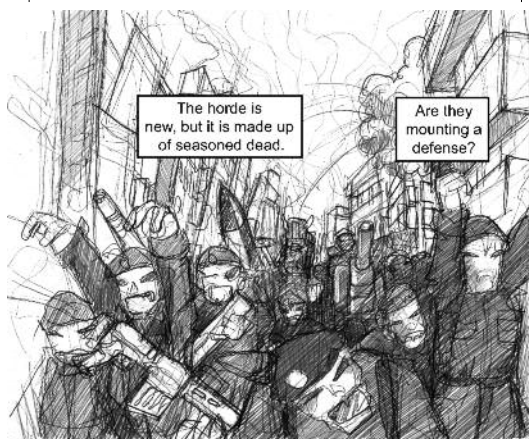










The horde is new, but it is made up of seasoned dead.

Are they mounting a defense?



No, not that we've seen.
GHWR.

RAWRAW
RAWR RAWR
RAWR

What about the kook with the cardboard? Has he been spotted?

RAWR.

No, not yet.



GRR
RAWR RR.
RWR RAWR
LRLRAWR
RAWR.

Are you sure we should be mounting this offensive?

GRN.

We only think she is here.

RRR
GRR R
RWR R
GRR R
RAW R
RA R
RWA-

She hasn't come to us and ordered-

GHLL
RAWR
RR...

Her will draws us...

like the scent of living flesh.

RAWR
RW RAWR
RAWR.

RRR
RAWR
RA-

We need no command to follow-

«NOW, MR. ZILLA-SAN»



«FIRE!!»

FWOOOSH!!



...and you were going to mention the magical girl with the zilla when?

RRN.

RAW
RAWR.

I was getting to it.



:yukis0211:
<He's suddenly really grouchy and not listening to me. What should I do??>

