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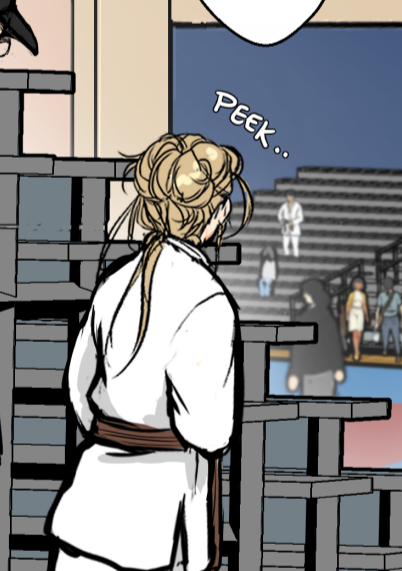
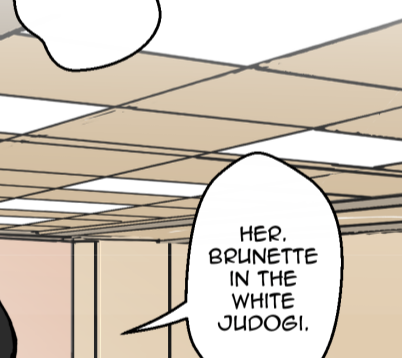
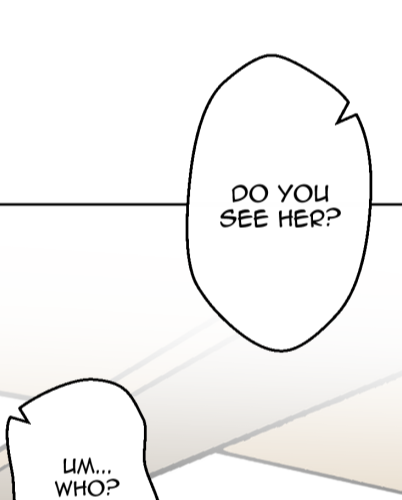
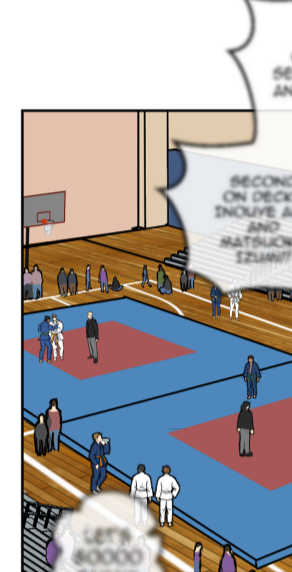
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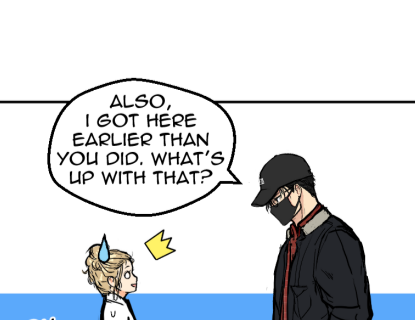
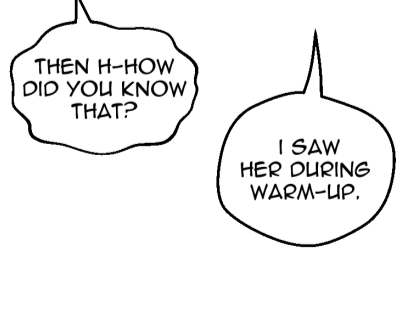
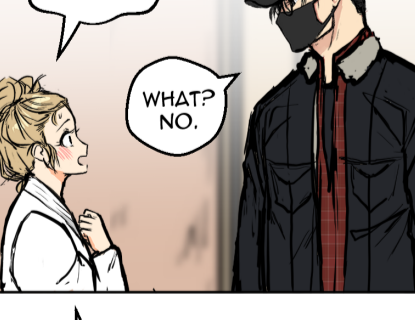
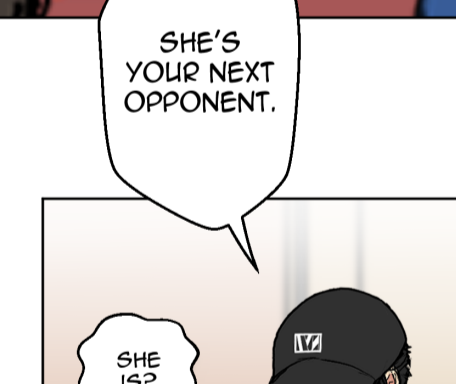
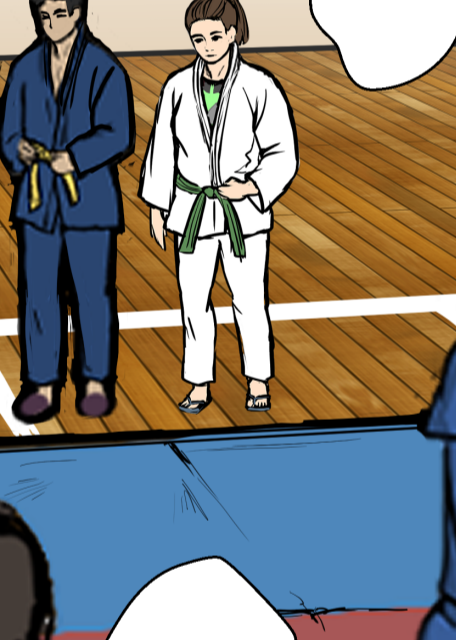
**OKLUVUBYE**

