SPY×FAMILY

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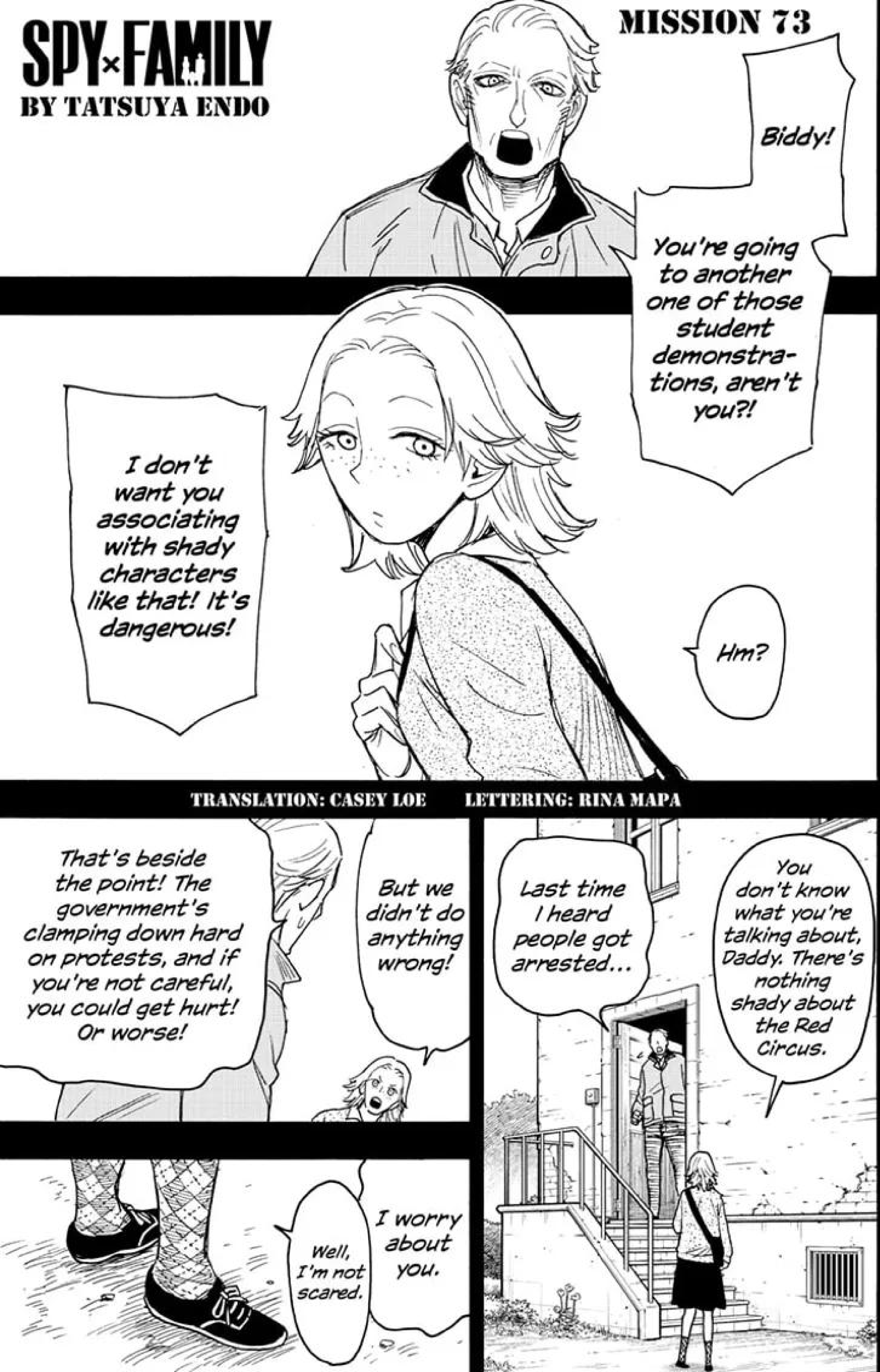
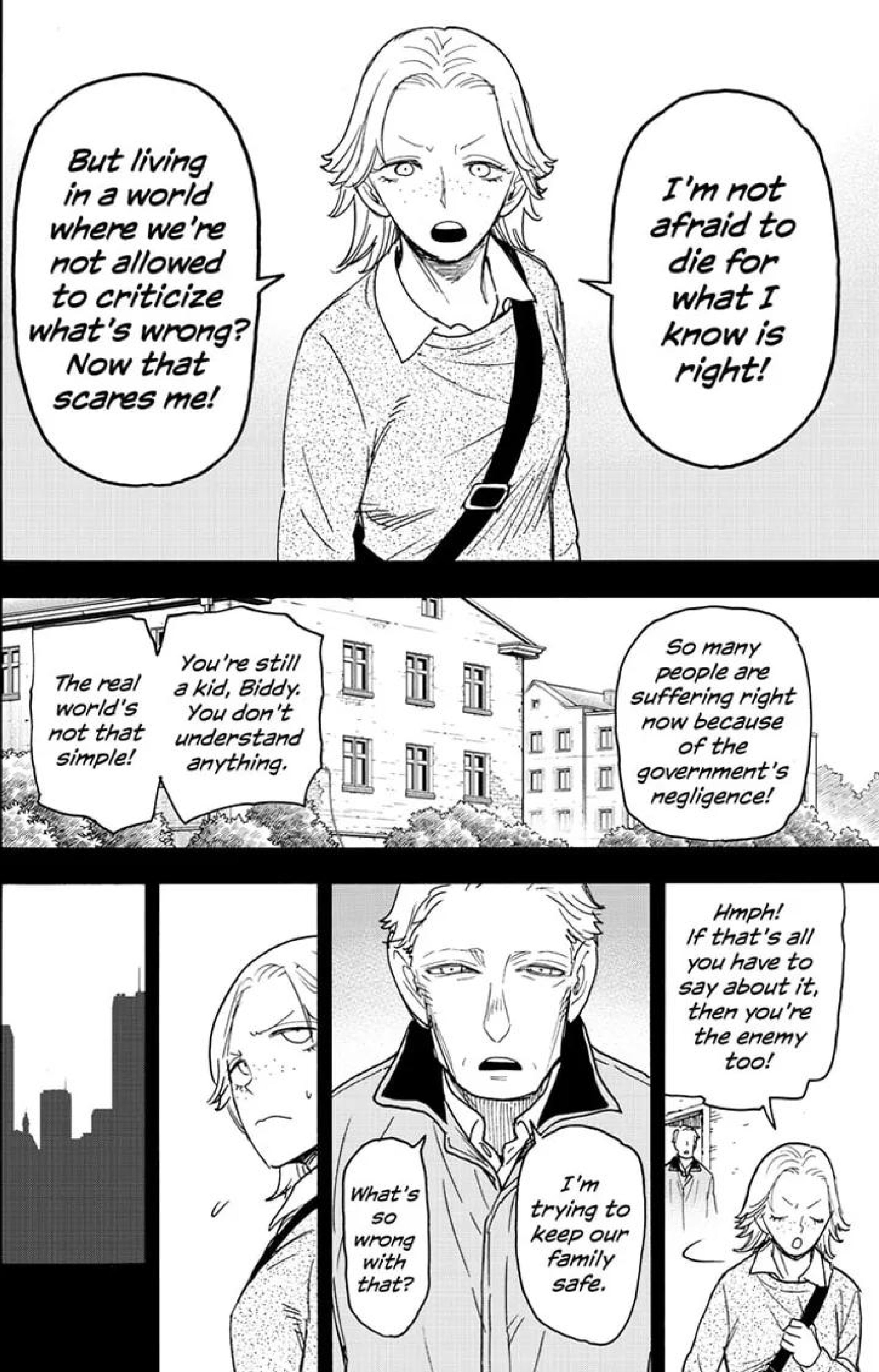
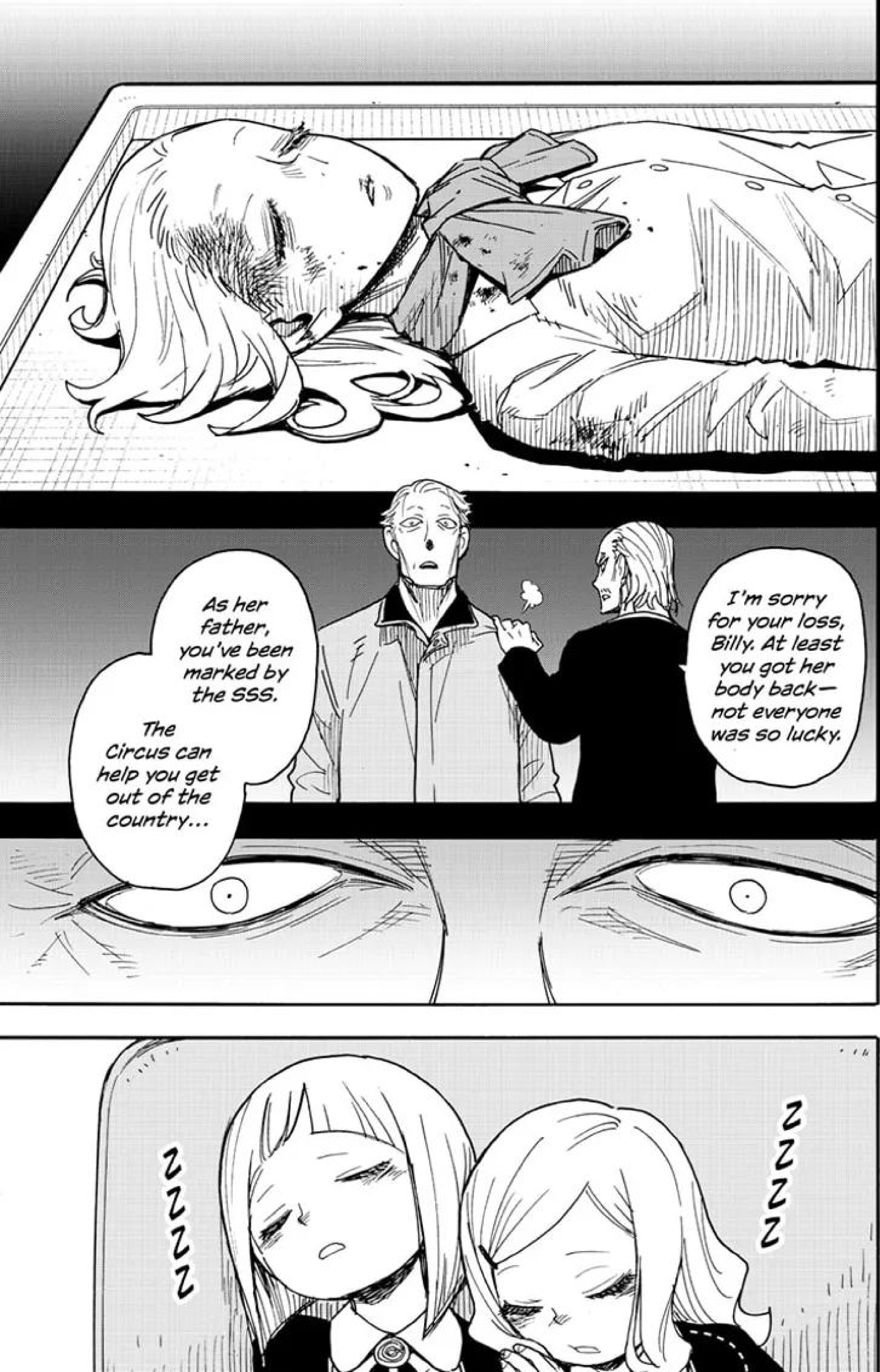

Biddy!
You're going to another one of those student demonstrations, aren't you?!
Hm?
I don't want you associating with shady characters like that! It's dangerous!
You don't know what you're talking about, Daddy. There's nothing shady about the Red Circus.
Last time I heard people got arrested...
But we didn't do anything wrong!
That's beside the point! The government's clamping down hard on protests, and if you're not careful, you could get hurt! Or worse!
I worry about you.
Well, I'm not scared.

TRANSLATION: CASEY LOE LETTERING: RINA MAPA


I'm not afraid to die for what I know is right!
But living in a world where we're not allowed to criticize what's wrong? Now that scares me!
