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A FLOWER'S FRAGRANCE...



YOU BETTER BE AWAY THIS TIME!!

GOD, YOU'RE SO STUPID! HOW COULD YOU GET LOST??



THEN, HEY...

DO YOU LOOK FOR IT.



WHY SHOULD I DO SUCH A THING...?



WHY, WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE?



BECAUSE, "LADY SATOMI," I'M TOO YOUNG TO GET ONE!

THE LAW IS THE LAW.







DOES IT MATTER?

ARE YOU LOSING YOUR NERVE, KAZUYUKI?



IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...YOU CAN JUST GO HOME.



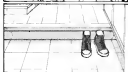
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM??



OH, I WAS JUST WONDERING WHERE YOU'D GO IF I DID.

SH...
SHUT UP!!
GET BACK HERE!
AND TAKE ME THERE, RIGHT NOW!!











GOOD
MORN-
ING.







SO...YOUR
SISTER
NAOJUNI?



NO.



HER
NAME IS
NAJUNO
KIRY.

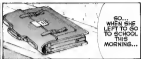


GET
USED TO
HER.



ANY
THEN...SHE
HAS A
DRAGON
CHILD?





SO...
WHEN SHE
LEFT TO GO
TO SCHOOL
THIS
MORNING...



...WAS
THERE
ANYTHING
UNUSUAL
ABOUT HER
ACTIONS
...?

WELL...
N-NO.

NOT...
REALLY.



LOOK,
PLEASE
HURRY UP
AND SEARCH
FOR HER!
IT'S OBVIOUS
SHE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED!

PLEASE
DO
SOME-
THING!



COME ON,
OFFICER!!
THEY FOUND
HER BAG
LYING RIGHT
IN THE
STREET!

SOMEONE
MUST HAVE
FORCED HER
INTO THEIR
CAR AND...
AND...!



NO
CHANCE
SHE RAN
AWAY
...?

SHE...

SHE'S
N-NOT
THAT
KIND OF
GIRL.

















THEN
I'LL SHOW
YOU OUR
POWER...

...AMAPOLA
AND I!



DO YOU
STAY OUT
OF THIS
KAZUYUKI!

BUT
YOU'LL
BE UP
AGAINST
THE
JSDP



"AND
MAYBE
EVEN...
AMAPOLA!"



I
HOPE
IT IS
HIM.

THAT
WOULD
SUIT ME
JUST
FINE.



"I DON'T THINK HE IS INVOLVED."

"IF KONORI WAS ON THEIR SIDE, THEY WOULDN'T GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE."



"I DISLIKE THE WAY THEY ATTEMPTED TO USE THOSE MEDIA IMAGES OF PUSY GARDNER TO MANIPULATE US."

"SO THIS WILL BE A LITTLE PUNISHMENT."



"THEY JUST WOULD COME TO US DIRECTLY..."

"...THOSE PEOPLE IN SUITS."



"PLUS A LITTLE TEST FOR ME."

"AND ALSO..."



"...FOR ANNA SAKURA."



"DOES SHE REALLY HAVE ONE...?"



"I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE."

"BUT..."



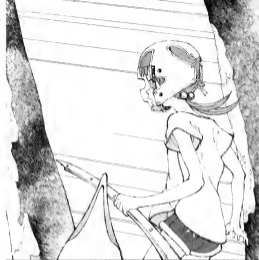
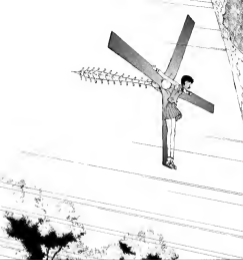






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AND...
WHAT
...?"



SOME
KID
...?"



HUH?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?"



--OF
HER!!

WIK-

-RANG





WHISS!

WHOO



OKAY HOSHI!

ONCE MORE!!