the gentle way

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story & art by True







...ANYWAY, SHE WAS DRILLING A LOT OF LEFT SIDED OUCHI GARI\*

SO YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL OF THAT.

\*major inner reap it's a type of throw, ok

WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?



PROMPT

SPEND THE FIRST MINUTE FIGHTING POSITION AND COLLECTING DATA.

HAND ON FIRST TO ESTABLISH YOUR FAVORITE GRIP, INSIDE OR OUTSIDE.

HOLY COW, I'M GETTING ADVICE FROM A WORLD CHAMPION!

THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!!

WHOA... SOUNDS SO PROFESSIONAL!

I'M SO LUCKY!!



THIS ISN'T CHEATING, IS IT? FEELS LIKE SEEING ANSWERS BEFORE A TEST!



WAIT A SECOND... "IN THE FIRST MINUTE"?

DID I EVEN LAST 30 SECONDS EARLIER?

UHH...

"FAVORITE GRIP"? DO I HAVE ONE?

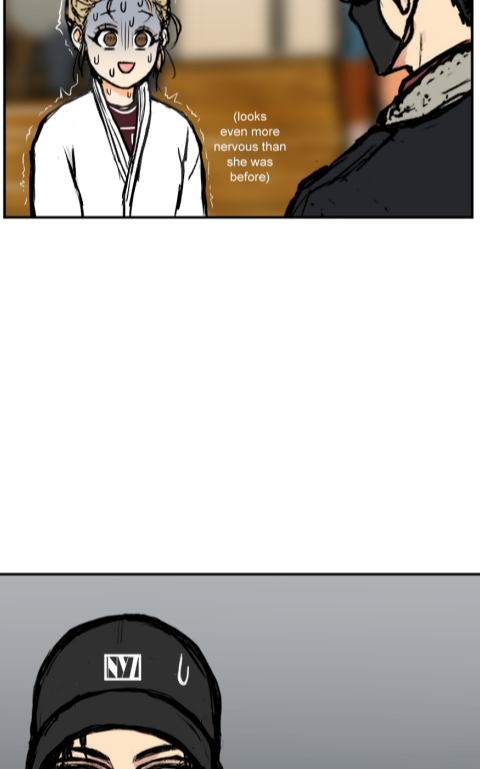
Jun's match earlier lasted 18 seconds.



TRY TO WORK YOUR RIGHT V LEFT STRATEGY.

WATCH THEIR GRIPPING SEQUENCES

AND SEE WHAT KINDS OF MISDIRECTIONS THEY USE. OKAY?



GOT IT.

