STEEL BALL RUN
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THE END OF THE FIRST STAGE SEES THE BIRTH OF A NEW KING!
GYRO ZEPPELI!
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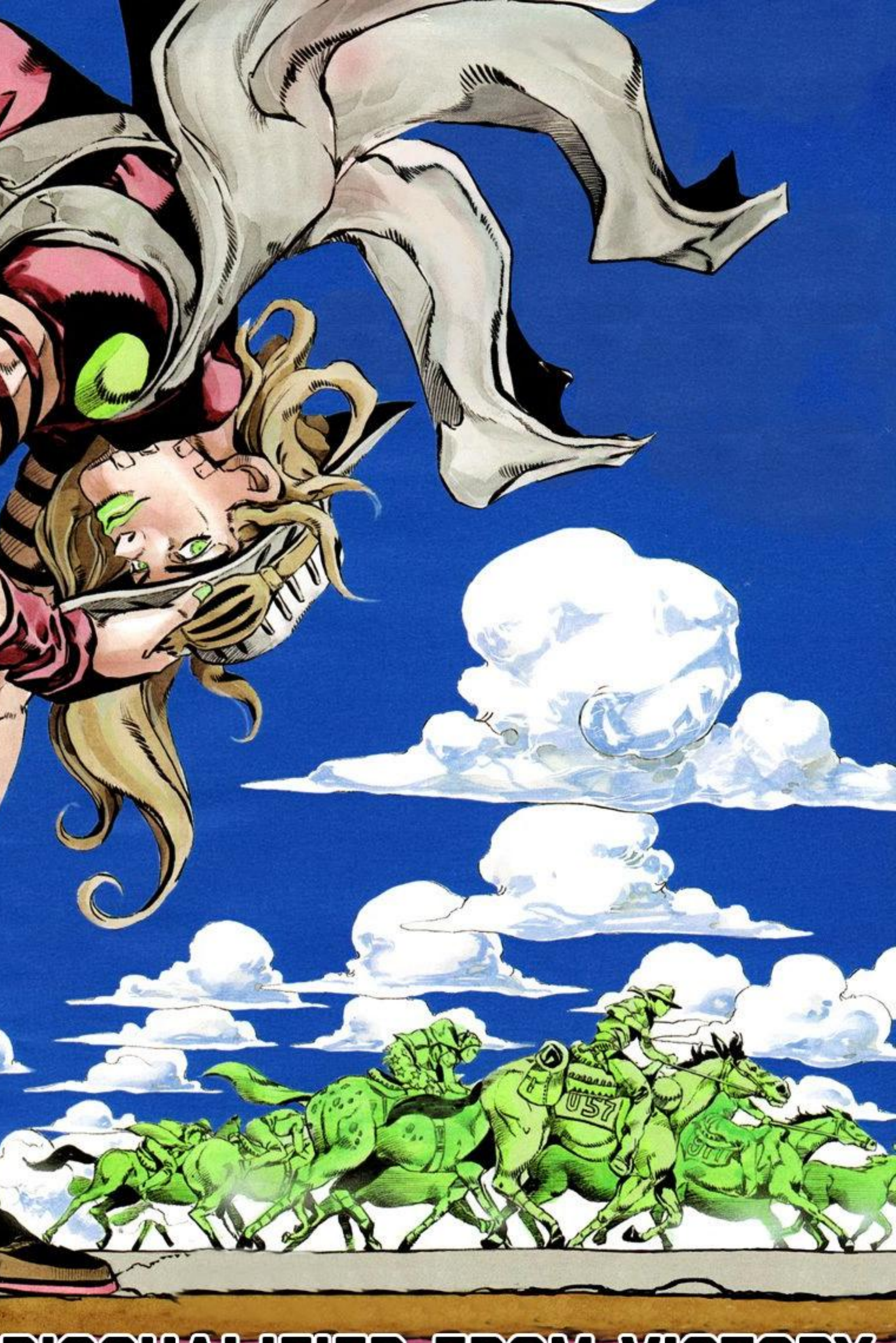
TO THE VICTOR GOES $10,000, A 1 HOUR TIME BONUS, AND 100 POINTS!
THE WINNER OF STAGE 1 IS ... GYYYROOOOOOO ZEPPPPELLLLLIII!
STEEL BALL RUN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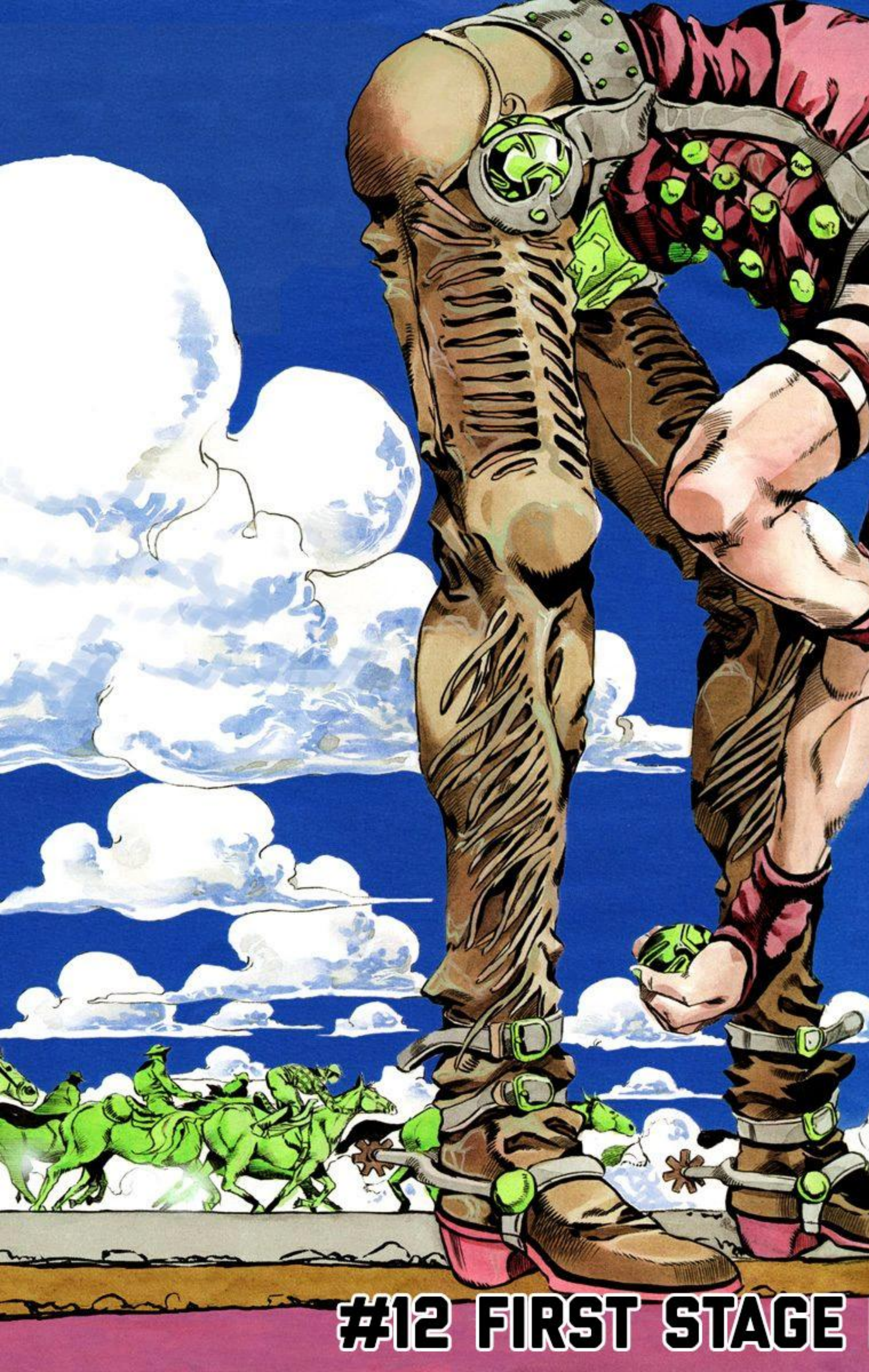

#12 FIRST STAGE

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IN SECOND, THE ONE AND ONLY FAST RUNNER, SANDMAN!
IN THIRD, THE CARELESS BLACK COMET, POCOLOCO!
W-WAIT!
DIEGO BRANDO?
AND SO, AND SO BECAUSE OF A DISCREPANCY, WE ARE RE-JUDGING THE PLACE-MENTS.
THE JUDGES ARE DISCUSSING THE RECENT TURN OF EVENTS...

THE DECISION OF THE FIVE JUDGES COMBINED WITH THE EVIDENCE FROM THE NEW CAMERA TECHNOLOGY WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE WINNER.

THE DELIBERATION CONTINUES,

THE OTHER RACERS APPROACH THE GOAL.

PLEASE WAIT A LITTLE WHILE ...

FIRST PLACE IS AWARDED 100 POINTS, SECOND 50 POINTS, THIRD 40 POINTS, AND SO ON. THE RACERS ARE AWARDED POINTS UNTIL THE 21ST RACER. THE GOAL OF THE RACE IS IN NEW YORK. ON THE WAY THERE ARE 9 STAGES, AND THE POINTS LEADER AT THE END OF THESE 9 STAGES WILL BE NAMED THE WINNER.

THE STEEL BALL RUN IS USING A POINTS SYSTEM.

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE GUY WITH A ONE IN 5 BILLION KIND OF LUCK!

WHY?

WHY-?!

SO I WASN'T FIRST.

FUCK...

I'M NOT FIRST.

THAT GUY FROM THE COUNTRY...

THIS JUST ISN'T RIGHT!

WHY DID I LOSE TO THAT GUY?

DIO

I, DIO...

HE'S DIFFERENT THOUGH ...

IS THIS THE GUY I SAW AT THE STARTING POINT?

UGH!

HOW ABOUT FOOD? DO YOU WANT SOME?

HELP YOURSELF TO THE WATER!

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THE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE FREE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.
I'LL TAKE.

WE'LL CAMP HERE TONIGHT. THE SECOND STAGE WILL START TOMORROW AT 10 AM.
TODAY'S RACE ENDS HERE.
IT'S THE END OF THE FIRST STAGE, SO I'VE PREPARED SOME EXPENSIVE FRENCH CHAMPAGNE.
OKAY, ALL OF YOU SPONSORS ...

I HAVE INFORMATION ON GYRO ZEPPELI'S 'BACKGROUND'.
MR. STEEL...

HE DEPARTED GENOVA ITALY IN MAY, AND ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY ON MAY 22ND.

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IMMIGRATION HAS HIS INFORMATION.

FAR FROM IT! HIS SHIP WAS NEITHER AN IMMIGRANT SHIP NOR A CARGO SHIP.

HE'S A FOERIGN-ER?

GYRO ENTERED THIS COUNTRY ON A SHIP OWNED BY SOME ROYAL FAMILY IN EUROPE.

YOU'RE SAYING HE'S NOT A COWBOY OR A GUNMAN?

ANYWAY...

LIKE A GOVERNMENT'S VIP OR WEALTHY PERSON... WHY WOULD A WEALTHY PERSON PARTICIPATE IN THIS RACE? SOME MIGHT ASK THAT QUESTION.

WHY DON'T YOU ASK ZEPPELI DIRECTLY, "WHO ARE YOU?"

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ROYALTY.

SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

ALRIGHT, THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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I WILL ANNOUNCE THEM.

IF HE IS A FOREIGNER, WHY IS HE HIDING IN THE BACKGROUND? EVEN IF WE ASK HIM HE MIGHT NOT ANSWER.

HIS RACING APPLICATION WAS BLANK.

THE SECOND STAGE IS THE LONG-DISTANCE 1,200 KILOMETER PORTION OF THE RACE. FROM THE NEXT STAGE ON, WE'LL TAKE BETS ON WHO WILL BE IN FIRST PLACE NATIONWIDE.

FIND OUT GYRO ZEPPELI'S INFORMATION. *GOT IT?*

BY DELIBERATION ...

GYRO ZEPPELI WAS IN FIRST PLACE,

BUT BECAUSE HE DISRUPTED SANDMAN DURING THE RACE...

IT OCCURRED AT THE 13,000 METER MARK.

AS REPORTED BY THE JUDGE IN THE AIR BALLOON, GYRO ZEPPELI DISRUPTED THE RACE WITH SOME KIND OF WEAPON!

THAT'S WHY...

SECOND PLACE WILL BE RAISED TO FIRST.

GYRO ZEPPELI HAS BEEN LOWERED 20 PLACES AS A PENALTY.

A WEAPON?

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AROUND THE END OF THE DOWNHILL POINT OF THE RACE.

WHAT?

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THE WINNER OF THE FIRST STAGE IS SAAAAAND MAAAAN!

RISING IN THE RANKS IS... SANDMAN!

THAT'S THE DECISION!

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HE WAS SLOWED DOWN AT THE DRIED RIVER. HOWEVER, SINCE HE IS THE PRINCE OF HORSE RACING IN ENGLAND, HE CLOSED THE GAP RIGHT BEFORE THE GOAL LINE, AS EXPECTED!
SECOND WILL BE DIO, DIEGO BRANDO.
THIRD WILL BE POCOLOCO.
YES! LUCKY!
I BEAT PEOPLE LIKE GYRO!
YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE. MOUNTAIN TIM IS IN FOURTH PLACE. OUR FELLOW COWBOY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET HIS HORSE TO STICK ITS NOSE OUT TO THE FINISH LINE.
GYRO DISRUPTED THE RACE?
1 Sandman
2 Diego Brand
Pocoloco
Mountain Tir
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First Stage: 15,000 meters, San Diego Beach to Santa Maria Novela Church

Total participants: 3852
Retired: 82

Start time: 9-28-1890
10:00 am

Place	Name	cnty.	Horse name	hor. age	Time/ Time behind leader (mins)	Breed	Points	Bonus
1	Sandman	Amer.	Not riding one	/	18 min 09 sec	/	100	One hour; $10,000
2	Diego Brando	Great Britain	Silver Bullet	4	By a nose	Arab Thoroughbred	50	
3	Pocoloco	Amer.	Hey! Ya!	4	By a nose	Quarter Horse	40	
4	Mountain Tim	Amer.	Ghost Rider in the Sky	5	By a nose	Mustang	35	
5	Johnny Joestar	Amer.	Slow Dancer	11	By a neck	Apaloosa	30	
6	F. V. Stroheim	Ger.	European Express	3	2 / 1/2	Mustang	25	
7	Hot Pants	?	Gets Up	4	3 / 1/4	Trakehner	20	
8	Dixie Chicken	Amer.	Rambling Man	4	5	Pinto	15	
9	Benjamin Boom Boom	Amer.	Crosstown Traffic	4	8 / 1/4	Quarter Horse	13	
10	Andre Boom Boom	Amer.	Foxy Lady	3	8 / 1/2	Quarter Horse	12	
11	L.A. Boom Boom	Amer.	Little Wing	3	8 / 3/4	Quarter Horse	11	
12	Zanyatta Mondatta	India	Roxanne	5	11	Arab	10	
13	Caravan Sarai	Mex.	Moon Flower	4	13	Andalusia	9	
14	Baba Yaga	Rus.	Night-Rocker	5	13 / 1/2	Arab	8	
15	Nellyville	Amer.	Country Grammer	4	13 / 3/4	Quarter Horse	7	
16	Dot Han	?	#1	4	15	Boulounnais	6	
17	Gaucho	Spain	Peg	6	17	Creole	5	
18	Mrs. Robinson	Mex.	El Condor Pasa	7	17 / 1/4	Appaloosa	4	
19	Norisuke Higashikata	Japan	Honoo (Flame)	4	21	Barbarian Warm Blood	3	
20	Sloop John B	Amer.	Catch a Wave	4	23	Quarter Horse	2	
21	Gyro Zeppeli	?	Valkyrie	4	Penalty lowered 20 places	Stock Horse	1	
22	Barry White	Amer.	Love Unlimited	5	28	Mustang	0	
23	Iglesias	Port.	Natalie	5	35	Palamino	0	

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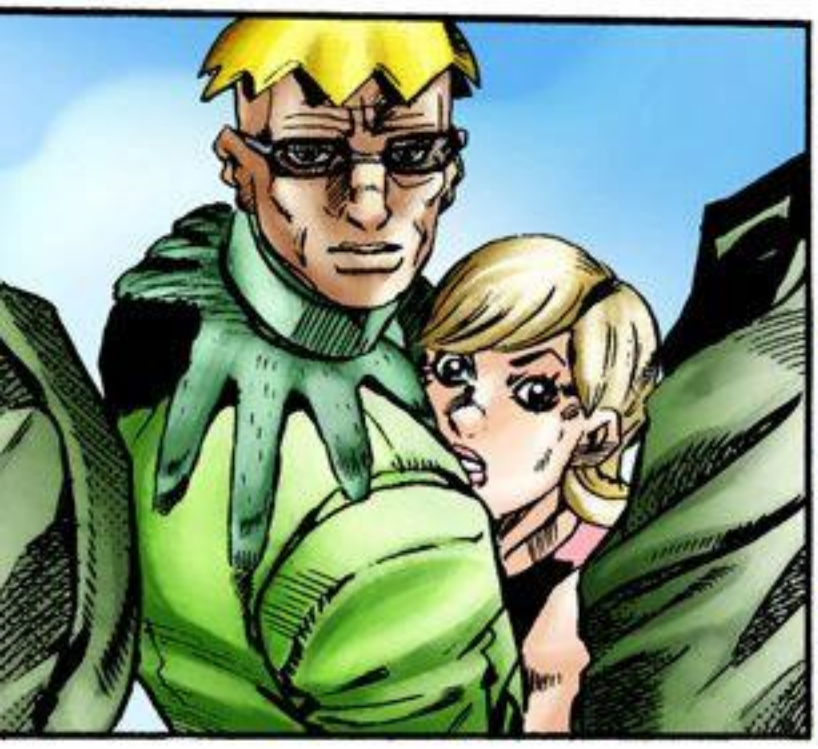

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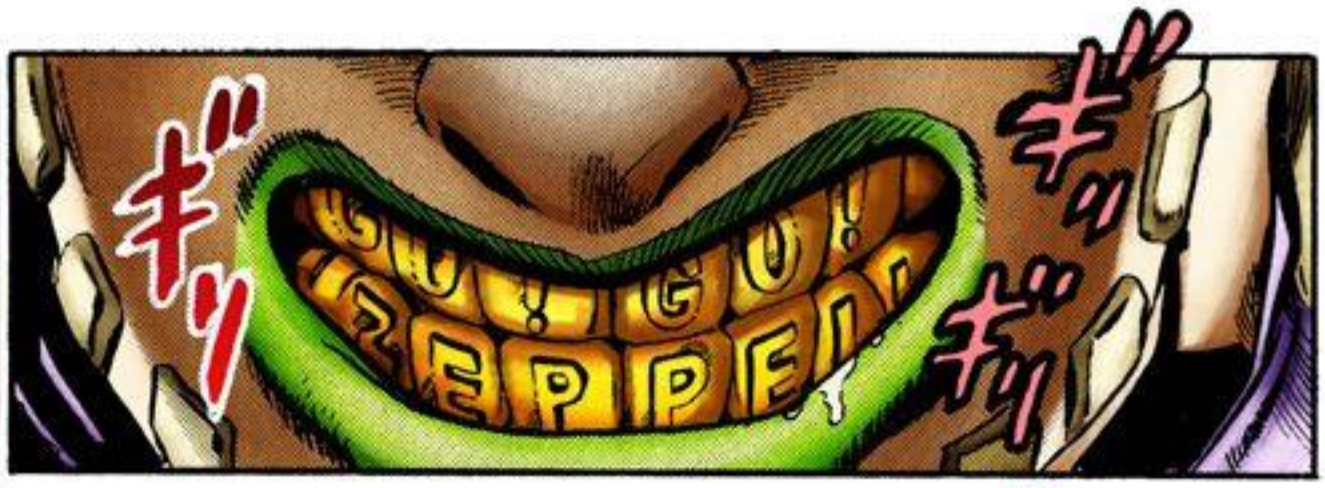
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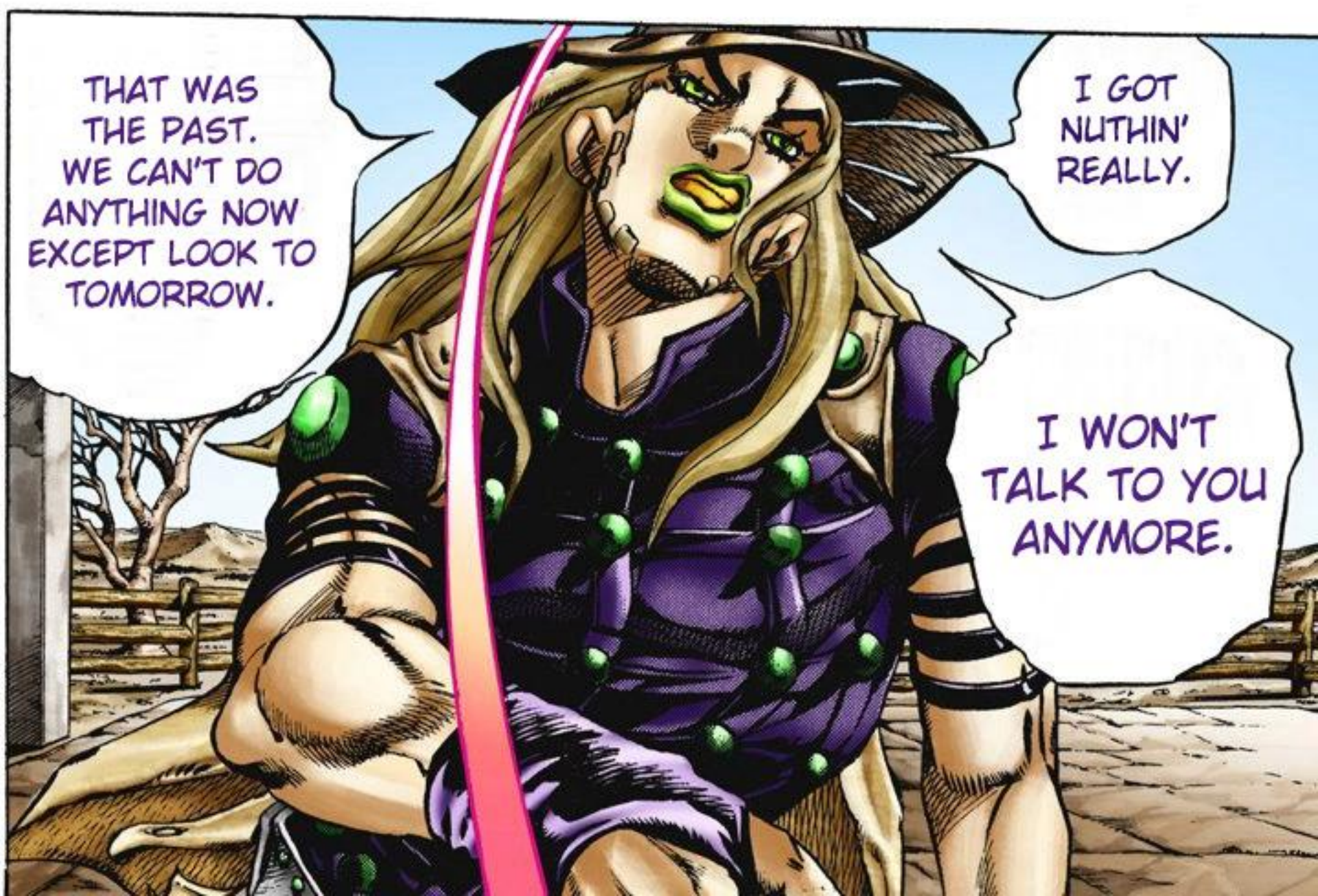
MR. ZEPPELI?
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT?
NORMALLY, YOU WOULD BE DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE YOU DISRUPTED THE RACE WITH A WEAPON.


THAT WAS THE PAST. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW EXCEPT LOOK TO TOMORROW.
I GOT NUTHIN' REALLY.
I WON'T TALK TO YOU ANYMORE.

GO CELEBRATE WITH SOME CHAMPAGNE.

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I'M HERE TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER. THAT'S ALL. THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY.

IS THIS TO PISS ME OFF?

IS IT ALL GOING TO SPILL OUT?

OH SHIT, WHAT THE HELL'S HE DOING? HOLD THEM DOWN!

HEY, YOU! DON'T STILL, AND THAT'S AN ORDER!

HEY, HEY...!

WHAT IS THIS?

WAIT A SECOND, THAT'S $500 CHAMPAGNE!

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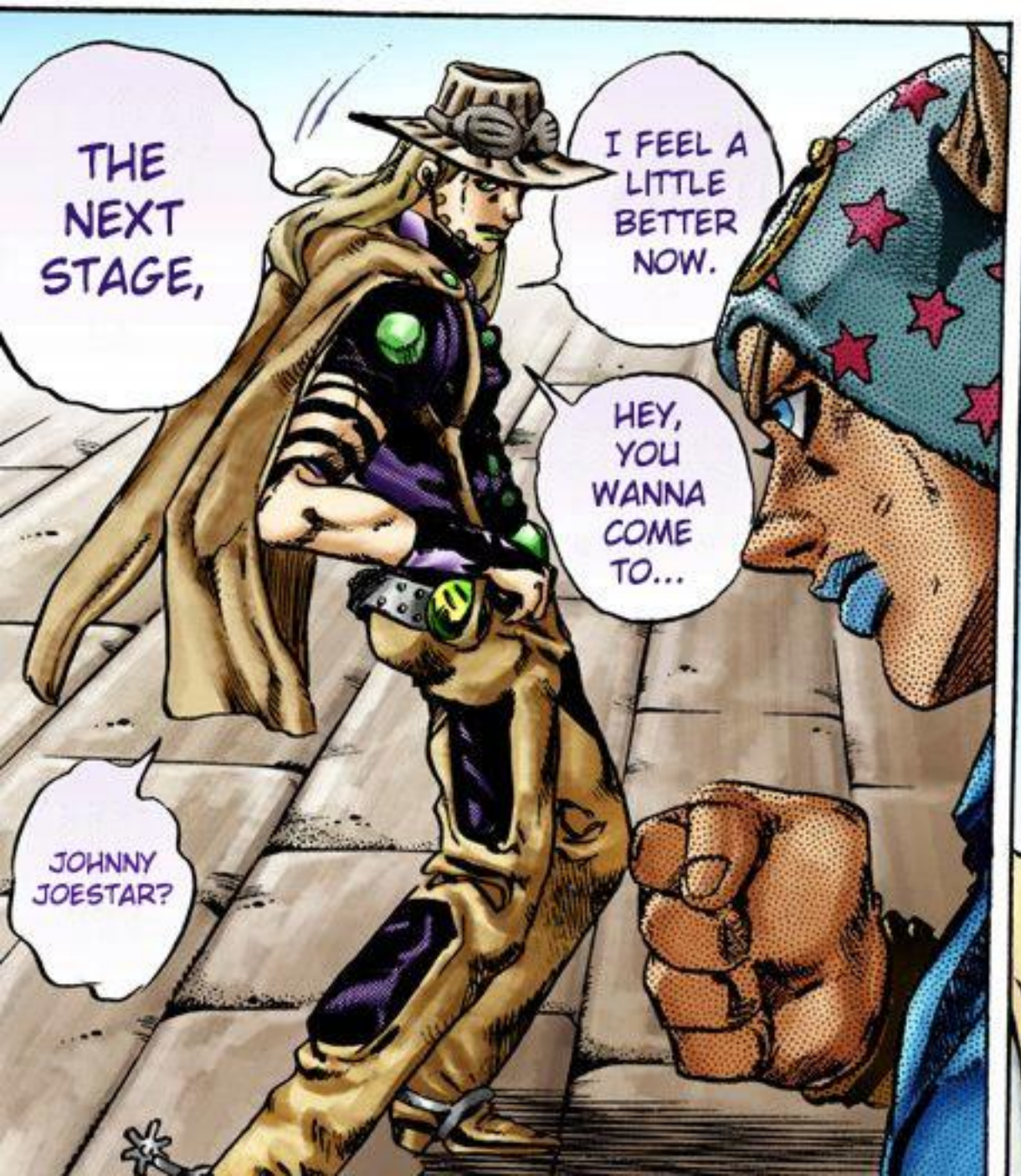
THE NEXT STAGE,
I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER NOW.
HEY, YOU WANNA COME TO...
JOHNNY JOESTAR?

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LESSON 2 IS 'TO WORK THOSE'...
THAT'S FINE, I GUESS.
'MUSCLES'.
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO!
OF COURSE.

THE 'MUSCLE' AUTOMATICALLY KNOWS TO BEND.

HOLDING THE WRIST TIGHTLY LIKE THIS...

YOU READY? FOR EXAMPLE, IF I GRAB YOUR WRIST LIKE THIS...

AND THAT'S NATURE FOR YOU.

THE FLESH INSTINCTIVELY PROTECTS THE BODY BY WOUNDING THE MUSCLE.

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IN YOUR HAND IS A REVOLVING CORK.

YOU WANNA TRY? IF YOU'RE NOT SCARED THAT IS...

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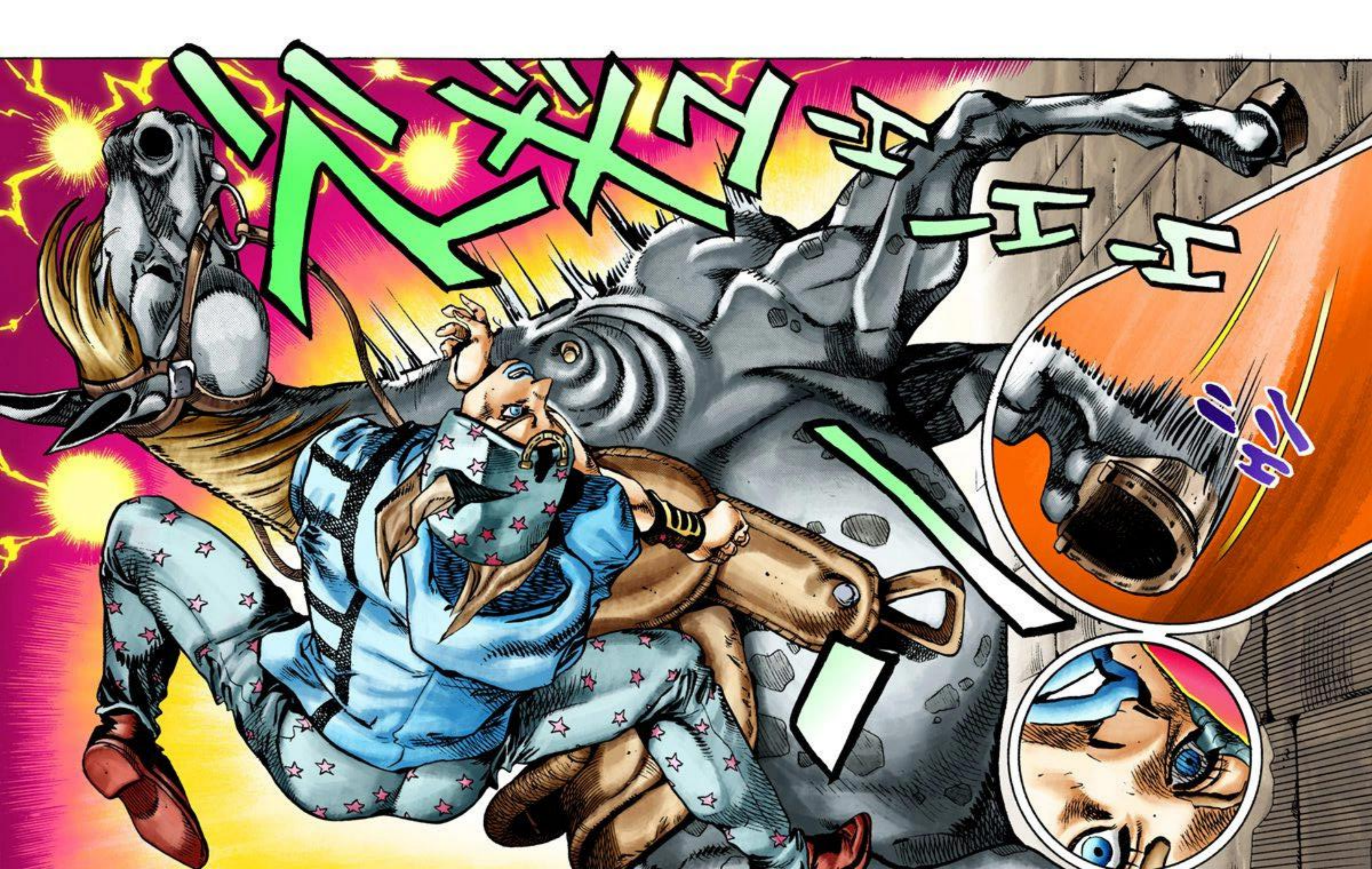
CONTROL THE SKIN! IF THE SKIN IS UNDER AN UNUSUAL SITUATION, THE MUSCLE WON'T ACT UPON IT.

