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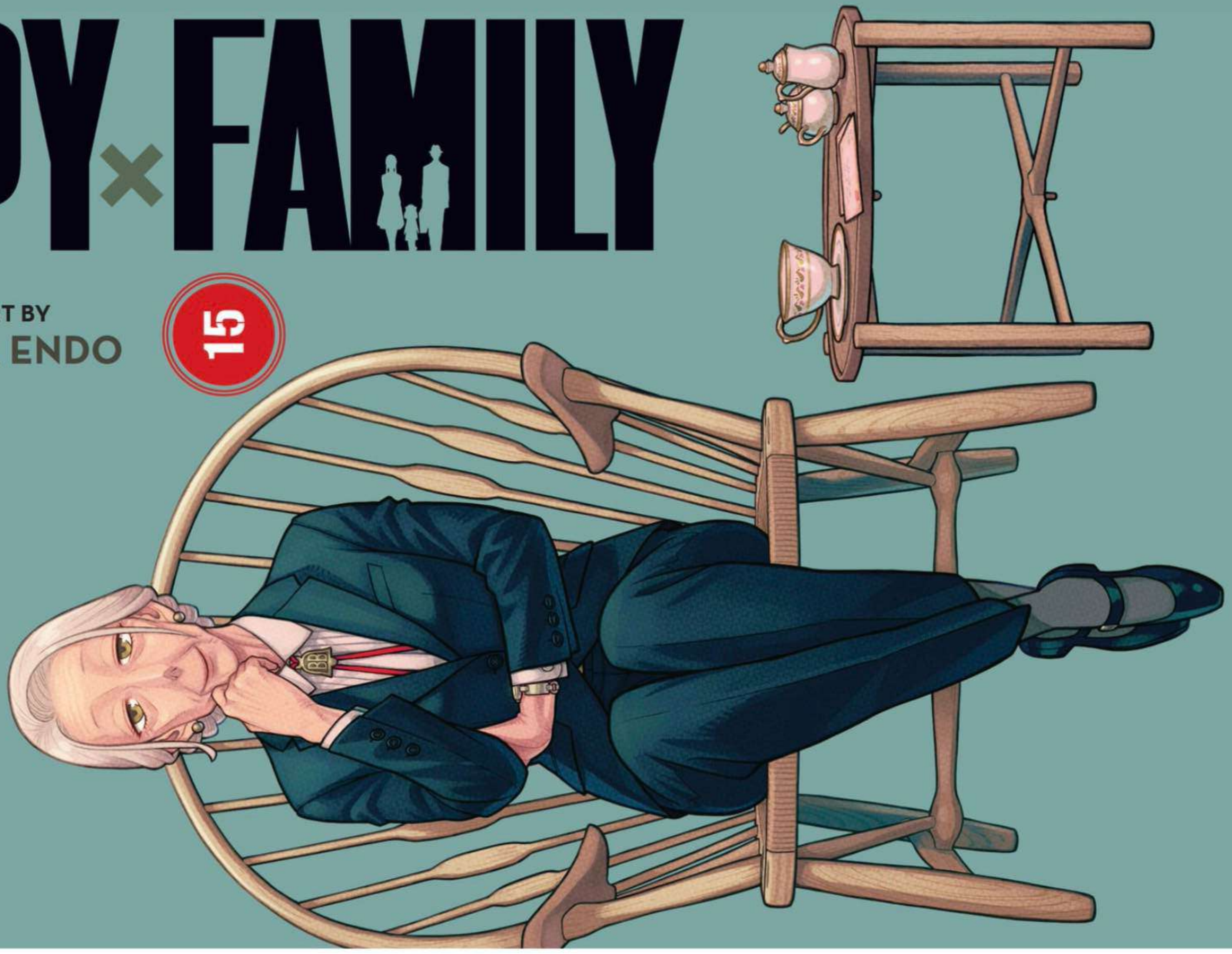

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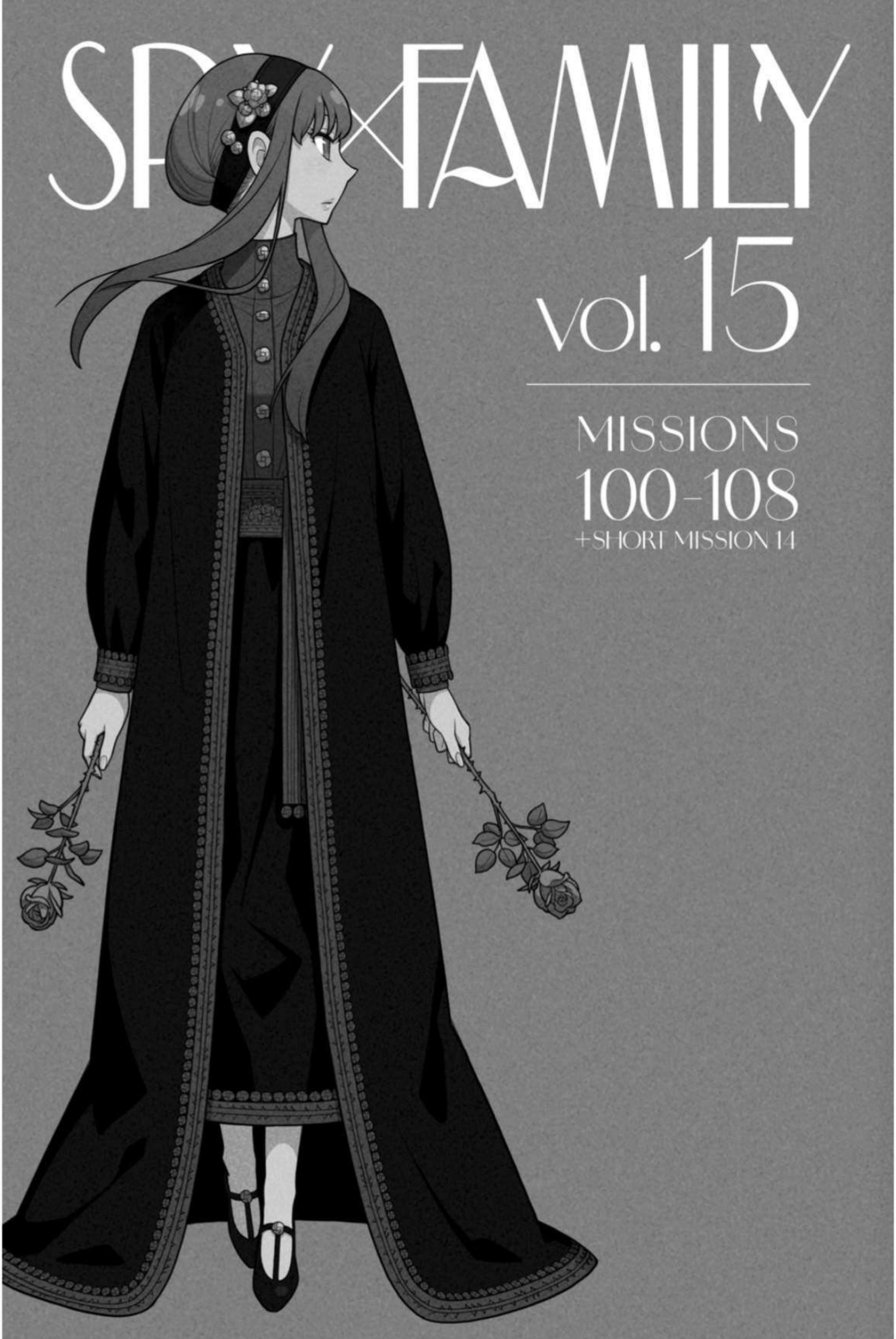

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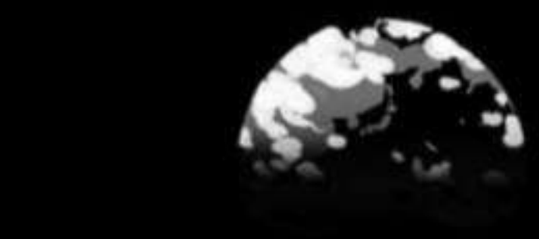

I'm not the sort of person who desires things, or has a vision for the future, or anything like that. But the one and only thing I would like to do is visit the moon one day. I'd like to sit by myself on its surface and just gaze at the earth from there.

—TATSUYA ENDO

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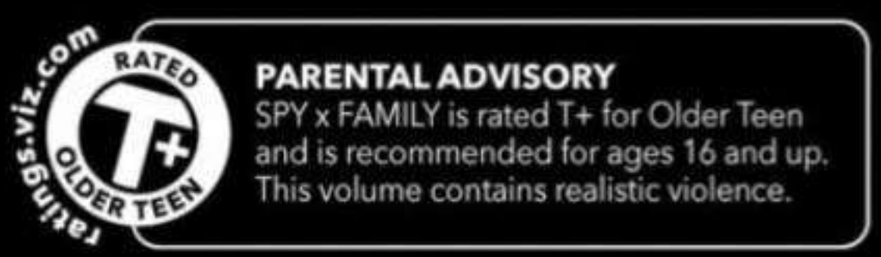

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SPY×FAMILY CHARACTERS

LOID FORGER

ROLE: Husband

Known as a skilled psychiatrist, Loid is actually "Twilight," a spy and master of disguise serving the nation of Westalis.

YOR FORGER

ROLE: Wife

A city hall clerk who also lives a secret life as a talented contract killer. Her code name is "Thorn Princess."

ANYA FORGER

ROLE: Daughter

Anya is a first grader at the prestigious Eden Academy. A telepath whose abilities were created in an experiment conducted by a certain organization. She can read minds.

BOND FORGER

ROLE: Dog

Anya's playmate and the family guard dog. As a former military test subject, he can see the future.

MISSION

OPERATION STRIX

Spy on Donovan Desmond, a dangerous figure who threatens to disrupt peace between the East and West. Must gain entry into the prestigious Eden Academy to breach the target's inner circle.

TARGET

DONOVAN DESMOND

The focus of Operation Strix. Chairman of Ostania's National Unity Party.

KEY PEOPLE

MARTHA MARRIOTT

Attendant to the Blackbells.

MELINDA DESMOND

Wife of Donovan Desmond.

HENRY HENDERSON

Housemaster at Eden Academy.

BECKY BLACKBELL

Anya's friend.

DAMIAN DESMOND

Second son of Donovan Desmond.

STORY

Westalis secret agent Twilight receives orders to uncover the plans of Donovan Desmond, the war-mongering chairman of Ostania's National Unity Party. To do so, Twilight must pose as Loid Forger, create a fake family, and enroll his child at the prestigious Eden Academy. However, by sheer coincidence, the daughter he selects from an orphanage is secretly a telepath! Also, the woman who agrees to be in a sham marriage with him is secretly an assassin! While concealing their true identities from one another, the three now find themselves living together as a family.

Anya is punished with a tonitrus bolt for her failing grade on a math test, even as she earns a stella star for an exemplary score on a classical language exam. Afterward, at a school party, Anya admits to Damian that she can read minds. Meanwhile, Henry and Martha are remembering how, during the war, they parted ways without ever declaring their feelings for each other. Henry recalls hearing that Martha's unit was to be tactically sacrificed, but matters didn't unfold the way he assumed...

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BABOOM

BOOM

KA-CHUNG

Ad-vance on their HQ!

BOOM

WHRR WHRR WHRR

A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE WAR'S END AND SHORTLY BEFORE HENRY LEARNED THE WOMEN'S COMBAT BATTALION HAD BEEN WIPED OUT...

Enemy tanks incoming!

FWI

SH

BOOM

Get down !!

KA BOOM

MISSION 100

AM I...

...ALIVE?

KEE

HOW MANY MIN-UTES?

HOW MANY HOURS...

...HAVE I BEEN UNCON-SCIOUS?

HOW MANY SEC-ONDS?

EEE

EEE

KOFF

EE

EE

NGH...

HSFF

HSFF

HSFF

BEING IN THE SHADOW OF THE ARTILLERY GUN MUST'VE SHIELDED ME FROM THE BLAST...

GRRP...

BB Co.

HSFF

HSFF

THANKS, BLACKBELL HEAVY INDUSTRIES.

VERO-NICA ...

LINDA.

JAS-MIN.

!!

SHK SHK SHK

EEP!

Oh!

BANG

BANG

HEY!

WSH

AAAHHH!

BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH A BUNCH OF TANKS?!

!

CAP-TAIN!

ZRM

DO NOT ABANDON YOUR POSITIONS, LADIES!

STAGGER

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, I'LL GLADLY PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY HERE AND NOW.

OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE AS A WALL TO BUY OUR COMRADES TIME.

POP

WHERE'S OUR ARTILLERY SUPPORT ?!

WE DIDN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO GET SHOT BY OUR OWN COMMANDERS!

ENEMY FIRE INCOMING!

WHAT THE HELL?!

WHAT...

GAHH!

BO

OM

STAGGER.

STAGGER

WAIT !!

WAIT ...

CUT THROUGH THE WOODS TO THE FIELDS IN THE SOUTH!

RETREAT!

FLAP

THE IRRIGATION CHANNELS SHOULD SLOW THE TANKS DOWN WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE SECOND COMPANY!

AAAH-HHH!

CAP-TAIN!

CAP-TAIN!

HE'S DEAD ...

YOUR ORDERS, LIEUTENANT!

KOFF KOFF

We need a medic here!

I DON'T WANNA BE HERE ANYMORE!

BOOM

BOOM

HUFF HUFF

STAGGER

NGH... WHERE IS EVERY-BODY ...?

SNIF-FLE

HUFF HUFF

STUMBLE

I'M SO COLD.

SNIF-FLE

GAH, IT HURTS!

SHK SHK SHK

DAD ...

MOM ...

GRIT

HENRY!

FWSH

SHE'S ONE OF THOSE EAST-ERN LADY SOL-DIERS!

A WOMAN !!

!!

FWP

KRMBL KRMBL

KLATTER

TMP TMP TMP

BAANG

BWAH!

SPLAT

THUD

BANG

Mmph!

OOF

FWIP

WHOA !!

BANG

BANG

WHY, YOU !!

BLUG

BLUG

BLUG

BLUG

BLUG

FWAHHH——…

…

…

KRAK

KRK

KRK

WHAT IS THIS PLACE …?

TWITCH

GAH!

BARK!

DID I MAKE IT BACK TO OSTANIA …?

KREE

Arf arf

MY WOUNDS HAVE BEEN TREATED…

I'M IN A PROPER BED…

OW…

THROB

KREAK

...

...

W-WHERE ...

UM...

UH...

HMPH.

!!

THIS IS WESTALIS.

MISS OSTANIAN SOLDIER GIRL.

Arf arf

IF I'D WANTED TO KILL YOU, I'D HAVE DONE IT ALREADY.

NO ONE'S GOING TO HURT YOU.

SHAK SHAK

NGH ...

DON'T GET UP.

ARF!

YOU BETTER THANK THIS DOG. BARON'S THE ONE WHO FOUND YOU HALF DEAD AT THE RIVERBANK.

...

BUT SHE TOOK GENTLE CARE OF ME UNTIL MY WOUNDS ALL HEALED.

THE WOMAN WAS CURT AND ALWAYS SCOWLING.

KREAK

YOUR ARMY UNI-FORM?

MY CLOTHES ...

UM, EX-EXCUSE ME...

NGH ...

STAGGER

STAGGER

Oh!

I THREW THOSE AWFUL RAGS AWAY.

TAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT OF MY DAUGHTER'S THINGS.

KREE...

KREE...

IT'S FINE. SHE WON'T BE NEEDING THEM.

KNIT KNIT

OH, RIGHT, I SAW HER PICTURE! BUT I COULDN'T JUST...

HER RIGHT LEG WAS THE ONLY PART OF HER THAT MADE IT HOME.

SHE PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR.

SO SHE DIED IN THE WAR...

AND YET DE-SPITE THAT ...

...SHE HAS NO ANGRY WORDS FOR THE EASTERN SOLDIER IN HER CARE.

KREE

KREE

FWSH

POST OFFICE! DELIVERY FOR YOU, MRS. ANABEL!

TING TING

I THINK I'M OKAY WALKING NOW, SO MAYBE I COULD HELP—

WOBL

UM ...

EERK

HM? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE WITH YOU TODAY?

YOU BE CAREFUL, ANABEL. I'VE BEEN HEARING REPORTS FROM ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS OF EASTERN ARMY STRAGGLERS SNEAKING INTO HOMES AND STEALING FOOD AND SUCH.

OH, THEY'D NEVER MAKE IT THIS FAR.

TING TING

OH, IT'S JUST BARON! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.

BARK!

DON'T GO SHOWING YOUR FACE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET KILLED, YOU TWIT.

AND EVEN IF IT WEREN'T, ANTI-EASTERN SENTIMENT IS BOILING OVER NATIONWIDE.

TMP

TMP

THIS VILLAGE IS FULL OF REFUGEES WHOSE HOMES BURNED DOWN IN THE WAR.

HMPH.

I'M SORRY.

WHAT A PATHETIC COUNTRY OSTANIA IS.

DUMPING A LITTLE GIRL LIKE YOU ON THE FRONT LINES OF A WAR...

I JUST WANT TO GO HOME!

YOU WESTERN-ERS ARE TO BLAME FOR THIS!

IT'S NOT LIKE ...

...WE WERE FIGHTING BECAUSE WE WANTED TO!

...

GOT IT?

YOU AND I HAVE NEVER MET.

SO LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, I'M IN DANGER TOO.

THEN GO AL-READY.

I'LL SNEAK OUT TONIGHT.

YES.

FAREWELL, MRS. ANABEL...

KREE

SO LONG, BARON.

PAT PAT

ZZZZ

ZZZZ

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE... IT'S BASICALLY THE SAME LATITUDE.

So east is that way...

THE STARS IN WESTALIS ARE THE SAME AS THE EAST.

FWSSH...

IT'S COLD!

SHAKE

TMP TMP TMP

TMP TMP TMP

I NEED TO GET HOME ...

HUFF HUFF

It's too dark to see anything...

WHY IS MY SENSE OF DIRECTION ALWAYS SO AWFUL?!

UH-OH, I THINK I'M LOST...

I WILL MAKE IT HOME ALIVE, NO MATTER WHAT!

KLENCH

SIGH

I'M FAR ENOUGH FROM THE VILLAGE. IT SHOULD BE SAFE HERE.

GUESS I SHOULD REST UP UNTIL DAWN.

TWO DAYS' WORTH OF BREAD, SOME MONEY...

