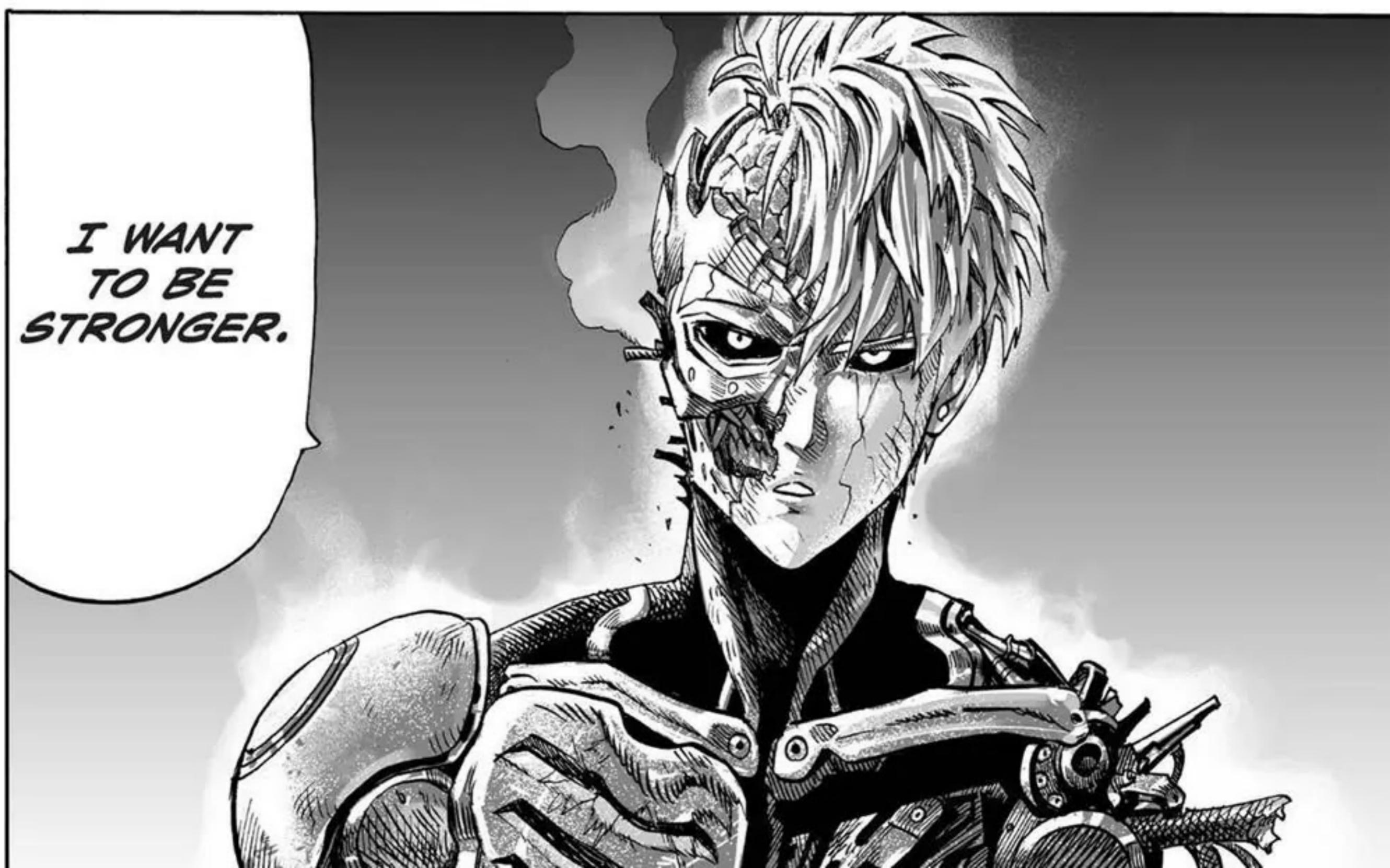
