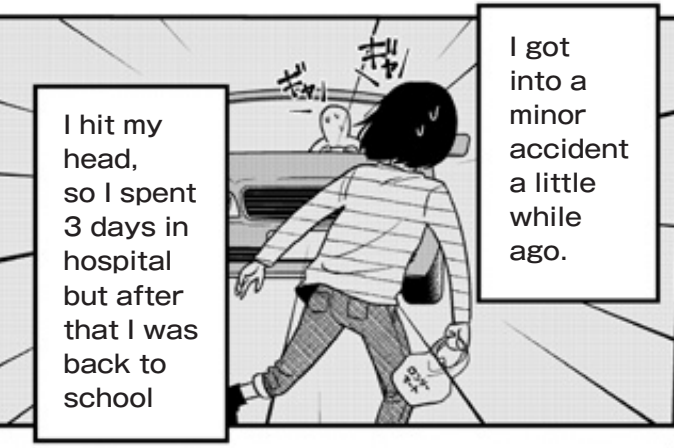


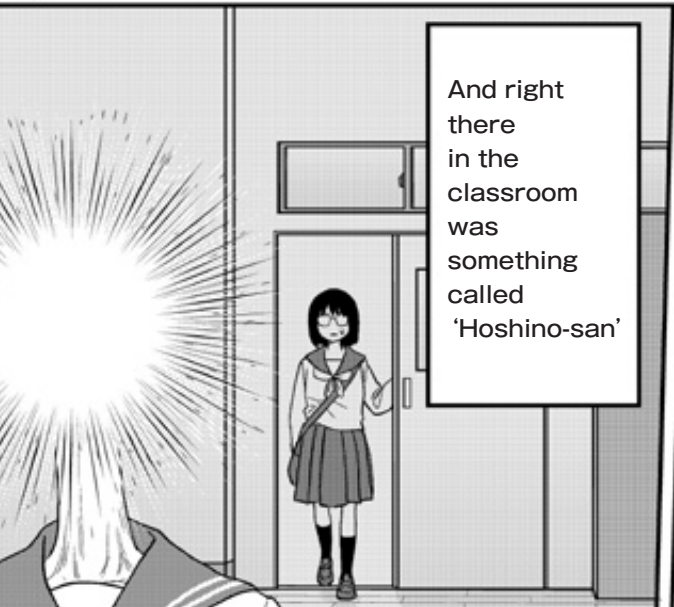


Hoshino-san is glowing again today



I hit my head, so I spent 3 days in hospital but after that I was back to school

I got into a minor accident a little while ago.



And right there in the classroom was something called 'Hoshino-san'



Stare...



Oh,

morning Tanaka!  
What's up with Hoshino-san?

Um hey, that girl over there...



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She-she's shining?!



Glowing...?

Oh, uh yeah! I guess you could say she's glowing. She's so pretty, she could be a model, right?

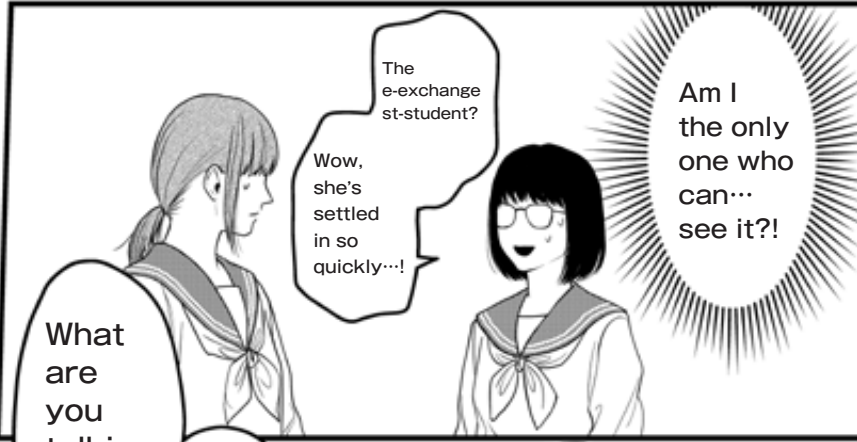
Can't you see she's, like... glowing or something?

Huh?!



Ah, morning Tanaka-chan!

Whaaa?!



The e-exchange st-student?

Wow, she's settled in so quickly...!

Am I the only one who can... see it?!

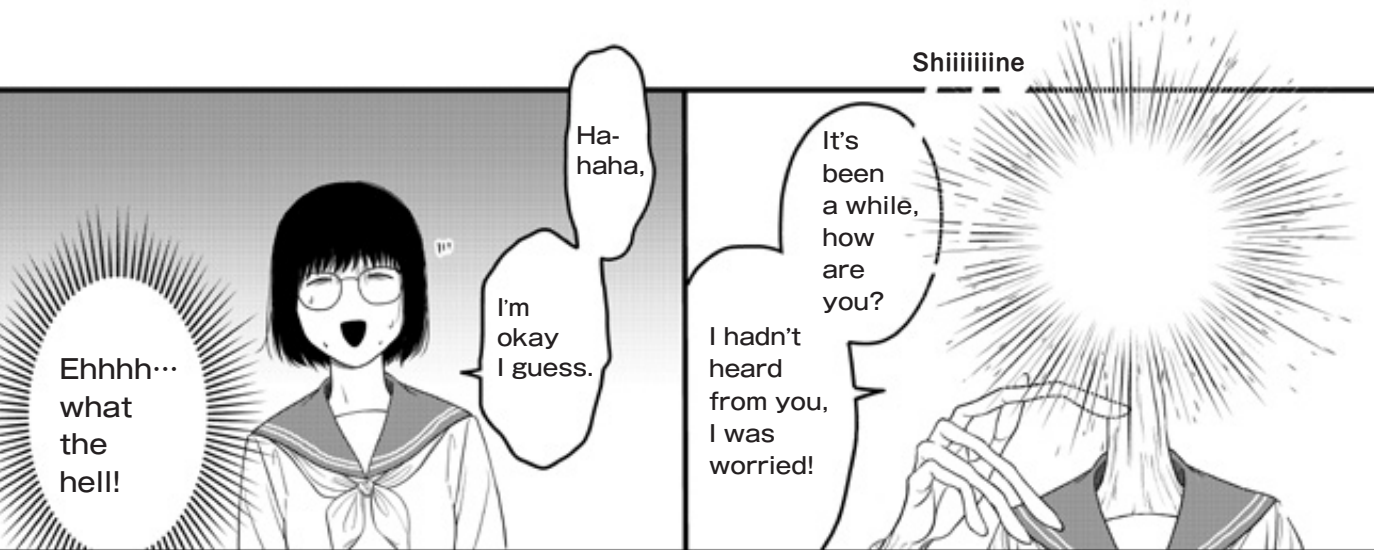
What are you talking about?