...AND A WARM SCARF. THE ONE ANABEL HAD BEEN KNITTING LAST WEEK.

THERE'S ALSO...

GRRRMBL

RUSTL

I'M GETTING HUNGRY...

HM?

RUSTLE RUSTLE

WHAT'S THIS...?

Go Home

...A MAP WITH THE WORDS "GO HOME" SCRAWLED ON THE CORNER.

PLIP
PLIP

DEAR HENRY...

SNIFF

...I'VE GOT SO MANY STORIES LIKE THAT TO TELL YOU.

WESTALIS HAS BEAUTIFUL NIGHT SKIES, DELICIOUS BREAD, AND KINDHEARTED PEOPLE. WHEN I GET HOME...

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Direction Martha was swept by river

Western army

Front line where Martha was fighting

Retreating Ostanian army

I DOGGEDLY PLODDED EAST, MY ANXIETY RISING AS EACH STEP BROUGHT ME CLOSER TO THE FRONT LINE.

front line

East-West Border

GUN SMOKE, IRON, LEATHER, OIL, DUST, AND FIELD KITCHEN SOUPS...

THE STENCH OF THE ARMY GREW THICKER IN EACH TOWN I PASSED THROUGH.

A store, a store...

I NEED TO TRY TO BUY SOME-THING WITH THE MONEY ANABEL GAVE ME!

I'M ALL OUT OF BREAD. I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS.

SO HUNGRY I COULD DIE.

GRRMBL

SOUP ...

I'M SO HUNGRY.

OH... ERR, AH...

DO YOU HAVE YOUR RATION CARD?

FOOD? MOST OF OUR STOCK HAS BEEN REQUISI-TIONED BY THE ARMY.

UM...RIGHT, I LEFT MY RATION CARD AT HOME! I'LL RUN BACK AND GET IT!

...

WHOOSH

YOUNG LADY, HAVE YOU BEEN LEFT ALL ALONE AT A TIME LIKE THIS? ARE YOU LOCAL?

MISSION 101

NOTICE!

LOOTING BY OSTANIAN SOLDIERS IS ON THE RISE. IF YOU WITNESS SUCH A CRIME, REPORT OR ELIMINATE THE THIEF IMMEDIATELY.

HUFF

HUFF

She's one of those Eastern lady soldiers!

A woman!

SNIP

SNIP

BAAH

BAAH

BAAH

SHIVER

...AND SOME INFORMATION.

I'm sorry, Anabel, for leaving your daughter's clothes here...

BAAH BAAH

I NEED TO FIND SOME MEN'S CLOTHES...

IF I CAN'T GET BACK TO THEM SOON, I'LL BE LEFT BEHIND. BUT THERE COULD BE LAND MINES, SO I'LL NEED TO CHOOSE MY ROUTE WITH CARE.

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER

I'LL NEED TO FIGURE THAT OUT MYSELF.

AS USEFUL AS THIS MAP IS, IT DOESN'T HAVE MILITARY POSITIONS.

BUT FROM WHAT I'VE OVER-HEARD FROM THE TOWNS-FOLK, THE OSTANIAN ARMY IS IN THE MIDST OF A MAJOR RETREAT.

IF SCATTERED OSTANIAN SOLDIERS ARE SHOWING UP IN THESE TOWNS, THEN THE FRONT LINE CAN'T BE FAR FROM HERE. OR SO I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE...

HOW CAN I SLIP PAST THE WESTALIS ARMY TO RETURN TO THE EAST?

MY, UM... GRAND-MOTHER GAVE IT TO ME...

LOW VOICE... LOW VOICE...

THAT RIGHT? THEN TAKE CARE YOU DON'T GET THAT CONFISCATED BY THE MILITARY.

JOLT

WITH A MAP LIKE THAT, YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS ON SOME PRETTY SENSITIVE MATERIAL, LAD.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS I CAN GET MY HANDS ON SOME FOOD!

TMP TMP

I CAN'T RISK STAYING HERE ANY LONGER.

AND SO MY LONG WALK CONTINUED.

ALL WHILE FEARING AN ENEMY ATTACK.

HUNGER ...

FIGHT-ING COLD...

These might be edible.

THAT DETERMI-NATION WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KEEP MY FEET MOVING.

"I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE PEOPLE I LOVE."

IT HAD BEEN A FOOL'S ERRAND ALL ALONG.

OR SO I THOUGHT. BUT I WAS WRONG.

I SHOULD AT LEAST BE NEAR THE FRONT BY NOW, BUT I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING AT ALL.

WHERE IS THE EASTERN ARMY?

IT HARDLY MATTERS NOW. I CAN'T WALK ANOTHER STEP.

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

VRRR

SKREE

VRRR

AN ENGINE...?

!!

THAT'S A MILITARY VEHICLE!

VRRM

LOOKS OSTANIAN. GOTTA BE.

IT'S ALL OVER ...

WESTALIS SOLDIERS!

WHAT'S THAT? SOMEONE COLLAPSED ON THE ROAD?

LOWER YOUR WEAPON. LET HIM BE.

GRK

CHAK

THINK I SHOULD FINISH HIM OFF?

THE WAR'S OVER, REMEM-BER?

THE WAR...

...IS OVER?

VRRRM

WAIT ...

AND LIKE SOME BUG, I WAS BEING DRAWN IN BY ITS LIGHT.

JUST THAT THE EASTERN SKY WAS SHINING MUCH MORE BRIGHTLY.

I DON'T REMEMBER TOO MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

CLANK CLANK CLANK

CLANK

VRRR

RMMM

AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS BEING NURSED BY OSTANIAN TROOPS WHO'D BEEN ASSIGNED TO CLEANUP DUTY NEAR A FORWARD OUTPOST.

IN THE END, I WAS CRAWLING ALONG THE GROUND.

KOFF

KOFF

CLANK

I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER SOLDIERS WHO HADN'T MADE IT HOME...

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

KOFF

KOFF

KOFF

?

I SAW YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER!

HEY, YOU'RE MARTHA, FROM THE WOMEN'S BATTALION, RIGHT?

I HEARD YOUR WHOLE UNIT GOT WIPED OUT!

I SURE AM GLAD YOU MADE IT BACK ALIVE.

YOU OKAY? WANT SOME WATER?

SLOSH

C'MON, CHEER UP! THE WAR IS OVER! WE ALL GET TO GO BACK HOME!

CLANK

CLANK

KOFF

...

?

WE DIDN'T WIN. OR LOSE.

WHAT WERE WE EVEN FIGHTING FOR...?

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ANY OF IT?

CLANK

CLANK

I'M SURE IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.

YEAH ...

THIS WASN'T THE END TO THE WAR THAT ANYONE HAD WANTED...

CITIES LIKE BERLINT MADE IT THROUGH THE WAR COMPLETELY UNSCATHED! AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF US!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WE WERE FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR HOMES, AND THANKS TO ALL OF US, WE DID!

GRIN

MY NAME'S PAUL!

I'M FROM BERLINT!

BUT IF WE ALL COULDN'T FIND SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO CELEBRATE ...

...THEN OUR HEARTS WERE LIKELY TO SHATTER COM-PLETELY.

BY THE WAY, THANKS.

WE HAD A LONG AND BUMPY RIDE AHEAD OF US.

WHAT?! NO WAY!

I'M FROM BERLINT TOO.

"WE'RE COMING HOME ALIVE."

ONCE WE CROSSED THE BORDER, WE ALL BOARDED A TRAIN.

KOFF

DROOP

THAT SENSE OF RELIEF HAD GIVEN US A NEW BURST OF VITALITY, BUT IT WAS RAPIDLY EBBING AWAY.

BLRF

WHEN WE GET BACK TO BERLINT, HOW ABOUT YOU AND I GET MARRIED?

BLINK...

KOFF

KOFF

HERE YOU GO, MARTHA. HAVE SOME WATER.

GLUG GLUG

LISTEN, MARTHA ...

NO!

ALREADY GOT A HUSBAND?

KOFF KOFF

I C-CAN'T!

HUH ...

WELL, THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON TO HEAL UP AND COME HOME HEALTHY.

BUT MY HEART DOES BELONG TO AN-OTHER.

...WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM?

FWOO

WHEN I DO GET HOME...

Have some water, Tommy.

WOBL WOBL

...

WE SPENT WEEKS ON THAT TRAIN. EACH TIME WE STOPPED, MORE PEOPLE GOT OFF.

...WE ARRIVED IN BERLINT.

UNTIL FINALLY ...

CLATTER

WE'RE HERE ...?

YEAH!

YEAH!

SHK

SHK

SHK

PAUL, WAKE UP!

THEY SAID WE'RE IN BERLINT!

WE'RE HOME!

IT'S BER-LINT!

WOO-HOOO!

BUT THAT ...

GUESS HE COULDN'T HOLD OUT LONG ENOUGH.

HIS BODY WAS ALREADY COLD LAST NIGHT.

PAUL ...?

ANYWAY, WE GOTTA GET OFF THE TRAIN.

PLENTY OF OTHER FOLKS DIDN'T MAKE IT EITHER.

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THAT ISN'T FAIR!

TMP

WE'RE BACK HOME.

SHUF

LOOK, MISS, WE GOTTA GET OFF NOW.

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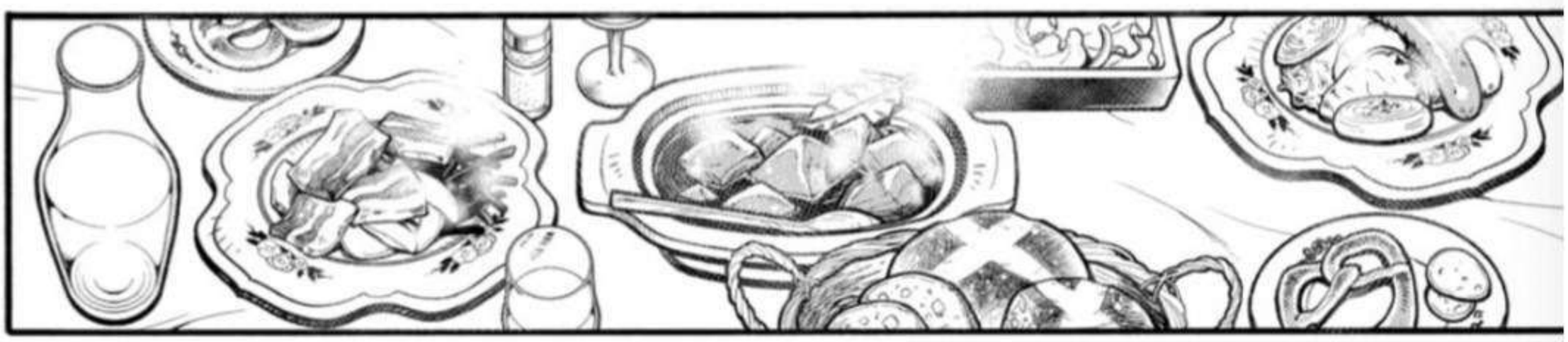


OKAY...

RIIIING
RIIIING

WAIT!

CHAK

TO SCHOOL!

MARTHA? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

IT IS? I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS THE WEEKEND ...

IT'S THE WEEKEND, SO NONE OF THE TEACHERS WHO LIVE OFF CAMPUS ARE HERE, DEAR.

OH! MR. FOWLER!

COULD IT BE...MISS MARRIOTT? IS THAT REALLY YOU?

IT MAY BRING YOU SOME UNWANTED ATTENTION IN THE DAYS TO COME.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

YOUR WOMEN'S BATTALION WAS ALL OVER THE NEWS.

Oh! Oh!

I KNEW IT!

PAT PAT

I'M SO RELIEVED YOU MADE IT HOME SAFELY!

ACTU-ALLY...

WELL ...

MR. HENDERSON'S HOME ADDRESS?

OKAY, I'VE MARKED IT ON THIS MAP FOR YOU.

HE ONLY MOVED THERE A SHORT WHILE AGO.

VRRR

BADMP BADMP BADMP

TEP TEP

TMP TMP TMP TMP

HUFF!

HUFF!

TMP

TMP

TMP

HUFF!

TMP

HUFF!

WAH!

THUD

OH, THANK YOU, I'M FI—

YOUNG LADY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

PSST PSST

NGH ...

HEN
...

QUIVER

...RY
...?

IT CAN'T BE...

BUT... YOU...

MARTHA ...?

WAAA

YOU'RE ...
YOU'RE ALIVE!
MARTHA, YOU...
HIC
I...
I...
I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH ...
YOU MADE IT BACK!
SKWEEZ
YOU MADE IT BACK!
...
FOR SO LONG, I'VE —
OH MY, HENRY!
GRRD
HENRY ...
OH, HENRY !!

WHO MIGHT THIS BE?

AH ...

SHE WAS A STUDENT OF MINE.

THAT IS MY WIFE.

SHE'S JUST RETURNED FROM THE WAR...

OH MY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

HENRY, WHY NOT INVITE HER TO DINNER?

HENRY ...

WHO IS THAT?

WE... JUST GOT MARRIED.

ONE MONTH AGO.

TWINGE

TWINGE

I'M HENRY'S WIFE, LUCIA.

BOW

OH, WHERE ARE MY MAN-NERS?

...

WHAT?

THROB

THROB

THROB

KRAK

AND WITH THAT, MY ADOLES-CENCE CAME TO AN END.

I JUST COULDN'T ACCEPT IT.

IT HURT ME MORE THAN ANY WOUND I SUFFERED DURING THE WAR.

Is that so? Congratu-lations.

I CURSED MYSELF.

I CURSED OUR ERA.

I REMEMBER SOMEHOW WRINGING THOSE QUAVERING WORDS OUT OF MYSELF.

THIS CAN'T BE HOW IT ENDS!

NO! THIS SUCKS!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

PLEASE GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, YOUNG MISS.

HOME WRECK-ING IS A NO-NO, YOUNG MISS.

GASP GASP GASP

WHY DIDN'T YOU STEAL HIM BAAAACK ?!

BUT... BUT THAT WOMAN!

NOOO-OOOO!!

GUUUSH

... WAS, IN FACT, A VERY FINE PER-SON.

THAT WOMAN ...

I CERTAINLY WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT BEING MARKETED TO THE ORGANIZERS AS A SURVIVOR OF THE WOMEN'S BRIGADE.

AND IT WAS VEXING NOT BEING ABLE TO DANCE AS WELL AS I WANTED TO, ON ACCOUNT OF MY INJURIES.

THANKS TO THE GREAT EFFORTS OF HIS NIECE AND HER NEW HUSBAND, I WAS ABLE TO DANCE BALLET AT ONE OF THEIR CHARITY EVENTS.

HER UNCLE WAS A DISTINGUISHED MAN WHO WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING THE POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION.

BUT I GOT TO PERFORM IN THE THEATER OF MY DREAMS.

AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THE WARM APPLAUSE OF THE AUDIENCE.

IT ALMOST FELT AS IF I'D PERFORMED IN A WORLD WHERE THE MARLOV BALLET STILL EXISTED, AND I HAD BEEN ABLE TO JOIN IT.

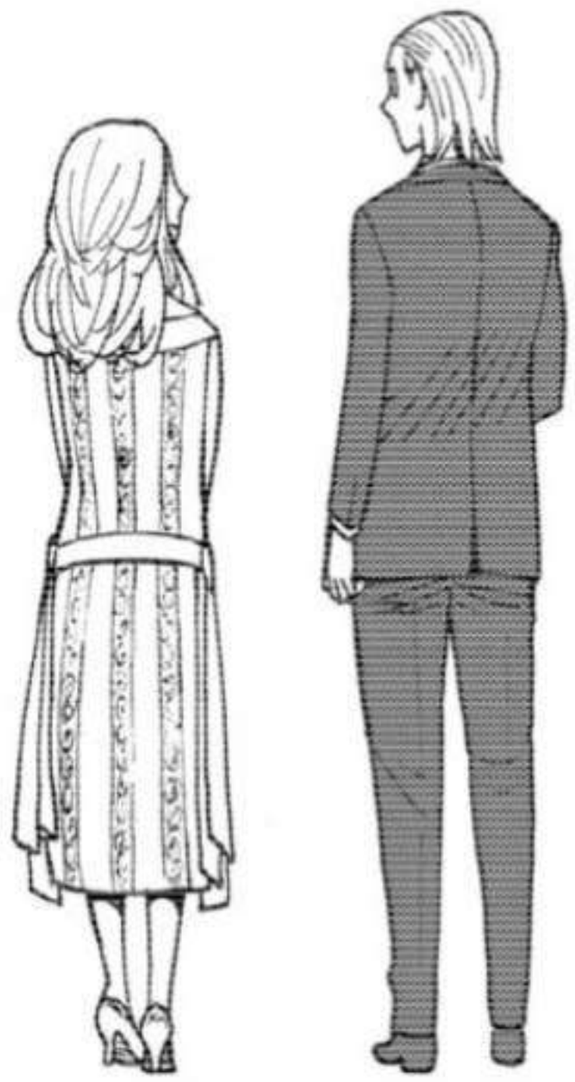
ON THAT STAGE, I EXPERIENCED WHAT IT MEANT TO FEEL ALIVE AGAIN.

AND I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GRASP THAT I HAD AN ENTIRE LIFE AHEAD OF ME.

AND WHILE MY HEART STILL HURT, IT MADE ME VERY HAPPY THAT SHE FELT THAT WAY.

AND SHE WAS THERE WATCHING, AS HAPPY FOR ME AS IF SHE HAD BEEN THE ONE ONSTAGE.

I FELT PRIDE IN HAVING LOVED SUCH A GOOD AND FAITHFUL MAN.



AND *HE* LOVED HIS WIFE DEARLY, JUST AS A HUSBAND SHOULD.

THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED INNOCENTS INTO IT WITH THEM!

IF ALL THE SNOOTY ELITES WANTED WAR SO MUCH, THEY SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT!

YOUNG MISS.

GAH! IF ONLY THAT STUPID WAR HADN'T BROKEN OUT, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE YOUR DREAMS AND YOUR LOVE FULFILLED.

AWWW... I STILL CAN'T ACCEPT THAT.

...THAT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO FEEL ABOUT IT AFTER MANY YEARS HAD PASSED.

OR AT LEAST ...

Hmph!

WHAT... SORTS OF THINGS?

IT'S FULL OF ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER IN VERY COMPLI-CATED WAYS.

THE WORLD IS NOT SO SIMPLE A PLACE AS THAT.

