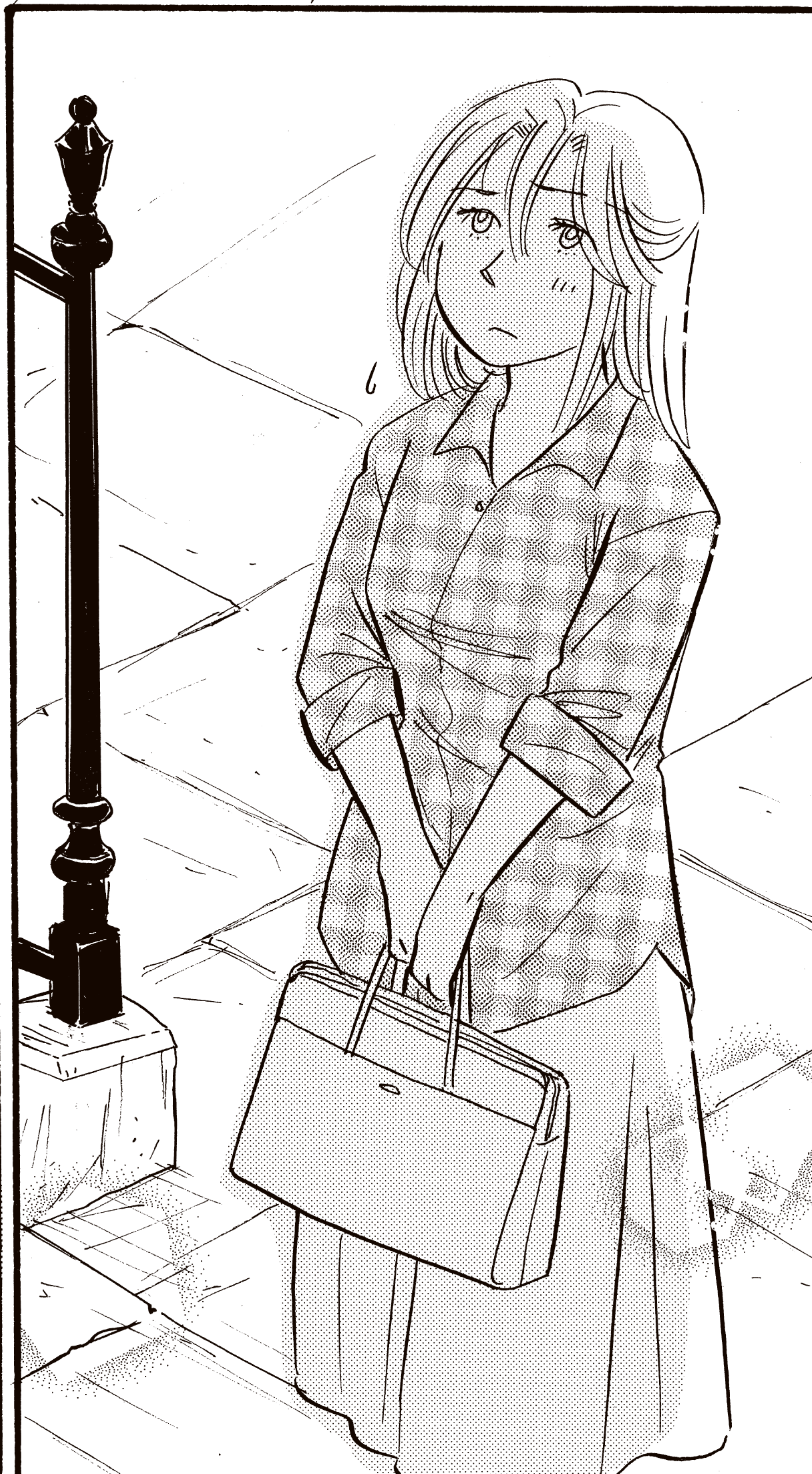
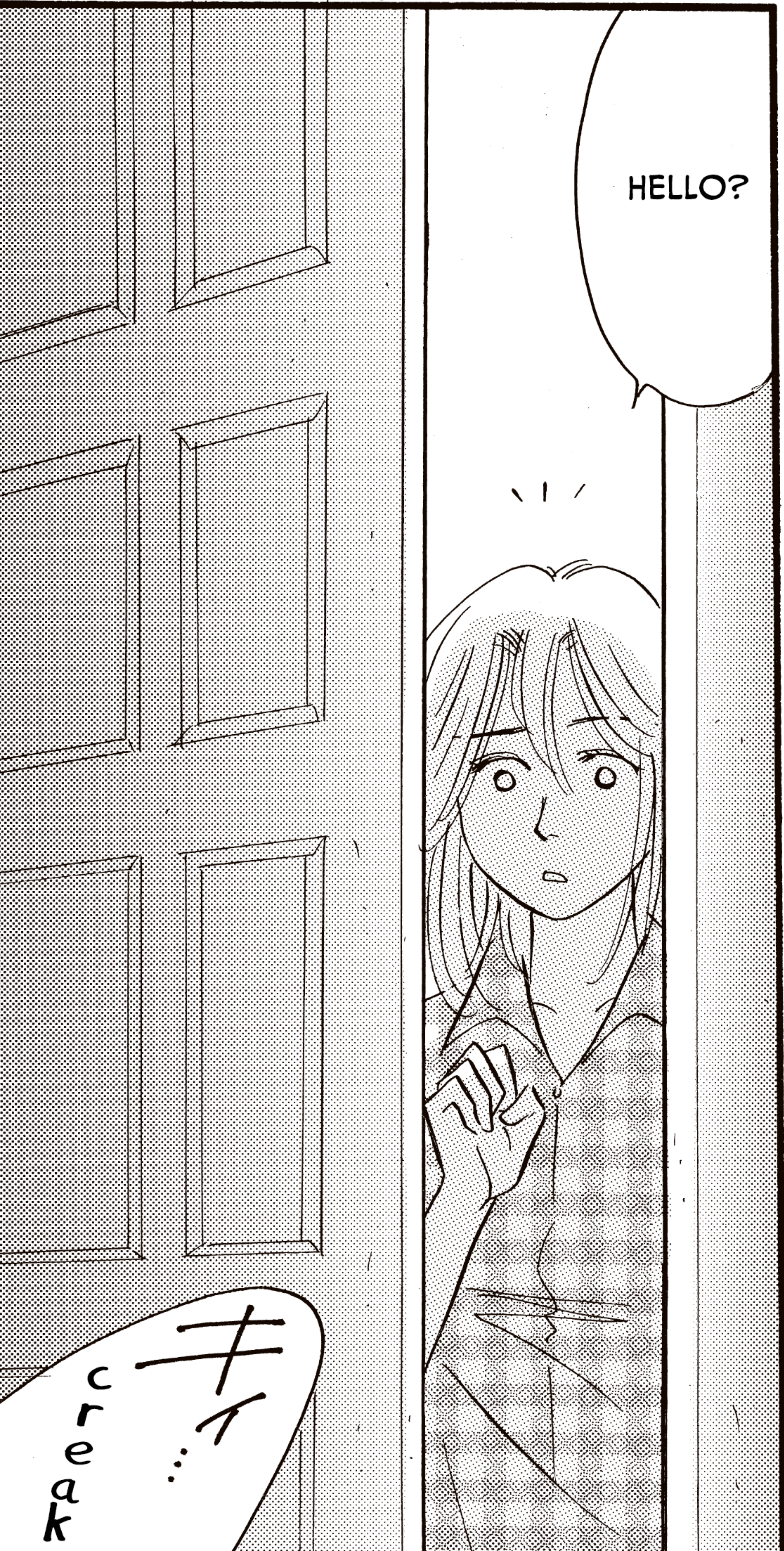
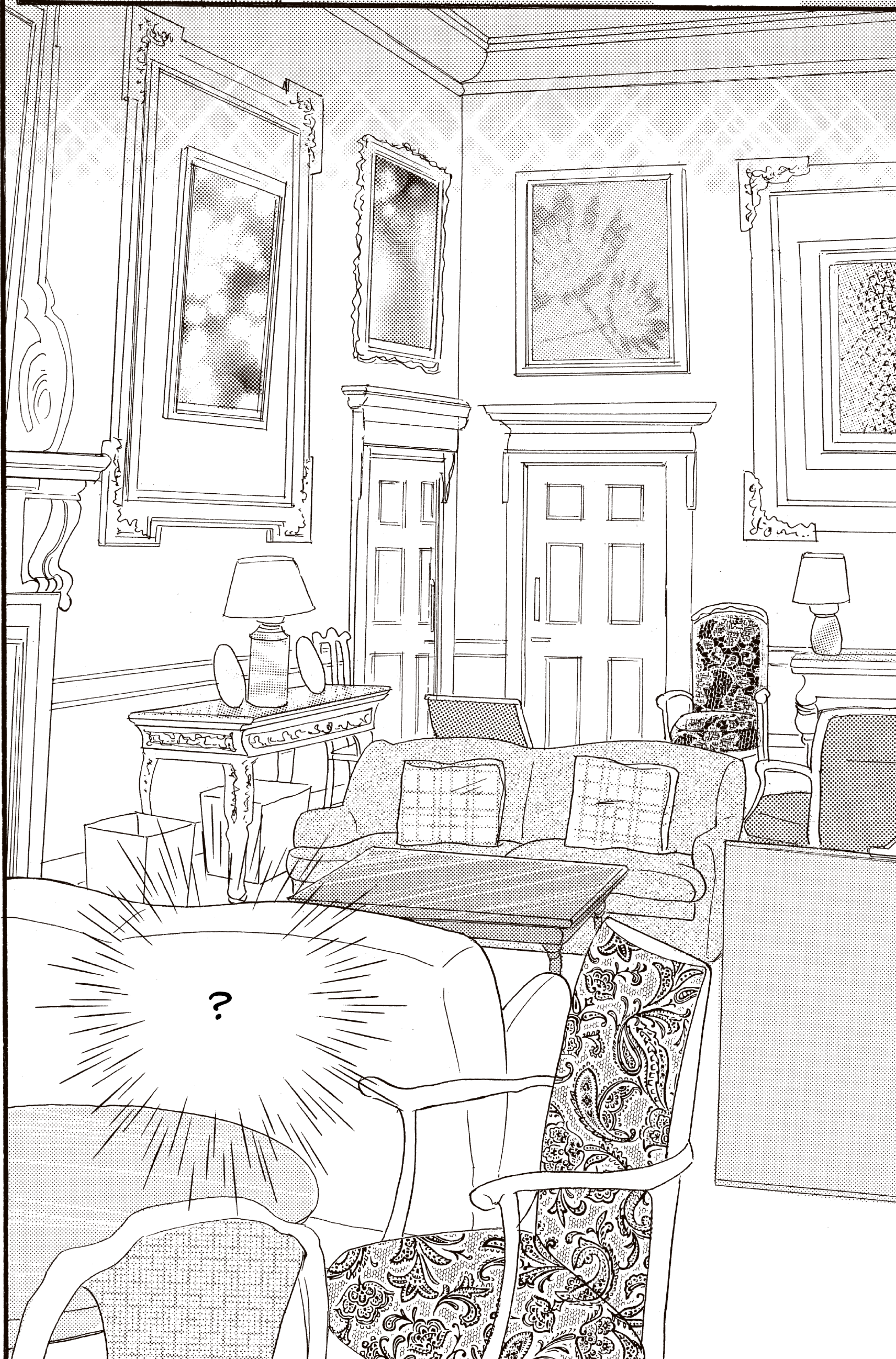




ANYONE?