She came to this school the same time as us!

What?!

Oh?







But Hoshino-san? Something's different.

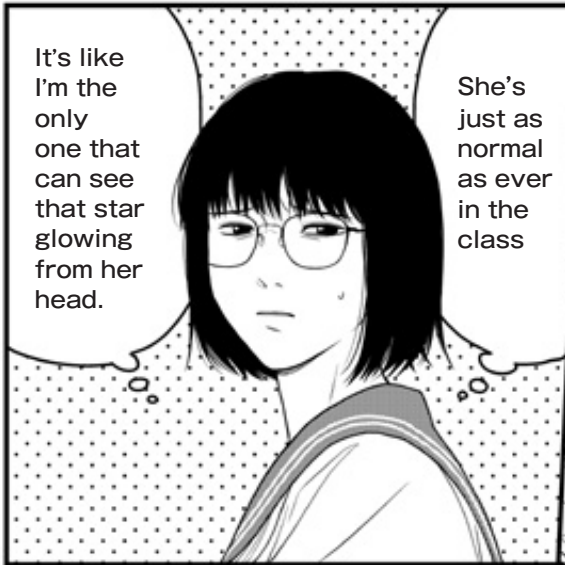
Weird...



Obviously, I can remember my family

The way to school, the trains...

My classmates, my friends, my teachers - they're all just as I remembered



It's like I'm the only one that can see that star glowing from her head.

She's just as normal as ever in the class



Correct!

Rice riot





Hoshino-san?

Well... she's been an excellent student since she was a first year



It's just...

what sort of student is Hoshino-san?



Did you have an argument?

No! Nothing like that!!

Did something happen?

Si-since she was a first year...

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...Ah okay! Sorry, thank you.

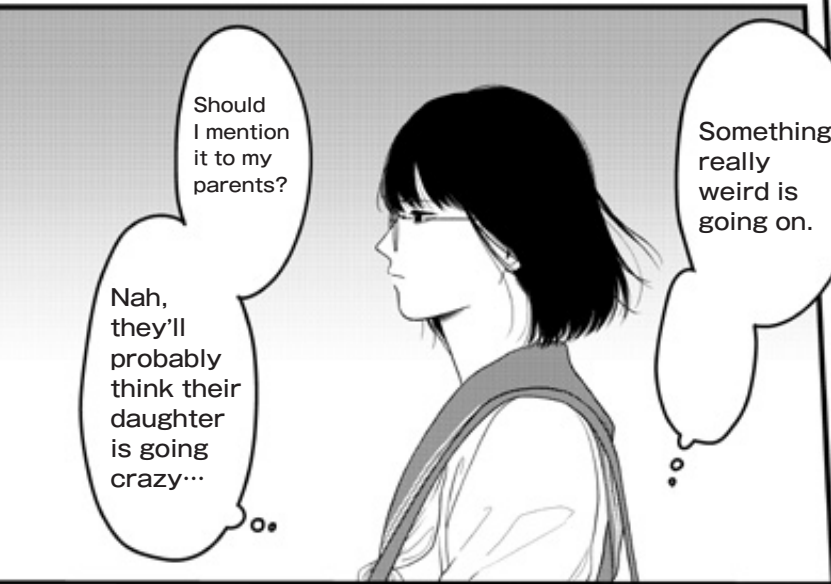
See you tomorrow.



If anything like that ever happens though please let me know

Okay, well that's good

That's part of my responsibility after all



Should I mention it to my parents?

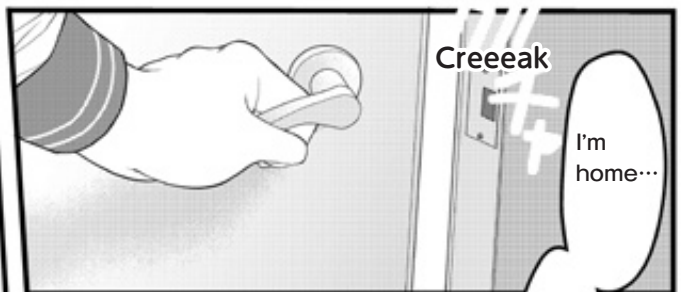
Nah, they'll probably think their daughter is going crazy...

Something really weird is going on.



We thought we'd celebrate your recovery!

Welcome back!



Creeeak

I'm home...



And whoa, why is it so fancy?!

Eh, dinner already?!



We know it wasn't a serious injury but

My... recovery?



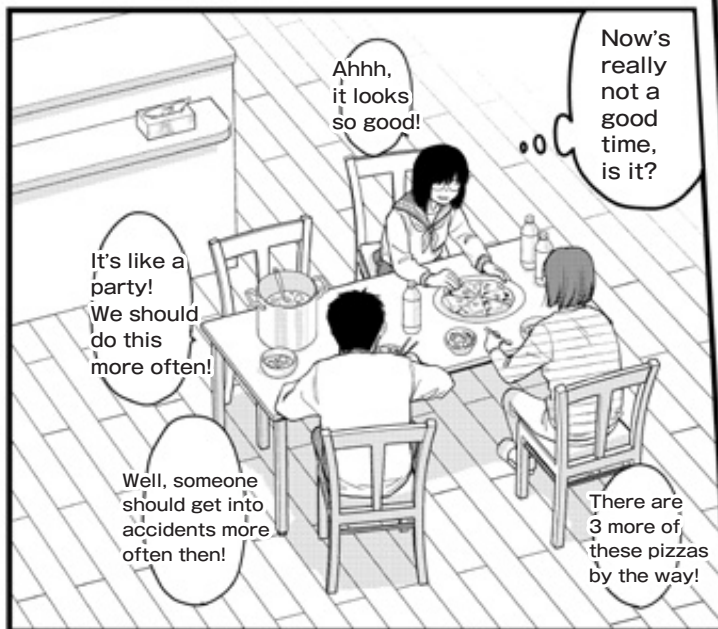
Thanks.

