

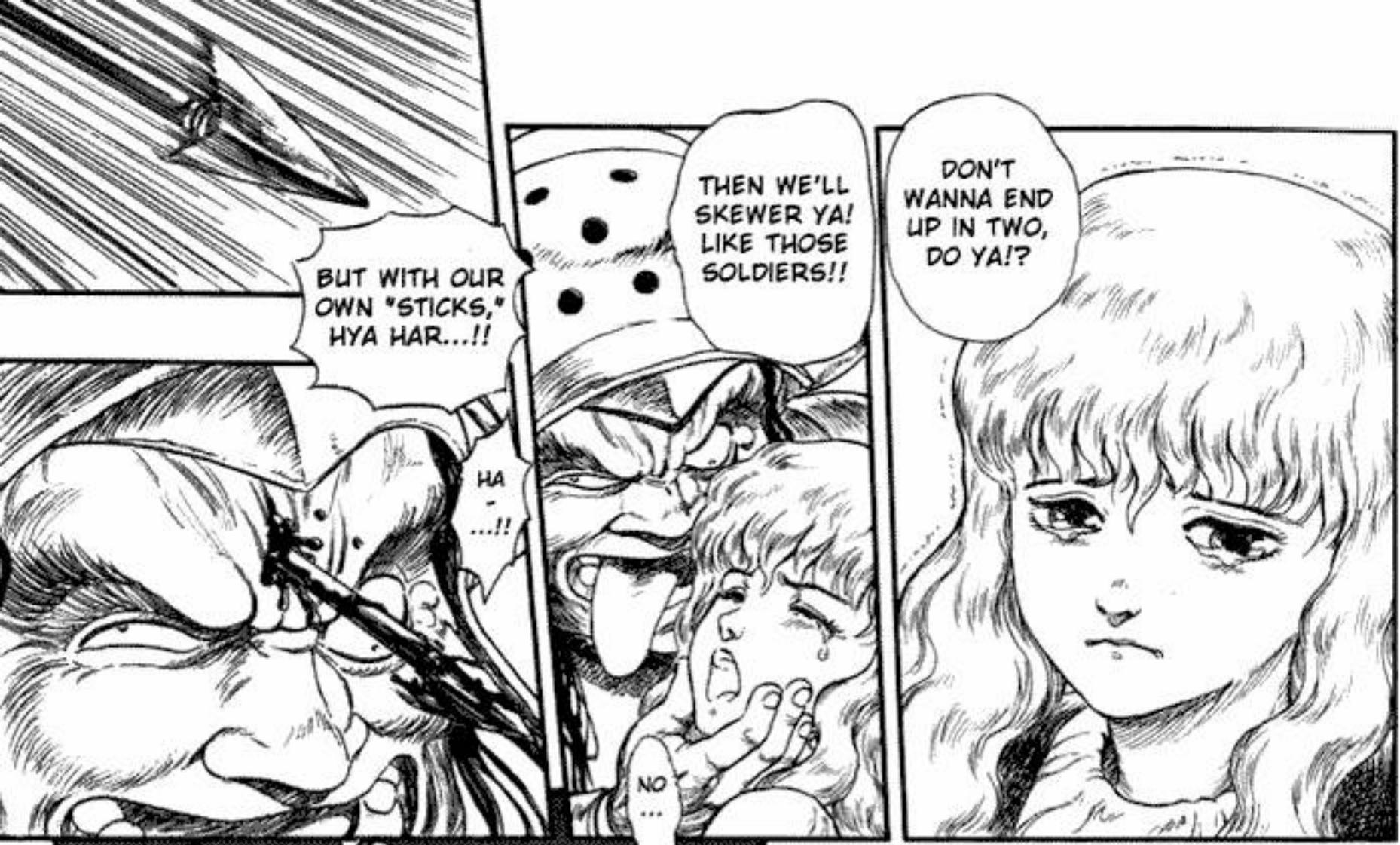
# BERSERK

## THE PROTOTYPE

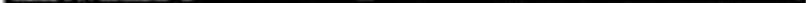


THIS COMPLETE STORY WAS DRAWN BY KENTAROU MIURA WHILE HE WAS STILL A UNIVERSITY STUDENT IN 1988, AND IS THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE PRESENT BERSERK IS BUILT. IT DIFFERS IN CERTAIN WAYS FROM THE PUBLISHED WORKS OF BERSERK IN THE SETTING DETAILS, WORLD VIEW, ETC., BUT ITS "WILL" STILL LIVES ON IN TODAY'S BERSERK. THIS SHOULD BE LIGHTLY READ AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE AFTER THE BAND OF THE HAWKS CHAPTERS.





