

Hello again, Misago
and Kamas!

We only met
once by the bay.

Yeah?

We hardly
show up
at all.

Well, we just
don't get to
see people
much.

Not like we've got
anythin' ta say.

It's
because
we can't
talk...

Yeah,
right.

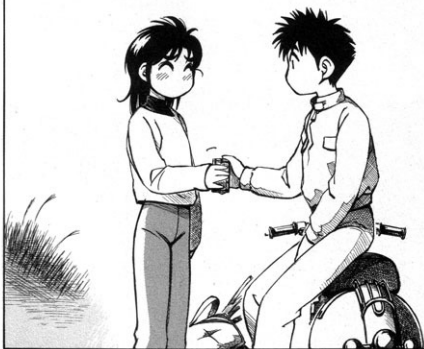
A whole
mountain
of them!

I've got
things
to say!!



What, I just
get your
leftovers?

Here.







Heh
heh
heh




Okay, but
your butt is
going to be
sore again.



Well, you know...

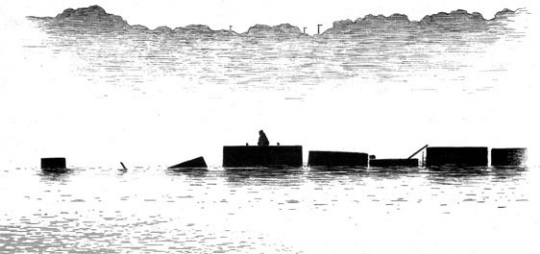
There's a guy I know with
a bike who drives on this
road. So I bought it today.



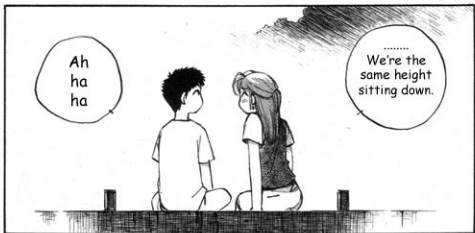
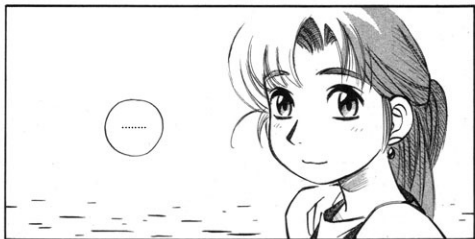
What the...?
Do you always carry
a pillow with you when
you go for a walk?







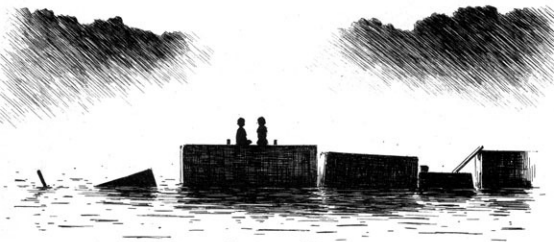






Yeah,
that's
right.

You're 13
now, aren't
you?



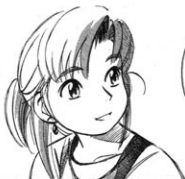
Granddad
says it's
because my
body is
growing up.

My knees
hurt at
night.

.....
You really are
getting bigger.







So...I thought you
could ride it for me.

It's better for the bike if
someone uses it....
As long as you don't mind.

Sure.
.....

But I
wonder if
I can
drive it.



.....
Stand up
for a second.





Aren't you
going to take
it with you?

What?

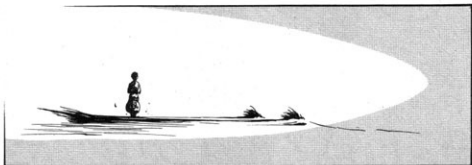
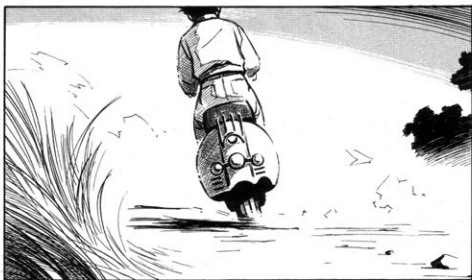
No.



Ahhh.
I see.

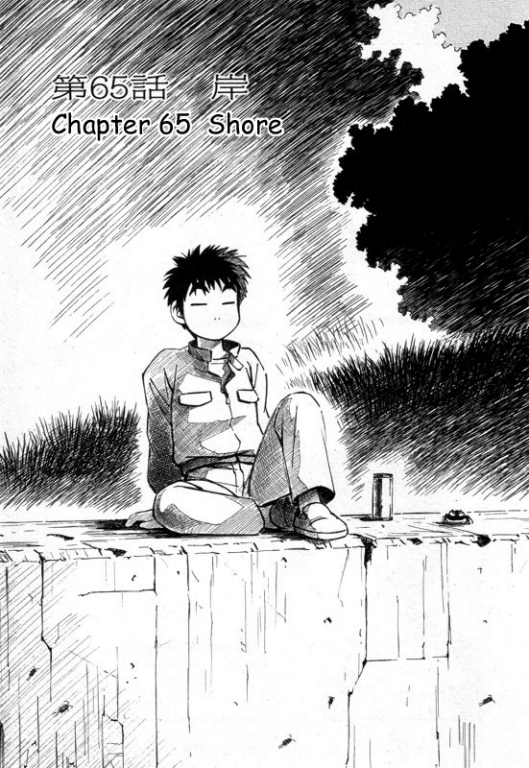
There probably
won't be any gas
stations in some of
the places I'm going.

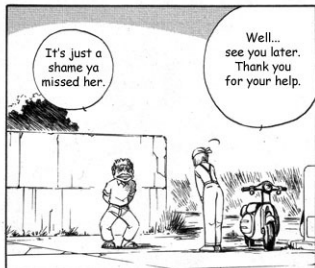
"I want to leave
my scooter
with you while
I am away."





第65話 岸
Chapter 65 Shore





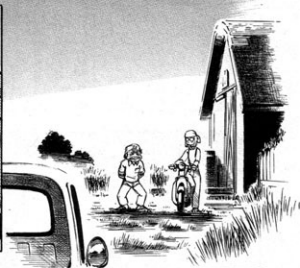




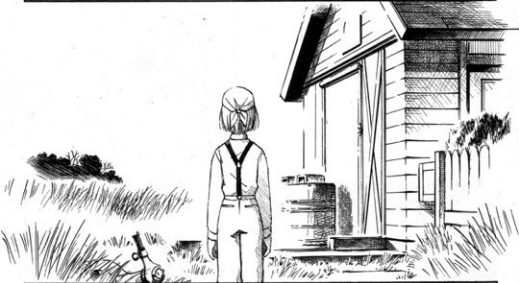
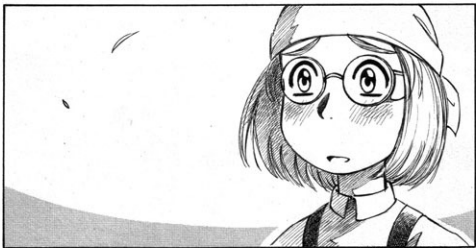


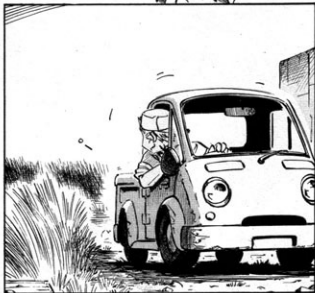


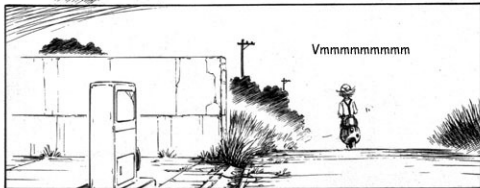
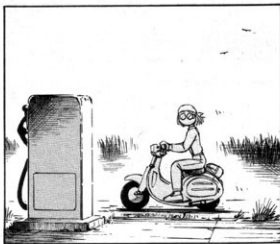
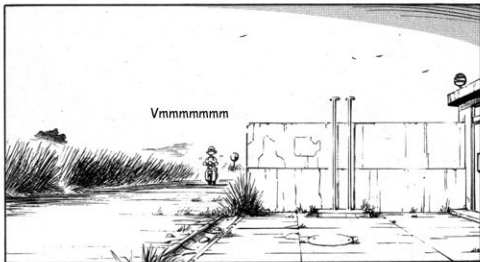




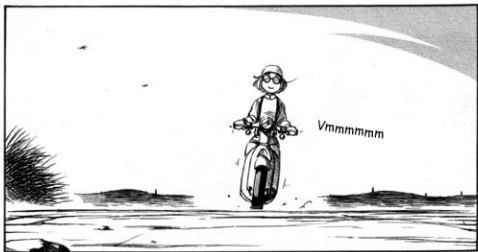
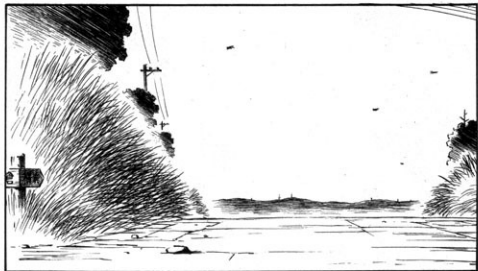


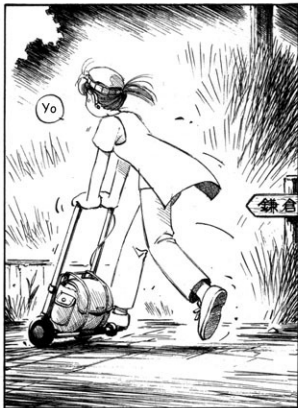


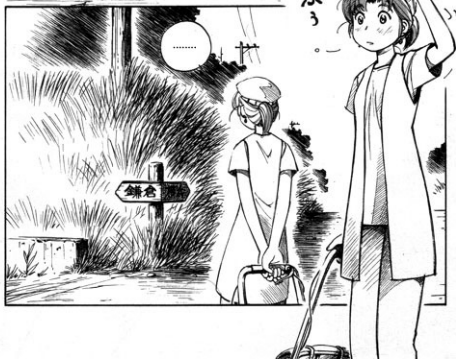
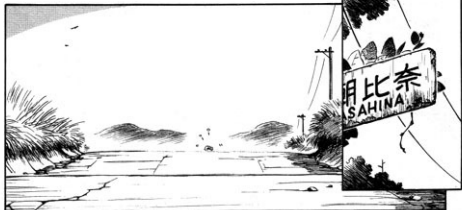






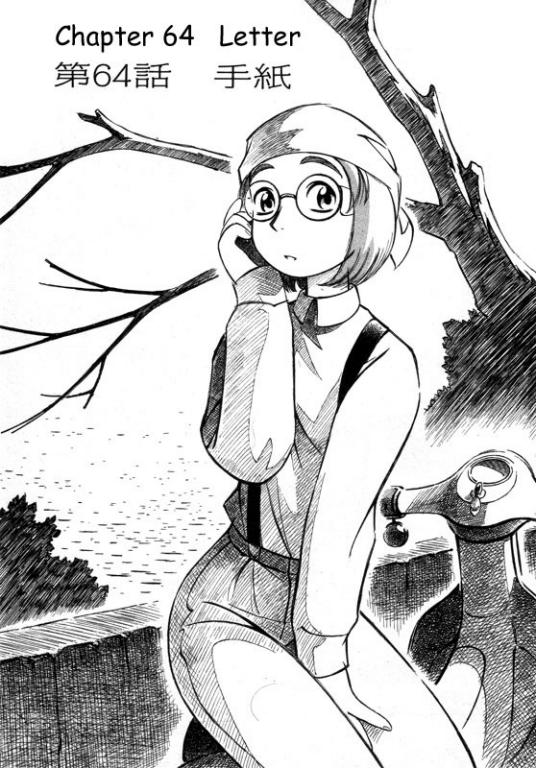






Chapter 64 Letter

第64話 手紙







The longer I wait,
the harder it will
be to leave.....

