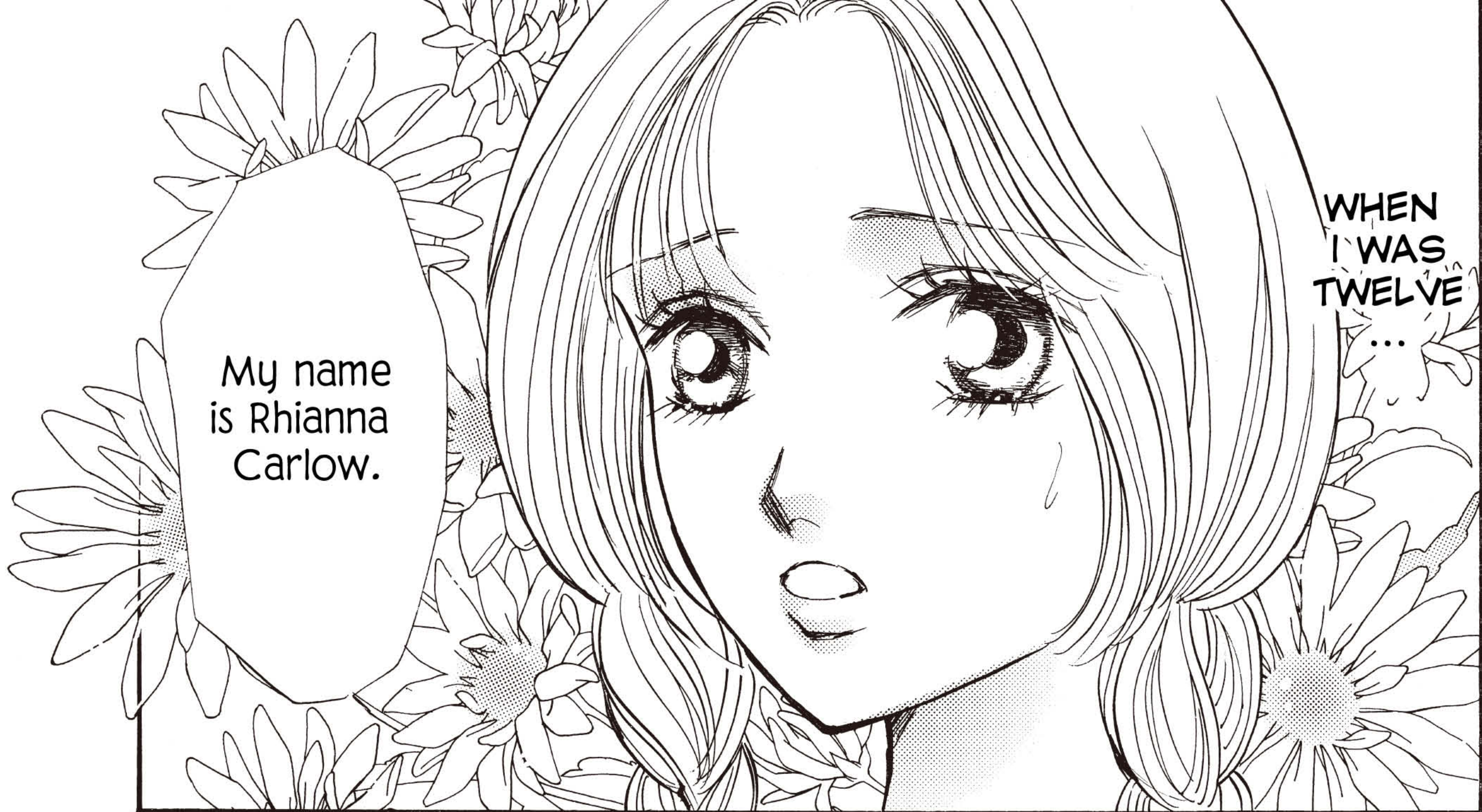




My name
is Rhianna
Carlow.

