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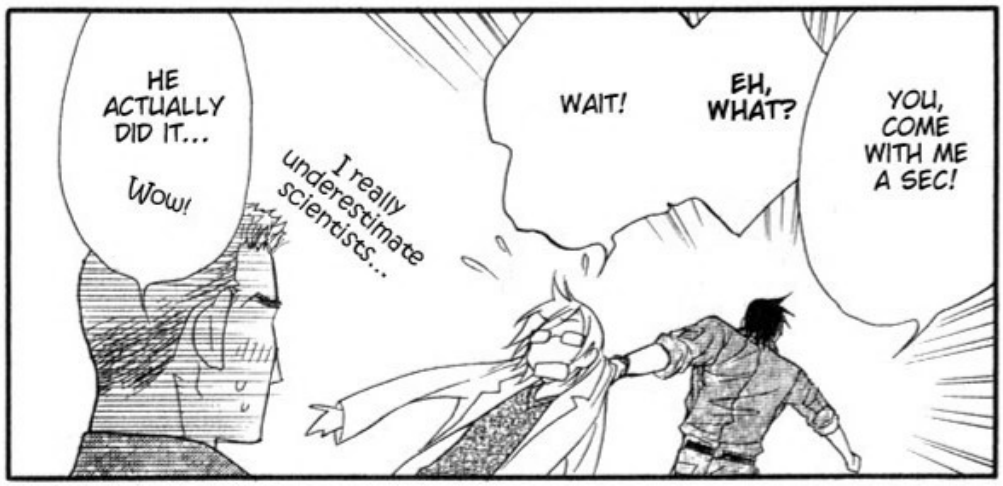
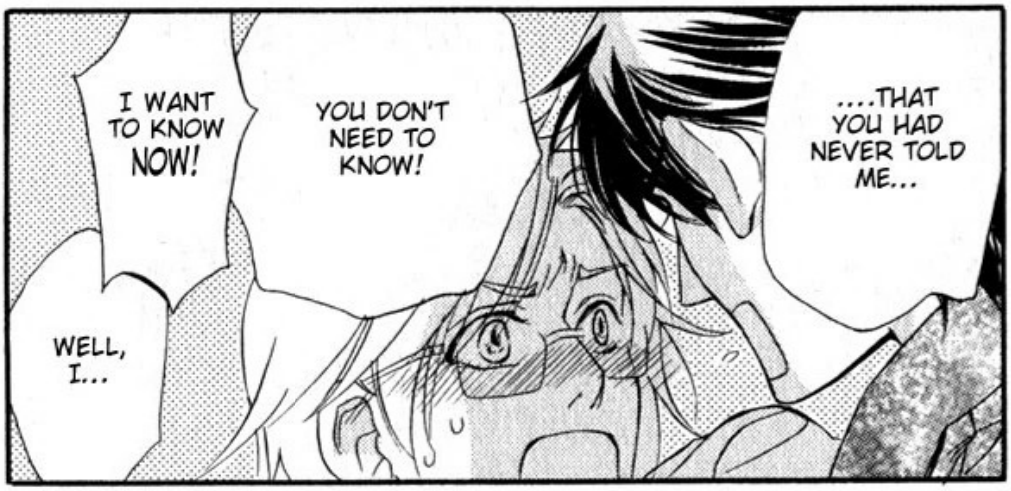
Grave-digging



↖ Narrow-minded

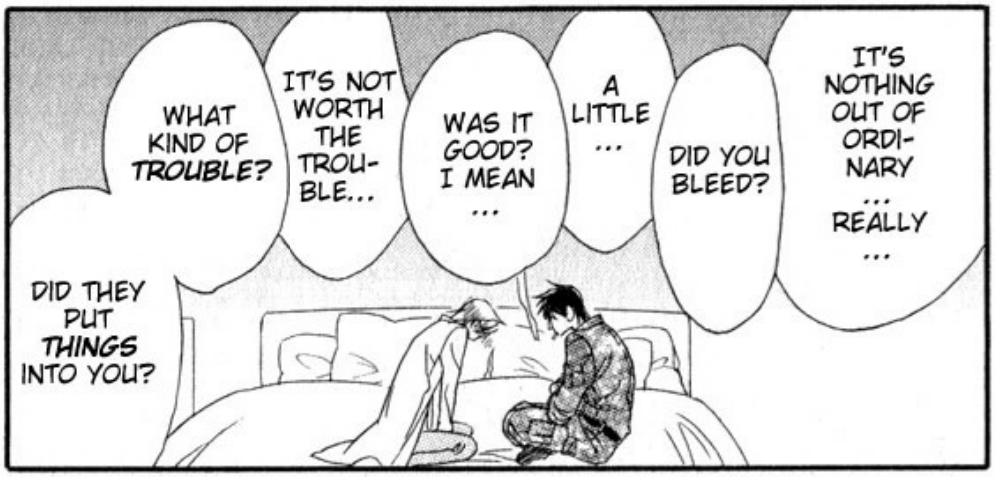
What's the Problem?



For a man, that's the top most priority!

More Grave-digging

It Might Worth the Trouble ... Perhaps



HE'S JUST TOO SHY TO ADMIT IT.

The End ♥

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Have a delicious sex
A tasteful uke
not to let him go
begs you to
be addicted
satisfying
Happy
Valentine's day
from the
Fantasy Shrine Team
Happy

^wish you a lot of love
on valentin's day^
^^fantasy shrine team^^

Happy Valentine

From The FS Team

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男だからじゃなくて君が好きだから、
加速する体の衝動が抑えられない!!

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究極☆脱衣ピンナップ
高嶋上総
ドイツイベントレポート
【高嶋大、ドイツを翔ける】

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エロ究極!!

エロ武装完了!
たまったエッチ(ぜゃ!!)の改革開放!!

本誌初登場!!カラー33P
中村明日美子

2つの人格を持つ恋人の与えてくれる快楽は2倍!?
みなみ遥
[2乗な恋の駆け引き]

白銀に追い詰められる銀。果たして黒曜は!?
東野裕
[欲望のしずく(後編)]

もっと暴力を。痛みみたいな快楽を…!
ヤマシタトモコ カラー
[MO'SOME STING]

潔癖鬼課長とわんこ部下。社内恋愛爆走中!
こだか和麻 カラー
[背広のハウスキーパー]

絶好調2本立て!!
天城れの
一流執事の極上Hをご賞頂きましょう。
安曇もか [深愛のスワロウテイル]
飴屋カナメ [君のおいしい愛し方]
天城れの [君★恋専属DAY]

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[HOT-CLOSET] 環レン
剣解
桜木あやん
宮本明來
森本Q

フレッシュ2 総みきり!!

I thought I was doomed to spend my life in shame!
When I first realized that I was only attracted to men,
Beautiful Habit
TSURUGI KAI
ERIC!
RISE AND SHINE, ERIC!
I know I'm not normal
so I must walk the extra mile to prove myself to others!
To me, that's the only way to get recognition and acceptance!

THEY'RE FINALLY READY TO START THEIR PEACEFUL LIFE TOGETHER ...
AFTER THEY SURVIVED THE MOST DANGEROUS MISSION
THAT IS... UNTIL THIS MORNING ...
Umm—
Get off... You're heavy, Steve—
IF YOU DON'T HURRY,
YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR YOUR PRESENTATION!
ERIC!
GET UP! I NEED TO HEAD OUT NOW!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO UNVEIL THE NEW TRANSCEIVER TODAY?
STEVE X ERIC RETURN!! SPECIAL ONE-SHOT 32-PAGE
Beautiful Habit
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TIME TO GET UP!
NNN...
INSTANT CLEAR VISION EQUALS TO INSTANT CLEAR MIND!
Umm ...
YOUR BREAKFAST IS READY! I ALSO PACKED YOU A SANDWICH.
Glasses Glasses
Even though, his love for me only gets stronger with time, I've started to become...
Also during those 2 years, we were separated and reunited by fate.
Our relationship turned from best friends to lovers in 2 years — give or take!
IT WAS REAL !?
Not some weird dream!??
WHAT THE HELL ...!?
W—
W—
HUH ?
COVER
WOAH!

STEVE
BASTARD ~~
YOU—
YOU NEEDED IT MORE SINCE YOU'VE YOUR PRESEN-TATION.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD... for two.
Morning—
Mornin' Doc—
You cooked!
HUH? DIDN'T YOU EAT BREAKFAST?
STEVE!
WHY DID YOU SHAVE ME THERE!?
Argh!
DON'T DISTRACT ME!
I came to ask you,
switch to Arabic
WHO? ME?
blush—
Arabic Speakers
DUCK
gasp
COVER-

You said I could!
Wait! Wait!
Legs and there!?
NOOOO!!
My legs! I meant why did you shaved my legs!?
gasp
Ooooh...
The heck?
Choke!
If you like, you can shave me there anytime you want!
smirk
As I recall, I said I wanted to shave you there, remember?
There, there! Let's take this outside.
I NEVER SAID YOU COULD!!
In fact my exact words were, "Absolutely no way in hell!"
Then, what happened to the hair on my legs!?
HOW COULD I? I WAS ASLEEP!
OH! AND YOU DID GIVE ME PERMISSION AFTER AN HOUR.
But you said OK!
Persistence always wins.
I'M GETTING THERE. THEN YOU SAID THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY DID NOT WANT ME TO SHAVE YOU THERE.
SO I PRESUMED YOUR LEGS WERE FAIR GAME...
FAIR GAME!? MY LEGS !!?

CRYSTAL!
IS THAT CLEAR!?
~~~ARGH! I'LL LET IT SLIDE THIS TIME SINCE I DID SAY OK!
HELL NO! AND THAT'S FINAL!!
So, will you let me shave you down there?
BUT FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN'T ASK ME ANYTHING WHEN I'M HALF ASLEEP!!
NOW I'VE GOTTA GO!!
Asking while he's fully awake.
I'M CORPORAL BAKER AND HE'S PRIVATE GORDON! WE'LL BE YOUR GUARD FOR TODAY, SIR!
GREAT! LET'S GO!
"Little bird" is waiting, too!
DR. STUART, THE CHOPPER IS READY!
THANKS, GENTLE-MEN.
BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A TEAM!
HELLO !
YOU'RE A SPECIAL OPS!
That dork!
I'M JUST AS GOOD, IF NOT BETTER! WHY WOULDN'T HE LET ME?
Oi
TALK ABOUT PRIVILEGE!
UNLIKE US, HE'S IN HIGH DEMAND!
DOC IS SPECIAL!
A private jet at his disposal!
~~~

INDEED!
HOWEVER, HE ISN'T A WEAKLING AT ALL! HE'S THE STRONGEST PERSON I KNOW!
—
BUT HE SURE COULD WHIP OUT A KILLER PLAN!
HE MAY APPEAR LIKE A WEAKLING DURING A MISSION—
House of Terror—
What's today's training?
Kya—

BASTARD... HE DOESN'T NEED TO GLOAT ABOUT IT! HOPE HE GETS ABDUCTED BY ALIENS ONE OF THESE DAYS!
It's irritating as hell!
HE'S WEARING HIS HAPPINESS ON HIS SLEEVES!
...I hate that bastard!

What possessed Steve to shave me...?
What in the world got into him?
I just don't get it...
It's infuriating!
Yet ...

WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO US?
I BET THE MILITARY DOESN'T EVEN USE HALF OF YOUR BRAIN.
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU REQUESTED TO WORK FOR GROUNDS COMMUNICATION! YOU WERE ONE OF OUR TOP NOTCH RESEARCHERS FOR GOD'S SAKE!
I couldn't help being tantalized by it...
Argh! Stop it!
I REFUSE TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN!
50,000 PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE OF MY INVENTION!
YOU CAN DEVELOP ANY WEAPONS THEY CAN DREAM UP!
WITH YOUR TALENTS,
ERIC, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
THE SPONSORS ARE ALL INSIDE WAITING!
AND WHAT TALENTS?
I JUST DID THE STUFF THAT NO ELSE WANTED TO DO.
BUT THIS TIME, I'LL ONLY WORK ON THINGS THAT I TRULY BELIEVE IN!
SORRY, FRANK!

YO, WELCOME HOME.

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH YOU KNOW THAT?
I'M NOT A WOMAN! I CAN'T WALK AROUND WITH HAIRLESS LEGS, CAN I!?
IDIOT, IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED,
WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T DISPLAY YOUR LEGS IN PUBLIC ANYWAY!
BUT SINCE YOU'RE AT HOME, YOU CAN DISPLAY THEM ALL YOU WANT! HOW ABOUT IT?
I REALLY DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM HERE...
WHAT ...
STOP IT!
HEY!
THAT'S RIGHT! SO DON'T YOU DARE SHAVE MY LEGS EVER AGAIN...
YOUR SHAVED LEGS LOOK PERFECTLY FINE TO ME ...
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

I'M NO LONGER THE PERSON YOU FIRST HELD IN YOUR ARMS!
UNLIKE 2 YEARS AGO,
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL!?
BAM
!?
THE HECK ?
THAT'S TRUE, I DID, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I KNEW BETTER.
.....
I DEVOTED MYSELF ONLY TO YOU!
THAT WHOLE TIME... I WASN'T MYSELF!
THAT'S NOT FAIR ...
NOW WE BOTH KNOW
WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT IN OUR LIFE.
GIVING ME THAT BULLSHIT ABOUT BEING BETTER OFF WITHOUT YOU!!
YET YOU LEFT ME BEHIND, REMEMBER !?

.....
BUT THERE'S ONE THING THAT WOULD NEVER CHANGE— I CAN NEVER RESIST YOU!
YOU'RE TOO BEAUTIFUL!
WHAT!?
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM ...?
HUSH —
HEY,
WILL YOU STOP DISTRACTING ME...
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID...?

FUME FUME
nor could I get him to listen!
Which is why I can't gain any ground ...
so blinded by love that I let him get away with everything!
I'm no longer the person from 2 years ago...

