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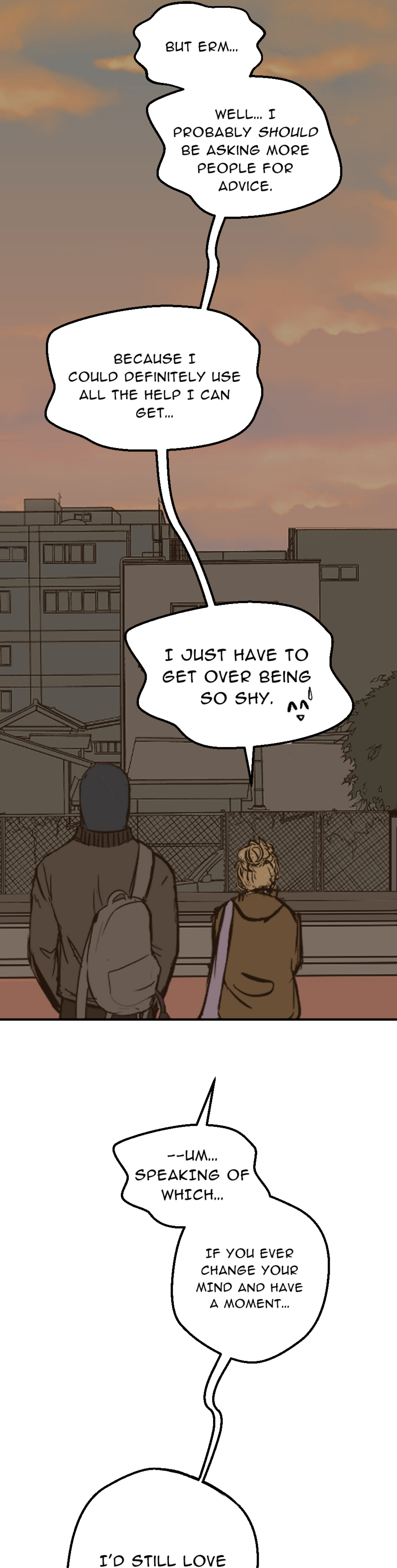
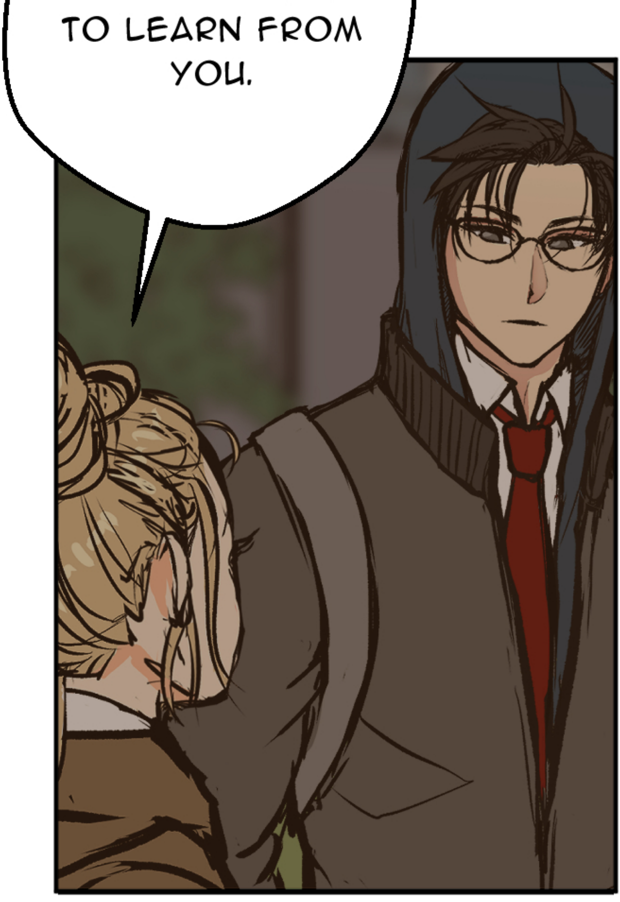
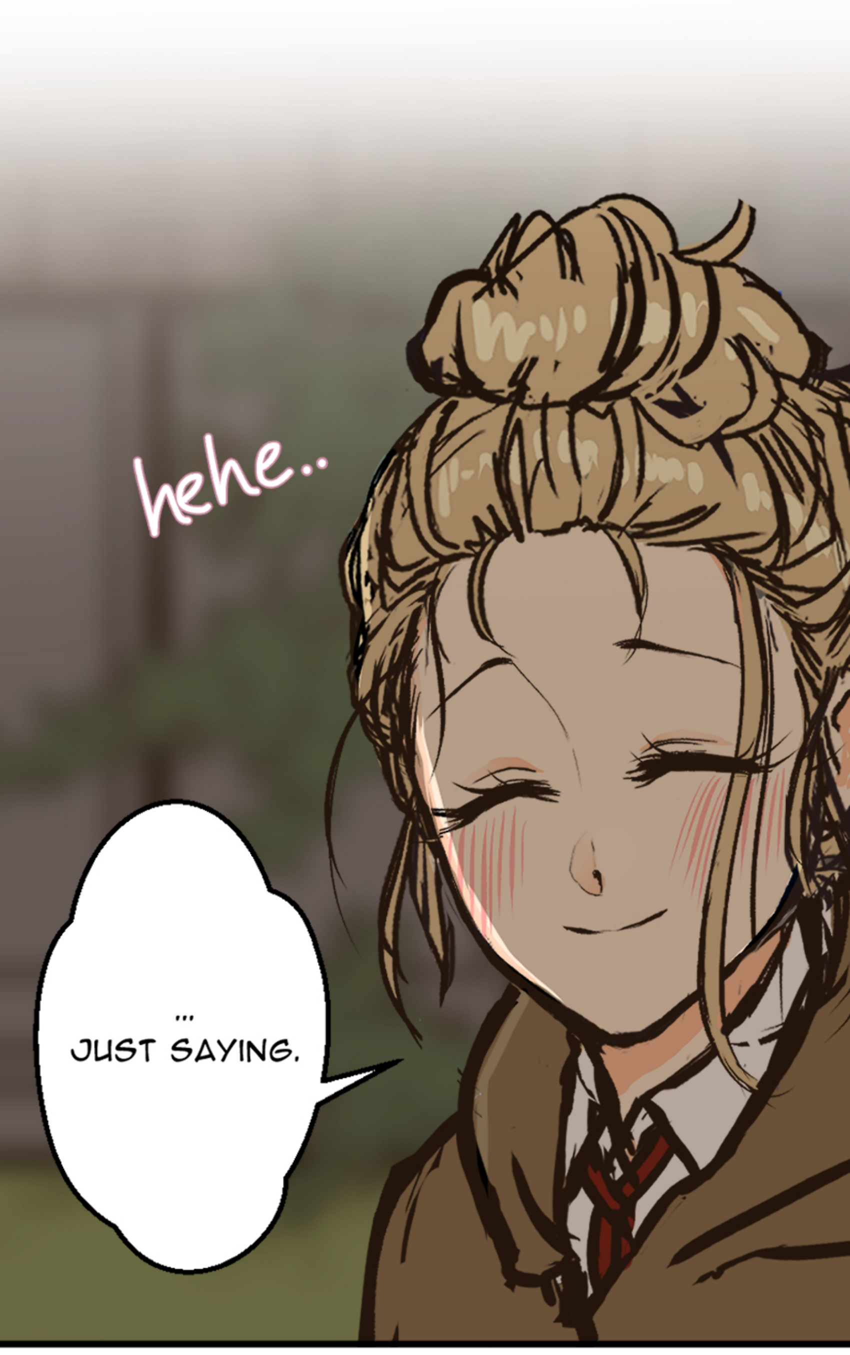
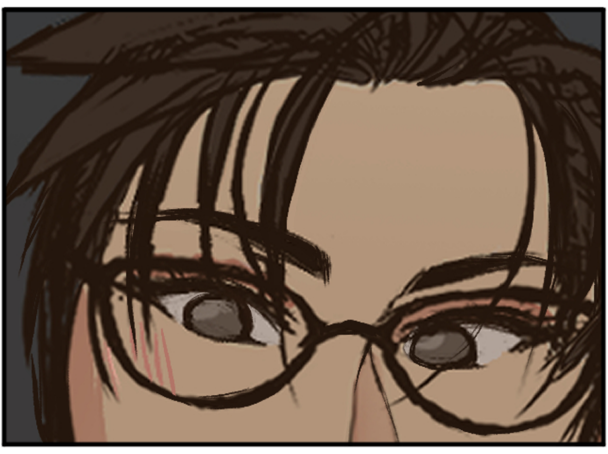
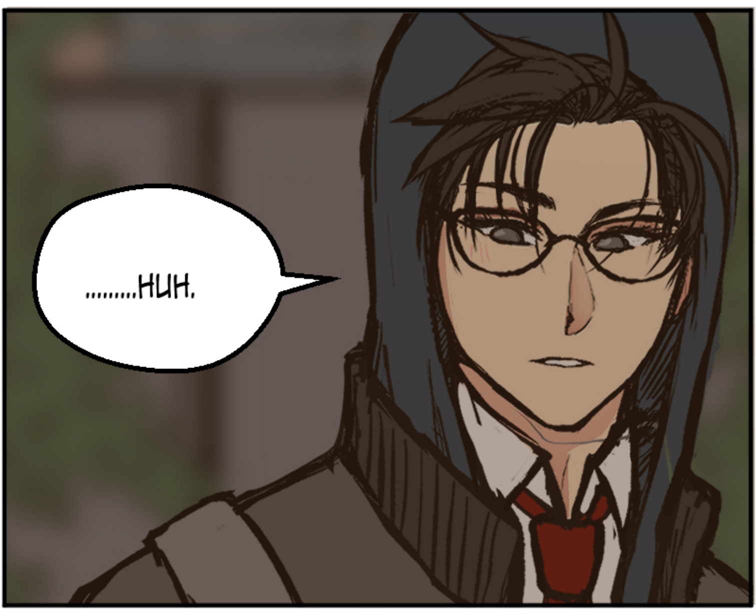
story & art by True

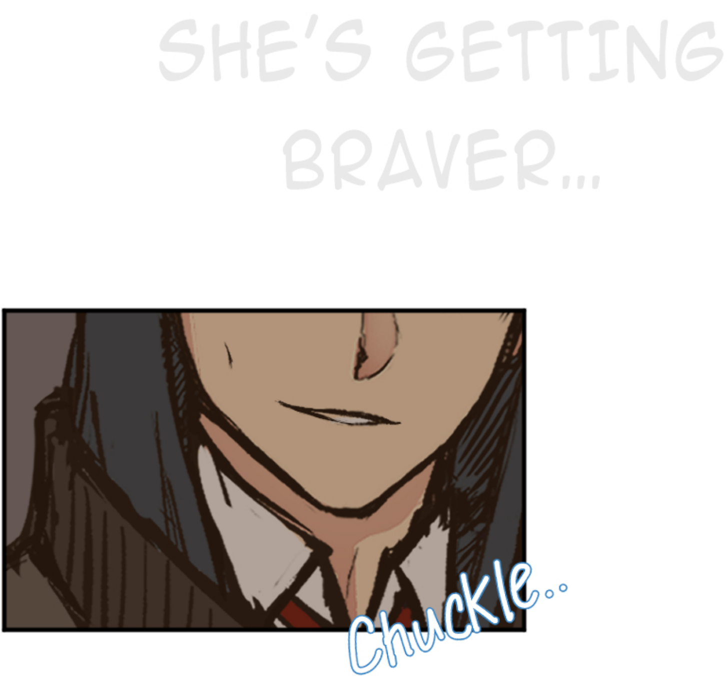

BUT ERM...
WELL... I PROBABLY SHOULD BE ASKING MORE PEOPLE FOR ADVICE.
BECAUSE I COULD DEFINITELY USE ALL THE HELP I CAN GET...
I JUST HAVE TO GET OVER BEING SO SHY.
--UM... SPEAKING OF WHICH...
IF YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND AND HAVE A MOMENT...
I'D STILL LOVE

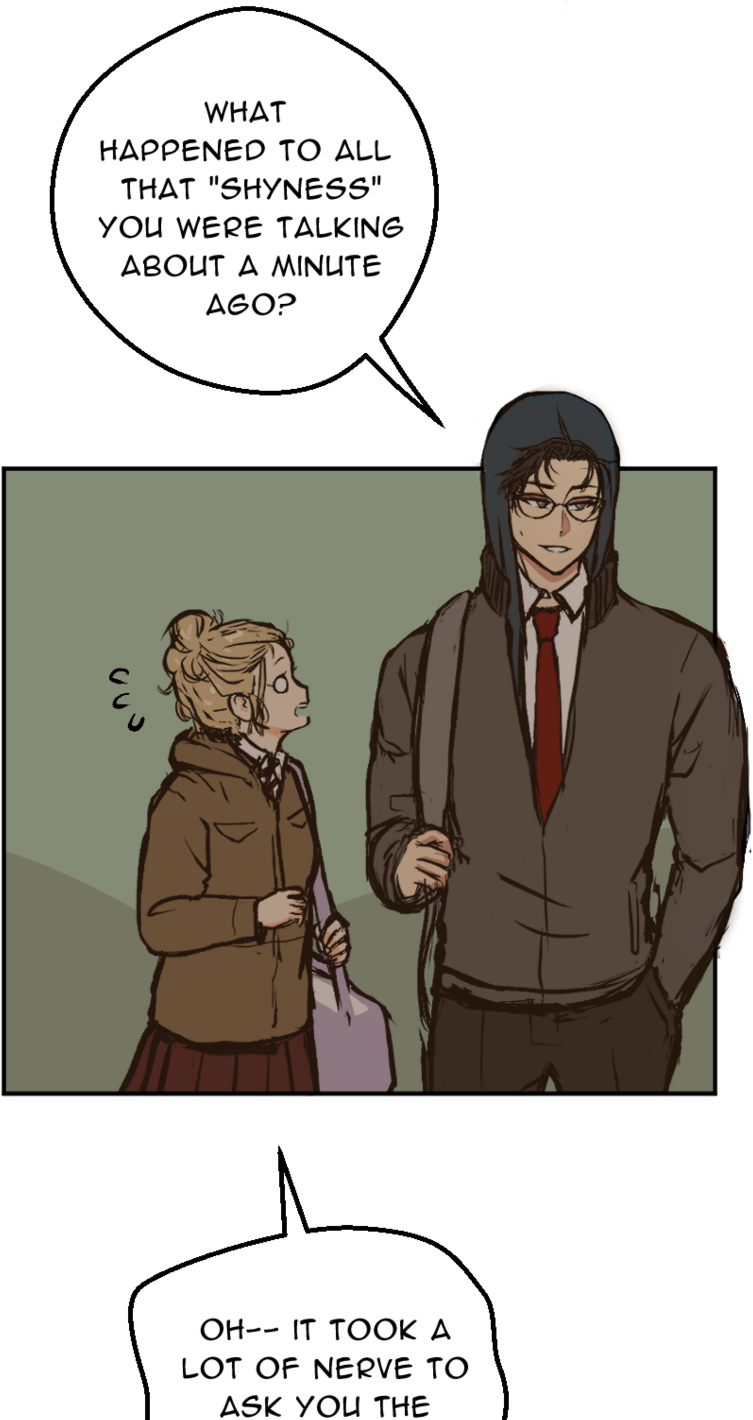

TO LEARN FROM YOU.


hehe..
... JUST SAYING.



