

DOMINIC, HE'S KIND OF UNUSUAL...



TELL US ABOUT DOMINIC. WHAT WAS HE DOING BEFORE HE CAME TO THE ORATORY?



DOMINIC WAS THE SECOND AMONG 10 CHILDREN OF HIS PARENTS. HIS FATHER WAS A SMITH. HIS HOME WAS CLOSE TO DON BOSCO'S HOME IN BECCHI. HE WENT TO THE SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL AREA.



WHY DID HE COME TO THE ORATORY?



HE WAS INTRODUCED TO DON BOSCO BY ANOTHER PRIEST AND DECIDED TO GO TO THE ORATORY IN ORDER TO STUDY FOR PRIESTHOOD



WHY IS HE SUCH A GOOD GUY?



WELL...SURELY HE RECEIVED A SPECIAL GRACE FROM GOD, SO WAS A GOOD BOY ALREADY, BUT I THINK HE REALLY WANTED TO AND ACTIVELY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO BECOME MORE INTIMATE FRIENDS WITH GOD



HE ALWAYS MADE EFFORT...



WHO WAS DON BOSCO FOR HIM?



SINCE THE TIME THEY FIRST MET, THEY WERE SPECIAL FOR EACH OTHER. DOMINIC ADMIRE DON BOSCO VERY MUCH AS HIS "GOOD GUIDE IN THE WAYS OF LIFE"



HOW DO PEOPLE THINK OF DOMINIC TODAY?



IN 1954, A HUNDRED YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, THE CHURCH OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED HIM AS A REAL SAINT AND MANY PEOPLE ADMIRE HIM AS MODEL OF YOUTH

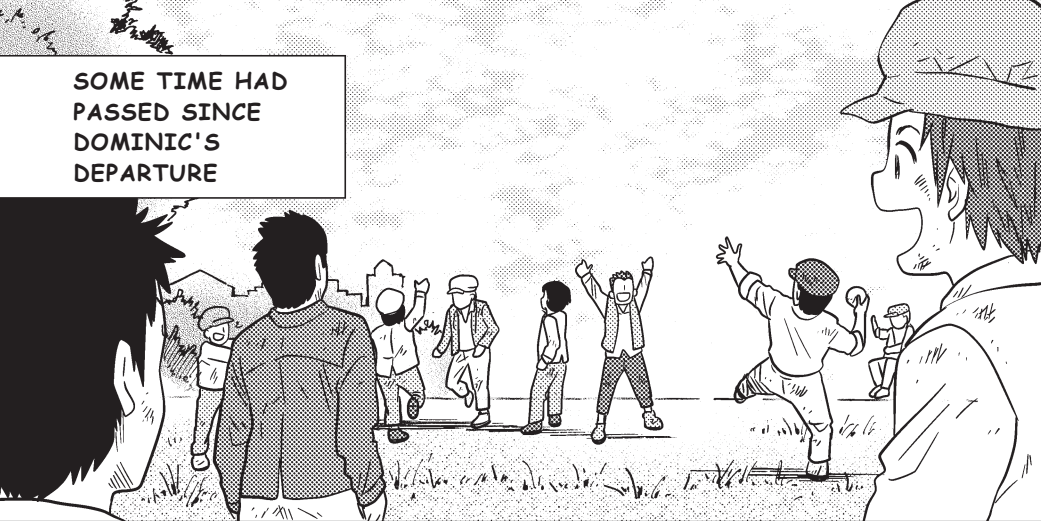


I'M GLAD...THAT DOMINIC ISN'T FORGOTTEN...

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STAYING TOGETHER

SOME TIME HAD
PASSED SINCE
DOMINIC'S
DEPARTURE

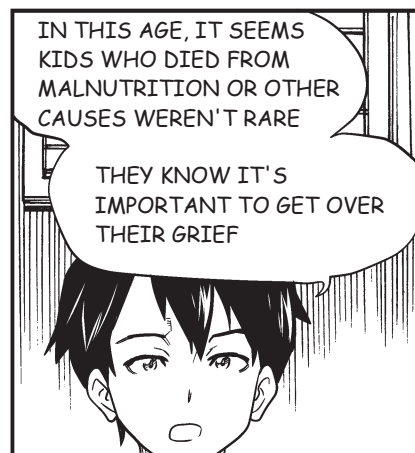
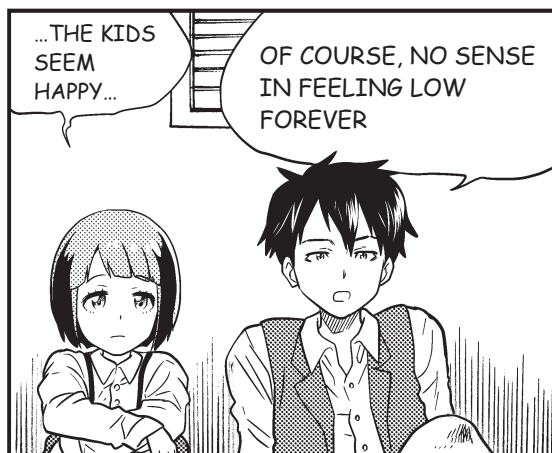


...THE KIDS
SEEM
HAPPY...

OF COURSE, NO SENSE
IN FEELING LOW
FOREVER

IN THIS AGE, IT SEEMS
KIDS WHO DIED FROM
MALNUTRITION OR OTHER
CAUSES WEREN'T RARE

THEY KNOW IT'S
IMPORTANT TO GET OVER
THEIR GRIEF



...YEAH

WE HAVE TO GET
OVER IT

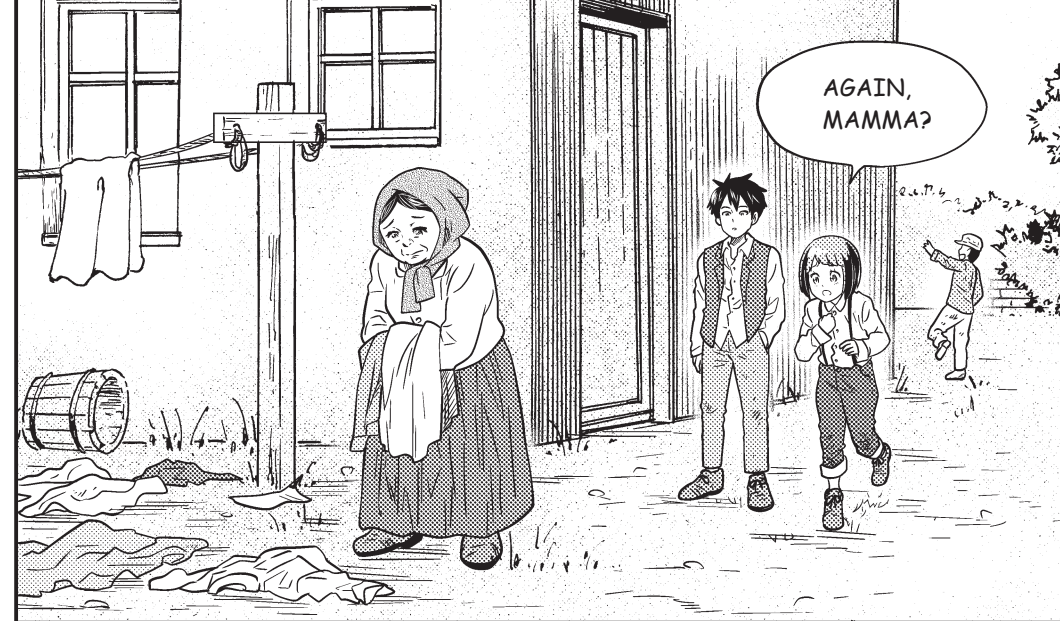


DID YOU, RIKU?

IS IT YOUR
BUSINESS?...



OH MY
GOSH!



AGAIN,
MAMMA?

YES, SOME OF THE BOYS WERE
PLAYING HERE A WHILE AGO.
THEY MUST HAVE BRUSHED
AGAINST THE LAUNDRY

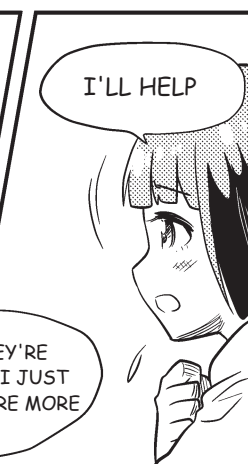


IT KEEPS HAPPENING,
I'LL HAVE TO WASH
THEM AGAIN



I'LL HELP

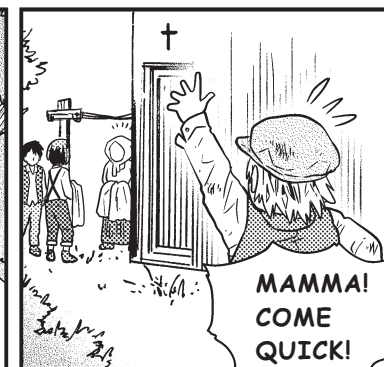
GOOD THAT THEY'RE
FULL OF CHEER, I JUST
WISH THEY WERE MORE
CAREFUL



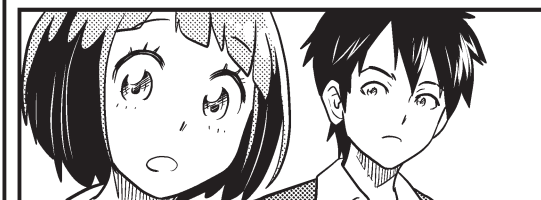
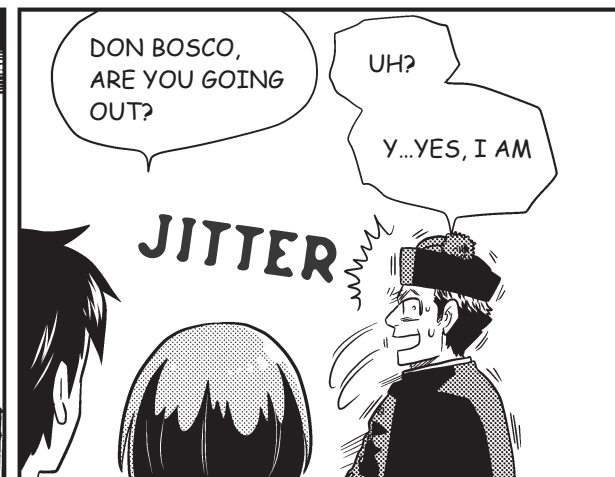
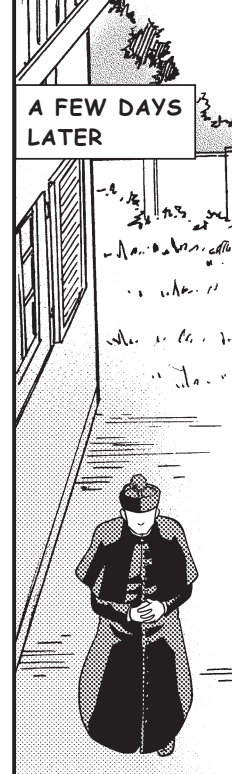
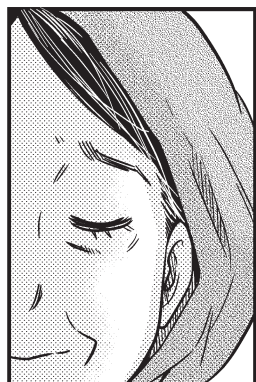
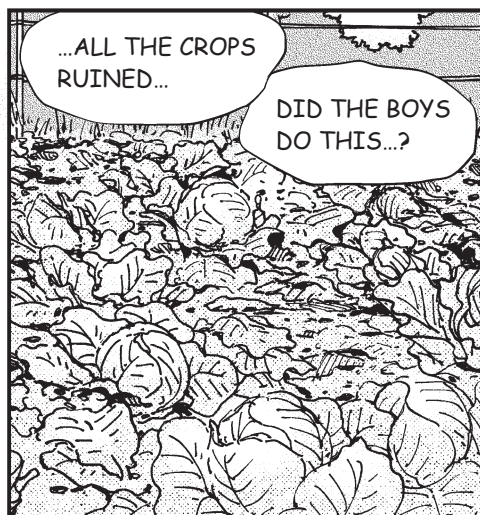
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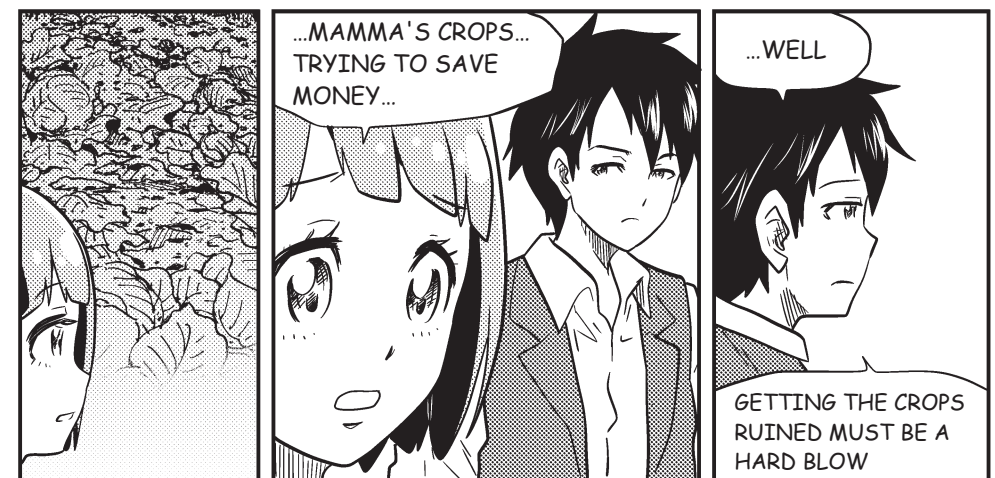
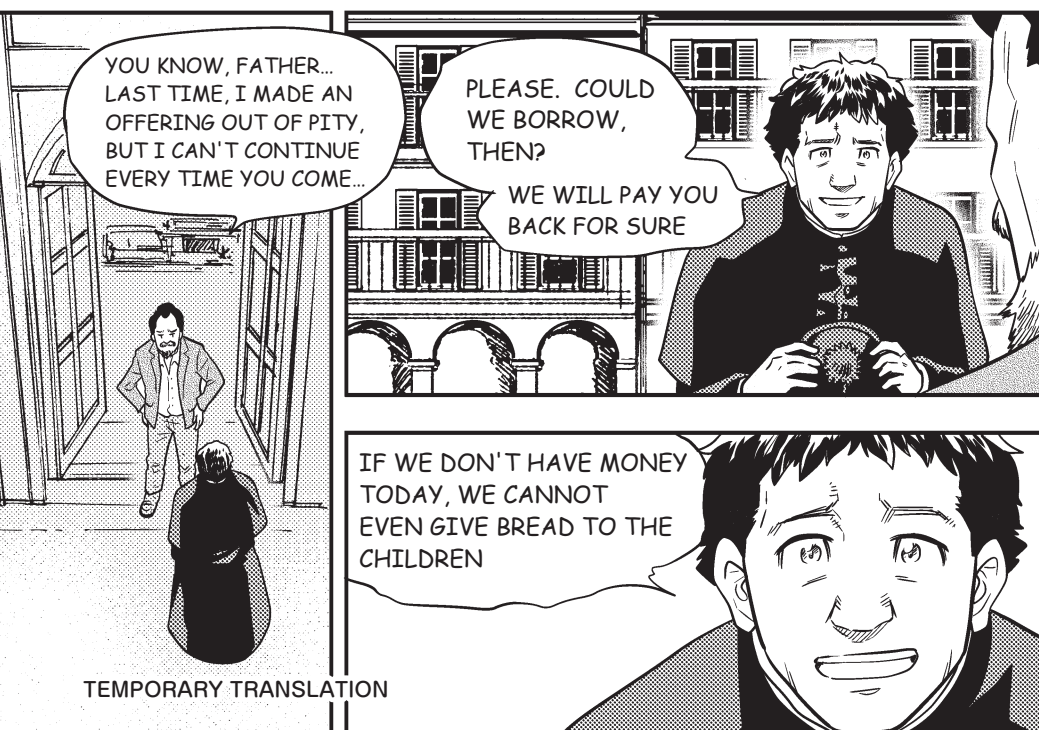
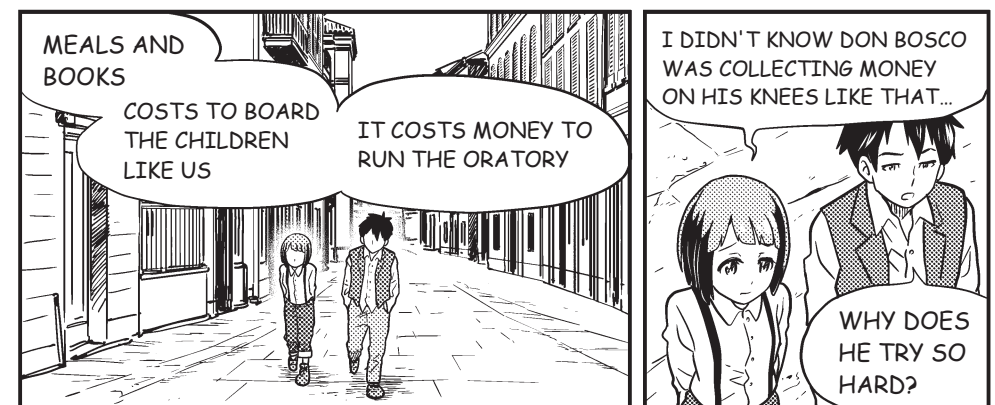
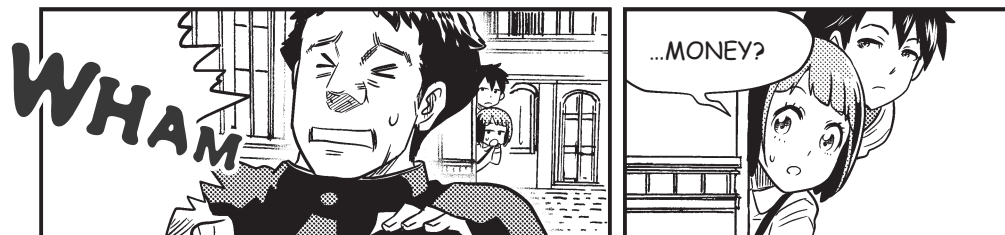
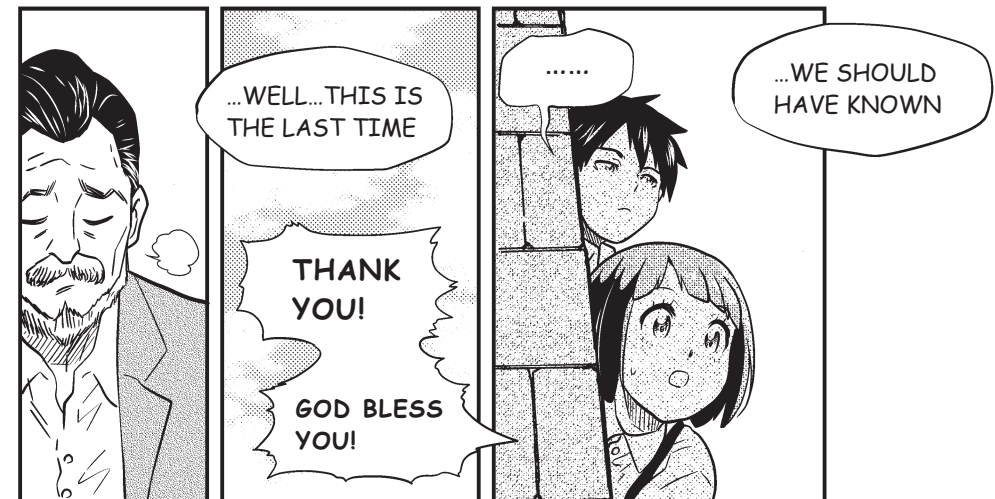
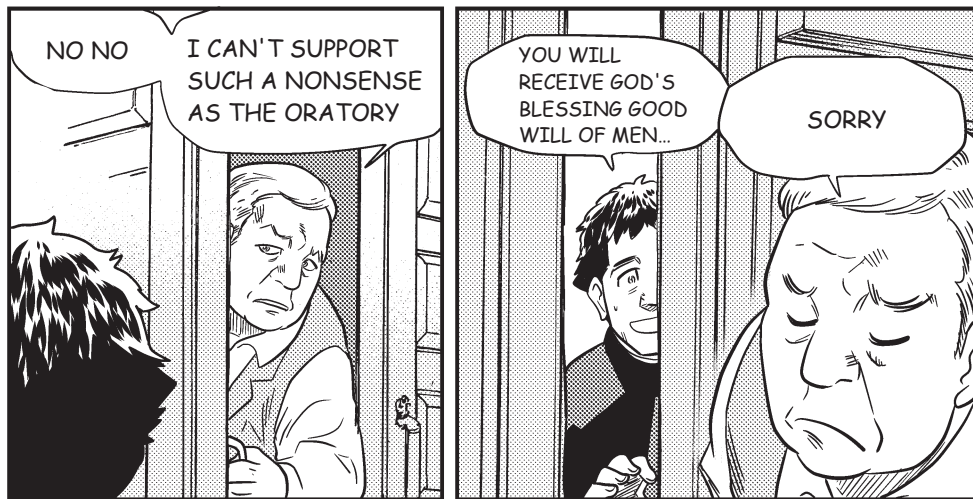