When are
ya leaving?

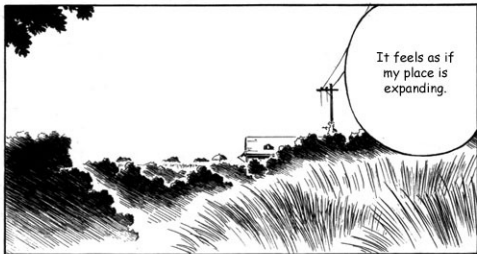


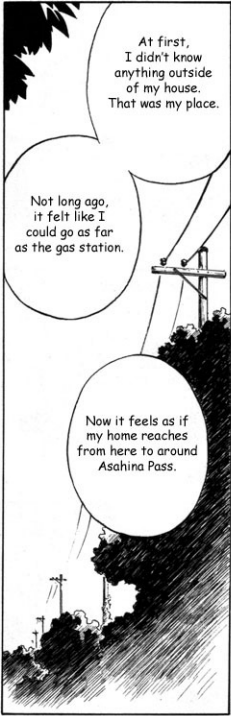
In about
two or
three days.



I will!

That so?
Ya take care of
yerself. Make sure
ya come back when
yer done.





At first,
I didn't know
anything outside
of my house.
That was my place.

Not long ago,
it felt like I
could go as far
as the gas station.

Now it feels as if
my home reaches
from here to around
Asahina Pass.



Somehow,
this seems
like a good
opportunity.

There's
something I've
been thinking
about ever since
I met you and
Kokone.









Fer Taka...

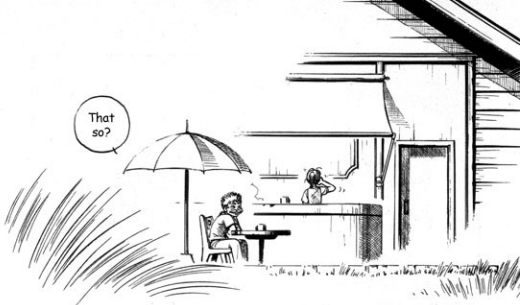
This is probably the first
time that he's lost something
familiar to him.

Ah.....
It looks like
it really shook
him up.



That's
right.
.....







But it was
already
falling apart.



The shop...
I'm certain it
did its best.



I was in a
panic before
you came.



I was
impressed.



Ya took it
really well
that day.



.....
I felt like
I was about
to cry.



For a
minute....
I was....



Yeah, it
does kinda
look like it.

It feels like
I'm running a store
at your gas station.



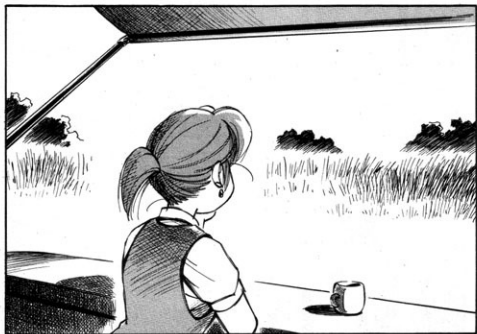
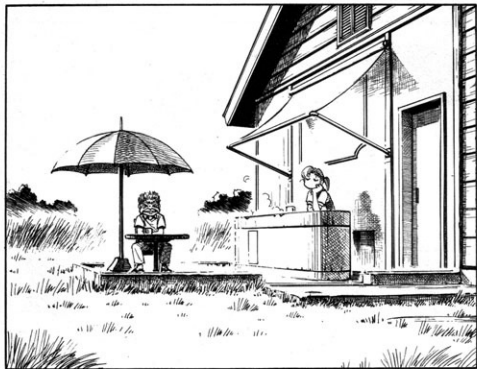
I never imagined the
whole store would blow
away like that.

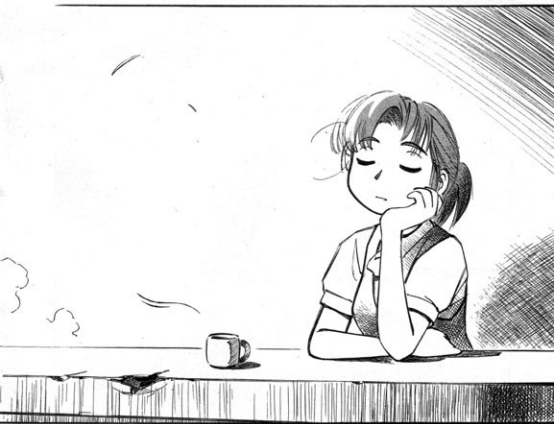
But
ya know...

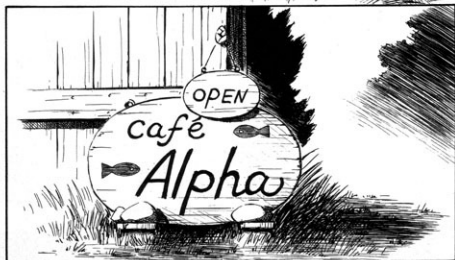


Yes.

But somehow
I had a feeling
something like
that would
happen...



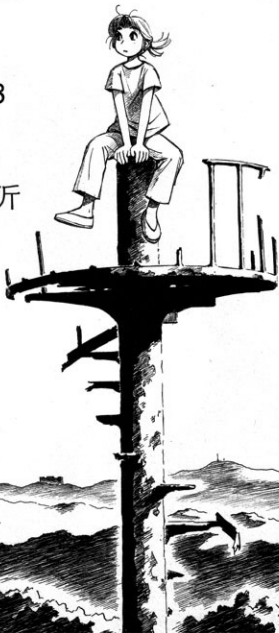




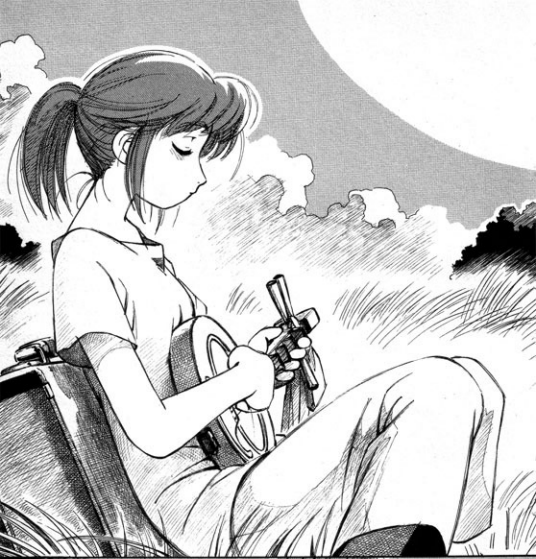


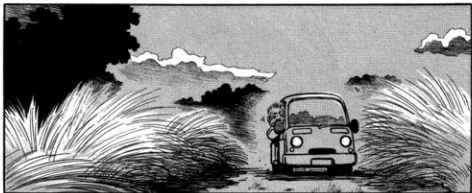
Chapter 63
第63話

私の場所
My Place












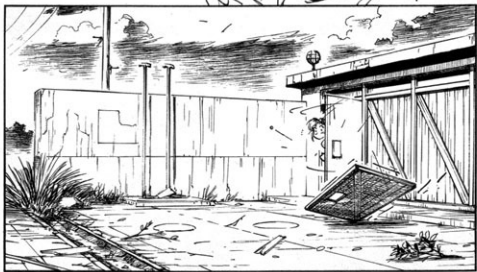


Typhoon "Meihou",
which struck
Shounanko, is now
passing over the
plains...

Kashimanada
received the brunt
of the winds, while
the country of
Ibaraki was largely
missed.

Errrrr....as our team
predicted from
the start...







Ojisan...

He must have thought it would
be safer to take refuge here.

This place is being hit hard by
the typhoon, but it must be even
worse closer to the sea.



Can't this
end soon?

Ahhhhhhhhh...
I'm definitely
worried now.





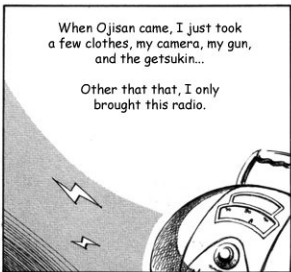
.....that's right.
I wonder how the house is doing?

I don't know if the glass windows
in the shop will hold up...



Aah!

I probably should have put up
all the storm shutters on the
main house, too.



When Ojisan came, I just took
a few clothes, my camera, my gun,
and the getsukin...

Other than that, I only
brought this radio.



Oh no!
The sign on the store!
It'll be torn off!



It looks like the typhoon is still hanging around this area.



Listening to the endless sound of the wind, even though this is a concrete-reinforced building

I begin to feel a bit uneasy.



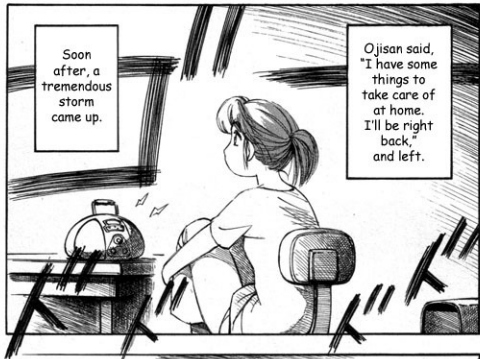
.....
I wonder if Ojisan is all right?

I think he should be fine...
he knows a lot about typhoons.



Soon
after, a
tremendous
storm
came up.

Ojisan said,
"I have some
things to
take care of
at home.
I'll be right
back,"
and left.



The sound of the rain,
like gravel pelting
the building,
comes in waves.

The sound
of the wind,
like an
earthquake.



As I busied myself
with preparations,
evening approached.

The typhoon was coming.

Yesterday, as usual,
I set the house in order.

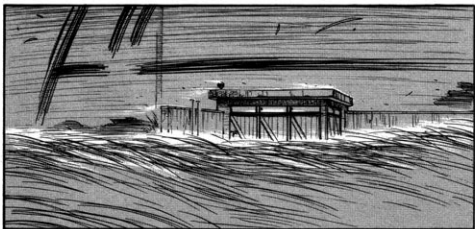
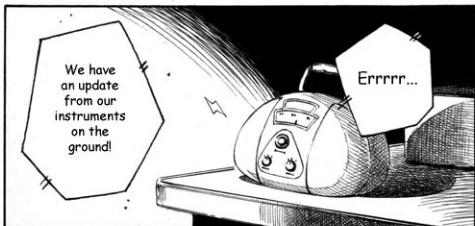
I put up the storm shutters.



He said,
"I've got a bad feeling
about this one. Go get
anything important, and
come spend the night
at the station."

That evening,
Ojisan came
in his car.





Errrr...

Brrrrr...

Here at
"Hamamatsu
Weather
Attack"...

