

CHAPTER 103: MASH BURNED AND THE PAINFUL PANACEA

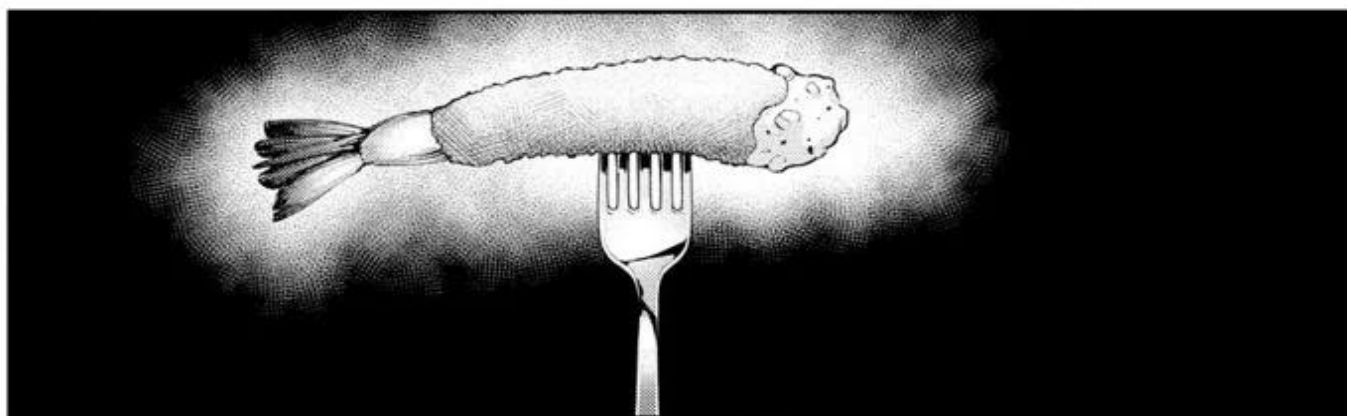
*A few
days after
the final
exam*

*The Divine
Visionary
Selection Exam
was suspended
due to the
theft of the
Wand of
Beginnings.*



DIP

*But only
a few were
made aware of
the impending
battle with
Innocent Zero.*





I WASN'T
REMOTELY
SATISFIED
WITH THEM.

...AND
YET, THEY
FAILED TO
IMPRESS.

THEY
WERE
AWFULLY
RUDE TO
US...



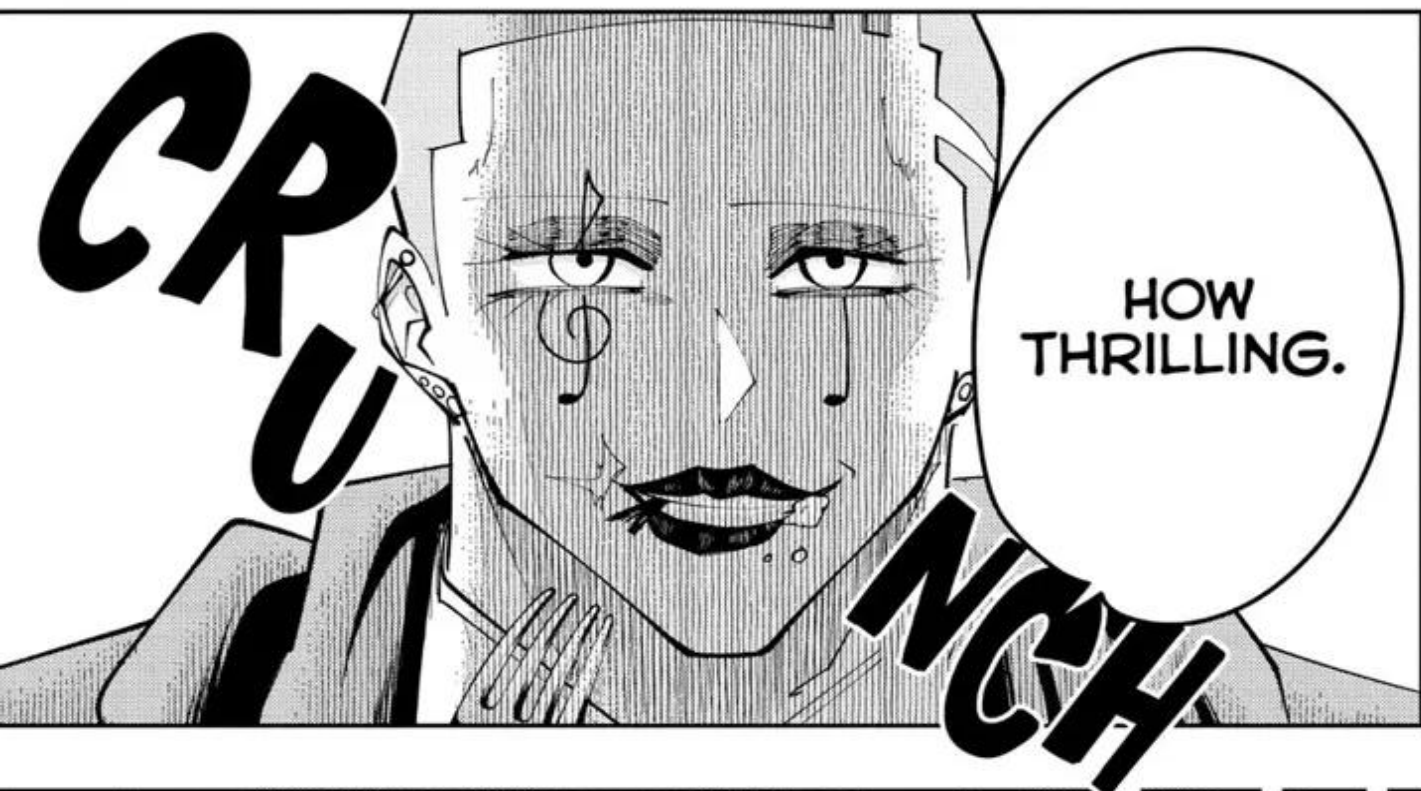
THERE
ARE RUMORS
INNOCENT
ZERO PLANS
TO LAUNCH A
WORLDWIDE
ATTACK ONE
MONTH FROM
NOW.

