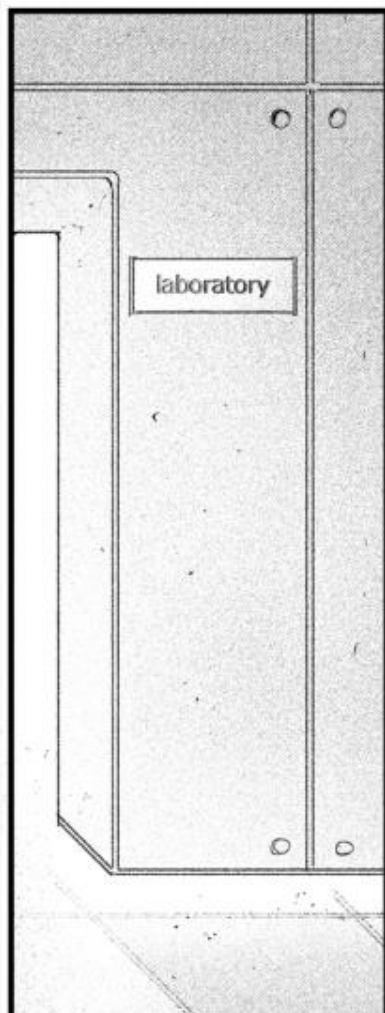
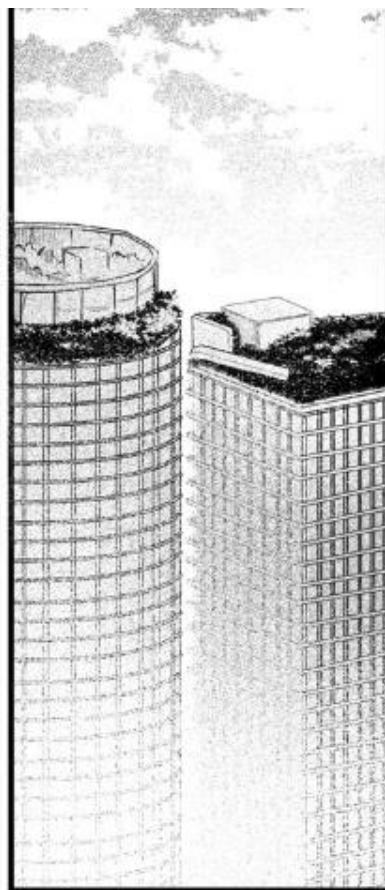




CHAPTER 13:
NEGOTIATING WITH THE DEVIL
TRANSLATION & EDITING: NARU-KUN







WAKE
UP.

PLEASE
INDICATE
YOUR
EXISTENCE!



HARI.



BECAUSE
I AM YOUR
SLAVE,
REICHIRO
SHIRAFUJI.

MY CURRENT
NAME IS HARI,
BUT YOU
CAN CALL ME
WHATEVER YOU
WANT.

