

BLEACH

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SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Tite Kubo

volume **1**



久保帯人

Hello there. You
are now holding
the very first vol-
ume of Bleach. I
worked really hard
writing it. Please
treat it kindly.
Sincerely,
Tite Kubo

BLEACH is author Tite Kubo's second title. Kubo made his debut with *ZOMBIE POWDER*, a four-volume series for *WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP*. To date, *BLEACH* has been translated into numerous languages and has also inspired an animated TV series that began airing in Japan in 2004. Beginning its serialization in 2001, *BLEACH* is still a mainstay in the pages of *WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP*. In 2005, *BLEACH* was awarded the prestigious Shogakukan Manga Award in the *shonen* (boys) category.



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We fear that which we cannot see

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AND THE SOUL
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STRAWBERRY AND THE SOUL REAPERS

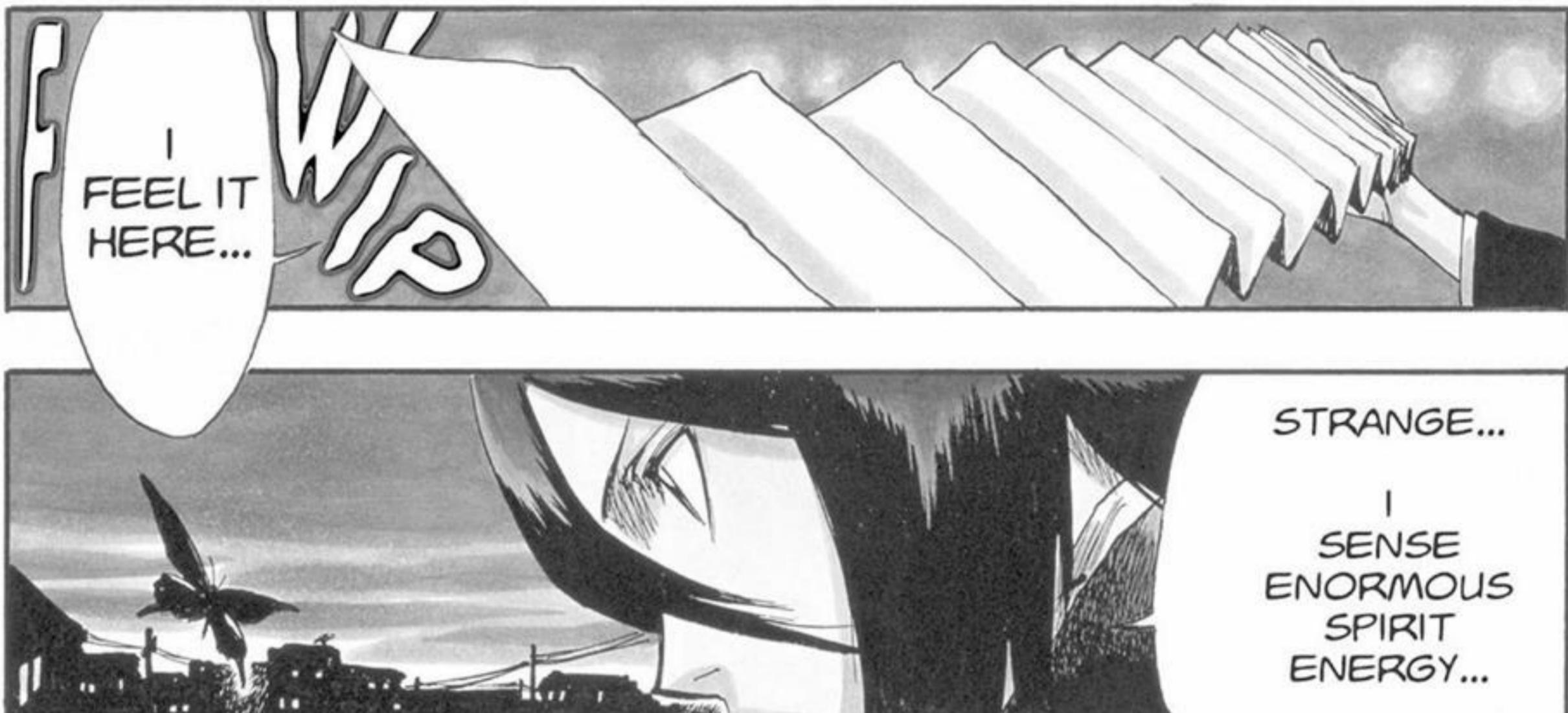
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2:23 A.M., FRIDAY

KARAKURA TOWN



1. DEATH & STRAWBERRY



AND SO FELL THE SWORD OF FATE.

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1. DEATH & STRAWBERRY



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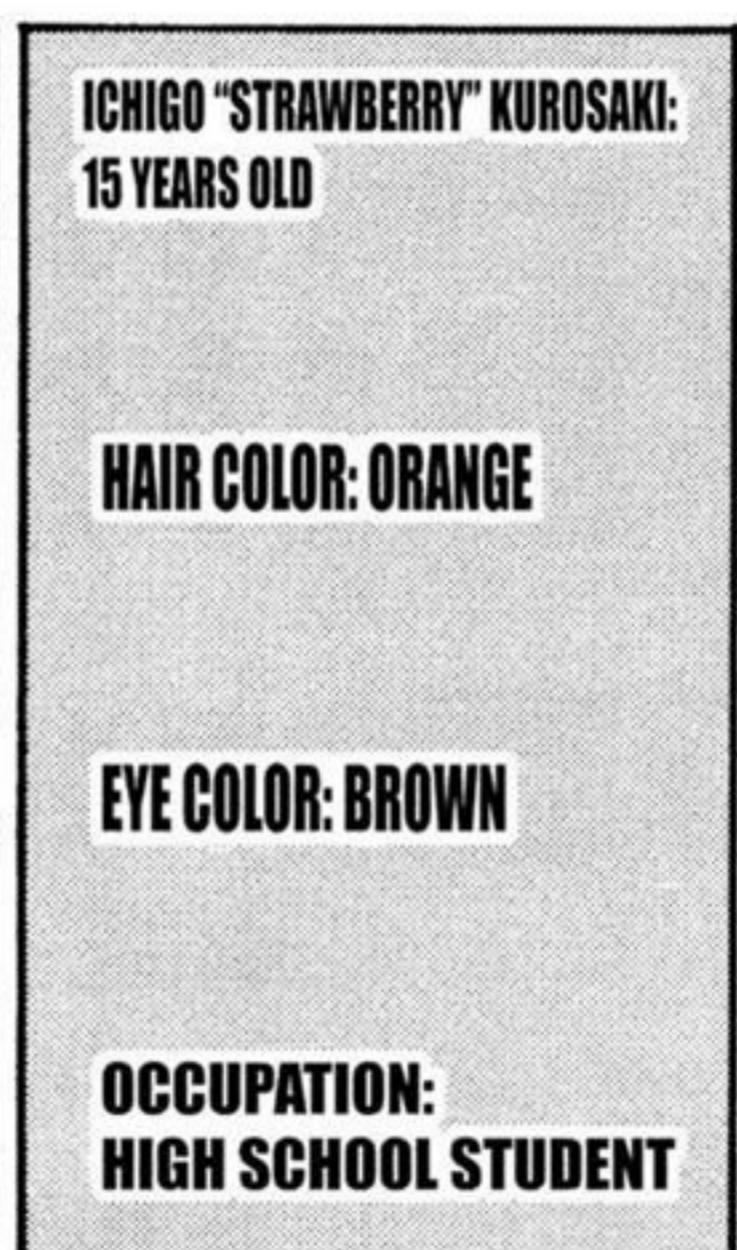


ICHIGO "STRAWBERRY"
KUROSAKI:

15 YEARS OLD
HAIR: ORANGE
EYES: BROWN
OCCUPATION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

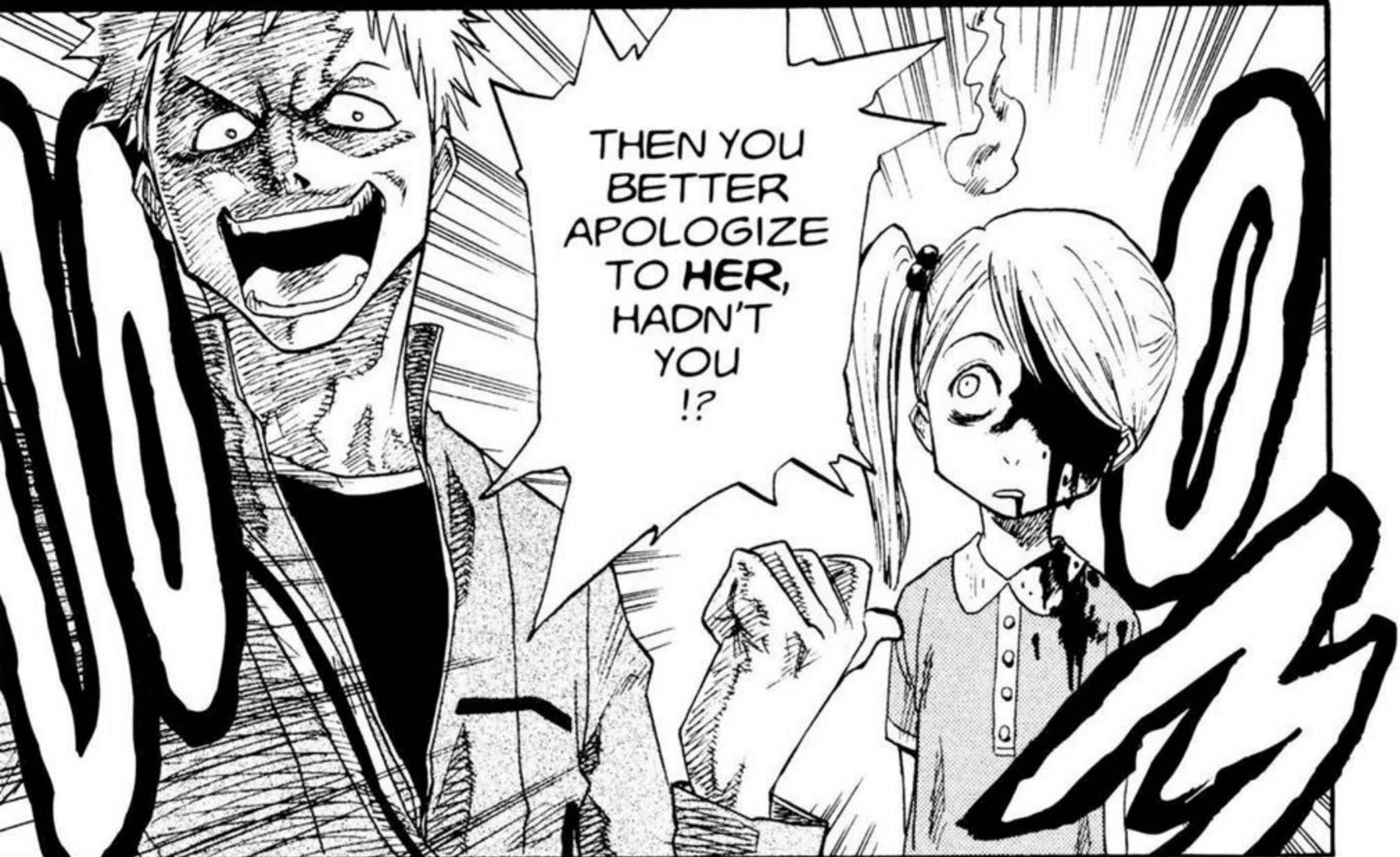






SPECIAL SKILL...

"HE CAN SEE GHOSTS"



READ
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IT'S TRUE. I CAN SEE AND TALK WITH GHOSTS.

I WAS BORN
WITH THE ABILITY
TO SEE THE
SOULS OF THE
DEAR DEPARTED.

KUROSAK
CLINIC

WE'RE
ENTRUSTED
WITH THE
LIVES OF
THE LIVING.

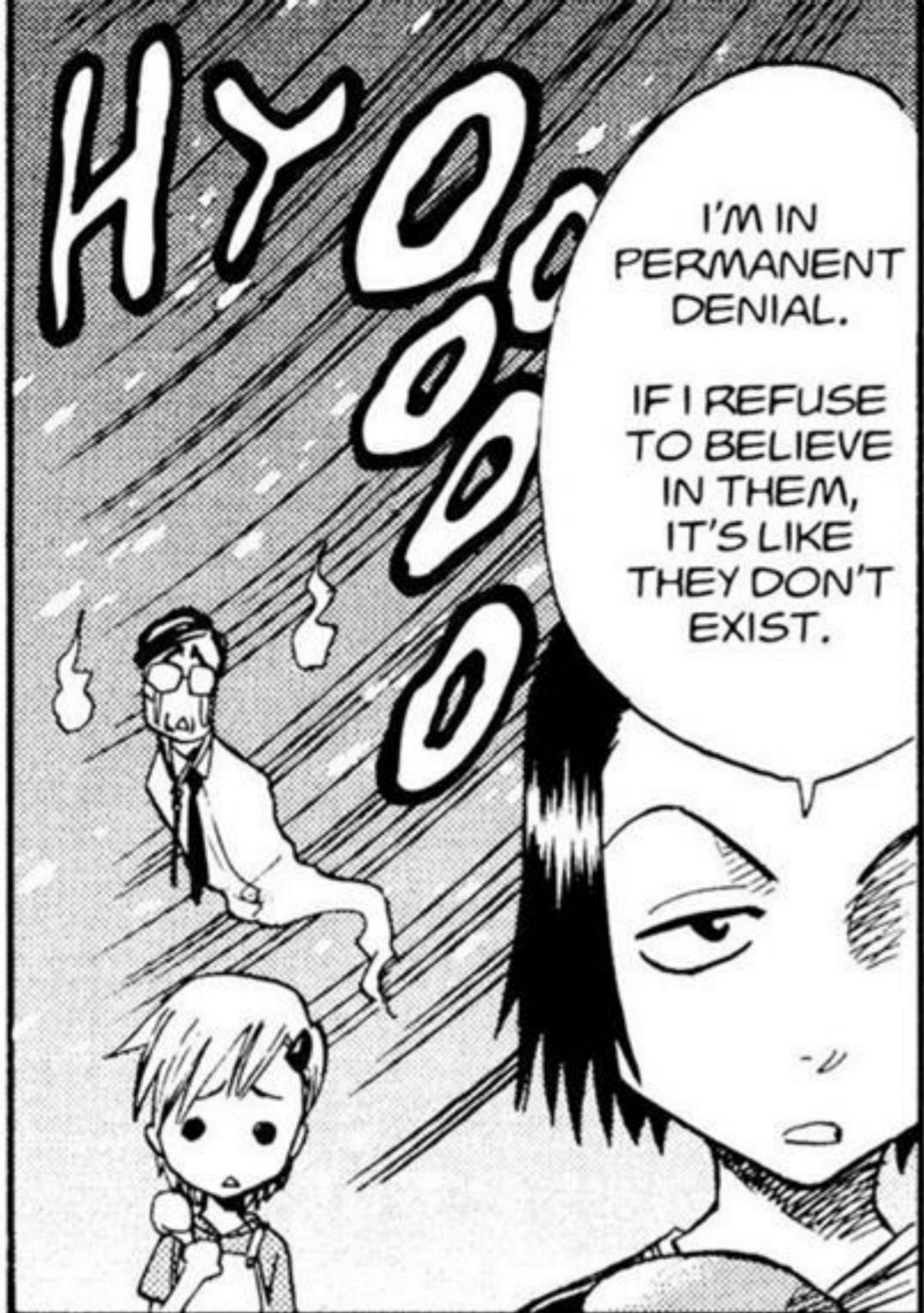
MY
FAMILY
RUNS
THE
LOCAL
CLINIC.

