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What was it about Lucy that you wished to discuss, Miss Graham?

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Or is she causing trouble?

Is it about her grades?

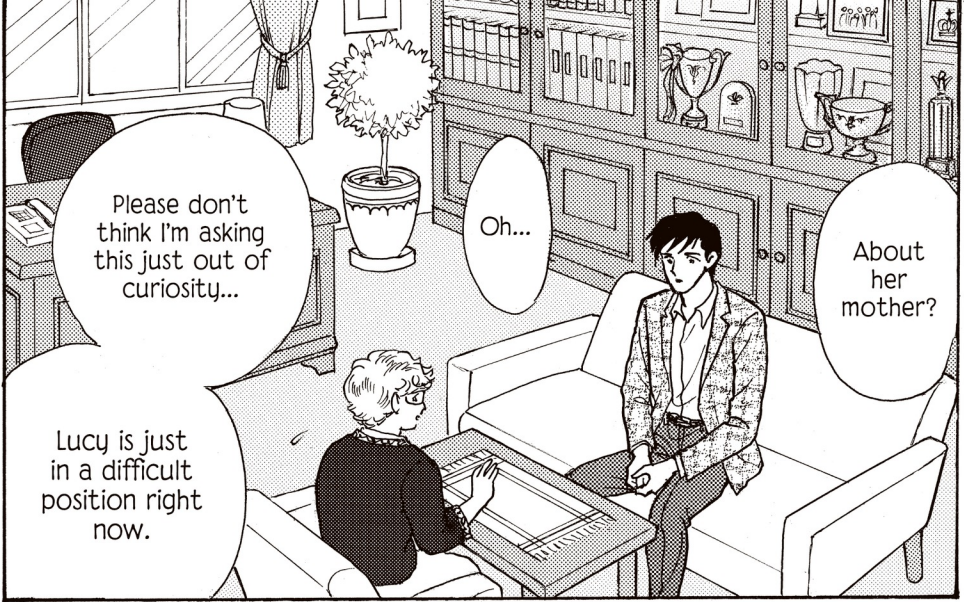
Actually...

I have to ask you a personal question.

Well, have a seat, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

You could call it a problem...

What have you told Lucy about her mother?



Please don't think I'm asking this just out of curiosity...

Oh...

About her mother?

Lucy is just in a difficult position right now.



Yes...  
For some reason, she has recently begun saying...

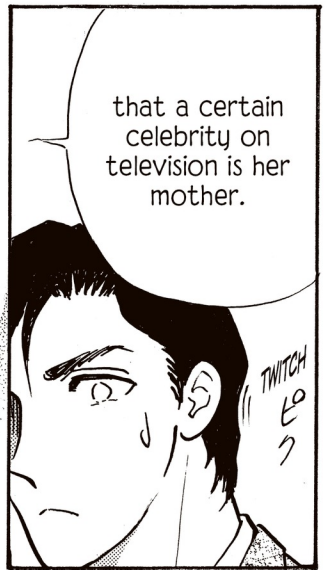
A difficult position?



She has?

That can't be!

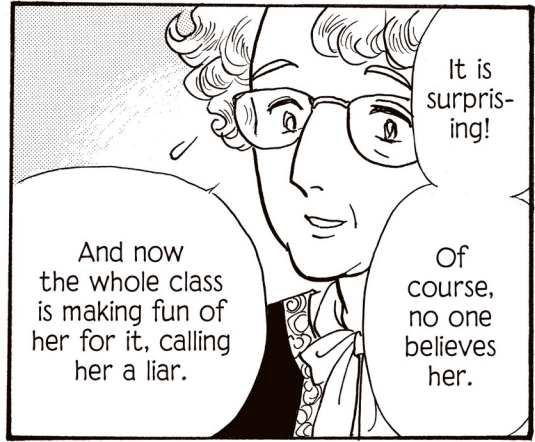
WHAT?



that a certain celebrity on television is her mother.

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It is surprising!

And now the whole class is making fun of her for it, calling her a liar.

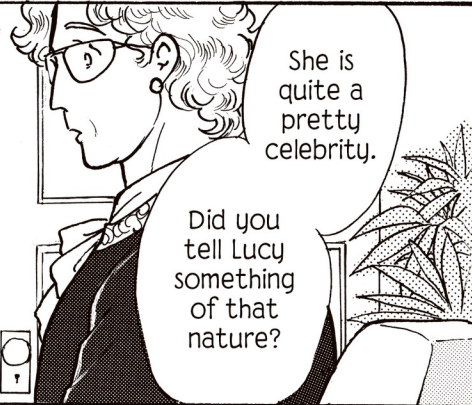
Of course, no one believes her.



