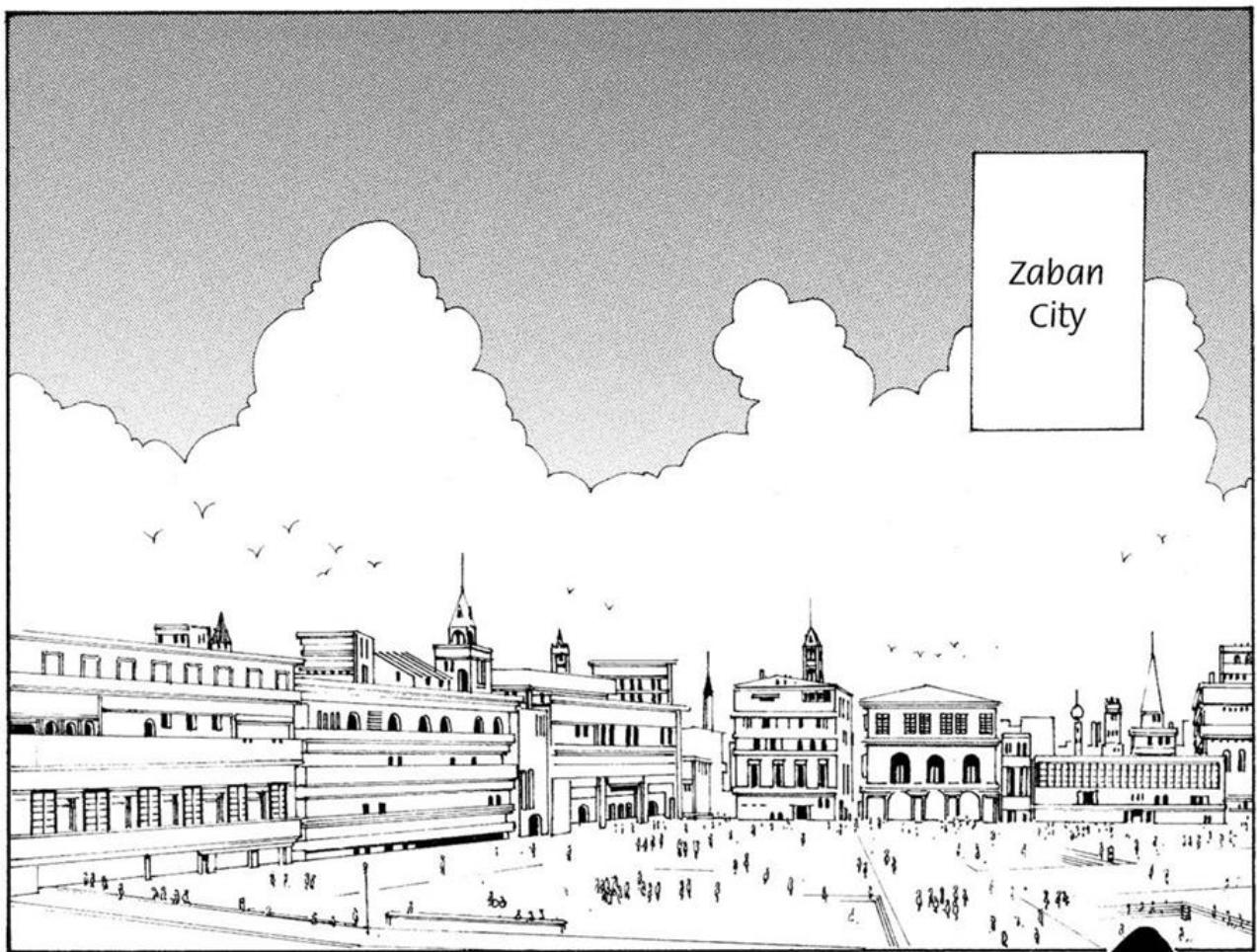
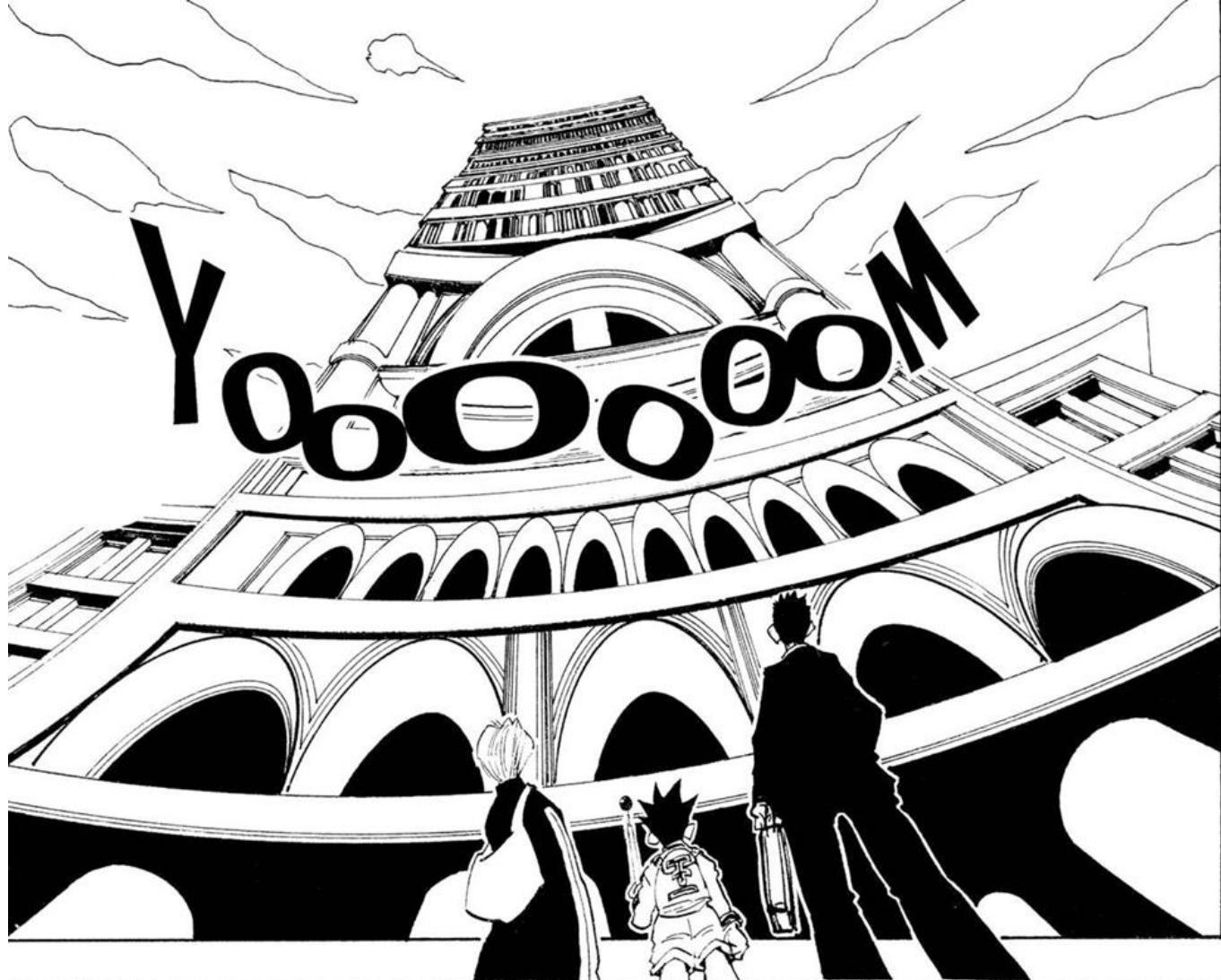
