



HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM MY FATHER,

WELCOME, MASUMI-SAN.  
I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT, I WOULD MEET YOU HERE IN THIS MOUNTAIN TEMPLE.



TSUKI-KAGE-SENSEI?

I, TOO, WOULD RATHER HAVE MET YOU IN ANOTHER OCCASION.

SSSHH...



EVEN YOUR FATHER KNOWS THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE AGREED TO MEET HIM...

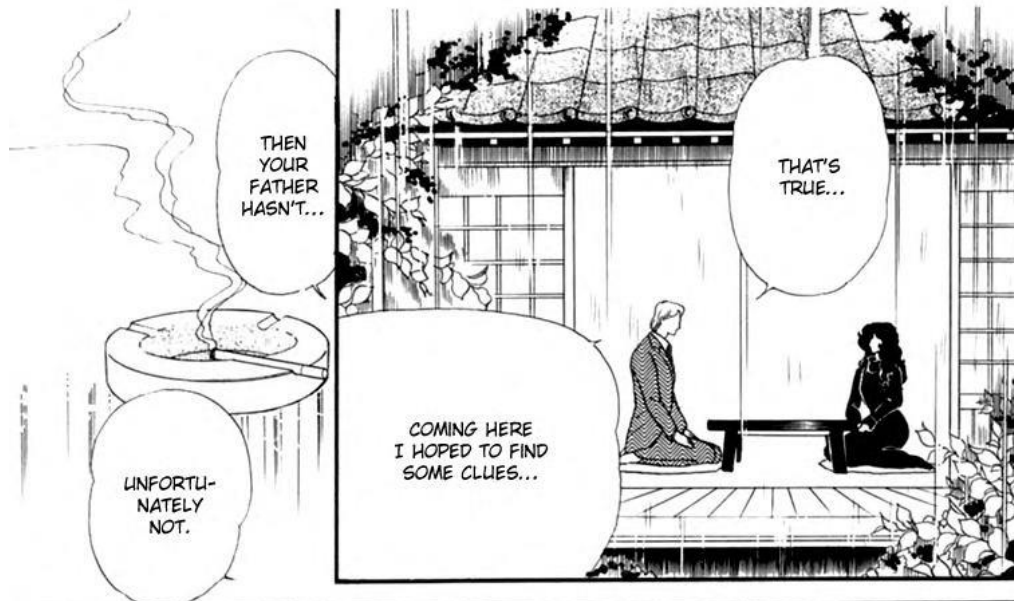
STILL, DID YOU THINK I WOULD HAVE MET HIM?

NO.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MY FATHER WAS GOING TO SEE YOU WHEN HE DISAPPEARED?



NO.



THEN  
YOUR  
FATHER  
HASN'T...

THAT'S  
TRUE...

UNFORTU-  
NATELY  
NOT.

COMING HERE  
I HOPED TO FIND  
SOME CLUES...



I'VE LOOKED  
FOR HIM  
IN EVERY  
CORNER OF  
THE RIVER...

FALLING FROM  
SUCH A HEIGHT,  
I FEAR THERE IS  
LITTLE HOPE TO  
FIND HIM ALIVE.

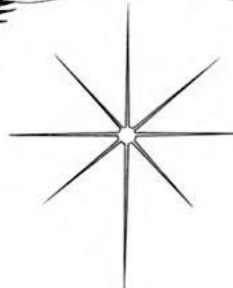
HE WAS IN THE CAR  
WHEN HE FELL DOWN  
INTO THE RIVER, SEVERAL  
KILOMETRES DOWN  
FROM THE SLOPE.

... AND NEAR THE  
VALLEY. I FOUND  
NOTHING, NOT EVEN  
A SHRED OF HIS  
CLOTHES.

...BUT WE  
HAVEN'T  
FOUND ANY  
PIECES OF  
BONES  
EITHER.

