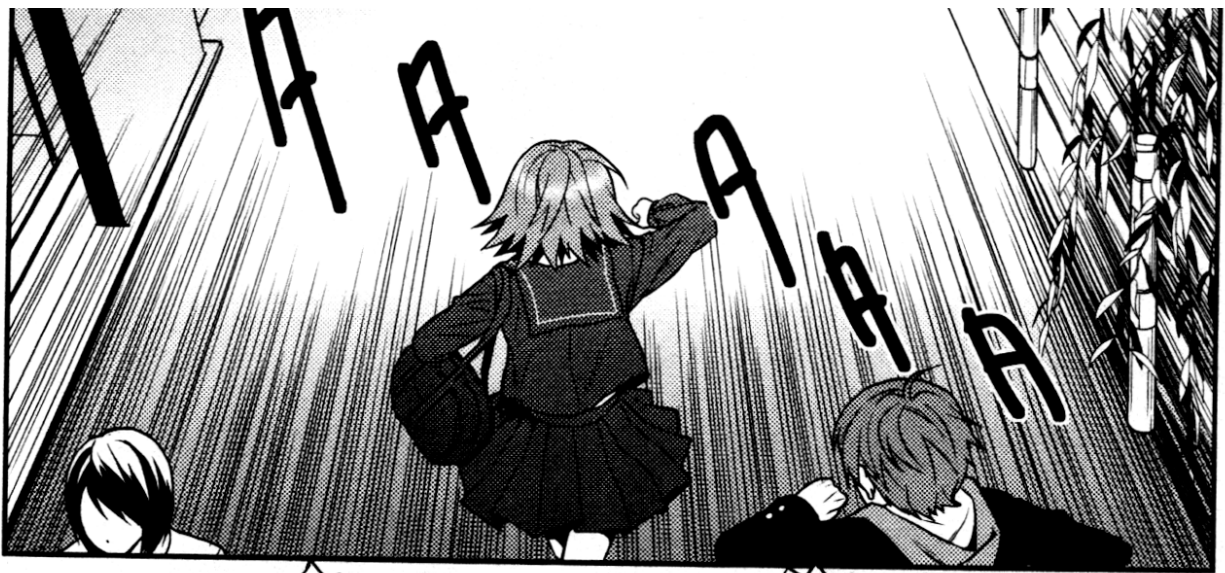
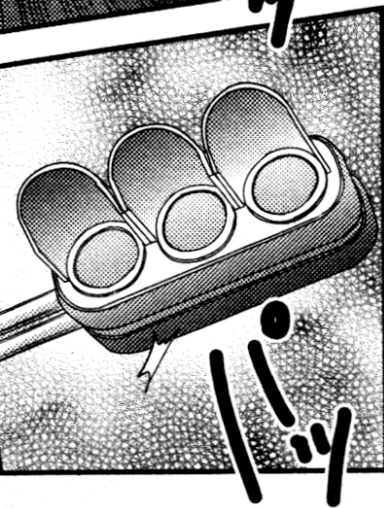
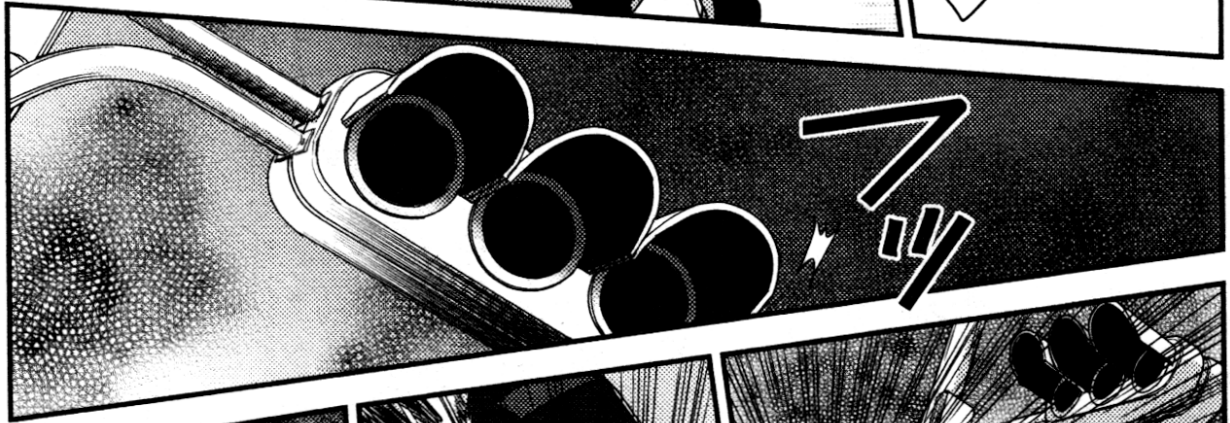
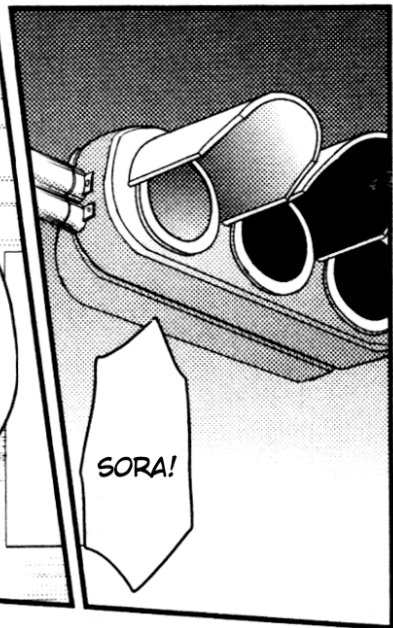
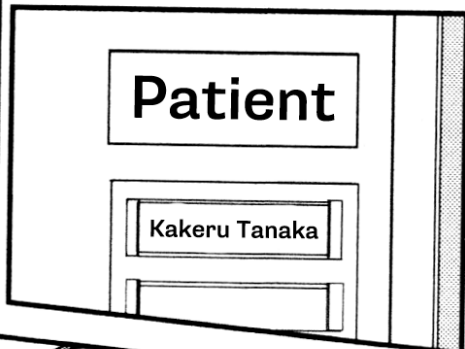
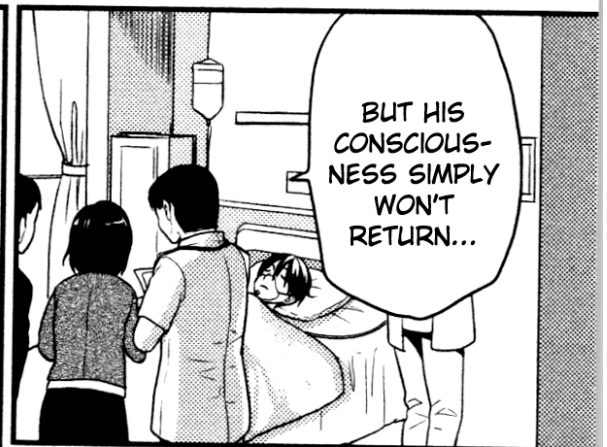