So many people are suffering right now because of the government's negligence!
You're still a kid, Biddy. You don't understand anything.
The real world's not that simple!
Hmph! If that's all you have to say about it, then you're the enemy too!
I'm trying to keep our family safe.
What's so wrong with that?


I'm sorry for your loss, Billy. At least you got her body back—not everyone was so lucky.
As her father, you've been marked by the SSS.
The Circus can help you get out of the country...
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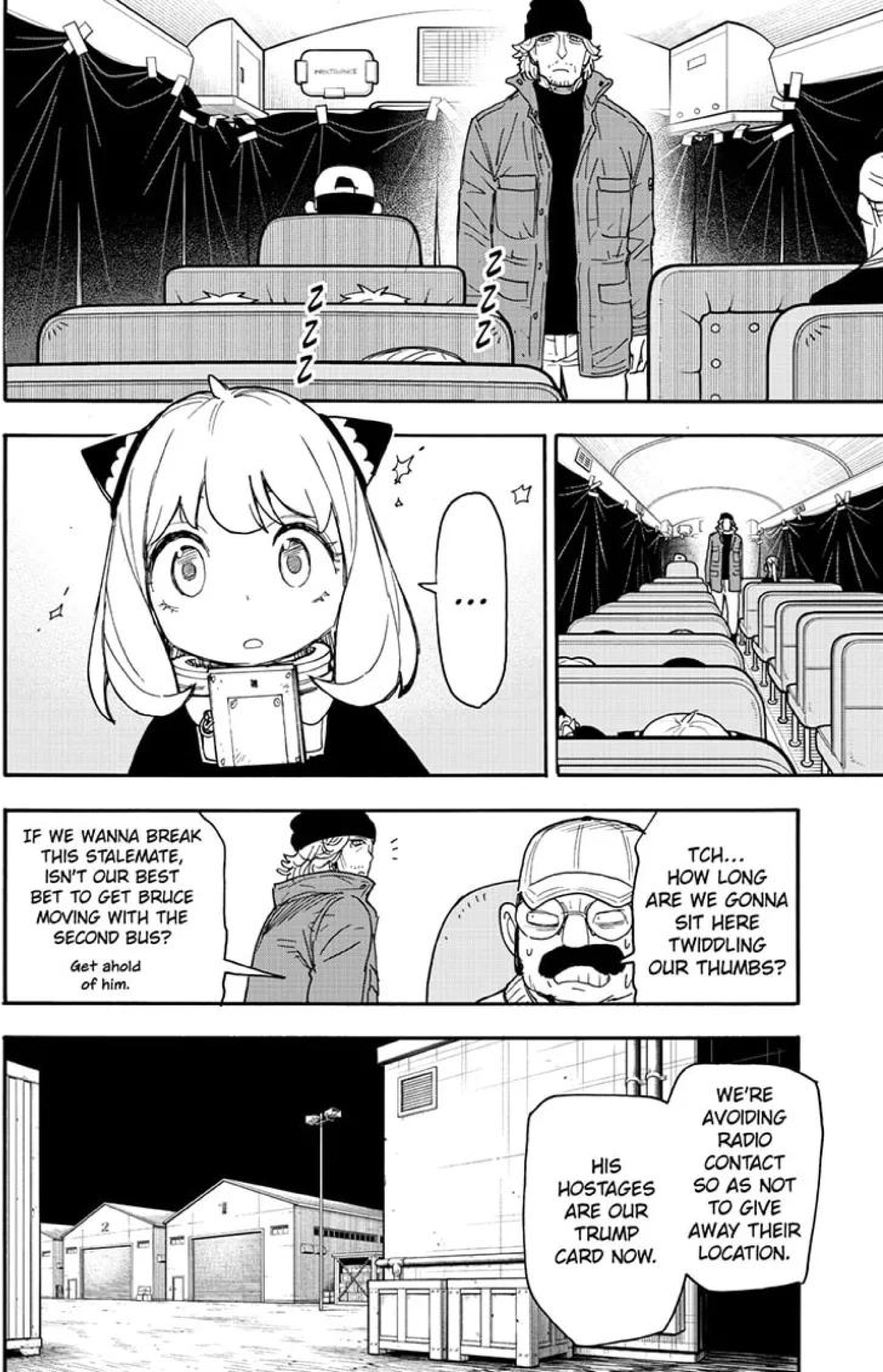
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TCH... HOW LONG ARE WE GONNA SIT HERE TWIDDLING OUR THUMBS?
IF WE WANNA BREAK THIS STALEMATE, ISN'T OUR BEST BET TO GET BRUCE MOVING WITH THE SECOND BUS?
Get ahold of him.
WE'RE AVOIDING RADIO CONTACT SO AS NOT TO GIVE AWAY THEIR LOCATION.
HIS HOSTAGES ARE OUR TRUMP CARD NOW.
