FIRE PUNCH

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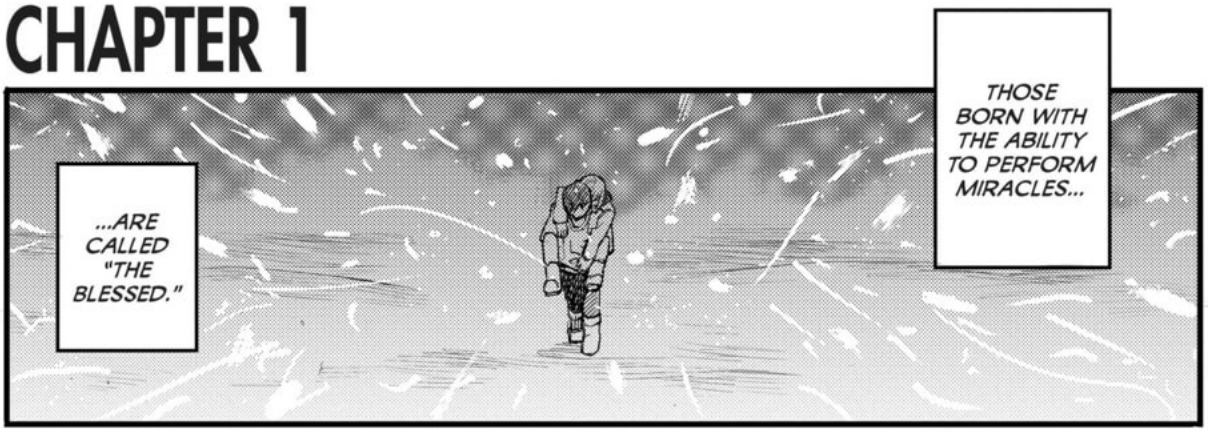
...ARE CALLED "THE BLESSED."
THOSE BORN WITH THE ABILITY TO PERFORM MIRACLES...

IT IS BECAUSE OF A BLESSED CALLED "THE ICE WITCH"...
...THAT THE WORLD IS NOW ENVELOPED IN SNOW...
...STAR-VATION...
...AND MADNESS.

LORD ...
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE.

JUST PLEASE... SAVE LUNA.

GIVE US...
...YOUR MERCI-FUL...
... FLAME.

THE FREEZING MASSES YEARN FOR FIRE.

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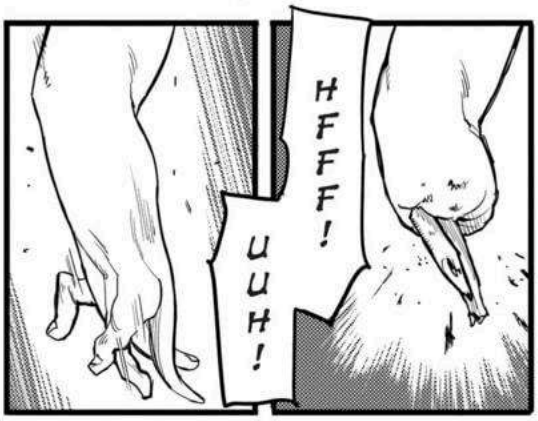
LUNA!
GET IT IN ONE SWING!
JUST RELAX ...
... BROTH-ER!
THOK



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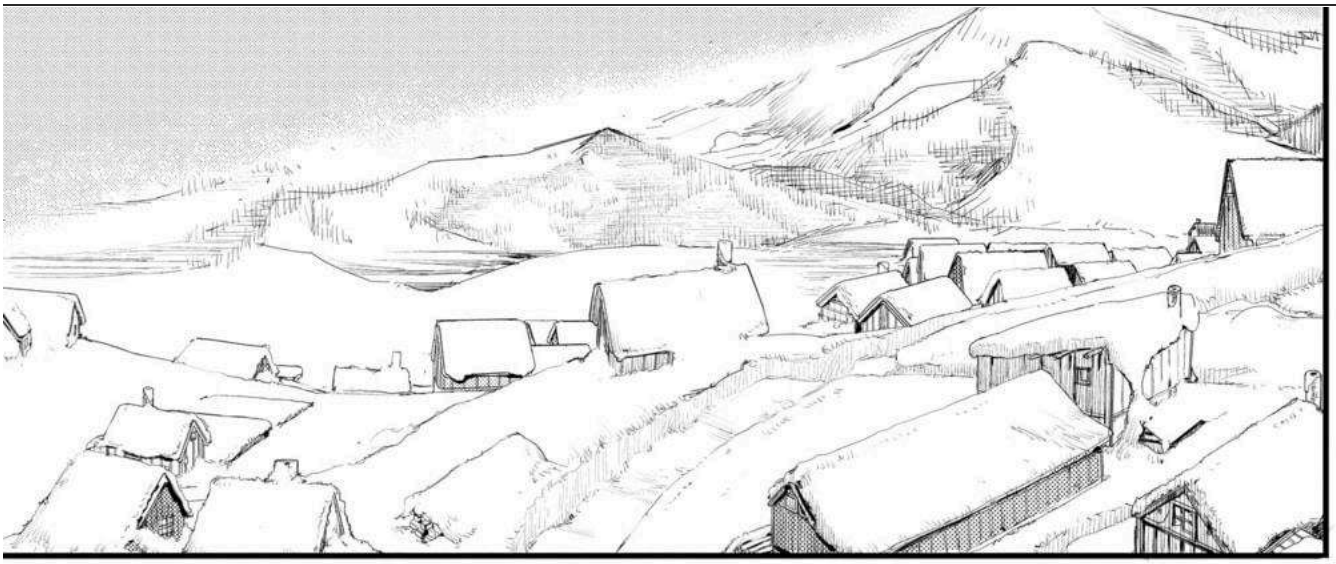

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MAY GOD BE WITH YOU!
NO PROB!

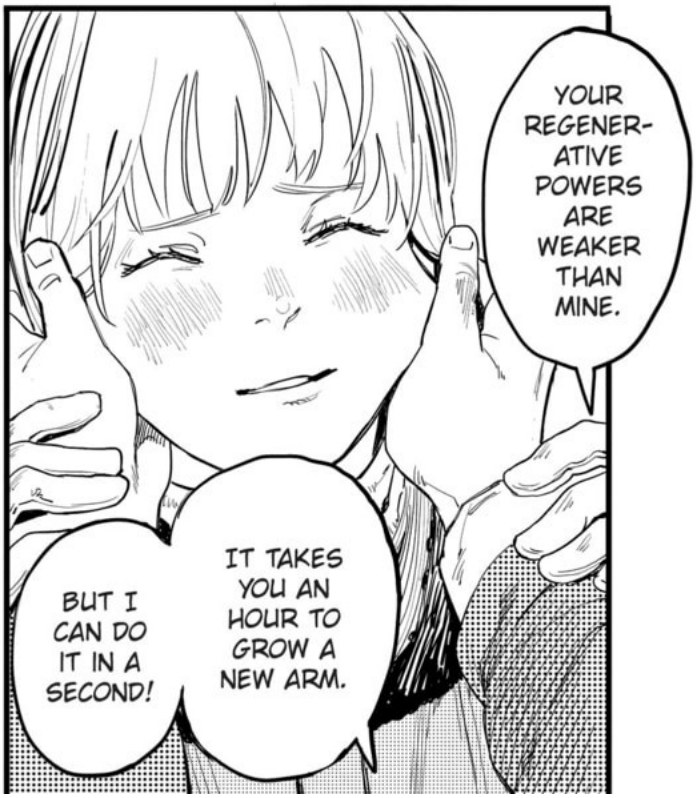
YOU KNOW WE CAN'T ...
DON'T BE STUPID!
... DUMMY.

IT'S ALWAYS ONLY YOUR ARMS, BROTHER.
I'M BLESSED WITH THE SAME POWER OF REGENERATION AS YOU!
STARTING TOMORROW, LET'S CHOP OFF MY ARMS TOO!

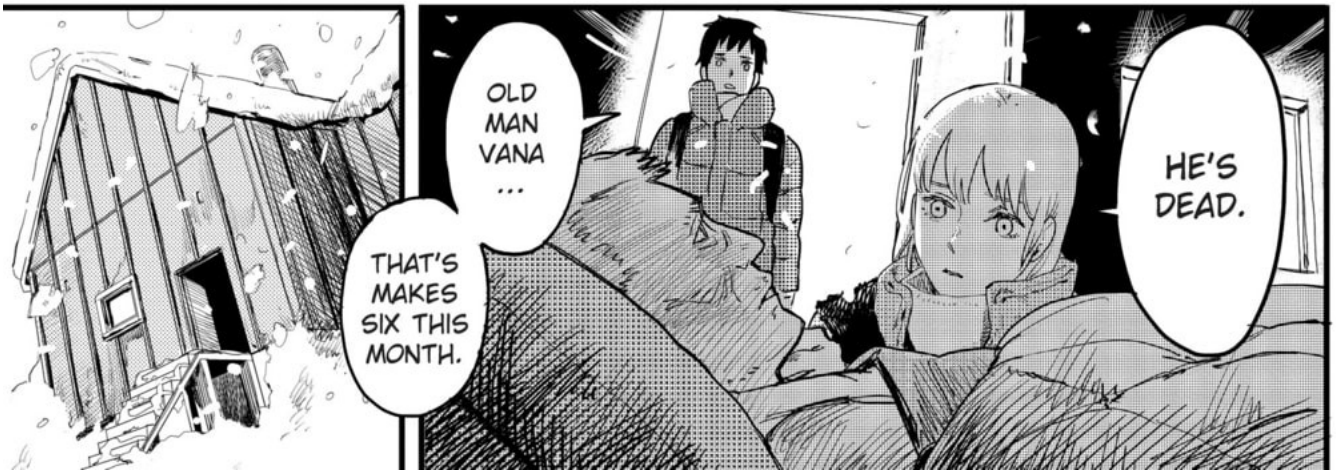
WAS THAT THE LAST OF THEM?
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS OLD MAN VANA.

LOOK AT YOU...ALL SKIN AND BONES.
BESIDES, I BET YOU TASTE BAD.

BUT I'M YOUNGER, SO I'M SURE TO BE TENDER AND SCRUMPTIOUS.


YOUR REGENERATIVE POWERS ARE WEAKER THAN MINE.
IT TAKES YOU AN HOUR TO GROW A NEW ARM.
BUT I CAN DO IT IN A SECOND!

FINE.
...
BOMP
SO JUST LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY.
IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'M NOT ABOUT TO PUT YOU THROUGH THAT SORT OF PAIN.


THAT'S MAKES SIX THIS MONTH.
OLD MAN VANA ...
HE'S DEAD.

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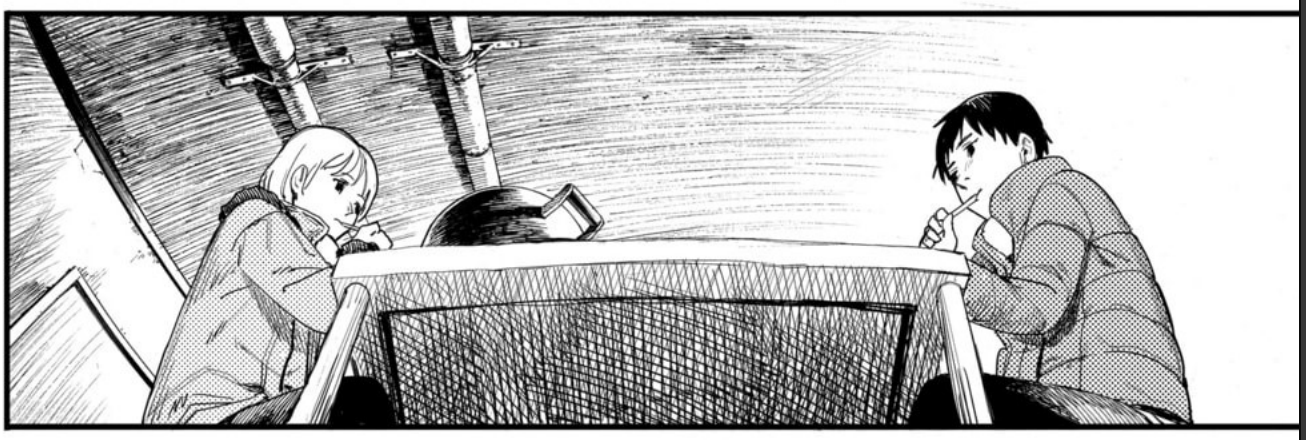
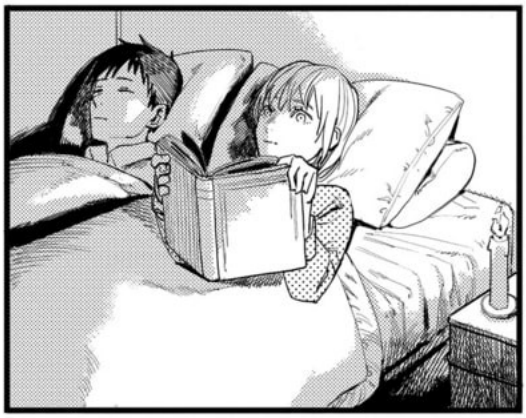
I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T HAFTA. YOU'RE EATING!
MMPH?!
YOU'RE EATING TOO, BROTHER!
OKAY! I'LL EAT! I'LL EAT!
IT'S YUMMY!

WHAT?!
YOU NEED TO PUT SOME MEAT ON YOU.
MY REGENERATIVE POWERS ARE STRONG, SO I'LL BE FINE EVEN IF I DON'T EAT.

YOU EAT, LUNA.
MEH. THERE'S NOT MUCH IN THERE.





YOU'RE DELICIOUS, BROTHER!
I KNEW IT. THE MEAT AT THE JOINS IS THE BEST.