Th-



We thought, well, we're so happy that you're okay

We bought cake too!



Ahhh, it looks so good!

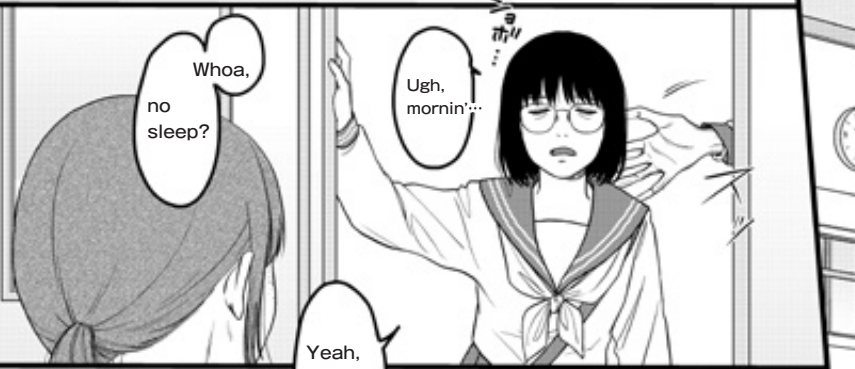
Now's really not a good time, is it?

It's like a party! We should do this more often!

Well, someone should get into accidents more often then!

There are 3 more of these pizzas by the way!





PIT-PAT-PIT-PAT

Let  
go  
of  
me!!

Tanaka-  
san,

why  
are you  
avoiding  
me!??

Ow!

THOMP!!

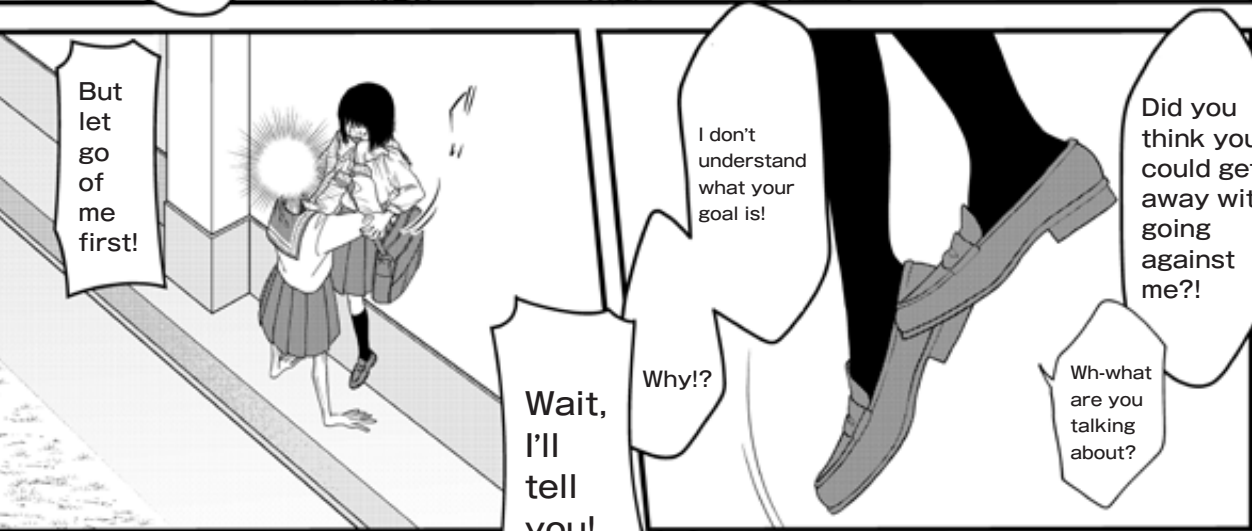




DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE?!

Hoshino-san

What are you doing?!



But let go of me first!

I don't understand what your goal is!

Did you think you could get away with going against me?!

Wait, I'll tell you!

Why!?

Wh-what are you talking about?



Af-after I got into that accident, I...

Can't remember anything about you, Hoshino-san





Huh, wait...

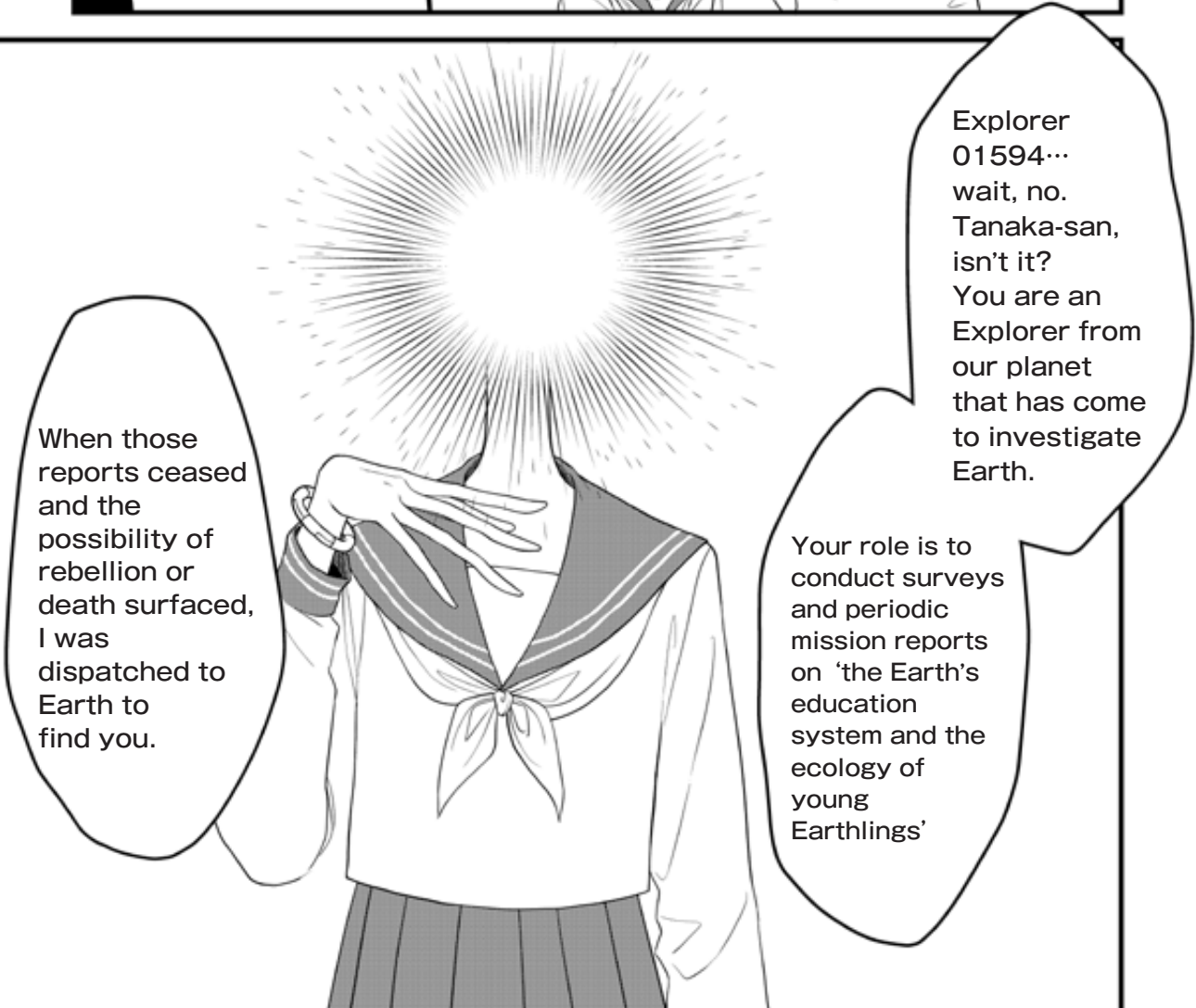
What...

