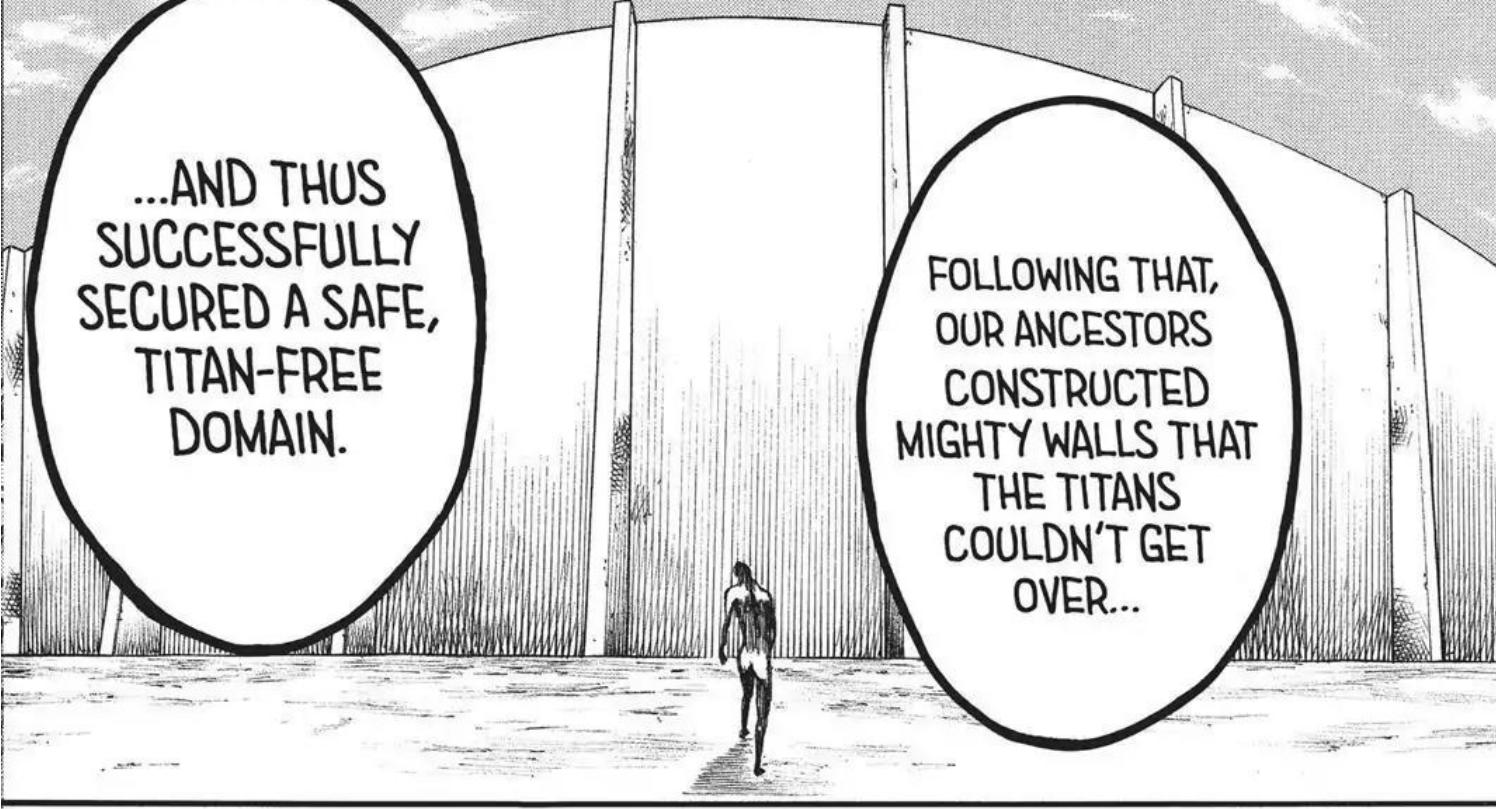


Episode 2: That Day

...THE
ENTIRE
HUMAN
RACE,
SAVE FOR
US...

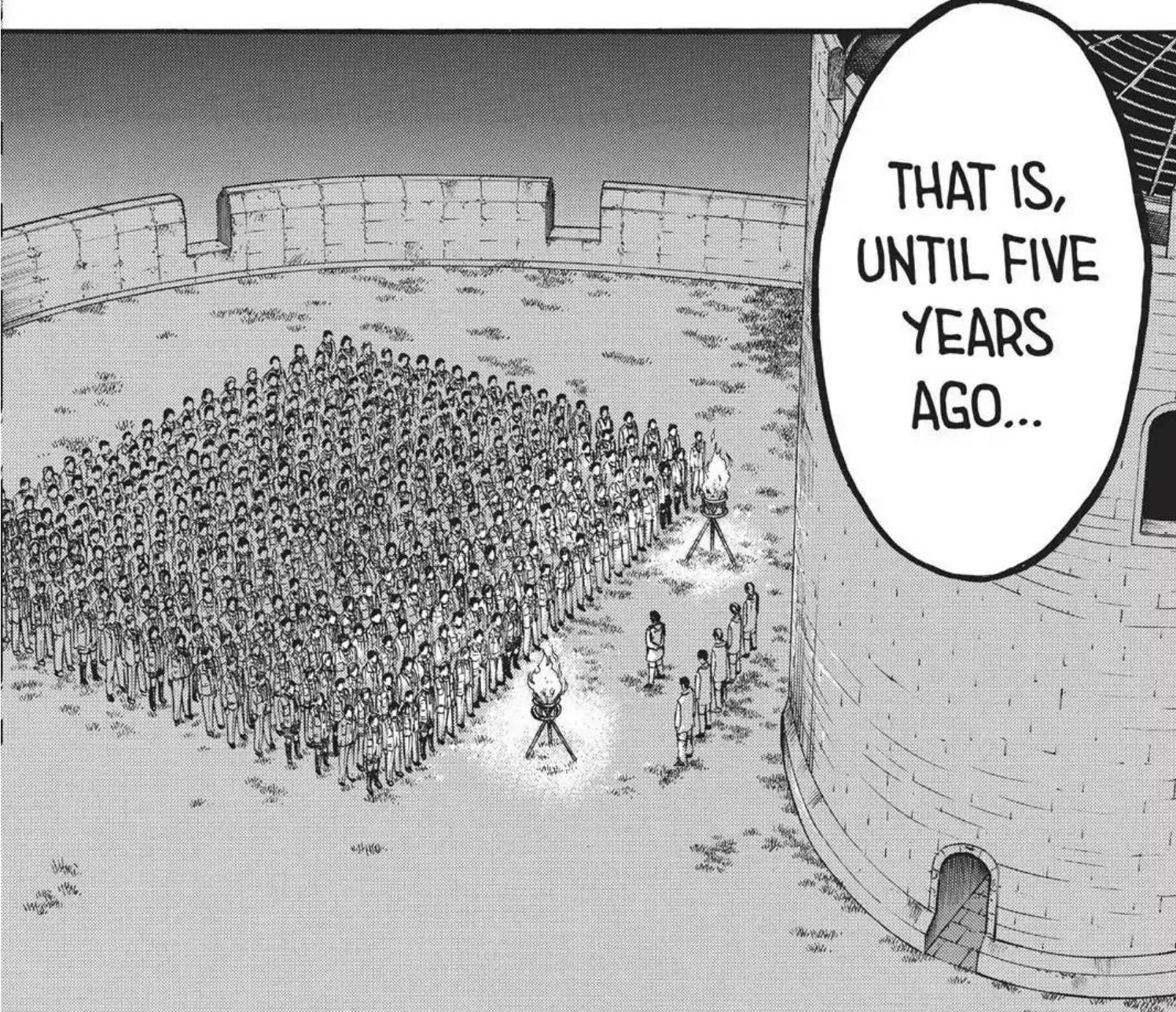
AS
EVERYONE
KNOWS,
107 YEARS
AGO...

...WAS
DEVOURED
BY THE
TITANS.



...AND THUS
SUCCESSFULLY
SECURED A SAFE,
TITAN-FREE
DOMAIN.

FOLLOWING THAT,
OUR ANCESTORS
CONSTRUCTED
MIGHTY WALLS THAT
THE TITANS
COULDN'T GET
OVER...

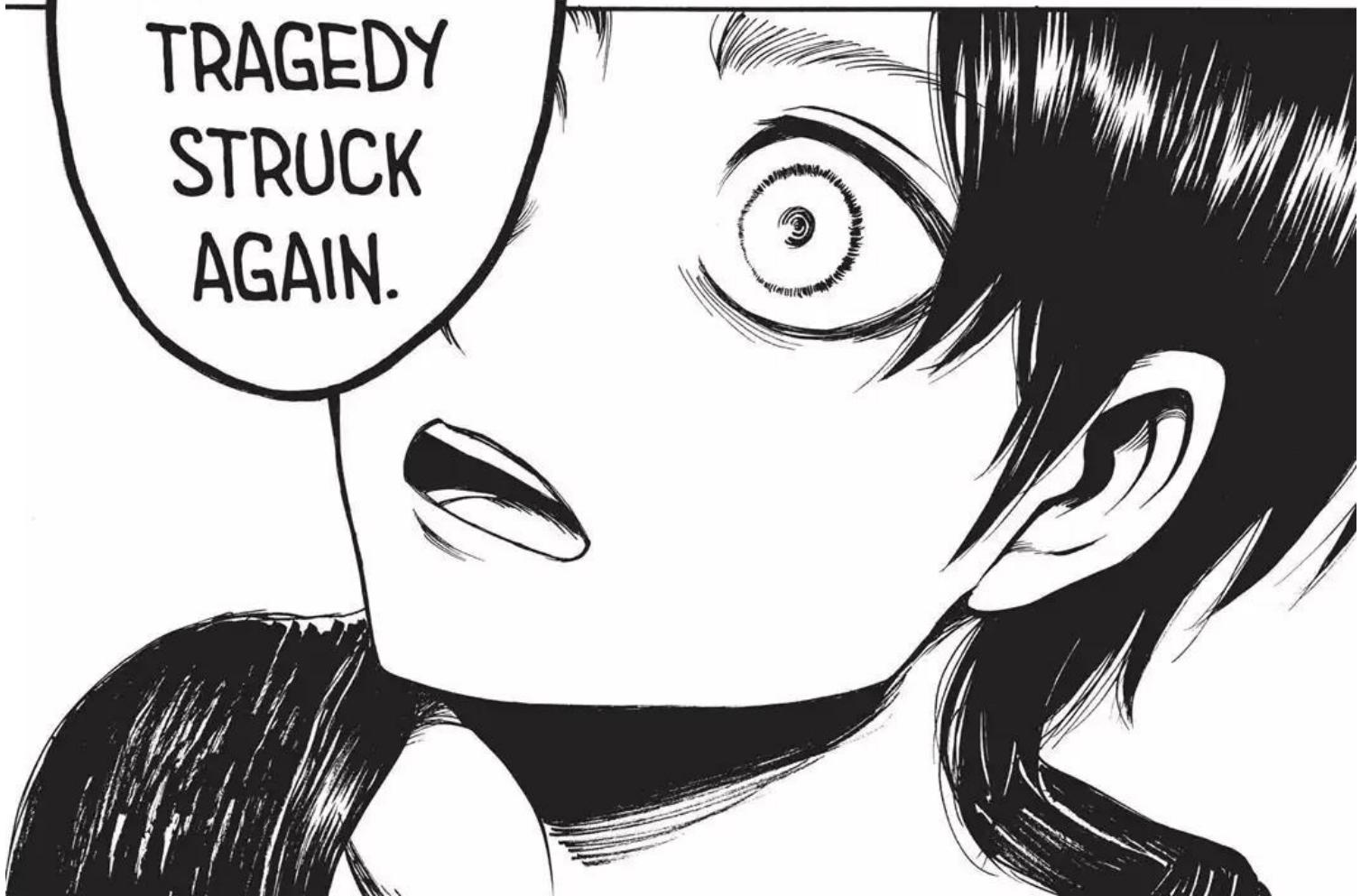


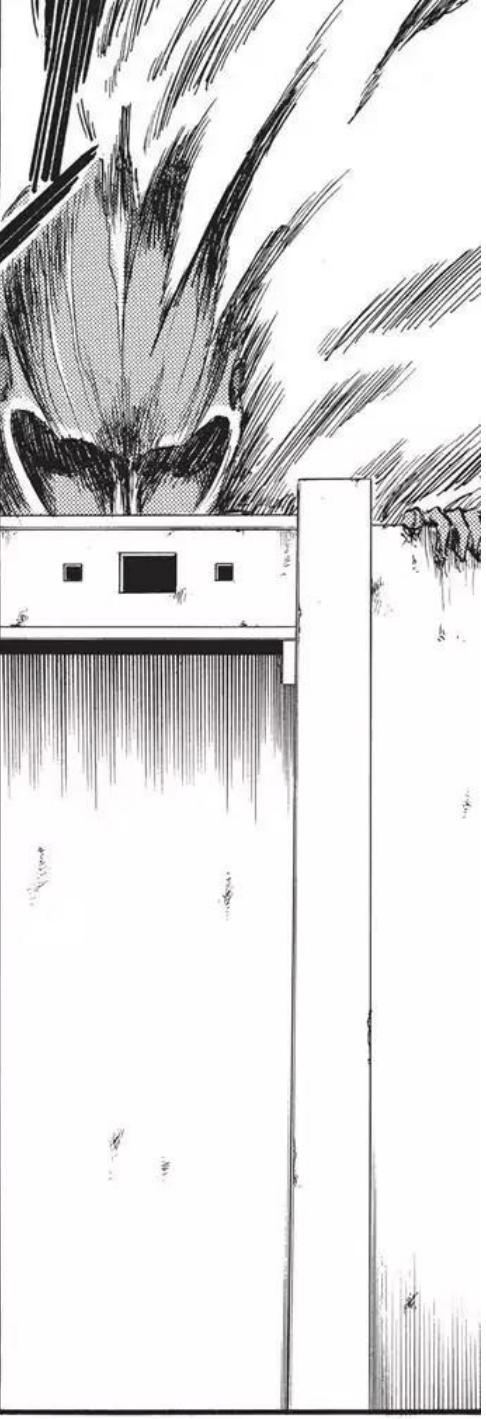
THAT IS,
UNTIL FIVE
YEARS
AGO...