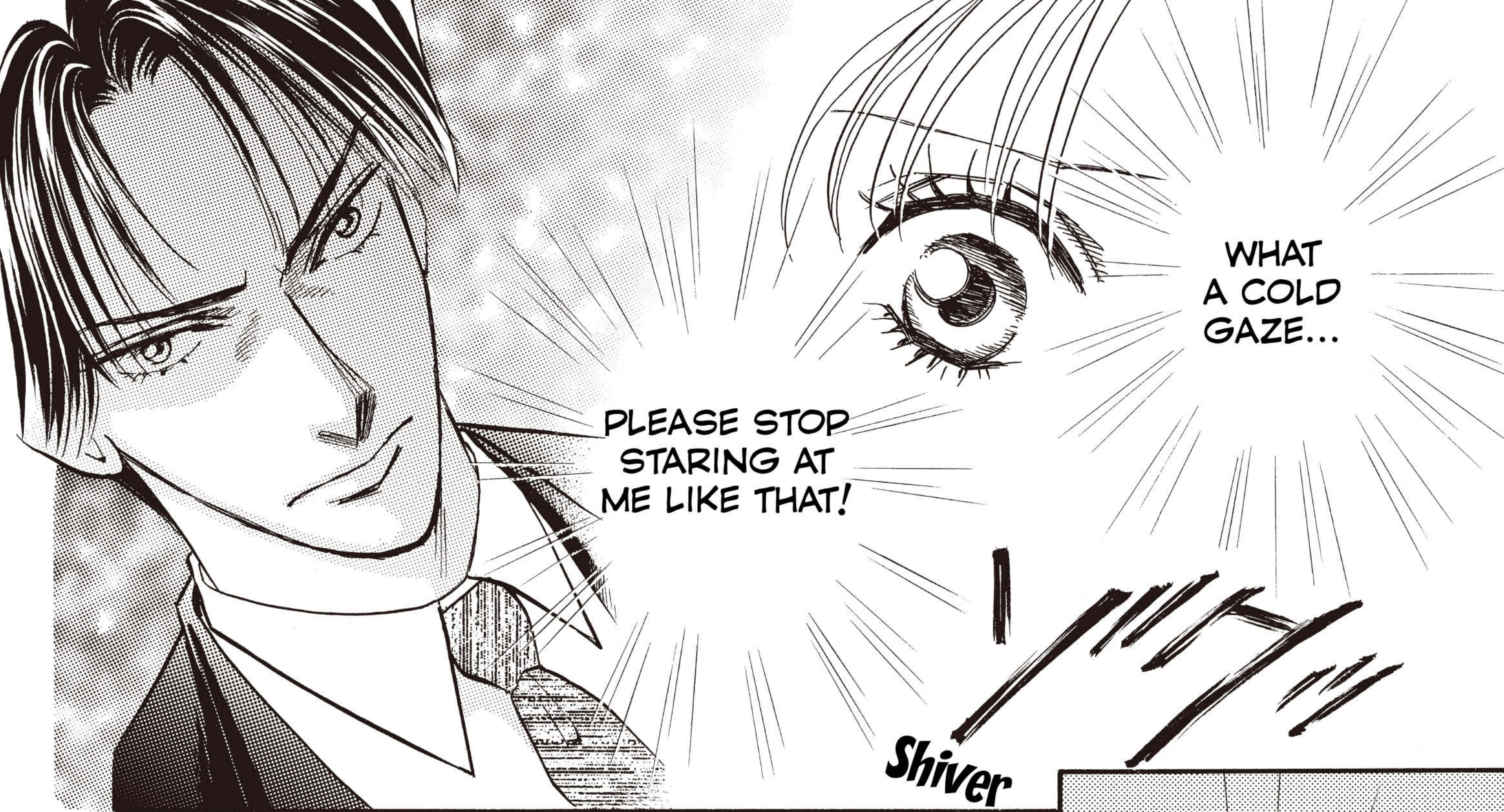
WHEN
I WAS
TWELVE

...



...I MET
DIAZ
PENVARNON.

