

MITSURU,
I CAN'T
ACCEPT
THIS.

PLEASE
DON'T
SEND ME
ANYTHING
ELSE.



BUT
YOU
DIDN'T
EVEN
OPEN
IT.

AT
LEAST
YOU
COULD
DO
THAT
MUCH.



TO BE
HONEST,
I'M
GETTING
REALLY
IRRITATED.

THE
MORE
YOU
FOLLOW
ME, THE
LESS I
LIKE
YOU.



I GUESS
I DIDN'T
TAKE THE
RIGHT
APPROACH.

I
REALLY DO
CARE
ABOUT YOU...
HOW CAN
I SHOW
YOU?







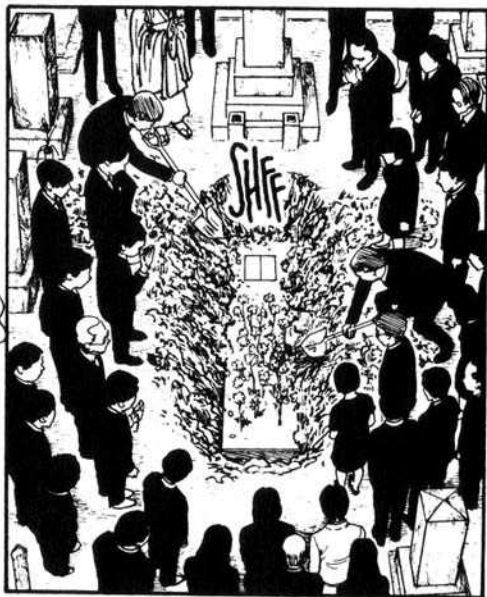
I HEARD JACK-IN-THE-BOX WAS KILLED IN A CAR CRASH!

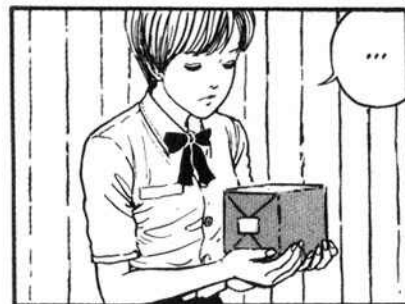
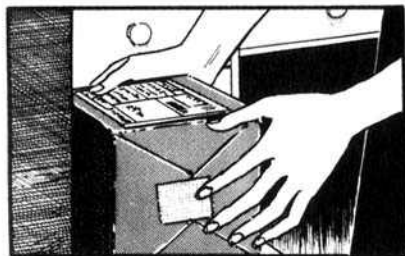
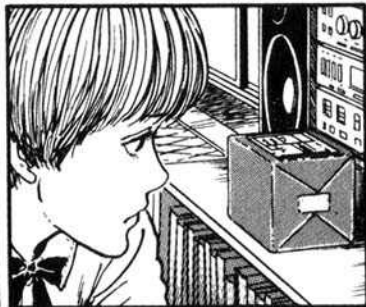
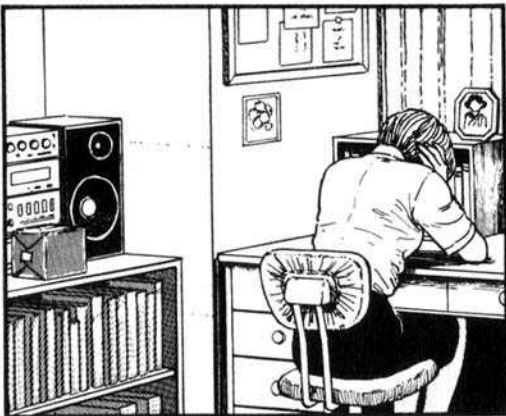
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

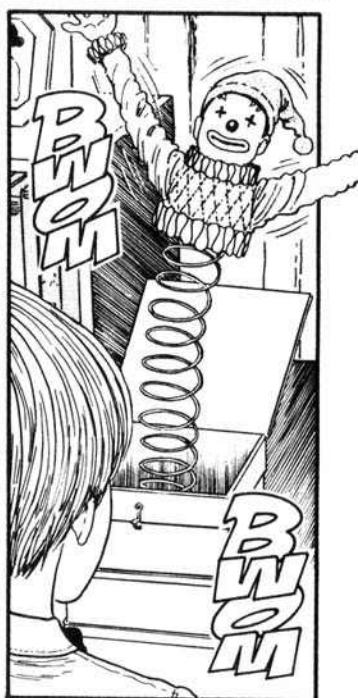
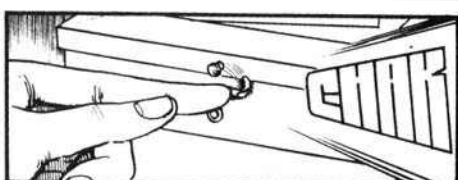
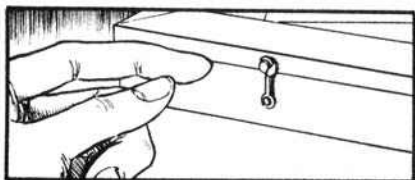
HIS BODY GOT JAMMED IN THE FRONT WHEEL!

THEY HAD TO USE A BLOWTORCH TO EXTRACT HIS BODY FROM THE CAR!

IT'S GOING TO BE A CLOSED-CASKET FUNERAL!











HE
DIED FOR
YOU,
DIDN'T HE?



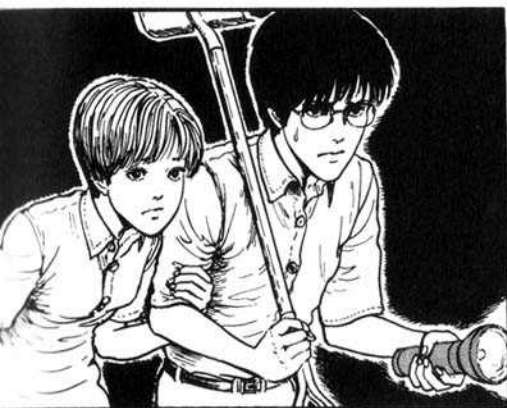
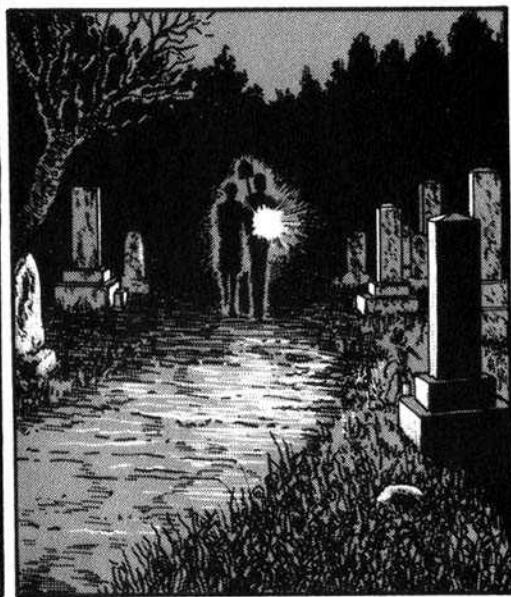
AND
NOW...

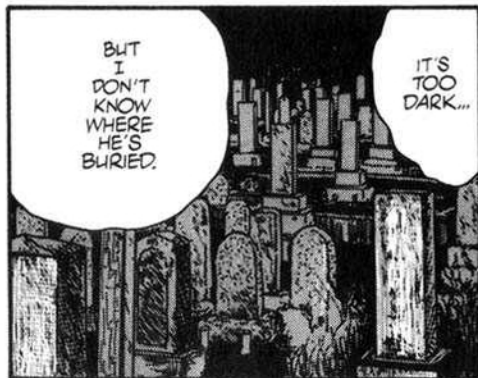


...HE'LL
COME
BACK
FOR
YOU...



AIEEE!







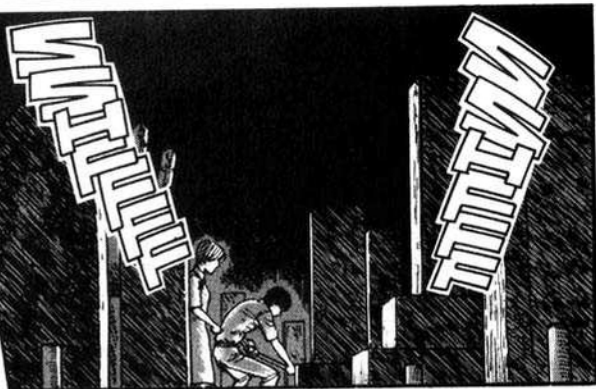
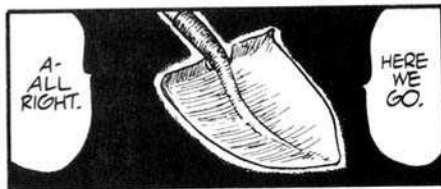
Spiral Into Horror

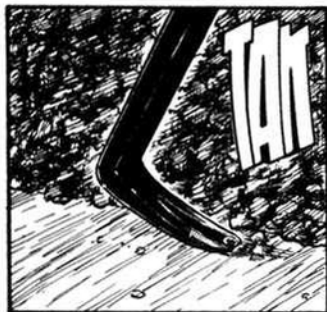
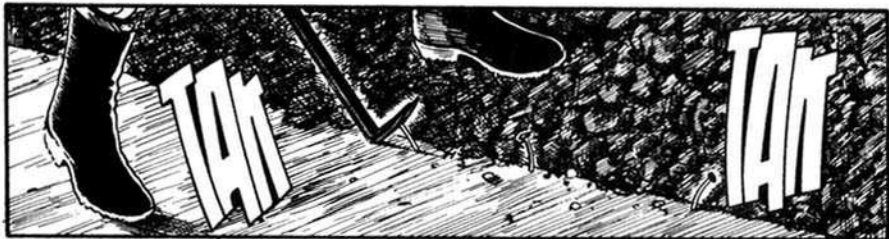
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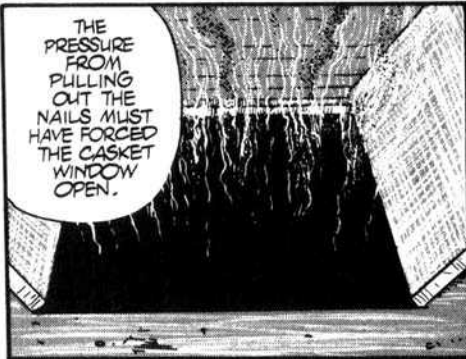
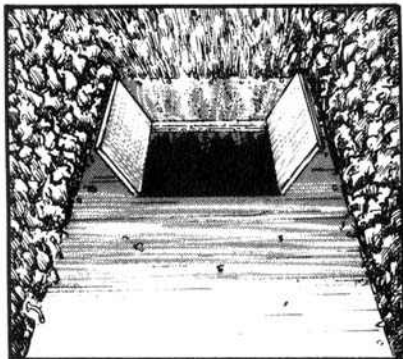
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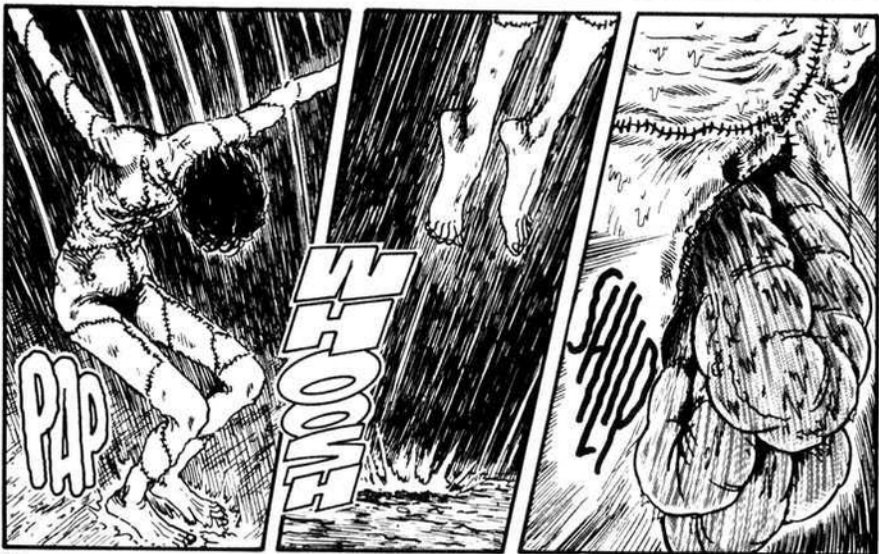


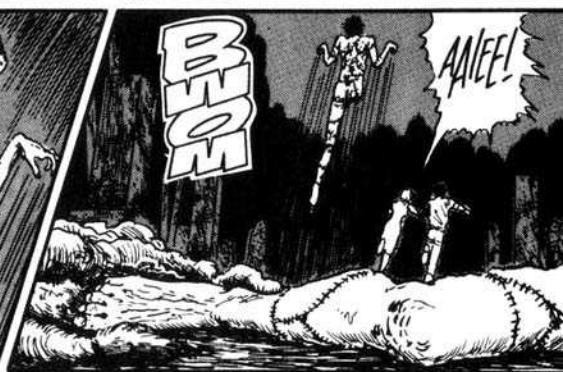


KIRIE...

