

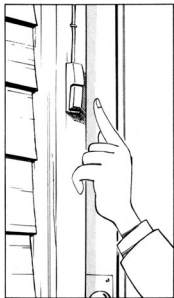
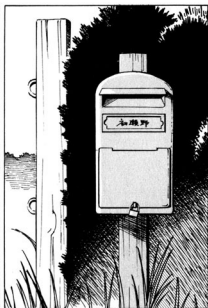




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DONG

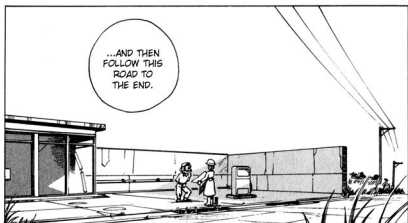
Hmph?

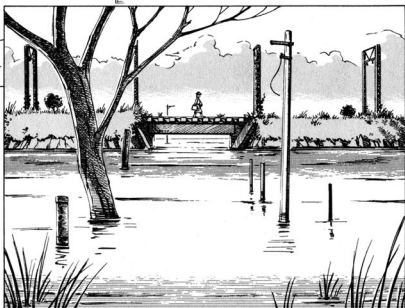
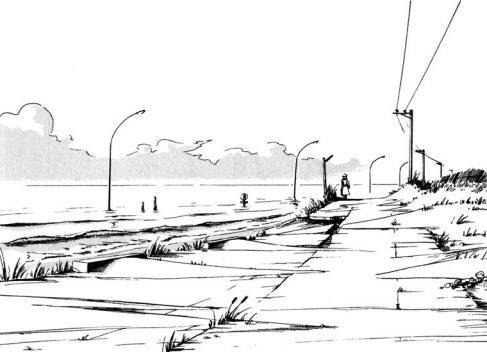


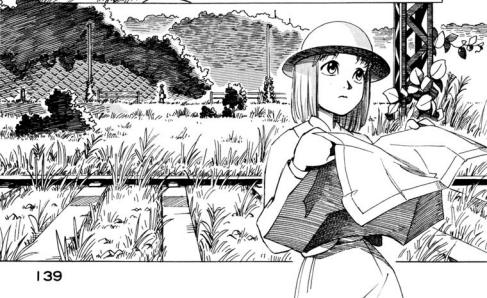
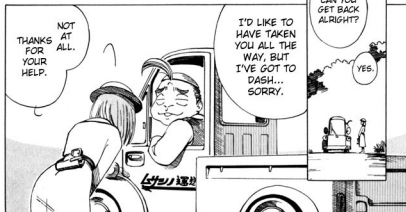


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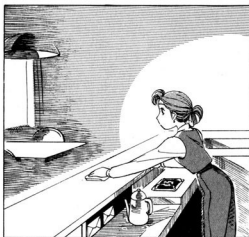






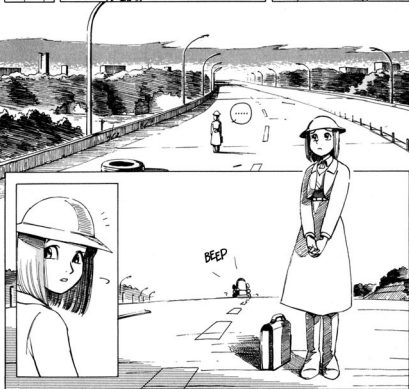
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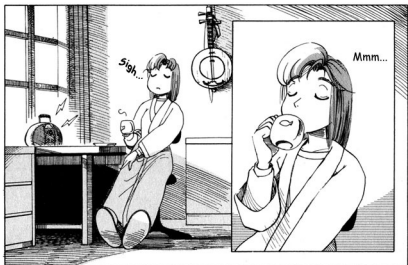
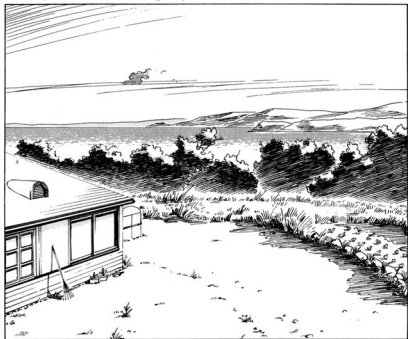


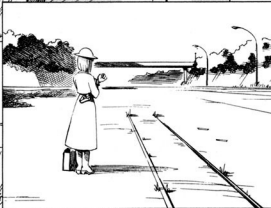
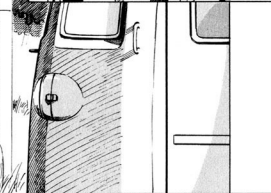