I never told her anything like that!

Like, "Oh, you look a lot like her."

No...



She is quite a pretty celebrity.

Did you tell Lucy something of that nature?



You have no idea!

Oh, dear!



Lucy has never asked...

In fact...

I didn't realize she was interested.

I've never told her anything about her mother.



Of course she would be interested!

her mother is her first role model.

When a child thinks of who she wants to be...

She'd want to know who gave birth to her.

Young girls are quite mature...

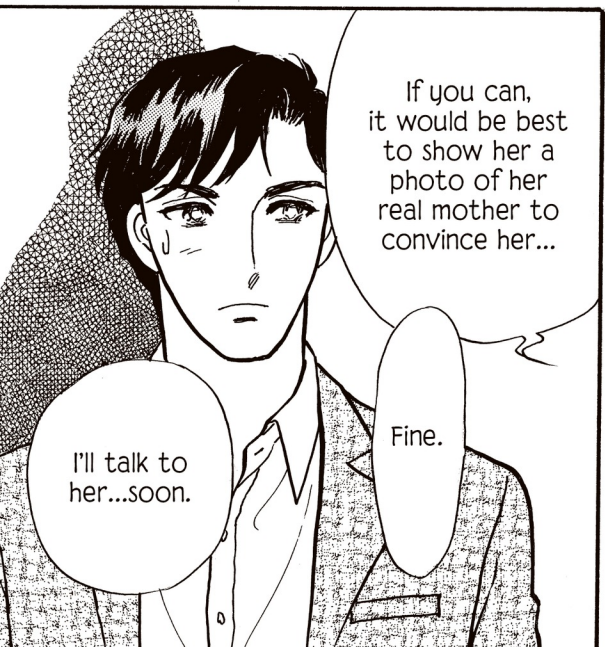
They watch their parents and understand what isn't said.



I would have hoped you would have clued into this earlier.

She doesn't know her mother ...

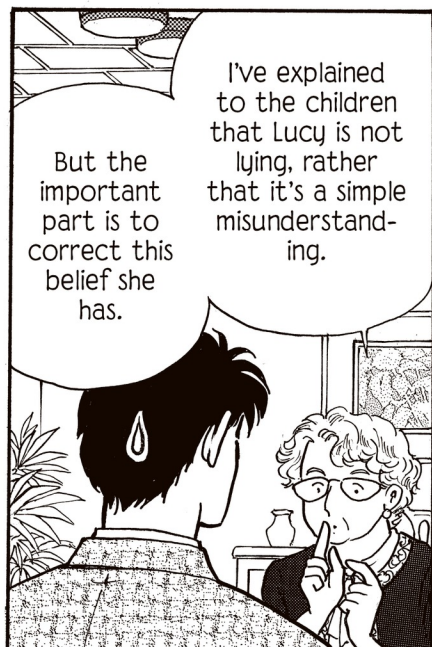
so she's fantasized about a beautiful woman she's seen on TV filling that role.



If you can, it would be best to show her a photo of her real mother to convince her...

I'll talk to her...soon.

Fine.



But the important part is to correct this belief she has.

I've explained to the children that Lucy is not lying, rather that it's a simple misunderstanding.



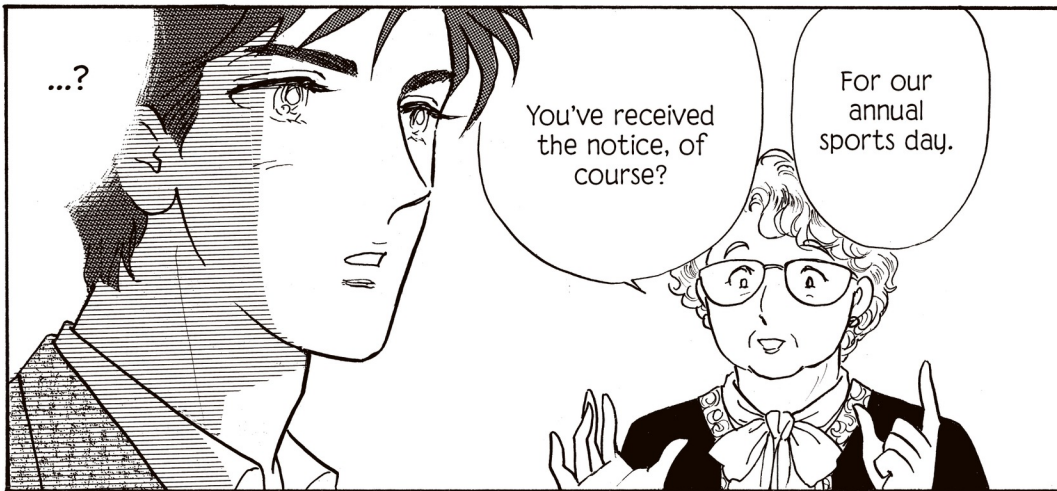


Friday?

