

● LIVE:

SHIRAFUJI PRESS CONFERENCE.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW DUX SERVICE.

【 LIVE NEWS 】 LATEST NEWS AND LIFE

THEY HAVE
ANNOUNCED A
NEW EDUCATIONAL
SERVICE THAT
IS FURTHER
DEVELOPED AND
OPTIMIZED FOR
EACH INDIVIDUAL.

ABOUT THE
TECHNOLOGY
USED IN
"ASSET".

DUX GROUP
CEO REICHIRO
SHIRAFUJI
RECENTLY HELD
A PRESS
CONFERENCE...

DUE TO ITS
CLARITY AND
CONVENIENCE,
IT IS CURRENTLY
USED AS A
PERSONNEL
EVALUATION
SYSTEM IN MANY
COMPANIES.

THERE
ARE STILL MANY
PROS AND CONS
TO "ASSET", IN
THE SENSE THAT
IT EVALUATES
A PERSON'S
WORTH ONLY FROM
THE PERSPECTIVE
OF MONEY.

SHIRAFUJI PRESS
CONFERENCE.

WE
WILL SEE
IT SOON.

YES.

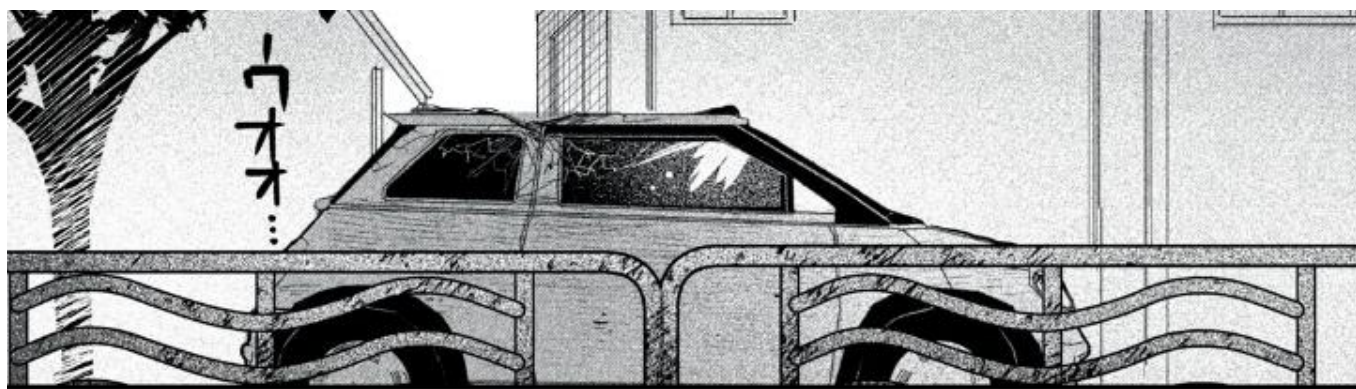
WHAT KIND
OF SERVICES
WILL SHIRAFUJI-SAN,
WHO HAS CHANGED
THE COMMON SENSE
OF THE WORLD,
CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE TO THE
WORLD?

**CHAPTER 3:
IT'S OKAY**



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ARE YOU
USED TO
THIS KIND
OF THING?

THEY WILL
COME FOR
YOU.



DO YOU
MEAN A
SHOOTING OR
SOMETHING?

WELL,
WITH THIS
KIND OF
THING...



DID YOU
WANT TO KILL
SOMEONE
SO EASILY?

ALTHOUGH
YOU HAVE NO
EXPERIENCE...

