



SINCE IT'S BEEN AWHILE, I'VE DECIDED TO CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF T&W WITH A BONUS APPETIZER CHAPTER, TO SORTA WARM YOU BACK UP INTO THE STORY AND GET YOU EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE.

**ENJOY!**

IN A CHAPTER WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE THEY BECAME FRIENDS

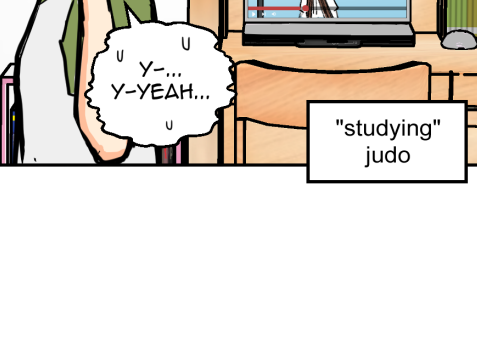
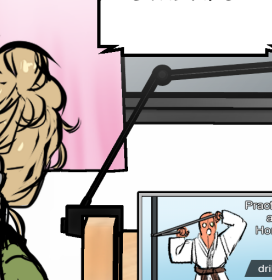
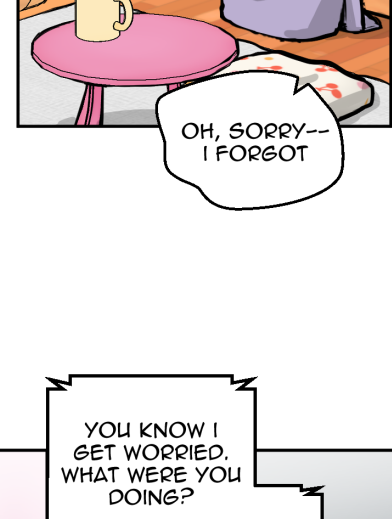
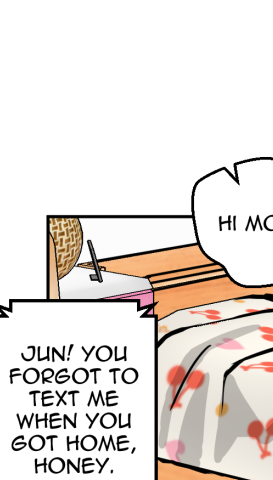
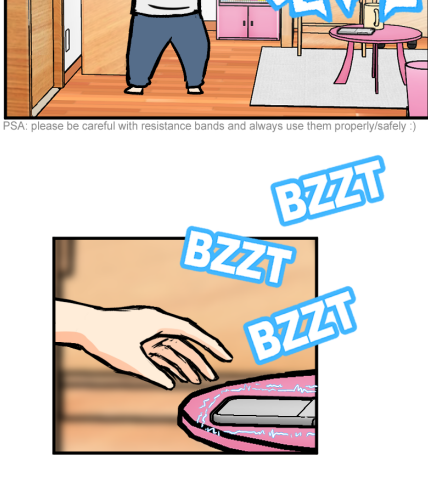
WHEN JUN WAS STILL LINKNOWLEDGELY TRYING TO CONVINCE A WORLD CHAMPION TO TRAIN HER...

BONUS ROUND 19.5

**"A PROMISING FUTURE"**



judokas can use resistance bands for extra practice at home! they can be used to simulate the movements of throws... but practicing with humans is always the most effective way :



BY THE WAY, HOW IS EVERYTHING GOING?  
HAVE YOU MADE ANY NEW FRIENDS?



HMP?  
...NEW FRIENDS?

...LHHH...



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...IN THE END, I AVOIDED HER QUESTION.

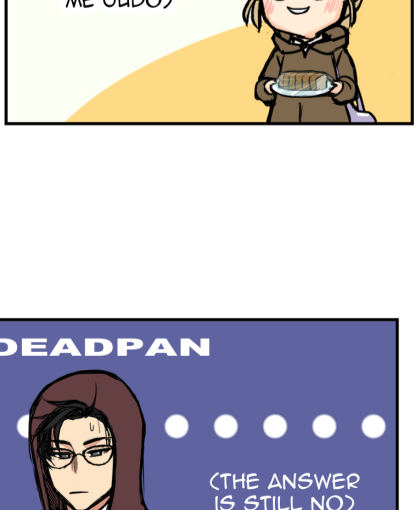


HOW CAN I POSSIBLY EXPLAIN...

...THIS BIZARRE SITUATION I'M IN NOW?



