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PROLOGUE

CHILDHOOD

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The Fourth
Volume

AI HOSHINO

The permanent center of the idol group B Komachi

MARRIED



ICHIGO SAITOU

President of Ichigo Production, Inc., Ai's agency.

AFFILIATED



MIYAKO SAITOU

TWINS



TAISHI GOTANDA

The director of a movie that Ai and Aqua appeared in.

AQUAMARINE HOSHINO

Nickname: Aqua

LIFE #2

RUBY HOSHINO

Nickname: Ruby

LIFE #2



KANA ARIMA

A genius child actor who can cry on demand. She and Aqua met at a film shoot.

GOROU

Worked as an OB-GYN in a small city. Ai's longtime fan, he died protecting her from a stalker during her pregnancy.

PATIENT

SARINA

A patient at Gorou's hospital who died from an illness at twelve. Neither twin knows who the other was.

Reincarnated as the children of their favorite idol singer, Ai Hoshino, twins Aqua and Ruby enjoyed "infant life" with their memories of their previous lives intact. Ai hid both her pregnancy and delivery, living a lie to continue her idol career and appear in dramas and movies. As the twins watched over her, she rose to the top of the entertainment industry. On her twentieth birthday, she was scheduled to perform her first dome concert when a stalker took her life... Ten-plus years go by, and Ruby and Aqua plunge into the entertainment industry: Ruby because she wants to shine like Ai, and Aqua to get revenge!!

PREVIOUSLY...

ACT 3
THE DATING REALITY SHOW ARC

ACT 2
SHOW BUSINESS



AKANE KUROKAWA
The young star of Theater Lalalal. A genius who can perform even the role of Ai perfectly.



MEM-CHO
A YouTuber who's a pro at going viral.



PIEYON
A masked strength-training YouTuber affiliated with Ichigo Production. Makes a hundred million yen a year.

Character Intros



AQUAMARINE HOSHINO
First-year General Ed student at Youtou High. Nickname: Aqua



RUBY HOSHINO
First-year student in the Youtou High Entertainment Dept. Nickname: Ruby



KANA ARIMA
Second-year student in the Youtou High Entertainment Dept. Joins Ichigo Pro on Aqua's invitation, reinventing herself as an idol. Nicknames: Cryo, Baking Soda



MASAYA KABURAGI
Producer of the drama SWEET TODAY. Knows about Ai's past.

In Act 3, Aqua appeared on a dating reality show!! He only agreed so Kaburagi would tell him about Ai's past, but during filming he saw the light and darkness of reality shows behind the scenes. Manipulated to look worse by the power of production, Akane got flamed so badly online that she ended up attempting suicide. Unable to stand by, Aqua led the cast's efforts to steer the situation to a safe resolution. Then, deciding that Akane could be useful, he made the move to start dating her!

GREAT
WORK,
EVERYONE!

AND THAT'S
A WRAP ON
WE'RE ABOUT
TO FALL IN
LOVE FOR
REAL!