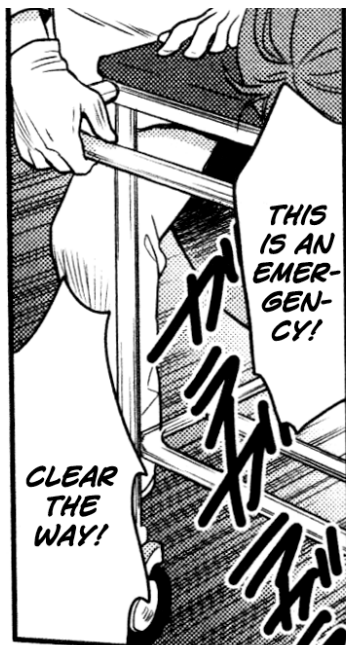
SCENE_5 everyone's fight











CLEAR
THE
WAY!

THIS
IS AN
EMER-
GEN-
CY!

OVER
HERE
TOO!



DOCTOR!
THE MAC-
HINES ARE
FAILING!



WHAT!?!
GET THE
STRET-
CHERS!

DOCTOR,
THERE'S
BEEN AN
ACCIDENT
IN FRONT
OF THE
HOSPITAL!

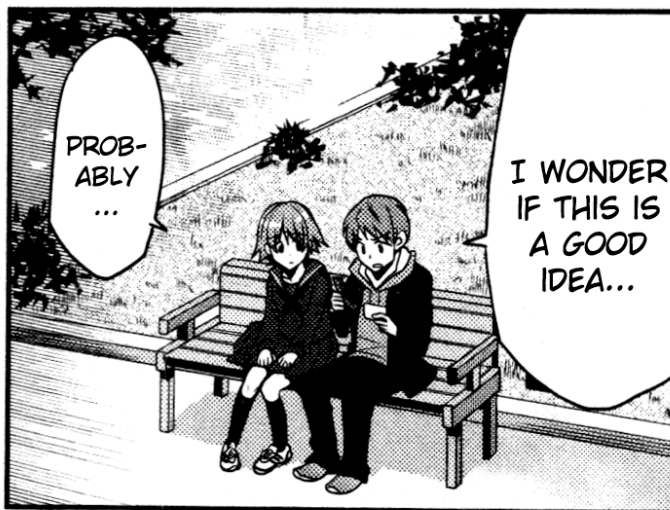


SORA
...

DO YOU
STILL HAVE
THAT GUY'S
BUSINESS
CARD?

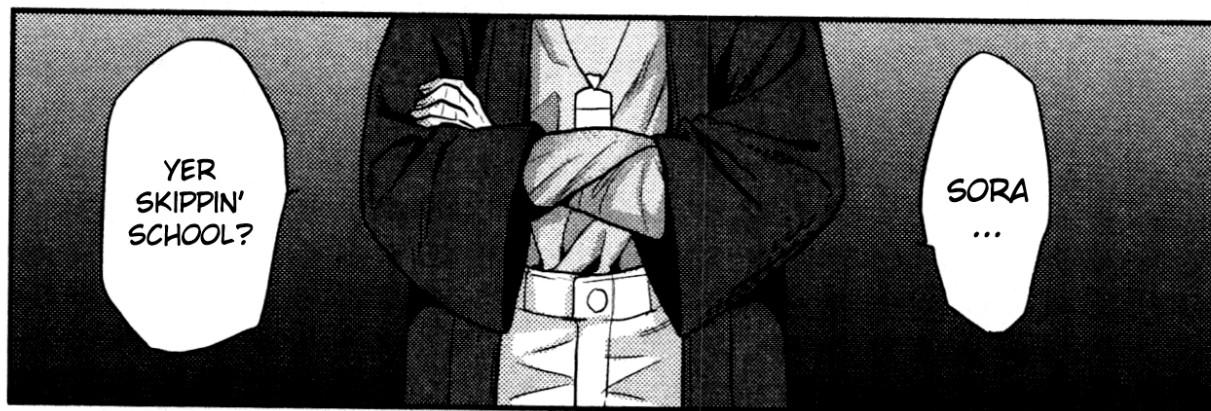
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PROBABLY ...

I WONDER IF THIS IS A GOOD IDEA...



YER SKIPPIN' SCHOOL?

SORA ...

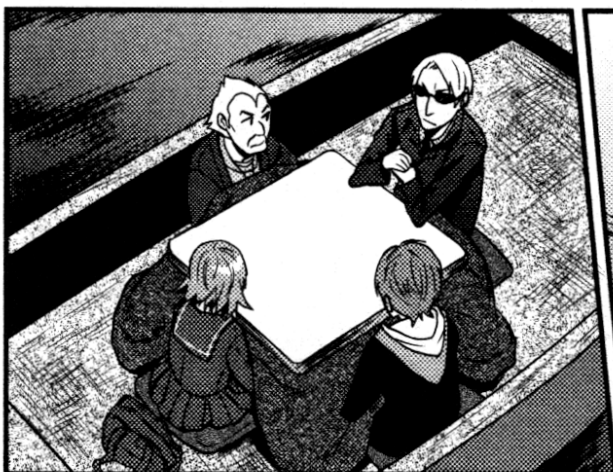


HUH?



GRAND-PA!?

G-G-



SO YOUR
FRIEND
LOST
CONSCIOUS
NESS...

AND YOU
JUST RAN
OUT OF
SCHOOL?



YES,
WE'RE
QUITE
AWARE
OF HIS
CONDI-
TION.

ABOUT
TANAKA?

