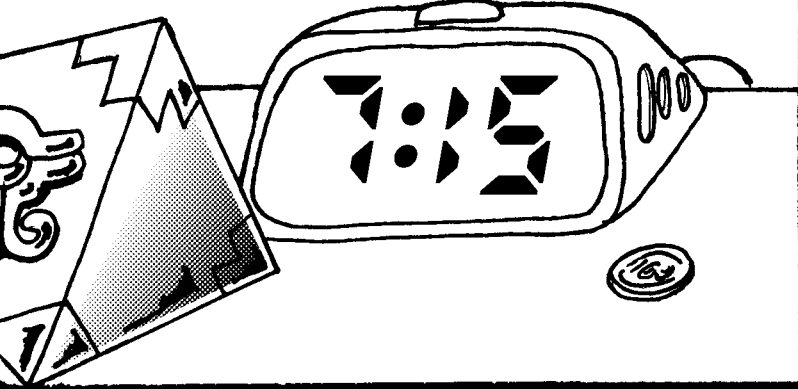
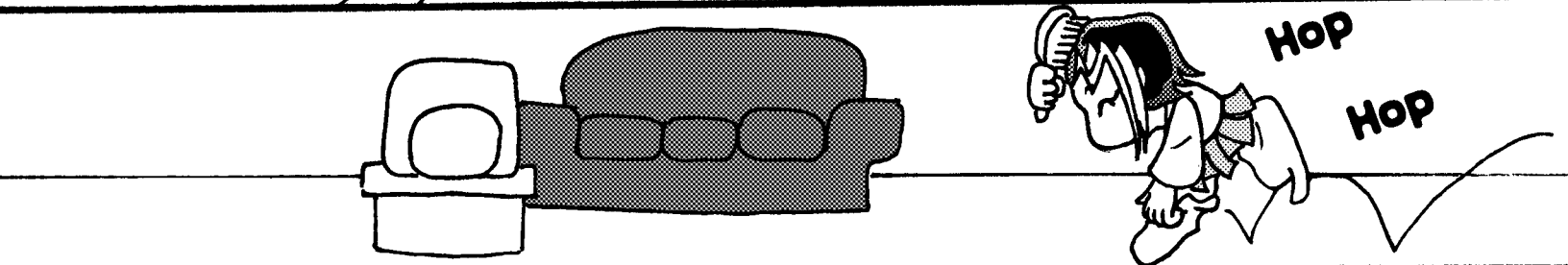
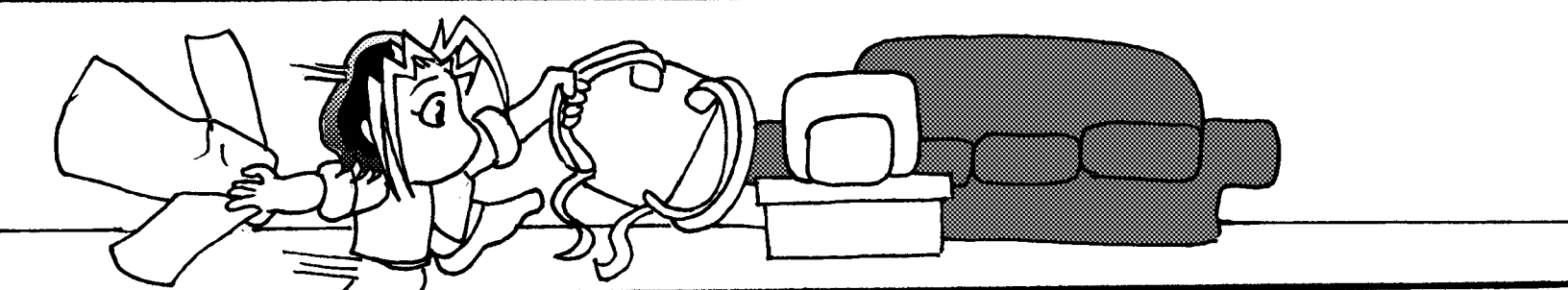


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Oh Shoot!
I'm
going to
be late!



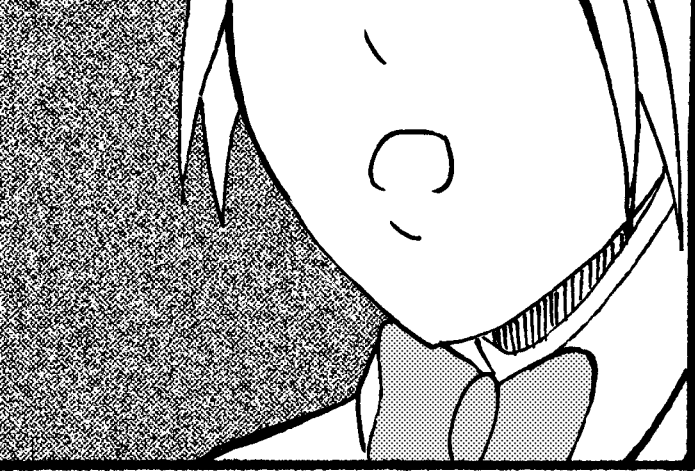
Hop
Hop



You're a flake,
but at least
you're consis-
tant about it.



Jacob
I hate
y--



I mean, I hate when you treat me like this. I'm your older sister, you should respect me!



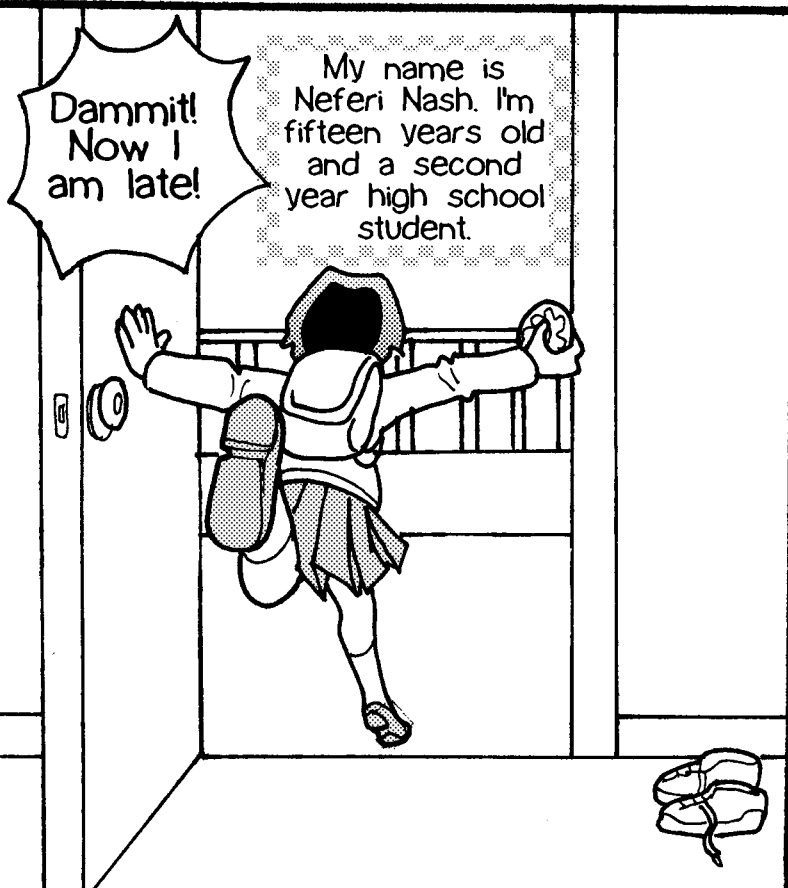
I do respect you, sorta. It's just the little brother code, you know? But don't tell anyone I said it because I'll deny it!



Twerp.

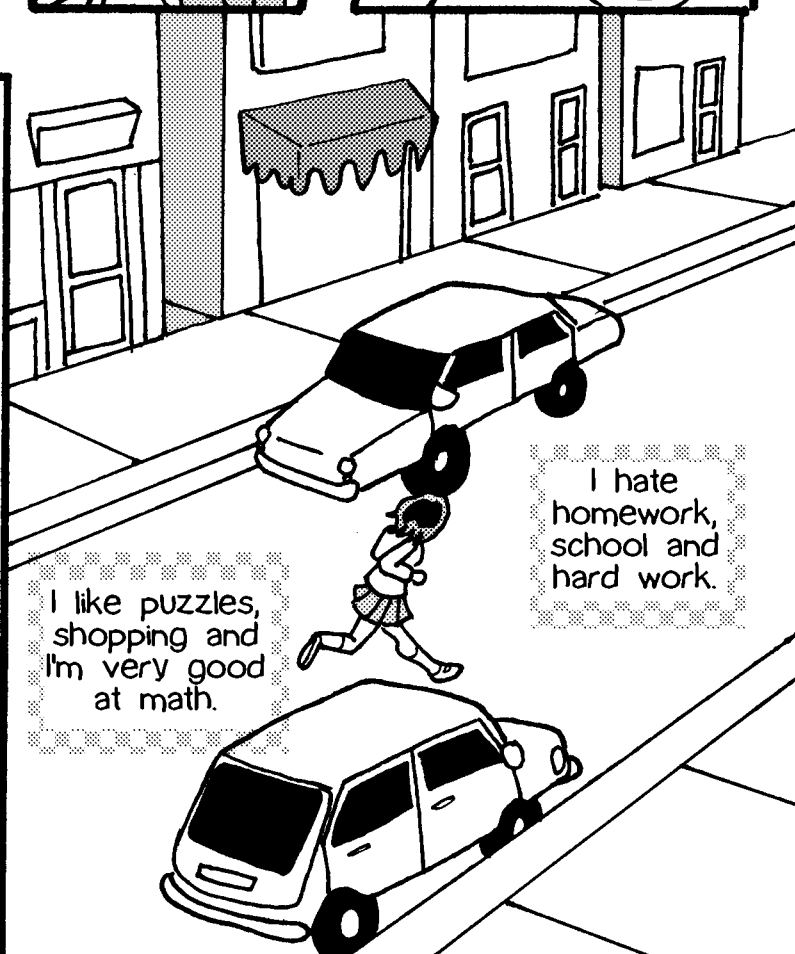


Slacker.



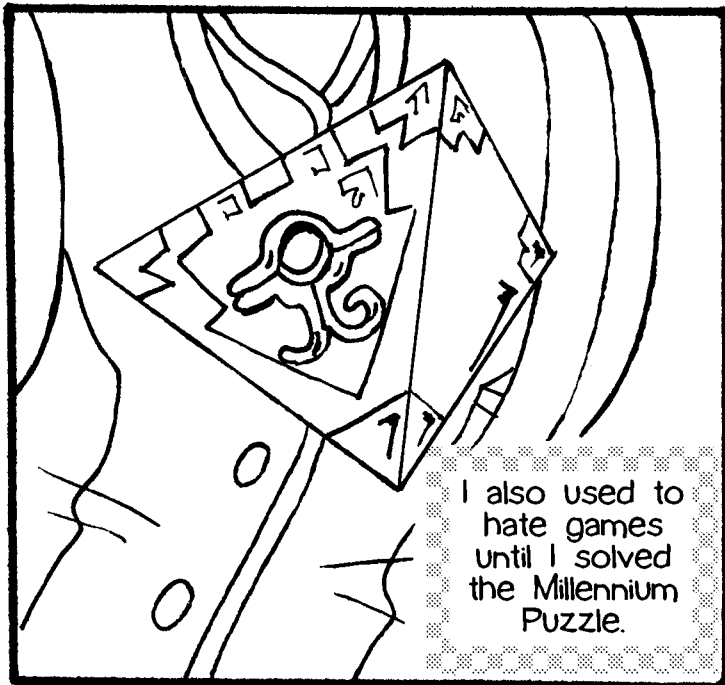
Dammit! Now I am late!

My name is Neferi Nash. I'm fifteen years old and a second year high school student.



I like puzzles, shopping and I'm very good at math.

I hate homework, school and hard work.

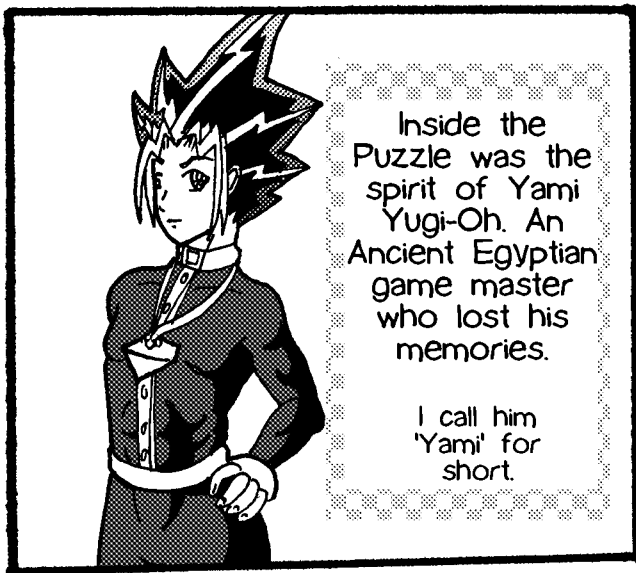


I also used to hate games until I solved the Millennium Puzzle.



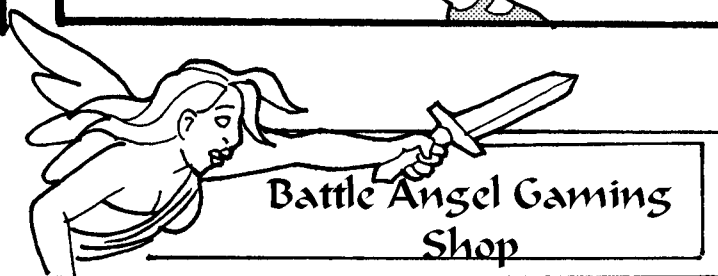
I got it on the same night I bought some Duel Monsters cards to get closer to a boy I like.

And wished on the Puzzle for the courage to tell him how I feel.



Inside the Puzzle was the spirit of Yami Yugi-Oh. An Ancient Egyptian game master who lost his memories.

I call him 'Yami' for short.



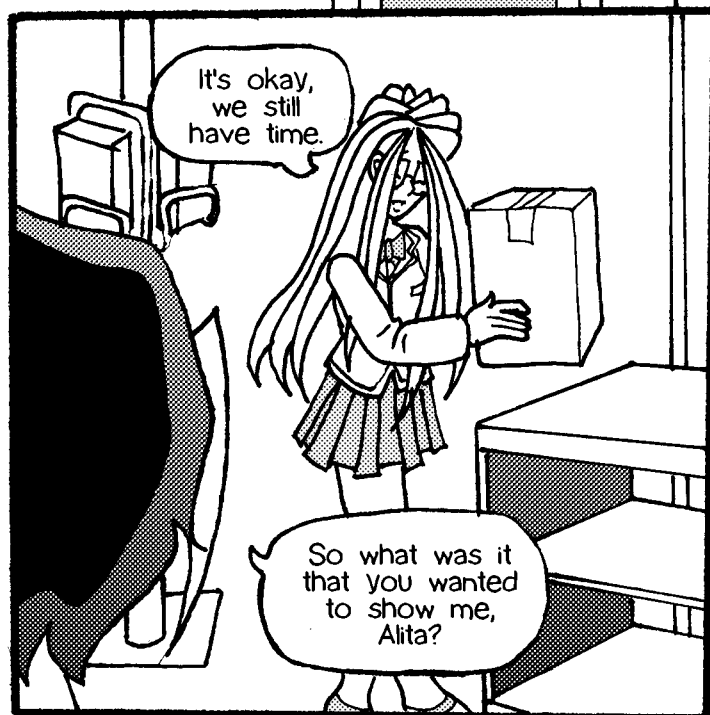
Ever since that item entered my life, I've been constantly playing games with high stakes against lunatics who want the Puzzle.



Sorry I'm late.

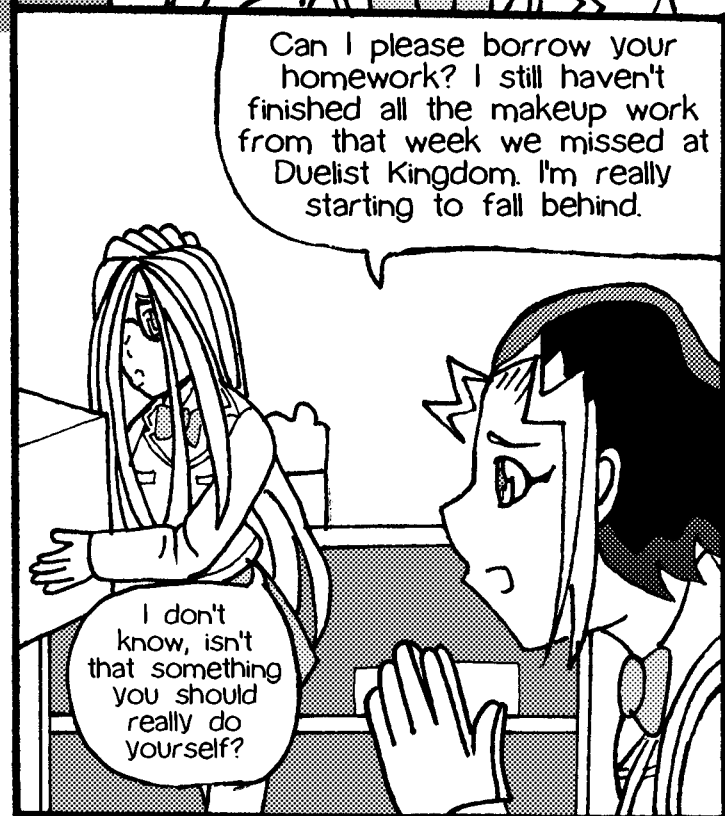
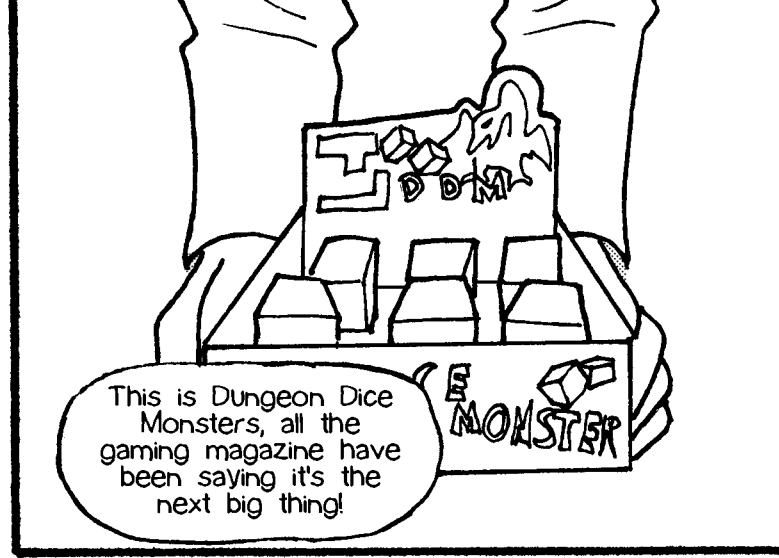
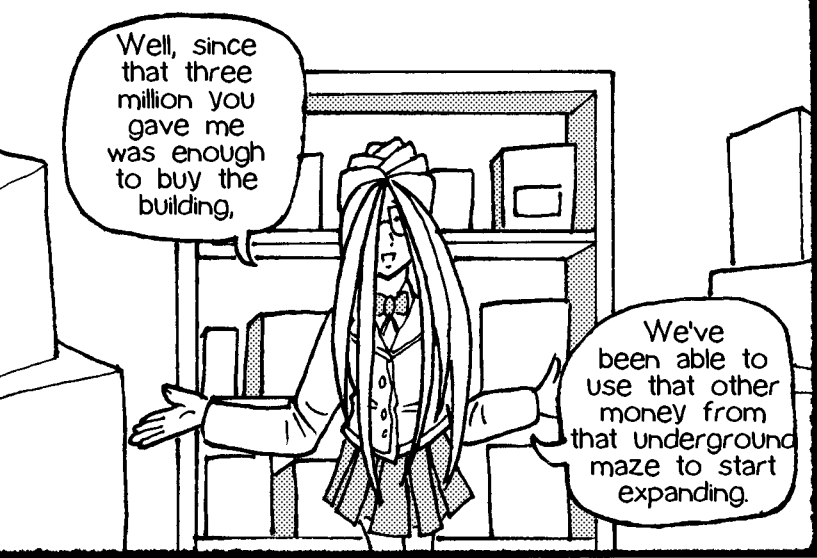
I slept in because I forgot to set my alarm.