MAYBE
THERE'S SOME
CONNECTION
THERE...

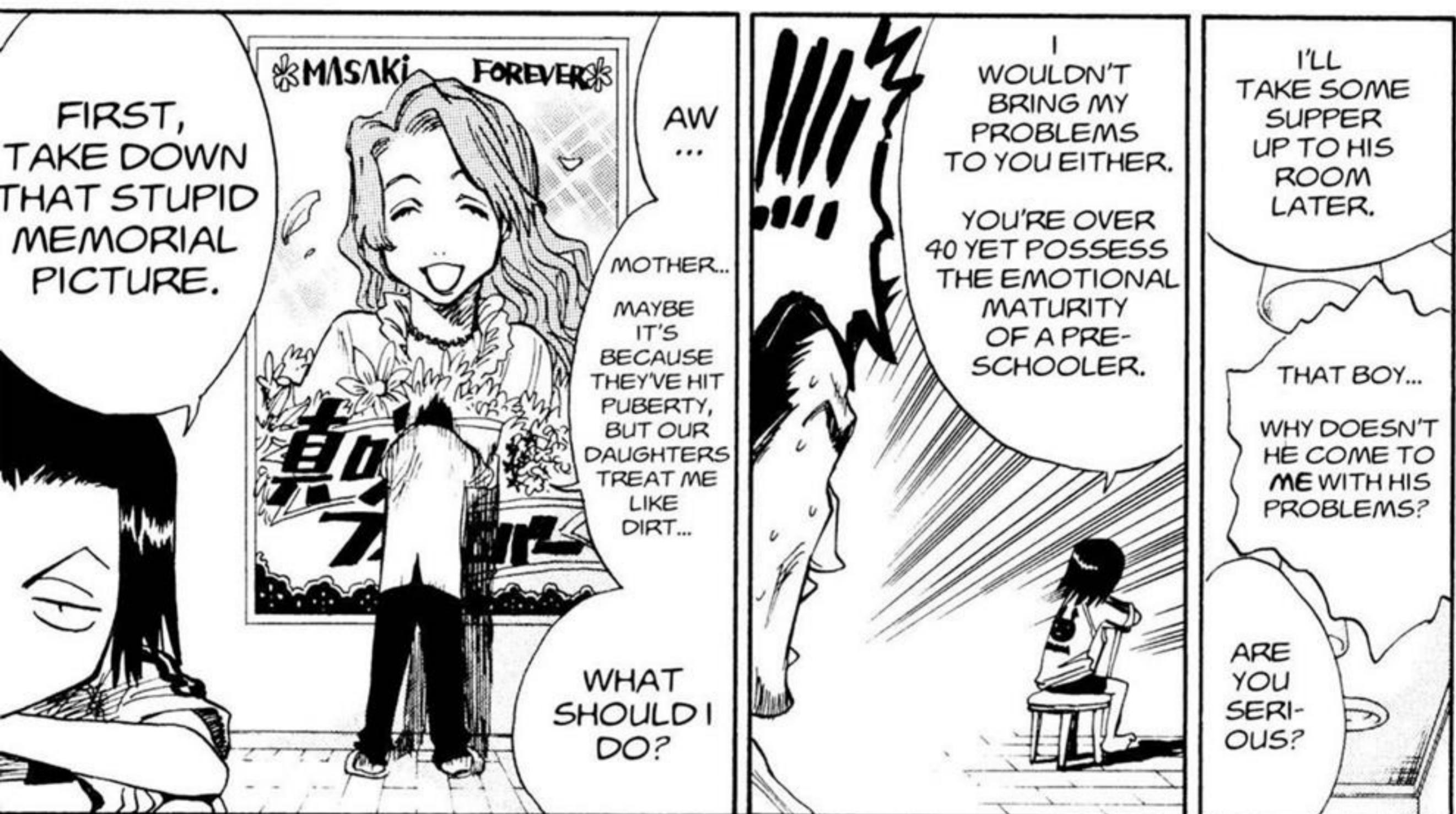
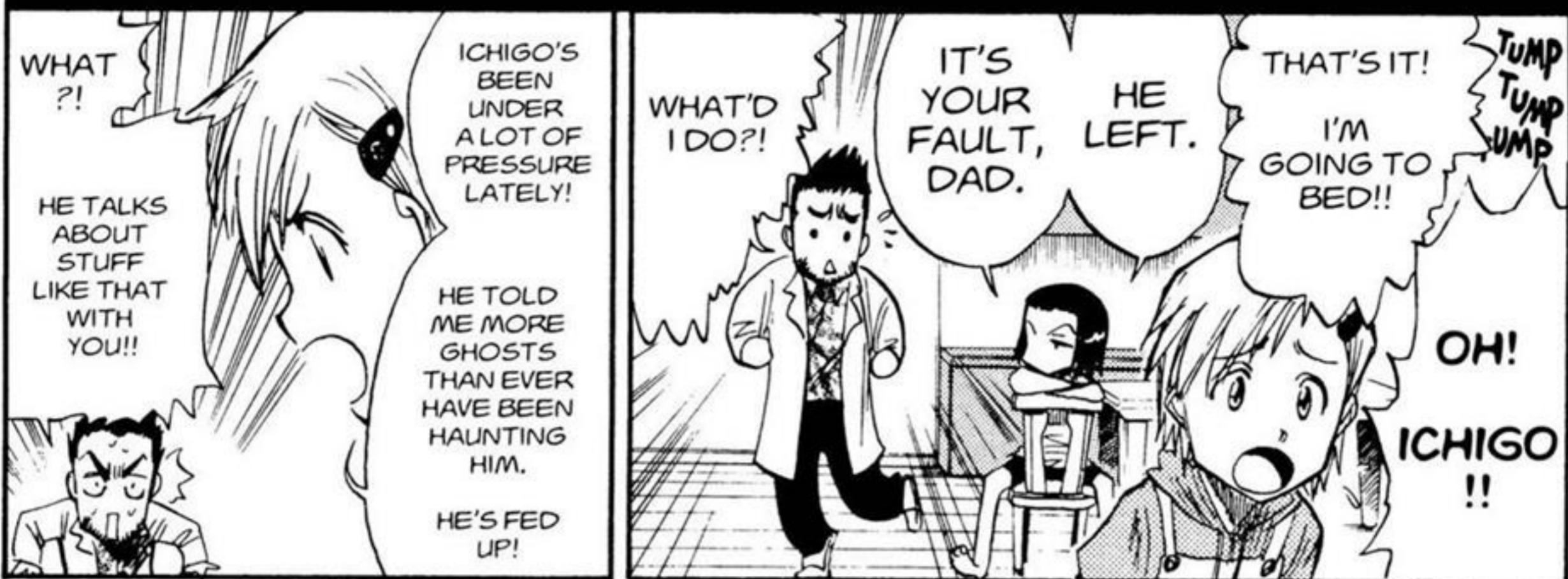




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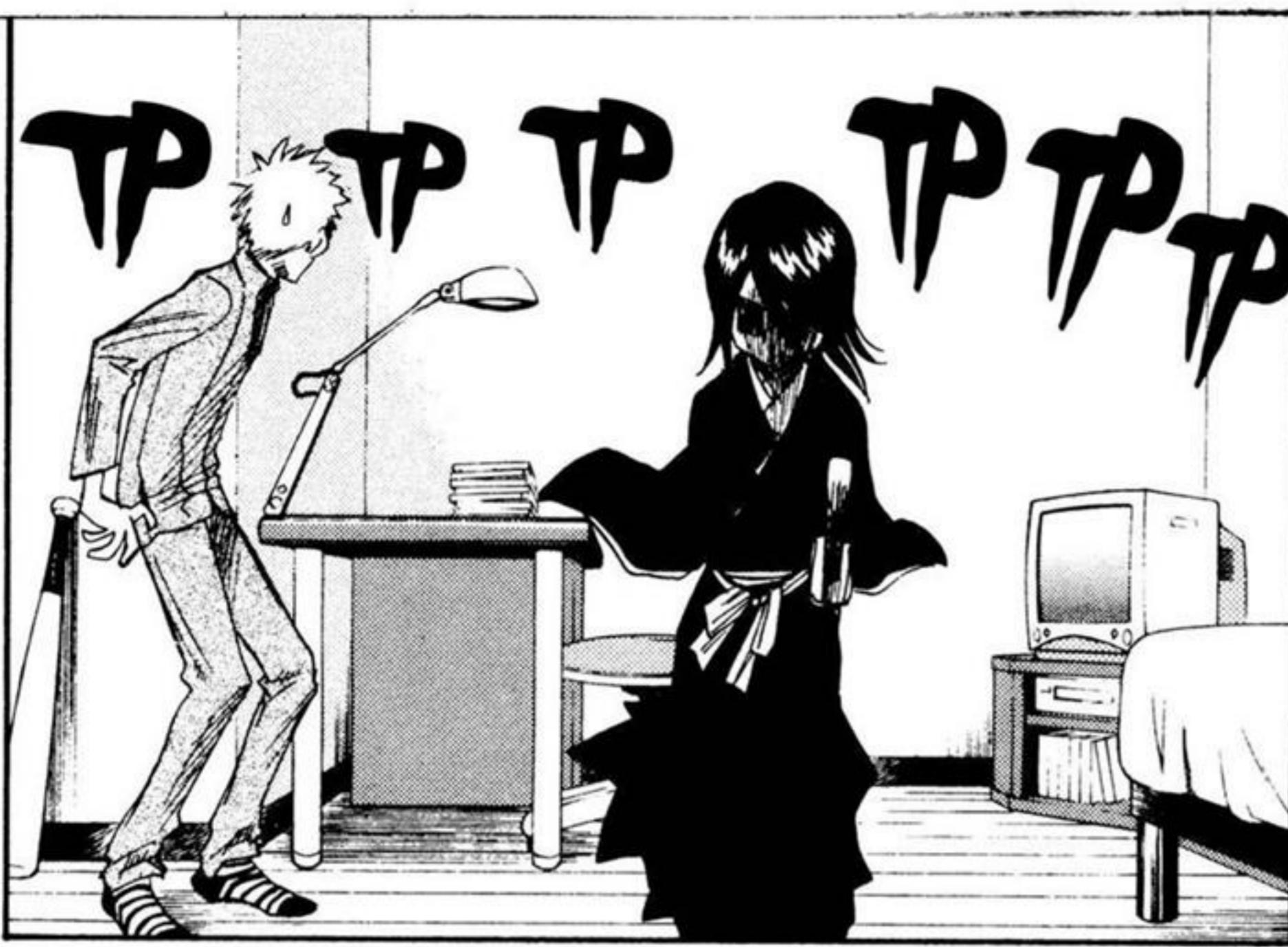
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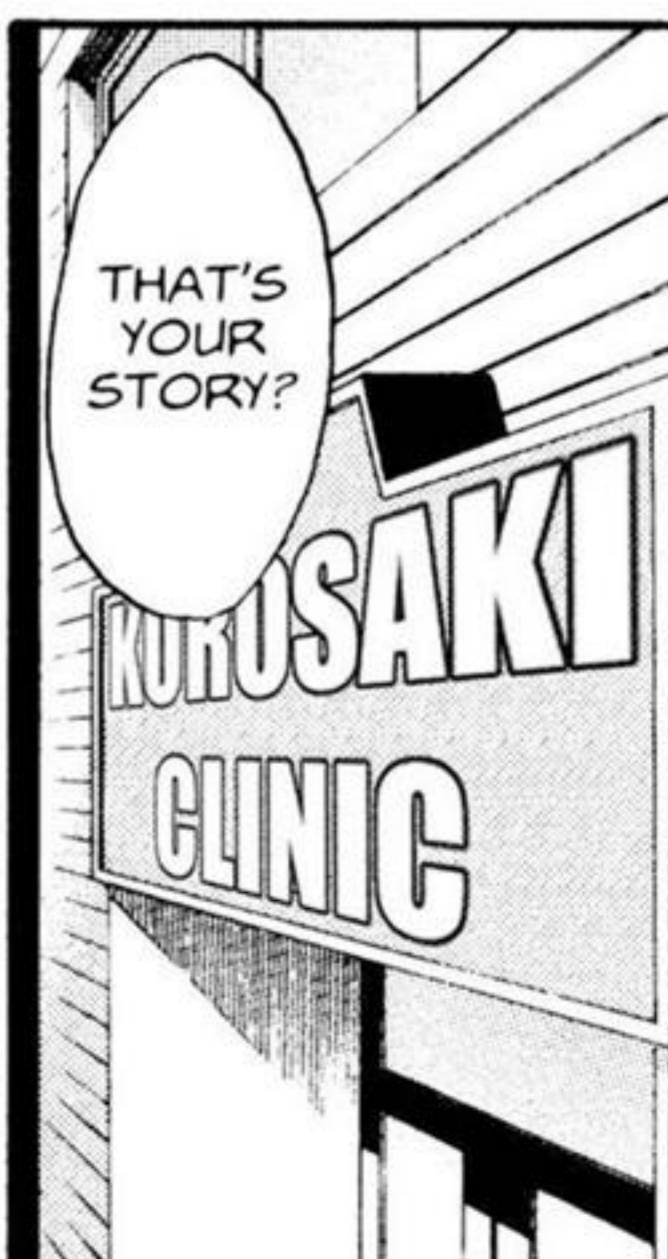


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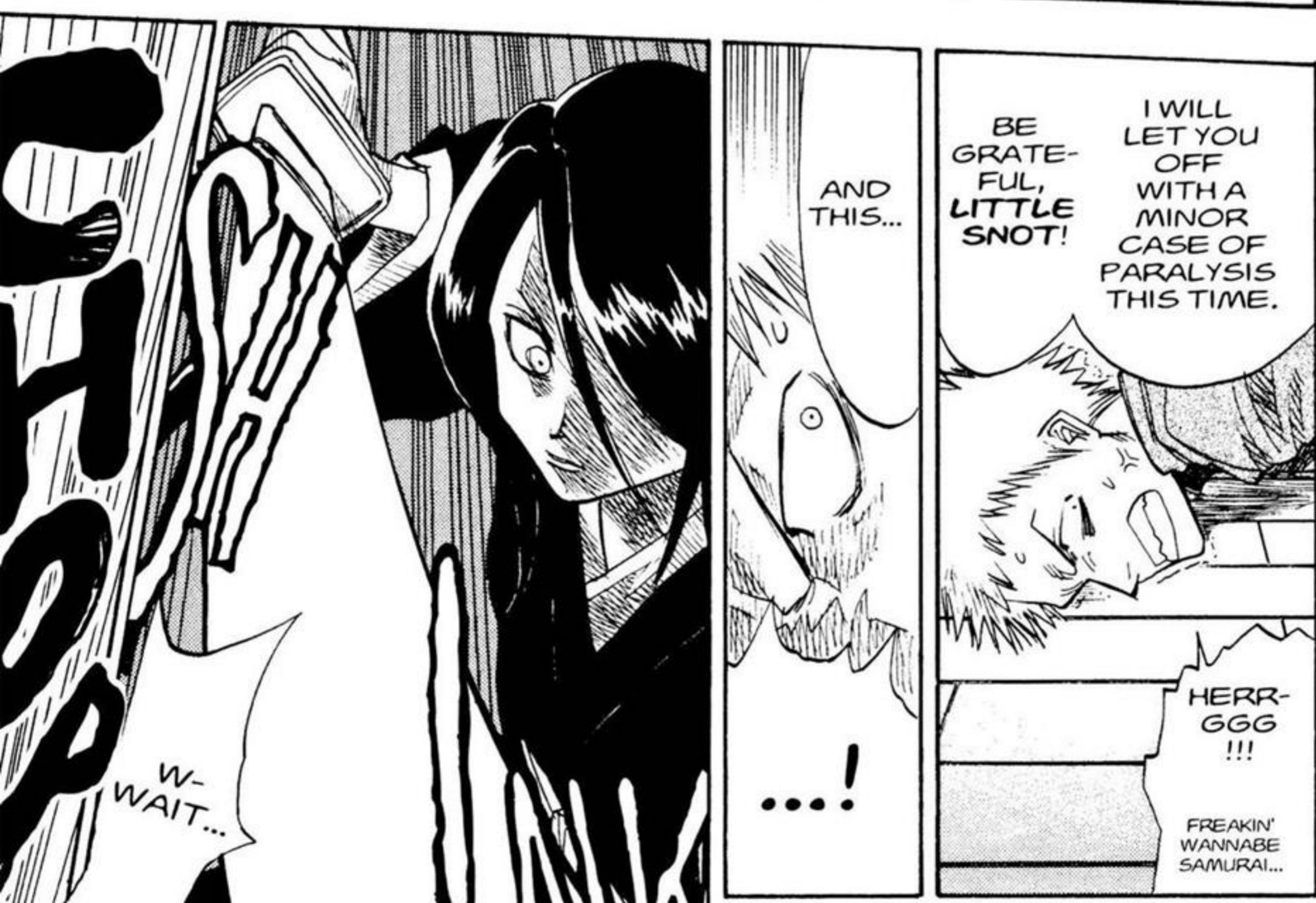