<BITING HIM?>



<OMG! SONODA-SAN, GTFO, GTFO!!>

:kobayashi y:
<get away from him! get away now!!!>

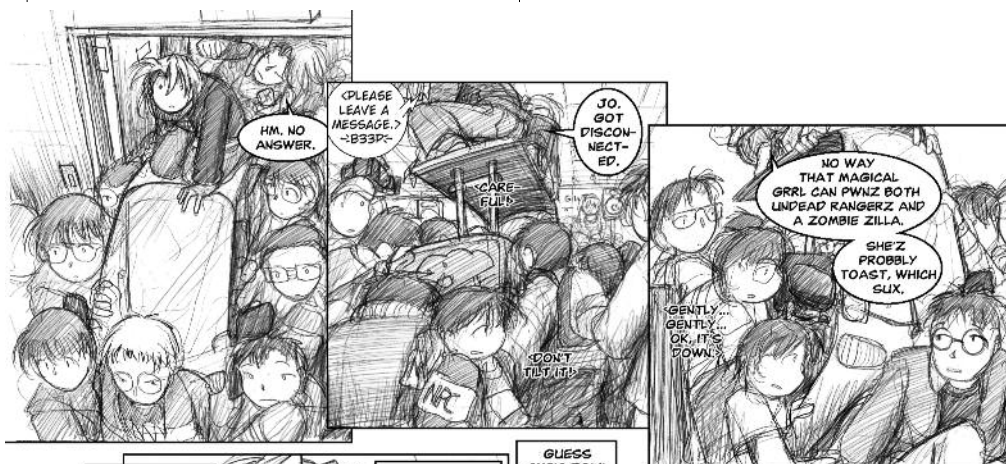






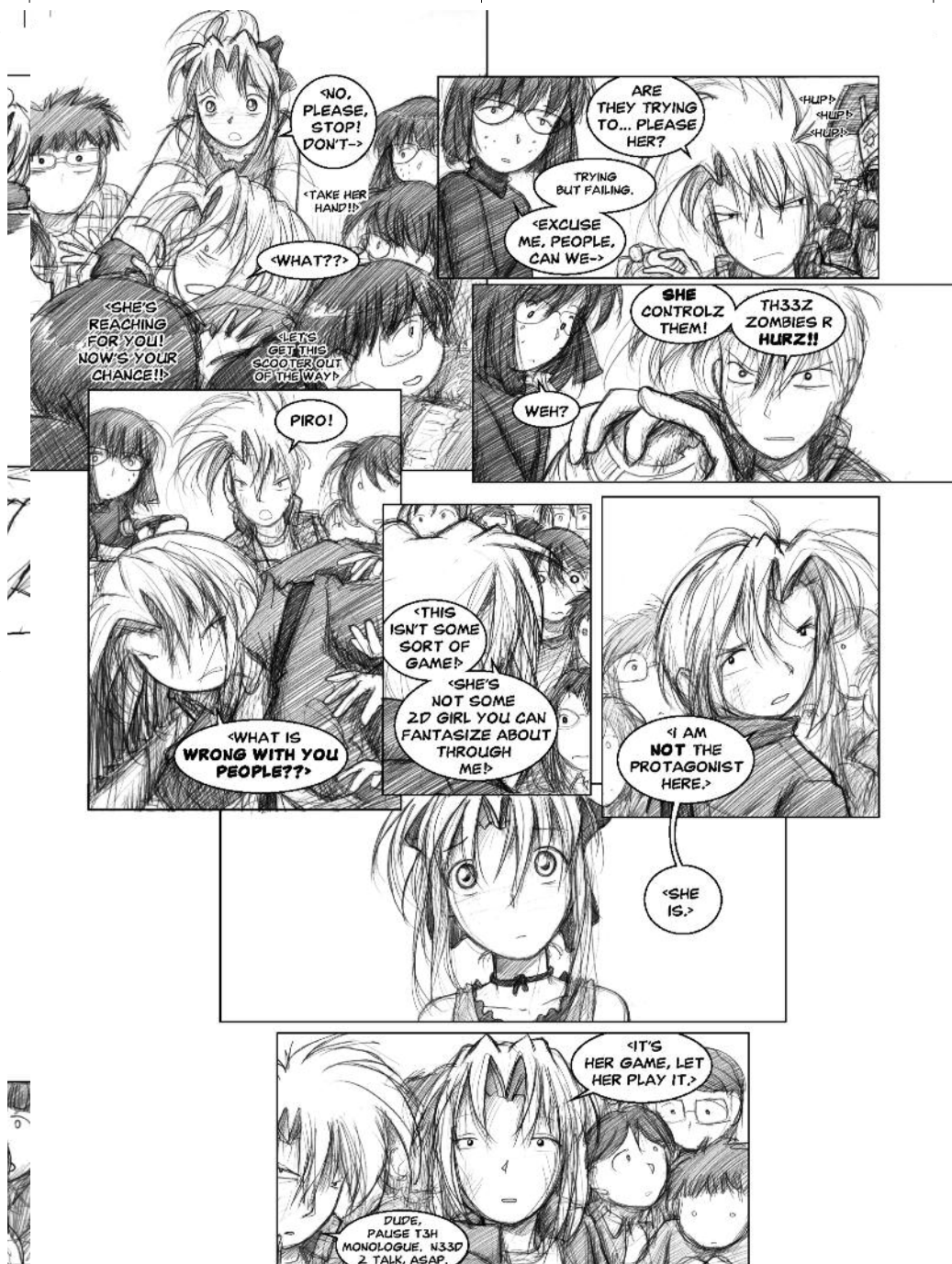






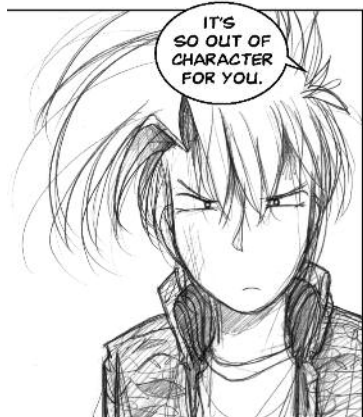








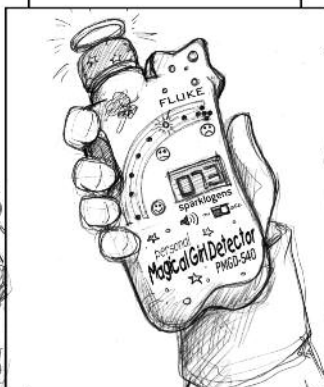
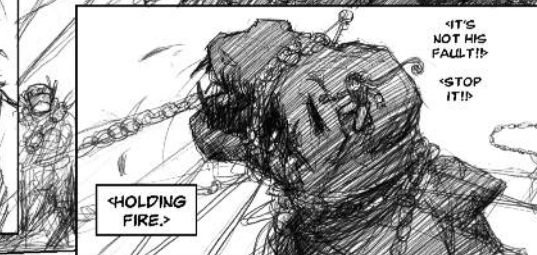












«I NEED
A REPORT ON
THE LOCATION OF
EVERY IDENTIFIED
EMGC* IN THE
COUNTRY,
NOW!!»

«YES
SIR!»

*EMGC = EMERGENT
MAGICAL GIRL CANDIDATE

«IS SHE
ONE OF THE THREE
CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED
AS POTENTIALLY CATA-
STROPHIC GRADE??»

PWNZING
AN UNDEAD
ZILLA DOESN'T
FAZE THESE
COPZ AT
ALL.

«WHERE
IS THAT MG
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
TEAM??»

I DON'T
GET IT,
BOO.

«GOT IT
SIR! ALL 87
ACCOUNTED
FOR.»

«TWO WITH
CATASTROPHIC
POTENTIAL ARE
AT AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB ACTIVITIES.
THE THIRD IS
STILL IN A
COMA.»

«PANIC!»

«EVACUATE
ALL BUILDINGS
IN A 20 KM
RADIUS!!»

«LEAVE HIM
ALONE!!!»

«EN-
ROUTE FROM
SETAGAYA.
SIR, ETA 5
MINUTES!!»

«IT'S
NOT HIS
FAULT!»

«IT'S
NOT HIS
FAULT...»

«ALL UNITS
STAND-»

DEALING
WITH SOME LITTLE
CHIXOR ALL W33PY
'CAUSE I FCKED
THINGS UP, THEY
GET ALL-

GNNN...

«-BY.»

-GRRLY.

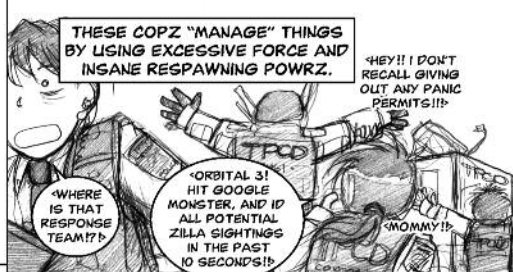
WOAH.

«SHE...
DISAPPEARED!!!»

«WHAT??»

«TRACKING LOCK LOST
AFTER .04-5 SECONDS.
UNABLE TO DETERMINE
EXIT VECTOR, PLEASE
ADVISE.»

«MG EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM
ETA 4.5 MINUTES.»



DID YOU SEE
WHAT DIRECTION THAT
MAGICAL GRRL WENT
WITH THE UNDEAD
ZILLA?



WHAT?

BEFORE MRS. SONODA
SUGGESTED I LISTEN TO YOUR
VOICEMAILS, I WAS DEBATING HOW
MANY MONTHS YOU'D BE SPENDING
IN THE HOSPITAL ON LIFE
SUPPORT.



YES,
AND ...?



HOW
MANY?



SW33T
HOL33 HOL033N33!
HOW DID YOU DO
THAT??



HIMITSU
DESU.





“CONSIDERING THE FACT I WAS GOING TO CANCEL THE EVENT, IT WENT REALLY WELL.”

“NOW LET’S HOPE WE ACTUALLY GET TO PRODUCE THE GAME.”

“I... I’M SORRY!! I DIDN’T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.”

“YOU NEVER CONSIDER THE “STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE” OPTION, DO YOU?”