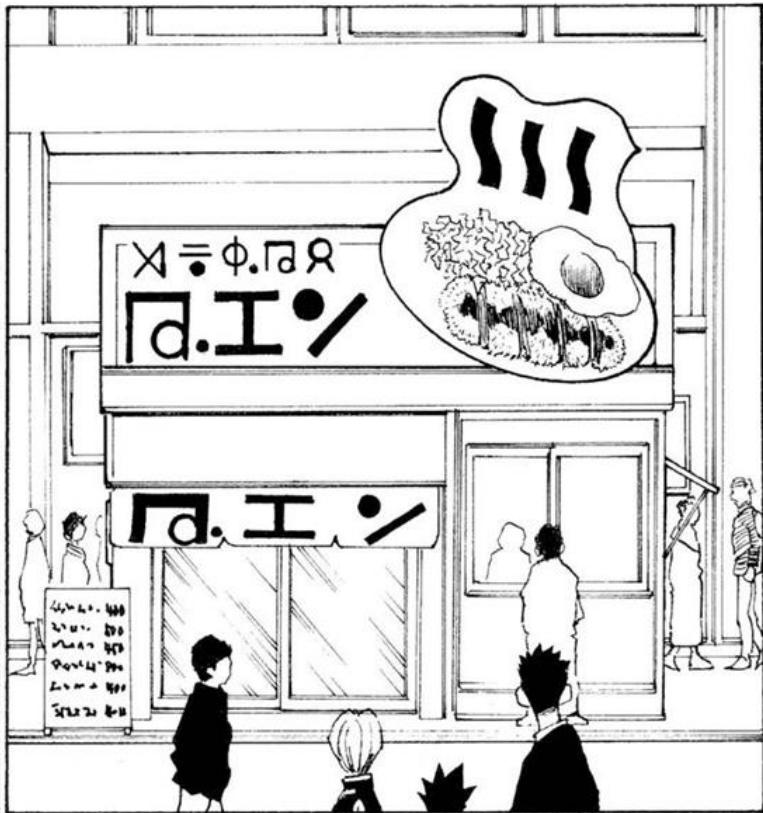