I'M SURE
MANY OF
YOU WERE
PRESENT
THERE...

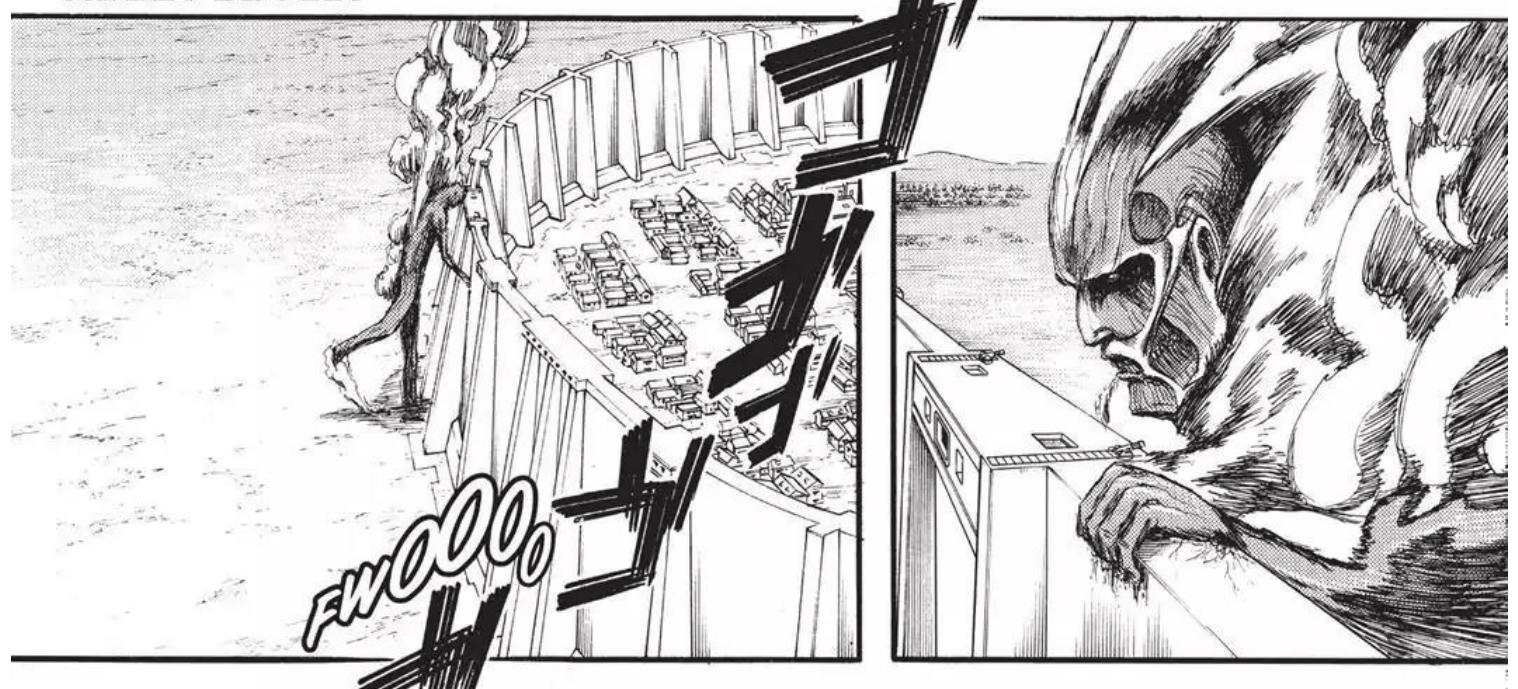
...FIVE
YEARS
AGO, WHEN
TRAGEDY
STRUCK
AGAIN.





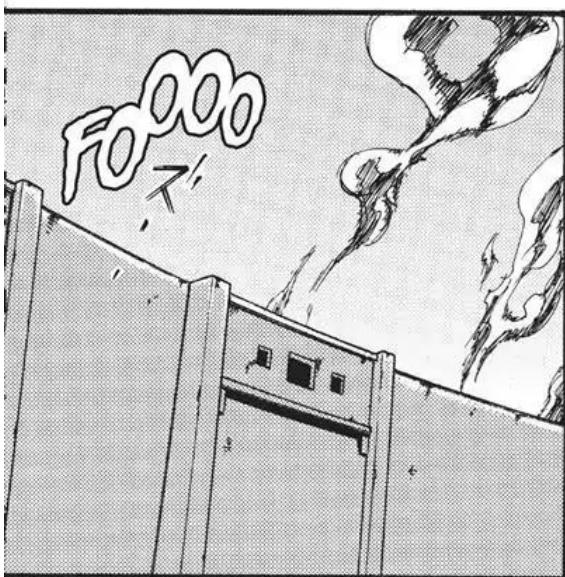


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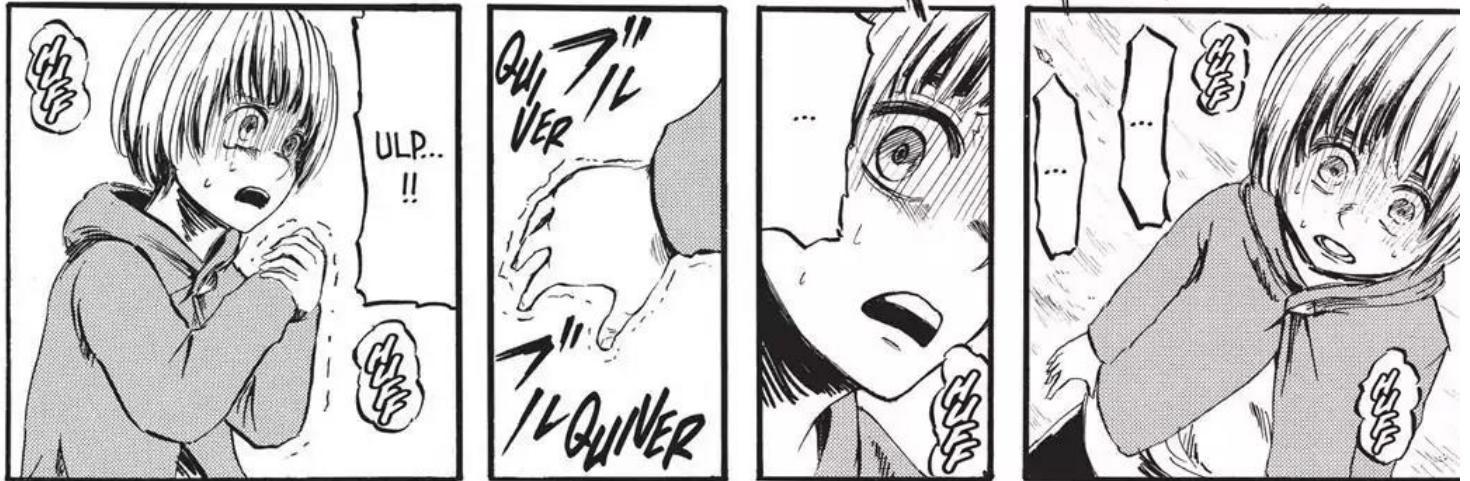
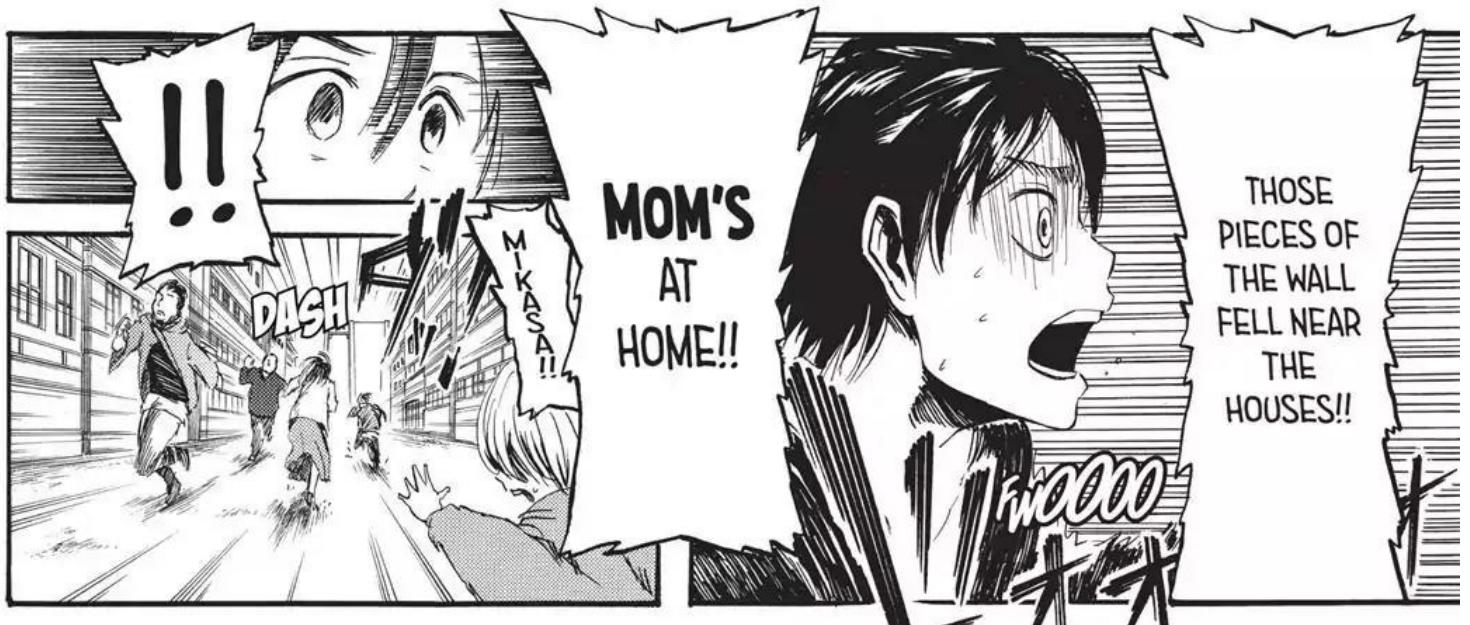












THERE'S
NO WAY
MY HOUSE
WAS HIT!



I'M SURE
SHE'S
ALREADY
ESCAPED...



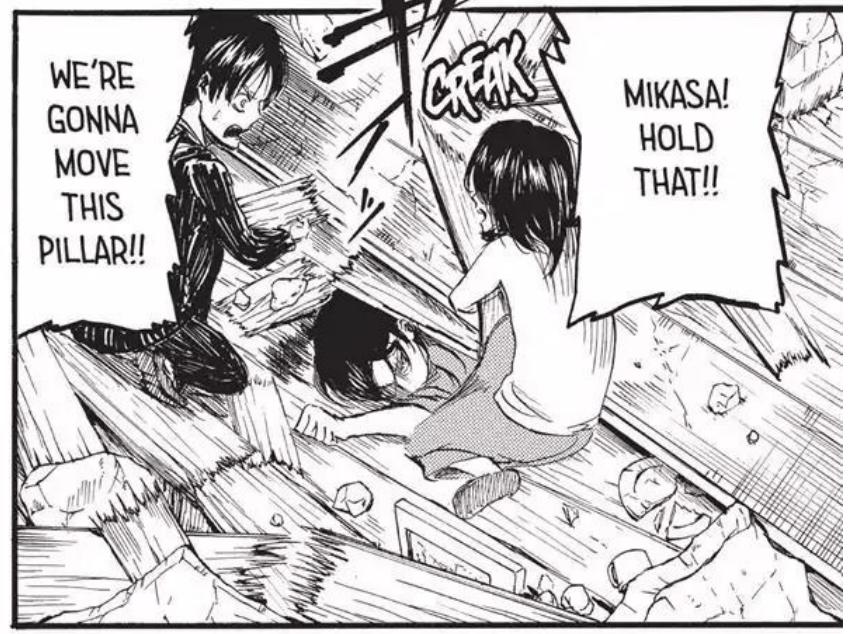
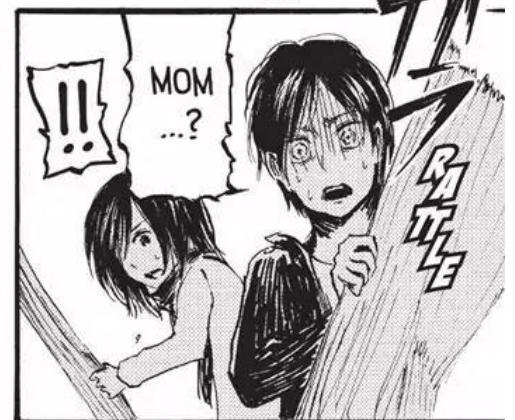
...JUST
LIKE
ALWAYS!

