

The illustration depicts a scene from a manga. In the foreground, a large, close-up view of a red-haired girl with a red bow and a yellow vest over a white shirt. She is looking towards the left. To her left, a girl with long black hair and a white headband, also in a similar school uniform, is looking back at her. In the background, a smaller girl with blonde hair and a pink bow is running towards them, looking happy. Further back, two more students are walking on a path. The setting appears to be a school courtyard with a blue sky and clouds.

**A story, set in Tajimi,
about high schoolgirls
and the Togeibu,
pottery club.**

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YAKUNARA MUG CUP MO





Genkina Tajimi Project “Yakunara Mug Cup Mo”

Thank you for taking the time to read this magazine. “Yakunara Mug Cup Mo” is a free publication put out by a group of people who love Tajimi. We call it “Kurukuru Rokuro Manga.”

The city of Tajimi, located in the southern part of Gifu Prefecture, Japan, is famous for Mino earthenware. The city is dotted with historical pottery producers and ceramic art museums. It has facilities where you can try your hand at making pottery, and many restaurants that serve food on Minoware dishes.

The story begins when a high school girl moves to a shopping street in Tajimi. Many encounters await her, friends, town folk, ceramic art, etc. What will she discover in a town famous for ceramics?

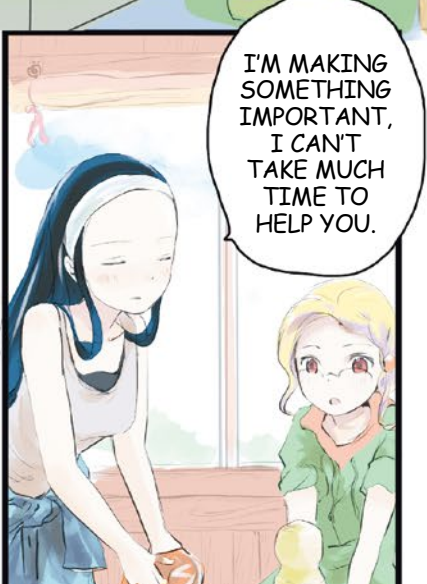
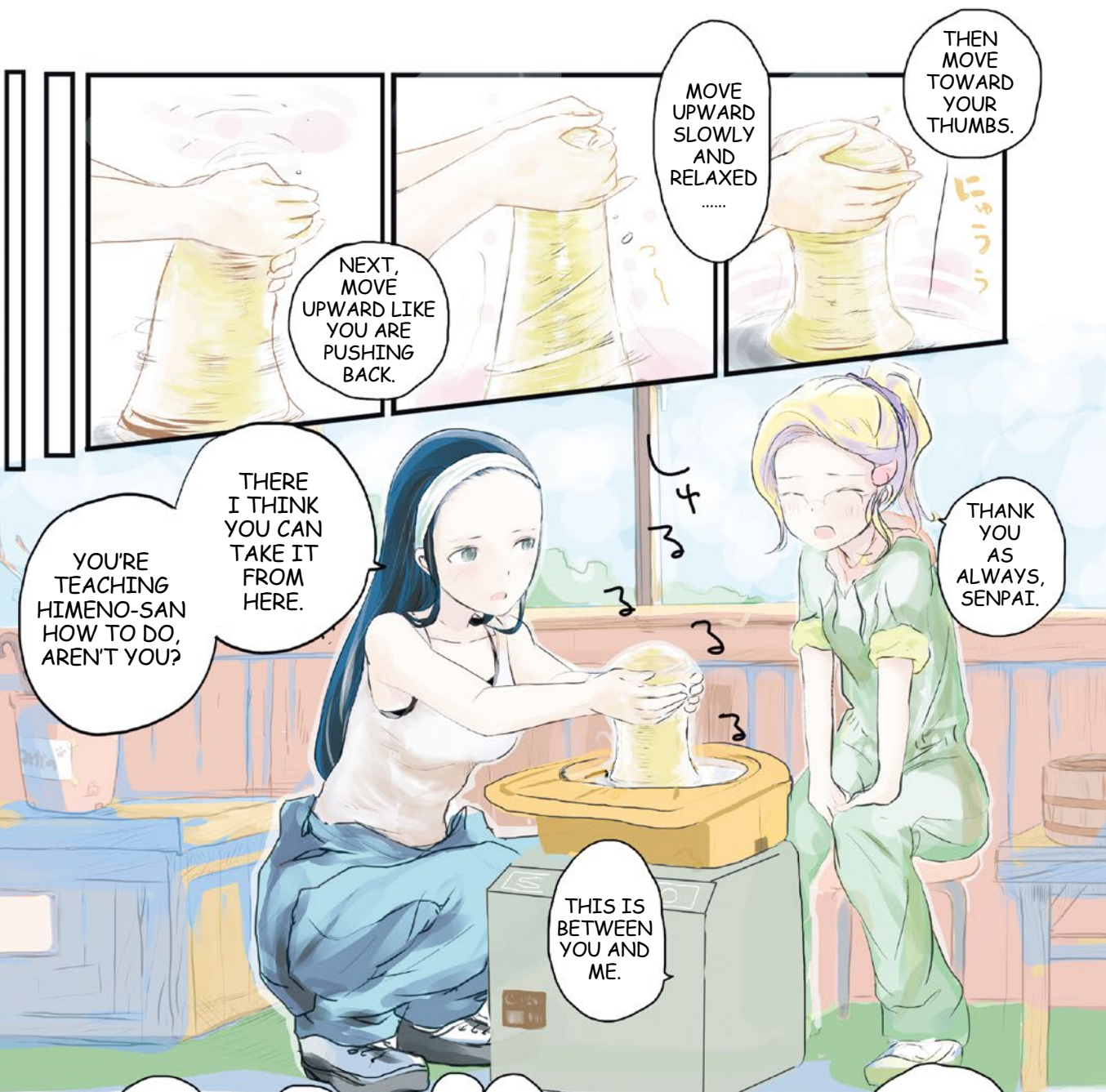
“Yakunara Mug Cup Mo” is a collaborative work by many people involved with Tajimi’s pottery culture. Like its main characters, “Yakunara Mug Cup Mo” will develop slowly. We invite you to watch it grow.