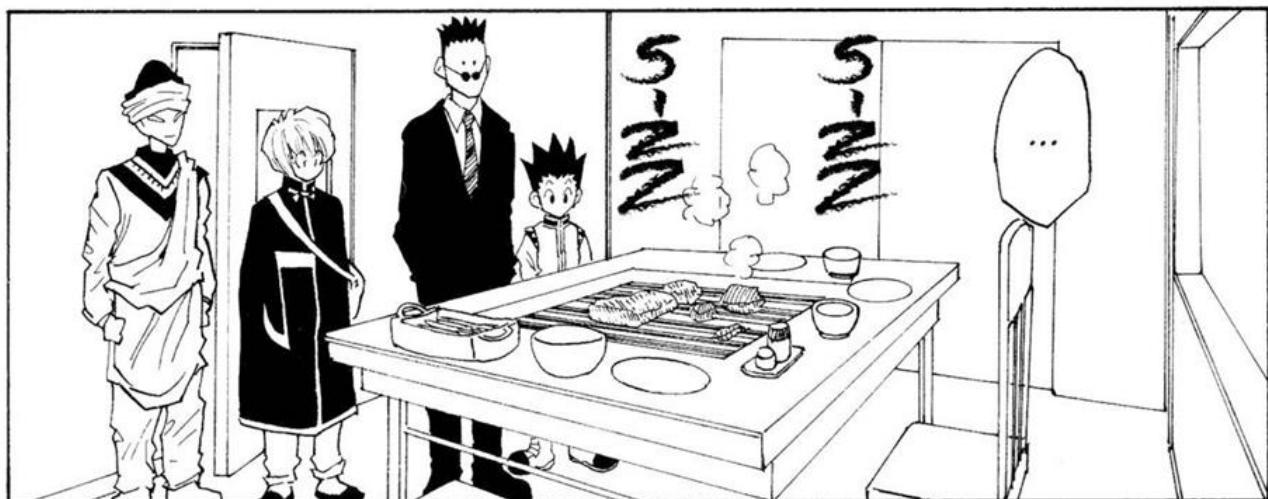
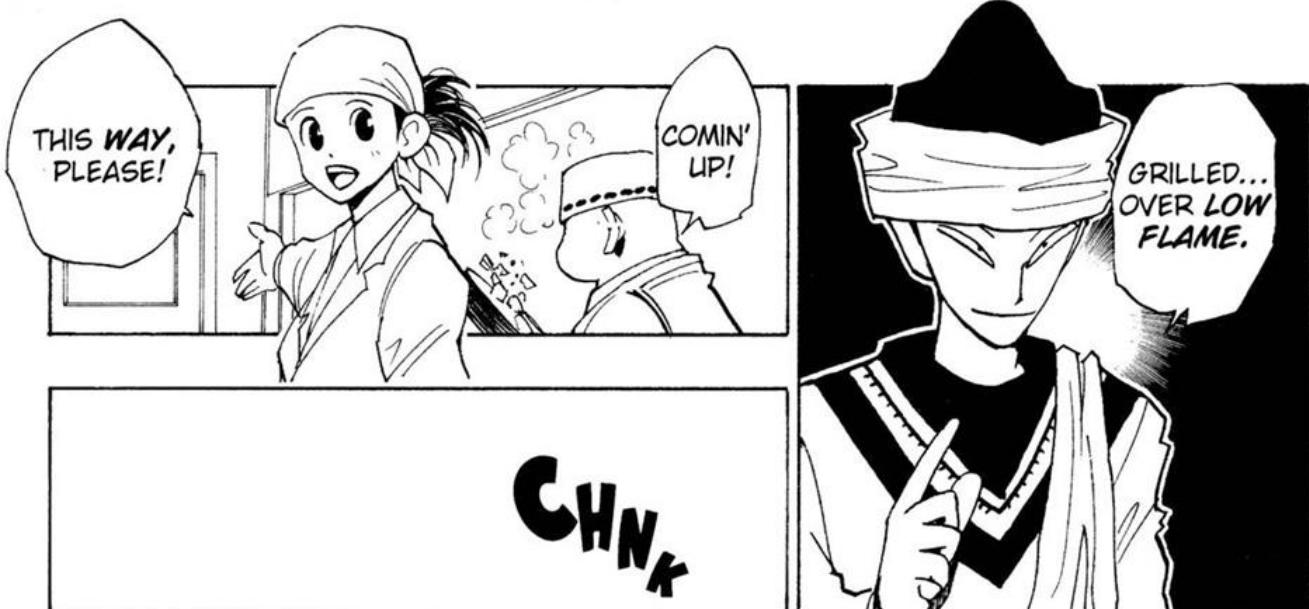