THE STEEL BALL WILL NOT LET YOU DO THAT.

ONLY ON THE SKIN...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JOHNNY JOESTAR, THE SECOND STAGE OF THE RACE IS A DESERT CROSSING WITH A DISTANCE OF 1,200 KM.
THAT'S HOW YOU 'GET OFF' A HORSE.
THE HORSE'S MUSCLE ISN'T ACTING UPON IT.
IT WON'T LET IT DO THAT. EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A WEAPON, THE 'SPINNING' STRENGTH IS THE WEAPON.

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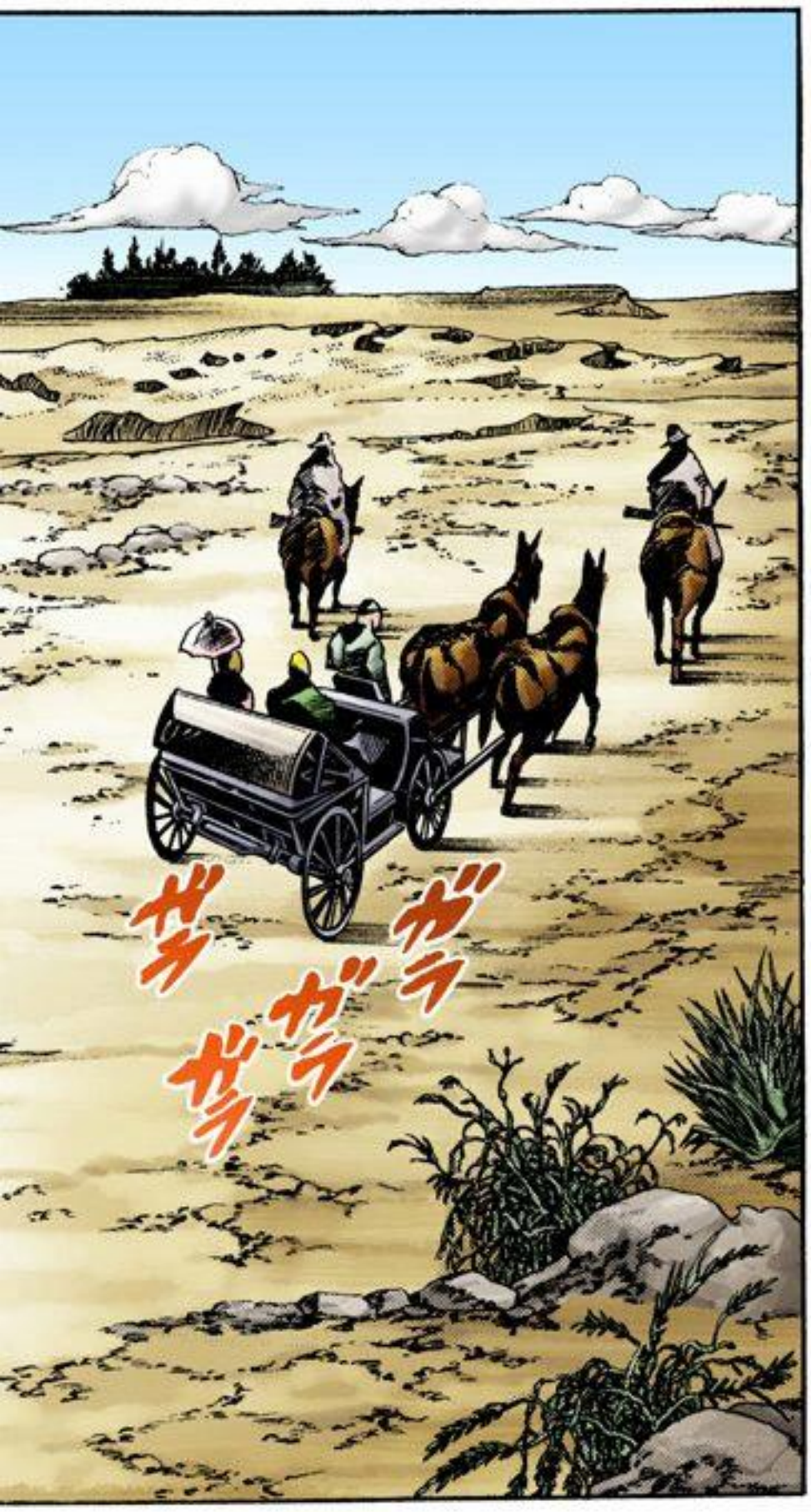
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HEY, SHERIFF!
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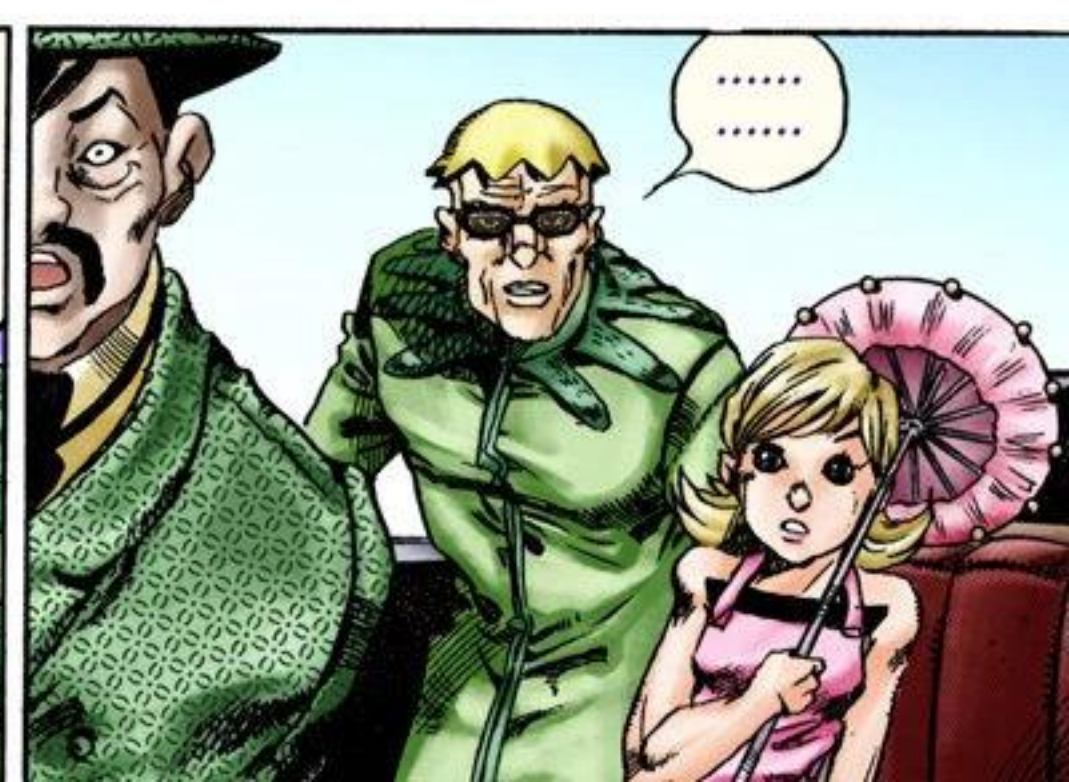
IT LOOKS TOUGH.
LET'S WRAP THIS UP.
IT'LL BE A ONE-TWO FINISH... I'LL BE FIRST THOUGH.

WHY DID YOU MAKE US RETURN TO THE RACING COURSE IN THIS KIND OF CARRIAGE?

SHERIFF, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME?



WHAT ABOUT THE RACE? IT'S A DANGEROUS SPORT, YOU KNOW! THE PARTICIPANTS ALL SIGNED A CONTRACT KNOWING THAT!

AT THE TIME THE JOCKEY'S EYESIGHT FROM THE GROUND IS ABOUT 2.5 METERS HIGH, AND THEY'RE AT FLYING SPEEDS!

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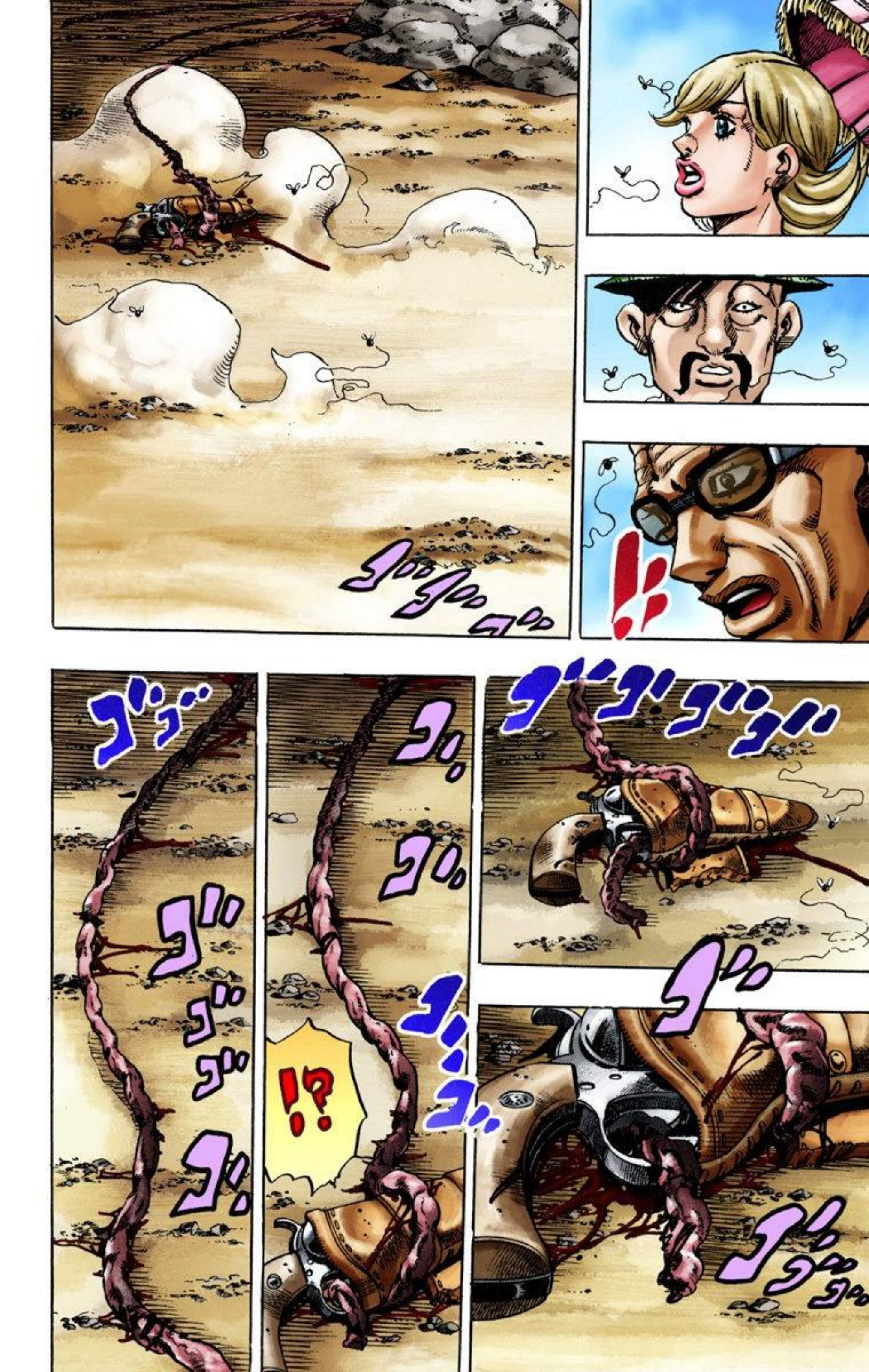
WE'RE HERE. THIS IS THE PLACE.

RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES, SIR.

YOU SHOOULD BE ABLE TO SEE IT, MR. STEEL.

JUST WHAT THE HELL IS HERE?!



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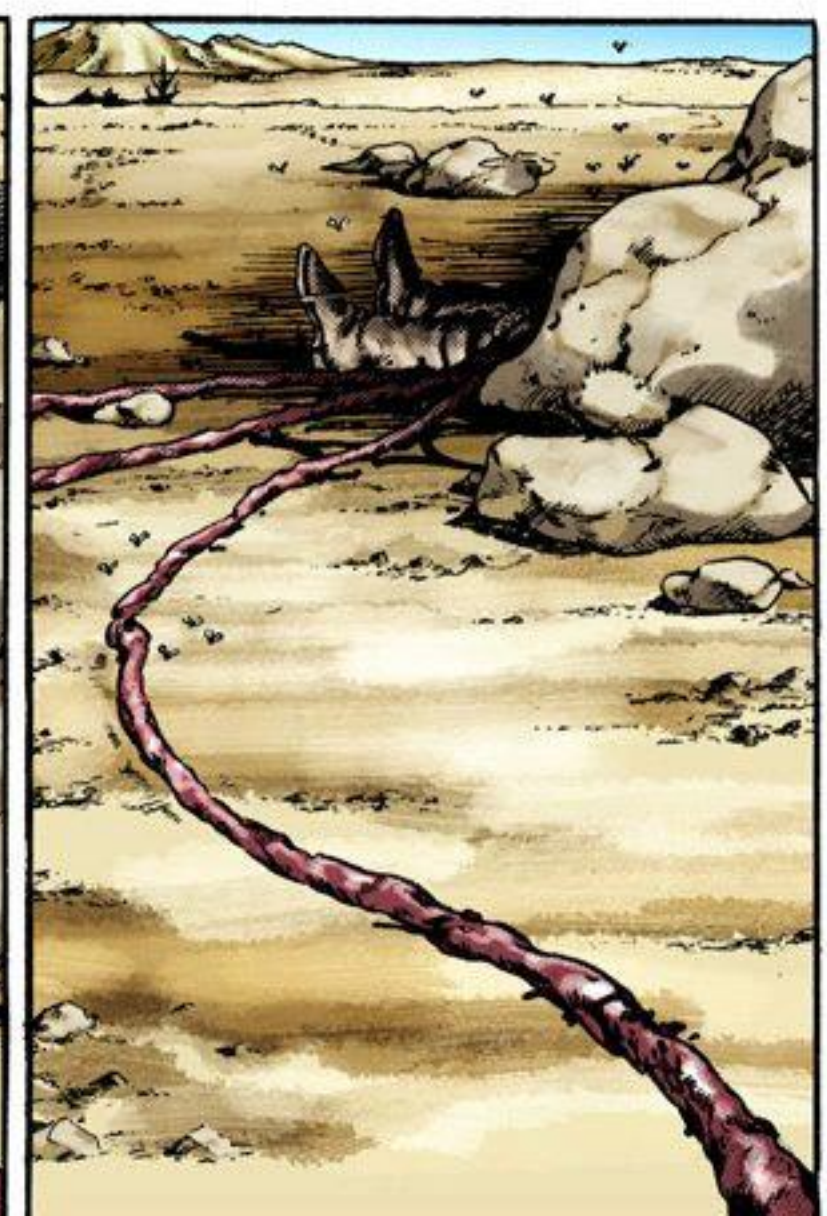

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ALL THREE OF THESE PEOPLE WERE PARTICIPANTS IN THE RACE.

THE GUY'S NAME ON THIS SIDE IS MARK BAKER. THE GUY ON THE FAR SIDE IS DAVID HAGEN. THE GUY ON THE FAR SIDE IS PAUL LUCASA.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THEIR HORSES WERE RUNNING OUT IN THE WILD SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA.

WHAT IS THIS?

THERE ARE 3 OF THEM?!

WHO THE HELL ARE THESE PEOPLE?

THE THREE OF THEM WERE ABOUT 2,000TH PLACE UNTIL ABOUT 7,000 TO 8,000 METERS, AND SO WE QUESTIONED THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS ABOUT IT...

BUT NO ONE SAW ANYTHING FROM THE TIME THEY FELL OFF THEIR HORSES TO WHEN THEIR HORSES WERE FOUND AND STOPPED.

FOR EXAMPLE, A VULTURE CAN DRAG A HUMAN'S INTERNAL ORGANS OUT IN ABOUT 3 SECONDS FLAT.

THE ANIMALS?

WHY'D THEY DIE LIKE THIS? EXPLAIN!

JUST WHAT IS THIS?

MR. STEEL.

THIS IS A MURDER.

NEVER-THELESS, IT WAS DURING THE RACE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT THEY DID IT DURING THE RACE. I'D SAY THIS WAS A PLANNED MURDER, TO KNOCK THEM OFF OF THEIR HORSES AND OUT OF THE RACE.

SO, HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

BUT THOSE AREN'T INTERNAL ORGANS. THEY'RE ROPE. THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM, THERE'S NOT A SINGLE COUGAR TRACK IN SIGHT!

I HAVE NO CLUE HOW THEY DID THIS.

YET, NO ONE SAW A THING?

D-DON'T SAY SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT!

EVEN THOUGH 3,000 PEOPLE WERE RACING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE OTHERS, SO ONE SAW A THING.

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT THEY DID IT?

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THE SUSPECT IS WITHIN YOUR PARTICIPANTS.

JUDGING FROM THE EVIDENCE, IT IS ALREADY CLEAR TO ME...

A POSSIBLE MOTIVE IS FOR THE $50,000,000 PRIZE MONEY AND TO RAISE THEIR RANKINGS

IN THE RACE.

ANYONE WHO INTERFERES WILL BE TAKEN OUT FOR THE SAKE OF WINNING.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE CULPRIT IS STILL IN THE RACE.

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#13 THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO MOUNTAIN TIM

SHERIFF

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, I HIGHLY SUGGEST POSTPONING THE RACE FOR A LITLE BIT.

THE SUSPECT ...

IS WITHIN YOUR PARTICIPANTS.

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BUT THAT MEANS...

FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

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TO INTERRUPT MY RACE...!

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SHERIFF

I FIGURED YOU'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IT'S TOO LATE. EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS IS ALREADY PUTTING EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT INTO WINNING. NOT EVEN THE PRESIDENT HAS CONTROL OVER IT ANYMORE.

POSTPONING THIS IS 'IMPOSSIBLE'.

THE RACE WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL..!

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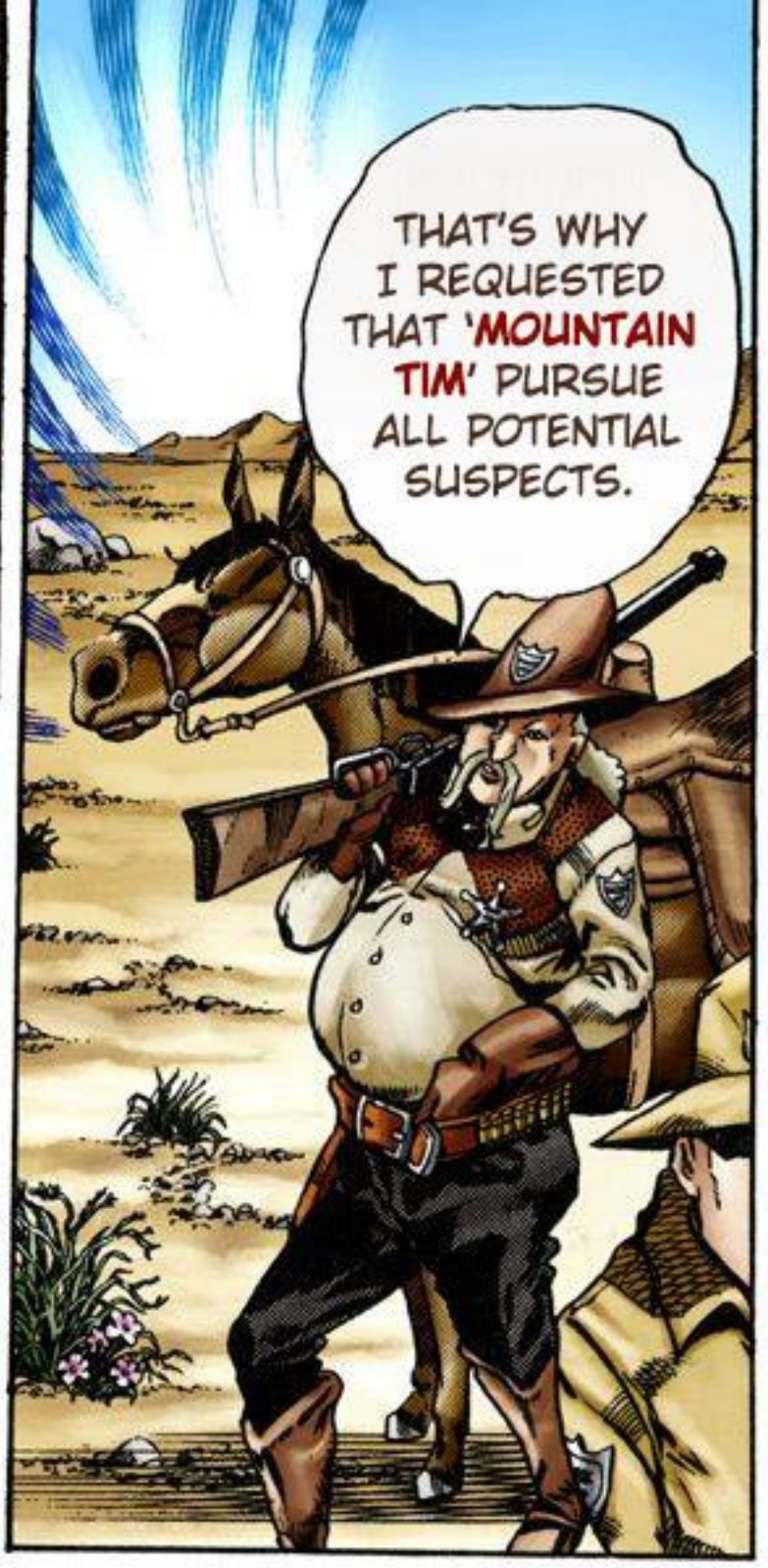
THAT'S WHY I REQUESTED THAT 'MOUNTAIN TIM' PURSUE ALL POTENTIAL SUSPECTS.

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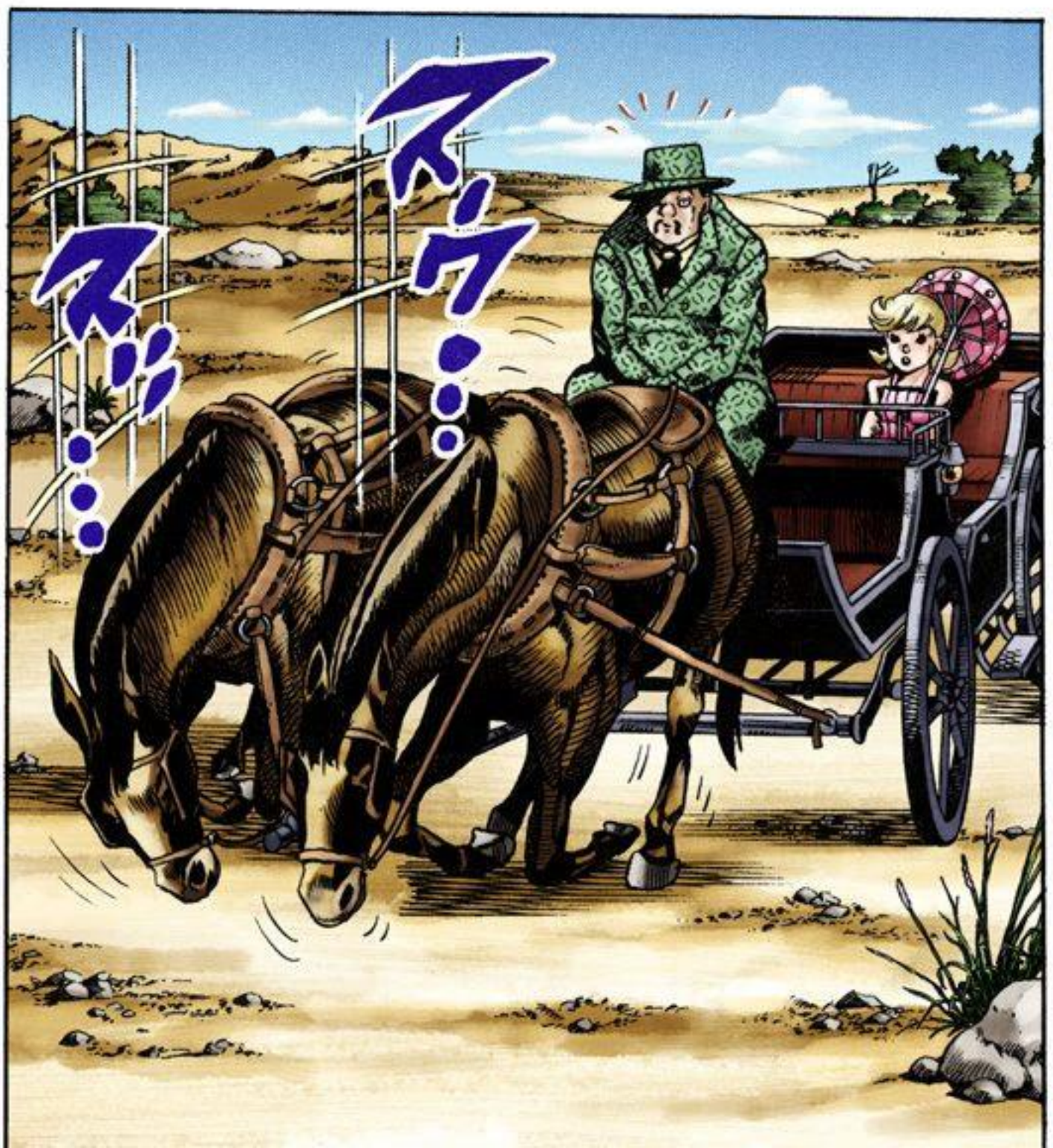
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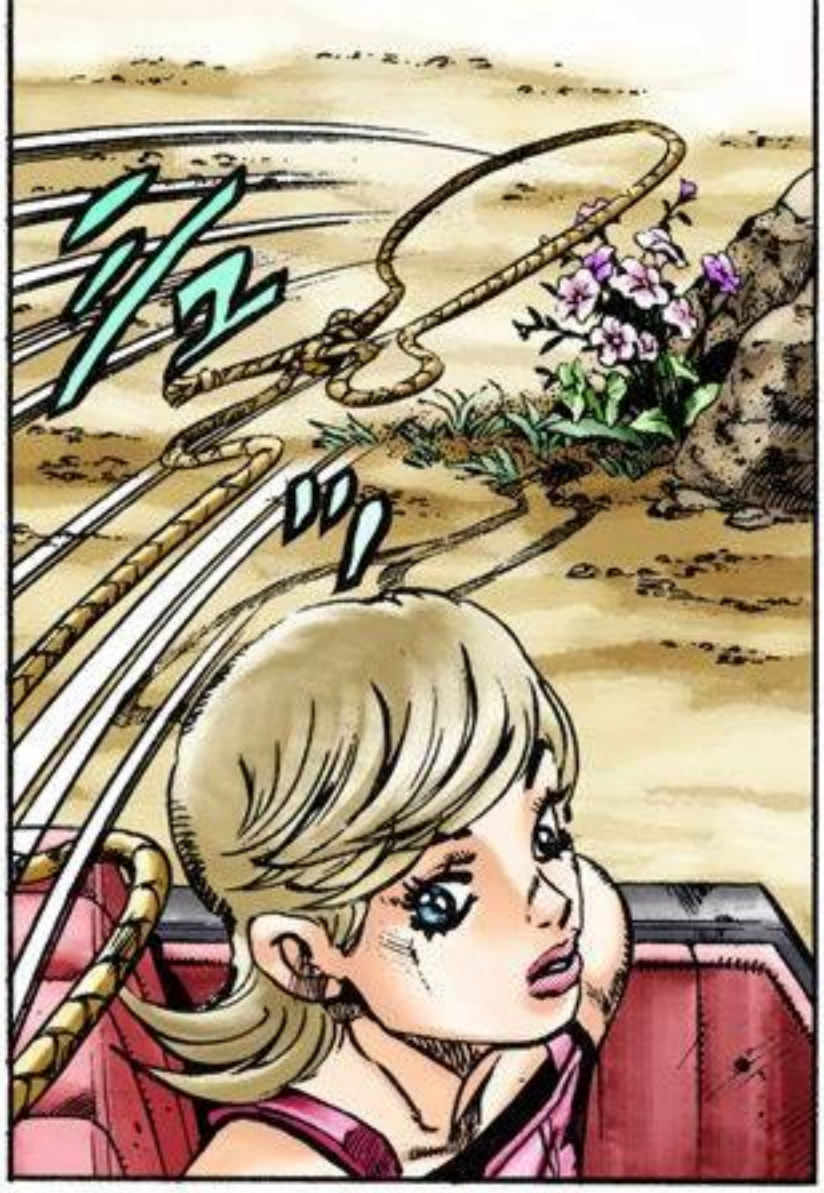
MUST BE BECAUSE 'MOUNTAIN TIM' HAS ARRIVED.
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE HORSES ARE ACTING STRANGE.

HE'S A MYSTERIOUS FELLOW. THE HORSES ALWAYS PAY HIM THEIR RESPECT.



WHEN DID HE?

