

HAPPY TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

THE FIRST OFFICIAL CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS FROM JAPAN ARE IN!!

*CHECK PAGE 148 FOR SEVENTH PLACE AND ONWARD!



THANKS,
EVERY-
ONE.

1ST

MASH BURNEDEAD
11,534 VOTES

THE
GODS
HAVE
BLESSED
ME.

2ND

KALDO GEHENNA
7,892 VOTES

3RD

LANCE CROWN
6,879 VOTES

H M P H
...

GRR.

I LOST
TO
FANCY
BOY
THERE...

4TH

DOT BARRETT
5,180 VOTES

AN
ACCEPT-
ABLE
SHOWING...

5TH

RAYNE AMES
5,035 VOTES

6TH
FINN AMES
3,507 VOTES

YAY!

CHAPTER 104:
MASH BURNEDEAD AND THE PLUCKED TAIL





WHY'D
YOU
HAVE
TO
SCARE
MEEEE
?!



A
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H!

DO
THAT AND
YOU'LL HAVE
PASSED
THE FIRST
HURDLE.

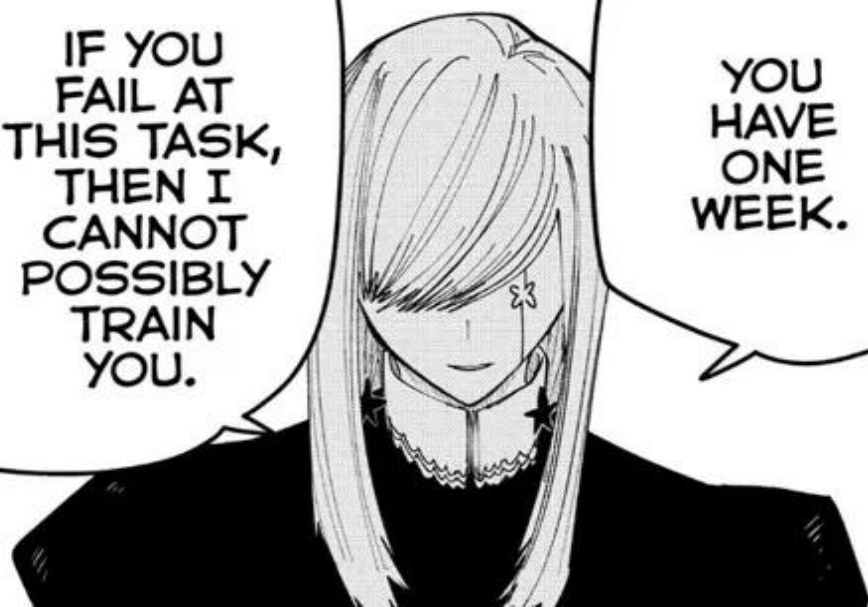
SUP.



YOUR
JOB IS
TO TAKE
ALL 12
TAILS
OFF OF
OCHOA
HERE.

IF YOU
FAIL AT
THIS TASK,
THEN I
CANNOT
POSSIBLY
TRAIN
YOU.

YOU
HAVE
ONE
WEEK.



E
A
S
Y.



DO TRY
AND SHOW
ME YOU'RE
NOT JUST
ALL TALK
BY THE
TIME I
RETURN.

NOW,
I HAVE
A FLOWER
ARRANGE-
MENT CLASS
I MUST
CHECK
IN ON.



YOU
CAME
HERE BY
WAY OF
RYOH'S
GRACE,
BUT...

KNOW
THAT YOU
ARE UP
AGAINST
MY
PUPIL.



F...
FLOWER
ARRANGE-
MENT...?



...I
WON'T
WASTE MY
TIME ON
SOMEONE
WITHOUT
PROMISE.





TIME...GRAVITY
10 MIN ... X 2
20 MIN ... X 3
30 MIN ... X 4

THIS TEST
JUST GOT
A LOT
TOUGHER!!

FIGHT
THROUGH
IT AND
GRAB
THOSE
12 TAILS.

THE
LONGER
YOU TAKE,
THE WORSE
YOUR
ODDS.