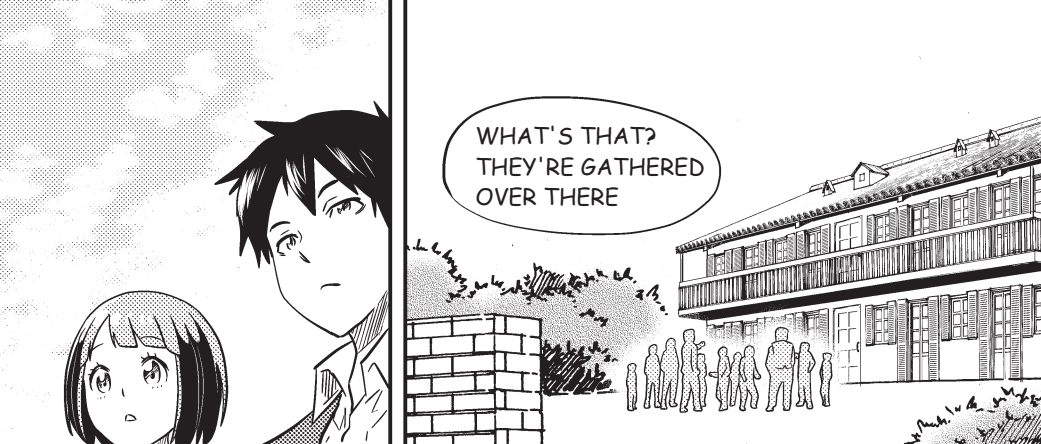
THEY'RE JUST KIDS
AFTER ALL



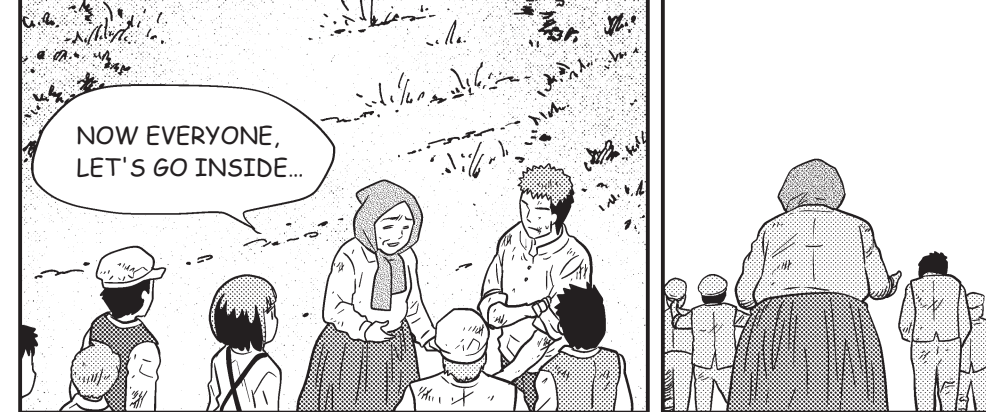
MAMMA!
COME
QUICK!



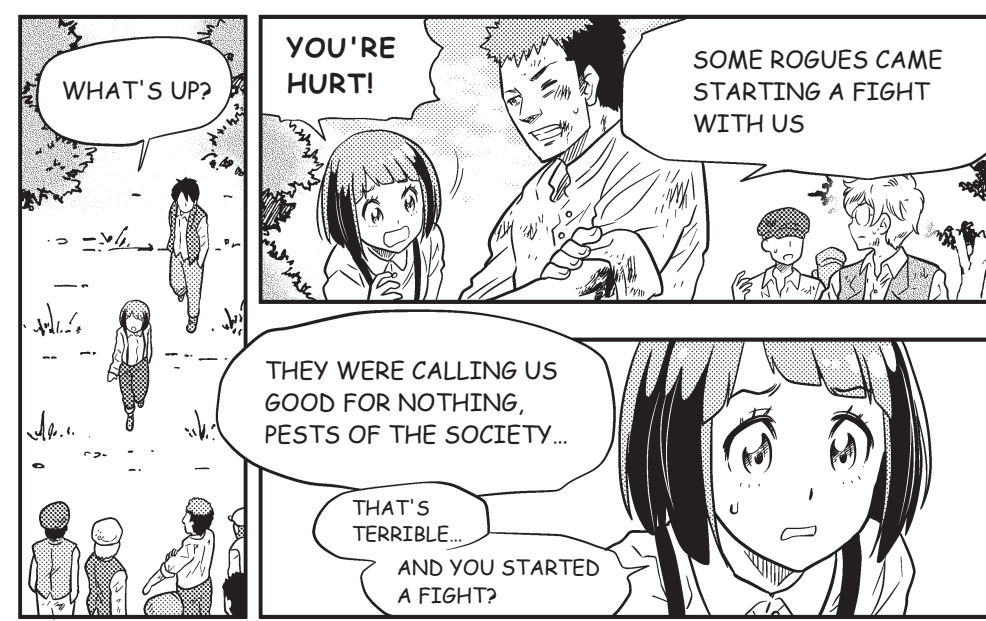




WHAT'S THAT?
THEY'RE GATHERED
OVER THERE



NOW EVERYONE,
LET'S GO INSIDE...



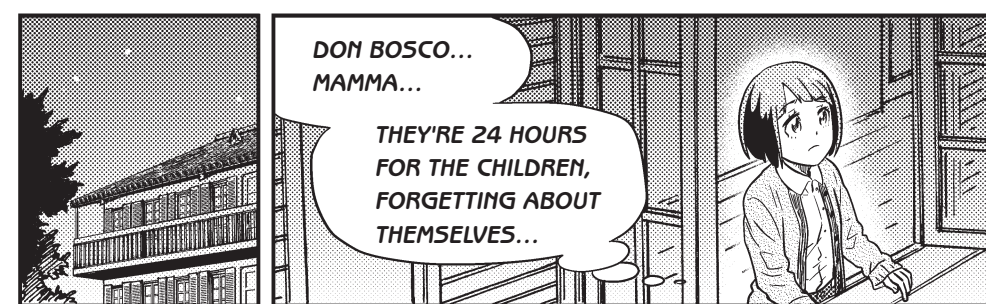
WHAT'S UP?

YOU'RE
HURT!

SOME ROGUES CAME
STARTING A FIGHT
WITH US

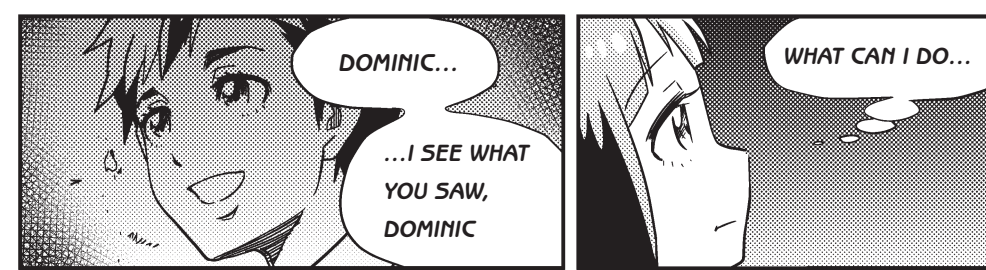
THEY WERE CALLING US
GOOD FOR NOTHING,
PESTS OF THE SOCIETY...

THAT'S
TERRIBLE...
AND YOU STARTED
A FIGHT?



DON BOSCO...
MAMMA...

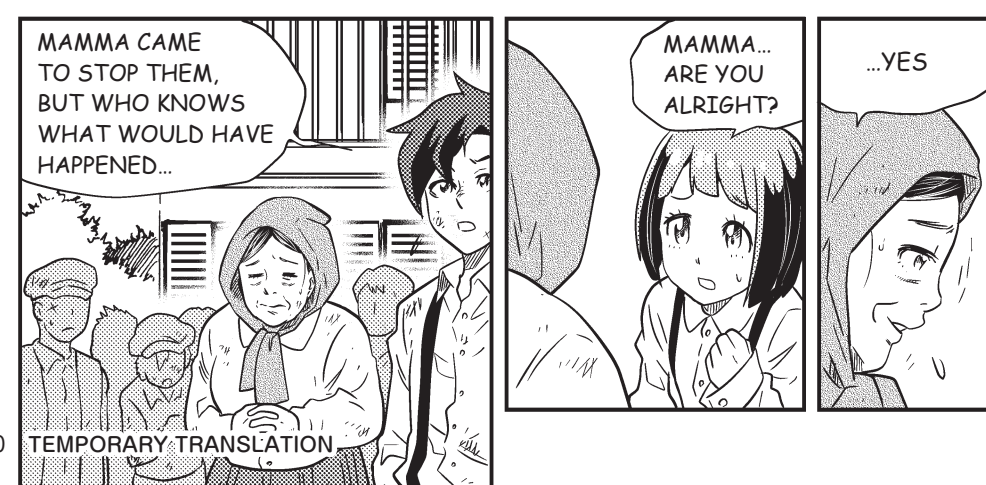
THEY'RE 24 HOURS
FOR THE CHILDREN,
FORGETTING ABOUT
THEMSELVES...



DOMINIC...

...I SEE WHAT
YOU SAW,
DOMINIC

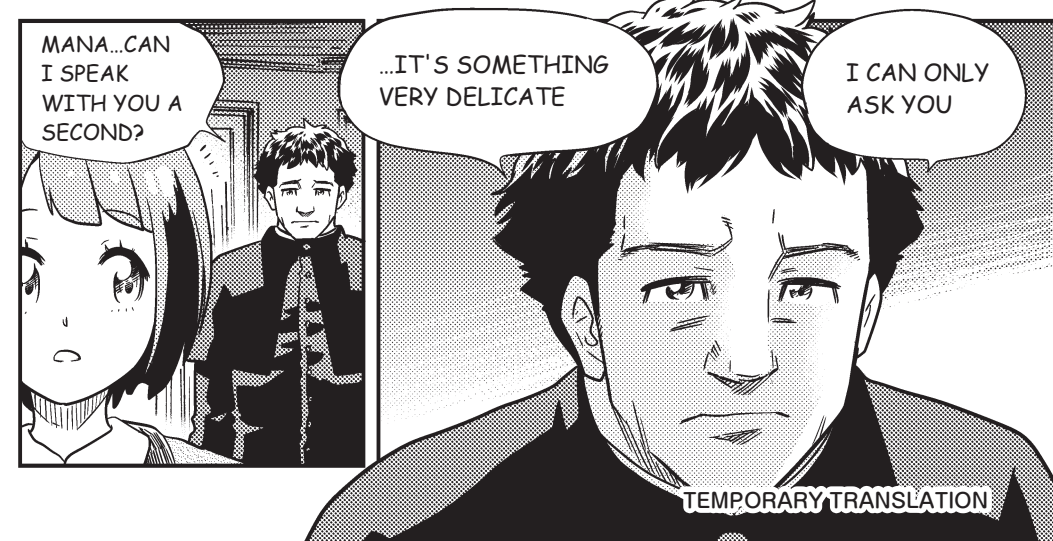
WHAT CAN I DO...



MAMMA CAME
TO STOP THEM,
BUT WHO KNOWS
WHAT WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED...

MAMMA...
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

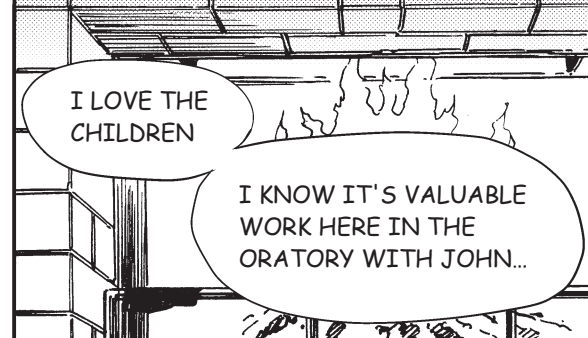
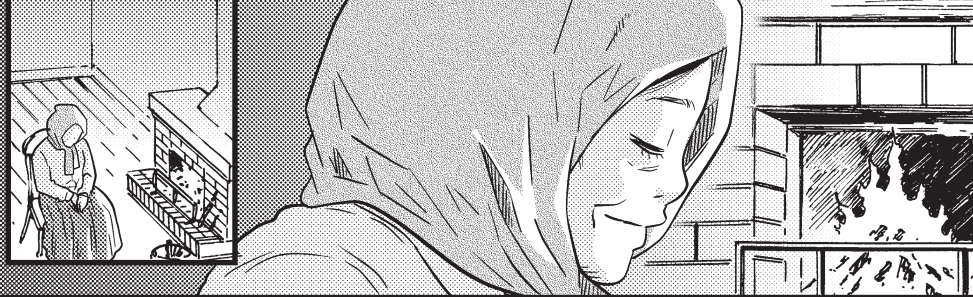
...YES



MANA...CAN
I SPEAK
WITH YOU A
SECOND?

...IT'S SOMETHING
VERY DELICATE

I CAN ONLY
ASK YOU



I LOVE THE CHILDREN

I KNOW IT'S VALUABLE WORK HERE IN THE ORATORY WITH JOHN...



BUT...IT SEEMS TOO MUCH FOR ME



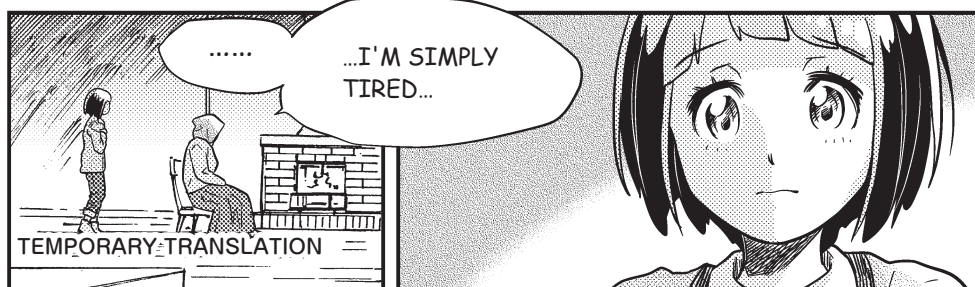
MAMMA...!



THAT YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO BECCHI...



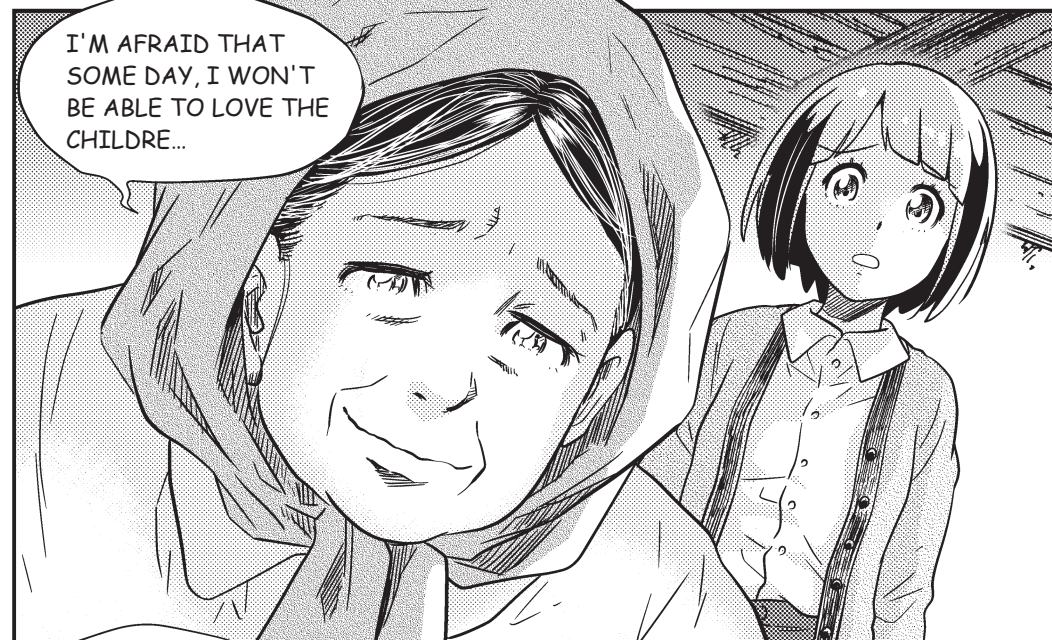
I HEARD FROM DON BOSCO...



