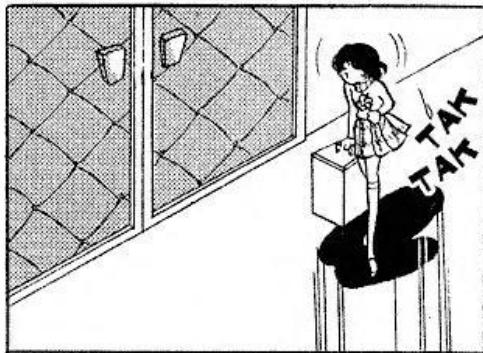
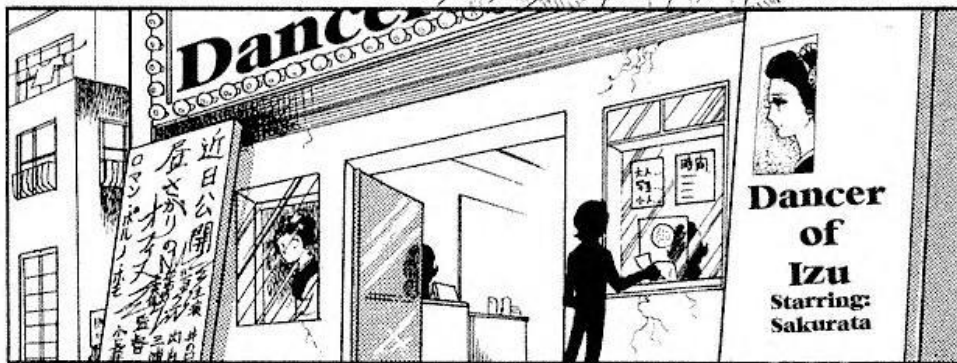


WHEN  
WILL  
SOME-  
ONE  
DIS-  
COVER  
IT?

...SEE WHAT'S  
IN THIS LITTLE  
GIRL'S HEART...  
THE FLAME THAT  
IS BURNING,  
THE PASSION  
OF DESIRE...

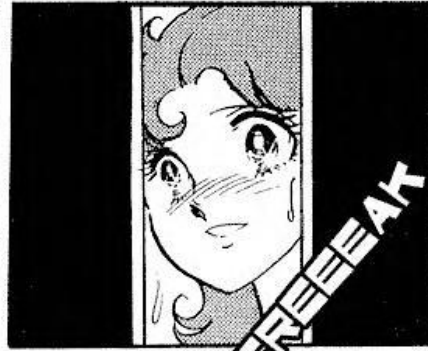
### Chapter 1: The Girl Who Holds a Thousand Masks







OH, SO THAT'S OSHIMA, HUH?



EEEEAAH

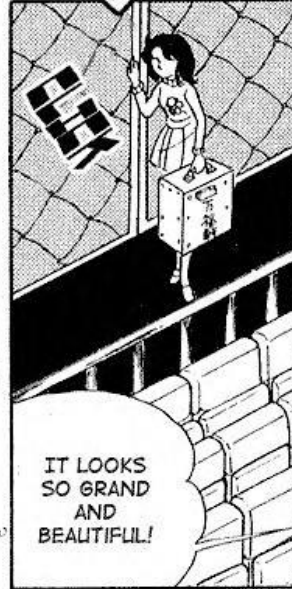


YEAH! JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, AND I'LL GO HOME IMMEDIATELY



JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT... JUST A LITTLE WHILE

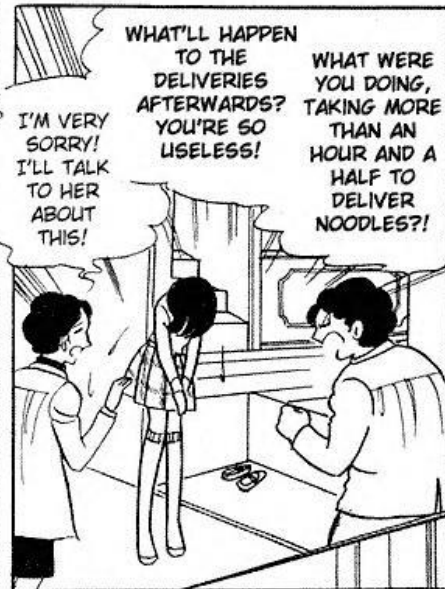
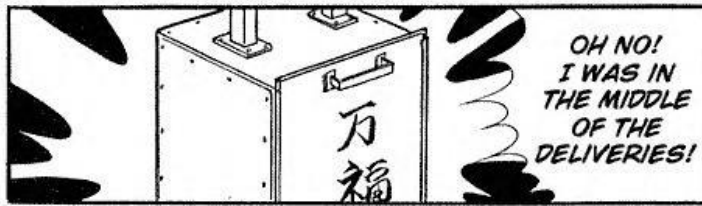
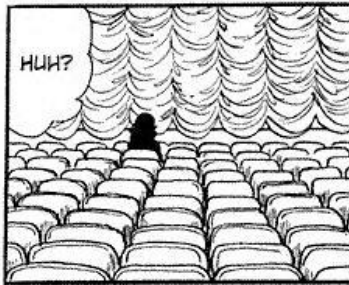
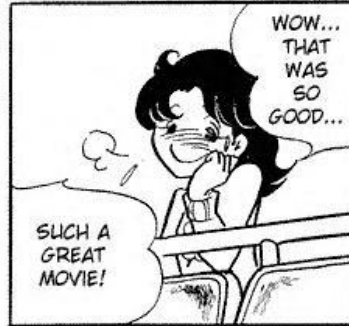
I'LL RETURN RIGHT AWAY



IT LOOKS SO GRAND AND BEAUTIFUL!