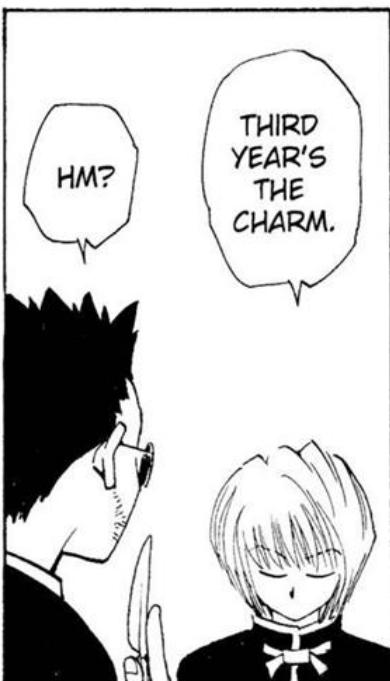
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**The First Phase Begins,
part 1**





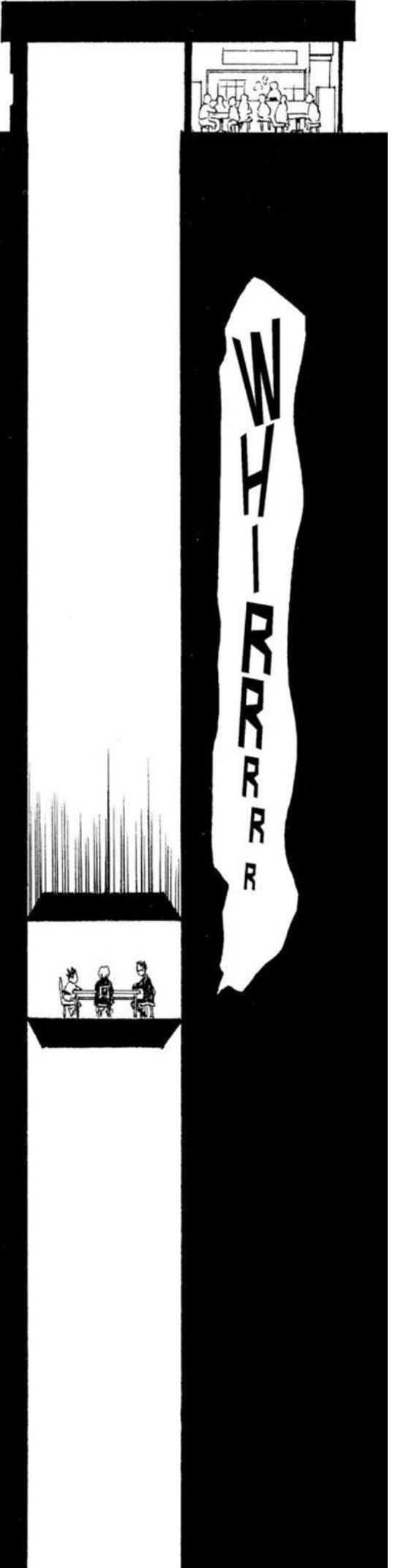


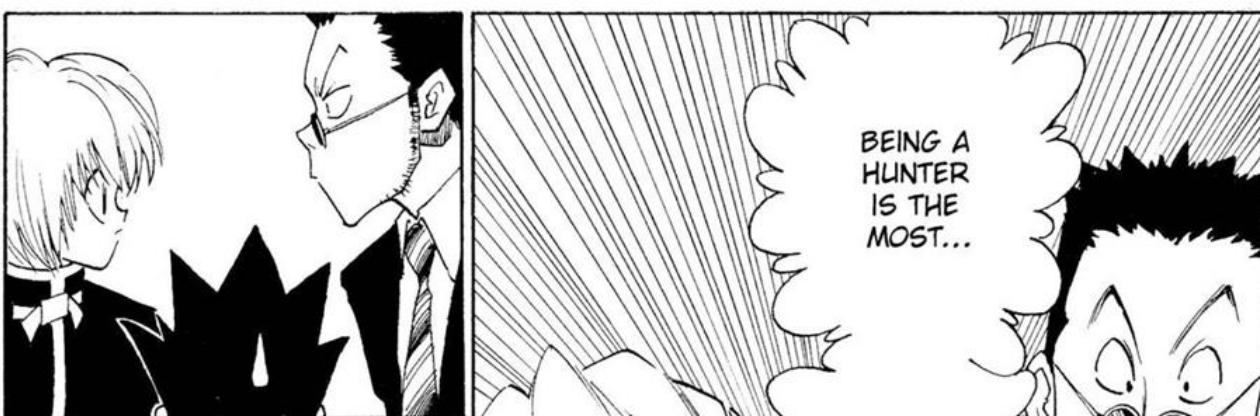




...while others are crushed by the veteran applicants and never take another crack at it.

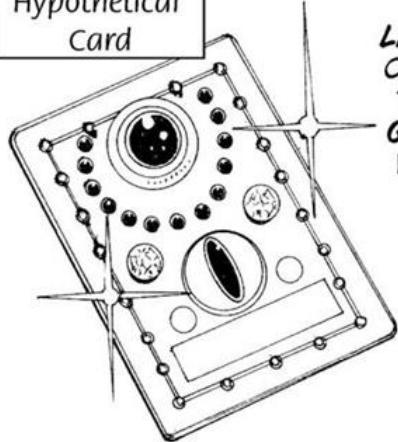
Many rookies mentally crack under the demands of the test ...





A HUNTER'S
REAL JOB IS TO
SECURE ORDER, IN BOTH
SOCIETY AND NATURE. THE
IMAGE OF BAGGING ANIMALS
AND SCROULING FOR TREASURE
BELONGS TO THE LOW-LIFE
AMATEUR! THE **PRO** HUNTER SEEKS
TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT
PRECIOUS CULTURAL ARTIFACTS,
AS WELL AS RARE FLORA AND
FAUNA!! EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS
TRACKING DOWN WANTED CRIMINALS
AND POACHERS!! NEEDLESS TO SAY,
IT REQUIRES PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE,
SOUND MIND AND BODY, AND
STRONG CONVICTIONS!
IT'S A TOUGH BUT
REWARDING
CAREER!!

