

The background of the cover is a detailed illustration of two characters from the manga. On the left, Asta, the main protagonist, is shown in his signature dynamic pose, holding a scythe and looking determined with a wide smile. He has spiky blonde hair and a red star on his forehead. On the right, Yuno, another character, is shown with a more serious expression, looking slightly away. He has dark hair and a small tuft of hair standing up. They are set against a backdrop of a large, open book with intricate gold patterns on its pages.

Black Clover

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SHONEN JUMP MANGA



This is super personal, but I married the woman who made the cake shown above. She's a great person who's been there for lowly ol' yours truly ever since I was an assistant. So if I don't make her happy, I'll probably incur divine punishment. Anyway, I started working hard on a story I really wanted to draw...and this is it!
Thanks for all your support!

—Yuki Tabata, 2015

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THE BOY'S VOW

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BLACK ♣ CLOVER

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...came
close
to being
decimated
by the
demons.

Humanity...

✿ Page 1: The Boy's Vow

...saved
humankind.

But
just
one
mage..

He was known thereafter as the
Wizard King
and became a legend.





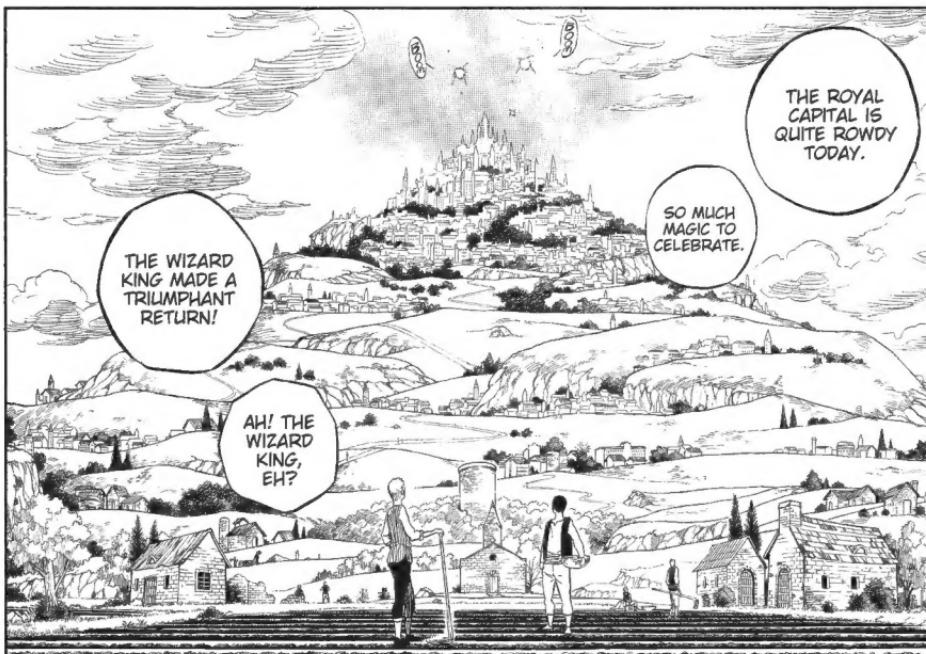
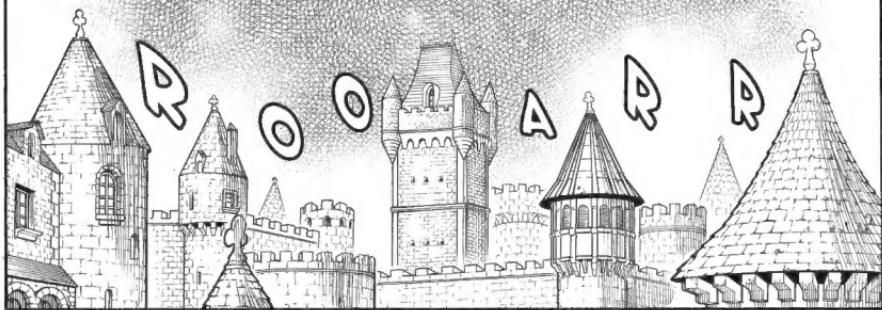
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THE
WIZARD
KING HAS
RETURNED!

ONCE
AGAIN HE
SUCCEEDED
IN LEADING
THE MAGIC
KNIGHTS TO
DEFEAT THE
INVADERS!

WOOHOO

THREE
CHEERS
FOR OUR
WIZARD
KING!





...AND
MAKE
YOU
HAPPYYY!

IT'S
THAT LAD
FROM THE
CHURCH
AGAIN.

WHAT
THE?

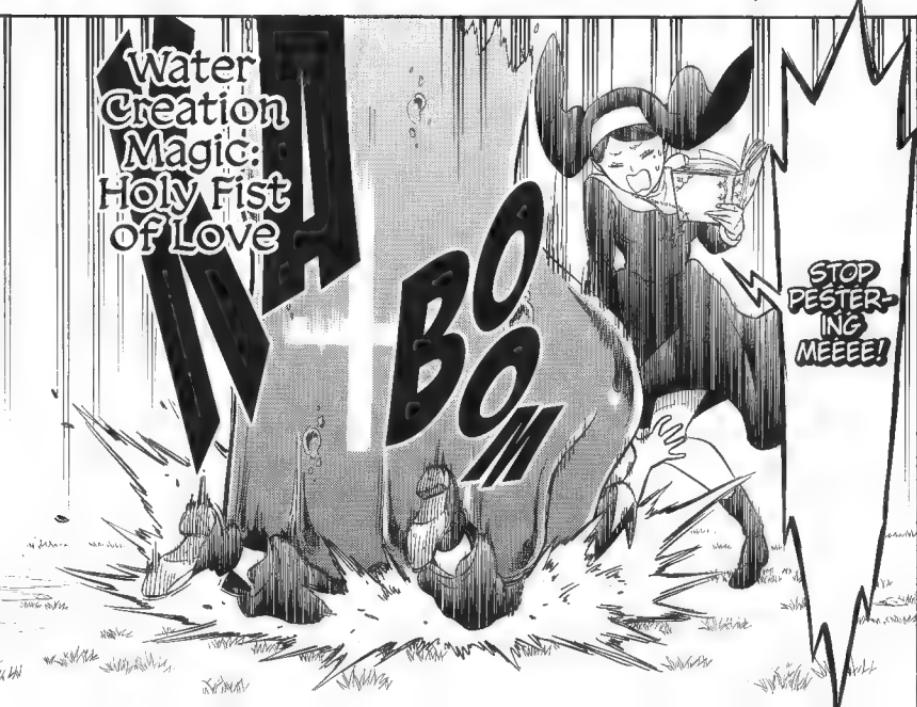
ONE DAY,
I'LL
BECOME
THE
WIZARD
KING...

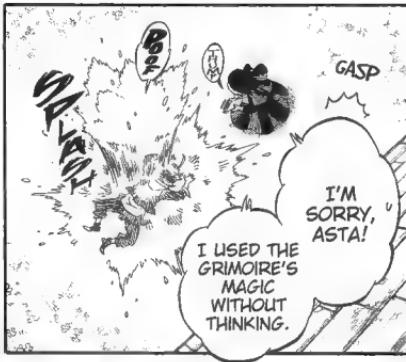
PLEASE
MARRY
MEEEEE!

THAT'S
WHY...

I'M
A NUN,
SO...

I'M
SORRY,
ASTA.

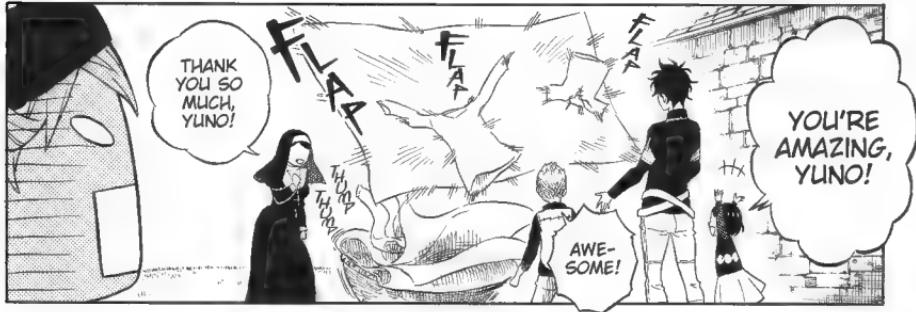




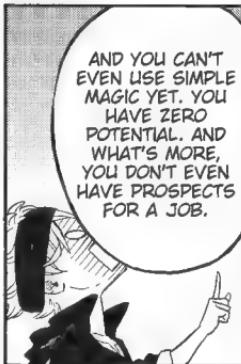


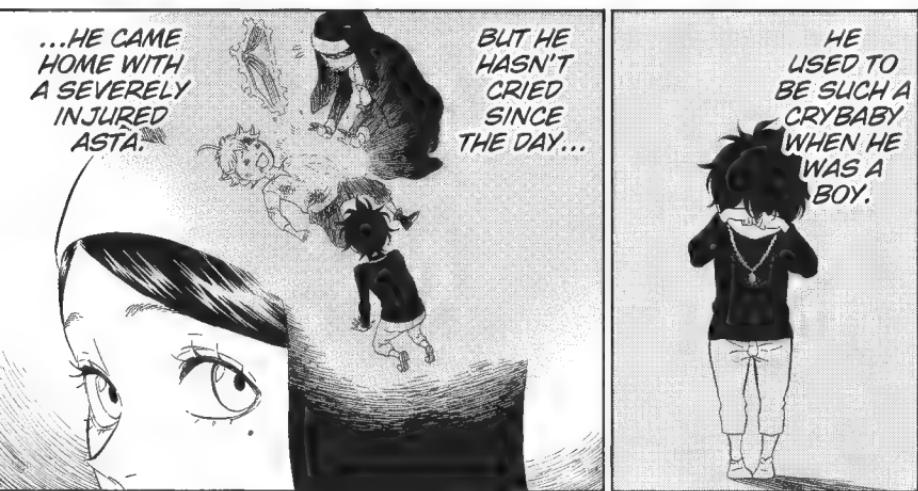














SO FIRST,
I NEED TO
TRAIN MY
BODY!

R
A
R
A
G
S

THIS IS
SOME-
THING
I'LL
NEVER
GIVE
UP ON!

I'M
GOING TO
BE THE
WIZARD
KING!

MARCH.
AROUND THE
TIME WHEN
THE FIREFLY
DANDELION
FLUFFS FLOAT
AROUND...

TMP
...TO HOLD AN
AWARDING
CEREMONY FOR
GRIMOIRES,
THESE
GRIMOIRES
INCREASE THEIR
MAGICAL
POWERS.

ONCE A YEAR,
ALL AROUND
THE COUNTRY,
ALL THE
15-YEAR-
OLDS ARE
GATHERED...

GREGAAK



WELCOME,
YOUNG
MEN AND
WOMEN.



YOU
EACH WILL
BEGIN
WALKING
DOWN A
NEW PATH
STARTING
TODAY.

