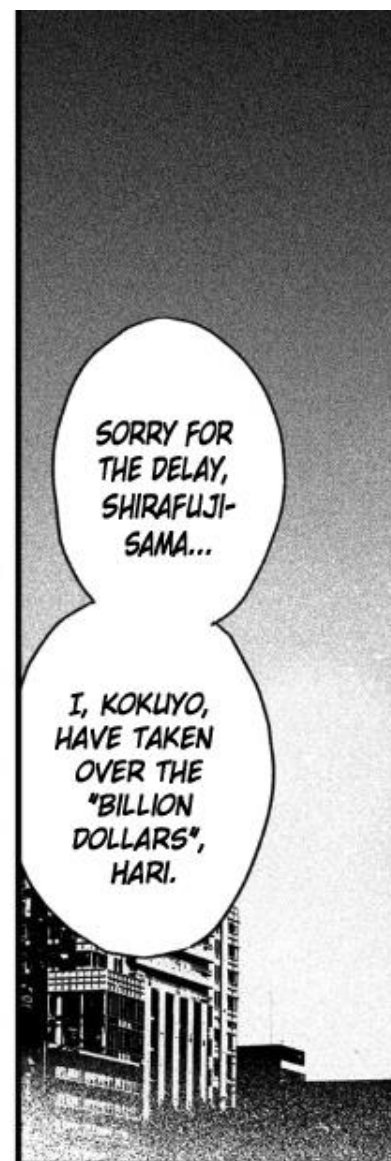
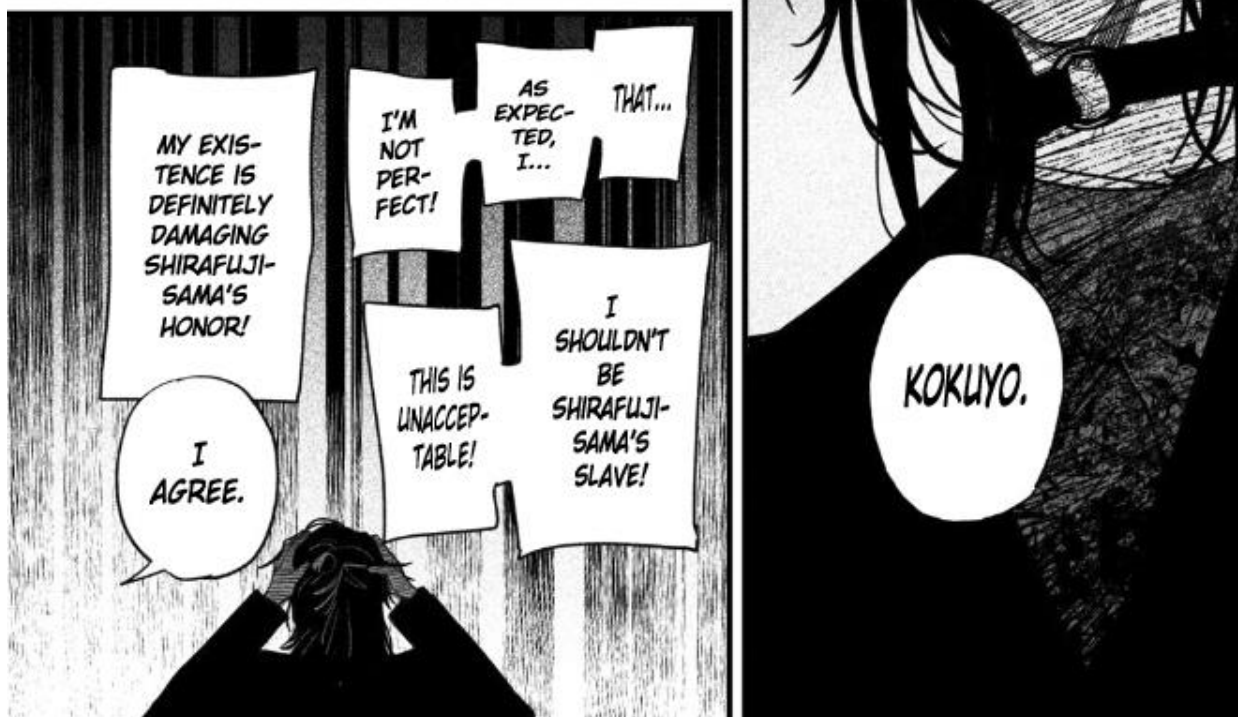
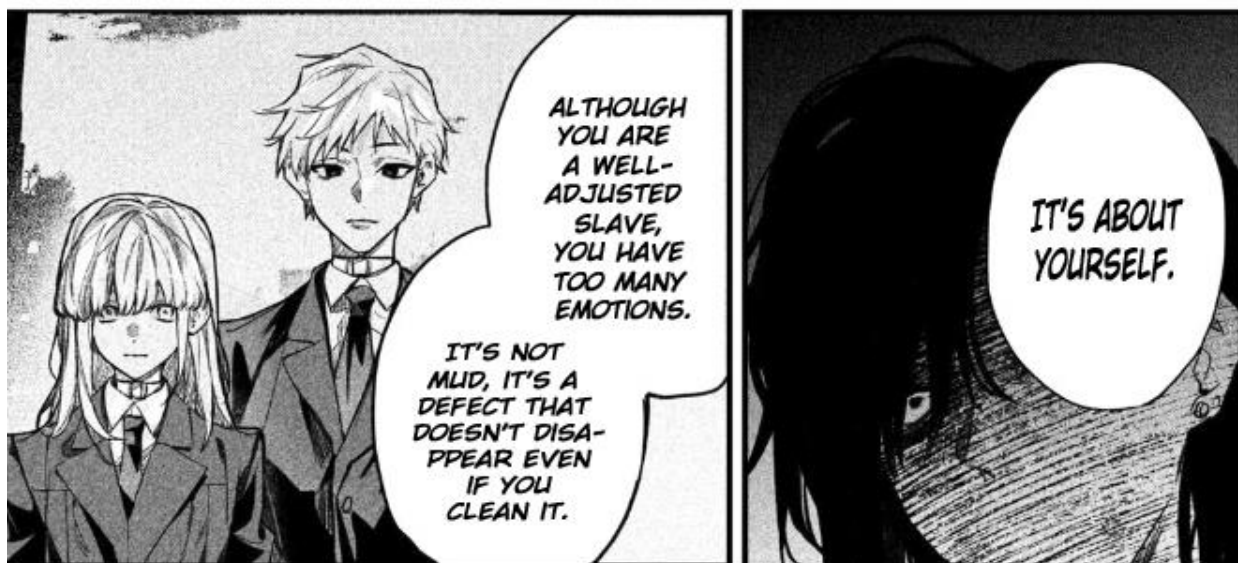