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...I'M SIMPLY TIRED...



IF I GO ON...

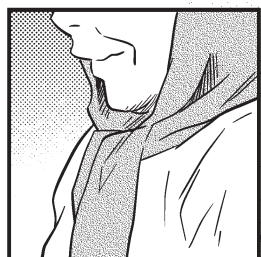
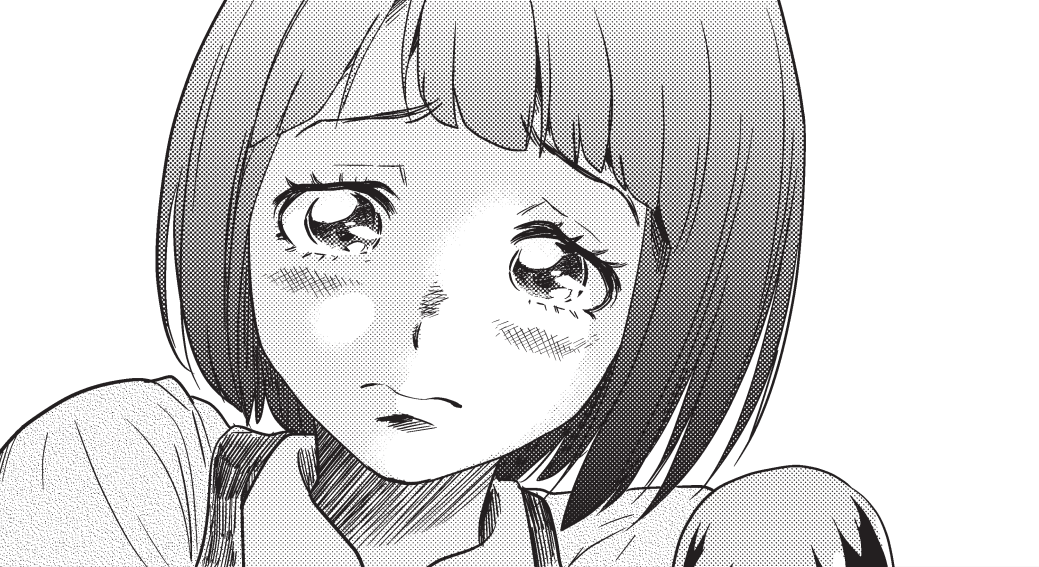


I'M AFRAID THAT SOME DAY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LOVE THE CHILDRE...

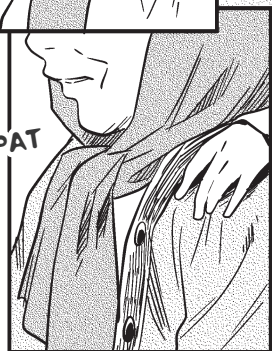


...I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN

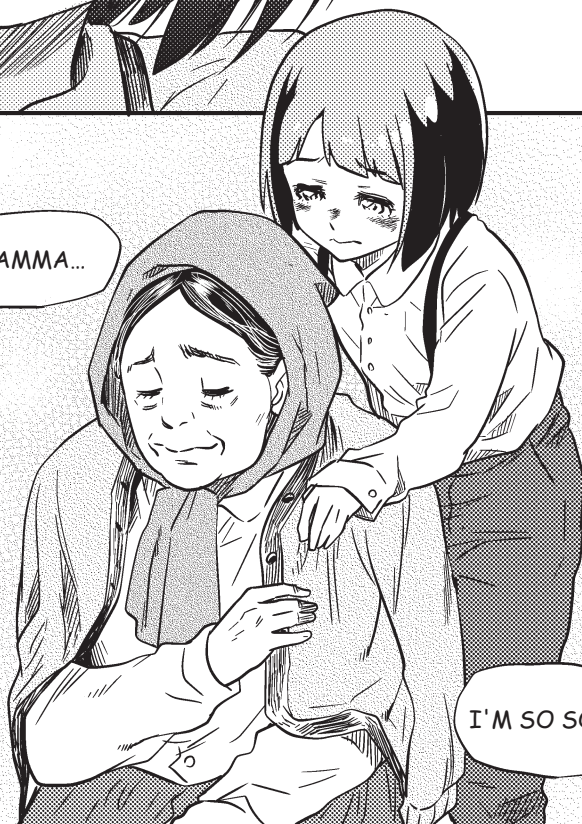
THAT'S WHY... YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO BECCHI...?



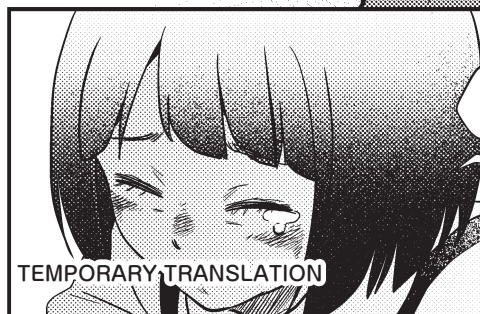
MAMMA...



PAT



I'M SO SORRY

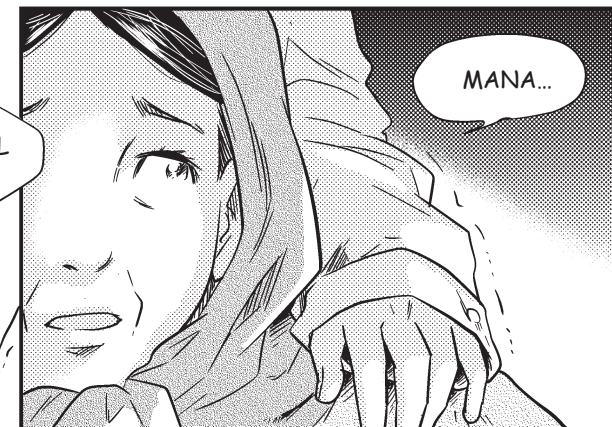


I DIDN'T KNOW ...

I'M SORRY...

I WILL...ALWAYS
BE CLOSE TO
YOU

NOT JUST ME, BUT ALL
THE OTHERS TOO...



MANA...

...DOMINIC, WHEN I WAS
FEELING SAD, HE PUT A COAT
ON MY SHOULDERS LIKE THIS...

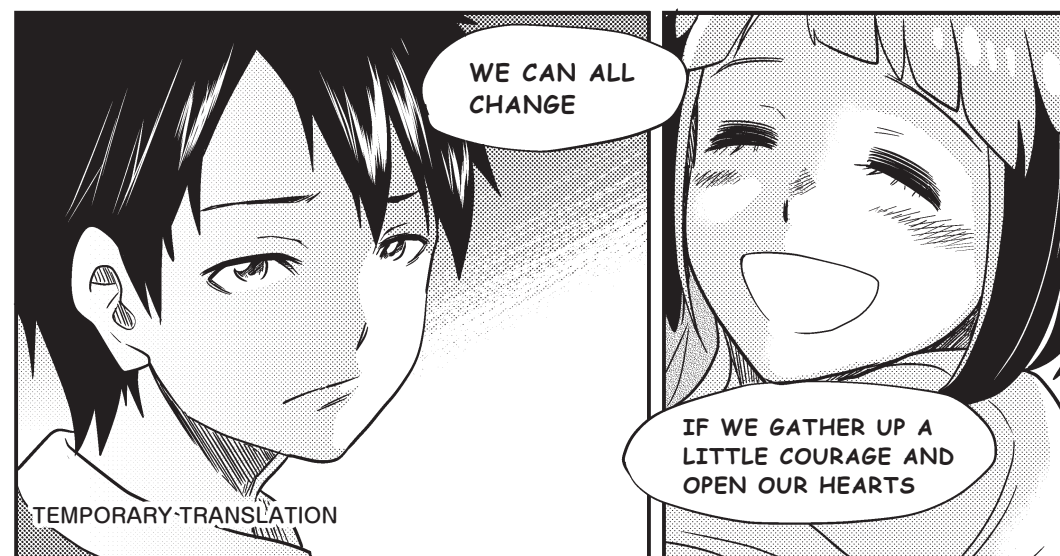
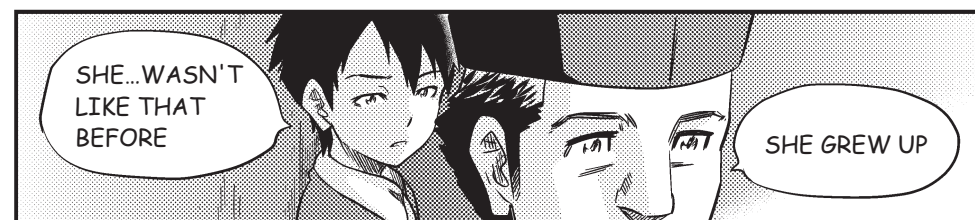
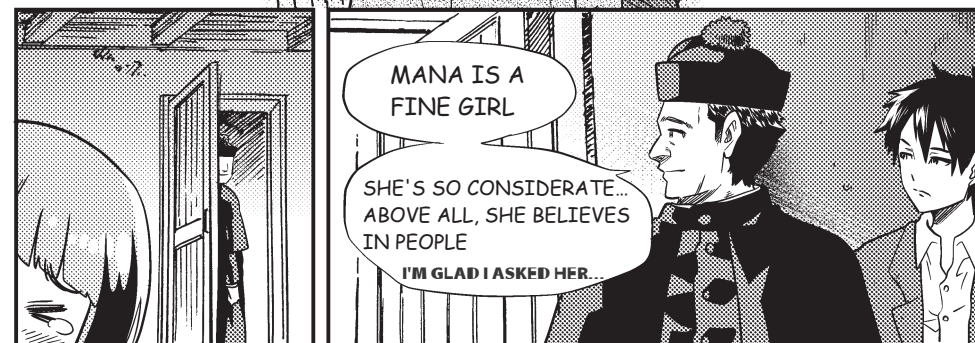
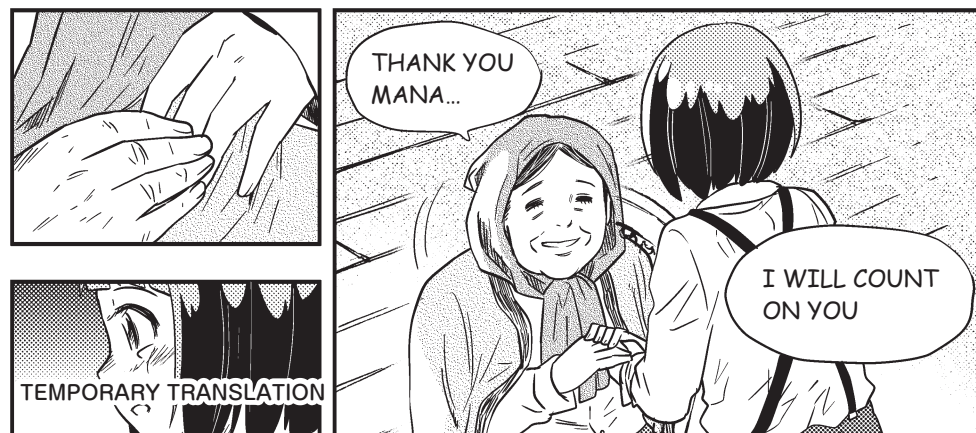
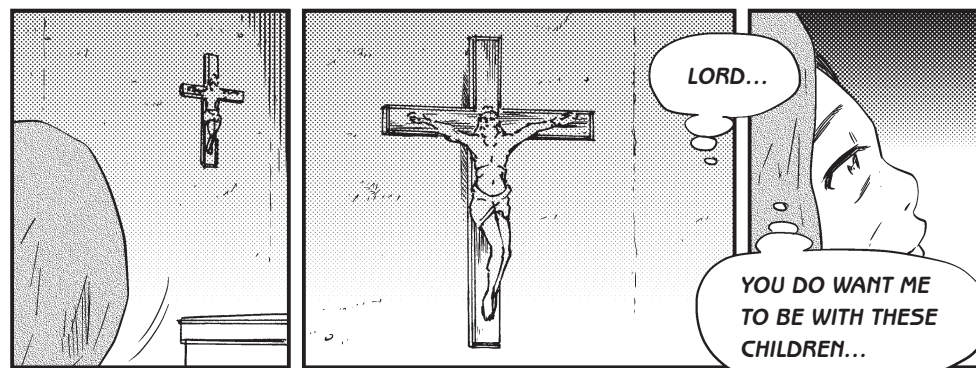
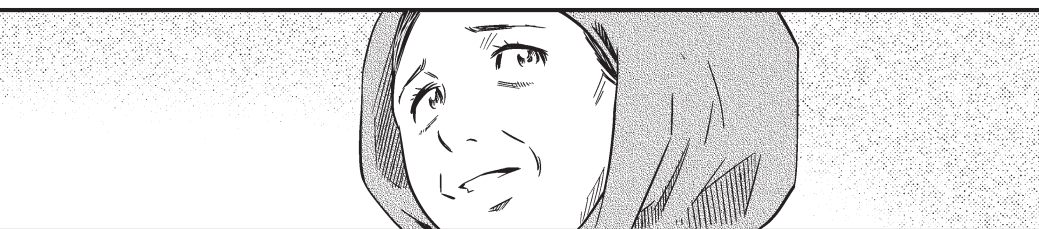
HE TAUGHT ME LOTS OF
THINGS

ABOUT SHARING JOYS AND
SORROWS

SO NOW...IT'S MY
TURN

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HOW DID CHRISTIANITY START?



DON BOSCO, EVERYONE AT THE ORATORY, AND FR. URATA, YOU TOO, YOU'RE ALL CHRISTIANS



YES. WE BELIEVE IN CHRIST



WHO WAS CHRIST THEN?



"CHRIST" IS NOT A NAME, IT'S A TITLE. JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN IN TODAY'S ISRAEL 2000 YEARS AGO. HE WAS A CARPENTER UNTIL HE WAS 30 YEARS OLD, AND STARTED TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF GOD, PROCLAIMING THAT "GOD'S KINGDOM IS AT HAND". EVENTUALLY, THE LEADERS OF JUDAISM CAME TO SEE HIM AS A THREAT AND THEY HAD HIM CRUCIFIED...BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WAS RESURRECTED 3 DAYS LATER. CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, THE SAVIOUR.



SO JESUS IS REALLY AMAZING



OF COURSE, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?



HAHA. WHAT ABOUT MARY?



MARY IS JESUS' MOTHER. ONE DAY, AN ANGEL CAME TO TELL HER SHE WOULD BE THE SAVIOUR'S MOTHER. SHE ACCEPTED AND BECAME THE BLESSED MOTHER OF JESUS. WE CAN ALSO SAY SHE WAS THE MOST FAITHFUL DISCIPLE OF HER SON. THAT'S WHY SHE IS CALLED THE MOTHER OF ALL WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS.



CHRIST HAD DISCIPLES, BUT WHO WERE THEY?



