THIS IS MY NEXT TRAINING GROUND...!!??
Check out the hot babs here tonight. I'm gonna score for sure!

I guess luck counts for more than looks, huh?

It's not luck! I know how to treat a girl with respect.

Well, you sure spread that respect of yours around, huh?

What are you staring at, kid?

Nothing! I'm not afraid of girls!

Course not, the little shamer's too young for anything.

N-No!

I am not afraid of girls!

If a girl kissed me, I'd say she's just really into me!
COOL, THANK YOU KINDA
COOL MARTIAL ARTS-TYPE, RIGHT?

SAY AN OLD-FASHIONED
TRUNK ON FOR SURE?

YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING
TOO MUCH IMAGERY,
RIGHT? THAT DON'T
WORK IN REAL LIFE.

Fwoosh

Doom

Slip

Oop!

Ohh!

OWH!
...THERE'S NO WAY...NEVER HAPPENED...

SO... WANA COME BACK TO MY PLACE?

...THAT DEPENDS... YOU GOT A CHOKER ON YOU?

...OF COURSE, MY DAD NEVER DO CLIMBING WITHOUT ONE...

HERE, K.S. FOR THE DAY... YOUR NOSE GET AS SMOOTH AS MINI. THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO CLINCH THE DEAL...

THE GIRL'S TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME, AND I TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM!

AND THE BEAL SECRET OF MY SUCCESS WITH THE LADIES!

SHH...
NO, HE IS NOT MY BOYFRIEND! HE'S JUST A GUEST!

HE WAS IN A CAR ACCIDENT AND I BROUGHT HIM HOME SO HE COULD LOOK AFTER MY DAUGHTER. HE FEELS BETTER NOW.

HERE YOU GO, NAME JOHNNY.

THANK YOU, JOHNNY...

WHA...? THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL ME?

MY NAME IS REI.

COME HERE, REI. LET ME SEE IF I CAN HELP WITH YOUR HAIR.
And 011 of Us!
I'm sorry. I don't know much about kids. Just what I heard from friends...

Can't you get someone to make your mother better?

I have to go. You better have...

I don't want to wash dishes.

Big brother: Hey, my training is over.

A neighbor lady used to watch them sometimes.

Please, school. I have to go home and play with you.

Okay, okay.

Just for today. Normally, I have a double shift.
WELL, THE KIDS WERE HUNGRY AND...
MY COOKS BETTER THAN YOURS!

MAMA!

MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE... AND I'VE LEARNED TO MAKE DO WITH NEXT TO NOTHING SINCE THEN...

THANKS, MAMA.

YOU'LL STAY WITH US A FEW MORE DAYS. MIGHT YOu REST?

SOMEBODY WANTED TO HELP OUT OF SHOOLS AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO CARRY OUT THE CARE OF US ALL.

SURE! I GUESS I COULD STAY FOR A WHILE.

UNTIL MY TRAINER COMES BACK FROM HIS CONFERENCE AT LEAST...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS ON VACATION...

Yeah, BUT WE USE IT.
WHEE!

UP-BOW!

HA!

WAHOO!

WAHHHHHHH!
I'll never go back to Japan.

Darling,

My name was not Manami. My name was Brigid. They slammed the door in our faces.

I want my heart to be cold.

I'm going to warn you.
HE: YOU'RE SO GOOD TO US. YOU'RE A GOOD BOY.

SAI: THANKS.

HE: YOUR PARENTS MUST BE PROUD OF YOU.

SAI: ...I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. THEY WENT TO LOOK FOR THEM LAST NIGHT.

HE: I SEE. THERE WAS A WAR... WE FLED FROM OUR VILLAGE AND... WE GOT SEPARATED.

SAI: I CHEERED EVERY NIGHT AT ALL THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

HE: I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.

SAI: THEY MUST MISS YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPED YOU FOUND THEM.

HE: WELL, WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?

SAI: SURE, MAMA. WHATEVER YOU ASK.

HE: SOMALIE TANS. SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF ALL OF US BY HERSELF FOREVER. BUT SHE CAN'T.

SAI: I WANT HER TO GO BACK TO SOMALIA. TO HAVE A GOOD FUTURE.
SOMA: I'm too old to go back to our village to our aunt.

BUT HE: A man! Maybe... I know...

SOMA: If you agree, back to her father's sister in our village, she can go to school with her cousin.

BE A CHILD AGAIN.

SOMA: HAVE FRIENDS...

YOU ARE HER FRIEND, OKAY? OUR FRIEND...

DON'T PROMISE, OKAY? THAT YOU'LL BRING MY CHILDREN TO THEIR AUNTS' SCHOOL.