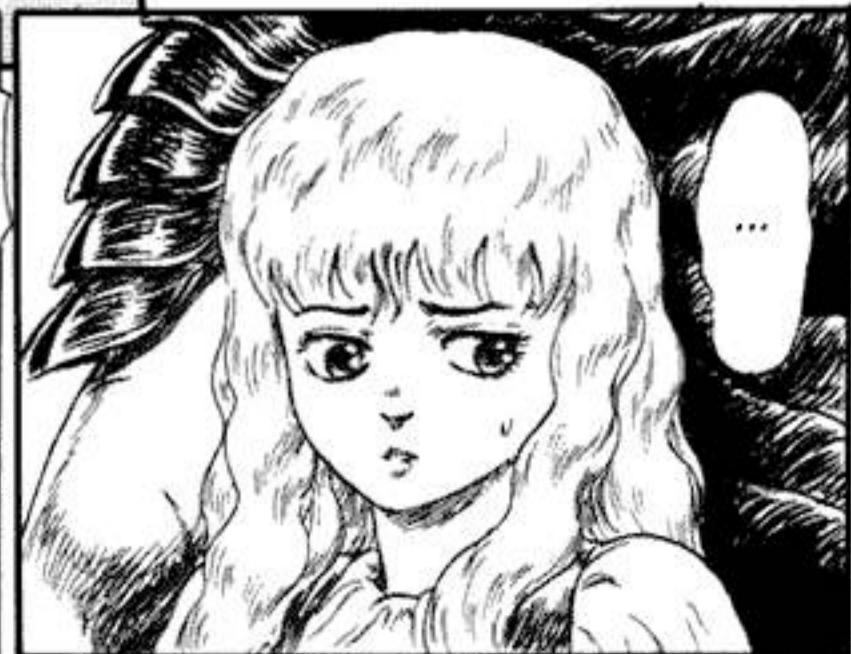








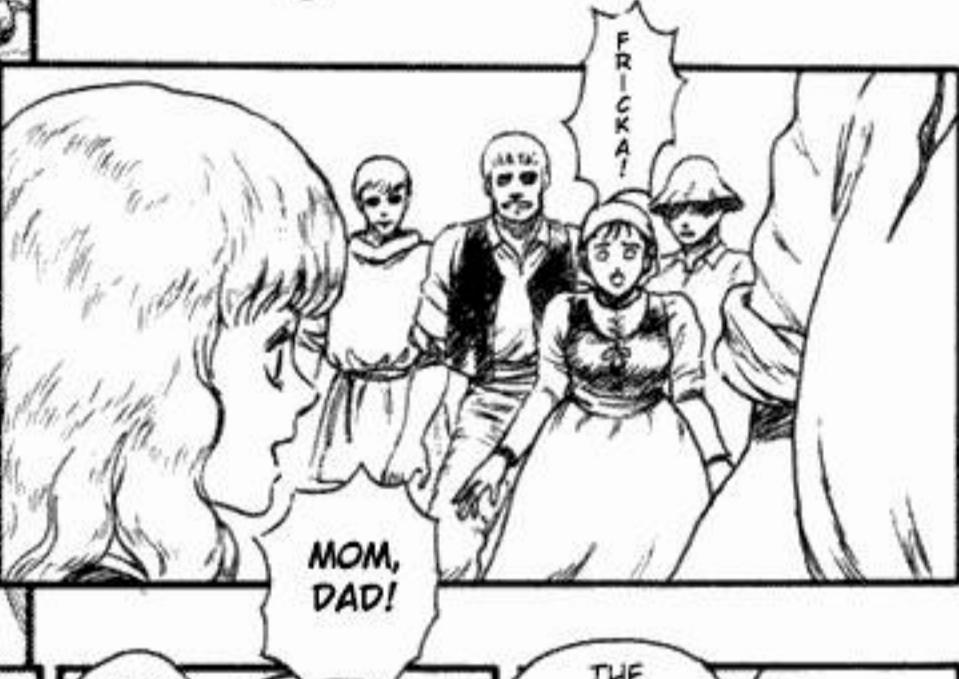
REMEMBER,  
I WANT  
FOOD, OK?  
YOU  
PROMISED.









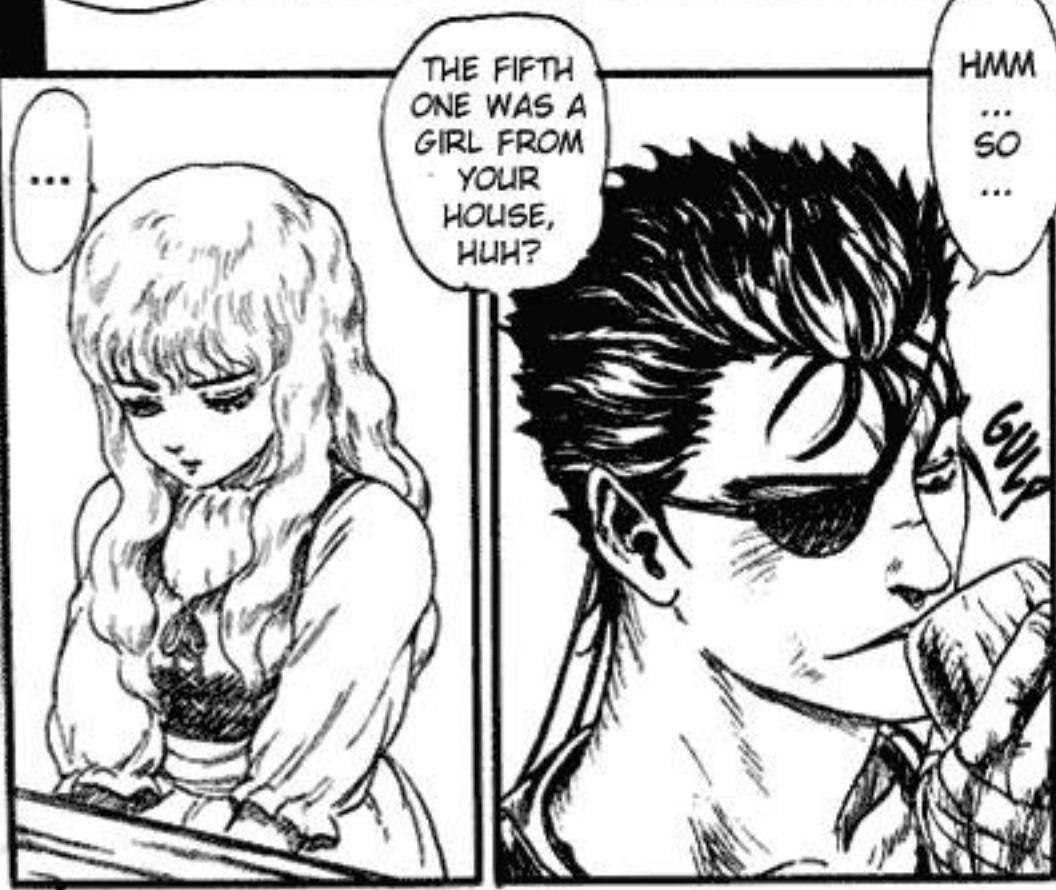
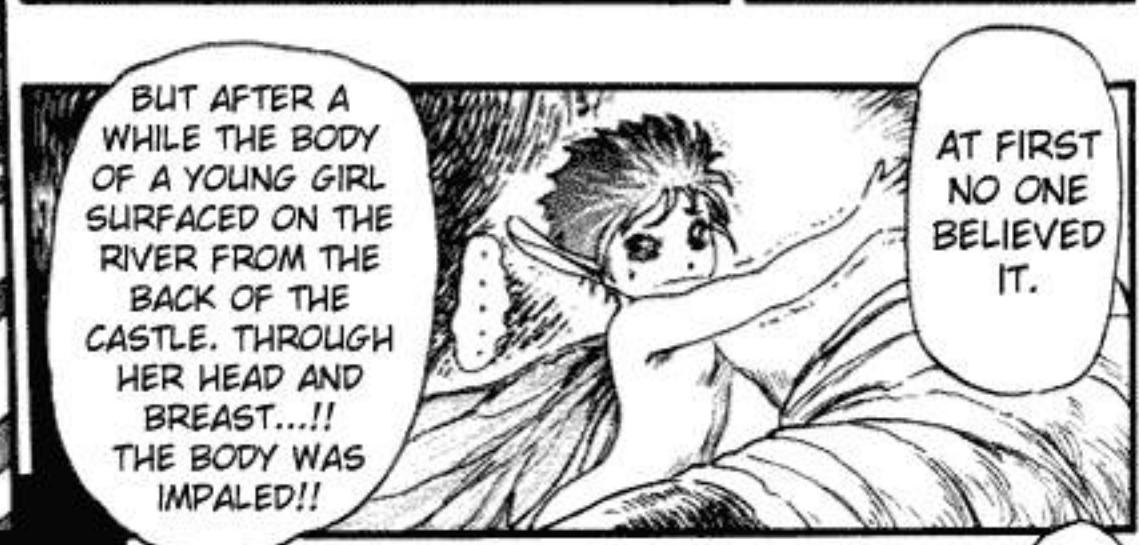


