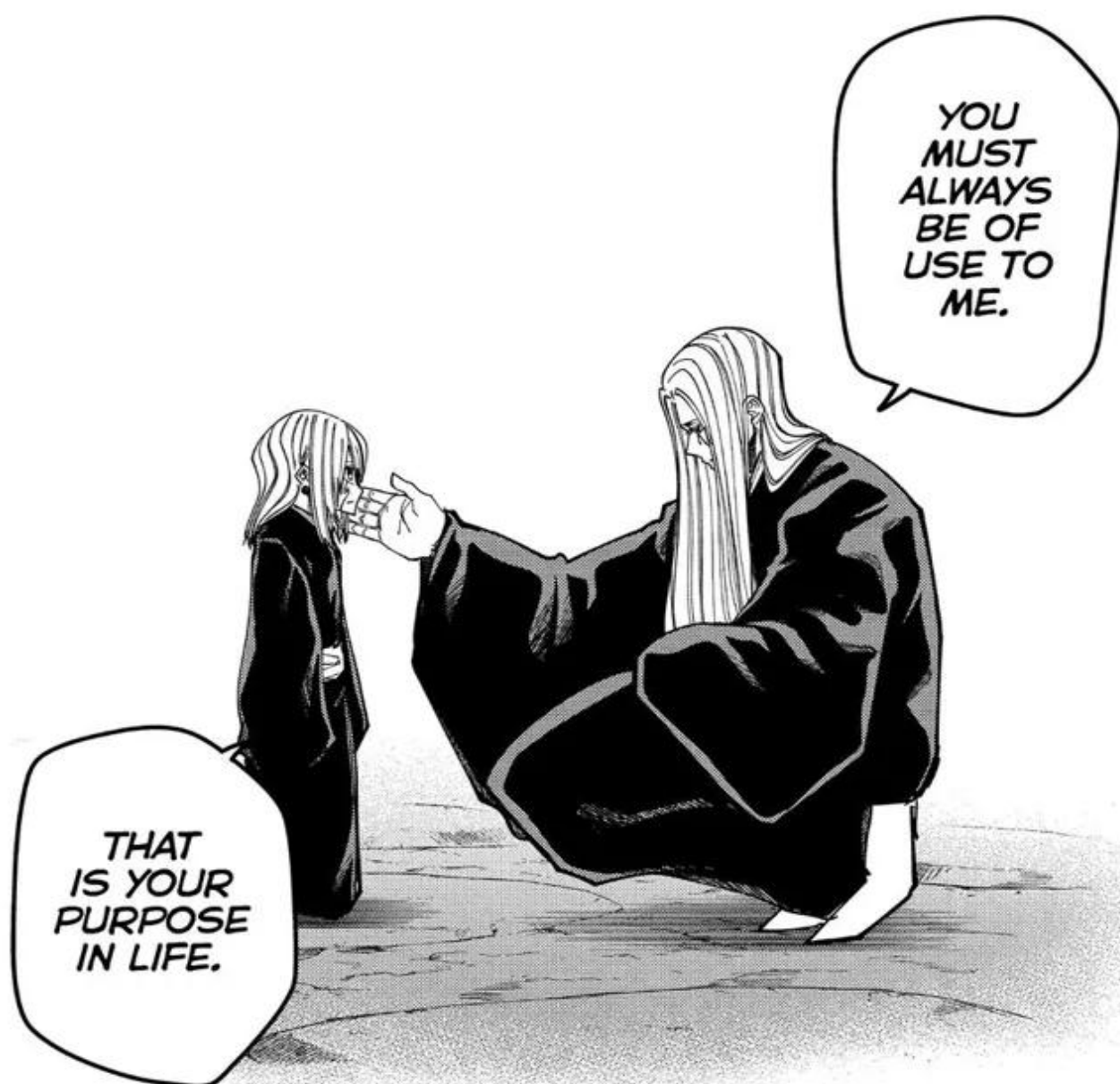


CHAPTER 98:
MASH BURNEDAD AND THE ENDGAME





...ISOLATED
WITHIN A
ROOM THAT
WAS MORE
LIKE A
CAGE.

I HARDLY
REMEMBER
A TIME
WHEN I
WASN'T
ALONE...



...AND
FATHER
HIM-
SELF.

THE ONLY
PEOPLE IN MY
LIFE WERE
THE SERVANTS,
WHOSE VOCAL
CORDS FATHER
CRUSHED
SO THEY
COULD NOT
COMMUNICATE
WITH ME...



FATHER
WAS
EVERYTHING
TO ME.