BUT
I CAN'T
HELP BUT
WONDER
WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN
NEXT.

I HEARD
YOU TWO
HANDLED
THE REST
OF THE
WALKIS
MAGIC
USERS.



IT SEEMS SO
FAR REMOVED
FROM OUR
INNER-SCHOOL
SQUABBLES.





NOT ONLY
DID I LOSE
OUT ON THE
WAND, BUT THE
COMPETITION
IS ALSO
OVER.

I ENTERED
EASTON TO
PROTECT
MY LITTLE
SISTER...



I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO PROTECT
ANNA FROM
INNOCENT
ZERO AT THIS
RATE...

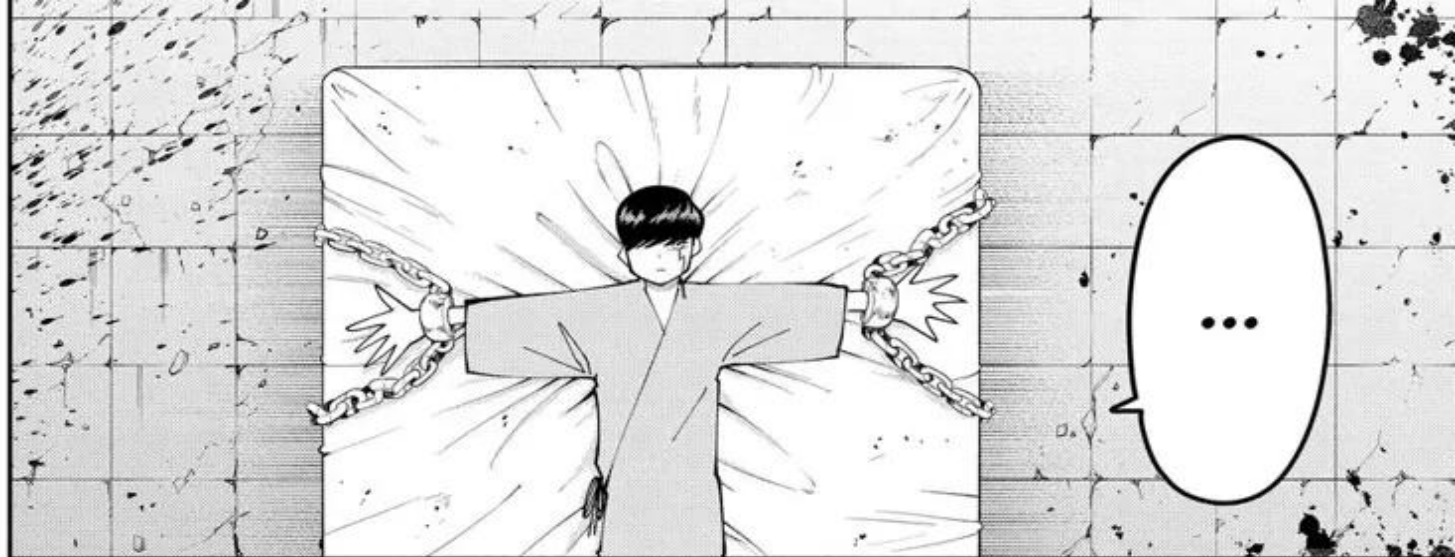


SOMETHING
NEEDS TO
CHANGE...



