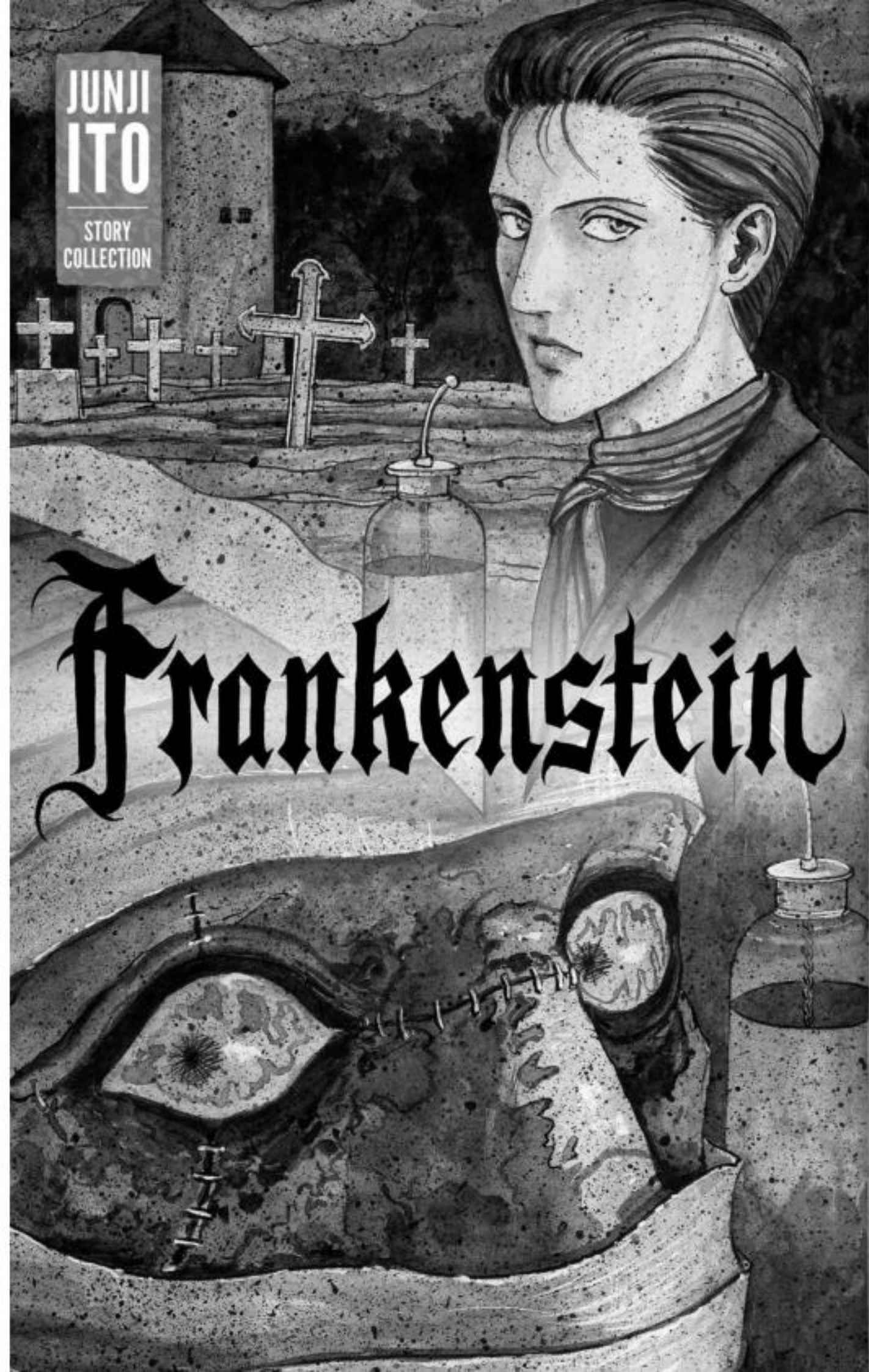


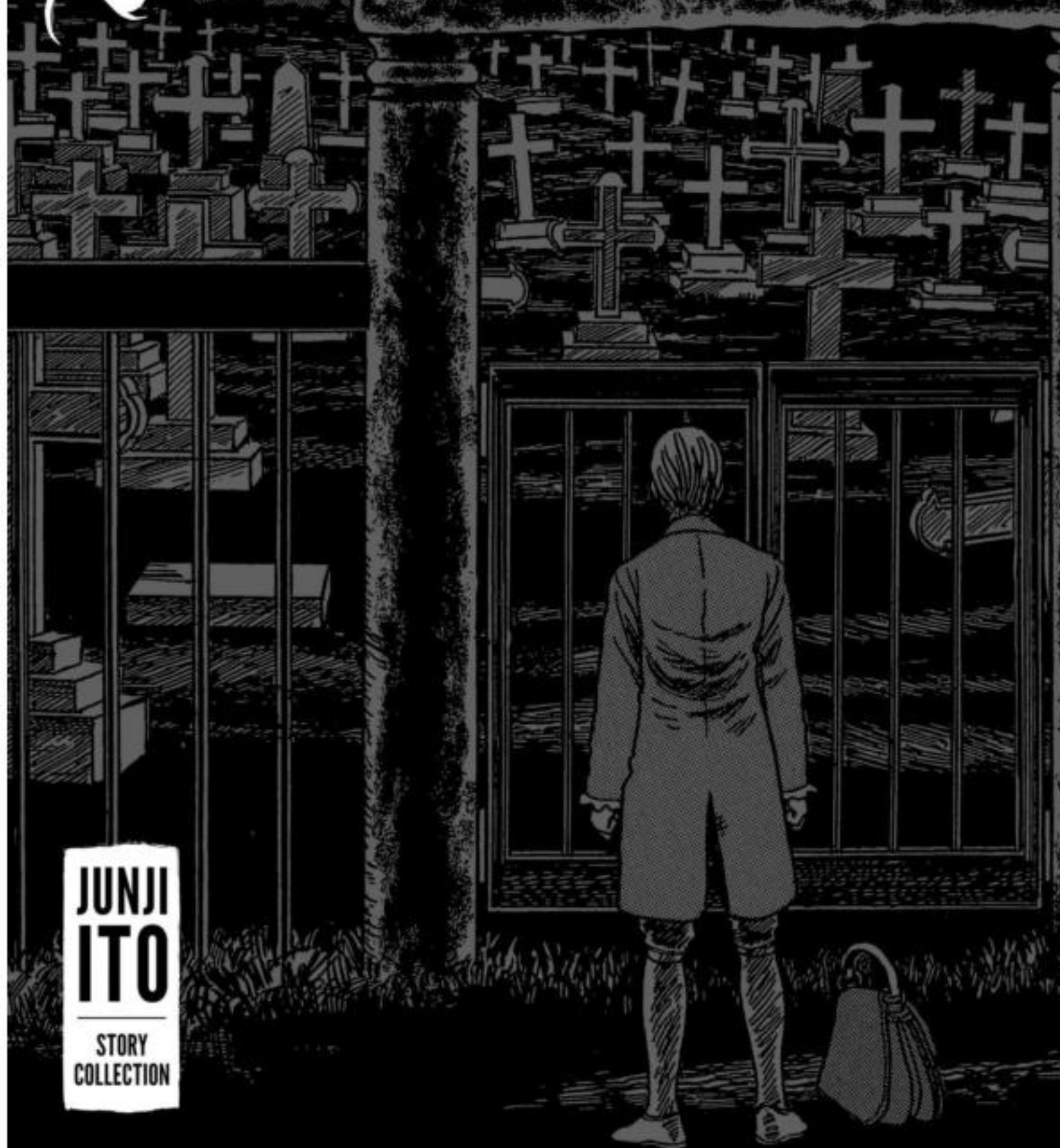
