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Komi Can't Communicate

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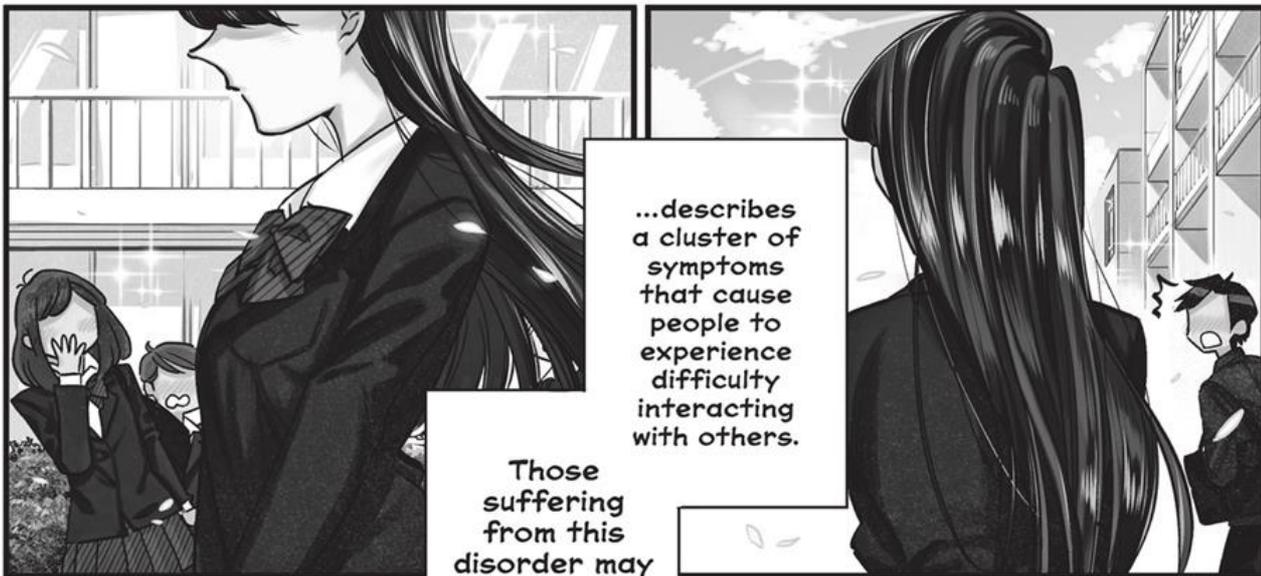
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The term "communication disorder"...





SHOSUKE DOESN'T NEED TO COMMUNICATE.

HITOMI TADANO ISN'T ORDINARY.

NAKANAKA IS IMMATURE.

YAMAI IS AGGRESSIVE.

NARUSE IS A NARCISSIST.

NETSUNO IS ENTHUSIASTIC!!

IS KATAI HARD-CORE?

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

NAJIMI OSANA IS SOCIABLE.

...they actually want to have relationships.

AGARI GETS NERVOUS

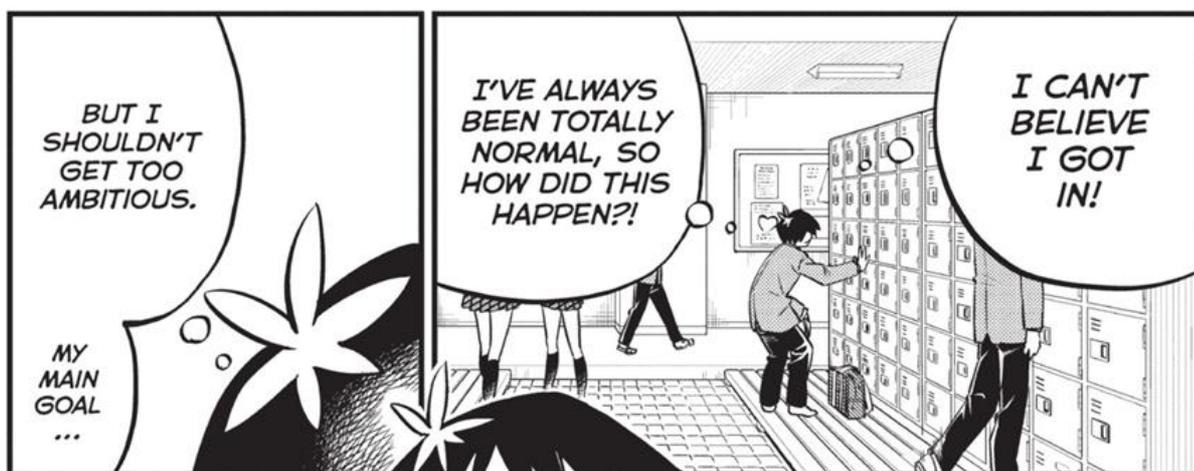
OTOZU IS EASY-GOING.

TADANO IS ORDINARY.

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Communication 1: Totally Normal





...IS THE
SHORTCUT
TO HAP-
PINESS.

BUT
FITTING IN
AND NOT
STANDING
OUT...
I
KNOW.

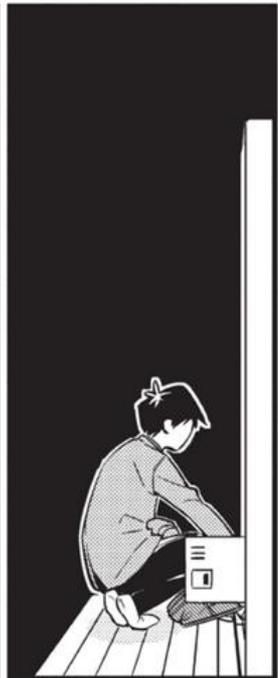
- Grew his hair long
- Popped his shirt collar
- Wore Sanskrit T-shirts
- Used the online handle † JIN-JIN †
- Often struck poses that hurt his neck
- Began practicing bass (and quit after a week)
- Drastically plucked his eyebrows
- Used a photo sticker booth picture for his Tweeter profile
- Traveled by bicycle
- Worked on a novel for two years and received withering criticism when his little sister read it

IT'S DEFINITELY NOT THAT!

IT'S NOT LIKE I HAD A HARD TIME IN JUNIOR HIGH BECAUSE I TRIED TO STAND OUT!

- Showed no emotion
- Constantly complained he didn't have any energy
- Used "bango!" as a sound effect

HUFF HUFF

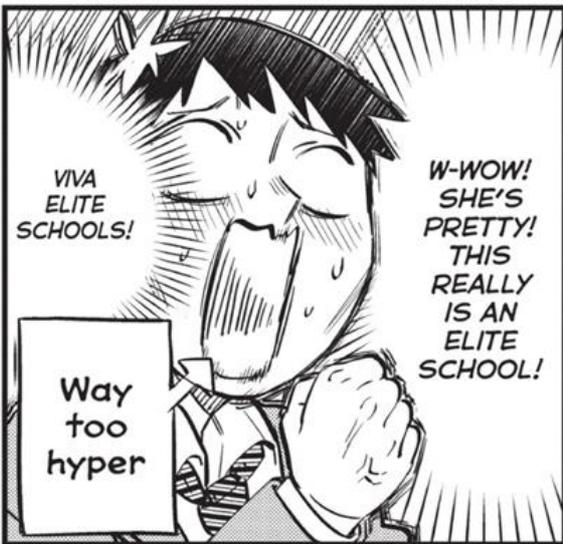
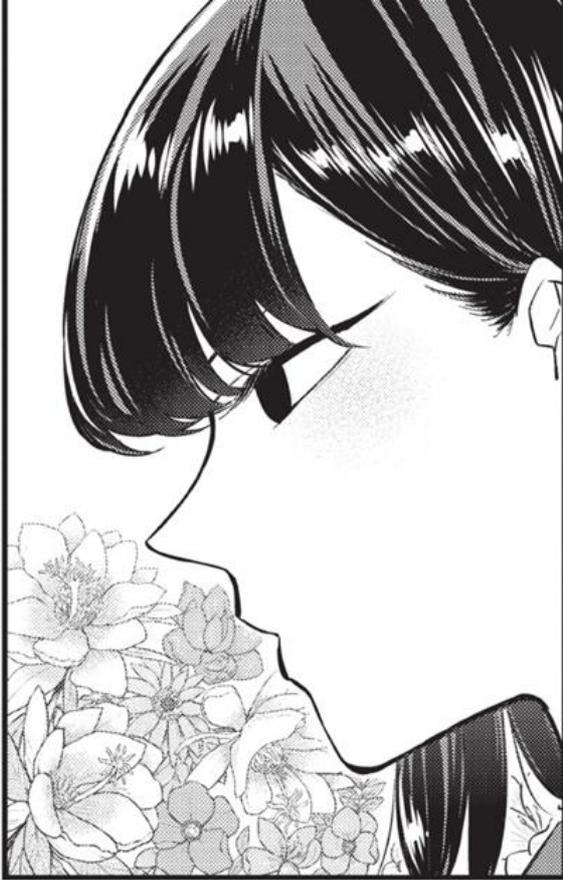


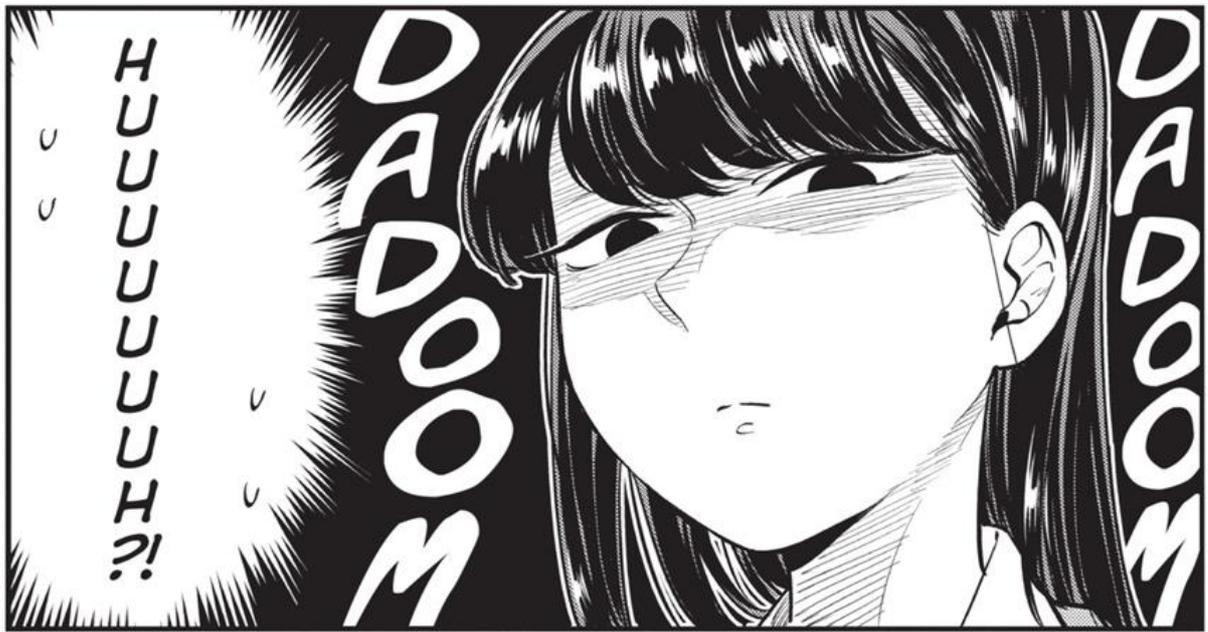
GOOD MOR-

IF THAT'S YOUR LOCKER, WE MUST BE IN THE SAME CLASS!

SAYING HELLO IS IMPORTANT, SO...

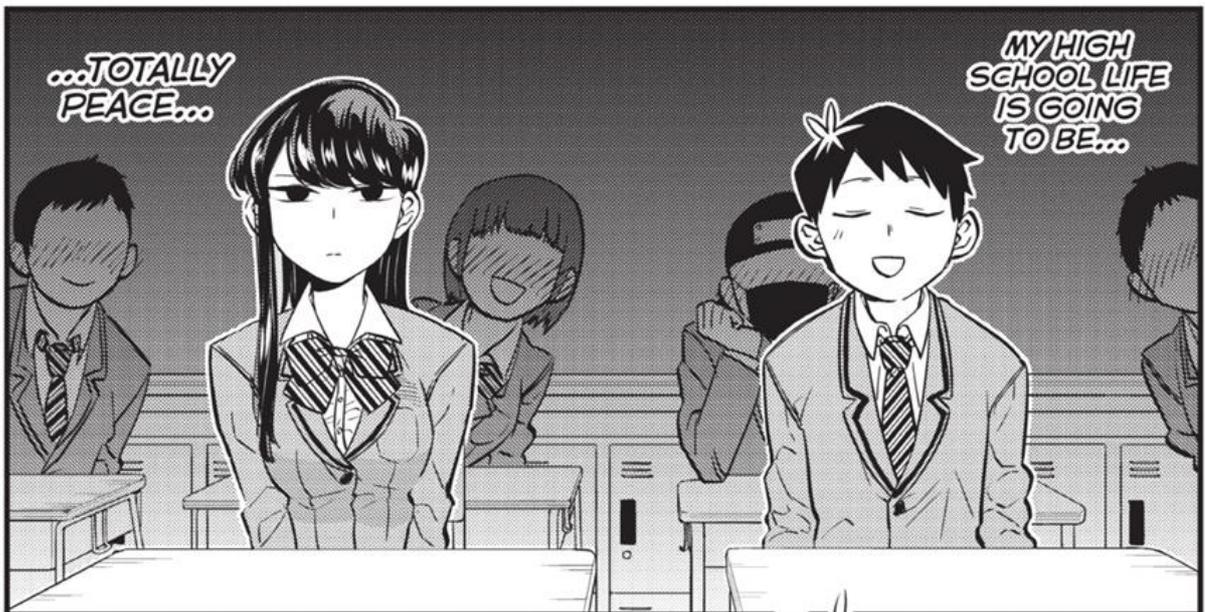








Communication 2: Peaceful





Komi...



...on the very first day of school.

...was already the class princess...



She smells good!

Gyah!

Whoa!

BUT, UM...

I'M HAPPY I'M SITTING NEXT TO THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN SCHOOL.



Tadano's high school life was already in rough waters.

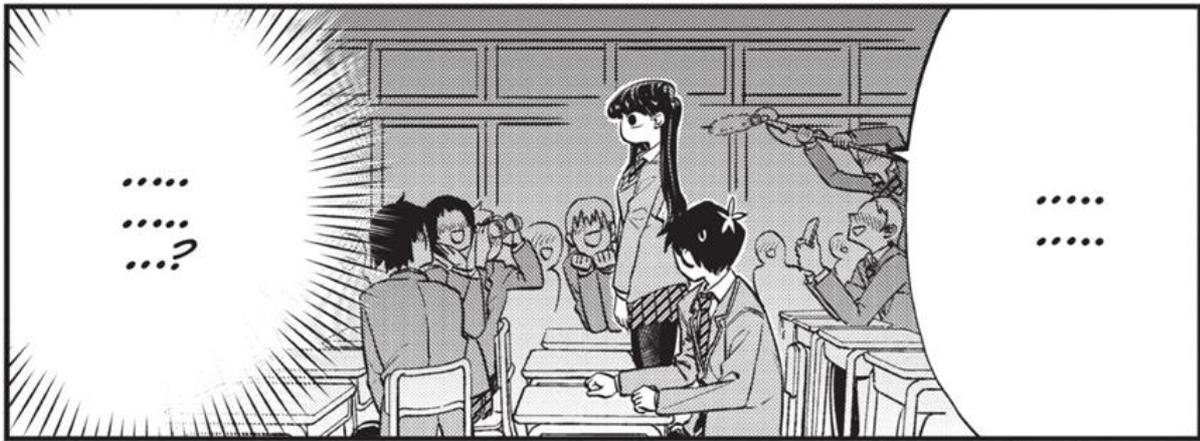
I'M PICKING UP A MURDEROUS VIBE!!

IF HE DIES, I'LL GET HIS SEAT.

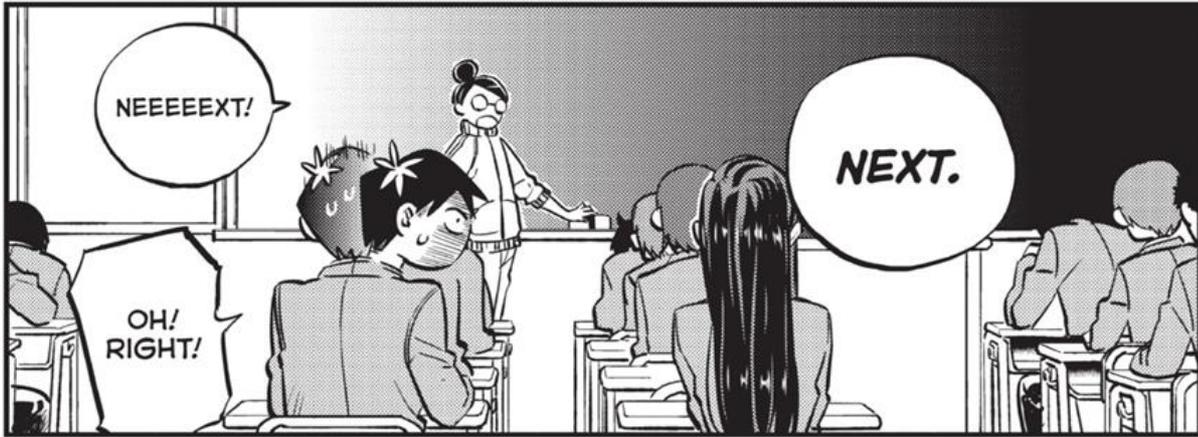
IT'S ASSASSINATION TIME!

YOUR NAME'S TADANO, HUH? MWA HA HA...











Komi

MAKE A NOTE SO YOU REMEMBER WHAT TO BRING TOMORROW.

Communication 3:
A Suspicious Individual



Whoa!

Incredible...
Amazing...

SHE'S AS PRETTY AS A PICTURE, NO MATTER WHAT SHE'S DOING!

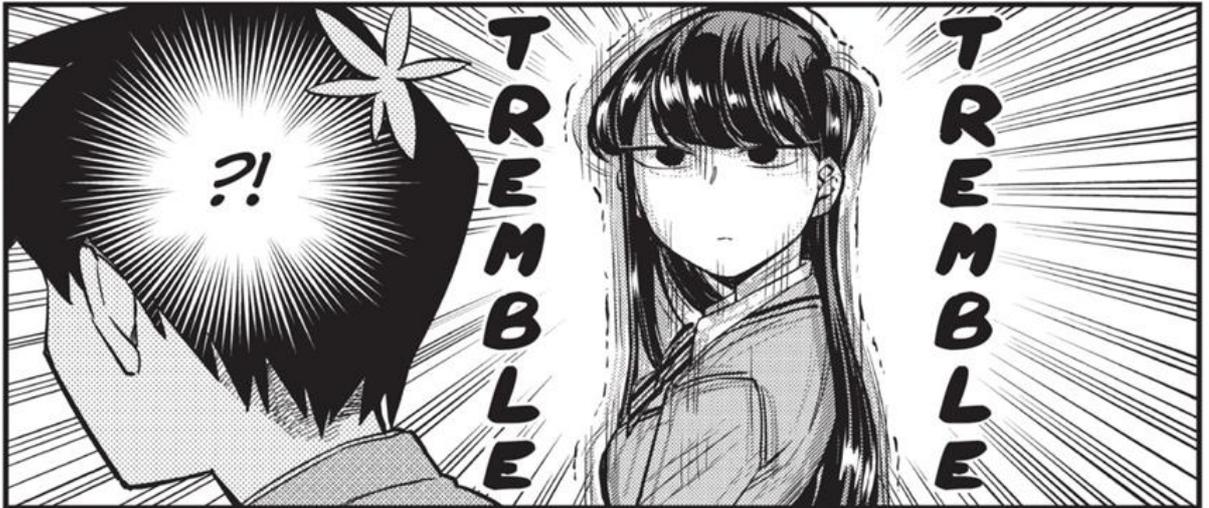
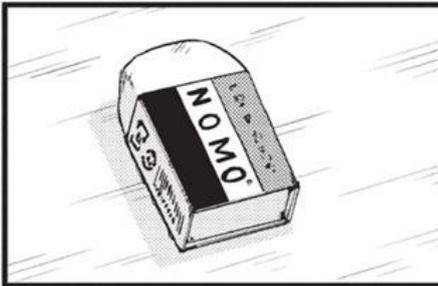


Eraser

POINK

POPP



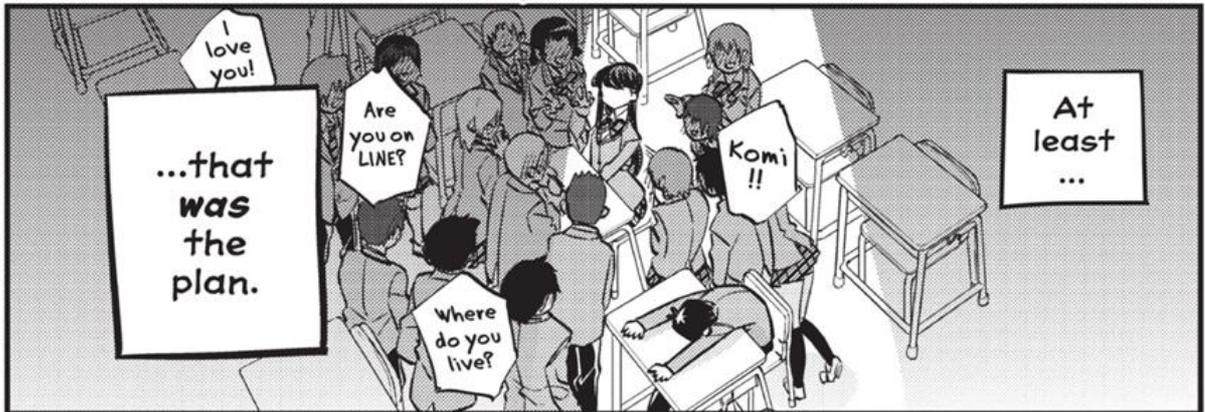
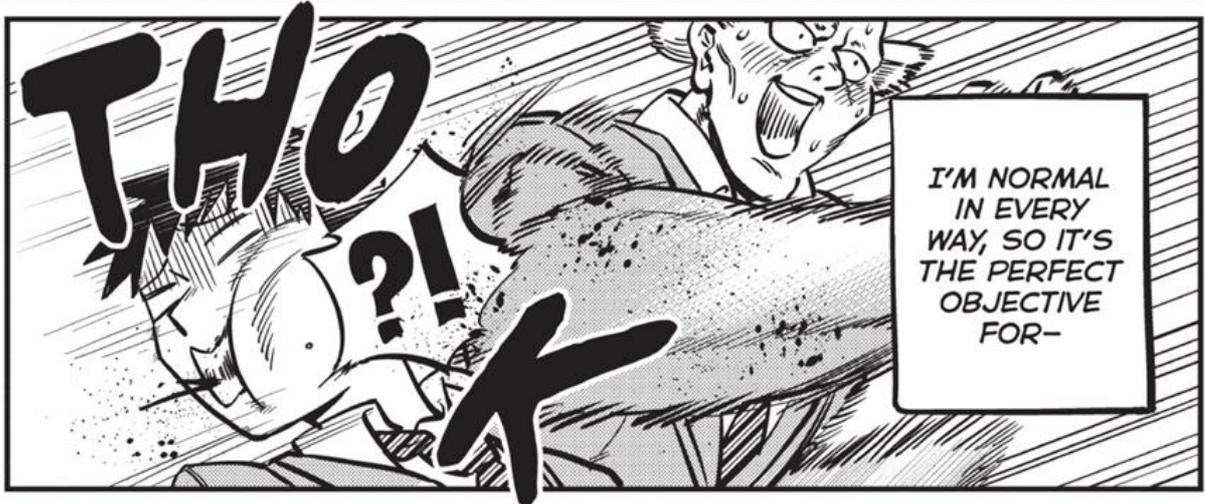