I HAVE
TO GET
STRONGER...





IN THE
MANLIEST
WAY
POSSIBLE.

I'M TAKING
YOU TO
SOMEONE
WHO CAN
TREAT YOUR
INJURIES AND
MUSCLE
SPASMS.



YOU'RE
SO
NICE.

DON'T
MENTION
IT. AS THE
HOTTEST
GUY IN THE
WORLD, I'VE
GOTTA LOOK
OUT FOR
HOT GUY
JUNIOR.

THAT'S
VERY KIND
OF YOU.

WELL,
YOUR
DOCTOR'S
JUST AS
MANLY.
SO YOU
FOCUS ON
GETTING
BETTER.

YOU BET...
YOU'VE SEEN
WAHLBERG
AND
INNOCENT
ZERO IN
ACTION.

THIS
PERSON
MUST BE
REALLY
AMAZING IF
THEY CAN
FIX ME.

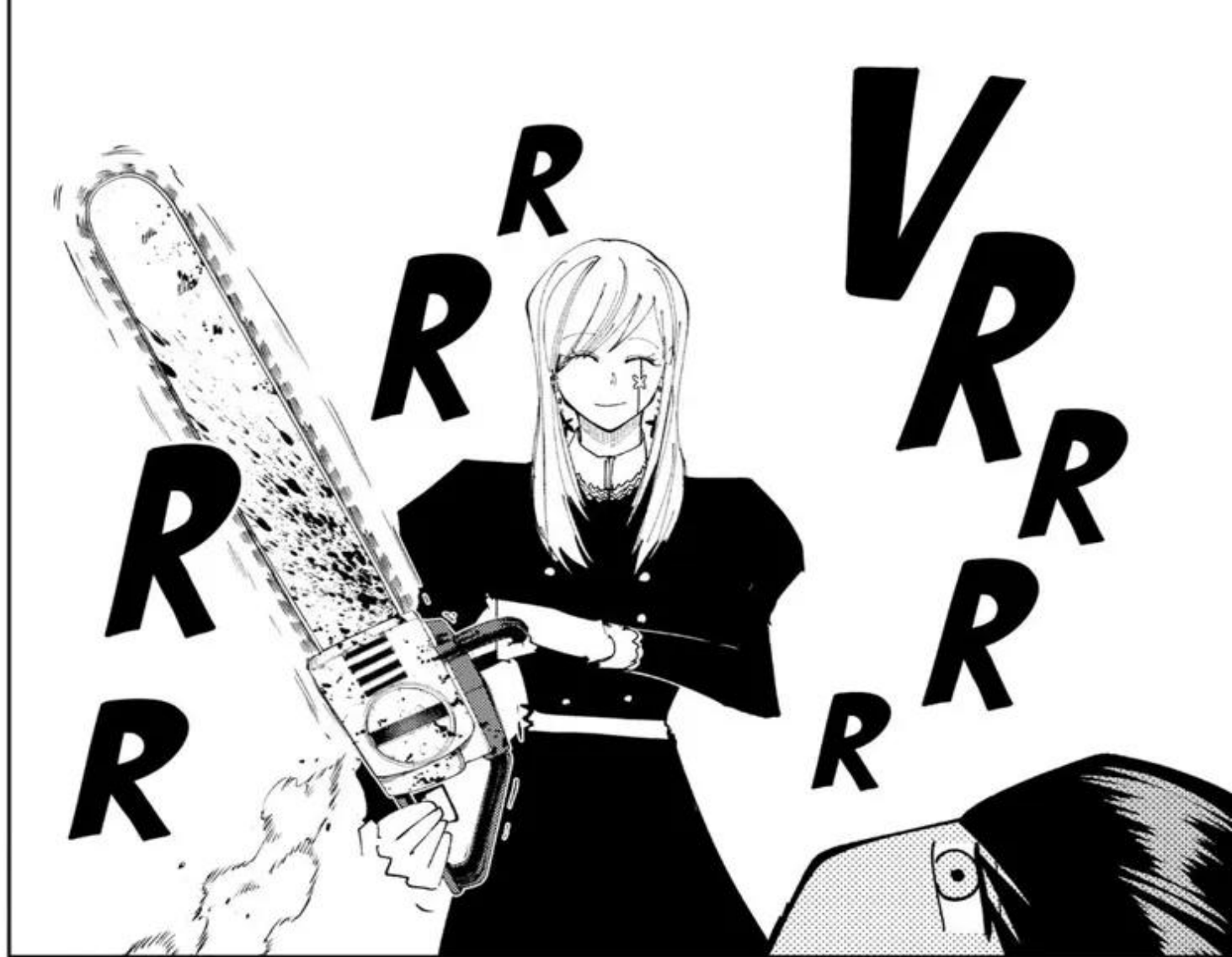
NOW
RELAX
AND WAIT
FOR THE
HEALING.