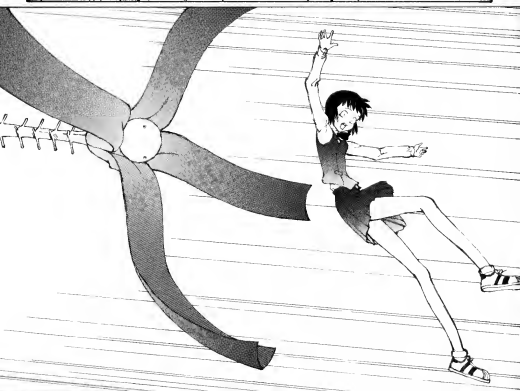
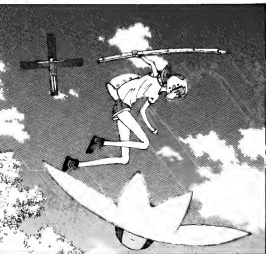
HYAAAA!



KANGG



WHY YOU...?





ALGGH!



AKIRA...!!



WOSAM-
MARU!
DROP ME
ON THAT
TREE!

YOU
GOD
CATCH
AKIRA!





WHUDD





FWAMP

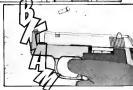


SKSSH















SO AX



AWDAY

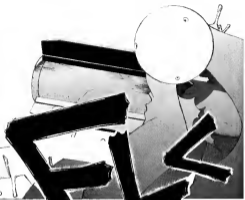


AH
...? WHAT?

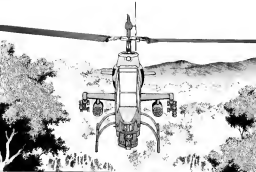












SOFT
TARGET.
SIR, DIRECT
HIT, BUT THE
WARHEAD
DID NOT
TRIGGER.

SIR,
THE
GROUND
UNITS
ARE IN
POSITION.



THERE'S
NO
TURNING
BACK
NOW.



WRAP
IT UP
BEFORE
THE MEDIA
HAS TIME
TO MOVE
IN.

LEAVE
THE LINE
OPEN TO
GENERAL
HOGA
AT THE
JAGOP.



WHYARD...

...YOU
STILL
THINK YOU
CAN GET
AWAY WITH
CALLING
THIS A
"POLICE
ACTION"



SATOMI!!



WHA...
WHAT...?
...?



THE
JSDP.



PROBABLY
AN ANTI-TANK
MISSILE
FROM AN
ATTACK
HELICOPTER.



A
TOW...

NO, WAIT...
A HEAVY
FIRE!



SATOMI,
GET
OUT OF
THERE!!



SH...
SHUT
UP AND
LEAVE ME
ALONE!!



THESE
ARE
SAD
NEWS,
WAN.

IF
THEY
USE ONE
WITH A
FRAGMENT-
ATOR
WAR-
HEAD...



WWW!



WHERE
IS IT?



COME ON!
JUST ASK
SOMEWHERE!
YOU'RE NO
MATCH FOR--



SHUT
UP.



RED
SHIELD,
THIS IS
TIGER
SHARK
ONE.

WE'VE
LOST
OUR
LASER
LOCK
ON THE
TARGET.



ROGER,
TIGER
SHARK ONE.
ATTEMPT TO
REACQUIRE
TARGET.

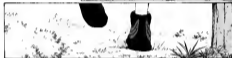
WARLOCK
THREE
AND FOLIO,
SUPPORT
TIGER
SHARK ONE.
WARLOCK
ONE AND
TWO, HOLD
POSITIONS.



WHIP
WHIP
WHIP



THE
SELF-
DEFENSE
FORCE...

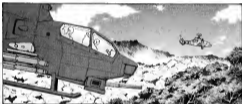






D-DON'T WORRY—I KNOW.

I REFUSE TO BE USED BY MY SHADOW DRAGON ANY MORE!



RED SHIELD, THIS IS WARLOCK THREE WE'RE CONTINUING OUR SWEEP.

WARLOCK FOUR IS TAKING WINDHAM POSITION TO TIGER SHARK ONE..

