

JAPAN.

128 MILLION
PEOPLE...
PLUS ME.

IT FEELS LIKE I'M GOING
HOME EVEN THOUGH I'VE
NEVER BEEN THERE BEFORE.

AS WE START OUR DESCENT
TOWARDS NARITA AIRPORT,
I CAN FEEL MY HEARTBEAT
GETTING FASTER.

ANTICIPATION,
EXCITEMENT...

...AND A BIT
OF FEAR.

MOM WAS A NAIVE JAPANESE SEAMSTRESS TRAVELLING ABROAD.

DAD WAS A SWEET-TALKING IRISH ENGINEER.

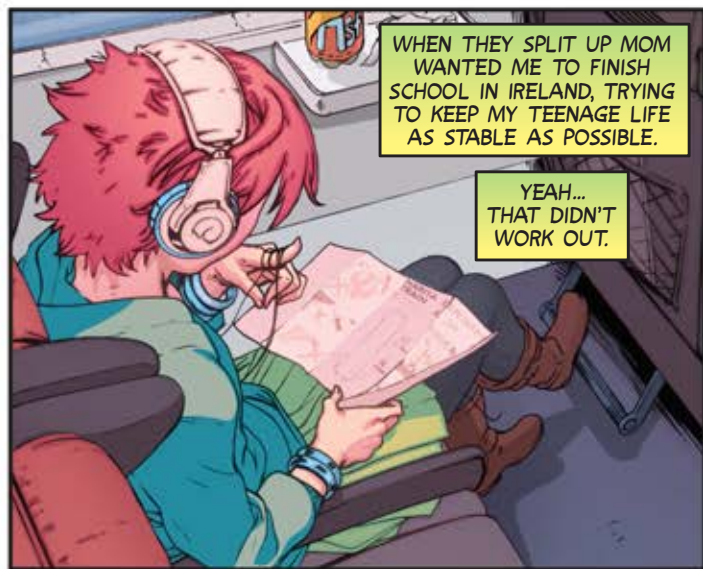


I'M THE HALF 'N' HALF RESULT OF THEIR FLAWED TIME TOGETHER.



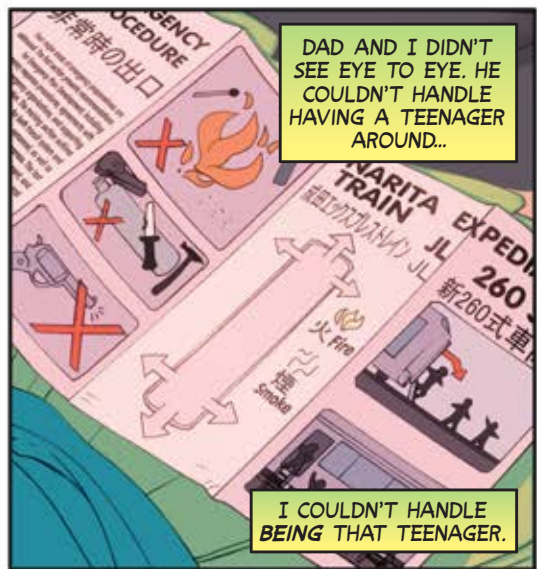
I GREW UP HEAVILY IMMERSSED IN BOTH CULTURES...

...“A LIFE OF RICE AN’ POTATOES” AS DAD WOULD SAY.



WHEN THEY SPLIT UP MOM WANTED ME TO FINISH SCHOOL IN IRELAND, TRYING TO KEEP MY TEENAGE LIFE AS STABLE AS POSSIBLE.

YEAH... THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT.



DAD AND I DIDN'T SEE EYE TO EYE. HE COULDN'T HANDLE HAVING A TEENAGER AROUND...

I COULDN'T HANDLE BEING THAT TEENAGER.



LEAVING IRELAND WASN'T AS DIFFICULT AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

IT'S A BIT DEPRESSING WHEN YOU REALIZE EVERYTHING YOU OWN CAN FIT IN TWO BAGS.



MOM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT, BUT MY FLIGHT WAS DELAYED SO SHE HAD TO GO TO WORK.

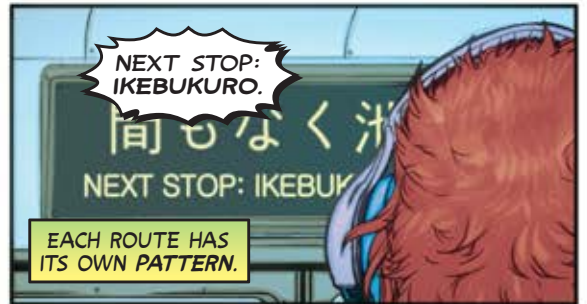
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S GOT CRAZY HOURS JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET.



BUS TO THE PLANE.

PLANE TO THE TRAIN.

TRAIN TO THE SUBWAY.



NEXT STOP: IKEBUKURO.

EACH ROUTE HAS ITS OWN PATTERN.



I JUST HAVE TO CONNECT THE DOTS.

NO PROBLEM.



I'M GOOD AT THAT.

Oh, wow...

MY NAME'S
RORI LANE...

...AND THIS RIGHT
HERE IS MY BRAND
NEW LIFE.

ISB

B4

Ikebukuro Shopping Broadway
池袋ショッピングブロードウェイ
池袋駅東口
Ikebukuro Station East Entrance





METBU

4月1日〜4月28日屋上で子供フェスタ開催中
愛知マーケット 春の味覚祭開催中
4月21日子供販売し爆リニューアルオープン！
今日の手帳のポイントとは3%！
今週末は「30%」まで
最新のファッションアイテムが揃った大規模な
学生服セレクト子供服なら最新ものを全て30%オフ！

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