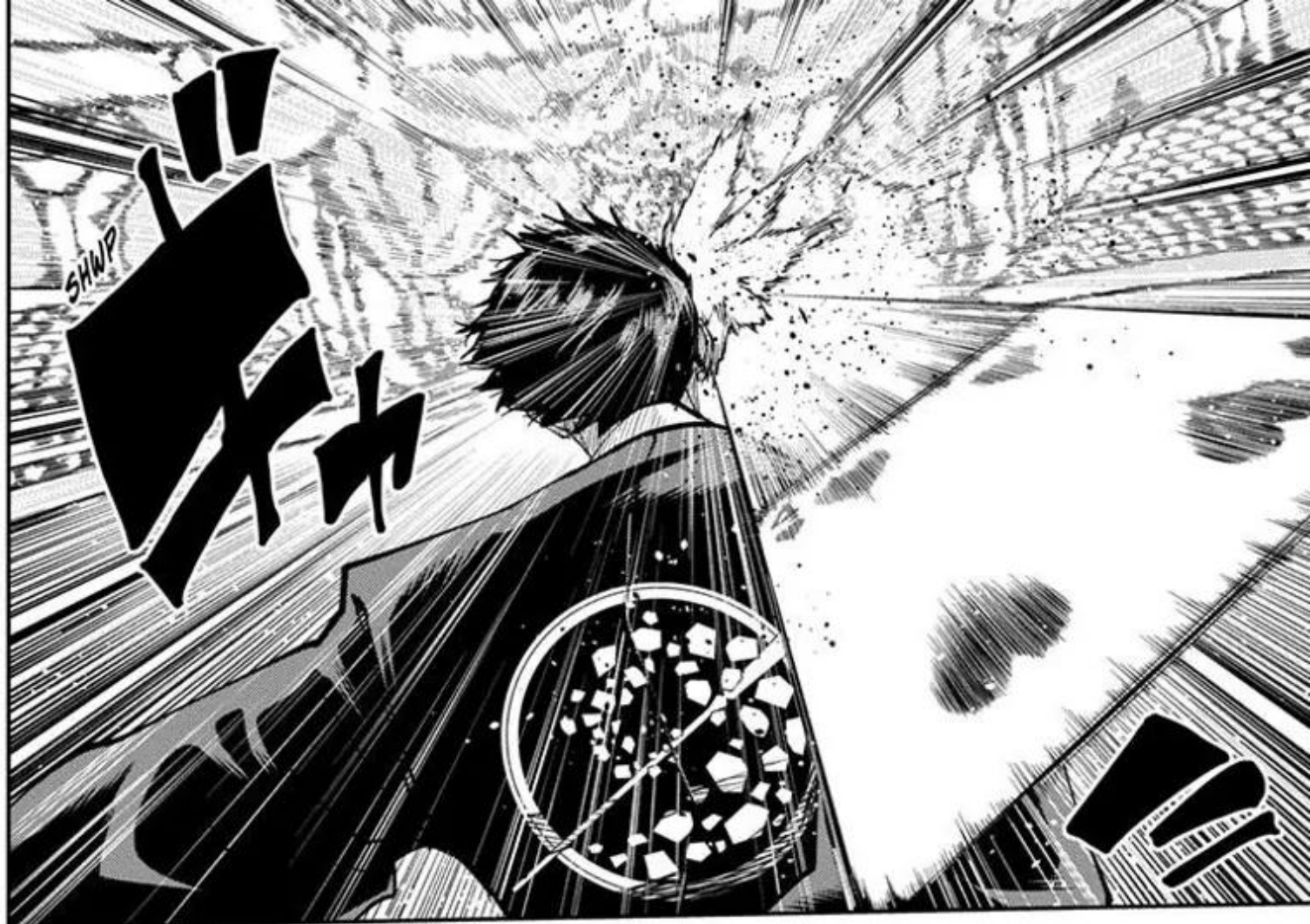




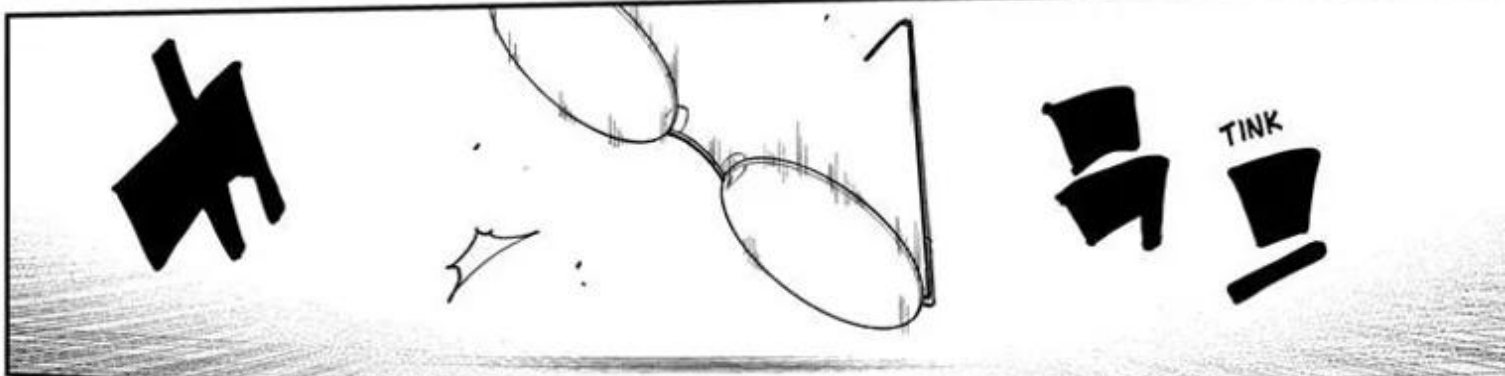
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