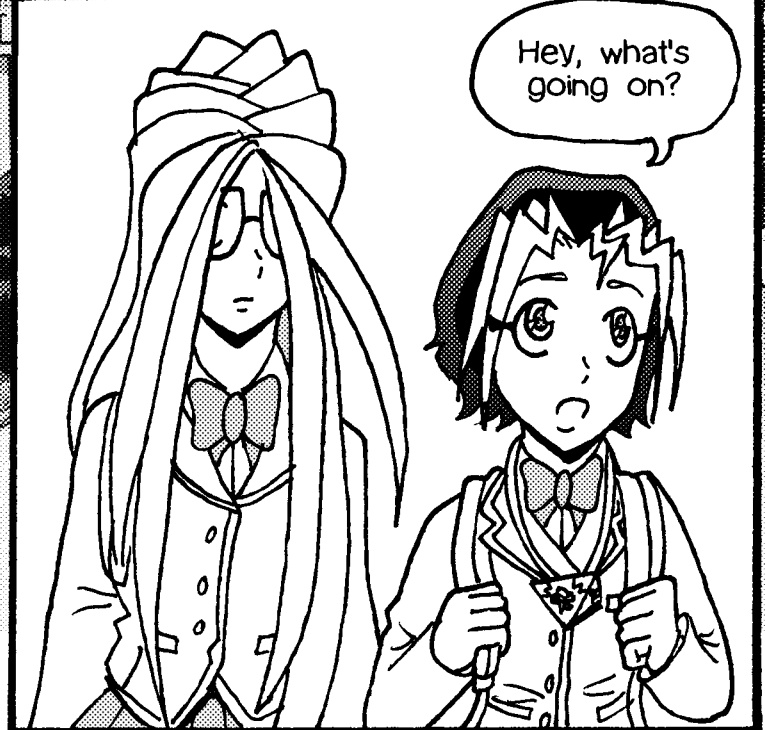
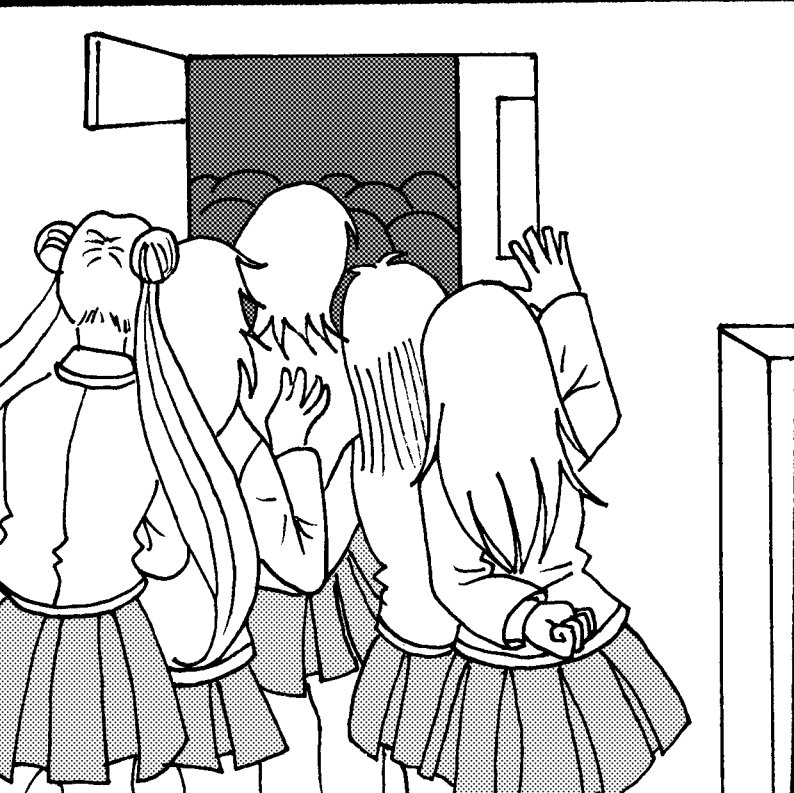
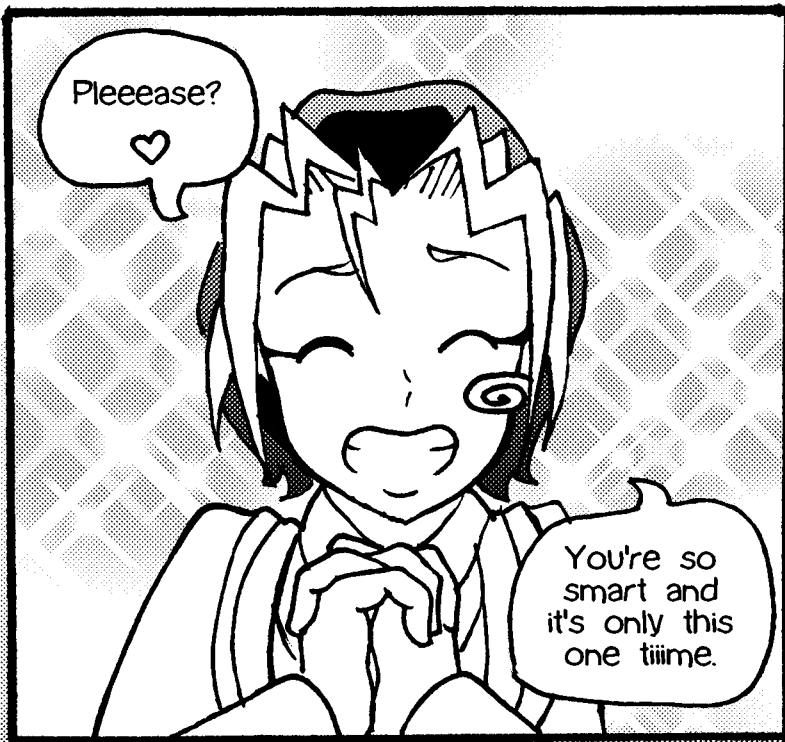
It's definitely made my life more interesting!

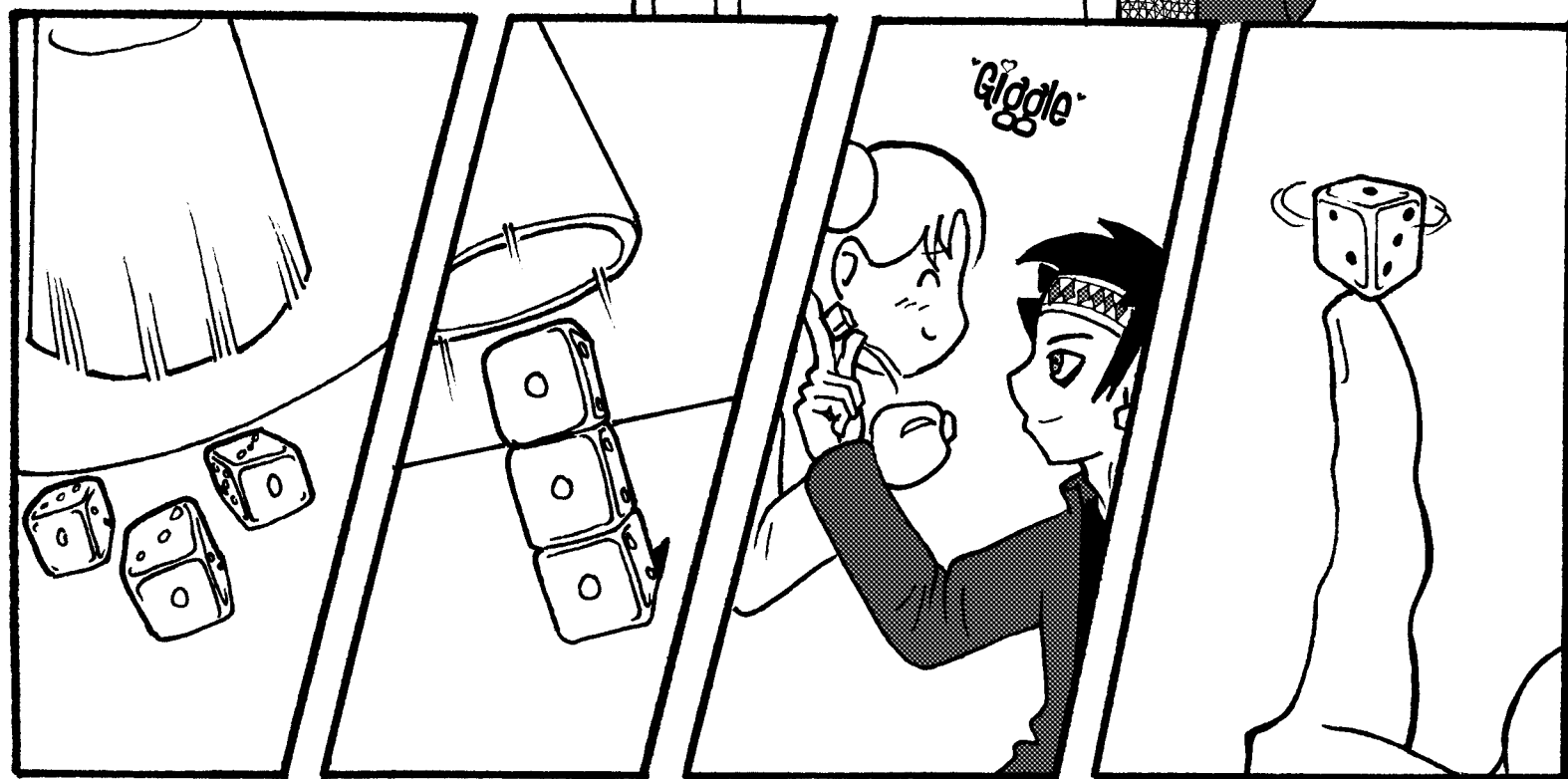
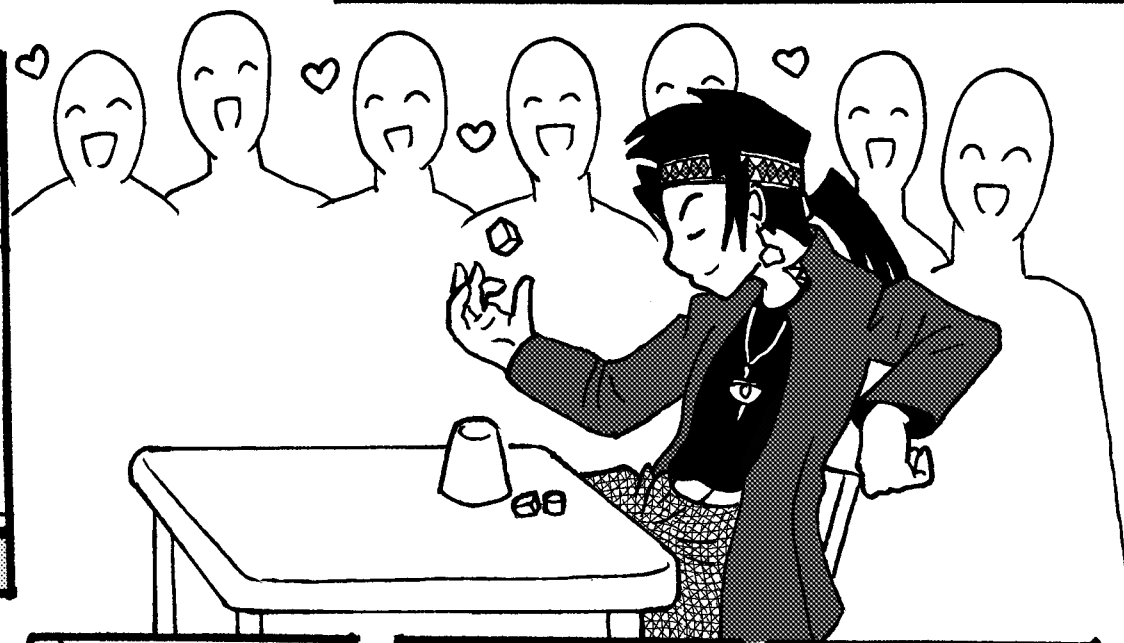
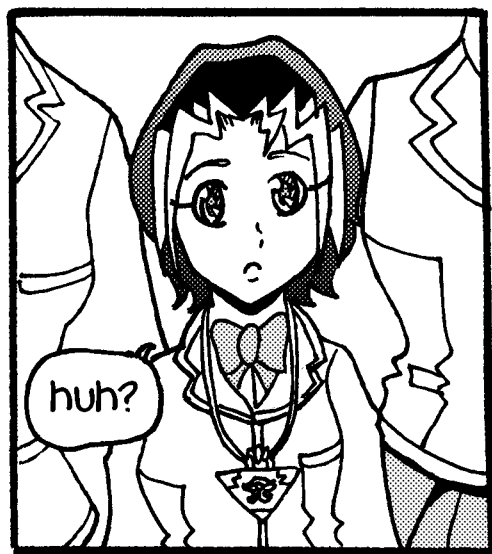
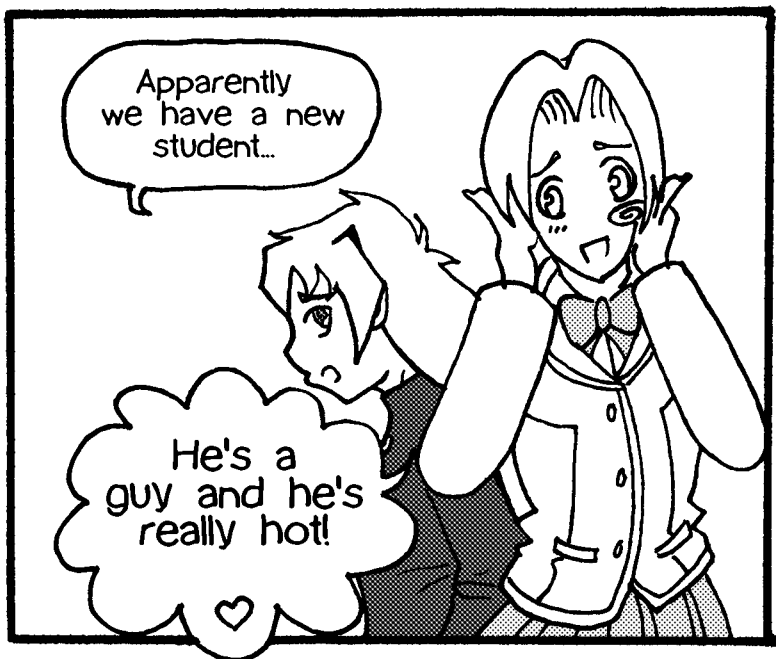


It's okay, we still have time.

So what was it that you wanted to show me, Alita?







Hey,
those
tricks
are
pretty
neat.

Clap

Clap

You like
them, huh?

I've always
thought magic
was pretty cool

The name's
Duke Devlin.

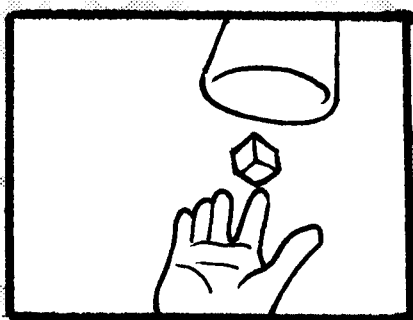
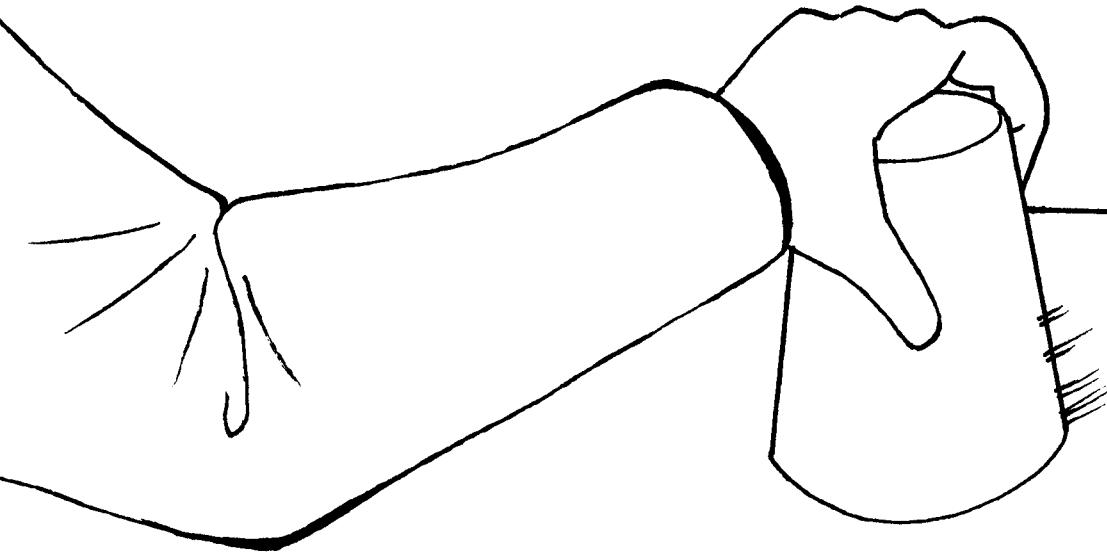
My
name's---

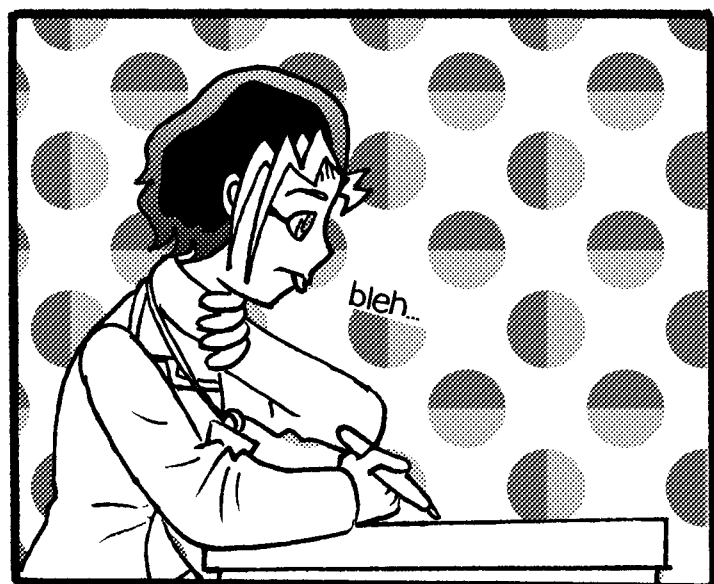
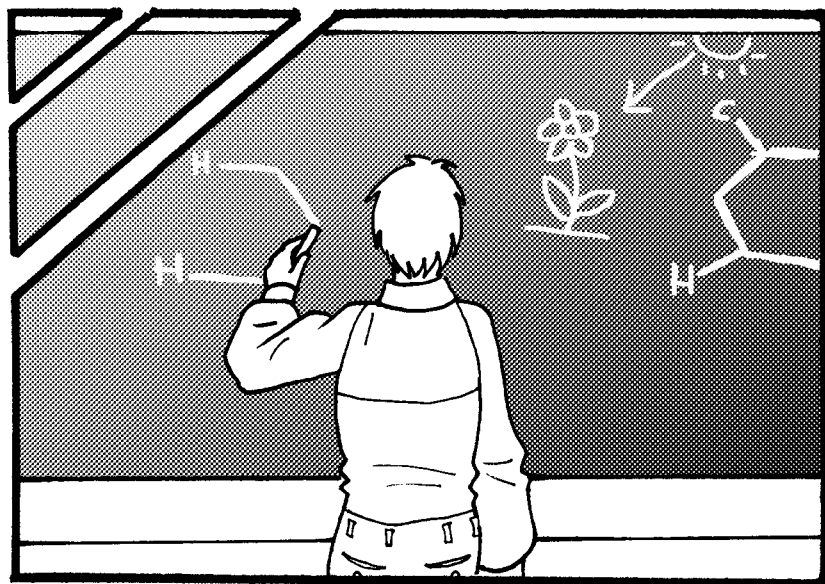
I know
who you
are.

