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# HARUHI SUZUMIYA

Dibujo  
**GAKU TSUGANO**

Guión  
**NAGARU-TANIGAWA**

Diseño de  
Personajes  
**NOIZI ITO**





STILL,  
THIS IS  
PRETTY...  
WOW...

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I MUST  
BE HAVING  
SOME  
SWEET  
DREAMS.

THAT  
VERSION  
OF "ME" IS  
LYING ON  
THE BENCH,  
ASLEEP,  
WITH HIS  
HEAD IN  
ASAHINA'S  
LAP.



# THE MELANCHOLY of HARUHI SUZUMIYA

ORIGINAL  
STORY

NAGARU TANIGAWA

MANGA

GAKU TSUGANO

CHARACTER DESIGN:  
NOIZI ITO



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FOR A  
MOMENT,  
I WAS  
TEMPTED  
TO DRAG  
AWAY THE  
SLEEPING  
ME AND  
TAKE HIS  
PLACE.



THAT BEING  
THE CASE,  
WE'D HAVE  
A LITTLE  
PARADOX ON  
OUR HANDS  
IF I WERE  
TO RUN OUT  
THERE RIGHT  
NOW...

BUT "I"  
HADN'T  
RUN INTO A  
DIFFERENT  
ME AT THE  
TIME.





AFTER  
A BRIEF  
CONVER-  
SATION...

...AH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.

I  
REMEMBER  
IT VERY  
CLEARLY.



YES,  
IT WAS  
RIGHT  
HERE.

FROM THE  
BUSHES  
BEHIND THE  
BENCH...





THE  
PERSON  
WHO HAD  
GIVEN ME  
THE SNOW  
WHITE  
HINT.

ASAHINA-  
SAN (BIG)  
WHO CAME  
FROM A  
FUTURE  
BEYOND  
THE  
ASAHINA-  
SAN  
(SMALL).



...SHE  
APPEARED.



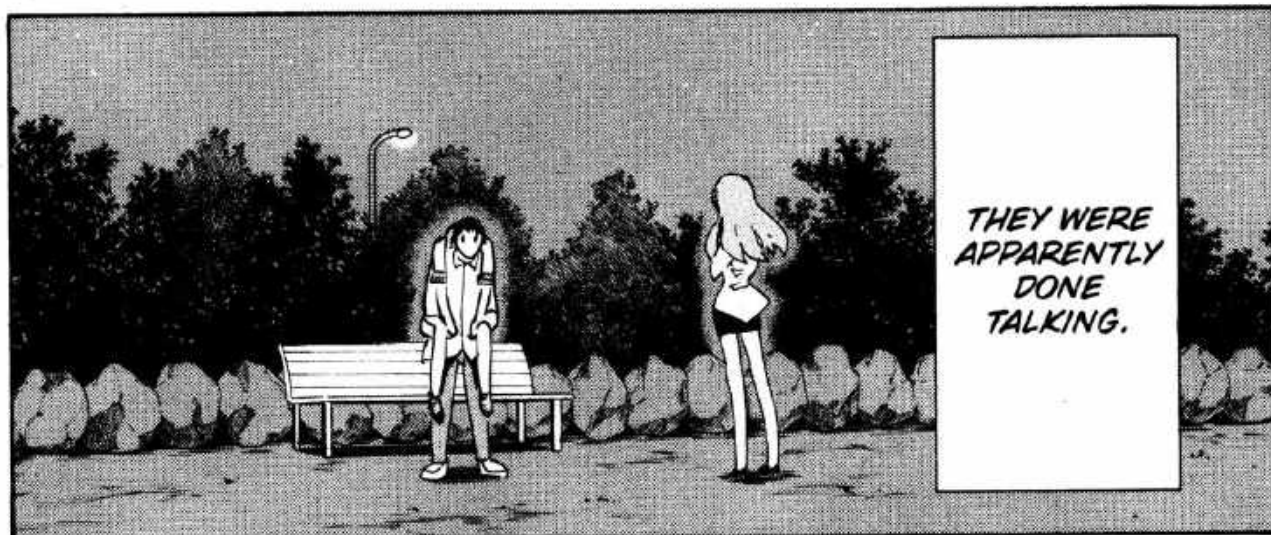
IT WAS  
REAL.

I WAS  
DEFINITELY  
AT THAT  
TANABATA  
DAY THREE  
YEARS AGO.



PHYSICALLY,  
IT'S BEEN  
FIVE MONTHS  
SINCE I WAS  
GRACED BY  
HER LOVELY  
PRESENCE.





THEY WERE  
APPARENTLY  
DONE  
TALKING.



ASAHINA-  
SAN (BIG)  
WALKED  
OUT OF  
THE PARK  
WITHOUT  
ANY SIGN  
OF RELUC-  
TANCE...  
OOPS.

NO  
TIME TO  
WASTE.

I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO LOSE  
SIGHT OF  
HER.

THERE  
IS NO  
LONGER  
ANY NEED  
TO HIDE.

TA  
(DASH)



**ASAHINA-  
SAN!**

NATURALLY,  
THE PAST  
ME HAS  
NEVER  
SEEN THE  
PRESENT  
ME.

I NEVER  
IMAGINED  
THAT SPACE-  
TIME WOULD  
COMPLETELY  
GO TO  
HELL...

"...WHY?  
DIDN'T  
WE JUST  
PART  
WAYS?"

I TRIED  
TO  
PREDICT  
WHAT  
SHE  
WOULD  
SAY.

KURU  
TURN



I WAS A  
LITTLE  
WORRIED.

STILL,  
I'M  
GLAD  
THAT  
WE  
WERE  
ABLE TO  
MEET  
HERE.



I  
haven't  
seen  
you in a  
while.



SINCE  
IT WAS  
ESTAB-  
LISHED  
INFORMA-  
TION.

YES.



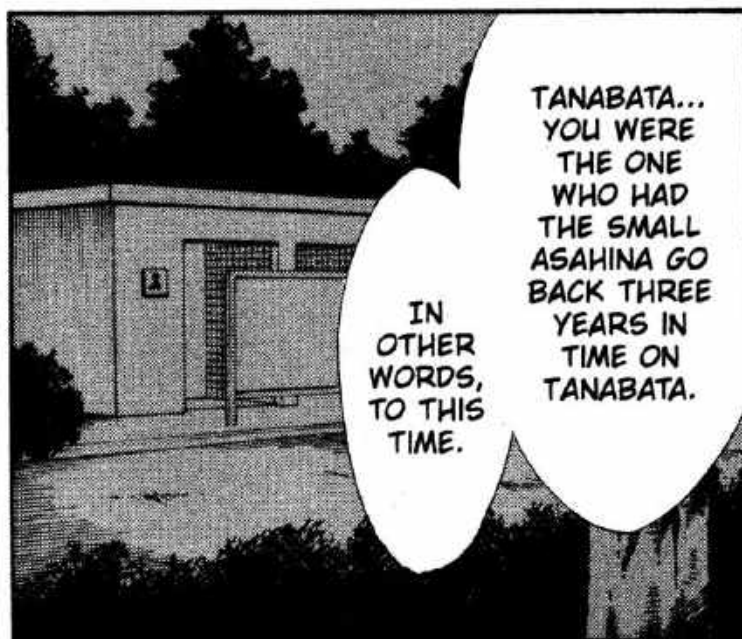
ASAHINA-  
SAN...  
YOU KNEW  
THAT I'D  
BE BACK.





YES,  
IT WAS  
ME.

AND YOU  
ARRANGED  
FOR  
HER TO  
BRING ME  
ALONG...

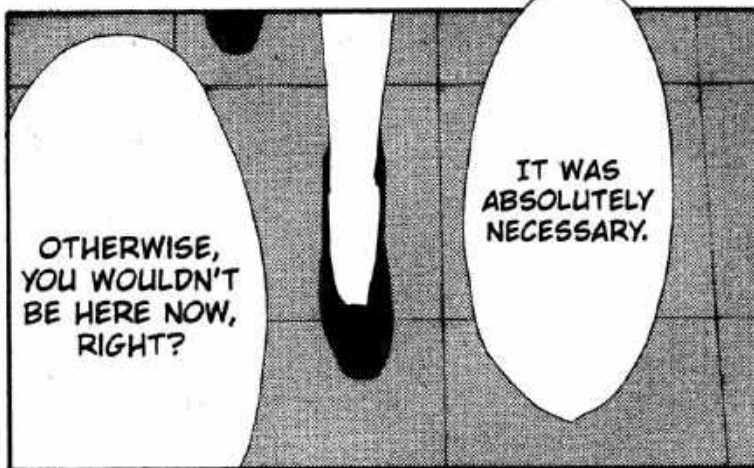


IN  
OTHER  
WORDS,  
TO THIS  
TIME.

TANABATA...  
YOU WERE  
THE ONE  
WHO HAD  
THE SMALL  
ASAHIINA GO  
BACK THREE  
YEARS IN  
TIME ON  
TANABATA.



...SHE  
WAS  
RIGHT.



OTHERWISE,  
YOU WOULDN'T  
BE HERE NOW,  
RIGHT?

IT WAS  
ABSOLUTELY  
NECESSARY.



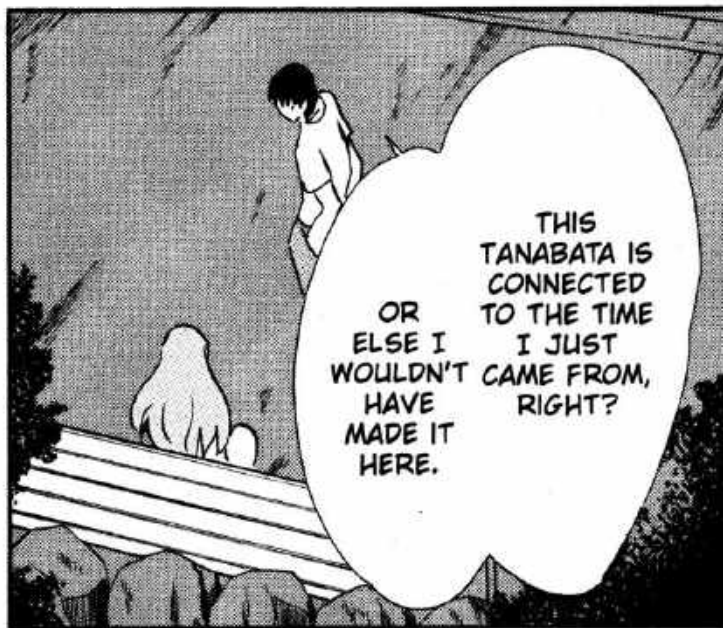
IF WE DIDN'T  
SHARE THIS  
MEMORY, I  
NEVER WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO  
ASSEMBLE  
THE "KEYS"  
IN THE  
CLUBROOM.

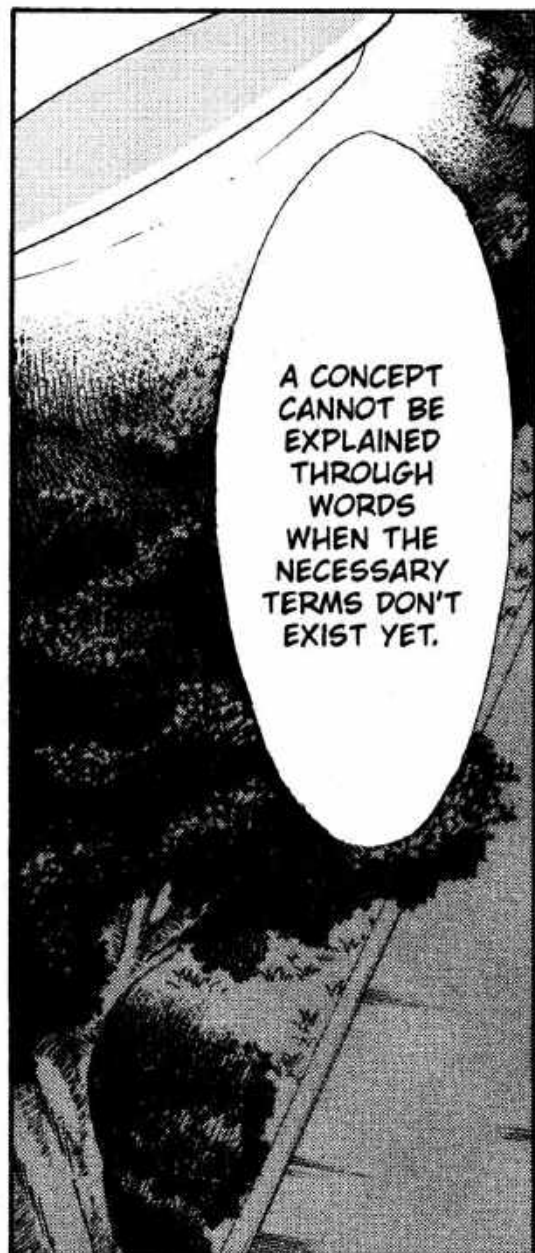
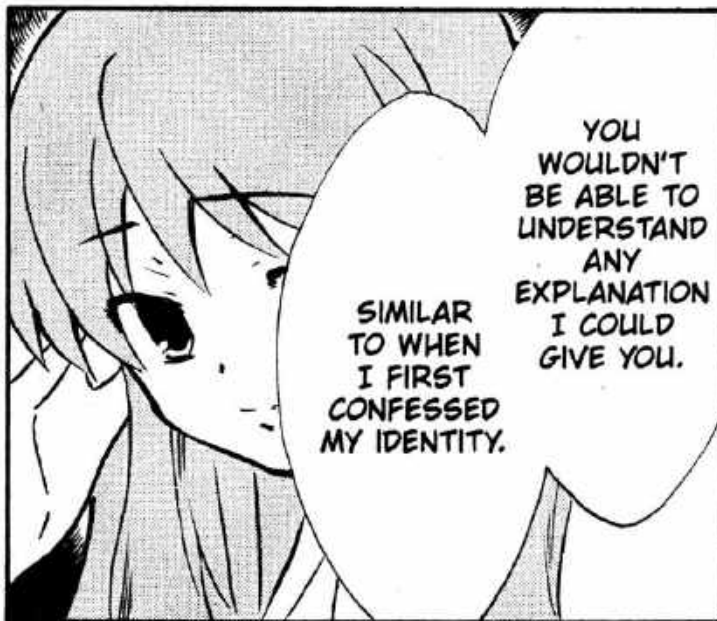
JOHN  
SMITH.