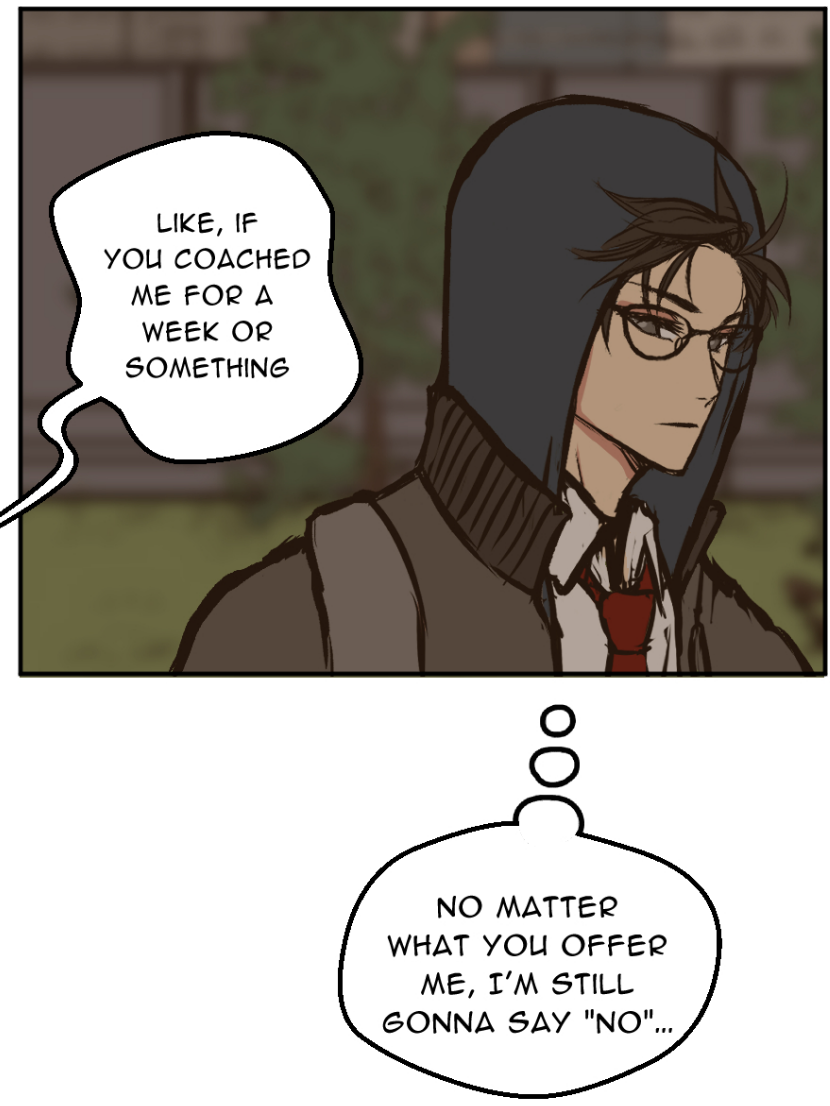


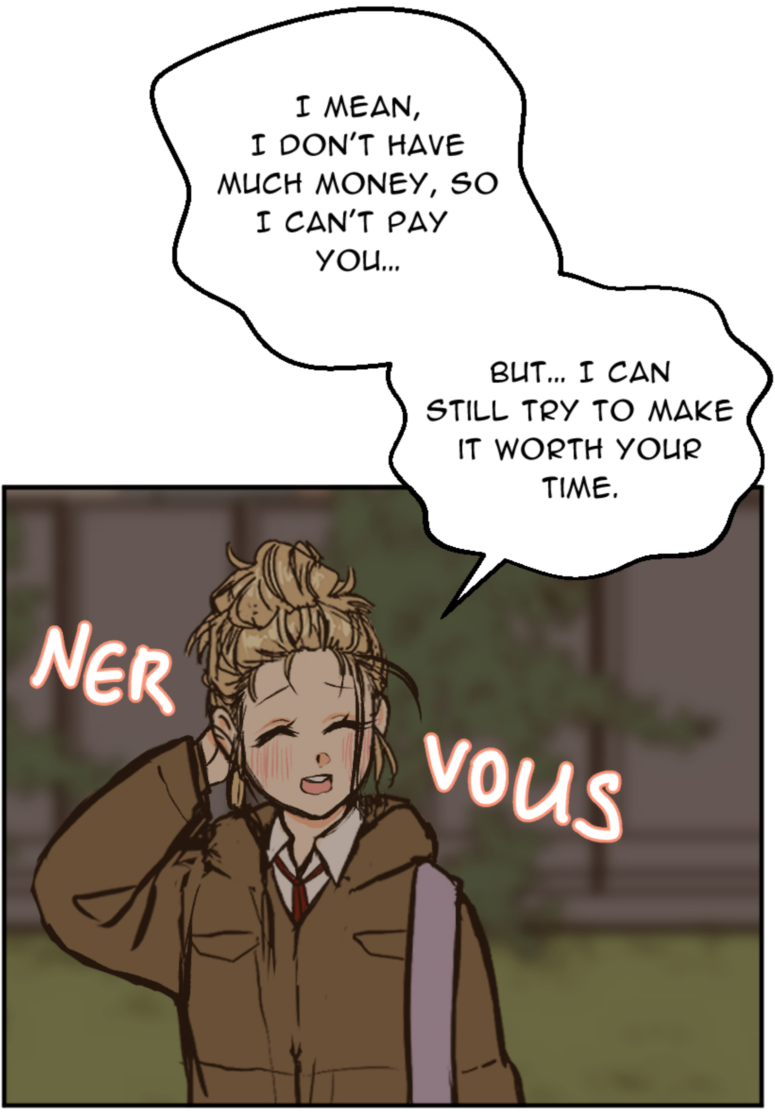

SHE'S GETTING BRAVER...
Chuckle..

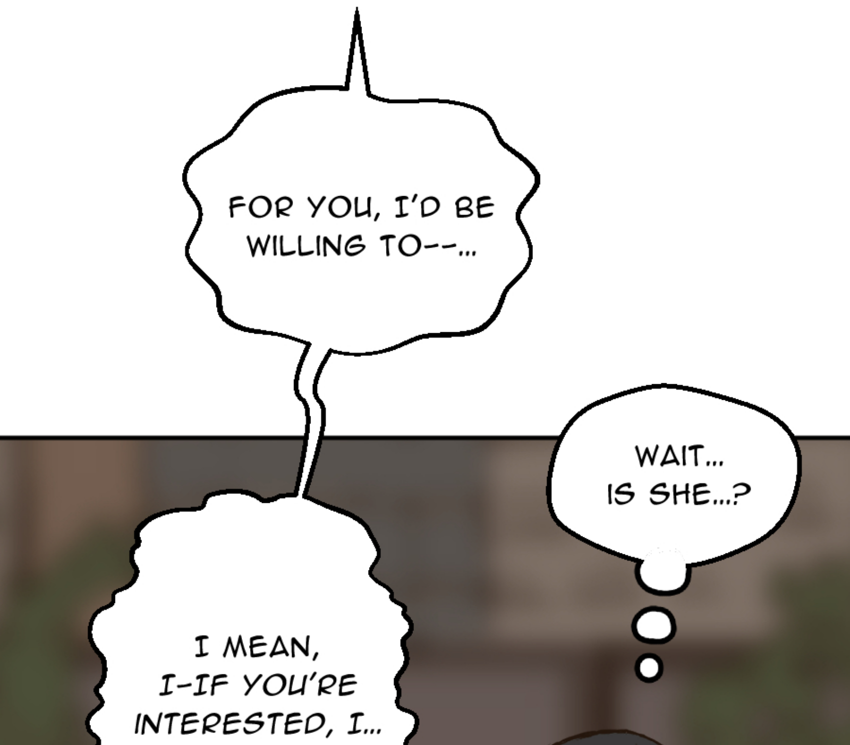

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT "SHYNESS" YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A MINUTE AGO?
OH-- IT TOOK A LOT OF NERVE TO ASK YOU THE

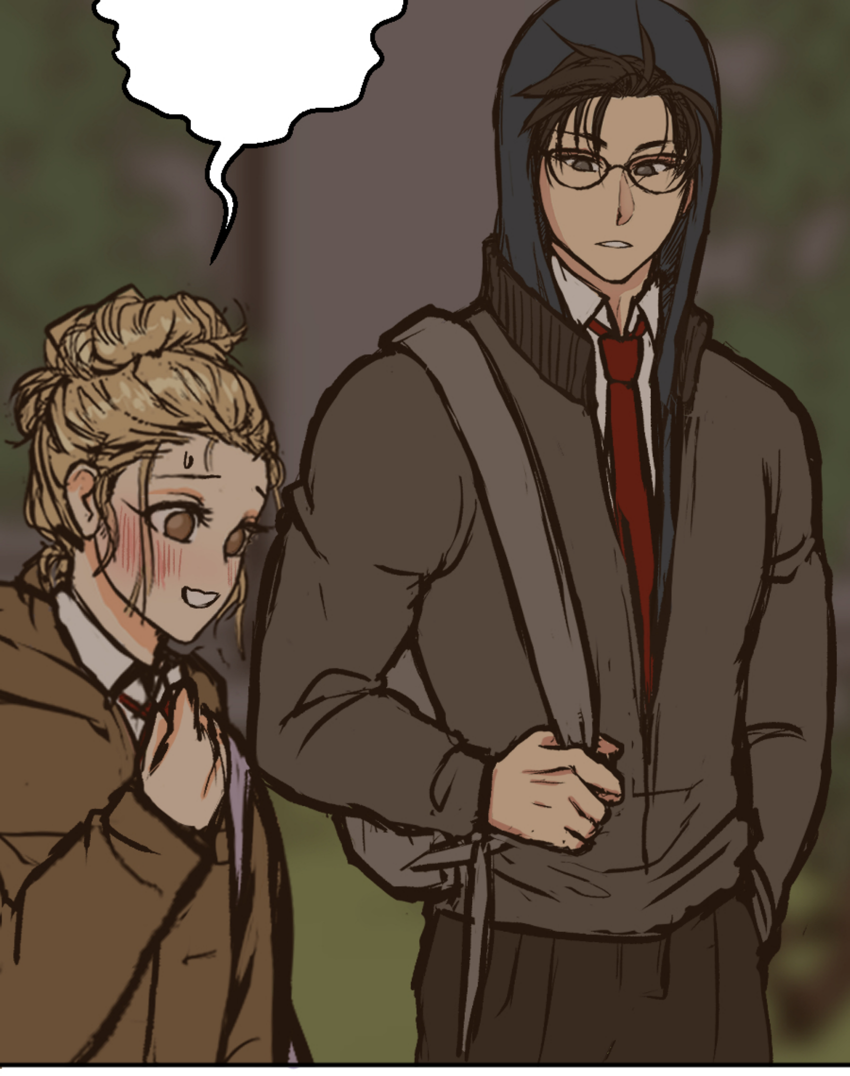
FIRST TIME!!
AND I MEAN... WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED...
...YOU'RE DIFFERENT...

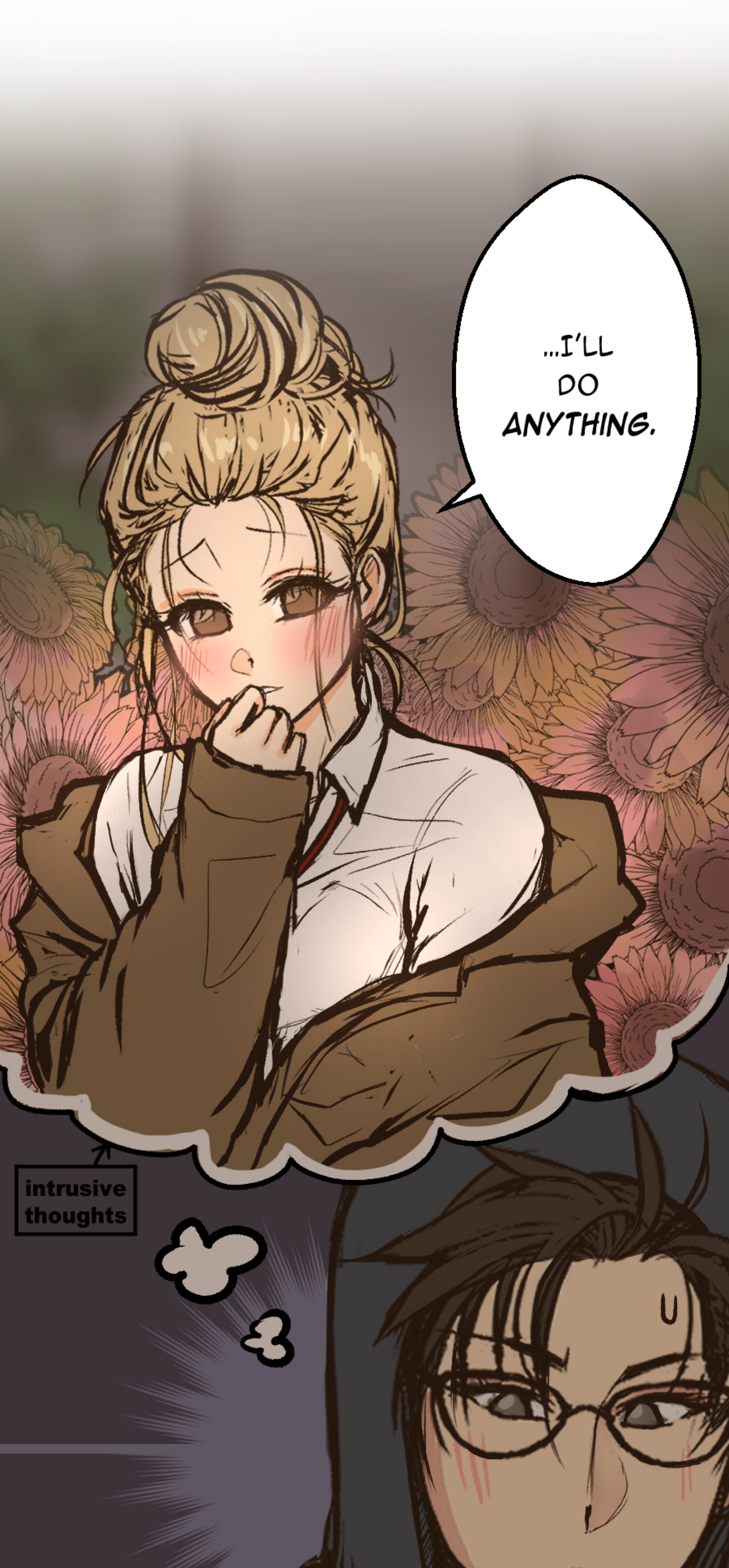
AH-
BY THE WAY, I-... I WON'T ASK YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE, YOU KNOW?

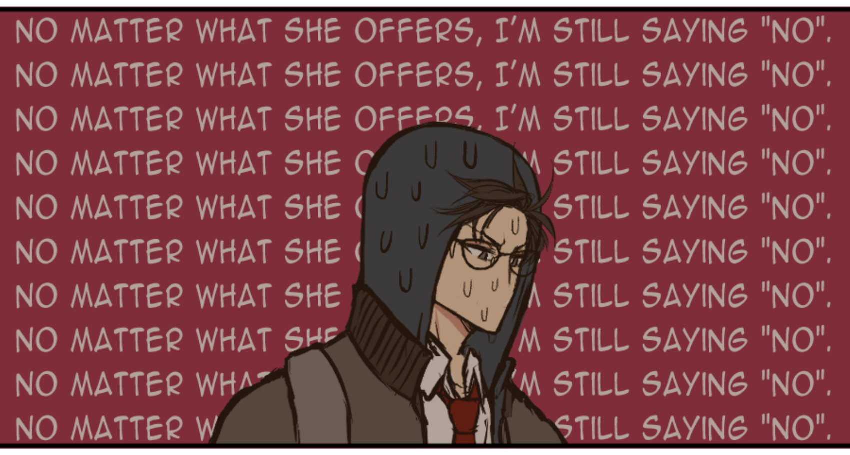

LIKE, IF YOU COACHED ME FOR A WEEK OR SOMETHING
NO MATTER WHAT YOU OFFER ME, I'M STILL GONNA SAY "NO"...


