

# FUNGUS I

## 刺角（上）

Fatty was an anti-mainstream guy who loved collecting weird objects and animals. And then, as they say, along came a spider – a red tarantula, in fact, bought at a pet store, but clearly collected from someplace unknown. The animal displays uncommon strength and ferocity; by the time Fatty's best friend, Cheng, comes by to pick it up (Fatty's roommate just can't deal with it), the bite it gave Fatty has started to itch and raise blisters. Days later, an emergency call sends Cheng back to Fatty's place. He finds his friend covered in blisters and slowly going insane. While the fungus causing the blisters spreads throughout Fatty's apartment building, Cheng returns home to find that the tarantula has sprung its cage.

Destruction walks on eight legs and spread at the speed of air in Nim's dystopian *Fungus*, a dark, fast-moving tale of desperation and horror that topped the horror and men's manga genre charts of Comico, one of the most popular online manga platform in East Asia. In a plot line that threads its way between and beyond many well-known tales of apocalypse, Nim develops a small group of well-rounded characters, each looking out for themselves and theirs, while keeping one eye aimed over their shoulder. Cheng, a bite on his palm, escapes hurriedly with his girlfriend, hoping to outrun the disease, but where and who can they run to?

### Nim 黃端

Nim is a full-time manga artist whose work has been featured in print and online in several different regions. Her work can be found on Comico, the widely popular online manga platform, with *Fungus* sitting at the top spot in several different genres in Japan and Korea.



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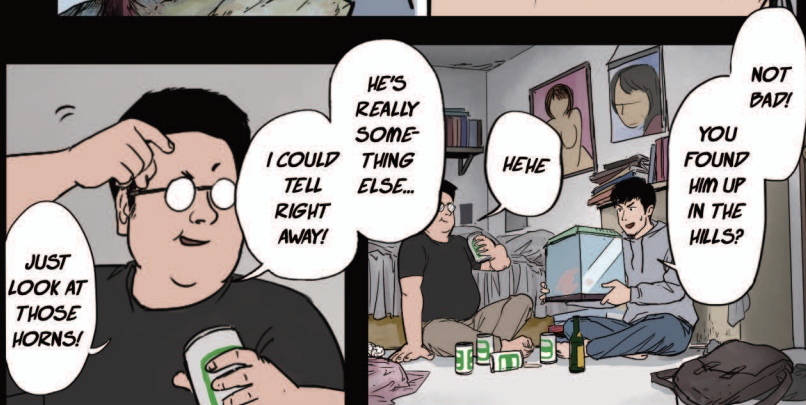
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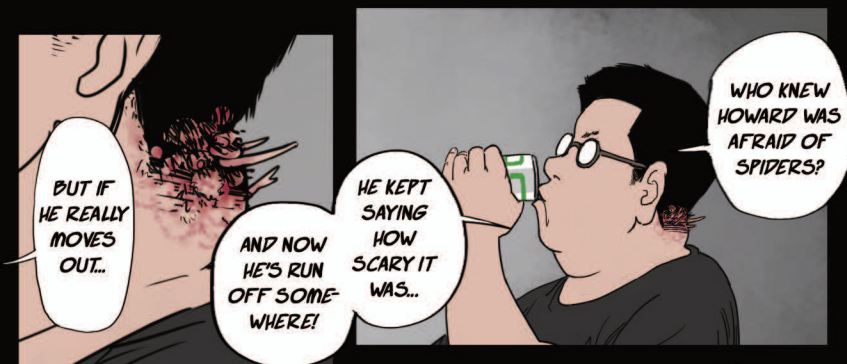
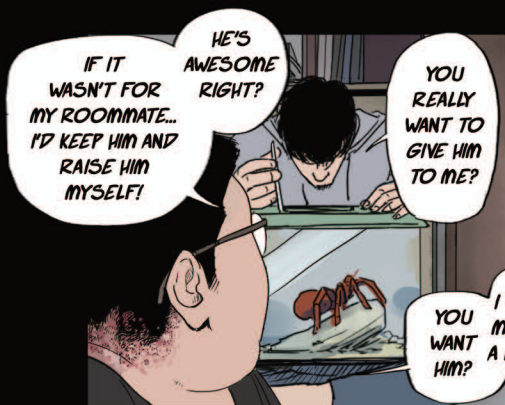
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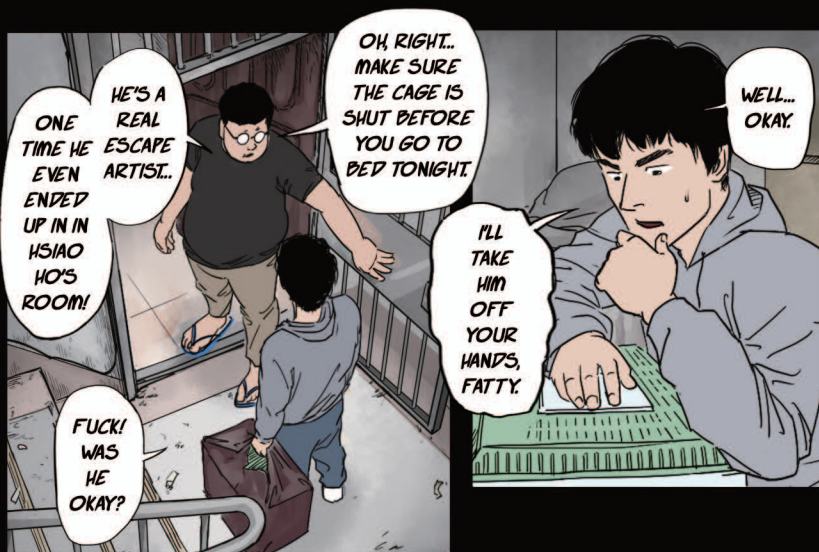
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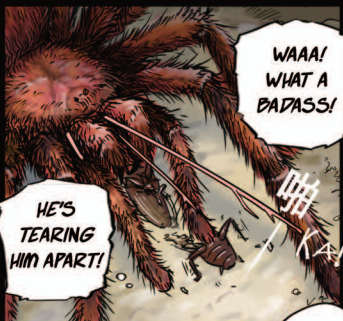
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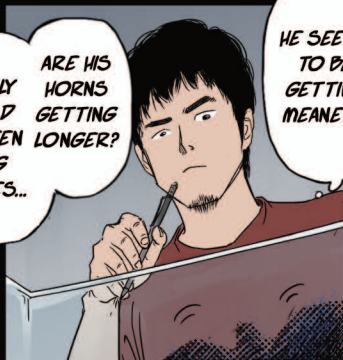