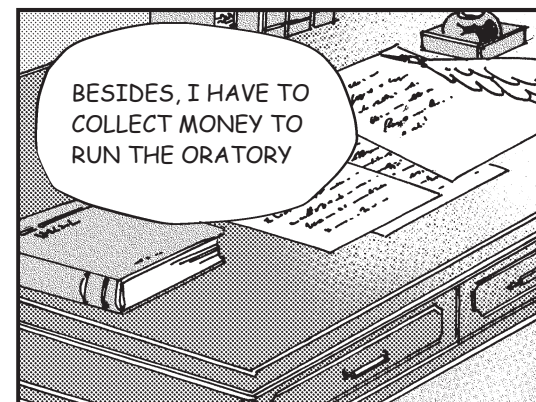
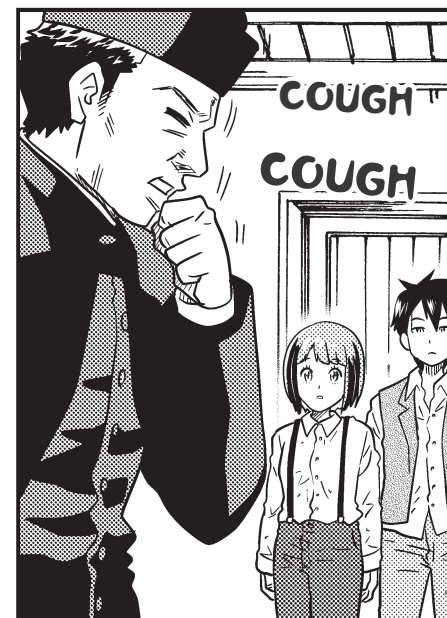
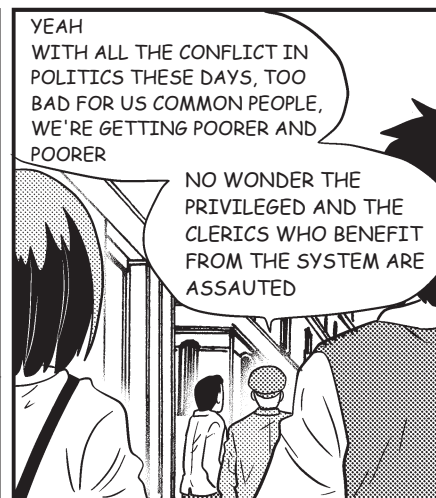
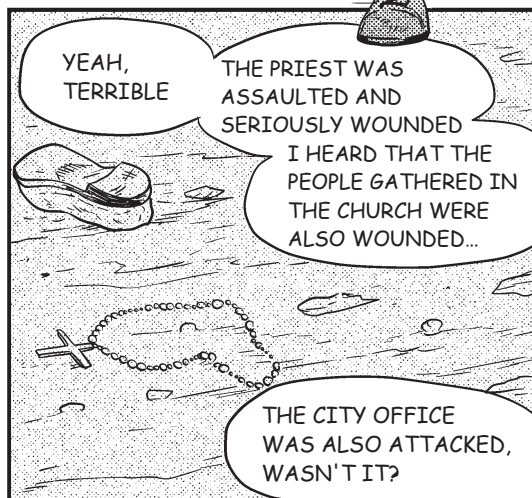
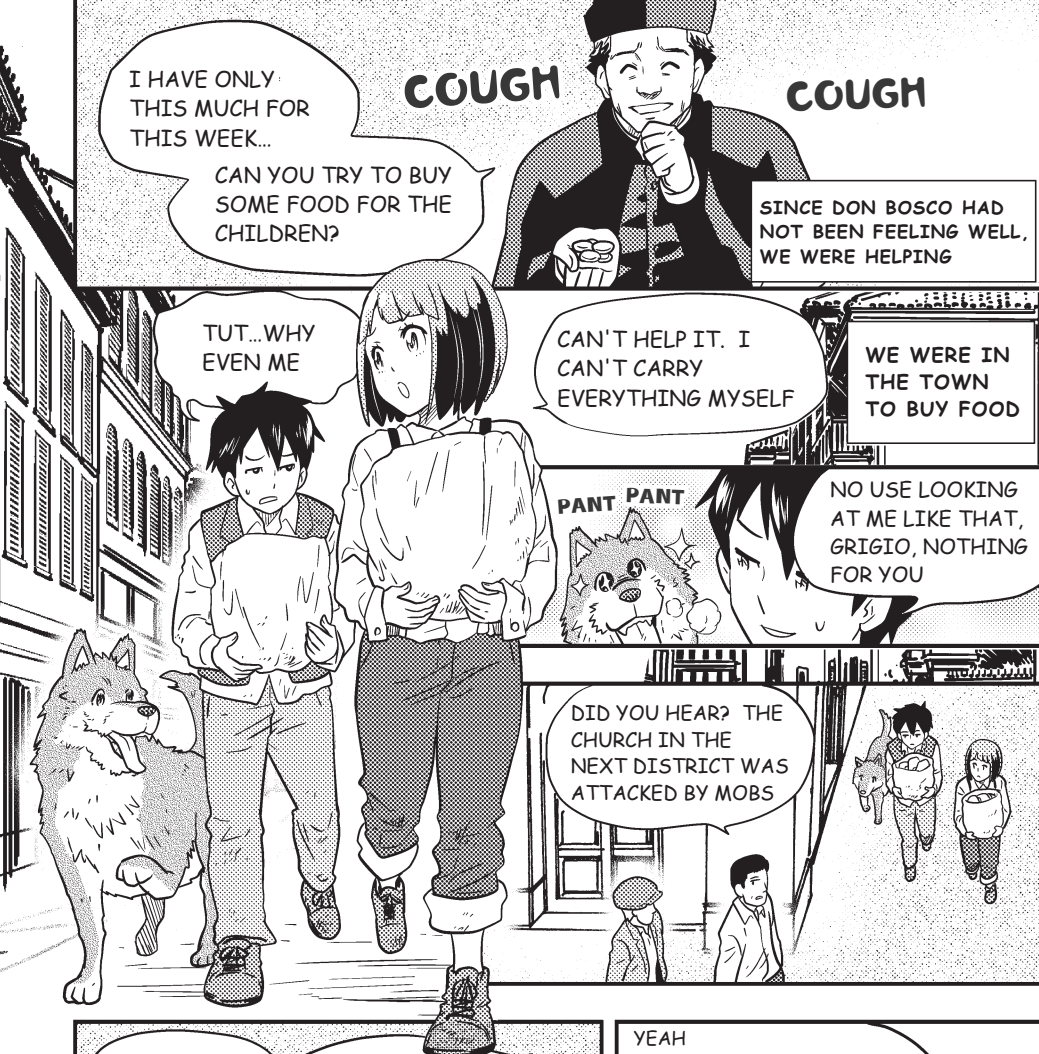
HE HAD MANY DISCIPLES, BUT THE CORE MEMBERS WERE FISHERMEN. THERE WERE OTHERS WITH VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS. TAX COLLECTORS AND OTHERS...NOT PEOPLE WITH FINE STATUS, BUT RATHER UNLEARNED OR THOSE WITH LOWER STATUS, THESE PEOPLE BECAME THE MAIN GROUP OF JESUS' DISCIPLES

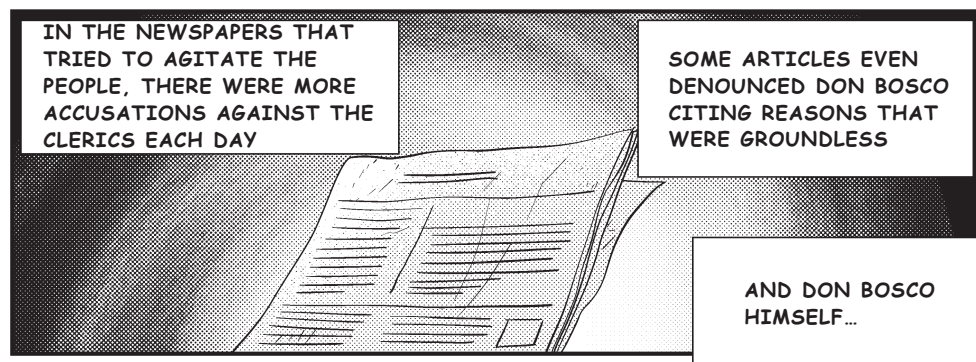
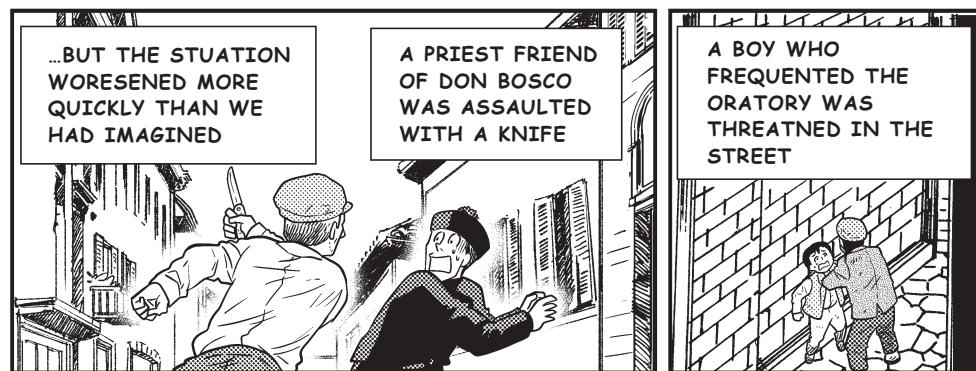
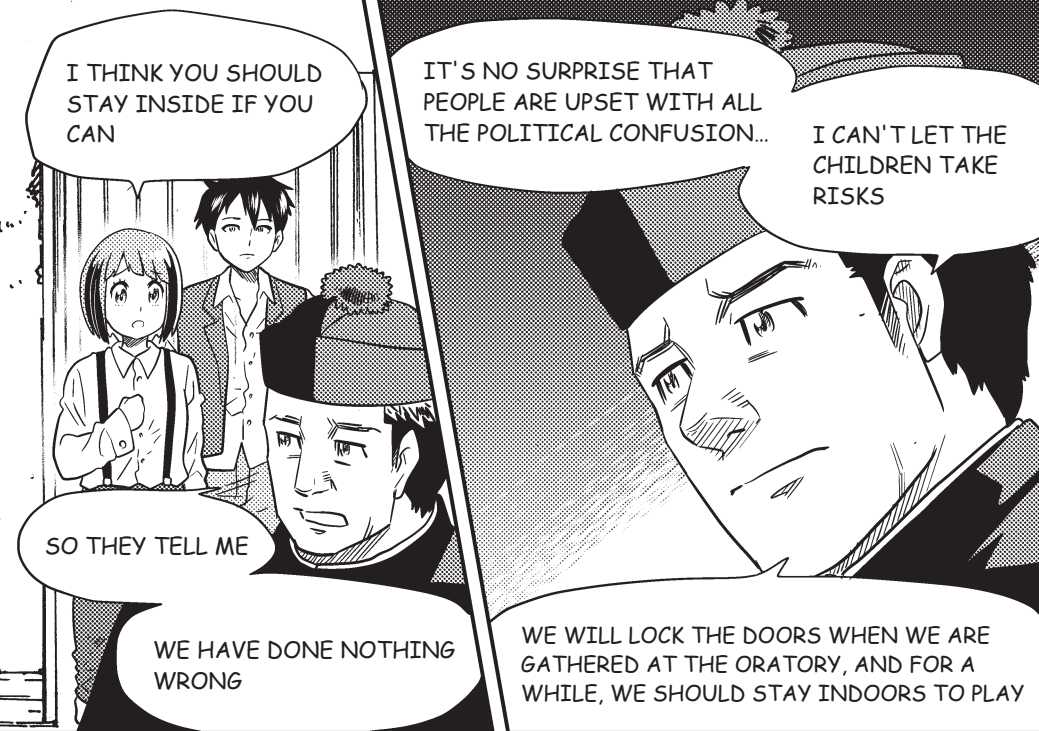


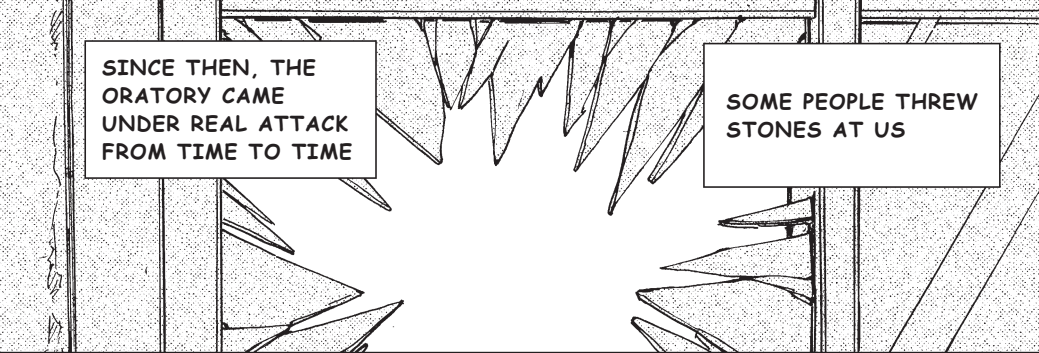
SO THERE WERE REALLY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE THAT GATHERED AROUND CHRIST!

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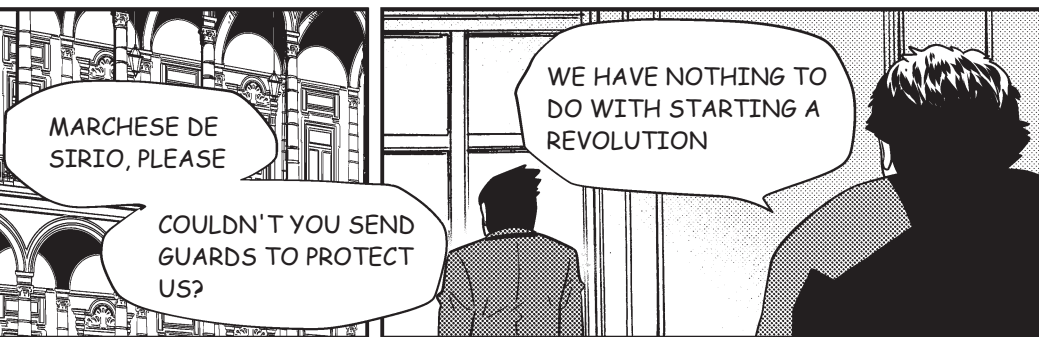






SINCE THEN, THE ORATORY CAME UNDER REAL ATTACK FROM TIME TO TIME

SOME PEOPLE THREW STONES AT US



MARCHESE DE SIRIO, PLEASE

WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH STARTING A REVOLUTION

COULDN'T YOU SEND GUARDS TO PROTECT US?



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT



I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, I DON'T WANT TO PERMIT YOU TO GATHER AT THE ORATORY

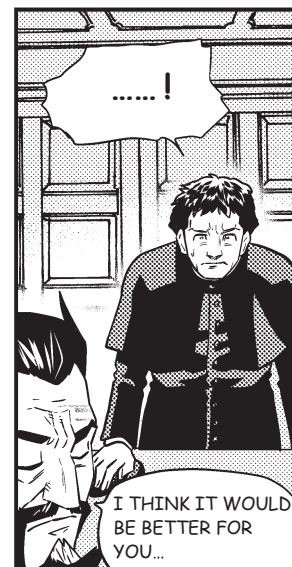
OUR GATHERING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS!

EVEN SO...THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T BELIEVE THAT

LET ALONE GUARD IT...

I'M TELLING YOU...!

STILL NOW, WE RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE ORATORY!

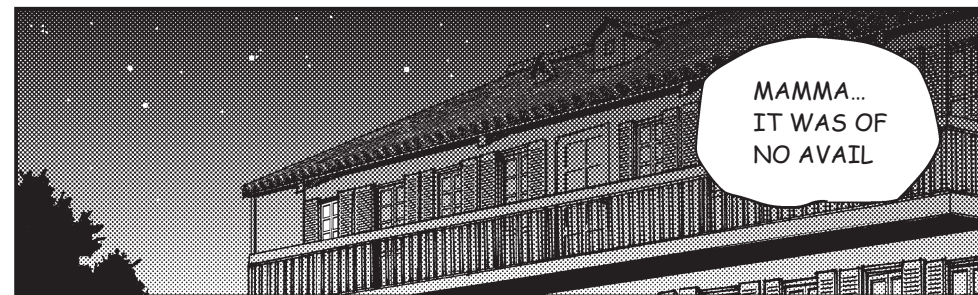


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I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU...



TO KEEP QUIET AND DISBAND THE ORATORY



MAMMA... IT WAS OF NO AVAIL



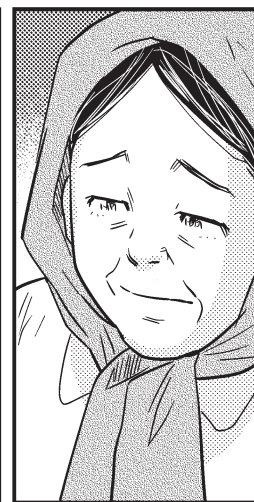
WAS IT SO...

COUGH COUGH

THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE COMPLAINTS...



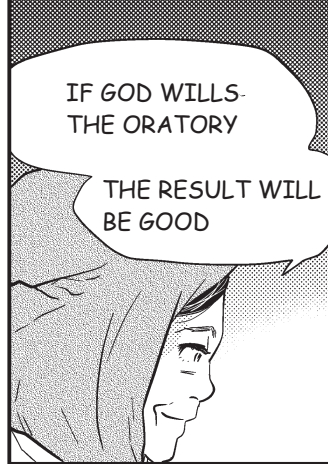
WHY DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND?





JOHN

COUGH
COUGH



IF GOD WILLS
THE ORATORY

THE RESULT WILL
BE GOOD



LET'S PUT OUR
TRUST IN GOD
AND PRAY

CONTRARY TO THEIR
HOPES...

THE SITUATION
STILL GOT WORSE

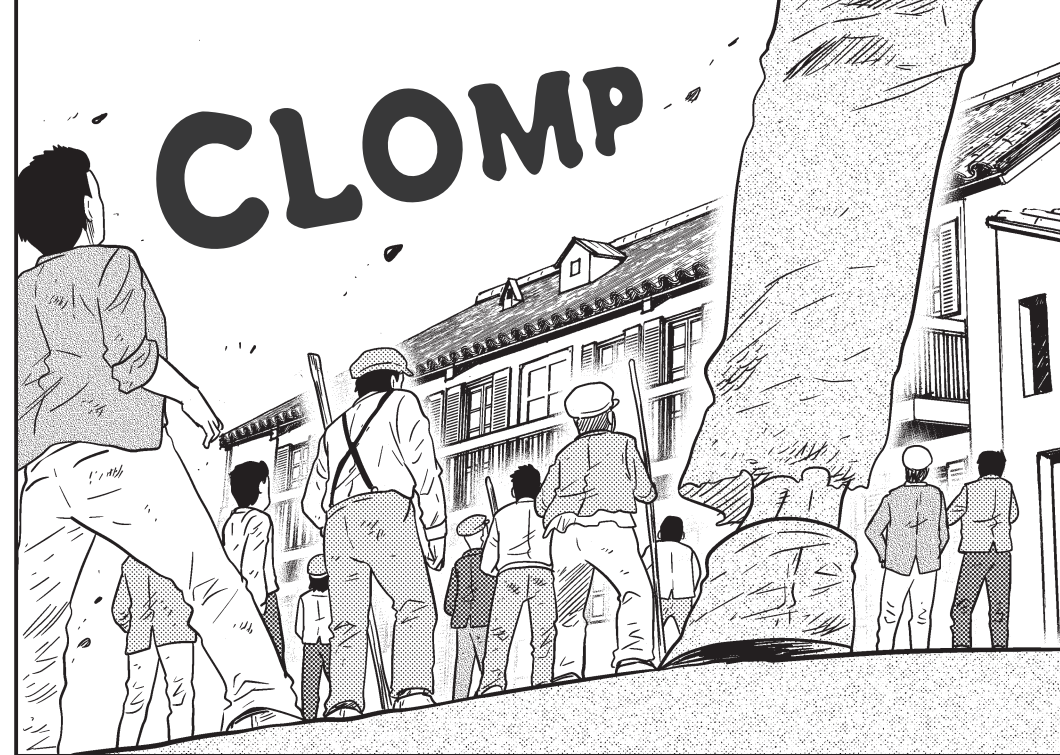


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OH-OH...

SO MANY OF
THEM!

WHY! WE
HAVEN'T
DONE
NOTHIN'

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DON BOSCO!!

WE WON'T TOLERATE
CLERICS LEADING EASY
LIVES, PROTECTED
BY THE PRIVILEGED!

THIS ORATORY! YOU'RE
TRYING TO CREATE DISORDER,
GATHERING YOUTH LIKE THIS!

WHAT
NONSENSE...

WE FIGHT FOR
JUSTICE! COME
OUT HERE!

WHAT JUSTICE.
ARE THEY
KIDDING

DON BOSCO, YOU
DON'T NEED TO
GO OUT

WE WILL TAKE
CARE OF THEM
SO THEY'LL
NEVER BLURT
OUT SUCH
NONSENSE

RIGHT
CHARLES?

YEAH...NOW'S
THE TIME TO
PAY BACK...

FELLAS, YOU'LL
JOIN THE
FIGHT, RIGHT?

WE WERE SAVED
IN THE ORATORY

NOW'S THE TIME
FOR US TO DEFEND
DON BOSCO

...WHAT ARE
WE GOING TO
DO...

THIS IS
GETTING
SERIOUS...