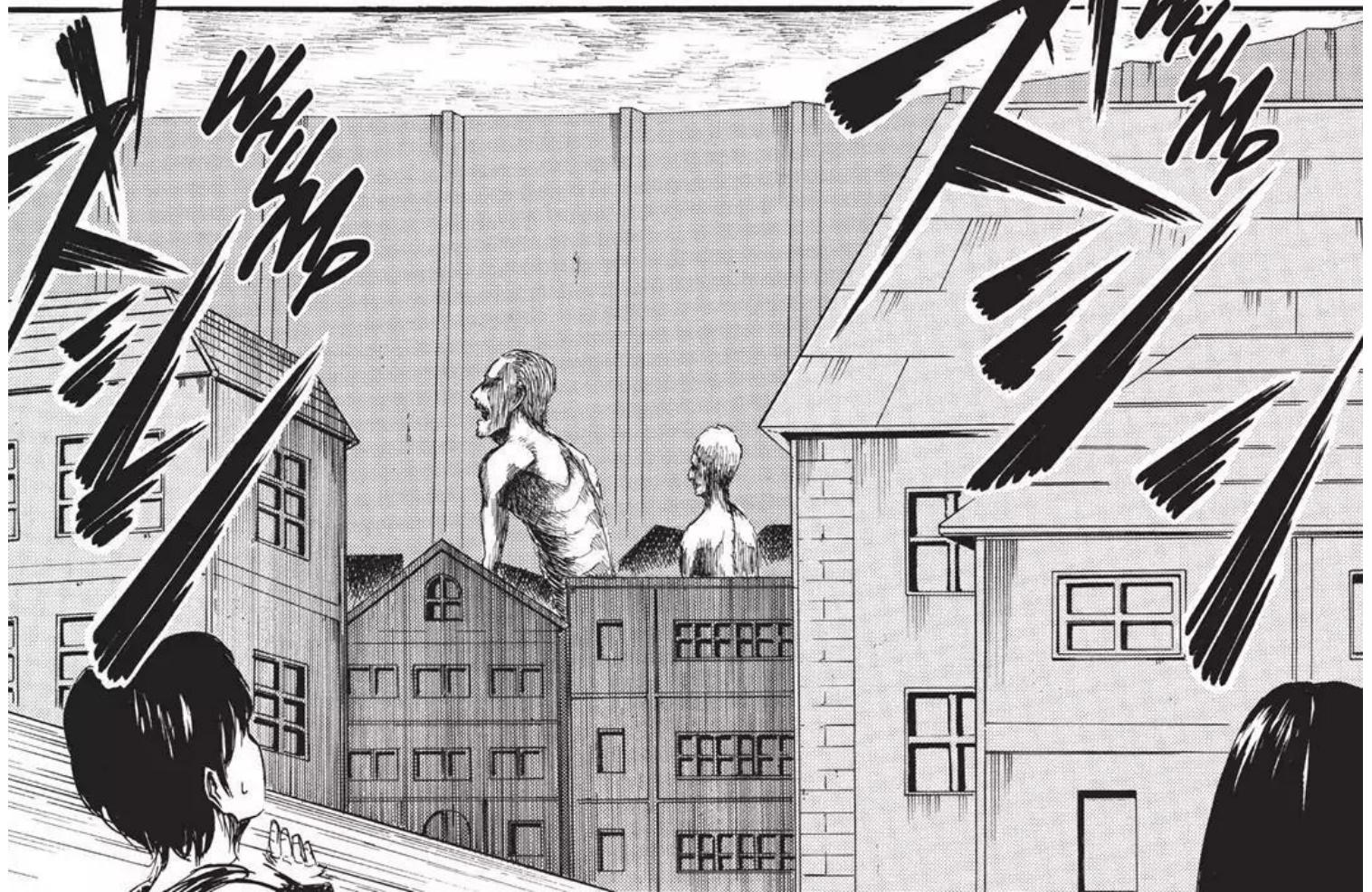
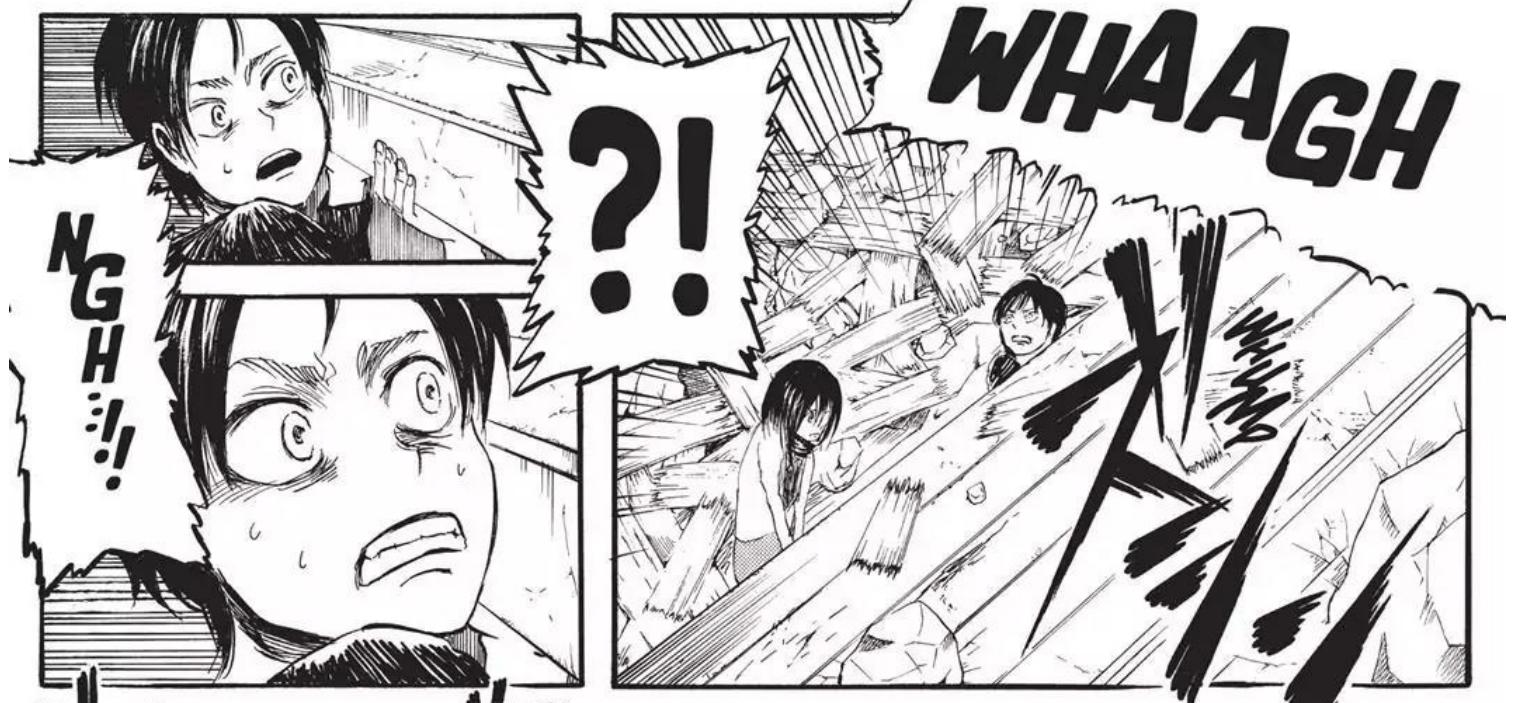


DAMMIT!!

...MY
HOUSE
WILL BE
THERE...

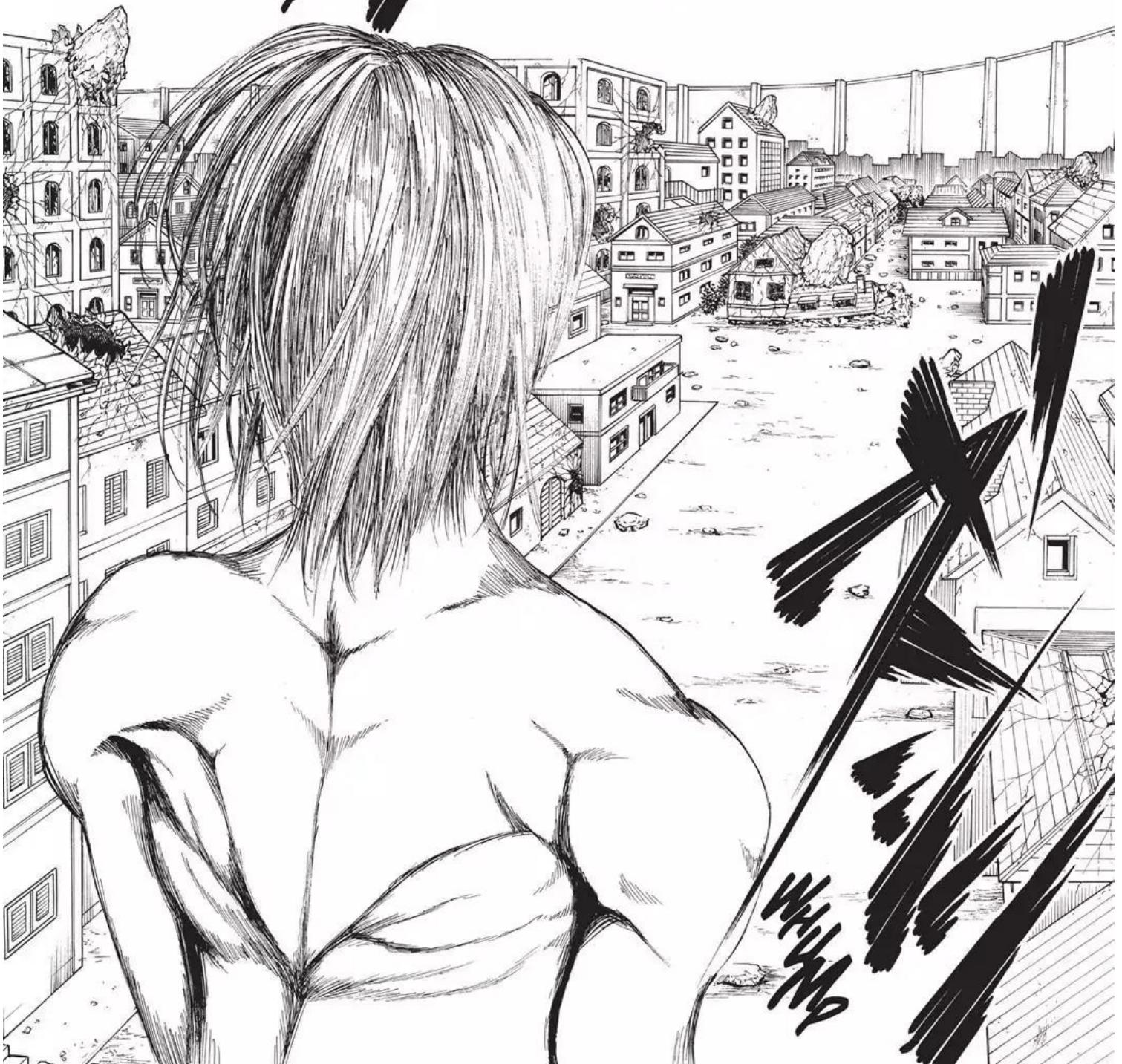
WHEN I
ROUND
THAT
CORNER...