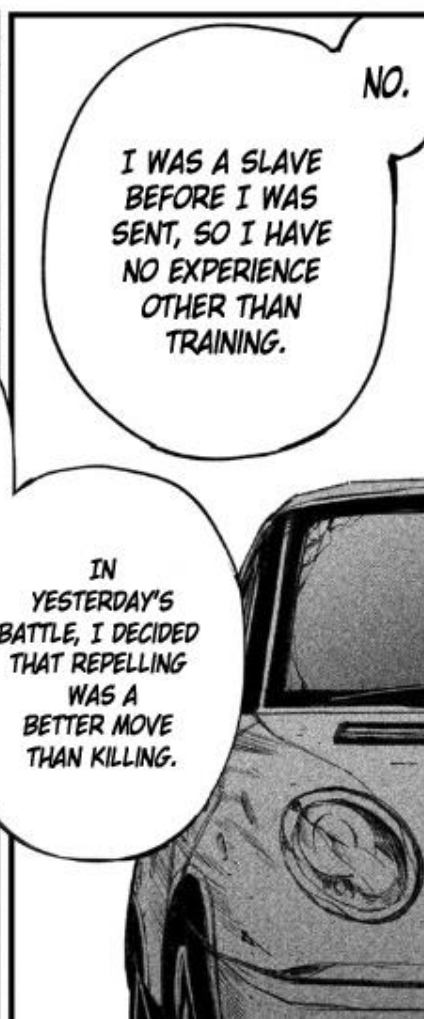
DIDN'T
YOU FEEL
SCARED...

OR
GUILTY?



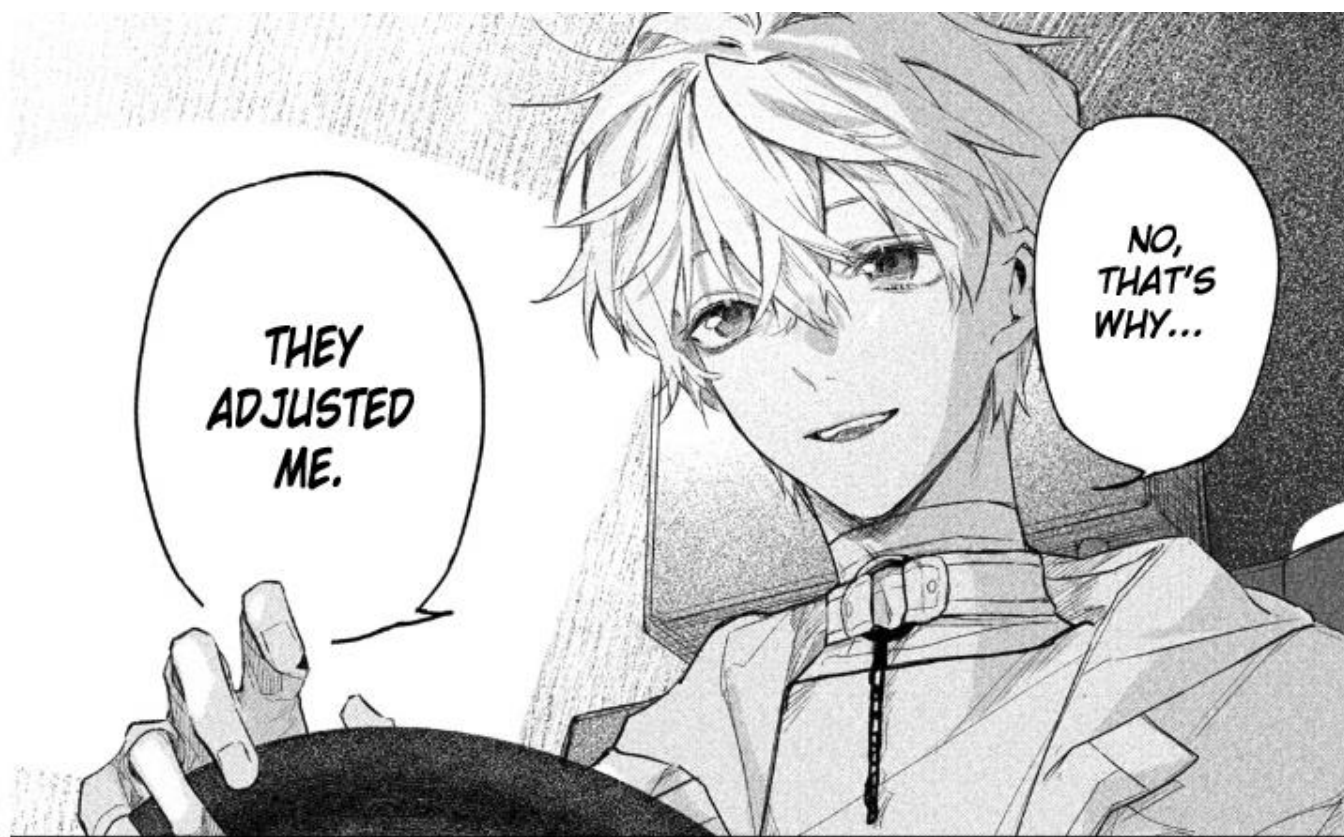
SINCE GINJO-
SAMA STOPPED
ME BEFORE,
I HAVE NO
EXPERIENCE
WITH ASSASSI-
NATIONS.

