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YAKUNARA MUG CUP MO

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A story, set in
Tajimi, about
high school
girls and the
Togeibu,
pottery club.





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 06

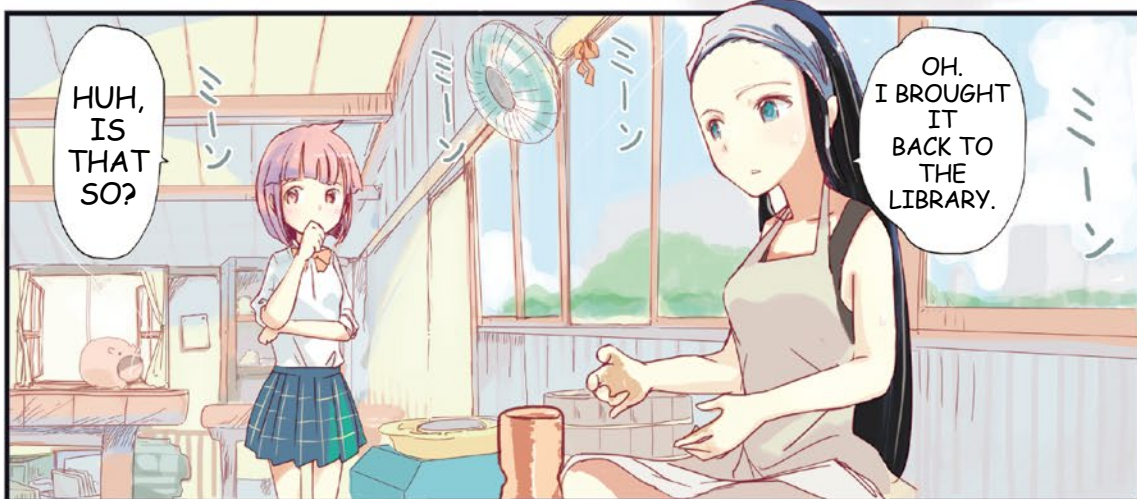
Kukuri-san is in the wonder afternoon.

PREVIOUS EPISODE

HIMENO MOVED TO HER MOTHER'S HOMETOWN TAJIMI BECAUSE OF HIMENO'S FATHER'S WORK. ON THE FIRST DAY AT A NEW SCHOOL, HIMENO WAS TAKEN TO THE TOGEI-BU, POTTERY CLUB, BY HER CLASSMATE MIKA. HIMENO WAS AMAZED TO LEARN THAT HER MOTHER WAS A FAMOUS POTTER. TO LEARN ABOUT TOGEI AND HER MOTHER'S LEGACY, SHE DECIDED TO JOIN THE TOGEI-BU.



TOKO-SENPAI, DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT BOOK?



HUH, IS THAT SO?

OH. I BROUGHT IT BACK TO THE LIBRARY.



TAKE CARE!



SEE YOU. I'M OFF.

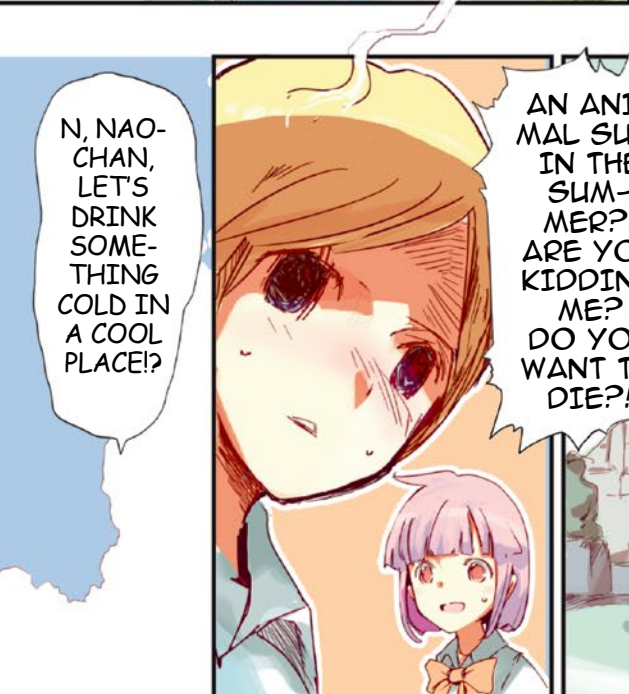
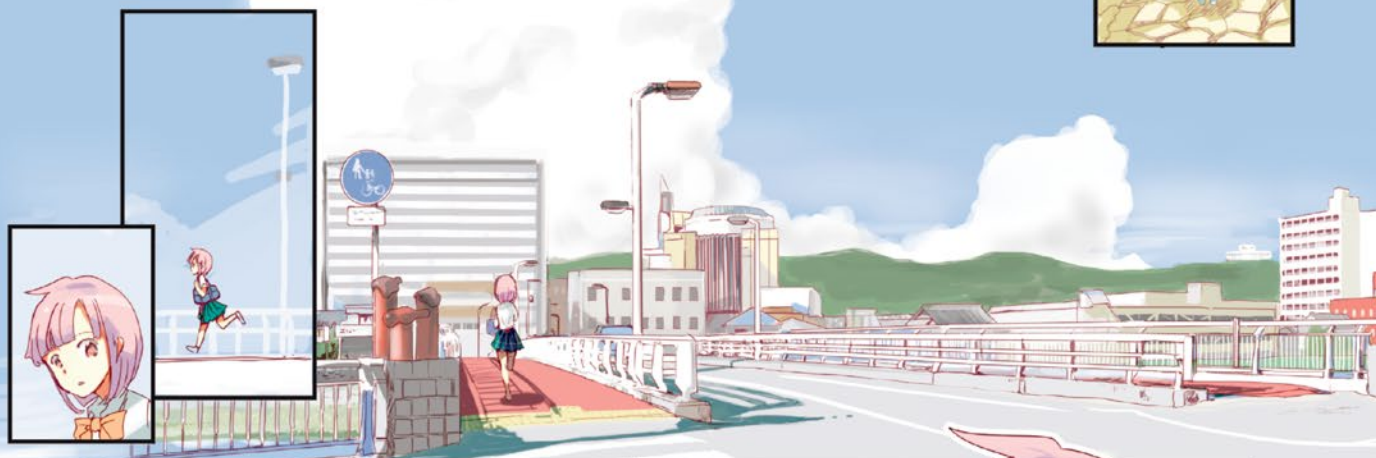
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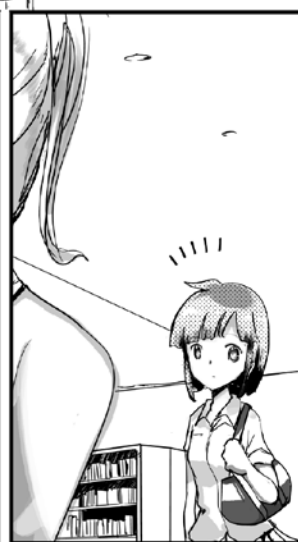
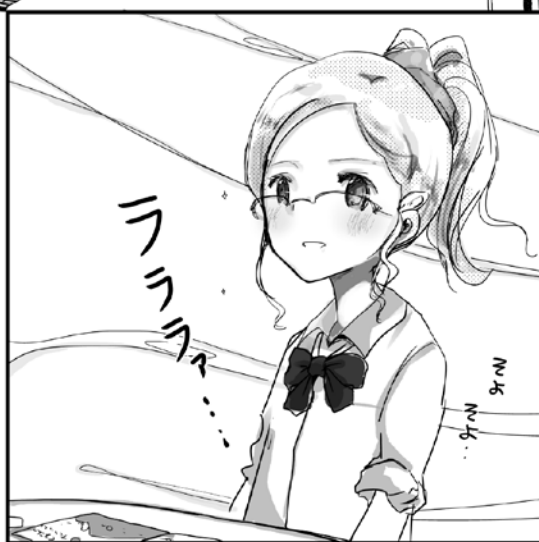
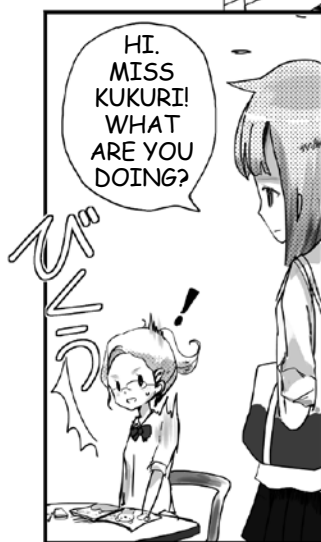
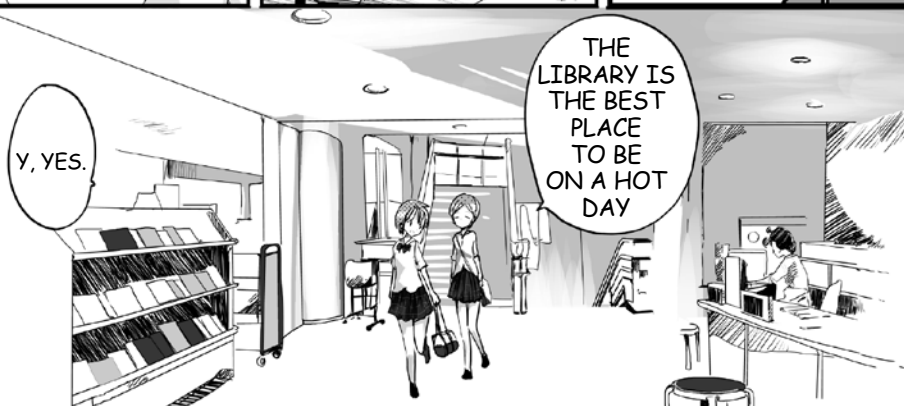


