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The term "communication disorder"...





SHOSUKE
DOESN'T NEED TO
COMMUNICATE.

HITOMI
TADANO
ISN'T
ORDINARY.

NAKANAKA IS
IMMATURE.

NETSUNO IS
ENTHUSIASTIC!!

IS KATAI
HARD-
CORE?

YAMAI IS
AGGRESSIVE.

NARUSE
IS A
NARCISSIST.

NAJIMI
OSANA IS
SOCIABLE.

...that
while
they
appear
stand-
offish...

...they
actually
want
to
have
relation-
ships.

OTORI
IS
EASY-
GOING.

AGARI
GETS
NERVOUS.

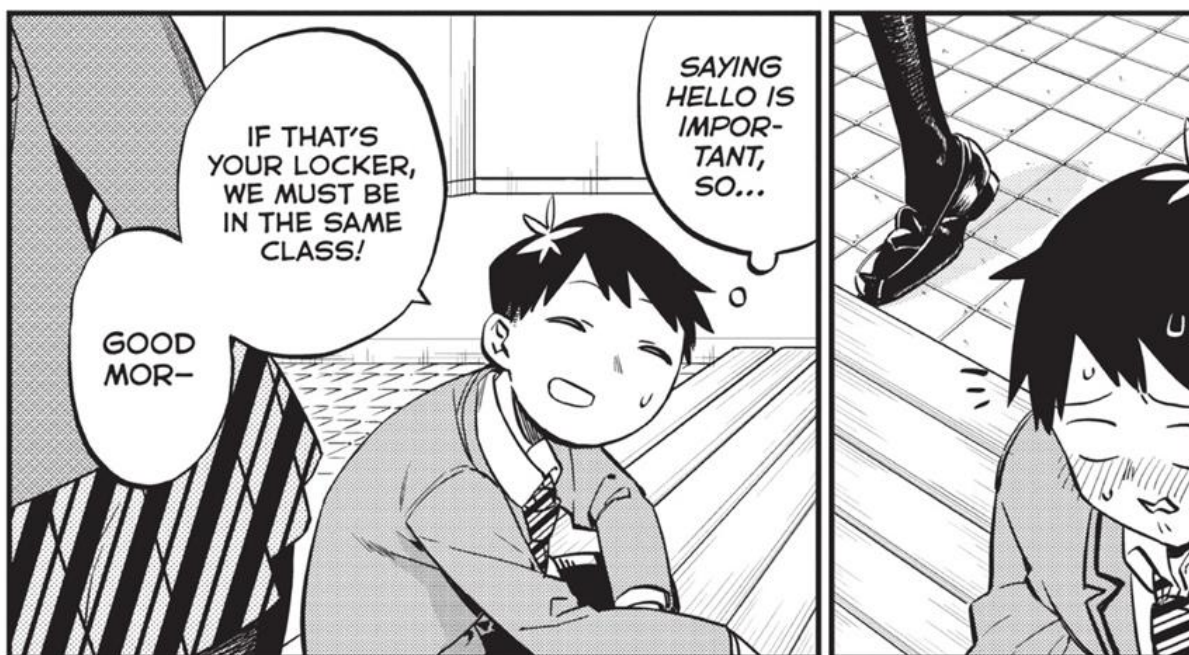
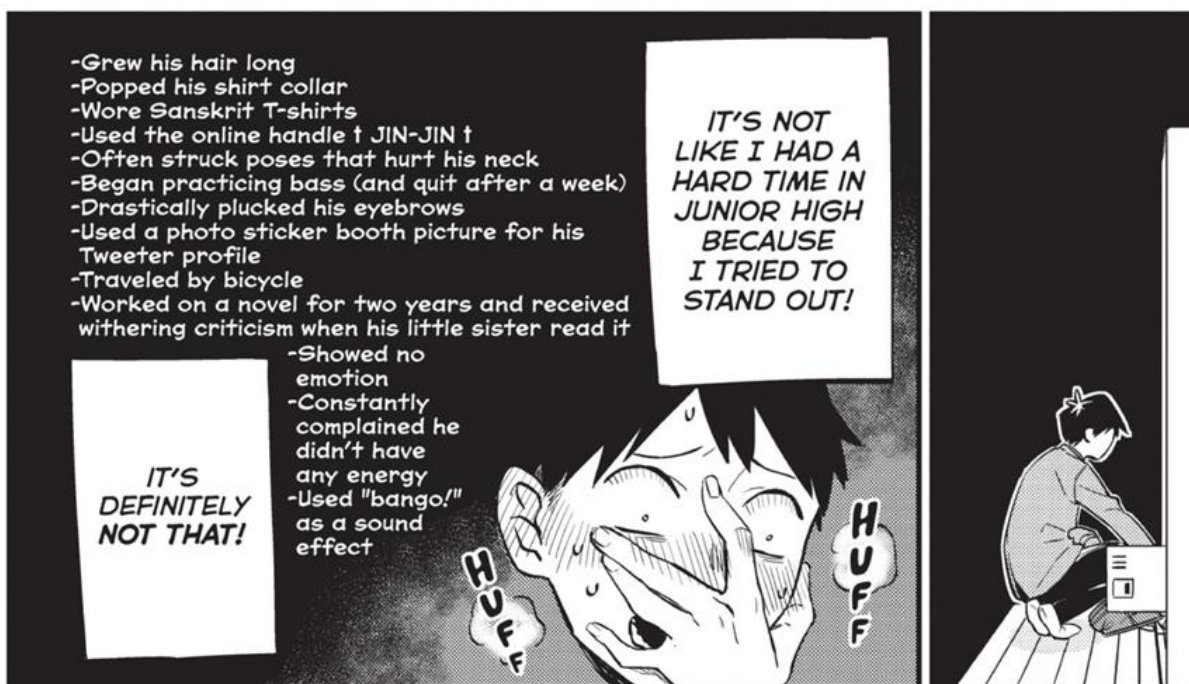
TADANO IS
ORDINARY.

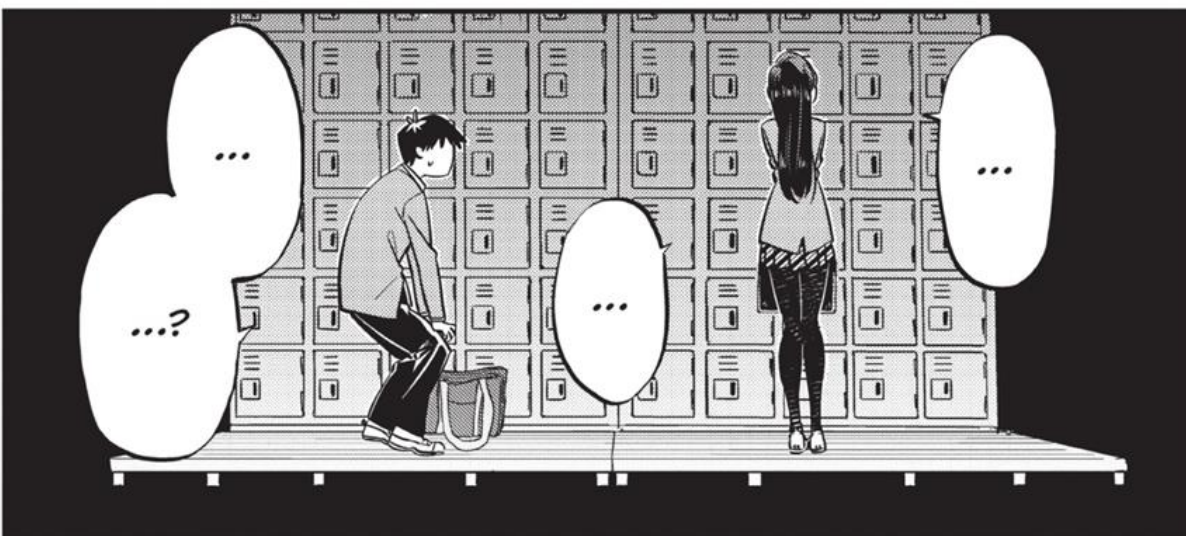
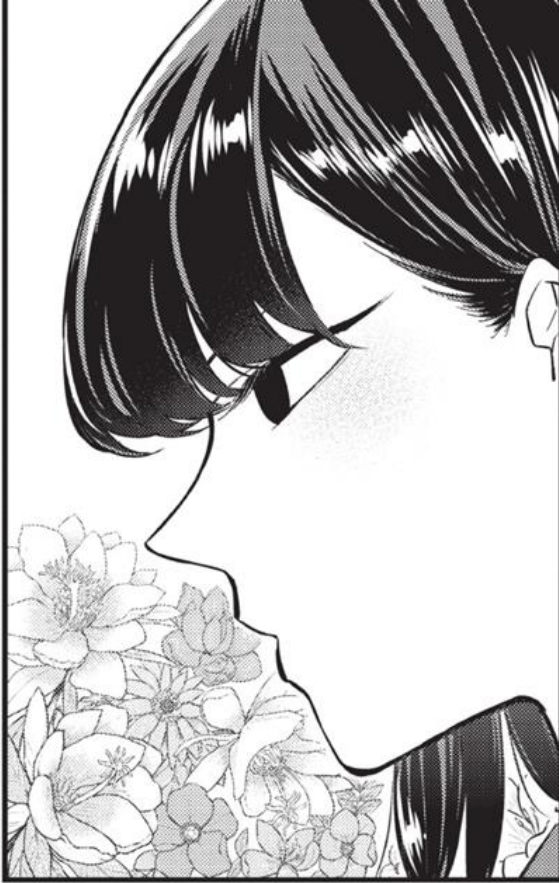
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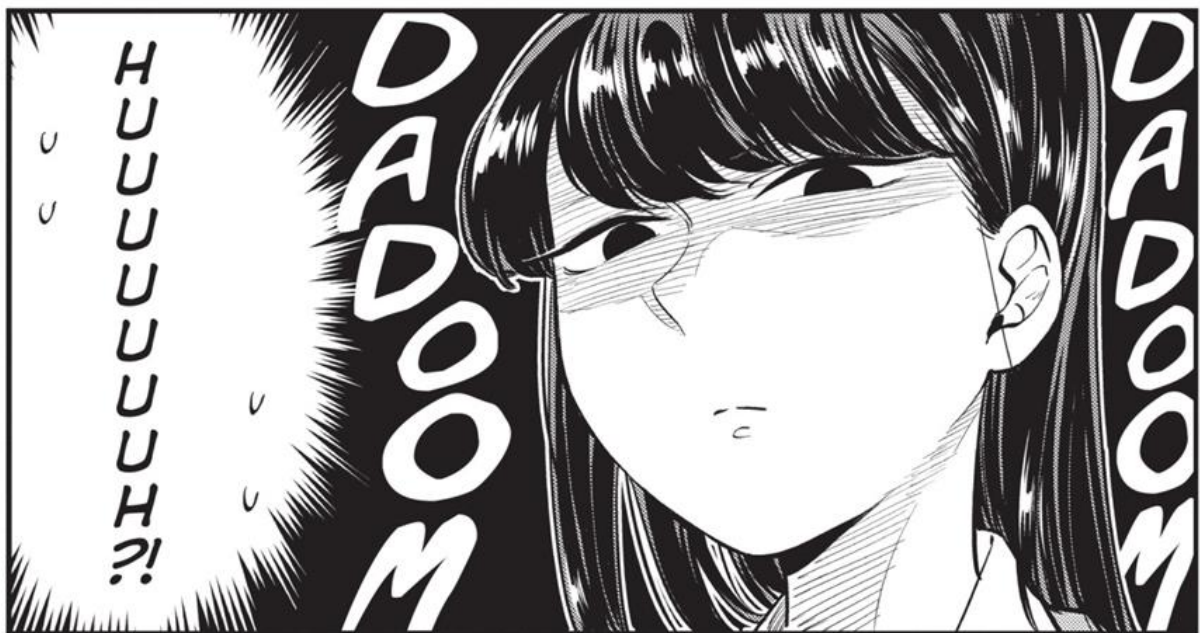
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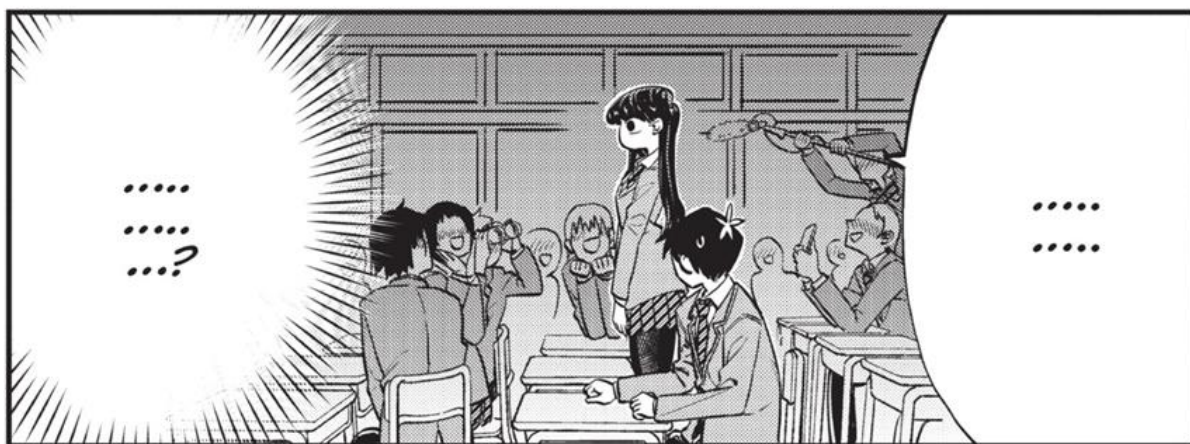


Communication 2: Peaceful





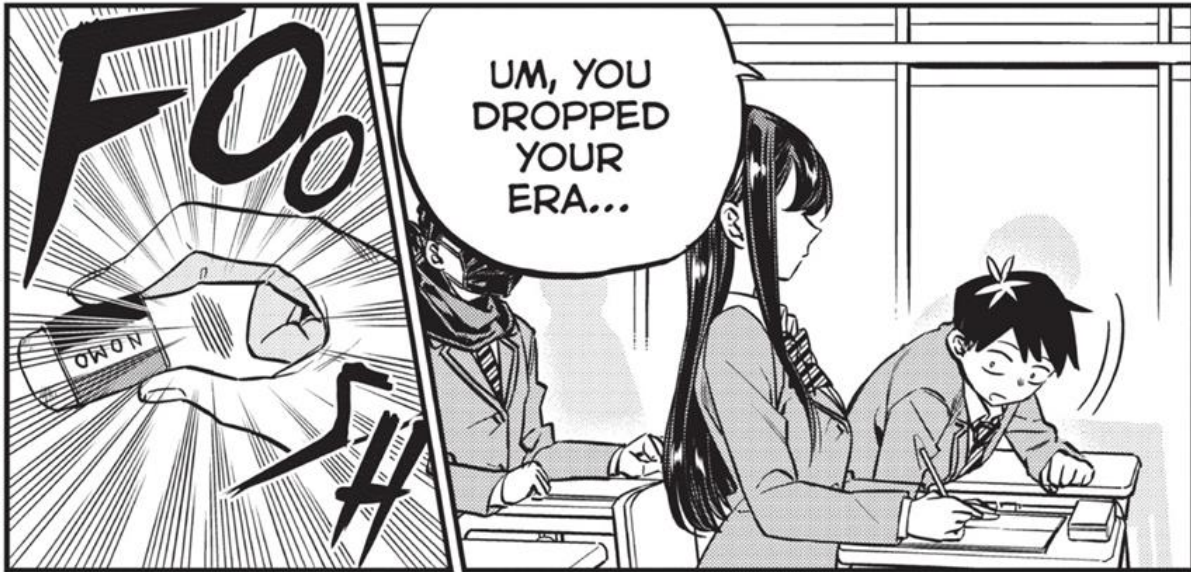


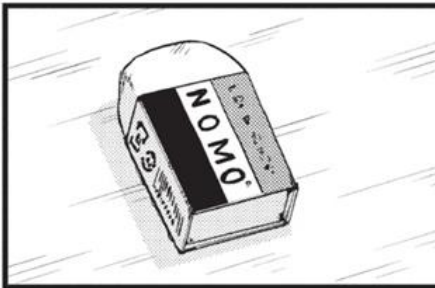






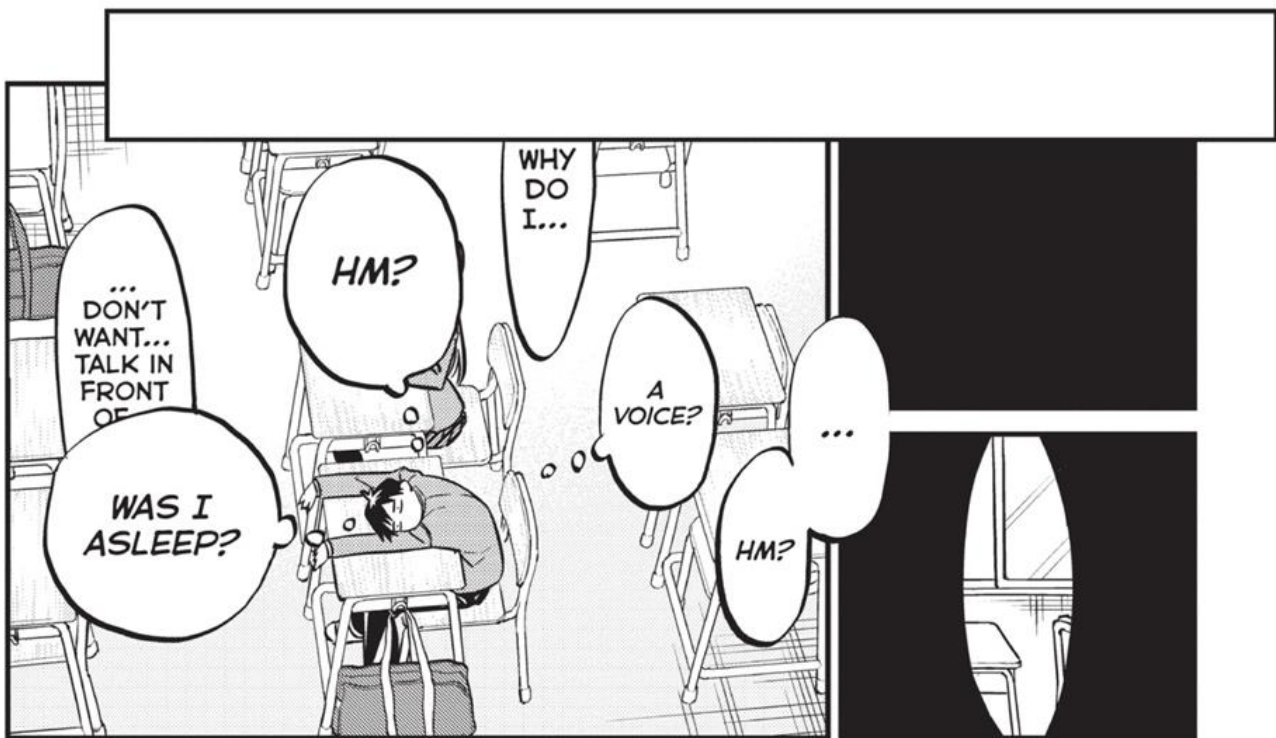












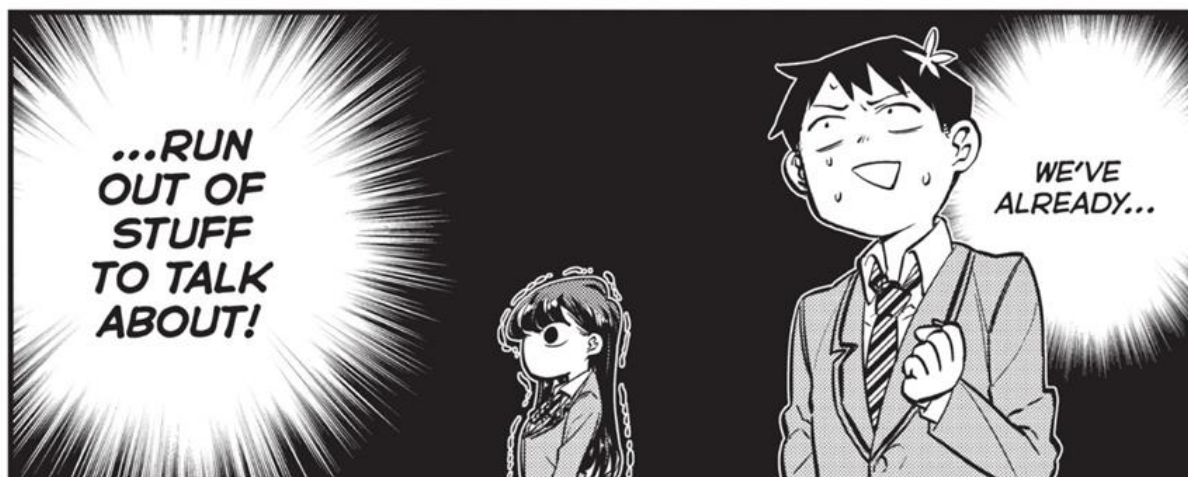
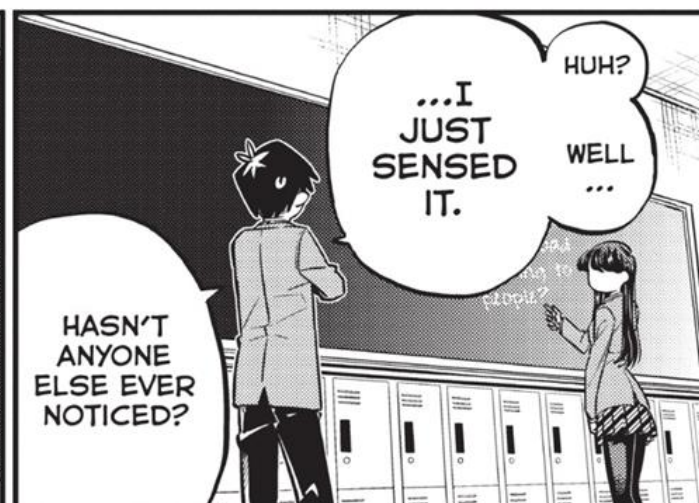
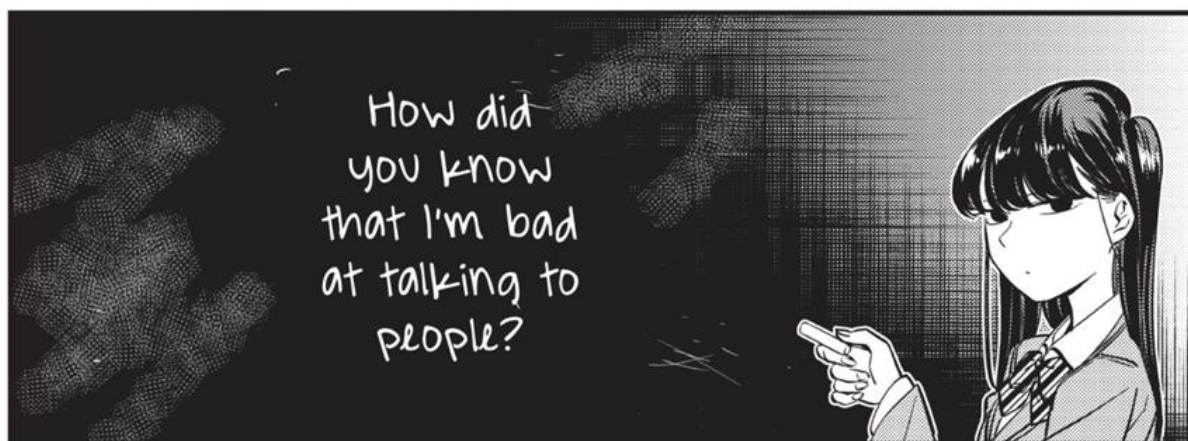




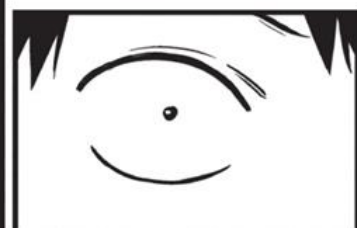
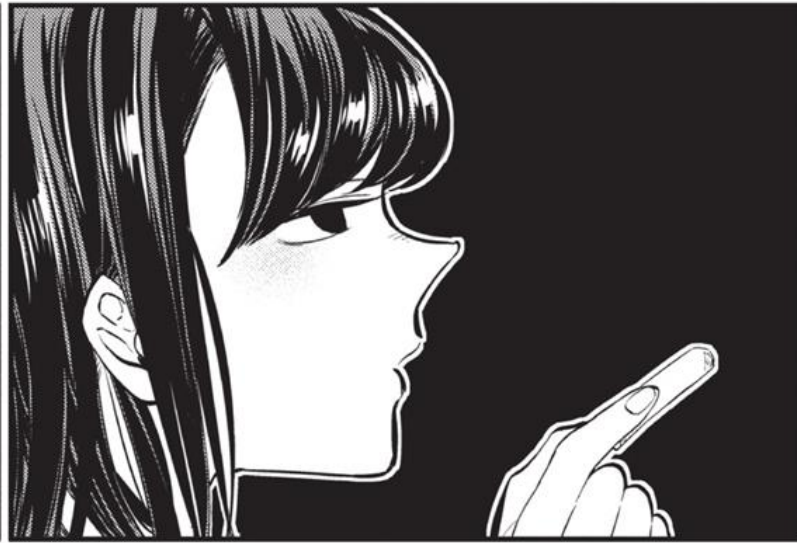


Communication 5: Wanting to Talk











But actually I want to talk.