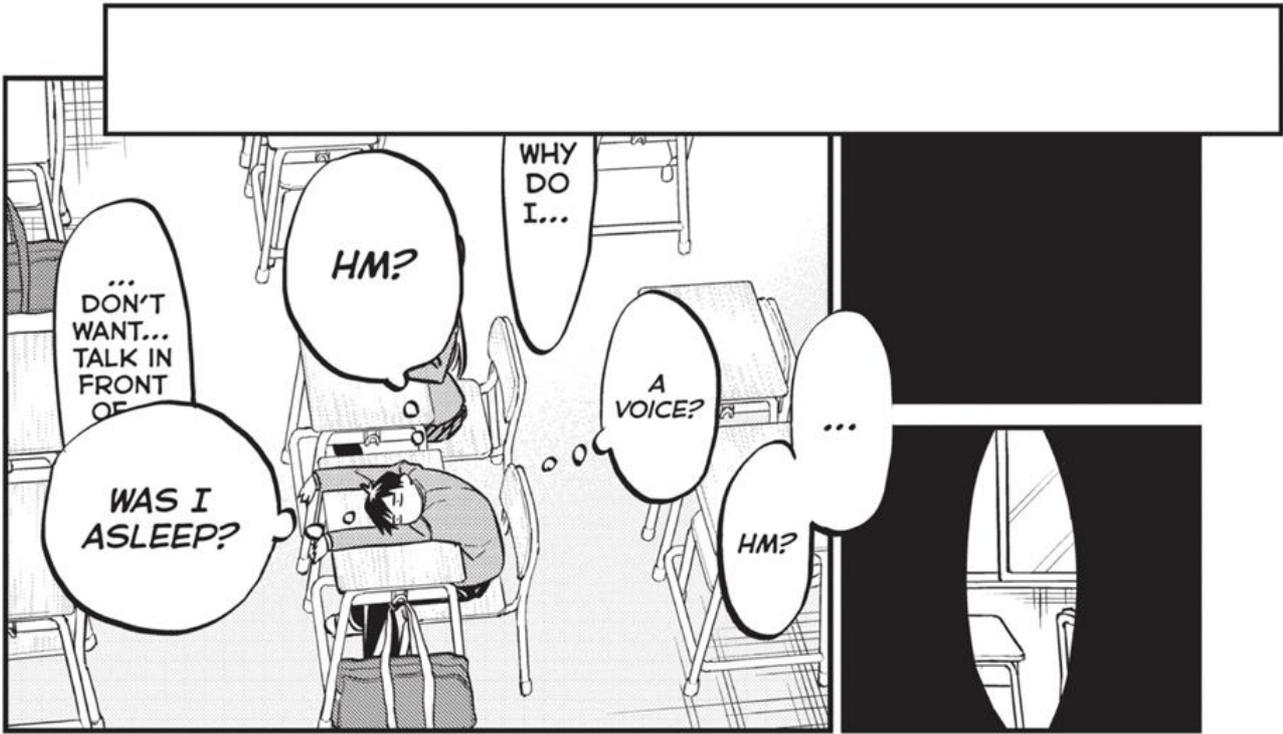


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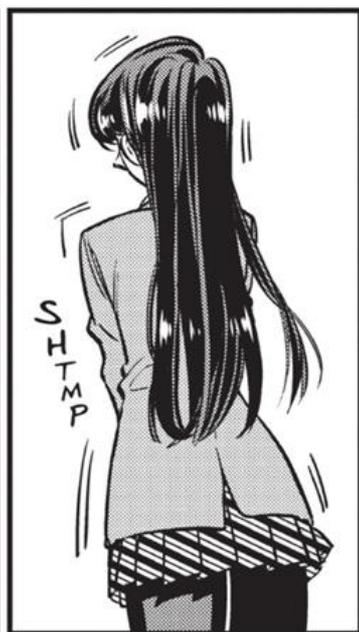
Communication 4:
Not Very Good





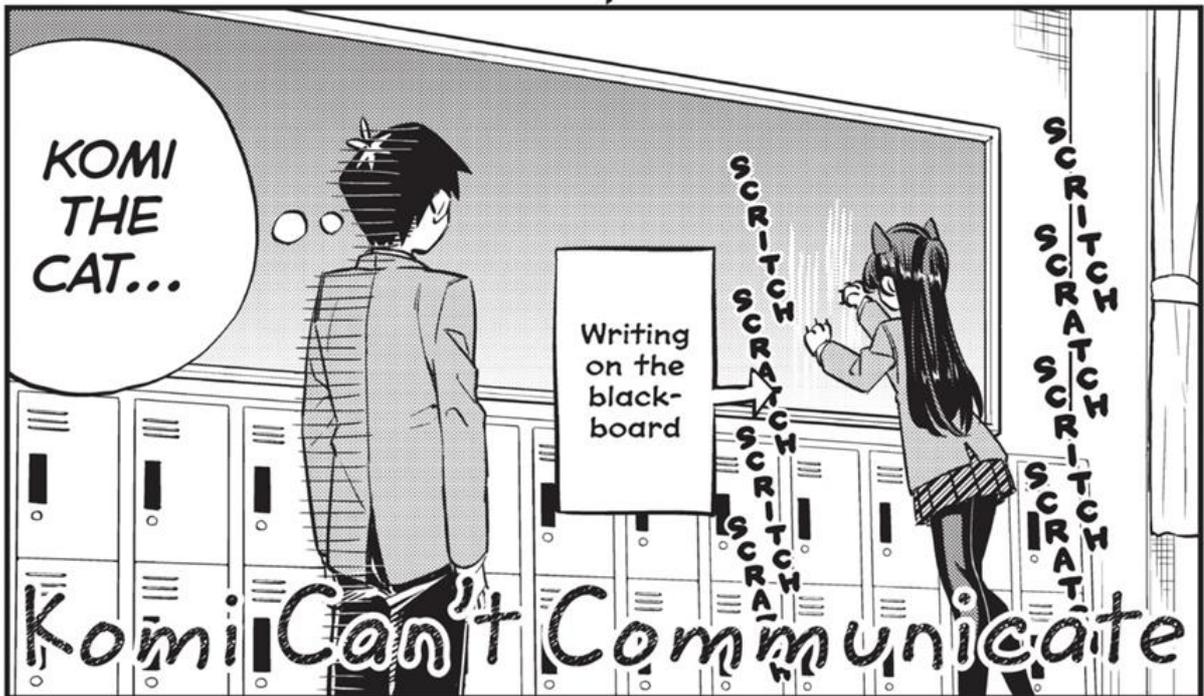


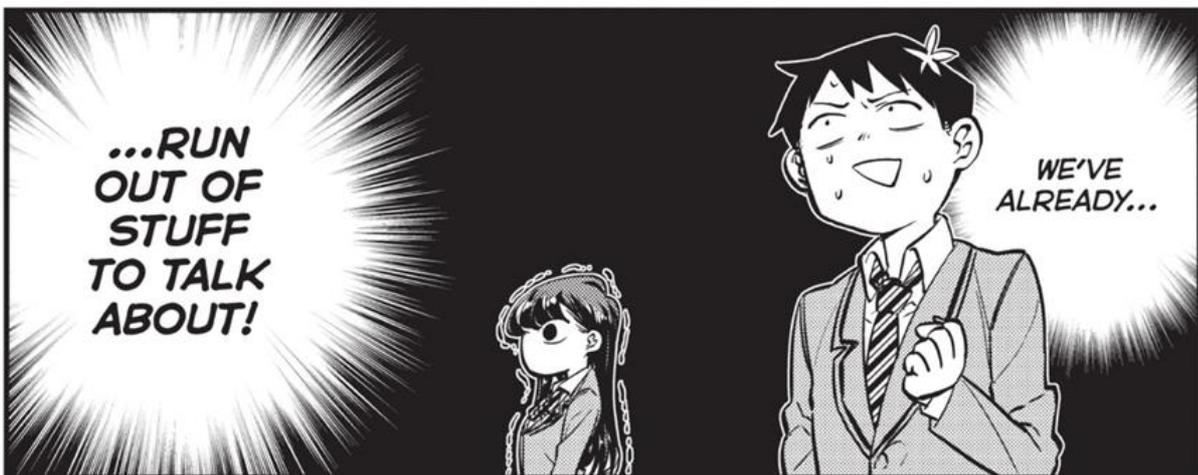
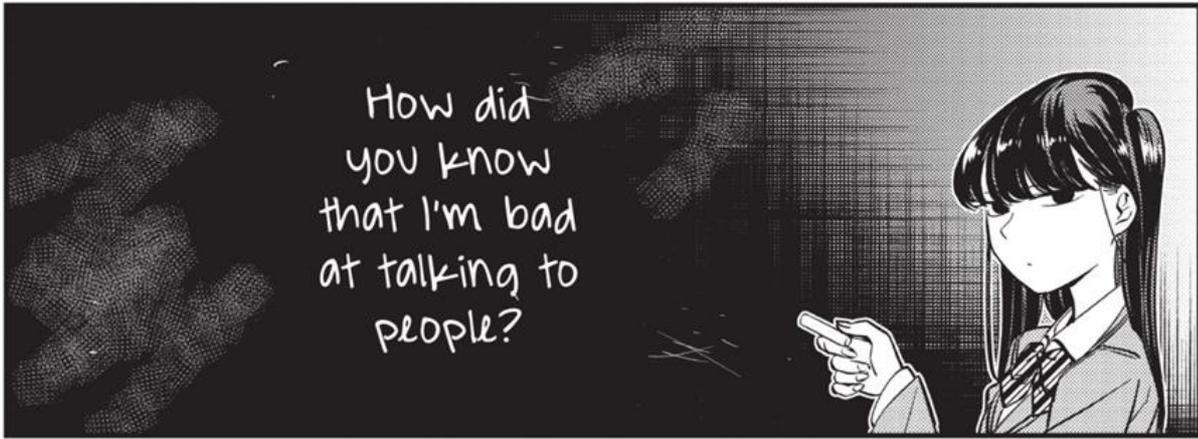


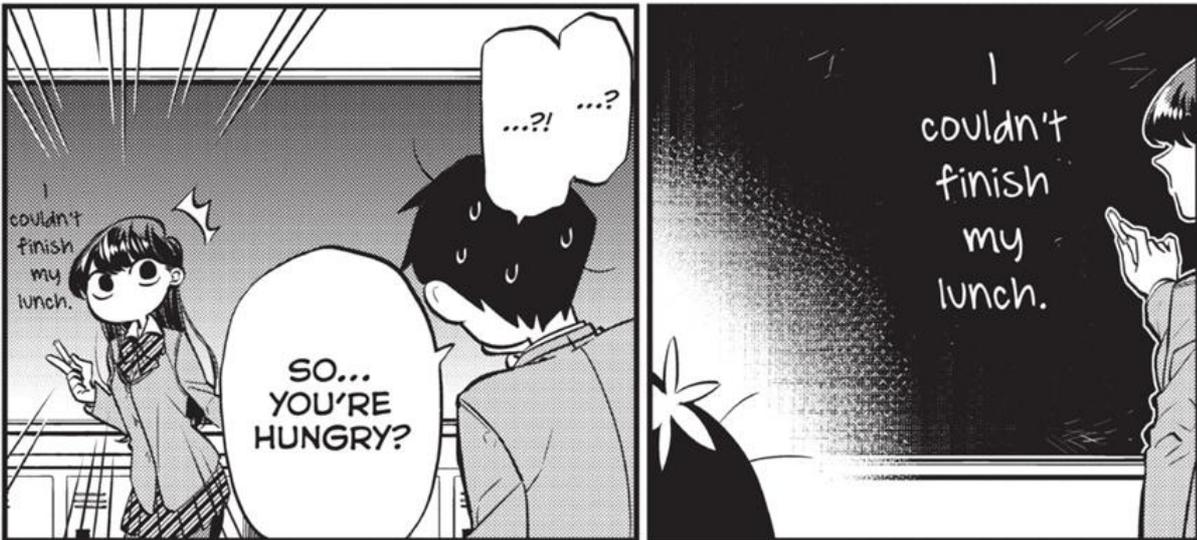
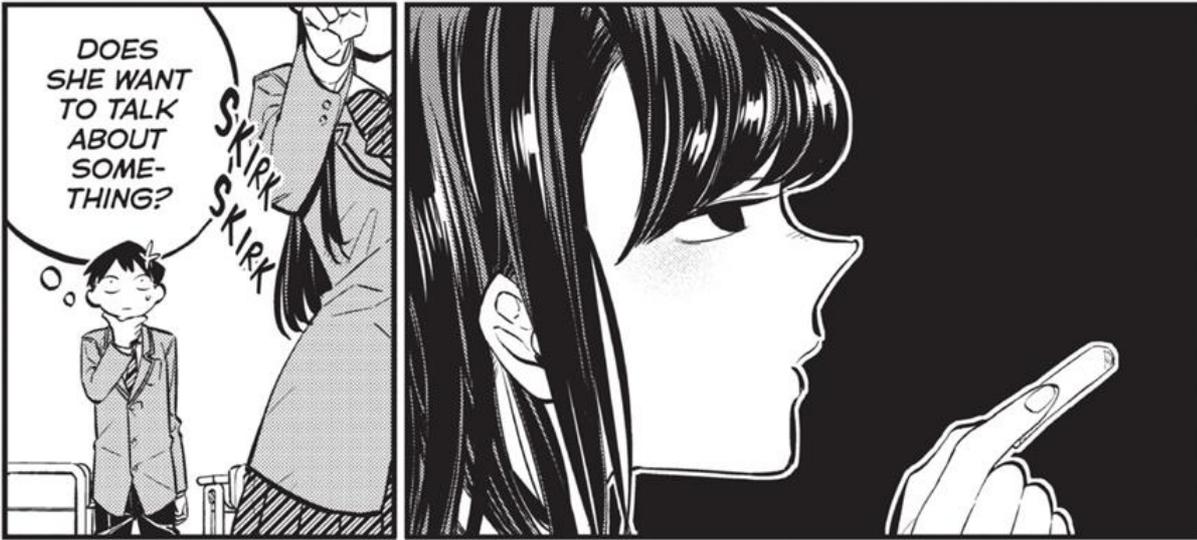




Communication 5: Wanting to Talk









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.



GLOOM

SHE'S GOT IT SO WRONG...

I know that.

I think they hate me.

I'm certain they do. Because I'm so difficult to talk to.



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?

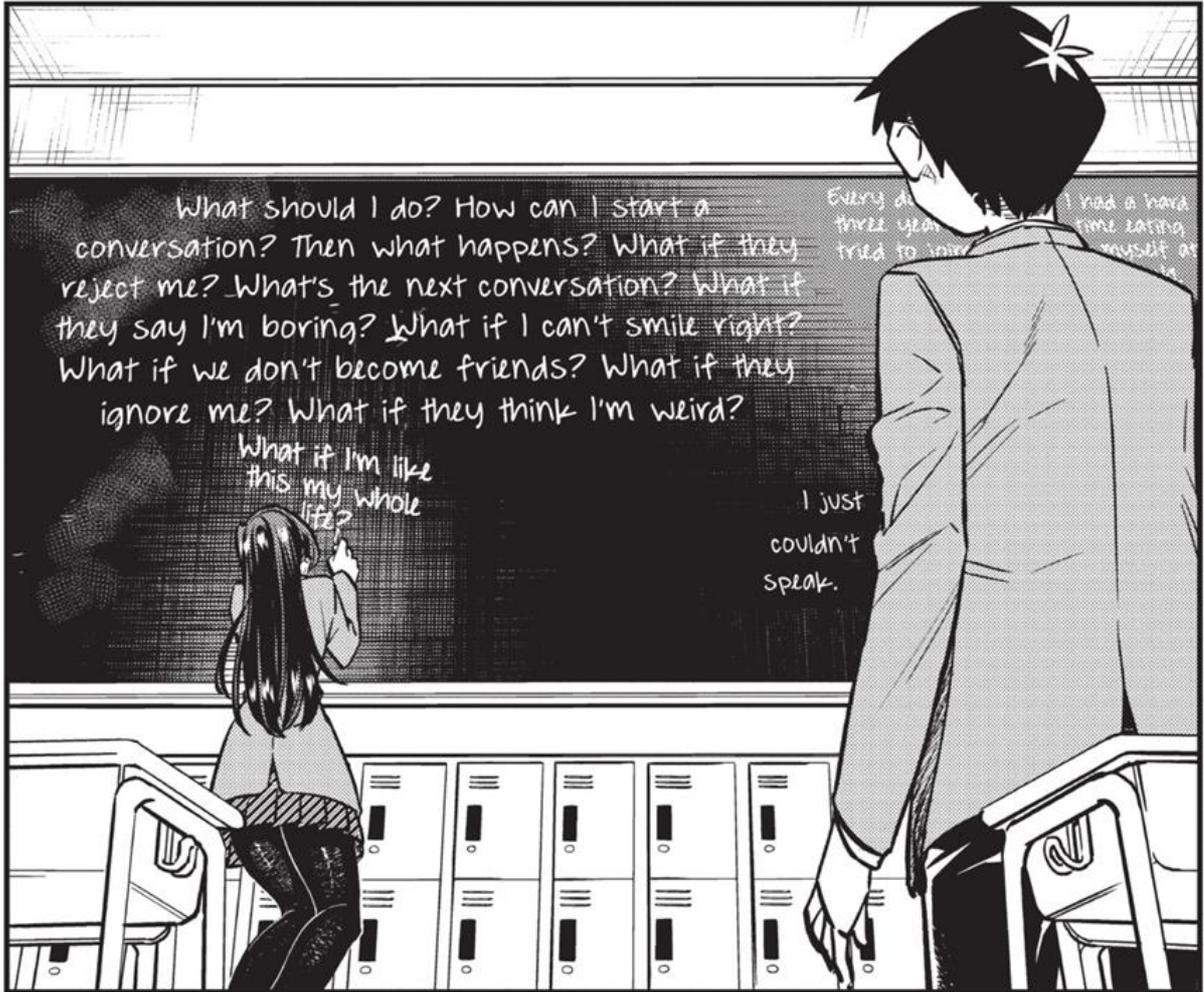
What
should
I do?

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

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

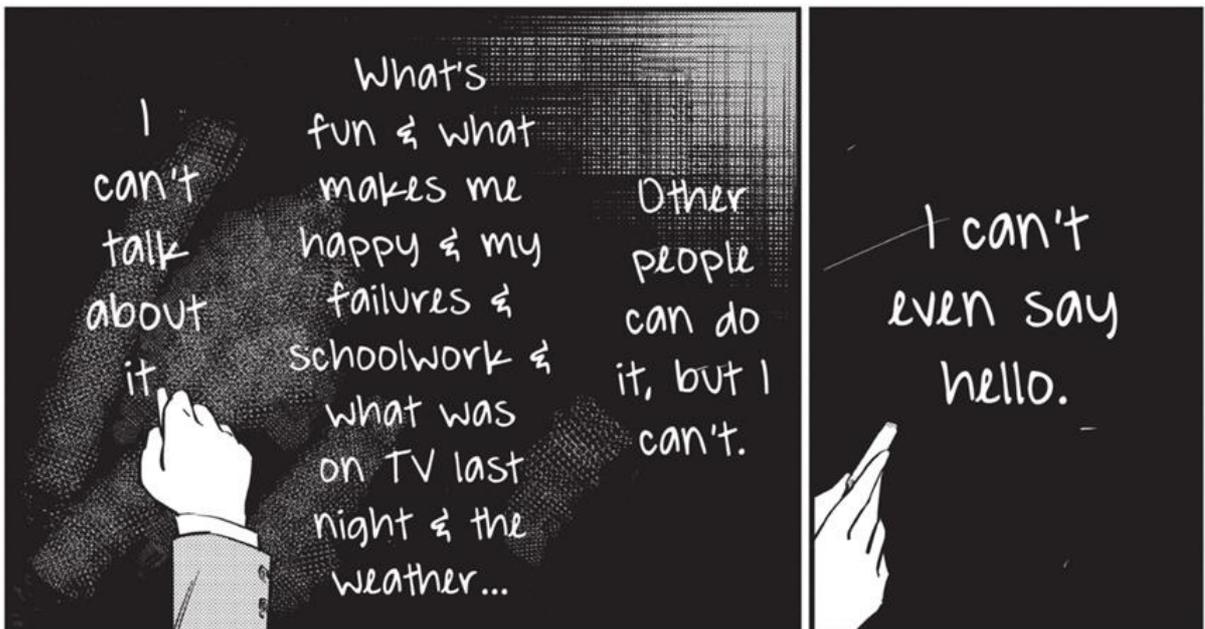
How can
I start a
conversation?
Then what
happens?

What
should
I do?

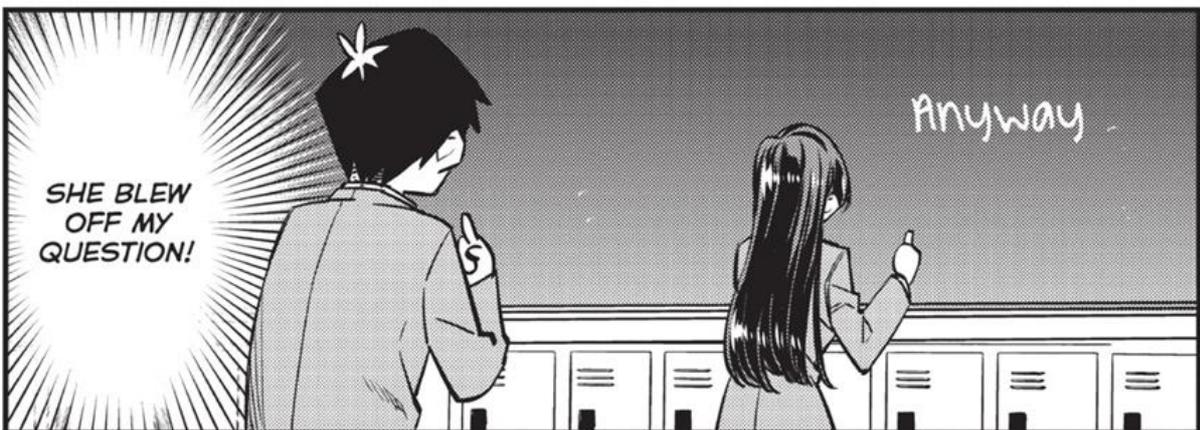


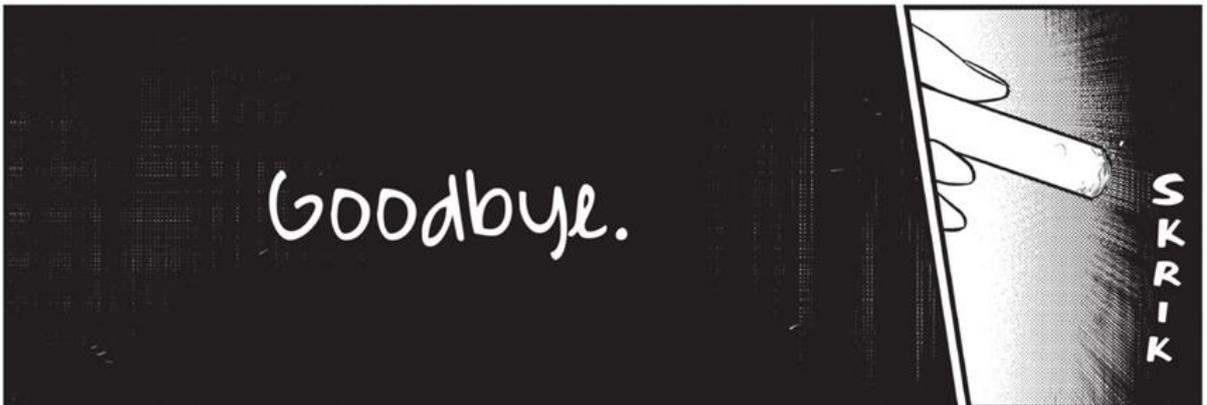
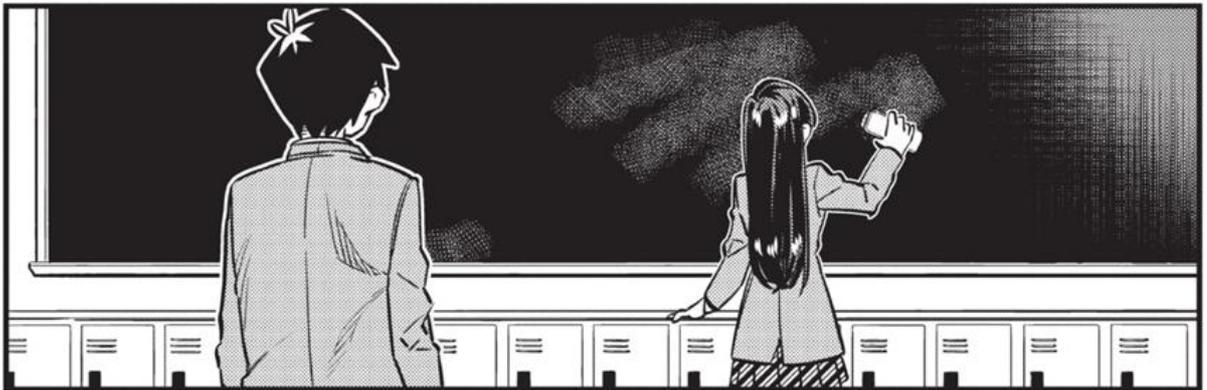