“SOMETHING YOU PICKED UP FROM YOUR “FRIEND WITH STUDIO EXPERIENCE.”

“DON’T LOOK AT ME, I WAS A GOOD GIRL.”

“I JUST GOT CREATIVE IN MY DEPARTURE.”

“SO, IS THIS WHAT YOU’VE BEEN UP TO? DEVELOPING A NEW, MORE POWERFUL KIND OF MONSTER TO PICK UP THE DESTRUCTION WHERE YOU LEFT OFF?”

“NO, KIMIKO IS A PRODUCT OF HER OWN DEVELOPMENT. ALL I’VE DONE IS ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT HER.”

“ALL SHE CAN LEARN FROM ME IS WHAT SHE SHOULDN’T DO.”

“LIKE LETTING HERSELF BE FORCED TO DO ROLES SHE HATES PLAYING, HAVING TO LIVE SO OUT OF CHARACTER THAT SHE EVENTUALLY SNAPS?”

“I THINK SHE’LL BE OK ON THAT ONE.”

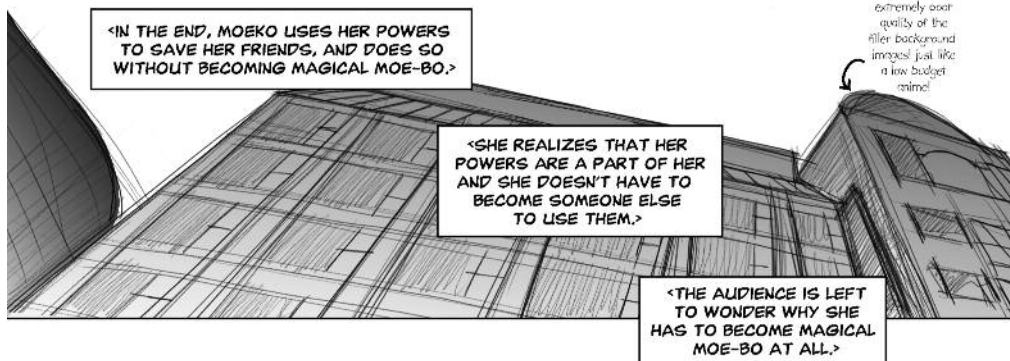
“ONE CAN HOPE.”

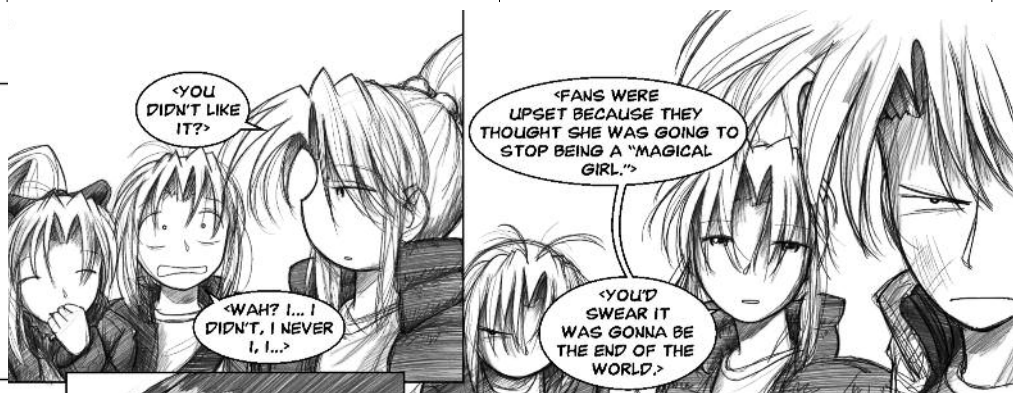
“GOOD SEEING YOU, SAYU. TAKE CARE.”

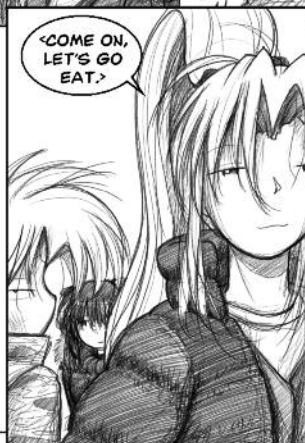


IN ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL EPISODES OF THE SERIES, MAGICAL MOE-BO'S MAGIC FAILS HER FOR THE FIRST TIME, RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURIES TO HER BEST FRIEND.

WRACKED WITH GUILT, UNSURE OF HER POWERS AND HERSELF, MOEKO-CHAN VOWS NEVER TO BECOME MAGICAL MOE-BO AGAIN.

















I WANTED
THEM TO
LOSE.



I WANTED
TO WATCH THEM
LOSE GAMES
THEY **COULDN'T**
WIN.



I NEEDED
TO SEE THEM
FAIL.



BUT WHEN
ONE OF THEM
DIDN'T LOSE...



I WANTED
THE OTHER
ONE TO WIN
AS WELL.



BUT HE
ISN'T GOING
TO.