Yakunara Mug Cup Mo staff



EPISODE 02

Toko & Mika





WORK
UNIFORMS
ARE NICE.
I WANT TO
HAVE ONE,
TOO.



SHOULD
I HAVE
USED
BLEACH?

THIS
RED STAIN
DIDN'T
COME
OUT.

OH.



I'M
DOING
THE
LAUNDRY.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



IS
THAT
SO?

I'M A
TOGEI-BU
ADVISOR.

DON'T
YOU
KNOW?



TOYOKAWA
-SAN?
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

OH,
SENSEI.





LOOK AT
THOSE
TWO.
THEY'RE
GETTING
ALONG
WITH
EACH
OTHER.

TO HAVE
A BREAK.

SINCE
I HARDLY
EVER
COME
HERE.



WHAA
AAA
AAA
AAT?

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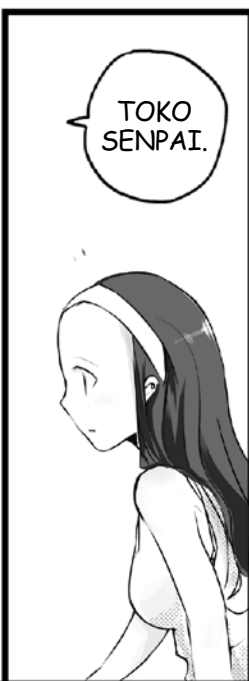


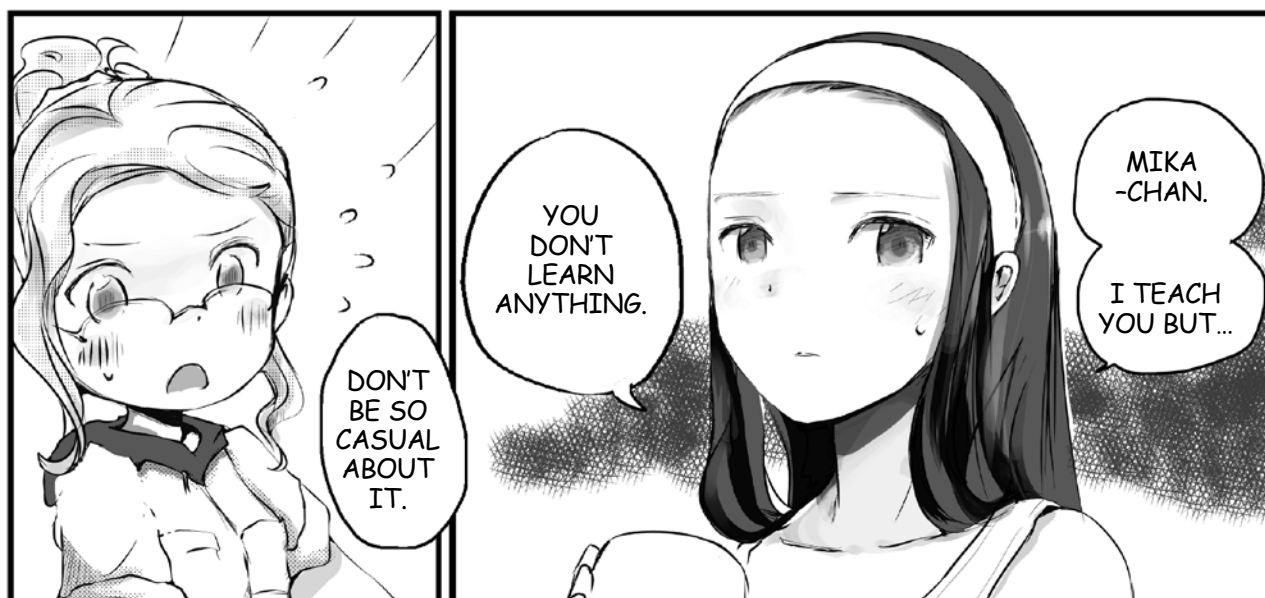
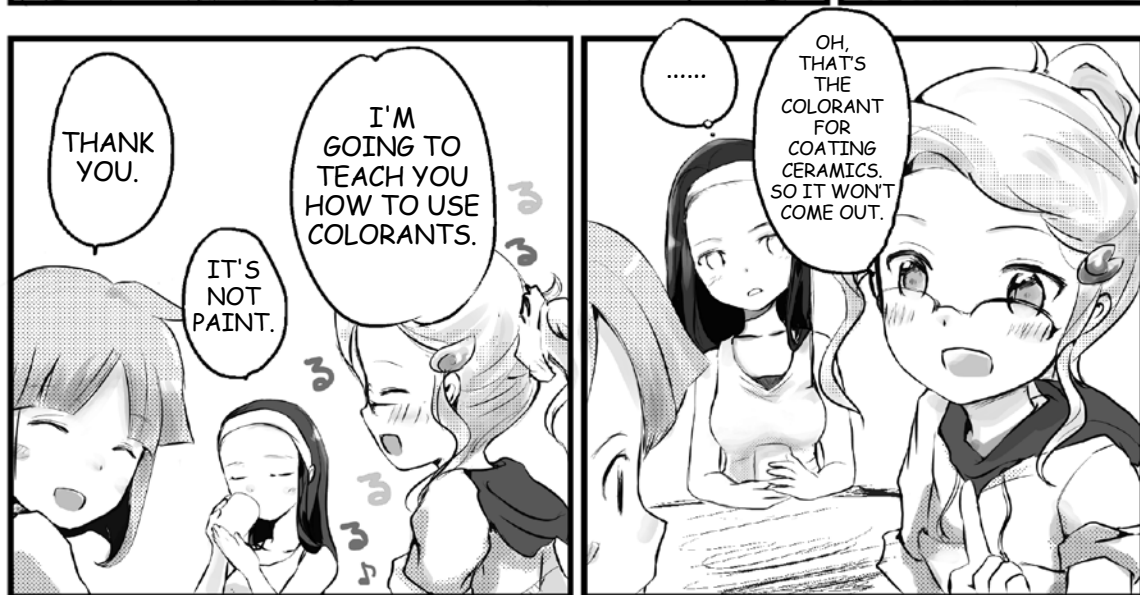
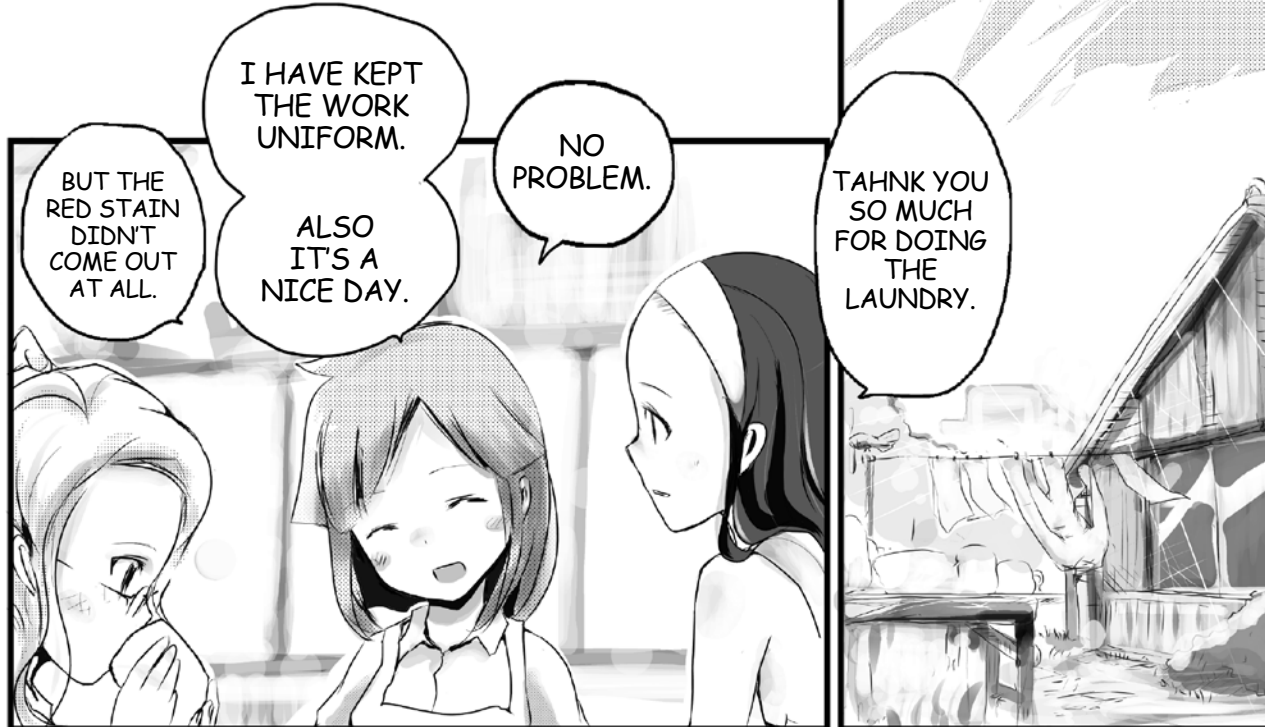
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HAPPENS
VERY
OFTEN.

