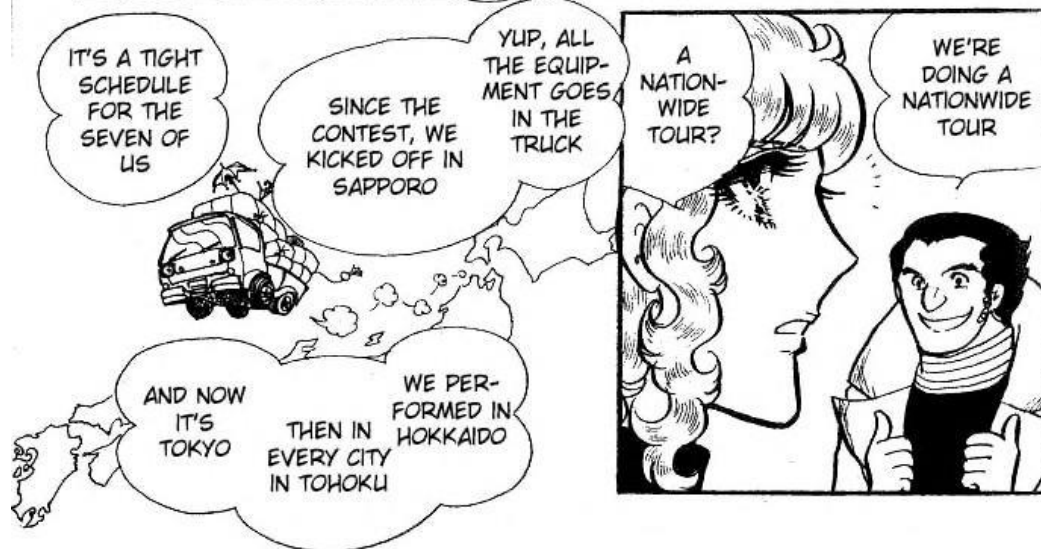
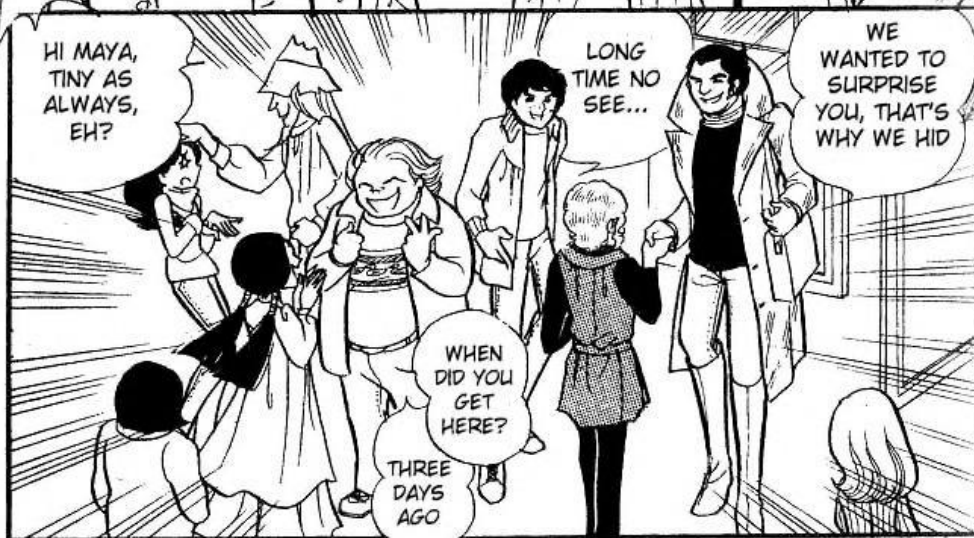


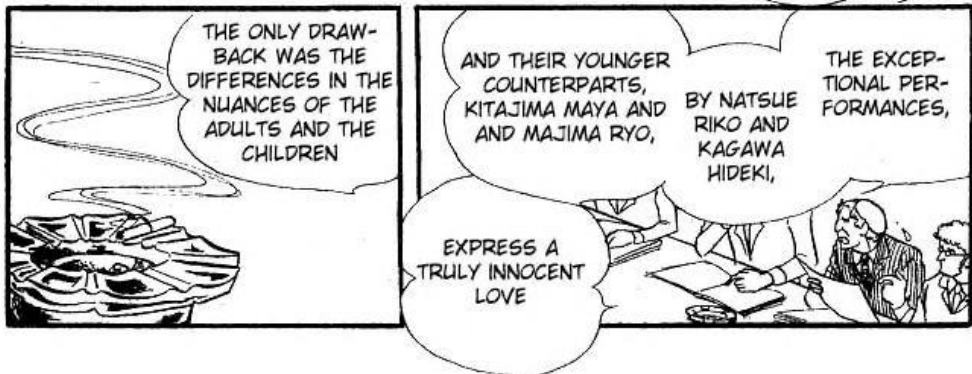
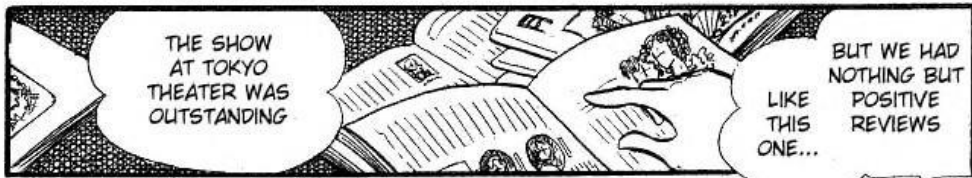
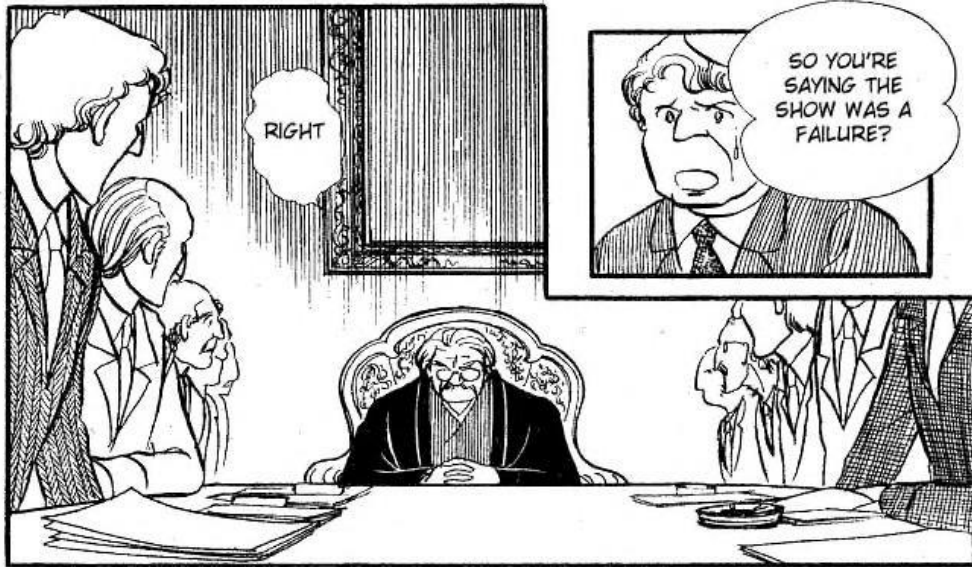
SCANNER: LUCHS  
TRANSLATOR: GOLDENBOY  
EDITOR: MIKOSERENITATIS