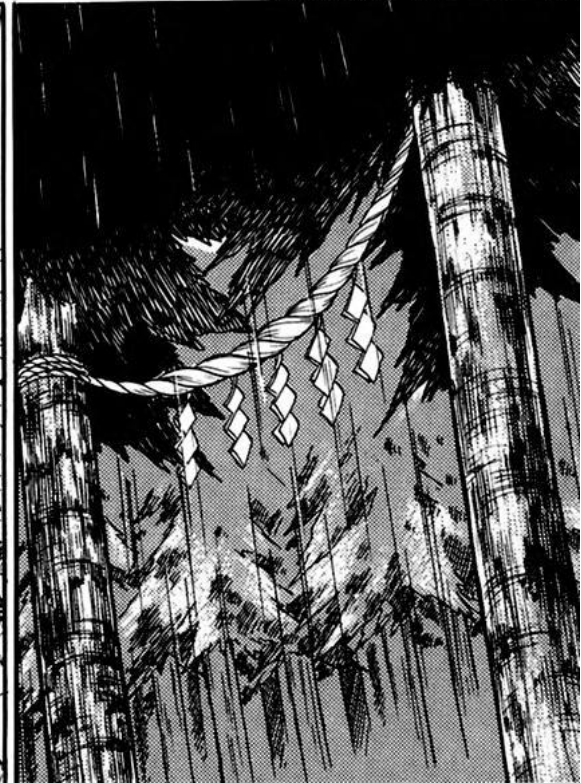
WILD BEASTS  
COULD HAVE  
FEED ON HIS  
CORPSE...

ANYWAY,  
I WON'T GIVE  
UP TILL I FIND  
MY FATHER.

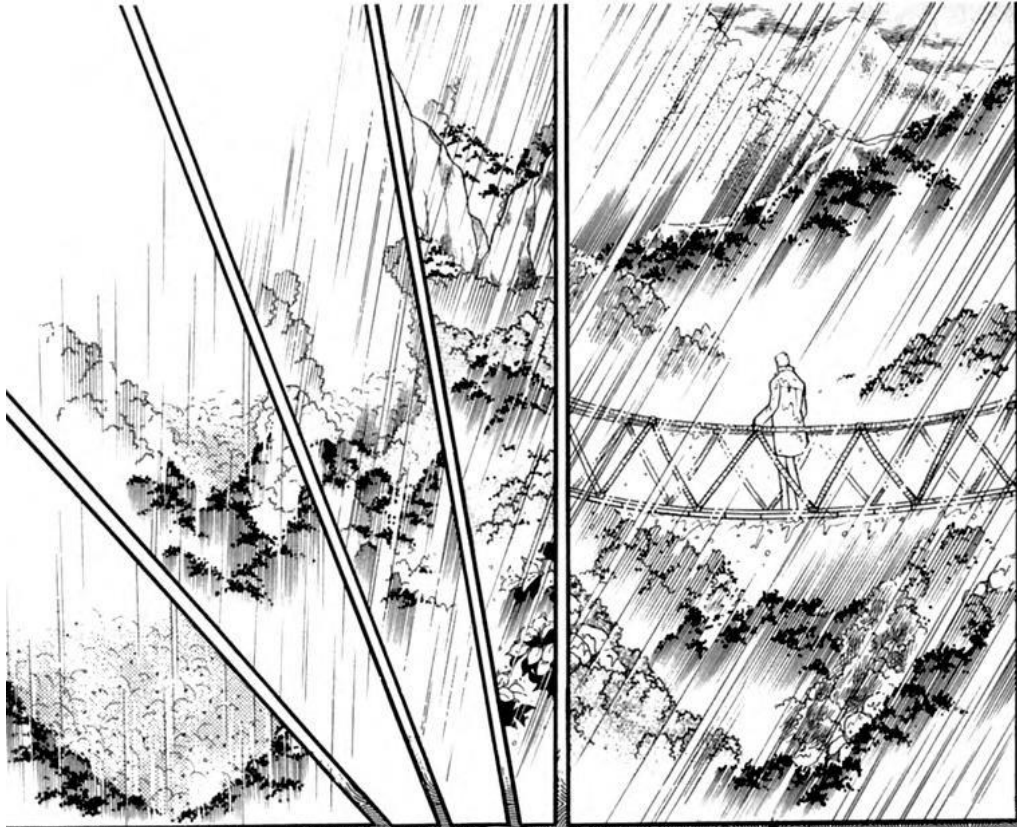














Ssshhh...