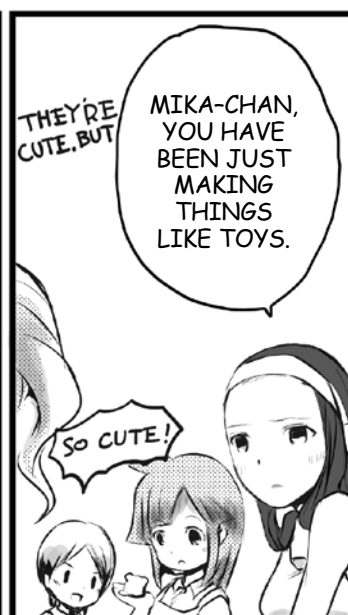
YES.....
SOME
TIMES.

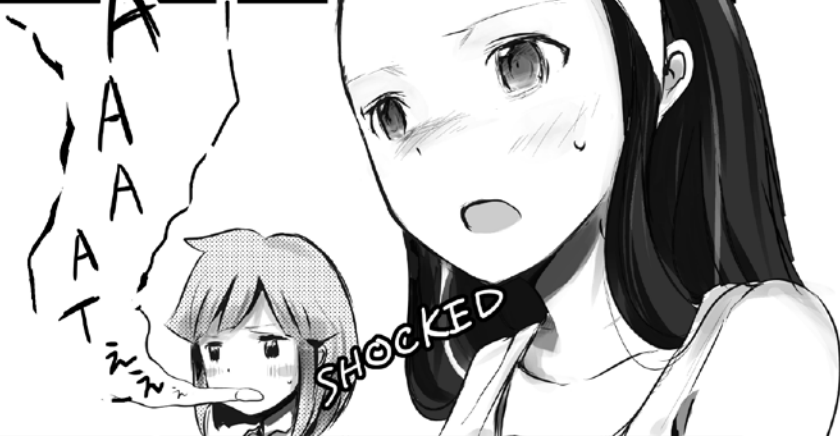
THEY
SOMETIMES
QUARREL.