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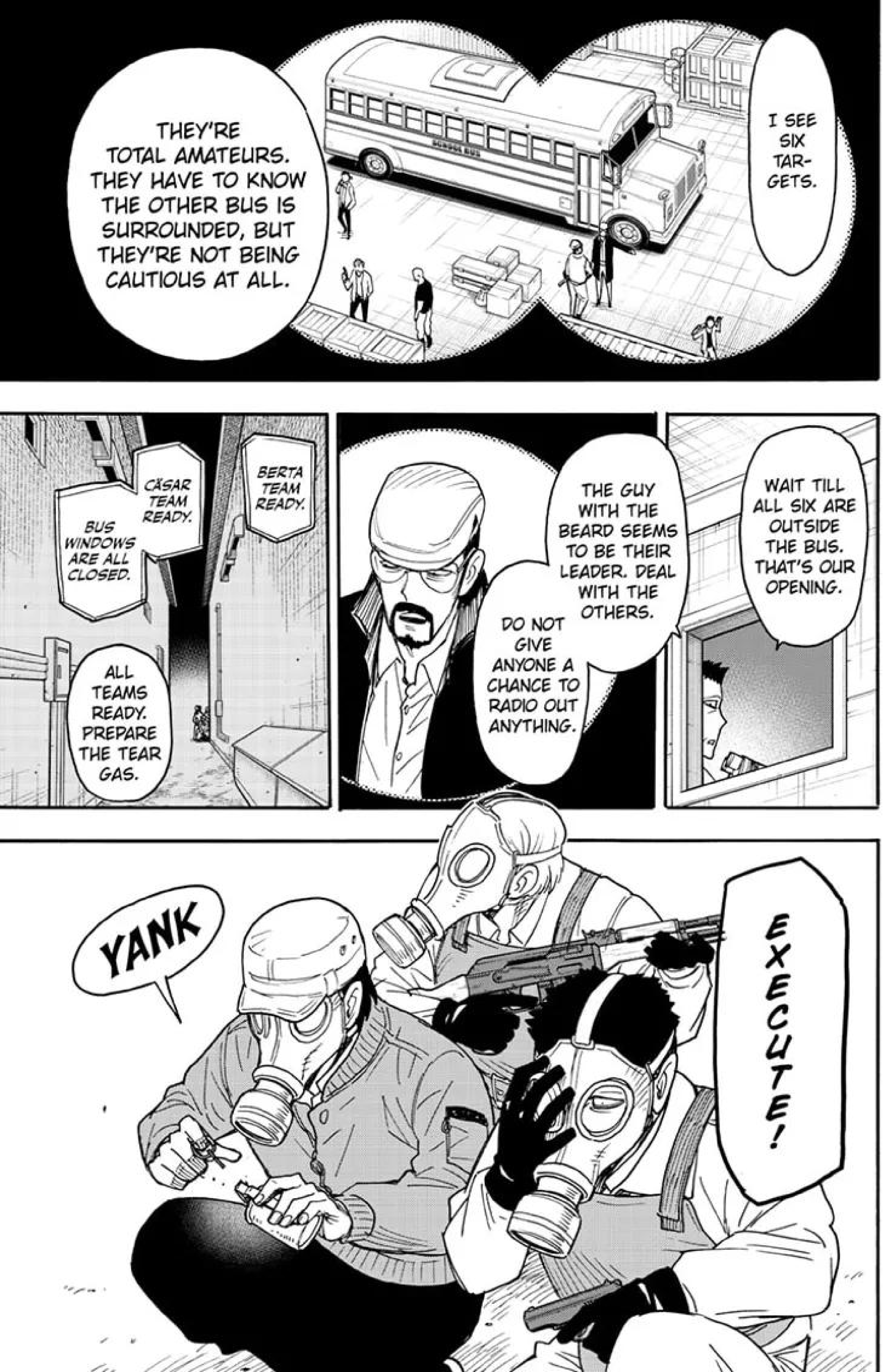
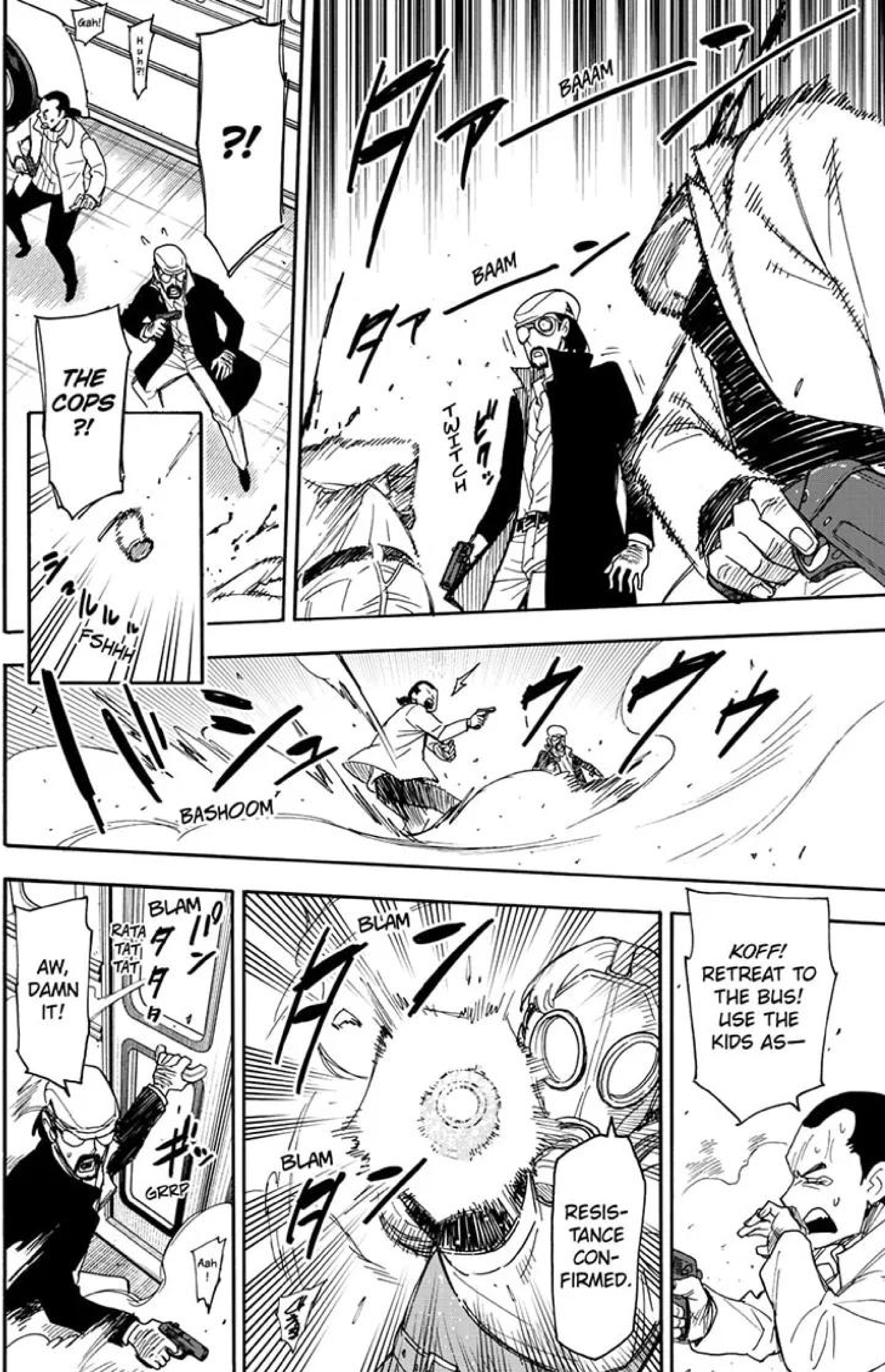

I SEE SIX TARGETS.
THEY'RE TOTAL AMATEURS. THEY HAVE TO KNOW THE OTHER BUS IS SURROUNDED, BUT THEY'RE NOT BEING CAUTIOUS AT ALL.
WAIT TILL ALL SIX ARE OUTSIDE THE BUS. THAT'S OUR OPENING.
THE GUY WITH THE BEARD SEEMS TO BE THEIR LEADER. DEAL WITH THE OTHERS.
DO NOT GIVE ANYONE A CHANCE TO RADIO OUT ANYTHING.
BERTA TEAM READY.
CÄSAR TEAM READY.
BUS WINDOWS ARE ALL CLOSED.
ALL TEAMS READY. PREPARE THE TEAR GAS.
EXECUTE!
YANK


BAAAM
BAAM
TWITCH
Gah!
Huh?!