(looks even more nervous than she was before)

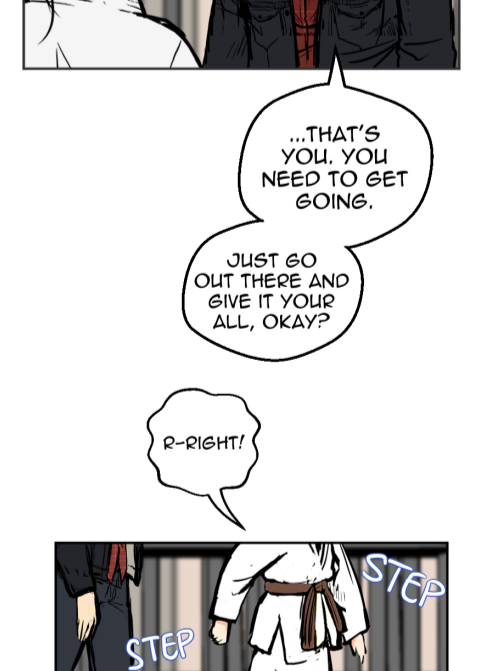


... \*BEEP\*

.....UH-

ON DECK: MASATO MIKI AND MURA SHO!

SECOND ON DECK: JUN ISHIHARA AND SUZU NAKANO!



...THAT'S YOU, YOU NEED TO GET GOING.

JUST GO OUT THERE AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL, OKAY?

R-RIGHT!



--AND UH, ISHIHARA. LISTEN.

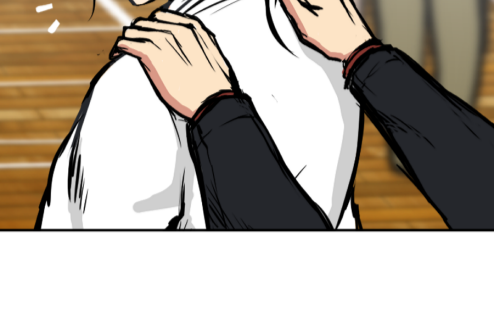
...I CAN'T KEEP MEETING WITH YOU.





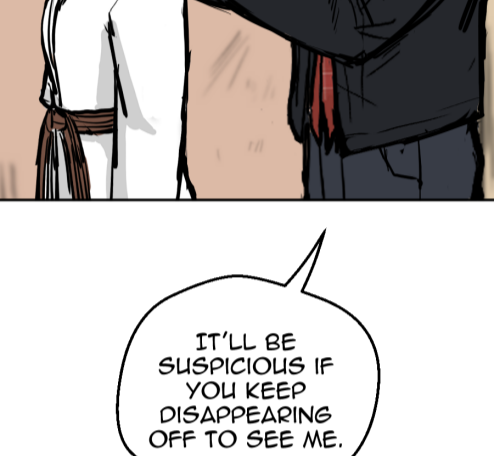
I-I CAN MEET YOU SOMEWHERE NO ONE WILL SEE YOU

NO.



YOU CAME WITH A GROUP, DIDN'T YOU? OUR SCHOOL DOJO?

AH... YEAH.

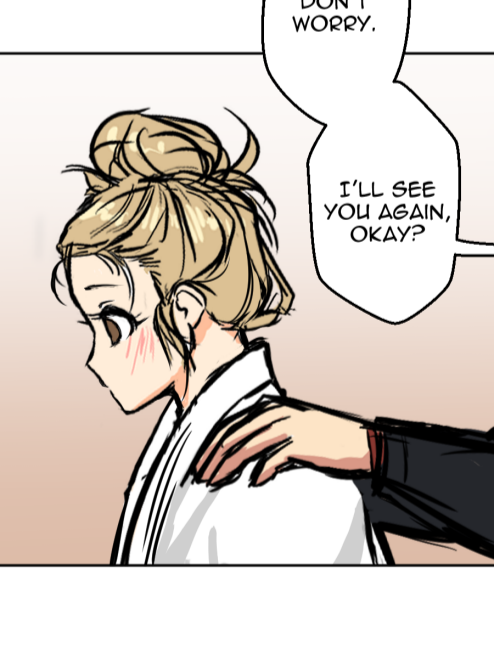


IT'LL BE SUSPICIOUS IF YOU KEEP DISAPPEARING OFF TO SEE ME.



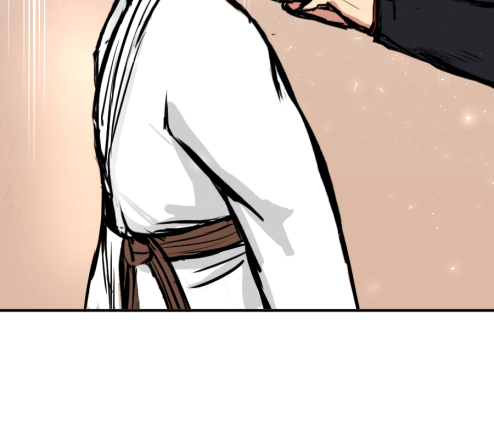
...YOU SHOULD BE WITH YOUR TEAMMATES, ANYWAY.