Chapter 31
Love for Real

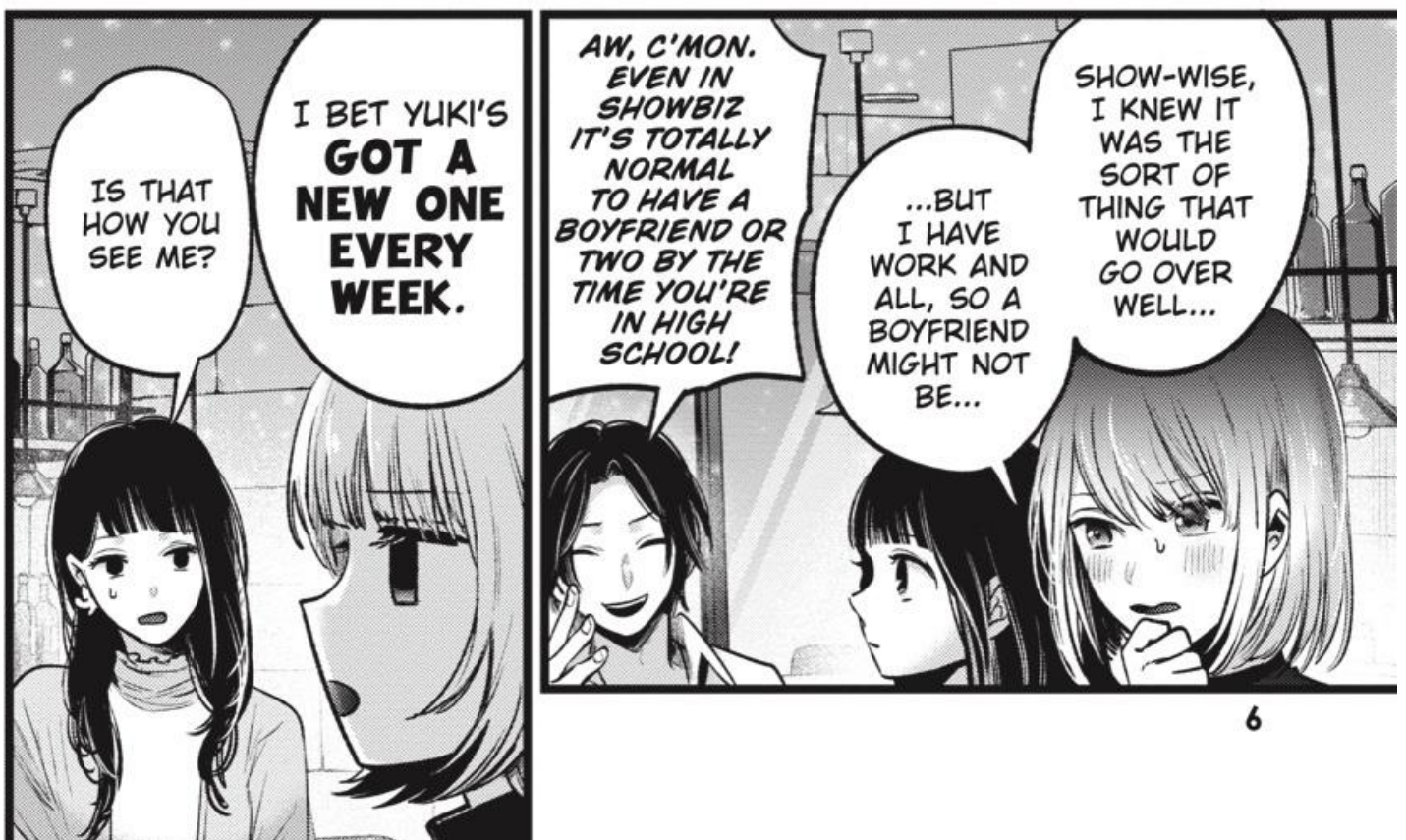
WOW. IT
FEELS LIKE
IT WENT BY
SO FAST.

MIND IF
WE ASK A
QUESTION,
LIKE,
IMMEDIATELY
?

SO...?

IF YOU CAN
SAY THAT,
AKANE, THEN
I CAN HARDLY
COMPLAIN.

A LOT
HAPPENED,
BUT IT
REALLY WAS
FUN.





ANOTHER STUDENT IN HER DEPARTMENT SAID THE SAME.