...RUN!









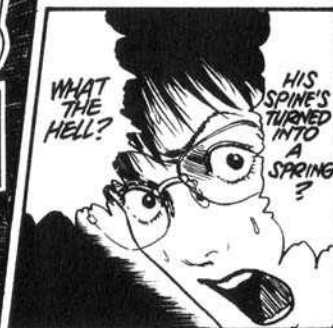
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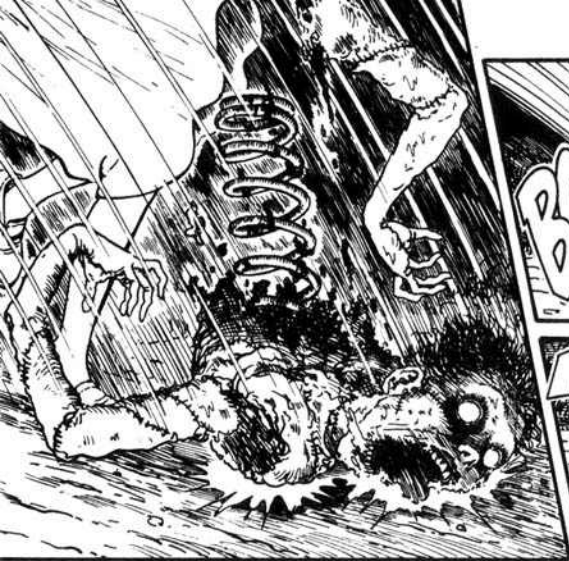
JACK
IN THE
BOX











IN MY SCHOOL
THERE
WAS A
SEVENTH-GRADER
NAMED
MITSURU
YAMAGUCHI.

HE
LOVED
TO
JUMP
OUT
AND
SURPRISE
PEOPLE.

EVERYONE
CALLED
HIM
"JACK-
IN-THE-
BOX."

BOO!

BOO!

ONE
DAY
I
REALIZED
HE
LIKED
ME.

**KIRIE!
LET'S
GO
OUT
SOME-
TIME!**

I
THINK
I
LOST
HIM.

WHAT
A
PAIN.

LET'S
HURRY
HOME
BEFORE
HE
FINDS
YOU.

GOOD
IDEA,
SHIHO.

IT
GOT
ON
MY
NERVES
PRETTY
FAST.



DON'T YOU THINK IT'S CREEPY THAT WE HAVE TO WALK THROUGH A CEMETERY ON OUR WAY TO SCHOOL?

YEAH.



HEY, KIRIE...



DID YOU HEAR THEY'RE BURYING PEOPLE AGAIN?

THEY'RE WHAT?



BURYING THEM, INSTEAD OF CREMATING THEM.







DID I
SURPRISE
YOU?

MITSURU!
HOW
COULD
YOU?



HOW
ABOUT
YOU,
KIRIE?

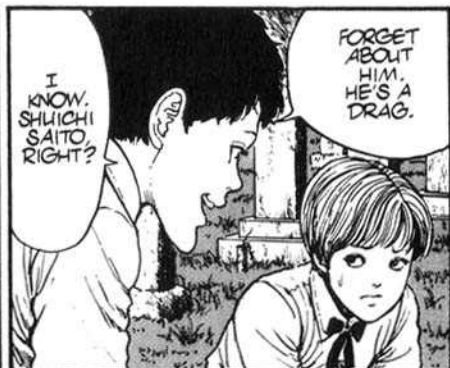


WILL
YOU
LEAVE
ME
ALONE?



I
DIDN'T
MEAN TO
MAKE
YOU
MAD. I'M
SORRY.

IT'S
JUST
MY
HABIT...
TO
SURPRISE
PEOPLE.

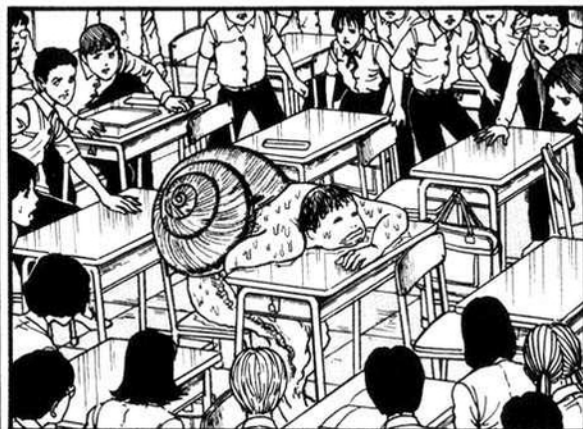
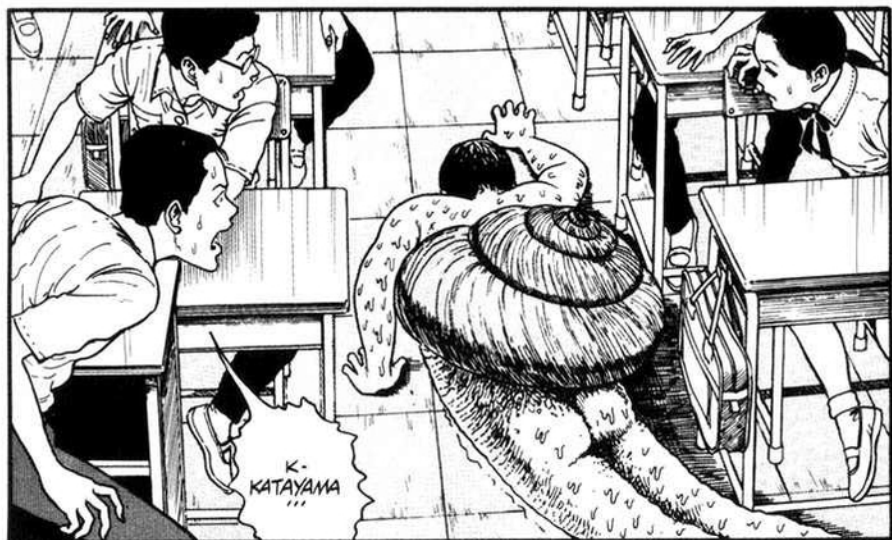


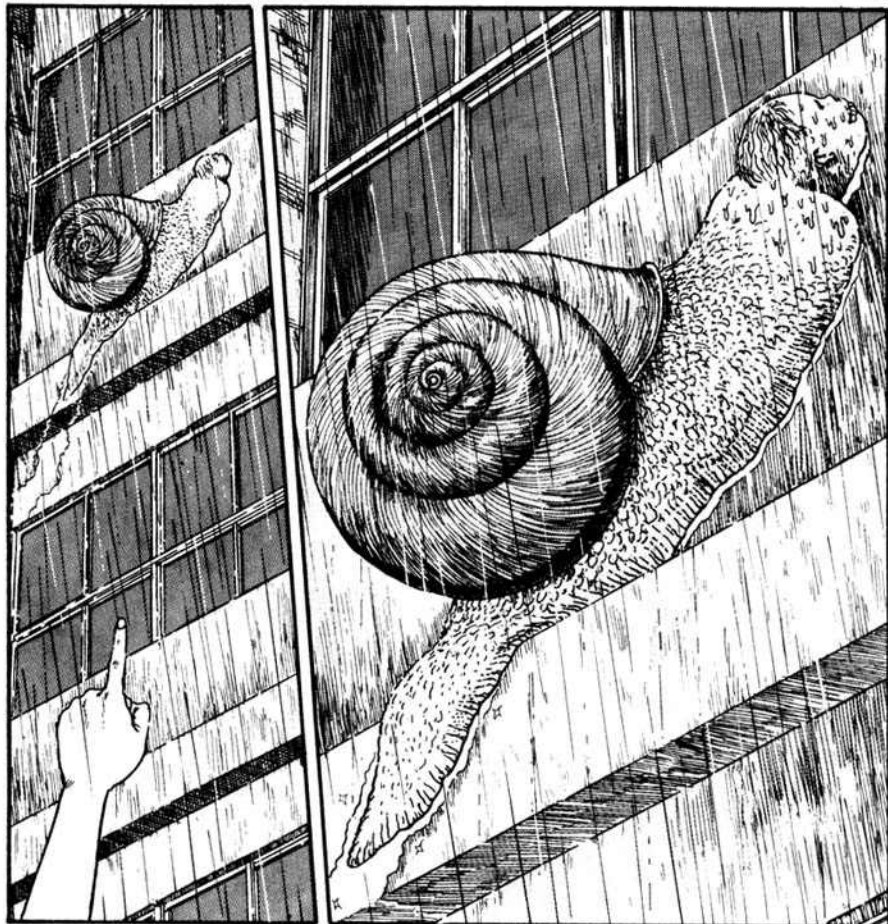
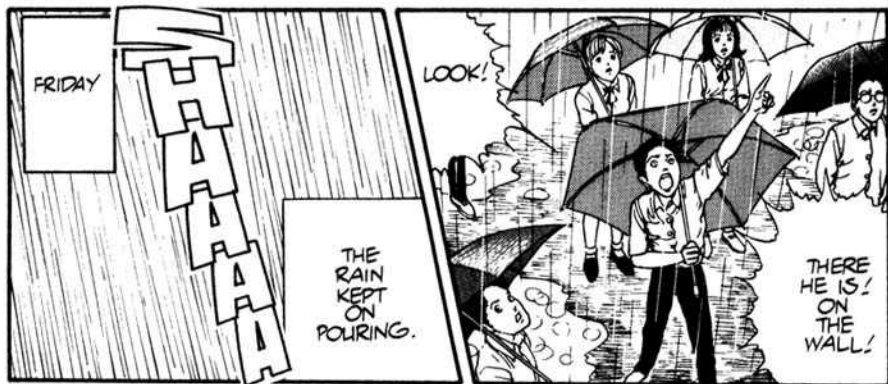


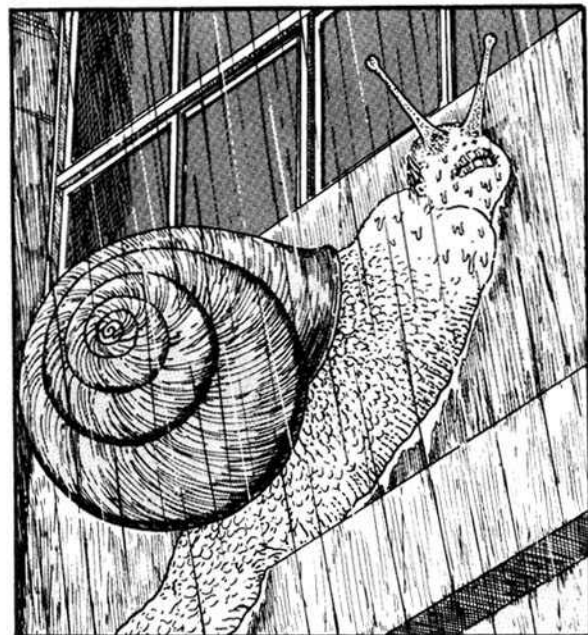
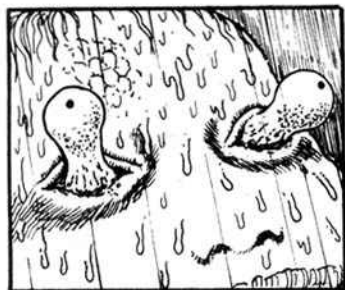




