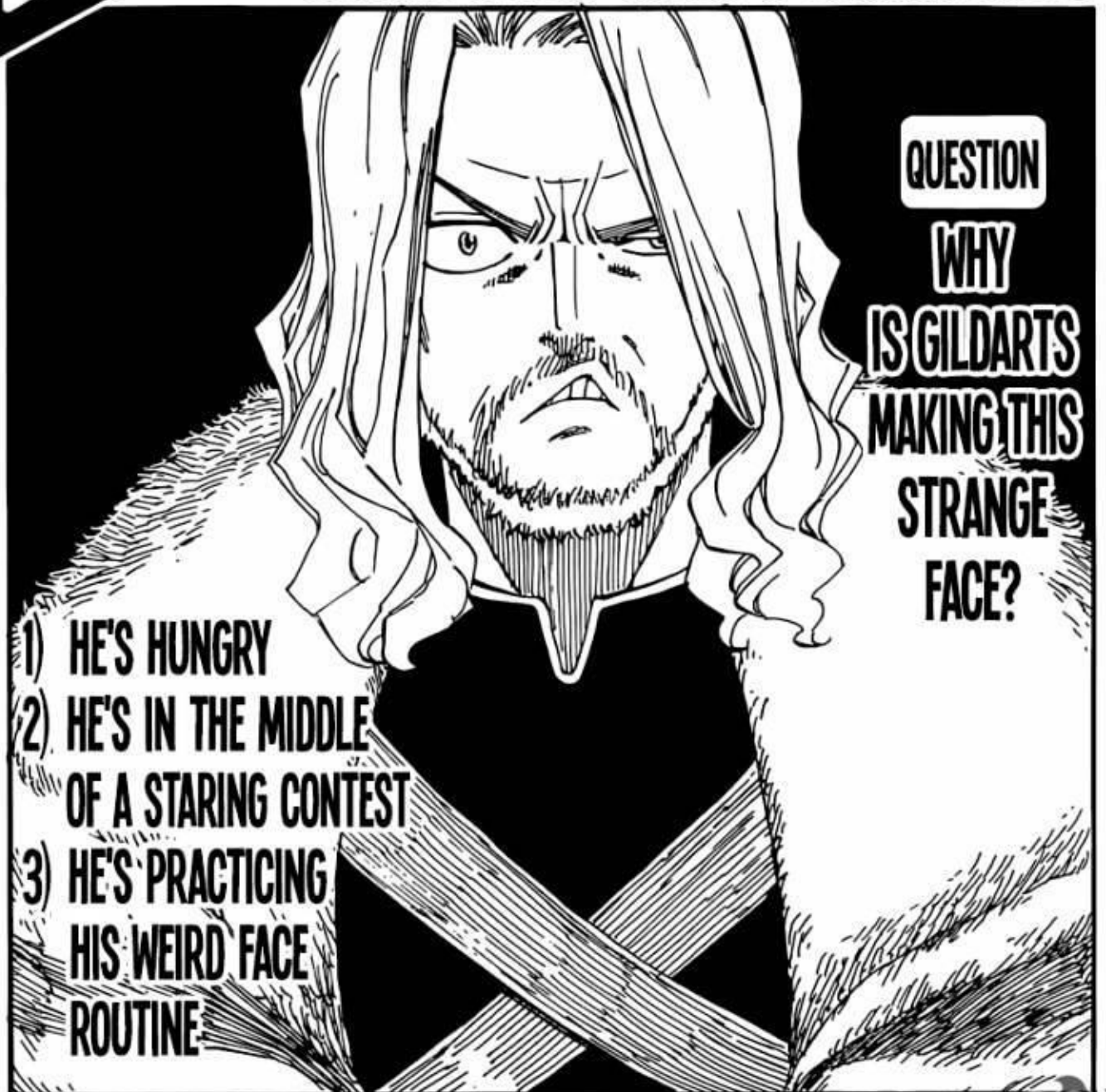


# Fairy Tail

## CHAPTER 496: FORWARD!



**QUESTION**

**WHY  
IS GILDARTS  
MAKING THIS  
STRANGE  
FACE?**