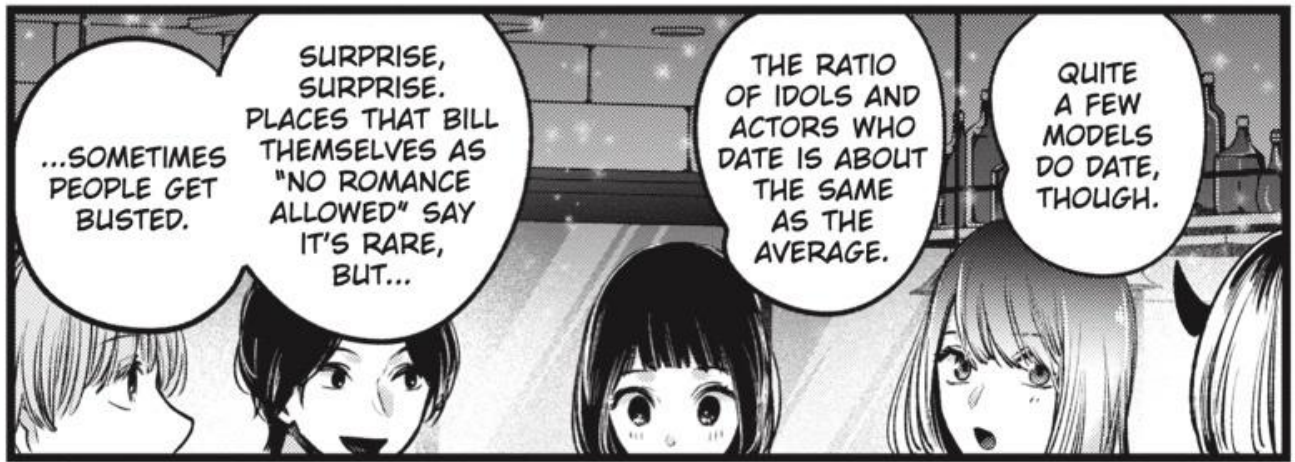
NO, I HEAR IT'S TRUE.

I HAVE NEVER HAD A BOYFRIEND. EVER.

I'VE REALLY AND TRULY ALWAYS PUT MY WORK FIRST, OKAY?

THAT'S SURPRISINGLY ETHICAL...

NO WAY!