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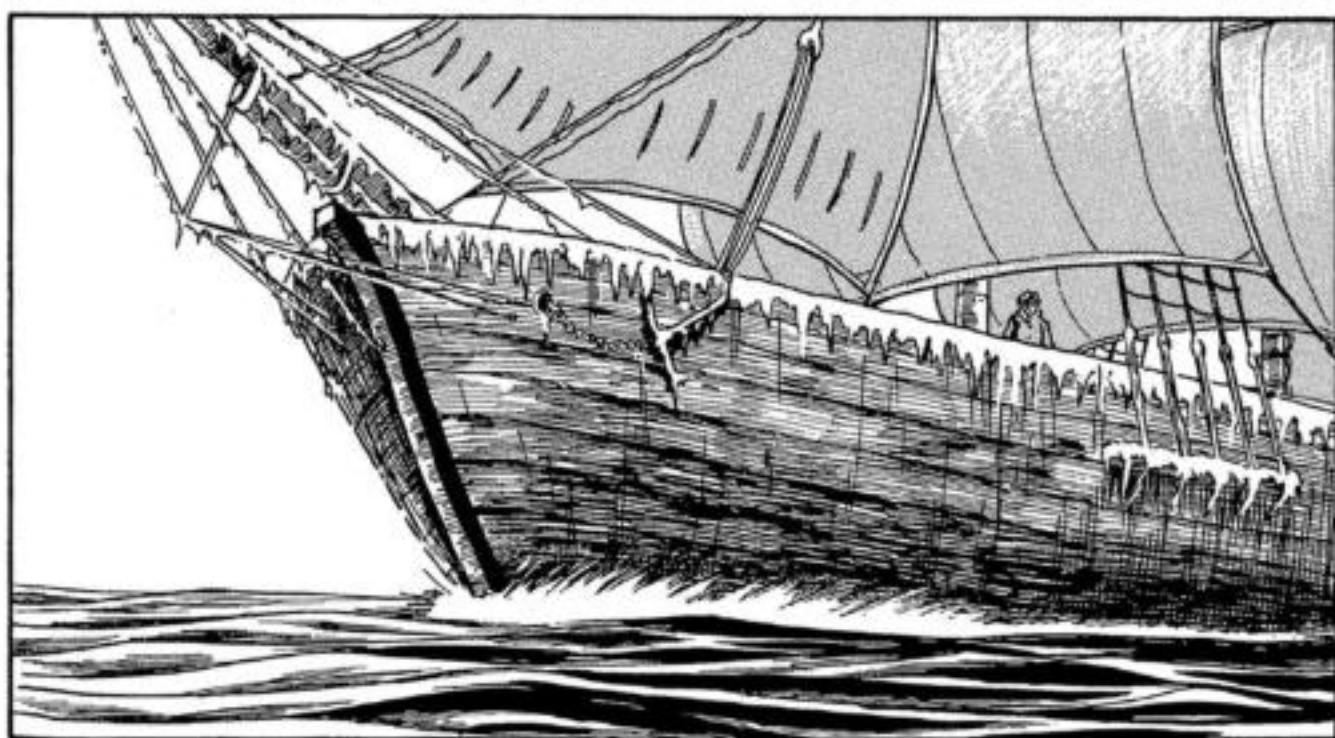
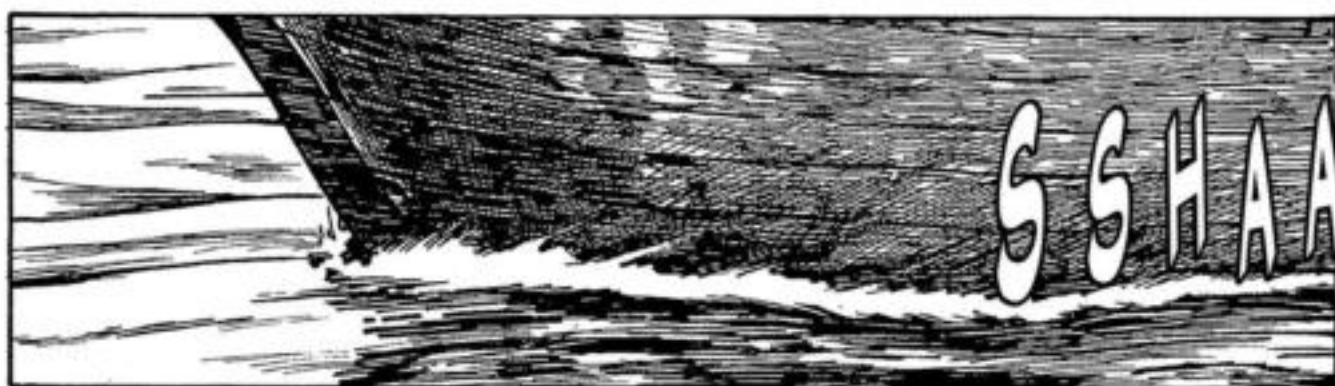


