

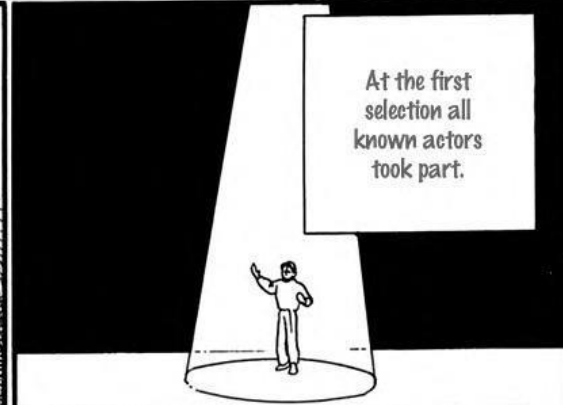


Every contender that applied, either by recommendation or not, is talented, but on further examination regarding their curriculum, a great deal of them were rejected.

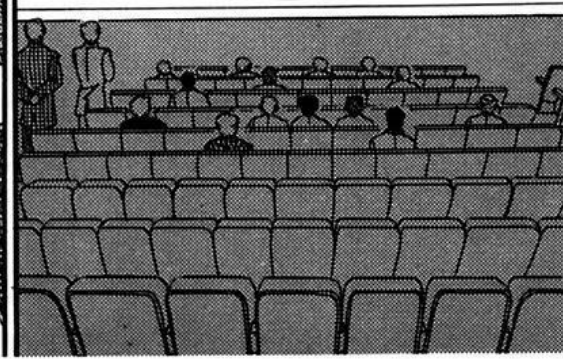


The All Japan Acting Association is organising a special committee for the staging of the Crimson Goddess.

Every actor will be selected through an audition.



At the first selection all known actors took part.





AN ACTOR WITH QUALITY IN THE THEATRE WORLD, BEING THE SECOND CHILD OF THE KABUKI THEATRE ACTOR SENGIKU ICHIMURA!

THERE'S ALSO MASAHARU ICHIMURA,

FAMOUS FOR HIS POLICE INVESTIGATION TV SERIES!

THAT'S FUSAO MOMOKI!

THE VETERAN!

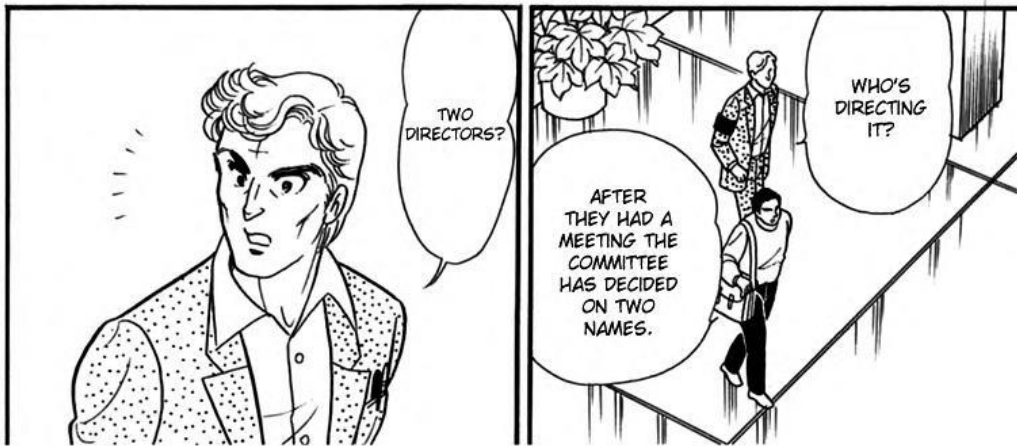
HEY! THAT'S KEI AKAME!



AFTER ALL, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CRIMSON GODDESS HERE.

THIS TRULY HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER ALL THE CREAM OF THE SHOWBIZ.

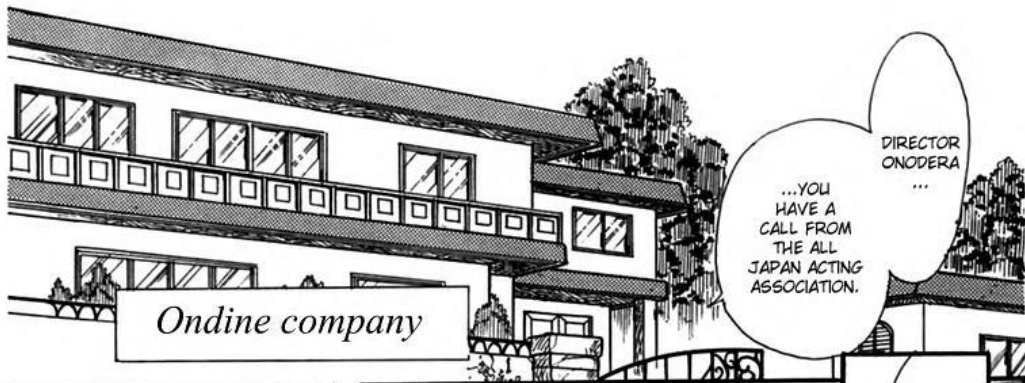
THERE'S ALSO YUU SAKURAKOJI, THAT HAS JUST WON THE NEWCOMER AWARD AT THE RECENT ARTS FESTIVAL.