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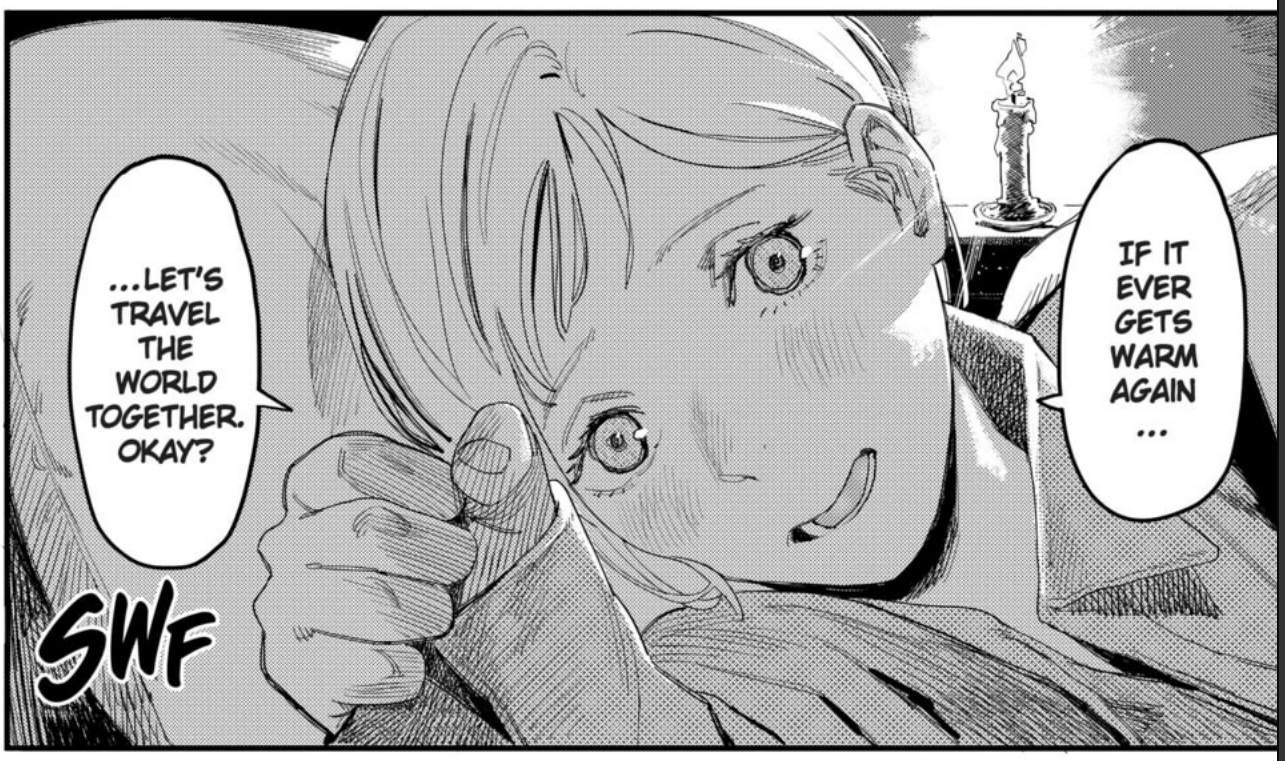
BROTHER?

I LOVE WHEN YOU LOOK LIKE THAT.
YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO HAPPY WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE WARM TIMES.


...LET'S TRAVEL THE WORLD TOGETHER. OKAY?
IF IT EVER GETS WARM AGAIN ...
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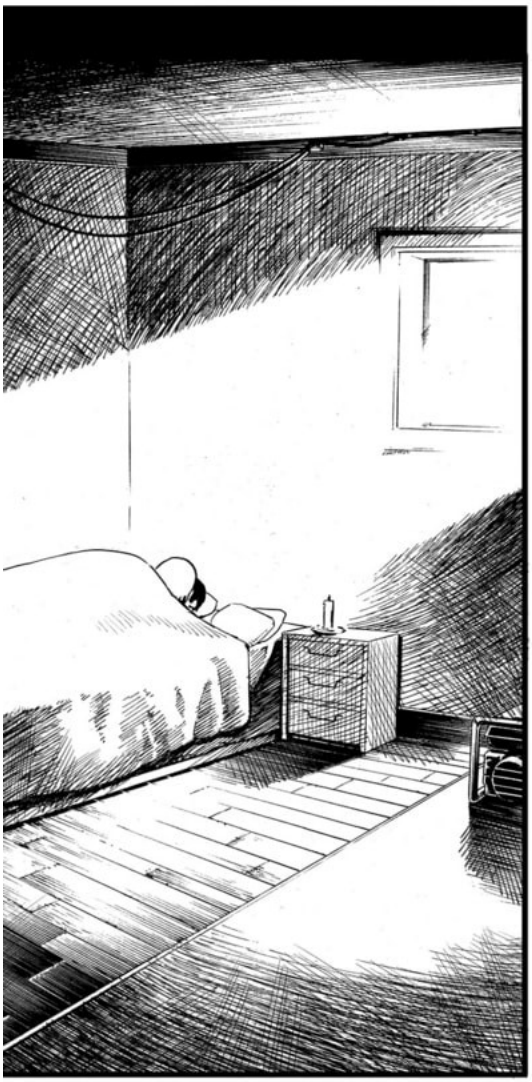
SMEK
GOOD NIGHT.

OKAY!
BOP
IT'S A PROM-ISE.
YOU GOT IT.



I'M 15 NOW, YOU KNOW!
UGH, DON'T KISS ME!

HEH HEH ...

WILL YOU MAKE A BABY WITH ME?
UM!
BROTHER ...

BESIDES... I LOVE YOU, BROTHER.

WHAT?
I...
IDIOT! STUPID HEAD!
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN ...
WE'RE SIBLINGS!

BUT WE'RE THE ONLY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE!
S-!
STOP!
WE HAVE TO GIVE IT OUR ALL!

WE'RE SIBLINGS!
YOU IDIOT!

I LOVE YOU TOO, BUT...
I...

WE ...

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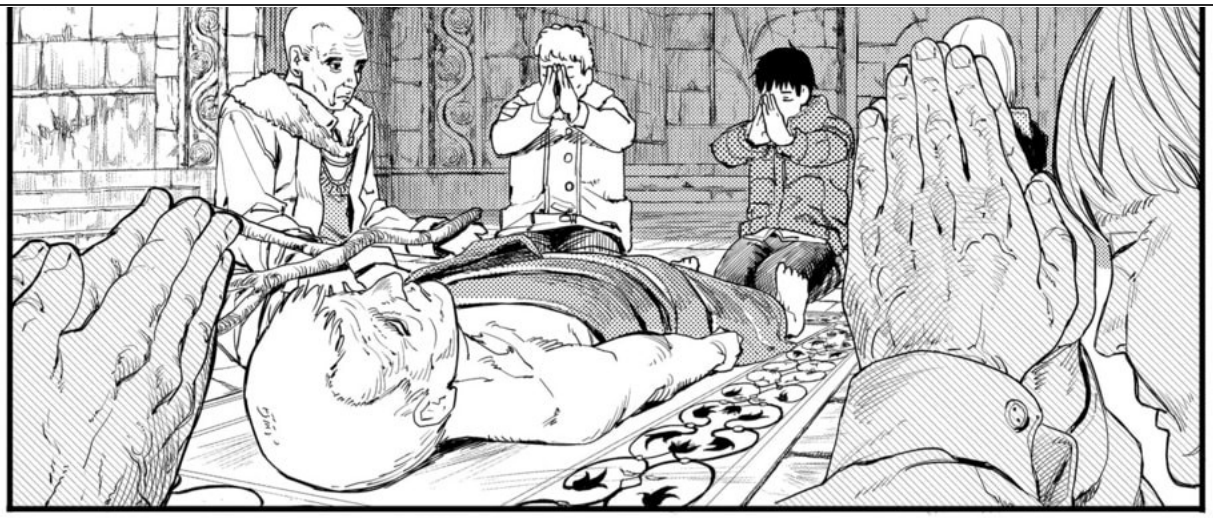
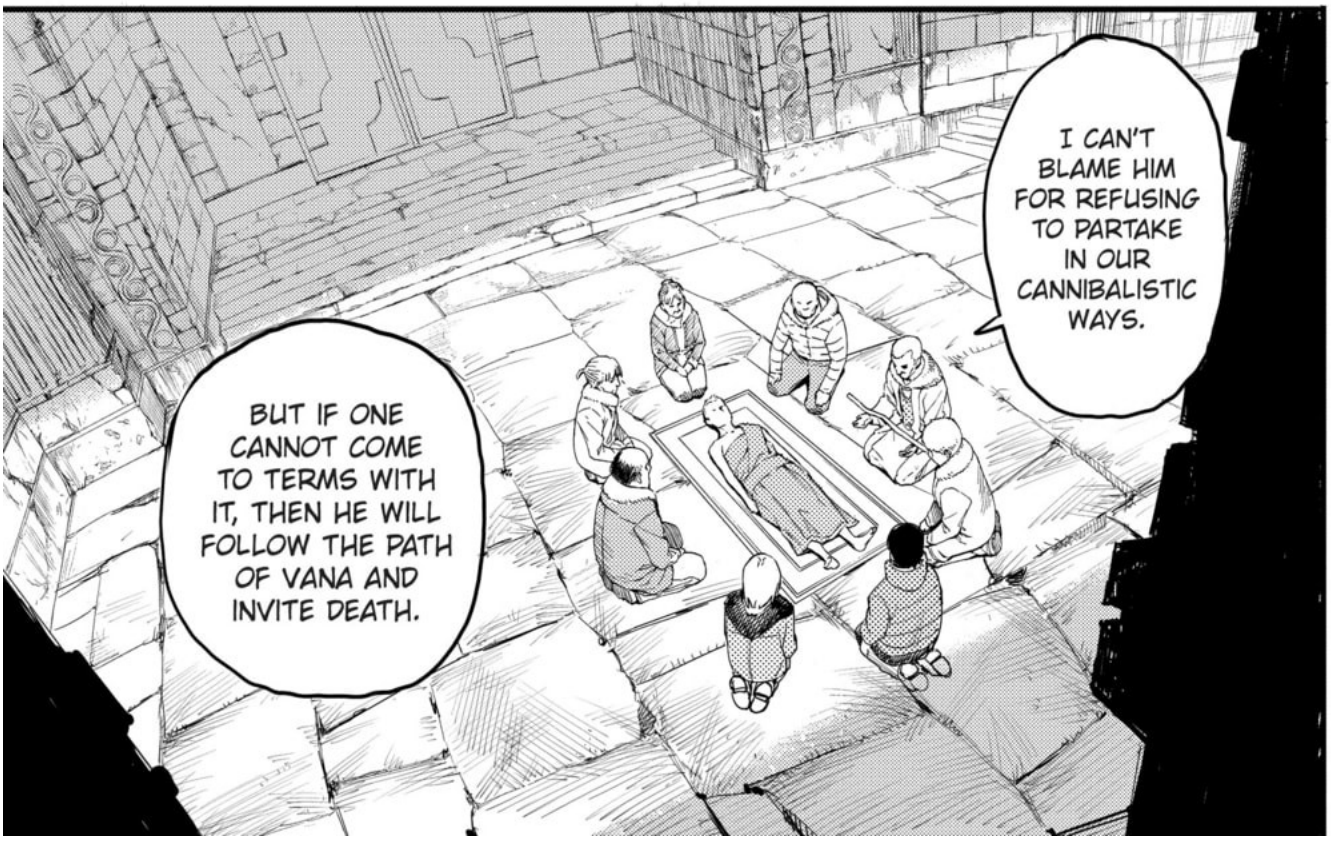
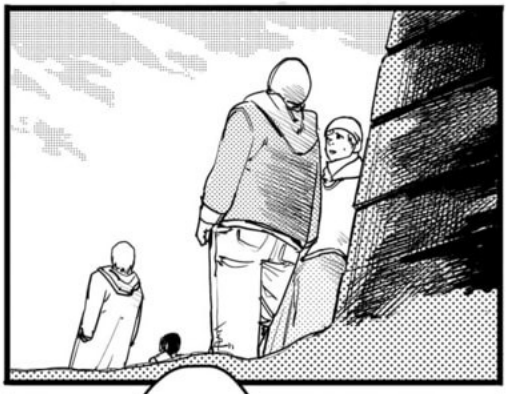


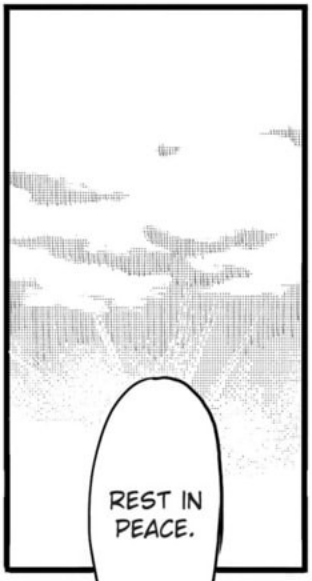

I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR REFUSING TO PARTAKE IN OUR CANNIBALISTIC WAYS.
BUT IF ONE CANNOT COME TO TERMS WITH IT, THEN HE WILL FOLLOW THE PATH OF VANA AND INVITE DEATH.

DEATH IS THE ONE THING YOU MUST NEVER ALLOW IN.
EVERY-ONE...

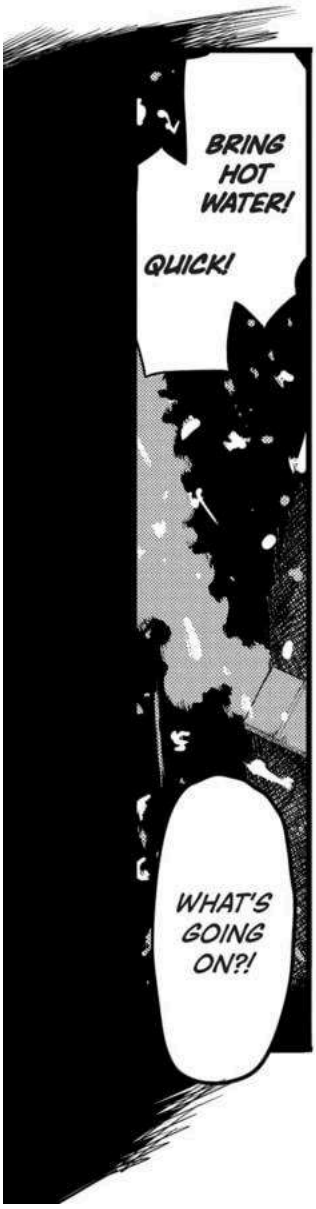
...BUT ALWAYS RESIST DEATH.
YOU MAY BEAR ALL OTHER MANNER OF PAIN AND SUFFERING...



LUNA.
WAIT, AGNI.


REST IN PEACE.

AND GOD PROTECTS US. LET US GIVE THEM THANKS AND SEND VANA OFF TO THE AFTER-LIFE.
AGNI AND LUNA GIVE US THEIR FLESH.