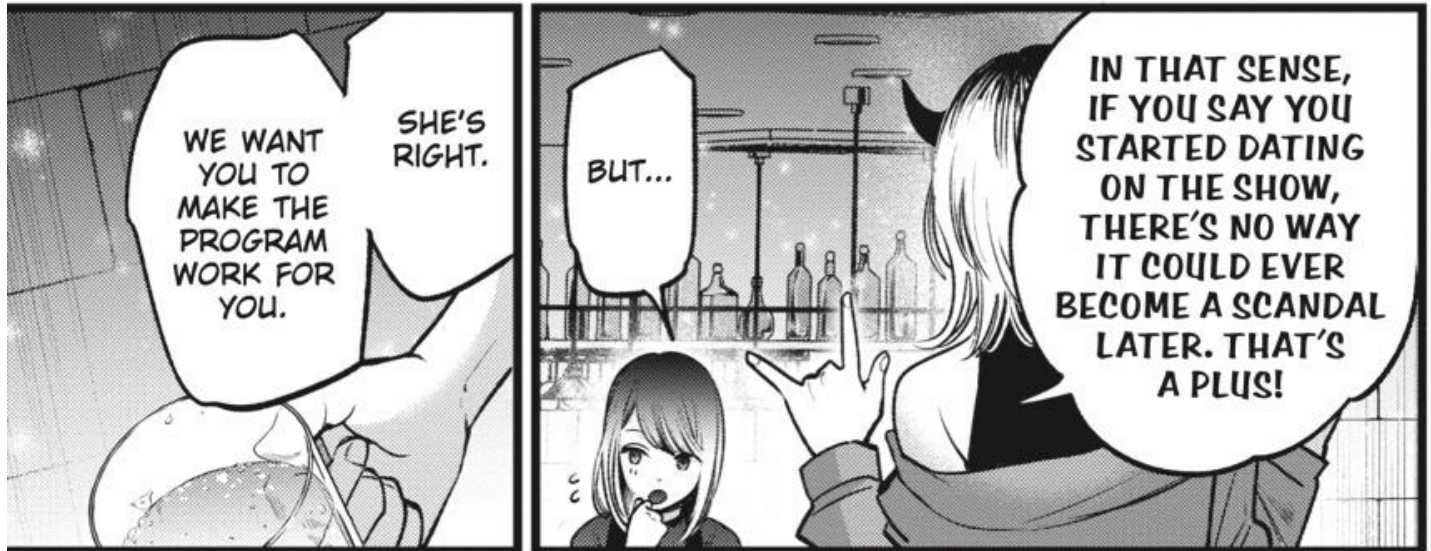


...SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET BUSTED.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE. PLACES THAT BILL THEMSELVES AS "NO ROMANCE ALLOWED" SAY IT'S RARE, BUT...

THE RATIO OF IDOLS AND ACTORS WHO DATE IS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE AVERAGE.

QUITE A FEW MODELS DO DATE, THOUGH.



WE WANT YOU TO MAKE THE PROGRAM WORK FOR YOU.

SHE'S RIGHT.

BUT...

IN THAT SENSE, IF YOU SAY YOU STARTED DATING ON THE SHOW, THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD EVER BECOME A SCANDAL LATER. THAT'S A PLUS!



YOU'RE FREE TO DATE OR BREAK UP AS YOU LIKE.

FROM HERE ON OUT, THE PRODUCTION CREW WON'T INTERFERE.



OTHERS JUST SAY THEY'RE DATING FOR A FEW MONTHS TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

..
We've decided to go separate ways.

WE'VE HAD SEVERAL COUPLES ACTUALLY END UP GETTING MARRIED.



...AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.



THINK IT THROUGH...



IN THIS INDUSTRY, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF EVIL ADULTS WHO ARE HAPPY TO MAKE AS MUCH AS THEY CAN OFF YOUR TALENTS BEFORE DUMPING YOU.



...BUT KIDS WHO LET THEMSELVES GET TAKEN ALONG FOR THE RIDE ALWAYS END UP IN HELL.

FAME OFFERS ENDLESS SWEET TEMPTATIONS...



SPEAKING OF...

...WHERE'D THE EVIL KID GO?



HA HA HA HA.

JUST SOME ADVICE FROM AN EVIL ADULT.





I GUESS USING YOU WAS THE RIGHT CALL, HM?

LOVE FOR REAL WENT OVER WELL.



I HEAR YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PATCHED THINGS UP, THOUGH.

THE FLAMING DREW A LOT OF THAT ATTENTION.

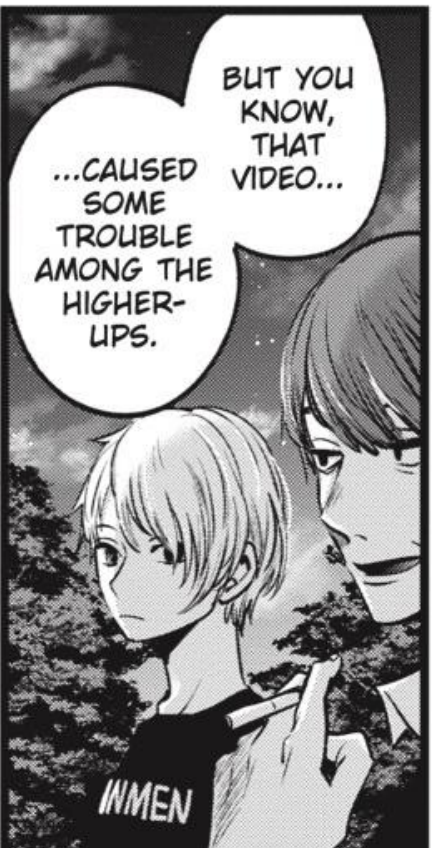
I'M NOT SO SURE.



