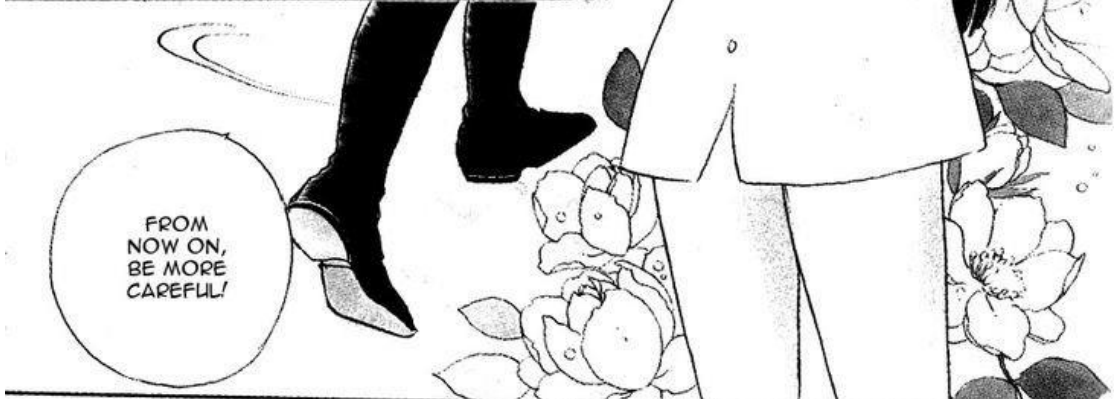


THAT'S FOR  
NOT PAYING  
ATTENTION TO  
WHAT YOU'RE  
TOLD.



FROM  
NOW ON,  
BE MORE  
CAREFUL!



NO!





HOW DARE YOU SAY SUCH THINGS TO SONOKO?

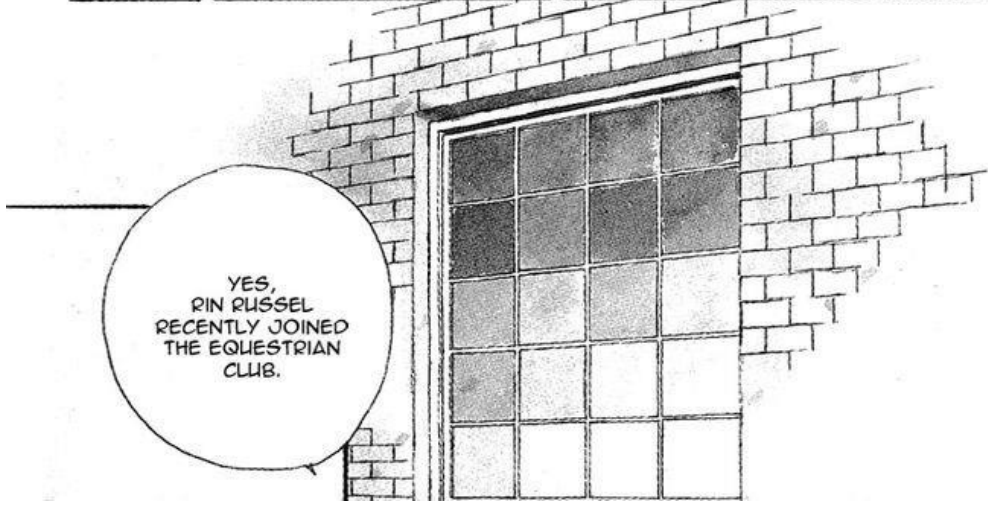
RIN ...

I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU SPEAK LIKE THAT BEFORE!

WHAT AN INSULT!

I CHALLENGE YOU TO A COMPETITION! OF COURSE, IF I WIN, I'LL MAKE YOU SWALLOW ALL YOUR WORDS.

AND THEN YOU'LL QUIT THE CLUB!





I EXPECT SHE IS CURRENTLY BUSY PRACTICING AT THE RIDING GROUNDS.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SHOW YOU THERE, MR. ARTHUR BRIGHTON?

OR WOULD YOU PREFER I CALL RIN RUSSEL HERE?

NO, THANK YOU, MRS. PRINCIPAL.