I'll see you on Friday.

Please do!

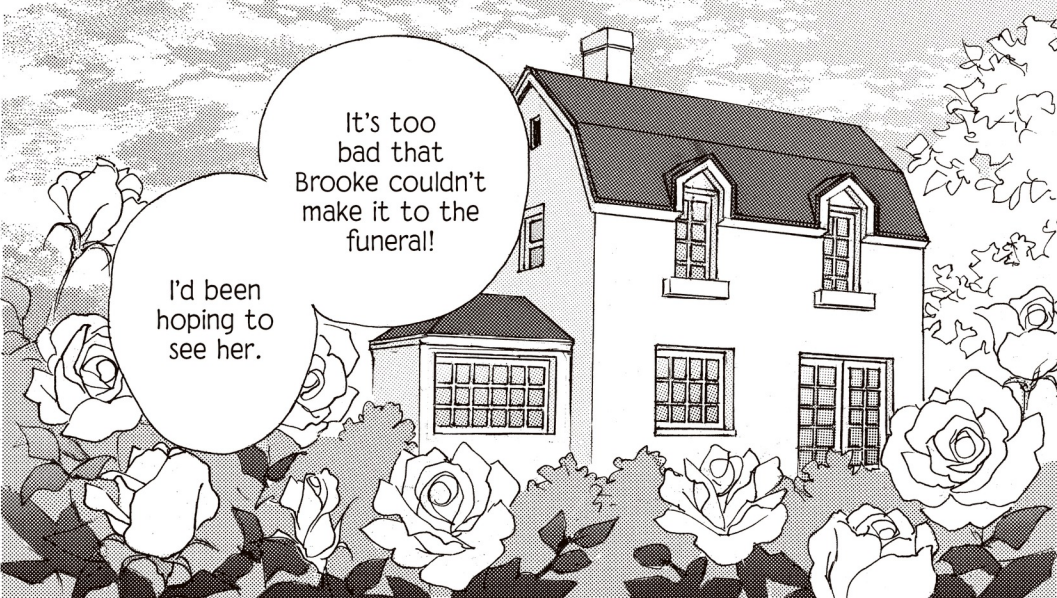
It's okay. I'm sure things will work out.



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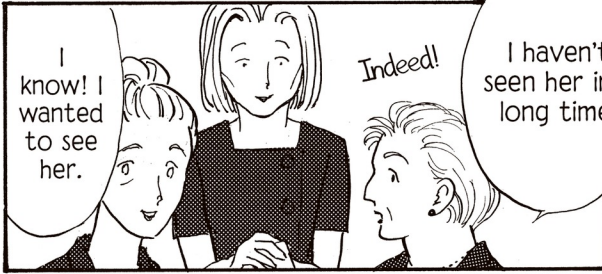
You've received the notice, of course?

For our annual sports day.



I'd been hoping to see her.

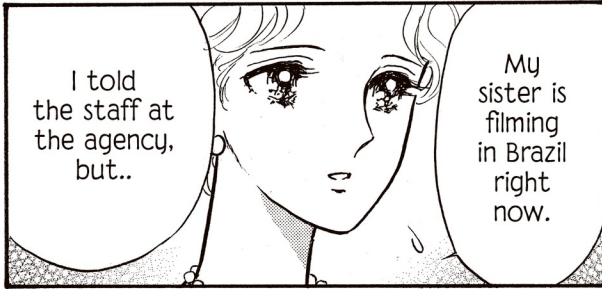
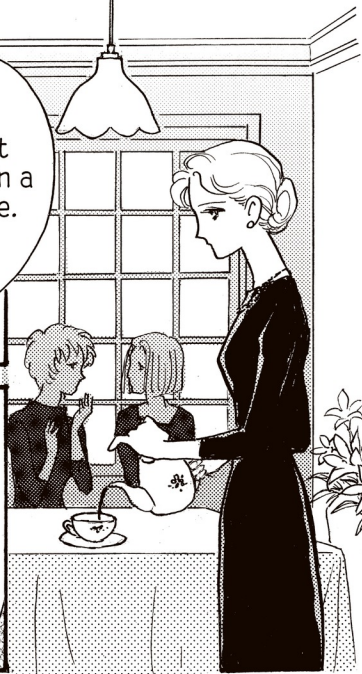
It's too bad that Brooke couldn't make it to the funeral!