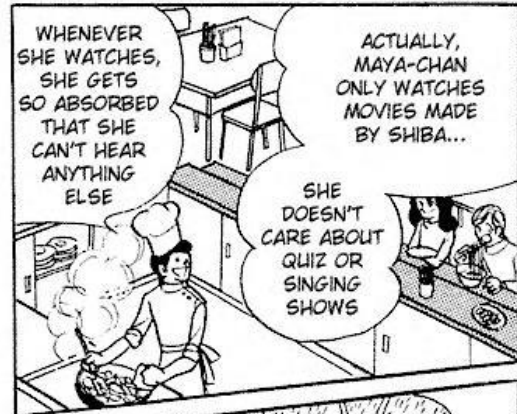
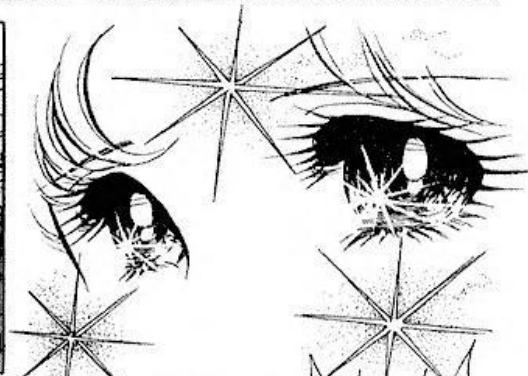
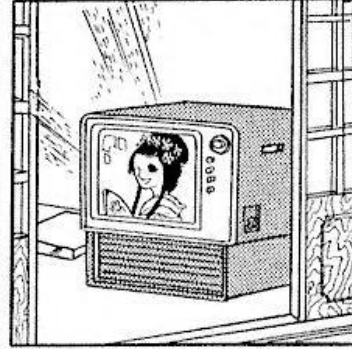


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I WON'T TOLERATE THIS  
IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN!  
ARE YOU LISTENING  
TO ME?  
**MAYA-CHAN!**



WHENEVER  
SHE WATCHES,  
SHE GETS  
SO ABSORBED  
THAT SHE  
CAN'T HEAR  
ANYTHING  
ELSE

ACTUALLY,  
MAYA-CHAN  
ONLY WATCHES  
MOVIES MADE  
BY SHIBA...

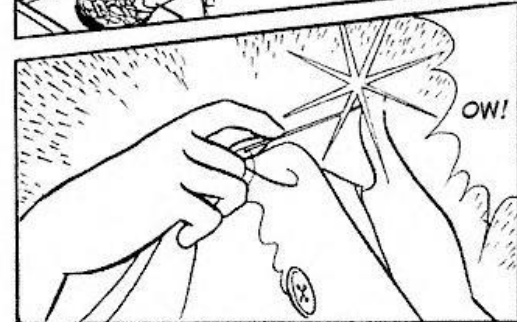
SHE  
DOESN'T  
CARE ABOUT  
QUIZ OR  
SINGING  
SHOWS



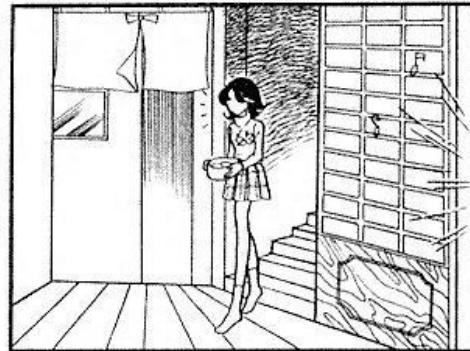
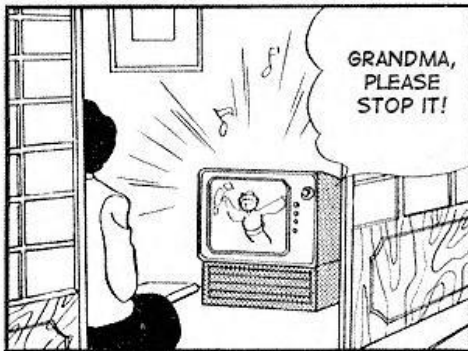
OH  
NO!

**SUGIKO!**  
**TURN THE**  
**TV OFF!**

SHE'S  
AT IT  
AGAIN!



OW!







**ELAMI!**

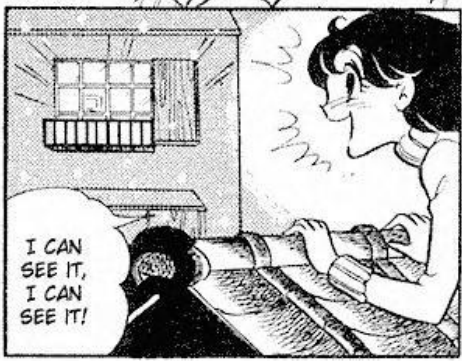
MAYA'S  
PEEKING  
AGAIN!

ARGH,  
WHAT  
A BAD  
KID!



I WANT  
TO SEE...  
I REALLY  
WANT TO  
SEE...

I REALLY, REALLY  
WANT TO WATCH TV...  
WHAT'S GOING TO  
HAPPEN NEXT?  
WHAT'S ON THE  
OTHER STATIONS?

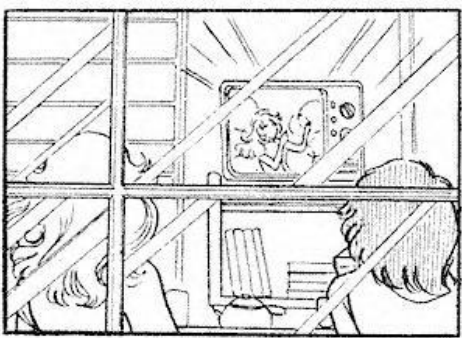


I CAN  
SEE IT,  
I CAN  
SEE IT!