WAIT A
MINUTE

WE HAVE SMALL
CHILDREN HERE

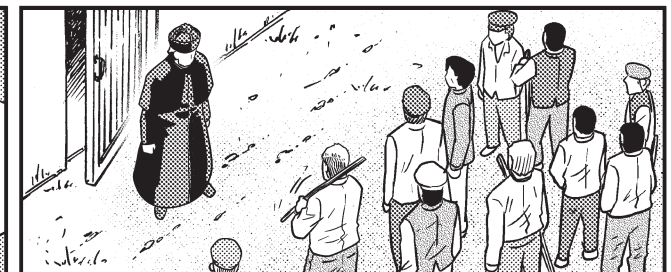
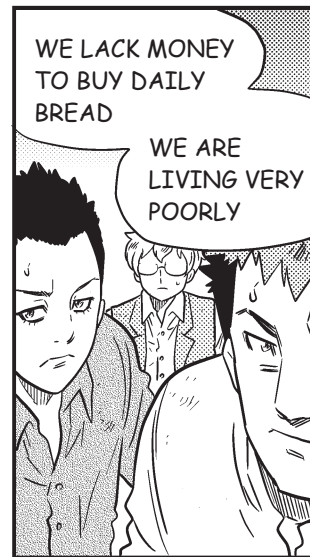
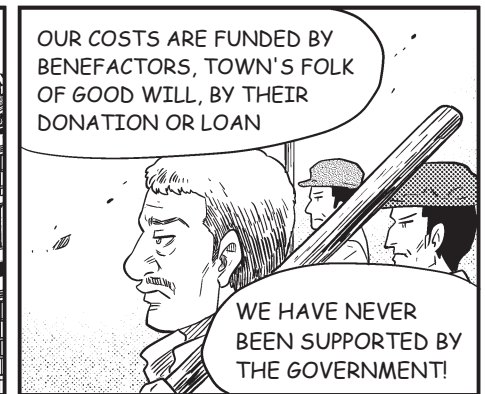
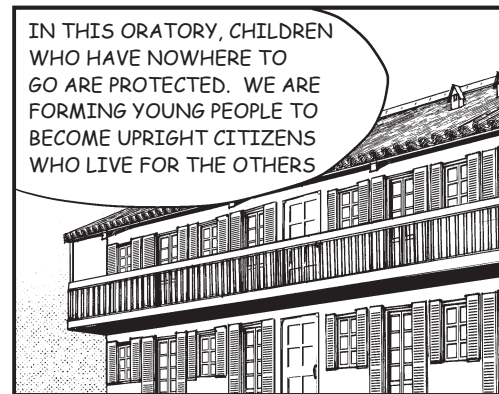
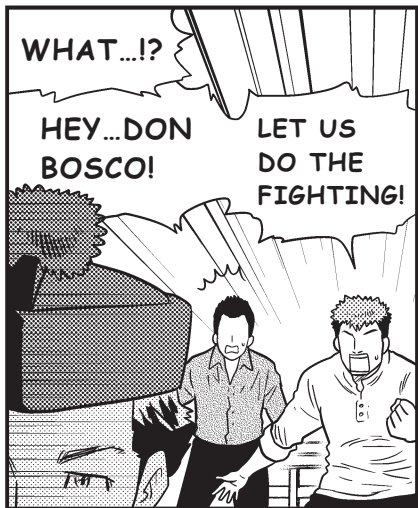
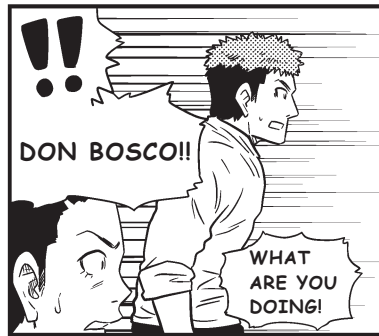
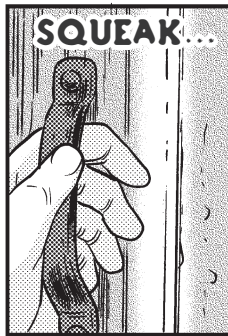
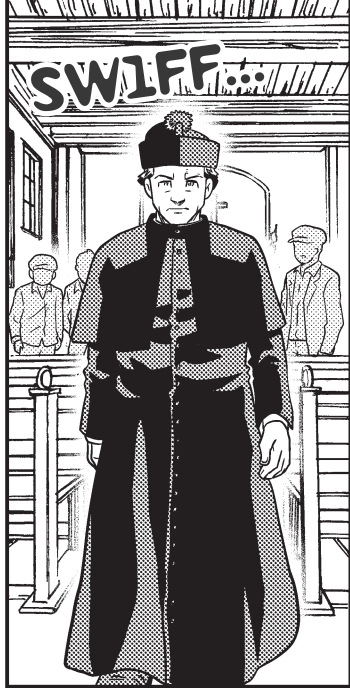
I'M
AGAINST
FIGHTING

THOSE WHO CAN
WILL FIGHT,
THEN

THEY'VE BEEN
BULLYING US...
WE WON'T
TOLERATE
THIS

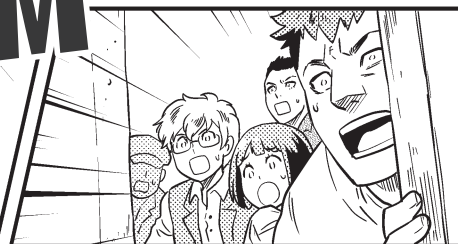
JOHN

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HOW CAN
WE BELIEVE
YOU!

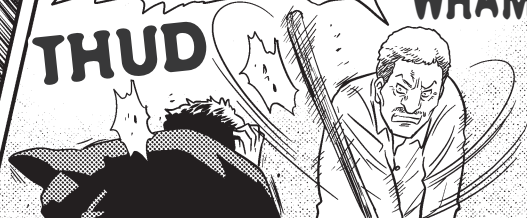
WHAM



WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN
LIED TO BY THE BIG
GUYS!

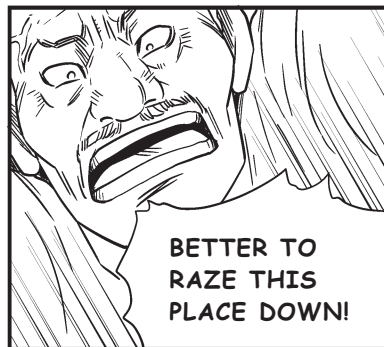
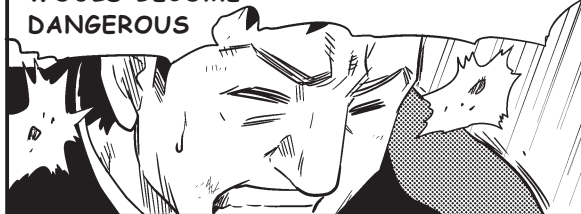
THUD

WHAM



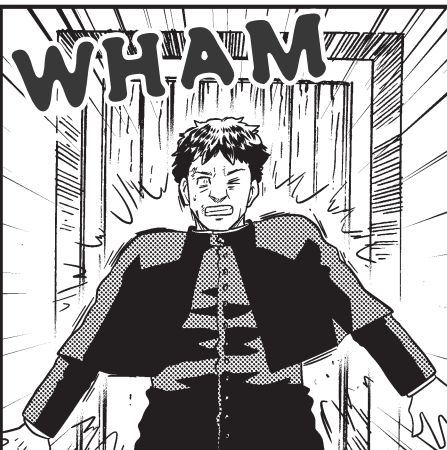
THERE'S NO
KNOWING WHEN
THESE KIDS
WOULD BECOME
DANGEROUS

BEING FILLED UP
WITH STRANGE
IDEAS HERE!



BETTER TO
RAZE THIS
PLACE DOWN!

DRAG OUT
THE KIDS
INSIDE!



WHAM



THUMP

DON BOSCO!!

DON'T YOU
COME OUT!



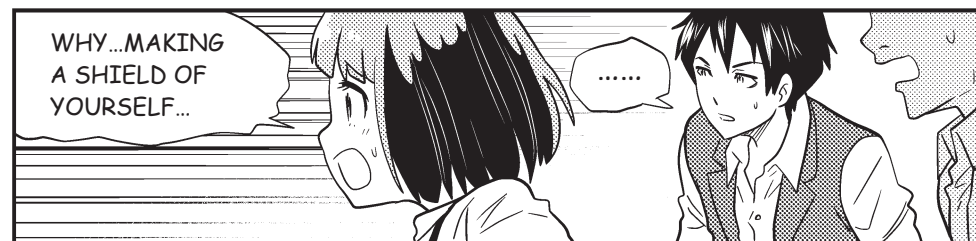
OPEN THE
DOOR!



GIOVANNI!

DON BOSCO!!

WHY...MAKING
A SHIELD OF
YOURSELF...

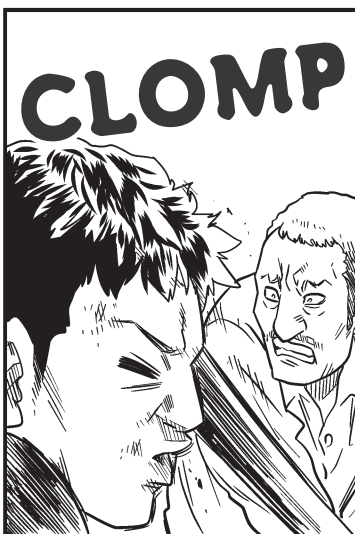


WHY DO YOU
GO SO FAR?

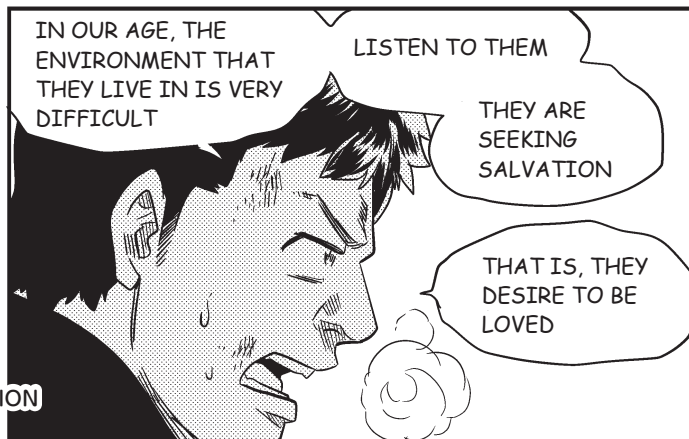
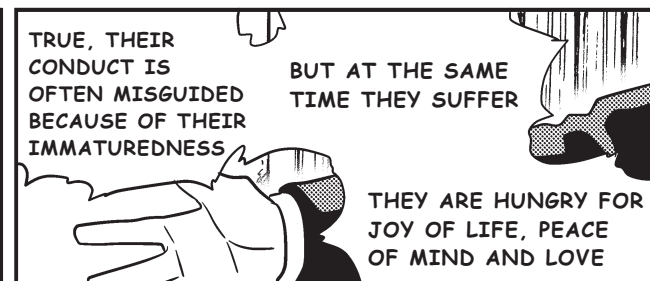
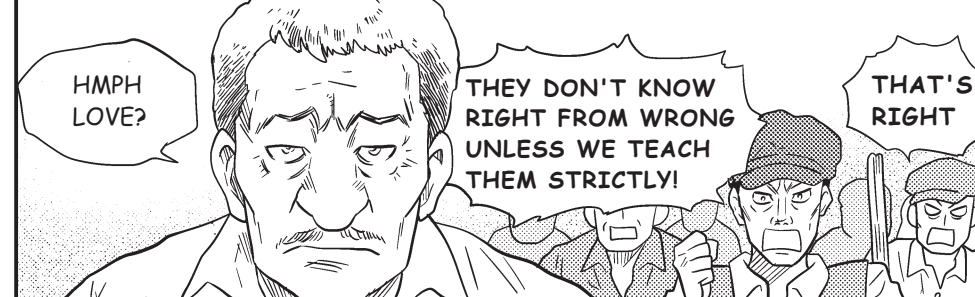
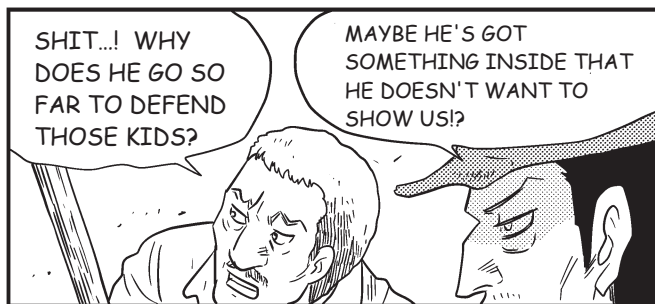


DON BOSCO...
YOU...

ARE YOU TRYING
TO LOOK LIKE A
HERO?

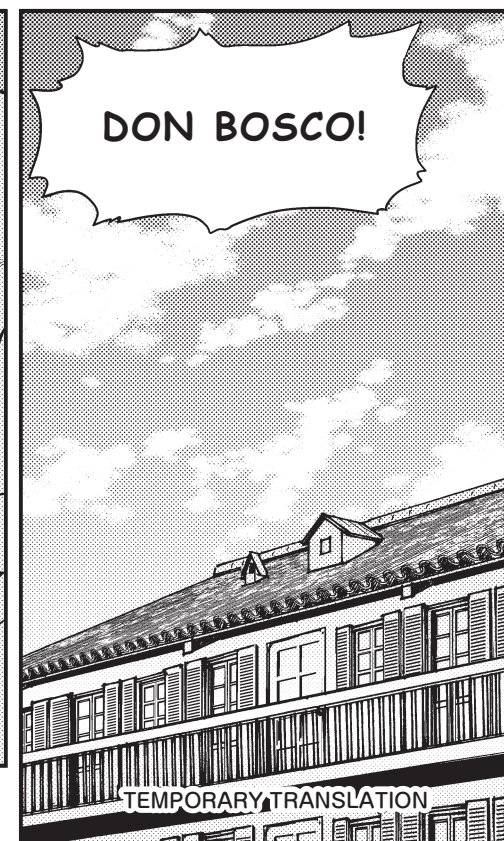
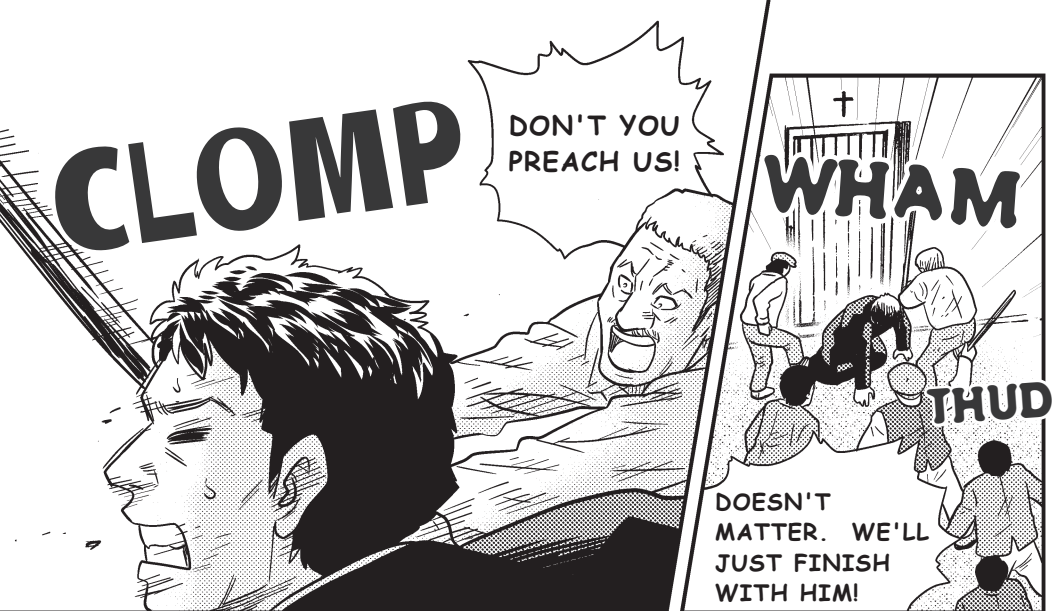


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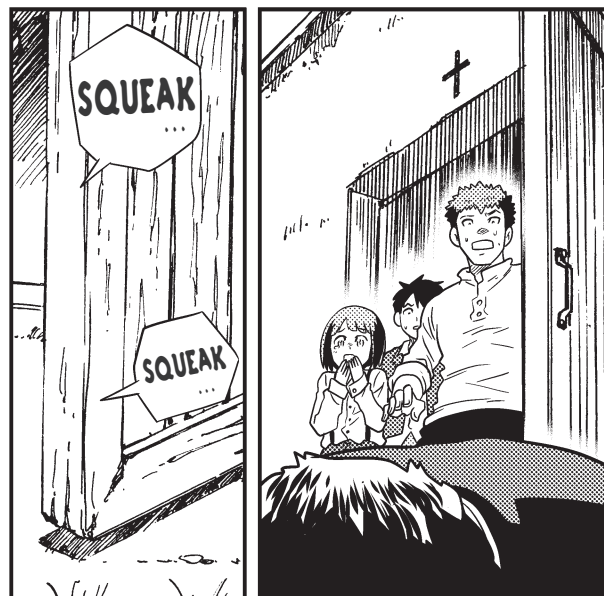
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MOMENTS
LATER...

THE MOB WENT
AWAY



HOW DO CHRISTIANS LEAD THEIR LIFE?



TELL US MORE ABOUT "CHRISTIANITY"!



CHRISTIANITY IS A RELIGION IN WHICH PEOPLE BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOUR. MORE THAN 2 BILLION PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE CHRISTIANS



HOW ABOUT IN JAPAN?



IN JAPAN TODAY, ABOUT 1 MILLION PEOPLE, 0.8 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION ARE CHRISTIANS



WHAT IS THE "CHRISTIAN TEACHING"? ARE THERE RULES TO FOLLOW?



THERE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE PREFERABLE TO FOLLOW, SUCH AS PRAYING, READING THE BIBLE, OBSERVING SUNDAY AS A HOLY DAY. BUT JESUS SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT IS "TO LOVE GOD AND TO LOVE OTHERS".



I'M WONDERING, HOW DO YOU PRAY?



THERE ARE CERTAIN PRAYERS, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO OFFER THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE TO GOD AND TO BE DEEPLY UNITED WITH GOD. SO IT'S ALRIGHT TO PRAY SPONTANIOUSLY. "THE LORD'S PRAYER" IS THE ONLY PRAYER GIVEN US BY JESUS.



FR. URATA, WHAT IS YOUR LIFE LIKE?