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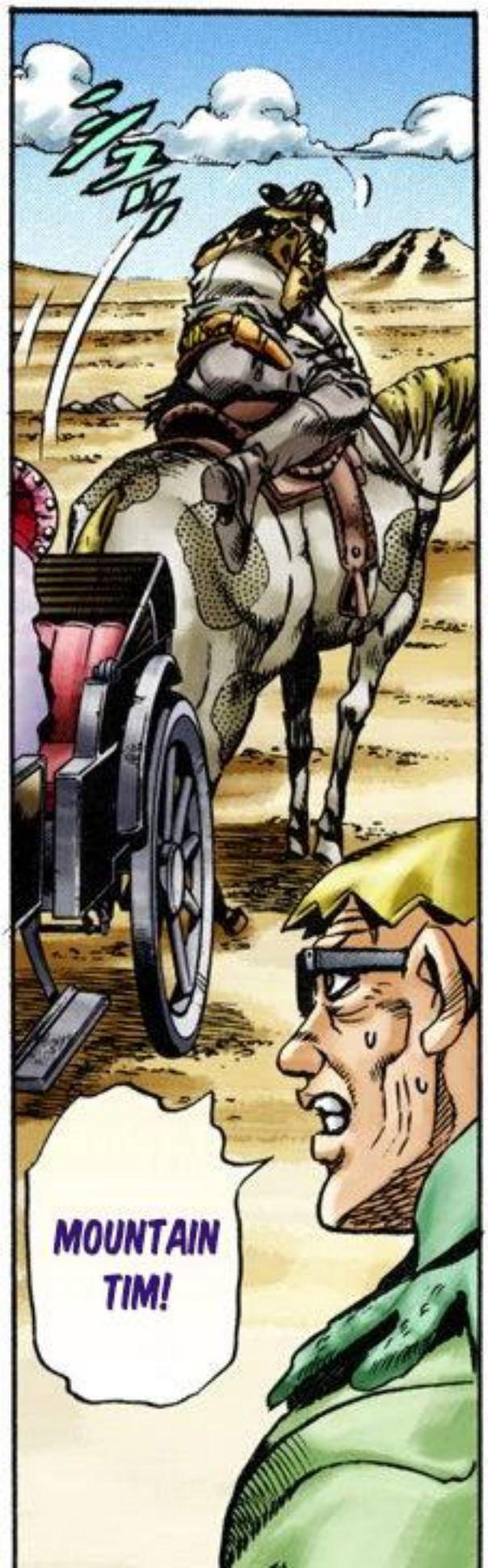
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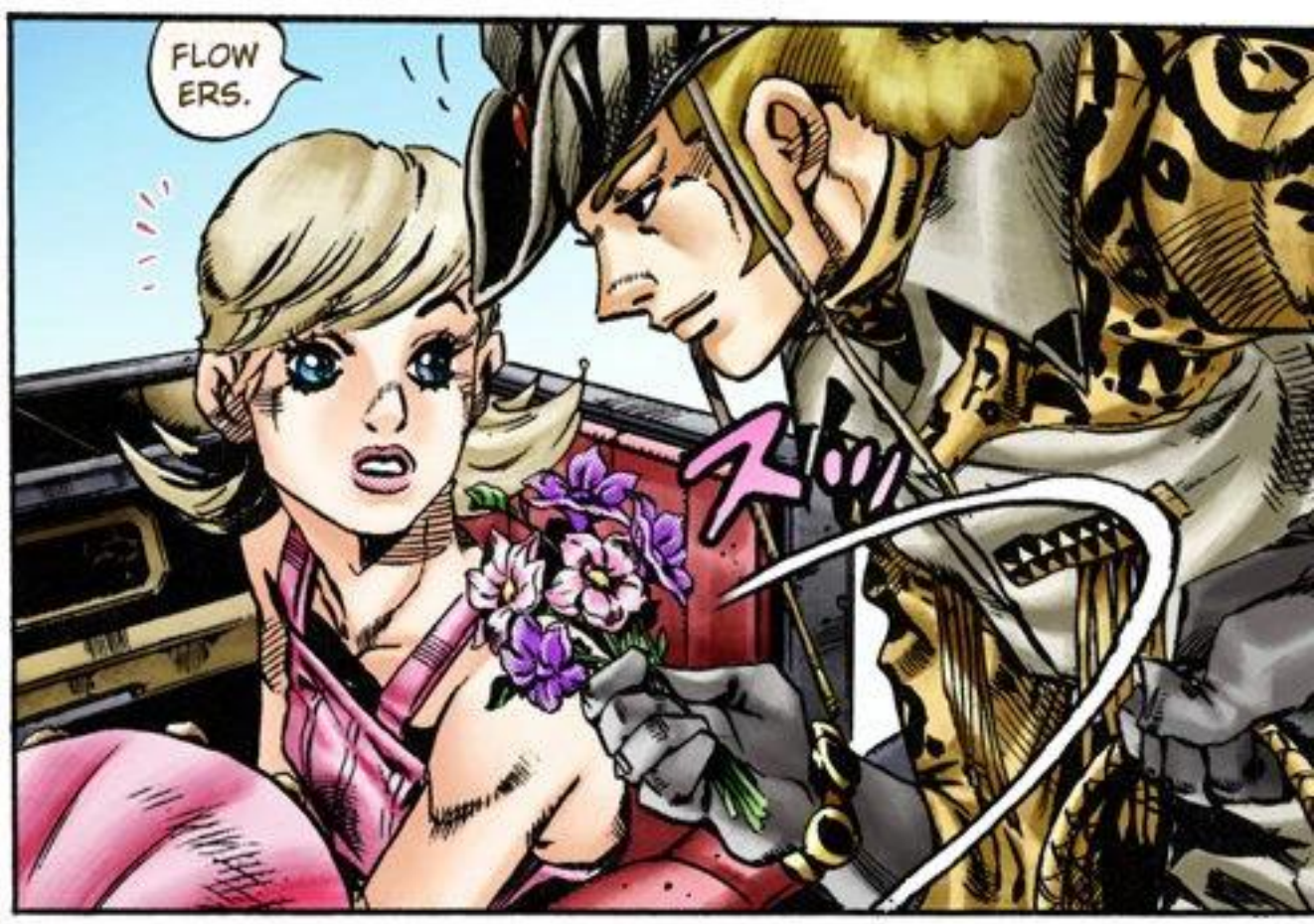
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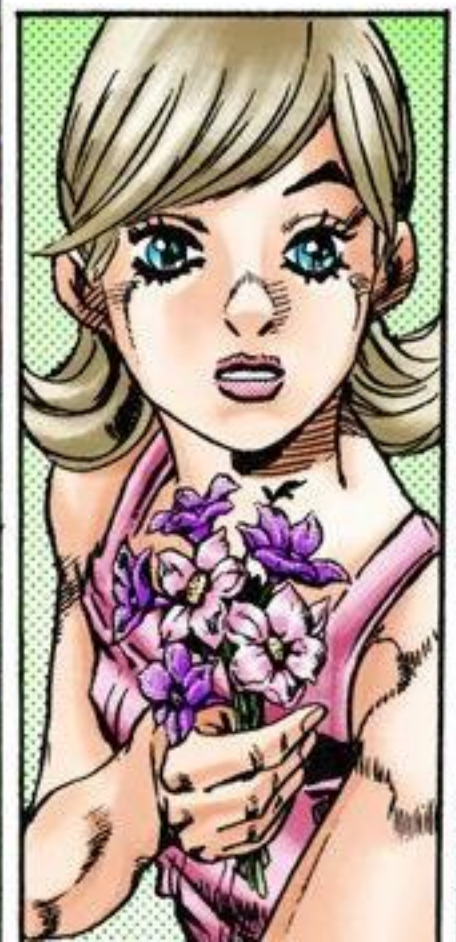


ARE YOU ACTUALLY MARRIED?
IT'S A SHAME.

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.

NOT ONLY IS HE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, BUT A RELIABLE ONE AT THAT.

ALL THE WAY FROM NORTHERN MONTANA TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF TEXAS, HE'S COLLECTED REWARDS PURSUING MEN ALL OVER THE GREAT WEST.

WHAT'S WITH HIM TAKING THIS REQUEST?

I MEAN, HE'S A LEGENDARY COWBOY, AND EVEN A CANDIDATE TO WIN!

JUST IN TODAY'S RACE, HE CAME IN FOURTH PLACE!

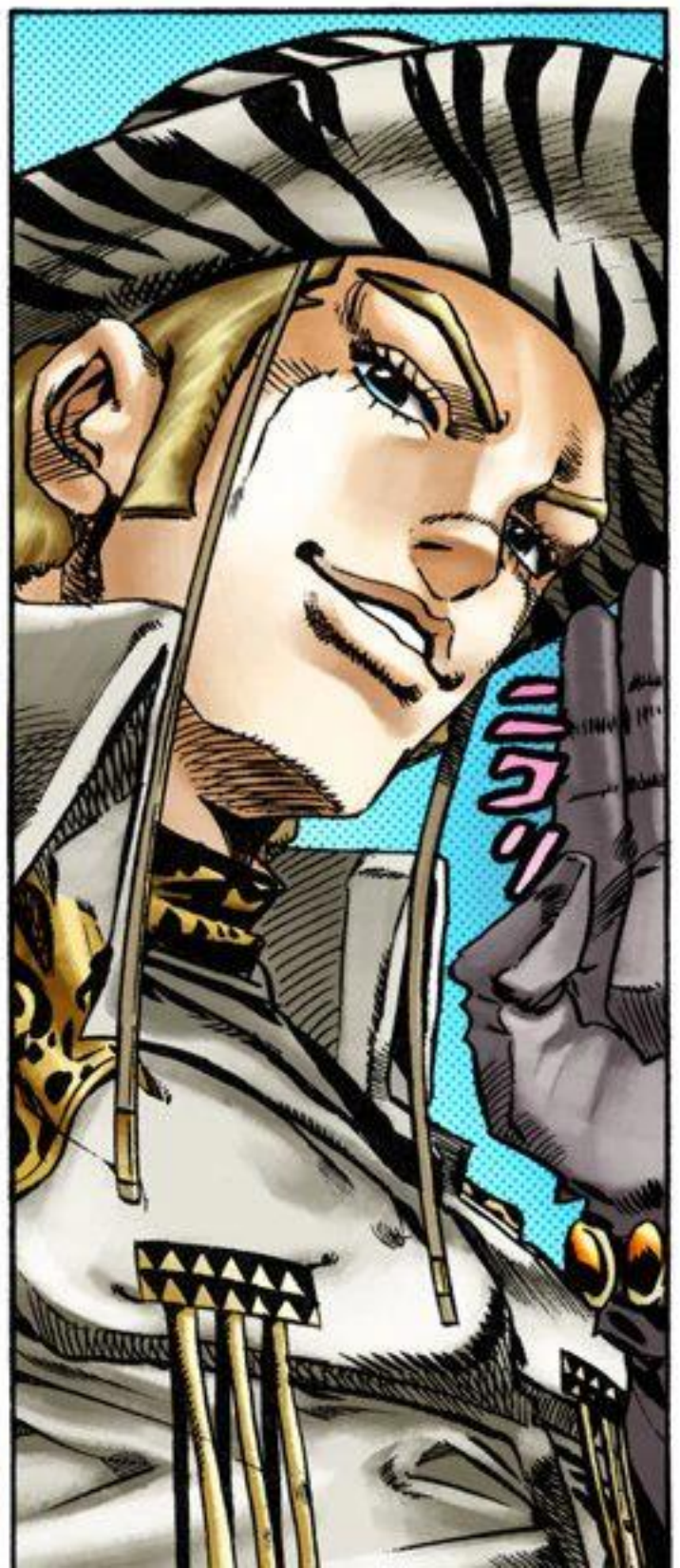
BUT HE'S A PARTICIPANT IN THE RACE!

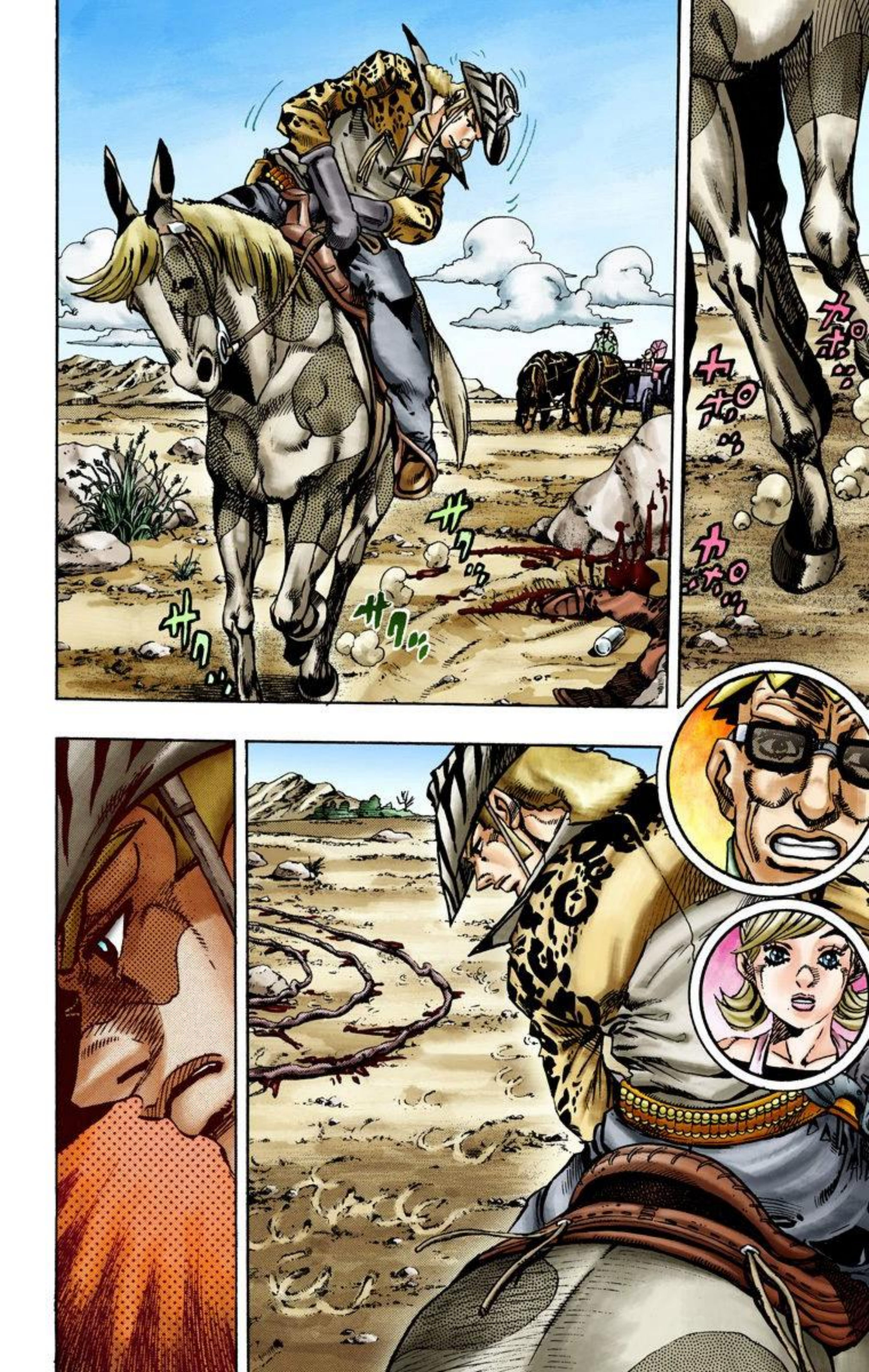
YES, OF COURSE.

THAT'S WHY HE'S IMPORTANT. ONCE THE SECOND STAGE OF THE RACE BEGINS, THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT HE'LL BE TARGETED BY THE SUSPECT.

IT'LL ONLY BE TO OUR BENEFIT IF HE'S PURSUED.

HE'LL BE THE NEW... SHERIFF'S ASSISTANT, IF THAT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU, MR. STEEL.

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HOWEVER, I HAVE HEARD A LEGEND ABOUT SIMILAR DEATHS...
BUT UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE... SUCH A KILLING METHOD!
THERE'S AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND THAT TELLS ABOUT A SPOT WHERE A SHOOTING STAR FELL SOMEWHERE IN THE ARIZONA DESERT.
THERE LIES TAINTED SOIL.
WHAT'S THIS FURY I'M FEELING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SO SUCH A THING WAS PRESENT DURING THE RACE...
DON'T WORRY, FEEL AT EASE... I CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN THE RACE NOW.
IN THIS RACE, I HAVE MANY FRIENDS WHO ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING.

NONE OF THE NATIVES OF THE LAND WILL STEP FOOT THERE.

IT IS SAID THAT ANYTHING THAT TOUCHES THE SPOT, WILL SUDDENLY BE ABLE TO PULL OUT A **'MYSTERIOUS POWER'** FROM ITS OWN

AT THE SAME TIME, THOUGH, EVIL SPIRITS WILL CALL OUT A CURSE UPON THEM.

IT IS SAID THAT AFTERWARDS, HE BAGAN TO KILL OTHERS IN A SIMILAR FASHION.

AND AFTERWARDS, AS IF POSSIBLY REALIZING HIS OWN SINFULNESS, HE SHOT HIMSELF.

ONE DAY, A WHITE MAN LOOKING FOR EMERALD ORE STEPPED INTO THE SPOT AND STARTED TO COME HOME.

DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR *ALIENS*?

WHICH MAKES ME WONDER... IF YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO KEEP UP WITH THIS INVESTIGATION, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO FIND THE SUSPECT?

BUT IF HE DIED, HE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT THE SUSPECT!

IN THESE, THE BERSERK NATURE OF THE RUN IS CLEARLY VISIBLE.

THESE ONES.

AND IN THE CENTER, THERE'S A VERY DISTINGUISHABLE MOUNTAIN SHAPED MARK.

THE HORSE PROBABLY WENT OUT OF CONTROL AFTER SEEING HUMAN BLOOD.

AND JUDGING FROM THE NATURE OF THE RIDER, IT'S PROBABLY SOMEONE WHO'S USED TO BEING IN THE DESERT.

NO... IT MOST CERTAINLY DOES.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T MAKE IT EVIDENCE!

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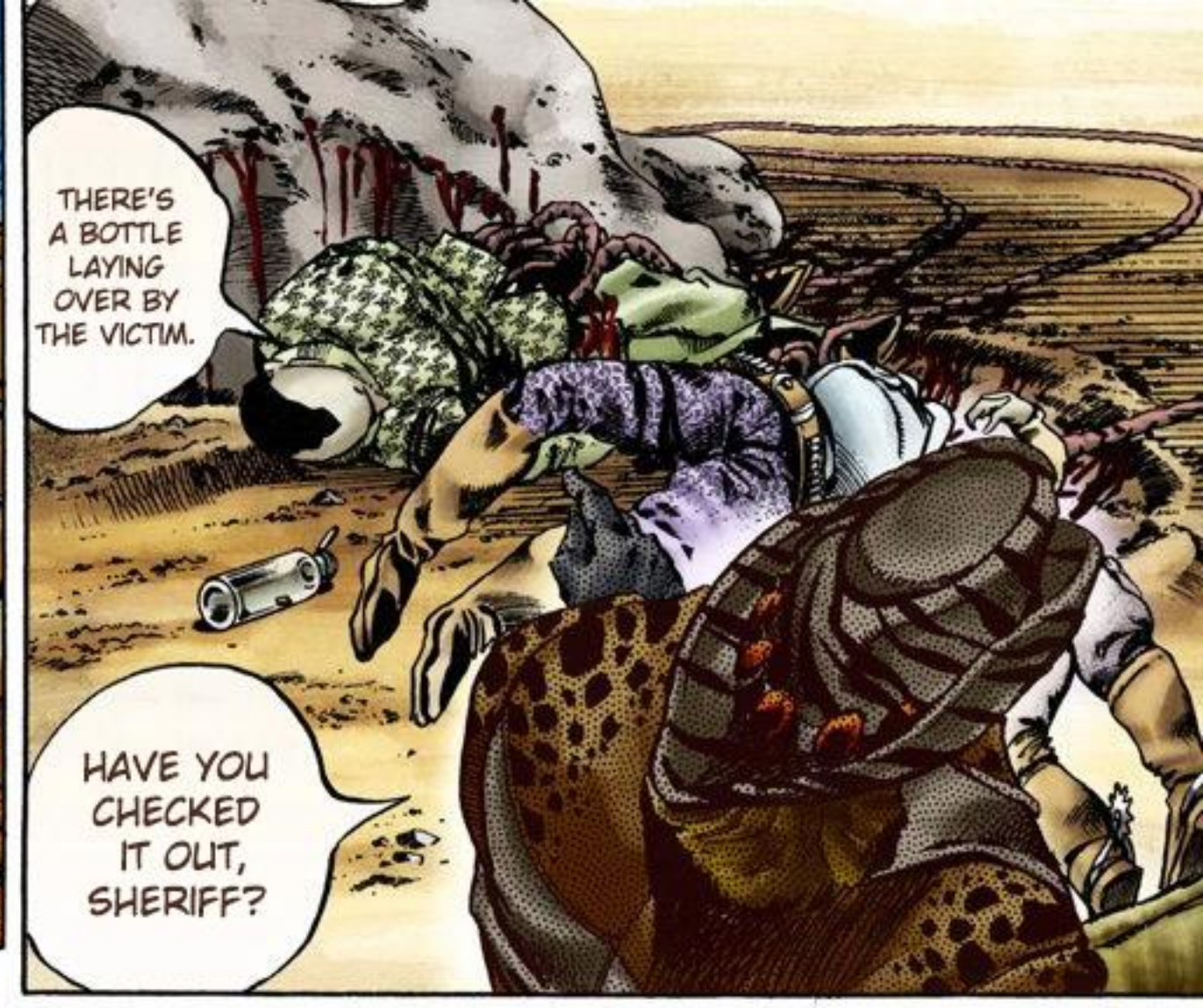
THERE'S A BOTTLE LAYING OVER BY THE VICTIM.
HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT, SHERIFF?

THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE THERE... COVERED IN BLOOD

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A BUTTON?
IS IT A BUTTON FROM A PIECE OF CLOTHING?
G-JEANS

EXCELLENT WORK... MOUNTAIN TIM!

WHAT THE...

HE PULLED IT OFF...

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THE THING FROM THE BOTTLE!

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THIS IS A BUTTON FROM THE JEANS OF THE VICTIM. BUT WHY WOULD IT COME OFF?

OR MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY GET INSIDE THE BOTTLE?

I DON'T CLAIM TO KNOW THE ANSWER, HOWEVER...

ONE THING IS CERTAIN:

'IT'S VERY DANGEROUS FOR THE KILLER TO LET SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE FALL INTO OUR HANDS.'

I WONDER, WHAT SORT OF CONNECTION THIS HAS WITH THE MURDER METHOD.

THE 2ND STAGE...
IS SCHEDULED TO START IN 5 MINUTES!

AGE

ACROSS THE ARIZONA DESERT MONUMENT VALLEY

-up.

THE GOAL WILL BE UPON REACHING MONUMENT VALLEY, AFTER CROSSING A DISTANCE OF 1200KM.

FOR THE 2ND STAGE...

PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE LINE YOURSELVES UP AT THE STARTING LINE!

WHAT ABOUT THE ONE THAT JUST FLEW BY HERE?

JUST REMEMBER THAT PENALTIES WILL STILL BE GIVEN, SO BE CAREFUL.

2ND STA

Santa Maria Novela Church -> Monument Valley
(An estimated distance of 1200 km over 12-18 days)
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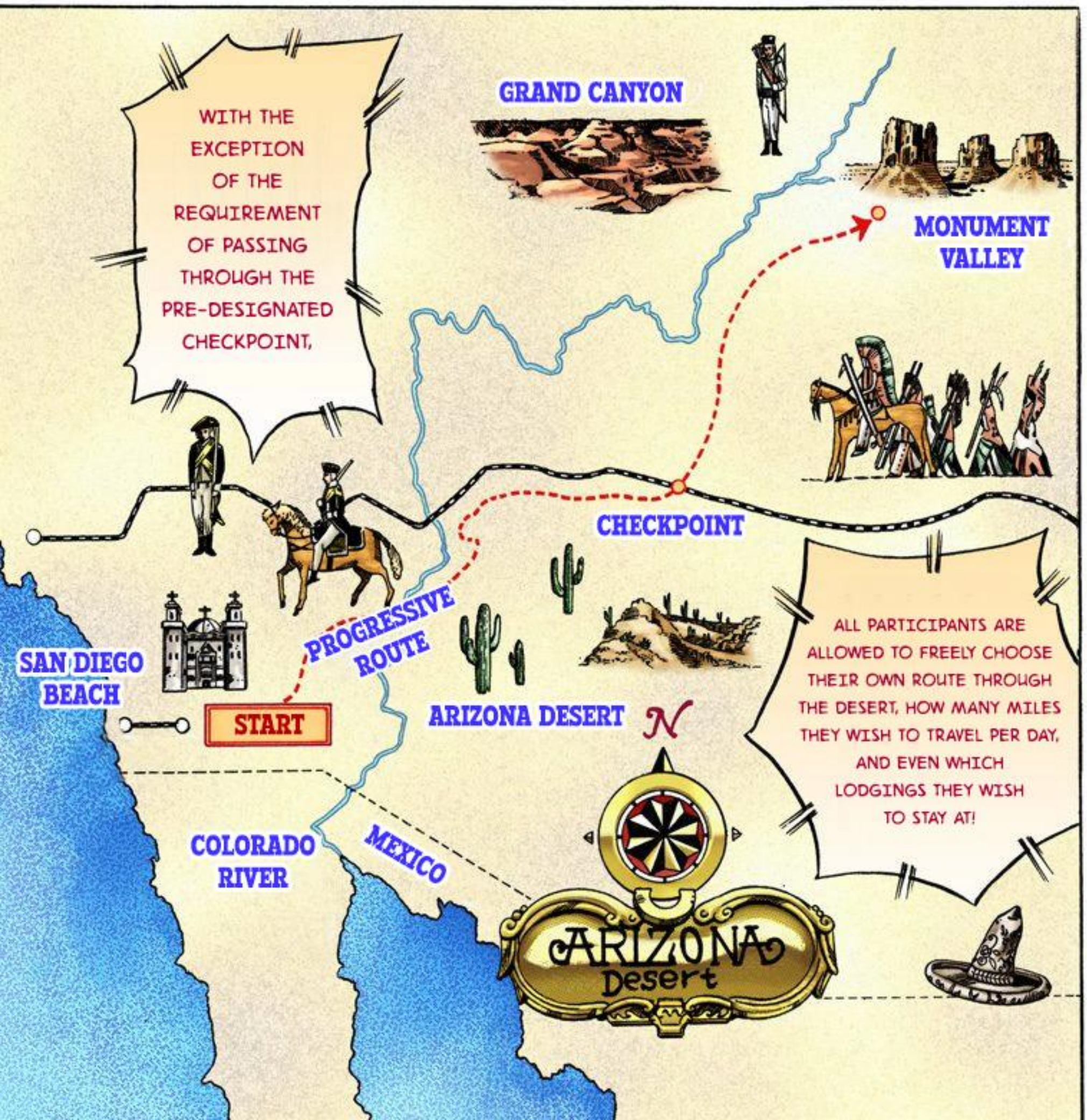

GYRO...

THIS STAGE'S TOP CANDIDATE SEEMS TO BE '**SANDMAN**'!

EVEN IN THE GAMBLING ARENA, HE'S THE MOST POPULAR! ...WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?

HMPH!

FINALLY ~

THEIR RESPECTIVE NUMBERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AS FLAGS OVER THE ROUTE.

IF FOR SOME REASON A PLAYER IS FORCED TO RETIRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RACE,

NOW,

COVERED WAGONS FILLED WITH MEDICS AND REFEREES WILL BE FOLLOWING THE RACE AT A DISTANCE BEHIND.

THESE MEDICS HAVE A LARGE SUPPLY OF THINGS LIKE WATER, FOOD AND MEDICINE ON THEM, AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO DISPENSE THEM IF REQUESTED. DO KEEP IN MIND, THOUGH, ANY PLAYERS THAT DO SO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY RETIRED FROM THE RACE.

BY THE WAY, I'M THE SIXTH MOST POPULAR RACER.

SUCKS FOR YOU!

YOU'RE ONLY #9 BECAUSE OF YOUR PENALTY... IF YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT, I'M SURE YOU'D BE PRETTY POPULAR.

WHAT ABOUT ME?

BUT, IF SANDMAN TAKES THE PRIZE AGAIN THIS TIME...

HIS TOTAL POINTS WILL BE 200... AND HE WILL HAVE ACCUMULATED 2 HOURS IN TIME BONUSES!

NO ONE SHOULD TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY SOME IDIOT EVERYDAY PERSON.

THOSE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUCK THEY'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!

AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, SANDMAN IS FROM THE ARIZONA DESERT... SO GEOGRAPHICALLY, HE'S ON HIS HOME TURF.

I'M AFRAID SO...

I WONDER...

CAN HE RUN OVER 100KM IN ONE DAY?

THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP FROM HAPPENING.

IF THAT HAPPENS, HE'LL HAVE AN OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGE OVER ANYONE ELSE FOR THE REST OF THE RACE.

MAKES ME WANNA TRAMPLE ALL OVER IT... RIGHT THERE, WHILE IT'S STILL ON HIS HEAD, I WANNA TRAMPLE RIGHT ON IT!

BUT LOOK AT THAT WEIRD HAT HE'S WEARING...

THAT GUY OVER THERE, 'MOUNTAIN TIM', IS JUST ABOUT AS POPULAR AND A HUGE CANDIDATE FOR THIS TIME AROUND.

GYRO, THIS STAGE...

I THINK IT'S GOING TO TURN INTO A BATTLE OVER THE 'WATERHOLES'.

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT WEIRD HAT HE WEARS.

HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED IT?

GYAHA! NYOHO HO!

MOUNTAIN TIM IS A COWBOY, SO HE SHOULD HAVE POOR SHORT RANGE ABILITIES. YET THEN AGAIN, HE WAS FOLLOWING US PRETTY WELL YESTERDAY.

WE COULDN'T EVEN HEAR THE SOUND THE HOOVES OF HIS HORSE MADE... SO WITHOUT US KNOWING, HE FOLLOWED US ALL THE WAY TO THE END AND THEN PASSED US UP AT THE LAST SECOND.

...MUST DEPEND ON HOW FAR THEY CAN GO WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF WATER.

HOW FAR PEOPLE CAN CONTINUE ON THIS ROUTE...

IN 1875, JUST WHEN THIS LAND HAD BARELY BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...

EVENTUALLY, THEY ALL DIED OF DEHYDRATION, BUT...

AS THEY WANDERED THROUGH THE DESERT LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF WATER, THEY NOTICED THAT THE TEMPERATURE WAS STEADILY RISING... IT WAS ALREADY WELL ABOVE 50C, AND QUICKLY NEARING 60C AS THEY CONTINUED THROUGH THE AREA.

IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF A WAR OR AN ACCIDENT, THOUGH... BECAUSE DURING THAT YEAR, ALL THE KNOWN W ATERHOLES DRIED UP.

THERE WAS AN INCIDENT THAT INVOLVED THE DEATH OF AN ENTIRE ARMY UNIT, THE 26TH CAVALRY.

BEFORE THAT, SMALL FISSURES AND CRACKS SPREAD ACROSS THEIR OWN DRIED-UP, CLAY-LIKE EYEBALLS... AND THEY ALL WENT BLIND.