I'D PREFER
A COFFEE.









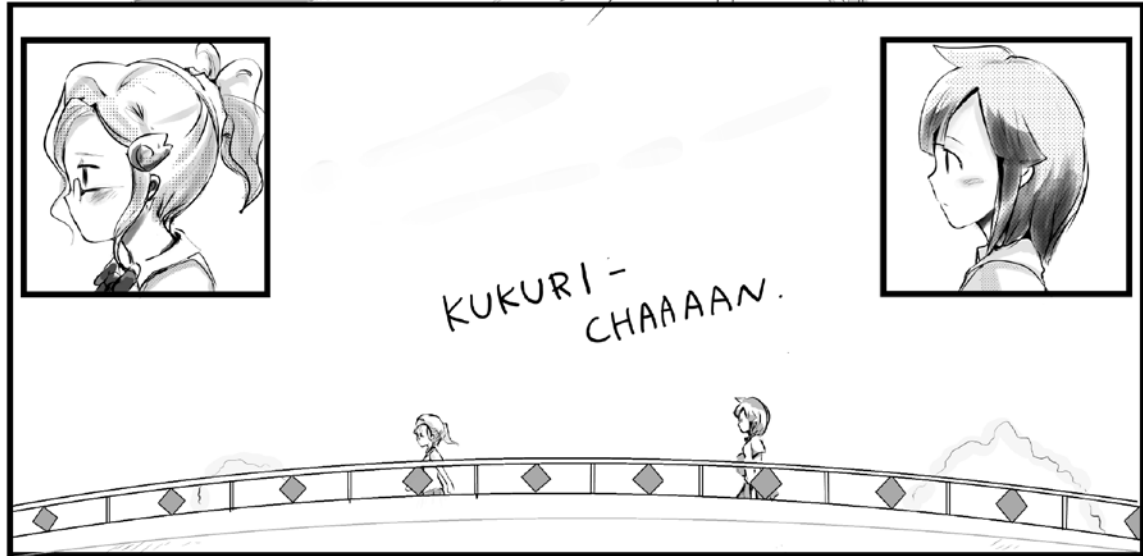
I'LL BE
RIGHT
BACK.

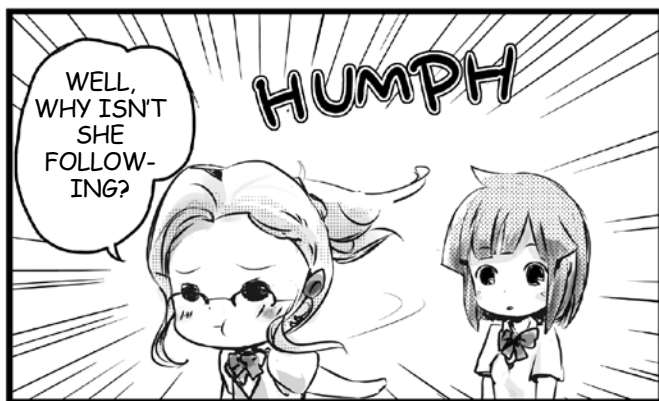
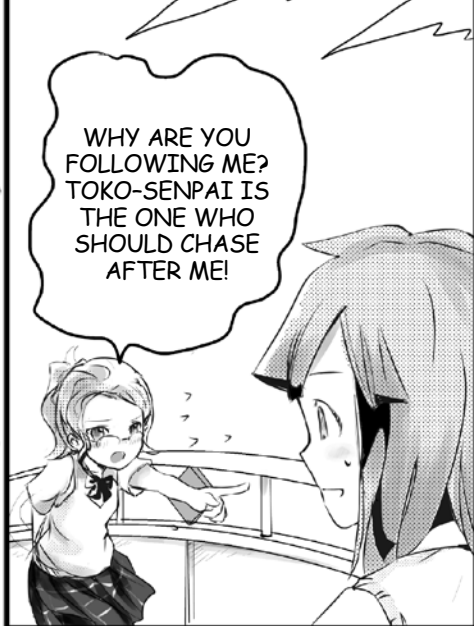
N NOW...
ISN'T IT
BETTER
TO HAVE
SOME
SNACKS?