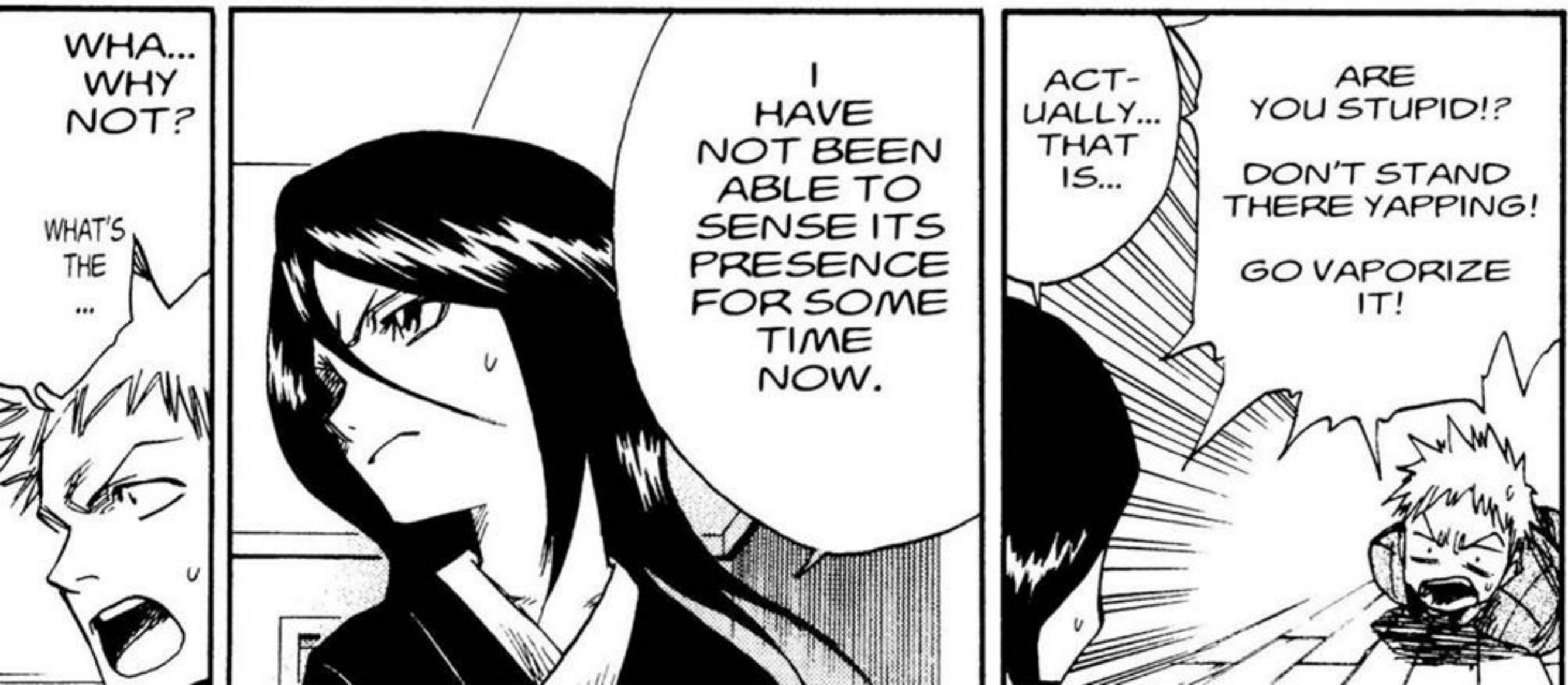
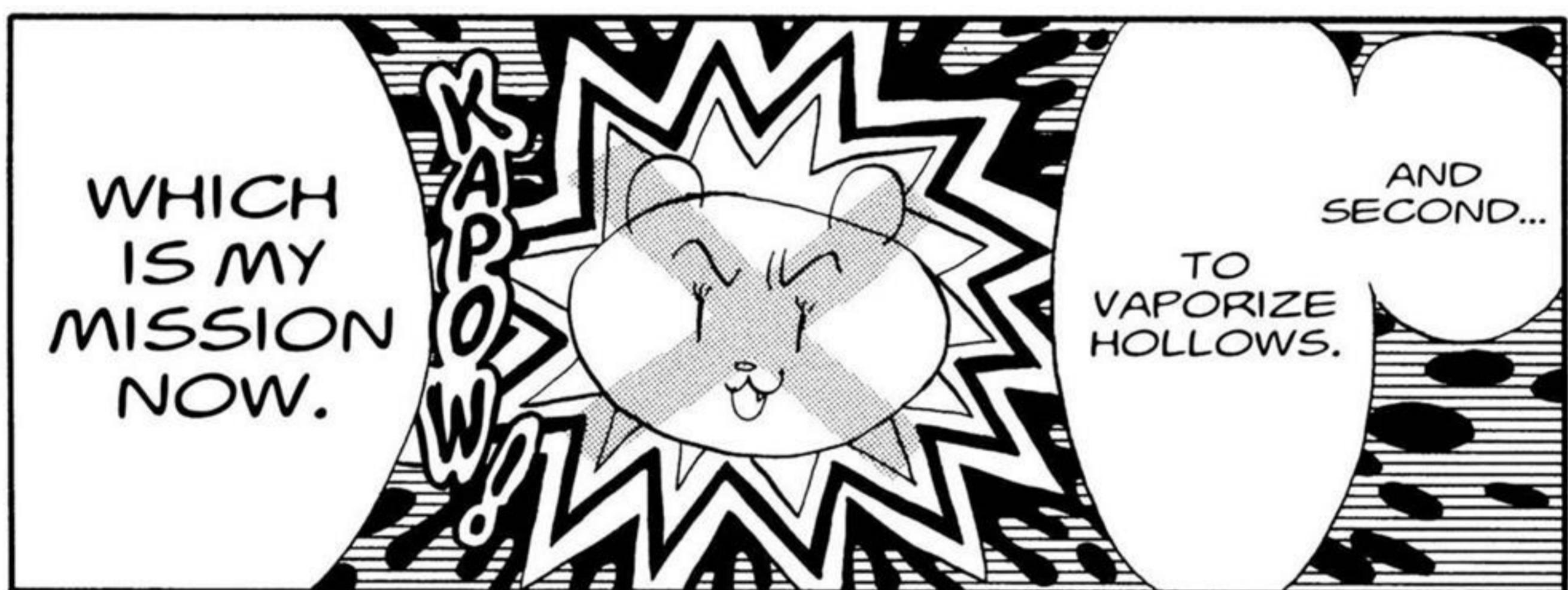
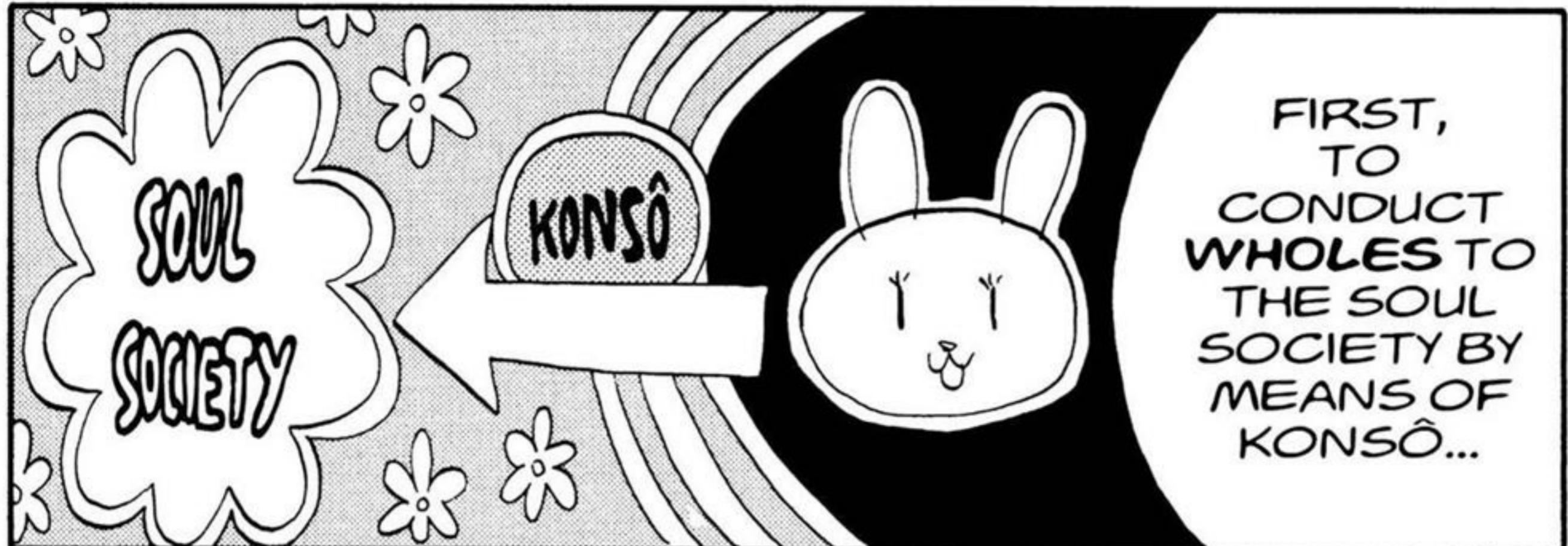
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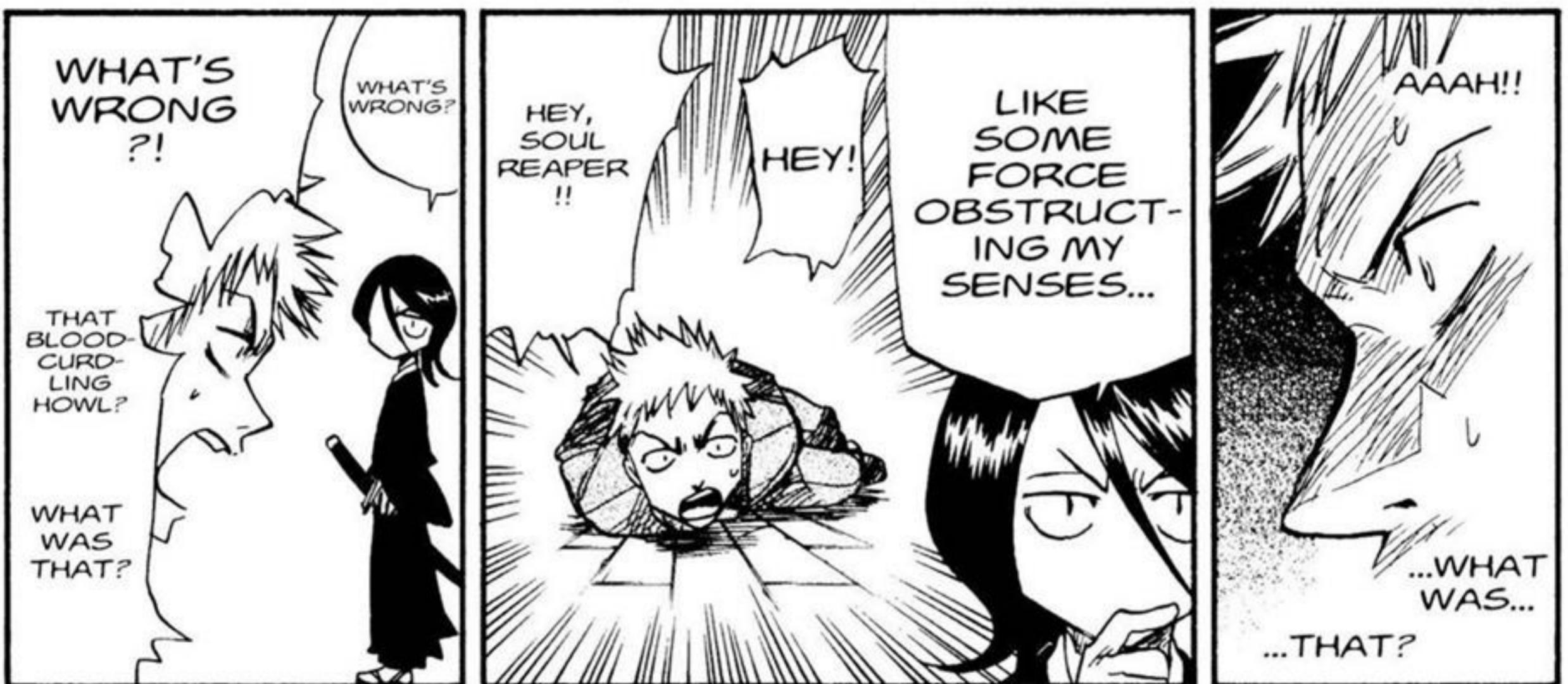