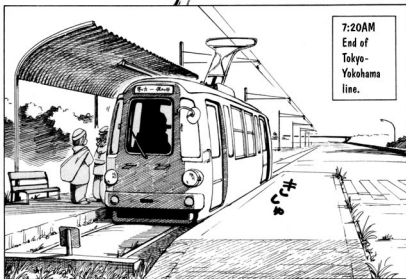




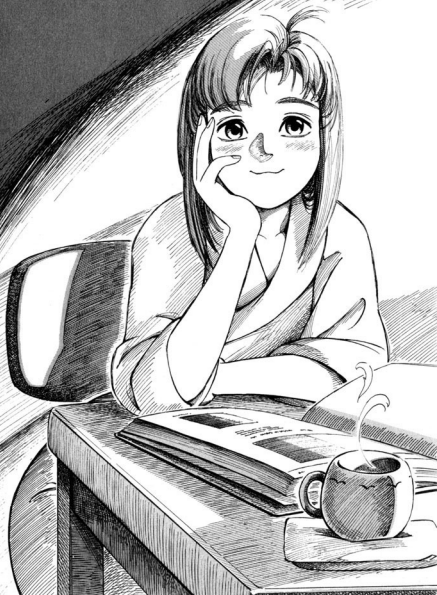


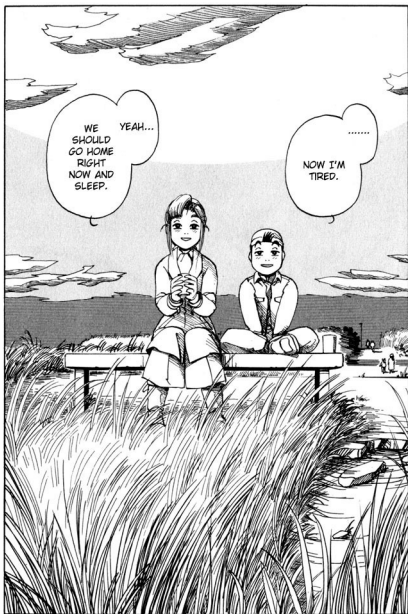






Story 07    Afternoon 1/1











MM.

CAN'T SEE  
ANYTHING  
BUT  
CLOUDS.

Everyone  
has their  
own way of  
watching.



However, I think  
we take greater  
pleasure in those  
differences.

There isn't as  
much differ-  
ence between  
the seasons  
as there used  
to be...



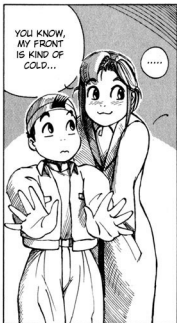
IF I WASN'T  
ACTUALLY OUT  
HERE WATCHING  
THE SUNRISE,  
IT WOULDN'T  
FEEL LIKE THE  
NEW YEAR.

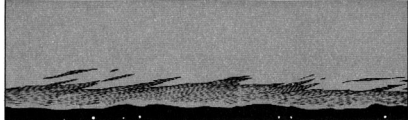
IT'S NOT  
USUALLY  
QUITE THIS  
WINTERY...

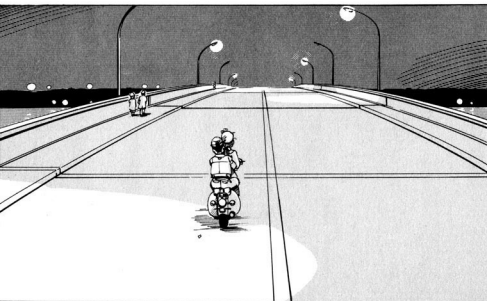


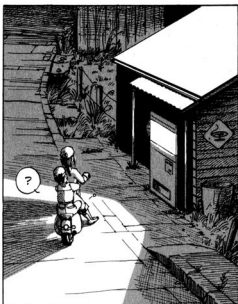
DO YOU MIND  
IF I DO THIS  
FOR A WHILE?

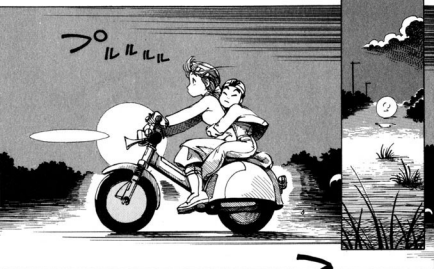
UM...  
NO.







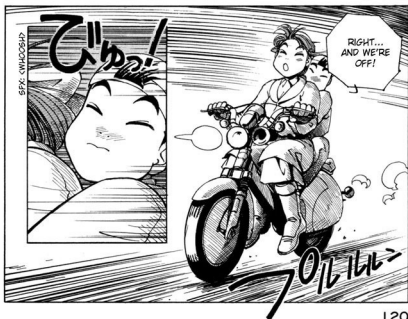


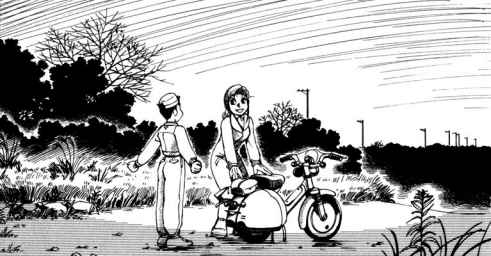


SFX: <WHOOOSH>









I'LL BE  
ALRIGHT.  
THIS KEEPS  
ME WARM  
ENOUGH.

I CAN  
LEND YOU MY  
JACKET.

MMMM...  
WON'T  
YOU BE  
COLD LIKE  
THAT?

WITH YOU  
SHIELDING ME  
FROM THE  
WIND, I'LL BE  
FINE.

BUT YOU  
WERE ONLY ON A  
BICYCLE THEN.  
IT WILL GET  
MUCH COLDER  
ON THIS  
SCOOTER.

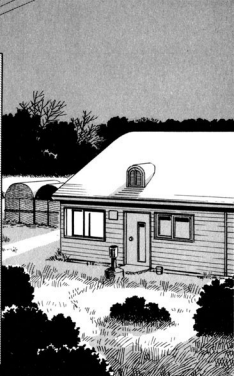
VROOOM



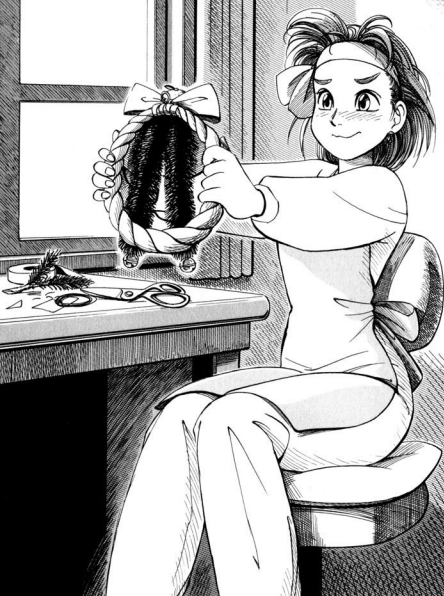
This year,  
Takahiro  
will come  
along.