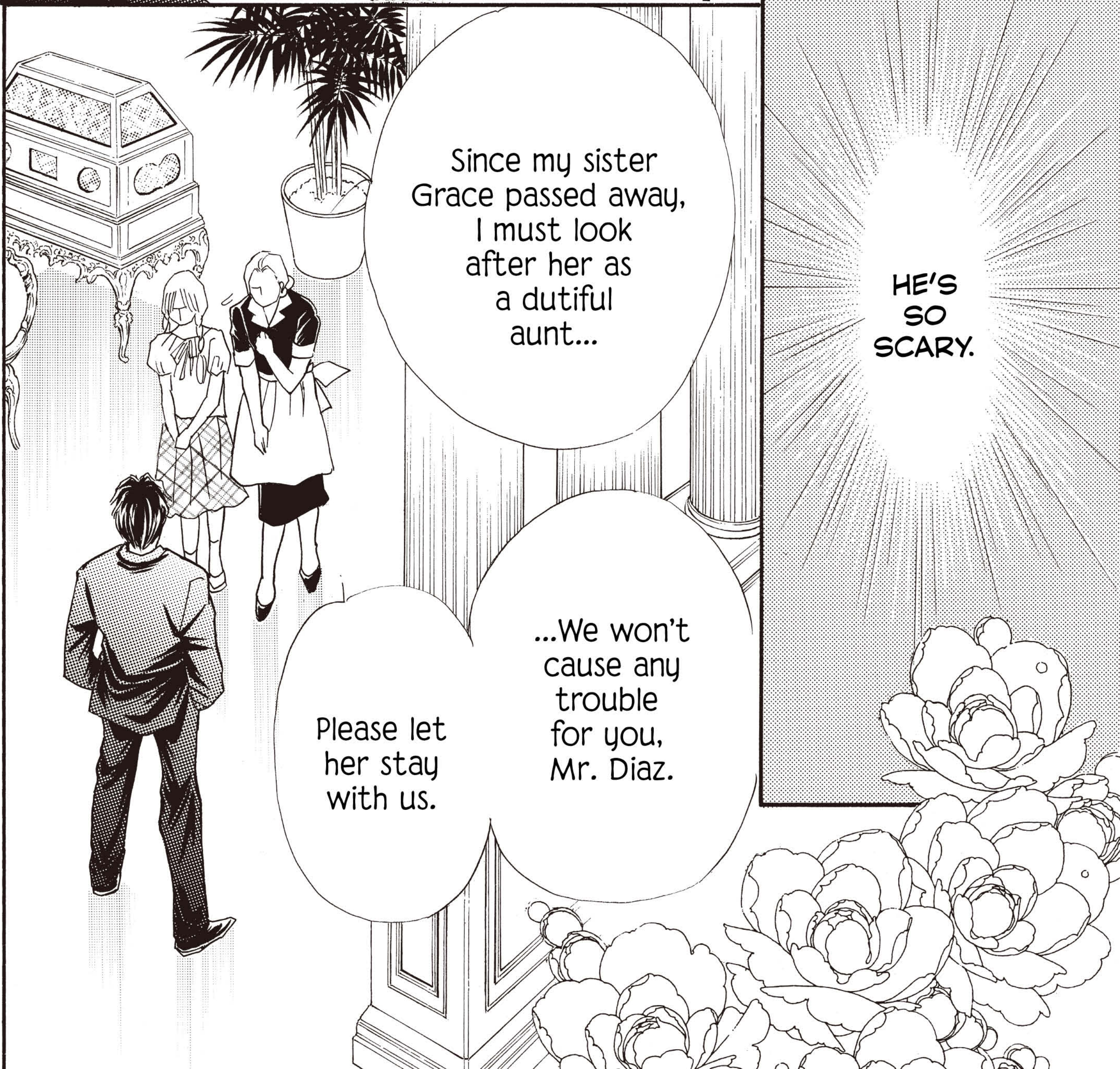
I see...
So you are
Grace's
daughter.



WHAT
A COLD
GAZE...

PLEASE STOP
STARING AT
ME LIKE THAT!

Shiver



Since my sister
Grace passed away,
I must look
after her as
a dutiful
aunt...

HE'S
SO
SCARY.

...We won't
cause any
trouble
for you,
Mr. Diaz.

Please let
her stay
with us.



I'm leaving
my uncle and
aunt to manage
this mansion.