WHAT
ARE THE
SHACKLES
FOR...?

VR
RR
RR

?

THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE...





YIKES.

THIS IS
A MAGIC
CHAINSAW. IT'S
CAPABLE OF
CUTTING PAIN,
EXHAUSTION,
AND TOXINS
RIGHT OUT OF
YOUR BODY.



UM... IS
THERE A
REASON
YOU DIDN'T
FINISH
ME OFF?



EEEP.

NO
THANKS.

BUT
IT'S
VERY
PAIN-
FUL.



MASH...

I WANT
TO GO
HOME...



CAN
YOU STOP
MAKING
THAT FACE
EACH
TIME YOU
THREATEN
ME?

YOU
SHOULD
KNOW...

OKAY, THEN.

OH.

OH.

OKAY.

I SUGGEST
YOU STAY
AS STILL AS
POSSIBLE,
MASH
BURNE-
DEAD.

YOU'RE
DOING
FINE. I'LL
BE DONE
IN JUST A
MINUTE.

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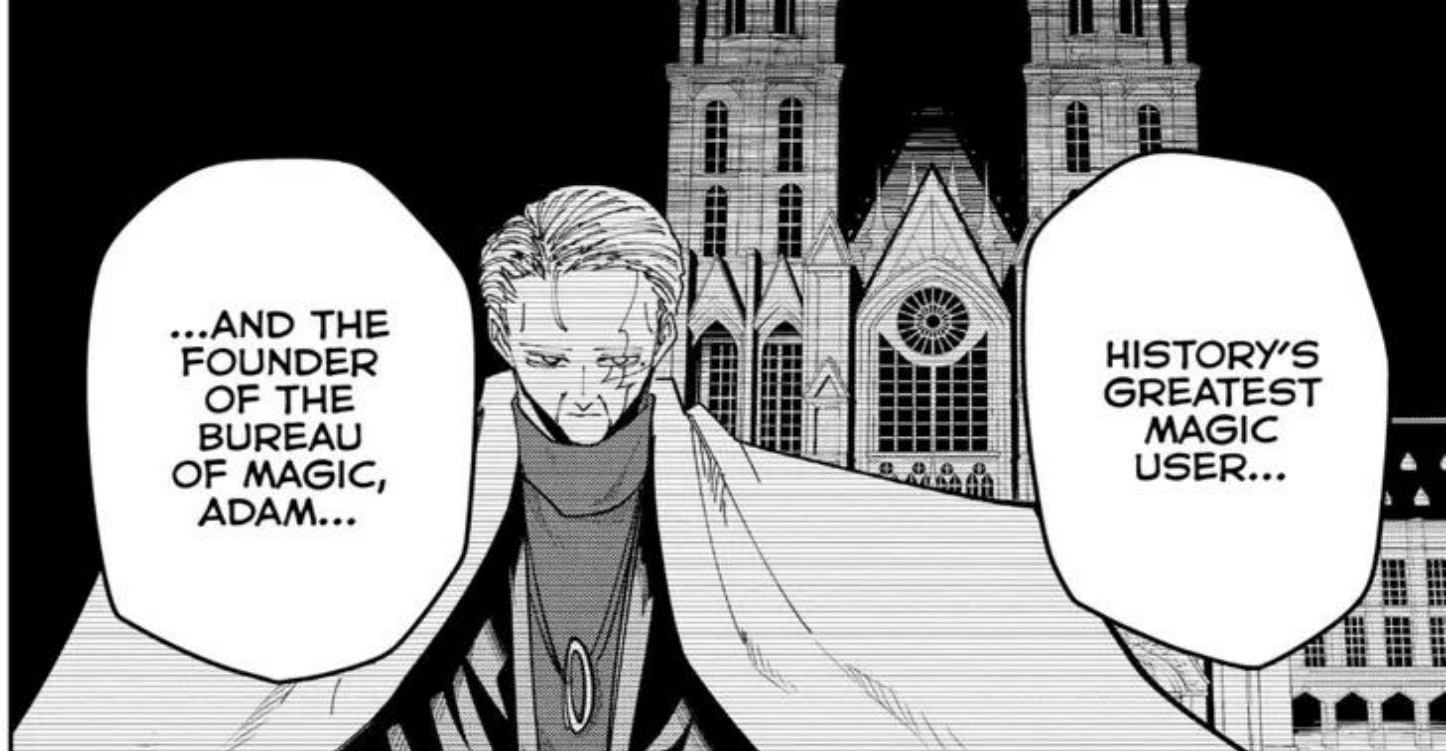
WRRRRR

