

SAYONARA
BIBI-SENSEI



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I'M AIMING
TO BE THE
NEXT
LA
PRIMERA

WELL.....COME TO THINK OF IT,
SINCE MABOSTIFF IS ALL
FIXED NOW I GUESS ALL
THAT'S LEFT FOR ME TO
FOCUS ON IS BECOMING A
REAL COOK, HELP OTHER
POKÉMON LIVE HAPPY AND
HEALTHY RIGHT?



SO GUYS,
WHAT'RE
YOUR
PLANS FOR
THE FUTURE,
GOT ANY
DREAMS YOU'RE
CHASING?



NOW THAT OPERATION STARFALL IS COMPLETE
REALLY ALL I'VE GOT LEFT PLANNED IS DOING
MY BEST TO SUPPORT YOU GUYS AND ALL MY
OTHER FRIENDS.....



WOW PENNY, I DON'T
THINK YOU'VE EVER
SAID ANYTHING THAT
NICE BEFORE



WELL KEEP
COMMENTING ON
IT LIKE THAT AND
I'LL STOP!



OOOH~ WELL
AREN'T YOU
BEING SINCERE
TODAY

FRANKLY, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ACHIEVING THOSE DREAMS CAN BE SCARY TOO



LIVING WITHOUT A GOAL IN MIND DOES SOUND A LITTLE SCARY



I GUESS WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT....

- PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR DREAM TEAM BUT GETTING CALLED MEAN NAMES ON THE INTERNET BECAUSE OF YOUR TASTE IN POKÉMON
- HITTING CHAMPION STATUS AND HAVING NOBODY LEFT TO FIGHT
- OPTIMIZING YOUR TEAM COMPOSITION ONLY FOR THE META TO SUDDENLY SHIFT
- SPENDING YOUR LIFE HUNTING MEW ONLY TO FIND OUT IT CAN'T ACTUALLY LEARN ANY MOVE
- BECOMING LEAGUE CLUB PRESIDENT ONLY FOR DRAYTON TO FOIST ALL HIS PAPERWORK ON YOU



REACHING THE MYTHICAL MIRAGE ISLAND ONLY TO FIND OUT IT'S GOT NOTHING BUT WYNAUT



GETTING A ROLE AT POKÉSTAR STUDIOS ONLY TO GET HANDED WEIRD SCRIPTS



SPENDING ALL YOUR SAVINGS ON THE MOST STYLISH CLOTHES....




BUT ONLY BEING AS STYLISH AS THE KID WITH A LOT OF PREMIER BALLS



I'M IN DESPAIR!

A LIFE WHERE
DREAMS
DISAPPEAR
HAS LEFT
ME IN
DESPAIR
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!


IS WHAT I WOULD
SAY, BUT THERE'S
PLENTY OF WAYS
TO KEEP PEOPLE
AIMING FOR
NEW HEIGHTS!




PRETTY NICE THAT PEOPLE
DON'T ASSUME THAT BEING
RICH OR TALENTED IS WHAT
GOT YOU TO WHERE YOU ARE
Y'KNOW? CAN'T YOU AFFORD
TO ACT A LITTLE MORE PROUD?



THINGS AT SCHOOL HAVE GOTTEN
A LOT BETTER AS OF LATE, ISN'T
IT NICE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT BEING BULLIED? SHOULDN'T
YOU BE ENJOYING LEARNING IN SUCH
A NICE ENVIRONMENT?



HEY, HAVING BOTH PARENTS
IS PRETTY LUCKY. DON'T YOU
THINK YOU SHOULD BE
WORKING OUT HOW TO
MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR
TIME WITH THEM?



PEOPLE
PPRESSURE
OTHERS INTO
BEING BETTER
ALL THE TIME!
LIKE PARENTS!
GUILT'S A HECK
OF A WEAPON.
GO AHEAD
AND GIVE IT
A SHOT!

BUT I MEAN, HEY, SOMETIMES IT
KINDA TAKES PUTTING ON THE PRESSURE
TO TRIGGER A CHANGE, LIKE TURNING COAL
INTO DIAMONDS



WOW, SUCKS
WE'VE ALL GOT
EXAMPLES AT
THE READY

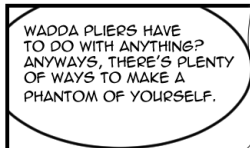




SIMPLE!
YOU JUST GOTTA
TERASTALLIZE
INTO GHOST
TYPES!



WELL THIS BEGS THE
QUESTION, PEOPLE WANT
TO BE REMEMBERED, WHICH
IS WHY THEY SET SUCH
LOFTY GOALS IN
THE FIRST PLACE
.....SO WHAT
DOES SOMEONE
DO IF THEY
WANT A
LEGACY?



WADDA PLIERS HAVE
TO DO WITH ANYTHING?
ANYWAYS, THERE'S PLENTY
OF WAYS TO MAKE A
PHANTOM OF YOURSELF.



BECOME A GHOST
TYPE!?! I HOPE YOU'RE
NOT IMPLYING.....