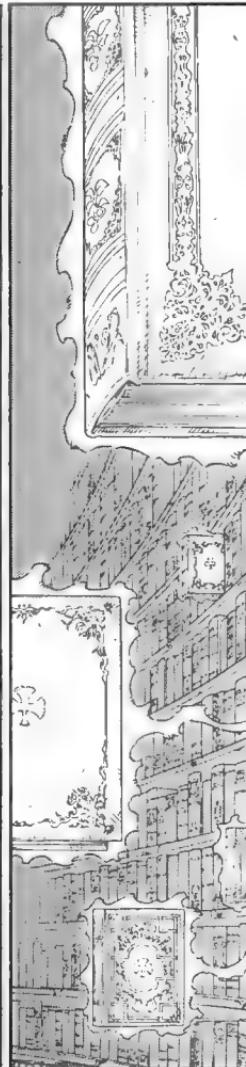


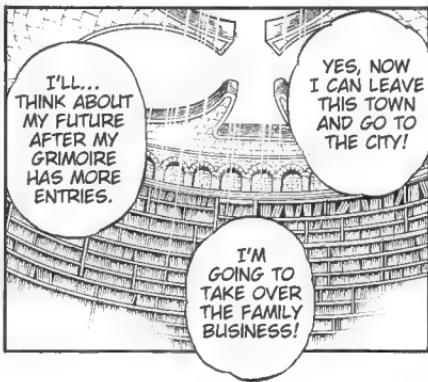
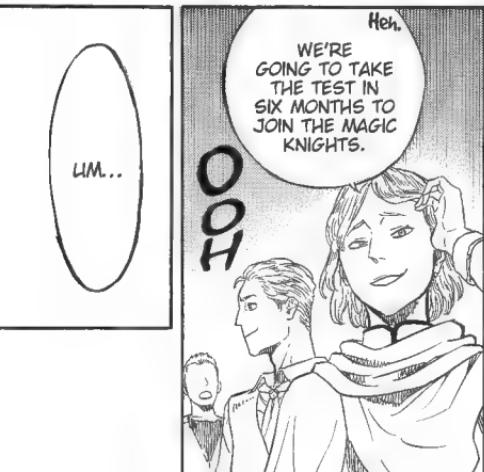
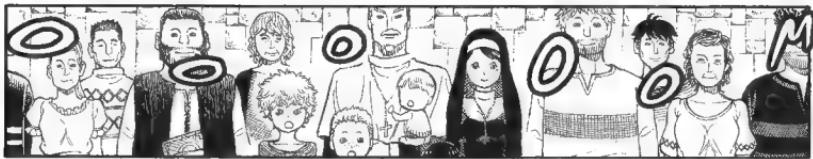
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WISH YOU
FAITH,
HOPE AND
LOVE.



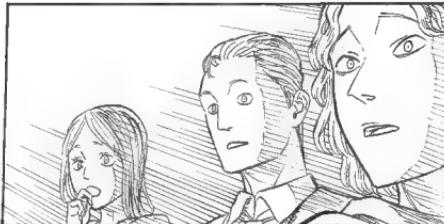
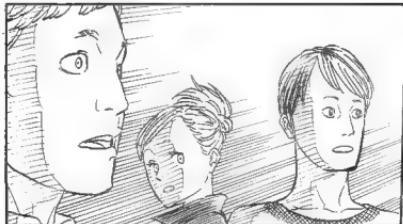
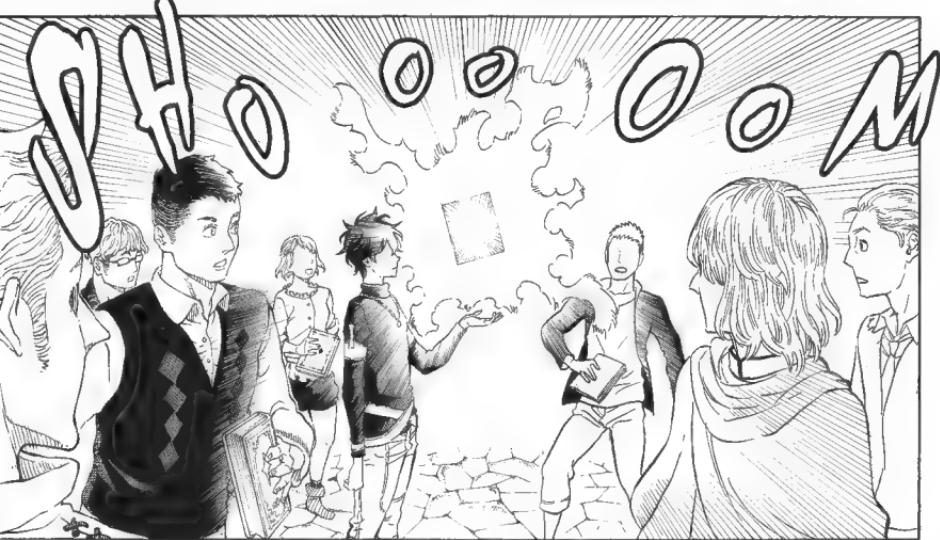
...OF THE
GRIMOIRES!

...THE
AWARDING
...



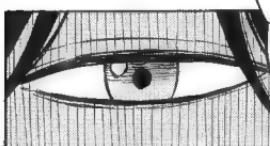


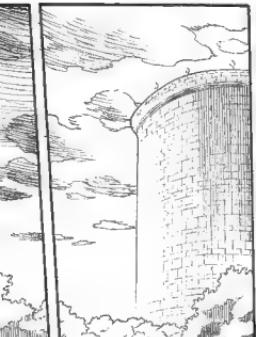


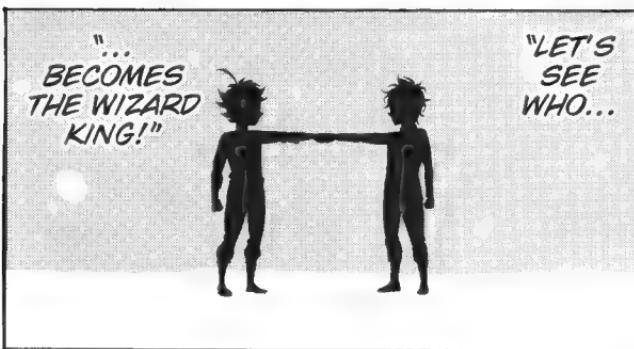






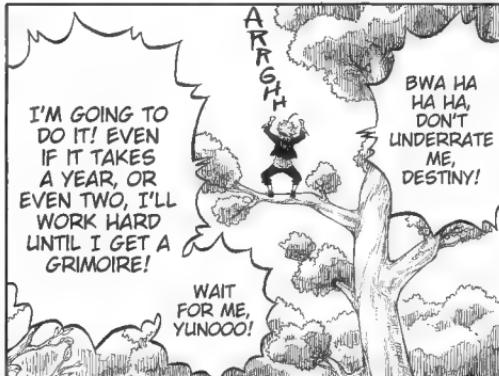






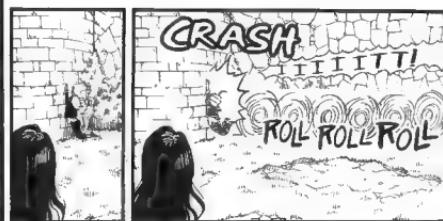
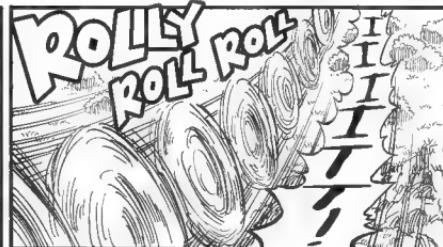
LIKE
I'M
GONNA
GIVE
UP!

YOOH













I CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT HIM WITH JUST PHYSICAL TRAINING.

T
H
I
D

SO THIS IS THE POWER OF MAGES OUTSIDE THIS TOWN.



WHAT A HEAVY BLOW!



These chains tell me the magical powers of those who touch them.

Since you worked so hard, I'll tell you something.

You put up a decent struggle, lad.
Heh heh heh!



No wonder you can't use magic at all!

You were probably just born that way.

And you have absolutely no magical powers within you.

WHAT?



ARGH, I
GUESS IT'S
TIME...

I GIVE...

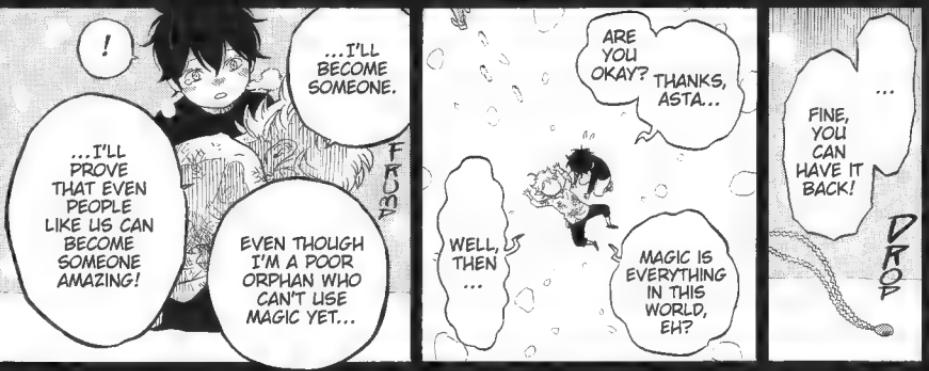
HE'S RIGHT.
NO MATTER HOW
MUCH EFFORT I
PUT IN, THERE
ARE THINGS
THAT CAN'T BE
HELPED.

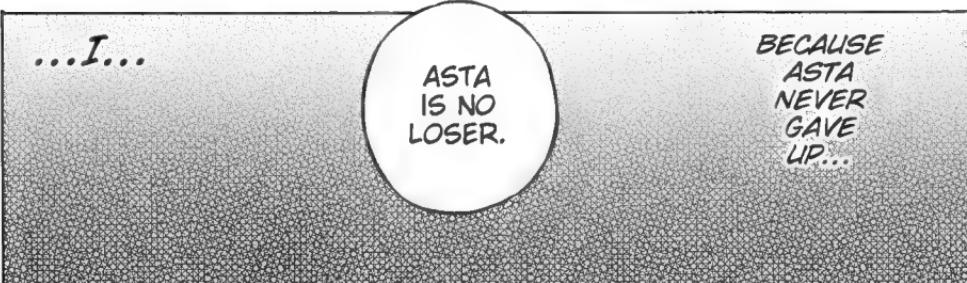
HEY.

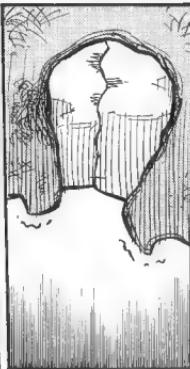
WHO
ARE YOU
CALLING A
LOSER?

ASTA
IS...





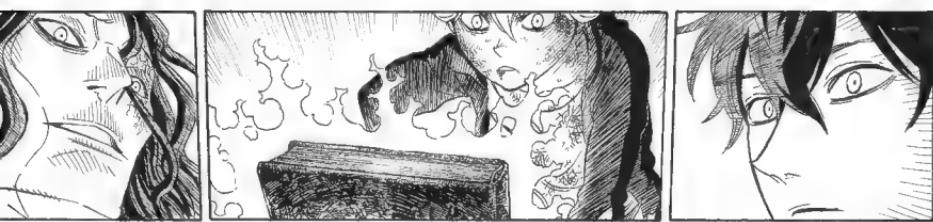




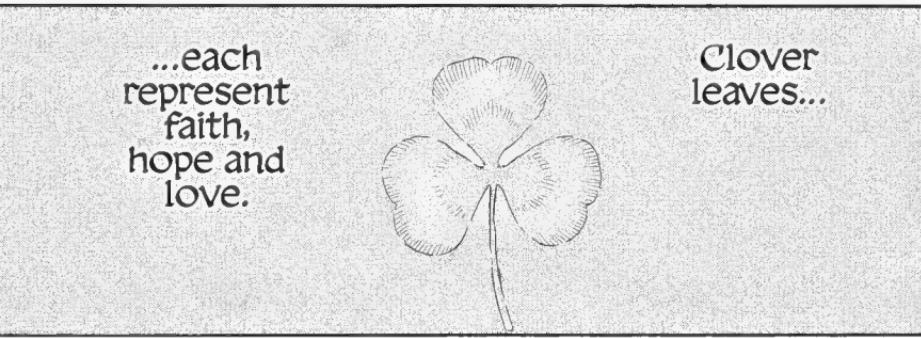


I'M
NOT
DONE
YET!