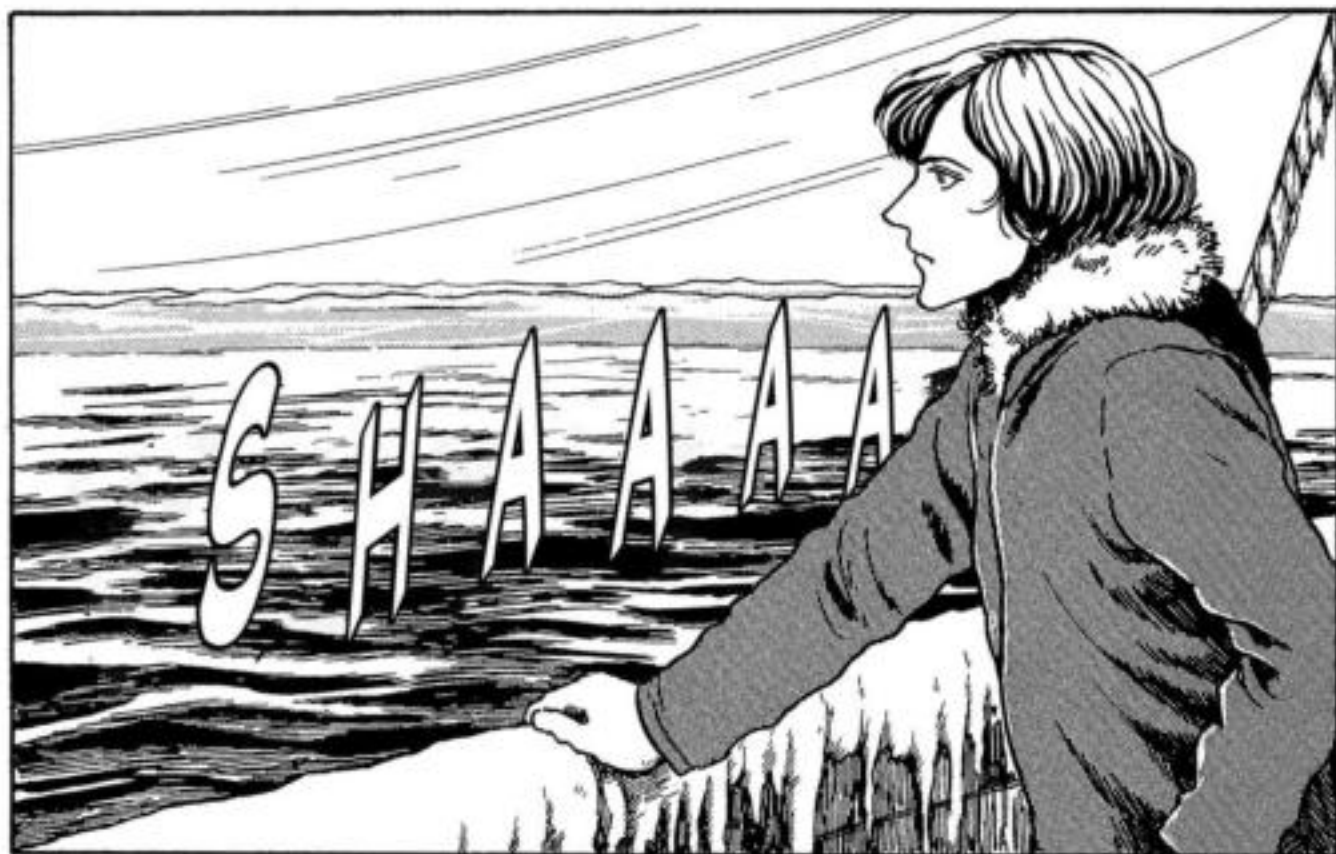
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AH, MY
BOSUN!