We're Ab
Watch th

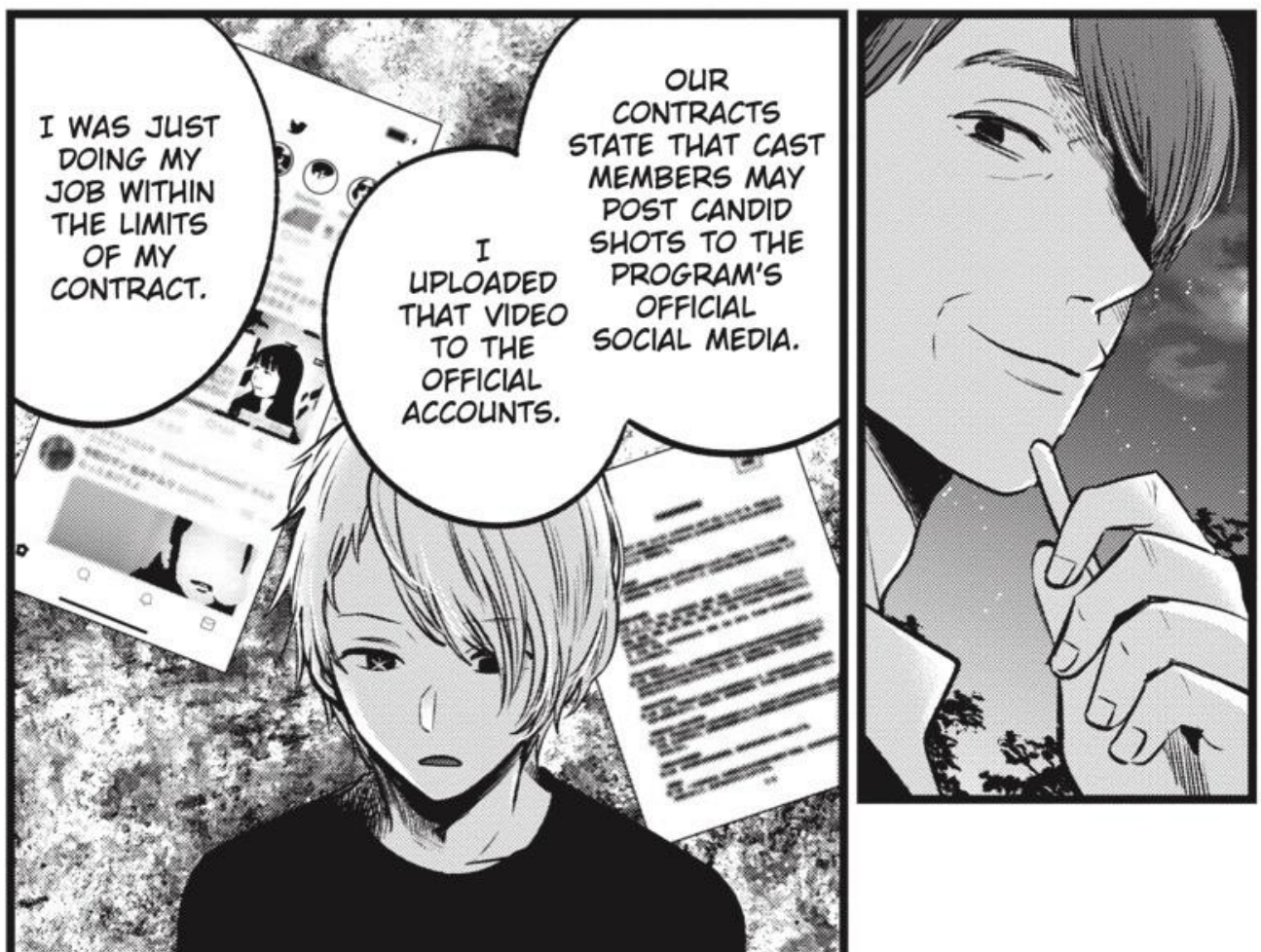
THEY REALLY WEREN'T SURE WHAT TO DO WITH THIS.