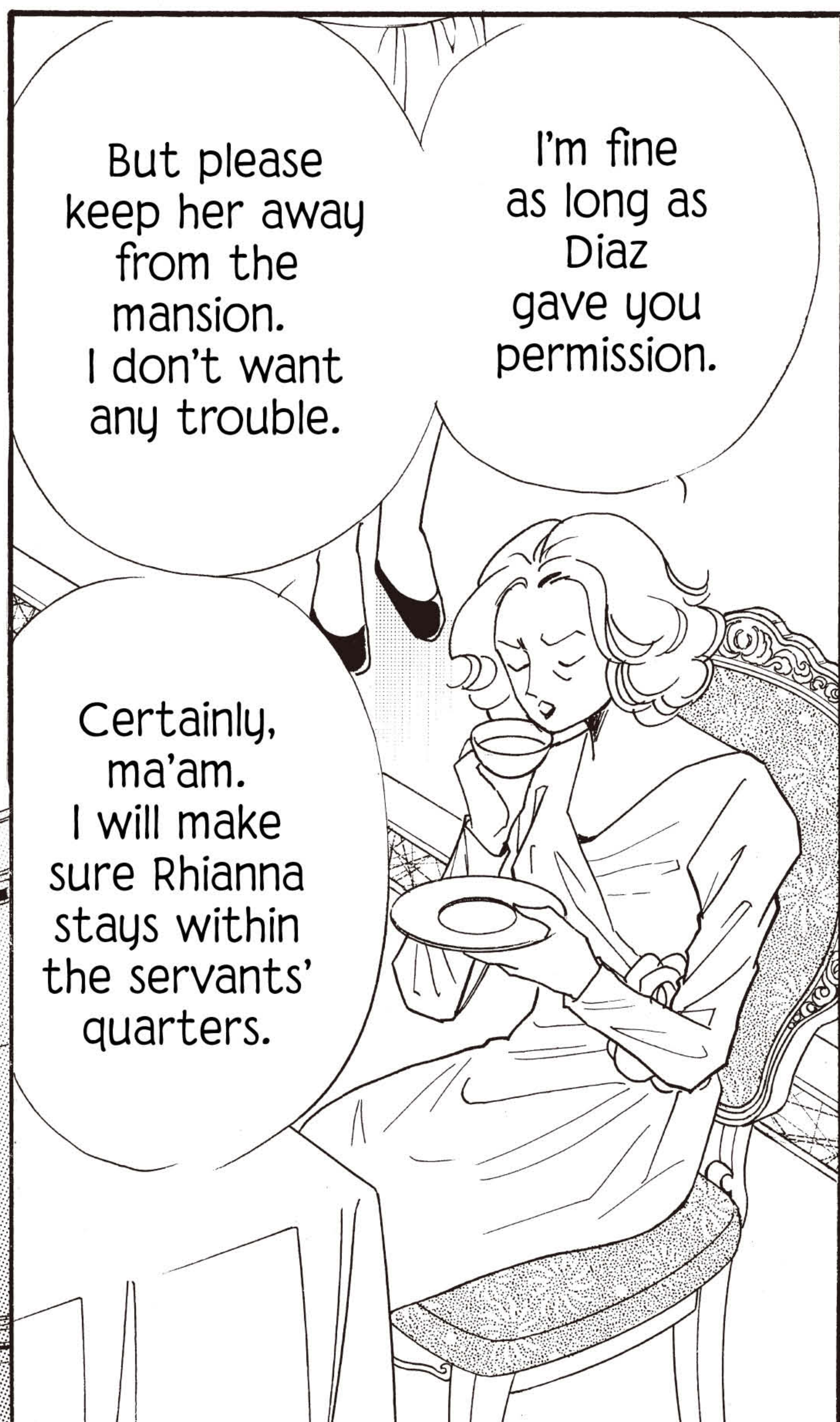
Fine.
It's not like
I have much
choice.

I'm not
here that
often
because
of my work,
anyway.



...WHO WAS A
HOUSEKEEPER
FOR THE
PENVARNON
FAMILY.

AFTER MY
MOTHER
PASSED AWAY,
I WAS TAKEN IN
BY MY AUNT
KISAIA...



But please
keep her away
from the
mansion.
I don't want
any trouble.

I'm fine
as long as
Diaz
gave you
permission.

Certainly,
ma'am.
I will make
sure Rhianna
stays within
the servants'
quarters.

LATER
I LEARNED
WHY I WAS
SHUNNED.

IT WAS
BECAUSE,
WHEN MY
MOTHER WAS
YOUNG...