->?<-: Sorry, no idea about these names, but I'm guessing some silly yet famous comedians in Japan? -Luchs

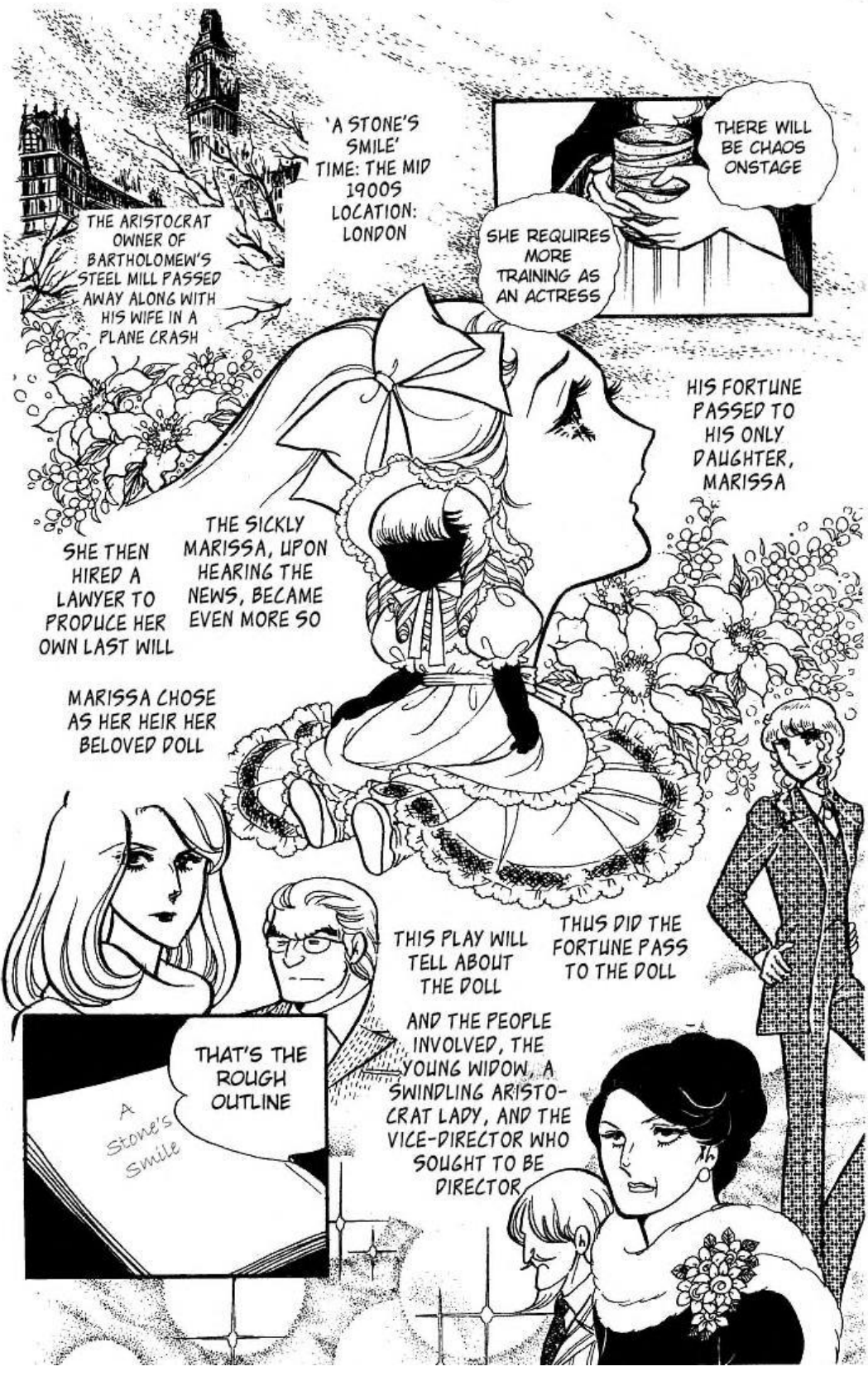












'A STONE'S SMILE'  
TIME: THE MID 1900S  
LOCATION: LONDON

THE ARISTOCRAT OWNER OF BARTHOLOMEW'S STEEL MILL PASSED AWAY ALONG WITH HIS WIFE IN A PLANE CRASH

THERE WILL BE CHAOS ONSTAGE  
SHE REQUIRES MORE TRAINING AS AN ACTRESS

HIS FORTUNE PASSED TO HIS ONLY DAUGHTER, MARISSA

THE SICKLY MARISSA, UPON HEARING THE NEWS, BECAME EVEN MORE SO  
SHE THEN HIRED A LAWYER TO PRODUCE HER OWN LAST WILL

MARISSA CHOSE AS HER HEIR HER BELOVED DOLL

THIS PLAY WILL TELL ABOUT THE DOLL

THUS DID THE FORTUNE PASS TO THE DOLL

AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THE YOUNG WIDOW, A SWINDLING ARISTOCRAT LADY, AND THE VICE-DIRECTOR WHO SOUGHT TO BE DIRECTOR

A Stone's Smile  
THAT'S THE ROUGH OUTLINE



LET'S DO IT



SOUNDS FANTASTIC

IT DOES



VROOO  
OOAAA  
AAAAM  
MMM!!