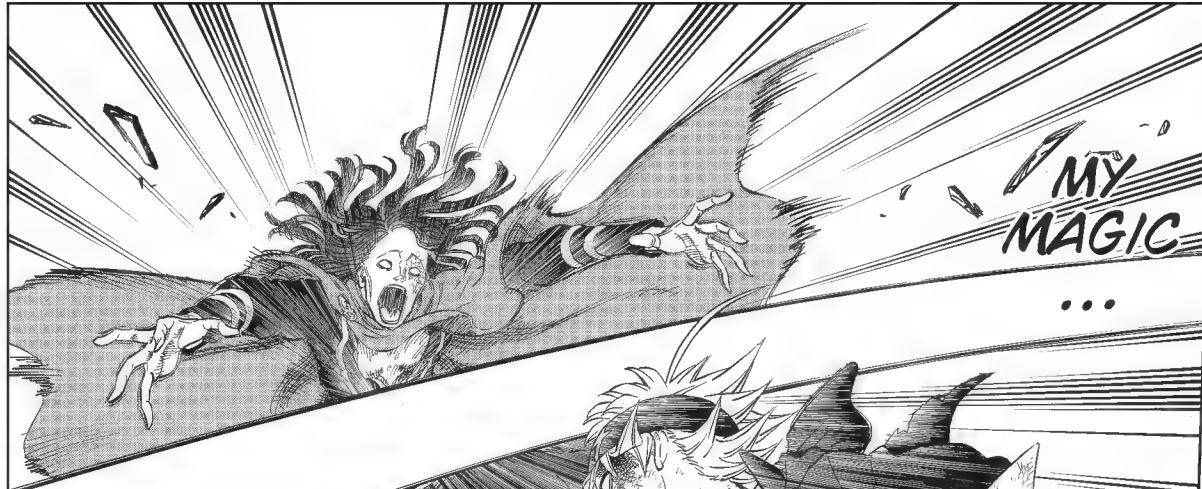


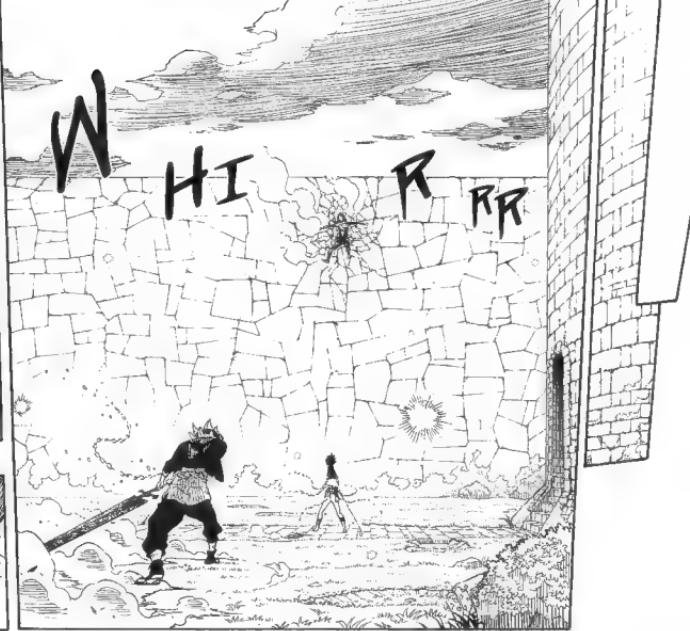


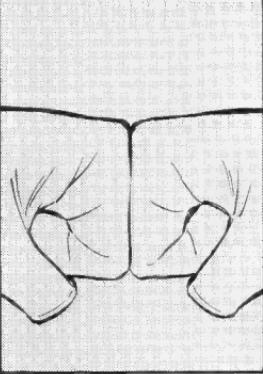












...
BE-
COMES
THE
WIZARD
KING!

LET'S
SEE
WHO...



Asta

Age: 15

Height: 155 cm

Birthday (the day
he was found at the
church): October 4

Sign: Libra

Blood Type: A

Likes: The nun

C h a r a c t e r P r o f i l e





BECOMES
THE
WIZARD
KING!



LET'S
SEE
WHO...

The
Magic
Knights
Entrance
Exam
Venue



Six
months
later...



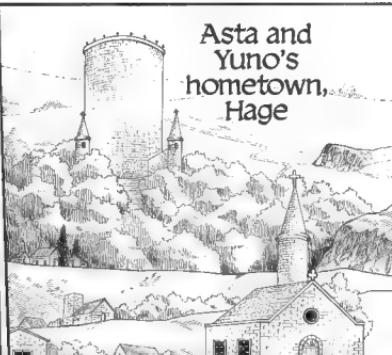
They
are
admired
by the
entire
nation.

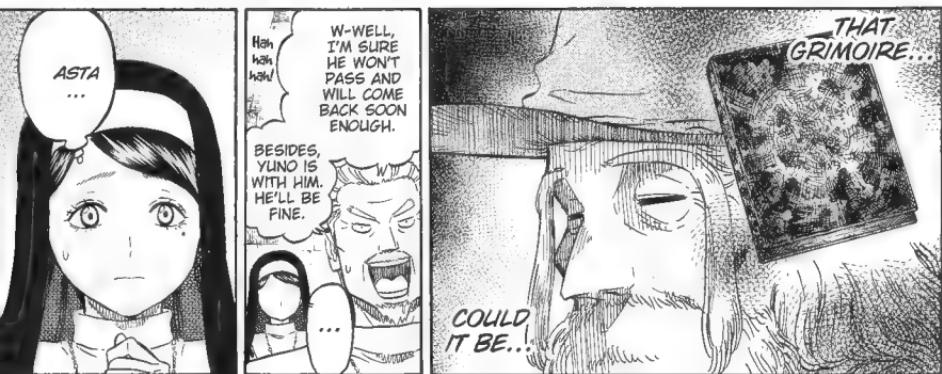
This army of
heroes risks
their lives to
protect the
kingdom.

Nine squads
of mages
specializing in
battle that work
directly under the
command of the
Wizard King.

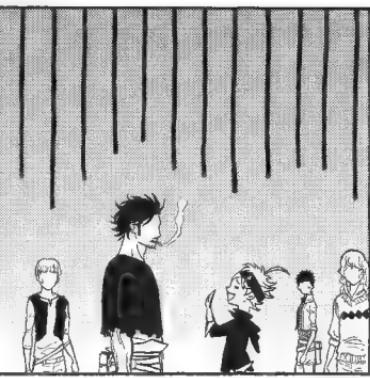
The
Magic
Knights

















ALL OF THE
CAPTAINS OF
THE MAGIC
KNIGHTS
TOGETHER!
WOW!

And one
of them
becomes
the next
Wizard King.

THAT'S THE
CAPTAIN OF
THE SILVER
EAGLES AND
THE CRIMSON
LION KINGS!

WHOA-
AAA!

Each captain
of the Magic
Knights is
as strong as
more than
100 mages.



WILLIAM
VAN-
GEANCE!

IT'S THE
CAPTAIN
OF THE
STRONGEST
MAGIC
KNIGHTS
SQUAD, THE
GOLDEN
Dawn...

THE TOP
CANDIDATE
TO BE
THE NEXT
WIZARD
KING!

ARE
YOU STUPID?
ONLY THE
ELITE OF THE
ARISTOCRATS
CAN JOIN
THE GOLDEN
DAWN!

MAN,
I HOPE I
CAN JOIN
THE GOLDEN
DAWN!

I HEARD
HE TOOK
THE ENEMY
GENERAL'S
HEAD IN
THE LAST
BATTLE.

MAGIC
TREE,
DESCEND!

HE'S WELL
RESPECTED
BY HIS
SQUAD
MEMBERS
TOO.

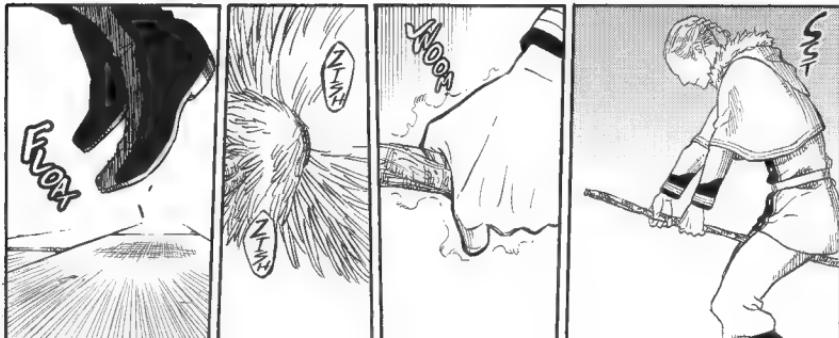
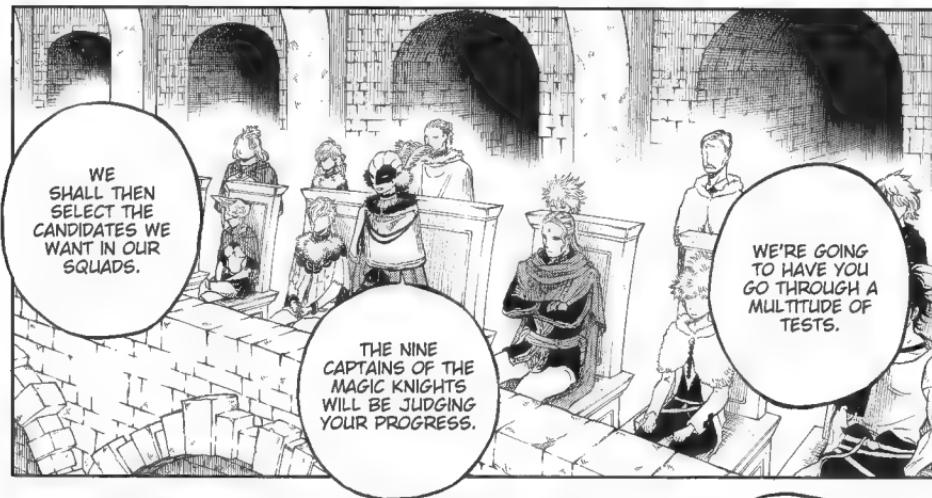
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

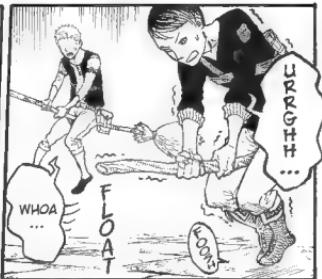
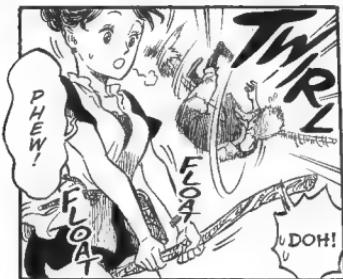


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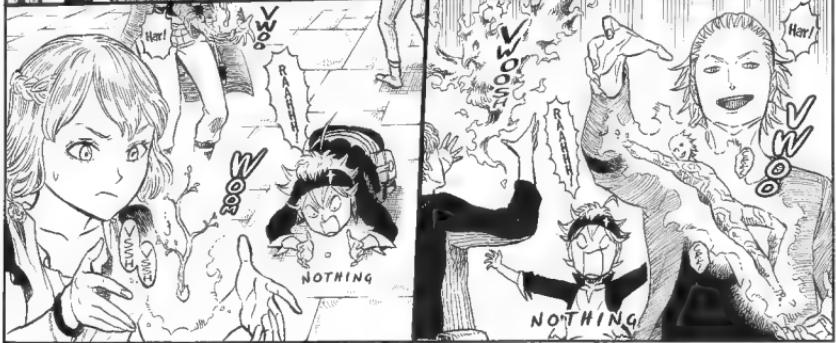
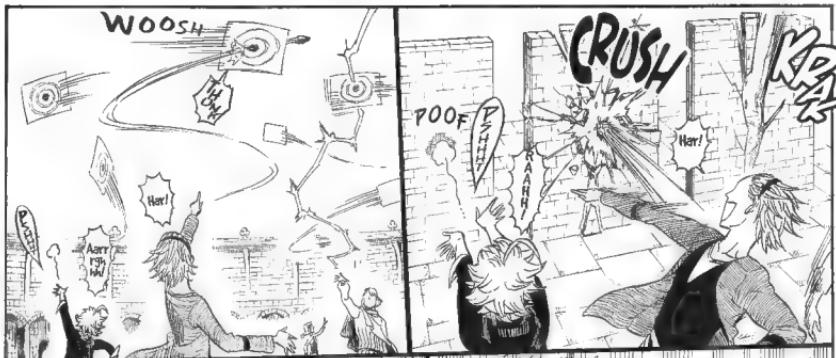