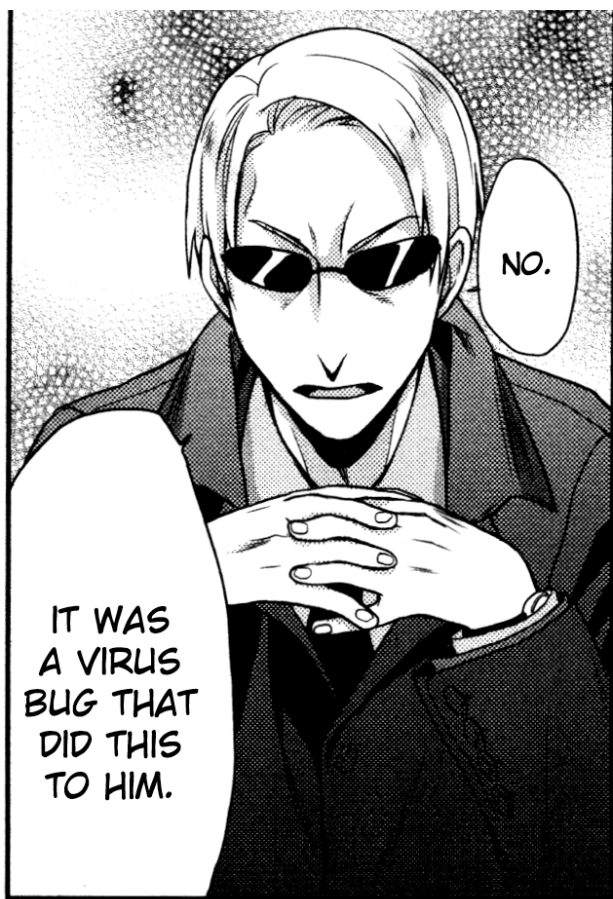


Why
were you
at the
hospital,
grandpa?

Just a
check-up.

HEY...
WE'VE GOT
SOMETHING
WE NEED
TO TALK
ABOUT.





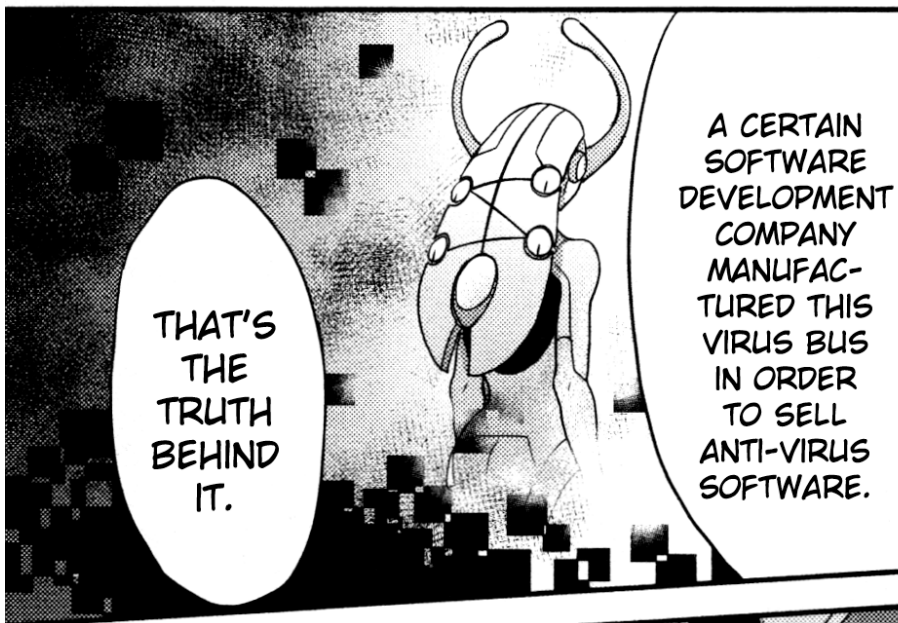
IT WAS
A VIRUS
BUG THAT
DID THIS
TO HIM.



...
I'D
SAY
SO.

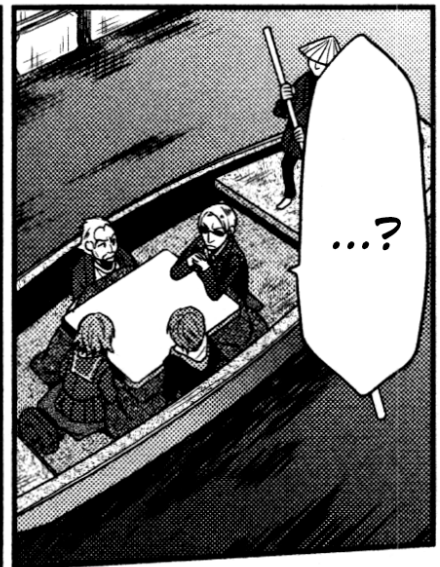


SO,
AURA
WAS THE
ONE WHO
DID THIS
TO
TANAKA?

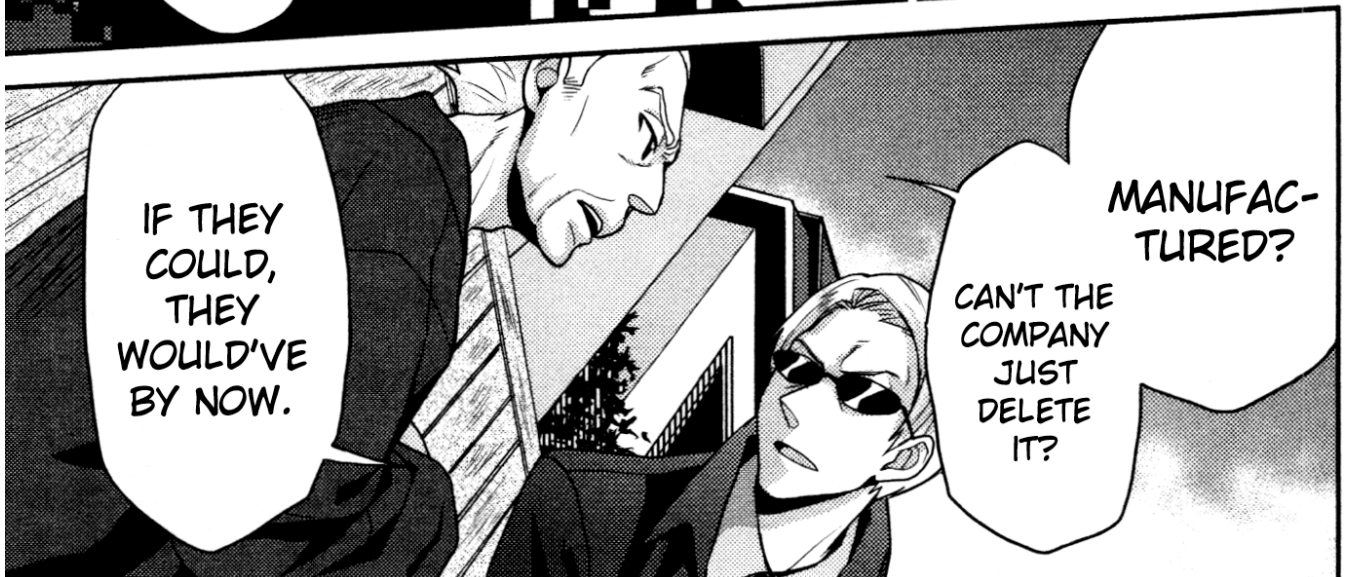


THAT'S
THE
TRUTH
BEHIND
IT.