I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY, SO I CAN'T PAY YOU...
BUT... I CAN STILL TRY TO MAKE IT WORTH YOUR TIME.
NER VOUS


FOR YOU, I'D BE WILLING TO--...
I MEAN, I-IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, I...
WAIT... IS SHE...?




...I'LL DO ANYTHING.
intrusive thoughts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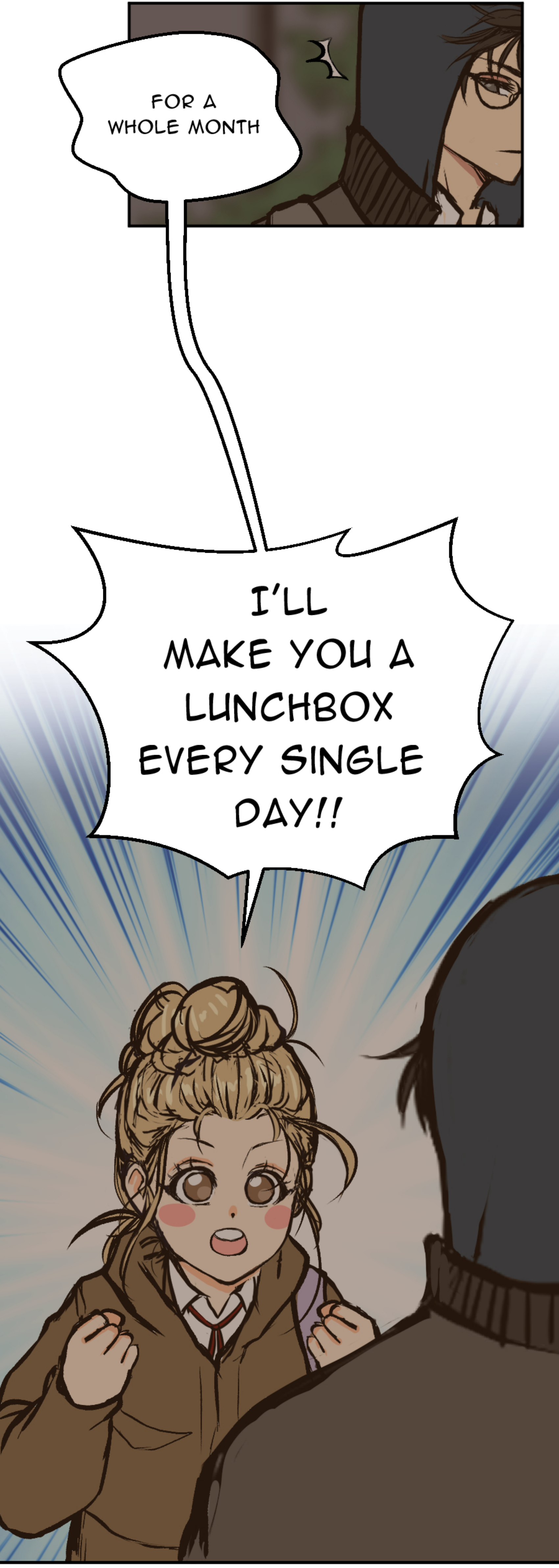
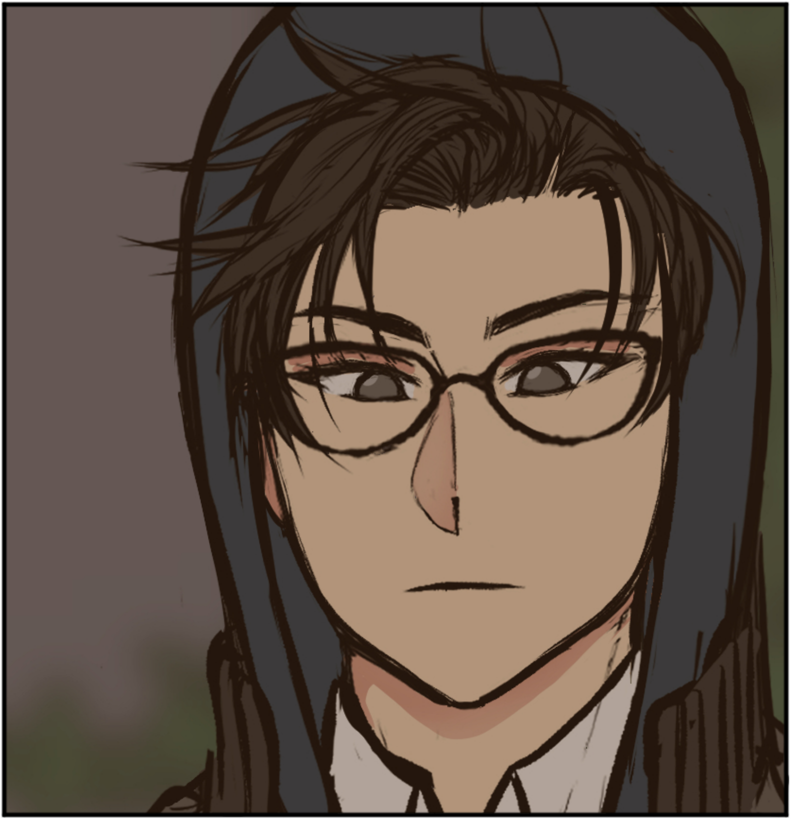
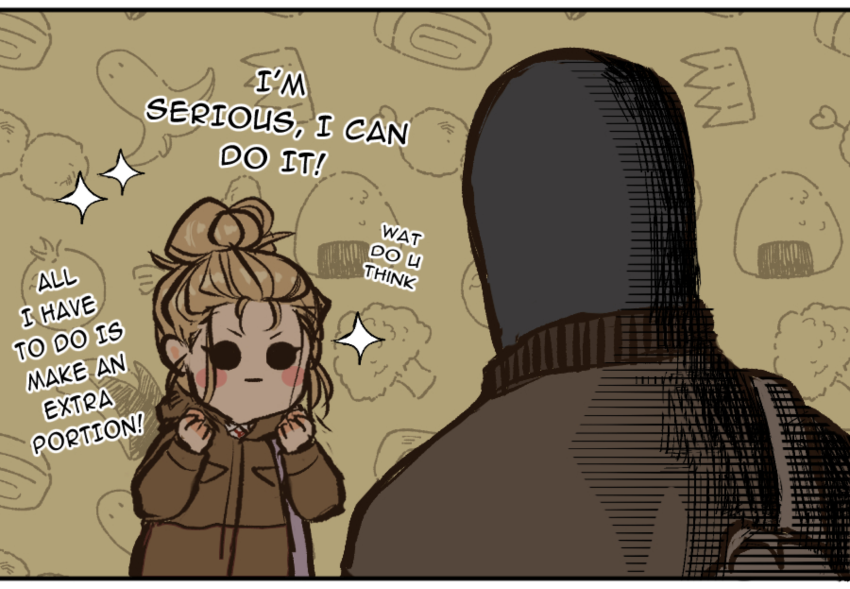
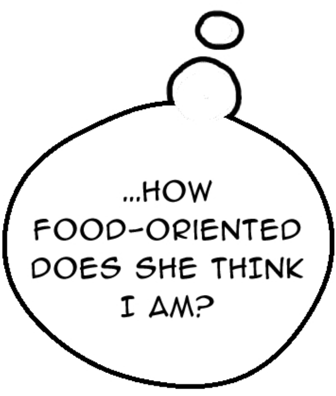
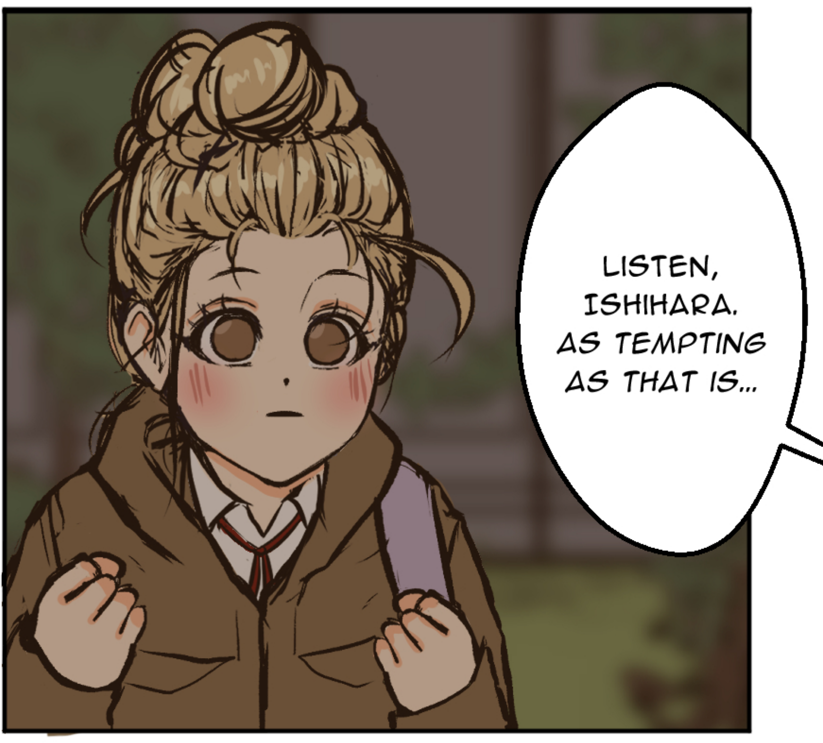
NO MATTER STILL SAYING "NO".

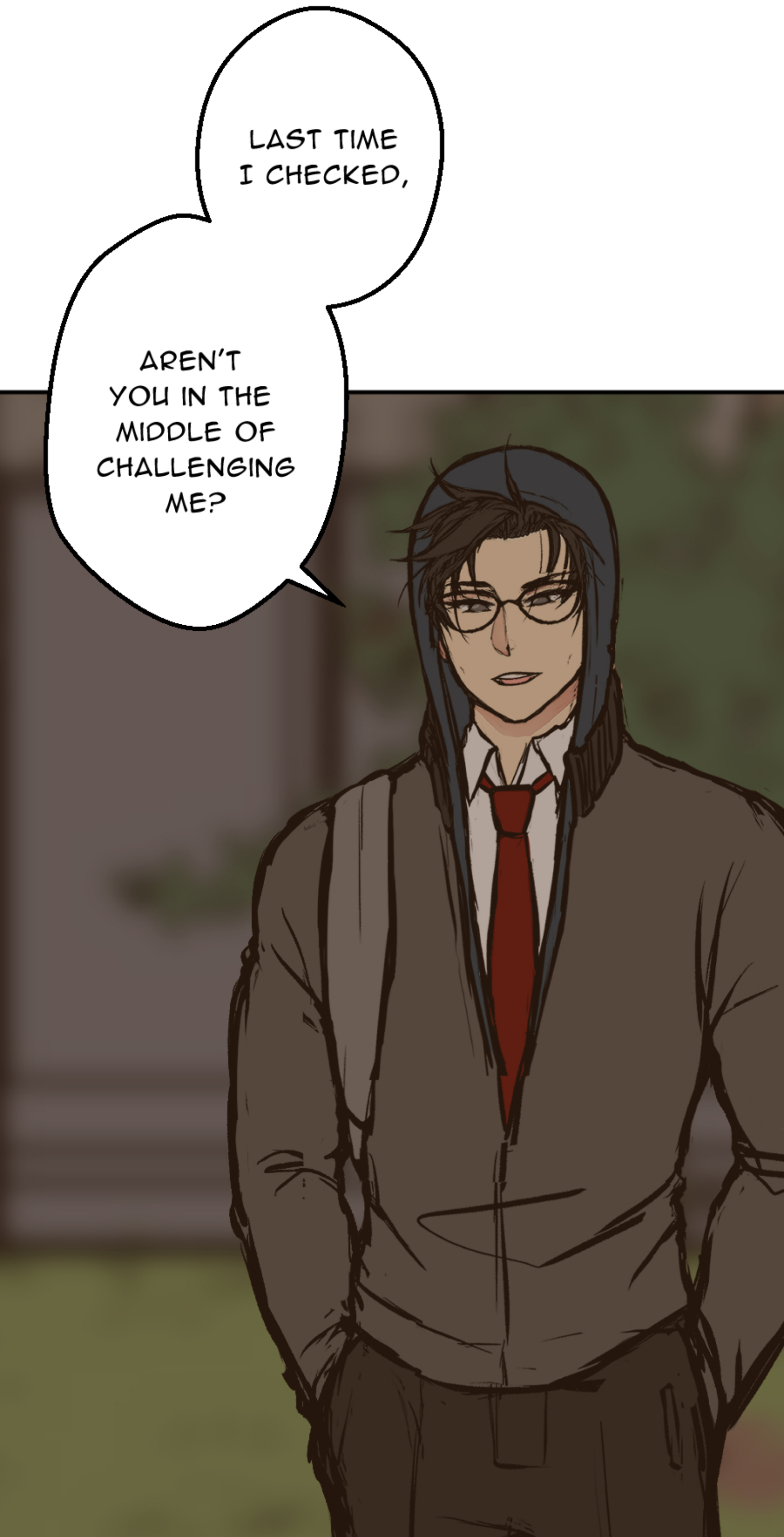

FOR A WHOLE MONTH
I'LL MAKE YOU A LUNCHBOX EVERY SINGLE DAY!!