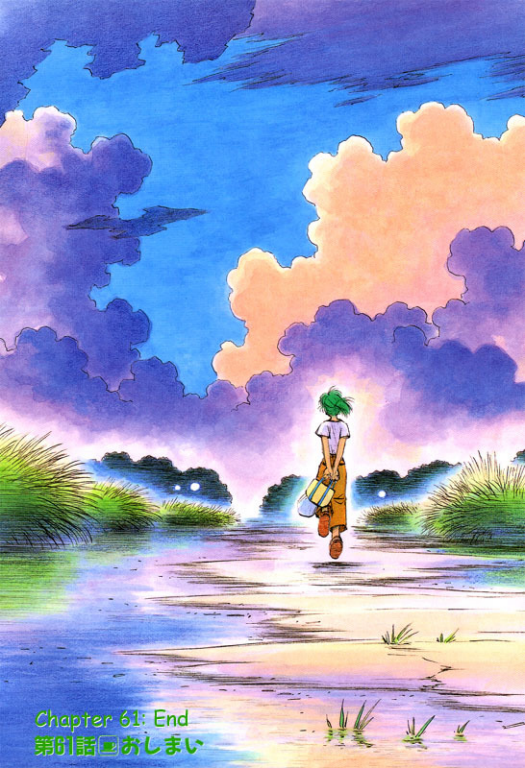
We bring
you the latest
information
on the typhoon
faster than
anyone else!

I'm now
reporting
from the air,
somewhere
near the eye
of typhoon
"Meihou"!

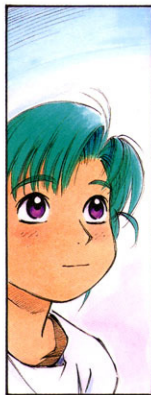
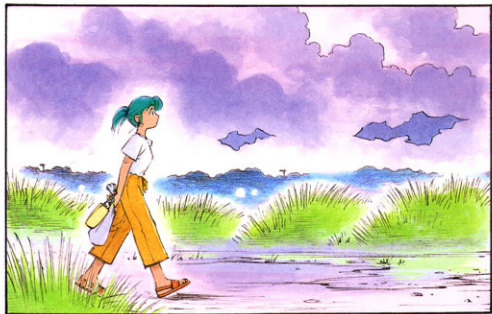


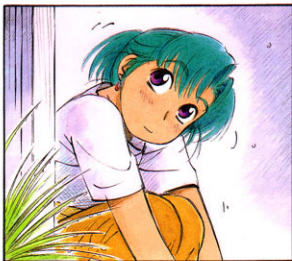
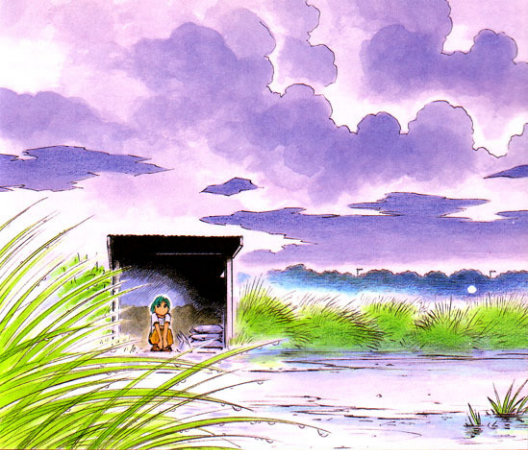


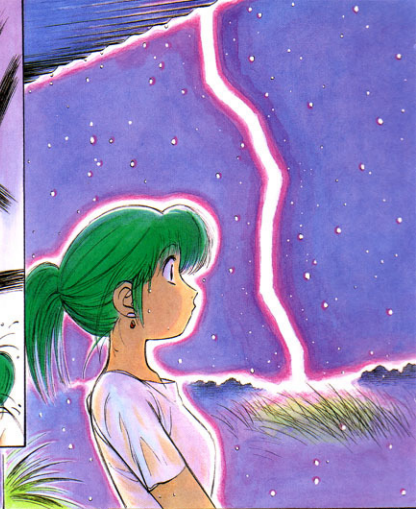
第62話 たいふう 颶風
Chapter 62 Typhoon

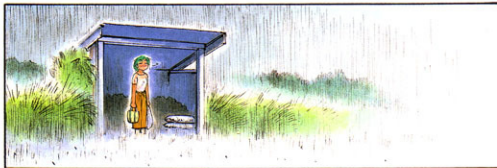
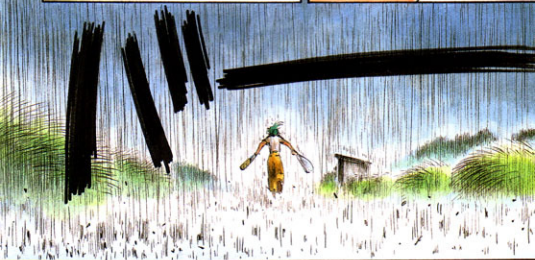
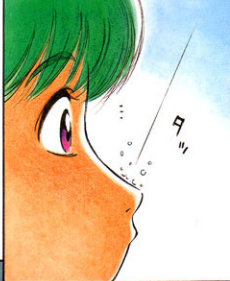
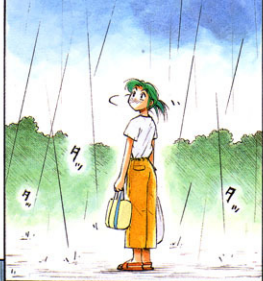


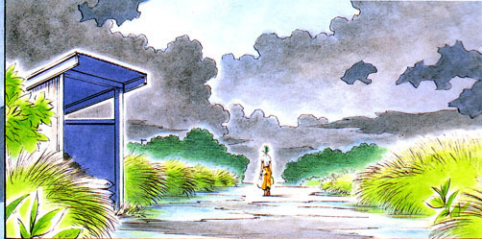
Chapter 61: End
第61話 さいまい

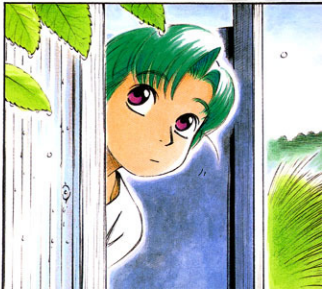
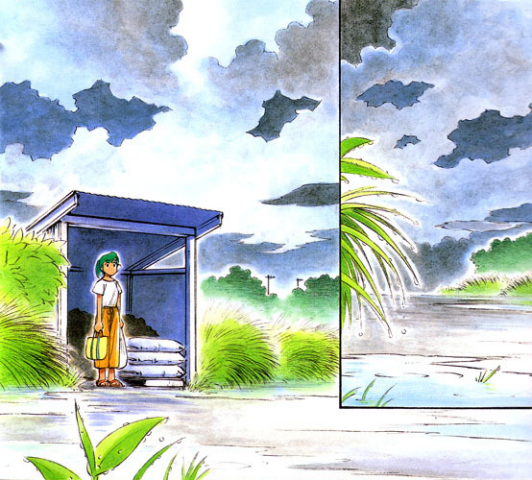














第61話 べに 紅の山 やま
Chapter 61 Crimson Mountain





Kokone, you're
taking a summer
vacation, right?
How'd you like to go
swimming in Chiba?

.....
That's
right!



.....
Ah.....



That's
too bad.

South,
huh?



Oh,
is that
so?



This summer...
Um...I'm probably
going to be going
south, so...

Um...er...
I'm...





No...
I have three...

You really gave me a
surprise, though!

Although it's not like
you actually have any
bullets in that thing.



I know those.
They're the ones
that go "zap,"
right?

Aaah!

Phew!

Although
they're just
9mm electric
bullets...

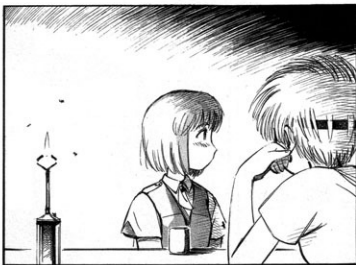


I hear that
they leave a
real scar...

Yes.....
They're no
joke, though.











Uwaaaaaaa!

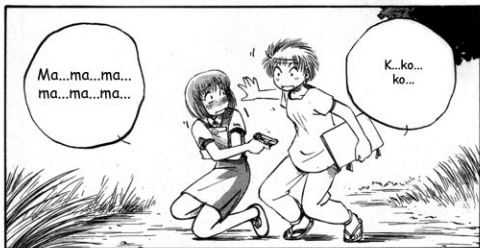


I'm sorry!
I'm sorry!

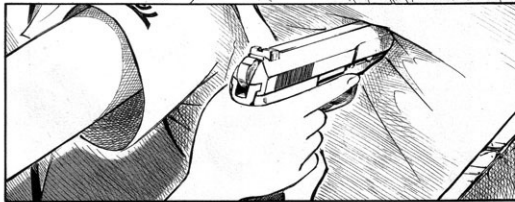
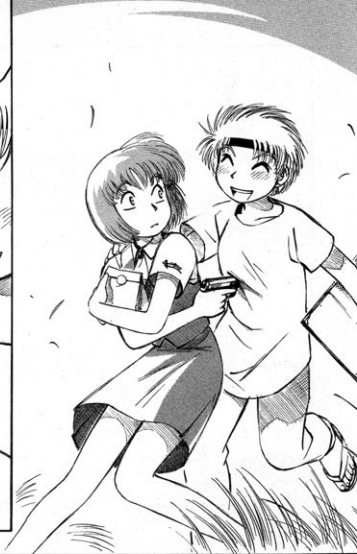


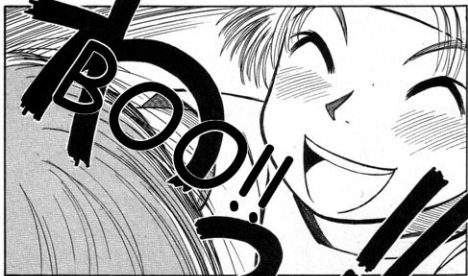
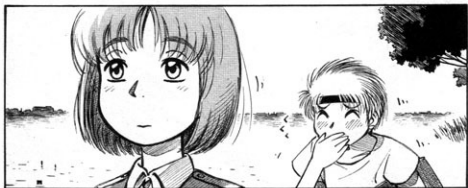
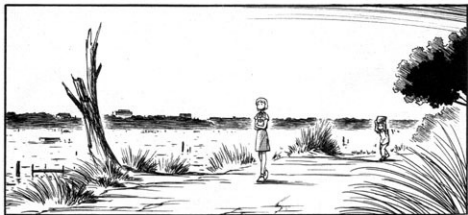
They train you
for that kind
of thing too...

I see.



!?

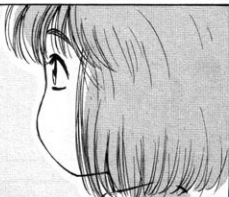






She stands out
with her brown hair
touched with purple,
and her blue uniform.
The simple colors
shine amidst the
surrounding street.

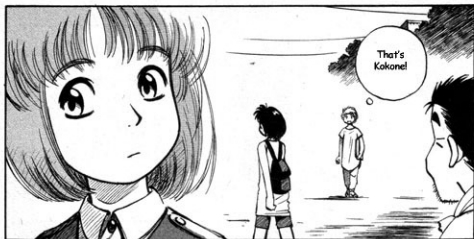
But more
than anything...



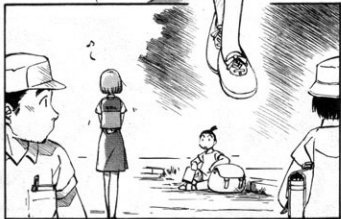
Why?
Her diet?