CHAPTER 12: MEMORIES WITHIN FLAWS
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FIRST,
POLLINATION
AND FLOW-
ERING.

TOO OLD
TO BE
CARRIED
OUT.

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
AND NOT
ALLOWED.

AFTER
ALL, WHEN I
ENSLAVED YOU,
TECHNOLOGY
WAS STILL IN
THE EXPLORA-
TION STAGE.



NOW THAT
THE FIELD
HAS BEEN
COMPLETED
WITH HARI,

THE MEANING OF
YOUR EXISTENCE
HAS COMPLETELY
DISAPPEARED.

YOU'RE
A MISTAKE,
A PRODUCT OF
MY PREVIOUS
IMMATURITY.



I ONLY WANT
TO HOLD
PERFECT THINGS
IN MY HANDS.







I DON'T
NEED IT.

THERE
WON'T BE ANY
PROBLEM IF THE
AUTHORITIES
FIND HIS BODY.



I HIT HIM
IN THE HEART?
HE WAS MOVING
ERRATICALLY
SO I COULDN'T
AIM PROPERLY.

WELL, HE'LL
PROBABLY
DROWN ANYWAY,
BUT HE'S A
CARELESS GUY
TO THE END.

DO YOU
WANT TO
RETRIEVE
THE BODY?