MR.
WALTON,
YOU'LL
FREEZE TO
DEATH IF
YOU STAY
OUT HERE
TOO LONG.



YES...
THIS HAS BEEN
THE FAVOURITE
DREAM OF MY
EARLY YEARS.
FINALLY, AN
EXPEDITION TO
THE NORTH POLE!
THAT'S WHY
I HIRED YOU
SKILLED SAILORS.

I'M WELL
AWARE.
YOU'VE BEEN
TRAINING
FOR THIS
EXPEDITION,
YES? GOING
OUT WITH
THE WHALE
FISHERS?

HA
HA HA!
DON'T
WORRY.
I'M
ACTUALLY
QUITE
ACCUSTOMED
TO VOYAGES
THROUGH
THE
NORTHERN
WATERS.



BUT IS THERE
LAND AT THE
NORTHERN POLE?
A SAILOR TOLD
ME THERE'S
NAUGHT BUT
FROST AND
DESOLATION,
NO MATTER
HOW FAR
YOU GO.



A BEAUTIFUL
LAND AS YET
UNSEEN...
I AM OF THE
BELIEF THEY
ARE RIGHT.

YES... SOME
EXPLORERS DO
INDEED SAY THAT.
BUT OTHERS ARE
OF A DIFFERENT
OPINION... THEY SAY
THAT IF YOU KEEP
GOING THROUGH
THE ICE, YOU WILL
EVENTUALLY FIND
A LAND OF
WONDERS.



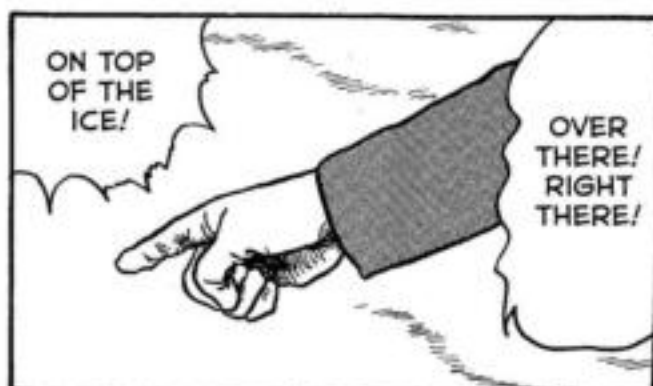
BUT, BOSUN...
I AM INDEED
OCCASIONALLY
OVERCOME BY AN
UNASSAILABLE
ANXIETY.

AT SUCH
TIMES, I THINK
HOW NICE IT
WOULD BE TO
HAVE A FRIEND
WHO COULD
SYMPATHIZE
WITH ME.



I WILL BE
THE FIRST TO
DISCOVER IT.
JUST THINKING OF
THAT MAKES MY
CONCERN OVER
THE RISK OF
THE SEA VOYAGE
VANISH.



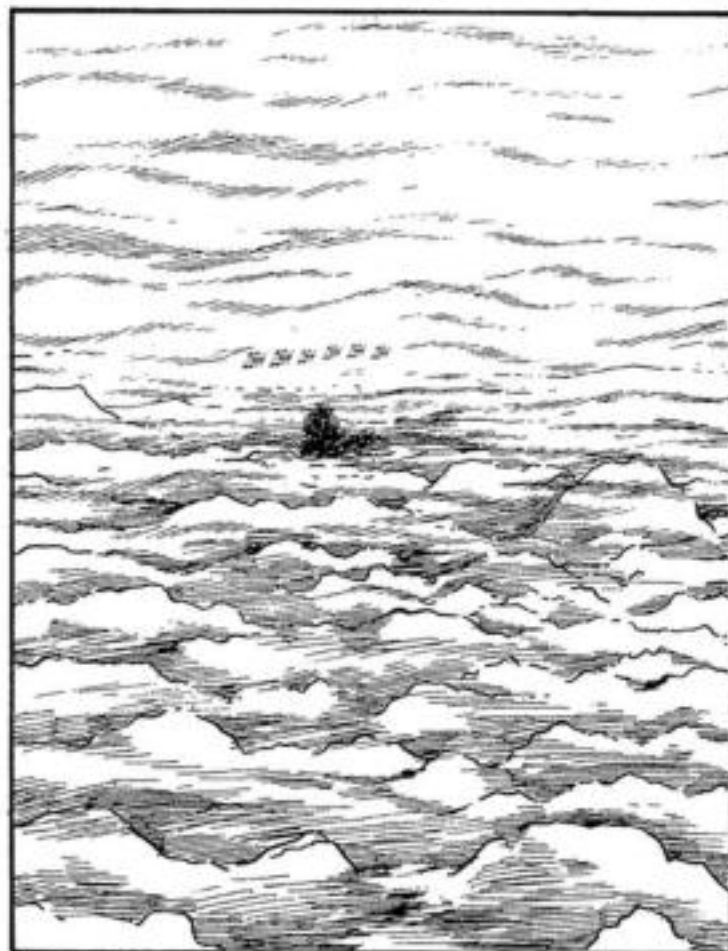




...WAY
OVER
THERE,
HUNDREDS
OF MILES
AWAY FROM
CIVILIZATION?