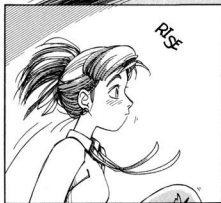


SFX: <PAT PAT PAT SLIDE...>

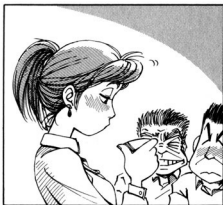


Story 06 New Year's Day before sleep





The next morning...  
the whole group  
took a day off.  
Eventually, in the  
afternoon, Alpha's  
store had several  
unexpected guests.





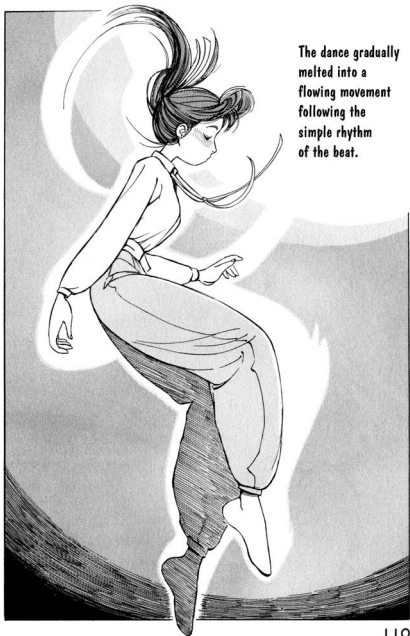


None of us...  
could remember  
seeing Alpha  
like this...  
with such  
amazing  
self-confidence.



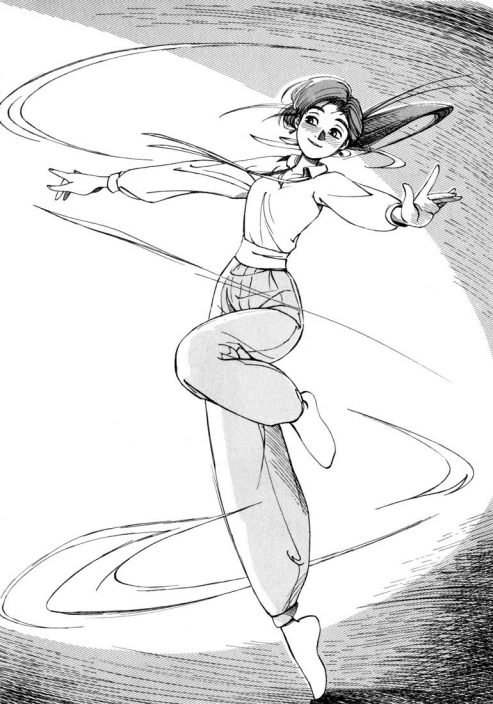
Did her dance last for a while?  
Or was it only for a moment?

The dance gradually  
melted into a  
flowing movement  
following the  
simple rhythm  
of the beat.



Her sudden  
launch into  
a dance we'd  
never seen struck  
the whole group  
speechless...















I DON'T  
THINK I  
WOULD  
HOLD UP  
WELL.



NO...

I'M HAPPY  
ENOUGH  
TO JUST  
SMELL THE  
SAKE.

WON'T  
YOU HAVE  
A LITTLE  
SOME-  
THING TO  
DRINK?

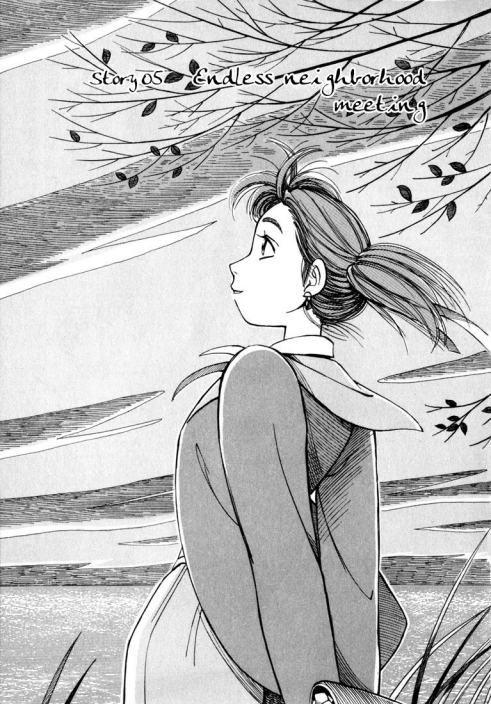
ALPHA,  
YOU CAN'T  
JUST EAT  
MANDARINS  
SOBER.





I invited  
Alpha to the  
neighbourhood  
meeting, to  
celebrate  
her complete  
recovery.

story 05 Endless neighborhood  
meeting





HEY, HEY?

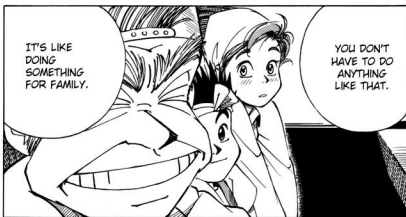
WAAAAAAAAAH!

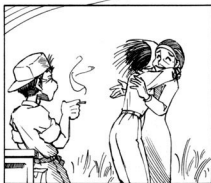
I'M... I'M  
SO HAPPY.

WHATCHA  
CRYIN'  
ABOUT  
NOW?

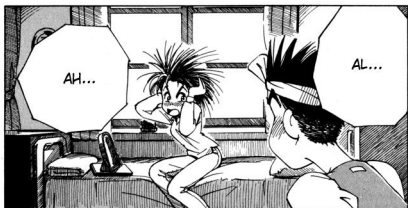
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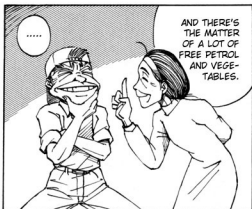
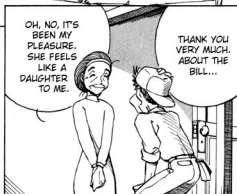
THANK...