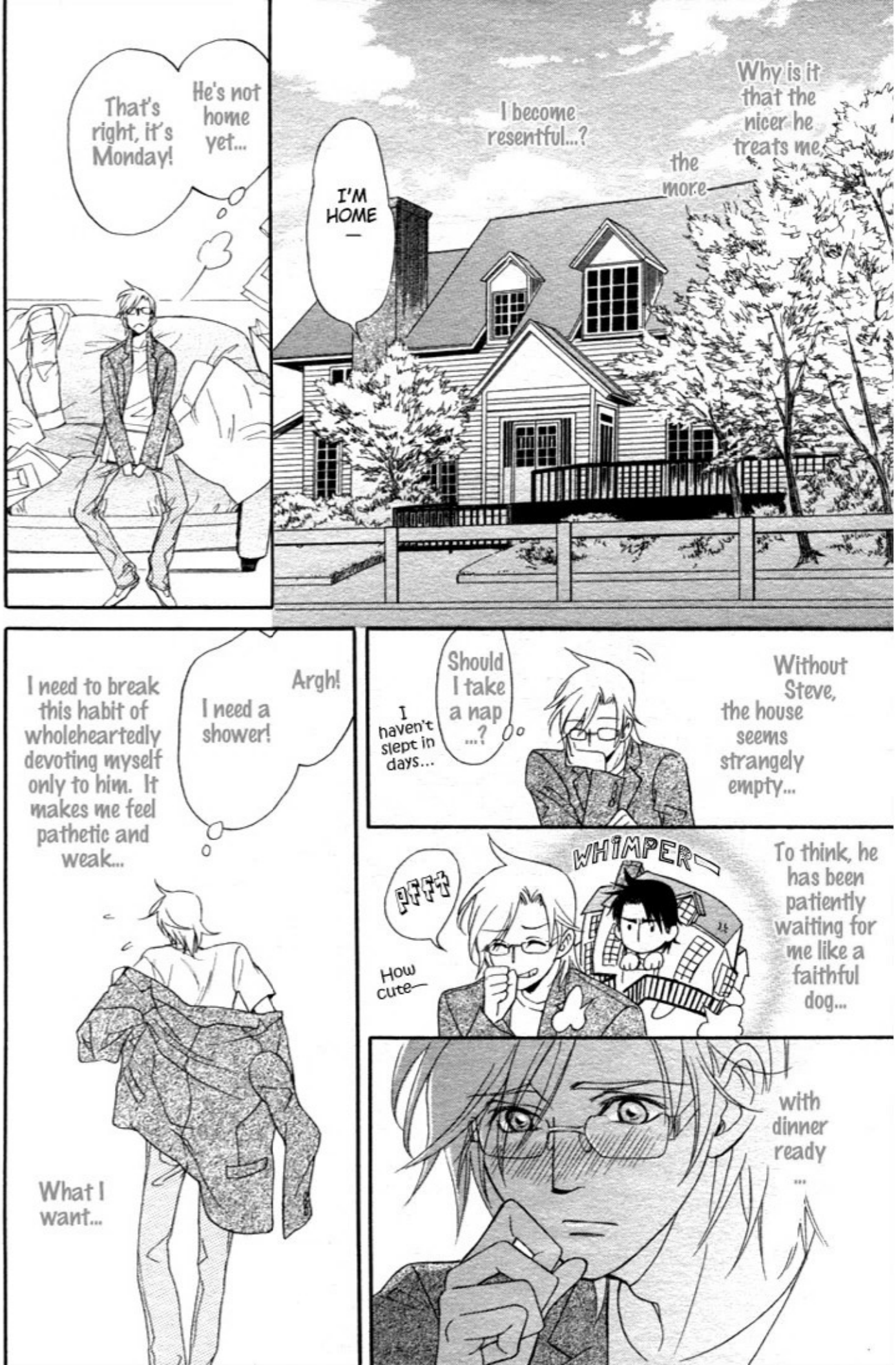
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
WE'VE A CRISIS IN THE LAB!
I've a bad feeling about this~~
WOW! CHIEF DAVID, THIS IS A SURPRISE! WHAT'S UP?
Hello?
HI, ERIC, HOW'S THE GROUNDS DEPARTMENT TREATING YOU?
BLIP

CAN'T THE HOST DEPARTMENT CP (CONTROL PANEL) SYSTEM DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!?
HOWEVER, WE CAN'T WAIT FOR HIM TO RESUME OPERATION!
LUCKILY, FRANK IS ALRIGHT AND WILL BE BACK TO WORK NEXT WEEK.
WE FIRED A RESEARCHER LAST WEEK.
WHAT...? YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP? DID YOU FORGET WHO GOT YOU THAT JOB IN THE GROUNDS COMMUNICATIONS?
IN RETALIATION, HE ASSAULTED FRANK (THE LEAD SCIENTIST), STOLE HIS COMPUTER, AND CRASHED OUR SYSTEM!

HOWDY!
I CAME TO THE RESCUE —
It simply slipped my mind
I didn't call Steve
...not because I didn't want to.
YOO HOO!
FINALLY, ERIC!
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME!
ERIC!
IT'S ERIC!
even though at the time I was still mad at him!
FIRST, LET'S RETRIEVE THE DATA FROM THE BACK-UPS BEFORE THE CRASH.
THINK YOU CAN GET US BACK IN BUSINESS?
IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, IT'S YOU, ERIC!
I TOLD HIM IT'S NOT NECESSARY! WE ALL WORK FOR THE SAME GOVERNMENT!
Hey— that's just mean!
CHIEF SAID HE WOULD DRAG YOU IN EVEN IF HE HAD TO GET YOU FIRED OVER THERE!
IS THAT YOUR NEW FAVORITE SONG? YOU LISTEN TO IT NON-STOP.
But you never care for hip-hop before.
GASA
TAK
October 10
October 11
12

Just tell him you were out of range.
I'M TOO SCARED!
Aren't you gonna call back?
I CAN'T LIE!!
Poor Eric —
I THOUGHT HE WAS LISTENING TO IT.
Oh dear!
I've no idea that was his phone ...
HE'S MAD! HE MUST BE HOPPING MAD...
Eh—!?
YOU DIDN'T HEAR IT!? IT HAS BEEN RINGING FOR 3 DAYS!
You got incredible concentration!
And shave!
MAYBE AFTER YOU WASH YOUR FACE?
Y... YEAH ...
... ALRIGHT.
RIGHT?
JUST CALL HIM! HE MIGHT BE MAD BUT HE MUST BE EVEN MORE WORRIED.
OH, C'MON!
ARGH!
AH!
YES?
H-HELLO !?
...ERIC?
Y-YES...
IT'S ME...
JOLT
WHO ARE YOU?

WHERE ARE YOU?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SORRY ...
YES... I'M ALRIGHT! I'M IN THE LAB...
wobble~
AS LONG AS YOU'RE OK!
ER...
W—
WHY DO YOU KEEP CALLING ANYWAY!?
YOU COULD HAVE JUST LEFT ME A VOICEMAIL OR AN EMAIL YOU KNOW!
WHAT?
dizzy
dizzy
W—
WAIT!
I—
ER...
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT —!!
.....
What am I saying?
I WAS CALLING BECAUSE I WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.


That's right, it's Monday!
He's not home yet...
I'M HOME —
I become resentful...?
Why is it that the nicer he treats me, the more
I need to break this habit of wholeheartedly devoting myself only to him. It makes me feel pathetic and weak...
I need a shower!
Argh!
What I want...
I haven't slept in days...
Should I take a nap ...?
Without Steve, the house seems strangely empty...
WHIMPER—
PFFT
How cute—
To think, he has been patiently waiting for me like a faithful dog...
with dinner ready ...

...is to able to live for myself!
Fwwsh
How can I make Steve see
this me that I want to change...
pop
HI, HON—
What "Hon"!?
JUST NOW.
Oh Nice View
So pretty pur
WOAH!
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK!?

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WHEN DID YOU GET BACK!?

COVER

LEMME OUT FIRST!!

I'M TAKING IT OFF NOW.

WHY? Let's take it together.

I've seen you naked.

BUT HE LOOKS ANYWAY.

WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON!?

TAKING A SHOWER.

JUST NOW— HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

It's crowded in here!

KLANK

NO! IT'S NOT OK!!

OK?

I'LL BE DONE IN A JIFFY,

OH, C'MON!

Now my pants.

GET THE HELL OUT

BLOCKING THE EXIT!

PEAL

BECAUSE I'M DONE TAKING MINE!

LEMME OUT BEFORE YOU STRIP!!!

DEAR GOD!

YOU WERE GONE FOR 6 DAYS YET YOU'RE SO COLD TO ME?

DON'T I DESERVE A WARM EMBRACE?

Here!

hug

NOT WHEN WE'RE BOTH NAKED IN THE SHOWER!

...WHY BOTHER WITH A TUB WHEN A SHOWER WILL DO JUST FINE.

The tub is right over there!

WHY MUST YOU CROWD IN THIS TINY SHOWER WITH ME!?

I'LL SETTLE FOR A LITTLE NECKING THEN!
Hey! Stop poking me!
AH ...
NNN!
WAIT!
YOU SAID NECKING! HEY, DON'T PUT IT IN!
NNN!
HAH!
I WON'T, I WON'T ...
AH...

HEE HEE ...
HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING ANXIOUSLY ?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CUM!
AUGH
AH!
ha
AH!
ha—
AH ...
ha—
.....
NOT AT ALL!
ha—
UGH!
AAAH!
AH!
STOP —
UGH!
OH, YES, YOU HAVE!
SEE?
NO, I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!
.....
AAH!
UGH!

FSSSS
.....
AH...
UGH!
PAT PAT PAT
SHAKE SHAKE
OH
YOU'LL SEE.
SHAVING CREAM
SHAVER
...WHAT THE?
THUD
IS THAT SO?
I TOLD YOU BEFORE! THAT'S FINAL!!
WOAH
I'M NOT ASKING FOR PERMIS-SION.
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU DON'T HAVE MY PERMISSION!
NO...
ABSOLUTELY NOT!

NO! I'LL HATE IT!!
OH, C'MON! GIVE IT A TRY! YOU MIGHT LIKE IT.
SHOVE
I SWEAR I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS!
STEVE !!
PUSH
.....
IT'S CROWDED IN HERE SO HOLD STILL.
I don't want you to get hurt.
BAM
bang

I—
I can't move!
He got me pinned!
YOU DIDN'T COME HOME FOR DAYS WITHOUT A WORD... SUCH INCONSIDERATE ACTION...
DESERVES PUNISHMENT!
Here
I'LL START WITH SHAVING YOUR FRONT CLEAN!
!!
Slide
HOLD STILL!
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO NICK YOUR VITAL, DO YOU?
SCRAPE
OH DEAR GOD...
NOOOOO! It's offensive to think of God right now!
Sob Sob

HIC...
NNN!
HIC
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
JOLT
HERE ...
HAH!
Don't you dare go there...
HIC
Judging by its reaction.
But your body says otherwise!
...YOU REALLY HATE IT?
AND I CAN SEE EVERY DETAIL!
AH!
SEE HOW EXCITED I MADE YOU?
AH!
JOLT
JOLT
AH!
AHHH!
JOLT
STOP!
WHICH IS WHY I HATE IT!
Why do I feel such resentment over devoting my life
Was it really wrong to
love you unconditionally?

Then why should loving you above all else make me pathetic and weak?

AAAAAH

AH!

AHHHH!

HIC

HIC

What should I do to get back that feeling without losing myself...?

SOB

SOB

UGH

SOB

SNIFF...

UMM

OI...

ERIC?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU REALLY HATE IT THAT MUCH?

I NEVER MEANT TO UPSET YOU. OKAY, I'LL STOP!

for the warmth of your embraces, the laughters we share, and just being with you...

like the way we were back then?

Wasn't that the greatest love of all!?

.....
SO? WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THAT?
...I DON'T HATE IT.
...IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION,
I'M THE HAPPIEST WHEN YOU'RE IN MY ARMS DAY AND NIGHT!
I JUST HATE THE FACT THAT I CAN'T DENY YOU ANYTHING!
BUT I CAN'T STAND IT!
HOW WE LOVE EACH OTHER SHOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
WHY WOULD I THINK THAT ...?
I DON'T LIKE BEING THIS PATHETIC!!
DON'T YOU THINK THIS A PROBLEM!?

FOR ME ... EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU,
BE IT PATHETIC OR OTHERWISE, I LOVE THEM ALL!
NO MATTER HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF, MY FEELINGS WON'T EVER CHANGE!
ISN'T THAT WHAT MATTERS?
I

our purpose in life!
Is it really alright to live just for each other...?
SO STOP WORRYING ABOUT IT!
Including
Steve—
has it all figured out!
LIKE THIS!
Everything!

THANKS,
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.
FLICK
...In the end,
he shaved everything!
THOUGH, IT'S WEIRD TO FEEL YOUR HAIR THERE!
.....
.....
In a blind panic
gasp
AND IT FEELS AMAZING ...
HEHE, I'M GLAD YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
—I THOUGHT
LOVING YOU UNCONDI-TIONALLY
MAKES ME WEAK AND PATHETIC...
BARELY ... I FELT LIKE I DIED AND WAS REBORN SEVERAL TIMES... I'M SURE I'M AT MY LAST AFTERLIFE!

WHICH IS HOW I ALWAYS SEE YOU!
INSTEAD ... IT REALLY SHOWS HOW STRONG OF A PERSON YOU REALLY ARE.
THOUGH I MUST SAY,
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN LOVE AND SEDUCE YOU TO DISTRACTION LIKE I CAN!
SO, DON'T EVEN TRY TO COMPETE WITH ME!
END

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TSURU GIKAI
THIS IS MY 9TH BOOK!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
THIS STARTED AS A LONG ONESHOT
BUT LATER ON BECAME A SERIES.
THANK YOU MY READERS!
I'LL KEEP DOING MY BEST!♥

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My Life With You
I've never seen you so mad,
But with the sun casting a golden glow behind you,
you're quivering in anger-while your eyes are shimmering with tears.
you look like an avenging angel
who descended from heaven!

how beautiful you really are!
That's when I realize
My Life With You
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U.S. Special Ops
THIS IS DR. ERIC STUART.
The first time I saw your face was four years ago
in a snapshot.
I CALLED YOU HERE TO FORM A TASKFORCE TO RESCUE HIM.
UNTIL JUST RECENTLY! WE GOT HIS SOS FROM LIBYA.
HE HAS BEEN MISSING FOR 5 YEARS. WE HAD NOT HEARD FROM HIM
THIS IS A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED OPERATION. THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE TEAM TO A MINIMUM.
YOUR MISSION IS TO INFILTRATE LIBYA'S MILITARY BASE AND RECOVER THE HOSTAGE.

PEREGRINE!
CROW!
YOU TWO WILL BE THE INFILTRATING TEAM!

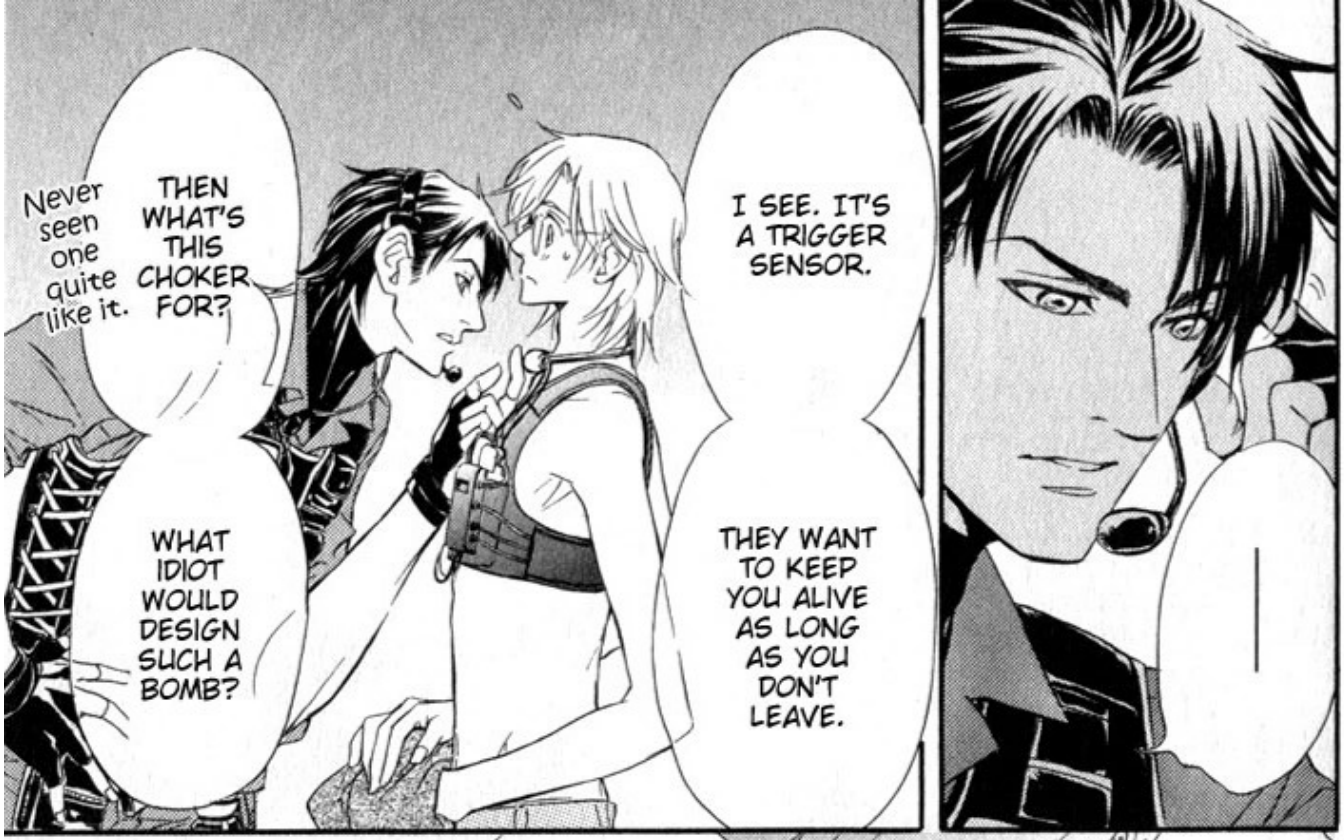
THE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR OPERATION ARE IN THE FILES! READ IT CAREFULLY! DISMISSED!
YESSIR!!
AND YOU TWO WILL BE THEIR BACKUP!