I get nervous in front of people. My face freezes up and I get scared.

Or they kneel and bow.

Or they run away or pass out.

People get uneasy around me.



I had a hard time eating
by myself at lunch.

And watching everyone
chat as they ate.

It hurt.

Every day for
three years I tried
to join.

In
junior
high

KAK

But

I couldn't
speak.

No matter
how hard
I tried.

I just
couldn't
speak.

What
should
I do?

What
should
I do?

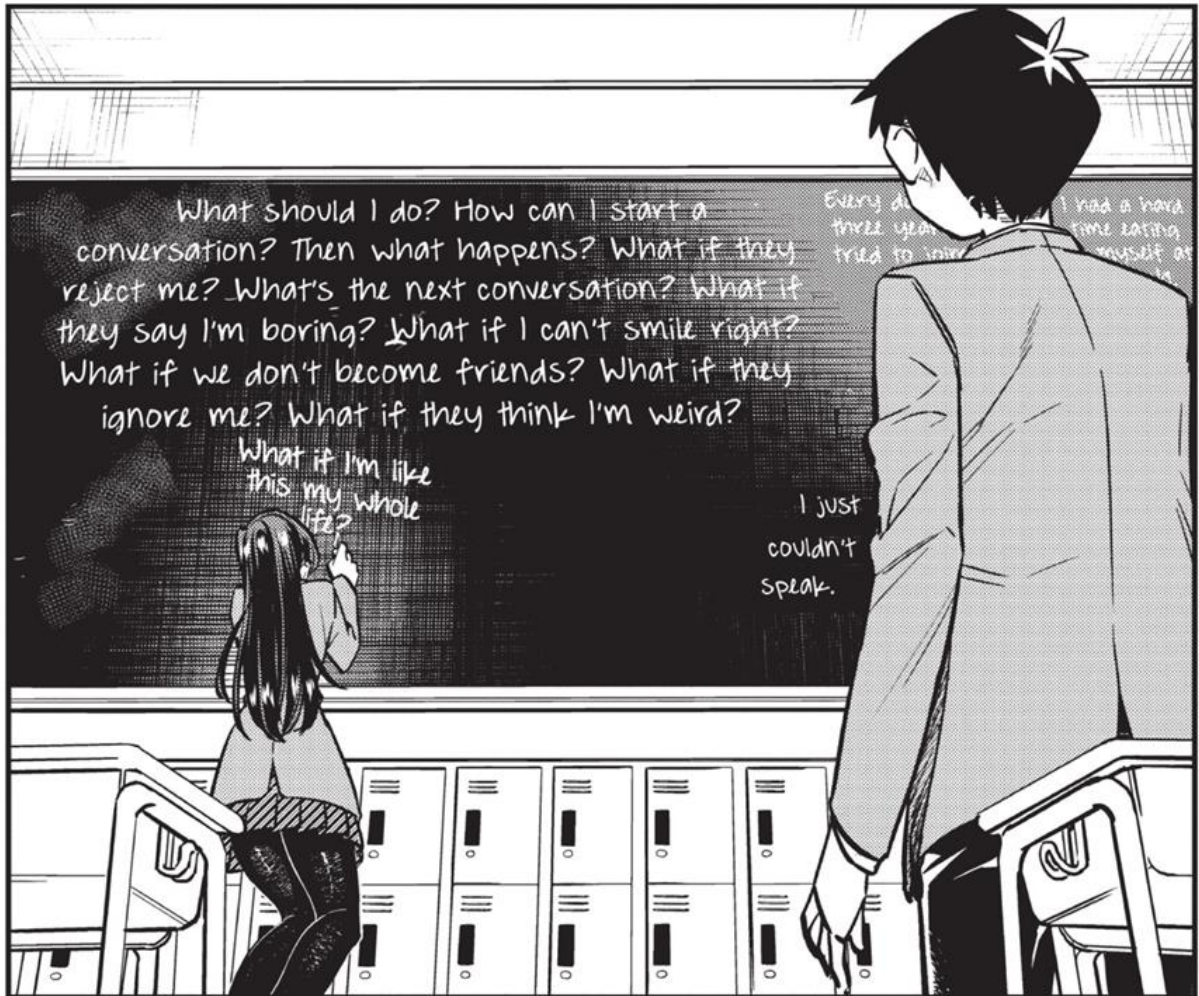
What
should
I do?

What if
they say
I'm boring?
What if I
can't smile
right?

What if
they reject
me? What's
the next
conversation
?

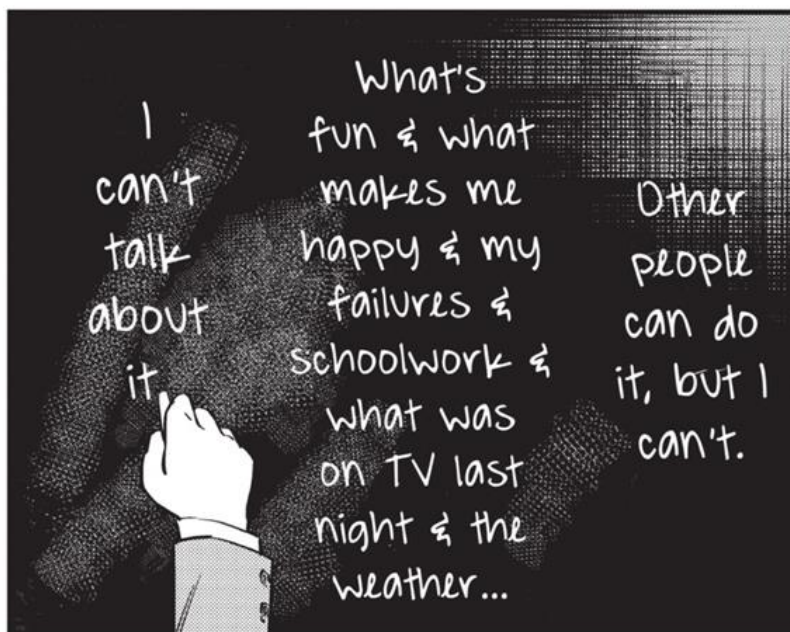
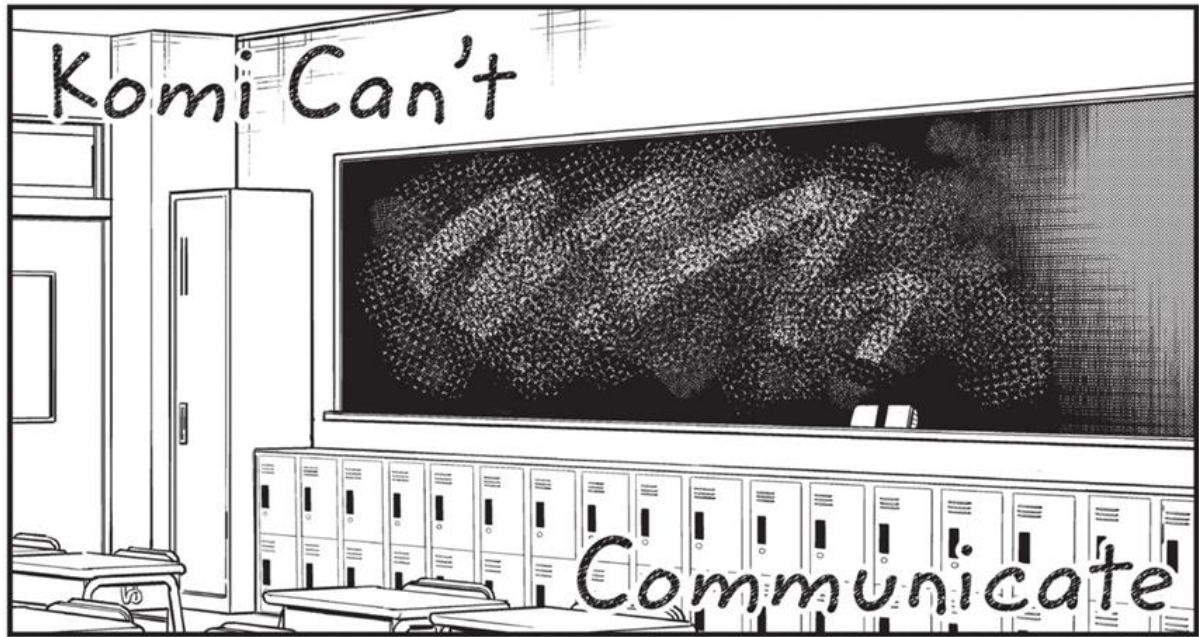
How can
I start a
conversation?
Then what
happens?

What
should
I do?



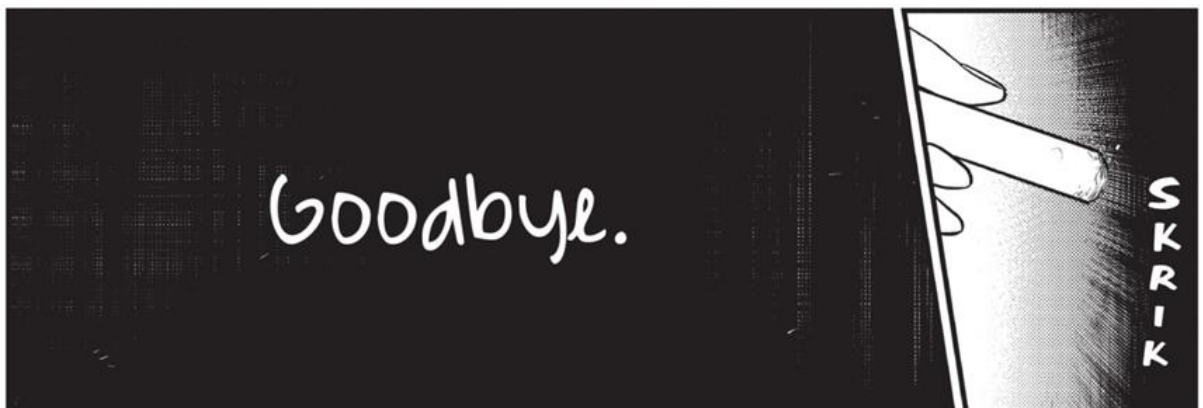
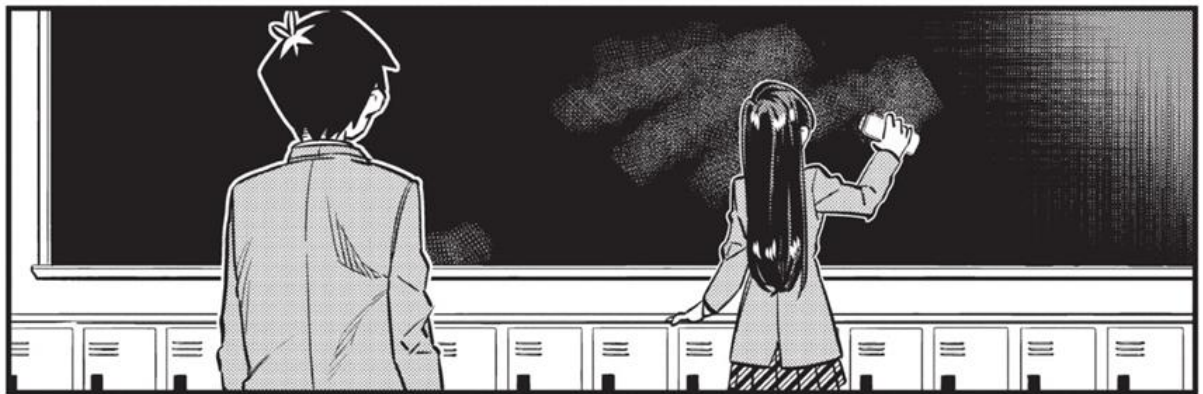


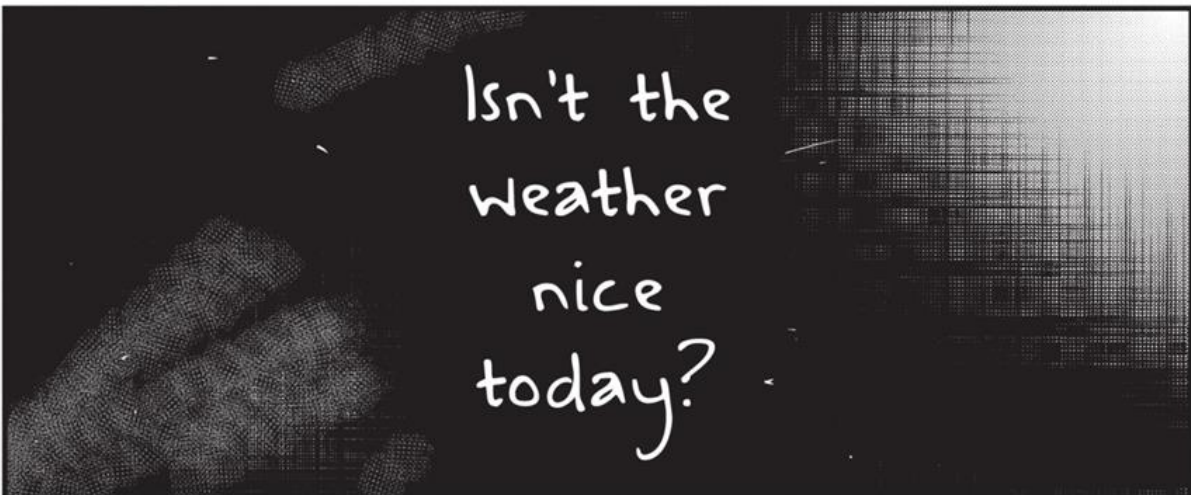
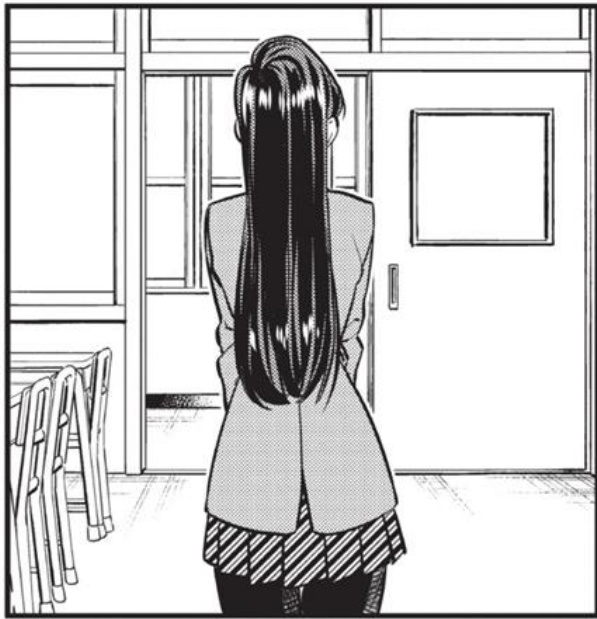
Communication 6: Wanting to Apologize

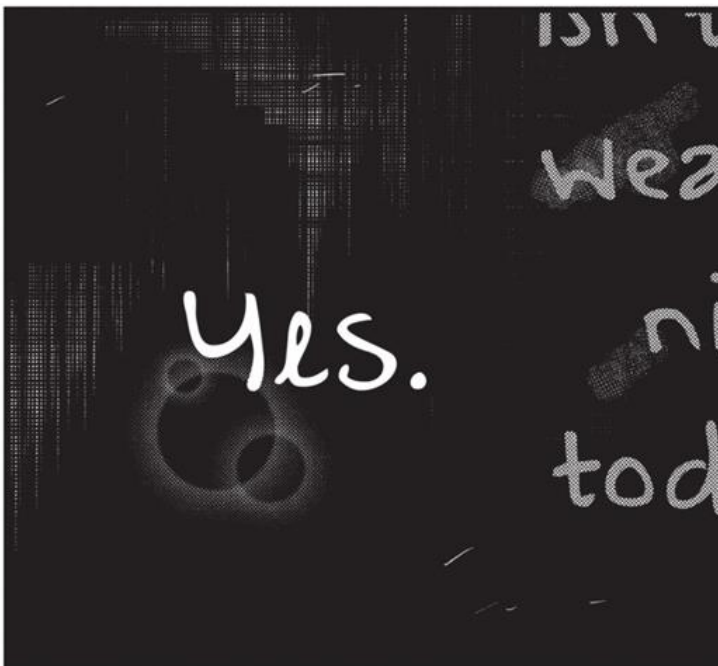


↓ Sorta happy









The
cherry
blossoms
were
beautiful.



Let's try some more...





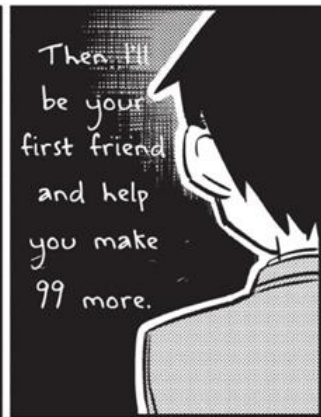
To
make
100
friends.

What's
your
dream,
Komi?

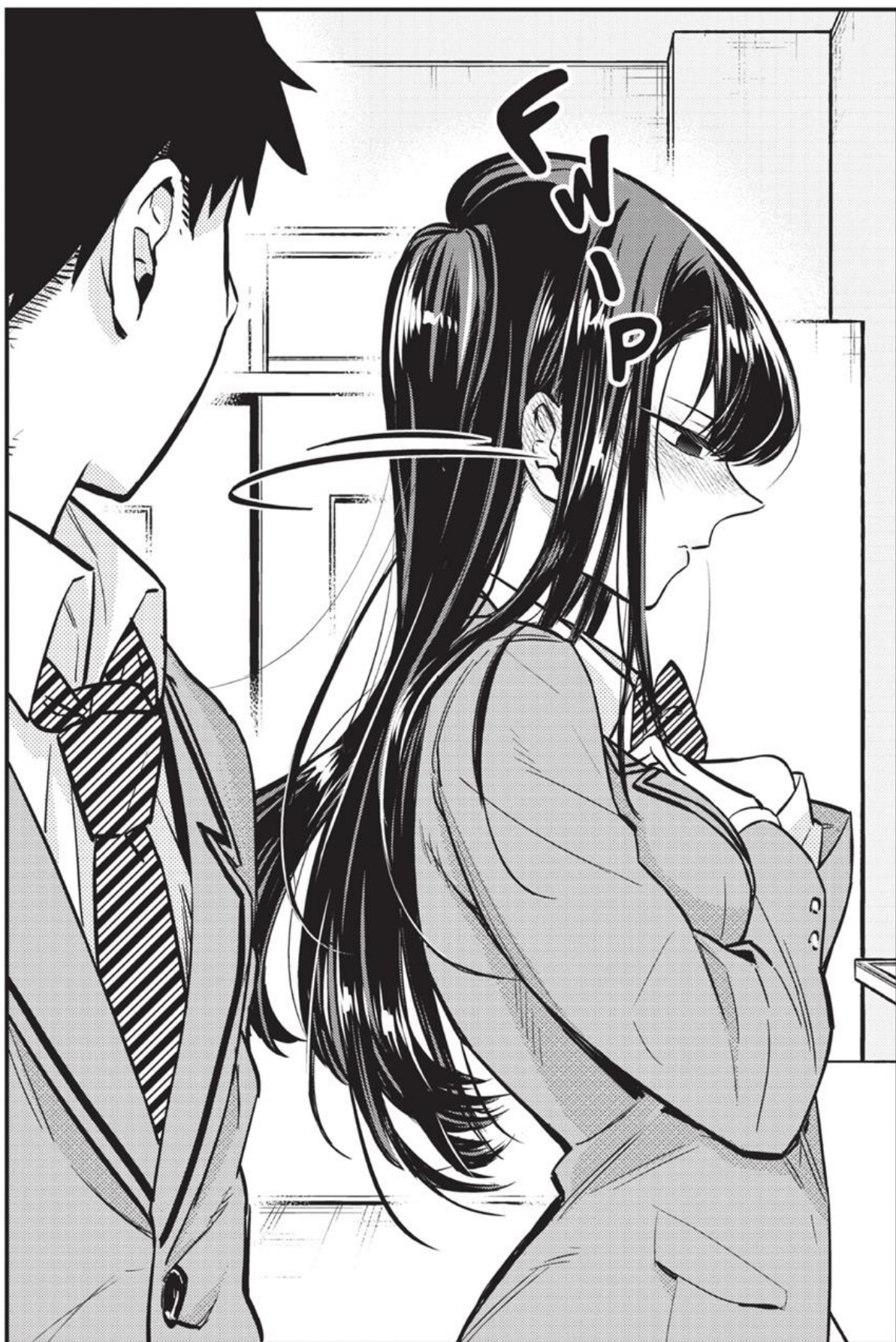


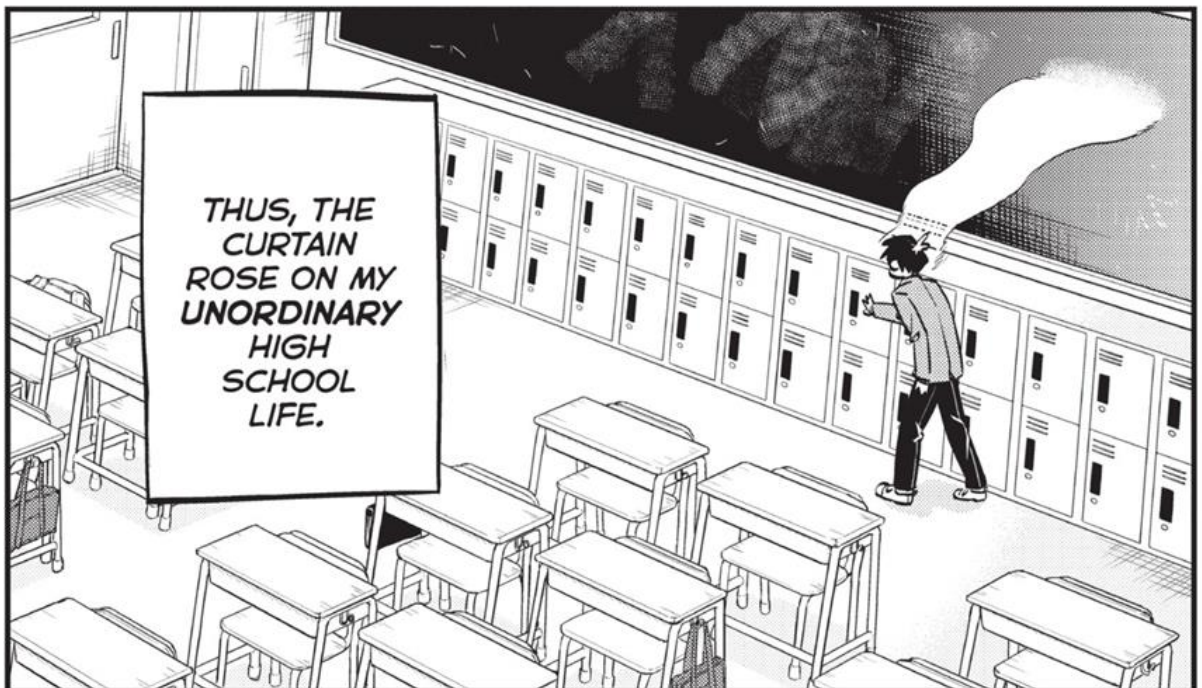
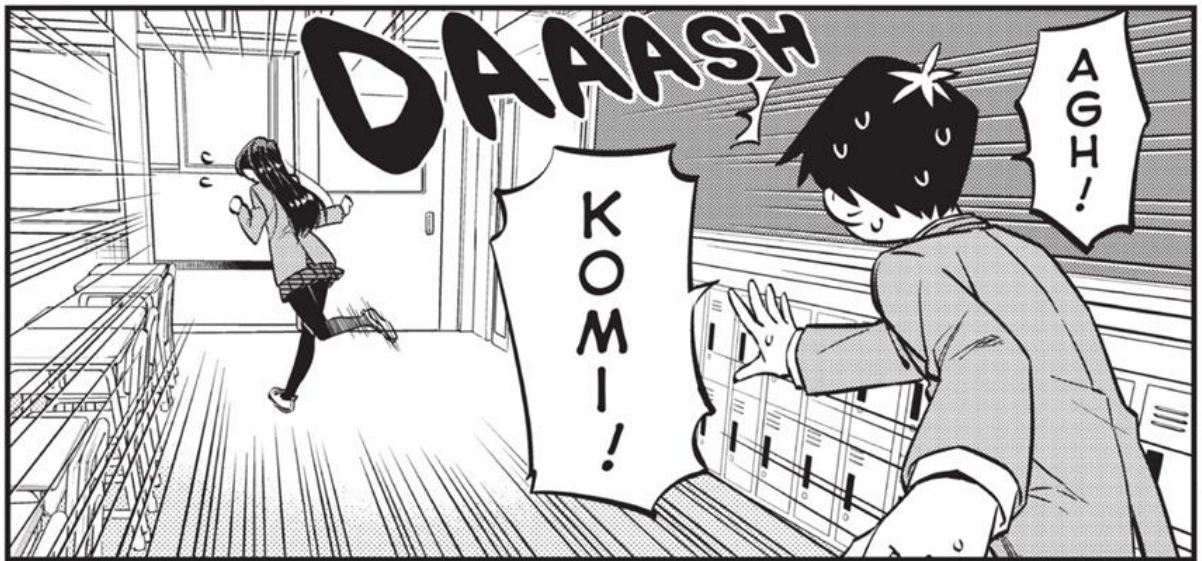
Then I'll
be your
first friend
and help
you make
99 more.