TWO DIRECTORS?

WHO'S DIRECTING IT?

AFTER THEY HAD A MEETING THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED ON TWO NAMES.



Ondine company

DIRECTOR ONODERA ...
...YOU HAVE A CALL FROM THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION.



TELL ME PLEASE, WHO IS MY RIVAL?



AT THE THIRD SELECTION TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER DIRECTOR...

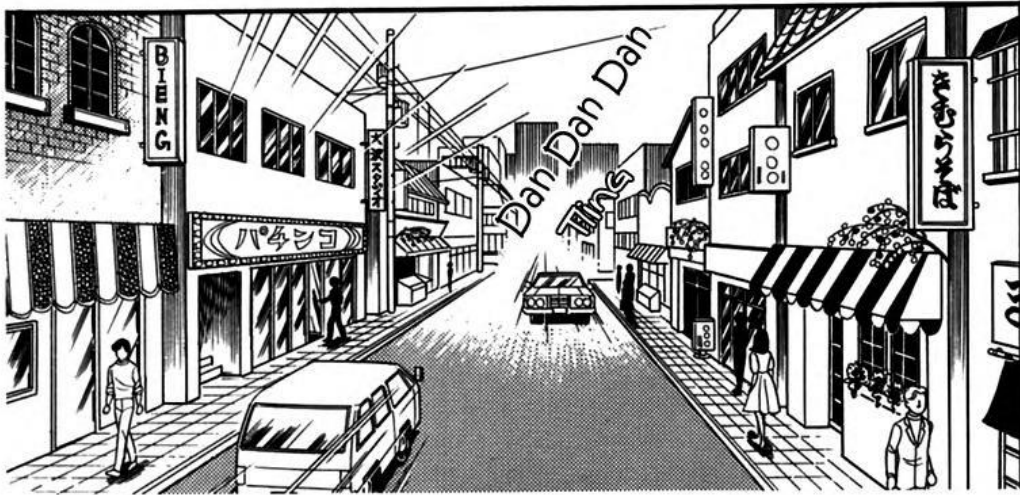
OH... REALLY?

ONODERA SPEAKING.

Ha Ha Ha

I'D BE THRILLED EVEN MORE IF I WAS ALSO CHOSEN FOR THE ACTUAL SHOW.

NO, I AM HONOURED.
OF COURSE I ACCEPT.



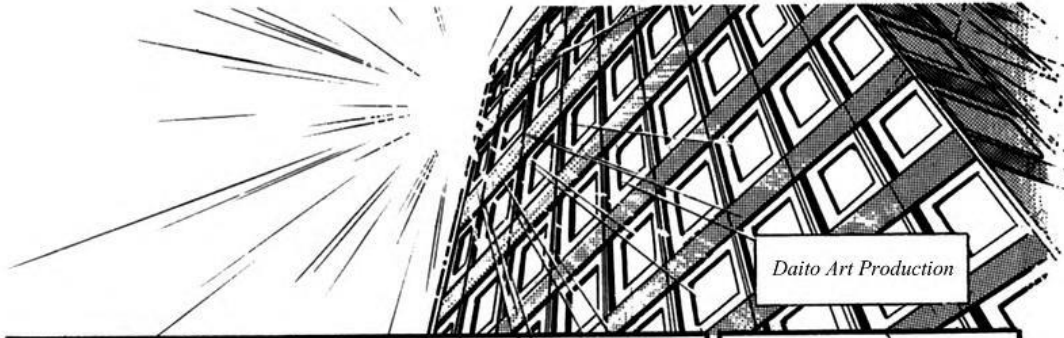
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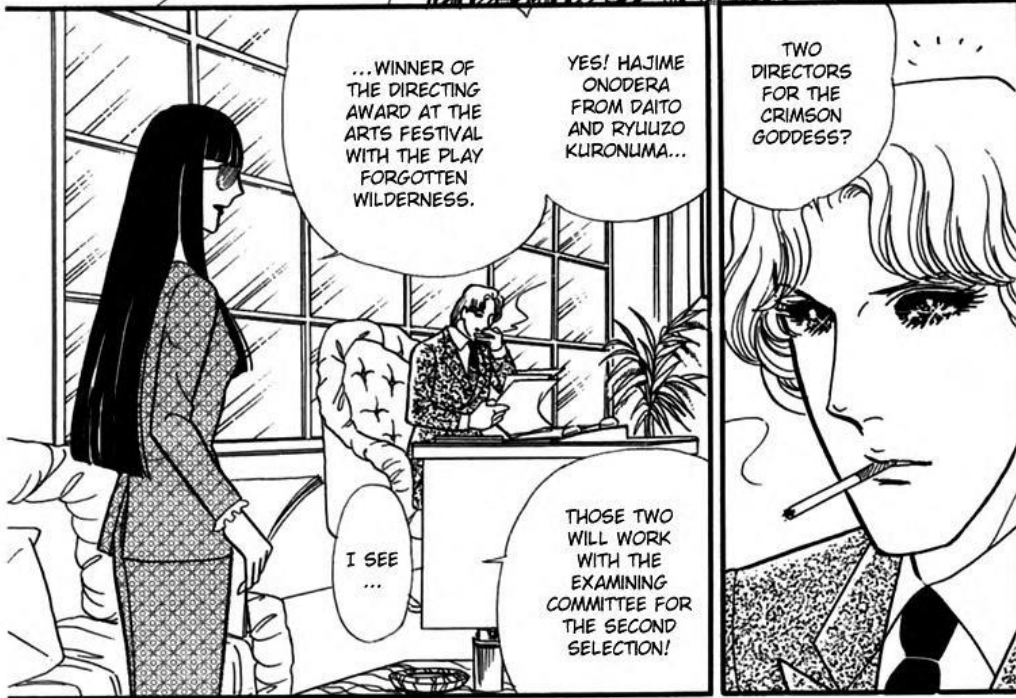
Dan Dan Dan Ting