SWAH!!! YOU WERE NOT
KIDDING ABOUT THE LEFTOVERS



-WHEN DRAYTON LEAVES OUT HIS SNACKS UNTIL
THEY GET SO MOLDY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO
CLEAN UP AFTER HIM, THAT'S TERA-GHOSTING

-INTRODUCING GUMSHOOS INTO AN AREA TO
CONTROL THE RATTATA POPULATION ONLY FOR
THEM TO BECOME
THE NEW PESTS

-USING
PERISH SONG
DURING A BATTLE
JUST BECAUSE YOU
WANT THE LYRICS TO
HAUNT YOUR
OPPONENT FOREVER

-JASMINE AND
WHITNEY ONLY
APPEARING AFTER
HUNDREDS OF
HOURS WORTH
OF BATTLES AT
THE FRONTIER,
ELUDING MOST
COMPLETIONISTS'
GRASP

-POKÉMON
THAT
WERE CLEARLY
BALANCED
BEFORE THE
PHYSICAL/
SPECIAL SPLIT



AS YOU CAN SEE
WE'VE GOT NO
SHORTAGE OF
WAYS TO HAUNT
THE FUTURE!



HMMM.....COULDN'T
YOU SAY WE
TERASTALLIZED INTO
GHOST TYPES BY
FAILING TO MAKE SURE
THAT KORAIIDON DOWN
IN AREA ZERO WAS
PROPERLY DEALT WITH?

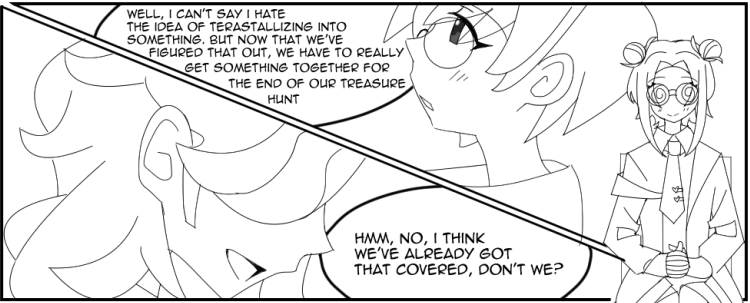


THAT'S SCARY AND
I DON'T WANT TO
THINK ABOUT IT.
LET'S MAKE FUN OF
DRAYTON SOME MORE




YOU CAN'T
JUST MAKE
FUN OF DRAYTON
WHenever YOU NEED
TO CHANGE THE TOPIC.....





WELL, I CAN'T SAY I HATE
THE IDEA OF TERASTALLIZING INTO
SOMETHING, BUT NOW THAT WE'VE
FIGURED THAT OUT, WE HAVE TO REALLY
GET SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR
THE END OF OUR TREASURE
HUNT

HMM, NO, I THINK
WE'VE ALREADY GOT
THAT COVERED, DON'T WE?



AND WE'LL ALWAYS KEEP
OUR TREASURES CLOSE
AT HAND, ISN'T THAT
RIGHT?



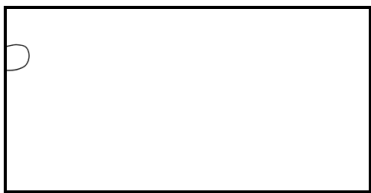
QUERIDOS ESTUDIANTES, CON RESPECTO A LA PÉRDIDA DE SU
COMPAÑERA DE CLASE, BIBI, LES ANIMAMOS A BUSCAR AYUDA DE
LA CONSEJERÍA, DEL DIRECTOR CLAVELL Y DE LA ENFERMERA
MIRIAM SI TIENEN DIFICULTADES PARA SOBRELLEVAR ESTE
TIEMPO DE DUELO. QUE NO SEAN OLVIDADOS DURANTE
ESTE MOMENTO DIFÍCIL. LOS ABRAZAMOS VERDES CON CARIÑO.

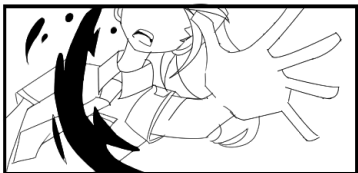
BIBI?



