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FAIRY TAIL

CHAPTER 102: WALK TALL



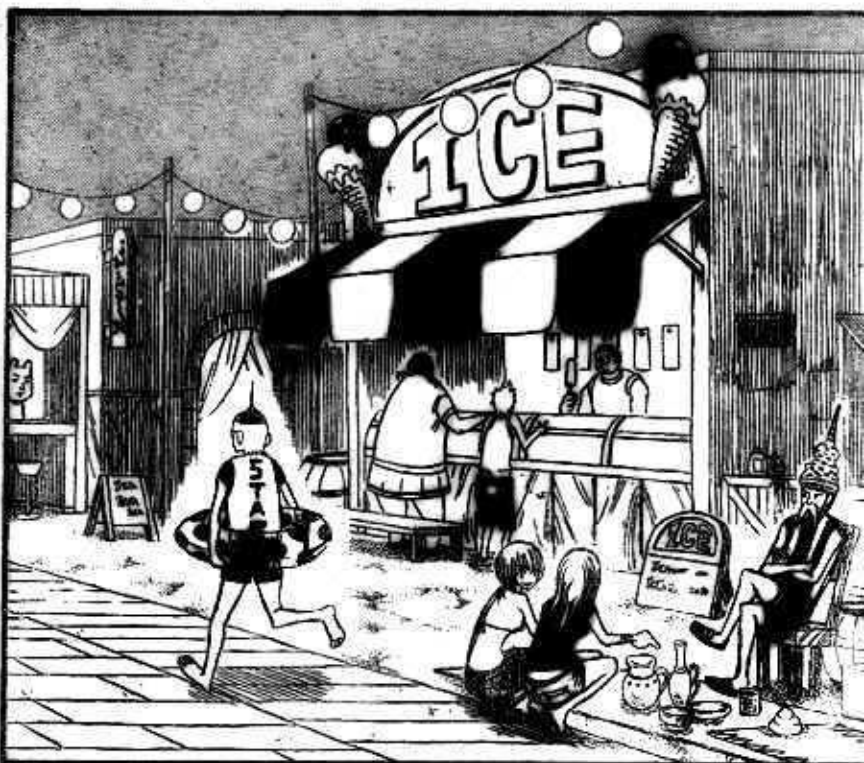
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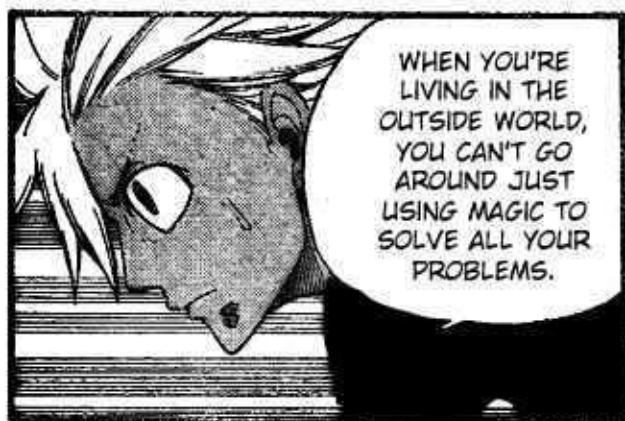
A PEACEFUL NIGHT... A TOWN THAT KNOWS NOT WAR, BRIMMING WITH ENJOYMENT.



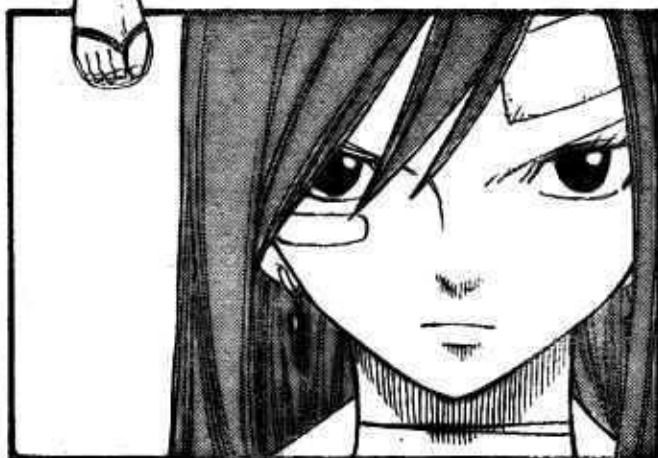
THESE PEOPLE, DRUNK ON PEACE, TAKE THEIR SMILES FOR GRANTED...

