

# THE Eminence IN Shadow

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...BUT FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRE.

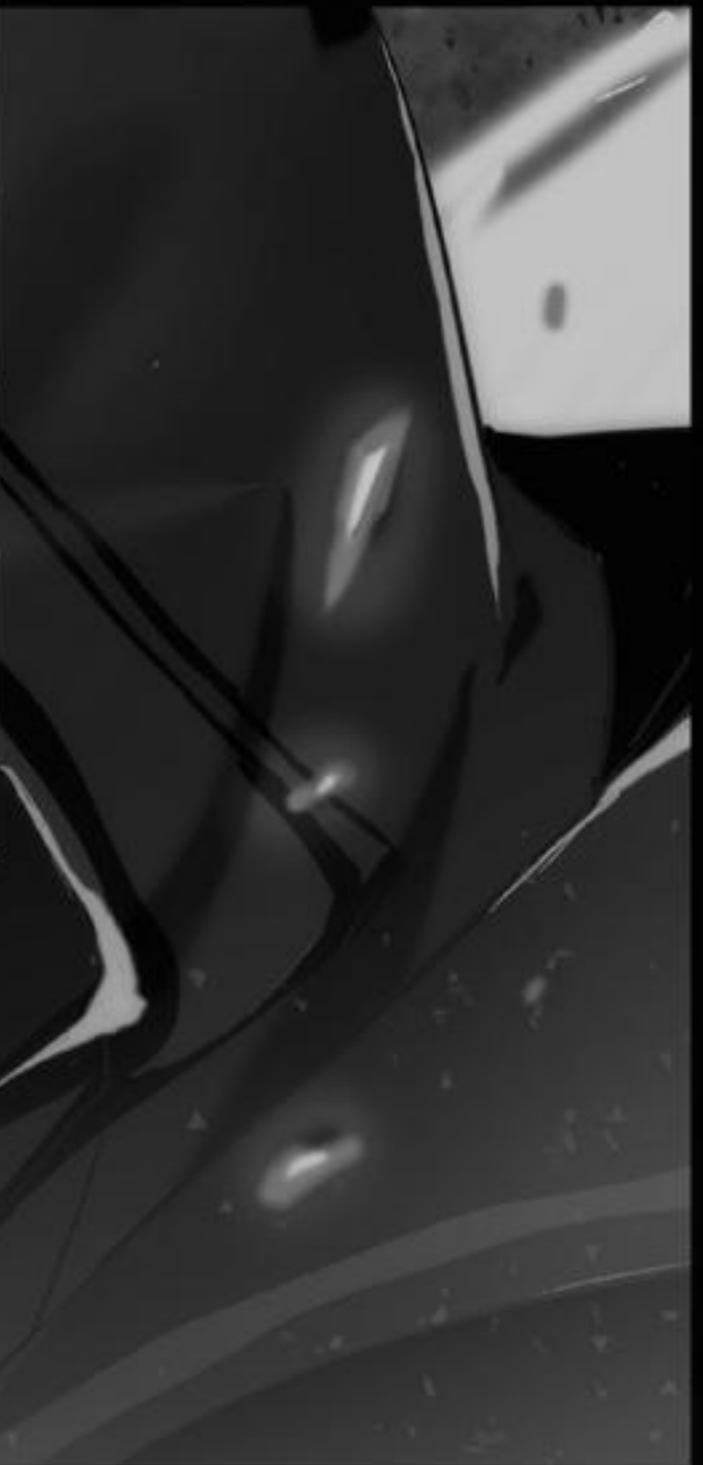


I HONESTLY CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT CATALYZED THIS DESIRE...

SOMETHING I'VE DEVOTED MY WHOLE SELF TO BECOMING—



AN EMINENCE IN SHADOW.