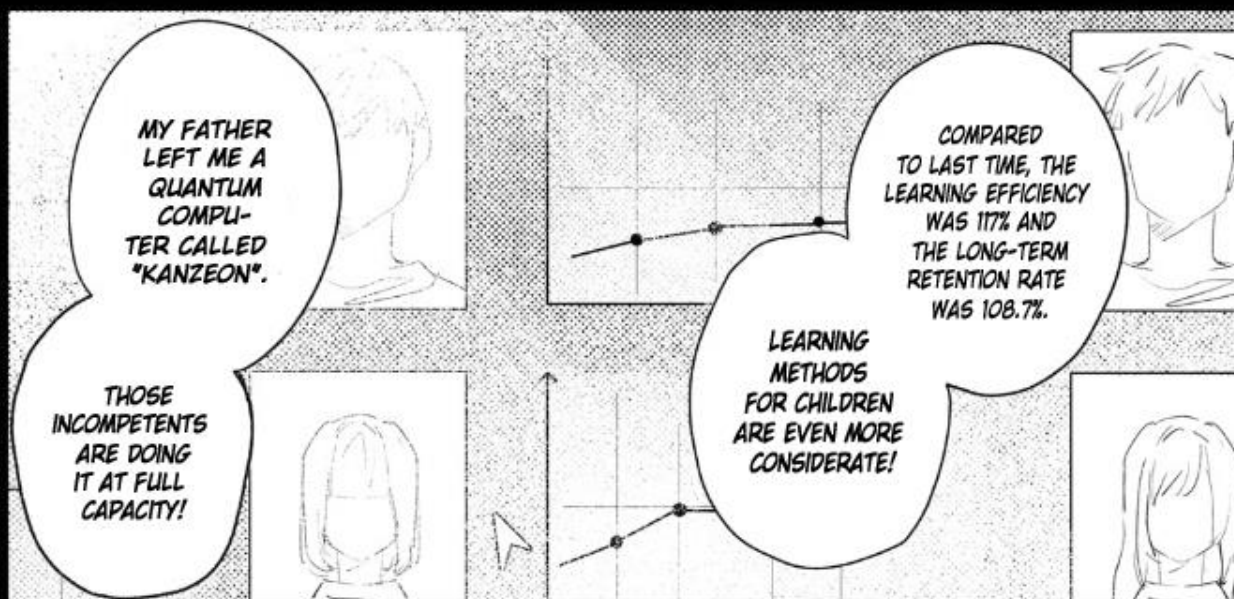


IT'S ONLY FITTING
THAT HE ROT AND
DISAPPEAR LIKE A
NOBODY, JUST
A CORPSE.

IT
COULDN'T
BE DUX'S
JEWEL.









SHIRAFUJI...
I UNDERSTAND
THAT THE
PRESENCE OF YOUR
GREAT FATHER IS
PUTTING PRESSURE
ON YOU.

BUT...



A "BETTER
FUTURE
FOR BETTER
PEOPLE"!

THERE ARE
ELEMENTS
THAT STAND
IN THE WAY OF
MY FATHER'S
IDEALS...



I SEE.

...



HAHA
HAHA...

THANKS TO
YOU I CAN
FINALLY
MOVE ON!

HAHA! I SEE!
THANK YOU,
KURIOMI.



I HOPE
SO.



I THINK WE
SHOULD MOVE
FORWARD INTO THE
FUTURE WITHOUT
GETTING STUCK
IN THE PAST.

YOU ARE
YOU.

I'M SURE
YOUR FATHER
WOULD SAY
THE SAME IF HE
WERE STILL
ALIVE.





I'M SORRY,
BUT I WON'T TAKE
YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
PLEASE BEAR WITH
MY AMATEURISH
TREATMENT.



THIS IS
DIFFERENT.

DO
YOU THINK
I HAVE A
BUDDHIST
MINDSET?

WHY,
I...

MAKOTO
GINJO?!



I'M
TELLING YOU,
DEPENDING
ON YOUR
REACTION,
I'LL REALLY
HURT YOU!

THIS IS TO
GET VARIOUS
INFORMATION
FROM YOU!



NOISY!

THAT'S WHY
I CAN'T TAKE
SHORTCUTS!

AVOID
DOING
UNKNOWN
THINGS.

THE HAND
HOLDING
THAT THING
IS SHAKING,
MAKOTO
GINJO.



I...
THERE ARE
SEVERAL
THINGS...

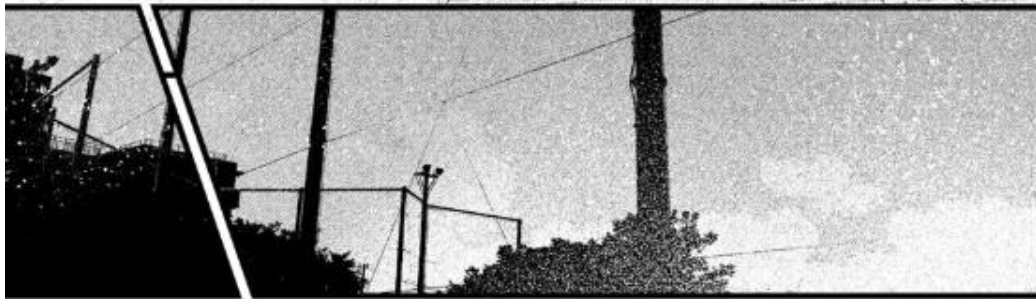
FIRST...