MY ONLY  
LINK TO THE  
"KOUYOLIEN  
ACADEMY  
HARUHI"...

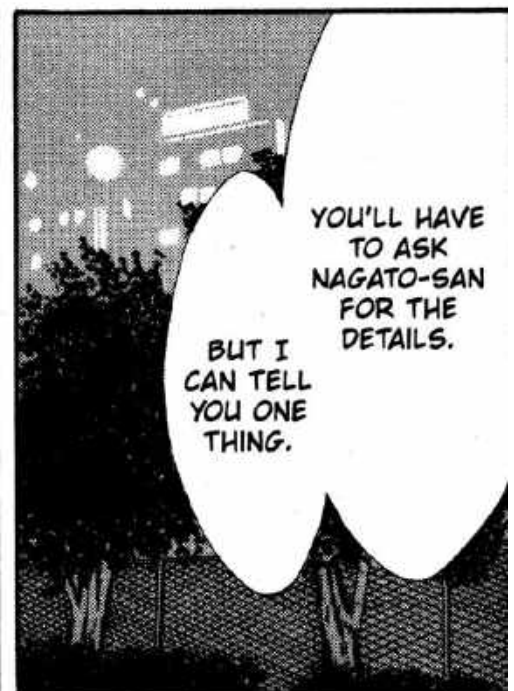
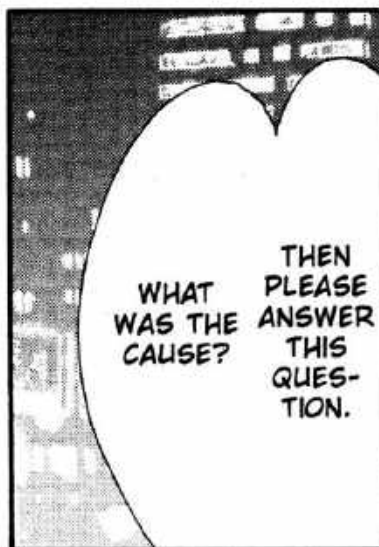














IT WAS AN  
INCREDIBLE  
TIMEQUAKE...  
THAT COULD  
BE OBSERVED  
FROM THE  
DISTANT  
FUTURE.



S.T.C.  
DATA...  
UM, THE  
ENTIRE  
WORLD  
WAS  
CHANGED  
OVER-  
NIGHT.

ONLY YOUR  
MEMORIES  
REMAINED  
UNTOUCHED.



THAT  
WOULD  
BE TWO  
DAYS AGO  
FOR ME.

DECEMBER  
18<sup>TH</sup>...



I CANNOT  
DEAL  
WITH THIS  
ALONE.

IF YOU WERE  
WAITING HERE  
FOR ME...  
THAT MEANS  
YOU HAVE  
A PLAN?



AND WE  
ALSO  
NEED  
YOU.

WE NEED  
NAGATO-  
SAN'S  
HELP.





IT  
WASN'T.

I'M  
GUESSING  
IT WAS  
HARUHI.



...GOOD  
GRIEF.  
WHO'S  
RESPON-  
SIBLE  
FOR  
THIS?



IT WAS  
SOMEONE  
YOU KNOW  
VERY  
WELL...



SLIP  
(SLIP)



NO.

SOME  
FREAK  
WHO CAME  
CRASHING  
IN FROM  
ANOTHER  
DIMENSION?

HUH...  
IT WAS  
SOMEONE  
ELSE?







SHE WAS  
SAYING  
SOME-  
THING  
INAUDIBLY  
...

...I  
WON-  
DER  
WHAT.

HER LIPS  
MOVED  
WITHOUT  
MAKING A  
SOUND.



SFX: CHON (POKE)



WE  
NEED TO  
GO SEE  
NAGATO  
...

O-OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.

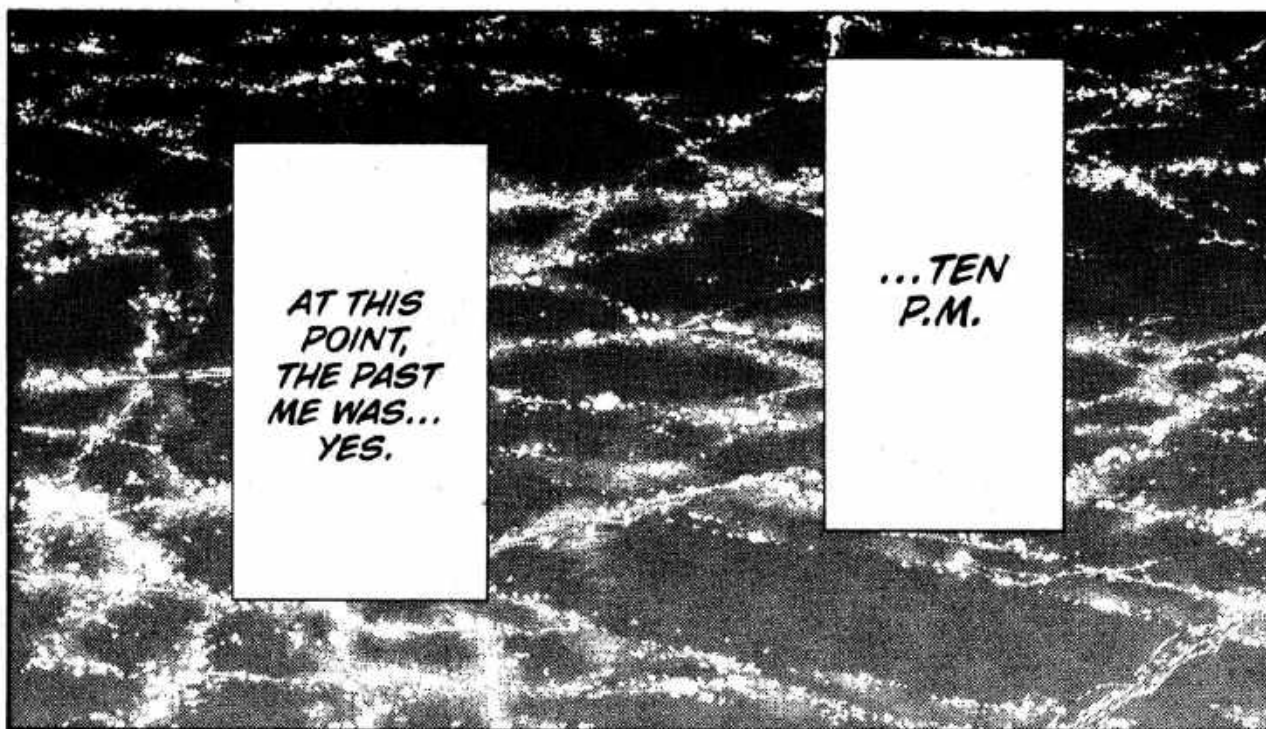


HEE-  
HEE...IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME.



...THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
ELSE YOU  
MUST DO,  
RIGHT?

BUT  
FIRST...



AT THIS  
POINT,  
THE PAST  
ME WAS...  
YES.

...TEN  
P.M.



BY THE  
WAY,  
ASAHINA-  
SAN...

HARUHI  
MENTIONED  
THAT SHE  
RAN INTO  
JOHN SMITH  
"TWICE"...



DEFACING  
THE  
SCHOOL  
GROUNDS  
WITH TTH-  
GRADE  
HARUHI.

"I" WAS  
ABOUT TO  
ENTER  
A DEEP  
SLEEP.



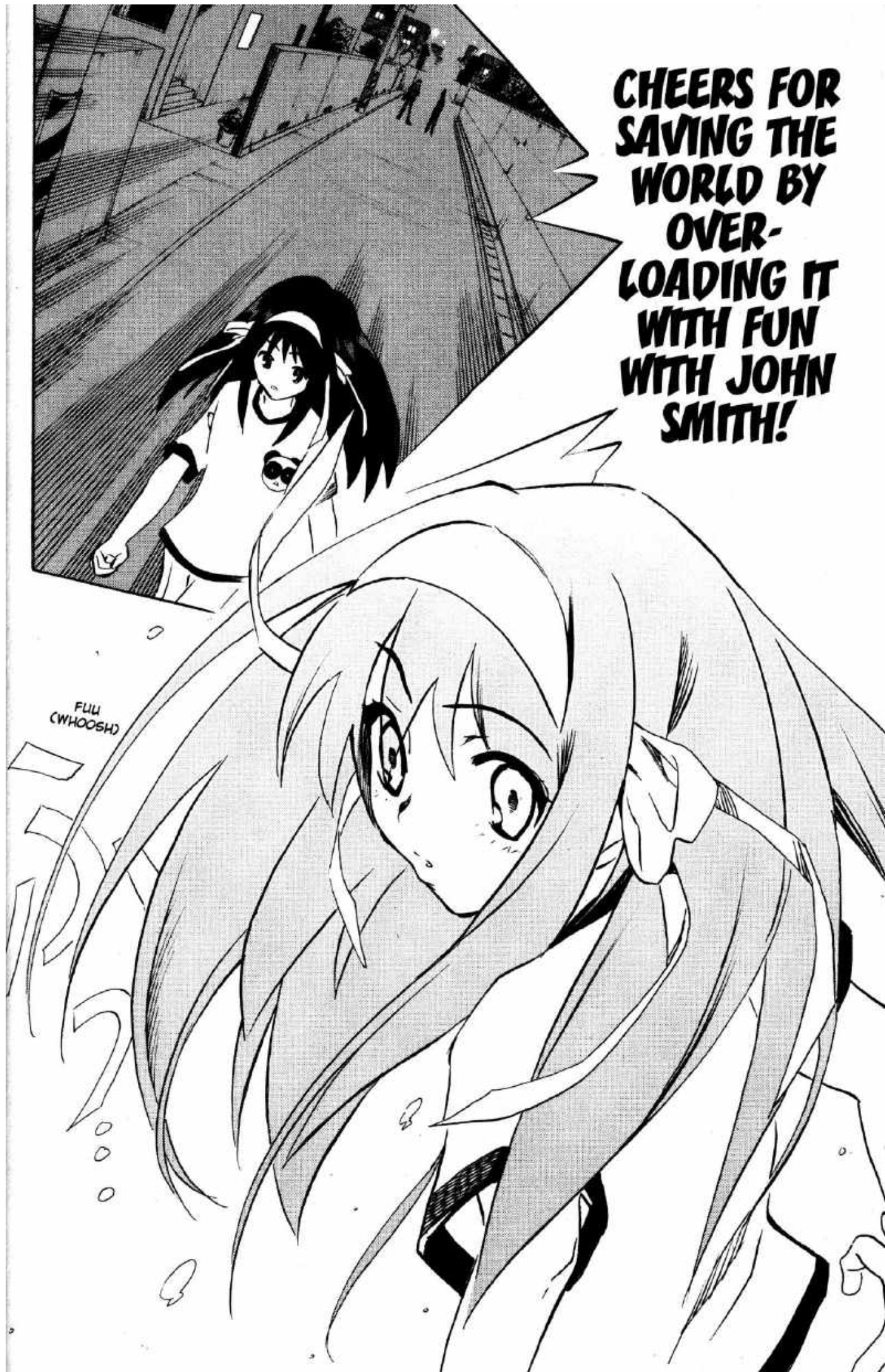
SU  
(LIFT)





**CHEERS FOR  
SAVING THE  
WORLD BY  
OVER-  
LOADING IT  
WITH FUN  
WITH JOHN  
SMITH!**

FUU  
(WHOOOSH)







AS THOUGH  
SHE EXPECTS  
TO SEE YOU  
TOMORROW.

A FINE  
EXIT.



...TO A 12-  
YEAR-OLD  
HARUHI  
WHO WOULD  
CONTINUE TO  
RUN WILD.

I PRAYED  
FROM THE  
BOTTOM  
OF MY  
HEART...



REMEMBER  
THAT NAME,  
HARUHI.  
  
REMEMBER  
JOHN  
SMITH...

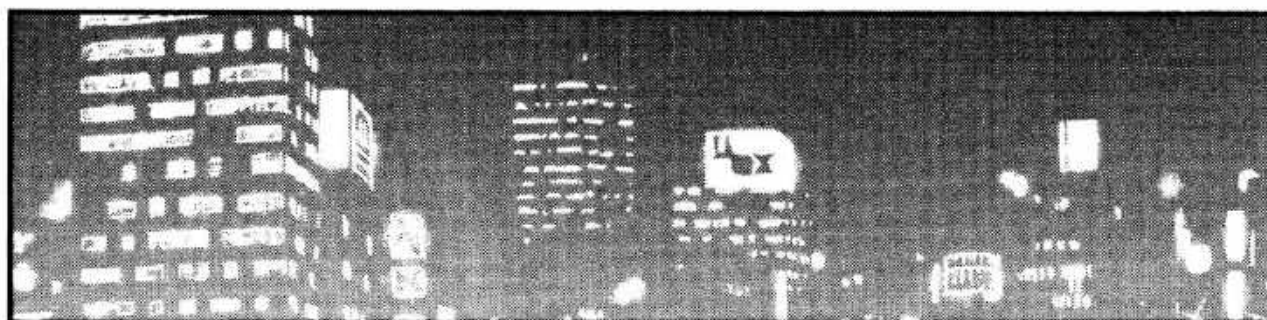


THAT  
I WAS  
HERE.

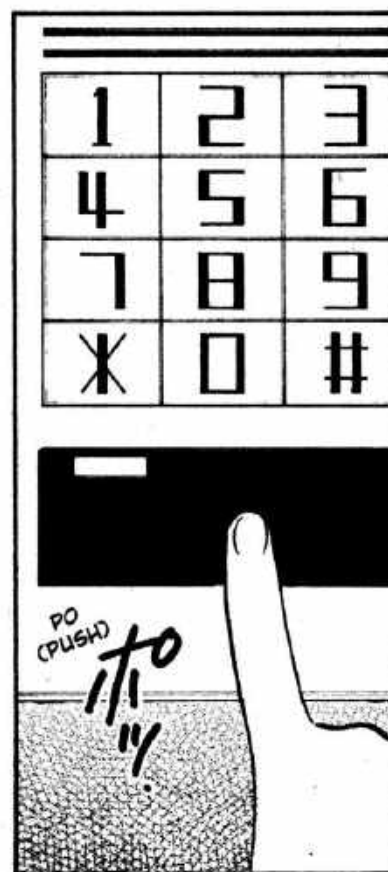
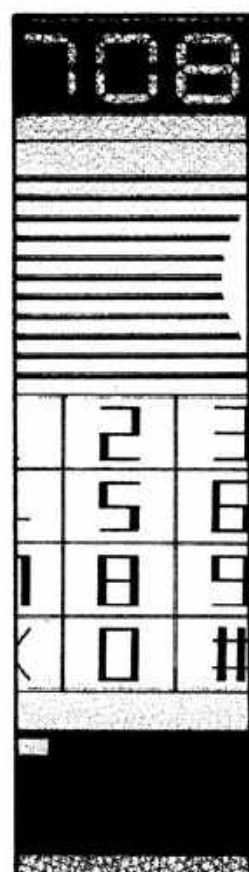
PLEASE  
DON'T  
FORGET.