"DON'T LEAK FOOTAGE" IS AN IRONCLAD INDUSTRY RULE.



...CAUSED SOME TROUBLE AMONG THE HIGHER-UPS.

BUT YOU KNOW, THAT VIDEO...





I OWE YOU YOUR REWARD.



JU (SIZZLE)

...YOU DID GOOD WORK, WHICH FULFILLS OUR AGREEMENT.

IN ADDITION...

THANKS.

SHARP KID.



I'LL TELL YOU SOME SPECIAL RESERVE STORIES ABOUT AI.

COME HAVE SUSHI WITH ME NEXT WEEK.



YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, MAN!

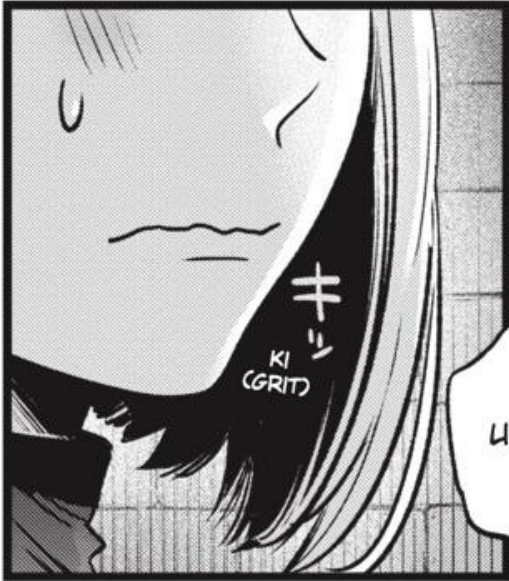
COME HERE A SEC!

OH— AQUA!



I'LL KEEP MY SCHEDULE OPEN.





UM...

WHAT I'M ASKING IS...

IN THAT CASE...



...FOR WORK?

ARE WE DATING...



OR ARE WE FOR REAL?



DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING TACTFUL.

I MEAN, IT'S NOT A JOB OR ANY-THING...



...AS A GIRL, DO YOU, AQUA-KUN?

YOU DON'T SEE ME...



THAT'S, UH...