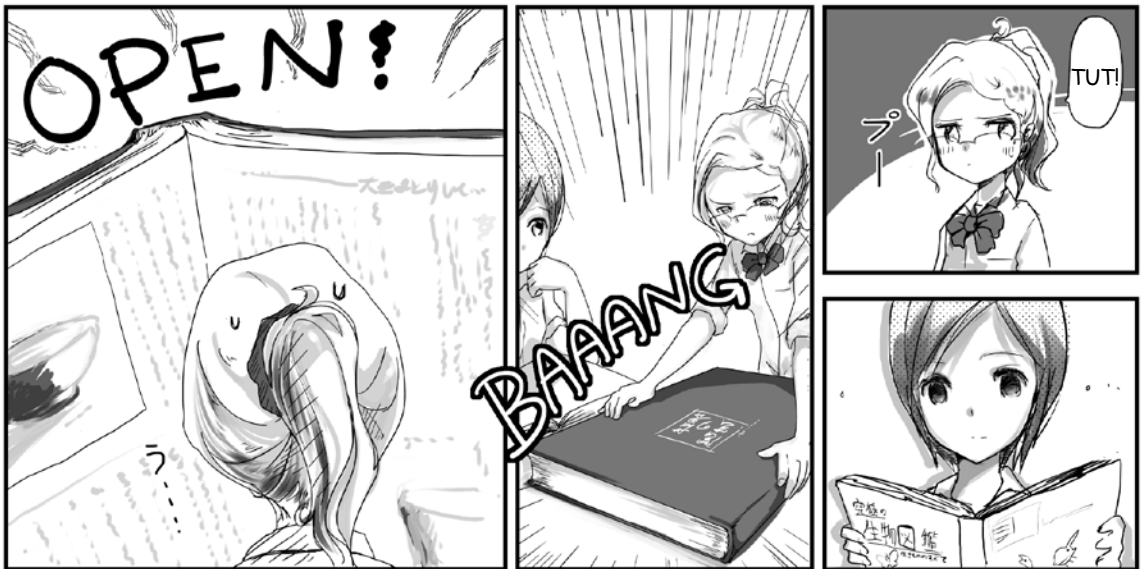
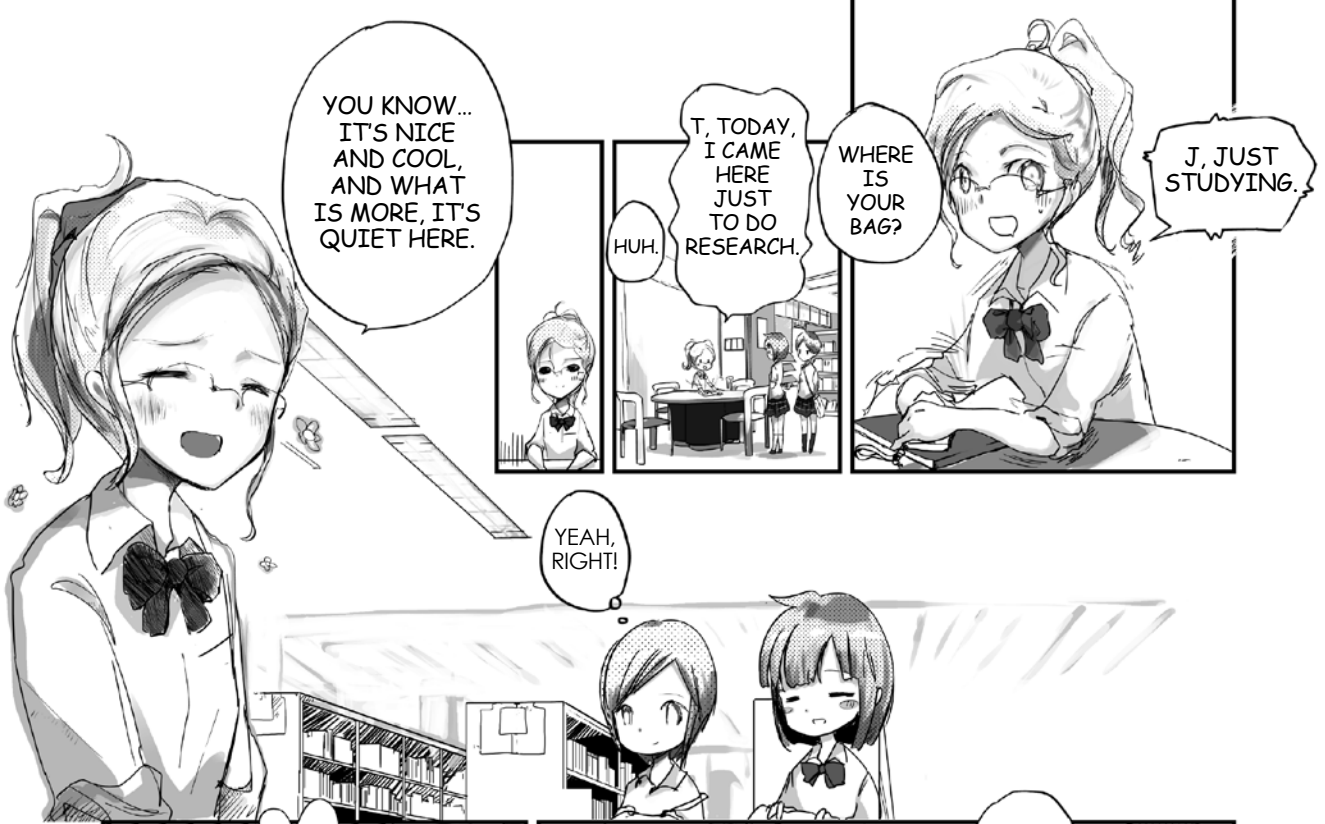
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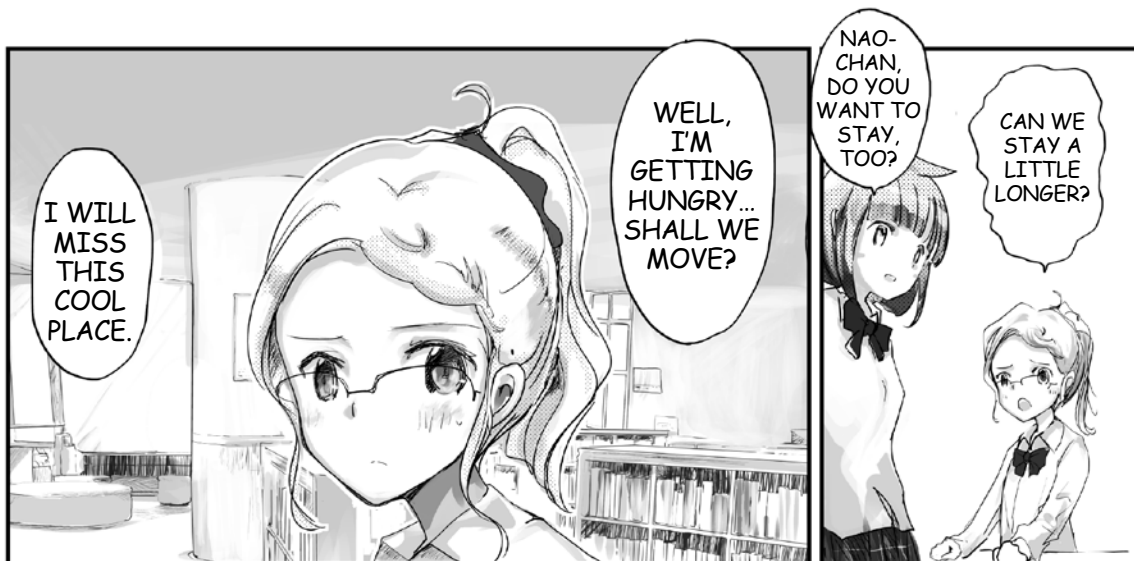
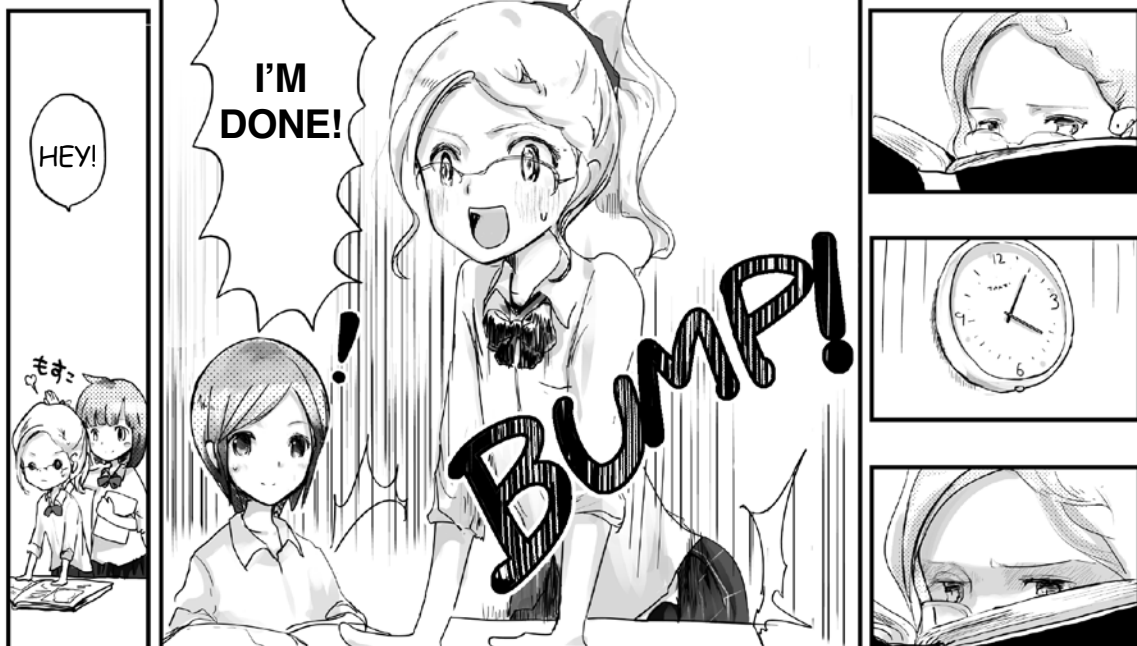