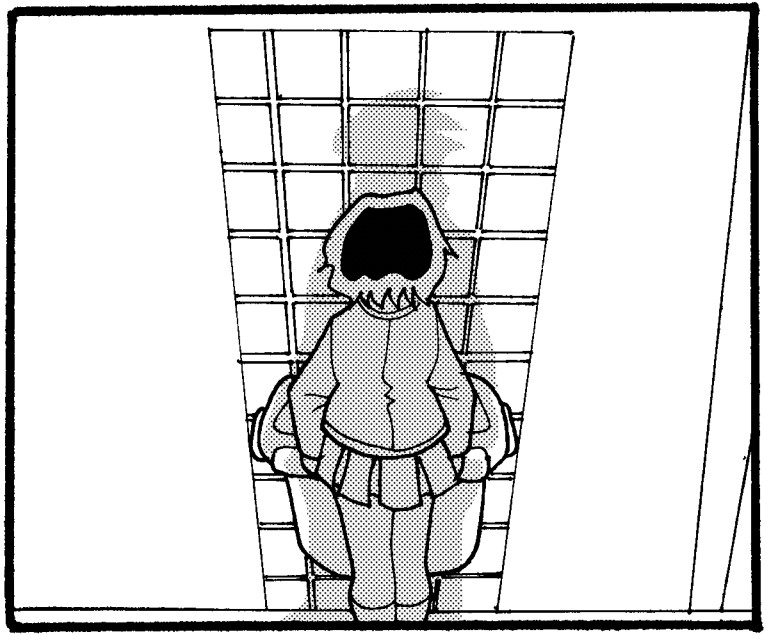
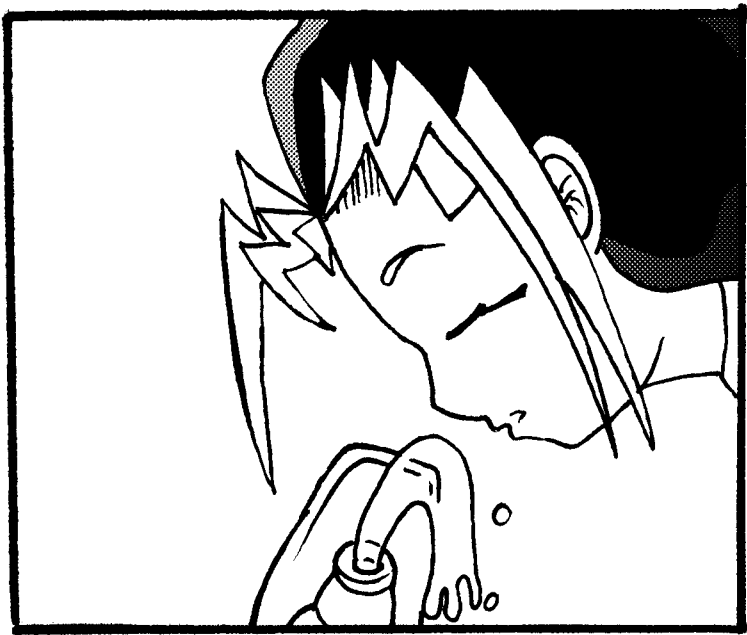
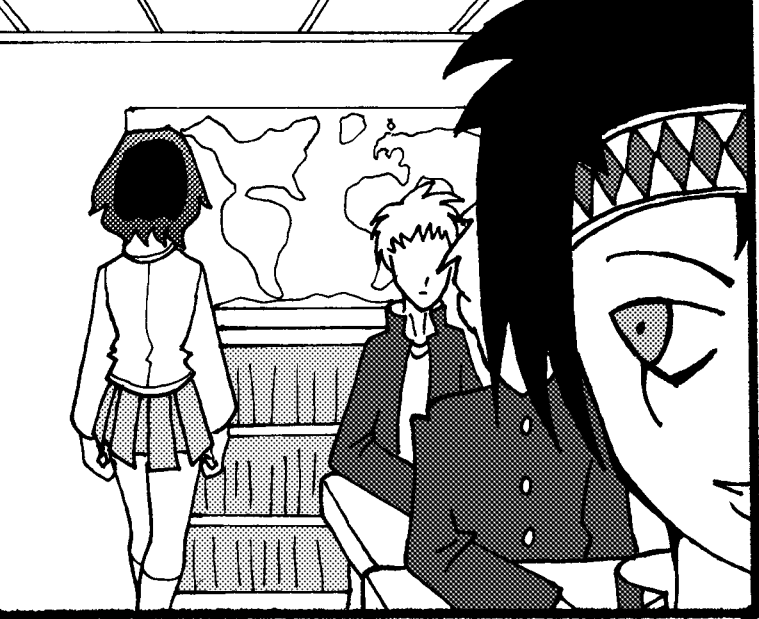
You're pretty
famous to use
gamers, Neferi
Nash.

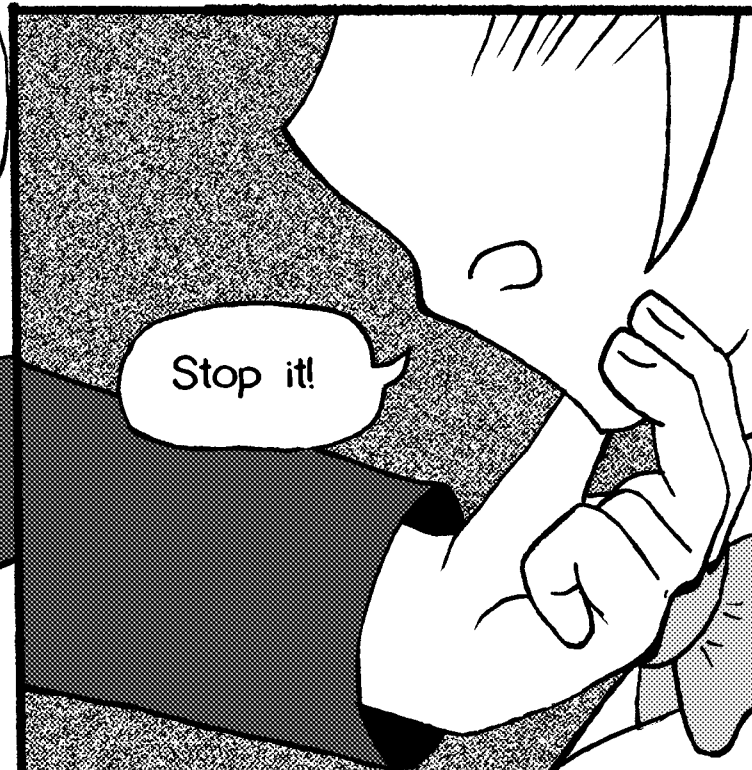
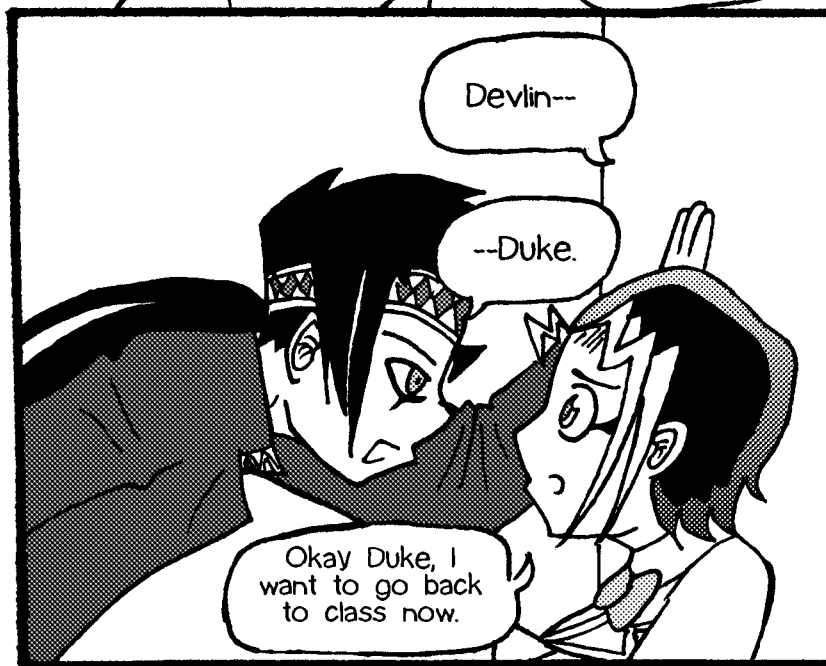
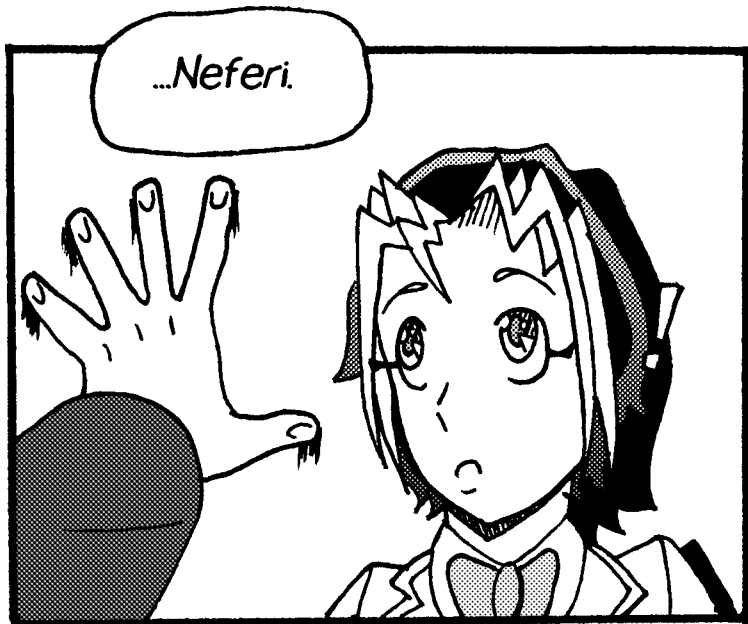
And if you like
tricks I've got one
just for you.

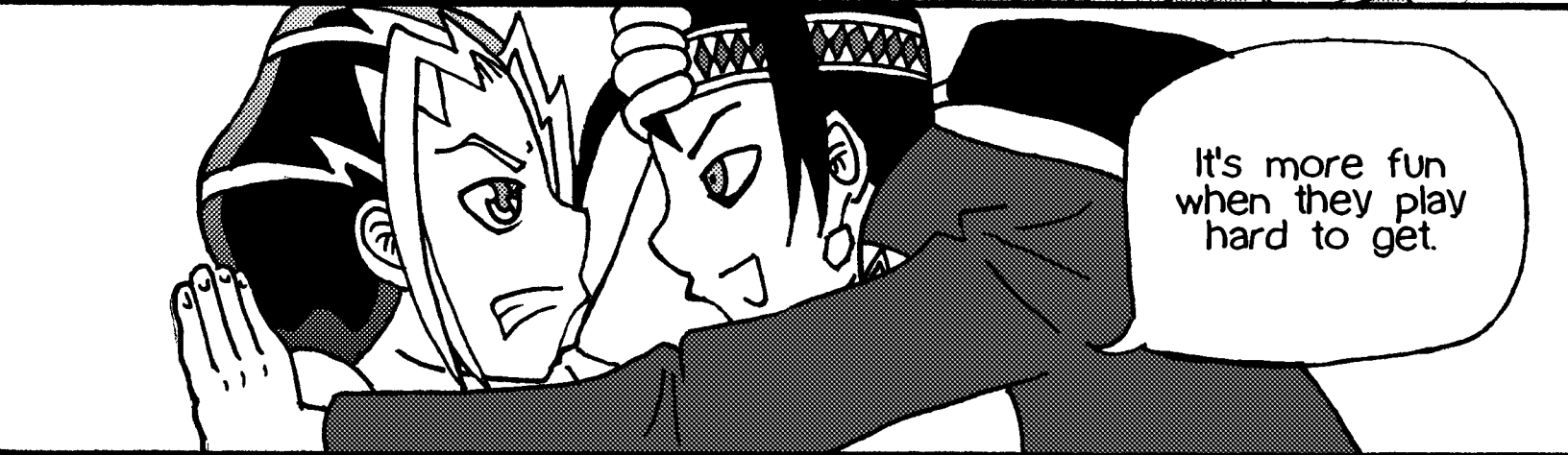
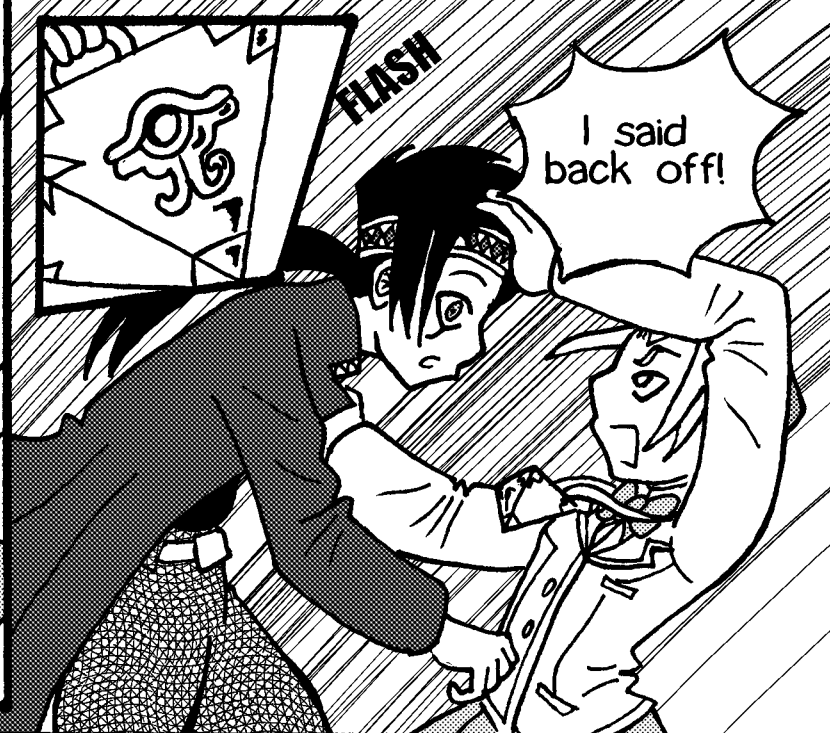


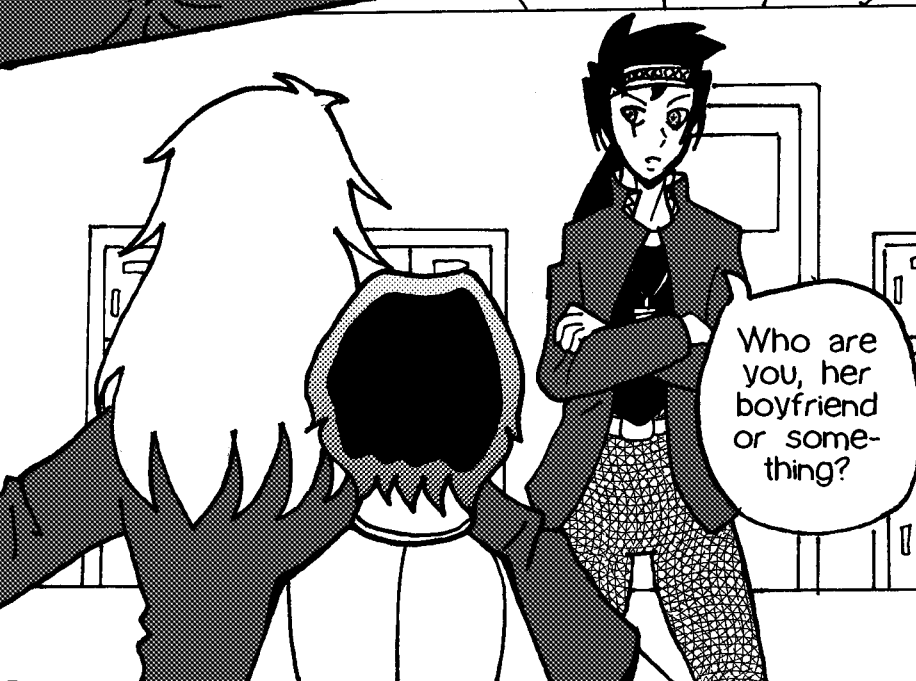
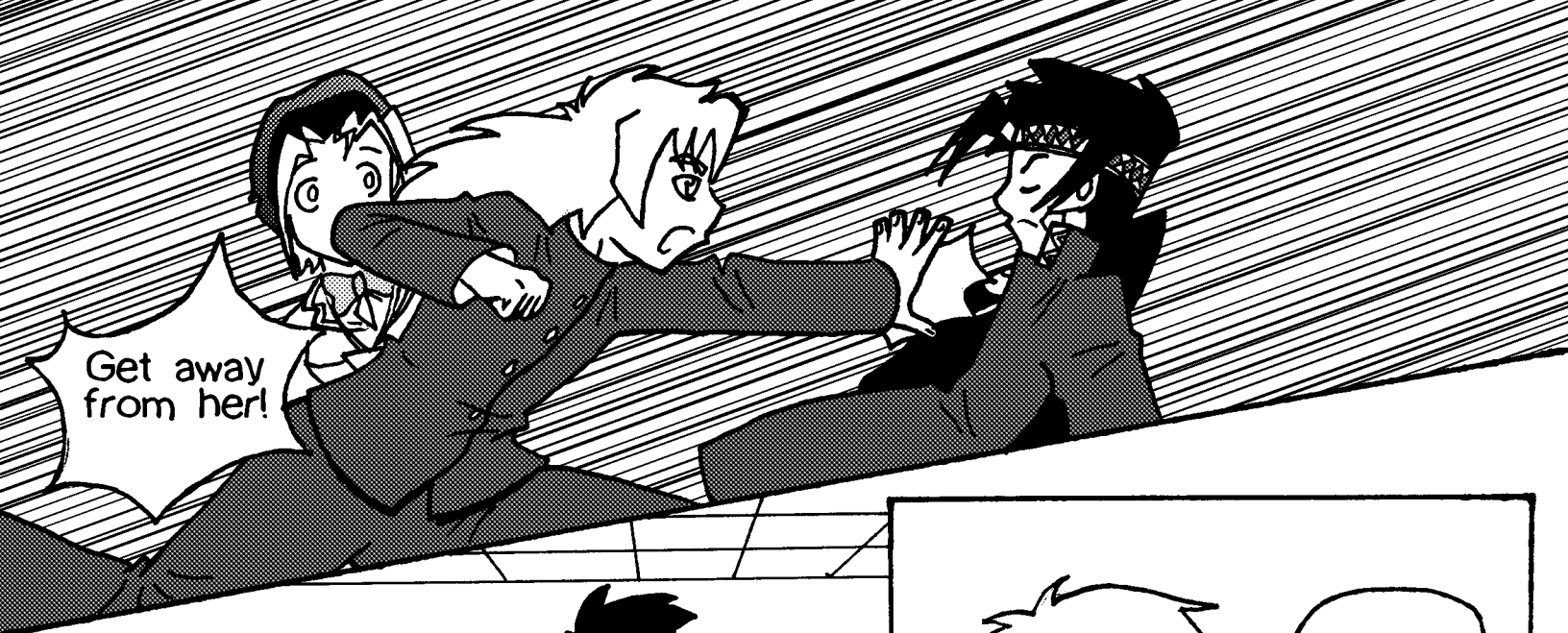