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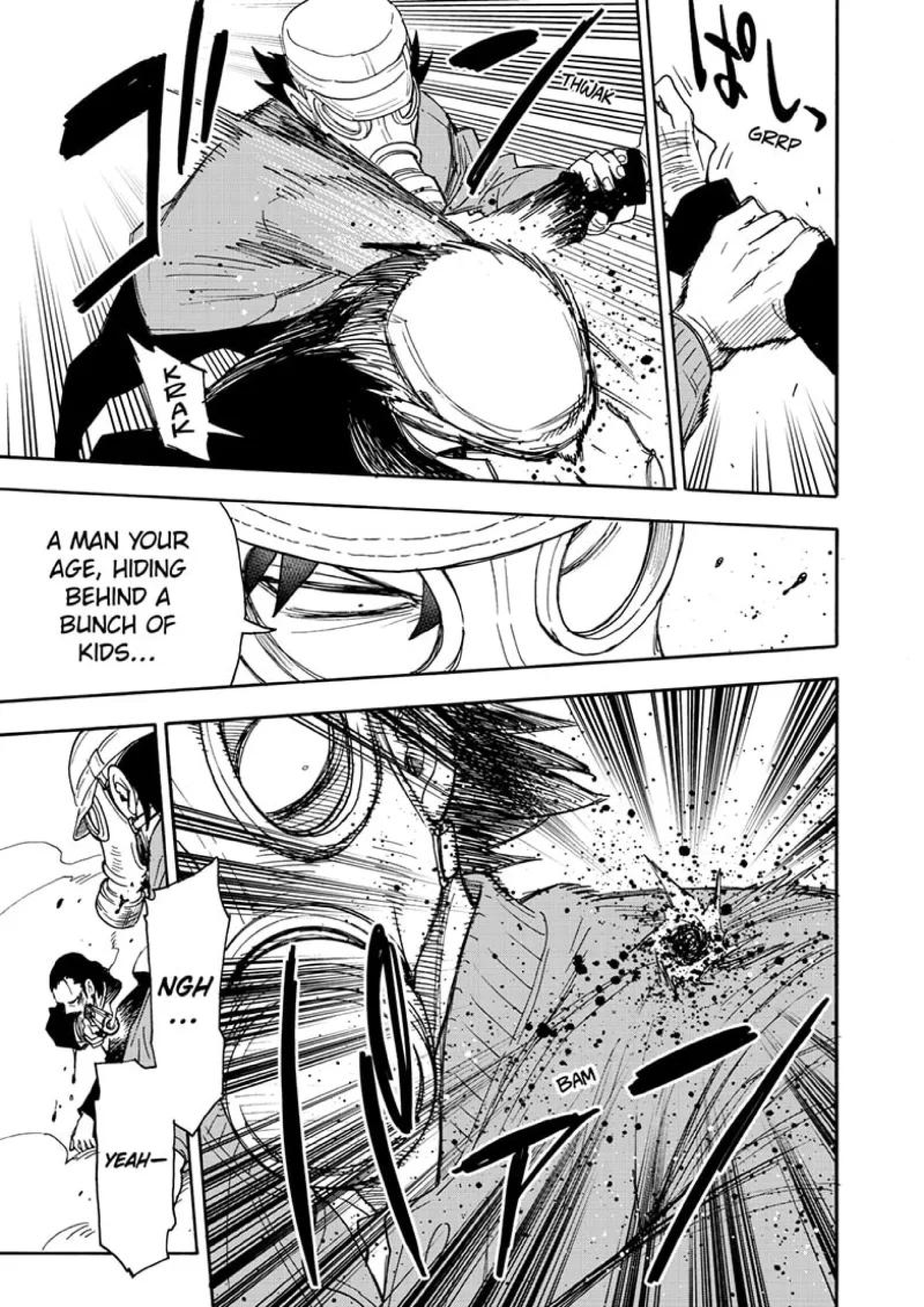
THE COPS?!
FSHHH
BASHOOM
KOFF! RETREAT TO THE BUS! USE THE KIDS AS—
BLAM
BLAM
RESISTANCE CONFIRMED.
BLAM
RATATATAT
AW, DAMN IT!
GRRP
Aah!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GRRP
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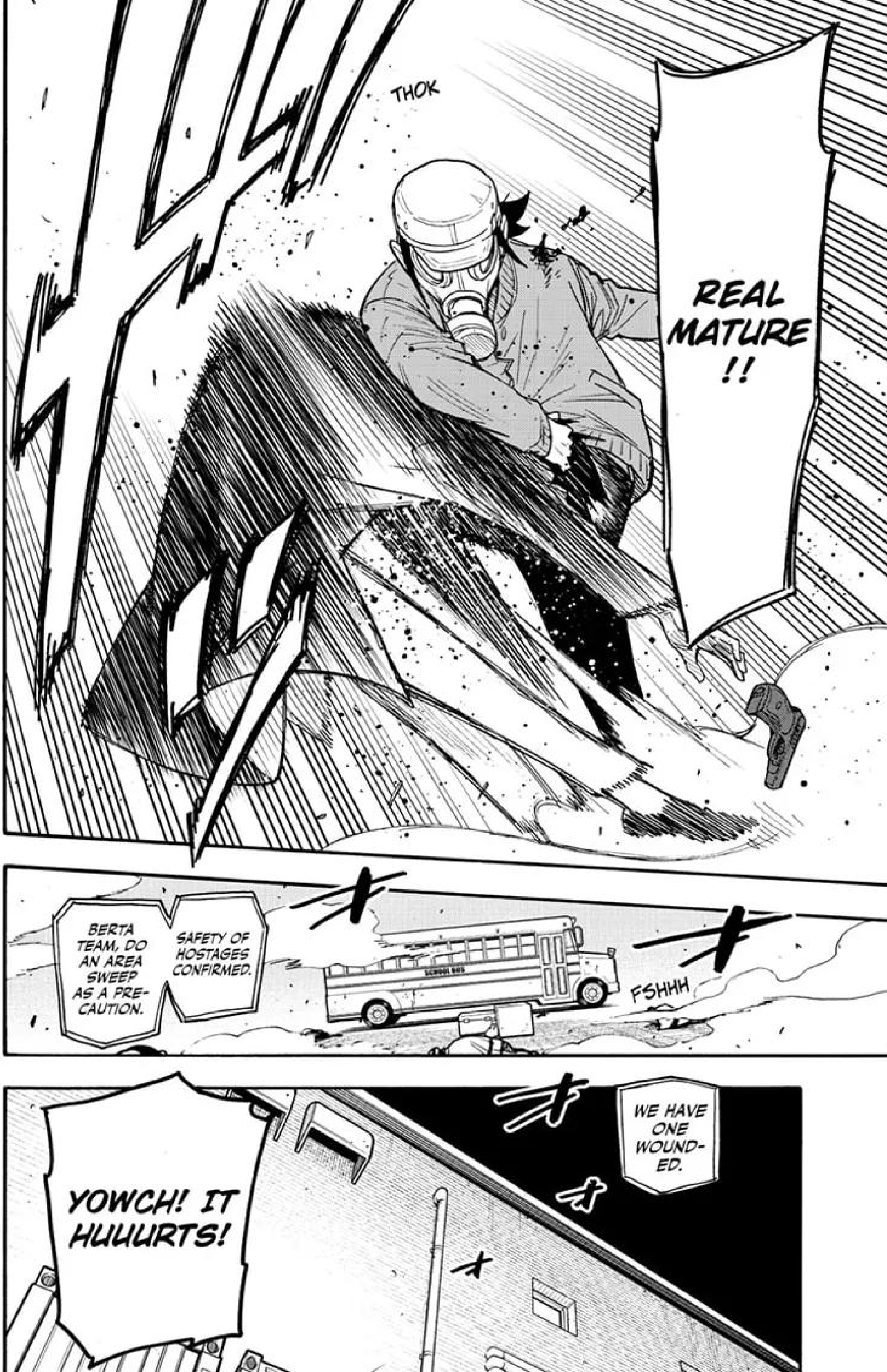
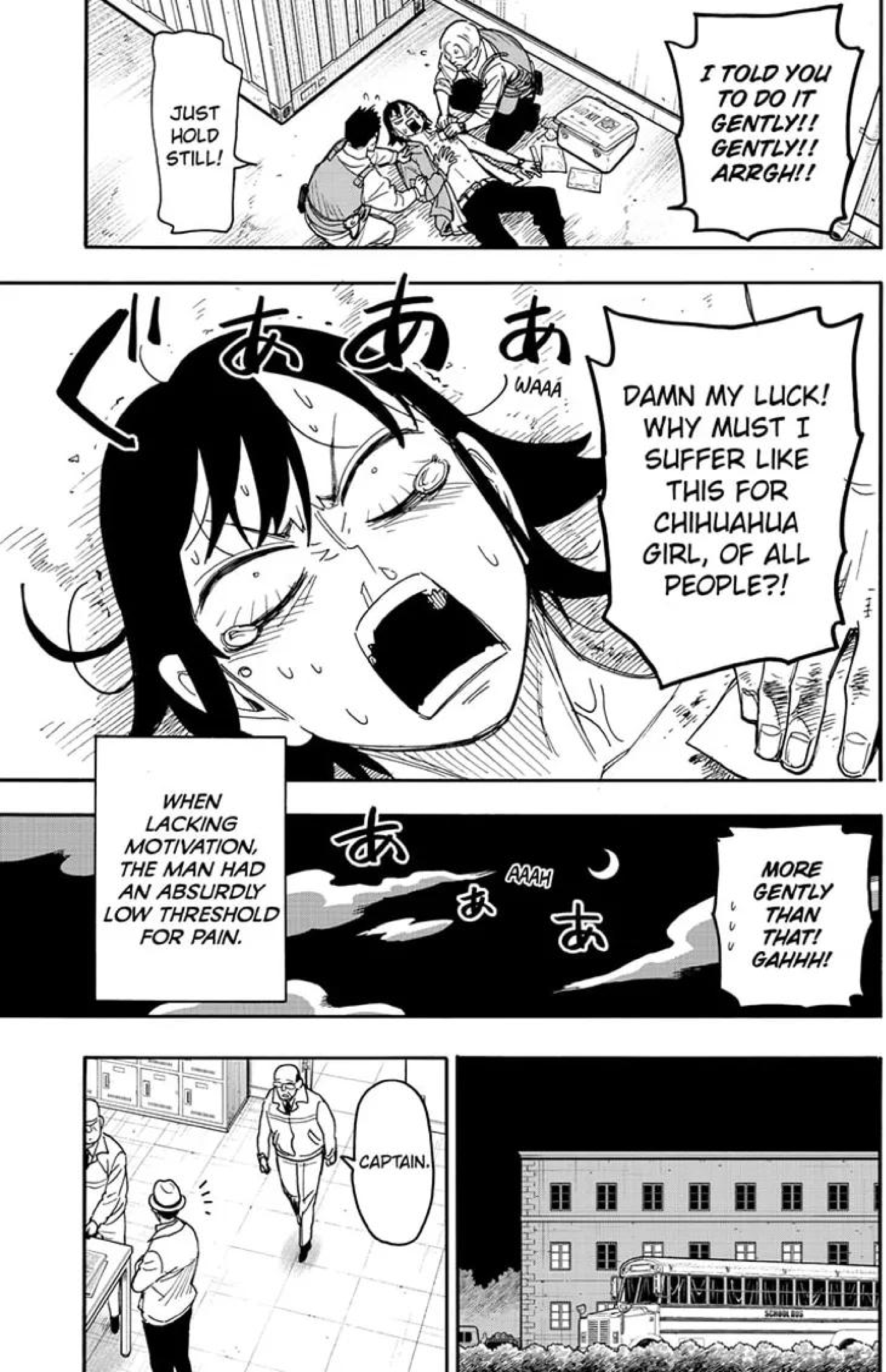
KRAK
A MAN YOUR AGE, HIDING BEHIND A BUNCH OF KIDS...
NGH ...
YEAH—
BAM


THOK
REAL MATURE!!
SAFETY OF HOSTAGES CONFIRMED.
BERTA TEAM, DO AN AREA SWEEP AS A PRECAUTION.
SCHOOL BUS
FSHHH
WE HAVE ONE WOUNDED.
YOWCH! IT HUUURTS!


I TOLD YOU TO DO IT GENTLY!! GENTLY!! ARRGH!!
JUST HOLD STILL!
DAMN MY LUCK! WHY MUST I SUFFER LIKE THIS FOR CHIHUAHUA GIRL, OF ALL PEOPLE?!
WAAA
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MORE GENTLY THAN THAT! GAHHH!
AAAH