IF I KNEW, I WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'M SURE THAT'S DUE TO SOME ANIMAL INSTINCT DEEP WITHIN US.

AH, YOU SEE, IT'S THE THINGS THAT WE *DON'T* UNDERSTAND THAT MAKE US FEEL UNEASY.

SO WHAT DID YOU MEAN? DON'T BE SO VAGUE! TELL ME!

YAWN

I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN MYSELF.

BUT LATCHING ON TO SUCH ASSERTIONS AND PERSUADING YOURSELF OF THEIR TRUTHS— THAT'S A CERTAIN SORT OF WEAKNESS. AND IT'S A DANGEROUS ONE.

AND MAYBE IT IS THAT SIMPLE. AND MAYBE IT ISN'T.

"THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY ARE JUST PLAIN EVIL." OR "IT'S THE ELITES DOING AS THEY PLEASE AGAIN."

SO WE CONVINCE OURSELVES THAT WE *DO* UNDERSTAND THINGS WE DON'T, IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR-SELVES FEEL BETTER.

I FOUGHT IN THE SECOND EAST-WEST WAR TOO, AND EVEN AFTER THAT, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AT ALL.

JUST THAT BATTLE-FIELDS ARE TRAGIC AND MISERABLE PLACES.

THAT WAS THE ONLY TRUTH I KNEW FOR SURE.

UGH ...

ACCEPTING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT AS TRYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH.

HE WAS FURIOUS TOO, AND SAID THE EXACT SAME THING!

OF COURSE, I WAS QUITE CONFLICTED ABOUT IT MYSELF.

WAIT, WHAT? YOU WENT BACK TO WAR?! AFTER YOU'D BARELY SURVIVED THE FIRST ONE?!

Why ?!

SHHH

WAIT. IT ISN'T MR. HEN—

YOU SAID HE TAUGHT AT EDEN, RIGHT? IS HE STILL THERE? DO I KNOW HIM?!

ENOUGH WITH THE MYSTERY! TELL ME WHO HE IS!

HUFF...

HUFF...

Whaaat?!

ACCEPT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

Hee hee hee.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

TMP TMP

EVERYONE HAS THINGS THEY WISH TO REMAIN SECRET, DO THEY NOT?

IT IS UNCOUTH TO PRY, YOUNG MISS.

I'VE A BIT OF AN ERRAND TO RUN TODAY.

SO YOU'VE COME AS WELL.

HELLO, HENRY.

MARTHA!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 15 YEARS? HOW TIME FLIES.

I BRING THEM BECAUSE IT PLEASES ME TO DO SO.

AND WITH FLOWERS, LIKE EVERY YEAR... THANK YOU.

WHAT?

FLUSH

BUT I'LL GRANT THAT YOU'RE STILL EVERY BIT AS CHEEKY AS YOU WERE BACK THEN.

I THOUGHT MYSELF MUCH IMPROVED SINCE THE DAYS OF LONG AGO!

YOU BEING A TERRIBLE DANCER, FOR EXAMPLE.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT NEVER CHANGE.

THE PAS-SAGE OF TIME IS A CRUEL THING.

IT'S CERTAINLY LEFT ITS MARK ON US. JUST LOOK AT ALL OUR WRINKLES!

SHAAA

HAH ...

HEE HEE HEE ...

MM.

LOVELY WEATHER TODAY.

CHIRP

CHIRP

IF YOU'RE FREE AFTER-WARD, WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN ME FOR SOME TEA?

OH, THAT SOUNDS NICE.

IF THE BLEND'S NOT TOO BITTER, I'LL HAVE A CUP.

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ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
FLOP

CHAK

TOO MUCH WORK ...

ANYA, WOULD YOU BE A DEAR AND BRING ME THAT DUSTCLOTH?

WALKING IS TOO MUCH WORK.

DAZE
ROLL
ROLL

GASP!

Oh! Wow!

THERE SHE IS! RIGHT THERE! SHOWING HERSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO DAYS!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN GOOF OFF JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ON A BREAK FROM SCHOOL.

AWWW ...

LOOK!

SO CUUUTE!

BELLE!

IT'S BELLE, THE NORDIC SEAL THAT WAS FIRST SPOTTED HERE LAST WEEK!

ONCE AGAIN, A HUGE CROWD HAS ASSEMBLED AT THE EBER RIVER, HOPING TO GET A PEEK AT HER!

WE'RE NOT GOING.

PA—

EXPERTS HAVE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT SEEING A SEAL THIS FAR FROM THE OCEAN, AND SAY...

BELLE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE GOTTEN SEPARATED FROM HER PACK DURING HER SEASONAL SOUTHERN MIGRATION.

WHY WOULD A RESEMBLENCE TO BOND BE A REASON TO GO SEE HER?

Just look at Bond instead.

GASP

BUT, PAPA! SHE KINDA LOOKS LIKE BOND!

?

TOO BAD.

ROLL

I WANNA GO! I WANNA GO! I WANNA GO SEE BELLE!

ROLL

And get off the table.

AWWW...

Welcome home, Loid!

BESIDES, YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE SO LONG AS THERE'S HOMEWORK TO DO.

HEE HEE HEE.

So sick of this...

IS THERE NO ACTUAL NEWS TO REPORT?

WHY IS THIS SEAL THING ON EVERY CHANNEL RIGHT NOW?!

SHOULDN'T WE GO TO THE AQUARIUM FOR THAT?

YEAH, BUT... I'LL DO MY ANIMAL RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE SEAL! SO IT *IS* HOMEWORK!

ER... WELL, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A WILD ANIMAL, YOU SEE...

CHAK

I'M HERE AT THE EBER RIVER...

EARLIER TODAY, BELLE ...

CHAK CHAK

GAH!

STOP TRYING TO TRICK ME, AND GET BACK TO YOUR STUDIES!

I LOVE IT WHEN THE NEWS IS LIKE THIS.

THAT JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW PEACEFUL THE WORLD IS RIGHT NOW.

I GUESS... YOU HAVE A POINT.

I SUPPOSE THAT IS WHAT MY MISSION IS ALL ABOUT...

My childhood is over...

It's over...

WEEP

WEEP

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, YOUNG MISS.

A pleasure to see you, Mr. and Mrs. Forger.

YOU'RE HERE TO SEE BELLE TOO? THAT'S SO BASIC OF YOU.

I'M HERE FOR THE RESEARCH PROJECT! (IS WHAT I'M CLAIMING.)

IS THAT YOU, ANYA?!

BECKY!

OH!

AH ...

HELLO THERE, BECKY. GOOD DAY TO YOU, MARTHA.

How are you?

SQUEEEE! IT'S MY LOID! ♡

And my master!

DID YOU SEE BELLE YET?

WE JUST GOT HERE.

BLUSH

YIP YIP

RETURN THEIR GREETING, YOUNG MISS.

CLENCH

REMEMBER, BECKY— HOME WRECKING IS A NO-NO!

Calm down!

HEH HEH. NOW I'VE BECOME EVEN MORE GROWN-UP.

I'M GONNA BE A CLASSY LADY LIKE MARTHA AND NOT STEAL HIM AWAY.

SPROING

!

WILL YOU REALLY DO YOUR ANIMAL RESEARCH PROJECT?

AND I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER DUTIES TODAY...

I WONDER WHERE BELLE IS?

WORF!

WORF!

So exciting!

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL FIND HER THAT EASILY.

WAIT ...

KNOWING SHE'S IN THE EBER RIVER DOESN'T NARROW IT DOWN MUCH. WHAT PART'S SHE SUPPOSED TO BE IN?

I'M A SPY, AND ANYA'S FROM AN ORPHANAGE... I CAN'T RISK EITHER OF OUR FACES APPEARING IN THE MASS MEDIA!

NOW, NOW. LET'S NOT INTERRUPT THEIR BROADCAST. AND ISN'T EDEN ACADEMY STRICT ABOUT STUDENTS MAKING MEDIA APPEARANCES?

OH!

DO YOU GET MONEY FOR BEING ON TV?

I NEED TO PRACTICE FOR WHEN I'M A CELEB ON TV!

HEY, THEY'RE FILMING UP THERE! WANT TO GO BE ON THE NEWS?

GIVE IT UP, MISS BECKY.

But I want the masses to see how cute I look!

WHA-AAT?

Let's not.

I CAN'T. I'M HERE TO DO STOODIOUS RESEARCH. (IS WHAT I'M CLAIMING.)

WAR IS A NO-NO, MISS BECKY.

SHOW YOURSELF NOW, OR I'LL SEND A SUBMARINE INTO THAT RIVER TO—

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE, MAKING ME WAIT FOR YOU!

GRAB

GRRR!!!

BELLE ISN'T SHOWING HERSELF AT ALL!

SEE YOU, ANYA!

THAT'S IT, I'M LEAVING!

Let's play again soon!

BELLE HAS HER OWN LIFE TO LIVE. I'M SURE SHE'LL SHOW UP WHEN SHE FEELS LIKE IT.

WHY'S BELLE BEING SO RUDE?

I'M GETTING BORED TOO.

FWSHH

JUST STAY AWAY FROM THE RIVERBANK, OKAY?

WORF!

Let's go, Bond!

THEN I'M GONNA PLAY TILL THEN!

TO JUST RELAX AND LET GO?

TO NOT WORRY FOR A WHILE ...

TO NOT THINK FOR A WHILE ...

THMP

TO BE HONEST, WAITING IDLY ISN'T SOMETHING I'M GREAT AT EITHER.

BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT FEELS GOOD EVERY NOW AND THEN?

THMP

LOOK-ING BACK ON IT...

RIGHT AFTER WE GOT MARRIED.

WE DID THIS ONCE BEFORE. DO YOU REMEM-BER?

HUH.

JUST RELAX AND LET GO...

YOU SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THAT.

Look how weird!

Look, Bond, I caught a weird bug!

...YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD WRINKLES IN YOUR BROW SINCE THEN.

SHAAA

HUP

I GUESS THE "NOT WORRY FOR A WHILE" PART IS A BIT TOUGH FOR ME.

YOU DON'T SAY!

Hee hee hee.

SNIFF

SNIFF SNIFF

What'd you find, Bond?!

I TOLD THAT LITTLE BRAT TO STAY AWAY FROM THE RIVER-BANK!

!

RUSTLE RUSTLE

OH!

GURGLE GURGLE

SPLISH

TWITCH

IT'S BELLE!

...

C'mon!

HERE, GIRL! OVER HERE!

THE SEAL...!

YANK

WHAT DID I JUST TELL YOU?! IT'S DANGEROUS HERE!

PAPA! SHHH! SHHH!

SO SHE WAS HIDING HERE IN THE BACK-WATER.

MAYBE THERE'S MORE FOOD HERE?

ALWAYS CHASING ME.

HUMANS SCARY.

KRAKL

SCARY ...

YEAH!

WHY DON'T WE SIT QUIETLY AND LEAVE HER BE.

SHE MAY WELL BE, AFTER BEING PURSUED BY THOSE CROWDS ALL WEEK.

BELLE IS AFRAID OF US...

ROLL

SPLIIISH

YOU CAN MAKE BETTER RESEARCH OBSERVATIONS THAN THAT.

WORF!

SHE'S LIKE A SLICK VERSION OF BOND!

HEE HEE. SUCH A CUTIE.

DOOOZE

SEALS SURE ARE LAZY.

YEAH ...

SHE ACTUALLY UNDERSTOOD ME?

Maybe?

SHE SWAM AWAY!

SPLOOSH

OH!

IT IS LIKELY SHE GOT SEPARATED FROM HER HERD.

But she's not a person.

IS BELLE A MISSING PERSON?

OR MAYBE SHE'S JUST LONELY?

PSST!

THE OCEAN IS THAT WAY, BELLE!

A CRAW-FISH ...?

SPLOOSH

PY

TWITCH TWITCH

OO

SPLASH

WAH!

THIS TIME SHE REALLY IS SWIMMING AWAY.

SPLISH SPLISH

SFFFFSH

WAH! BOND GOT SNIS-SORED!

WORRGAHH!!!

Apparently some of the Project Apple research teams may still be operating ...

...

WHAT A SMART CREA-TURE.

WAS THAT HER WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU?

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

YES, LET'S.

BELLE'S GONE HOME, SO I WANNA GO HOME TOO.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

MAYBE I'M OVER-THINKING THIS.

MM ...

AND WHEN WE GET HOME, YOU'LL PROPERLY DOCUMENT ALL YOUR OBSERVATIONS?

DON'T USE YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT AS AN EXCUSE TO BE LAZY.

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND BELLE'S BEHAVIOR, WHEN WE GET HOME, I THINK I'LL DOZE OFF TOO.

VRRRMMM

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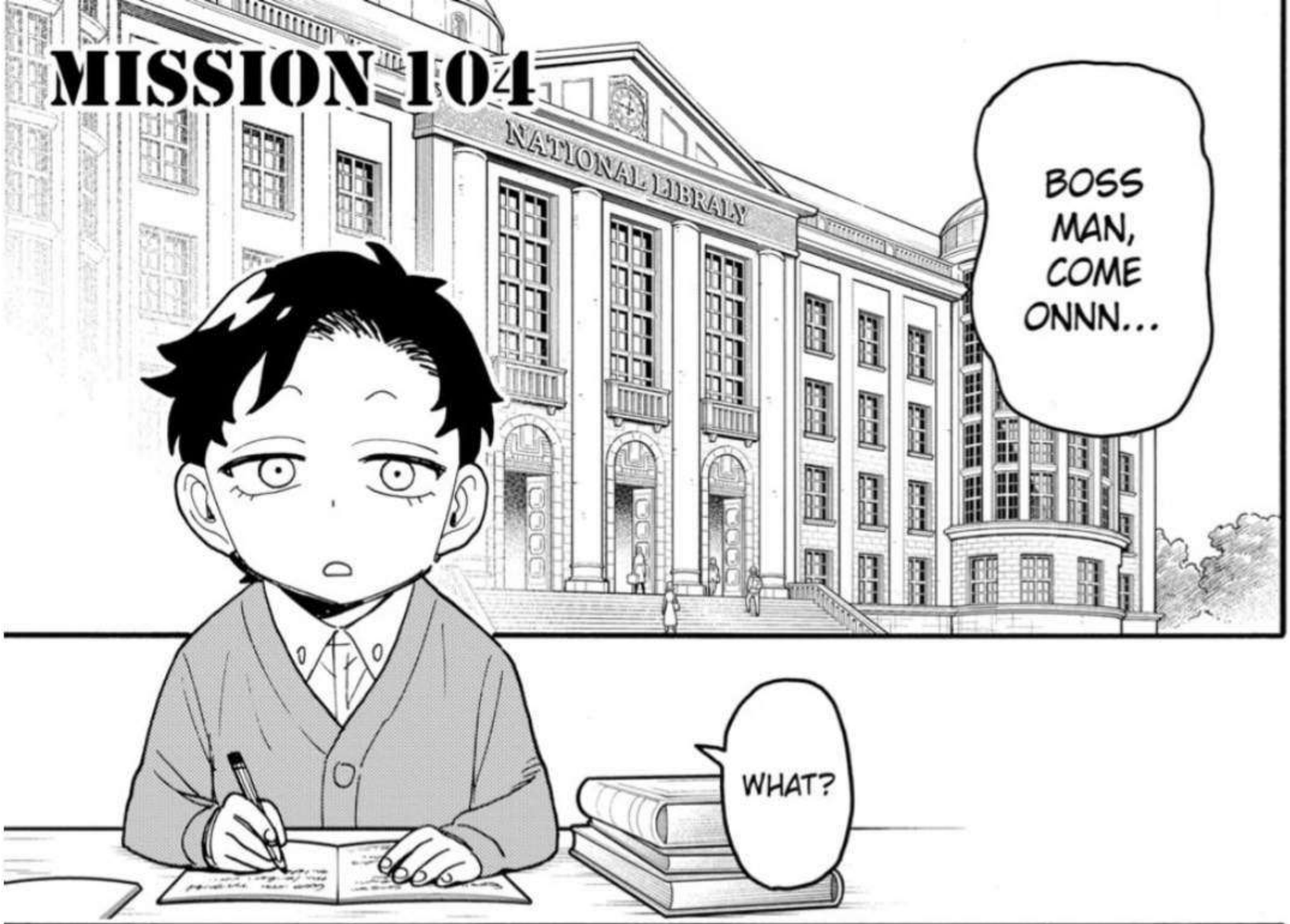
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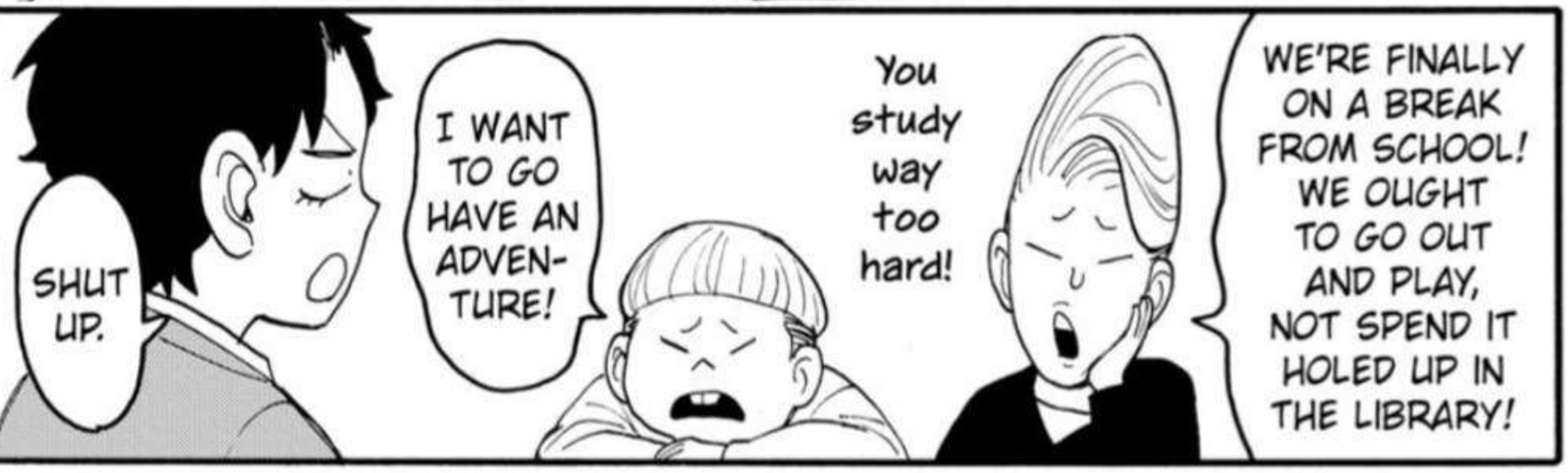
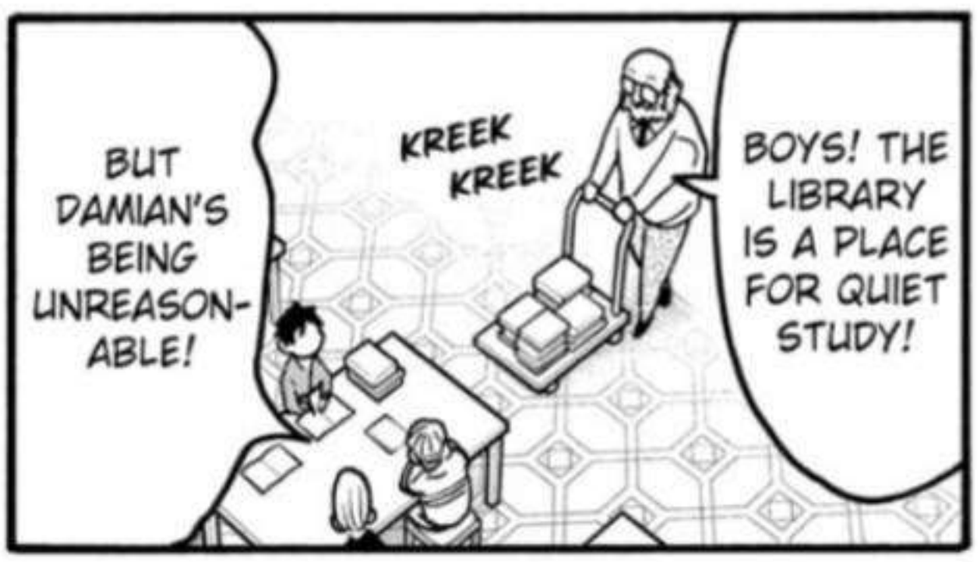
BOSS MAN, COME ONNN...
WHAT?