WHAT DO
YOU WANT TO
ASK, MAKOTO
GINJO?

YOU JUST
HAVE TO
ANSWER MY
QUESTIONS
HONESTLY!









THAT'S
WHY I CAN'T
ACCEPT IT...

SHIT... YOU'RE
ALSO A VICTIM
OF HAVING
YOUR HEART
DESTROYED...



ALLOW ME
TO MAKE A
CORRECTION.

THERE
SEEMS TO
BE A MISUN-
DERSTANDING
ABOUT MY
CURRENT
SITUATION.

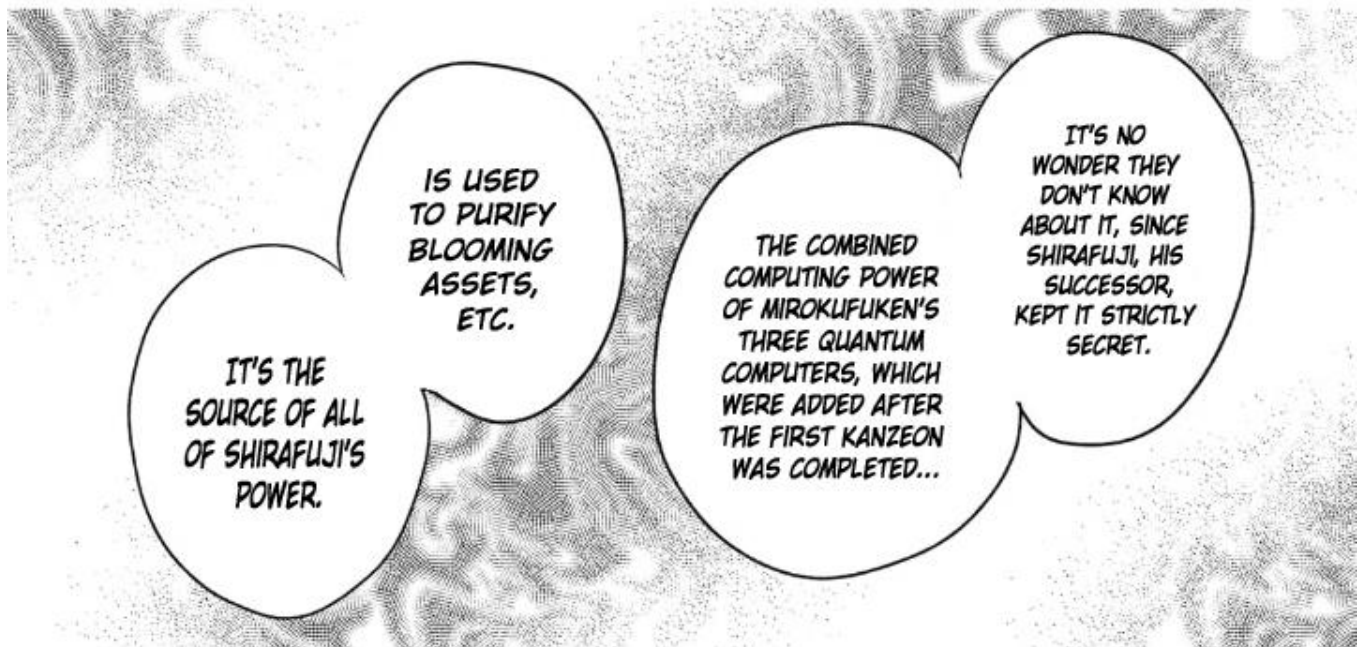
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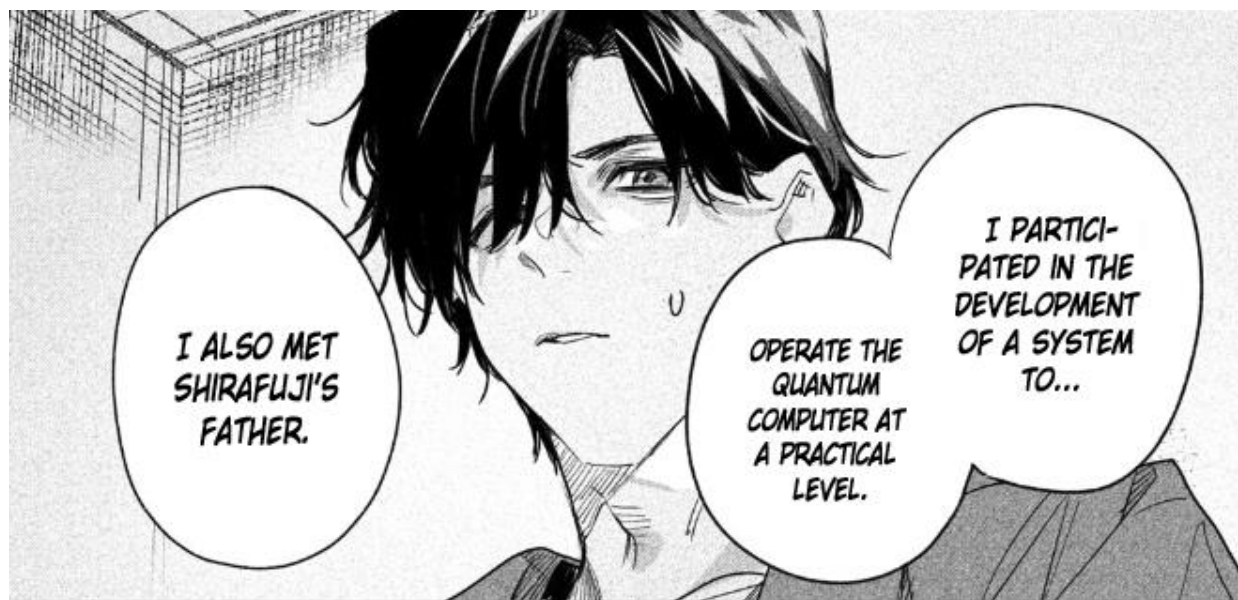