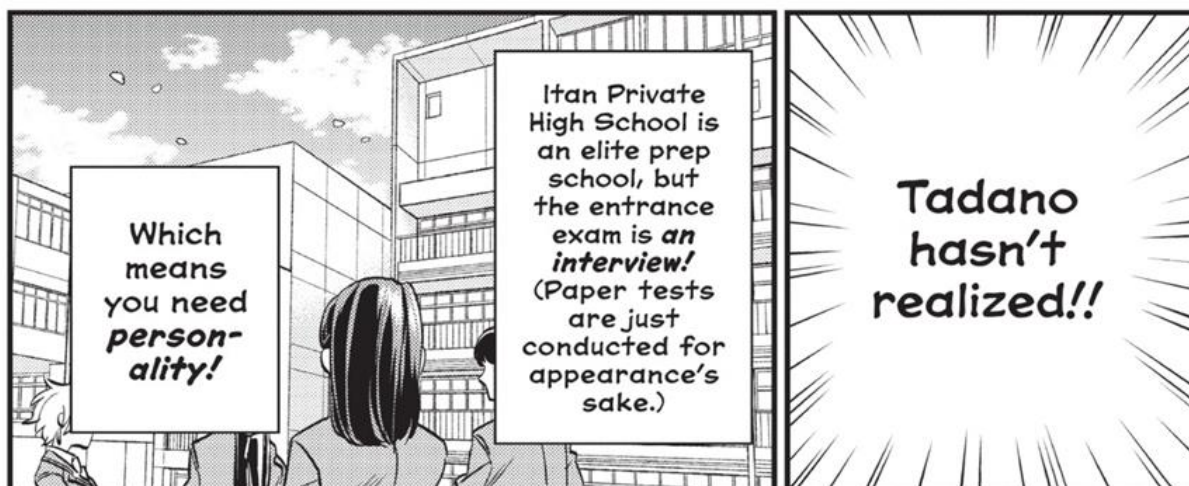








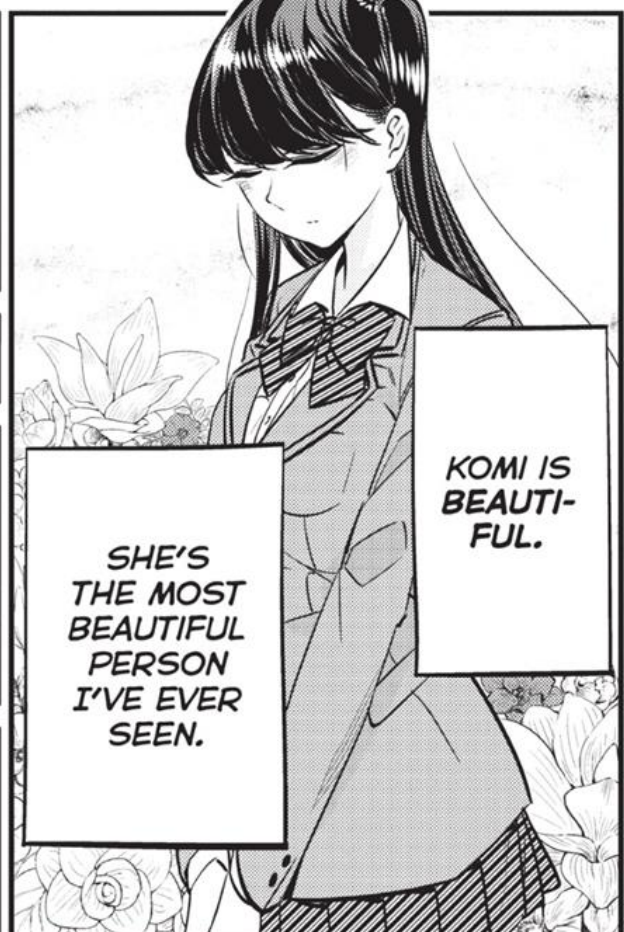


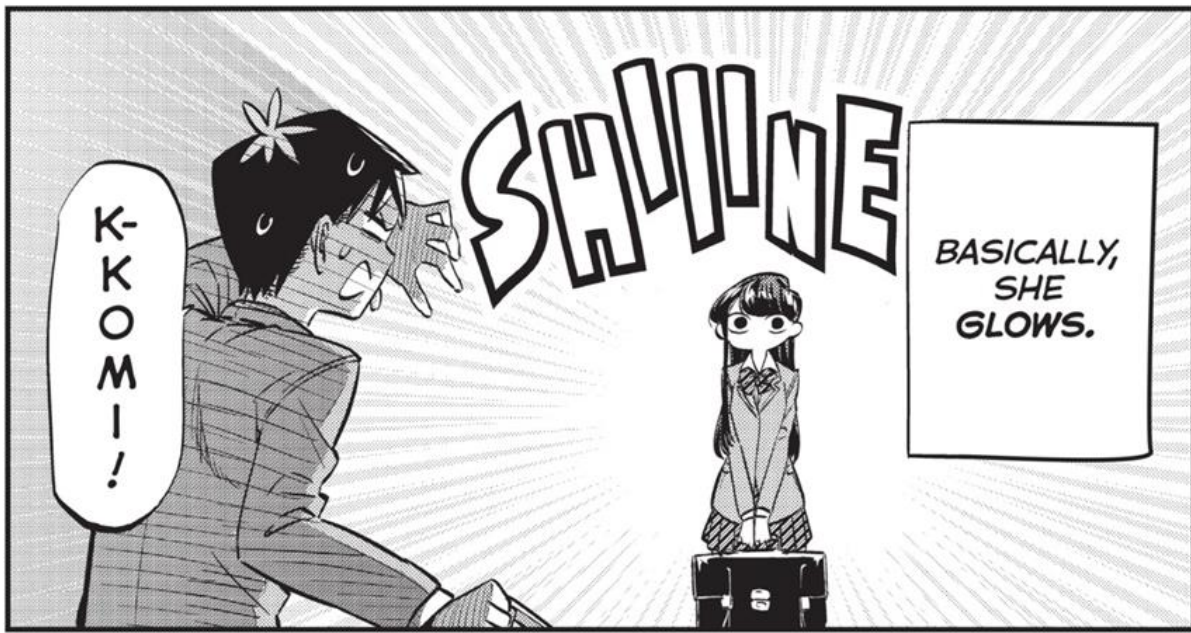


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Communication 7: One More Time

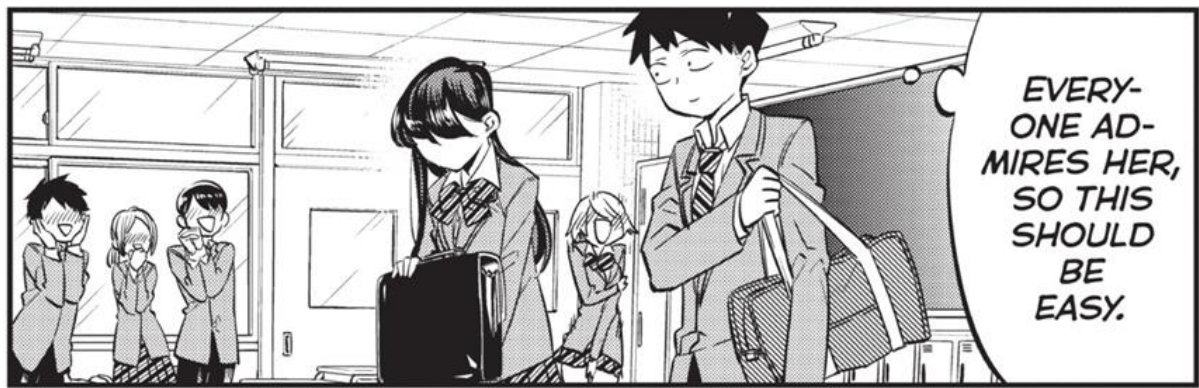




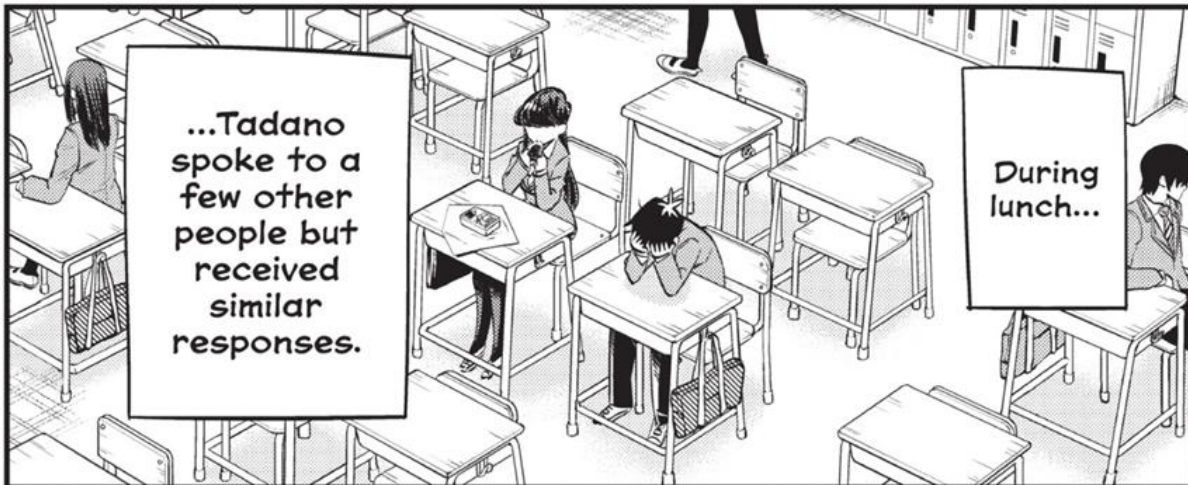




Communication 8: Scary



Communication 9: Old Friends















WHAT'S REMARKABLE IS HER (HIS?) COMMUNICATION ABILITIES. OSANA MAKES FRIENDS IN MERE MINUTES, AND THOSE FRIENDSHIPS NEVER FADE.



SUPPOSEDLY, IT'S BECAUSE OSANA CHANGED SCHOOLS A LOT...

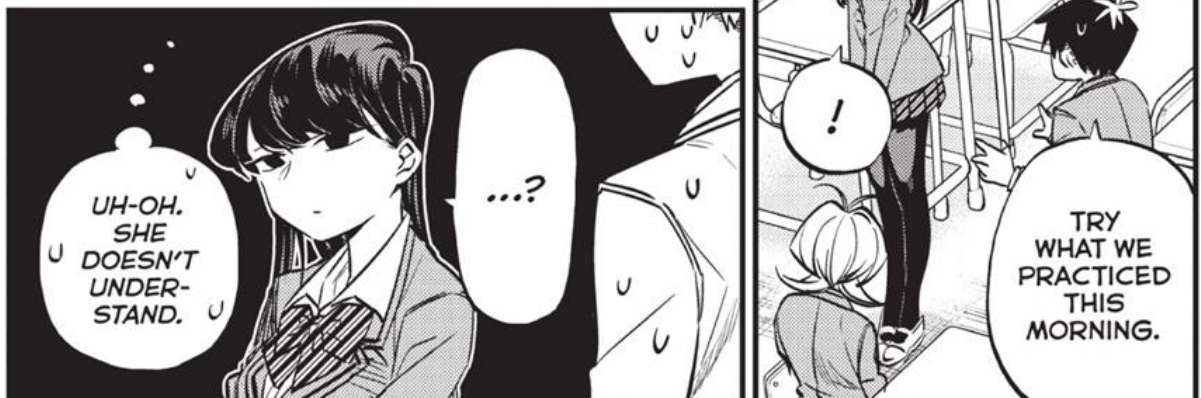
IT WAS THAT WAY IN JUNIOR HIGH TOO. MOST OF THE STUDENTS ARE OSANA'S OLD FRIENDS.

Old friends



OSANA ...

SO IT'LL BE EASY TO GET OSANA TO BE KOMI'S FRIEND.





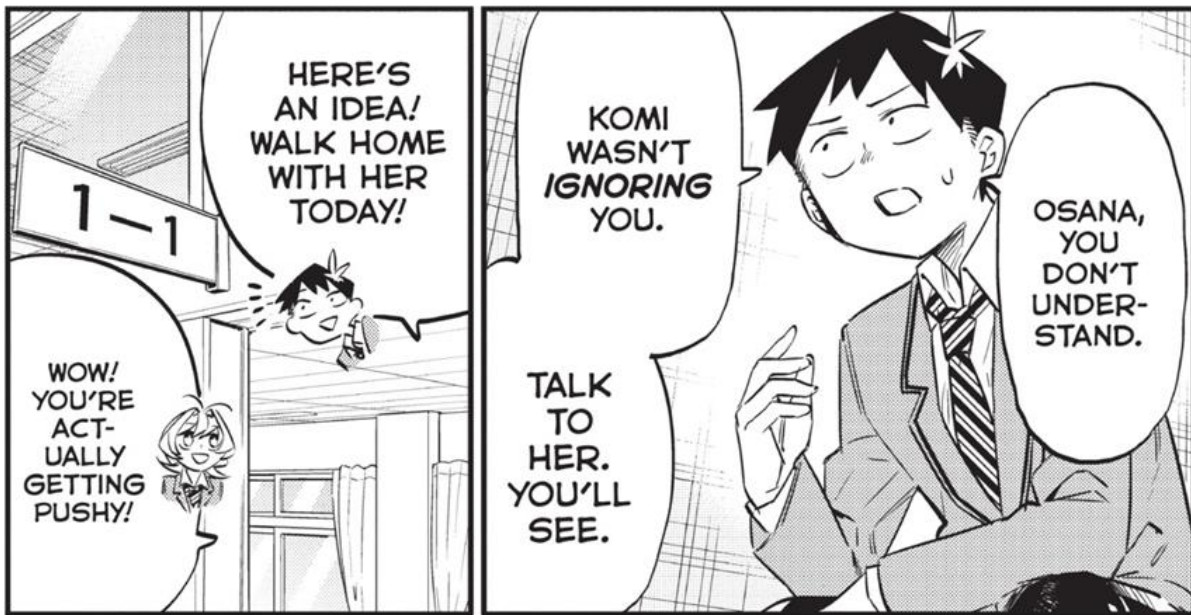


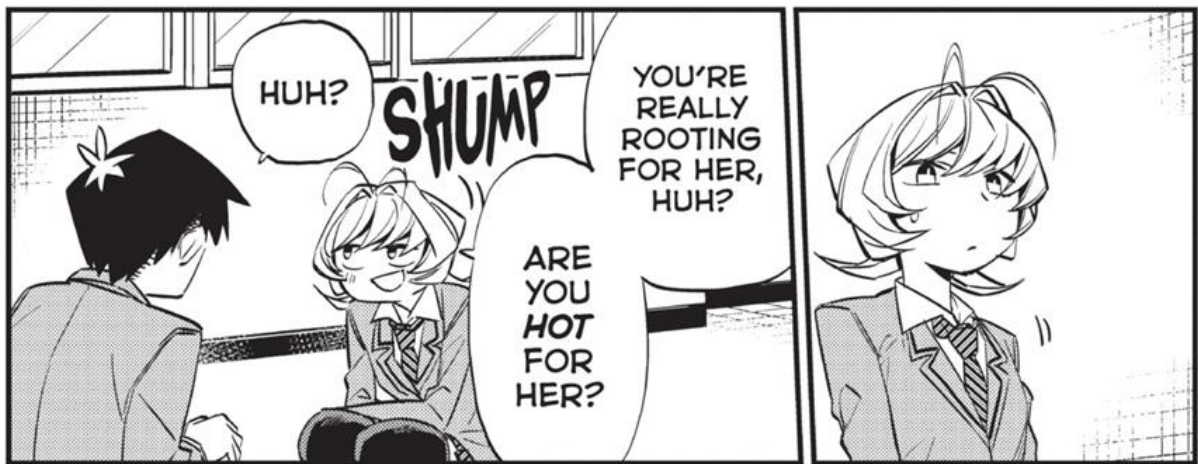
Communication 9 — The End





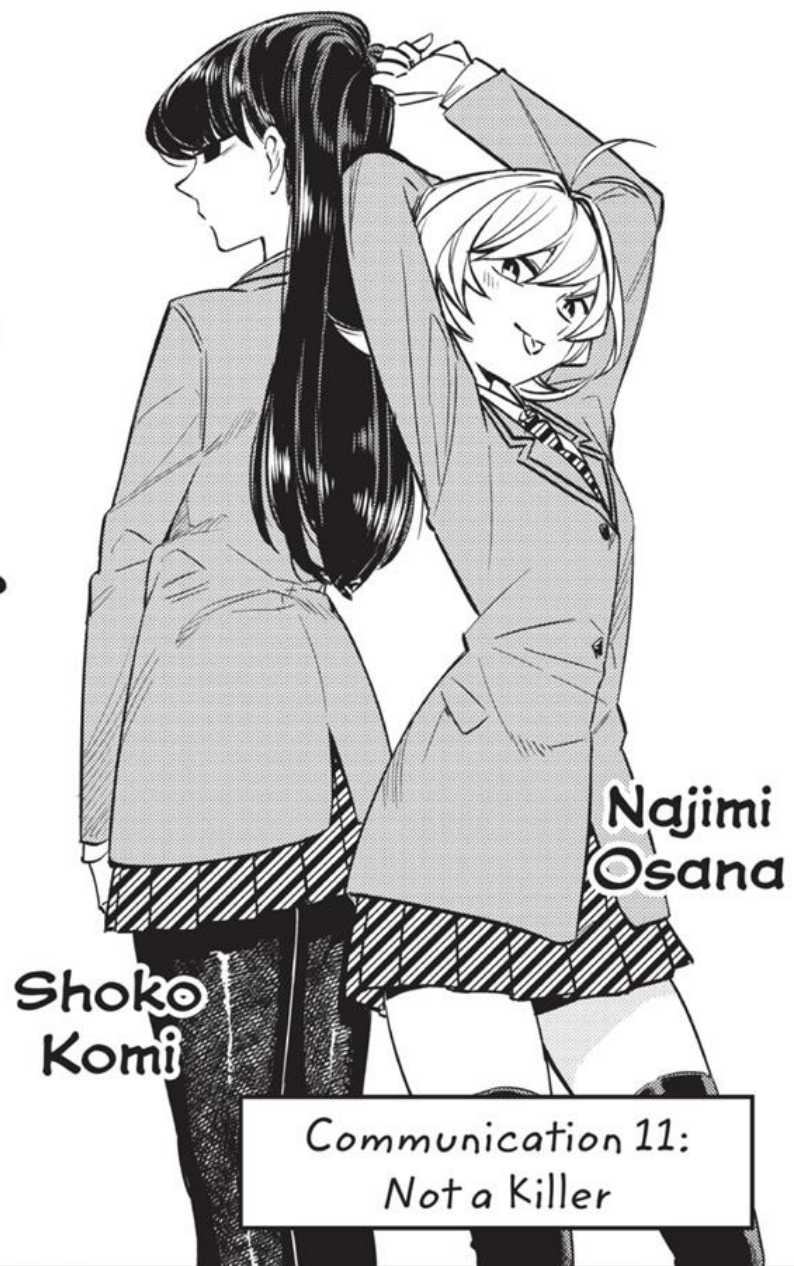


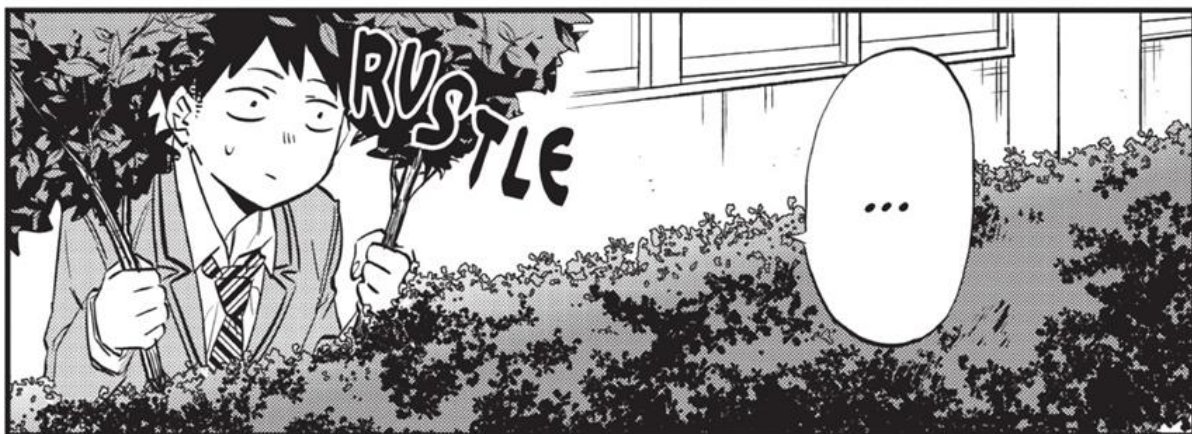




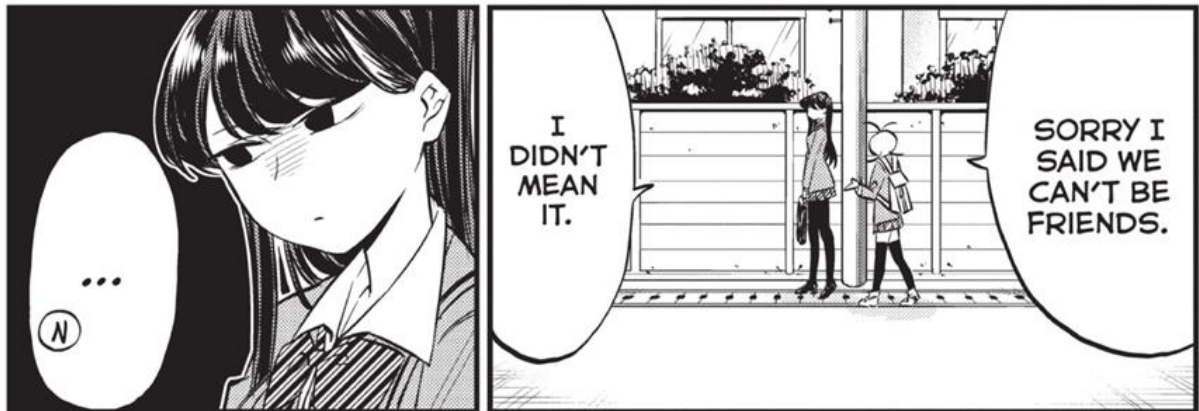


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From Najimi's Perspective

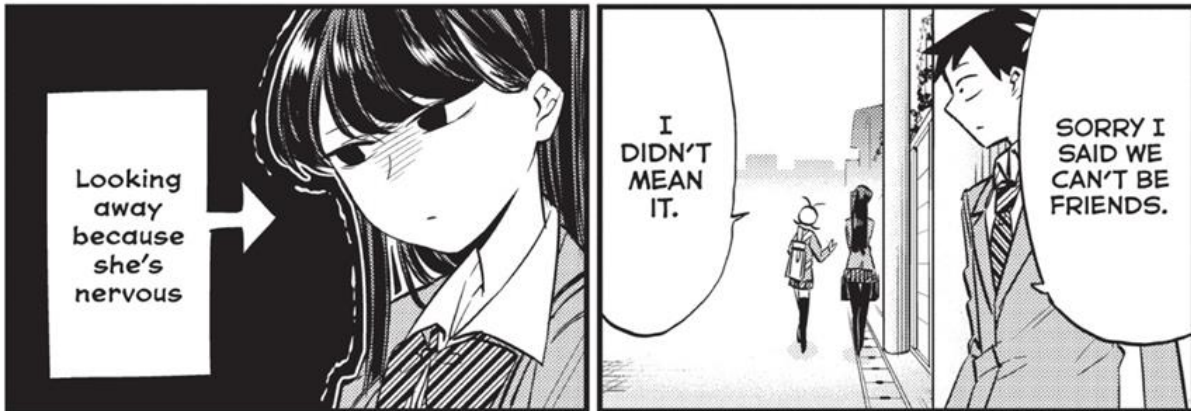


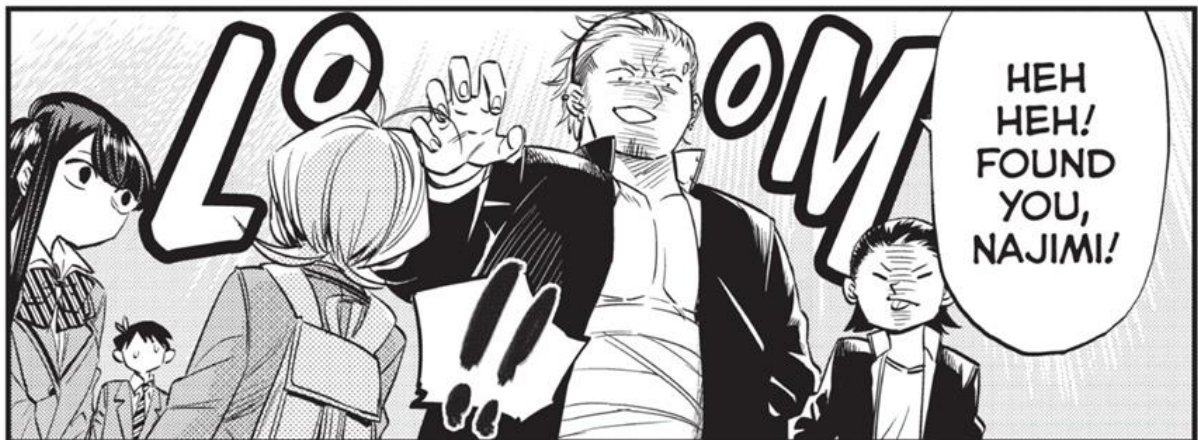
I
DIDN'T
MEAN
IT.