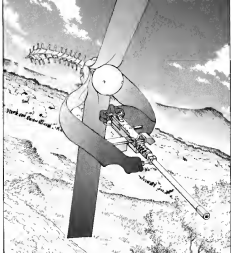
GOOD. GIVES US A BALANCE BETWEEN AIR-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-GROUND...

DATA COMING IN FROM AWACS, SIR.

WE HAVE PROBABLE TARGET ACQUISITION.

HEADING 35 DEGREES FROM TIGER SHARK ONE, NOW, 3000 YARDS AND CLOSING
...





WELL
THAT'S
DOO

HAVE
TO IT'S
THE ONLY
EFFECTIVE
WEAPON
YOU'VE
ACQUIRED.

JUST DON'T STAY
IN ONE PLACE. KEEP
MOVING, AND DRAW
THEM INTO CLOSE
COMBAT SO THEY
CAN'T USE THEIR
WIGGLES.

ALSO,
TRY TO STAY
TO THEIR EAST.
THERE'S AN
URBAN AREA
OFF THAT
WAY...

...SO
THEY'LL
HAVE TO
RESTRICT
THEIR
FIRE.



AND YOU SHOULD—

OH, SHUT UP!

I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THAT STUFF!



LOOK—
THEY JUST
CAUGHT
ME OFF
GUARD,
OKAY?!



BARLOCK
FOUR,
ENGAGING!!



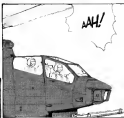
TRY TO
PIN IT
DOWN—
WE HAVE
MORE
UNITS
ON THE
WAY.



ROGER,
RED
SHIELD.



SHOOT









AUGH!



VRTTTTTT

SPAK
SPAK
SPAK



HOLD YOUR GROUND, THIS IS RED SHIELD.

FALL BACK—TYGER SHAWK ONE HAS AN AIR LOCK.



ROGER, RED SHIELD.

VECTERING SOUTH WILL HOLD AT 1000 YARDS.

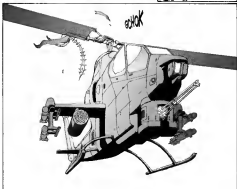
WE VALUE YOUR TIME. TYGER SHAWK.















RED SHIELD
MAGLOCK
FOUR IS
GOING
DOWN,
GRICER!
GAAA!

ROGER,
TIGER
SHARK
TWO,
RESCUE
UNIT EN
ROUTE.



MAGLOCK
THREE
PROVIDE
AID
SUPPORT,
TIGER
BRATTON







KAZUMUKI.



Y...
YESS?

GO TO THE
SHOPPING
MALL DOWN
THE STREET
AND GET
HER SOME
CLOTHES.
NOTHING
FANCY.



I'LL
CLEAN
HER UP
AND PUT
THESE
CLOTHES
IN THE
WASH.



OHAY,
BUT...

I MEAN,
ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T
MIND...



I AM BEYOND THAT SORT OF DISTASTE, KAZUYUKI.

BESIDES, KNOWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU AND SATOMI, PERHAPS IT IS FOR THE BEST.



FURTHERMORE...



...I AM BEYOND THAT SORT OF DESIRE AS WELL.

HUMAN SEXUALITY IS NO LONGER OF ANY CONCERN TO ME.

















A...
AGORA...?



SHOCK
SURPRISE



GET A
GRIP ON
YOURSELF,
GIRL!!



LOOK...
WHAT YOU
TWO ARE
CAUGHT
UP IN...

WHY
YOU ARE
HERE...

I CAN'T
POSSIBLY
KNOW.



I CAN'T
COMPREHEND
WHAT COULD
DRIVE YOU
TO ATTEMPT
SUCH A
THING.



BUT IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO CHOOSE TO DIE...

... THEN SURELY YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER, DON'T YOU?



WE DON'T CARRY OUR SIDE-ARMS...

... WITH A BULLET IN THE CHAMBER.

KSHAK



BKAM





SIR?
LIEUTENANT
WATANABE'S
PLATOON HAS
TAKEN TWO
INDIVIDUALS
INTO
CUSTODY.

HE BELIEVES
THEY ARE
CONNECTED
TO THE
INCIDENT.