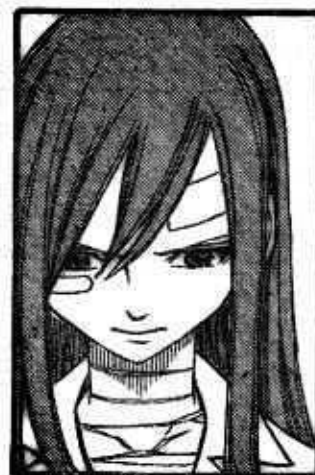
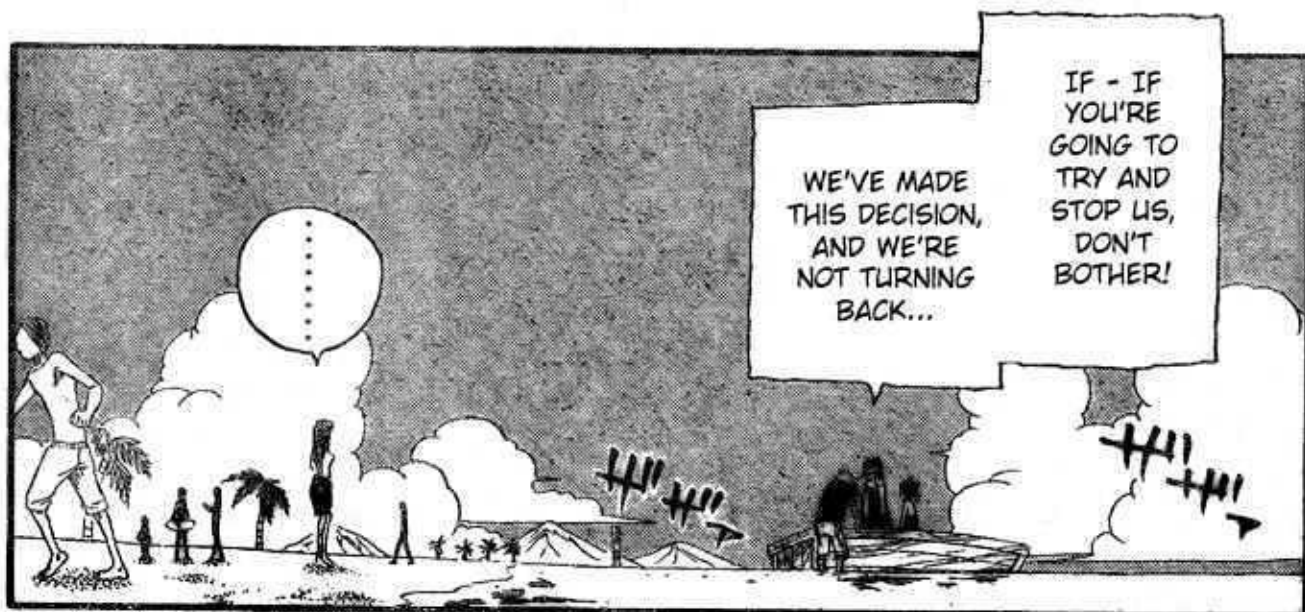














THAT'S THE
FREEDOM
WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR!



WAIT...!!!
"LEAVING"...
BUT WE
NEVER EVEN
JOINED!!



SO YOU'D
BETTER
LISTEN
UP.



HOWEVER... I
HAVE THREE
RULES THAT I AM
OBLIGED TO TELL
ANYBODY LEAVING
FAIRY TAIL.



WITH A
POWERFUL
WILL LIKE
THAT, YOU
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING.

I'M RE-
LIEVED.



YOU MUST
NEVER REVEAL
ANY SENSITIVE
INFORMATION
ABOUT FAIRY
TAIL TO OUTSI-
DERS, AS LONG
AS YOU LIVE!!!

ONE!!!



YOU MUST NEVER USE THE CLIENTS YOU MET THROUGH THE GUILD TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL GAIN!!!!

TWO!!!




THREE!!!




NEE-SAN...

WHAT'S A "CLIENT"?

WE DON'T KNOW ANY "SENSITIVE INFORMATION" OR ANYTHING ABOUT THE GUILD...



THOUGH OUR PATHS MAY DIFFER... YOU MUST ALWAYS LIVE OUT YOUR LIVES WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!!!!