OH  
YEAH!

I CAN STILL  
WATCH IT FROM  
ANOTHER PLACE...  
IN THE  
MAKESOU BUILDING,  
SECOND FLOOR,  
ROOM 13...





AAAH!  
MAYA-CHAN,  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
UP THERE!?

WAAH!  
WAAH!



HERE,  
DON'T WORRY  
AND HAVE  
A PIECE  
OF CAKE

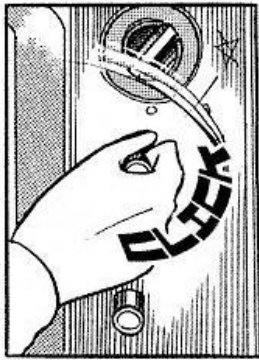
YES...  
THANK  
YOU!



IF YOU WANT  
TO WATCH  
TV, JUST  
TELL ME!  
I'LL LET YOU  
WATCH WITH  
US!

OH...  
THANK  
YOU!

DON'T BE  
SHY --  
COME ON  
IN!



THE  
FRESH  
CREAM  
IS SO  
YUMMY!



HOW  
WONDERFUL!  
THANK YOU!  
MY MOM NEVER  
BUYS ME  
CAKE

IT LOOKS  
DELI-  
CIOUS!

I'M  
VERY  
HAPPY,  
THANK  
YOU,  
MA'AM!



EVERYONE,  
PLEASE  
GIVE ME  
YOUR  
ATTENTION,  
THIS  
PERSON...



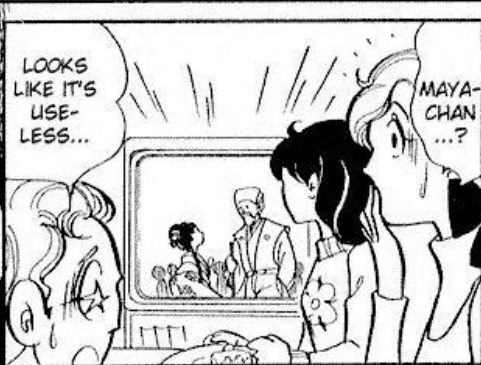
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NEXT TO  
VICE-  
GENERAL  
MITO IS...



MAYA-CHAN,  
MAYA-CHAN?  
WHY  
AREN'T YOU  
EATING YOUR  
CAKE?



LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
USE-  
LESS...

MAYA-  
CHAN  
...?



SHE  
REALLY  
LOVES IT,  
DOESN'T  
SHE?



街  
クリスマス  
大  
化粧品店  
美堂  
ミナミカドレヤ

IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD!

雪の祭

OH! THERE'S A NEW MOVIE PLAYING!

Starring: Himekawa Utako

Snow Festival

HIMEKAWA UTAKO IS THE LEADING ACTRESS!

BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME...

I NEED TO DELIVER THIS QUICKLY

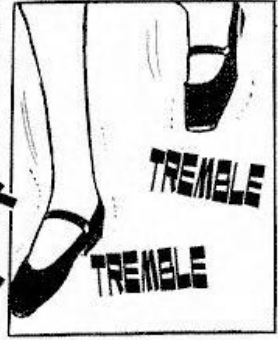
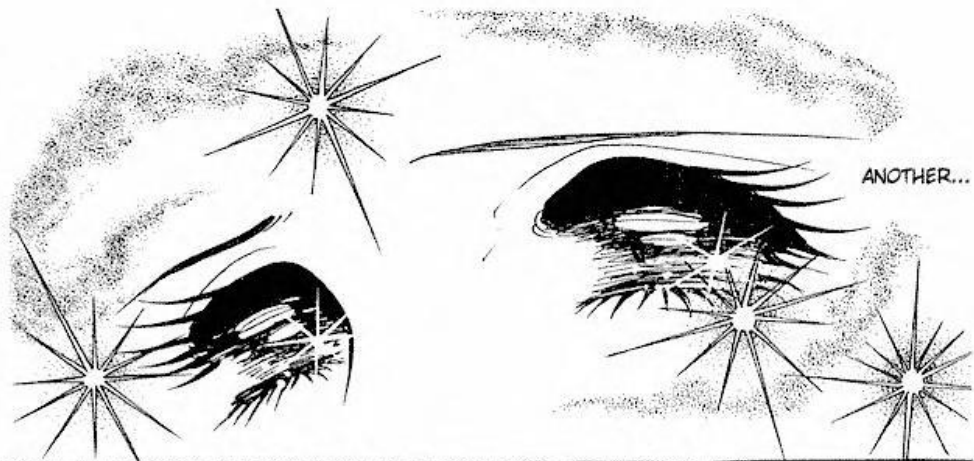
万福軒

NO, THIS IS FOR ANOTHER STORE...

EH?

WAIT, AREN'T YOU THE DELIVERY GIRL?

COME ON IN





AAH!  
THE  
RAMEN!

OH, NO!  
I WAS  
IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
MY DELI-  
VERIES!

万福

BUMP

AH!

ARE YOU  
MAKING  
ME ANGRY  
ON  
PURPOSE?!

KYAA!

EAM BASTAM

HOW MANY  
TIMES  
DO I HAVE TO  
TELL YOU?!  
WHY WERE YOU  
AT THE MOVIE  
THEATER  
AGAIN?

WHAT AM  
I SUPPOSED  
TO SAY  
TO THE  
CUSTOMERS?

WHAT KIND OF  
PERSON  
WILL YOU TURN  
OUT TO BE  
IN THE FUTURE  
IF YOU KEEP  
ON ACTING  
LIKE THIS?

WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF  
APOLO-  
GIZING?

HUFF  
PUFF  
HUFF

I'M  
SORRY,  
I'M  
SORRY  
IT  
WON'T  
HAPPEN  
AGAIN!



BUT I'M CURIOUS... WHY DO YOU LIKE MOVIES AND THEATER SO MUCH?



GET OUT!

GEEZ! YOU'RE ALWAYS BRINGING SHAME TO YOUR MOTHER!

HAA



YOU'RE DISTURBING THE NEIGHBORS

STOP IT ALREADY... YOU AND HARU-SAN, CALM DOWN



I FEEL NOT LIKE MY ORDINARY SELF BUT LIKE ONE OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE SHOW

I FEEL LIKE I'M ONE OF THE CHARACTERS

WHENEVER I WATCH TV OR MOVIES, I GO INTO A TRANCE

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT...



HEY! DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!

THEN, THE BOSS COMES OUT

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHO I AM?



MAYA-ONEECHAN, WHAT KIND OF MOVIES HAVE YOU SEEN LATELY?

WELL, YOU SEE...



HAAAAHA,  
I KNOW!  
YOU'RE THE  
BOSS OF  
THE PIGS!

WHAT  
DID  
YOU  
SAY?!

HMPF,  
ARE  
YOU A  
PERSON?

OR  
JUST A  
LOWLY  
PIG?

THEN,  
ANOTHER  
WOMAN  
SAYS...

I'VE BEEN  
SEARCHING  
FOR YOU  
FOR A  
LONG  
TIME!

EH?

WHAT...  
WHAT'S  
YOUR  
NAME?

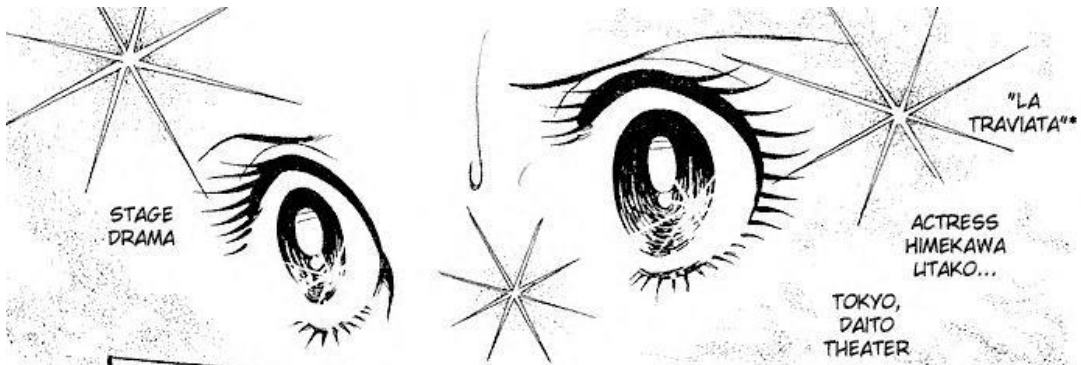
PL...  
PLEASE  
LET  
GO OF  
ME!

WHAT'S YOUR  
NAME?  
WHERE DO  
YOU LIVE?

I AM RIGHT!  
IT IS YOU!  
IF IT'S YOU,  
THEN YOU  
MUST BE ABLE  
TO DO IT!







STAGE  
DRAMA

"LA  
TRAVIATA"

ACTRESS  
HIMEKAWA  
LITAKO...

TOKYO,  
DAITO  
THEATER



MY BOYFRIEND,  
MATSUMOTO-KUN  
INVITED ME TO  
GO ON THE  
FIRST DAY

ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT "LA  
TRAVIATA"?  
I HAVE A  
TICKET

AREN'T  
YOU  
JEALOUS?  
SUGI-  
KO-  
SAN!



\*BY ALEXANDER DUMAS, ALSO KNOWN AS "CAMILLE"

I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN A  
STAGE  
DRAMA  
BEFORE...

I REALLY  
WANT  
TO SEE  
IT...

OH,  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
DO?

STAGE  
DRAMA  
"LA  
TRA-  
VIATA"



BUT I  
WANT TO  
WATCH  
IT...

I'D NEVER  
BE ABLE  
TO AFFORD  
IT...

IN THAT  
KIND OF  
THEATER,  
THE TICKETS  
MUST BE  
VERY  
EXPENSIVE



DECEMBER  
31ST,  
NEW YEAR'S  
EVE, HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN  
MANFUKUKEN'S  
BUSIEST  
DAY



WHAT?  
THE PART-  
TIME  
STUDENT  
CAN'T  
COME?

WHAT ARE  
WE GOING  
TO DO?  
TOMORROW  
IS THE  
BUSIEST  
DAY OF THE  
YEAR!



SUGI-KO-SAN,  
PLEASE  
LET ME  
HAVE THE  
TICKET!

I  
PRO-  
MISE...

EH?

I'LL DO  
ANYTHING  
YOU ASK  
FOR IT!



MAYA'S MOM, HARU, TAKES CARE OF THE STORE-FRONT

THE OWNER, HIS WIFE, AND THE CHEF MAKE THE NOODLES

ON THAT DAY, EVERYONE IN MANFUKUKEN IS BUSY MAKING NEW YEAR'S SOBA...

THEY'RE DELIVERED UNTIL MIDNIGHT

SUGIKO, MAYA, AND THE PART-TIME STUDENT TAKE CARE OF THE DELIVERIES



HOW WILL MAYA AND SUGIKO BE ABLE TO HANDLE 120 ORDERS BY THEMSELVES?