What are you saying?

I do not detect any behavior that warrants punishment.



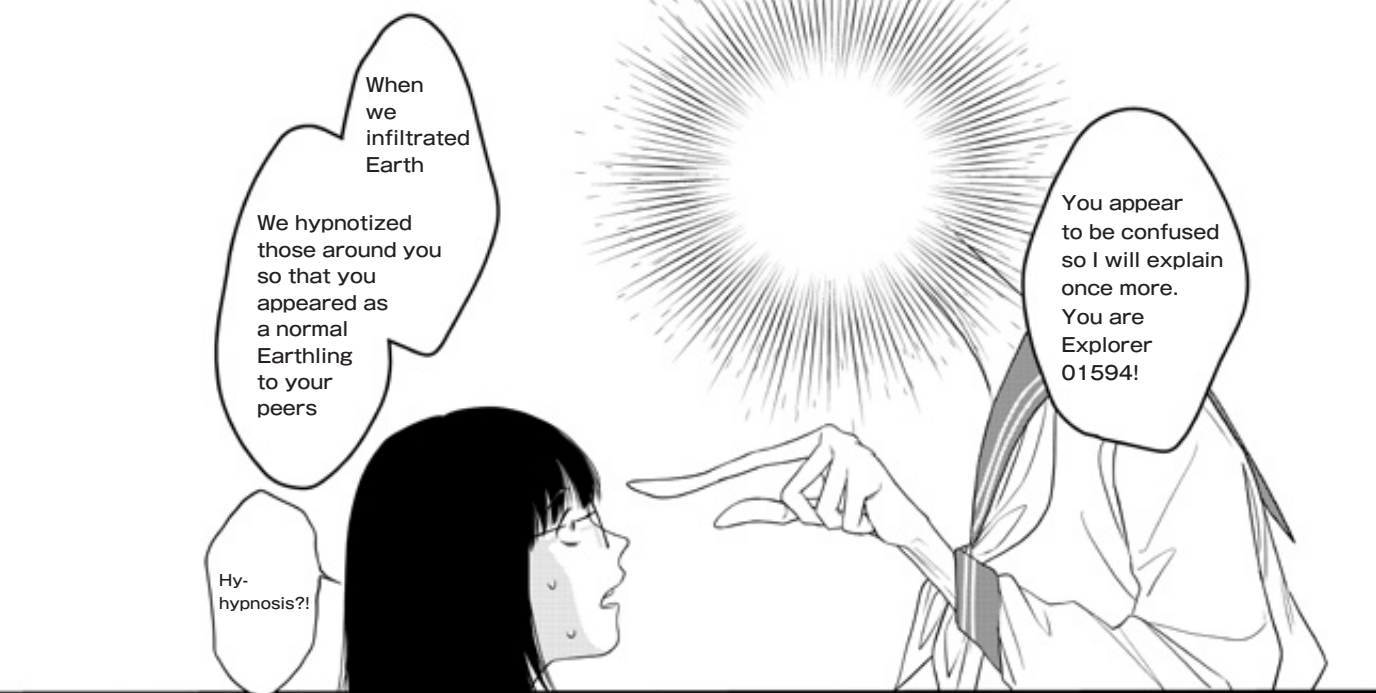
It seems she lost her memory in an accident during a mission and was unable to be contacted.



When those reports ceased and the possibility of rebellion or death surfaced, I was dispatched to Earth to find you.

Explorer 01594... wait, no. Tanaka-san, isn't it? You are an Explorer from our planet that has come to investigate Earth.