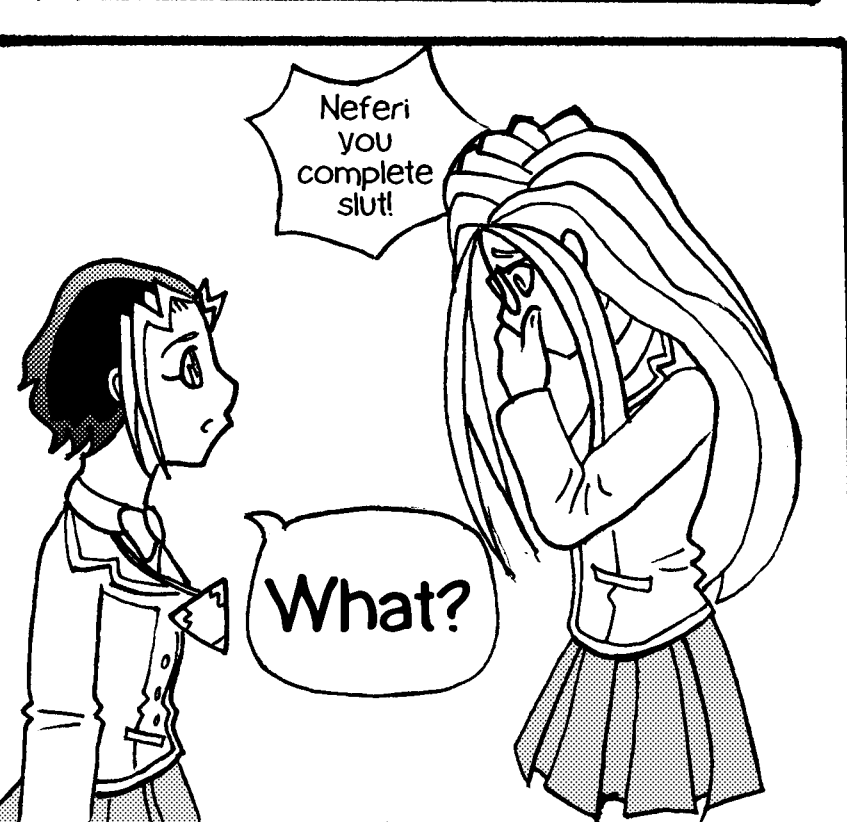
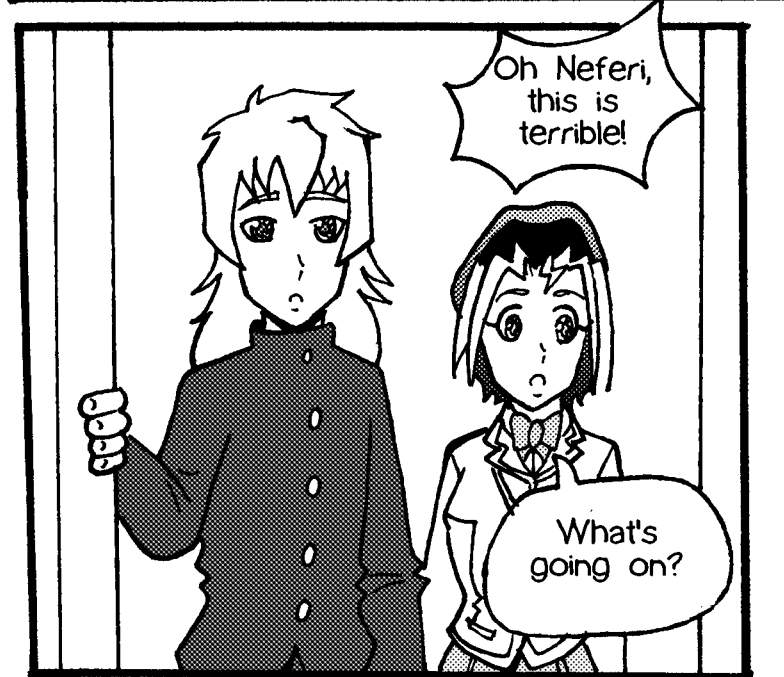
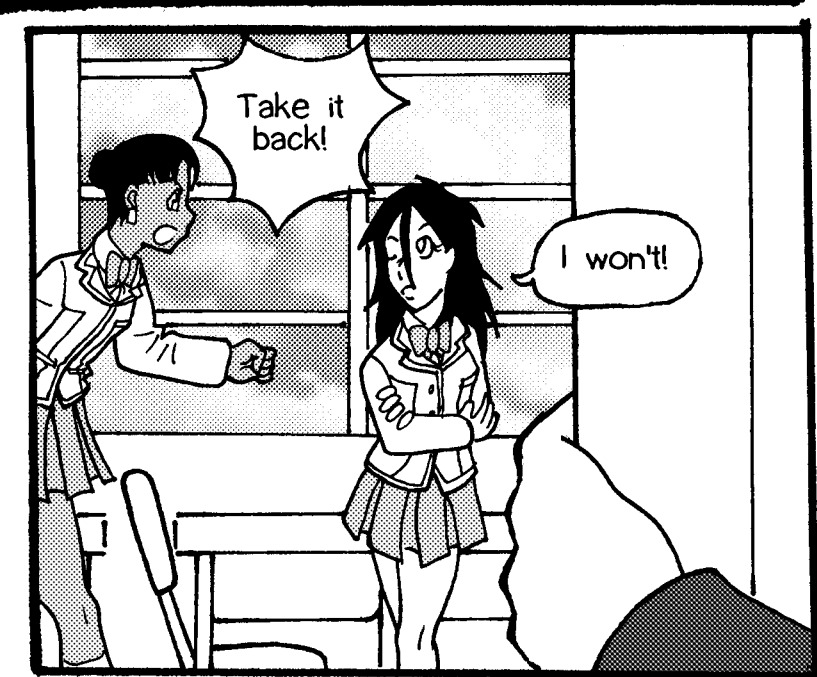
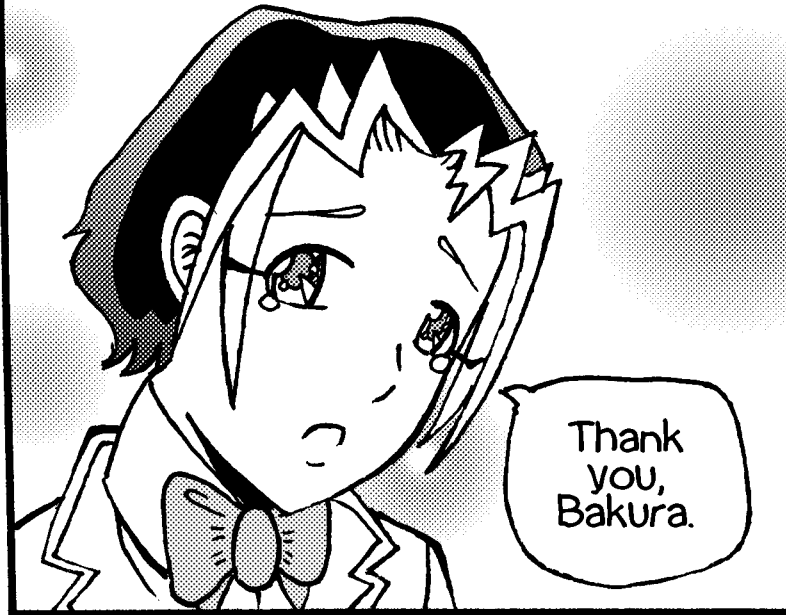
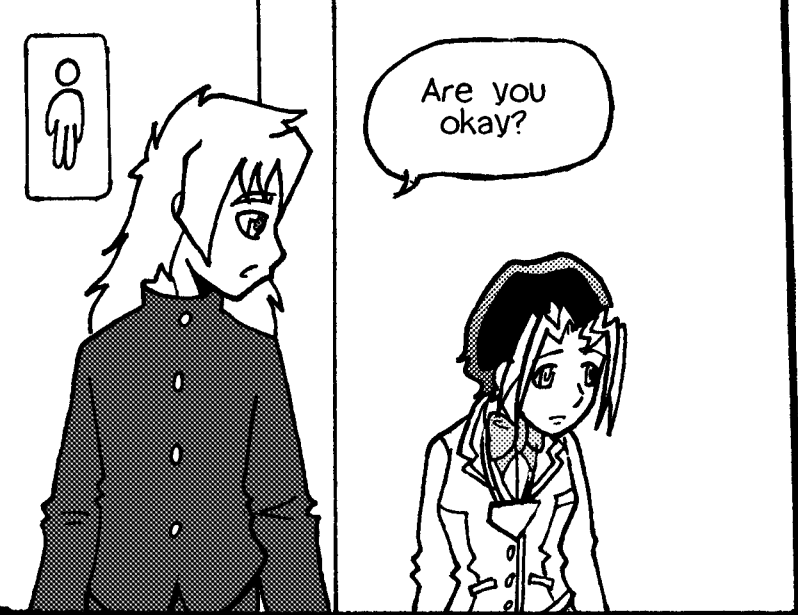








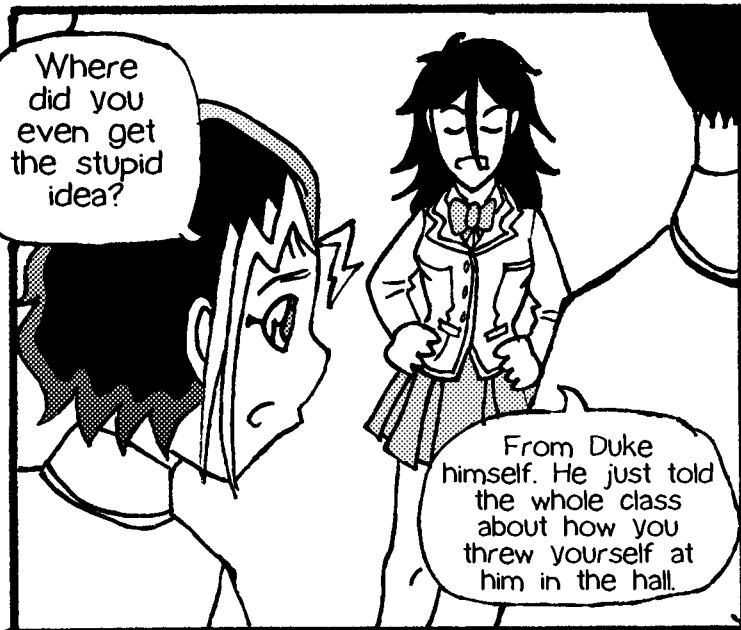






Shut up Sayaka! You don't have any right to talk. We heard the rumor about you and the gym teacher.

And if Neferi says it's not true, it isn't.



Where did you even get the stupid idea?

From Duke himself. He just told the whole class about how you threw yourself at him in the hall.



What!

He's lying, he attacked me!

Yeah right. Why would he go after you? You've got the face of a boy and the body of a kindergartener.

That is. It!

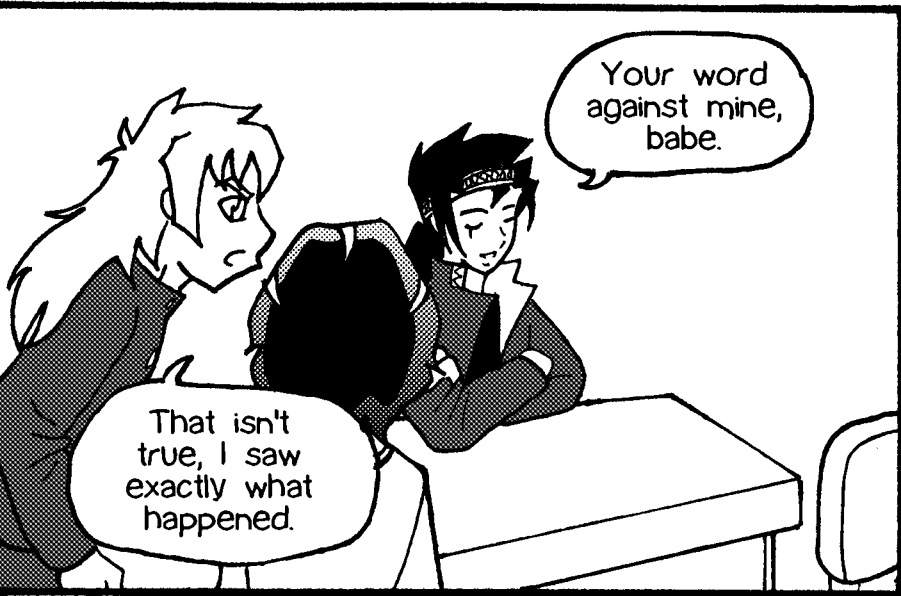
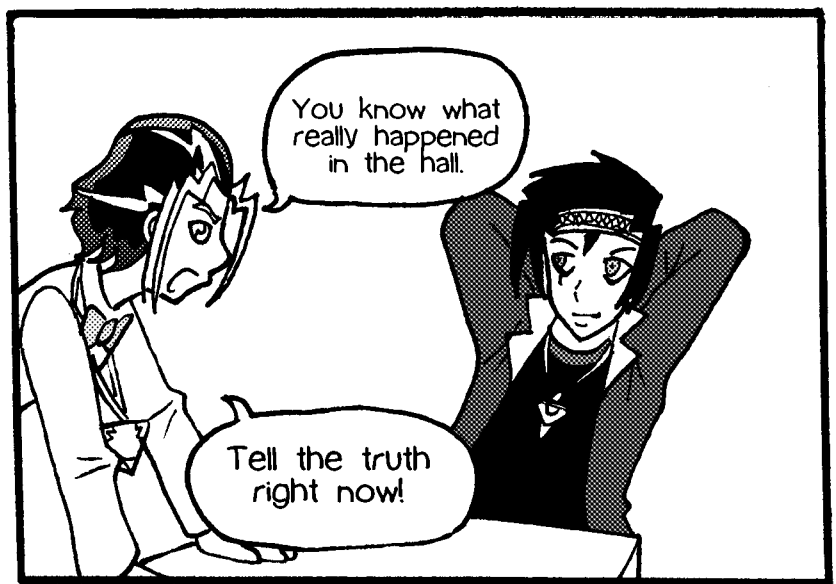


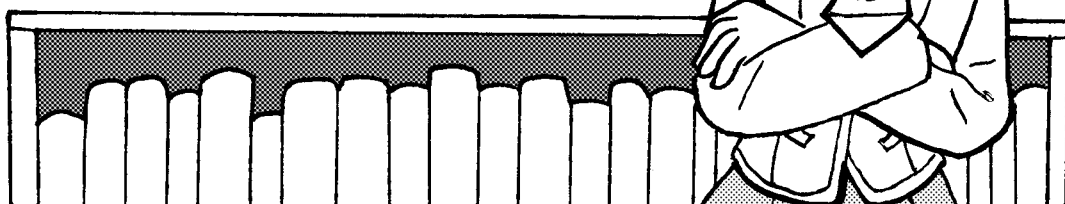
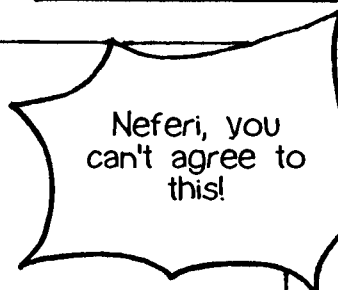
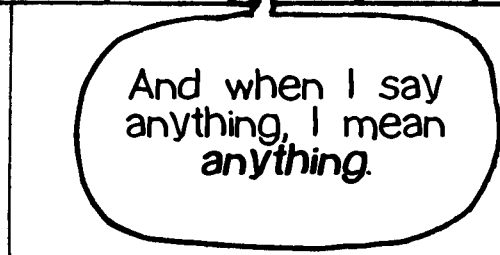
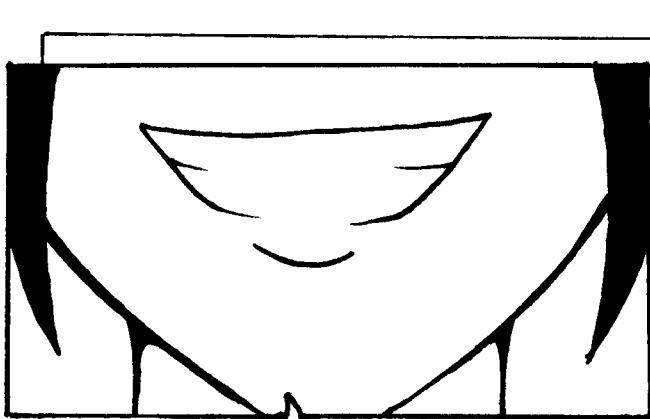
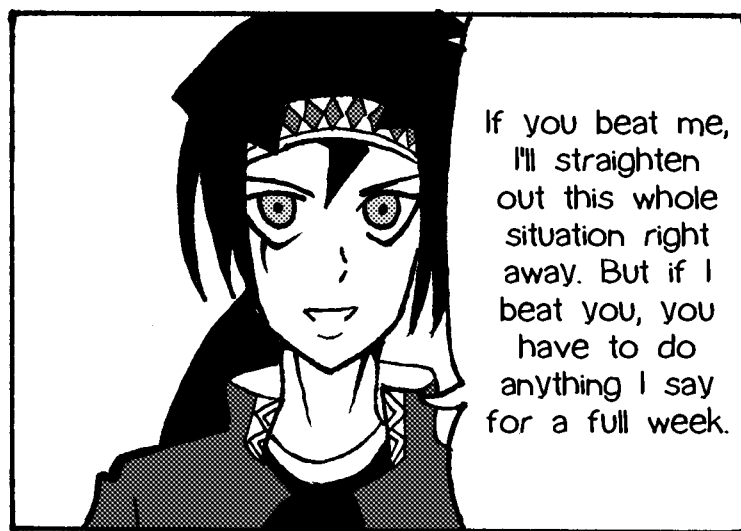
Wow, with tongue?

Nash doesn't look it, but I can tell she's pretty experienced.

Lucky! That stuff like that never happens to me.

You slimy, snot-nosed little prick!





The game
is Dungeon
Dice
Monsters!

It's a good thing
we upgraded our
duel station.

And who are you
guys supposed to
be?

We're Duke's
official fan club
and cheerleaders.
We're here to
cheer him on!

Um...yeah.
You guys
aren't cheer-
leaders.



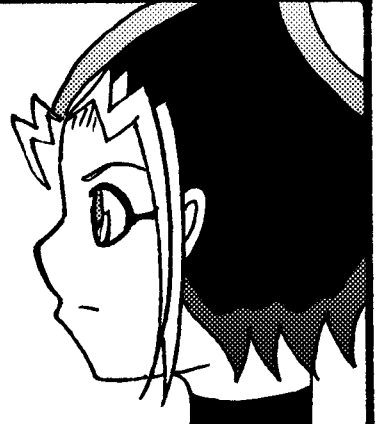
All right, I take it you've never played this game before, right?

Of course not. This game is entirely brand new, it only came out today.



Lucky for you, I happen to be an expert at this game, so I'll give you the basic rules.

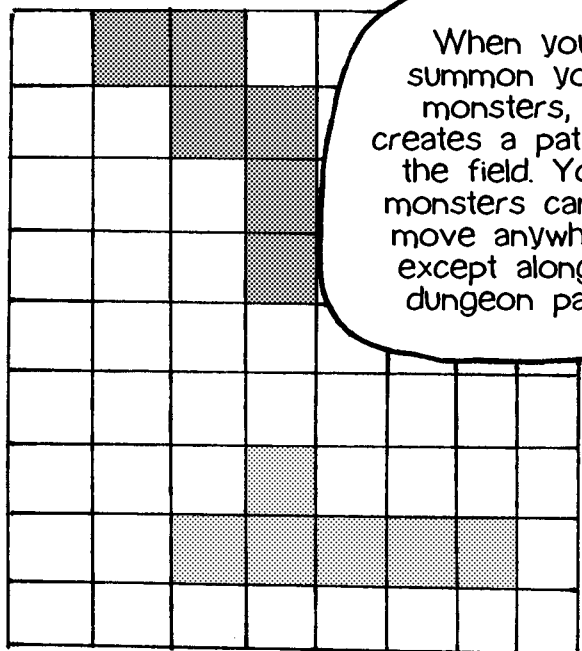
But since you're the 'Queen of Games', I'll leave you to figure out the rest.



First, pick fifteen dice out of the tray. These will be your 'dice pool.'

In Dungeon Dice Monsters, instead of lifepoints you have three heart points.

You summon monsters on your field with your dice.



When you summon your monsters, it creates a path on the field. Your monsters cannot move anywhere except along a dungeon path.

The object of the game is to travel to your opponent's side of the fiend and destroy their heart points.

That's enough to get you starts, so let's begin!

These aren't like regular dice, they're all different colors and have different symbols on them.