SHUT UP.
I WANT TO GO HAVE AN ADVEN-TURE!
You study way too hard!
WE'RE FINALLY ON A BREAK FROM SCHOOL! WE OUGHT TO GO OUT AND PLAY, NOT SPEND IT HOLED UP IN THE LIBRARY!

OH, I LOVE THIS SORT OF THING. AND BESIDES, I WANT TO MAINTAIN MY TOP RANK IN HISTORY AND THE STELLA THAT COME WITH IT.
A CHRONICLE OF THE SOUTH. ANNALS OF THE MITERAN EMPIRE. AREN'T YOU THE DILIGENT READER!
JUST LOOKING AT THESE BOOKS MAKES ME DROWSY...


BUT DAMIAN'S BEING UNREASON-ABLE!
KREEK KREEK
BOYS! THE LIBRARY IS A PLACE FOR QUIET STUDY!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
TH UD
I BROUGHT YOU SOME OLD TOMES THAT I FOUND IN STORAGE, MR. DESMOND.

HE'S RIGHT! WE SHOULD BE LIVING FOR TODAY. WE SHOULD BE GOING ON ADVENTURES OF OUR OWN.

BUT THAT'S, LIKE, ANCIENT HISTORY.

PAT PAT

LOOK! THIS ANCIENT CULTURE ONCE FLOURISHED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF OUR CONTINENT!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU SAY YOU WANT ADVENTURE?! WELL, HERE IT IS!

PROBABLY DUE TO WARTIME ADVANCES IN AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY. RUMORS WERE FLYING ALL OVER ABOUT MYSTERIOUS RUINS BEING PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE MILITARY OR SPOTTED BY PILOTS AND SUCH.

TREA-SURE HUNT-ING?!

YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A TREASURE-HUNTING BOOM FOR A WHILE AFTER THE WAR.

"THE EDEN ACADEMY ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM LAUNCHED AN EXCAVATION IN AN UNEXPLORED REGION. A STUDENT WHO JOINED THEM WON A STELLA STAR FOR HIS DISCOVERY OF AN EARTHEN-WARE SHARD."

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ARTICLE FROM BACK THEN!

POTTERY FOUND

SUDDENLY EVERYONE WAS ATWITTER ABOUT "BURIED TREASURE" AND "LOST SECRETS OF ANTIQUITY" AND SUCH.

TCH! WHAT A BUNCH OF MORONS.

OOH, WOW!

WOOOO!!

DUM DUM DUM DUM

TO THE STELLA— ER, HISTORIC RUINS!

NO RUNNING, MASTER DAMIAN. YOU COULD HURT YOURSELF.

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

I'M SURE THIS WASN'T HOW ANY OF US WERE HOPING TO SPEND OUR VACATIONS ...

THE EGEBERG BUTLER

THE ELMAN BUTLER

THE DESMOND BUTLER

WOOO

NO IDEA!

HEY, BOSS MAN! IS THE DIRECTION WE IMPULSIVELY STARTED RUNNING IN THE RIGHT ONE?!

SO THEN WE JUST NEED TO HEAD THAT WAY!

ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK, THE TEMPLE AT THE CENTER OF THE CAPITAL CITY, A MOUNTAIN TO THE EAST, AND THE SUN AT SUNRISE ARE ALL ALIGNED ON THE DAY OF THE SPRING EQUINOX.

BUT IT'S WINTER NOW, AND THE SUN ROSE HOURS AGO, SO...

You might have done that before we left.

YEAH, GOOD CALL.

MAYBE WE SHOULD CATCH OUR BREATHS AND CHECK THE BOOKS.

Don't get the library books dirty!

I WONDER... THIS AREA DID DRAW A LOT OF INTEREST DURING THE TREASURE BOOM, BUT...

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT BOOK IS RELIABLE?

DUM DUM DUM DUM

BOSS MAN, SLOW DOOOOWN!

YEAAAH!

THERE! THAT'S GOT TO BE THE MOUNTAIN TO THE EAST! IF WE GO WEST OF THAT, WE'RE SURE TO FIND SOMETHING!

LET'S GO ANY-WAY!

I'M TELLING YOU, JEEVES, YOU CODDLE THAT BOY TOO MUCH.

LET'S PLAY ALONG TILL THEY'RE SATISFIED, SHALL WE?

WELL, IT'S NOT OUR PLACE TO TELL THEM IT'S HOPELESS.

FINISH

LOOK OUT, MASTER DAMIAN!

HISS

THUNK

WORRY NOT, MASTER DAMIAN. I WILL LAY DOWN MY OWN LIFE IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOU.

NO! THERE'S A SNAKE, AND BUGS ARE EVERY-WHERE! THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO COME HERE!

EEK! A VENOM-OUS SNAKE!

DAAART

I MEAN, WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY-THING YET.

WE CAN'T GO BACK.

N-NO ...

IF YOU HATE IT THAT MUCH, DO YOU WANT TO GO HOME ...?

YOU OKAY THERE, BOSS MAN?

IT WOULD SULLY THE DESMOND NAME IF I WERE TO GO BACK NOW.

I'M NOT RETURNING WITHOUT A STELLA.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD STOP FOR A MEAL, THEN?

YEAH!

CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP CHOP

THAT SOUNDS GREAT!

A MUNK-STYLE EDIBLE PLANT SAUTE WITH FORAGED TRUFFLES AND WILD-CAUGHT VENISON.

STIR STIR

CHOP CHOP CHOP

IN TERMS OF BOTH STAMINA AND TIME, WE'VE GOT TWO TO THREE HOURS LEFT IN US, TOPS.

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S WRONG... NOT A SINGLE CLUE HAS LED US TO ANYTHING!

LITERATURE

BURP

NOW THAT OUR BELLIES ARE FULL, LET'S RESUME OUR EXPEDITION!

"THOSE BELOW" ...

GAH ...

MASTER DAMIAN, IT IS THE DUTY OF THOSE WHO STAND ABOVE TO HEAR THE VOICES OF THOSE BELOW.

I WANT TO SLEEP ON MY OWN SOFT BED TONIGHT!

WHAAAT? BUT THAT'S TOO DAN-GEROUS!

I DON'T CARE IF IT TAKES US ALL NIGHT, OR EVEN ALL DAY TOMORROW- I'M NOT GOING BACK UNTIL WE FIND SOME-THING!

TO HELL WITH THAT! YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SAID YOU WANTED AN ADVENTURE!

SHOOO

F3000

UH, BOSS MAN?

ACCOMPLISH THAT, AND THE PATH WILL OPEN BEFORE YOU.

THINK, DAMIAN, THINK! PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOES OF A KING OF ANTIQUITY! WHERE WOULD YOU BUILD YOUR CAPITAL?!

CAWW

CAWW

CHIRRUP

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

WHAT DO I DO? I'M NOT EVEN CLOSE TO EARNING A STELLA STAR!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SHAAAA
I AM A KING OF ANTIQUITY.
*His mental image
I AM NOT HE.
SHAH
UH...D-DAMIAN...?
*Intuition
THIS WAY...I CAN SENSE THE VIBRATION OF LIGHT COMING FROM THIS WAY...
TMP
TMP
I WOULD FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE, MY KING!
Good grief...
I DON'T RECALL YOU BEING TAUGHT THE ART OF KINGCRAFT, MASTER DAMIAN...
I'D EXPECT NO LESS, MY KING!
I AM BRIMMING WITH THE ENERGY OF THE SUN...
*Mental image
OHHH! A KING OF ANTIQUITY HAS DESCENDED INTO DAMIAN'S BODY!

THE END

CREEP CREEP

HIS MAJESTY IS PERFORMING AN ANCIENT RITUAL!

An ancient tongue?!

THRASH THRASH

MENGU MOWAAA! MENGU MOWA HOWA?!!

I WANNA GO HOME! I HATE THIS! I WANNA GO HOME RIGHT NOWWW!!

THAT IS NOT THE WAY HOME, SIR.

DON'T RUN, SIR. YOU COULD HURT YOURSELF.

AAAHHH!!

FLIK

THEN I DON'T WANNA STAND ABOVE! I DON'T WANT ANY STELLA! WAAAHHH!!

DUM DUM DUM DUM

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

MASTER DAMIAN, THOSE WHO STAND ABOVE MUST NEVER ALLOW THEIR WEAKNESS TO BE WITNESSED BY THOSE BELOW.

HUH?!

WHA—?

NGH...

YOU MUST ARISE, SIR, OF YOUR OWN POWER!

MY KING! ARE YOU HURT?!

TRIP

URF!

MY KING!

WHOOOOOAAA! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT GIANT FLOWER?!

GUYS, I'M NOT A KING ANYMORE.

AND IS THIS EVEN REALLY A FLOWER?! IT'S NOT, LIKE, THE ENTRANCE TO A HIDDEN TEMPLE OR SOMETHING?!

YOU'LL GET A STELLA FOR THIS FOR SURE, YOUR MAJESTY!

YOU DID IT, MY KING! YOU'VE DISCOVERED A NEW SPECIES!

ALSO KNOWN AS A "WITCH'S CRIB."

THIS IS, IN FACT, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLOWERS. I BELIEVE IT'S CALLED A "GESCHOCRAN."

IT'S STILL AN INCREDIBLE DISCOVERY. AMAZING WORK, DAMIAN!

TCH! THAT'S NOT GONNA BE WORTH A STELLA.

CHAK CHAK

I'M SURE IF YOU BROUGHT BACK SOME PICTURES, THE TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE BOTANY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE DELIGHTED.

I'M AFRAID IT IS NOT ANY SORT OF NEW DISCOVERY, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY A RARE SIGHT TO SEE A SPECIMEN THIS LARGE.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR DINNER, MASTER DAMIAN?

PHEEEW... I'M EXHAUSTED.

I-I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO GO HOME!

WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP

FOR-GIVE ME, SIR.

IT JUST SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU'RE ALWAYS FINDING REASONS NOT TO.

WUP

HUH?

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY STAYING AT THE MANSION, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?

LET'S JUST HIT UP A RESTAURANT WHEN WE GET BACK TO BERLINT.

OH MY, ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THAT?

AND BE-SIDES ...

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M THE ONE WHO'S AVOIDING THEM.

YOU ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT THE WEIRDEST THINGS. STOP IT.

WUP WUP WUP

DON'T! I'M TELLING YOU, LEAVE IT ALONE!

IN THAT CASE, PERHAPS I'LL CALL YOUR DEAR MOTHER AND REQUEST THAT SHE COOK YOU DINNER AGAIN.

WUP

WUP

WUP

WAIT A MINUTE. YOU'RE NOT BLABBING WEIRD STUFF TO MY MOTHER AGAIN, ARE YOU?!

WHEN ***DON'T*** MY BROTHER'S EYES LOOK LIKE THEY'RE BULGING OUT OF THEIR SOCKETS?

I DOUBT EVEN HE HAS EVER SEEN SO GRAND A FLOWER. HIS EYES ARE LIKELY TO BULGE RIGHT OUR OF THEIR SOCKETS!

OH! AND WE ABSOLUTELY MUST SHOW THE PICTURES OF THAT PLANT YOU TOOK TODAY TO DEAR MASTER DEMETRIUS.

WEIRD STUFF...? SUCH AS?

...

LIKE ...

TALKING TO HER ABOUT THE FORGER GIRL...!

I CAN'T QUITE RECALL ...

GAHHH! TELL ME YOU DIDN'T TELL HER THAT!

OR ABOUT HOW LONG YOU AGONIZED OVER WHAT TO WEAR TO THAT SAME OCCASION?

ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE INTIMATE DANCE YOU SHARED WITH YOUNG MISS FORGER AT THE END-OF-TERM PARTY?

JEEVES! PLEASE TRY TO GET MASTER DAMIAN TO SETTLE DOWN BEFORE WE CRASH!

WUP WUP WUP

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CHAK

KA-PLUNK

GONNNG

GONNNG

TIK

TIK

TIK

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BA-BUM BA-BUM

BONG BONG BONG BONG

VRIIP

SHAAA

MMM...

VRRRR

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

WHAP WHAP

URGH! GAH!

WHAP WHAP

HEE-YA! HEE-YA!

DIE FOR YOUR DIS-HONOR !!

SHING

VRRR

ZZZ

SMACK

STOP IT! JUST LEMME SLEEP FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES!

WHOAAAA!

SLASH

LATELY I'VE BUILT SO MANY HIDEOUTS, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE I'M IN...

OH... MY HIDEOUT IN LITTLE YAPONG...

HUFF HUFF

W-WHERE AM I...?

YAWN

OHO! LOOKING GOOD TODAY, AS USUAL!

SPARKLE

CHAK

FWISH FWISH

I came pretty close to never waking up again.

MAYBE MY ABSO-WAKER TYPE-J COULD USE A FEW IMPROVE-MENTS...

SWISH SWISH

AHHH, DOING SOME TINKERING WHILE LISTENING TO MY FAVORITE (GOVERNMENT-BANNED) MUSIC IS JUST THE ABSOLUTE BEST!

IF I INCORPORATE AN F-TYPE DECELERATOR INTO THIS MODULE, I COULD LIGHTEN IT WHILE STILL BOOSTING THE TORQUE...

ZUN- CHAKA ZUN- CHAKA

I DUB THEE "SENJU"— THE LIFE-ENHANCEMENT DEVICE THAT'LL BOOST MY PRODUCTIVITY SEVERAL TIMES OVER!

IT'S FIN-ISHED!

TA DA

TOBACCO

GAH! LOOK AT THE TIME! I GOTTA OPEN THE STORE!

GONNG GONNG GONNG

HEH. LIFE IS EVER A PROCESS OF TRIAL AND ERROR.

KABOOM

SURE, SUZANNE! CAN I GET A DATE WITH YOU TONIGHT?

CAN I GET A RITZ CHOCOLATE AND A LEMON JUICE, PLEASE?

HARD NO.

YEAH, I FIG-URED!

HIYA, MRS. MILLS! GOT YOUR USUAL RIGHT HERE!

HOW ARE YOU TODAY, FRANKY?

YOU GOT IT!

THE NEW *HEARSAY WEEKLY*, PLEASE.

HEARSAY

SHAA

YOU AGAIN ...

GIVE ME TODAY'S *DAILY OST* AND SOME MINT GUM.

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE SOME WISE GOFER BOY! I'M A FREE SPIRIT!

RIIING

HAVE IT WITHIN A WEEK, OR YOU'LL BE FINISHING IT IN PRISON.

TMP TMP

Take care.

YEAH, I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND THE TIME.

SHF

I NEED A FORGED PASS FOR THE PODAM SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

I SAID, I'M NOT YOUR DAMN GOFER BOY!

IT'S ME. I NEED YOU TO WATCH ANYA AND BOND FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

YEAH, THIRD STREET TOBAC-CONIST...

RIIING

NEVER! I WILL AVENGE YOU, BOND!!

Zzz

Have fun.

CHAK

BWA HA HA HA! KNEEL BEFORE DARK KING SCRUFFIUS !!

I CAN ENDURE THIS FOR THE MONEY!

KICK KICK

THE MONEY!

NOW, TO INVEST THIS PROPERLY ...

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

YAAY AAA

DAM-MIT !!

AWW, CRAP !!

WOOO

YES! KEEP IT UP! JUST GOTTA BREAK THROUGH!

HEY, TELLER. PUT 415 DALC ON A 4-1-5 TRIFECTA.

BETTING

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR BETS IN FOR THE NEXT RACE!

Gonna be a month of plain pasta for me.

ARGH... GUESS IT'S TIME I GOT TO WORK...

DROOP DROOP

!

I'M SORRY, FRANKY. I CAN'T GET YOU ANY INTEL ON THAT ROUTE NOW.

CAN'T FILL MY BELLY WITH MOVIES.

TAKE YOUR GIRL OUT FOR A GOOD TIME. IF YOU CAN FIND ONE, THAT IS.

Heh heh...

BUT HEY, YOU CAN HAVE THESE MOVIE TICKETS INSTEAD.

Had extras.

THAT FOOL ...

LATCHKEY LACHY GOT SNATCHED UP BY THE SSS EARLIER. UNTIL WE CAN FIND SOMEONE TO REPLACE HIM, WE'VE LOST ALL ACCESS TO GATES 4 AND ABOVE.

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

OR MAYBE IT'D BE SMARTER TO JUST SELL THESE TO A SCALPER AND BUY MYSELF A MEAL...

SIIIGH

OH YEAH? I'M EXCITED TO MEET HER!