Your role is to conduct surveys and periodic mission reports on 'the Earth's education system and the ecology of young Earthlings'

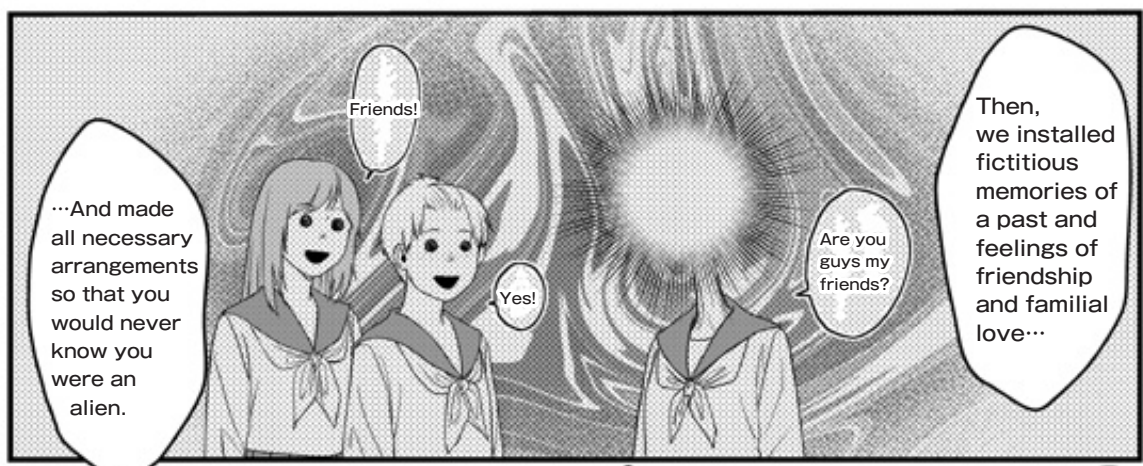


When we infiltrated Earth

We hypnotized those around you so that you appeared as a normal Earthling to your peers

You appear to be confused so I will explain once more. You are Explorer 01594!

Hy-hypnosis?!



...And made all necessary arrangements so that you would never know you were an alien.

Friends!

Yes!

Are you guys my friends?

Then, we installed fictitious memories of a past and feelings of friendship and familial love...



Punish?!

Wait, I don't know what you mean!

To see if you would attempt to flee or attack me in my true form.

We intended to find you guilty of inciting a rebellion and punish you in accordance with our planet's laws.

This time, there were concerns that you may have been plotting a rebellion so we cancelled the hypnosis



What?!

Uh, wha-

wait a sec...

Is this- a joke?

No.

Are you making a fool out of me?

No.

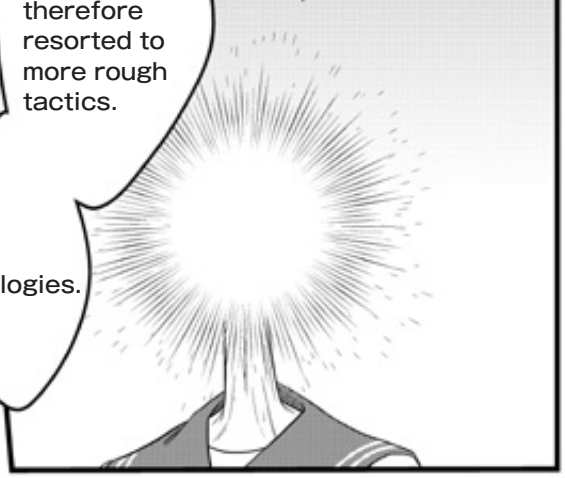
W...



However, over the last few days you had no discernable intent and behaved quite bizarrely.

I was unsure of how to judge your behavior and therefore resorted to more rough tactics.

My apologies.



We log this data and as soon as an Explorer lands on Earth we conduct hypnosis on everyone around them in line with this data.

Each time an Explorer invades Earth, they are provided with 'Fictitious Earthling' data.

Let me explain.

I was raised by my mom and my dad...

But I was born here, on this planet, in Japan...



Huh?

And thus, you began to perceive the data as your true self.

Perhaps...

The impact of the accident caused you to lose all memory except for that data

Precisely.

Let's be sure.

Wait stop, don't come close!

So you're saying

That my entire life is just data?

Haha, eh, what!?









Ah,  
success!



I'm  
sorry...

Explorer  
00262.



Hoshino-  
san,  
Tanaka-  
san.

What  
are  
you  
doing  
here?



**Dash!**

It's not  
like either  
of you to  
not show  
up to the  
morning  
assembly...



Are  
you  
okay?



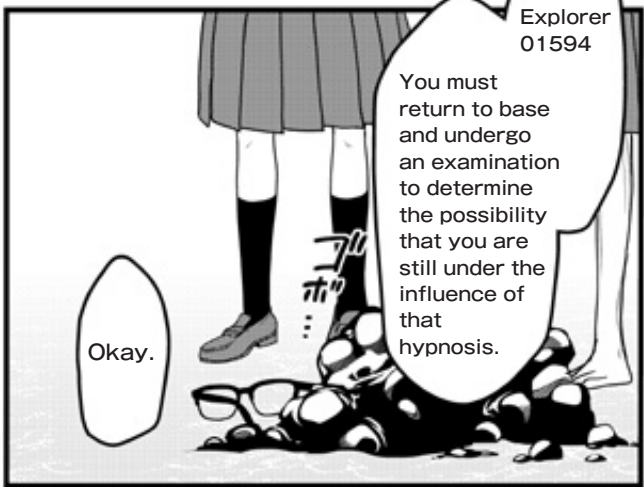


He realized who and what you were and hypnotized you.

When he came across you after your accident



This man is the one who hypnotized you



Explorer 01594

You must return to base and undergo an examination to determine the possibility that you are still under the influence of that hypnosis.

Okay.

And apparently, his data matches that of an explorer who went missing a while ago.



Beep!