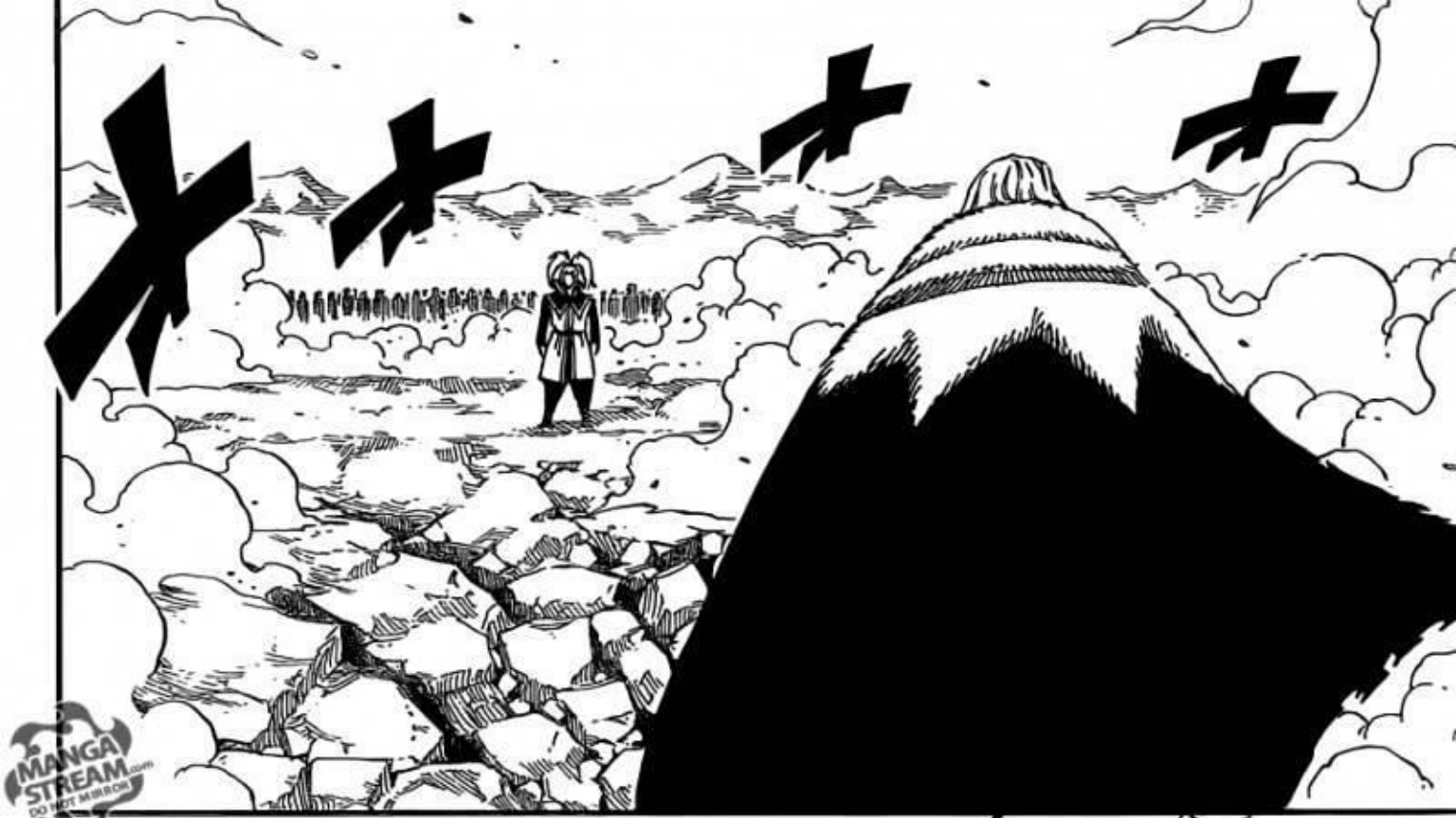
- 1) HE'S HUNGRY
- 2) HE'S IN THE MIDDLE  
OF A STARING CONTEST
- 3) HE'S PRACTICING  
HIS WEIRD FACE  
ROUTINE