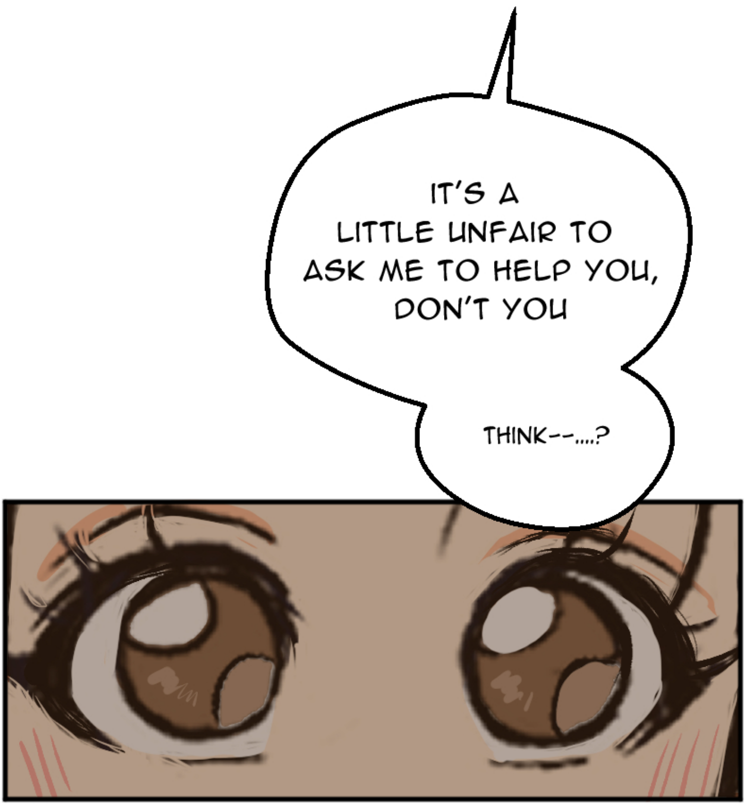


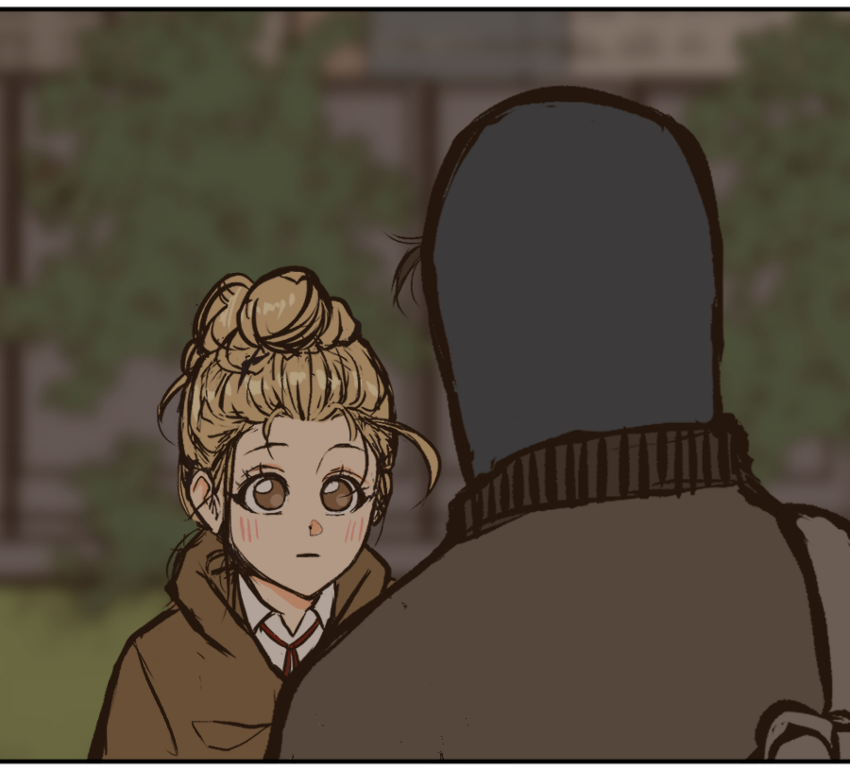

I'M SERIOUS, I CAN DO IT!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS MAKE AN EXTRA PORTION!
WAT DO U THINK

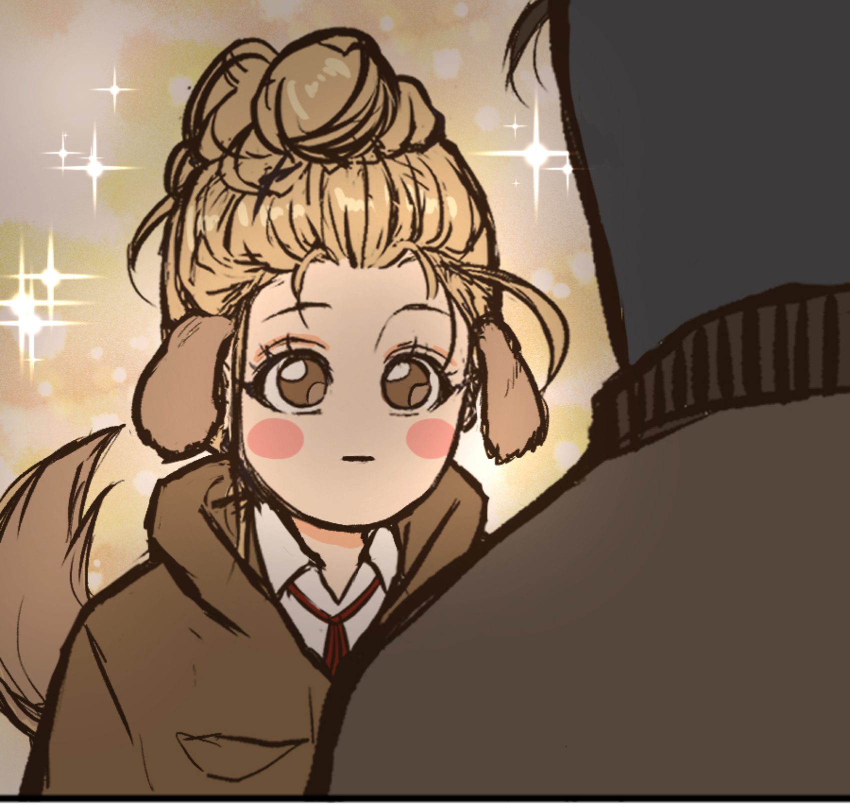

...HOW FOOD-ORIENTED DOES SHE THINK I AM?

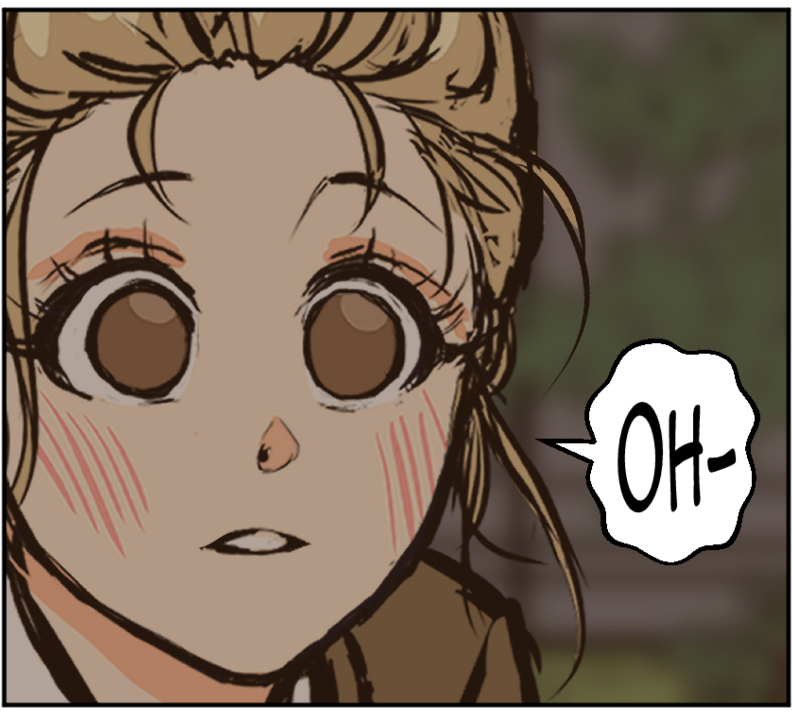

LISTEN, ISHIHARA. AS TEMPTING AS THAT IS...

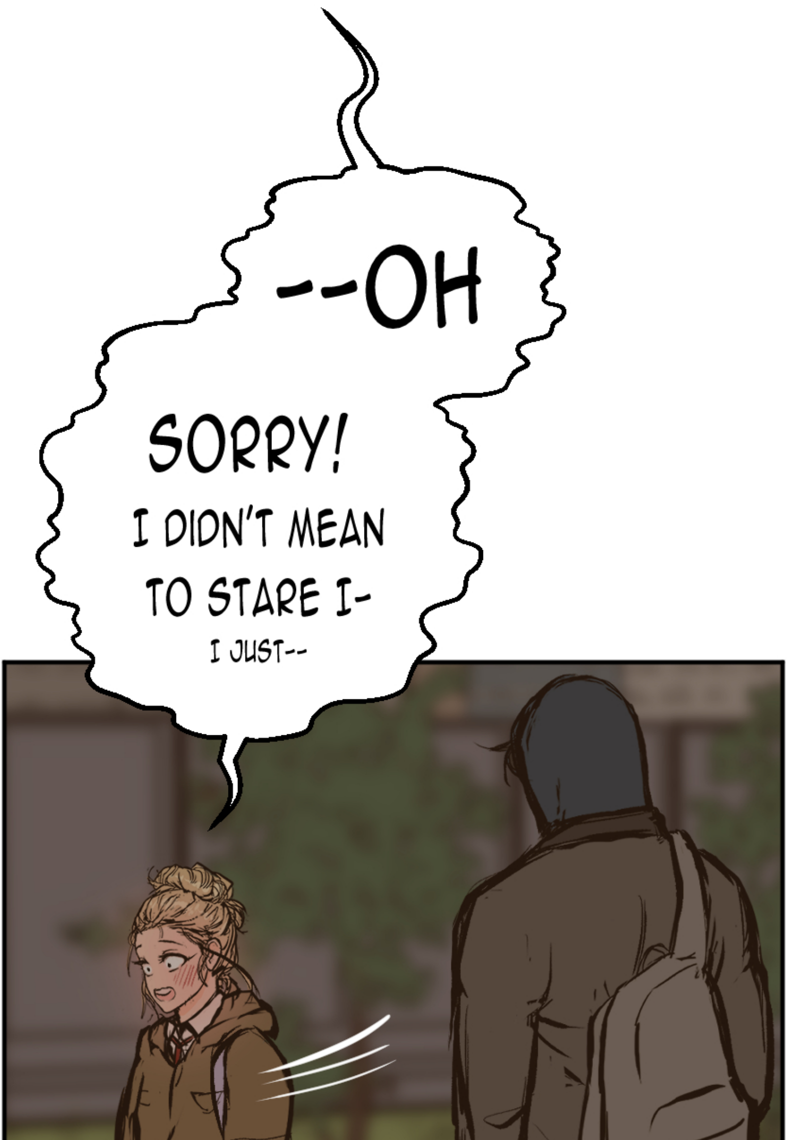

LAST TIME I CHECKED,
AREN'T YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF CHALLENGING ME?

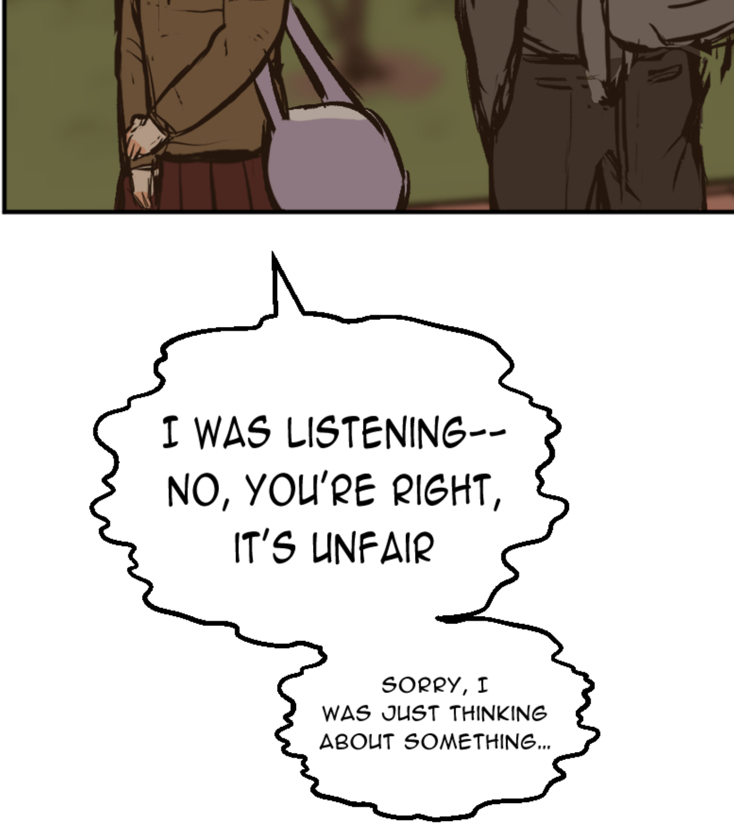

IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR TO ASK ME TO HELP YOU, DON'T YOU
THINK--....?

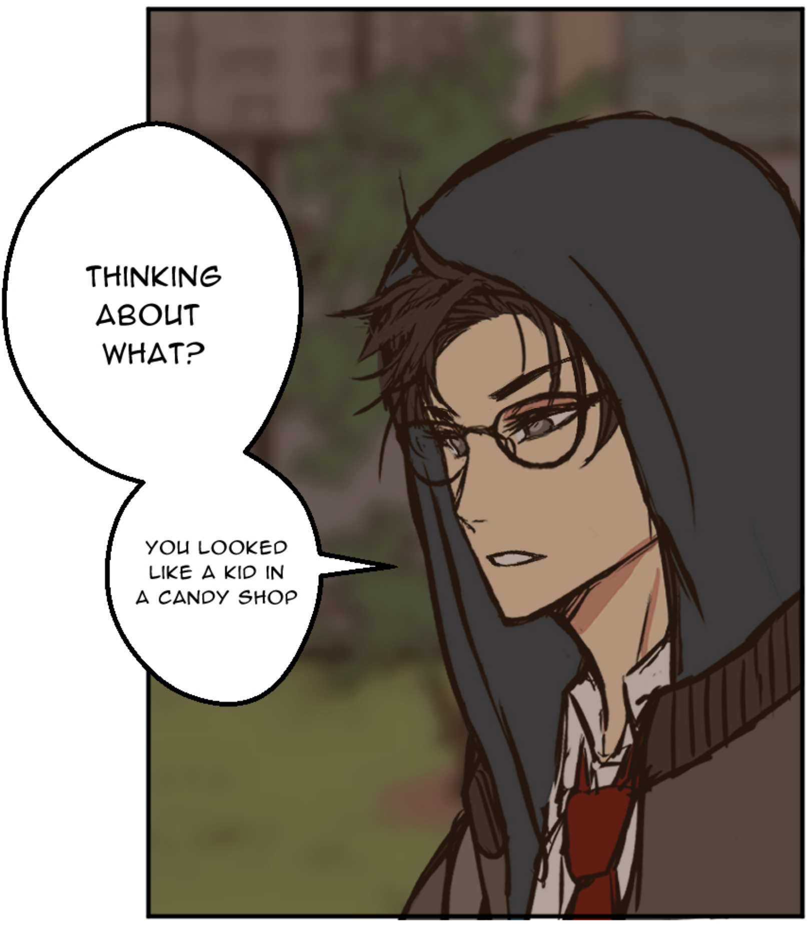


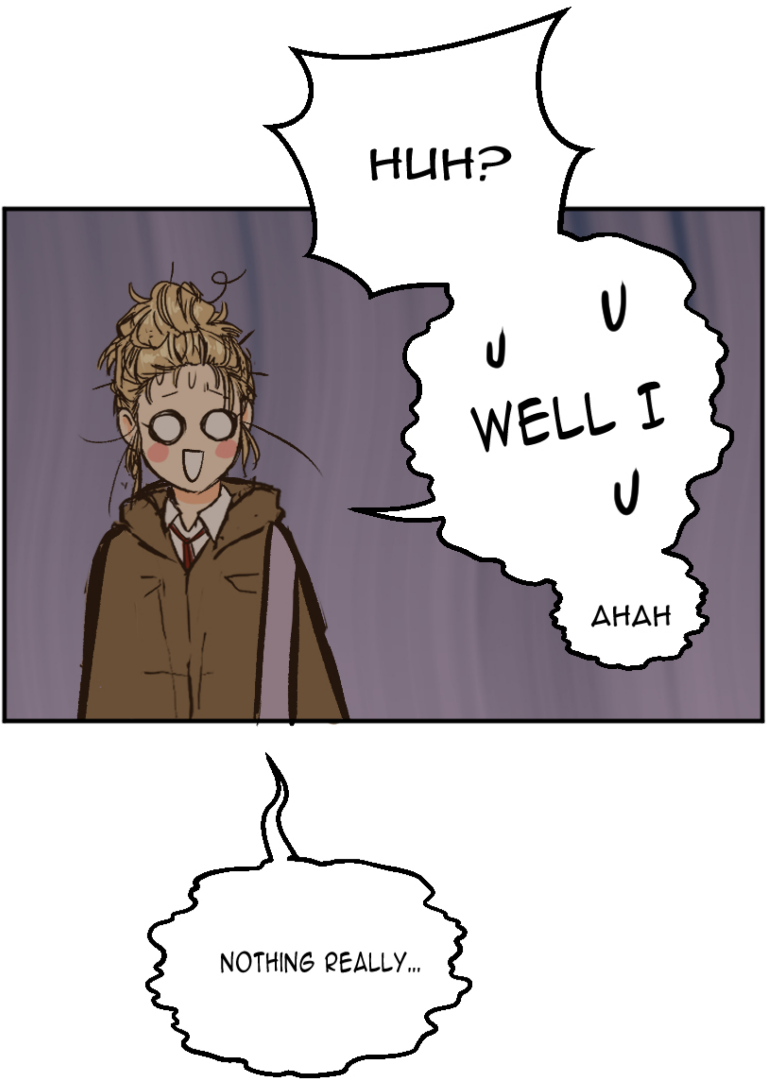

..............STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT. THAT'S ILLEGAL