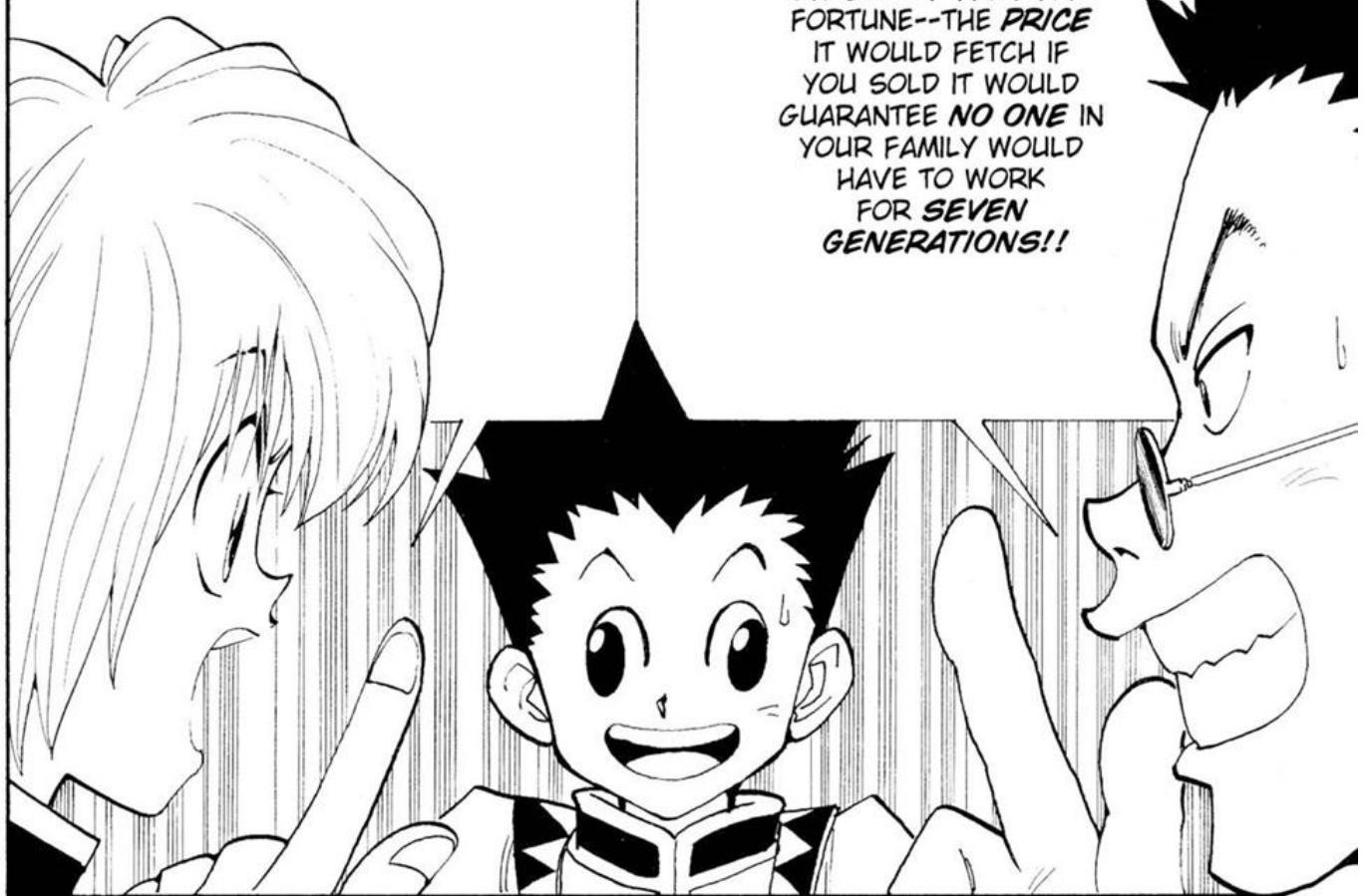
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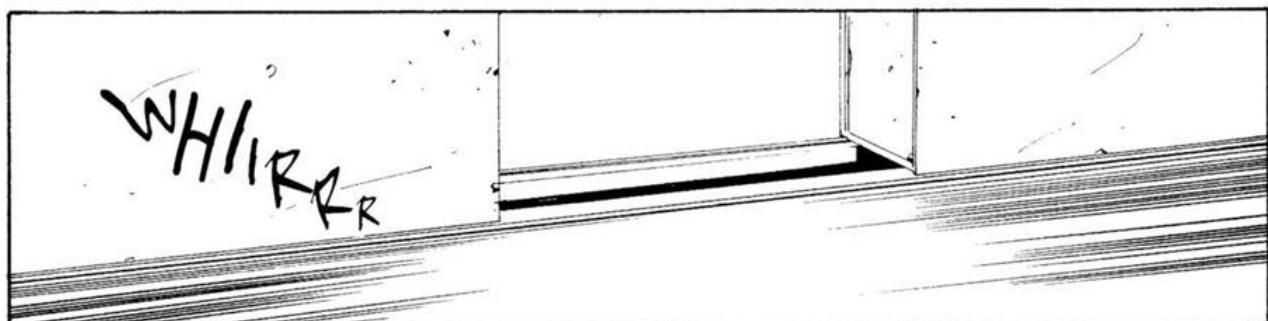


THE
LICENSE IS
ONLY GIVEN
TO FULLY
QUALIFIED
HUNTERS!!

WITH IT, YOU HAVE
CARTE BLANCHE TO
ENTER MOST COUNTRIES,
AND USE ALMOST ALL
AVAILABLE PUBLIC
RESOURCES!