SENPAI!  
UH- I MADE YOU A BANANA BREAD!  
GOOD MORNING!



CHEEEEEESE

(PLEASE TEACH ME JUDO)



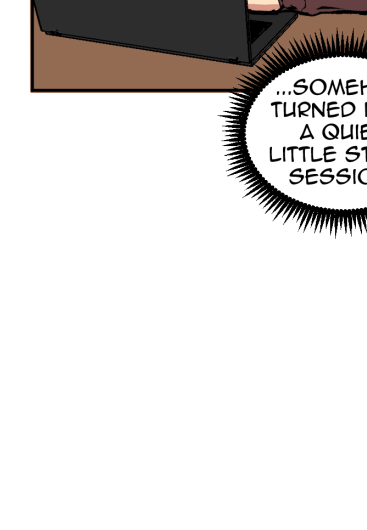
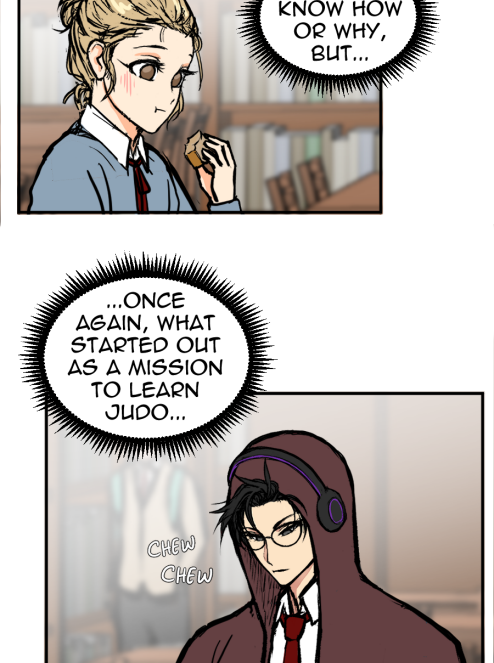
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(THE ANSWER IS STILL NO)

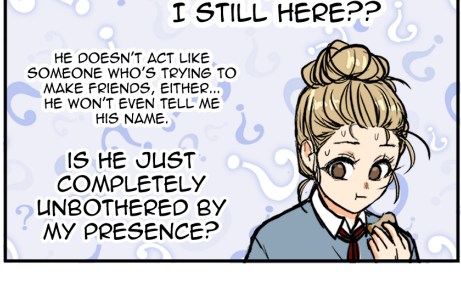
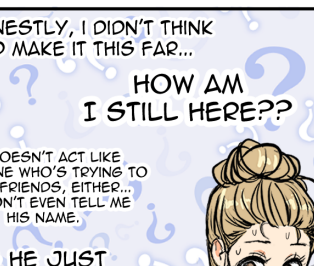
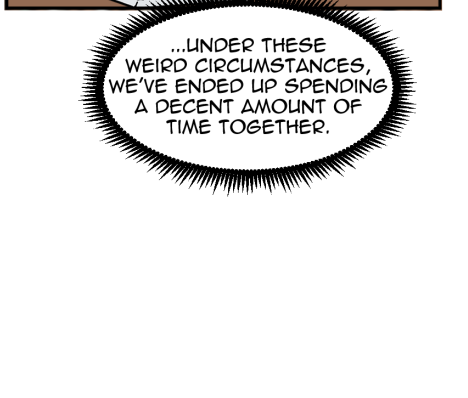
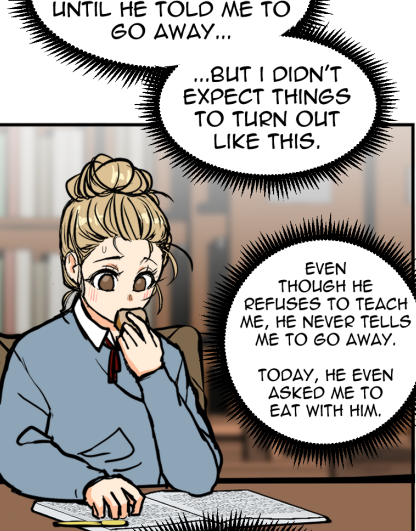
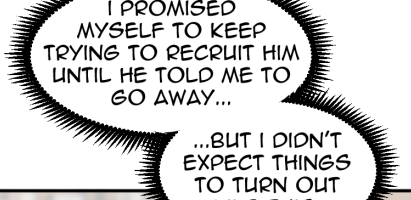




30 MINUTES LATER...



mr hoodie: i can't finish these by myself  
also mr hoodie: downing each slice in one bite



MAYBE HE JUST ENJOYS THE COMPANY OF OTHER PEOPLE?