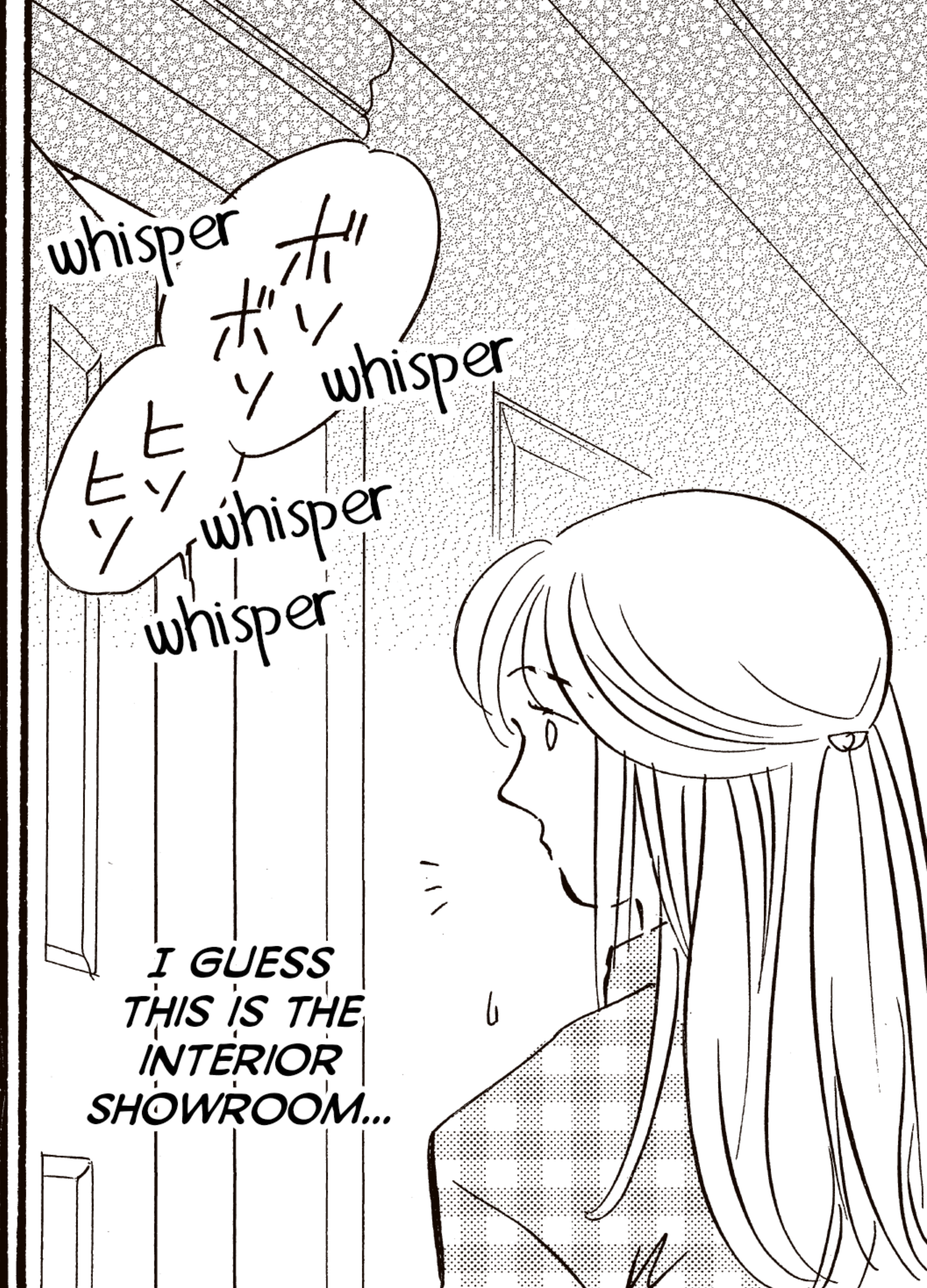
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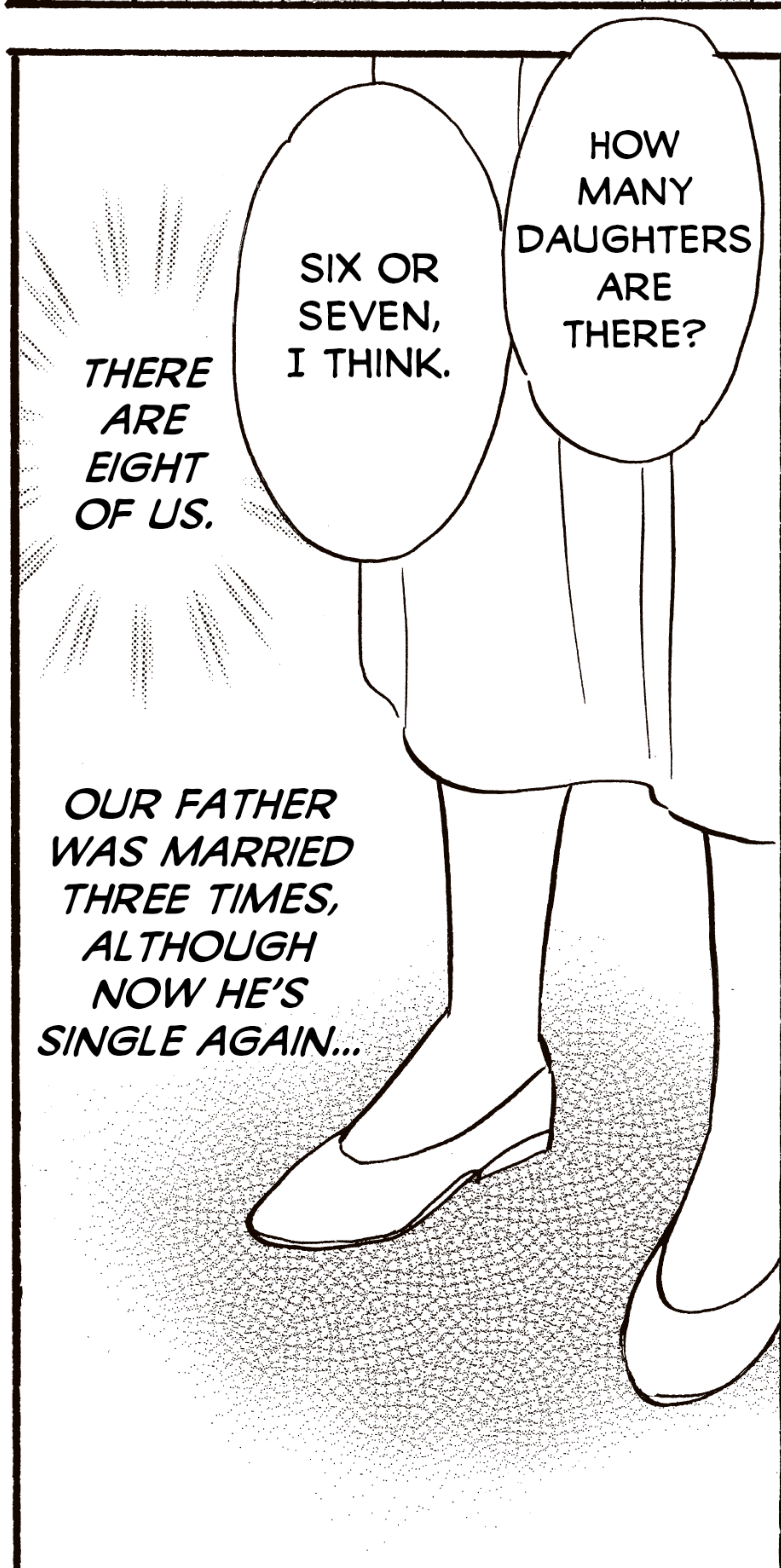
DID YOU SAY A
BALFOUR GIRL
IS GOING TO
WORK HERE?

to
oh



whisper
whisper
whisper
whisper

I GUESS
THIS IS THE
INTERIOR
SHOWROOM...