I BELONG TO A RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION CALLED SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY DON BOSCO IN 1859. A RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION IS A CATHOLIC INSTITUTION IN WHICH THE MEMBERS LIVE IN COMMUNITY. WE SALESIANS PARTICULARLY WORK FOR "THE POOREST YOUTH" IN PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL WORKS



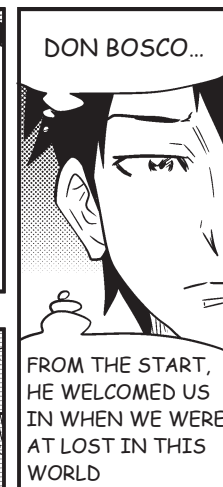
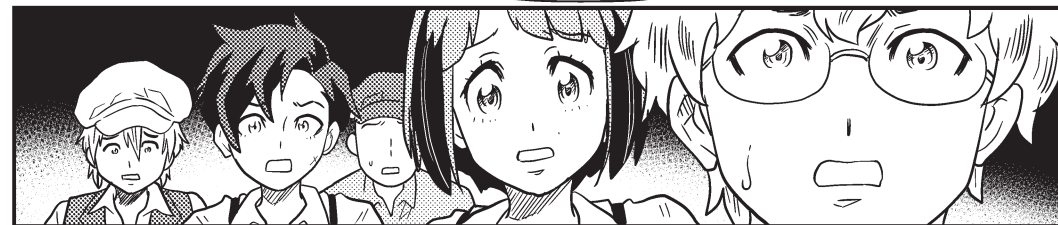
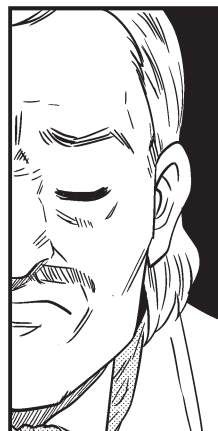
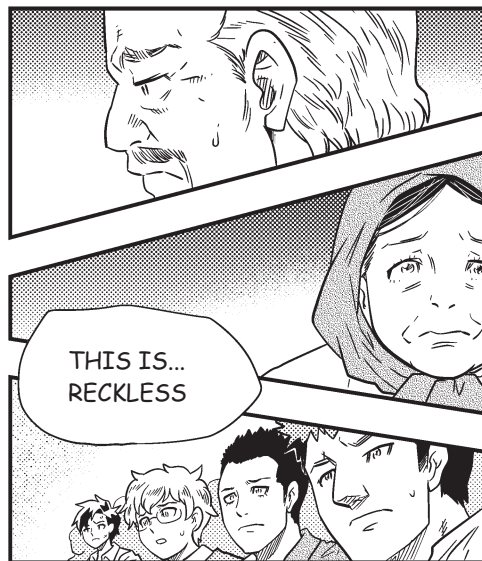
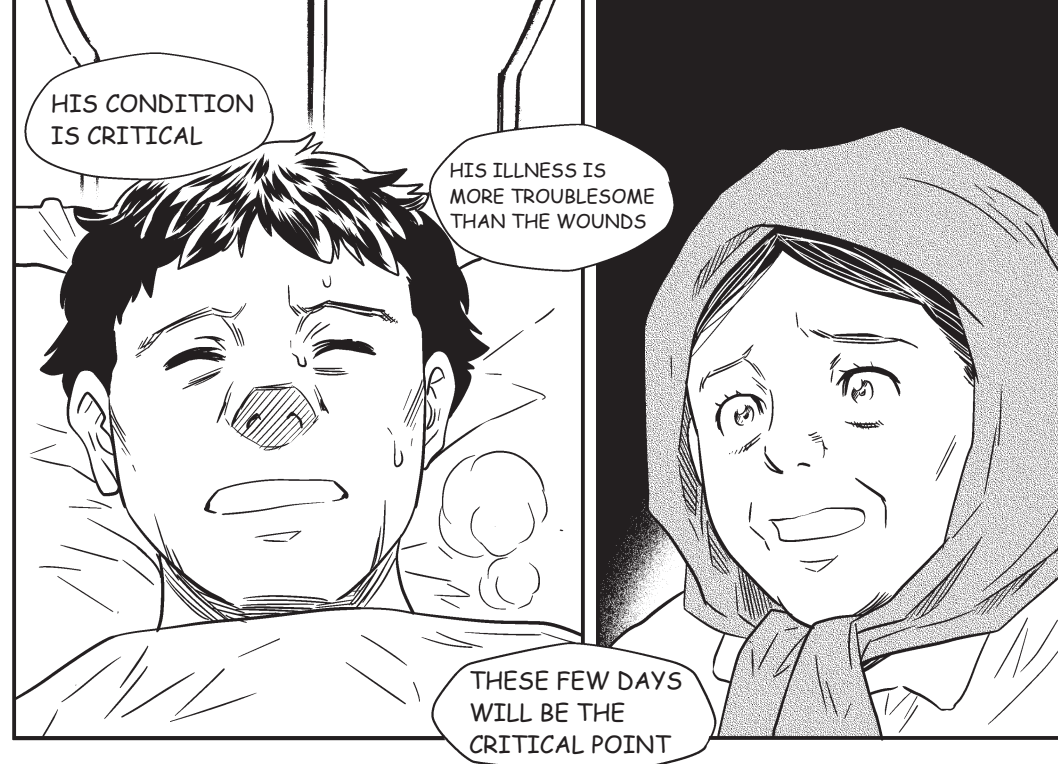
THANK YOU, FR. URATA, FOR ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS!



IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, ASK ME ANY TIME!

chapter 9

PRAYER





IF YOU'RE LOST, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO MY ORATORY?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

WE'RE FRIENDS

LET'S GO TOGETHER TO SERVE IN LOVE!

I UNDERSTOOD HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE A REAL FRIEND

AND...WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS MAN, DON BOSCO

CORAGGIO!! (COURAGE)

I'LL BE WITH YOU TOO

I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE ADULTS WHO WILL PUT TRUST IN THEM!

HERE IS YOUR ORATORY!



THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR AGE TOO, WHO HAVE THE SAME THINGS TO SAY AS DON BOSCO

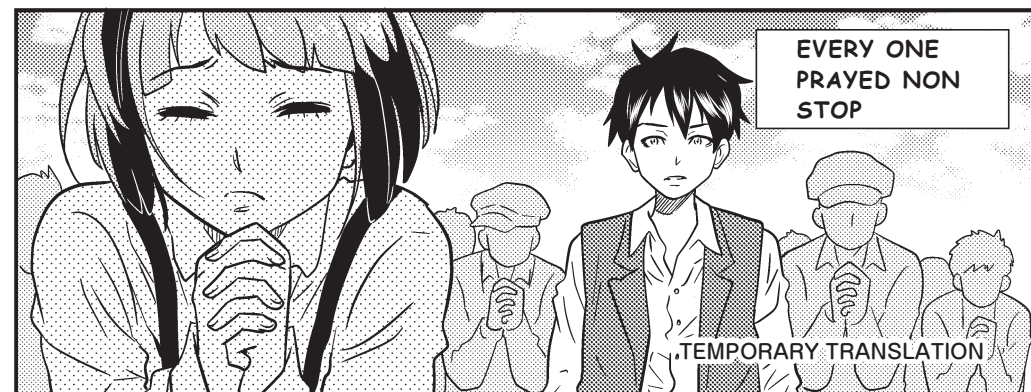
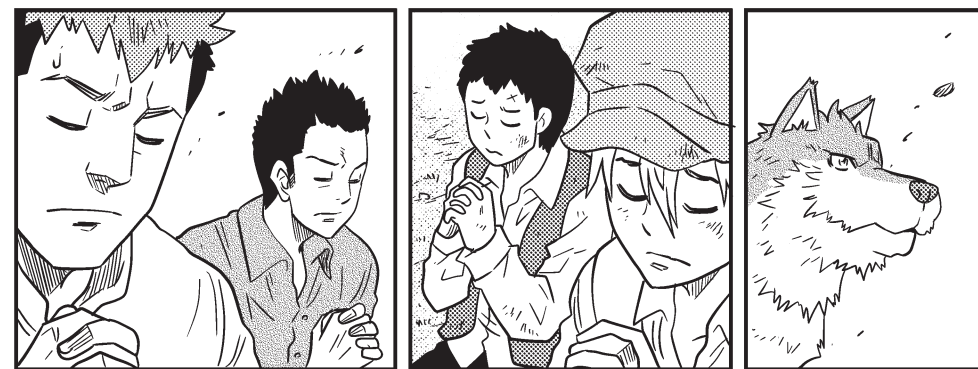
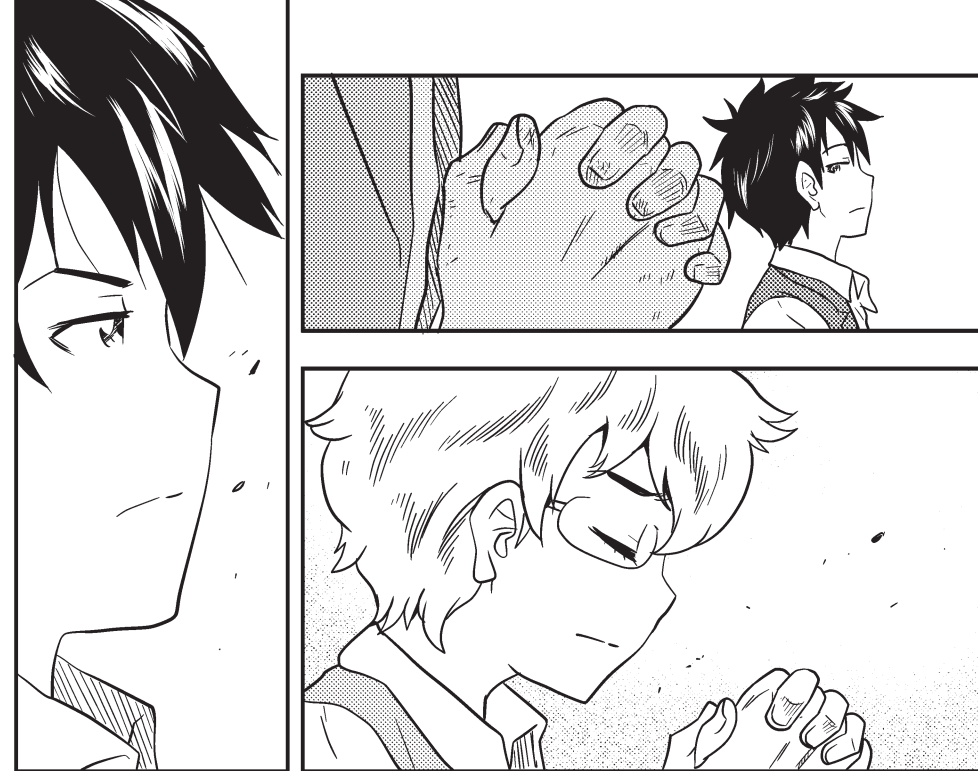
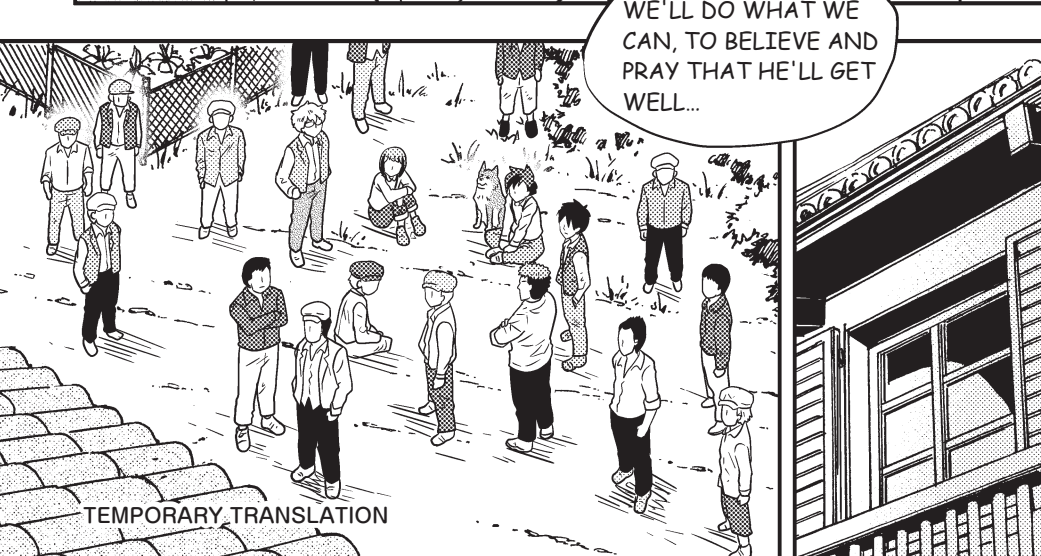
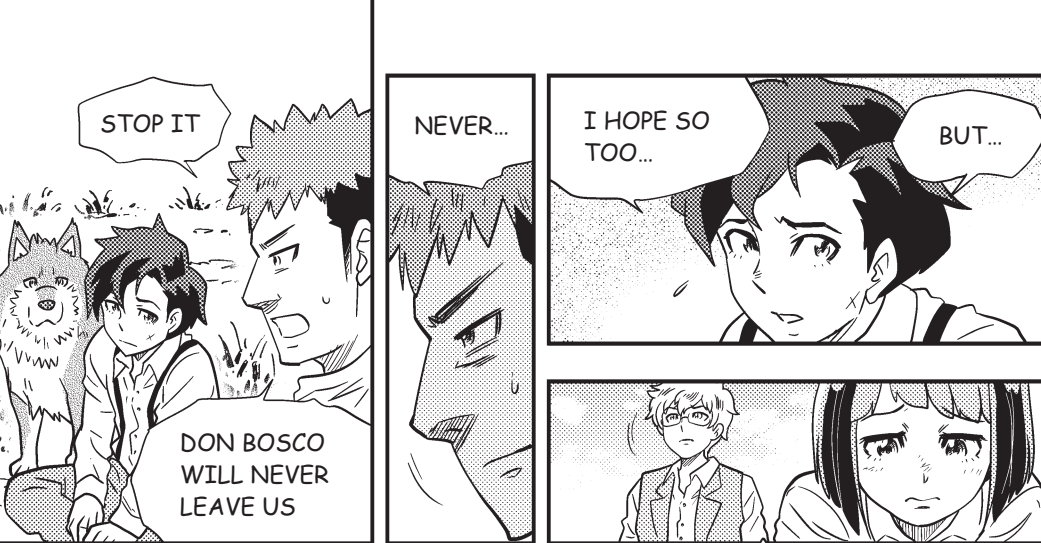
BUT...HOW MANY OF THEM WOULD SACRIFICE THEMSELVES

AND LIVE FOR OTHERS LIKE HIM?

...THE ORATORY

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO IT?...

IF IT LOSES...DON BOSCO...

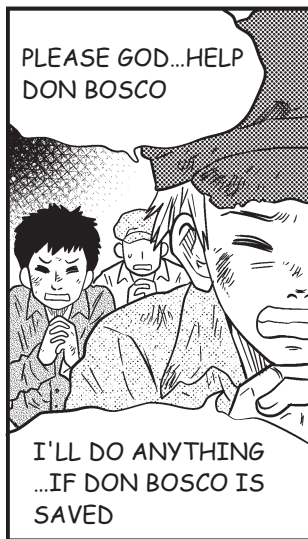




THE NEXT DAY

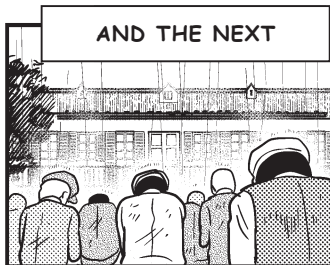


EVEN THE YOUNG
PEOPLE OF THE TOWN
WHO KNEW DON
BOSCO CAME, ONE
AFTER ANOTHER



PLEASE GOD...HELP
DON BOSCO

I'LL DO ANYTHING
...IF DON BOSCO IS
SAVED



AND THE NEXT



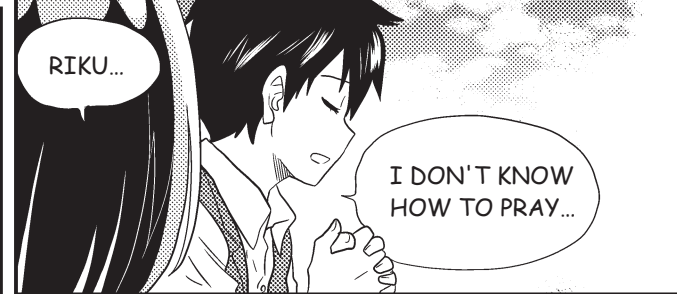
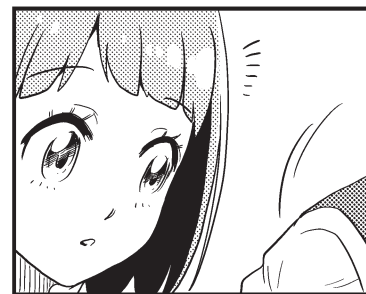
ONE BOY SAID THAT
HE WOULD ONLY TAKE
BREAD AND WATER FOR
THE REST OF HIS LIFE

ANOTHER BOY EVEN
VOWED HE WILL NOT
TAKE EVEN A DROP OF
WATER UNTIL DON
BOSCO RECOVERS



MANY YOUTH WHO
KNEW DON BOSCO

OFFERED THEIR
PRAYERS

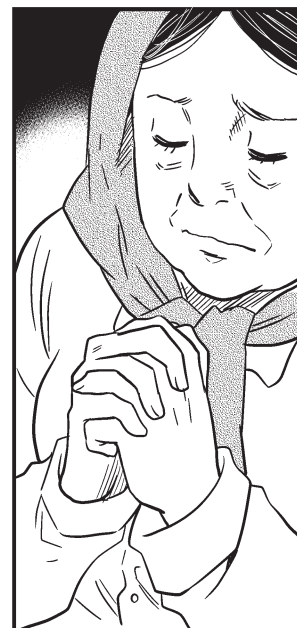


RIKU...

I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO PRAY...



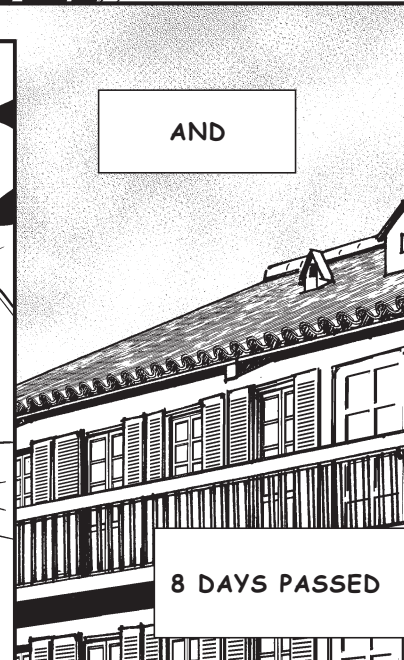
BUT HE WAS GOOD
TO ME, SO...



