

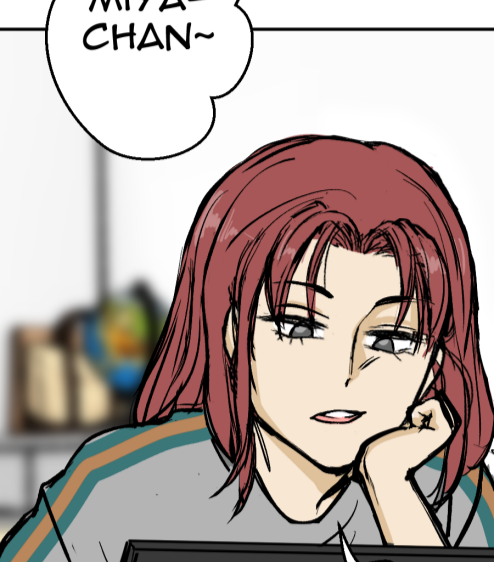
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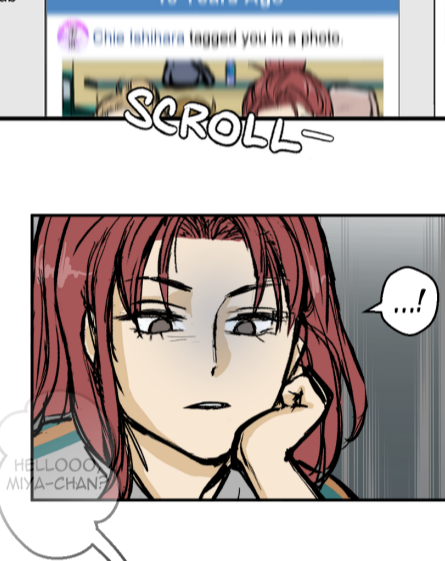


KNOCK KNOCK!  
YOU BUSY?



MIYA-CHAN~

WHAT?



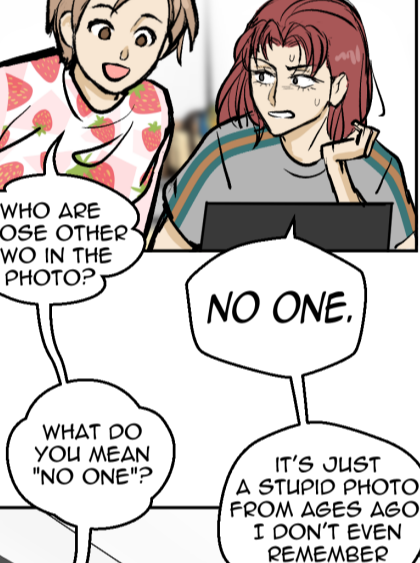
HEY, ARE YOU STILL STUDYING?

WHAT THE... YOU'RE NOT BUSY, COME HELP ME!

YEP.

I WAS STUDYING BEFORE YOU CAME IN.

I AM BUSY.



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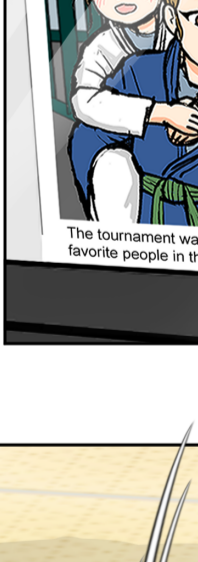
HELLOOO MIYA-CHAN~

...!



GASP!

AWW! IS THAT YOU WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE? THAT'S SO CUTE!



WHO ARE THOSE OTHER TWO IN THE PHOTO?

NO ONE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NO ONE"?

IT'S JUST A STUPID PHOTO FROM AGES AGO. I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THEM.

STOP BEING SO NOSY.

HAHA JEEZ, I WAS JUST ASKING!