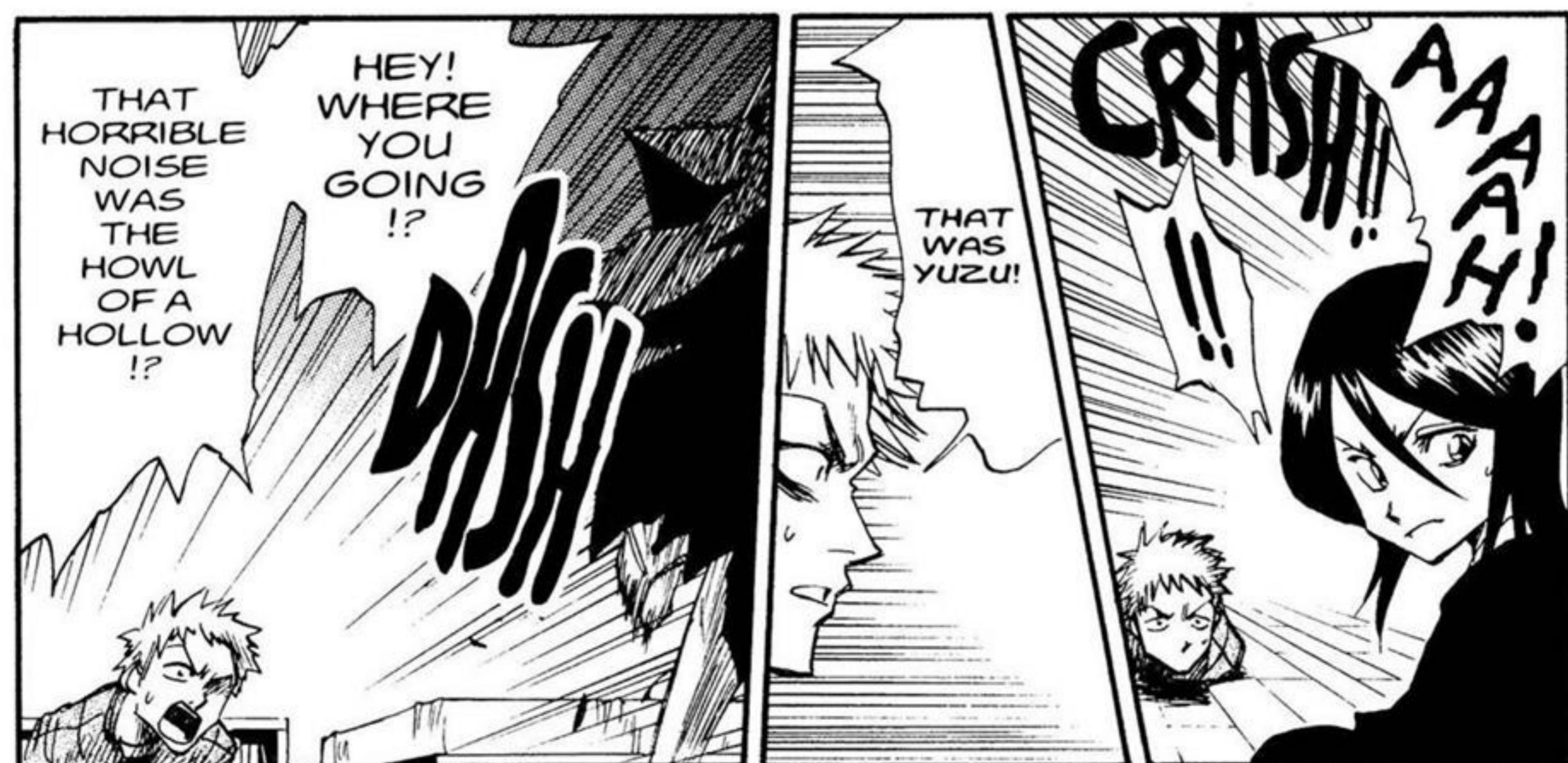
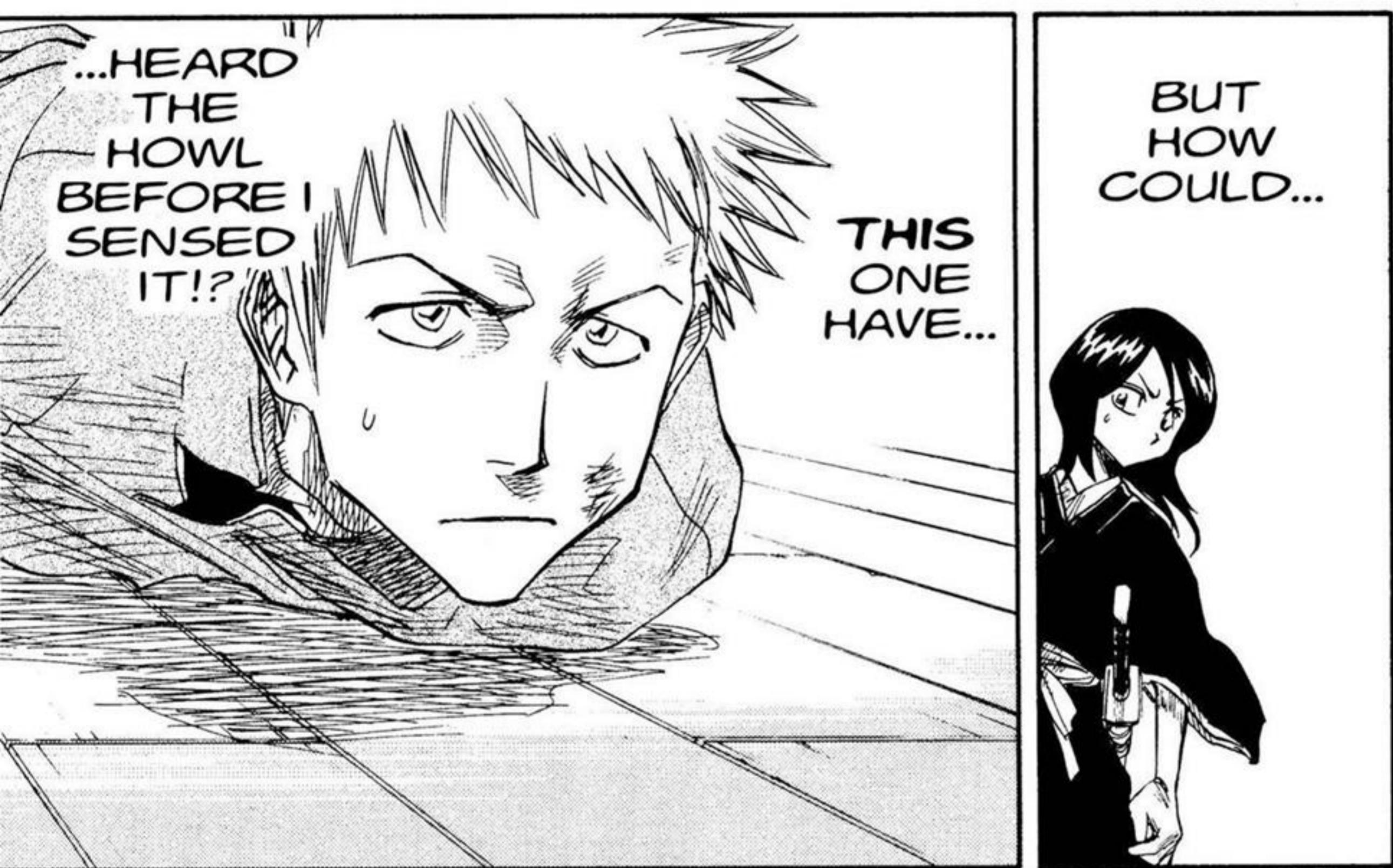




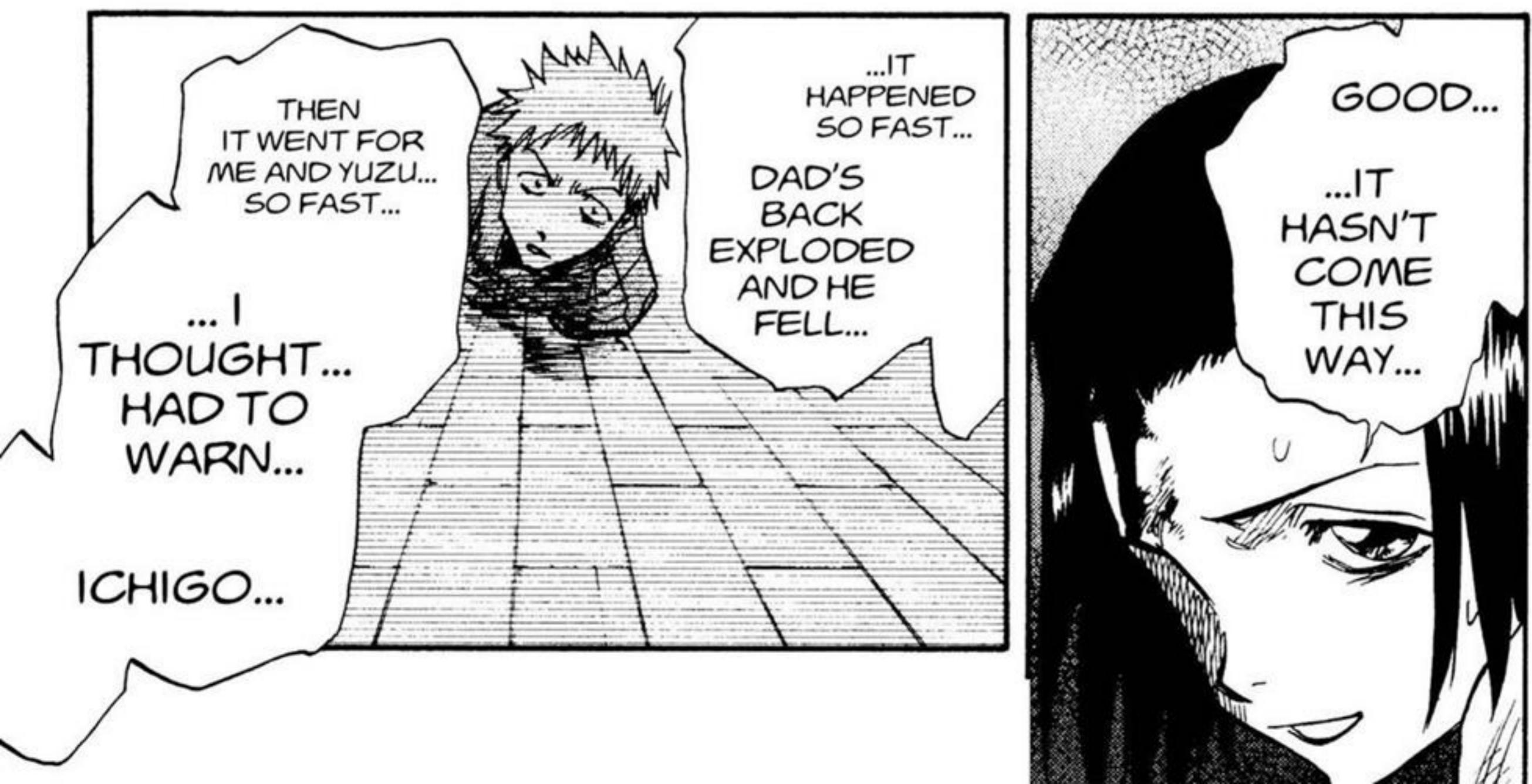
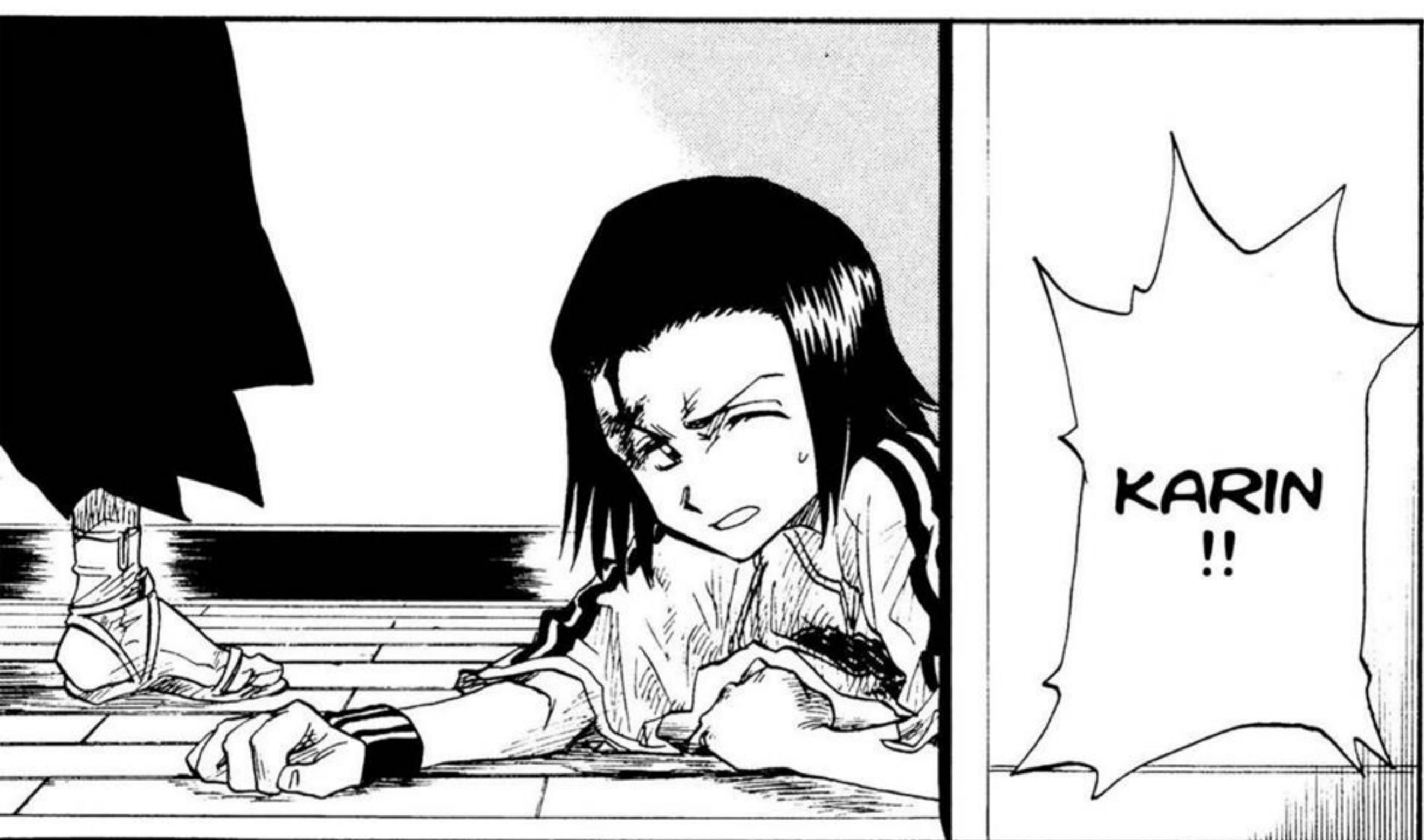