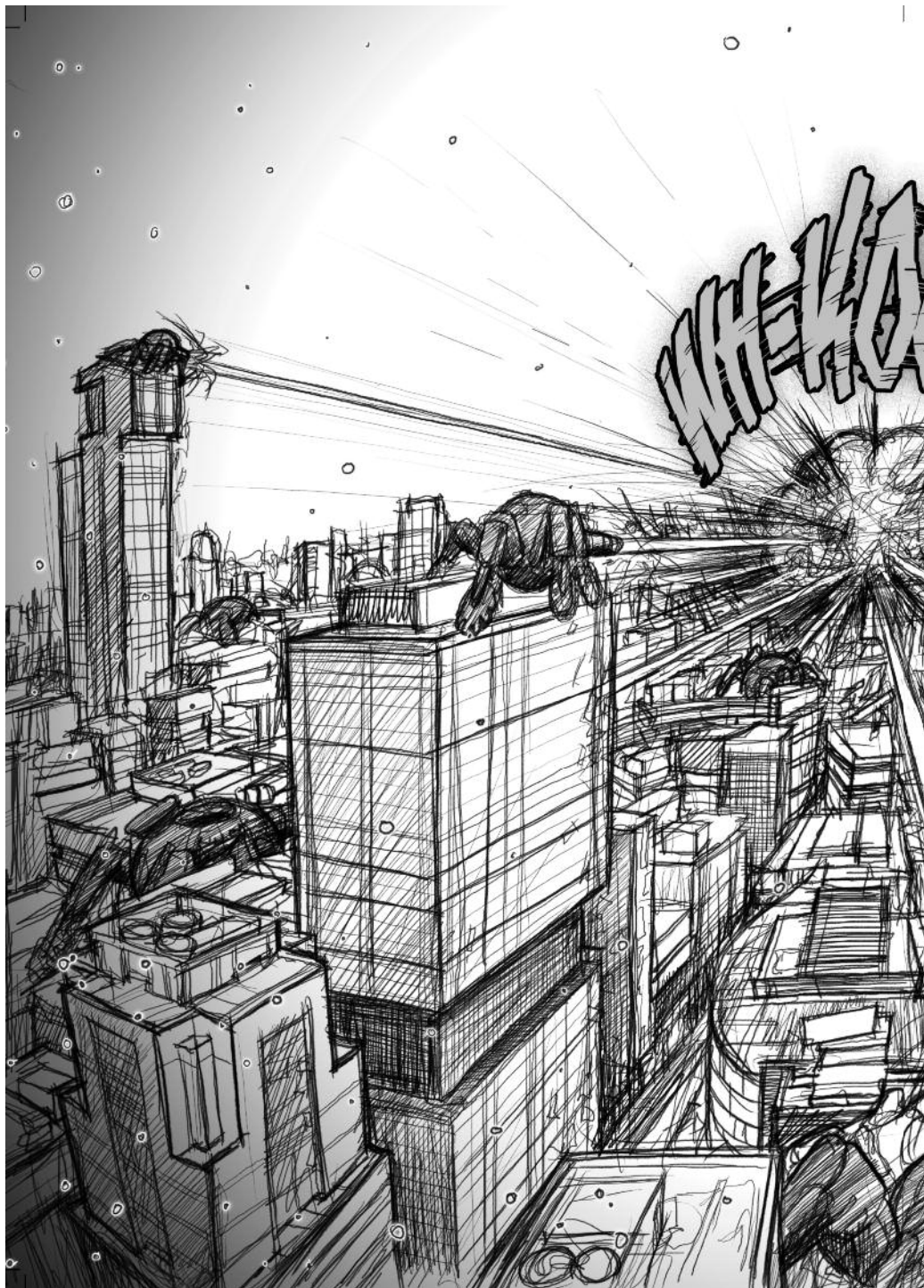
HE
ISN'T GOING
TO LOSE...

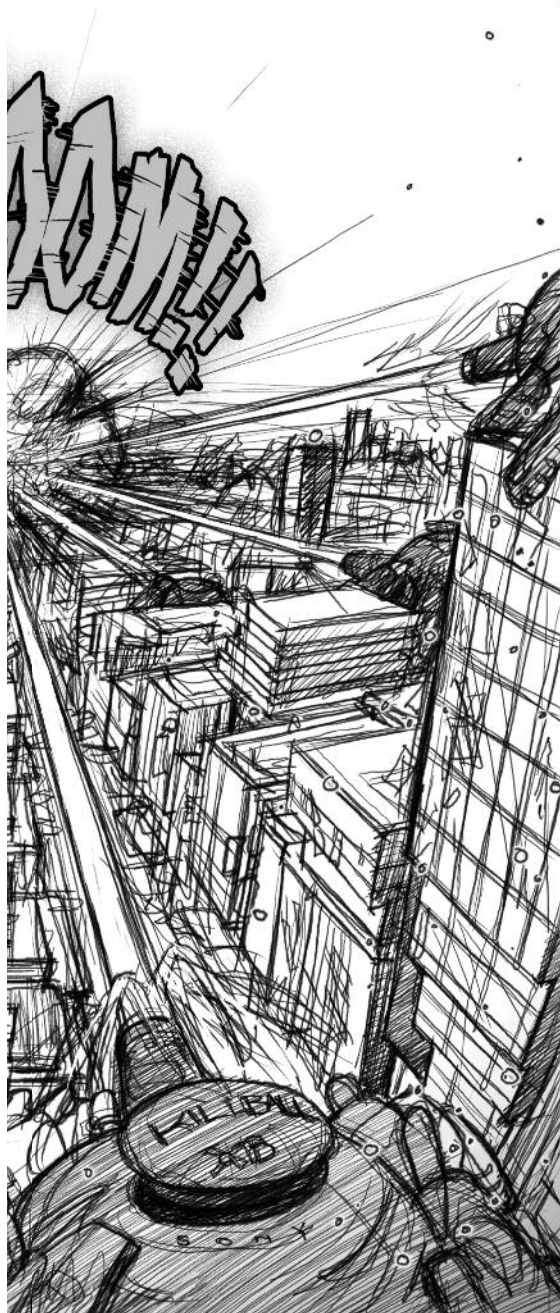


BUT HE
ISN'T GOING
TO WIN.









...SAD
LITTLE DEAD
GRL.

BYE
BYE.



END CHAPTER 9

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meanwhile...



"THE REAL PING"

STORY: FRED GALLAGHER
GUEST ARTIST: MOHAMMAD F. HAQUE

"I FEEL SO FAKE"



<I'M NOT
GOING
TO BE A
FANTASY
ANYMORE.>



<I'M GOING
TO FIND THE
FEELINGS I
REALLY CARE
ABOUT.>

<MY "REAL"
FEELINGS.>



<I FEEL SO
FAKE.
(SNIFF)>

"NOT WORKING"



"NOT WORKING AT ALL"



"AFRAID"



"IS THAT BAD?"