UMM. THAT'S TOO BAD.











CAN WE DO SOMETHING TO HELP US COOL DOWN?

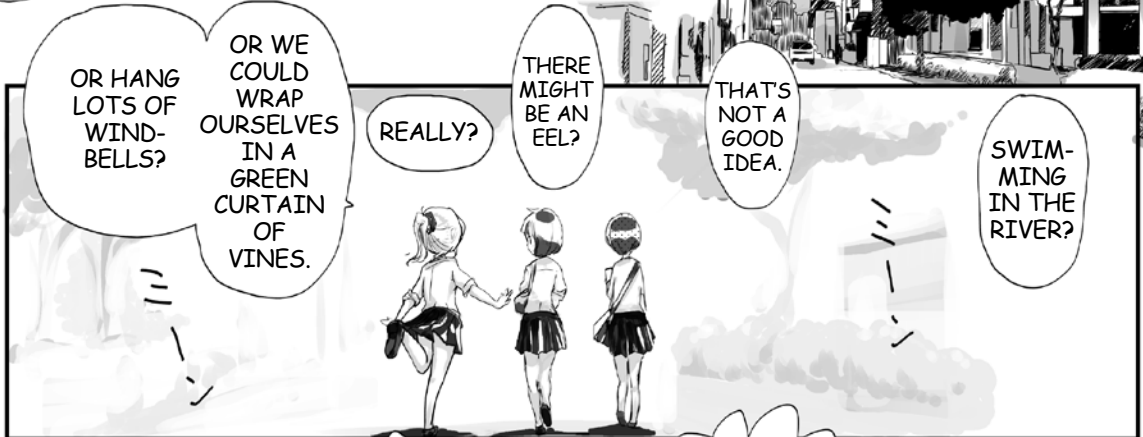
SOMETHING TO COOL US DOWN?