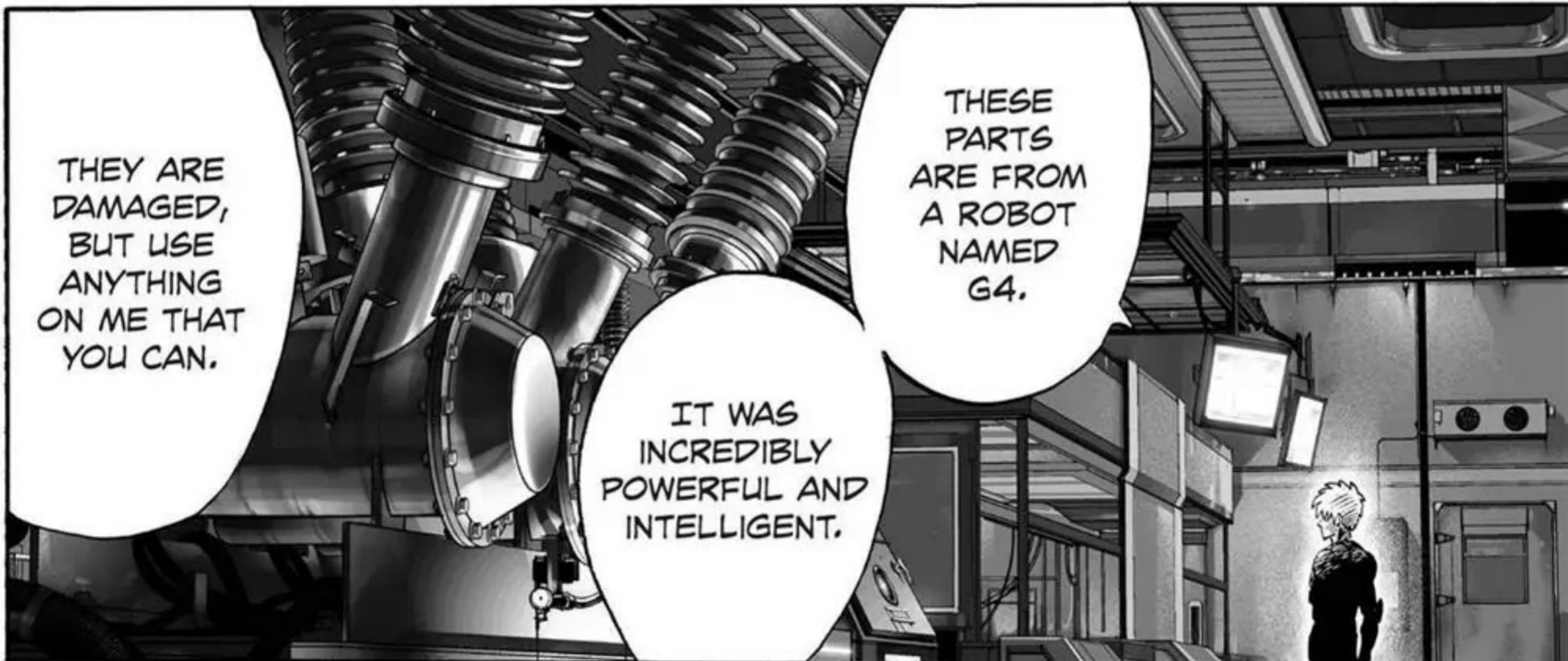