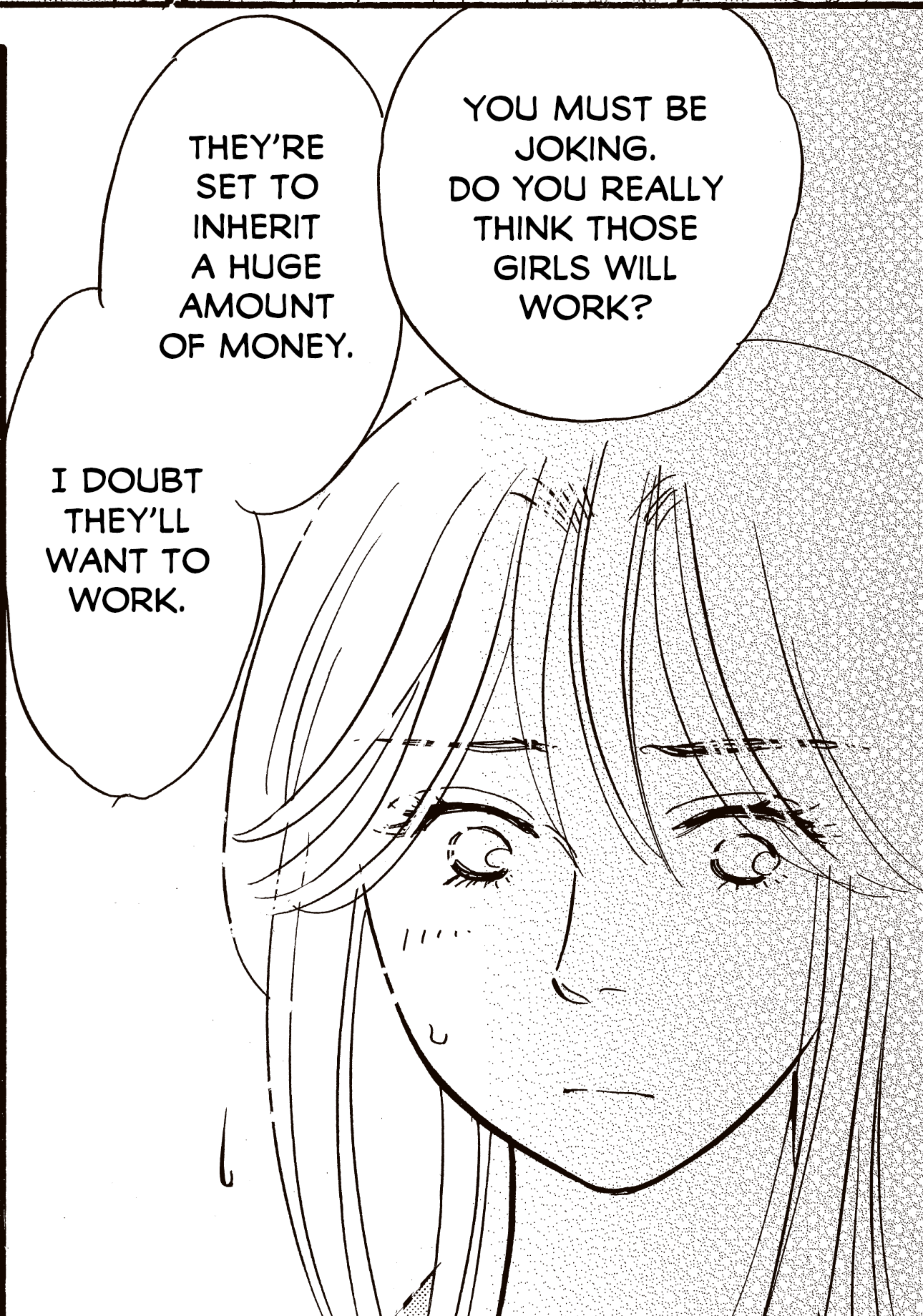


THERE
ARE
EIGHT
OF US.

SIX OR
SEVEN,
I THINK.

HOW
MANY
DAUGHTERS
ARE
THERE?

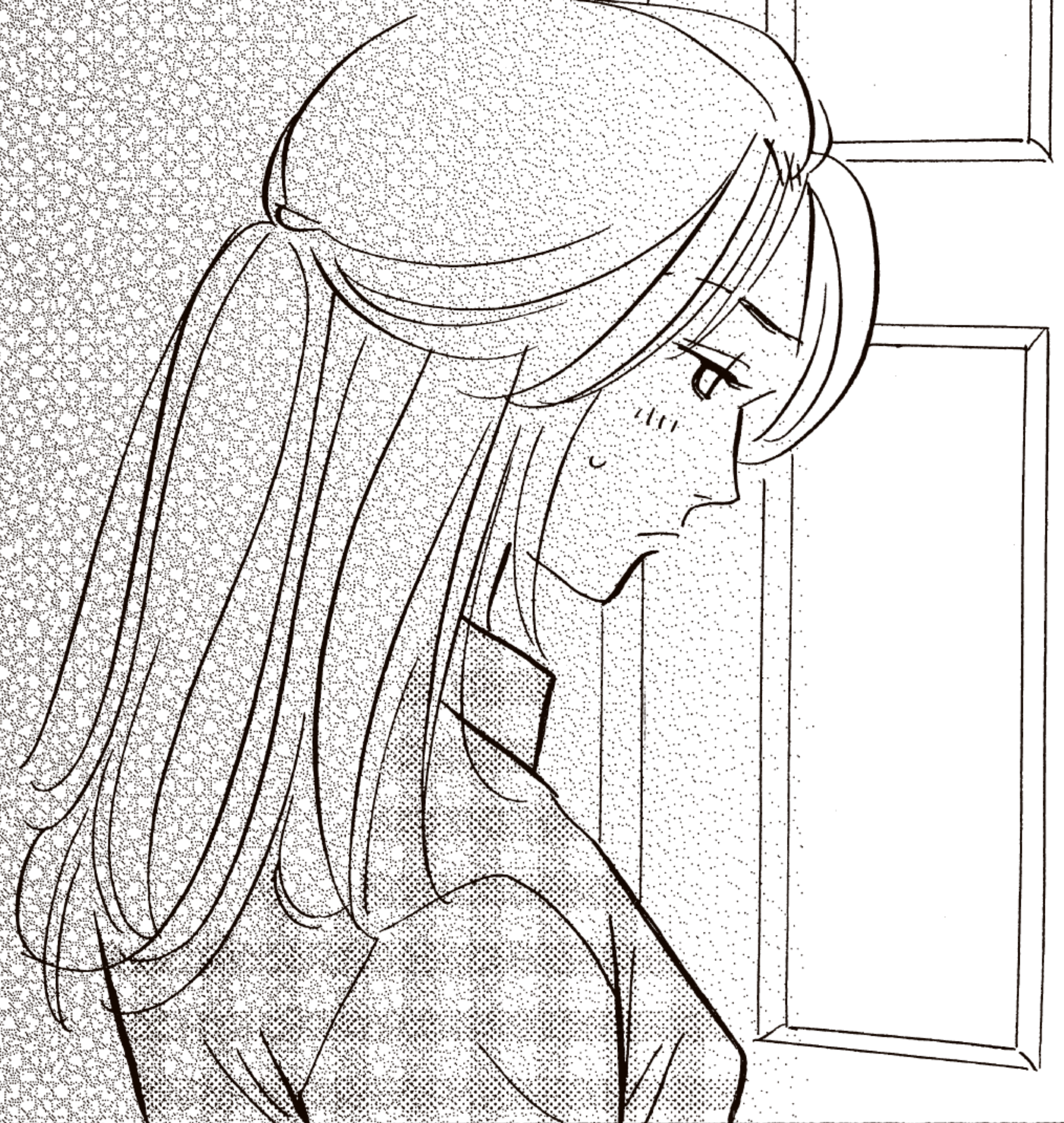
OUR FATHER
WAS MARRIED
THREE TIMES,
ALTHOUGH
NOW HE'S
SINGLE AGAIN...



THEY'RE
SET TO
INHERIT
A HUGE
AMOUNT
OF MONEY.

I DOUBT
THEY'LL
WANT TO
WORK.

YOU MUST BE
JOKING.
DO YOU REALLY
THINK THOSE
GIRLS WILL
WORK?