A CERTAIN
SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY
MANUFACTURED
THIS
VIRUS BUG
IN ORDER
TO SELL
ANTI-VIRUS
SOFTWARE.



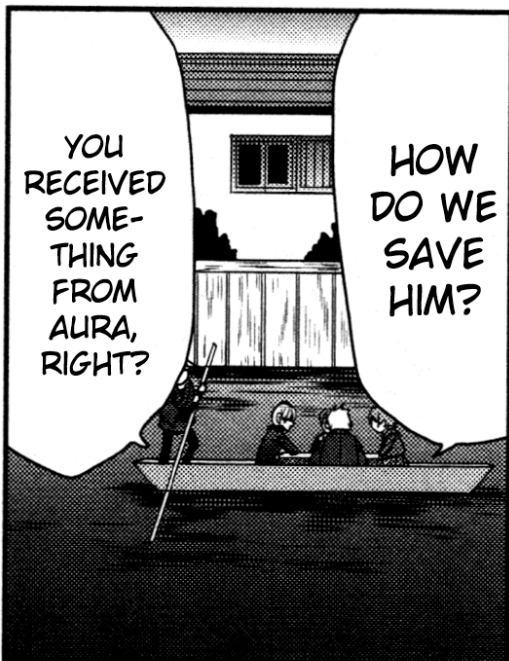
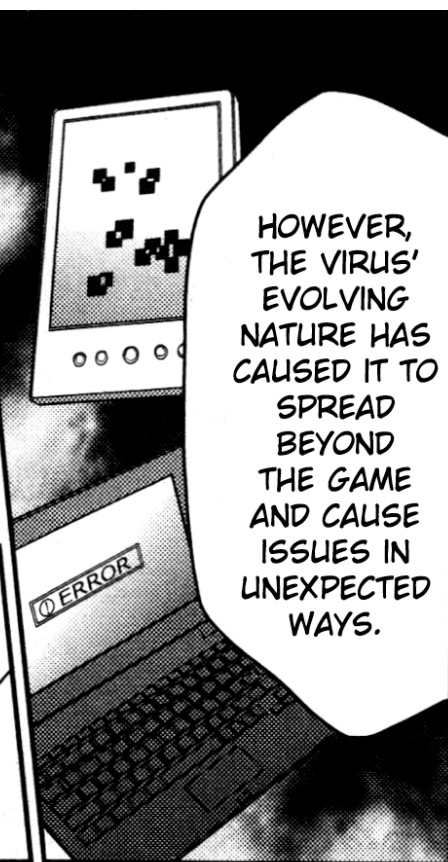
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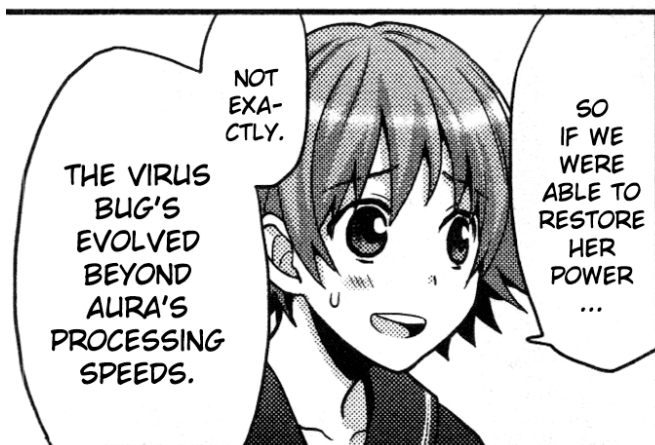


IF THEY
COULD,
THEY
WOULD'VE
BY NOW.

MANUFACTURED?

CAN'T THE
COMPANY
JUST
DELETE
IT?

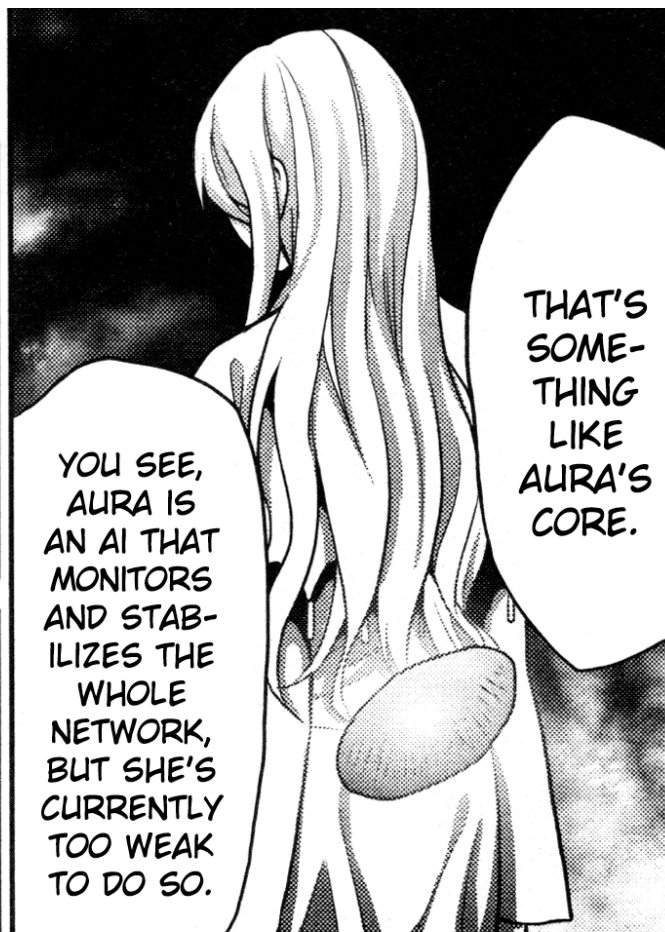




NOT
EXACTLY.

THE VIRUS
BUG'S
EVOLVED
BEYOND
AURA'S
PROCESSING
SPEEDS.

SO
IF WE
WERE
ABLE TO
RESTORE
HER
POWER
...



THAT'S
SOME-
THING
LIKE
AURA'S
CORE.

YOU SEE,
AURA IS
AN AI THAT
MONITORS
AND STAB-
ILIZES THE
WHOLE
NETWORK,
BUT SHE'S
CURRENTLY
TOO WEAK
TO DO SO.



SHE NEEDS
TO EVOLVE
TO MATCH IT.



YOU
WERE
CHOSEN.

THAT'S
WHERE
YOU
COME
IN.



BUT WHY
SORA?

CHOSEN
...?