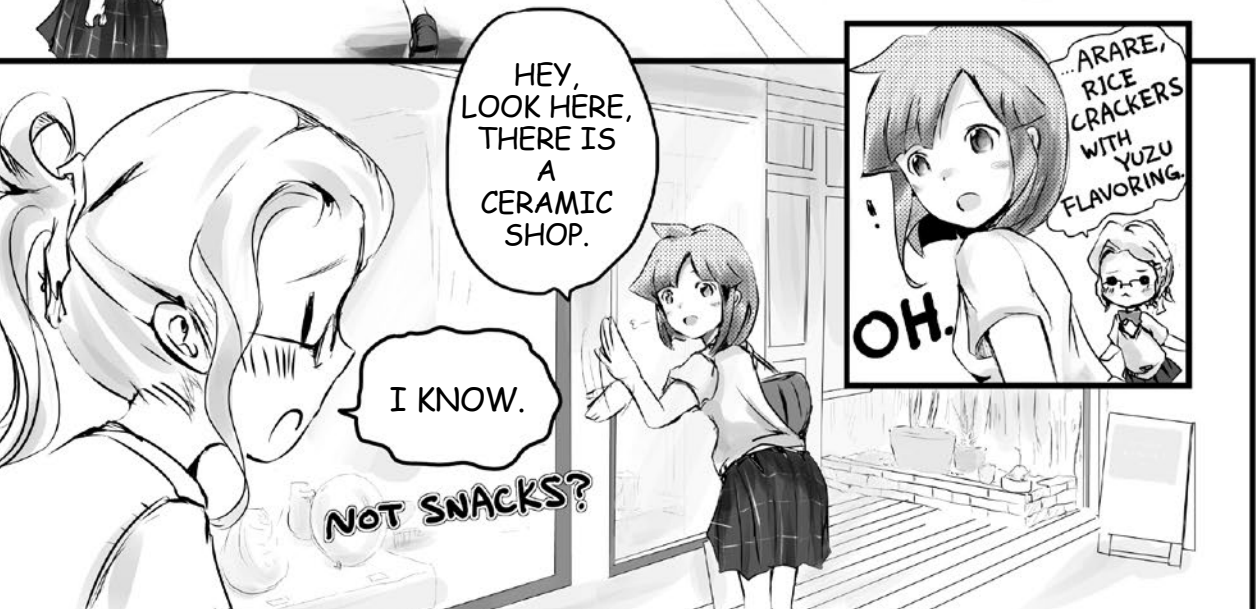
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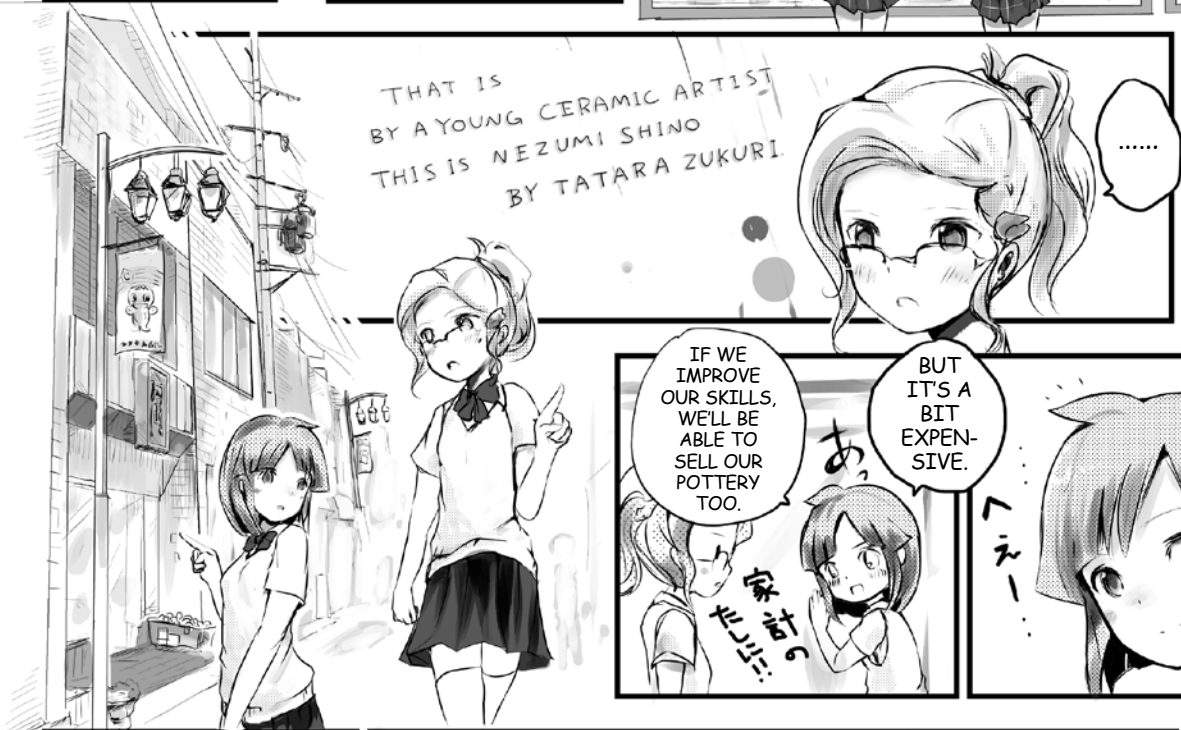
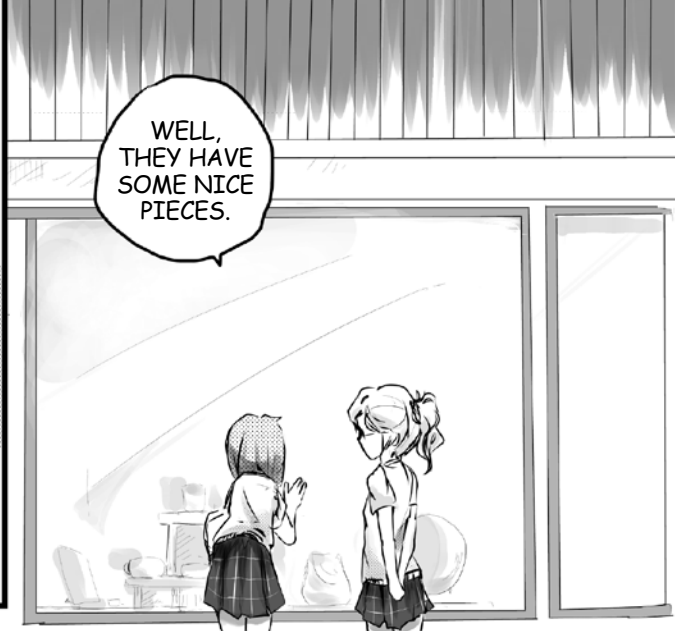


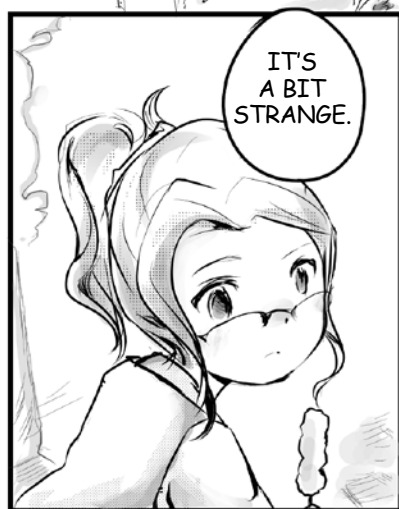
KUKURI -
CHAAAAN.