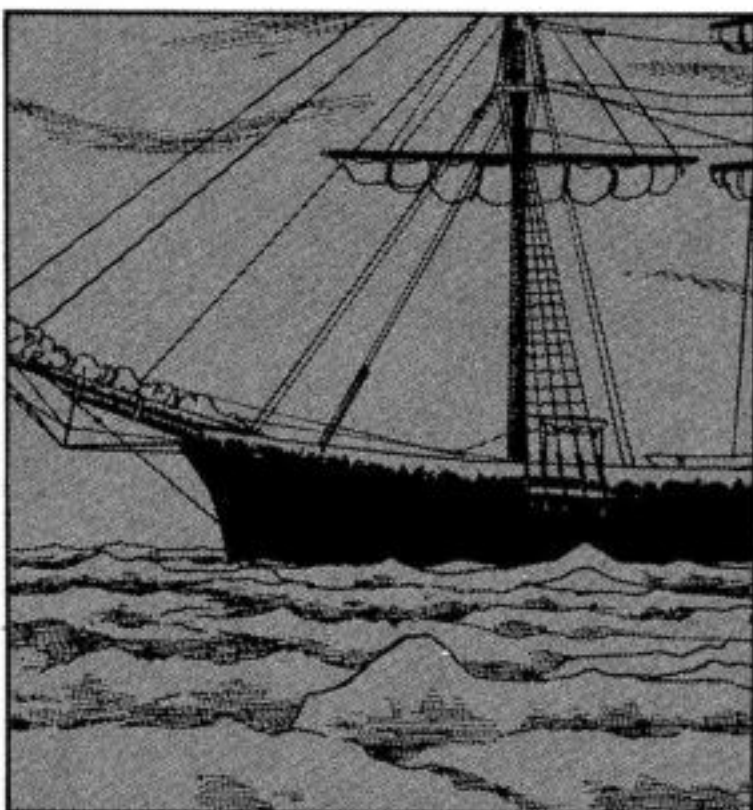
WHY
WOULD A
SLEDGE
BE...

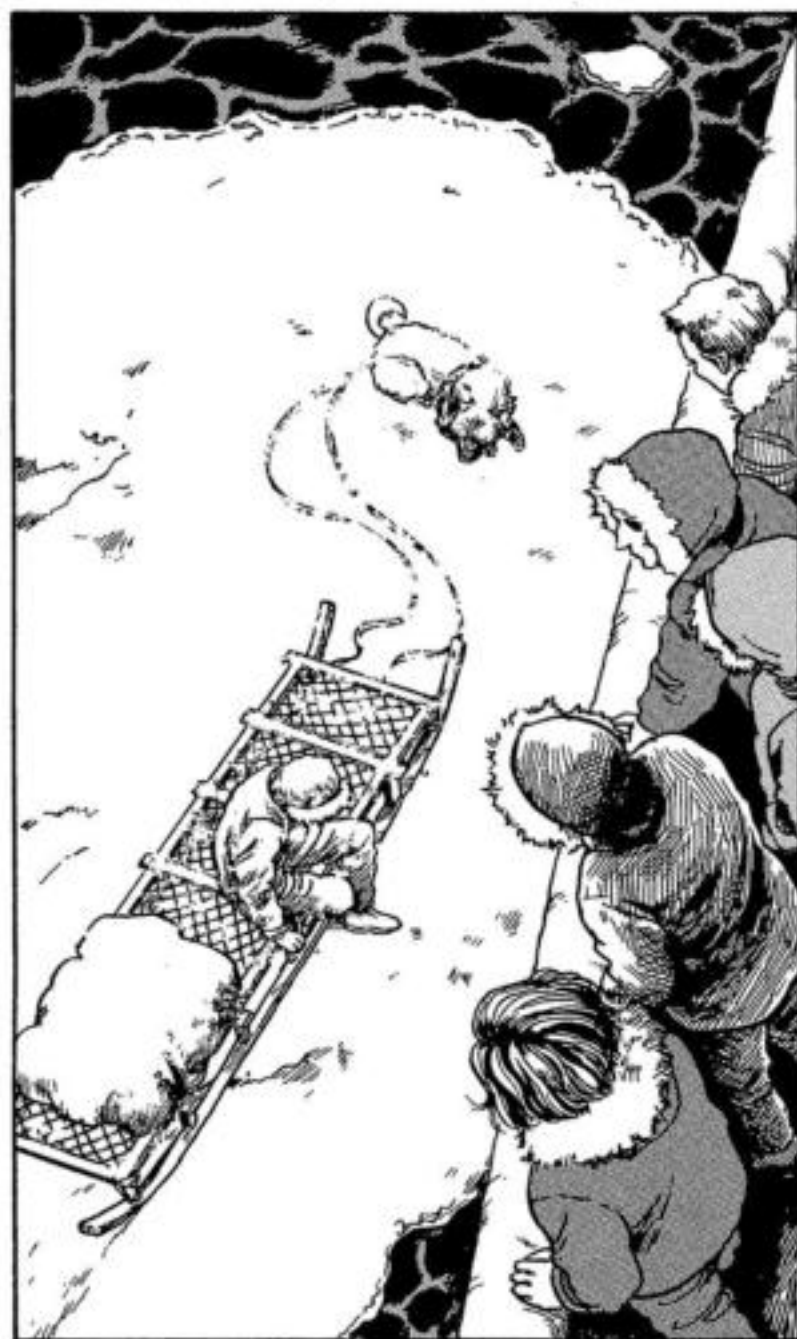
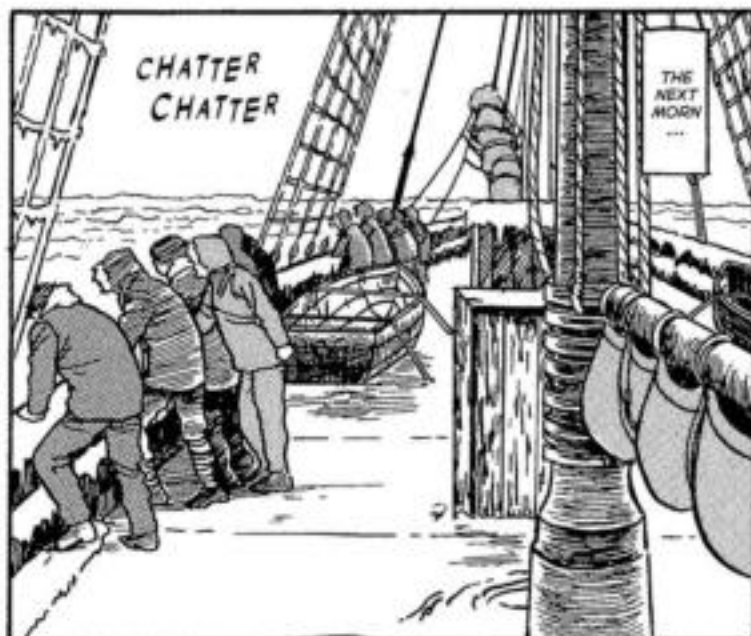