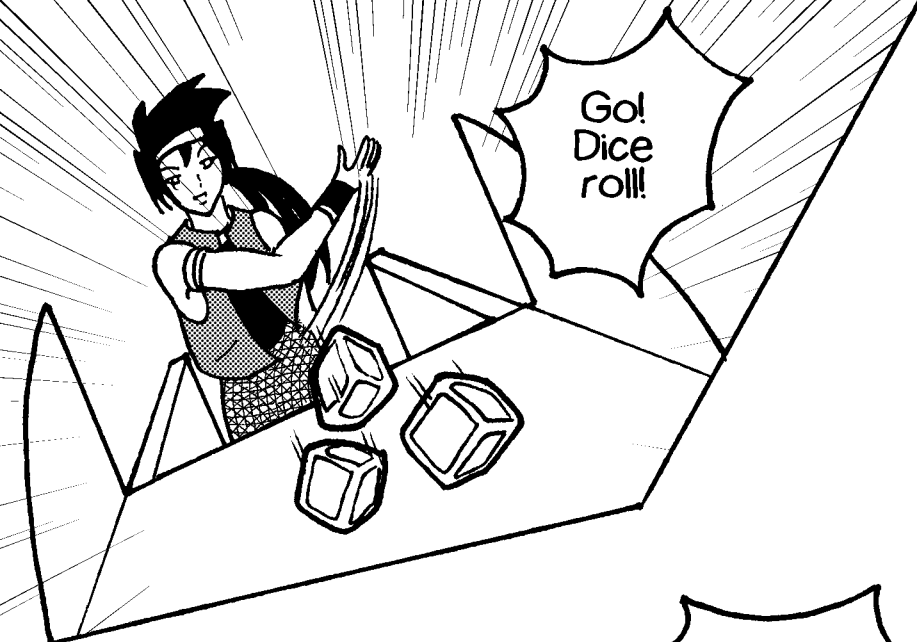
Now I really wish I was paying attention when Alita showed me this game this morning!

That obviously has some significance, but how do I know which ones to pick?

Yamil I need you!

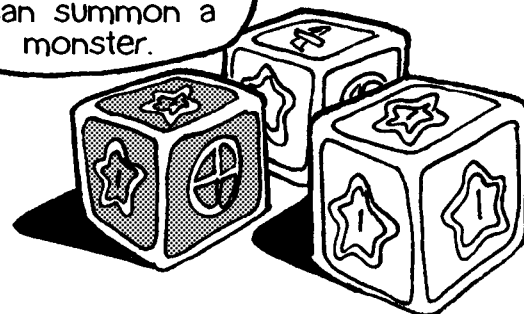
Let's get this over with!



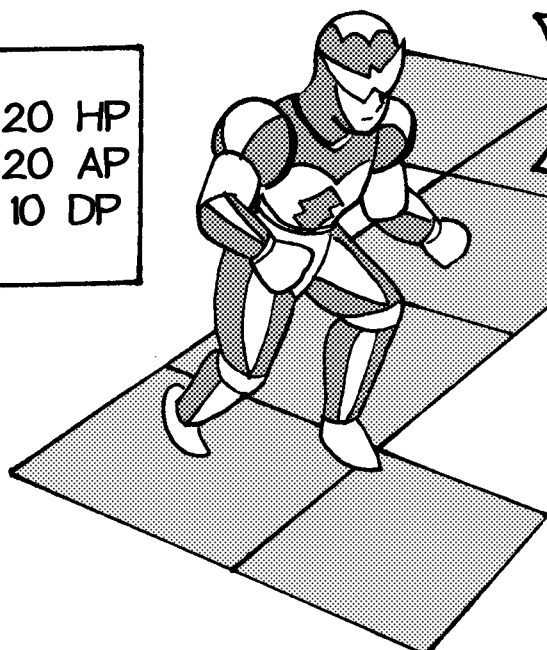


Go!
Dice
roll!

All right! I got
two summoning
crests, that means
I can summon a
monster.

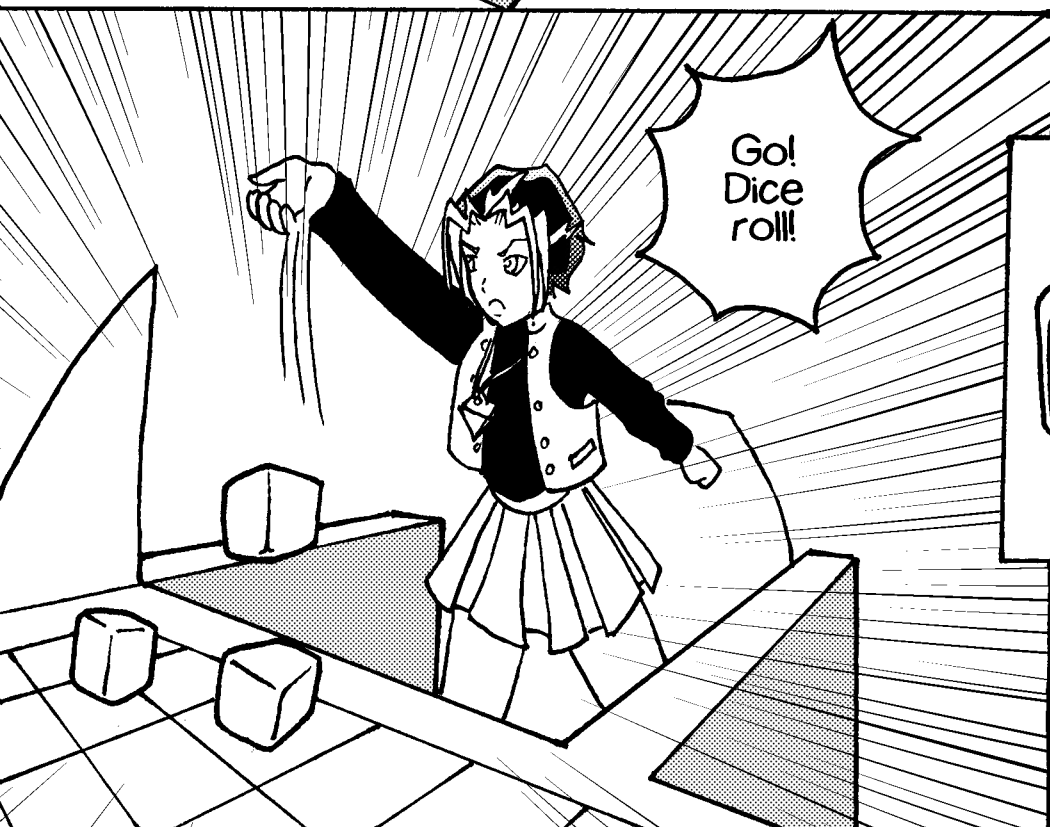


20 HP
20 AP
10 DP

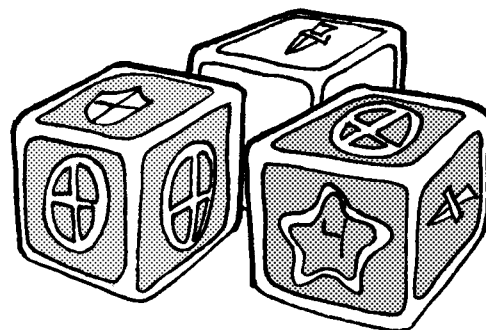


Dimension
the dice!
Battle
Warrior!

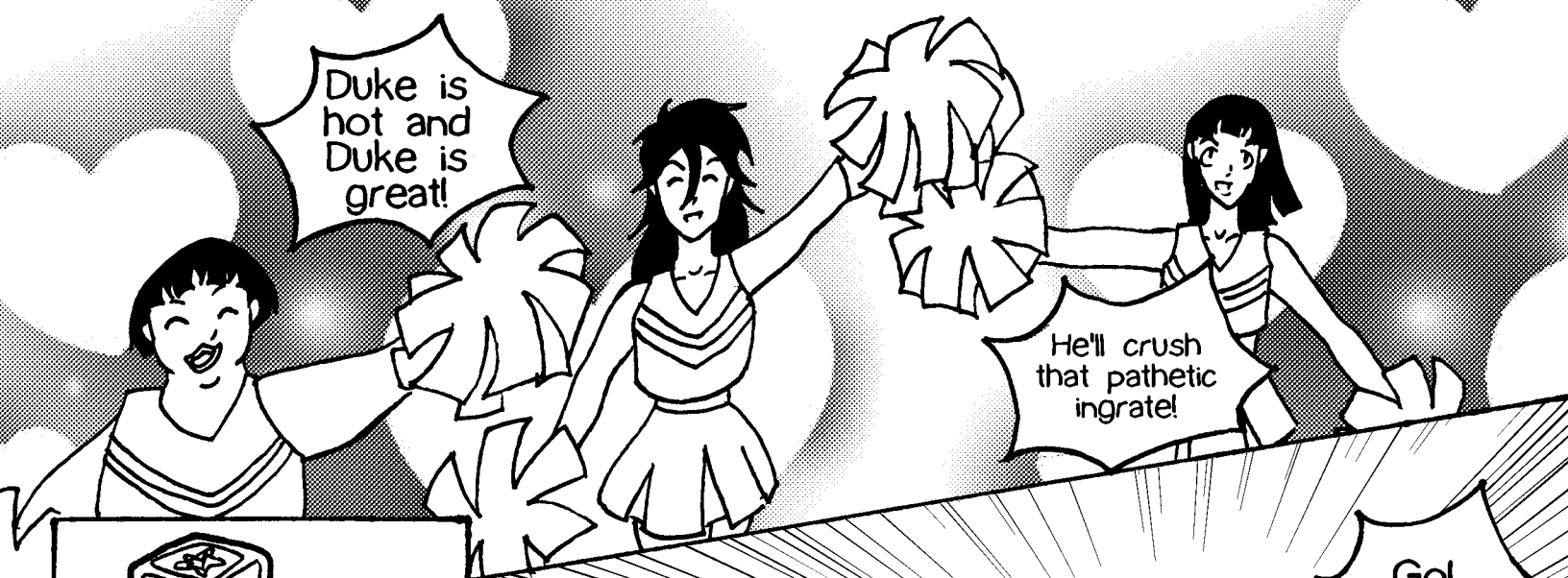
Now it's your
turn.



Go!
Dice
roll!



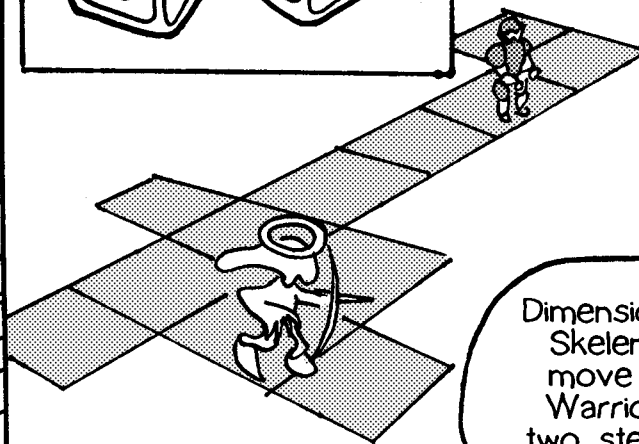
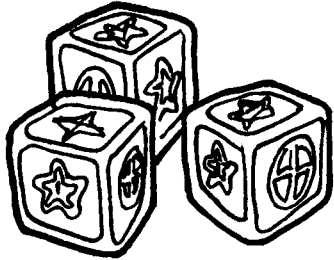
Oops. Too bad.
No summoning
crests, meaning
no summon.



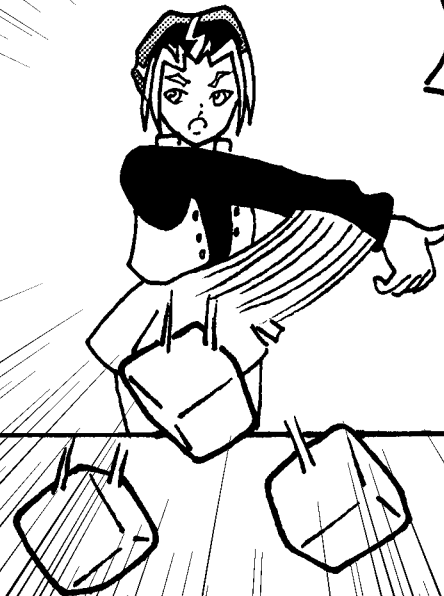
Duke is hot and Duke is great!

He'll crush that pathetic ingrate!

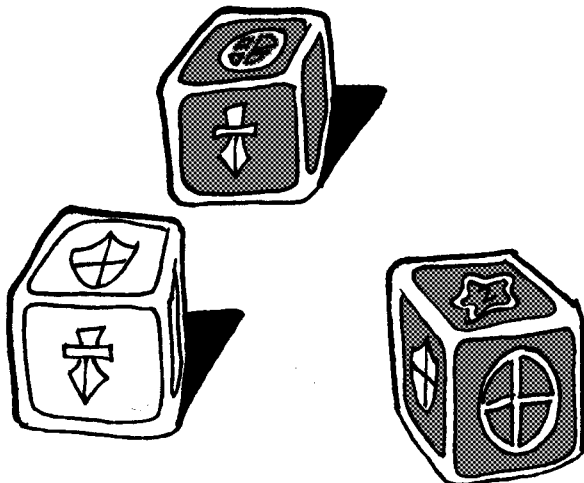
Go! Dice roll!



Dimension the dice! Skelengell! And I move my Battle Warrior forward two steps with my movement crests.



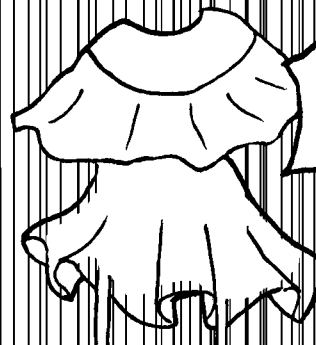
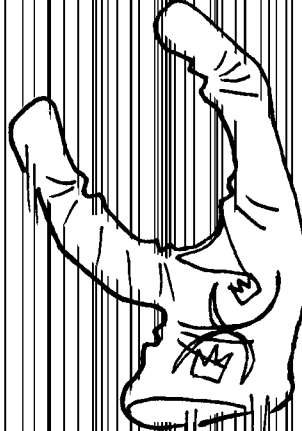
Nope! Nothing again.



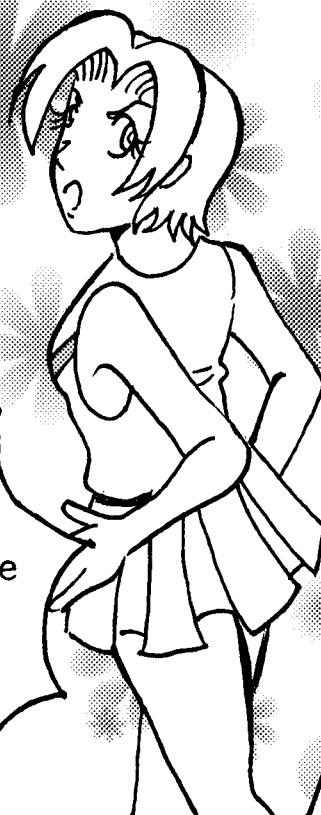
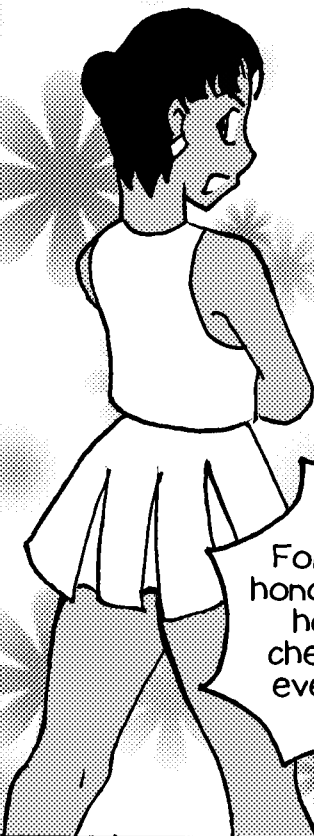
Duke is the greatest! Neferi is a tramp! Soon everyone will be in our camp!



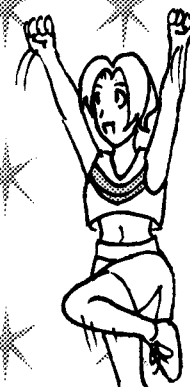
My patience has run out
for these amateurs.



Let's show
them what
real cheer-
leaders look
like!

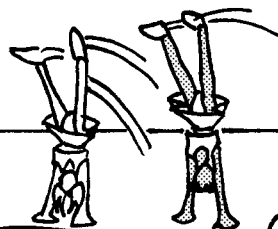
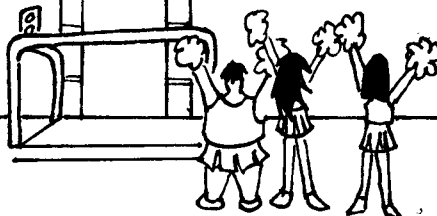
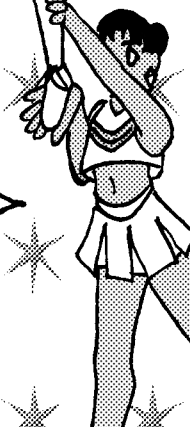


For Neferi's
honor and the
honor of
cheerleaders
everywhere!



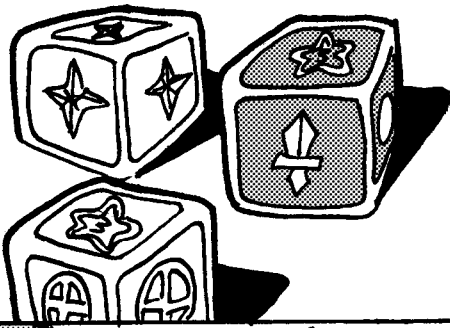
Go
Neferi!

Go!
Go!
Neferi!



This is turning into
a real circus...





This is
precisely why
I hate games!
It's all luck
and nothing
to do with
skill!!

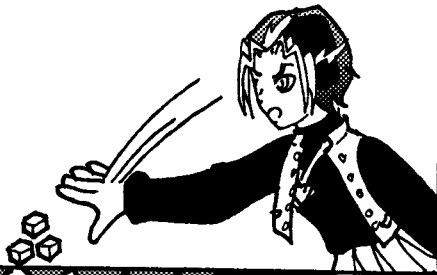


I need to
start making
a move.
Come on,
momma
needs to
save her
reputation!

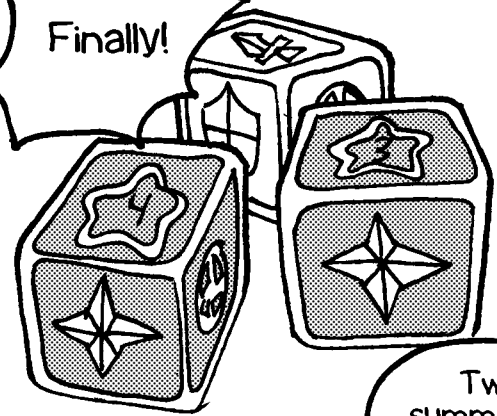


Dimension
the Dice!
Anastsu!

Go!
Dice
roll!!



Finally!



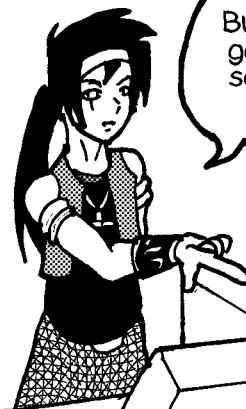
Two
summoning
crests!

Not so
fast!