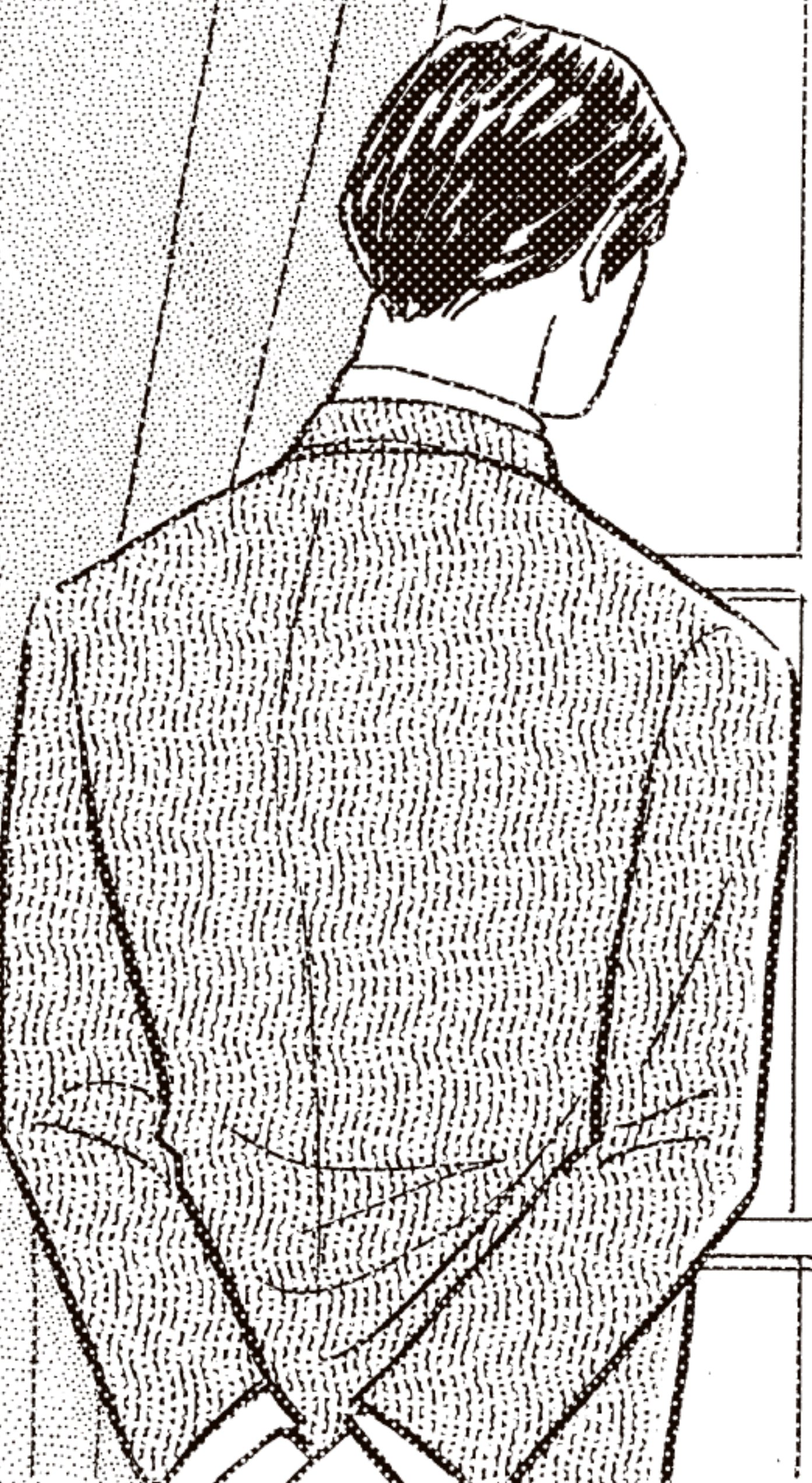
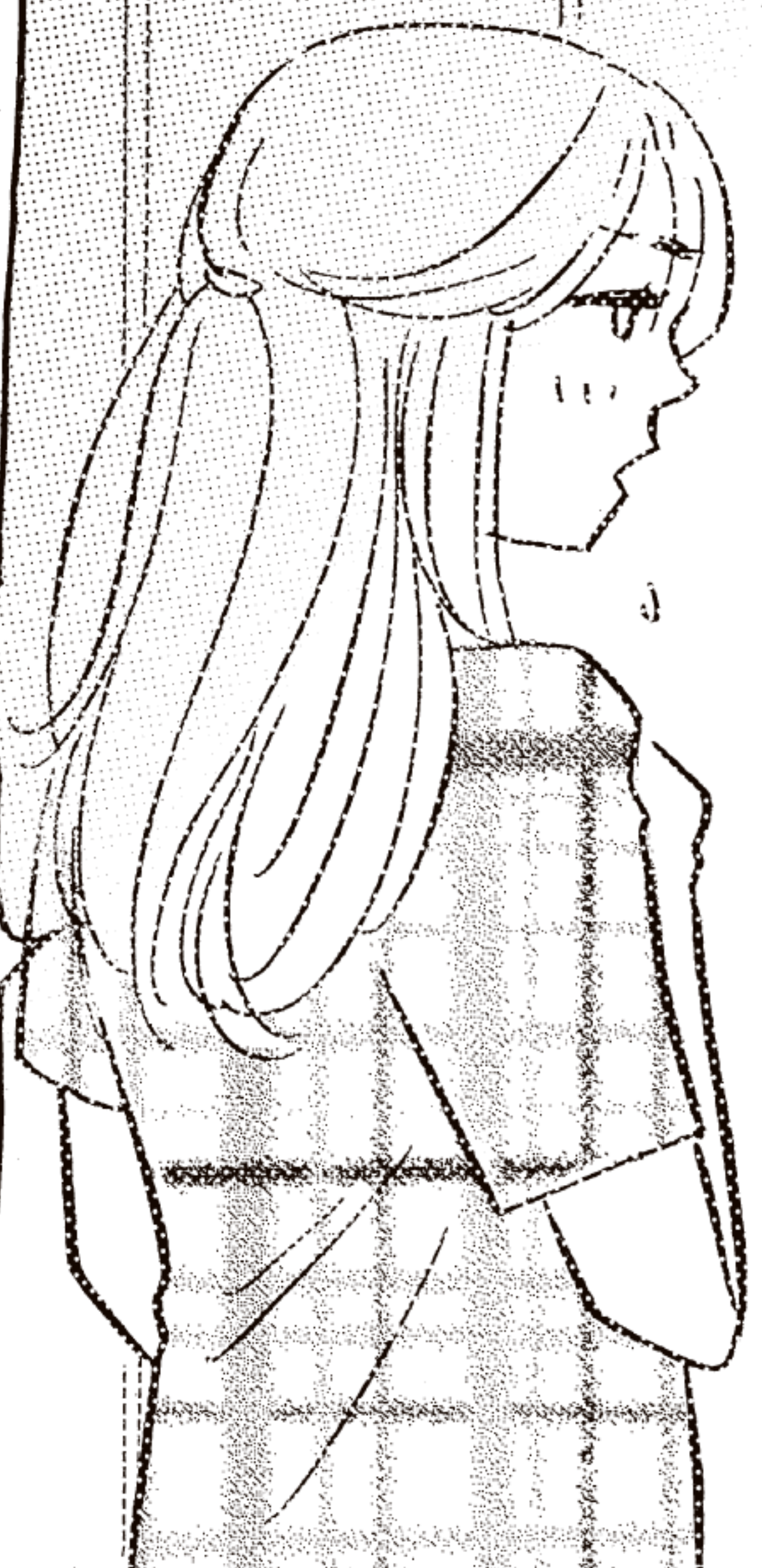
WE'RE
THE ONES
WHO'LL
HAVE TO
PICK UP THE
SLACK.

WHOEVER IT
IS THAT COMES,
I'M SURE
SHE WON'T BE
ABLE TO DO
ANY REAL
WORK.

THEY'RE SO
LUCKY...
RICH AND
PRETTY,
TOO.

YOU MUST
BECOME
INDEPEN-
DENT.

I'LL TRY
IT, DAD.

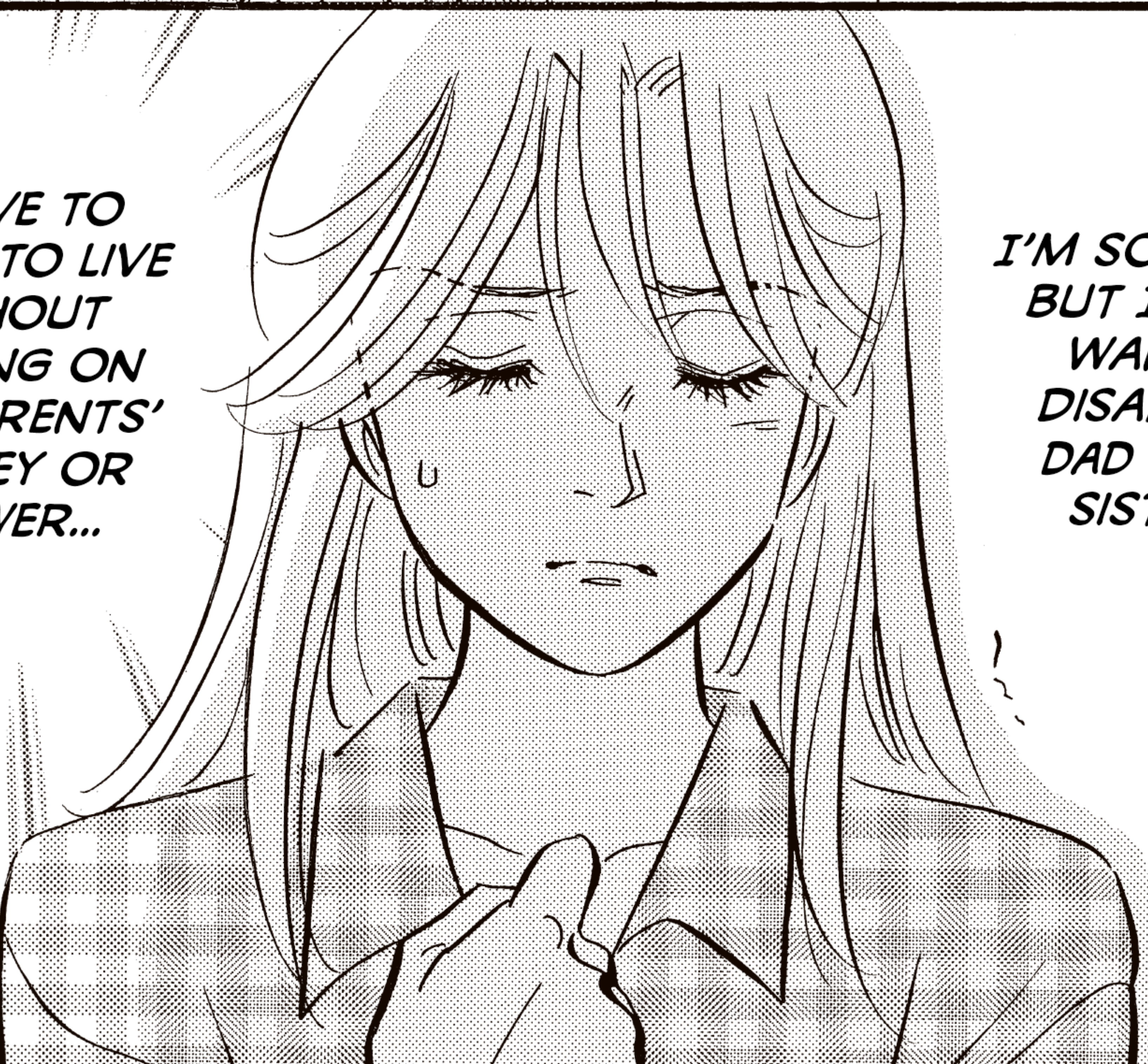


YOUR
SISTERS
HAVE
ACCEPTED
THIS
CHALLENGE,
TOO.