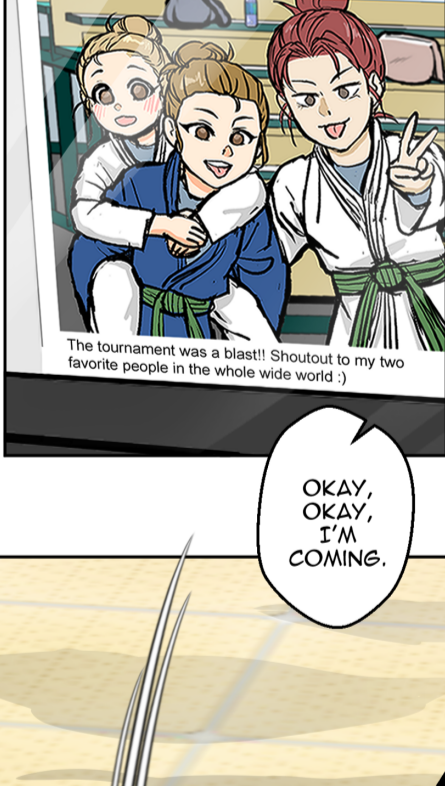
SO WHAT DID YOU WANT, ANYWAY?

OH! I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME TO PRACTICE EARLY.



I NEED YOU AS MY PRACTICE DUMMY.

I'VE GOT A NEW COMBO I WANNA TRY FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION!



10 Years Ago  
Chie Ishihara tagged you in a photo.  
The tournament was a blast!! Shoutout to my two favorite people in the whole wide world :)

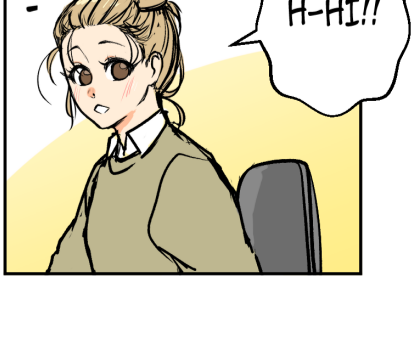
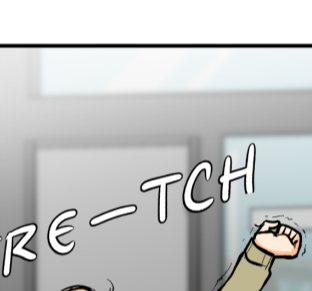
OKAY, OKAY, I'M COMING.



SLAM



the gentle way  
柔道  
story & art by True



BEEN HERE LONG?



JUST FOR A COUPLE HOURS.

WHAT'RE YOU STUDYING?



LEAN..

OH, THIS?

IT'S ECONOMICS.

OH YEAH?

MHM!



TURN ))

AH-- NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT

ISN'T IT KIND OF FUNNY?

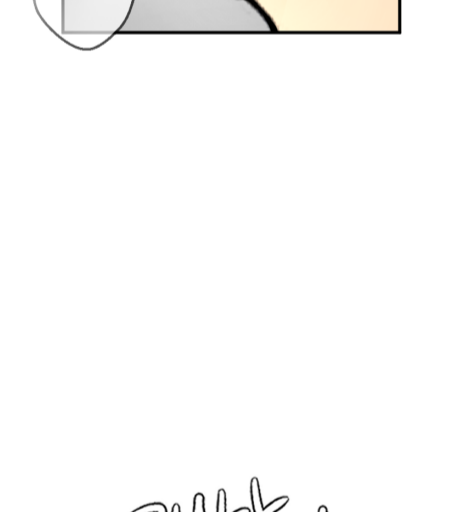


ALL THIS TIME,

I GUESS WE'VE NEVER TALKED ABOUT OUR MAJORS, HUH?



...OH...



PULL AWAY

WELL, IT'S PROBABLY MY FAULT SINCE ALL I TALK ABOUT IS JUDO. HEHE

Didn't notice.

...THAT CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD... AHEM

MY MAJOR IS ACTUALLY ACCOUNTING.



...ACCOUNTING, HUH? CAN'T SAY I EVER WOULD'VE GUESSED THAT.