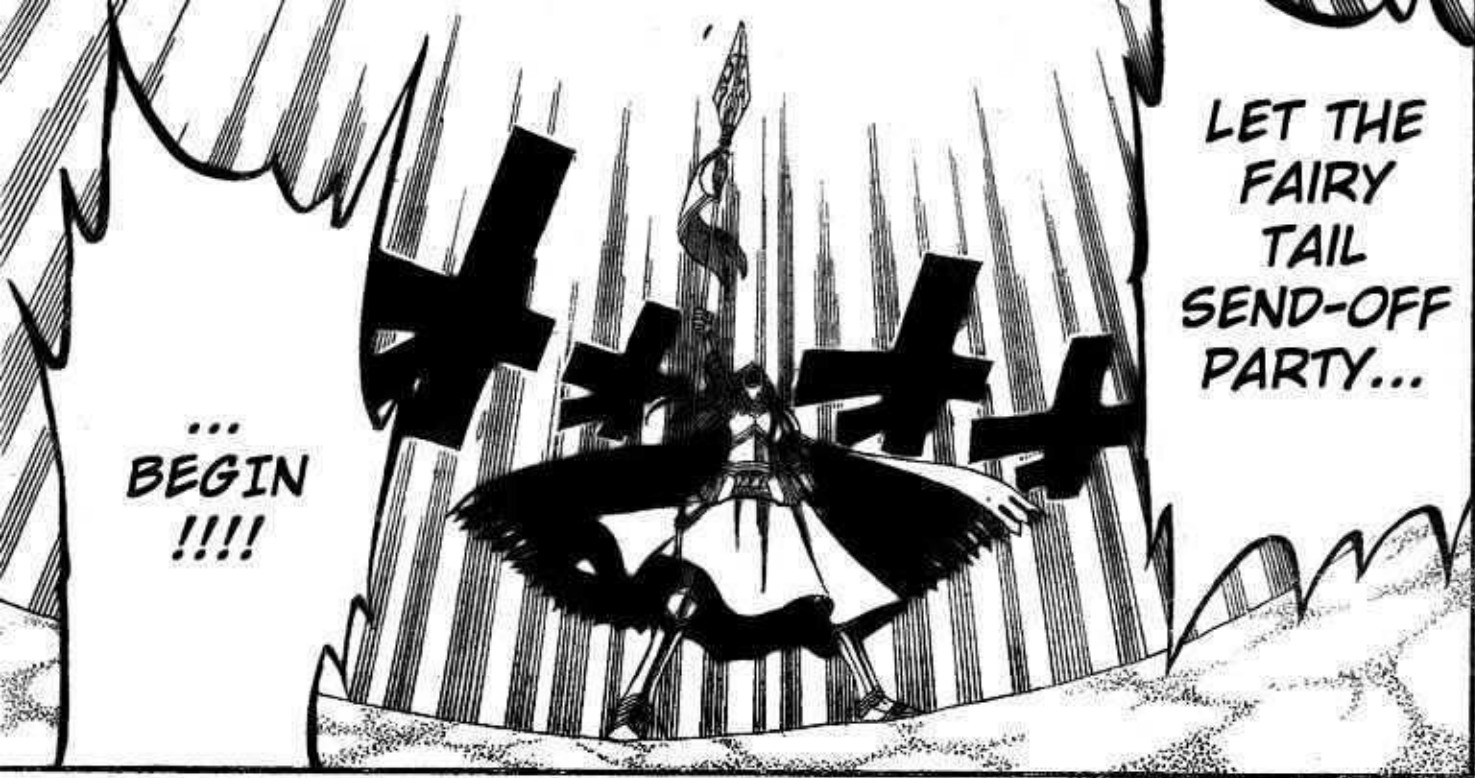


NEVER MUST YOU CONSIDER YOUR OWN LIFE TO BE INSIGNIFICANT!!!!



**NEVER
IN YOUR
LIVES
MUST
YOU
FORGET
THE
FRIENDS
YOU
HELD
DEAR
!!!!**





...
BEGIN
!!!!

LET THE
FAIRY
TAIL
SEND-OFF
PARTY...



YOU
GUYS!!!
SEE YOU
AGAIN
SOMETI-
ME~!!!!





LET THEM
BLOSSOM IN
OUR
HEARTS!!!
THESE
FLOWERS
OF LIGHT!!!!



IF WE WERE
AROUND, WE'D
JUST BRING BACK
ALL THOSE HORRI-
BLE MEMORIES
FOR YOU!

THAT'S
NOT IT
AT ALL,
ER-
CHA~N!

...THEN I
JUST
WANT TO
WISH YOU
WELL ON
YOUR JO-
URNEY.

HOWEVER... IF
THAT WOULD
MEAN I WAS
HOLDING YOU
BACK...

AND
BESIDES...

NO MATTER
WHERE YOU
MAY BE... I
WILL NEVER
FORGET ANY
OF YOU.

THAT GOES
FOR EVERYO-
NE - EVERY
SINGLE
HUMAN BEING
HAS THAT
POWER
WITHIN THEM.

THOSE PAINFUL
MEMORIES ARE
WHAT CAN HELP
US MAKE IT TO
TOMORROW,
AND BECOME
STRONGER.



WALK
TALL.



AND I, TOO,
WILL KEEP
WALKING
TALL, EVER
ONWARDS.