I'M GOING BACK TO THE CLUBROOM. ARE YOU COMING, KUKURI-CHAN?



IT'S HOT, OUTSIDE.



OR HANG LOTS OF WIND-BELLS?

OR WE COULD WRAP OURSELVES IN A GREEN CURTAIN OF VINES.

REALLY?

THERE MIGHT BE AN EEL?

THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA.

SWIMMING IN THE RIVER?



I HOPE TOKO-SENPAI WILL COME.

ASK HER ANYWAY!



SHAVED ICE...



I KNOW A VERY NICE PLACE.



I WILL ASK TOKO-SENPAI TO GO HAVE SHAVED ICE!!





HI!

I CAN
EAT IT!
HAVE YOU
DECIDED?
HOW ABOUT
SHARING
SOME?

MIKA-
CHAN,
ISN'T
THAT
TOO
MUCH?

LISTEN!
IT'S HALF-PRICE
FOR
STUDENTS
TODAY! WHAT
DO YOU WANT?
STRAWBERRY-MILK
AND
MELON FLAVOR
FOR ME!

WHAT
LOVELY
BOWLS
THEY
ARE!

I'LL
TAKE
THE
SAME
ONE.

MEE
TOO!

GREEN
TEA
WITH
AZUKI
BEAN
AND
STICKY
RICE
BALL.

HERE
YOU
ARE.

MIKA-
CHAN!
YOU DID
AN
EXCELLENT
JOB!!

REALLY?!
DID YOU
MAKE
THESE
BOWLS?

TO TELL
YOU THE
TRUTH...

I
MIS-
JUDGED
YOU.

THANKS!
MIKA-
CHAN!!

I HAD
THEM
SERVED
ESPE-
CIALLY
FOR US!

I
DELIVERED
THEM
TO HAVE
SHAVED-ICE
IN THESE
BOWLS
WITH
YOU.

DELIV-
ERY!?
THAT
SOUNDS
PROFES-
SIONAL!

WE MUST
WEAR
GOGGLES.

WHA'S
HAPPENING?

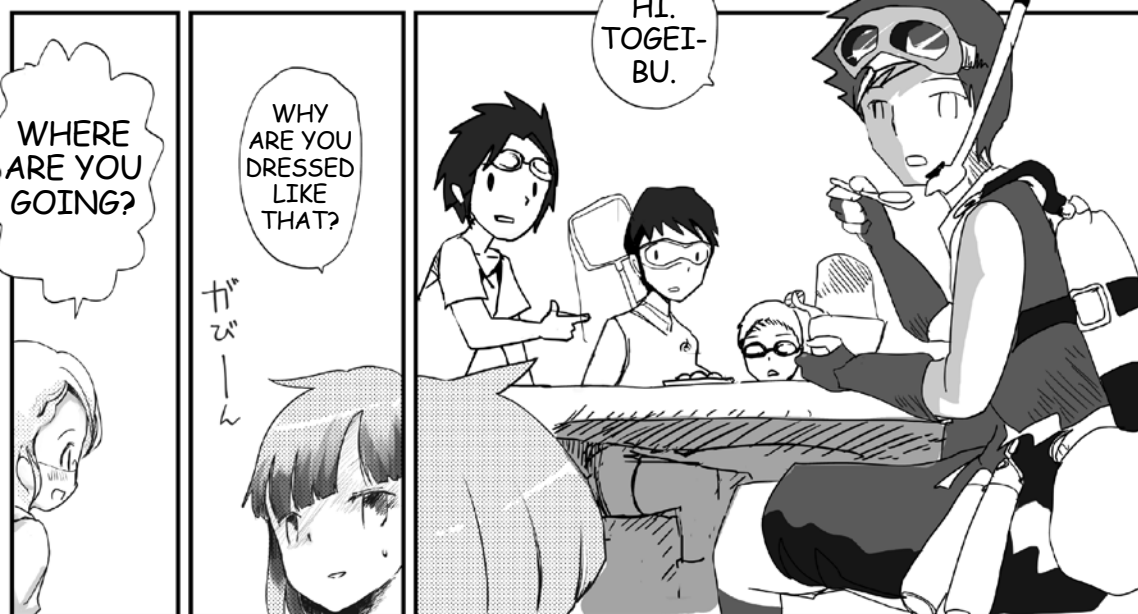
SOUNDS
LIVELY.

HA
HA HA

COLD.

IT TASTES
GOOD.

DELICIOUS!



IN THE
TOKI RIVER.

CATCHING
EELS.

WHAT!?



CAN
WE
JOIN
YOU?

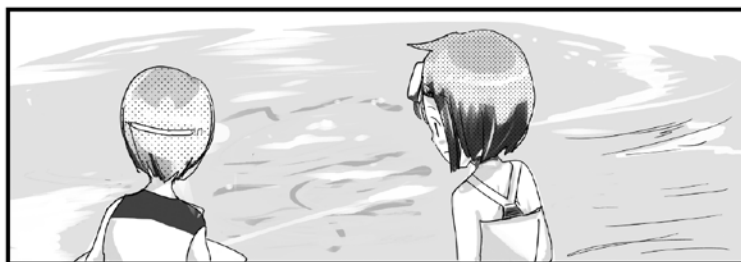
YES!!

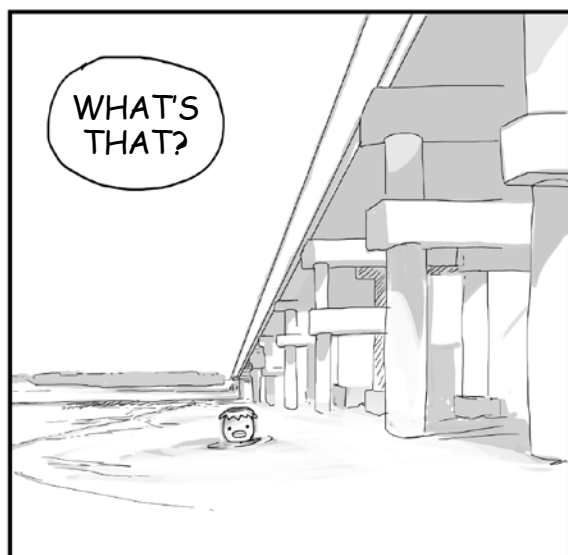
THERE IS
LARGE
OUTBREAK OF
EELS ONCE
EVERY FEW
YEARS.
IF THAT
HAPPENS,
WHY DON'T
WE CATCH
THEM!