Originally my  
tear ducts  
were only so  
I could moisten  
my eyes...

Somehow  
I started  
crying.

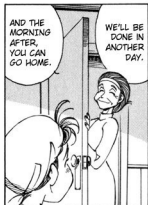


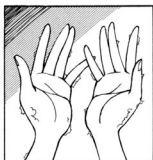
I like  
this  
feeling  
too.

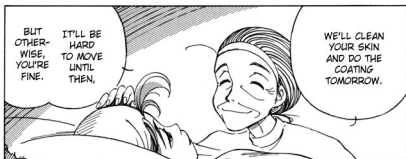


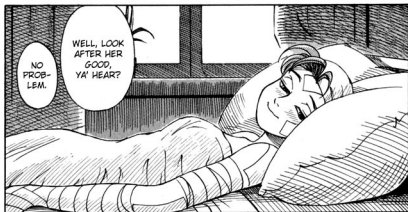
This feels  
different,  
though...

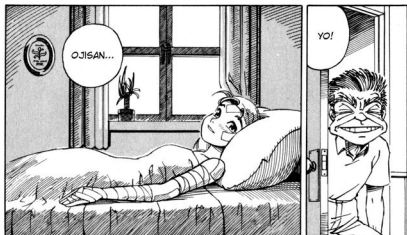
It's sort of like  
when I play the  
Gekkin alone.



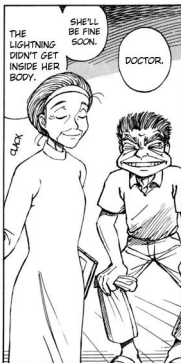
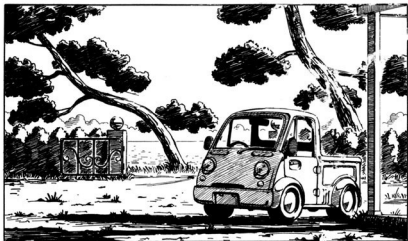


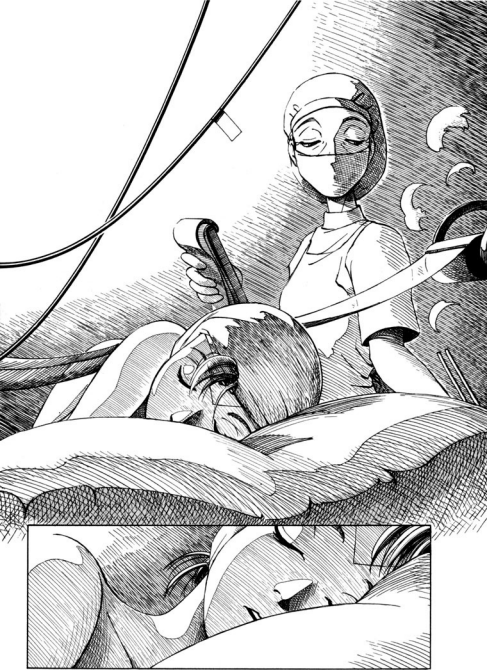




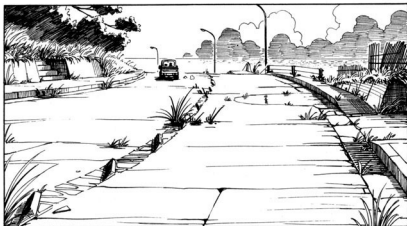










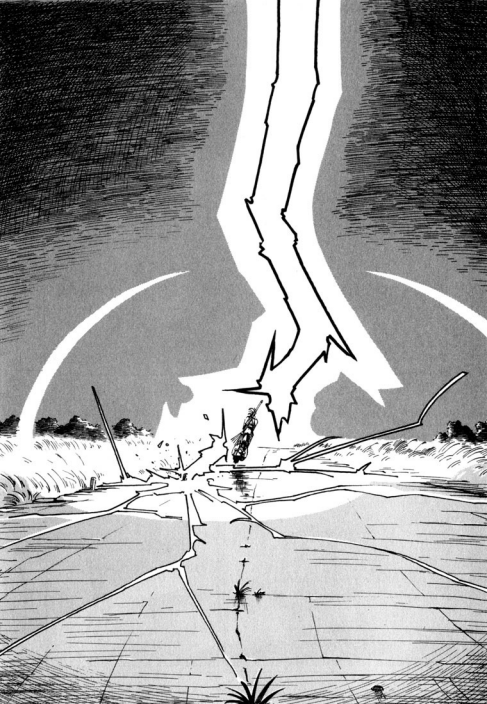


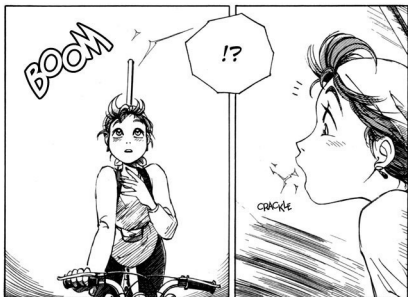
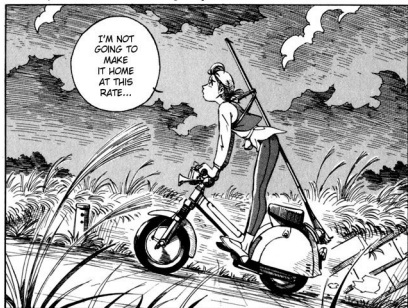




SFX: BOOM









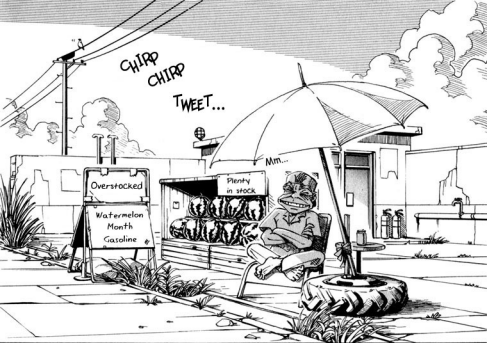
I only had a  
small errand,  
but the weather  
wasn't going  
to play along.