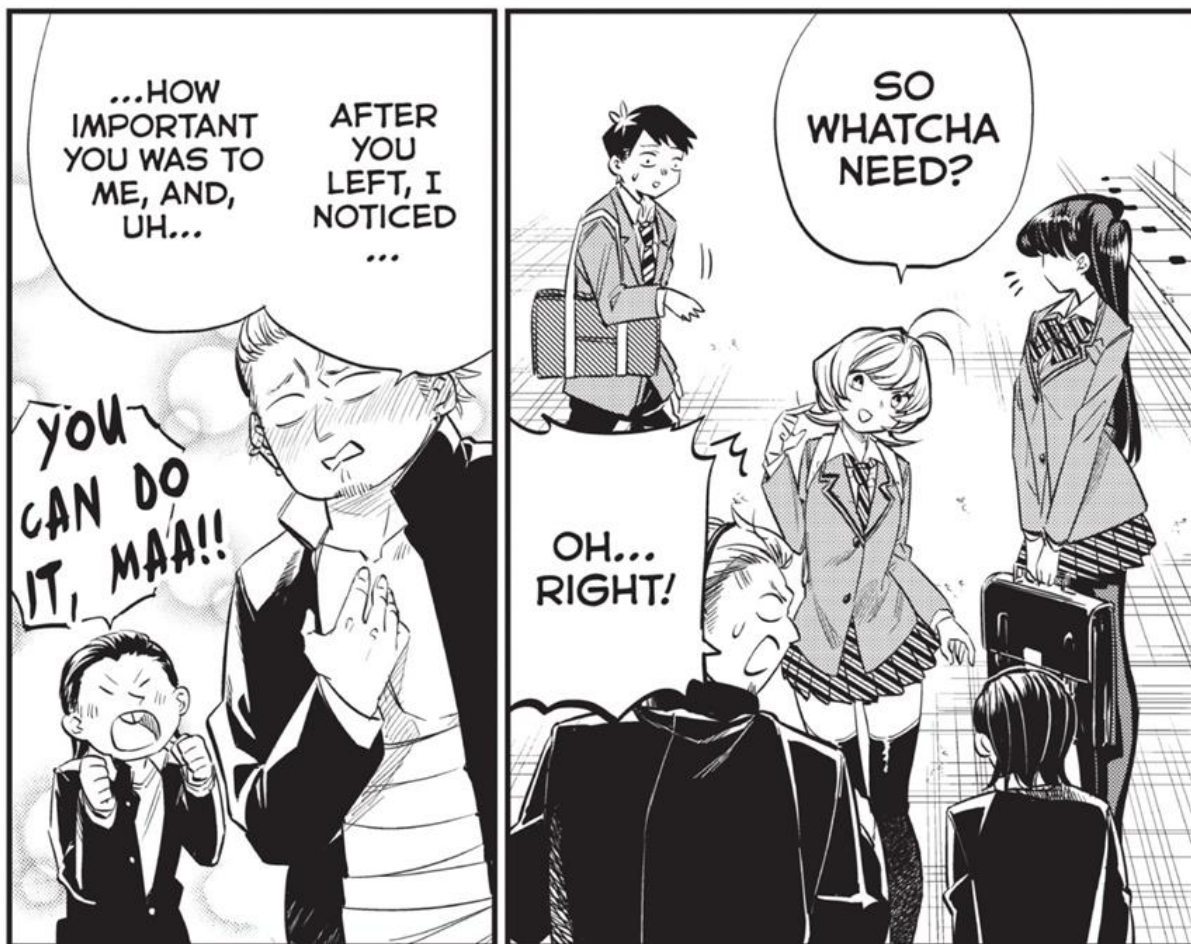
SORRY I
SAID WE
CAN'T BE
FRIENDS.

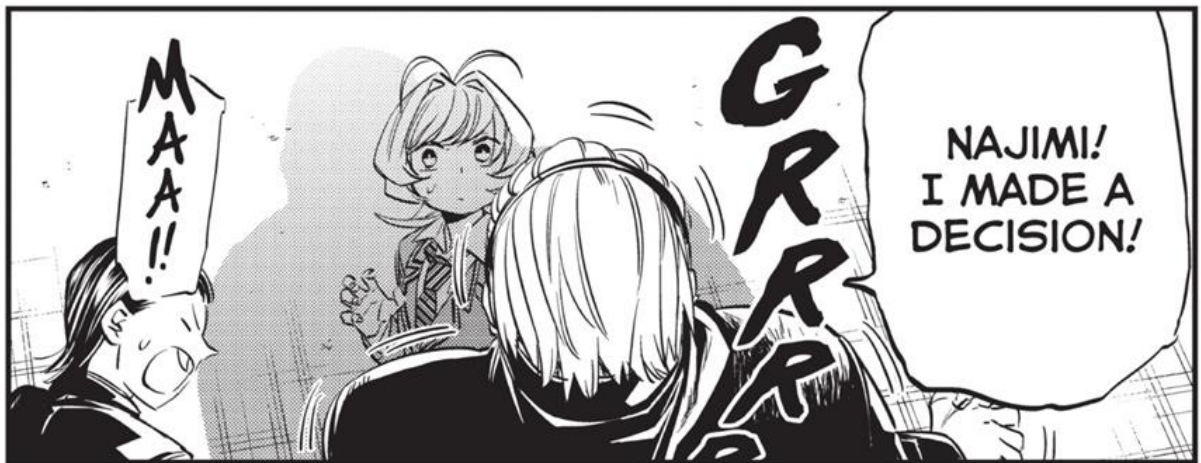


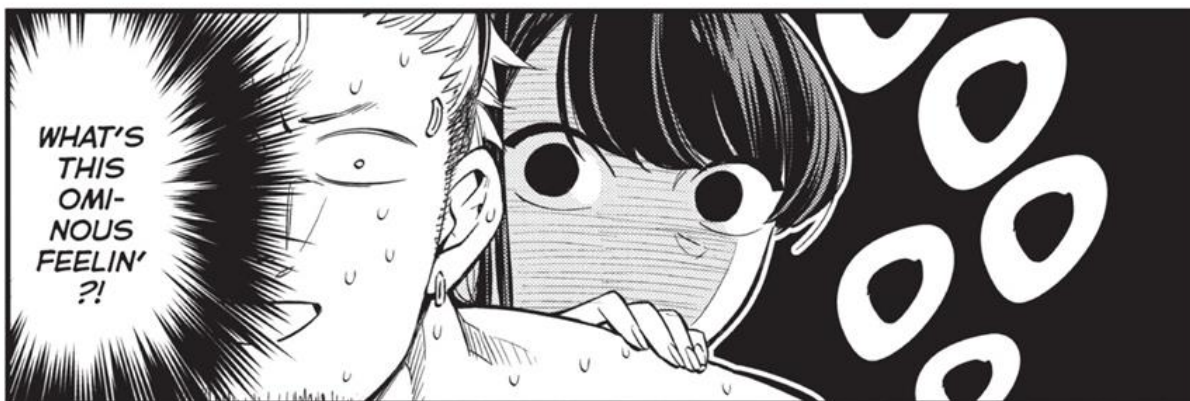
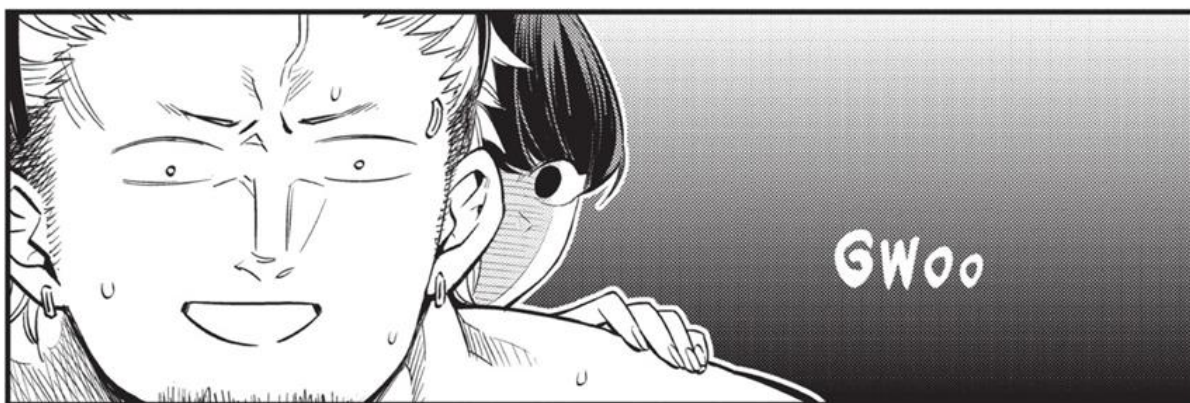
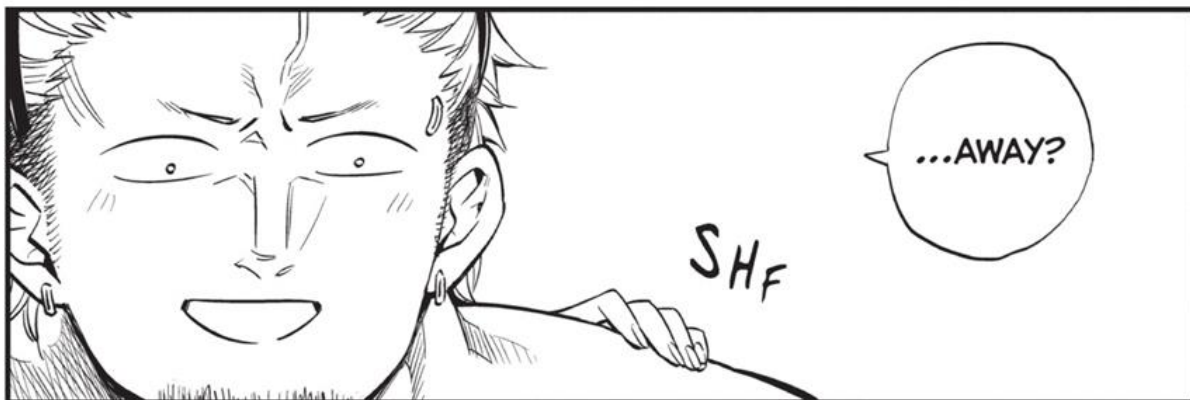
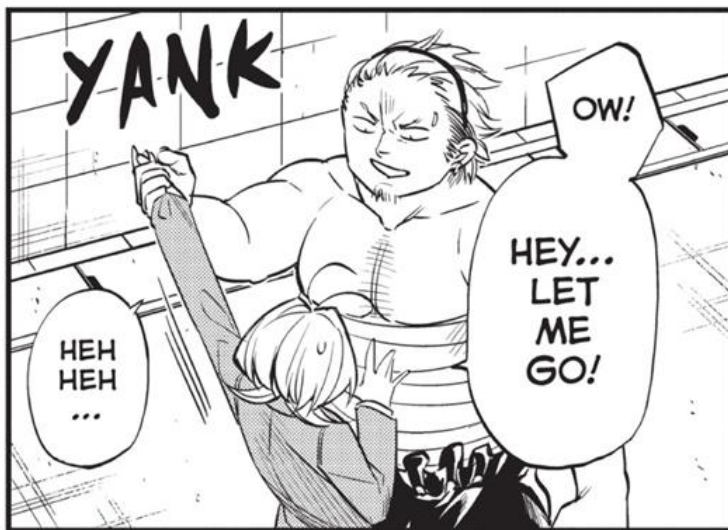
From Tadano's Perspective













MY
HOUSE
KEY?



WHO
IS
YOU?

SHE'S
PURTY!

OH, IT'S
JUST A
GIRL!



SHE'S
MAKING
PROG-
RESS
!!

SHE'S
TALKING
TO A
STRANGER!

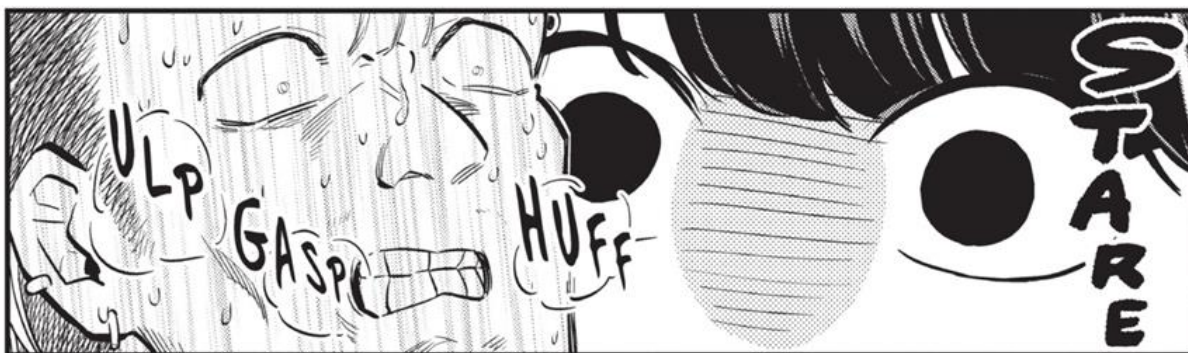
YOU
...
... OCKET
...
... KEY
...



M-
MAYBE
SHE
SAID...

HUNH?!
WHAT'S
SHE
SAYIN'
?!

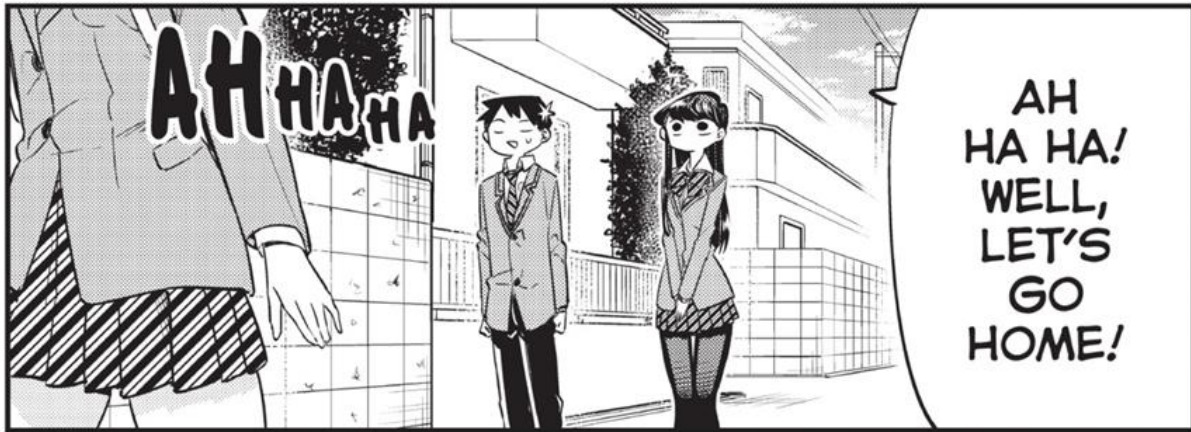
W-WAS
THAT
SOME
KIND OF
THREAT
?!





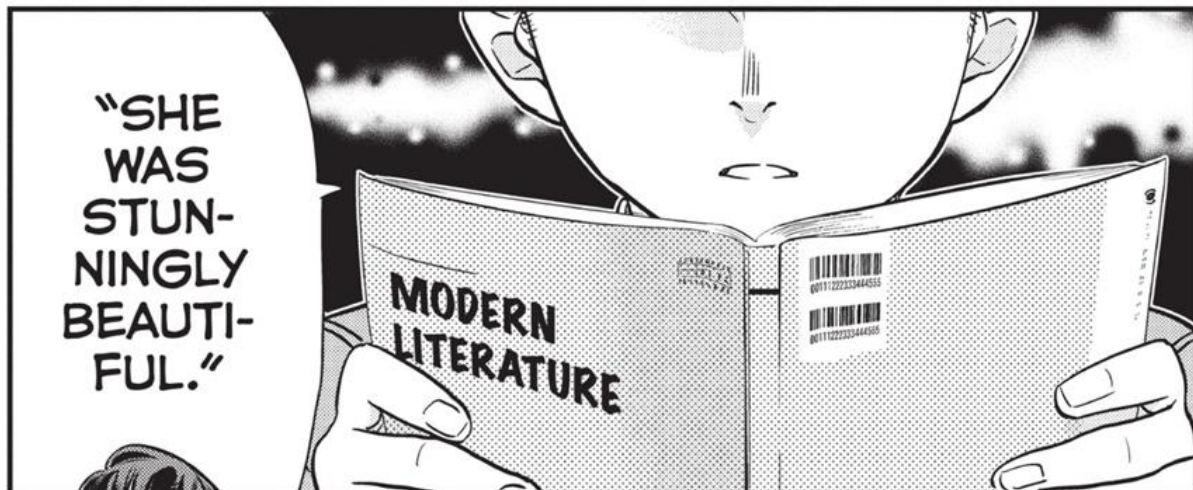


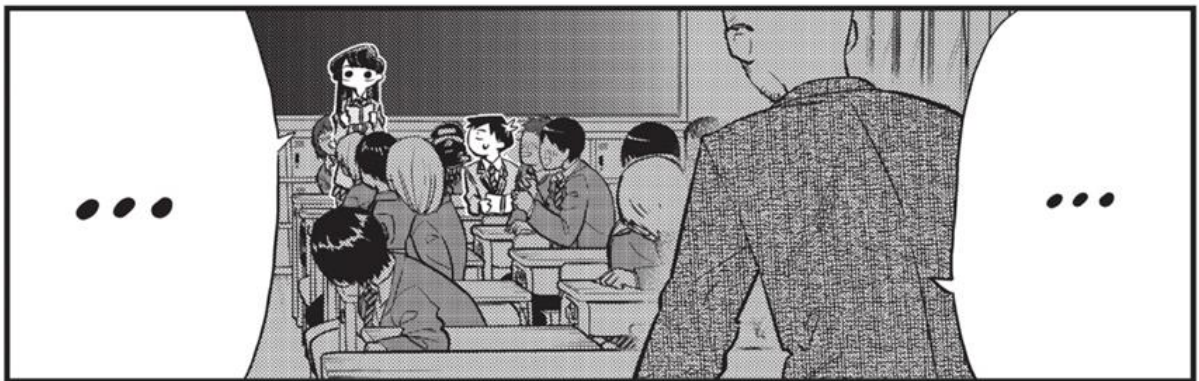
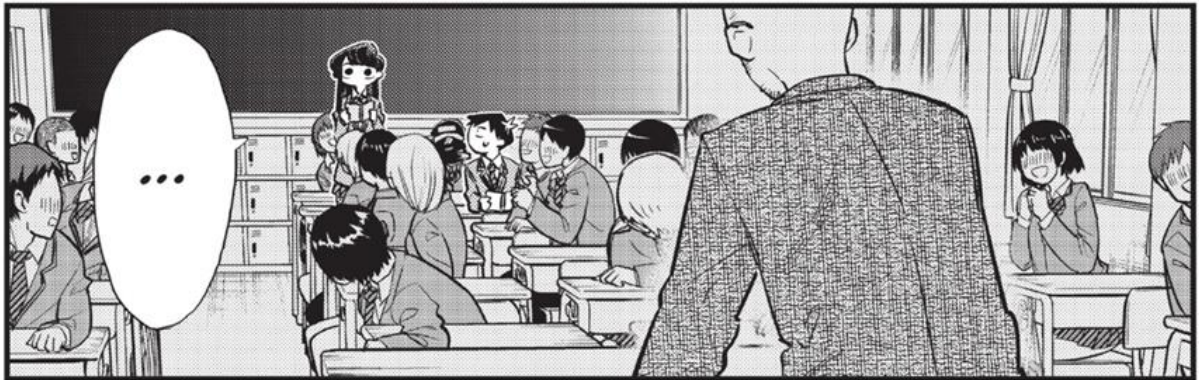
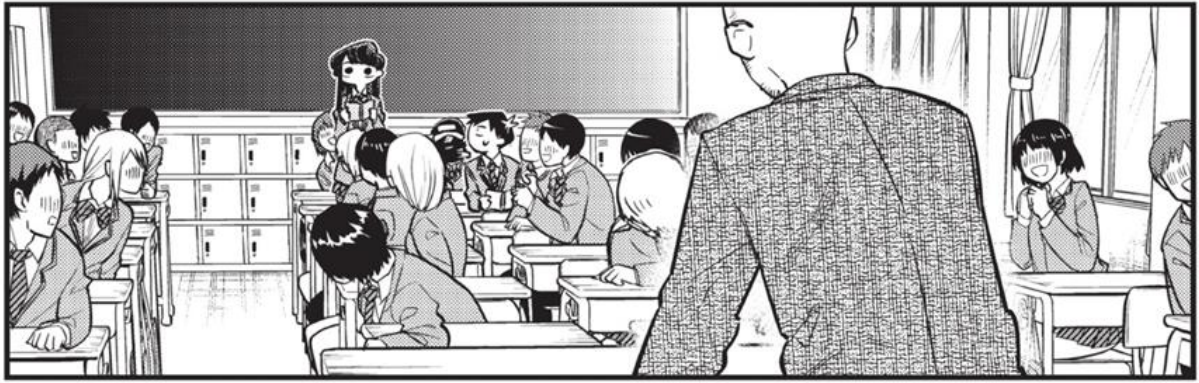