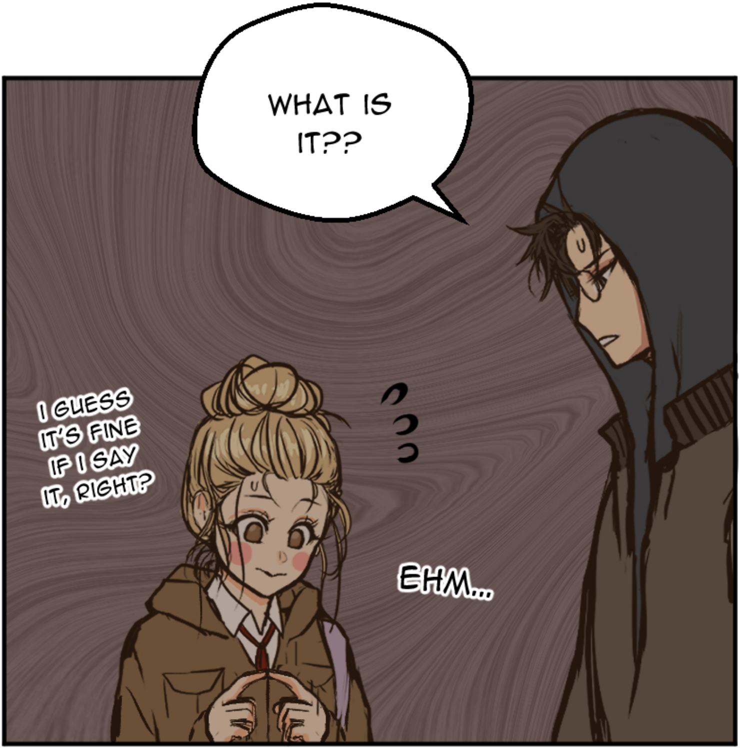


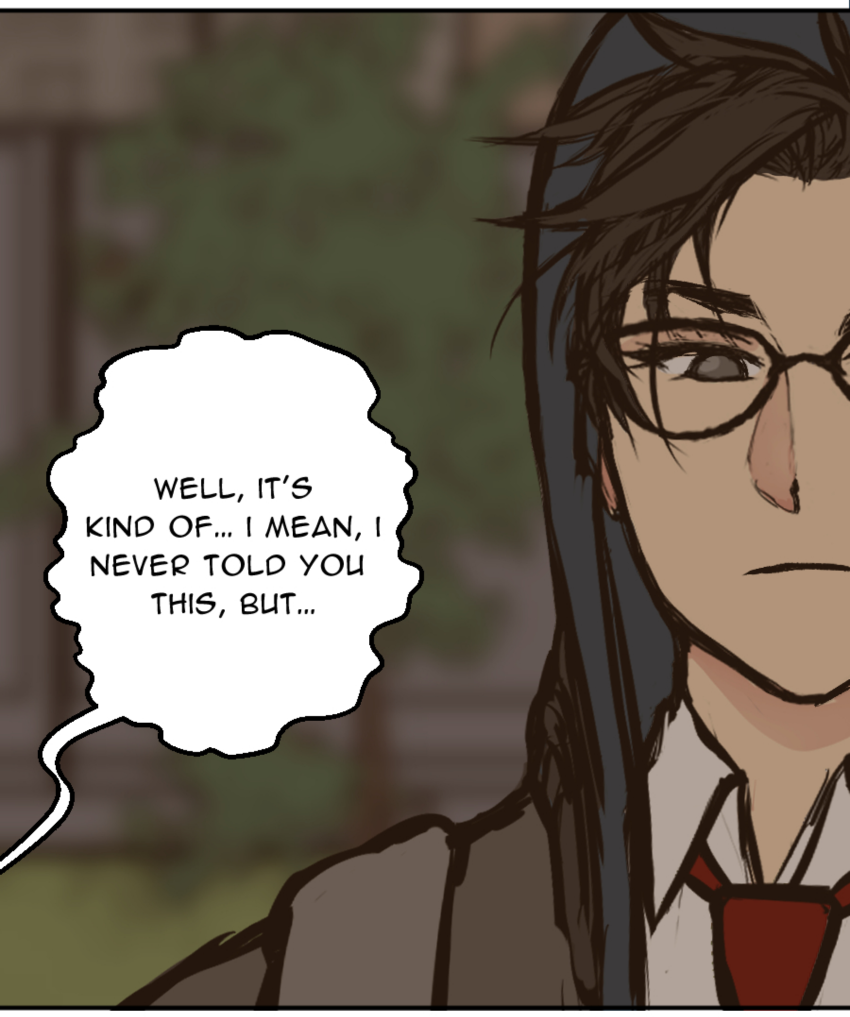

--OH
SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARE I- I JUST--

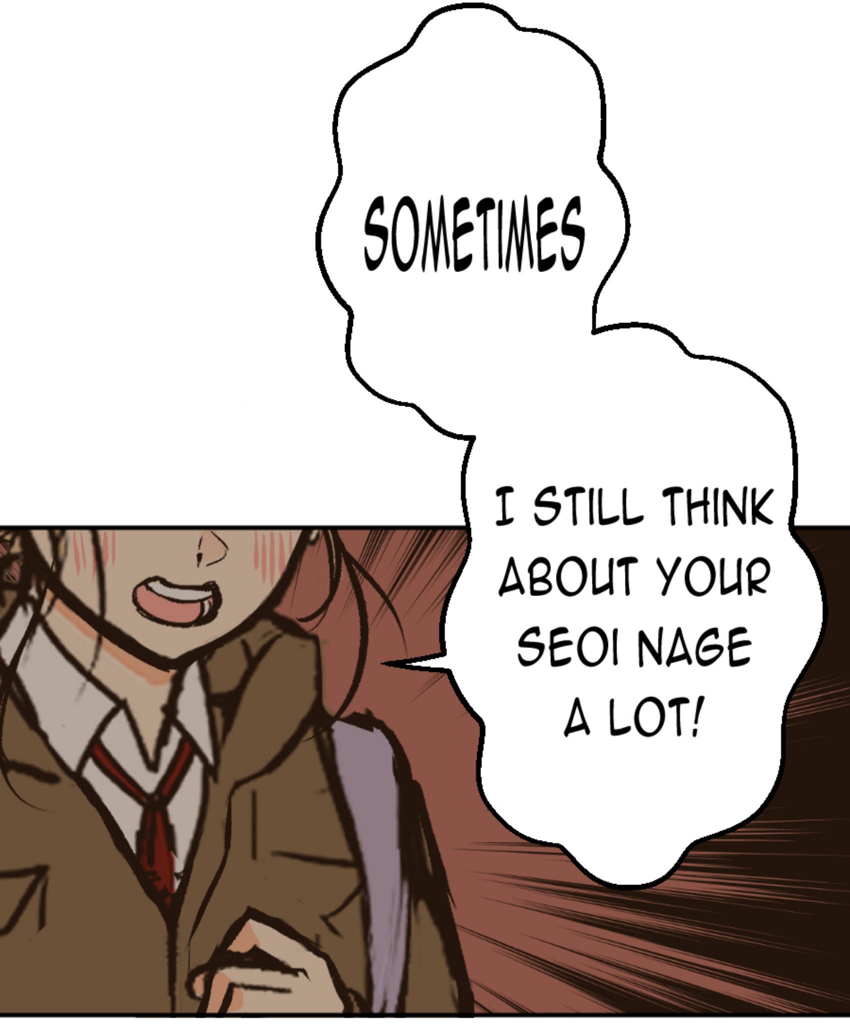

I WAS LISTENING-- NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S UNFAIR
SORRY, I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING...

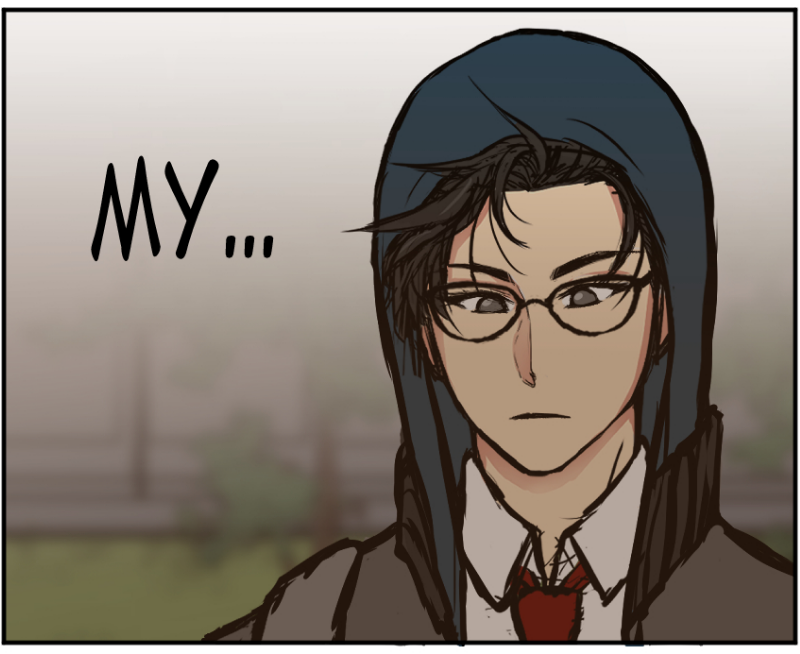

THINKING ABOUT WHAT?
YOU LOOKED LIKE A KID IN A CANDY SHOP

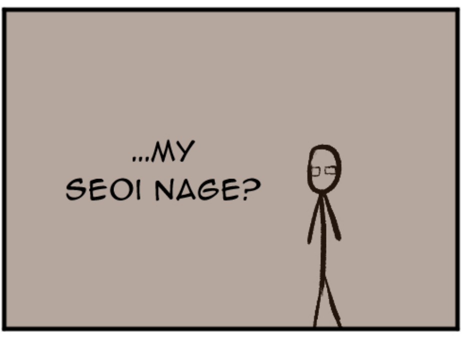

HUH?
U U WELL I U
AHAH
NOTHING REALLY...

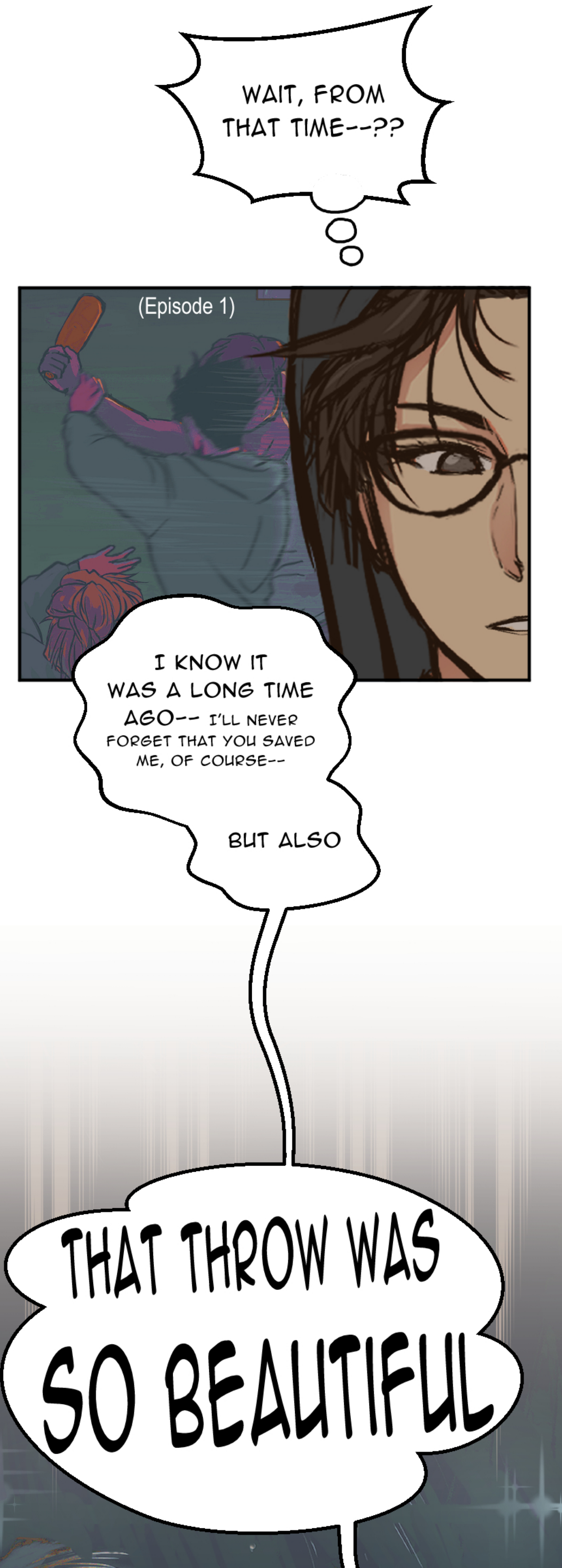

WHAT IS IT??
I GUESS IT'S FINE IF I SAY IT, RIGHT?
EHM...