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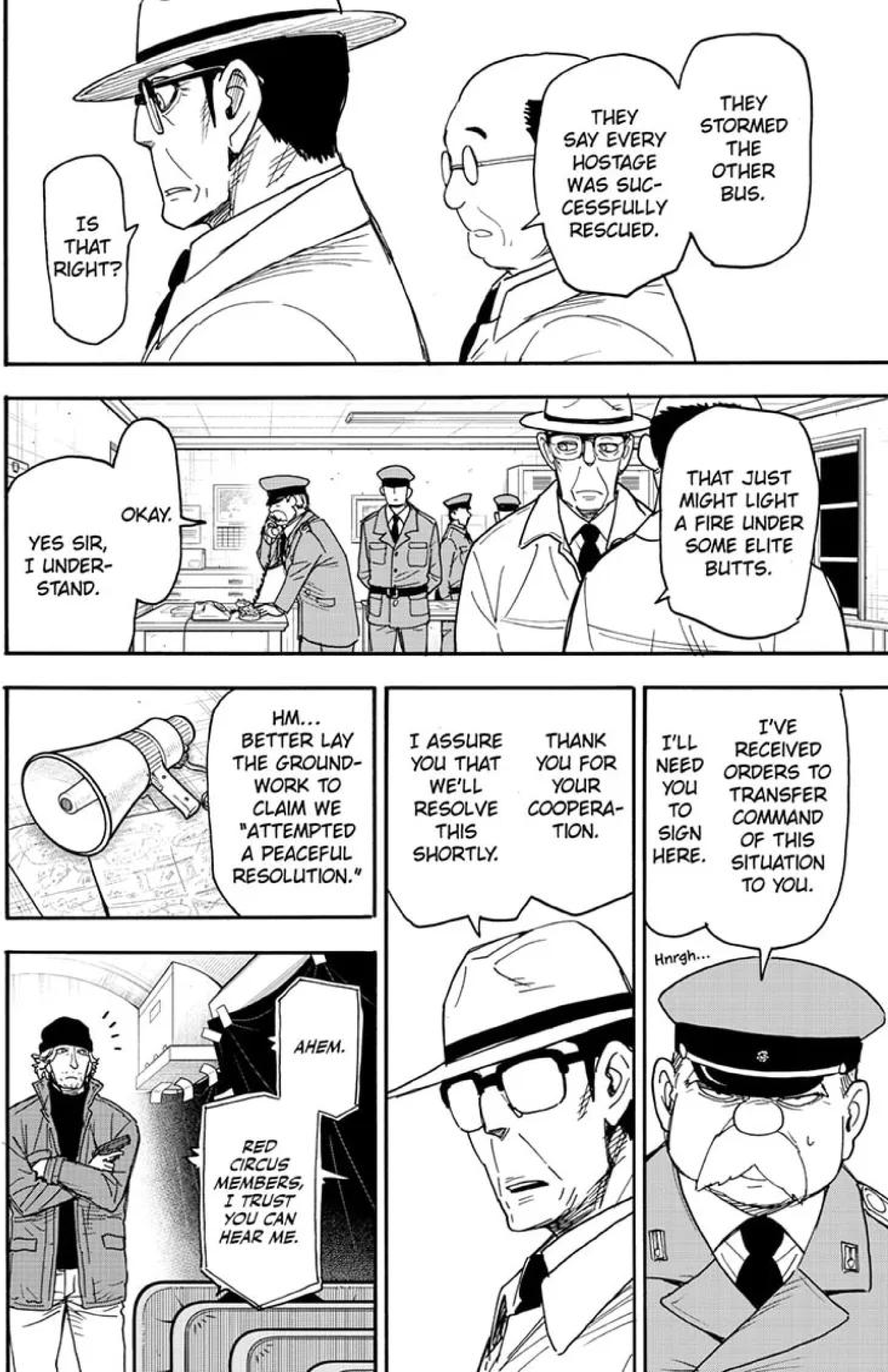
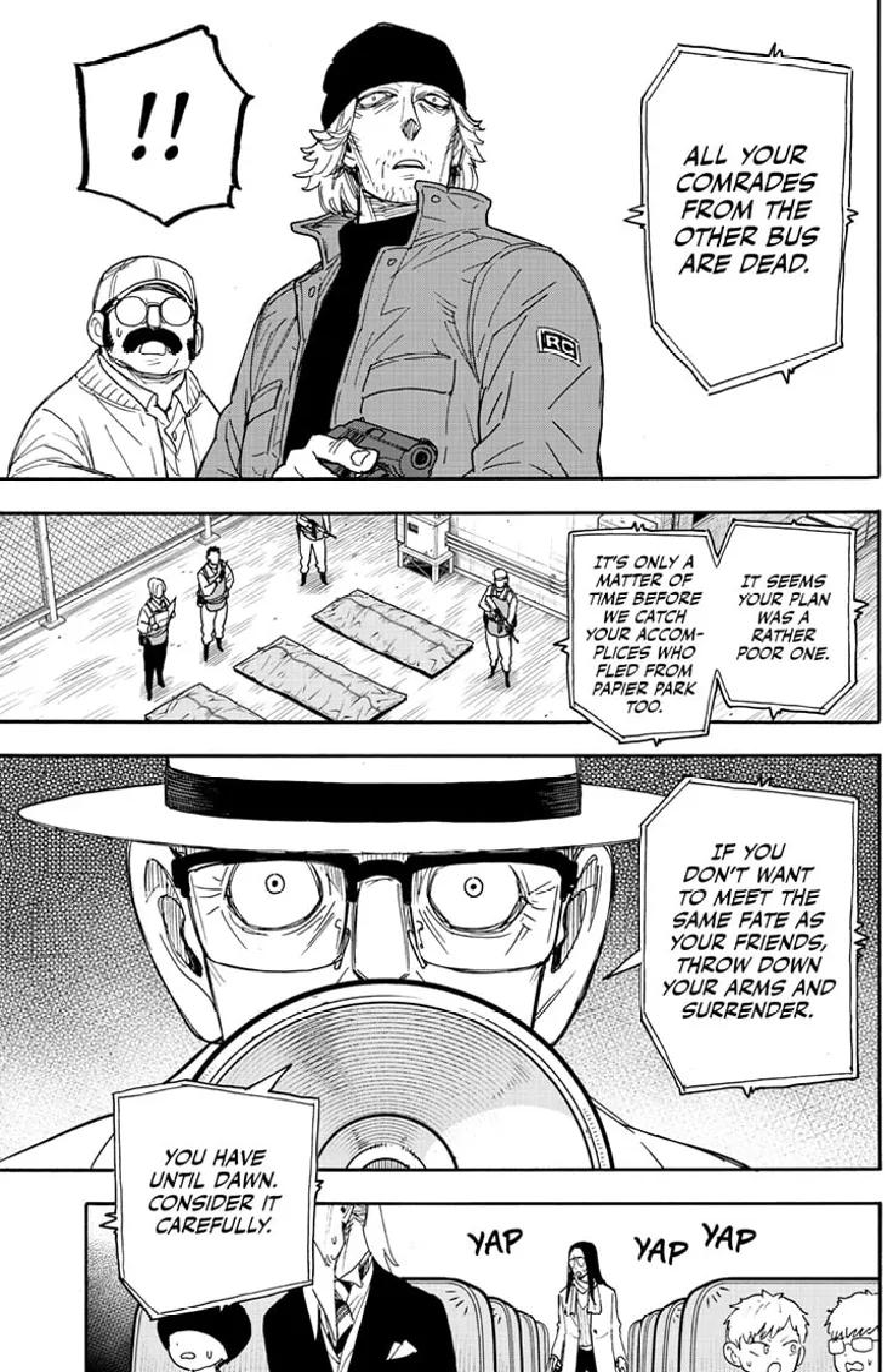
WHEN LACKING MOTIVATION, THE MAN HAD AN ABSURDLY LOW THRESHOLD FOR PAIN.
CAPTAIN.
SCHOOL BUS


THEY STORMED THE OTHER BUS.
THEY SAY EVERY HOSTAGE WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED.
IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT JUST MIGHT LIGHT A FIRE UNDER SOME ELITE BUTTS.
OKAY.
YES SIR, I UNDERSTAND.
I'VE RECEIVED ORDERS TO TRANSFER COMMAND OF THIS SITUATION TO YOU.
I'LL NEED YOU TO SIGN HERE.
Hnrgh...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
I ASSURE YOU THAT WE'LL RESOLVE THIS SHORTLY.
HM... BETTER LAY THE GROUNDWORK TO CLAIM WE "ATTEMPTED A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION."
AHEM.
RED CIRCUS MEMBERS, I TRUST YOU CAN HEAR ME.


ALL YOUR COMRADES FROM THE OTHER BUS ARE DEAD.