80 MIN

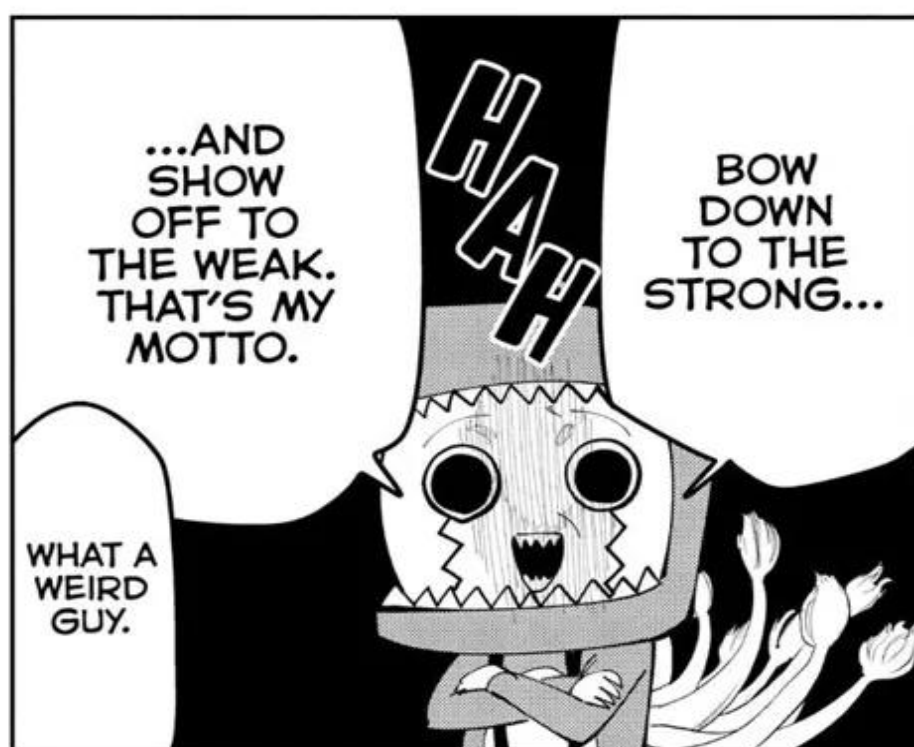
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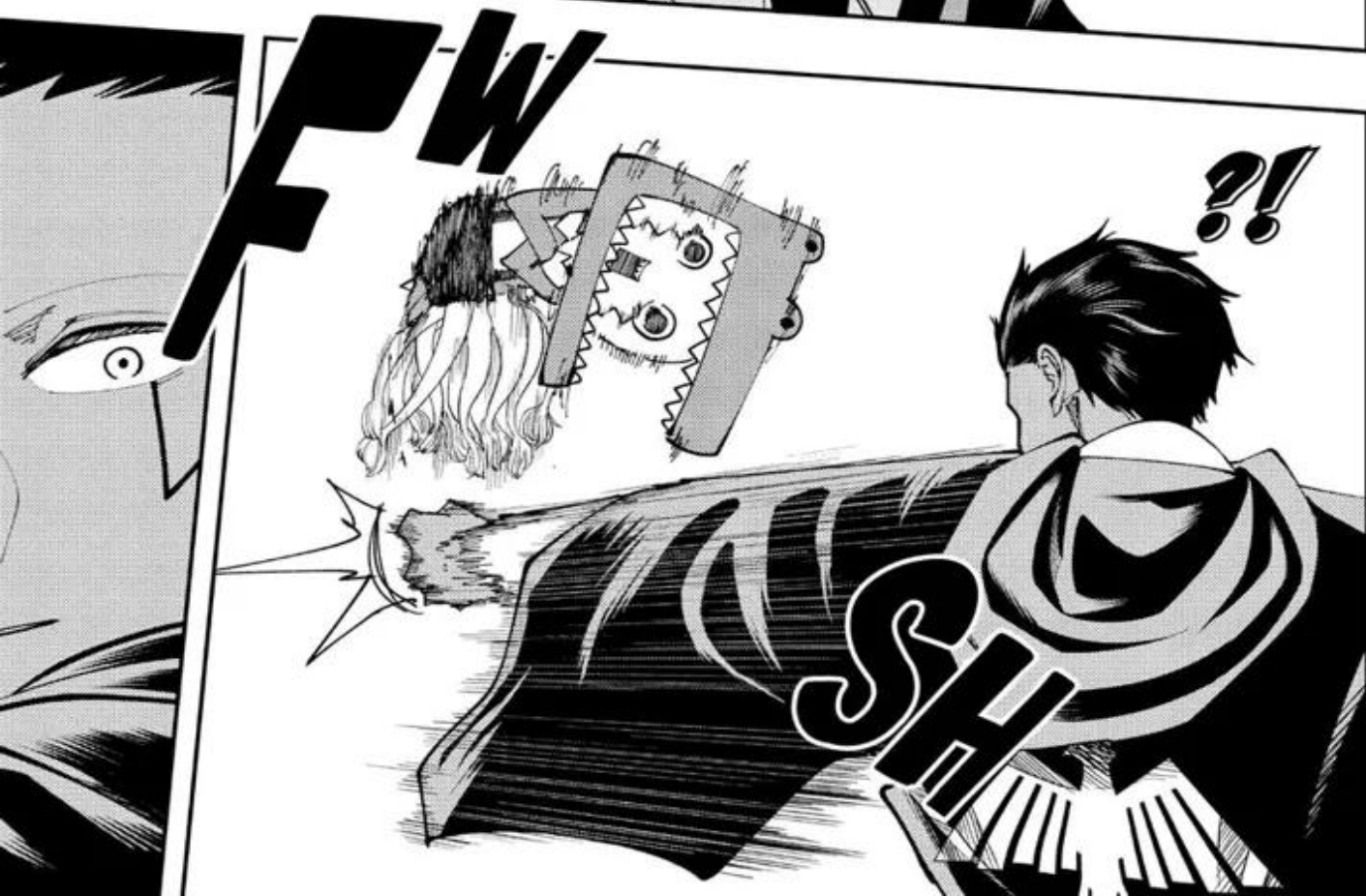
