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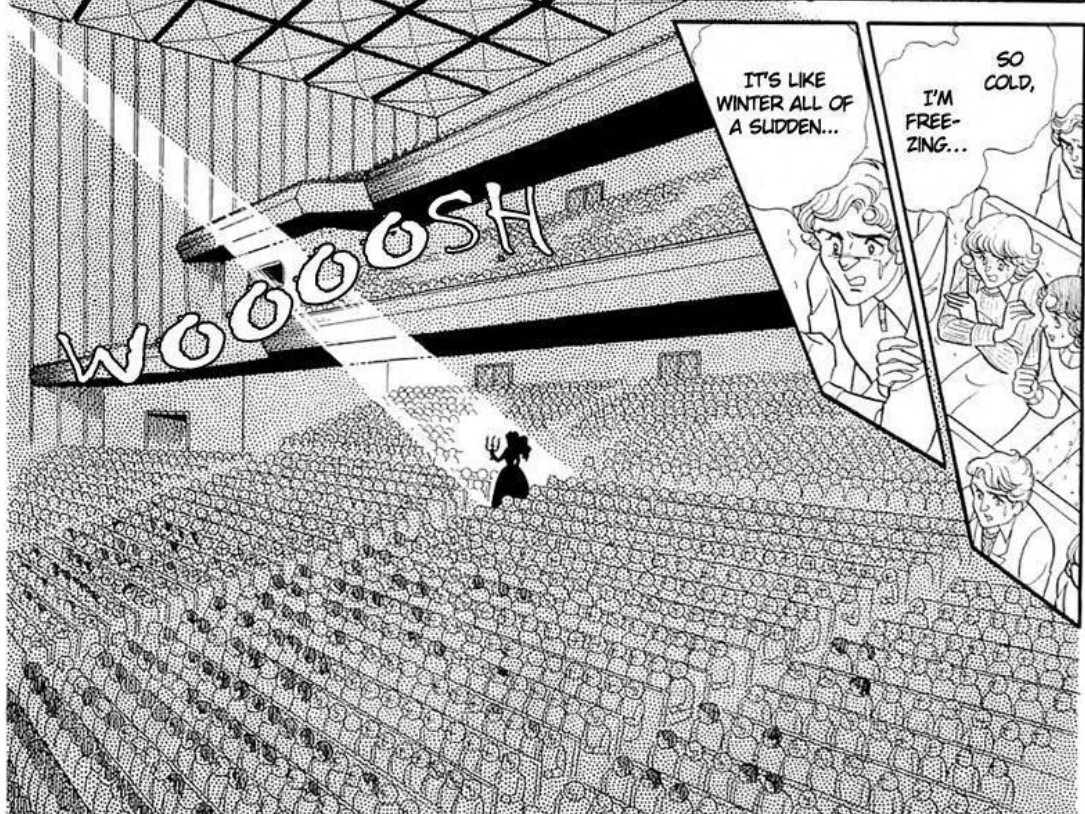
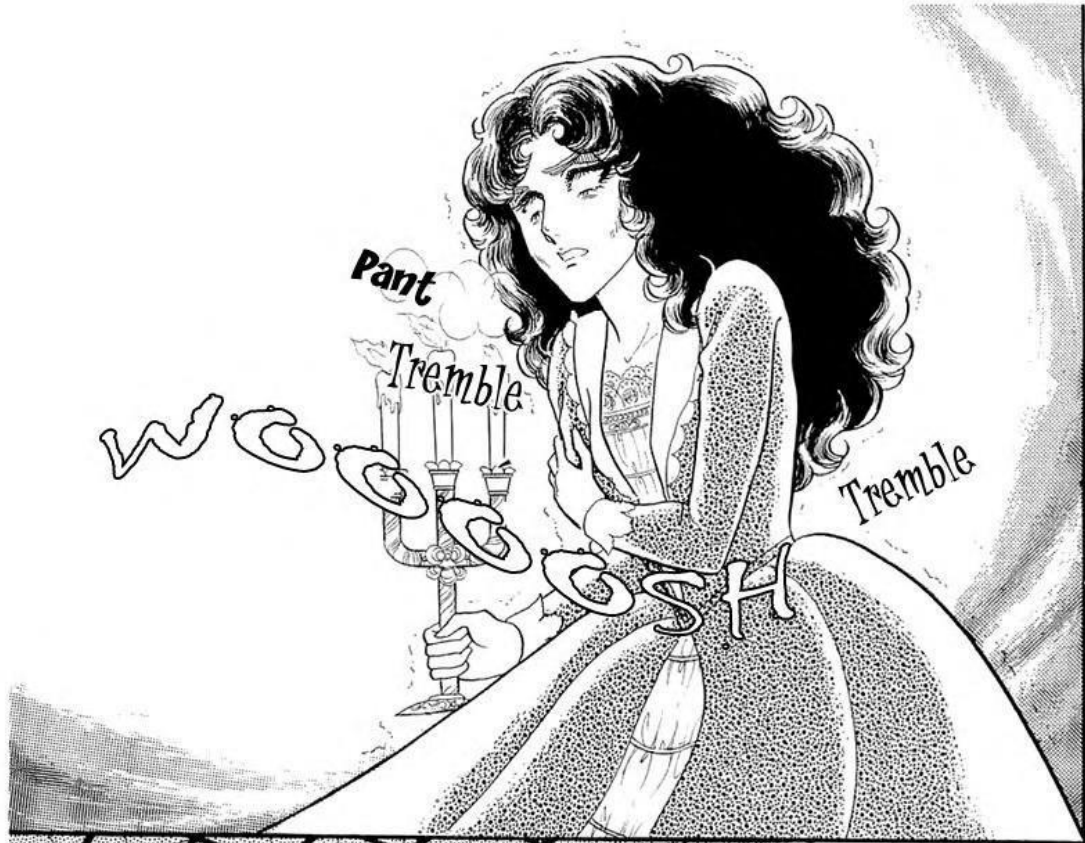
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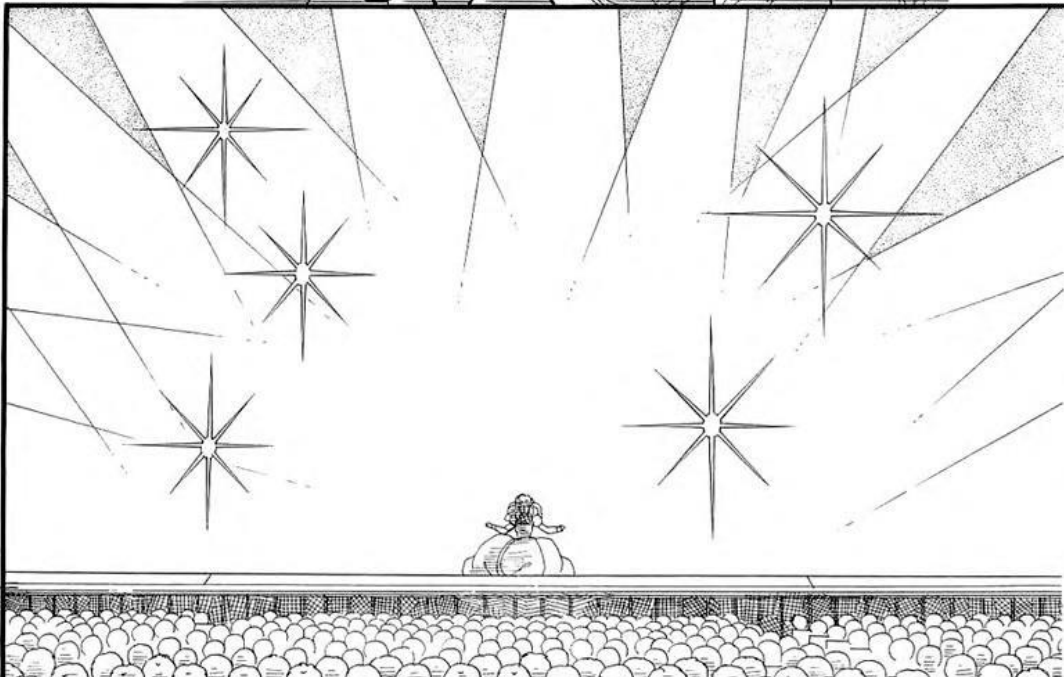
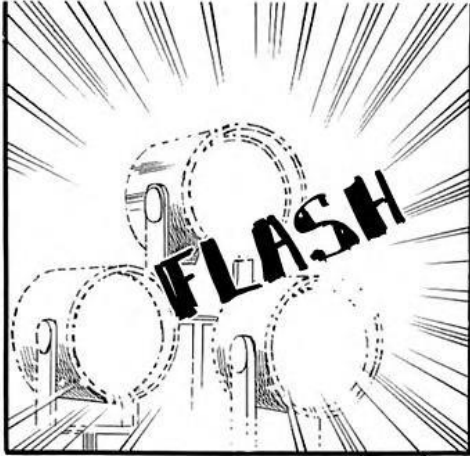
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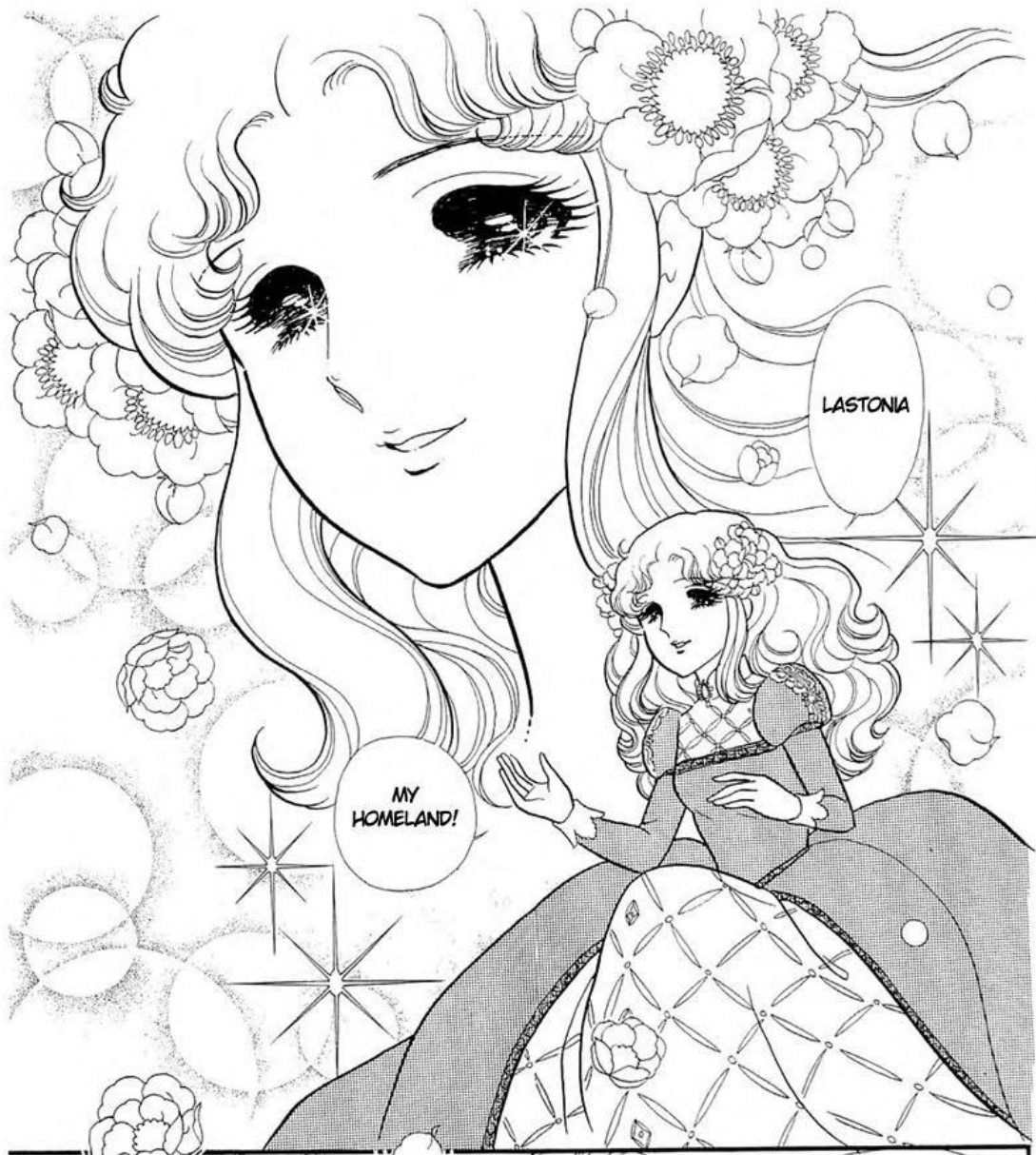
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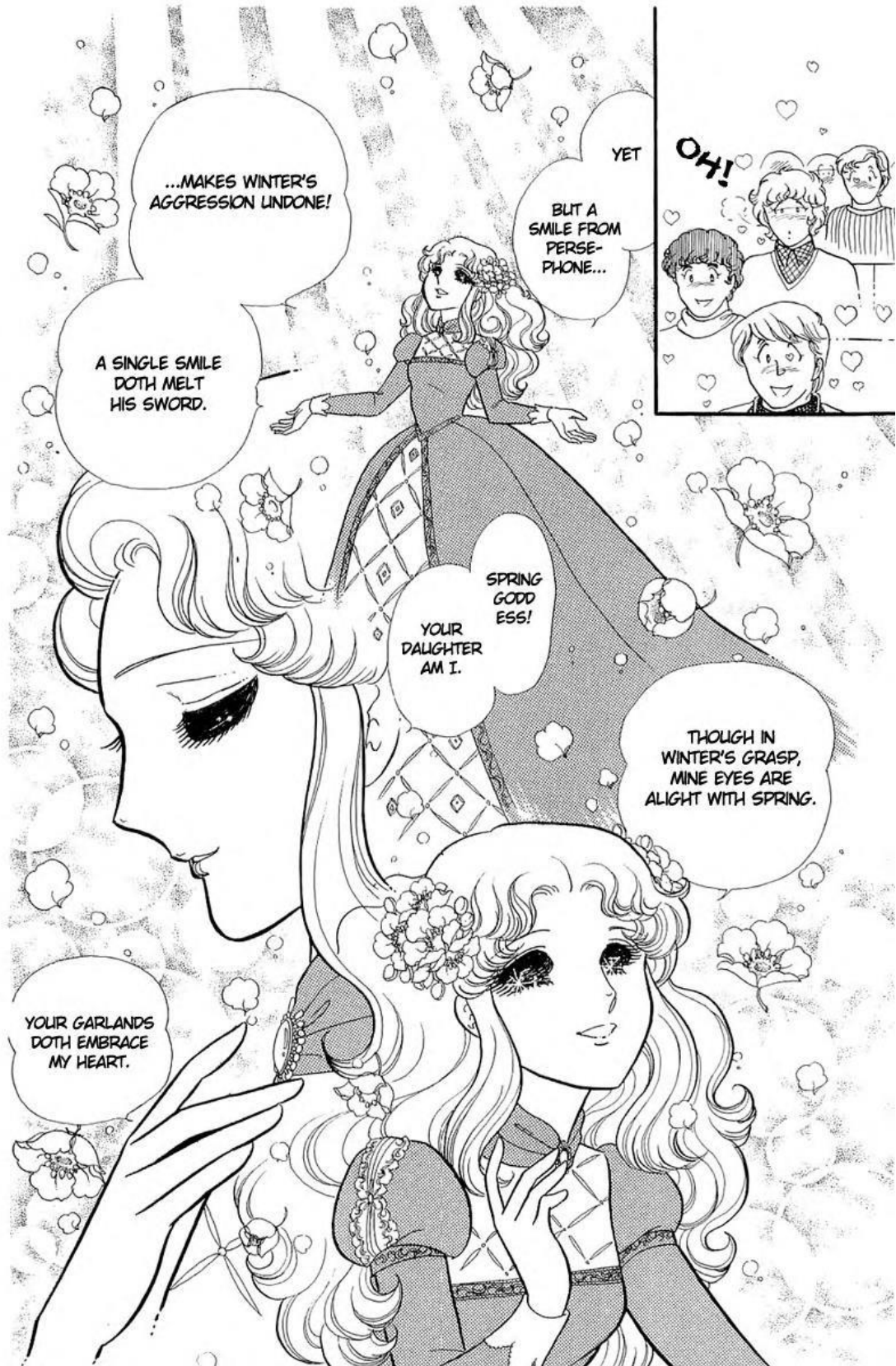
LASTONIA