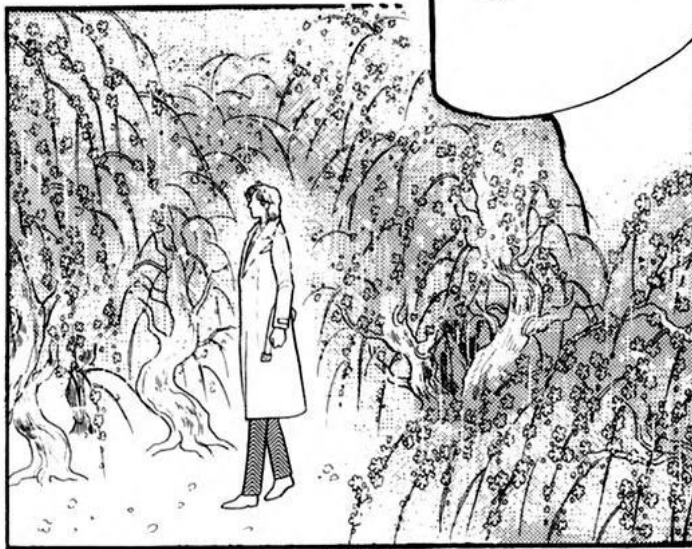
It's magnificent...

Even the rain is  
painted red here...

So intense...

This is...

The Crimson  
Goddess' valley  
of the crimson  
plum trees?



It seems  
even time has  
stopped here...

It's as if I'm  
in another world,  
where everything  
is crimson...

I never  
dreamed  
such a place  
could exist...





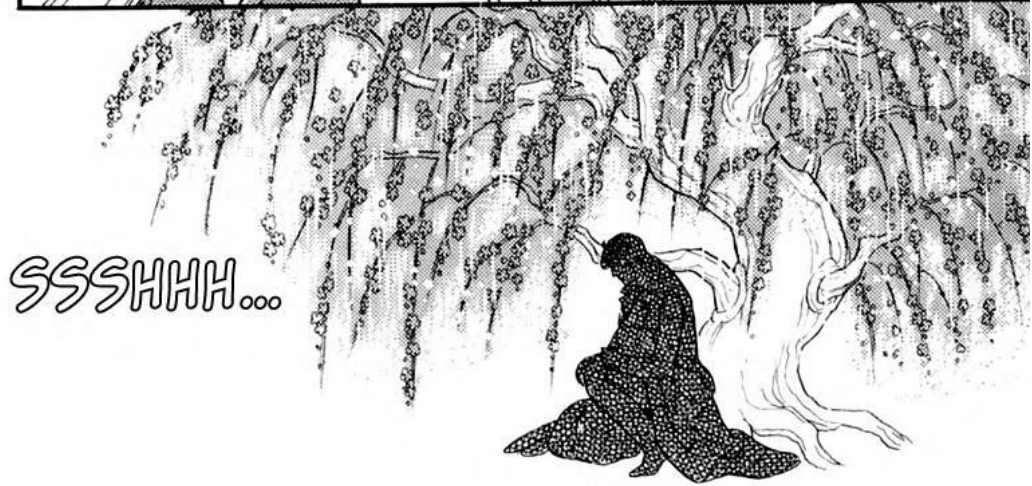


HAYAMI...  
SAN...

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?