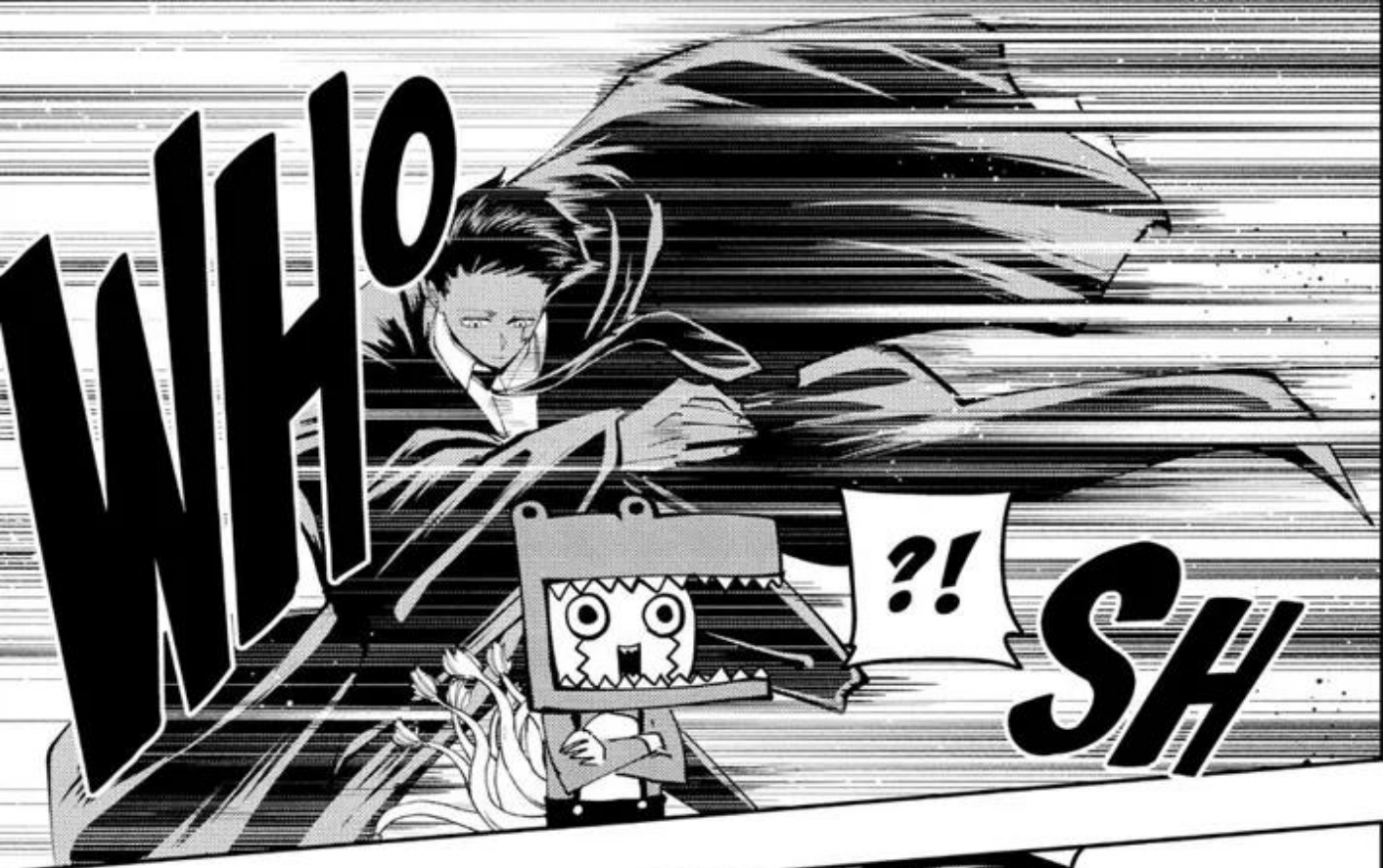
THE
GRAVITY IN
THIS ROOM
INCREASES
EXPONENTIALLY
EVERY TEN
MINUTES.