PULL

AH-- MY PARENTS SUGGESTED IT BECAUSE IT'S A STABLE JOB, SO... M^

W-WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

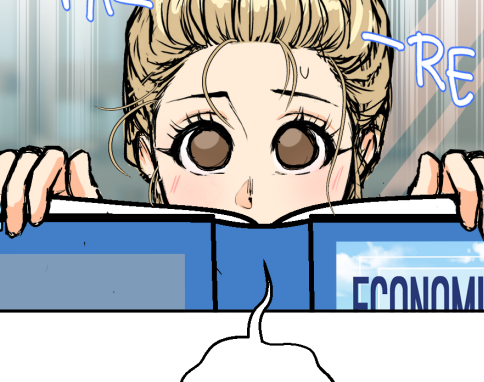
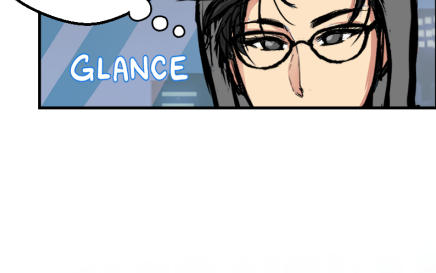
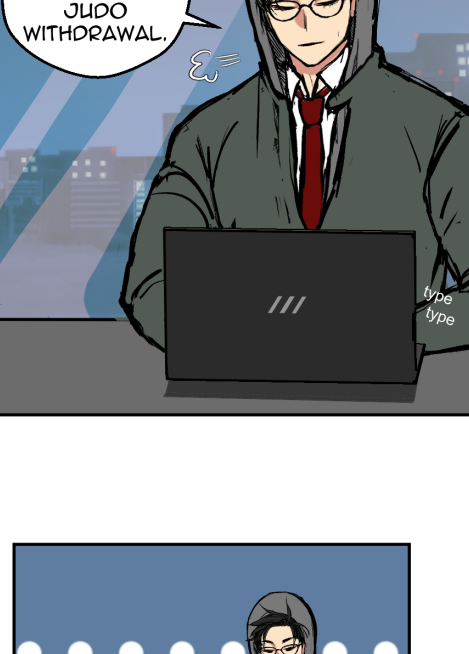
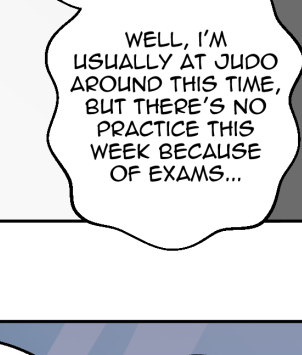
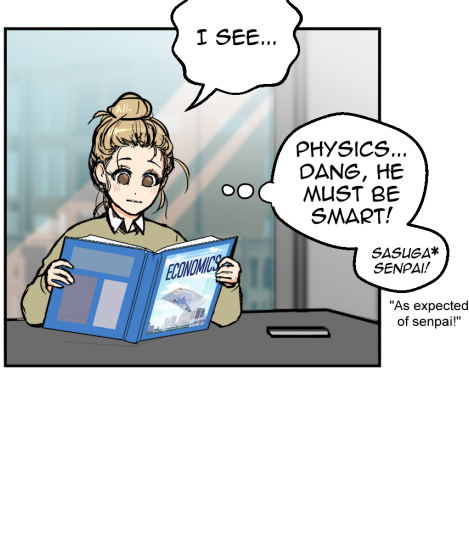
I'M A PHYSICS MAJOR.

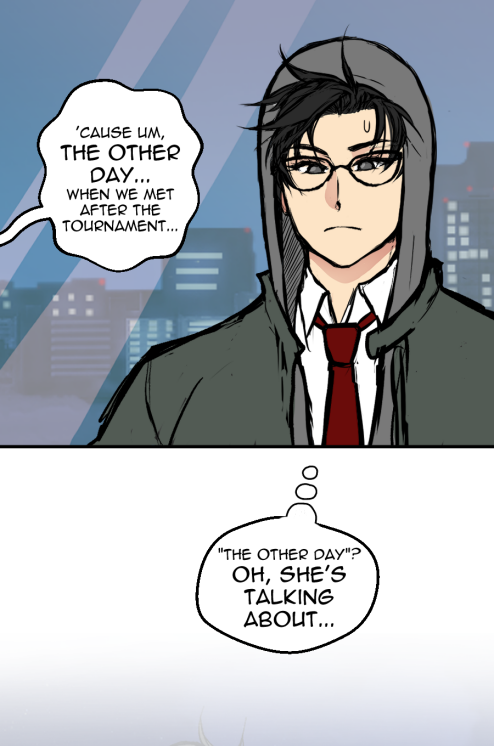
PHYSICS MAJOR? WAH...! SOUNDS HARD...