OKAY, THAT'S ME!

HMM..  
WE OPEN WITH THE SOUND OF A LOUD PLANE



WAAA

AAAAH

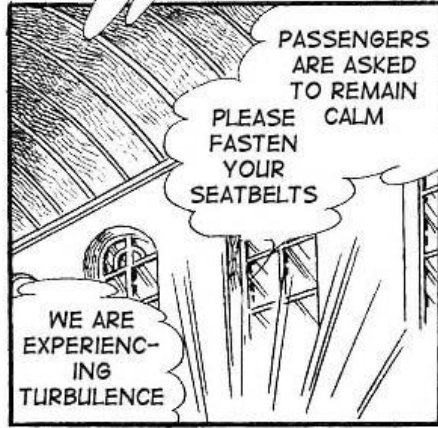
ITYAAAA

BUMP!  
BUMP!  
BUMP!  
BUMP!



DOWN

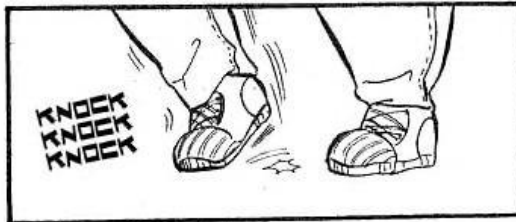
CRASH!



PASSENGERS ARE ASKED TO REMAIN CALM  
PLEASE CALM  
FASTEN YOUR SEATBELTS

WE ARE EXPERIENCING TURBULENCE





I AM PREVIEW, THE HOW MAY LAWYER.. I BE OF YOU SENT SERVICE, FOR ME? MISS?



KZOUK KZOUK KZOUK



MOTHER AND FATHER LEFT ME LONG AGO

AND I AM ALL BUT SPENT

I GROW WEAKER EACH DAY, DEATH IS COMING FOR ME

PREVIEW, I AM NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD... IT IS TIME...



WHO WILL CARE FOR HER?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HER IF I DIE?

HOW WILL SHE FARE?