**HIRO MASHIMA**

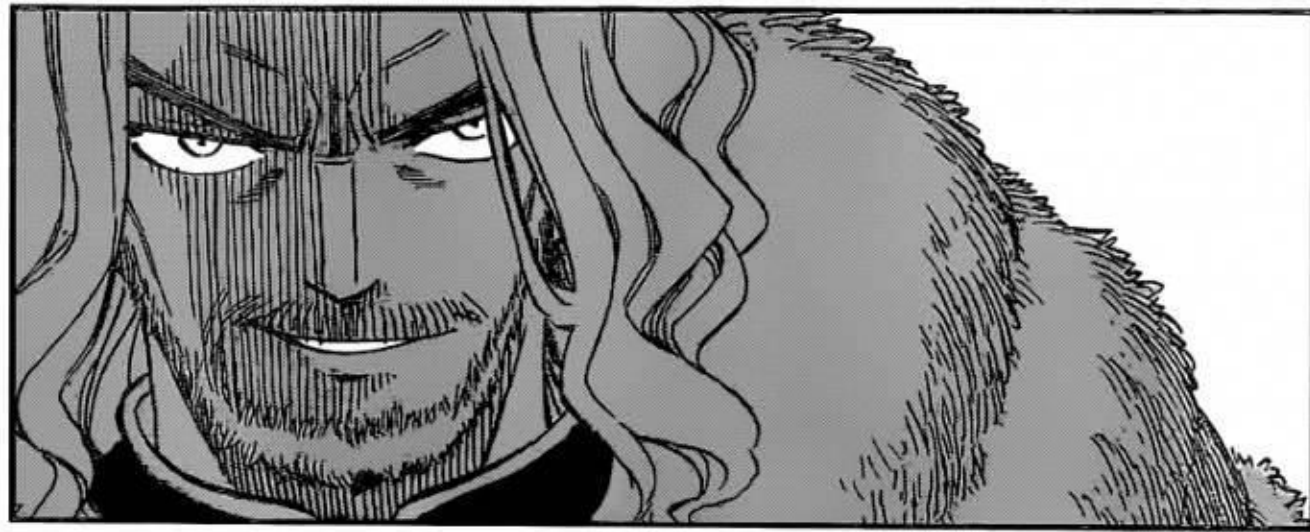