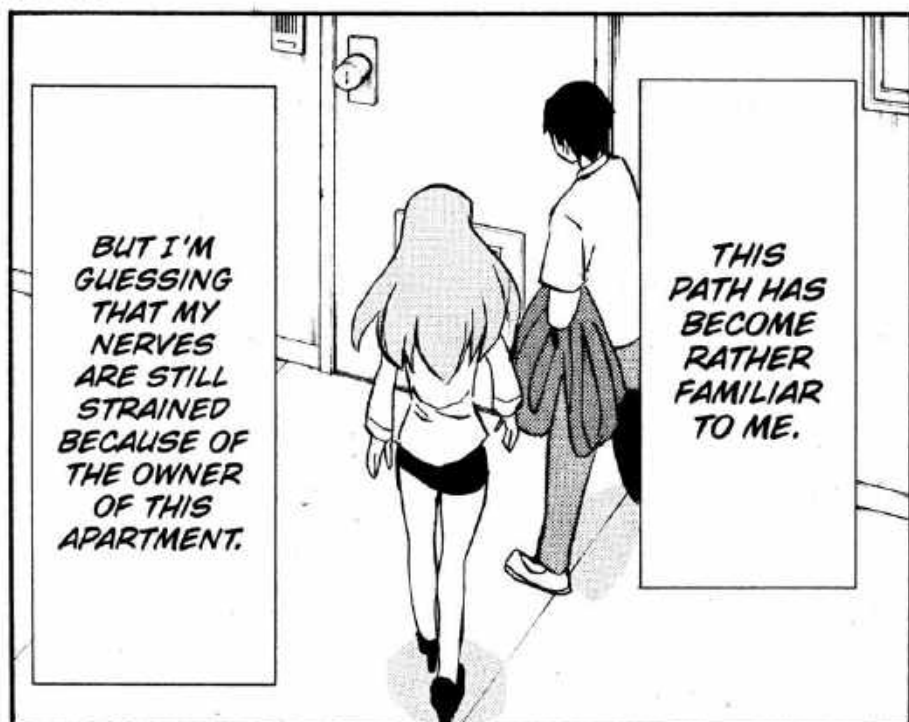
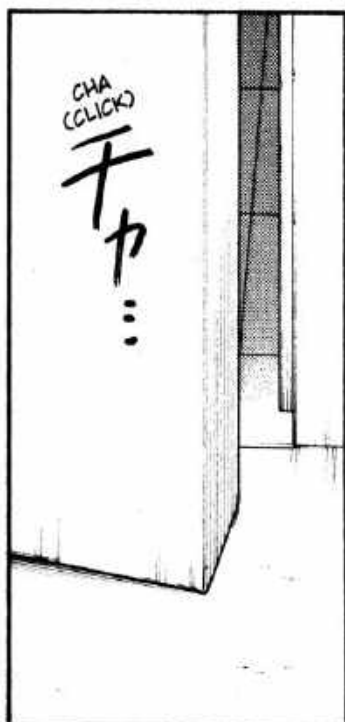
...WAS  
NONE  
OTHER  
THAN ME.

THE  
"OTHER  
JOHN  
SMITH"...

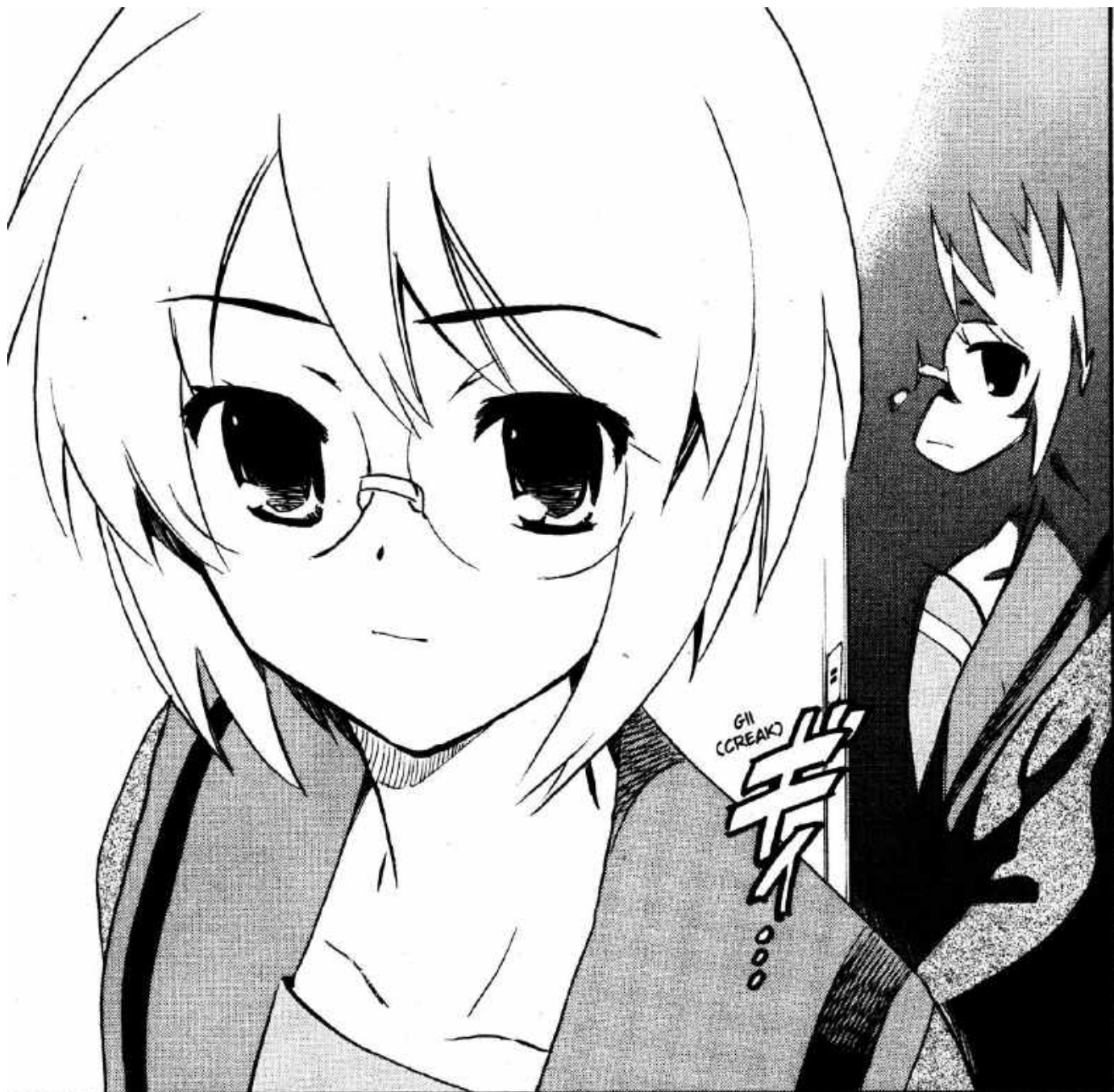














UNDER-  
STOOD.



KA  
(CRACKLE)

THIS  
IS THE  
ADULT  
VERSION  
OF  
ASAHINA-  
SAN.



OH,  
THAT'S  
THE  
ROOM  
WHERE  
...

NO  
REACTION  
AT ALL,  
JUST LIKE  
WHEN I  
FIRST MET  
HER.

NOW  
THIS IS  
THE YUKI  
NAGATO  
I KNOW.

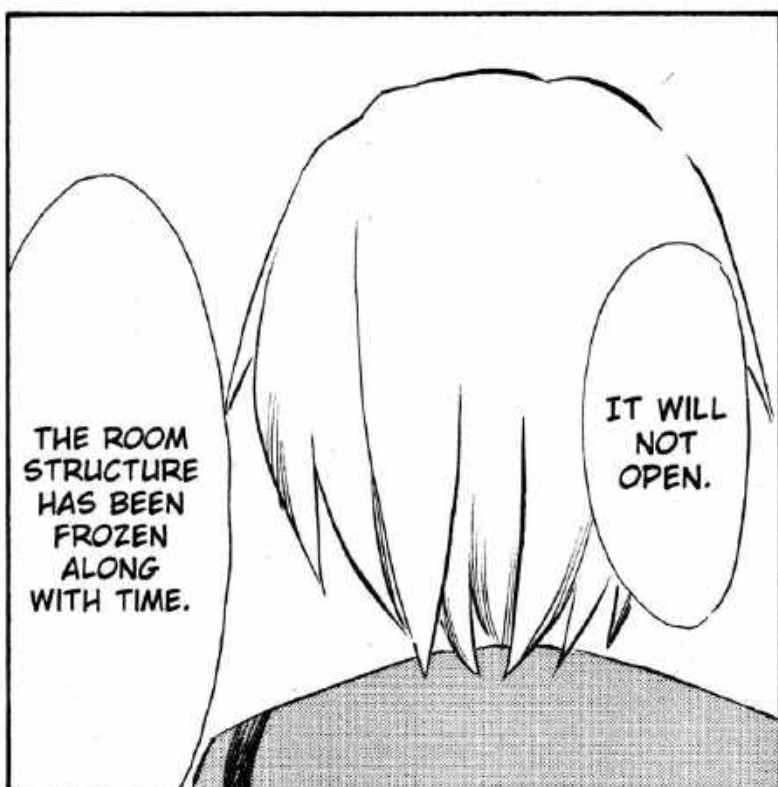


ギ  
ギ  
ギ  
GII  
(CREAK)



...I  
SEE.

NOW  
WHERE  
DO I  
BEGIN?



THE ROOM  
STRUCTURE  
HAS BEEN  
FROZEN  
ALONG  
WITH TIME.

IT WILL  
NOT  
OPEN.



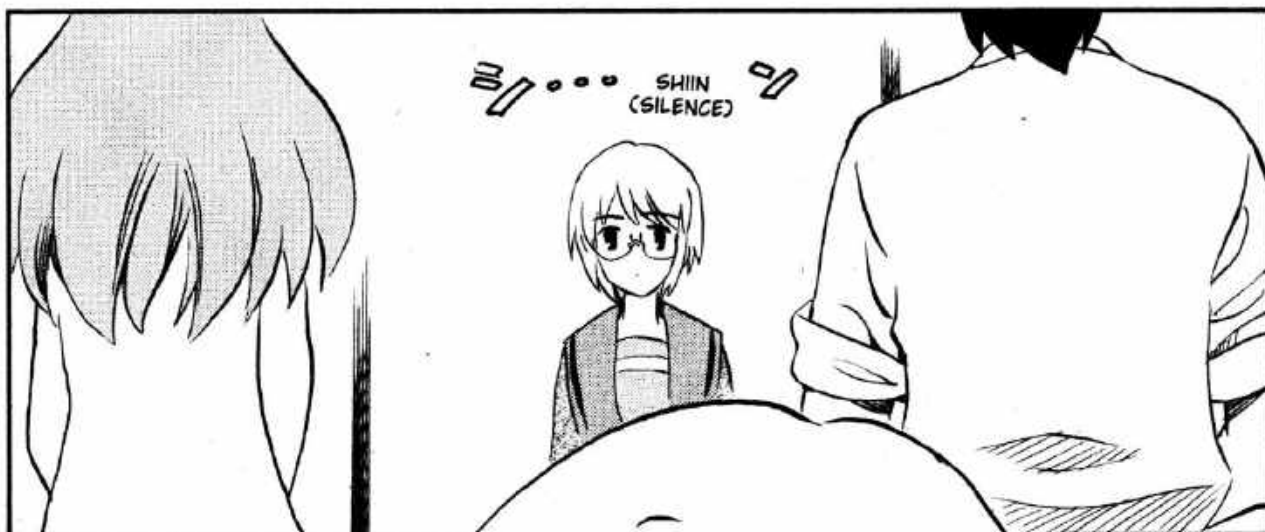


BOOKMARK: PROGRAM EXECUTE CONDITION-ASSEMBLE THE KEYS. FINAL DEADLINE-TWO DAYS











RESTORA-  
TION IS  
POSSIBLE.



BUT THE  
SITUATION  
HAS BEEN  
UNDER-  
STOOD.

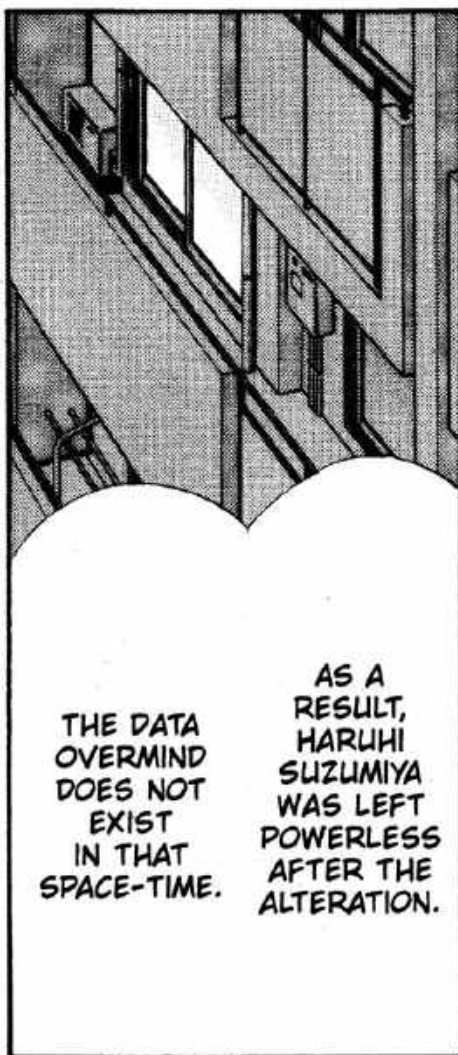


WHAT  
DOES  
THAT  
MEAN?