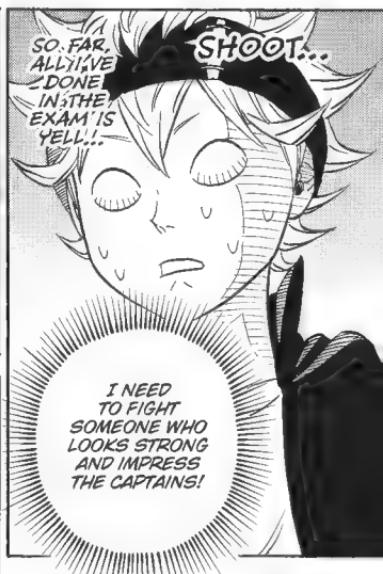
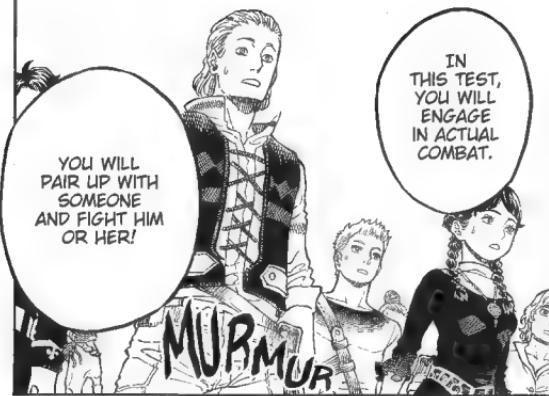














GO BACK
TO THE BOONIES
AND CONTINUE
YOUR SAD,
PATHETIC DUMP
OF A LIFE.

I'LL HAVE A
BLAST AS A
MEMBER OF THE
MAGIC KNIGHTS
FOR YOU. AND I'LL
DO THAT WITHOUT
EVEN PUTTING
FORTH MUCH
EFFORT.

COME
AND
GET ME,
ASTA!
HAR
HAR!

I'M NOT
GOING
TO HOLD
BACK!

WOO OM

...BEGIN!

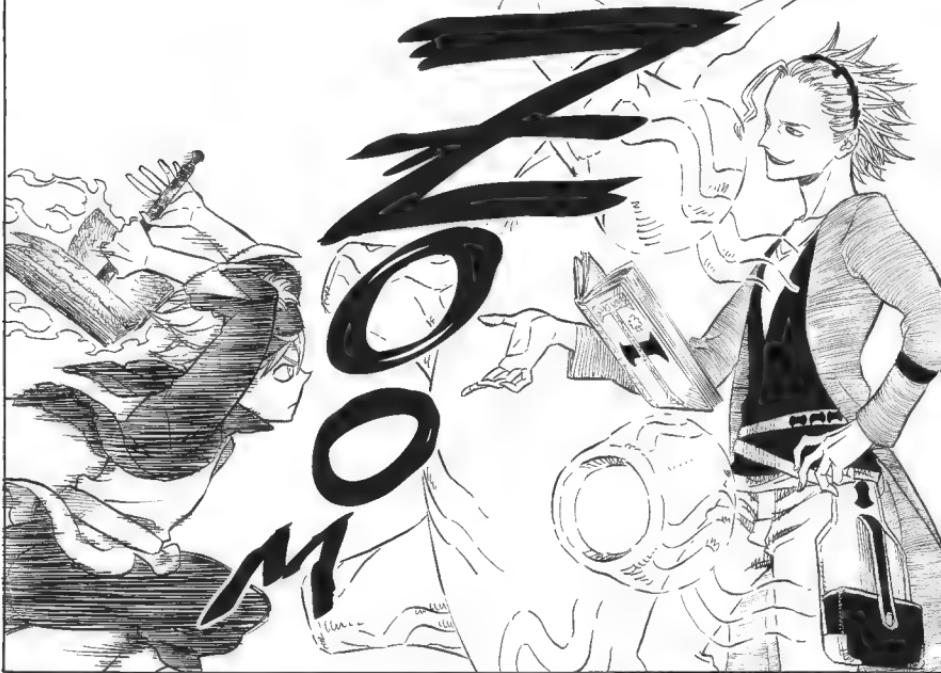
THEN
...

WISH

Bronze
Creation
Magic:
Sekke
Magnum
Cannon-
Ball!

NG











Yuno

Age: 15

Height: 172 cm

Birthday (the day
he was found at the
church): October 4

Sign: Libra

Blood Type: AB

Likes: The sky



Character Profile





I
SAID I'M
GOING TO
BECOME
THE
WIZARD
KING!
DO YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH
THAT?!

SHUT
UP
WITH
ALL
THAT
BLAB-
BING!!

AND
DID HE
JUST
SAY...

...SOMETHING
ABOUT THE
WIZARD
KING?

HEY!
WHO YOU
CALLING
PATHETIC?!

GIVE IT UP
ALREADY,
YOU
PATHETIC
KID.

KEEP
DREAMING,
STUPID
FOOL.

Ha ha ha.

HE MUST
BE. HE'S A
PEASANT FROM
THE BOONIES.
WHAT IS HE
THINKING?

IS HE
STUPID?

HUH?

SO HE
WANTS
TO BE THE
WIZARD
KING, EH?

WE
SURE DID
GET AN
ODD ONE
THIS YEAR.

HE'S
NOT
USING
MAGIC.

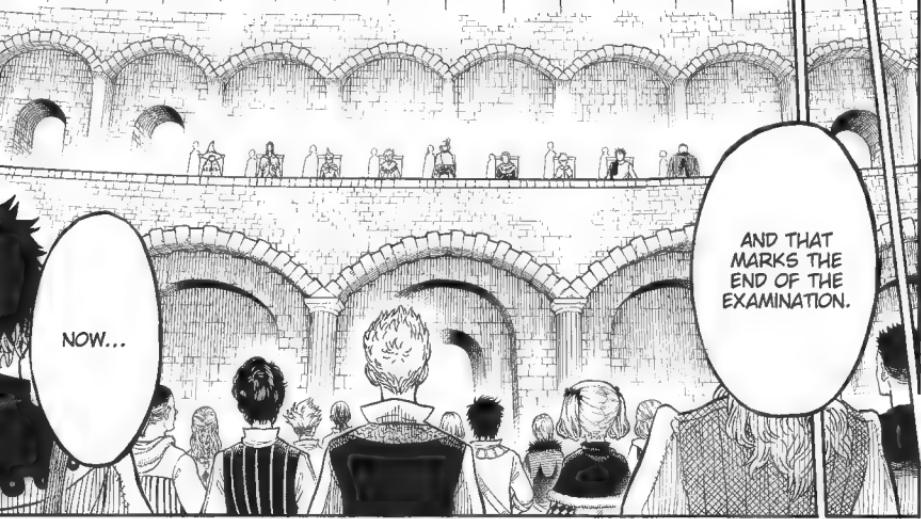
HMM.
IS IT A
FORM OF
CREATION
MAGIC?

IT DIDN'T
APPEAR LIKE
HE HAD THAT
KIND OF
MAGICAL
POWER
DURING THE
OTHER TESTS.



Wind Magic: Towering Tornado





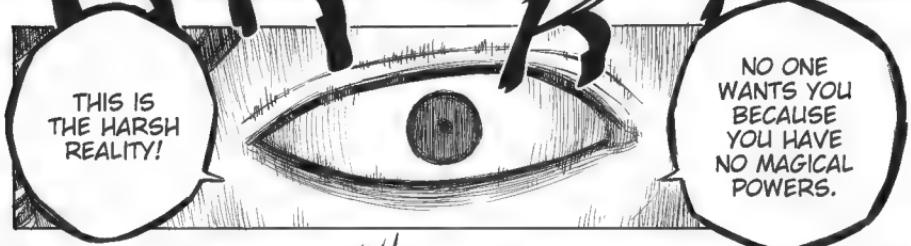




PLEASE
ALLOW
ME TO
JOIN THE
GOLDEN
DAWN!



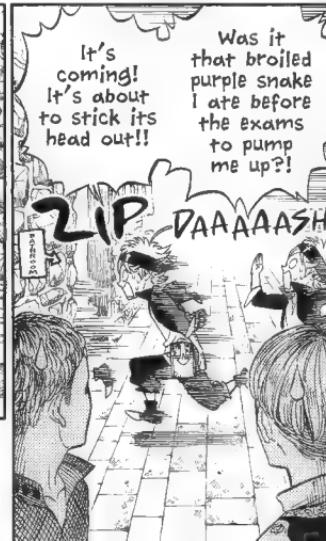
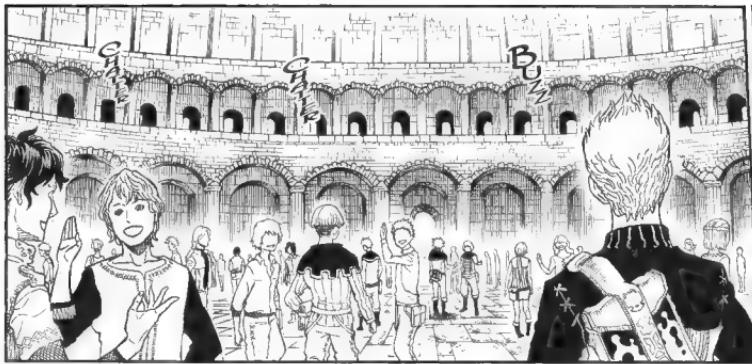
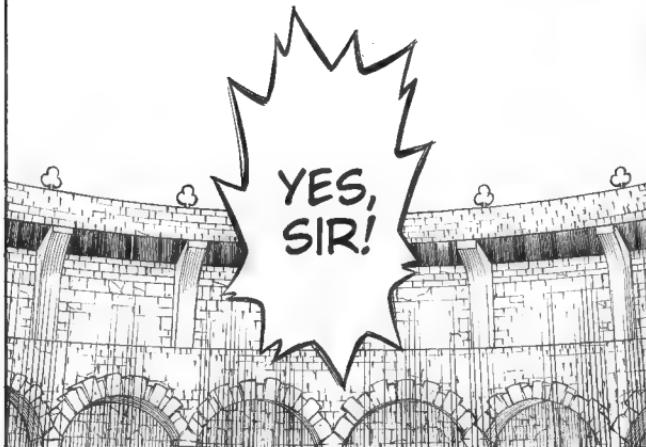