TWO?

ANY
I.D.?

NOT
YET.



HOWEVER,
IT SEEMS
THEY'RE
BOTH
CHILDREN.



HMM.
REALLY.

CHILDREN
AGAIN...



THE
TARGET?

THE SECOND
INFANTRY
COMBAT TEAM
IS CLOSING
NOW. THE
ENGINEERING
PLATOON IS
SETTING UP.



GOOD.



IF
THERE'S
ANY
MOVEMENT
AT ALL,
OPEN
FIRE.

DON'T
HOLD
BACK—
THROW
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
GOT AT
IT.



WHAT THE HELL IS IT?

THE FLYBOYS SAID IT WAS SOMA VULCAN AND A MISSILE—NO WAY IT'S STILL ALIVE.

I DUNNO, MAN... I DON'T SEE A MARK ON IT...





NOT IN GIRLS.



WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IT'S PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA TO LET THEM TAKE US IN, BUT...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



HOSHIMARU...

NO... I SHOULDN'T MOVE HIM, WHAT NOW...?



AH...

AH?



NO...

AKIYAMA WHAT'S WRONG?









**HOSHI-
MARU!!**



**GO
GET IT!!
KILL
IT!!**





HARLOCK
THREE IS
DOWN,
SIR!!

NEW
BOBBY!!

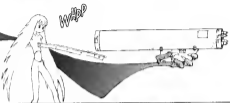


THE
OTHER
ONE THAT
WAS
HIDING
...?

SIR!!
THIRD
BOBBY
CON-
FIRMED!!











SO
THAT WAS
YOURS!!

WASN'T
IT?!





I GOT THE STUFF.

I BOUGHT UNDERWEAR— AND, UH... THAT... UH...

AND I... UH...



GOOD THANK YOU.



I ALSO BENT IT...



...BY SHADOW DRAGON HANDBLES.



I BROUGHT
HER BACK
FROM
HOKKAIDO.

UM...



YES, I
KNOW.



YOUR
SHADOW
DRAGON
CAN GET
BACK HERE
IN ABOUT
TEN
MINUTES,
RIGHT?



YEAH,
LOOK, I'M
SORRY I
ACTED ON
MY OWN.
HADOUL.



NO,
IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

SUCH
IS YOUR
ROLE...

KATSUMI
TAKANO.





RED SHIELD,
THIS IS
TIGER SHARK
TWO!
BARLOCK
ONE IS
DOWN!



WHAT
...??

ALL AIR
UNITS,
CLEAR THE
AREA, NOW!
STAND
BY FOR
VECTORS!

DO NOT,
REPEAT,
DO NOT
ENGAGE
THE
BOGEY!

BRING
IN THE
ANTI-AIR
GUNS AND
UNITS!



WHAT'S
WITH THAT
IMMATURE
SHADOW
DRAGON?



IT'S AN...
UNEXPECTED
GUEST.



IT
SEEMS
TO BE
LINKED
TO A
GIRL...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



DON'T BOTHER WITH IT.

WE'LL BE ABLE TO TRACE IT USING SAKURA.



OKAY... THEN I'LL BECOMER ANAPOLA AND PULL OUT.

SOUND GOOD ...?



YES.

THAT'LL BE FINE.



SA-TOME ...?



NOOO!!

THAT WAS A MISTAKE!!









EWHEE



HEY!



COMMANDER!
THE
TARGET'S
MOVING!

RELEASE
SAFETY'S!
DISCARD
TO FIRE!!



FIRE!!

BKAM

BKAM

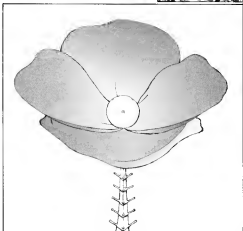
WHAM



WHAM

WHAM

CEASE
FIRE!!





HERE, MRS. SATO... I BROUGHT YOU SOME EGGPLANT FROM OUR GARDEN.

OH, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO KIND.



I'LL PICKLE THEM AND GIVE YOU SOME--



YOU



THE SOLDIERS ARE REALLY AT IT TODAY... AREN'T THEY?