Ha ha ha!

DON'T YOU DARE MAKE FUN OF ME! I'LL SHOW YOU!

BETTING

OH, PRISCILLA! YOU'RE LOOKING AS LOVELY AS EVER TODAY!

HI THERE, FRANKY!

THAT'S JUST THE MOVIE I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE!

FOR REAL?!

WHAT?! YOU'LL REALLY GO WITH ME?!

HEY, YOU WANNA CATCH A MOVIE WITH ME TONIGHT?

ALL RIGHT.

YEAH, I FIGU—

FWSH

I'M DRES-SIN' TO KILL!

OKAY, STAY CALM. WHAT DO I DO FIRST... RIGHT, MY BEST SUIT IS AT HIDEOUT B!

O-OKAY!

LET'S MEET UP AT SIX AT ALECS SQUARE, OKAY?

HAH! DID YOU SEE THAT, TELLER? OH, ER—THANKS FOR THE TICKETS, THOUGH!

ZUN-CHAKKA

HM HMM ...

ZUN-CHAKKA

SHHH, BABY. LET ME BE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THOSE MAGIC WORDS.

RIIING

OH, FRANKY, FOR THE LONGEST TIME I'VE—

RIIING

I LOOK PERFECT! AND I EVEN MADE A DINNER RESERVATION FOR AFTER THE SHOW. (AT A PLACE THAT TAKES CREDIT.)

FIDGET FIDGET

LOOK, I'M STANDING AT A MAJOR CROSSROADS IN MY LIFE HERE! YOU HANDLE IT!

HUH?! HOW'S THAT MY PROBLEM?! WHY DO I GOTTA BE THE ONE WHO HANDLES EVERYTHING?

GOOD-BYE!

FRANKY, DIDJA HEAR?! THE TELLER AT THE RACETRACK GOT FINGERED IN THE LATCHKEY LACHY BUSINESS AND JUST GOT RAIDED BY YOU-KNOW-WHO!

STOP CALLING! I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART, DAMMIT!

SL AM

CUZ AH'M ALWAYS AS LIGHT IN MY HEARRRT ... ♪

...AS I AM IN MAH WALLET. YEAH YEAH YEAH... ♪

H.B MUSEUM

ALECS SQUARE

TMP
TMP
SURE, I GOT MAH MEDICAL CONDIIIITION ... ♪ YEAH, YEAH, YEAH... ♬
KLIK KLAK
KA-CHAK
AND THE RACIN' OF MAH HEART'S FROM AR-RHYTH-MI-A... ♪
SO FULLA DREAMS OF YOU, BAYBEEEEE ... ♪
TMP
TMP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
SHA
AA

SORRY TO KEEP YA WAITIN'.

FR—

HUH?

POOF

WHAT THE—?!

POOF

PSHOOO

CHAK

YOU'RE WITH ME, TELLER!

ACHOO!

YANK

THE HELL, I— ACHOO!

IT'S GETTING IN MY EY— WAAH-CHOO!

FWOOM

ACHOO!

FWSH

NO, DON'T SHOOT! IT'S ME!

CHAK

SON OF A...!

WHOSE FAULT IS THA— ACHOO!

TMP TMP TMP

WE DON'T GOT TIME TO SNEEZE!

SHUF

DON'T YOU DARE ...

SHAA

YOU LITTLE ...

CHAK

EEP!

BANG

AIM TOWARD THE DOOR!

BANG

HOW'D YA LIKE...

...MY SIGNATURE CLOSE-RANGE ROCKET PUNCH...

HUH?

OK

...UNDER-ESTI-MATE ME!!

YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO FIGHT 'EM!

AAH

GAH! THAT REALLY THROBS! OW!

Run for it!

YOOOWWW!!

AGA

SNAP

KOFF

OW! AGH!

HHHA

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY LUCKY DAYS!

RUSTLE RUSTLE

BUT...I FELT LIKE THIS WAS MY LUCKY DAY!

Get back here!

SLAAAM

HURF

SPLAT

FWISH

SPLAK

SPLAK

GWOOOM

THE HELL IS THIS?!

THANKS FOR THE RESCUE, BUT WHY WOULD YOU...?

BIRDLIME CALTROPS! AN ANCIENT NINJA ART!

Ninja, ninja!

OH, I APOLOGIZED AND GAVE HER THE TICKETS. WE'RE STILL GETTING DINNER AFTER— I'LL DROP THE L WORD THEN.

AND WAIT, HASN'T THE MOVIE ALREADY STARTED?

YOU RESCUED ME... JUST SO YOU COULD GLOAT ...?

GUESS WHAT, TELLER! THOSE TICKETS YOU GAVE ME LANDED ME A DATE WITH PRISCILLA FROM THAT PUB ON SECOND STREET! SUCK ON THAT!

Hah! Never doubt me!

SKREE

!

THEY MUST'VE BEEN HUNTIN' FOLKS NEARBY!

Look! We got friends in that wagon!

THOSE BASTARDS ARE TRYING TO ROUND UP OUR WHOLE INFORMATION NETWORK!

THAT'S JUST A COINCI-DENCE! BUT DAMN, HOW'D THEY GET HERE SO FAST?!

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?! NOW FATE'S SENT IN REINFORCE-MENTS JUST TO MAKE IT EXTRA TRAGIC!

TMP

TMP

BUT I'M GONNA SHOW 'EM JUST HOW HARD CATCHING RATS CAN BE!

THEY'RE WELCOME TO TRY!

HUFF! HUFF!

WE FINALLY MANAGED TO LOSE 'EM...

HEH HEH! AND WE SET SOME OF OUR CAPTURED COMRADES FREE! THAT'LL TEACH 'EM!

AW, CRAP! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR MY DINNER DATE!

HEY, MAN, I OWE YOU FOR THIS!

MAKE ME PROUD!

HUFF

HUFF

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, FRANKY!

AND WE HAD A TON OF FUN TOGETHER! WE'RE, LIKE, AN OFFICIAL COUPLE NOW!

I JUST HATE SEEING MOVIES ALONE, SO I INVITED THIS NEW GUY FROM MY WORK WHO I WAS INTERESTED IN.

Is that so? Congratulations.

I REMEMBER GENIALLY WRINGING THOSE FEW WORDS OUT OF MYSELF.

BUT, EH, SO WHAT?

I CURSED THE TELLER.

I CURSED OUR ERA.

I'M STILL CALLING THIS A GOOD DAY.

I WOKE UP EARLY. I REVELED IN MY FREEDOM. I RESCUED MY FRIENDS.

AND I EVEN MANAGED TO PLAY CUPID FOR PRISCILLA.

NOT SUCH A BAD LIFE...

...ONE MIGHT SAY.

LOOM

BAM

CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON
LANDING
YOURSELF A
GIRLFRIEND!

HOORAY!

IT...
DIDN'T GO
WELL, DID
IT...?

THAT
LOOK
ON
YOUR
FACE
...

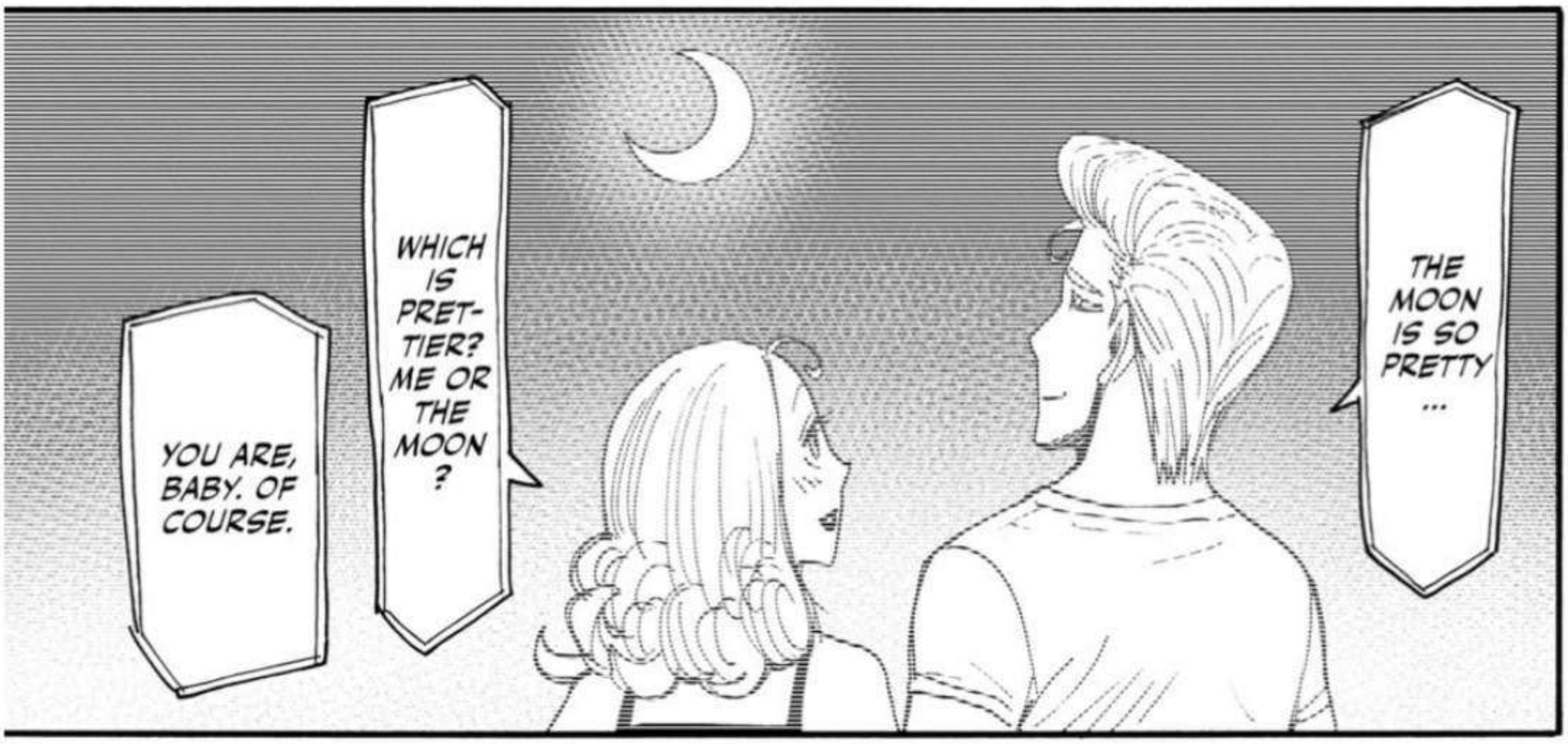
OH...

IT'S ALL
GOOD, TELLER.
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.

I
WANTED TO
CELEBRATE
YOUR
ACHIEVE-
MENT...

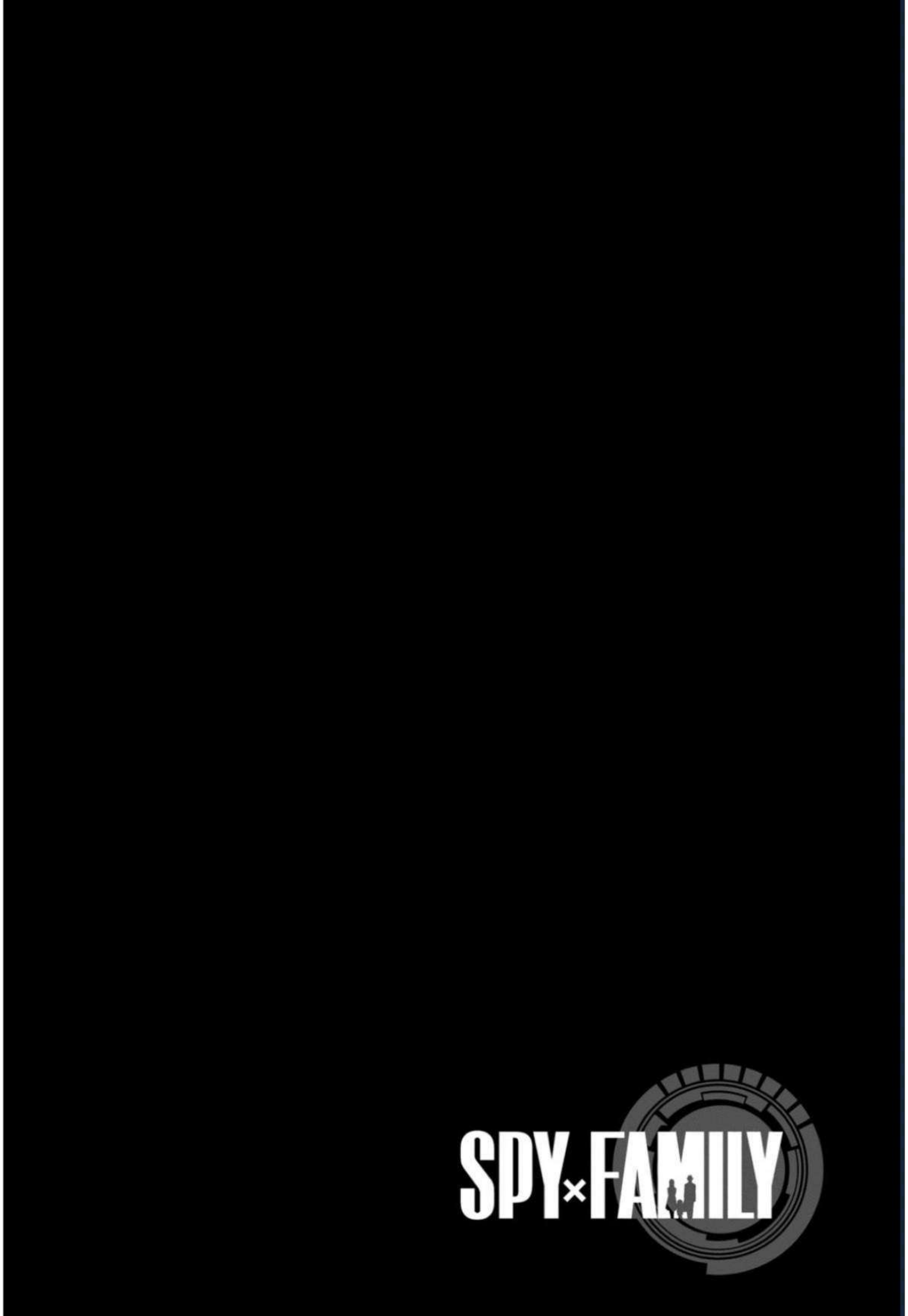
I
JUST
...

Omoroi
Tanoshie
CINEMA
HECK YEAH! LET'S DO IT!
OH...BUT I DO STILL HAVE TWO MORE TICKETS FOR ANOTHER MOVIE! WANT TO GO?!


YOU ARE, BABY. OF COURSE.
WHICH IS PRET-TIER? ME OR THE MOON ?
THE MOON IS SO PRETTY ...

KISS! KISS!
MORE KISSING!

YEAH ...
I'M... GONNA GO...
I'M STILL CALLING THIS A GOOD DAY.
CINEMA
Omoroi Tanoshie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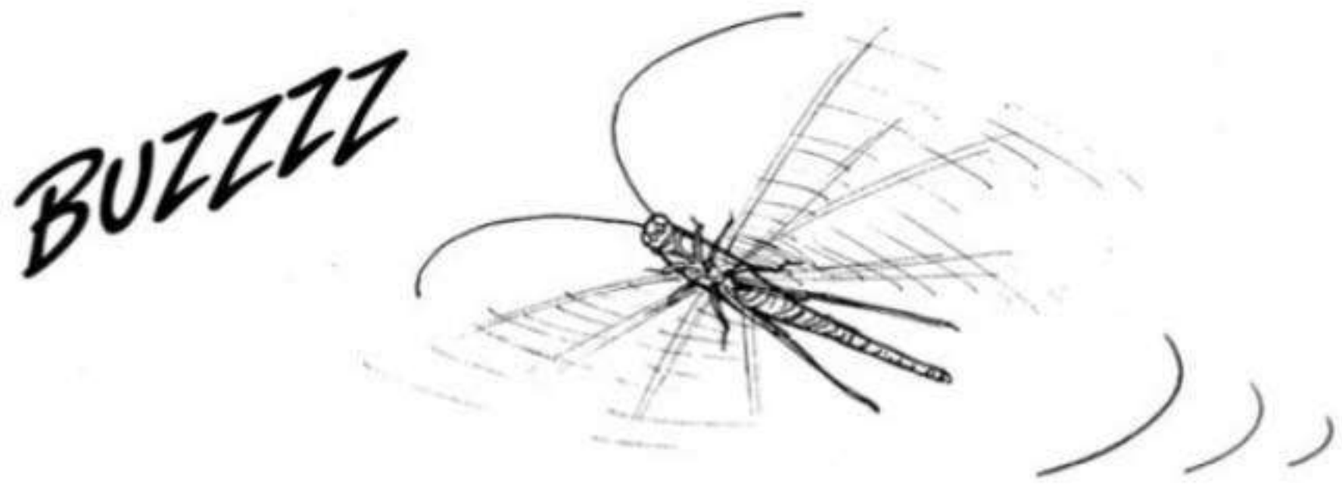

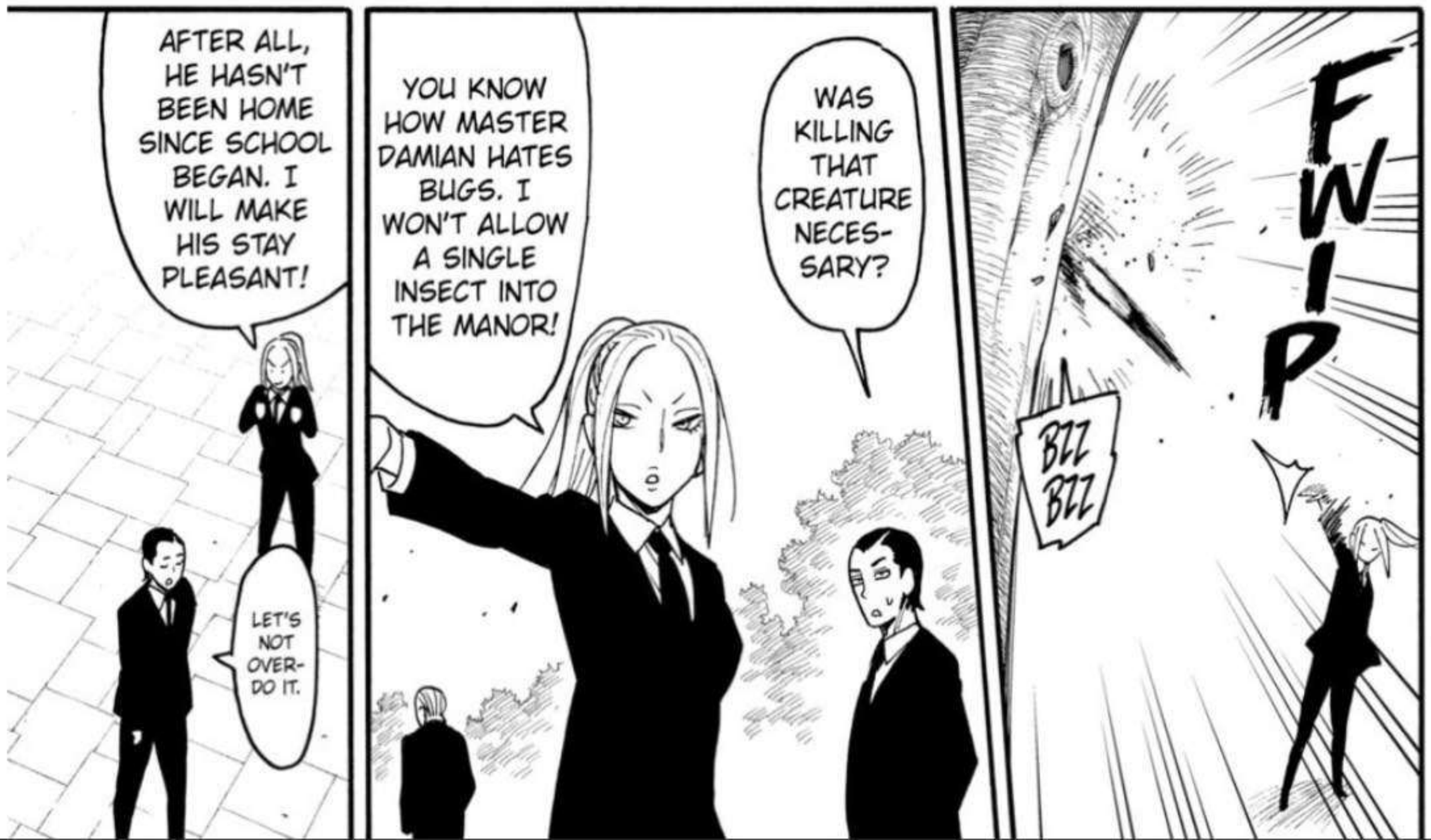

YOU DIDN'T HEAR ...?