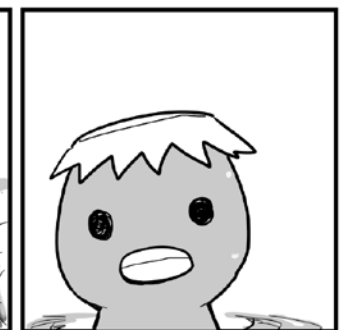
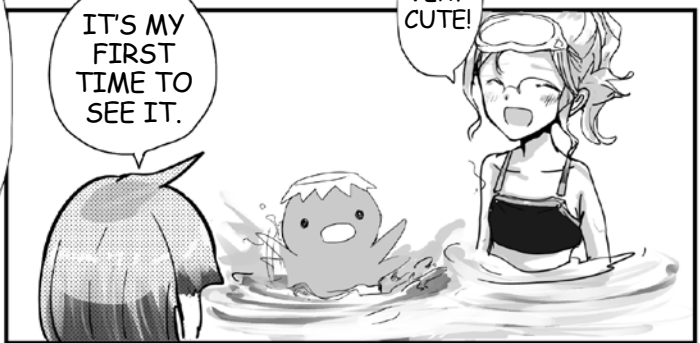
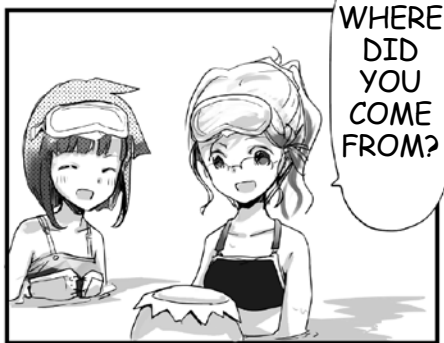
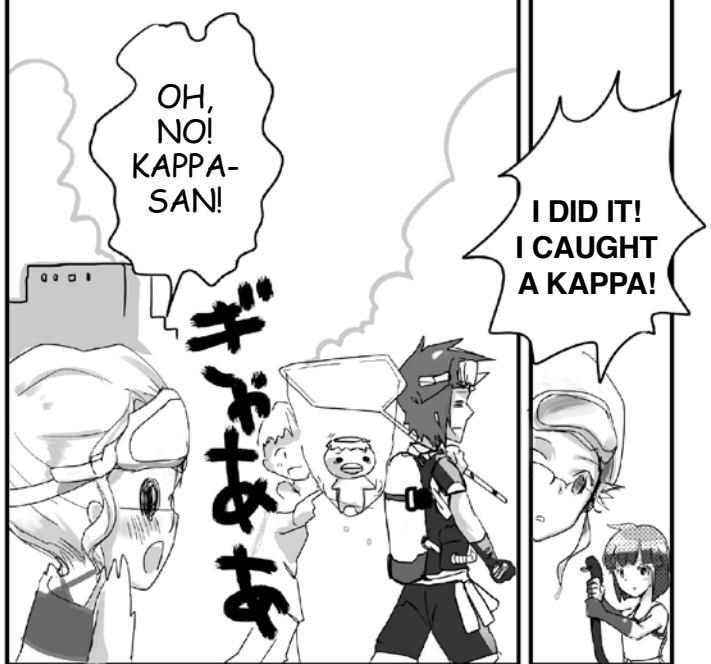
OF
COURSE,
THERE
ARE.
DIDN'T
YOU
KNOW
THAT?

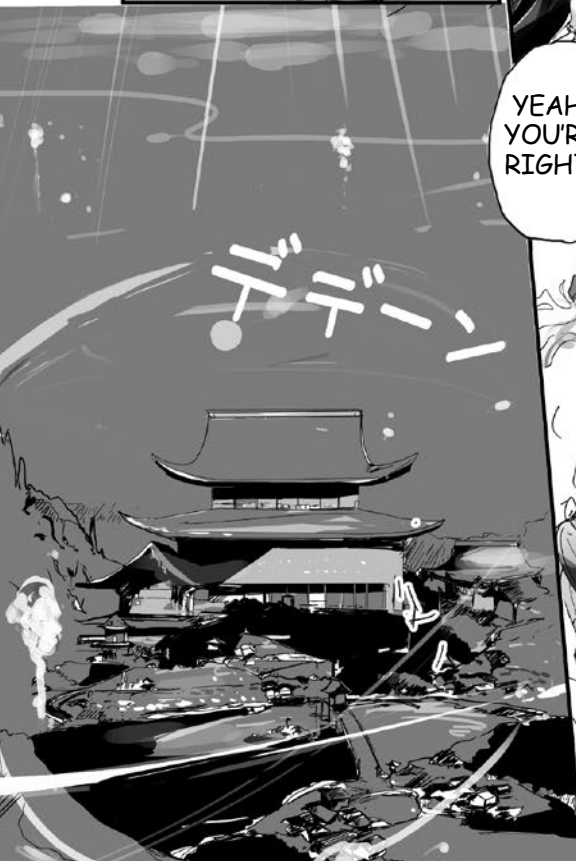
REALLY?
EELS
ARE IN
THE
TOKI
RIVER?!

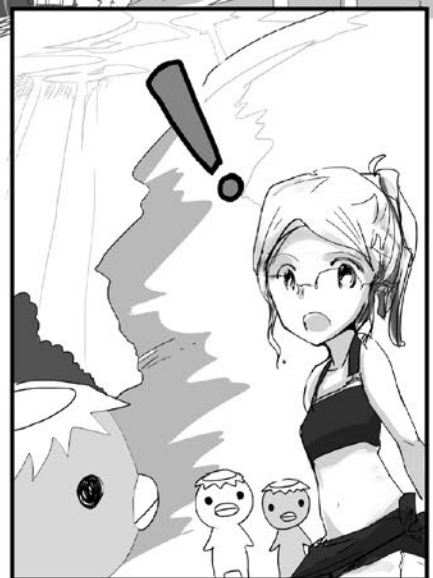
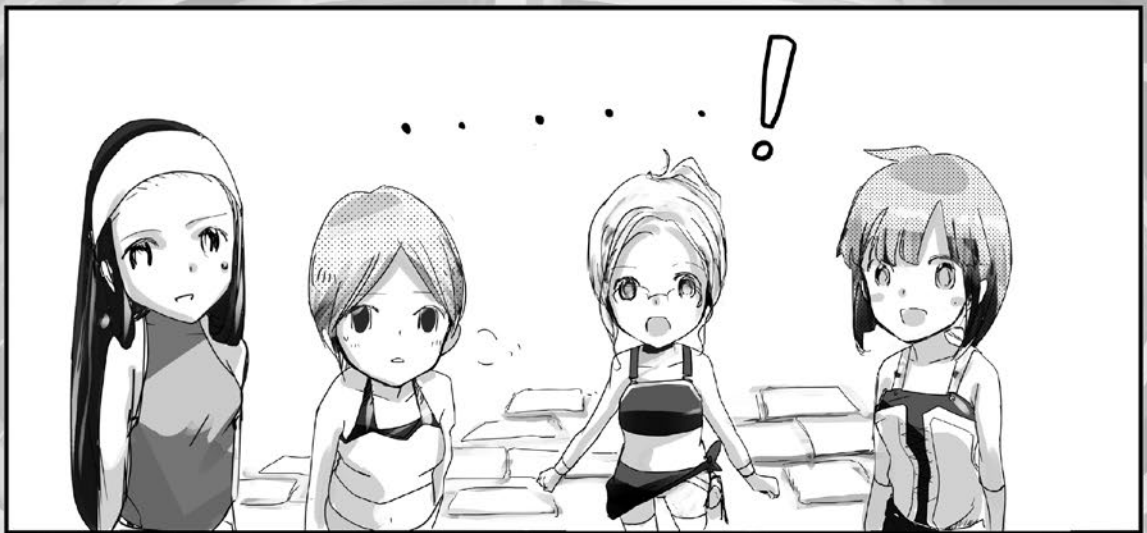