パチンコ





Daito Art Production



...WINNER OF THE DIRECTING AWARD AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL WITH THE PLAY FORGOTTEN WILDERNESS.

YES! HAJIME ONODERA FROM DAITO AND RYUJIZO KIRONUMA...

TWO DIRECTORS FOR THE CRIMSON GODDESS?

I SEE ...

THOSE TWO WILL WORK WITH THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SELECTION!



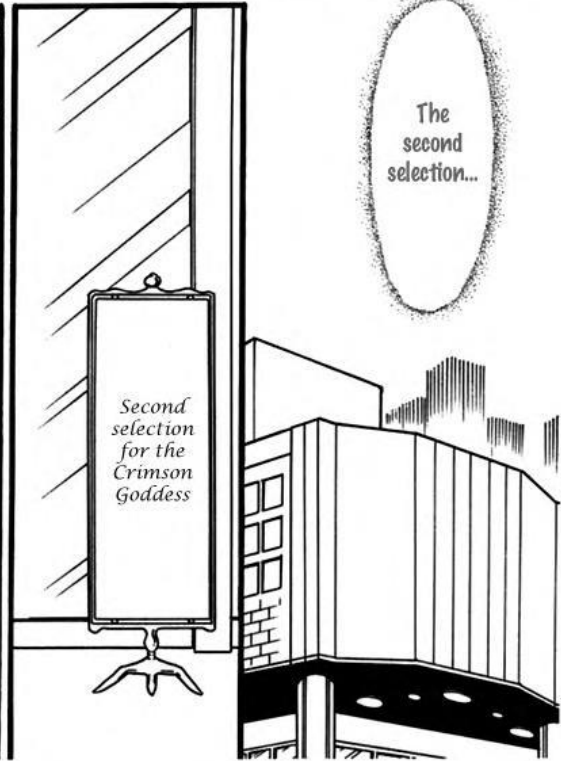
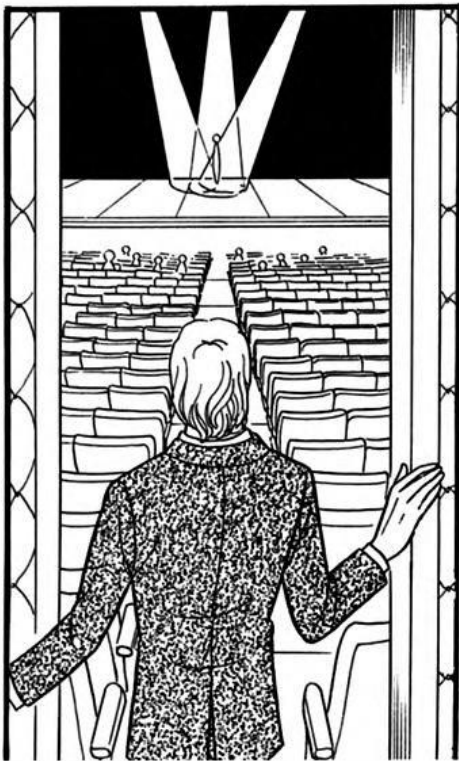
THAT THE MOVES OF THE ALL JAPAN ACTING ASSOCIATION ARE IDENTICAL TO DAITO'S PLANS...