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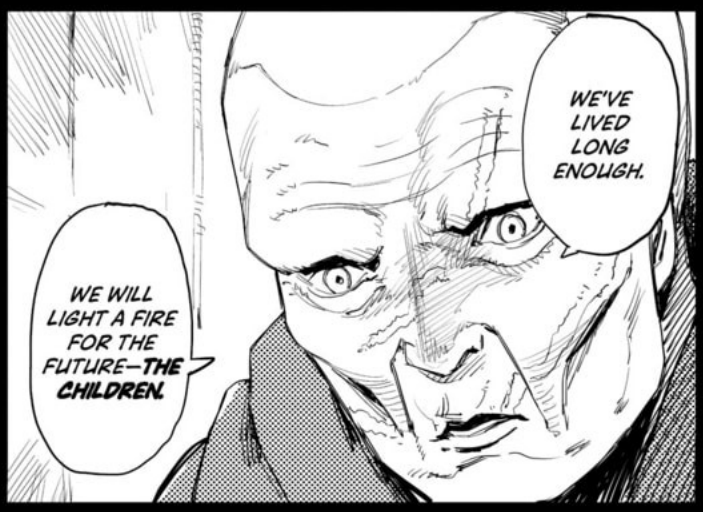
FATHER?!
AND BRING SOME FIRE-WOOD!
LIGHT THE HEATER!

IF WE USE IT NOW, WE MAY ALL FREEZE TO DEATH BEFORE SPRING ARRIVES!
YOUR HOLINESS! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH FIREWOOD LEFT!


WE'VE LIVED LONG ENOUGH.
WE WILL LIGHT A FIRE FOR THE FUTURE—THE CHILDREN.

THESE CHILDREN WERE FOUND COLLAPSED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.
THEY'RE BOTH SO COLD...
THE POOR THINGS.

CHILDREN SHOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS!
THEY MUST HAVE RUN AWAY FROM ANOTHER TOWN.

I'LL BRING FIRE-WOOD FROM MY HOME TOO!
YES, SIR!

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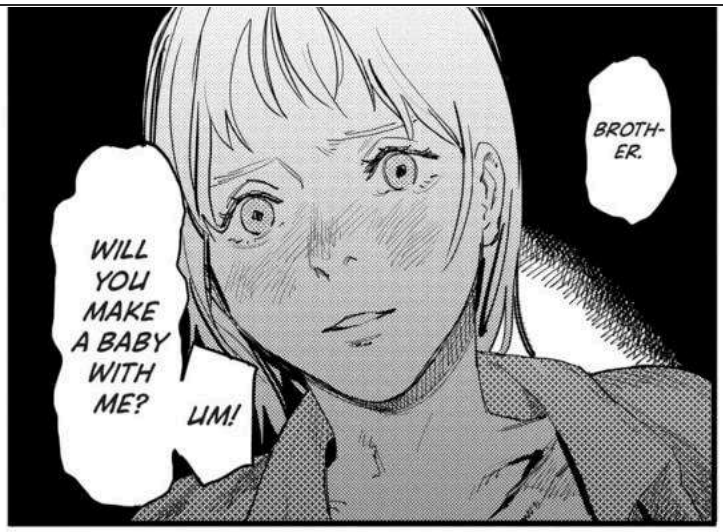

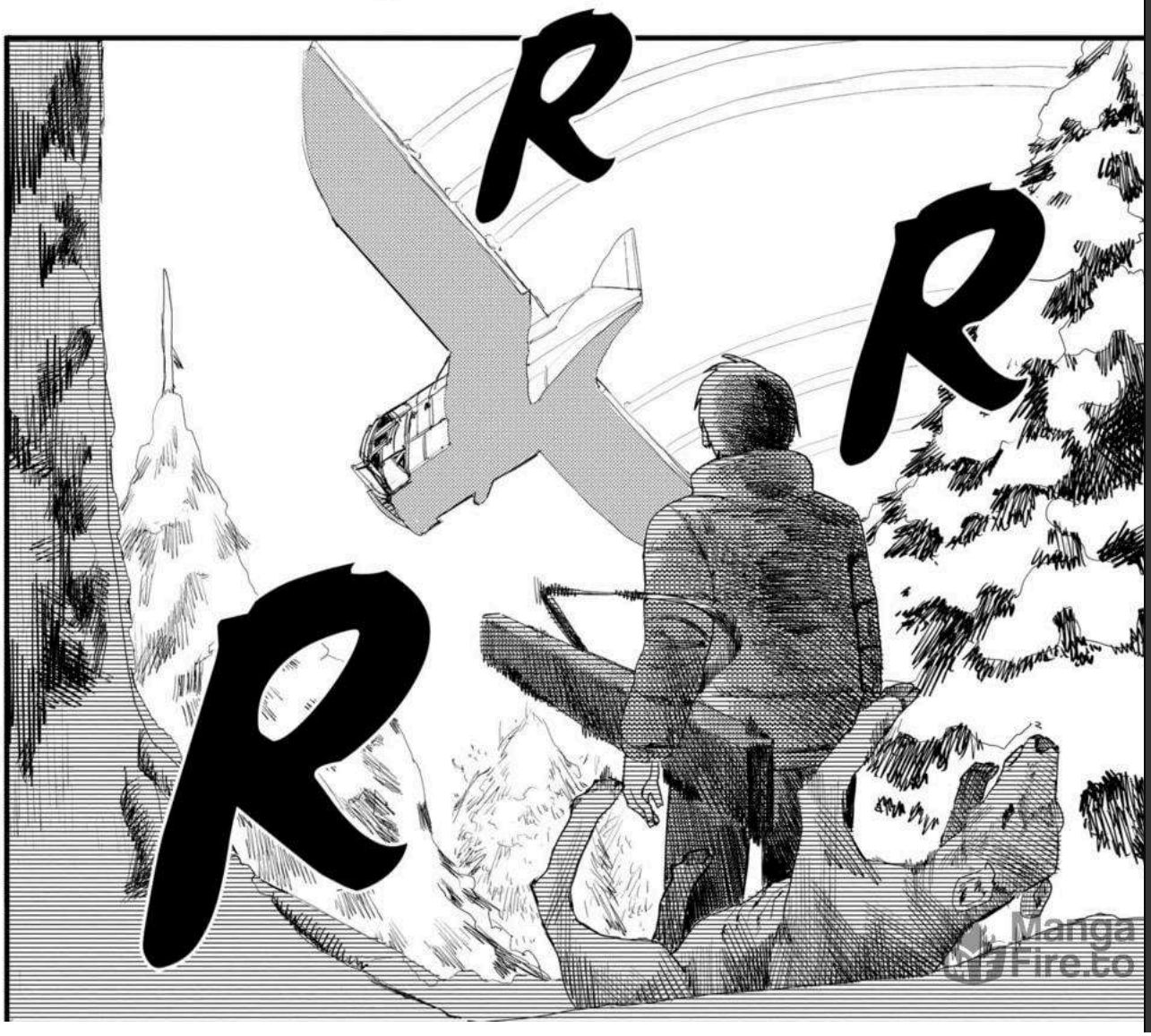

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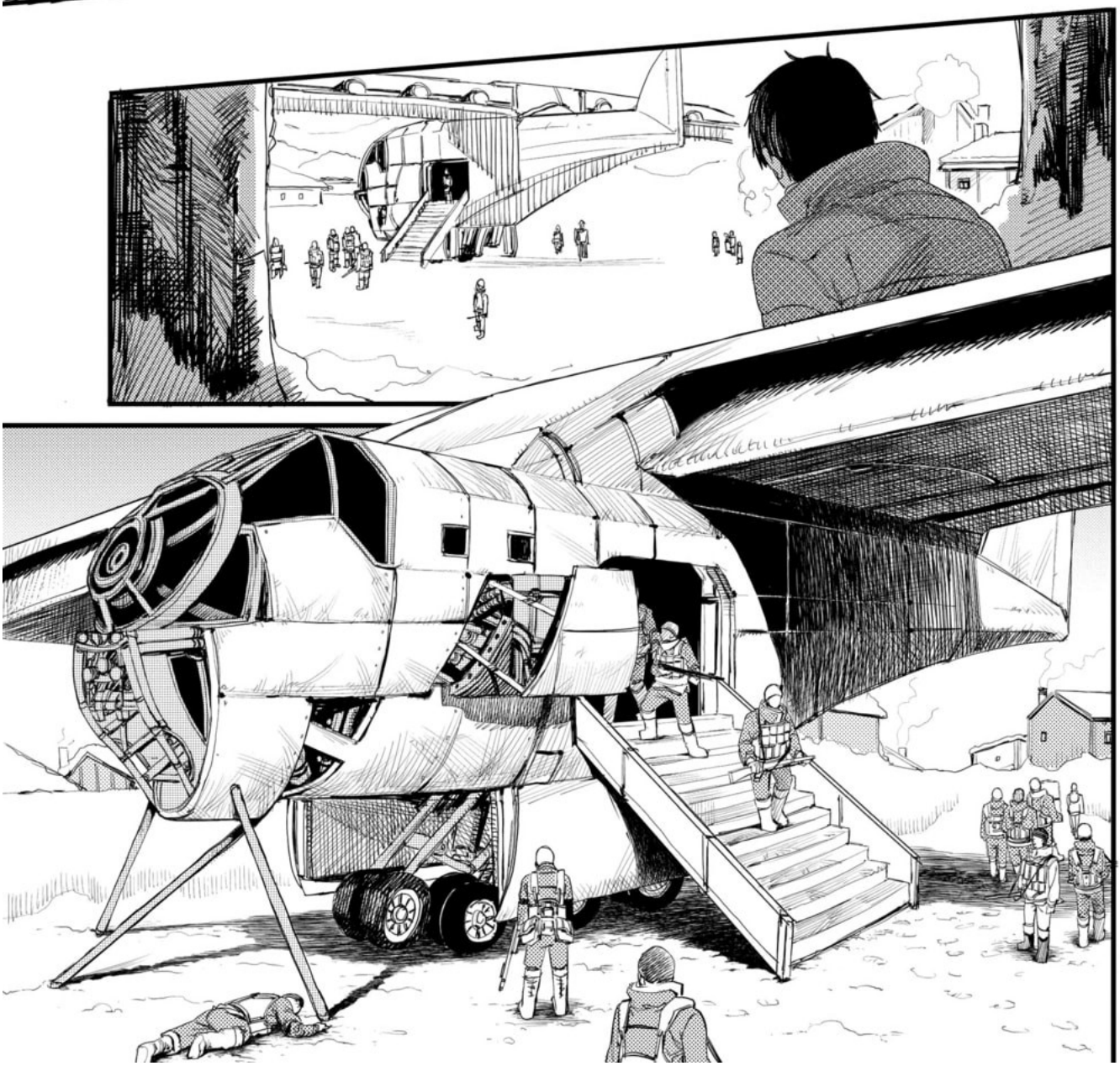
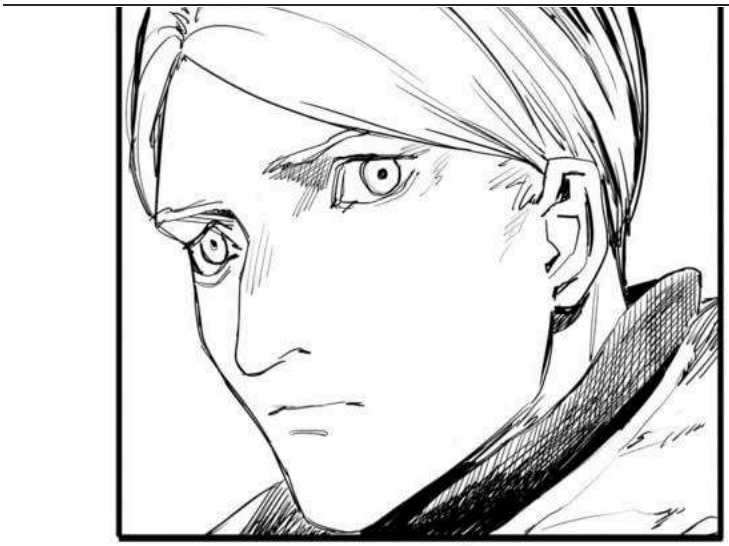
AN AIR-PLANE?
AND IT'S HEADING FOR THE VILLAGE!

VROOOM



DAMN IT! NOTHIN' BUT OLD FUCKERS.
HEY!