...TO  
PARTIALLY  
TRANSFORM  
THE DATA  
COMPOSITION  
OF THE  
WORLD.

THE PARTY  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR SPACE-TIME  
ALTERATION  
MANIPULATED  
HARUHI  
SUZUMIYA'S  
DATA CREATION  
ABILITY...





THE DATA  
OVERMIND  
DOES NOT  
EXIST  
IN THAT  
SPACE-TIME.

AS A  
RESULT,  
HARUHI  
SUZUMIYA  
WAS LEFT  
POWERLESS  
AFTER THE  
ALTERATION.



HER FACE  
LOOKS  
SLIGHTLY  
DIFFERENT  
NOW...

THIS FACE  
IS THE  
PRODUCT OF  
EVERYTHING  
THAT HAD  
HAPPENED  
SINCE SPRING  
AND OVER THE  
SUMMER.



THE  
"POWER"  
STOLEN  
FROM  
HARUHI  
SUZUMIYA  
...



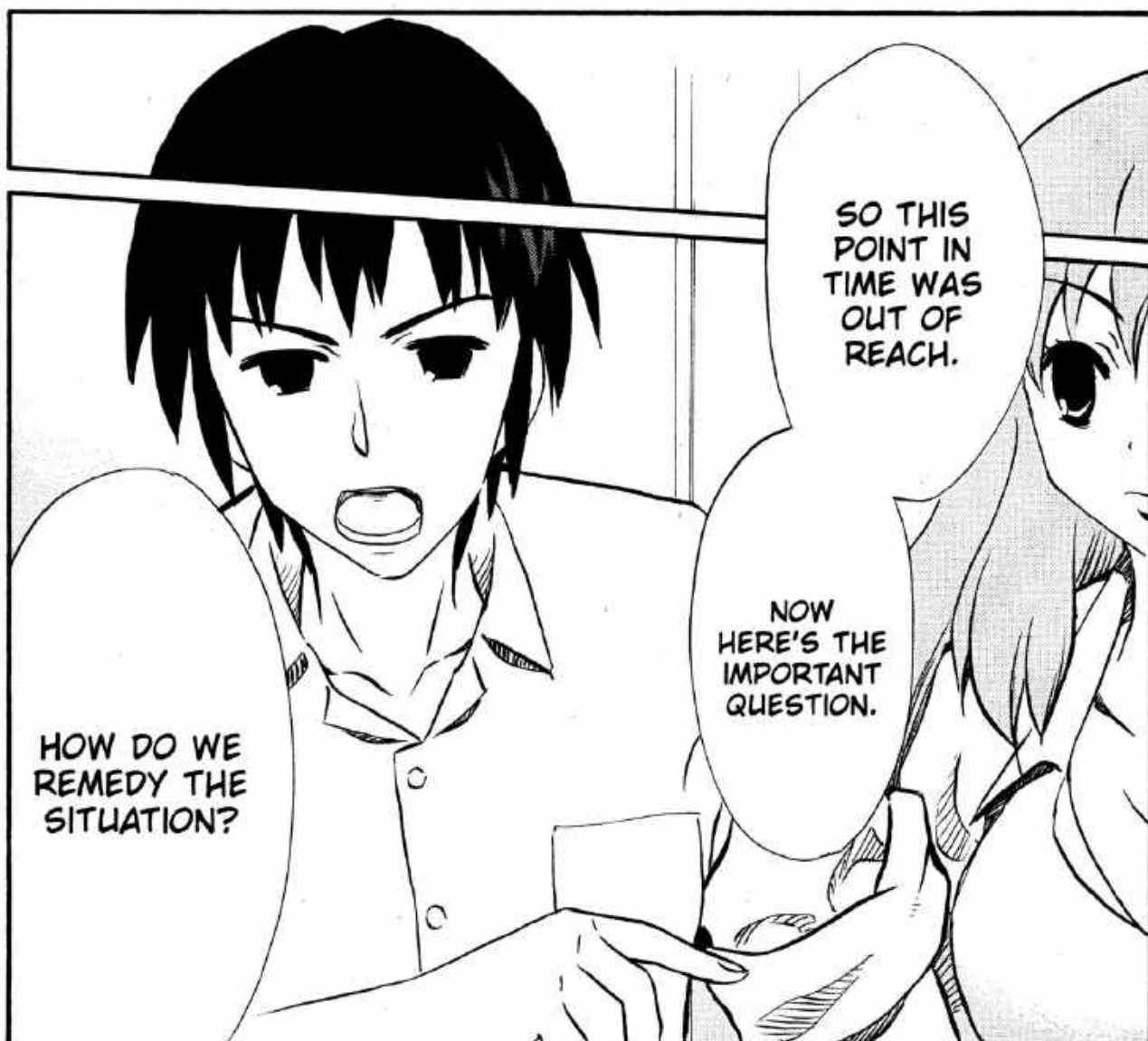
SO  
SOMEBODY  
ALTERED  
THE ENTIRE  
WORLD AND  
EVEN GOT  
RID OF YOUR  
BOSS.

I DON'T  
GET IT,  
BUT THAT  
SOUNDS  
OMINOUS.



...OF  
MEMORY  
DATA.

...ALLOWED  
THE  
PERPETRATOR  
TO MODIFY  
365 DAYS'  
WORTH...



HOW DO WE  
REMEDY THE  
SITUATION?

SO THIS  
POINT IN  
TIME WAS  
OUT OF  
REACH.

NOW  
HERE'S THE  
IMPORTANT  
QUESTION.



...IMME-  
DIATELY  
AFTER  
THE PER-  
PETRATOR  
ALTERS  
SPACE-  
TIME.

...AND  
RUN THE  
REPAIR  
PROGRAM  
...



...THREE  
YEARS  
FROM  
NOW...

YOU MUST  
TRAVEL TO  
DECEMBER  
18TH...




...AND YOU  
CAN USE  
THAT REPAIR  
PROGRAM OF  
YOURS OR  
WHATEVER?

SO THE  
THREE OF  
US WILL  
HEAD  
OFF...









AS USUAL,  
SHE FAILS  
TO MAKE  
ANY SENSE.

THIS  
IS...

KYUUUUUU  
(WHRRR)



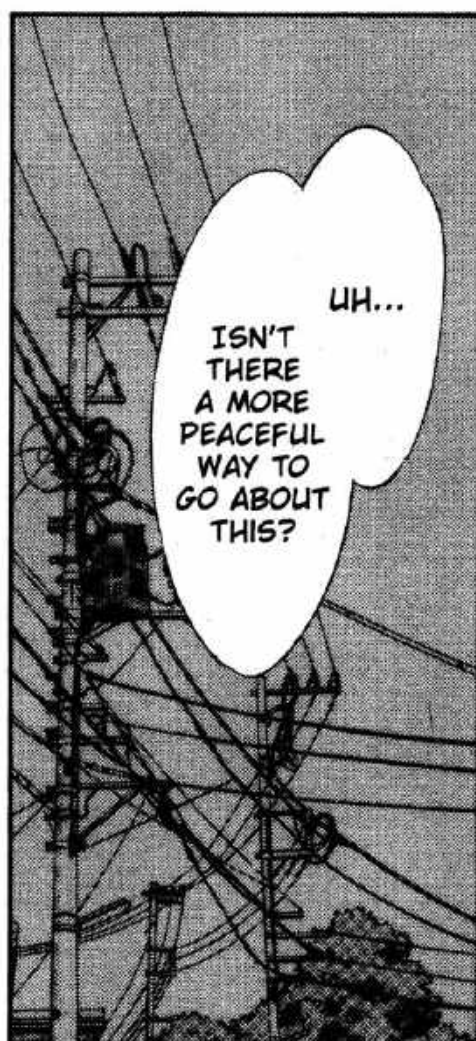
BUT I  
CAN AT  
LEAST TELL  
THAT SHE  
INSTANTA-  
NEOUSLY  
TRANS-  
FORMED  
HER  
GLASSES  
INTO  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
NAGATO'S  
TRYING TO  
PULL HERE...

...BUT MY  
INSTINCTS  
ARE TELLING  
ME TO STAY  
AWAY.





















SFX: KU (GRAB)









...YET  
FOR SOME  
REASON,  
SHE LOOKED  
LONELY  
SOMEHOW.

NAGATO  
WASN'T  
EXPRESSING  
HERSELF IN  
ANY WAY...

...THANKS.

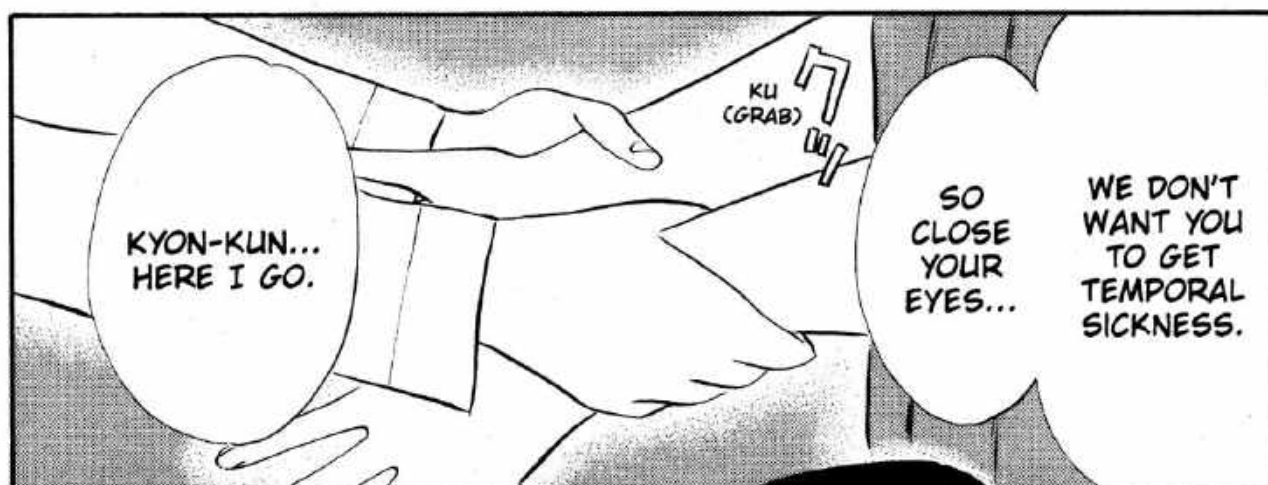
ギシ  
GISHI  
(CREAK)

I WILL BE  
WAITING.

UNTIL  
HARUHI  
AND I  
SHOW  
UP.

SEE YOU  
LATER,  
NAGATO.

SIT TIGHT  
IN THE  
LITERARY  
CLUB.





I WAS  
HIT BY A  
DRAMATIC  
WAVE OF  
DIZZINESS.

I CAN  
NEVER  
GET USED  
TO THIS  
FEELING.

THIS IS  
LIKE RIDING  
A ROLLER  
COASTER  
WITH THE  
SAFETY OFF.

AAAA  
(CROOAR)

THE ONLY  
REASON I  
HAVEN'T LOST  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS IS  
BECAUSE OF  
THE WARM  
SENSATION  
OF ASAHINA  
AGAINST MY  
ARM...



KOAAA  
(ROOAR)

NO, HOW  
MANY  
HOURS?

HOW  
MANY  
MINUTES  
HAVE  
PASSED?

MMM...  
WE'RE  
HERE.

WE'VE  
ARRIVED AT  
THE PLACE...  
AND TIME  
NAGATO-SAN  
INDICATED.

THAT'S  
A  
RELIEF.

YOU CAN  
OPEN YOUR  
EYES NOW.



THE  
WORLD  
WILL  
CHANGE  
IN FIVE  
MINUTES.

THIS  
IS...



4:18 A.M. ON  
DECEMBER  
18TH.

DECEMBER  
18TH.

IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
WE WERE  
RIGHT IN  
FRONT  
OF NORTH  
HIGH.

A COINCI-  
DENCE...  
I THINK.

I'D BEEN  
STANDING HERE  
A FEW HOURS  
AGO...THIS  
WAS THE SPOT  
WHERE HARUHI  
AND KOIZUMI  
HAD CHANGED  
CLOTHES.



THOUGH  
PHYSICALLY  
FOR ME, NOT  
MUCH TIME  
HAS PASSED.

I'D BEEN  
PANICKING  
AFTER  
DISCOVERING  
THAT NORTH  
HIGH HAD  
COMPLETELY  
CHANGED.



GOING FROM  
THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
WHEN I  
PRESSED  
THE ENTER  
KEY TO BE  
SENT THREE  
YEARS BACK  
IN TIME...

...THE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
WOULD  
BE THREE  
DAYS AGO.



I'VE  
FINALLY  
MADE IT  
BACK.

...I CAN  
ALREADY  
START  
REMINISCING  
ABOUT  
THAT CRAZY  
PERIOD.

HA  
HA  
...





I'M ON THE  
THRESHOLD  
OF THE  
MOMENT  
WHEN IT  
WOULD  
BEGIN.

THIS IS  
WHEN  
IT ALL  
BEGAN.



THAT IS  
WHY I'M  
HERE RIGHT  
NOW...

THAT BEING  
THE CASE,  
I HAVE A  
CHANCE TO  
PREVENT  
IT FROM  
HAPPENING.



YES.

BUT  
IT'S A  
LITTLE  
CHILLY  
...

AFTER ALL,  
SHE HELD  
ONTO THAT  
CARD FOR  
THREE  
YEARS.

NAGATO  
WILL  
PROBABLY  
TAKE CARE  
OF IT.



OH, I  
FORGOT  
MY  
SHOES.



THANK  
YOU.  
SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.

WE HAVE  
TO LET THE  
WORLD BE  
CHANGED  
BEFORE WE  
CAN FIRE  
THE REPAIR  
PROGRAM.



YOU CAN  
HERE. BORROW  
THIS.

I CAN'T  
JUMP OUT  
THE SECOND  
IT BEGINS.



IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME...

!



THE  
REASONING  
IS THAT MY  
ACTIVATION OF  
THE ESCAPE  
PROGRAM  
WOULD BE  
ERASED FROM  
HISTORY  
OTHERWISE...  
APPARENTLY.





A NORTH  
HIGH  
UNIFORM.

THE  
PERSON  
WHO  
NAGATO  
HAD  
NAMED.



THERE  
SHE IS.



THE ONE  
WHO IS  
ABOUT TO  
COMMIT  
THAT VERY  
ACT...