OH, NO! THERE ARE ALREADY 80 PRE-ORDERS! AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE 40 MORE DURING THE DAY!



ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, ALL OF THE BOATS IN THE YOKOHAMA PORT SOUND THEIR FOG HORNS TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR



REALLY?

MAYA, I CAN GIVE YOU THIS TICKET

BUT... YOU HAVE TO DELIVER ALL OF THE NOODLES



IT'S ONE OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS IN YOKOHAMA'S MIDNIGHT CELEBRATIONS



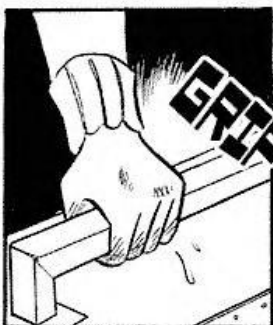
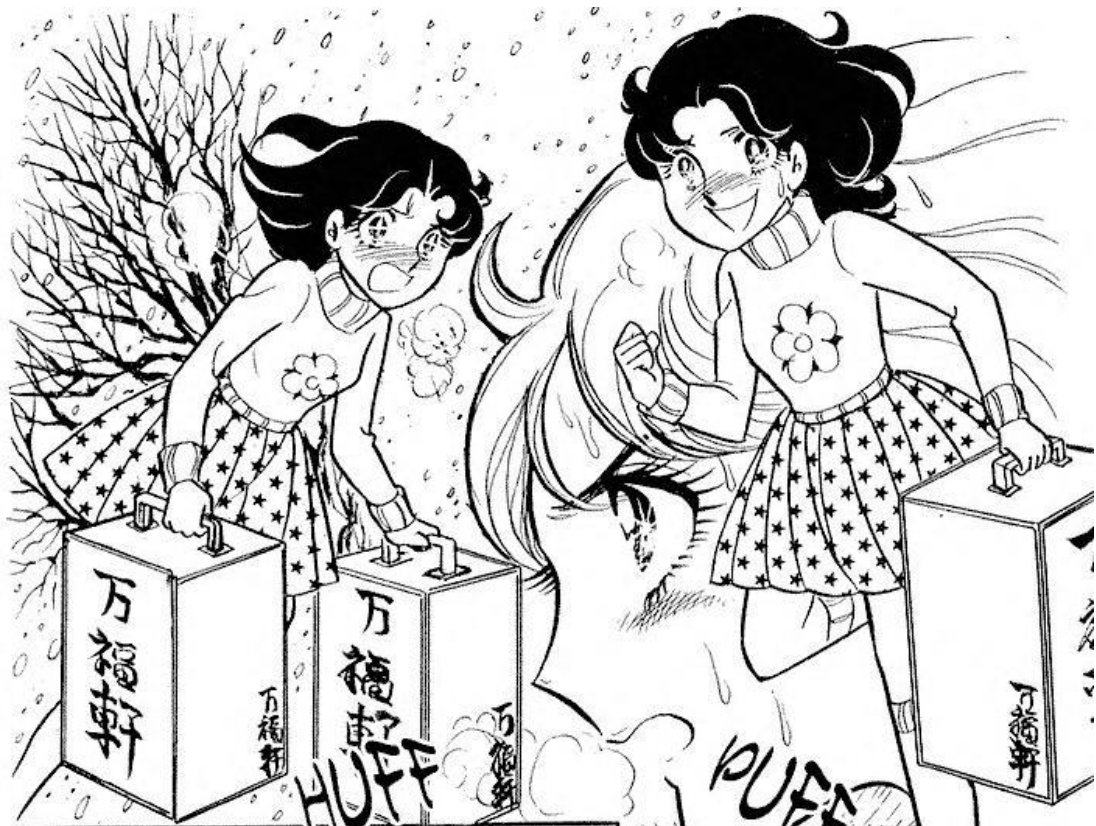
...AND BEFORE THE YOKOHAMA FOG HORNS SOUND AT MIDNIGHT

THAT'S RIGHT, ALL OF THEM ON THE 31ST

ALL OF THEM?!

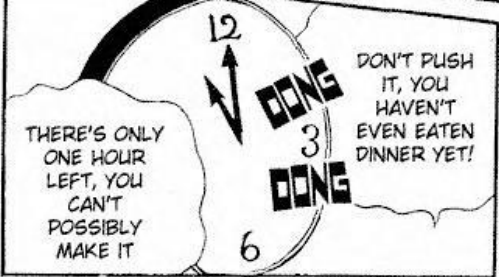








\*The Red-White show is broadcast every New Year's Eve, with the red (female) team competing against the white (male) team (mostly in singing competitions)



DONG  
3  
DONG  
DON'T PUSH IT, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN EATEN DINNER YET!

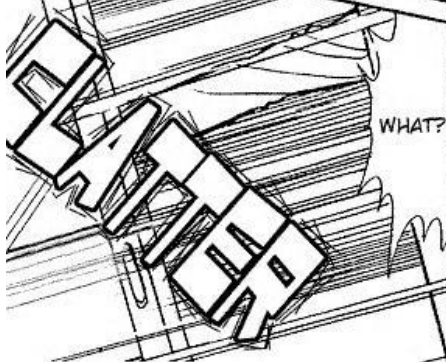


WHAT ARE THEY THINKING? EVEN 3 GUYS WORKING TOGETHER COULDN'T FINISH THAT JOB!