IN
YESTERDAY'S
BATTLE, I DECIDED
THAT REPELLING
WAS A
BETTER MOVE
THAN KILLING.



NO.

I WAS A SLAVE
BEFORE I WAS
SENT, SO I HAVE
NO EXPERIENCE
OTHER THAN
TRAINING.





BUT
I JUST
DON'T...

KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING.



YOU CAN
HAVE...
FEELINGS
OF GOOD
OR BAD.

FEEL
JOY, ANGER,
SADNESS
AND JOY.

FIRST
OF ALL,
I HAVE NO
PERSONAL
FEELINGS.

THERE
IS NO.

...



BECAUSE
I AM A
SLAVE.

IT
IS LIKE
THIS...



WHAT'S
THAT?

YOU ARE
HUMAN?



SLAVES
ARE NOT
HUMAN
BEINGS?



WHAT IS
THIS?



BIP

BIP





SHIRA-
FUJI...?!

REICHIRO
SHIRAFUJI.

THE CEO
OF THE DUX
GROUP?!

DO YOU
KNOW ME?

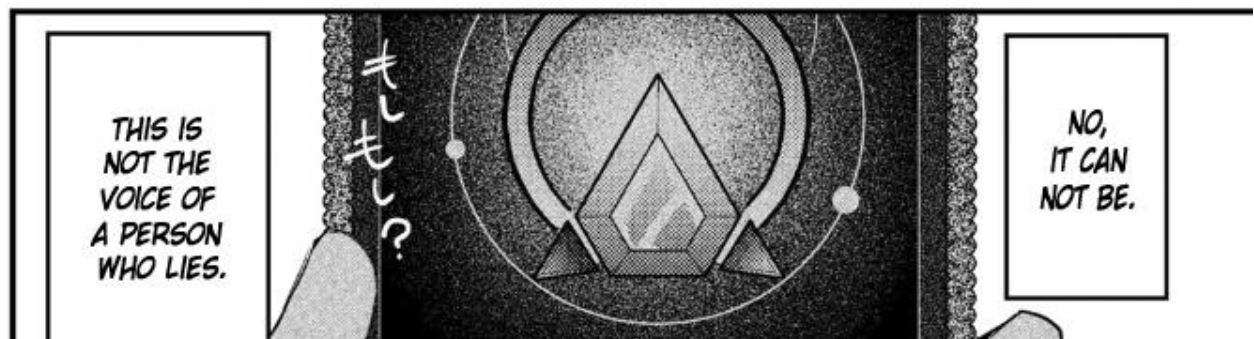


IS A
LIE?

IS HE
BEHIND
A SLAVE
ORGANI-
ZATION?!

THE
PRESIDENT
OF ONE OF
THE WORLD'S
LEADING
COMPANIES
THAT "ASSET"
DEVELOPED.

WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN?!



THIS IS
NOT THE
VOICE OF
A PERSON
WHO LIES.

NO,
IT CAN
NOT BE.

DO YOU
REALLY
WANT
TO KNOW
THAT?

I ADMIT
IT AND I
DON'T MIND
ANSWERING
THAT
QUESTION.

I
ADMIT
IT.

WHY?

DON'T YOU
WANT TO
GO BACK
TO YOUR
OLD LIFE?

WITHOUT
KNOWING
MORE
UNNE-
CESSARY
THINGS.

BECAUSE
IT IS A
FACT.

DO YOU WANT
TO ASK WHY
PEOPLE LIKE
SHIRAFUJI ARE
CREATING
SLAVES?