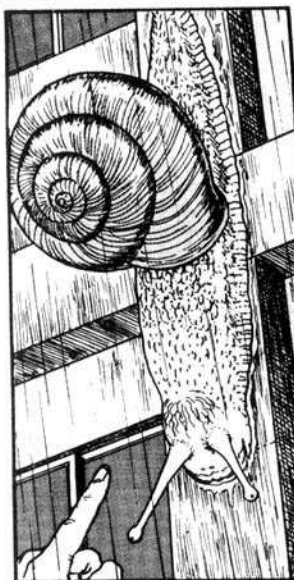


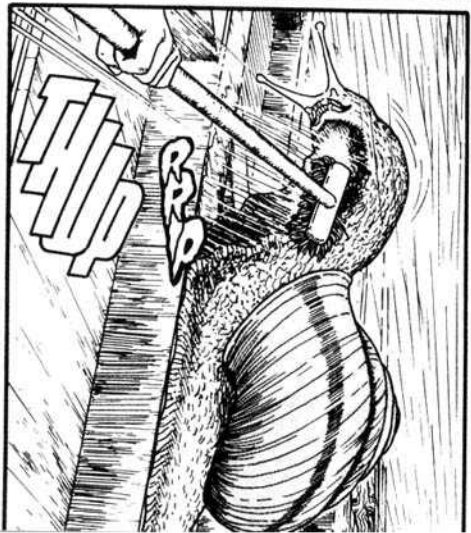




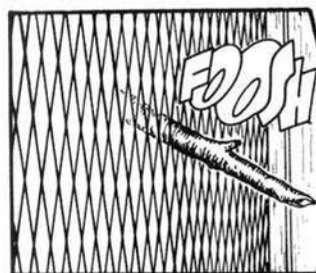
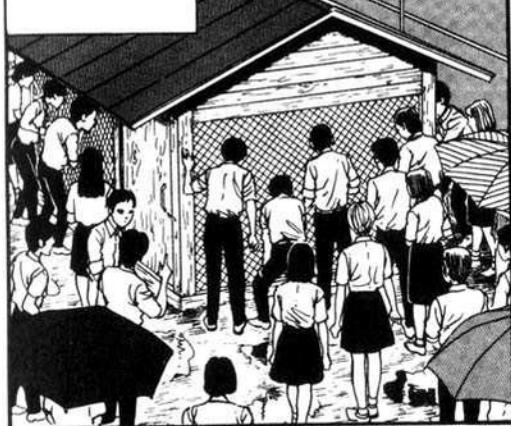








EVENTUALLY
THE SCHOOL
TOOK CARE OF
HIM.



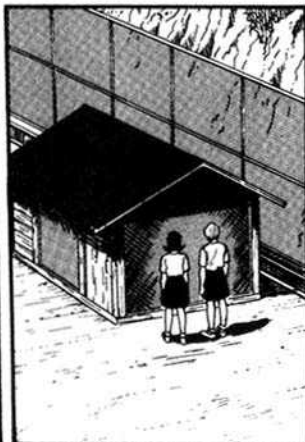
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The
SNAIL





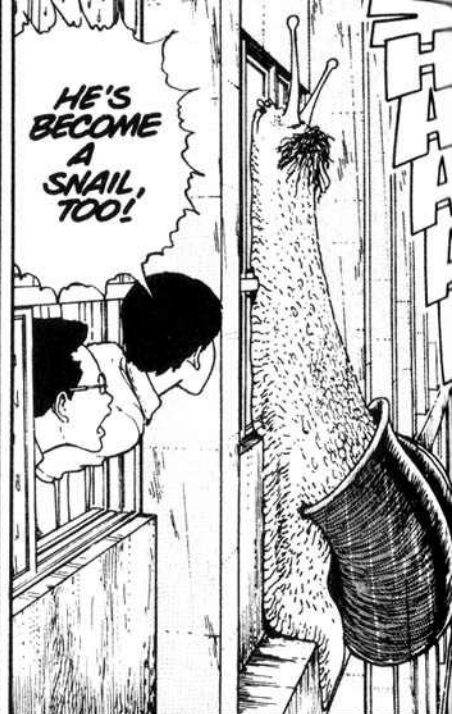


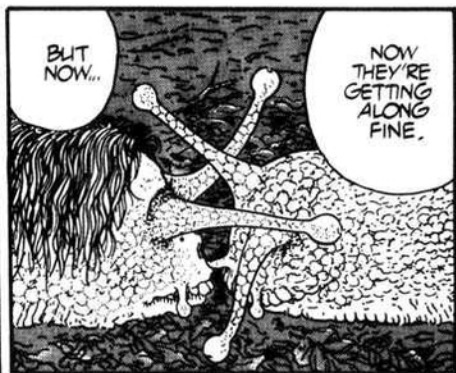
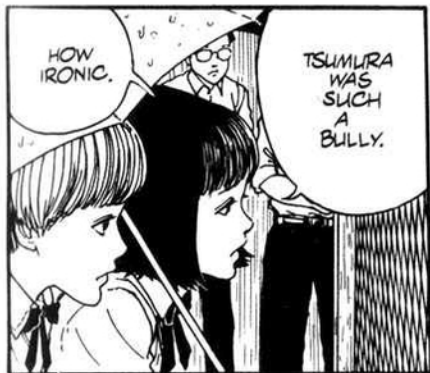


















IT
HASN'T
RAINED
IN A
WHILE.

I
HEARD
IT'S GOING
TO RAIN
FOR THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS.

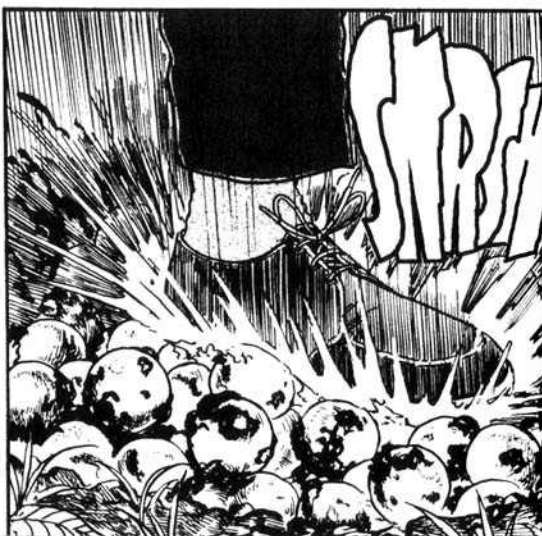
IT'S
REALLY
POURING
OUTSIDE.

I
BET
KATAYAMA
COMES
TODAY.

YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HE
ONLY SHOWS
UP WHEN IT'S
RAINING.

SHAAAA



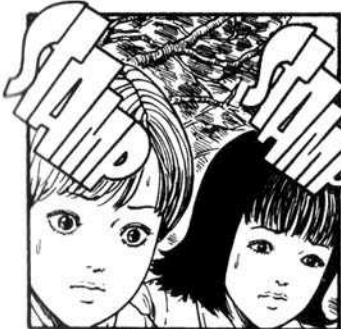


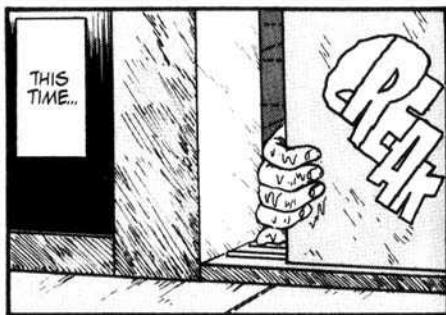
MR. YOKOTA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

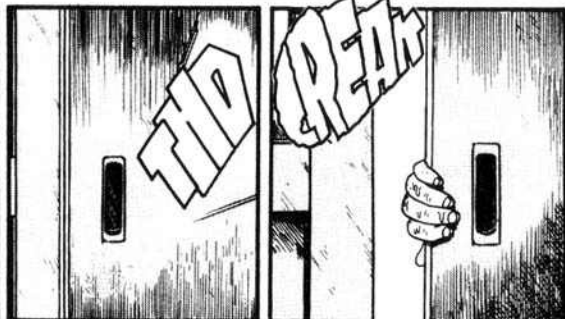
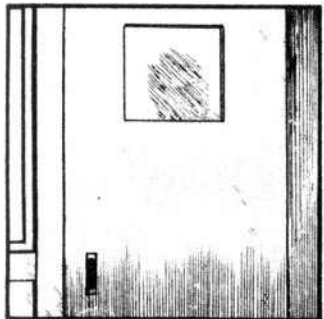


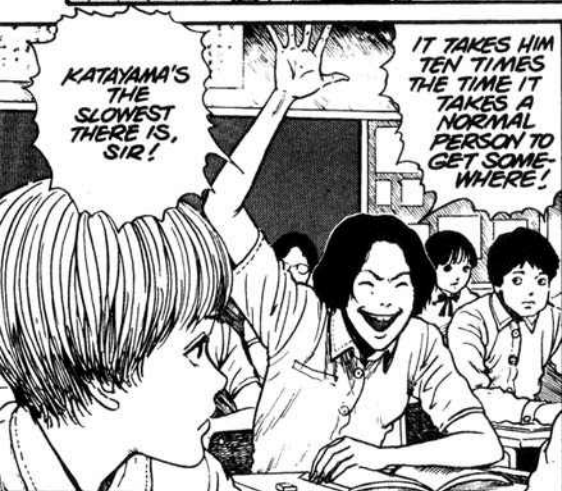
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'M CRUSHING THEM!

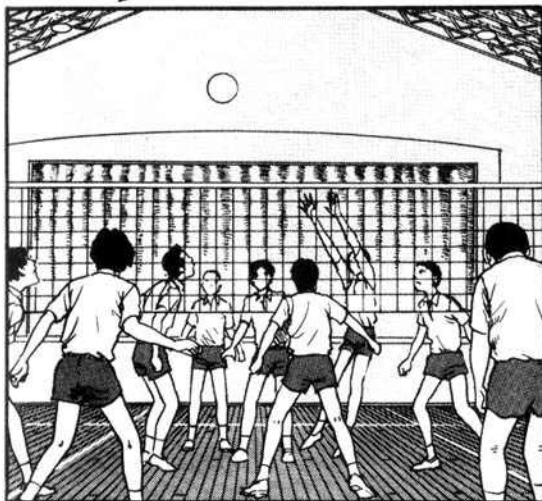
IT'S DISGUSTING!
IT'S UNNATURAL!
WE CAN'T LET THESE CREATURES BREED!













PICK
IT UP,
SLOW-
ASS!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!



BOYS' LOCKERS



YOU
COST
US THE
GAME, YOU
GLACIAL
FUCK!

ARE
YOU
MESSING
WITH
ME!?

P-PLEASE
...TSUMURA!

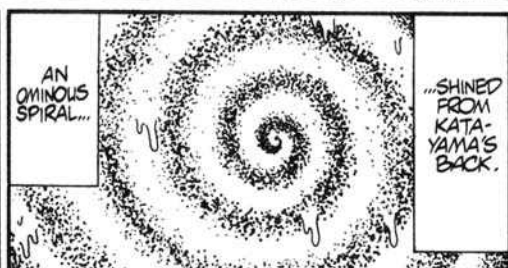


DON'T
YOU
TALK
TO ME
LIKE
WE'RE
FRIENDS!





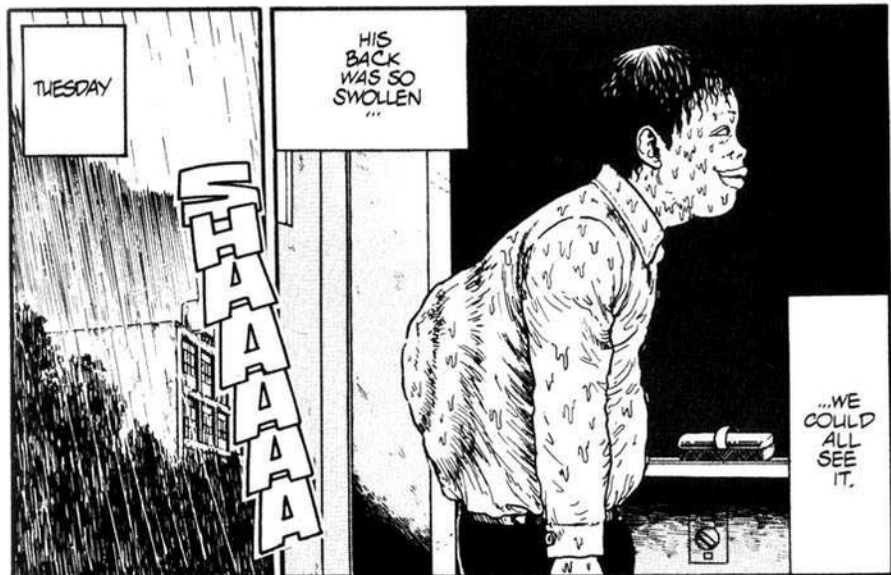
HUH?