I don't get it, Condor, why weren't you in the infiltrating team?
Shouldn't this be a CIA mission?
You have the most experience in this area.
Hahaha
But I'm not fluent in Arabic!
Who cares! A mission is a mission!

Isn't he rather young to be a doc?
Though the picture was from 5 years ago, right?
Don't be fooled by his appearance,
we're talking about a guy who hacked through the highest security in any system!
He was able to send out an SOS and provided us with critical data
such as the layout of the enemy's fortress and communication systems.
Indeed!
It was all thanks to his accurate data that we were able to pinpoint his exact location!
The only trouble was dodging the numerous guards!

JOLT
DR. ERIC STUART!
STAY CALM! I'M FROM THE SPECIAL OPS.
Hya!
...WE'RE GETTING YOU OUTTA HERE!
OUT...?
WE RECEIVED YOUR SOS.
...REALLY?
REALLY!
WELL, IT DIDN'T. AS YOU CAN SEE WE'VE COME TO YOUR RESCUE,
DR. STUART!
Despite all the obstacles!
...THEY CAUGHT ME WHILE I WAS SENDING IT...
I THOUGHT IT FAILED!

CROW?
Roger that! Moving toward location now!
ZAA-
ZAA-
CROW REPORTING. TARGET LOCATED IN C2-4.
CROW!
...JUST CALL ME ERIC.
AND YOU ARE?
What the hell!?
Whoa!
PE-EL
IT'S A RULE NOT TO USE OUR REAL NAMES...
IT'S MY CODE NAME! WHILE IN A MISSION,
IF I LEAVE THE PREMISES, THE SENSOR WILL TRIGGER THIS BOMB... AND BOOM!
MR. CROW,
WE HAVE A PROBLEM.


Never seen one quite like it.
THEN WHAT'S THIS CHOKER FOR?
WHAT IDIOT WOULD DESIGN SUCH A BOMB?
I SEE. IT'S A TRIGGER SENSOR.
THEY WANT TO KEEP YOU ALIVE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T LEAVE.
—

THEN THIS CHOKER WON'T WORK.
AH, BUT IF I DISABLE THE SENSOR,
You know, one wrong move and we're both dead!
ARE YOU POSITIVE ?!
YOU SURE YOU CAN DO IT?!
IT CAN'T BE RIPPED! OTHERWISE, IT'D SHOOT A LONG NEEDLE AND KILL ME.
MY COLLEAGUES AND I DID.
OOPS, SORRY!
AND PROGRAM-MED...
SO IT CAN'T BE HACKED.
IT'S ALSO WIRED TO THE BOMB.

TRUST ME...
THIS IS MY MISSION!
I'LL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE!

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!
THEN ...
IT'S A DEAL!

Doc, it's me!
slide

!?
TAP
TAP
TAP

GRAB
Just want to say hi and check on you.
...What do you want?
...Well, well! What do we have here!
Oi! You won't tell the colonel, will you!?
The colonel is already hopping mad!
That's why he ordered me to see you.
Don't tell me you're trying to take it off?
LET GO!!
You should know better than anyone that it can't be hacked.

Executing my order, of course!
We're getting pressured from the U.N. to release you. They said if we don't, they would retaliate.
...Hey! What're you doing!
THEN LET ME GO!
Hold still or you're gonna get hurt even more!
F...Fine!
You know I can always just shoot your knees if you want.
Your choice!

B...But please take off this choker!!
It's freaking me out that it might go off by accident...
Sorry, no can do!
PLEASE!!
I'll do anything you say!
I'm just too scared for my life!
So scared...
KLINK
...Thanks.

Hmm!
As promised,
tell me what you want me to do.
Take off your pants and put your hands on the wall...
Sorry to spoil your fun,
but this party's over!
—what the...
THUD
WHAM
YOU...
Urgh!
Ah!

YOU DID GREAT!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
HEY, YOU OK?
CAN YOU STAND?
WE CAN LEAVE NOW! THE BOMB IS DISABLED!
DR...

Until then,

I didn't realize

how delicate this man really was.

In order to survive,

he must have endured a slew of humiliation.

He had finally reached his limit fighting for world peace!

ERIC...

In that instant, I decided to tell him my real name.

MY NAME IS STEVE.

STEVEN MCDANIEL.

BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE.
I was so focus on the mission I almost missed the big picture.
He had reminded me
.....
OK, STEVE.
I PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE!
that we must stop this war,
because it had already ruined so many lives!

THERE YOU ARE, STEVE!
From then on,
he became my trusted comrade!
TODAY, TOMORROW, OR 5 YEARS FROM NOW, AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, SO AM I!
I WORK HERE!
Oi!
WHAT "YO"?! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR 5 DAYS, AND THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?!
YO, ERIC.
.....
WHY?
WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE TO THE BASE?

Now,
I'M DOING RESEARCH IN SATELLITE IMAGE PROCESSING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS!
SO I LEFT MY POST IN DARPA*...
I GOT QUALIFIED AS AN OPERATOR IN THE GROUND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
IN ORDER TO WORK IN THE SAME BASE AS YOU,
whis tle~
WHAT CAN I SAY! I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS!
*DARPA = DEFENSE ADVANCE RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY
SO I...
THAT'S IT!
OH...
WELL, YOU DID SAVE ME...
DAMN!!
THAT DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT!

AT LEAST TO ME, YOU'RE MY HERO!
YOU'RE A HERO!
HERO?!
You should see me in my nightmares I'm nothing more than a pitiful, sniveling coward!
Only because you saw me as a brave and proud soldier
in the battlefield.
That's the real me!

I REALLY DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY.

Yikes!
COMING!
Doc— it's time for the meeting—

AH, OK...
WELL, I'LL SEE YA AROUND, ERIC.

LET'S MEET AGAIN TOMORROW!
LATER!
—BYE, STEVE! SEE YA LATER!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

and so innocent ...
Awww, ain't that sweet —
Actually, I was just as excited to see him, if not more!

AHA HA HA
Yup, totally
Totally changed my perspective about scientists—
YEAH...
Right?
For a civilian!
Oh, let's not forget gutsy...

WAIT UNTIL THE GIRLS HEAR ABOUT THIS!
AMAZING!

SO, THIS IS MY LAB!
WHISTLE
THEY REALLY DID GIVE YOU EVERYTHING!
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY WANT ME TO DEVOTE EVERY SECOND TO THE NEW WEAPON...

.....
ER...

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF!
OI! OI!
STEVE ...
I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU...
BUT... I'M NOT INTERESTED IN WOMEN.
SO...
I HAVE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT HOW YOU WOULD REACT IF YOU FIND OUT...
YOU SURE?
R...
REALLY?

IT'S BEEN WEIGHING HEAVILY IN MY MIND...
I WAS SO AFRAID YOU WOULD SHUN ME!
...HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?
.....
SILLY!
Eric, you're giving me more credit than I deserve.
I'm not half the man you think I am!
You haven't seen the side of me in my nightmares... the one who begs for his life every night!

If he's not talking, kill him.
He's no use to us!
Oi! There's a change of plan!
Well then, this is your last interrogation!
For the first time, I prayed I would die quickly!
Let me die!
I WANT TO DIE...
KILL ME!
SOMEBODY
Let me die!
KILL ME!

hah.
hah.
hah.
hah.
...
I'M JUST A SNIVELING COWARD!
SOME HERO!
That's the reason why...

I go to battles— to prove myself!

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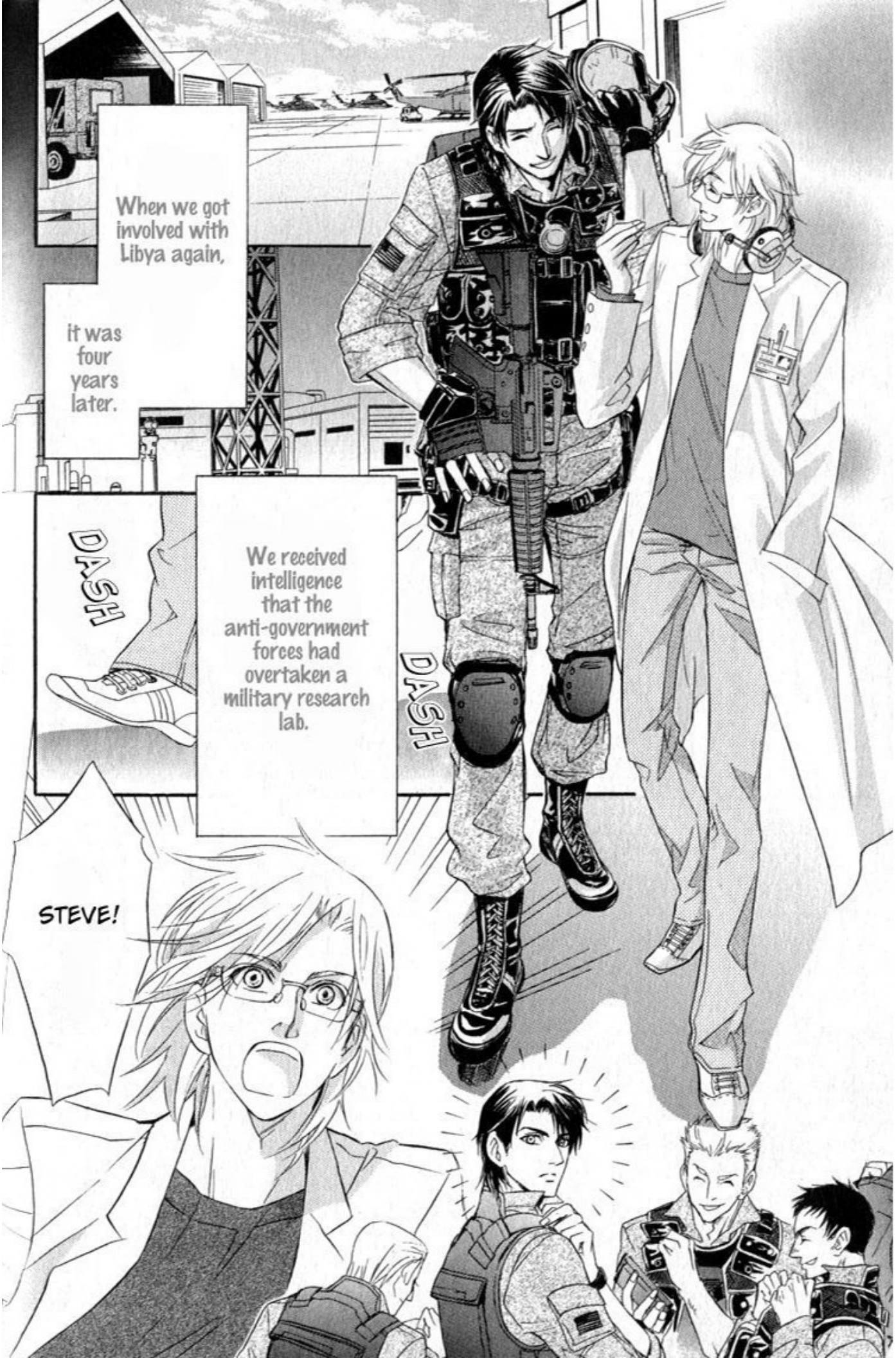

When we got involved with Libya again,
it was four years later.
DASH
We received intelligence that the anti-government forces had overtaken a military research lab.
DASH
STEVE!

What in the world happened?
Are they sending you guys back to Libya?!
Dunno what you're talking about!
Besides this is out of your jurisdiction, isn't it?
Don't give me that! I was there too, remember?!
This isn't merely eradicating the terrorists, is it?!
OUCH! HEY, THAT HURTS!
Ow! Ow!
I don't want to give you the wrong information. Why don't you just wait for the briefing?
BUT THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP! TELL ME NOW!
...YOU TOLD ME YOUR REAL NAME THERE, REMEMBER?
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE SO CUTE BACK THEN...
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
ME? NOPE!

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!
OI! OI! C'MON!
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
I KNOW!
I HAVE NO SAY ON YOUR ORDERS!
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, IT'S ALWAYS A BATTLEFIELD!
AND I'VE NO CONTROL OVER IT!
PROMISE ME!
BUT, IF YOU REALLY GET INTO TROUBLE, YOU MUST CONTACT ME!

DON'T WORRY, ERIC!
WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
I CAN FACE ANY ENEMY!

DID YOU FORGET? I'M YOUR HERO.
I'LL BE FINE!

you're anxious because it's Libya again.
...YEAH, MAYBE.

LET ME DO WHAT A HERO DOES,
OK?
THINK OF IT AS JUST ANOTHER MISSION.
... PERHAPS,

I KNOW!
I LOVE YOU, STEVE!
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!
NO! I MEAN,
I
I WON'T ASK YOU TO FIGHT FOR ME.
BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU COME BACK TO ME!
PLEASE ... FOR MY SAKE!

YES...

YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD,

FOR YOU,

MY MOST IMPORTANT COMRADE!

ERIC!

.....

FOR REASSURING ME...