SHE IS MY ONLY FRIEND, SHE IS ELIZABETH



MISS MAR-ISSA

ONLY ONE PROBLEM REMAINS

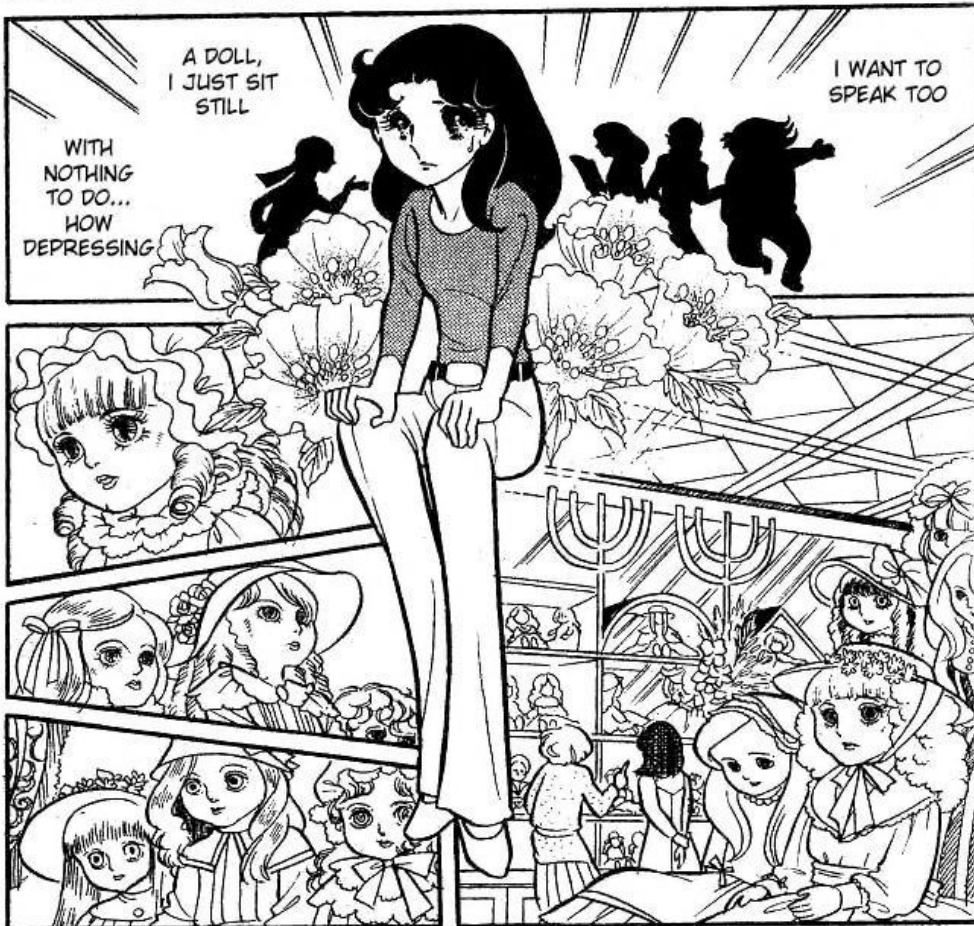
I HAVE BUT ONE FRIEND



MR. PREVIEW,  
TAKE CARE  
OF ELIZA-  
BETH  
FOR ME

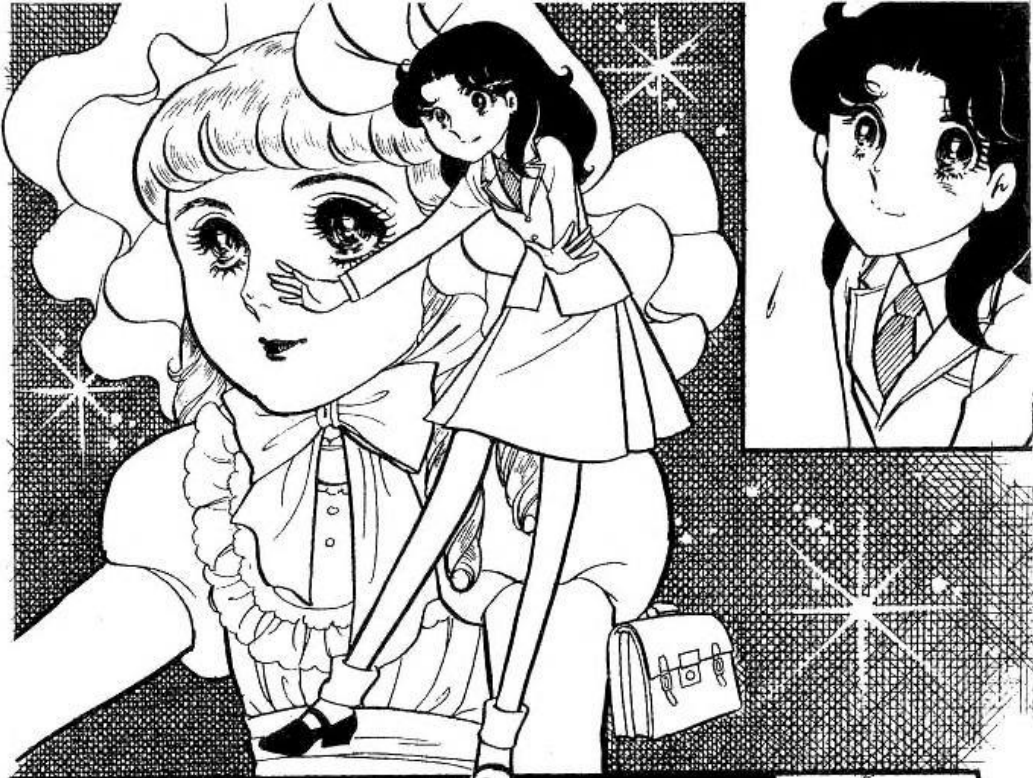
THIS PAGE I  
GIVE YOU  
NOW  
IS TO  
BE READ  
ONE YEAR  
AFTER MY  
PASSING

I HAVE  
WRITTEN  
MY  
WILL...  
THE  
GOOD  
DOCTOR  
WAS MY  
WITNESS

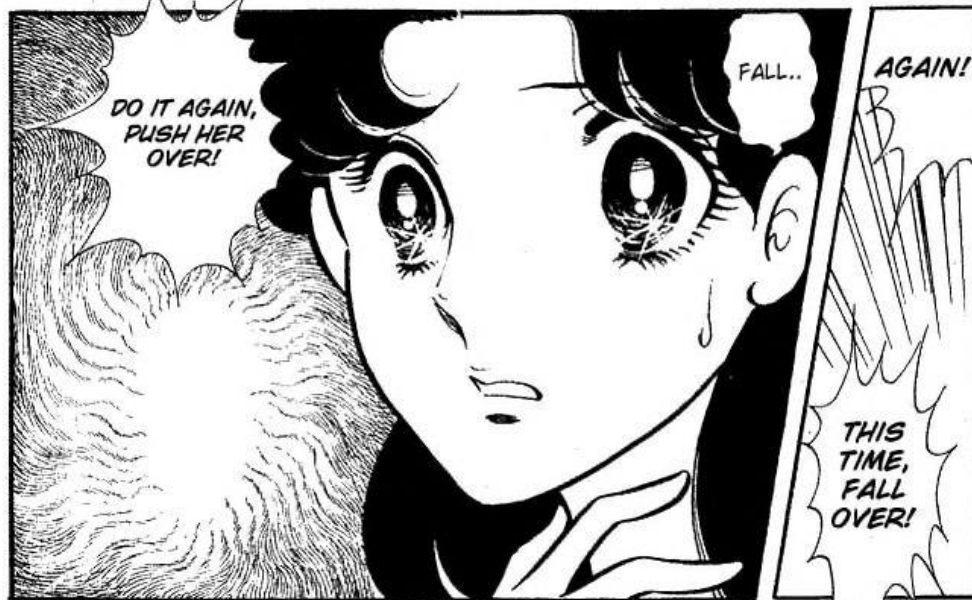


A DOLL,  
I JUST SIT  
STILL  
WITH  
NOTHING  
TO DO...  
HOW  
DEPRESSING

I WANT TO  
SPEAK TOO











AGAIN!  
DOLLS CAN'T  
MOVE ON  
THEIR OWN!

YOUR  
KNEES!

PUSH



DON'T  
GRIMACE  
IN PAIN,  
DOLLS  
HAVE NO  
FACIAL  
EXPRES-  
SION!

WATCH  
YOUR  
HIPS,  
DOLL'S  
CAN'T  
FALL ON  
THEIR  
OWN  
EITHER

KEEP  
YOUR  
HANDS  
AND LEGS  
STIFF,

BUT YOUR  
NECK  
LIMBER

NOW  
YOU'RE  
TOO LIMP!

AGAIN!

STIFF,  
MAYA,  
STIFF!



huff  
huff



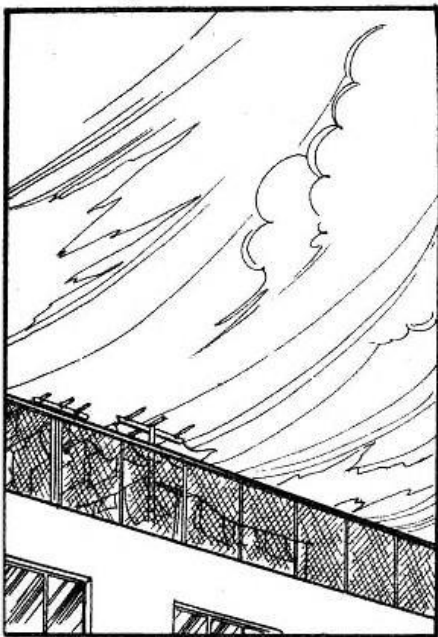
I'M PERFECTLY FINE  
CARRY ON!