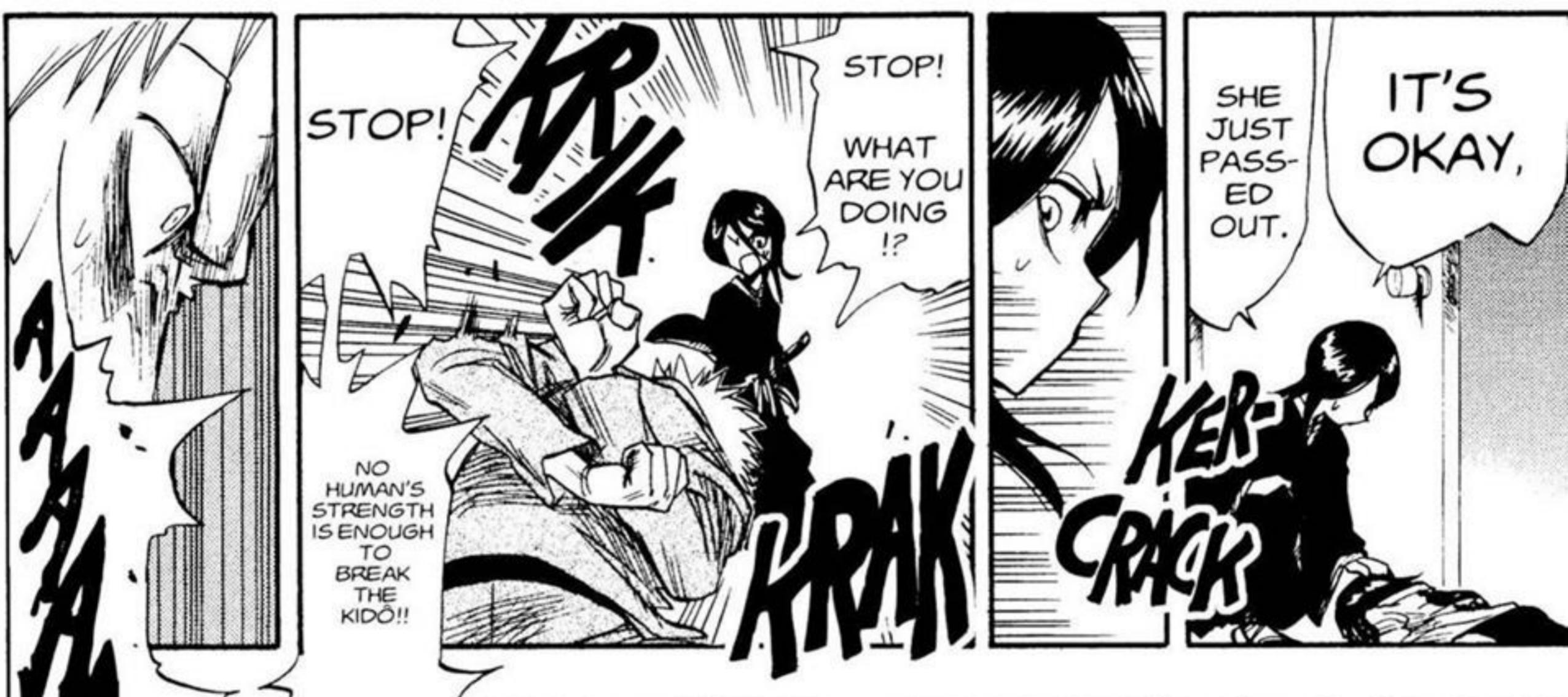




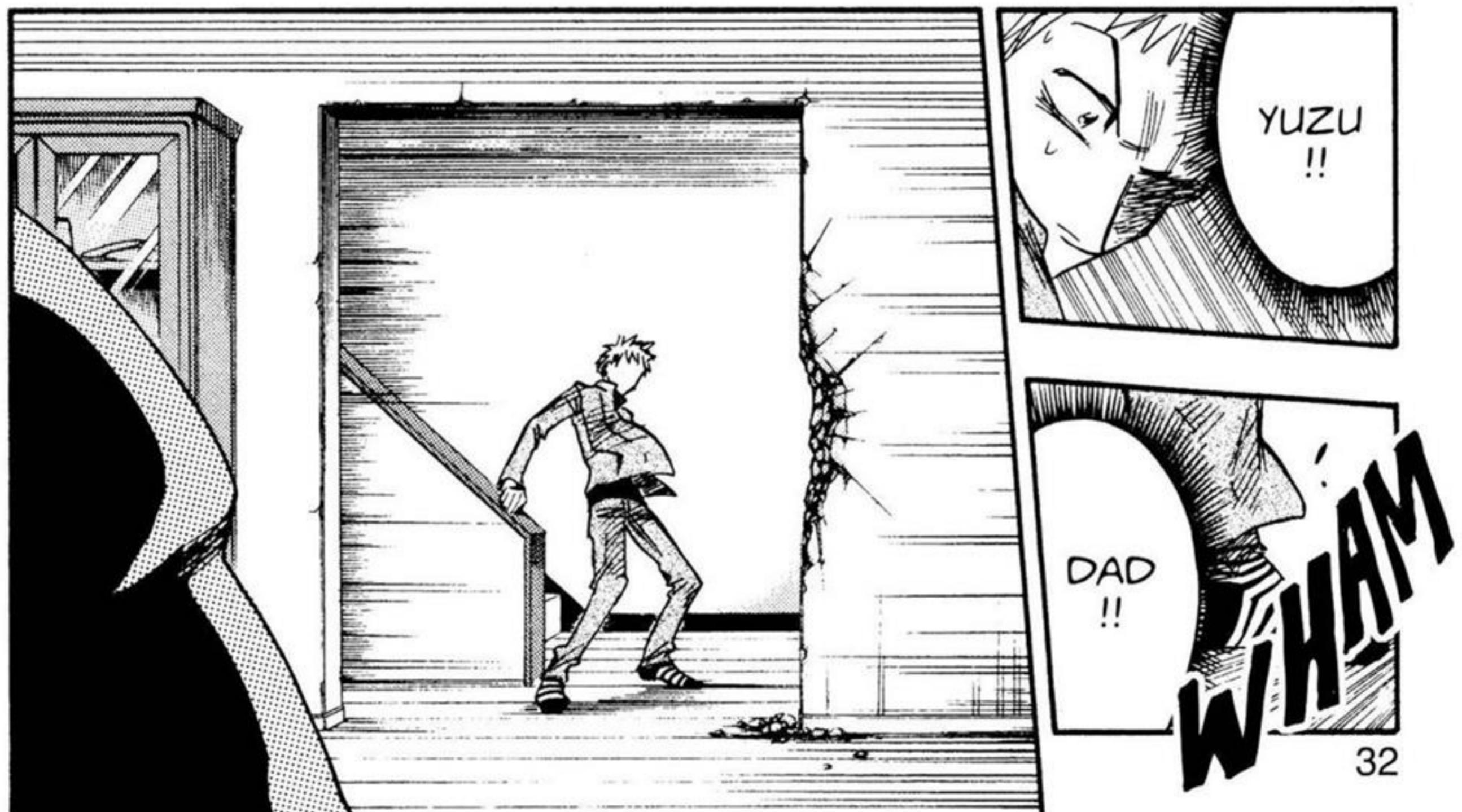




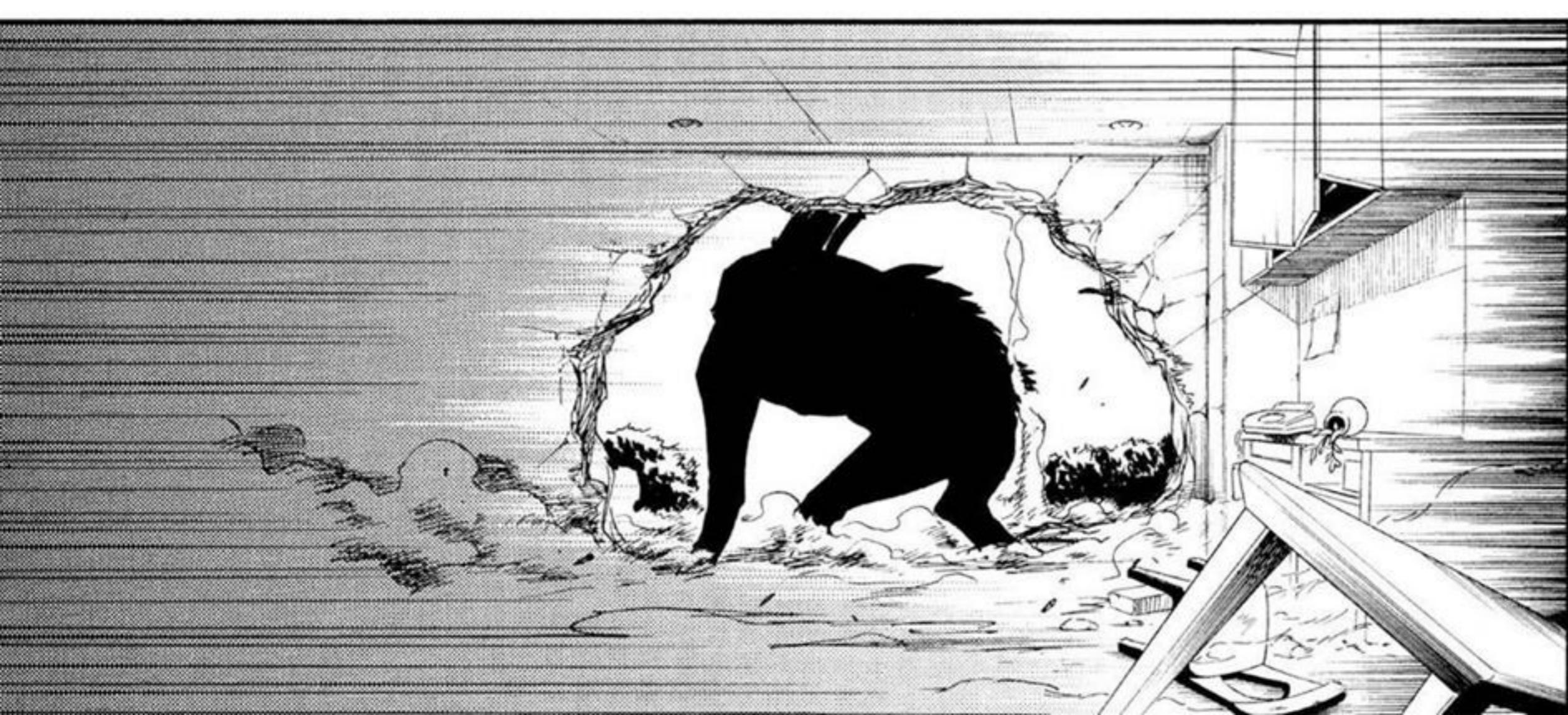
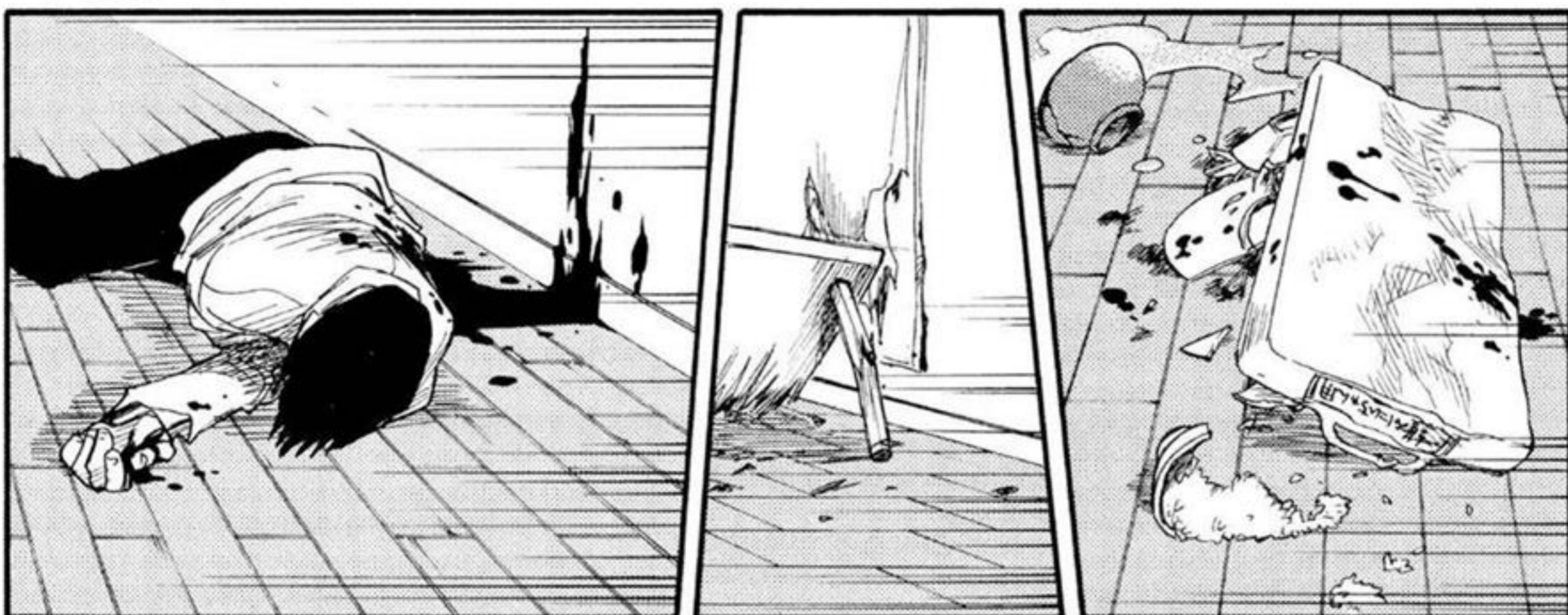


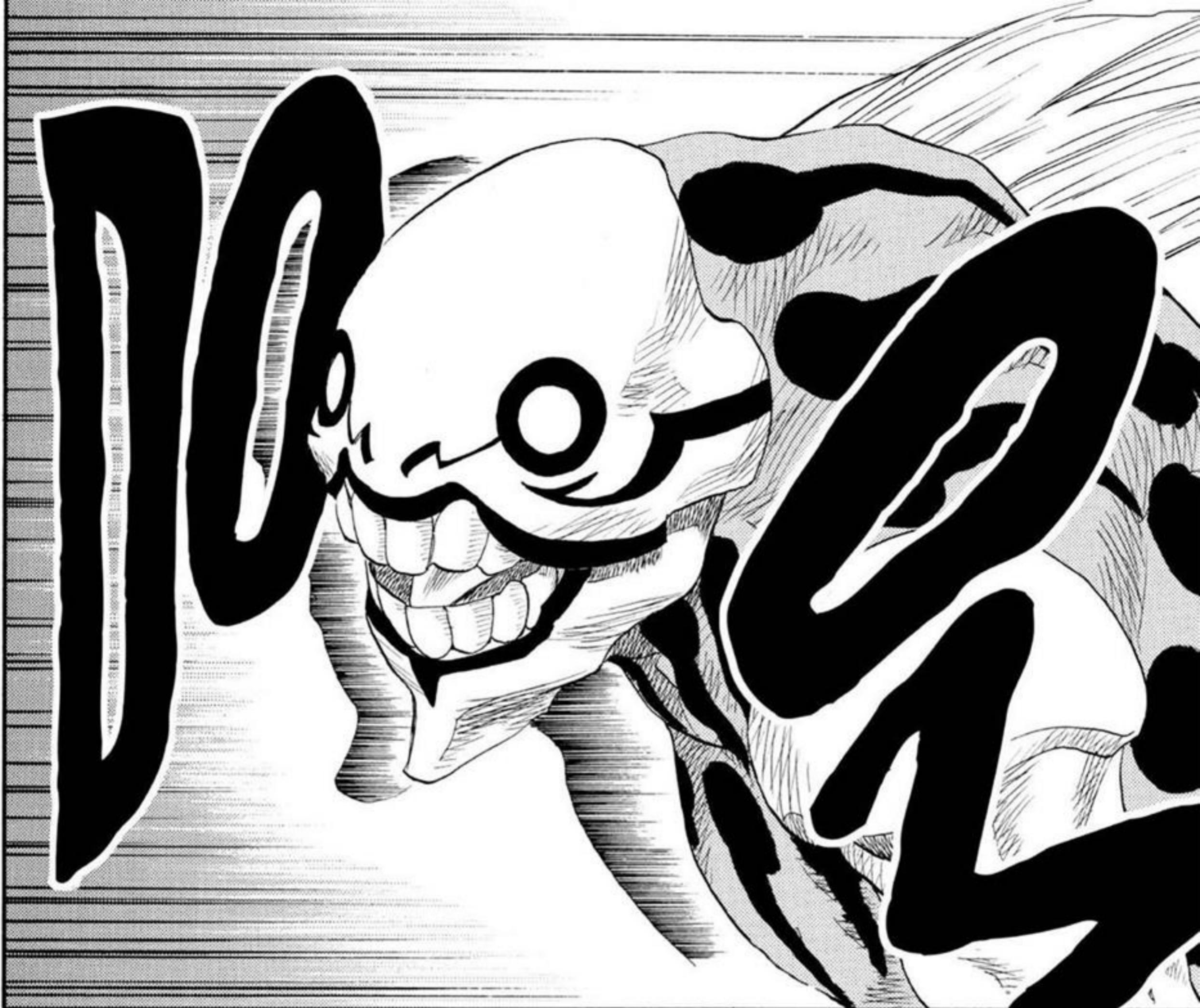






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...BUT IT'S A MONSTER!!

WHEN SHE SAID
EVIL SPIRIT,
I THOUGHT
IT'D LOOK HUMAN...

THIS IS
BAD!
REALLY BAD!