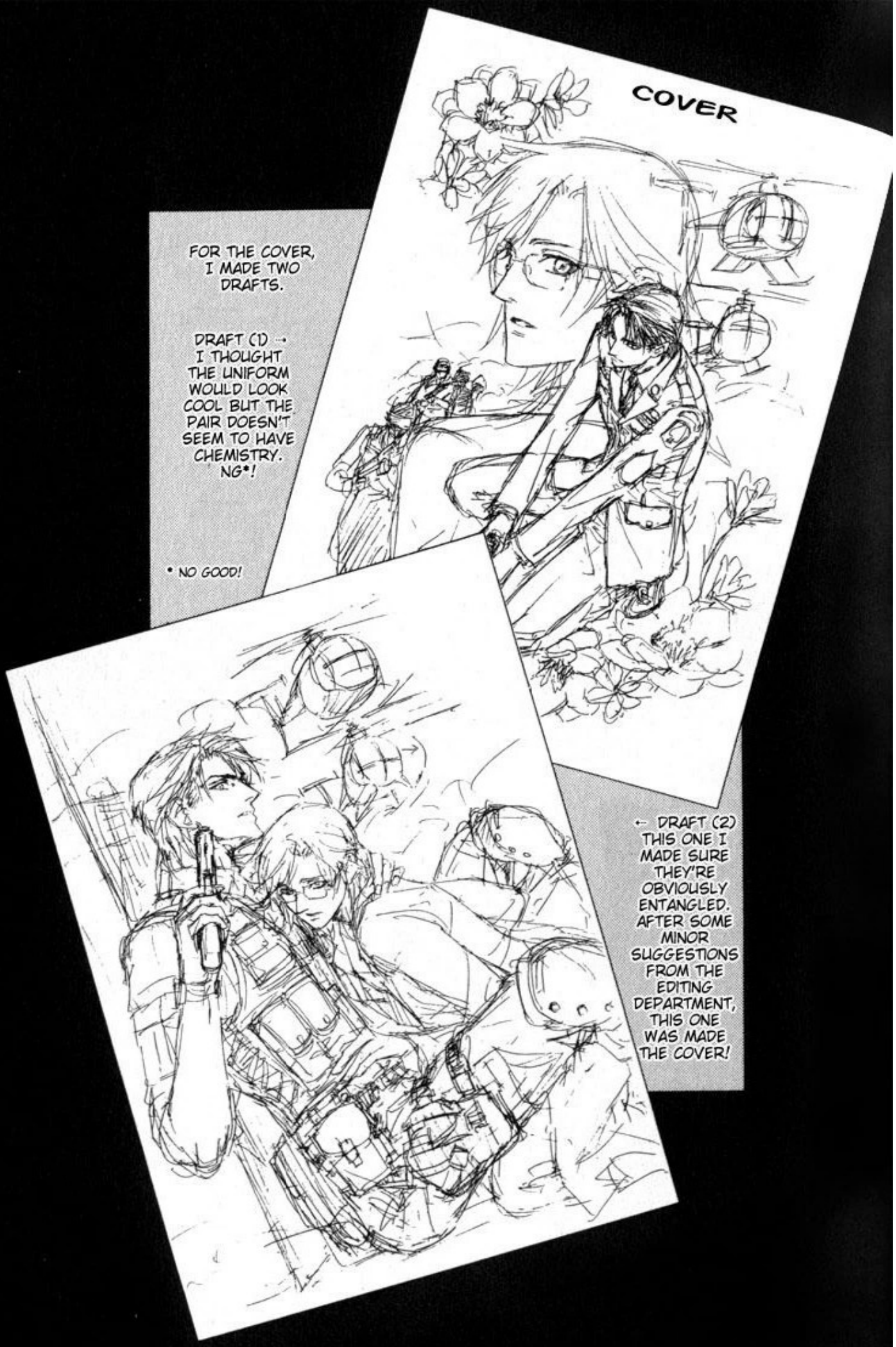
THANK YOU!

I WILL RETURN SAFELY!

However,

I PROMISE!

neither of us foreseen this mission would change our lives forever —


COVER
FOR THE COVER, I MADE TWO DRAFTS.
DRAFT (1) → I THOUGHT THE UNIFORM WOULD LOOK COOL BUT THE PAIR DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE CHEMISTRY. NG*!
* NO GOOD!
← DRAFT (2) THIS ONE I MADE SURE THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY ENTANGLED. AFTER SOME MINOR SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EDITING DEPARTMENT, THIS ONE WAS MADE THE COVER!

PINUP(1)
I MADE THESE TWO SKETCHES WHILE I WAS CONSTRUCTING THE COVER PAGE. I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE USED FOR THE PINUP INSERTS, SO I WENT FOR BROKE AND SHOWED A LOT OF SKIN...
↑
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS ONE IF IT'S IN COLOR?
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE GUTS TO FINISH THIS ONE...
→
PINUP(2)

KLUNK
KLUNK
KLUNK
STEVE! THE CLIFF IS COMING UP...
YOU GOTTA JUMP OUT NOW
OR YOU'LL GET BLOWN UP WITH THE JEEP!!
KLUNK
KLUNK
KLUNK
YEAH, I SEE IT!
TIME'S UP! JUMP, NOW!!

JUMP!!
STEVE! ARE YOU OK!?
.....
STEVE!
YOU'RE IN A DESERT! SOON, THE SUN WILL BE UP, THAT PLACE WILL TURN INTO AN OVEN!
IT'S DAWN!
All thanks to that man in my nightmares—
I was left without a single weapon!
The mission was a complete failure.
Not only that...

ERIC...
Am I gonna die without knowing how it would feel like to embrace you?
Where am I?
Is this a dream?
I really should have done it that time...
STEVE, ARE YOU LISTENING!? YOU NEED TO FIND SHADE!
STEVE!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ERIC?

WHAT'S WRONG?
LEMME ...
I'M... BUSY... I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW ...
NOTHING! DON'T COME IN HERE!
DON'T COME...
.....
DON'T LOOK AT ME...
PLEASE ...
STAY AWAY FROM ME!
WHAT THE HELL —!

WHO DID THIS ...?
NOTHING HAPPENED ...
NOBODY!
SHAKE
WHO THE FUCK DID THIS TO YOU!!
YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS NOTHING!! BUT I DON'T!!
HOW COULD YOU EVEN SAY NOTHING HAPPENED...
SHIT!

WHAT ELSE COULD I DO BESIDES PRETEND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!?
WH—
TH— THEY THINK I'M FAIR GAME!!
I'M A MAN BUT I WASN'T BORN MANLY LIKE YOU!
—HOW CAN I FIGHT THEM OFF!?
DAMN BASTARDS!
FUCK THEM ALL!!

ERIC...
NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO THIS TO YOU WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT!
THOSE BASTARDS WHO DID THIS TO YOU...
I'LL BEAT THEM TO A BLOODY PULP UNTIL THEY BEG FOR MERCY!
TELL ME WHO DID THIS!
.....
NO!
THANK YOU FOR STICKING UP FOR ME...
I WON'T TELL YOU WHO THEY ARE...
ERIC, DON'T WORRY! IT'S OK FOR YOU TO TELL ME!
I REALLY DO AP-PRECIATE IT!
BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGIVE MYSELF IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU...

ERIC!
STEVE, IT'S OK...
YOUR FRIENDSHIP IS ALL I NEED!
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU SAVED ME!
YOU MUST REALLY BE... DISGUSTED WITH ME NOW...
IDIOT! DISGUST IS THE LAST THING ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW!
YOU BIG IDIOT...
In retrospect,
YOU IDIOT!
I BET YOU WON'T LOOK AT ME THE SAME ANYMORE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED.

Then I won't have this feeling of regret!
I really should have embraced you back then like I wanted to!
I didn't know anyone could look so beautiful...
Ahhh... What a stunning sight!
STEVE!
PLEASE DON'T DIE! IF YOU DIE...
I'LL DIE WITH YOU!

Why are you crying...?

Aren't you embracing me now?

I'm sorry I can't embrace you back...

...

STEVE, I LOVE YOU!

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

Since when, Eric...?

Since when

had I fallen in love with you...?

STEVE,
HOW COME I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU GO OUT WITH ANY GIRLS.
BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
BUT HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO FIND THE RIGHT WOMAN IF YOU DON'T?
DON'T YOU THINK...
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO SETTLE DOWN?
HEY, ERIC!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
MY MOTHER ?
SORRY I ALREADY HAVE ONE AND SHE EVEN KNOWS TO BUTT OUT ABOUT WHOM I SLEEP WITH!
HAVE I EVER BUGGED YOU ABOUT WHO OR WHEN OR HOW MANY YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH!?
BLUSH
.....
W-WELL ...
NO, YOU NEVER DID!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CARE
WHOM I SLEEP WITH ANYWAY ...!

HEY! WAIT!
SORRY FOR BEING CONCERN ABOUT YOUR HAPPINESS! HOW IDIOTIC OF ME...
PARDON ME! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED!
IF YOU MUST KNOW, I'M DIVORCED!
WITHOUT KID...
LET GO!
IT'S OK.
AFTER THE DIVORCE ...
I'M...
I'VE LOST INTEREST IN WOMEN.
SORRY ...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE PRIED...
REALLY ...!?

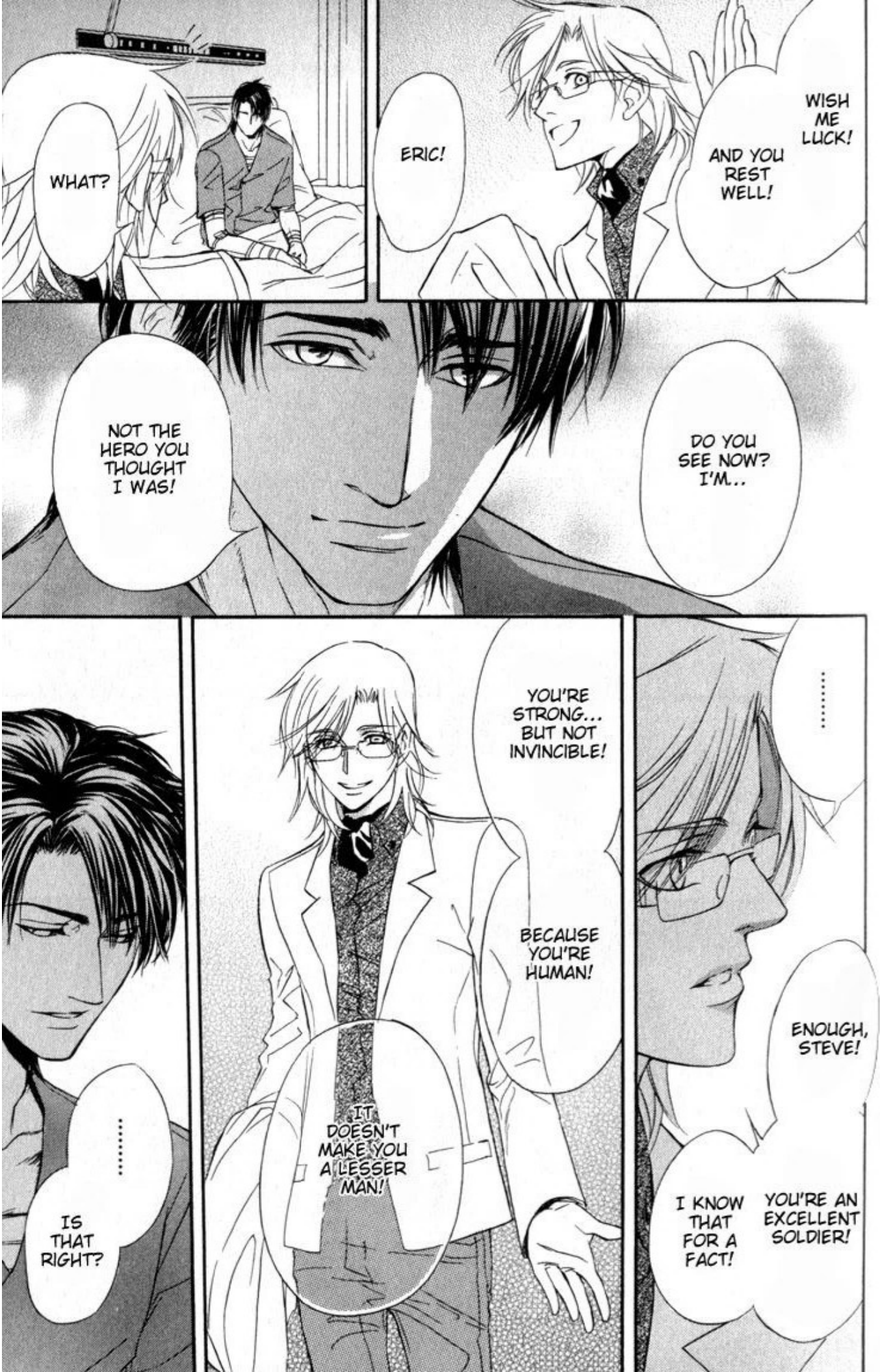
BUT STEVE ...
WHAT IF THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO LOVES YOU?
YOU'RE CLOSING YOURSELF OFF TO FINDING TRUE LOVE!
I
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT...
ER...
.....
.....
SOMETHING GOOD?
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING OF?
WHAT'S WITH THAT CHEESY SMILE?

.....
ABOUT THE LAST TIME YOU SAID I MIGHT BE TURNING AWAY SOMEONE WHO LOVES ME. DID YOU MEAN YOURSELF?
HAHA... I WAS THINKING
OF COURSE, I REMEMBER!
SO, YOU DO REMEMBER!
WHAT BROUGHT THAT ON ALL OF A SUDDEN?
YOU HAVE WAY TOO MUCH TIME IN YOUR HANDS!
OI...
LET'S LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS.
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOU SHOULDN'T RUIN YOUR CHANCE OF FINDING LOVE AGAIN.
I STILL HOPE THAT ONE DAY YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE YOU'LL CHERISH!
EVEN NOW...

*AN ANCIENT SYMBOL DEPICTING A SERPENT OR DRAGON SWALLOWING ITS OWN TAIL AND FORMING A CIRCLE

Somehow... they found out my identity!
CRUSH
Back then... I wasn't in the Special Ops yet, but a mere field agent gathering intelligence.
This went on for about a week... I knew my chances of survival was null.
And then...
OI! FLEDGLING ...
WHAT A PITY YOU DIDN'T DIE! THE INTERROGATION MAKES DEATH A MUCH KINDER OPTION.
they finally broke me! I could no longer bear the pressure and torture!
As my ex-wife's face appeared in my mind...
IF he's not talking, kill him. He's no use to us!
At that moment,

I didn't want to die...
SO I...
...EVEN THOUGH, THEY GOT BLOWN UP BEFORE THEY COULD USE THE INFORMATION I LEAKED...
TALKED ...
* "OU" MEANS "NOTHING" IN GREEK, "-TOPOS" MEANS "PLACE".
OUTOPOS?
DOES HE HAVE SOME KINDA TATTOO ON HIS THROAT?
—I'VE HEARD OF THAT!
FLEDGLING ...
YOU'RE NOT BEFITTING FOR OUTOPOS*!
IT DIDN'T CHANGE THE FACT
THAT I BETRAYED MY COMRADES AND MY COUNTRY!
I'LL START DIGGING THERE!
WHILE I WAS A PRISONER IN LIBYA IN THE COLONEL'S PALACE!
THAT'S IT! I HAD SEEN IT
Like this!
YES, IT'S A SNAKE FORMED IN A CIRCLE WITH SOME WRITING IN THE CENTER...


WHAT?
ERIC!
WISH ME LUCK!
AND YOU REST WELL!
NOT THE HERO YOU THOUGHT I WAS!
DO YOU SEE NOW? I'M..
IS THAT RIGHT?
IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A LESSER MAN!
BECAUSE YOU'RE HUMAN!
YOU'RE STRONG... BUT NOT INVINCIBLE!
ENOUGH, STEVE!
I KNOW THAT FOR A FACT!
YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT SOLDIER!

IN FACT,
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
Hey! Now wait a sec!
BUT...
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU LESS IN LOVE WITH ME?
NOW THAT YOU'VE ALSO SHOWN ME YOUR VUL-NERABLE SIDE!
LOVE YOU EVEN MORE
TO THE CONTRARY,
IT ONLY MAKES ME
AND BE GOOD!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
I GOTTA GO!
...OI!
AND IT CAME FROM MY BEST FRIEND!
If that isn't a love confes-sion then I don't know what is!

But this is not something to be taken lightly!
And I swear to God, I have no interest in men!
I thought his feelings were just hero worship.
DOES HE REALLY MEAN IT...?
I must give him a sincere answer in return!
had summoned his courage to confess his feelings to me,
My best friend
WHAT'S WITH THE FORMAL ATTIRE?
HEY, STEVE!
YOU'RE FINALLY DISCHARGED! CONGRATS!
I'VE FOUND MY TRUE LOVE!
TO REPORT... MY FINDINGS!
I'M SEEING SOMEONE WHO'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME
FINDINGS ?

WHEN WILL YOU INTRODUCE ME?
I... I'VE NO IDEA!
W... WOW!
YOU ALREADY KNOW THE PERSON WELL.
BECAUSE IT'S YOU!
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

...
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
OI!
DO I LOOK LIKE I'M KIDDING?
fling
CALM DOWN!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT! YOU TOTALLY CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD!?
DIDN'T YOU MEAN IT WHEN YOU SAID YOU LOVE ME? OR WERE YOU KIDDING?
I DID MEAN IT! BUT, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE STRAIGHT!
...ERIC,
DO YOU LOVE ME?
STILL?
YES...
BUT I NEVER EXPECTED FOR YOU TO LOVE ME BACK.
HUH?
Beg your pardon?
YOU SAID!