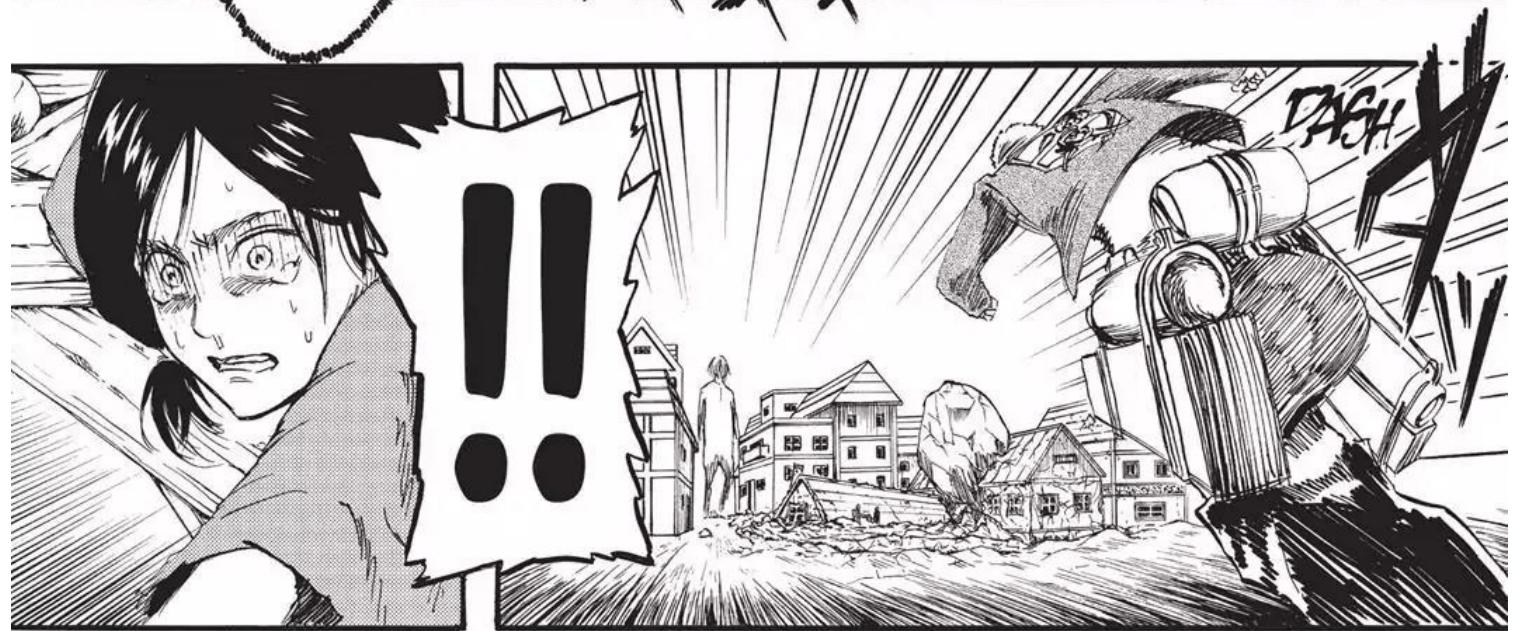










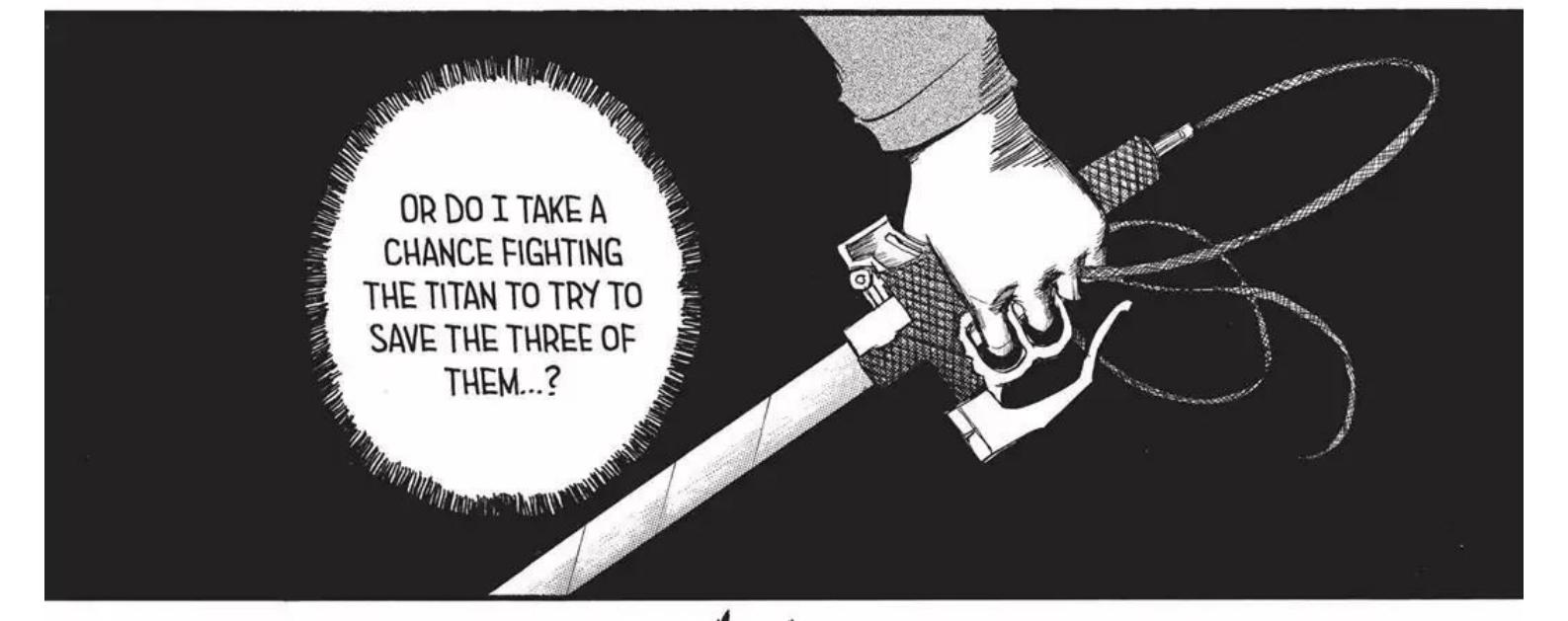






...THE SURE
THING AND JUST
RESCUE THE
KIDS?

DO I GO
WITH...



OR DO I TAKE A
CHANCE FIGHTING
THE TITAN TO TRY TO
SAVE THE THREE OF
THEM...?



I'M
GONNA...

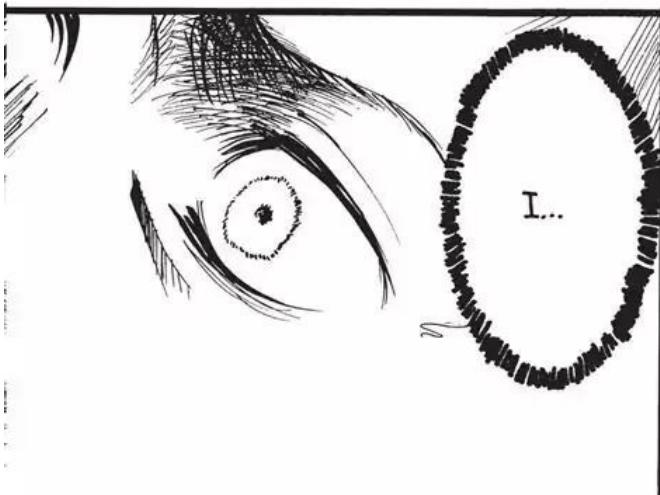
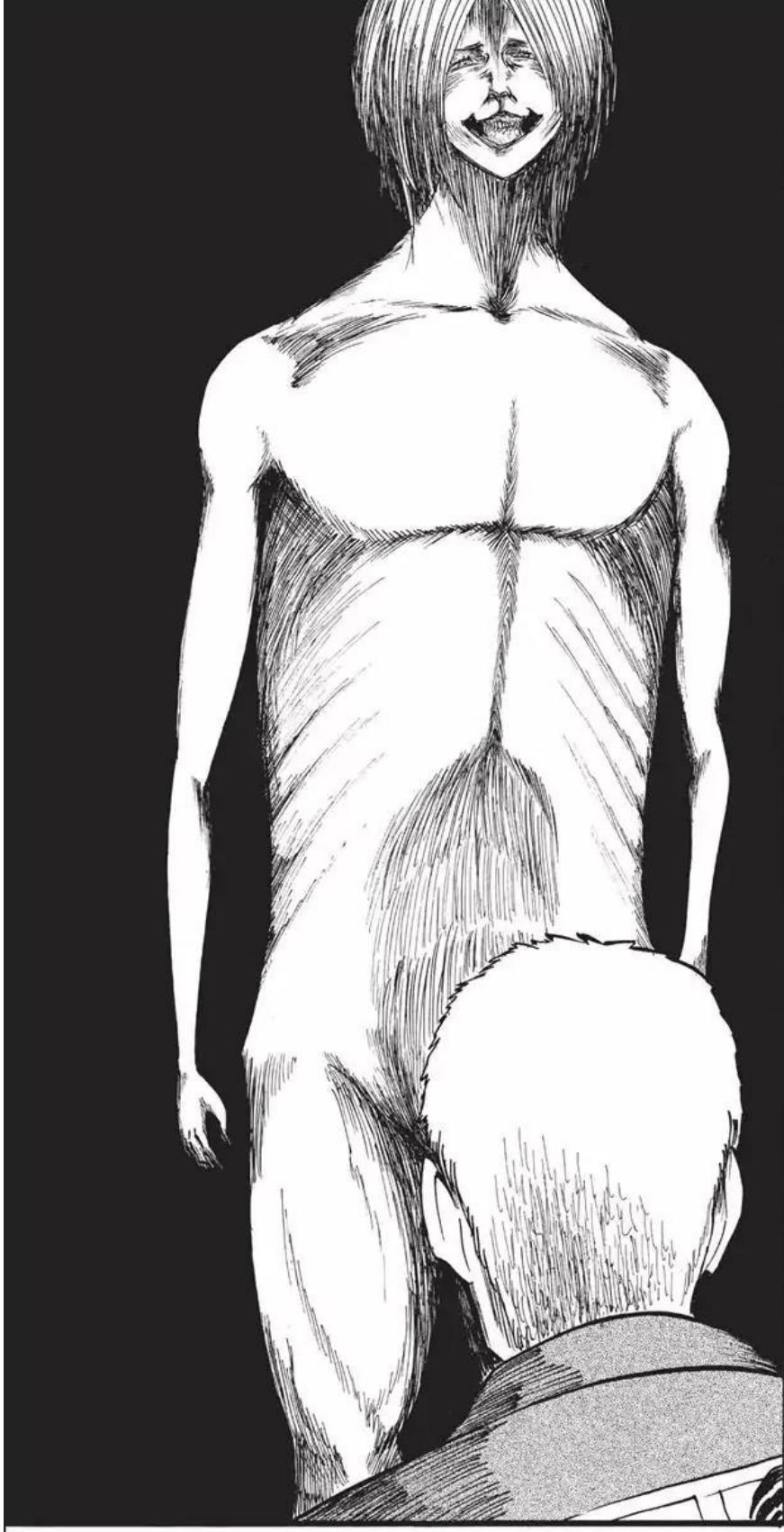
SREEEEZE



GLARE

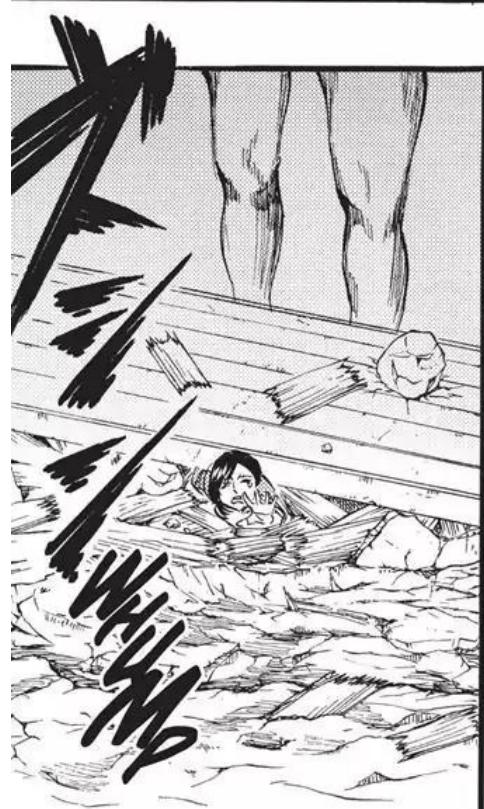
LISTEN TO
KALURA...?

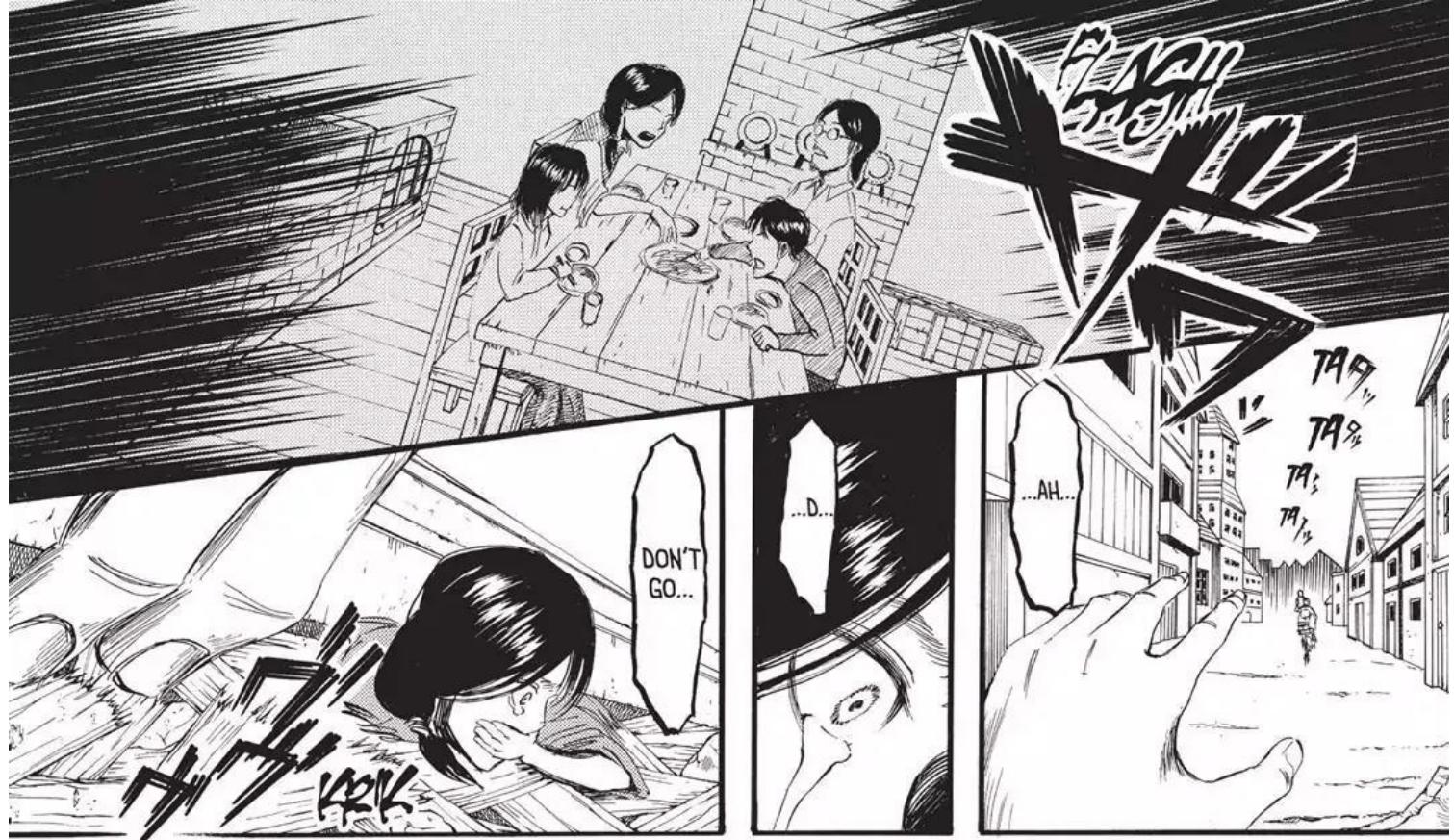
OR PAY
BACK MY
DEBT...?!