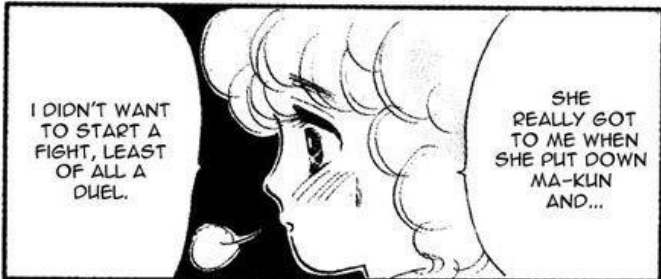
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MEETING HER.





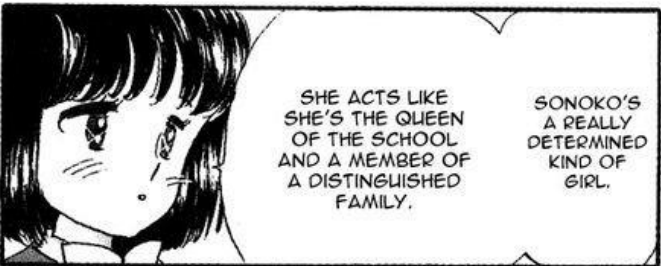
YEAH... BUT I DID GO A LITTLE FAR.

SHE HIT YOU WITH A WHIP! YOU'RE NOT A HORSE, RIN.



I DIDN'T WANT TO START A FIGHT, LEAST OF ALL A DUEL.

SHE REALLY GOT TO ME WHEN SHE PUT DOWN MA-KUN AND...



SHE ACTS LIKE SHE'S THE QUEEN OF THE SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.

SONOKO'S A REALLY DETERMINED KIND OF GIRL.



I'M SORRY, RIN. THIS IS ALL BECAUSE YOU PROTECTED ME.

I GUESS YOUR CHEEK STILL HURTS, HUH?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MANA.



MA-KUN!



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING SO HAPPY ABOUT, MA-KUN?

YOU DIDN'T LEAVE WITH HIM!

RIN ...  
YOU'RE STILL HERE...

YOU DIDN'T MEET THAT FAIR-HAIRED ...?!

SO... THEN...

YOU'RE SO SILLY, MA-KUN.

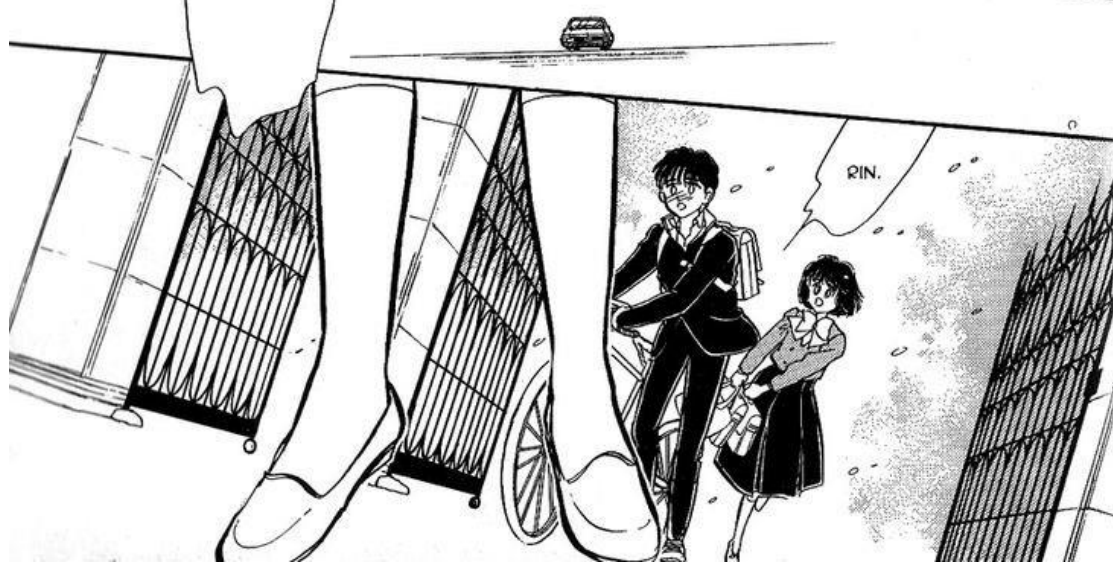
WHERE WOULD I GO? AND WITH WHOM?

!!