SHRUG

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED IT.





"THE OTHER DAY"? OH, SHE'S TALKING ABOUT...



OH, **bad word**.

PLEASE DON'T ASK ME WHY THE HUG WAS SO LONG, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THAT EITHER.



D-DO YOU THINK YOU COULD

SHARE ALL YOUR SECRETS ABOUT HOW YOU BECAME SO GOOD AT JUDO?



AH

OF COURSE... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I WAS WORRIED.

Y-Y'KNOW, SINCE YOU SAID I COULD COME TO YOU NOW IF I HAD QUESTIONS...

...RIGHT...

SIGH ...WELL, FOR STARTERS, THERE ARE NO "SECRETS". THE ONLY "SECRET" IS TO PRACTICE LIKE H **bad word**.



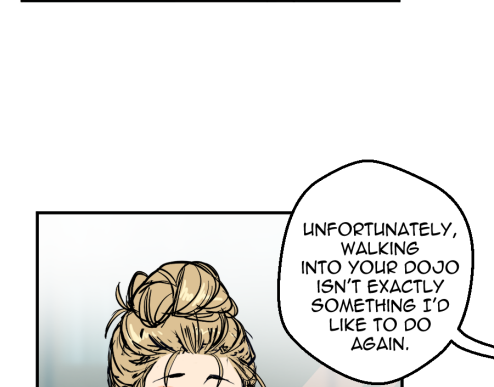
BUT WASN'T THERE LIKE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL DRILL YOU DID?

JUST NORMAL STUFF...

THERE'S NO SHORTCUTS, YOU KNOW?

I'LL ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU HAVE

BUT THE BEST WAY TO LEARN JUDO IS BY PHYSICALLY DOING IT.

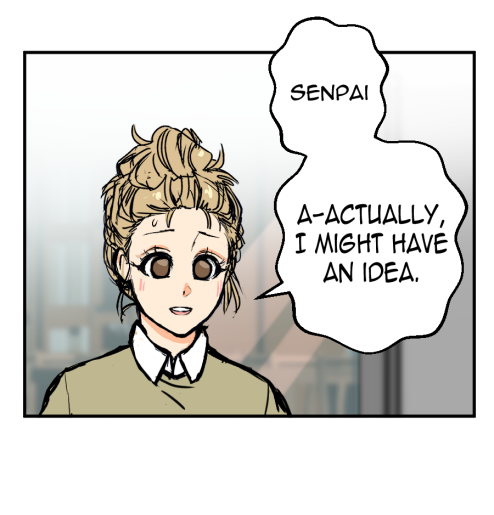


UNFORTUNATELY, WALKING INTO YOUR DOJO ISN'T EXACTLY SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO DO AGAIN.



SENPAI

A-ACTUALLY, I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA.



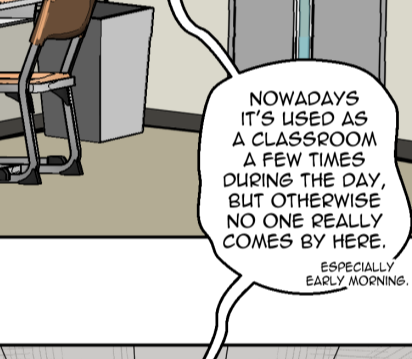


...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EARLY NEXT MORNING



SO, UHM, A-AWHILE AGO, I HEARD SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT THIS PLACE.