Story 04

Rain, and After

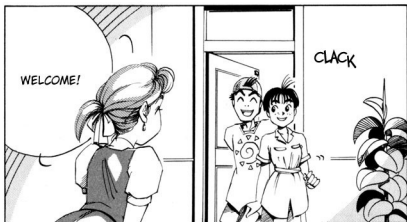




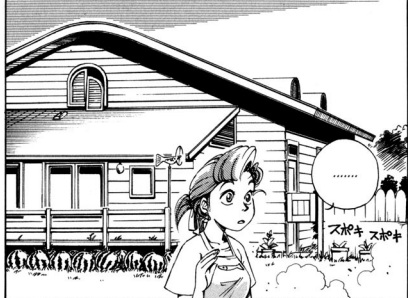
GLANCE

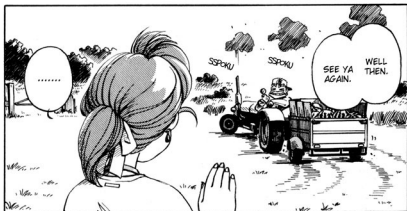


















NORMAL?

WELL THEN,  
AT LEAST IT  
WOULD BE  
NORMAL.



Hm...



AH, OH  
YES...



WELL,  
I'M GOING  
AROUND  
TODAY GIVING  
THEM AWAY.







SSPOKU

SSPOKU

SSPOKU...

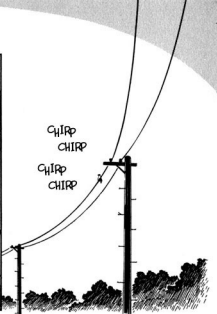


YO!

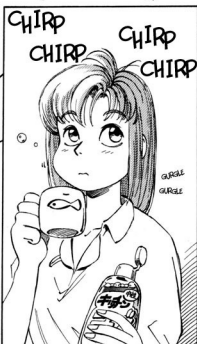
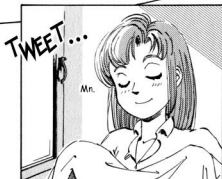


SFX: <SSPOKU SSPOKU>



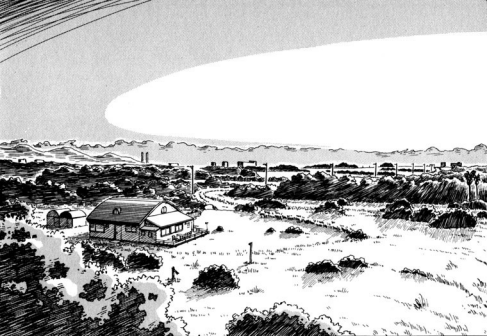


CHIRP  
CHIRP  
CHIRP  
CHIRP









Story 03

Rumblings of Thunder





She dried you  
off, but didn't  
want to be  
seen by  
other people,  
I'm sure.

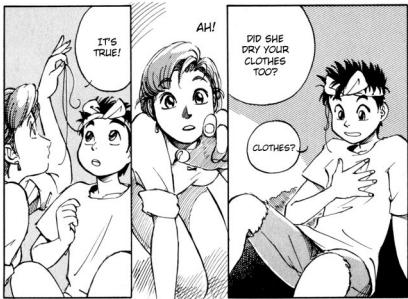
Why did  
Misago  
leave, I  
wonder...?

Before I  
grow up...

YEAH...

IF YOU  
MEET HER  
AGAIN YOU  
SHOULD  
THANK HER,  
YES?



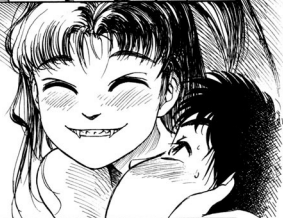






MISAGO  
BARED HER  
FANGS AND  
SMILED...

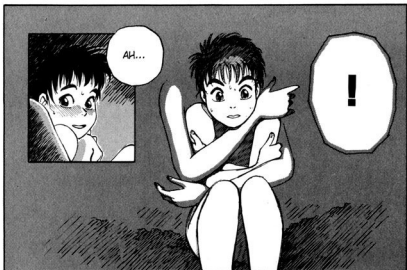
BUT THIS  
TIME I  
WASN'T SO  
SCARED...



I FELL  
ASLEEP...

AND  
BECAUSE  
SHE FELT  
SO  
WARM...







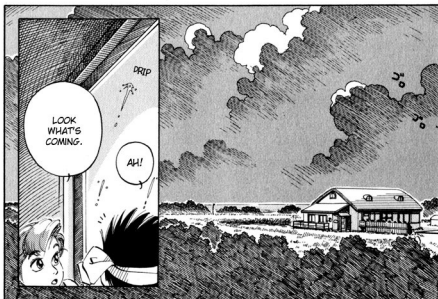


Didn't even  
make it close  
to home!



Well,  
I got  
that  
wrong!