YOU'RE CONFUSING FRIENDSHIP WITH LOVE!
I THINK!
I JUST NEVER TOLD YOU...
ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
THAT...
YES, I DID... YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND AND MORE!
I'M YOUR BEST FRIEND!!
BACK OFF...
THEN WHY DID YOU CONFESS?
NO! YOU LISTEN!!
I DID CONFESS TO YOU BUT I DIDN'T WANT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHANGE!
Listen, you blockhead!
NO, ERIC, I'M NOT!
THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO LOVE YOU.
WANT YOU TO KNOW
...I JUST

DAMMIT, STEVE!
AND I'M FINALLY GONNA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
...OI!
I LOVE YOU, TOO!
... SAME HERE!
STOP IT...
MFF!
NGH!
!

JUST WITH A KISS!
LIAR! YOU ALMOST CAME!
NO! YOU'RE LOUSY!
HEY... WAS IT GOOD?
WHAT THE HELL!!
WHOA ... I JUST KISSED A GUY!
WITHOUT EVEN GETTING EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED!
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU, BUT YET YOU FORCED YOURSELF ON ME
Y...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO COMPLICATE IT WITH A PHYSICALLY ENTANGLE-MENT?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THIS!?
OUR RELATION-SHIP WAS WORKING PERFECTLY!!
WHAT THE HELL!
That's bullshit!

OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL NEVER CHANGE!
THAT'S WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME!
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, REGARDLESS WHERE YOUR MISSIONS TAKE YOU, OR EVEN IF YOU GET A GIRL-FRIEND,
AS LONG AS WE'RE LIVING,
YES, YOU!
BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD THAT I TRUST!
ALTHOUGH, I HAVE TO ADMIT...
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT YOU,
ERIC,
OUR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE WILL NOT CHANGE ANYTHING!
TO ME, THERE'S NO ONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ME AT ALL! FOR ALL YOU KNOW I COULD BE SLEEPING WITH ANY GUY IN THE STREET!
I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD YOU TRUST?

WHY? DID I STRIKE A NERVE?
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!
...YOU'VE NEVER ONCE TRIED TO GET TO KNOW THE REAL ME!
NOW YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME?
ERIC!
...I MIGHT NOT HAVE EVERYTHING SORTED OUT
BUT I DO KNOW I WANT TO HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU!
STEVE, YOU BETTER RETHINK THIS RATIO-NALLY!
THIS IS NOT LIKE MEASLES THAT YOU CAN DEVELOP IMMUNITY TO ONCE YOU HAVE IT.
WHY CAN'T WE JUST STAY FRIENDS?
I'M SORRY ...
BUT I SIMPLY CAN'T RISK LOSING WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE.

WELL...
LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.
I'M NOT GIVING UP ON THIS.
I don't understand.
Then why
We'll never find others like the two of us.
We're both willing to sacrifice everything for our love, so why can't we be together?
Aren't we both longing for the same dream and fighting for the same cause?
wouldn't you accept my love?
Or...
Are we going to spend the rest of our lives yearning for each other?
is your so-called love is nothing more than a mere exaggeration?

Damn! This is killing me!
MORNING, STEVE.
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND YET?
NO!
WHEN WILL YOU STOP ASKING?
UNTIL YOU ACCEPT ME, OF COURSE.
...YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME THAT BAD?
AREN'T YOU THE SAME?
THAT WAS BEFORE!
GIMME A CHANCE AND I'LL REKINDLE THE PASSION.
STEVE!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! DO YOU WANT ME TO HATE YOU!?
I WANT YOU TO ACCEPT ME.
DON'T YOU HAVE A MISSION TO ATTEND TO?
SORRY TO DISAP-POINT YOU, BUT TODAY IS MY DAY OFF.

.....
YOU'RE SOME PIECE OF WORK YOU KNOW THAT!
But I promise I'll behave.
I'LL JUST SHADOW YOU ALL DAY.
YOU KNOW I'M A TRAINED STALKER!
THAT'S THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES.
HEY, DON'T WORRY! I WON'T COME INTO YOUR HOUSE UNINVITED.
...WILL YOU STOP IT! YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT!
HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU LIVE AND I'LL WAIT FOR YOU THERE INSTEAD TO BID YOU GOODNIGHT.
See! That's what I'm saying you don't think before you talk!
THIS COMING FROM THE SAME PERSON WHO FORCIBLY KISSED ME LAST TIME.
OH YEAH?
Ouch
.....
YOU KNOW THAT!
I'LL NEVER FORCE MYSELF ON YOU!
YOU'D HAVE ME ALL TWISTED UP INSIDE AGAIN.
I'M AFRAID ...
BLIP

THAT WAS...
I MEAN ...
I'M SORRY!
YOU CAUGHT ME AT MY WEAK MOMENT. I GOT DESPERATE!
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME!
...I'M DEEPLY ASHAMED OF MY ACTION, YOU KNOW!

SO YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN?
THAT'S RIGHT!
NOT EVER!
SO YOU'LL QUIT BAD-GERING ME
AND FIND YOURSELF A NICE WOMAN INSTEAD?
SORRY, I CAN'T DO THAT!

NICE WOMEN, EASY WOMEN, THEY WON'T DO FOR ME!
YOU'RE ALL I NEED.
...I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE.

—SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME SO FIXATED ON ME?
.....
NEXT THING I KNOW, THERE YOU WERE SPITTING MAD AND CRYING.
SCOLDING ME THAT IF I DIE, YOU'D DIE, TOO.
WHEN ...?
THAT TIME, WHILE I WAS LYING IN THE DESERT WAITING FOR DEATH TO COME, YOUR FACE FLASHED IN MY MIND...
YEAH AND I ALMOST BROKE THAT PROMISE!
JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON EVERYTHING, THERE YOU WERE. IT MADE ME REALIZE AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, I HAVE EVERY-THING TO LIVE FOR!
WHICH IS THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE...
AM I MAKING ANY SENSE?
I... I WOULDN'T LET YOU GIVE UP SO EASILY!
BESIDES, YOU MADE A PROMISE TO RETURN TO ME, REMEMBER?

AS YOU HELD ME IN YOUR ARMS, I KNEW I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE.
I JUST REALIZED THAT I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...
AND I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO SEE OUR LOVE FLOURISH!
I MEAN...
HOW SHOULD I SAY IT?
I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!
—I'M ALREADY HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW.
MY FEELINGS FOR ME WILL NEVER CHANGE.
I KNOW I'M COMPLICATING MATTERS BETWEEN US,
AND IT'S NOT MY INTENTION TO RUIN YOUR CURRENT HAPPINESS.
...BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW
MAYBE.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE? THERE'S NO GUARANTEE.

BUT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL ALWAYS REMAIN THE SAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
IF IT'S GOOD OR BAD, I STILL DON'T KNOW.
BUT I GUESS OUR RELATIONSHIP IS ALREADY CHANGING.
YOU HAD BEEN LIKE A DREAM TO ME...
AND JUST AS UNATTAINABLE.
NEVER MIND... IT'S MY PROBLEM!
STEVE,
WE ALL LIVE TO FOLLOW OUR DREAMS. THEY'RE OUR MOTIVATION IN LIFE.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I GRASP IT, ONLY TO LOSE IT LATER?
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO CHANGE?
THEN SUDDENLY, THAT DREAM IS WITHIN MY GRASP. WHAT DO I DO?
AS ECSTATIC AS I AM OF IT I'M ALSO EQUALLY AFRAID...
DARE I REACH OUT FOR IT?

SO, INSTEAD OF EMBRACING YOUR DREAM,
YOU'RE AFRAID OF IT?!
YEAH, SO WHAT?
THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU CAN'T CHANGE NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY! LIKE I CAN NEVER GO OUT WITH A WOMAN.
JUST LIKE I CAN NEVER HAVE CHILDREN NO MATTER HOW BAD I WANT THEM!
...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WANT KIDS.
YEAH, YOU BET!
ISN'T THAT WHAT PEOPLE NORMALLY WANT?
WELL, EXCEPT MY EX-WIFE!
THAT'S TOO BAD... I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
HERE.

...I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
I COULDN'T HELP FEELING DEFEATED.
WHEN I FOUND OUT MY DREAM CAN'T BE REALIZED ...
...YEAH,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE UP.
YOU MIGHT FEEL DEFEATED
EVERYONE ... IS THE SAME WAY.
RIGHT NOW, WHAT'S MEANINGFUL TO ME...
IT'S DESPAIRING.
FEELING "MEANINGLESS" IS! IT'S LIKE FIGHTING A WAR THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN.
YOU DON'T THINK SO?
ACTUALLY FEELING DEFEATED ISN'T THE END OF THE WORLD.

EVEN HELL DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD IF I COULD BE WITH YOU.
IS TO BE BOUND TO YOU...
HAHA...
...SHALL WE GIVE IT A TRY?

.....
NNN ...
fu
SEE...?
HUH...?
ISN'T THIS GREAT...?
hah
IF YOU SAY SO.

I THINK WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL WE GET HOME...
I DON'T THINK SO.

HEY! I'M STILL WORKING ...
YOU CAN CATCH UP LATER.
I'VE MY RULES!
BREAK 'EM FOR ONE DAY.
STEVE ...

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? YOU'RE BEHAVING LIKE A TEENAGER!
PULL
WAIT!
I'VE WAITED FOR MORE THAN A MONTH.
YOU THINK I CAN WAIT ANOTHER SECOND!?
ERIC...
I'VE BEEN
THINKING OF NOTHING BUT LOVING YOU!
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE IN MY MIND...
EXCEPT...
TO BE INSIDE YOU.
WOULD YOU LET ME?
I'VE BEEN SLOWLY GOING INSANE FROM WANTING YOU!
.....
YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FAIR...

NOW...? BUT ARE YOU READY? SHALL I TAKE YOU FROM BEHIND?
GIVE IT TO ME! I WANT IT NOW!
NNN!
GOD!
HURRY!
OUCH! ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT ...
I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT! JUST GIVE IT TO ME! NOW...
HURRY ...
PUT IT IN!

After that ...
it was as if we had contracted some unknown disease.
We spent every waking hours together making love
no matter where we are.
Work, food, everything became insignificant!
Other than merging our bodies together, we don't care about anything else.
We won't hesitate to let go of any dreams but we'll never let go of each other!

Pride and dignity don't exist!
To me,
war means nothing!
As long as we're together, the world is perfect.

I JUST WANT TO SNUGGLE LIKE THIS IN BED
AND FORGET ABOUT LIFE!
...SAME HERE.
WHY DOES THE NIGHT SEEM SO SHORT?

DURING THE DAY,
WHEN I'M AWAY FROM YOU, TIME JUST DRAGS ON!
SAME HERE...

HEY, DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY
OTHER THAN "SAME HERE"?

I WANT THE TWO OF US TO RUN AWAY TO A WORLD
WHERE WE CAN SPEND THE REST OF OUR LIVES PEACEFULLY TOGETHER.
...HAHA, SAME HERE!
that such a place doesn't exist.
Yet, we both know

We can't live on love and dreams alone.
It won't last!

IF POSSIBLE
CAN YOU SEND ME THE FILE NOW?
THANKS!

WHOA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
—

We can't live on love and dreams alone.
It won't last!

IF POSSIBLE
CAN YOU SEND ME THE FILE NOW?
THANKS!

WHOA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
—

...WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
DO YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?
IS THAT HOW YOU SNEAK UP ON YOUR ENEMY?
"WHOA" AS IN "YOU SCARED THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS OUT OF ME!"
WHAT "WHOA"!
SHUT
BUT YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WAKING UP IN THIS UNGODLY HOUR?
OF COURSE NOT...
I JUST REMEMBERED I NEEDED A FILE...
I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH...
JUST ONE MORE?
GIMME ONE MORE ROUND.
OH?

STEVE, WHERE'S MY LAUNDRY?
Oh—
I PUT IT IN THE DRYER!
DID YOU FIND IT?
SO...
SCRAMBLED, OK?
SURE.
NOPE, WE STILL HAVE TIME.
ARE WE LATE?
Just answer the question!
You snooped?
DING
ABOUT THAT FILE LAST NIGHT...
IT'S ABOUT THE OUROBOROS, ISN'T IT?

.....
WELL, IT'S SOME-THING ELSE. SATISFIED ?
OH
NO...
LOOK AT THE TIME...
.....

ERIC, IT'S LATE ...
HUH—? OH, JUST LET ME CHECK ONE MORE THING AND THEN WE'LL GO...

IT'S THE OUROBOROS FILE, ISN'T IT?
.....
YOU REALLY ARE PERSISTENT.

I'M SERIOUS!
I'M TRAINED WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY. I COMMIT EVERYTHING I READ IN MY HEAD.
I KNOW WHAT I READ!
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT. HAPPY NOW?

HERE!
READ 'EM AND WEEP!
THANKS.
Well, that was easy.
.....
LOOKS LIKE IT!
I WAS IN ITALY WHEN THEY ABDUCTED ME! THEY KNOCKED ME OVER THE HEAD!
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO KILL ME SO THEY SOLD ME TO LIBYA INSTEAD.
WHAT THE HELL—
HOWEVER, AS A RESULT,
IN THAT SITUATION... IT WAS THE MOST PROFITABLE AND TROUBLE-FREE DECISION.
OUROBOROS WAS BEHIND YOUR KIDNAPPING IN LIBYA!

WHICH THEY USED TO SABOTAGE ME AND MY COMRADES' MISSION!
YOU INVENTED THE WEAPONS FOR THE OUROBOROS ARMY...

THOSE WEAPONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED!
LIBYA ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD ABANDON THEIR R&D IN MILITARY WEAPONS TO REGAIN THEIR POSITION IN THE U.N.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE !?

... TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, I ENHANCED THEM.

LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE CARE OF IT!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE MILITARY SEIZES IT.
MEANWHILE ...