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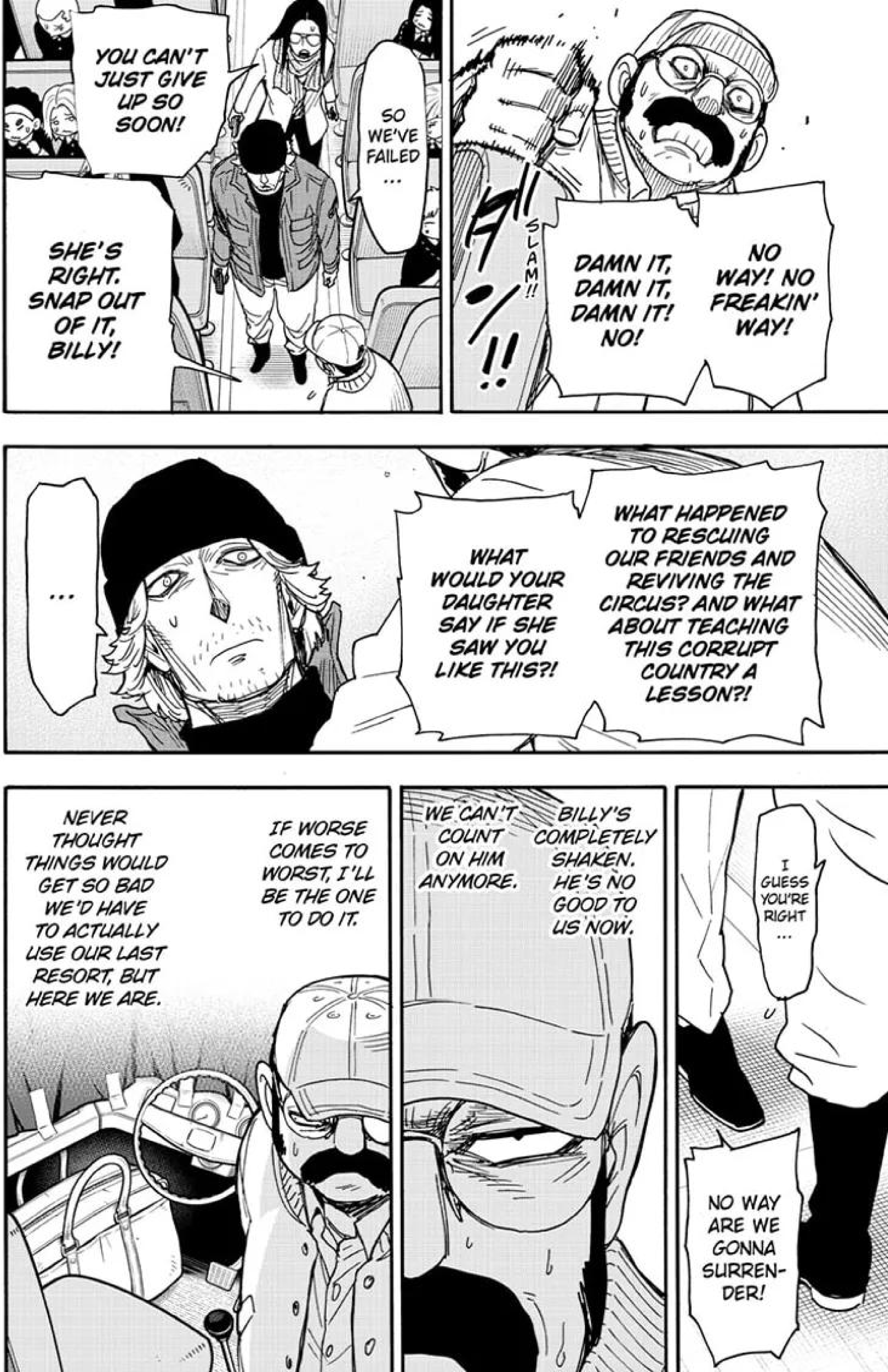
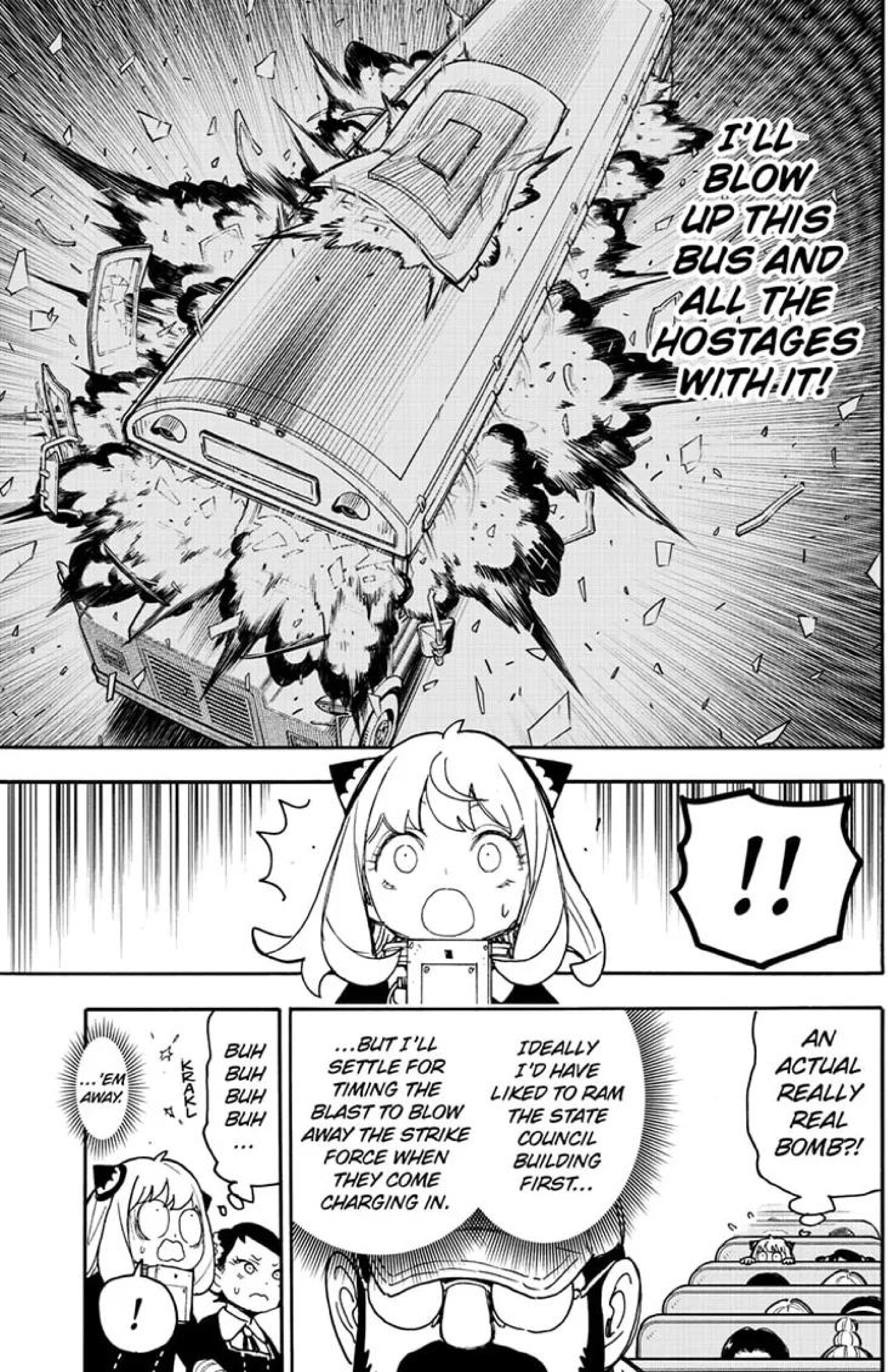
IT SEEMS YOUR PLAN WAS A RATHER POOR ONE.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE CATCH YOUR ACCOMPLICES WHO FLED FROM PAPIER PARK TOO.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MEET THE SAME FATE AS YOUR FRIENDS, THROW DOWN YOUR ARMS AND SURRENDER.
YOU HAVE UNTIL DAWN. CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY.
YAP YAP
YAP
YAP


NO WAY! NO FREAKIN' WAY!
DAMN IT, DAMN IT, DAMN IT! NO!
SLAM!!
SO WE'VE FAILED...
YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE UP SO SOON!
SHE'S RIGHT. SNAP OUT OF IT, BILLY!
WHAT HAPPENED TO RESCUING OUR FRIENDS AND REVIVING THE CIRCUS? AND WHAT ABOUT TEACHING THIS CORRUPT COUNTRY A LESSON?!
WHAT WOULD YOUR DAUGHTER SAY IF SHE SAW YOU LIKE THIS?!