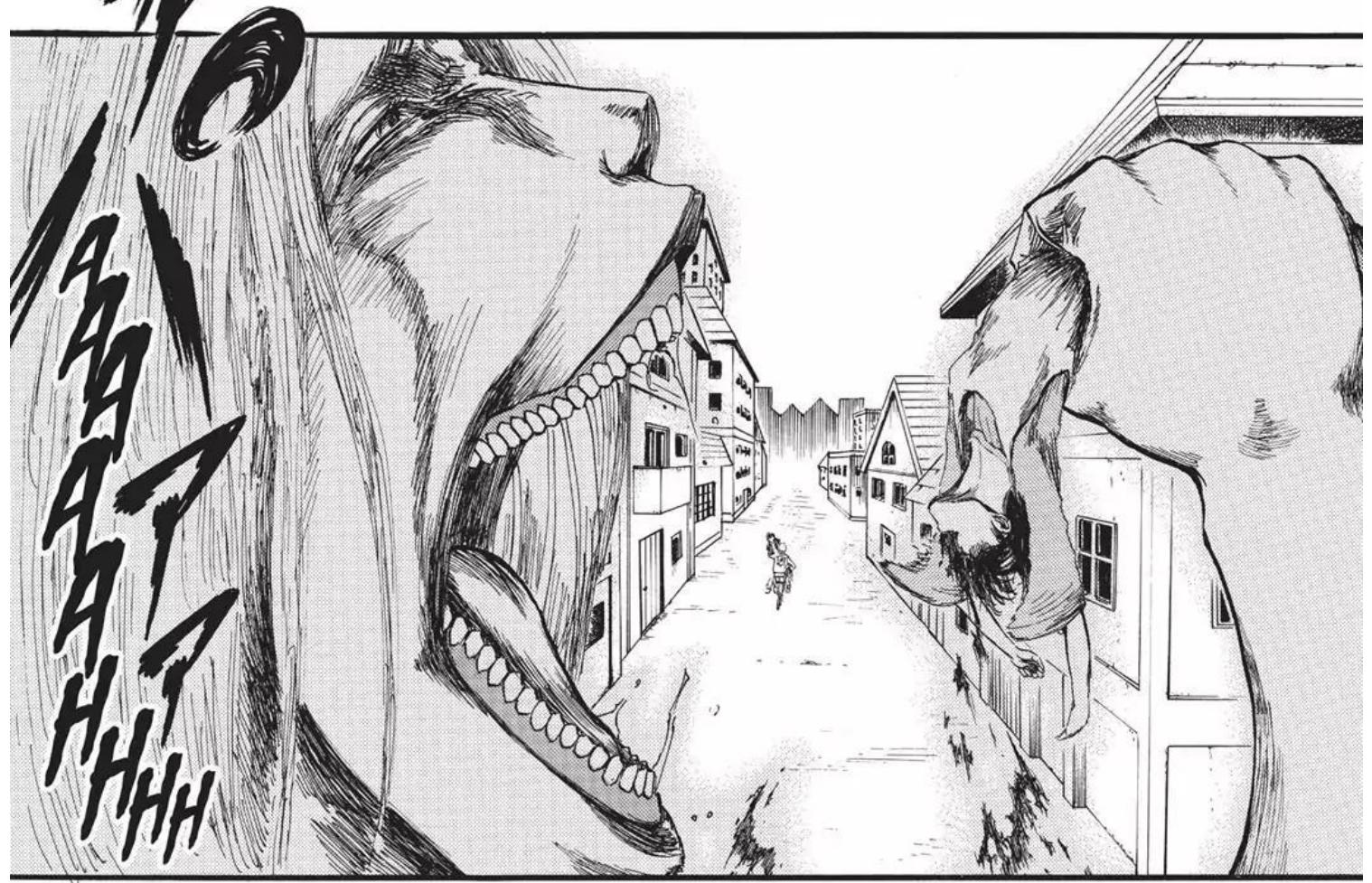




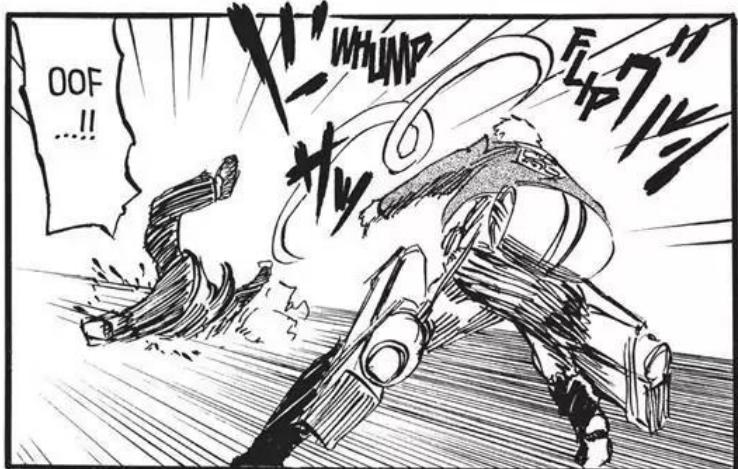
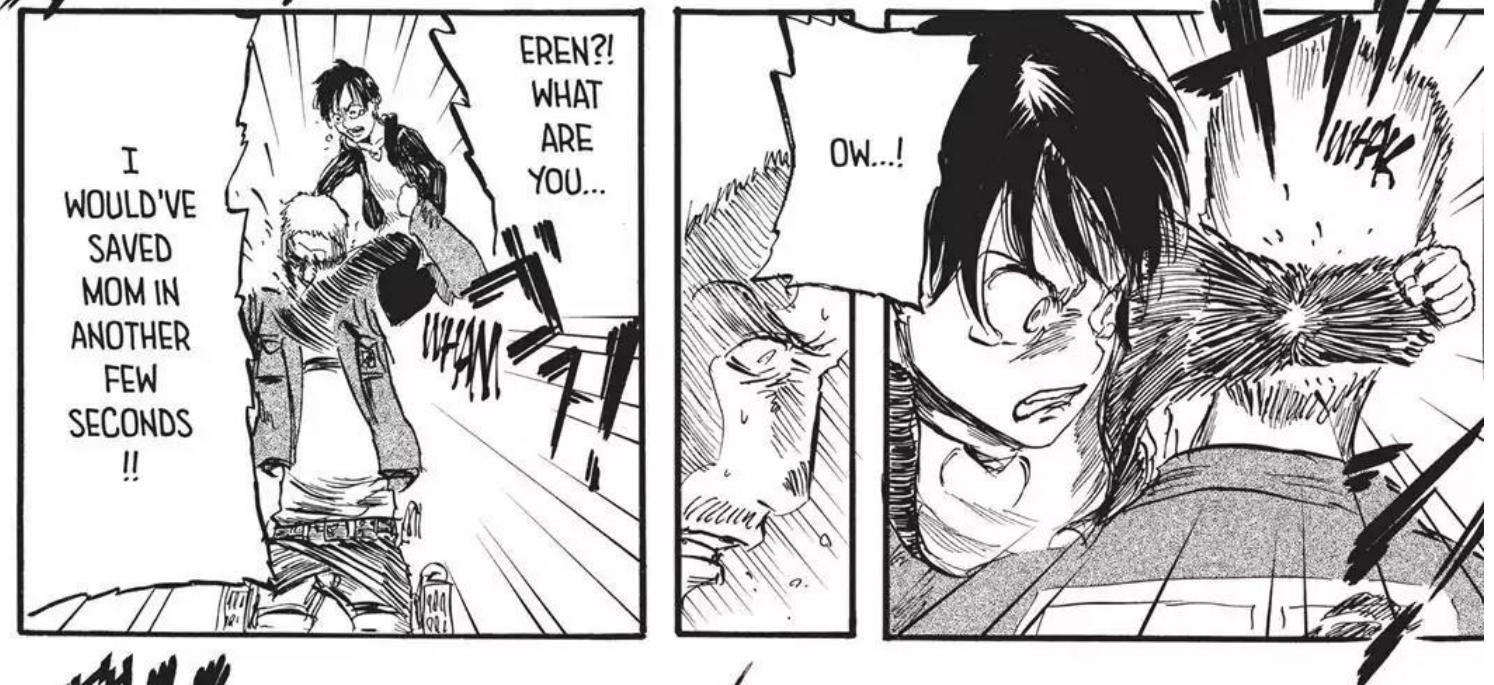
M-MR.
HANNES
?!

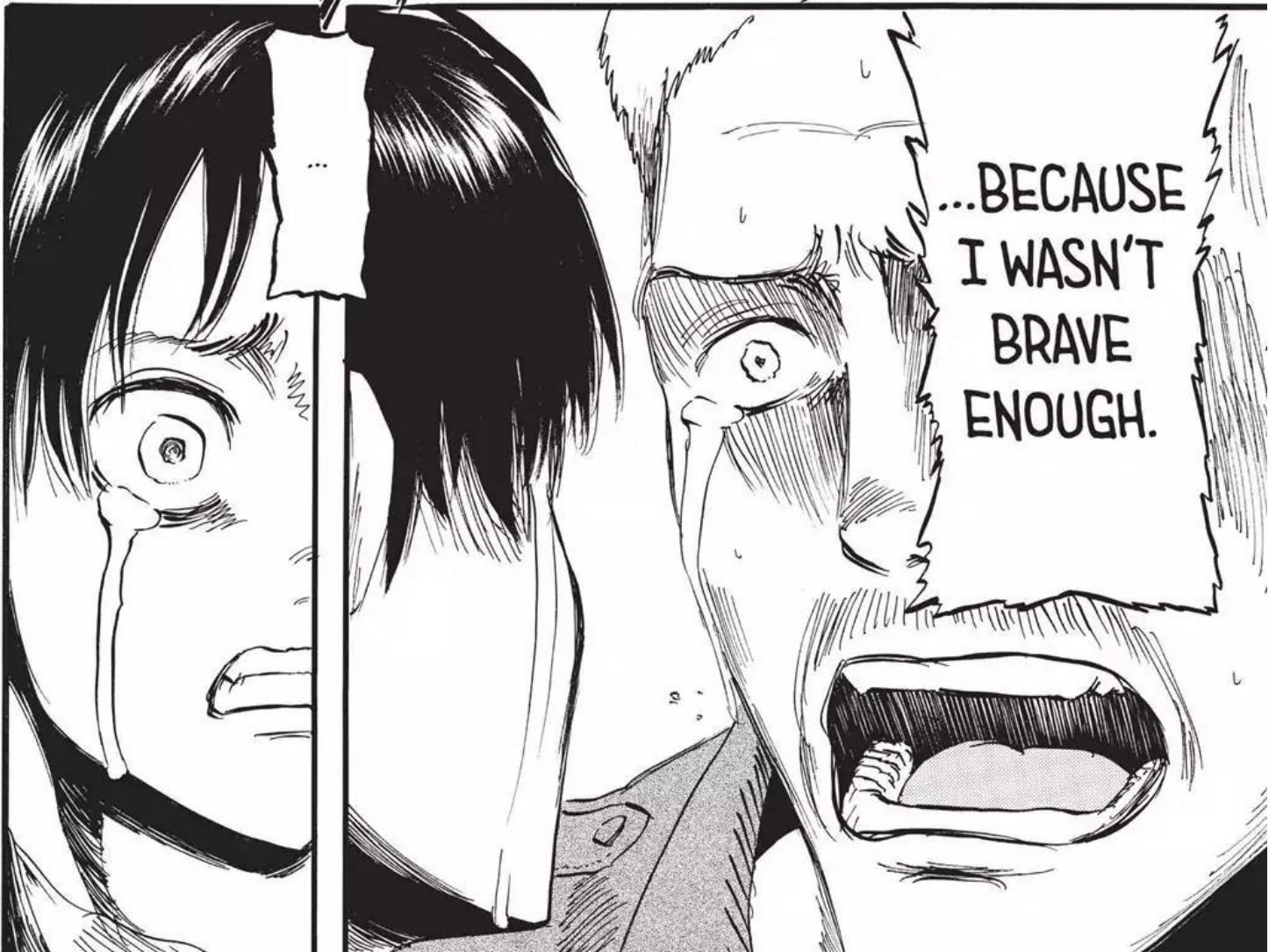
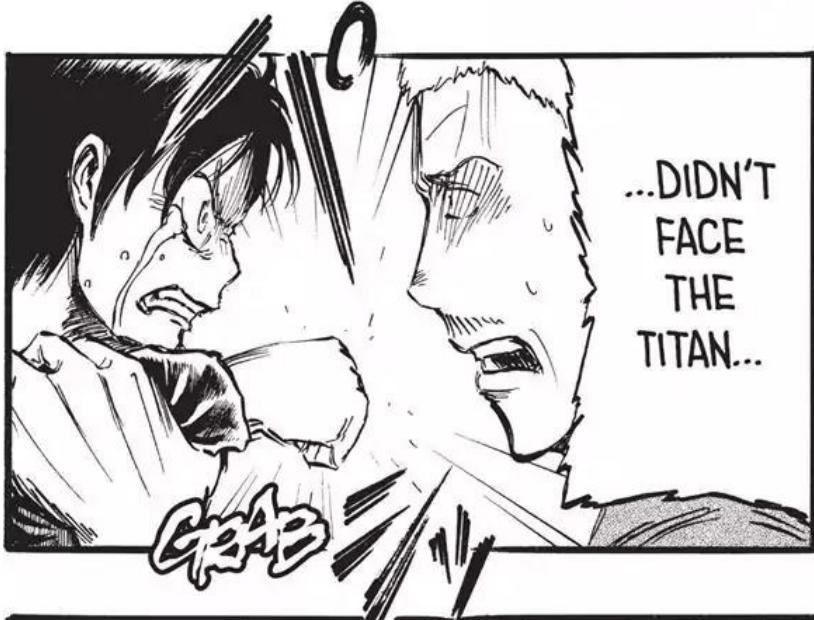