MA-KUN!  
MA-KUN,  
HAVE YOU SEEN ARTHUR?!









RIN, YOU MIGHT BE MISTAKEN.





IT WASN'T HIM, JUST LIKE MA-KUN SAID.

YEAH... I WAS WRONG.



Arthur ...

Hey, who's Arthur?

He's a friend from England

Fair hair...

Blue eyes...

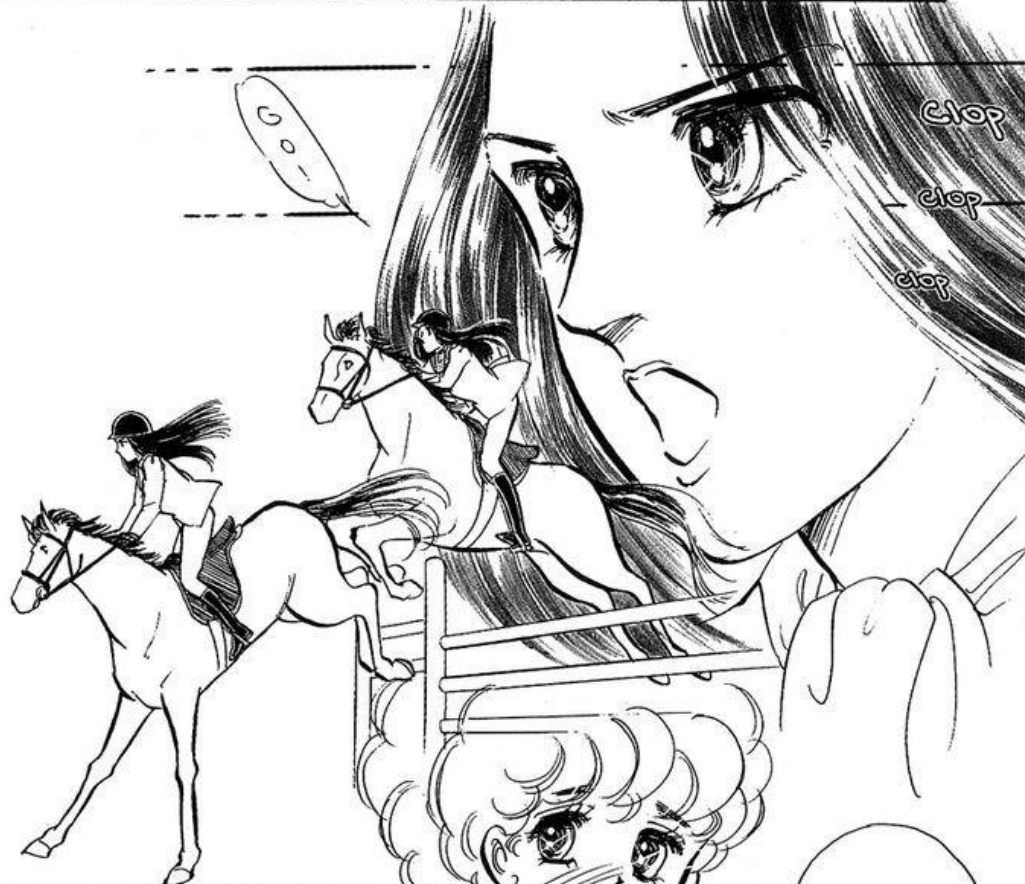
Kind Arthur.

Was it really not Arthur?



LOOK, IT'S THAT BLONDE-HAIRED GIRL NAMED RIN.

THEY SAY SONOKO'S GOING TO COMPETE AGAINST A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.



clop  
clop  
clop



DON'T LET YOURSELF BE INTIMIDATED, RIN!

THERE'S NO REASON TO.

RIN, I REALLY ADMIRE YOU.

SONOKO'S AMAZING, AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE MY OWN HORSE...

I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.



LADY!

THANK  
YOU,  
MANA.

YOU CAN  
PRACTICE AT MY  
FATHER'S RIDING  
CLUB. YOU'VE  
GOT TO CATCH  
UP TO HER IN  
ANY WAY YOU  
CAN!

Uh?

YOU MUST  
BE  
LADY RIN.

YOU'RE A LADY  
OF THE ENGLISH  
ARISTOCRACY.  
IT'S ONLY PROPER  
TO CALL YOU BY  
THAT TITLE.

Lady  
Rin...!