OH DEAR, I KNOW
IT'S HARD BUT YOU
HAVE TO KEEP IT
TOGETHER

RIGHT, I KNOW IT'S
JUST....IT FEELS
LIKE WE LOST HER
AS SOON AS WE
GOT HER BACK

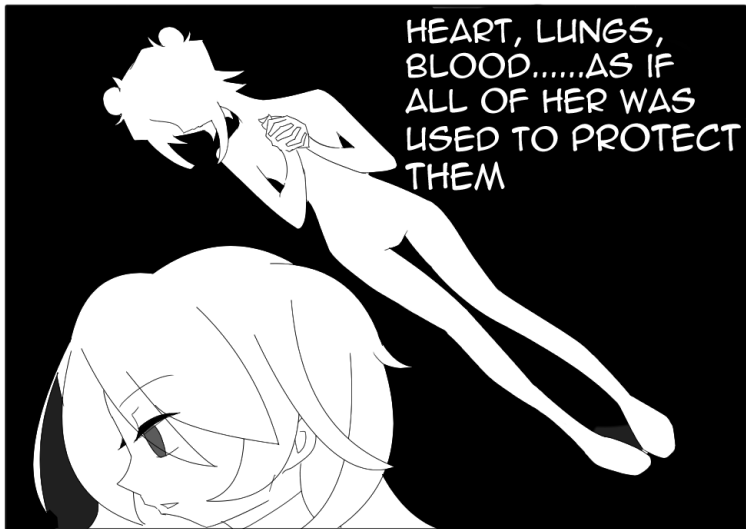




KORAIDON DID ITS
BEST TO GET
THEM ALL OUT OF
THERE IN TIME.....
BUT IT WAS JUST
TOO LATE



I KNOW IT HURTS
BUT ISN'T IT BETTER
TO THINK THAT
BECAUSE OF HER
THE LIVES OF THOSE
THREE.....NO, MAYBE
EVEN MORE WERE
SAVED?



HEART, LUNGS,
BLOOD.....AS IF
ALL OF HER WAS
USED TO PROTECT
THEM



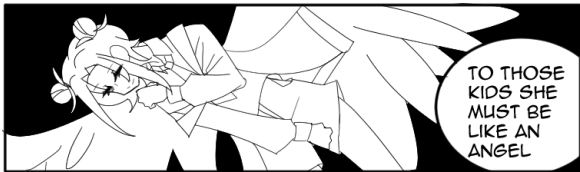
HER EARS



HER HANDS



AND THEY'LL
BE HER EYES



TO THOSE
KIDS SHE
MUST BE
LIKE AN
ANGEL



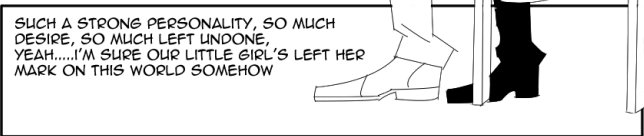
NO...A HERO



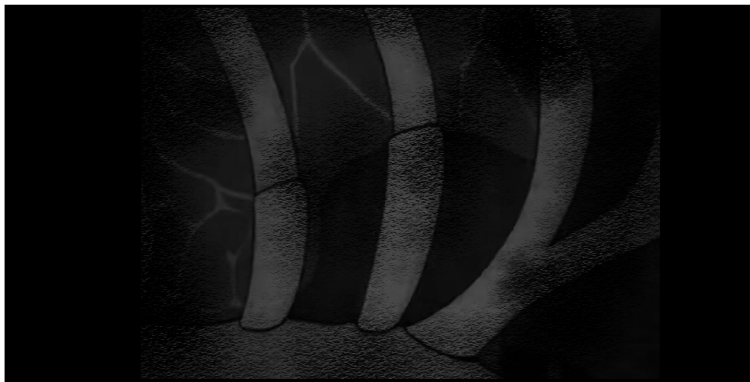
EVEN SCIENTIFICALLY
SPEAKING, ONE'S
ORGANS HAVE
MEMORIES OF
THEIR
OWN



THOSE WHO
RECEIVE TRANSPLANTS
END UP MIMICKING THE
MANNERISMS OF THE
ORIGINAL HOST



SUCH A STRONG PERSONALITY, SO MUCH
DESIRE, SO MUCH LEFT LINDONE,
YEAH....I'M SURE OUR LITTLE GIRL'S LEFT HER
MARK ON THIS WORLD SOMEHOW



END

Afterword

True to the Sayonara Zetsubou Sensei experience you all have the (dis)pleasure of reading a nice chunk of text after 15 or so pages of comics! To call this derivative and self-indulgent is being too charitable. In trying to align with Kumeta Koji's artstyle I referenced so heavily that entire pages more or less got pulled from straight from the manga, but I'll excuse myself for some of it and say that it really wouldn't be a tribute to the original if it didn't feature some of the more iconic recurring expressions. The structure of this comic follows that of a standard SZS chapter, save for the last 5 pages, where I condense scenes from the last 5 or so chapters into an ending. I hope it goes without saying this is non-canon, an AU for my scarlet AU where a trip to Area Zero goes horribly wrong.

Unfortunately, I just don't really have Kumeta's knack for observational humor. Or foreshadowing for that matter. Despite a lot of its jokes going over my head without the guidance of translators notes, I did my best to capture the original's unique and absurd sense of humor, replacing all the obscure references to Japanese politics and pop culture that filter out most readers with Pokémon references. I'm sure you can catch them all (pun intended). I wonder if by having Bibi play the role of both the titular zetsubou sensei and Kafuka the whole back and forth bouncing between negative takes on the positive and positive takes on the negative gets mangled a little but, oh well, I still got what I wanted out of this little project. Hopefully the constant hopping from one topic to the next kept the pace fast enough so as to not wear on your patience. And I hope the ending felt just a touch spooky.

As for what exactly is going on....Well. Don't think too hard about it. I didn't. After all, this is just a little gag thrown together for Halloween. Or do think hard about it. I've seen lots of different interpretations on just what SZS' last few chapters mean, though I didn't even remotely try and present as much information/possibilities as they did, given I had 5 pages to work with. Here's hoping everyone has a good day today, and a happy in-universe birthday to my little brain fungus Bibi.