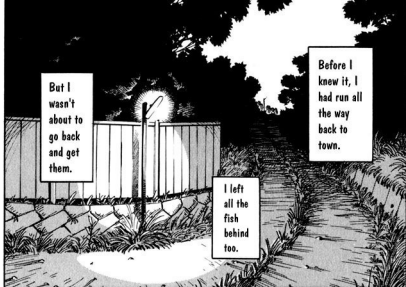


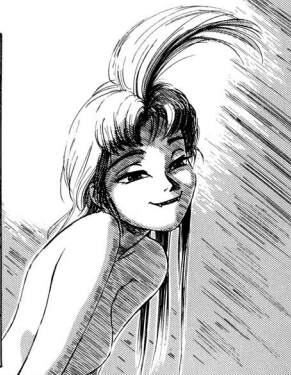
MY OWNER  
SAID HE SAW  
HER WHEN  
THE VALLEY  
WAS DEEPER,  
SO SHE MUST  
ALWAYS  
LOOK YOUNG.

A MIRACULOUS  
CREATURE  
KNOWN AS  
THE MISAGO  
LIVES AND  
FISHES IN  
KOAJIRO'S  
COVE...

SHE DOESN'T  
LIKE ADULTS,  
BUT SOMETIMES  
COMES OUT  
TO PLAY WITH  
CHILDREN.  
BUT BECAUSE  
OF HER SCARY  
FANGS THEY  
ALWAYS  
RUN AWAY.







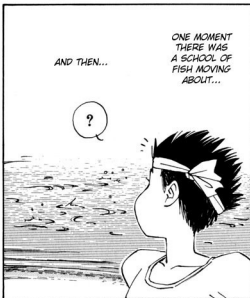
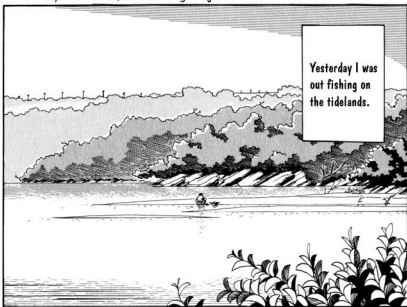
SFX: <UWAAAAAAAA>













UHHH.

ALPHA, YOU'VE  
BEEN HERE A  
LONG TIME,  
HAVEN'T YOU?



I DON'T  
LIKE SCARY  
STORIES!

YESTERDAY  
I SAW SOME-  
THING REALLY  
STRANGE.

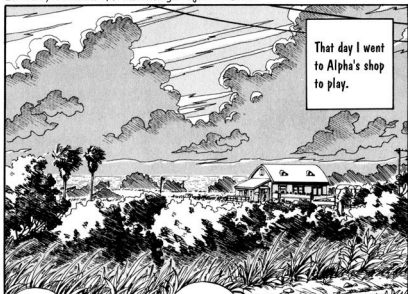
I THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT  
KNOW...



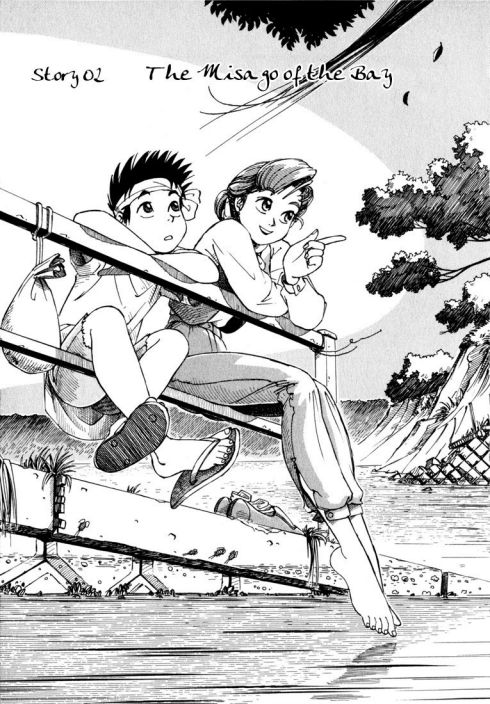
ALPHA WAS  
SCARED, BUT  
SHE LISTENED  
TO MY STORY  
ANYWAY.

EEK!

I WAS  
REAAAAALLY  
SCARED.



Story 02    *The Misa go of the Bay*



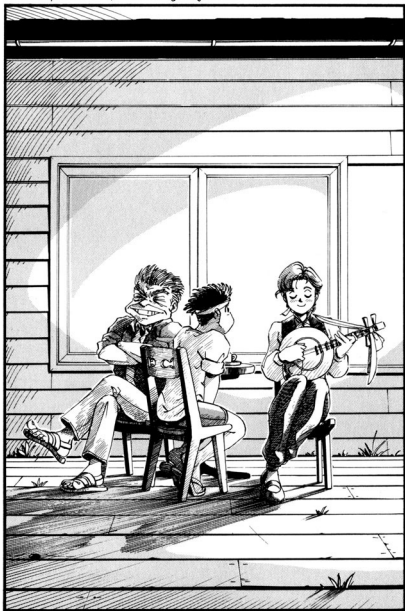


were a  
little  
longer  
than  
usual.

That day's  
opening  
hours...



Story Of End

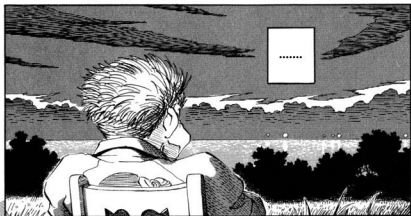






This was  
one of  
those  
times.

Sometimes  
I really forget  
that Alpha  
isn't human.



The Gekkin's  
dance of notes  
begin to  
flow out into  
the night.

With a  
surprisingly  
quiet and  
dignified  
plucking of  
the strings...







THIS IS A SPECIAL TREAT, JUST FOR TODAY.

OKAY TAKAHIRO.



IT GOT BUSY ALL OF A SUDDEN...

WELL, I'LL HAVE A MEIPORO THEN...  
HEY, WHAT'S THAT YOU'VE GOT?