HIROYUKI!





But I'm sure that someday...

Lady Rin...



I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE UNDERCLASSMAN WHO WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO GO AGAINST YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN HORSE-BACK RIDING.



GOODBYE, LADY RIN!

WHO IS HE?

THAT'S HIROYUKI JULLIN. HE'S A STUDENT IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL.

HE'S SONOKO'S COUSIN.



I was embarrassed.

Heheh

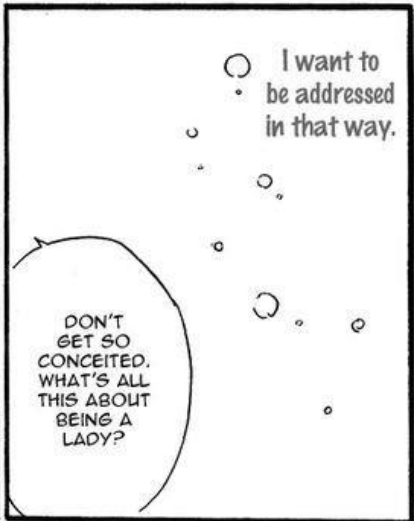
Oh,

I was surprised when he called me "Lady".



MY BROTHER IS STUDYING ABROAD.  
MY FAMILY IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE ENGLISH ARISTOCRACY.

I KNOW FULL WELL WHAT A REAL ARISTOCRAT IS LIKE.



I want to be addressed in that way.

DON'T GET SO CONCEITED. WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT BEING A LADY?



IF YOU WERE REALLY A LADY OF THE ARISTOCRACY, YOU WOULD BE BUSY PREPARING FOR YOUR DEBUT INTO HIGH SOCIETY.

SO WHY ARE YOU IN JAPAN, ALL ALONE?!



IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, WE WOULD MAKE A HAPPY HOUSEHOLD.



RIDING SCHOOL

SHE'S QUITE SKILLED.

SHE MUST HAVE HAD A PRIVATE COACH FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE. SHE'S TO COMPETE AGAINST SONOKO, YOU SAY?

HAS MADE ME WANT TO LIKE TO RIDE.

PAPA, SEEING HOW BEAUTIFULLY RIN RIDES

But Rin hasn't been her usual self lately.

I wonder if it was because of that day  
Sonoko was so mean to her, too



MA-KUN,  
YOU'RE IN  
LOVE WITH  
RIN.



DAMMIT!

IF I COULD  
RIDE, I'D GET  
RID OF THAT  
AWFUL GIRL!



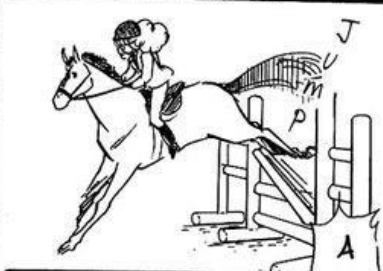
CERTAINLY!  
GO AHEAD!

MA-KUN!

MAY I  
STAY AND  
WATCH?



WHAT?



SHE'S  
JUST A  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND.

N-NO WAY!  
IT'S NOT LIKE  
THAT AT ALL.



RIN,  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?  
THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU'LL  
WIN LIKE  
THAT!



BESIDES,  
RIN'S IN LOVE  
WITH THAT  
ARTHUR GUY  
...

He  
blushed.  
I  
wonder  
if that's  
true.



SHE'S A  
CRYBABY AND  
NEEDS A LOT  
OF ATTENTION.  
THAT'S ALL IT IS.  
IT HAS NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
LOVE...!

I WAS JUST  
DEFENDING  
HER, SINCE  
SHE GOT  
BULLIED A  
LOT.

I told her she was wrong.

But that was Arthur for sure.

The fair-haired Arthur.



AND I'VE HEARD SHE HAS A WONDERFUL ELDER SISTER NAMED SARAH.

HER FATHER AND HER BELOVED ARTHUR LIVE THERE.

I WONDER WHY RIN DOESN'T GO BACK TO ENGLAND.



His fair hair...

Like a shadow,

Attentively watching over Rin



BUT I'M SURE SHE'LL HAVE TO GO SOMEDAY.

I DON'T KNOW.