JOHN...

YOUR
CHILDREN...

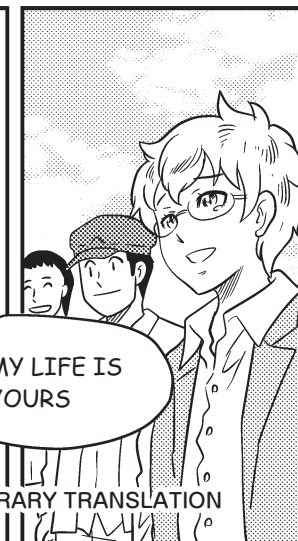
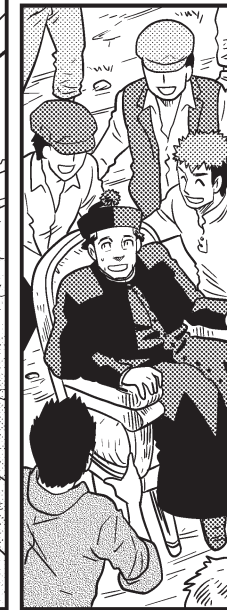
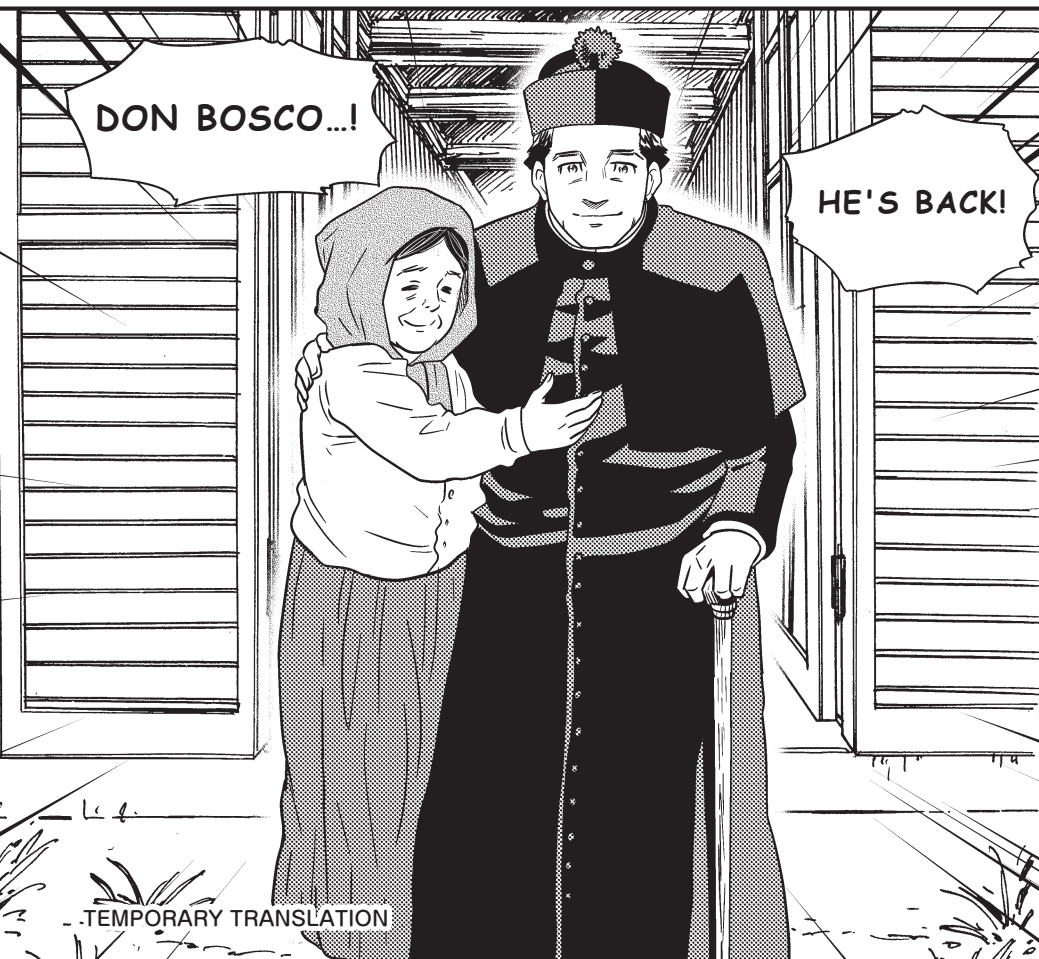
THEY'RE WAITING
FOR YOU



AND

8 DAYS PASSED

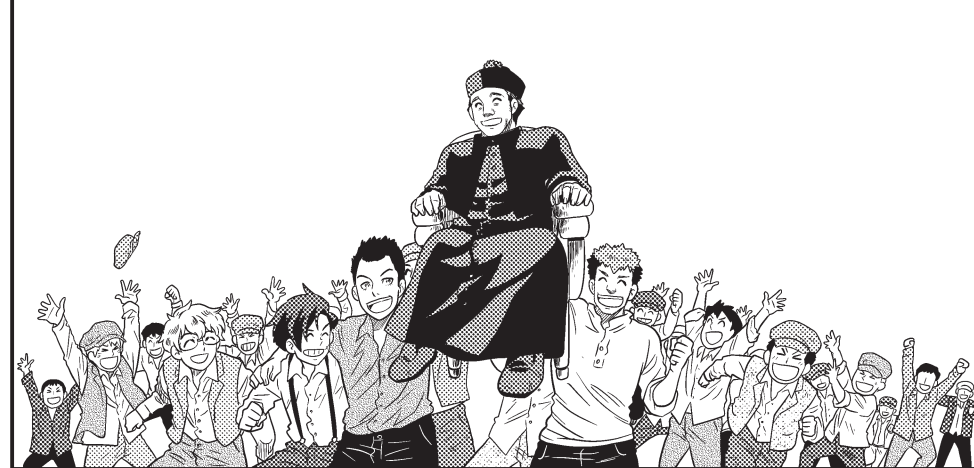
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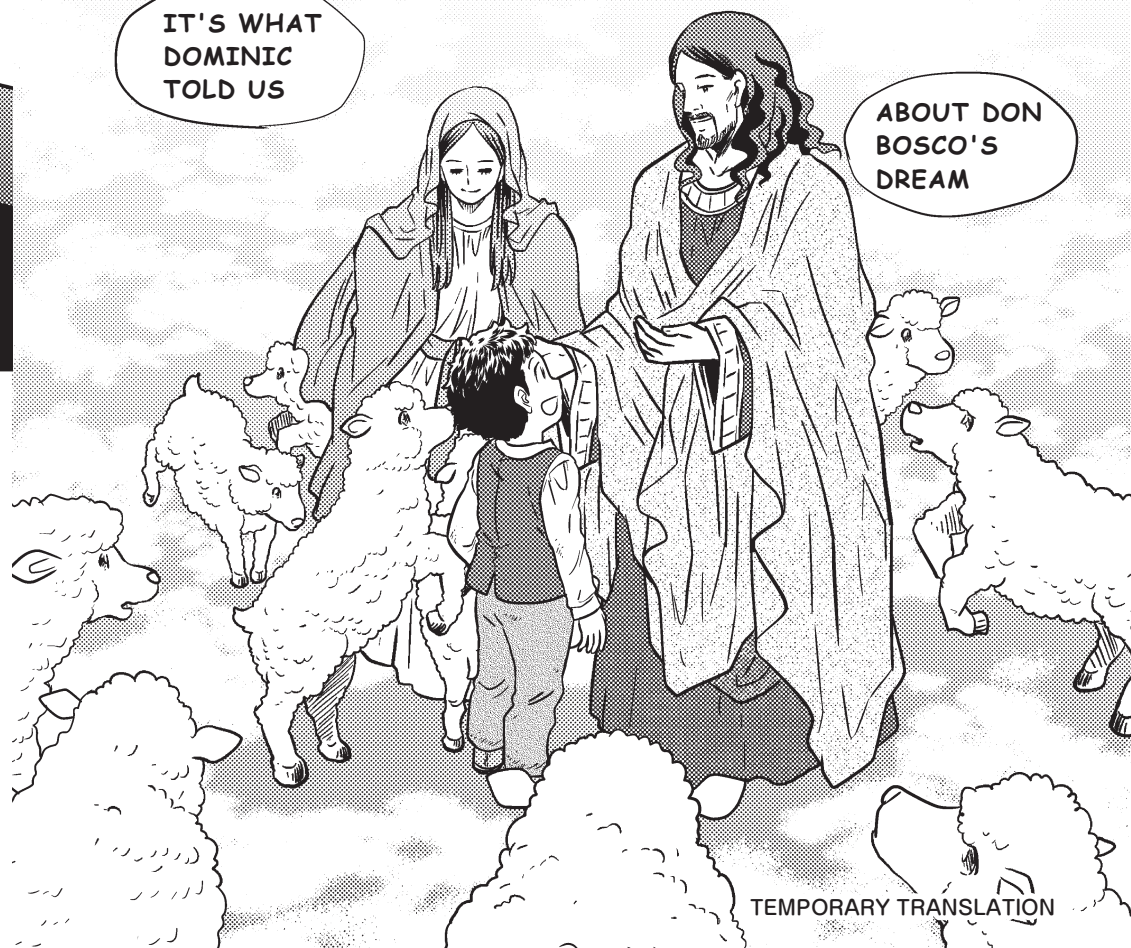
FROM NOW ON

I WILL SPEND
EVERY BIT OF MY
LIFE FOR YOU



IT'S WHAT
DOMINIC
TOLD US

ABOUT DON
BOSCO'S
DREAM



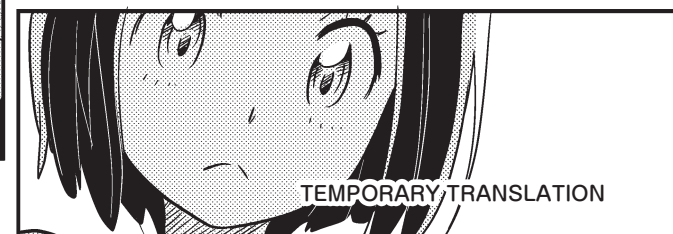
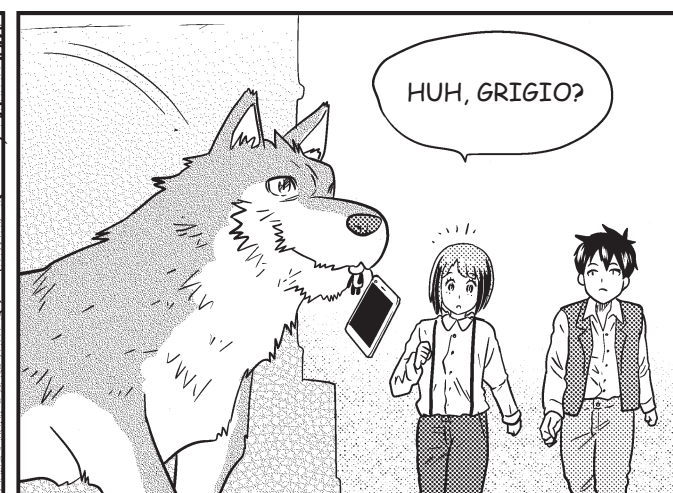
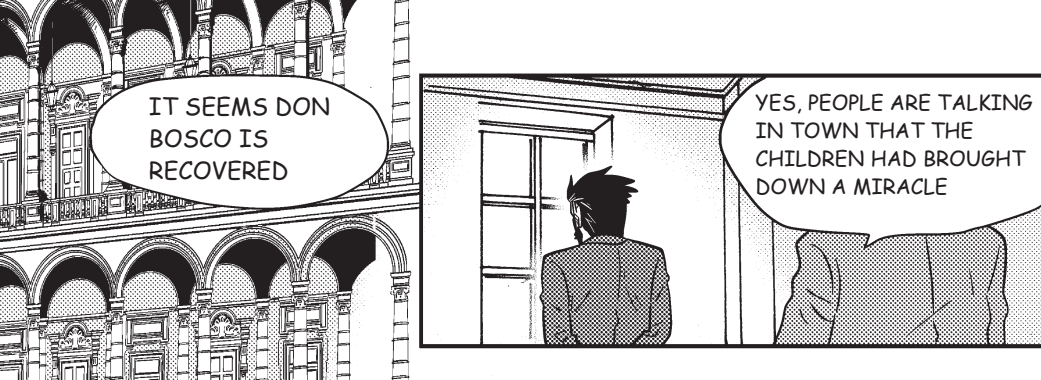
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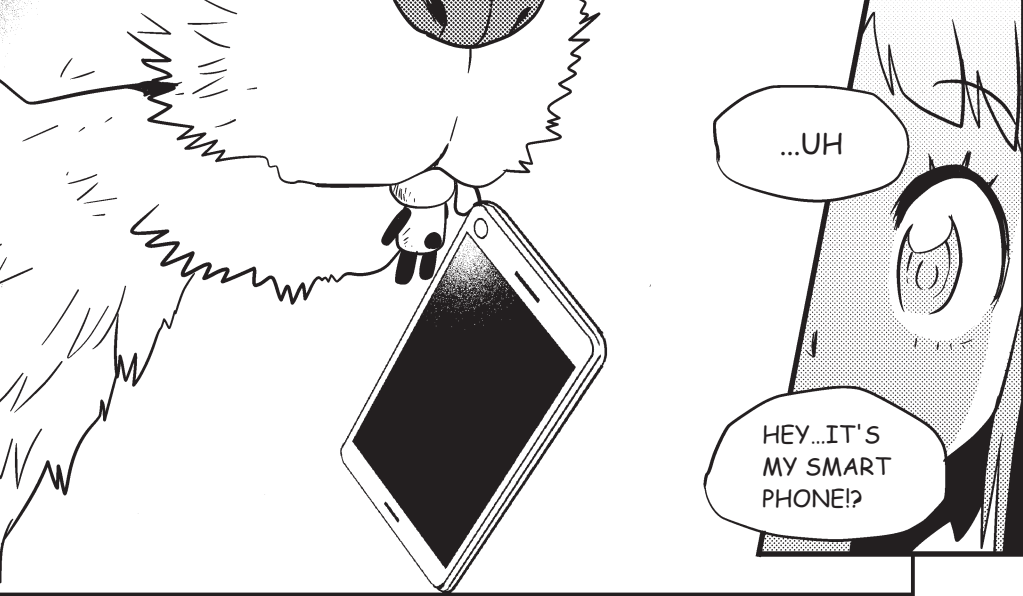
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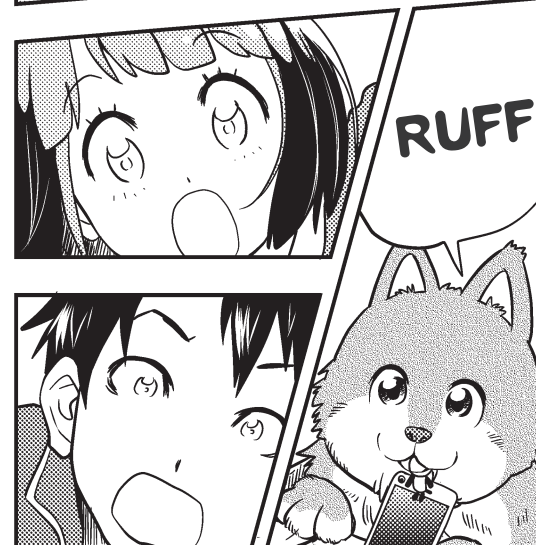
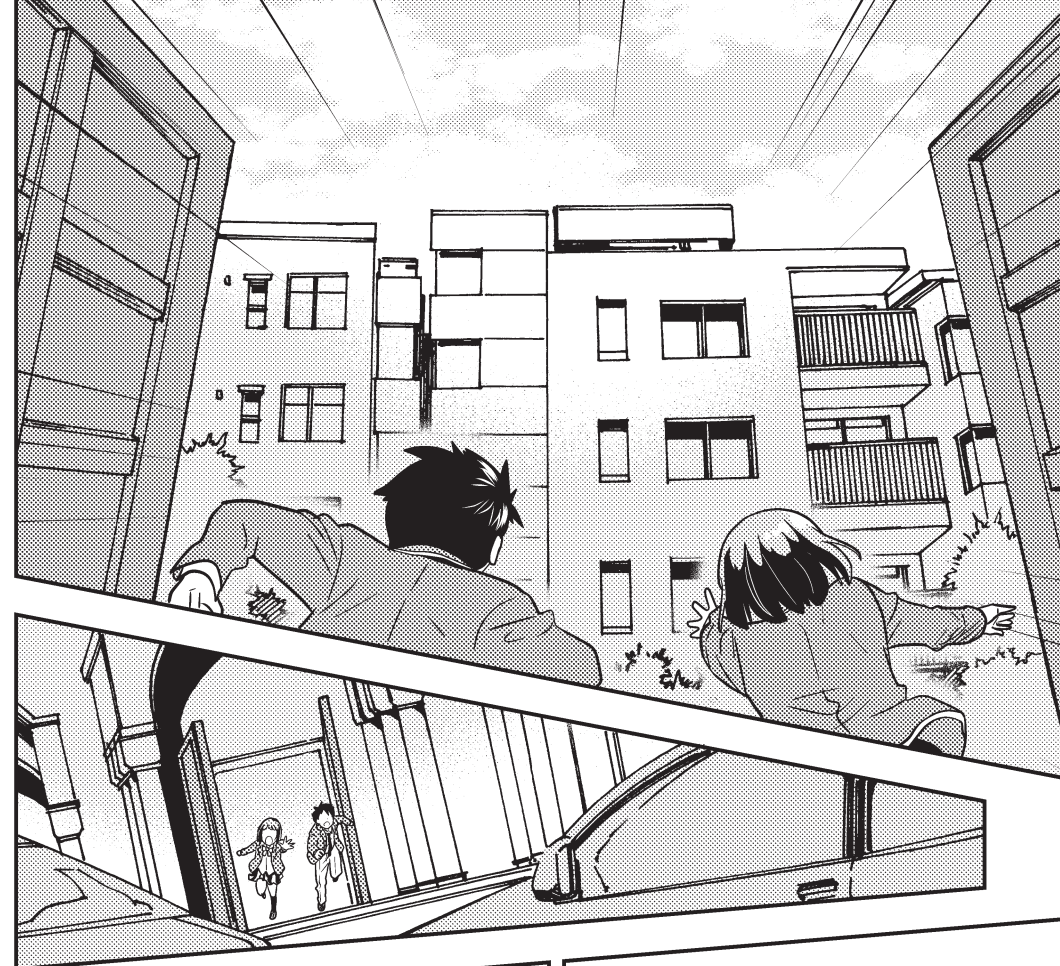
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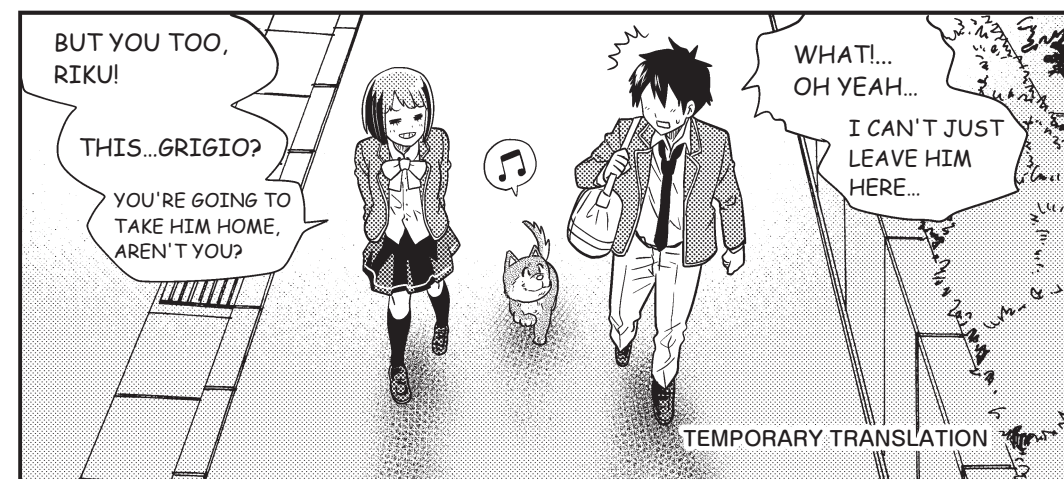
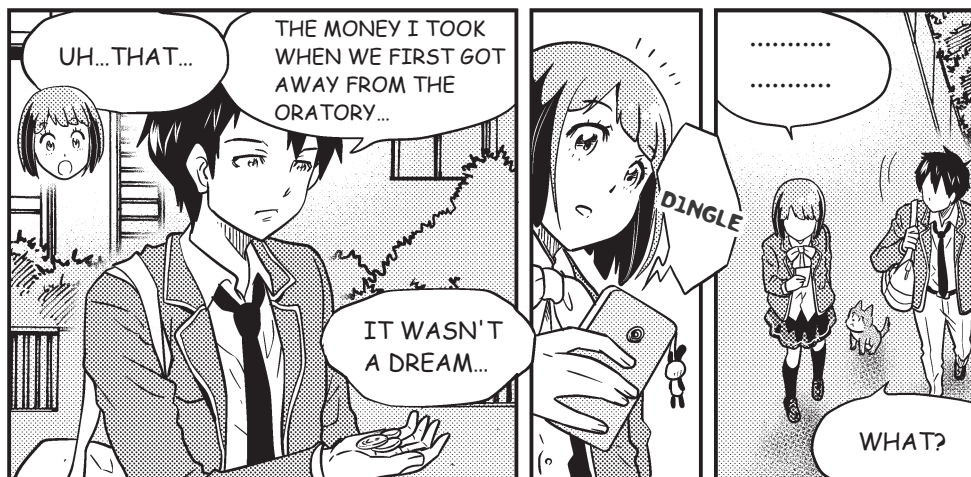
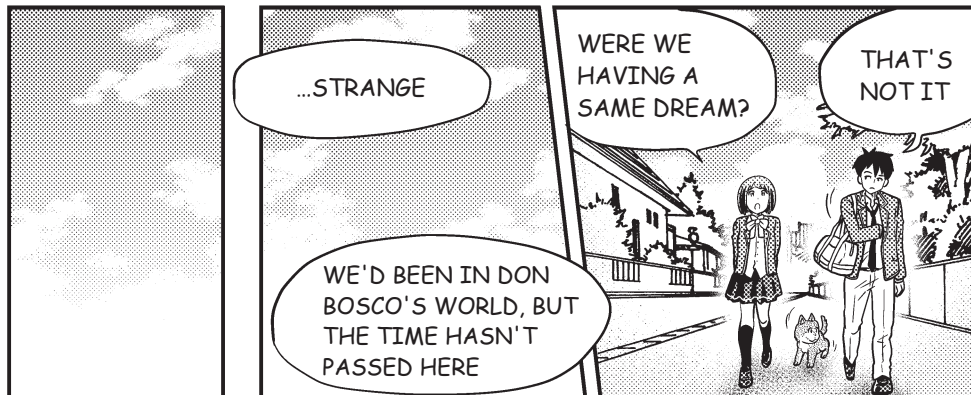
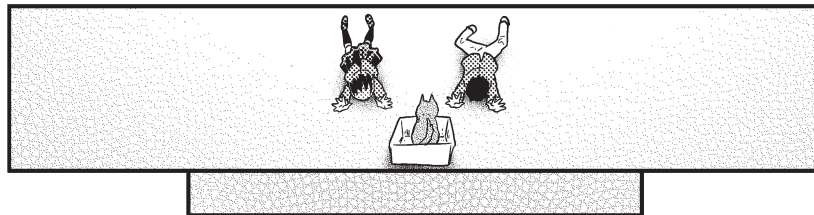
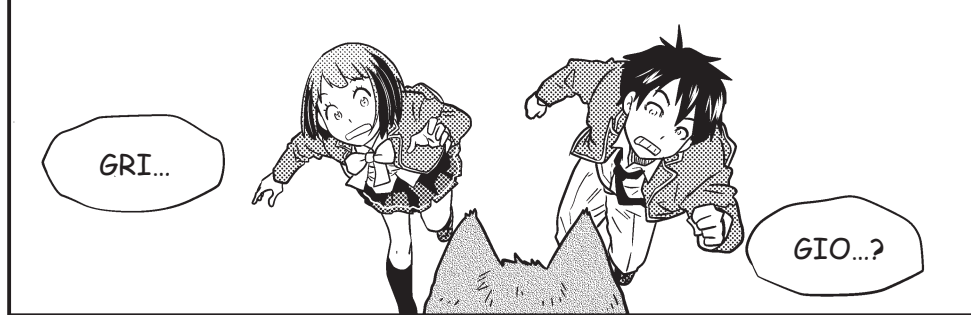