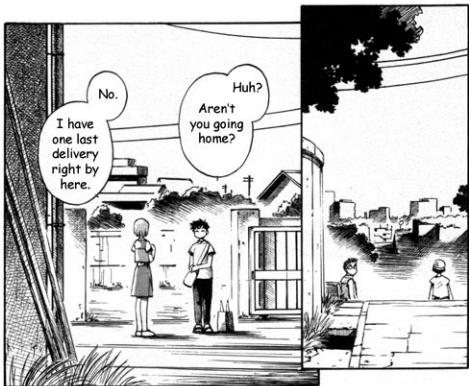
Just my
imagination?

Her skin is
beautiful.
Even though
I'm a robot
like her, I
can't help but
think so.









Chapter 60 Blue Clothes
第60話 青い服

















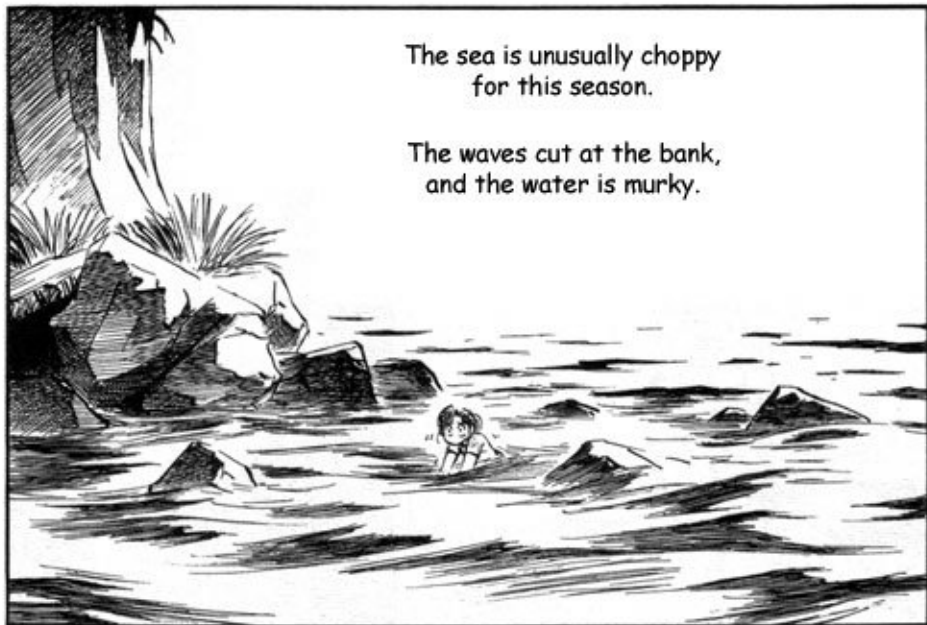
I went
looking for
a place
to climb up.





The sea is unusually choppy
for this season.

The waves cut at the bank,
and the water is murky.



I can't see anything
in the water.



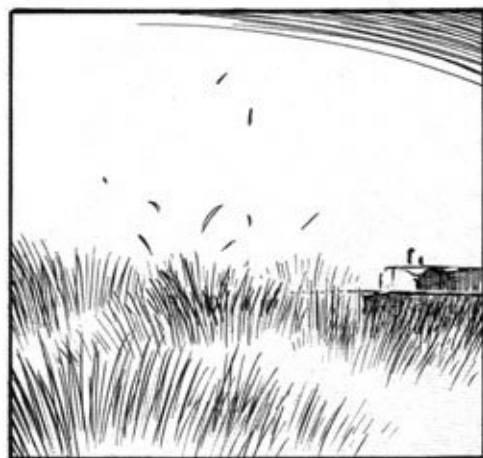
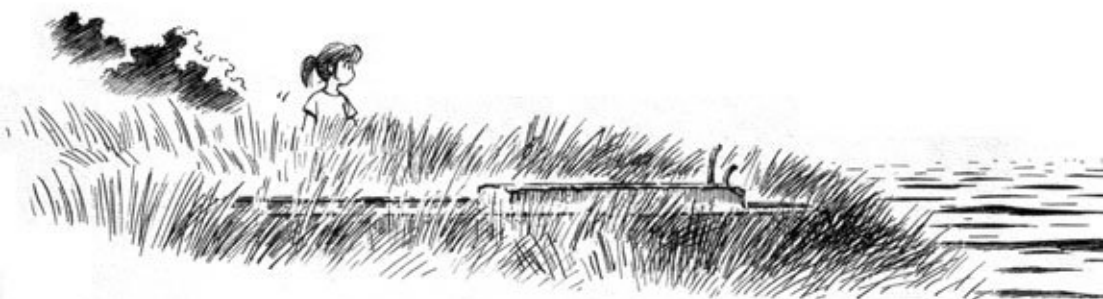




There's no longer
any ground under
the foundation.





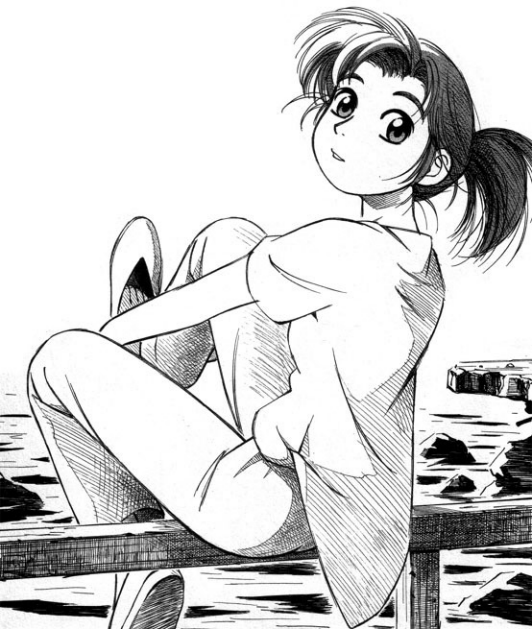


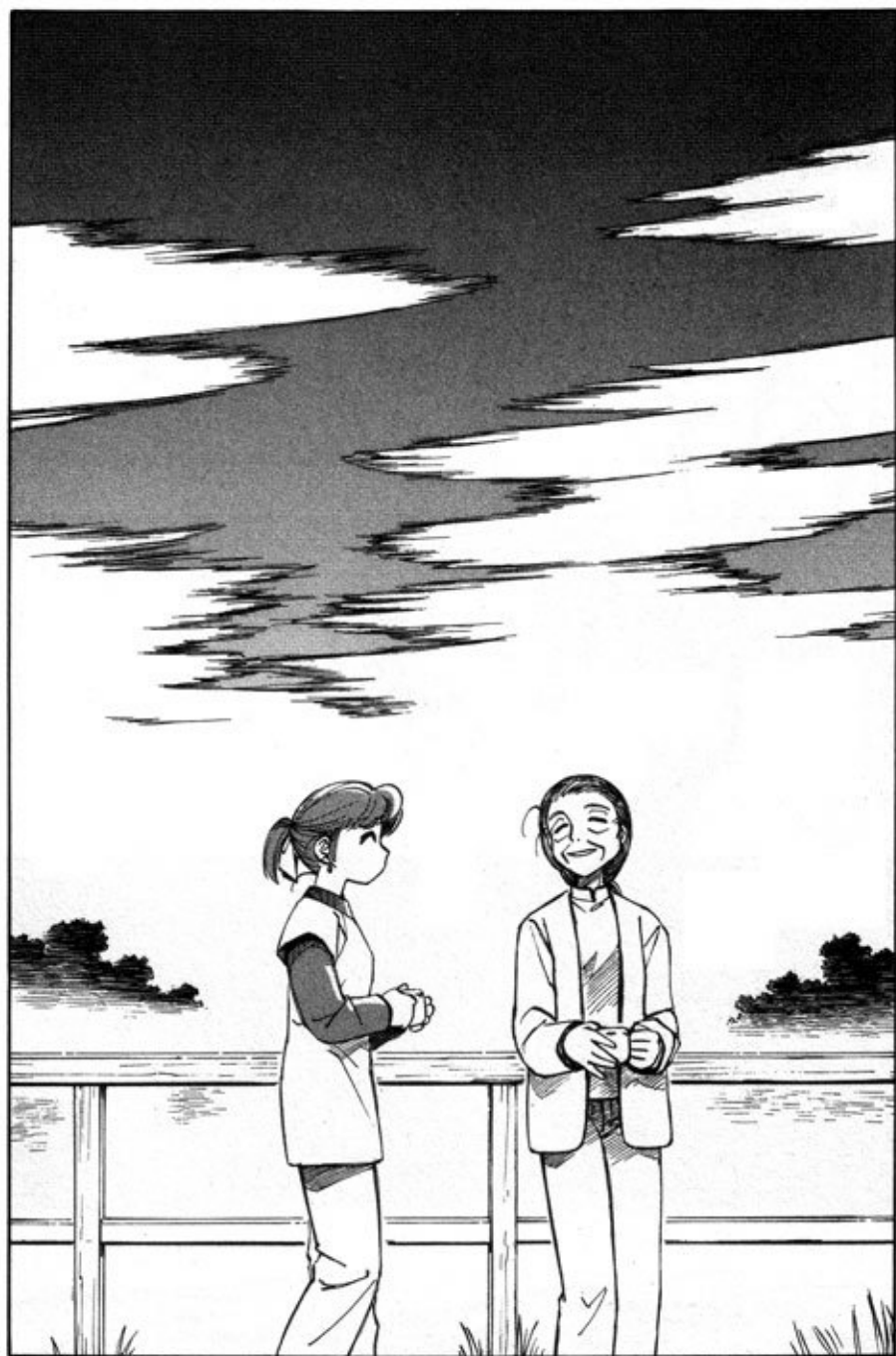
I thought
I would take
some pictures
from around
the house.