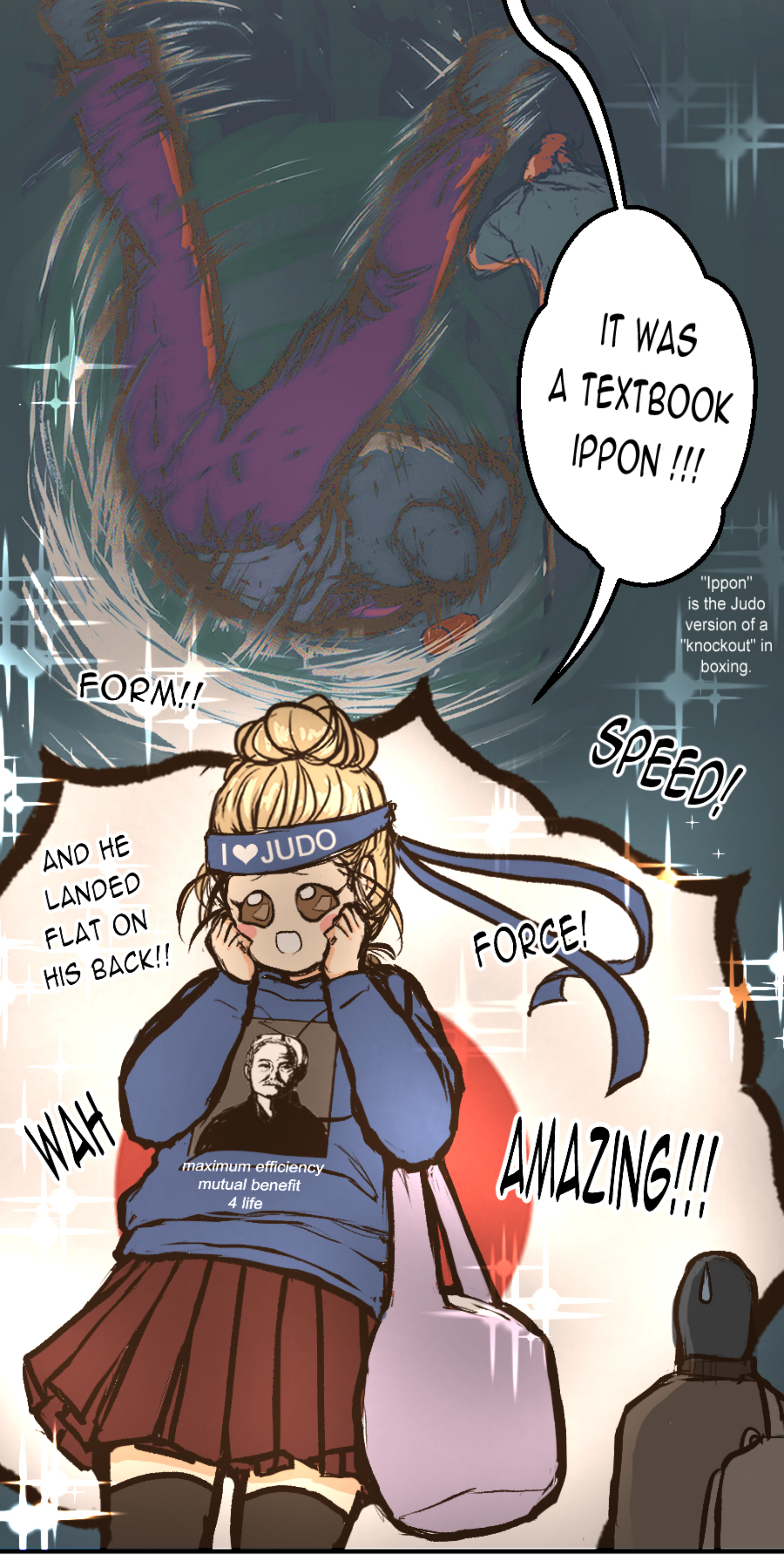

WELL, IT'S KIND OF... I MEAN, I NEVER TOLD YOU THIS, BUT...


SOMETIMES
I STILL THINK ABOUT YOUR SEOI NAGE A LOT!



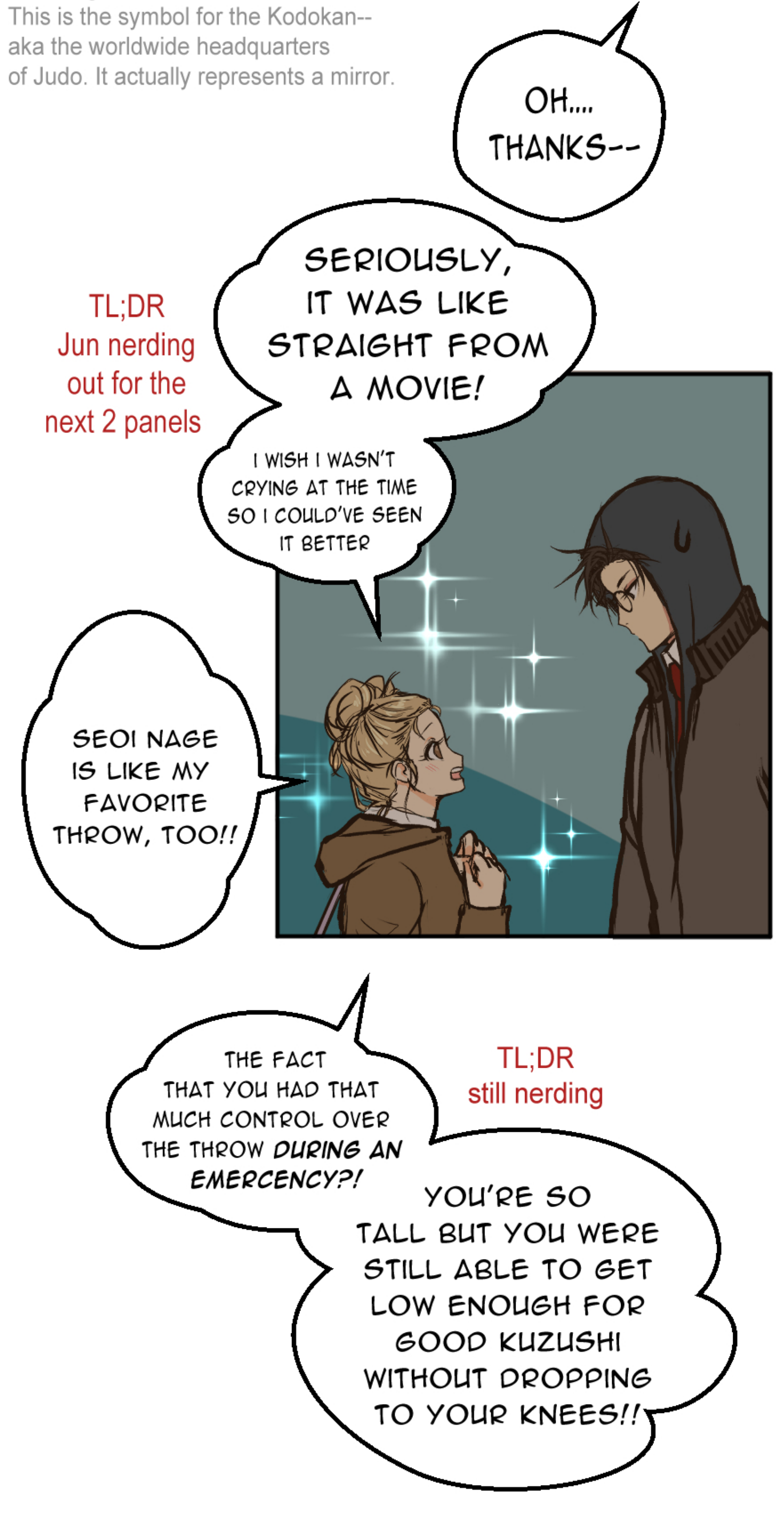

...MY
SEOI NAGE?


WAIT, FROM THAT TIME--??
(Episode 1)
I KNOW IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO-- I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT YOU SAVED ME, OF COURSE--
BUT ALSO
THAT THROW WAS SO BEAUTIFUL


IT WAS A TEXTBOOK IPPON !!!
FORM!!
SPEED!
I ❤ JUDO
AND HE LANDED FLAT ON HIS BACK!!
FORCE!
WAH
maximum efficiency
mutual benefit
4 life
AMAZING!!!

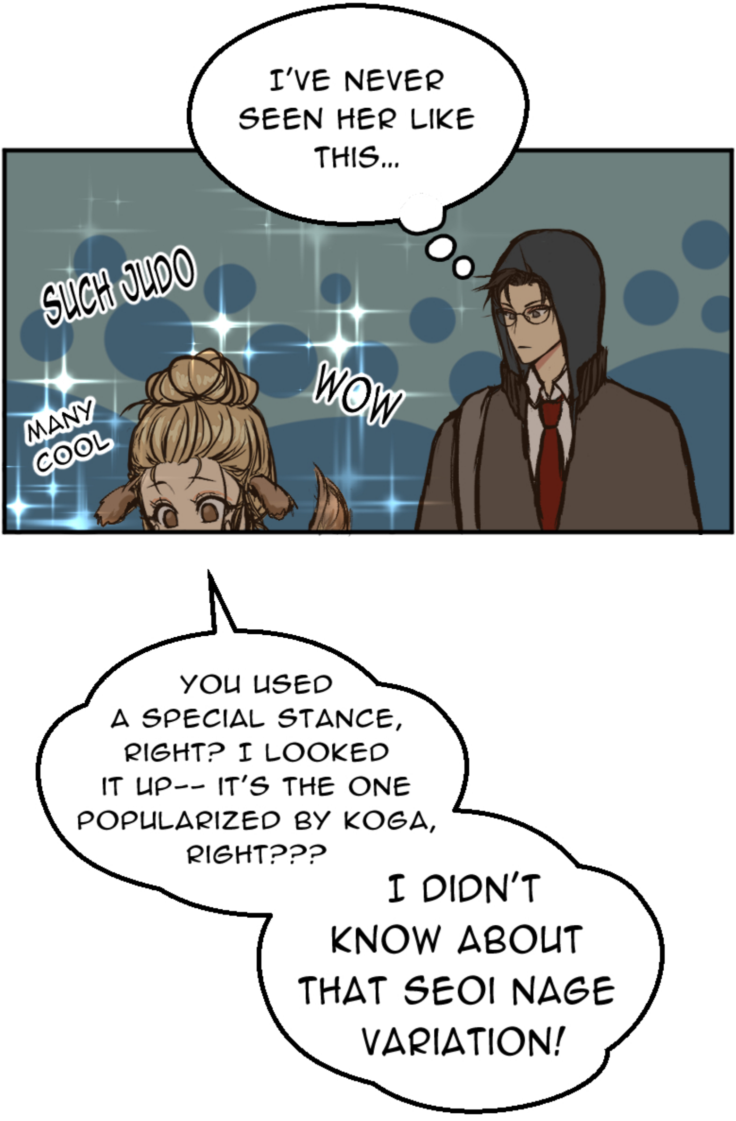
"Ippon" is the Judo version of a "knockout" in boxing.

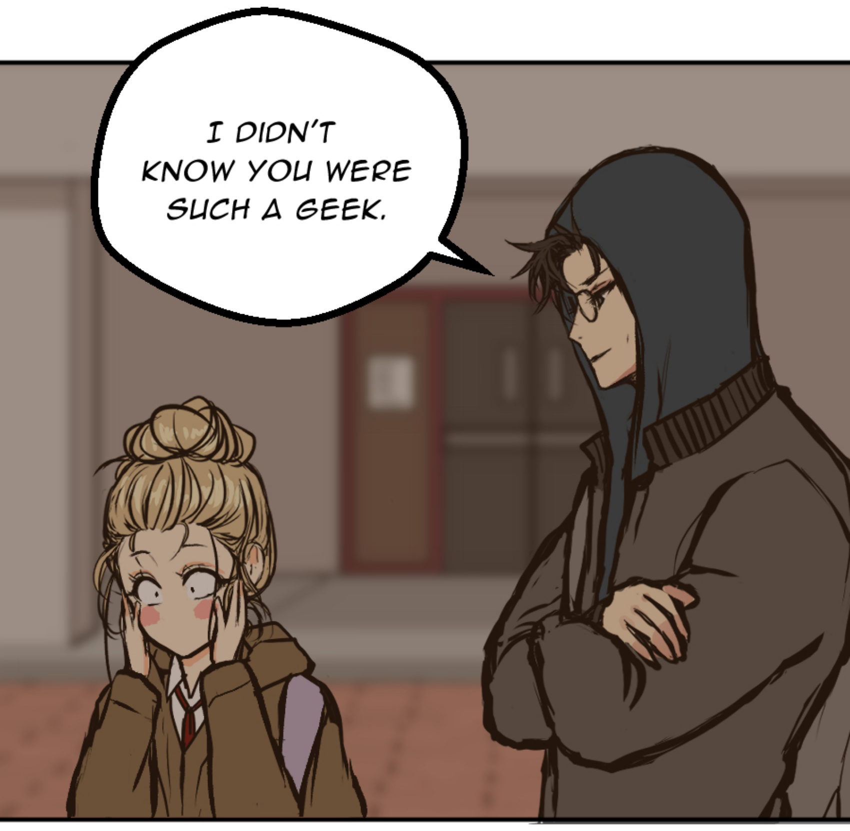
The thing in the back is not a flower. This is the symbol for the Kodokan--aka the worldwide headquarters of Judo. It actually represents a mirror.

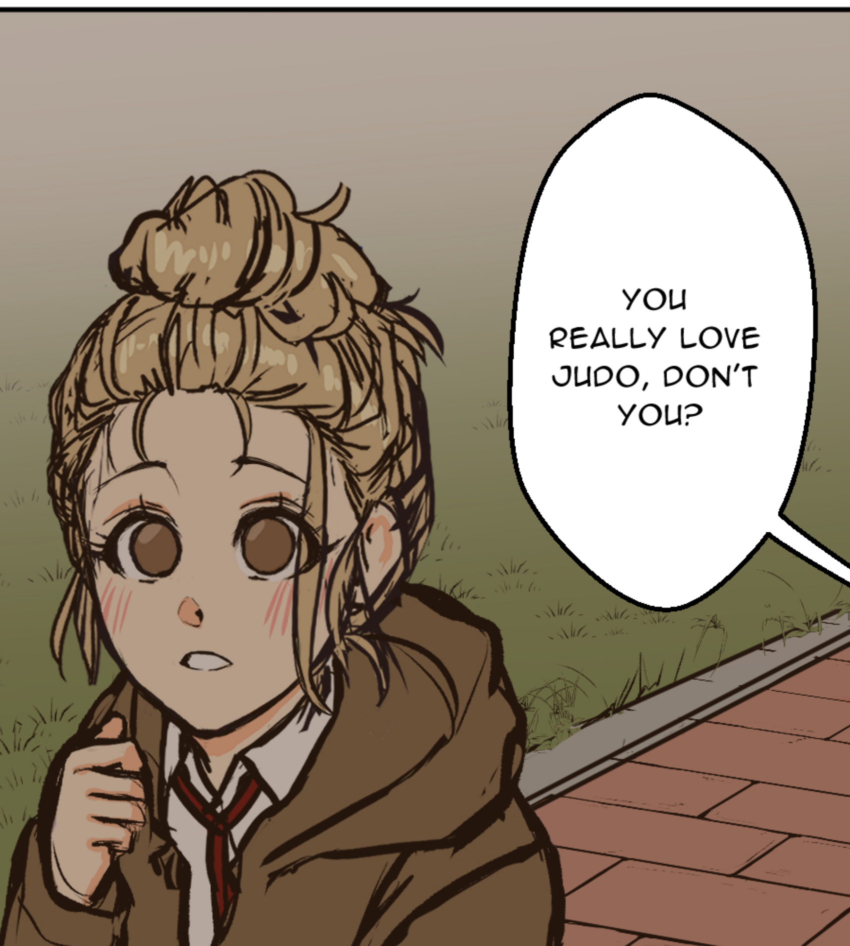

OH.... THANKS--
SERIOUSLY, IT WAS LIKE STRAIGHT FROM A MOVIE!
I WISH I WASN'T CRYING AT THE TIME SO I COULD'VE SEEN IT BETTER
SEOI NAGE IS LIKE MY FAVORITE THROW, TOO!!
THE FACT THAT YOU HAD THAT MUCH CONTROL OVER THE THROW DURING AN EMERGENCY?!
YOU'RE SO TALL BUT YOU WERE STILL ABLE TO GET LOW ENOUGH FOR GOOD KUZUSHI WITHOUT DROPPING TO YOUR KNEES!!