MY
HOMELAND!



PRINCESS
ALDIS
AM I...

EACH YEAR
EMBRACED BY
WINTER FOR
SIX MONTHS...



...MAKES WINTER'S
AGGRESSION LINDONE!

A SINGLE SMILE
DOTH MELT
HIS SWORD.

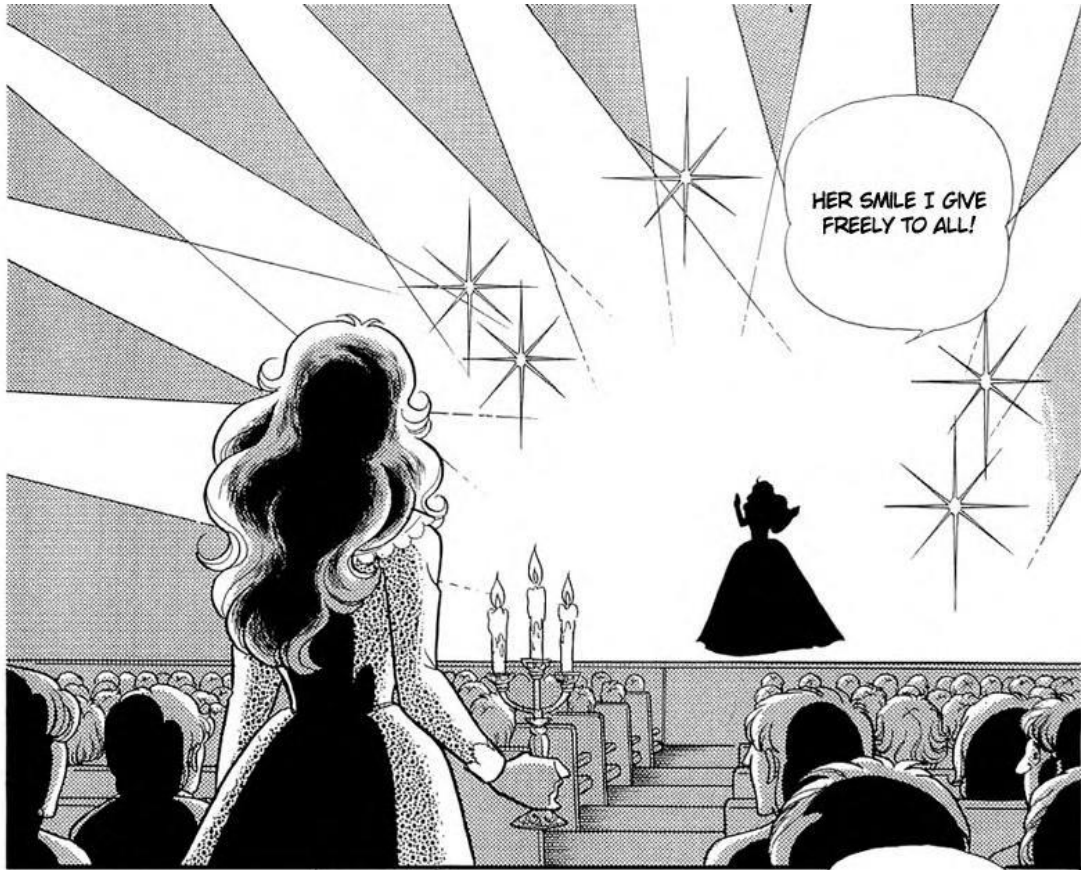
YET
BUT A
SMILE FROM
PERSE-
PHONE...

OH!

SPRING
GODD
ESS!
YOUR
DAUGHTER
AM I.

THOUGH IN
WINTER'S GRASP,
MINE EYES ARE
ALIGHT WITH SPRING.