BLIND, THEY CONTINUED TO WANDER AIMLESSLY THROUGH THE INFINITE DESERT... SLOWLY BEING ROASTED TO DEATH BY THE SUN.

FROM THE STARTING POINT, WE SHOULD HEAD NORTH... AND AFTER TRAVELING 50KM A DAY, WE SHOULD HIT THE FIRST WATERHOLE.

HERE'S THE INDICATORS OF WATER HOLES ACCORDING TO THE MAP.

WATER HOLE

WATERHOLE

IF WE STRAY FROM THIS AND HAPPEN TO GET LOST IN THE DESERT... THE THING WE'LL REALLY BE RETIRING FROM IS LIFE ITSELF.

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THEY SAY THAT THE HOT AIR BALLOON CAN ONLY FOLLOW TO THE COLORADO RIVER.

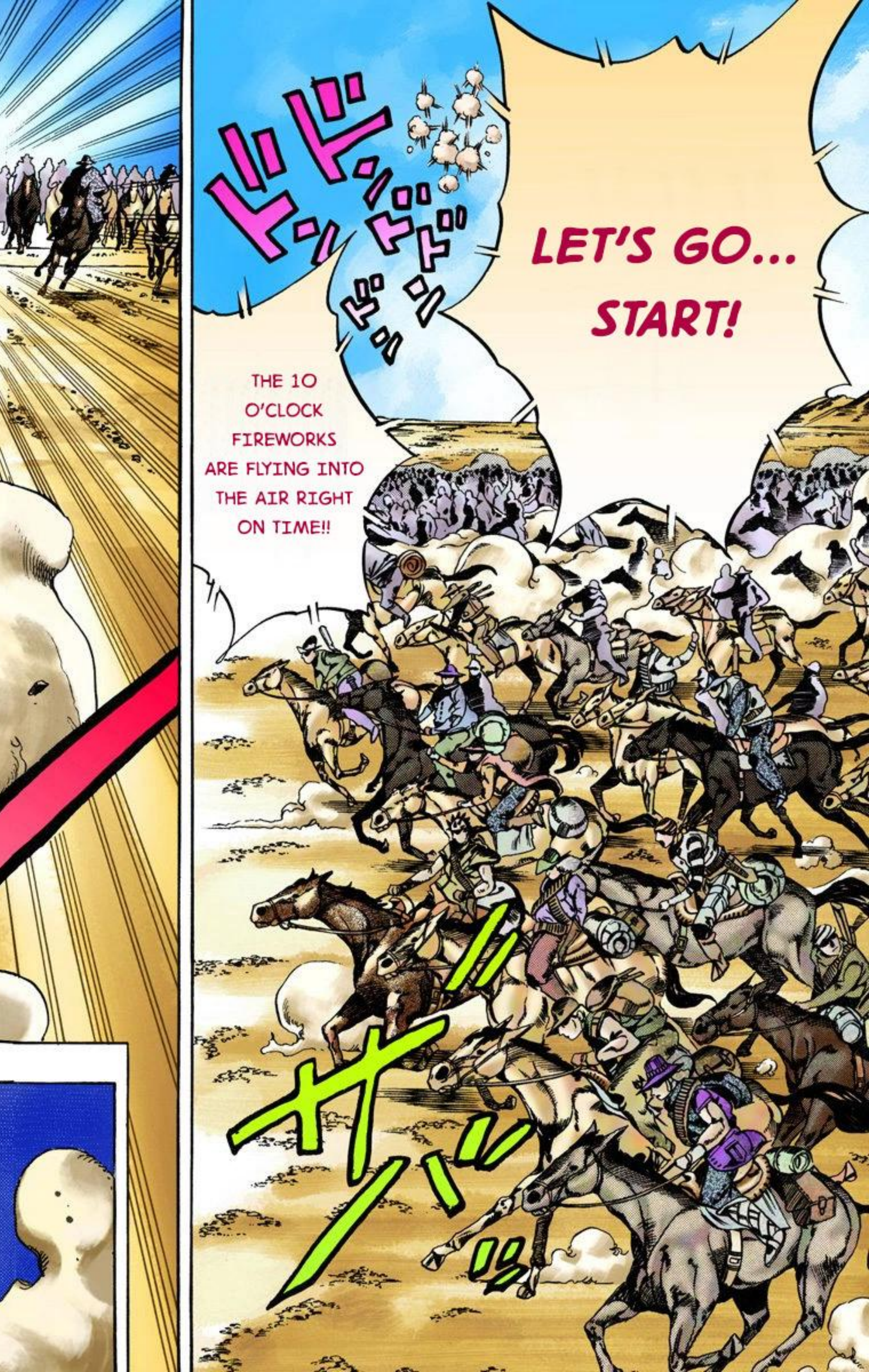
THERE IS NO TRACK LAID ALONG THE RACE PATH, SO THE TRAIN WILL GO AHEAD TO THE NEXT CHECK-POINT.

ALRIIGHT... IN JUST AN INSTANT, THE 2ND STAGE SHALL TRULY BEGIN!!

IT'S NOW ONLY 30 SECONDS UNTIL WE START!

POCOLOCO, AS USUAL, HAS HIS MANY SACKS PACKED UP AND READY!

DIEGO BRANDO HAS PUSHED UP HIS GOGGLES!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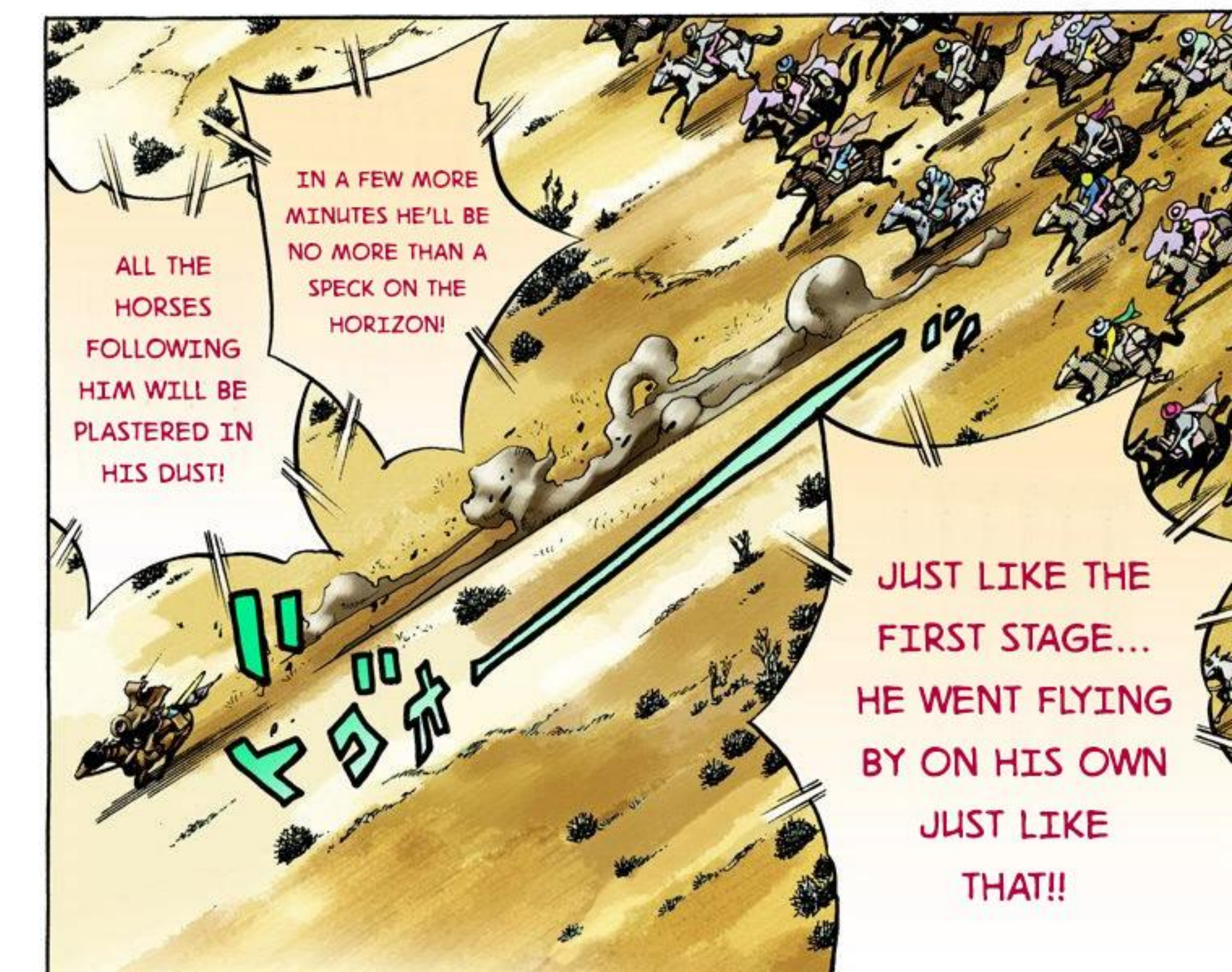
ALL THE HORSES FOLLOWING HIM WILL BE PLASTERED IN HIS DUST!
IN A FEW MORE MINUTES HE'LL BE NO MORE THAN A SPECK ON THE HORIZON!
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JUST LIKE THE FIRST STAGE... HE WENT FLYING BY ON HIS OWN JUST LIKE THAT!!

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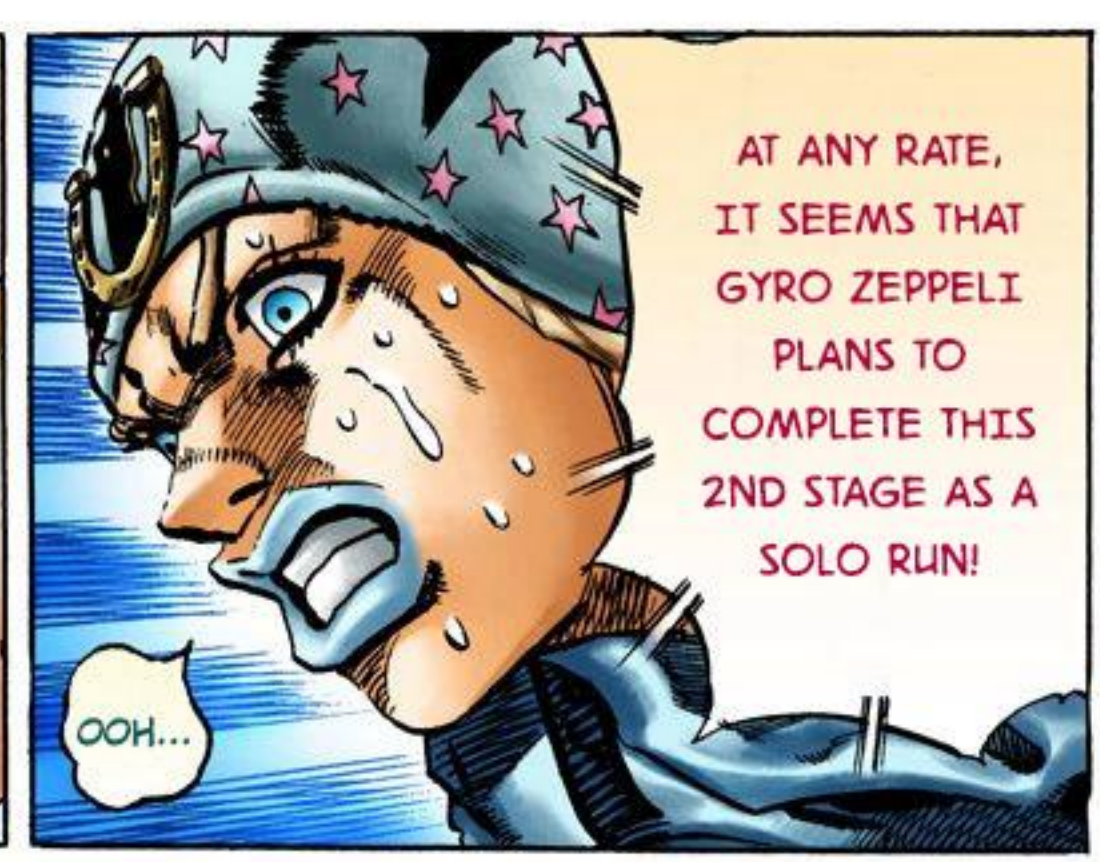

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OHH!! WAIT!!
GYRO ZEPPELI IS... WHAT IS THIS?! HE'S CHANGING COURSE!
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WHAT THE HELL?

SO HE WASN'T JUST FLYING OUT AHEAD... HE WAS PICKING OUT A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ROUTE!
HE'S COMPLETELY CHANGING HIS COURSE!
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GYRO ZEPPELI... IS HEADING STRAIGHT INTO THE DESERT!!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S AIMING TO CUT ACROSS THE ENTIRE WASTELAND!!!
DOES HE PLAN TO IGNORE THE FIRST WATERHOLE ALTOGETHER?
AT THIS ANGLE, A WATERHOLE WON'T BE VISIBLE FOR ANOTHER 150KM OR SO!

OHHH... NOW IT LOOKS LIKE GYRO ISN'T THE ONLY ONE CROSSING THROUGH THE DESERT!

HE'S GAINED A FOLLOWER!

BUT WHO ON EARTH WOULD VOLUNTARILY PICK SUCH A ROUTE? IT'S LIKE SETTING ONESELF UP FOR SUICIDE! ALL THEY MUST BE THINKING ABOUT IS SETTING THEIR HANDS ON THE PRIZE!

WHAT? WE HAVE OTHER RIVALS IN THE RACE WHO ARE DOING THE SAME THING.

WANNA COME WITH? THIS IS THE SHORTEST WAY...

THIS WAY... WE'LL PASS THEM ALL... EVEN SANDMAAAN...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, GYRO ZEPPELI? AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME REASON FOR ALL THIS SPEED!

I CAN SEE HIS NUMBER ...!
HIS NAME... IS 'MRS. ROBIN-SON'!
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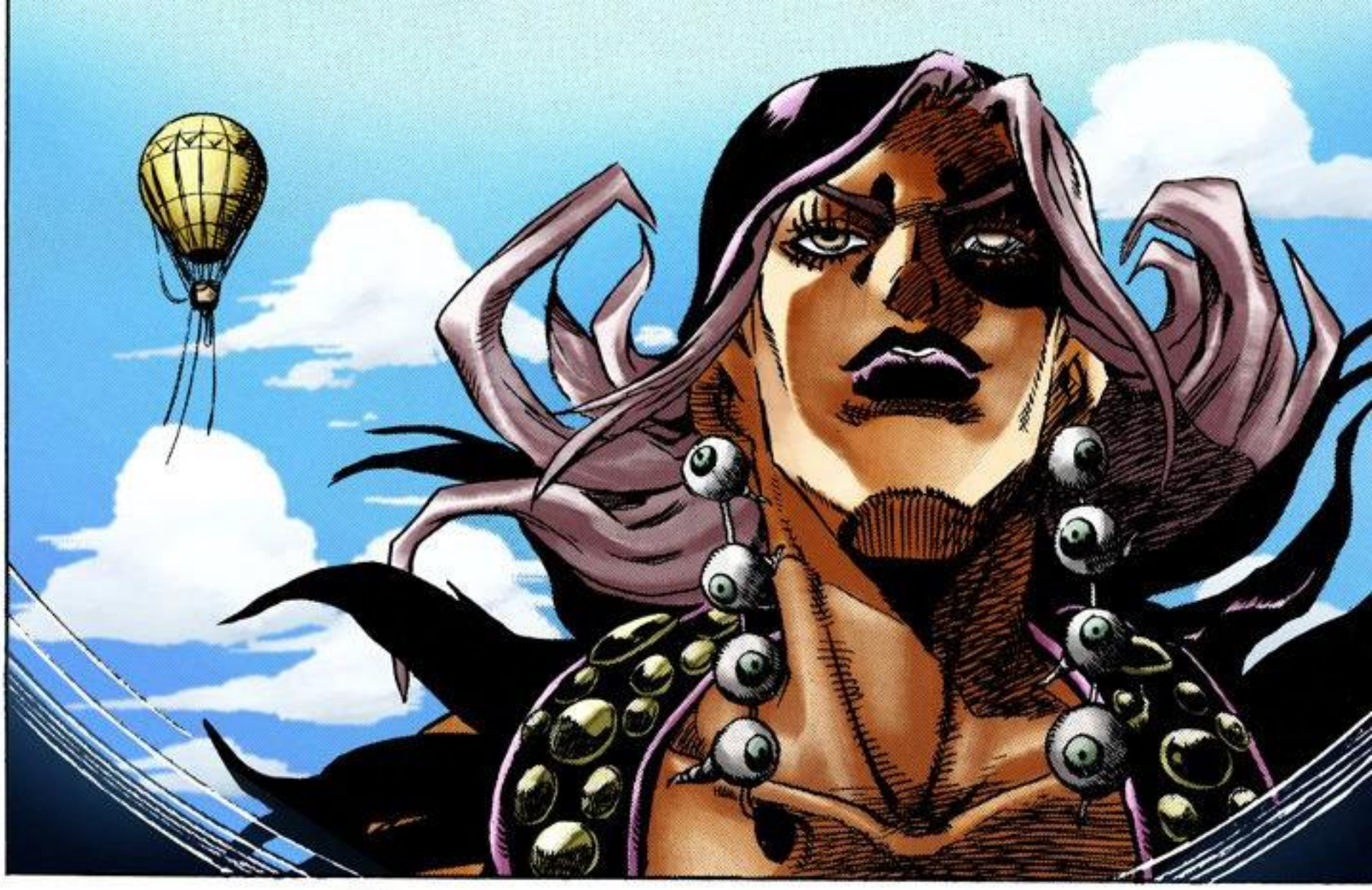
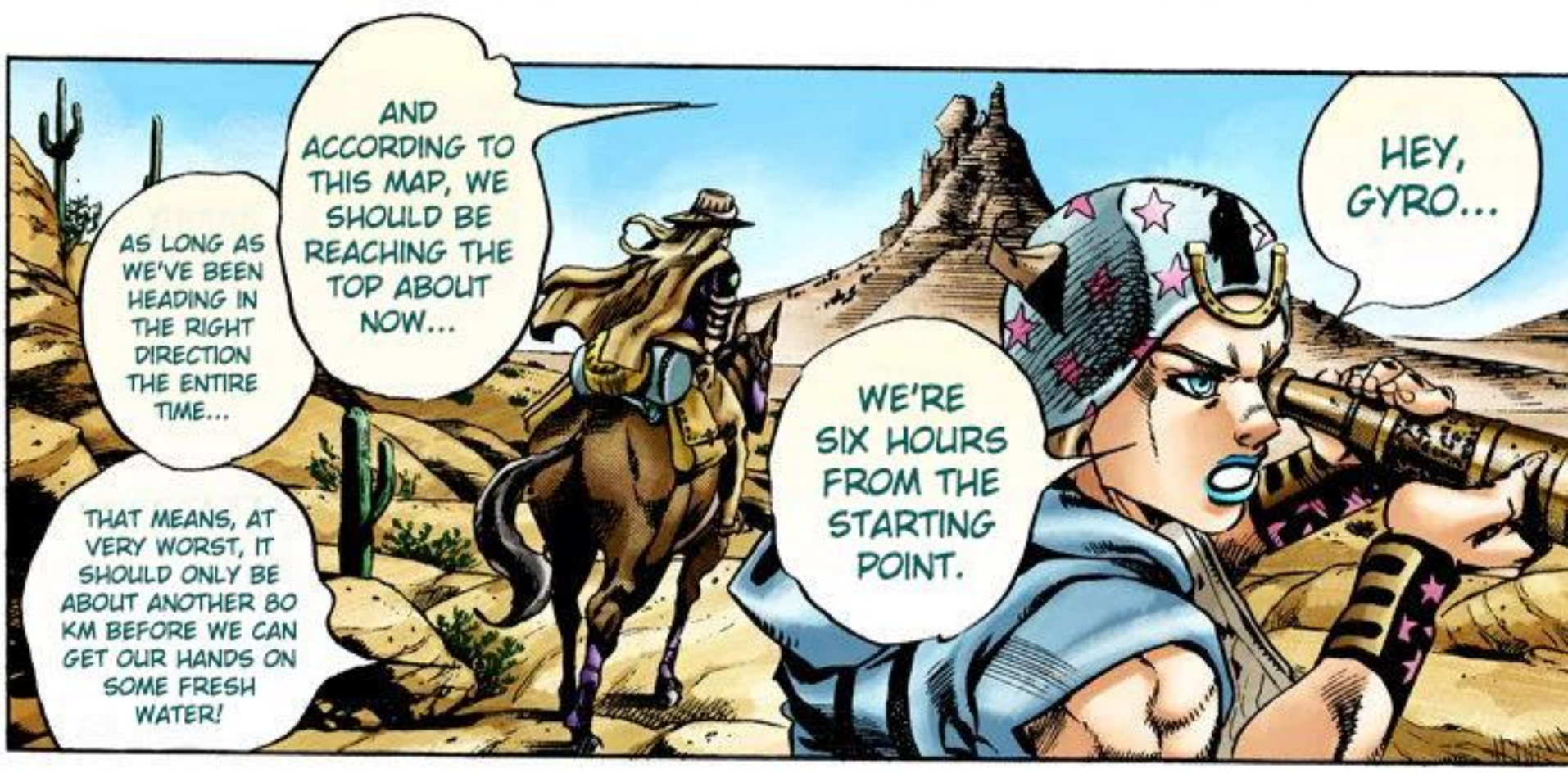
#14 ACROSS THE ARIZONA DESERT: CONTINUING ALONG THE SHORTEST ROUTE




AS LONG AS WE'VE BEEN HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THE ENTIRE TIME...
AND ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, WE SHOULD BE REACHING THE TOP ABOUT NOW...
THAT MEANS, AT VERY WORST, IT SHOULD ONLY BE ABOUT ANOTHER 80 KM BEFORE WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON SOME FRESH WATER!
WE'RE SIX HOURS FROM THE STARTING POINT.
HEY, GYRO...

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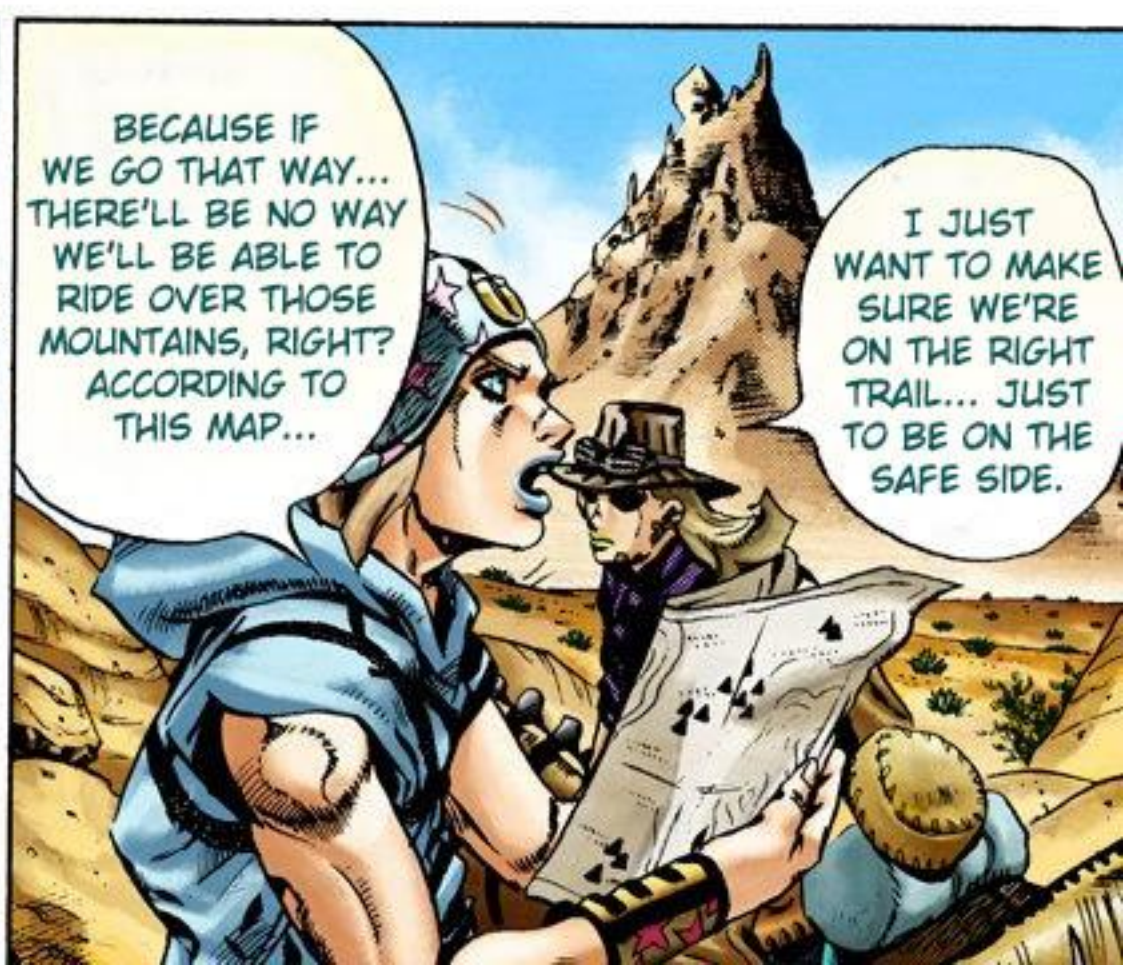

BECAUSE IF WE GO THAT WAY... THERE'LL BE NO WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO RIDE OVER THOSE MOUNTAINS, RIGHT? ACCORDING TO THIS MAP...
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL... JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.

EH?!

WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?

EVERYTHING'S PERFECT! WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL! ABSOLUTELY!

MAYBE ...

YEAH, IT'S FINE!

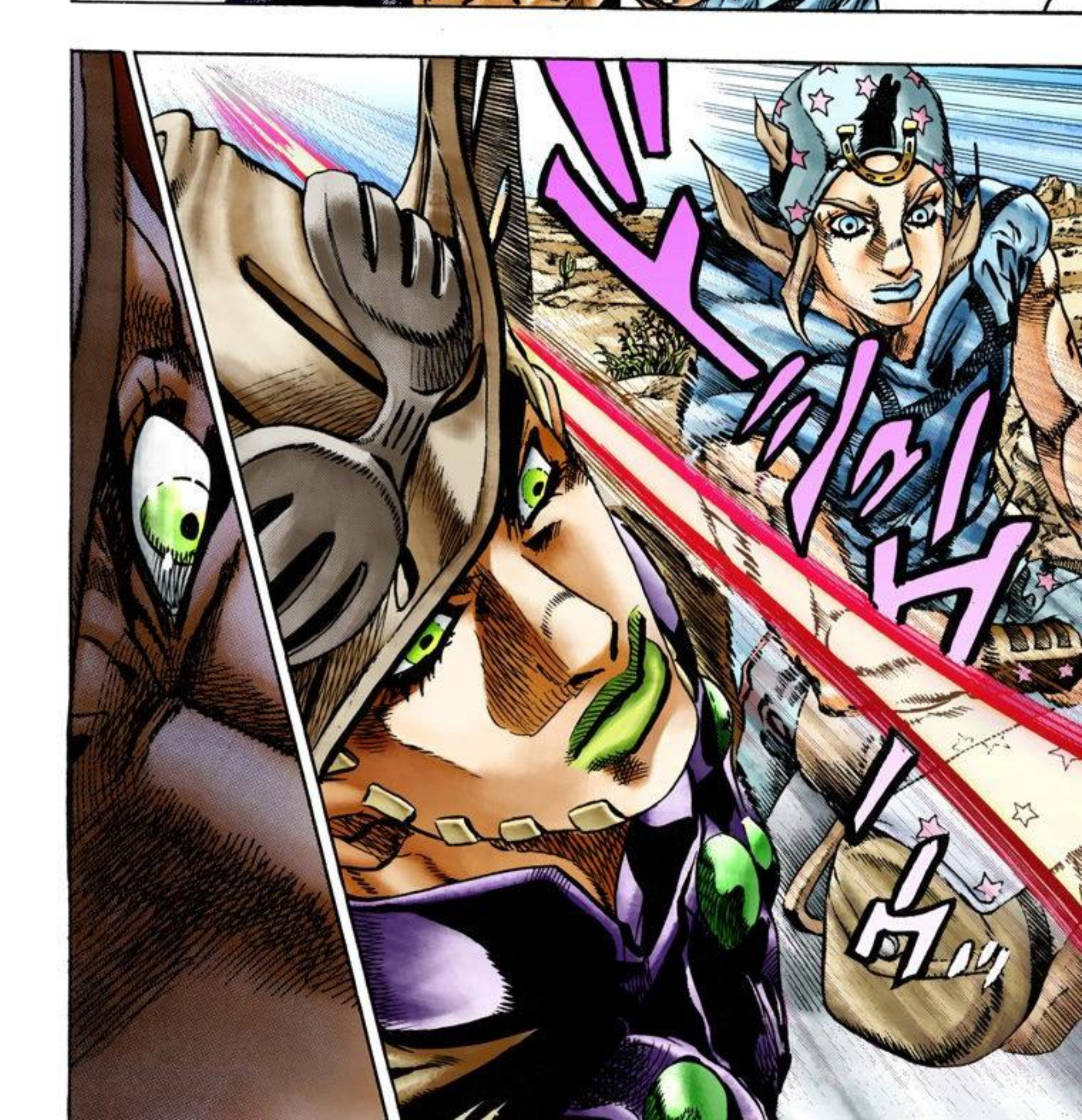
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING... WE'RE FINE! WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IN THIS PLACE!

IT'S 80 KM TO THE WATERHOLE! IF WE DETER EVEN A LITTLE BIT FROM THE ROUTE, WE RUN THE RISK OF DEATH!

THAT CORK EXERCISE I TAUGHT YOU ABOUT... DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT?!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW ARE YOUR "REVOLUTIONS" COMING?