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I Searched and I Searched, But I Could Never Find that Mythical  
Eight-Headed Serpent

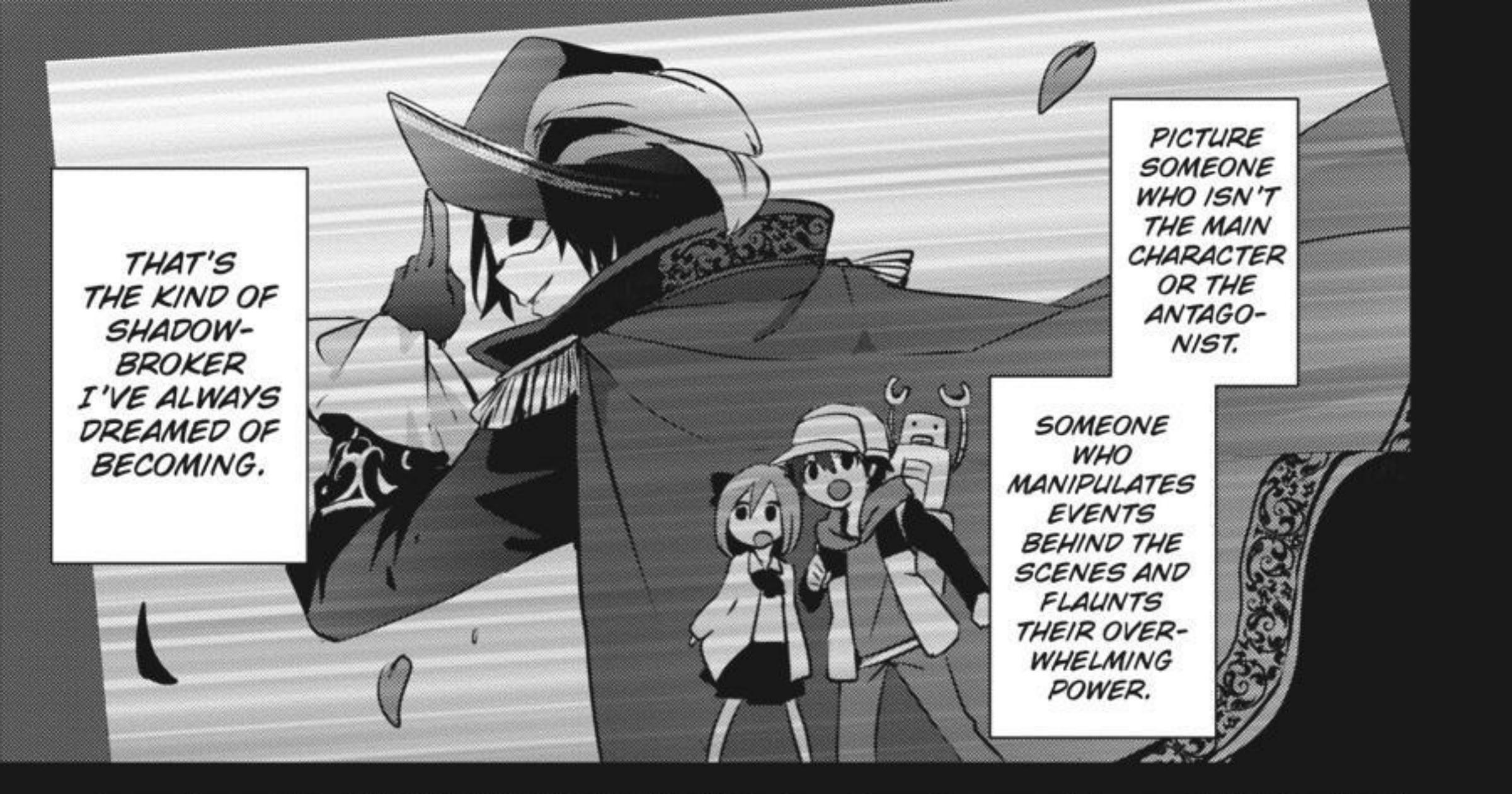
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THAT'S THE KIND OF SHADOW-BROKER I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BECOMING.

PICTURE SOMEONE WHO ISN'T THE MAIN CHARACTER OR THE ANTAGONIST.

SOMEONE WHO MANIPULATES EVENTS BEHIND THE SCENES AND FLAUNTS THEIR OVERWHELMING POWER.



IT WAS SOMETHING THAT NEVER STOPPED DRIVING ME.

MY REVERENCE FOR THEM WASN'T SOME SHORT-LIVED CHILDHOOD PHASE.