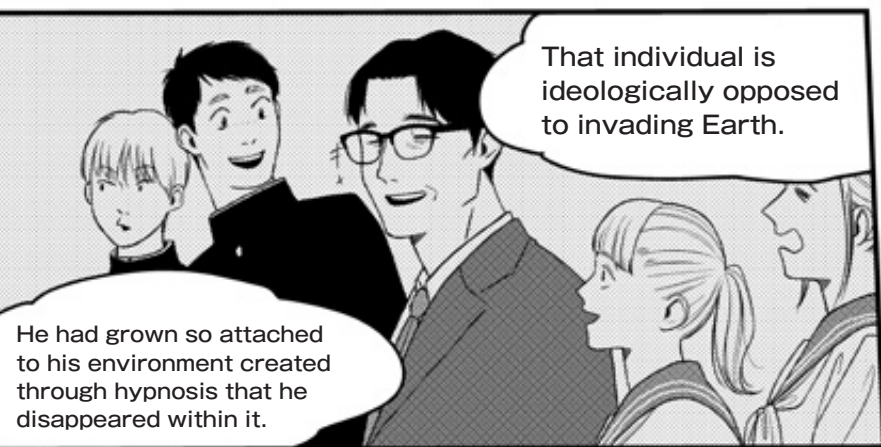
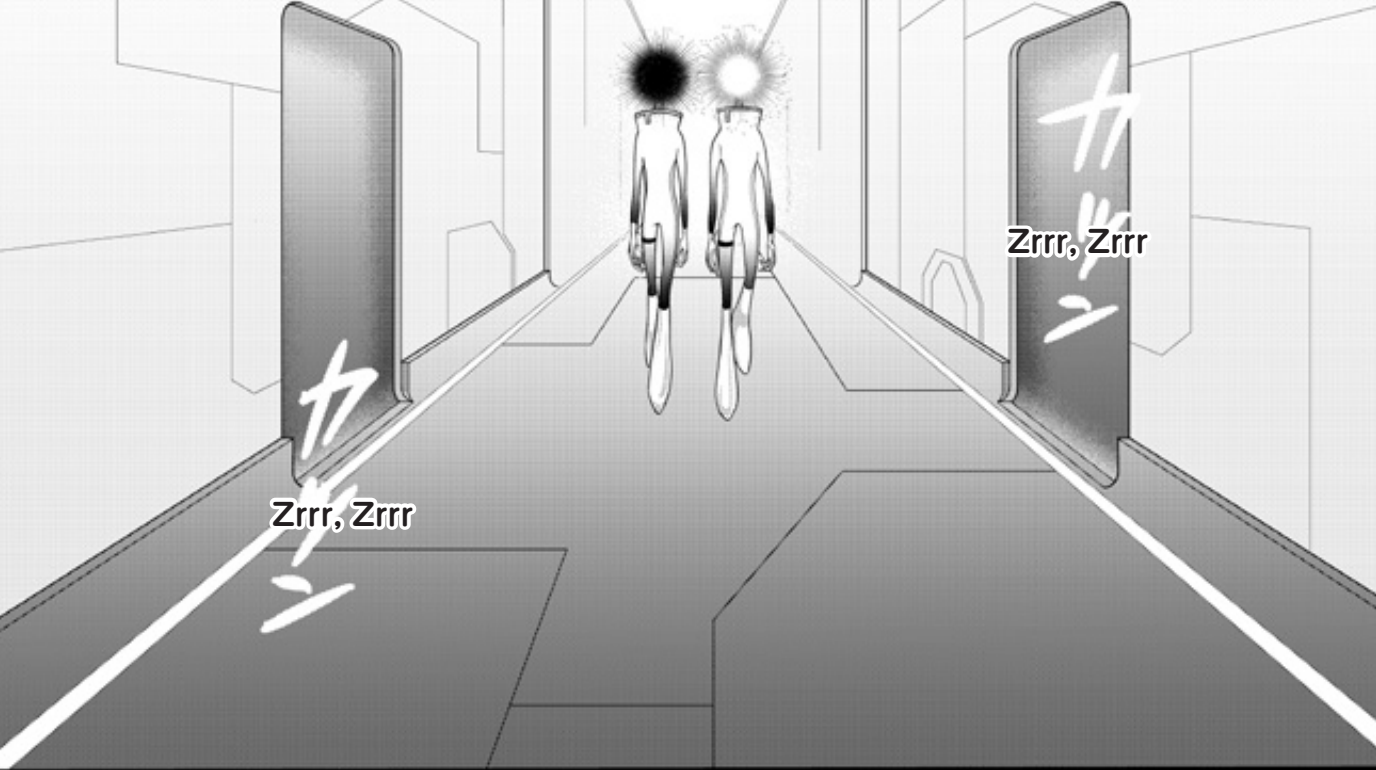
Let's go home.



WOOOSH!



The hypnosis for infiltration has been removed.

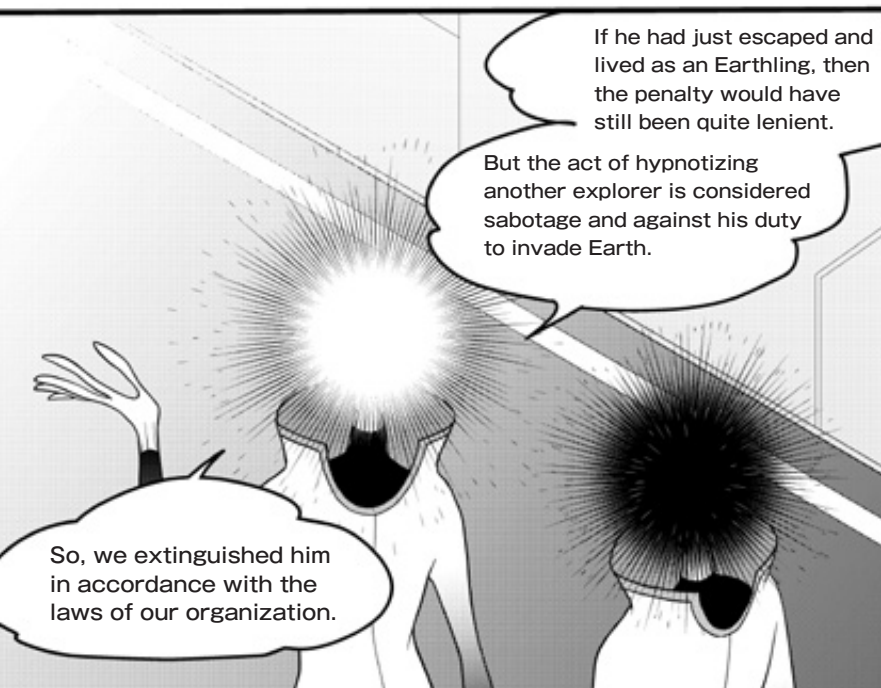


That individual is ideologically opposed to invading Earth.

He had grown so attached to his environment created through hypnosis that he disappeared within it.



Was it not enough to neutralize him?