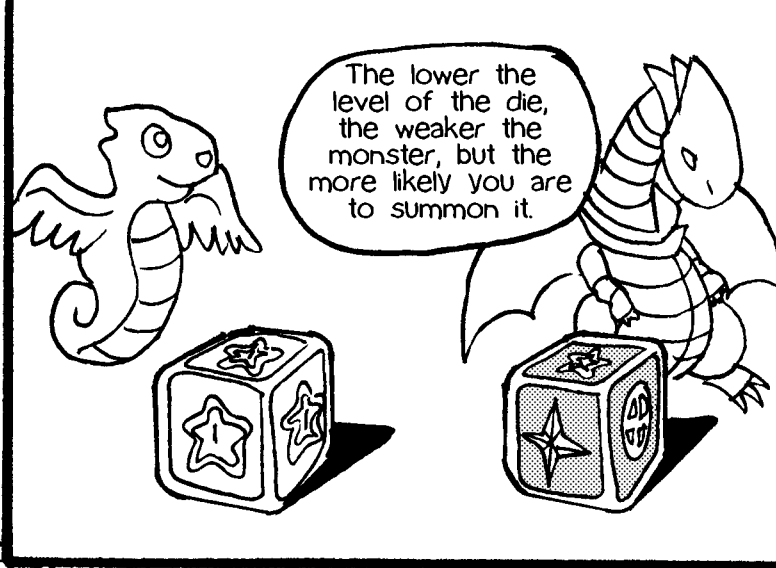
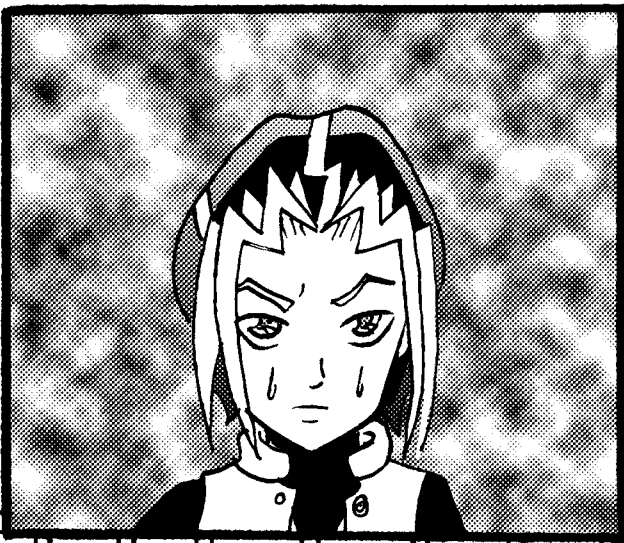
You might
have two
summon
crests, but
they aren't
matching
level.

They have to
have the
same number
to count.

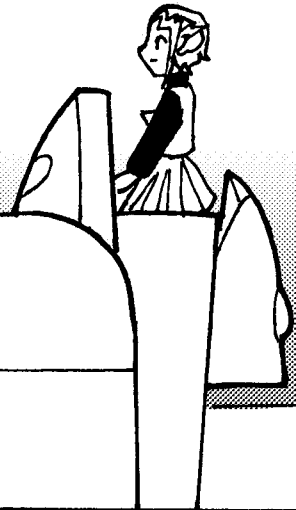
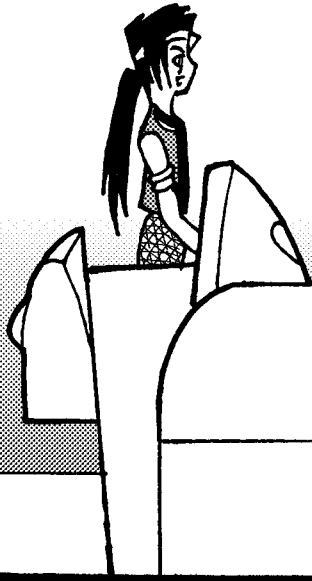
But that's what you
get when you pick
so many high-level
dice.

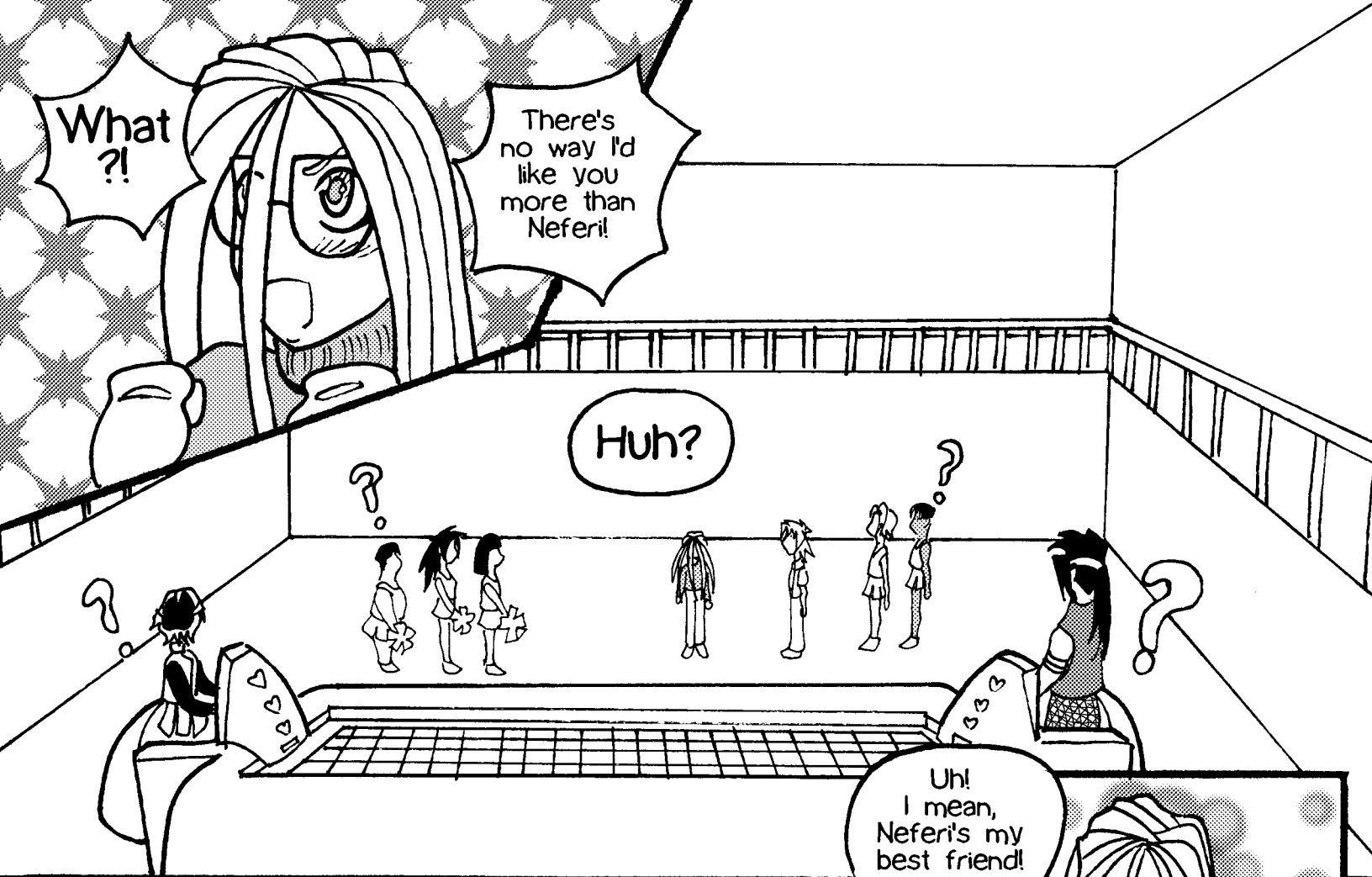


What?!

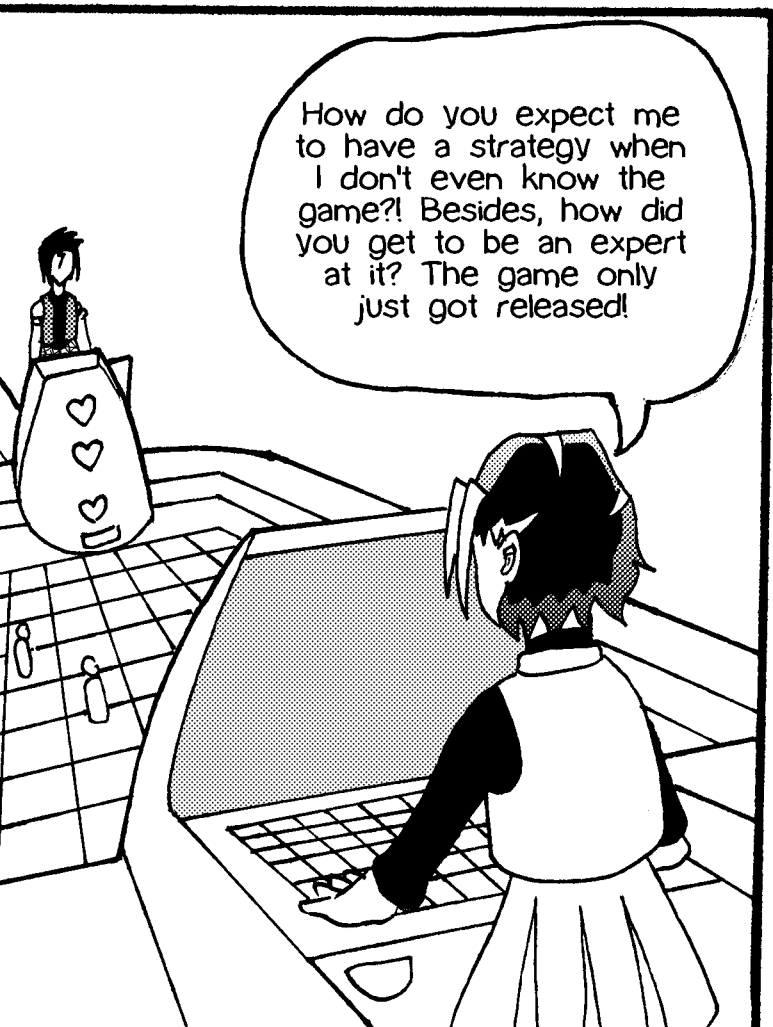
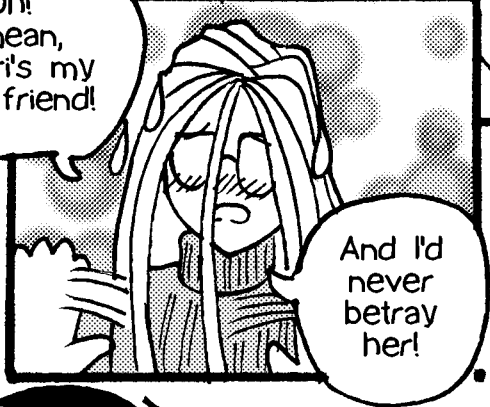


Most of my dice are level one and two, most of Neferi's are three and four. Not exactly smart strategy there, Queen of Games.

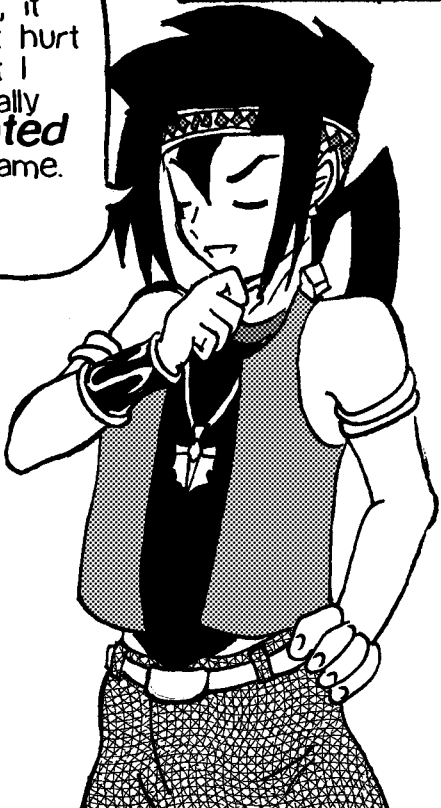


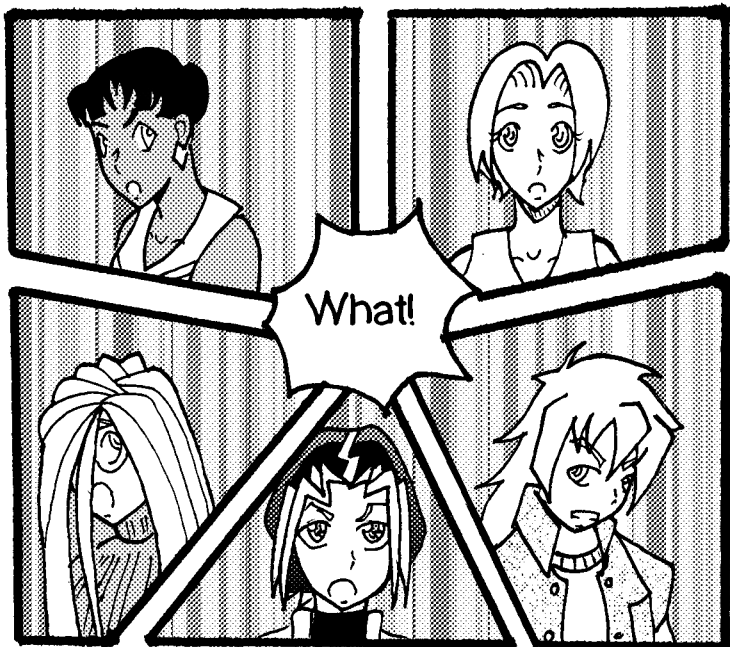


Uh!
I mean,
Neferi's my
best friend!



Well, it
doesn't hurt
that I
actually
created
the game.





This is all a trap isn't it?
That attack at school was just a ploy to get me to play your game.

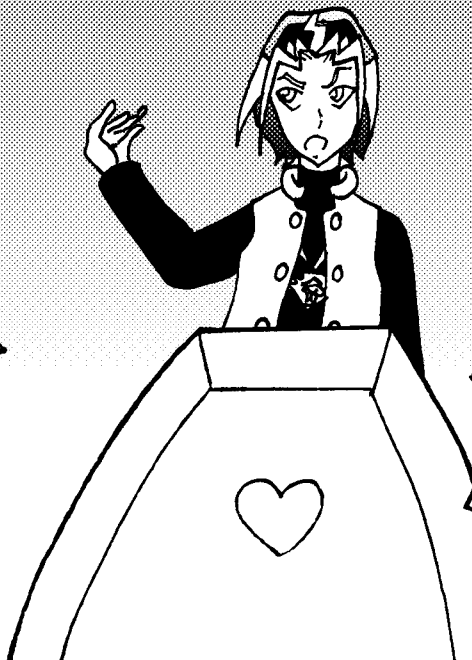


Why?
Why lie and try to destroy my reputation and not say out front that this game is yours?

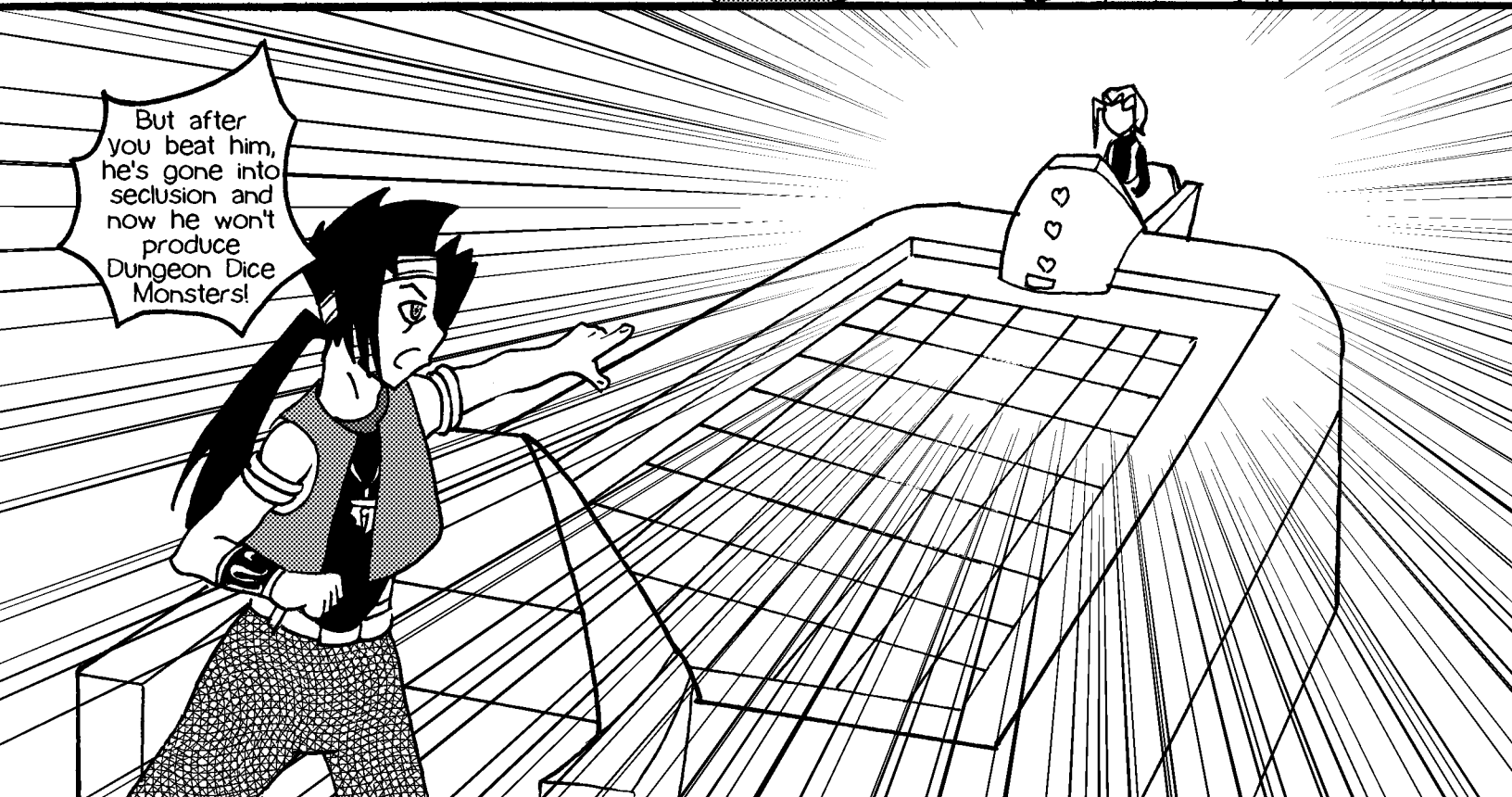
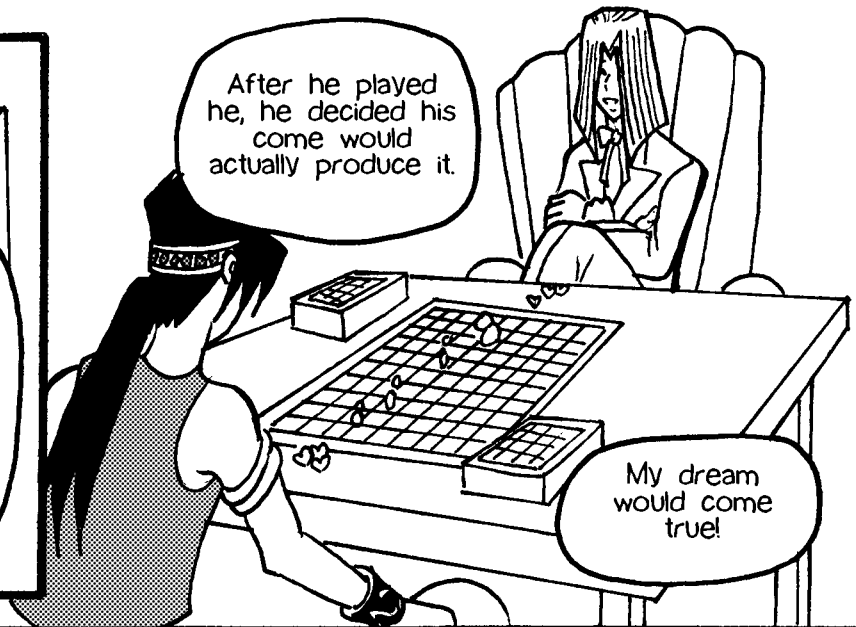
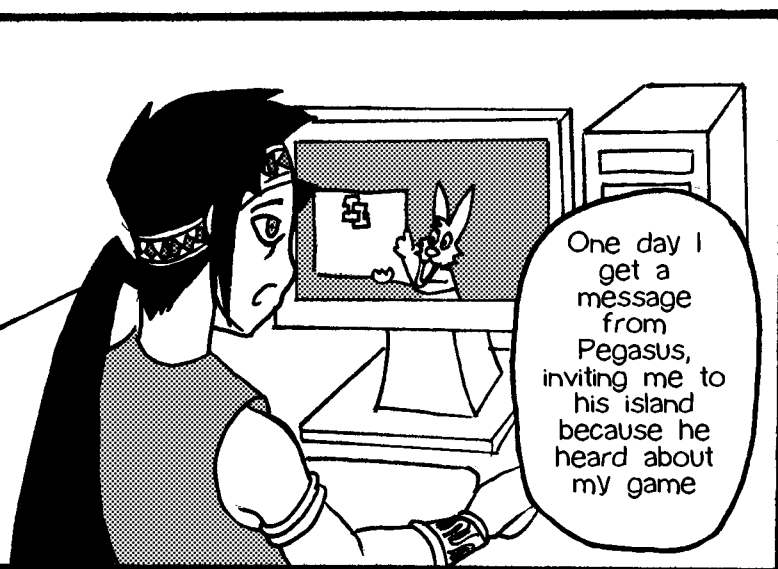
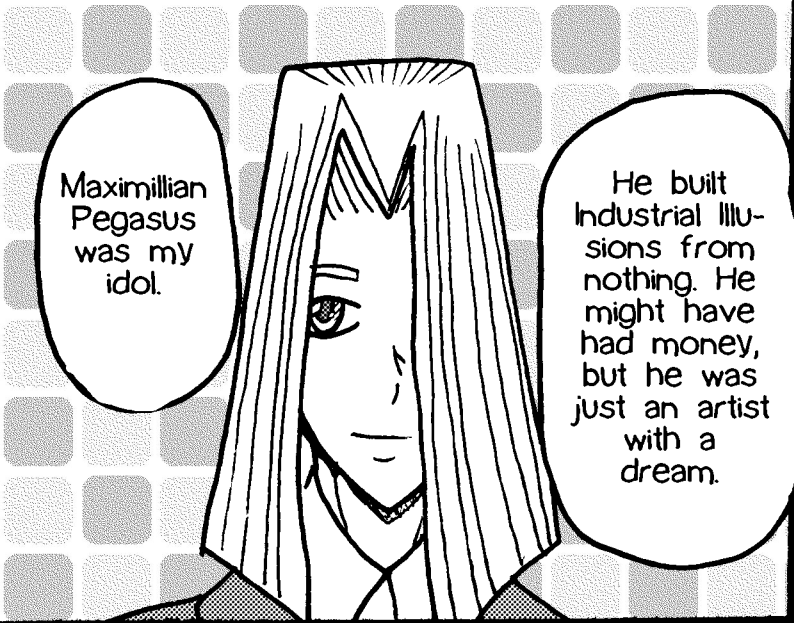
Because I want to ruin you the same way your ruined me.