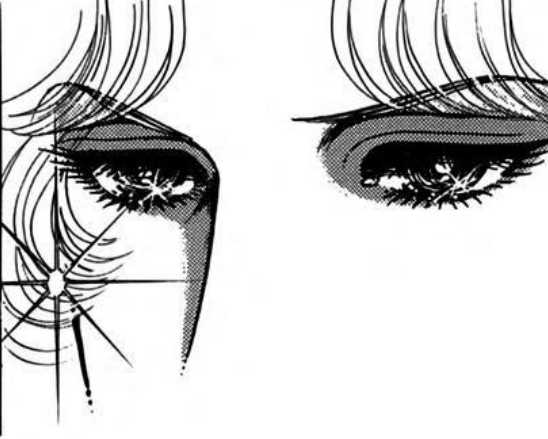
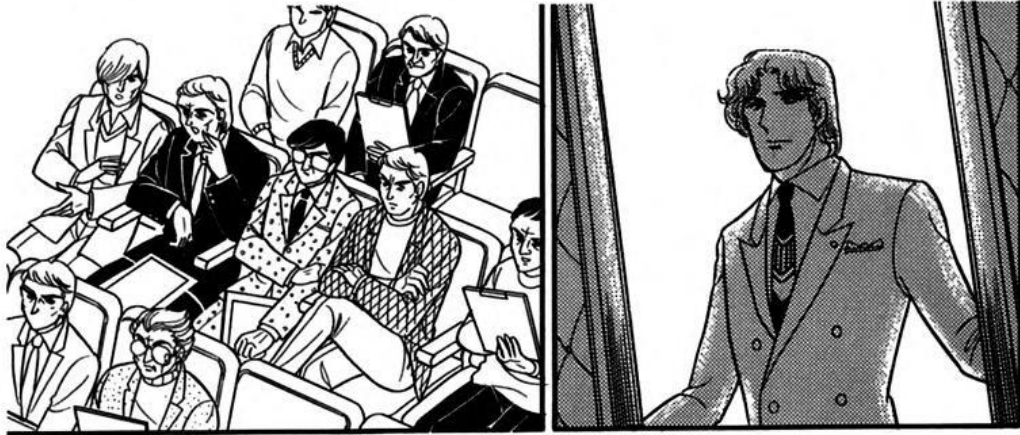
WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

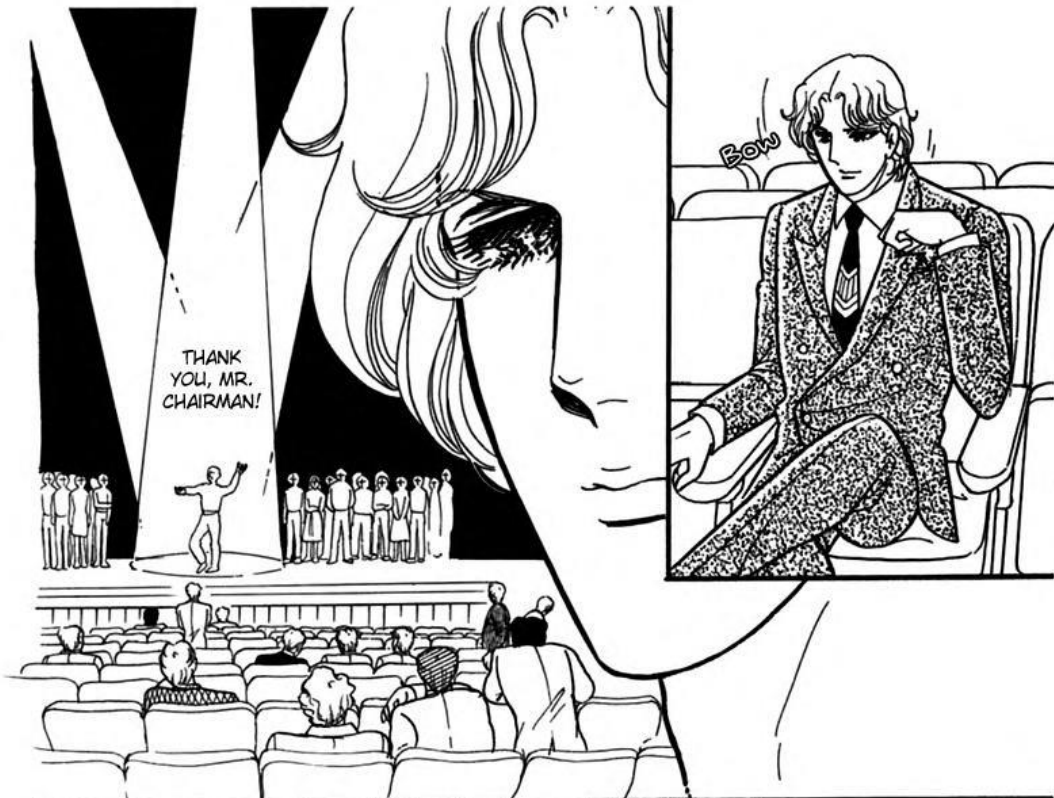
WHAT?