...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
NO WAY ARE WE GONNA SURRENDER!
BILLY'S COMPLETELY SHAKEN. HE'S NO GOOD TO US NOW.
WE CAN'T COUNT ON HIM ANYMORE.
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, I'LL BE THE ONE TO DO IT.
NEVER THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GET SO BAD WE'D HAVE TO ACTUALLY USE OUR LAST RESORT, BUT HERE WE ARE.


I'LL BLOW UP THIS BUS AND ALL THE HOSTAGES WITH IT!
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AN ACTUAL REALLY REAL BOMB?!
IDEALLY I'D HAVE LIKED TO RAM THE STATE COUNCIL BUILDING FIRST...
...BUT I'LL SETTLE FOR TIMING THE BLAST TO BLOW AWAY THE STRIKE FORCE WHEN THEY COME CHARGING IN.
BUH BUH BUH BUH ...
KRAKL
...'EM AWAY.
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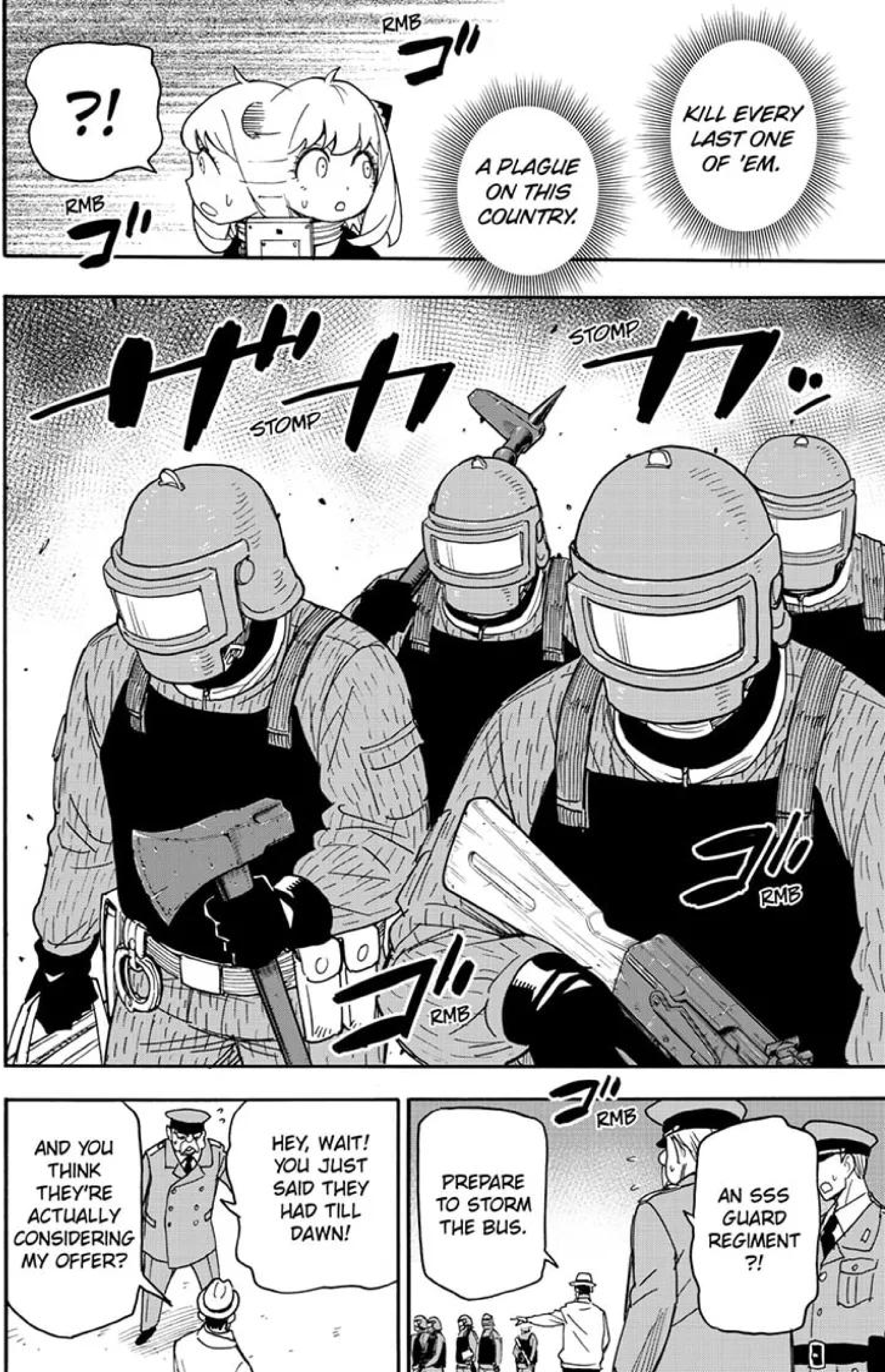
KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF 'EM.
A PLAGUE ON THIS COUNTRY.