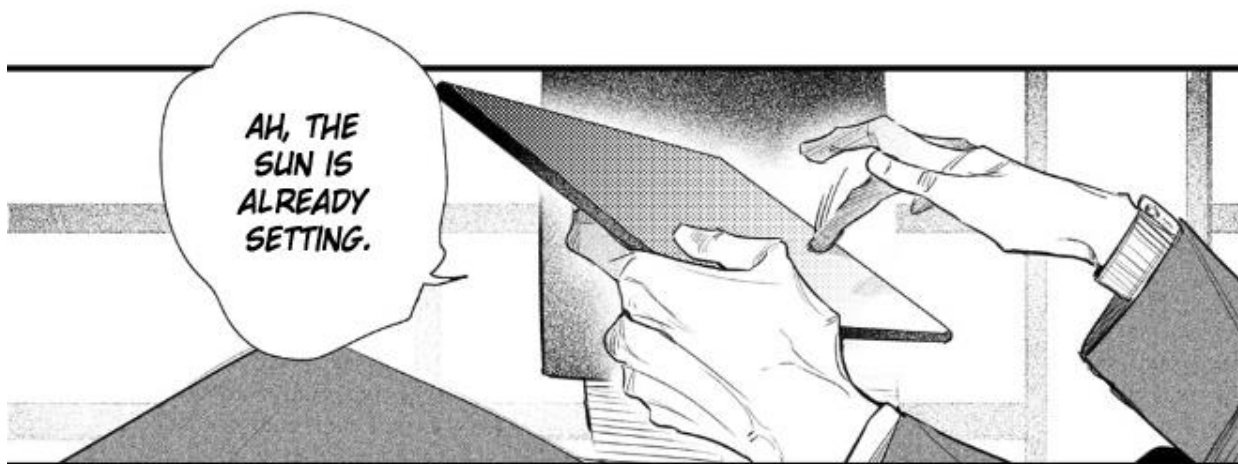
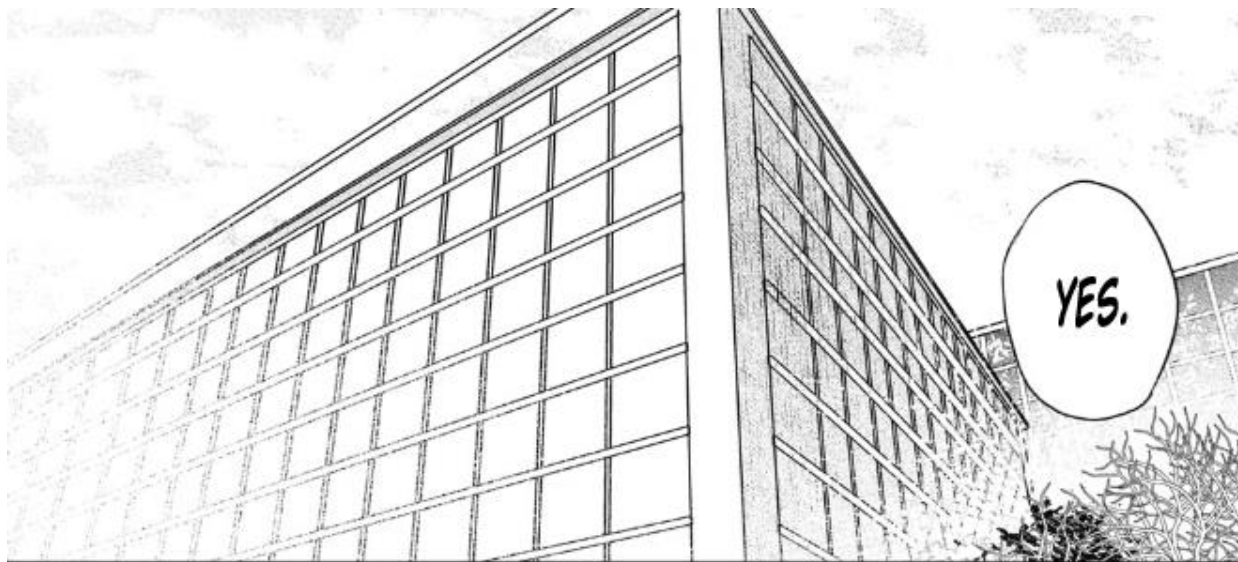


NO, YOU
ARE HARI.



YOU ARE
THE IDEAL
ADAM
CREATED
BY GOD.

THE
CLEAR LIGHT
OF HUMANITY.





COME
TO THINK
OF IT,
HARI...

...

WELL, I CAN'T HELP IT~
I ALSO WORK AS
THE CEO OF DUX INC.