STRANGE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY SO VICE-PRESIDENT?

REGARDING THE OTHERS, THEY WILL ALL BE CHOSEN THROUGH AN AUDITION...







THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN!

Bow

THOSE THAT HEAR THEIR NAME AND NUMBER ARE ASKED TO REMAIN!

NOW I SHALL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND SELECTION...

NUMBER 63 KEI AKAME!

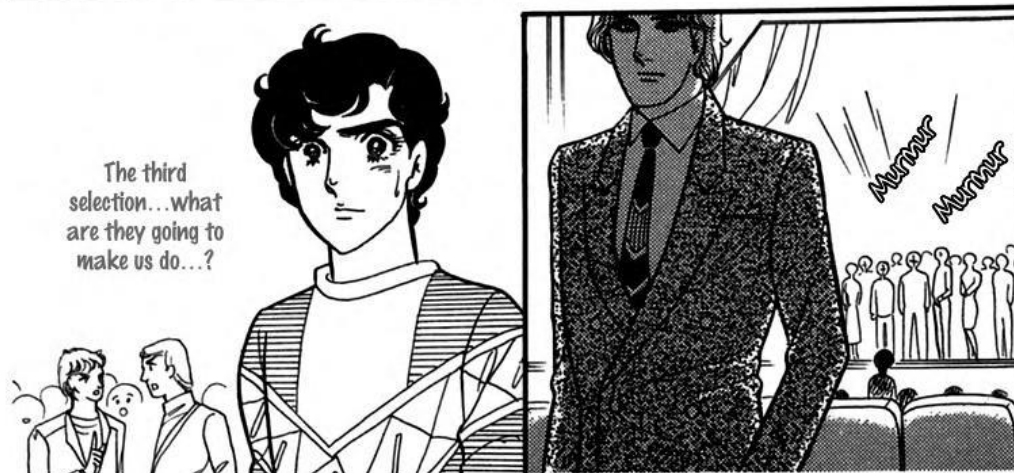
NUMBER 45: HAJIME KOTOHIRA!

NUMBER 47: YUKIHITO TOSHIKANE!

NUMBER 41: YUKARI NOMURA!

NUMBER 36: KOZO TANAKA!

Ah!





The
Crimson
Goddess

We are finally so close to its staging...

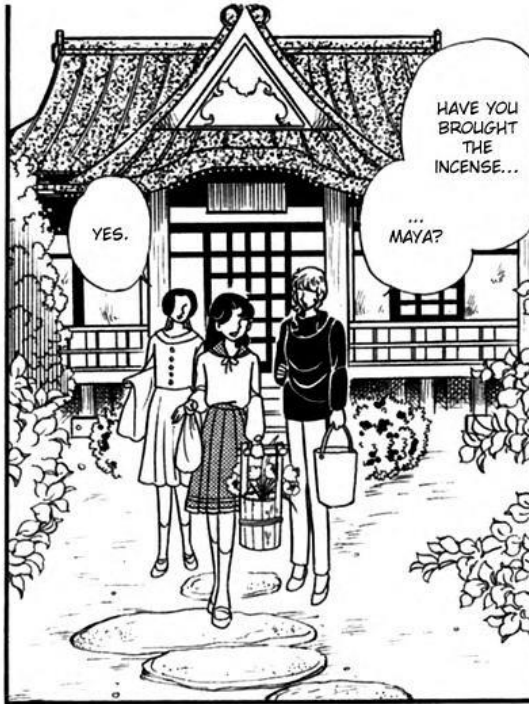
Next week Maya will also go to the plum tree's valley...



I know I am not worthy of your forgiveness, but...



I was the cause of your death...

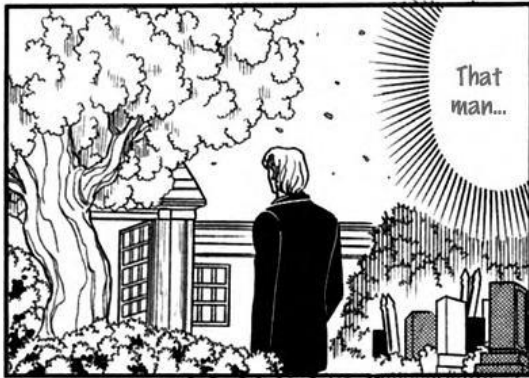


YES.