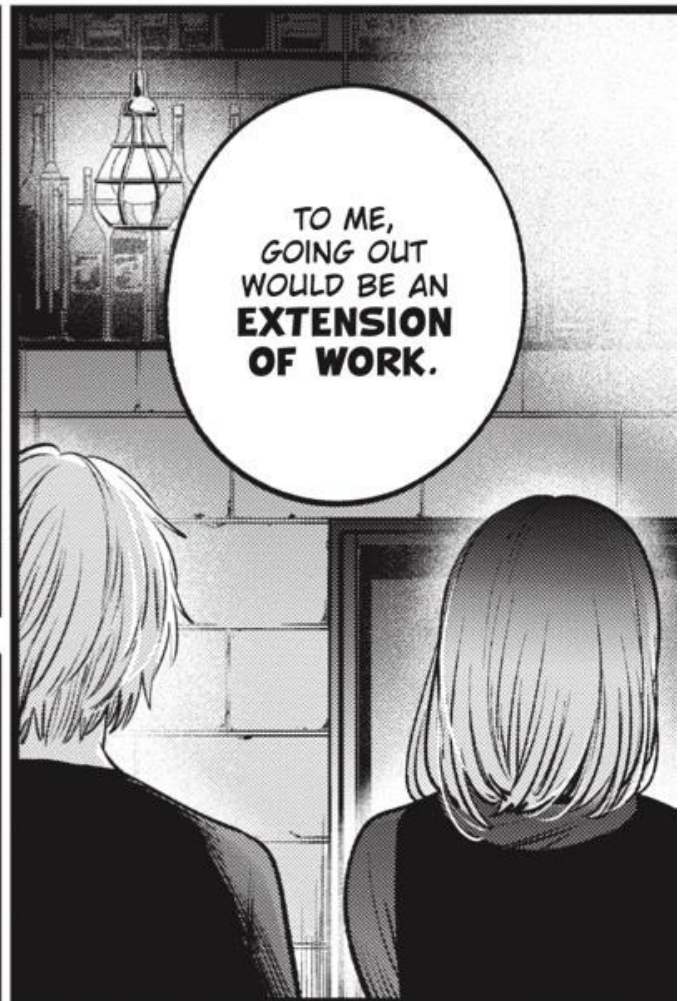
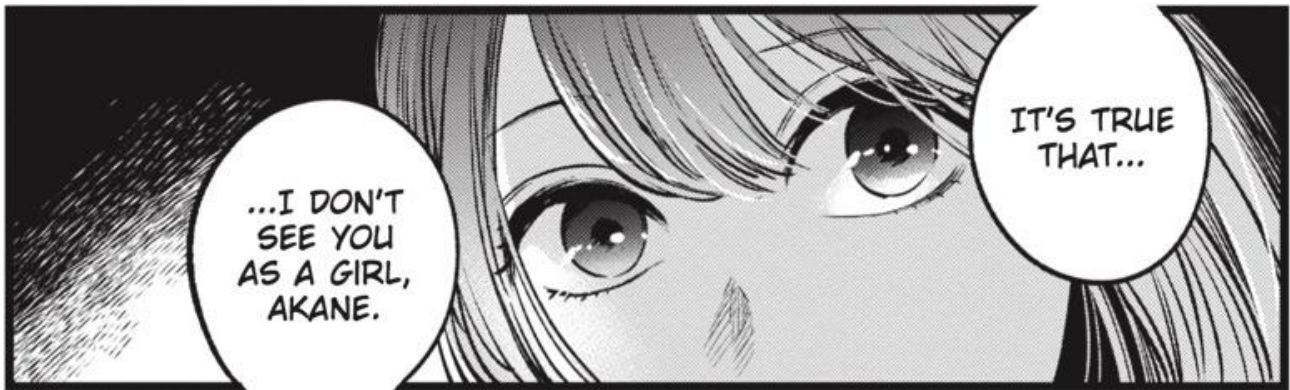


...BUT I DON'T INTEREST YOU PERSONALLY.

MAYBE YOU LIKE ME A LITTLE WHEN I'M ACTING...



I CAN TELL THAT MUCH.





...YOU
INTEREST
ME A
WHOLE
LOT.

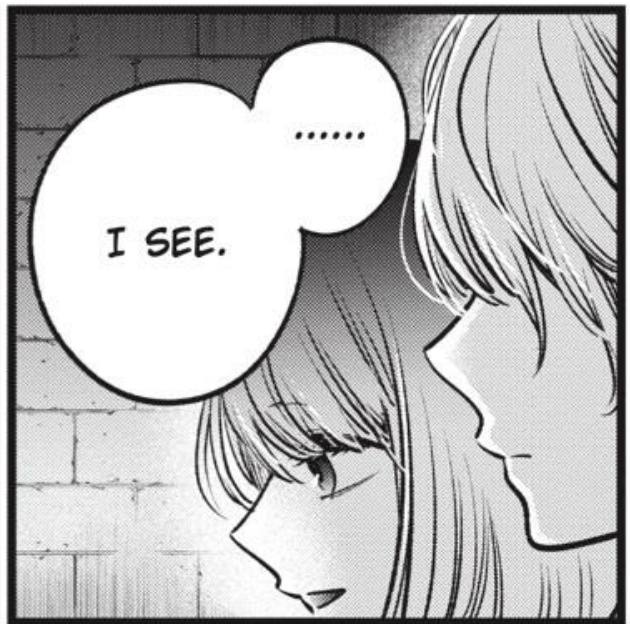
AS AN
ACTRESS...



THAT'S
NO LIE.



WELL,
THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT.



.....
I SEE.