I'M REGAINING
MY OLD
PERSONALITY.

I'M NOT A
SLAVE NOW.







I ALSO MET
SHIRAFUJI'S
FATHER.

OPERATE THE
QUANTUM
COMPUTER AT
A PRACTICAL
LEVEL.

I PARTICI-
PATED IN THE
DEVELOPMENT
OF A SYSTEM
TO...



HE SIMPLY
DREAMED OF
THE PROGRESS
AND HAPPINESS
OF MANKIND
AS A WHOLE.

HE BELIEVED
THAT THE
DEVELOPMENT
OF QUANTUM
COMPUTERS
WOULD ALSO
HELP.

BUT...

THE
THOUGHTS OF
ANDREW J. BEACH,
COMMONLY KNOWN
AS "THE ORACLE",
ARE LOFTY
AND DIFFICULT TO
UNDERSTAND, BUT
TO PUT IT
SIMPLY...

THE GOAL WAS
TO CREATE A
"BETTER FUTURE
FOR BETTER
PEOPLE".



SHIRAFUJI,
WHO INHERITED
THAT IDEAL,
WAS MISSING
SOMETHING
"IMPORTANT".



YOU
SAW THE
RECORD.

WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO THE
SUBJECTS?

SHIRA-
FUJI!
YOU...







IT WOULD
BE FASTER
TO RESET IT TO
ZERO AND THEN
ASSEMBLE IT!

WHAT IF THE
SYSTEM IS
UNNECESSARILY
COMPLICATED?

YOU'RE AN
EXCELLENT
ENGINEER
TOO, SO YOU
KNOW THAT,
RIGHT?



SHIRA-
FUJI...

YOU GAVE
ME A HINT,
RIGHT?



I'M GOING
THROUGH THE
PROCESS OF
WHITEWASHING
THAT BEAUTIFUL
MEMORY.

IT'S CALLED
"PURIFY".



DO YOU
THINK YOUR
FATHER WILL BE
HAPPY IF YOU
DO SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?



...

HE'LL
BE THERE
TO SUPPORT
ME WHEN I GO
TO HEAVEN.

IF I'M A
WONDERFUL
AND FILIAL
SON,

BE
HAPPY...

I EMBODY
THE IDEALS MY
FATHER LEFT
BEHIND IN THIS
REAL WORLD.