RRRR

BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB!

BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB!





...AND THE
FOUNDER
OF THE
BUREAU
OF MAGIC,
ADAM...

HISTORY'S
GREATEST
MAGIC
USER...



...OF
THIS MAGIC
WORLD HE
ESTABLISHED...

...LEFT
BEHIND
THREE
PUPILS TO
PRESERVE
THE
FUTURE...



AND THE
ONE WHO
STANDS
BEFORE
YOU NOW...

HIS
FALLEN
DISCIPLE,
THE DARK
RULER
INNOCENT
ZERO.

MASTER
WAHLBERG,
WHO STANDS
AT THE TOP
OF OUR
SOCIETY.

STRONGER
THAN THE
HEAD-
MASTER?



REALLY...?



MISTRESS
MELIADOUL.

MISTRESS
MELIADOUL,
YOU'VE
GOT A BIT
OF DIRT
ON YOUR
SHOULDER.

!

SHP

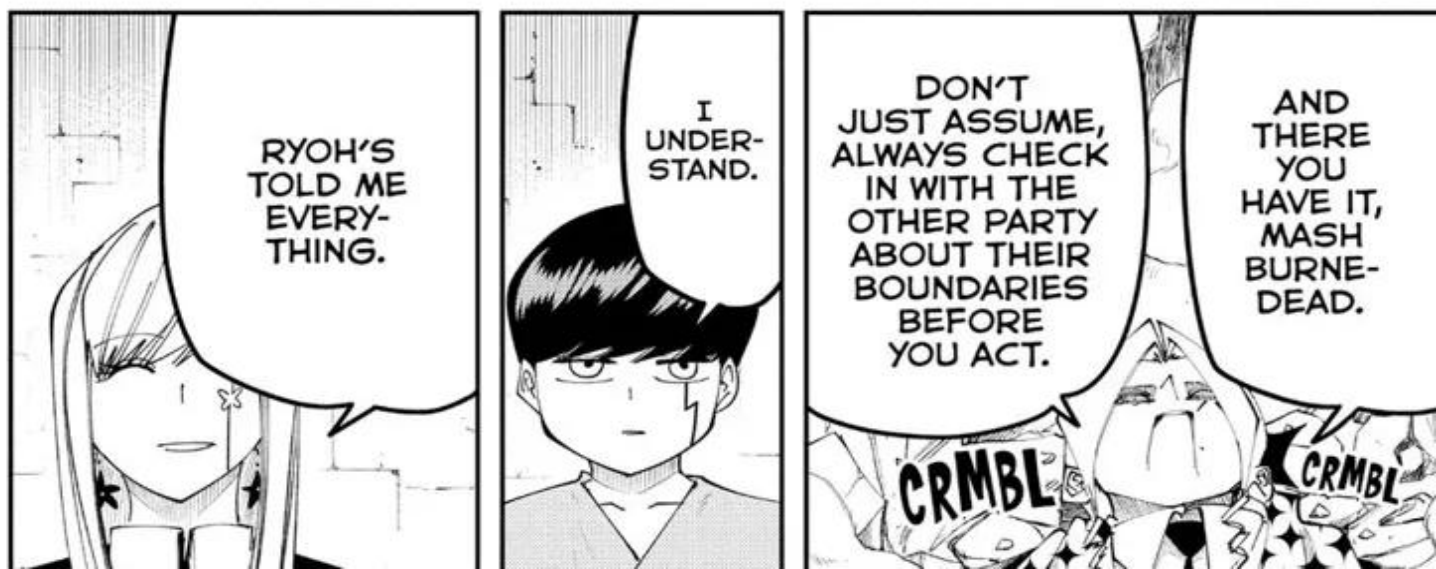
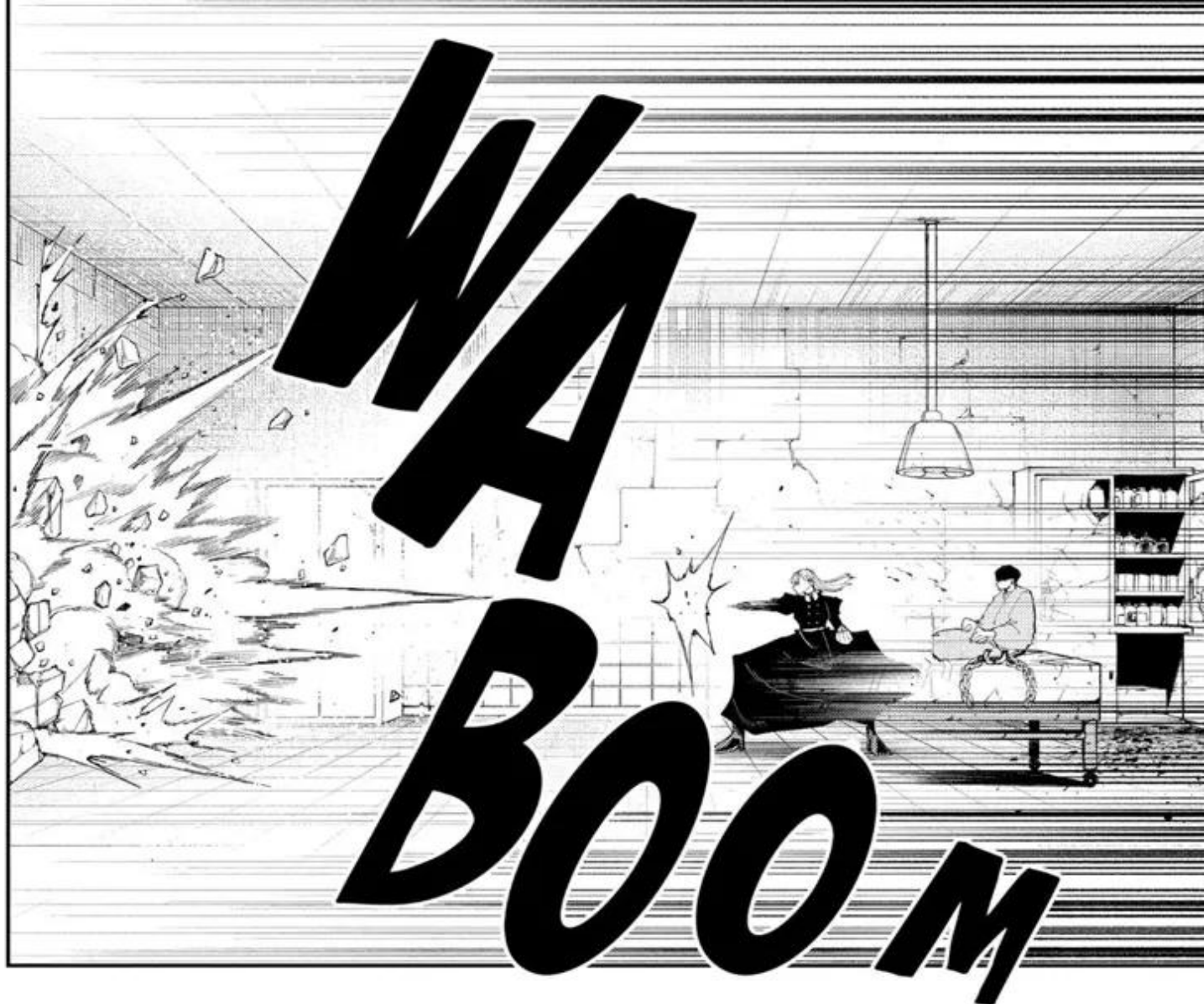


I'M ONLY
BEING
HONEST.

THAT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO.

OH, RYOH,
PLEASE.







...YOU
WILL, AT
MINIMUM,
NEED TO BE
STRONGER
THAN ME.

IN 30
DAYS'
TIME...



BUT SHOULD
YOU FAIL,
YOUR BODY
WILL BE IN
SUCH A STATE
THAT YOU'LL
NEVER LIVE
A NORMAL
LIFE AGAIN.

BY
COMPLETING
MY TRAINING,
YOU CAN
ACQUIRE
EXTRAORDINARY
POWER.



...FOR THE
SLIMMEST
CHANCE OF
SUCCESS?