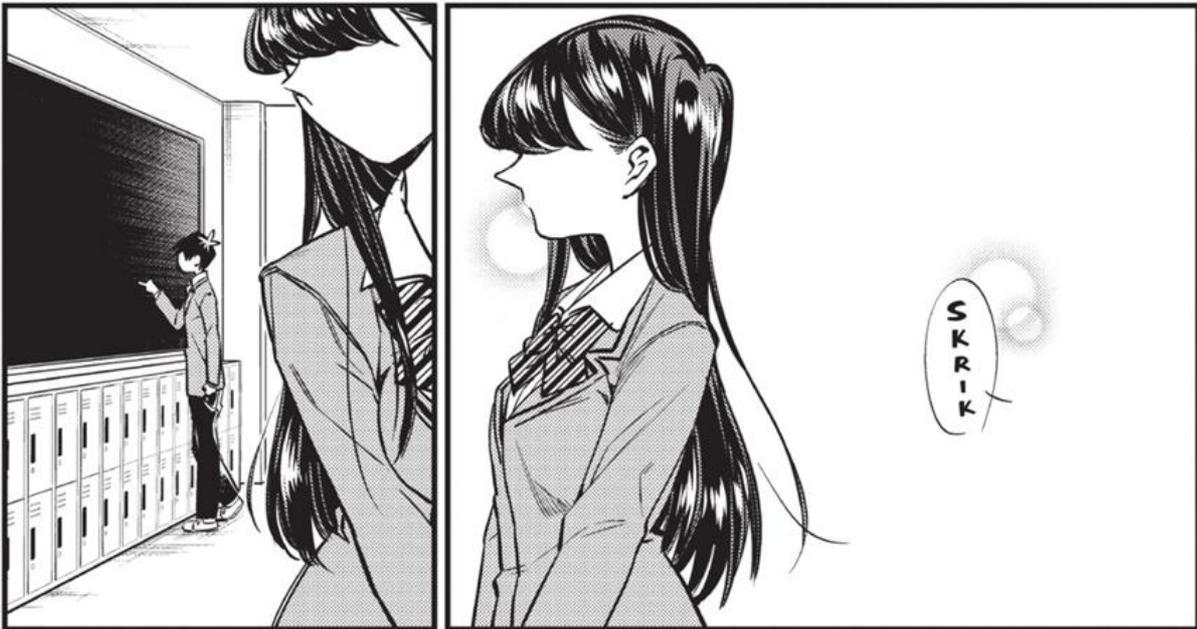
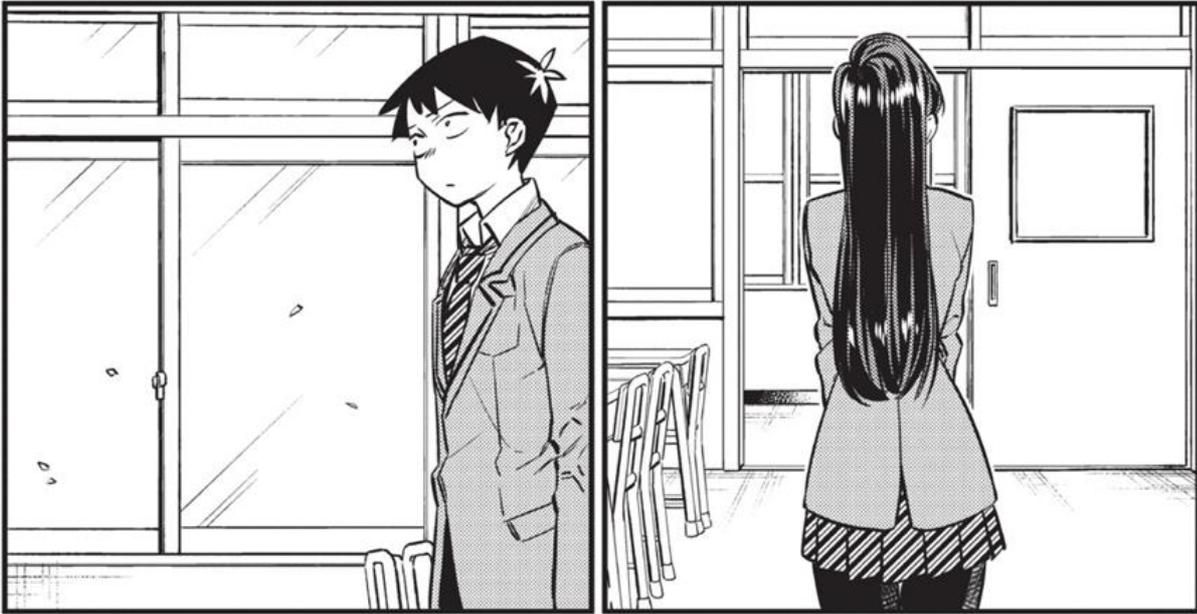
Communication 6: Wanting to Apologize



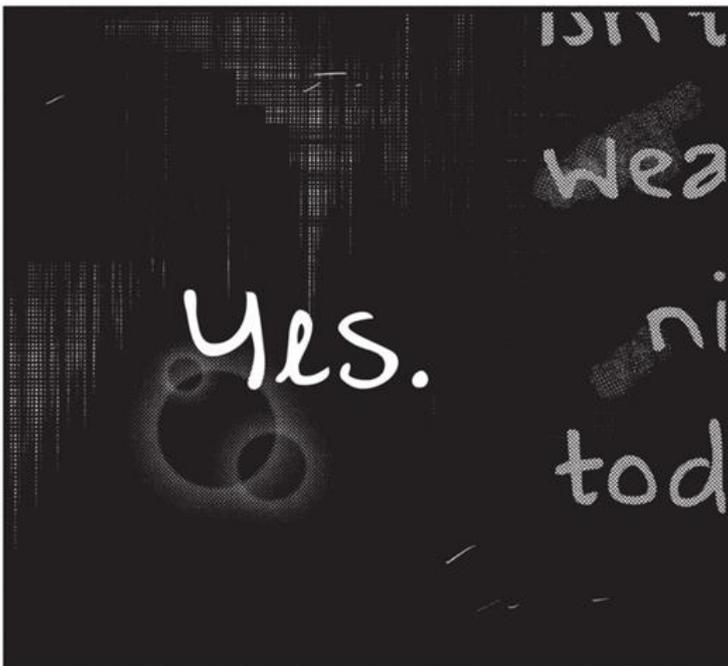
↓ Sorta happy







Isn't the weather nice today?



The
cherry
blossoms
were
beautiful.





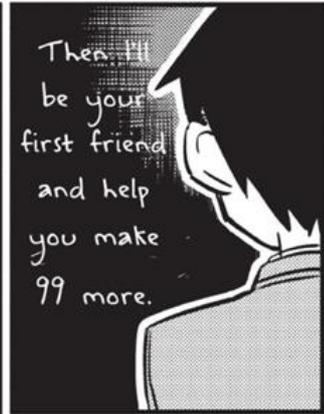
To
make
100
friends.

What's
your
dream,
Komi?

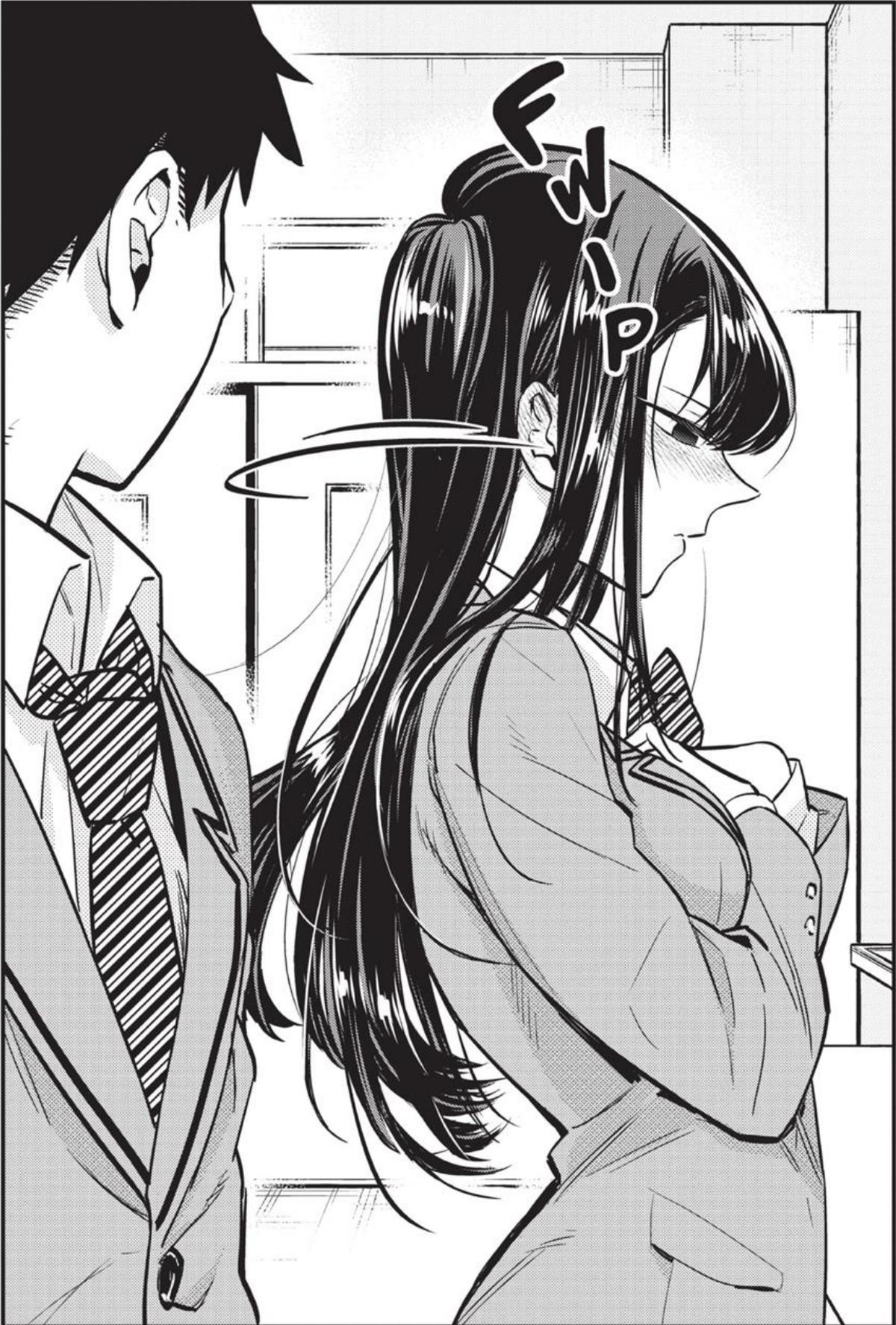


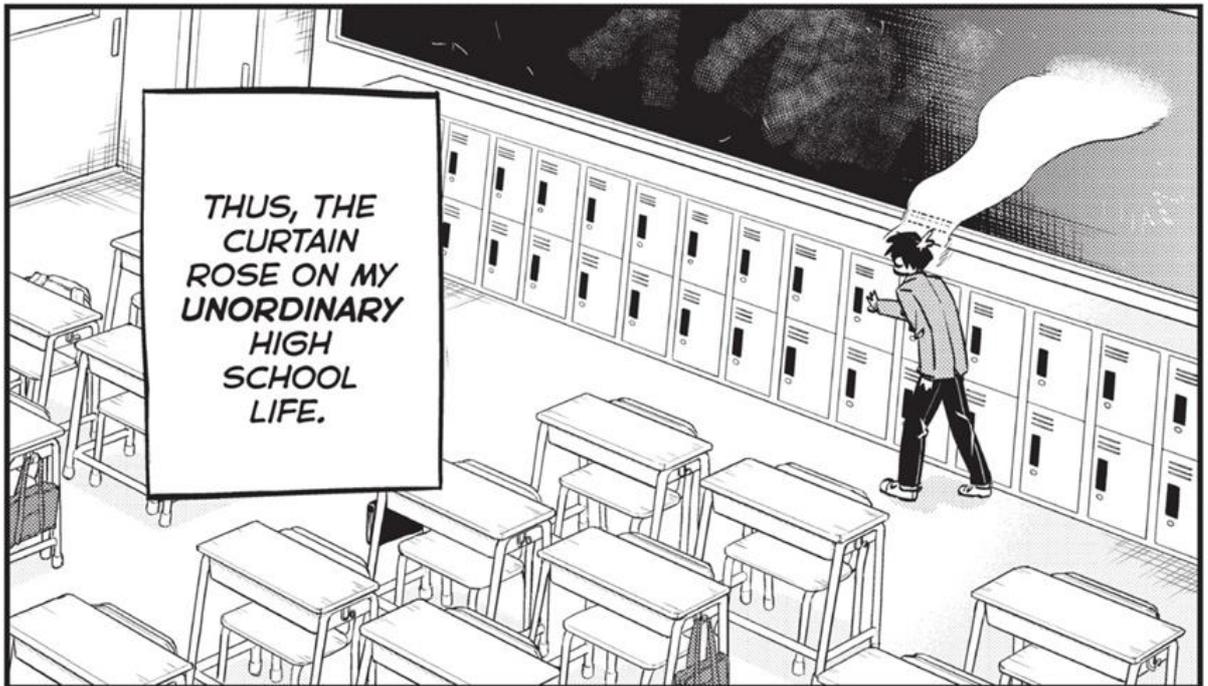
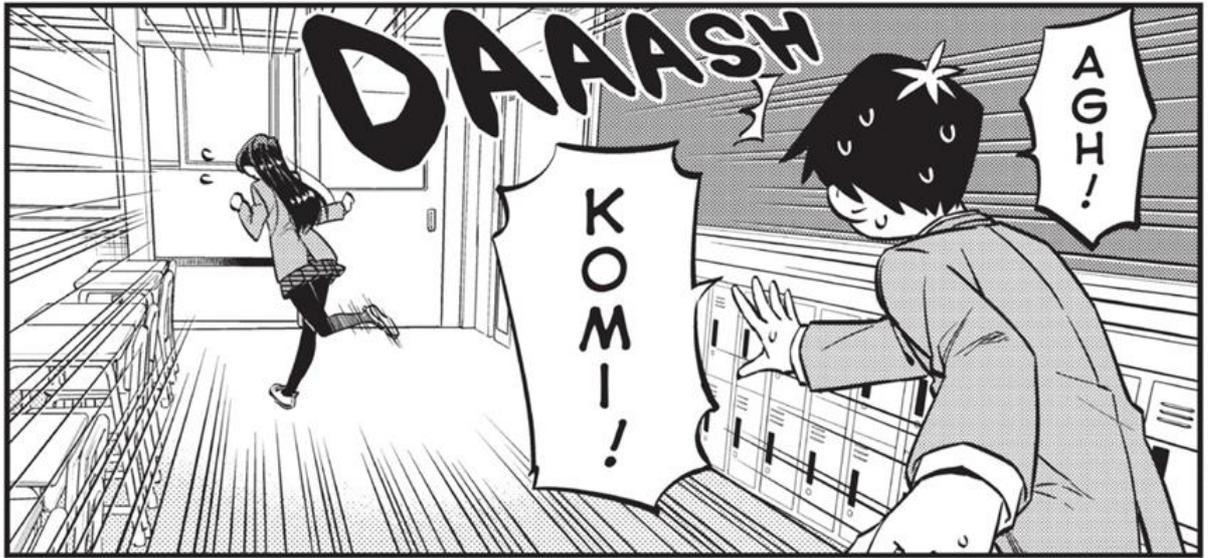
Then I'll
be your
first friend
and help
you make
99 more.



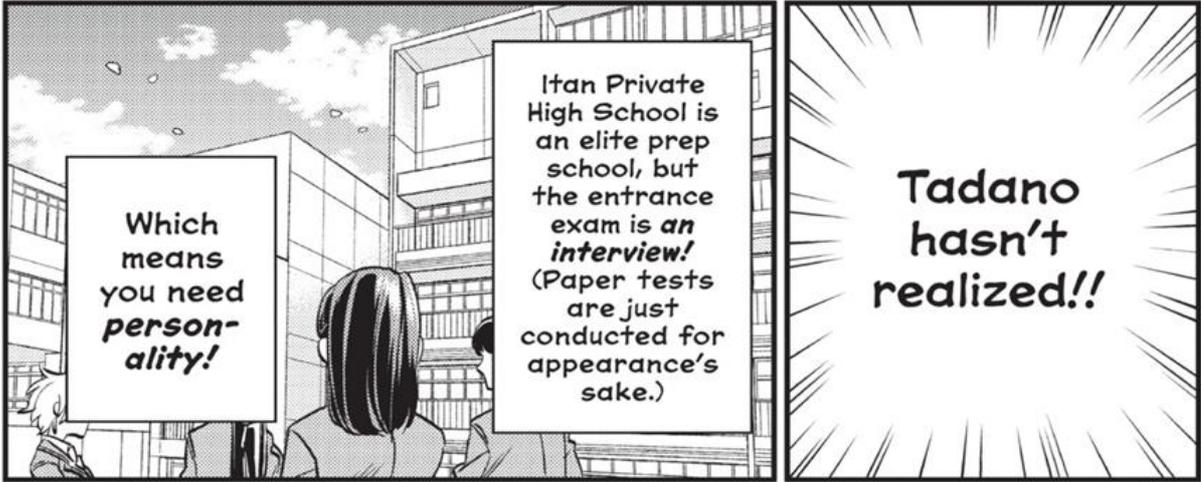








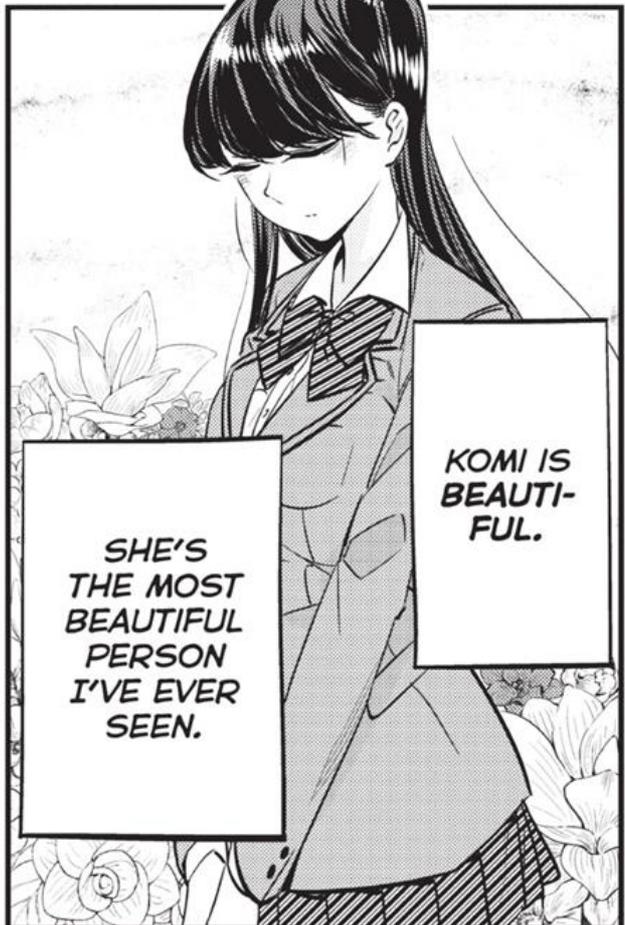


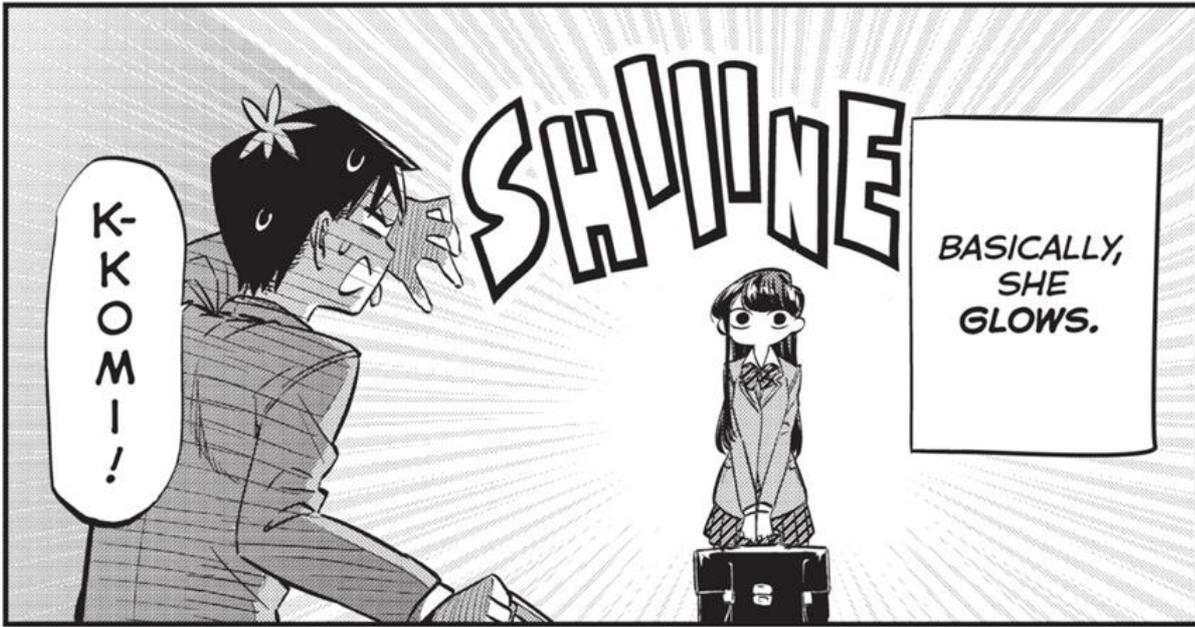


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Communication 7: One More Time





K-KOMI!

SHINE

BASICALLY,
SHE
GLOWS.



HOW-
EVER
...

"LET'S BE
FRIENDS."

TRY
SAYING
...

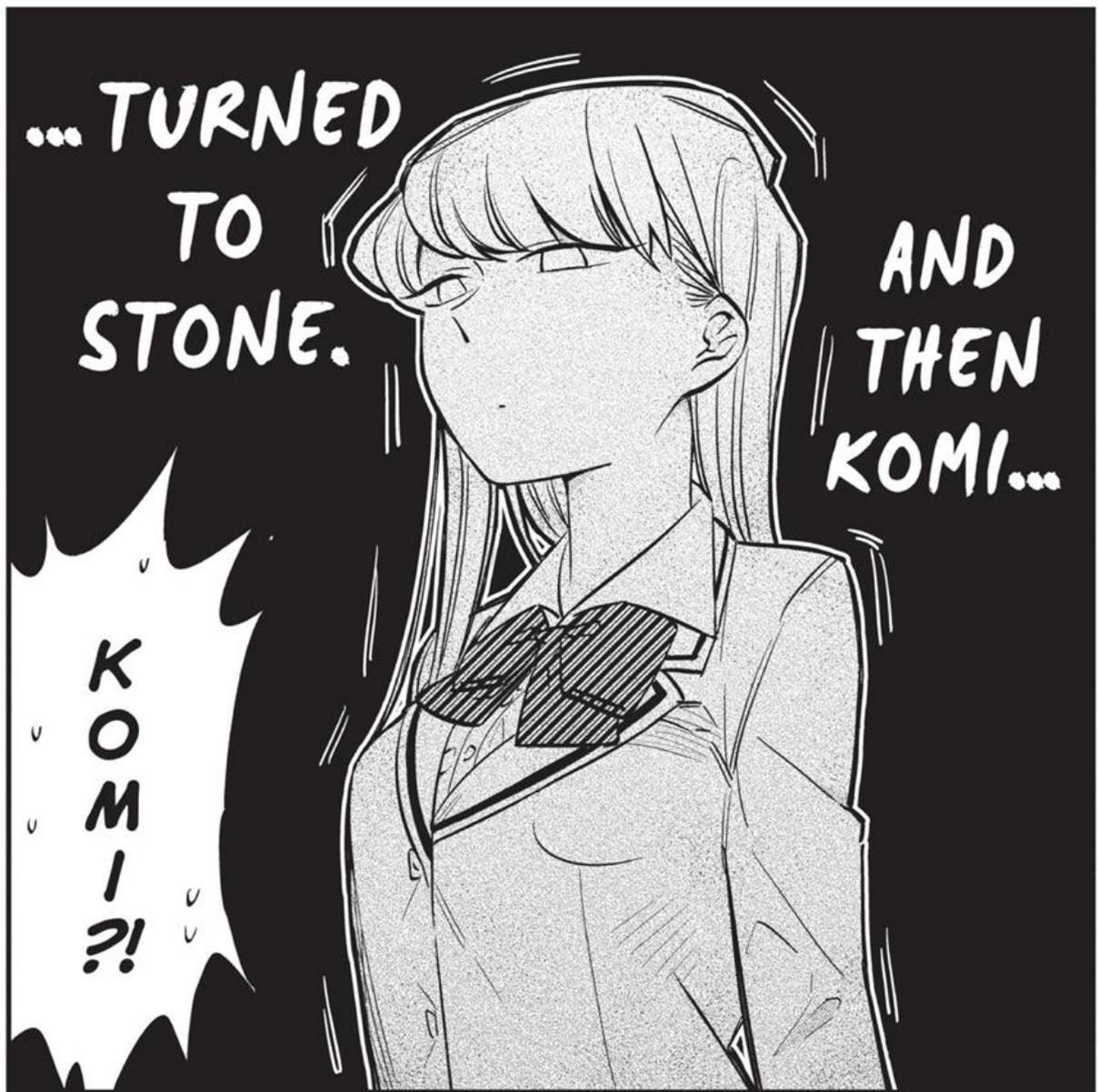
F-FIRST,
LET'S
PRACTICE
SPEAKING!