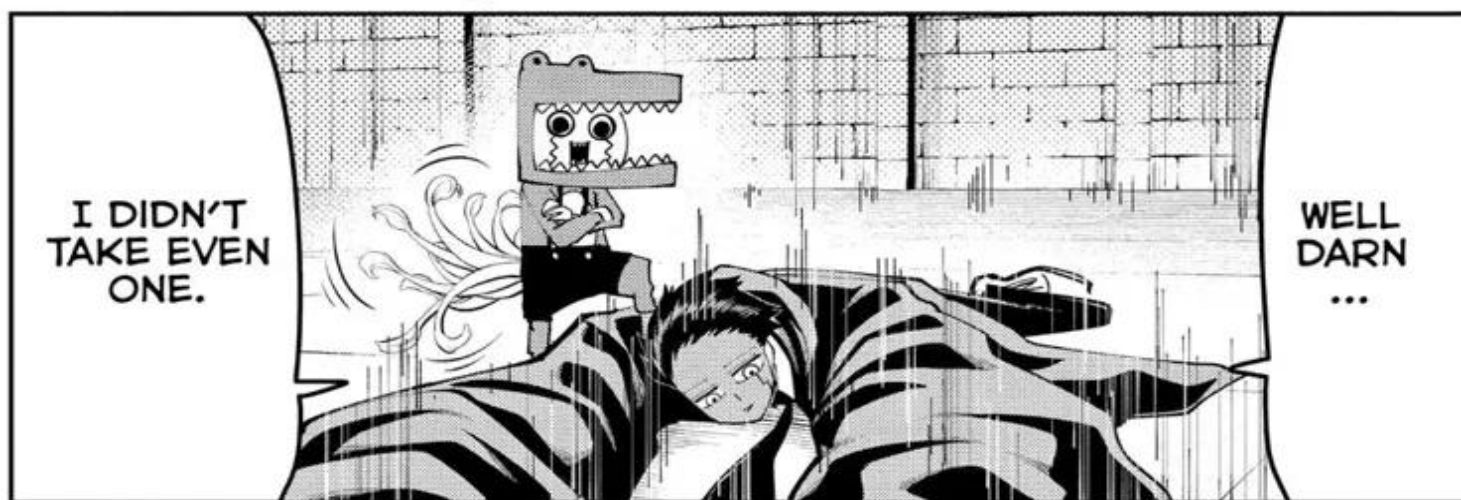
I'M
PROTECTED
FROM THE
GRAVITY'S
EFFECT BY
MY OWN
MAGIC.

THAT'S
CHEAT-
ING...