THE  
ONE WHO  
CHANGED  
MEMORY  
AND HISTORY  
FOR EVERY  
OTHER  
PERSON.

THE  
ONE WHO  
SCATTERED  
THE MEMBERS  
OF THE SOS  
BRIGADE  
WHILE LEAVING  
ONLY MY  
MEMORIES  
INTACT...





...SHE'S  
TRYING  
TO GRAB  
THE AIR.

...SHE  
LOOKS  
AS IF  
...

...IF SOMEONE  
ELSE IS  
CONTROLLING  
HER.

A RATHER  
UNNATURAL  
MOTION THAT  
MAKES ME  
WONDER...

IT'S  
STILL  
NIGHT-  
TIME.

I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN A  
SINGLE  
THING  
CHANGE  
...

...IT'S A  
POWERFUL  
TIMEQUAKE.

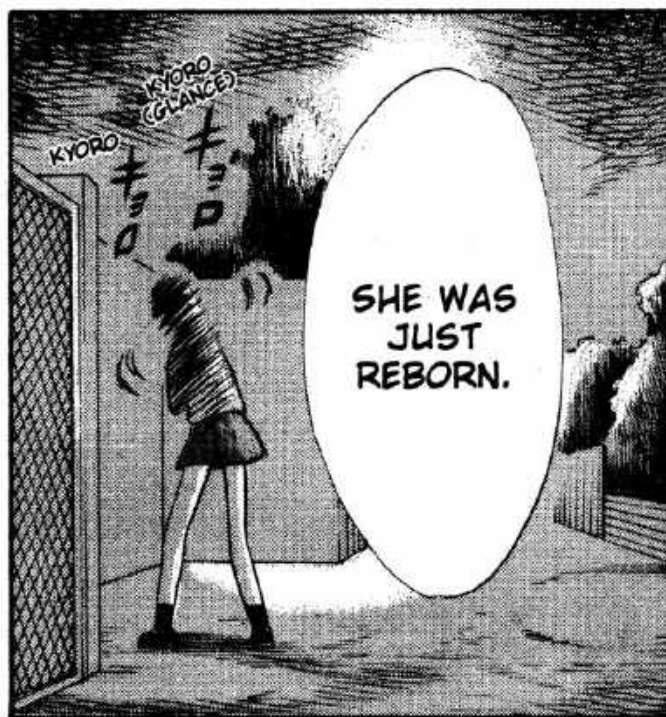
AMAZING.

KAKUN  
(SWAY)

THE  
HISTORY OF  
THIS WORLD  
WAS BEING  
ALTERED AT  
THIS VERY  
MOMENT.  
THAT  
MUCH WAS  
CERTAIN,  
APPARENTLY.

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
THAT  
SHE HAS  
SO MUCH  
POWER  
...

...EVEN  
AS I'M  
WITNESSING  
IT HAPPEN.









...A  
WALK.

SHE'S  
WEARING  
GLASSES...  
IT'S THE  
OTHER  
NAGATO.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?  
  
DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHY  
YOU'RE  
HERE?



THE  
ACCUMULATION  
OF ERRONEOUS  
DATA IN MY  
MEMORY  
SPACE...

...LED TO THE  
BUG WHICH  
TRIGGERED  
ABNORMAL  
BEHAVIOR.

THE POST-  
DECEMBER  
18<sup>TH</sup> ONE  
WHO WAS  
NOTHING  
MORE THAN  
A MEMBER  
OF THE  
LITERARY  
CLUB...

NO LONGER  
AN ALIEN OR  
ANYTHING OF  
THAT SORT.  
JUST YOUR  
AVERAGE  
BOOKWORM.



FOR I DO  
NOT KNOW  
THE CAUSE  
OF THE  
ERROR.

THERE  
IS NO  
COUNTER-  
MEASURE.



I WILL  
INVARIABLY  
RECONSTRUCT  
THE WORLD  
ON DECEMBER  
18<sup>TH</sup> IN THREE  
YEARS.

THIS HAS  
BEEN  
DETERMINED  
TO BE AN  
INEVITABLE  
EVENT.



I KNOW  
THE  
CAUSE.

IT'S  
ACTUALLY  
VERY  
SIMPLE...

NO.  
YOU'RE  
WRONG,  
NAGATO.





IT'S A  
TYPICAL  
PLOTLINE.

YOU HAD  
TO ENDURE  
HARUHI'S  
SPORADIC  
IDEAS,  
PROTECT  
ME FROM  
HARM...

...PROBABLY  
EVEN ENGAGE  
IN SECRET  
ACTIVITIES  
THE REST OF  
US DIDN'T  
KNOW ABOUT.



WHETHER  
IT WAS  
A STORY  
ABOUT  
ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLI-  
GENCE OR  
A ROBOT...

...THAT  
"ELEMENT"  
WOULD  
EVENTUALLY  
DEVELOP  
OVER THE  
COURSE  
OF TIME.

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.

BUT I  
DO...AND  
HARUHI  
WOULD  
TOO.



A BUG?  
ERROR?  
IT WASN'T  
ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT.


HELMET: KITA HIGH

YOU  
PROBABLY  
WANTED TO  
SCREAM  
AND RAGE  
AT TIMES.

TELL A  
CERTAIN  
PERSON  
OFF, EVEN.

YOU'VE  
LEARNED  
TO FEEL  
OVER THE  
PAST FEW  
MONTHS.

YOU SEE,  
NAGATO.  
THOSE ARE  
"EMOTIONS."



I FINALLY  
KNEW THE  
ANSWER  
TO THE  
QUESTION  
THAT HAD  
TROUBLED  
ME FOR  
THE PAST  
FEW DAYS.

SHE LEFT  
MY MEMORY  
INTACT AND  
CHANGED  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE.



THIS WAS  
NAGATO'S  
WISH.

NAGATO  
YEARNED  
FOR SUCH  
A NORMAL  
WORLD.



AND WHAT DO  
YOU KNOW...  
THE ANSWER  
WAS SIMPLE.

WHY WAS I  
THE ONLY  
ONE LEFT  
UNCHANGED?





**SHE'D  
GIVEN  
ME THE  
RIGHT TO  
CHOOSE.**

**A  
SCENARIO  
WHERE I'M  
SUPPOSED  
TO  
CHOOSE...**

**...BETWEEN  
THE CHANGED  
WORLD AND  
THE ORIGINAL  
ONE—  
DAMN IT.**




YES,  
YOU.

SO  
THEN,  
ME.

SURE, WE  
COULD STILL  
REFORM  
THE SOS  
BRIGADE.

I'M TALKING  
TO MYSELF.  
...YOU AREN'T  
ALLOWED  
TO PLEAD  
THE FIFTH.



KOIZUMI  
WOULD  
JUST  
SMILE,  
ASAHINA  
WOULD  
BE ALL  
FLUSTERED,  
AND  
NAGATO  
WOULD  
READ...

HARUHI  
WOULD STILL  
COME UP  
WITH CRAZY  
IDEAS.

HARUHI AND  
KOIZUMI  
WOULD BE AT  
A DIFFERENT  
SCHOOL,  
BUT THAT  
WOULDN'T BE  
MUCH OF AN  
OBSTACLE.



WOULD  
IT BE  
BETTER  
THAT  
WAY?

AM I  
OKAY  
WITH  
THAT?



HARUHI  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE ANY  
SPECIAL  
POWERS  
EITHER...  
WE'D JUST  
BE A NORMAL  
GROUP OF  
ORDINARY  
BUDDIES.

NO ALIEN,  
NO TIME  
TRAVELER,  
AND NO  
ESPER.



YES, THE  
PLETHORA OF  
EXPERIENCES  
YOU'VE BEEN  
THROUGH.

COMPARE  
THAT, WITH  
RAMPAGING  
GIANTS,  
TALKING  
CATS,  
AND TIME  
TRAVELING.





WAS THAT  
ABNORMAL  
SCHOOL  
LIFESTYLE  
FUN FOR  
YOU?

TELL ME  
HOW YOU  
FEEL  
ABOUT IT.

ANSWER,  
ME.  
...WELL?



THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HARUHI SUZUMIYA X









I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT LOCATION OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I STILL HAVEN'T ...

WHAT!



YOU WANT A PLACE THAT'S CLOSER TO NORTH HIGH?

NO.



YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH MY SOS BRIGADE!?

IT'S NOT THAT.



...I NEEDED TO THINK THINGS THROUGH FIRST.

RIGHT, NAGATO ...!?

EVERY MEMBER WAS PRESENT... BUT I COULDN'T ACCEPT THIS YET.





...YOU  
COULD HAVE  
LIVED A  
COMPLETELY  
CORRECT,  
ORDINARY,  
AND  
NORMAL  
LIFE.

IF YOU HAD  
IGNORED HER  
CORRECTIVE  
UTILITY...IF  
YOU HADN'T  
PRESSED THE  
BUTTON...

THE  
PEACEFUL  
WORLD  
YOU  
ALWAYS  
WANTED.

...YOU  
BET.



THE  
EMERGENCY  
ESCAPE  
PROGRAM.

...THE  
"RESET  
BUTTON"  
LEFT BY  
NAGATO.

WHY  
DID YOU  
PRESS  
THE  
ENTER  
KEY?







WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING...?



START  
OVER FROM  
SCRATCH...  
NOW  
THAT'S A  
CONVENIENT  
POWER.

HOWEVER,  
THAT WOULD  
NORMALLY BE  
IMPOSSIBLE...  
AND PROBABLY  
NOT A GOOD  
IDEA.

WHO  
SNATCHED  
HARUHI'S  
POWER  
AND  
CHANGED  
THE  
WORLD?

WASN'T  
IT YOU?

...THE  
NAGATO  
I KNEW  
WOULD  
NEVER  
SAY  
THAT.



HERE,  
NAGATO.  
LISTEN  
TO ME.

THAT'S WHY  
I RETURNED  
FROM CLOSED  
SPACE WITH  
HARUHI.





HARUHI'S  
A LOT  
LESS  
VOLATILE  
NOW.

WE CAN DO  
SOMETHING  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN.

PUT  
EVERYTHING  
BACK THE  
WAY IT  
WAS...THAT  
INCLUDES  
YOU.

MY  
ANSWER  
IS GOING  
TO BE  
THE SAME  
EVERY  
TIME.



KYON-  
KUN...

THINGS  
WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
FINE THE  
WAY THEY  
WERE.

THERE'S  
NO NEED  
FOR YOU TO  
USE THIS  
UNNECESSARY  
POWER TO  
FORCE A  
CHANGE.



SHE'S  
ALREADY  
BEEN  
CHANGED.

THERE'S  
NO USE IN  
TALKING  
TO THIS  
NAGATO-  
SAN.

HER  
REACTION  
LEFT ME  
FEELING  
A LITTLE  
GUILTY...

NAGATO  
WAS COM-  
PLETELY  
FROZEN  
IN PLACE.

SHE  
HAS NO  
POWER  
AT ALL  
...

...SHE'S  
JUST A  
GIRL.

OR I'LL  
START TO  
REMEMBER  
...

...THE  
PEOPLE  
I MET  
IN THIS  
WORLD.

THERE'S  
NO POINT IN  
HESITATING  
NOW.

DAMN.











WH-

WHAT?

I CAN'T  
SPEAK...

NIYARI  
(SMIRK)

KAAAA!





THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
NAGATO-  
SAN.

I SHALL  
ELIMINATE  
ANYTHING  
THAT  
THREATENS  
YOU.

I'M  
RIGHT  
HERE.



YOU'RE  
LYING!

THAT IS  
WHY I AM  
HERE.

WASN'T  
THAT YOUR  
WISH?  
...RIGHT?

CAN'T BE.  
...RYOUKO  
ASAKURA.



SHE WOULD  
NEVER  
KILL A BIRD  
BECAUSE IT  
DIDN'T SING  
THE WAY SHE  
WANTED.

NAGATO  
WOULD  
NEVER  
WISH FOR  
THIS.



SHE WAS  
ALSO AB-  
NORMAL.

SHE WAS  
NAGATO'S  
SHADOW  
...!



KYON-  
KUN  
...!



THE  
NAGATO  
WHO HAD  
BEHAVED  
ABNOR-  
MALLY.

THE  
RYOIKO  
ASAKURA  
BROUGHT  
BACK  
BY THAT  
NAGATO.





UFU  
FU.

DIDN'T I  
ALREADY  
RECEIVE  
A FATAL  
WOUND  
...?

ASAKURA  
THE  
HOMICIDAL  
MANIAC.



WHAT  
THE  
HELL?

DO  
STAMP?



I'M GOING  
TO FINISH  
YOU NOW.

YUKI  
NAGATO'S  
BACKUP.

IS THAT  
YOUR ROLE  
HERE...!?

YOU  
CAN  
DIE!





YOU ARE  
TORMENTING  
NAGATO-  
SAN.



IT'LL BE  
THE LAST  
THING  
YOU FEEL  
IN THIS...

SAVOR  
THE PAIN.

DOES IT  
HURT?  
OF  
COURSE  
IT DOES.



...  
LIFE-  
...

GUWA  
(GRIP)

...  
TIME!

KYON-  
KUN!!





















...SEE YOU...  
TOMORROW.






...I'M  
DRIFTING  
THROUGH  
DARKNESS.

IT MIGHT  
HAVE BEEN  
A DREAM.




MAYBE.

