



NO PROBLEM.

THANK YOU, IKARI-KUN.



OKAY, I SEE.

RIGHT, THAT'S WHY THIS ONE HAS--



...SINCE YOU'RE WRITING THAT NOVEL...I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D KNOW IT BETTER THAN ME...

BUT I'M REALLY NOT GOOD AT MODERN LITERATURE.



...I MEAN, HELPING SOMEBODY WITH MUCH BETTER GRADES STUDY.

BUT IT DOES FEEL A LITTLE WEIRD...



WELL, AS FOR ME, I POSSESS A QUIET, ASSURED MASTERY IN EVERY SUBJECT.

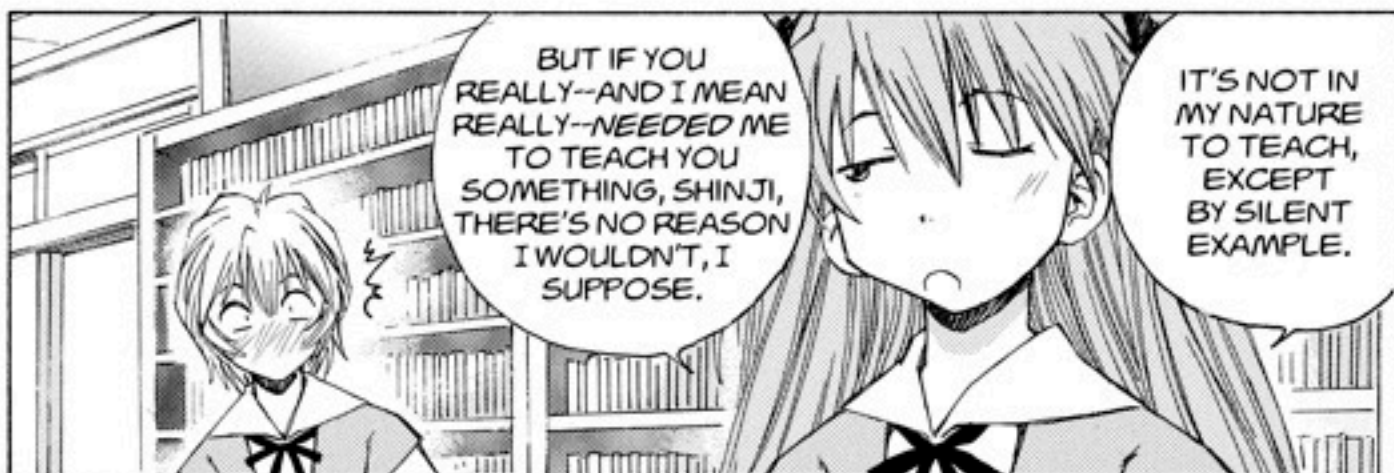


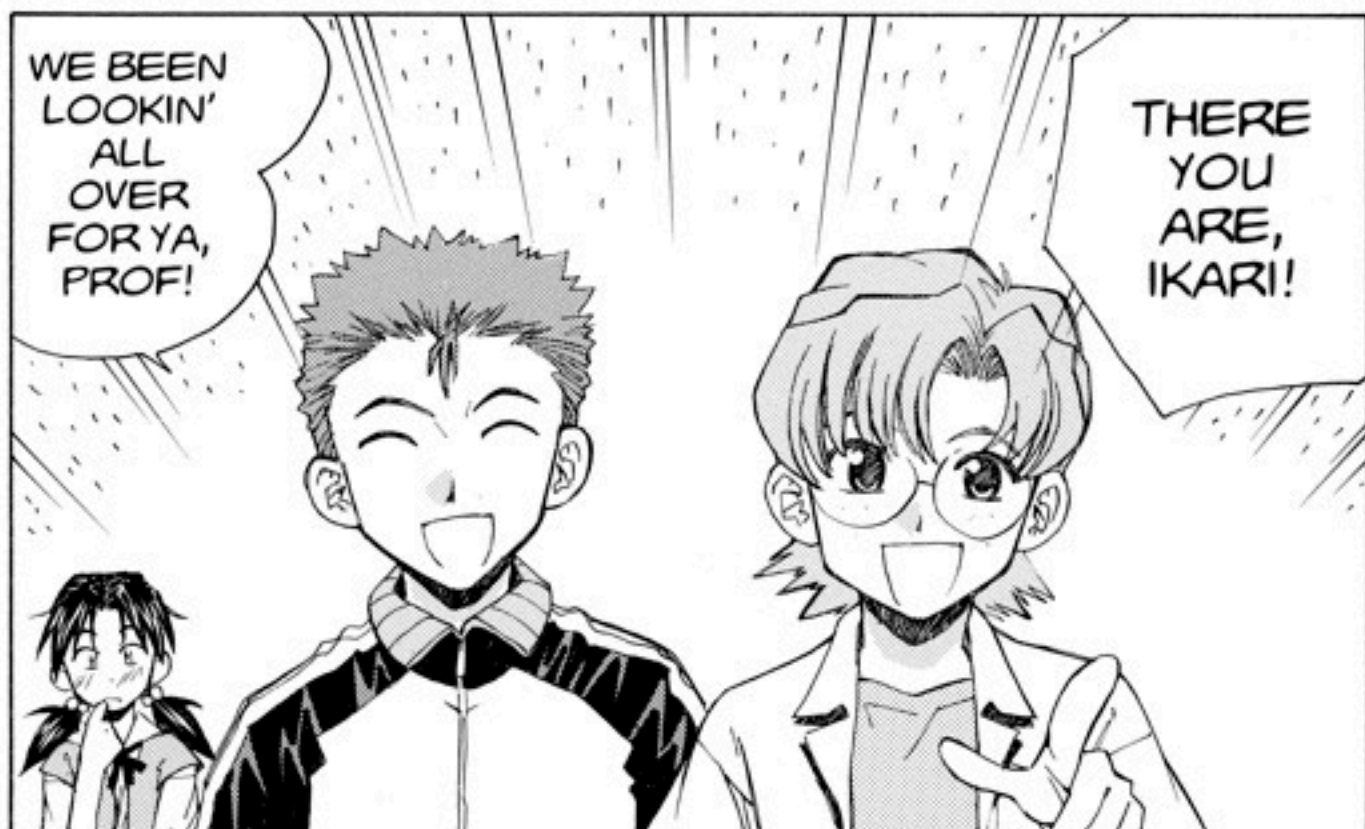
...WELL, AS FOR ME, YOU CAN ASK ME ANYTHING--

HA, HA...

TO BE HONEST, THERE WERE A LOT MORE THINGS I WAS HOPING YOU COULD HELP ME WITH...

UM, IT'S JUST A HOBBY.





WE BEEN  
LOOKIN'  
ALL  
OVER  
FOR YA,  
PROF!

THERE  
YOU  
ARE,  
IKARI!



DON'T,  
IKARI-KUN!  
WE'RE  
SPOILING  
HIM  
ENOUGH  
ALREADY!

HEY!

NOW, I TRIED  
ASKIN' DA CLASS  
REP FIRST, BUT  
SHE GUNNED ME  
DOWN BEFORE I  
COULD EVEN  
FINISH MY--

YEAH, SO  
ABOUT DA  
TESTS AN'  
THAT. WOULD  
YA MIND  
LENDIN' ME  
YA NOTE-  
BOOKS?