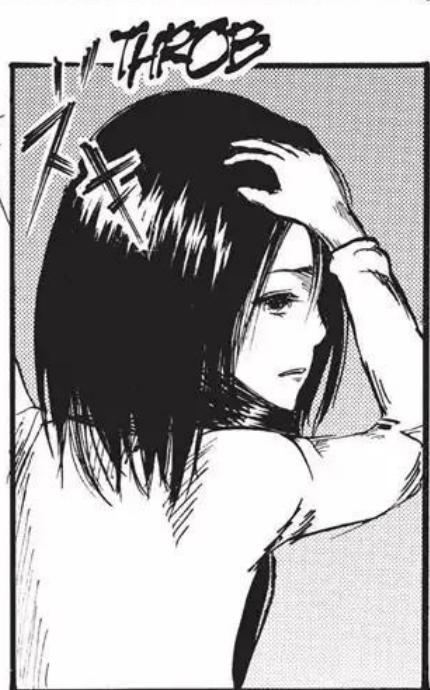


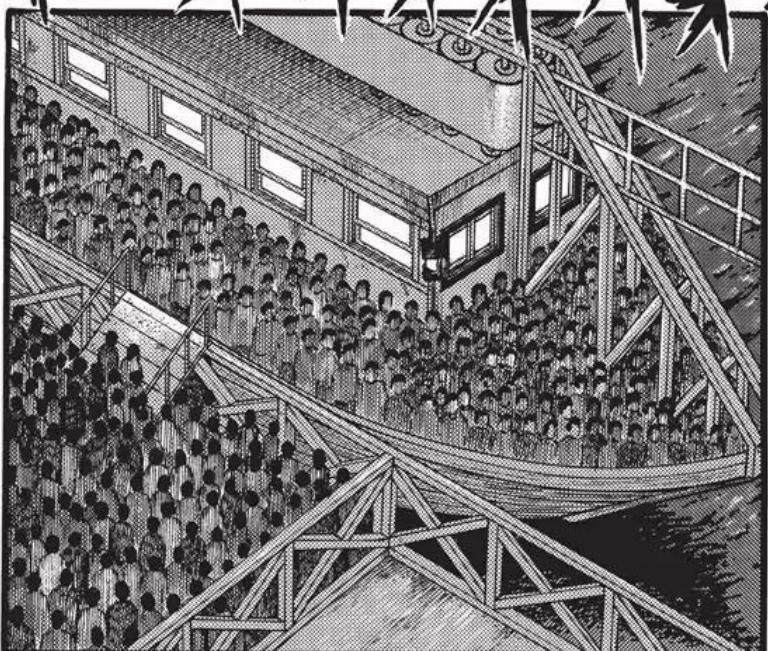
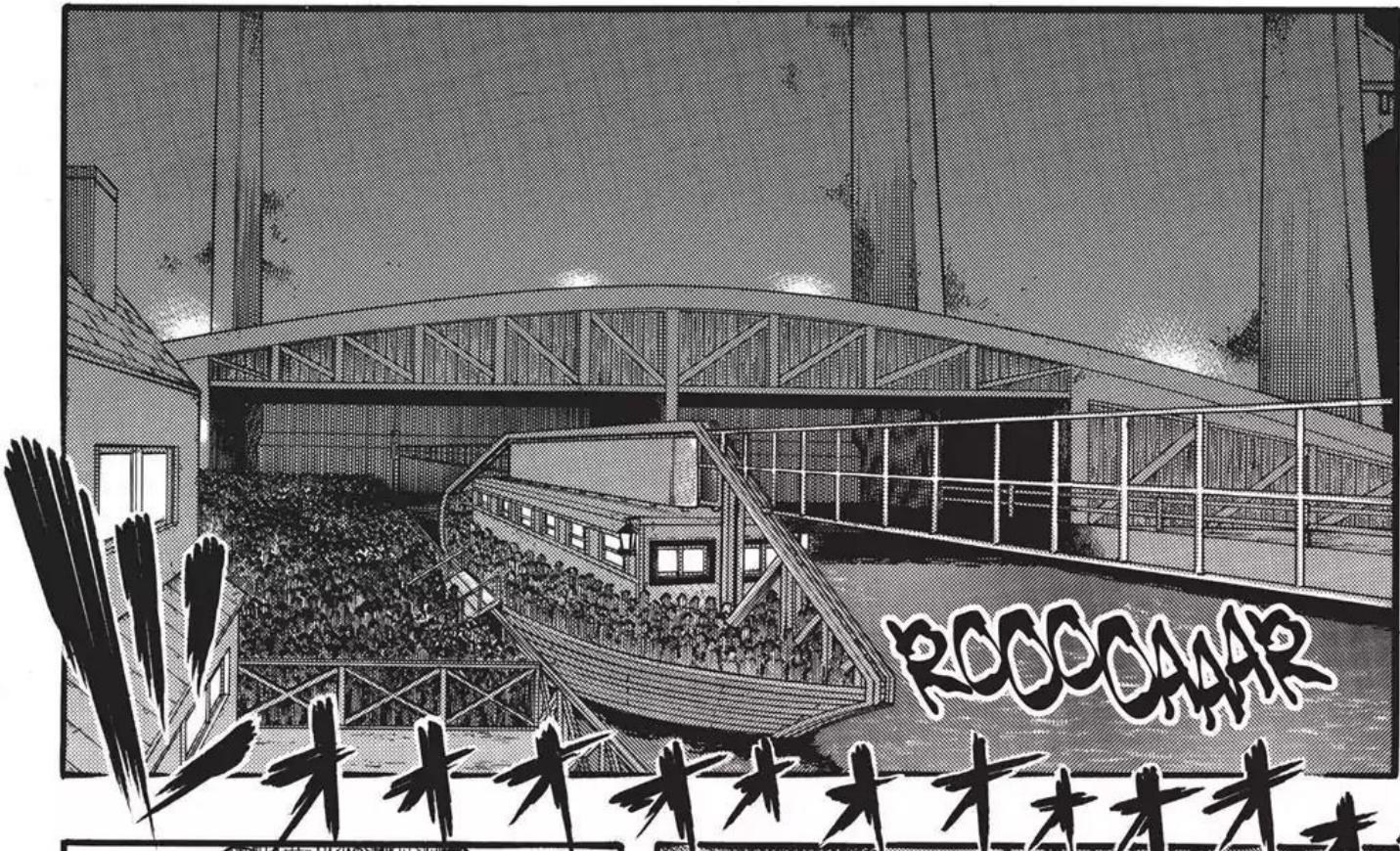












WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!
THERE ARE
STILL A LOT
OF PEOPLE
INSIDE!!

IT'S TOO
RISKY TO
LEAVE IT
OPEN ANY
LONGER!
CLOSE THE
GATE!!

THAT'S NO
REASON TO
ABANDON
THE PEOPLE
WHO ARE
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
US !!

WHAT'S LEFT
OF HUMAN
TERRITORY
WILL FALL
BACK TO THE
NEXT WALL!

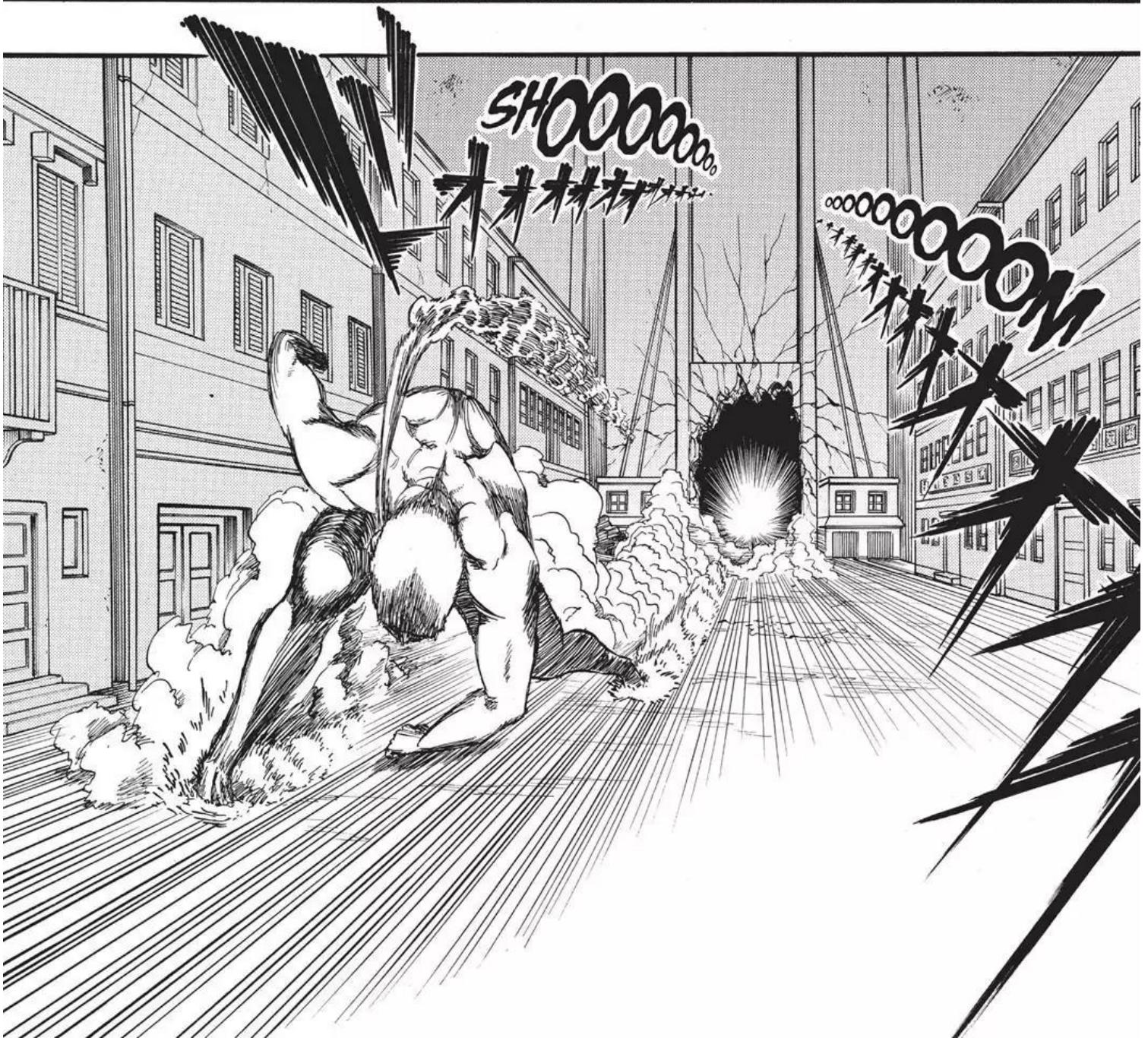
IF THIS GATE'S
DESTROYED, IT
WON'T JUST BE
ONE TOWN
THAT'S INVADED
BY TITANS!!