THEY SURE ARE.





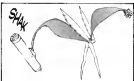






























I DON'T GET IT.

DOESN'T THE LARKER FEEL ANY STRONG THAT GIRL MUST BE CRAZY?



GIRLS HANDLE PAIN BETTER.

BUT I DOUBT IT'S THAT.



PERHAPS YOU DID SOMETHING TO MAKE HER HATE YOU?

HUSH MEET



YOU LOOK LIKE THE TYPE THAT MAKES GIRLS CRY.

JESUS, NAZUNA, YOU HAVE THE STRONGEST SENSE OF HUMOR SOMETHING...



IN ANY
CASE,
DON'T
WORRY.

VERY
SOON, THAT
SHADOW
DRAGON
WOON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR YOU,
KAZUYUKI.



WOL



"OR
MAYBE IT
WOON'T EVEN
NOTICE...?"





FWHOOC! **SHH**





AH →

SKRASH!!!

YOU... YOUR FR...

WHEN...
NORIO,
THAT WAS
CLOSE.



I DON'T
EXACTLY
WANT TO
BE DOING
THIS...

...YOU
KNOW?









FWHWA







▲ SWEET...





**A GAS
ATTACK?!**

NO!!



ffffhkkk

ffffhkkk





INFANTRY
TEAM
NOT
RESPOND-
ING!!

WE
NEED
AN ID
ON THE
GAS!



GET AN
A-B-C TEAM
OUT THERE
IN FULL
GEAR
NOW!!



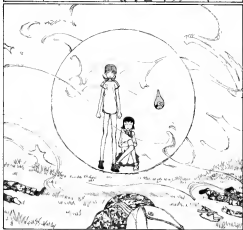
THIS...
THIS
CAN'T
BE
HAPPEN-
ING...



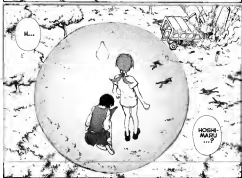
THEY
ALL...

...WILL
DIE.











PLEASE,
HOSHIMARU
...?







BUTTON
UP THE
ARMOR
AND
SEND
IT IN!

I WANT
THEM TO
HIT THE
TARGET
WITH
EVERY
THING
THEY'VE
GOT!



GENERAL
HODA
ON THE
PHONE,
SIR.



THE
JAGDF IS
SCRAMBLING
A FLIGHT OF
BARTHOBS.



SEND A
MONSTER
TO STOP A
MONSTER.
EH...?







TARGETING
DATA
CONFIRMED.



THERE
MAY
STILL
BE GAS
IN THE
AREA.

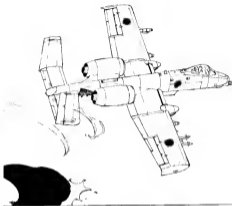
BETTER
FINISH
THEM
OFF
QUICK.

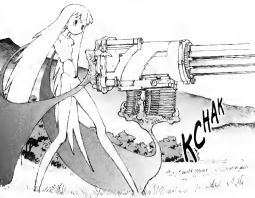


GIVE
THEM
BACK
A
TWO-
SECOND
BURST.

DON'T
MISS.



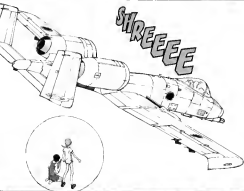
















SKRASHOOM



OH,
NO...

NO...!



RED
SHIELD!
ORION
THREE
AND FOUR
HAVE BEEN
SHOT
DOWN!!



SON
OF A
BITCH
!!



SHREEE







HAS
HARDER
TO GET
HITS AT
LONG
RANGE
THAN I
THOUGHT.

BETTER
MOVE
IN.



AA
...??

WOW!

**DON'T
DO
IT!!**



**NO!
PLEASE
...!!**



STOOPPP!







...TO
NEVER
FORGET.

HYKROOM



SATOMI

SATOMI

SATOMI
...?

THAT'S
ENOUGH...
YOU
THINK?