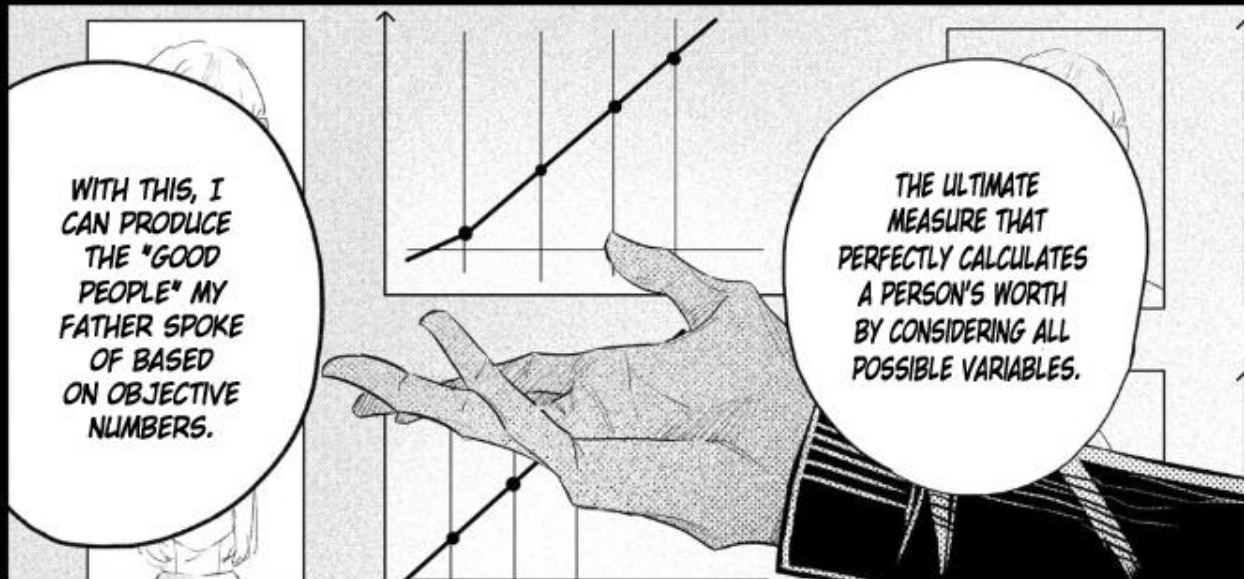


IT SEEMS
LIKE WE'LL
COME UP WITH
EVEN MORE
INTERESTING
IDEAS AFTER
RESEARCHING
PURIFICATION
AND
BLOOMING!

THAT'S WHY
MY FATHER
WAS LACKING IN
MANY ASPECTS.

HEY,
LISTEN
TO ME,
KUROMI.

MY FATHER
WAS TRYING
TO CREATE A
"BETTER FUTURE
FOR BETTER
PEOPLE".



WITH THIS, I
CAN PRODUCE
THE "GOOD
PEOPLE" MY
FATHER SPOKE
OF BASED
ON OBJECTIVE
NUMBERS.

THE ULTIMATE
MEASURE THAT
PERFECTLY CALCULATES
A PERSON'S WORTH
BY CONSIDERING ALL
POSSIBLE VARIABLES.



REALIZE
YOUR
MISTAKE
NOW!