RMB ゴ
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RMB ゴ
STOMP
STOMP
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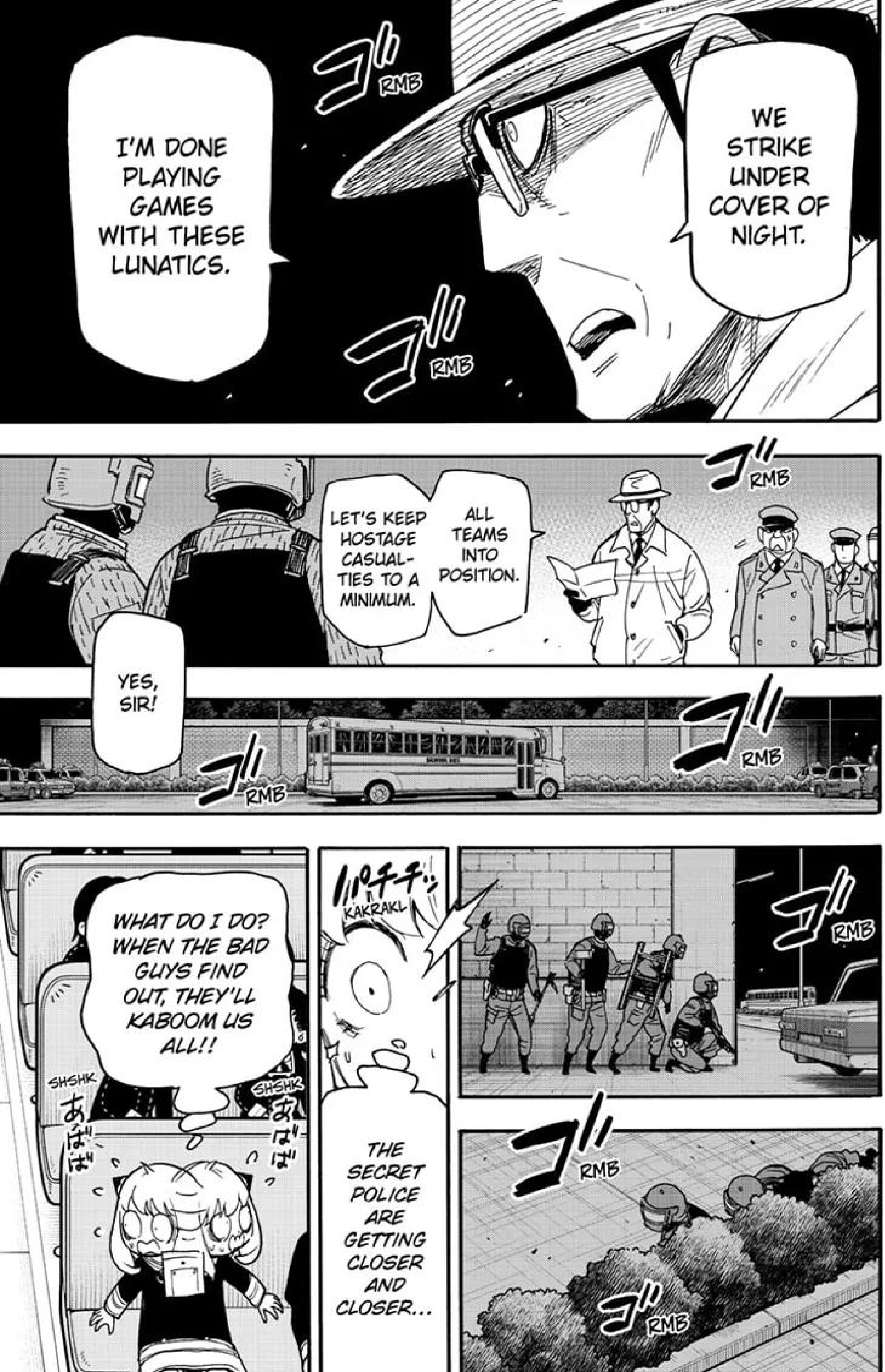
RMB ゴ
RMB ゴ
RMB ゴ
AN SSS GUARD REGIMENT ?!
PREPARE TO STORM THE BUS.
HEY, WAIT! YOU JUST SAID THEY HAD TILL DAWN!
AND YOU THINK THEY'RE ACTUALLY CONSIDERING MY OFFER?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WE STRIKE UNDER COVER OF NIGHT.
I'M DONE PLAYING GAMES WITH THESE LUNATICS.
ゴゴ RMB
ゴゴ RMB
ALL TEAMS INTO POSITION.
LET'S KEEP HOSTAGE CASUALTIES TO A MINIMUM.
YES, SIR!
ゴゴ RMB
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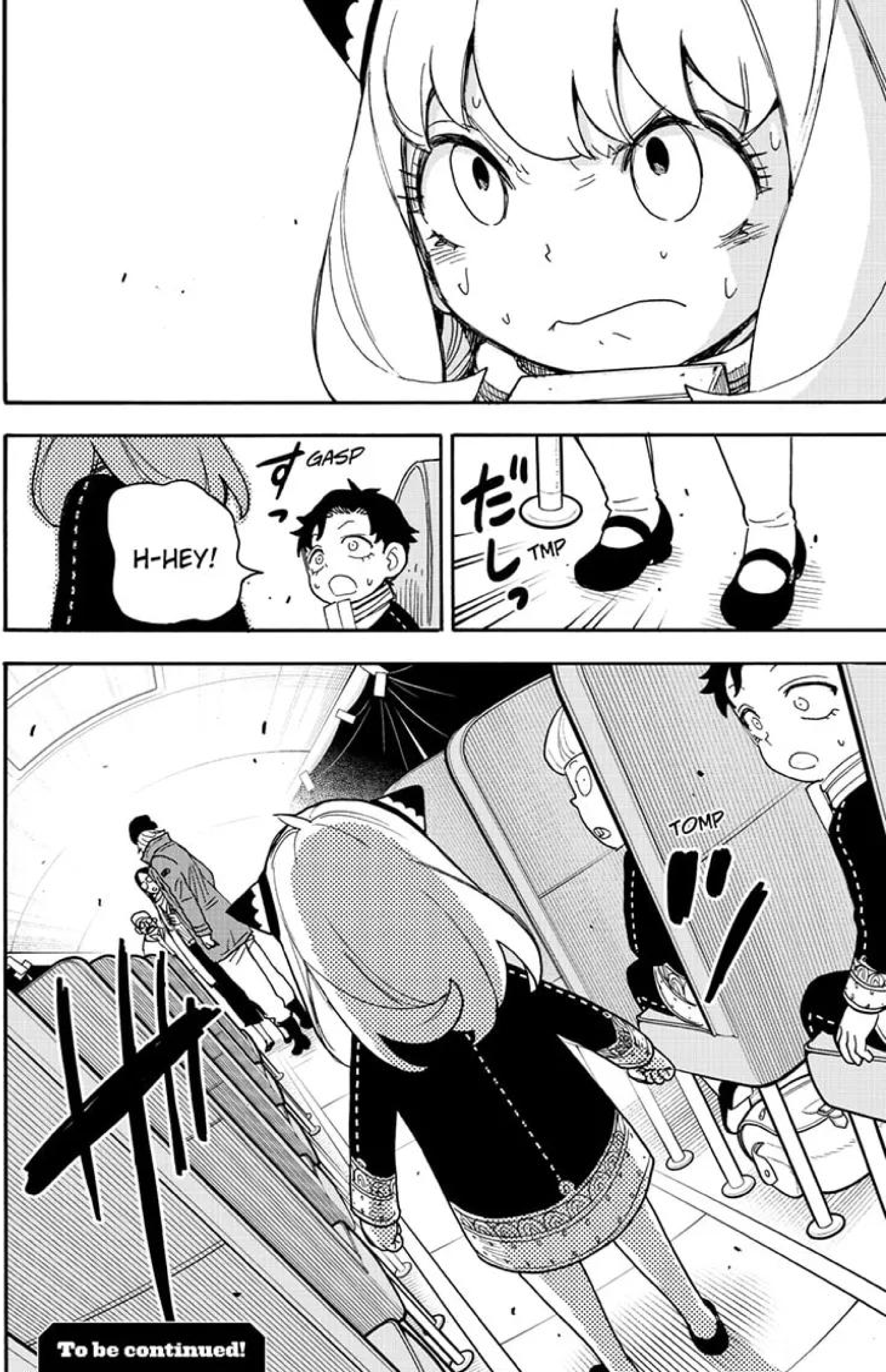
ゴゴ RMB
パチチッ KAKRAKL
WHAT DO I DO? WHEN THE BAD GUYS FIND OUT, THEY'LL KABOOM US ALL!!
SHSHK あばば
SHSHK あばば
ゴゴ RMB
THE SECRET POLICE ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER...
ゴゴ RMB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TMP
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GASP
H-HEY!
TOMP
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To be continued!