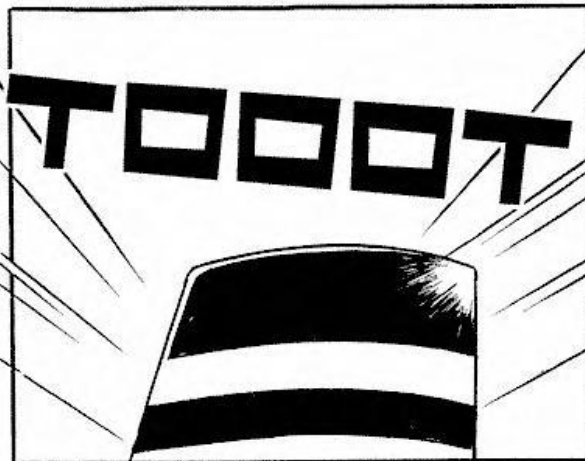
WHY DID MANFLUKUKEN LET ONE GIRL DO ALL OF THE DELIVERIES?

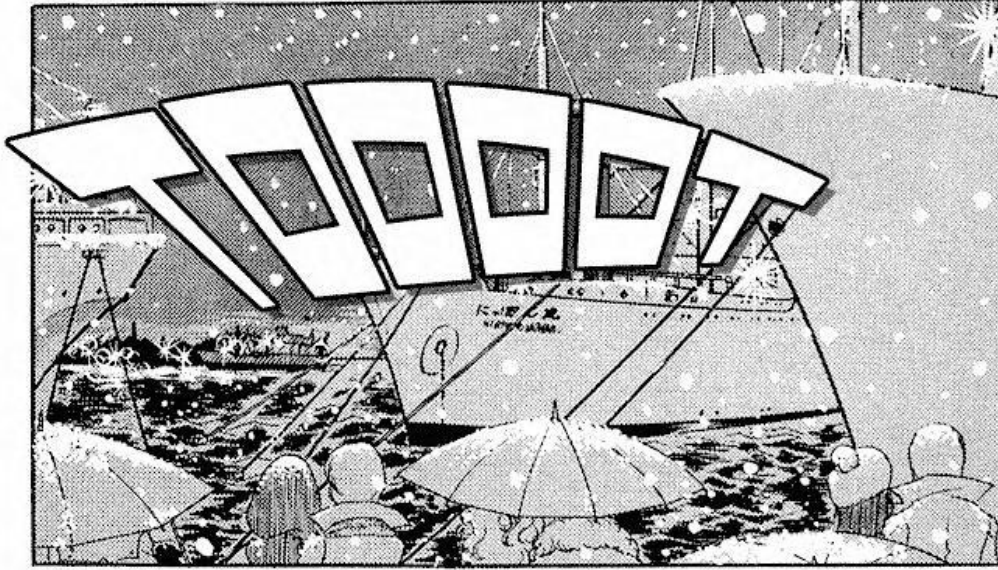
BUT SHE'S PUSHING IT... SHE'S ALREADY DONE 70