...SHE WAS
DIAZ'S FATHER'S
MISTRESS...

AS A CHILD,
I COULD FEEL
THAT I WAS NOT
WELCOME BY
THE PENVARNON
FAMILY, EXCEPT
BY CARRIE...

I FELT
ESPECIALLY
UNWELCOME
FROM THE
OWNER OF
THE
MANSION,
DIAZ.

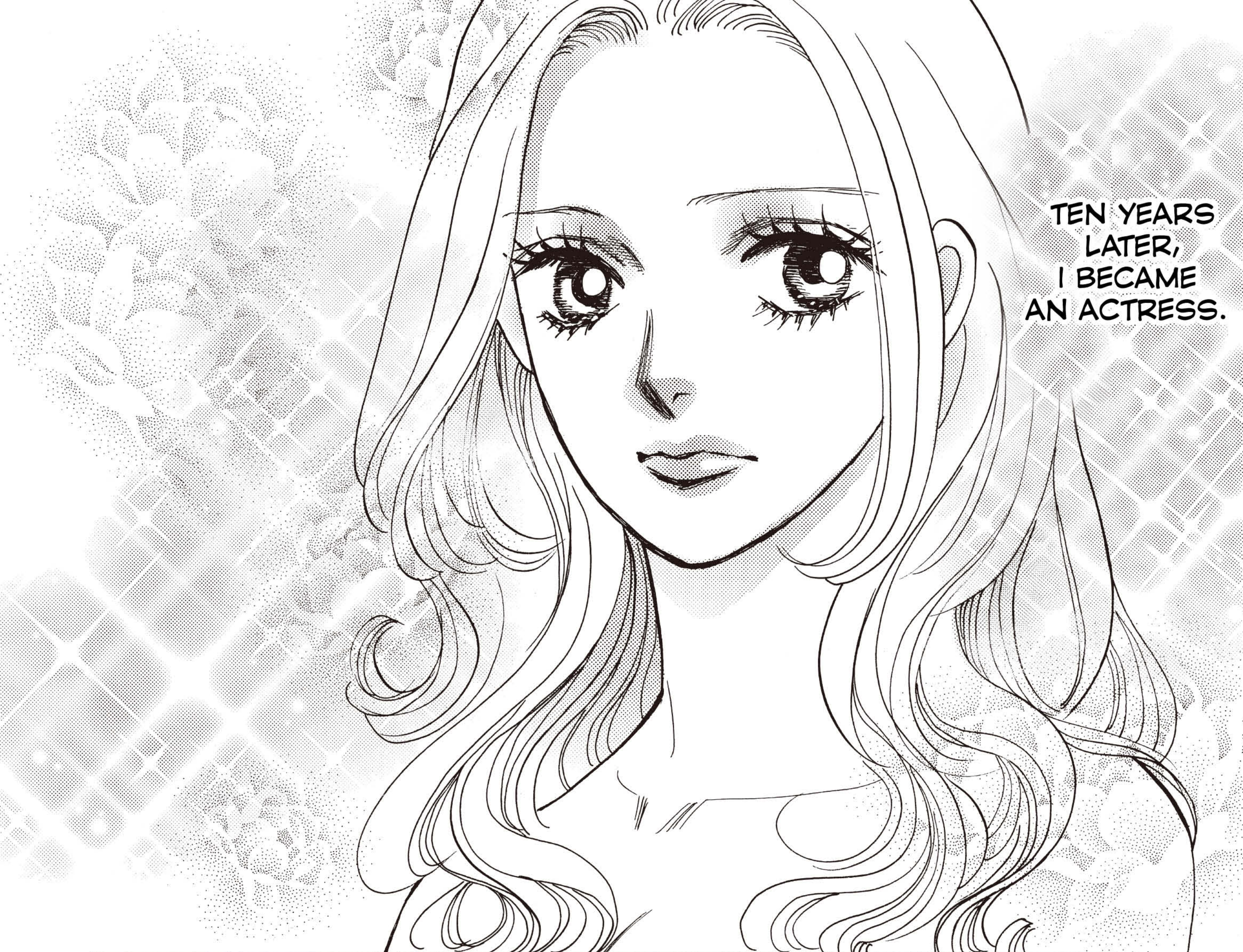
Hi, I'm
Carrie,
Diaz's
cousin.