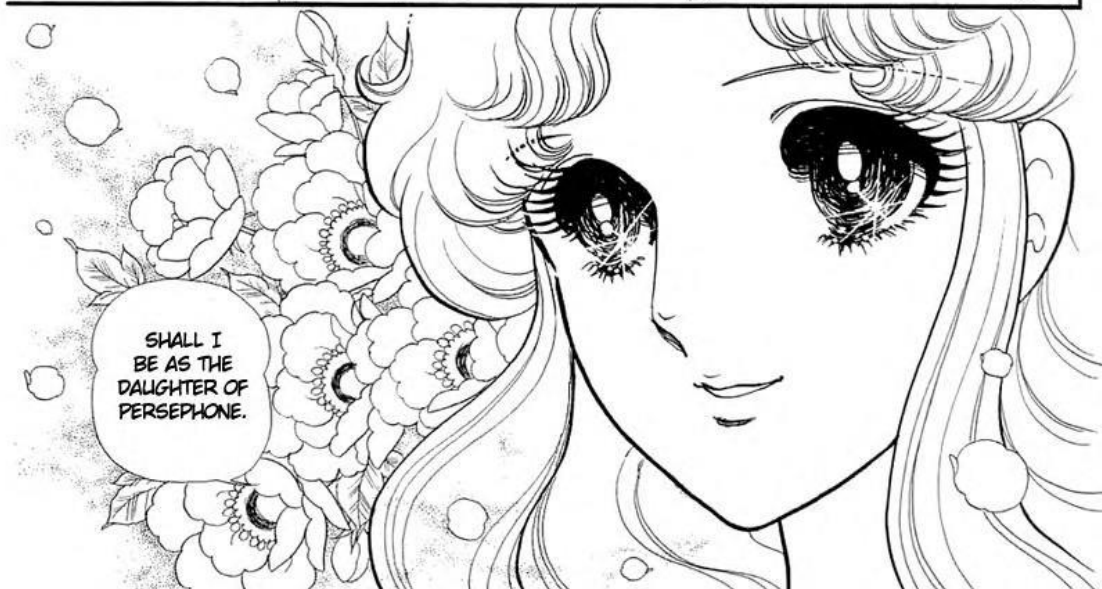
YOUR GARLANDS
DOTH EMBRACE
MY HEART.



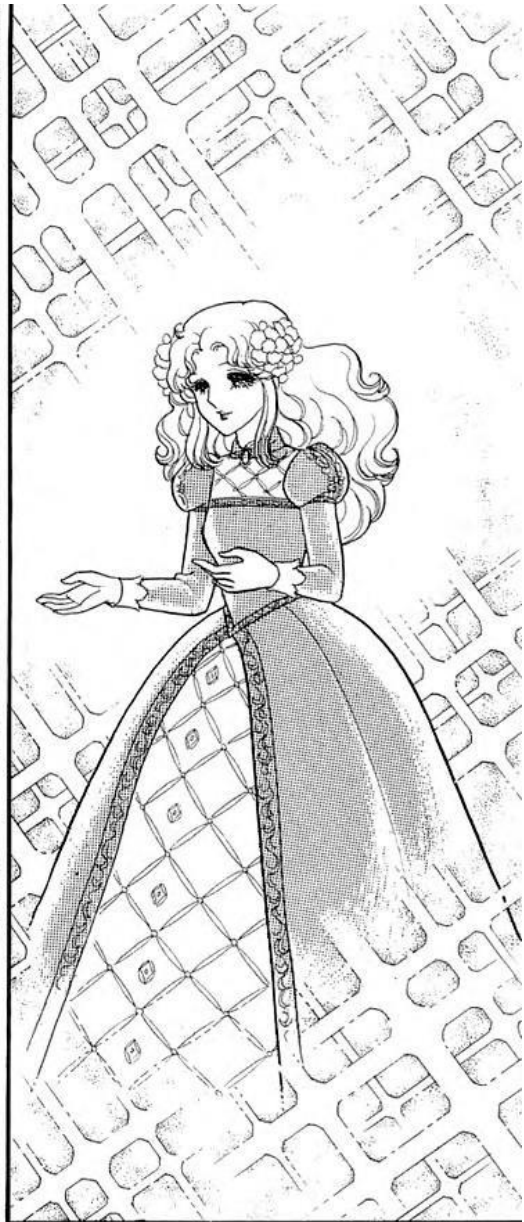
HER SMILE I GIVE
FREELY TO ALL!



FOR ALL THOSE
SUBJECT TO
OBERON'S
CURSE...



SHALL I
BE AS THE
DAUGHTER OF
PERSEPHONE.







DOOMED BE THE BAILEY

ON WARD! FIGHT!

INTO THE BREACH MY MINIONS!

THE KEEP WILL FALL!



DID THOU THINKST THERE WOULD BE MERCY?

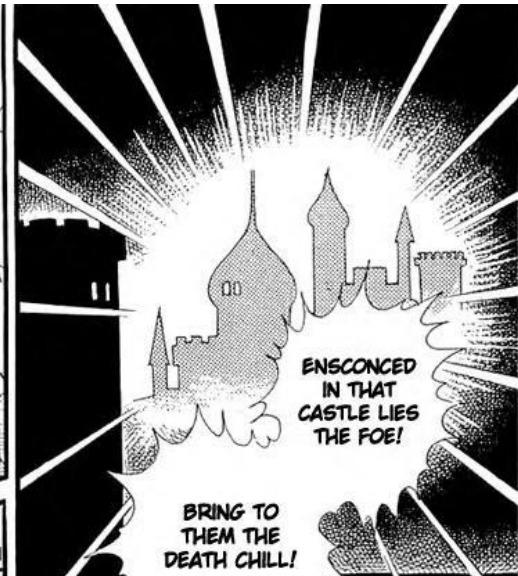
THAT MINE HEART WOULD'ST BE LINGUARDED?



NOT UNTIL THE CITADEL FALLS!

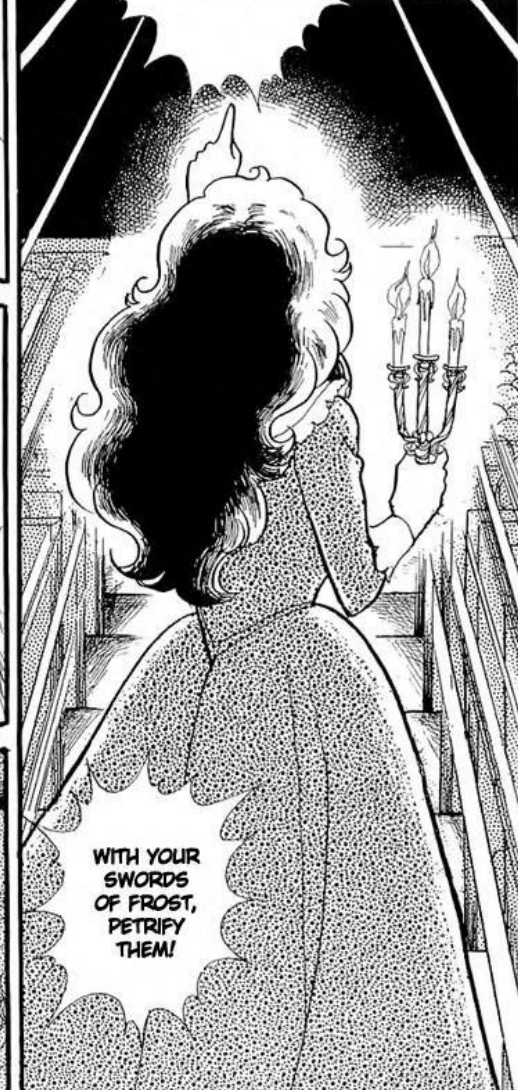


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ENSCONCED IN THAT CASTLE LIES THE FOE!

BRING TO THEM THE DEATH CHILL!



WITH YOUR SWORDS OF FROST, PETRIFY THEM!





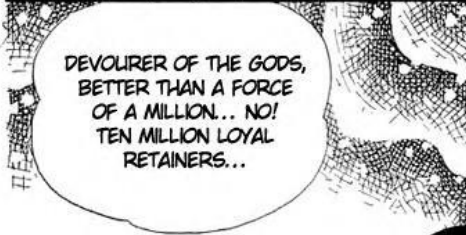


HA
HA

THE GUARDS ARE DEEP
IN THEIR REVELRY.
TO TOAST PRINCESS
ALDIS' BIRTH DAY HATH
THE CASTLE SENT WINE.



HA
HA
HA



DEVOURER OF THE GODS,
BETTER THAN A FORCE
OF A MILLION... NO!
TEN MILLION LOYAL
RETAINERS...

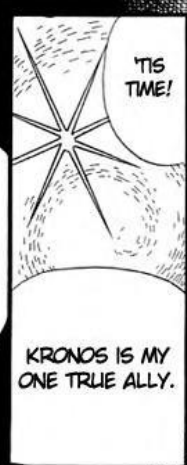


DESPITE THINE
BLOOD IS OF EQUAL
TEMPERAMENT ROYAL,
YOU ART BEHOLDEN
HERE TO RESIDE.

IT DOTH
WRACK MINE
HEART TO
BEHOLD
YOU THUS.
PRIN-
CESS
ORIGELD
...



YOUR HOME IS
BLIT THREE IRON
BARRED ROOMS.



'TIS
TIME!

THIS
SHALL
PASS...

TIME HAST
TAUGHT ME...
THIS SHALL PASS!

KRONOS IS MY
ONE TRUE ALLY.



NURSE, DOST
THOU KNOWEST
WHO IS MY
STOUTEST ALLY?

NOR MINE UNCLE,
MY COLD INTERRED
MOTHER'S
YOUNGER
BROTHER.

'TIS NOT
THE KING,
WHOSE
BLOOD I
BEAR



LET PIETY LAY ASIDE YOUR CROWN, FOR TO A NUNNERY YOU CAN DEPART THIS WRETCHED PLACE.

MILADY ORIGELD, MY THOUGHTS DOTH WRITHE IN CONFUSION...

AND ALTHOUGH PRISON-LIKE SUCH A PLACE MAY BE THOU WOULDST COMMAND SOME BETTER PRIVILEGE OF STATUS THERE.