I
THINK
YOU'VE...

...UM...

... YOU'VE
KILLED
ENOUGH.

















COUP INCOMPLETE



**YOU
AREN'T
MAKING
ANY SENSE!
YOU CALL
THIS "AN
ORDINARY
MILITARY
EXER-
CISE"...?!**

**THERE
WAS
NOTHING
"ORDINARY"
ABOUT IT
AT ALL!!**



**THIS WAS
SCHEDULED
AND
APPROVED
AS AN ARMY
GROUND
FORCES
MANEUVER!**

**WHY WERE
FIXED-WING
AIRCRAFT
WITH LIVE
AMMU-
NITION
INVOLVED?!**

**AND WHAT
ARE WE DOING
WITH CHEMICAL
WEAPONS? ALL
OUR STOCKS
SHOULD HAVE
BEEN DE-
STROYED OVER
FIFTY YEARS
AGO!!**

**THOSE
PLANES
WERE
SCRAMBLED
FROM
CHITOSE
AIRBASE!**

**WHAT
HAPPENED
IN THE
TOWN OF
AWAGA-
KUCHI?!**

**WE'VE
ALSO HEARD
THAT TROOPS
WERE ON
STANDBY
FOR RIOT
CONTROL!
WHAT WAS
THE REASON
FOR THIS?
THE
CITIZENS
HAVE A
RIGHT TO
KNOW!!**

**DIRECTOR-
GENERAL
OF
DEFENSE?**

**AH...
.....**

**AS I
EXPLAINED
IN OUR
BRIEFING
MEMO...**



...WHILE THIS
WAS NOT
PLANNED AS A
JOINT FORCES
EXERCISE
BETWEEN THE
JSSDF AND
JASDF...



QUITE A
SQUABBLE,
ISN'T IT?

YES, IT'S
QUITE A
SQUABBLE.



QUITE
AMUSING,
ISN'T IT?

YES, IT'S
QUITE
AMUSING.



HOW FAR
DO YOU
THINK THE
RESPONSIB-
ILITY
ISSUE WILL
GO?



MY GUESS--
DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF
DEFENSE,
ADMINISTRATIVE
VICE MINISTER,
THE JSSDF
CHIEF OF
STAFF, JASDF
CHIEF OF
STAFF.

AND
THE
CABINET...?

I DON'T
KNOW, IT'S
A SERIOUS
BLUNDER.

THEY'LL
HAVE TO
TAKE
RESPONSIB-
ILITY.

AH,
THE
CABINET
PROBABLY
WON'T
RESIGN.





AND SEVERAL F-2C AND RC-135 AIRCRAFT WERE DETECTED CIRCLING THE TACTICAL AREA.



HA, HA... PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE MENAGERIE OF THE U.S.'S SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT ON PARADE.

MUST HAVE BEEN A REAL SCRAMBLE.

WELL... THEY'LL SURELY SAY SOMETHING WHEN THE TIME COMES.

WHAT ELSE ...?

WE NEED MORE FOR THE PRESS.

THE PRESENT RELEASE WOULDNT FOOL A CHILD.

SO...

...WHAT ABOUT THE COUP D'ETAT SCENARIO?



STAFF FROM SPECIAL TEAM TWO ARE WORKING ON IT. THEY'LL HAVE A ROUGH DRAFT IN TWO HOURS.



YES. AFTER ALL THE "COULD PLUCK-THERY" ...

ARE NOW ALL DEAD.



IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD SEND IT OUT TODAY.



BUT IT'LL SOUND MORE REAL...

...IF WE LET IT "LEAK OUT" AS A RUMOR.



BY THE WAY, JCS OF GENERAL YOSHIKI SEEMS TO BE LOSING HIS NERVE.



NOW THAT ISN'T GOOD.



HE NEEDS TO STAY IN POSITION UNTIL HE DIES. THAT'S HOW HE SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.



YES, THAT IS WHAT THE "THE SPECIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ON MILITARY BALLOONS" IS FOR.





"AC,"
IT SAYS
HERE...