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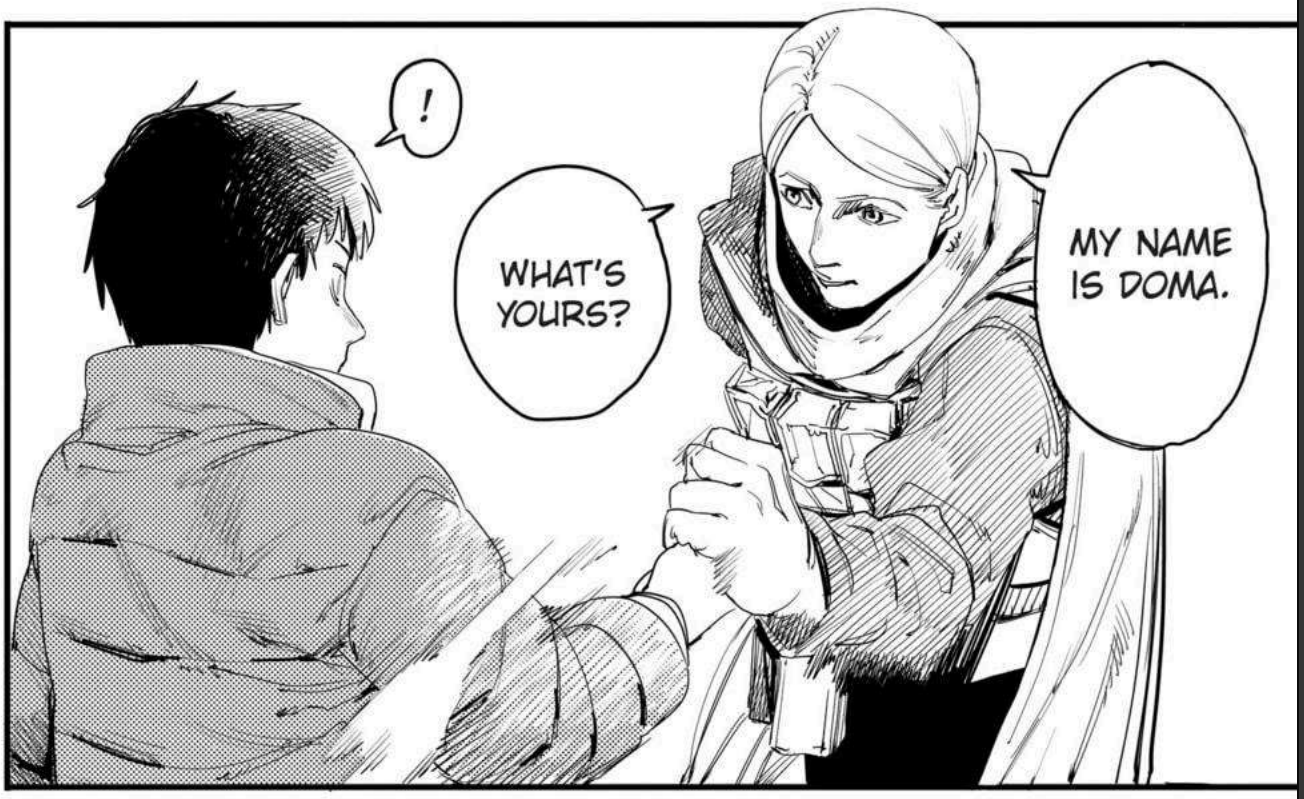

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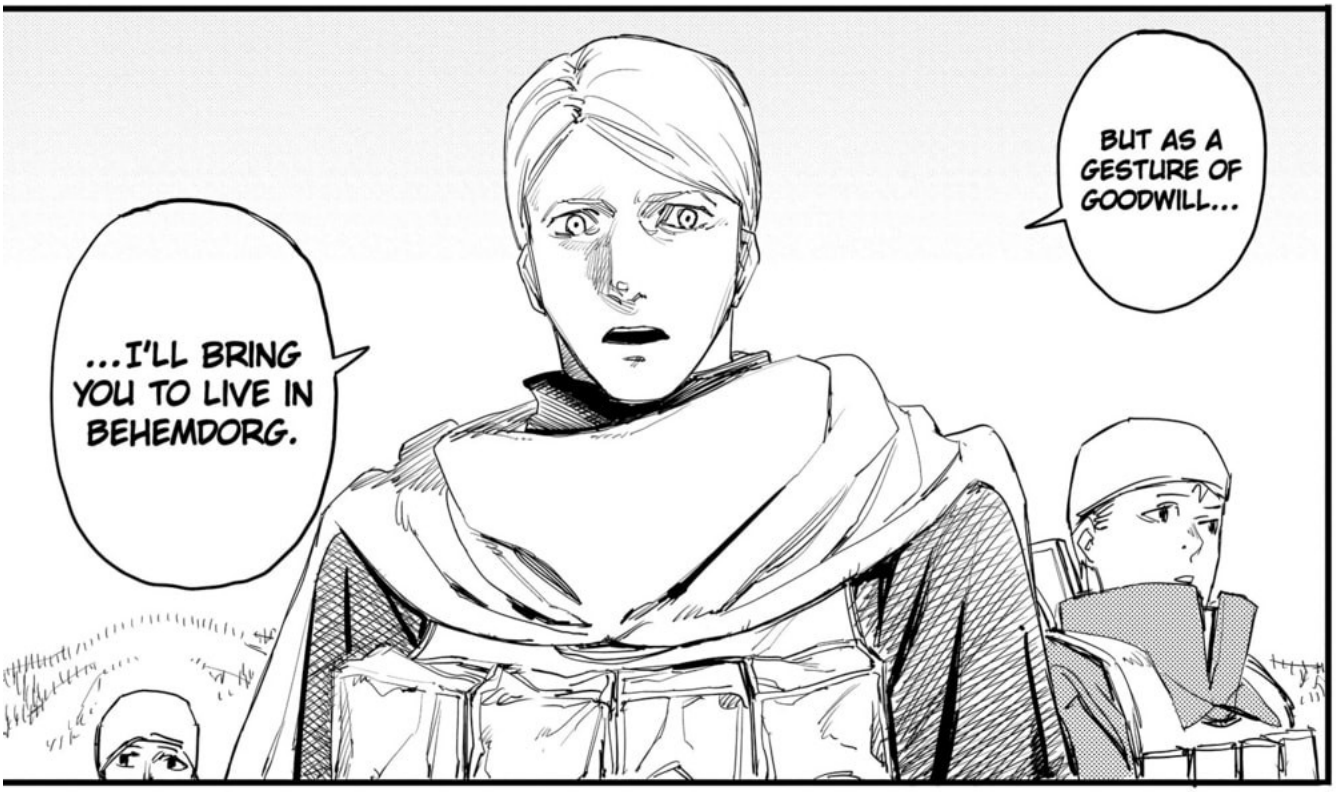
HUH ?!
SORRY, BUT WE'RE STILL TAKING WHAT WE WANT.

YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG.
I LIKE THAT!


BUT AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL...
...I'LL BRING YOU TO LIVE IN BEHEMDORG.

REGARDLESS OF AGE, IF YOU'RE CAPABLE, YOU'LL RISE IN THE RANKS AND EARN YOUR OWN SLAVES.
WE'RE GATHERING YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF TO LIVE THERE.
IT'S A CITY OF FREEDOM OUR KING IS CREATING!

BEHEMDORG?

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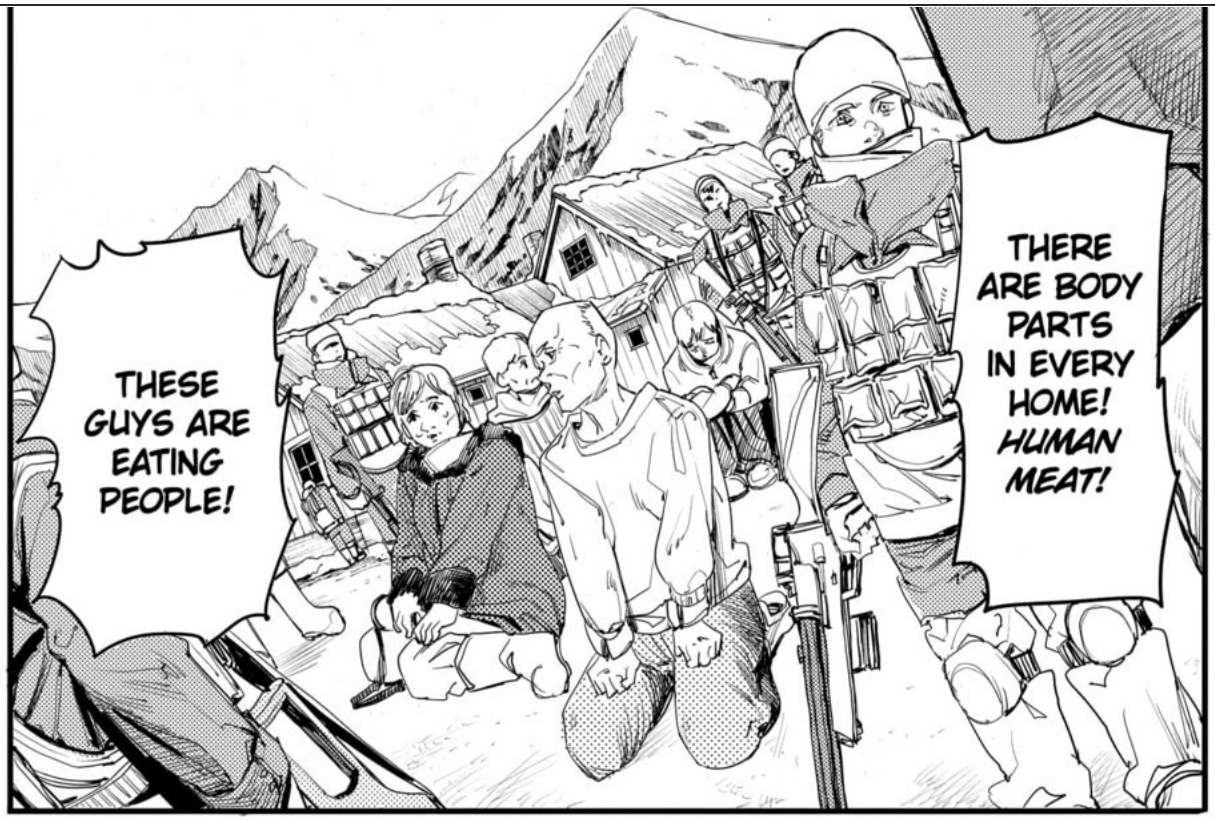
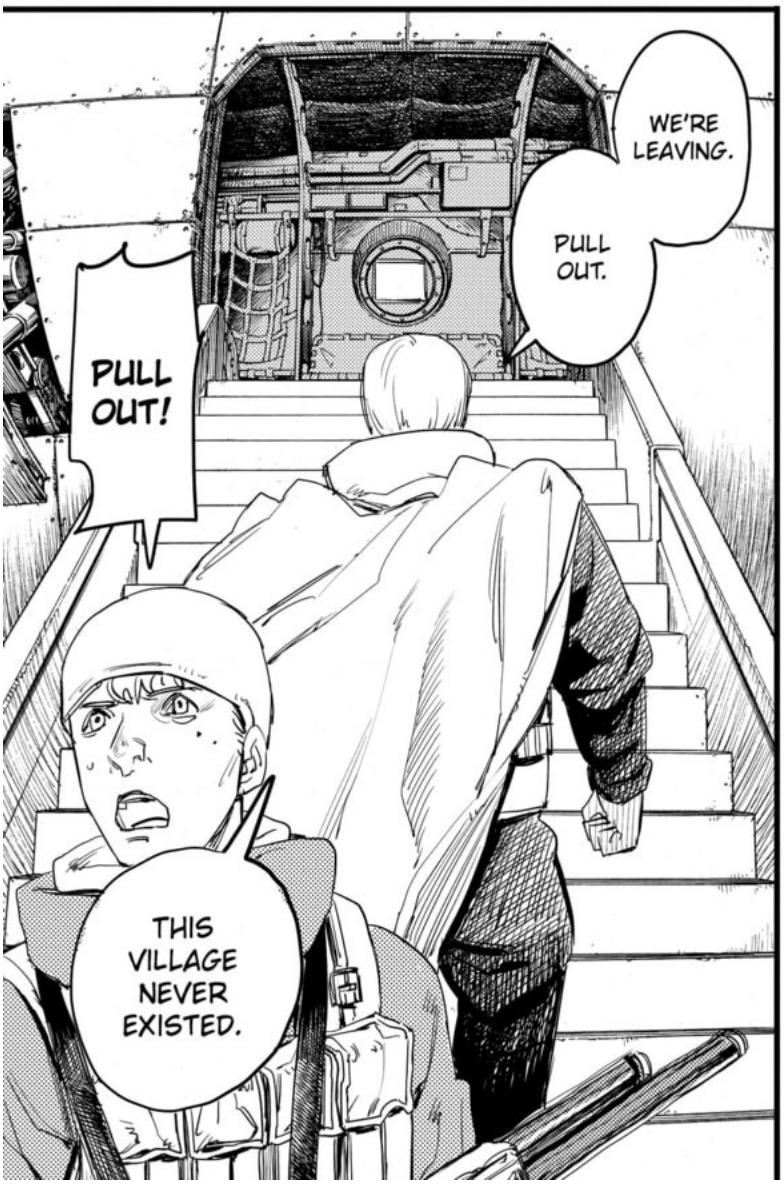
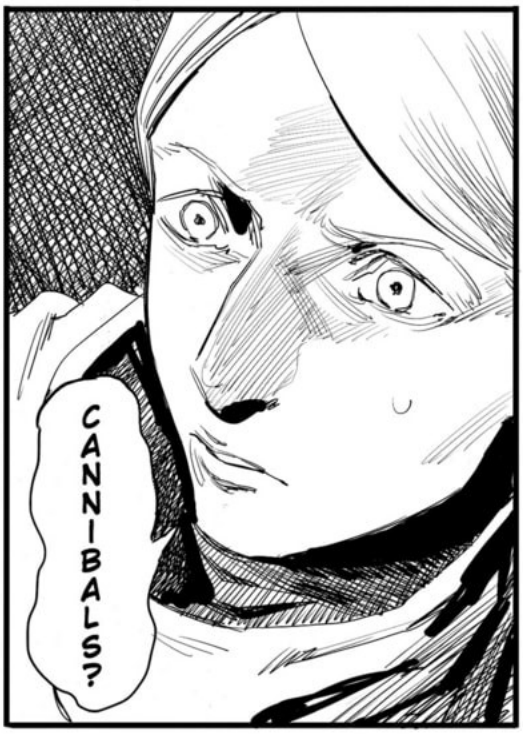

THESE GUYS ARE EATING PEOPLE!
THERE ARE BODY PARTS IN EVERY HOME! HUMAN MEAT!


WE'RE LEAVING.
PULL OUT.
PULL OUT!
THIS VILLAGE NEVER EXISTED.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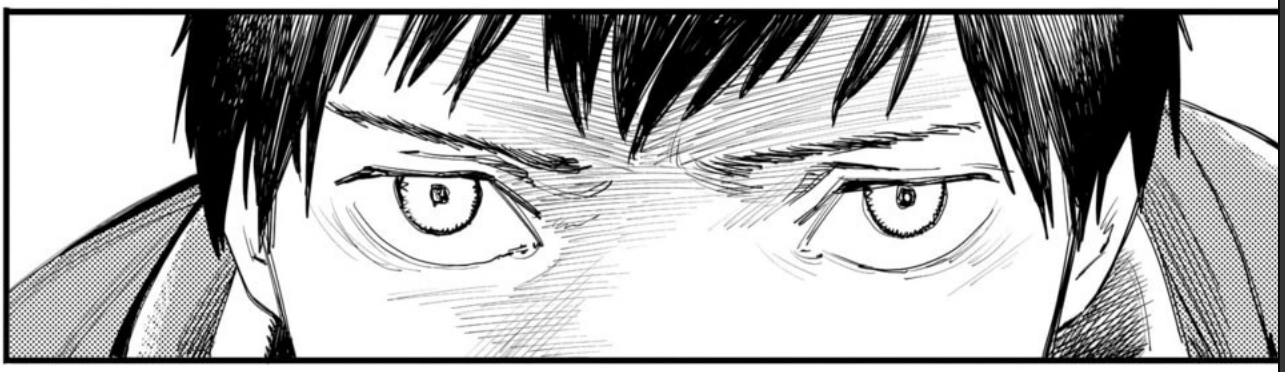
IT'S HUMAN MEAT, BUT...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

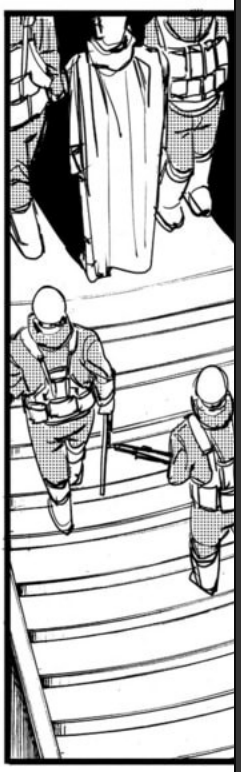
THESE THINGS AREN'T PEOPLE.