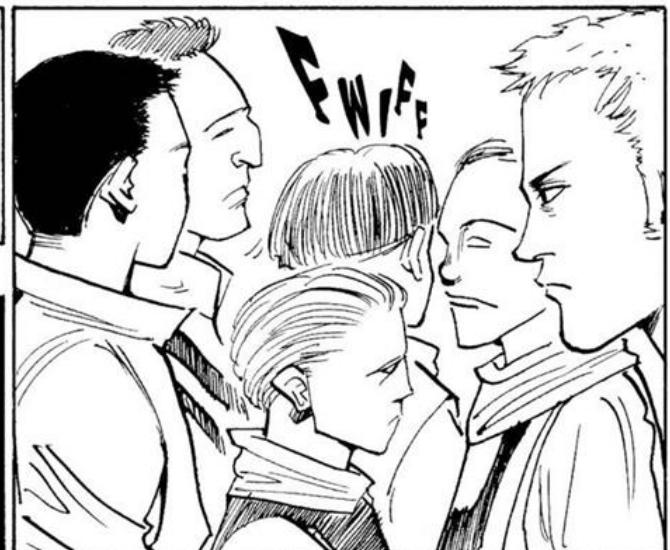
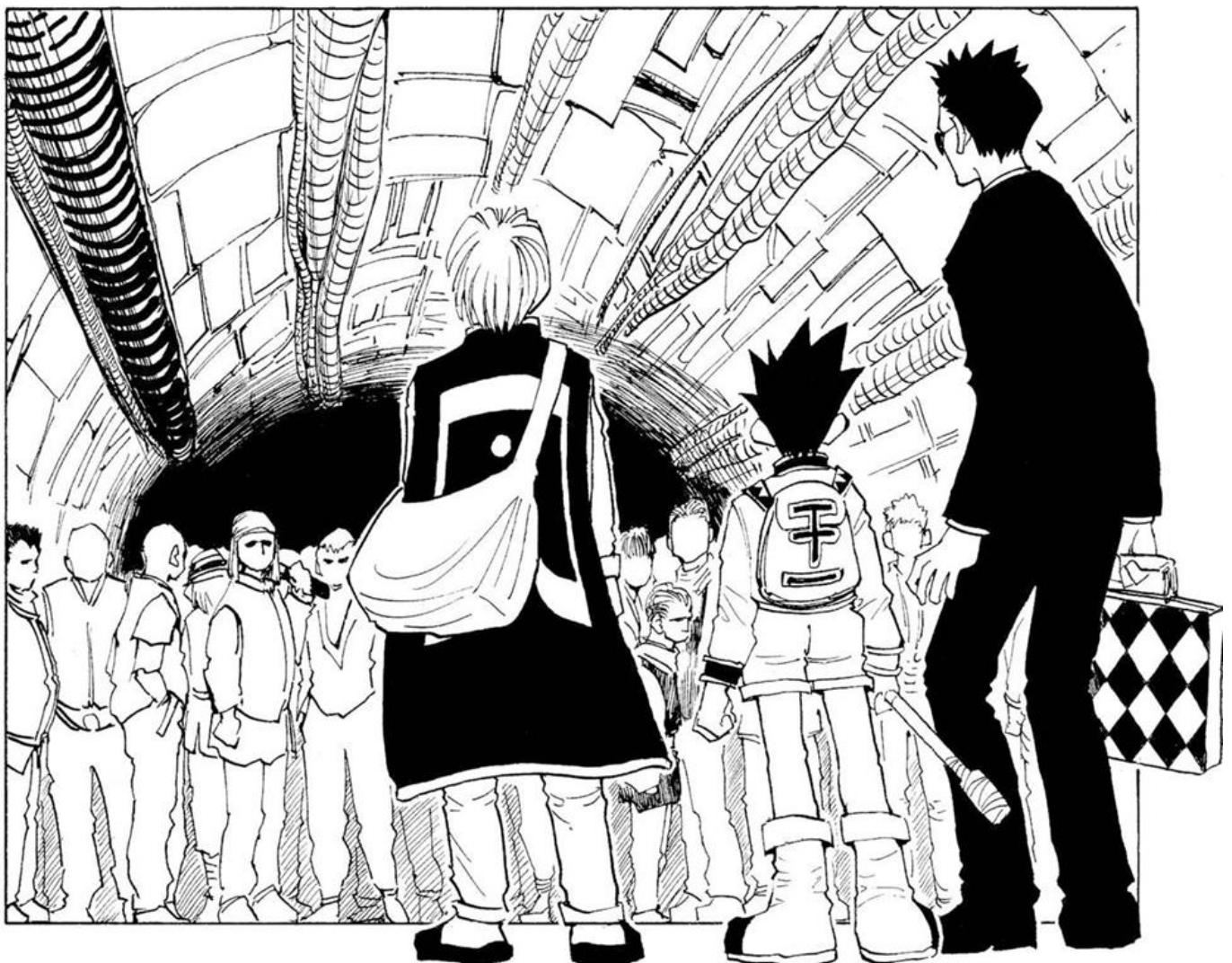
OF THE 100 RICHEST
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD,
60 ARE HUNTERS!!
THE LICENSE IS A
SYMBOL OF FAME AND
FORTUNE--THE PRICE
IT WOULD FETCH IF
YOU SOLD IT WOULD
GUARANTEE **NO ONE** IN
YOUR FAMILY WOULD
HAVE TO WORK
FOR **SEVEN**
GENERATIONS!!