IF YOU
CAN SAY
THAT,
THEN
YOU'LL
MAKE 100
FRIENDS
IN NO
TIME!

PWIK

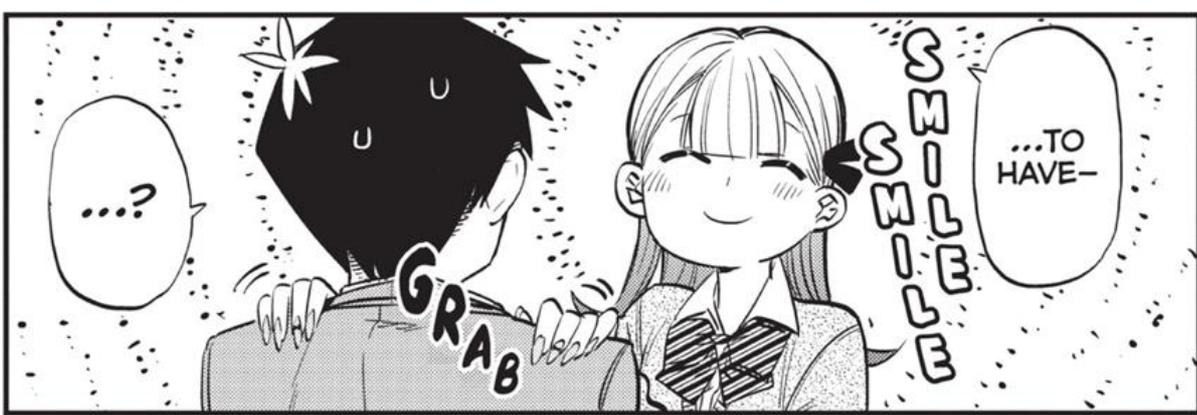
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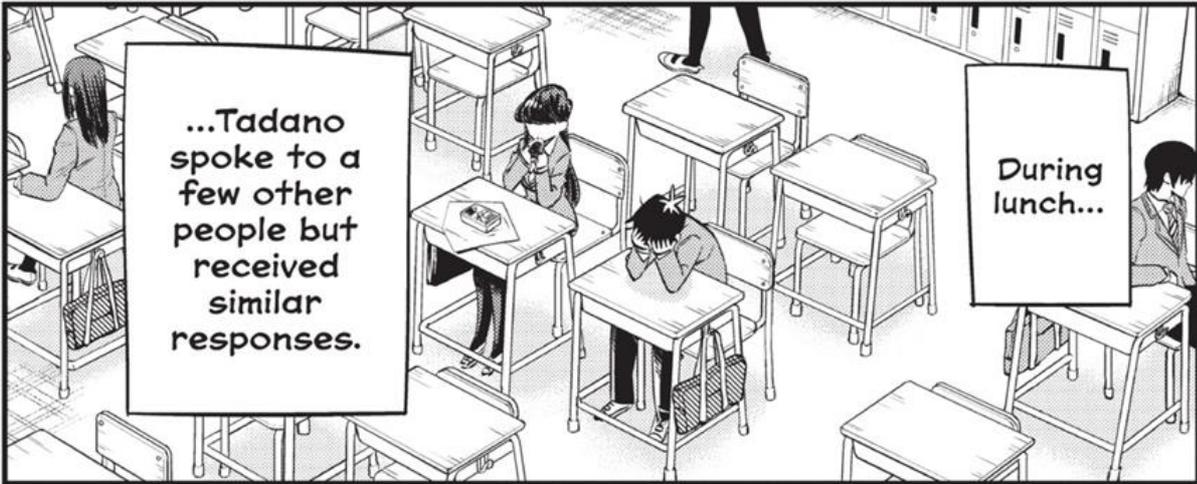


Communication 8: Scary





Communication 9: Old Friends





SIGH

I DIDN'T WANT TO RESORT TO THIS, BUT...

KLATTA



...THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I CAN DO!

PANG PANG

BUT...



...SHOULD BE ABLE TO BECOME FRIENDS!

THEY...



YOU REALLY FLUBBED YOUR INTRODUCTION YESTERDAY.



HM?

OH...



OSA...

...NA?











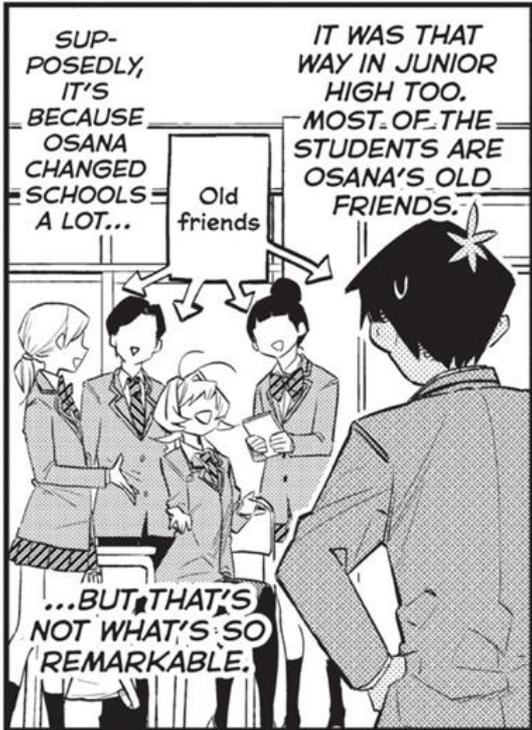
Very surprised

...



IT'S LIKE A SUPER-POWER!

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

...BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S SO REMARKABLE.



...I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

OSANA ...

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





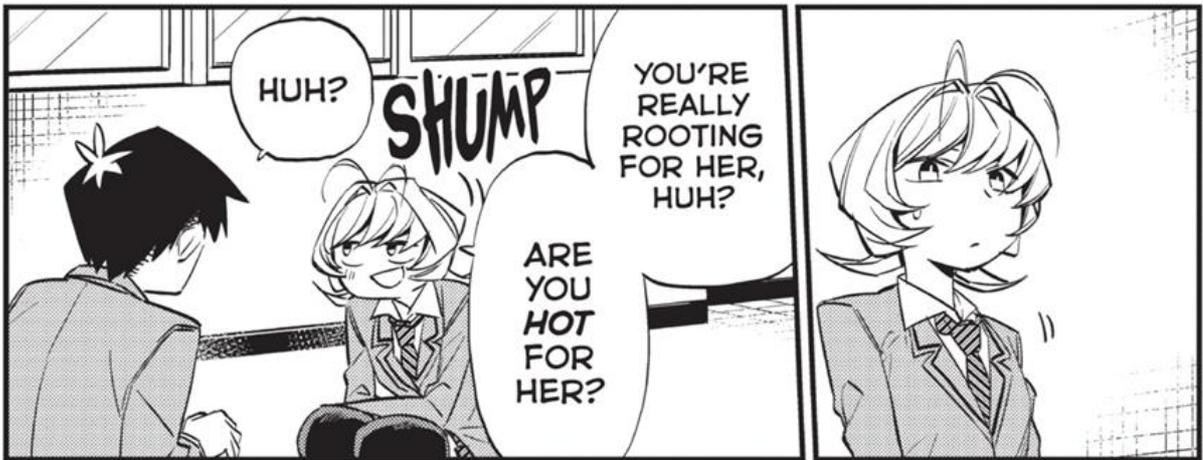














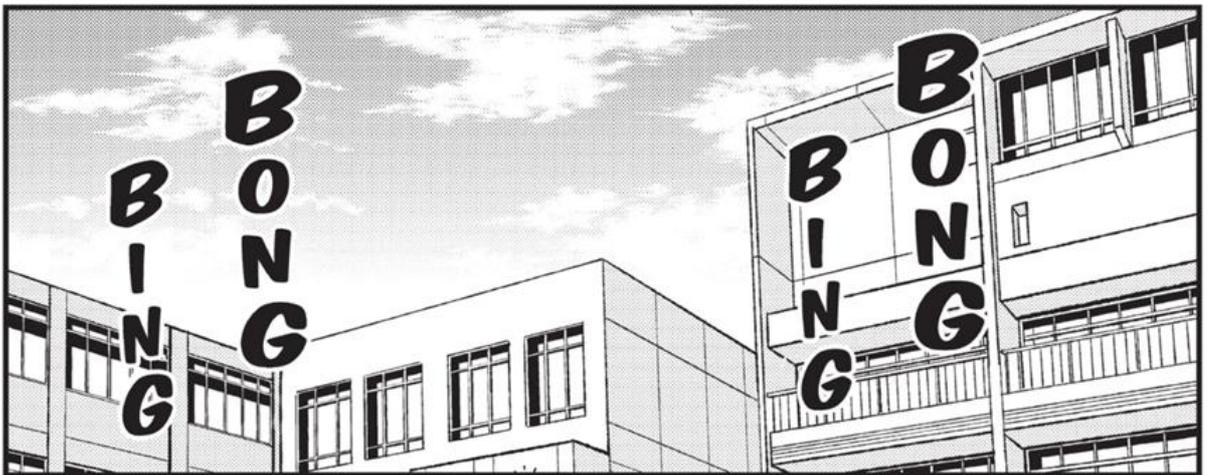
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Shoko
Komi

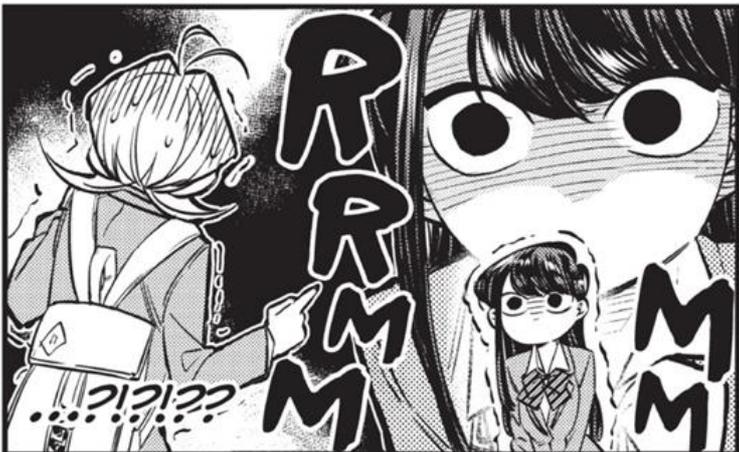
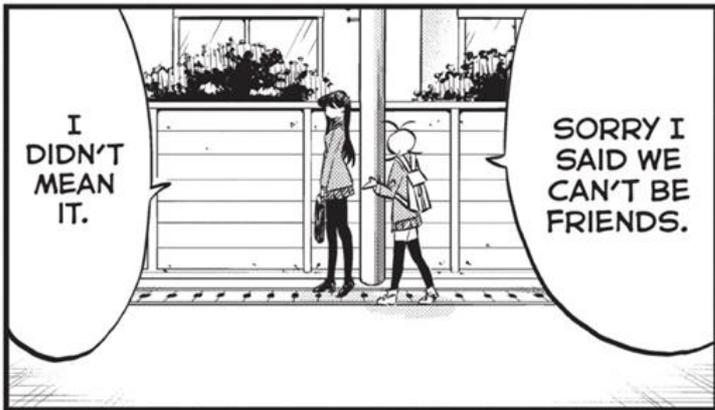
Najimi
Osana

Communication 11:
Not a Killer

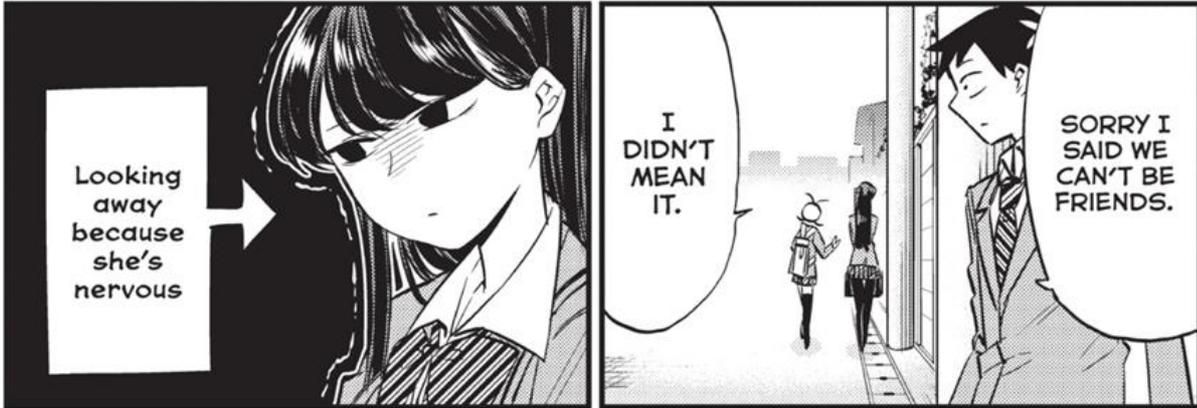


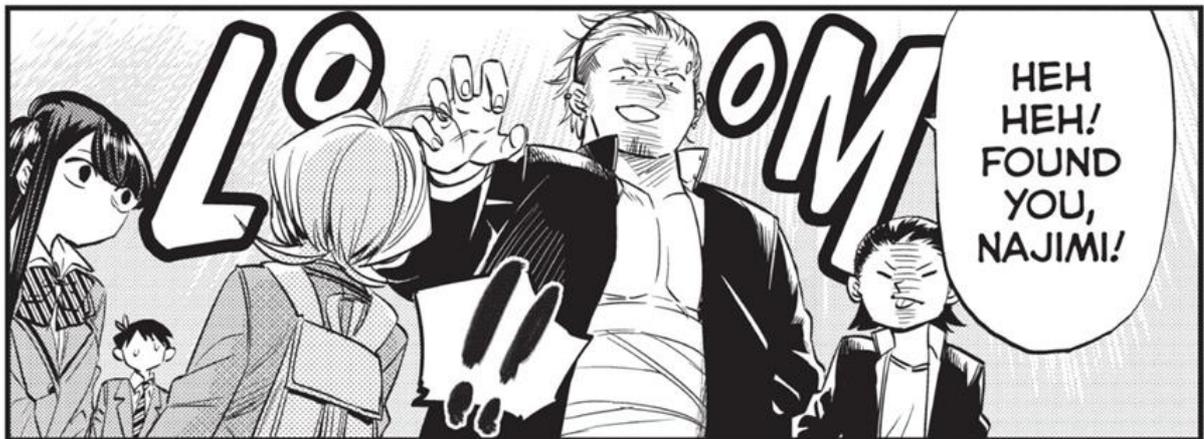


From Najimi's Perspective



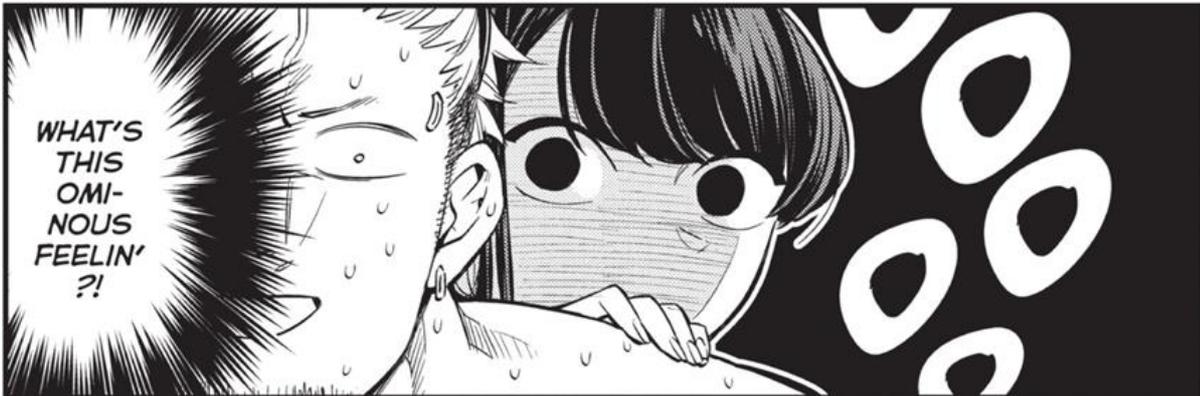
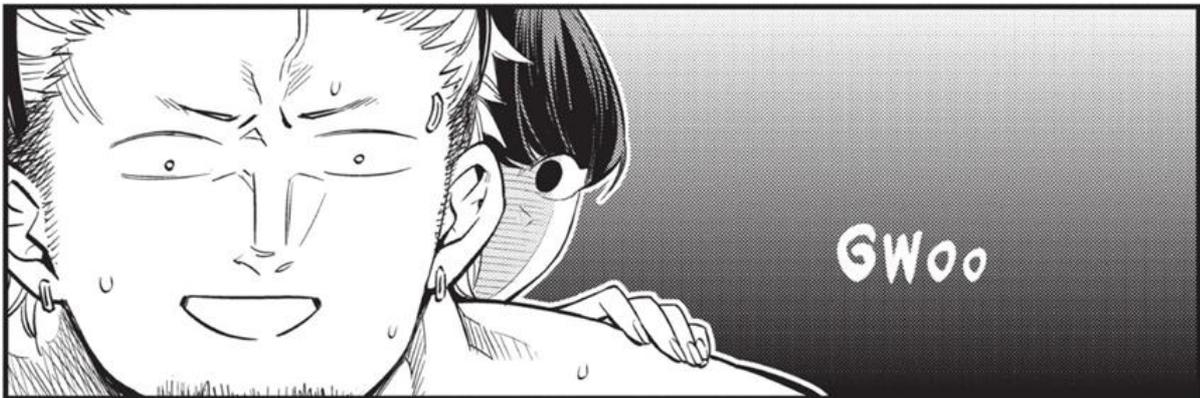
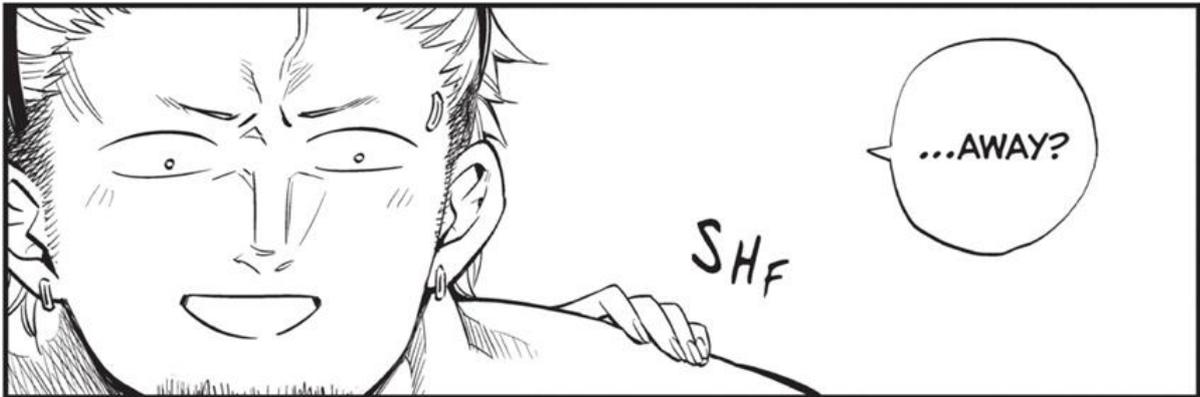
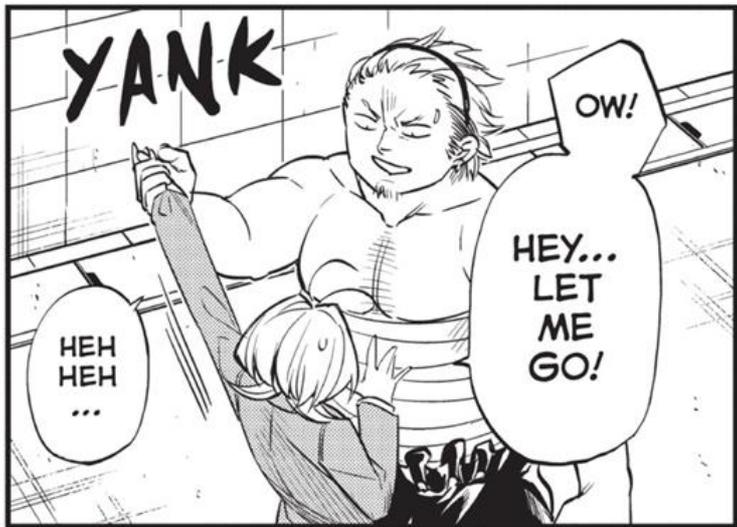
From Tadano's Perspective















THAT MUST BE IT!!

...TO RIP YOUR ARMS FROM THEIR SOCKETS!!

*His imagination

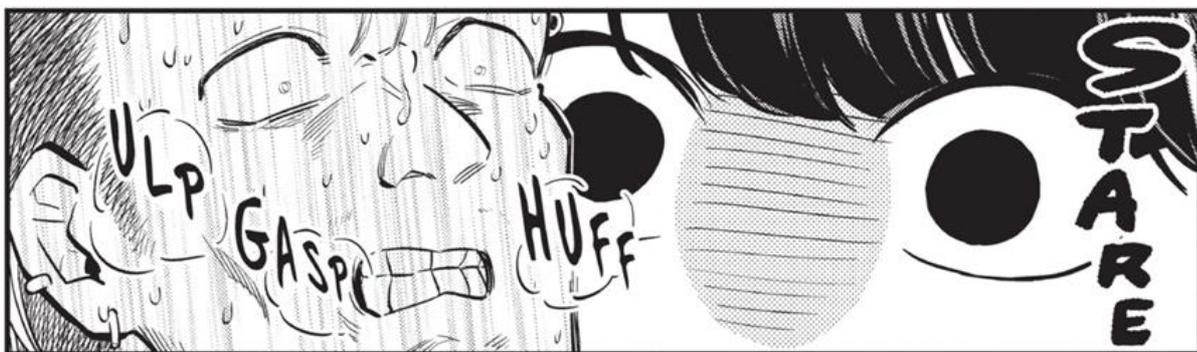
...OR I'LL USE THIS KEY ...

YOU LEAVE NAJIMI ALONE ...



FLINCH

STARE



ULP

GASP

HUFF

STARE



Your key fell out of your pocket.

That's what she was saying.

...

HUH?! MAA?!

LET'S SCRAM, SHII!!







EHEHE

EHEHE

AH HA HA!

AH HA!



AH HA HA

I HAD THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT YOU!

AH HA HA! YOU'RE FUNNY, KOMI!



HUH?

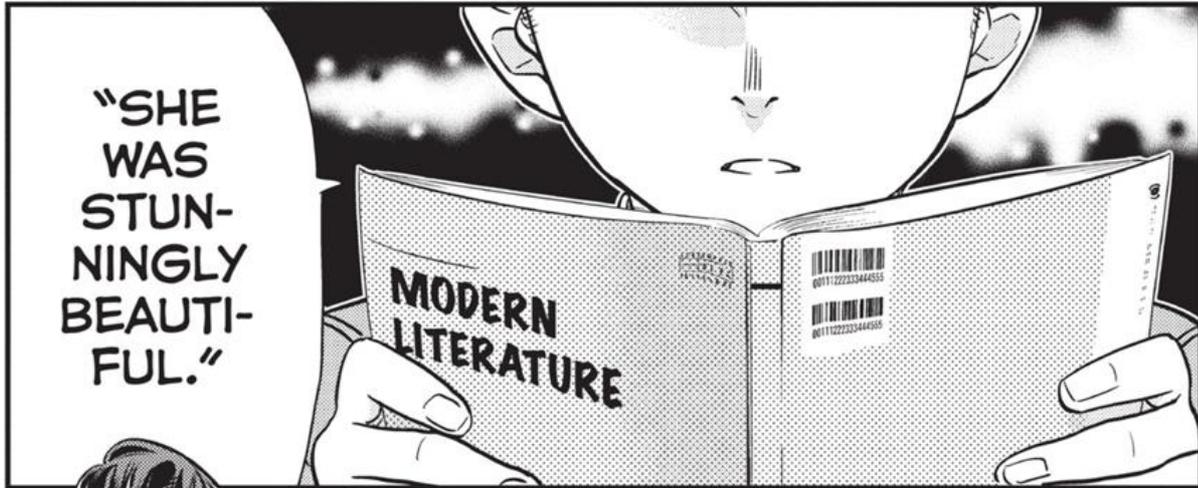
...A BLOOD-SUCKER OR SOMETHING!