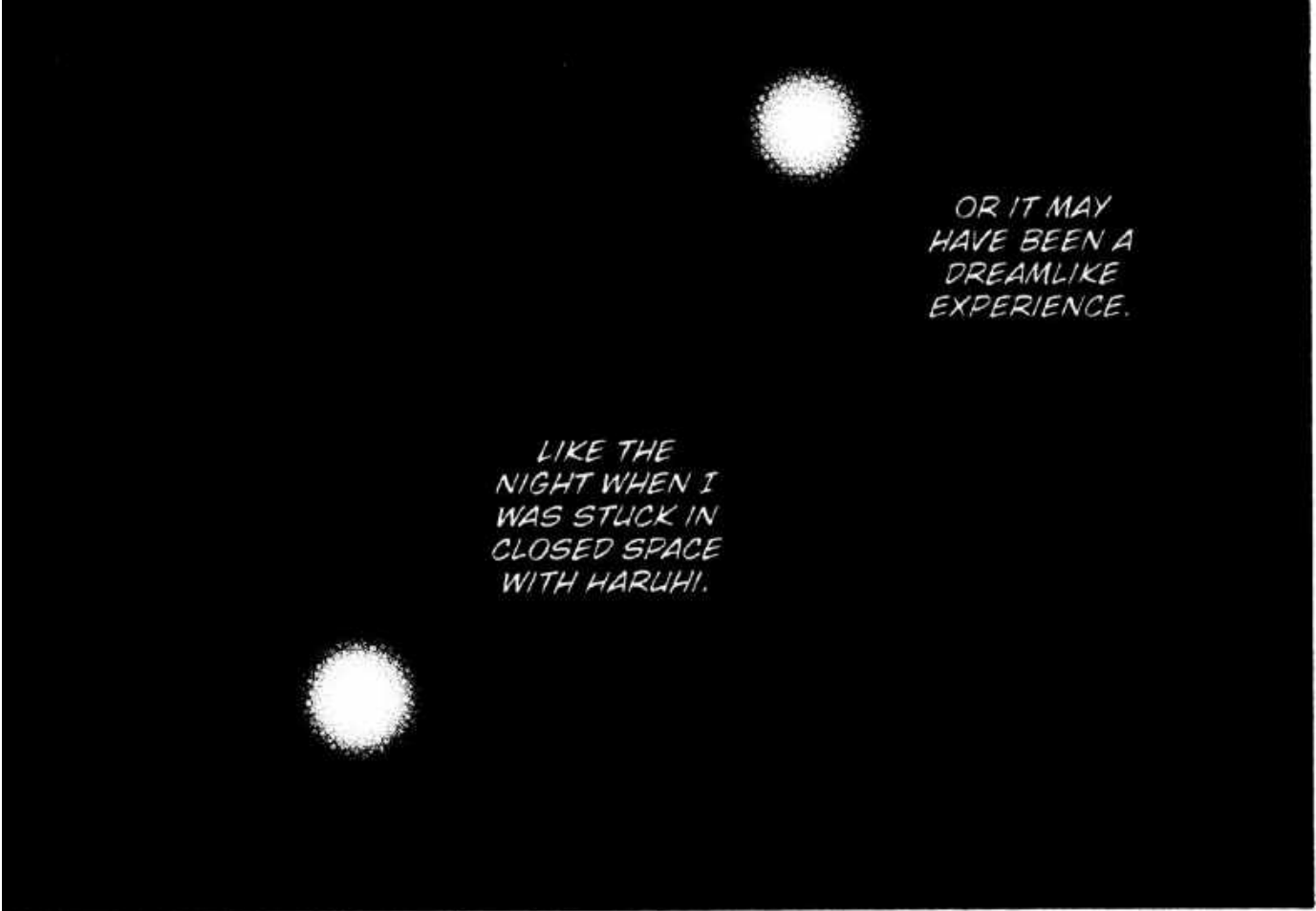
THE DETAILS OF  
AN INCREDIBLE  
DREAM TEND TO  
BECOME HAZY  
VERY QUICKLY.



SOON ENOUGH,  
THE IMPRESSION  
OF AN INCREDIBLE  
DREAM IS THE  
ONLY THING LEFT.







OR IT MAY  
HAVE BEEN A  
DREAMLIKE  
EXPERIENCE.

LIKE THE  
NIGHT WHEN I  
WAS STUCK IN  
CLOSED SPACE  
WITH HARUHI.



...BEFORE  
IT HAD BEEN  
NEGATED...

A MEMORY  
OF AN  
EXPERIENCE  
THAT HAD  
ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED...

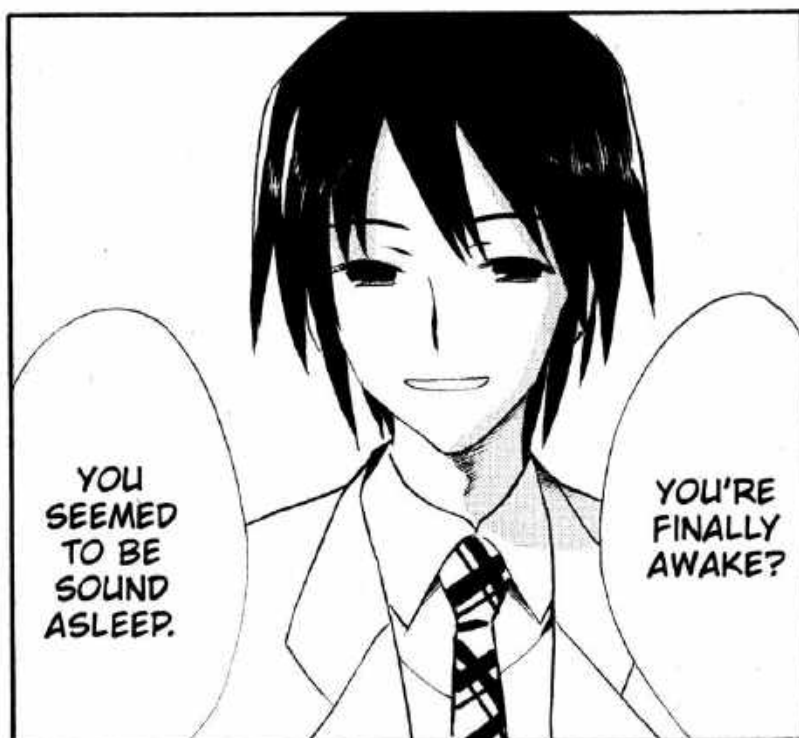


AS THAT  
THOUGHT  
CROSSED  
MY MIND...



I...









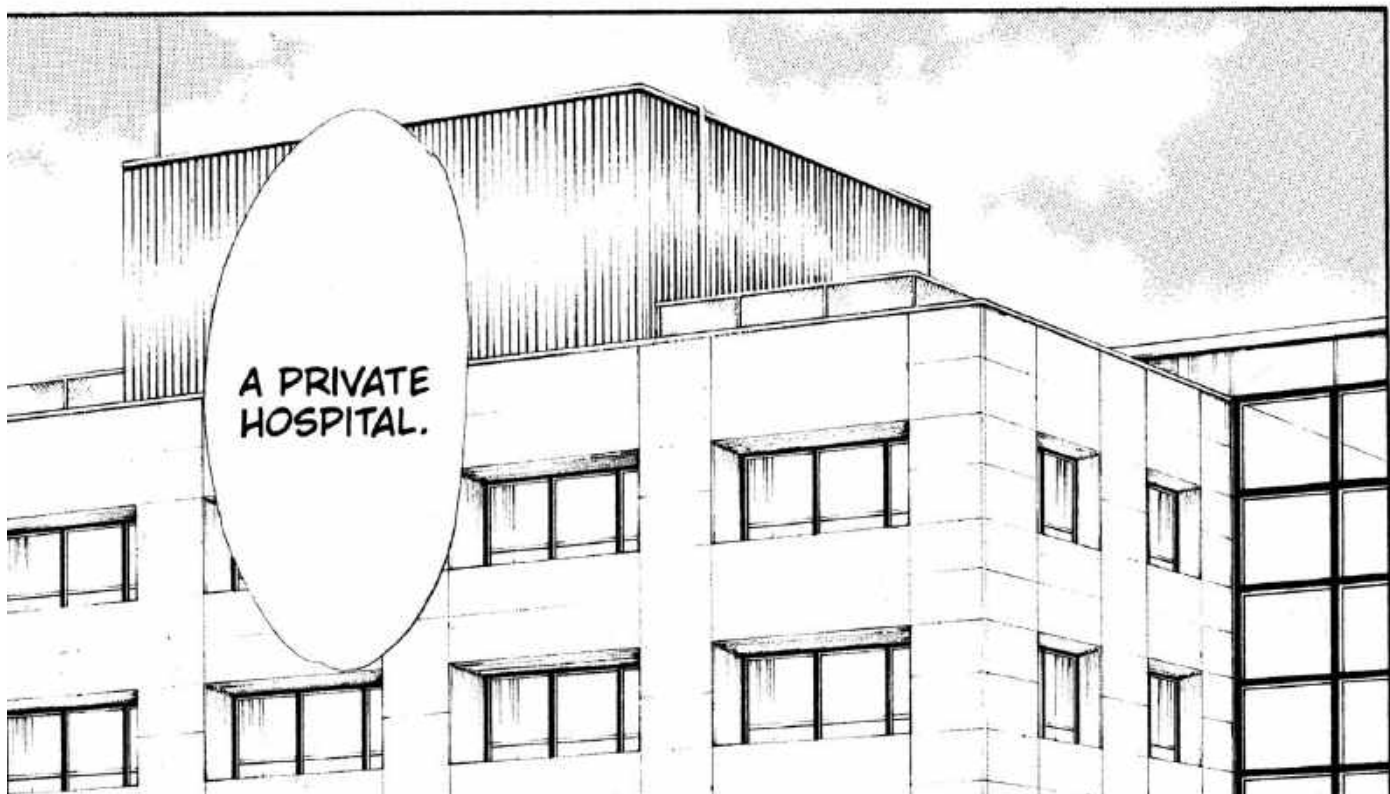
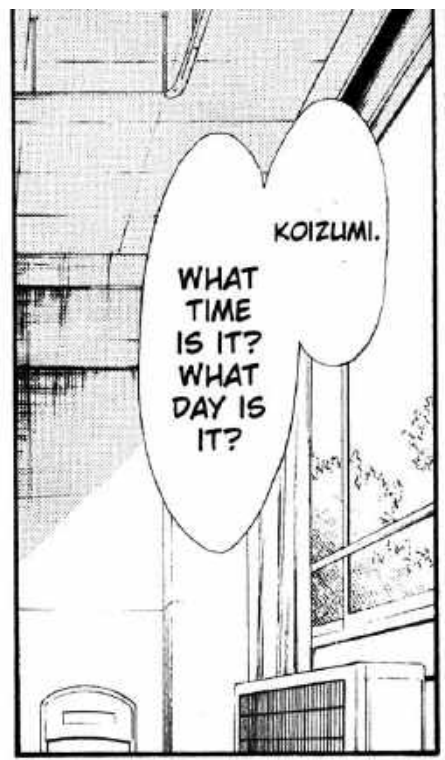


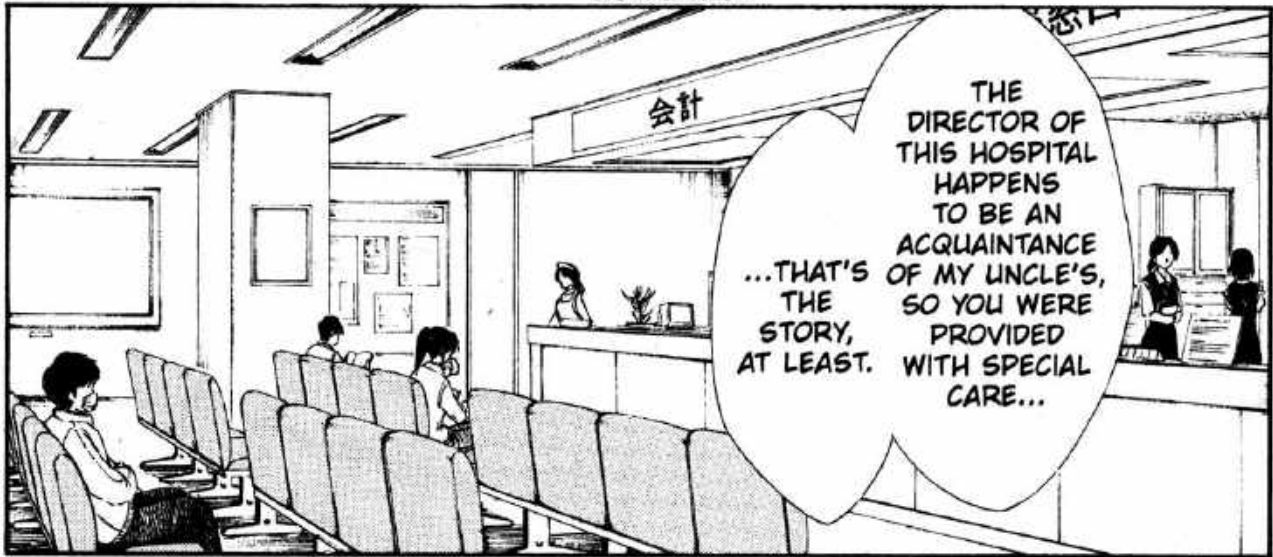
THOUGH  
I REALLY  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TIME TO  
BE SAYING  
THAT...

I WAS  
BACK.

YES, IT  
HAD ALL  
BEEN A  
DREAM.















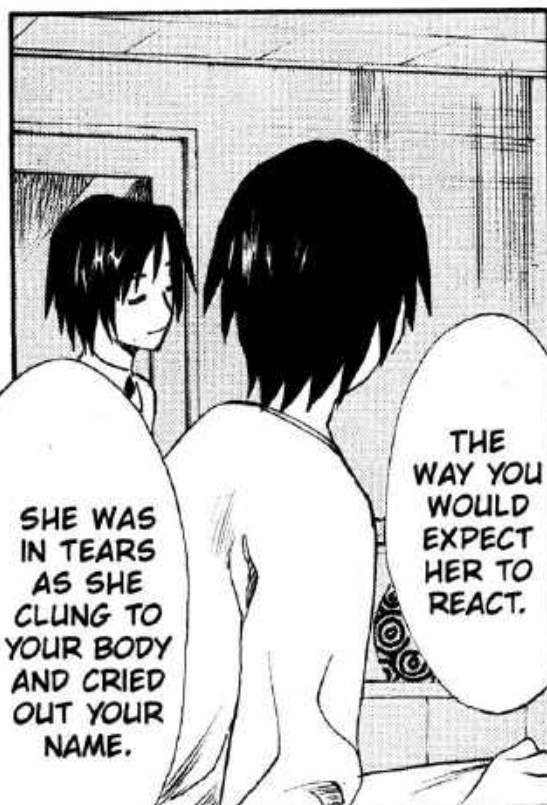
I'D NEVER  
SEEN  
SUZUMIYA-  
SAN LOOK  
SO PALE  
BEFORE.

WE  
HAD TO  
CALL AN  
AMBU-  
LANCE...

...AND  
ACCOMPANY  
YOUR LIMP  
BODY TO THE  
HOSPITAL.



IT WAS  
HORRIBLE.



SHE WAS  
IN TEARS  
AS SHE  
CLUNG TO  
YOUR BODY  
AND CRIED  
OUT YOUR  
NAME.

THE  
WAY YOU  
WOULD  
EXPECT  
HER TO  
REACT.