...OR...

...COULD HE BE LONELY...?



...NO, THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...

HE LOOKS LIKE THE KIND OF PERSON THAT EASILY HAS A LOT OF FRIENDS.

...ALTHOUGH, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM INTERACT WITH ANY.



I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT READING OTHER PEOPLE IN THE FIRST PLACE...

...BUT I FEEL LIKE HE'S ESPECIALLY HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

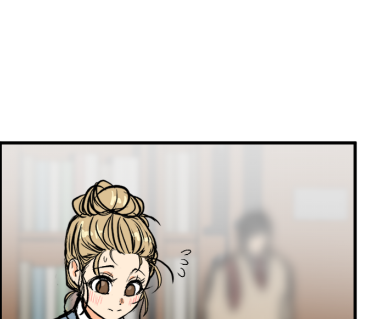


I BARELY KNOW A THING ABOUT HIM.

I WONDER... HOW HE EVEN SEES ME.



GLANCE



...EARLIER...

...WHEN MY MOTHER ASKED ME IF I MADE ANY NEW FRIENDS...



...PART OF ME WANTED TO SAY YES.

EVEN THOUGH IN ALL HONESTY, WE'RE BARELY ACQUAINTANCES.



I GUESS THAT...



...WHEN IT'S JUST ME AND HIM, STUDYING TOGETHER...

...WALKING AROUND TOGETHER...

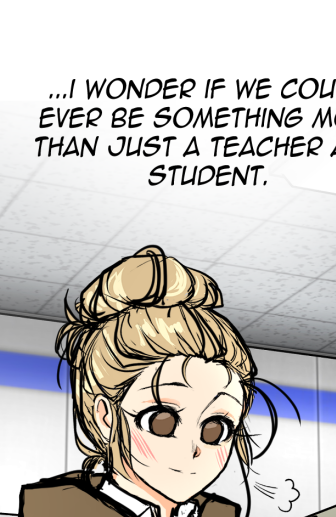
I START TO FORGET ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I WAS WORRYING ABOUT...

...AND IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE WE'RE JUST A COUPLE OF FRIENDS HANGING OUT.

OH, I ACTUALLY NEEDED TO BUY FLOUR!

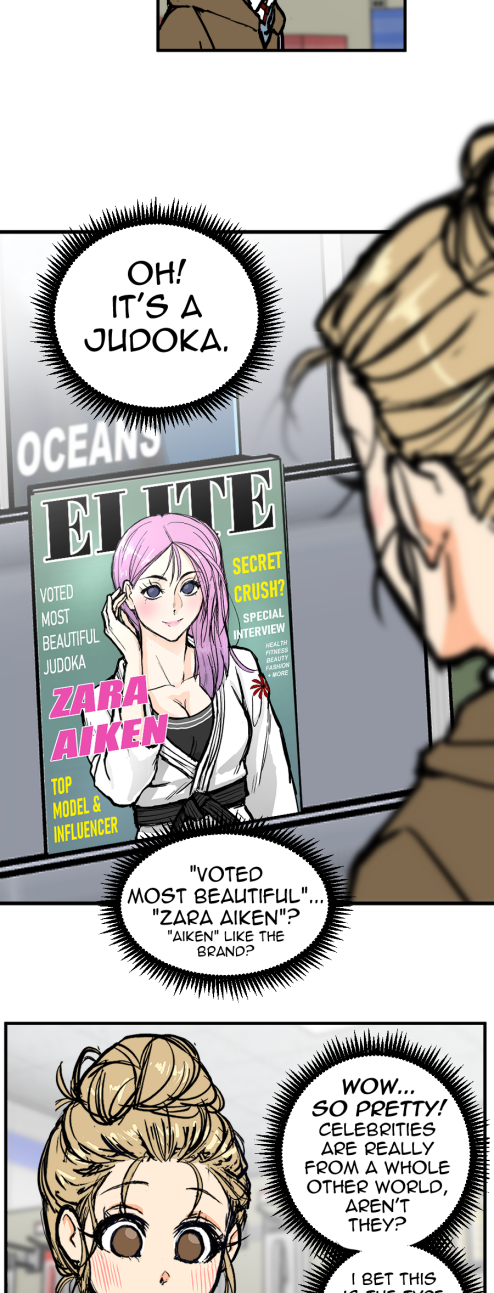
I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY JUST WISHFUL THINKING.