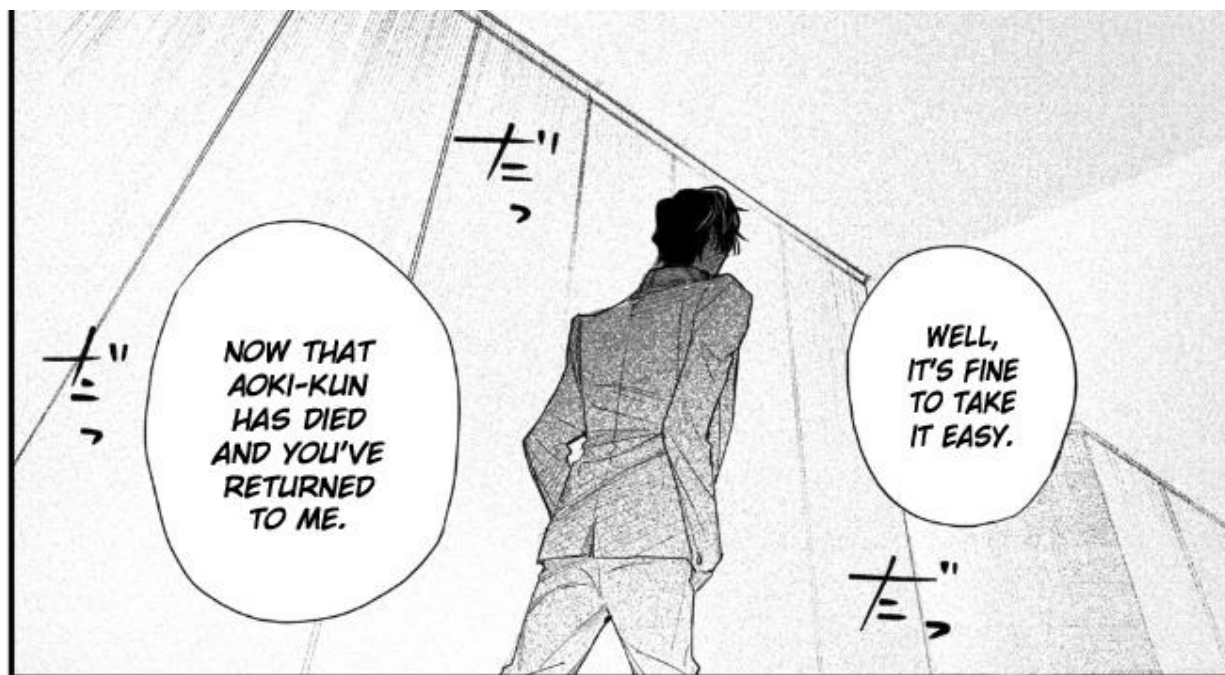
DID YOU FIND
GINJO-KUN?

...

NO.

I'M
CURRENTLY
SEARCHING
FOR HIS
WHERE-
ABOUTS.

!!
!!
!!







.....

OH,
YOU'RE
THE LONG-
AWAITED
GINJO-
KUN?

THAT'S
AMAZING.
HOW DID YOU
GET IN?



HOWEVER, AS
AN EXCEPTION,
THOSE WITH
AUTHORITY ABOVE
THE EXECUTIVE
LEVEL ALLOW
ADJUSTMENTS.

IN YOUR
COMPANY,
ASSETS ARE
INPUT INTO
PRESIDENT
SHIRAFUJI'S
SCHEDULE...













WHAT IS THAT?

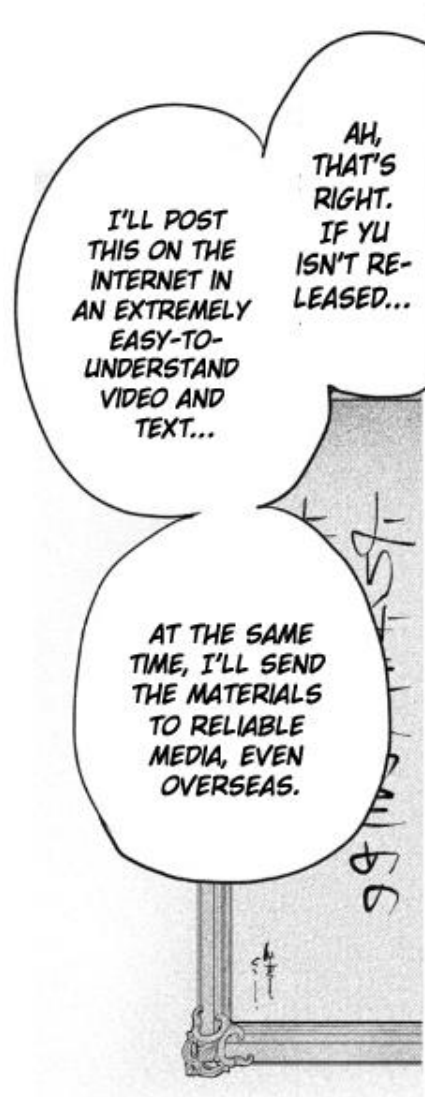
THE WHOLE STORY OF "JEWELRY". ALL OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS RECORDED.