WELL, I'M ONE.
AND I ONLY USE MY POWER FOR THE KING.

IS THERE A BLESSED IN THIS VILLAGE?
AGNI.

...
IS HE HOPING TO GAIN A SLAVE?
NO!



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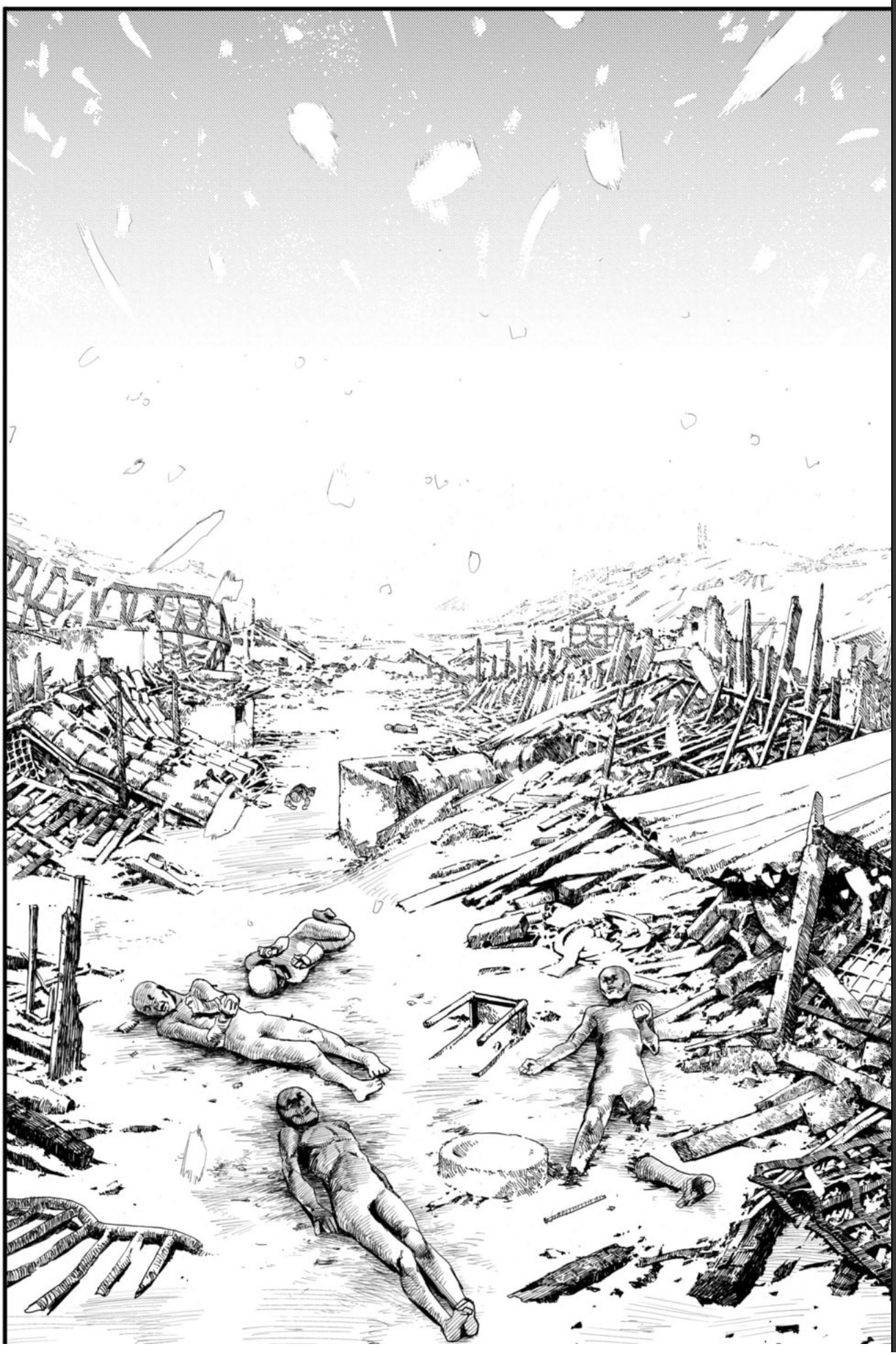
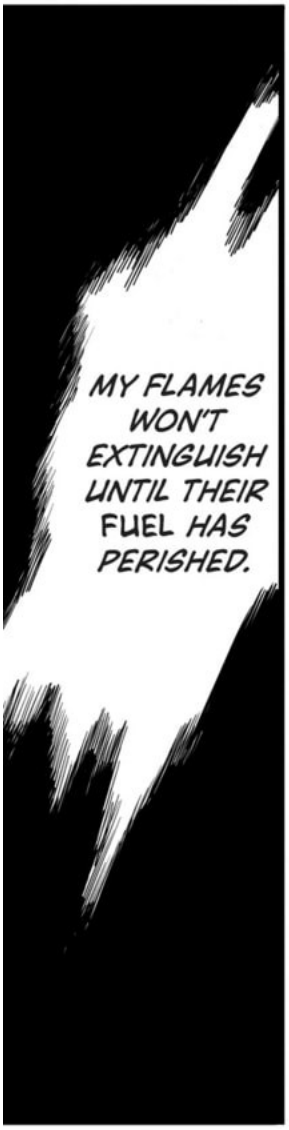
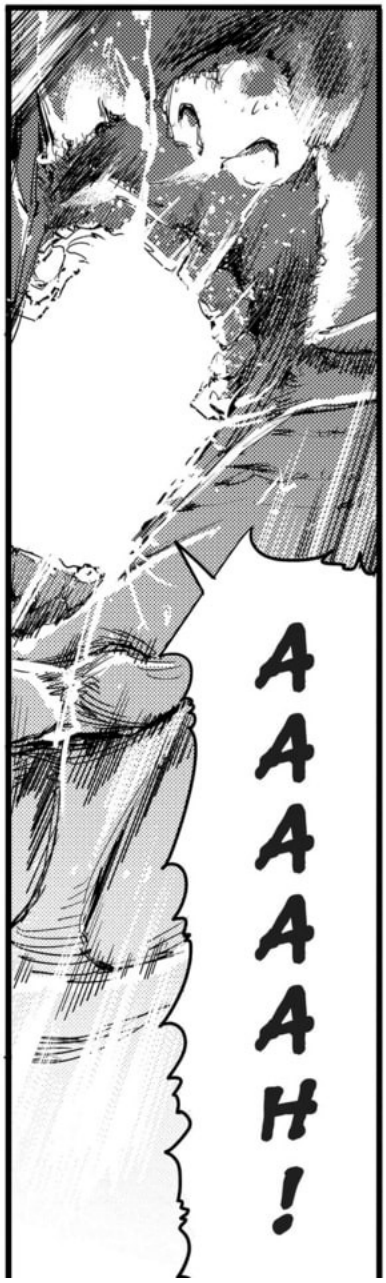
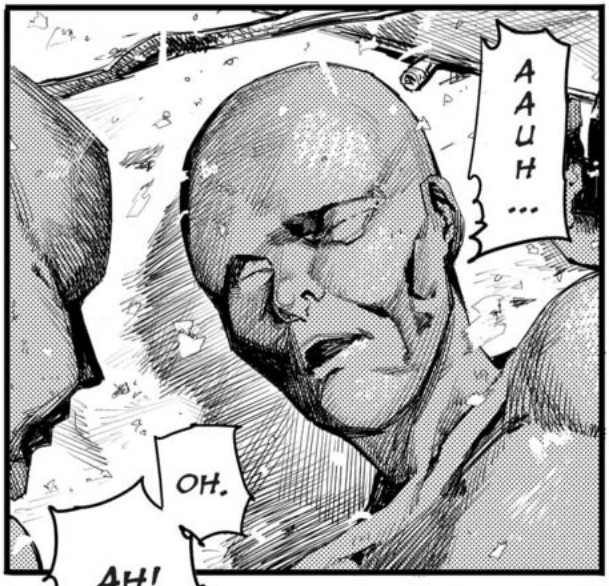


GAH.
AH.
AH!


MY FLAMES WON'T EXTINGUISH UNTIL THEIR FUEL HAS PERISHED.


AAAAAAH!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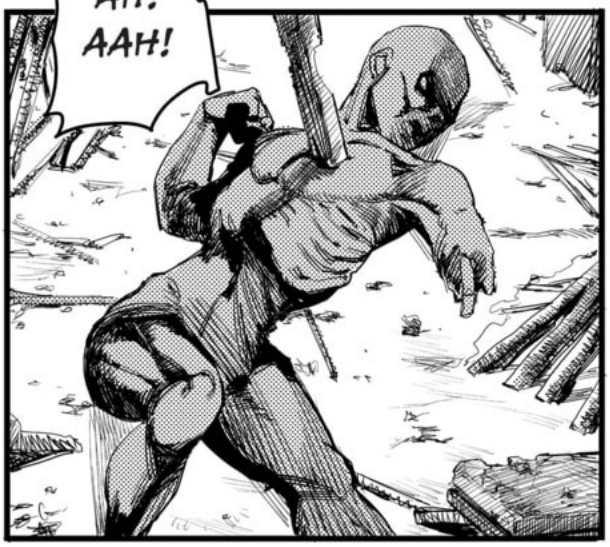
AH! AAH!

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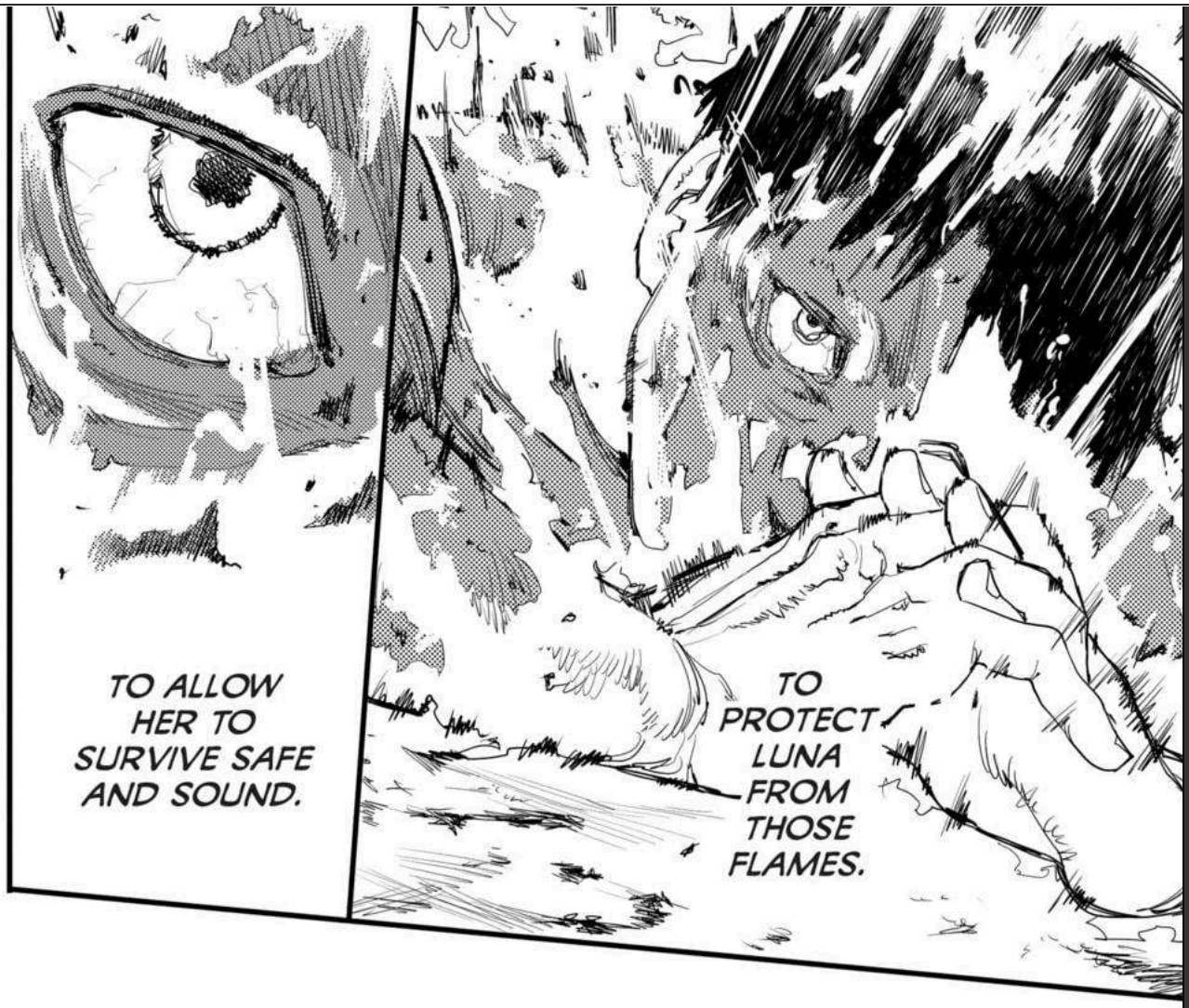
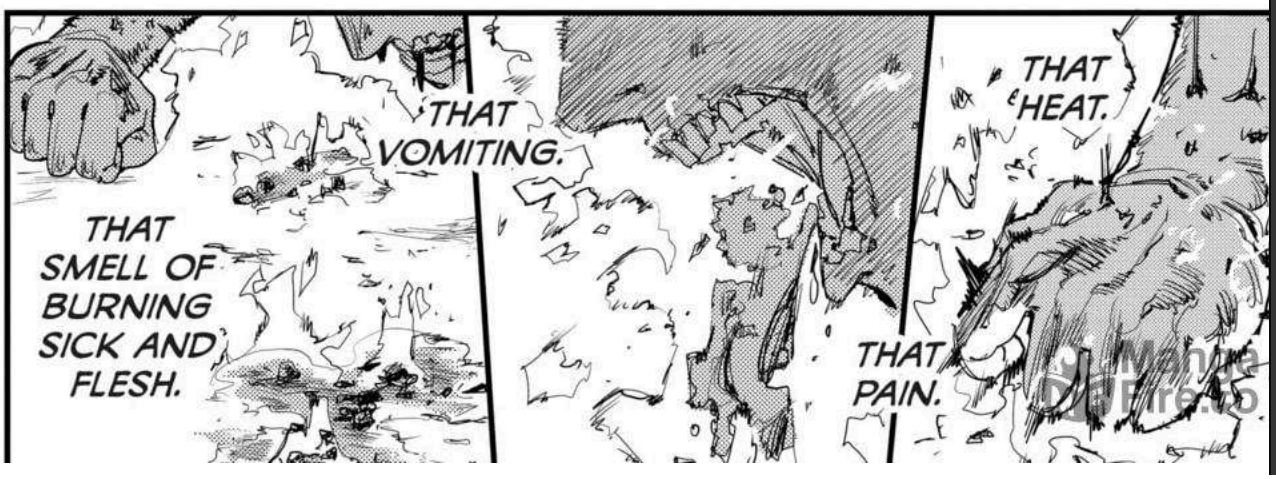
IT WAS AN INDESCRIBABLE PAIN.
EACH TIME MY FLESH TURNED TO ASH...
...MY REGENERATION WOULD KICK IN.
IT WAS AN ENDLESS CYCLE.
I COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT AND NO LONGER HAD IT IN ME TO SCREAM.
ALL I COULD DO...
...LORD...
OH...
...AL-MIGHTY...
...WAS TO PRAY TO GOD.