"REAL BRAINS"



"IT REAL"



"REALLY REAL"



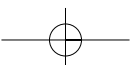
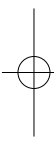
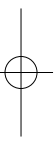
"OVERDOING IT"





**DEAD DOM DAY:
"THE THINKER"**

*A BENCH, NOT
A TOILET.*





0006 HITS
0021 HITS
0052 HITS

0074 HITS!!
5X SPECIAL!

HIDDEN MECHA
CHAIN COMBO! 100!

HEY,
WATCH THE S.E.P.
OPTO-CAMO,
SERGEANT.

BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

KRAASH!

WHAP!

KRASH...

<HM,
SHE RAN
AWAY.>

<WHAT'D
YOU DO,
GROPE
HER?>

<WELL, THIS
EXPLAINS THE
SECURITY
BREACH.>

<LOVE
LETTERS. LOTS
OF 'EM.>

TAP
TAP
TAP

usagi01: Locker is secure, stand down.
rabbit01: Roger. BTW, you packing
that Vesp3r Mega Cannon -- Sw33t
aw3som3z.

<LOVE LET-
TERS??>

<YEAH, YOU
KNOW HOW GAGA
THE BOYS ARE
OVER HER.>

TAP
TAP

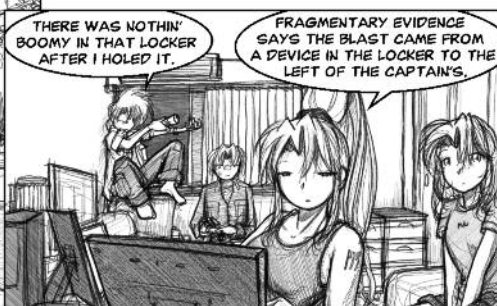
usagi01: FYI, staring at my ass
through a sniper scope is not
a big turn-on for me.

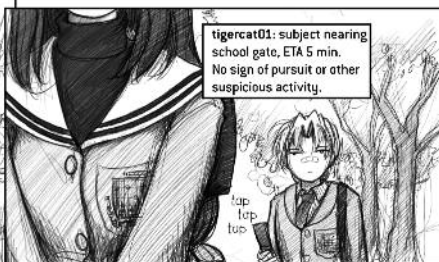
rabbit01: It's not?

Beep
BEEP

"BEEP?"

WHOOOM!





rabbit01: Yeah, n0thin. just some nrrd tagging our weird little emo ch1xx0r.

usagI01: Nrrd? You got company, TigerCat01?

tigerCat01: No. Rabbit01 is failing at an attempt to be humorous.



neko01: Piro-san is not a nerd!*



rabbit01: permission to pop some 1up flwrp0tz in the biology lab window to un-l4m3 this.



<ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?>

usagI01: permission denied.



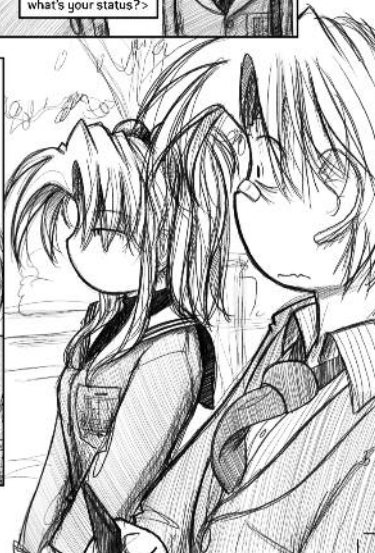
neko01: <i just arrived at the gate.>



tigerCat01: Minor contact. Subject considers me suspicious.

rabbit01: You or that ch1xx0r rubbin' up against j00?

neko01: <i will try to chat with her when she gets here. :) :>











<HEY, I'M NOT...>
<YOU KNOW...>
<BUT YOU ARE.>
<I'M SURE OF IT NOW.>



<LOOK, I KNOW FOR A FACT I'M ATTRACTED TO->
<YOUR FEELINGS ARE BURIED DEEP, AREN'T THEY?>



<I HAVE TO GO TO CLASS.>
<YOU HIDE YOUR EMOTIONS BECAUSE THE WAY THEY CAN DEEPLY MOVE OTHERS SCARES YOU.>



<IT'S A HEAVY BURDEN, ISN'T IT?>
<TO BE AN "EMOTIVE.">



<I'M ONE TOO, SORT OF...>
<BUT MY FEELINGS CAN ONLY TOUCH OTHERS WHEN I PRETEND TO BE SOMEONE ELSE.>



<YOU'RE THE REAL THING.>
<YOU CAN DO IT BY JUST BEING YOU.>



<I ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS.>
<YOUR FEELINGS->



<SINCE WHEN IS HOW OR WHAT I FEEL ANYONE'S BUS->



<-GYAH!>

BOMPH!

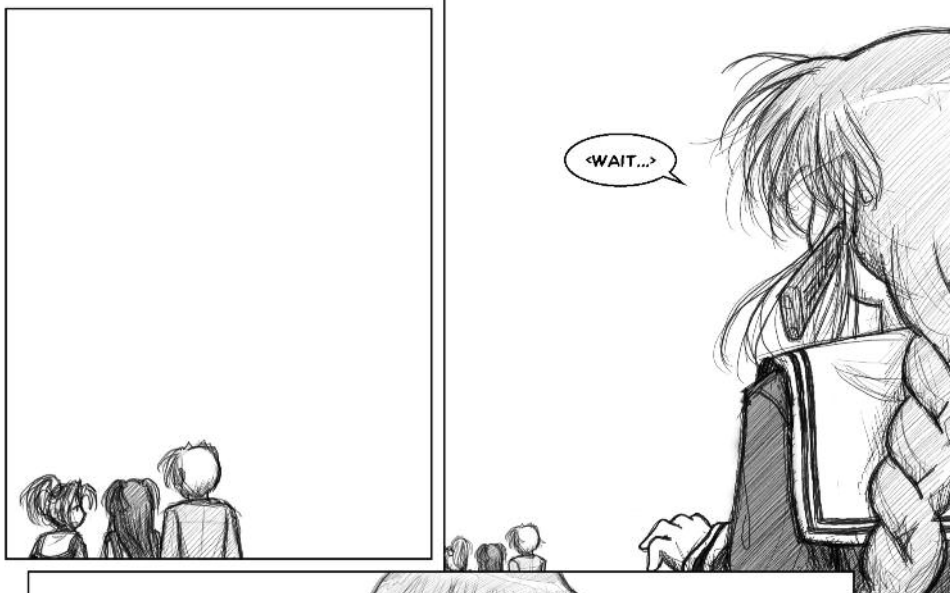


FWOOOF
KTHUMP!