AN
OMINOUS
SPIRAL...

...SHINED
FROM
KATA-
YAMA'S
BACK.







THERE'S
A FISHING
BOAT
STRANDED
ON THE
CAPE!

LOOKS
LIKE
IT
HAPPENED
LAST
NIGHT.

SHAAAAA

THAT'S
WEIRD,
THERE
WASN'T
ANY WIND.

THEY
SHOULD
HAVE
SEEN
THE
LIGHTHOUSE,
TOO.

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
CREW?

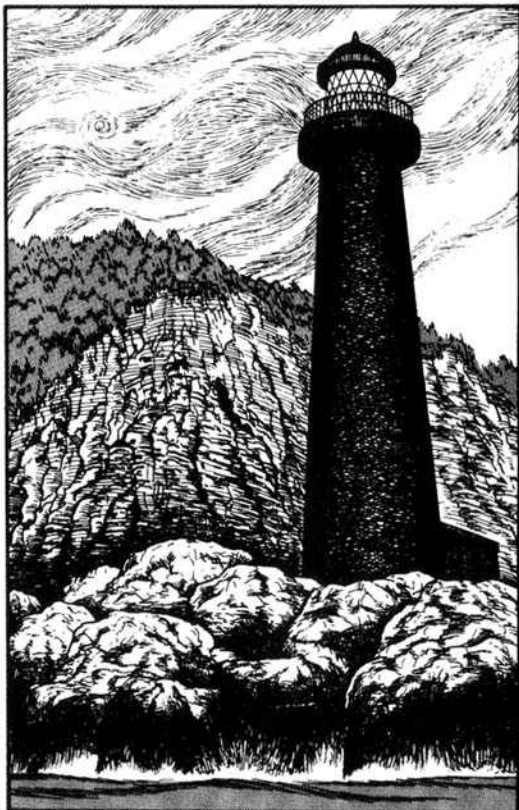
APPARENTLY,
AFTER IT RAN
AGROUND, THEY WERE
WALKING AROUND
THE DECK IN
CIRCLES.

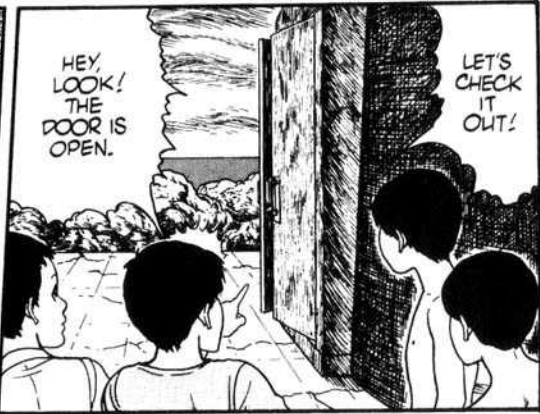
EVENTUALLY,
THEY ALL
FELL
INTO THE
OCEAN.
ONE WAS
RESCUED
BUT TWO
ARE
MISSING.

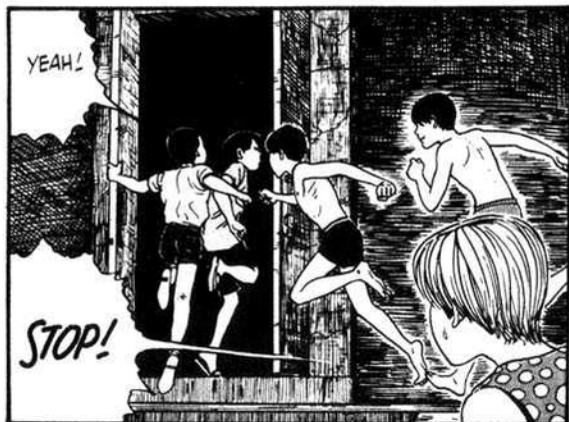
SPEAKING OF
MISSING... I HEARD
THAT THE MEN WHO
WENT TO CHECK
ON THE LIGHTHOUSE
HAVEN'T COME
BACK...



YOU
CAN
SEE
THE
BOAT
BETTER
FROM
THE
CAPE!

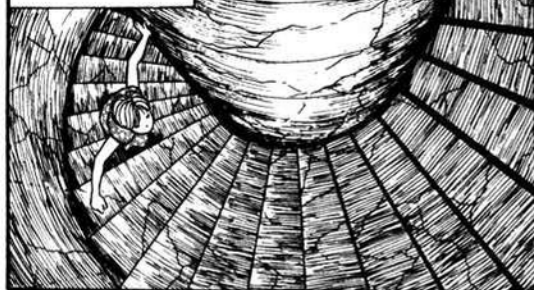








IT FELT
LIKE THE
STAIRS
WENT ON
FOREVER.



I
DON'T
GET IT...
WHERE
AM I
NOW?



I
SHOULD
HAVE
CLIMBED
UP
PRETTY
FAR...

AS
I
WALKED
FURTHER...



...SPIRAL
PATTERNS
APPEARED
ON THE
WALLS
AND
CEILING.

THEY
GLOWED
EERILY
IN THE
DARK.



THEY
WERE
THE
ONLY
LIGHT
IN
THE
WINDOWLESS
STAIRCASE.



THE
LIGHTHOUSE
HAS
BECOME
PART
OF THE
SPIRAL...



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THIS IS
TOO STRANGE...
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH I
CLIMB THE
STAIRS, I
CAN'T REACH
THE TOP.

I
FEEL
LIKE I'M
JUST
GOING
AROUND
IN
CIRCLES.



MITSUO
!



SOMETHING'S
BURNING...
I CAN
SMELL
IT...



I
DON'T
KNOW
HOW
MUCH
TIME
ELAPSED.



I
FEEL
LIKE
I'M
GOING
CRAZY...





THREE
BURNT
BODIES...

MITSUO
AND
HIS
FRIENDS?
NO!



THEY'RE
NOT.
THEY'RE
ADULTS...

BUT
WHO?

MAYBE
THE
ONES
WHO
WERE
REPORTED
MISSING...



WHERE
ARE
MITSUO
AND HIS
FRIENDS
?!



MITSUO!



HELP
US!

AH!



MITSUO
!

HELP!

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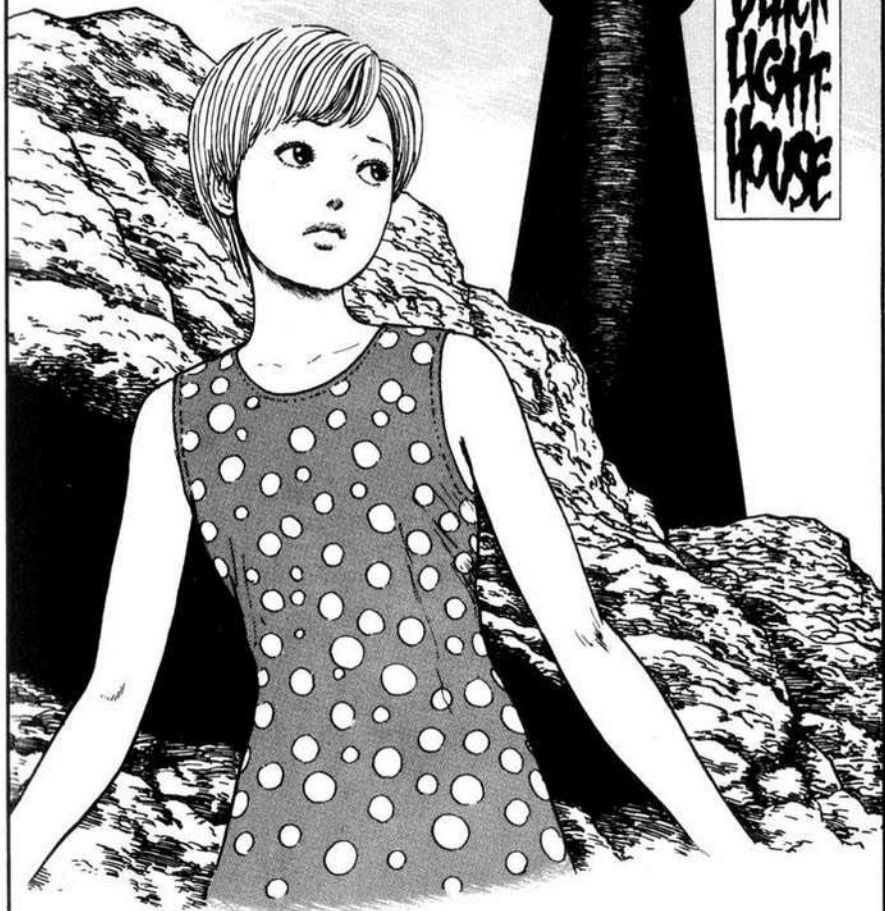


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THE
BLACK
LIGHT-
HOUSE











WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING? COME ON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



I-I'M TOO SCARED ...

IT'S LOOKING AT US...

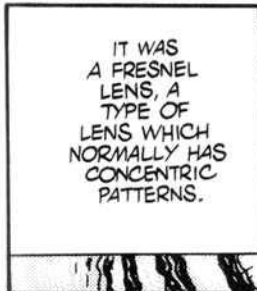


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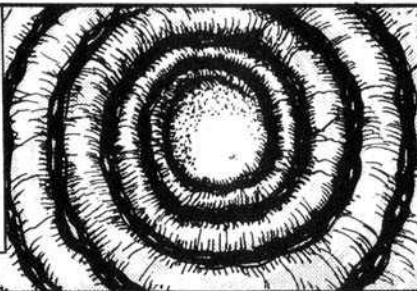


THIS IS-- WAS-- THE LIGHT OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE.

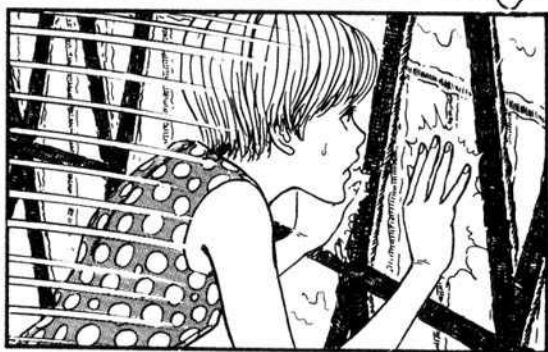
THE GLASS LOOKS LIKE IT'S MELTED FROM HEAT.

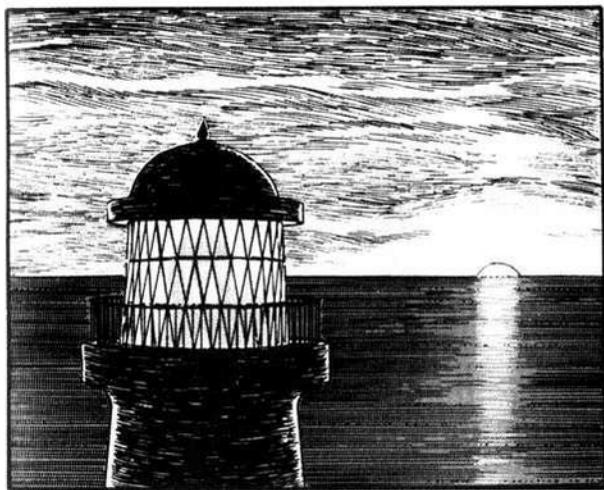


IT WAS A FRESNEL LENS, A TYPE OF LENS WHICH NORMALLY HAS CONCENTRIC PATTERNS.



BUT BECAUSE IT WAS MELTED OUT OF SHAPE, IT LOOKED LIKE A SPIRAL.





