Manga: A Comic Interlude from Darumasan-ga-koronda, “Land Mine in Central Park”

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It's gotta be here.

Yeah.

What language is it? Spanish? Chinese?
Is it a "he" or a "she"?

Could be a kid.

Whatever it is, it's crying for help. It's like a shriek.

What's he saying?

Could be a kid.

Whatever it is, it's crying for help. It's like a shriek.

Up here. In the tree.

Are you alright? We're here to help.

Central Park is a lot safer these days, but it still takes balls to come out here at night.

Did he fall?

I found a woman's body here once.

Sounds like "Tokkay" to me.
Shit!
What is it?
What are you doing to my poor Tokkay?

What the hell? Are you alright, Miss?

Don't come near me!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY POOR TOKKAY?

What the hell?

Are you alright, Miss?

DON'T COME NEAR ME!

Don't move!
Put your hands up.
Who are you?

NYPD.
New York's Finest.

MY TOKKAY SAYS HE SMELLS SOMETHING.

OKAY, CHECK IT OUT, PLEASE.

We've pin-pointed the area. Move in. Use the route we've secured.

Make one move and you're dead.

Please, don't shoot!
Whatever you're doing, we didn't see anything.

You're standing in the middle of a minefield
A minefield?

I'm not going to shoot you. It's your feet. Just keep your feet right there, no matter what.

Sir?

That woman is a specialist. She uses her Tokkay to help her find mines.

So, these barriers are not put up for landscaping?

We heard that someone had planted a mine in Central Park.

I heard about it, too.
We found a map that showed where the land mine was.

Where was it?

The Strawberry Fields Memorial for John Lennon

Sounds like a hoax. Don't take it seriously.

...in fact, there was a land mine. Now, help us find the rest of them.

I caught this thing. Can I feed this to my tokkay?

Your tokkay will get sick. The squirrels in Central Park carry diseases.

Why this woman, though?

Doesn't the Army have proper mine detectors?

There's more to it than that.

The threat said:

"This is a game. The mine goes off with the slightest electromagnetic wave from any modern mine detector. And this time, I won't give you the location."

Switch off your cell phones.

Radio, too.

Could be a bluff.

No, there are mines like that now.
Some types of mines can't be found using metal detectors.

Dogs can't sniff them out, either. That woman and her Tokkay are the only way we're gonna find them.

There's something down there. Go take a look, but be careful.

Why don't you just blow up the whole place with a bomb or something?

The government wants to keep this a secret. They don't want anything to hinder the production and export of land mines.

How's it goin'? What's down there?

This could be it, but I don't see a detonator.

Okay, make sure to keep it level while we remove it. We can disarm it later.

Careful! Could be a booby-trap.

Children can't resist anything that looks like a toy.

Need help?

You can help by just standing there.
What should I do with this?

Just don't move.

Why not?

Some of the latest mines are pressure sensitive, right?

Correct.

Hey kid!

Don't come any closer.

Nothing happened when you threw it.

Some need to be triggered twice. Don't move it again.

What's going on? I didn't do anything!

Look Out!

Don't worry, there's no detonator.

It's a normal landmine. You lied in your threat letter.

Did you do it?

Yes.

Why?

I was angry. I mean, yeah, I did it...

...but I came back to get them, so let me go!

How'd you get them?

Mail order.

Um... wait... hold on a second.

What is it?

I'm standing on something.

Gimme the bag!
The NRA is now selling landmines for domestic use.

"Our latest undetectable landmines..."

"A must-have for every home..."

"Protects our home from invasion."

My God, they'll be everywhere!

The area on the other side of the path is now a mine field.

It's not just here in the park, but outside the park, as well.

Who's doing this?

At least half of Central Park is covered with mines, and it seems to be spreading.

HMM. I SMELL A MINE FIELD.
What the hell are all of you doing here?

There isn't a festival today!

Where are we now? Are you sure?

Central Park, I think.

I can see skyscrapers beyond the trees.

Where are we?