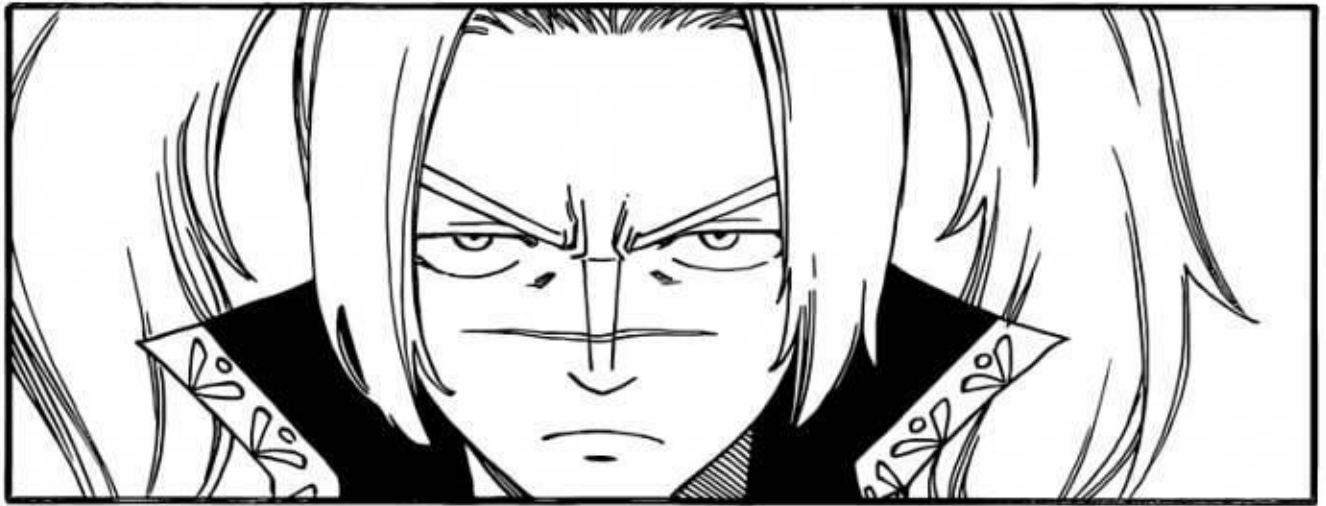


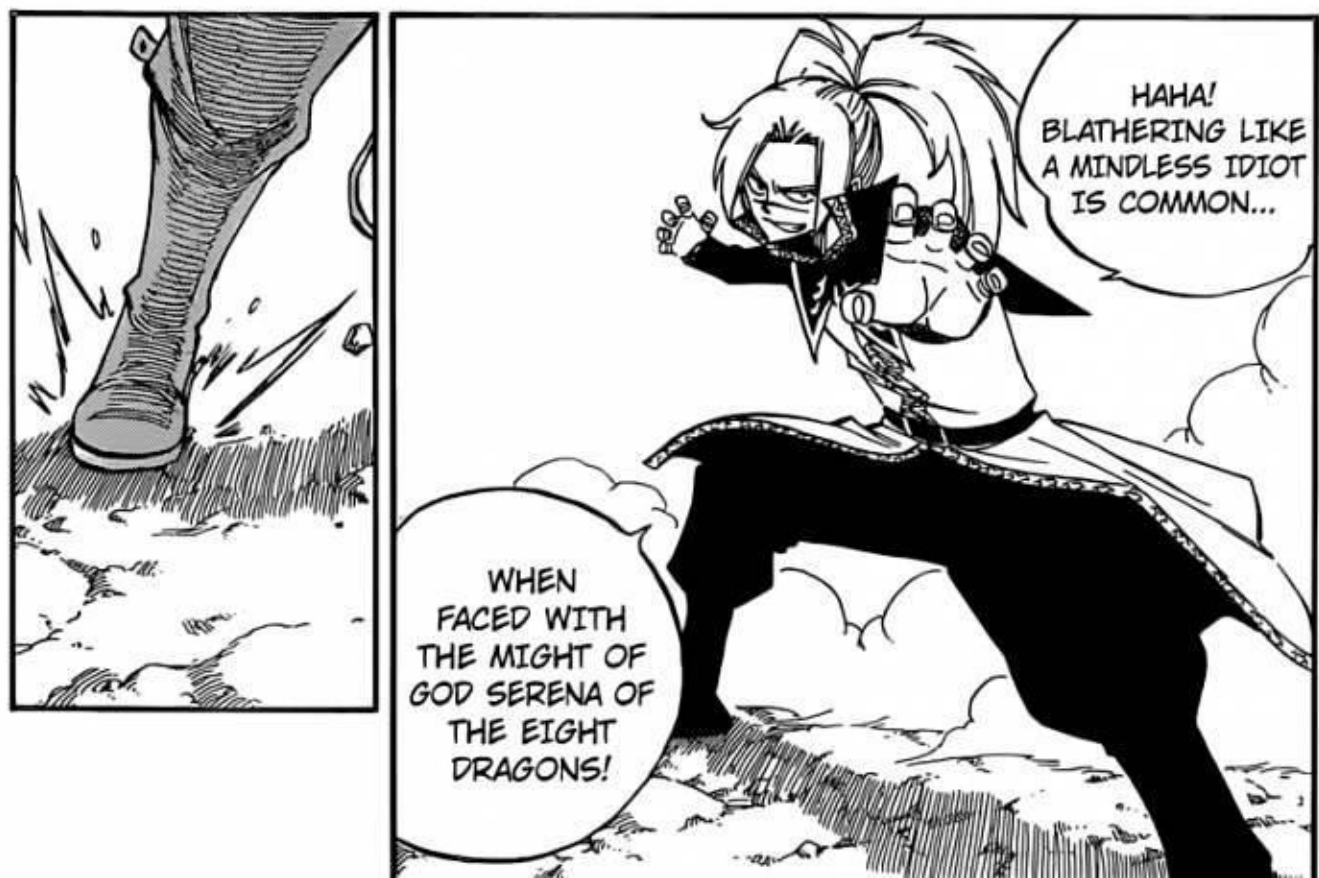
