





<FATHER WORKS IN A CONSTRUCTION OFFICE.>

<MOTHER STAYS HOME TO TAKE CARE OF MY BABY BROTHER.>



<I'M THEIR DUTIFUL TEENAGE DAUGHTER.>



<QUIET, OBEDIENT...>

<...“A PROPER JAPANESE GIRL” ACCORDING TO FATHER.>



<AS I TRAVEL TO SCHOOL, I IGNORE THE PEOPLE AROUND ME AND ESCAPE INTO MANGA STORIES.>



<THE GIRLS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL. THEIR LIVES ARE EXCITING.>

<I SECRETLY WANT TO BE LIKE THEM.>



⟨GOING TO SCHOOL EACH DAY IS TEDIOUS. I HAVE TOO MUCH TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE *FUTURE*.⟩

⟨IT'S A BIT DEPRESSING WHEN YOU REALIZE YOUR WHOLE LIFE IS ALREADY PLANNED OUT.⟩



⟨MOM WANTS ME TO FINISH COLLEGE AND FIND A SUCCESSFUL BOY TO *MARRY*.⟩

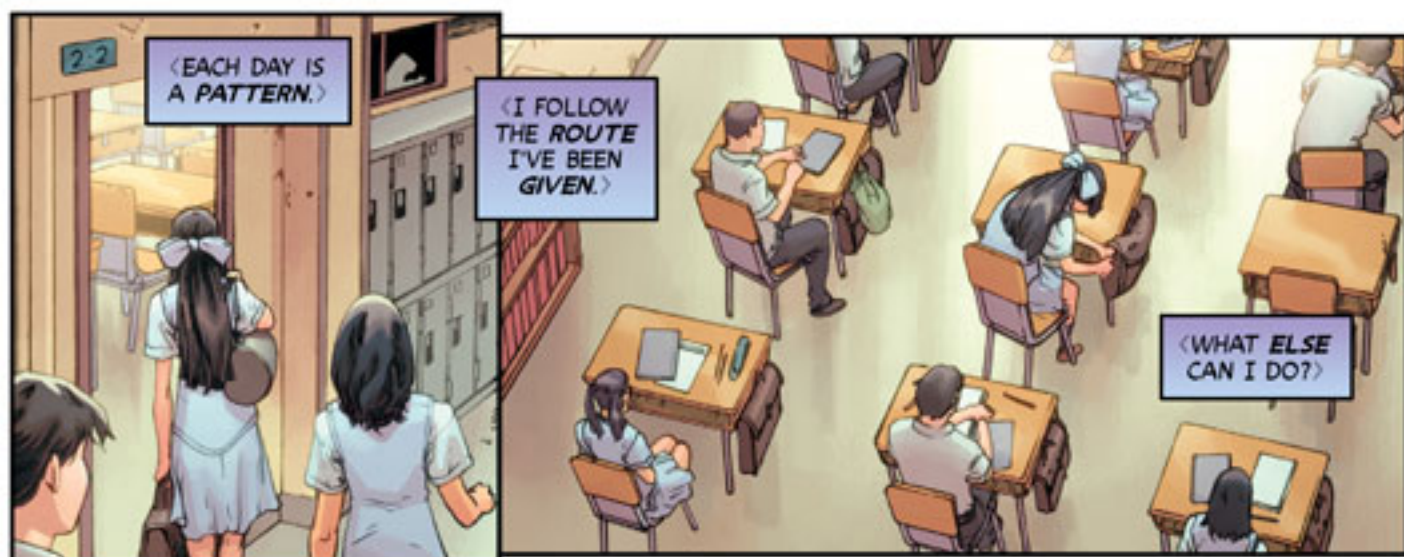
⟨SIMPLE AND SAFE.⟩



⟨I WALK TO THE *TRAIN*.⟩

⟨I GO TO *SCHOOL*.⟩

⟨I HEAD HOME EACH NIGHT, FINISH MY STUDIES, AND GO TO SLEEP.⟩



⟨EACH DAY IS A *PATTERN*.⟩

⟨I FOLLOW THE *ROUTE* I'VE BEEN GIVEN.⟩

⟨WHAT *ELSE* CAN I DO?⟩