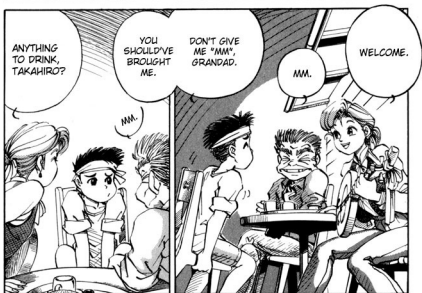


THIS IS... A CHINESE EVENING PIECE.

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USUALLY  
I DON'T PLAY  
IT IN PUBLIC,  
BUT...



IT'S  
CALLED A  
"GEKKIN."

ONE OF  
OWNER'S  
HOBBIES.

.....  
WHAT'S  
THIS?

TA  
DA!



WE'RE  
MORE A  
VIEWPOINT  
THAN A  
CAFE  
REALLY.



IF YOU WANT  
BUSINESS YOU'D  
BE BETTER OFF  
NEAR KAMAKURA  
OR HAYAMA.



.....  
IT'S  
REALLY  
RELAX-  
ING  
HERE.



WATCHING  
THE SEA...

TALKING  
WITH OJISAN  
LIKE THIS,



.....  
I LIKE  
IT HERE.



I LIKE  
THEM  
ALL.



THE BUSY  
TIMES AND  
THE SLOW  
TIMES...







FROM  
THE  
OWNER.

...IT WAS A  
PRESENT.

YES... THAT  
POLISHED,  
SHINY LOOK  
IS NICE,  
ISN'T IT?



COULD  
YOU SEE  
ME USING  
A GUN?

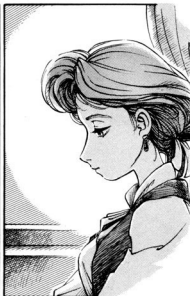
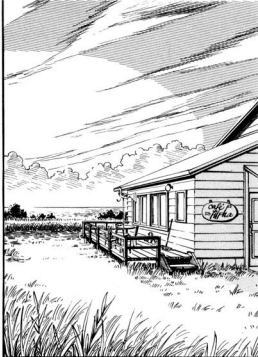
HE GAVE IT  
TO ME FOR  
MY PROTEC-  
TION, BUT...

I SEE.





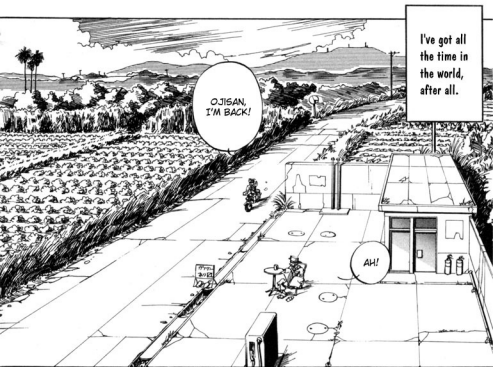








Story of The evening of the  
sweet smell of steel







The world has  
changed a lot  
over the years.



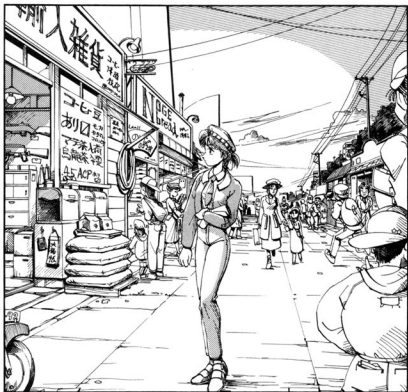
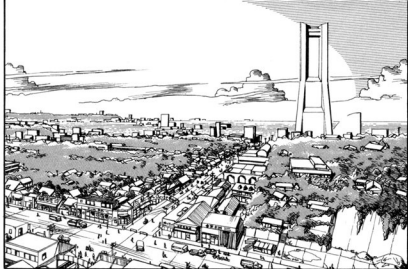
It looks like the  
twilight of this  
age has quietly  
arrived.



I think I'll be  
around till  
these twilight  
years end.

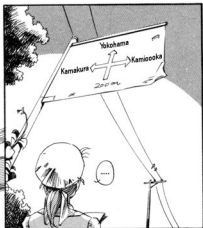




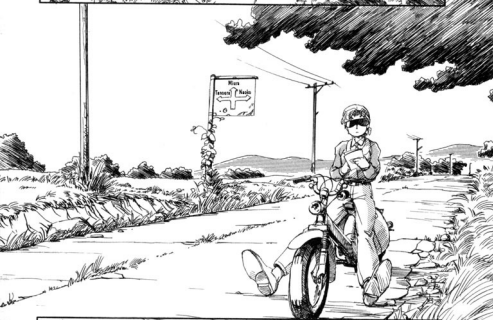


The  
Yokohama  
of these  
days is  
on top of  
the hills.

Yoko-  
hama  
was  
under-  
water  
too.

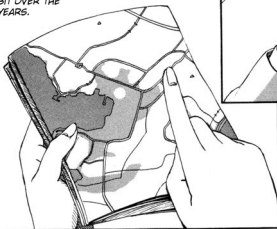


I guess I'll  
have to take  
the mountain  
road.

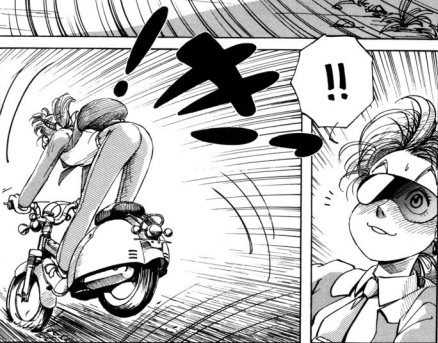




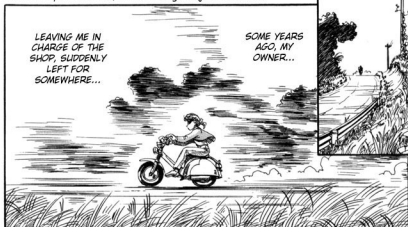
HMM, IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE SEA  
HAS RISEN A  
BIT OVER THE  
YEARS.