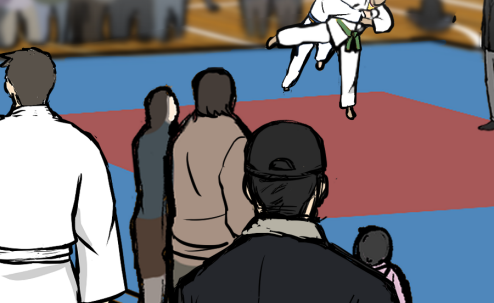
JUST BECAUSE I'M ISOLATED, DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD BE.



DON'T WORRY. I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, OKAY?

GO GET 'EM.





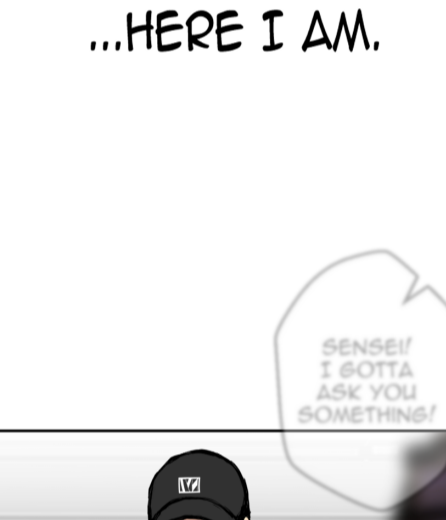


I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HERE... WILLINGLY.



PRETTY SURE I SWORE TO NEVER STEP FOOT IN A TOURNAMENT AGAIN.

AND YET...



...HERE I AM.



THIS IS... UNSETTLING.

EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS I STAY UNDER THE RADAR.



AM I MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE?

EVEN IF THINGS GO SOUTH, I'VE MADE MY RESOLVE.

PART OF ME KEEPS SCREAMING TO GET OUT OF HERE.



I NEED TO DISTRACT MYSELF...

WHEN'S THE LAST TIME I'VE BEEN TO A SMALL TOURNAMENT LIKE THIS?



I DUNNO. WANNA RACE? BET YOU CAN'T BEAT ME TO THE WALL!!

I'M BORED. WHEN'S YOUR BROTHER COMPETING?

HUH?

LAST ONE THERE'S A ROTTEN EGG!

HEY! NO FAIR, YOU GOT A HEAD START!!



HAHAHA!



BOYS! DON'T RUN AROUND IN HERE!

SEKAI! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER RACE!!



MUHAHA! FINALLY, A WORTHY OPPONENT!

HEY, WANNA BET AND SEE WHO CAN GET THE MOST THROWS IN RANDORI TODAY?

DID YOU GET IN A FIGHT AGAIN?

HEY, YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER!!

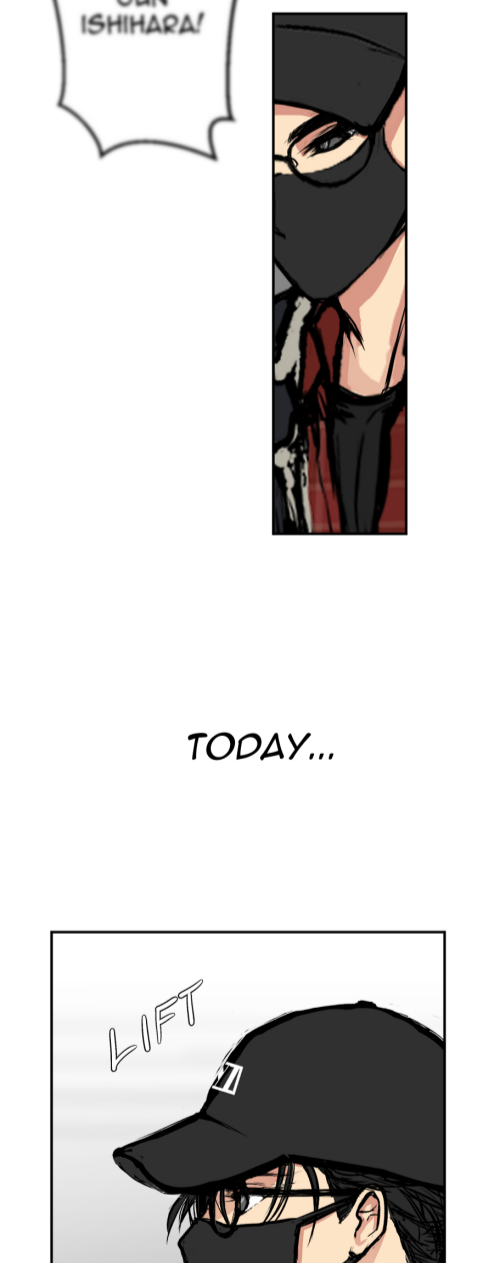
DUDE! CHECK OUT THIS THROW I JUST LEARNED!