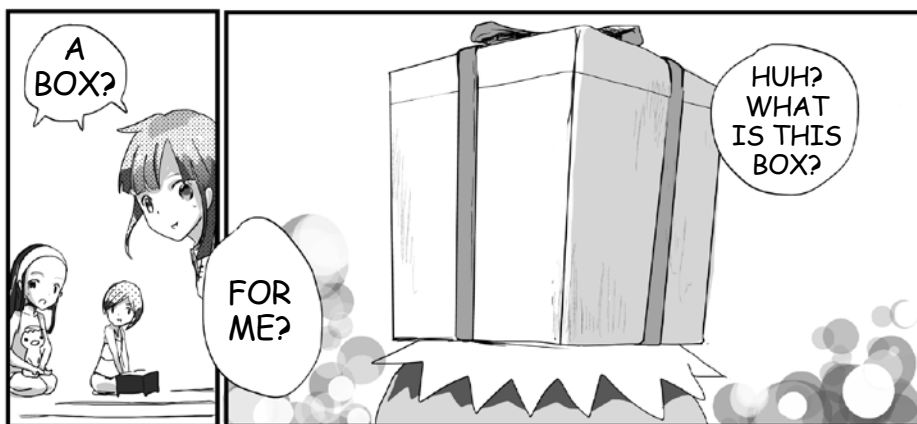
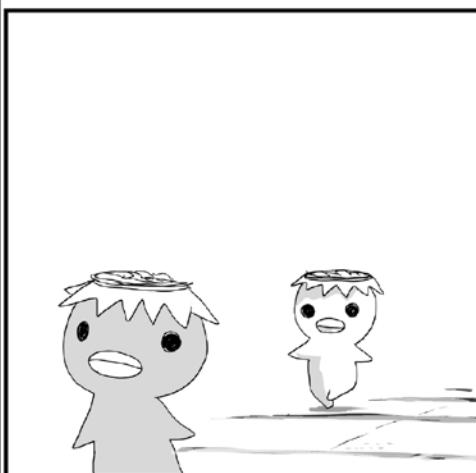


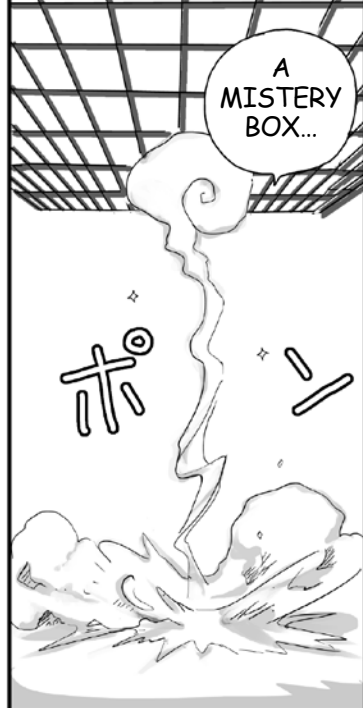




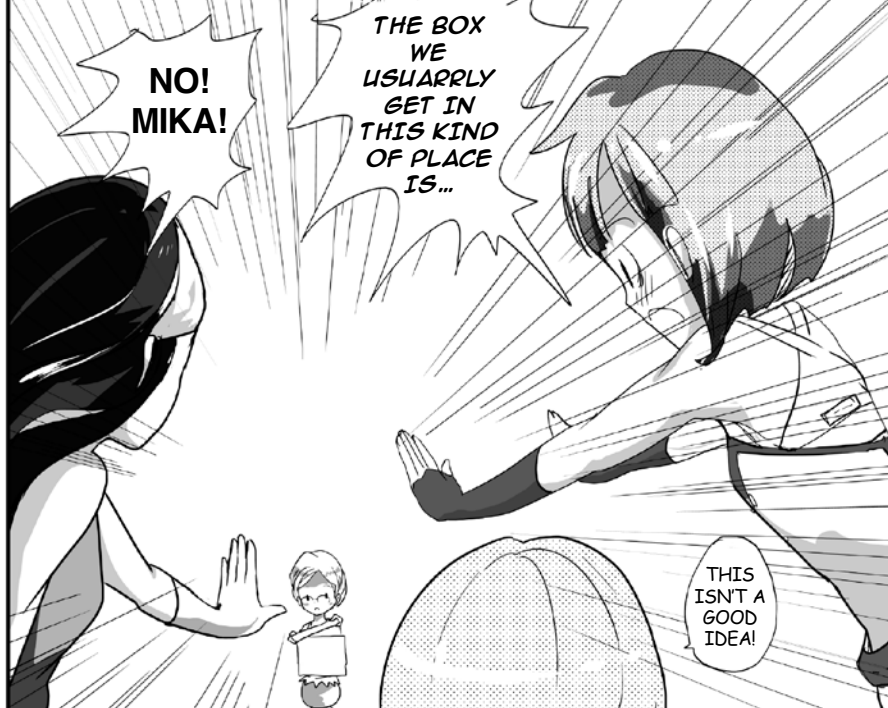








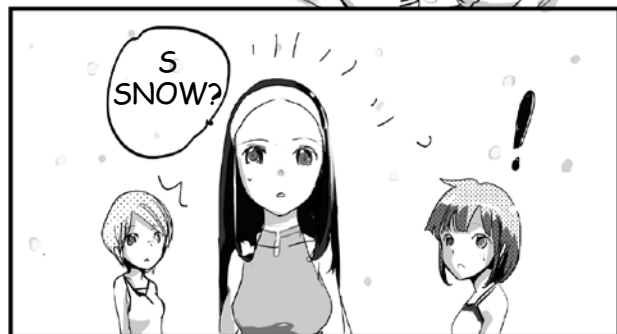
A
MISTERY
BOX...



NO!
MIKA!

THE BOX
WE
USUALLY
GET IN
THIS KIND
OF PLACE
IS...

THIS
ISN'T A
GOOD
IDEA!