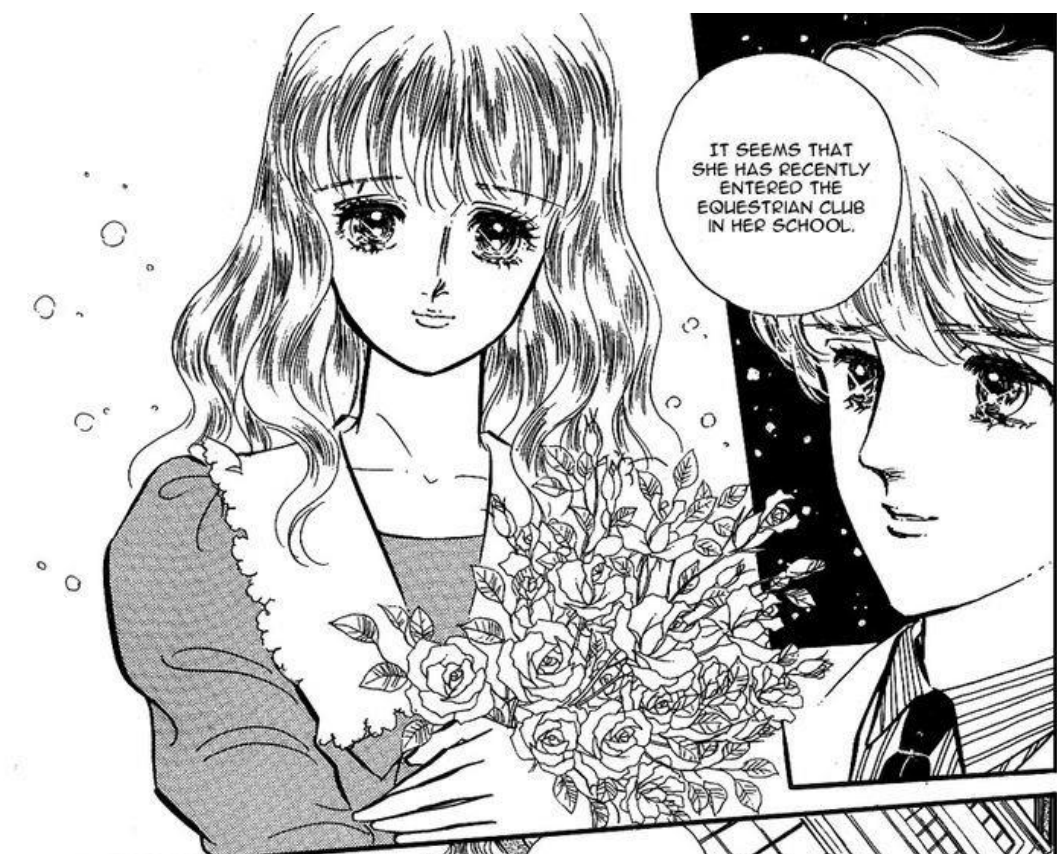
YIP ...

SOMEDAY, SURELY ...









IT SEEMS THAT SHE HAS RECENTLY ENTERED THE EQUESTRIAN CLUB IN HER SCHOOL.



I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR OVERSEAS TOUR.

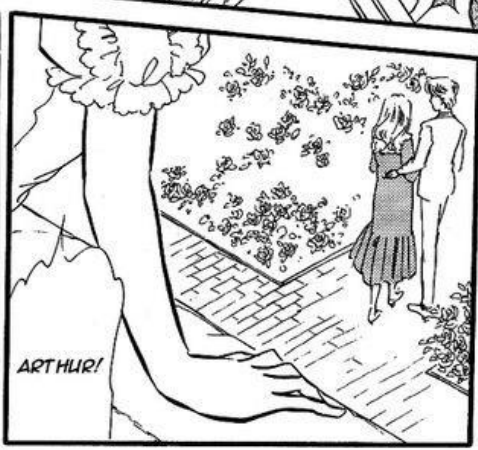
ARTHUR, IT'S TEA TIME. COME AND JOIN US.



BE QUIET! IT AFFECTS THE BABY IN MY WOMB.

BROTHER!

JILTED AGAIN, MARY?



ARTHUR!



MAYBE NEXT TIME...





WHEN EVERYTHING PASSES, HAPPY DAYS WILL COME.

I'll be sure to ...

AND ON THAT DAY, I'LL BE SURE TO BRING RIN BACK.



JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE

Oh!  
THANKS, ARTHUR!