HEY, I WANT A REMATCH LATER!

WHAT? NO! I MEAN, YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT!

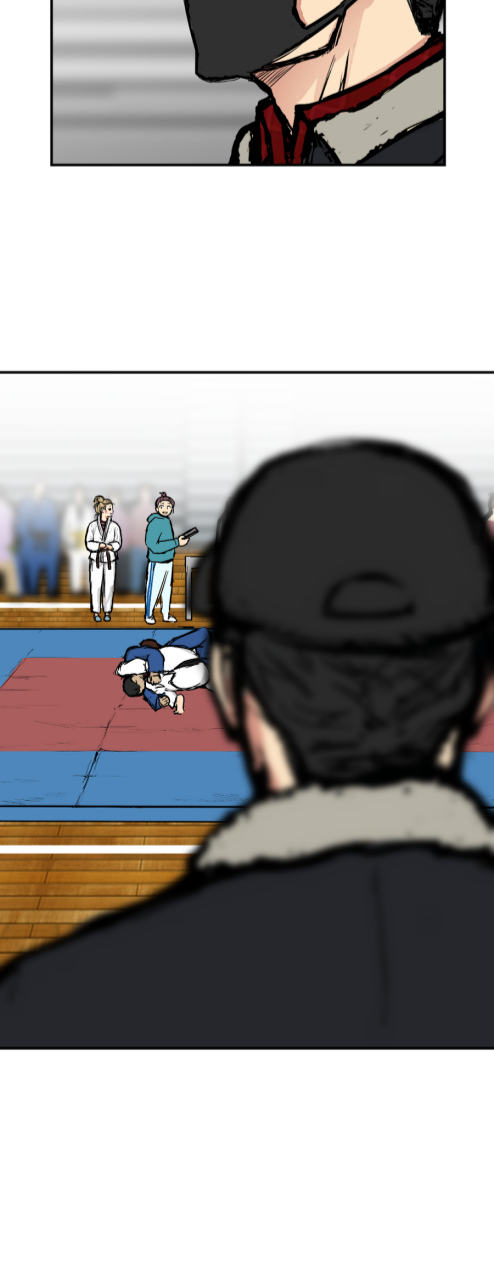
CHEESE!

US THREE ARE GONNA GULE JUDOKA!



EVERYTHING'S ALWAYS ABOUT YOU, ISN'T IT?

ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS YOURSELF.



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PUSH AWAY THE BAD MEMORIES WHILE I'M HERE.



BUT...

TODAY ISN'T ABOUT THE PAST.

TODAY ISN'T EVEN ABOUT ME.

ON DECK, JUN ISHIHARA!



TODAY...



LIFT



...IS FOR HER.

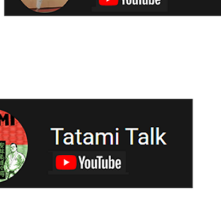


### SIDE NOTE:



KNOWING WHAT SOMETHING A PROFESSIONAL JUDOKA WOULD SAY IS WAY ABOVE MY SKILL LEVEL.

BIG BIG THANK YOU TO HIGASHI-SENSEI FOR HELPING ME WRITE THIS SCENE!



AND ALSO BIG THANK YOU TO TATAMI TALK PODCAST FOR ALWAYS HELPING WITH MY JUDO QUESTIONS!

I'VE PROBABLY ASKED THEM OVER 100 QUESTIONS BY NOW LOL

### CHECK OUT THESE CHANNELS FOR 10/10 RECOMMEND JUDO CONTENT!

AND AS ALWAYS, BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELP THIS COMIC TO EXIST:

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