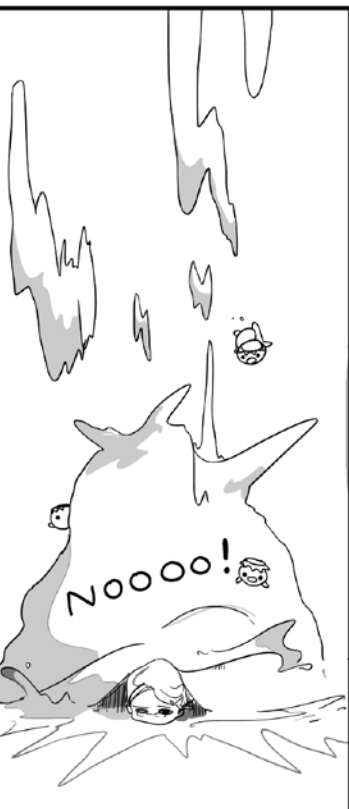
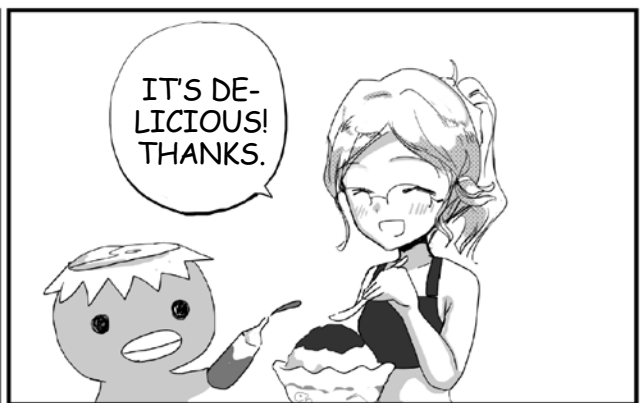
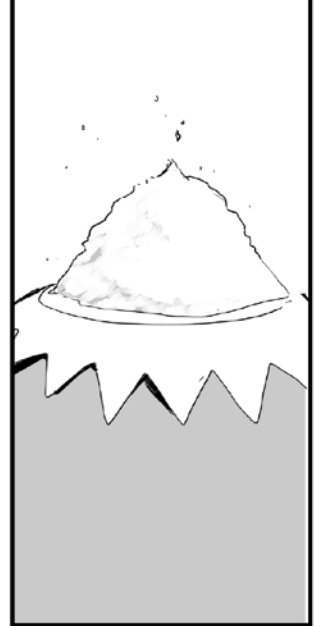


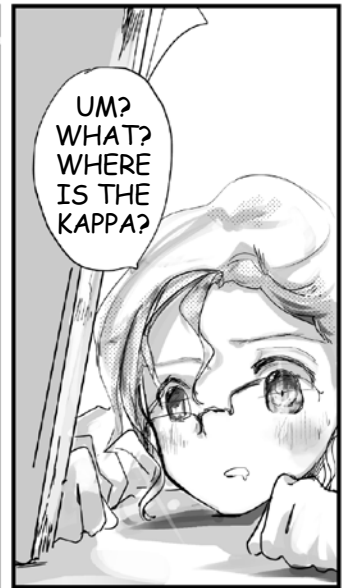
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SNOW?



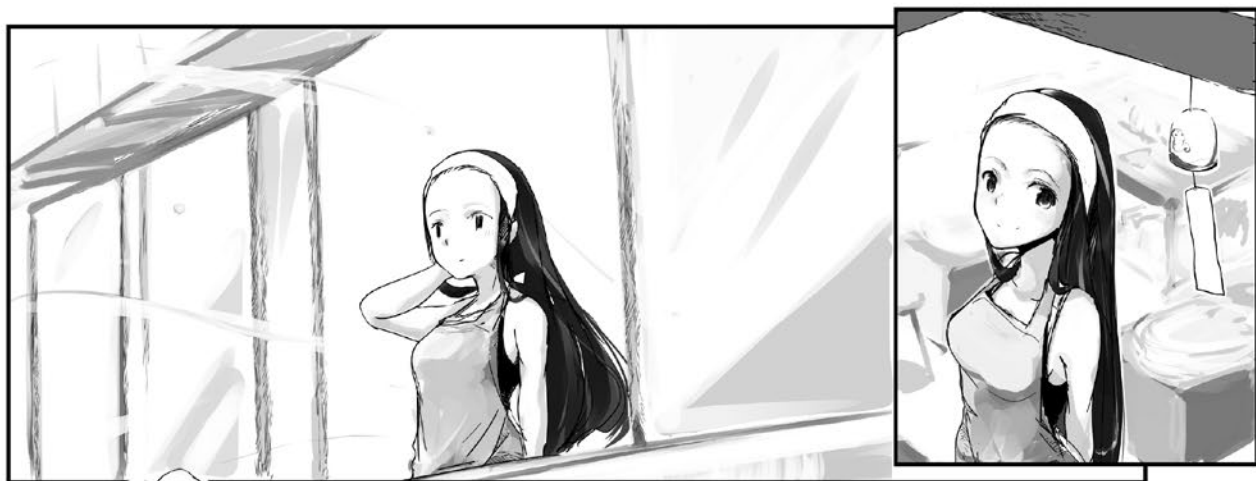
THE
BOWL
KUKURI-
CHAN
MADE?