IT'S
NICE TO
SPEND
TIME
TOGETHER.

SINCE
NAO-CHAN
AND
HIME-CHAN
JOINED
THE CLUB.

...I
WAS
THINK-
ING

I WANNA
GET ALONG
WITH
TOKO-CHAN
TOO!

EXCUSE
ME?!

I'M
SURPRISED
YOU ARE
SO
SERIOUS.

WHEN
TOKO-SENPAI
IS TENSE
LIKE THAT,
I FEEL
VERY SAD.

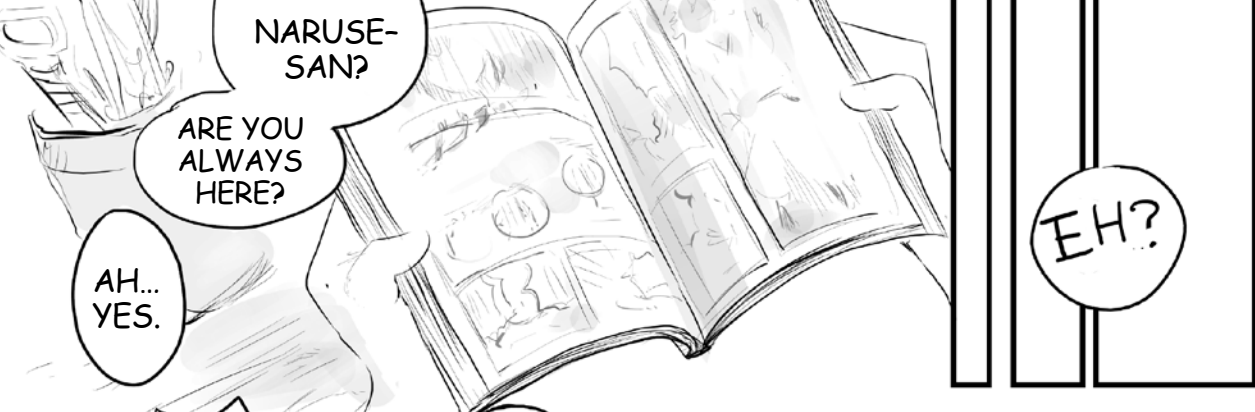
SO

I LIKE TO
BE WITH
YOU AND
TOKO
-SENPAI.

I

I FEEL
KIND
OF
SORRY

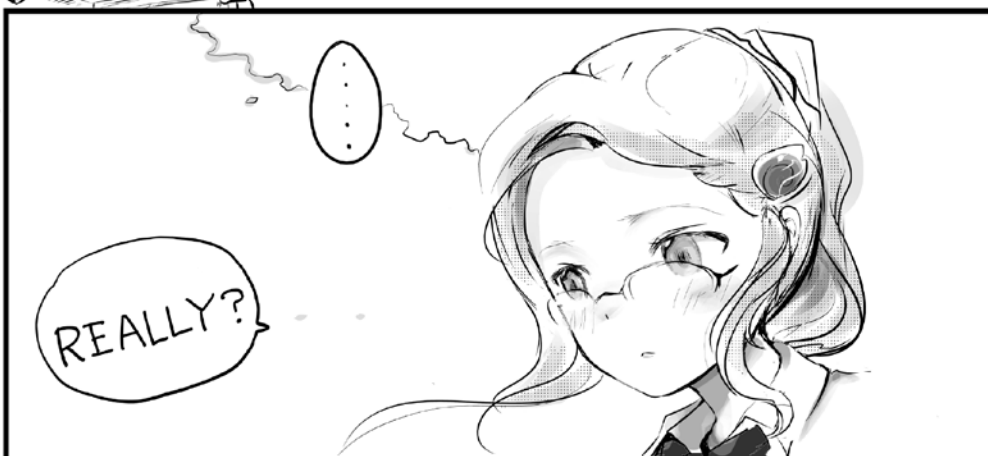
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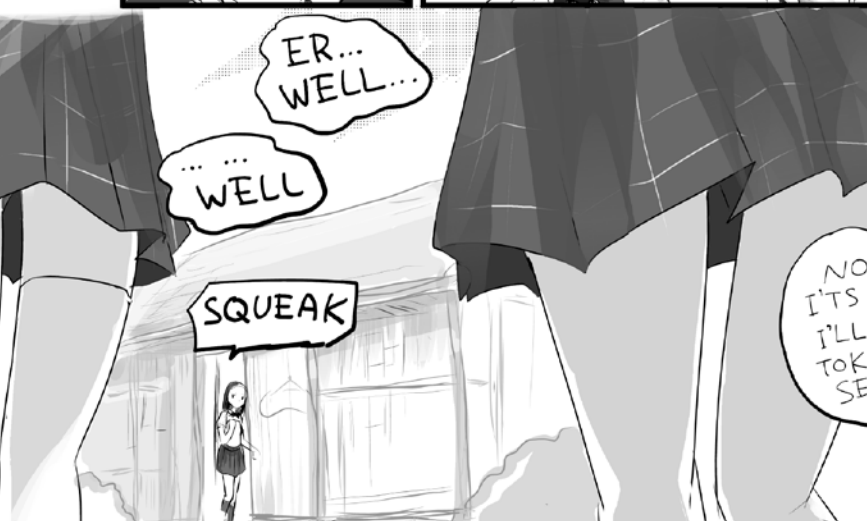
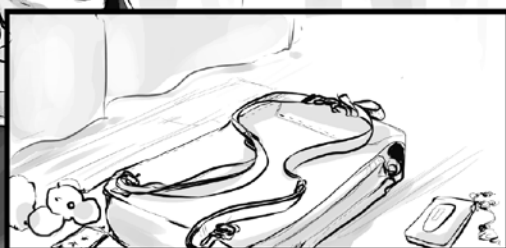