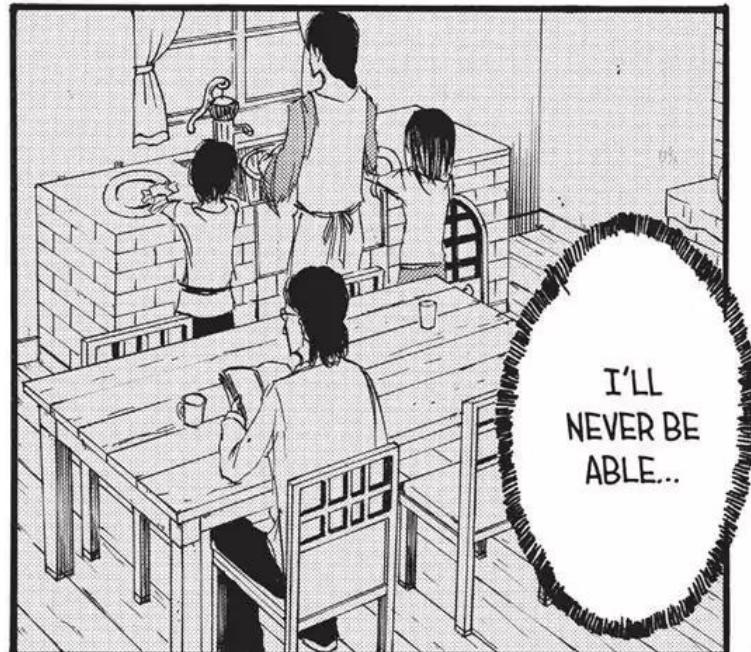
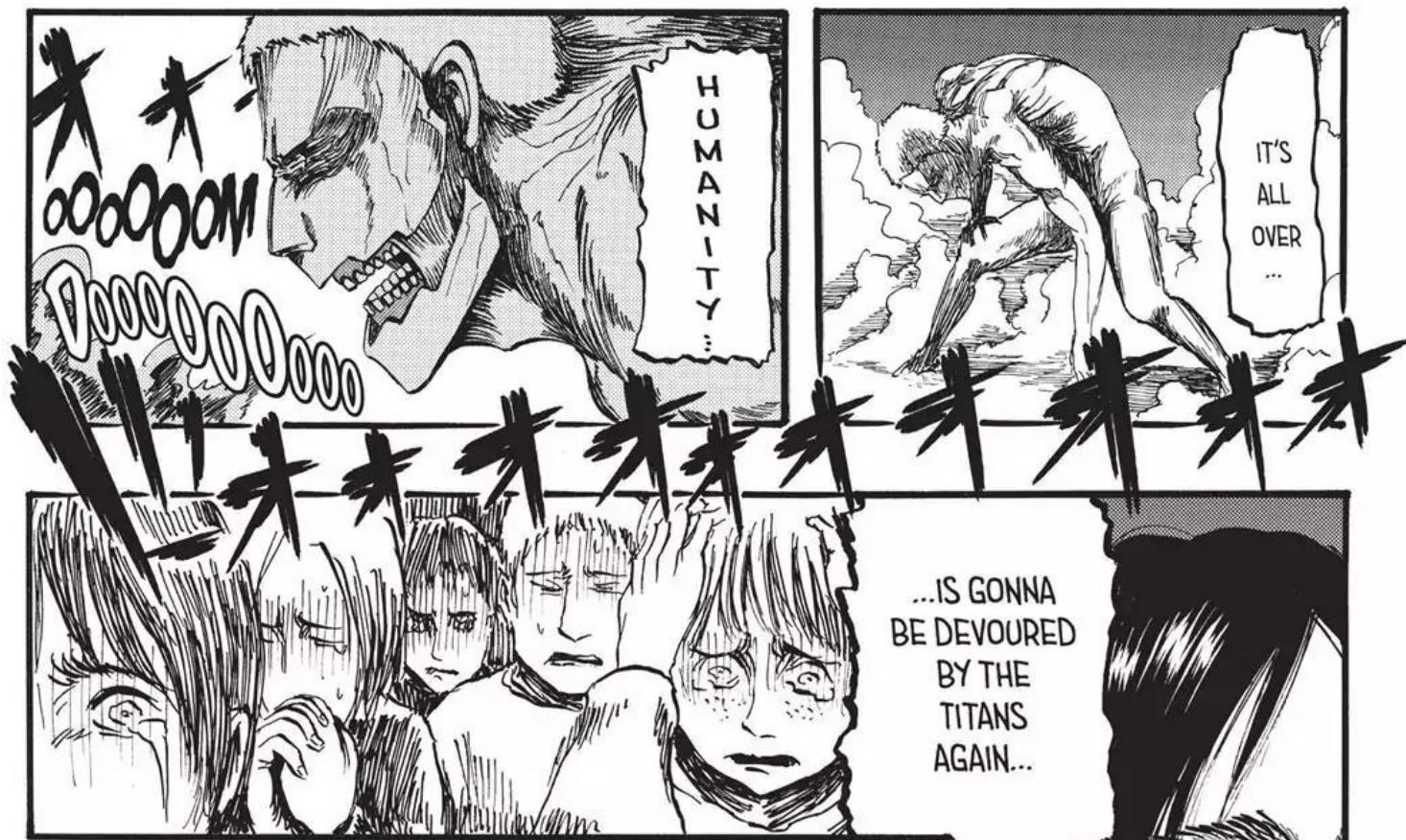
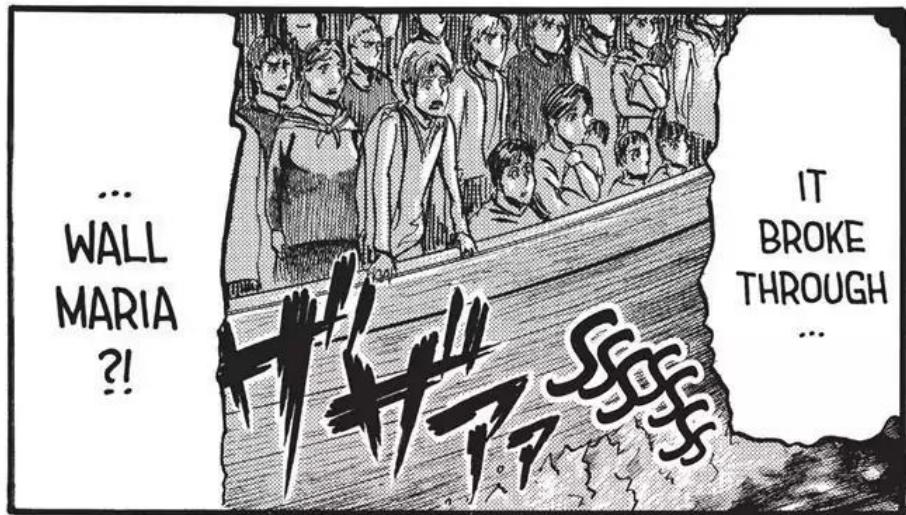
STOP
IT!!
!!
WHAT THE
HELL IS
THAT
THING?!
OUR
WEAPONS
AREN'T
WORKING!

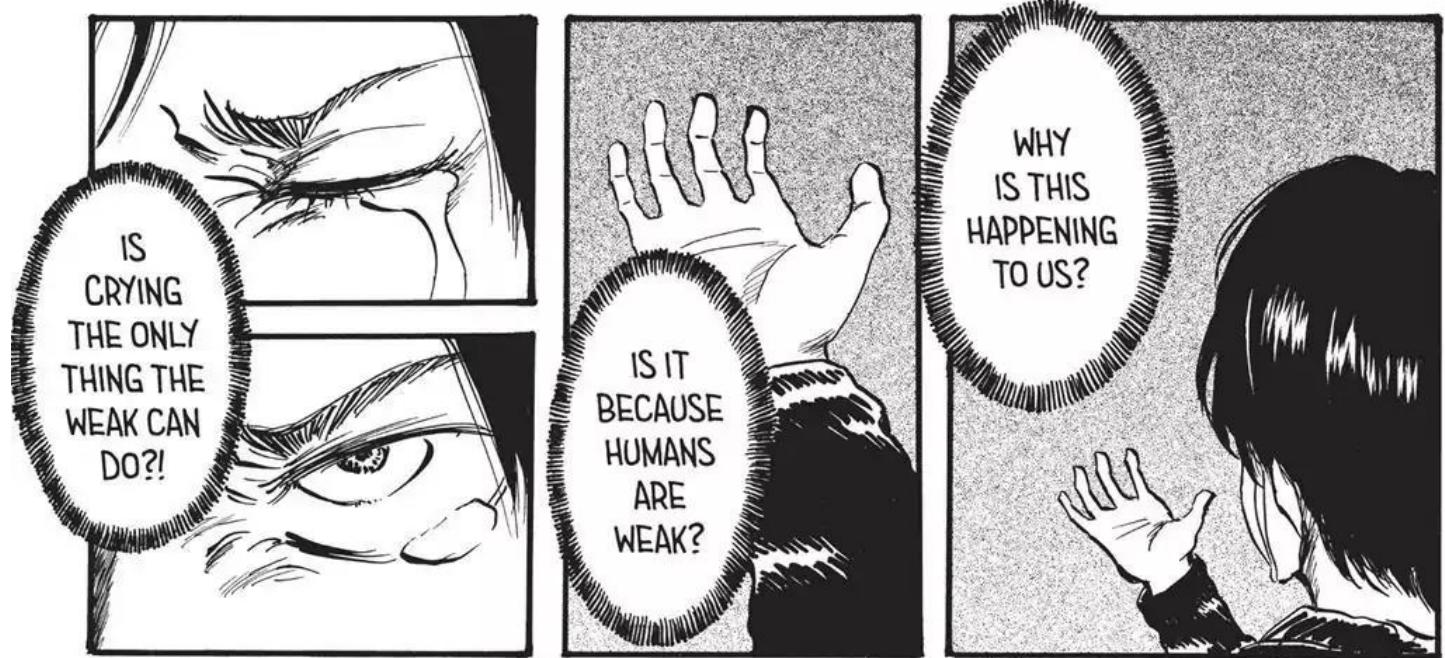
A TITAN IS
CHARGING
TOWARDS
IT!!

HURRY
!!
CLOSE
THE
GATE!!





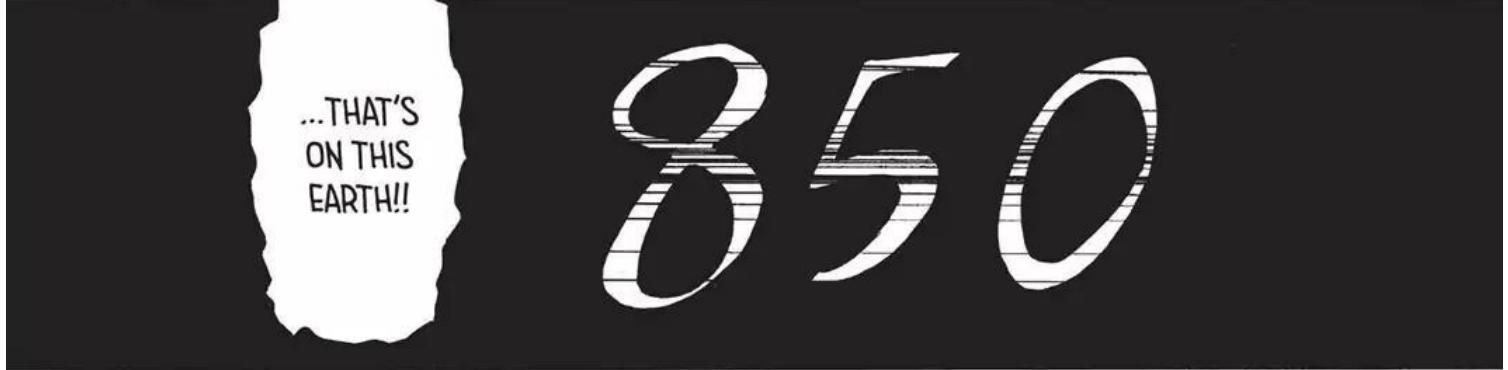








...OF
THOSE
ANIMALS...



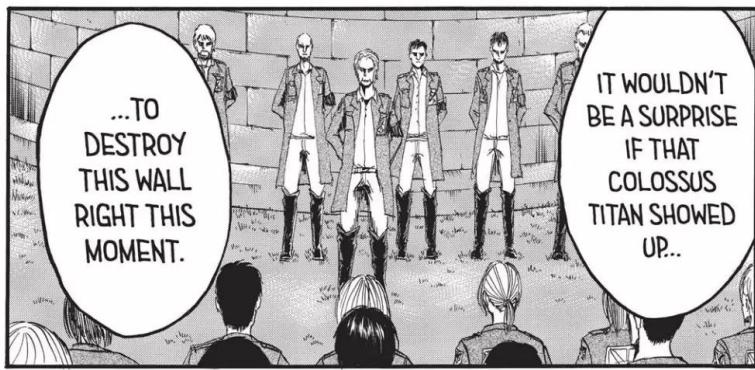
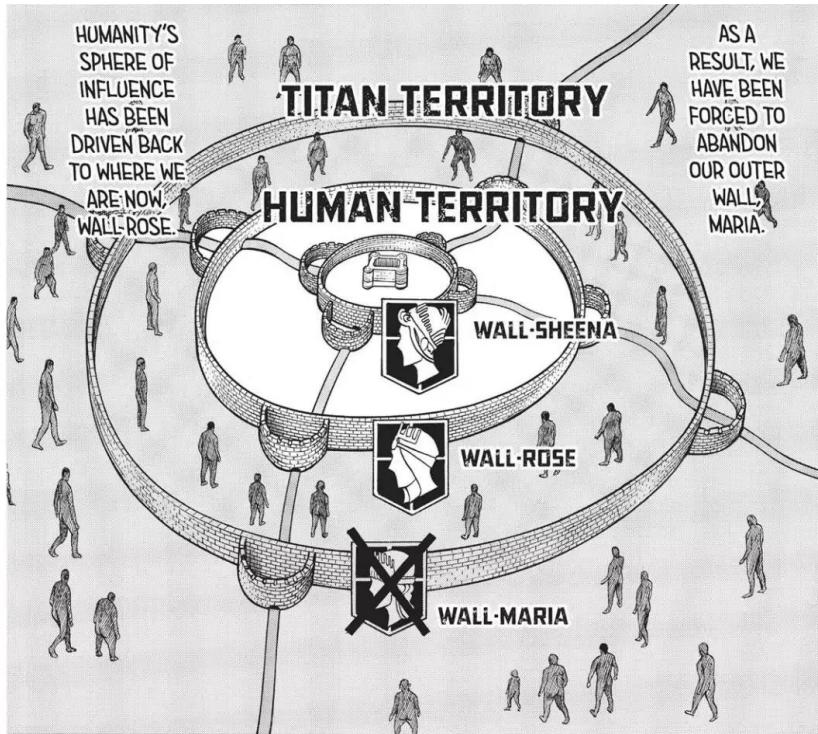
...THAT'S
ON THIS
EARTH!!