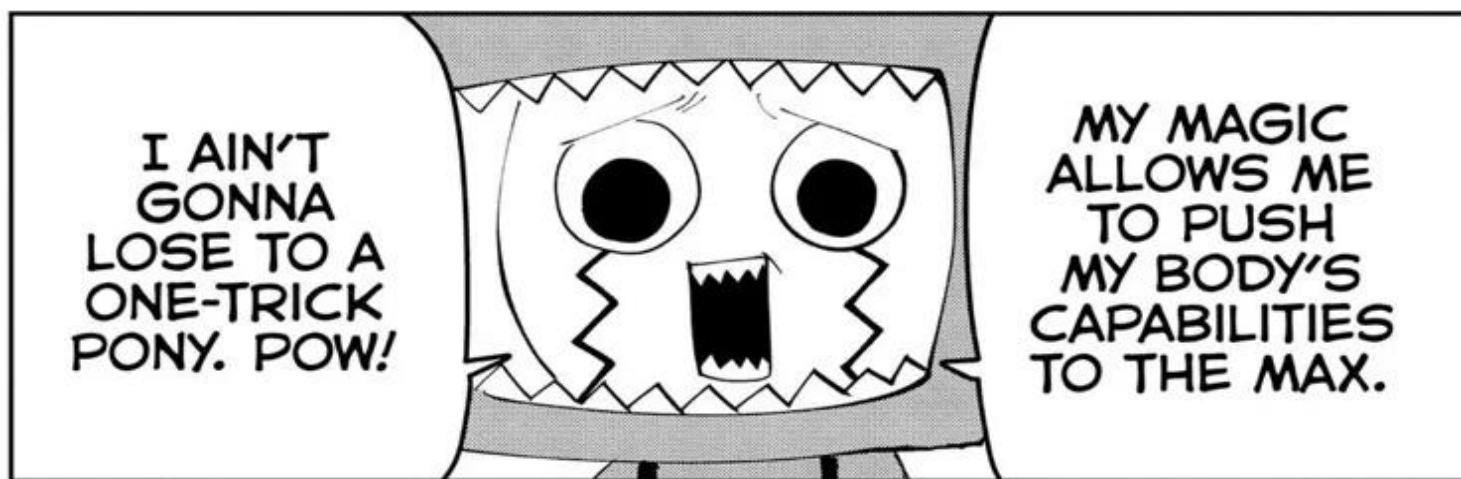






I DIDN'T
TAKE EVEN
ONE.

WELL
DARN
...

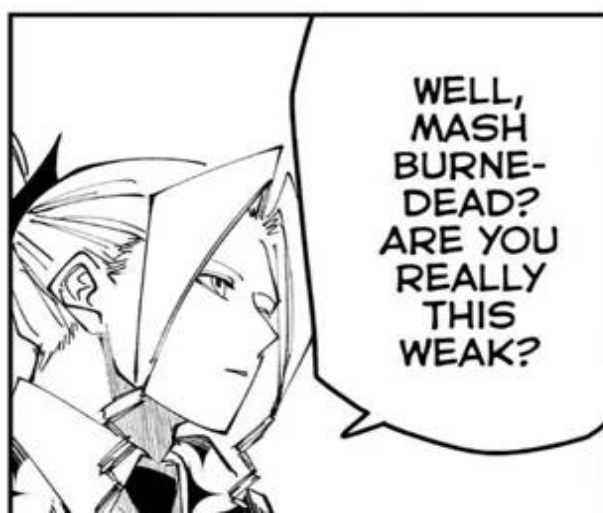


I AIN'T
GONNA
LOSE TO A
ONE-TRICK
PONY. POW!

MY MAGIC
ALLOWS ME
TO PUSH
MY BODY'S
CAPABILITIES
TO THE MAX.



WEAK
...?



WELL,
MASH
BURN-
DEAD?
ARE YOU
REALLY
THIS
WEAK?



E E K !!

R O L L

TWITCH



*Despite
his efforts,
Mash failed
to grab a
single tail.*



*Time
passed
merci-
lessly...*

READY
TO TREAT
ME WITH
RESPECT?

POW!
POW!



AT
THIS RATE,
YOU REALLY
WILL LOSE
EVERYTHING
YOU CARE
ABOUT, MASH
BURNEDEAD.

GEEZ.