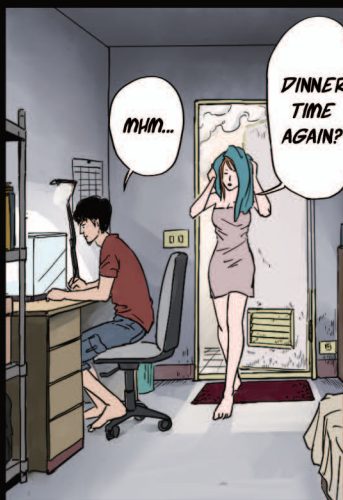
WAAA!  
WHAT A  
BADASS!

HE'S  
TEARING  
HIM APART!



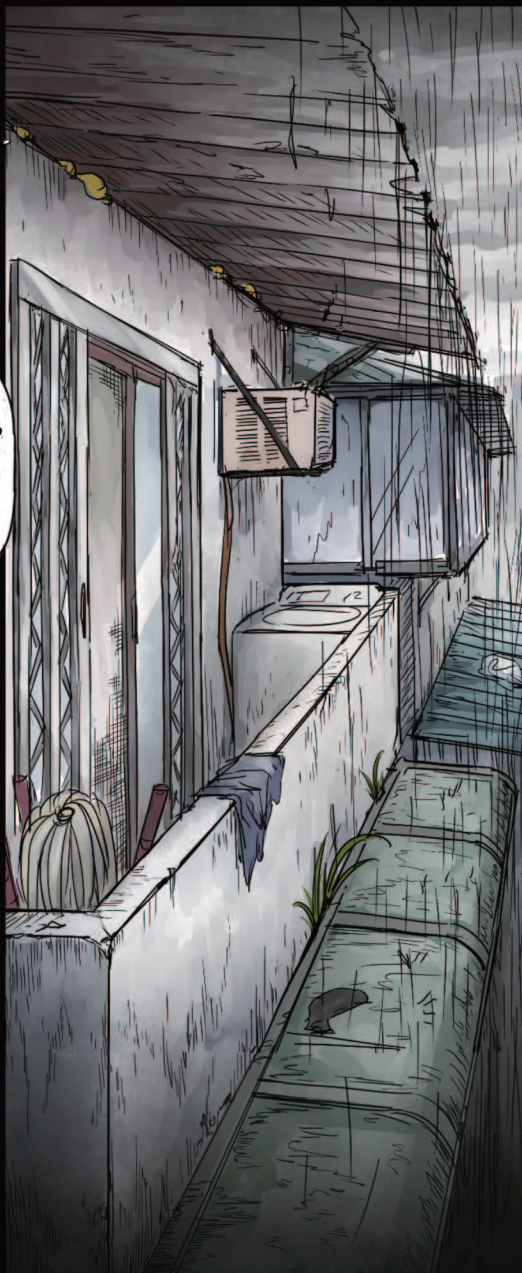
ARE HIS  
HORNS  
GETTING  
LONGER?  
I REALLY  
SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
TAKING  
PICTURES...

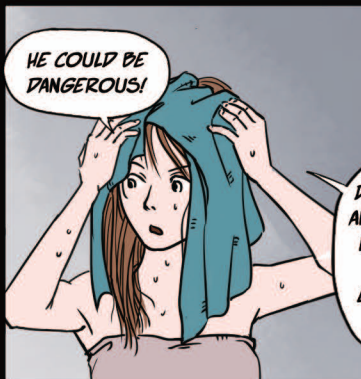
HE SEEMS  
TO BE  
GETTING  
MEANER...



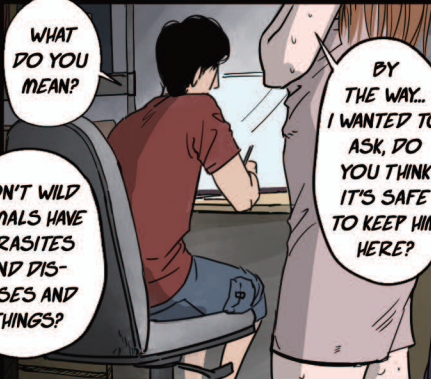
MHN...

DINNER  
TIME  
AGAIN?





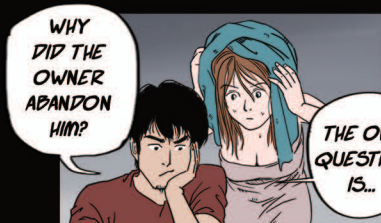
HE COULD BE DANGEROUS!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

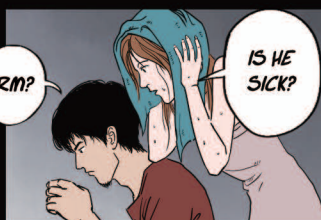
DON'T WILD ANIMALS HAVE PARASITES AND DISEASES AND THINGS?

BY THE WAY... I WANTED TO ASK, DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TO KEEP HIM HERE?



WHY DID THE OWNER ABANDON HIM?

THE ONLY QUESTION IS...



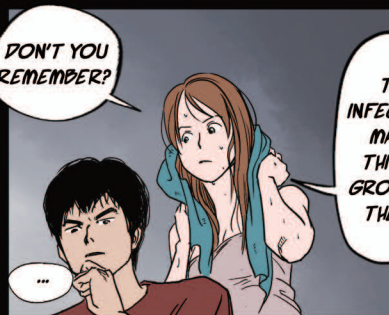
HRM?

IS HE SICK?



HE WAS PROBABLY ABANDONED THAT'S WHY FATTY FOUND HIM UP IN THE HILLS.

OH, PSHAW... PEOPLE KEEP SPIDERS LIKE THIS AS PETS ALL THE TIME.



DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

THE INFECTION MADE THINGS GROW ON THEM...

IT ONLY AFFECTED INSECTS. WHAT DID THEY CALL IT?

I THINK WE SAW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ON TV...