I PROMISE.

O.K., I WILL.

NOT ONLY.

HE: I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE SCHOOL.

AS SOON AS YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO TRAVEL.

AS SOON AS I'M STRONG ENOUGH...

COME HERE.

OH, MAN...

I'M A BIT TIRED TONIGHT, HONEY. I THINK I NEED A LITTLE REST FIRST.

PAT

BAD TUS

HE TIED TOO...

I NEED A WORSE!
The kids... I slept with her.

I don't want to wake her.

What's the matter?

She... she's gone.

Why are the kids up so early, but I put in a lot of work today...
SONIC: WAIT!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

BOY: I CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE. MY SHIFTS START IN AN HOUR.

NO, I MEAN... THE KIDS NEED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL SOON.

AND YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO SCHOOL TOO!

SONIC: THERE'S NO TIME FOR ME TO GO TO SCHOOL.
I HAVE TO FEED OUR RENT IN DOLLARS.

MY FATHER PROMISED TO BE PATIENT. SINCE HE ARRIVED.

WHAT GOOD ARE PROMISES?

SONIC: I PROMISED TO TAKE YOU TO YOUR DANCE.

THANKS, NOW OUR VILLAGE IS OVER 200 MILES AWAY.

THAT'S NOT FAIR!
YOU ARE MY HORSE, RIGHT?

AHHH!

I DON'T BELONG TO YOU. AND NOT TO ANYONE ELSE. YOU DON'T BELONG TO ANOTHER. BUT IF YOU'RE ASKING WHETHER IT'S... YEAH, IT IS.

WE'RE GOING HOME!

DON'T WORRY, IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

IT'S A GREEN LIFE, THE LITTLE ONE. IT HAS A LAKE AND WOODS AND...

IT'S WHERE MY MOTHER BORN. WHERE MAMA SACRED ORHER MAMA AND HER MAMA BEFORE THAT.

DON'T YOUKNOW...

HAAA...

HELLO! IT'S NO MEMBER WITH A TRAINER WHO KEEPS STOPPING, OH HEY!

AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME.

HOLD ON! WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME?

EVERYONE HAA NAME. NOT ME.
Well, I've got to call you sometimes.

Marry will do.

Wah... I wouldn't want you calling me "President."

Yeah, I don't want you calling me "President."

Don't be so hard to understand.

Quit bossing me around.

I don't mean you.

Look, you probably don't believe me, but this horse is magical and can talk.

You heard me, just now, right?

I know. It's very confusing.

Well, maybe you have a lot to tell.

I need to tell you a story.

Tell me a story. Well, okay.

Well, once upon a time there was a horse talking.
Bet: I want to wait.

I'm not okay, I'll wait as long as you.

I like you too, Somarie. In fact, I think I...

I love you, right? I like you.

I want to wait for the man. The man I'm going to spend my life with. I want to be anything to him.

I'm afraid if I do it now... with you.

It's all right. I understand.

Good night, right?
WHERE IS EVERYBODY? IS IT SOME KIND OF HOLIDAY?...?

LOOK, RANTU! THERE'S THE VILLAGE WELL...
AND THE BOYS WHO MADE THE BEST DRUMPLAYERS...
AND THIS...

AFTER ALL YOUR COMPLAINTS, YOU DON'T SEEM ALL THAT UNHAPPY TO BE HOME...

OH, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU...

OH, I'M SO SORRY, CAMILLE... BUT...

I MISSED YOU, TOO, CANILLE...

I MISSED YOU, TOO, CAMILLE.

HOW'S YOUR MOTHER?

MY MAMA AND NANA TORNED ABOUT, TOO... AND SO MANY OTHERS IN THE VILLAGE...

THE SAME AS HAPPENED TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS...

SO MANY IN THE VILLAGE DIED.

BUT THE OLD AND THE YOUNG ARE LEFT...

AND EVEN SOME OF THE CHILDREN HAD THE RABIES...
"Why do you want me to get tested? I mean, I haven't even thought about anyone but you since you left.

I want to believe you'll take the test. Then I'll know for sure.

Then I'm going to have to ask you to get tested, too... I don't want to, but...

I haven't even been with anyone but you. I'm a virgin.

But... I'll take the test too, so that you won't ever have to wonder. So you'll never have to be afraid..."
Hey, I promised to never drop anything important ever again...?!

What's the matter...?

I thought you weren't getting the results for a week.

Yes.

They said, because Rieko was born a year before Rika, but Rika, Rika... No, because she was infected with HIV. And Rieko was pregnant with her. So we have to get Rieko treated too.