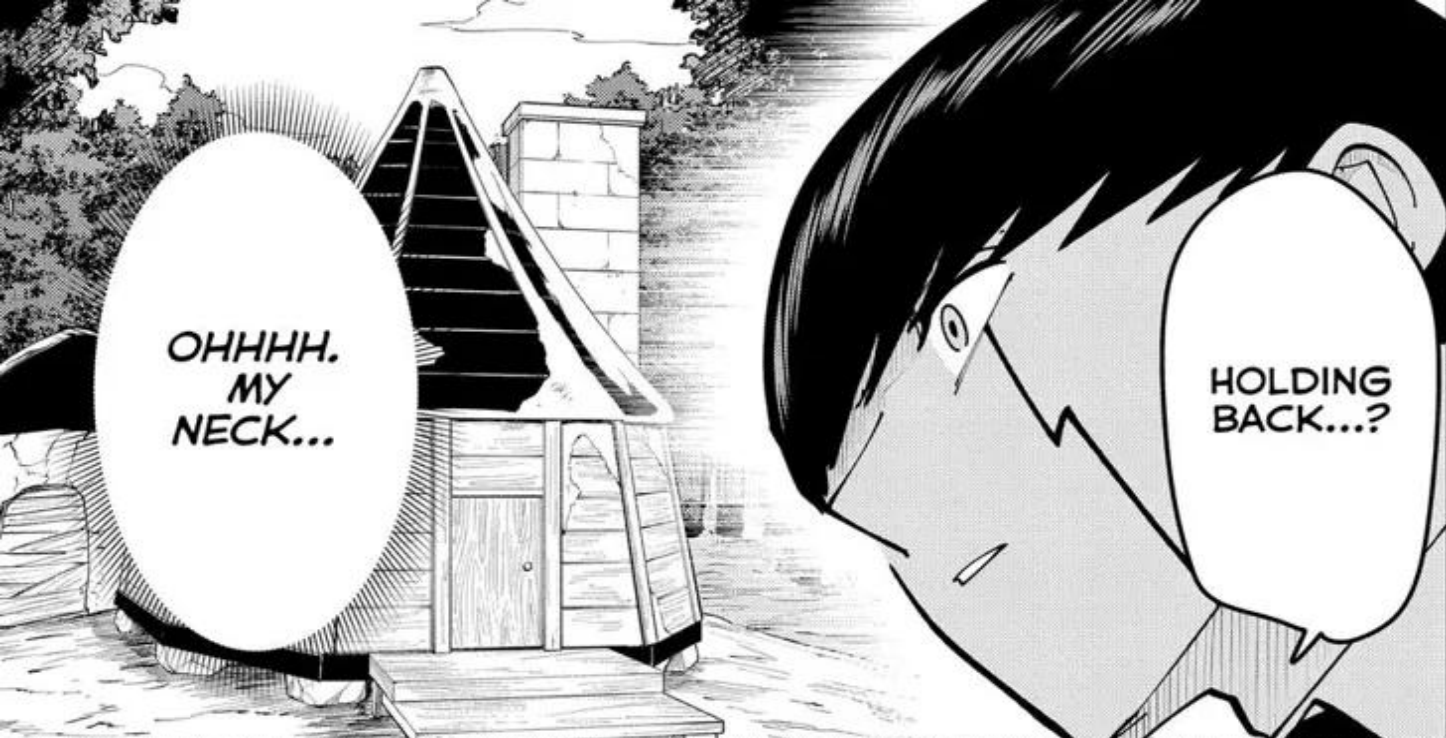


THINK
BACK.
WHAT
CAUSED
YOU TO
BE THIS
WAY?



DON'T YOU
REALIZE
THAT YOU'RE
ALWAYS
HOLDING
BACK?





UM?!
HOLD ON,
MASH! M-MY
SHOULDERS!!
THEY'RE
P-P-POPPING!!
YOU'LL
POP THEM
RIGHT OFF!!
AAAAAAAH!



AAAAAAH!
THAT'S
THE SOUND
OF YOU
GRINDING
UP MY
SHOULDERS!
OH, THE
GRINDING!

GAA-
AH!

SNAP

SORRY,
WHAT
WAS THAT,
POPS? IT
GOT NOISY
ALL OF A
SUDDEN.

SNAP
SNAP

DUHDUM

...



MY
SHOULDERS...
THEY'RE
BROKEN...

D
A
M
N
!!



GLOOM ...

I'M
SORRY,
POPS...

...AND
PROTECT
YOUR
FRIENDS
AND
FAMILY!!!

IT'S
TIME TO
OVERCOME
THE PAST...

BA-DUMP

WHEN
WIELDED
PROPERLY,
GREAT
STRENGTH
ALSO HAS
THE POWER
TO SAVE
PEOPLE.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT,
MASH...
DON'T
FEEL
BAD...