WE'LL DE-
FINITELY
MEET
AGAIN!!!
IT'S A
PROMISE!!!

BYE-BYE,
ER-
CHA-N!



IT'S A
PROMISE.



FARE
WELL.

YOU TOO,
NEE-
SAN...

AS LONG AS
YOU DO NOT
FORGET THIS
DAY, WE WILL
MEET AGAIN.





...AND
SO...



WHY,
THEY MAY
EVEN BE
ABOLIS-
HED ENTI-
RELY.

THE COUNCIL WILL
HAVE TO TAKE RES-
PONSIBILITY FOR
THEIR ACTIONS; I
DOUBT THEY WILL BE
ABLE TO FUNCTION
NORMALLY FOR A
WHILE.



PERHAPS
HE ACTUA-
LLY DIED.

WHO
KNOWS...



EXCE-
LLENT,
HRTAAR.

AND...
WHAT
BECAME
OF
GÉRARD?



BUT TO THINK THAT FOR ALL THOSE EIGHT YEARS HE NEVER REALISED THAT I WAS SIMPLY PLAYING THE PART OF THE "GHOST OF ZEREF".

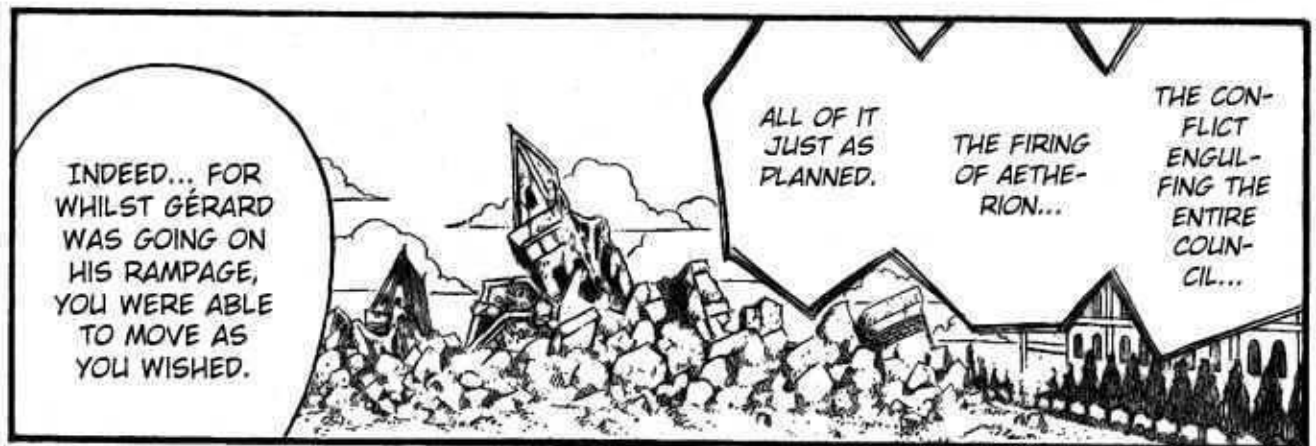


WITHOUT EVER REALISING THAT HE WAS IN FACT BEING USED BY THE VERY WOMAN HE THOUGHT HE WAS USING TO HIS OWN ENDS... TRULY A PITIABLE MAN.

OHOOH... WELL, IT WAS ENJOYABLE. HE WAS RATHER... CUTE.



EVEN CONSIDERING THE BRAINWASHING, EVERYTHING WENT BEYOND PERFECTLY.



INDEED... FOR WHILST GÉRARD WAS GOING ON HIS RAMPAGE, YOU WERE ABLE TO MOVE AS YOU WISHED.

ALL OF IT JUST AS PLANNED.

THE FIRING OF AETHERION...

THE CONFLICT ENGULFING THE ENTIRE COUNCIL...



THERE WAS NEVER ANY CHANCE OF YOUR REVIVING ZEREF FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

...NO, THERE IS NO CHANCE OF ANYBODY BRINGING ZEREF BACK FROM THE DEAD.



HOHO ...

SO VERY SORRY, GÉRARD-"SAMA"...



AND AS A RESULT, ONE OF THE KEYS TO THE SEAL IS FINALLY MINE.....

CONGRATULATIONS!





AFTER ALL,
ZEREF WAS
NEVER DEAD
IN THE FIRST
PLACE.

HE
MERELY
LIES
SLEEPING
FOR THE
MOMENT
...

THE SOFT
SUNLIGHT
SHINES AN
ILLUSORY
PEACE!
WHAT
FUTURE
WILL THIS
ENDLESS
CHAIN OF
DEFEATS
BRING
ABOUT...?!

TO BE CONTINUED IN CHAPTER 103: "HOME"