IT'S HARD TO TELL WHAT WE EVEN ARE, LET ALONE HOW THIS STRANGE RELATIONSHIP WILL END.



BUT IF ONE DAY HE MIRACULOUSLY DECIDES TO TRAIN ME...

...I WONDER IF WE COULD EVER BE SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A TEACHER AND STUDENT.



OH! IT'S A JUDOKA.



"VOTED MOST BEAUTIFUL" ... "ZARA AIKEN"? "AIKEN" LIKE THE BRAND?

WOW... SO PRETTY! CELEBRITIES ARE REALLY FROM A WHOLE OTHER WORLD, AREN'T THEY?

I BET THIS IS THE TYPE OF WOMAN MR. HOODIE GOES FOR.

SHE'S FLAWLESS!! HER FACE, HAIR, EVEN HER B--

ISHIHARA.



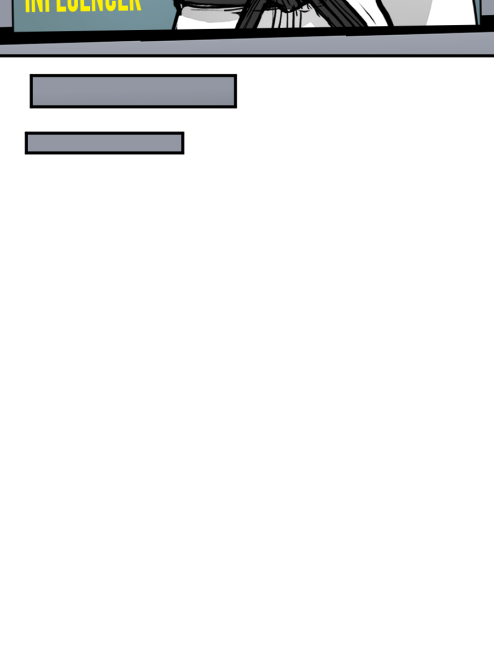
YOU GETTING ANYTHING?

OH! SORRY! Y-YES, I'M JUST BUYING THIS FLOUR.