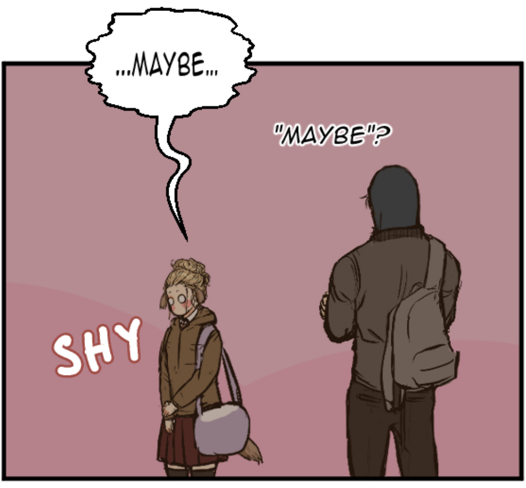
TL;DR Jun nerding out for the next 2 panels

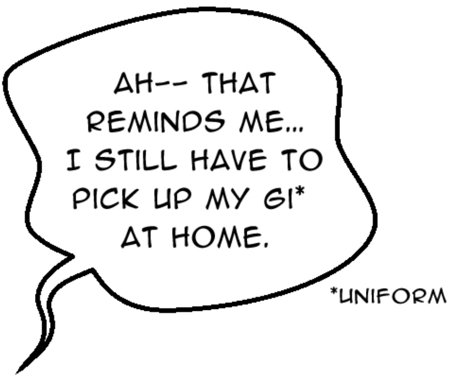
TL;DR still nerding

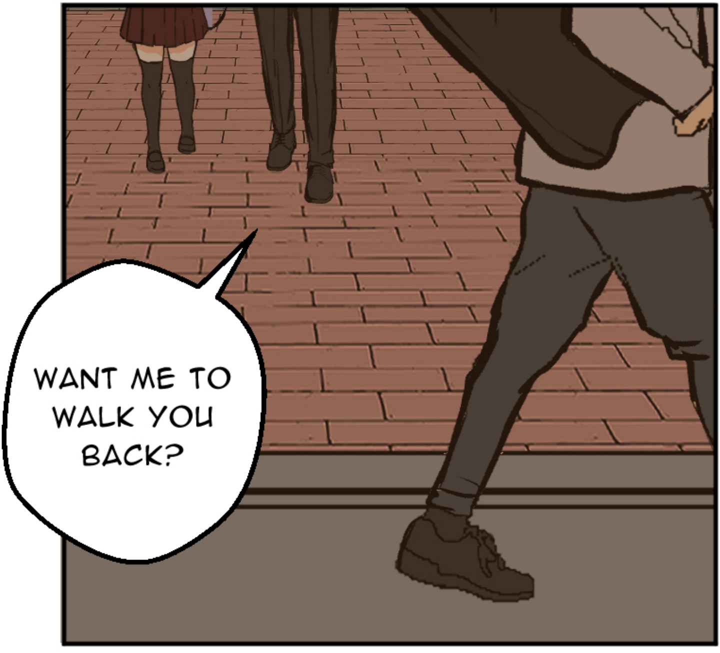

I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS...
SUCH JUDO
WOW
MANY COOL
YOU USED A SPECIAL STANCE, RIGHT? I LOOKED IT UP-- IT'S THE ONE POPULARIZED BY KOGA, RIGHT???
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT SEOI NAGE VARIATION!

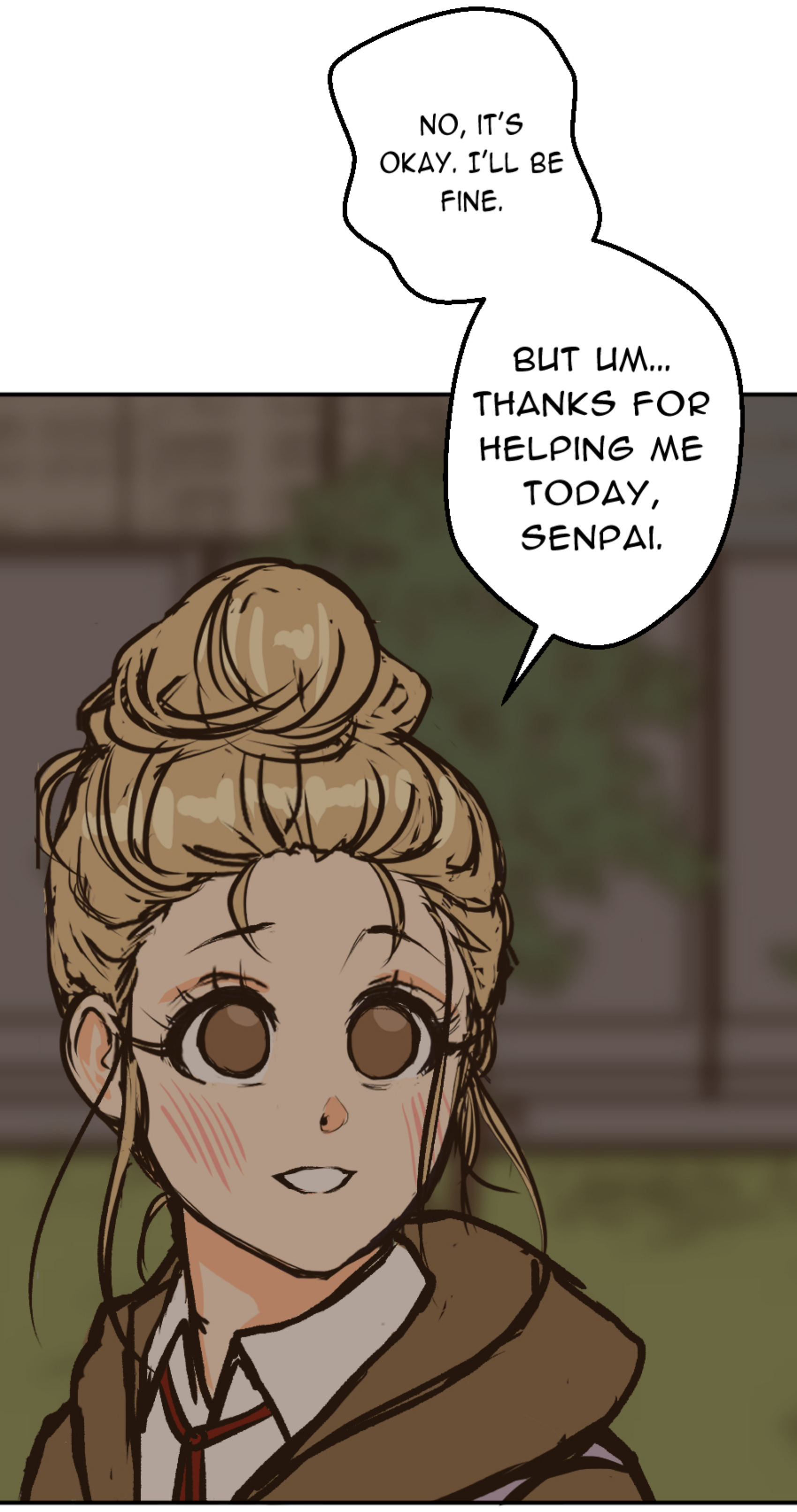

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH A GEEK.

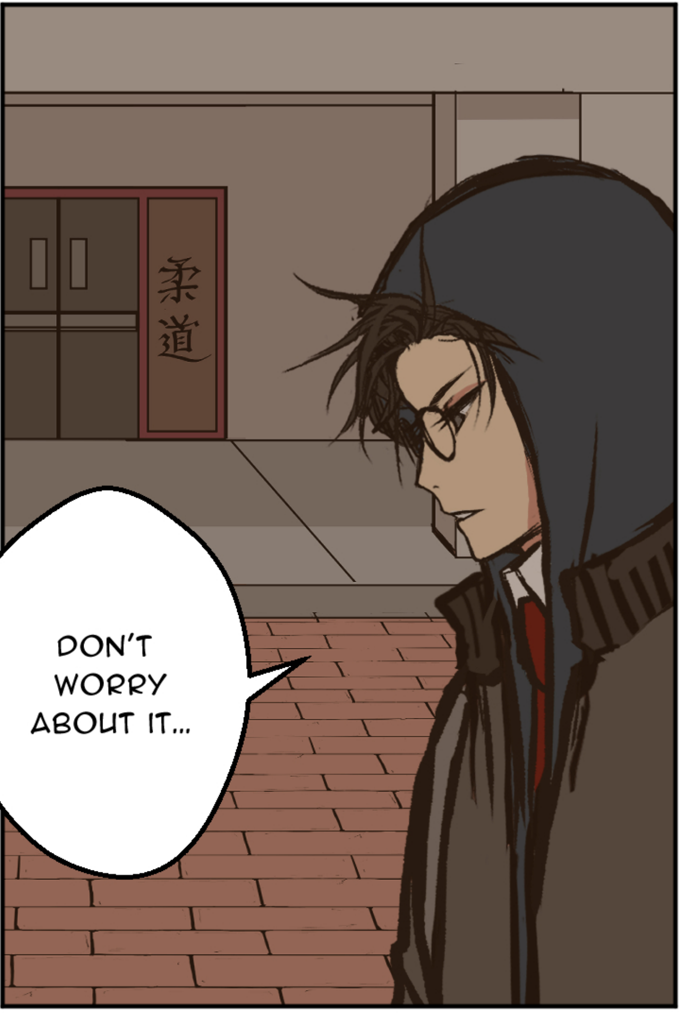

YOU REALLY LOVE JUDO, DON'T YOU?


...MAYBE...
"MAYBE"?
SHY


AH-- THAT REMINDS ME... I STILL HAVE TO PICK UP MY GI* AT HOME.
*UNIFORM


WANT ME TO WALK YOU BACK?


NO, IT'S OKAY. I'LL BE FINE.
BUT UM... THANKS FOR HELPING ME TODAY, SENPAI.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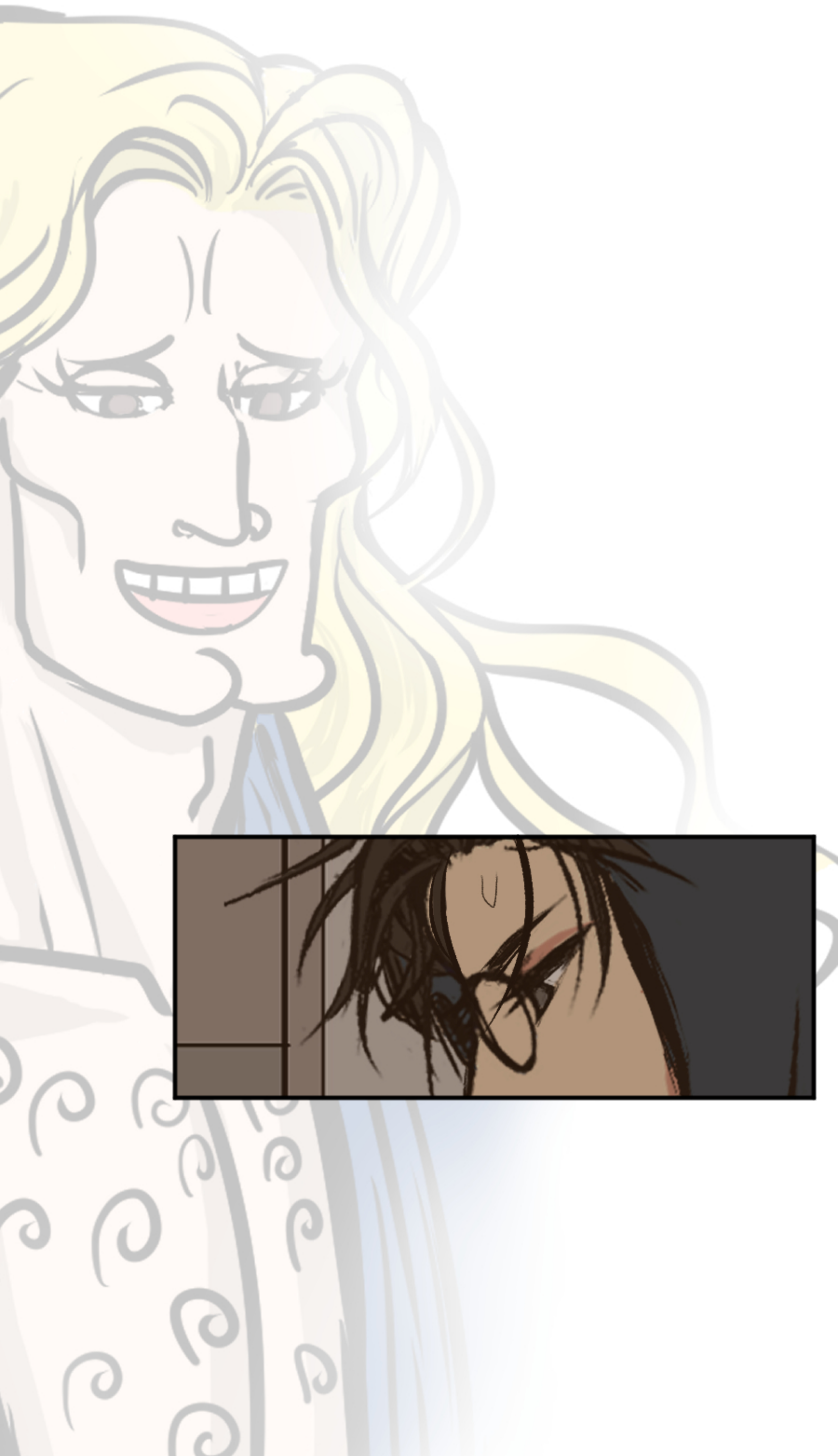
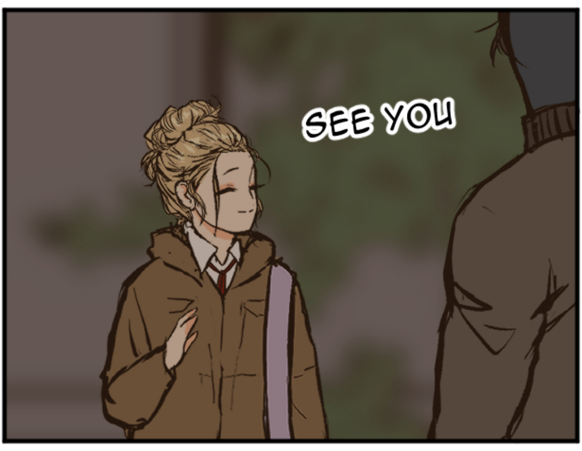
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

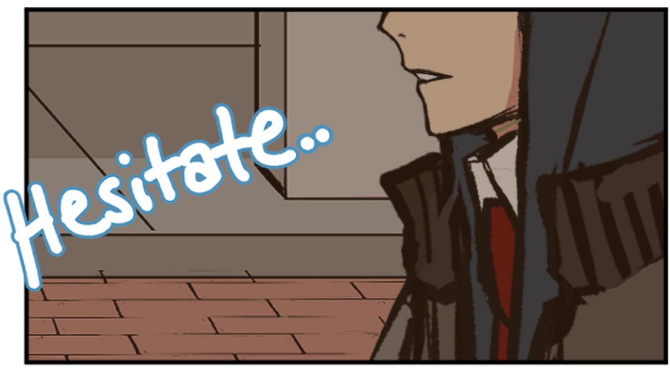


"DON'T WORRY"?