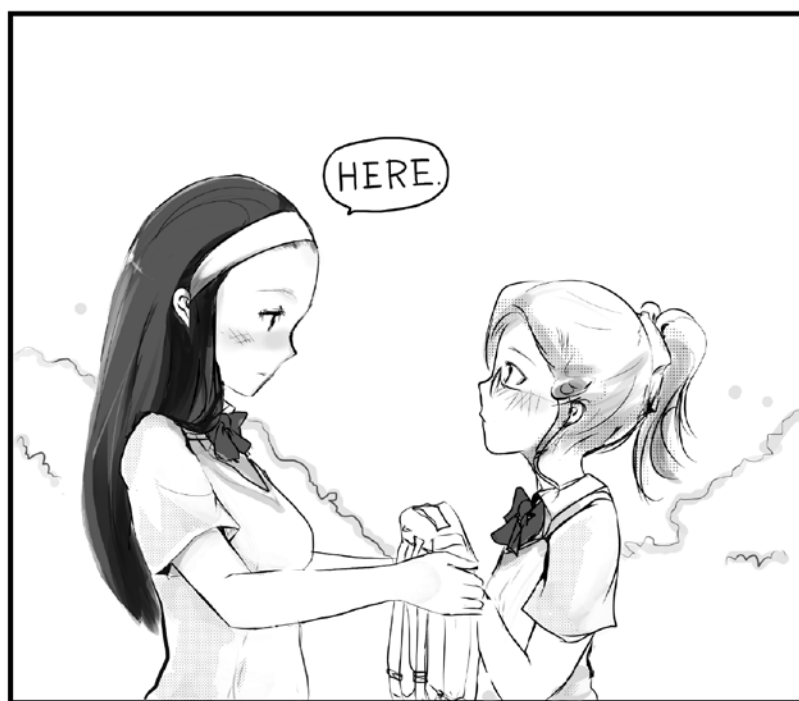
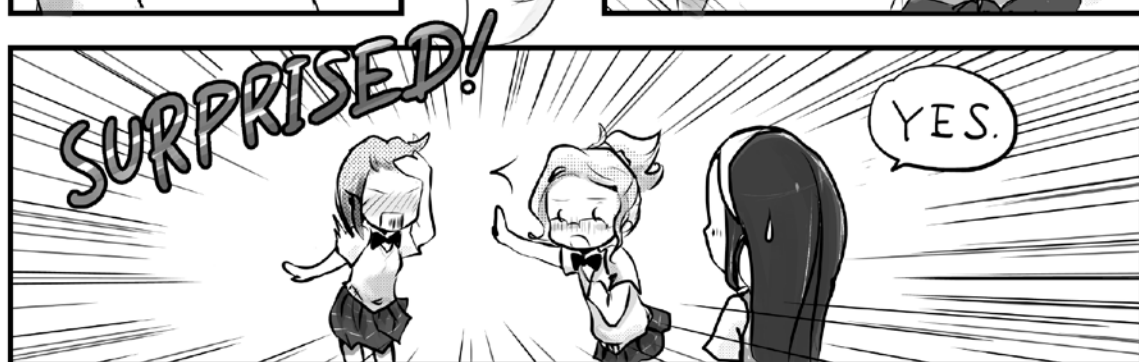


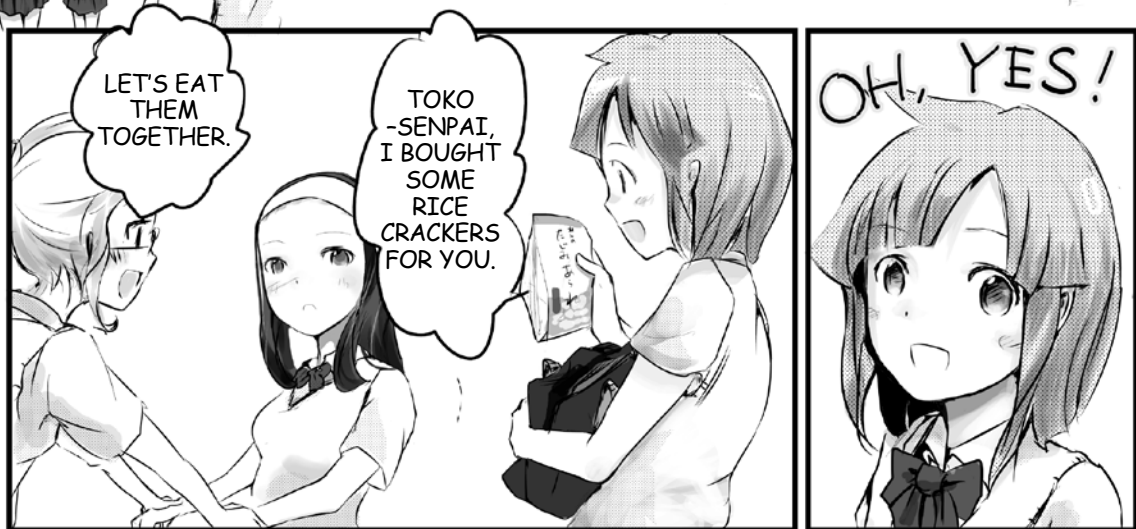
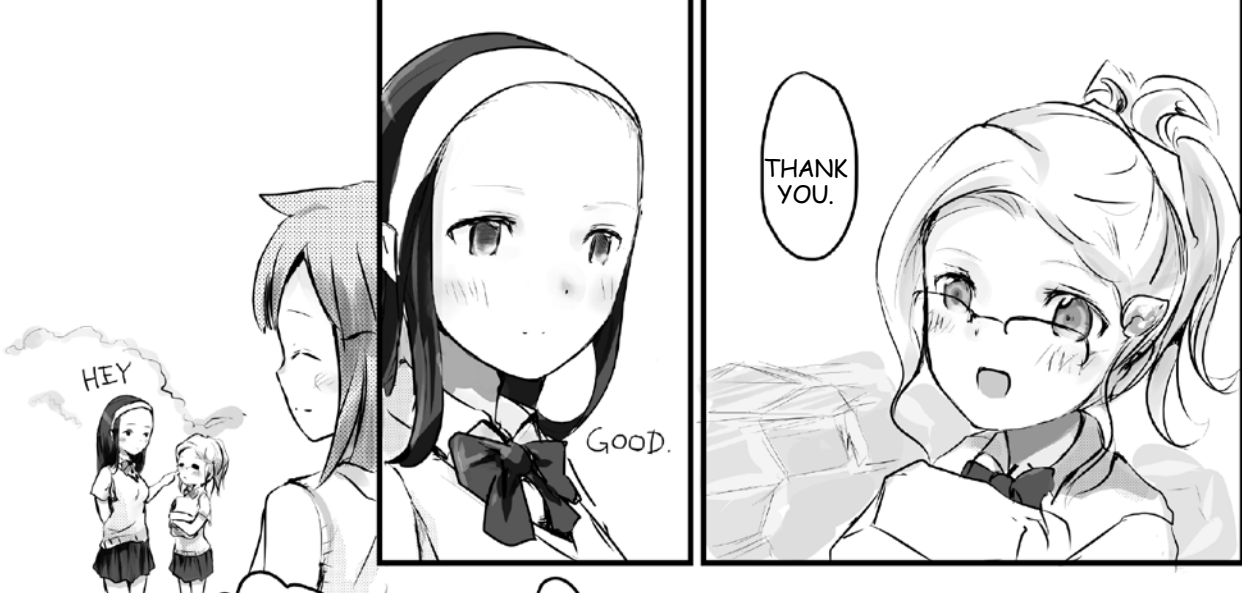
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Club activities in high school in Japan