PRITHEE, LET ME SPEAK! FAR BETTER THAN TO STAY IN SUCH A COLD ABODE WOULD THE CHASTITY OF A NUNNERY BE.



MILADY!

DOFF THINE OWN GOWN AND RECEIVE THE HABIT.

I WILL NOT GO, NURSE.



AND HIS MAJESTY'S PROMISE OF FREEDOM LAYS UPON THE HABIT.



LASTONIA BE MY BIRTHRIGHT!

ROYAL AM I, AND FIRST TO THE THRONE!

SECOND IN SUCCESSION IS MY BROTHER JOHANNES.

AND ALDIS, THIRD!



A PRINCESS OF LASTONIA!



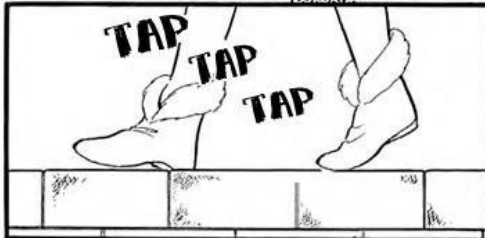
TRULY THY WITS HAVE FLED, NURSE!

ROYAL IS MY BLOOD!



NEVER WOULD I UNDERTAKE SUCH A FALL!

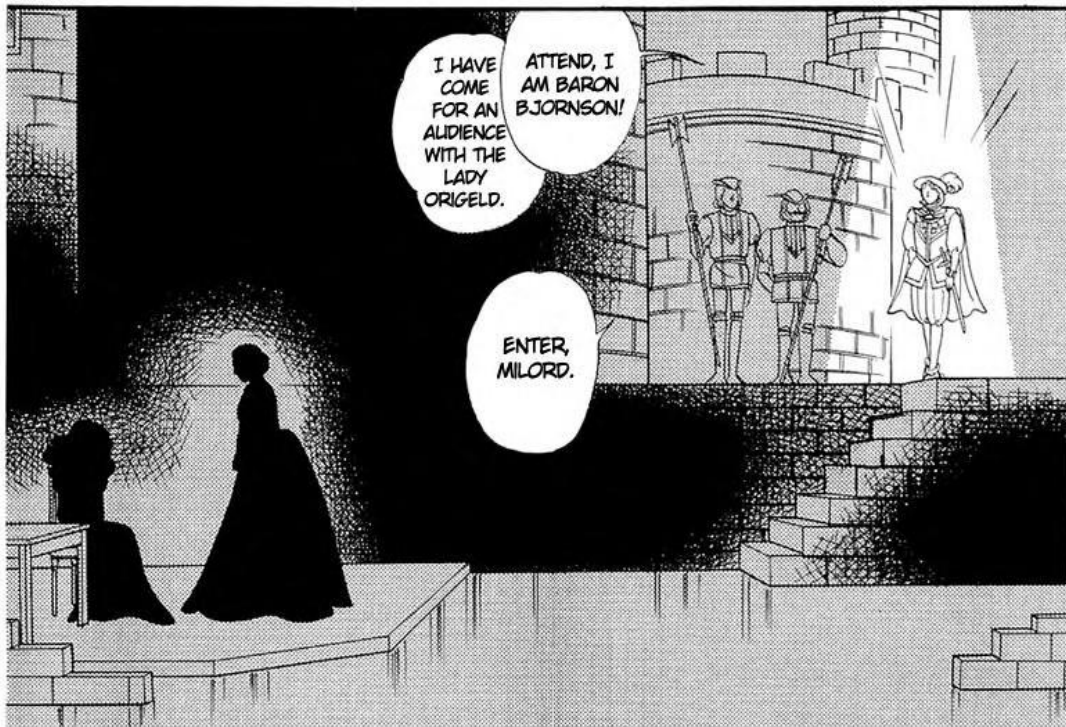
SHALL I LEAVE MY THRONE FOR A CELL? SELL MY BIRTHRIGHT FOR STEW?



TAP
TAP
TAP



LADY ORIGELD!



I HAVE COME FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH THE LADY ORIGELD.

ATTEND, I AM BARON BJORNSON!

ENTER, MILORD.



YOUR PRESENCE IS MOST PLEASING, BARON.

TOO LONG HAVE I BEEN ABSENT, LADY ORIGELD.



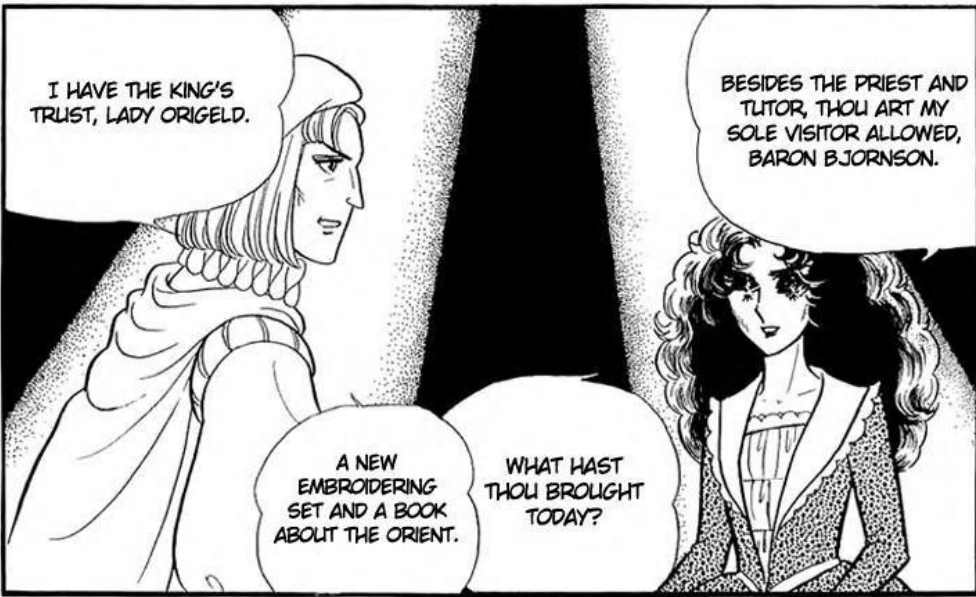
AS YOU WISH, MILADY.

YOU MAY RETIRE.



PRINCESS, BARON BJORNSON SEEKS AN AUDIENCE.

BID HIM ENTER.

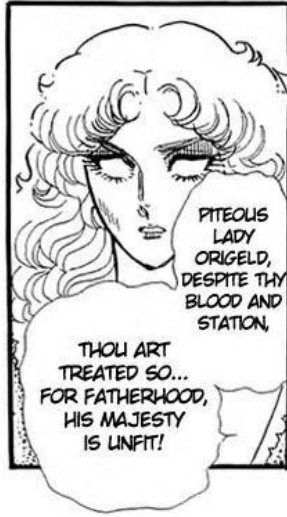


I HAVE THE KING'S TRUST, LADY ORIGELD.

BESIDES THE PRIEST AND TUTOR, THOU ART MY SOLE VISITOR ALLOWED, BARON BJORNSON.

A NEW EMBROIDERING SET AND A BOOK ABOUT THE ORIENT.

WHAT HAST THOU BROUGHT TODAY?



THOU ART TREATED SO... FOR FATHERHOOD, HIS MAJESTY IS UNFIT!

PITEOUS LADY ORIGELD, DESPITE THY BLOOD AND STATION,



WITH THE DANE?!

HUSH!

OUR NEIGHBOUR ERINWALD, CRYING FOR LASTONIAN BLOOD, HAST A BLOODY PACT MADE WITH DENMARK.



AND SOME GOOD NEWS.

GOOD NEWS?



SWIFTLY IT HAS COME...

TIME...

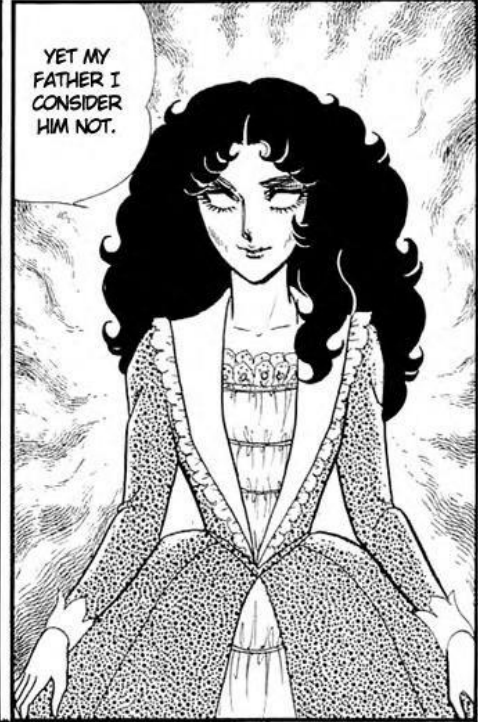
I KNOW YOUR HEART, LADY ORIGELD. THIS IS OUR INTENT, REBELS TO THE KING, WE WISH TO UNITE UNDER YOUR BANNER.