Don't worry
about what
my mother said.
We should
be friends.

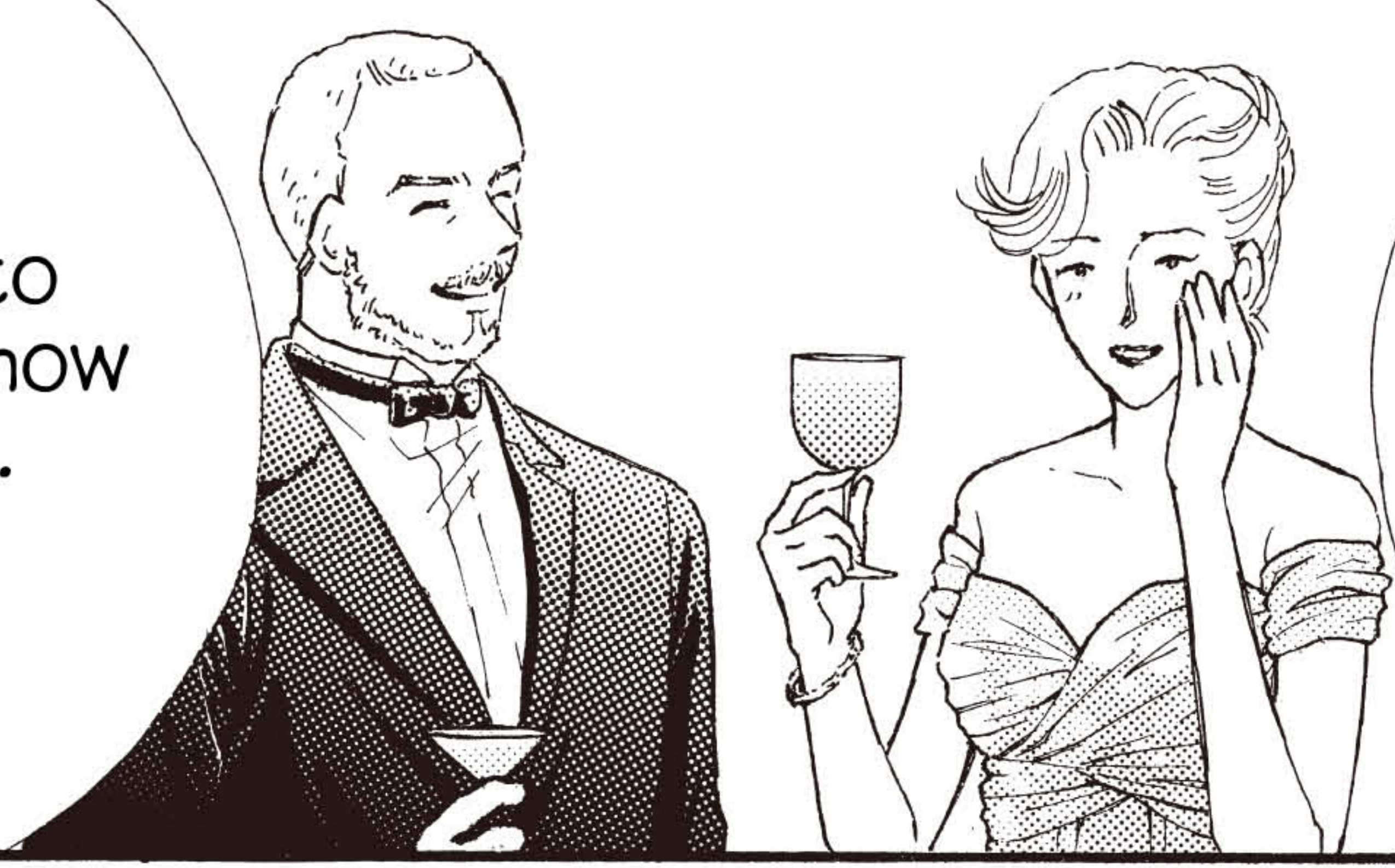
And this is
my friend
Simon.