Huyuuya.

If Rieko is negativity, I'll take care of her. You'll take care of me.

I'll set her up the best private hospital. But I don't have a job. If you have studies, can you help me?"
I don't have a job or an education.

Don't be too flattered, you are not a good man.

Don't you mean it when you said I was a good man?...

How long...

I don't tell you not to ask anymore.

I can't take the shape twice in a row.

I know.

You have good care of me, or all of them.

And whose fault is that?

Our training regimen is non-existent. I've only been in two fights since we started.

Yeah, well... I'm starting to think fighting is safer than sex.

It takes longer to mend a broken heart than a broken bone.
Today, more than 40 million people around the world are living with HIV and AIDS. Half of the 14,000 new infections that occur each day are in young people, ages 15 to 24. HIV and AIDS have spread to become a global problem threatening every nation, both rich and poor. HIV has become the first truly international epidemic, easily crossing oceans and international borders.

HIV/AIDS—THE FACTS

Q. What are HIV and AIDS?
A. HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). This virus is passed from one person to another through unprotected sexual contact, blood-to-blood contact (for example, through sharing of contaminated needles), and from an infected mother to child during pregnancy, during birth, or after birth through breast-feeding. HIV damages the immune system, the part of the body that fights infection. Eventually, the immune system becomes so weak that diseases and infections begin to attack the body. These conditions worsen, a person is diagnosed with AIDS.

Q. How can you tell if someone is infected with HIV?
A. You can't tell if someone has HIV or AIDS by just looking at them. A person infected with HIV may look healthy and feel good, but they can still pass the virus on to you. A blood test is the only way a person can find out if he or she is infected with HIV. Anyone can become infected with HIV. It has nothing to do with race, age, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation (whether you are gay, straight, or bisexual).

Q. Where can I get tested for HIV infection?
A. Many places provide testing for HIV. Common testing locations include local health departments, clinics, offices of private doctors, hospitals, and sites specifically set up to provide voluntary HIV testing and counseling. To find a testing site near you in the United States, visit the National HIV Testing Resources Web site at http://www.hivtest.org.

Q. How do you get infected with HIV?
A. HIV is spread through blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and breast milk. Contact with any of these fluids puts you at risk for HIV infection. The most common ways people are infected with HIV are: Having sex (anal, vaginal, or oral) with someone who is infected with HIV. You can become infected if you share needles or syringes with someone who is infected. This includes sharing needles to shoot drugs or vitamins, to pierce body parts, or to get tattoos. A woman infected with HIV can pass the virus to her baby during pregnancy or at birth. In rarer cases, babies have also been infected by breast-feeding from their mother. You cannot get HIV by giving blood.

Q. How can you avoid getting infected with HIV?
A. Follow these guidelines:
• Do not have sex. This is the only SURE way to avoid getting HIV through sex.
• Use a latex condom EVERY time you have sex unless you are SURE your partner is faithful and not infected. When used correctly and consistently, condoms can help prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.
• Stay with one partner who has sex only with you. Use condoms correctly and consistently unless you are SURE your partner is not infected with HIV.
• Do not share needles and syringes.

* For more information, please visit the youthaids.org website, from which this Q&A was adapted.
WHAT CAN I DO?

HIV and AIDS can be treated, but not cured. Not yet. Nonetheless, we can all do something to stop HIV from spreading, protect ourselves, and make the world a better place for those living with HIV/AIDS. Talking about HIV and AIDS can be very difficult, but it can also be a matter of life and death. Not talking about it makes it even more difficult to prevent this disease from spreading further.

1. **Look out for number one! Protect yourself**! This is your only life.

2. **Reach Others To Protect Themselves**. It may surprise you to know that many people do not know how HIV is transmitted or that it is preventable.
   - Learn how your country ranks in terms of HIV and AIDS rates by visiting Youth Net Project (http://www.youthnet/index.htm).
   - Ask a health advisor your own questions about HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases by visiting Go Ask Alice (http://www.goaaskalice.columbia.edu/).
   - Learn how to get active internationally or in your own community by visiting Advocate for Youth (http://www.advocacyforyouth.org/youth/index.htm).
   - Talk to other young AIDS activists about HIV and AIDS issues on Taking It Global (http://www.takingitglobal.org/), or the Center for the Study of AIDS (http://www.csza.org/).

3. **Respect Those Who Are Infected**. People infected by the HIV virus did not ask for it. Please learn to respect those with HIV and AIDS.