THOSE WEAPONS WERE ALREADY TAKEN OUT FROM LIBYA BEFORE THE AUDIT
AND EXCHANGED HANDS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS...
ONLY RECENTLY THAT DIA* AND NSA** FOUND OUT ABOUT THEM. THEY'RE NOW SCRAMBLING TO FIND THE WEAPONS' WHEREABOUTS.
*DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
**NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

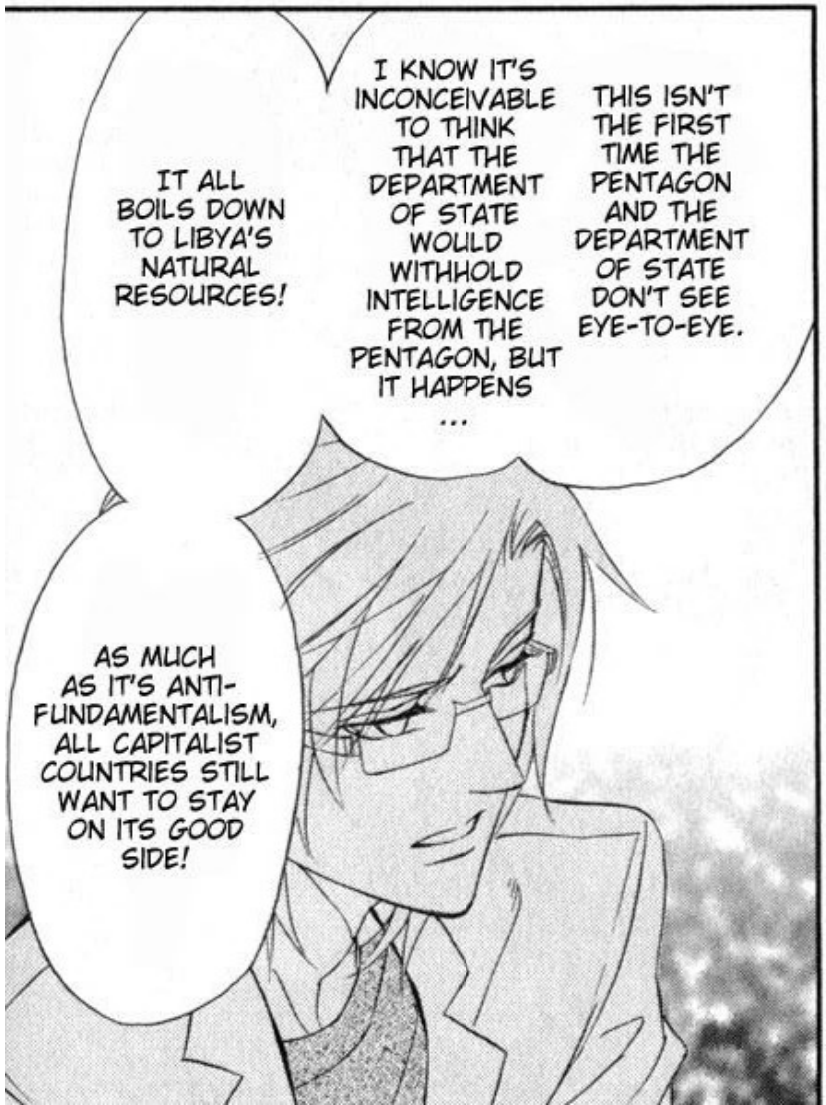
IF... IF I HAD TOLD YOU, WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE?
THESE ARE CRUCIAL INFORMATION, WHY DID YOU WITHHOLD ALL OF THESE FROM ME!?
MEANWHILE, OUROBOROS WILL MAKE USE OF THOSE WEAPONS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!
WHAT COULD WE POSSIBLY DO!?
AND ALMOST ... GOT YOU KILLED ...
I KILLED YOUR COMRADES ...
HOW WOULD YOU LOOK AT ME!!
IF... IF YOU FOUND OUT I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR FAILED MISSION ...
NOT TO MENTION ...
—IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
IT'S FUTILE!
IT'S IMPERATIVE ...
WE MUST LOCATE THOSE WEAPONS AND DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY !!
HOW COULD I...
POSSIBLY TELL YOU...

I'M STILL A KILLER!
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
WHETHER OUROBOROS USES THE WEAPONS ...
OR OTHERS ...
AND I WON'T HESITATE TO KILL FOR YOU!
ERIC...
I'M A KILLER!
—YOU CAN'T!
HUH?
I'LL DO ANYTHING
TO STOP ANYONE FROM USING YOU TO MAKE WEAPONS.
...I GIVE YOU MY WORD!

WHO DO YOU THINK IS BEHIND THE OUROBOROS ...?
NO ONE ELSE HAS THEIR FILE OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE...

THIS IS SOMETHING BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO LIBYA'S NATURAL RESOURCES!
I KNOW IT'S INCONCEIVABLE TO THINK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD WITHHOLD INTELLIGENCE FROM THE PENTAGON, BUT IT HAPPENS ...
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THE PENTAGON AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DON'T SEE EYE-TO-EYE.
AS MUCH AS IT'S ANTI-FUNDAMENTALISM, ALL CAPITALIST COUNTRIES STILL WANT TO STAY ON ITS GOOD SIDE!

—WHAT?
WHY HASN'T THE CIA DONE ANYTHING?
THEY KNEW AND YET THEY ALLOWED IT...?

WHAT IN THE WORLD... DOES THE OUROBOROS WANT?
DO YOU GET IT NOW?
BUT WE DO KNOW THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE CAN FIX.
WE DON'T KNOW!
ALL OF THIS IS A BIG SETUP...?
WANT TO CREATE THE OUTOPOS!
THEY...
WHAT IS "OUTOPOS" !?
IT'S HALF OF THE ORIGIN OF UTOPIA*, A NON-EXISTING PLACE!
*"UTOPIA" IS MADE OF "EUTOPIA" AND "OUTOPIA". "OUTOPOS" IS THE ROOT FOR "OUTOPIA".

FORGET ABOUT THE OUROBOROS ...
LET IT GO!
STEVE!
LISTEN!
NON-EXISTING ...?
SO...
I CAN'T STAND LOSING YOU!
I'M NOT AS STRONG AS YOU!
ERIC ...?
AND CARRY ON WITH OUR LIFE!
WHY DON'T WE LET OTHER PEOPLE FIX IT...?
WE CAN PRETEND THEY DON'T EXIST

THEY DON'T EXIST!?
ARE YOU CRAZY!? THEY ARE AS REAL AS YOU AND ME!
THIS ISN'T SOME MOVIE YOU SAW IN THE THEATER!
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO TO THEM?
I KNOW THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!
AND I WON'T LIFT A FINGER TO HELP!
.....
YOU REALLY PISS ME OFF!
HEY!
LET GO, YOU BASTARD!
WHAT ...
LET ME REMIND YOU HOW IT WAS LIKE
WHEN THEY FORCED THEM-SELVES ON YOU.

What am I doing?
!?
ST—
For all those big words I promised Eric,
I'm indeed just like them!
I don't know what came over me!
Doing this to Eric,
makes me... even lower than those bastards!

STEVE!
I'VE NO BUSINESS HERE NOW.
STEVE!!
NEWS SURE TRAVEL FAST... FOR SCIENTISTS!
YOU REALLY RESIGNED FROM THE MILITARY!?
I CAN'T WORK ON THE OUROBOROS IF YOU'RE WITH ME.
ERIC, DON'T YOU GET IT?
THEN I'LL COME WITH...!
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
—ARE YOU CUTTING ME OUT?

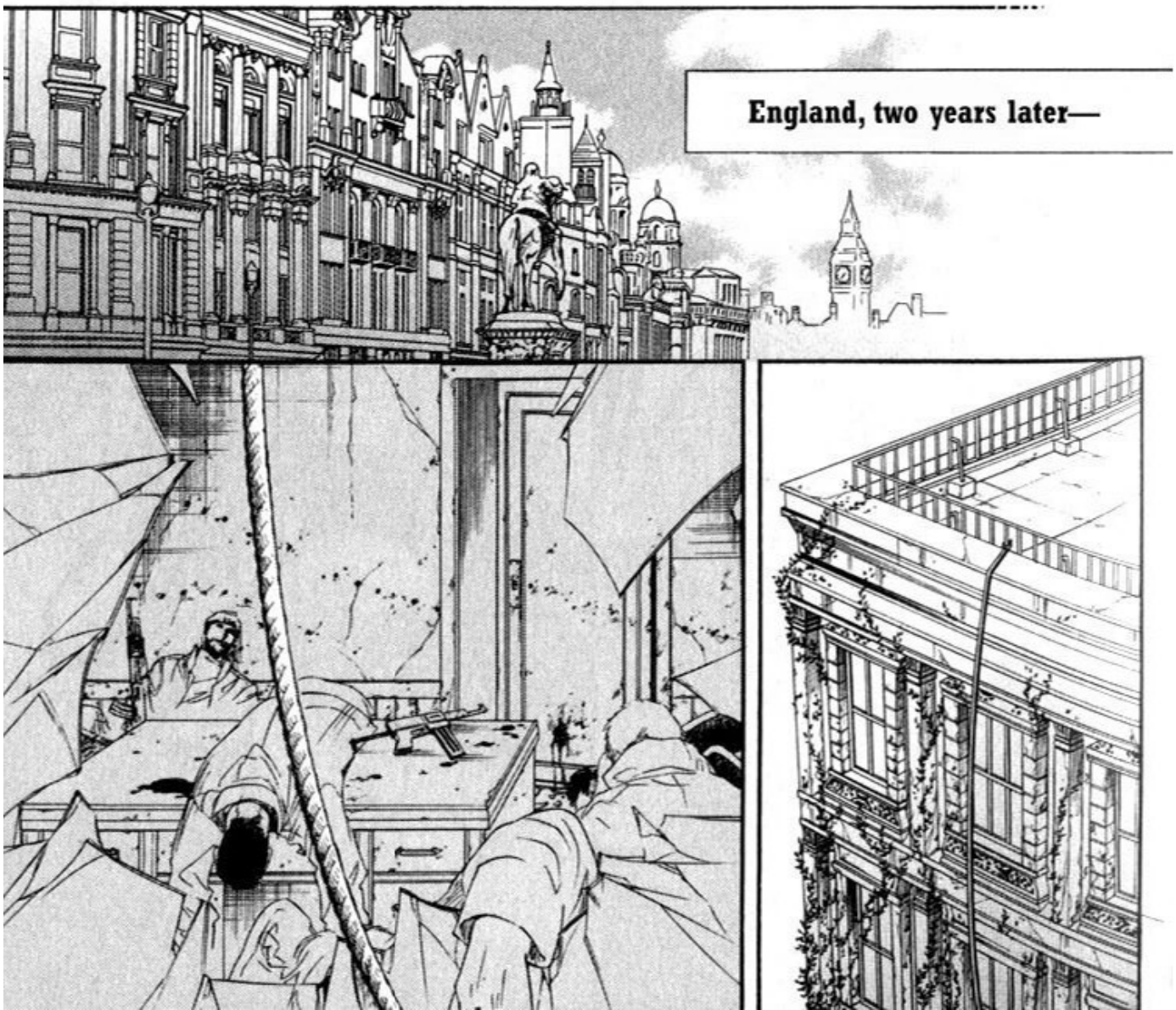
DON'T LEAVE ME...
PLEASE DON'T GO...
FORGETTING EVERYTHING ABOUT ME!
YOU'RE BETTER OFF
I'LL SEND YOU EVERYTHING I CAN FIND ABOUT THE OUROBOROS!
STEVE, WAIT!
TAKE THIS!
TAKE THIS... PDA WITH YOU!

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT!
YOU'RE MY PURPOSE IN LIFE!
I THOUGHT YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP ME?
I DO IT FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LOVE!
ERIC...
NO MATTER WHAT I DO,

NO...
IT'S YOUR MISSION IN LIFE!
I KNOW I CAN'T STOP YOU...
YOU'RE DOING THIS FOR THE SAKE OF DESTROYING THE OUROBOROS!
...REALLY?
AND...
IF I CAN'T EVEN HELP YOU WITH THAT...
YOU STILL LOVE ME?
STEVE!
THEN I CAN'T CLAIM THAT I LOVE YOU!
PROMISE ME...

PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL RETURN TO ME ALIVE...
I GIVE YOU MY WORD
...I'LL RETURN TO YOU!
FAREWELL!
LIAR!
Y—
YOU BIG LIAR..

I'LL HELP YOU
UNTIL ...
UNTIL YOU'RE NO LONGER THERE. AND THEN I'LL FOLLOW YOU!


England, two years later—

YOU MUST BE... THE CROW!

I SENT MYSELF! I HEARD THIS IS THE OUROBOROS' HIDEOUT.

YOU... WHO SENT YOU!?

I'VE MY PERSONAL REASONS! THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

COCK

WHY MUST YOU TAKE US OUROBOROS OUT!?

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, YOU'VE SINGLE-HANDEDLY CRIPPLED US PIECE BY PIECE...

SHOVE

PULL

IS THAT RIGHT...

THEN, WE MUST TAKE DOWN THE BIGGEST ENEMY OF OUROBOROS!

KABOOM!!
DIE, YOU AMERICAN DOG!!
URGH ...
DASH
.....

WHAT THE FUCK WERE THEY THINKING ...
SUICIDE BOMBING!
BAM
DAMN, THE BATTERY IS OUT...
.....

whirr
whirr
whirr
whirr
whirr
whirr
DAMN!
cock
MILITARY ...
NO, CIVILIAN?

STEVE!
I KNEW IT WAS YOU!
E...
ERIC!?
YOU!?
I'M HERE TO INVITE THE UNKNOWN MAN NAMED "CROW",
WHY ARE YOU...
WHO HAS BEEN TARGETING THE OUROBOROS,

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN!? DID YOU...
WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE NOW!!
TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE U.S. MILITARY!
RIGHT!?
YES, I DID!
IF I CAN'T HELP MY HERO WITH HIS MISSION IN LIFE, THEN I CAN'T CLAIM TO LOVE HIM,
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My Life With You/END

Since the first time we've met, I knew you're special
from any men or women I've ever known.
In many ways, you're just like me, and yet, there's a part of you that's totally unique.
Extra
That's Why I Love…

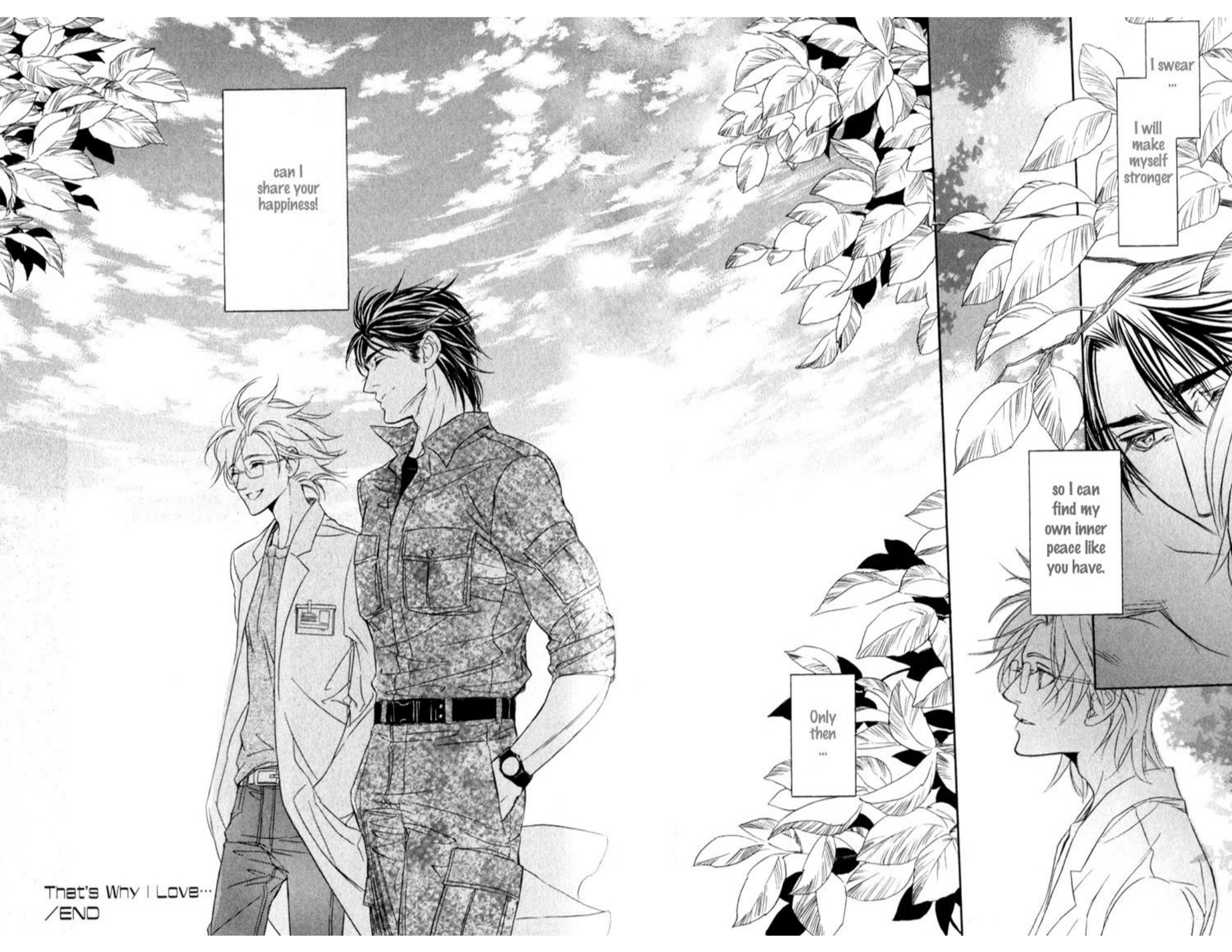
It was after the Middle East mission
that I finally saw you for the first time in two weeks.
WELCOME BACK, STEVE!
GOOD JOB!
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A SHOWER? MAN, YOU STINK!
SORRY ...
IT'S FINE.
....SO, HOW WAS IT?
FINE... JUST ANOTHER MISSION.
REALLY?
WELL...
EVERYTHING WAS EXECUTED PER ORDERS FROM ABOVE: WHERE TO GO, WHEN TO MOVE, WHOM TO SHOOT,
WHEN THE MISSION IS DONE ...
I'M LIKE A ROBOT PROGRAMMED TO JUST FOLLOW ORDERS! IT'S ALL SO MEANINGLESS!