Chapter 59 Indigo Eye

第59話 藍色の瞳









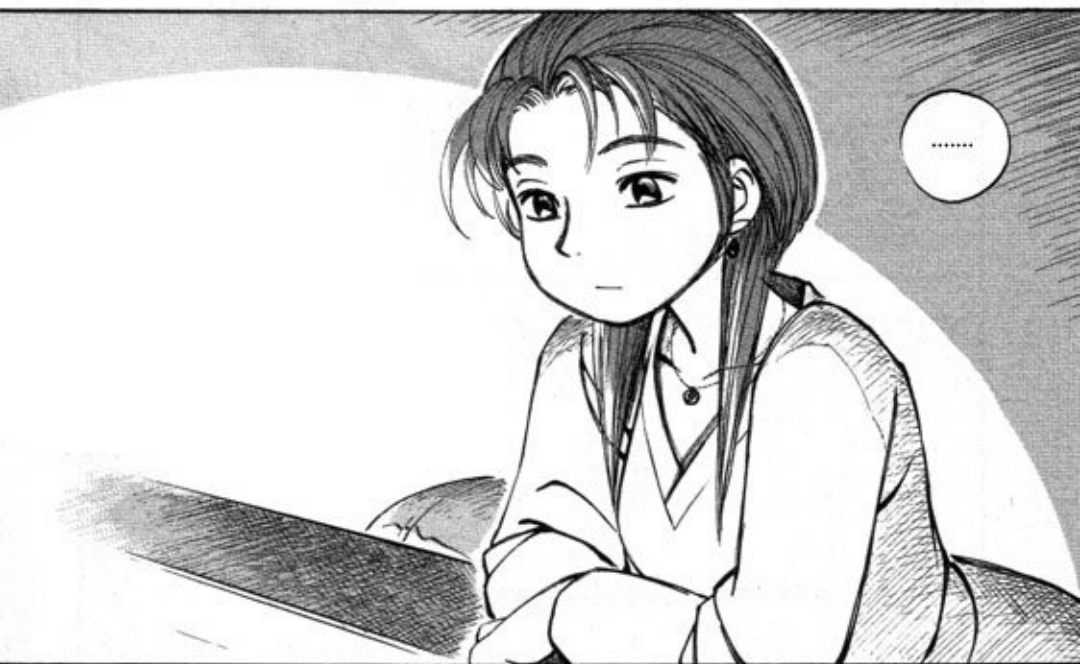
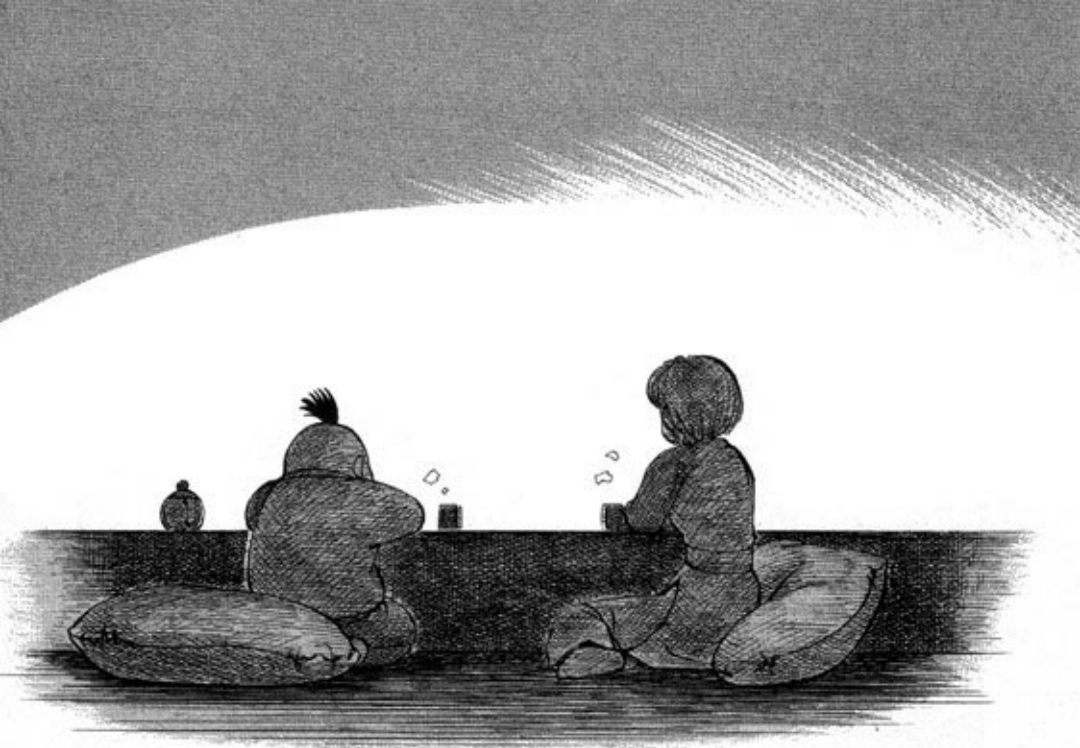


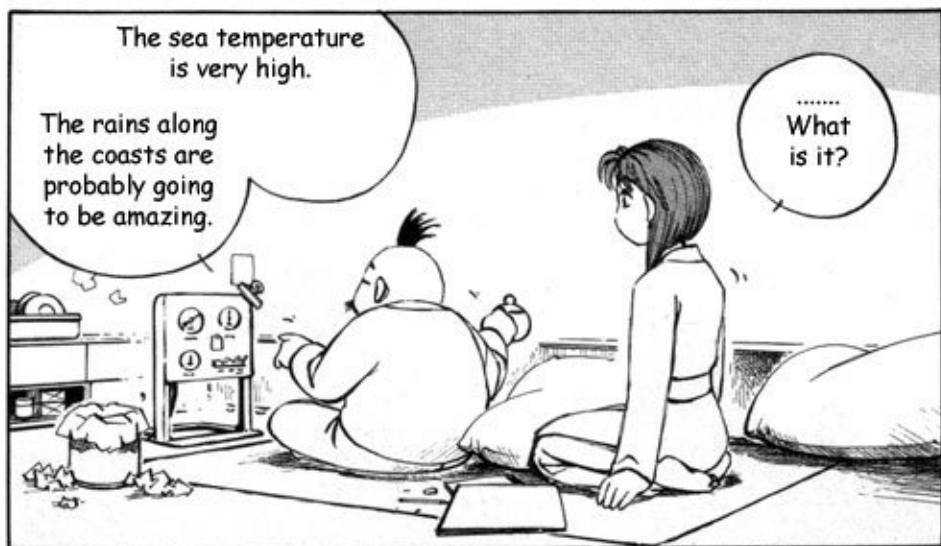
Huh?

That's a
strange necklace.
Some kind of charm?

This?

Oh....







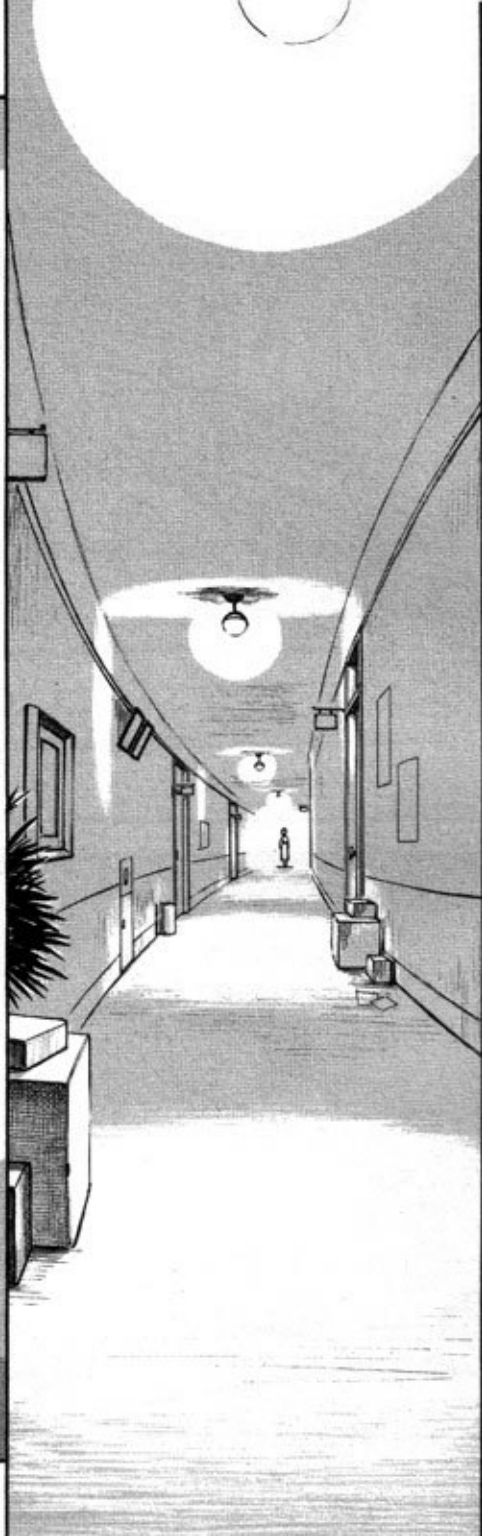
Hello,
Chief*.
It's been
a while.



* Literally, "head of the second section".

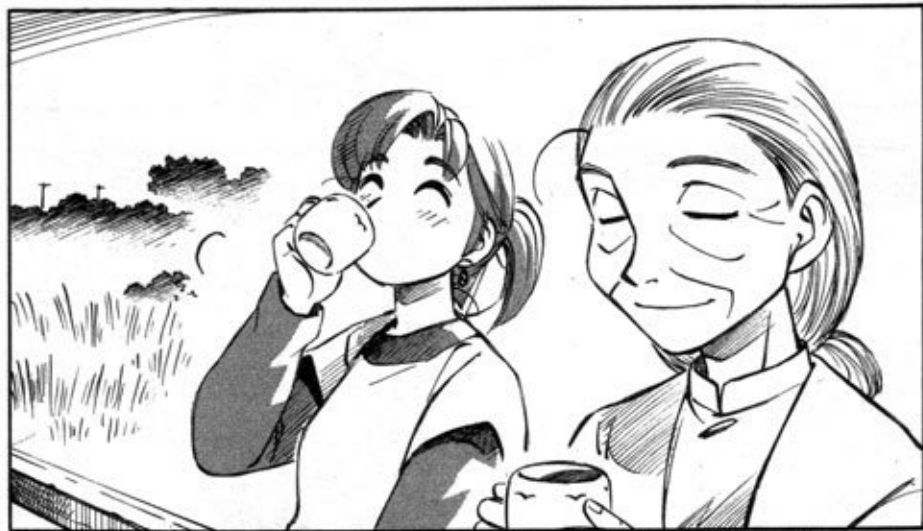
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Section 2

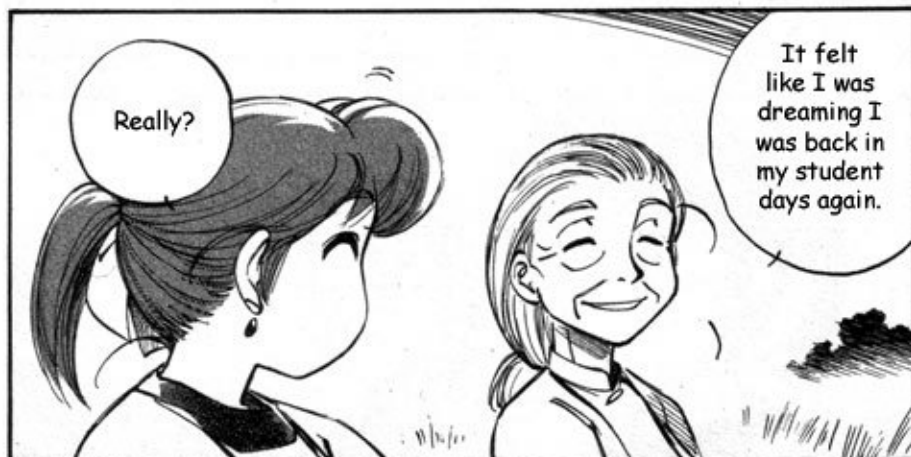
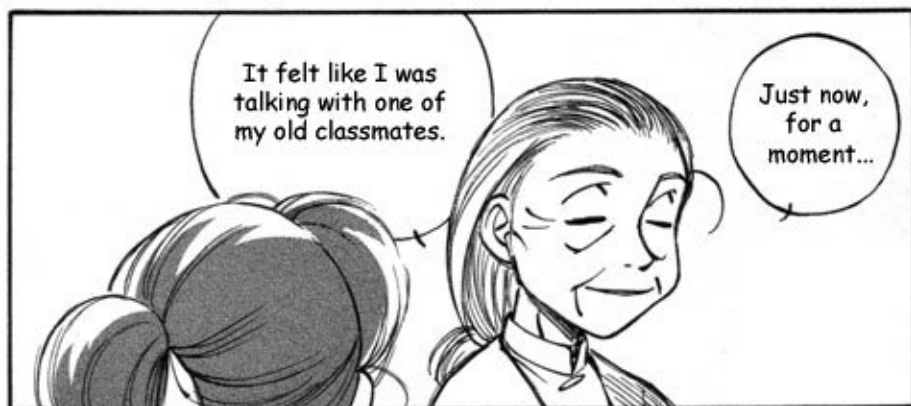