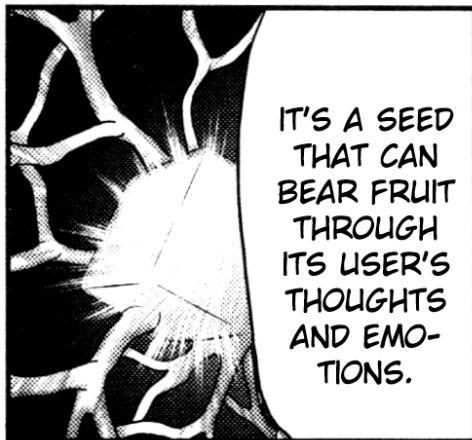
CAN'T YA
EXPLAIN
IT EAS-
IER?



IN SIM-
PLER
TERMS,
THEY'RE
ABLE TO
LINK UP.

IT'S
KIND OF
COMPLI-
CATED...

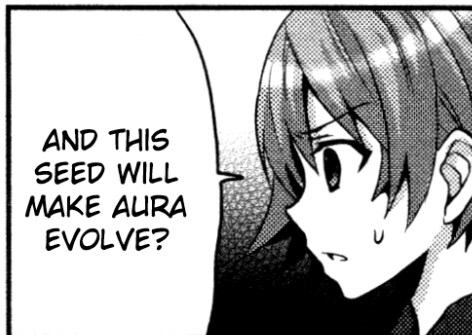
IT SEEMS
THAT BOTH
SORA'S
SYNAPTIC
WAVEFORM
AND AURA'S
ARE A
MATCH.



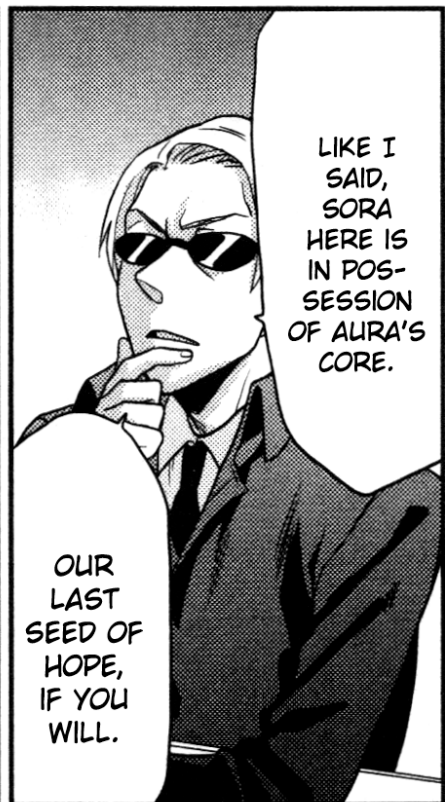
IT'S A SEED
THAT CAN
BEAR FRUIT
THROUGH
ITS USER'S
THOUGHTS
AND EMO-
TIONS.



A
SEED
...



AND THIS
SEED WILL
MAKE AURA
EVOLVE?



LIKE I
SAID,
SORA
HERE IS
IN POS-
SESSION
OF AURA'S
CORE.

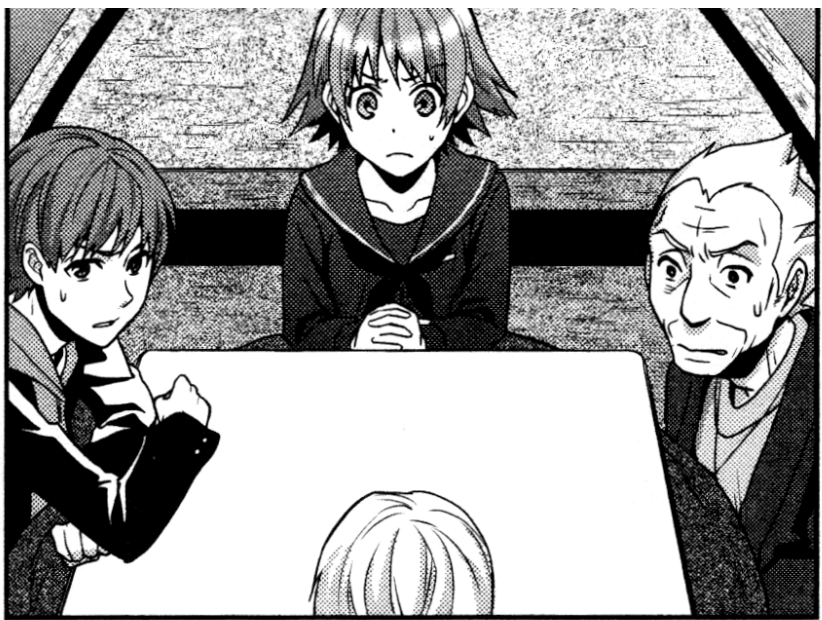
OUR
LAST
SEED OF
HOPE,
IF YOU
WILL.



THOSE WHO
LOST THEIR
CONSCIOUS-
NESS MIGHT
NOT COME
BACK,
RIGHT?

IF THEY
SIMPLY
WIPED ALL
THE DATA,
THEN...

IT'S NOT
THAT
SIMPLE.



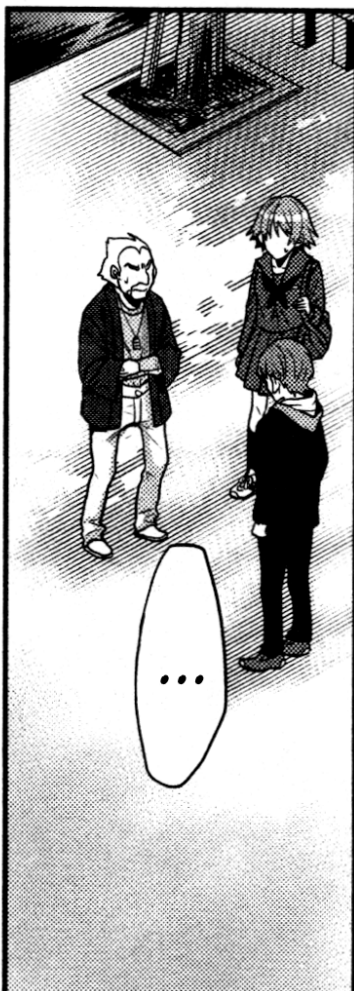


...



I'LL MEET YOU TO-NIGHT AT NINE.