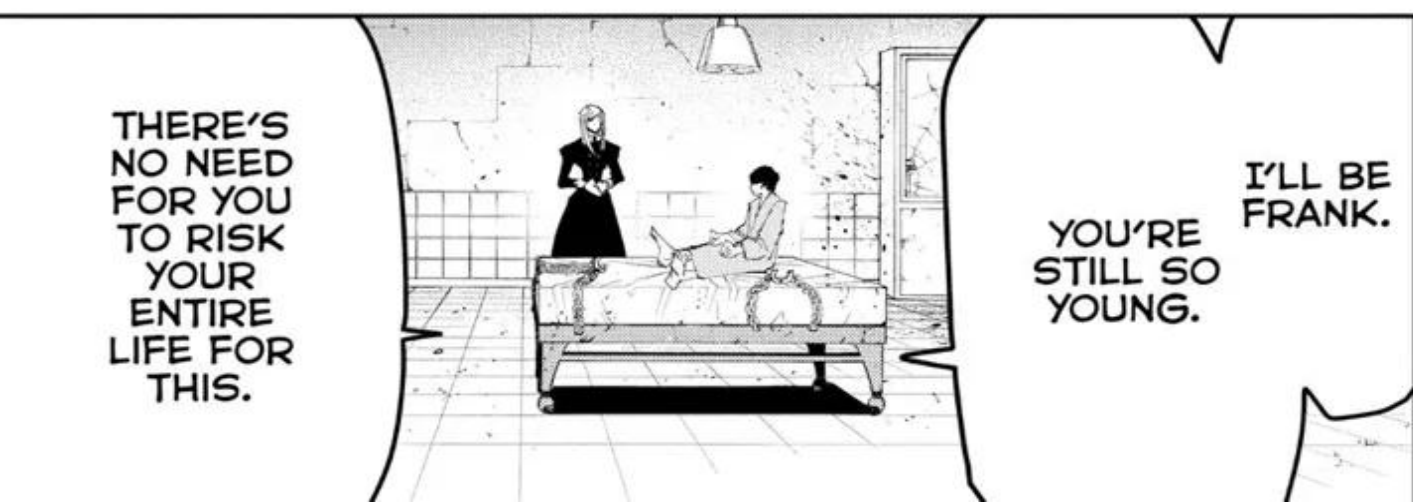
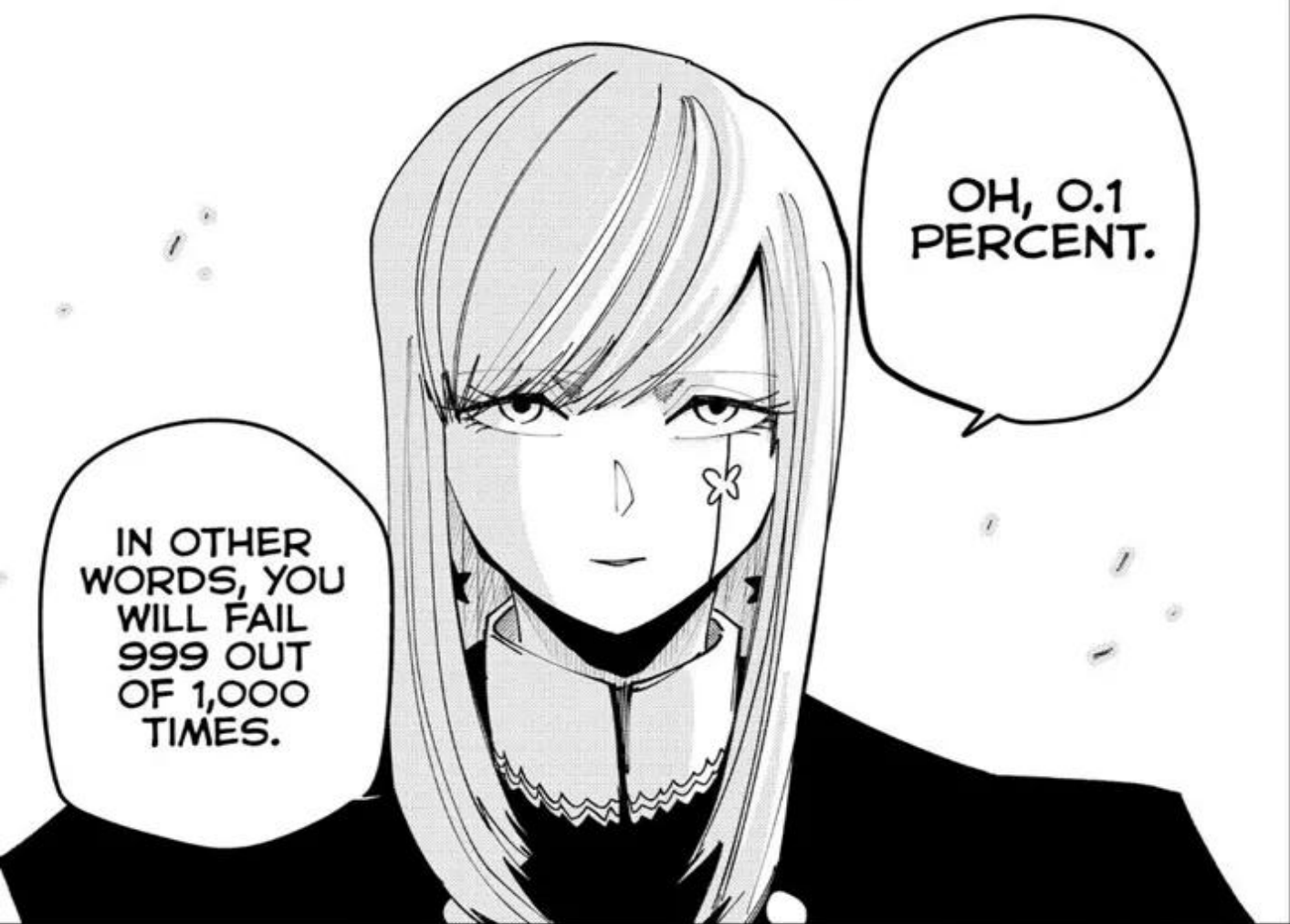
WILL
YOU RISK
YOURSELF...