...OH, MY!



SFX: <SCREECH>



LEAVING ME IN  
CHARGE OF THE  
SHOP, SUDDENLY  
LEFT FOR  
SOMEWHERE...

SOME YEARS  
AGO, MY  
OWNER...



I  
WONDER  
IF HE'S  
EVER  
COMING  
BACK...

WHERE  
HE IS  
AND  
WHAT  
HE'S  
DOING,  
I DON'T  
KNOW...

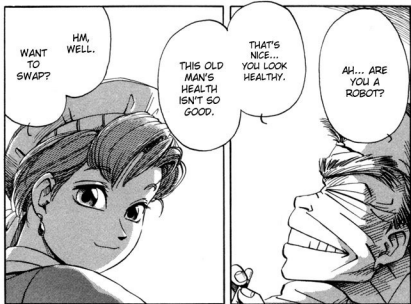


I CAN  
WAIT  
AS LONG  
AS IT  
TAKES...

I THINK  
I'M GLAD  
I'M A  
ROBOT...







YOKOHAMA!  
THAT'S A  
LONG WAY!



IT'S ALL  
RIGHT!  
TODAY'S  
ON THE  
HOUSE!

YES, TO  
YOKOHAMA.  
I NEED  
COFFEE  
BEANS...

THERE,  
A FULL  
TANK.  
GOING  
FAR?

How  
much  
is it?



YOU MAY FIND  
YOURSELF  
SUDDENLY AT  
A DEAD END.

TAKE  
CARE NOW.  
THE ROADS  
AREN'T TOO  
GOOD...

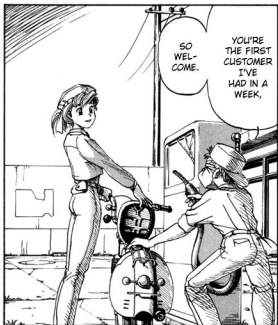
AH...  
YES YA  
CAN.

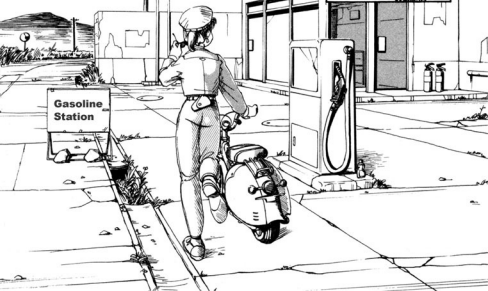
OH, NO, I  
COULDN'T  
...

YOU PROBABLY  
WON'T BE ABLE  
TO GET THERE  
BY THE DIRECT  
ROUTE.

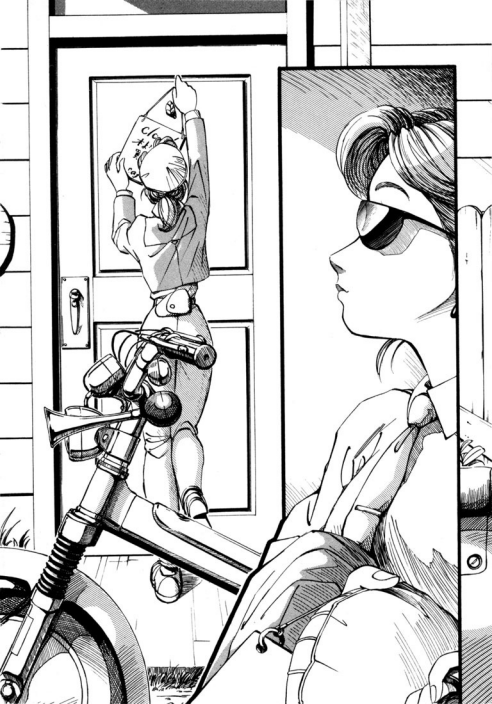






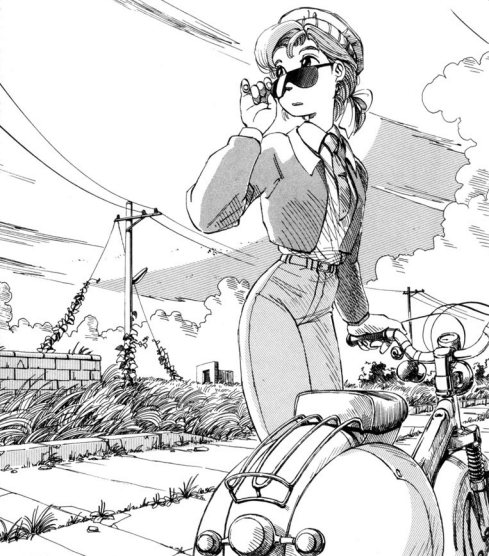








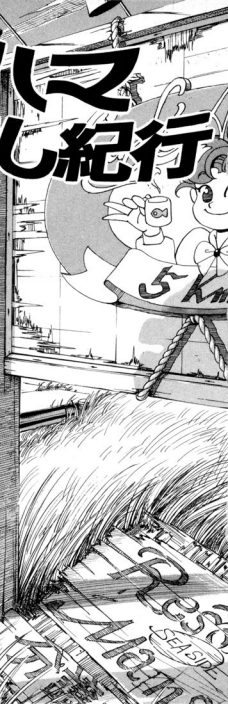
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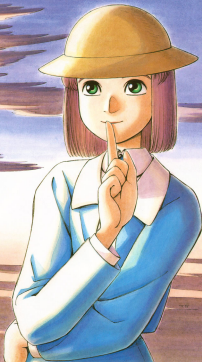


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