SENSEI, IS THIS OKAY?  
YOU'RE STILL WEAK, YOU SHOULD REST



OH, RIGHT

HEY, YOU'RE UP, LAWYER



IF THIS DOLL SHOULD SUFFER ANY IRREPAIRABLE DAMAGE..

WHOSOEVER DAMAGES THIS DOLL RELINQUISHES HIS OR HER RIGHTS ON HER

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AS IS STATED IN THE WILL

FINANCING WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE BARTHOLOMEW FAMILY IN ORDER TO FINANCE SAID REPAIRS



WHO EVER THOUGHT..

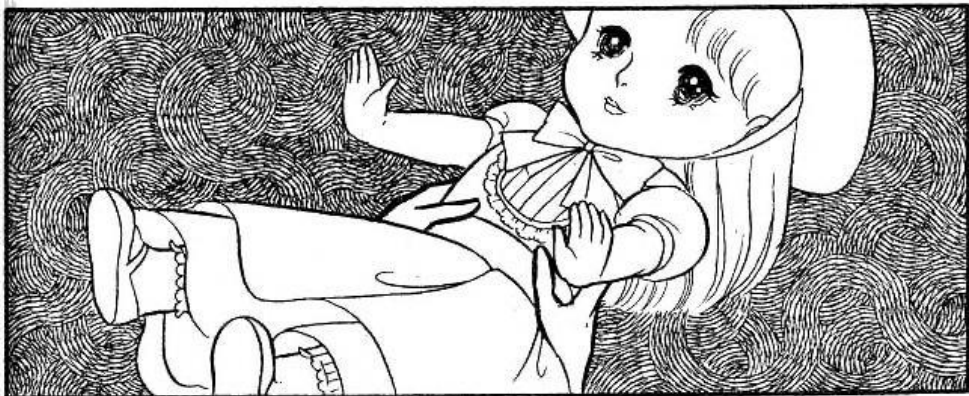
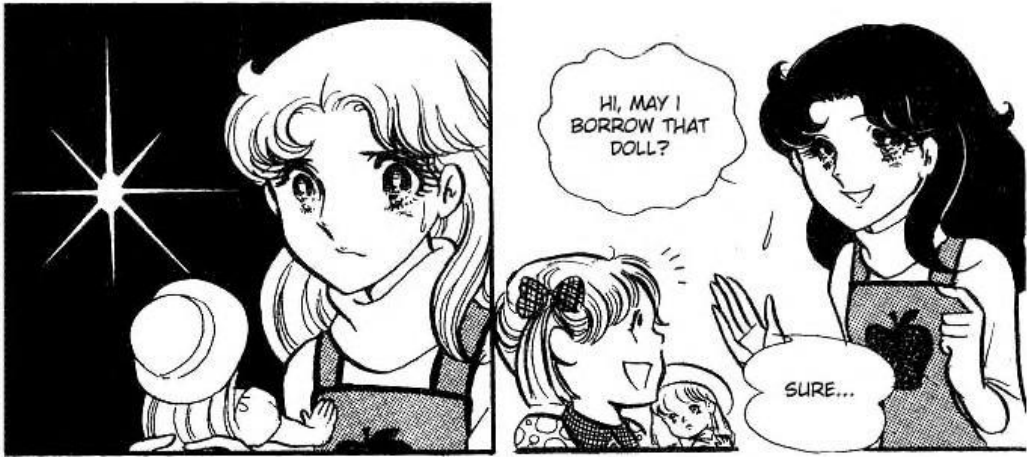
THAT PLAYING A DOLL WOULD BE  
THIS TOUGH?

IT'S DIFFERENT THAN  
ANYTHING ELSE I'VE  
EVER DONE

IT'S EASIER BEING  
A HUMAN



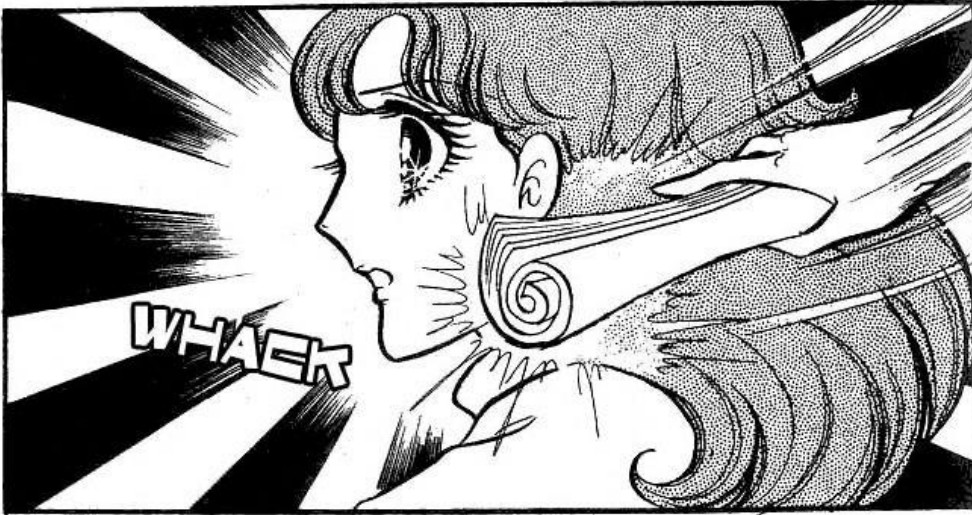
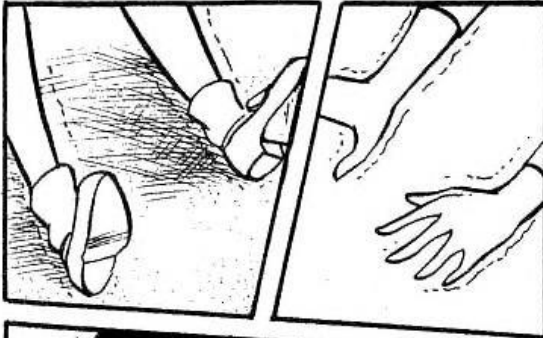
BECAUSE  
HUMANS HAVE  
FEELINGS