I BLOODIED
MY HANDS
FOR HIM
WHENEVER
HE ASKED.

I WAS
MOLDED
INTO SOMEONE
WHO WOULD
FIT HIS EX-
PECTATIONS.



BUT
EVERY TIME,
FATHER
WOULD SAY
TO ME...

I WAS
AGAINST
IT EARLY
ON.



I HAVE
NEED OF
YOU.



YOU ARE
EVERYTHING
TO ME.

OUTSIDE
OF THE TWO
OF US, YOU
MAY PUT DOWN
ANYONE IN
YOUR PATH.



DO
YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

WHEN
YOU'RE
HAPPY,
I'M
HAPPY.



FATHER.

YES...



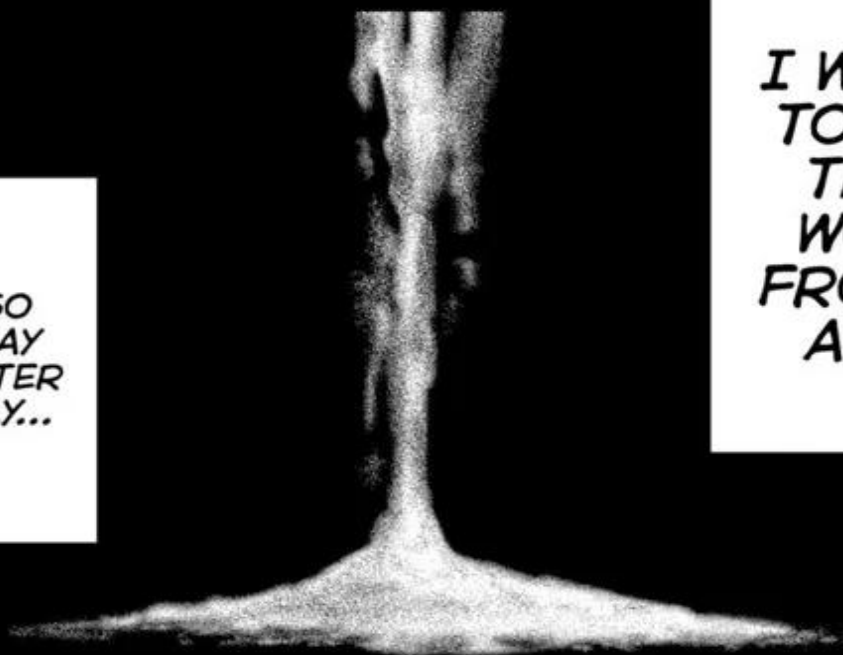
HE
NEEDED ME.
I HAD A
PURPOSE.

I WAS
SO HAPPY
HE SAID
THAT.

SO
DAY
AFTER
DAY...

...AFTER
DAY...

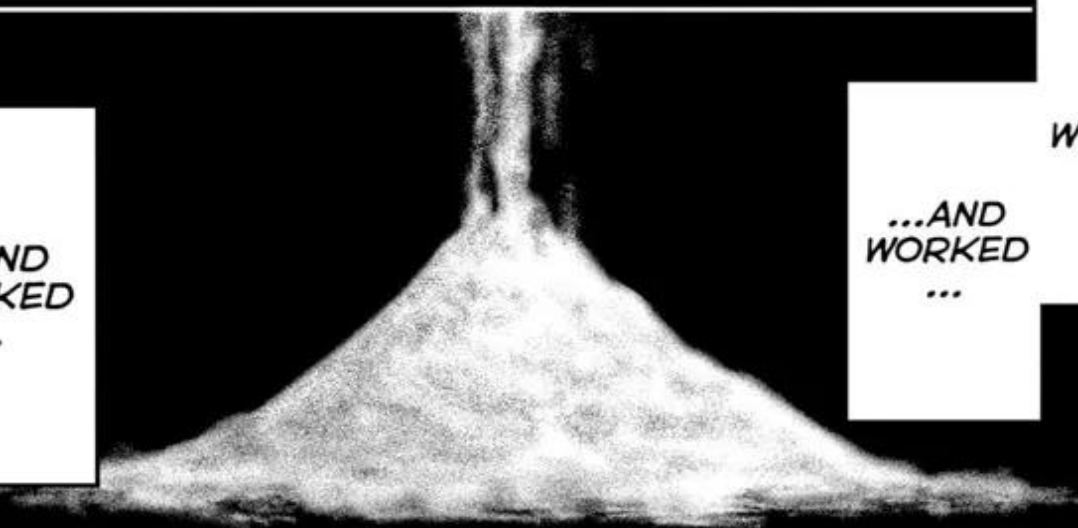
I WANTED
TO HEAR
THOSE
WORDS
FROM HIM
AGAIN.