...BUT BEHIND THAT FACADE, I WAS TRAINING FULL THROTTLE.



AT SCHOOL, I PLAYED THE ROLE OF A FORGETTABLE BACKGROUND CHARACTER...



I LEARNED ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING I COULD TO BECOME STRONGER, CONCEALING MY TRUE POWER ALL THE WHILE.

KARATE. BOXING. KENDO. MARTIAL ARTS.



...I REALIZED MY GOAL WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

BUT WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT...

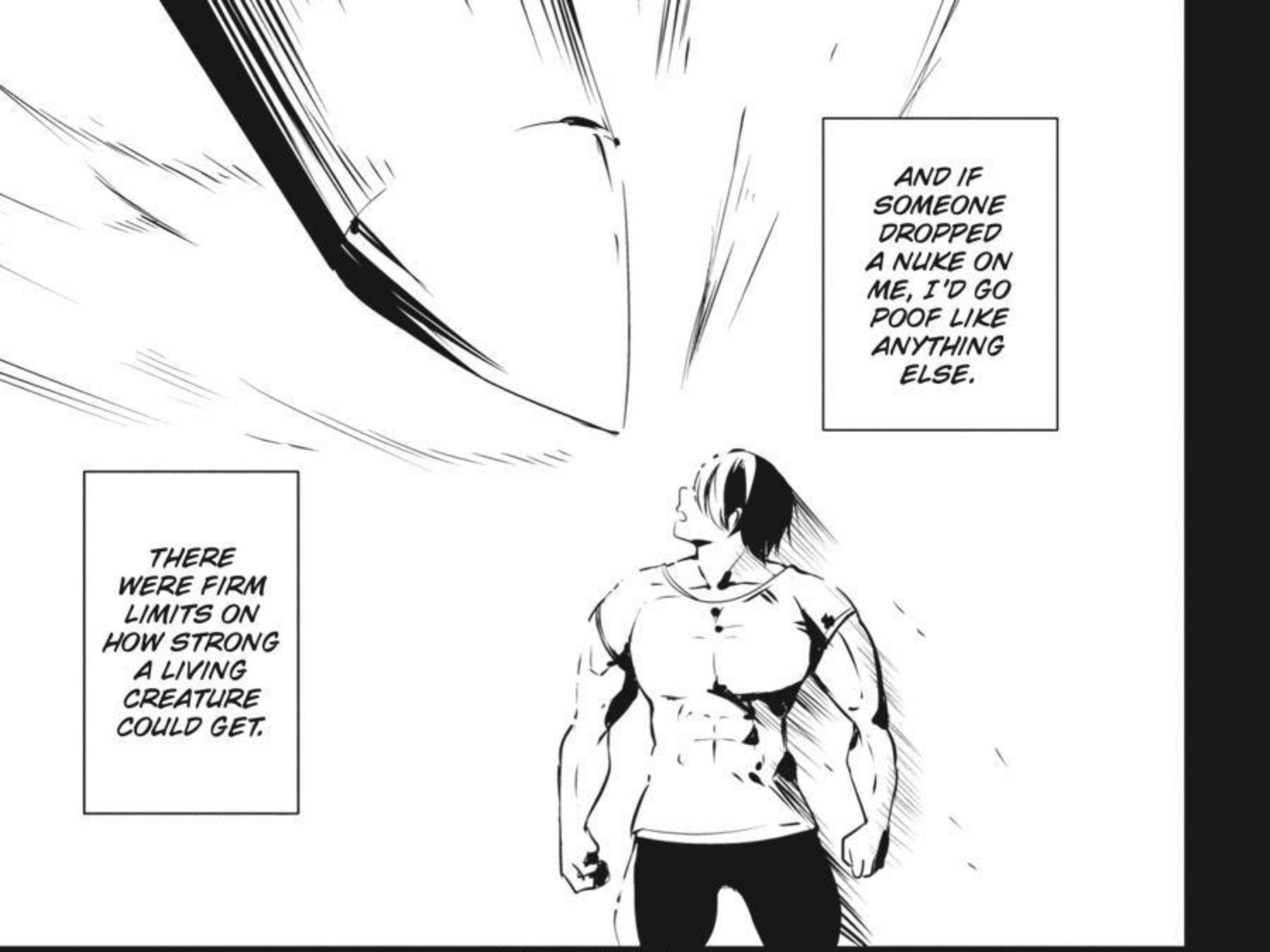
...I COULD FINALLY BECOME A TRUE EMINENCE IN SHADOW!!