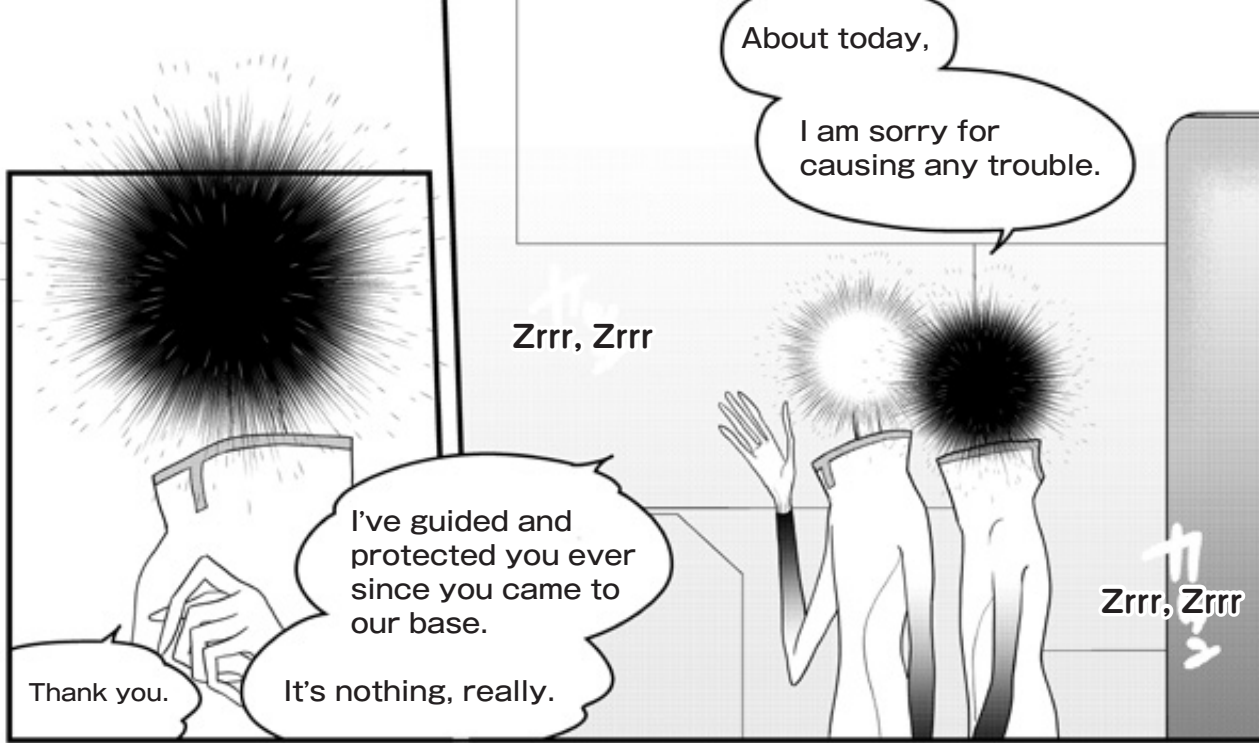


If he had just escaped and lived as an Earthling, then the penalty would have still been quite lenient.

But the act of hypnotizing another explorer is considered sabotage and against his duty to invade Earth.

So, we extinguished him in accordance with the laws of our organization.

You're talking about the Explorer I just extinguished, right?



About today,

I am sorry for causing any trouble.

Zrrr, Zrrr

I've guided and protected you ever since you came to our base.

Thank you.

It's nothing, really.

Zrrr, Zrrr



Do you have any intention to revolt?

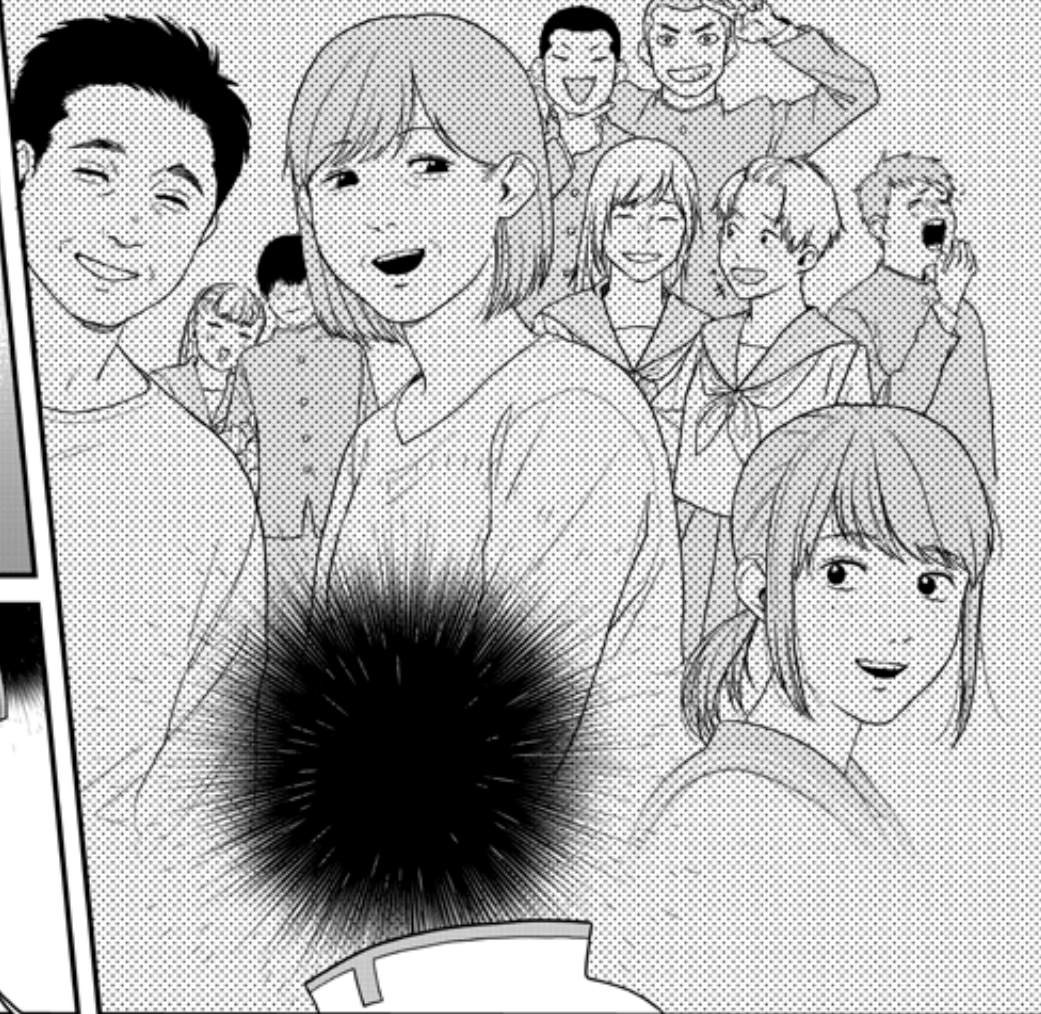
I must ask...