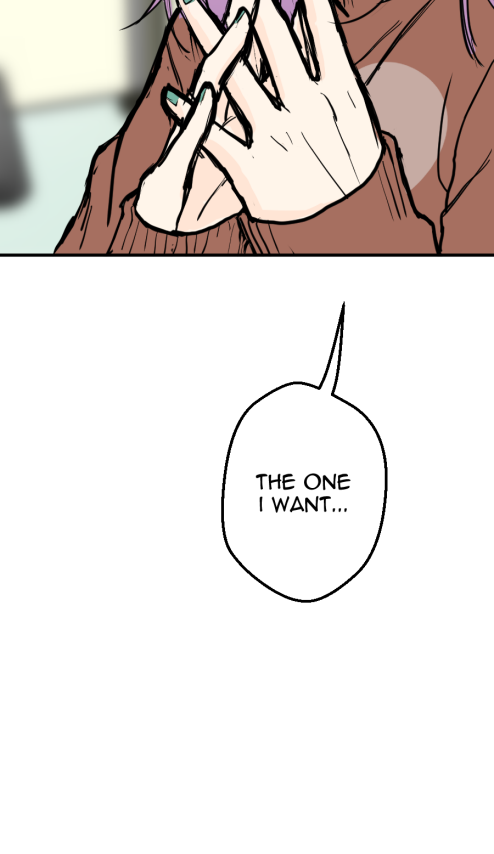
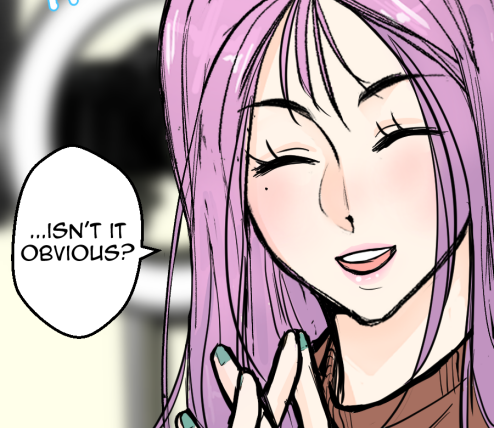
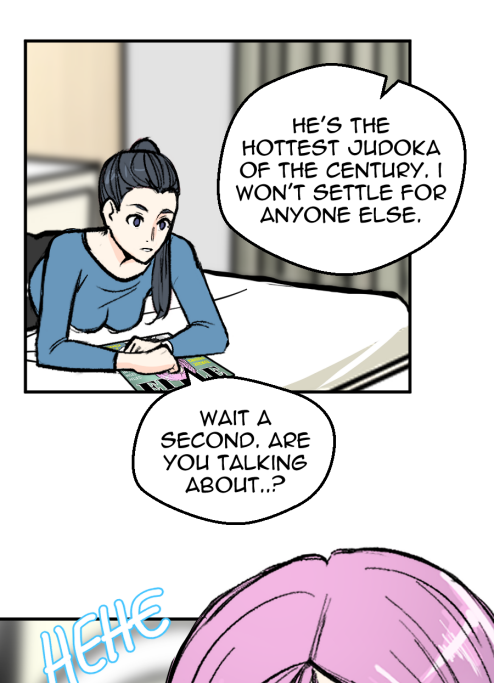
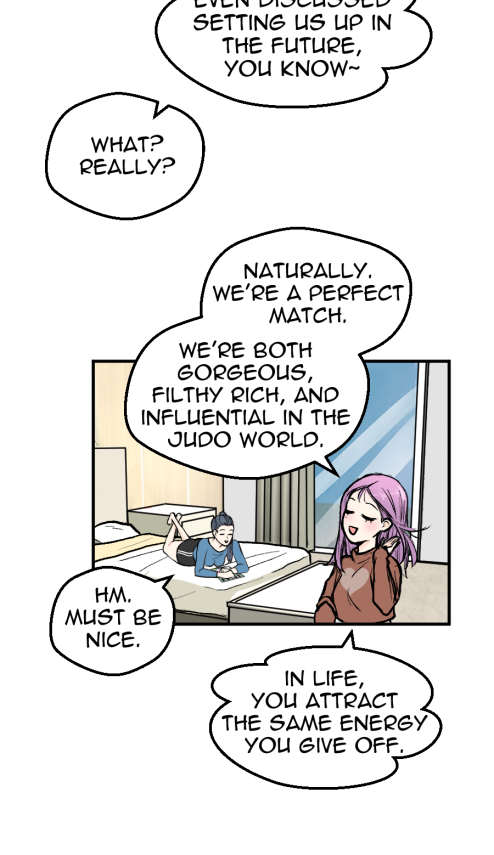
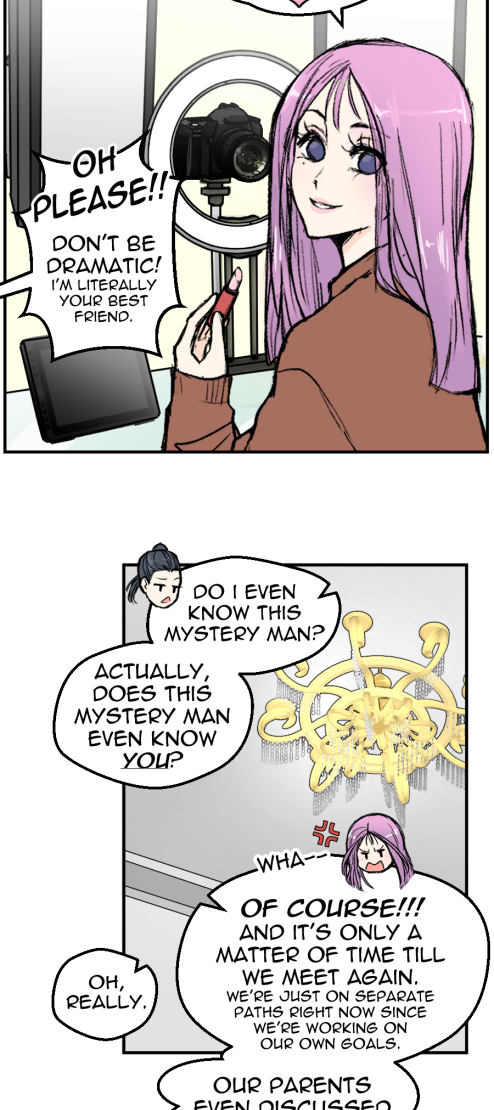
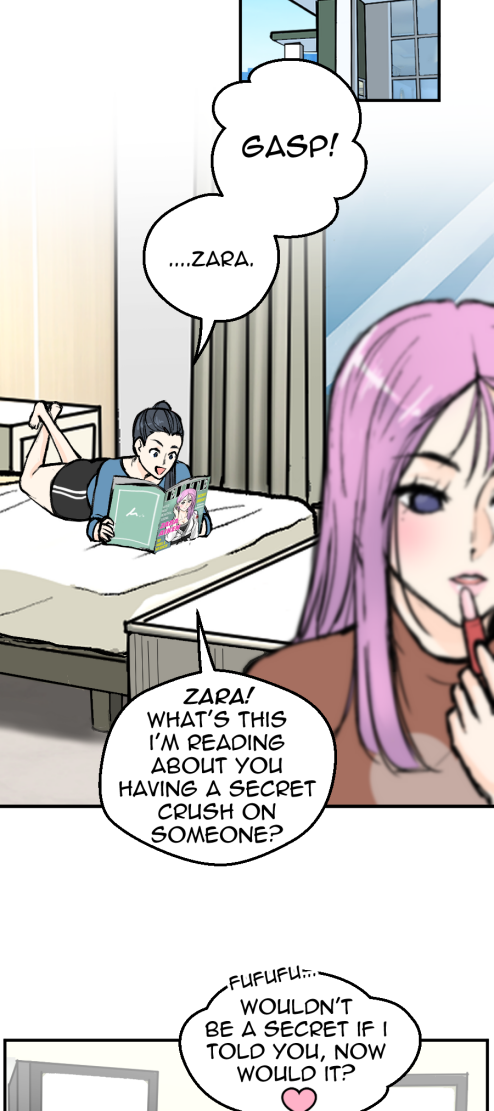
ARE YOU IN A HURRY?