EDWARD, HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YOU FROM OVERSEAS.  
Here.



RIN SEEMED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH.

ON MY WAY BACK, I STOPPED IN JAPAN FOR A WHILE.

Here's some mango and other things for you.





What a stubborn guy.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

FOR A LONG RIDE!

THERE WASN'T ANY PARTICULAR REASON TO SEE HER. SHE MUST HAVE GROWN UP.

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RIN!

THEN... WHY ARE YOU LEARNING JAPANESE, EDWARD?

THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.

I'M GOING TO BE THE RIDING COACH FOR THE OVERSEAS STUDENT COMING FROM JAPAN.

AT MY DEBUT INTO HIGH SOCIETY. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE MY ESCORT

ARTHUR, MARY HAS COME TO SEE YOU.



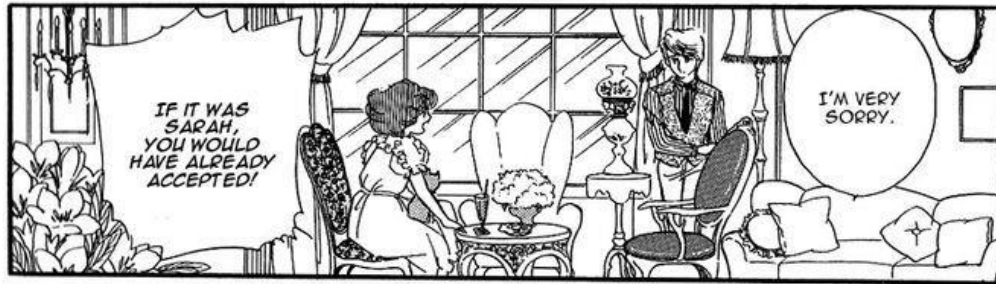
SHE HAS TO GO TO SWITZERLAND.

AND SHE SAID THAT SHE'S NOT GOING TO THINK ABOUT IT UNTIL HER FATHER GETS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.

NOW, WON'T YOU?

BUT SARAH HASN'T MADE HERS YET.

YOUR DEBUT?!



IF IT WAS SARAH, YOU WOULD HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED!

I'M VERY SORRY.



SARAH AND I...

WE'RE WAITING FOR THE DAY RIN MAKES HER DEBUT.

RIN..!

WHAT IF IT WERE RIN?

MARY, THERE'S A MORE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO HAVE IT.

Rin doesn't know the reason, so she must be worried. It serves her right!

Mother has stopped sending money to Rin.





JUST YOU WAIT.

I'M GOING TO PUT SARAH AND ARTHUR IN A VERY AWKWARD SITUATION!

WHAT?!

I'M GOING TO JAPAN!

I'm going to make them sick with worry.

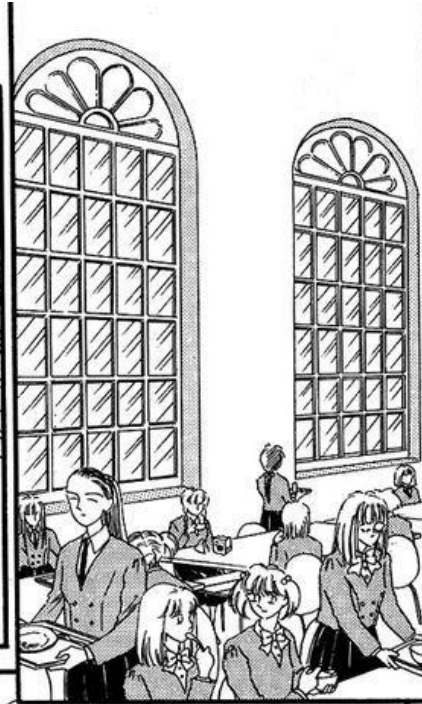


AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED TO BE RIN'S SUPPORTER?

These are Sonoko's followers



EXCUSE ME, KUSUNOKI.



BUT MANA ...



DAMN YOU AWFUL GIRLS!



WOULDN'T YOU BE EMBARRASSED IF THEY WERE TO LEAVE THE CLUB?

SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FATHER'S RIDING CLUB ARE SONOKO'S ACQUAINTANCES.



ANYWAY, THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T LOSE, RIN. YOU'VE ABSOLUTELY GOT TO WIN.

It's alright.