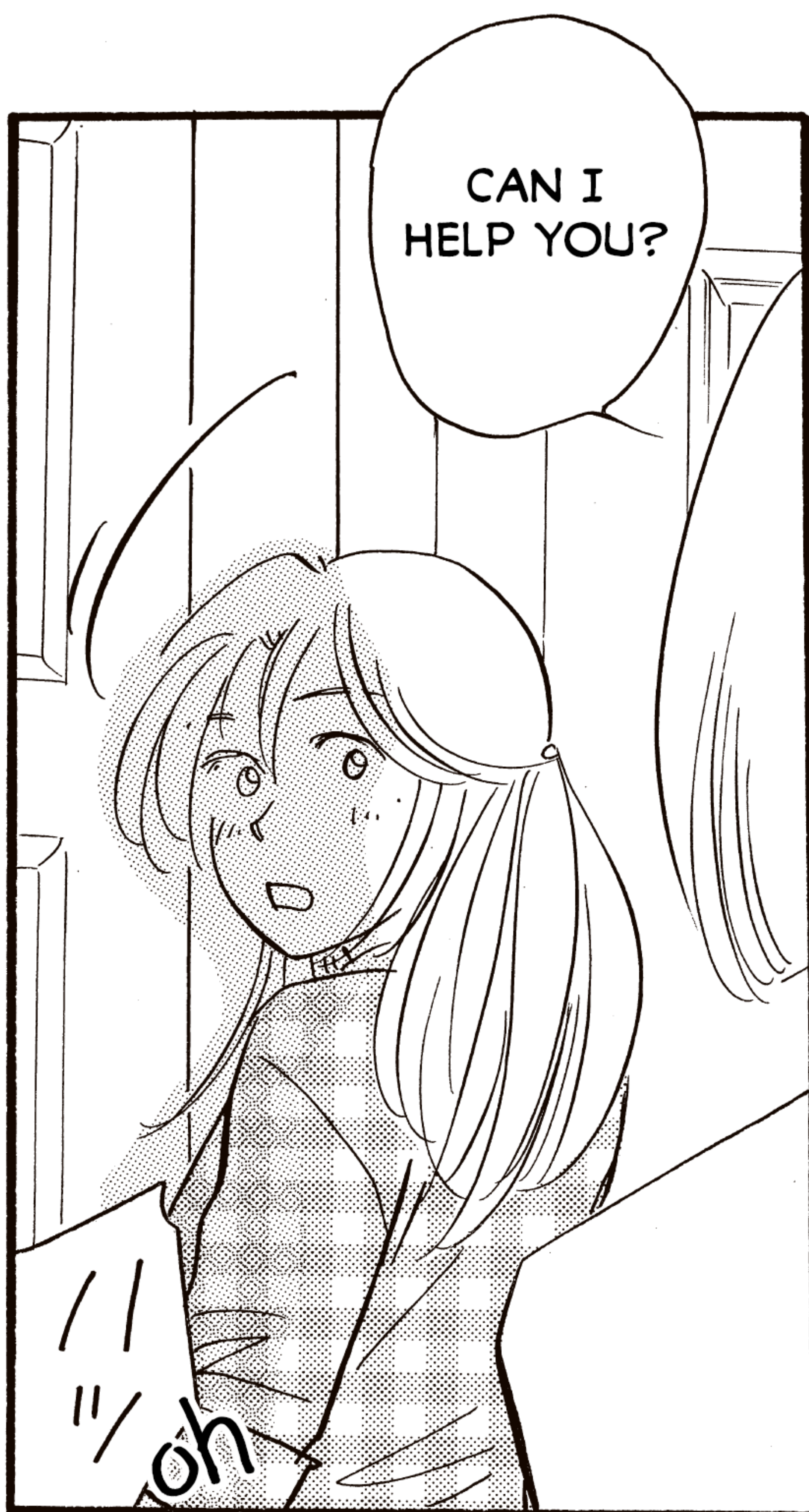
I KNOW
YOU CAN
DO IT,
SOPHIE,
BECAUSE
I BELIEVE
IN YOU.

*I HAVE TO
LEARN TO LIVE
WITHOUT
RELYING ON
MY PARENTS'
MONEY OR
POWER...*

I WONDER IF
AMBER PLANS
TO USE THE
GIRL?



*I'M SO AFRAID,
BUT I DON'T
WANT TO
DISAPPOINT
DAD OR MY
SISTERS...*

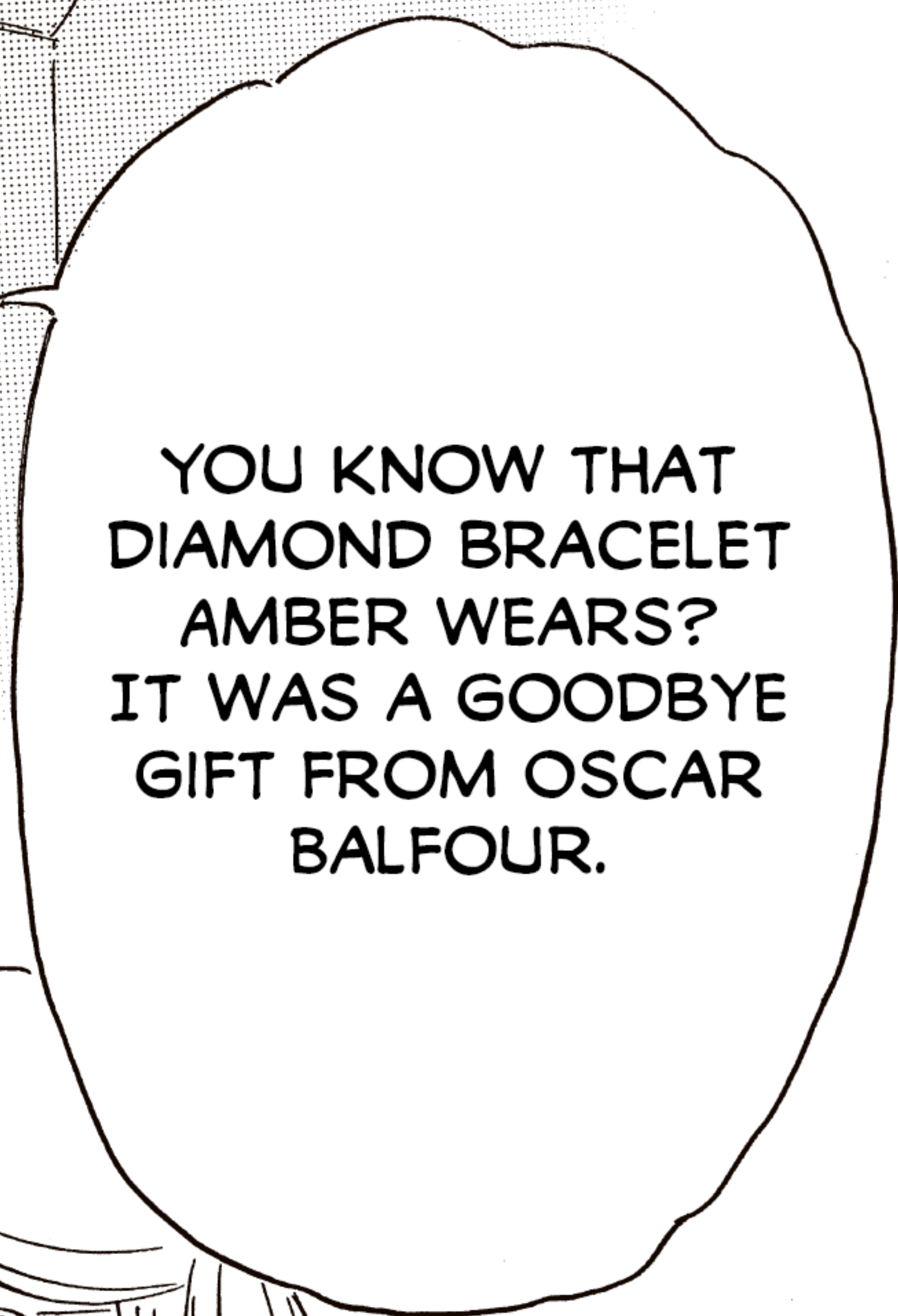


CAN I
HELP YOU?

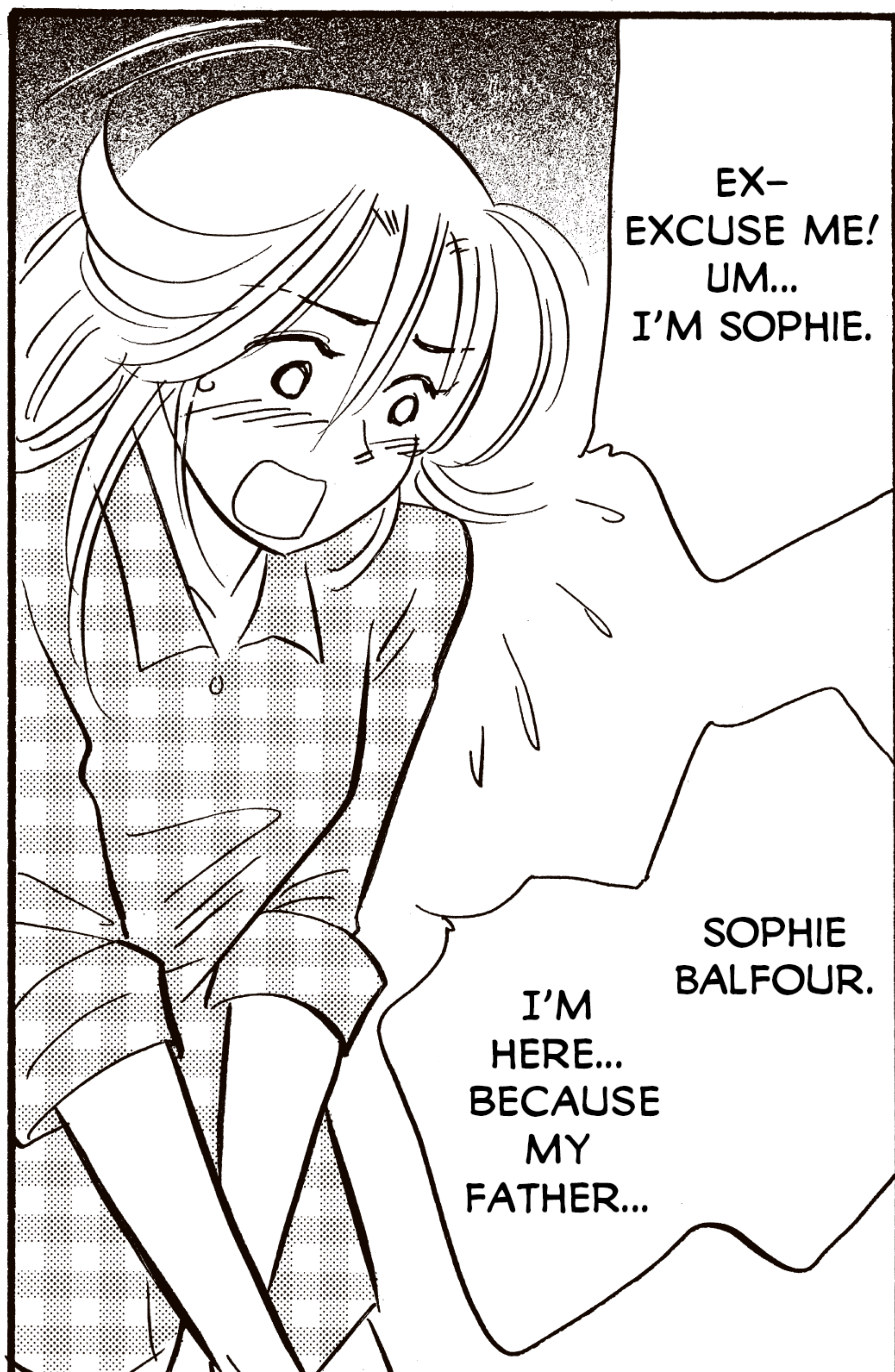


AMBER AND
OSCAR
BALFOUR?