IT'S FINE, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.







the gentle way

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story & art by True



# SEKAI HAYASHI, HUH...?

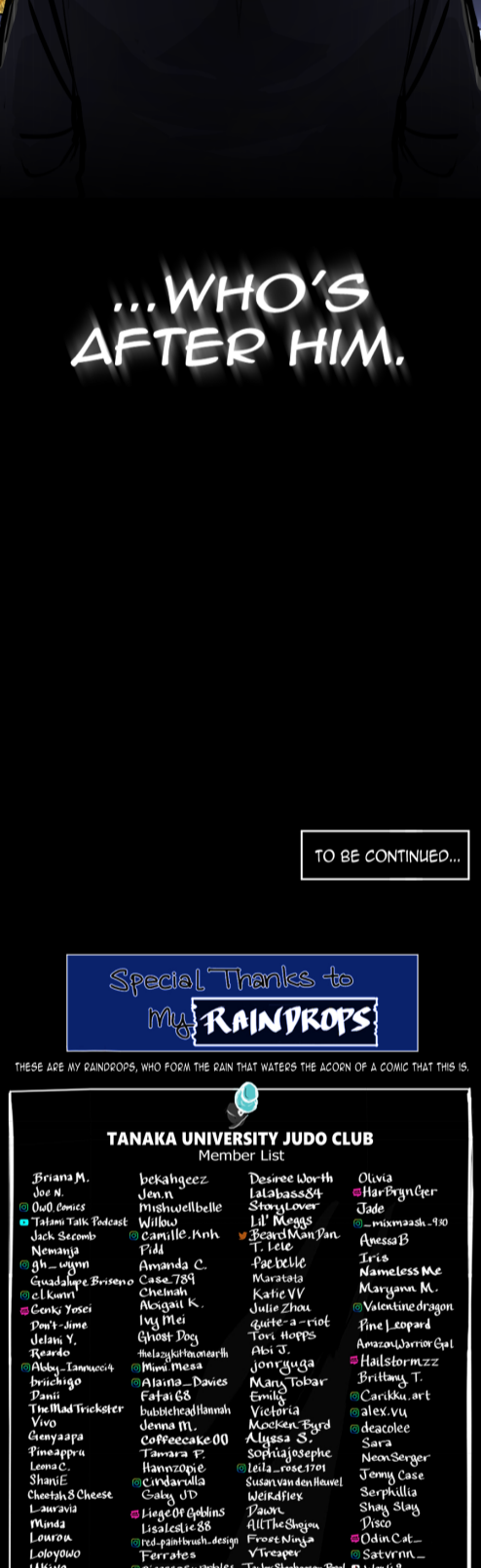


SHE BETTER MAKE A MOVE ON HIM SOON.

...AFTER ALL...



...SHE'S DEFINITELY NOT THE ONLY ONE...



# ...WHO'S AFTER HIM.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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and my anonymous raindrops ♡♡♡