SHOCK





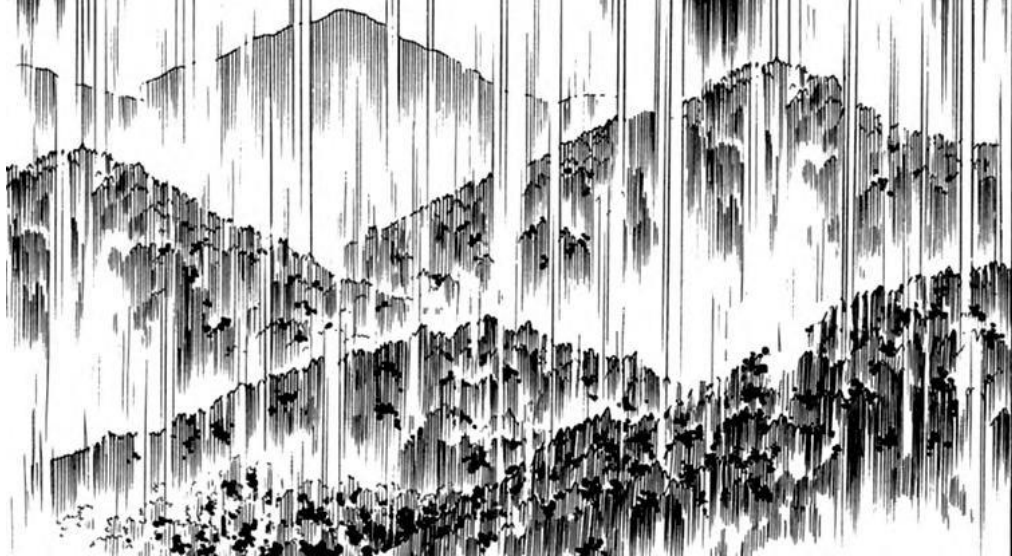




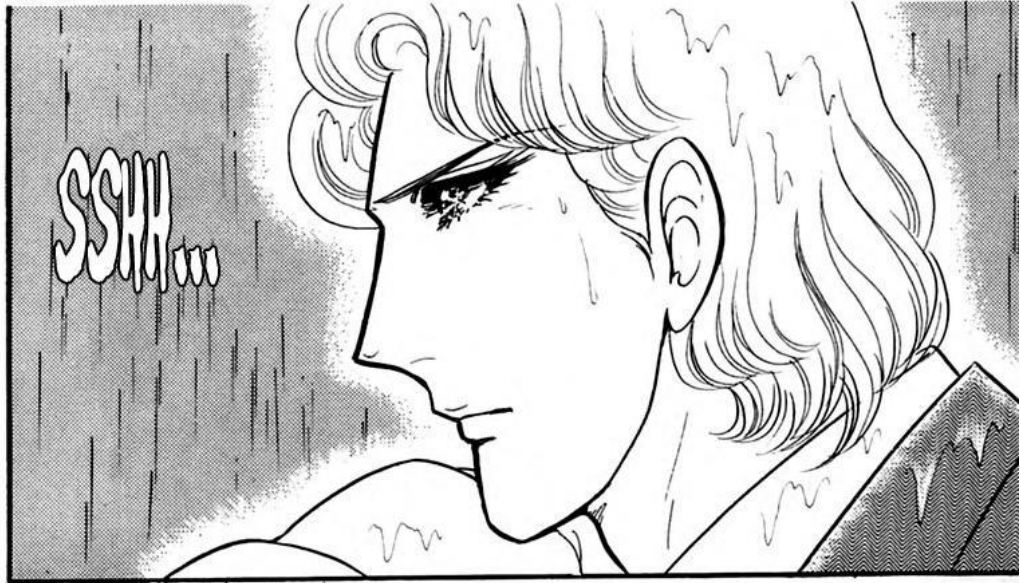
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SSSHHHH







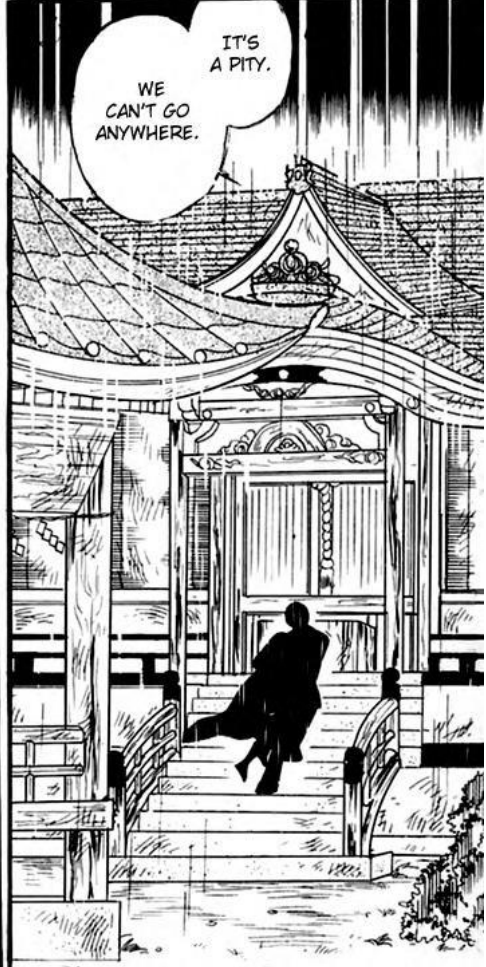
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?  
ARE YOU COLD?