REALLY!



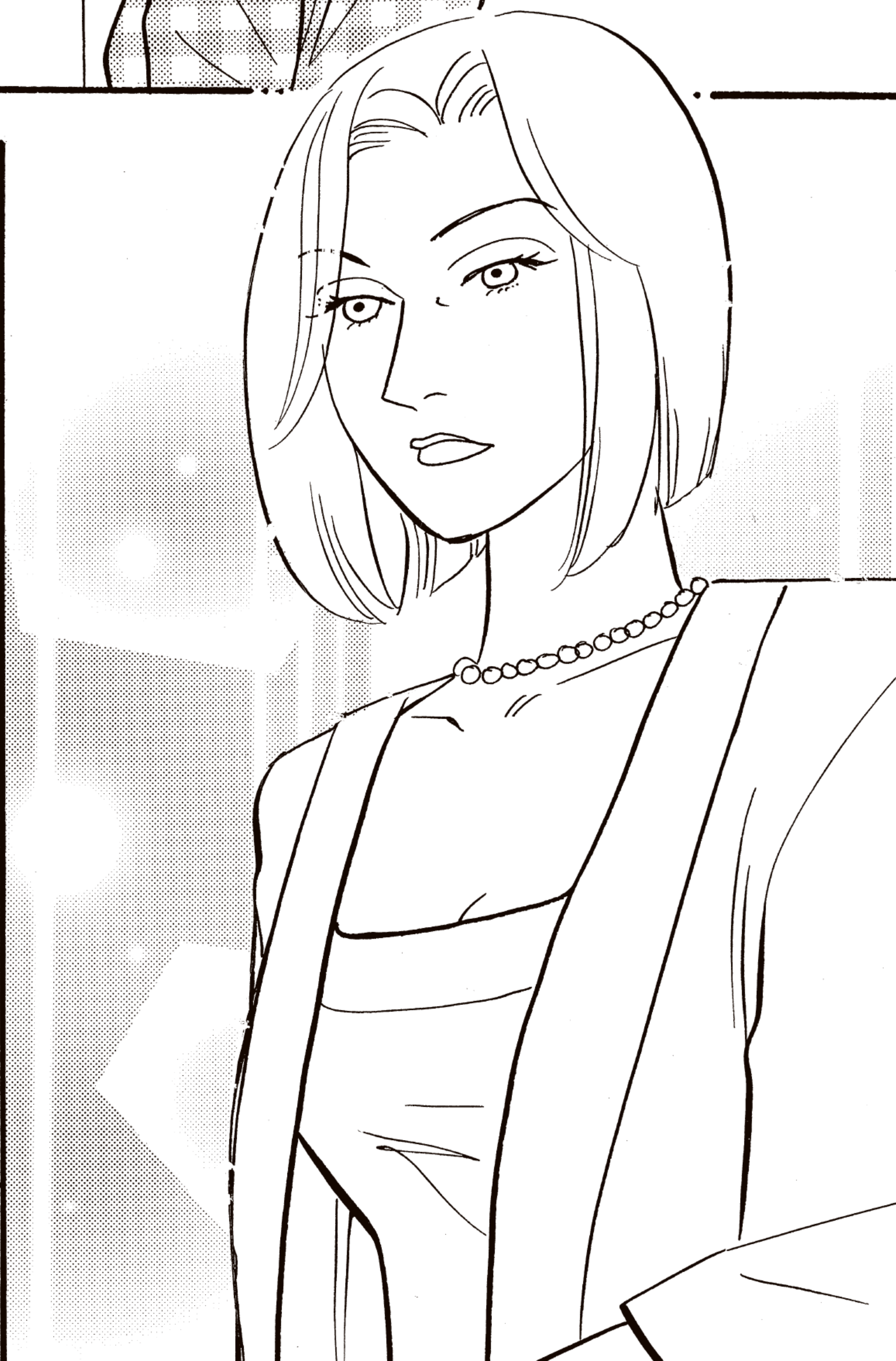
YOU KNOW THAT
DIAMOND BRACELET
AMBER WEARS?
IT WAS A GOODBYE
GIFT FROM OSCAR
BALFOUR.



EX-
EXCUSE ME!
UM...
I'M SOPHIE.

SOPHIE
BALFOUR.

I'M
HERE...
BECAUSE
MY
FATHER...



LIKE IT'S HARD
TO BELIEVE
THAT I'M
PART OF MY
FAMILY, FAMOUS
FOR THEIR
BEAUTY,
ELEGANCE
AND WIT...

I'M USED
TO THIS
REACTION...

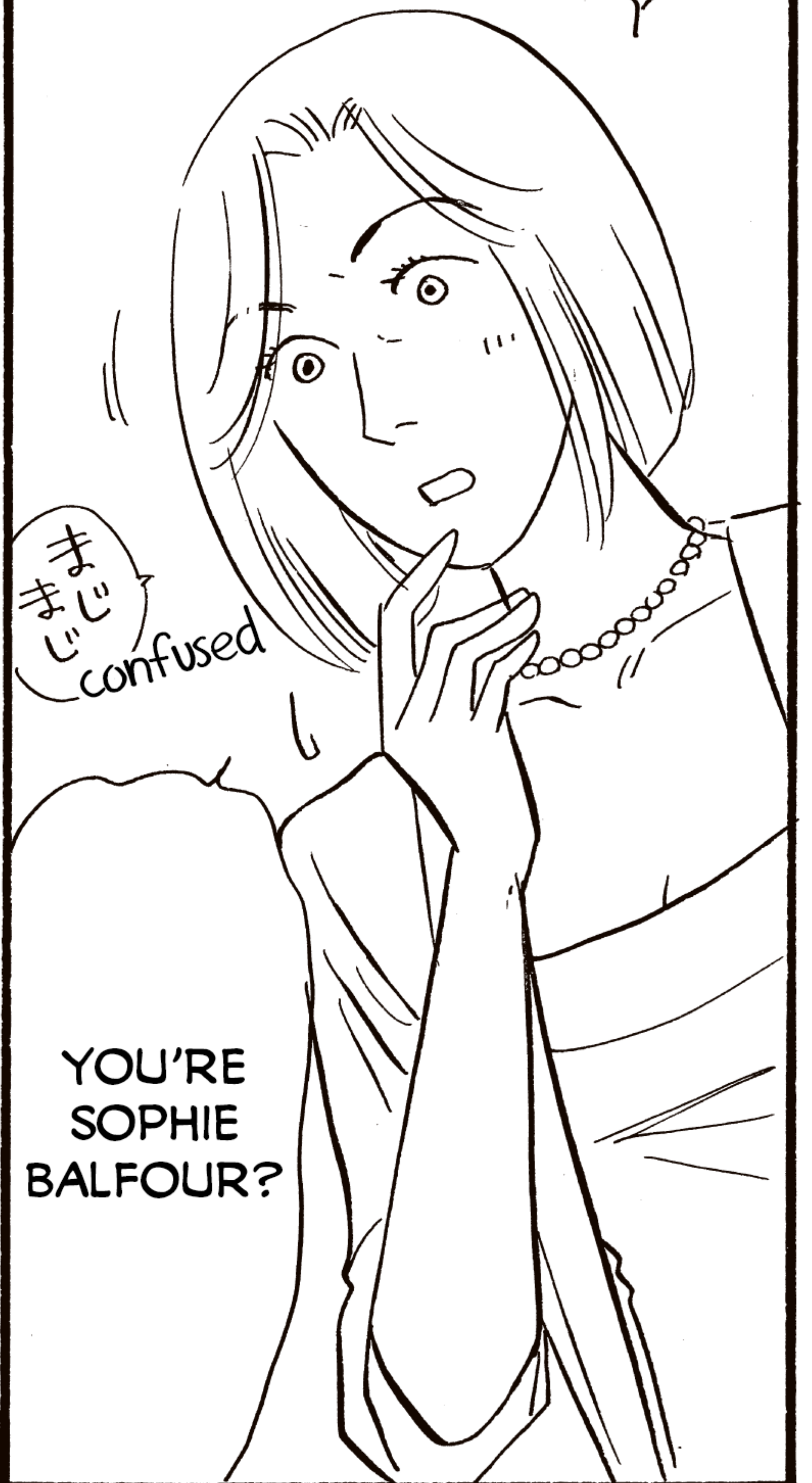


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YOU'RE...