HAVE YOU BROUGHT THE INCENSE...
... MAYA?



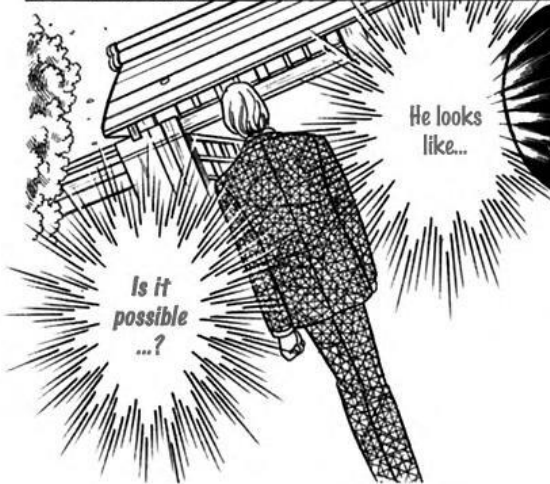
...I will protect your daughter all my life! Just like a shadow... dyed purple...



That man...



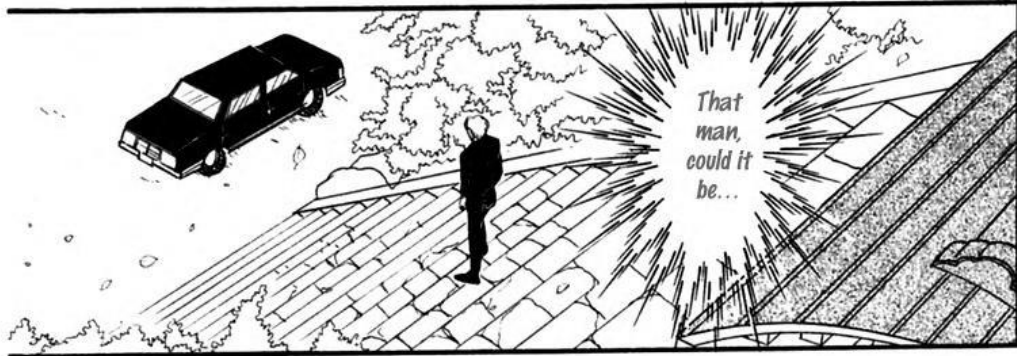
What...?



Is it possible...?

He looks like...













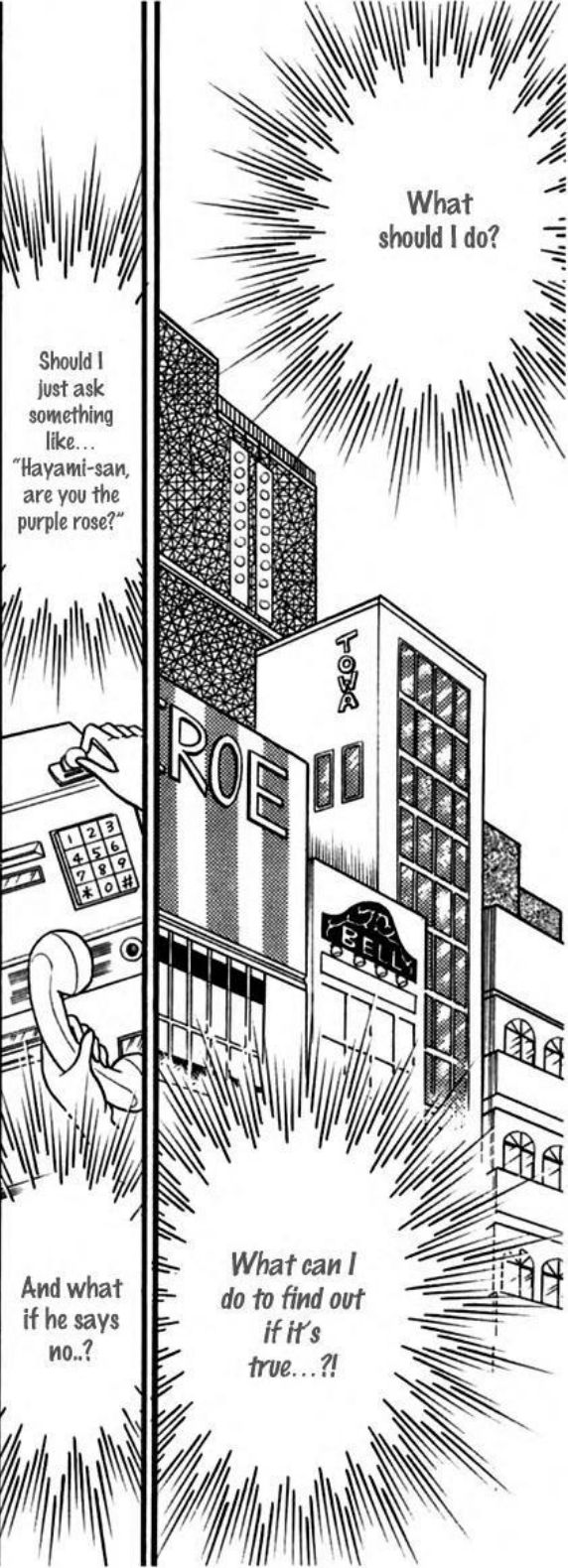


If he says yes...