IT'S A DEVICE THAT CONTAINS ALL THE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE INHUMAN ACTS YOU'VE COMMITTED.



THE QUESTION IS HOW DO YOU RATE THIS PRODUCT?

HUH.



I'LL POST THIS ON THE INTERNET IN AN EXTREMELY EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND VIDEO AND TEXT...

AH, THAT'S RIGHT. IF YU ISN'T RELEASED...

AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL SEND THE MATERIALS TO RELIABLE MEDIA, EVEN OVERSEAS.



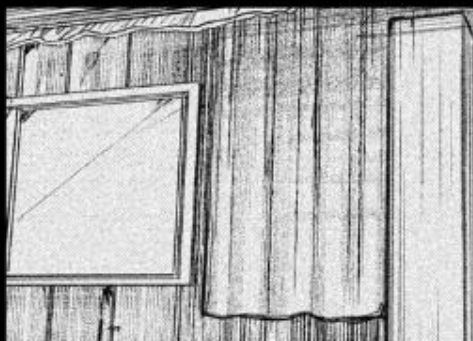
IT'S A FAREWELL GIFT FROM AOKI-KUN!



AH, RIGHT. I GET IT NOW.







THE ACTIVITIES OF
THE ACTIVE FORCES,
WHO ARE WILLING TO
MANIPULATE INFORMA-
TION AND COMMIT MUR-
DERS LIKE THE ONE
YOU EXPERIENCED,
ARE JUST ONE
ASPECT OF
THAT.

THE ISOLATION
PROTOCOL IS
SHIRAFUJI'S
FOURTH PRODUCT
AFTER "PURIFYING
BLOOMING ASSETS",
WHICH HE CREATED
USING A QUANTUM
COMPUTER.



IT CONSISTS
OF CHANGING,
DISTORTING,
CUTTING,
AND BREAKING
THE ORGANIC
LINKS OF
INFORMATION.

THE MAIN POINTS
OF INFORMATION
THAT HAVE
BEEN IDENTIFIED
THROUGH VALUE
JUDGMENTS ARE
COLLECTED BY FORCE
OR BY HACKING
INTO SERVERS.

THE ESSENCE OF
THAT IS THAT ALL
THE INFORMATION
THAT EXISTS IN
THIS WORLD,
INCLUDING PER-
SONAL MEMORIES,
RECORDING DEVI-
CES, AND THE
INTERNET...
IS COMPRE-
HENSIVELY
GRASPED AND
ANALYZED BY
QUANTUM
COMPUTERS.



IN
OTHER WORDS,
IT IS ABSOLUTE
INSURANCE AGAINST
THE ILLEGAL
ACTIVITIES OF
THE "JEWELRY".

...THIS
ISOLATION
PROTOCOL.

ALL ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO
"JEWELRY"
ARE CONTROL-
LED BY...

AND
THERE ARE
ALREADY
SOME OPER-
ATIONAL
RESULTS.

DUX
CORPORATION
RECEIVES
PARAMILITARY
SUPPORT FROM A
CERTAIN COUNTRY,
AND IN RETURN
THEY PROVIDE
IT WITH THIS
TECHNOLOGY...