HURRY!

TAPTAP

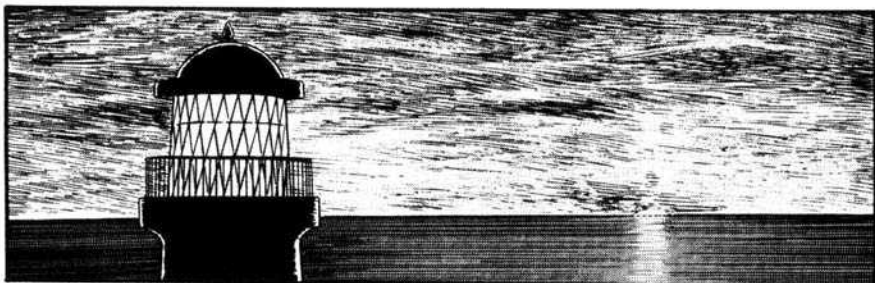


HURRY!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

WHAT'S
GONNA
HAPPEN?!

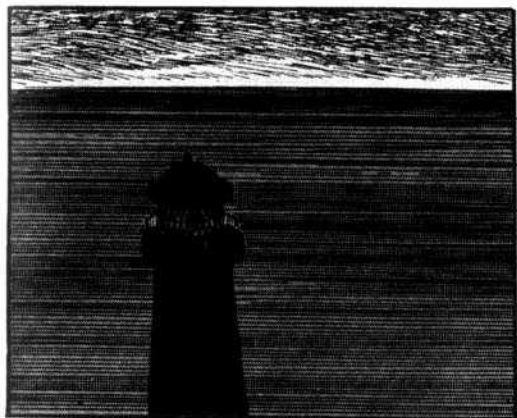
JUST
GO!



I
CAN'T
RUN
ANY
FASTER!



TAPTAP



ONE
NIGHT, THE
BLACK
Lighthouse
ON THE
CAPE OF
KUROZU-CHO...

...SUDDENLY
STREAMED
FORTH A
BRIGHT,
MESMERIZING
GLOW.

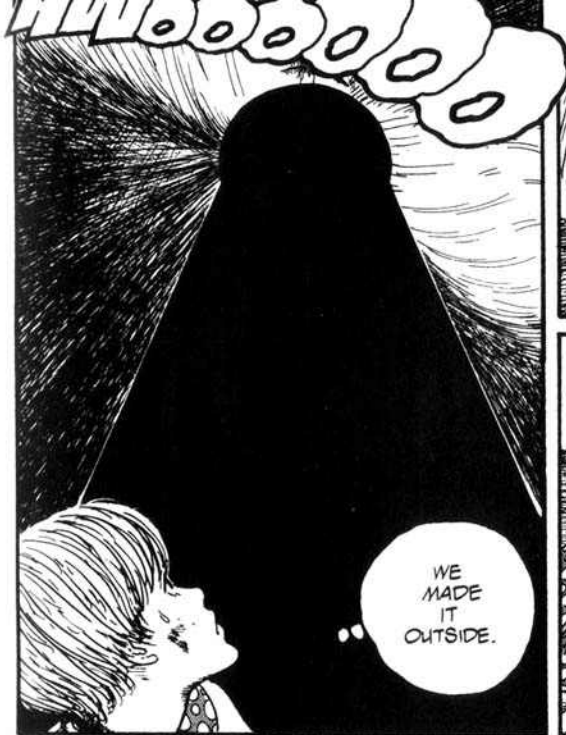
IT SWIRLED
LIKE A
TORNADO
OVER THE
ROOFTOPS.

WUOOOOOOOO

I
THOUGHT
I SAW
THE
BOY...

...CONSUMED
IN
AN
INSTANT.





WE
MADE
IT
OUTSIDE.



KIRIE,
IT
HURTS!

YOU
WERE
BURNED..
SO WAS
I...

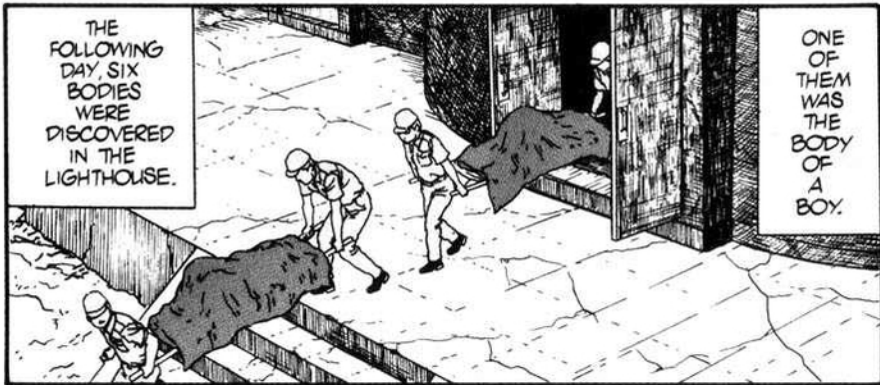
LET'S
GO HOME
SO WE
CAN TAKE
CARE OF
YOU.



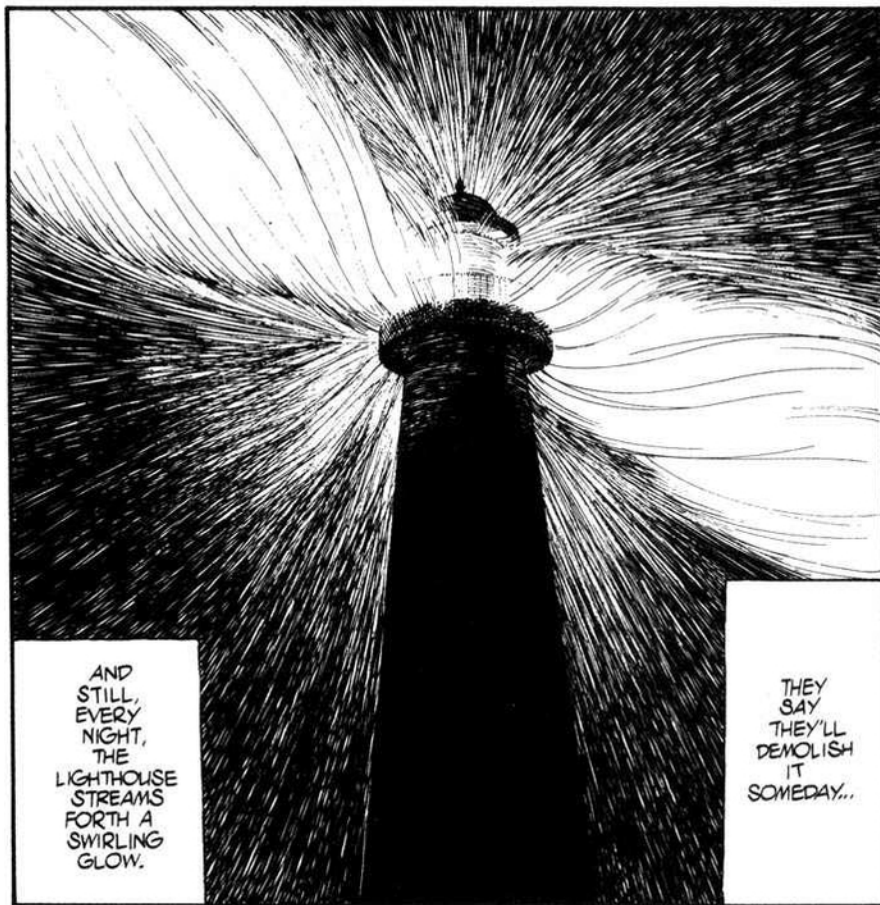
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THE
FOLLOWING
DAY, SIX
BODIES
WERE
DISCOVERED
IN THE
LIGHTHOUSE.

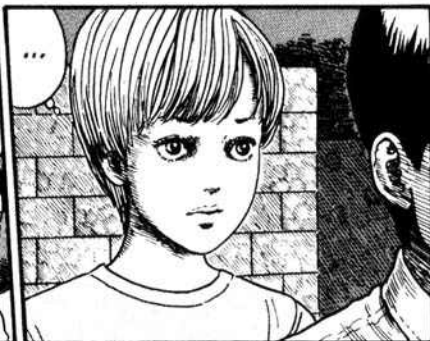
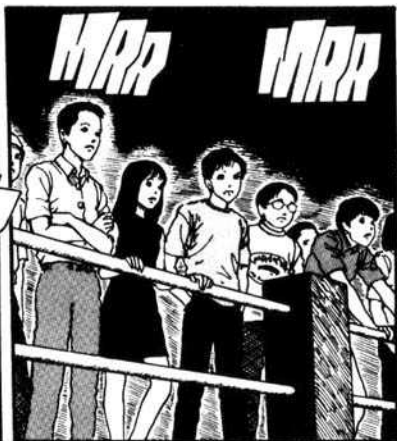


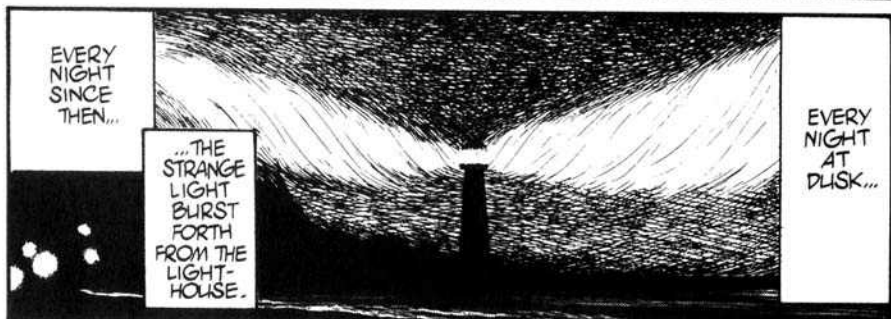
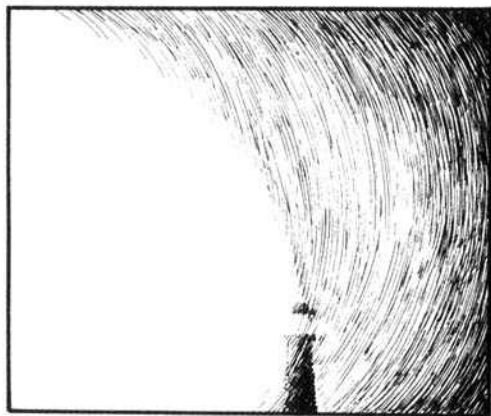
ONE
OF
THEM
WAS
THE
BODY
OF
A
BOY.

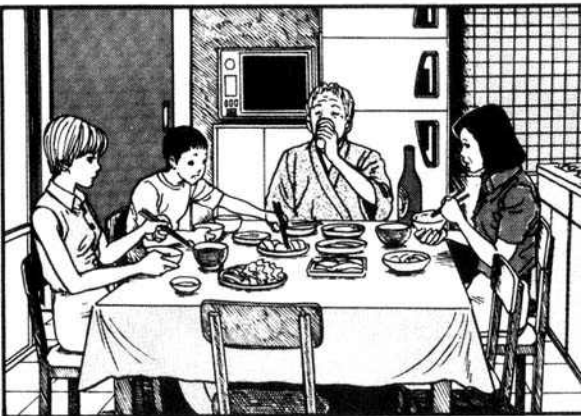
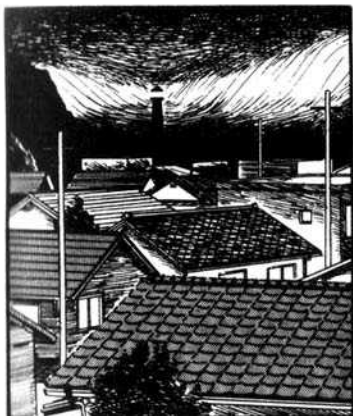


AND
STILL,
EVERY
NIGHT,
THE
LIGHTHOUSE
STREAMS
FORTH A
SWIRLING
GLOW.

THEY
SAY
THEY'LL
DEMOLISH
IT
SOMEDAY...