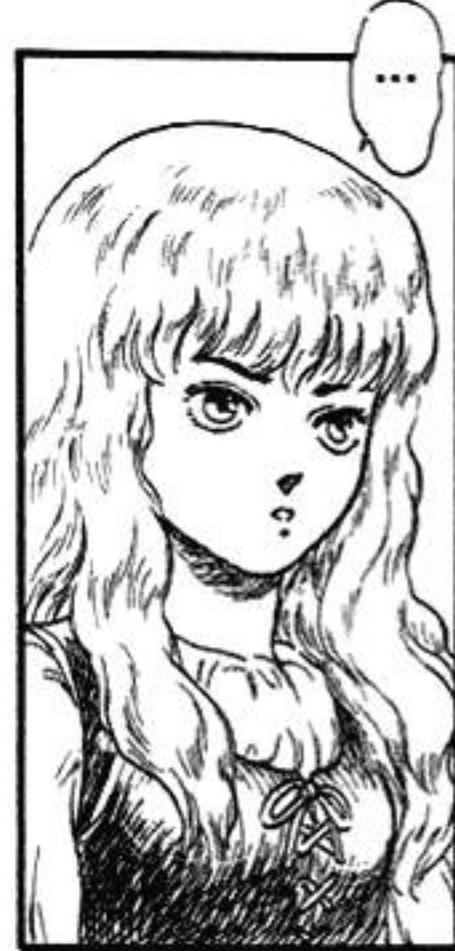
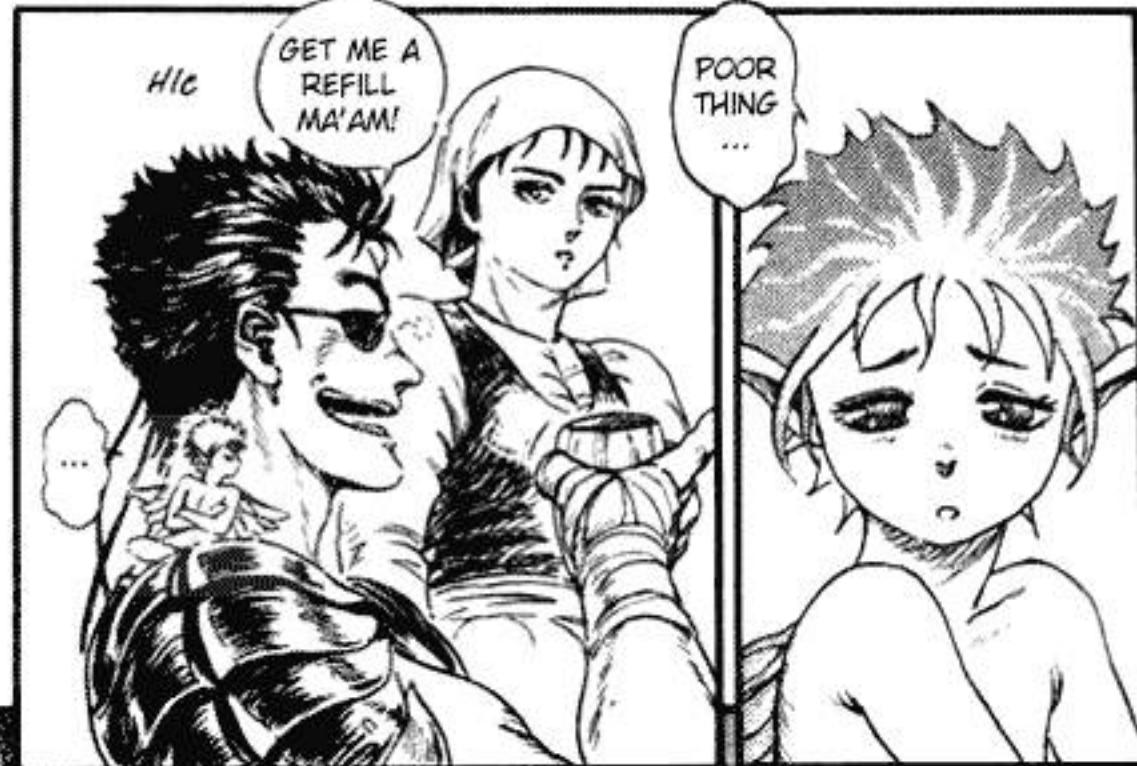


IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS ALREADY.  
THE GRAND DUKE TOOK 500  
PRISONERS FROM THE WAR  
WITH THE NEIGHBORING LAND  
AND IMPALED EVERY SINGLE  
ONE OF THEM ON WOODEN  
STAKES PLACED AROUND THE  
BORDERS OF THIS LAND. AND  
NOT JUST THE SOLDIERS  
EITHER, BECAUSE NOT EVEN A  
SINGLE WOMAN, CHILD OR  
PRIEST WAS SPARED.



IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS  
SINCE THEN AND  
WE'RE STILL  
FORBIDDEN FROM  
TAKING THEM DOWN.  
THEY'RE LEFT  
STANDING AS A  
WARNING TO THE  
BORDER GUARDS.















CAN I  
POSSIBLY  
HAVE...  
SOMETHING  
OF YOURS  
TO  
REMEMBER  
YOU BY?



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...WELL, EVEN  
IF YOU ASKED  
ME LIKE THAT,  
I DON'T  
REALLY HAVE  
ANYTHING FOR  
YOU, JUST A  
BLUNCH OF  
WEAPONS.

ANYTHING  
WILL  
DO!!

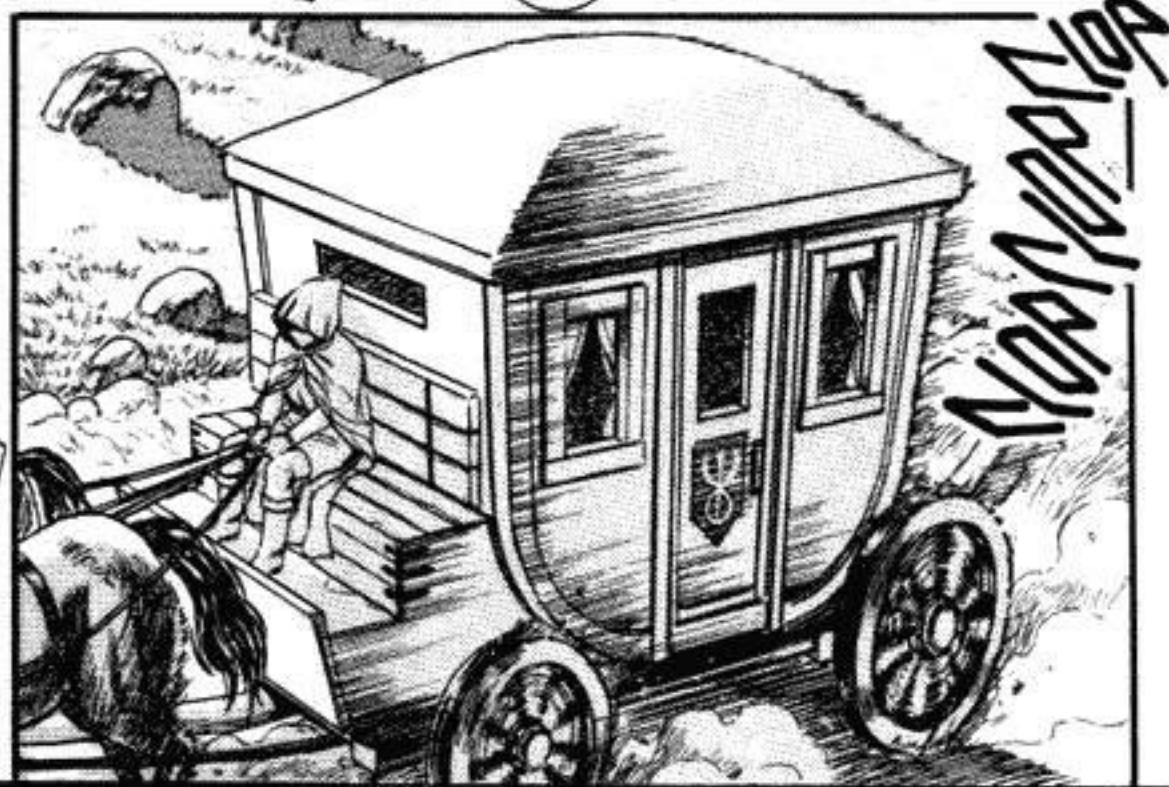
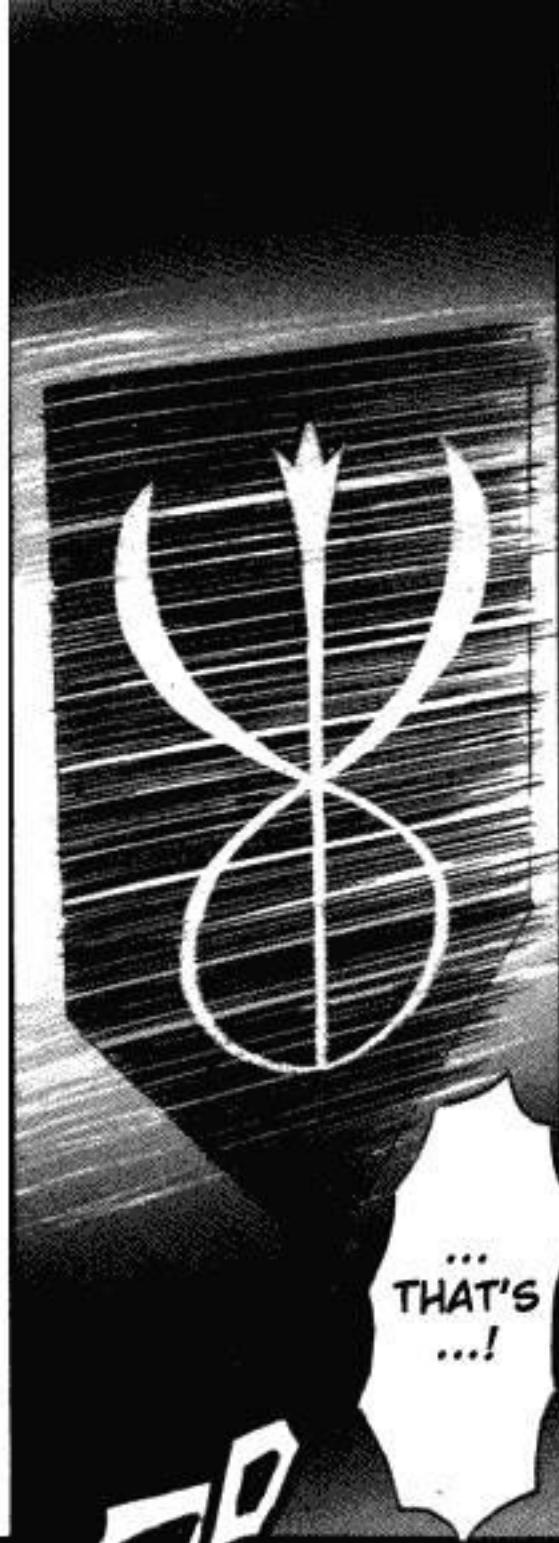