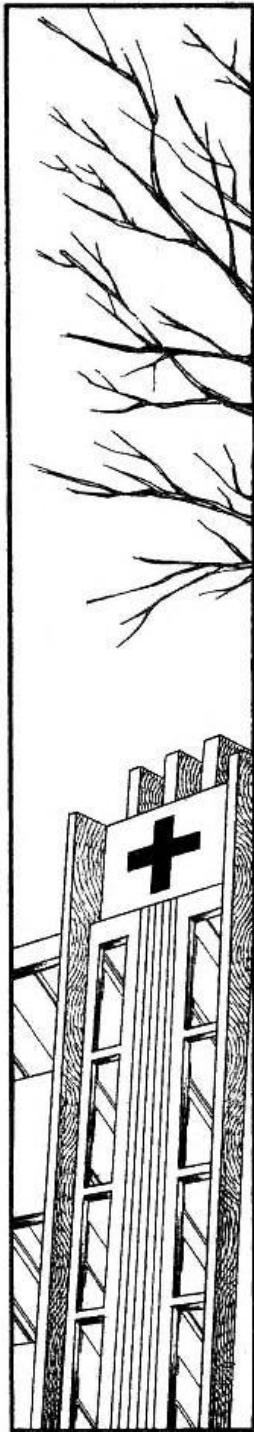








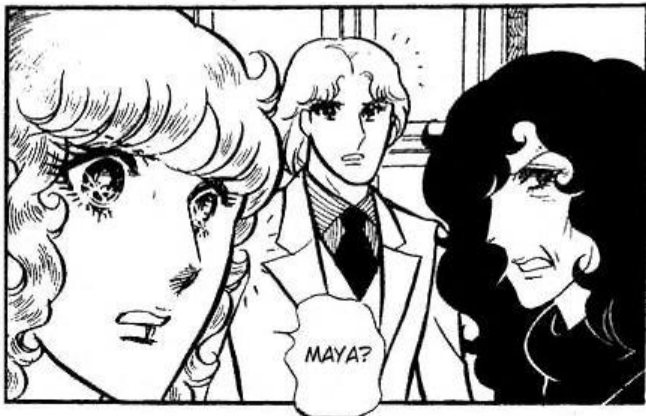
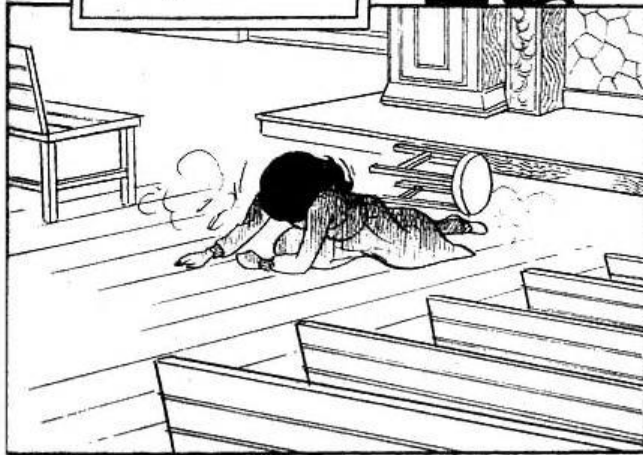
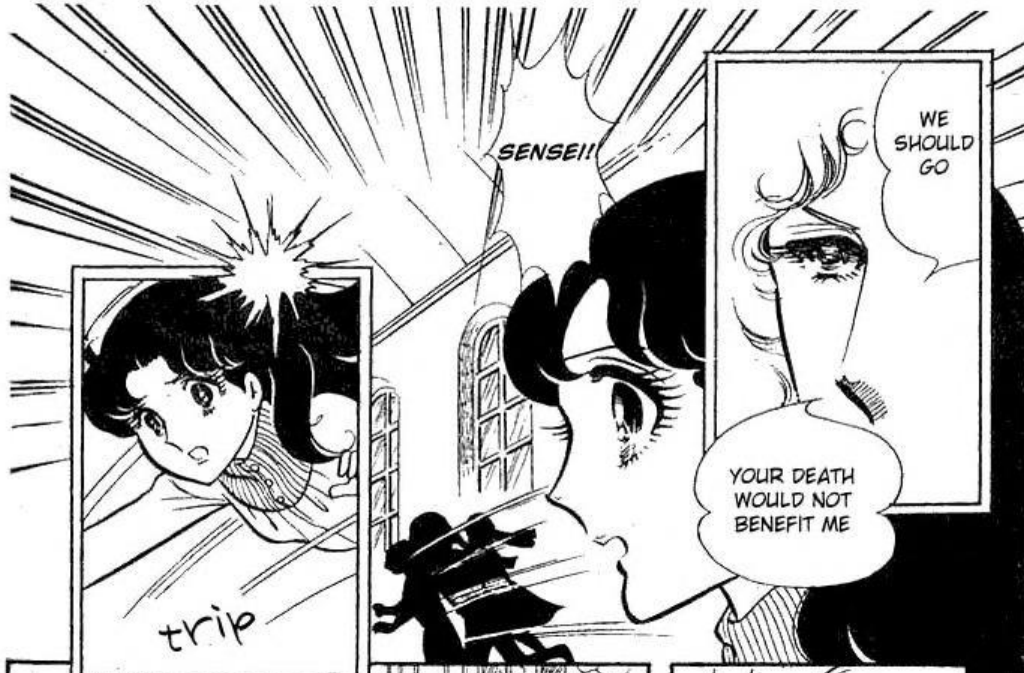