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...I WOULD BE FREED.
IF I JUST DIED...
I WOULD LET MY LIFE GO.
CONSUMED BY PAIN, IT WAS ALL I COULD THINK OF.
I WOULD DIE.

IF I DIED...
...I'D SEE MY MOTHER AND FATHER AGAIN.

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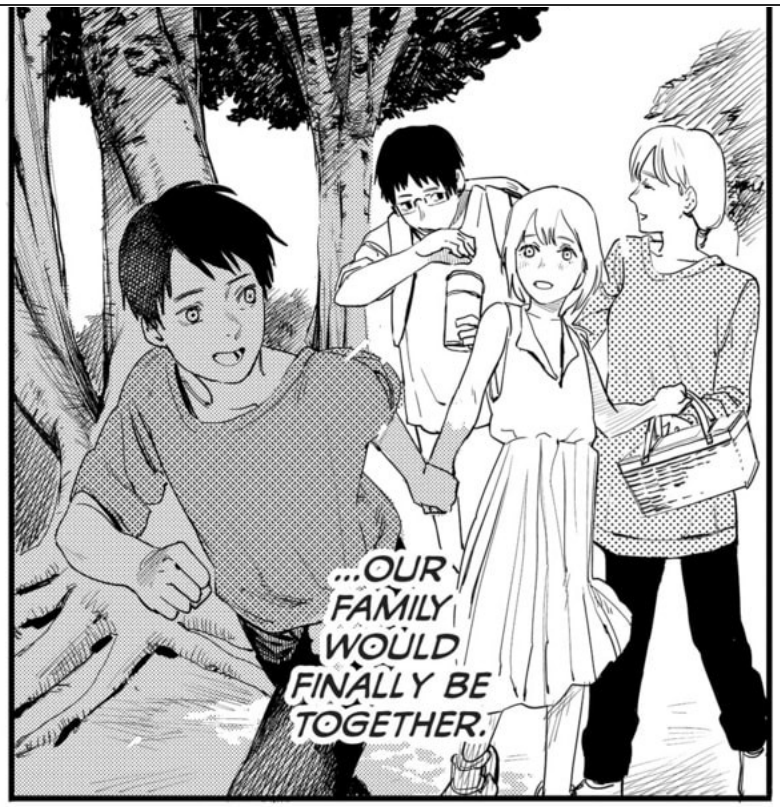

...OUR FAMILY WOULD FINALLY BE TOGETHER.

IT WAS TOO CRUEL.

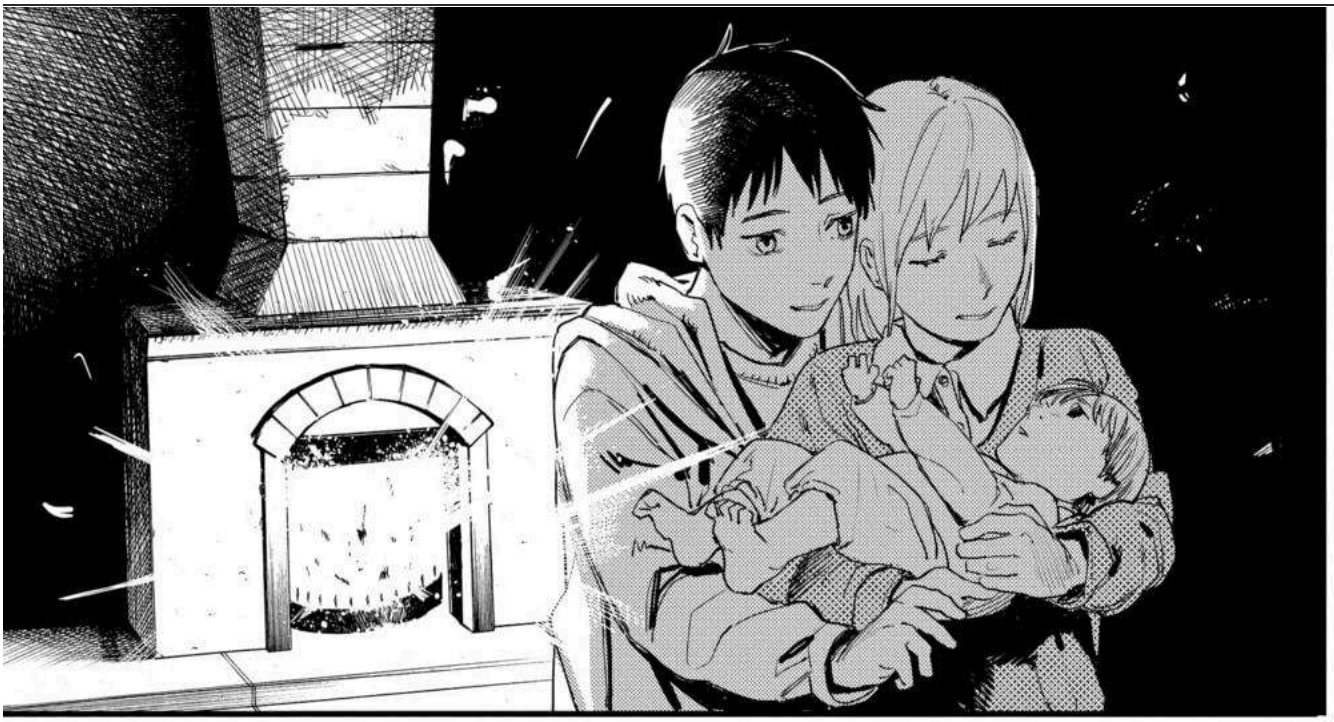
BUT...

THAT'S RIGHT.
I'D HAVE HER TRY CHEESE TOO.
I'M SURE SHE'D LOVE IT.

AND LET HER PET COWS AND SHEEP.

I'D SHOW LUNA REAL FLOWERS.

WE COULD GO JUMP IN THAT RIVER.



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LIVE.

...YOU MAY BEAR ALL OTHER MANNER OF PAIN AND SUFFERING ...
...BUT ALWAYS RESIST DEATH.

I LOVE YOU!

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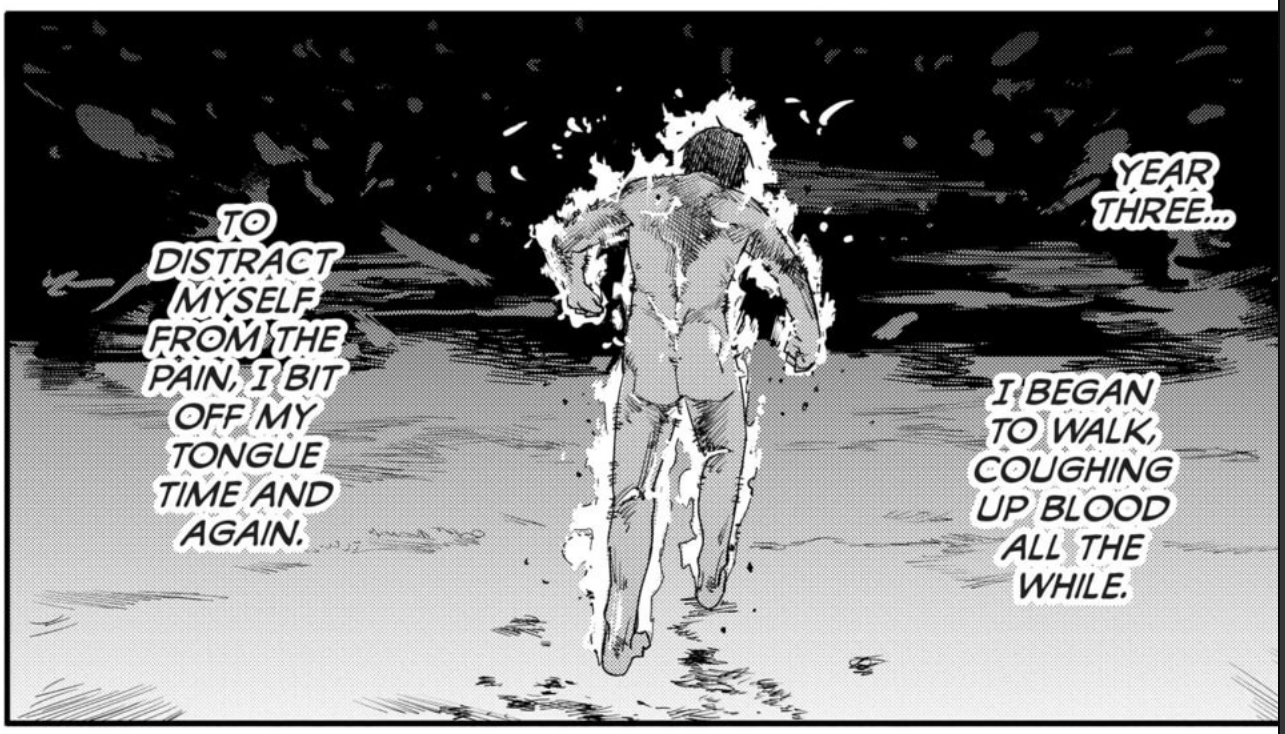
SHE TOLD ME TO LIVE.
...SHE WAS RETURNED TO ASH.
CONSUMED IN FLAMES OF ANGUISH...
FWOOSH
SNAP

YEAR ONE...
EVEN THROUGH THE WORST OF STORMS, THE FLAMES NEVER SUBSIDED.
ALL I DID WAS HOWL IN PAIN.


YEAR THREE...
TO DISTRACT MYSELF FROM THE PAIN, I BIT OFF MY TONGUE TIME AND AGAIN.
I BEGAN TO WALK, COUGHING UP BLOOD ALL THE WHILE.

YEAR FIVE...
BUT I STILL COULD NOT BREATHE WELL BECAUSE OF THE FLAMES.
MY BODY COULD MOVE ABOUT FREELY.
MY BRAIN ACCLIMATED TO THE PAIN.

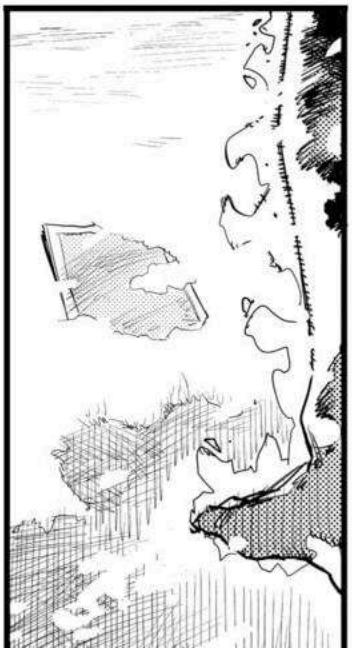
YEAR EIGHT...

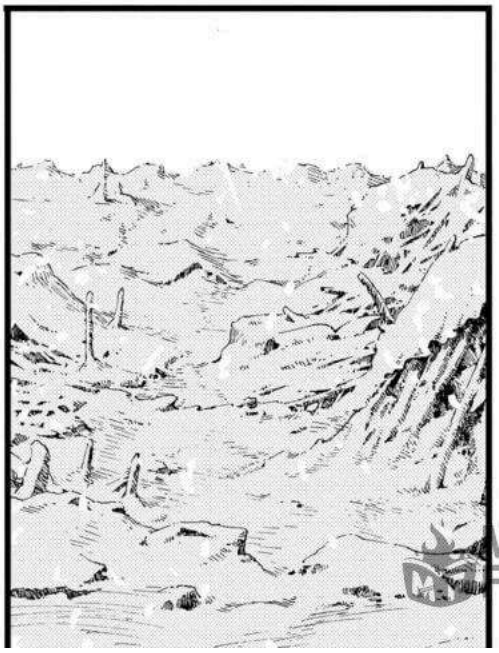
I STARTED TEACHING MYSELF HOW TO CONTROL MY REGENERATIVE POWERS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE, I COULD BREATHE THE AIR.

I SUCCEEDED IN CONFINING THE FLAMES TO MY LOWER BODY, AWAY FROM MY HEAD.

I CURLED MY HAND INTO A FIST.