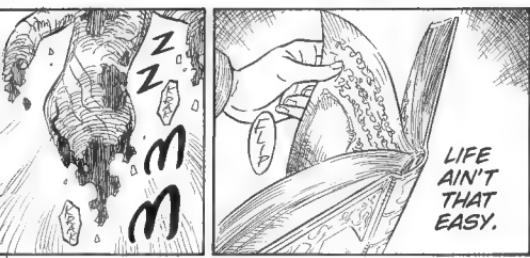


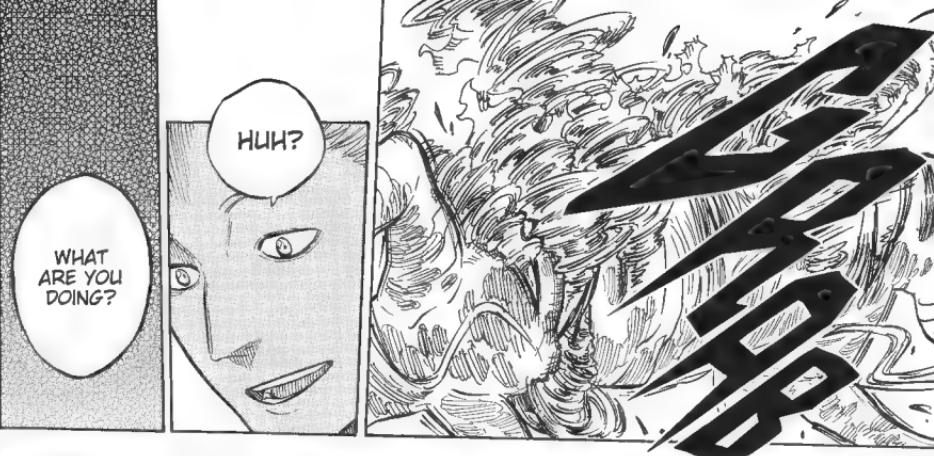




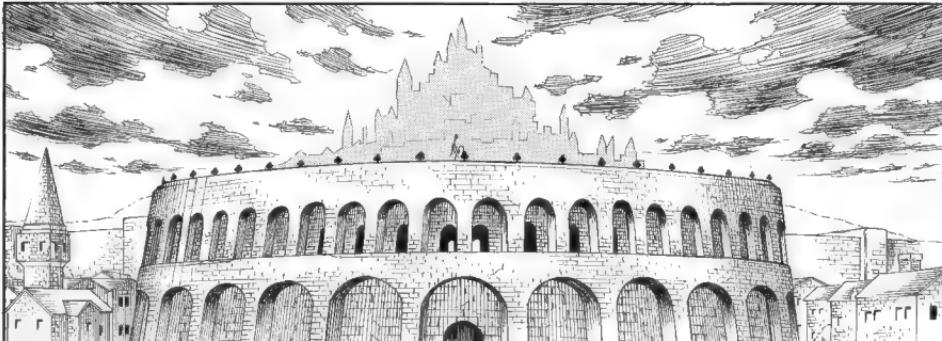


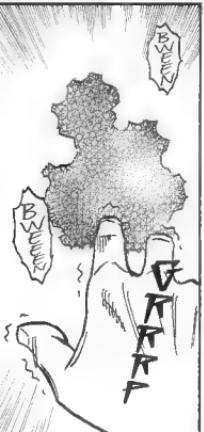
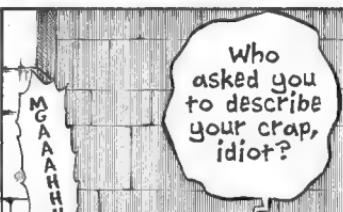






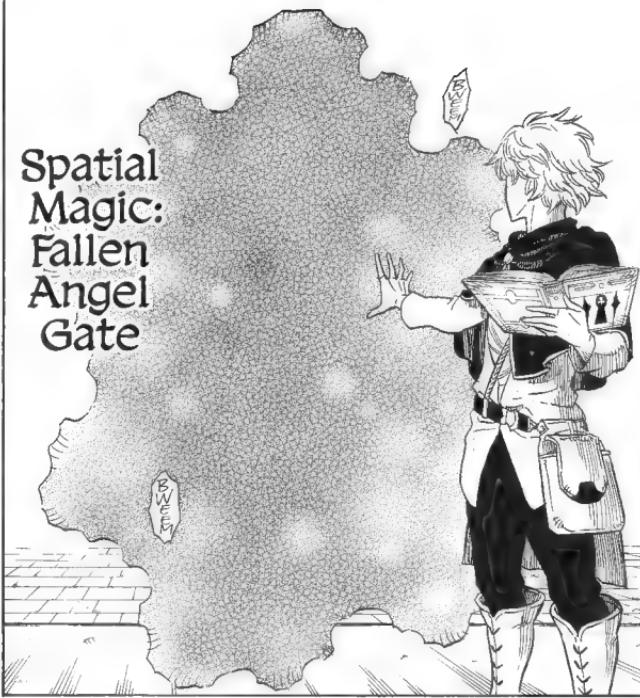








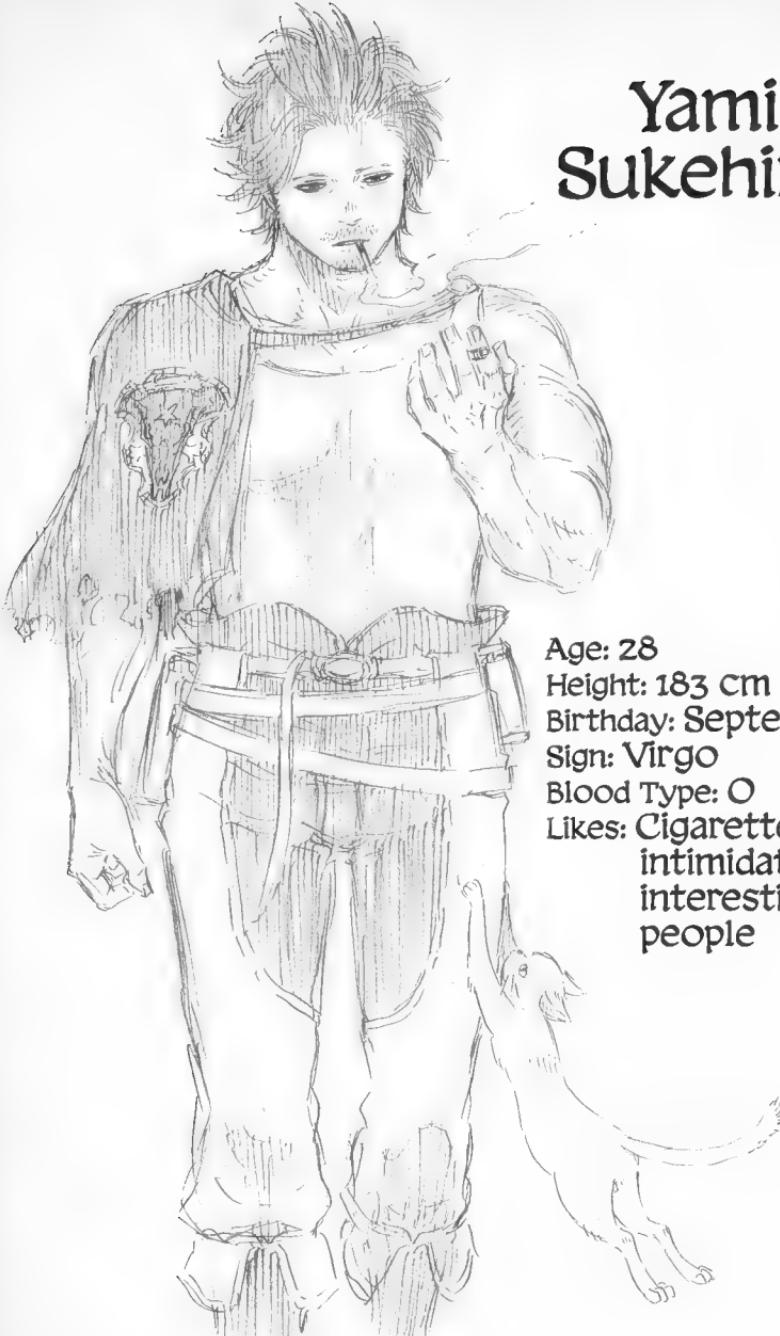
Spatial Magic: Fallen Angel Gate





SO THIS
IS THE
BLACK
BULL'S...





Yami Sukehiro

Age: 28
Height: 183 cm
Birthday: September 17
Sign: Virgo
Blood Type: O
Likes: Cigarettes,
intimidation,
interesting
people

Character Profile



H
W

O
O



Page 4:

The Black Bulls





NOBODY'S LISTENING...









I dunno
how you
sucked up
to Mister
Yami...

Scary
!!

But
if you
want to
wear our
robe...

...you
gotta earn
some
respect
from me,
Mister
Yami's top
underling,
man among
men,
Magna
Swing!

You're
a new
Black
Bull?!

A wussy
little runt
from
the back
end of
nowhere?

IN
THAT
CASE...

YOU
WANT IT
THAT BAD,
HUH?

I
SEE.
I GET
IT.

A
hand's
coming
out of
your
throat...

SOM...
SO COOL.
GIMME!
PLEASE!!

A
MAGIC
KNIGHTS
ROBE!





Flame-Magic:
Exploding
Fireball!



I'M
DEAD.

OH.



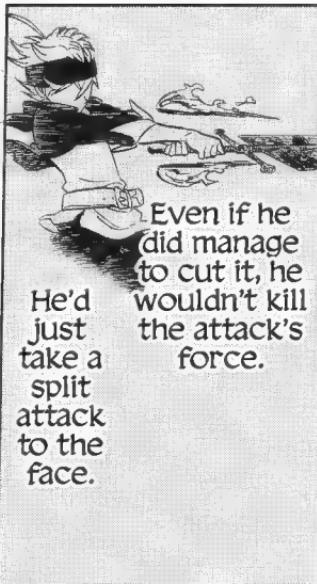
...his kinetic Vision and his explosive power.



When he realized his limits... "I can't stop this!!



...his brain shut down.

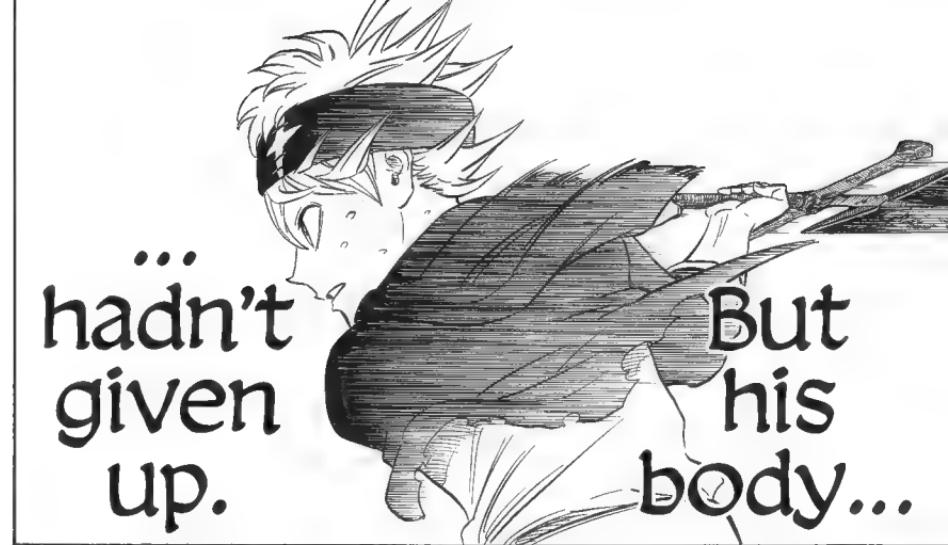


He'd just take a split attack to the face.



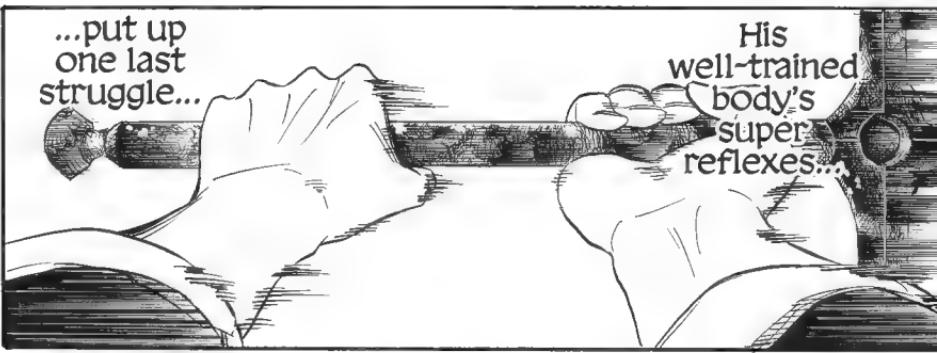
Asta's brain...