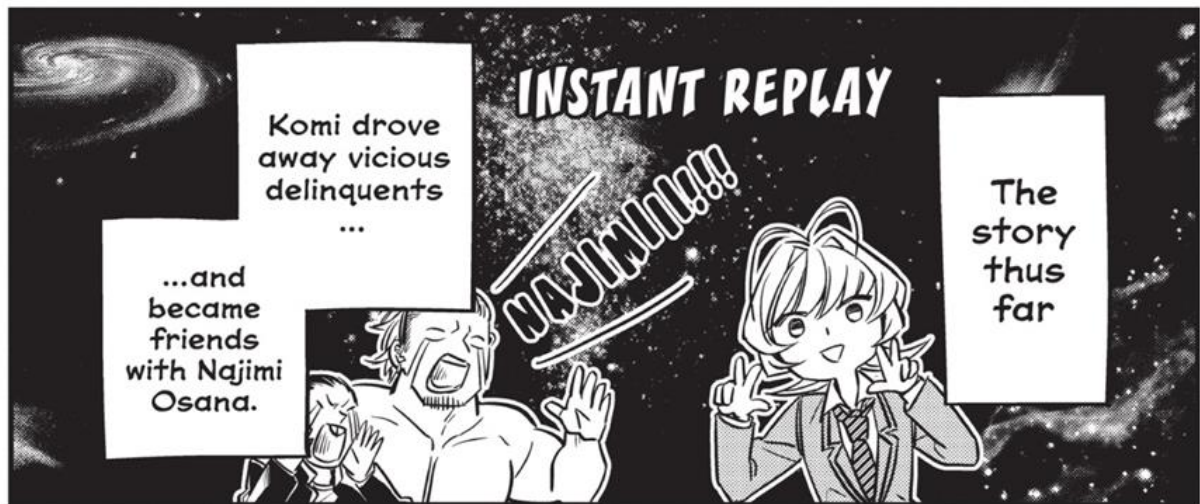


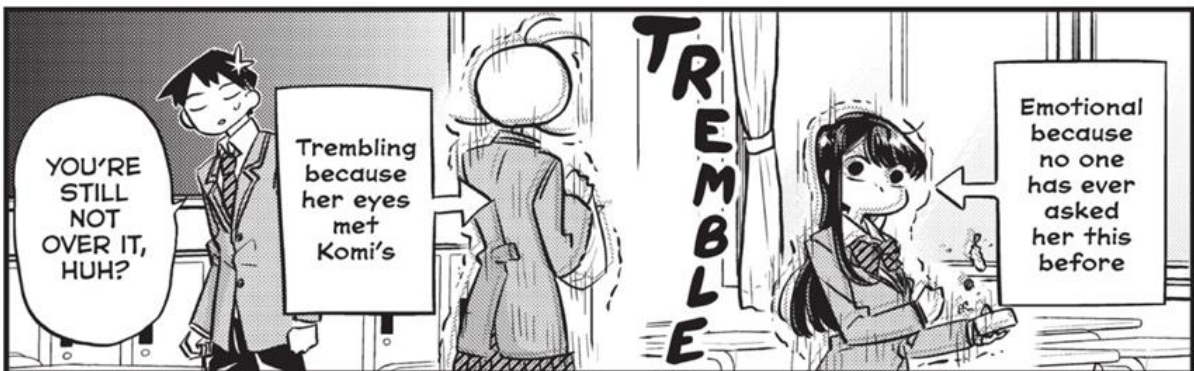
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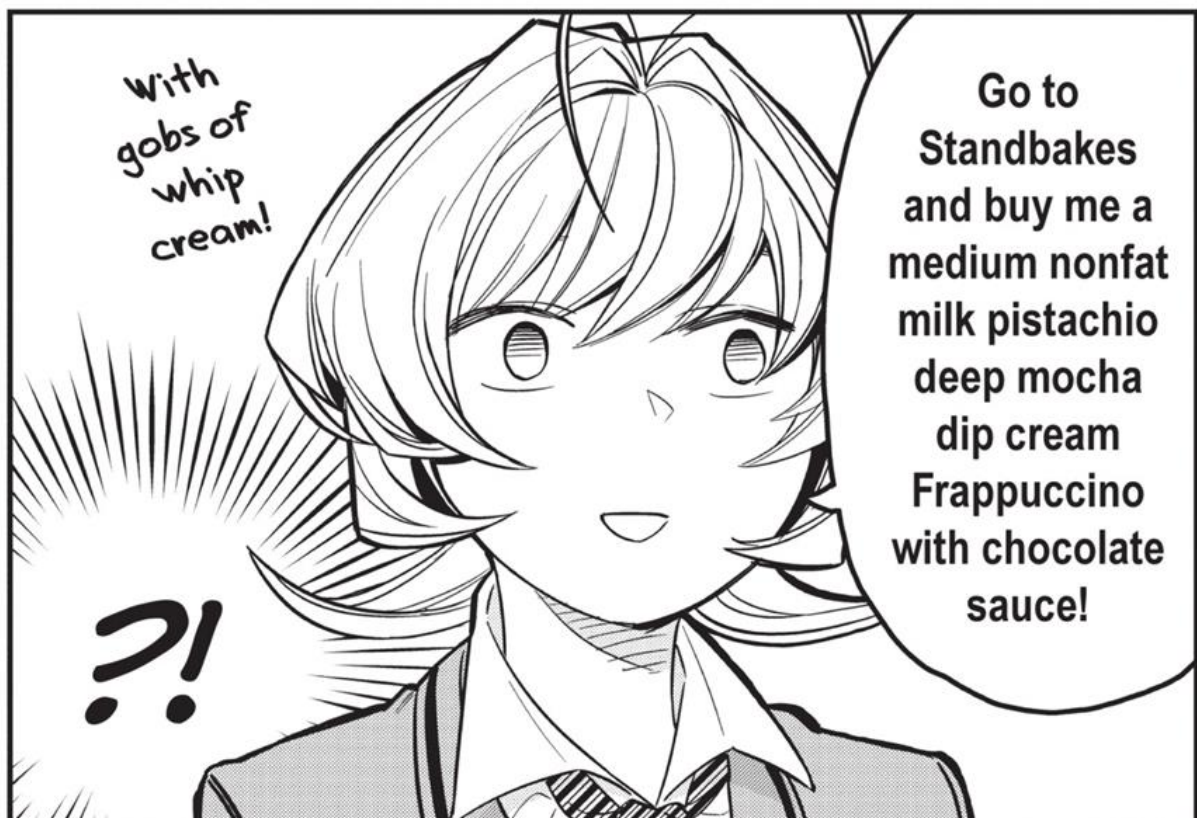














And if you don't, I won't be your friend any-more!

??!!



DON'T WORRY, IT ISN'T FAR.

School

NAJIMI, WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!

APPROX. 250 M

Stand-bakes

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!



STAGGER

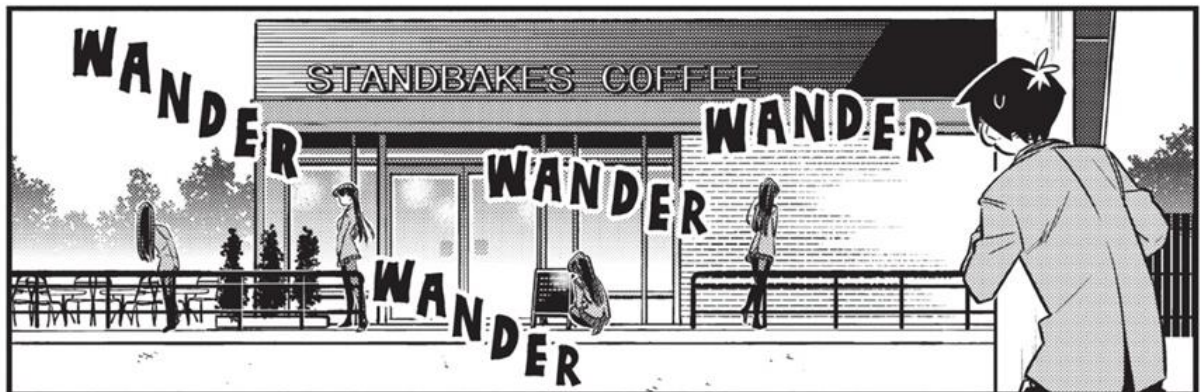
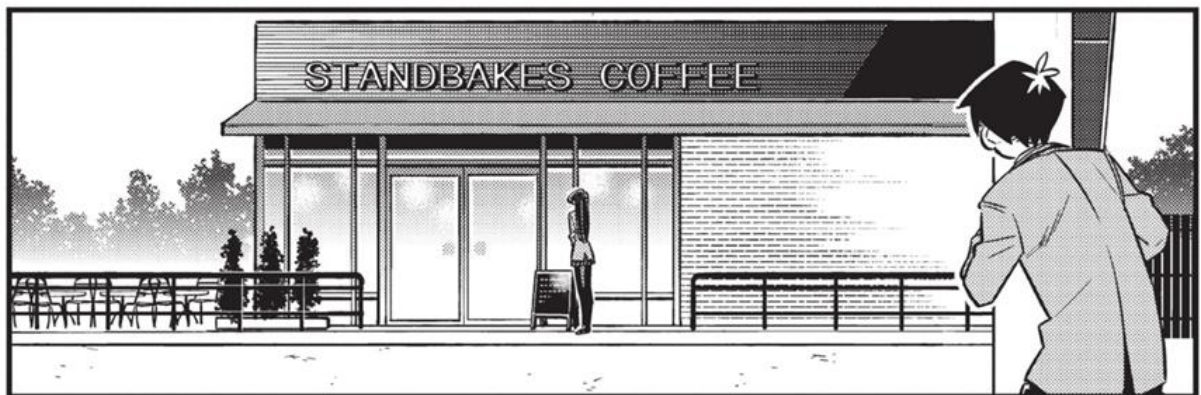
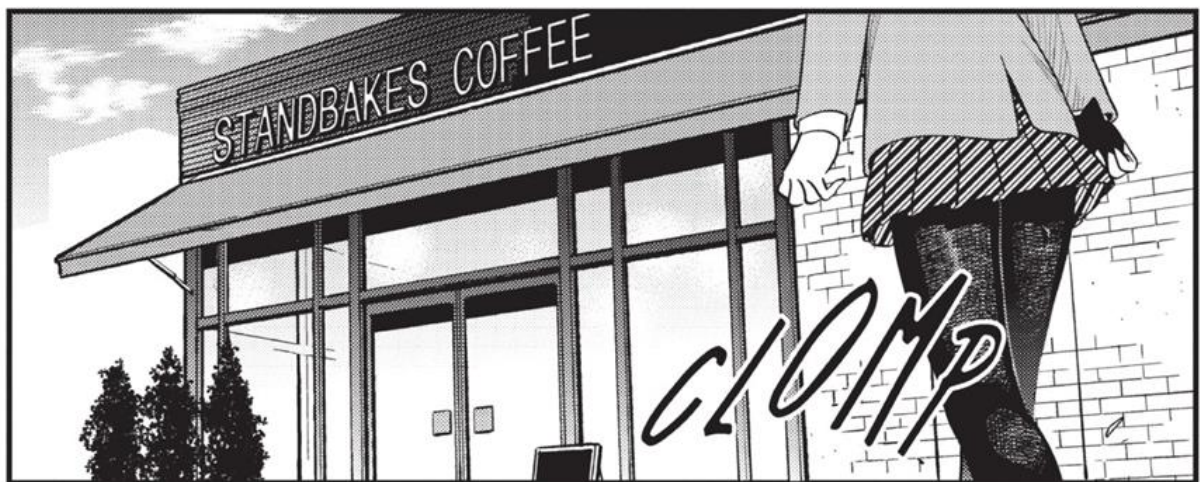
KOMI ?!

You're gonna do it?!

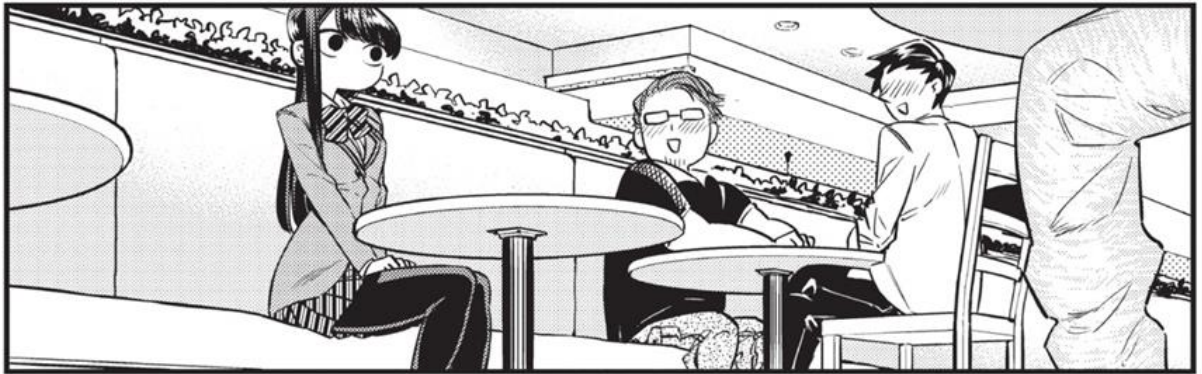
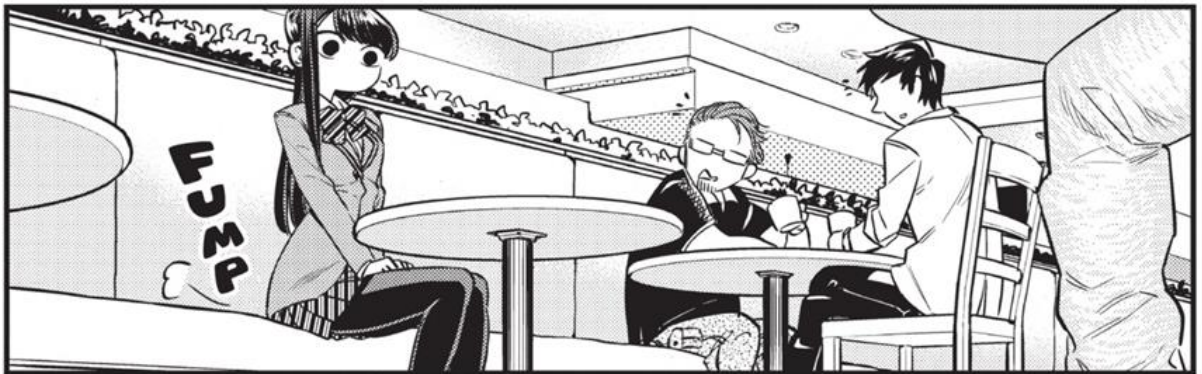




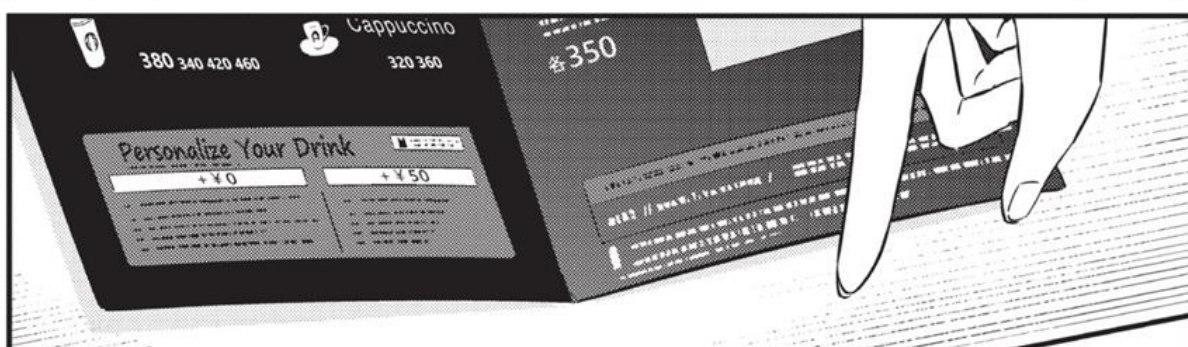
Communication 13: First Errand



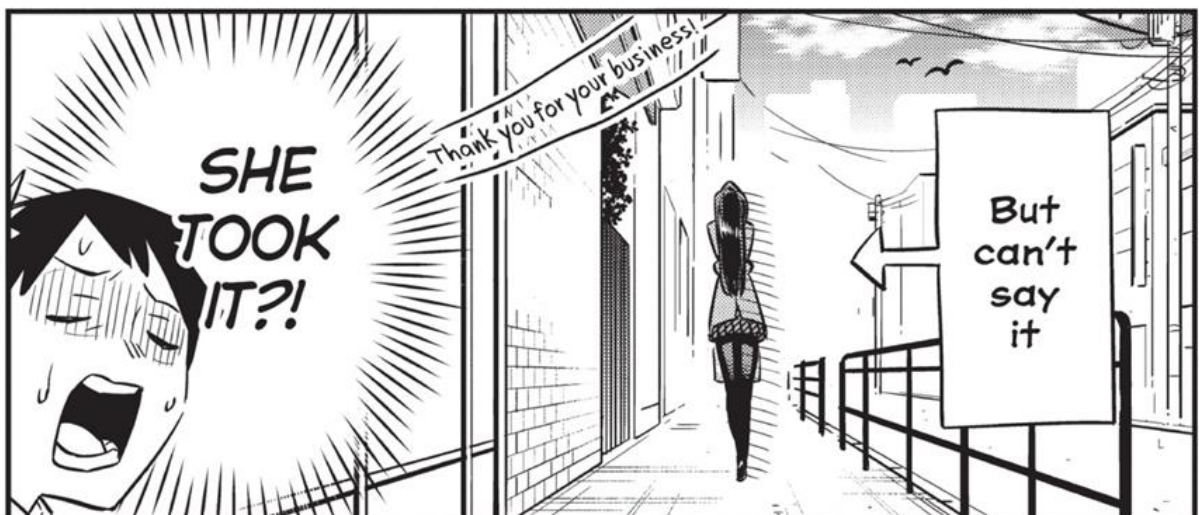


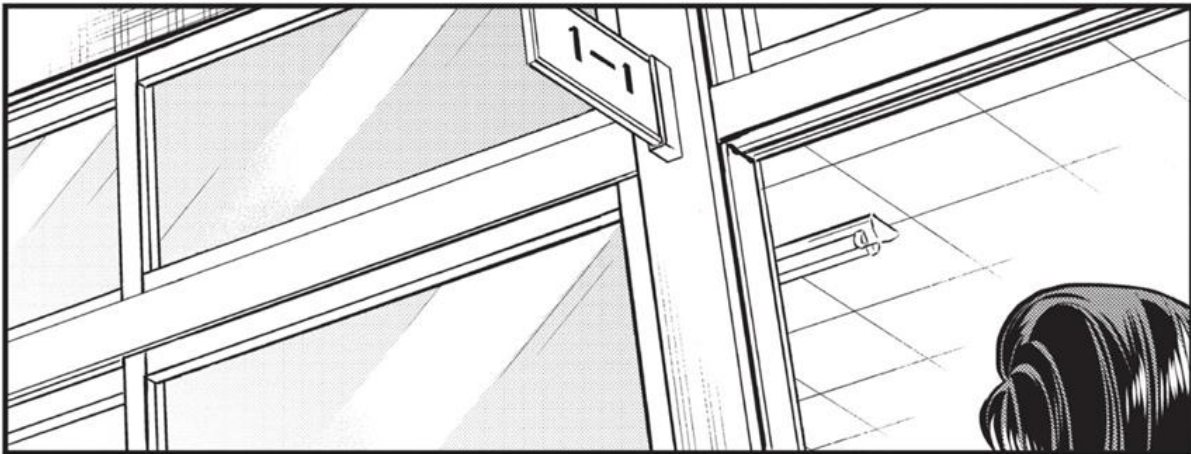


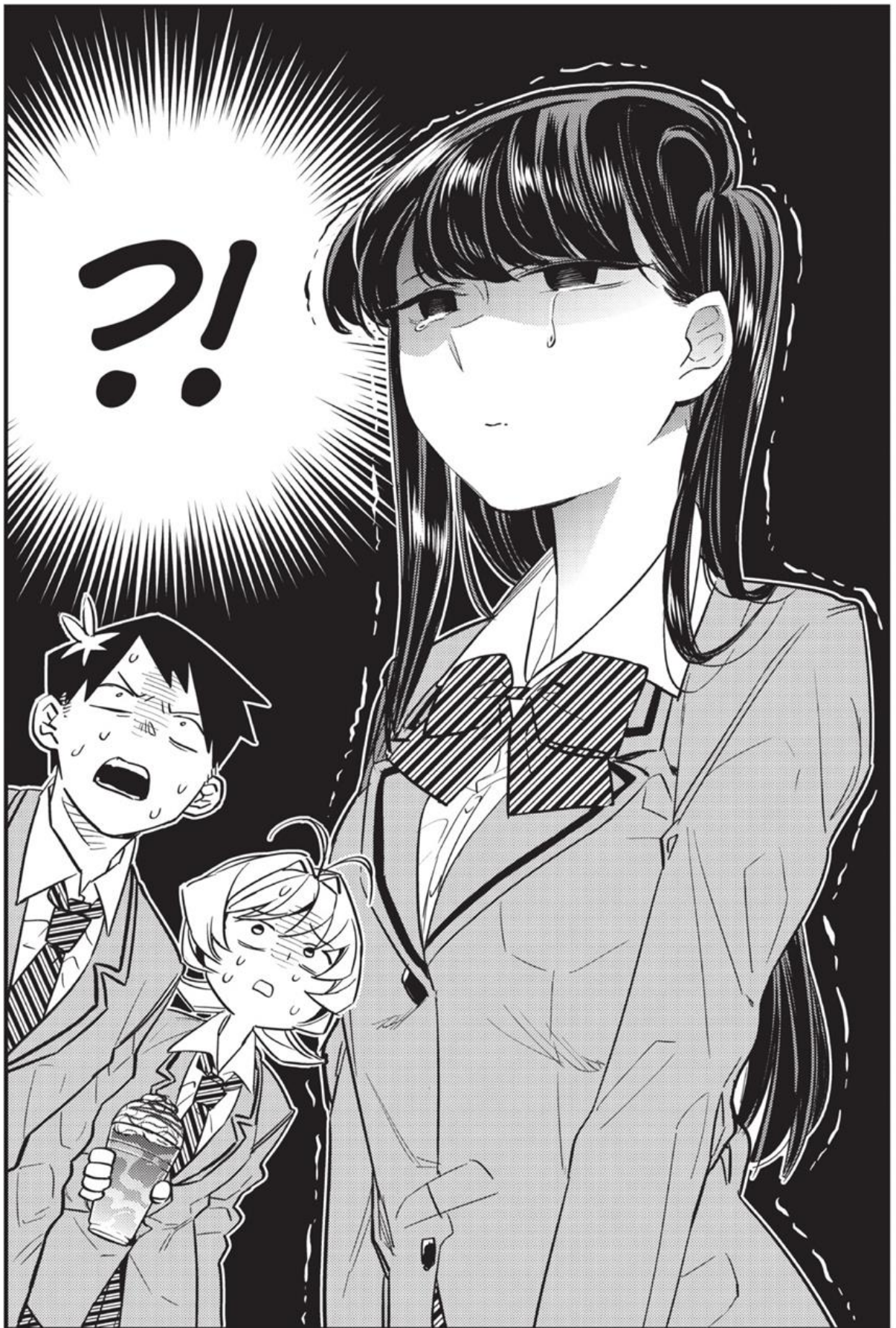


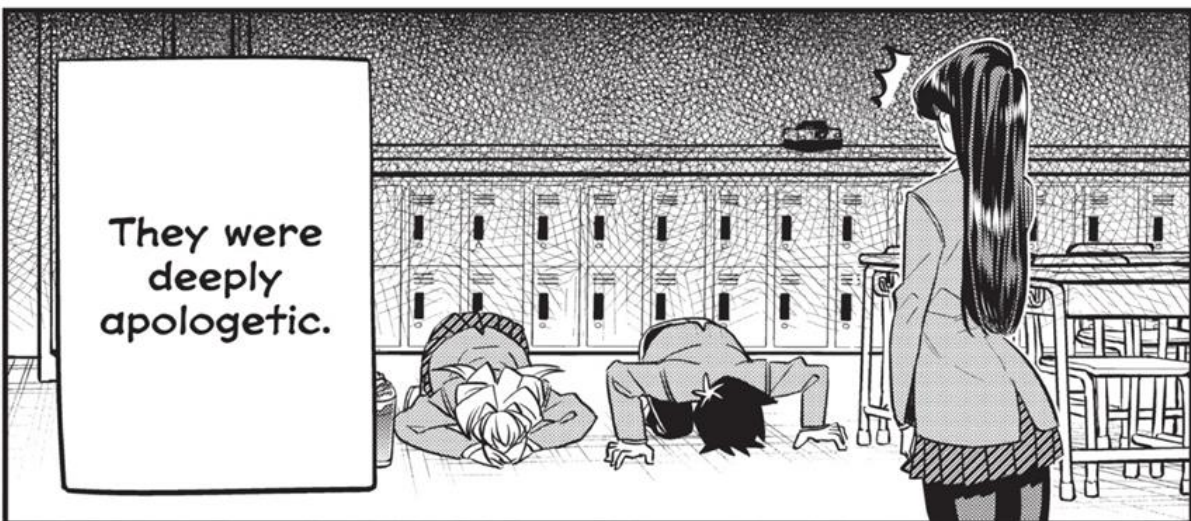




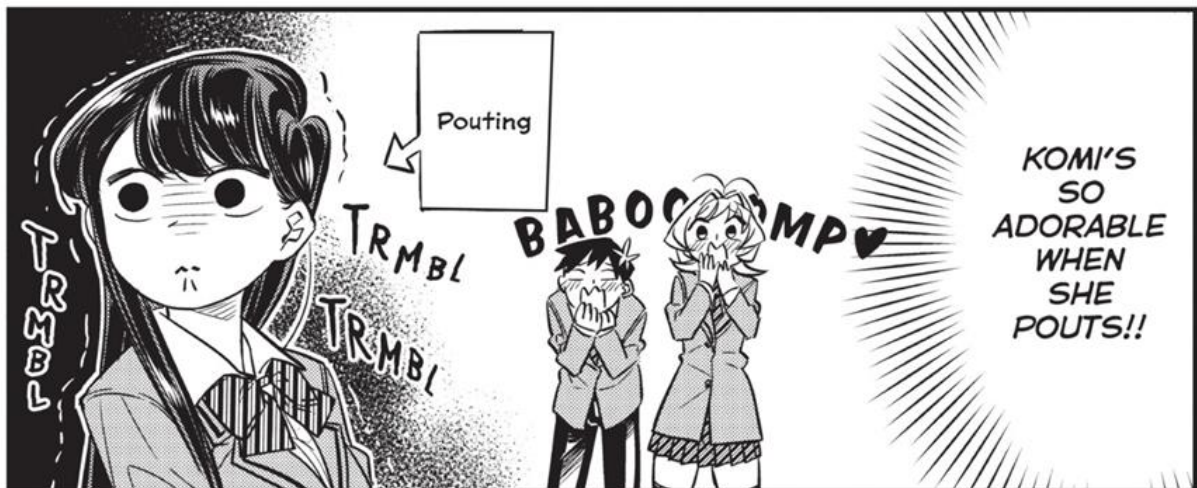
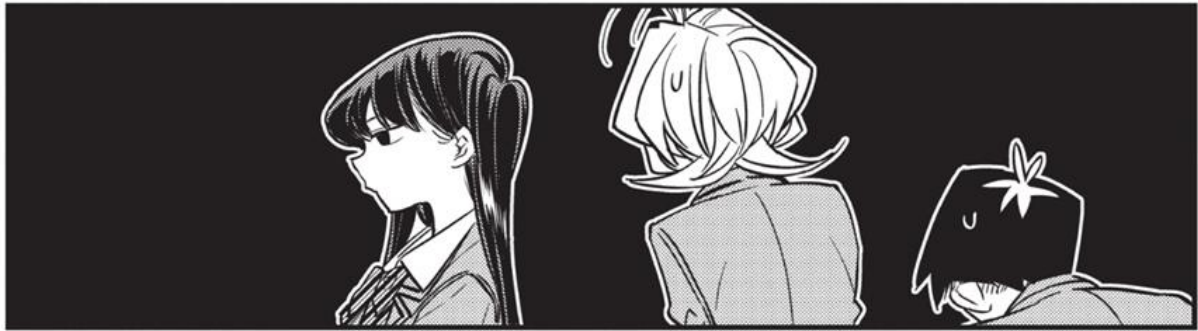