C'MON, WHAT YOU NEED IS A HOT SHOWER, A CLEAN CHANGE OF CLOTHES, AND SOME REST.
AFTER THAT, YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YOUR NORMAL SELF AGAIN.
STEVE,
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MISSION IT WAS,
BUT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT MEANINGLESS, THAT'S ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE!
ISN'T IT GREAT TO HAVE A PLACE LIKE THIS INSIDE THE BASE?
Here's your coffee.
THANKS ...
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY. THE BREEZE FEELS PLEASANT.
AND LOOK AT THAT SKY, ISN'T GOR-GEOUS?
IF YOU TAKE A STEP BACK...
YOU'D SEE THAT THE WORLD IS A WONDERFUL PLACE.

WONDER-FUL? WHERE?
HUH— EVERY-WHERE!
NO MATTER HOW BAD OR GOOD YOUR DAY IS...
THIS WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES.
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
I JUST RECENTLY REALIZED THAT!
At that moment, I discovered ...
that you're much stronger a person than I am.
EVEN WHEN I DIE, THIS WORLD WOULD STILL BE BEAUTIFUL.
but the one with the ability to accept everything uncondi-tionally!
The strongest person isn't the one who defeats his enemies

Just how much had you suffered
before you finally gained such wisdom?
Back then, before we rescued you out of Libya, you witnessed the death of all your colleagues
ENOUGH!
NO!
AH!
AHH!
PLEASE HAVE MERCY, IT'S TOO MUCH!
HELP ...
AH!
right before your eyes!
how did you deal with it?
To watch your comrades' necks exploded from the bomb you invented,
AH!
AHH ...
UGH!
SPARE ME,
STEVE!
I don't know how I would've dealt with that if it were me...?

.....
Hah...
Haa...
Hah...
UGH!
SOB ...
.....
SOB ...



That's Why I Love…
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I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS BOTH MY APOLOGY AND GRATITUDE.

- FIRST, TO EVERYONE IN THE EDITORIAL TEAM WHO HAVE BEEN TAKING GOOD CARE OF ME. BECAUSE OF MY INJURY AND HEALTH ISSUES, I HAVE BEEN CAUSING GREAT TROUBLE WHICH I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT. THANKS TO EVERYONE'S SUPPORT THAT THIS TANKOUBON WAS PUBLISHED. I'M SINCERELY GRATEFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

- TO ALL MY READERS: THANK YOU ALL FOR PICKING UP THIS BOOK! THIS TIME IT'S EITHER YOU'D SEE THE ENDING AS DIVERSE OR INSUFFICIENT; NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S REALLY A SAD ONE, BUT I WISH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT YOU COULD ENJOY THIS!

AND ALSO, PLEASE SUPPORT MY NEXT BOOK!

TO MY MANAGER & AMISUTANTO-HIME, TOMITA-SAN, MIPORIN SHOUNO-SAN;
TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE, HITOMI-SAN;
TO COMIC, KAWASUMI-SAN;
TO EVERYONE IN THE EDITORIAL AND ALL THE GENTLEMEN AT THE PRINTING HOUSE;
AND, OF COURSE, TO ALL MY READERS;
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

My Life With You
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STEVE! HEY!
WHY?
DON'T ASSUME I HAVE THE SAME STAMINA AS YOU!
WHAT? DON'T PULL AWAY.
THAT'S ENOUGH! STOP IT!

.....
IT'S NOT MORNING YET.
BESIDES, IT'S ALREADY MORNING.
ALL DECENT CITIZENS SHOULD BE WORKING BY NOW!
WE'VE A MEETING WITH SOMEONE TODAY, SO NO MEANS NO!!
YOU MIGHT NOT BE BUT I AM!
FINE, THEN I'M NOT A DECENT CITIZEN ...
ARE YOU BLIND? ANYONE WITH EYES CAN SEE IT'S ALREADY MORNING!
I DIDN'T TELL YOU
BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WOULD REFUSE.
WHAT THE HELL, ERIC...
WELL! I'M TELLING YOU NOW.
...WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

YOU'RE COMING, SO GET READY!
—
BESIDES, THIS IS SOMEONE THAT WE COULDN'T REFUSE!
YUP, THIS IS HIM, FREDDIE. I FINALLY FOUND HIM AT LAST.
IS THAT YOUR HERO YOU'VE BEEN TRACKING DOWN FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS?
YO, 'RIC, WELCOME!

NICE TO MEET YOU, MR. STEVEN MCDANIEL!
I'M FREDERICK MORGAN FROM CIA.
CIA?
YOU DIDN'T FILL HIM IN ABOUT THE INTERVIEW TODAY?
WELL, WE WERE KINDA BUSY ALL NIGHT.
Ahem!
BUSY?
PINCH
UGH ...
ERR, YOU ...
SORRY.
PLEASE GO AHEAD AND FILL HIM IN.
HEE
HEE
WE WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE YOUR SERVICES AS A LIAISON BETWEEN US AND THE MILITARY.
WELL, TO GET TO THE POINT,
It was just a pinch! Quit whining.
I can't believe you actually did that!
WELL, YOU DESERVED IT! YOU KEPT BABBLING ABOUT STUPID STUFF.

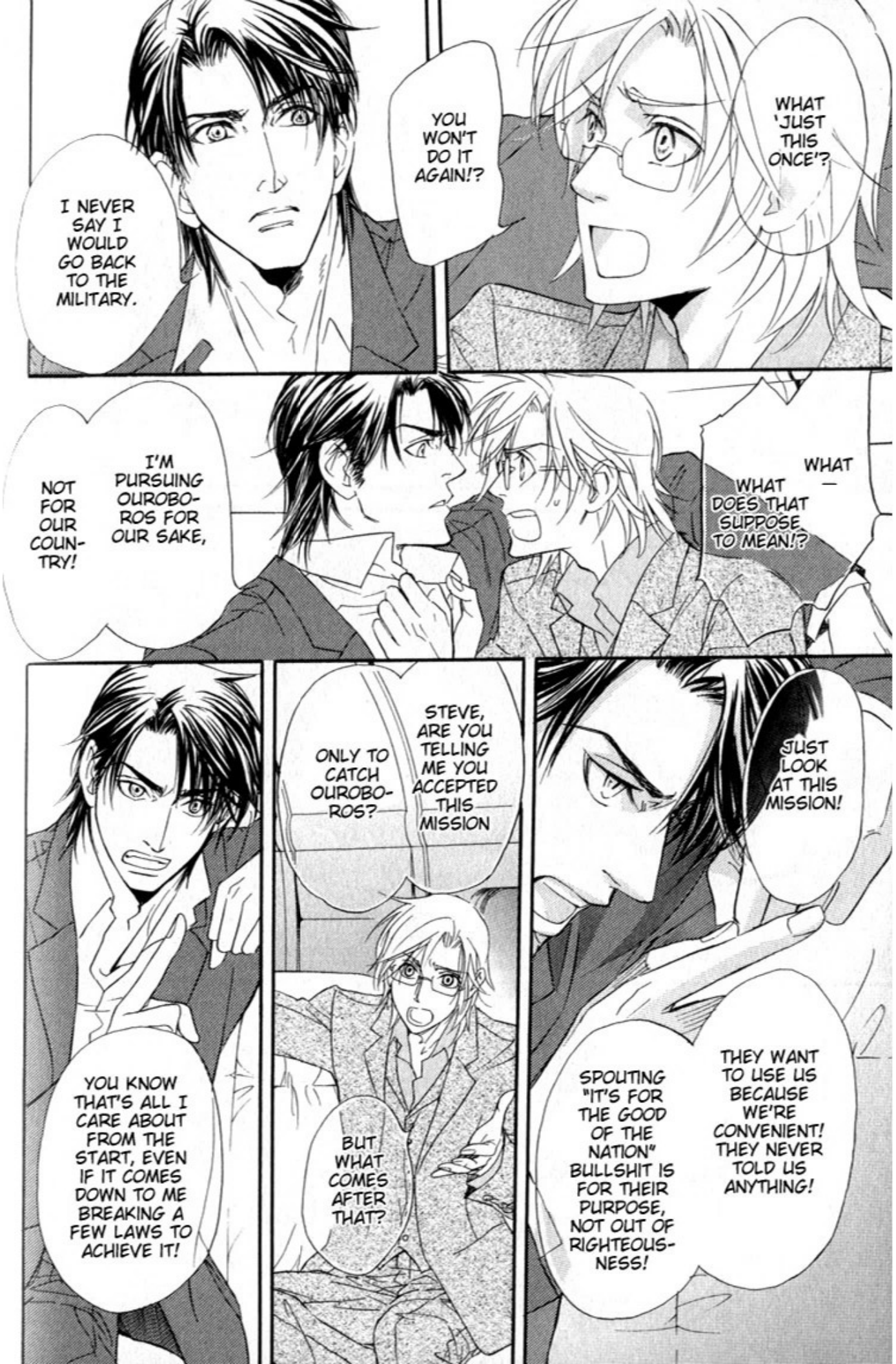
...THIS JOINT VENTURE WITH THE MILITARY IS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET. EVEN WITHIN THE CIA, NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

AND YOUR POSITION AS A RETIRED SOLDIER WITH UNKNOWN WHEREABOUTS IS IN FACT, A PERFECT COVER.

HOWEVER, WE DON'T KNOW YOU YET!
THERE-FORE,
IN ORDER TO SEE YOUR APTITUDE, WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOU TO A TEST.
A TEST?
DON'T FEEL OF-FENDED.
EVEN THOUGH WE CALL IT A TEST, IT'S STILL A MISSION THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FAIL.
OI, WAIT A MINUTE...

THE TEST IS TO INFILTRATE INTO A CRIME ORGANIZATION IN MOSCOW AND OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT A MAN...
BOTH OF YOU CAN SPEAK RUSSIAN, I PRE-SUME?
!?
VROOM

TEST! WHAT TEST?
WHO THE HELL DOES HE THINK HE IS!?
STEVE,
REMEMBER THIS IS NO TEST! IT'S AN ACTUAL MISSION...
ARGH! THEN I'VE NO OTHER OPTION!
BUT I'M DOING IT JUST THIS ONCE!


I NEVER SAY I WOULD GO BACK TO THE MILITARY.
YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN!?
WHAT 'JUST THIS ONCE'?
NOT FOR OUR COUN-TRY!
I'M PURSUING OUROBO-ROS FOR OUR SAKE,
WHAT DOES THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN!?
WHAT —
YOU KNOW THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT FROM THE START, EVEN IF IT COMES DOWN TO ME BREAKING A FEW LAWS TO ACHIEVE IT!
ONLY TO CATCH OUROBO-ROS?
STEVE, ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU ACCEPTED THIS MISSION
BUT WHAT COMES AFTER THAT?
JUST LOOK AT THIS MISSION!
SPOUTING "IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION" BULLSHIT IS FOR THEIR PURPOSE, NOT OUT OF RIGHTEOUS-NESS!
THEY WANT TO USE US BECAUSE WE'RE CONVENIENT! THEY NEVER TOLD US ANYTHING!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR POSITION? WHICH SIDE ARE YOU GONNA TAKE?
I DIDN'T RISK MY NECK FOR ANY SIDE BUT MINE ...
NOR DO I PLAN ON CHANGING THAT!
WHAT!?
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MY POSITION!?
WHAT KIND OF LIFE IS THAT...!?
ALL I CAN DO IS TO WAIT IN AGONY FOR YOUR RETURN FROM THE BATTLES ALIVE!!
IF YOU DIE,
DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK WHAT I GO THROUGH EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE ON A MISSION!?
WHAT DO I HAVE TO LIVE FOR!?

ERIC, I GOT IT,
I GOT IT AL-READY!
—I'M SORRY!
ERIC ...
I KNOW THIS IS YOUR MISSION ... YOUR DREAM ...
BUT I'VE MY OWN DREAM TOO!
DON'T YOU SEE ...
.....
LET'S FIGHT THIS TO-GETHER.
I BEG YOU...

WE'LL BE A TEAM!
ALL RIGHT.
WE'LL FIGHT THIS TO-GETHER.
—NO,
SINCE LONG AGO ...
WE'VE ALREADY BEEN A TEAM!
Moscow
THAT'S BEYOND MY POWER.
HELL-O! THINK ABOUT IT, THE HOTEL DOORS AREN'T DIGITAL.
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A GENIUS!?
OI, WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE LOCK !?

I SUGGEST MAKING A PASS ON HIS FIANCEE TO GET ACCESS INTO THE ROOM. CAN YOU DO IT?
AND TAKE PICTURES OF HIS DOCUMENTS DURING THE PARTY.
YOU'LL HAVE TO BREAK INTO THE TARGET'S ROOM
THEY SAY WOMAN WANTS TO HAVE ONE LAST FLING BEFORE SHE TIES THE KNOT ...
HADN'T YOU DONE THAT A LOT BEFORE?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
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AND I HEARD YOU'RE A GENIUS IN THAT DEPARTMENT, AREN'T YOU!?
NOW LOOK...
OF COURSE NOT!!
BAM
ERIC... THAT WAS ANCIENT HISTORY!
DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO SEDUCE THAT WOMAN?
SERI-OUSLY?

DROP DEAD!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, HUH? EVEN IF IT MEANS I HAVE TO SLEEP WITH THAT WOMAN?
I DON'T LIKE THIS ANYMORE THAN YOU DO...
STOP BEING DIFFICULT !!
I SWEAR I'LL KILL YOU AND THEN I'LL KILL MYSELF!
HOW ABOUT... KISSING?
A MISSION IS A MISSION.
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
Yo! Stanley, long time, no see!
THEN QUIT PROVOKING ME!
Arrgh~
GEEZ, THERE'S NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR ...
No can do!
You have to deal with this crisis first!
Cheer up! Don't huddle in a corner sulking.
What the hell are you doing here anyway?
Leave me alone. I'm in a middle of a crisis that I need to deal with.

Whatever works!
BY THE WAY, THERE'S A SLEEPING SPRAY IN YOUR HEEL, WHICH MIGHT COME IN HANDY.
TO WATCH YOUR BACK!
I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO USE MY WOMANIZING SKILLS?
IF YOU DARE, I'LL PUNCH YOU SILLY!
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE OFF THE EAR-PIECE?
THERE SHE IS.
WHO?
THE TARGET'S FIANCEE.
I'M APPROACH-ING HER NOW.