...AND
WORKED
...

...AND
WORKED
...

I
WORKED
...



...I
WON'T
HAVE A
REASON
TO LIVE,
WILL I?

DRIP DRIP

IF I
LOSE
NOW...

BUT
WHAT
WAS IT
FOR?





I NEED
TO STAY
IMPORTANT
TO FATHER.

I CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN...

I
NEED
TO BE
HAPPY...

DRIP
DRIP



...

IT
WON'T
BE
YOU.

PLIP



I
WON'T
LET IT
BE
YOU.



...
AFTER
THAT
RUSH.

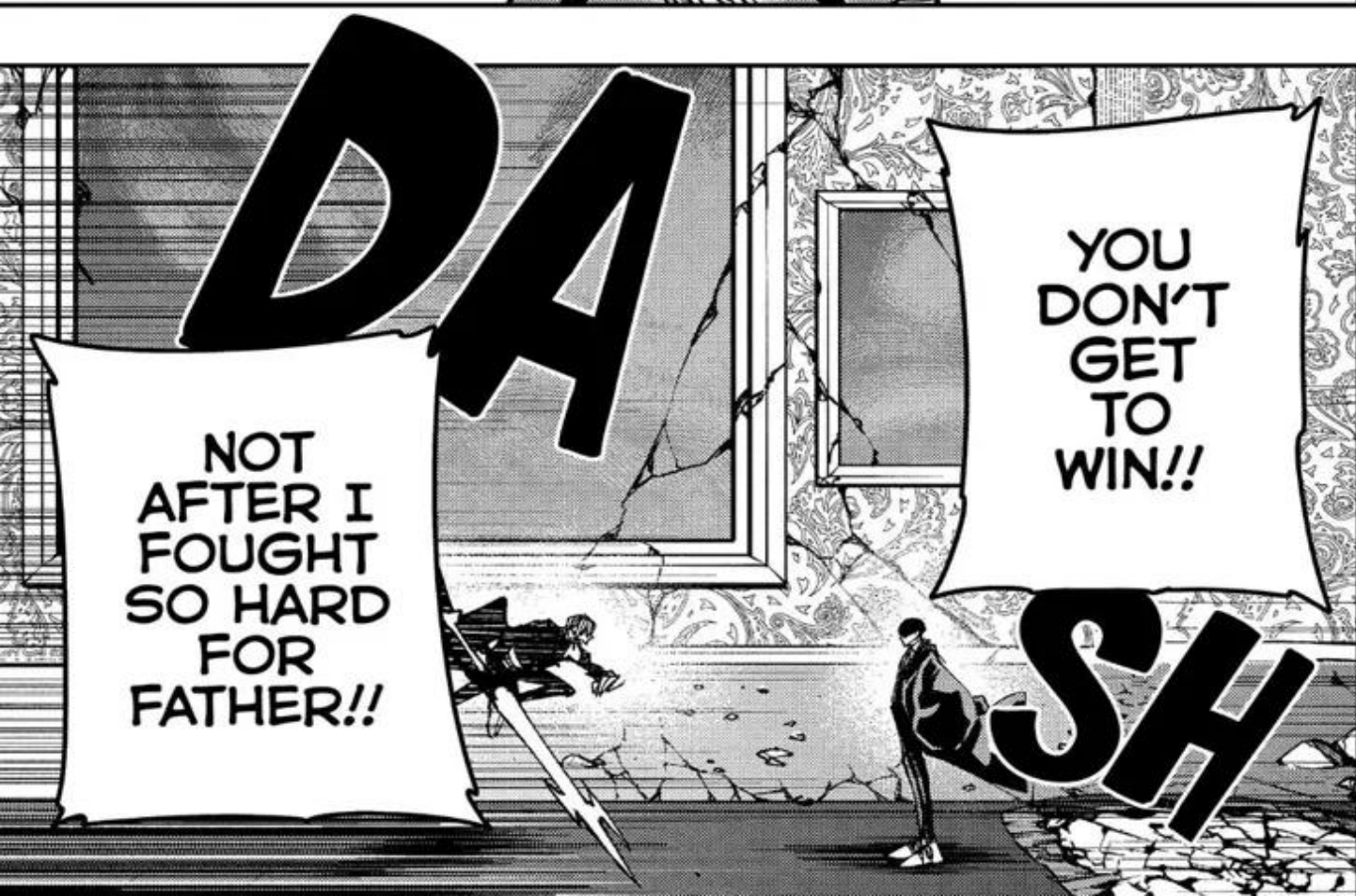
HE
MANAGED
TO GET
UP...