Bonus



Bonus — The End

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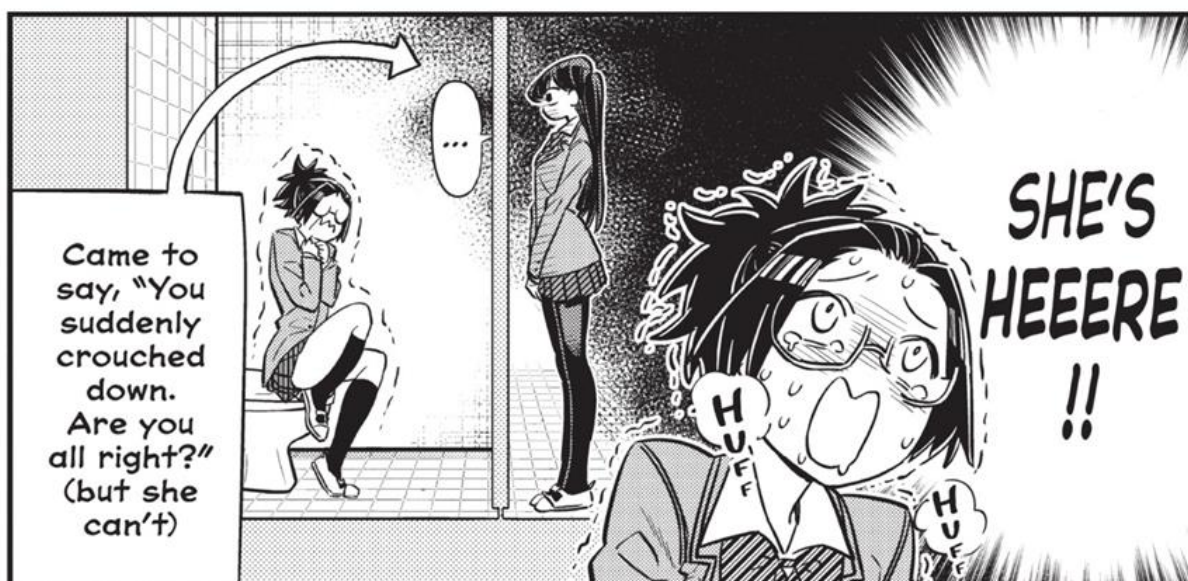




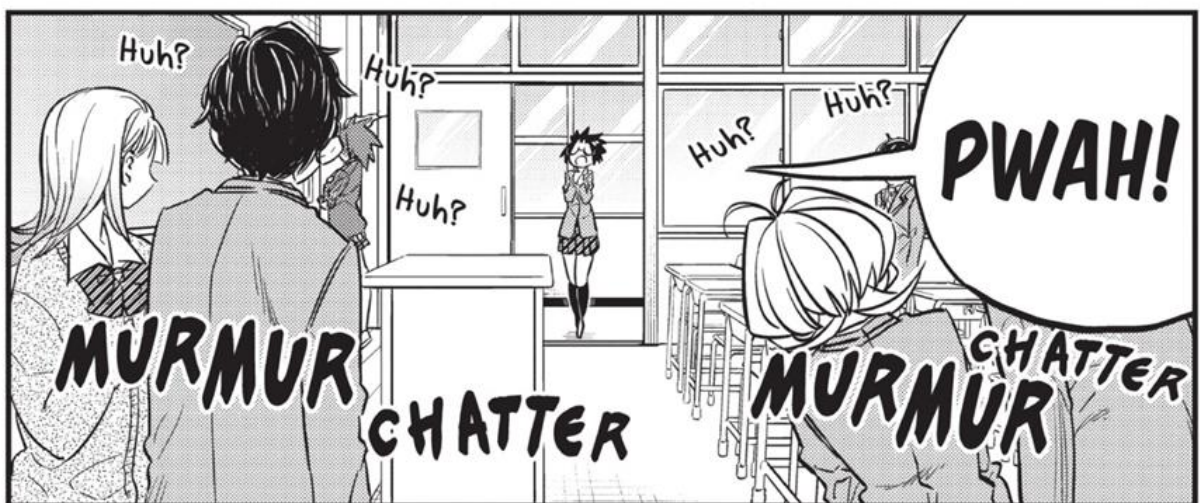
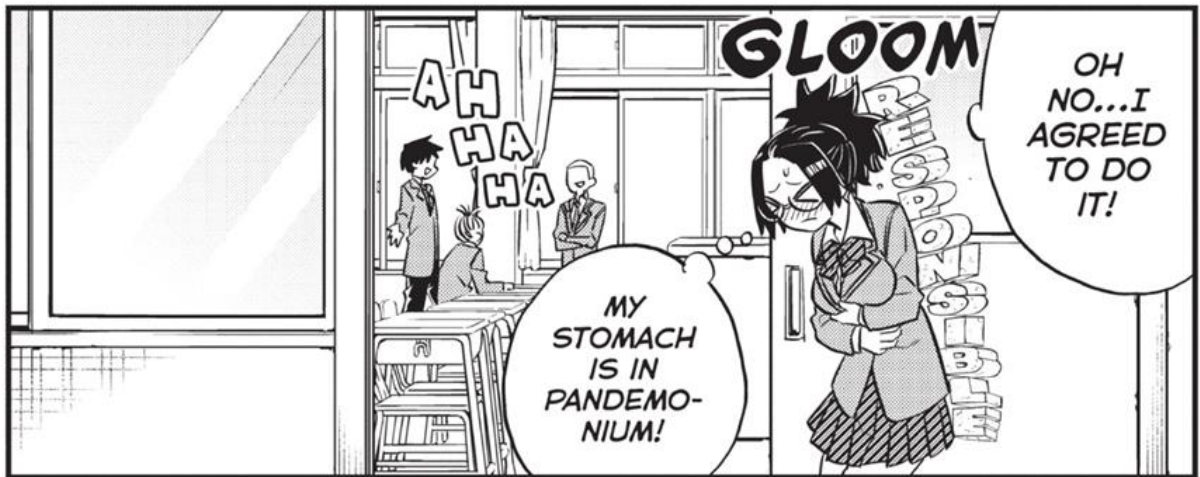
Communication 14-A: Nervous





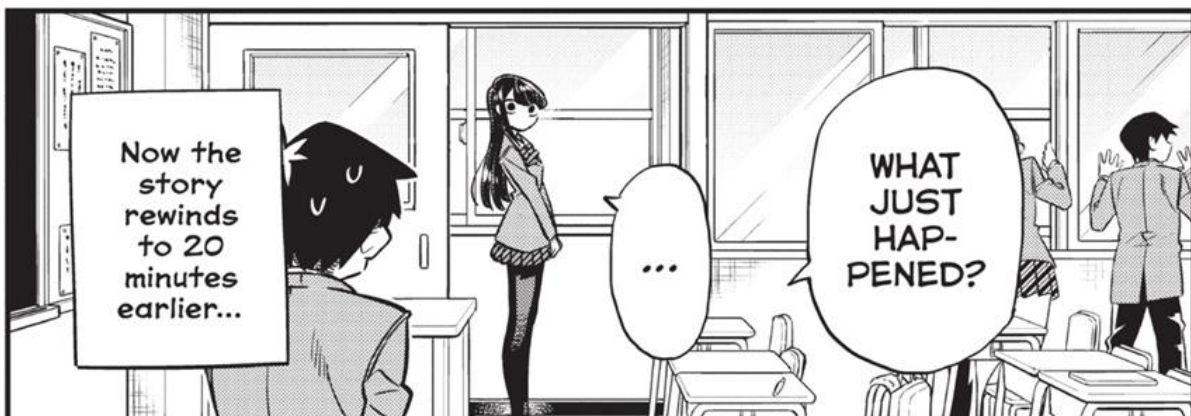








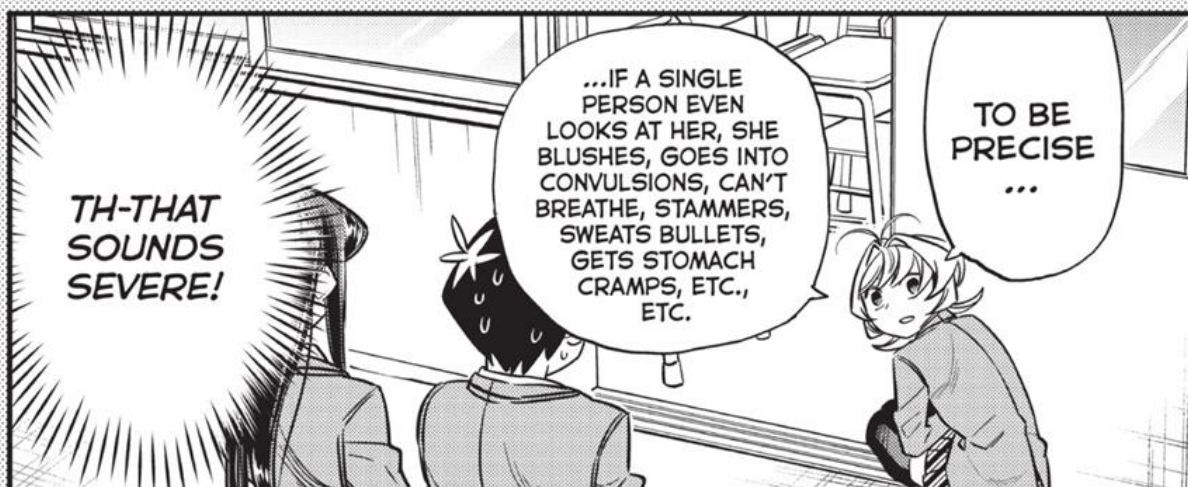




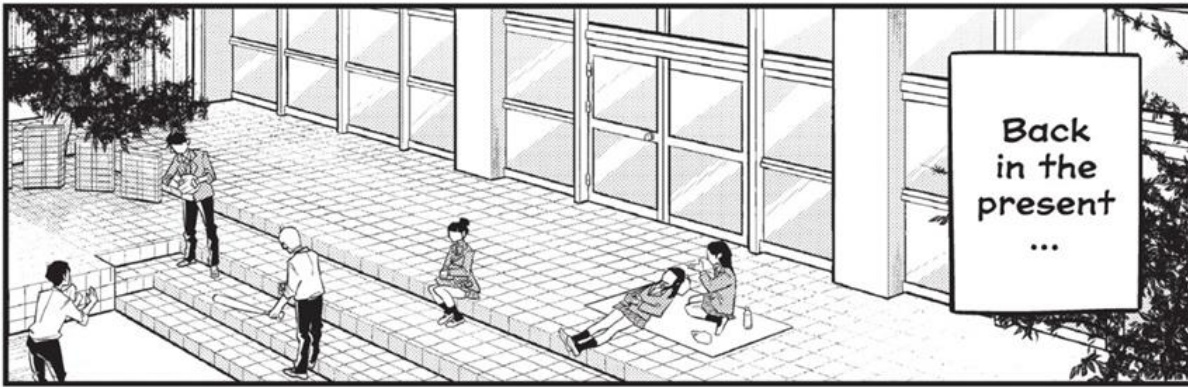
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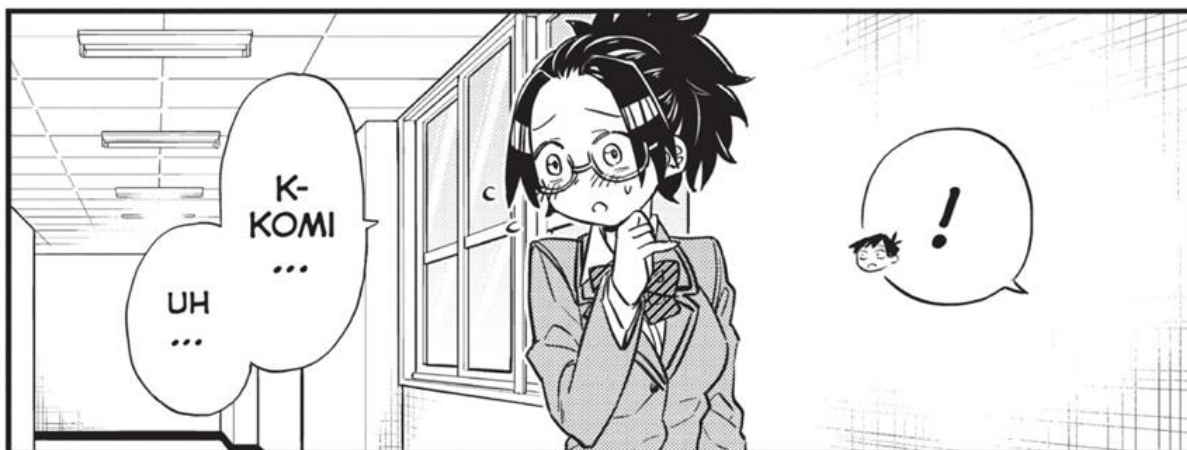
Communication 14-B: Nervous



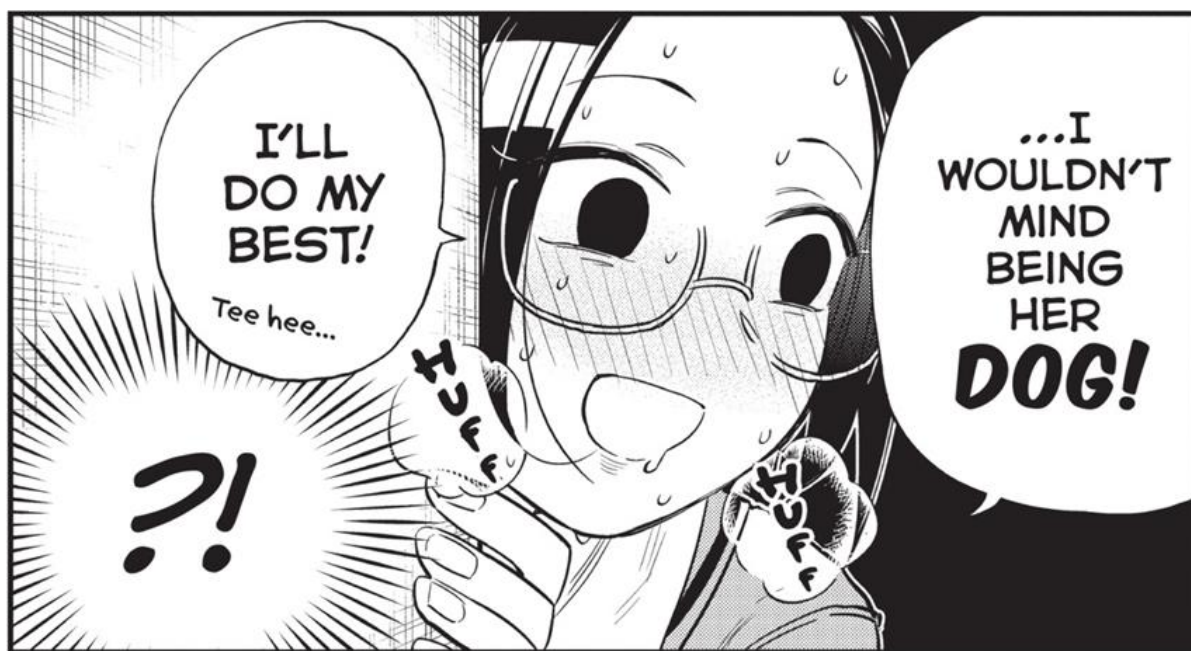
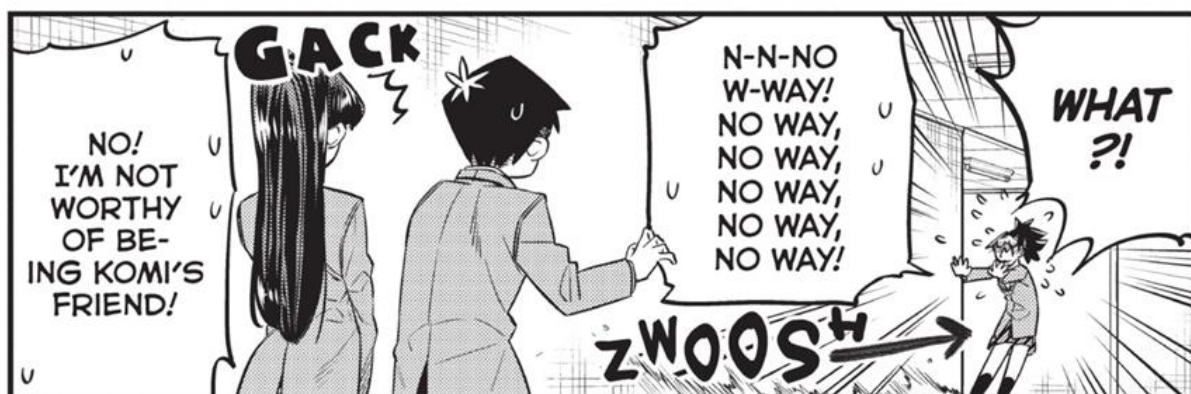














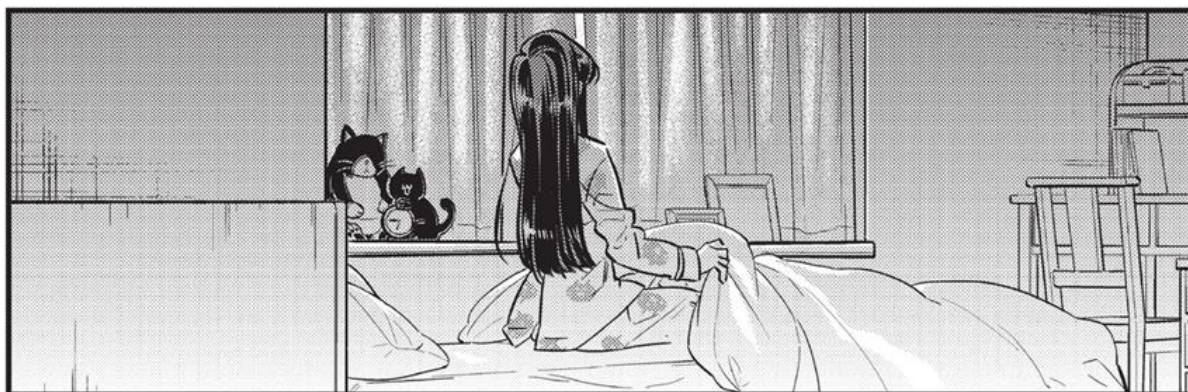
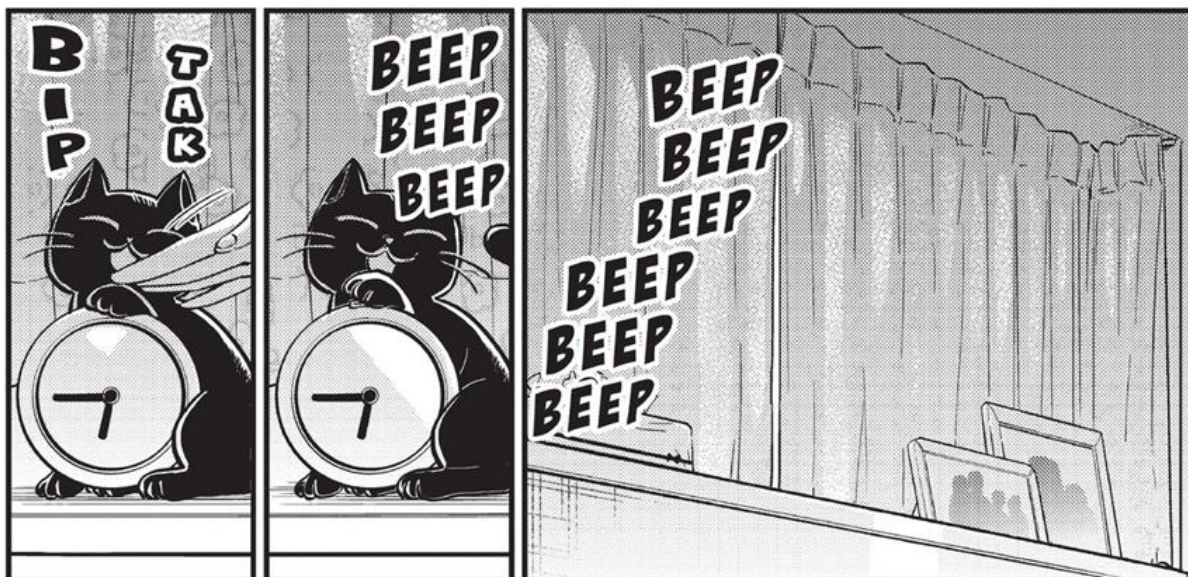
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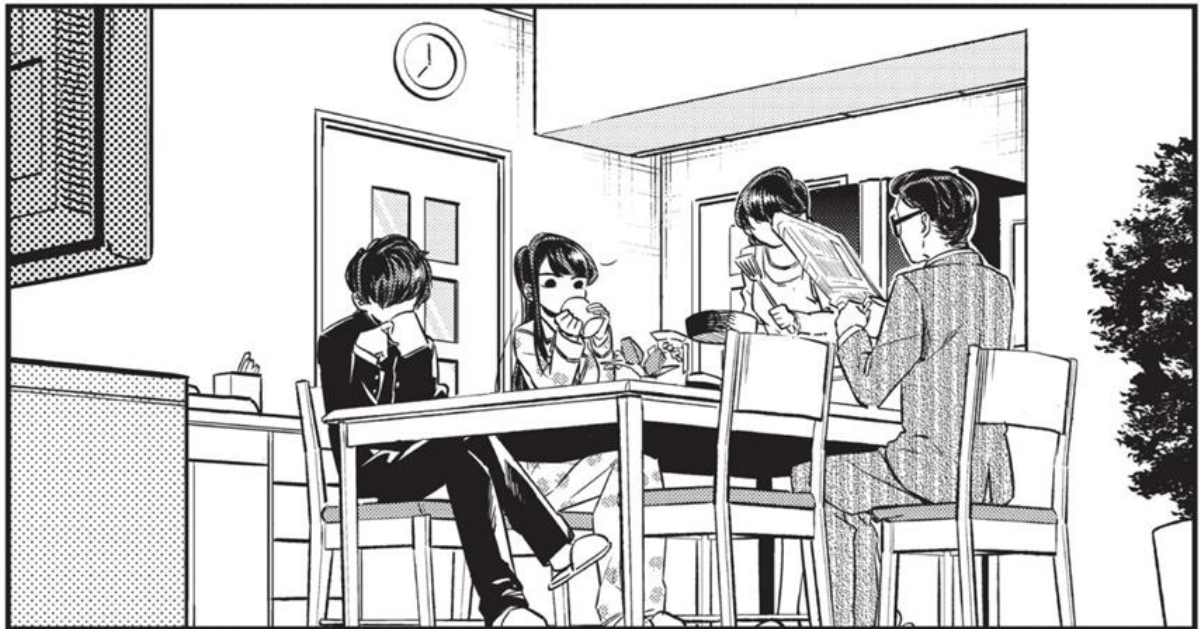
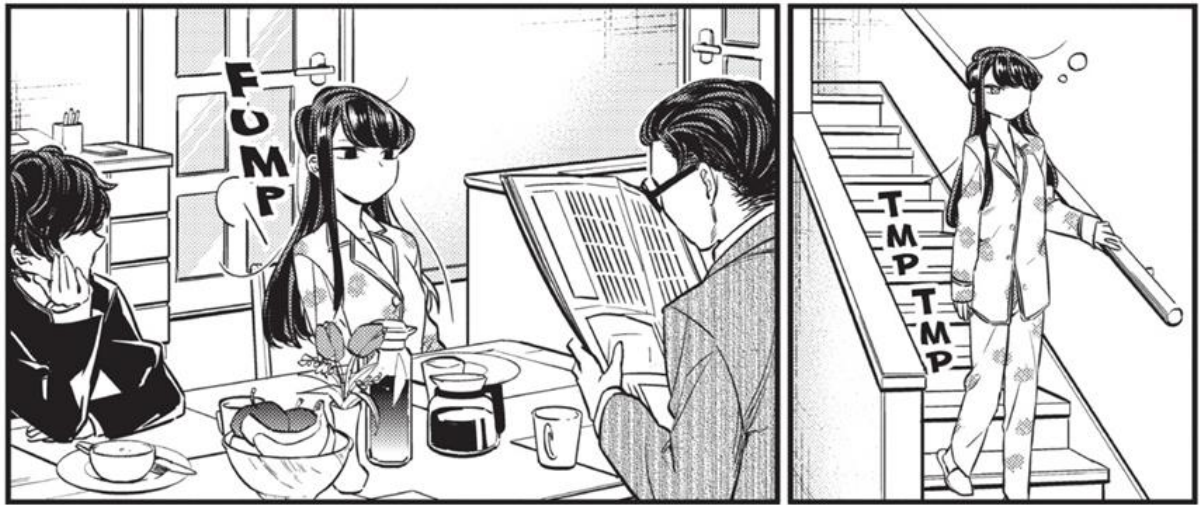
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Communication 15: Going to School