What are you talking about?!



We've never even met before!





Without his support my game is going to fail, all because of a filthy cheat like you!



Cheat?!

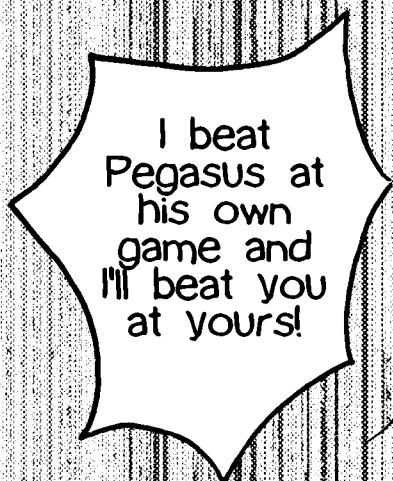
Pegasus was the cheat! He blackmailed me into joining his tournament and did every underhanded thing he could think of to steal my Puzzle!



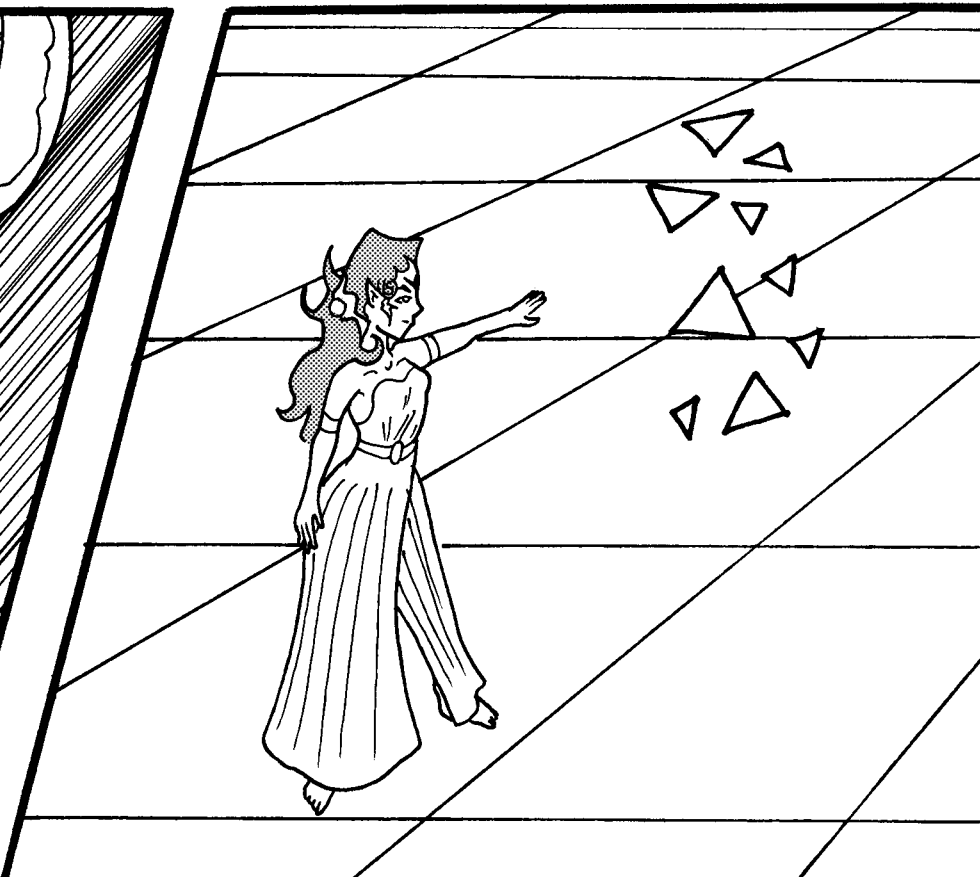
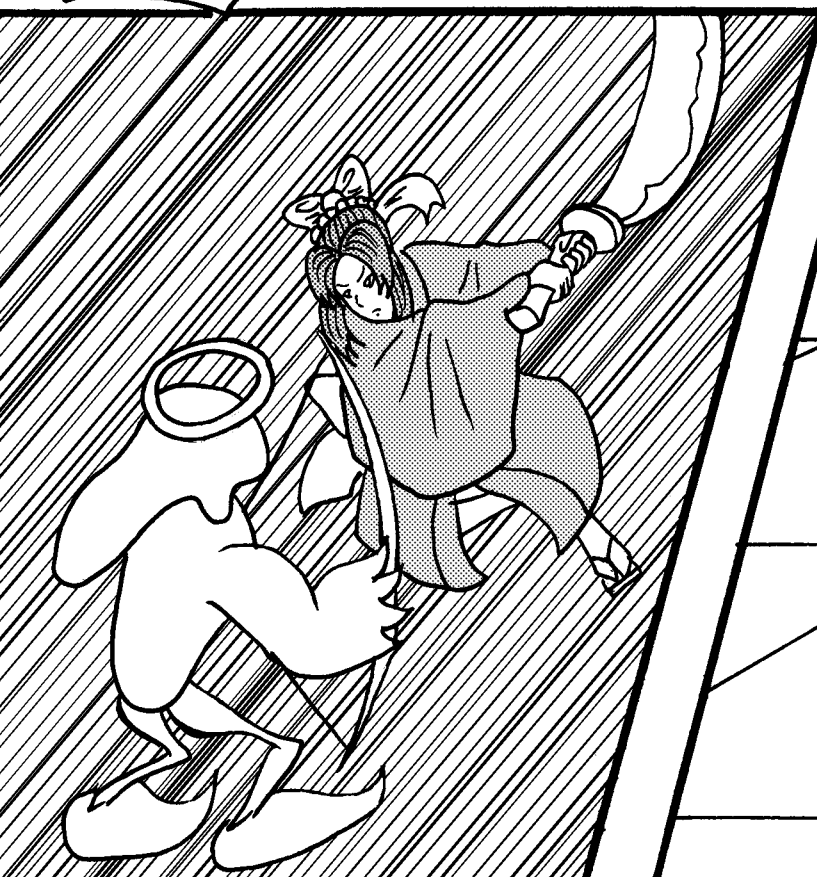
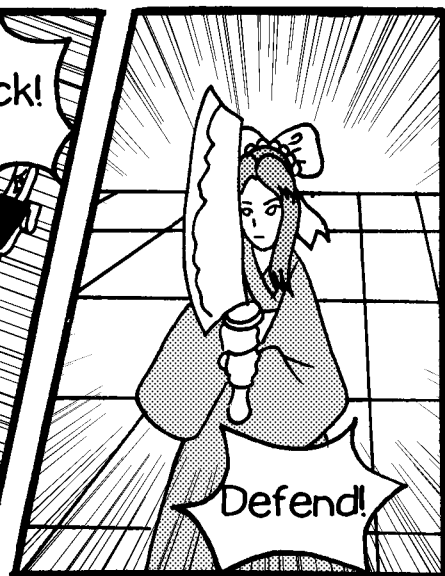
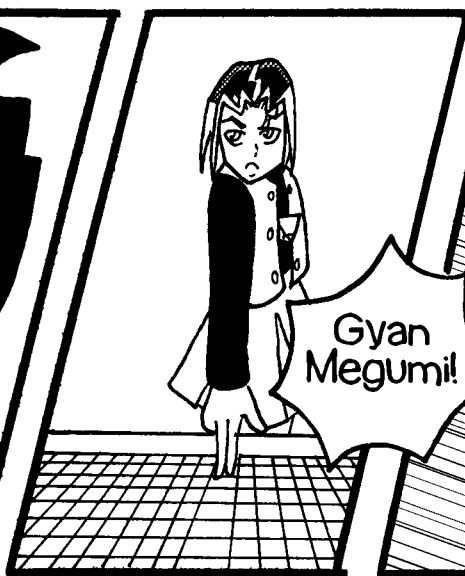
This isn't my fault and you really believe I cheated to beat him, you're just as much of a demented looney as he was!

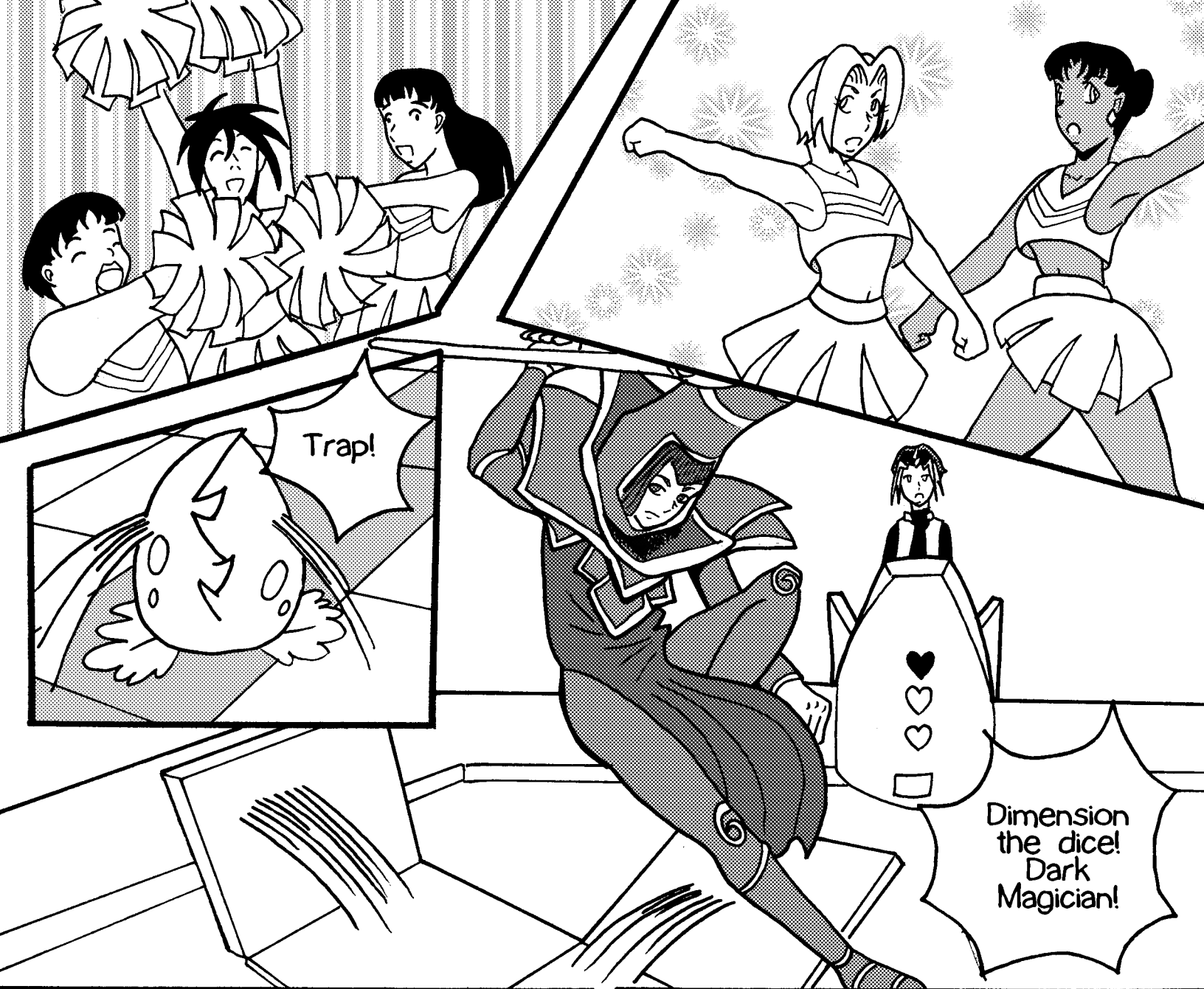
Shut up!

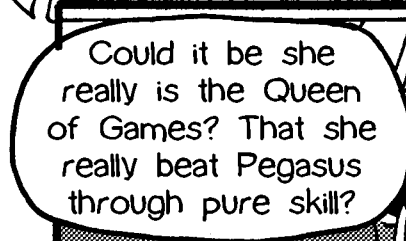
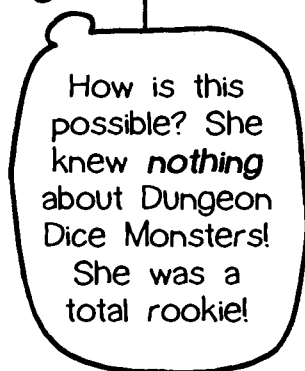
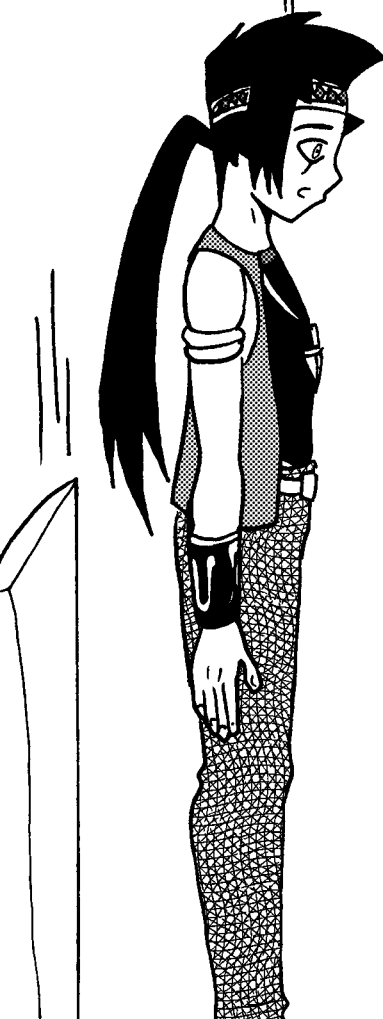
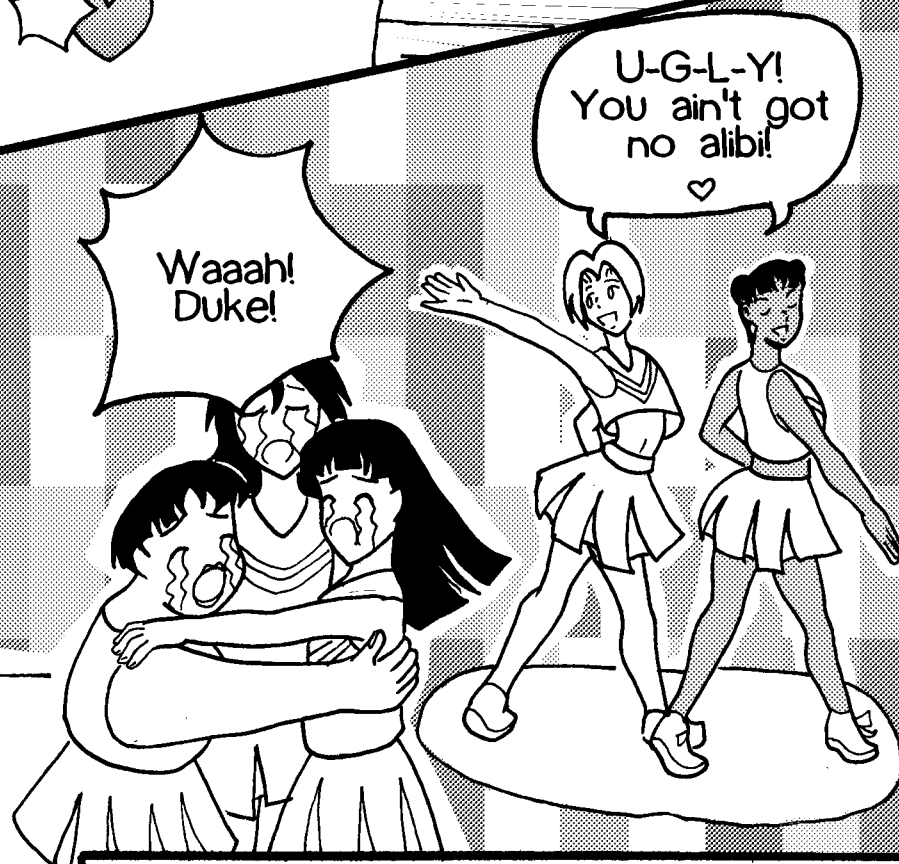
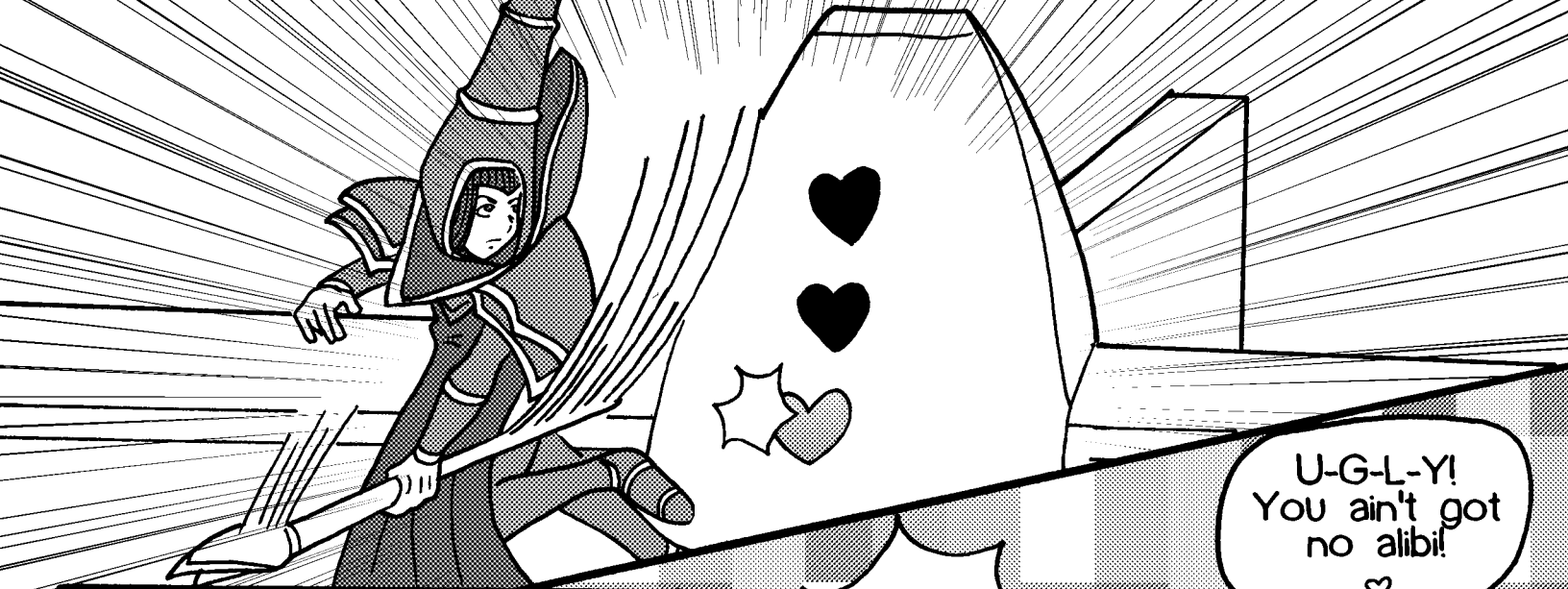
I'll make you pay you little bitch!