...
Mrs. Sufronov?
Though I've been eagerly awaiting to make your acquaintance...
.....
Er, no...
We just met.
No, I'm not Mrs. yet—
Have I meet you before?
LET THE SHOW BEGIN!
HQ, ROGER THAT.
OUR FRIENDLY HAS MADE CONTACT WITH THE FIANCEE.
THIS IS "STAKE-OUT".

FUFU...
AHAHAHA
Call me Bill, please,
Ekaterina!
You've a great sense of humor, Mr Stanley!
But I have to go back inside now.
Bill... people will talk!
You do know I'm getting married, right?
How about later?
But...
You're not married... yet!
Good-bye.

SHE JUST GAVE ME THE LOOK.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...DON'T LET HER GO! DO SOMETHING; YOU'VE TO KEEP PURSUING HER!!
THE LOOK ...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOW... WHAT?
...ERIC, WHAT'S WRONG ?
NOTHING ...
SHE'S TALKING WITH OTHER MEN NOW BUT EARLIER ...
BINGO! SHE LOOKED OVER HERE, THAT'S MY SIGNAL!!
YOU HAD ME CONVINCED.
I WAS CONVINCING ... BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
YOU REALLY ARE GOOD AT IT, AS IF YOU WERE A MAN IN LOVE.
I'M JUST AMAZED BY YOUR WOMAN-IZING SKILLS!

REMEMBER AFTER I CONFESSED TO YOU... YOU STARTED AVOIDING ME?
I
AT THAT TIME,
I KEPT WISHING YOU WOULD LOOK AT ME...
AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING JUST NOW...
EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY FOR A SPLIT SECOND,
I WANTED IT SO BAD!
AND WHEN YOU FINALLY DID SPARE ME A GLANCE, I WANTED YOU TO KEEP LOOKING AT ME!
...AS I WATCHED YOU WALKING AWAY,
I WISHED I COULD CALL YOU BACK!
THAT LONGING ...
EVEN NOW, I STILL REMEMBER IT SO CLEARLY.

I HAD TO SUPPRESS THE URGE TO LOOK BACK AT YOU!
...I REMEMBER!
I SENSED THE PULL AND IT MADE MY HEART THUMP LIKE CRAZY.
I FELT YOU... THE WEIGHT OF YOUR STARE...
IT TOOK ALL MY SKILLS TO FINALLY GET YOU!
REMEM-BER?
NO MATTER HOW HARD I PURSUED YOU, YOU WOULDN'T BUDGE!
Mr. Bill Stanley?
...Yes?
This is for you.
Thanks...
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE BESIDES YOU...
UH...I KNOW.

WE GOT IT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
BINGO...
WHAT?
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I BELIEVE WE JUST RECEIVED THE BREAK WE NEEDED FOR OUR MISSION!
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I'M SENDING YOU THE IMAGES NOW.
I GOT THE DOCUMENTS.
.....
YES, STAND-BY!
ERIC? ARE YOU THERE?
POP

...EVEN THOUGH THAT GIRL
OH WELL... WHAT A PITY!
SAID IT FELT LIKE HUGGING HER DADDY!
BEEP
STILL, I FELT MY VEIN POPPED!
I KNOW! I WAS LISTENING!
I JUST HELD HER CLOSE AND KNOCKED HER OUT WITH THE SLEEPING SPRAY.
WHAT'S WRONG? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
snap
snap
OI, THAT'S MEAN!
BESIDES, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, NOT HERS.
...HEY! CUT ME SOME SLACK, WOULDJA?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SARCASM!
WELL—
SO, WHY IS THAT A PITY?
THAT'S BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
I FELT LOVED AND TREASURED ...
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT... WHEN YOU HELD ME,
HUH?

AND LOVERS!
I MEAN THE FIRST TIME!
WHEN WE WERE JUST FRIENDS,
I FELT IT WHEN YOU HUGGED ME!
SINCE THEN WE BECAME THE BEST OF FRIENDS ...
THE MORE I TOUCH YOU,
THE MORE I WANT TO MONOPOLIZE YOU.
THAT'LL NEVER CHANGE!
...YOU THINK SO?
UH-HUH.

GOOD! ALL DONE!
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
...ME TOO!
I'M GLAD THAT...
I love you!
ERIC? ARE YOU THERE?
ROGER. STAKEOUT, CARRY OUT THE FINAL TEST.
OUR FRIENDLY HAS RETURNED.

Lipstick?
You've got lipstick on you.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN KISS?
OH?

ONE MOMENT, I'M LOOKING IT UP RIGHT NOW.
BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS THE SERIAL NUMBER ON THE DOCUMENT?
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?
...
...IS THAT A PROBLEM?

IT MATCHES THE IMAGE.
STAKE OUT, THIS IS HQ.
HMM...
YOU MORE THAN EXCEEDED OUR EXPEC-TATIONS.
THE CODE?
3-AI29465 D84N.
WHOA, YOU MEMORIZED IT?

PLEASE CALL ME FREDDIE.
CON-GRATULA-TIONS! YOU'VE PASSED THE TEST.
WELCOME ABOARD, STEVE!
THANKS ...
YOU GOT IT!
LET'S HURRY HOME AND EAT SOME REAL FOOD!
OKAY, I'LL PACK THINGS UP!
DID YOU HEAR THAT, ERIC? WE CAN GO HOME NOW.
I'M WITH-DRAWING NOW. I'LL SEE YOU BACK HOME.

STAB
URGH!
BUMP
OI, FLEDGLING! LONG TIME NO SEE!
GRAB
OR TRY ANYTHING FUNNY!
STEVE, WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
HOW SMART OF YOU NOT TO MAKE ANY SOUND!
YOU'RE ON A MISSION, RIGHT? DON'T BLOW YOUR COVER!
UGH—
WOBBLE

OUROBOROS ...
.....
.....
!?
SHOVE
SO I'M A BIT UPSET.
THANKS TO YOU, I LOST MANY GOOD SOLDIERS ...
AFTER ALL, YOU'VE BEEN CHASING ME FOR 2 YEARS NOW.
AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE ME?
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S ME.
HQ, WE'VE A PROBLEM! OUROBOROS HAS JUST MADE CONTACT WITH OUR FRIENDLY!
ROGER! STAKEOUT, HEAD TO THE SCENE NOW!

Is your friend all right?
Oh, he just had a little too much to drink.
UGH!

BUT I FORGOT WHICH CODE IS FOR WHICH.
THERE'S ANOTHER MUCH BIGGER BOMB...
WHAT I JUST SLIPPED INTO YOUR WOUND IS A MINI BOMB. ONCE THE TRIGGER CODE IS RECEIVED, IT WILL EXPLODE.
...YOUR ENDURANCE FOR PAIN IS AS IMPRESSIVE AS EVER.

.....
I WILL ACTIVATE THE CODE IF YOU DARE COME AFTER ME!
IT DOESN'T MATTER THOUGH, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHICH ONE EXPLODES FIRST!
WHETHER I'M BLUFFING OR NOT, YOU AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT AFTER THE FACT!
... YOU'RE BLUFF-ING!

DAMN!
WELL, I GOT STABBED ON MY FLANK AND HE SLIPPED SOMETHING INSIDE,
BUT I STILL CAN MOVE.
STEVE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DON'T BELIEVE HIM!
REALLY....? HE SAID IT WAS A BOMB.
WILL DO...
GOT IT. I'M SWITCHING OFF THE CONNECTION FOR A MINUTE.
BE CAREFUL ...
HE'S TAKING THE ELEVATOR UP.
CONTACT MORGAN. TELL HIM I'M IN PURSUIT.
...
Huff
Huff
Huff
UGH!
ARGH!

.....
HOW TENACIOUS.
Huff
Huff
BLIP

SHIT!
KABOOOM
STEVE! WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
DON'T TELL ME ...

SHIT!
KABOOOM
STEVE! WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
DON'T TELL ME ...

WHAT A PITY...
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
I ENTERED THE WRONG CODE!
YOU BASTARD ...
WHY ...?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME AFTER ME!
NOW THEY DIED BECAUSE OF YOU!
JUST LIKE THAT TIME IN LIBYA...
BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO TAKE AWAY OUR WEAPONS, MANY PEOPLE DIED!
WHO'S REALLY THE BAD GUY HERE, YOU THINK?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR INTER-FERENCE,
THOSE THINGS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!
INDEED—
I TAKE FULL... RESPONSI-BILITY.
STEVE!! DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO TAKE AWAY OTHER PEOPLE'S LIFE...OR HAPPINESS!
BUT YOU ARE NO SAINT EITHER!
SWOOSH
kachan
GRAB
KACHAN

SMACK
.....
THROB
Argh!
NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT OVER ANOTHER PERSON.
BUT, HOW MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT?
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
INDEED ...
HACK!
COUGH
PEOPLE CONTROL THEIR LOVERS' AND THEIR CHILDREN'S LIFE.
DOES THAT MAKE THEM CRIMINAL?
FOR THEIR OWN SATISFACTION, THEY PREFER TO CONTROL OTHERS THAN BEING CONTROLLED.
HUMANS, BY NATURE, EITHER DOMINATE OR BE DOMINATED BY OTHERS.

WITHOUT THEM, ONE WILL NEVER KNOW HIS OWN GOOD FORTUNE.
AFTER ALL, THERE'RE TOO MANY MISERABLE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD.
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH BUILDING MY HAPPINESS OVER OTHER'S MISFORTUNE.
YOU ONLY SEE ME AS A CRIMINAL ...
BUT YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND IT!
—STEVE?
IN YOUR EYES,
YOU'RE BROUGHT UP IN A TOO GOOD OF AN ENVI-RONMENT!
BANG
BANG
STEVE! HOLD ON!
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STEVE!

STEVE! ARE YOU OKAY!?
MORGAN ...
YOU LOST A LOT OF BLOOD ... THAT WAS RECK-LESS!
HOWEVER, THANKS TO YOU, WE GOT HIM!
YOU THINK SO?
!?
...YOU'RE GOOD, STAKEOUT!
BUT NOT ENOUGH TO KILL ME!
IT'S BEEN FUN!
LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT TIME!
pi pi pi pi pi

KABOOM
OUROBOROS ...!?
.....

IT'S A PITY OUROBOROS GOT AWAY.
HE DISAPPEARED FROM OUR SATELLITE TRACKING SYSTEM.
HOW BAD WAS THE EXPLOSION IN THE CITY?
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION ... THERE ARE QUITE A FEW CASUALTIES.
.....
!
HOW DO I EXPLAIN THAT TO THEIR FAMILIES ...?
...EVEN WITHOUT US IN THE PICTURE, HE STILL WOULD HAVE ACTIVATED THAT BOMB.
IT'S BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
HOWEVER, IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT, THEN HE WON!
I KNOW ...

STEVE,
YOU'RE INJURED AND LOST A LOT OF BLOOD... YOU FEEL DEJECTED BECAUSE OF YOUR LOW BLOOD PRESSURE.
IT'LL BE OK.
DON'T LET WHAT HE SAID DEMORALIZE YOU!
THAT'S HIS OWN TWISTED VIEW OF LIFE!
LET IT GO...
WE HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT VIEW OF OUR LIFE!
WE BELIEVE IN PEOPLE AND OUR ABILITY TO MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE!
YOU'LL BE OK!
SO, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
REMEMBER, YOU'VE TO PUT AN END TO HIM, ISN'T THAT YOUR DREAM?
MY DREAM... I'M NO LONGER SURE IF I HAVE ONE...
I THOUGHT ... IF I COULD DEFEAT HIM...
I WOULD BE ABLE TO RESTORE MY LIFE.
IT GOES BEYOND THAT!
HOWEVER, THIS IS NO LONGER JUST ABOUT MY LIFE!

MY LIFE CAN GO TO HELL!
I CAN NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE!
THE LEAST I CAN DO
IS TO EXTINGUISH HIM FROM THIS WORLD ...
EVEN THOSE HE DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED, HE KILLED!
...HE TOOK AWAY MANY LIVES AND DESTROYED COUNTLESS OTHERS' HAPPINESS!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
THIS IS SOMETHING WE MUST DO!
AND IT'S OUR DREAM TO DO IT TOGETHER!
THEREFORE, I MUST FIGHT HIM
TO PUT A STOP TO HIS MADNESS!

IT'S THE LIFE WE'LL LEAD!
IT'S THE ULTIMATE GOAL WE'LL PURSUE WHERE FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!
RIGHT?
SO LET'S CHASE AFTER IT TOGETHER!
THE SAME DREAM...
...AND DON'T FORGET YOUR COMRADES! WE ALL HAVE A COMMON GOAL!
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
WE'LL KEEP FORGING AHEAD!
IT'S OUR DREAM...AND TOGETHER WE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN!
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OK,
YOU CAN TAKE IT OFF NOW.
WHAT!? ISN'T THIS MY HOUSE ...?
...
I HAD BUILT A FORTRESS OUT OF IT SO YOU CAN SLEEP HERE WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT A THING!
IT'S QUITE SAFE!
I BOUGHT IT.
OR, MY FAMILY BOUGHT IT!
...
I THOUGHT I SOLD IT!
HOW COME EVERYTHING'S STILL HERE AFTER 2 YEARS...?

YOUR FAMILY?
MY PARENTS ARE RICH.
...REALLY?
THAT'S THE REASON WHY I WAS KIDNAPPED.
BY OUROBOROS...
AND WHAT WAS HIS REAL MOTIVE?
SOMEHOW, I HIGHLY DOUBT MONEY WAS THE ONLY MOTIVE BEHIND YOUR ABDUCTION!
SPEAKING OF YOUR FAMILY...
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM!
YEAH...
YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?
WELL, I KEPT THEM AS A SECRET FROM YOU!
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BRING THEM UP WITHOUT MENTIONING MY ABDUCTION...
UNLESS YOU WANT TO KNOW?
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING... ERIC!

FROM THIS POINT ON, NO MORE SECRETS!
...SPEAKING OF WHICH, I WANT TO KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU, TOO!

BESIDES,
YOU DID PROMISE YOU WOULD COME BACK TO ME...
SO,
WOULDN'T YOU NEED A PLACE TO COME BACK TO?

—THEN,
TELL ME WHY YOU BOUGHT THIS HOUSE?

WASN'T IT OBVIOUS ...? THIS IS YOUR HOME!
I ALSO HAVE MANY MEMORIES WITH YOU IN THIS PLACE!
AND NOT JUST YOU,
OH!

IT'S FOR US?
.....

BUT I MUST KEEP CHASING AFTER YOU...
OF COURSE ...
TO PICK UP EVERY-THING YOU HAD LEFT BEHIND ...
YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM,
IN CASE I REALLY LOST YOU...
GO TO PLACES YOU MUST GO, AND DO THINGS YOU MUST DO,
A PERSON LIKE ME DOESN'T DESERVE YOUR KINDNESS!
...WHY, ERIC?
SINCE YOU LOVE ME.
.....
YES, YOU DO!

I WANTED TO SEE TO YOUR HAPPINESS ... AND PROTECT IT!

I WAS MORE THAN HAPPY ... JUST TO BE YOUR BEST FRIEND.

TO MY SURPRISE, YOU HAD CHOSEN ME.... TO BE YOUR LOVER!

IT WAS A MIRACLE!

AND IT HAS BEEN MIRACU-LOUS!

ERIC, STOP TALKING LIKE IT TOOK A MIRACLE TO LOVE YOU!

HOW CAN I POSSIBLY NOT!?

IT'S THE NATURAL COURSE THAT I LOVE YOU!

THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.

—I DON'T KNOW HOW I COME TO LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
FOR YOU...
I'LL DO ANYTHING!
THANKS.
YEAH...
FU...
—ARE YOU GLAD TO BE IN LOVE WITH ME?
HUH?
YES, I AM!
AND I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU LOVE ME, TOO!

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