SHIRA-
FUJI,

HEY, WHY
DON'T YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

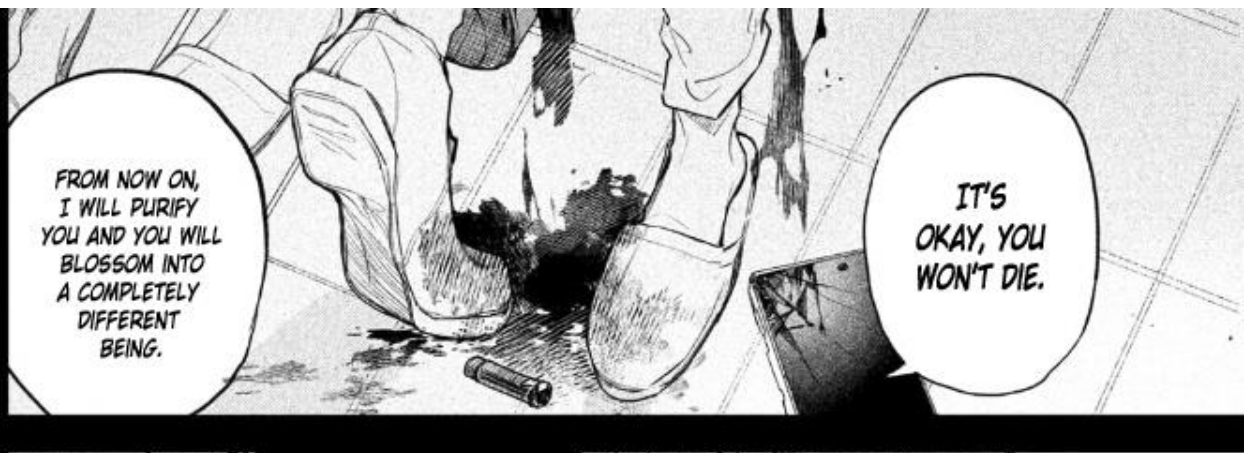


WE'RE GOING
TO LET A
COMPUTER
EVALUATE A
PERSON'S
WORTH!

WHAT'S
MORE,









"ASSETS".

**HOW
ABOUT
THAT?**

IF I REALIZE
THE IDEA YOU
MENTIONED BEFO-
RE, I WILL BE
THE FIRST TO
EVALUATE YOU.



WHAT SHOULD
WE CALL
THIS SYSTEM?

THAT'S
RIGHT.



THAT'S KIND
OF IRONIC.

THE CORE
MEMORY THAT
BURNED INTO
MY SOUL WAS
THE SIGHT OF
MY BEST
FRIEND POINTING
A GUN AT ME.

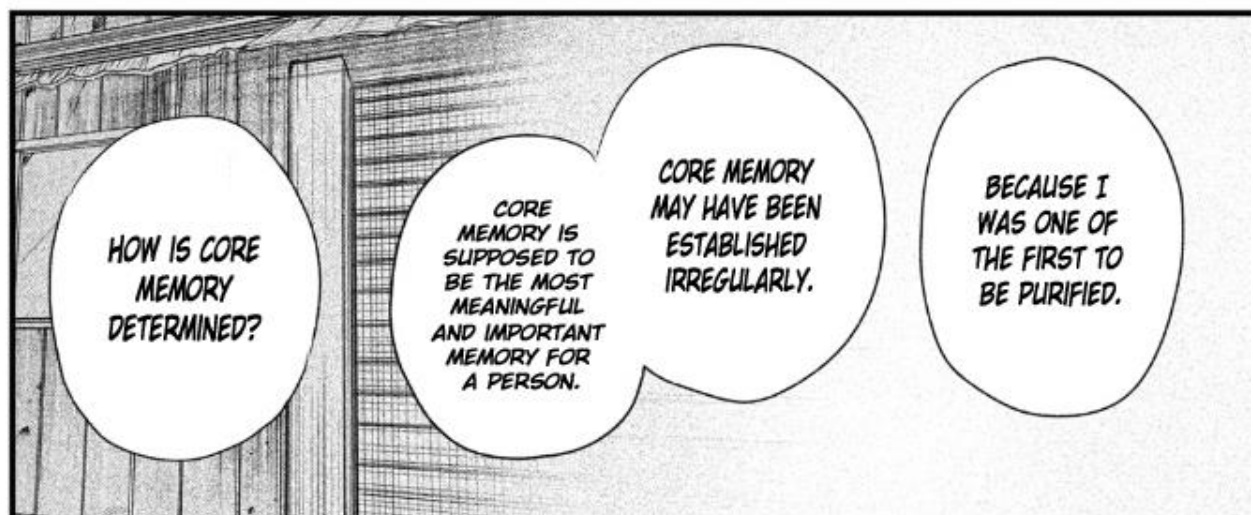


THE MEMORY
OF BEING SHOT
BY YOUR BEST
FRIEND IS
YOUR CORE
MEMORY?

WAIT.

TURNED ME
BACK INTO
A HUMAN.

THAT'S WHY
THE ACTION OF
SHIRAFUJI'S
GUN THAT TRIED
TO KILL ME...



HOW IS CORE
MEMORY
DETERMINED?

CORE
MEMORY IS
SUPPOSED TO
BE THE MOST
MEANINGFUL
AND IMPORTANT
MEMORY FOR
A PERSON.

CORE MEMORY
MAY HAVE BEEN
ESTABLISHED
IRREGULARLY.

BECAUSE I
WAS ONE OF
THE FIRST TO
BE PURIFIED.









I'M GOING
TO GO AND
PULL OUT

THE
ROPE THAT
SHIRAFUJI
PUT ON MY
FRIEND.