HE
MUST
BE
EIGHT
FEET
TALL!

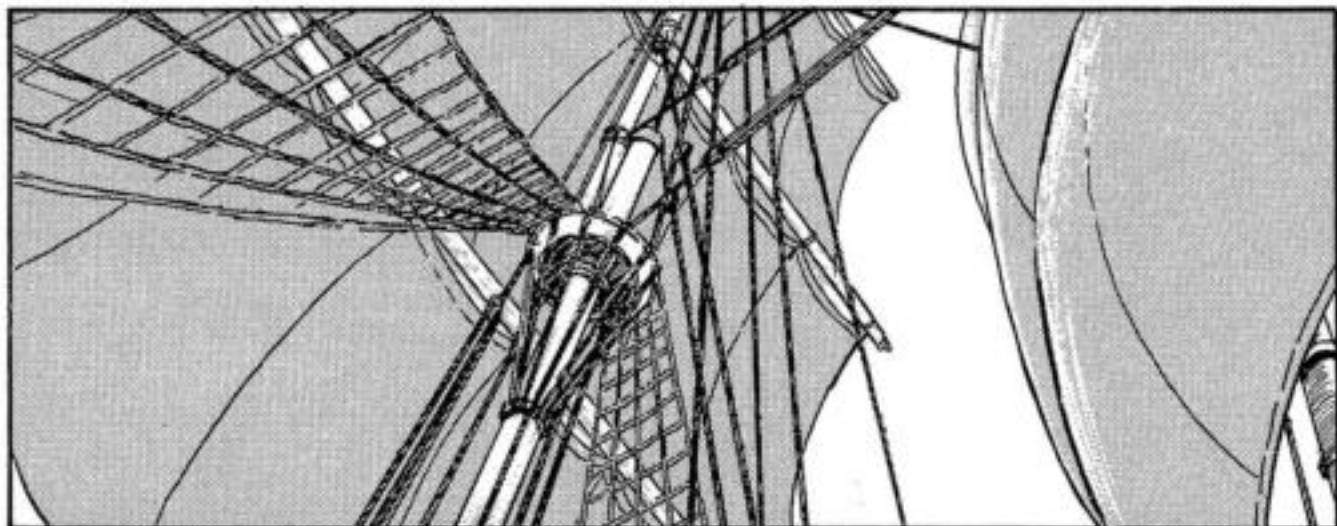
BUT
THE MAN
DRIVING IS
GIGANTIC!