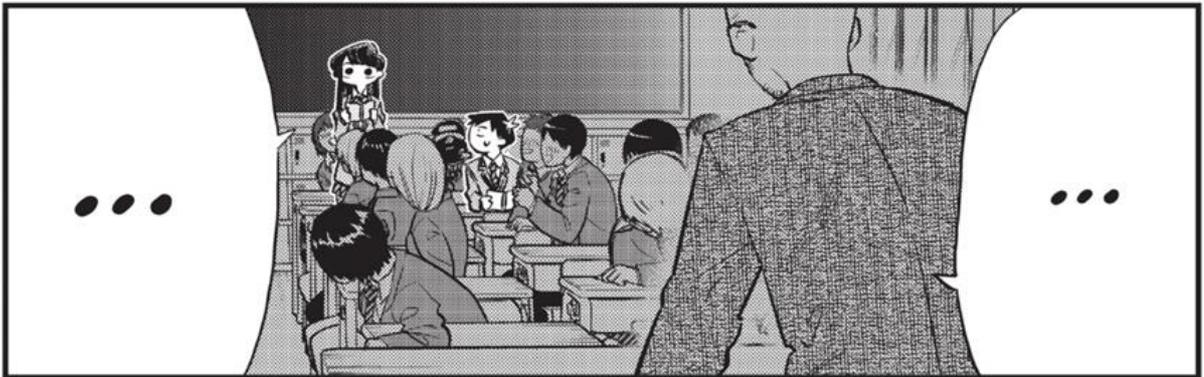
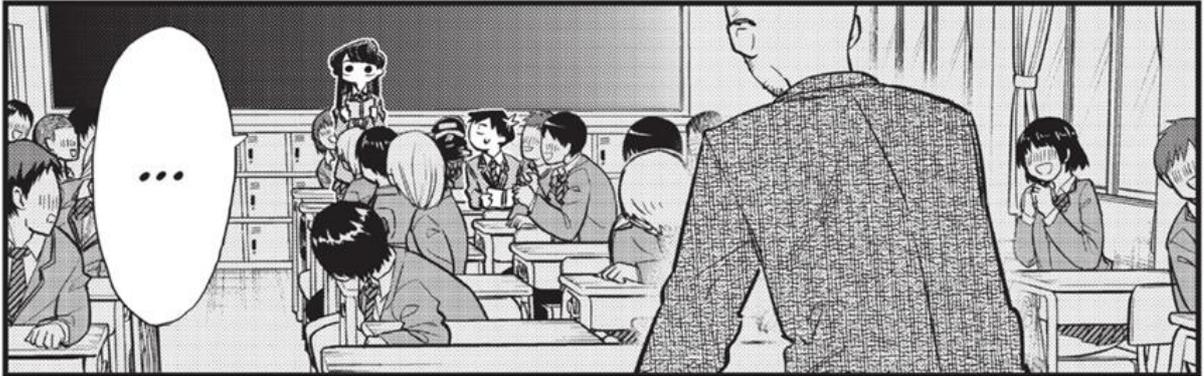
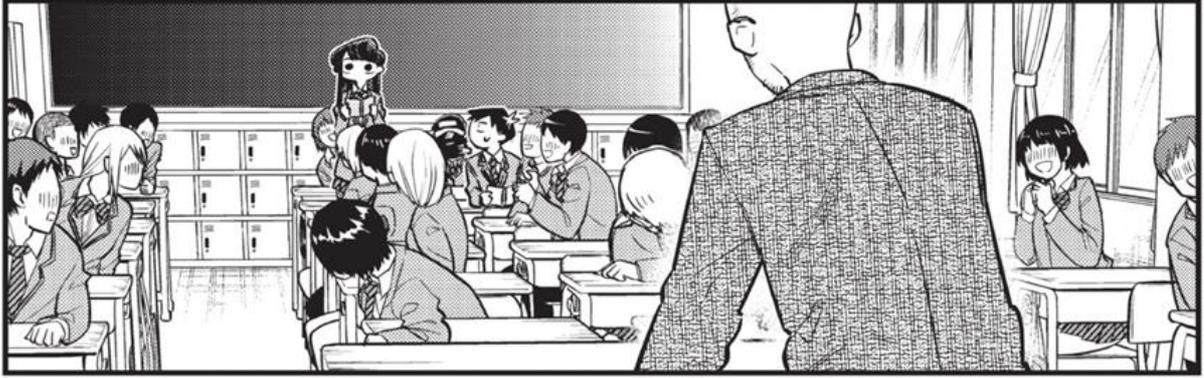
I THOUGHT YOU WERE...





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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!



STAGE

KOMI ?!

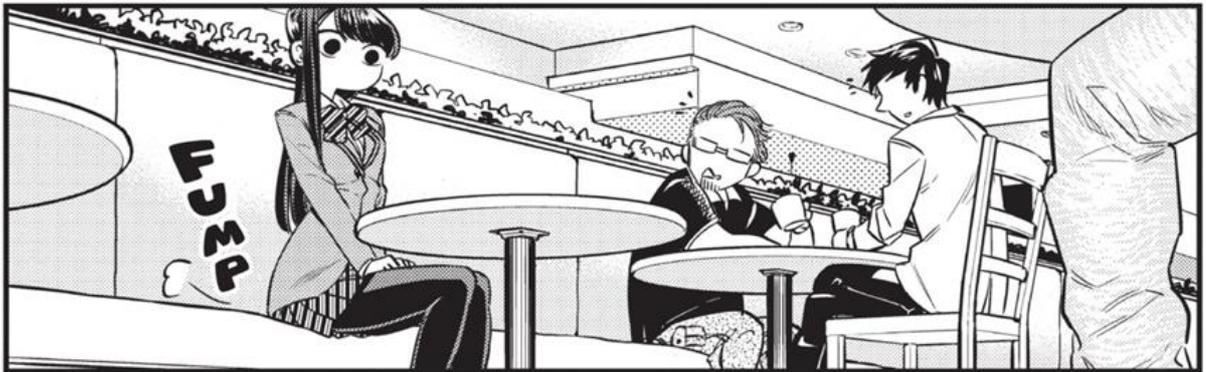
You're gonna do it?!



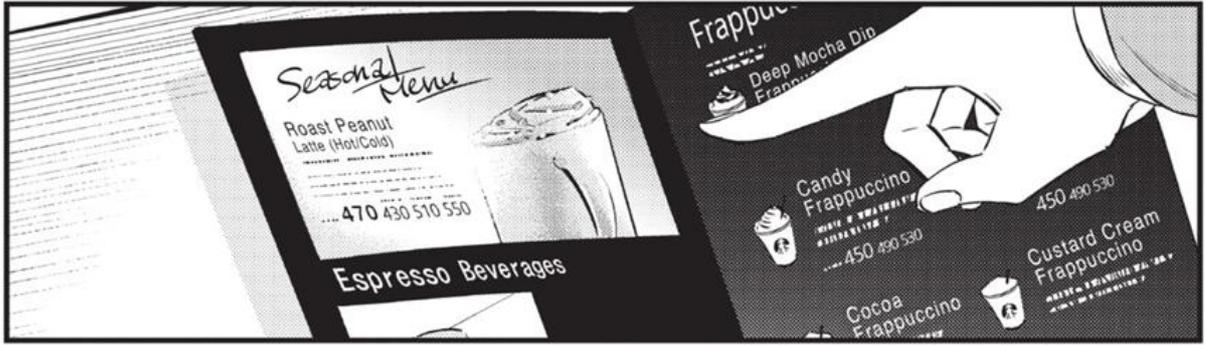


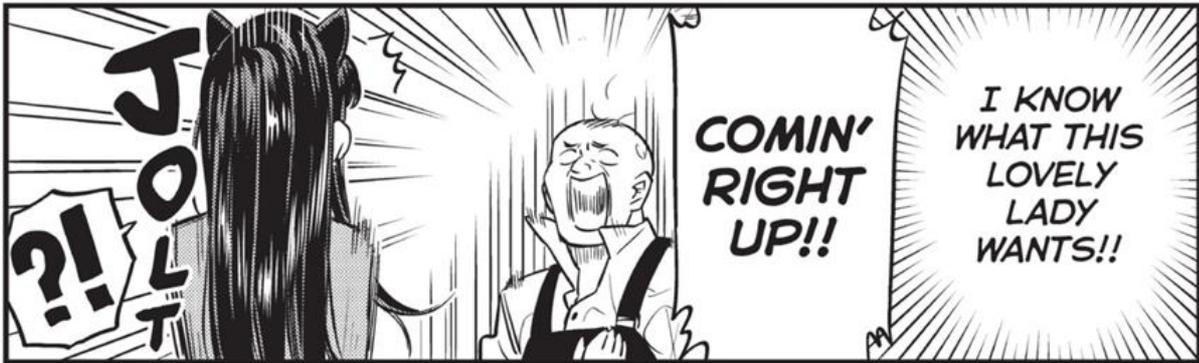
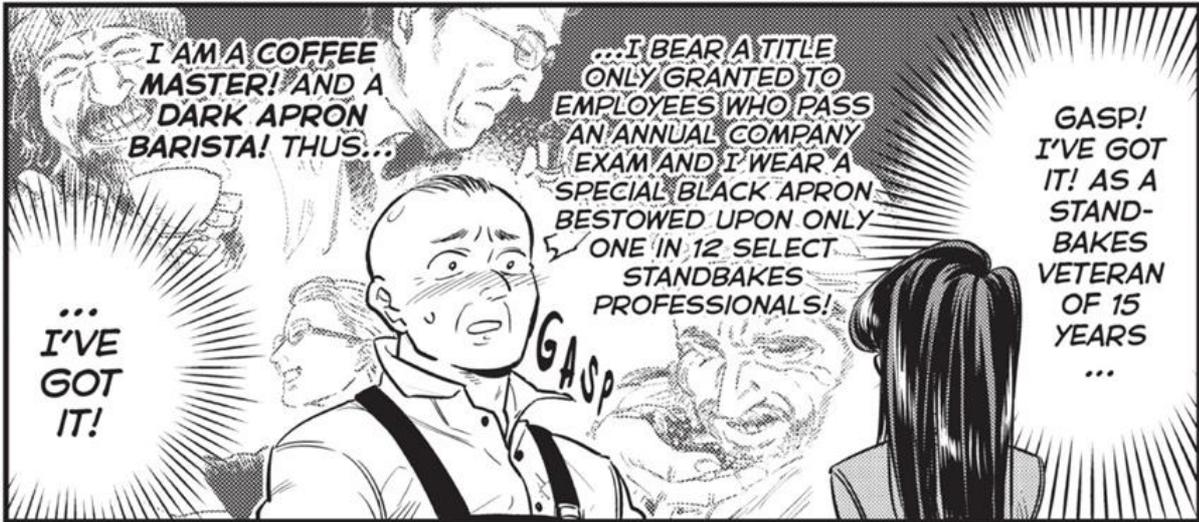
Communication 13: First Errand



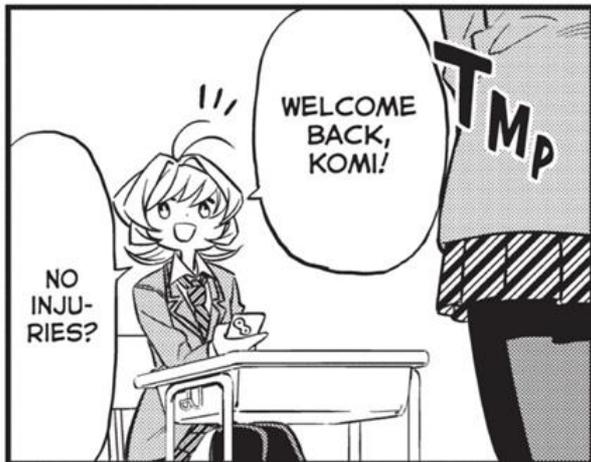
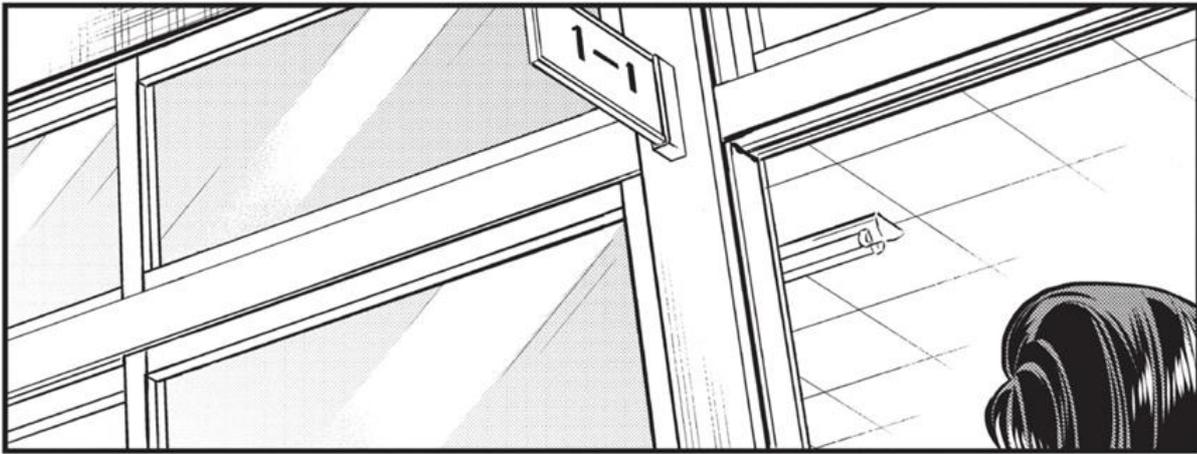


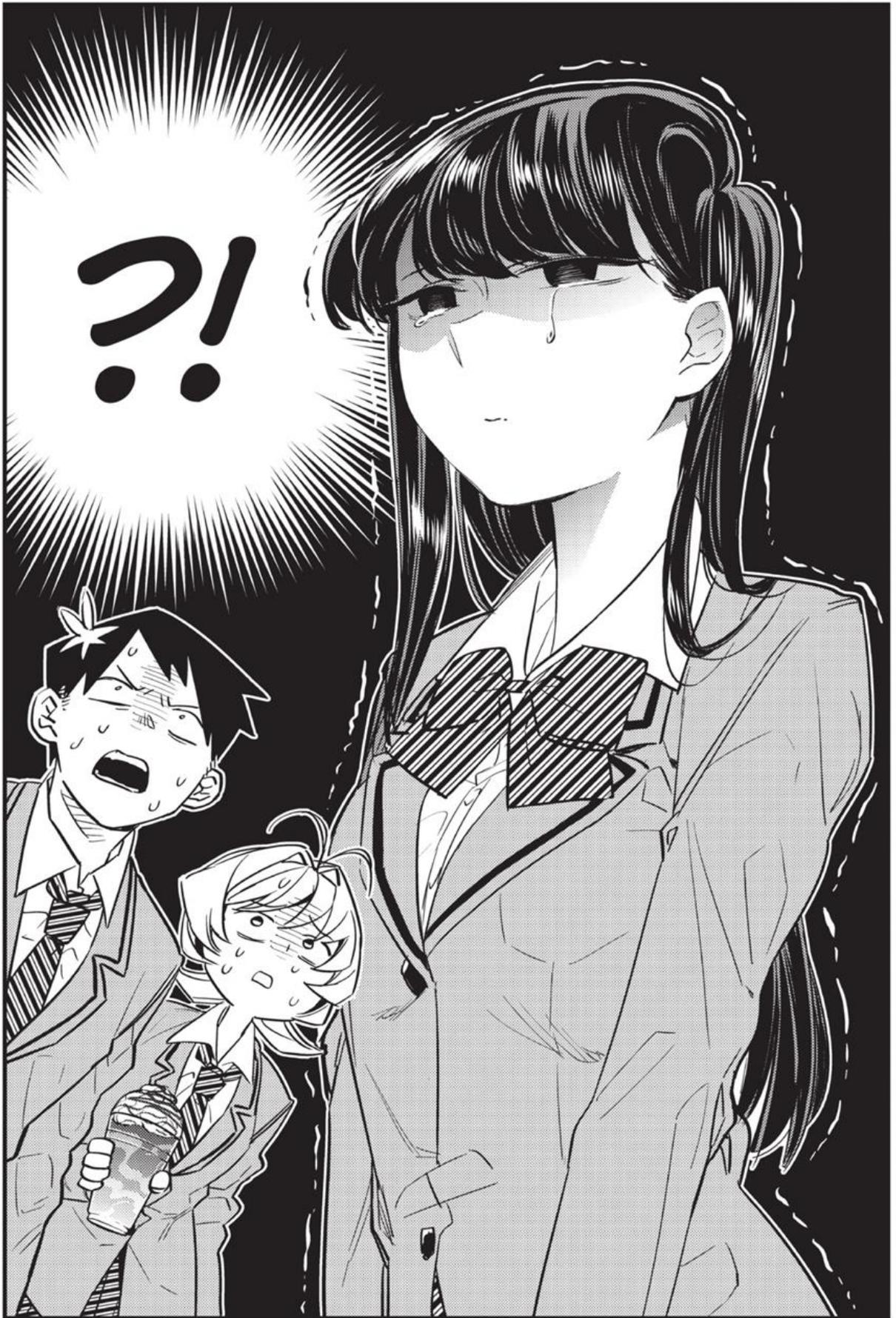


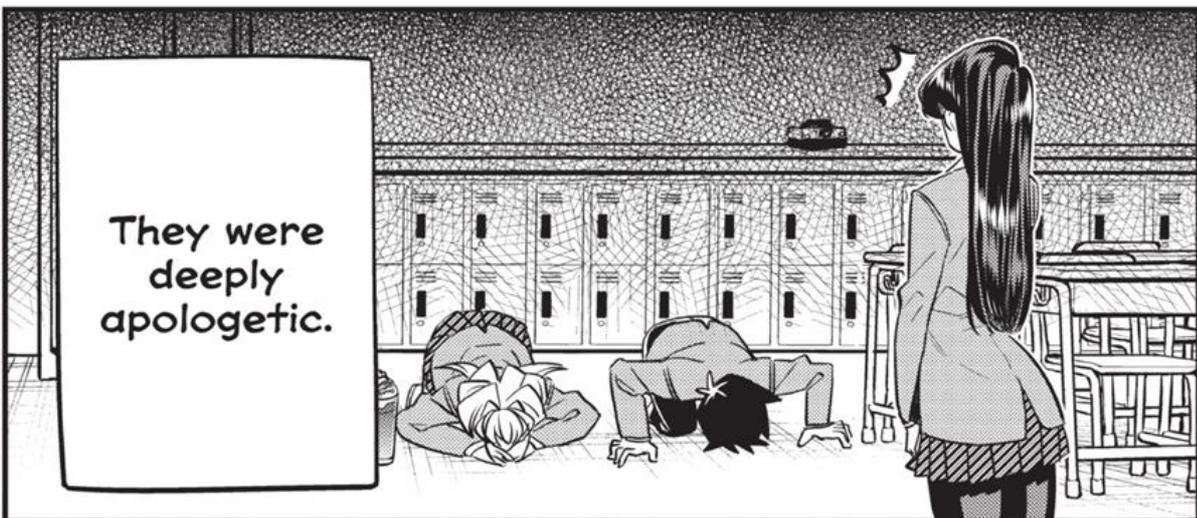




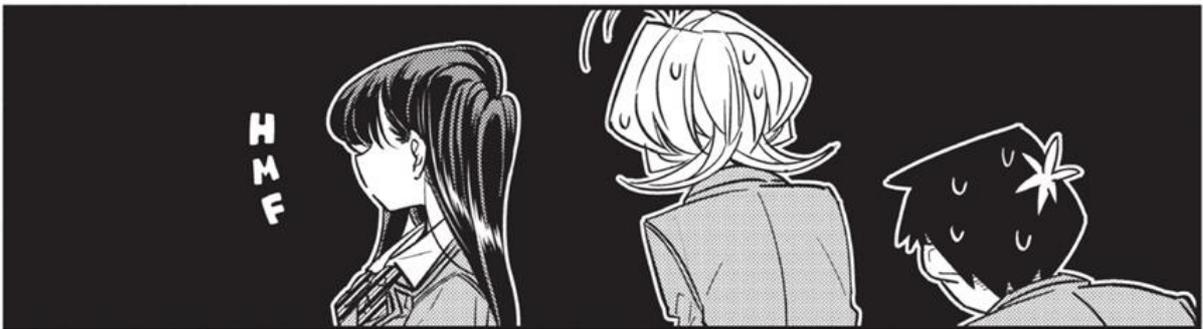








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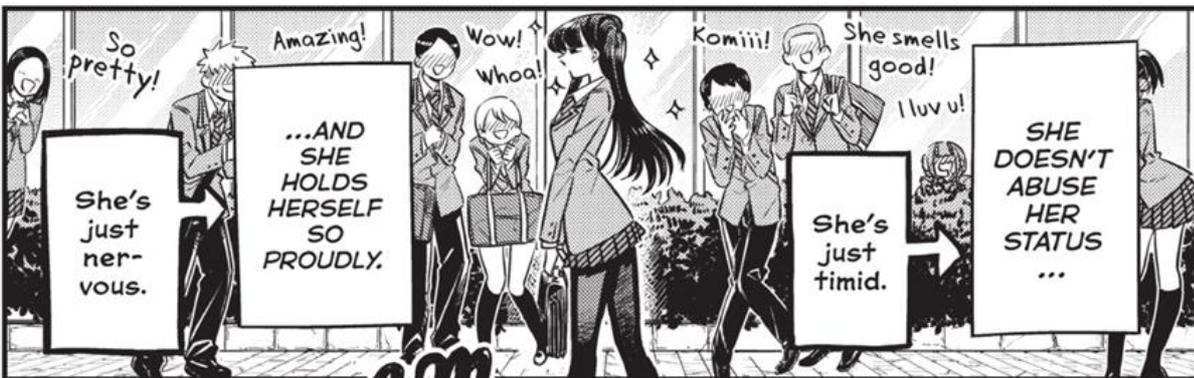
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Communication 14-A: Nervous





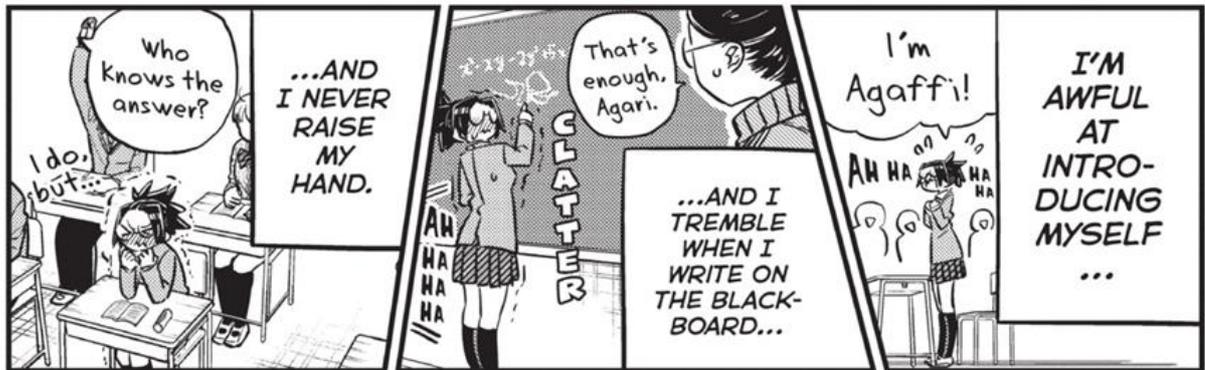
...AND I'M
A LITTLE
CHUBBY,
SHORT-
LEGGED
AND NEAR-
SIGHTED.

TADOOM

...AND
I'M
NOT
CUTE...

BUT
I'M
NER-
VOUS
...

♪ RIZ music for failing to shape up



Who
knows the
answer?

...AND
I NEVER
RAISE
MY
HAND.

That's
enough,
Agari.

I'm
Agaffi!

I'M
AWFUL
AT
INTRO-
DUCING
MYSELF
...

CLATTER

...AND I
TREMBLE
WHEN I
WRITE ON
THE BLACK-
BOARD...



IT'S S-
SCARY!

Have I done
something
wrong?

STAARE

WHY IS
KOMI
STARING
AT ME?