I know! I wanted to see her.

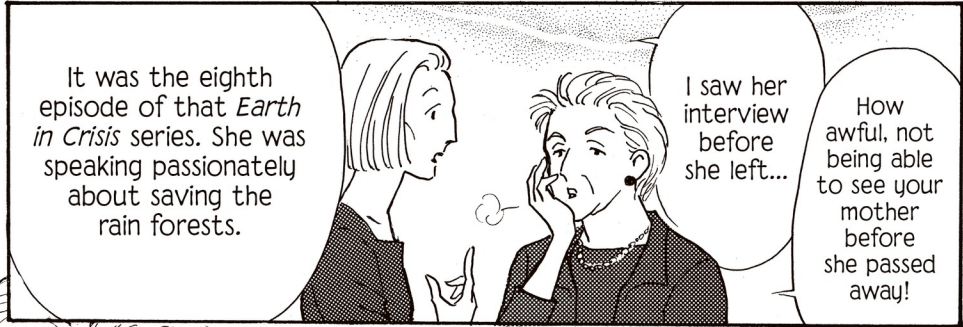
Indeed!

I haven't seen her in a long time.



I told the staff at the agency, but..

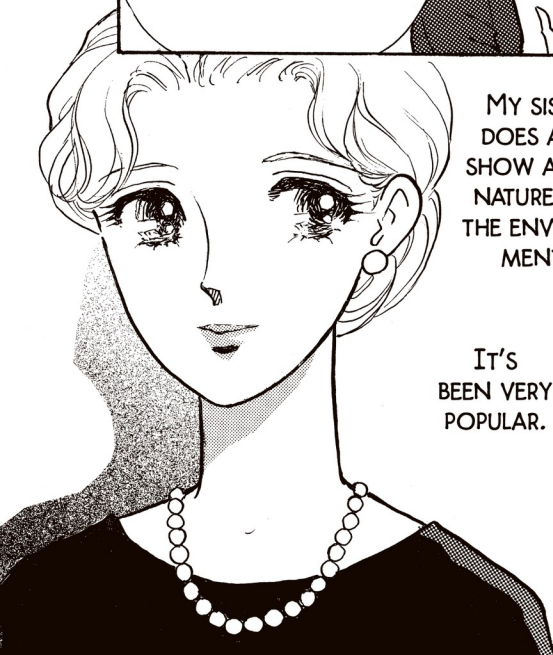
My sister is filming in Brazil right now.



It was the eighth episode of that *Earth in Crisis* series. She was speaking passionately about saving the rain forests.

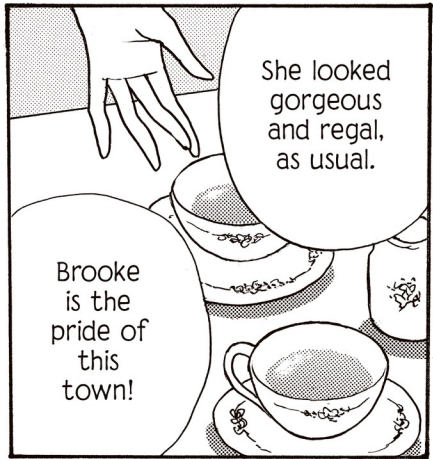
I saw her interview before she left...

How awful, not being able to see your mother before she passed away!



MY SISTER DOES A TV SHOW ABOUT NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT...

IT'S BEEN VERY POPULAR.



She looked gorgeous and regal, as usual.

Brooke is the pride of this town!



making the sea levels rise...

glaciers are melting due to global warming.

wild animals are going extinct ...

SHE'S LOVED NATURAL SCIENCE SINCE SHE WAS A GIRL...

and humanity brought about all of it.

More forest disappears from the planet every year...

Did you know ?

USUALLY SHE COMES OFF AS SOMEWHAT UNAPPROACHABLE, BUT...

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL INTELLIGENT, AND COOL.

STOLE THE HEARTS OF MORE BOYS THAN I COULD COUNT.

HER CAREFREE NATURE AND BEAMING SMILE...

SHE'S ATHLETIC, SO SHE WAS ALWAYS THE STAR ON EVERY SPORTS TEAM.