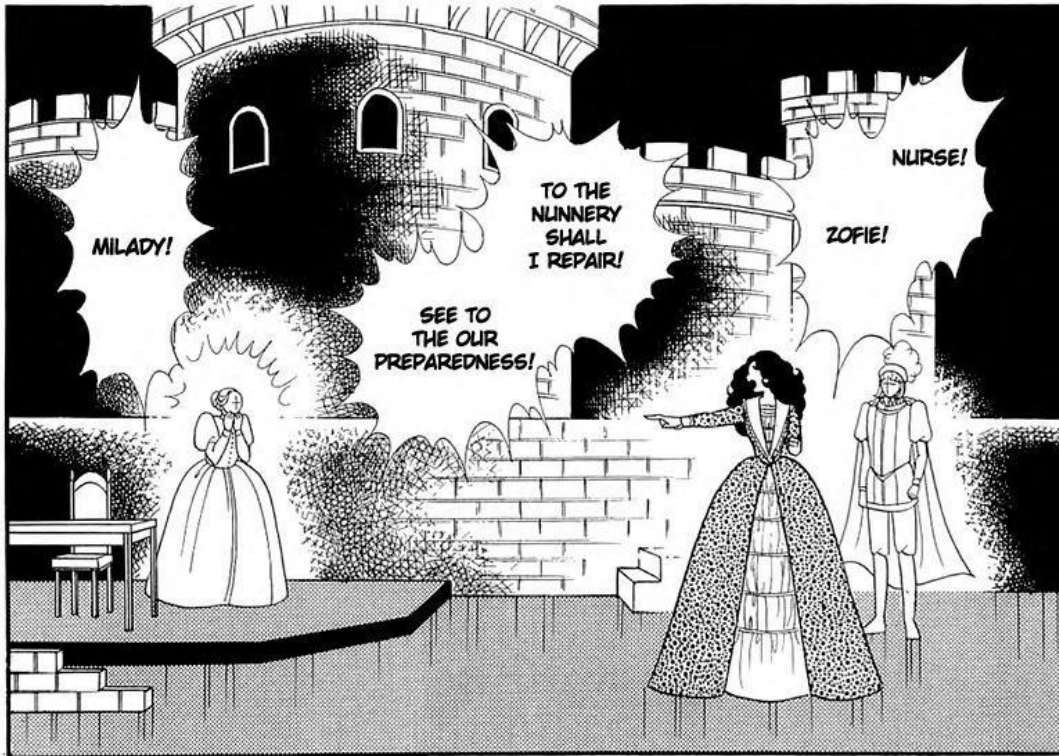
BE ASSURED,

YET MY FATHER I CONSIDER HIM NOT.

THAT THE DAGGER AT HIS HEART IS MY HIDDEN HAND, I WOULD UNFATHOMABLE BE TO HIM.

I HAVE THE KING'S TRUST.





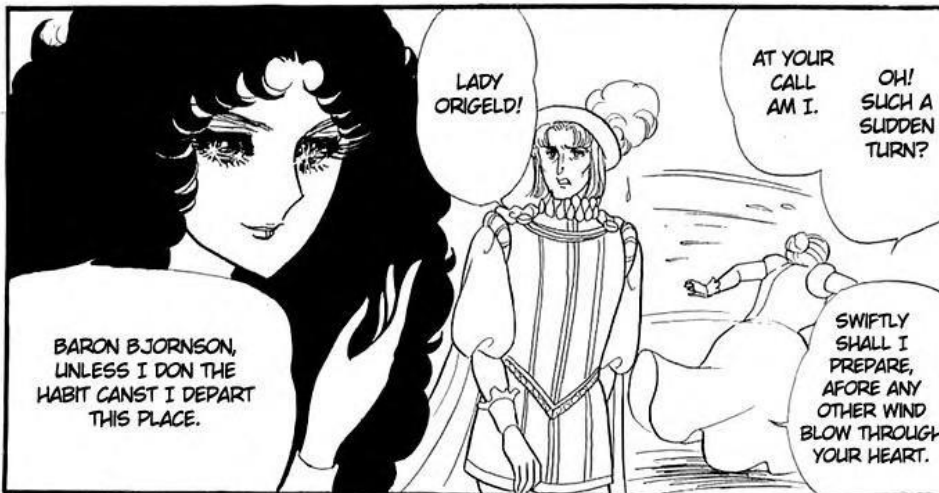
MILADY!

TO THE
NUNNERY
SHALL
I REPAIR!

NURSE!

ZOFIE!

SEE TO
THE OUR
PREPAREDNESS!



LADY
ORIGELD!

AT YOUR
CALL
AM I.

OH!
SUCH A
SUDDEN
TURN?

BARON BJORNSON,
UNLESS I DON THE
HABIT CANST I DEPART
THIS PLACE.

SWIFTLY
SHALL I
PREPARE,
AFORE ANY
OTHER WIND
BLOW THROUGH
YOUR HEART.



IT IS DEEP
WITHIN THE BLACK
FOREST, THE VILLA
OF EARL HOLM.

SAFE
IS IT?

SPIRING
TO OUR
SAFE HAR-
BOUR.

SEIZING YOU AS
TO THE NUNNERY
YOU TRAVEL...

AND SHALL
MY CONFE-
DERATES FALL
LIPON YOUR
CARAVAN...



GREAT SYMPATHY DID THE QUEEN AND COUNT AUGUST INSTILL.

OF COURSE!

WELCOME, WILL I BE?

BY JOINING WITH US, YOU CAN ONLY STRENGTHEN THE RED LILY LEAGUE.



EARL HOLM?

HIM TOO? NOW I AM ASSURED...

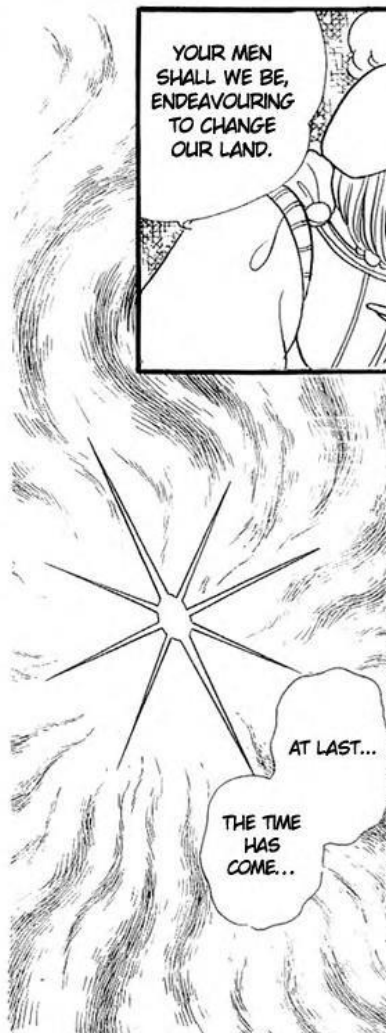


YOUR MEN SHALL WE BE, ENDEAVOURING TO CHANGE OUR LAND.

OF ROYAL DESCENT ARE YOU,

AND THIS MAY YOU ASCEND THE THRONE.

WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION DO WE AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL.



AT LAST...

THE TIME HAS COME...

I WILL..

I SHALL RETIRE IMMEDIATELY.

YOUR WILL, LADY ORIGELD.



YOU MUST IMPART GREATER DETAIL ANON OUR NEXT MEETING.



LET THE PRIEST INFORM THE KING THAT I WILL GO TO THE NUNNERY.

AND LET THE DATE BE KNOWN TO ME.



BARON, YOU SPEAK MOST PRETTILY!



Tzot

NOR BE THE
HEAD OF THE
RED LILY
LEAGUE.



AHH, THE
FLAME OF
AMBITION HAS
SPARKED
IN ME.

IT
CONSUMES
MY BODY!



YES,
ZOFIE!

YOU WILL LEAVE
HERE AT LAST,
MILADY!

YET NOT TO TAKE
HOLY VOWS!



TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM HER USUAL IMAGE...

SHE'S KINDA CREEPY...

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...

I-IS THAT REALLY AYUMI HIME-KAWA?

BLAH BLAH



IT'S REALLY GREAT!

BUT YOU ARE DRAWN IN...



RAG-NEID...

DO YOU PITY HER ANON, YOUR MAJESTY?

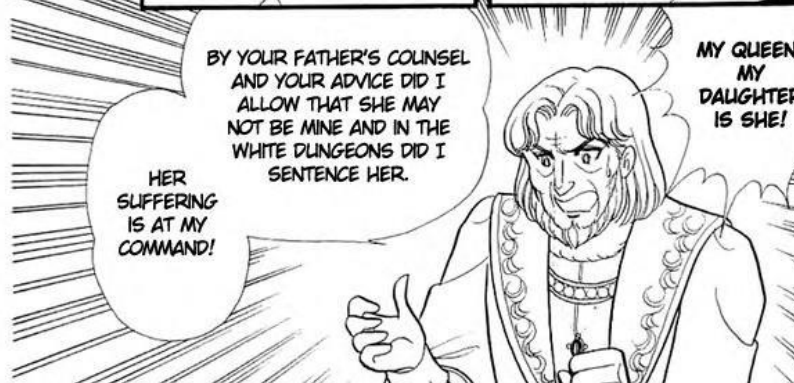
ALL WILL BE WELL WHEN SHE IS NO LONGER ROYAL.

GOOD, THAT SHE BE WILLING TO ENTER THE NUNNERY...



THEN... ORIGELD WILL TAKE THE HABIT...

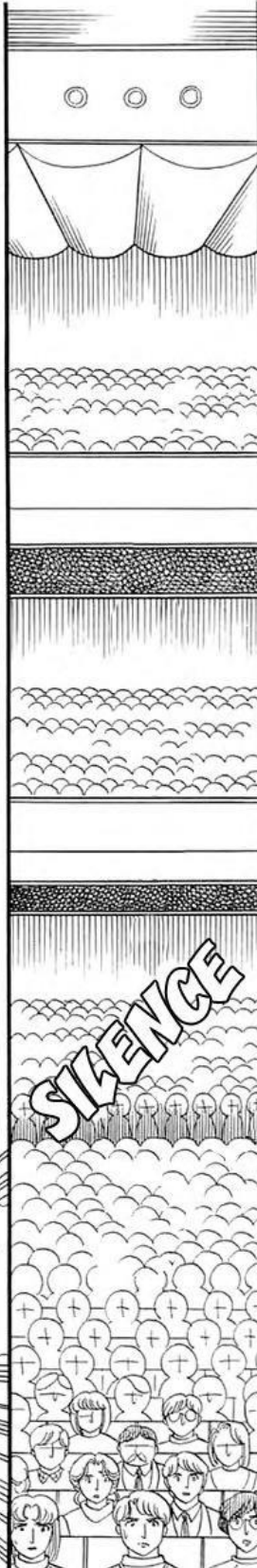
THESE PAST EIGHT YEARS I HAVE NOT SEEN HER...