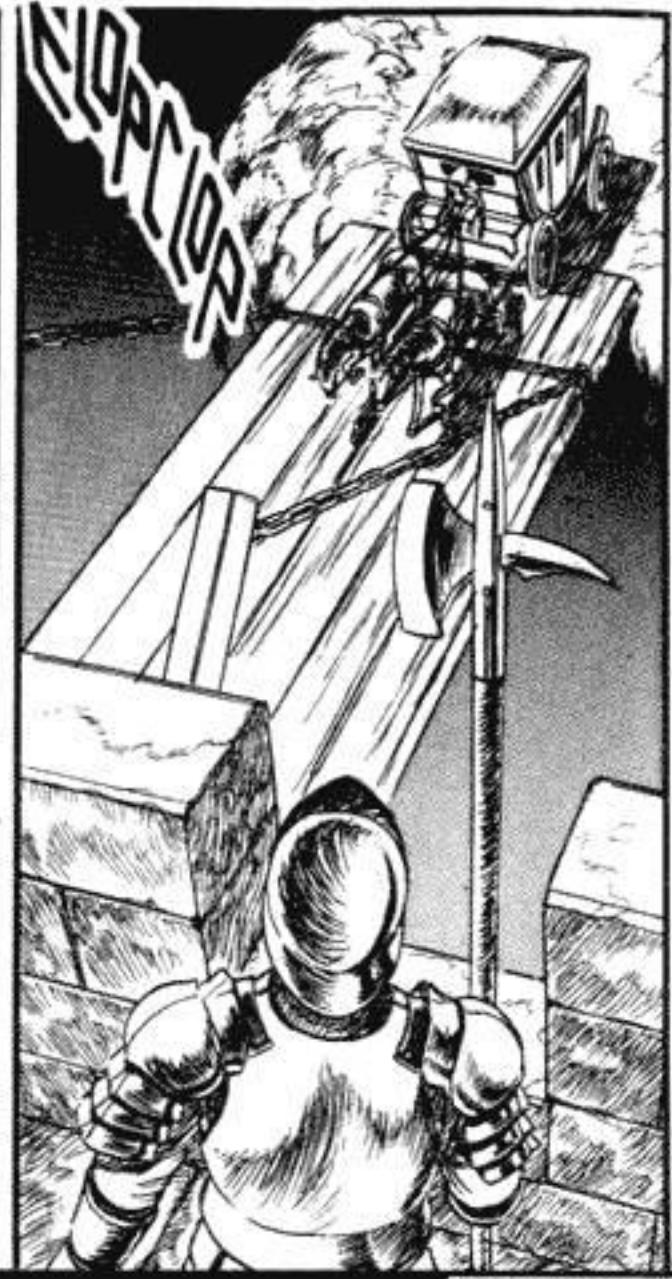
...IS  
IT...NO  
USE...?