I'LL GRANT YOU IT'S RARE ...

...BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE EXCESSIVELY ON EDGE.

NOK NOK NOK

DEMETRIUS? IT'S ME.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

...

I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK...

...

YEAH ...

ASK HIM FOR HELP.

WE HAVE A TUTOR ON STAFF, REMEMBER?

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.

GUESS I'LL DO THAT.

BARK BAAARK !!!

THUD

PFFT!

MASTER DAMIAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

SPLOOSH

IT'S FINE, MARY JANE! I WANTED TO PLAY WITH HIM!

SPLISH

BAD DOG, MAX! WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT JUMPING ON THE YOUNG MASTER?!

HE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW. IT'S ALMOST DINNERTIME, AND NOW YOU'RE COMPLETELY SOAKED!

I WISH YOU HAD TOLD ME YOU INTENDED TO GO OUTSIDE...

PANT PANT

GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE AS FRISKY AS EVER, MAX.

TODAY THEY CERTAINLY WILL!

OH, NO ONE CARES ABOUT THAT.

WHAT ...?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOUR WHOLE FAMILY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DINE TOGETHER IN AGES!

CHAK

TMP

SKREE

THE WHOLE FAMILY...

SKREEEEE

WE WERE TOLD JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO.

YOUR ESTEEMED FATHER'S AFTERNOON MEETING WAS CANCELED, SO HE DECIDED TO MAKE A RARE VISIT HOME.

TMP

TMP

WE WERE ASKED TO PREPARE FOR A PROPER FAMILY DINNER.

F-FA-THER'S GONNA BE HERE ?!

W-W-WHAT SHOULD I DO?

PLEASE DO RELAX, MASTER DAMIAN. IT'S ONLY DINNER.

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

KREAK

KLAK

KLAK

CHAK

TMP

TMP

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

SH

AH...

FINE.

...

HOW HAS YOUR WORK BEEN LATELY, DEAR?

HOW ...

AH...WELL, LET'S EAT WHILE THE FOOD'S STILL WARM, SHALL WE?

KLINK
KLINK
KLINK

KLINK
KLINK

GLANCE
GLANCE

...

!

...

KLINK
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UM, SO...

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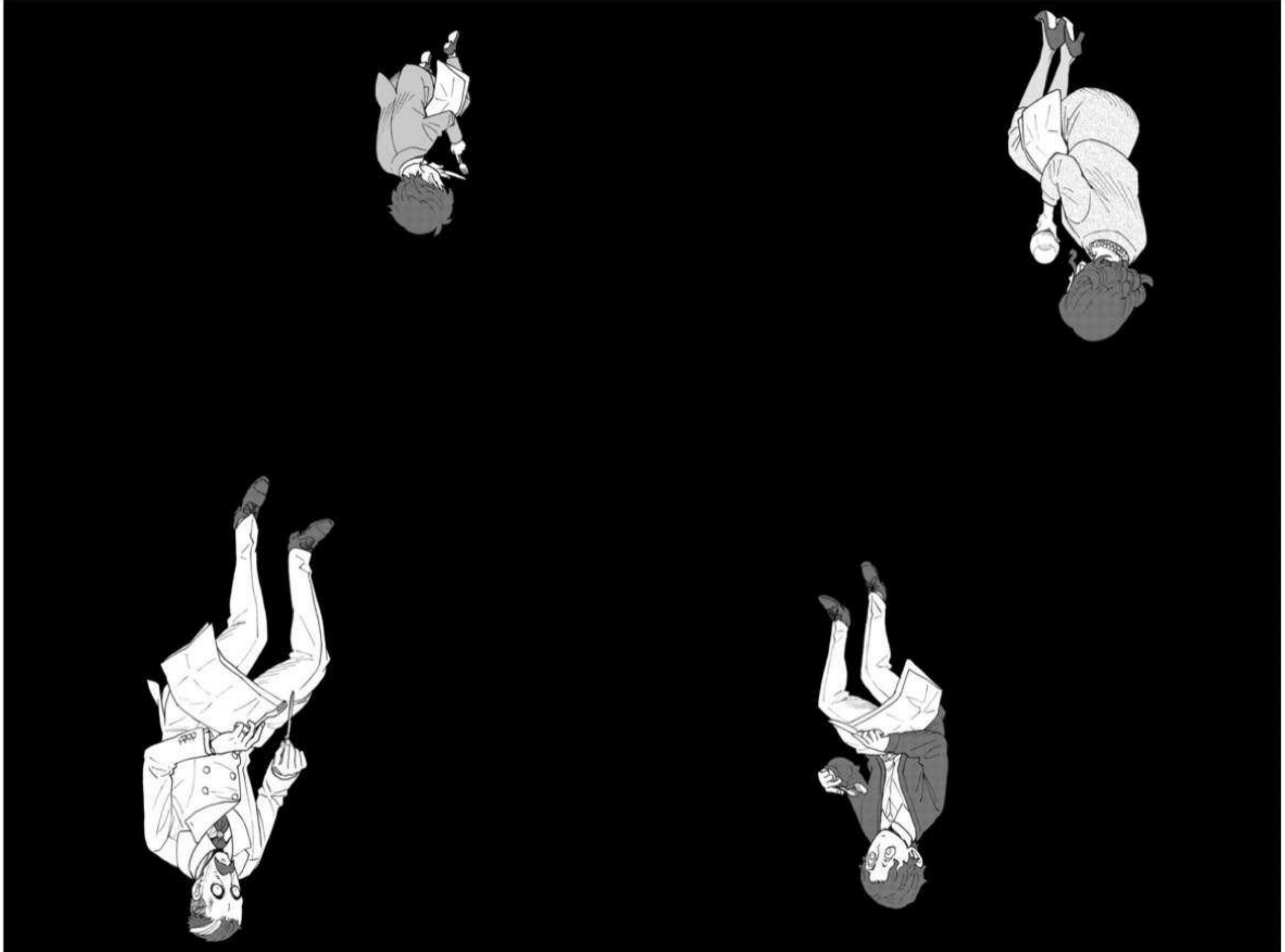

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KLANK

SWIP SWIP

KLATTER

THANK YOU, FATHER.

YOU MAY BE EXCUSED.

SWIIISH

CHEW CHEW

GULP...

CLATTER

...MY-SELF AS WELL.

THEN ...

I'LL, AH...I'LL EXCUSE...

WELL...

KLANK

THIS HAS BEEN A MOST WORTH-WHILE EVE-NING.

IT ISN'T HEALTHY TO RUSH.

KLATTER

CHEW YOUR FOOD PROPERLY NOW, DAMIAN.

CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW CHEW

YOU NEEDN'T CHEW IT THAT MUCH, MASTER DAMIAN.

Y-YES, FATHER!

TMP TMP

BURP

WHAT DID HE MEAN BY "WORTH-WHILE"?

HEY, JEEVES ...

IT MEANT THAT YOUR FATHER ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO HAVE A MEAL WITH ALL OF YOU.

IS THAT NOT WHAT YOU TOOK IT TO MEAN?

INDEED, IT IS.

NO... I GUESS THAT'S IT...

...

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FLAP

FLAP

OMATSURI

Welcome

A FES-TIVAL! YAAA-YYY!

GAAASP

THAT'S MY PRETEXT FOR BRINGING HER HERE, ANYWAY...

A FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYA TO HAVE SOME FUN DURING HER SCHOOL VACATION.

WOO-HOO!

BERLINT'S ANNUAL WINTER SHEEP FESTIVAL...

OH!

WHILE MELINDA IS NOT A PRIORITY SURVEILLANCE TARGET, I'D BE REMISS TO PASS UP A CHANCE TO ADVANCE PLAN C—THE YOR-MELINDA MOMMY FRIENDSHIP SCHEME!

SO THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY THAT MELINDA DESMOND WILL MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

THE LADY PATRIOTS SOCIETY HELPED ORGANIZE THIS EVENT, JUST AS THEY DID THE CHARITY BAZAAR FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

GASP!

WITH PLAN C GOING SO SMOOTHLY, I CAN FINALLY ABANDON ANYA.

I COMPLETELY FORGOT THAT I WAS AT WAR WITH MAMA IN THE BATTLE OF THE FRIENDSHIP SCHEMES!

TMP TMP

I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH SY-ON BOY SO I CAN LEARN ALL HIS FAMILY SECRETS FIRST!

AW, POOP...

LOOK AT ALL THE FOOD STANDS!

TCH! THIS FESTIVAL STUFF IS FOR LITTLE KIDS.

LOOK AT THAT, BOSS MAN! THEY GOT A WHOLE TRAVELING CARNIVAL OVER THERE!

I MAY HAVE FAILED TO MENTION THIS, MASTER DAMIAN, BUT THE LADY PATRIOTS SOCIETY IS VOLUNTEERING AT THE FESTIVAL.

IT'S COLD AND I'M BORED. LET'S JUST GO HOME.

HM?

YEAH... TRUE.

I DUNNO, BOSS MAN. SEEMS KINDA EMBARRASSING TO BE SEEN WITH YOUR MOMMY AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.

THAT MAY WELL BE THE CASE.

WHAT? SO MY MOTHER'S HERE TOO...?

FWP FWP

THIS ISN'T A PLACE FOR THE PEAS-ANTRY!

W-WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

OH, SHUT UP, YOU STUPID DUMMIES.

OH!

SY-ON BOY AND HIS HENCHLINGS!

AH!!

HELLO, DAMIAN. HELLO, DAMIAN'S FRIENDS.

OH NO, THAT'S RIGHT! I NEED TO PLAY UP OUR FRIENDSHIP!

Watch your language, Anya.

HM. PLAN B'S NOT LOOK-ING SO GOOD.

YEAH! STOP ACTING LIKE THE SHABBY COMMONER YOU ARE!

CEASE YOUR ATTEMPTS TO TARNISH DAMIAN WITH YOUR GARBAGE, SCOUNDREL!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T HAND ME GARBAGE YOU JUST PICKED UP OFF THE GROUND.

I never loaned you a leaf.

Because friends borrow things from each other.

HERE, SY-ON BOY, YOU CAN HAVE THAT LEAF YOU LOANED ME. IT WAS A REALLY GREAT LEAF. THANKS AGAIN.

IT'S WE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING, AFTER HOW MY DAUGHTER BEHAVED AT ORIENTATION ...

AH! SO YOU MUST BE THE FORGER FAMILY I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT.

Hey, now.

THANK YOU, HENCH-LINGS' HENCH-LINGS!

WHY, THIS IS AN ADORABLE YOUNG LADY, IS SHE NOT?

And her clothes suit her well.

OUR DEEPEST APOLO-GIES. THAT WAS MOST UNGENTLE-MANLY.

Young master!

IT WOULDN'T HURT TO FORGE A CONNECTION WITH THEM. INSIGHT ON THEIR NATURES COULD PROVIDE CERTAIN OPPOR-TUNITIES...

THESE MEN MUST BE IN SERVICE TO THE DESMOND, EGEBERG, AND ELMAN FAMILIES.

AND PAPA GOES STRAIGHT TO WORK.

OH, NOT AT ALL. WE SHOULD BE THANKING YOU...

ON BEHALF OF OUR CHARGES, WE OWE YOU A DEBT OF GRATI-TUDE.

ANYA, IS THAT YOU?

KLAK KLAK KLAK

↑ Calculation sounds

...

IT'S IMPORTANT TO BOTH PLANS B AND C THAT I VE A FIRM ERSTAND-G AS TO DEGREE NTIMACY HARED TWEEN BERS OF ESMOND MILY. ENDING THAT...

MELINDA DID COME PERSONALLY TO PICK UP DAMIAN AFTER THE BUS HIJACKING, BUT PERHAPS SHE ENTRUSTS HIS DAY-TO-DAY CARE TO THIS BUTLER.

I FIGURED WITH MELINDA BEING INVOLVED IN THE EVENT, HER SON MIGHT BE WITH HER, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM AS THOUGH THEY CAME TOGETHER.

IT'S BECAUSE OUR BRAIN GOO IS TOTALLY IN SYNC!

I MIGHT PUT THAT A LITTLE MORE ELEGANTLY, BUT I DO LOVE THE SENTIMENT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW OFTEN WE'VE BEEN RUNNING INTO EACH OTHER LATELY!

BECKY!

I'VE YET TO SEE EVEN A HINT OF ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IN TERMS OF HIS CONNECTION TO THE DESMOND GROUP, NOR HAVE I SEEN THE MOVEMENT OF MONEY AND MATERIALS THAT WOULD INDICATE AN IMMINENT MILITARY EXPANSION. THAT SAID, IT WOULDN'T HURT TO ESTABLISH A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP...

BYRON BLACKBELL, CEO OF BLACKBELL HEAVY INDUSTRIES.

WELL, WELL, WELL... AT LAST WE MEET, MR. FORGER! MY DAUGHTER HAS TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.

STRAIGHT. TO. WORK.

THE HONOR IS ALL MINE, MR. BLACK-BELL.

HM?!

KLAK KLAK

AS GRATEFUL AS I AM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW THE BLACKBELLS, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL DISAP-POINTED THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING CLOSER TO DAMIAN....

PAPA, SHUT UP ALREADY.

THAT'S A BIG MISUN-DER-STAND-ING.

IN FACT, I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU'RE SEDUCING HER...

OOH! YES!

WANT TO LOOK AROUND TOGETHER?

GEEZ, EVEN YOU CAME TO THIS THING?

HA HA HA. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT CITY FESTIVALS, DAMIAN, SON OF CHAIRMAN DESMOND.

Hey!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T ALL MY SCHOOL-MATES FROM CLASS 3!

BUT IF I WERE TO CAREFULLY LAY THE GROUND-WORK IN A PRUDENT AND RESPECTFUL FASHION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE DAY...

OF COURSE, ONE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT MILITARY MOVEMENTS, BUT EVEN WITH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, OBTAINING THAT SORT OF INTEL WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THE RISK THAT MY INTEREST MIGHT AROUSE WOULD BE TOO GREAT.

KLAK KLAK

MAJOR WESLEY WATKINS FROM THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ARMY COMMAND.

THAT'S RIGHT, DADDY.

CLASS-MATES OF YOURS?

S.T.W. (STRAIGHT TO WORK.)

WHA —?!

ALSO, I'M THE SAME AGE AS YOU.

HELLO AGAIN TO YOU, MISS FORGER! PLEASE RECALL THAT I ONLY DO THAT DURING DODGEBALL COMPETI-TIONS.

HELLO AGAIN, MEAN GROWN MAN WHO THROWS BALLS AT KIDS.

SO THERE WOULD BE BENEFITS FROM BEING FRIENDS WITH HIM TOO?

...
GEORGE, RIGHT?
WHAT WAS THAT LONG PAUSE BEFORE YOU REMEMBERED MY NAME?! SERIOUSLY?!
MY WHOLE CLASS IS HERE!
KLAK
DENIS GLOOMAN, FORMER C.E.O. OF GLOOMAN PHARMACEUTICALS, BEFORE IT WAS BOUGHT OUT BY THE DESMOND GROUP...
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE KINDNESS YOU'VE SHOWN GEORGE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PHASE OF HIS LIFE.
WHY, IF IT ISN'T THE YOUNG SCION OF THE DESMOND FAMILY.
HUH ?!
PAT PAT
CURT
Not at present, anyway.
I DON'T SEE ANY USEFUL INTEL I COULD GAIN FROM HIM.