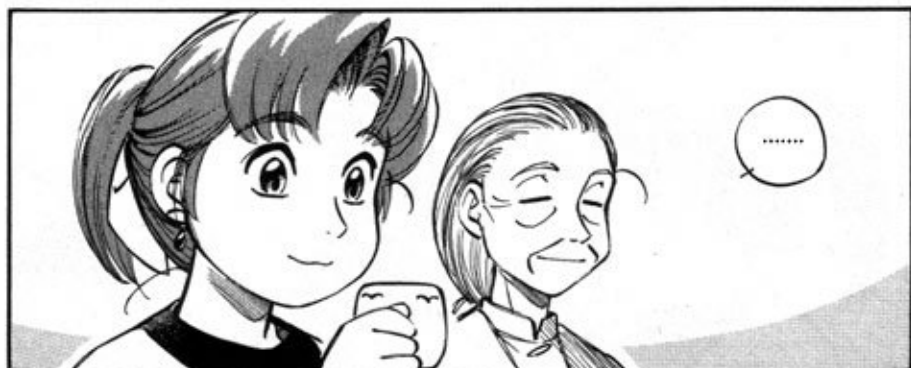


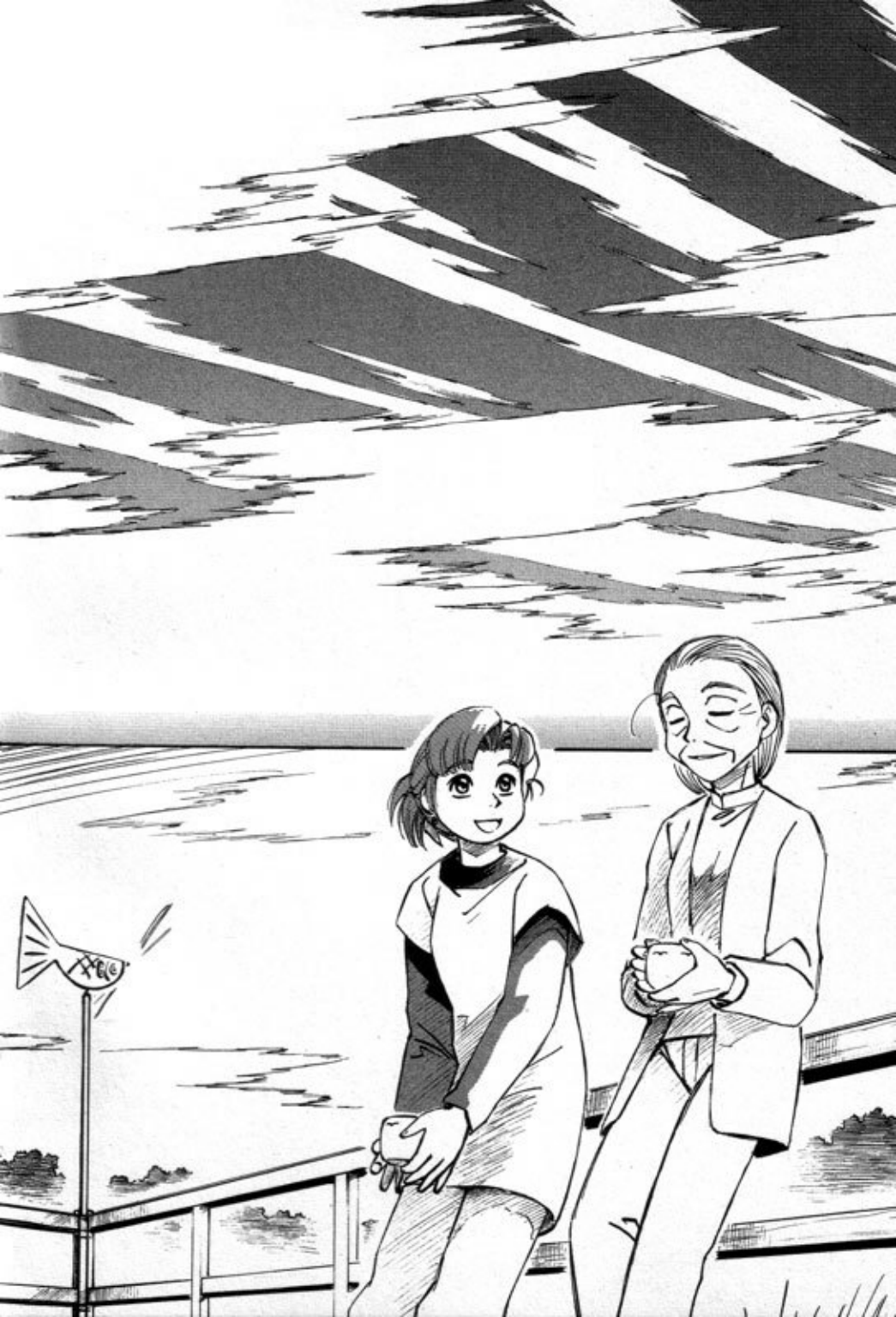










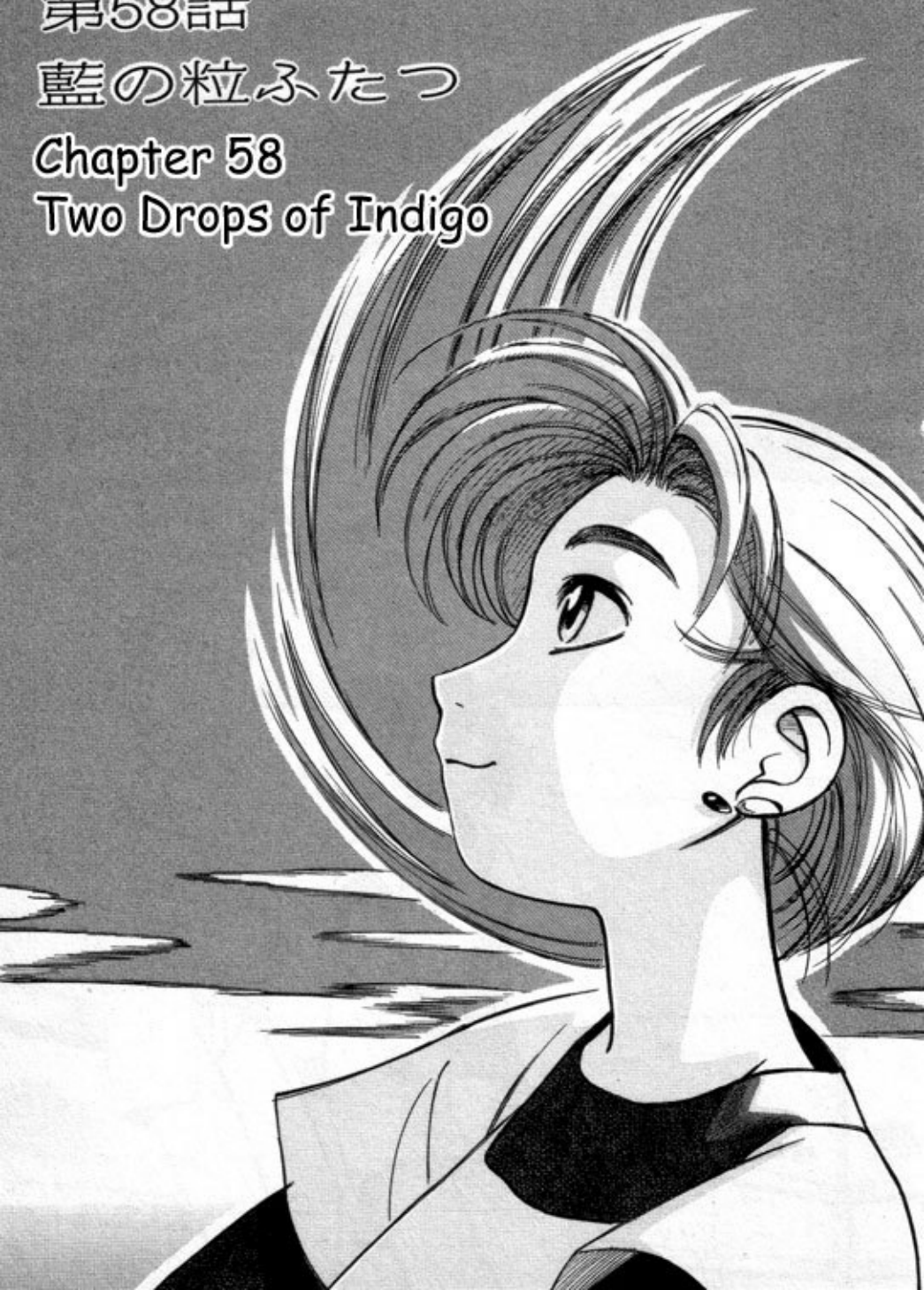


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藍の粒ふたつ

Chapter 58

Two Drops of Indigo





I haven't thought about Owner
in a long time.



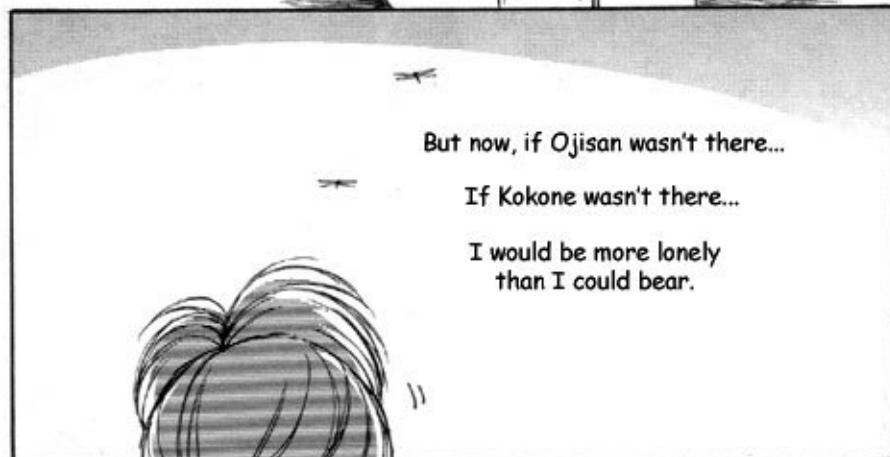
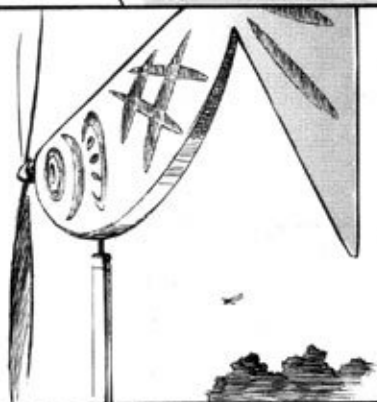
I have more memories of
Ojisan and Kokone now
than I do of Owner.



Although I was
all alone until
I met Ojisan and
Takahiro, I wasn't
lonely.

Even without Owner,
I found ways to pass the time.

I like being by myself.

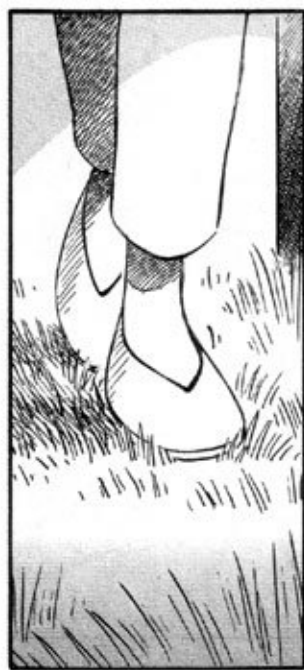


But now, if Ojisan wasn't there...