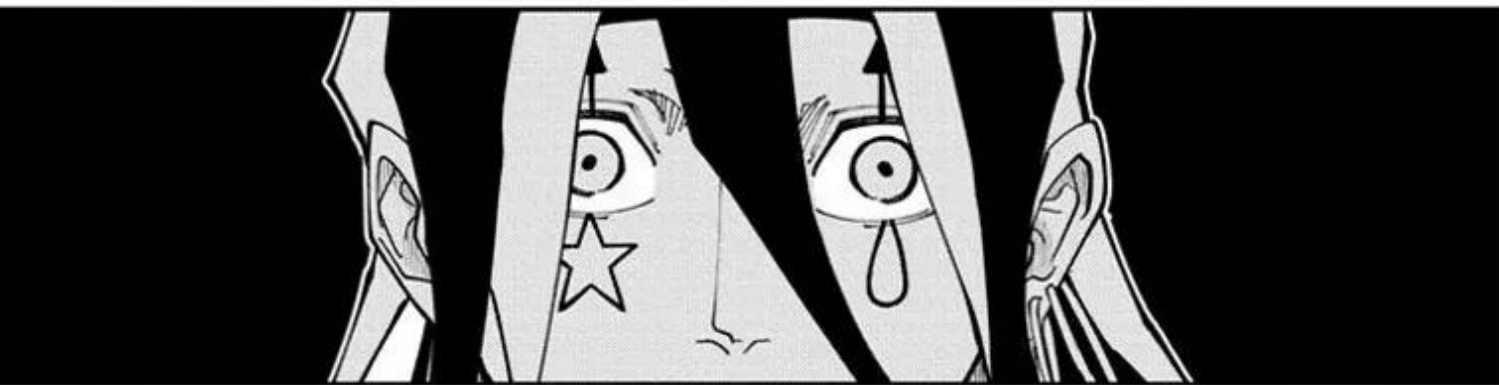
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TRANSLATION: NOVA SKIPPER LETTERING: EVE GRANDT