WHOA! THOSE ARE THEM?!
THE BLACKBELL AND DESMOND KIDS TOO!
OH! IT REALLY IS!
HUH ?!
OH! THAT'S ANYA FORGER AND THE OTHER KIDS FROM CLASS 3!
MY CHILD OWES YOU HIS LIFE! I COULDN'T POSSIBLY THANK YOU ENOUGH!
HERO ...?
WE'RE THE JOHN-SONS.
ANYA FORGER, RIGHT?! WHAT AN HONOR TO MEET THE HERO OF THE BUS HIJACKING! WE'RE THE SMITHS. MY SON IS IN CLASS 4!
EVEN NOW, JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED SENDS MY HEART RACING!
ME TOO! I STILL HAVE NIGHT-MARES ABOUT IT.
WHAT A BRAVE LITTLE GIRL YOU'VE RAISED.
ARE YOU ANYA'S PARENTS ?
CON-NEC-TION OVER-LOAD !!
Parliamentary secretaries! Police leadership! Central bank executives! And more!
KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK
SO MUCH PO-TEN-TIAL INTEL!
KLAK KLAK
THESE ARE PERFECTLY NORMAL REACTIONS FOR PARENTS. IF YOU'RE EXPERIENCING ANY TROUBLING PHYSICAL OR MENTAL EFFECTS FROM THIS TRAUMA, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO VISIT ME AT THE HOSPITAL.
KLAK KLAK
Heh heh!
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME.

NO WAY WOULD HE TELL YOU, EVEN IF HE DID KNOW.

AH, IS THAT SO? I HAD HOPED TO THANK HIM IN PERSON, BUT I GUESS...

MY APOLOGIES, SIR, BUT I AM MERELY THE YOUNG MASTER'S ATTENDANT AND NOT PRIVY TO THE DETAILS OF HIS FATHER'S SCHEDULE.

IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, ARE MR. DESMOND'S PARENTS NOT WITH HIM TODAY AT THE FESTIVAL?

I WILL BE SURE TO CONVEY YOUR RE-SPECTS.

AND OURS TOO ...

ER... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GO ON, YOU THANK HIM TOO.

INDEED, OUR COMPANY OWES THE DESMONDS A GREAT DEBT AS WELL.

TA-DAH

RING TOSS

100 ten

HEY, BOSS MAN, LET'S SHOW 'EM WHO'S IN CHARGE OVER THERE!

THE RING TOSS? SURE, WHY NOT.

10 RINGS
50P

WOW, FORGER, YOUR FAMILY SURE IS POPULAR. YOURS TOO, DAMIAN.

DON'T GROUP MY FAMILY IN WITH A COM-MONER'S !!

!

RING TOSS

YEAH! GET LOST!

BAM

OKAY, GIRLS. THE RULE IS WHOEVER LOSES AT THE RING TOSS HAS TO LEAVE THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS!

CEASE THIS AT ONCE, MASTER DAMIAN.

10 RINGS 50P

CEASE THIS AT ONCE, MR. BLACK-BELL.

MY BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER IS RIGHT! SHE'S THE STAR OF THIS FESTIVAL, NOT YOU!

HEY, YOU CAN'T JUST MAKE UP RULES LIKE THAT! YOU DON'T OWN THIS FESTIVAL!

BAM

IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT, YOU'RE ON!

GRP

CAN WE NOT? I DON'T NEED PEOPLE BRINGING *THAT* LEVEL OF INTENSITY.

Y-YES, DADDY!

SON! YOU MUST FIGHT EVERY BATTLE AS IF THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN BURNED BEHIND YOU. CHALLENGE THEM KNOWING THAT YOU MUST WITHDRAW FROM EDEN ACADEMY SHOULD YOU FAIL!

I'LL NEVER RISK CHANGING SCHOOLS... NEVER.

A MOST UNWELCOME DEVELOPMENT. I STAND TO LOSE REGARDLESS OF WHO WINS. PERHAPS THERE IS SOME WAY I CAN ENGINEER A TIE...

I WANT TO GET IN ON THIS TOO!

ME TOO! ME TOO!

KLAK KLAK KLAK

THIS IS GROW-ING TIRE-SOME.

PAPA IS WATCH-ING TOO, SWEETIE !!

LOID, ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION? WATCH ME WIN THIS! ♡

DIDN'T WE HEAR THAT SHE'D BROKEN HER NECK ...?

MAN, FORGER'S MOM IS ACTUALLY REALLY PRETTY.

BECKY, YOUR PAPA IS RIGHT HERE! WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME?!

MASTER! CAN YOU TEACH ME THE SECRETS TO CLAIMING VICTORY AT THE RING TOSS?

UMM... WELL, LET'S SEE...

Another ...?

Another masterful secret move, boss man!

DOUBLE SLAAAASH!

Not cool.

HEH HEH.

You did that on purpose, you little...!

You leave Anya alone! She was doing her best!

GAH! GAH!

My hand slipped.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN MASTER DAMIAN COULD TRULY BE HIMSELF AROUND KIDS OTHER THAN EWEN AND EMILE.

IT CER-TAINLY IS.

WE DON'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF OBSERVING OUR CHARGES AT SCHOOL, SO IT'S QUITE A RELIEF TO GET TO SEE THEM PLAYING WITH SCHOOL CHUMS AND FORGING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP.

...

AND THAT'S THANKS TO ANYA!

I KNOW OUR BECKY IS REALLY ENJOYING HER SCHOOL-ING NOW TOO.

...BY THE STATURES AND STAND-POINTS OF THEIR PARENTS ...

HOW I HOPE THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO REMAIN FOREVER UN-BURDENED...

AS FAR AS MY MISSION GOES, THIS MAY EVEN END UP PAYING UNEXPECTED—

Well done.

ANYA REALLY DOES SEEM TO HAVE EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS IN TERMS OF FORMING STRONG PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AT SCHOOL.

IT MAY NOT BE MY PLACE TO HOPE FOR SUCH THINGS, BUT I CANNOT HELP BUT WISH IT ALL THE SAME.

...AND CONTINUE SEEKING OUT THEIR OWN HAPPINESS OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
WELL, MY EARS ARE CERTAINLY BURNING.

AND YET, HERE I AM...

NO! I... LOST...

WOOOOO

YESSSS! I WON!

HUH?

B-B-BUH

I WASN'T ABLE TO SHOW PAPA I COULD MAKE FRIENDS WITH SY-ON BOY... PLAN B IS OVER...

RULES ARE RULES! OUT WITH YOU, NOW!

YEAH! EXIT'S THAT WAY!

DEAR ME. HOW WILL WE HANDLE THIS, MASTER DAMIAN?

...

URK ...

YOU SEE?!

SNRF ...

SHAH

...

THE COMMON FOLK!

THAT SIMPLY WON'T DO, MASTER DAMIAN. THE EYES OF A STATESMAN MUST EVER BE OBSERVING THE COMMON FOLK.

JUST STAY BACK SO I DON'T GOTTA SEE YOU!

OKAY, OKAY, FINE! I'LL BE NICE AND LET YOU STAY!

URK ...

DID YOU YOURSELF NOT ARBITRARILY CREATE A NEW RULE JUST MOMENTS AGO?

HEY! YOU DON'T GET TO DECIDE THAT!

THEREFORE, LET US TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN IN THE COMPANY OF YOUR SCHOOL FRIENDS.

HEE HEE HEE.

PAT PAT

NOW ISN'T THAT NICE?

FOR BOTH OF US.

MUGURUMI

!!

THEY CAN TELL IF PEOPLE ARE COM-PATIBLE WITH THEIR LOVERS!

FORTUNE TELLER

OOH, LOOK, ANYA! A HALL OF CLAIRVOYANTS! WANNA GO IN?

CLAIRE WHO?

THANK YOU, YOR.

I'LL WATCH OVER ANYA IF YOU WANT TO GO WITH THEM, LOID.

WHILE THEY'RE BUSY IN THERE, PERHAPS WE CAN RELAX A SPELL IN THAT BEER GARDEN WE JUST PASSED?

THERE'S NO WAY THE FORTUNES ARE ACCURATE.

It's totally unscientific.

GIRLS SURE LOVE THAT STUPID STUFF.

WILL YOU BOYS BE GETTING YOUR FORTUNES TOLD?

NO WAY !!

IF IT HELPS TO PUT ONE'S MIND AT EASE, WHERE'S THE HARM IN IT?

MARTHA, PLEASE WATCH OVER BECKY.

OKAY, BECKY! LET'S GO SEE HOW COMPATIBLE WE ARE!

YANK

OF COURSE, MRS. BLACK-BELL.

OH DEAR... THEY CERTAINLY CHARGE A LOT FOR IT. AND WE'D MAKE THE OTHERS WAIT.... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.

LUNALUNA☽ SELENA? LOOKS LIKE SHE'S NEW.

LET'S JUST DO THIS ONE INSTEAD.

OH MY GOSH, JUST LOOK AT THIS LINE FOR MAGICAL★ CROWLEY! THEY'VE GOT TO BE THE MOST POPULAR FORTUNE TELLER!

FORTUNE TELLER

MAGICAL ★ CROWLEY

OH MY GOSH! SHE EVEN WROTE IT RIGHT THERE! "MY PREDICTIONS ARE WAY OFF, SORRY"!

LUNALUNA☽ SELENA

ROOKIE !

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GATE6

WHAT?! SHE DOESN'T EVEN CHARGE?! THERE'S NO WAY HER PREDICTIONS ARE ACCURATE!

UM, EXCUSE US...? MISS SELENA?

B-BMP B-BMP

HUFF HUFF

CATCH YOU LATER!

YEP!

OH, ANYA. DOES THE WAY TO YOUR EVERYTHING RUN THROUGH YOUR STOMACH?

SUIT YOURSELF, BUT I THINK I'LL GO WITH THIS MIDDLE-RANKED ONE HERE.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

YEAH, BUT WE CAN BUY MORE FESTIVAL SNACKS WITH THE MONEY WE SAVE.

TMP
TMP
OH! SORRY! YOU'RE HERE FOR A READING?! I'M COMING!
FWAAA...
HUH? THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE IN HERE.
WOBBLE
HM ...?
SORRY, JUST A LITTLE SLEEP-DEPRIVED ...
STUMBLE
OH! ARE YOU OKAY, MA'AM?!
SHUP
TEETER TEETER
STAGGER
TEETER

SHP

FWP

HUH ?!

WHA —?!

M-MELIN-DA?!

YOR, IS THAT YOU?!

OMGGGG

THE WAR OF THE FRIENDSHIP SCHEMES?!

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RMB

RMB

RMB

HUH?!

ME? MELINDA, HOW ARE *YOU*...OUR FORTUNE TELLER?!

HUH?!

YOR, WHAT ON EARTH ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?!

UH, THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS TO BE A HOBBY OF MINE...

AS FOR ME, I...WELL, THE LADY PATRIOTS SOCIETY WAS HELPING OUT, AND...

DID YOU COME AS A FAMILY?

OH... FAIR POINT. AND OBVIOUSLY THIS FESTIVAL IS OPEN TO ALL...

EVEN WITHIN THE SOCIETY, I'VE ONLY TOLD A FEW PEOPLE.

IF IT CAME OUT THAT A WOMAN OF MY STANDING WAS DABBLING IN THE OCCULT, IT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR MY HUSBAND AND OTHERS!

S-SURE, I UNDER-STAND.

HUH?

GRAB

BUT, YOR, YOU HAVE TO PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS!

IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN AN INTEREST OF MINE FOR SOME TIME NOW...

...IT BRINGS ME COMFORT LIKE FEW OTHER THINGS DO!

I KNOW THAT I SHOULD STOP, BUT...

I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN DESTINY AND MYSTICISM, AND I KEEP AN OPEN MIND...

...ABOUT GHOSTS AND UFO'S AND *TELEPATHY* AND SO ON.

JOLT

I DON'T HAVE ANY HOBBIES MYSELF, SO I ENVY YOU.

I THINK IT'S ADMIRABLE THAT YOU PURSUE WHAT YOU LOVE IN A WAY THAT WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THOSE AROUND YOU.

A WOMAN OF MY AGE! I'M SURE YOU WANT TO LAUGH IN MY FACE. I KNOW, IT'S EMBARRASSING! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

N-NO! I DON'T THINK THAT AT ALL!

OH, YOR!

HUH?

OH, UH, NO, I JUST CAME WITH...

GRRP

OF COURSE YOU'D SAY THAT! ISN'T THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE? BECAUSE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN DIVINATION TOO?! YOU'RE A FELLOW BELIEVER! OH, I'M SO HAPPY!

AH, SO IT'S YOUR DAUGHTER WHO IS LOST AND IN NEED OF GUIDANCE. WHAT DO YOU WISH TO KNOW OF THE FUTURE, DEAR?

I WISH SOMEONE WOULD TELL ***MY*** FORCHOON.

Er, I'm good...

I'll read your fortune! Not well, but...

HAPPY! SO HAPPY!

THIS IS BAD. I'M GONNA LOSE THE WAR OF FRIENDSHIP SCHEMES!

SHP

BAM

I WANNA KNOW HOW TO BE FRIENDS WITH SY-ON BOY!

TWITCH

DO YOU MEAN... MY SON DAMIAN...?

SCION... BOY...?

OH, I HATE THIS SO MUCH!

NO... I'M SURE JEEVES WOULD SET HIM STRAIGHT. HE WOULD, RIGHT?

WHAT IF MY HUSBAND HEARS AND THINKS I BROUGHT DAMIAN TO THE FESTIVAL? WHAT WILL I DO THEN?!

UH... MY FOR-CHOON...?

I BEG THE SAME OF YOU, ANYA! WILL YOU KEEP MY SECRET IN EXCHANGE FOR A READING?!

THAT MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOT TELL ANYONE I'M HERE!

UH... SURE.

DAMN IT, JEEVES!

WHAT?! HE'S HERE NOW?!

WE WERE JUST EXPLORING THE FESTIVAL WITH HIM.

NEVERTHELESS, I'M HAPPY HE HAS SOMEONE WHO'S SO EAGER TO BE HIS FRIEND. THAT'S WONDERFUL. JUST WONDERFUL!

HOW I WISH DAMIAN WOULD JUST GO AWAY!

OH! APOLOGIES, DEAR. I JUST NEED A MOMENT TO PREPARE.

OH, BUT IF I COULD ENJOY A FESTIVAL LIKE THIS WITH HIM, IT WOULD BE SO MUCH FUN...

SWF

SWF

SHOOF

SHUF

FOUR OF CUPS

THREE OF SWORDS

THE STAR

DEATH

TEN OF PENTACLES

ACE OF CUPS

FW

IP...

THERE'S NO BATTLING, DEAR. THESE CARDS PROVIDE GLIMPSES INTO YOUR FUTURE.

They're tarot cards.

So exciting!

OOH! AND NOW WE DO A CARD BATTLE?

HUH?

THE CARD REPRESENTING YOUR PRESENT IS THE FOUR OF CUPS.

AS FOR WHAT THAT MEANS, WELL... YOU SEE...

IV

FOUR OF CUPS

...LET'S FIRST READ INTO YOUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

WELL, TO FIND YOUR ANSWER ...

YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BEFRIEND DAMIAN?

GASP

BOOM

I HAVE NO IDEA.

JOLT

...THAT THE GRIM REAPER IS RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU.

GULP

HA HA HA. NO, OF COURSE THAT'S NOT TRUE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME. >

I shouldn't have tried to show off by including the minor arcana...

I'M SO SORRY. I REALLY AM A TOTAL AMATEUR.

IT MEANS ...

THIS CARD REPRESENTS FACTORS AROUND YOU. "DEATH"...

OH, BUT THIS ONE'S MEANING IS CLEARER! LET'S START HERE!

XIII

DEATH

ER, LET'S SEE, THIS ONE IS... YOUR FUTURE, I THINK ...

"THE STAR," BUT IT'S REVERSED, SO...

THE STAR ...

THE STAR ...

I SUPPOSE IT MEANS THAT FOR ALL ETERNITY, YOU'LL NEVER EARN ANOTHER STELLA STAR.

GA-GASP

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'M SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE! WHAT IT PROBABLY MEANS IS THAT YOU'LL GET ALONG WITH HIM IF YOU EARN ANOTHER STELLA... OR... MAYBE THE OPPOSITE?

Er... Um...

YOU CAN DO IT, SY-ON MOM!

DO YOU LIKE DAMIAN?

ANYA, DEAR ...

ANYA, WHAT ARE YOU—

NO. I HATE HIM BECAUSE HE BULLIES ME.

BUT I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO BEFRIEND HIM. THANK YOU.

THIS GIRL PROBABLY KNOWS MORE ABOUT DAMIAN THAN I DO.

OHO HO. HE DOES, DOES HE? I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.

MY WORTH-LESSNESS AS A MOTHER.

DUE TO MY WEAKNESS.

I WASN'T ABLE TO BE THERE FOR HIM.

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS. I NEED TO FACE HIM.

GR

K

SHK

SHK

SHK

SHK

SHK

SHK

SHK

SHK

DAMIAN... DAMIAN ...?

OH, WHO KNOWS. WHAT DOES IT EVEN MATTER?

FORTUNE-TELLING DOESN'T MATTER EITHER. WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

A COWARD LIKE ME?!

NO! I DON'T DARE!

GO AGAINST HIM AND HIS WISHES?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO BUSY.

I'M SORRY. I THINK THE EXHAUSTION CAUGHT UP WITH ME...

JOLT

UM... ARE YOU OKAY, MELINDA? YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE PALE...

NO, IT'S NOTHING. NEVER MIND.

MAYBE I DO WORK TOO HARD.

IT'S MORE THAT I'M... JUST...

IT'S NOT THAT ...

...THAT I'M SCARED OF MY OWN HUSBAND.

GRP

I CAN'T TELL HER...

...

ANYA, WHY ARE YOU SUD-DENLY—

IN SY-ON BOY'S FAMILY...

...DOES EVERYONE GET ALONG?

SY-ON MOM IS BEING BULLIED TOO? BY THE EVIL SUPER-BOSS-SY-ON DAD...?

I'M NOT FEELING VERY WELL, SO I'M GOING HOME.

SWIP

I'M SORRY, BUT THIS READING IS OVER.

I THINK I'VE FELT IT BEFORE...

THIS FEELING...

THANK YOU, BUT I'LL BE FINE.

WOBBLE

CAN WE WALK YOU HOME?

A-ARE YOU OKAY?

...

THAT MAN WOULD... NO, I MUSTN'T... BUT STILL, AS MUCH AS I CAN...

UM, MELINDA, IF I MAY...

!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER

BEERGARDEN

...T-I-O-N.

...I-Z-A...

YES

NO

Frantically shmoozing

OH!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM? I TOLD THEM NOT TO BELIEVE IN THAT JUNK!

THIS OUIJA BOARD IS AWE-SOME!

NOW WE'LL GET STELLA FOR SURE!

THERE! OUR NEXT HISTORY TEST WILL BE ABOUT THE SNEIG CIVILIZA-TION!

TMP TMP

Your reading took a long time!