I
LOOKED
FOR IT.

IT SEEMS THAT
THE SITUATION
WAS QUITE
CONFUSING
BECAUSE
IT WAS AN
UNPRECEDENTED
SITUATION.

THAT...

SO TO
SPEAK.

THE THIEF
REGISTERED
YOU AS A SLAVE
OWNER WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

APPARENTLY
THE SLAVE
THIEVES ARE
SEPARATED.



YES,
THAT WAS
DIFFICULT.

THAT'S
HOW IT IS!
I DID
NOTHING!



THE PROPERTY
OF HARI HAS
BEEN ALLOTTED
TO YOU.

HOWEVER,
IN REALITY...

A THIEF
TURNED
HIM INTO A
100 BILLION
YEN SLAVE.



TO CHANGE
MASTERS, THE
CURRENT MASTER
MUST DECLARE
THE TRANSFER OF
OWNERSHIP OF
THE SLAVE.

OR...

SLAVES ARE
CONDITIONED
TO ONLY OBEY
THE ORDERS OF
THE MASTER WHO
IS REGISTERED AS
THEIR OWNER.



YOU WERE
TRAPPED.

IT HAS
BECOME CLEAR
THAT THERE
IS A HIGH
POSSIBILITY
THAT IT IS A
THIRD PARTY.





WELL, IT'S
BETTER
TO THINK
ABOUT IT
CAREFULLY.

PLEASE
GIVE ME
SOME
TIME.

I DON'T THINK
HE'S TRYING
TO TRICK YOU.

DO
YOU KNOW
HIM?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



I ALSO
BELIEVE
IT.

YOU WILL
BE ASKED
FOR YOUR
COOPERATION
IN FINDING
THE PERSON

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN IF
YOU RETURN
TO YOUR
ORIGINAL
LOCATION?

HEY...

WHO ALTERED
MY OWNERSHIP
RECORD AND
MAINTAINING
CONFIDENTIALITY
REGARDING THE
"JEWELRY".

IT'S LIKE
THEY DON'T
FEEL LIKE MY
EXISTENCE
IS THAT
IMPORTANT.

ALTHOUGH THE
ONLY INFORMATION
I HAVE IS THE
VOICE OVER
THE PHONE, I
WAS ABLE TO
DETERMINE THAT
THERE WERE NO
SIGNS OF LYING.

I WILL
BE RESET
AND SENT TO
SOMEONE
ELSE.

I WILL
BECOME
REICHIRO
SHIRAFUJI'S
SLAVE.

OR...

AS LONG AS
YOU DON'T GO
AGAINST THAT,
I THINK GINJO-
SAMA IS UNLIKELY
TO COME TO
HARM.



HE IS A
SLAVE.

IF I
RETURN IT,
EVERYTHING
WILL GO
BACK TO
NORMAL.

HARI ALSO
SAID THAT.
THERE IS
NO NEED TO
LOSE IT...

NO MATTER
WHERE HE
IS, THIS GUY
WILL BE
THERE
ANYWAY.

A LIFE
THAT WILL
SIMPLY
GO UP.

AND...

20
MILLION
ANNUAL
INCOME.

WHEN I
REMEM-
BER IT...

NEVER
AGAIN
BE IN A
MISERABLE
PLACE.

I SWORE
THAT I
WOULD
NOT FALL!

AT HOME
I COULDN'T
EVEN
STRETCH MY
ARMS AND
LEGS.





I DIDN'T
EVEN
KNOW IF
I WAS
UNHAPPY
OR NOT.



AFTER ALL,
MY WORLD
WAS JUST A
TATAMI-SIZED
SPACE IN AN
INTERNET
CAFE.

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
A DIFFERENT
STORY IF I
HAD ATTENDED
KINDERGARTEN
OR ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL.

IT WAS
ALL SHE
COULD DO
TO SURVIVE
AT THAT
MOMENT.

SHE
WORKED
AS A NON-
REGULAR
EMPLOYEE
WITH LOW
PAY.



MY
MOTHER
WAS A
TYPICAL
SOCIAL-
LY DISADVAN-
TAGED
PERSON.







MOM WILL
BE FINE.