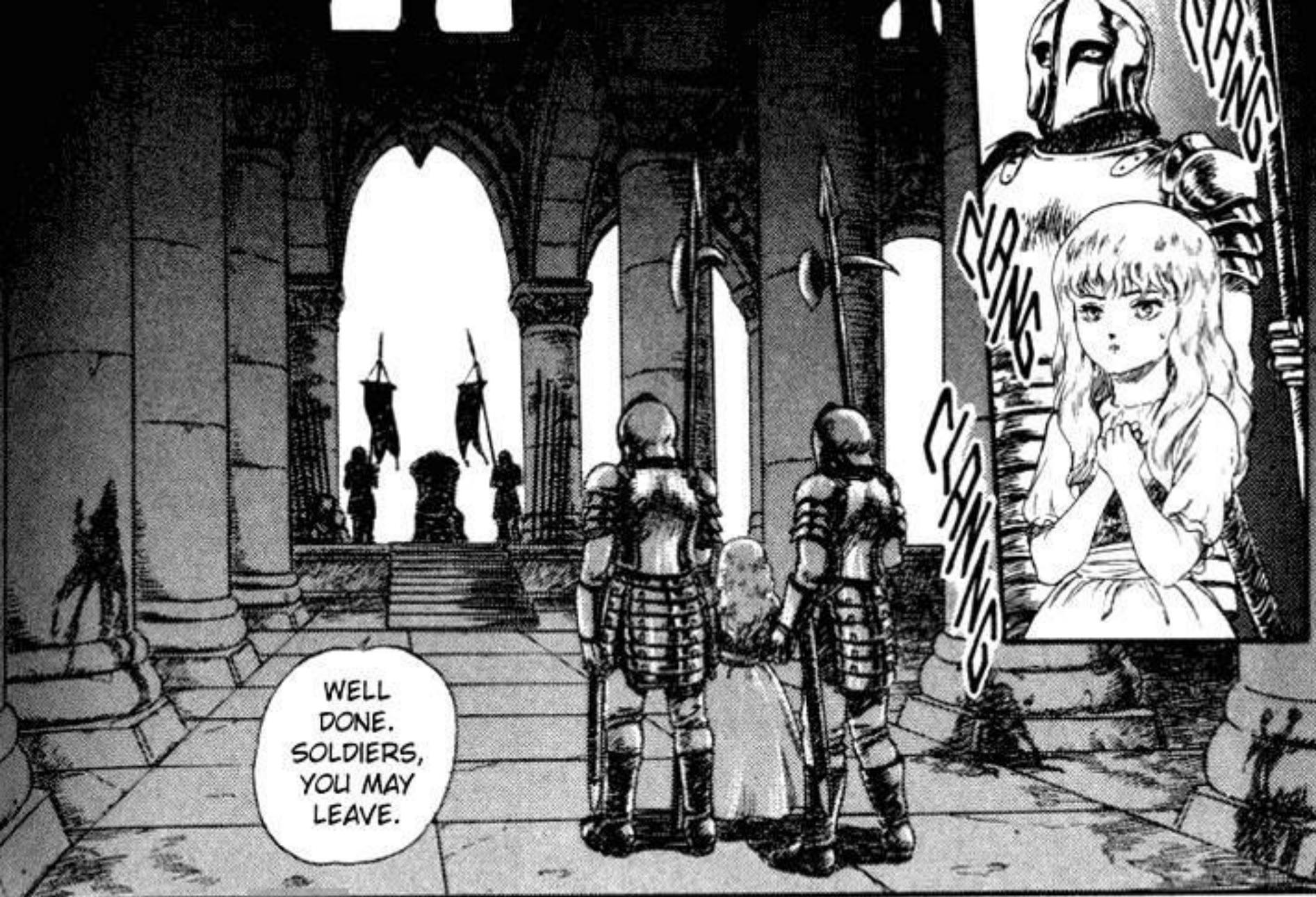


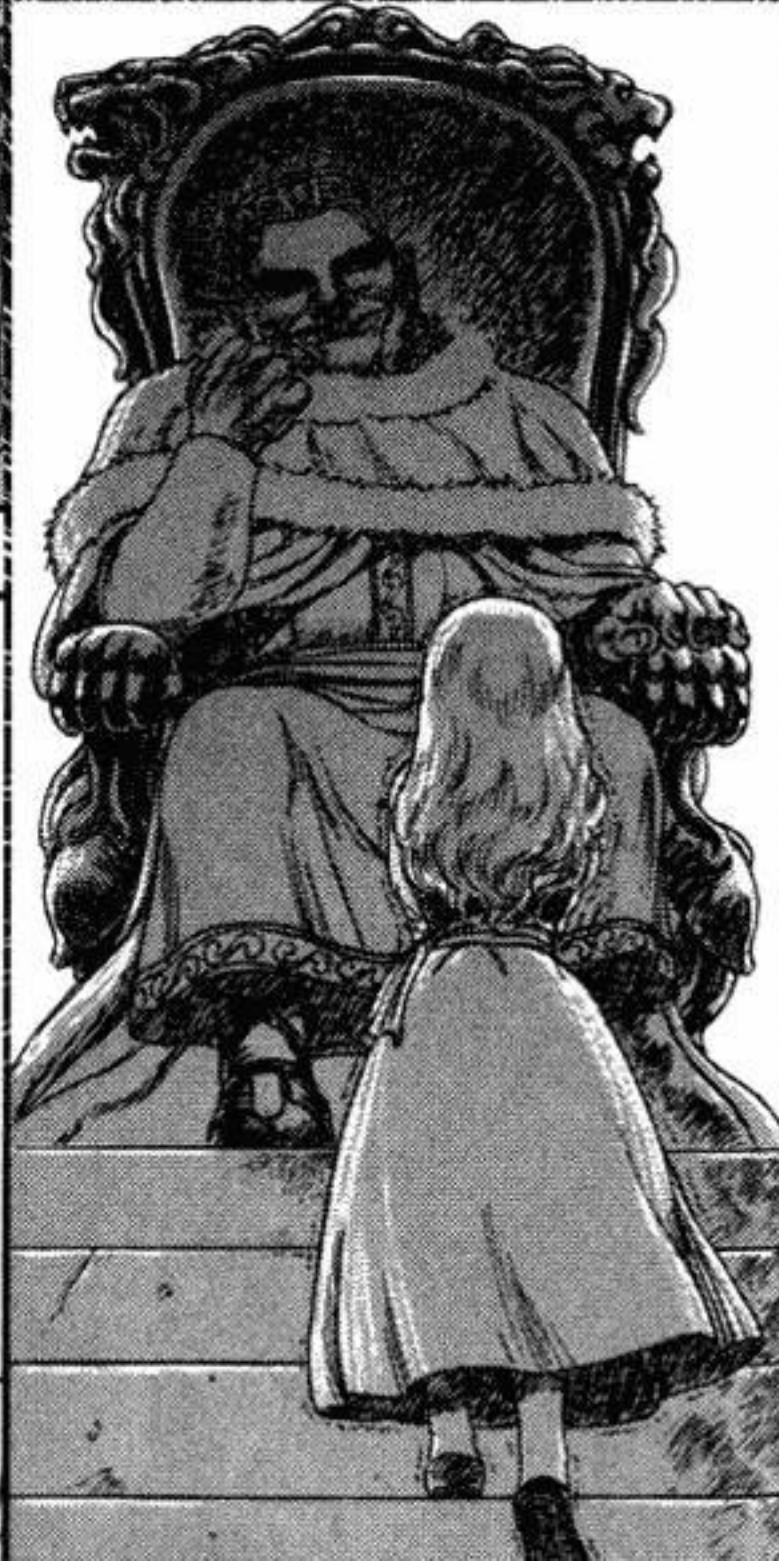
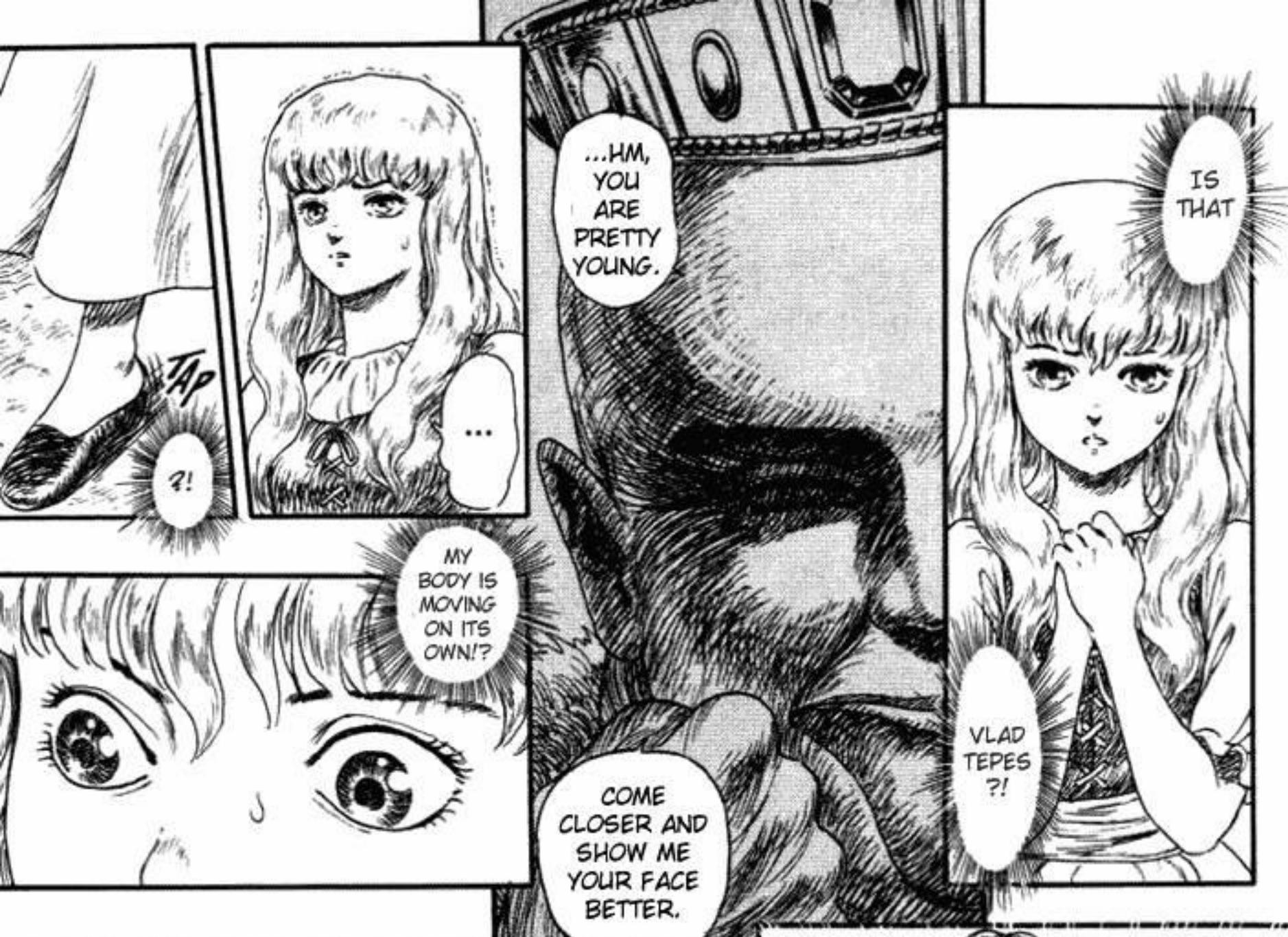