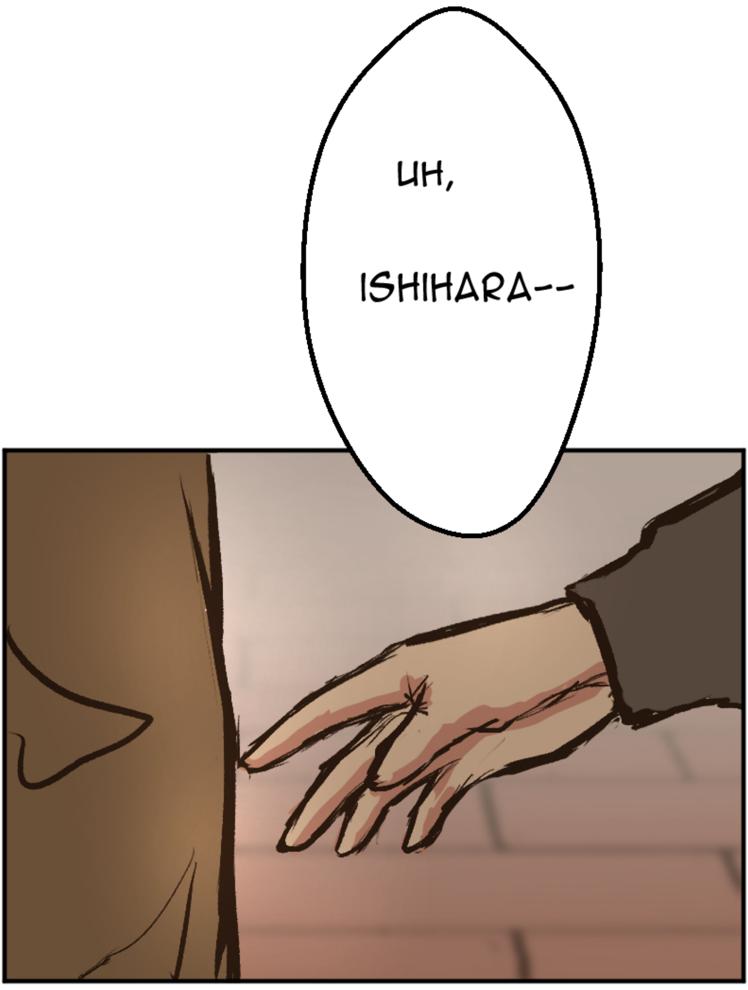
I'M THE ONE WHO'S WORRIED RIGHT NOW.



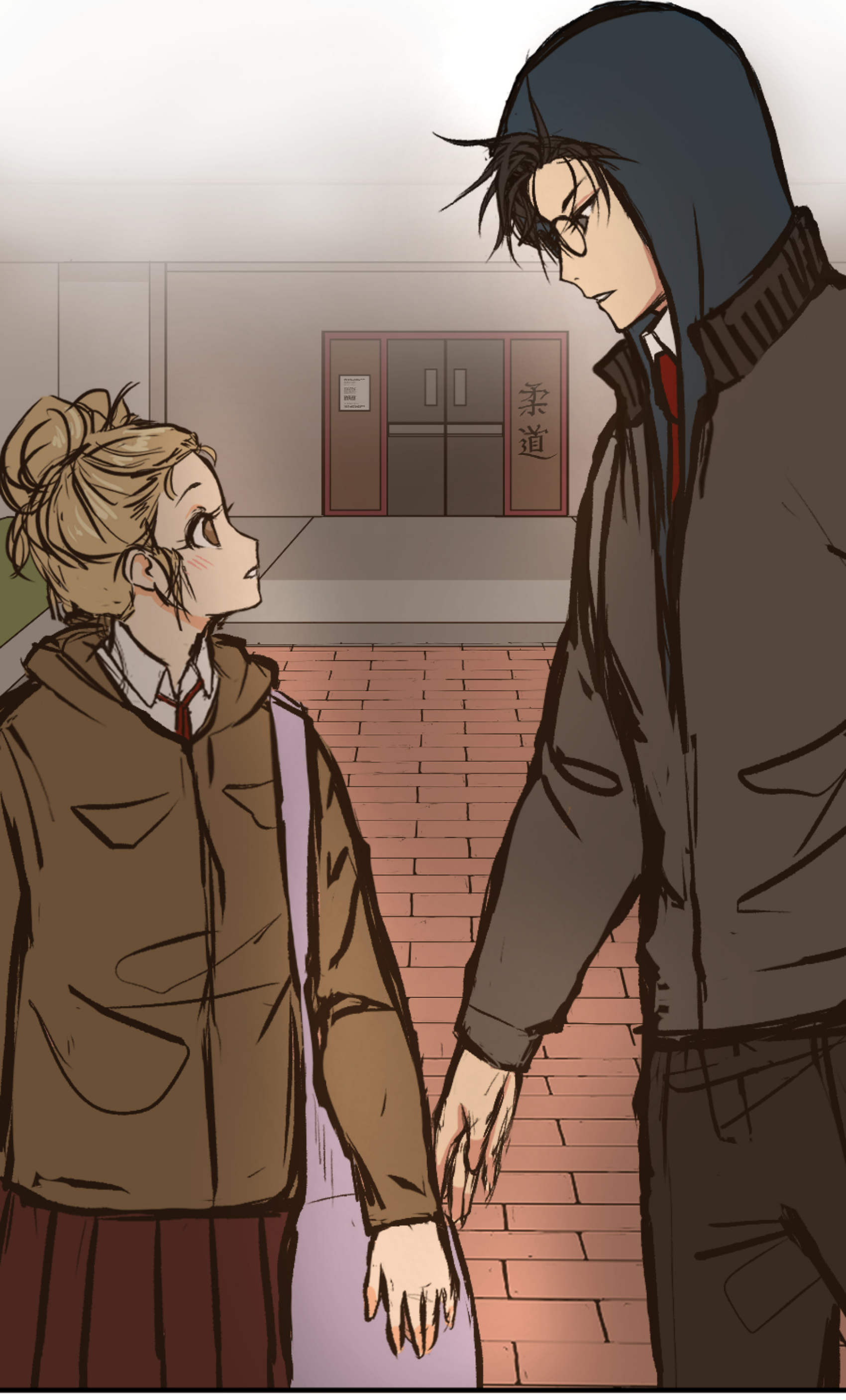
SHE'S SEEING THAT GUY LATER...



IS IT REALLY "WORRY"?

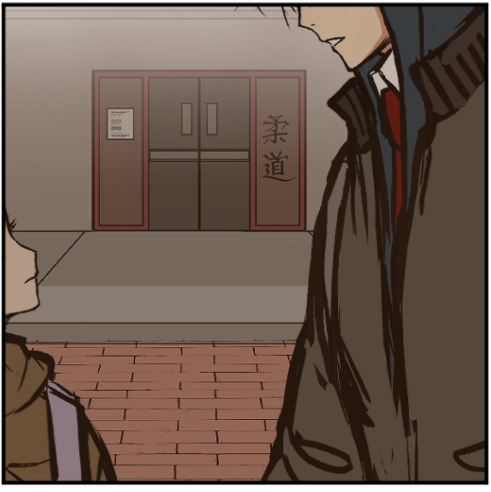

UH,
ISHIHARA--

OR IS IT...



...JEALOUSY?

A--... ABOUT YAMAMOTO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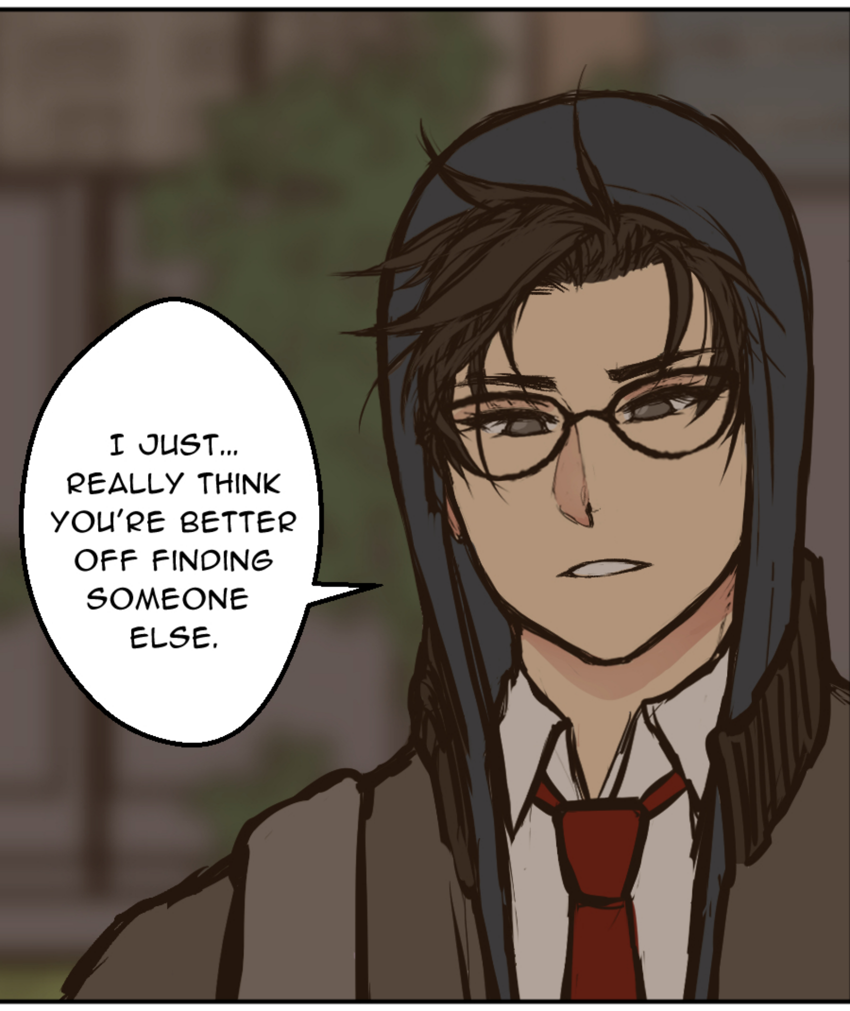
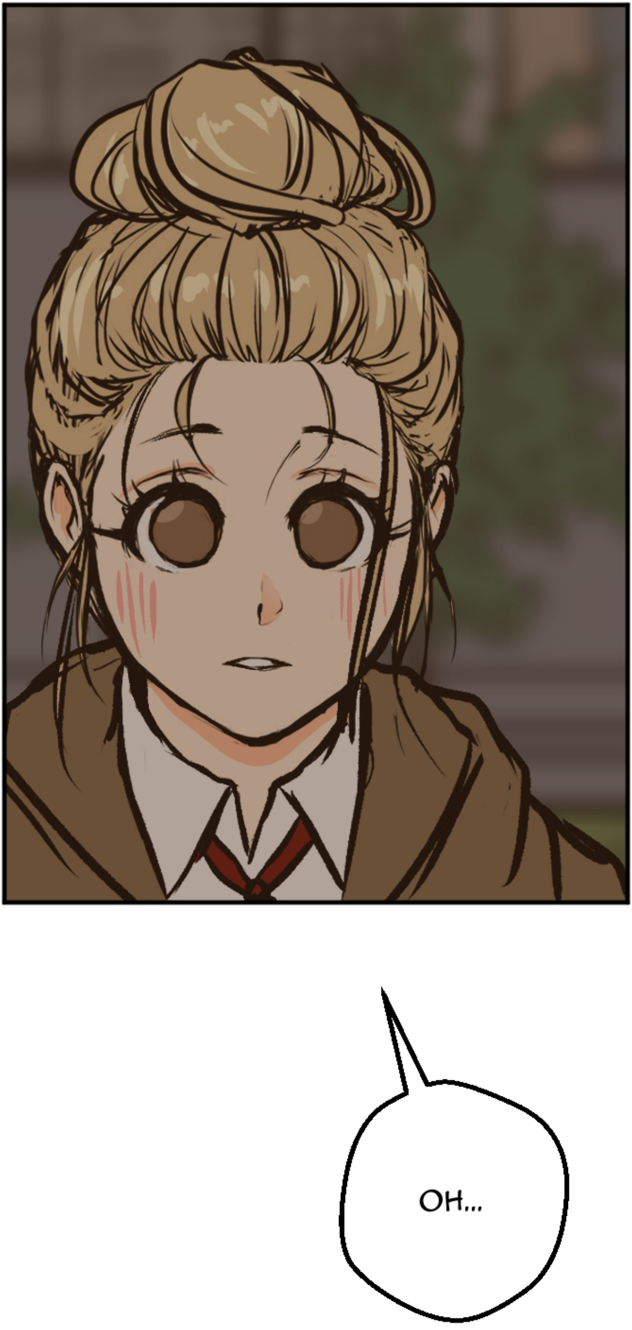
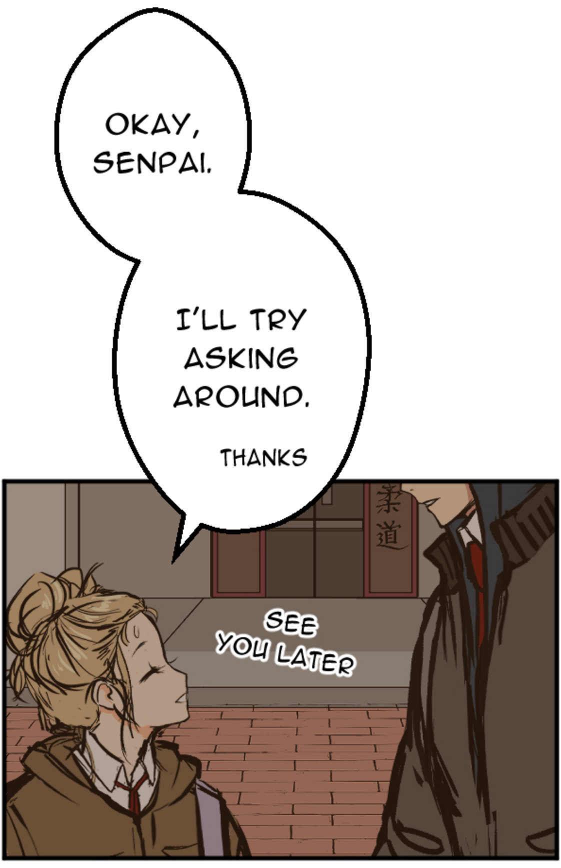
FROM WHAT HE SAID TO ME ON THE PHONE...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT HELPING YOU.

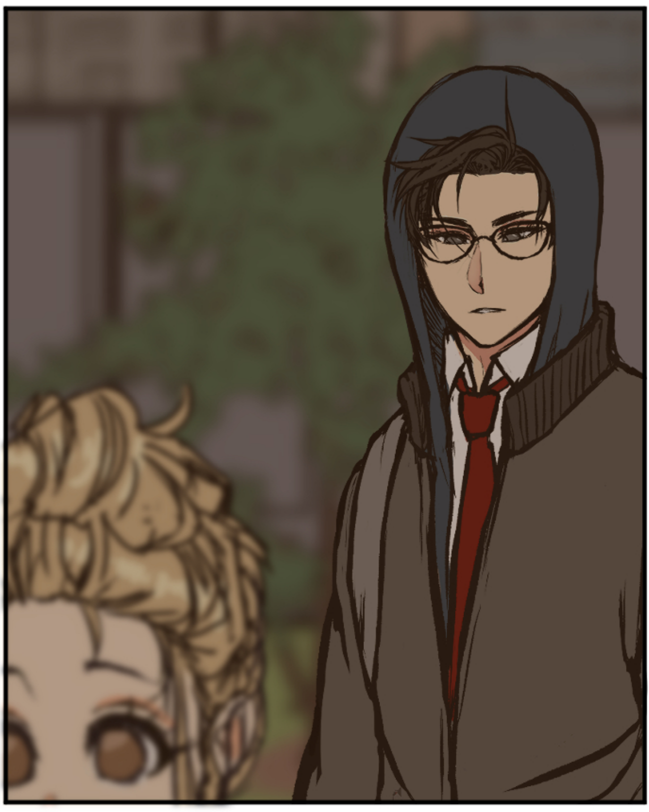

I JUST... REALLY THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF FINDING SOMEONE ELSE.

HOW CAN I SAY THAT WHEN I WON'T EVEN HELP HER MYSELF?




OKAY, SENPAI.
I'LL TRY ASKING AROUND.
THANKS
SEE YOU LATER

THERE...
I TOLD HER.



THERE'S
NOTHING TO
REGRET NOW.

DON'T TELL ME I'M ACTUALLY CONSIDERING IT

SHE CAN EASILY ASK SOMEONE ELSE.

Special Thanks to My RAINDROPS

THESE ARE MY RAINDROPS, WHO FORM THE RAIN THAT WATERS THE ACORN OF A COMIC THAT THIS IS.

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