WHAT IF I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DESERT! GET ME?!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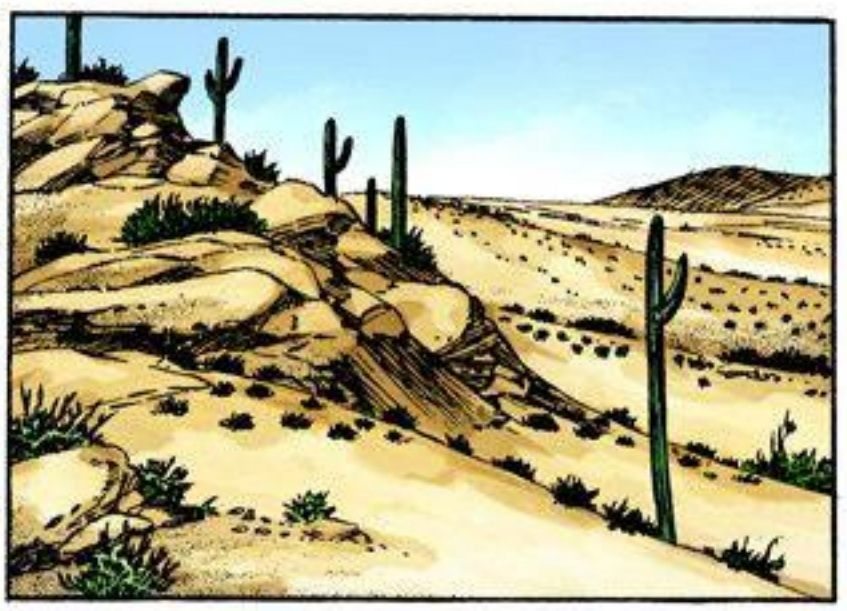

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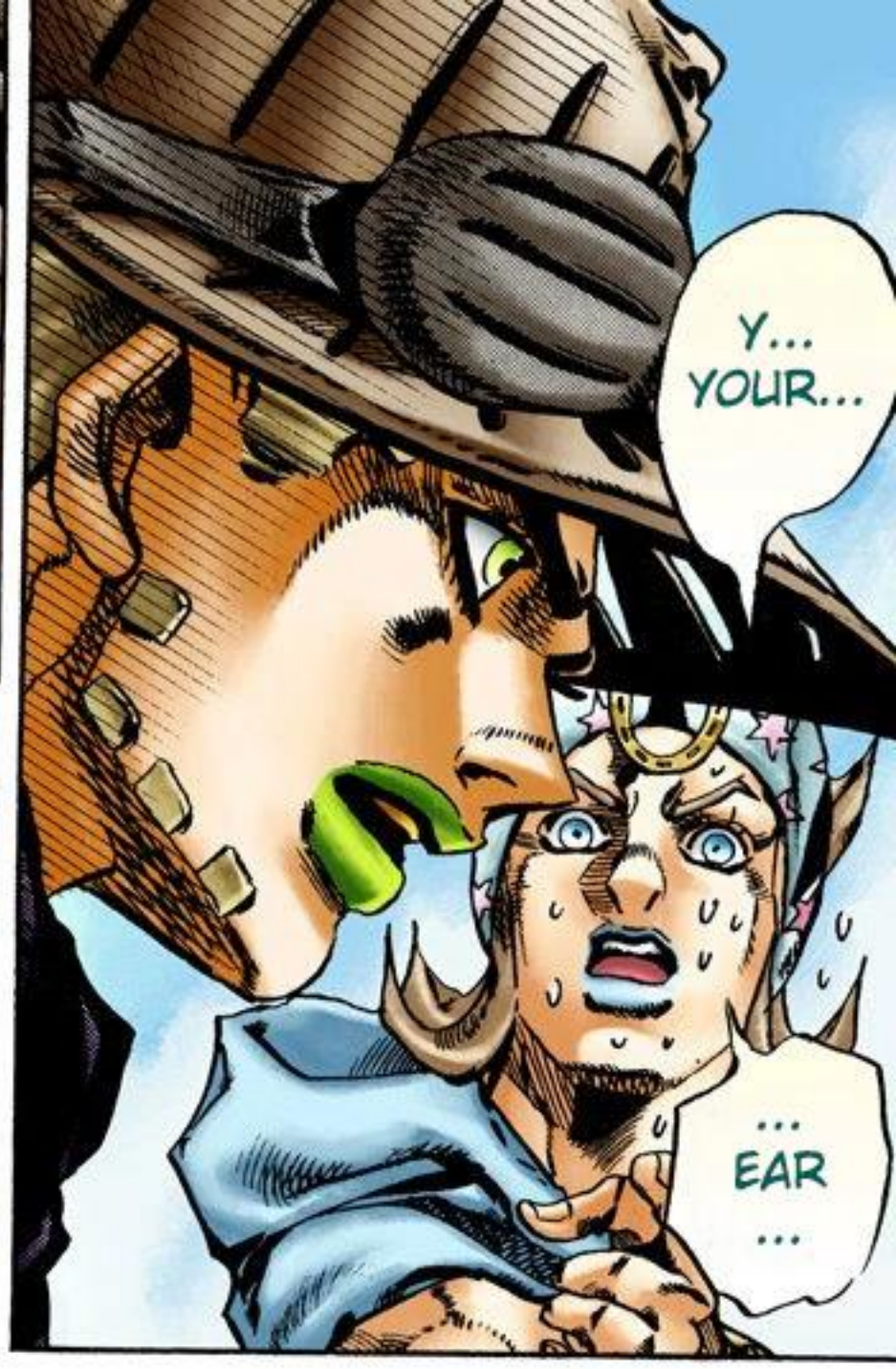
JUST NOW SOMETHING CAME FLYING PAST...
FROM SOMEONE IN 'FRONT' OF US...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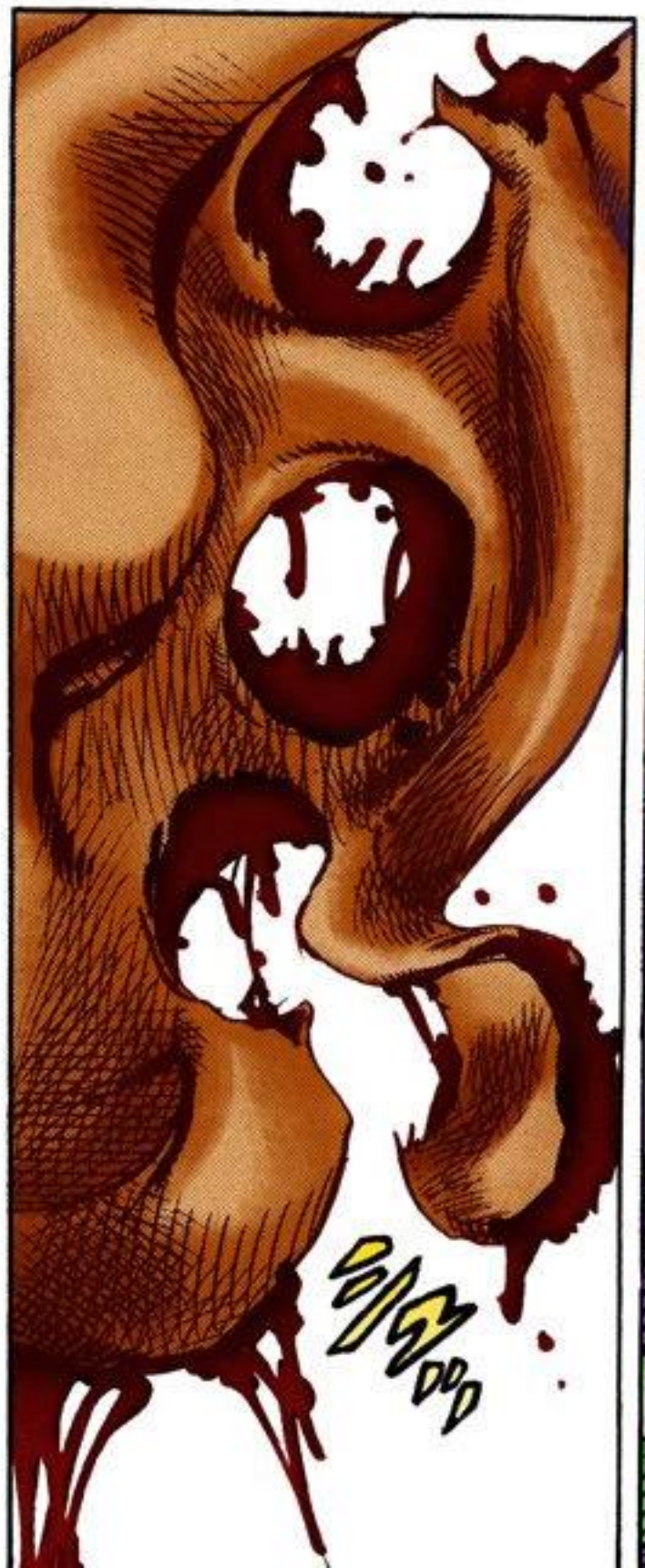

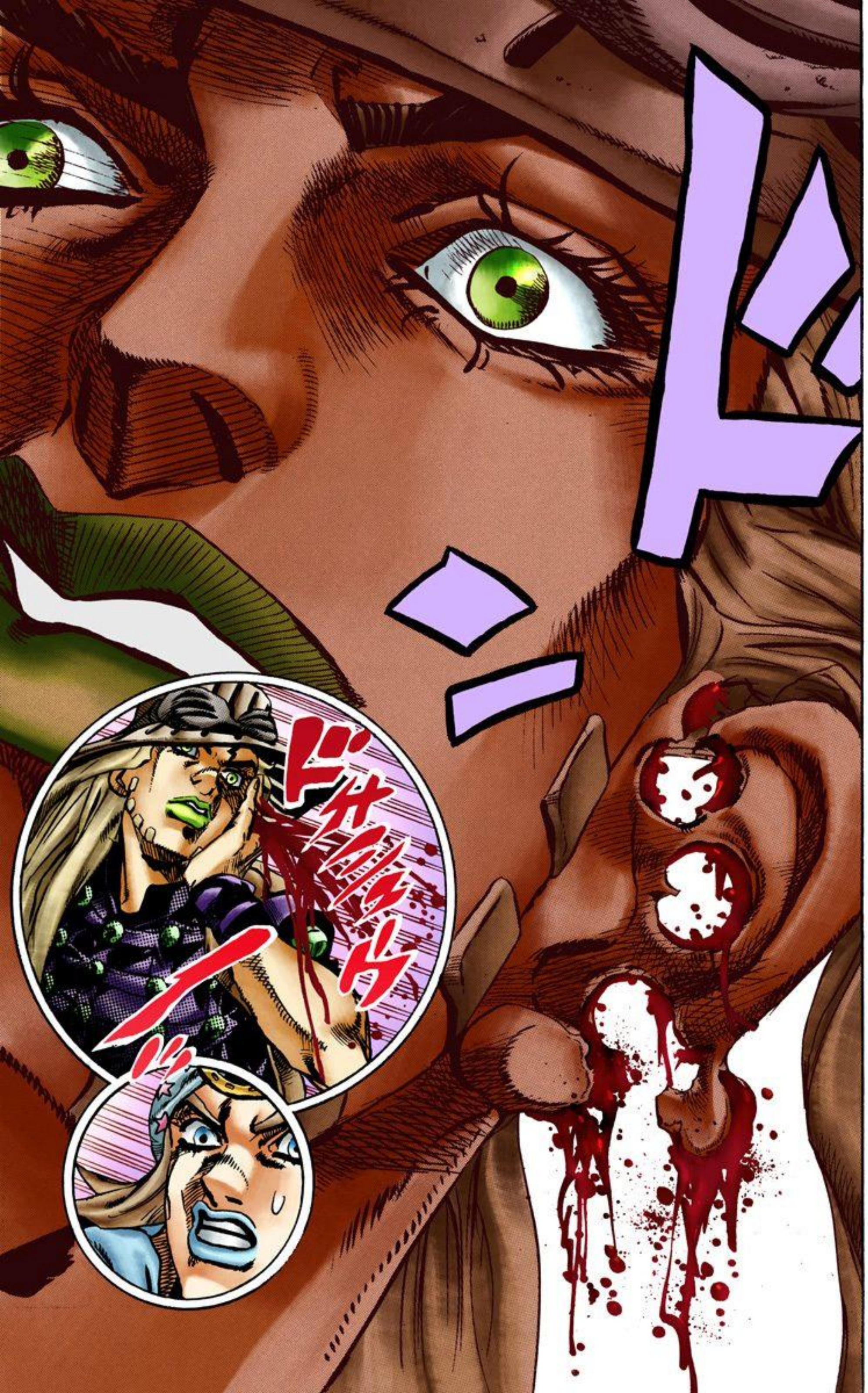
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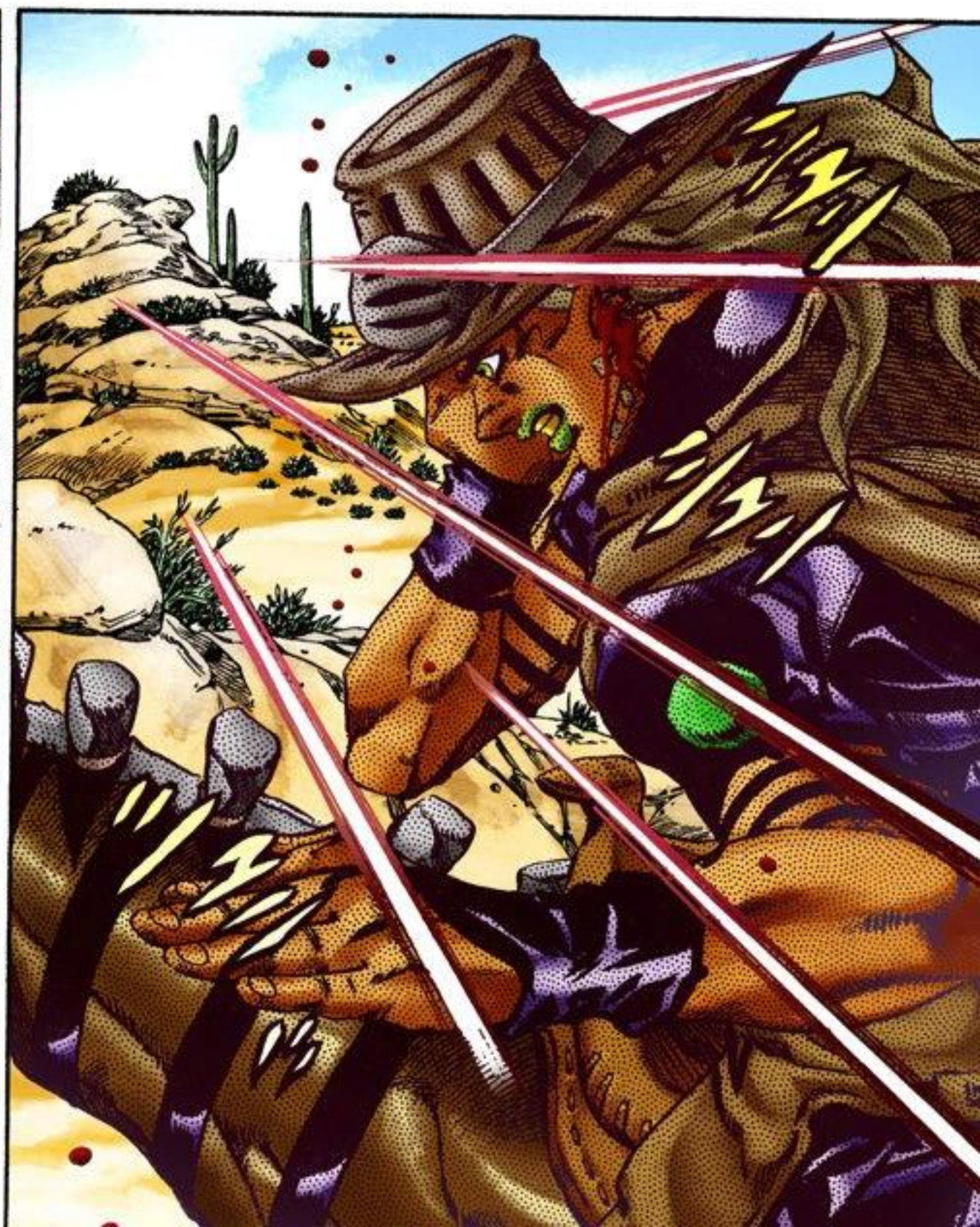

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WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S COMING FROM AHEAD OF US!
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SHIT! I'VE BEEN CUT!
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SOME-THING KEEPS CUTTING UP MY ARM!
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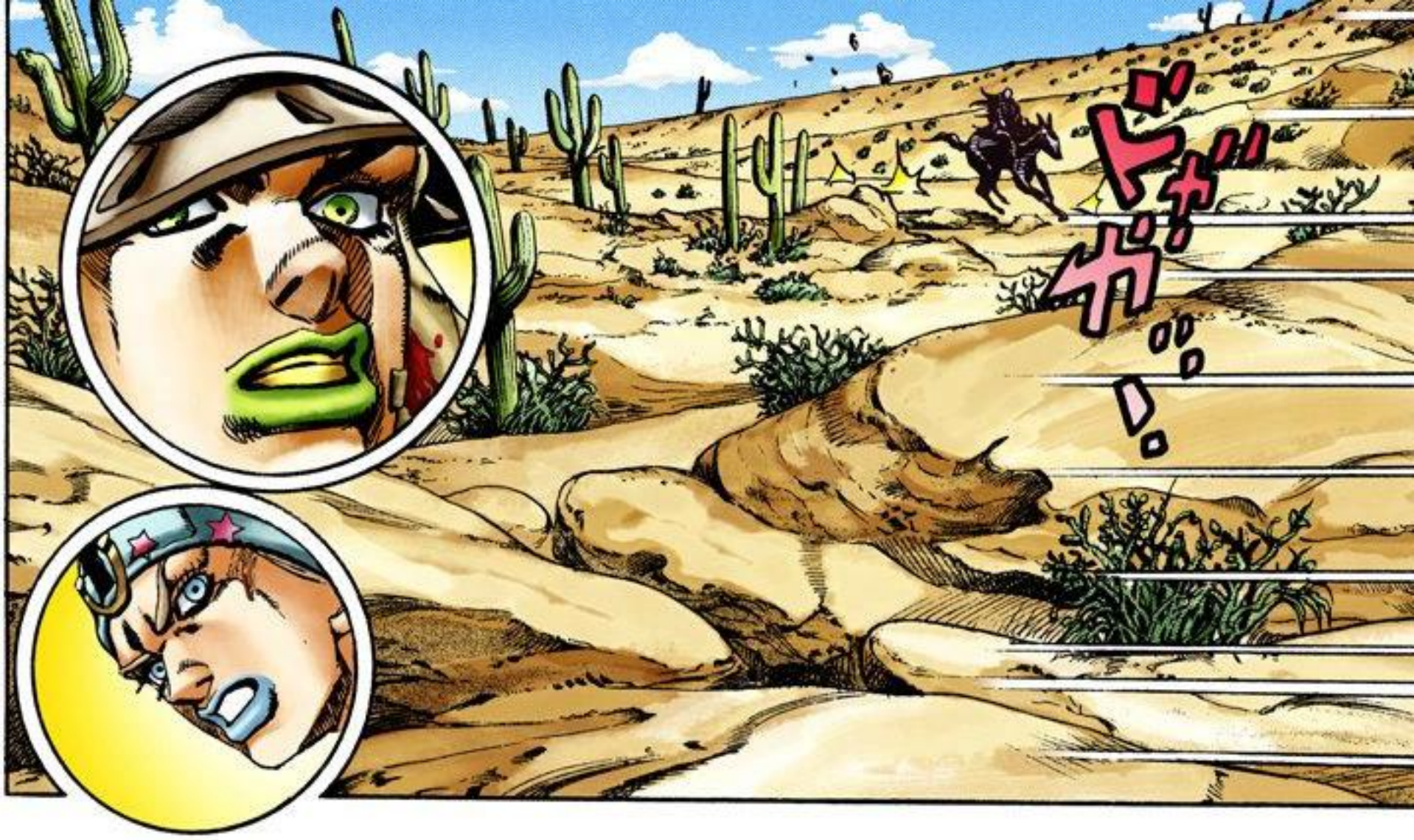
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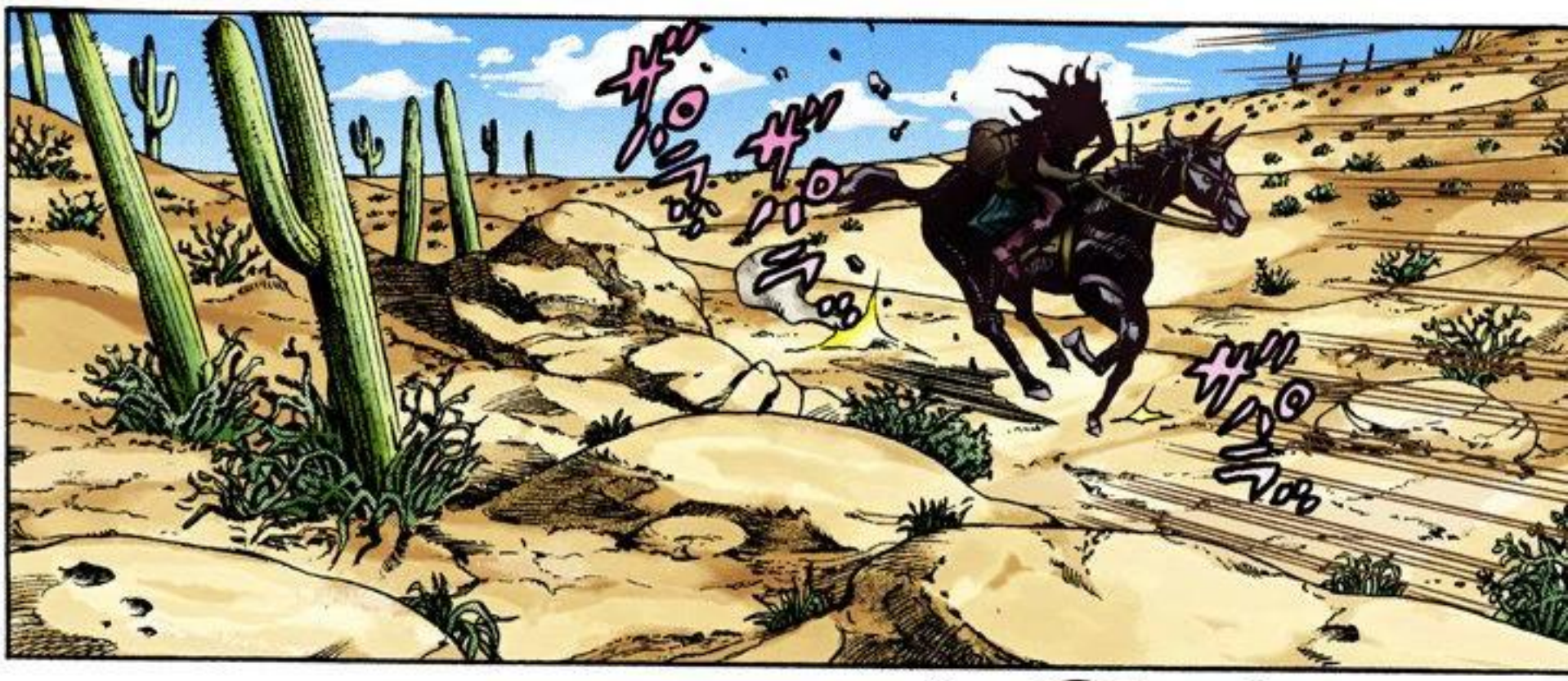

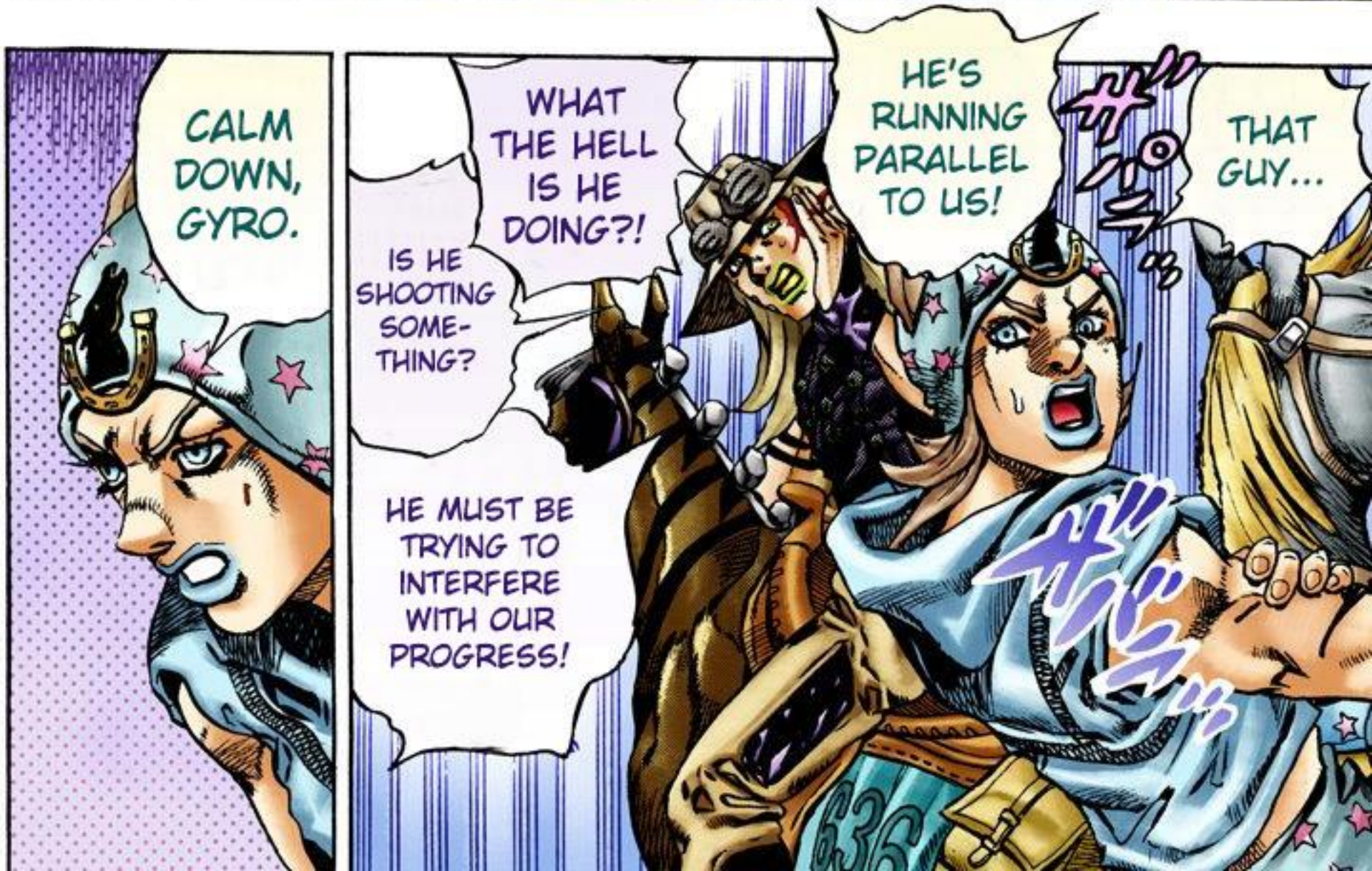
CALM DOWN, GYRO.
WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING?!
IS HE SHOOTING SOME-THING?
HE MUST BE TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH OUR PROGRESS!
HE'S RUNNING PARALLEL TO US!
THAT GUY...
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SINCE THEY'RE COMING FROM OUR FRONT...

THE DIRECTION OF THESE ATTACKS SEEMS STRANGE...

HE MUST BE HIDING IN THE SHADOWS OF THE CLIFFS OR SOMETHING...

HEY, TRY TO HAVE YOUR HORSE NOT MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENTS.

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THEY'RE CALLED "CHOLLA".

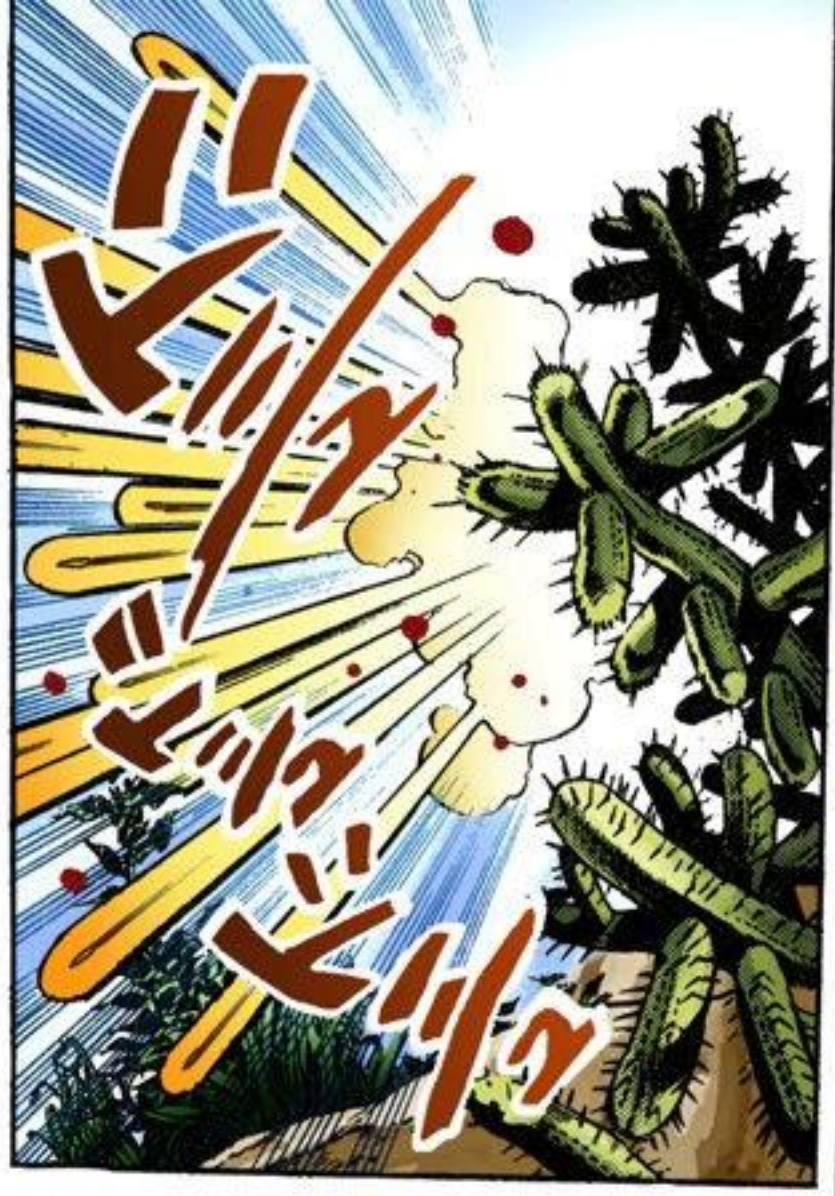
BECAUSE I THINK I REMEMBER HEARING STORIES OF A TYPE OF CACTUS THAT'S ABLE TO SHOOT OUT ITS

HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE DESERT?

HEY, GYRO, AREN'T THESE CACTUS NEEDLES?

IT'S BECAUSE THE CHOLLA CARRY THEIR SEEDS IN THE NEEDLES, I THINK.