Communication 15 — The End

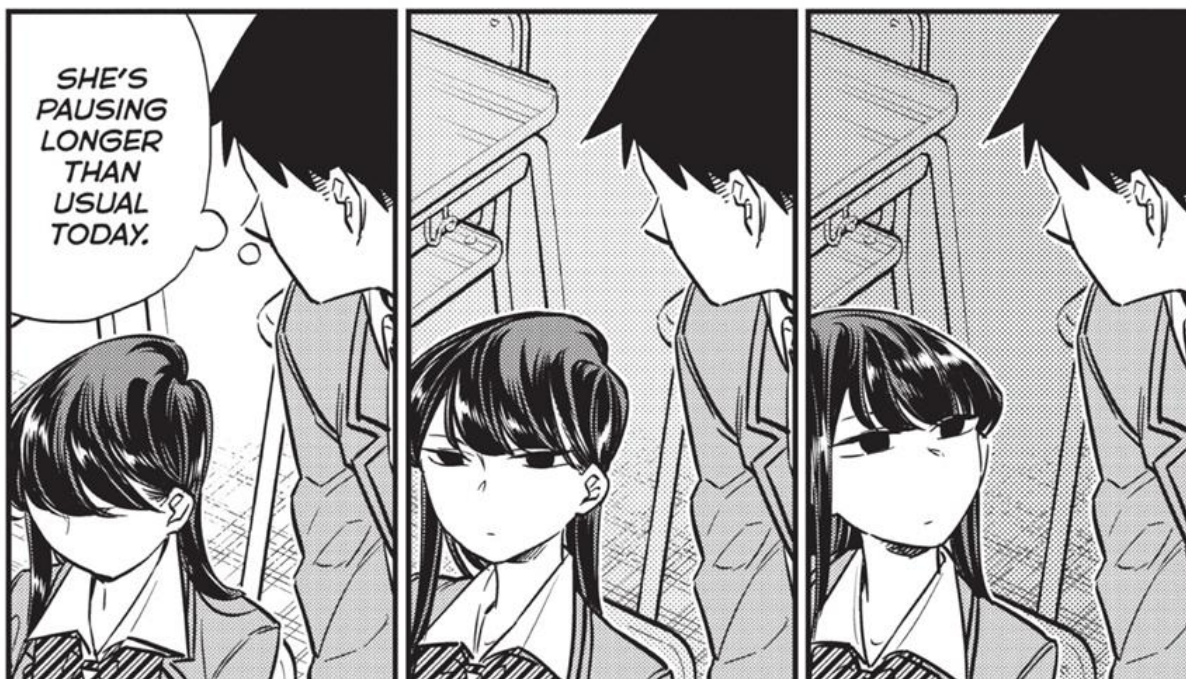
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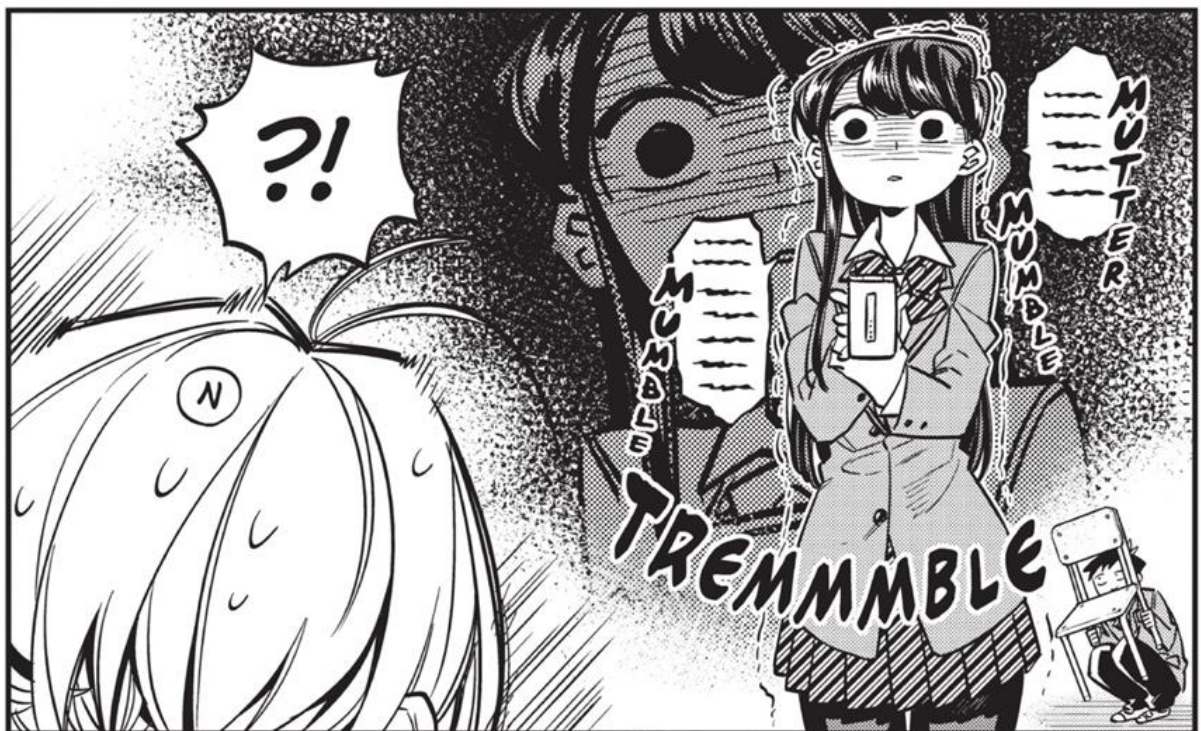




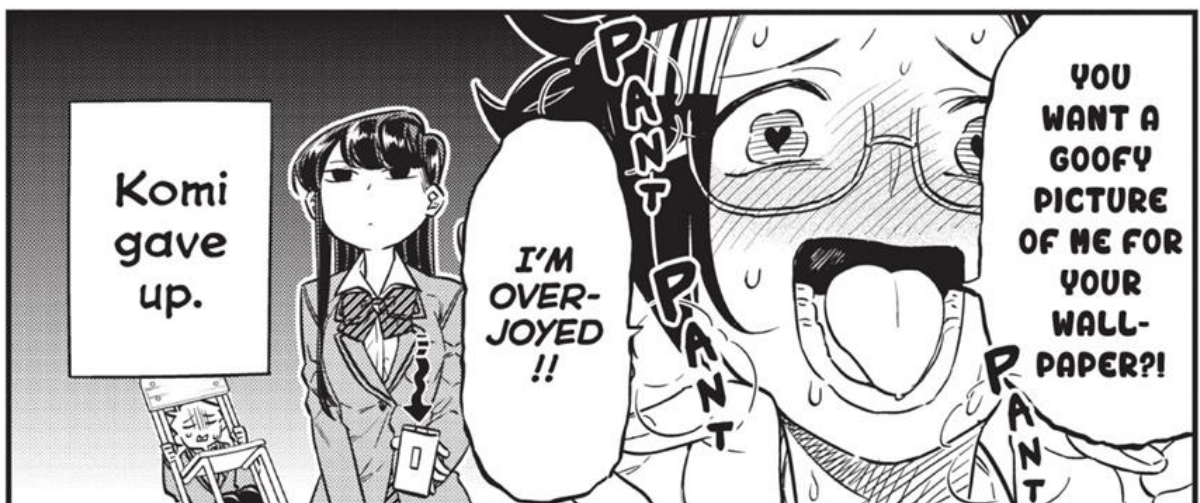
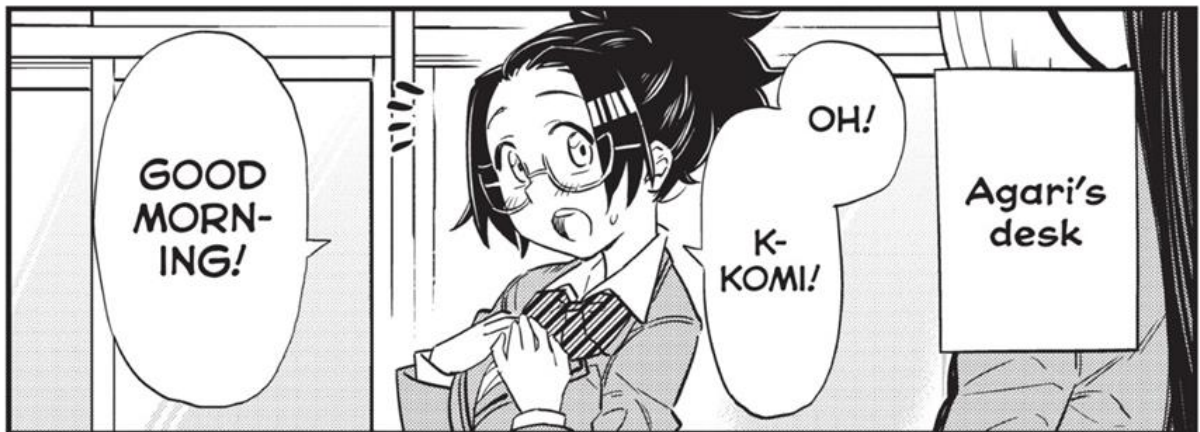






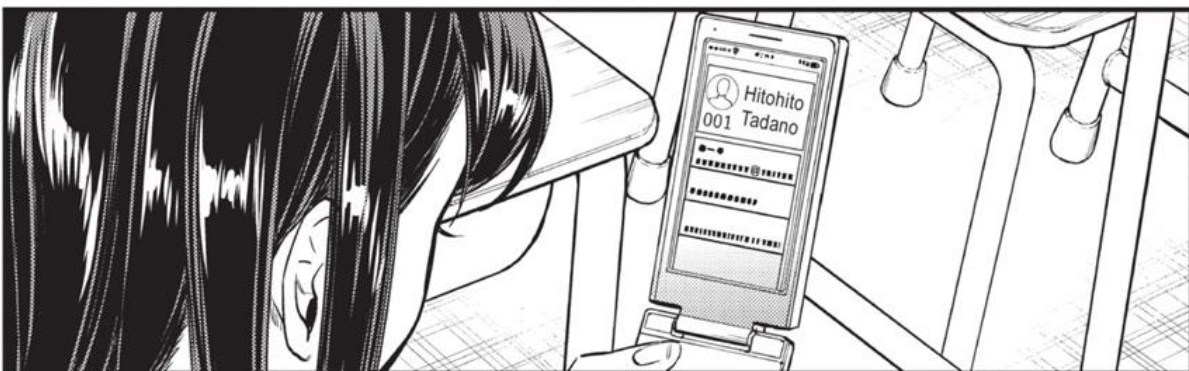






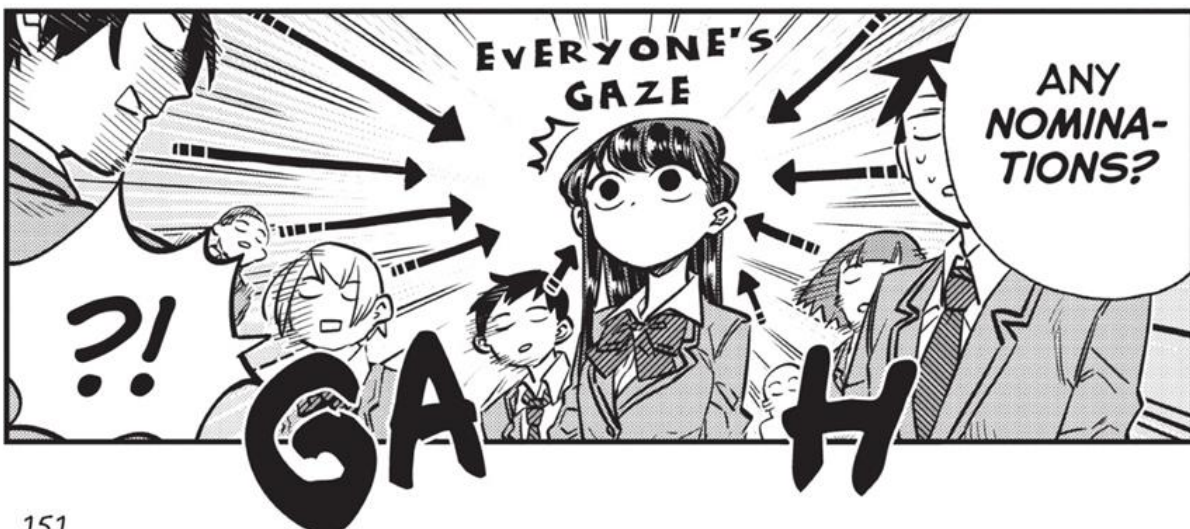
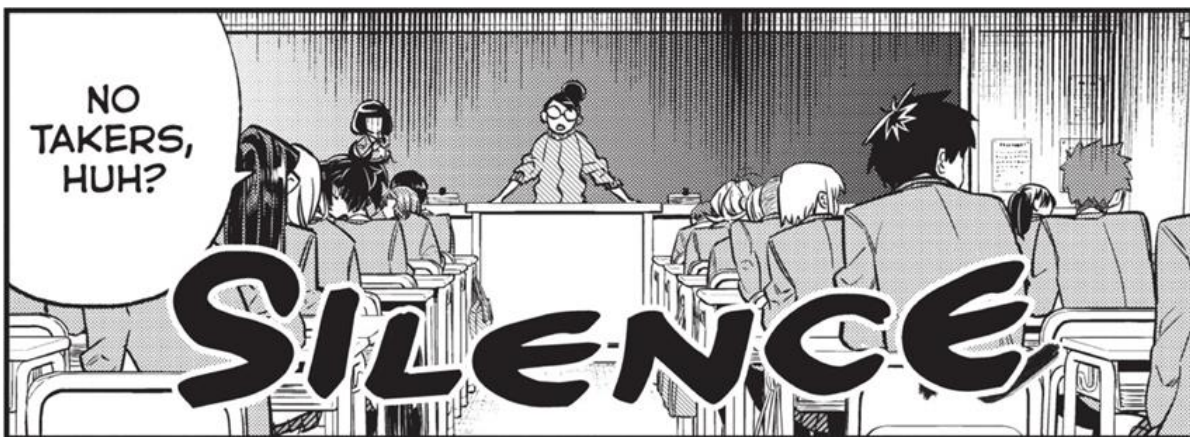
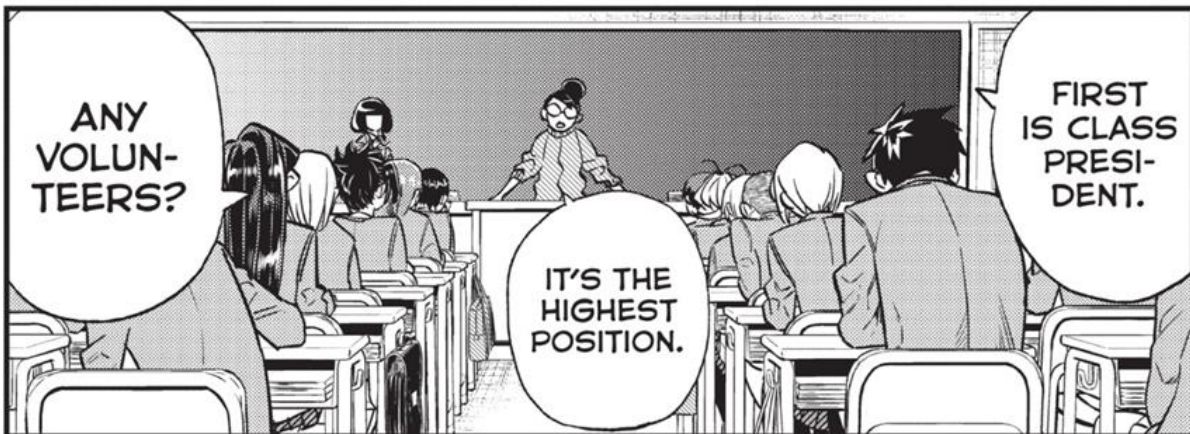








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Communication 17: Class Council Election



YES! I
NOMINATE
KOMI FOR
CLASS
PRESI-
DENT!



AND
PRETTY!

AND
CHARIS-
MATIC!

AND
ELE-
GANT!

SHE'S
SO
SERENE!



HEIGHT:
5'6"! INSEAM:
33 IN-
CHES!

STRIDE
LENGTH:
20
INCHES!

AND
HER
INDEX
FINGER
IS THE
PERFECT
LENGTH!

SHE
IRONS
HER
CLOTHES
EVERY
DAY!

AND HER
IRISES
HAVE A
HINT OF
VIOLET!

SHE HAS A
CERTAIN MATURE
BEAUTY BUT
HAS LOTS OF
ACCESSORIES
WITH A *BLACK-
CAT* MOTIF!



WHERE
DID SHE
GET ALL
THAT
INFO?!

SO
WOULDN'T
SHE BE
A GREAT
CLASS
PRESI-
DENT?!

Well said!

AND
TYPE-A
PEOPLE
ARE
SUPER
PUNCTI-
LIUS!

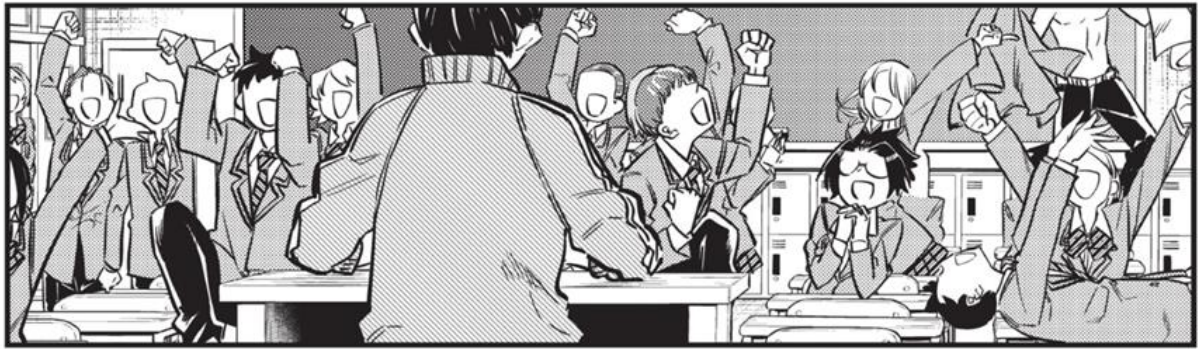
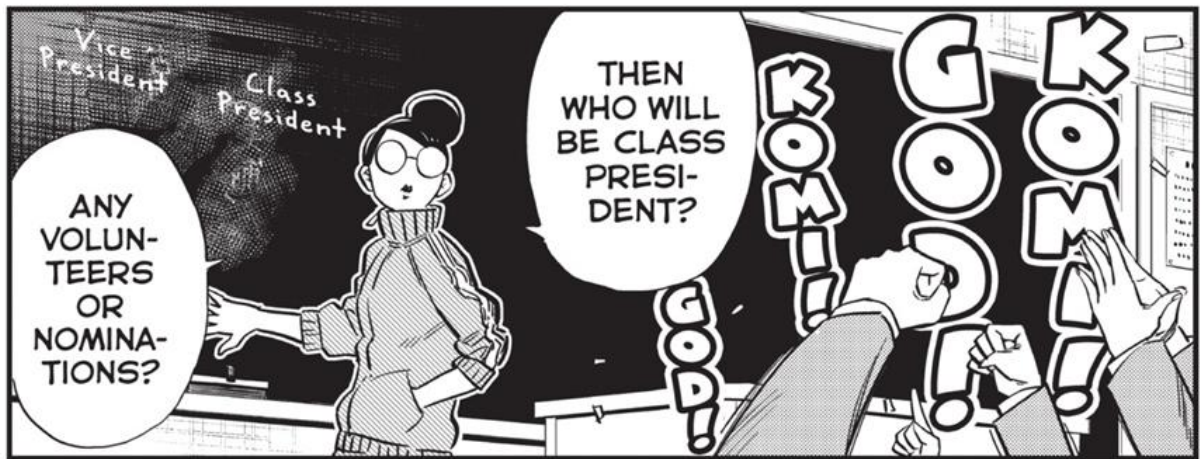


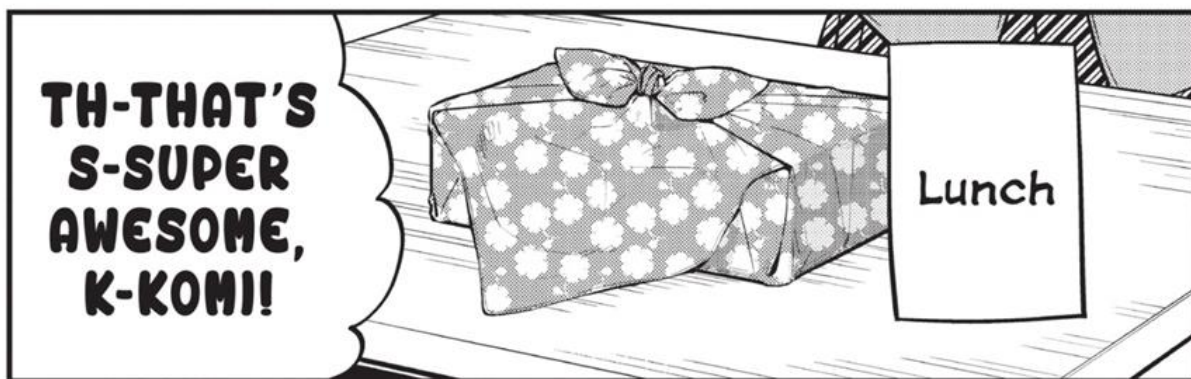




God	Chairwoman ↔ Principal	Boss Lady	Empress I	Shogun I
She Whose Name Must Not Be Spoken	CEO I	Her Majesty	Big Cheese II	Head Honcho

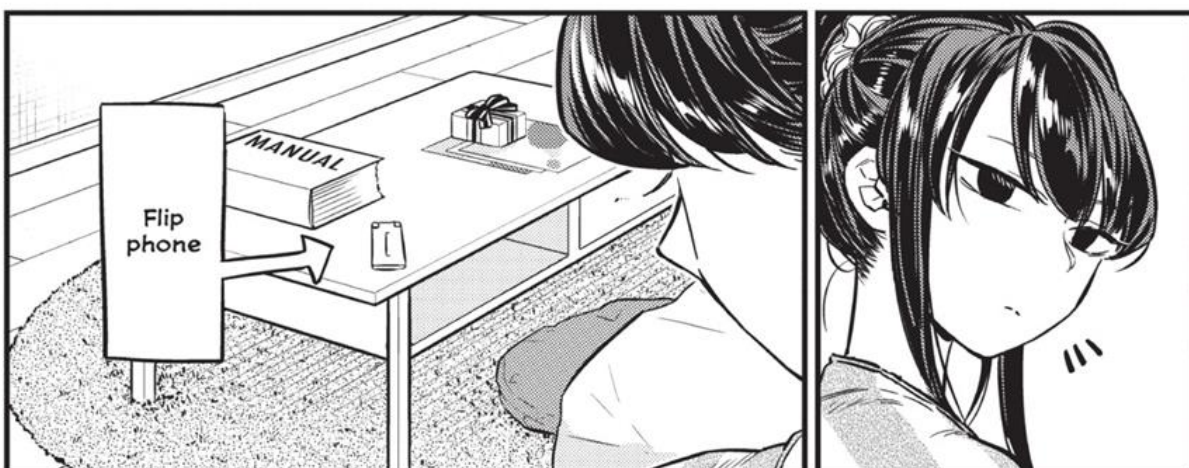
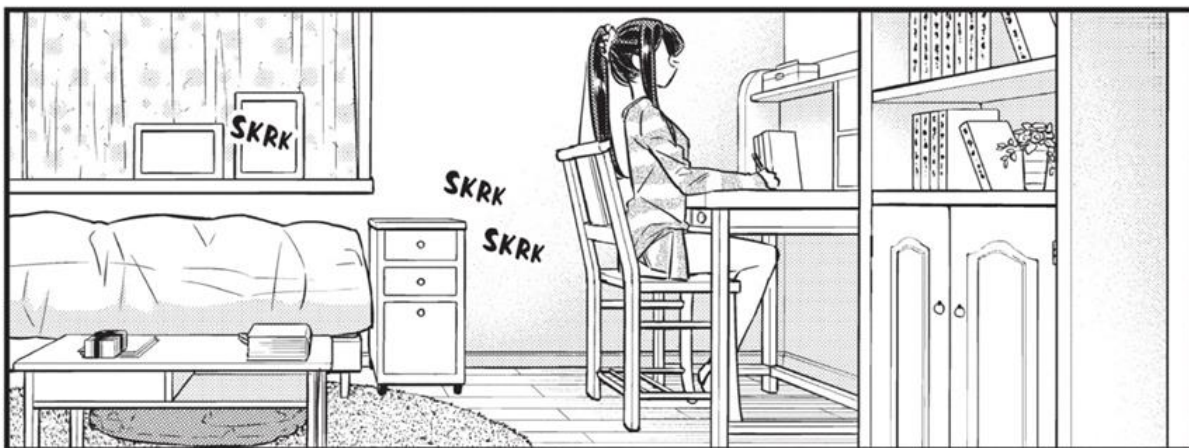