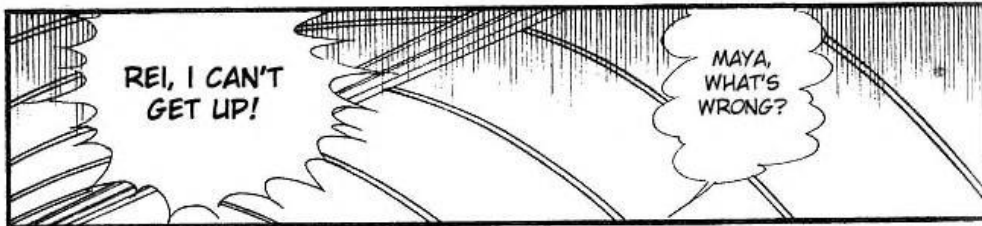








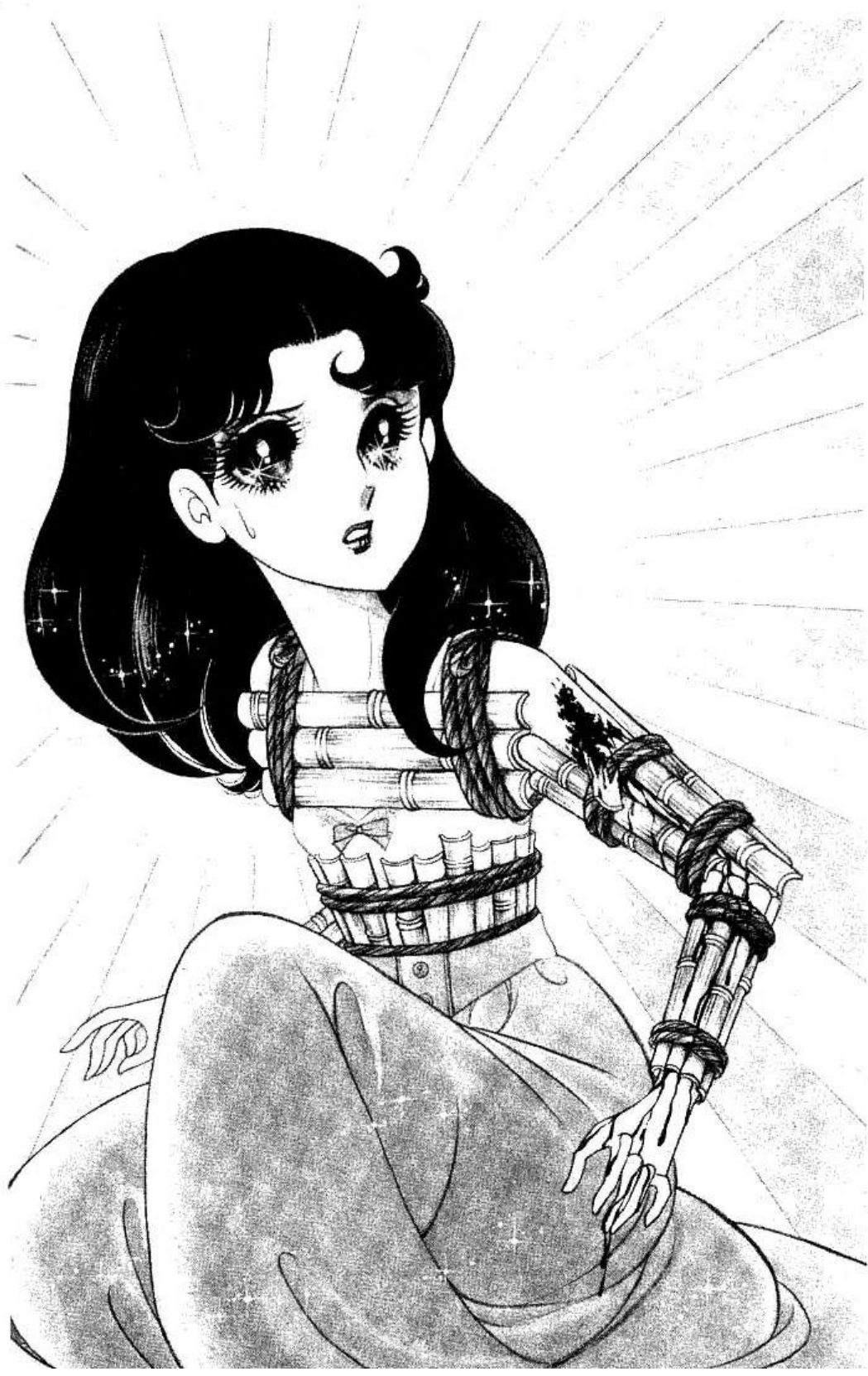




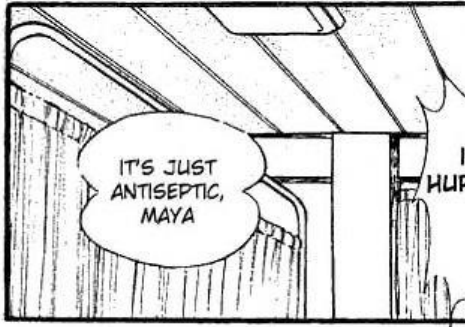
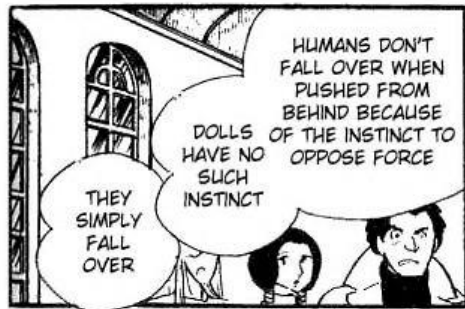