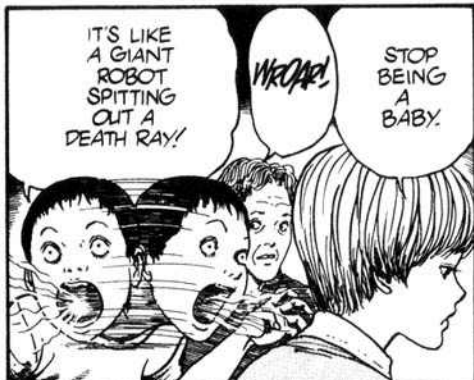






KIRIE,
ISN'T
THAT
LIGHTHOUSE
COOL?

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?



IT'S LIKE
A GIANT
ROBOT
SPITTING
OUT A
DEATH RAY!

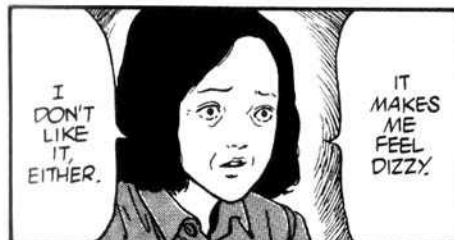
WROOAR!

STOP
BEING
A
BABY.



YOU
SHOULDN'T
STARE
AT
THAT
LIGHT.

THERE'S
SOME-
THING
WRONG
WITH IT.



I
DON'T
LIKE
IT,
EITHER.

IT
MAKES
ME
FEEL
DIZZY.

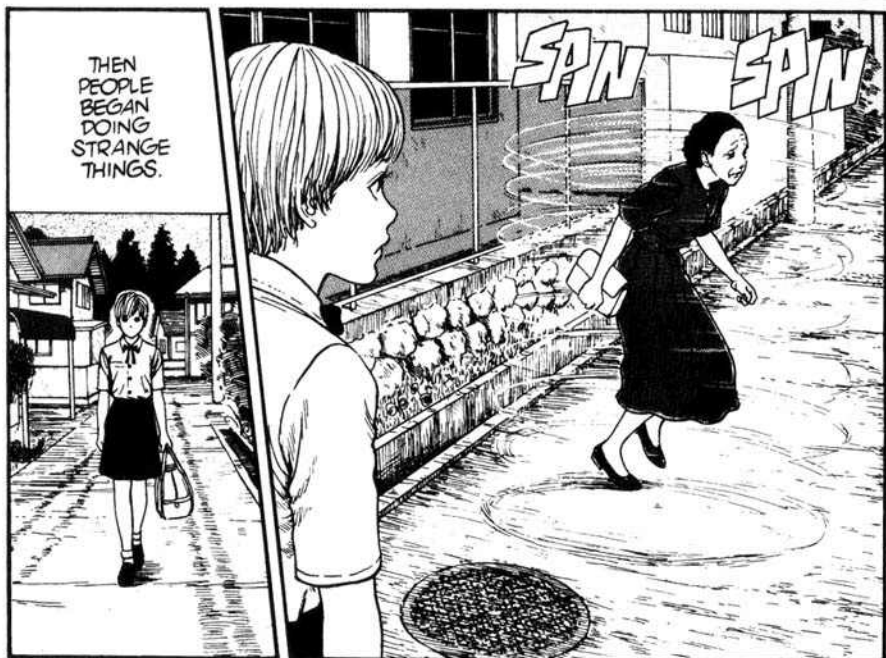
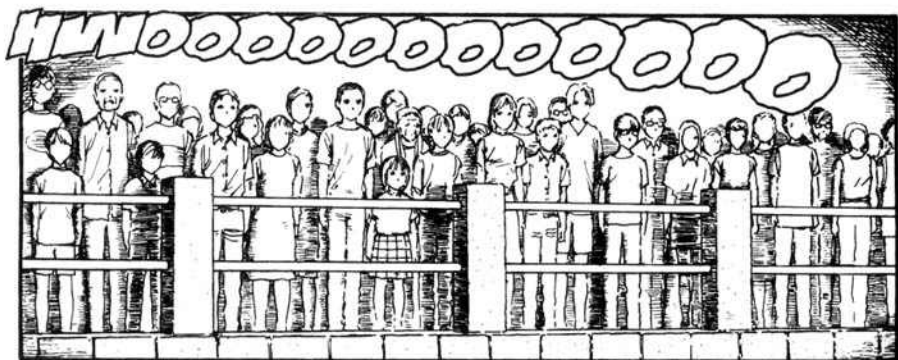


MITSUO,
PROMISE ME
YOU WON'T GO
NEAR THE
LIGHTHOUSE.

AW,
MOM!







THEN
PEOPLE
BEGAN
DOING
STRANGE
THINGS.

SAN SAN



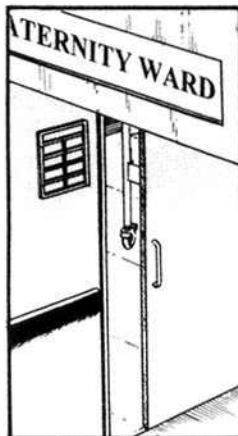




WHAT
COULD
HAVE
HAPPENED?
WERE
THEY
MURDERED
?

BUT
I
DIDN'T
HEAR
A
SOUND
LAST
NIGHT.

JUST
THOSE
MOSQUITOES
BUZZING...



THE
HOSPITAL
STAFF
IS
GOING
CRAZY
WITH
PANIC.

I'M
SORRY,
I
SHOULDN'T
BE
TELLING
YOU
THIS.
YOU'VE
GOT
ENOUGH
TO
WORRY
ABOUT
WITH
YOUR
PREGNAN-
CY.



OH, NO.
I
FEEL
BETTER
NOW
ANYWAY.

CAN
YOU
HEAR
MY
BABY
MOVING?

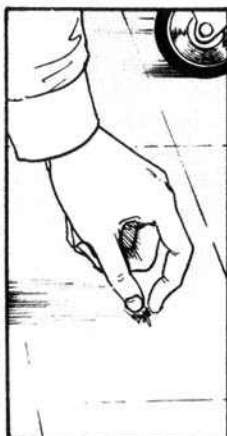
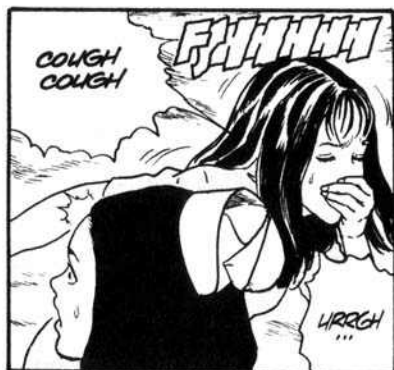
HE'S
STARTED
KICKING.

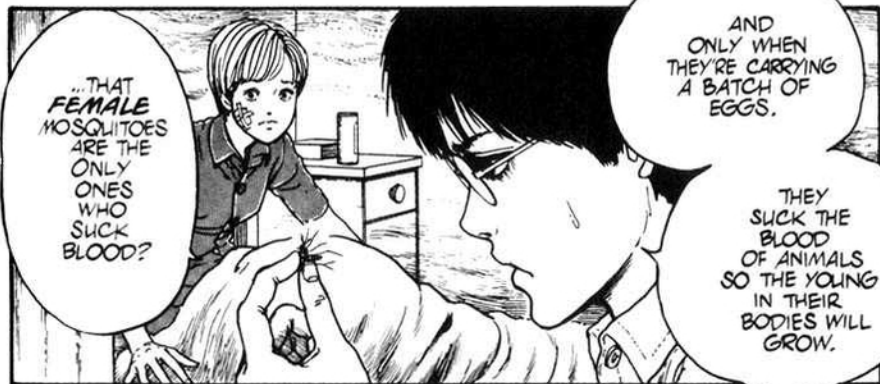


REALLY?
CAN
I
FEEL?

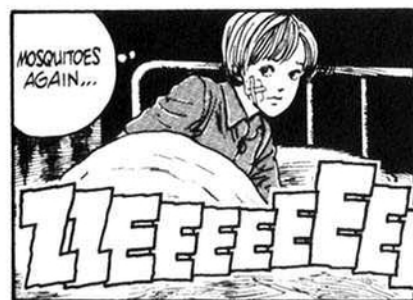














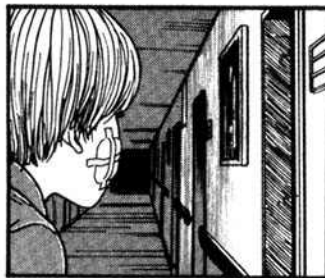
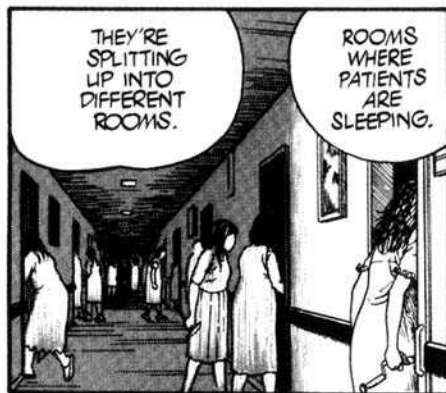


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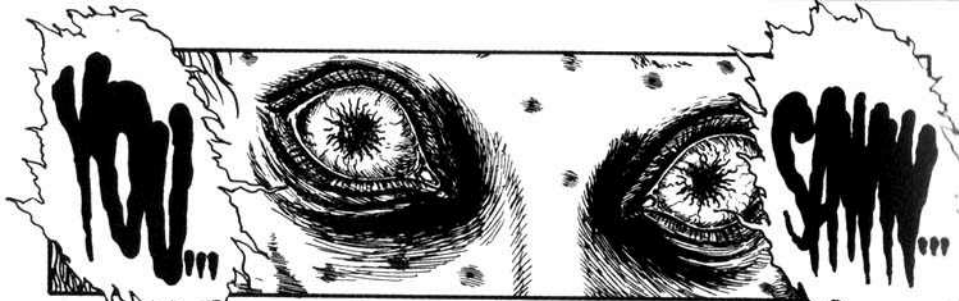
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Mr. S. S. S.
ES











GET AWAY!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?



GIVE US BLOOD

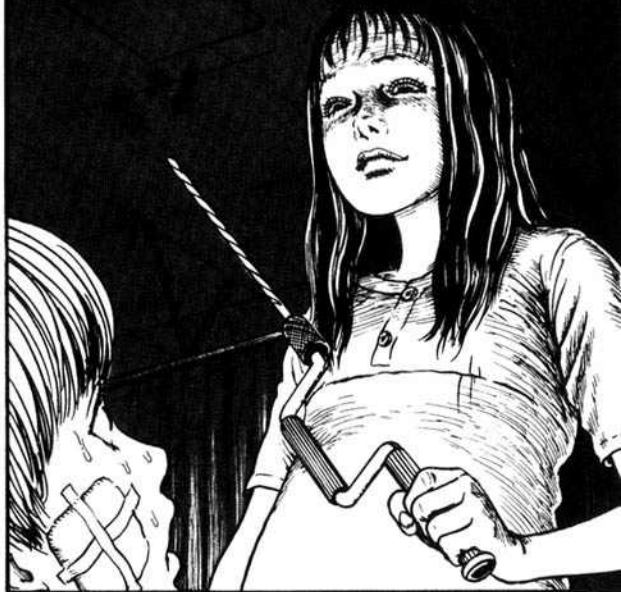




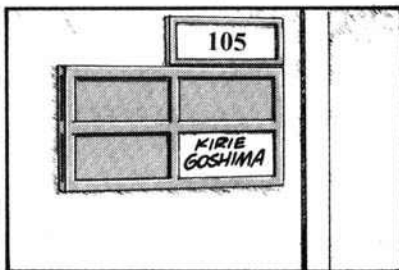








THAT
SUMMER
OUR
TOWN
SWARMED
WITH
MOSQUITOES.