EVEN I,
A CHILD,
UNDER-
STOOD IT.

ALL MY
MOTHER
SAID WAS,
"IT'S FINE".

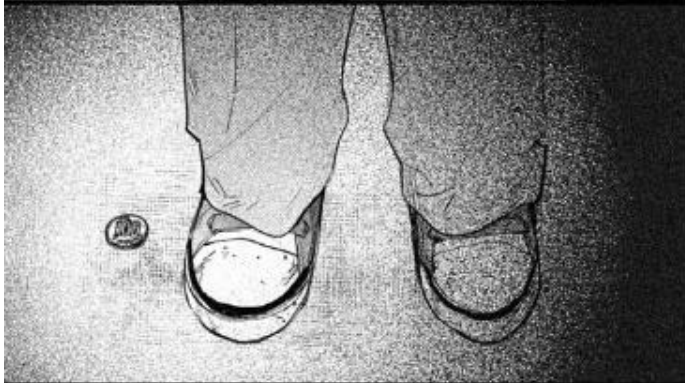


AND I
CRIED IN
SILENCE.

THAT NIGHT
I WAS AT
MY MOTHER'S
SIDE AS SHE
SUFFERED.

BUT I
DID WHAT
MY MOTHER
TOLD ME
AND KEPT
QUIET.

THE NEXT
MORNING...



THIS IS
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN POVERTY
PEAKS.

POOR
GUY.

APPARENTLY
THAT PERSON
HAS BEEN LIVING
HERE WITH
HER SON FOR
A LONG TIME.



EVEN IN MY
YOUNG MIND,
I VAGUELY
UNDER-
STOOD IT.



THE
WORLD IS
MONEY.

THAT BELIEF
GREW EVEN
DEEPER.



WHEN I
WAS PLACED
IN A FACILITY
AND LEARNED
ABOUT THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD...

BUT
POVERTY
REVOLVES
AROUND
THAT.



THE
WORLD IS
MONEY.

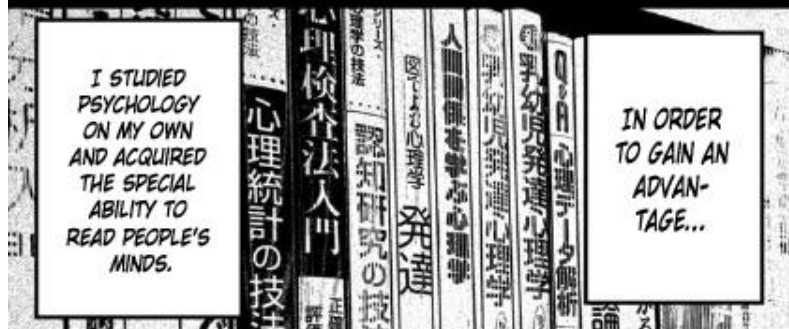


FORTUNATELY, IT WAS A FACILITY RELATIVELY DEDICATED TO EDUCATION.

I ALSO MADE FRIENDS WHO WERE SMART AND GOT ALONG WELL WITH EACH OTHER.

TO FREE MYSELF FROM THE POVERTY THAT CAME FROM MY MOTHER...

I REALIZED THAT IT REQUIRED AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT.



I STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY ON MY OWN AND ACQUIRED THE SPECIAL ABILITY TO READ PEOPLE'S MINDS.

IN ORDER TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE...

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN.



AND...

THE LUCKIEST THING FOR ME WAS THAT...



I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ON A SCHOLARSHIP.

THE EXIS-
TENCE OF
"ASSET".

BY THE TIME I
WAS A COLLEGE
STUDENT, I HAD
BECOME THE
STANDARD FOR
CORPORATE
HUMAN
RESOURCES.

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I WORK
SMART
WITH NICE
CLOTHES,
CARS,
WATCHES,
ETC.

"ASSET"
SHOWS IN
NUMBERS HOW
VALUABLE
A PERSON IS,
REGARDLESS
OF THEIR
EDUCATION.