Modifications: Cellphone:
DoCoMo - HSPA+ (UMTS / EDGE
3G), WiFi adaptor (802.11n),
Multi-Card reader, GPS
GeoTagging Mapper, 4 port
Gigabit switch, Bluetooth,
Duct tape.



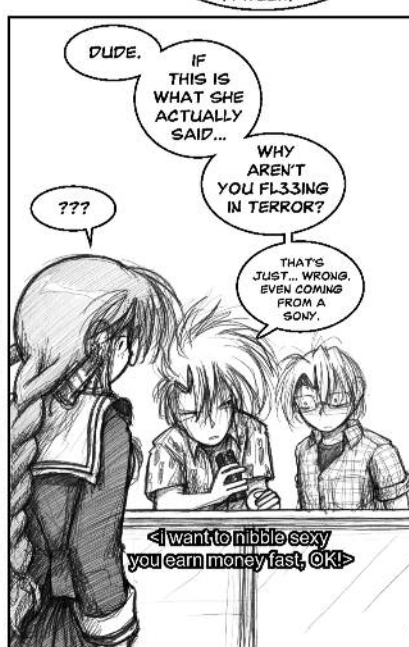
Live translation
results float in Ping's
field of vision.
Tr4nz133t 2.4.1-rc8(e)

<Dream? What gentle dream?>





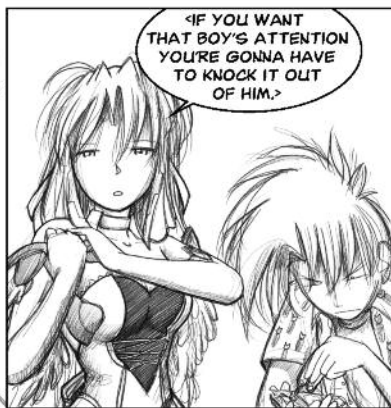
«OF COURSE I LIKE THEM!»
«IT'S JUST...»







<PING>



IF YOU WANT
THAT BOY'S ATTENTION
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE
TO KNOCK IT OUT
OF HIM.>



WHY IS SHE WEARING
HER UNIFORM? I THOUGHT
SHE DECIDED SHE WASN'T
GOING TO SCHOOL
ANYMORE.



SPEAKING
OF SCHOOL....

HAH! THOSE AND
THEIR DISTRACTING
PRESENCE HAVE NOT
COMPROMISED MY
L33T M4D
SKILLZ!!



L33T
MASTER
MUST START
REMEMBER
HE TEACH
MORNING
CLASS.











«WELL,
OF COURSE I
GOT MAD AT
HER!»

«FOR DAYS
IT WAS NOTHING
BUT "WHERE'S MIHO-
CHAN?" "HAVE YOU
SEEN MIHO-
CHAN?"»

«SHE WAS
DRIVING ME
CRAZY!»



«SHE'S
WORRIED ABOUT
HER FRIEND.»

«FRIEND?
PFFFT.»



«THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME I'VE
SEEN YOU ALL
WEEK.»

«THE LAST
PERSON I WANT
TO HEAR ABOUT
RIGHT NOW IS
TOHYA.»



«PIRO-
SAN, I KNOW
PING-CHAN ISN'T
REAL...»

«BUT HER
FEELINGS
ARE.»



«SO ARE
MINE, YOU
KNOW.»

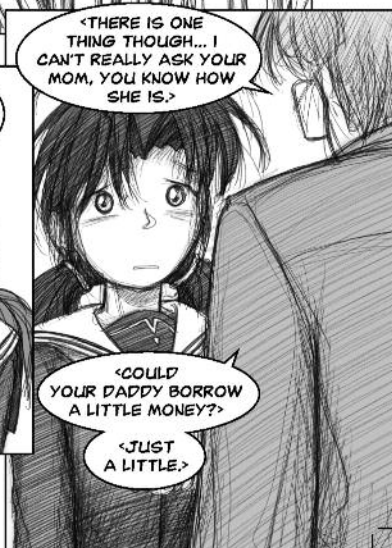


«UH...»