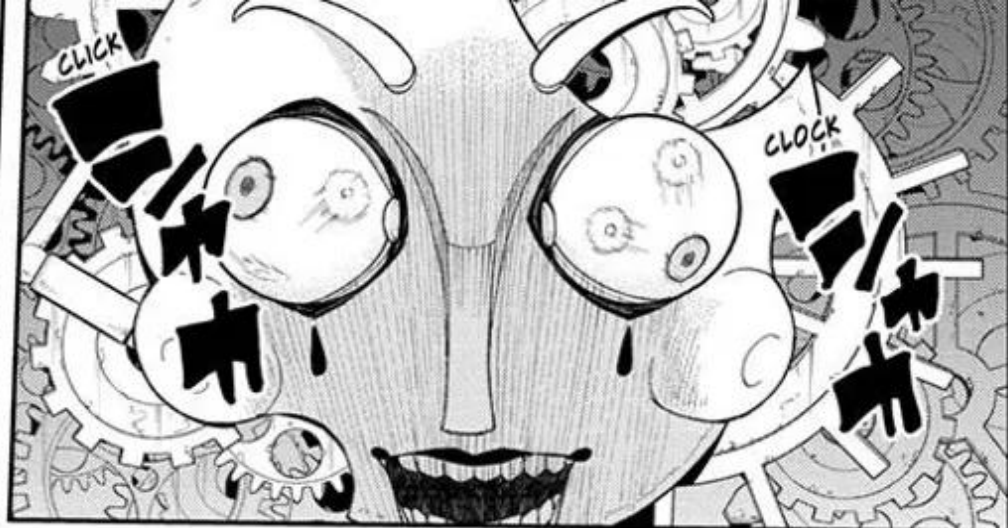


SHACKLES?





A
CLOWN
FACE?



ENTER-
TAINING,
YOU
SAY?

AND
WE'RE THE
PERFORMERS.
IF WE FAIL
TO PUT ON AN
ENTERTAINING
SHOW, WE'LL BE
PUNISHED.



HE
MANAGES
THIS
CIRCUS.



I'VE
HAD
ENOUGH
OF
YOUR
GAMES.



HEARD
THAT
ONE
BEFORE...







GOOD
STUFF!



DID THOSE
CARDS COME
OUT OF MY
BODY?!

HE BLOCKED
MY SPELL WITH
HAND MOTIONS
ALONE. WHAT'S
HIS TRICK?

MEANING
THIS IS REALLY
A TWO-ON-ONE
BOUT.



THAT FACE
IN THE SKY
ATTACKS
WHENEVER
I DO.



STP...

THEN I WON'T
MOVE UNTIL
I'VE FIGURED
OUT HOW ALL
THIS WORKS.



...AND
BORING.

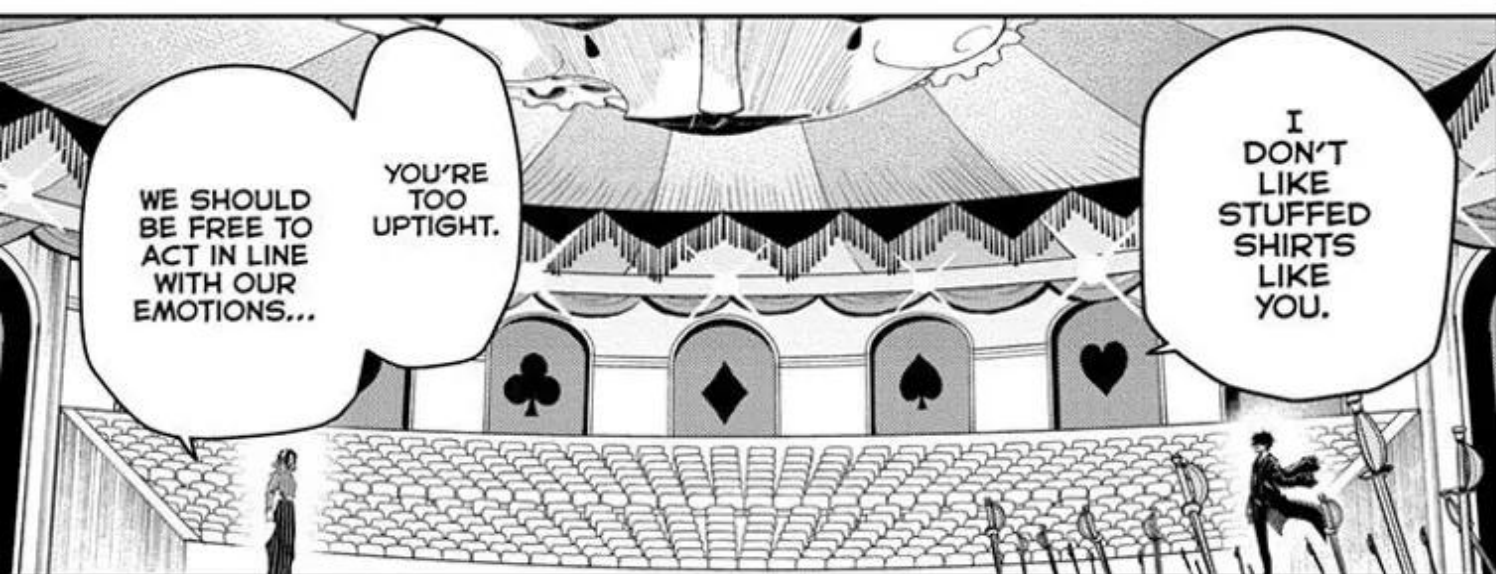


HOW
RATIO-
NAL...