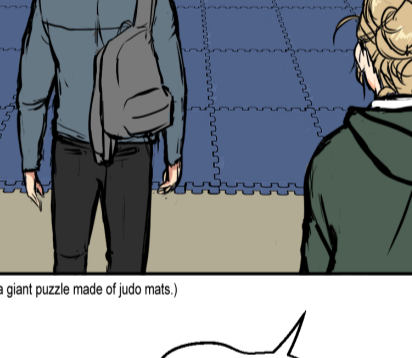


THIS IS ACTUALLY AN ACADEMIC BUILDING.

BUT BACK BEFORE THE DOJO WAS BUILT, THE OLD TANAKA UNI JUDO TEAM USED TO PRACTICE HERE IN THIS BASEMENT.

NOWADAYS IT'S USED AS A CLASSROOM A FEW TIMES DURING THE DAY, BUT OTHERWISE NO ONE REALLY COMES BY HERE.

ESPECIALLY EARLY MORNING.



THEY K-KEPT THE OLD JUDO MATS IN THE CLOSET. THEY'RE PRETTY EASY TO SET UP...!

...ALL I HAD TO DO WAS MOVE THE DESKS...

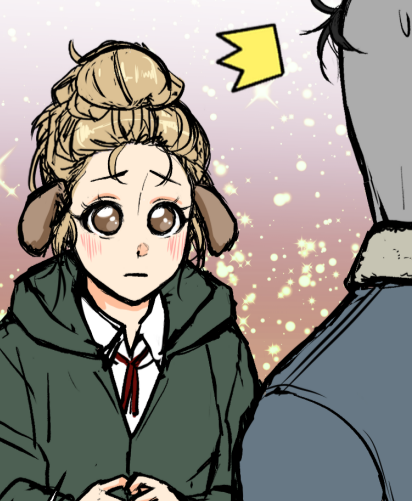
(It's like a giant puzzle made of judo mats.)

SO UHM, WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK?

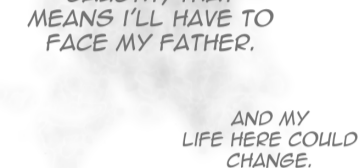
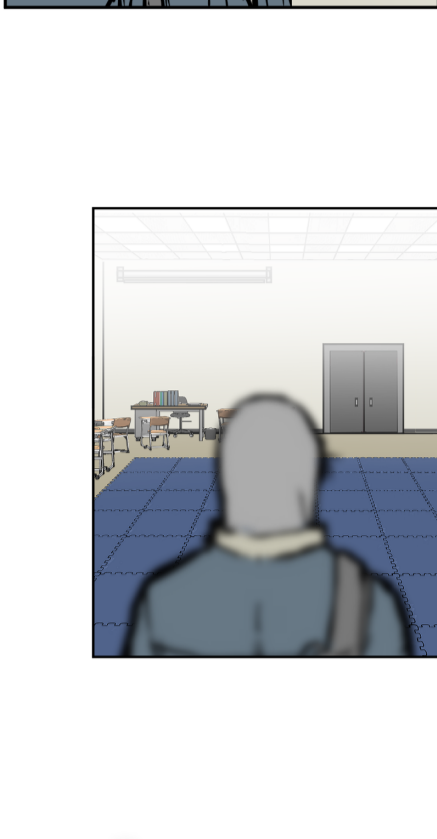


...ISHIHARA, ARE YOU

SERIOUS-



...IS IT... NO GOOD?



...THIS IS RISKY.

IF I GET CAUGHT, THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO FACE MY FATHER.

AND MY LIFE HERE COULD CHANGE.



**BUT...**

I MADE UP MY RESOLVE.

IF I DO GET FOUND, I'M READY TO FACE WHATEVER COMES.

...I MADE A PROMISE TO MYSELF...