The Ministry of Education says bukatsudo (club activities) should be considered relevant to a curriculum. Over 70 percent of all high school students (grades 10–12) are involved in bukatsudo. 3/4 of those are 10th grade students. About 80 percent of all students do club activities inside or outside the school. Most of them do sports, the rest of them belong to cultural clubs. Over 80 percent of students say that they enjoy their club activities.



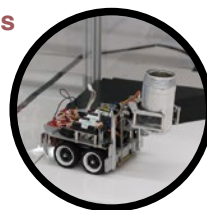
Club activities in high schools of Tajimi.

Sports clubs

Track and field
Swimming
Soft baseball
Baseball
Table tennis
Judo
Kendo (Japanese fencing)
Japanese archery
Volleyball
Basketball
Handball
Badminton
Soccer
Boxing
Soft tennis
Tennis

Cultural clubs

Brass band
Chorus
Music
Fine art
Art and design
European painting
Natural science
Broadcasting
Literature
Calligraphy
Photography
Pottery
Tea ceremony and flower arrangement
Robot making
Mechanical system engineering
Electronics
Drama
Japanese harp
Cartoon
Quiz
The Community Interaction Club
Clothes making
Computer
Cooking
Dance
ESS English Speaking Society
Broadcasting
Bookkeeping



A senior, a junior and an advisor

Seniors instruct juniors, and they work together. Each club has more than one school teacher as an advisor. When a high degree of specialist knowledge is required for the club, a coach (from outside the school) is asked for assistance. Students can make up their minds what club to join, so many of them do activities independently.

Toko and Mika, character in Yakunara Mug Cup Mo



Toko has good knowledge of and excellent skills for the Togeibu, pottery club. Mika enjoys making things freestyle. Toko is Mika's senior at high school. They have known each other since childhood, so they are like sisters. As they grow up, they learn about not only Toge (pottery) but good manners, respect, and considerate attitudes together.



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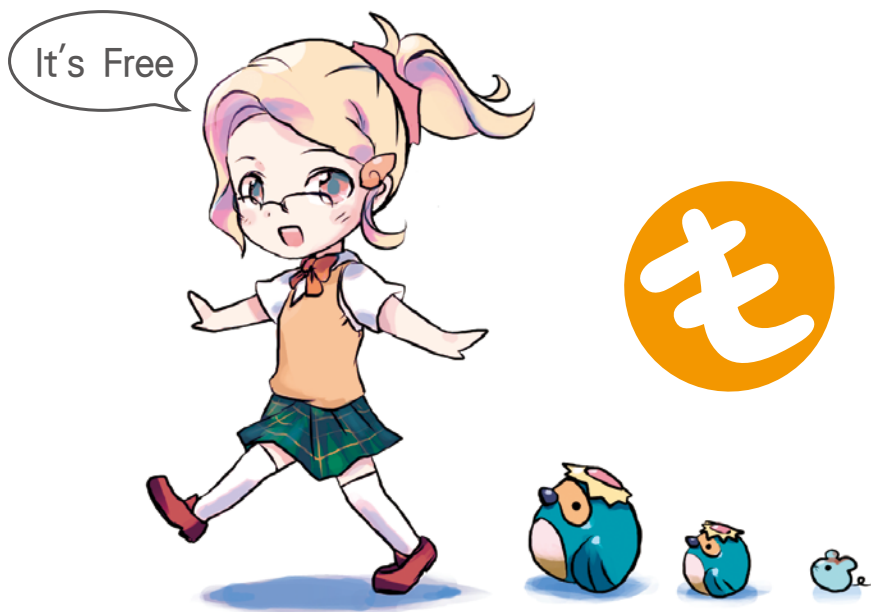
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