*EVA: ENTITY OF VARIABLE ATTENDANCE

<OH, AND
DON'T WORRY ABOUT
TRYING TO FIND ME LATER
TONIGHT, I WON'T BE AT
ANY OF THE USUAL
PLACES.>

<I'LL
BE OUT
WORK-
ING>

<BESIDES,
IT'S NOT GOOD
FOR A YOUNG LADY
TO BE OUT LATE
AT...>

<OH!
WHAT
HAVE WE
HERE?>

<AN
EMOTIONAL
DOLL SYSTEM
PROTOTYPE.>

<OUT
IN THE WILD,
NO LESS.>

<SUCH A
SAD IDEA FOR AN
INTERFACE.>

<HAVING
TO USE A LIFE-
LIKE DOLL TO
COMMUNICATE
EMOTIONAL
DATA.>

<GOOD
INTERFACES
SHOULDN'T
REPLACE
PEOPLE.>

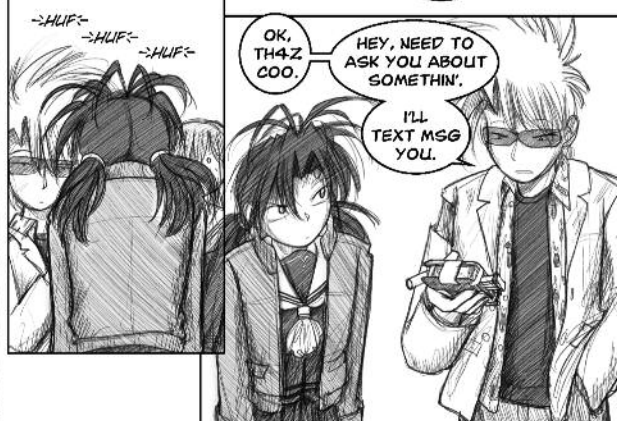
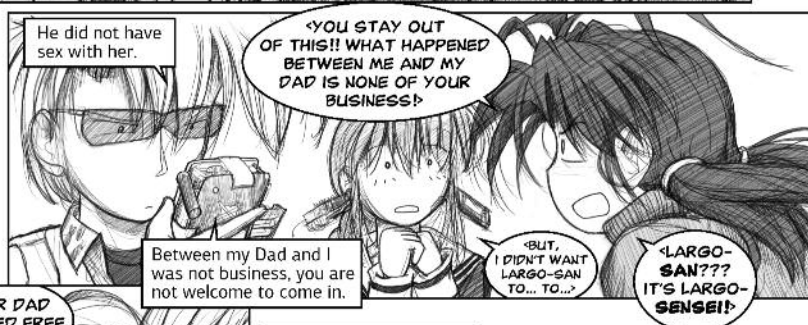
<THEY
SHOULD
DRAW THEM
TOGETHER.>

<MAKE
THEM MORE
HUMAN.>

<HOPEFULLY
YOUR KIND WILL
GO THE WAY OF THE
DINOSAURS.>

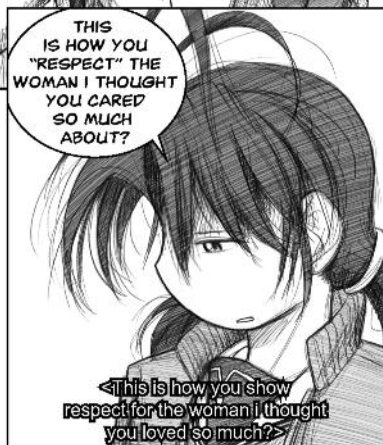
<FRANKLY,
IT'S SAD THAT
YOU EXIST
AT ALL.>



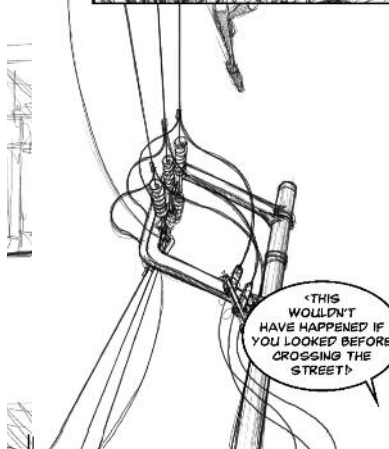
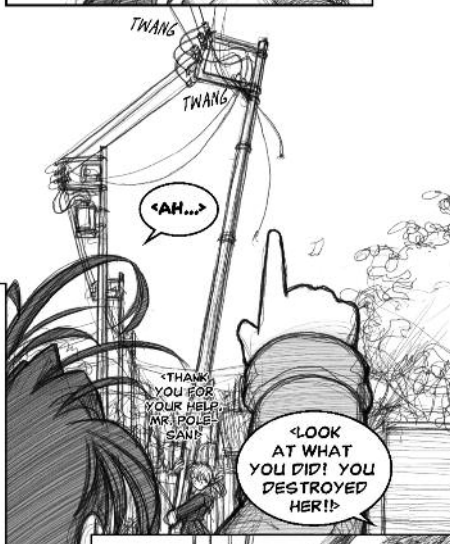


















<OK, LET
ME GET THIS
STRAIGHT.>

<YOU ARE A
PROTOTYPE PLAY-
STATION ACCESSORY
DESIGNED TO WORK
WITH DATING
SIMULATION
GAMES.>

<NEITHER
LARGO-SENSEI
NOR ANYONE ELSE
IS "PLAYING" WITH
YOU RIGHT NOW,
SO YOU'RE JUST
RUNNING AROUND IN
SOME SORT OF
"AD HOC" MODE
BECAUSE YOU
HAVE NO "OFF"
SWITCH.>

<HMM
HMMH!>

<MRR
RRR
LRRSS,
YRSS.>



<AND YOU
REALLY LIKE
PIE.>

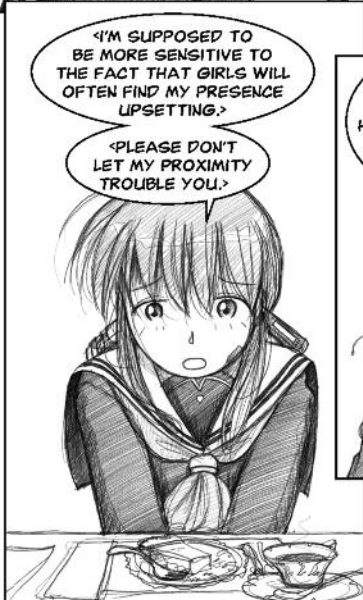
<UH HUH, IT'S
GOT LOTS OF SUGAR
WHICH I CAN PROCESS
INTO...>

Rub
Rub



<I'M
SORRY,
IBARA-
SAN.>

<WHY?
BECAUSE
YOU LIKE
PIE?>



<I'M SUPPOSED TO
BE MORE SENSITIVE TO
THE FACT THAT GIRLS WILL
OFTEN FIND MY PRESENCE
UPSETTING.>

<PLEASE DON'T
LET MY PROXIMITY
TROUBLE YOU.>



<THE GOOD NEWS
IS YOU HAVE NOTHING
TO WORRY ABOUT! I'M
HARD CODED TO **NEVER**
COME BETWEEN YOU
AND ANY BOY YOU
MIGHT LIKE.>



<WHEW!! I WAS
SO WORRIED YOU WERE
GONNA STEAL AWAY SOME
OF THE JERK FACES
IN MY LIFE!>

<I FEEL
SO MUCH
BETTER
NOW!!>

<YAY!
I'M GLAD!>



‘GOOD THING GIRL ROBOTS THAT CAN RIP POLES OUT OF THE GROUND AND SMASH DELIVERY TRUCKS DON’T BOTHER ME!’