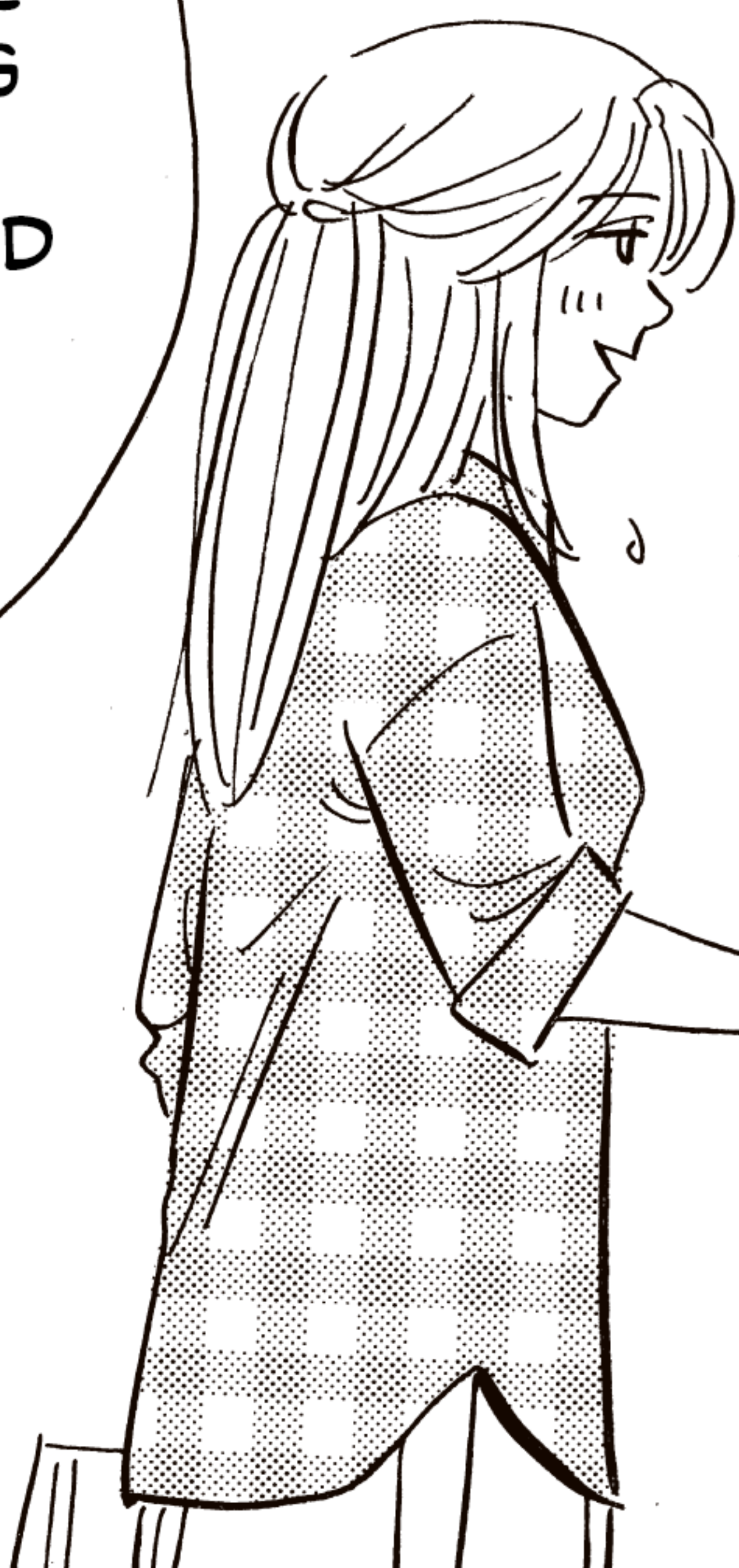
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confused

YOU'RE
SOPHIE
BALFOUR?



YES, I LOVE
COMBINING
DIFFERENT
COLORS AND
TEXTURES.

I BROUGHT
MY RESUME.



I'M
AMBER
CHARLES.

I'VE HEARD
FROM YOUR
FATHER THAT
YOU'RE VERY...
TALENTED.

I WANT TO
DISAPPEAR
...!

I
SEE...

I DIDN'T GO TO
UNIVERSITY.
I LEARNED
THROUGH A
CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE.

YOU'RE 23...
I'M SURE YOU
WERE AN
EXCELLENT
STUDENT. WHICH
UNIVERSITY DID
YOU ATTEND?

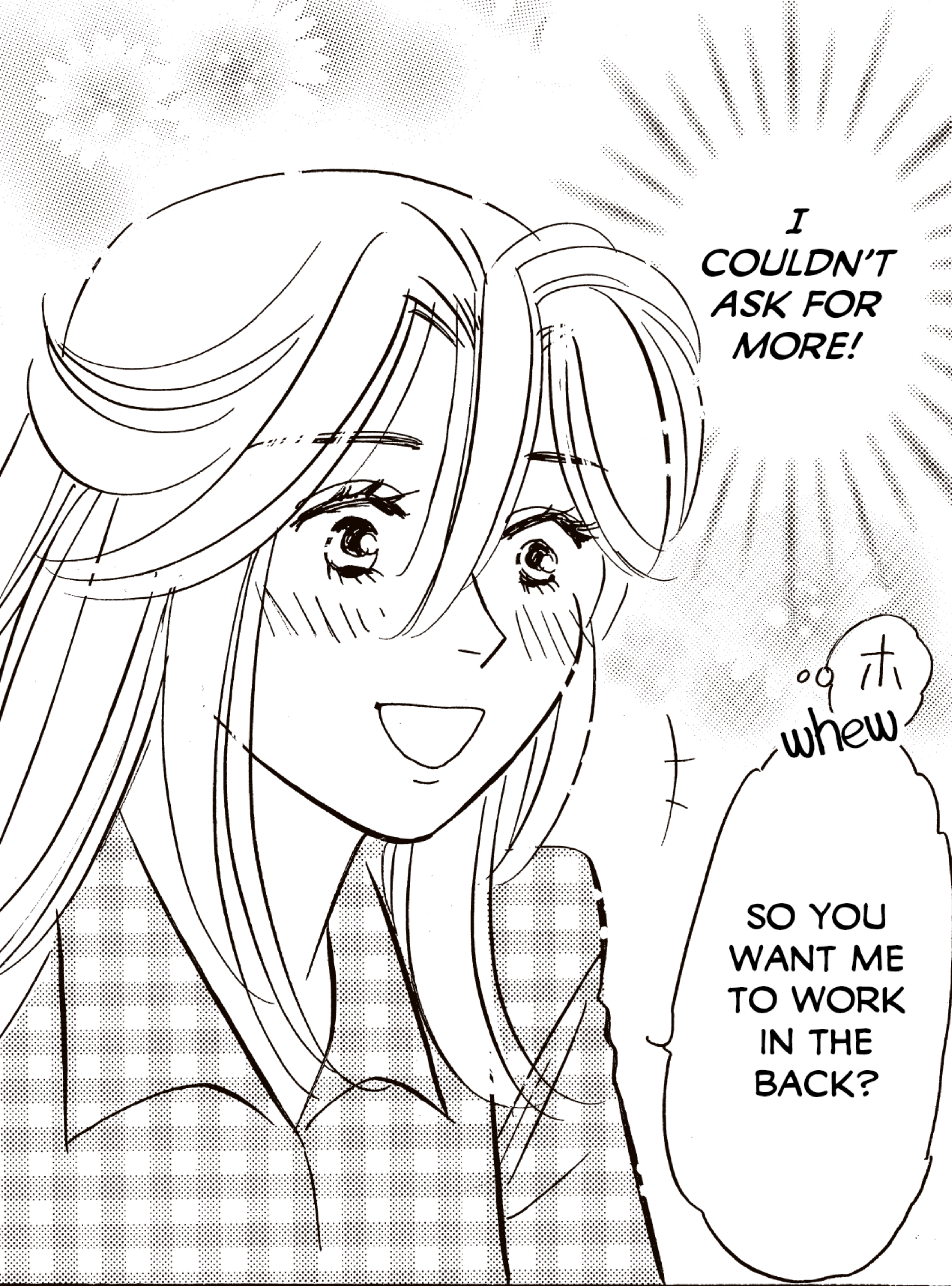
OH,
REALLY...?

OF COURSE.
THERE'S A LOT
OF COMPETITION
IN THIS
INDUSTRY.

YOU HAVE TO
DO EVERYTHING
YOURSELF,
AND YOUR
APPEARANCE IS
ALSO IMPORTANT.
YOU HAVE TO PUT
THE CLIENT AT
EASE.

AND...
SOPHIE, I
WONDER HOW
WE SHOULD
START
WORKING
TOGETHER.