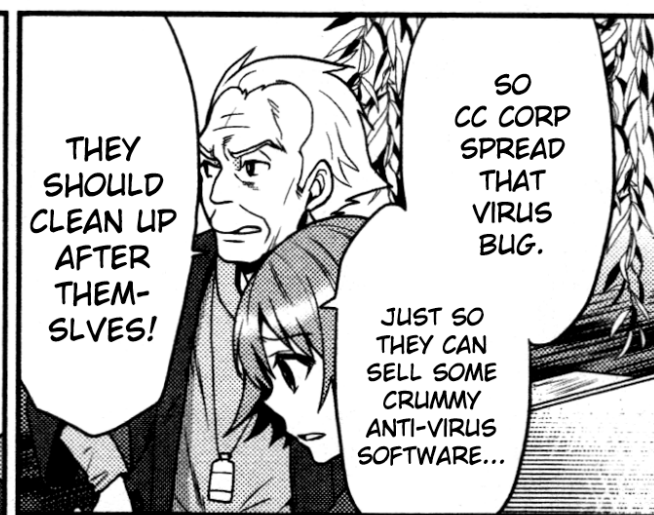
MAKE SURE YOU STAY ALIVE UNTIL THEN.



...



THOSE WHO LOST THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS MIGHT NOT COME BACK, RIGHT?



THEY SHOULD CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES!

SO CC CORP SPREAD THAT VIRUS BUG.

JUST SO THEY CAN SELL SOME CRUMMY ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE...



IF THEY SIMPLY WIPED ALL THE DATA, THEN...

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.



DAD IS WHAT!?

?



AH CRAP,
I GOTTA
TAKE
THIS.



HUH!?

HELLO?



I'M SORRY...
I GOTTA GO TO
THE HOSPITAL!



ONE
OF THE
COMPUTERS
THAT CONTROL
THE CONST-
RUCTION
MACHINES
MY DAD
USES WENT
HAYWIRE...

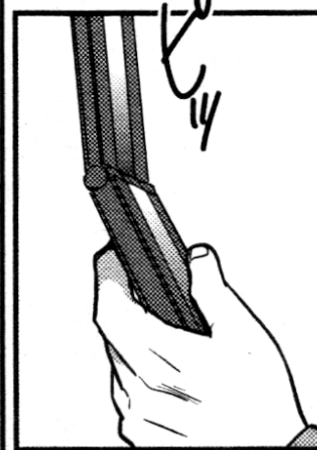
THERE
WAS AN
ACCIDENT
AT THE
SITE...

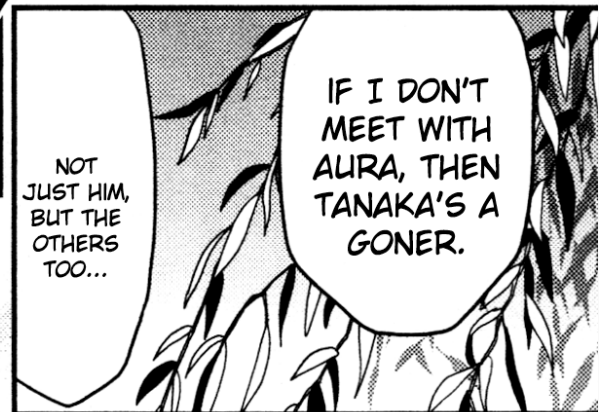
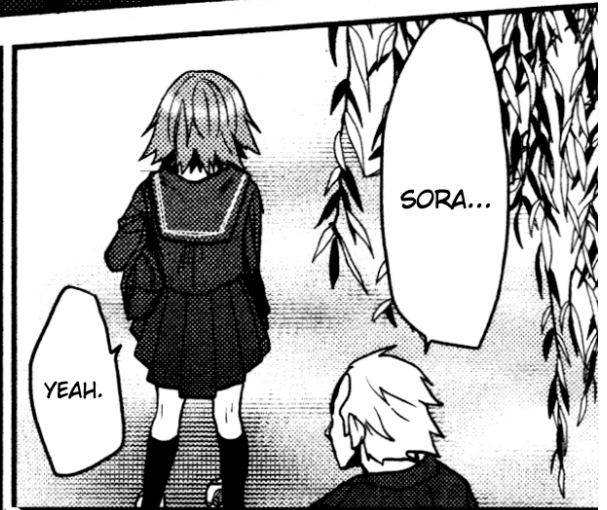
WHAT'S
WRONG,
MOHIKO?

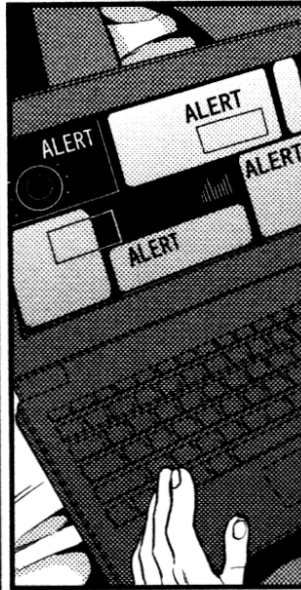


RIGHT...
OKAY...

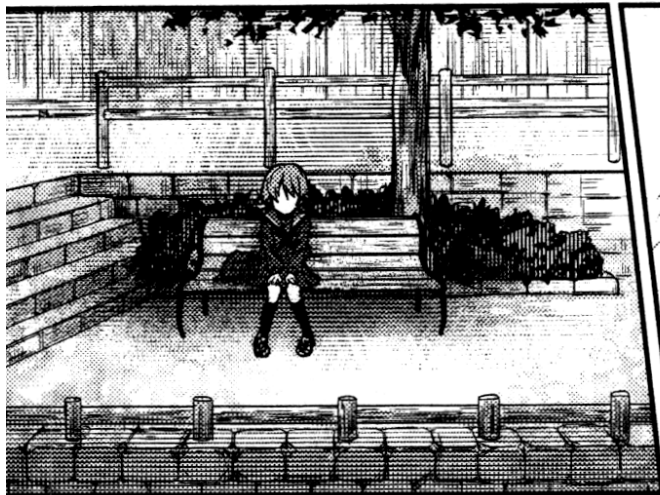
I'LL
COME
RIGHT
AWAY.