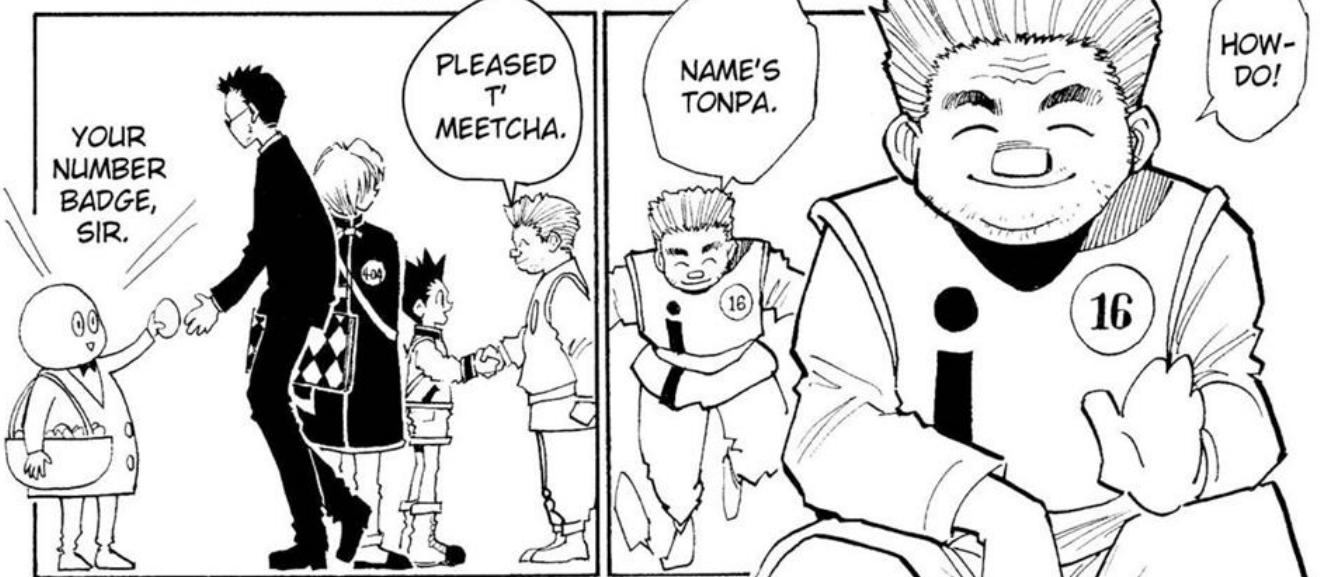






THEY'RE
CLEARLY
EXPERTS
IN THEIR
FIELDS--NOT
ONE OF THEM
IS A LOSER.





STRONG AS ANYTHING, AND A LOT SMARTER THAN HE LOOKS.

255-
TODO, THE WRESTLER.

A TENACIOUS COMPETITOR! GET ON HIS BAD SIDE, AND YOU'LL NEVER GET OFF!

...103-
BOURBON, THE SNAKE CHARMER.

103

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IN TERMS OF UNARMED COMBAT, HE'S THE BEST!

76-
CHERRY, THE MARTIAL ARTIST.

THEY SPECIALIZE IN TEAMWORK, AND KEEP GETTING BETTER AT IT.

197 TO 199-
THE AMORI BROTHERS.

GAAH!

HE'S DARN HANDY WITH BLOWDARTS AND CLUBS.

384-
GERETTA, THE HUNTSMAN.