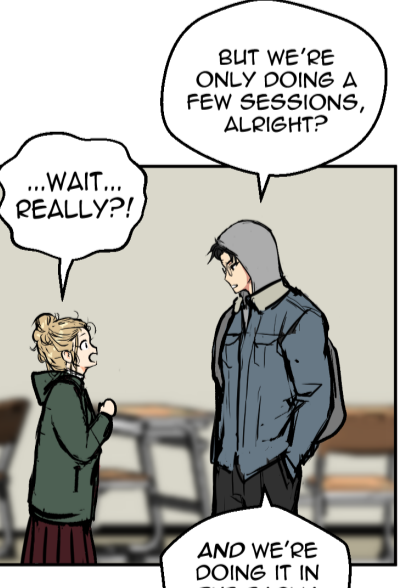
...I'VE DECIDED IT'S TIME TO STOP GIVING POWER TO MY PAST...

AND START DOING MORE OF WHAT I WANT TO DO.

IF YOU NEED HELP, YOU CAN COME TO ME.

...I'LL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR CORNER.

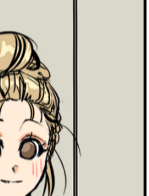
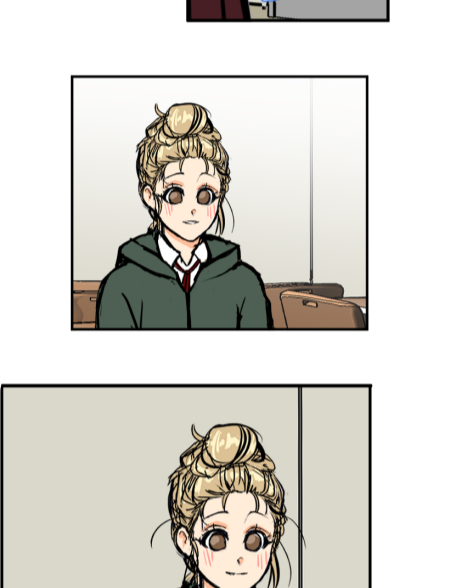
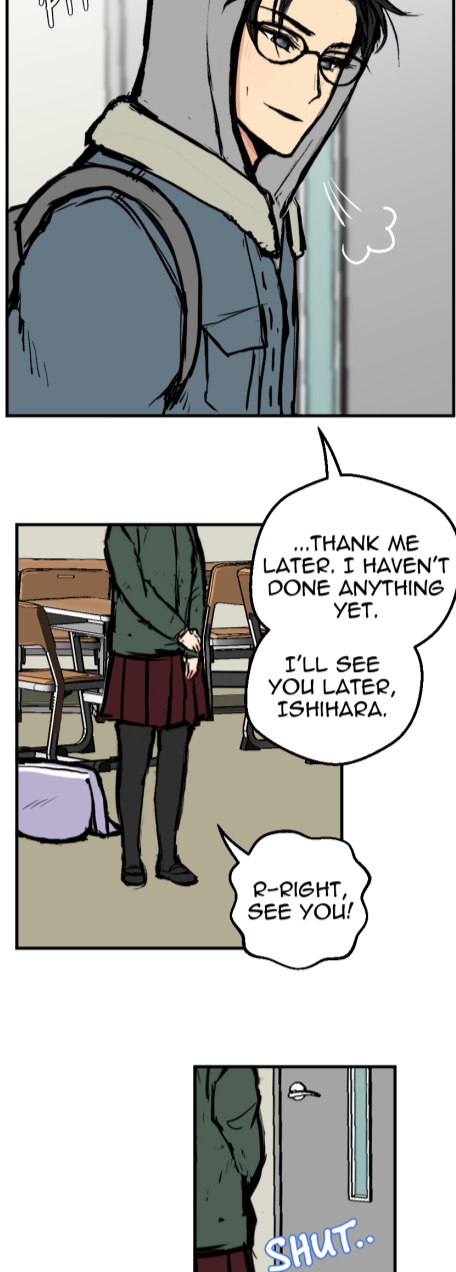
...AND TO HER.



BUT WE'RE ONLY DOING A FEW SESSIONS, ALRIGHT?







A WORLD CHAMPION...



THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.

I HAVE A CHANCE.

A REAL CHANCE...



A CHANCE...



# 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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and my anonymous raindrops ♥♥♥