...knew instinctively.



...
hadn't
given
up.

But
his
body...



...put up
one last
struggle...

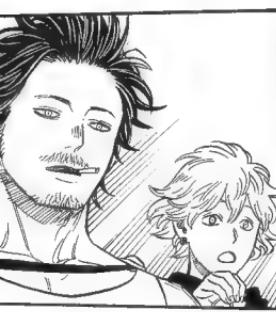
His
well-trained
body's
super
reflexes...



...found...



And...















Magna Swing



Age: 18

Height: 169 cm

Birthday: April 7

Sign: Aries

Blood Type: B

**Likes: Spicy foods,
manly men**

Character Profile



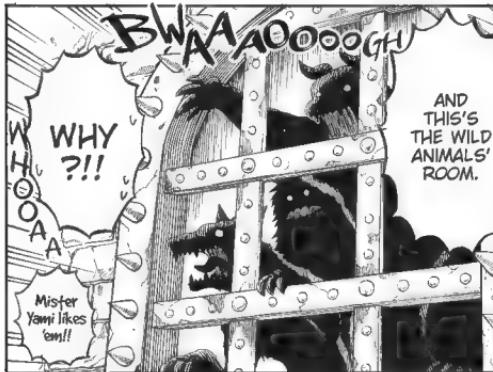
KICK BUTT
AND NEVER
BRING SHAME
ON THE NAME!!

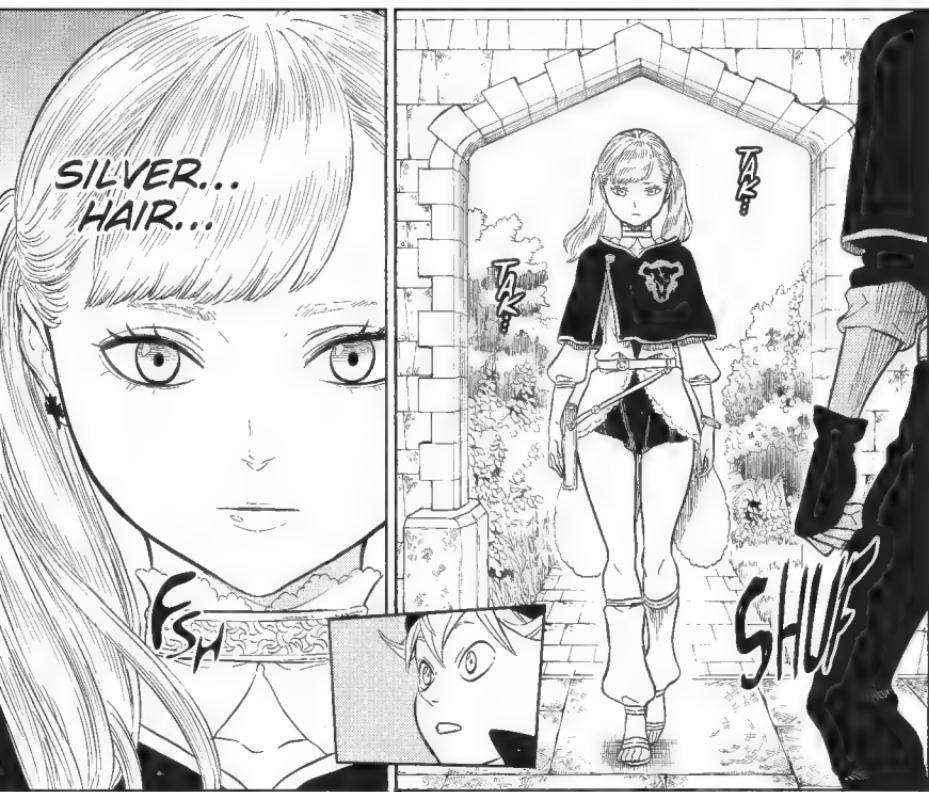
NOW
YOU'RE A
MEMBER OF
THE BLACK
BULLS MAGIC
KNIGHTS!!

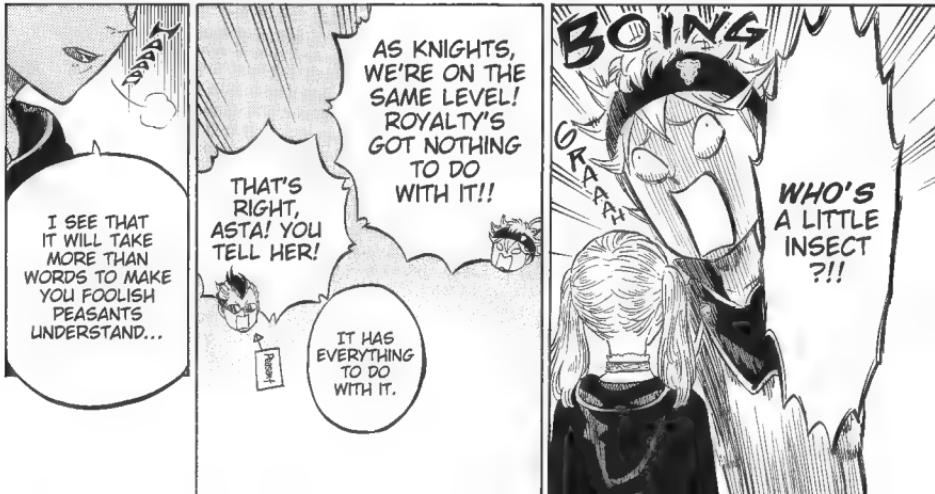
GOOOOOOD!
AS AN
EXTRA-
SPECIAL
BONUS...

I'LL NOW
PERSONALLY
SHOW YOU
AROUND THE
BLACK BULLS'
SUPER-STYLIN'
BASE OF
OPERATIONS!!

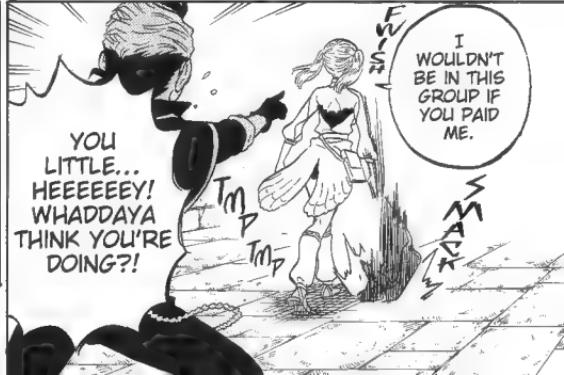
YESSIR
!!





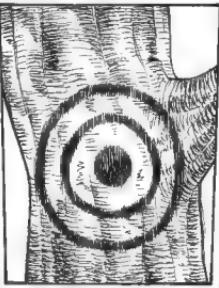
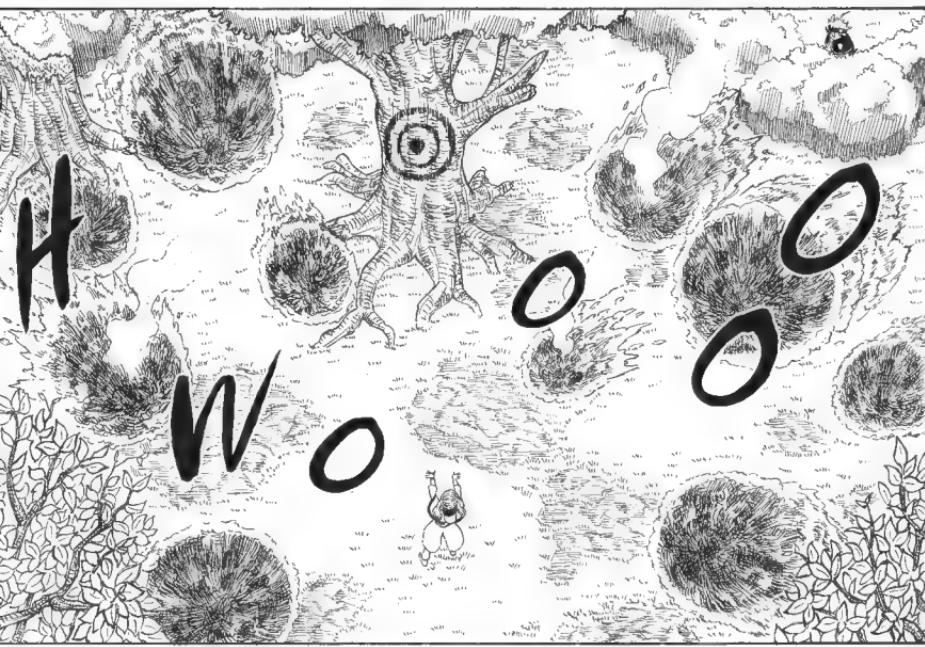




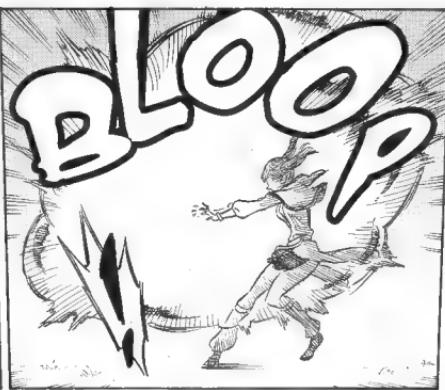












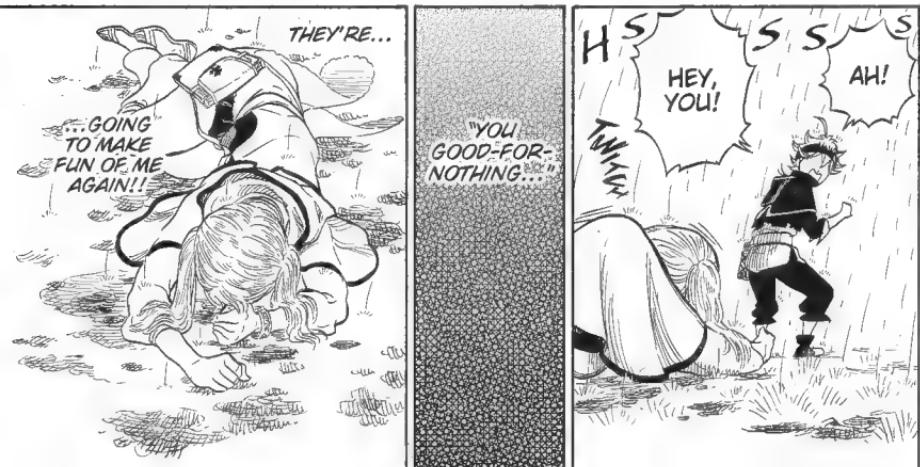
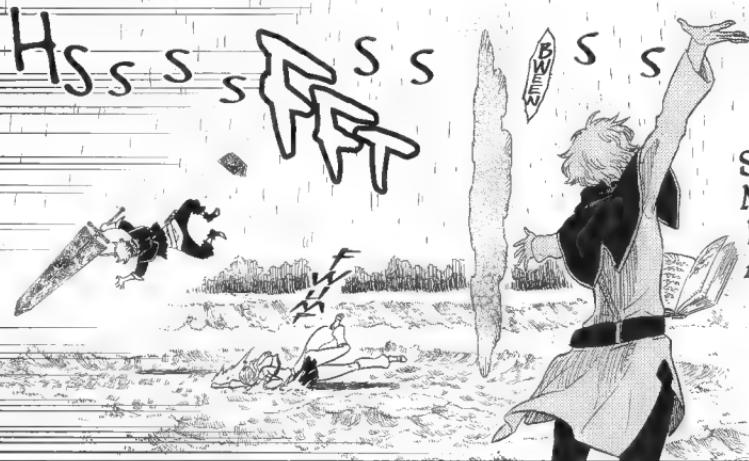




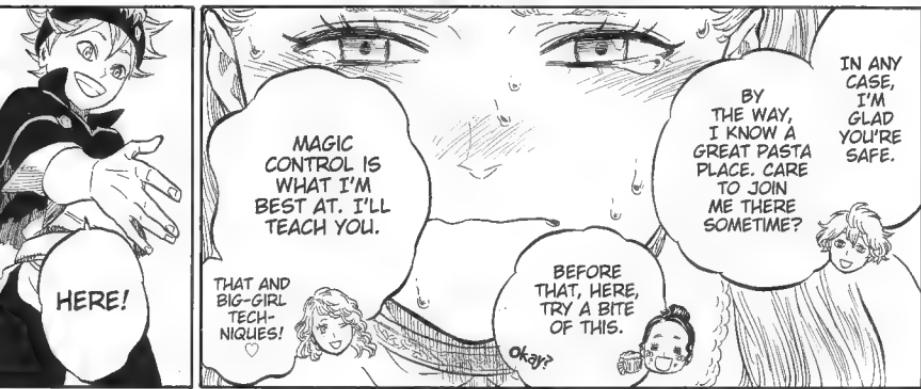














Noelle Silva

Age: 15

Height: 161 cm

Birthday: November 15

Sign: Scorpio

Blood Type: O

**Likes: Sweets,
things that are
a little irritating
but cute**





Perpetual glutton
Charmy Pappitson



WE'LL GO
ON A MISSION
TOGETHER
ONE OF THESE
DAYS. LOOKIN'
FORWARD
TO IT!