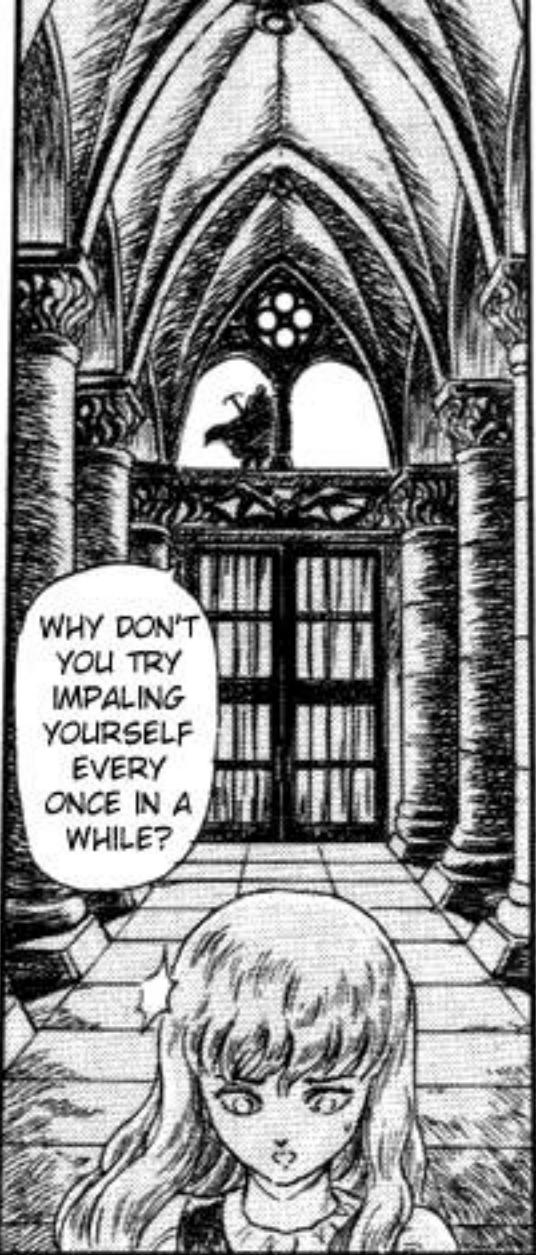












YO! SOME MINOR BUSINESS CAME UP HERE

SIR BLACK KNIGHT !!





HE'S NOT DYING WITH THAT.