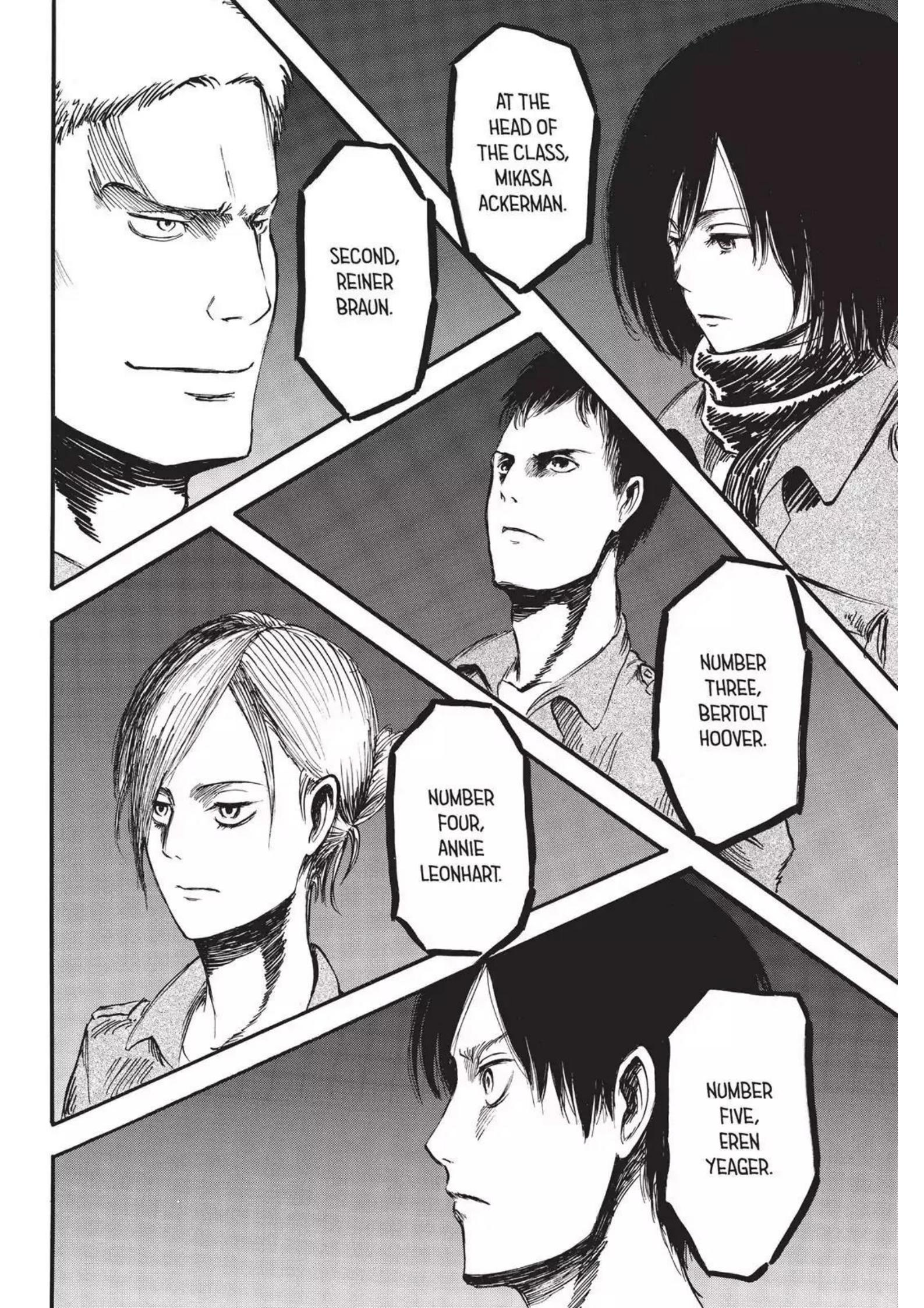
850



GIVEN THE
SENSE OF CRISIS
AT THE TIME, WE
WERE ILL-PREPARED
TO COPE WITH THE
SUDDEN APPEARANCE
OF THE **COLOSSUS**
TITAN...

WE HAVE PAID
THE PRICE FOR
100 YEARS OF
PEACE WITH
TRAGEDY.





AT THE
HEAD OF
THE CLASS,
MIKASA
ACKERMAN.

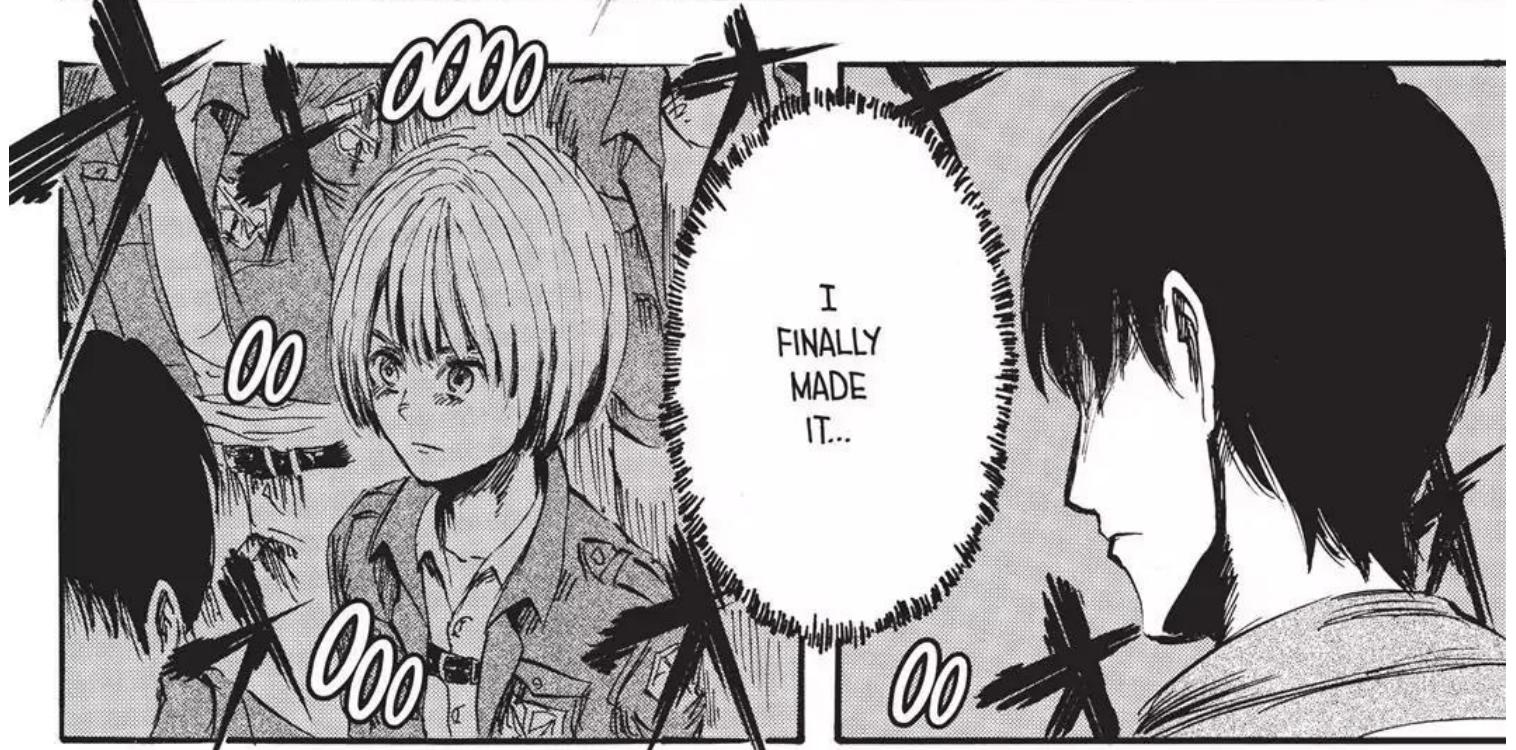
SECOND,
REINER
BRAUN.

NUMBER
THREE,
BERTOLT
HOOVER.

NUMBER
FOUR,
ANNIE
LEONHART.

NUMBER
FIVE,
EREN
YEAGER.



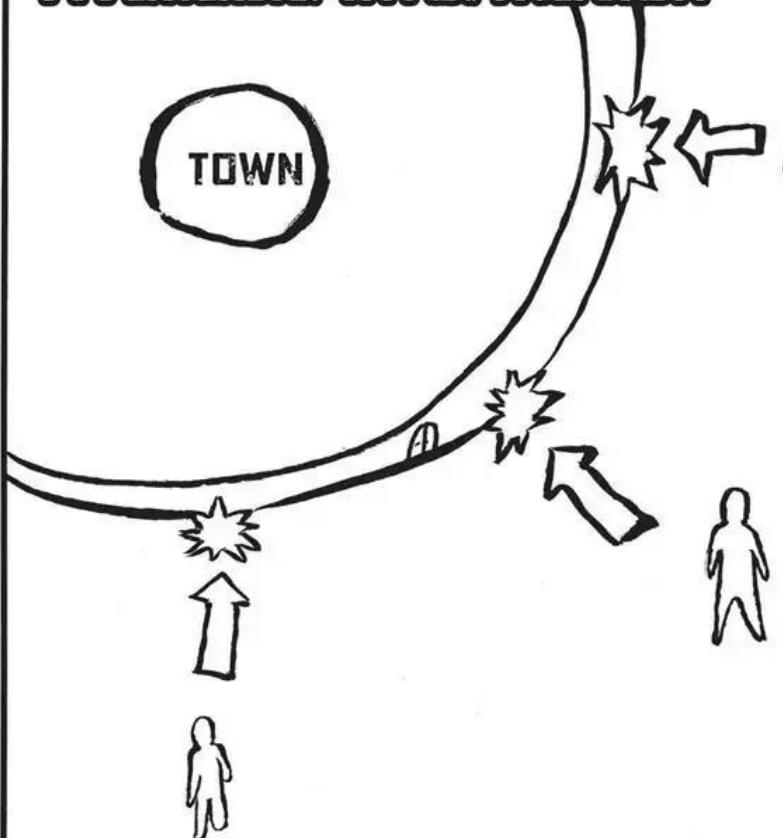


NEXT
TIME, THE
HUMANS...

NEXT
TIME, IT'S
GONNA BE
OUR
TURN.

...WILL
DEVOUR
THE
TITANS!!

Current Publicly Available Information



The reason for having a town jutting out of the main wall

IN THIS WORLD, WALL CONSTRUCTION IS A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE SIMPLE DIAGRAM ON THE LEFT, WITH A TOWN JUST BUILT INSIDE THE WALL, IN THE EVENT THAT THE TITANS BURST THROUGH, THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NO MEANS TO COPE WITH THE CRISIS. PUT SIMPLY, WITH SUCH A VAST CIRCUMFERENCE, PEOPLE WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE THE WALL WOULD BE BREACHED. AND NATURALLY, THERE AREN'T ENOUGH HUMANS TO SUPPORT A MILITARY FORCE THAT COULD MONITOR AND GUARD THE ENTIRE RINGED WALL.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE OBJECT IS TO NARROW DOWN THE TARGET. THIS STRATEGY KEEPS THE COST OF GUARDING THE WALL MANAGEABLE AND ALLOWS THE MILITARY TO CONSOLIDATE ITS FORCES. HOWEVER, WITHOUT HUMANS WITHIN THE WALL TO SERVE AS "BAIT" THAT WILL ATTRACT THE TITANS, THIS STRATEGY HAS NO CHANCE OF PAYING OFF. HAVING TROOPS GARRISONED AT THE TOWN GUARANTEES AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR THE AREA, BUT THAT ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE FALLS SHORT WHEN COMPARED TO THE FEAR OF BEING EATEN BY A TITAN. THUS, NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSED ABOUT LIVING IN THESE TOWNS. THEREFORE, THE RULING MONARCHY PRAISES THE RESIDENTS OF THESE FRONT-LINE TOWNS AS "THE BRAVEST OF WARRIOR" IN AN ATTEMPT TO DRUM UP MORE VOLUNTEERS.

A BIT OF HISTORY: SINCE THE STRENGTH OF THE GATES THAT CONNECTS THE HUMAN DOMAIN TO THE TITANS' TERRITORY OUTSIDE THE WALLS IS INFERIOR TO THAT OF THE WALL ITSELF, THERE WAS A PROPOSAL BY CONSERVATIVES TO SEAL THE GATE OFF ENTIRELY. HOWEVER, REFORMISTS SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED THAT "ABANDONING THE GATES TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS TANTAMOUNT TO ABANDONING THE WILL OF THE HUMAN RACE TO RECLAIM ITS DOMINION" AND THE PLAN WAS HALTED.

AS THE STORY PROGRESSES, MORE LIGHT WILL BE SHED ON HOW THE WALL WAS INITIALLY BUILT AND THE SITUATION AT THE TIME OF ITS CONSTRUCTION.