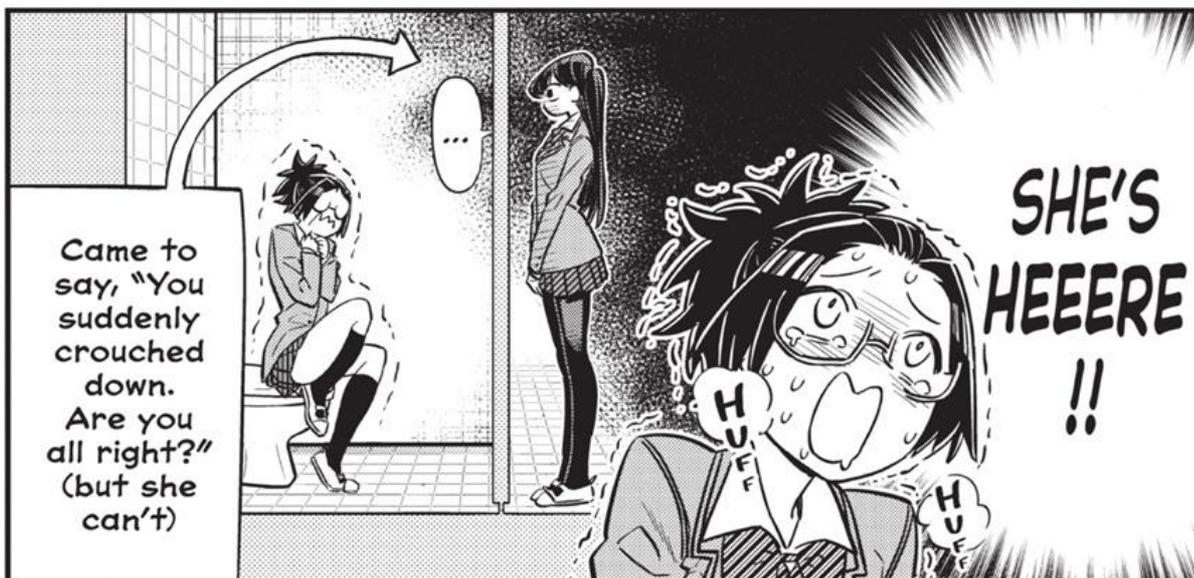


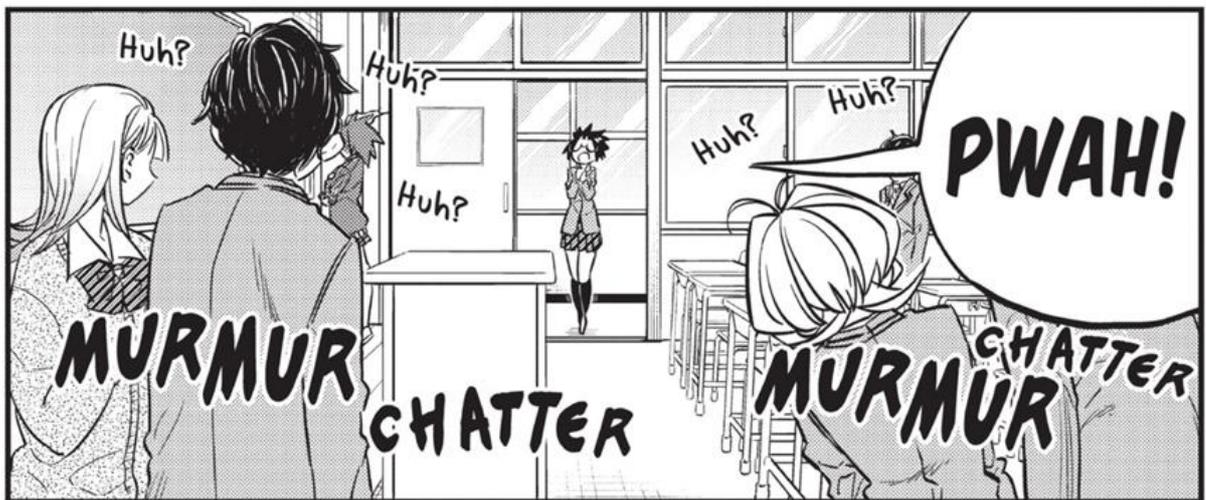
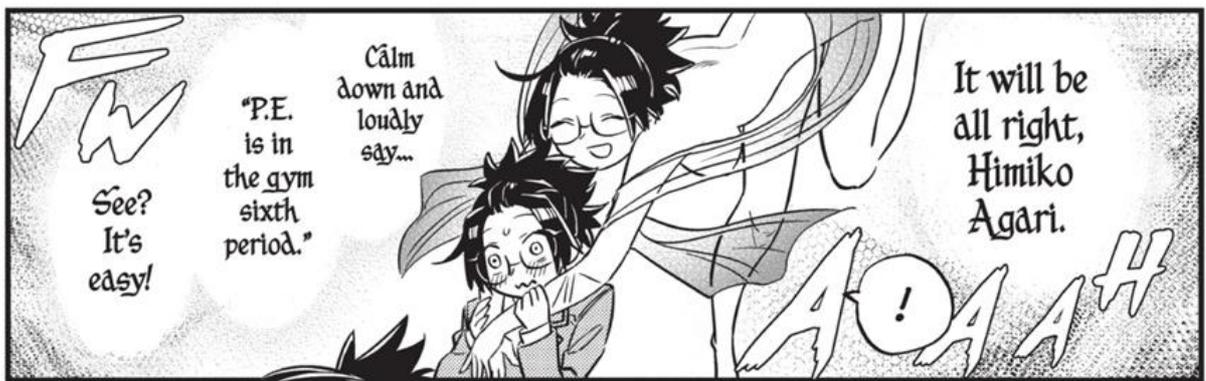
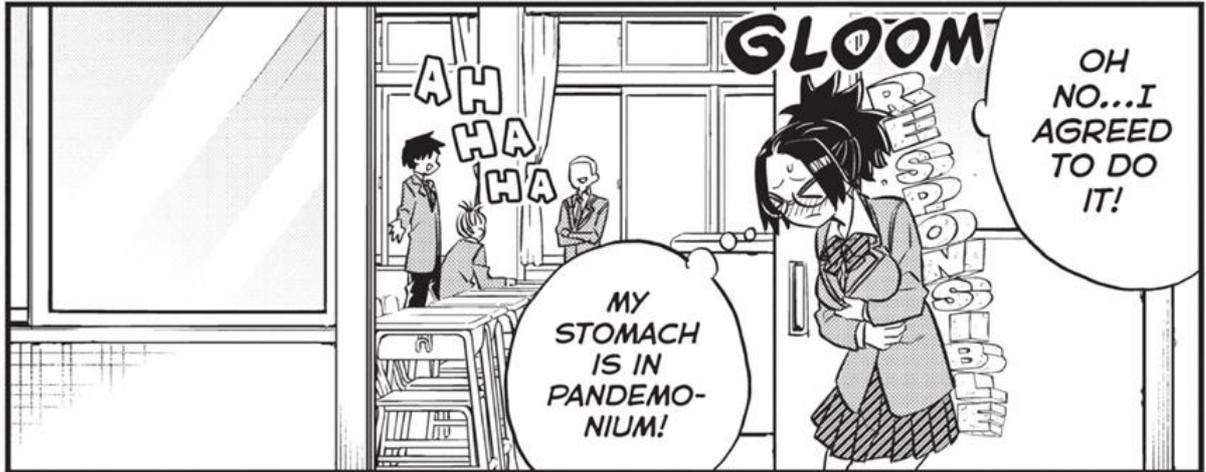
SHUMP!

AND IT'S
MAKING MY
STOMACH
HURT!

!!

A







WHY DID I MAKE THAT SOUND ?!

WHAT?! WHAT'S "PWAH" ?!

PWAH



THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!!

EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT ME!

MURMUR MURMUR

What? Is she okay? Agari... Huh? What the?!

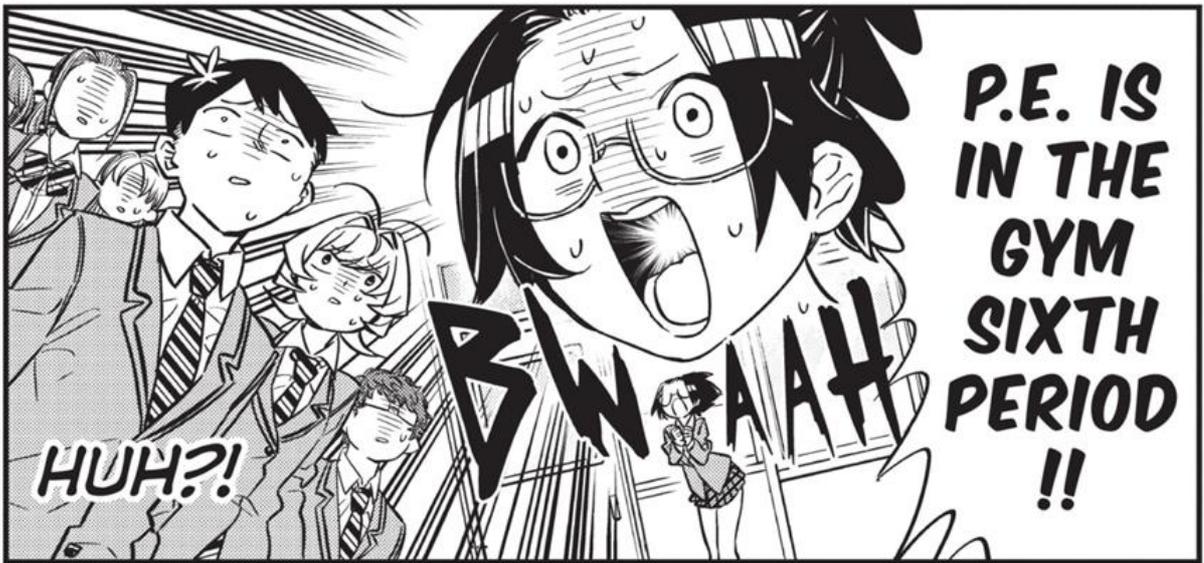


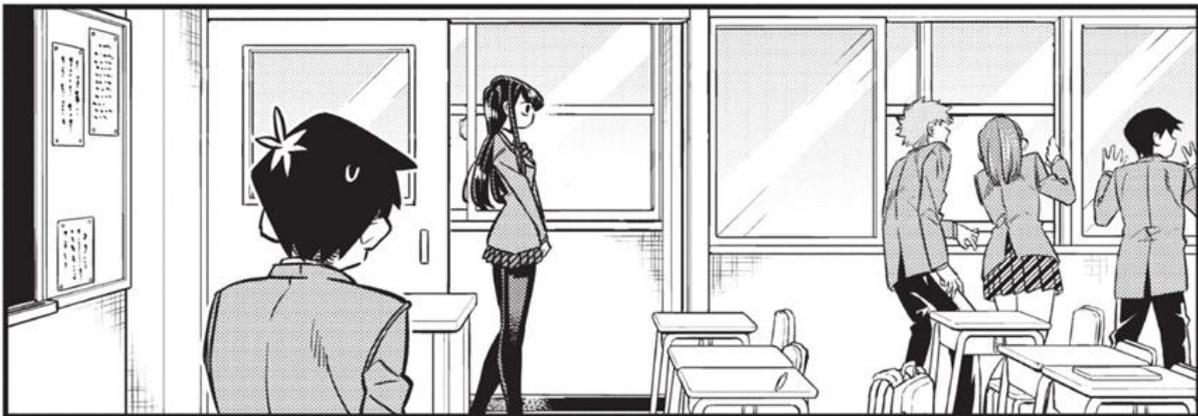
NOW I REALLY WANNA DISAPPEAR!

Woo



Wa da ah!

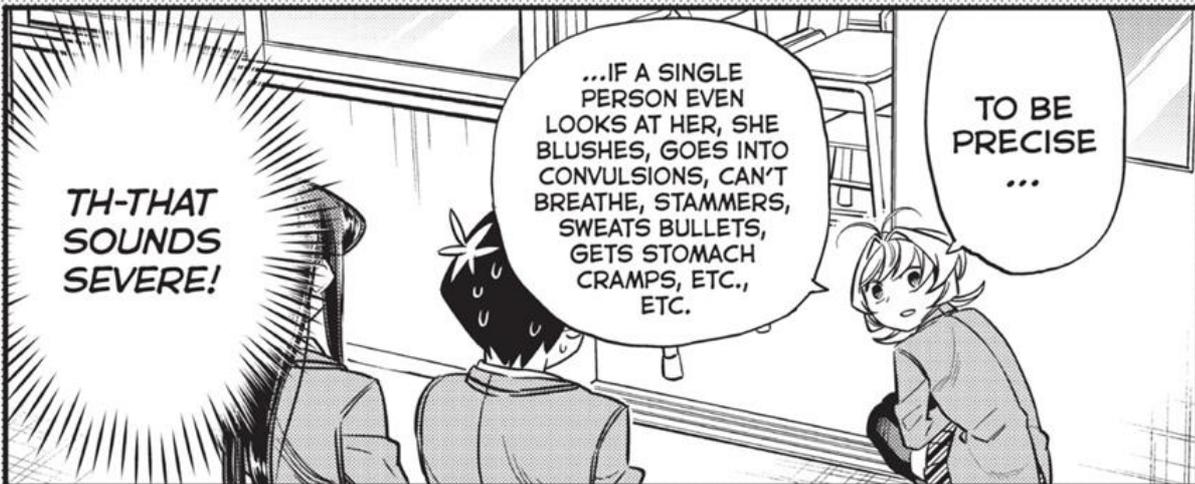




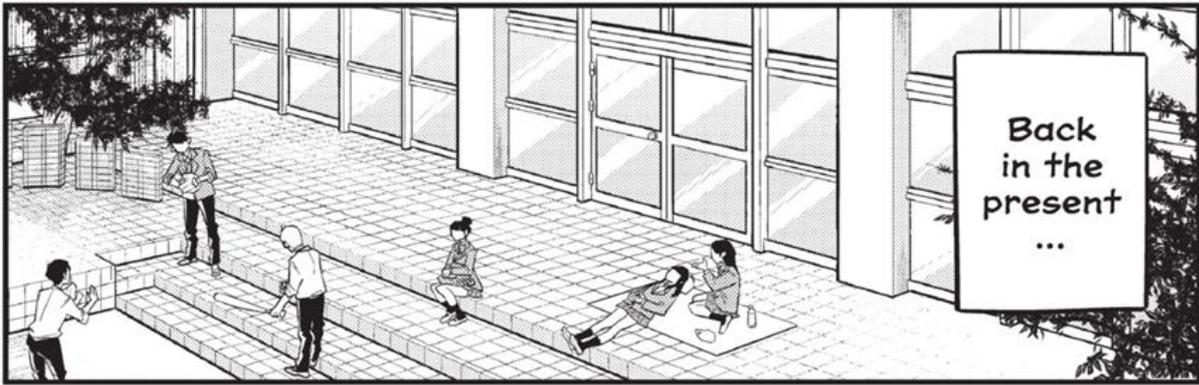
Communication 14-A — The End

Communication 14-B: Nervous









Back
in the
present
...



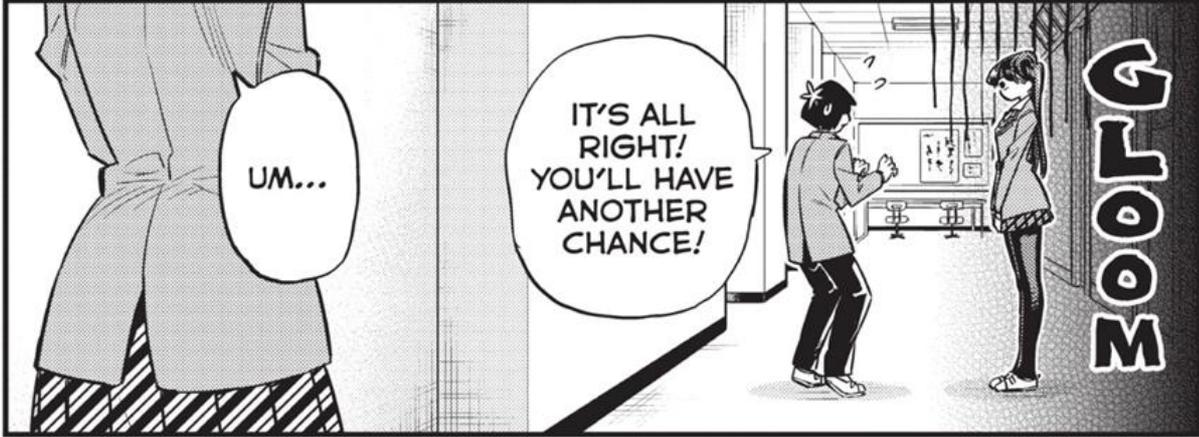
Komi
wrote
down her
progress.

OH...
SO YOU
NEVER
TALKED
TO
AGARI?



Uh-
oh
...

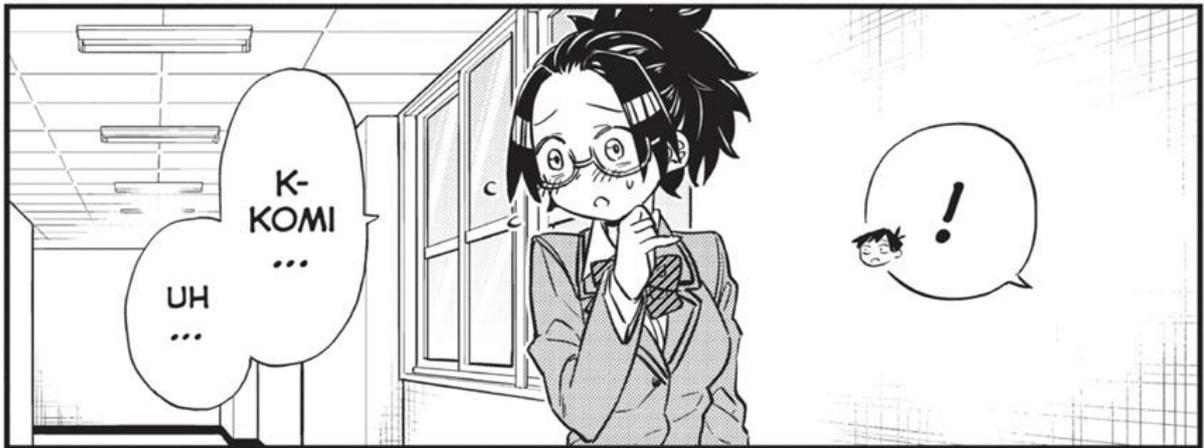
GLOOM



UM...

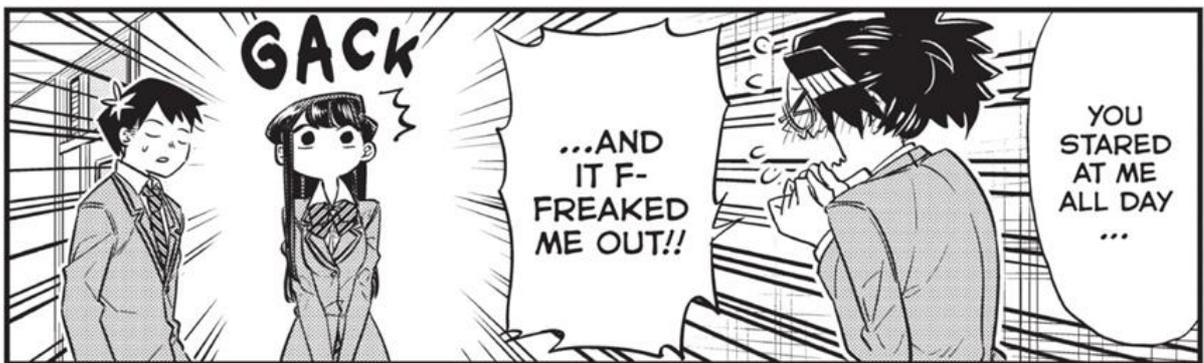
IT'S ALL
RIGHT!
YOU'LL HAVE
ANOTHER
CHANCE!

GLOOM



K-KOMI ...

UH ...



GACK

...AND IT F-FREAKED ME OUT!!

YOU STARED AT ME ALL DAY ...



FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET

UH ...

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WERE LOOKING AT ME, BUT...



**GACK
GACK
GACK**

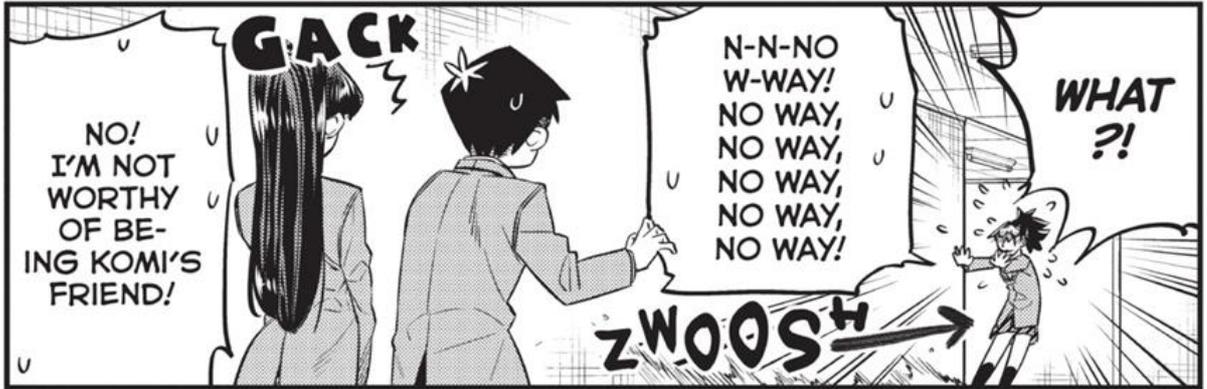
UM...



BLUSH

THANKS TO YOU, I DID SOMETHING I DIDN'T THINK I COULD!