B
A
A
A
WELL, LONG
STORY SHORT,
IT'S A GOOD
JOB!

Master of
transformation magic
Grey (real name
unknown)

???

HM.

They're
all
weirdos!





HUMANS
ARE STRONG
WHEN
THEY'VE GOT
RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE WAS
LOOKING TO
GET RICH QUICK
SO HE COULD
MAKE HIS
POOR VILLAGE
WEALTHY... THAT
GEEZER WAS
QUITE A GUY.

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
THE TWO
OF US LOST
A BET THE
OTHER DAY.

HE'S
RIGHT!

SCUSE
ME!
BUT THAT
MEANS IT'S
NOT OUR
PROBLEM,
DOESN'T
IT!!

WE
PROMISED
THIS ONE OLD
GUY WE'D
DO A FAVOR
FOR HIM,
WHATEVER
HE ASKED.

WE'LL
GO.

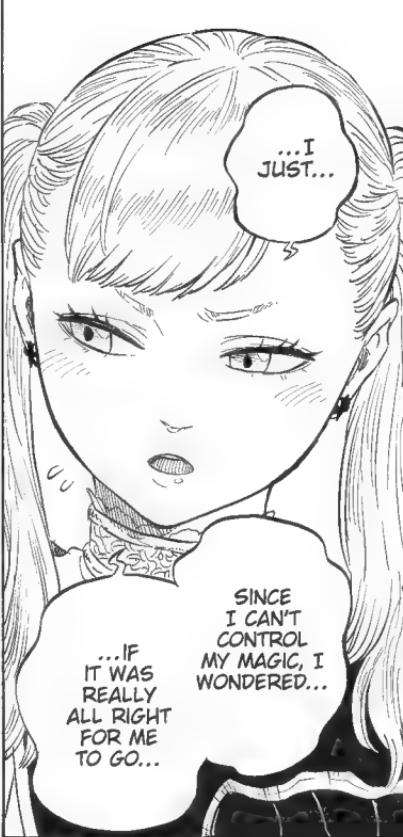
Go
or
die.
What's
it
gonna
be?

NOBODY'S
COMPLAINING.

Say
what?
Got a
problem,
kid?

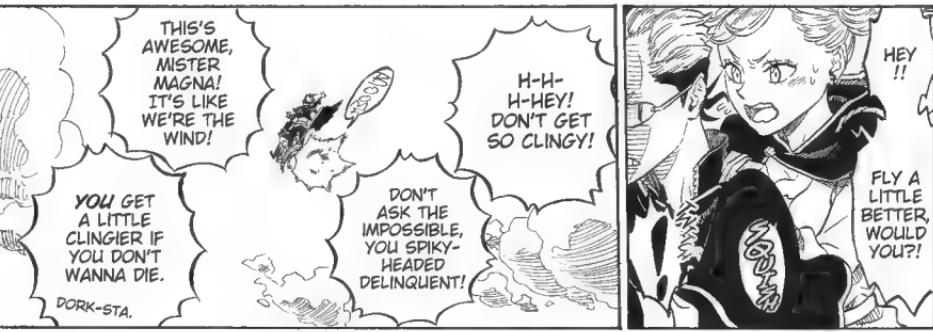
ME...? GO
TO A GRIMY
VILLAGE FOR
SOME GRIMY
OLD MAN?
TO GET RID
OF A GRIMY
BOAR?

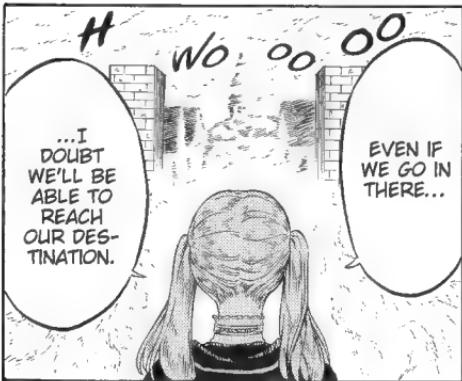
...STILL, IT'S
OUR FIRST
MISSION!!
MAN, I'M
GETTING
PSYCHED!!





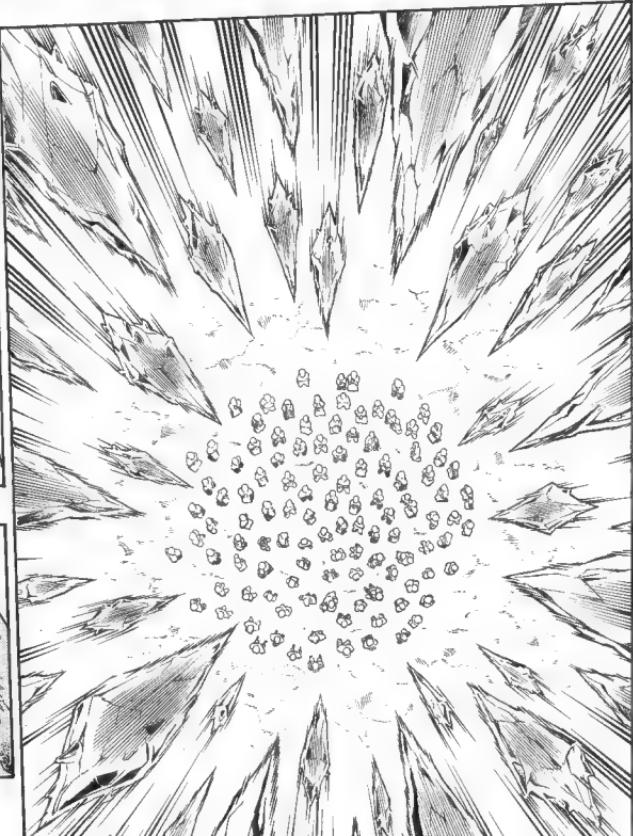
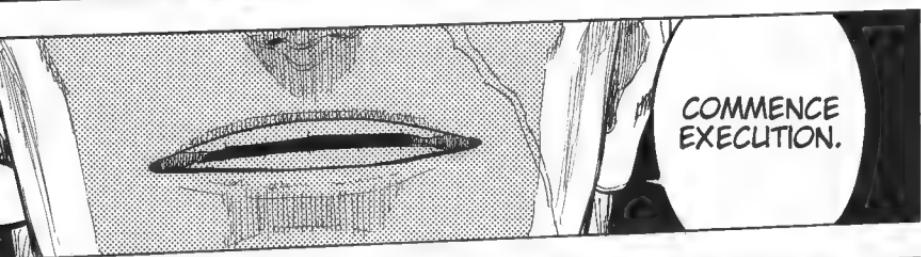




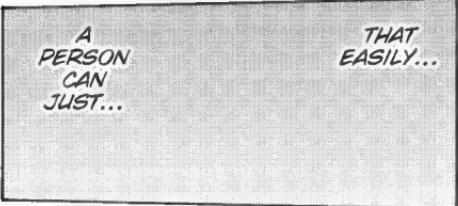


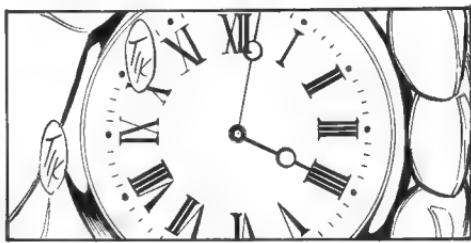
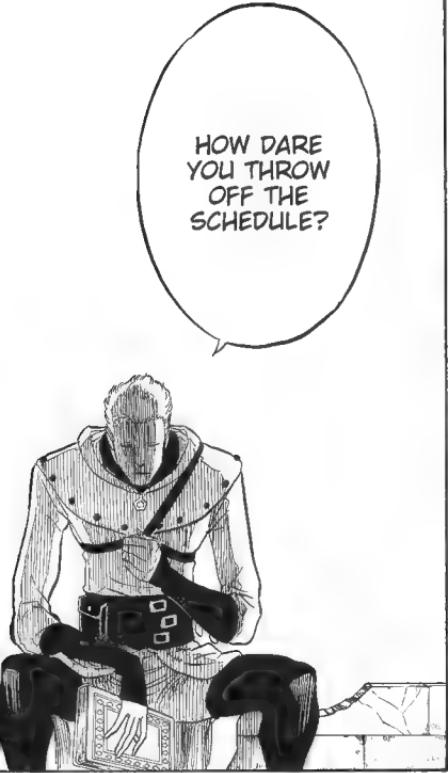


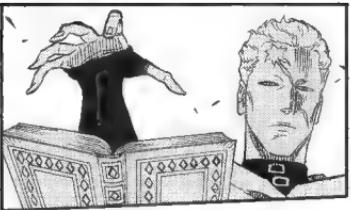














The Blank Page Brigade



A tall guy with a youthful heart who energizes any atmosphere and has lots of experience.

MASAYOSHI SATOSHO



CAPTAIN TABATA



A guy who is strapped for money, considerate, shy, cares about his siblings, and is both a breath of fresh air and sharp-tongued.

KOKI ISHIKAWA



A pure and innocent weirdo raised in Hokkaido. Says weird things.

ASAHI SAKANO



A kindhearted "heave-ho!" expert who often got carried away in the past. Draws background characters like nobody's business.

KO SHIMAMEGURI

Good work, people. I'll hop on home now!

His grimoire is a girly mag!



Enthusiasm and a dirty mind hide deep within him. A craftsman who experienced great pain in the past.

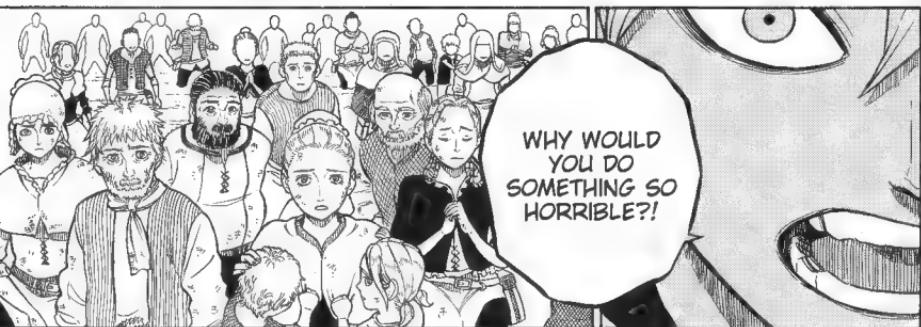
HAYATO GOTO



A perfectly serene spirit raised in Hokkaido. The only guy my age on the team.

GENYA HORI

✿ Page 7: Beast



AND HOW DID
THEY BREAK
THROUGH OUR
MIST BARRIER
AND ENTER THE
VILLAGE...?