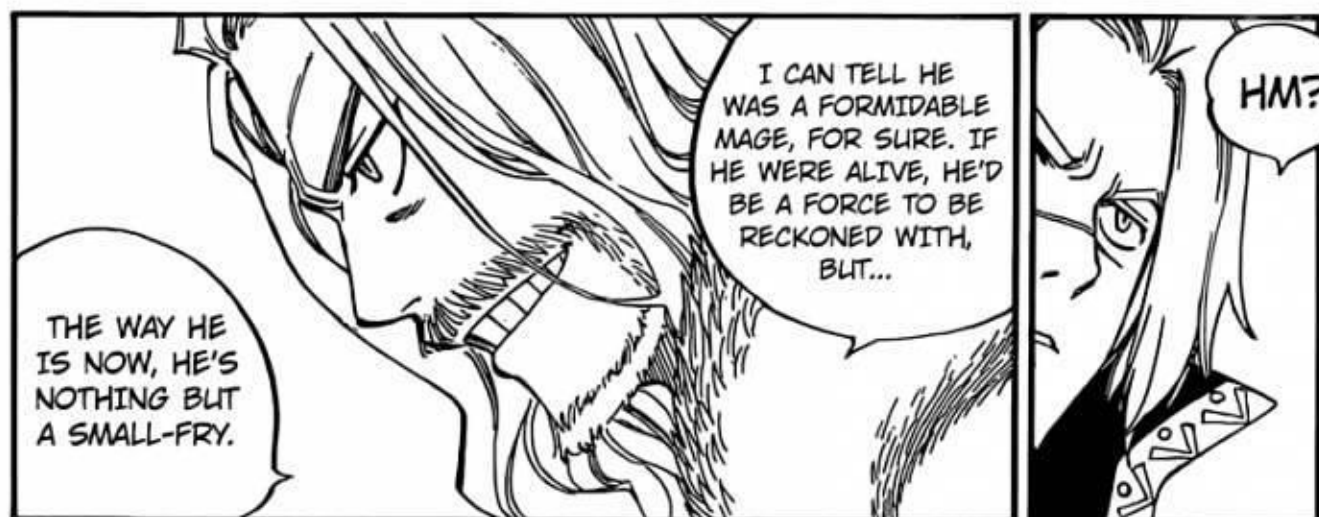
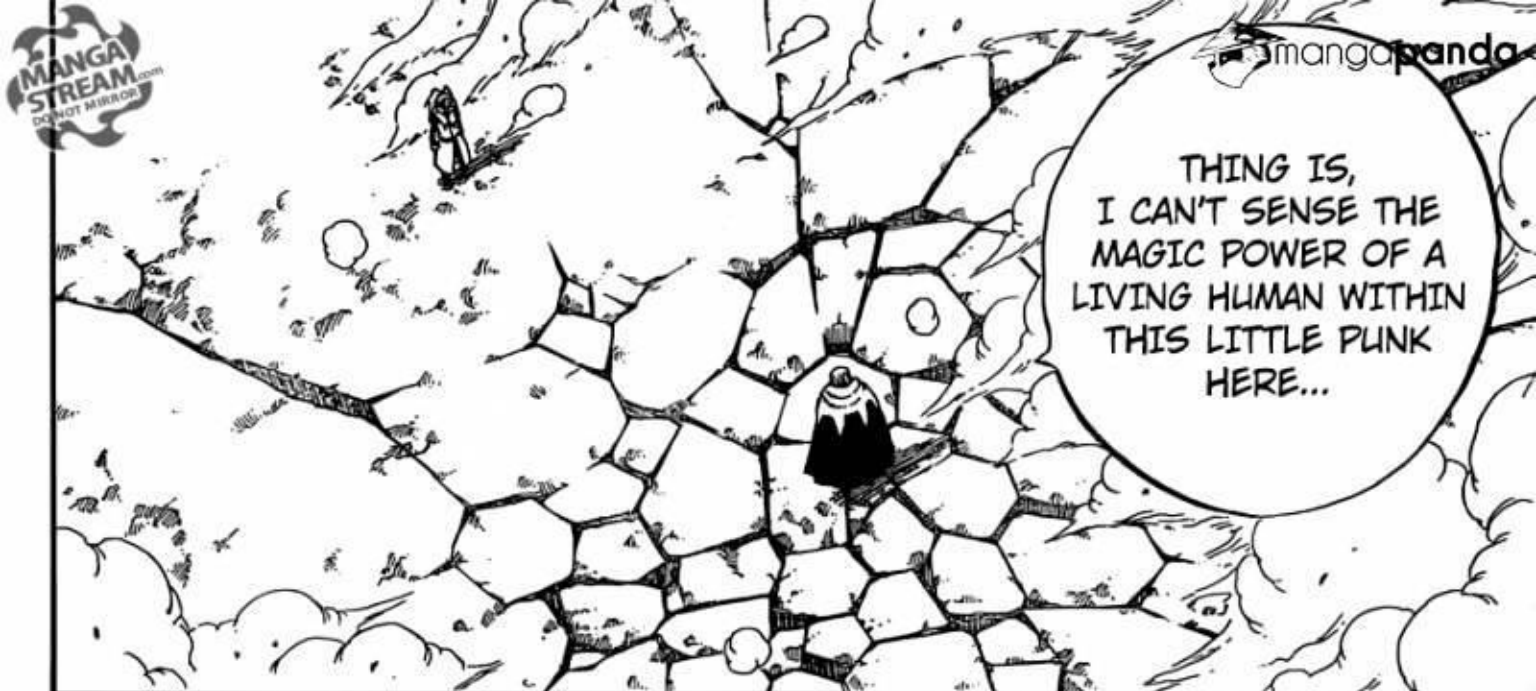