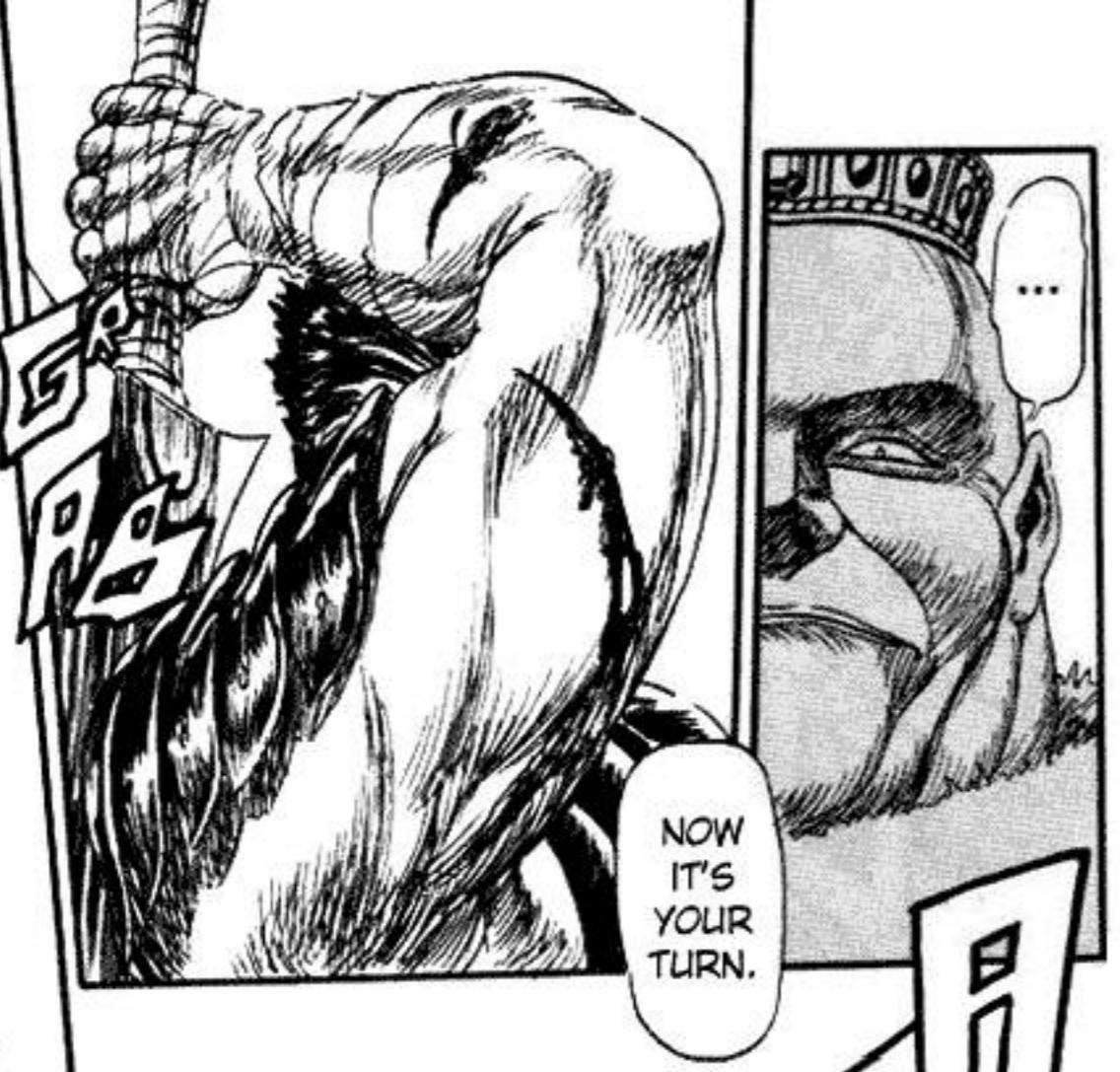








I'M  
GONNA  
MINCE YOU  
UP GOOD,  
DOG OF  
'VANA'!





YOU  
RUN+  
!!  
WHO  
ARE  
YOU!

HA  
...!



UISHA  
URAAA  
!!!

YOU  
!!

YOU  
...

CRACK SLASH







I'LL  
FINISH  
YOUUU!!

AND  
NOW  
...

W  
O  
N



...CAN  
CARRY  
SUCH A  
HATRED  
OF YOUR  
KIND?!

WHO  
ELSE BUT  
A  
HUMAN...

did did did did

GUTS,  
HURRY!  
IT'S  
COL-  
LAPS-  
ING!!

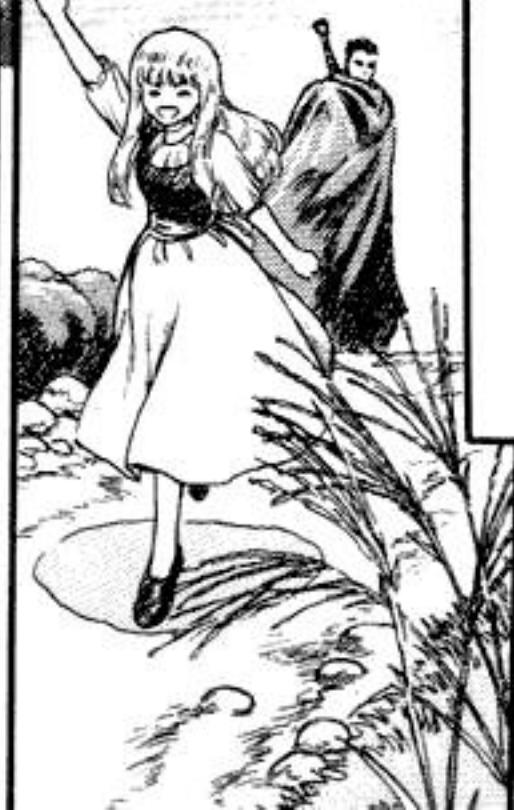
GUTS!!

...  
A  
HUMAN  
...

...  
THAT IS  
+ THE BRAND  
CARVED  
INTO + THE  
SACRIFICES  
FOR  
VANA...

ERG ERG ERG ERG







THE PROTOTYPE - END