WHEN AN ANIMAL OR SOMETHING DRAWS CLOSE TO IT... AS A RESPONSE TO THE VIBRATIONS IN THE AIR, THE NEEDLES WILL POP OFF FROM THE PLANT.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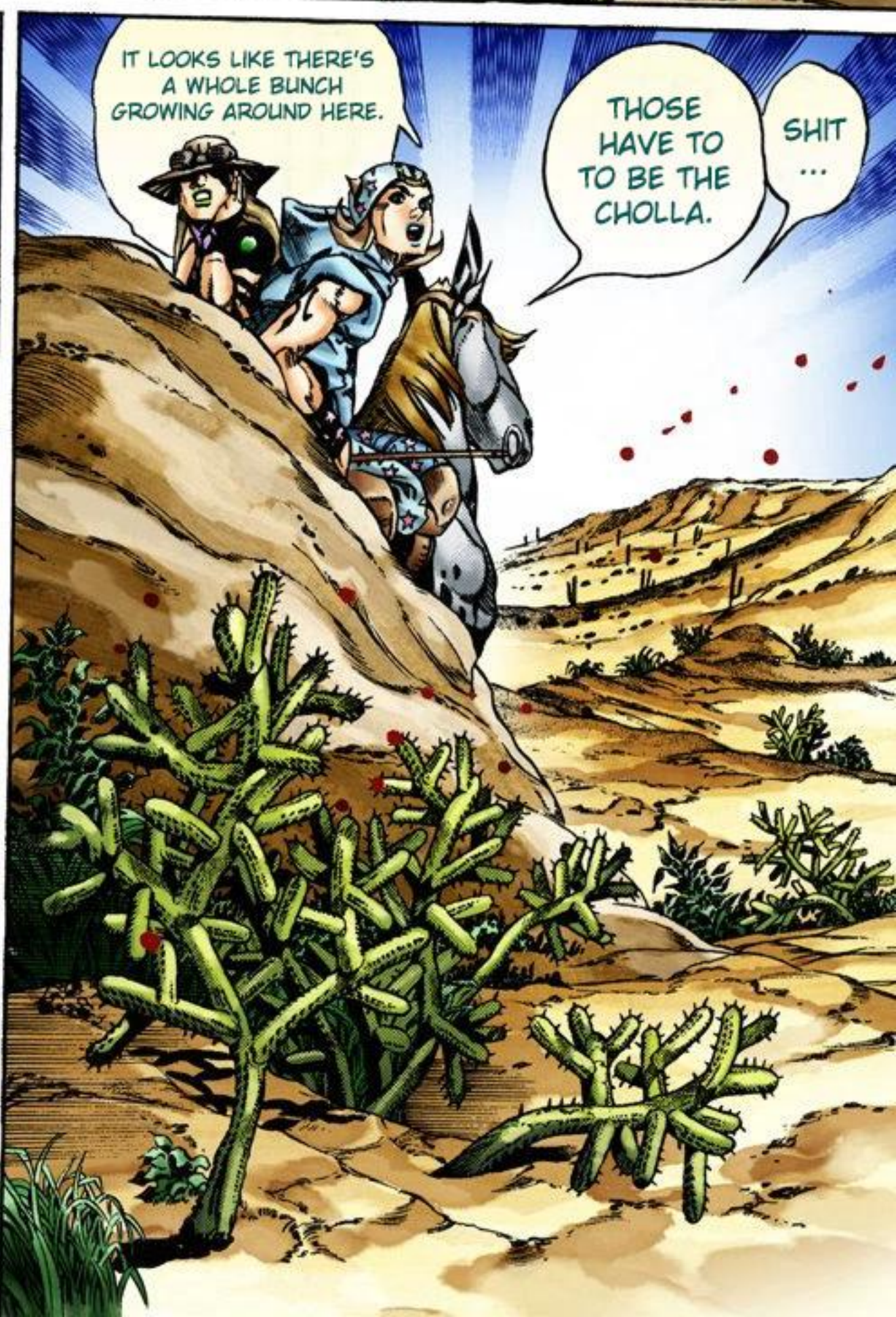
US FOR TRANMPLING THROUGH THE CACTUS' AREA...
SO, THEN... WHO'S THE ONE AT FAULT HERE?
...OR THE JERKS THAT SET UP THIS TRAP IN THE FIRST PLACE?


IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH GROWING AROUND HERE.
THOSE HAVE TO TO BE THE CHOLLA.
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YOU COULDN'T EVEN SHOOT A RIFLE FROM OVER THERE! WHATEVER IT WAS THAT HIT US... TO THINK THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY AIMING FOR US... JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE!

I DON'T KNOW... IT CAN'T BE...

IN ORDER TO LAUNCH THE NEEDLES OF THE CHOLLA, YOU'D HAVE TO BE IN EXTREMELY CLOSE RANGE!

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SHIT... AND AT THIS DISTANCE, ESCPING IS...

HE'S TURNING AROUND -- BUT I STILL CAN'T TELL IF THAT'S REALLY THE ONE TARGETING US OR NOT!

DAMMIT, THIS IS BAD JOHNNY! WE'RE IN A DANGEROUS POSITION!

BUT IF THEY HAD A MOTIVE, IT'D BE TOTALLY POSSIBLE.

A COMPETITOR THAT ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT RECEIVING A PENALTY FROM THE WEATHER BALLOON FEFEREE... BUT IS TRYING TO GET US REMOVED IN THE PROCESS!

PROBABLY SOMEONE FROM 1ST STAGE... AND NOW HE'S ALREADY TRYING TO ATTACK US LIKE THIS!

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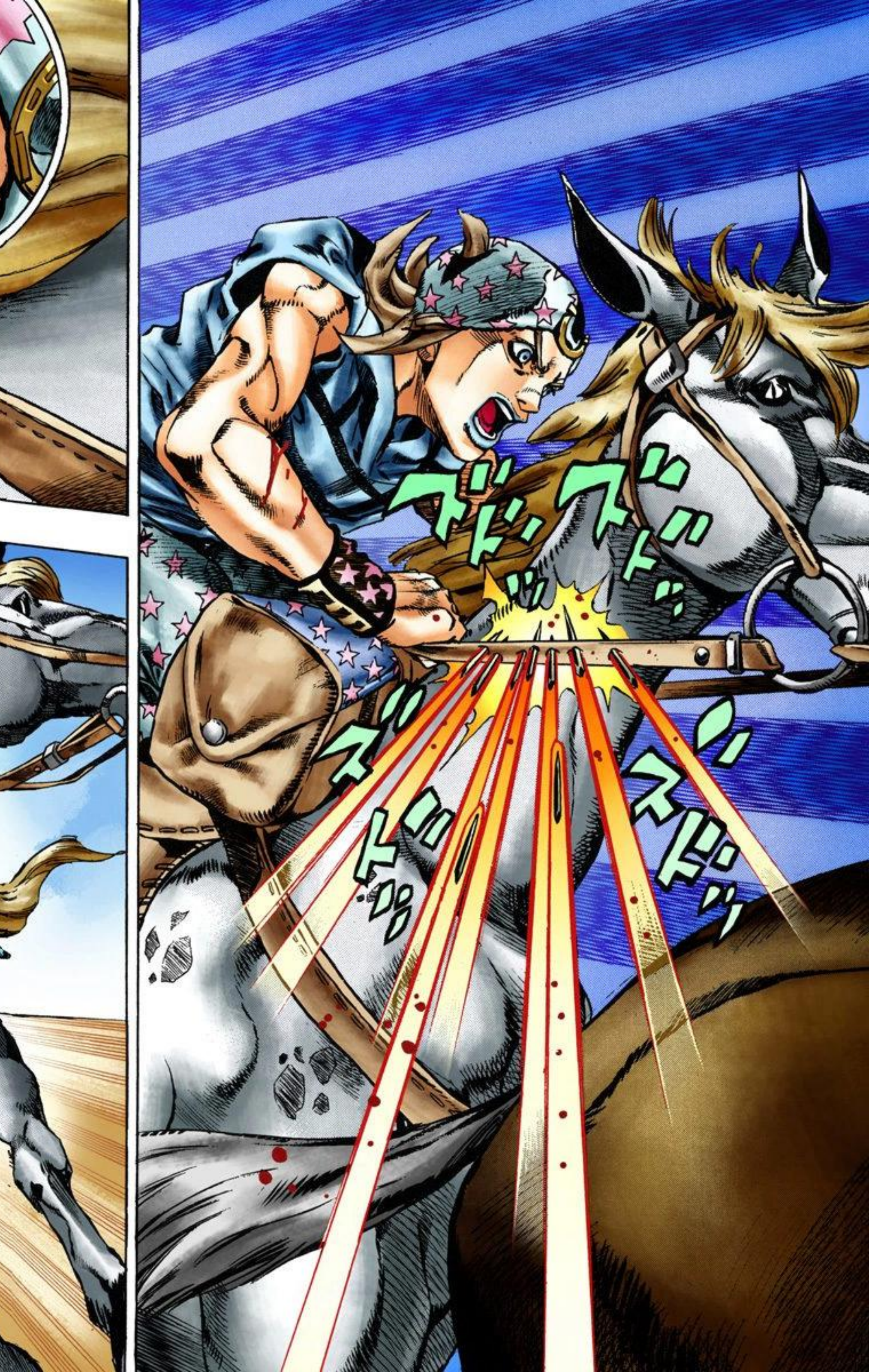
I GOT IT! I'M RUNNING!

JOHNNY!

RUN!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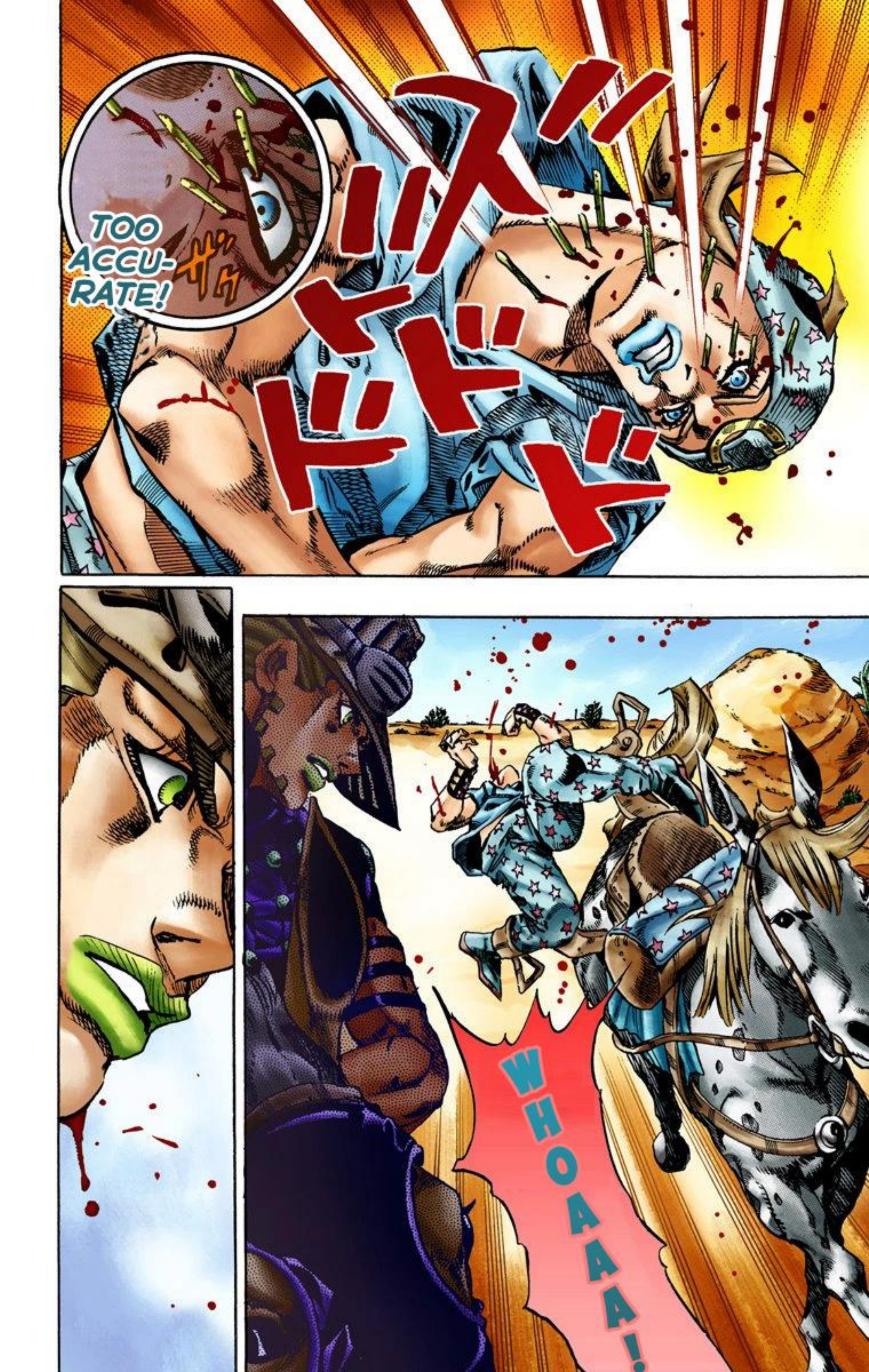
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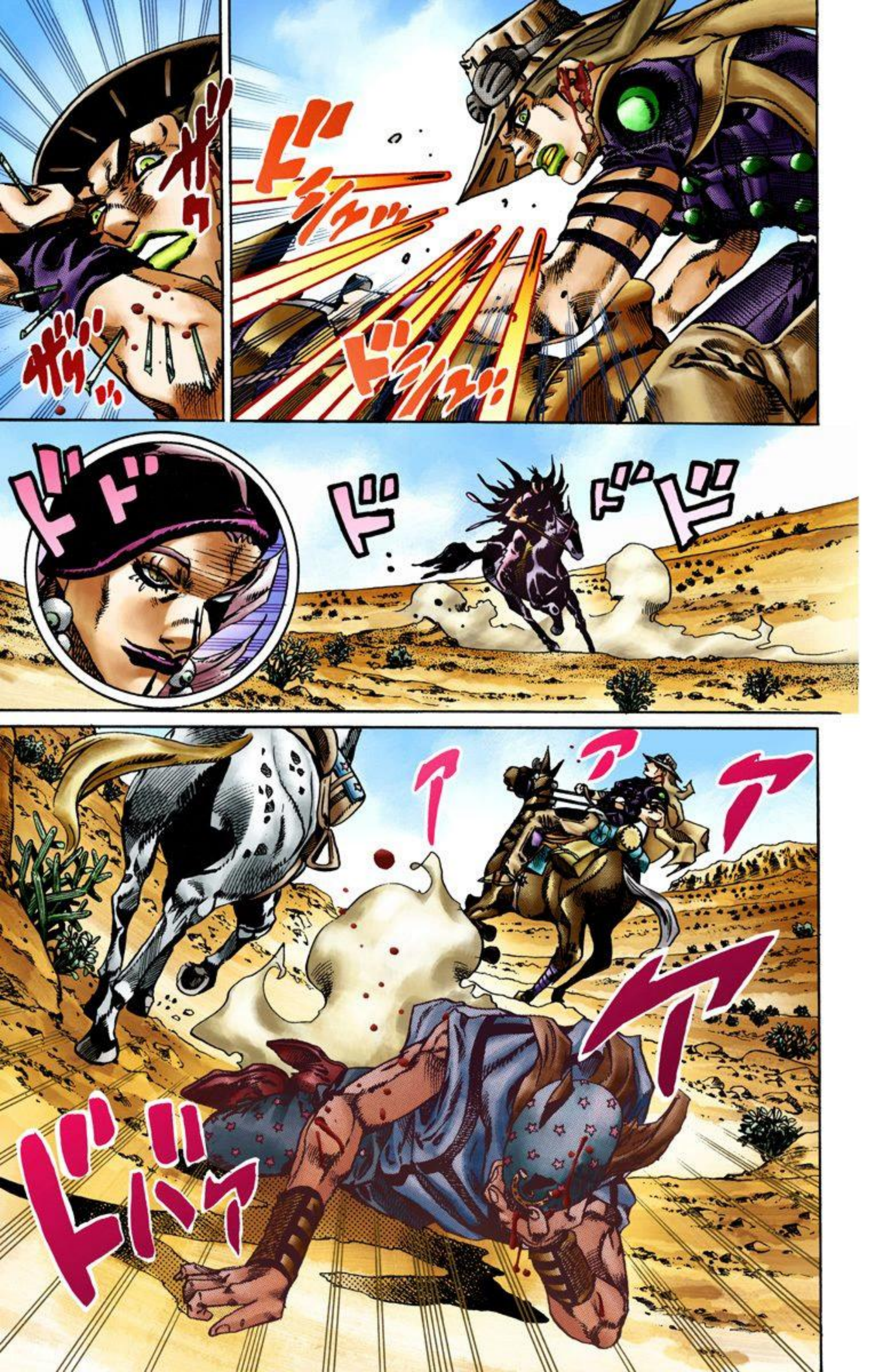
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THIS HAS ALL BEEN HIS INTENT FROM THE VERY START!

JOHNNY JOESTAR! HURRY UP AND GET BACK ON YOUR HORSE!

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THERE'S BLOOD IN MY EYES, BUT THE EYEBALL ITSELF IS ALRIGHT!
JUST KEEP GOING!
YOU HAVE TO CONCEN-TRATE ON GETTING OUT OF THIS PLACE!
I KNOW I PROMISED TO CROSS THE GOAL LINE WITH YOU, BUT REMEMBER, WE'RE STILL RIVALS!
GO ON, I SAID!
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THE DIRECTION I'LL BE HEADING IN THOUGH... IS TOWARDS THAT SON OF A BITCH!

GOT IT...

WE ARE BOTH RIVALS... SO I'LL HEAD ONWARDS.

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YEAH, GO!

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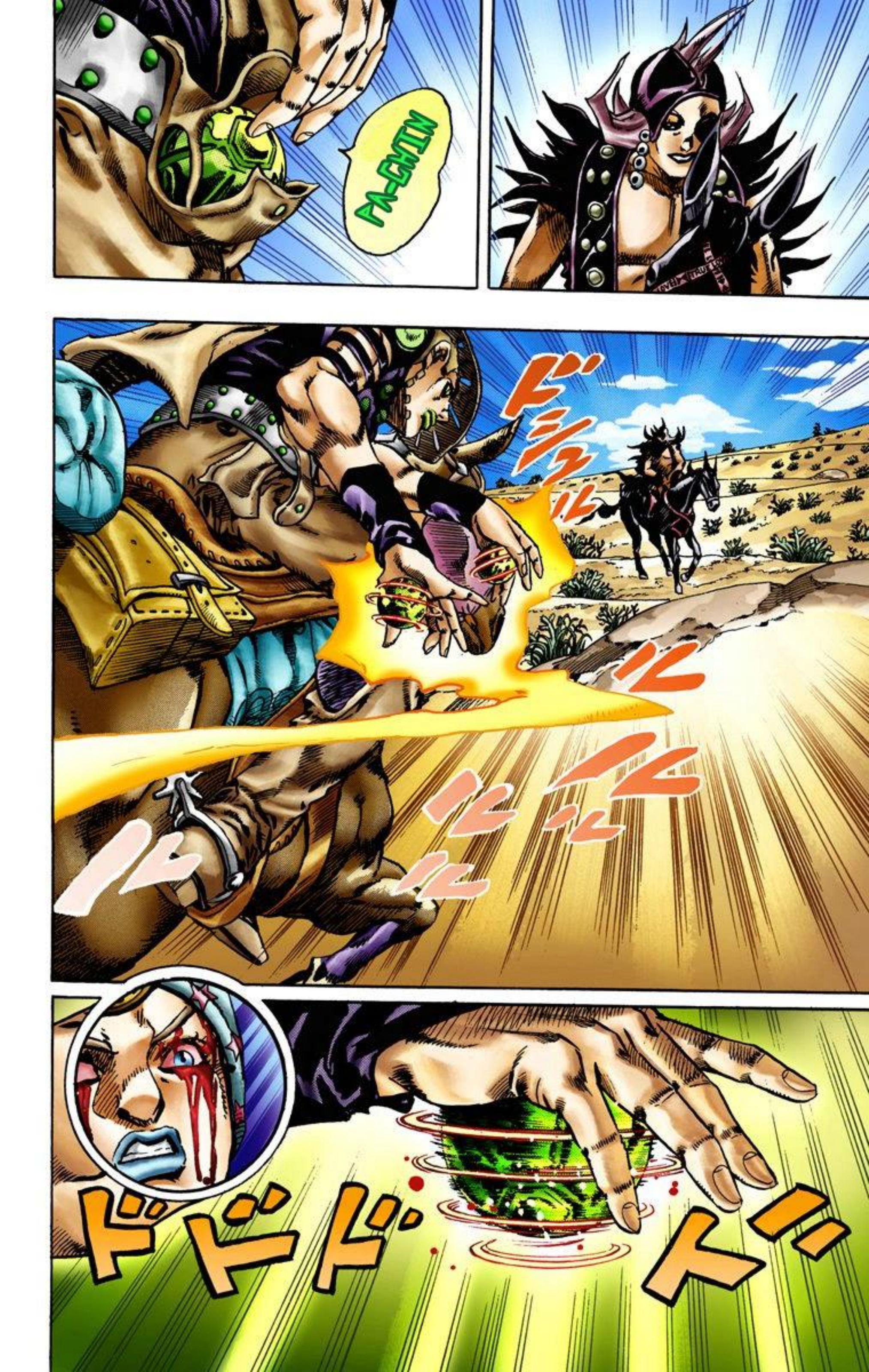
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YOU ALREADY GOT A WARNING FOR INTERFERENCE! IF YOU MESS UP AGAIN, THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME!

IF YOU USE THAT, YOU'LL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE RACE!

BESIDES, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT HE'S A CRIMINAL!

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THAT'S ...

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IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR YOU TO GIVE IT ALL UP NOW SO EARLY?

EVEN KNOWING YOU COULD EASILY CONTINUE FORWARDS?

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I CONTINUED TO EXIST THERE IN THAT VILLAGE... BUT IN ORDER TO SEPARATE MYSELF FROM OTHERS, I USED A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE ON MY BODY.

TO MAKE MYSELF UNSTOPPABLE, I STARTED TO RAISE INSECTS WITHIN MYSELF...

THESE 'INSECTS' HAVE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED ALL OF YOU!

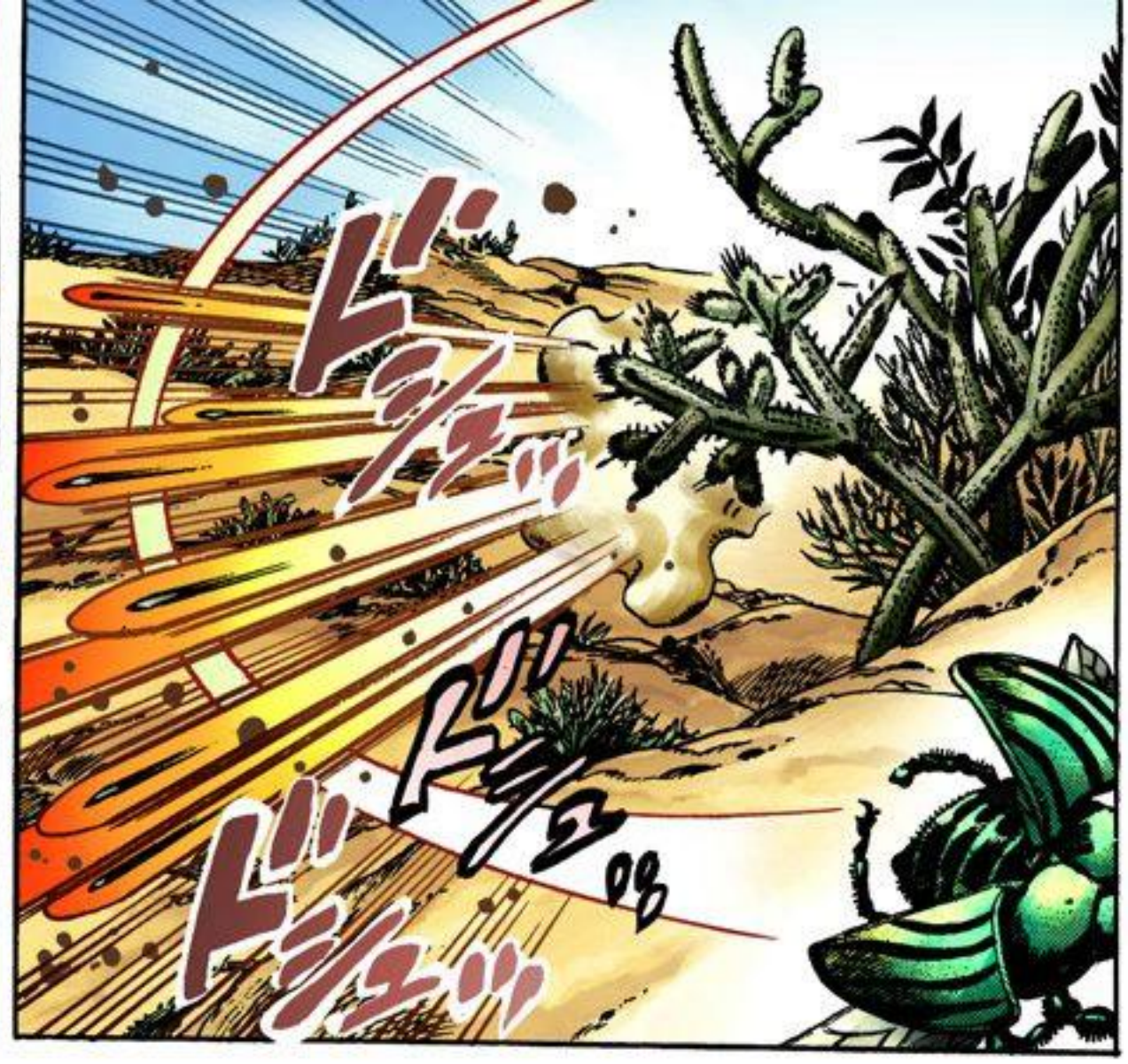
IT'S THE 'HIGH SPEED PRESSURE' THESE INSECTS GIVE OFF WHILE FLYING THAT CAUSES THE CHOLLA TO FREELY SHOOT OFF THEIR NEEDLES!

HE WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD TO BE A SLAVE TO REVENGE, AVENGING A GRUDGE THAT WOULD NEVER BE RESOLVED.

ONE TIME, IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE DESERT, THERE WAS A SCUFFLE THAT SOON TURNED INTO SOMETHING MUCH MORE BLOODY...

THE LOSER OF THE DUEL WAS PURPOSEFULLY CHAINED TO A CACTUS WITH THE INTENT THAT HE WOULD DIES A SLOW, CRUEL DEATH...

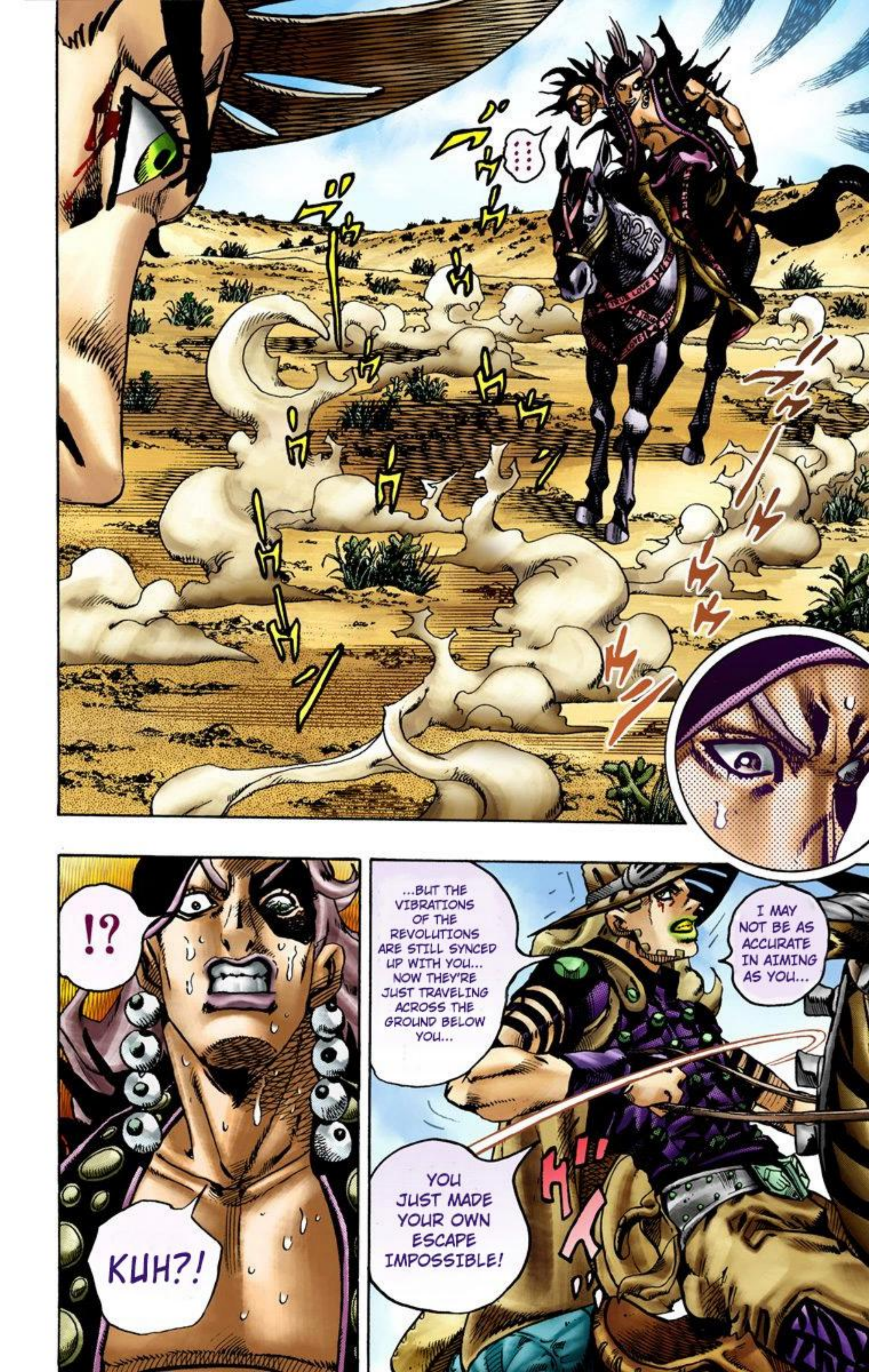
AND AFTERWARDS THE CACTUS PLACED A CURSE ON THAT DEAD MAN.



YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST THROW MY STEEL BALLS TO THE GROUND AND FORGET ABOUT THEM? MY PRECIOUS STEEL BALLS?
ALRIIIGHT! FINALLY, SOMEONE WHO THINKS THE SAME WAY I DO!

TAKE THIS! I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE IN THIS RACE TO RUN AHEAD OF ME!

NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU MY SECRET, IT'S TIME TO FINISH YOU OFF!
TRUE LOVE
TRUE LOVE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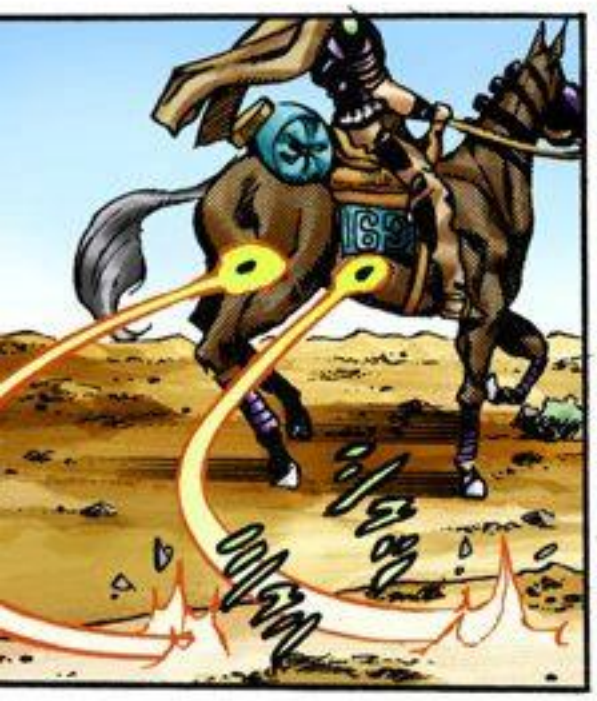
KUH?!
...BUT THE VIBRATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONS ARE STILL SYNCED UP WITH YOU... NOW THEY'RE JUST TRAVELING ACROSS THE GROUND BELOW YOU...
I MAY NOT BE AS ACCURATE IN AIMING AS YOU...
YOU JUST MADE YOUR OWN ESCAPE IMPOSSIBLE!