FAIRY TAIL'S MIGHTIEST MAGE... HE'S BACK, AND HE'S HUNGRY FOR A FIGHT!











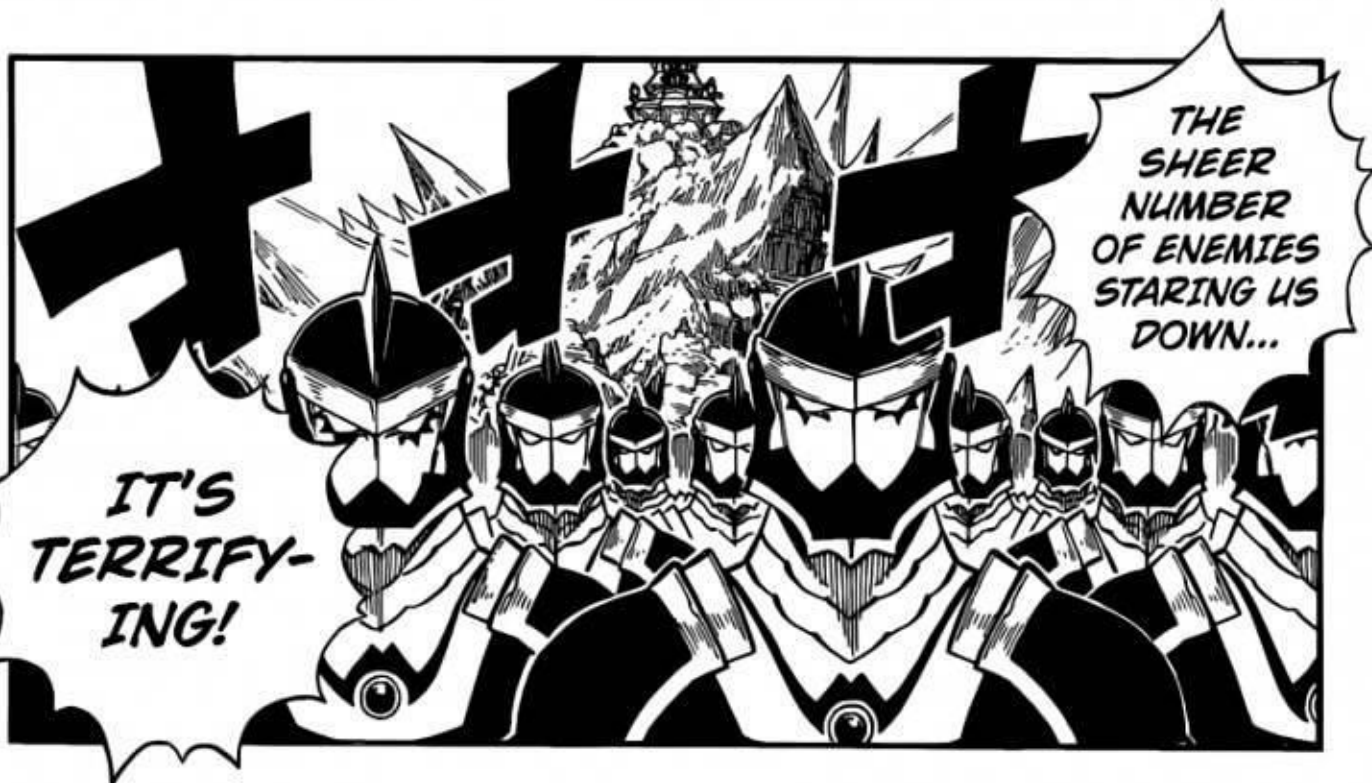




THIS IS  
JUST TOO  
MUCH...



I... I'M  
NOT, WENDY  
...NOT EVEN  
CLOSE...



IT'S  
TERRIFY-  
ING!



I'M CERTAIN  
THAT DEEP DOWN,  
EVERYONE ELSE  
IS SCARED AS  
WELL!



I'M BEYOND  
PATHETIC...