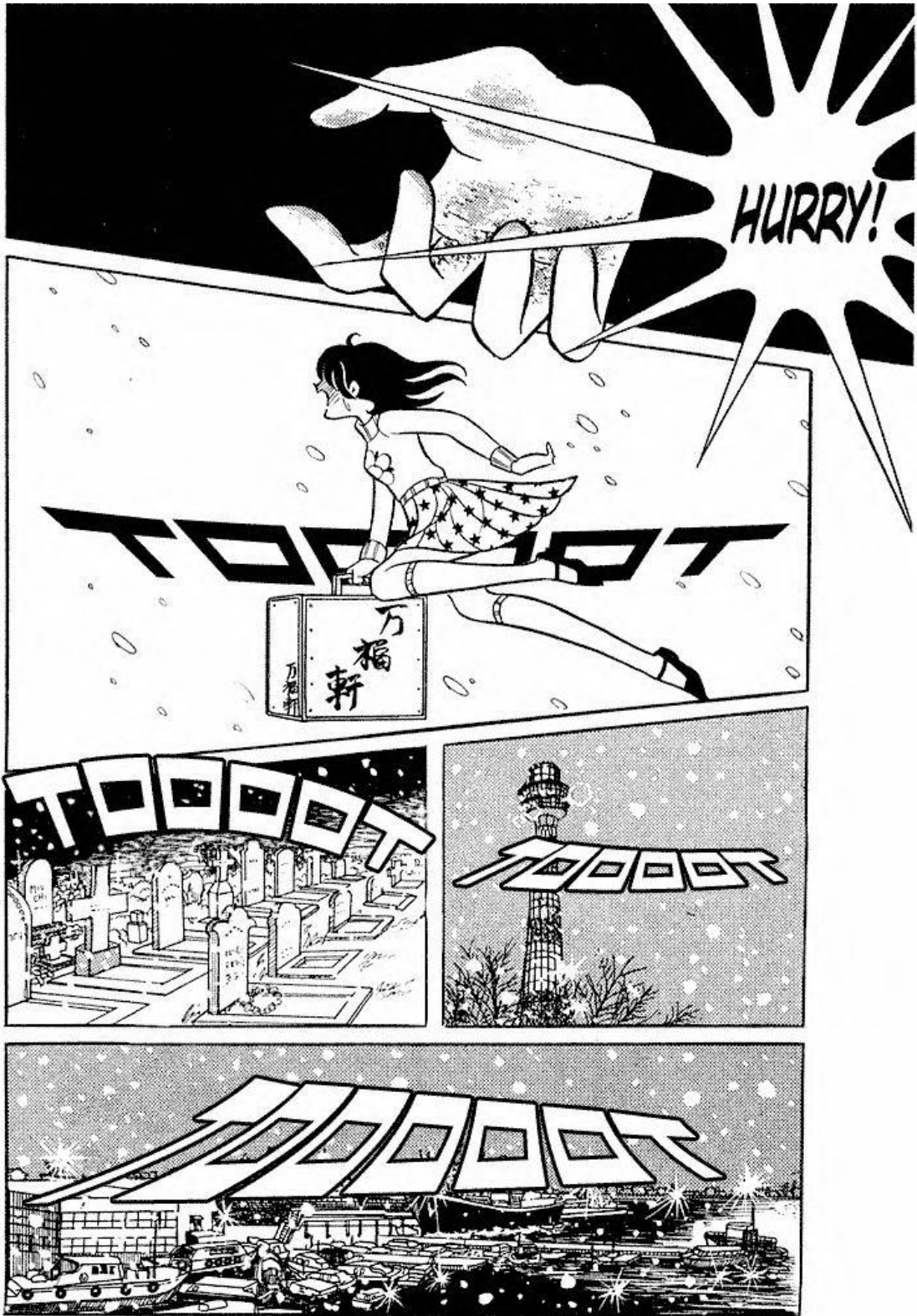


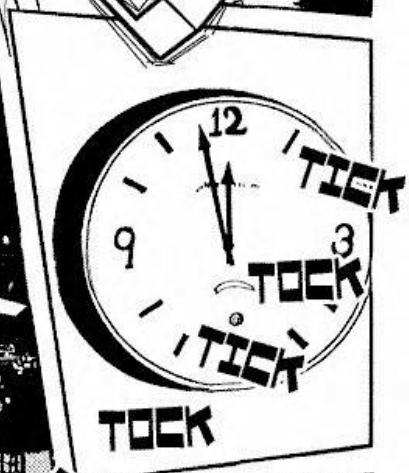


THERE ARE STILL TWO MORE ORDERS LEFT!

IT HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE LAST FOG HORN SOUNDS!

IF YOU DON'T FINISH THEM, I WON'T GIVE YOU THE TICKET!

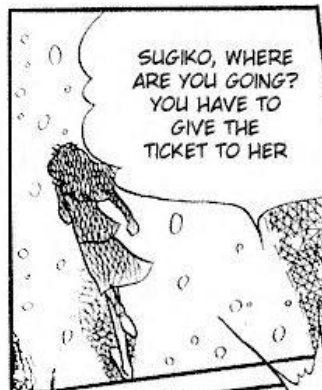






YES...  
WE'LL COME  
AND PICK  
HER UP  
RIGHT  
AWAY

YES,  
YES...  
RIGHT AT  
MIDNIGHT,  
WITHOUT  
ANY  
PROBLEMS...



SUGIKO, WHERE  
ARE YOU GOING?  
YOU HAVE TO  
GIVE THE  
TICKET TO HER



ENOUGH!  
I'M GOING TO  
WAIT FOR  
MATSUMOTO-  
KUN AT  
YAMASHITA  
PARK

SUGI-  
KO!



I DIDN'T  
THINK SHE  
WOULD BE  
ABLE TO  
DO ALL OF  
IT...

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...

I WONDER  
WHAT MADE  
HER WORK  
SO HARD?



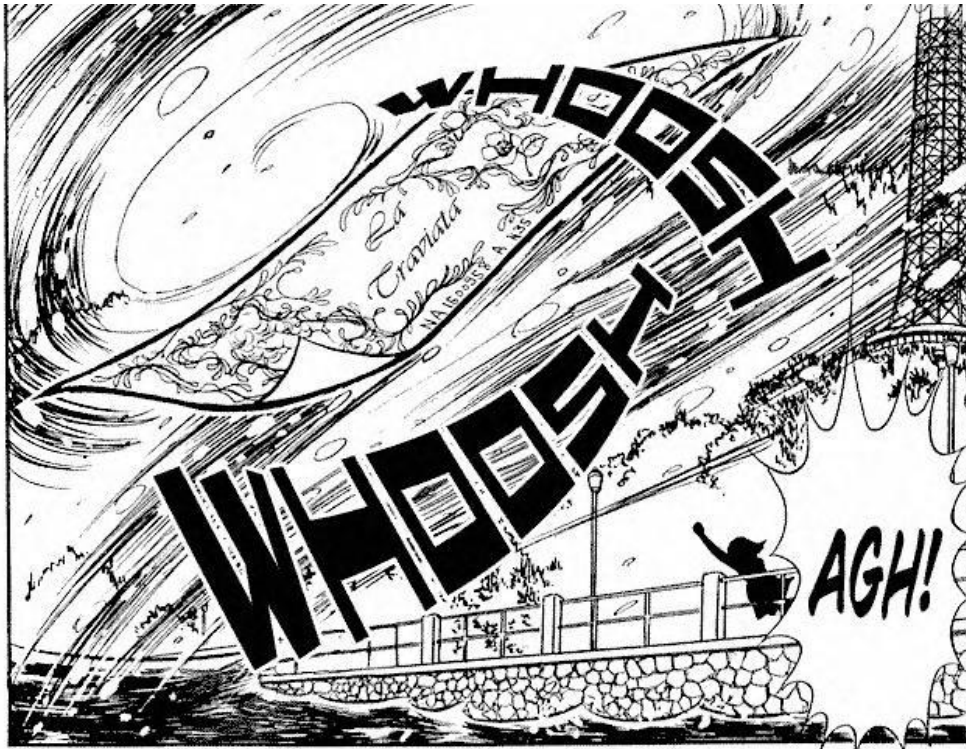
WHAT  
A SUR-  
PRISE  
DELIVERED  
RIGHT  
BEFORE  
MIDNIGHT...