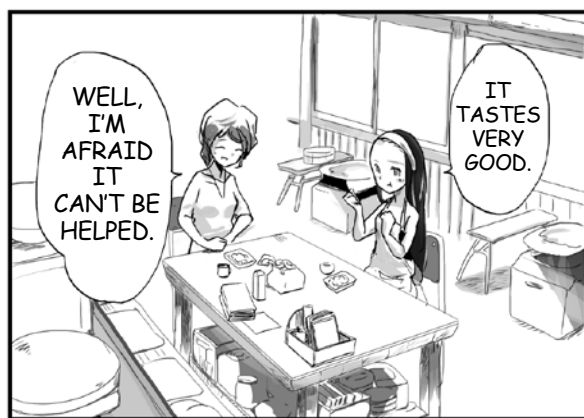
UM?
IS
THIS









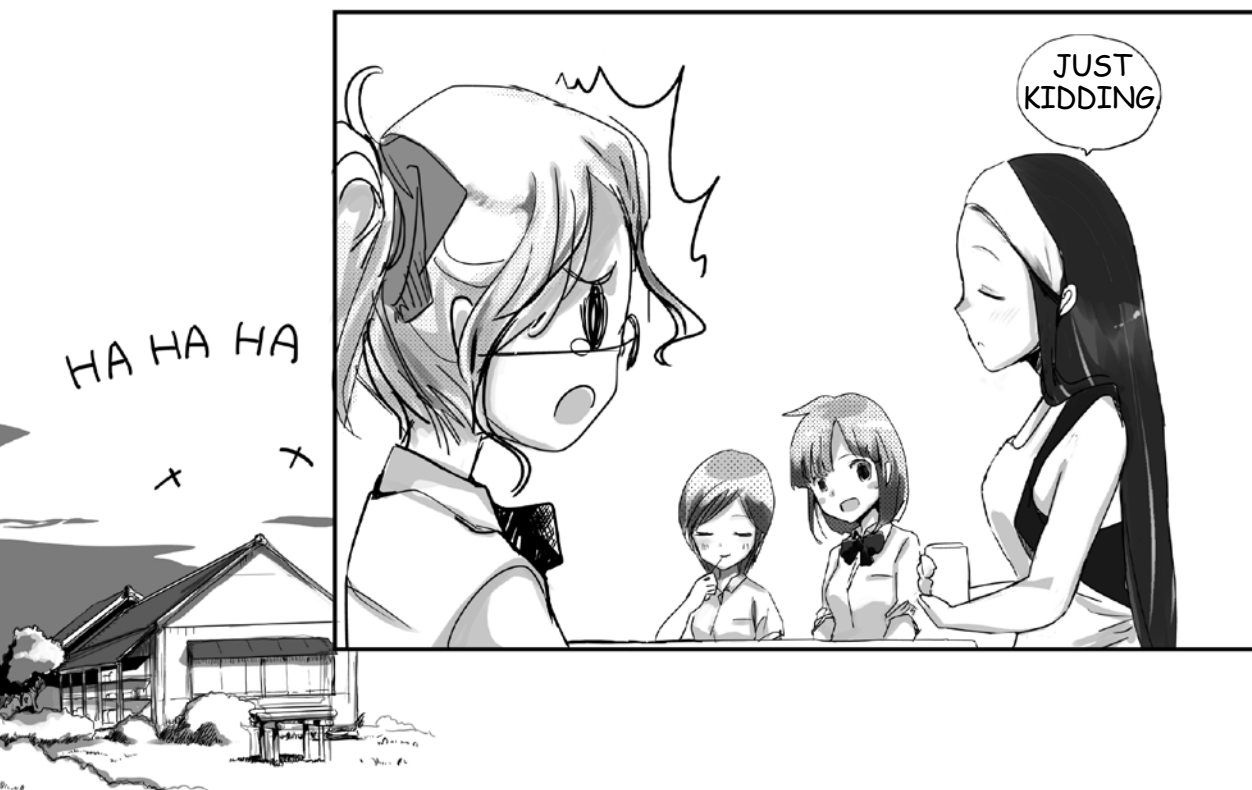
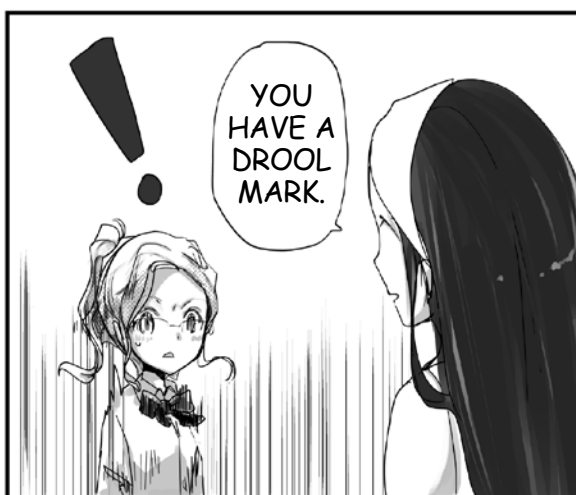
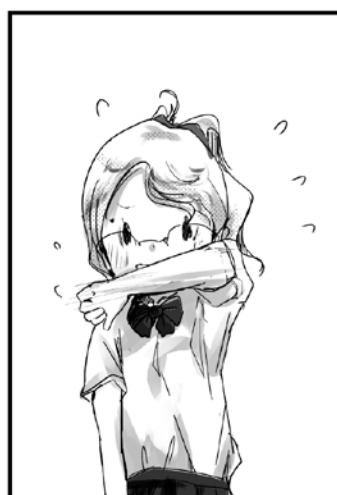
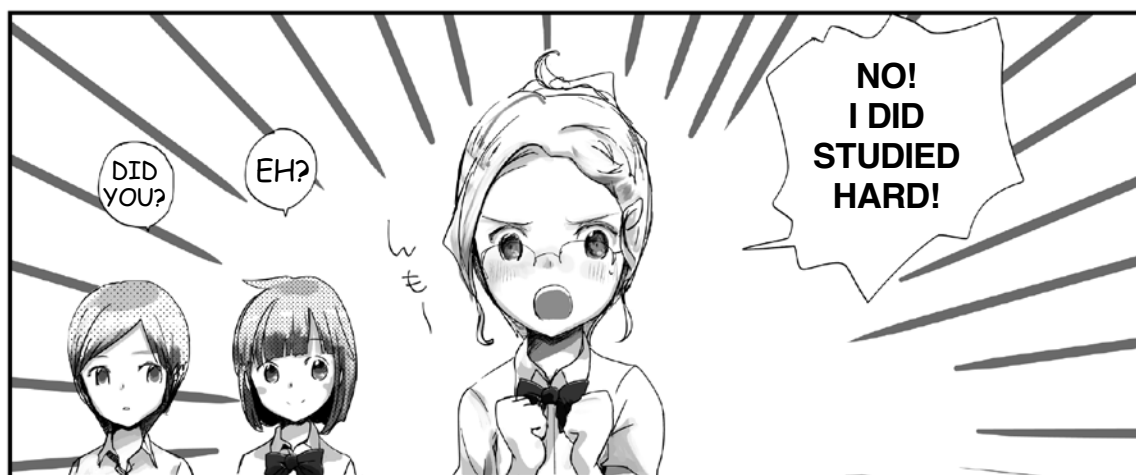




HUH?

THERE MUST BE SOME FOR US. CAN I HAVE SOME?





The Toki River flows through the towns where Mino ware is produced.



The Toki River, whose source is in Mt. Yudachi in Ena-city Gifu, flows from east to west running through the Tono basin including Mizunami-city, Toki-city and Tajimi-city. The Toki River becomes narrow and flows like a mountain stream in the basin. From Tajimi, it flows through the valley to the prefectural border and on to the Pacific Ocean. It is a class A river.

The river used to be known by various names involving the lands along its banks; it is currently called the Toki River in Gifu prefecture and Shonai River in Aichi .

Mt. Yudachi is 727 meters above sea level. The land gently undulates down to the Tono Basin. Granite in the area is picked up by the river and forms high quality clays which are the basis of the ceramic industry.

In the mid 1950s – 1960s, waste from ceramics factories turned the river white. At the time, this was hailed as proof of economic development in the area. But in 1970,



The Toki River flows through downtown Tajimi-city.

the Water Pollution Control Act was legislated and the water in the river returned to its natural color.

Nowadays the river is healthy and blessed with nature. Many wild birds, such as blue herons and hawks can be seen. It is fortunate that foreign species of fish were not introduced into the river, and now rare native species can be found there.

The Toki River is a big part of the lives of people who live in the area. At the Toki River Observatory in Tajimi City, observation sessions and study sessions are regularly planned on the theme of the Toki River and its surrounding nature. Many events take place along its banks, and in the summer big fireworks displays are held in Tajimi, Toki and Mizunami. On holidays, the river in Mizunami is crowded with people collecting fossils.

*A permit is necessary to collect fossils; it can be obtained for free from Mizunami Fossil Museum.



The Toki River flows through downtown Toki-city.



The Toki River flows through downtown Mizunami-city.

The Toki River is not that deep.

In “Yakunara Mug Cup Mo”, there is a scene in which the characters dive deep into the river. The river actually is not that deep. The area where the Toki River runs past Mt. Kokeizan has a solemn and mysterious atmosphere. People feel there might be a mysterious world in the river bed, such as Kukuri Mika sees in her dream.

A class A river.

A class A river is a river specified by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism that falls under the River Act. It is a kind of first-class river, which are specified waterways of special importance to national land conservation to the national economy.

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