...ARE
WE TALKING
ABOUT?

HOW
SLIM...





YES...
THERE
IS.



EVEN IF...
MY CHANCE
OF SUCCESS
IS ONE IN A
THOUSAND.

...THAT I
NEED TO
PROTECT,
REGARD-
LESS OF
THE RISK.

...A
LOT...



I KNOW
I CAN.

I'LL
MAKE SURE
THAT ONE
TIME IS
THE *FIRST*
TIME.

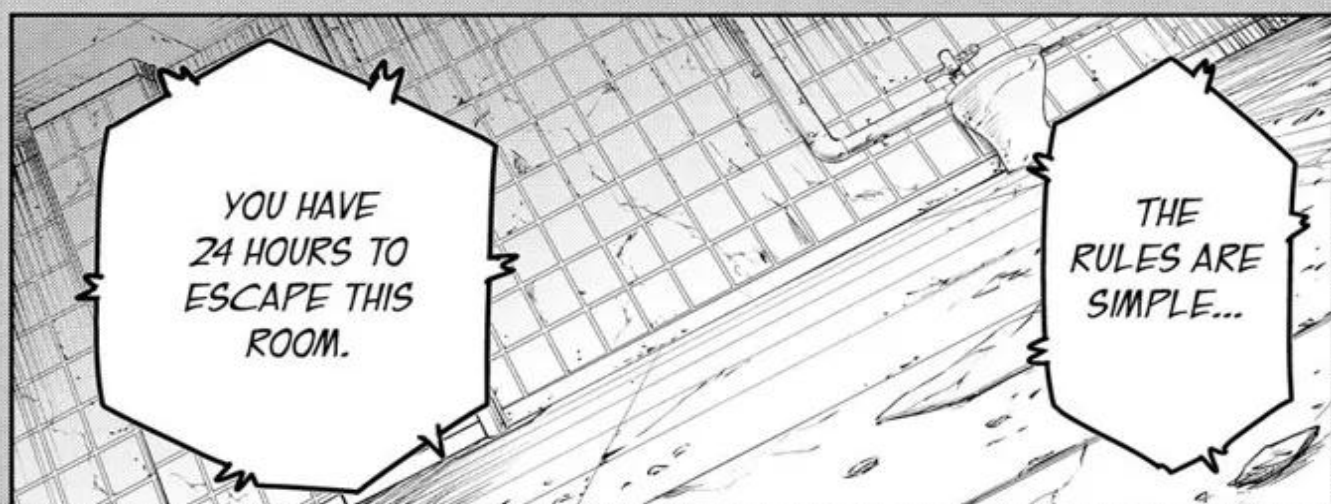


THEN
LET THE
TRAINING
BEGIN.

VERY
WELL.

*Thirty days remain
until the final battle!!*

BONUS, PART 2



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