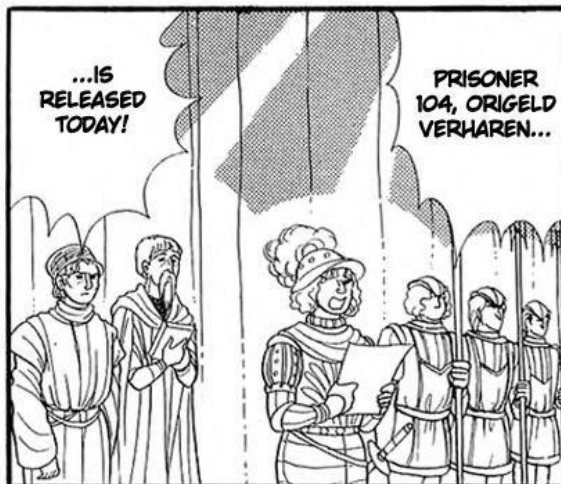
HER SUFFERING IS AT MY COMMAND!

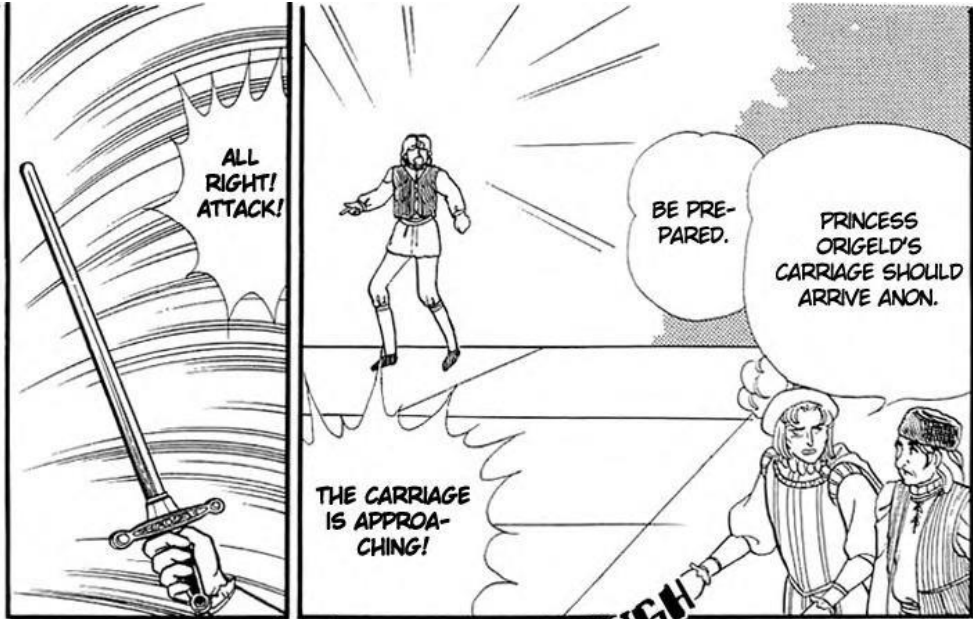
BY YOUR FATHER'S COUNSEL AND YOUR ADVICE DID I ALLOW THAT SHE MAY NOT BE MINE AND IN THE WHITE DUNGEONS DID I SENTENCE HER.

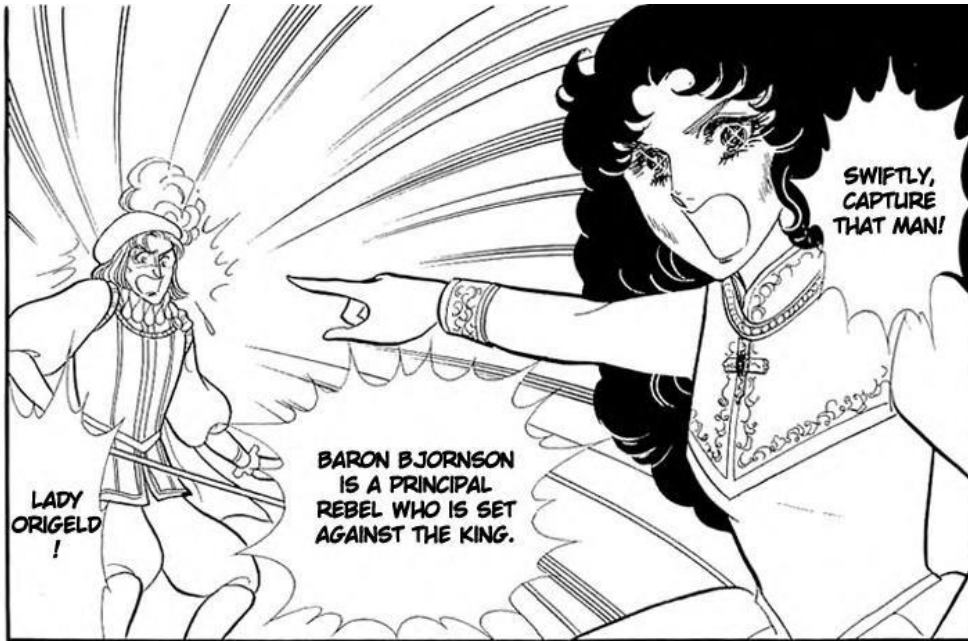
MY QUEEN! MY DAUGHTER IS SHE!



SILENCE







LADY
ORIGELD
!

BARON BJORNSON
IS A PRINCIPAL
REBEL WHO IS SET
AGAINST THE KING.

SWIFTLY,
CAPTURE
THAT MAN!



THE KING'S
BLOOD RUNS IN
MY VEINS!

AND WHAT
TREASON
DOST THOU
SPEAK OF?!

BE-
TRAYED
YOU?



THE REST OF THE
TRAITORS HAVE
GATHERED THERE!

EARL HOLM'S
VILLA IN THE
BLACK FOREST
IS THE SECRET
HIDEOUT OF
THE RED LILY
LEAGUE!



AS YOU SEE,
GENERAL I
SPEAK BUT
TRUTH!

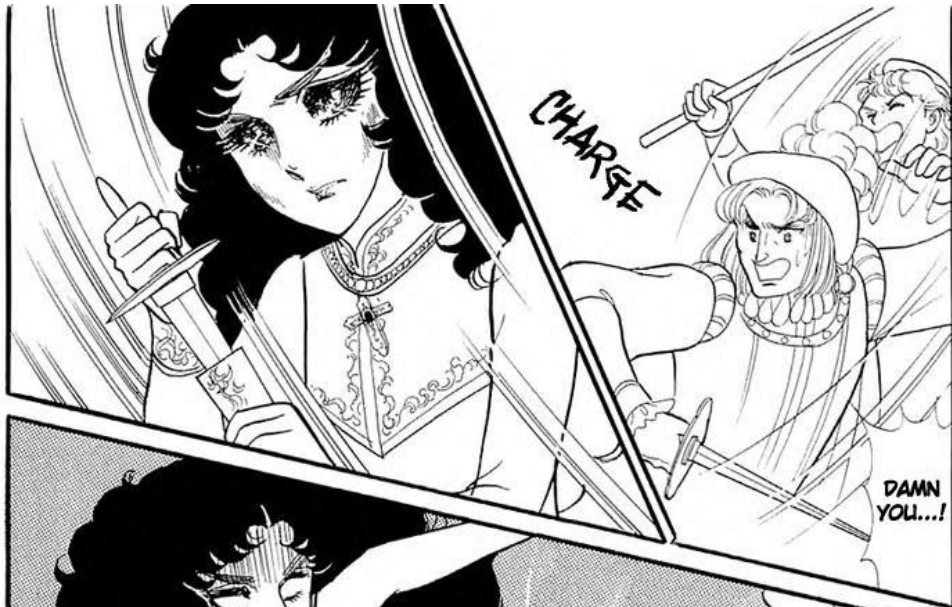
BARON BYORNSON...
EARL HOLM,
YOU TOO?!



WOULDS'T I ALIGN
WITH TREASONOUS
SNAKES?!

I SERVE ONLY
MY KING.

YOU HAVE
BETRAYED
US, LADY
ORIGELD!!



DAMN YOU...!



AAAH!!



TO SPEND THINE TRUST SO FREELY!

BARON ...

LIKE A BABE ART THOU!



WA!



ONE DAY I WILL ASCEND THE THRONE!



THE TIME HAS COME AT LAST...
YET THIS IS A SMALL SACRIFICE...

THIS DOES MY JOURNEY BEGIN.



TRUST, I DO NOT...

SUIDE

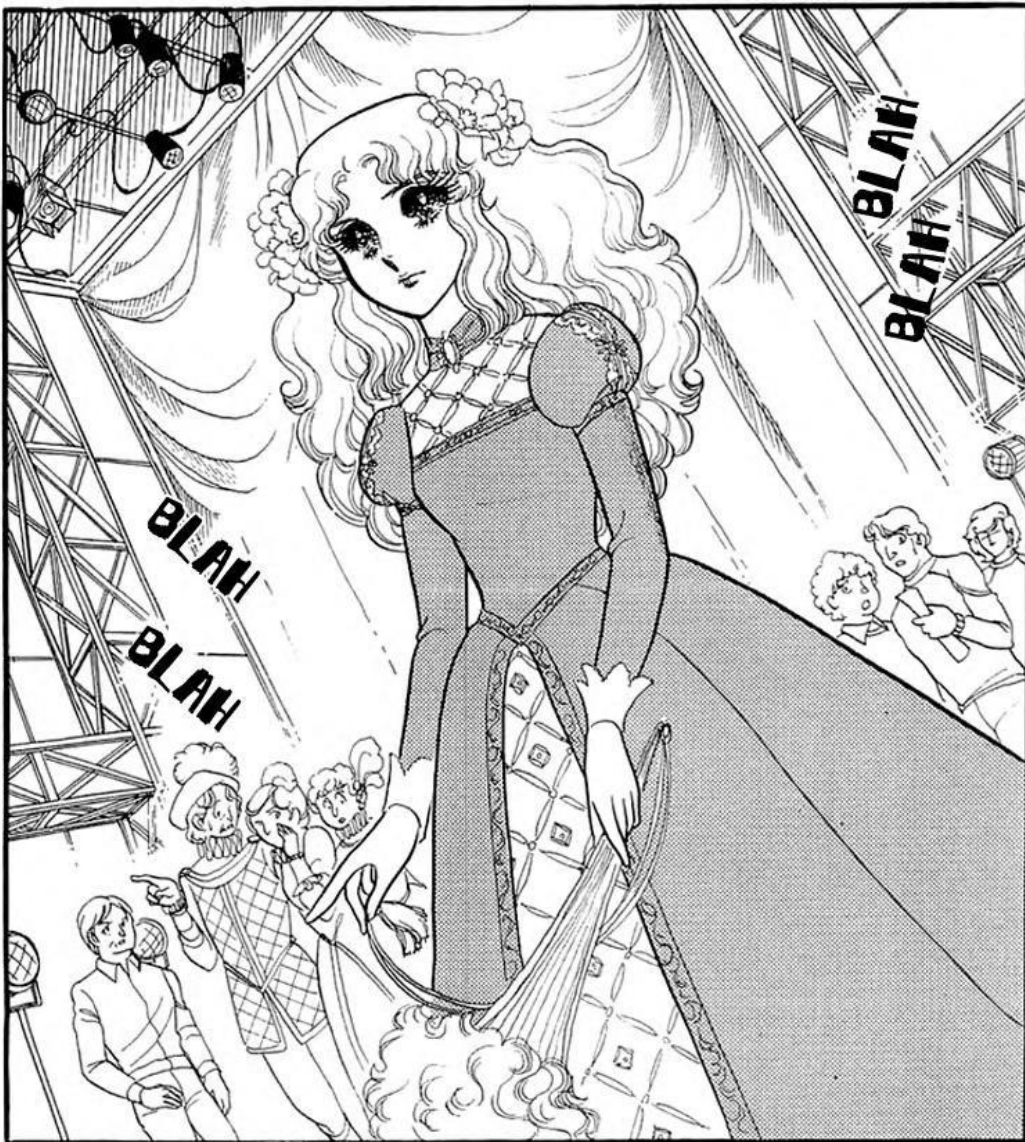
...NOR DO I LOVE.