YOU
AND YOUR
POPS ARE
A CHEAP
IMITATION.



FATHER
AND I ARE
CONNECTED
BY BLOOD.
WE'RE *REAL*
FAMILY.



NOT
AFTER I
FOUGHT
SO HARD
FOR
FATHER!!

YOU
DON'T
GET
TO
WIN!!





...AREN'T
WHAT
MAKE A
FAMILY.

BLOOD
RELATIONS
AND
UNQUES-
TIONING
OBEDI-
ENCE...





POPS
WOULD GET
UPSET WITH
ME WHEN
I MADE A
MISTAKE.



BUT I WAS
ALLOWED
TO BE UPSET
WITH HIM IF
HE MADE
ONE.



WE
TREATED
EACH
OTHER
AS...

HA
HA
HA...





YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO DO
ANYTHING.



YOU
DIDN'T
EVEN
NEED
MAGIC.

CLENCH



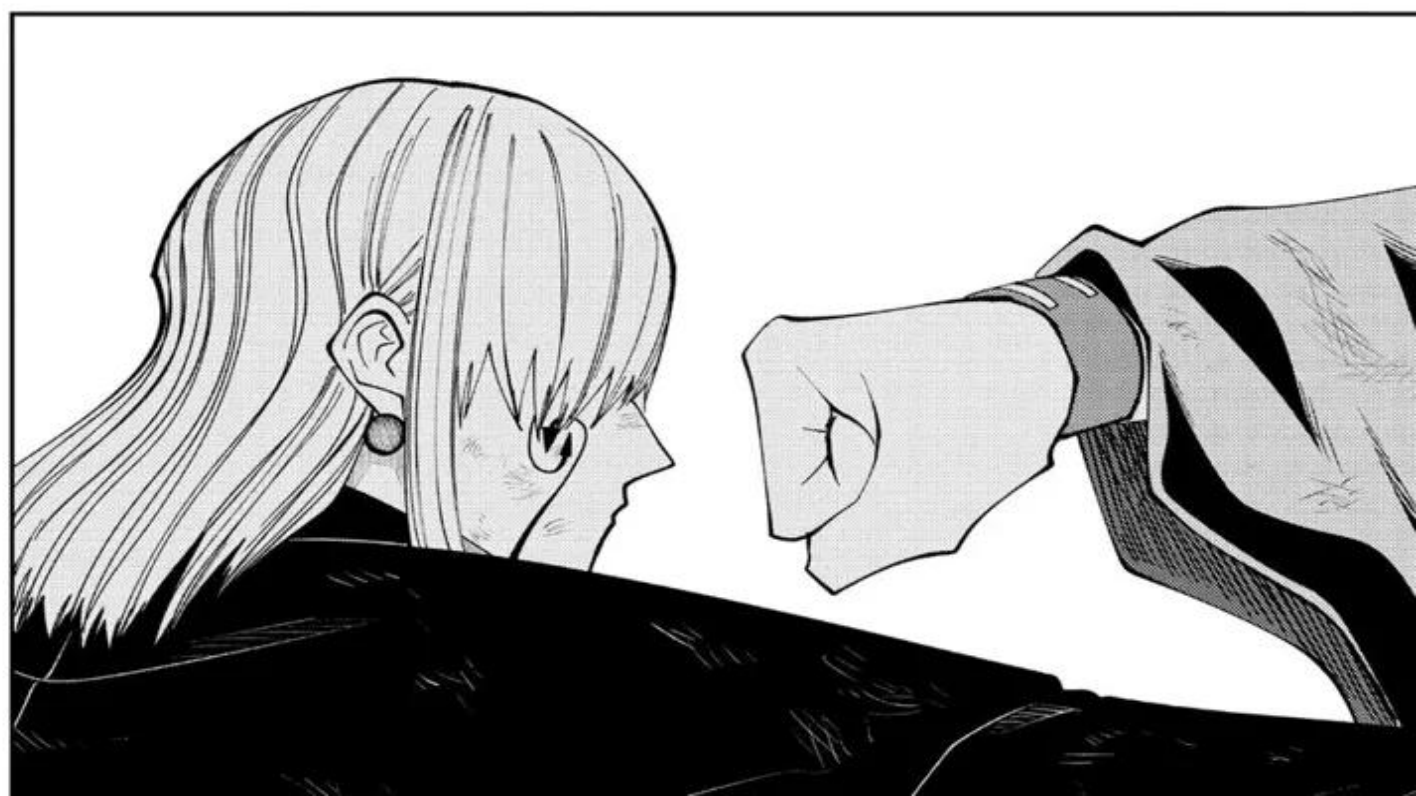
YOU
DIDN'T
NEED
TO BE
ANYONE.