THAT'S
THE
CODE
FOR
HYDRO-
GEN
CHARGE,
ISN'T
IT?

YES,
AND IT'S
DEADLY...
THOUGH
NOT TOO
POPULAR
THESE
DAYS.
YOU
KNOW
WHY?



NO.



EXCELLENT
DISPERSION
AND
LETHALITY...
BUT IT'S
EASY TO
COMPLETELY
CURE, TOO.
NO LONG-
TERM
EFFECTS.



IT WAS, IT'S
IMPORTANT
TO KILL,
BUT WHAT'S
EVEN MORE
EFFECTIVE...

IT IS TO
LEAVE THE
ENEMY
Crippled
BUT ALIVE.
A DEAD MAN
ONLY NEEDS
BURIAL.

A
WOUNDED
SOLDIER
CAN TAKE
UP TO
THREE
GENRS
OUT OF
COMBAT
TO CARE
FOR HIM.

IN THAT SENSE, AC ISN'T MAXIMALLY EFFECTIVE FOR WARFARE.



SO OUR ENEMIES WERE KIND?



I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THEY THOUGHT IT THROUGH, ACTUALLY.

PERHAPS THEY DON'T CONSIDER THIS WAR.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE FINAL COUNT OF INJURED?



THE LIST IS STILL BEING UP-DATED.

BUT...

WHEN WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT COMPANY MEDICAL CLINICS AND SCHOOL NURSE'S OFFICES, IT'S QUITE A LARGE NUMBER.



CAN'T YOU COME UP WITH A COOLER ANALOGY? LIKE "CARPET-BOMBING" ...?

LET'S GO
AND WE'LL
LIVE IN
THE CITY.

IT'S ALL THE SAME, ENDLESS PROPAGANDA.

WE'LL HAVE TO COVER IT UP ANYWAY, THE STAFF ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BUST THEIR A--S, BUT...



LIKE CRUSHING LICE.

YES?



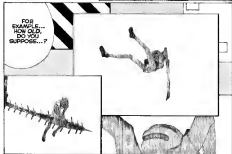


DID YOU SEE THE IMAGES?

YES.



SO? WHAT ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS?



FOR EXAMPLE... HOW OLD DO YOU SUPPOSE...?



WELL... UNDER THESE LIGHTING CONDITIONS AND AT THIS RESOLUTION...

...I CAN'T SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE, BUT...



JUST GO WITH YOUR INSTINCTS.

I'M READY TO BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY, EVEN IF YOU TELL ME YOU THINK IT'S AN EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD MAN.



A YOUNG GIRL.

PERHAPS... TWELVE YEARS OLD.



GOOD.

I THOUGHT SO, TOO.



SATO... SATO...?

MISS ARI SATO...?



TOWARD HOMO DEMENS

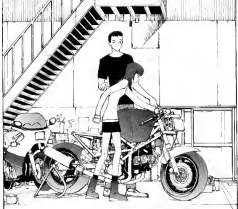


**BRAPP
BRAPP**

I SAID
TURN
IT OFF!!
IT'S
TOO
LOUD!!

DAMN
IT,
TAKED!!





WHAT'S
YOUR PROBLEM?



I WANT
YOU TO LISTEN
TO ME!!



SO? WHAT'S UP?







HAVE
THE
CHILD.



I'LL PAY FOR EVERYTHING AND
ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
AS THE FATHER.



OH, MY
GOD...!
B... BUT
I'M NOT
EVER
EIGHTEEN
YET!!

HEY,
YOU DID
WHAT IT
TAKES,
SO WHY
PANIC
NOW?



COME
ON...IT'S
HAPPY
NEWS,
ISN'T IT?

YOU'RE
GOING
TO BE A
MOTHER.



WOW!!

NO,
HOOO!!
STOP!



THEN
I'LL
PHONE
THEM FOR
YOU, THEY
SHOULD
BE HOME
NOW,
RIGHT...?

B-BUT...
MY
PARENTS...
I...I
JUST
CAN'T
TELL
THEM!!



Geez...
Geez...