However...

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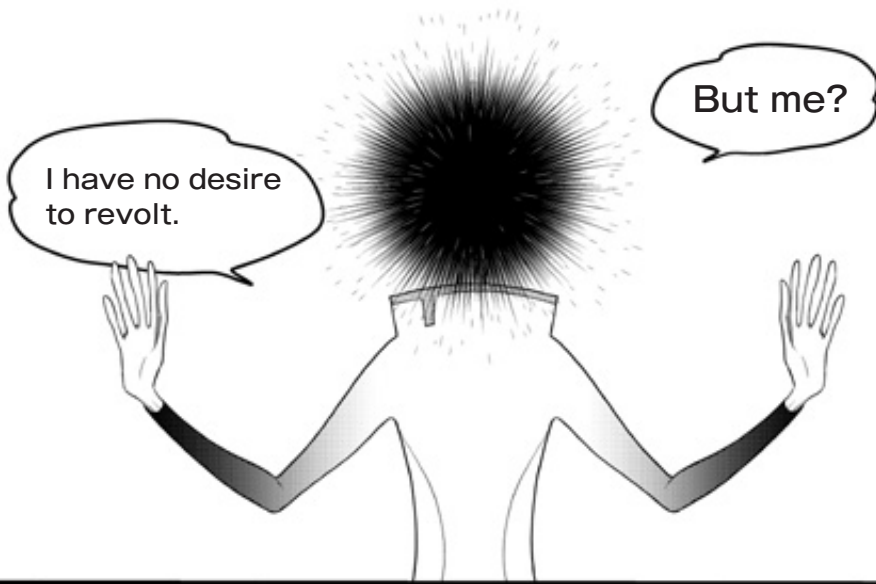
What is it?



...If I recall correctly,  
the invasion of the Earth

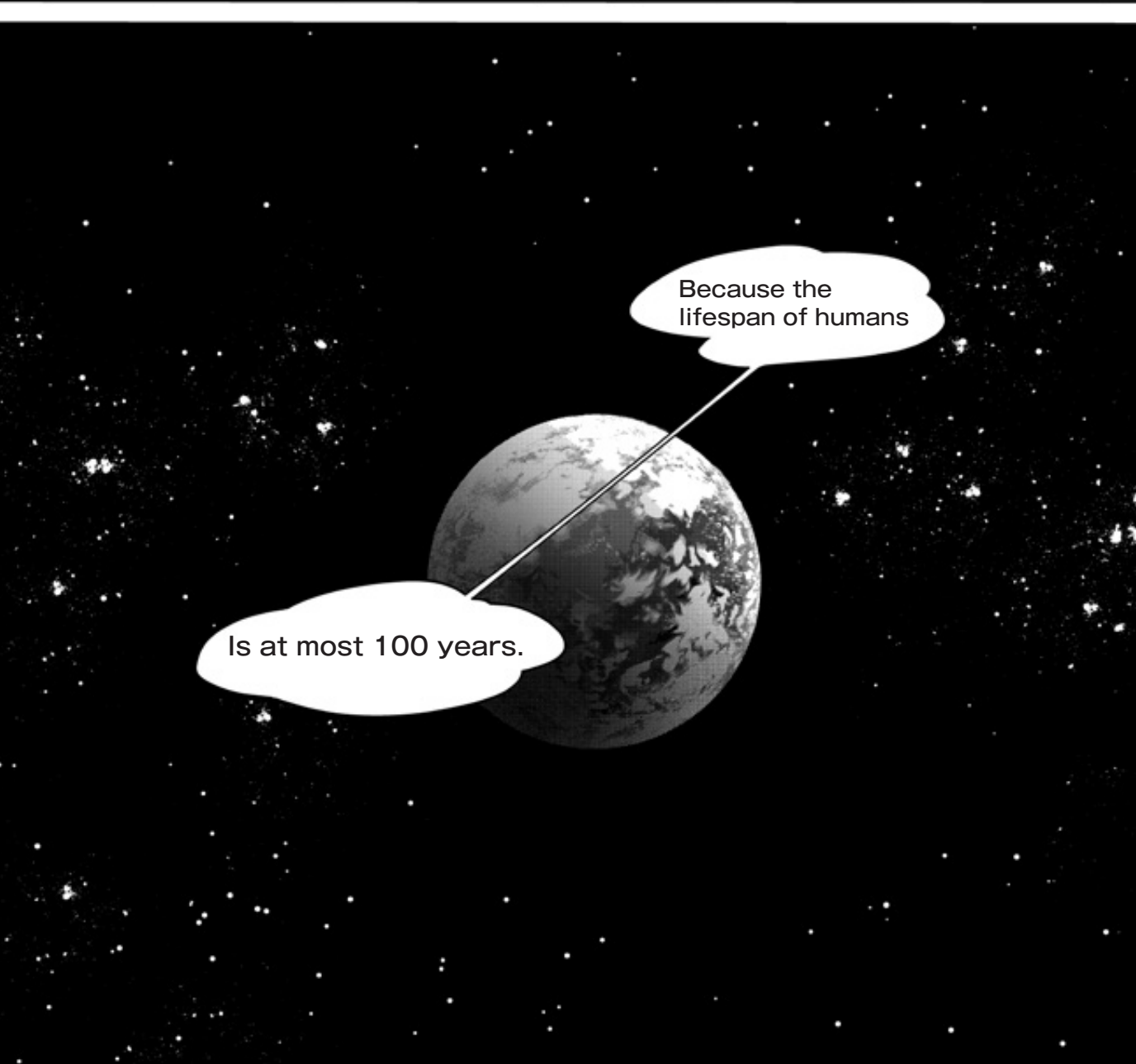


Was to take place 147 years and  
53 days from now, Earth Time



I have no desire to revolt.

But me?



Because the lifespan of humans

Is at most 100 years.