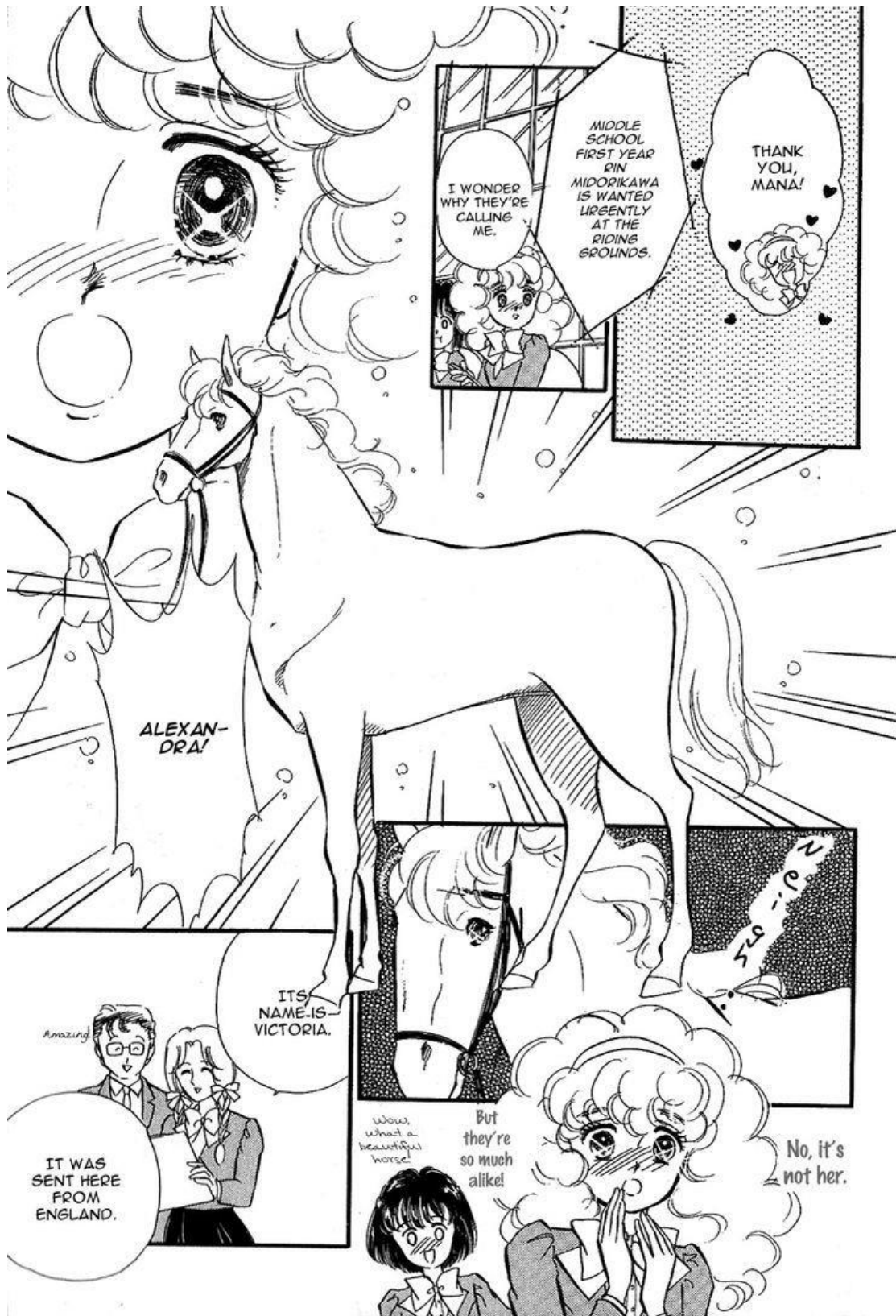
AND WE'LL RIDE AS MUCH AS WE WANT AT MY FAMILY'S CLUB!

WE'LL BOTH RETIRE FROM THE CLUB.

BUT IF YOU DO LOSE,







I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLING ME.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST YEAR RIN MIDORIKAWA IS WANTED URGENTLY AT THE RIDING GROUNDS.



THANK YOU, MANA!

ALEXANDRA!



IT'S NAME IS VICTORIA.



IT WAS SENT HERE FROM ENGLAND.