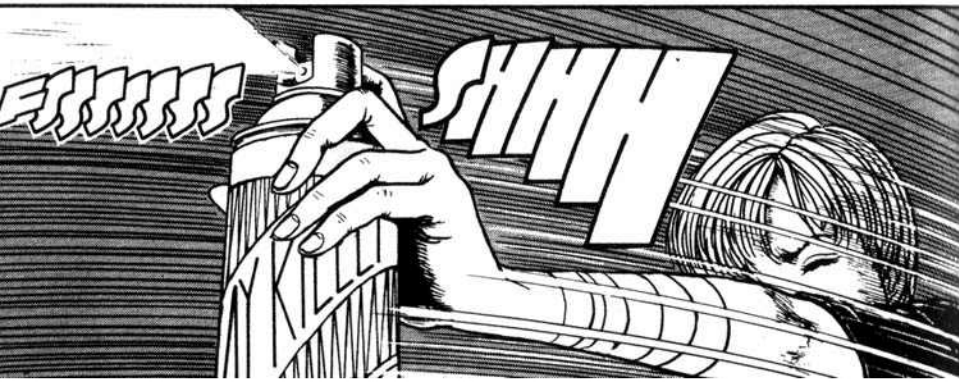


AS FOR
ME, I
HAD TO
SPEND HALF
THE SUMMER
IN THE
HOSPITAL.

THE BURNS
AND BRUISES
I RECEIVED
IN THE
LIGHTHOUSE WERE
UNEXPECTEDLY
SEVERE.



MY BROTHER
MITSUO WASN'T
HURT AS BAD,
SO HE WAS
RELEASED
THE OTHER
DAY.







THE
MASSACRE
AT
THE
HOSPITAL
...

ALL
TRACES
OF THE
DRILLS
AND
BLOOD-
SOAKED
GOWNS
HAD DIS-
APPEARED
THE
NEXT
MORNING.

WEE

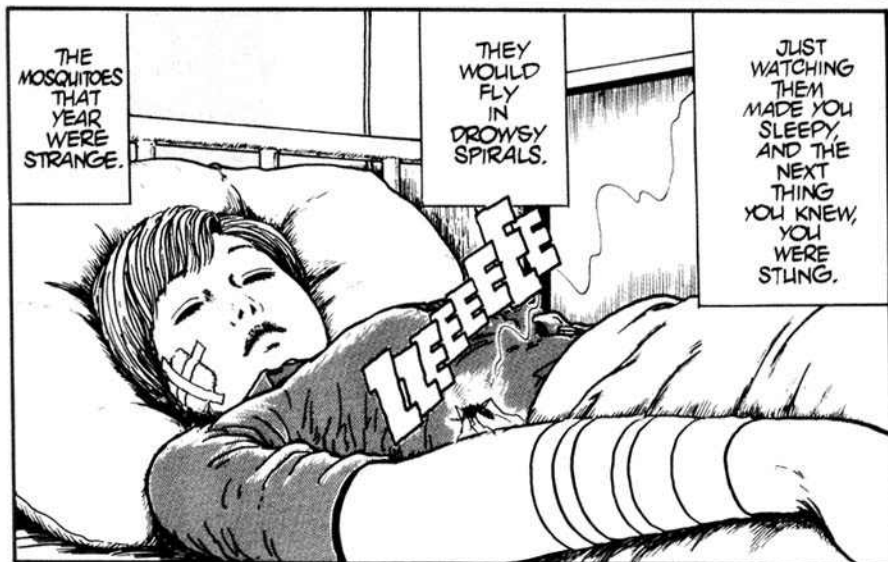
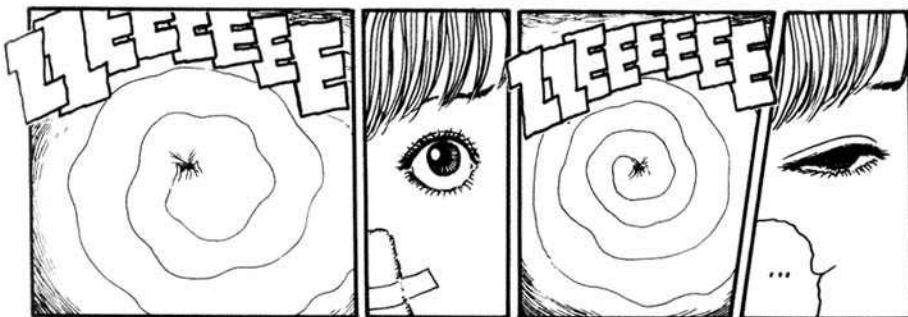
WHO
WOULD
BELIEVE
IT WAS
COMMITTED
BY
PREGNANT
WOMEN?

I
HATE
TO
THINK
THAT
THEIR
HUSBANDS
GOT
RID
OF THE
EVIDENCE.



THEY
NEEDED
RAW
BLOOD
FOR
THEIR
BABIES!

IN
SEVERAL
DAYS, THESE
BABIES
NOURISHED
BY HUMAN
BLOOD WERE
ABOUT
TO BE
BORN!



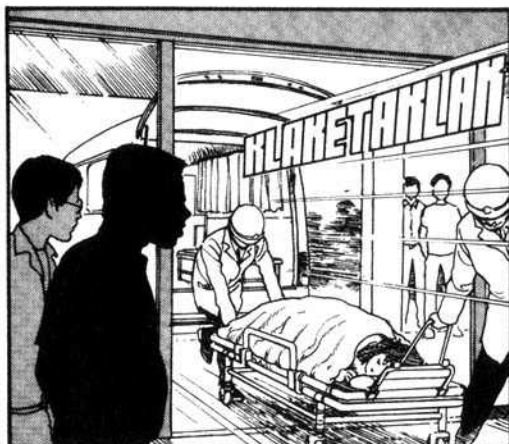




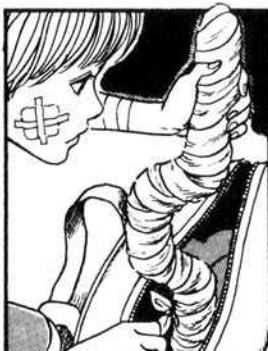


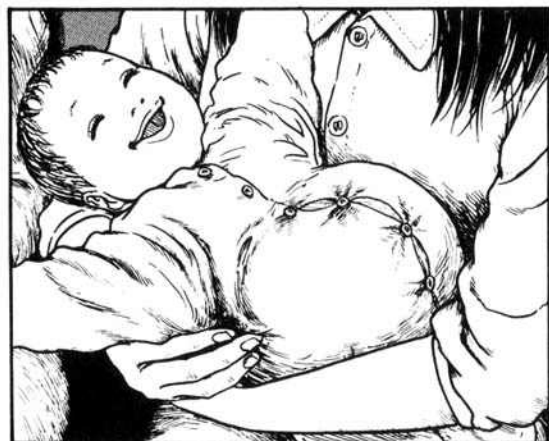
THE
DISCOVERY
OF THE BODY
WAS ONLY
THE BEGINNING
OF WHAT
HAPPENED.













THEY'RE
ALL
THE
SAME.



Oh...
Oh.
THAT.
IT'S
NOTHING.

THEY'RE
JUST
WEARING
BELLY
BANDS.



BUT
THEY
LOOK
SWOLLEN.



URR



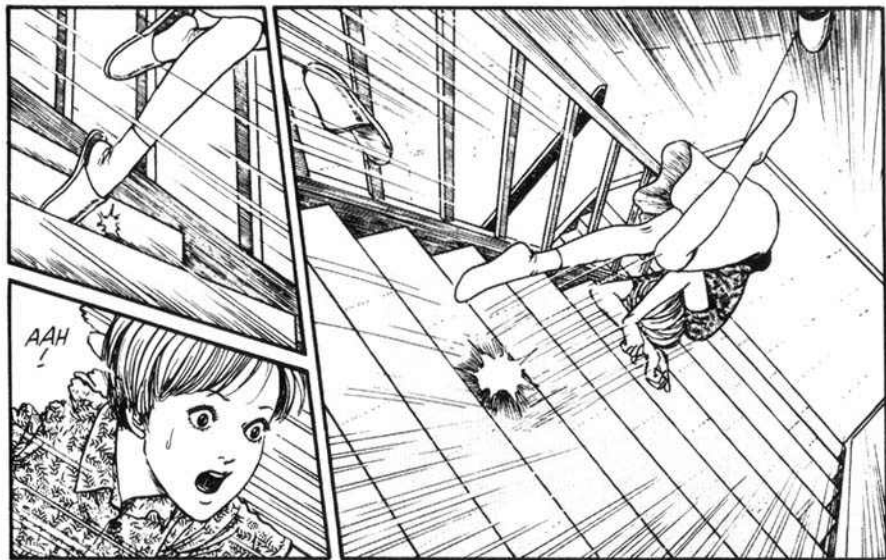
WHAT
?



AANNAAAA!

AAAWWAAAH!!









WHAT'S THIS?

MUSH-ROOMS?



MUNCH
MUNCH



Ur...

ARE THESE REALLY MUSH-ROOMS?



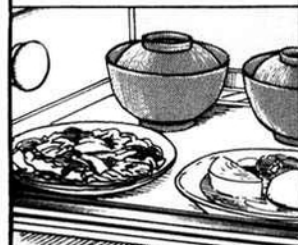
THEY TASTE LIKE MEAT.

DON'T BE SO FUSSY WITH YOUR FOOD.

THE STRANGE FUNGUS BECAME A REGULAR INGREDIENT IN THE HOSPITAL MEALS.

THANK YOU!

WHAT ARE THESE MUSHROOMS? THEY'RE SO GOOD!



I NEVER ATE THEM.



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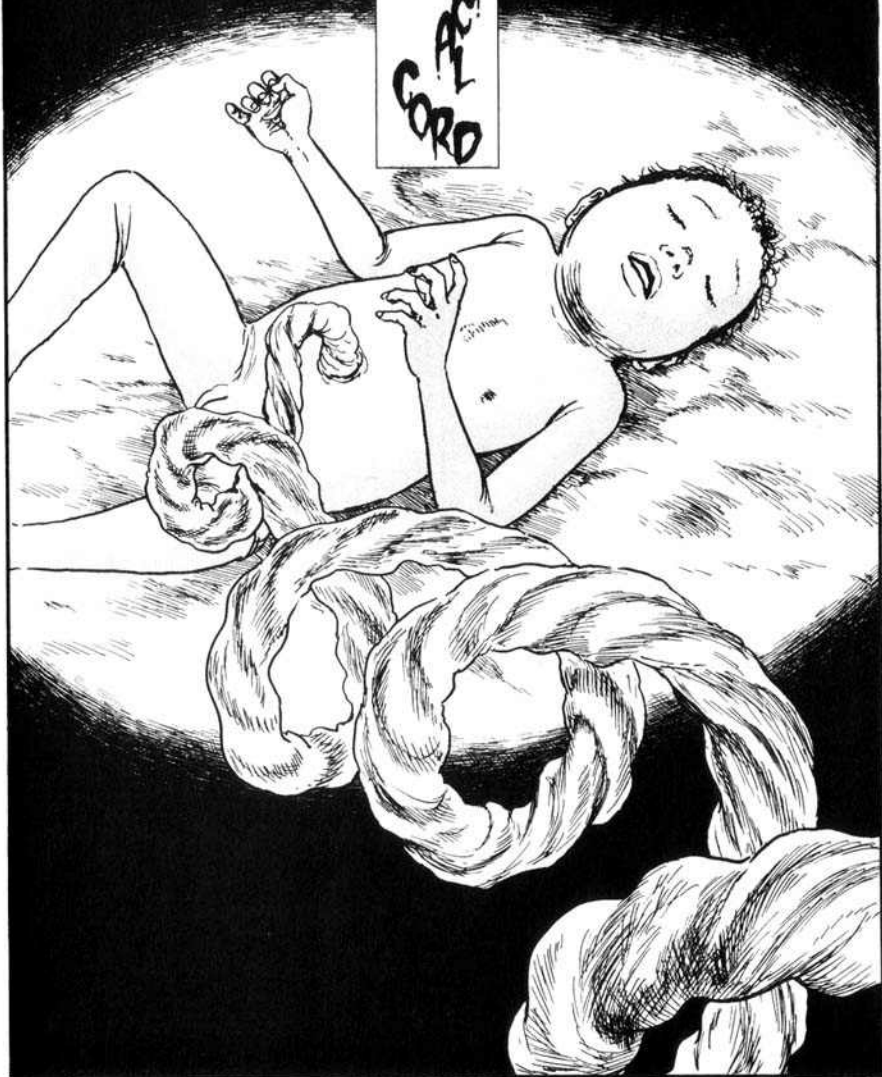