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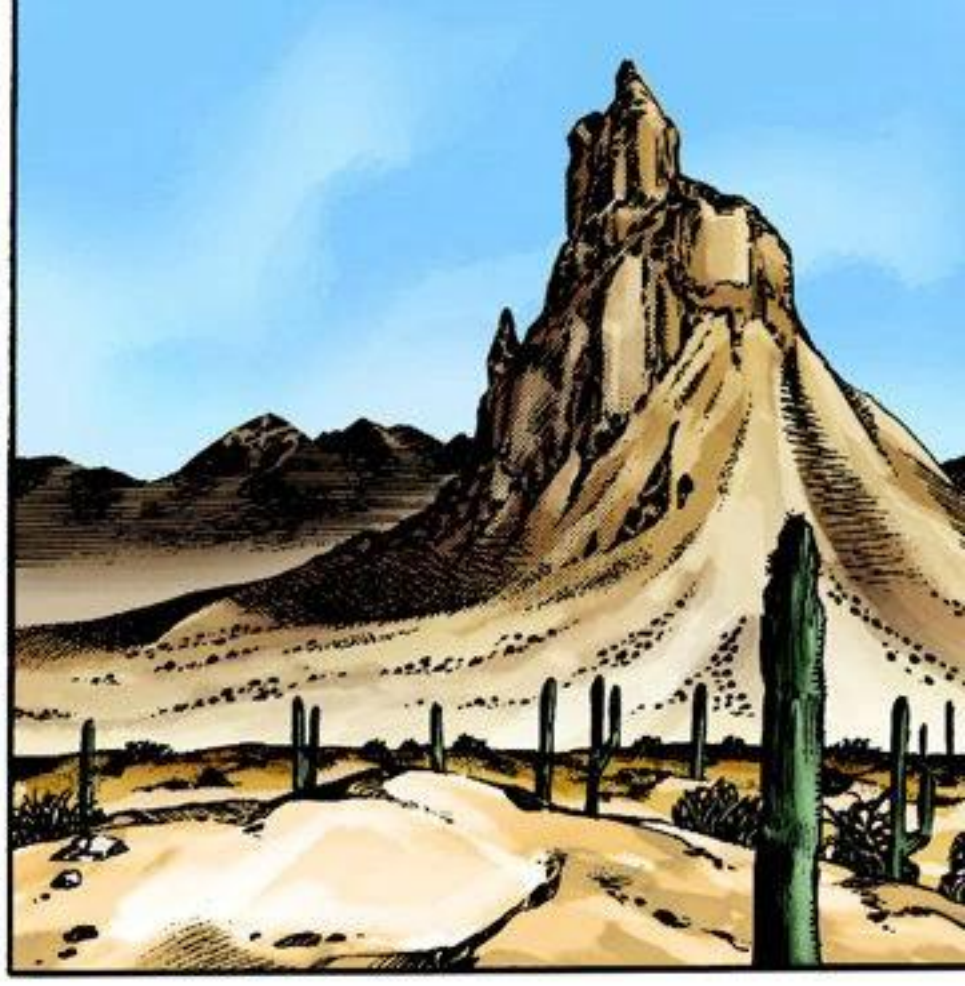

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HE... HELLO ...

THAT IS MRS. ROBINSON.

BUT I'M POSITIVE THAT I'M ON THE RIGHT TRAIL.

THE HORSESHOES I'M LOOKING FOR HAVE INDEED PASSED THROUGH HERE... ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES AGO.

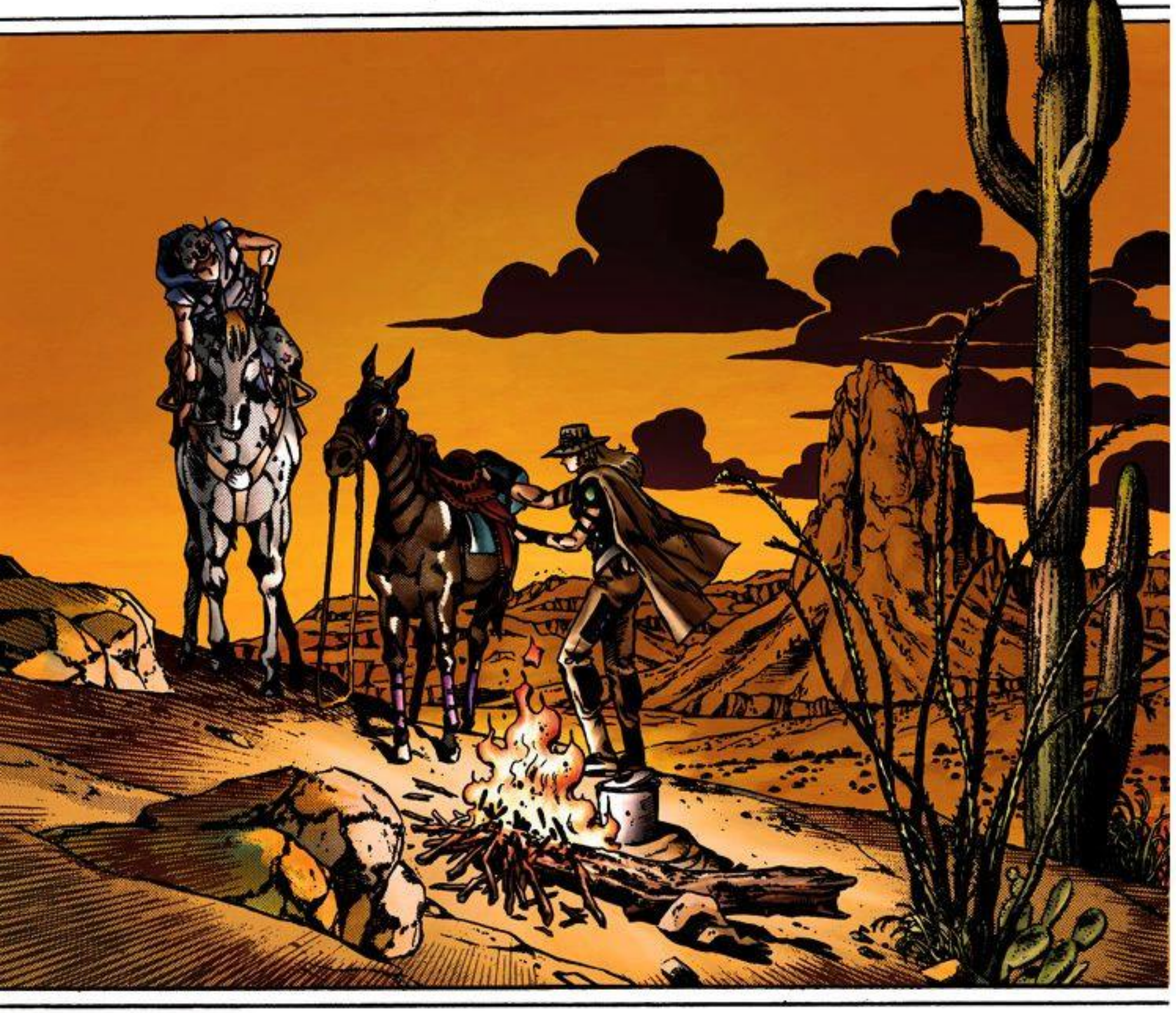
THIS ISN'T 'THE ONE'...

...HAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DESIGN ON THEIR HORSE-SHOES.

THE MURDURER I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING...

2ND STAGE

Time of sunset: 6:03pm **Johnny Joestar and Gyro Zeppeli**
Running distance of first day: Approximately 95 km
50 km from the next watering hole
Current rank: 1st Camping at this location



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THE DESERT BORN OUTLAWS

HE WAS 9 YEARS OLD.

IN THAT COUNTRY THERE WAS A BOY NAMED '*MARCO*'.

THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE SUDDEN...

BUT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A STORY IN A NEWSPAPER FROM A CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRY... DATED APRIL 23RD, 1890.

MARCO WAS ALSO TO SERVE UNDER A BARON CALLED RIPPI AND HIS JOB WOULD BE CLEANING HATS AND SHOES.

THE BOY'S FAMILY WAS FROM A LINE OF '*SERVANTS*' TO THE ARISTO-CRATS.

"THIS JOB WILL BRING YOU HAPPINESS, AS LONG AS YOU STAY HUMBLE AND EARNEST." HE SAID.

WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE HIS PARENTS, HIS FATHER TOLD THE 9-YEAR OLD MARCO...

EVERY MORNING, MARCO GOT UP EARLIER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE, AND SHINED THE SHOES AND BRUSHED THE HATS OF THE BARON AND HIS GUESTS.

THE KING'S ASSASSINATION WAS PREVENTED, BUT *'TREASON'* IS THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME!

THE BARON WAS PLOTTING A REVOLUTION AGAINST THE *'KING'* OF THE COUNTRY.

THE BARON'S PARTNERS IN THE PLOT AND THE BARON'S FAMILY WERE PUT ON TRIAL, AND SENTENCED TO EXECUTION.

HOWEVER, WEEKS AFTER TAKING SERVICE, SUDDENLY... THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY POLICE BROKE INTO THE ESTATE.

AND MARCO WAS ARRESTED.

BECAUSE HE WAS SHINING THE SHOES OF THE BARON AND HIS PARTNERS EVERY MORNING,

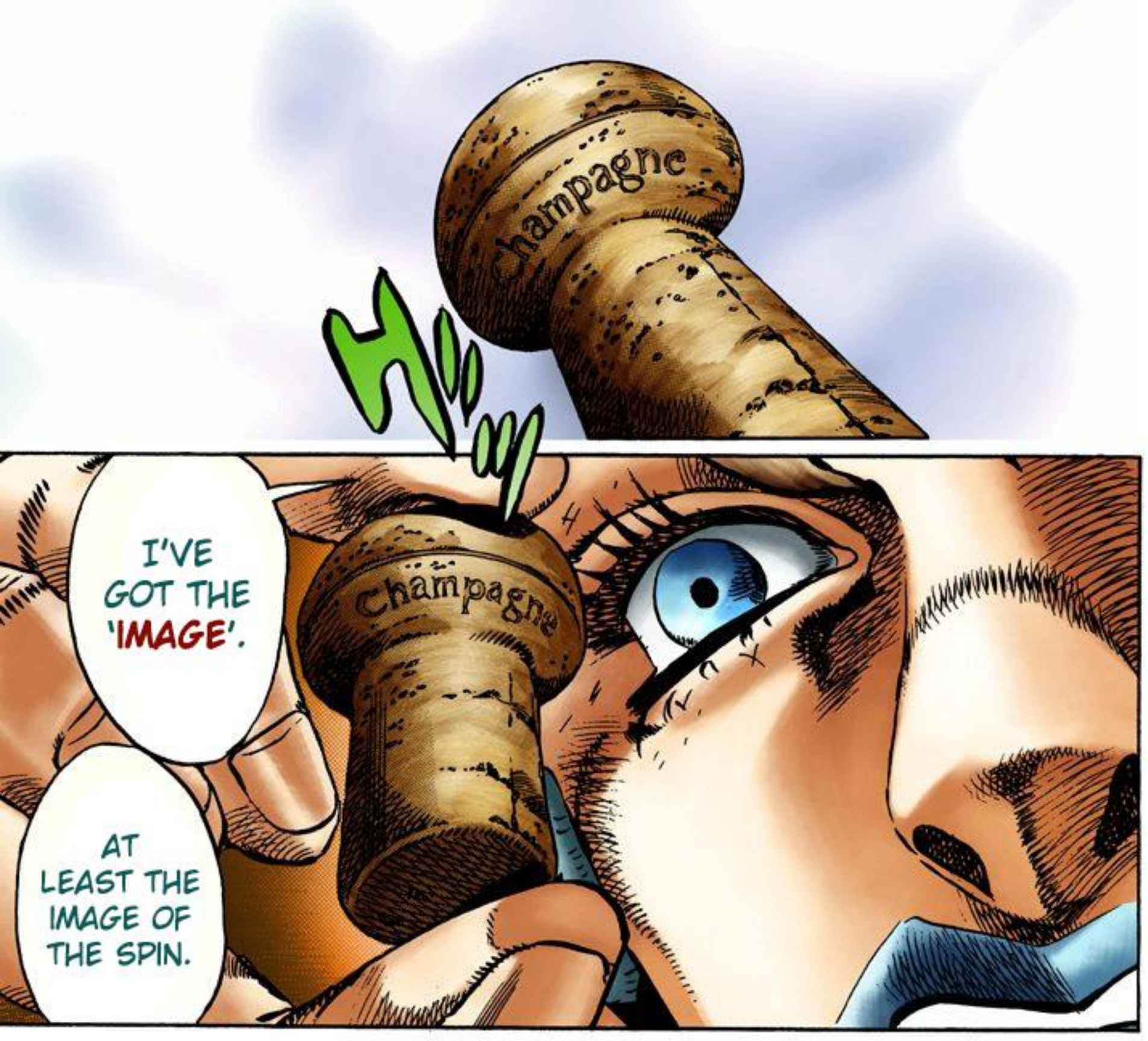
AND MARCO WAS SEEN AS PART OF THE BARON'S FAMILY.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE KNEW ABOUT IT..." THEY SAID.

FROM THE EVIDENCE, THE ASSASSINATION PLOT WAS PLANNED IN THIS ESTATE,

THE DECISION OF THE STATE WAS 'ABSOLUTE'.

THE EXECUTION METHOD WAS 'BEHEADING'.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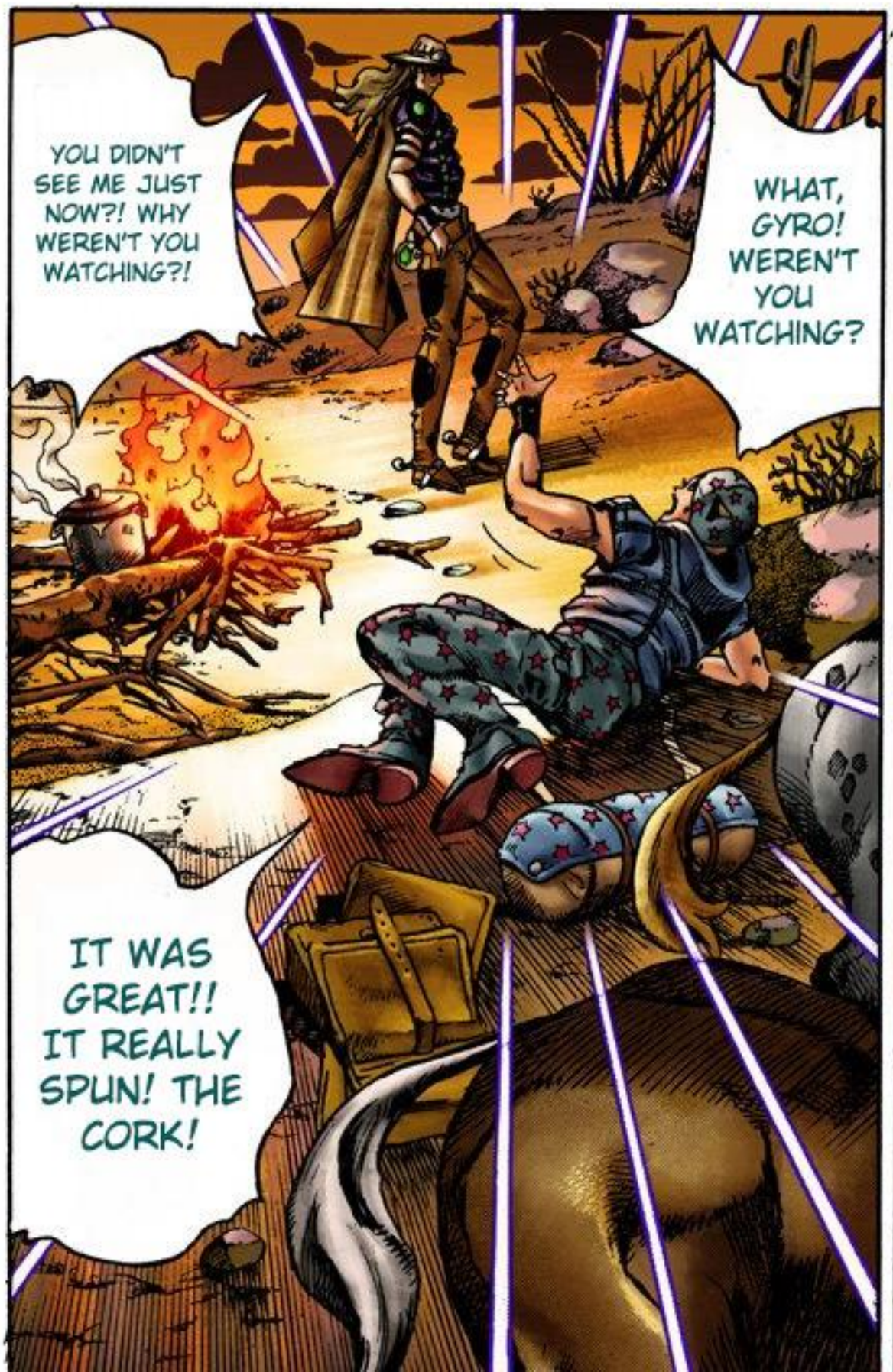
I'VE GOT THE 'IMAGE'.
AT LEAST THE IMAGE OF THE SPIN.
OH!
LIKE THE DANCING IMAGE OF A SPINNING BALLET DANCER IN THE WIND...

IT'S...
SPINN...
GYRO!
WHOOA!



THAT'S FUNNY.

HUH?

WHERE DID THE CORK GO?

YOU REALLY DID IT? DO IT AGAIN, THEN.

WHY DO I HAVE TO WATCH YOU ALL DAY?

SO...

POP

THE ROCKS ARE BEHIND ME, IT SHOULDN'T FLY OUT.

WHERE IS IT?

IT SHOULDN'T DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT.

IT'S A LITTLE DAMP!!

AAH!

IT'S FALLING DOWN MY BACK!... AH!

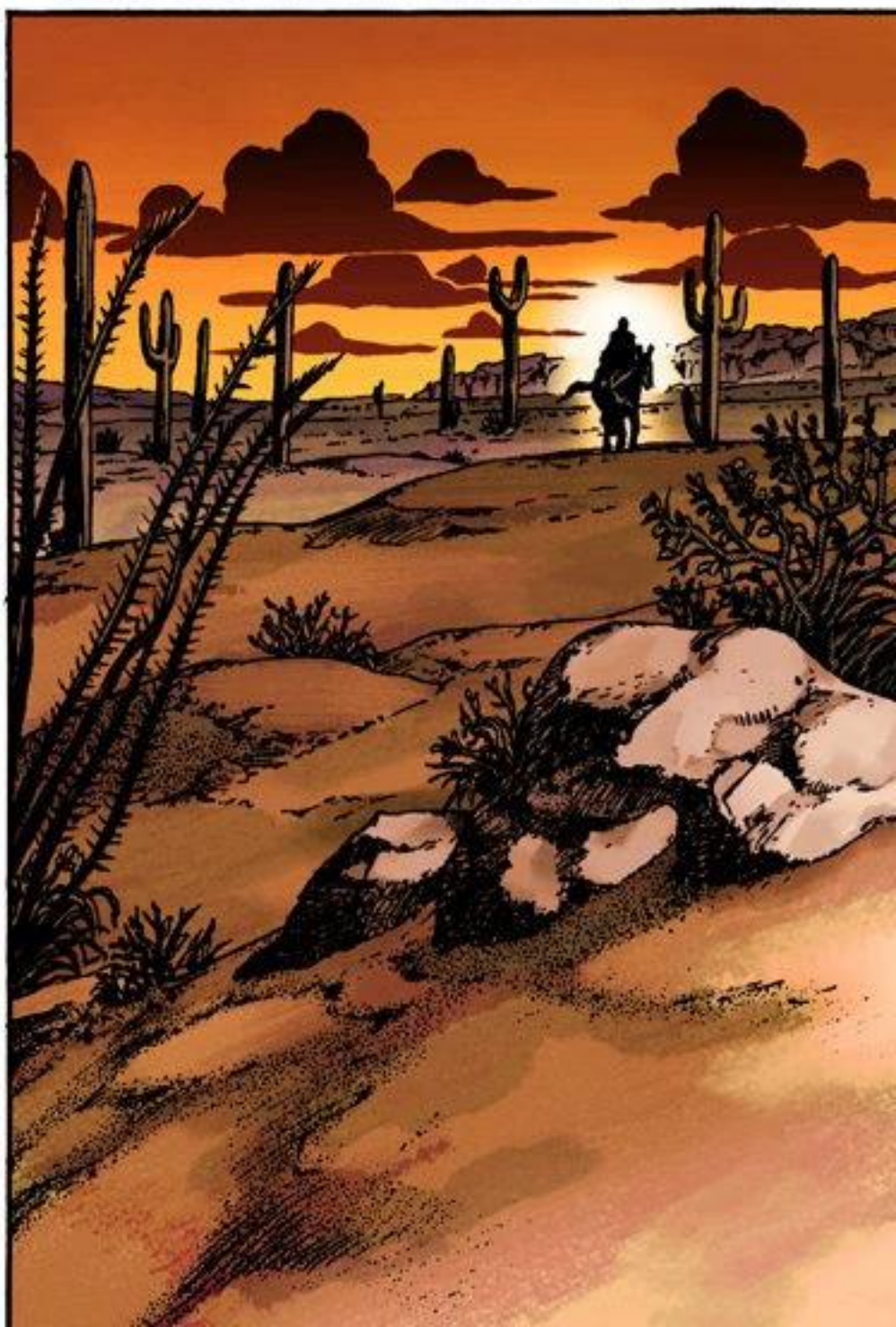
WAS IT REALLY UP THE HORSE'S ASS?

WHAT WAS THAT SOUND... WHERE WAS IT?

POP?

POP?

JOHNNY, THERE'S SOMEONE OVER THERE.



WE'RE CHAMPION CANDIDATES.

YOU THINK SO? ...

IF YOU HAVE ANY WEAPONS, GET THEM OUT. IF HE COMES NEAR US, WE'LL DRIVE HIM BACK.

WHEN YOU SAY '**WEIRDOS**', YOU MEAN GUYS LIKE THAT MRS. ROBINSON, RIGHT? THAT WAS BY CHANCE.

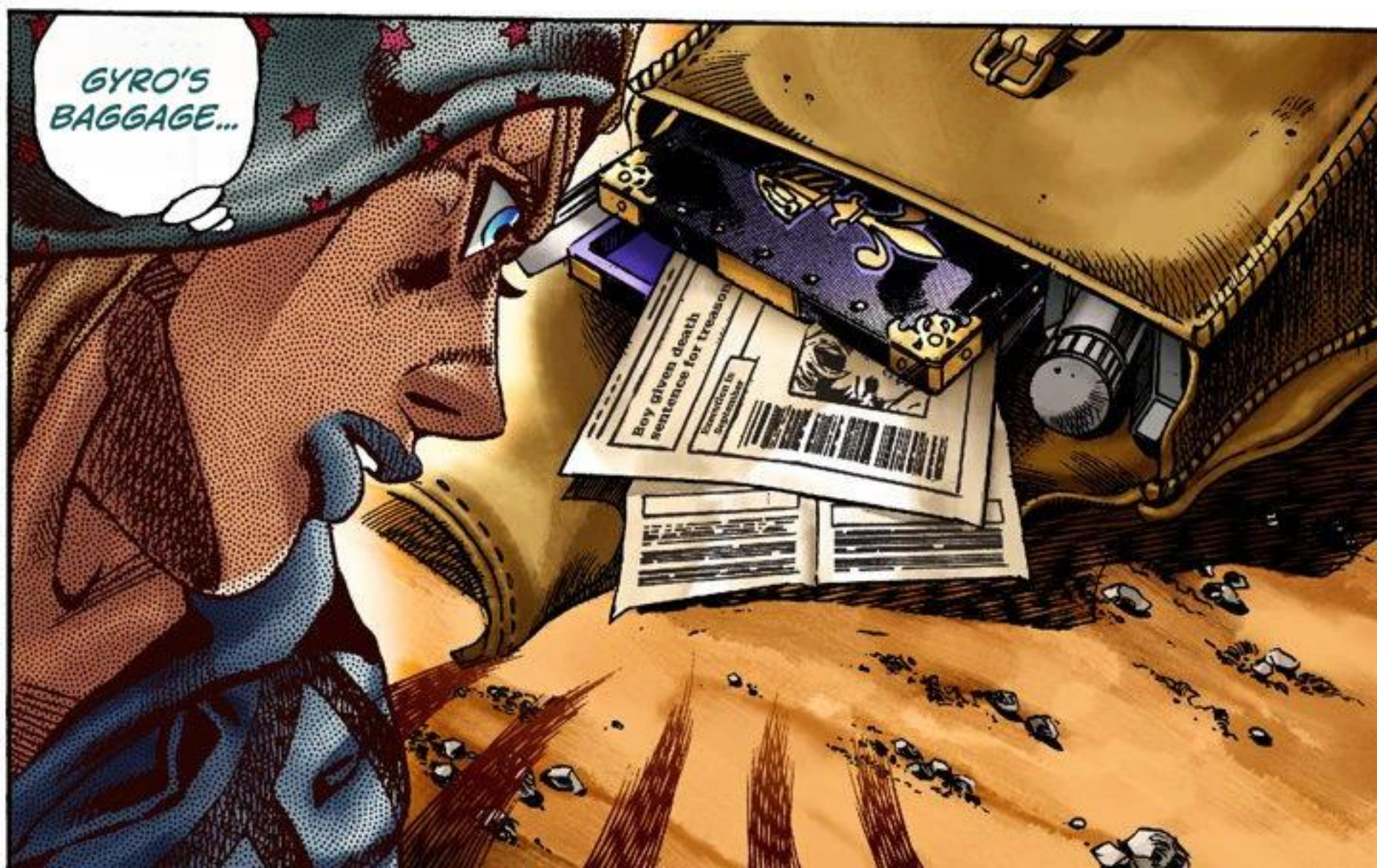
JOHNNY... DID YOU BRING A WEAPON?

YOU JUST SAID THAT THIS ROUTE WAS FULL OF '**WEIRDOS**'.

UH... JU... JUST IN CASE...

I DID BRING A GUN... BUT I'VE NEVER FIRED IT BEFORE...

Boy given death sentence for treason
Execution in September


GYRO'S BAGGAGE...
Boy given death sentence for treason
Execution in September

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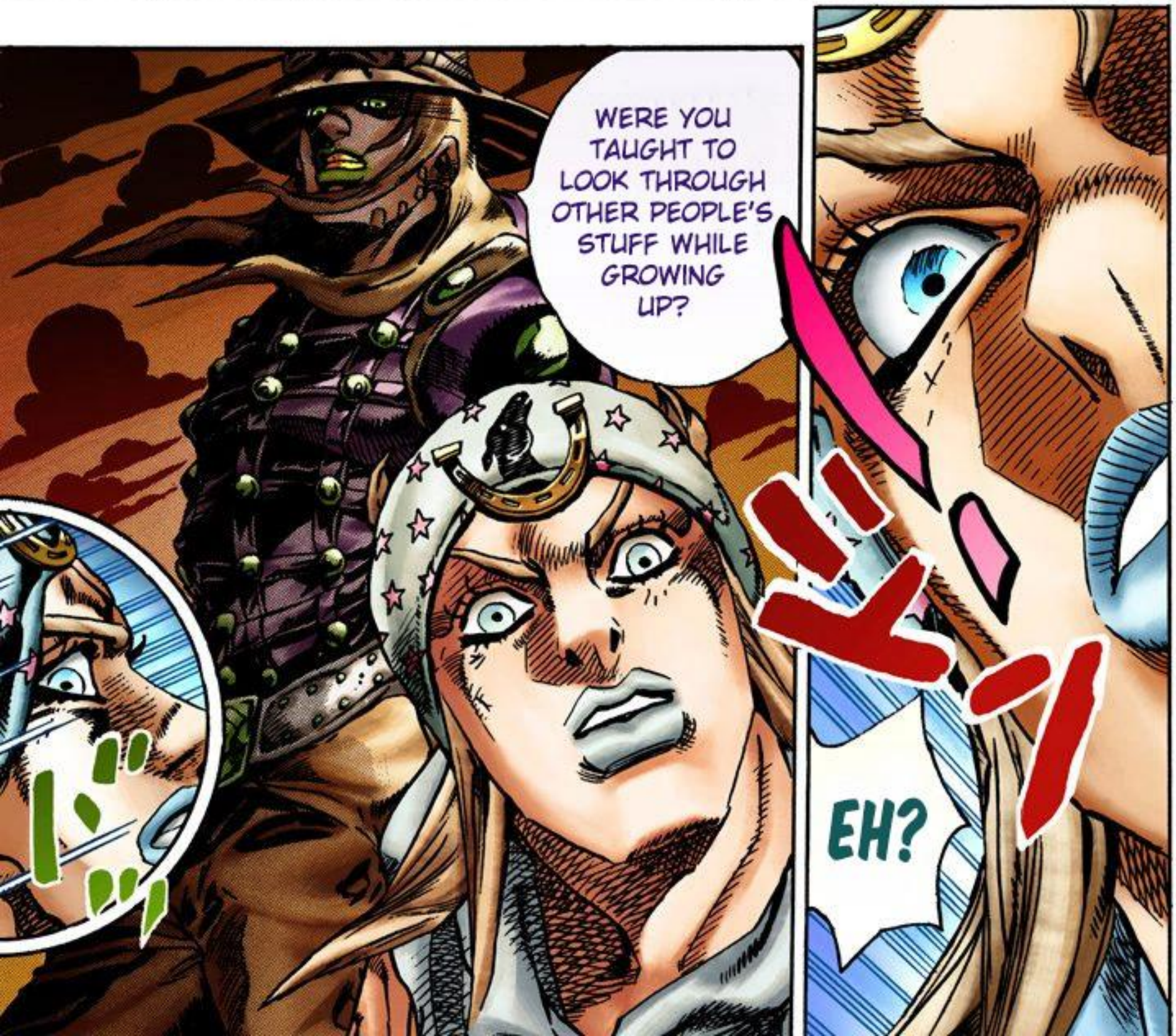
Officer Zep
protests agai
boy's guilt
$50,000,000 needed
for retrial

WHAT'S THIS?
A COAT OF ARMS...
A LETTER HOLDER WITH A 'COAT OF ARMS' ON IT...
DID HE STEAL IT? A 'COAT OF ARMS' IS A TREASURE THAT CAN'T BE HELD WITHOUT PERMISSION BY SOMEONE LIKE A LORD IN EUROPE.


WERE YOU TAUGHT TO LOOK THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF WHILE GROWING UP?
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YOU'RE NOT FROM THIS COUNTRY!

WHO ARE YOU?

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BUT YOU...