HOW DID  
ASAHINA-  
SAN  
REACT?

HER  
ABILITY  
TO KEEP  
A COOL  
HEAD MAY  
HAVE  
SAVED  
YOUR  
LIFE.

OH,  
NAGATO-  
SAN WAS  
THE ONE  
WHO  
CALLED  
FOR AN  
AMBU-  
LANCE.

TO  
(THMP)



SHOPPING?

THE FIVE OF US HAD JUST FINISHED AN SOS BRIGADE MEETING AND WERE ABOUT TO GO SHOPPING.

IN THE AFTER-NOON.

WHAT TIME ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DID IT HAPPEN?



...A PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN IN SUZUMIYA-SAN'S NEIGHBORHOOD ON CHRISTMAS.

THE TOPIC OF THE MEETING THAT DAY WAS...

JUST TALK.

YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY OF THAT AS WELL AS WELL ...?  
I ASSUME THAT YOU AREN'T PRETENDING THAT YOU CAN'T REMEMBER?

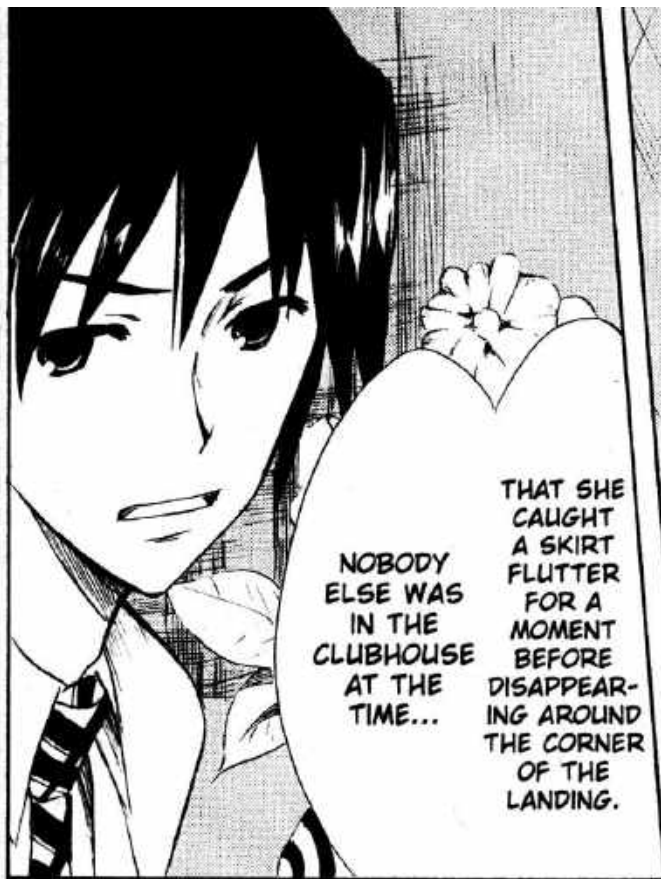


ASAHINA-SAN WILL DRESS UP AS SANTA CLAUS AND HAND OUT PRESENTS... SUZUMIYA-SAN SET EVERYTHING UP.

THE SOS BRIGADE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A GUEST APPEARANCE.







NOBODY  
ELSE WAS  
IN THE  
CLUBHOUSE  
AT THE  
TIME...

THAT SHE  
CAUGHT  
A SKIRT  
FLUTTER  
FOR A  
MOMENT  
BEFORE  
DISAPPEAR-  
ING AROUND  
THE CORNER  
OF THE  
LANDING.



...  
A  
PHANTOM  
GIRL.  
WE WERE  
WAITING  
FOR YOUR  
TESTIMONY.



SUZUMIYA-  
SAN SAID  
THAT...

...SHE  
THOUGHT  
SHE SAW  
SOMEONE  
AT THE TOP  
OF THE  
STAIRS.



...BY  
THE  
WAY.  
ARE  
YOU THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO'S  
COME TO  
VISIT?



IT WAS  
JUST AN  
ACCIDENT...  
THAT  
WOULD BE  
THE BEST  
RESPONSE.

I'LL  
GO  
WITH  
THAT.



DON'T  
REMEM-  
BER.







BOTH  
SHE AND  
I...

WE WERE  
VERY  
WORRIED.



FOR  
NOW  
...

WELL,  
I CAN  
TELL YOU  
ABOUT  
THAT AT  
A LATER  
DATE.

SUZUMIYA-  
SAN WAS  
ESPECIALLY  
UPSET...



...UH?



GYUU  
(PINCH)

MMH...

THERE'LL  
BE  
PLENTY OF  
CHANCES  
FOR THAT  
LATER.



I  
SHOULD  
DRAW  
ON HER  
FACE...  
OR NOT.



**AH!?**





HEY.

YOU DIDN'T  
DRAW ON  
MY FACE,  
DID YOU?



SFX: GOSHI (RUB) GOSHI GOSHI



WIPE  
YOUR  
DROOL.



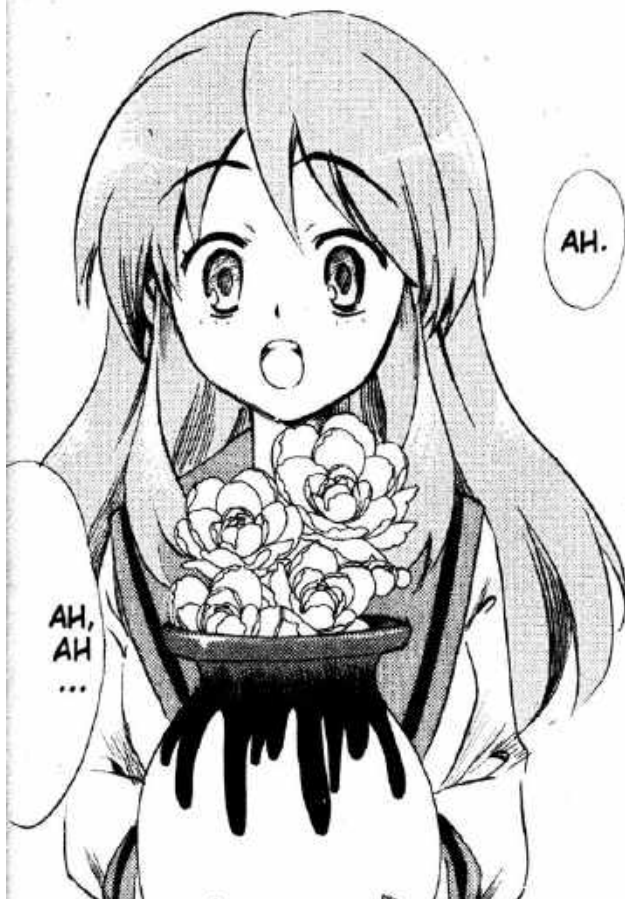
SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.

I GUESS  
I GAVE  
YOU ALL  
A SCARE.



RIGHT  
...

DON'T  
YOU HAVE  
ANYTHING  
ELSE TO  
SAY TO  
ME?



AH,  
AH  
...

AH.



A S ...  
...AS  
LONG  
AS YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND.



IT'S PART OF  
THE BRIGADE  
CHIEF'S JOB  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT BRIGADE  
MEMBERS...

OF  
COURSE.

BATAN  
ISLAND





... ASAHINA-SAN.



BIEEEEE  
(WAAAHH)



...that the  
SOS  
Brigade runs  
year-round  
without any  
breaks!

*Because  
I already  
decided...*



*I knew all  
along...*

...that Kyon  
would  
wake up  
eventually.



*Fu-fu...  
You're  
over-  
reacting.*



*Understand?*

GOING  
A.W.O.L.  
FOR  
THREE  
DAYS  
COMES  
WITH A  
HEAVY  
PRICE.

AND YOU  
HAVE TO  
WEAR THE  
REINDEER  
COSTUME  
AND  
PERFORM  
SOMETHING  
FOR US!

YOU'LL HAVE  
TO KEEP  
GOING UNTIL  
YOU'VE  
MANAGED TO  
THOROUGHLY  
ENTERTAIN  
EVERY ONE  
OF US!



*A hard  
knock to the  
head or coma  
won't be an  
acceptable  
excuse.*

*Every  
one of  
us has  
to be on  
the job.*



HARUHI AND  
THE OTHER  
MEMBERS  
APPARENTLY  
JUST MISSED  
MY MOTHER  
AND SISTER  
ON THEIR  
WAY OUT.

I ENTER-  
TAINED MY  
SISTER  
AND  
MOTHER  
AS I  
THOUGHT...



...GOOD  
GRIEF.





WHAT  
WOULD HAVE  
HAPPENED IF  
I HAD LEFT  
EVERYTHING  
THE WAY  
IT WAS?



OUR BRIGADE  
CHIEF WOULD  
BE REDUCED TO  
AN ORDINARY  
GIRL IN HIGH  
SCHOOL WITH  
A SLIGHTLY  
TWISTED  
PERSONALITY...

I  
WOULDN'T  
KNOW  
ANY OF  
THE SOS  
BRIGADE  
MEMBERS.

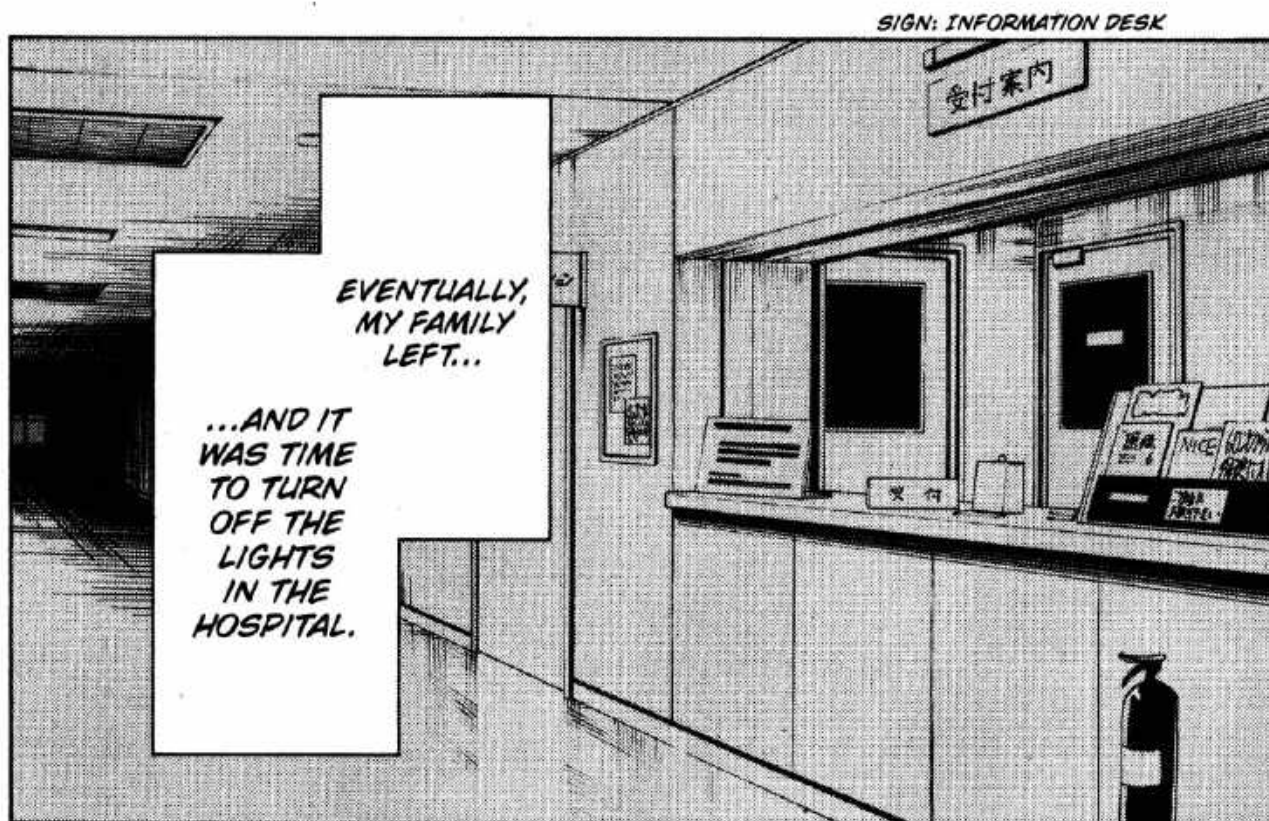


WHICH  
WOULD  
YOU  
CHOOSE?

WHICH  
WORLD  
WOULD  
I BE  
HAPPIER  
WITH?



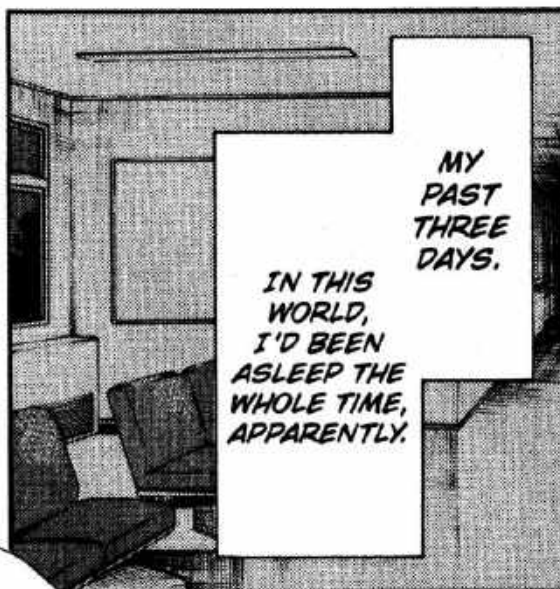
THAT  
COULD  
HAVE  
BEEN THE  
BEGINNING  
OF A NEW  
STORY.





THE ONE  
WHO  
STOPPED  
ASA-  
KURA'S  
KNIFE...

IN THAT  
CASE...  
SOMEONE  
MUST HAVE  
ALTERED  
THE WORLD  
FOR THAT  
TO BE  
TRUE.



MY  
PAST  
THREE  
DAYS.

IN THIS  
WORLD,  
I'D BEEN  
ASLEEP THE  
WHOLE TIME,  
APPARENTLY.



AND THE  
SMALLER  
ASAHINA-  
SAN.

IT COULD  
ONLY  
BE YUKI  
NAGATO.



"SORRY."



WELL, IT  
SHOULDN'T  
TAKE MUCH  
EFFORT TO  
PLACE THAT  
VOICE.