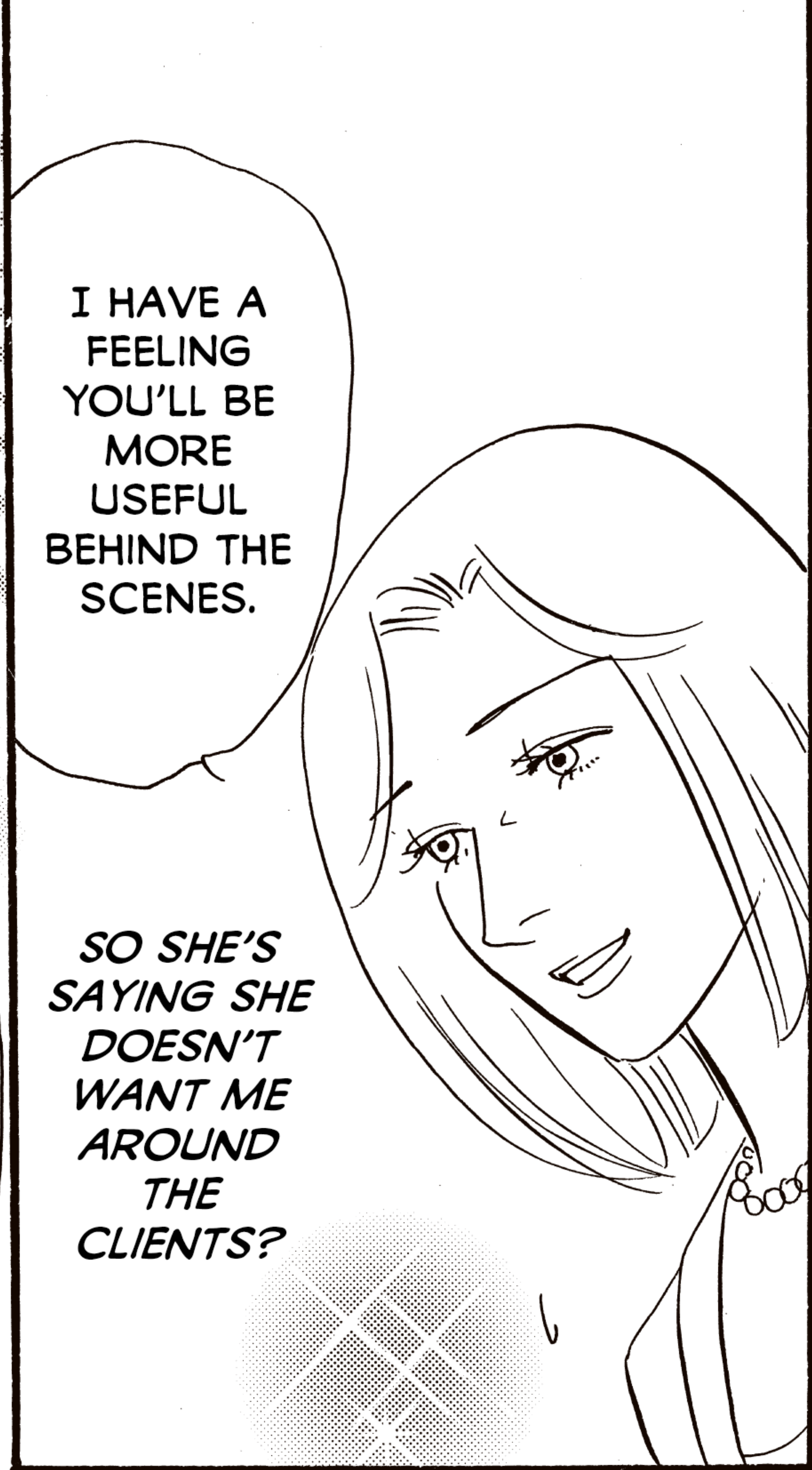
I'M SURE YOU'RE
TALENTED, BUT
TALENT ISN'T
ENOUGH.



I
COULDN'T
ASK FOR
MORE!

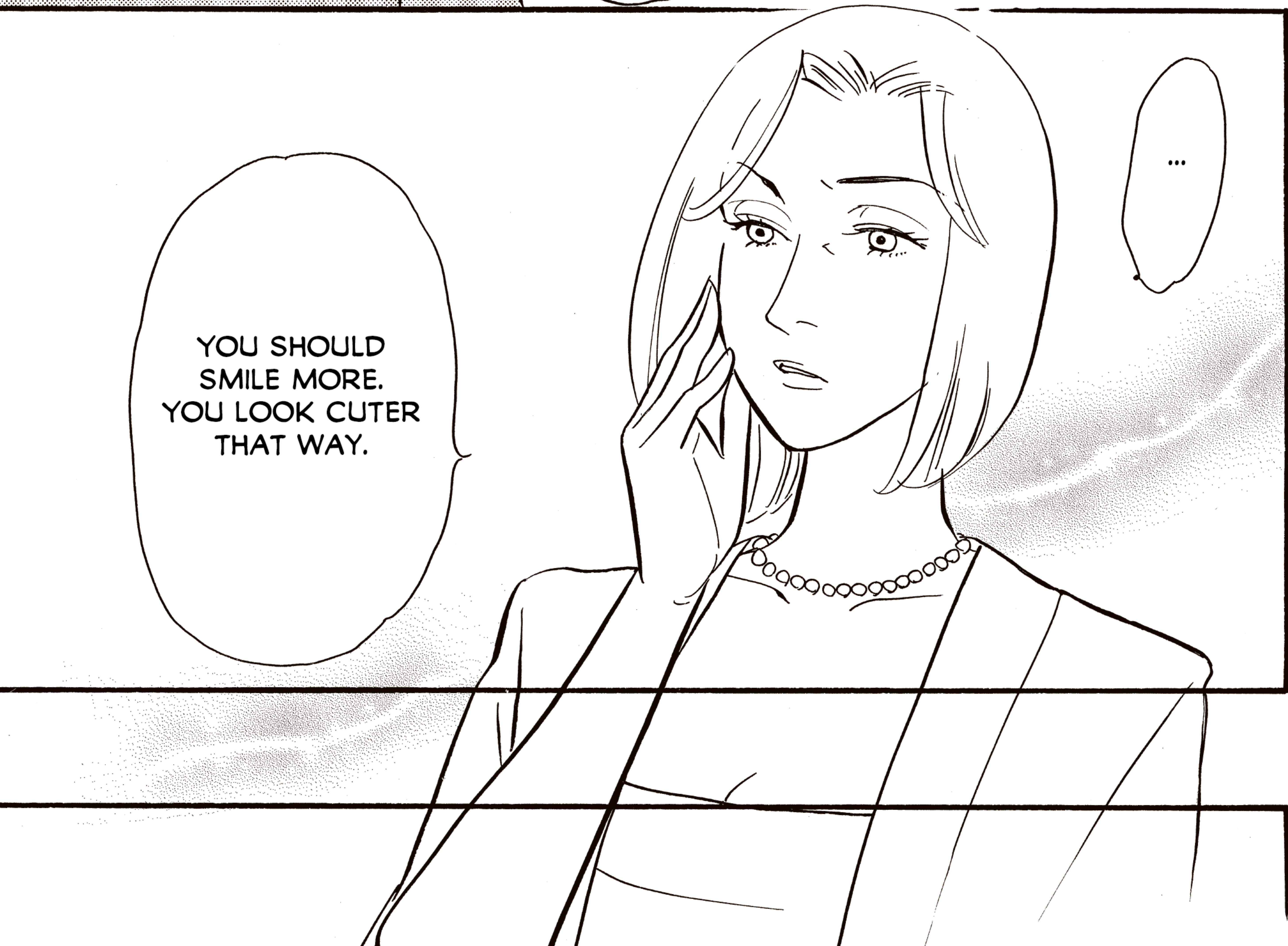
oh it
whew

SO YOU
WANT ME
TO WORK
IN THE
BACK?



I HAVE A
FEELING
YOU'LL BE
MORE
USEFUL
BEHIND THE
SCENES.

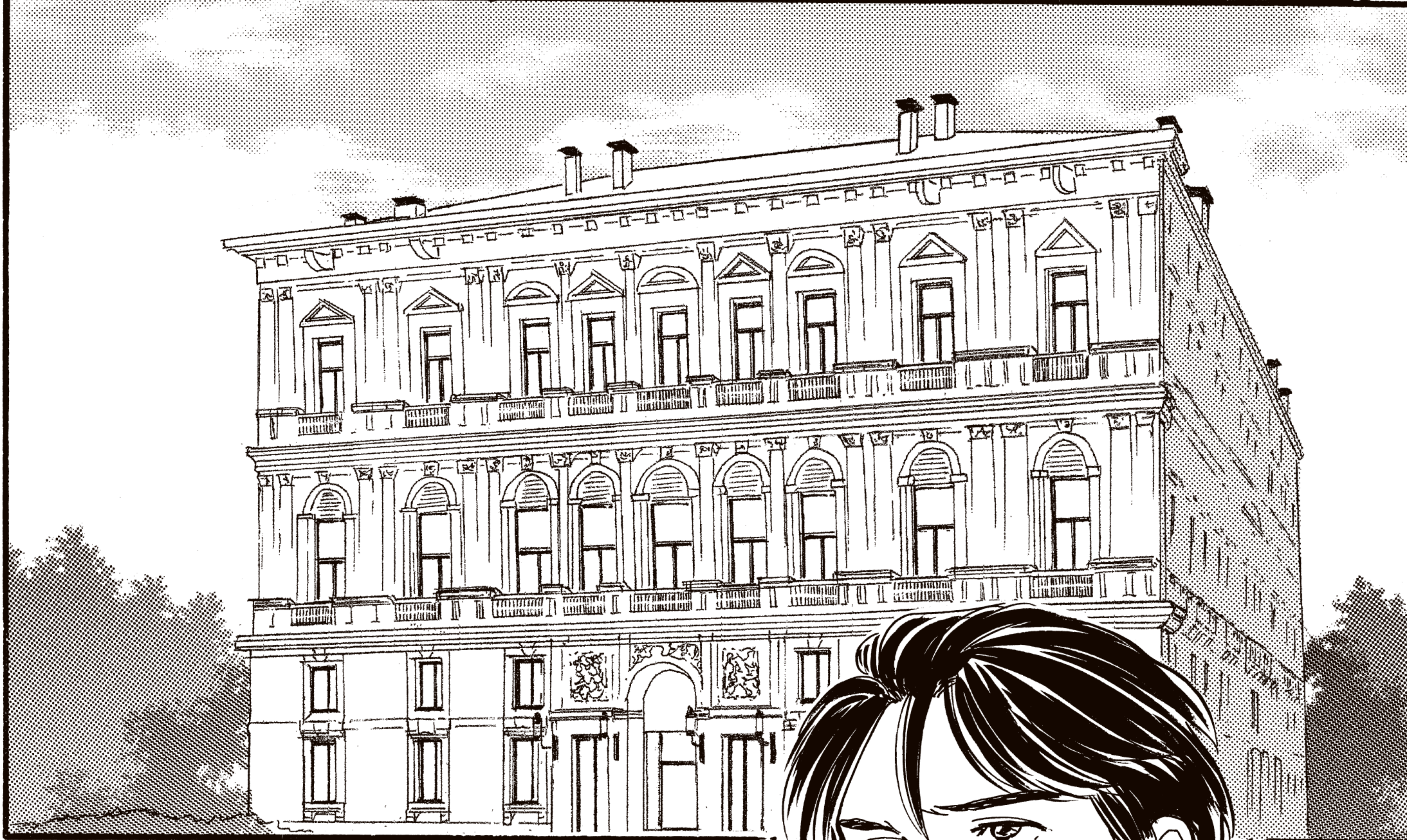
SO SHE'S
SAYING SHE
DOESN'T
WANT ME
AROUND
THE
CLIENTS?



YOU SHOULD
SMILE MORE.
YOU LOOK CUTER
THAT WAY.

...

PALERMO, SICILY



MAR-
CHESE!