I...

Well, that would be it!

And what if...what if he would answer with yes...?

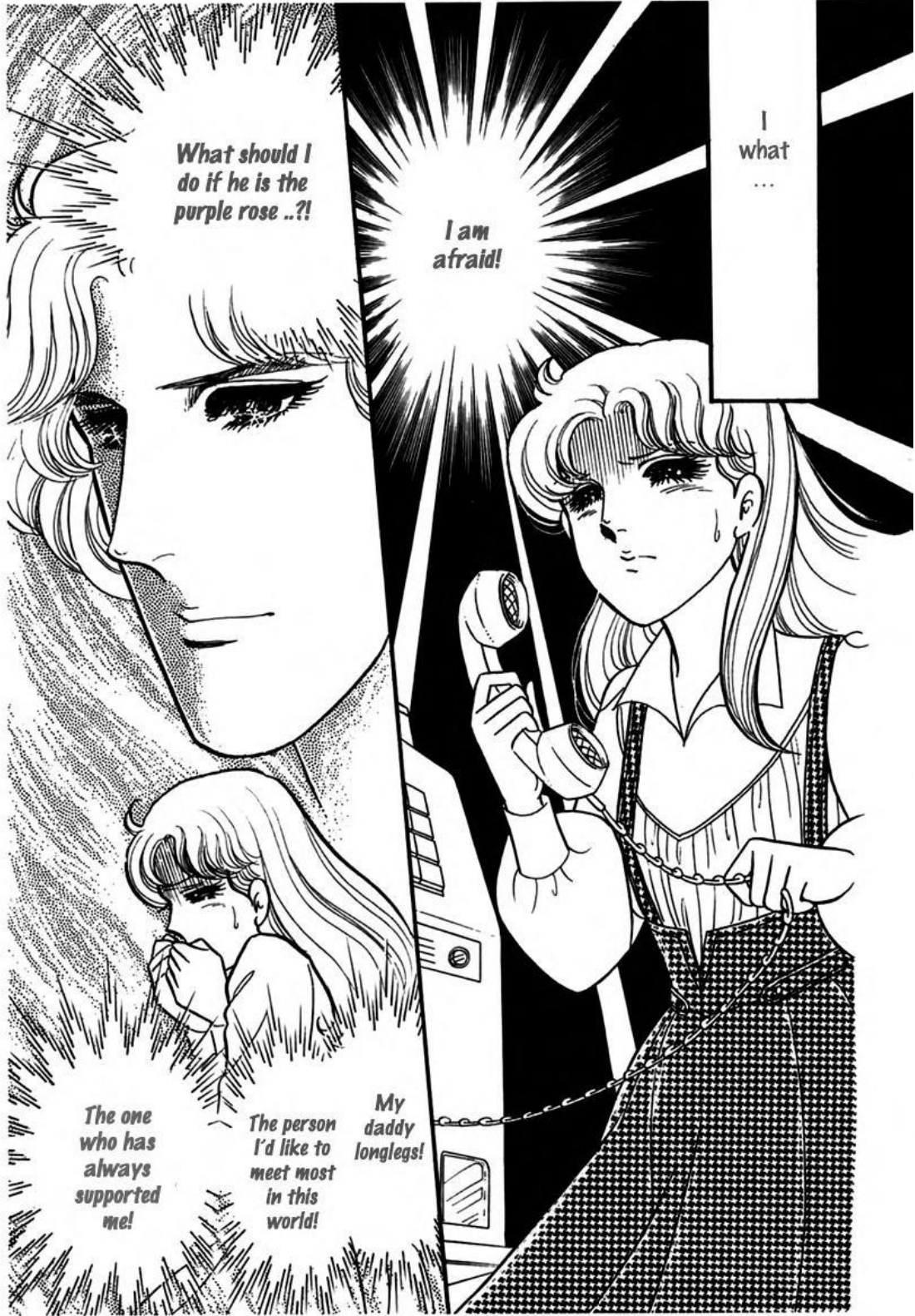


Should I just ask something like...
"Hayami-san, are you the purple rose?"

And what if he says no..?