H
W
ARE THEY
ON AN
UNOFFICIAL
MISSION OF
SOME SORT
...

WE
HADN'T
HEARD THAT
MEMBERS OF
THE MAGIC
KNIGHTS
WOULD BE
COMING...

CRUDE
HERETICS
WHO DON'T
FIT IN WITH
THE REST OF
THE MAGIC
KNIGHTS,
HM...?

THE
BLACK
BULLS...

...AND
HUNT FOR
WHAT WE
SEEK!

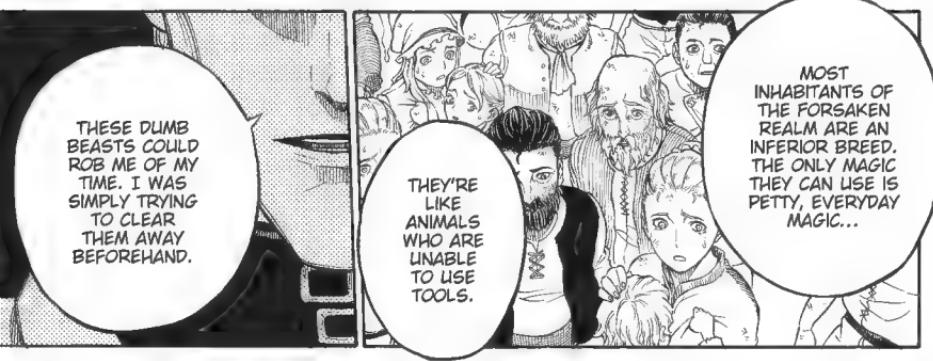
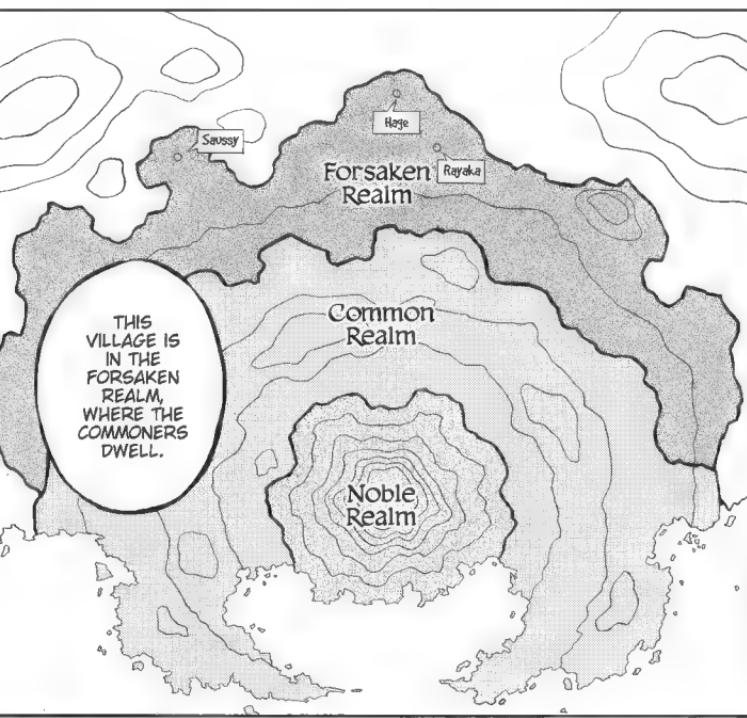
FIVE
MINUTES.

THE
WORTHLESS
VILLAGERS
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING.
WE'LL FINISH
THEM OFF
QUICKLY...







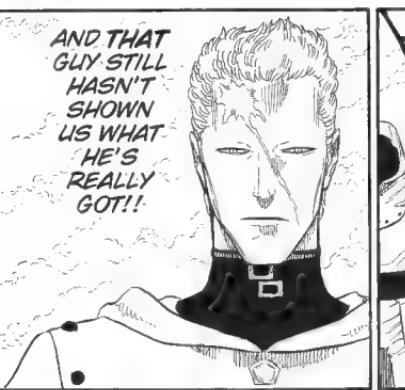




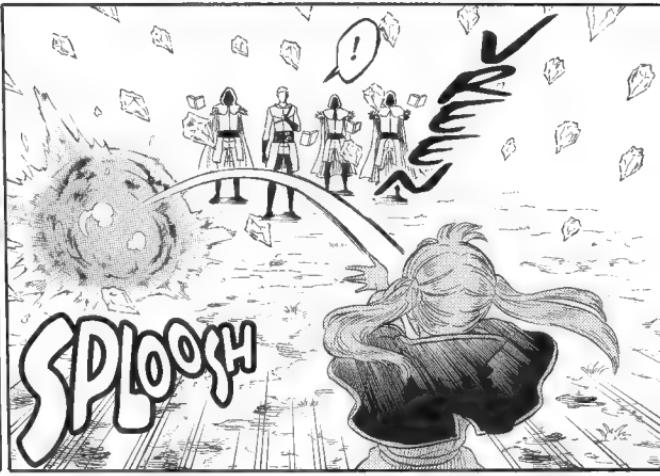








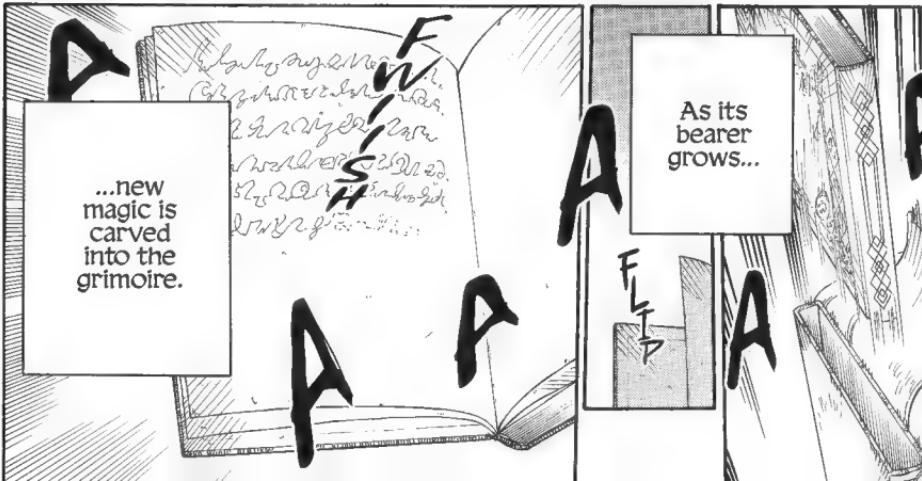
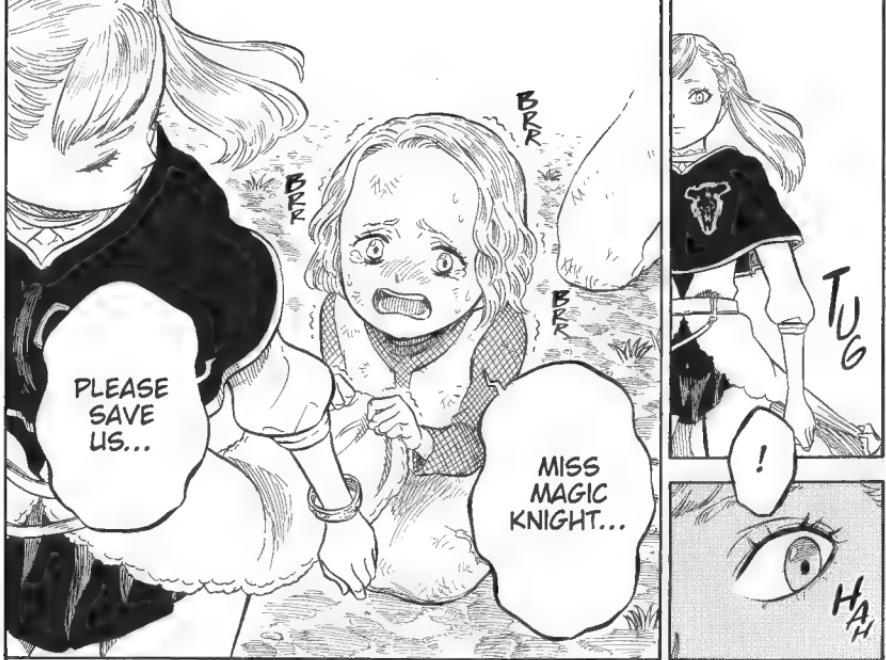
DOOM



WEAK BEASTS WHO CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THEMSELVES...







But sometimes, heightened emotions, sudden changes or strong resolution...

...can trigger it.

THAT'S
RIGHT...

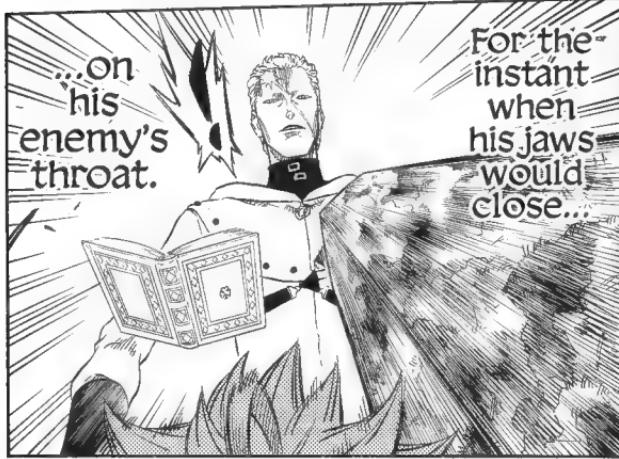
THIS
LITTLE GIRL
IS ASKING
FOR HELP...

This growth is usually the amplification of magic through trials...

...or improvement in the usability of magic.







The
beast
had
been
waiting.



BUT
I'M
STILL
GONNA
...

...
TAKE
YOU
OUT!!

MASTER AND APPRENTICE
TEAM UP TO COMMEMORATE
THE RELEASE OF VOLUME 1!!

IF KYOSUKE JOINED THE BLACK BULLS...



The End

*Kodama love smooth, white things.

Kyosuke engages in *shikigami* battles in Tokyo!! Check out *Kagami-gam!!*

AFTERWORD



Thanks for reading *Black Clover*, Volume 1! This is Tabata, who hasn't put any of his regrets about his previous work to good use, takes too much time on his manga pages, gets hounded by deadlines, falls short on sleep, falls to pieces, and is already making people worry that he's going to die an early death!

I got married a few months before they decided to serialize this manga. My mentor, Iwashiro Sensei, was the guest of honor at the ceremony, and he read a wonderful speech for us. We both had series start at the same time, and we got to draw a crossover manga. It was a lot of fun and an opportunity I'm super thankful for!

I've been in Iwashiro Sensei's debt ever since I first came to Tokyo, and no matter how much I thank him, it'll never be enough. Mr. Iwashiro! Thank you so much!!

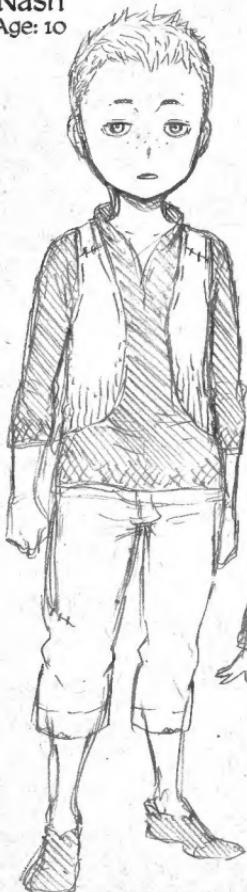


Special Bonus Material!

Introducing some supporting characters who didn't fit into the character profile pages!

THE CHURCH KIDS

Nash
Age: 10



Rekka
Age: 13



Arlu
Age: 5



Horo
Age: 3

Revchi of Chain Magic

Age: 32

Height: 176 cm

Birthday: January 16

Sign: Capricorn

Blood Type: O

Likes: Money