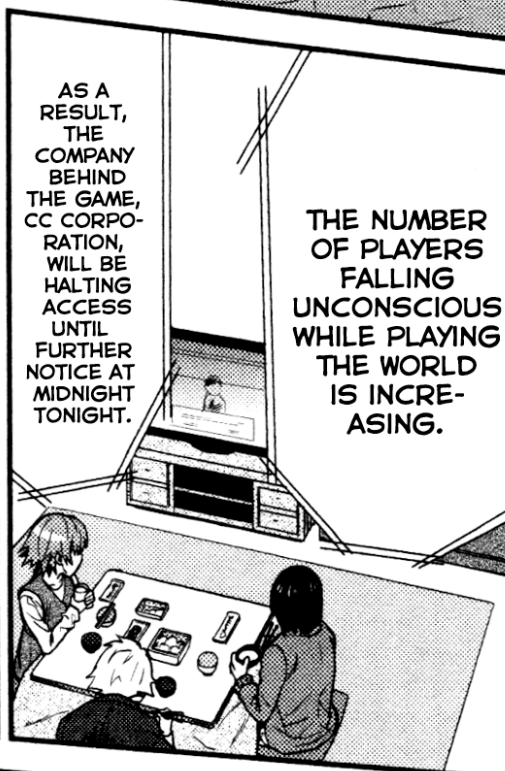
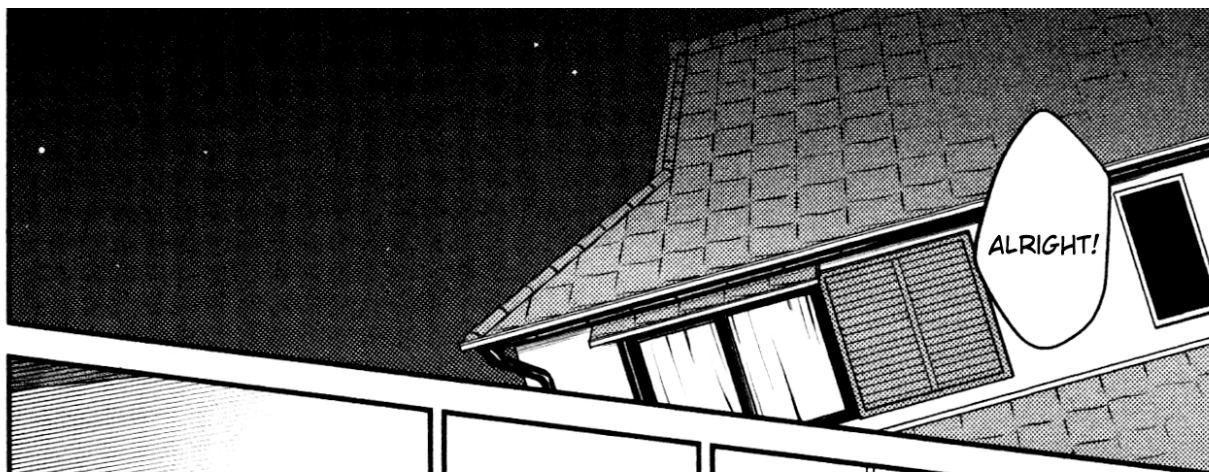
BUT...

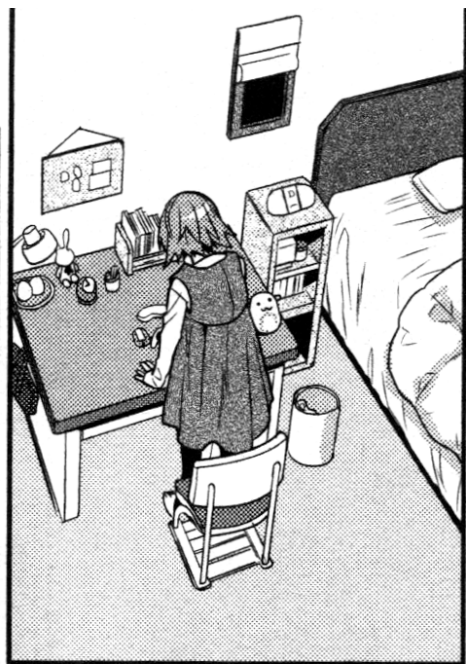
CAN I
REALLY
PULL IT
OFF?



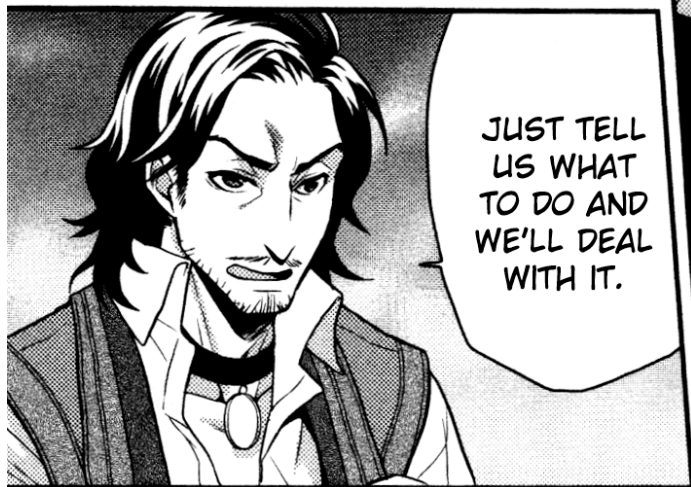
I KNOW
I'VE
COMMITTED
TO IT...







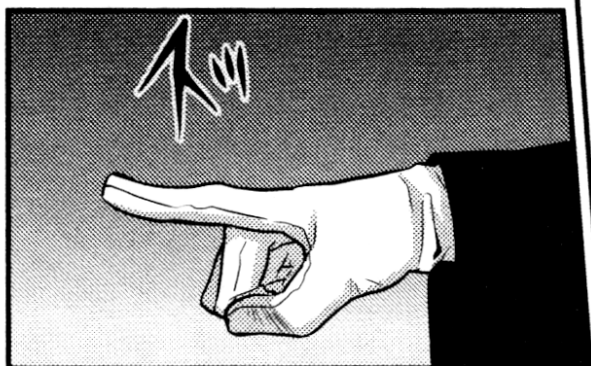




JUST TELL
US WHAT
TO DO AND
WE'LL DEAL
WITH IT.



THE
SITUATION
IS MORE
SERIOUS
THAN I
THOUGHT.



THE VIRUS
BUG IS
SPREADING
AT AN
ALARMING
RATE.



THAT'S
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOIN'.

I'VE OBSERVED
ANOMALOUS DATA
FLUCTUATIONS
NEAR THE HEAD
OF THE GODDESS
STATUE.