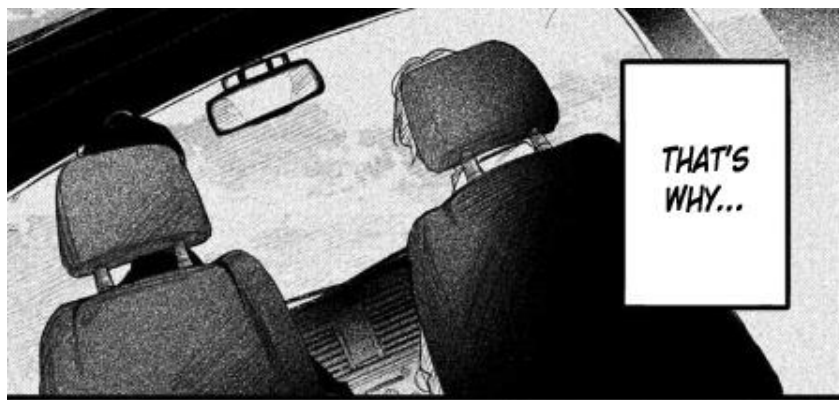
I GOT
SEVERAL
THINGS
WITH
MONEY.

I WAS ABLE
TO GET A
JOB AT A
COMPANY
THAT
EVERYONE
ENVIES.

IT WOULD
CONTINUE
TO RISE.

THIS IS HOW
I OBTAINED
MY ANNUAL
INCOME OF 20
MILLION YEN.

UPWARDS.
WITH
CONSTANT
EFFORT I
CONTINUED
TO AIM
HIGHER.



THAT'S
WHY...



HARI.

YES.



WHAT IS
IT THAT
CONFUSES
ME?

I WILL
RETURN YOU
TO THEM.

I...

I'M NOT
THE KIND
OF PERSON
WHO ENDS
UP LIKE
THIS.



EVERYTHING WILL
BE ACCORDING
TO GINJO-SAMA'S
INSTRUCTIONS.

I UNDER-
STAND.



YOU...

DO
YOU REALLY
HAVE NO
EMOTIONS OR
INTENTIONS?



NO...

BECAUSE I
AM A SLAVE.

WHY DON'T
YOU USE IT
YOURSELF?

ALTHOUGH
YOU HAVE SO
MUCH SKILL...



DON'T YOU
FEEL LIKE
REBELLING
AGAINST...

THE IRRATIONAL
CONTROL THAT
GOVERNS YOU,
OR TRYING TO
RISE UP
AGAINST IT?



I FEEL
RELIEVED.

GOOD. SO,

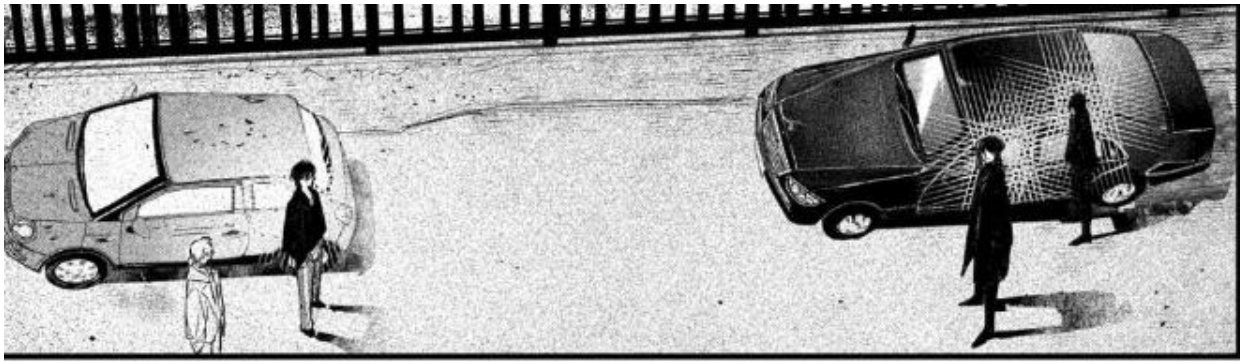


HE'S
ALREADY
COME.

HE
ARRIVED
EARLY.













WHY IN
TIMES LIKE
THIS...

THIS IS
NOT OK.

I
UNDER-
STAND.