IT SEEMS
YOUR JOURNEY
HAS BEEN QUITE
DIFFICULT. YOU'RE
EMACIATED—
I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
ACTUALLY DIE.

THANK
GOODNESS.
YOU'RE FINALLY
AWAKE. YOU'VE
BEEN ASLEEP
TWO DAYS NOW.









BUT
I WILL
NOT
DIE SO
EASILY.

THANK
YOU,
CAPTAIN
WALTON.



YOU'RE
STILL NOT
COMPLETELY
RECOVERED.

MR.
FRANKENSTEIN,
YOU MUSTN'T
PUSH YOURSELF.
IF WE ENCOUNTER
YOUR MAN, I
SHALL INFORM
YOU AT ONCE.



I'VE NO DOUBT
YOU ARE A
WONDERFUL MAN.
NO MATTER THE
UNPARALLELED
MISFORTUNES
ONE MIGHT
SUFFER, THE EYES
ALONE REVEAL
ONE'S TRUE
NATURE.

MR.
FRANKENSTEIN,
YOU ARE SO
HAGGARD,
AND YET YOUR
EYES SHINE
SO BRIGHTLY.



...DON'T
YOU THINK
IT A RATHER
CURIOUS
FATE, MR.
FRANKENSTEIN?
ALTHOUGH OUR
INDIVIDUAL
AIMS ARE
DIFFERENT...

WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
ALTHOUGH
WE MET BY
HAPPENSTANCE
IN AN
UNEXPECTED
PLACE...



PERHAPS
SOLVE THE
MYSTERIES
OF NATURE,
THE SOURCE OF
GOD'S POWER...
IN PARTICULAR,
THE WONDROUS
POWER THAT
ATTRACTS
THE NEEDLE.

I'M WAGERING
MY LIFE ON THIS
EXPEDITION.
I'M CERTAIN I
SHALL MAKE
DISCOVERIES
IF I CAN
SIMPLY REACH
THE POLE.

...WE ARE
BOTH
RISKING
OUR LIVES
SEEKING
THE
NORTH
POLE.



HOW CAN
IT BE?!

AAAH
...

ASCERTAINING
THE SECRET OF
MAGNETISM...
I'VE NO
DOUBT IT IS
THE POWER
THAT RULES
THE WORLD.

YES, THE
MYSTERY OF
MAGNETISM...
UNRAVELING
THAT IS MY
GREATEST
OBJECTIVE.



ARE YOU
ABOUT
TO ERR?
AS I DID
BACK
THEN...



ARE YOU
FEELING
POORLY?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
MR.
FRANKEN-
STEIN
?!



UNTIL A FEW
YEARS AGO,
I BURNED WITH
THE SAME
AMBITION
AS YOU.

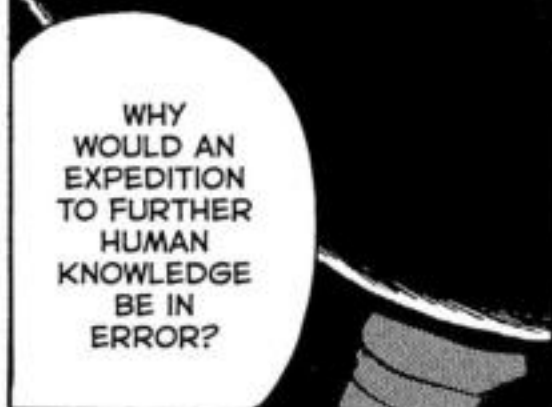
YOU SEEK FOR
KNOWLEDGE
AND WISDOM AS
I ONCE DID...IT
IS ONLY NATURAL
FOR A MAN
TO PURSUE
KNOWLEDGE.



ERR?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



BUT THE
RESULT
OF THAT
IS THIS
MAN
BEFORE
YOU NOW.



WHY
WOULD AN
EXPEDITION
TO FURTHER
HUMAN
KNOWLEDGE
BE IN
ERROR?