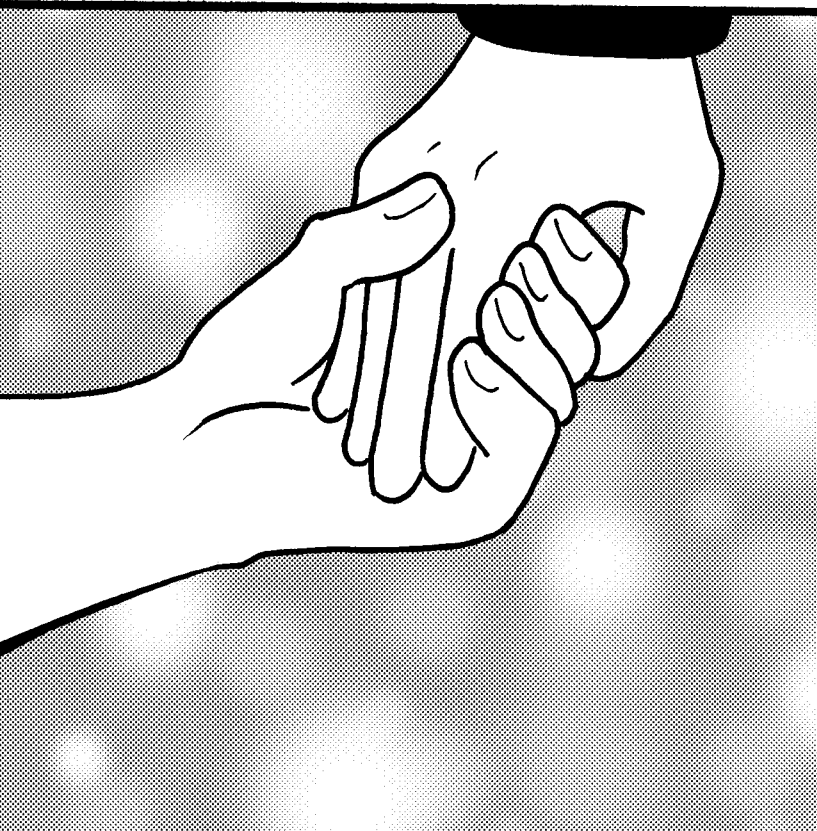
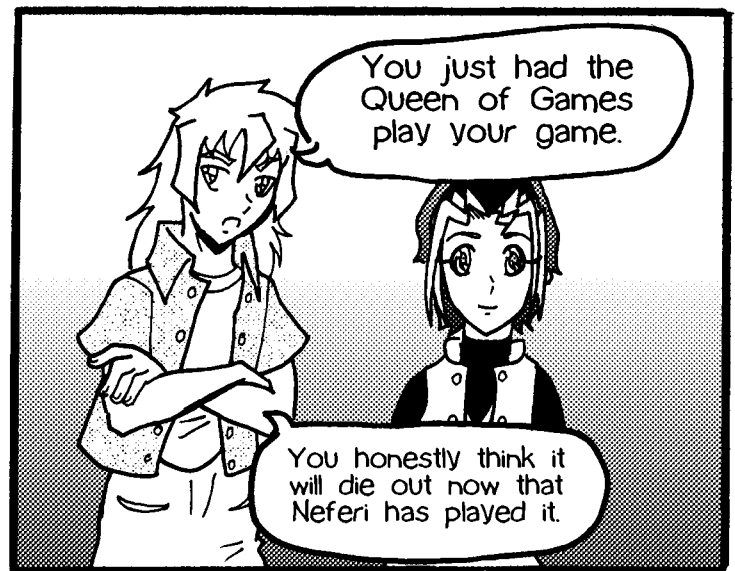


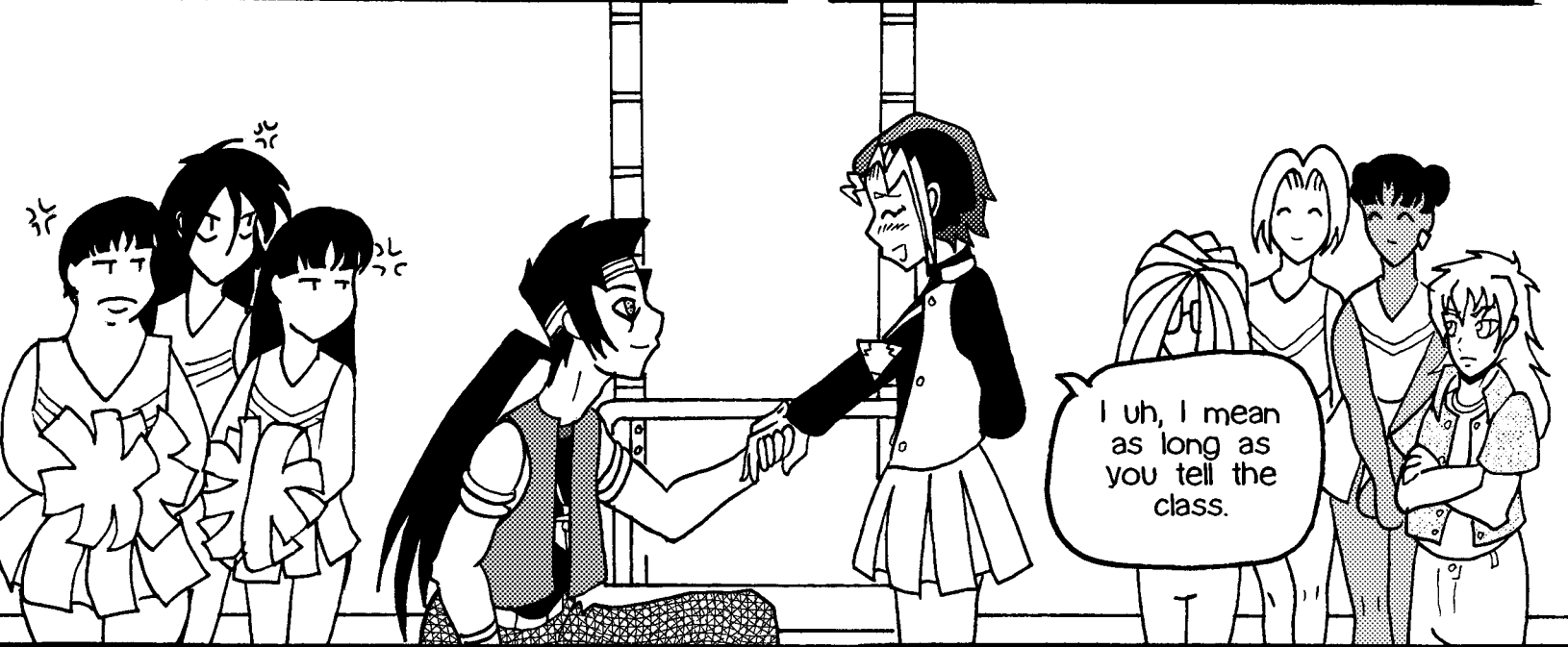
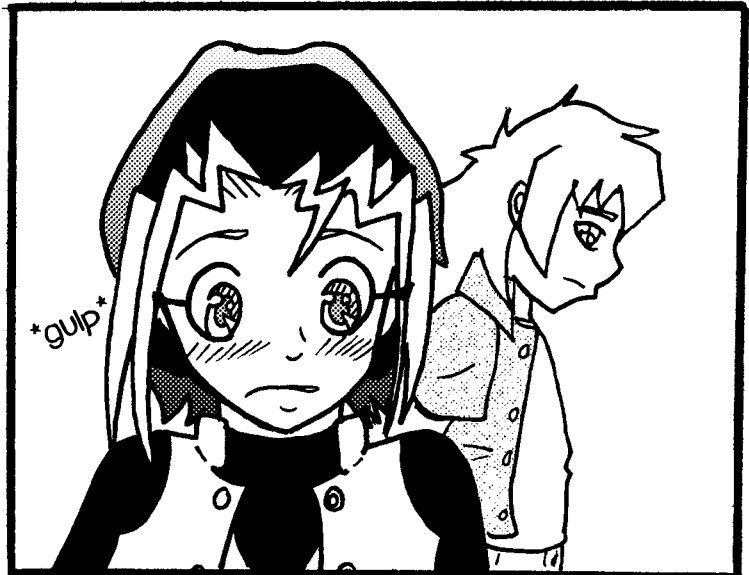
I beat Pegasus at his own game and I'll beat you at yours!

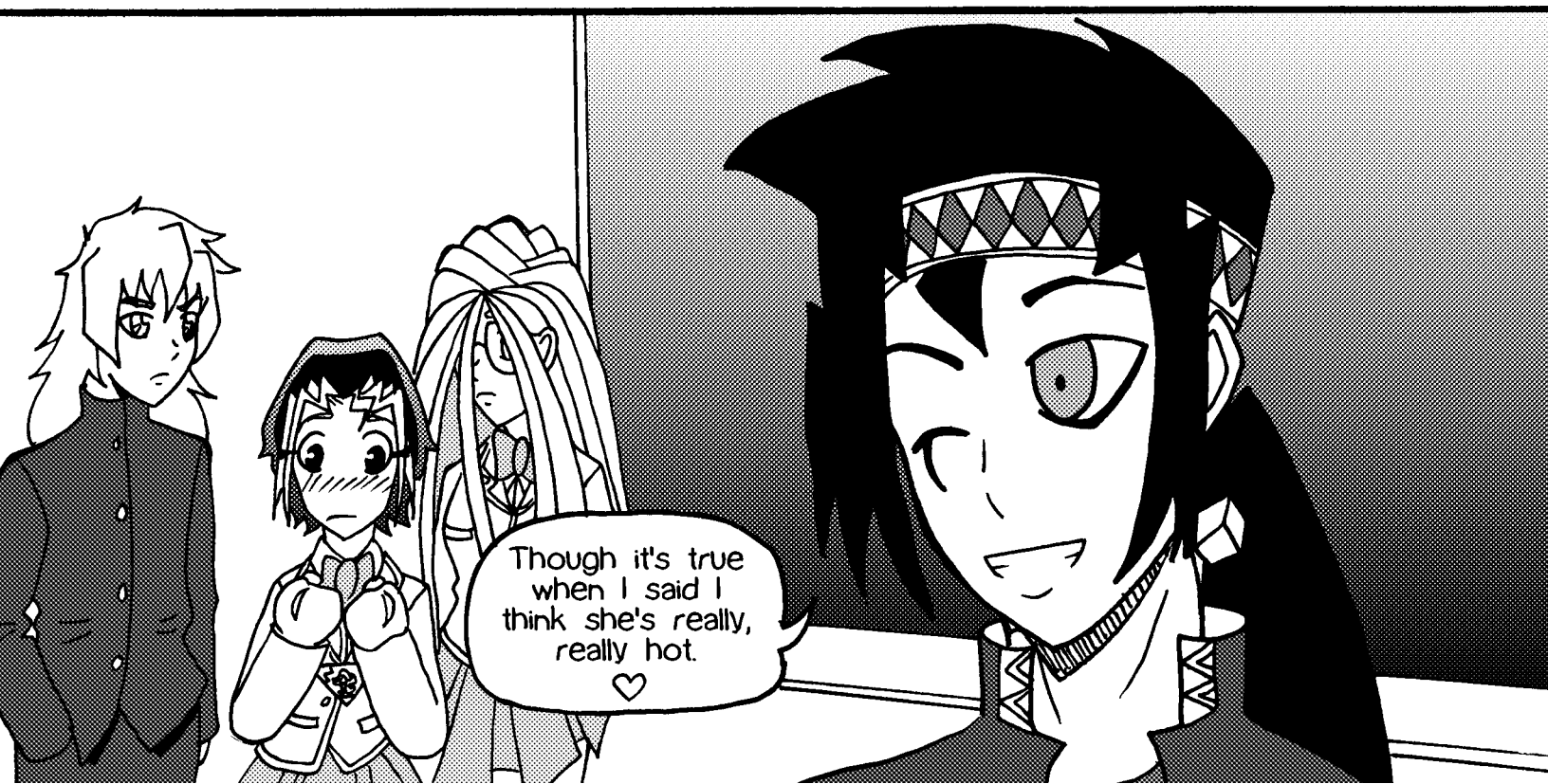
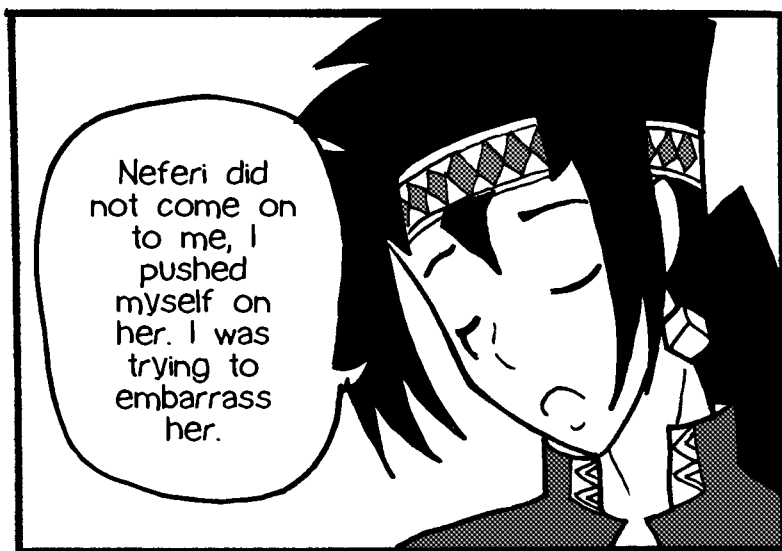
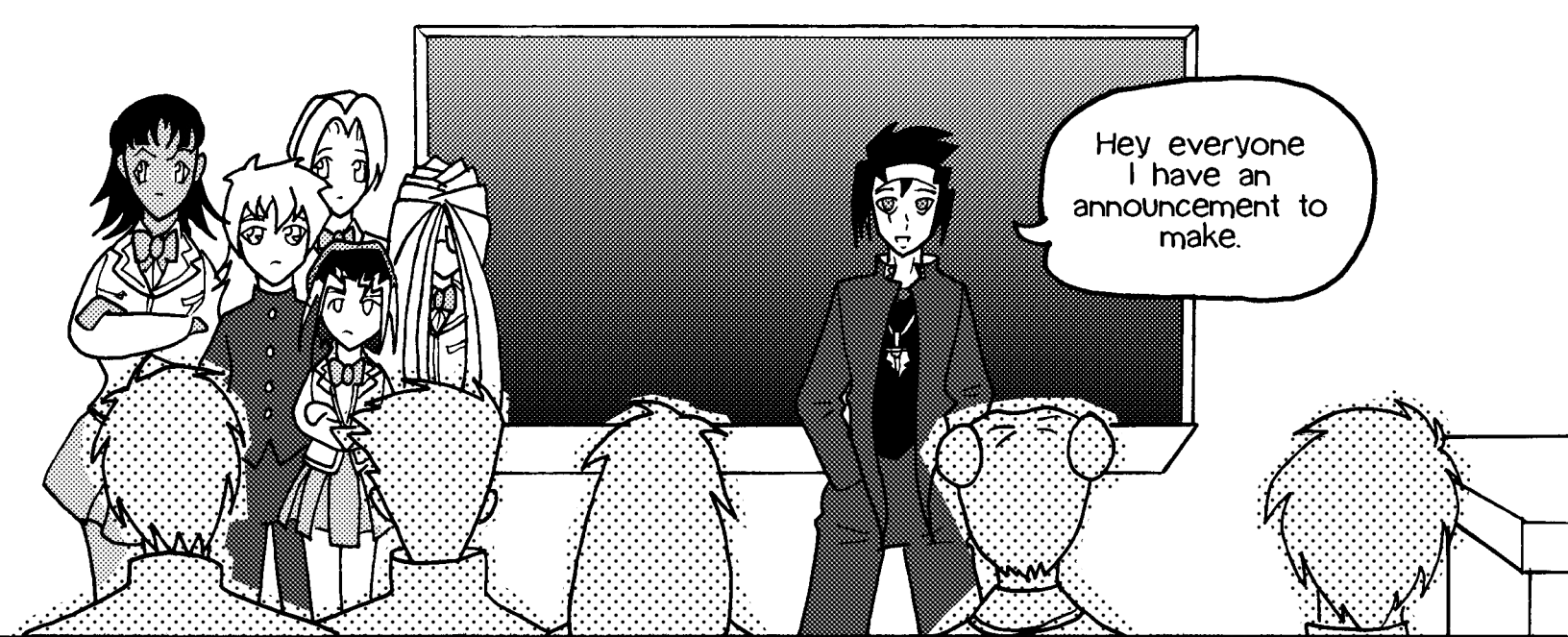












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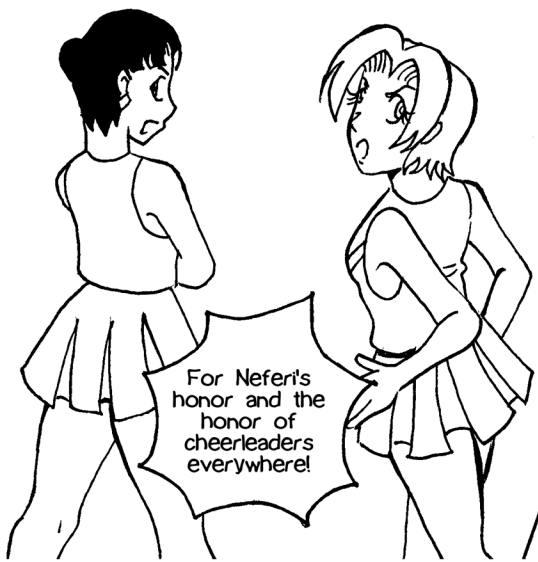
SECRET SCROLLS

Welcome to the first Secret Scrolls of the second season of Queen of Games. In honor of that, I will talk about the origin behind some of the characters, for this issue: Miranda and Sophie.

Congratulations, you have just finished reading the chapter that inspired the creation of Miranda and Sophie. That's right, the only reason these two characters exist was because when Neferi was playing against Duke, I wanted her to have her own set of cheerleaders to compete against Duke's.



Since there was no Jounouchi or Honda, I wanted Neferi to have two more friends to replace them. For a while I was stumped for what kind of additional friends to give her, then I rewatched the set of episodes featuring Duke and Dungeon Dice Monster. And then I watched the Yugi-Oh: The Abridged Series version of it, and I thought it would be completely hilarious that while Duke had his cheerleaders rooting for him, that Neferi would have her own set that were better looking and a lot better at it, insulted that not only was Duke being nasty to their friend, but also that his cheerleaders were just so unskilled. And thus Miranda and Sophie were born.



Much like Jacob, just because Miranda and Sophie were invented as a gag, they did eventually end up being fairly developed characters. We haven't seen much of their history so far (except for knowing Miranda has many siblings and her parents run an Arab grocery store,) I do plan on delving more into their pasts.

Next Issue:

A new enemy on the horizon? And some first hints into Yami's true past.