TOJI! IT  
KINDA  
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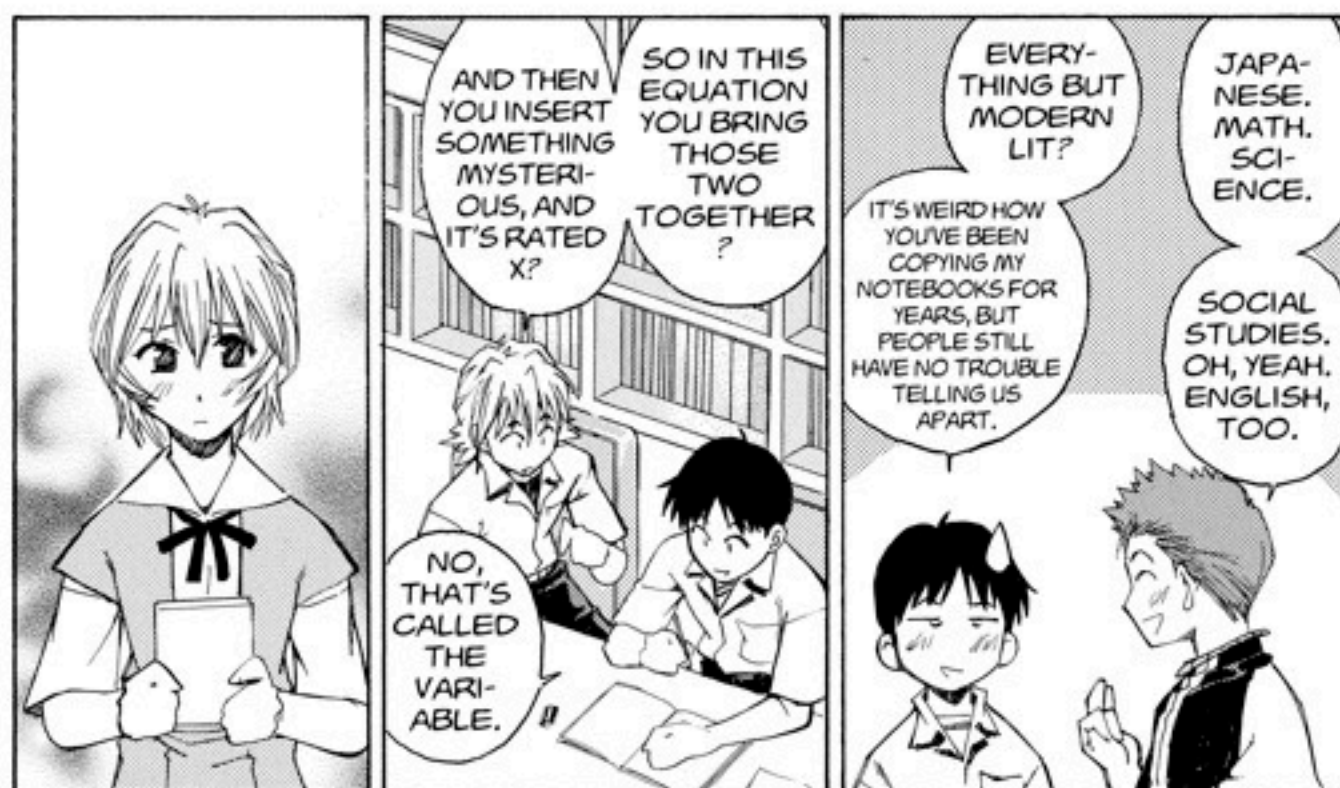
a little!

WHY  
WEREN'T  
WE  
INVITED?

YO.

WAIT. IS  
THIS A  
STUDY  
PARTY?











BUT A FEW WEEKS AGO, I **WOULDN'T** HAVE GOTTEN UPSET OVER THIS.

I JUST WANTED TO STUDY ALONE WITH IKARI-KUN, AND LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED.



SOME-THING'S MAKING ME UPSET...IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

I'M A LITTLE UPSET.



...AH, THERE IT IS.

ON THE VERY TOP SHELF.







NO, I'M REALLY FINE.