SO YOU'VE
DECIDED TO
OBSERVE
MY ACTIONS...



...



WE SHOULD
BE FREE TO
ACT IN LINE
WITH OUR
EMOTIONS...

YOU'RE
TOO
UPTIGHT.

I
DON'T
LIKE
STUFFED
SHIRTS
LIKE
YOU.



...AND
KILL THE
PEOPLE
WE DON'T
LIKE.

TO
LIVE A
HAPPIER
LIFE.

TO
TAKE
THE
THINGS
WE
WANT...



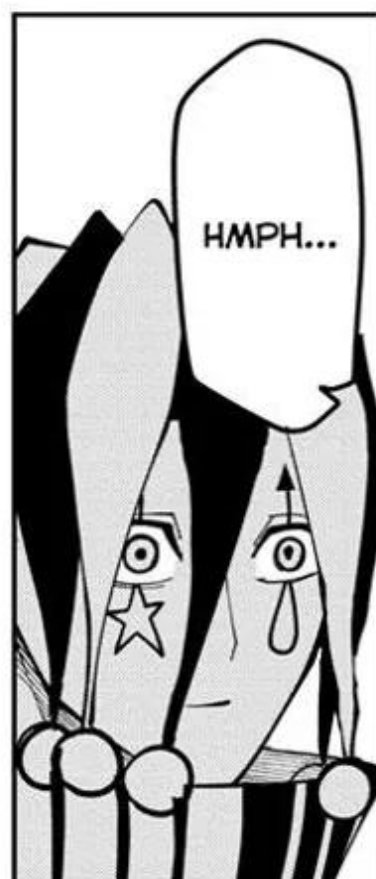
...IS
BORING.



YOUR WAY
OF LIFE...



...



HMPH...



YOU
WANT
FREEDOM?

TO LIVE
WITHOUT
RULES?



★
IT
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE
TO ME.

THEN
DO AS
YOU
PLEASE.



IT ISN'T
IN OUR
NATURE
TO BE
RATIONAL
ALL THE
TIME.

WE
HUMANS
ARE
EMOTIONAL
CREATURES.



...AS
LONG
AS YOU
FACE THE
CONSE-
QUENCES.

...OR
MAKE
OTHERS
MISER-
ABLE
TO FEEL
JOY TO
YOUR
HEART'S
CONTENT...

SO
YOU
CAN
KILL
PEOPLE
OUT
OF
RAGE
...
...OR
STEAL
THINGS
OUT OF
JEAL-
OUSY...



AND
THERE
ARE
CONSE-
QUENCES.

ZWOOM

...FROM
OVERLY
POWERFUL
CHILDREN
LIKE
YOURSELF.

ORDER AND
REGULATIONS
EXIST TO
PROTECT THE
MAJORITY OF
THE WORLD...