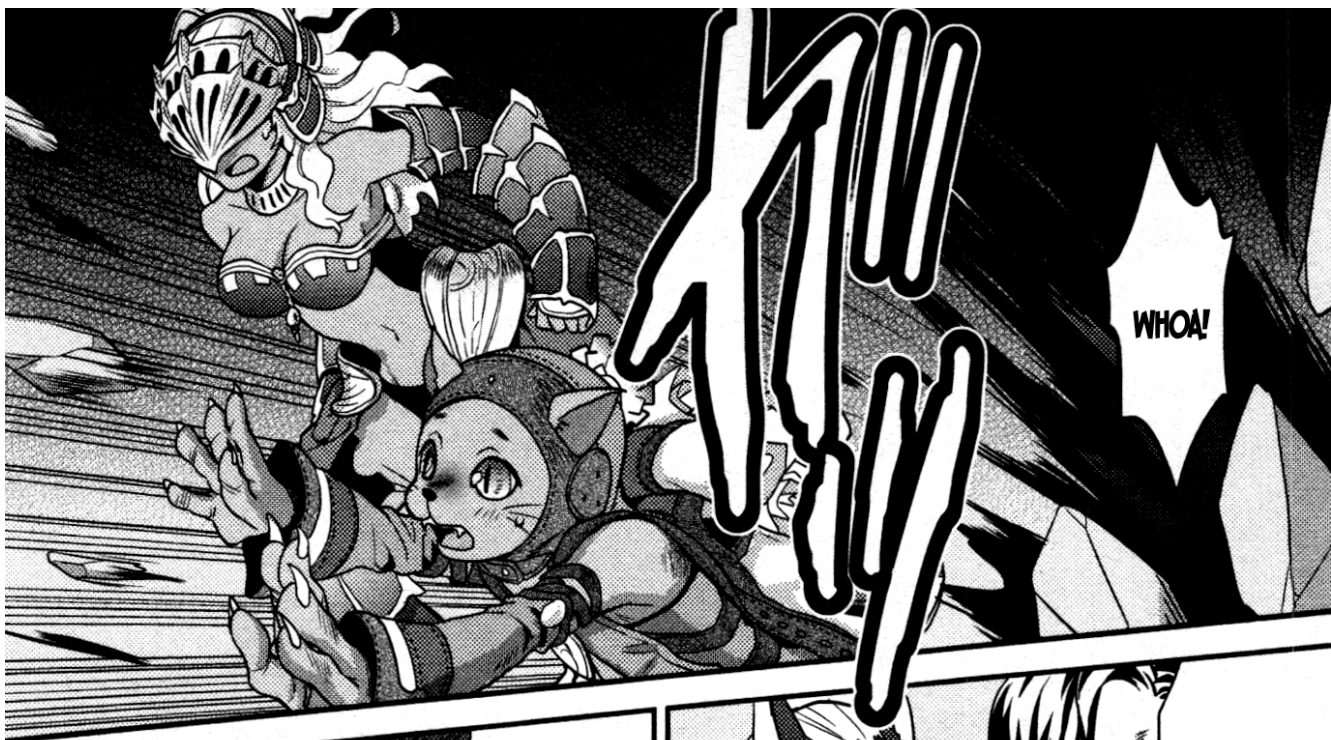


YEP.

大切なお知らせ

I'LL MEET
AURA
THERE?



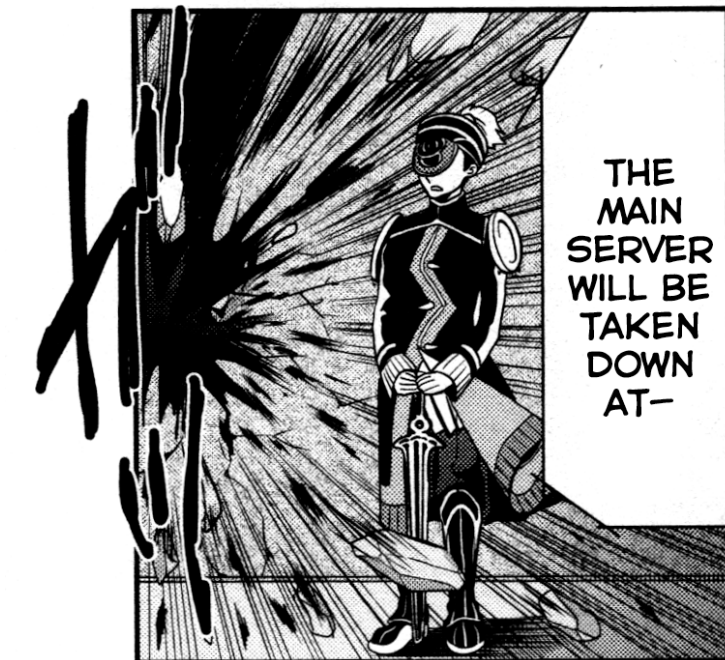


EVERY-
ONE GET
TO THE
PORT!!

LET'S
RIDE MY
AIRSHIP!



IF THAT
THING
TOUCHES
YOU, IT'S
ALL OVER.



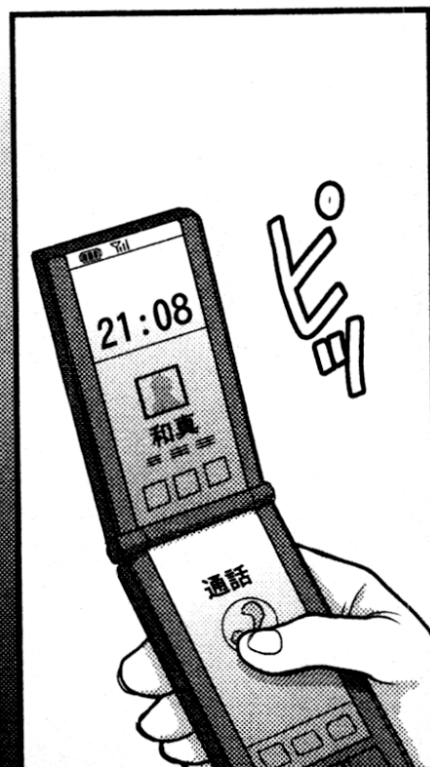
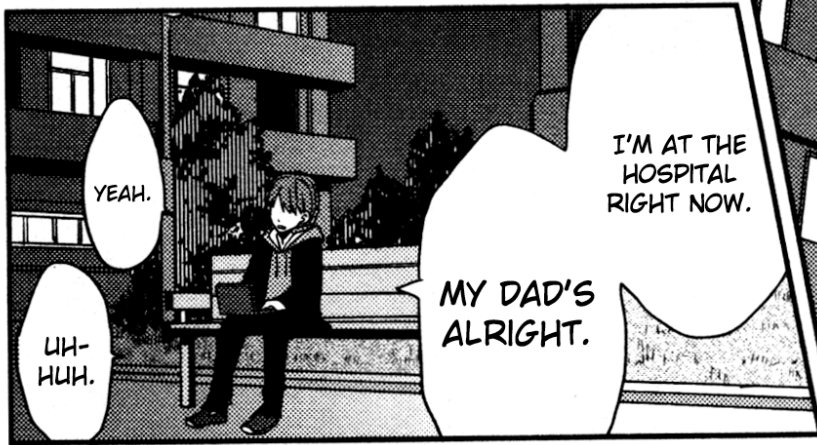
THE
MAIN
SERVER
WILL BE
TAKEN
DOWN
AT—













IS
EVERYONE
ON!?



THEN LET'S
GET GOIN'!