⟨IT'S THE *ONLY* THING I'M GOOD AT.⟩

〈MY NAME IS  
OHARA EMI...〉

〈...AND WHAT YOU  
SEE HERE IS MY  
ENTIRE LIFE.〉

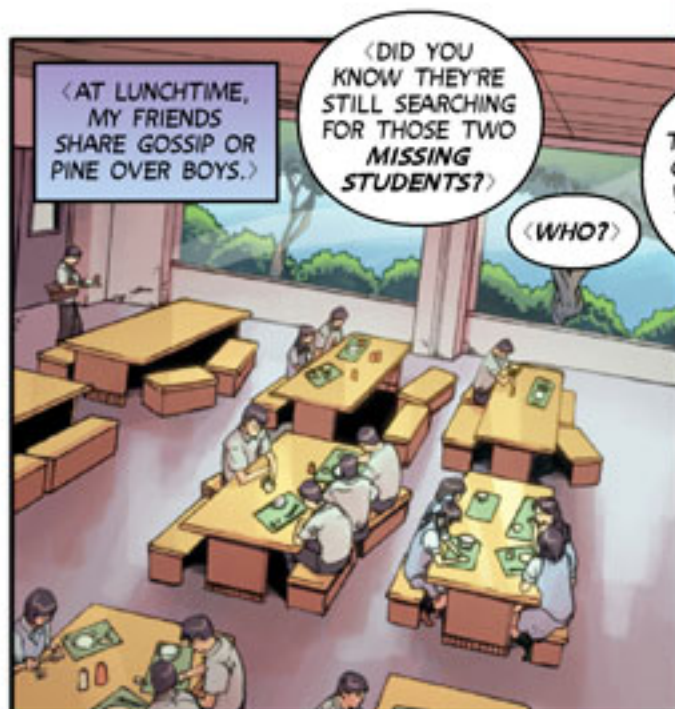


# Wayward

## Chapter 6

Story: Jim Zub  
Art: Steve Cummings  
Colors: Tamra Bonvillain  
Letters: Marshall Dillon





⟨AT LUNCHTIME, MY FRIENDS SHARE GOSSIP OR PINE OVER BOYS.⟩

⟨DID YOU KNOW THEY'RE STILL SEARCHING FOR THOSE TWO MISSING STUDENTS?⟩

⟨WHO?⟩

⟨I THINK THE FOREIGN GIRL'S NAME WAS "LORI," THE ONE IN 7-B.⟩

⟨YEAH, I HEARD SHE AND THAT UGLY BOY FELL IN LOVE AND WENT ON A MURDER CRIME SPREE.⟩

⟨THEY BLEW UP HER APARTMENT BUILDING WITH EXPLOSIVES AND RAN AWAY TOGETHER TO THE AOKIGAHARA SUICIDE FOREST.⟩

⟨NO WAY!⟩

⟨I HEARD THAT TOO!⟩

⟨SO SCARY!⟩



⟨UH... PARDON ME.⟩

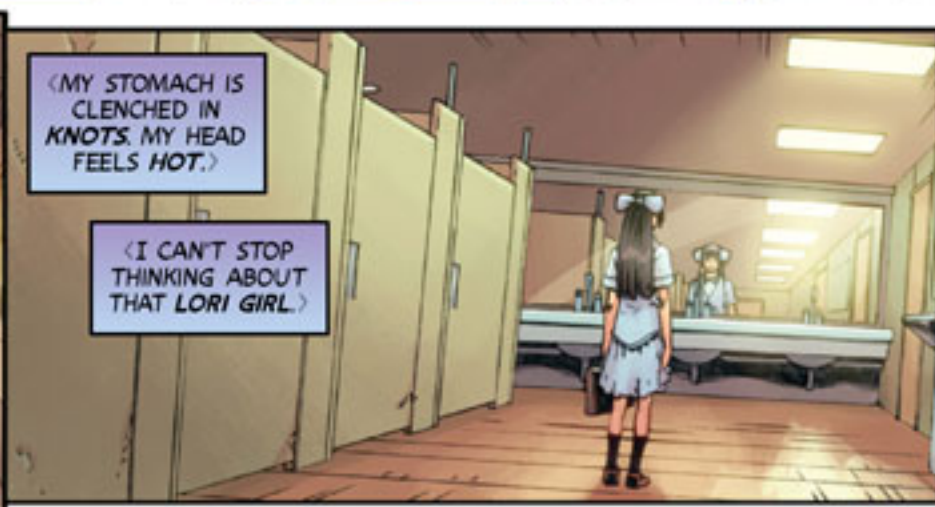
⟨EH?⟩

⟨OHARA, YOU OKAY?⟩



⟨MY STOMACH IS CLENCHED IN KNOTS. MY HEAD FEELS HOT.⟩

⟨I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT LORI GIRL.⟩



⟨I MET HER ONCE, JUST IN PASSING.⟩

⟨EX-EXCUSE ME...⟩

⟨OHI!⟩