ALL SO THAT SOME-DAY...



NO MATTER HOW STRONG I GOT, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN AN ARMY.





AND IF SOMEONE DROPPED A NUKE ON ME, I'D GO POOF LIKE ANYTHING ELSE.

THERE WERE FIRM LIMITS ON HOW STRONG A LIVING CREATURE COULD GET.

HEADBAND: VICTORY



WHAT COULD I DO TO NOT GET BLOWN TO BITS?

SO I RACKED MY BRAIN.

BUT THE SHADOW-BROKERS I DREAMED OF WOULD NEVER GET DONE IN BY A MERE NUKE.



AND THAT'S WHEN I FOUND MY ANSWER...

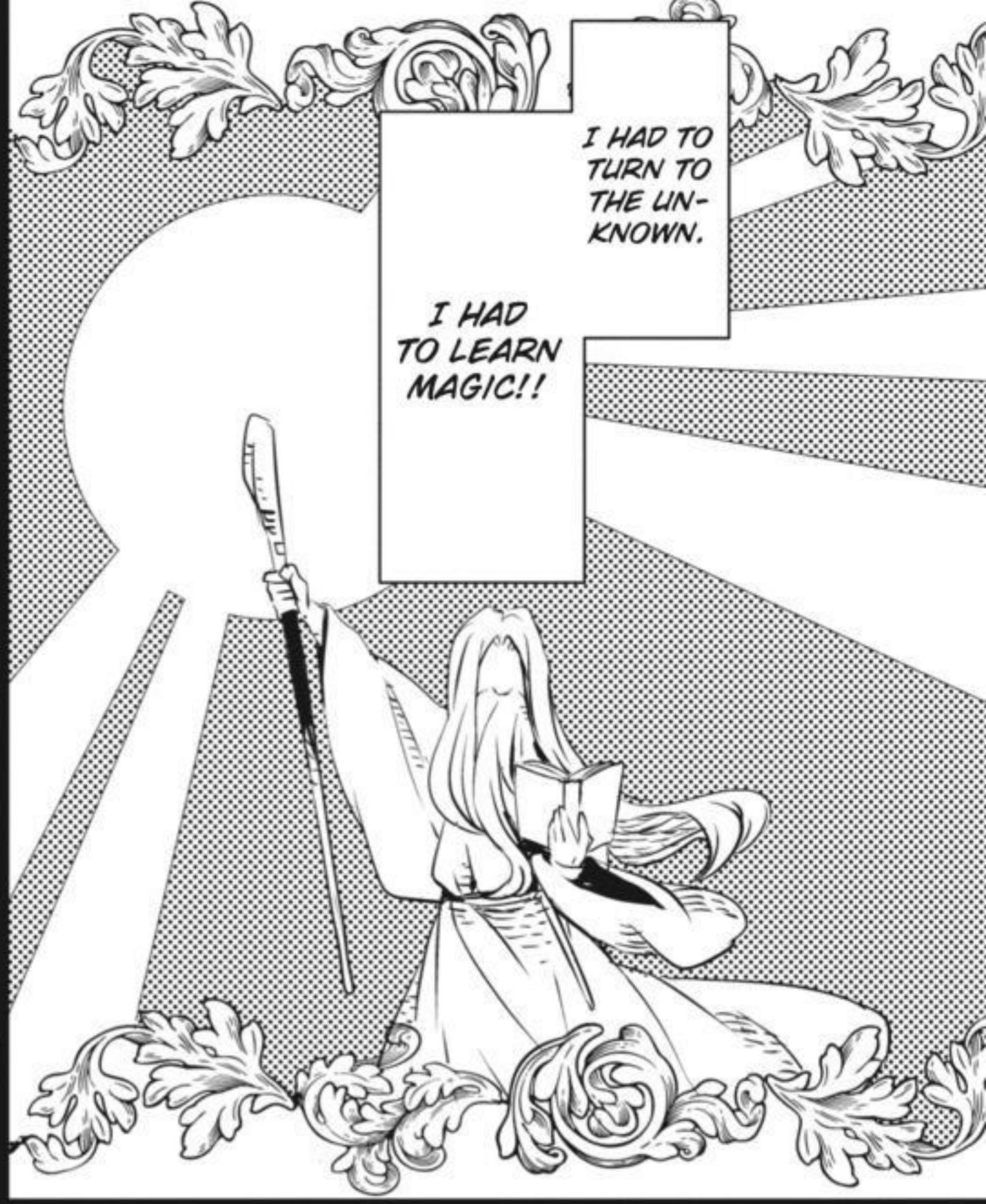
SO ALL  
I COULD  
DO WAS  
FOLLOW  
MY GUT.