ALTHOUGH IT
HAS A CUSHION
CALLED
A PRIVATE
MILITARY
COMPANY,

I
HEARD THAT
EXPLANATION
FROM KEI,
BUT...

IS THAT
REALLY
POSSIBLE?

THAT IS A
DISGUSTING
STORY OF THE
PRIVILEGED
CLASS.

HE WAS
ACQUITTED
OF FALSELY
PASSING THE
JOURNALIST
OFF AS A
TERRORIST.

IN THAT
COUNTRY, A
HIGH-RANKING
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL
SHOT DEAD A
MEMBER OF THE
PRESS DURING
A LIVE BROAD-
CAST...





THE
MINUTE I
GAVE IT TO
YOU HAS
ALREADY
PASSED!

WHAT,
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

WHY CREATE
A SLAVE?

I DON'T
LIKE YOUR
SHAMELESS
WASTE OF
TIME.



YOU WERE
BORN RICH AND
USED YOUR WITS
TO START AN
AMAZING SERVICE
THAT CHANGED
THE WORLD.

YOU HAVE
EVERYTHING.

NO, I REALLY
WANTED TO ASK
YOU THIS WHEN
I MET YOU
IN PERSON.

WHY
CREATE
A SLAVE?







WAIT...

WHAT
EXACTLY DO
YOU USE TO
DETERMINE
WHAT'S
"BEST"?



YOU'VE COME
THIS FAR AND
YOU STILL
DON'T GET IT?

I'VE DECIDED
TO TAKE
HUMANITY TO
THE NEXT
"IMPROVED"
STAGE!



IS THERE A MORE
OBJECTIVE WAY
TO MEASURE A
PERSON'S WORTH
THAN THE
VALUATION OF
THEIR ASSETS?

IT'S BEEN
DECIDED THAT
IT WILL BE AN
ASSET, RIGHT?



THEN WHEN
I TRIED IT ON
OTHER PEOPLE,
THE VALUATION
ROSE IN THE
SAME WAY.

WHEN THAT
HAPPENED,
SHIRAFUJI,
THE WISE MAN,
HAD TO
MOVE ON.

MORE...

MORE...

MORE...

I WANTED
TO TRY
DIFFERENT
THINGS, SO
I CREATED A
"JEWELRY!"

MORE...

HE WAS
KUROMI
BEFORE.

I TOOK CONTROL
OF HIS EGO,
ENHANCED HIS
ABILITIES, AND
SWORE ABSOLUTE
LOYALTY TO ME.

THAT'S HOW IT
ALL STARTED,
WITH KOKUYO.

...

THEN THE
ASSET
VALUATION
JUMPED...

I WAS
SHOCKED.





IT'S
TRUE
THAT

I WAS
ONCE SAVED
BY THE ASSETS
YOU CREATED.



ALTHOUGH
I ONLY
THINK OF
HUMANITY.

THAT'S
TRULY
PITIFUL!



THAT'S...

YET YOU
AND KOKUYO
CRITICIZE
AND DENY
ME!



TREND

1. JAPANESE TRENDS
SLAVE TRADE

2. JAPANESE TRENDS
DUX

BREAKING NEWS

THERE IS
INFORMATION
CIRCULATING ON
THE INTERNET
NEWS THAT DUX
CORPORATION WAS
ENGAGED IN THE
SLAVE TRADE.

OVERALL,
THERE IS
CONCERN
THAT THE
INFORMATION
CONTROL
POWER OF
THE ISOLATION
PROTOCOL
IS BEING
TAMPERED
WITH.

CURRENTLY,
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES
FROM VARIOUS
STATIONS
ARE VISITING
VARIOUS
"JEWELRY"
LOCATIONS.



BUT...

THAT'S
TRUE.



SHIRA-
FUJI-
SAMA!

THERE'S
A MATTER
THAT YOU
SHOULD
HEAR ABOUT
IMMEDIATELY!











SHALL
WE START
NEGOTIATING?