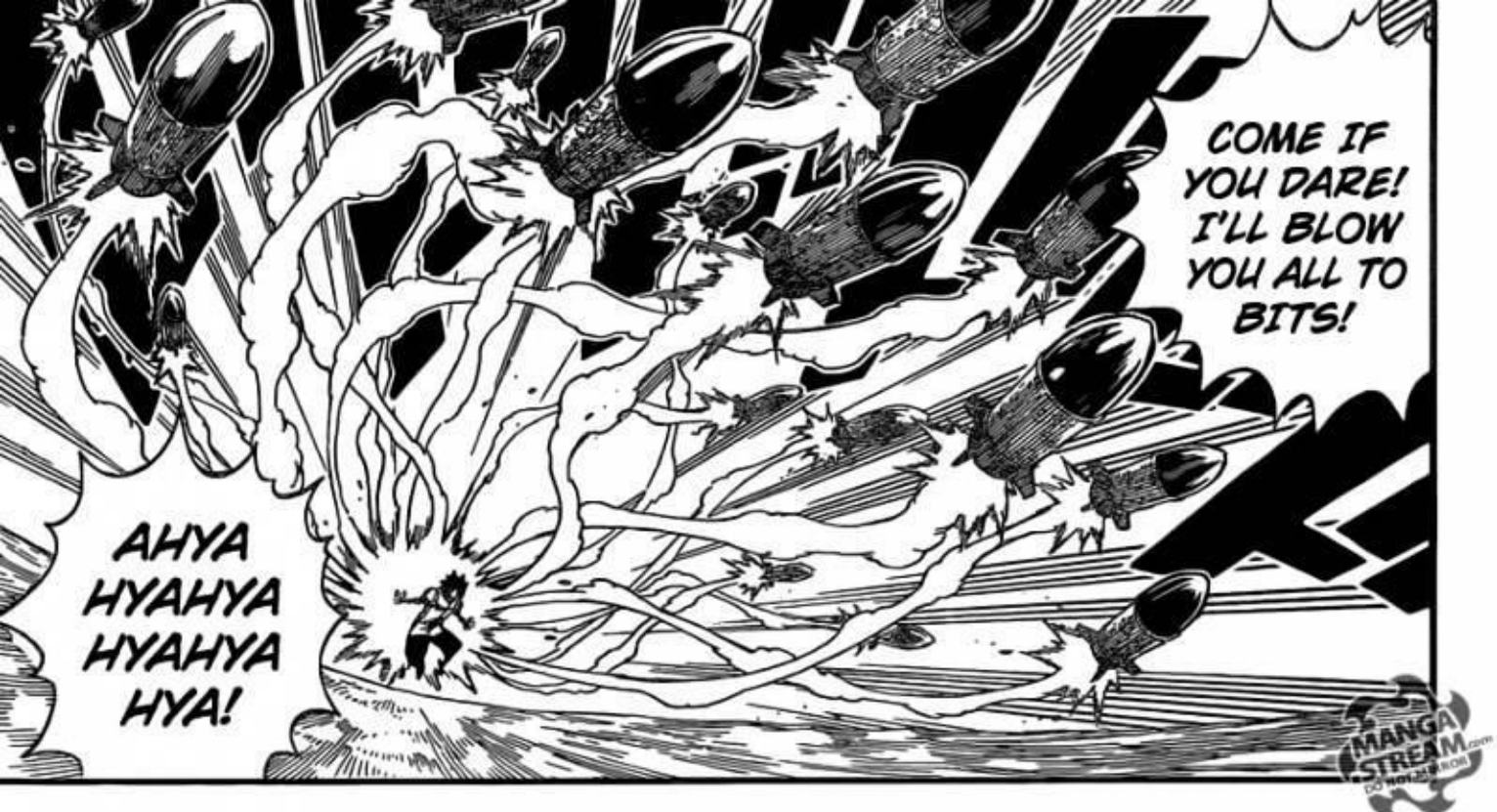






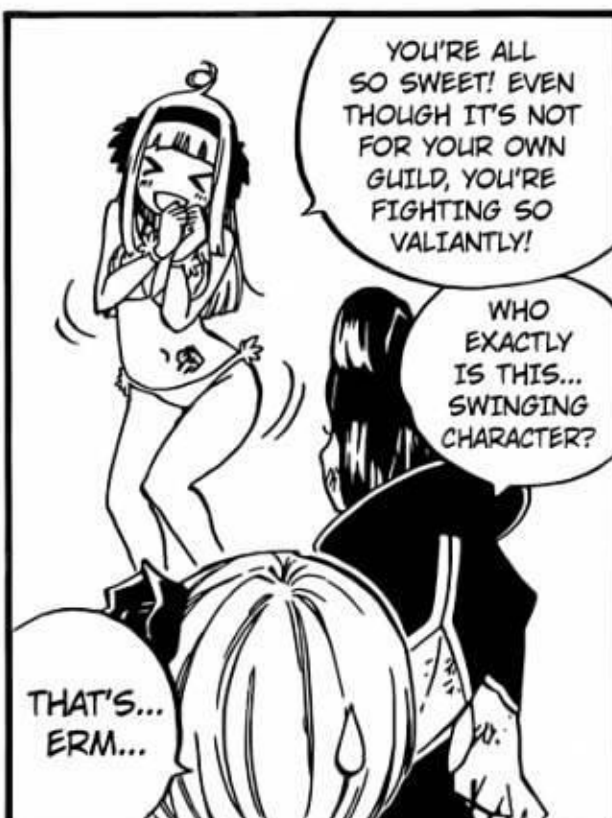














EVERYONE'S  
FIGHTING  
WITH ALL  
THEY'VE  
GOT!

ALL  
TO MAKE  
IT BACK  
TO OUR  
GUILD!

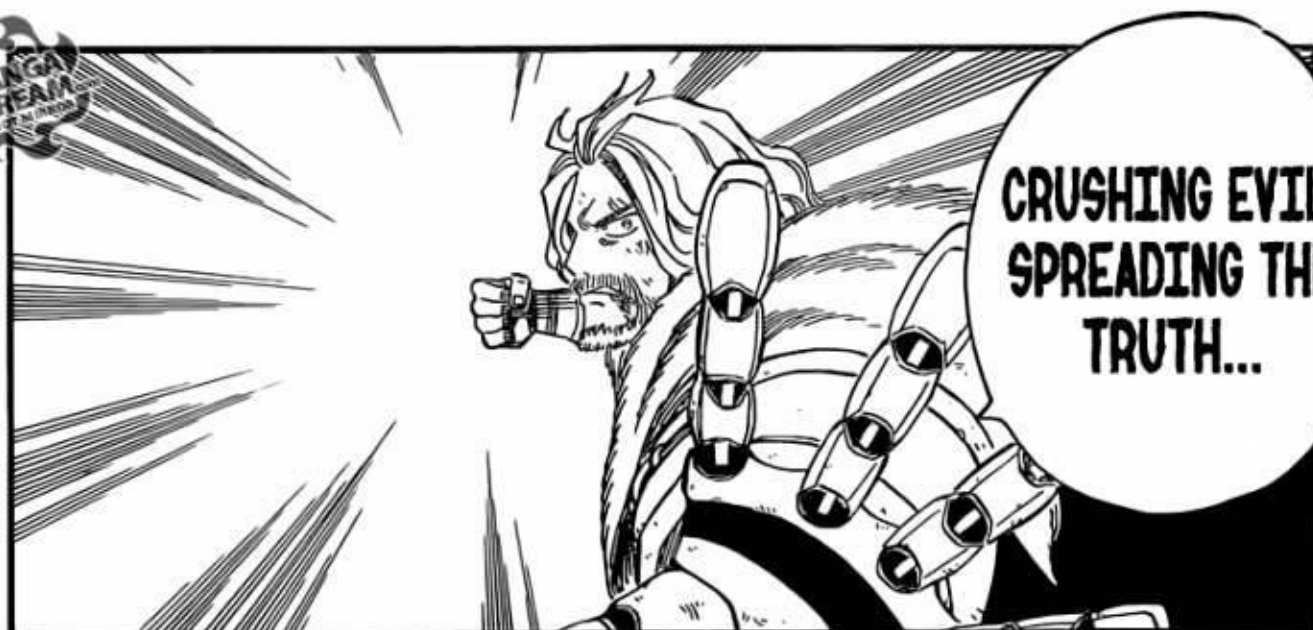


YOU  
SHALL  
NEVER  
MAKE IT  
THROUGH  
US!

WE WON'T  
ALLOW YOU  
TO REACH HIS  
MAJESTY!



COME  
AND GET  
SOME!







**EMPTY TEAM!!!**

FORWAAARD!







HIS TRUE STRENGTH IS SHADOWED BY A COLD VEIL..."INVEL, THE WINTER GENERAL!"



IS HIS ICY GAZE ALREADY FIXATED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR...?!



TO BE CONTINUED IN CHAPTER 497: THE WINTER MAGE











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