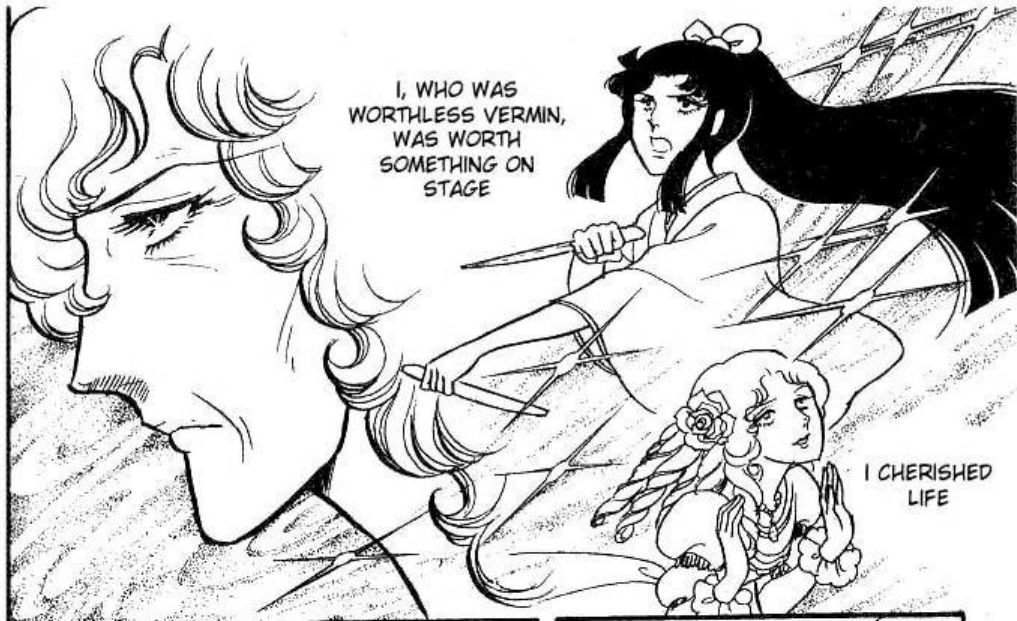






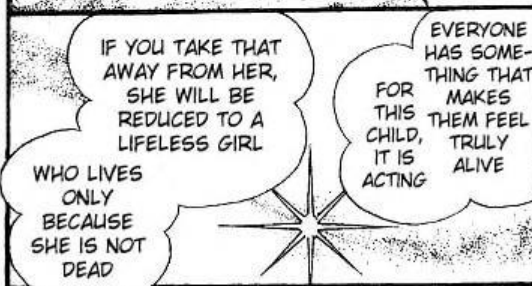






I, WHO WAS WORTHLESS VERMIN, WAS WORTH SOMETHING ON STAGE

I CHERISHED LIFE



IF YOU TAKE THAT AWAY FROM HER, SHE WILL BE REDUCED TO A LIFELESS GIRL WHO LIVES ONLY BECAUSE SHE IS NOT DEAD

EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT MAKES THEM FEEL TRULY ALIVE FOR THIS CHILD, IT IS ACTING



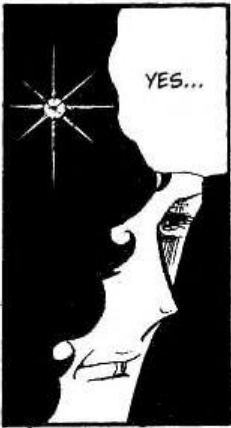
THIS GIRL AS WELL, WILL NEVER LEAVE ACTING



THAT'S WHAT ICHIREN OZAKI TAUGHT ME



IF SHE HAS THE WILL TO LIVE SHE WILL FIND VALUE WITHIN HERSELF



YES...



THUMP

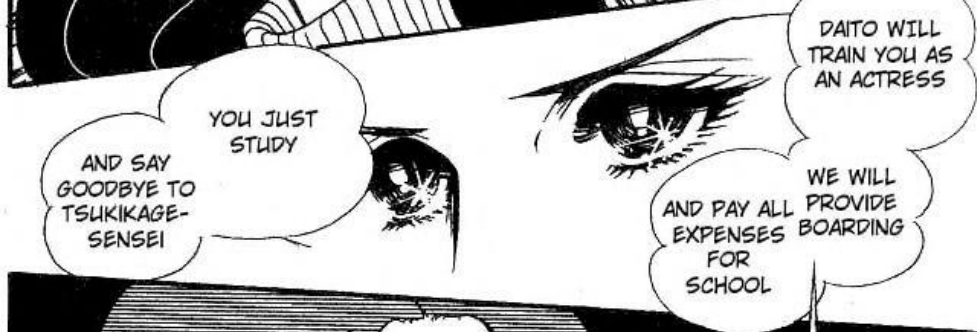


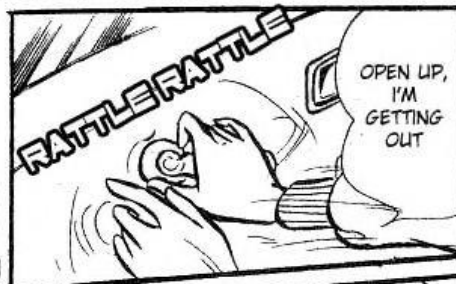
YOU LOVED HIM?





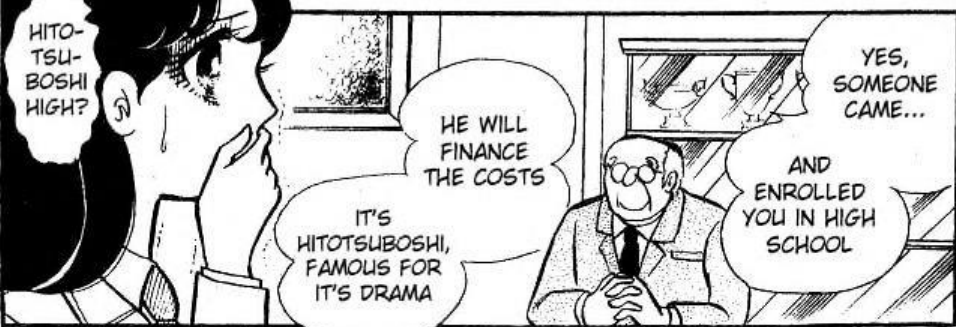














ATTENDANCE IS STRICTLY LIMITED

THEY EVEN HAVE SPECIAL COURSES WHERE

VERY ACTIVE IN THE DRAMA SCENE

THEY'VE WON NUMEROUS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CONTESTS

I GATHER YOU'VE HEARD?

WAIT A MINUTE!  
WHO DID ALL THIS, SIR?

I WAS ASKED BY ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES

HE IS SAID TO BE QUITE A FAN OF YOUR PERFORMANCES



A PURPLE ROSE...

AH, THERE IS A TEST AND INTERVIEW

HE WANTS YOU TO ATTEND THAT SCHOOL AND ENJOY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

YOU WILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT ACTING



AND THE PERSON WHO ARRANGED ALL THIS GAVE YOU THIS



THIS IS LIKE A DREAM..