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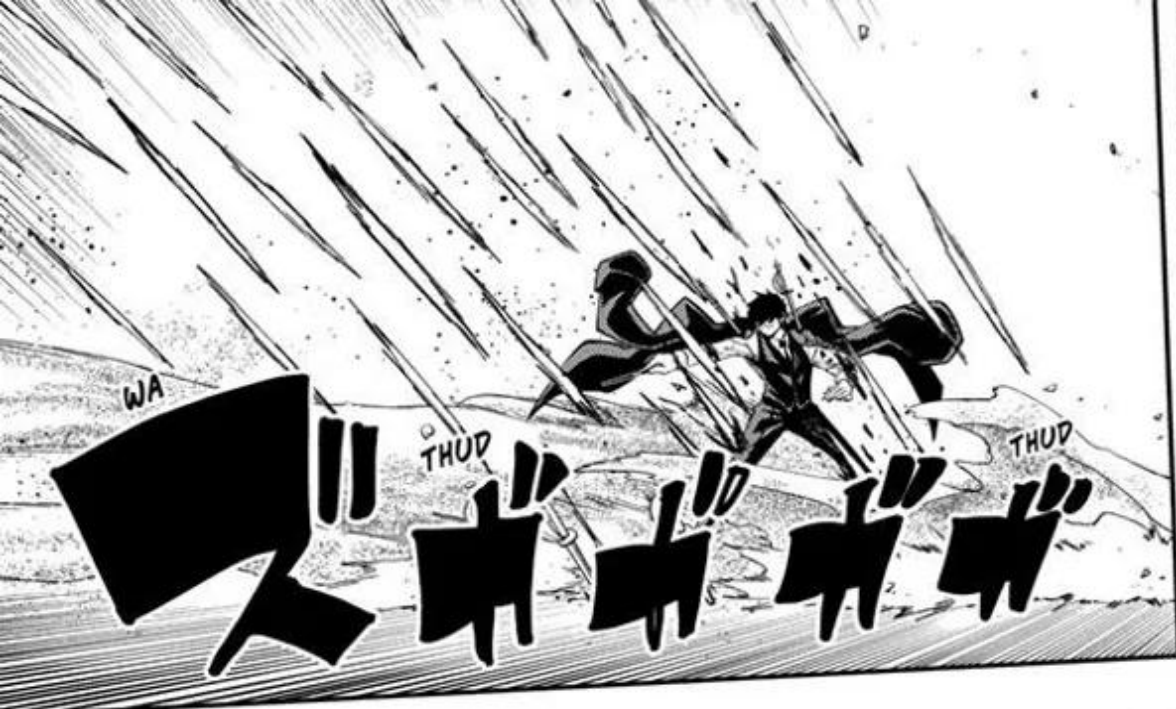


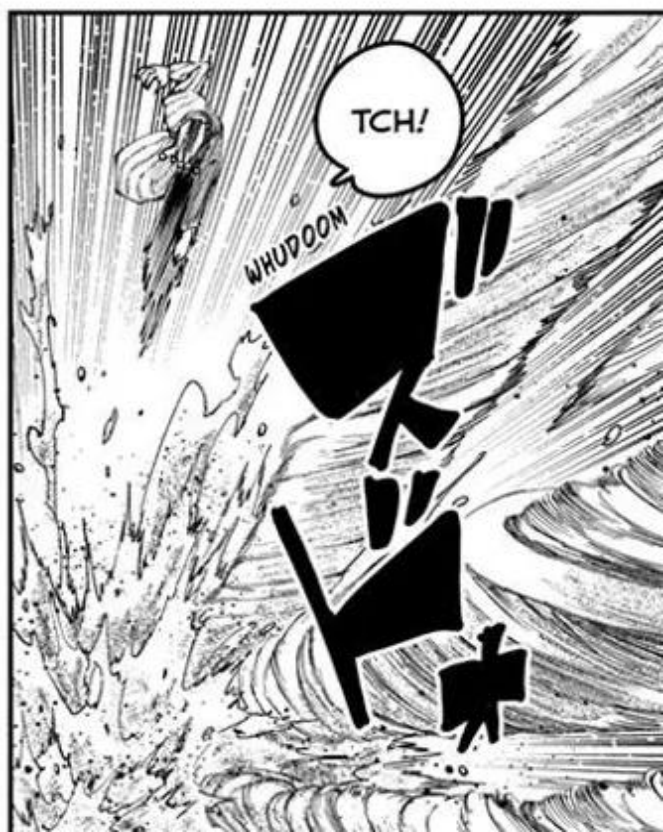
BUT
I *WILL*
MAINTAIN
ORDER.

EXERCISE
YOUR
FREEDOM
ALL YOU
LIKE.











...AND
YET, YOU
WERE
PREPARED
TO BREAK
THEM IF
THINGS
WENT
SOUTH.

YOU
DETERMINED
THE
RULES...



YOU'RE
RIGHT
IN THAT
YOU'RE
NOT
BORING.

HMPH.



...IF
THAT'S
HOW
YOU PLAY
BY THE
RULES.

BUT
YOU'RE
A LONG
WAY FROM
TALKING
ABOUT
FREEDOM...





IF YOU
DON'T LIKE
A RULE, YOU
SHOULD
BREAK IT.



ALL YOU
DO IS TALK
ABOUT
BORING
STUFF.

EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S
CHOKING
YOU TO
DEATH...



BUT YOU
SEEM
TO LIKE
BEING
TIED
DOWN.



SPARE
ME YOUR
SYMPATHY.

POOR
THING...

LET'S
SEE HOW
FREE YOU
ARE AFTER
I LOCK
YOU IN A
CAGE.

ALLOW ME
TO KILL YOU
AND SET YOU
FREE.

To be continued!