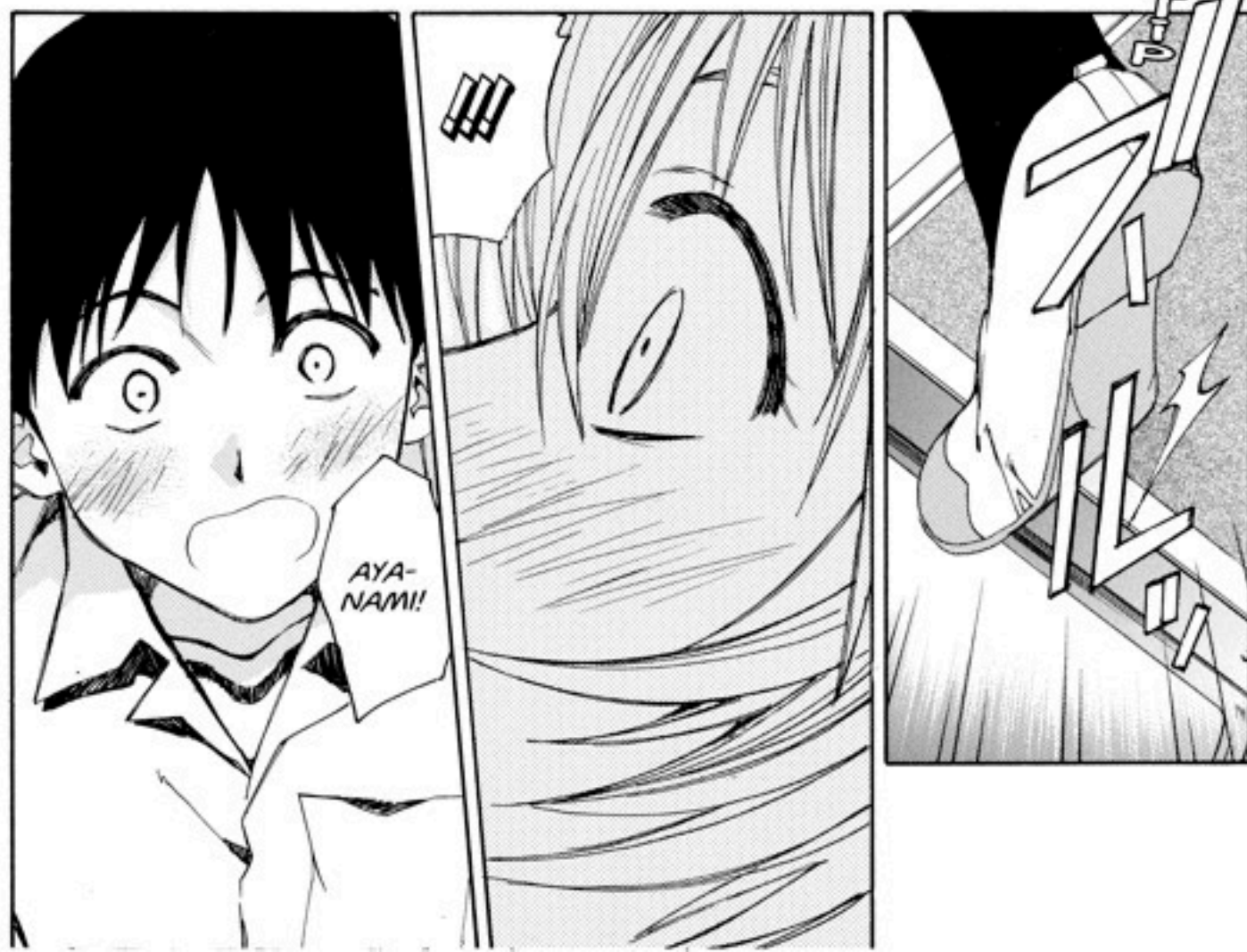
SO, THEN, YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, AYANAMI?

WANT ME TO HELP YOU OUT THERE?



UM... I DON'T THINK THAT'S--

IF I JUST GET ON MY TIPTOES, I THINK I CA--



AYA-NAMI!



WHUDD