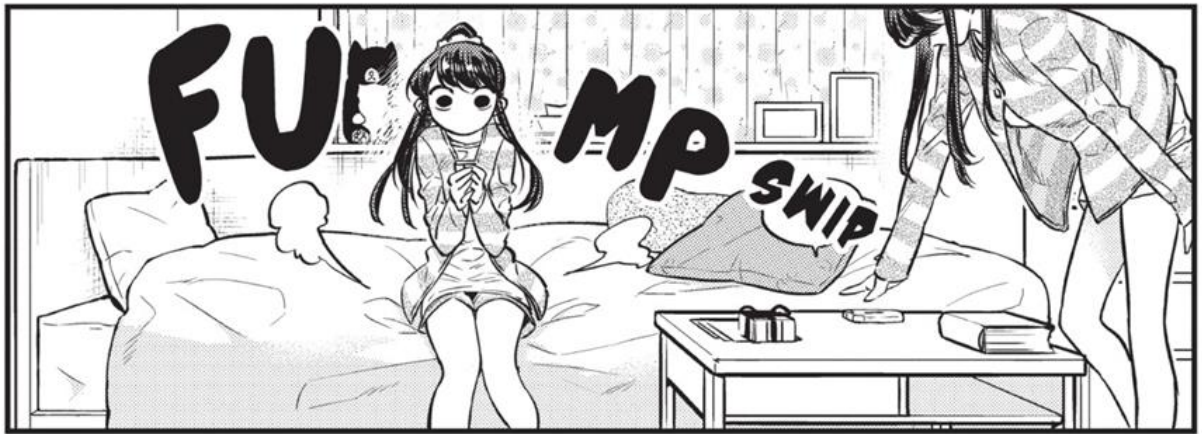


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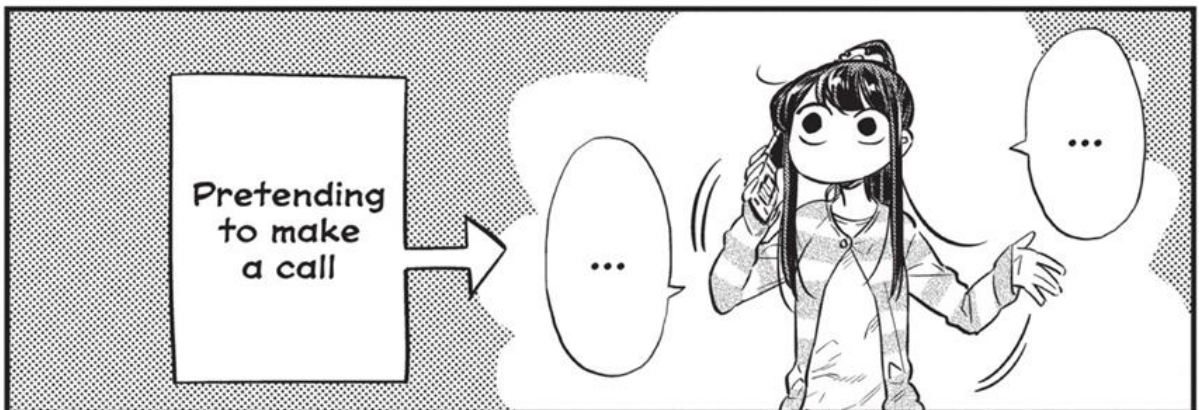
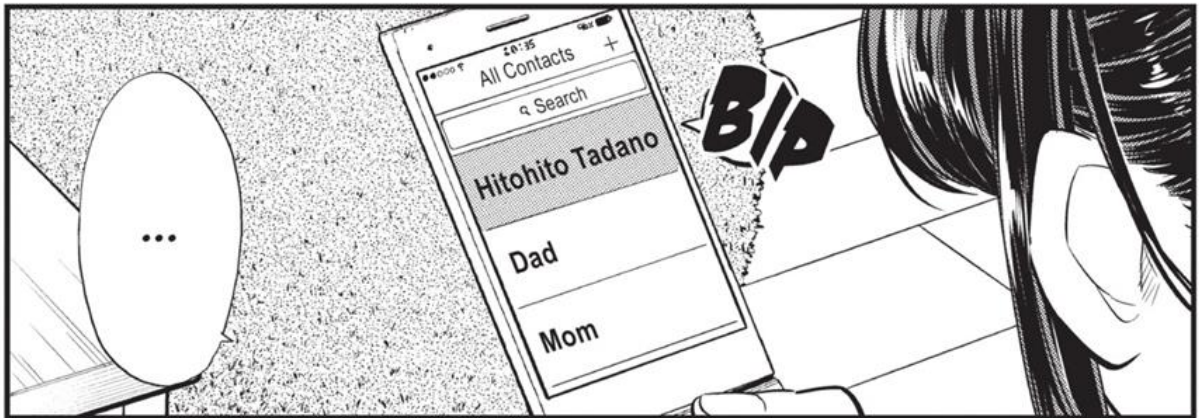


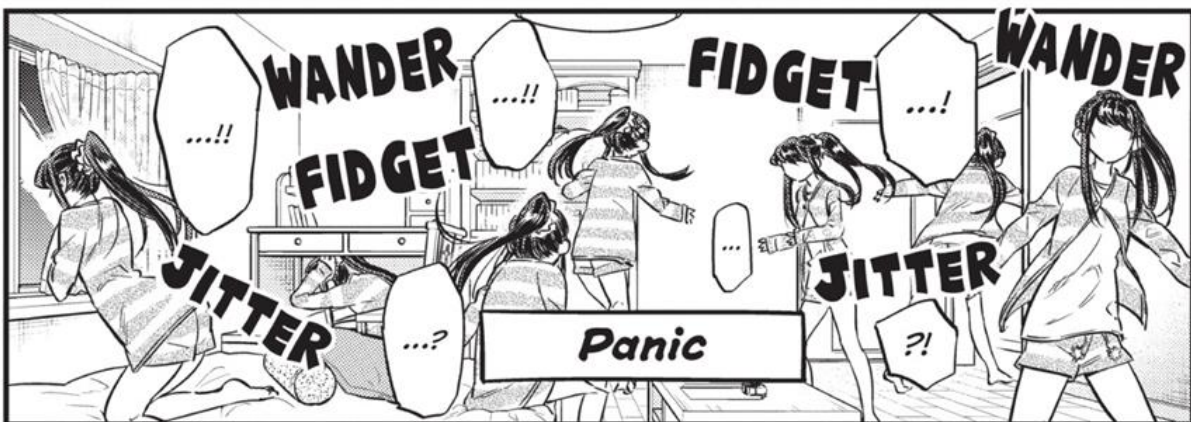
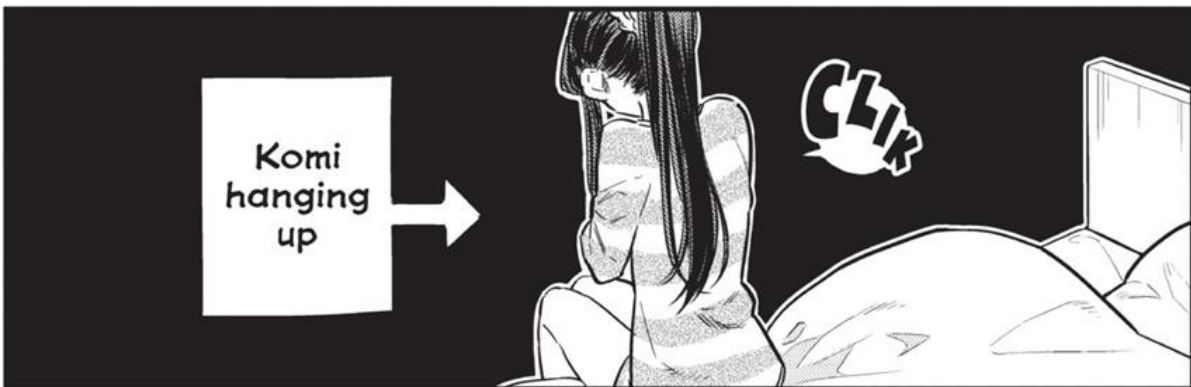


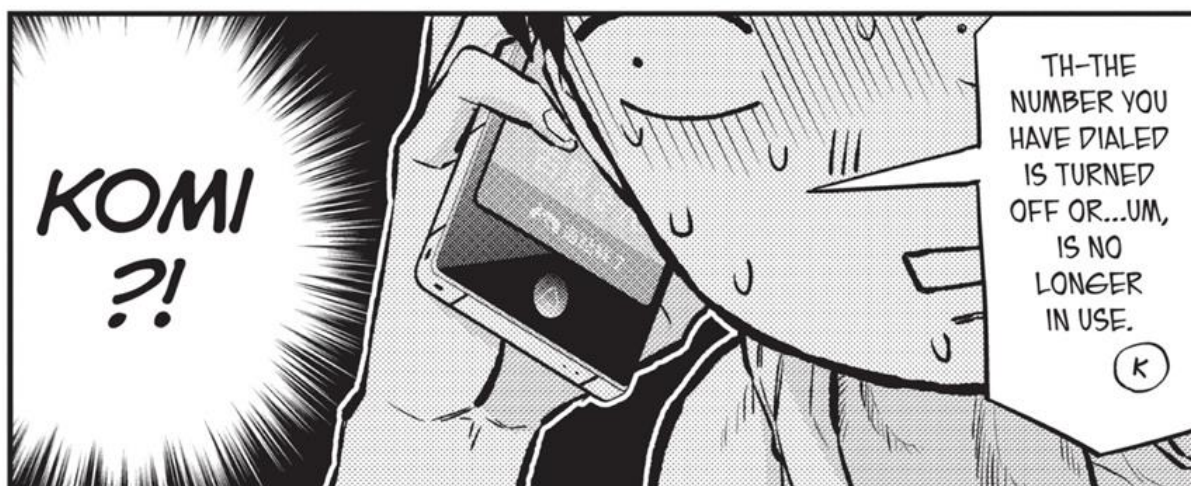
Communication 18: Accidental Phone Call









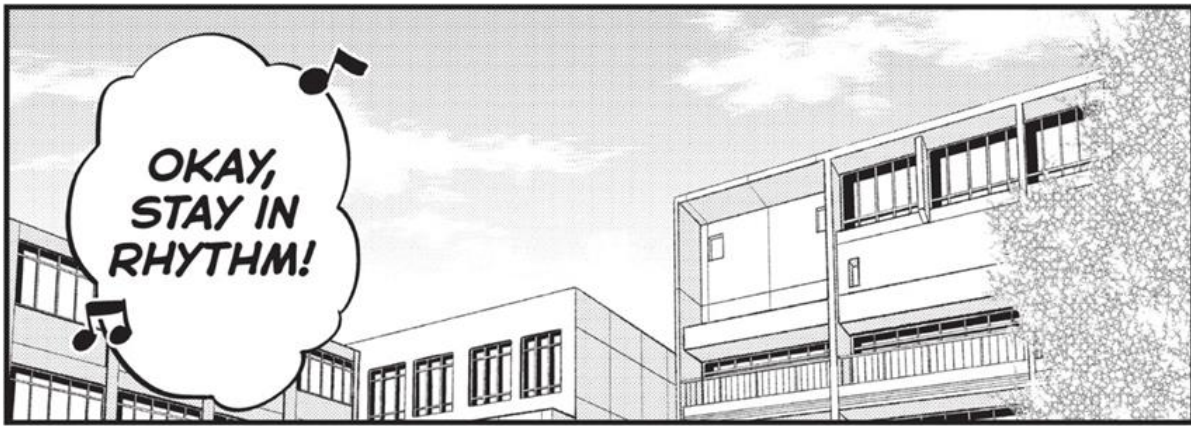






Communication 18 — The End

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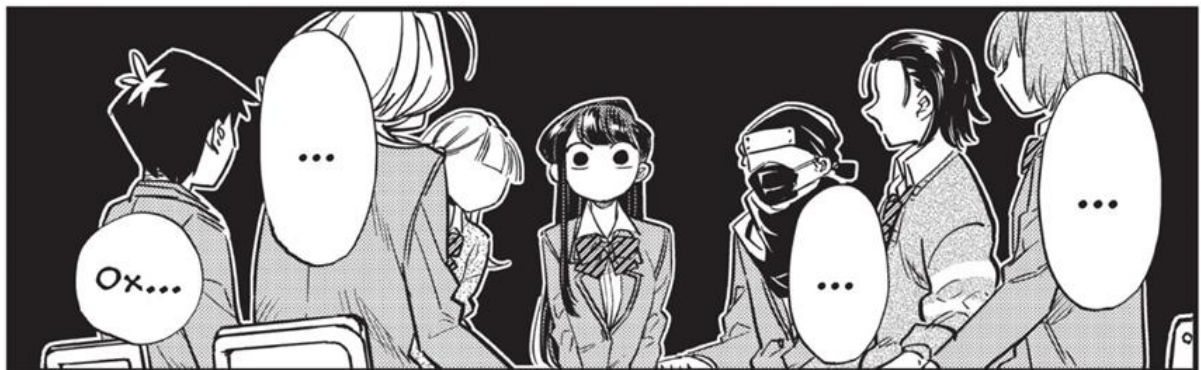
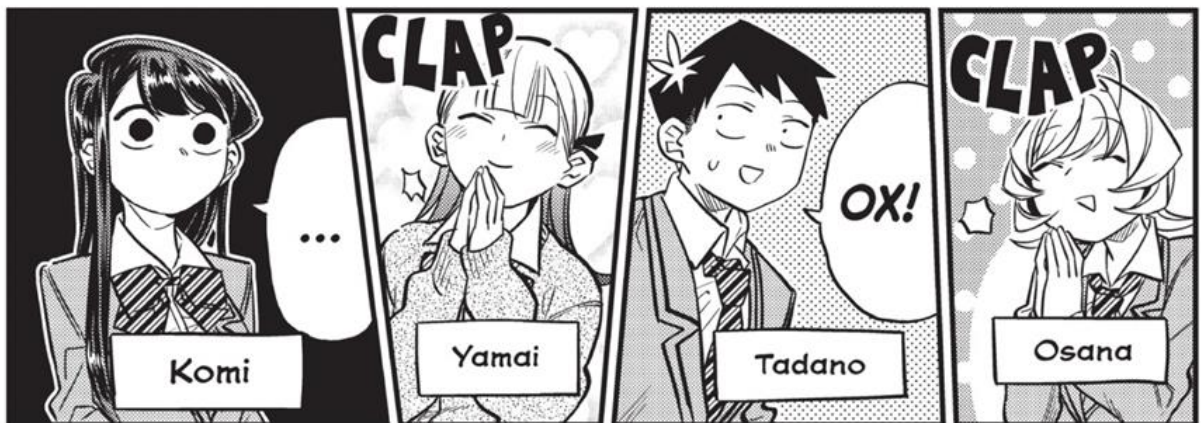
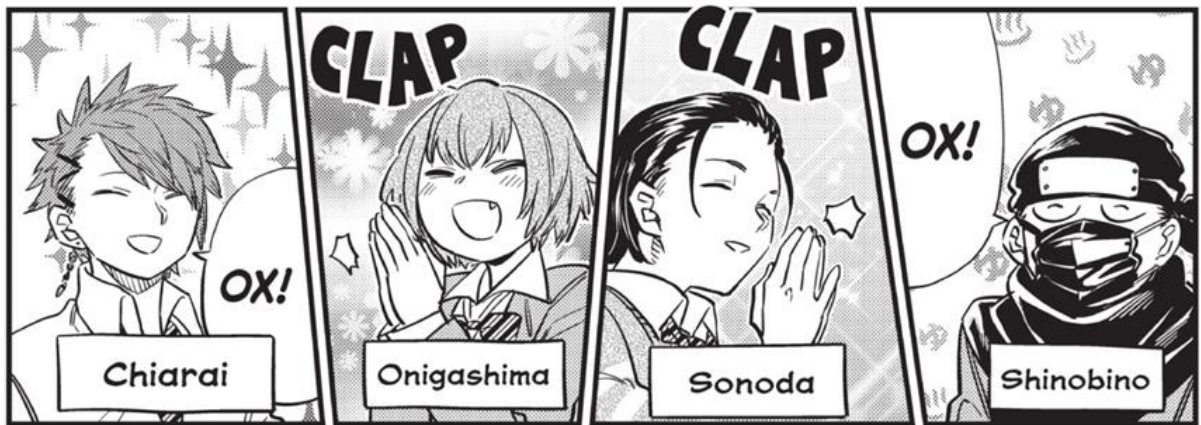
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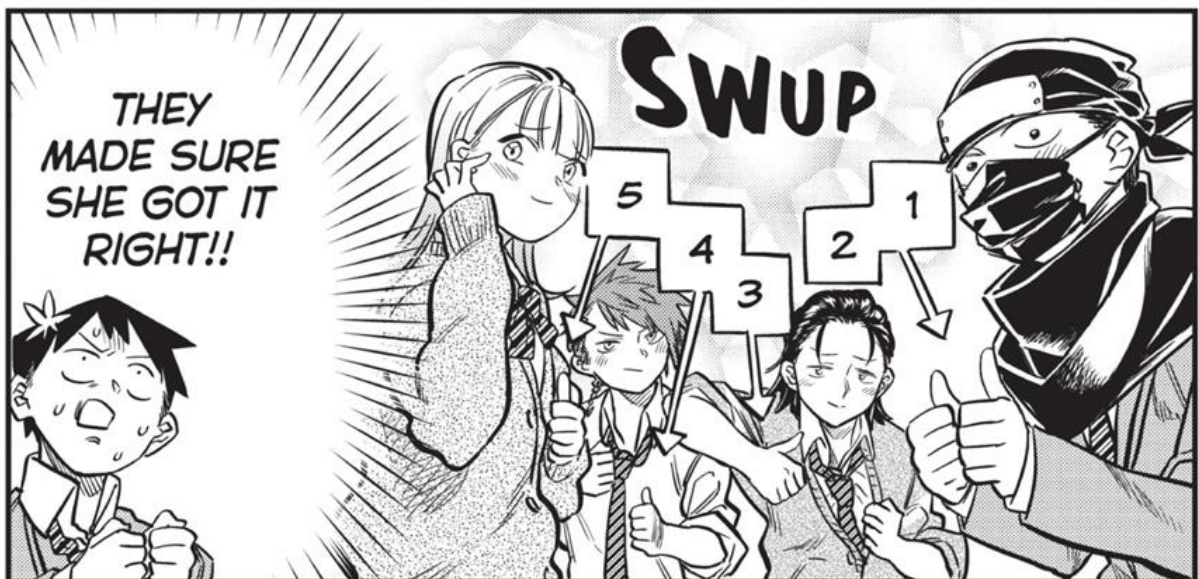














NOW LET'S PLAY!

The numbers ascend in order. If you say the wrong number or are slow raising your hands, you lose. You have to watch your opponents closely and think!

You have to say a number and "Shoot!" while raising both hands as fast as you can!

The rules:

EVERYONE'S SUDDENLY MOTIVATED!!

KOMI'S KISS FACE?!

TEE HEE!

I MUST NOT FAIL!

READY ...

...SET ...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S BEGIN.

Watching idiots

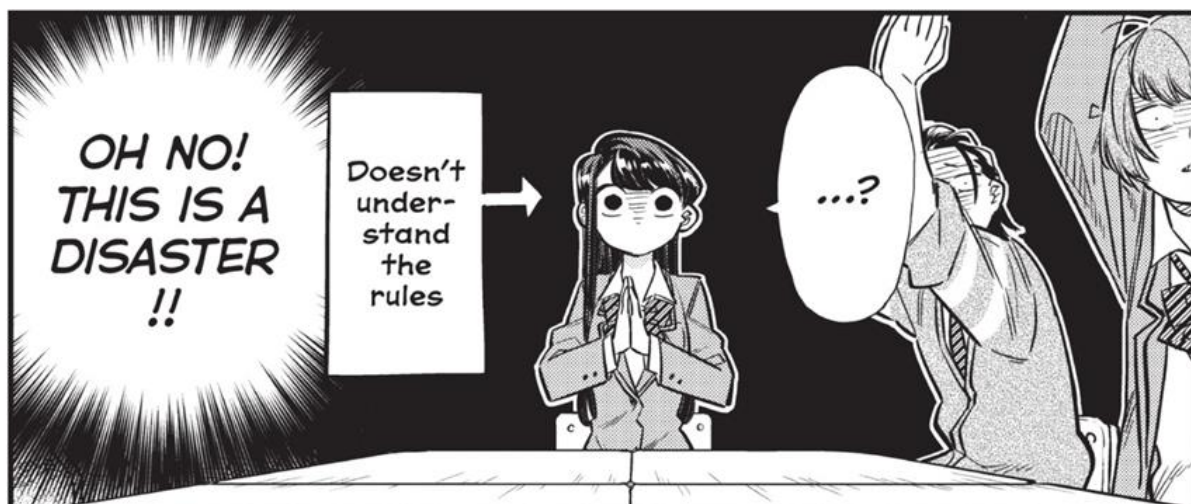
WAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AH!

ONE SHOOT!

WHUP

...GO!

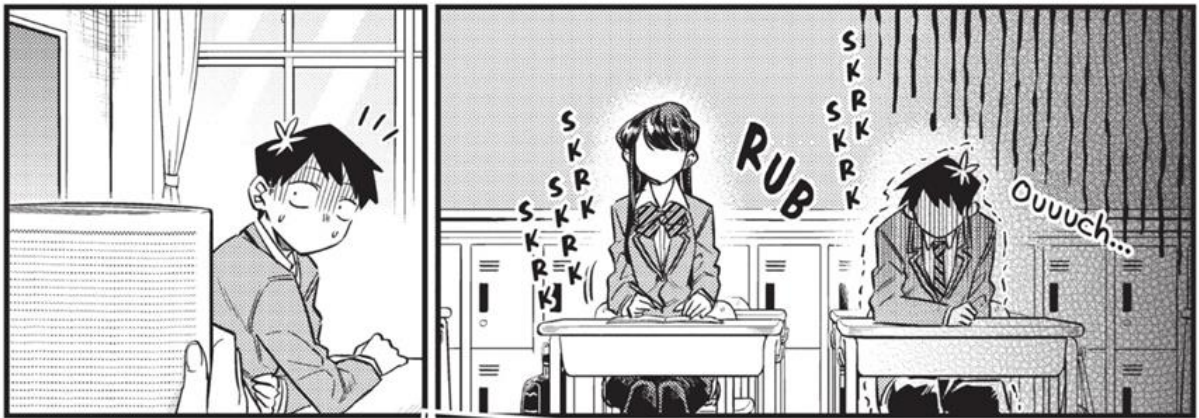








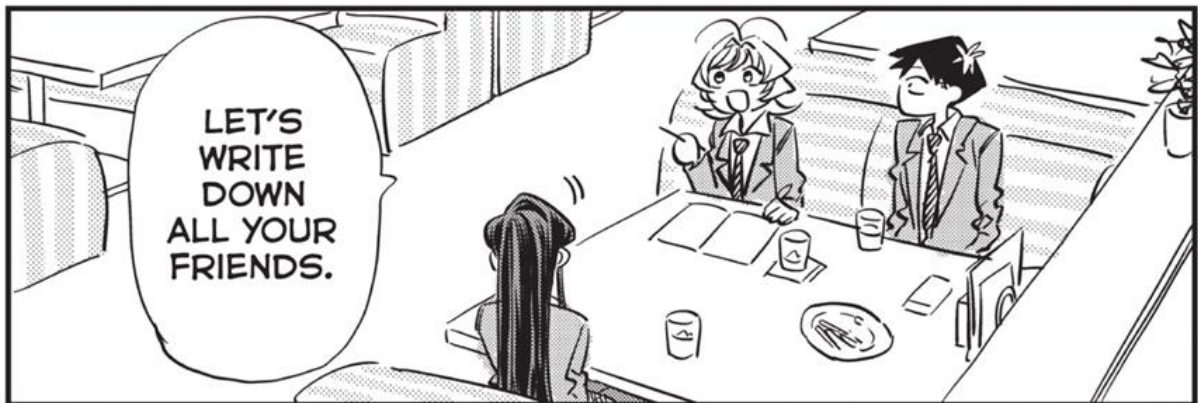




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