What can I do to find out if it's true...?!

What should I do?



*What should I
do if he is the
purple rose ..?!*

*I am
afraid!*

*I
what
...*

*The one
who has
always
supported
me!*

*The person
I'd like to
meet most
in this
world!*

*My
daddy
longlegs!*



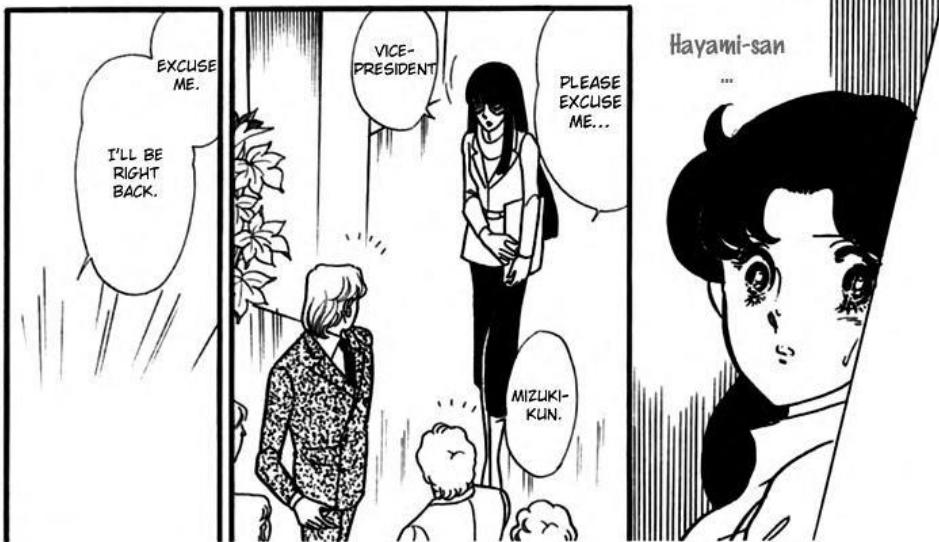
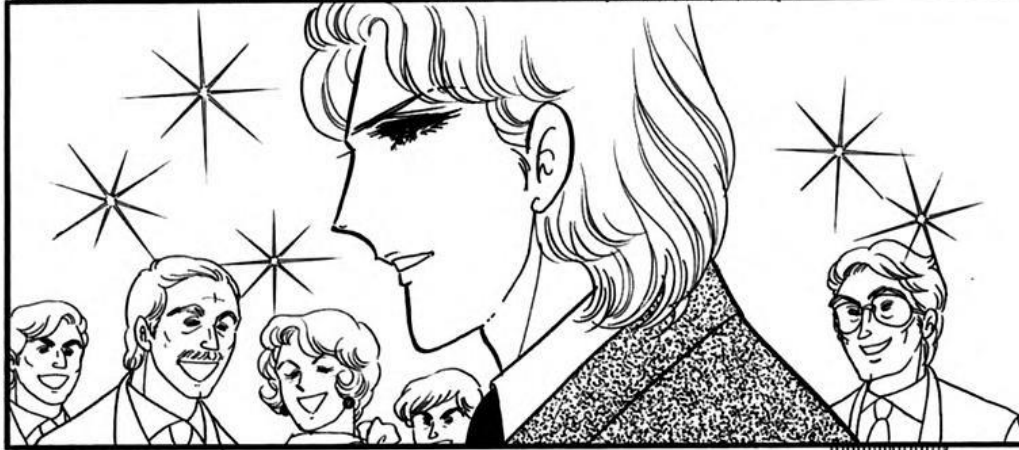
Hayami-san!

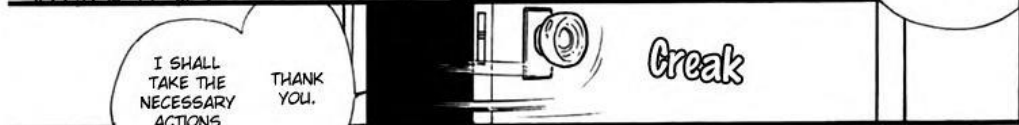


*But...I
need to
confirm it!*

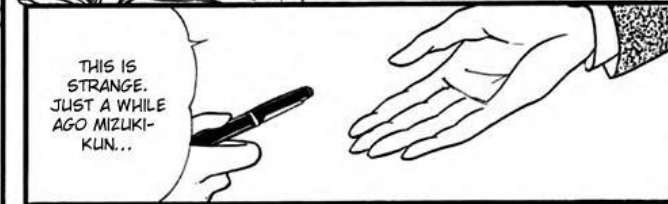
*I want
to know
the truth!*













IT'S MINE!
THANK YOU!

IT'S NOTHING!

*He took it!
Hayami-san
has taken
the fountain
pen!*