PUNCH 40: OUTLAWS

KAKLUNK

PROFESSOR KUSENO...





I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD
SAY THAT.

I WANT
TO RANK
IN THE
CLASS-S
TOP TEN.

...BUT
DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO
HARD.

YOU
BECAME A
CYBORG TO
FIGHT FOR
JUSTICE...

YOUR
MASTER
ASSIGNED
YOU A
RECKLESS
TASK.

NO, IT IS
NECESSARY.

TO THE
LABORATORY?
IS THAT ALL
RIGHT?

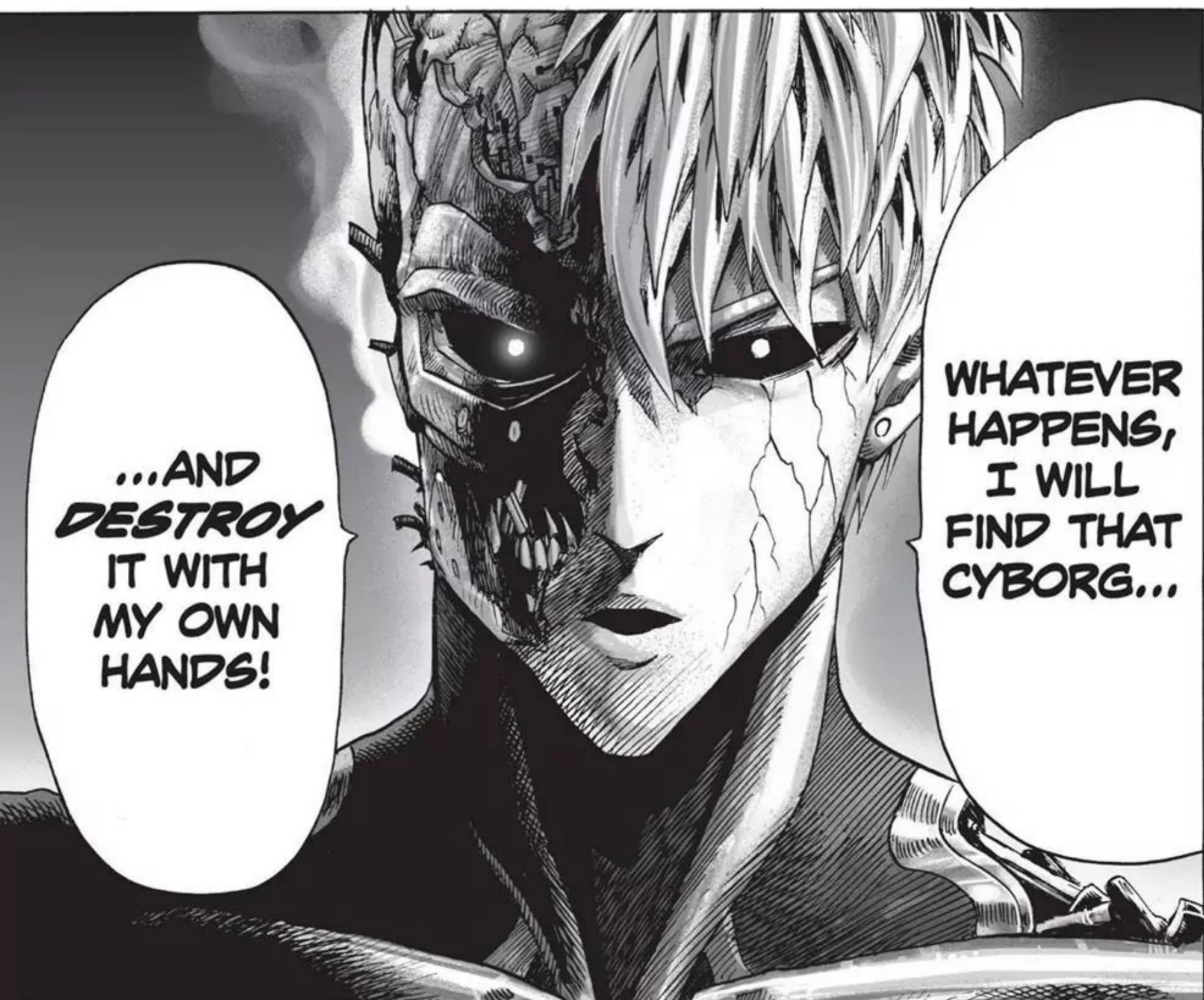
BRING
HIM
HERE.

YOU MENTION
HIM A LOT,
SO I WANT
TO MEET HIM.

...HAVE YOU
FOUND ANY
LEADS TO THE
CYBORG THAT
DESTROYED
YOUR HOME?

MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...

...
GENOS
...



EVEN AFTER
FINDING A
MASTER AND
BECOMING A
HERO, HIS
HATRED
DOES NOT
FADE...

...AND I
KNOW HOW
DANGEROUS
IT IS.

I'VE
PURSUED
THAT
CYBORG
LONGER
THAN
YOU...

...I'M
WORRIED.

GENOS
..."

YOU ARE
CALM AND
INTELLIGENT,
BUT YOUTH
CAN INVITE
DISASTER.

DO NOT
FIGHT IT
ALONE.

IF YOU
FIND IT,
DO NOT
BE RASH.
INSTEAD,
REPORT
TO ME.





I AM
DEEPLY
GRATEFUL
THAT
DENIZENS
OF THE
UNDER-
WORLD
WOULD
ANSWER
MY CALL.

YET YOU
CAME WITHOUT
HESITATION
TO HERO
ASSOCIATION
HEADQUARTERS
IN THE FAITH
THAT WE
WOULD NOT
APPREHEND
YOU.

MANY OF
YOU HAVE
A HIGH
BOUNTY
ON YOUR
HEAD.

THIS ISN'T
A TRAP,
SO PLEASE
JUST LISTEN.

I ASSURE
YOU THIS IS
NOT ABOUT
YOUR
CRIMINAL
HISTORIES
OR ILLICIT
ACTIVITIES.

THEY WON'T
ACT UNLESS
NECESSARY.

YEAH!
I'LL
KILL 'EM!
HYA HA
HA!

HEROES?

DO NOT MIND
THE HEROES
PRESENT AS
BODYGUARDS.

...WHY
WOULD
SITCH
INVITE
THEM
HERE?

YES...

WANTED MEN,
TOP ASSASSINS,
ARMS DEALERS,
MAD SCIENTISTS
AND PRISON
ESCAPEES...

WHAT SAY
WE TAKE
OVER THE
PLACE?
HEH HEH!

...TALK
ABOUT
DIS-
RESPECT!

Class A, Rank 5

**HEAVY TANK
LOINCLOTH**

I DUNNO,
BUT FOR
PERPS TO
COME
STROLLIN'
IN HERE...

EITHER WAY,
WE CAN'T
PASS THIS
UP. WE'LL
DELIVER
JUSTICE
WHEN THIS
IS OVER.