4. **Get involved**. The world can beat HIV/AIDS, but we need concerned citizens like you to get involved. If you're ready to make a real difference in people's lives, check out these sites for ideas on how you can help.
   - http://www.advocacyforyouth.org
   - MTV's Staying Alive Project was launched in 1998 as a global multimedia campaign to spread the message about HIV/AIDS. Visit their website at http://www.staying-alive.org.

HIV/AIDS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Poverty and HIV/AIDS

While HIV/AIDS is clearly a health problem, the world has come to realize it is also a development problem that threatens human welfare, social cohesion, and even national security. HIV/AIDS reaches into every corner of society, affecting parents, children and youth, teachers and health workers, rich and poor. It can decimate the workforce, create large numbers of orphans, exacerbate poverty and inequality, and put tremendous pressure on health and social services. Sub-Saharan Africa is the region of the world that is most affected by HIV & AIDS.

Recent epidemics in China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, several Central Asian Republics, the Balkan States, and North Africa show just how quickly the virus can spread. Poor countries are particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. Chances are their health care systems are already overburdened, so providing expensive treatment to their growing number of people infected by HIV is nearly impossible. Resources for educating the public about risky behavior are equally limited. Under these circumstances, AIDS can quickly become an epidemic.

To find out more about HIV/AIDS and development, visit the following websites:
   - http://www.unaid.org
   - http://www.unidos.org

Drugs and HIV/AIDS

Medicine to treat HIV and AIDS can be very expensive and is not available everywhere in the world. Poor people in developing countries often do not have access to the treatment or cannot afford to pay for it. Access to medicine and health care can make a tremendous difference in the quality of life for an HIV/AIDS patient. It can also mean the difference between life and death.
The world is not winning the war against AIDS.

- More than 20 million people—men, women, and children—have died of AIDS since HIV was first documented in 1981.
- More than 95 percent of infected people live in developing countries.
- In 2004, over 3 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses.
- In 2004 alone, about 4.9 million people became infected—more than the entire population of Norway.

THE IMPACT OF AIDS

Orphans and HIV/AIDS

One of the most troubling consequences of the AIDS epidemic is the number of children it has orphaned or seriously impacted. Today, more than 15 million children under the age of 17 have lost one or both parents to AIDS, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa. According to a report by the United Nations, by 2010 this number is expected to jump to more than 25 million. Orphaned children are less likely to attend school and receive good nourishment or proper health care.

For more information about orphans and AIDS and to read personal accounts of children who lost both of their parents to the disease, visit the following websites:

- [http://www.avert.org/aidsorphans.htm](http://www.avert.org/aidsorphans.htm)

Imagery: Your mother or father has HIV and has become too sick to work. As the oldest child, many adult responsibilities become yours: earning money to put food on the table. Meanwhile, there isn’t enough money to buy desperately needed medicines for your mother or father. Planning for your future is put aside to survive the present. School and job training become a “luxury.”

Women and HIV/AIDS

Early in the epidemic, men vastly outnumbered women among people infected with HIV. Today, nearly 50 percent of adults living with HIV around the world are women. Young women are about three times more vulnerable to HIV infection than their male counterparts.

To find out more about the impact of HIV/AIDS on women, visit the following websites:

- [http://www.genderandaid.org](http://www.genderandaid.org)
- [http://www.unaids.org/womenandaid](http://www.unaids.org/womenandaid)

Coming Next Issue

Rei’s next training mission takes him to a tropical paradise complete with coral reefs, fluorescent fish, and teeny-weeny string bikinis! Too bad global warming is setting off storms that are ruining the glorious beaches, destabilizing the delicate balance of the ecosystem, and destroying the islanders’ traditional way of life! What can a street orphan/future greatest martial artist in the world do to protect the island from climate change? PLUS, SHARK ATTACK!

It looks like Rei’s trainer is in need of a name! Any suggestions? What do you think would suit him? Why? If we like your suggestion and you send it in first, we’ll use it!

E-mail your suggestions and comments to worldmanga@tst.com or send them via snail mail

(please... and Rei’s trainer turn into a real name?) to 1 World Manga, P.O. Box 77015, San Francisco, CA 94117-9911
Fifteen-year-old orphan Rei survives by his wits and guts on the mean streets of the world. His fortunes seem to look up when he meets a mysterious stranger who offers to help him achieve his dream of becoming the greatest martial artist in the world... But Rei's trainer is more interested in developing his mind, spirit, and—ugh—heart than his thrashing, raging, fighting moves! And Rei's master turns out to be a real animal! In fact, Rei never knows what animal he's going to turn into next!

Now Rei's training journey takes him to the neon lights of the big city, where he meets some cool guys with smooth moves, and falls head-over-heels for a feisty young cocktail waitress! But the woman he loves is hiding a terrible family secret...