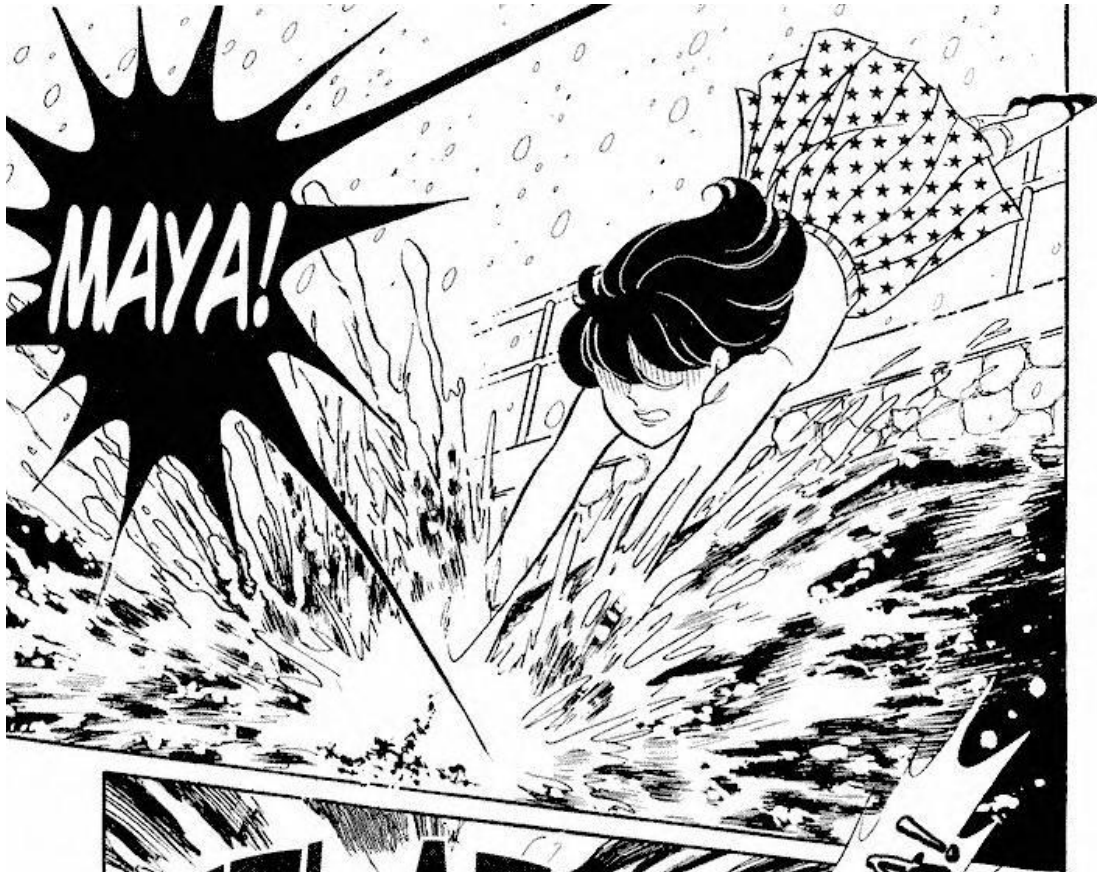
CLICK

OH...

AND BECAUSE  
OF THE  
WORKLOAD,  
SHE COLLAPSED  
ON THE  
SPOT













I CAN GO  
WATCH  
"LA  
TRAVIATA"  
  
I CAN  
GO...

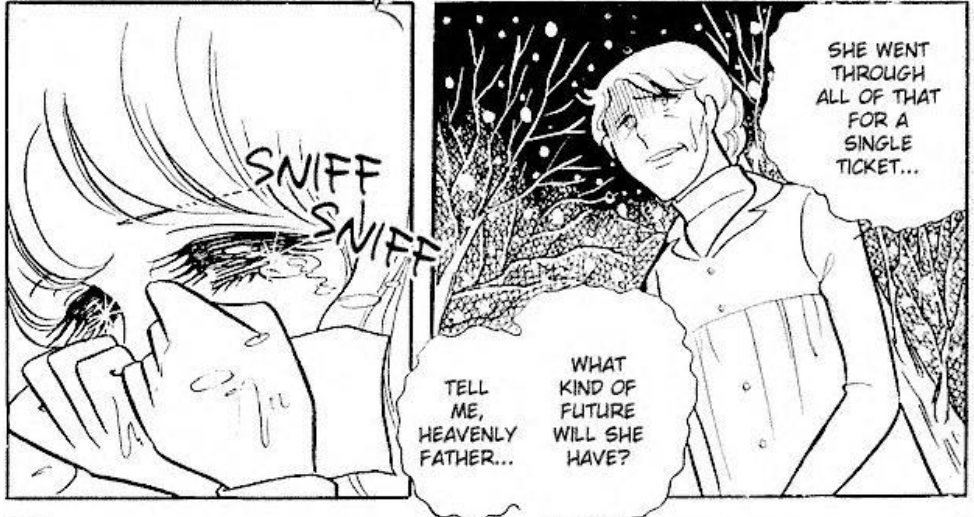
HUFA  
PUFA



ELAH  
ELAH  
  
DID SHE  
WANT TO  
DROWN  
HERSELF?

WHAT  
KIND OF  
IDIOT  
IS SHE?

JUMP  
INTO THE  
SEA IN  
THIS  
WEATHER?



SNIFF  
SNIFF

TELL  
ME,  
HEAVENLY  
FATHER...

WHAT  
KIND OF  
FUTURE  
WILL SHE  
HAVE?

SHE WENT  
THROUGH  
ALL OF THAT  
FOR A  
SINGLE  
TICKET...



*A Deyuma Fisu Production*

# *Ca Traviata*

*New Spring Special*

*Cast:*  
*Camille.....Himekawa Utako*  
*Alfred.....Kuroki Yoshitrou*  
*And others*

*At:*  
*Tokyo Datto*  
*Theater*