PLUS  
ONE  
MORE  
THE ONE PERSON.  
WHO WAS  
TALKING  
TO ME  
AT THE  
END...

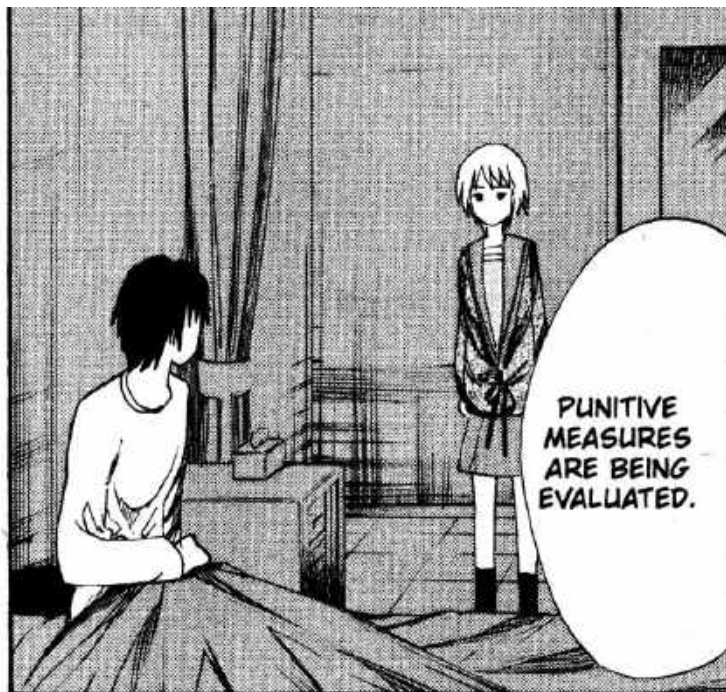














...I WOULD  
HAVE ERASED  
ALL COR-  
RESPONDING  
MEMORIES AND  
PROCEEDED  
TO ALTER  
THE WORLD.

EVEN IF I  
WERE TO  
HAVE COM-  
MUNICATED  
THAT INFOR-  
MATION  
...



YOU  
LEFT THE  
ESCAPE  
PROGRAM  
FOR ME,  
RIGHT?

BASARA  
(FWAP)



...TO  
PRESERVE  
YOUR  
ORIGINAL  
STATE WHEN  
THE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
ARRIVED.

THERE  
IS NO  
GUARANTEE  
THAT THE  
ABOVE  
DID NOT  
HAPPEN.  
I COULD  
ONLY  
MANAGE  
...



NAGATO.

THERE IS NO  
GUARANTEE  
THAT I  
WILL NOT  
MALFUNCTION  
AGAIN.

THAT  
WAS  
ENOUGH.







"I'M  
JOHN  
SMITH."



I DON'T  
PERSONALLY  
HAVE ANY  
SPECIAL  
POWERS,  
BUT HARUHI,  
ON THE  
OTHER  
HAND...

YEAH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.



I'D TELL HER  
EVERYTHING  
AND CONVINCE  
HER TO  
BELIEVE ME.

ONE  
SHORT  
PHRASE  
WOULD  
BE ALL IT  
TAKES.

MIGHT AS  
WELL GET  
KOIZUMI AND  
ASAHINA-SAN  
INVOLVED.



IT WOULDN'T  
MATTER WHAT  
NAGATO'S  
BOSS HAD  
DONE TO HIDE  
OR ELIMINATE  
HER.

WE'D  
HEAD OUT  
TO FIND  
NAGATO.



HARUHI  
IS THE  
LAST  
PERSON  
TO EVER  
GIVE  
UP IF A  
MEMBER  
WENT  
MISSING.

SHE'LL DO  
WHATEVER  
IT TAKES TO  
BRING US  
BACK, EVEN  
AGAINST  
OUR WILL IF  
NECESSARY.



ギュ  
(SQUEEZE)

NAGATO  
IS ONE  
OF US.

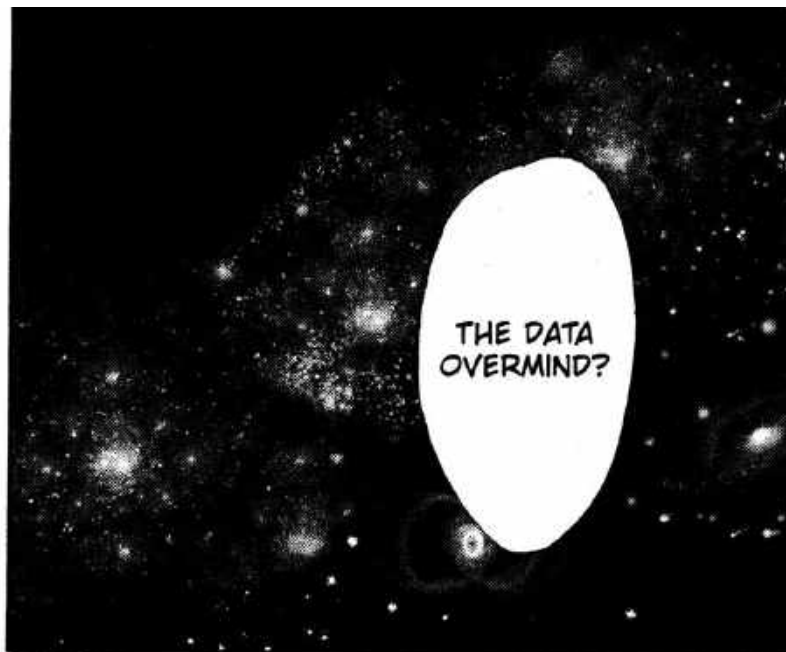


OUR SELFISH  
AND SELF-  
CENTERED  
TROUBLEMAKING  
BRIGADE CHIEF  
WHO CAN'T BE  
BOTHERED TO  
CONSIDER OTHER  
PEOPLE.



THAT'S HOW  
HARUHI  
SUZUMIYA  
IS.

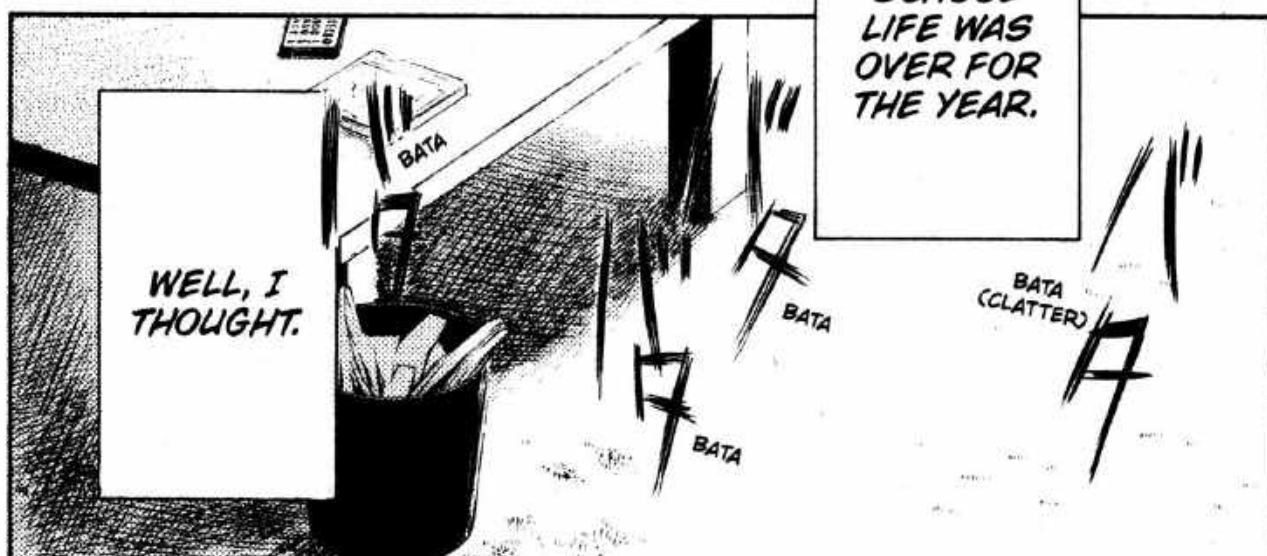


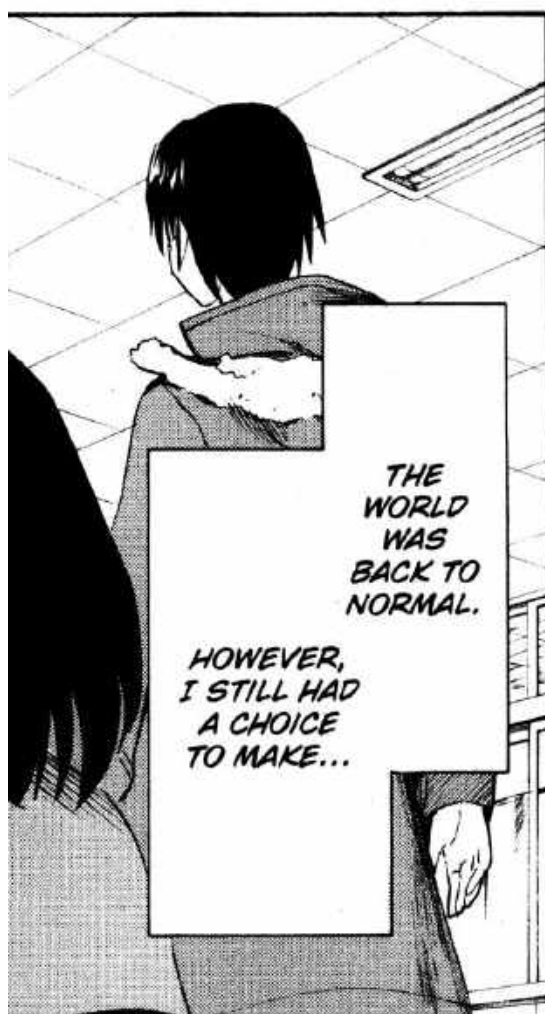






...  
FLAT AS  
ALWAYS.











...BUT  
YEAH,  
BEFORE  
THAT.



I'LL  
HAVE TO GO  
RESTORE  
THIS WORLD  
IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE.



"...HEY,  
WORLD."



SINCE I'M  
DECIDING  
HOW I'LL BE  
SPENDING MY  
CHRISTMAS  
HERE.

THERE'S  
STILL  
TIME.



"I MEAN..

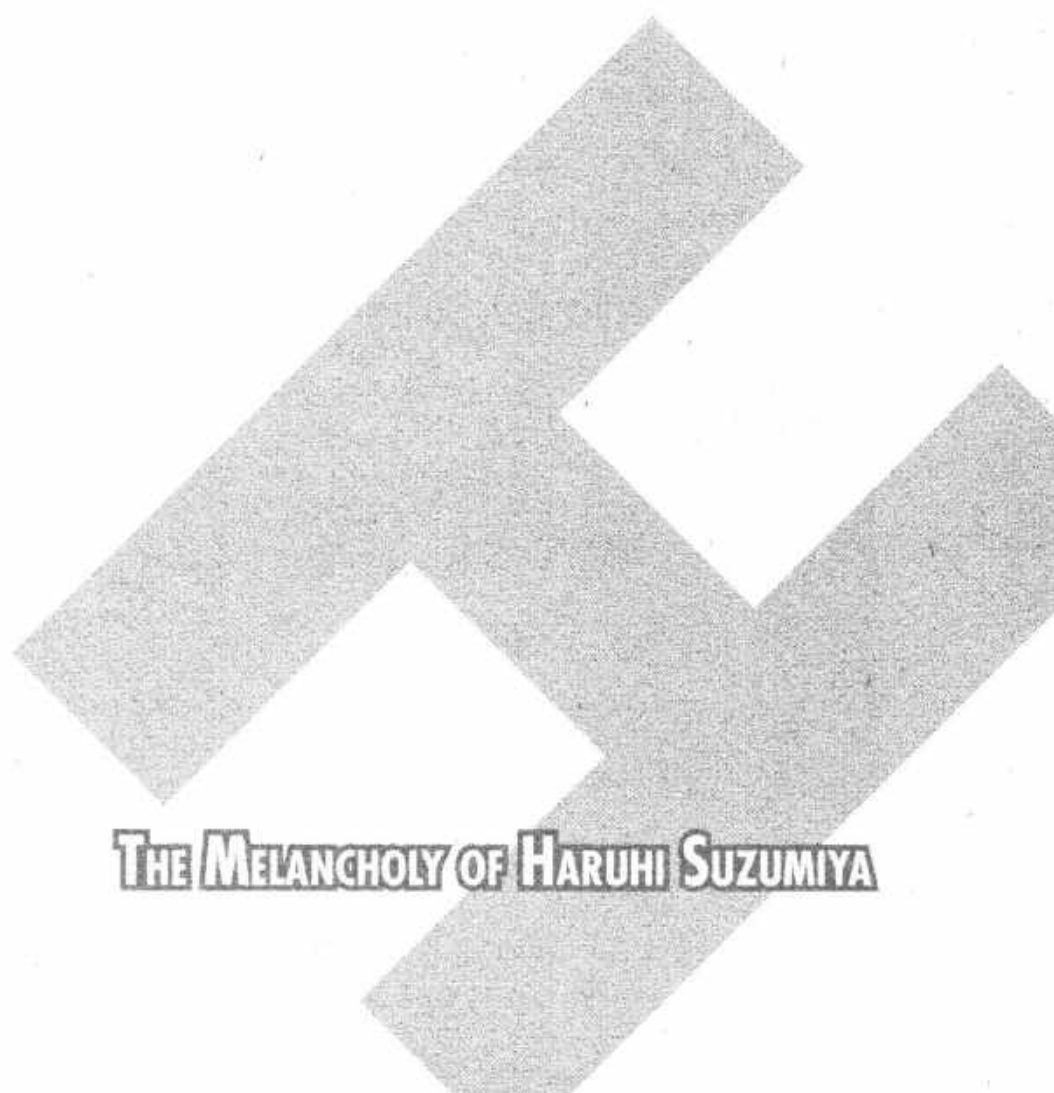
...I SHOULD  
AT LEAST  
HAVE TIME  
TO ENJOY  
HARUHI'S  
SPECIAL HOT  
POT, RIGHT?"

ガ  
チャ  
...

GACHA  
(CLICK)







**THE MELANCHOLY OF HARUHI SUZUMIYA**