If Kokone wasn't there...

I would be more lonely
than I could bear.





At night, Owner and I
would talk about all sorts
of things.

I'd ask him
the silliest questions.



My memories after then grow
hazier and hazier.

I'm not certain which ones
are real, and which ones
I imagined later.



Ah.....I was always in such a
hurry in those days.

I couldn't wait for closing time.



I can still remember
the first time I went outside
wearing those clothes.

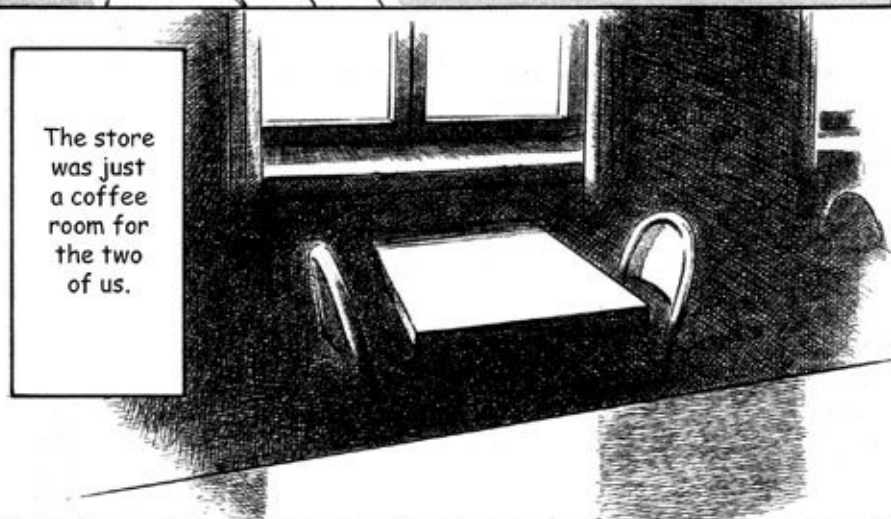


"How are they?
.....
Do they suit me?"





At first, there really
was nobody at all.



The store
was just
a coffee
room for
the two
of us.



This room has been a shop
for as long as I can remember.

I wonder why Owner decided
to start a shop in this place.

There are never
any customers!

.....



They've blended together now,
the house and the store.



I'd like
to do some
remodeling

I'll bet it's
expensive,
though...



It's pretty
run down.



The shop was originally
added on as a living room.

Although it ended up
being used for laundry
and cactuses.



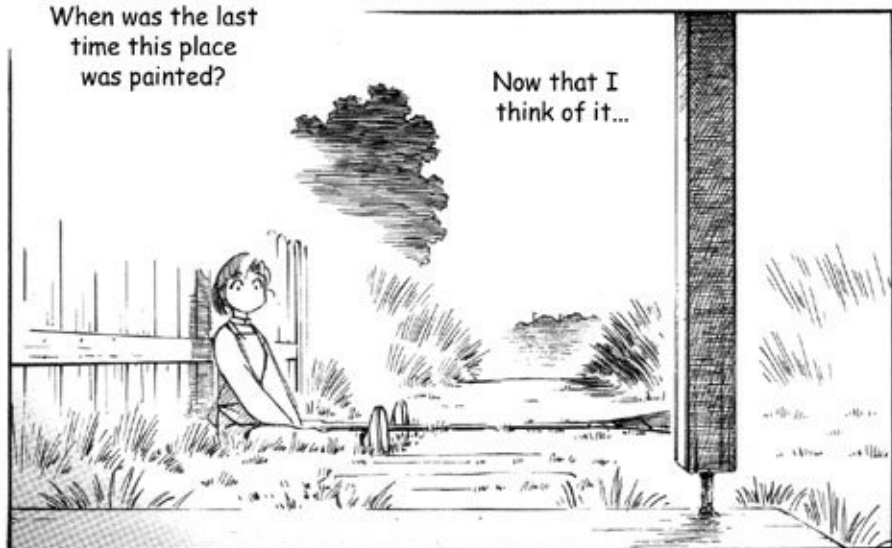
Owner told me that,
a long time ago.

By that time,
I was already
here.



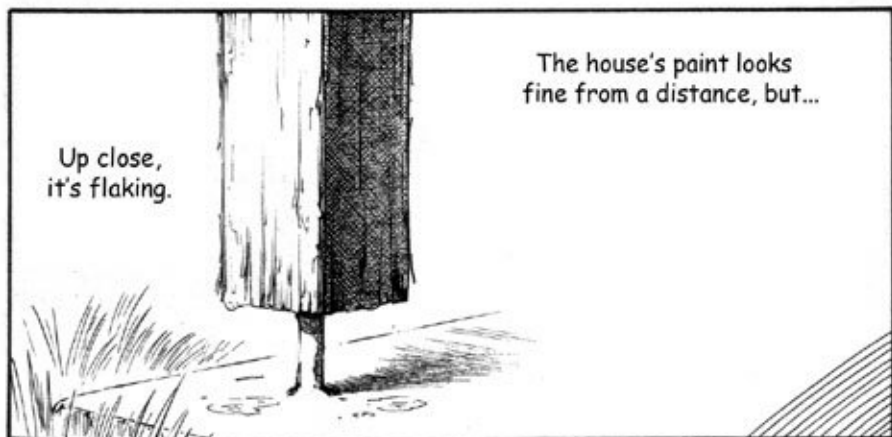
When was the last
time this place
was painted?

Now that I
think of it...



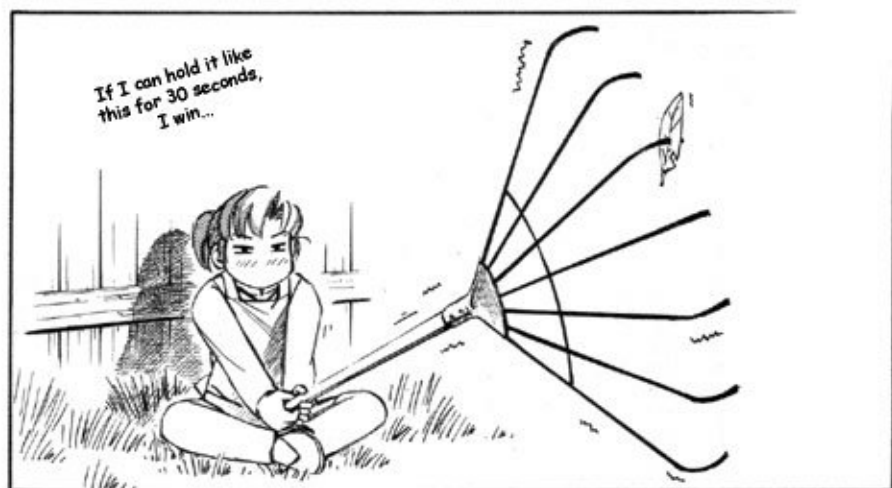
Up close,
it's flaking.

The house's paint looks
fine from a distance, but...

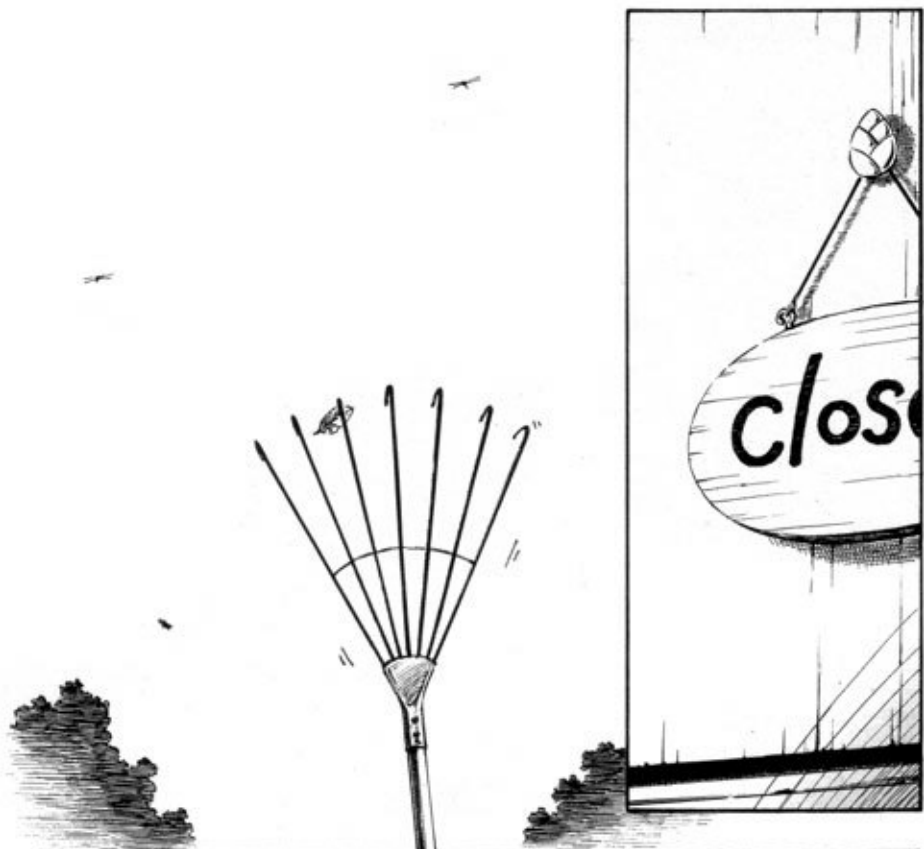


Time to
repaint?
Paint is
expensive,
though...