Class A, Rank 7
MAGICMAN

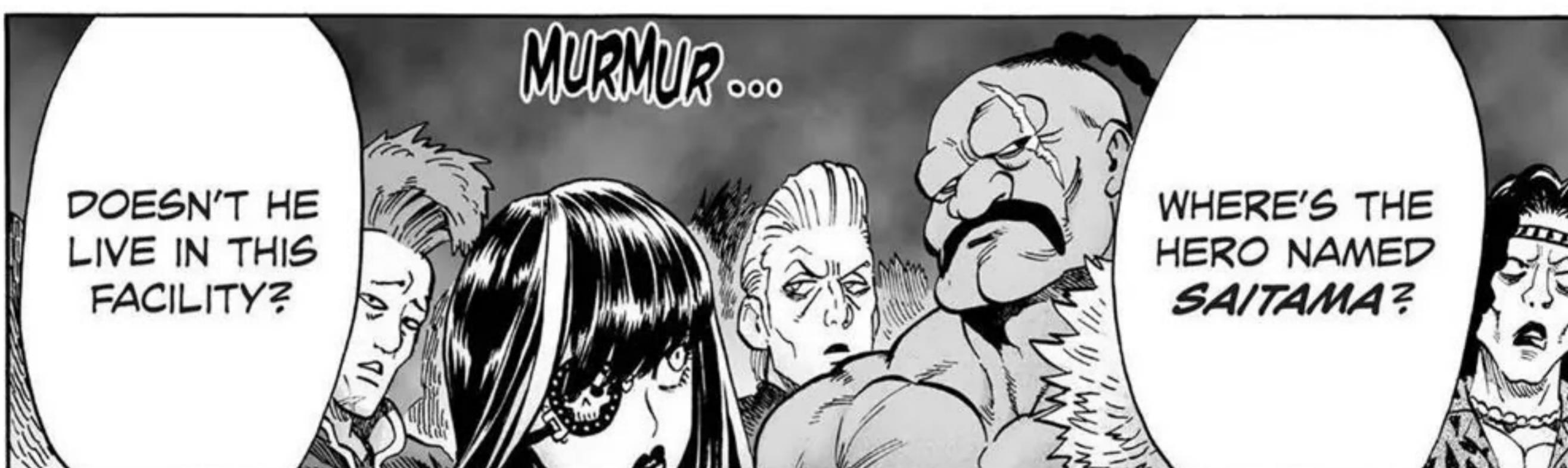
Class A, Rank 6
BLUE FIRE

...NO
ONE WILL
CAUSE ANY
TROUBLE.

WITH THREE
UPPER-RANK
CLASS-A
HEROES
HERE...



*SIGN: EARTH IS IN DANGER PROPHECY EMERGENCY
MEASURES TEAM EXPLANATORY MEETING





THE PROPHECY SAID THE GREATEST DISASTER IN HISTORY WILL OCCUR WITHIN SIX MONTHS, AND CLEARLY IT HASN'T PASSED.

IF STRONG MONSTERS AND CATASTROPHES KEEP ARISING, THE HEROES WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP.

...YOU WANT HELP FROM PEOPLE BOTH GOOD AND BAD WHO KNOW HOW TO FIGHT.

...IN THE INCREASINGLY INTENSE FIGHTS TO SAVE HUMANITY THAT LIE AHEAD...

IN OTHER WORDS ...

EVEN CLASS-S HEROES ARE ALREADY BUSY, BUT THREATS KEEP COMING UP, SO YOU'RE SHORTHANDED.







...AND THEY
CLEARLY
AREN'T
ENOUGH!

THERE ARE
390 CLASS C,
101 CLASS B,
38 CLASS A
AND 17 CLASS S
HEROES HERE...

WE'LL PAY
YOU FOR
DEFEATING
MONSTERS!

AND I
DON'T
ASK
THIS
FOR
FREE!

I SHOULDN'T
CALL UPON
THIEVES AND
ASSASSINS
...

...BUT
MANY IN
THE UNDER-
WORLD
POSSESS
A HERO'S
STRENGTH!







SHE
FORESAW
AN UNPRECE-
DENTED
CATASTROPHE
OF THREAT
LEVEL GOD!!!

THAT
GREAT
SEER
SURE
DOES
ROCK!

GUESS THE
UNDERWORLD
MAKES
PEOPLE
COME
UNHINGED...

ANOTHER
CRAZY
GUY...

ALL OF
YOU HERE
COULDN'T
KILL ME!

LIKE
THE
OLD
DUDE
SAID,
IT'S A
WASTE.

LOOKS
LIKE I
INVITED A
NUTJOB...

HUH?



I ADMIRE
BADDIES,
SO I'VE
TRAINED
HARD AND
DESTROYED
MANY A
DOJO!

I'M
GARO!