‘OH, AND PEOPLE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR? I SEE THAT ALL THE TIME!’

‘AND HOW ABOUT THAT HUGE TURTLE WITH THE WINE BOTTLE DOWN THE STREET? I THOUGHT THAT WAS REALLY FUNNY!’



‘WASN’T IT REALLY KINDA SAD?’

‘I THINK MR. TURTLE MIGHT HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM.’

Pink!



‘YOU REALLY THINK I’M FREAKED OUT BECAUSE I’M WORRIED YOU MIGHT STEAL BOYS AWAY FROM ME?’



‘A FANTASY RELATIONSHIP WITH ME IS A LOT EASIER THAN A REAL ONE WITH A REAL GIRL.’

‘I’M VERY SENSITIVE TO THIS FACT.’

‘I DON’T WANT TO RUIN REAL LOVE FOR ANY REAL GIRL.’



‘UH HUH, ‘CAUSE ALL GIRLS EVER THINK ABOUT IS LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS.’



‘SO, IF THAT’S WHAT YOU’RE MADE FOR, WHY ISN’T LARGO PLAYING WITH YOU TO TRY AND FIX HIS PROBLEM?’

‘WHAT PROBLEM?’









<AT LEAST HIS CELLPHONE IS. IT HASN'T MOVED IN 13.5 MINUTES.>

<DID YOU JUST... GO ONLINE AND LOOK THAT UP?>

<LARGO-SAN WIRED UP SOME KIND OF CELL PHONE CONNECTION TO THE NET FOR ME.>

<I'M PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS ONLINE NOW.>

<YOU WON'T LET GUYS TOUCH YOU BUT YOU LET THAT WACKO WIRE THE INTERNET INTO YOUR HEAD.>

<THESE "PRIVACY ALGORITHMS" OF YOURS NEED SOME WORK, GIRL.>

<YEAH, IT CAN BE KINDA SCARY SOMETIMES.>

<UH HUH.>





«THAT'S JUST WEIRD THE WAY YOU CAN RESPOND TO TXT MSGS LIKE THAT.»

«LET ME GUESS, NOW THAT YOU HAVE MY CELL ADDRESS, YOU'LL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE I AM.»

«THAT'S KINDA CREEPY, Y'KNOW.»

«WELL, NO, NOT ALWAYS.»



«NOT IF YOU LOSE YOUR CELL PHONE.»



«IT'S MY FRIEND'S PHONE.»

«SHE'S BEEN MISSING FOR NINE DAYS.»



«MISSING?»

«I FOUND IT IN A TRASH CAN IN SHINJUKU.»

«A TRASH CAN?»



«WAIT A MINUTE.»

«THIS MISSING FRIEND... IS THAT TOHYA'S PHONE?»



«YOU REMEMBER TOHYA-SAN??»

«I TRY NOT TO.»

«HAVE YOU SEEN HER? DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS??»



«DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT THAT SELF-ABSORBED DRAMA QUEEN AND HER THEATRICS.»

«SHE PULLED THAT "CELL PHONE IN THE TRASH" THING ON ME TWO YEARS AGO.»











'AT LEAST YOU CAN STUDY WITH YOUR FRIENDS.'

'MINE ARE IDIOTS.'

'SO WHO DO YOU STUDY WITH?'

'OH, I JUST STUDY BY MYSELF.'

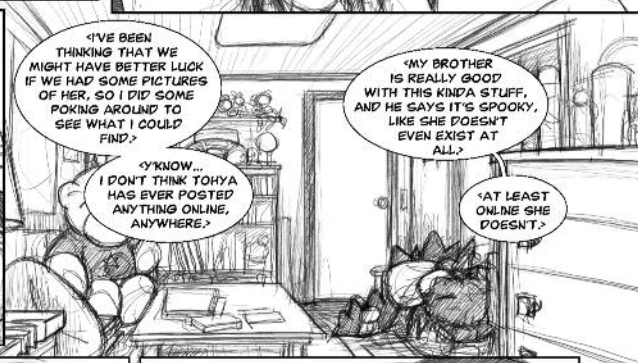
'DO YOUR FRIENDS KNOW?'

'EH?? KNOW WHAT?'

'ABOUT THE MAGICAL GIRL THING.'

'OH, THAT. I...'







«WHO POSTED ALL OF THESE?»

«NOT SURE. ALL SHE EVER GIVES IS HER USERNAME, "SEVS-44936".»
«SHE SAYS SHE'S A FRIEND OF TOHYA'S.»



«HOW MANY PICTURES ARE THERE?»

«2,354 SO FAR. AND THAT'S JUST THIS SITE. SHE'S BEEN POSTING TO EVERY SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE OUT THERE.»

«SHE'S ALSO STARTED POSTING VIDEOS TO NICONICO AND YOUTUBE.»



«SOME OF THESE LOOK LIKE THEY WERE TAKEN IN HER BEDROOM.»

«THEY WERE.»
«ALL THE PHOTOS ARE GEOTAGGED. A LOT OF THEM WERE TAKEN AT THAT ADDRESS IN DENEN CHOFU.»



«DOESN'T SHE LOOK KIND OF...VULNERABLE.»

«I DON'T THINK SHE KNEW SHE WAS BEING PHOTOGRAPHED.»



«UHM...»
«DO YOU THINK TOHYA WAS BEING... STALKED?»



«STALKED?»

«AN OTAKU EX-BOYFRIEND MAYBE?»



«EVERYTHING IN EACH PICTURE IS TAGGED AND IDENTIFIED.»

«IT SEEMS A LITTLE EXCESSIVE TO JUST BE THE WORK OF A "FRIEND".»



«WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD POST PICTURES OF HER IN HER UNDERWEAR!?»

«EXACTLY!! THEY'RE EVEN TAGGED "PANTSU"!»

«WHICH IS HOW I KNEW TO NOT LOOK AT THEM!»