NO...

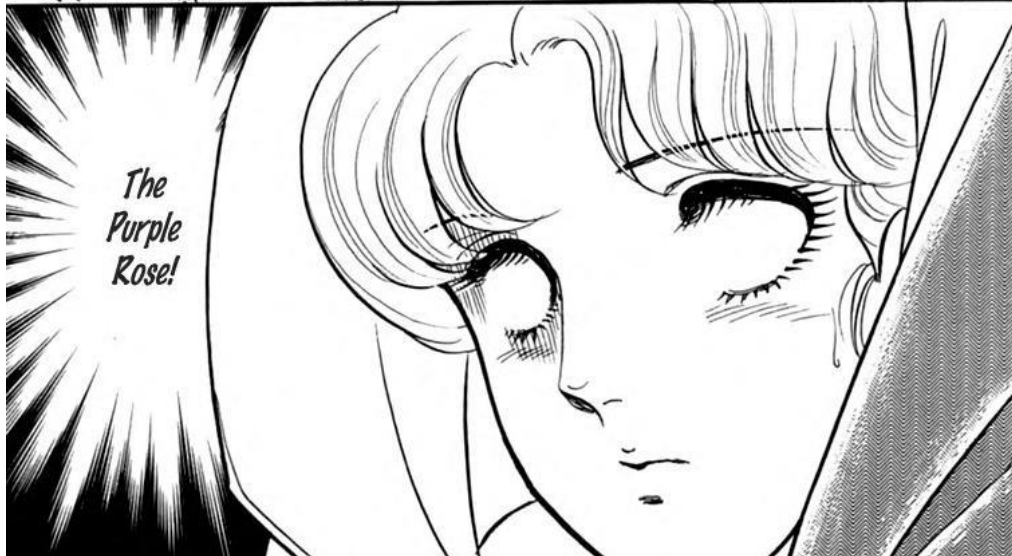
HAYAMI-SAN...

IT'S A PRETTY OLD TEMPLE.

IT SEEMS IT WAS ABANDONED A LONG TIME AGO.



IT'S A PITY.  
WE CAN'T GO ANYWHERE.



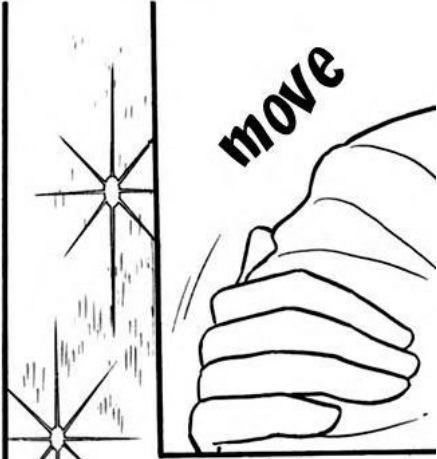


WE'RE GOING TO FREEZE LIKE THIS.

THAT SEEMS TO BE THE TEMPLE'S QUARTERS.



LET'S TRY TO GO IN.



He's warm!









No one has  
been so kind  
towards me...



The Purple  
Rose!

ARE  
YOU  
COLD?

NO.

SURE?

Though I  
hated you  
so much...



All this was  
your way  
of showing  
kindness  
towards me!

Your words,  
your behaviour,  
you did all for  
my sake!

Why...

Why did I  
never realize  
it before?!







WHAT A  
HEAVY  
RAIN...

SSSHHH

SSSHHH

IT SEEMS  
IT'S NOT  
GOING  
TO STOP  
SOON...