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...HE LEAD US TO
THIS POINT

SO I SUPPOSE...
I WILL

STARE

DON'T LOOK
AT ME LIKE
THAT

WE CAN'T CHANGE OUR
LIVES IN AN INSTANT,
BUT

TODAY, I WILL
TAKE THE CHANCE
TO TRUST...

IN ANY AGE

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
WHO EXPERIENCE
SUFFERING IN LIFE

BUT DON BOSCO
SHOWED US

OH...I REMEMBER,
MUM DIDN'T LIKE
DOGS

HUH...WHAT WILL
YOU DO!? YOU HAVE
TO TRY

I THINK IT'LL
BE OK. I'M THE
BELOVED SON...
HAHA

THAT IN ANY AGE, AT
ANY TIME, IT'S POSSIBLE
TO HAVE HOPE AS WE
JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE.

Chronology : Life of Don Bosco

World: 1814, Stevenson invents the steam locomotive

Japan: 1815, reign of Tokugawa Ienari, 11th Tokugawa Shogun

16 August 1815, John Bosco is born in Becchi, Piedmont region in the Kingdom of Saldegna

1817(1 year old), Giovanni's father dies of an acute illness. His mother Margaret is left with 3 boys under her care. They are too poor to send him to school.

World: 1821, Napoleon dies.

1824(9 years old), Sees the prophetic dream that indicates his calling in life.

World: 1830, the Revolution of July in France

1831~35(16~20 years old), boarding in Chieri, studies in highschool while taking jobs to support himself.

1835~41(20~25), studies at the seminary in Chieri for priesthood

1841(25 years old), ordained Catholic priest. People call him "Don Bosco(Fr. Bosco)". Encounters boys who live

in the streets of Turin and starts the Oratory.

1843(28 years old), starts evening classes for young workers. The Oratory moves from place to place.

1846(31 years old) April, Rents the Pinardi House in Valdocco, Turin. The Oratory settles in Valdocco. In July, Don Bosco becomes critically ill from overwork, takes a long time for recovery at his home in Becchi. Returns to the Oratory with his mother Margaret.

1847(32 years old), starts a boarding house for orphaned boys.

1853(38 years old), starts trade school with workshops and printing shops. Begins to publish the monthly magazine "Catholic Lectures".

1854(39 years old), proposes the founding of the Salesian Society to 4 youths. The outbreak of cholera epidemic in Turin in the summer, the boys of the Oratory volunteer to take care of the sick.

1857(42 years old), Dominic Savio dies at the age of 15 (canonized in 1954).

World: 1859, War of Independence of Italy(~60)

1859(44 years old), with 17 members, most of them former students of the Oratory, founding of the Salesian Society which dedicates itself for the salvation of youths.

1860(45 years old), his former student Michele Rua becomes the first priest ordained as a Salesian (Rua becomes 2nd Rector Major in 1888, succeeding Don Bosco)

World: 1861, Kingdom of Italy erected; the American Civil War (~65)

Japan: 1868, Meiji Restoration begins

1868(53 years old), the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians is completed and dedicated.

1872(57 years old), founding of the Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix, the Salesian Sisters.

1875(60 years old), sending of 1st missionary expedition to Argentine, South America. The leader of the group is Fr. Giovanni Cagliero who later becomes a cardinal.

1876(61 years old), founding of the Salesiani Cooperatori, of whose members live the Salesian spirit in secular society.

31 January 1888(72 years old), returns to his Father's home in Heaven

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1926, Fr. Cimatti and 8 Salesian missionaries arrive in Japan.

1929, 6 Salesian Sisters arrive in Japan.

1934, the Catholic Church proclaims Don Bosco Saint.

1937, Caritas Sisters of Jesus is founded in Miyazaki by Fr. Cimatti and Fr. Cavoli

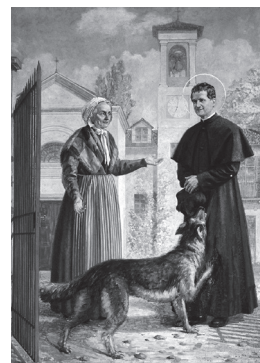
2015, Celebration of the Bicentenary of Don Bosco's Birth. The Salesian Family is present in more than 130 countries all over the world. More than 400,000 members belonging to 30 groups serve the youth and the poor in various settings: schools, parishes and social works, etc.



the family house at Becchi where Don Bosco grew up



picture of the Pinardi house and boys playing in the courtyard



picture of Mamma Margaret and Don Bosco. The dog is Grigio, who protected Don Bosco from danger.



1861(46 years old), oldest photo taken of Don Bosco



1880(65 years old), photo of Don Bosco praying to Our Lady

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To reders,

ついに……ドン・ボスコが漫画^{まんが}になりました。皆さん、いかがでしたか？

今年2015年はドン・ボスコがこの世に生まれて200周年ということで、いろいろな形でお祝いが行われています。この漫画は、特に現代に生きる若者の皆さんに、ドン・ボスコの精神をわかりやすい形で伝えて、その精神を新たにしたいという思いから生まれたものです。

ドン・ボスコの人生は72年、波瀾^{はらん}万丈^{ばんじょう}で、これを1冊の漫画にまとめることはかなり困難なことでした。この漫画の目的を考え、わかりやすくまとめた形で伝えるために、時には史実とは厳密な意味では異なる部分もありますが、ドン・ボスコの根本的な人物像やメッセージについては誤解が生まれないよう細心の注意を払っています。

また、単にドン・ボスコの歴史物語を伝えるのではなく、現代の若者が彼と出会うという物語にしました。リクとマナという二人の高校生が時代と国を超えてドン・ボスコと出会う。最初は戸惑^{とまど}いを感じながらも少しずつ変わっていく二人の姿に、きっと読者の皆さんは共感するのではないかなと思っています。読んでくれた皆さんが、この二人を通してドン・ボスコに出会い、彼とオラトリオのみんなの生き方を知って、何か大切なことに気づいてくれたら、最高です。

ドン・ボスコは、19世紀のイタリア・トリノという舞台^{ぶたい}の中で、その時いちばん助けを必要としていた若者たちから目をそらさずに、彼らのために自分の一生をかけました。しかも、若者が若者らしく、元気いっぱい楽しく過ごしながら神様に向かって進めるような新しいやり方で取り組んでいったのです。そのスタイルが、おそらく今でも世界中で多くの若者を惹きつけている魅力^{みりょく}になっていると思います。そしてこの漫画を読んだ皆さんも、そんなドン・ボス

コの魅力に強く引き寄せられるのを感じるのではないのでしょうか。

ドン・ボスコの働きは、彼の晩年から世界に広がり始め、現在では130以上の国で「サレジオ会」というカトリック修道会の働きとして、また彼のスタイルを受け継ぐ「サレジオ家族」と呼ばれる30のグループの働きとして続けられています。日本ではサレジオ会、サレジアン・シスターズ、イエスのカリタス修道女会、サレジアニー・コオペラトーリ、ドン・ボスコ女子在俗会^{ざいぞく} (VDB)、扶助者^{じょしやせい}聖マリアの会 (ADMA)、扶助者聖母会同窓会 (ウニオーネ)、サレジオ同窓会連合の8つのグループが活動しています。

最後になりましたが、この漫画はドン・ボスコの心を伝えたい仲間たち皆の共同作業で完成しました。企画当時の日本管区長として漫画出版を激励^{げきれい}してくださった故アルド・チブリアニ神父。現日本管区長の山野内倫昭^{みちあき}神父。漫画家の鈴木ぐりさん、漫画編集者のスタイル株式会社^{うらた まさこ} 浦田雅子さん、背景担当のまがみばんさん、DTP担当の石田毅^{たけし}さん。関谷義樹^{せき やよし}神父はじめドン・ボスコ社編集部の皆さん。貴重なアドバイスをくださった皆さん。本当にありがとうございます。

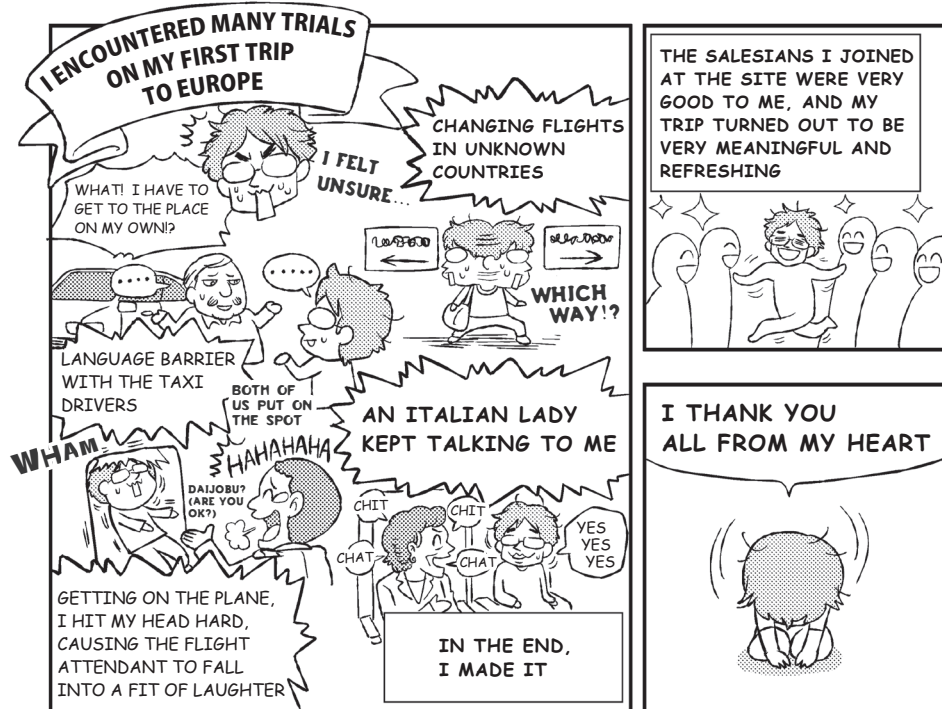
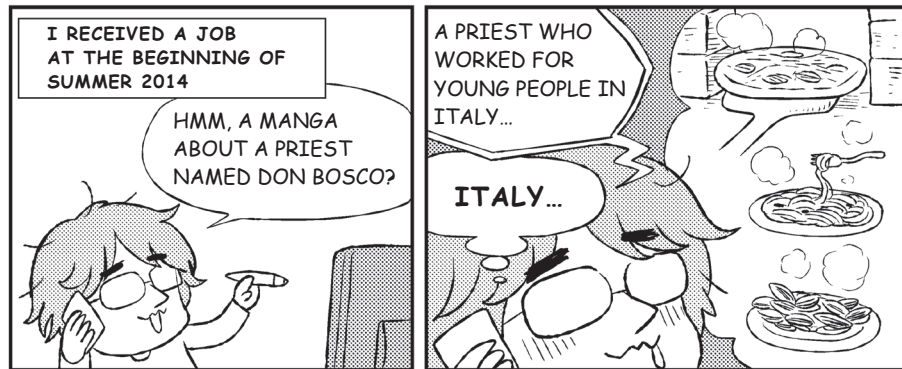
この漫画を通して多くの人がドン・ボスコを好きなり、ひいてはイエス様を好きになってくれることを願っています。

コラッジョ!! (勇気を出して!!)

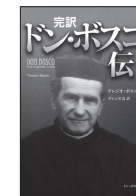
2015年5月6日 聖ドメニコ・サヴィオの記念日に

監修者 ^{うらた しん じろう} 浦田 慎二郎 (サレジオ会司祭・ドン・ボスコ研究家)

THE CARTOONIST GURI SUZUKI'S JOURNEY TO THE AFTERWORD



ドン・ボスコを知るために—— ドン・ボスコ社 おすすめの本・DVD



完訳 ドン・ボスコ伝

テレビオ・ボスコ著
サレジオ会訳
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ドン・ボスコについての証言や記録、混迷するイタリアの状況を紹介しながら、その人柄と生涯を描く伝記の決定版。



心が強く優しくなる ドン・ボスコの ことば100

サレジオ会日本管区編
浦田慎二郎監修
文庫判並製 205 頁

青少年の「魂」を愛し育てることを大切にしたドン・ボスコ。寄り添い、人を笑顔にし、導いてくれる100の言葉集。サレジオ会司祭らによる解説付。



ドン・ボスコ 自叙伝

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