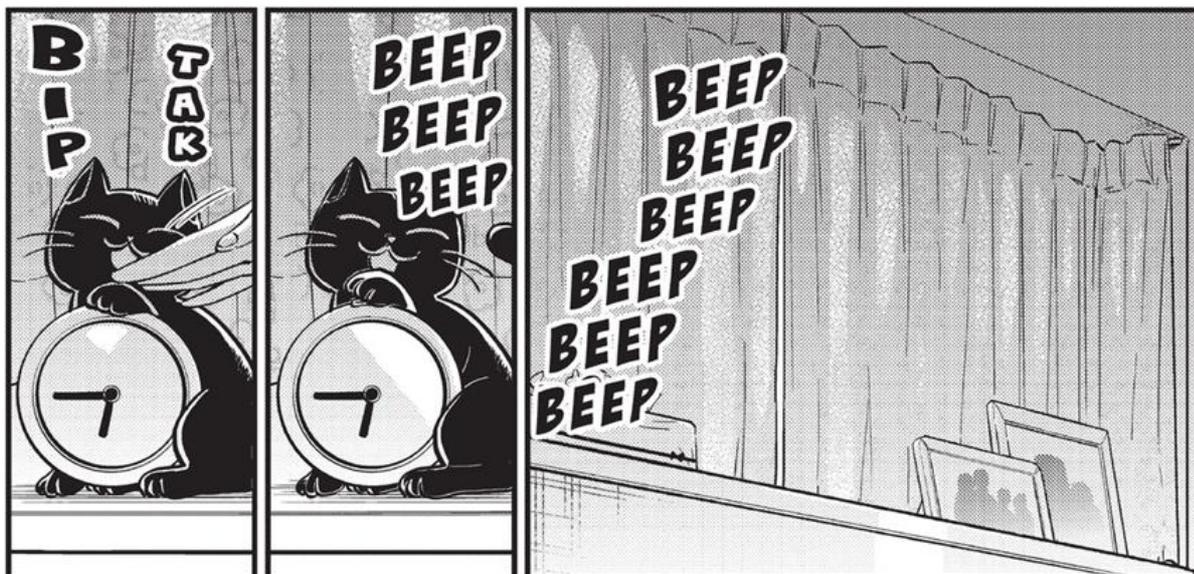
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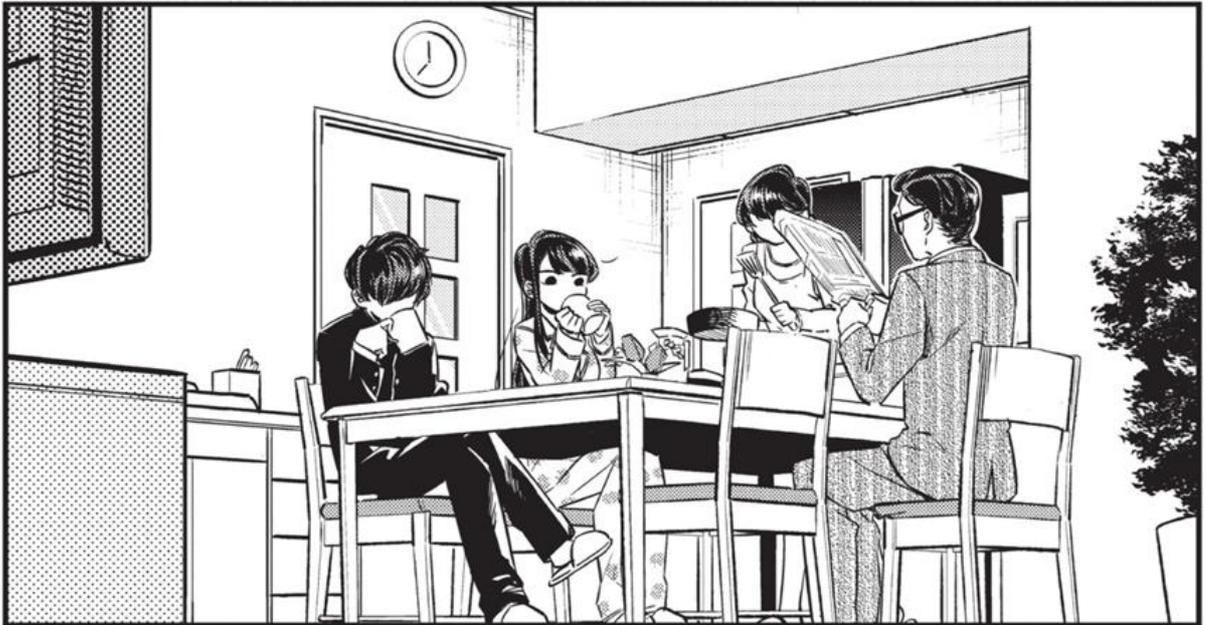
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Communicate

Communication 15: Going to School







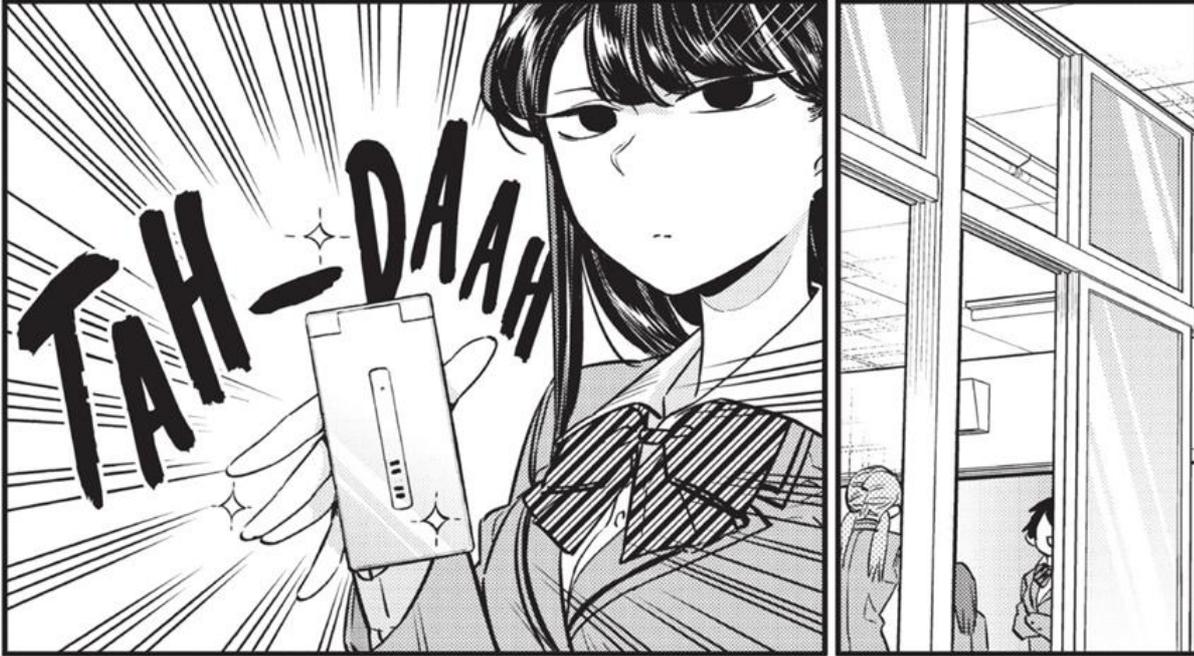




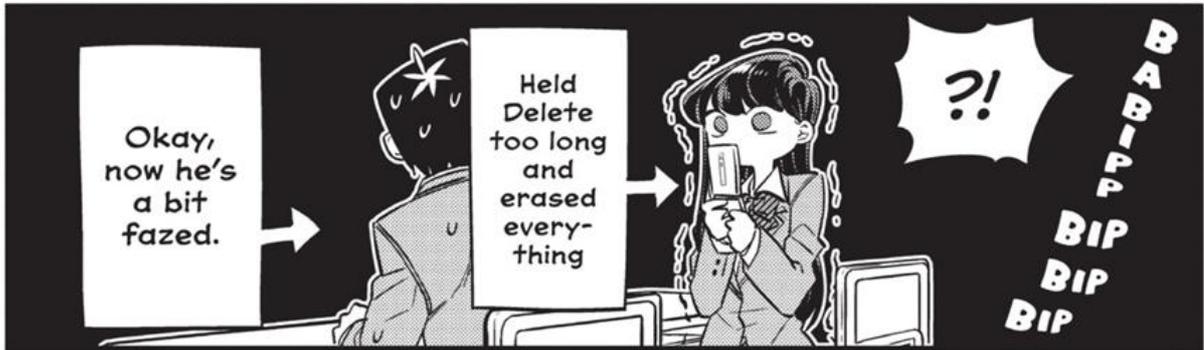


Communication 15 — The End

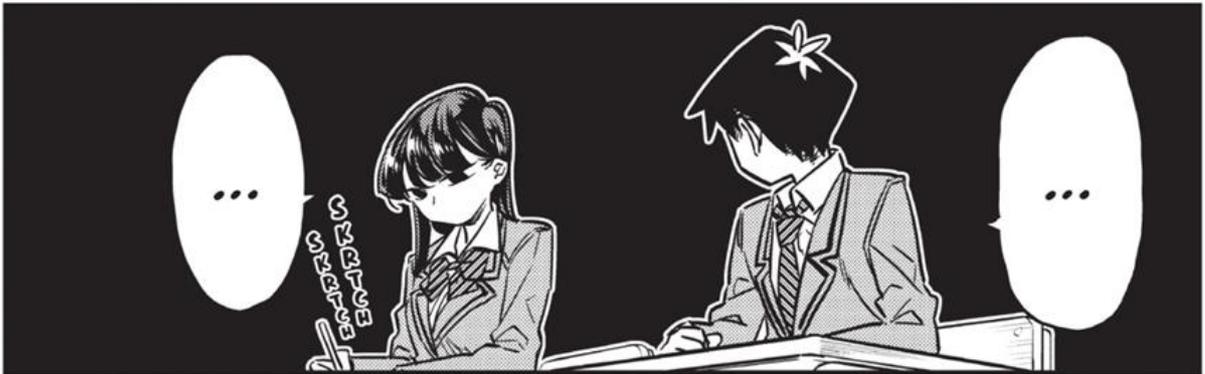
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Communication 16: Cell Phone









THEN
LET'S
GO ASK
NAJIMI
AND
AGARI.



SHE'S
PAUSING
LONGER
THAN
USUAL
TODAY.



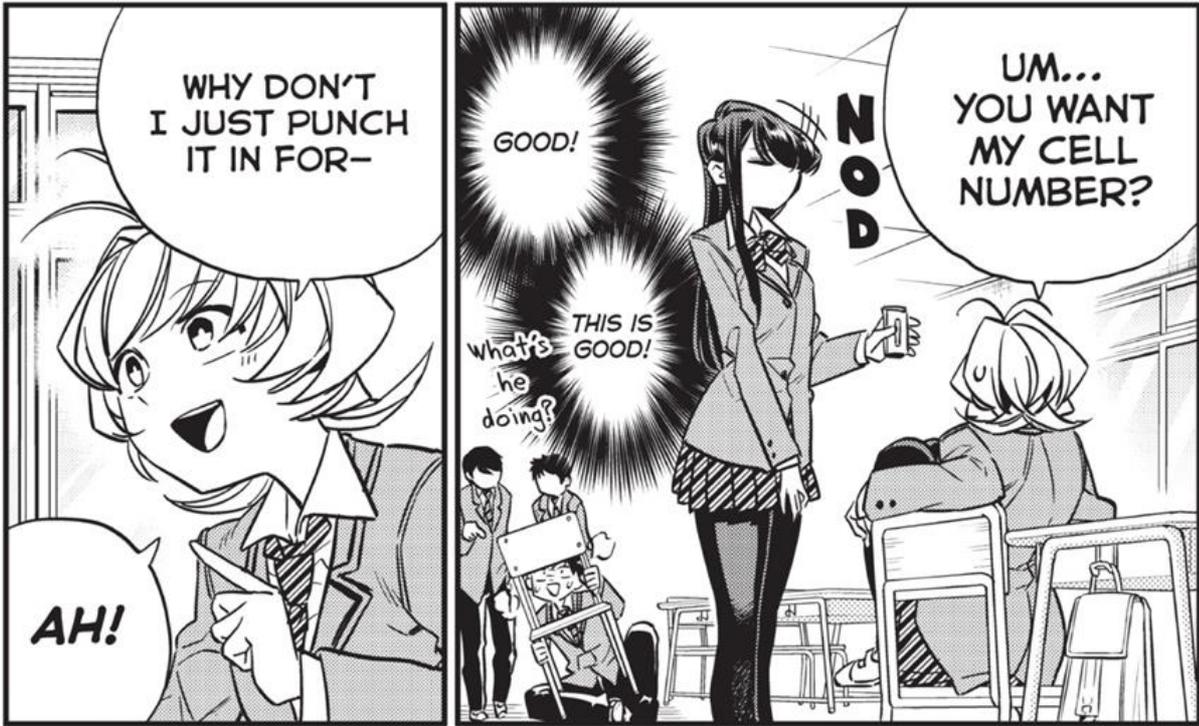
A parent
watching
his child
grow

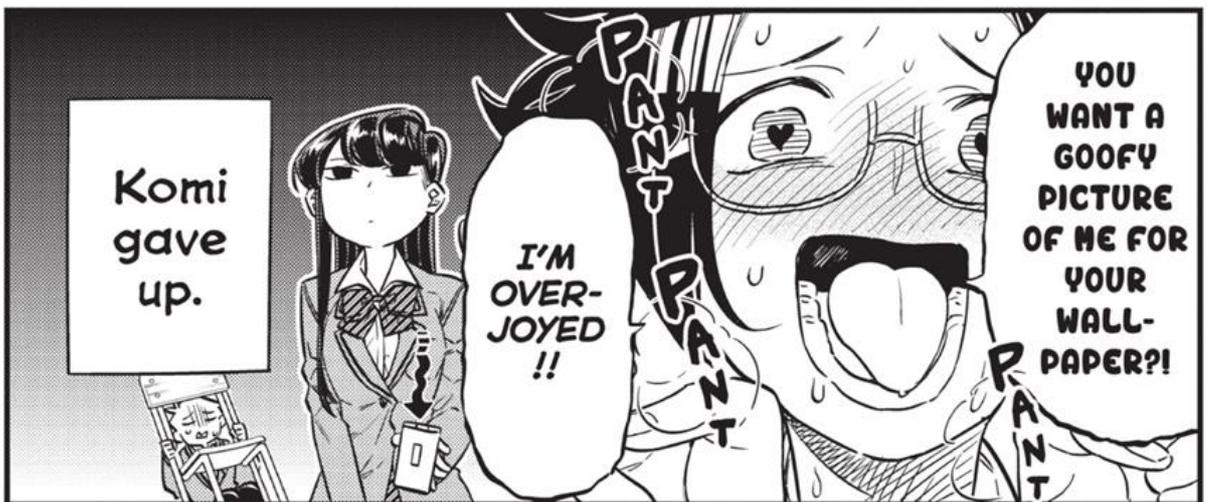
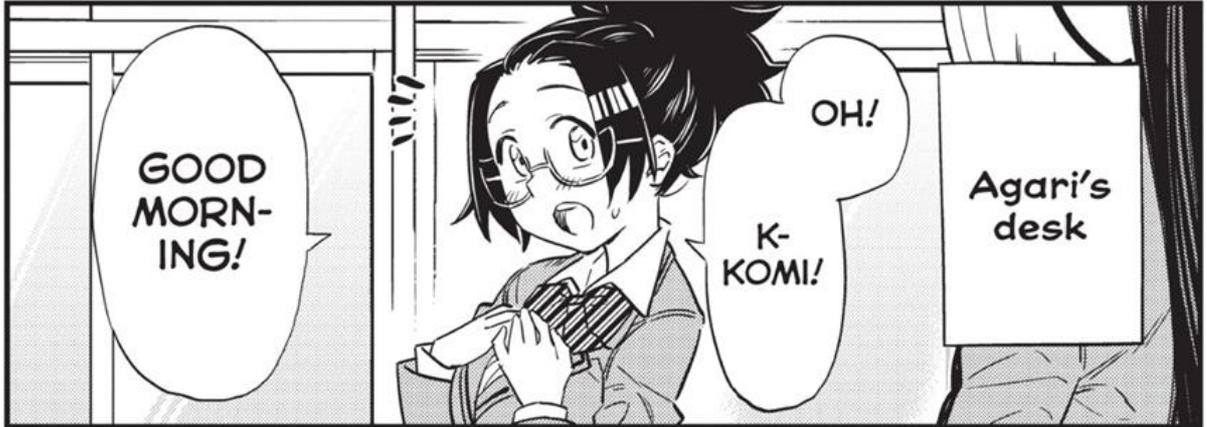
KOMI!
THIS
IS SO
SUDDEN!

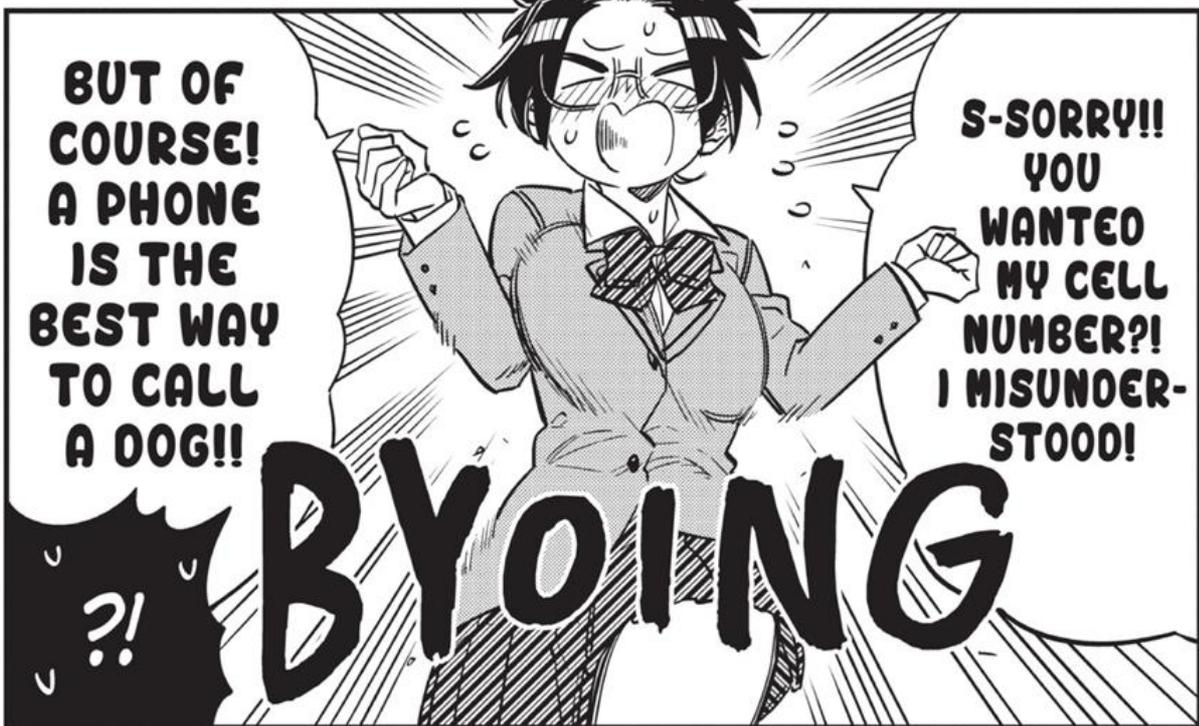
BABMP

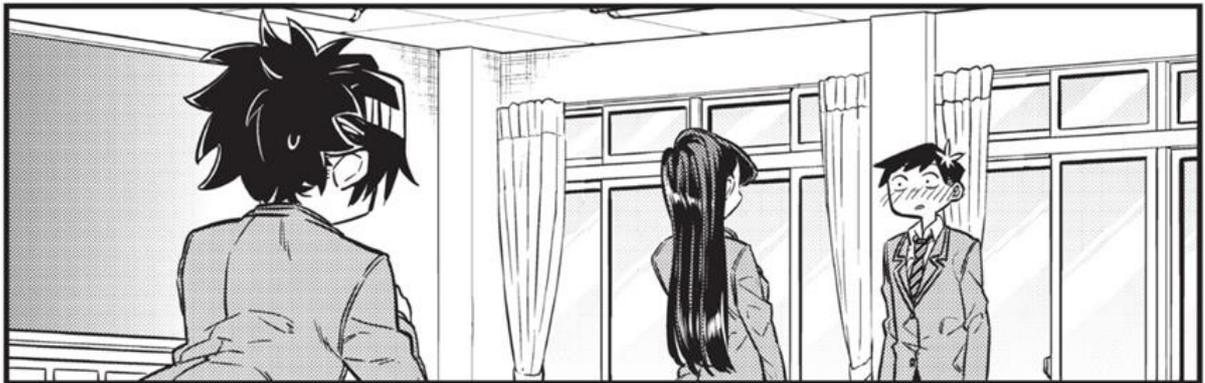
I rely
on you
too much.
I'll do it
myself.
Somehow.

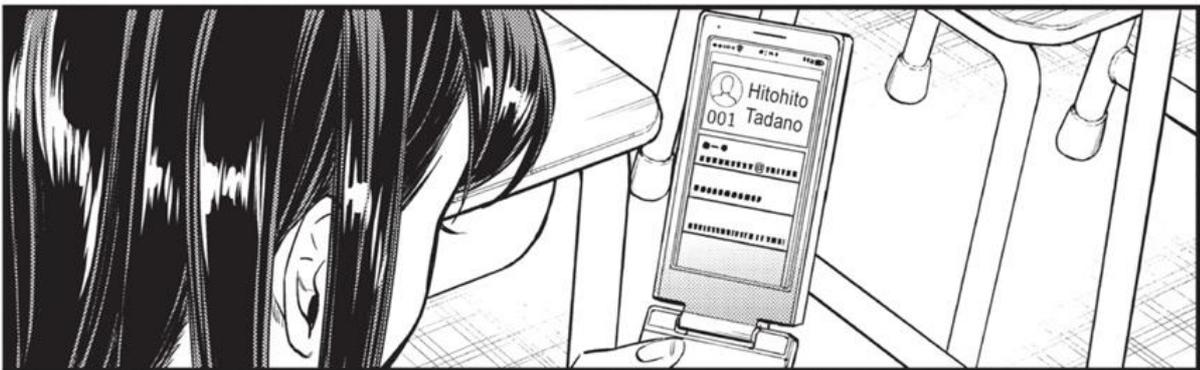






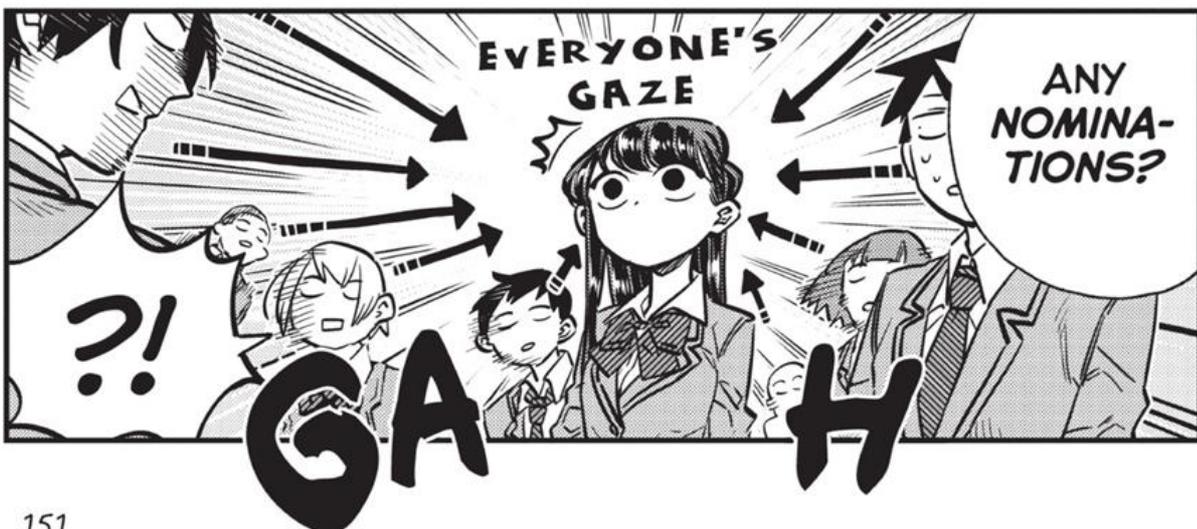
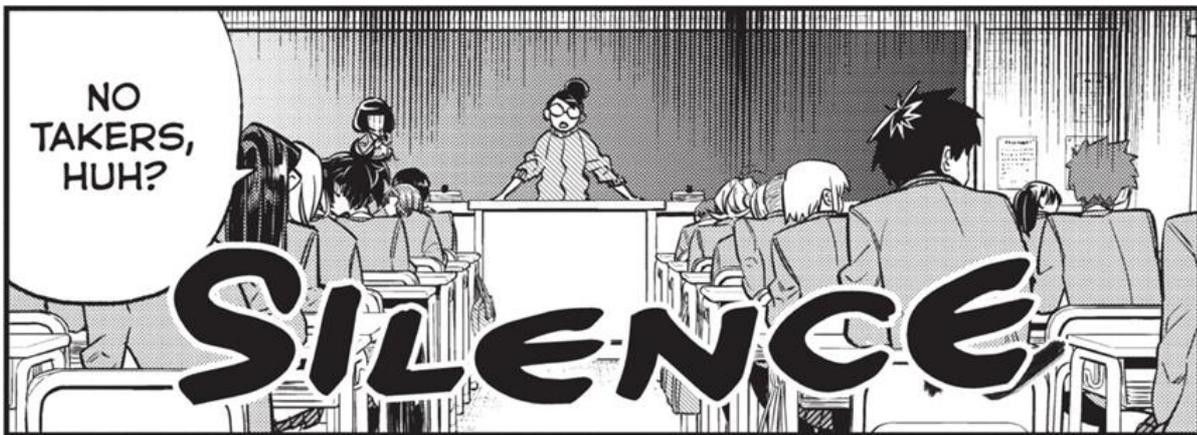
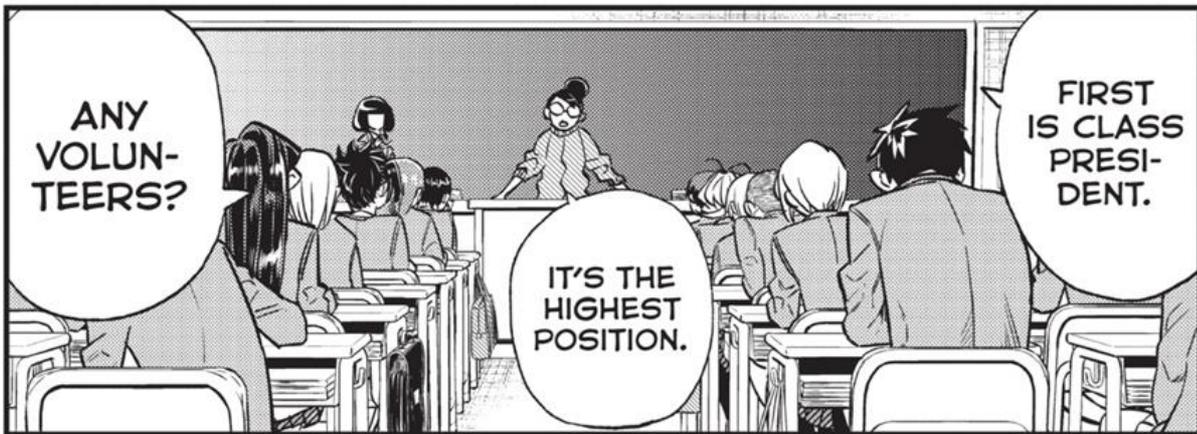








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Communication 17: Class Council Election



YES! I NOMINATE KOMI FOR CLASS PRESIDENT!



AND CHARISMATIC!
AND PRETTY!

SHE'S SO SERENE!
AND ELEGANT!



HEIGHT: 5'6"!
INSEAM: 33 INCHES!
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!