HOWEVER,  
NO ONE  
ACTUALLY  
KNEW HOW  
TO DO THAT.



I HAD TO  
TURN TO  
THE UN-  
KNOWN.

I HAD  
TO LEARN  
MAGIC!!



I STRIPPED  
NAKED AND  
SMASHED  
MY HEAD  
AGAINST  
TREES SO  
I COULD  
BECOME  
ONE WITH  
NATURE.



I SEARCHED  
FOR SPIRITS.  
I PRAYED  
TO GOD. I  
CRUCIFIED  
MYSELF.



I  
MASTERED  
YOGA. I  
CONTEM-  
PLATED  
REALITY.  
I  
MEDITATED  
UNDER  
WATERFALLS.  
I FASTED.  
I CHANGED  
RELIGIONS.



LOINCLOTH: SHADOW

I RAN TOWARD THE LIGHT, CERTAIN I'D FINALLY FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.



MY QUEST TO AWAKEN FANTASTIC POWERS CONTINUED, AND AT LAST, I SAW IT.

A BLURRY LIGHT.



...FROM  
BEFORE  
I GOT  
REINCAR-  
NATED.

AND  
THAT WAS  
THE LAST  
THING I  
REMEM-  
BER...

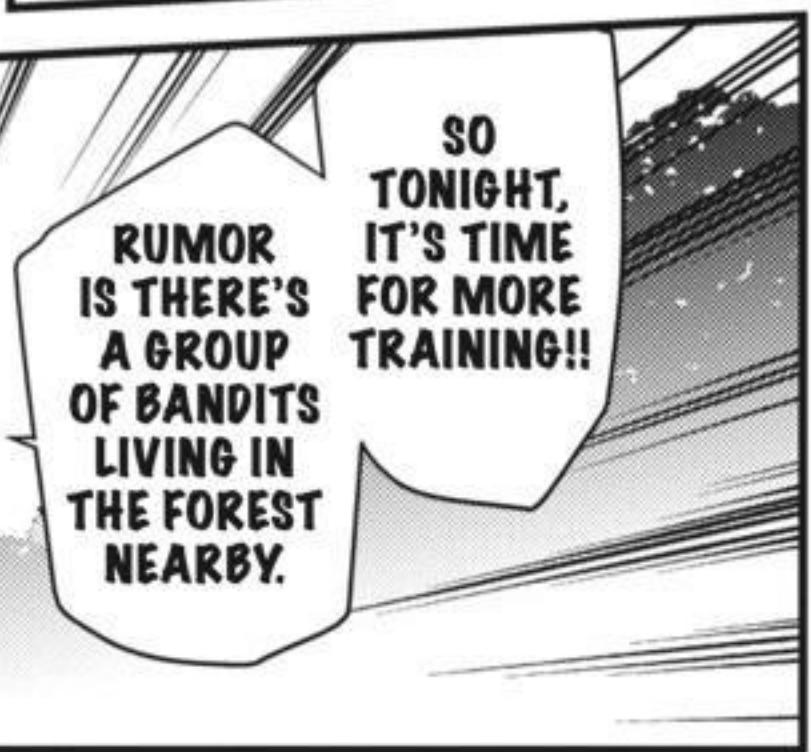












I'M  
GONNA GO  
DICE 'EM  
UP!