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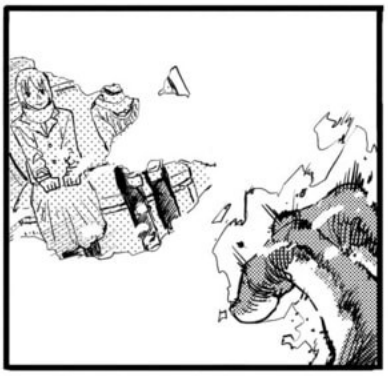
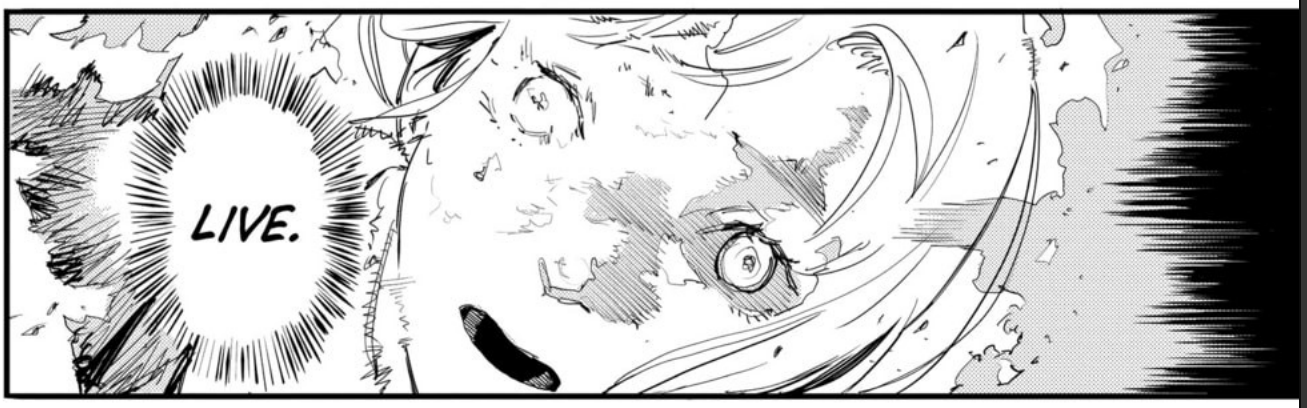
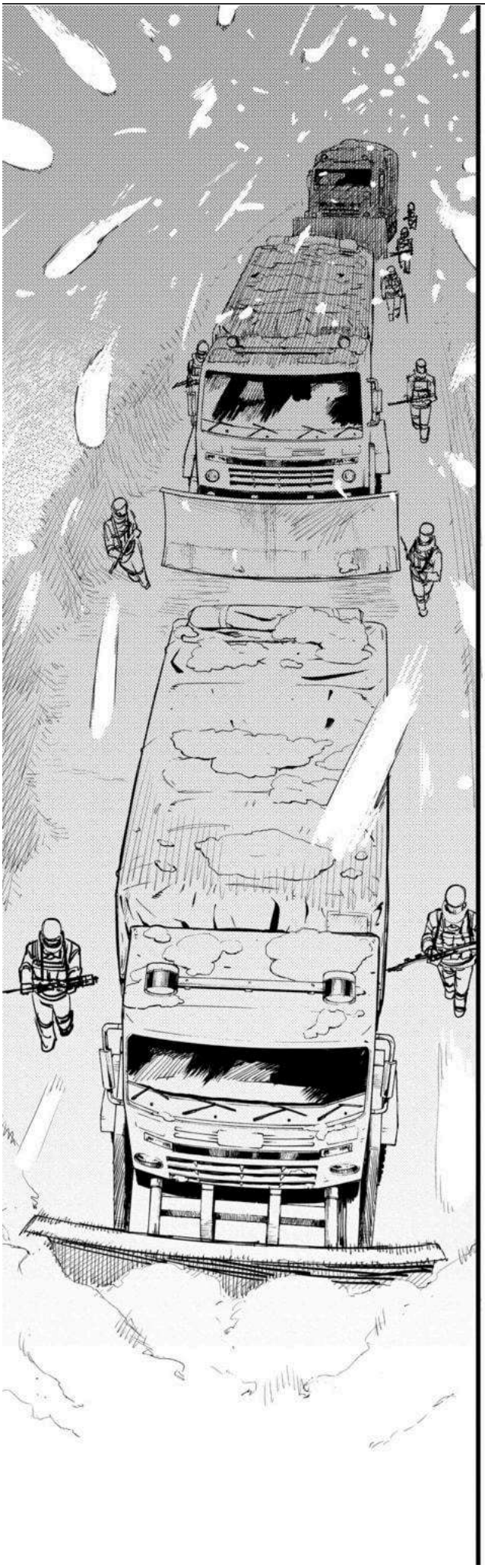


IF IT EVER GETS WARM AGAIN...


LIVE.

I'LL BURN HIM TO DEATH ...
...IN THE MOST MERCI-LESS WAY...
... POS-SIBLE.

I'LL KILL ...
... HIM.



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THE MEN WORK TILL THEY DIE.
WE'LL SELL THE PRETTY ONES TO THE RICH.
THE UGLY'LL BREED UNTIL THEY'RE DEAD.

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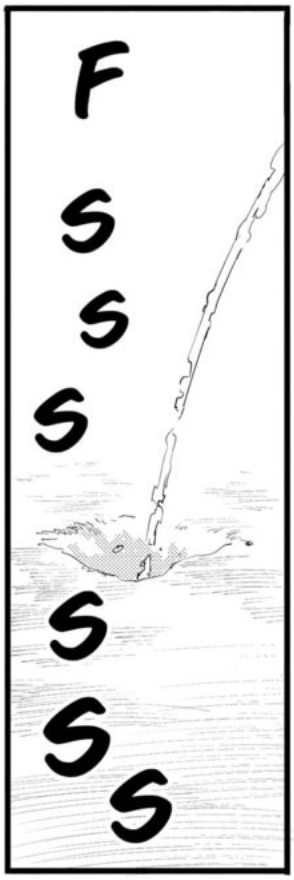
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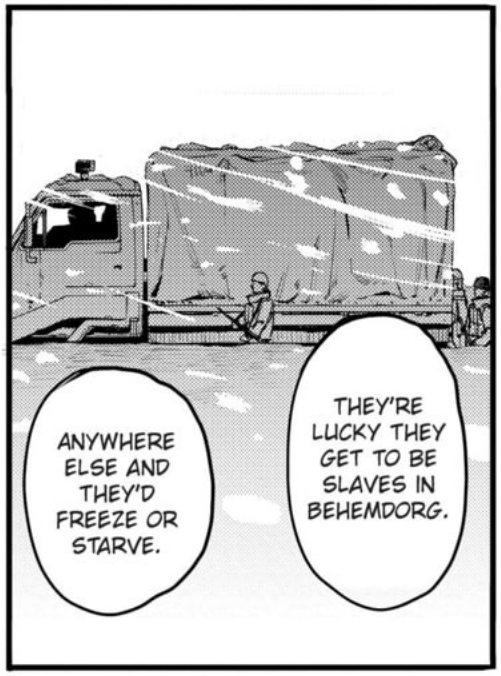
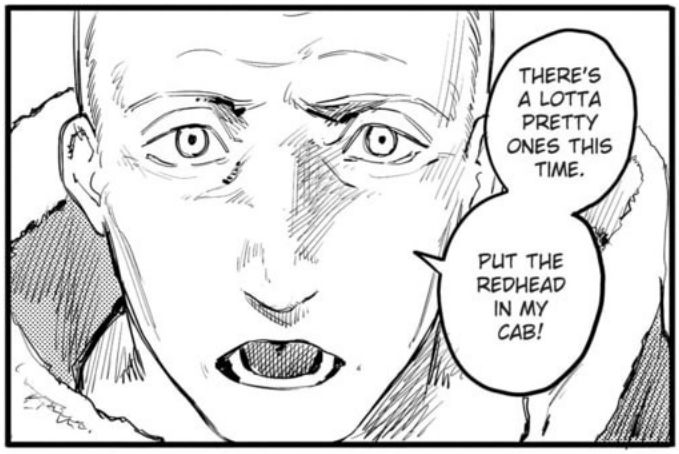
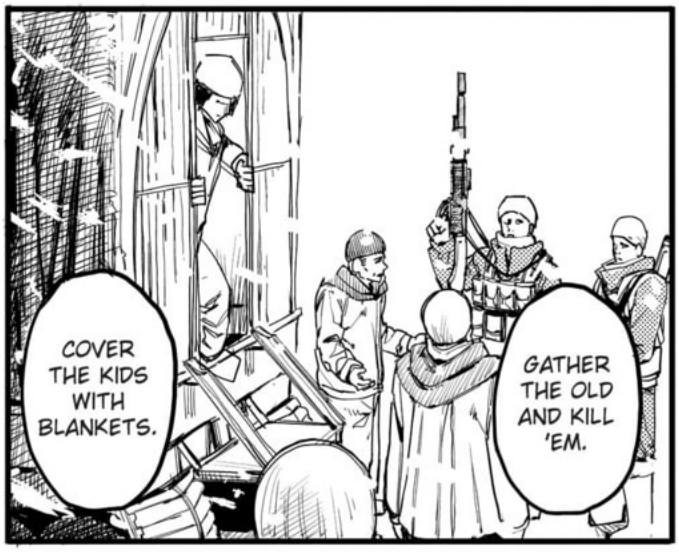
I'LL MAKE IT QUICK!
TEN SECONDS TOPS!


ANYWHERE ELSE AND THEY'D FREEZE OR STARVE.
THEY'RE LUCKY THEY GET TO BE SLAVES IN BEHEMDORG.

HEY! I'VE GOTTA PISS.
PULL OVER.
YOU GOT IT, CAP'N!


THERE'S A LOTTA PRETTY ONES THIS TIME.
PUT THE REDHEAD IN MY CAB!


COVER THE KIDS WITH BLANKETS.
GATHER THE OLD AND KILL 'EM.

LIM ...

IF YOU'RE BLESSED, RAISE YOUR HAND. YOU'RE GUARANTEED GOOD TREATMENT.
THE KING IS GATHERING THE BLESSED!

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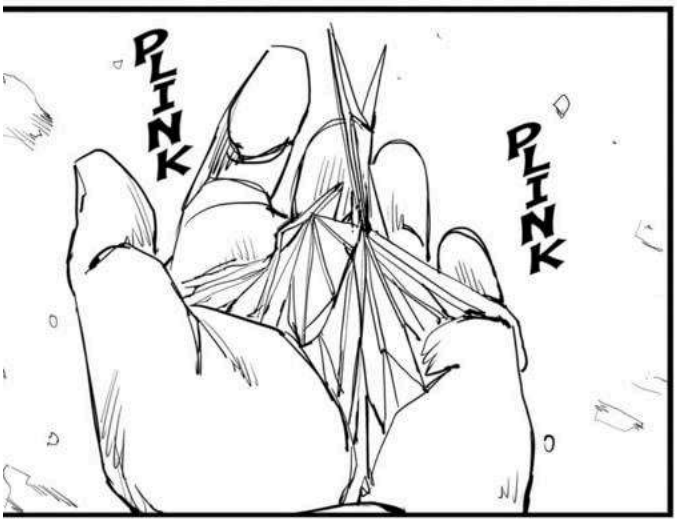

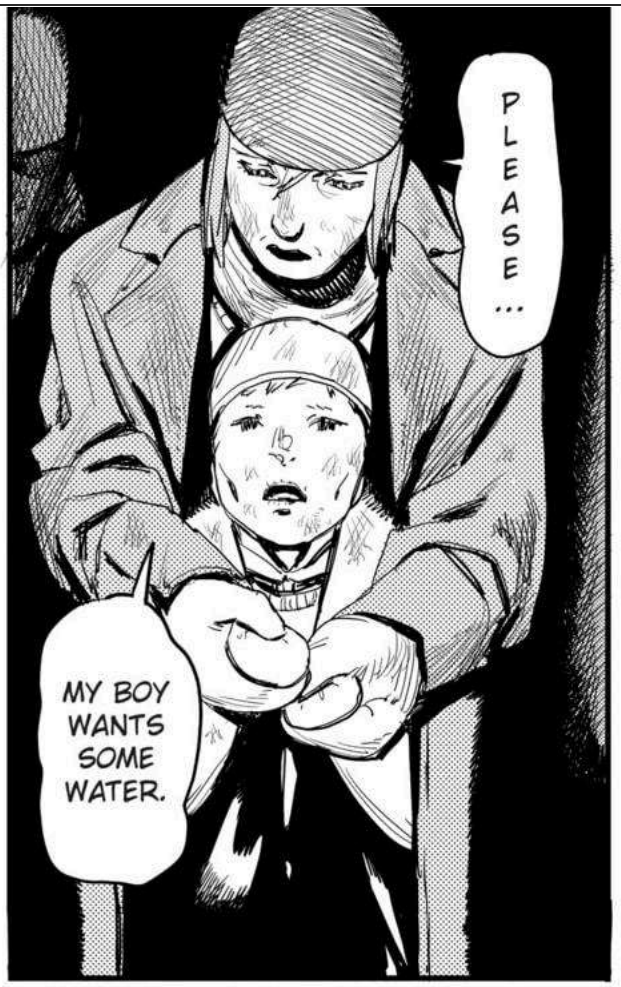

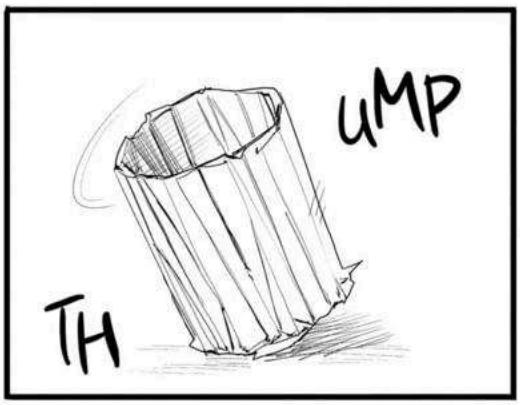

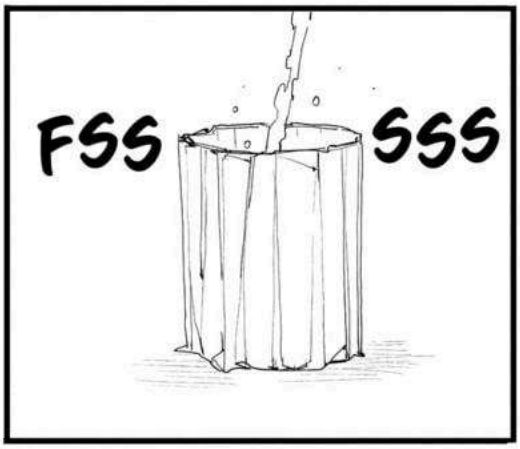

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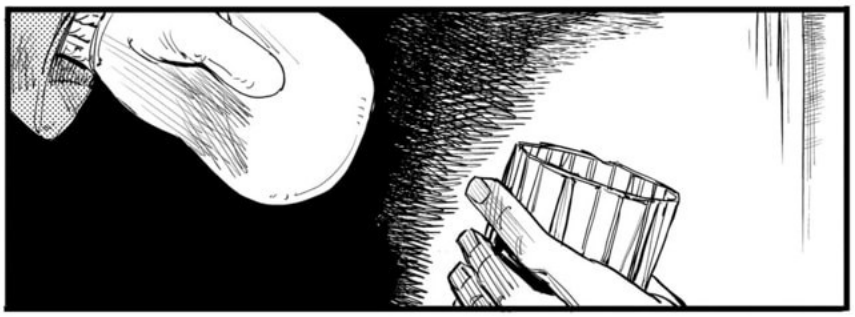
CLOSE YOUR MOUTH.
I'LL JUST WET YOUR LIPS.