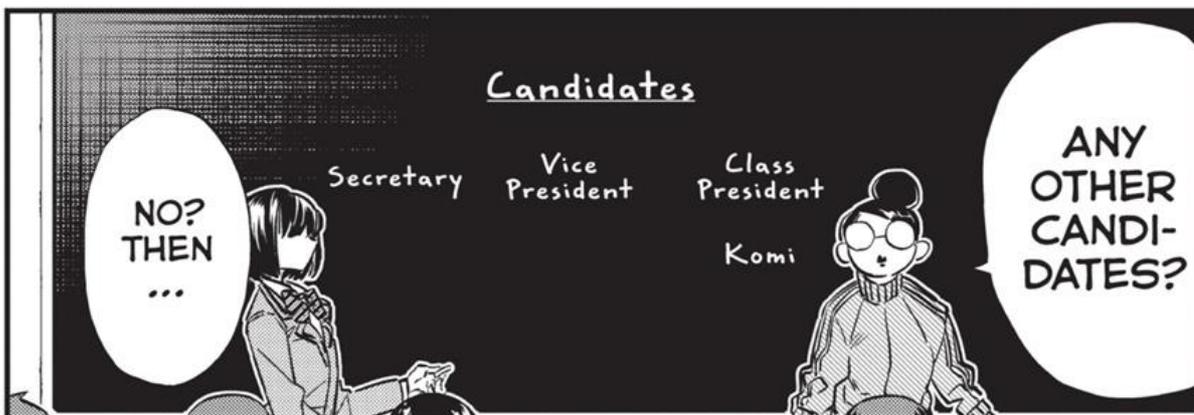


SO WOULDN'T SHE BE A GREAT CLASS PRESIDENT?!

AND TYPE-A PEOPLE ARE SUPER PUNCTILIOUS!

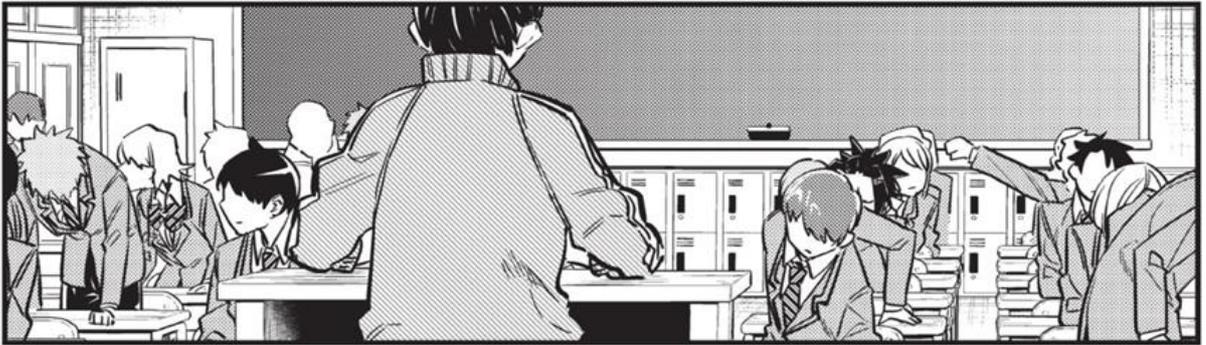
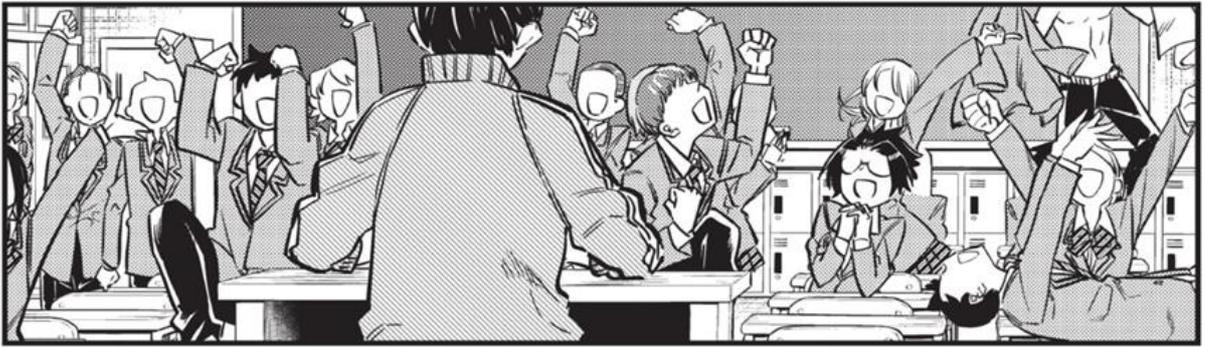
WHERE DID SHE GET ALL THAT INFO?!

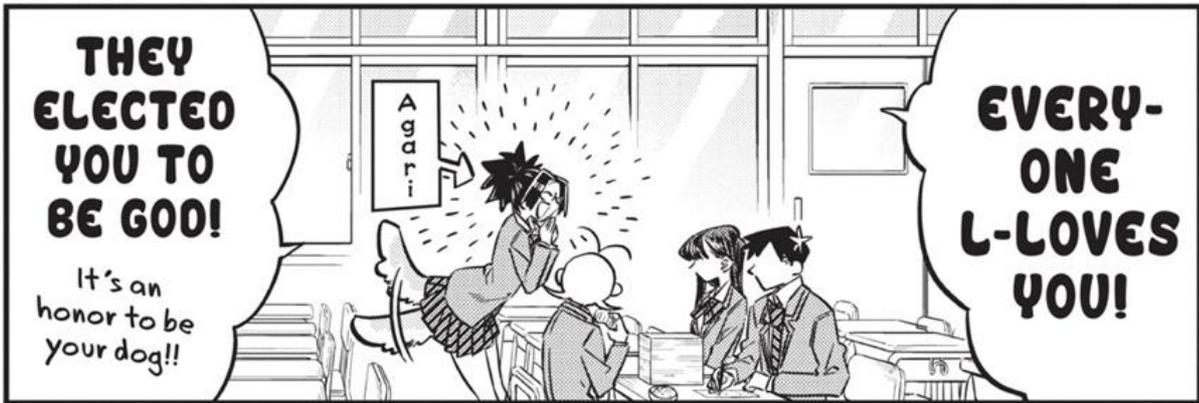
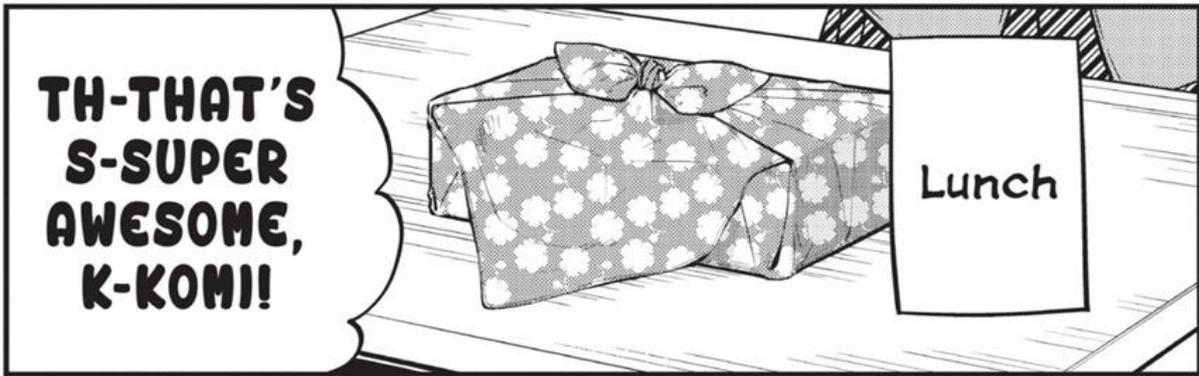
Well said!





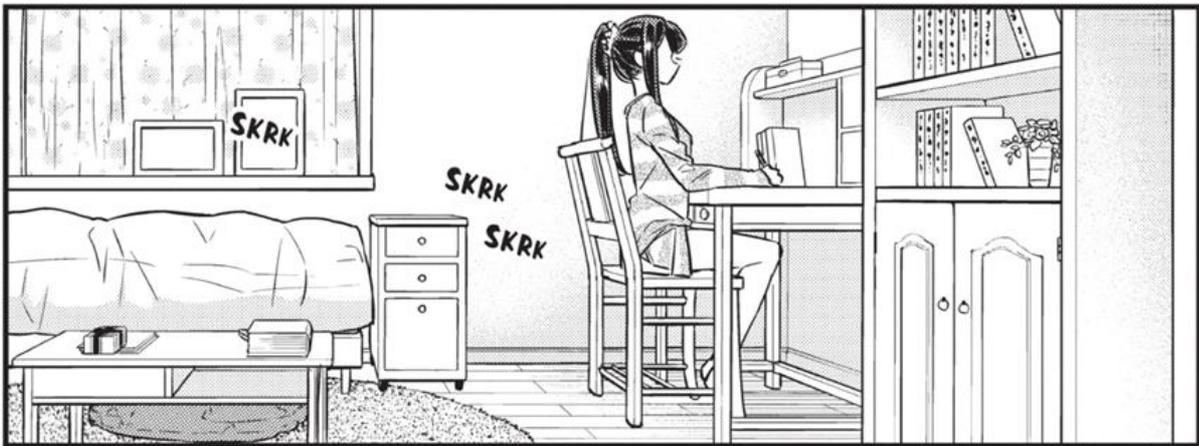






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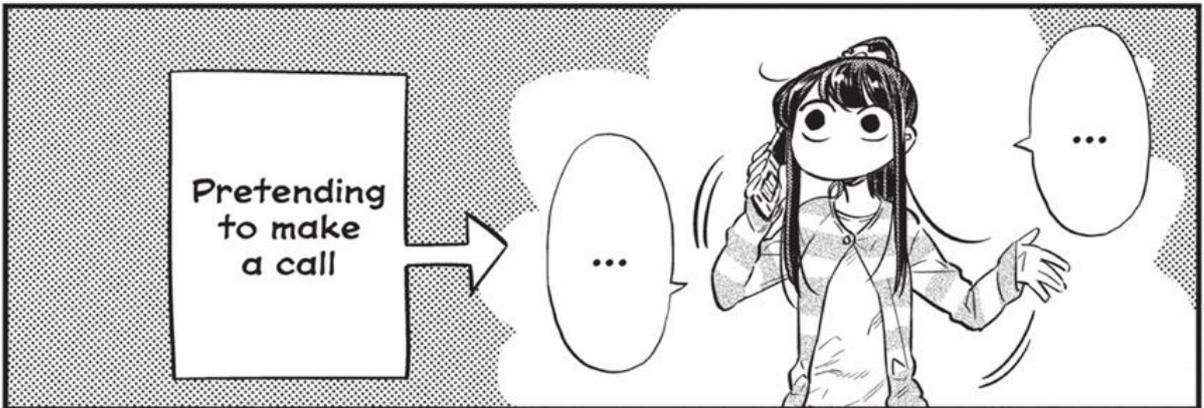


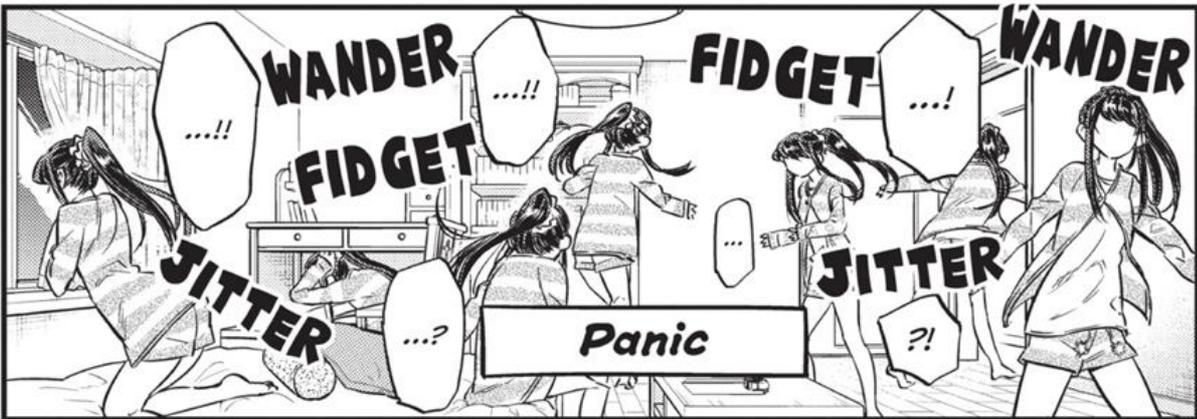
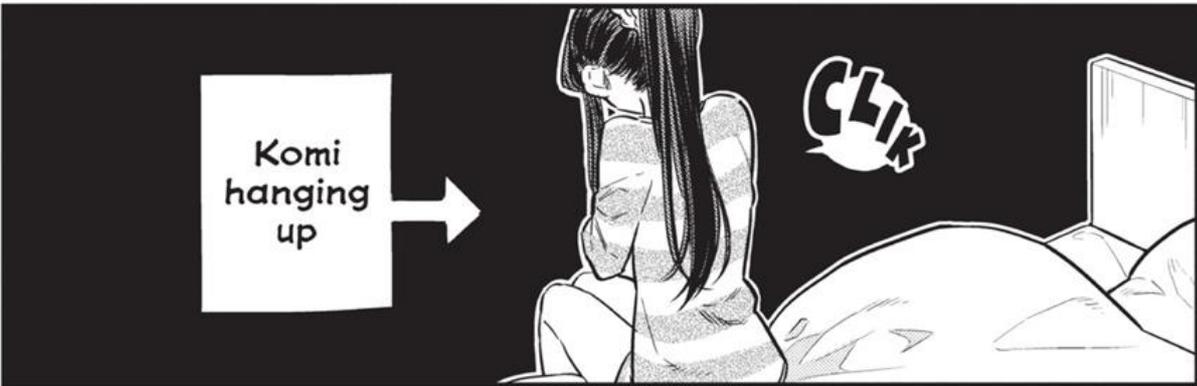


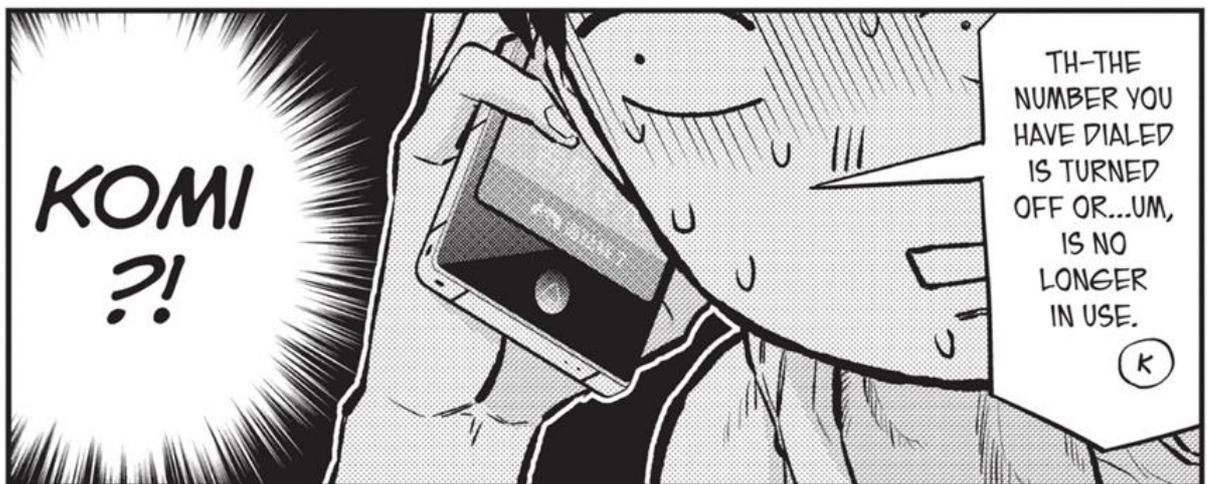
Communication 18: Accidental Phone Call















Communication 18 — The End

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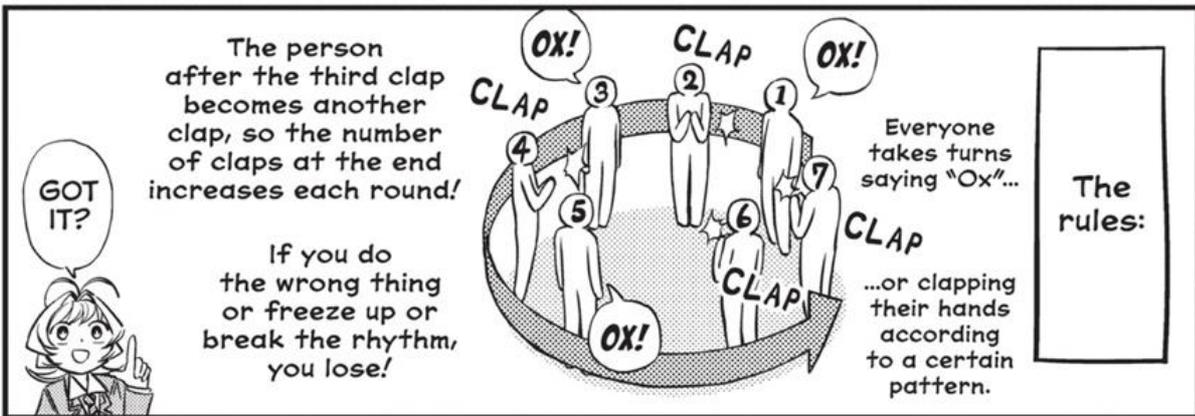


Communication 19: Saito













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!

ONE SHOOT!

TWO SHOOT!

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

The rules:

EVERYONE'S SUDDENLY MOTIVATED!! (T)

TEE HEE!

KOMI'S KISS FACE?!

JOLT

I MUST NOT FAIL!

READY ...

...SET ...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S BEGIN.

Watching idiots

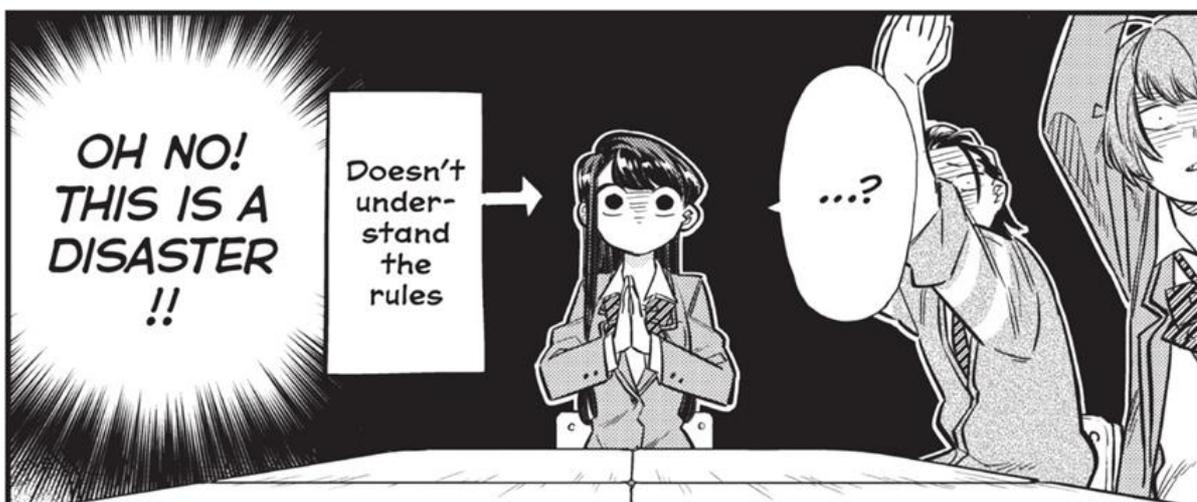
**WAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AH!**

ONE SHOOT!

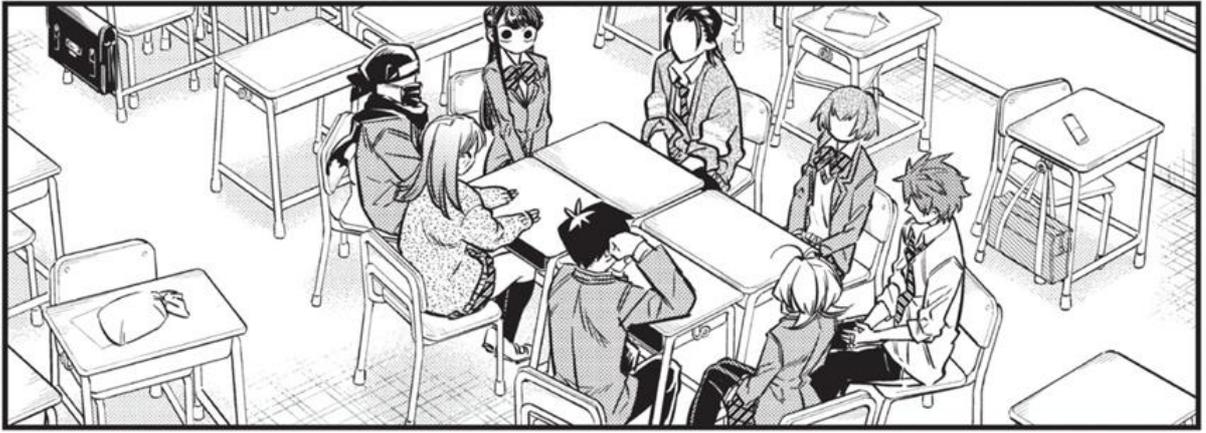
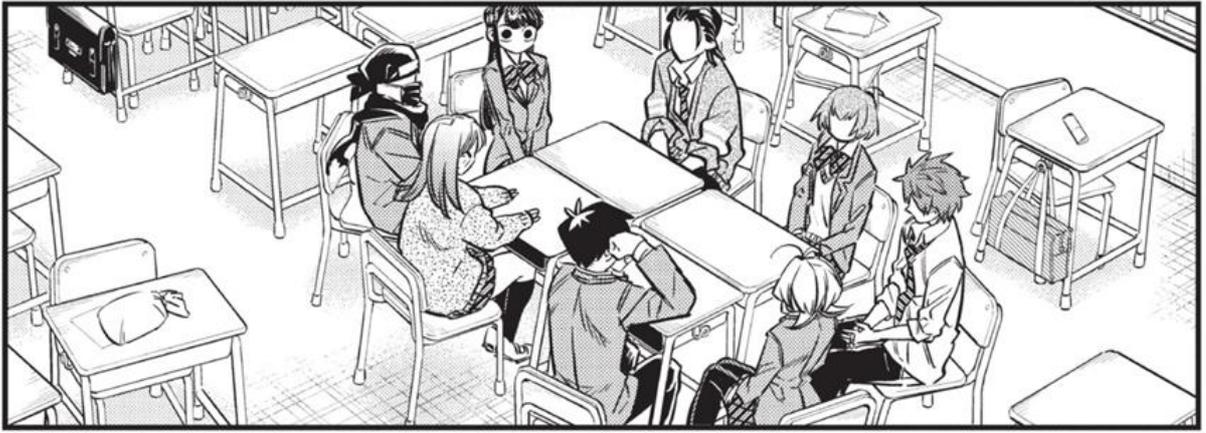
WHUP

... GO!

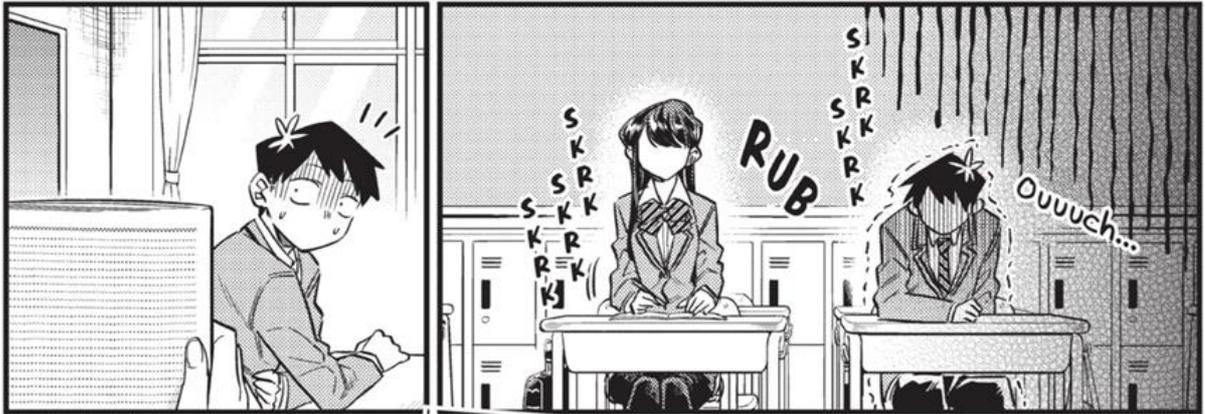












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