Junko Okada

Original novel by: Sara Craven

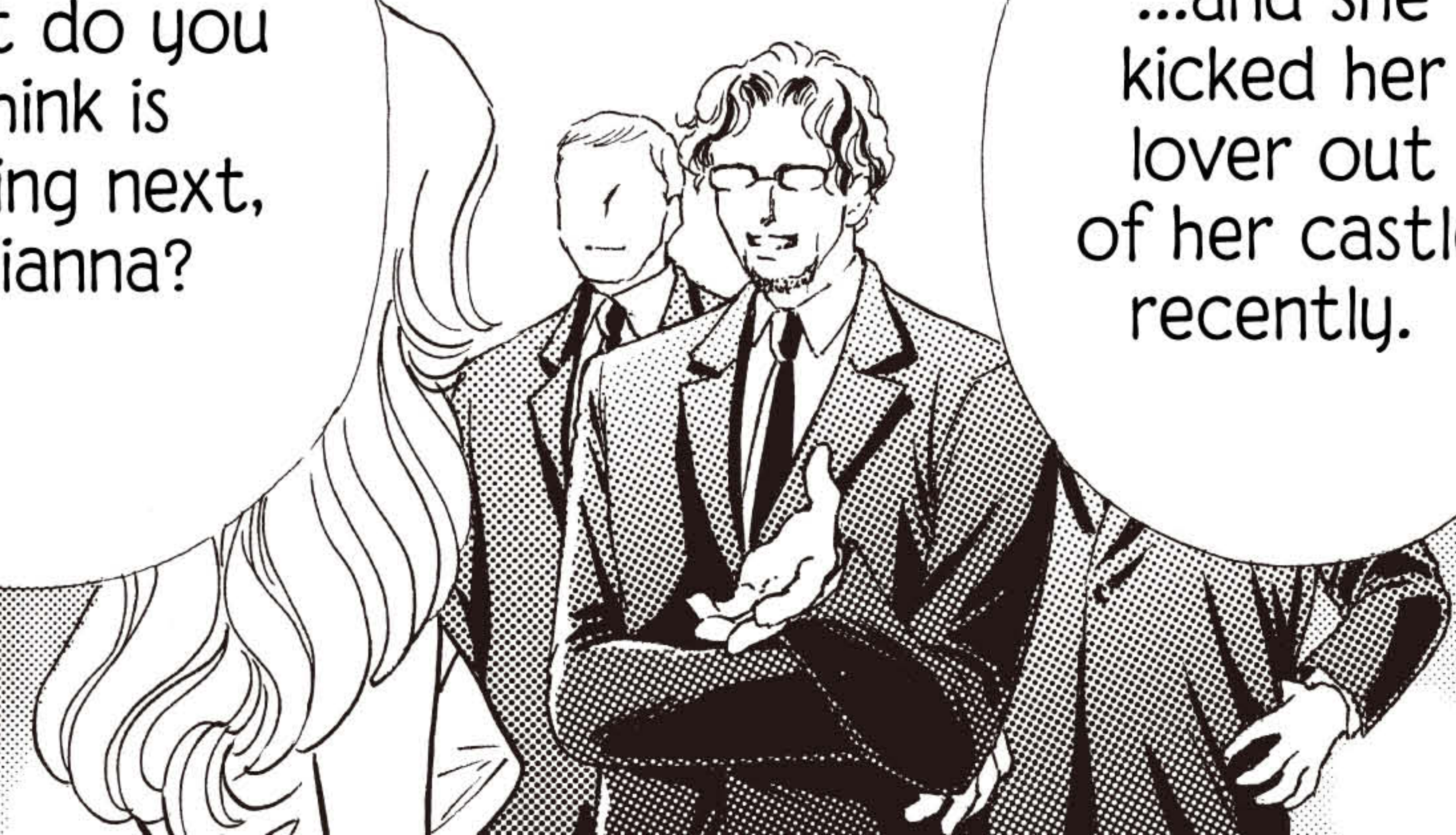


TEN YEARS
LATER,
I BECAME
AN ACTRESS.



Thanks to
her, the show
is a hit.

That's Rhianna,
one of the lead
actresses on
that TV show
*The Castle
of Ostentation*.
She's beautiful.



What do you
think is
coming next,
Rhianna?

...and she
kicked her
lover out
of her castle
recently.

The main
character
of the show,
Lady Ariadne,
has had
three
husbands...