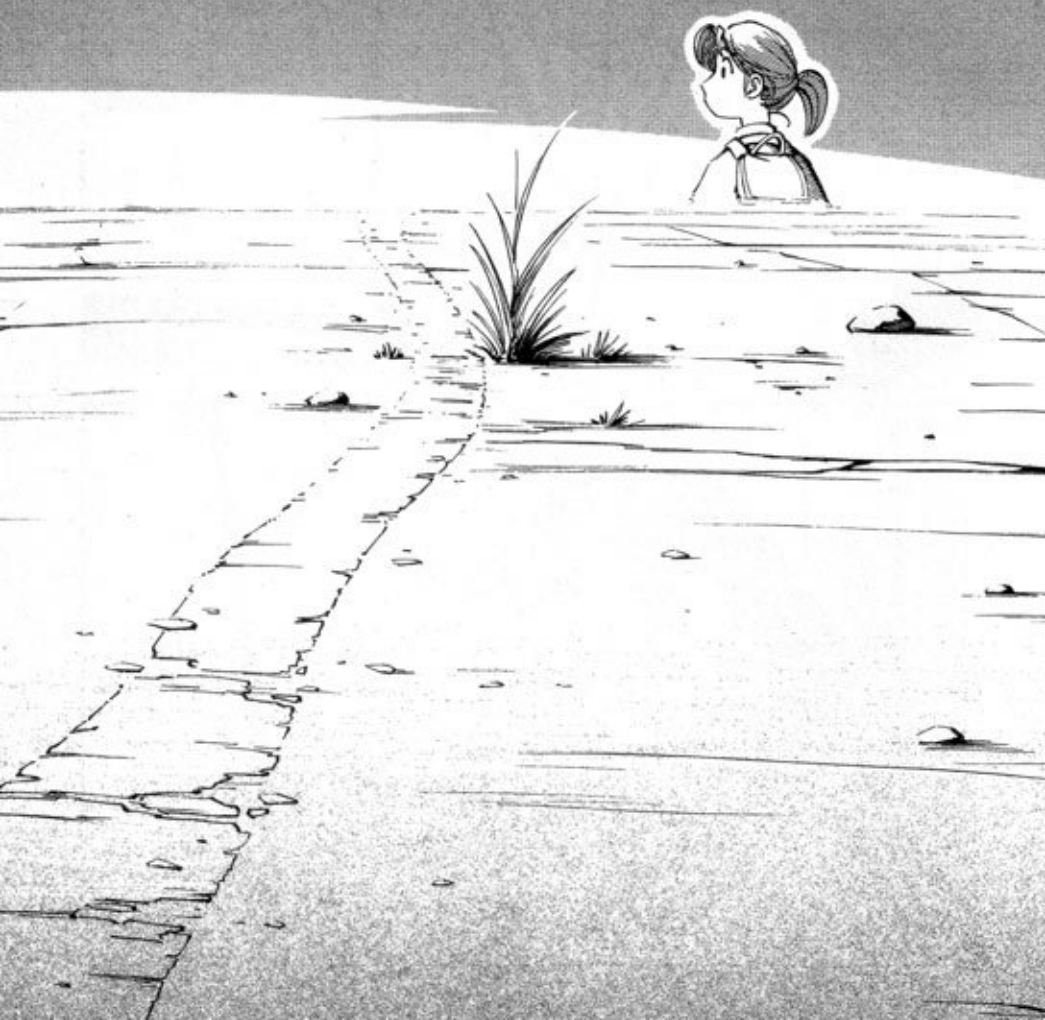


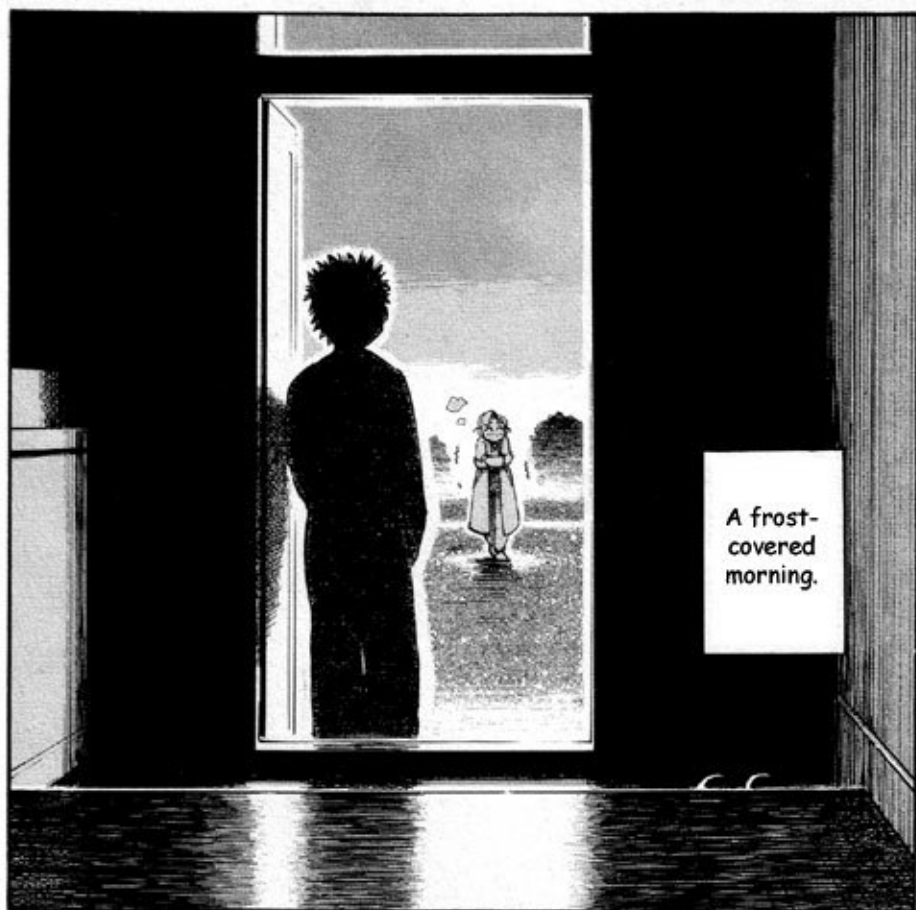




第57話 白ペンキ

Chapter 57 White Paint







Everything
is white!

Look!
Frost!















Innumerable
stars, scattered
across the sky
like dust.

Wow!
It's amazing!

I don't
like it!



I guess.


What!?
It's pretty!




It's
freezing.








As night falls,
it turns
suddenly chilly.




The
innumerable
distant lights
glitter in
the darkness.






It's an
amazingly
clear day.



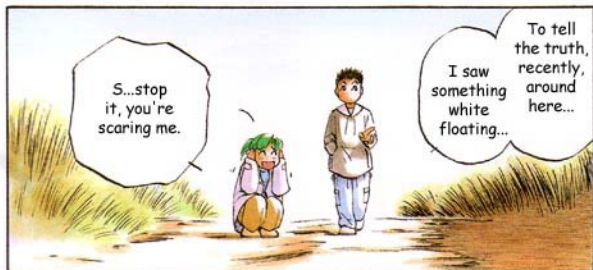
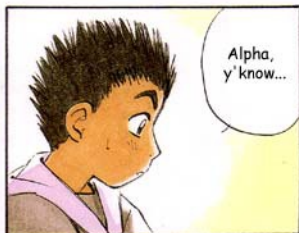
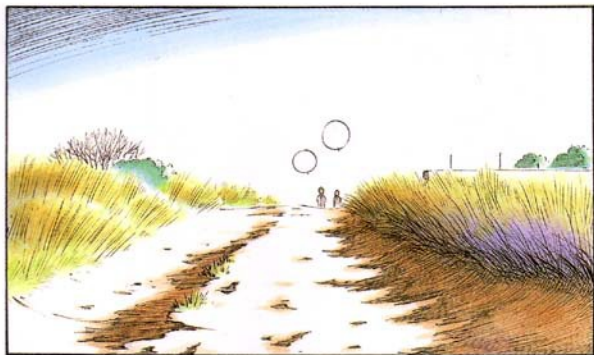
The usual
town party
still isn't over,
so I'm taking
refuge at
Alpha's place.

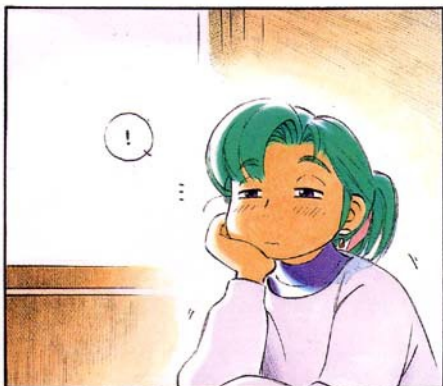


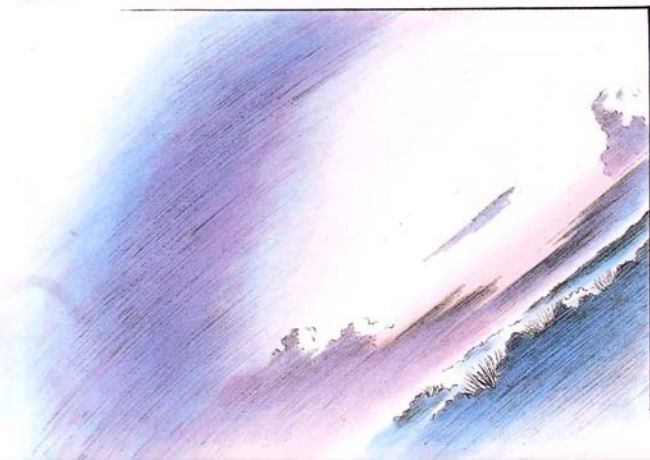
The sky
is a deep,
dark blue.

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Chapter 56 White Morning







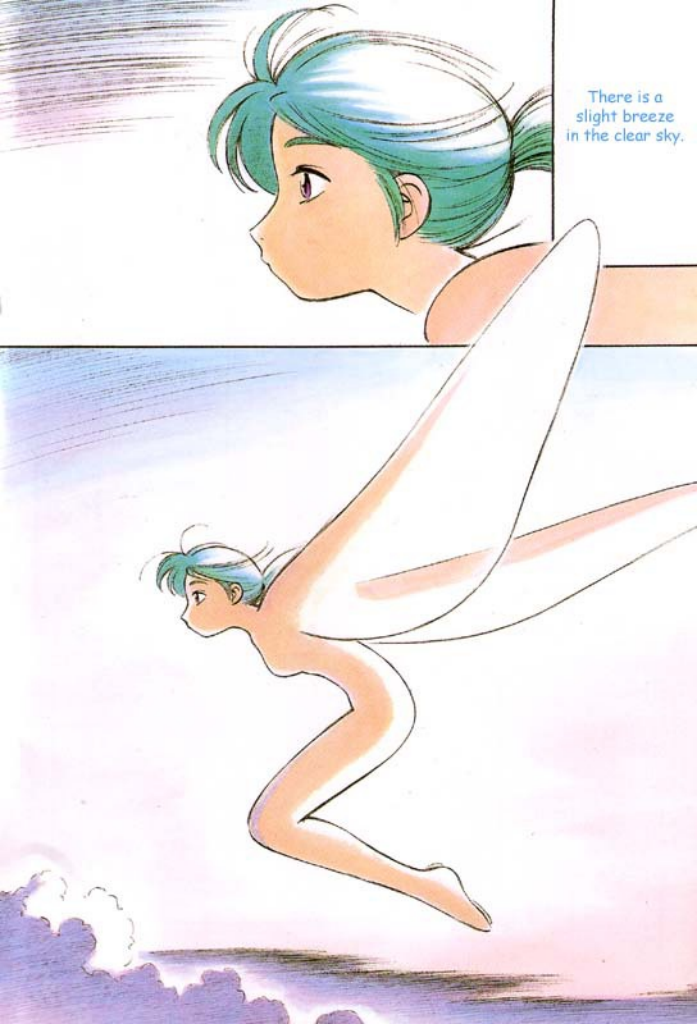




There's
someone
on the road.



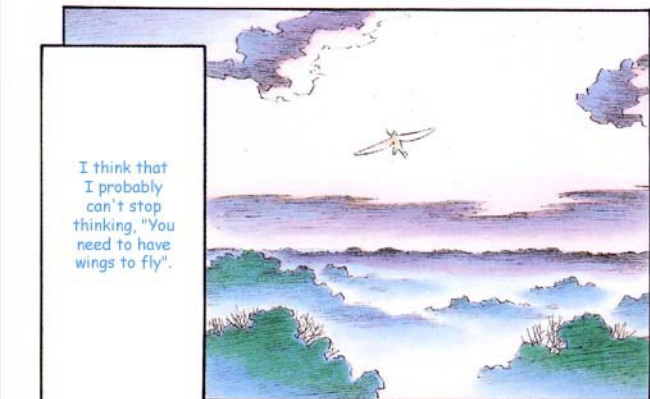
There is a
slight breeze
in the clear sky.





Somehow,
my arms
have become
wings.


I don't know
if there is
a reason I
have wings
when I fly
in my dreams,
but.....



I think that
I probably
can't stop
thinking, "You
need to have
wings to fly".



I dream
of flying
through
the sky.



The same height
as always.
I have this
dream often.

Chapter 55

第55話

中空の白

White in the Sky