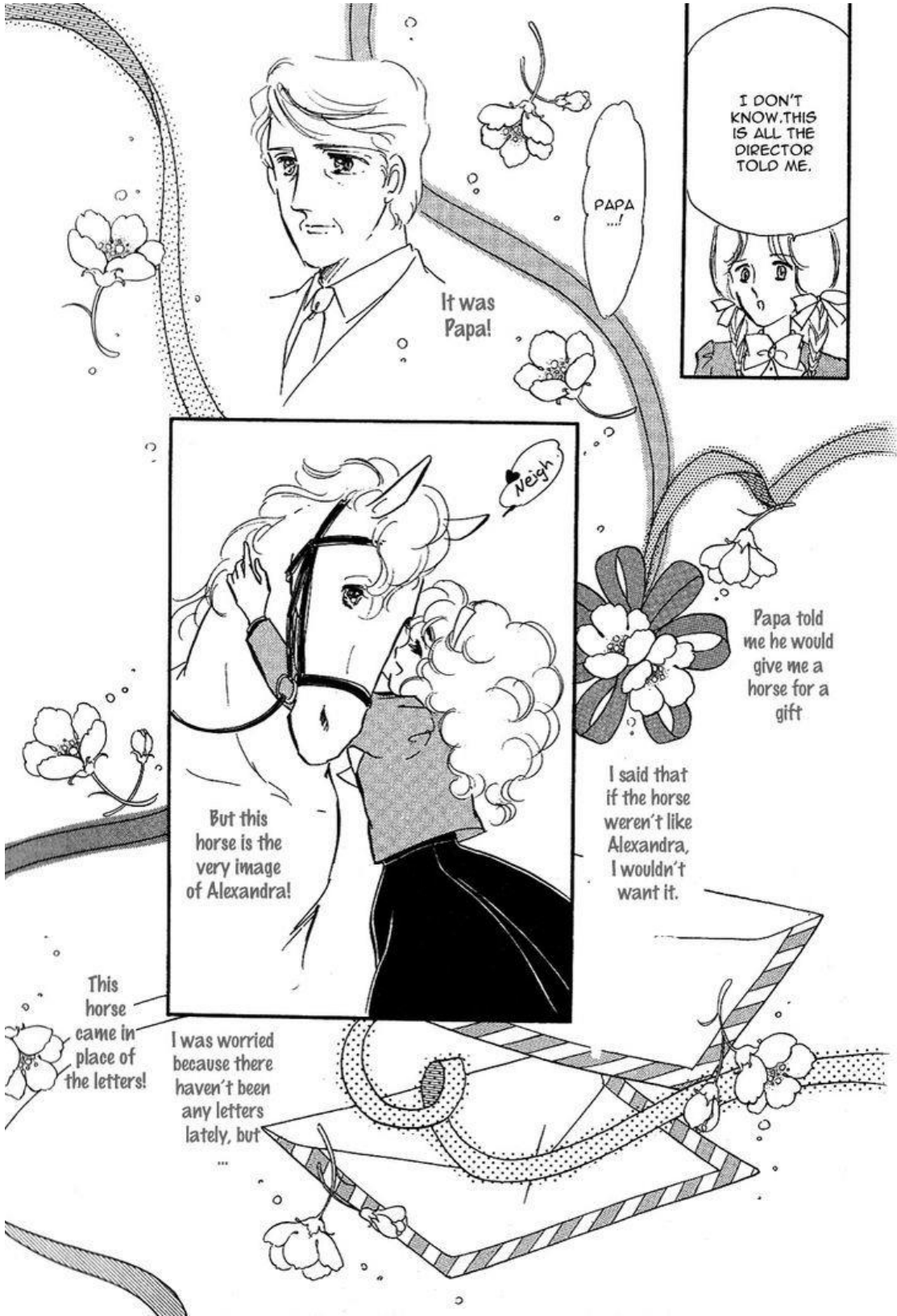
Amazing

Wow, what a beautiful horse! But they're so much alike!



No, it's not her.





I DON'T KNOW. THIS IS ALL THE DIRECTOR TOLD ME.

PAPA ...!

It was Papa!

Neigh

But this horse is the very image of Alexandra!

Papa told me he would give me a horse for a gift

I said that if the horse weren't like Alexandra, I wouldn't want it.

This horse came in place of the letters!

I was worried because there haven't been any letters lately, but ...