YOU GOT
LOVE IN
RETURN
FOR
NOTHING!
YOU'LL
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND ME!

SH

THWACK









LIKE
A REAL
CHILD
SHOULD...





...TO
TELL ME
WHEN
I WAS
WRONG.

POPS
WOULDN'T
HESITATE...

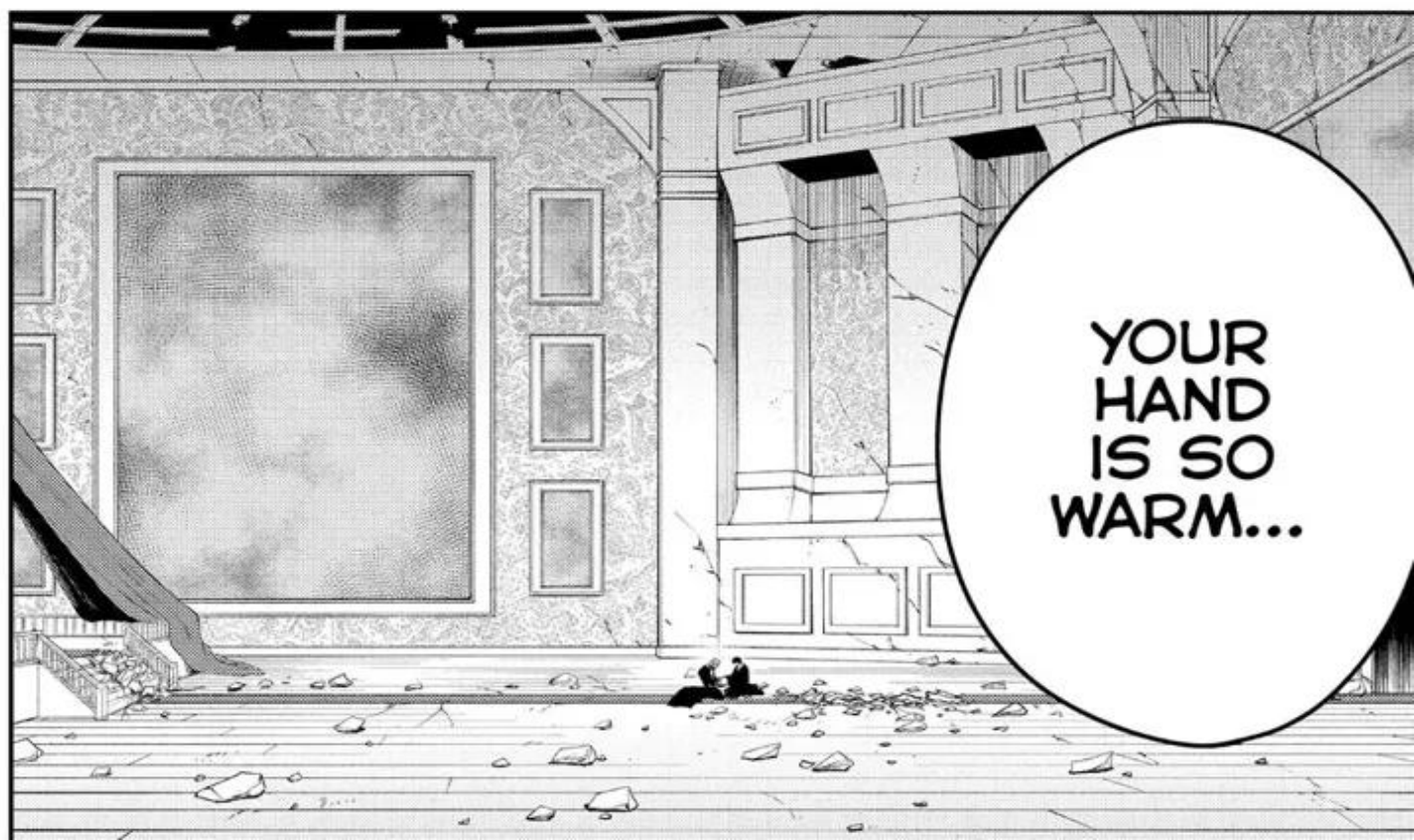


LIFT

THEN
HE'D
ACCEPT
AND
FORGIVE
ME.



SO
HERE.





SO,
DOMINA
HAS BEEN
BESTED.



RMM

RMM



RMM

RMM

RMM

CR



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