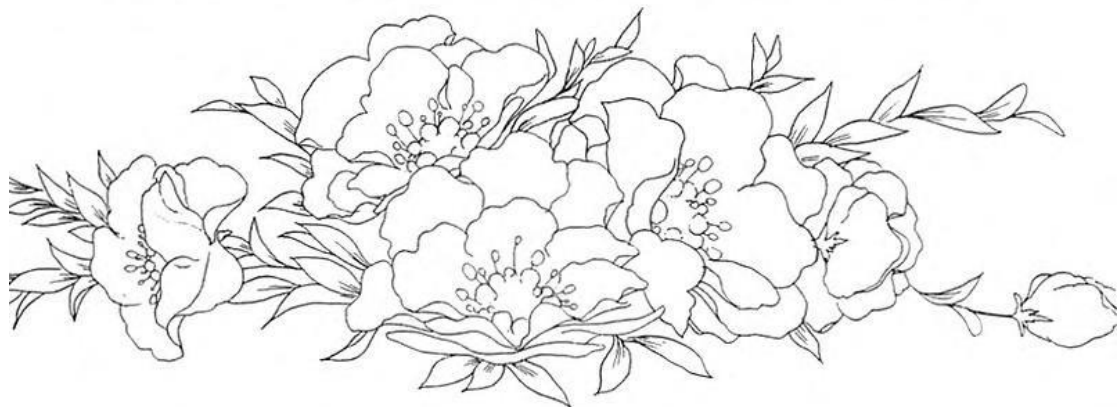
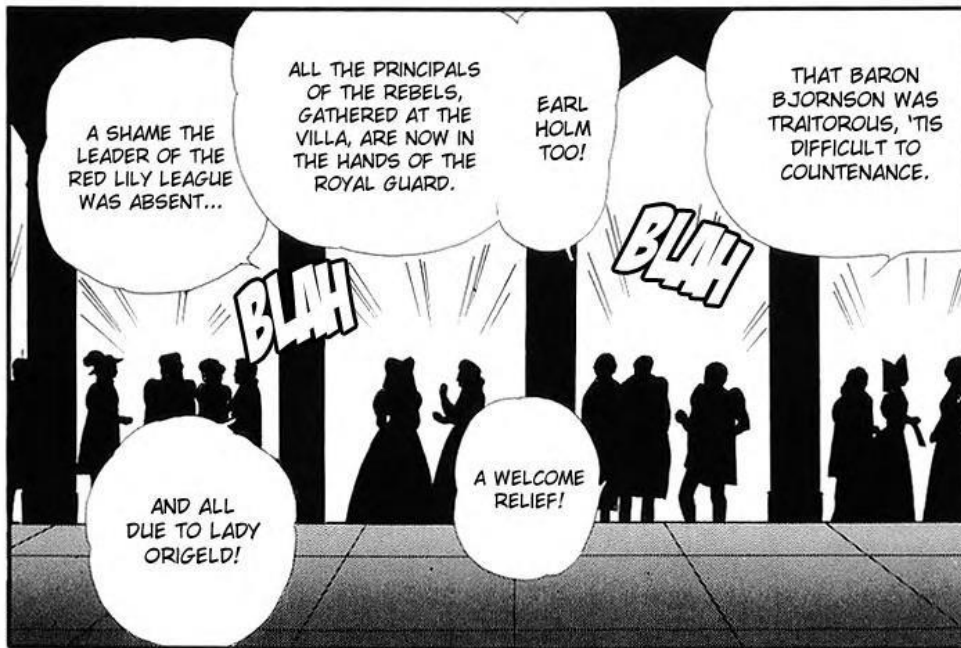
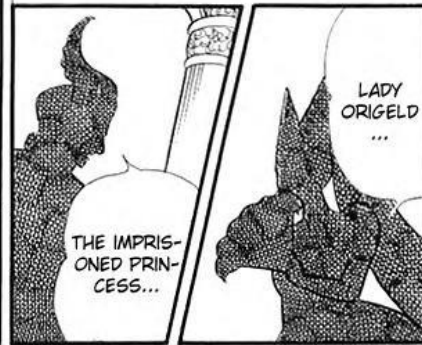


BUT... I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HER ORIGELD!



AYUMI HIME-KAWA... HER EXPRESSION IS SO GOLD...
IT'S SCARY!







I knew Ayumi-san would be great...

I can't believe it, I'm so calm!

A truly great Origeld!

However... my heart is just like a calm ocean.

I wouldn't be surprised if she got all the spotlight.



Only on this stage can I keep on living as Aldis!

Princess Aldis...

I am Aldis...

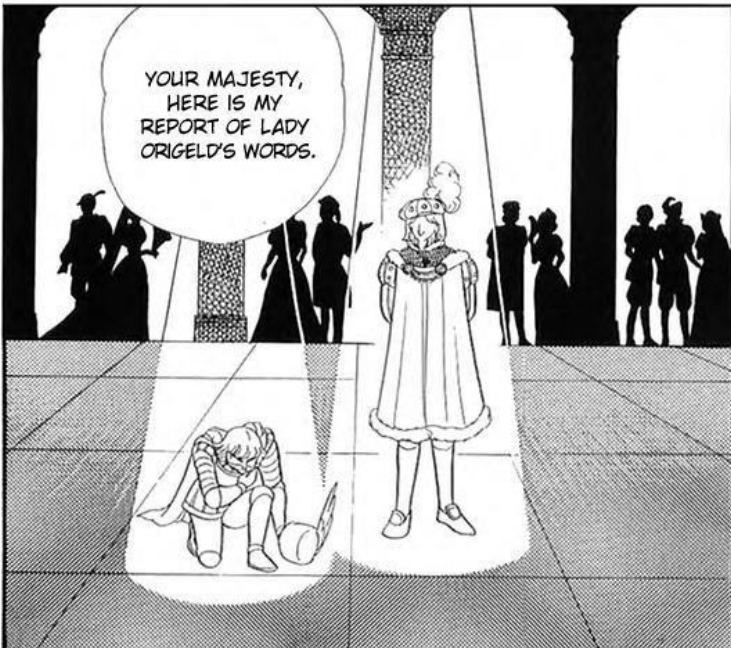
But right now it doesn't matter...

I always thought that I couldn't lose to her in acting...



But I have millions of lives!

An ordinary person can only live one life...





ORI-
GELD
...

EIGHT YEARS DID I
SENTENCE HER TO
PRISON WITH NARY
A GLANCE FROM ME,
AND YET...



"WOULDS'T
I ALIGN
WITH TREA-
SONOUS
SNAKES?!"

"THE KING'S
BLOOD RUNS
IN MY VEINS!"

THIS SHE
SAID TO
BARON
BJORNSON:

FAIR DID IT
PIERCE MY HEART,
HER WORDS.

"I SERVE
ONLY MY
KING."



T'WOULD SEEM HIS
MAJESTY WISHES
HER A FAIRER
COMMUNE.

T'IS SAID THE
LADY ORIGELD
NOW RESIDES AT
GENERAL KIRGE'S
CHATEAU?

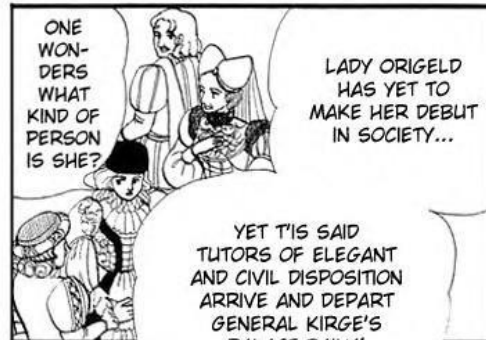
AND BY HIS
MAJESTY'S
ORDER.



THE
QUEEN
APPROA-
CHES!

HUSH!

NONE HAS
SEEN HER
YET...



ONE
WON-
DERS
WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
IS SHE?

LADY ORIGELD
HAS YET TO
MAKE HER DEBUT
IN SOCIETY...

YET T'IS SAID
TUTORS OF ELEGANT
AND CIVIL DISPOSITION
ARRIVE AND DEPART
GENERAL KIRGE'S
PALACE DAILY!



S'BLOOD... 'TIS BANDIED ABOUT THAT GOTTFRIED ENGINEERED THE PREVIOUS QUEEN'S DEMISE!

'TIS FEAR OF THE QUEEN AND HER FATHER THAT BARS VENTURES NEAR LADY ORIGELD.

AND WITH HER FATHER, DUKE GOTTFRIED, TO WIT!

HUSH!