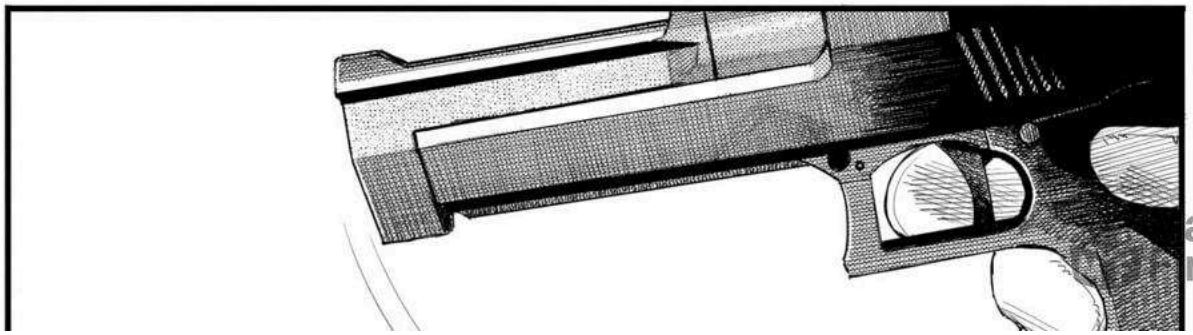
TEN SECONDS.
TEN SECONDS AND I'M KICKING YOU OFF.



AH HA HA
HA HA HA!
DON'T LAUGH...
THEY'RE ACTUALLY MAKING HIM DRINK PISS!

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKIN' AT?

GET OVER HERE!
I HATE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THEIR PLACE.
KILL THAT KID.



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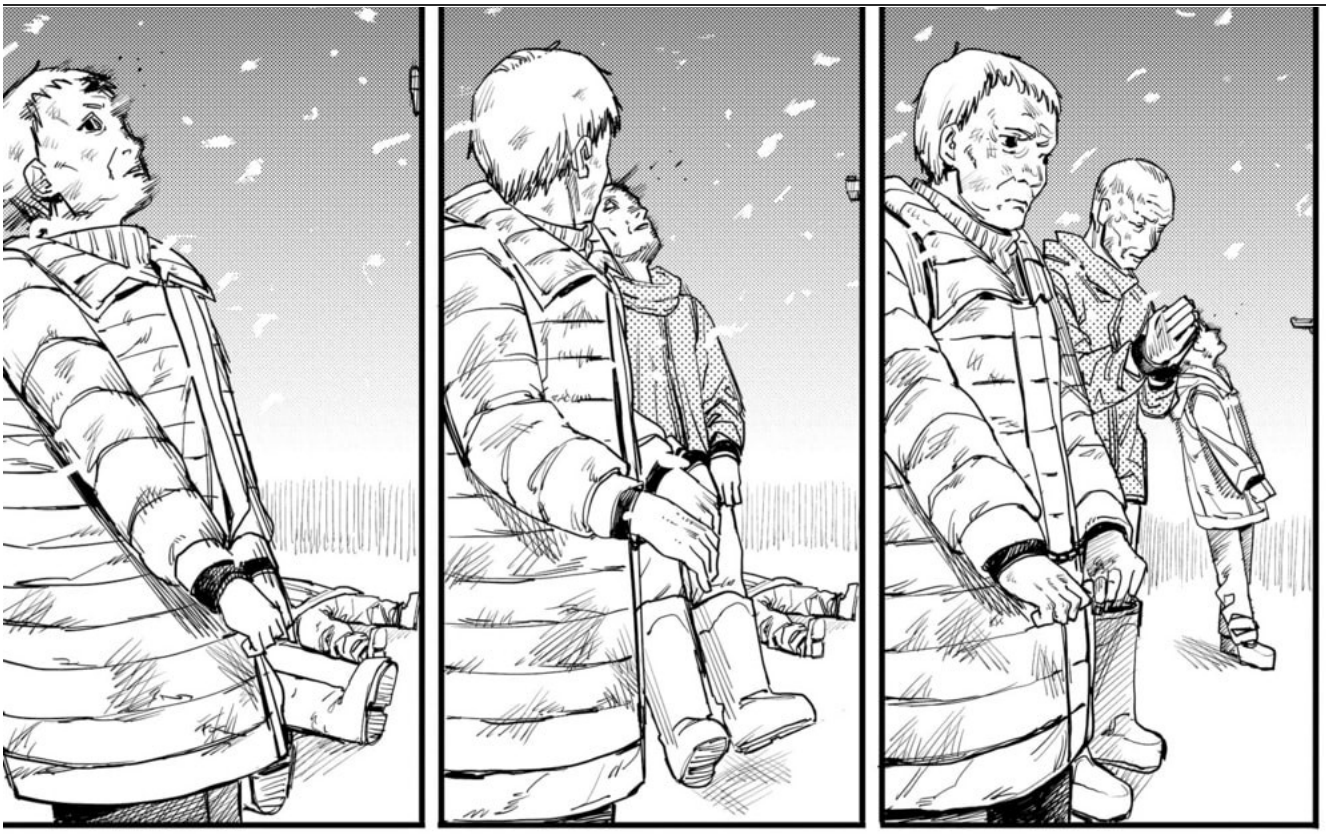
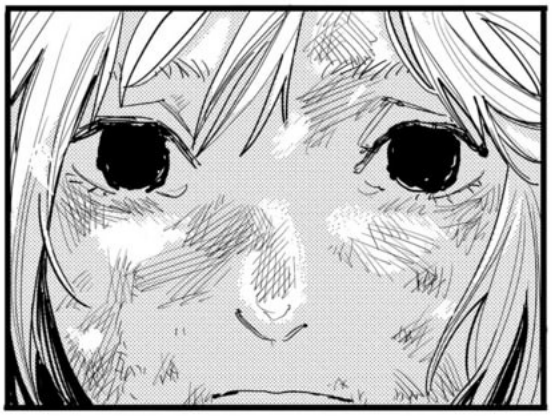
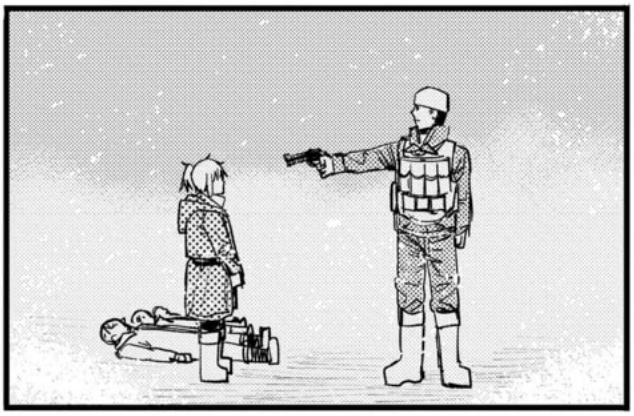
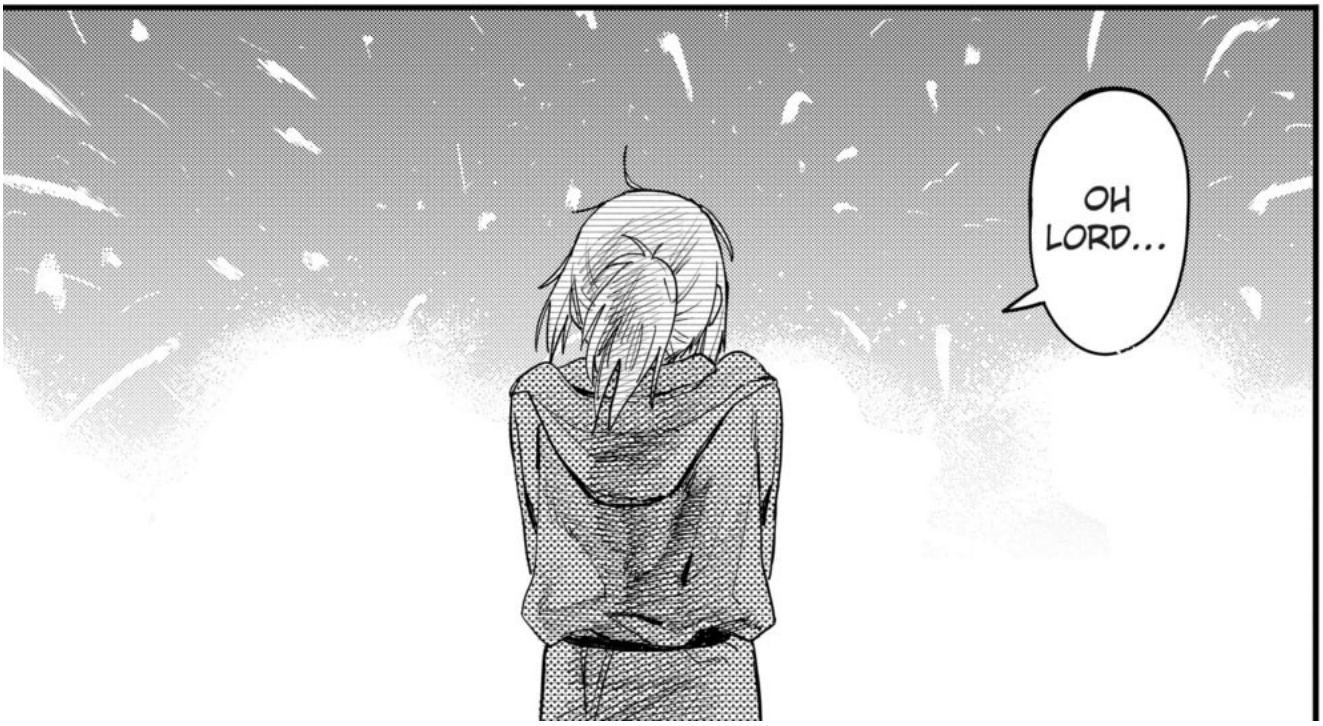




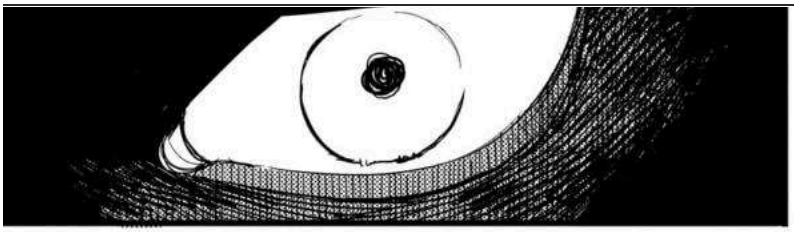


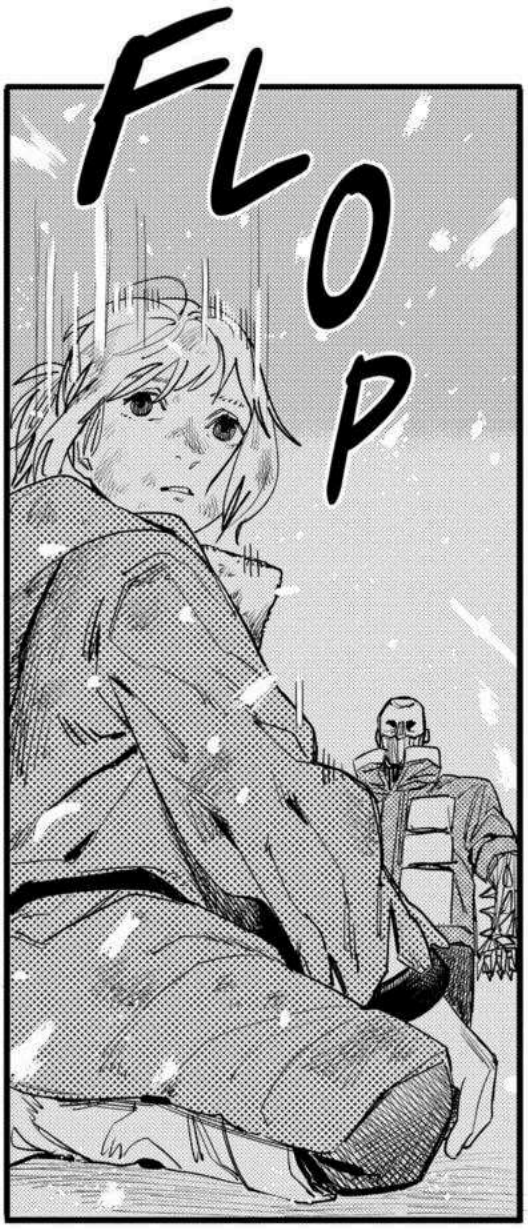

OH LORD...

I HATE BEING INTER-RUPTED.
HE LOOKS WARM.
IT'S A BLESS-ED.

WHY AREN'T YOU SHOOTING?
THERE'S SOME-THING... WALKING THIS WAY.

PLINK
PLINK
PLINK
I'LL KILL HIM.
TEN SECONDS FLAT.





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IT IS BECAUSE OF A BLESSED CALLED "THE ICE WITCH"...
...THAT THE WORLD IS NOW EN-VELOPED IN SNOW...
... STARVA-TION...
...AND MADNESS.

THE FREEZING MASSES YEARN FOR FIRE.

FIRE
PUNCH

WHY ... WHY ... WON'T ...
Y...
AAH!
AH!