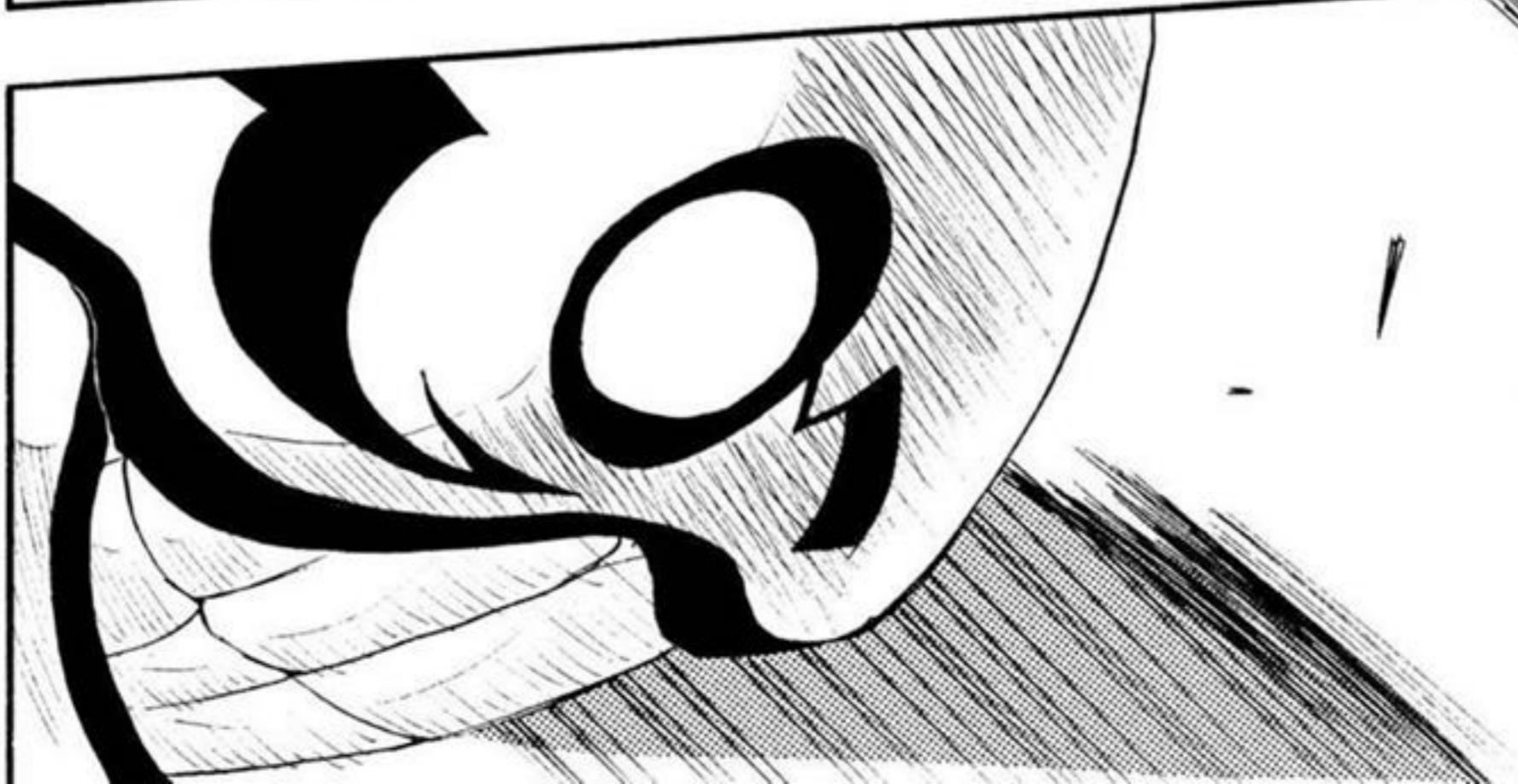
WHY AM I
SHAKING?!

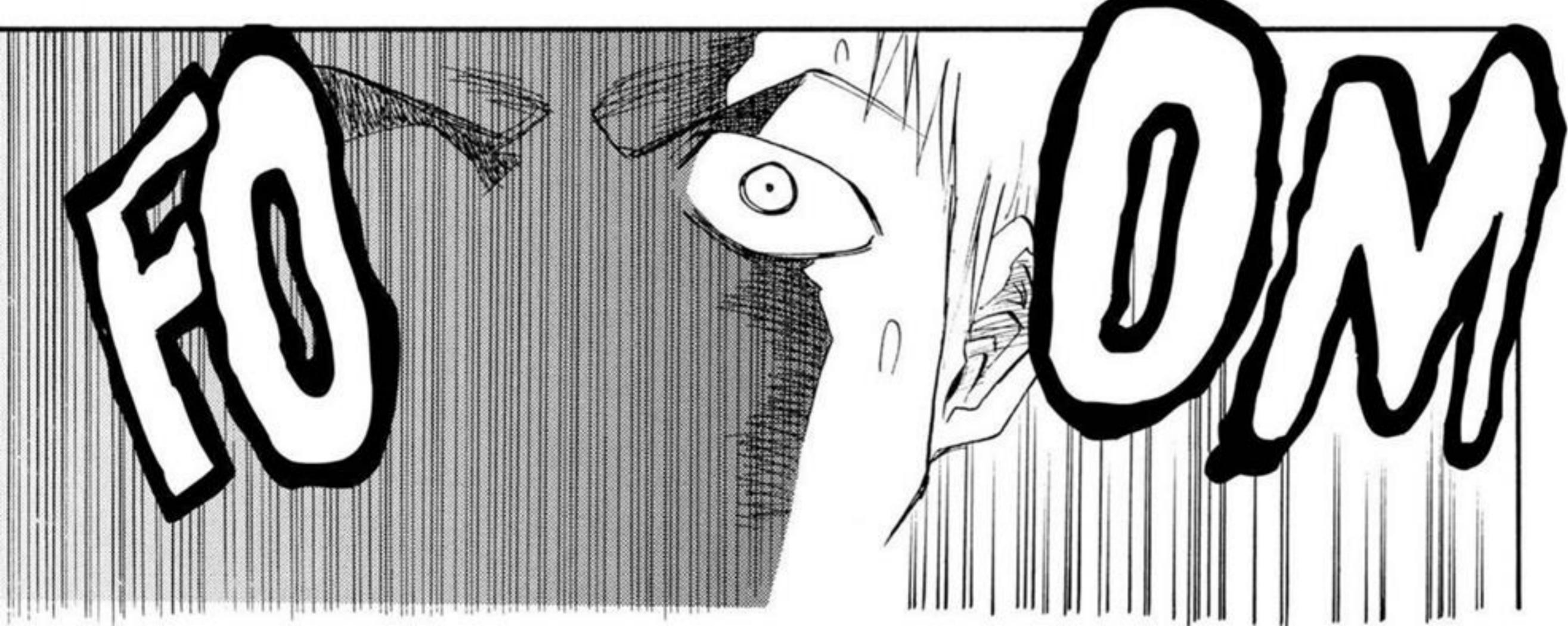
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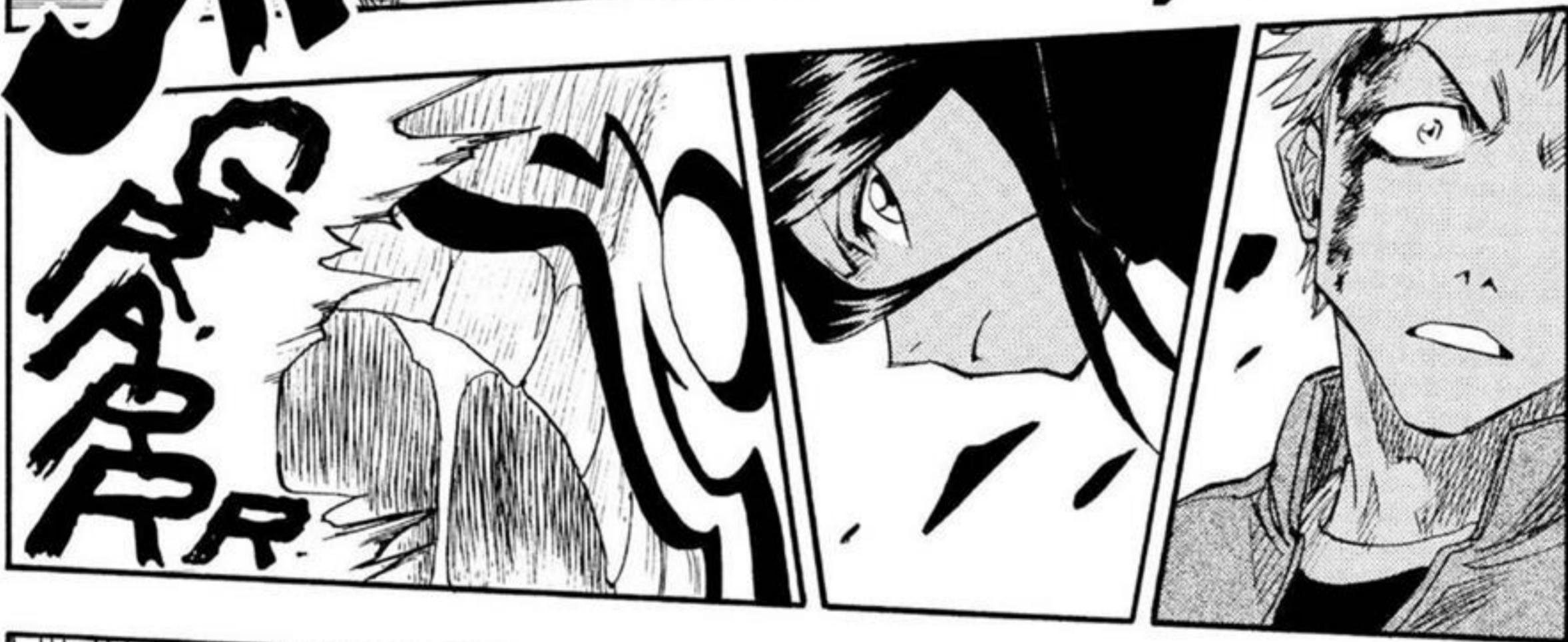
I'M NOT
AFRAID
OF THAT
THING!!

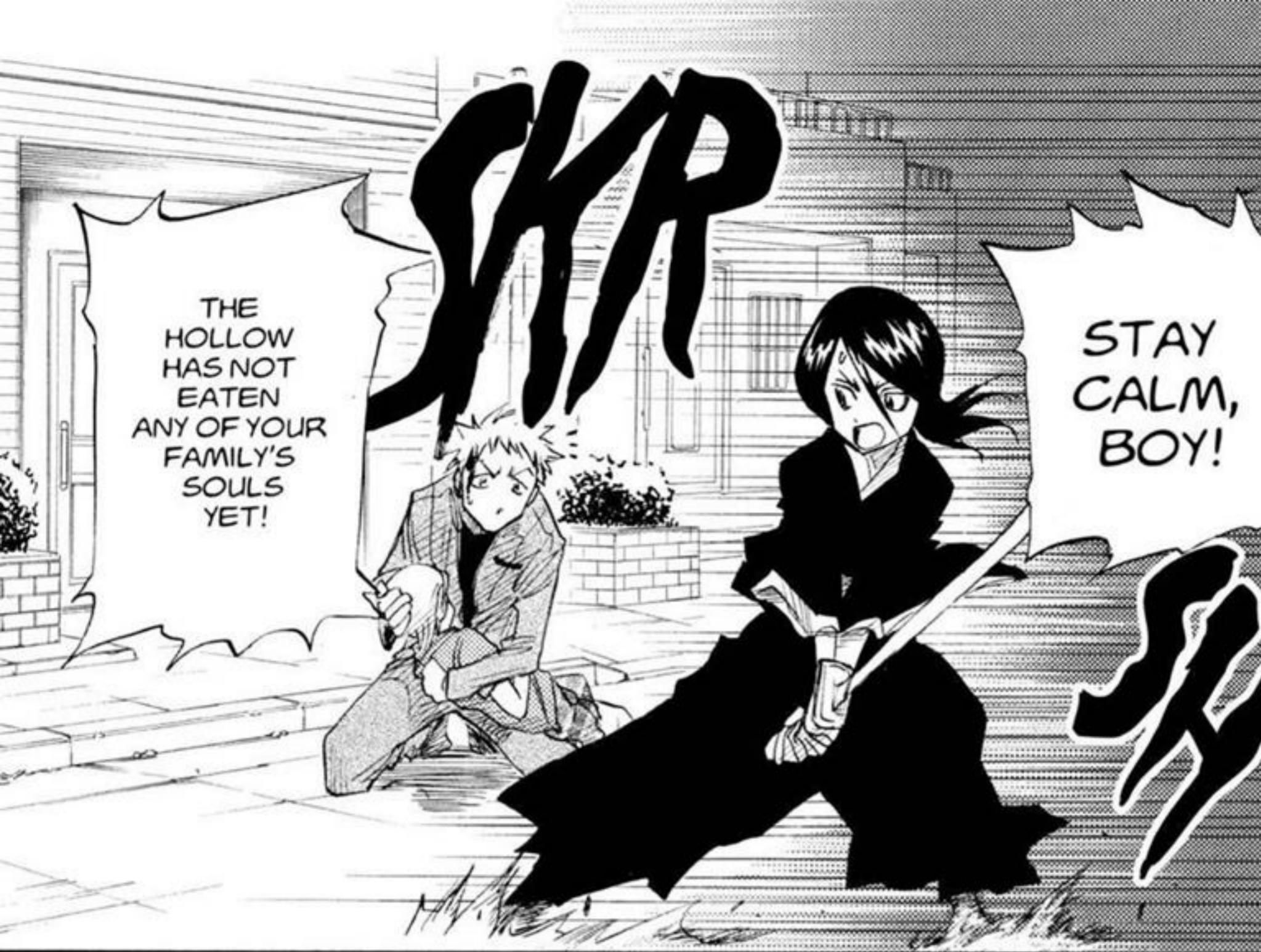
I'VE
SEEN
TONS OF
GHOSTS!
IT'S JUST
ANOTHER
ONE!!