WHY DO YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT?

CAN'T YOU BE MORE KINDER-
THEIC ...?



HMM? IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, YOU... ISN'T IT?

I SAID I'LL TAKE ON MY SHARE.



MY...

MY RESPONSIBILITY...? BUT I'M ONLY SIXTEEN!



GIVE A BREAK-- DON'T SUDDENLY START ACTING LIKE A KID.

COME ON, KANA.

HEY HEY

AW



ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY BECAUSE YOU'RE A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN ME THAT YOU HAVE NO WILL? NO PERSONALITY? THAT YOU'LL DO ANYTHING JUST BECAUSE I TELL YOU?



THANK... EVEN WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING BECAUSE SOMEBODY TOLD YOU TO, YOU'RE STILL THE ONE WHO DECIDES TO DO IT INSTEAD OF REFUSING.



SO IT WAS BY YOUR OWN FREE WILL...

...THAT YOU CHOSE YOUR COURSE OF ACTION, WASN'T IT...?



THINKING YOUR PERSONALITY ISN'T COMPLETE UNTIL THE CLOCK TICKS BY SOME ARBITRARY POINT IN TIME...

...AND THINKING THAT IT REDUCES YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, IT'S QUITE A RIDICULOUS CONCEPT.



OH, YEAH.

BUT THAT'S THE LAW, ISN'T IT?



I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.



LOOK... THEN... AT LEAST...

...MARRY ME!









YOU KNOW...
YOU'RE
A REAL
JEERK.

AM
I...?
WHY?

I JUST
SPOKE
THE
TRUTH.



SHOW
SOME
HUMANITY
AND
LIE
A
LITTLE.

AM
BUT I'M
NOT
HUMAN.



I
AGREE.
YOU
ARE
AN
ANIMAL.



AM...
WHAT
DIDST
YOU
SAY
YOU
SPOKE
TO
ME!



IT'S
JUST
A
MATTER
OF
DEFINING
THE
HUMAN
RACE.

ARE
THEY
HOMO
SAPIENTS...
OR
HOMO
CENSUS?



THAT'S
JUST
BLOOD-
LESS
ANTH-
ROPY.

YOU'LL
HAVE
TO
DO
BETTER
THAN
THAT.



OH, NOW
WAIT A
SEC...

ARE YOU
JEALOUS,
MORIS?



NO,
IN FACT,
I REALLY
THINK...

...I'M
STARTING
TO
DISPISE
YOU.



WHY
THAT'S
A
RELIEF.

I ONLY
LIKE
GIRLS,
ANYWAY.



HOW
I
THOUGHT
PEOPLE
LIKE
YOU
DO
FOR
ANYTHING
THAT
MORIS.

EVEN
IF
IT'S
NOT
"HUMAN."



DON'T
MOCK
ME.



I'M
JUST
NOT
INTERESTED
IN
LIFE-FORMS
THAT
CAN'T
BEAR
CHILDREN.







I
I'VE
GOT
A
QUES-
TION.



I
MEAN...
I
CAN'T
LINK
WITH
HIM
LIKE
AKIRA
DOES
WITH
ENSCF.



SORRY.

BUT WE DON'T
KNOW
WHY YOU
CAN'T,
EITHER.

YOU
AND
YOUR
DRAGON
CHILD...

WHY...

... YOU
TWO
CAN'T
RE-
GAIN...

... THAT'S
A
PROBLEM
YOU'LL
JUST
HAVE
TO
SOLVE
YOUR-
SELF.

SO...
YOU
WANT
POWER?

YOU
NEED
POWER...

WHEN
YOU
WANT
TO
CREATE
SOME-
THING.

WHEN
YOU
WANT
TO
PROTECT
SOME-
THING.

THAT'S
WHEN
YOU
NEED
POWER.



WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT?

...TO PROTECT...?

IS WHAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT TO YOUR LAST BREATH...

...SOMETHING THAT WILL LEAD TO THE FUTURE?



SHINA...



HAVE YOU EVER FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A BOY?

H...
HUH?



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