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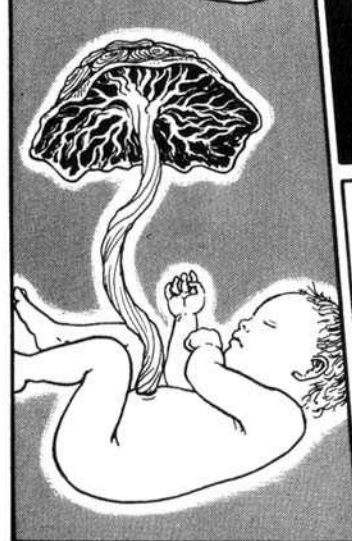
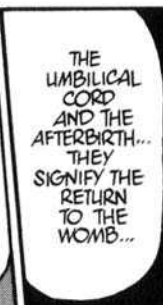
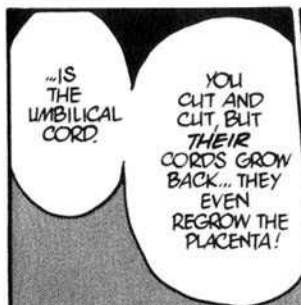
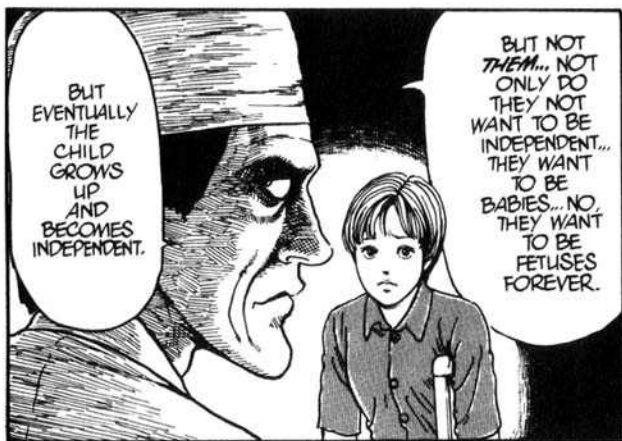
THE
UMBILICAL
CORD













AFTER WE DELIVERED THE BABIES, THESE ORGANS SPROUTED ON THEIR OWN.

THE PLACENTAS TOOK ROOT WHERE WE DROPPED THEM. EVERY BIT OF TISSUE STARTED TO GROW.



AND NOW...

AND NOW JUST LOOK AT THEM!



I HAD TO TASTE ONE.



AS A DOCTOR, YOU SEE.

AND IT WAS DELICIOUS! IT REVITALIZED ME!



IT'S NATURAL WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT. ALL LIFE SPRINGS FROM THE PLACENTA AND UMBILICAL CORD.

IF IT WAS FED TO THE SICK, WOULDN'T THEY GET BETTER?



D-DOCTOR!





KEIKO...

THE OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL.

THE CHILD HAS BEEN RETURNED TO ITS WOMB.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE BABY INSIDE THE WOMB NOW.

ONE THING I KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS THAT SHE WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE TO PROVIDE IT WITH NUTRITION ...

DOCTOR... DOCTOR KAWA-MOTO...

BLOOD... I NEED BLOOD...

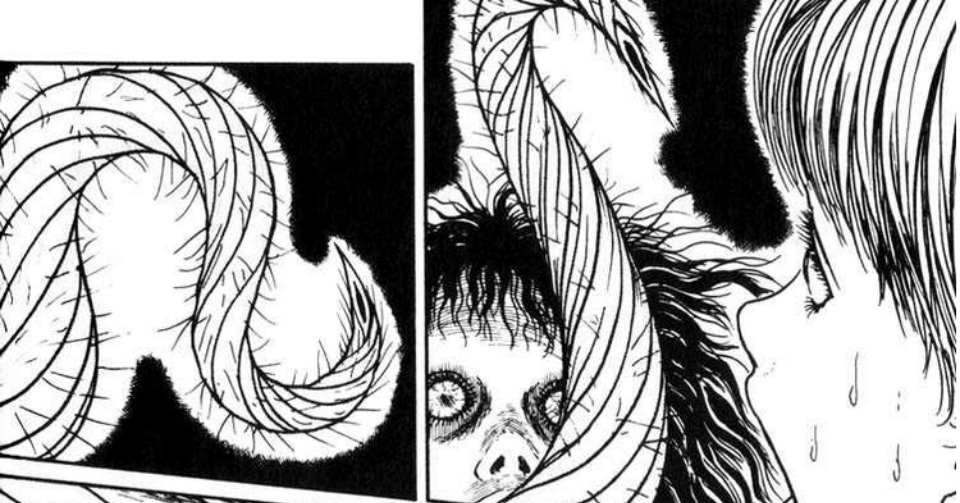
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

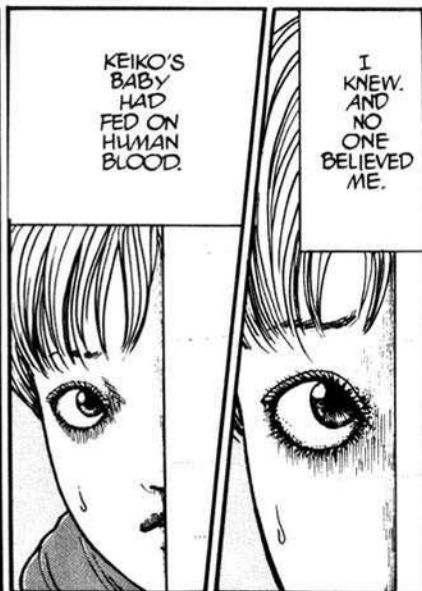
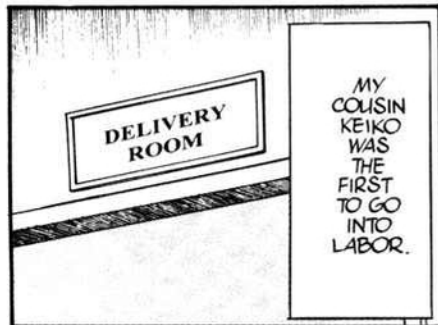
LET ME GO!

LET ME GO!

NO!













AFTER
THE
NIGHT
OF
THE
MASSACRE
...



I
TOLD
MY
STORY
TO
THE
DIRECTOR
AND
DR.
KAWAMOTO,
THE
HEAD
OF
THE
MATERNITY
WARD.



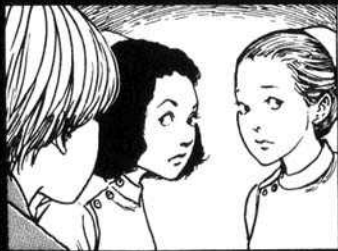
IT'S
TRUE!
THOSE
WOMEN
DID IT! IF
WE DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
THEY'LL
KILL
AGAIN!



MISS
GO-
SHIMA
... YOU
MUST
HAVE
HAD
A
BAD
DREAM.



NO
ONE
I
TALKED
TO
BELIEVED
ME.



THE
MORE
I
INSISTED
THE
MORE
THEY
LOOKED
AT
ME
LIKE
I
WAS
CRAZY.

EVEN
MY
FAMILY
WOULDN'T
LISTEN.

KIRIE,
THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!

HOW
COULD
YOU
ACCUSE
KEIKO
OF
DOING
SUCH
A
HORRIBLE
THING?



I
WAS
COMPLETELY
ALONE.



OF COURSE, THE PATIENTS WERE ALL TERRIFIED BECAUSE THE MURDERER WAS NEVER FOUND.



PERHAPS DUE TO THE MOUNTING POLICE INVESTIGATION, NO ONE ELSE WAS ATTACKED AFTERWARDS.

BUT IT WASN'T OVER.

THEY STILL DRANK BLOOD IN SECRET.

ONCE I CAUGHT ONE OF THEM.

AH?

I HEARD A STRANGE SOUND COMING FROM THE BATHROOM.



IT WAS KEIKO.



YOU SAW...







SO
IT'S
BORN.



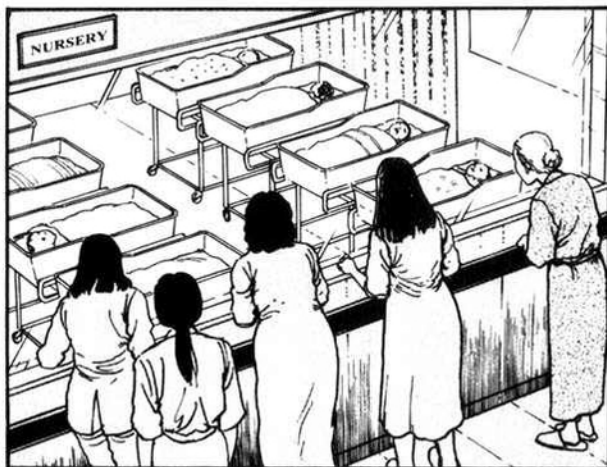
I
WONDER
WHAT
IT
LOOKS
LIKE.

THIS
BABY
GORGED
WITH
HUMAN
BLOOD..

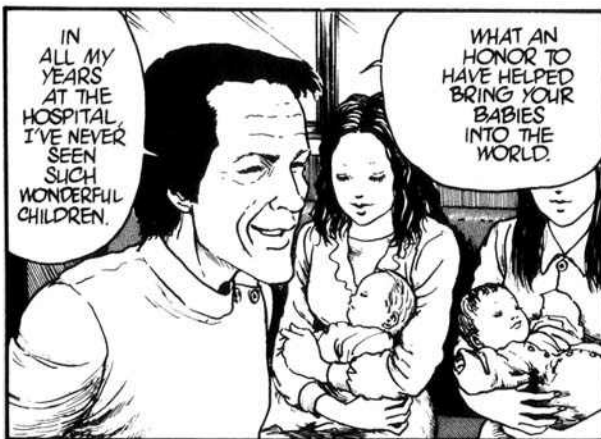


IT WAS THE
SWEETEST BABY
I HAD
EVER SEEN.















B...
BUT...
HOW?!

Whooooo

SHWO

THIS IS NOW
THE SECOND DAY
THAT HURRICANE
NO. 1 HAS REMAINED
STATIONARY OVER
KURŌZU-CHO, WHERE
IT STRUCK THE COAST
YESTERDAY AFTER-
NOON.

METEOROLOGISTS
HAVE NO EXPLANATION
FOR THIS
PHENOMENON. WE
BRING YOU
NOW TO...

Whooooo

WHERE'S
KIRIE?

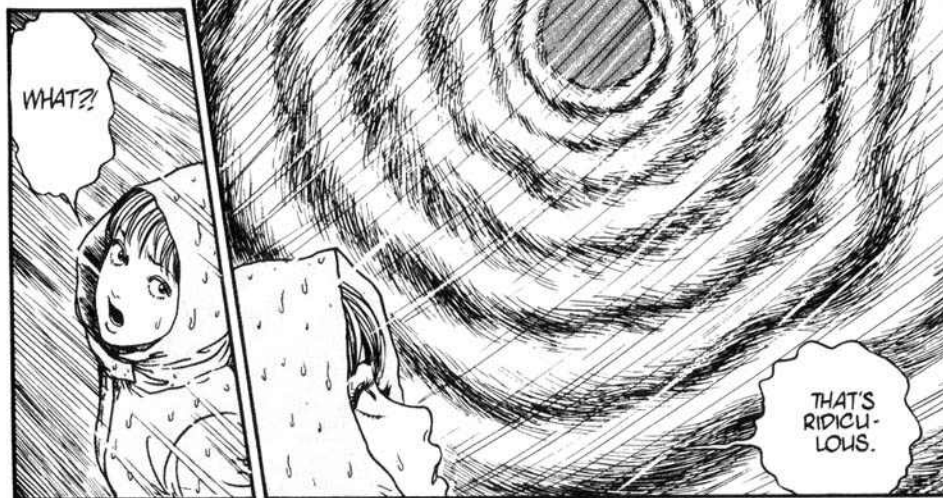
I TRIED
TO STOP
HER, BUT
SHE WENT TO
BRING SHUICHI
HIS
DINNER.

YOU
KNOW,
LAST
NIGHT...

I HEARD
SOMEONE
SAYING
"KIRIE"
"KIRIE..." IT
SOUNDED
LIKE THEY
WERE
ON THE
ROOF.

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?







SHEEEED!!!

AIEEEE!







D-
DAMN
IT!

CHAPTER

12

THE
STORM