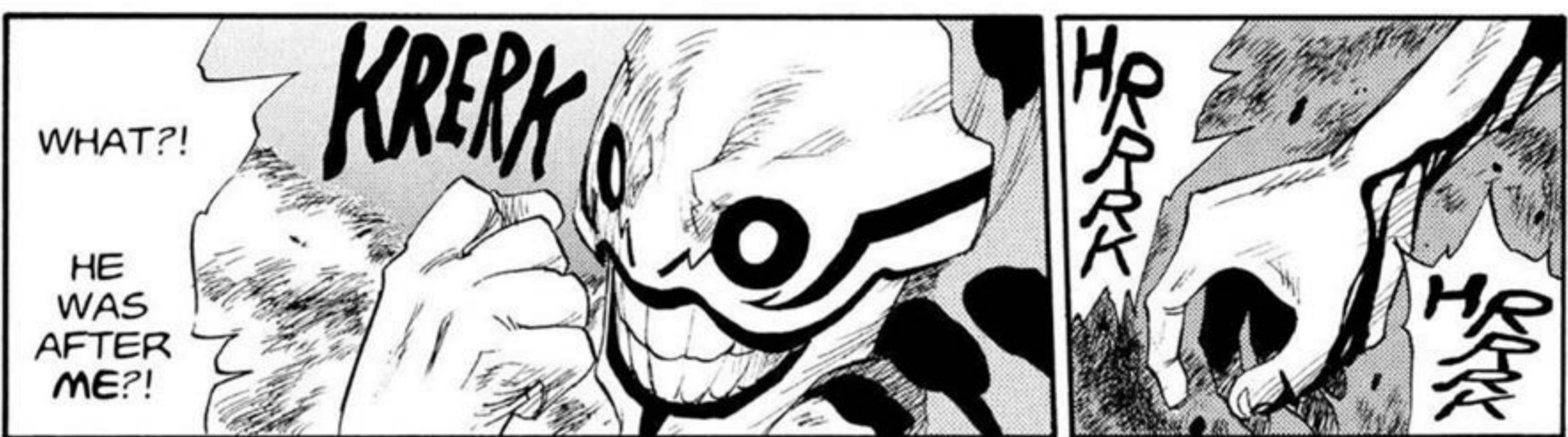
















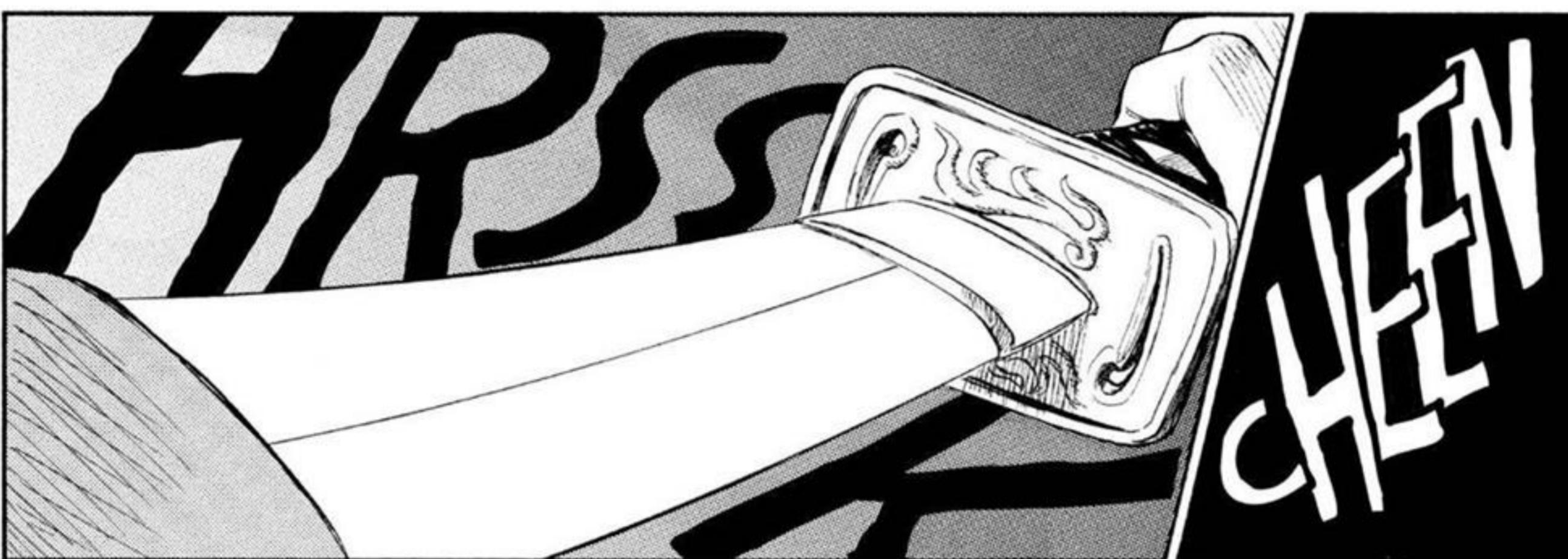


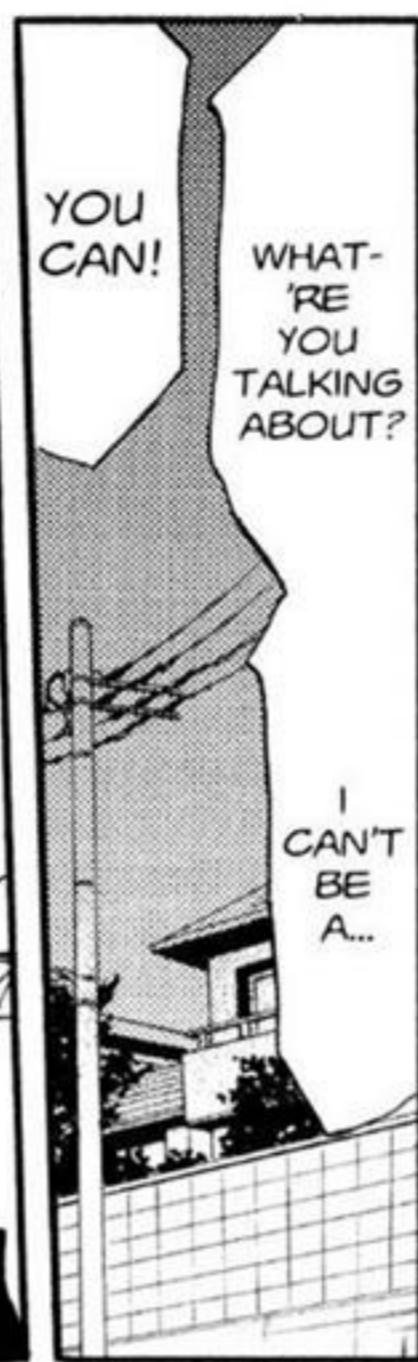


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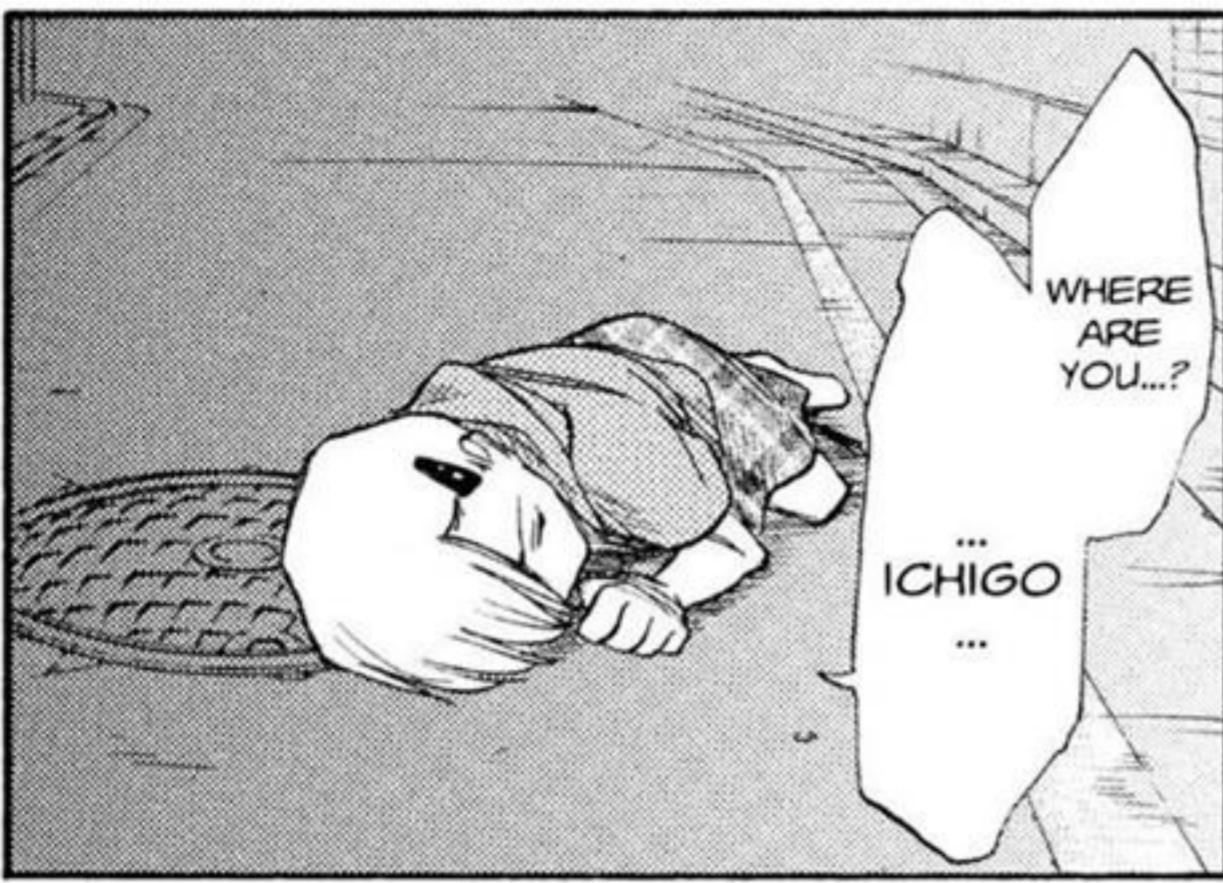


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...ICHIGO...