THERE YOU ARE, ANYA! HOW WAS IT?

NEVER MIND THE GRIM REAPER STUFF, WHAT DID YOURS SAY ABOUT LOVE?

MINE TOLD ME TO STOP PURSUING OLDER MEN. WHAT A TOTAL FRAUD!

UH...

WHAT?! THAT'S TERRIFY-ING!

SHE SAID THE GRIM REAPER WAS RIGHT BESIDE ME.

EEP!

IT ISN'T TRUE, ANYA! I'M NOT THE GRIM REAPER— I NEVER USE SCYTHES!

WHO THE HELL WOULD EVER INVITE YOU TO THEIR HOUSE?!

SHE SAID THAT IF I GET INVITED TO HIS HOUSE, EVERYTHING'LL BE GREAT.

I DON'T REMEMBER HER SAYING THAT...

...

HRGAH !!!

HRGH ...

BUH ...

DO YOU HAVE SOME NEW FEELINGS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?

GOSH, DAMIAN, SHE NEVER SAID SHE ASKED ABOUT YOU.

?

NGH ...

I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO PLAY WITH MY FAMILY AND MY SCHOOL FRIENDS. IT'S SOOO MUCH FUN!

OH, HOW I WISH TODAY COULD GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER!

SWAY SWAY

WELL SAID, FORGER!

OH, ANYA!

UH-OH. PAPA DOESN'T KNOW THAT SY-ON MOM ALREADY WENT HOME!

I JUST NEED TO FIND AN EXCUSE TO SLIP AWAY FROM HERE...

WELL, I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME I TRACKED DOWN MELINDA DESMOND OF THE LADY PATRIOTS.

NOD NOD

CONSIDERING THAT I PROBABLY WOULDN'T GET MUCH FROM MELINDA, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW FOR SURE IF SHE'S HERE, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO REMAIN HERE AND CONTINUE PUMPING THEM FOR INTEL!..

IT'S CERTAINLY TRUE THAT THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

AND SO, TWILIGHT CONTINUED KLAK KLAKING ALL DAY LONG.

KLK KLK
KLAK
KLAK KLAK
KLAK
KLAK KLAK
KLAK KLAK

IT WAS LOVELY GETTING TO KNOW YOU SO WELL, MR. FORGER. THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.

IT CERTAINLY WAS NICE OF LOID TO BUY YOU THAT MASK, ANYA.

HRGAH! HRGAH! ♪

WORMP

LET'S GO HOME.

Klak'd out

THAT'S NOT EVEN HER REAL MOM, RIGHT? DIDN'T SHE SAY SHE HAD A STEPMOTHER?

MUST BE GREAT TO HAVE A MOM WHO'S SO NICE. ALL MY MOM DOES IS YELL AT PEOPLE.

BOW

BOW

THE PLEASURE WAS ALL MINE.

HRGAH.

AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING FRIENDS WITH OUR ANYA.

TCH! WALKING AROUND AT HER AGE, HOLDING HANDS WITH HER MOMMY. SO EMBARRASSINGLY CHILDISH.

YOU KNOW, SY-ON BOY...

...YOUR MOM LOVES YOU TOO.

BELIEVE ME, I KNOW.
Hrgah.

TAKE OFF THAT STUPID MASK ALREADY!

AND WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, ANY-WAY!

HUH?!

WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!

SO SAYETH THE KING OF ANTIQUITY, FROM A FEW DAYS AGO?

WHAT, ARE YOU STILL PLAYING MAKE-BELIEVE? YOU'RE SUCH A LITTLE CHILD!

NGH ...

...SHE LOVES YOU VERY MUCH, DAMIAN.

I THINK SHE'S RIGHT. FROM WHAT I KNOW OF MELINDA ...

HRGAH. HRGAH.

Boss man, wait!

NO RUNNING, SIR. YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF.

HRGA-HHH!!!

I'D LOVE TO GET A DRINK AGAIN SOME-TIME, MR. FORGER.

Master Dami-aaaan!

DAASH

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

TRULY, I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR TODAY.

I'M GLAD I BROUGHT MASTER DAMIAN HERE.

DID YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVAL?

PAPA ...?

YEAH! I HAD A TON OF FUN!

IS THAT RIGHT?

HEE HEE! LET'S GET YOU HOME BEFORE YOU CATCH A COLD.

ACHOO!

FWOOOSH

PSYCHIATRY

I SURE HAVE! OF COURSE, I ENDEAVOR TO GIVE THE SAME GREAT CARE TO EVERY PATIENT, WHETHER THEY BE A VIP OR A NORMAL CIVILIAN.

HAVE YOU GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO TREATING VIP PATIENTS?

AH, DR. FORGER!

AH, THERE'S MY RAY OF SUNSHINE.

GLAD TO HEAR IT, BECAUSE WE HAVE A DROP-IN. I'M WONDERING IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT?

GOOD DAY TO YOU, DIRECTOR GOREY.

EVERYONE ELSE IS A LITTLE WARY OF THIS PATIENT.

THEY MUST BE QUITE THE POWERFUL FIGURE!

MAYBE NOT POWERFUL SO MUCH AS... CHALLENGING. YOU SEE...

PEEK PEEK

RMB

RMB

I'D NEVER HAVE COME HERE IF YOR HADN'T URGED ME TO.

I HATE HOSPITALS. THAT ANTISEPTIC SMELL...

The hospital ...?

Yes. My husband works as a psychiatrist there.

RMB

RMB

RMB

RMB

THE PATIENT IS THE FORMER FIRST LADY.

I mean, if you think you'd be comfort-able with that...

If you're experiencing any troubling physical or mental effects from this trauma, please don't hesitate to visit me at the hospital.

Well, if that's your advice, Yor, I'll give it some thought.

I see...

You will not be getting kicked.

I wonder if I'll get kicked.

Oh, but...

GAAASP

Mama's really giving Papa's mission a boost.

Wow.

And now she's messed it all up!

GAAASP

I'm sorry, what?! No way am I going now!

He does do what's called "concussive therapy," so be aware that you might end up getting kicked.

RMB

RMB

RMB

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

RMB

...AND THEN SHE MADE SOME ODD COMMENT ABOUT HOW IF SHE GETS KICKED, SHE'LL LEAVE.

I ASSUME SHE'S SUFFERING FROM AN INTENSE PERSECUTION COMPLEX. CONSIDERING WHO SHE IS, YOU'LL NEED TO SHOW EXTREME CARE AND DISCRETION.

SIGH ...

IF THIS BLOWS UP ON US, I'M PUTTING IT ALL ON YOU, BUDDY.

AND DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE YOU WON'T END UP BEING WATCHED BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION JUST BECAUSE YOU TREATED THE WIFE OF THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY CHAIRMAN!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? CAN I COUNT ON YOU?

PAT PAT PAT

HEH

UNDER-STOOD, MR. DIRECTOR, SIR.

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SLAM

Manners, Miss Becky.

ANYA! DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE A MOVIE WITH ME?!

SURE!

SHORT MISSION 4-4

WE'RE NOT WATCHING SOME KIDDIE MOVIE. IT'S GOING TO BE A LOVE STORY!

HUFF HUFF

GOBYZILLA VS. KING CHIHUAHUA?

BUT, ANYA, YOU'LL NEVER LAND DAMIAN IF YOU DON'T LEARN ABOUT ROMANCE!

I ONLY LIKE MOVIES WITH FIGHTING.

RACHEL VS. KING CHIHUAHUA?

IT'S THE NEWEST FILM STARRING RACHEL FROM *BERLINT IN LOVE!*

TADA!

WHEN FEELINGS CAN'T REACH

KISS DISTANCE

SHE'S NOT FIGHTING ANYTHING!

Rachel would die immediately.

OH? YOU REALLY WOULDN'T MIND?

YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US TOO, MASTER YOR!

GASP

SO THIS IS FOR PLAN B!

YOU BETTER NOT FINISH THAT POPCORN BEFORE THE MOVIE EVEN STARTS.

NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM NOM

Oh, thank you so much.

TWO ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN, PLEASE.

Interesting Movie
Entertaining Theate
CINEMA

SHADDUP, OR I'LL CUT YOU!

ALSO, THAT POMPA-DOUR LOOKS RIDICU-LOUS ON YOU!

WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS BE FIGHTING! I HATE RUFFIANS LIKE YOU!

B- BMP B- BMP

NOM NOM

I'M A BROKEN RAZOR, BABY. DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO ME!

OH, I LOVE YOU!

I GUESS I FINALLY REALIZED MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.

SQUEE♡

NOM

B- BMP

WHAT?! RICKY, DID YOU JUST CALL ME...

KEEP YOUR HANDS OFFA MY WOMAN!

SHAAA

BUT, RICKY, THAT POMPADOUR MEANS MORE TO YOU THAN ANYTHING!

IT'S THIS DAMN POMPADOUR THAT GETS BETWEEN US WHEN WE TRY TO KISS. I'VE MADE UP MY MIND—I'M LOSING IT!

THE MOON IS SO PRETTY ...

WHICH IS PRET-TIER? ME OR THE MOON?

YOU, BABY. OF COURSE.

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

SPLASHING RIVER WATER ON YOURSELF LIKE THAT... SO ROUGH AND RECKLESS!

NO, YOU MEAN MORE TO ME THAN ANYTHING!

DRIP DRIP

NOW THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' THAT CAN GET IN THE WAY OF OUR LOVE.

SHUDDER SHUDDER

OH, RICKY ...

MORE KISSING!

KISS! KISS!

SNIFF SNIFF

SNORE SNORE

OMIGOSH, THAT WAS FANTASTIC! THE CINEMA REALLY IS AMAZING!

ERM... AH... I'M HARDLY AN EXPERT ON THE TOPIC...

ALSO, UM... WHEN YOU K-K-K-KISS SOMEONE, IS IT REALLY NORMAL TO DO IT ***THAT MANY*** TIMES...?

YEAH ...

NOD

Fantastic.

YEAH, THAT POPCORN WAS SALTED, LIKE, PERFECTLY.

TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT ...?

JOLT

SMOOCH-ING CAN BRING US WORLD PEACE?

AND THAT KISSING SCENE! IT'S SO TRUE HOW KISSING CAN SOLVE ANYTHING!

WRONG, ANYA. THAT'S THE ROLE DAMIAN IS SUPPOSED TO PLAY.

"KEEP YOUR HANDS OFFA MY WOMAN!"

HYAA HYAA

TUT, TUT, TUT. I LEARNED FROM THE MOVIE, LIKE YOU SAID!

BUT I GUESS YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG FOR KISSING, ANYA.

UM...

MASTER, PLEASE, BACK ME UP ON THIS!

BUT THAT'S NO WAY TO GET YOURSELF A BOY!

HWA! HWA! HWA!

WELL, I LIKE BEING THE PROTECTOR MORE THAN BEING PRO-TECTORED.

I'M LIKE A BROKEN ERASER, BABY! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!

I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!

GAH! ISN'T THERE SOMEONE I CAN JUST HAVE SOME SQUEALY, GIGGLY GIRLIE TALK WITH?!

THAT... DOESN'T SOUND ALL THAT DANGEROUS, MISS ANYA.

WELL, YOU'RE SO STRONG, MASTER... AND MARTHA TOO, I GUESS...

AS WOULD I.

I GUESS IF I HAD TO CHOOSE... I'D RATHER BE THE PROTEC-TOR TOO.

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TOP SECRET EYES ONLY

CON-TINUING FROM THE END OF MISSION 102...

AND I'LL HAVE THE SLUDEN SILVER, STRAIGHT PLEASE.

I'LL HAVE AN IMPERATRICE TEA WITH MILK FOR ME.

PERFECTTEAHOUSE

It does not, Henry.

It fills my head with the scenery of the south...

YOU JUST CAN'T LEAVE IT ALONE, CAN YOU? A SIMPLE "IT'S GOOD" WOULD HAVE SUFFICED.

THE INVIGORATING AROMA OF FRESH GRASS TICKLES THE NOSE, WHILE A HOMEY TARTNESS GRACES THE TONGUE.

THE TEA IS PROPERLY CLEAR WITH A SHIMMER OF GREEN. TRULY, THE TEAS IN THIS SHOP ARE PERFECTLY ELEGANT.

SIP

DURING THE WAR, SWEET-NESS WAS HARD TO COME BY.

AND SO WHAT IF I AM? I ENJOY IT LIKE THIS.

STILL APPROACHING TEA WITH A CHILD'S FOCUS ON SWEETNESS.

AND YOU ARE, AS EVER, CRUDE IN YOUR PREFER-ENCES.

I LIVE IN THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DWELL ON THE PAST.

HMPH. OR YOU COULD PROPERLY REFLECT UPON THINGS INSTEAD OF MOVING PAST THEM.

SQUABBLE SQUABBLE

ARE YOU STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE ABOUT THAT? LET IT GO ALREADY.

SQUABBLE

WELL, I CERTAINLY HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN HOW DURING THE WAR, WHEN TEA WAS AT ITS MOST PRE-CIOUS, YOU DUMPED A POT OF IT ONTO THE FLOOR!

IT'S A FANTASY TO THINK THAT ANYONE GROWS OUT OF BAD BEHAVIOR.

THAT'S JUST HOW PEOPLE ARE.

...AND HERE WE ARE, AT OUR AGE, DOING THE SAME.

IT'S JUST THAT I SPEND MY DAYS CHIDING CHILDREN FOR INELEGANTLY QUARREL-ING...

Hrmph!

...

WHAT A THING TO SAY TO A TEACHER OF HISTORY.

WHAT?

OHO.

YUCK. SOUNDS LIKE TOO MUCH HASSLE.

PERHAPS YOU AND I COULD BENEFIT FROM REVISITING OUR OWN EDUCATIONS.

HM...WE MUSTN'T BE STUBBORN ABOUT OUR FAILINGS.

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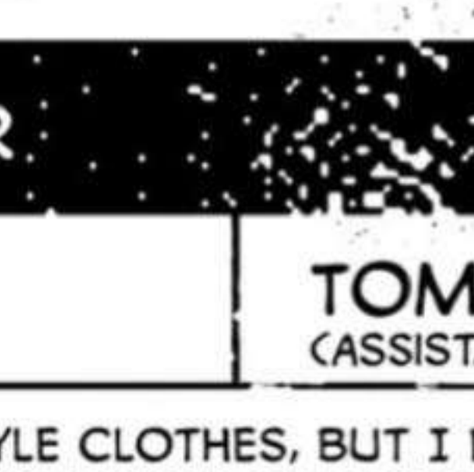
I LIKE LOOKING AT WESTERN-STYLE CLOTHES, BUT I DON'T ENJOY WEARING THEM. THEY LOOK CUTE WHEN I SEE THEM ON STORE SHELVES, BUT WHEN I WEAR THEM, THEY NEVER LOOK GOOD ON ME. I END UP DISAPPOINTED. WHEN I HAVE TO COORDINATE OUTFITS OR DRAW COLOR PICTURES OF THEM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO AND IT IRRITATES ME. AND EVEN WHEN I DO BUY THEM, I DON'T HAVE ANY PLACE TO WEAR THEM OUTSIDE OF PLANNING MEETINGS. SO I TRY TO BE SATISFIED WITH JUST GAZING AT THEM AND DESIGNING THEM FOR MY CHARACTERS TO WEAR.

—TATSUYA ENDO



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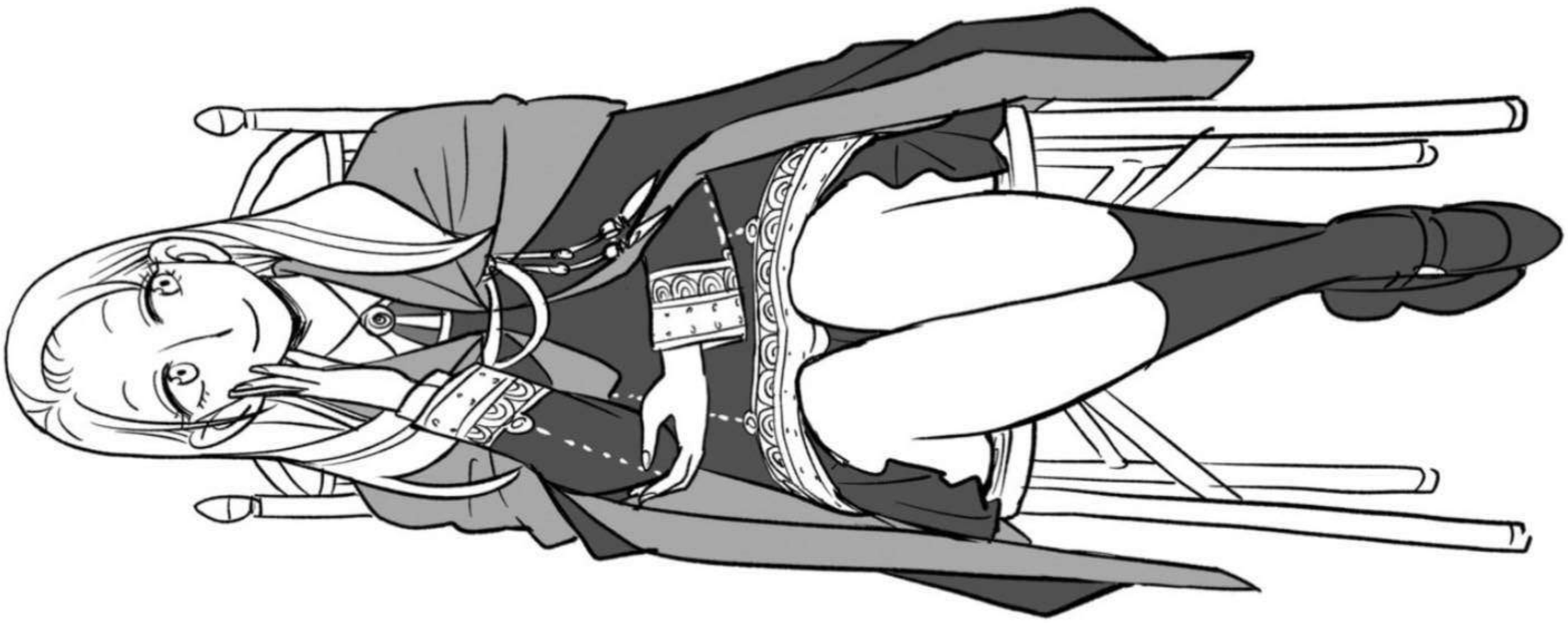

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