YES, TRAPPED BY THE DUKE THAT HIS OWN DAUGHTER RAGNEID TAKE HER PLACE...

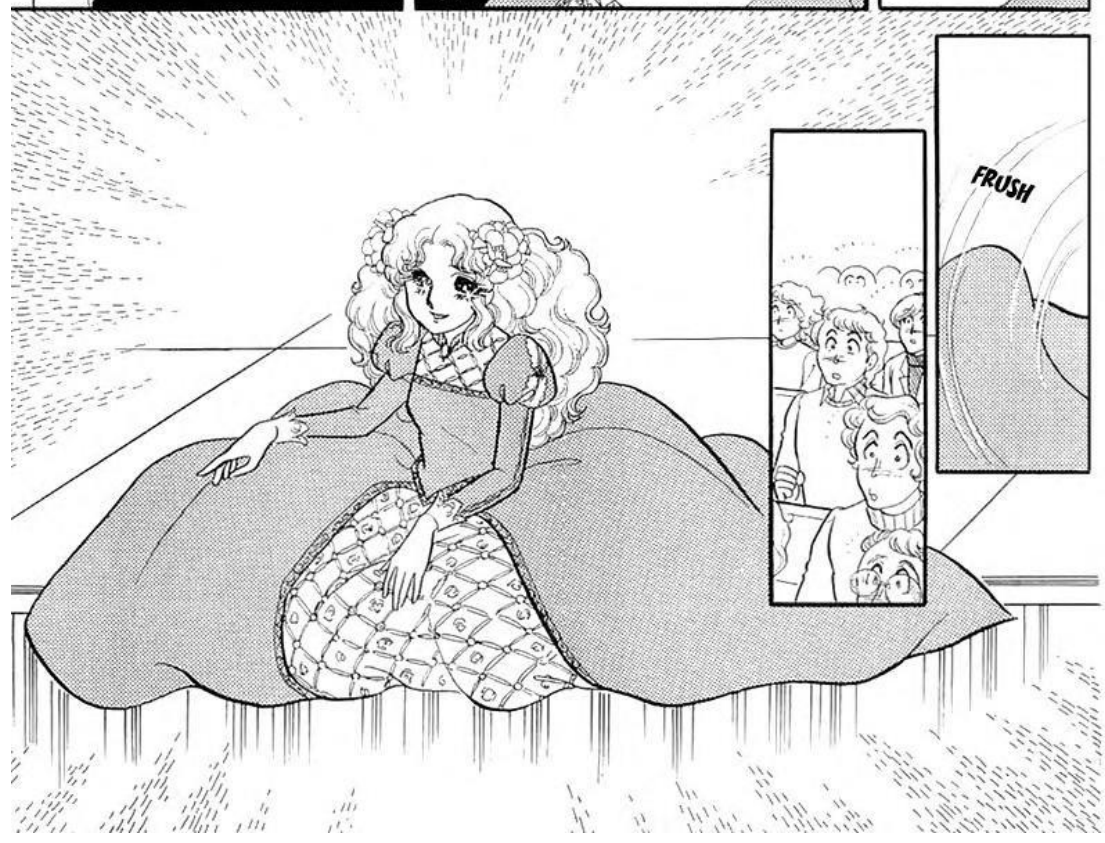
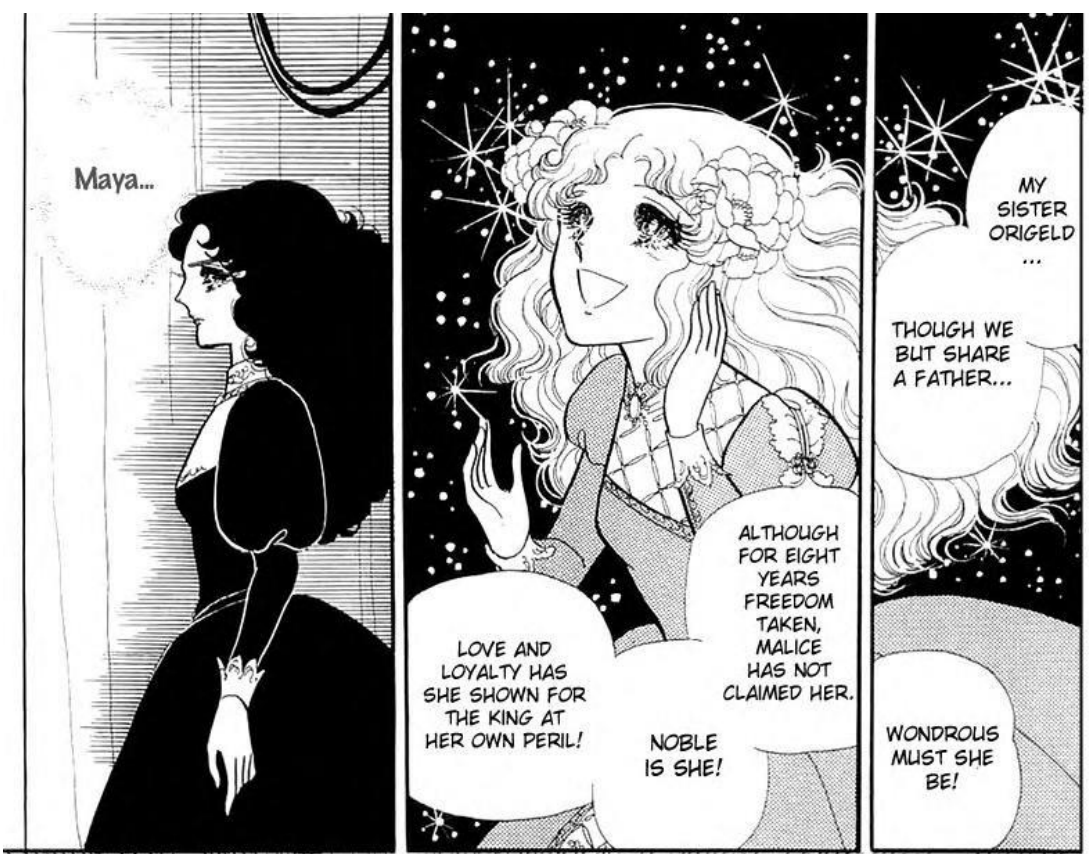
LET PRUDENCE RULE OUR TONGUES!

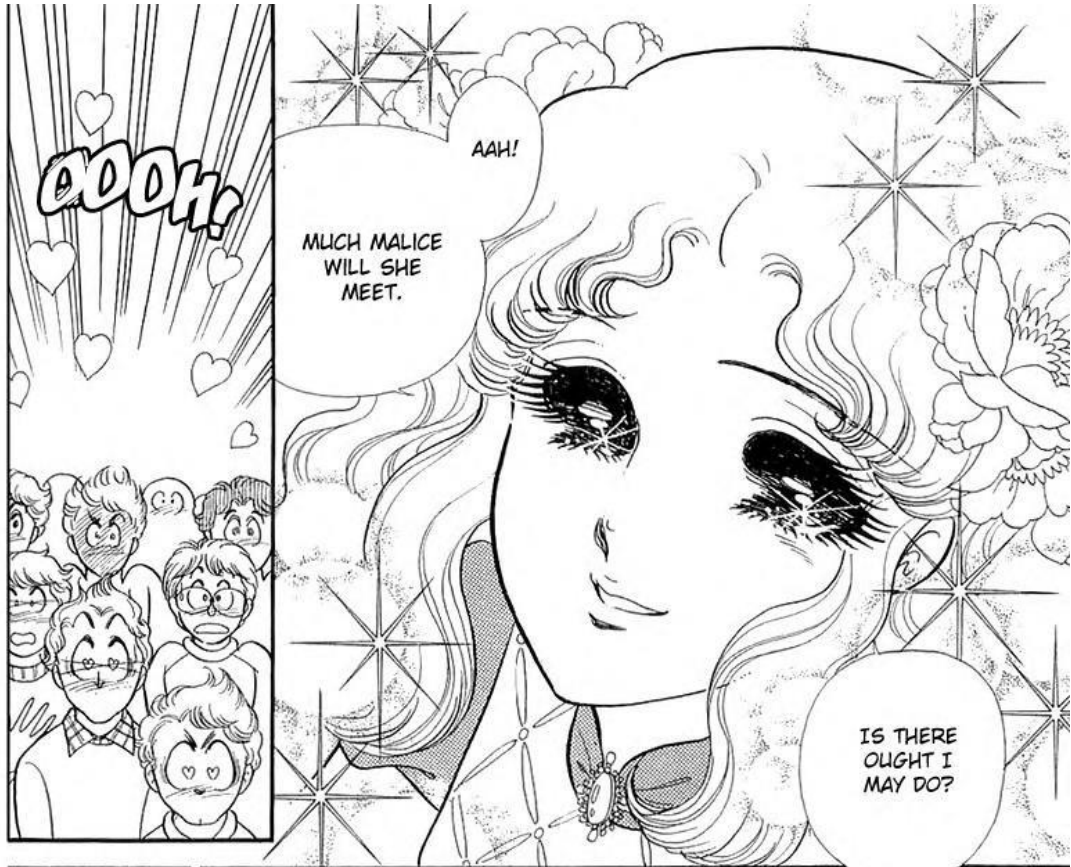
SPOOSH

SWOOSH

WHAT'S AMISS?

LIPON MY ENTRANCE, THOSE I KNOW WHO DISCUSS MY SISTER BECOME MLITE AND MELT AWAY.









SPEAK NOT OF SUCH TERMS!

A SUIT FOR PEACE IS TO SUE FOR TERMS! DISPLAYING TO ALL OUR LACK OF STRENGTH!

THE LAND LEFT TO US

Hohoho!

Hohoho!

BY OUR ANCESTORS WERE PAID FOR IN BLOOD!

AND UPON THIS WEAKNESS WILL THEY GATHER AS CARRION...

EVEN NOW DO THEY ENCROACH OUR NORTHERN FIEF.

YOUR MAJESTY!

ALONG WITH THEIR DEVIL'S CAVALCADE!



HOHOHO!

LADY ALDIS!

WITH GARLAND O'ER TOPPED?

WHO SHALL BE THE KING'S COMPANION

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF...

WAA! IT'S HER AGAIN!