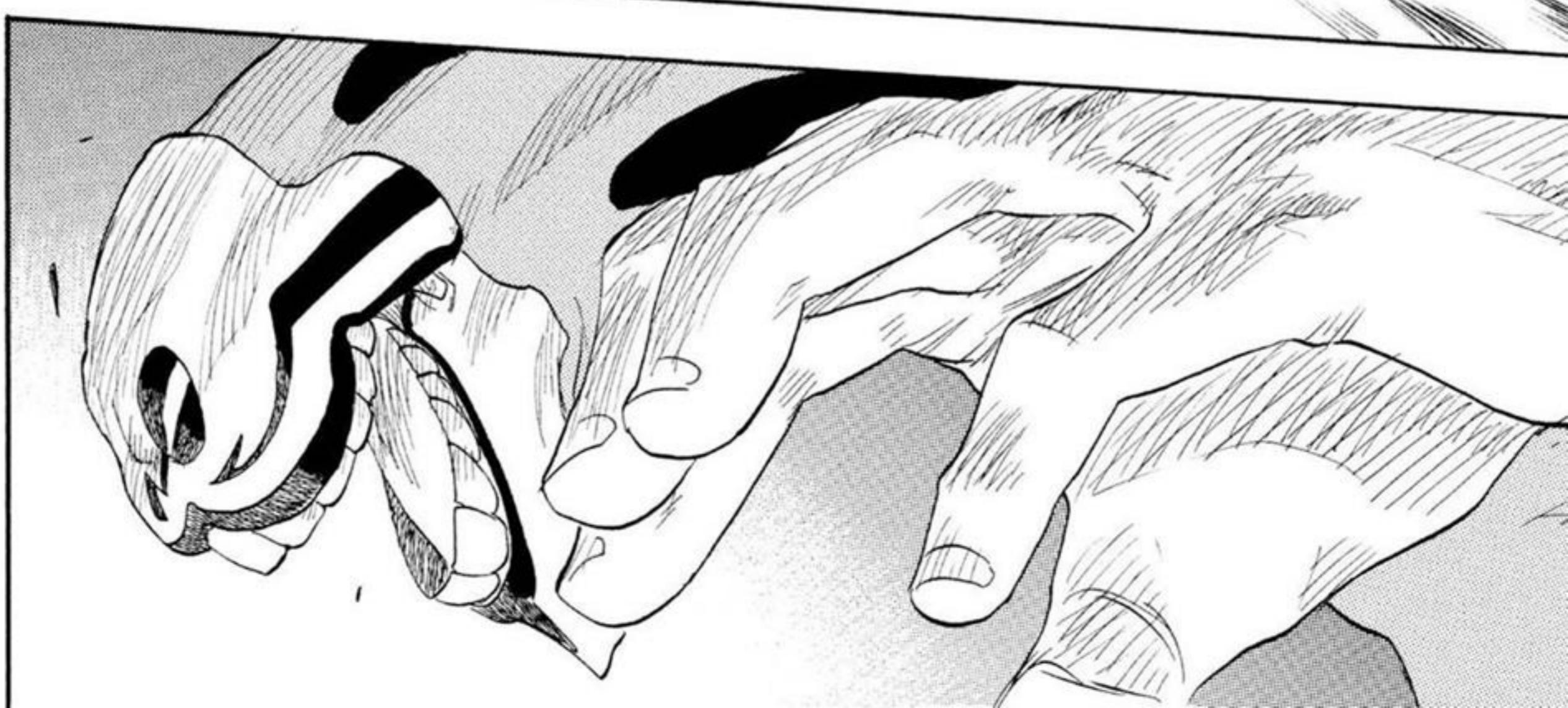


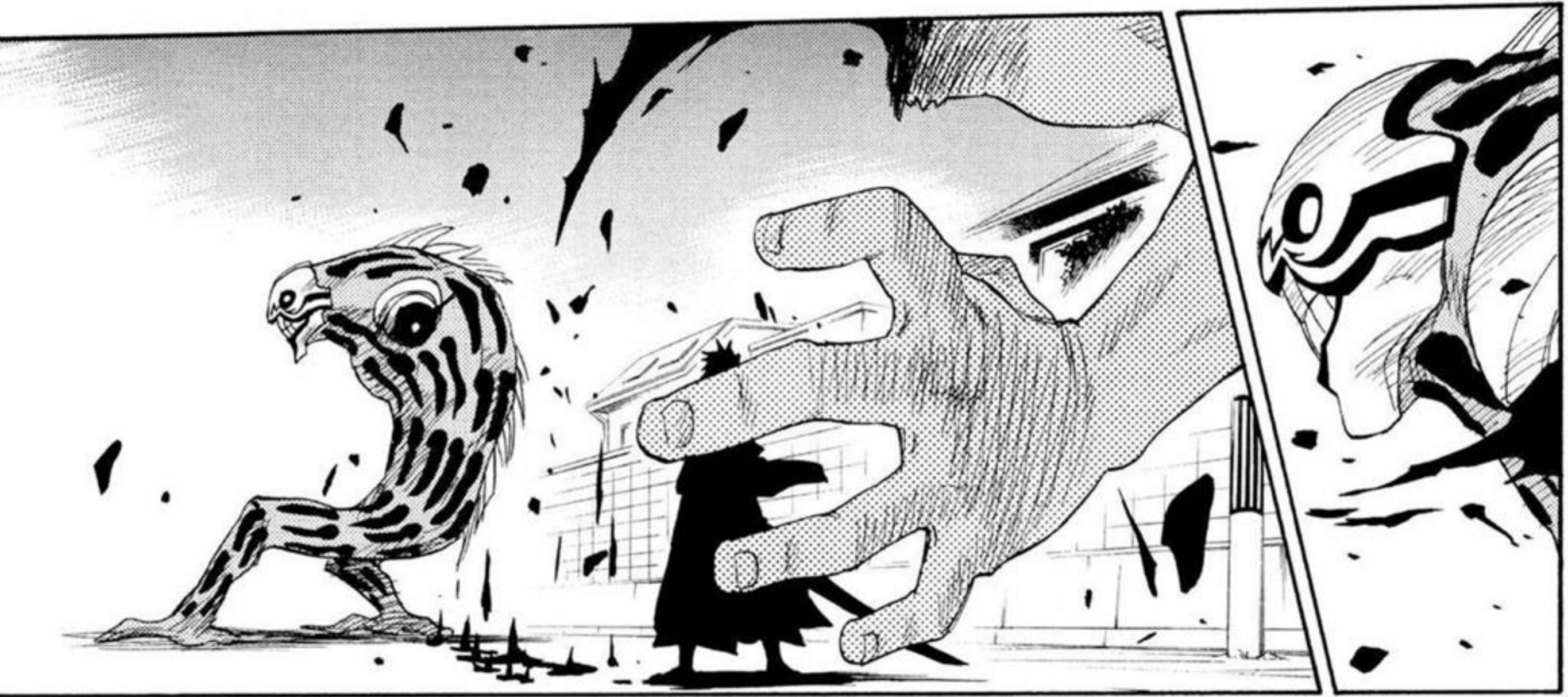




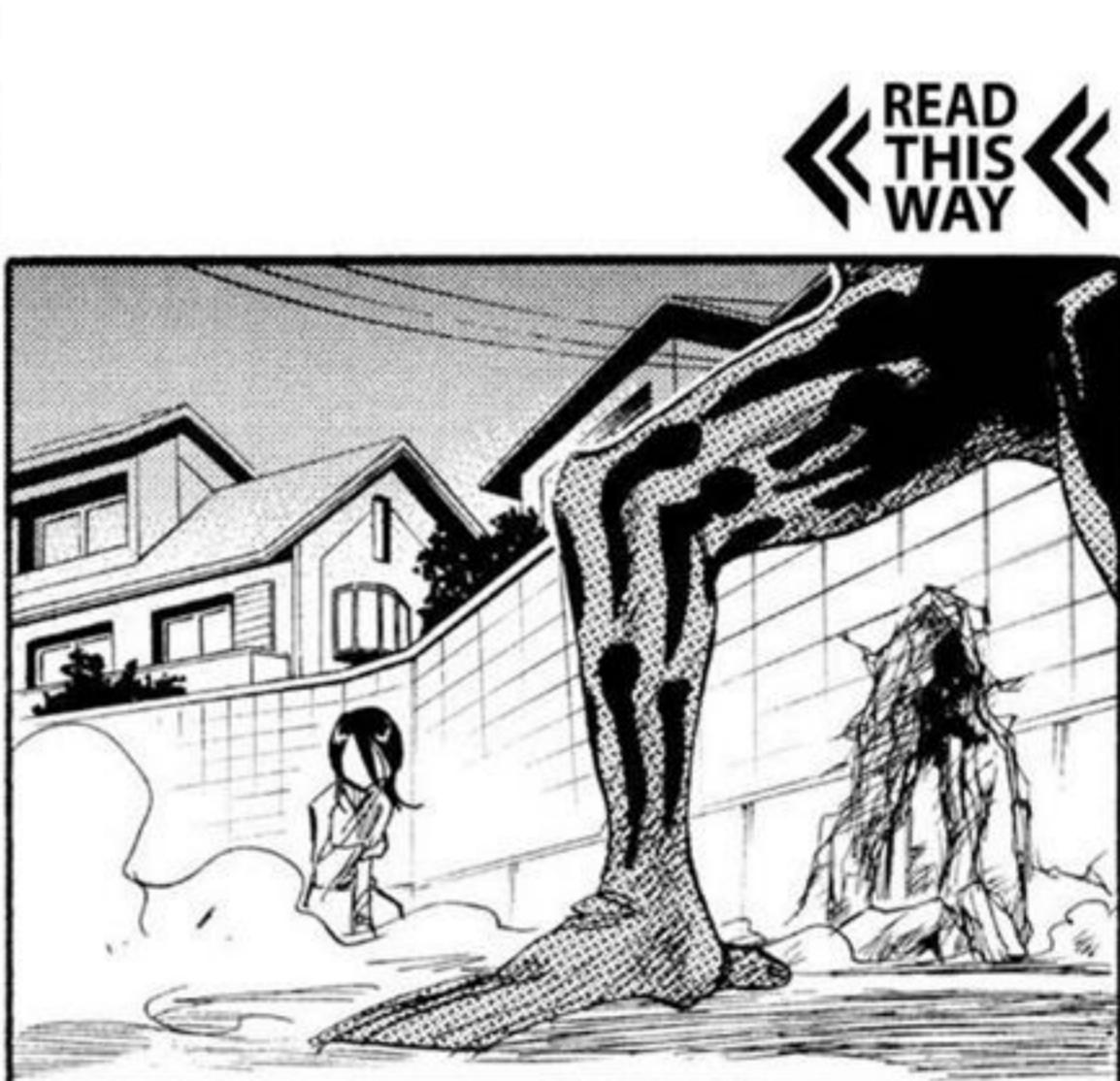
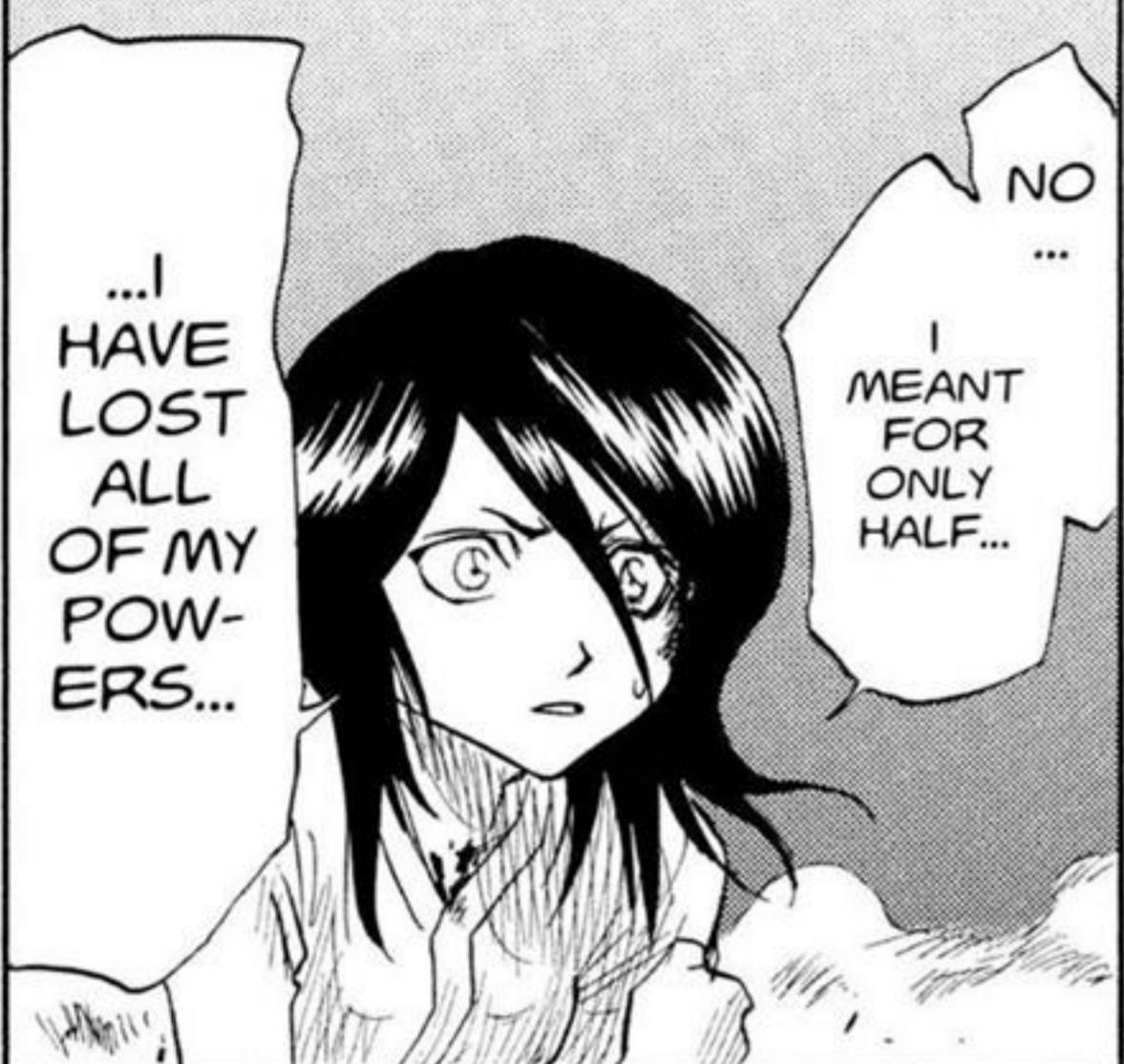
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THAT ROOM WAS FULL OF SPIRIT ENERGY... FROM HIM.

THAT WAS WHAT CONFUSED MY SENSES!



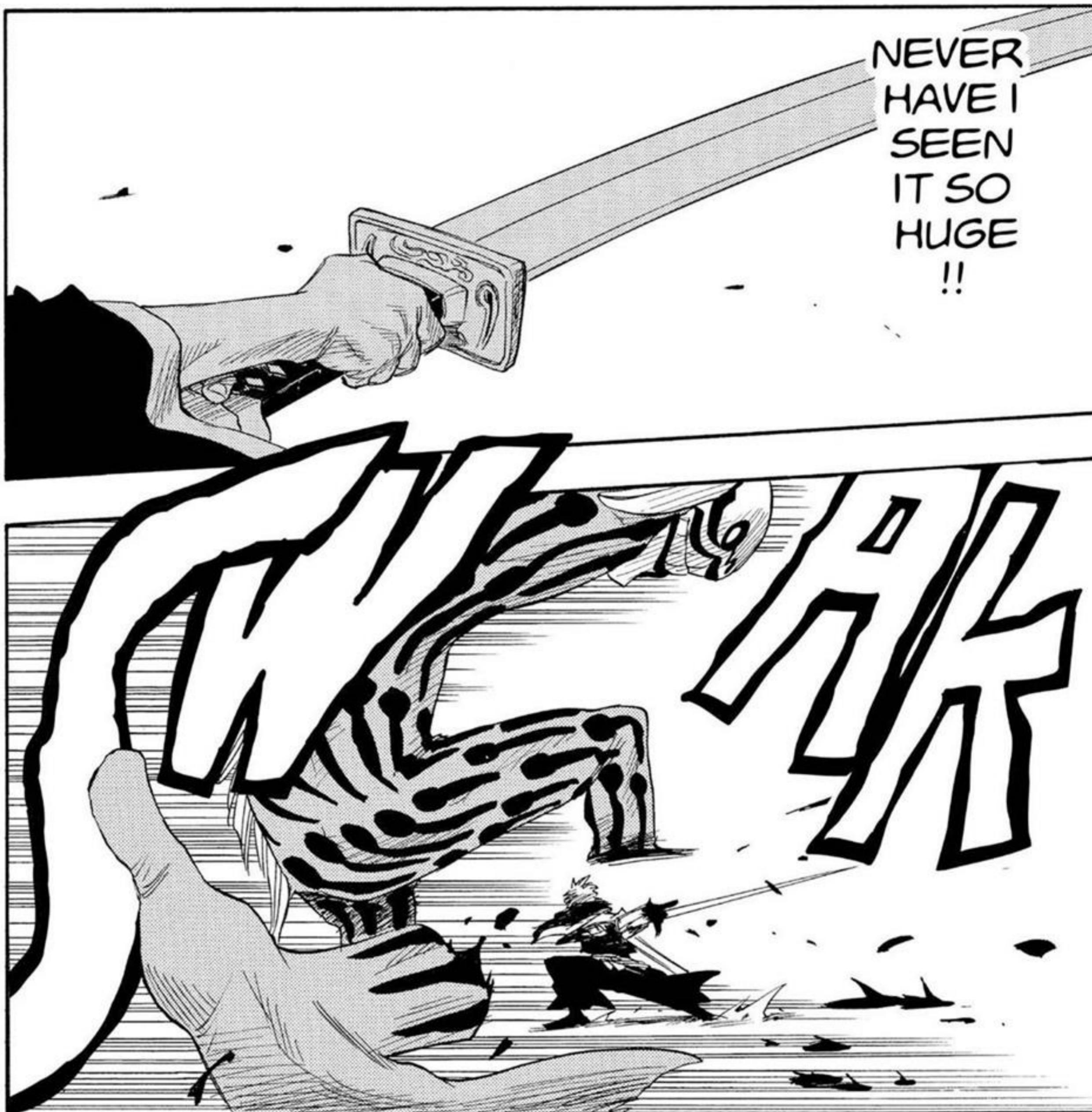
THE
ZANPAKU-TÔ
RESPONDS
TO DARK
FORCE BY
CHANGING
SHAPE...

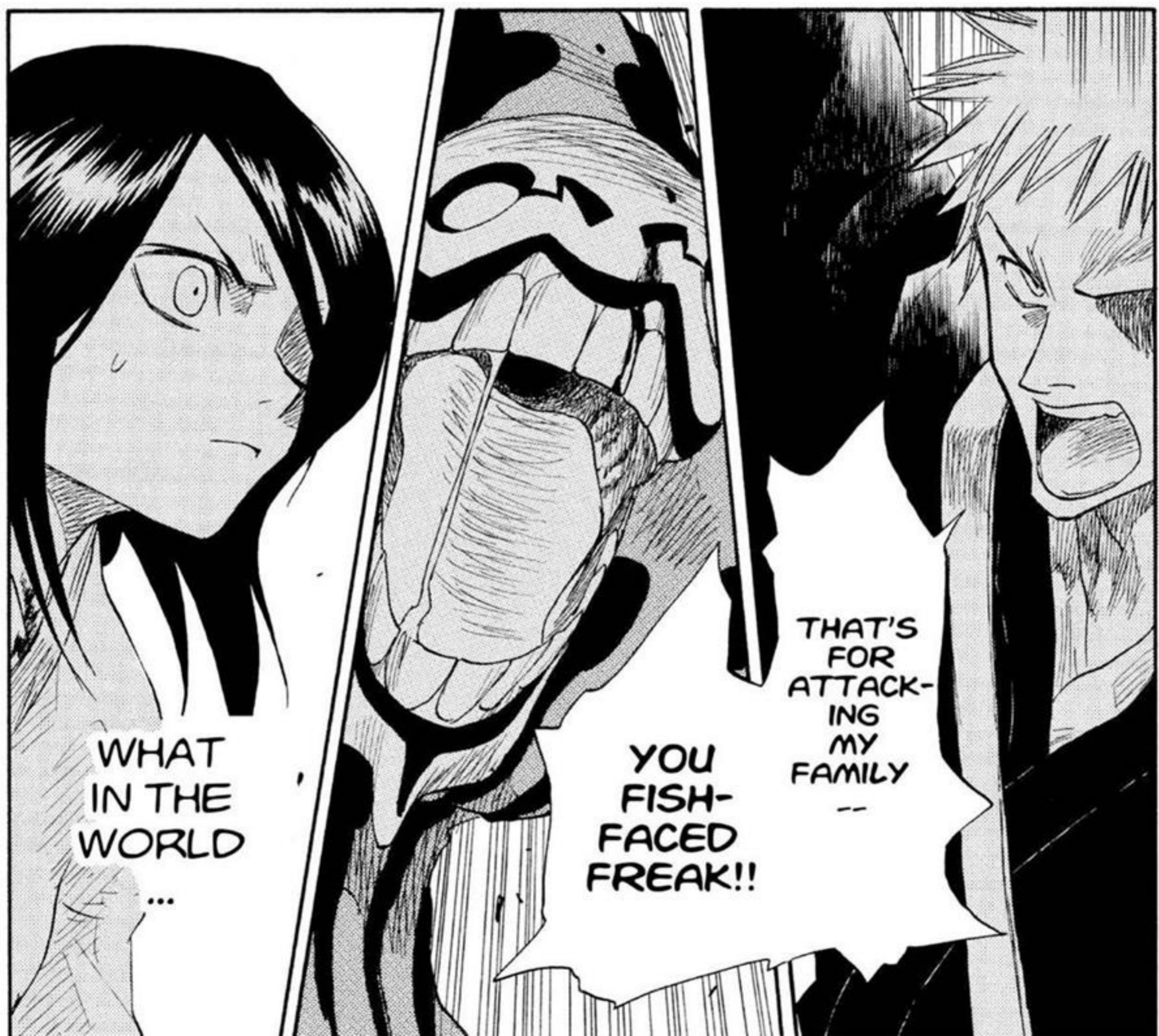


NEVER
HAVE I
SEEN A
HUMAN
BREAK A
BINDING
SPELL!

NEVER
HAVE I
HEARD
OF A
HUMAN
WHO
COULD
SEE A
SOUL
REAPER!

NEVER
HAVE I
SEEN
IT SO
HUGE
!!







...IS
THIS
CHILD?

READ
THIS
WAY



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EYES: BROWN

OCCUPATION:



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