I... I WASN'T LOOKING THROUGH!

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WAS GYRO TRYING TO SAVE THAT '*BOY*' ALL BY HIMSELF? HOW WERE GYRO AND THE BOY RELATED? THE RACE PRICE OF $50 MILLION... ALL I CAN SAY ABOUT THIS IS THAT THE TIME THAT GYRO ANSWERS THESE '*QUESTIONS*' WOULD COME SOON ENOUGH... WHEN HE HITS THE HARSHEST POINT IN THE RACE.

NEVER LET HIM COME NEAR.

LOOKS LIKE THE BALLOONS HAVE LANDED. THIS MIGHT HAVE BECOME A RACE INTERFERENCE ALLAOWED ROUTE.

HE REALLY IS COMING OVER HERE AFTER ALL...

EH?

ALLLL RIGHT! STOP RIGHT THERE!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

I MEAN NO HARM! I CAME HERE BECAUSE I SAW THE FIRE!

D... DON'T SHOOT!

YEAH, YOU!

I TOLD YOU TO STOP RIGHT THERE!

I'M TALKING TO YOU!

THIS IS BAD...! REAL BAD!

I WAS BITTEN!

I WAS SQUATTING DOWN AND TAKING A DUMP, AND MY FINGERS WERE BIT! SHIIIT! TWO FINGERS ON MY LEFT HAND!

I'LL JUDGE THAT AFTER YOU LEAVE.

MEANING HARM OR NO HARM...

HE HASN'T SAID IT YET.

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GETTING OFF YOUR HORSE FOR?! YOU ASSHOLE!

JOHNNY... DID HE SAY WHAT HE WAS BITTEN BY?

DON'T MAKE ME TELL YOU TO STAY AWAY MORE THAN ONCE!

WHEN I WAS TRYING TO WIPE MY ASS, IT WAS HIDING BEHIND THE SHIT!

A YELLOW AND BLACK STRIPED ONE!

A POISON-OUS LIZARD!

PLEEEASE! GIMME SOME FIRE FROM YOUR CAMPFIRE! I WANNA BURN THE WOUND AND CLEAN IIIT!

ONCE ITS VENOM CIRCLES THE WHOLE BODY, YOU DIE.

THE LIZARD'S A "SPOTTED SALAMAN-DER".

MIGHT BE A FAKE WOUND.

I'LL BE DEAD BEFORE DAWN!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WOULD THEY COME AT NIGHT?

AFTER I CUT OFF THE POISON, I WANT TO CLEAN IT... GIMME SOME FIREEEEE!

WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD. WAIT FOR THE RESCUE GROUP.

THAANK YOOUU! THANKYOU! THANKYOU!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOUUUU!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOUU!

THANK YOOUUUU!

THANKYOU!

I DUNNO ...

BUT I DON'T TRUST HIM...

STRANGE GUY.

ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM DIE?

YOU GO AHEAD AND START YOUR OWN CAMPFIRE AND CLEAN IT!

I WON'T LET YOU COME NEAR US! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A LIT PIECE OF WOOD!

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HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

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I INVENTED THIS WAY MYSELF... IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD.

I ALWAYS LET THE GIRLS STRANGLE ME.

DON'T EVER TRY THIS.

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IT'S... IT'S ANESTHESIA.

ANESTHESIA.

SINCE I'M GONNA CUT OFF THE POISONED PART OF THE SKINNN...

I'D NEED A PAINKILLER.

NO IDEA!! WHAT'S ALL THIS?!
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT!
JUUUUST BEFORE I PASS OOOOOUT!
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HEEEEEE AAAAAA!

I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE THAT KIND OF THING RIGHT BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP!

SHIT!

WHAT THE HELL! HE TORE OUT HIS WOUNDS! LIZARD REALLY DID GET HIM!

YEAH, OF COURSE...

YOU'D DEFINITELY DIE IF YOU DO THAT! HE MIGHT HAVE REALLY BOUGHT IT BY STRANGLING SO MUCH!

HE'S NOT MOVING ANY MORE!

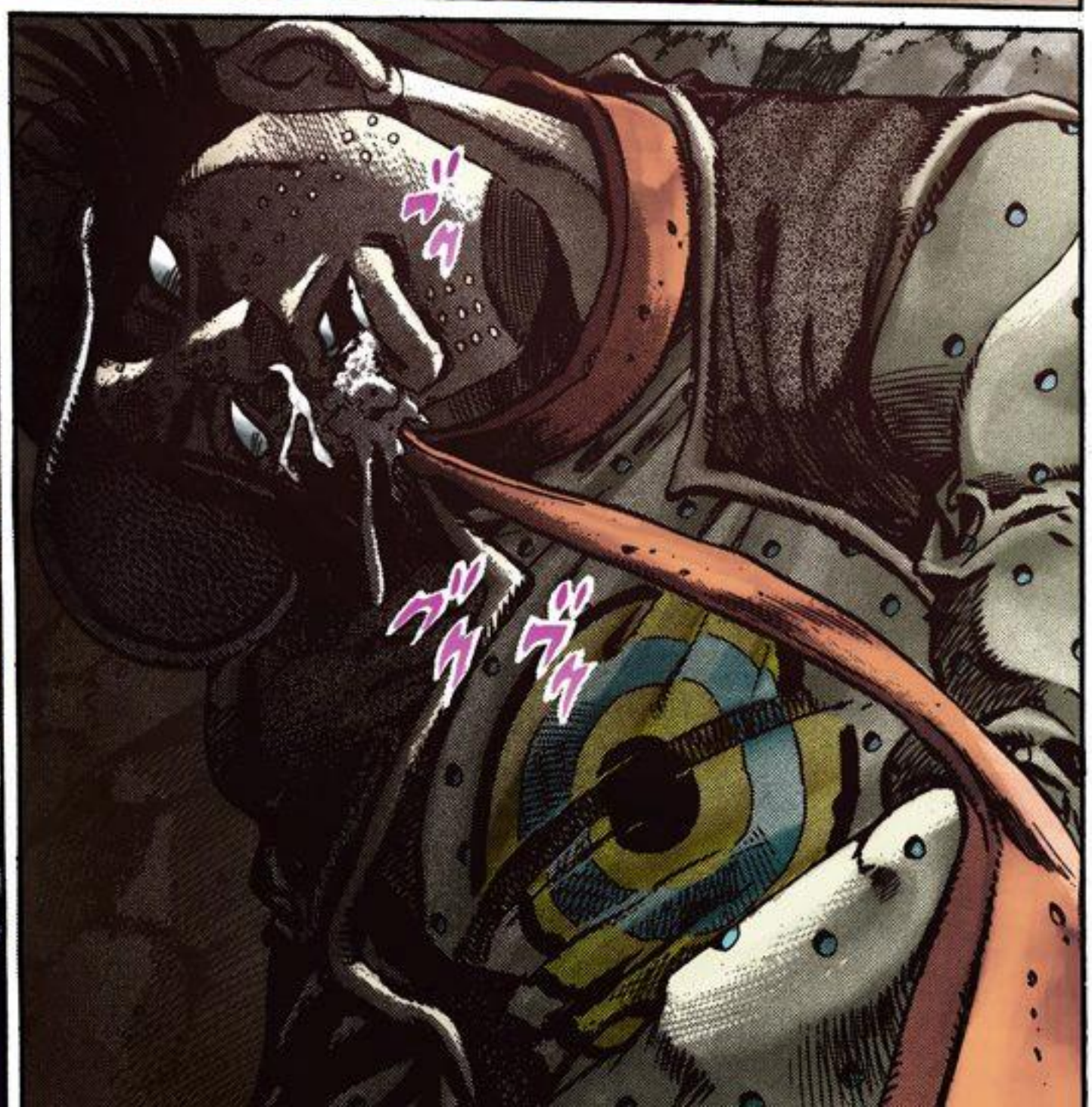
HERE, HERE'S YOUR FIRE, JUST GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!

DAMMIT!

I'M SORRY THAT I WAS HARD ON YOU WHEN YOU WERE BITTEN, BUT WE DON'T WANT YOU LYING THERE ALL NIGHT EITHER!

JUST GET UP AND GET OUT OF HERE!

HEY, WAKE UP!



'ANDRE BOOM BOOM', NUMBER C-450. HE'S IN AT 10TH PLACE IN THE 1ST STAGE!

GYRO, I FOUND HIS NAME ON THE RACER LIST.

HEY HEY, HE DIDN'T REALLY DIE, DID HE?

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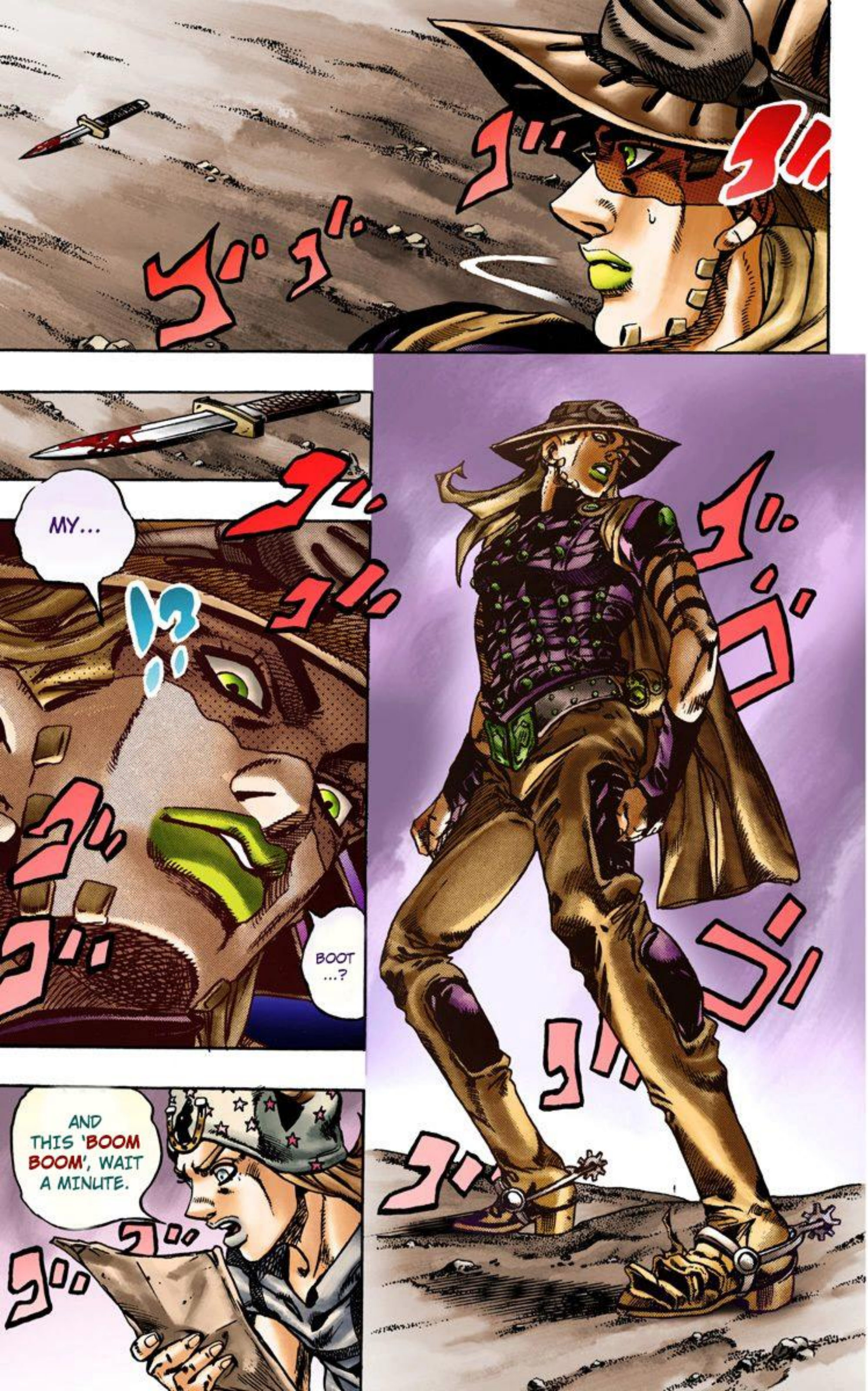
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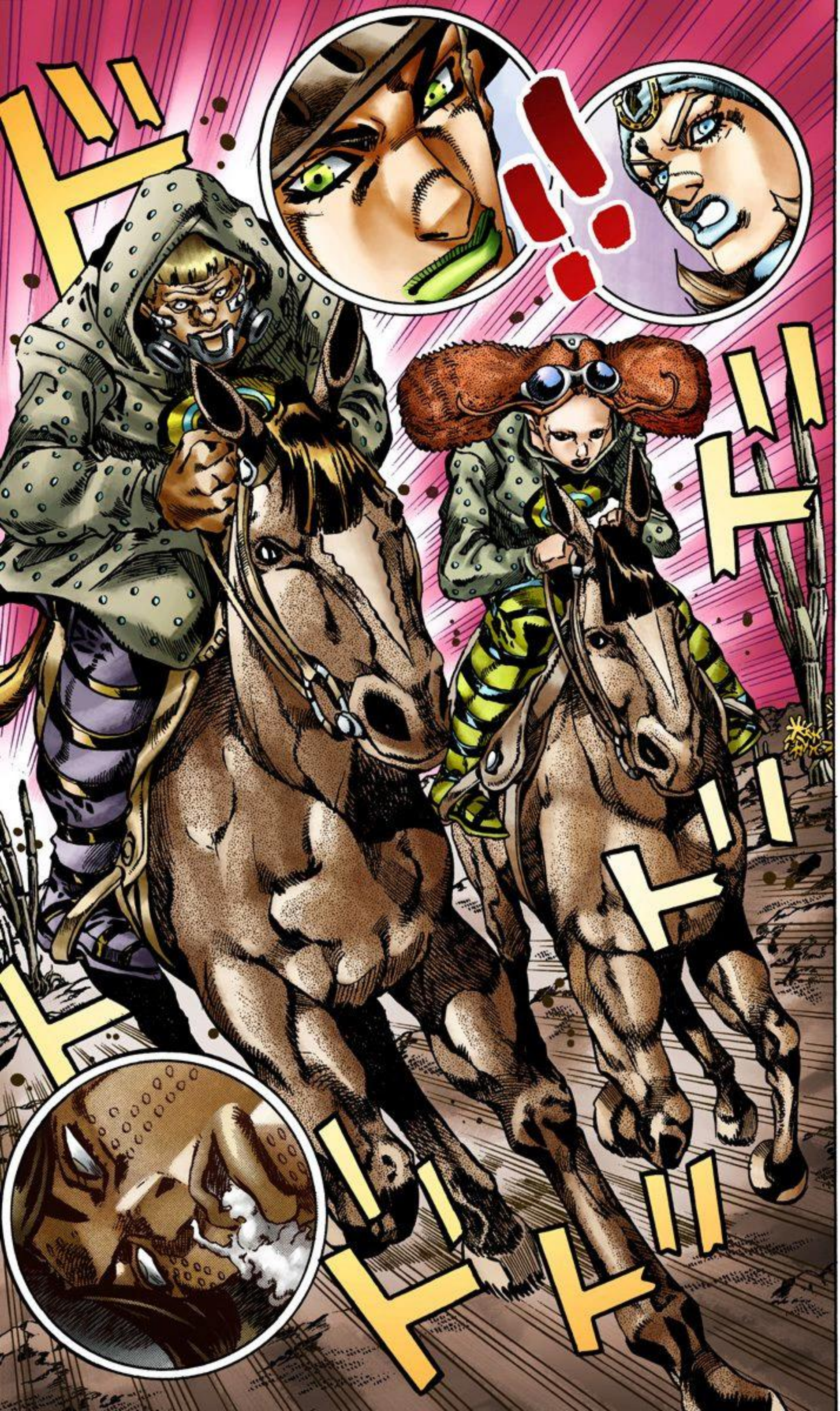
BOOT ...?
AND THIS 'BOOM BOOM', WAIT A MINUTE.

F.V. Stroheim GER.
7 Hot Pants ?
8 Dixie Chicken AME
9 Benjamin Boom Boom AME
10 Andre Boom Boom AMER.
L.A. Boom Boom AMER.

11TH PLACE IS L.A. BOOM BOOM.

9TH PLACE IS BENJAMIN BOOM BOOM.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MEN DON'T CRY!

SHADDUP, YOU IDIOT!

DAD! DO YOU THINK BIG BROTHER'S REALLY DEAD?

IS MY BRO ANDRE DEAD?

BUT THAT GYRO ZEPPELI! HE CAREFULLY DIDN'T APPROACH ANDRE TO THE VERY END! ANDRE'S GIVING IT ALL HE'S GOT, TOO!

HE DIDN'T DIRECTLY TOUCH ANDRE, BUT HE TOUCHED THE BLOOD STAINED KNIFE!

BUT HE FINALLY TOUCHED ANDRE'S KNIFE!

IF THEY'RE GOING TO CHARGE AT US...

THEY'RE A TEAM. THEY'RE A 3 MAN TEAM AIMING FOR THE $50 MILLION!

WHO THE HELL ARE THEY? THERE'S TWO GUYS COMING RIGHT AT US!

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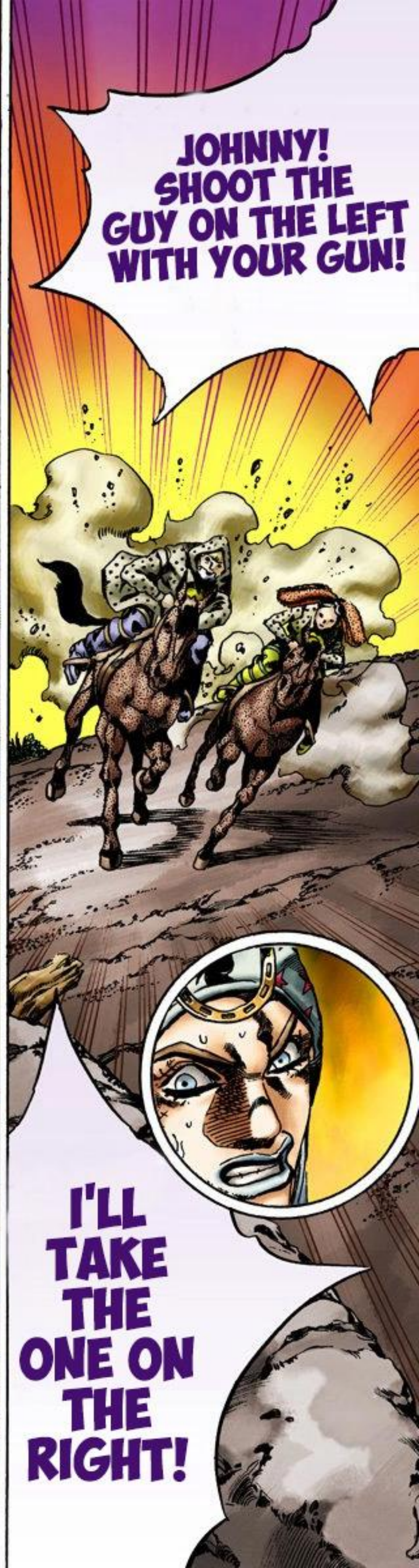
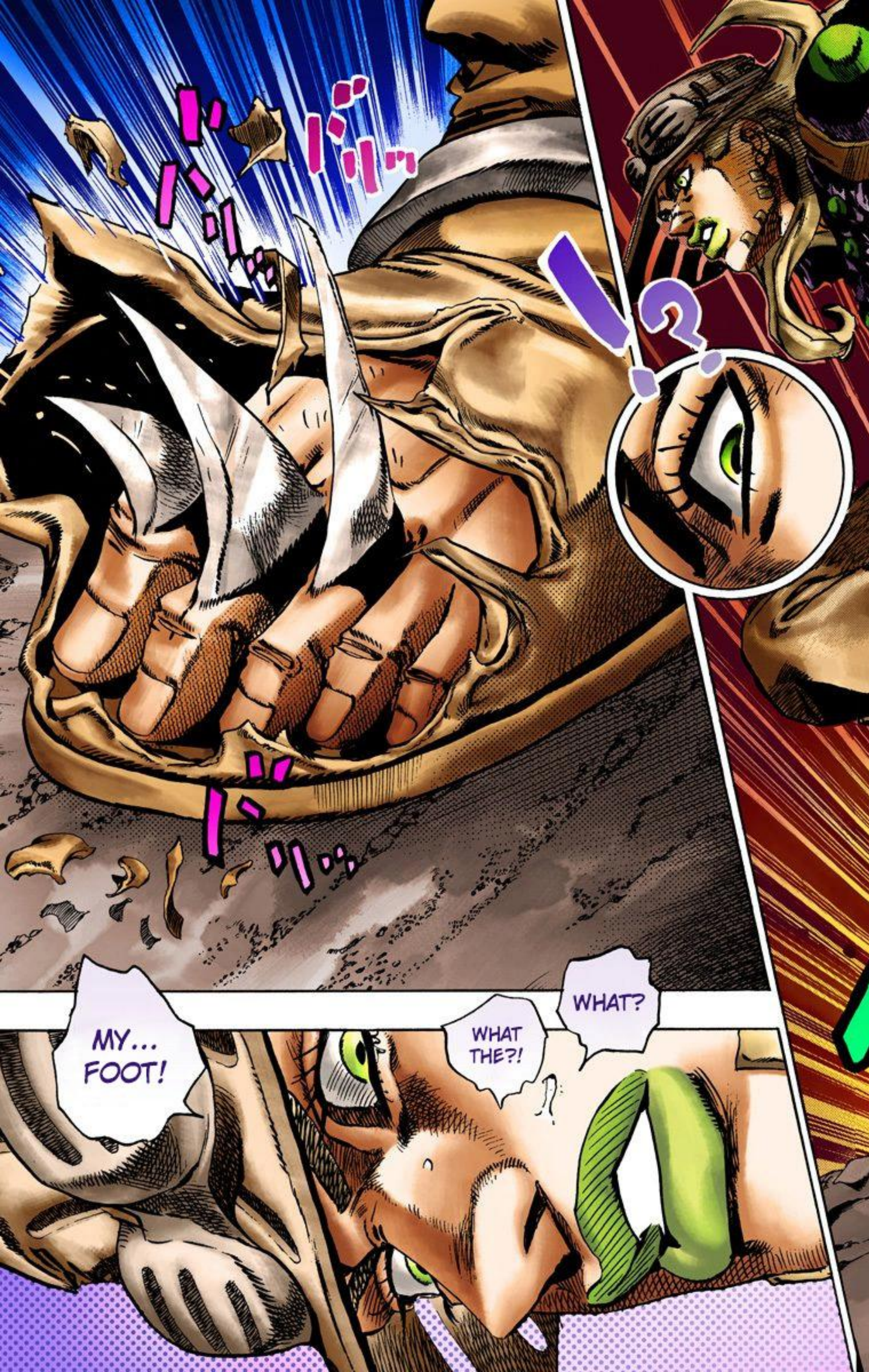

JOHNNY! SHOOT THE GUY ON THE LEFT WITH YOUR GUN!
I'LL TAKE THE ONE ON THE RIGHT!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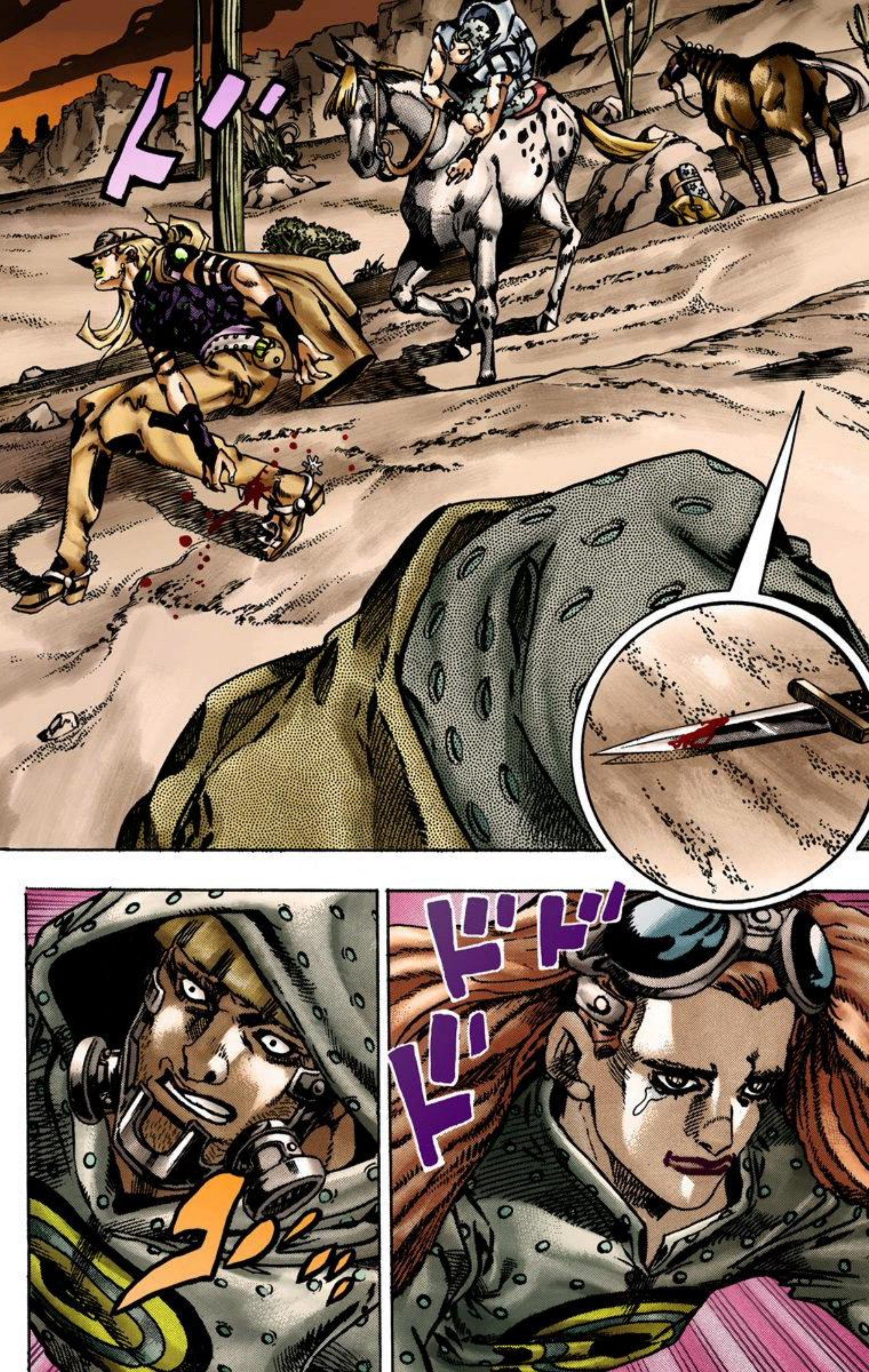
MY... FOOT!
WHAT THE?!
WHAT?

#16 THE DESERT BORN OUTLAWS PART 2
THE FOOT?! WHAT HAPPENED?!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IT FEELS LIKE A BLOCK IS IN MY FOOT!

SOMETHING'S GOING WRONG IN MY BODY!

I KICKED HIS KNIFE AWAY WITH THIS FOOT! SOME KIND OF POISON! ...OR... HE MIGHT HAVE INFECTED ME WITH SOME SORT OF DISEASE!

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DID THAT ANDRE BOOM BOOM OVER THERE DO IT?! OR DID THE TWO GUYS CLOSING IN DO IT?

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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

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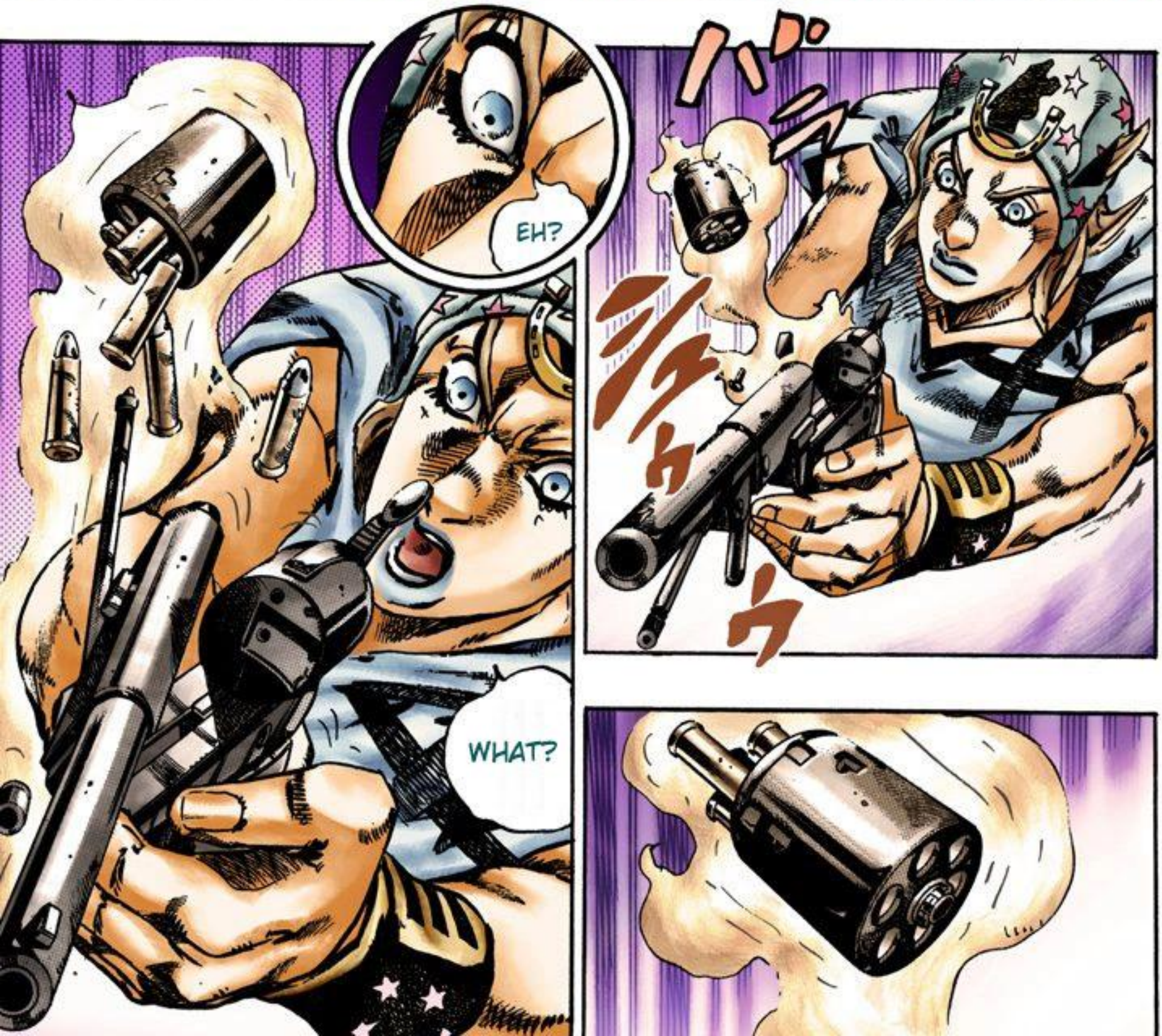
IT HAS TO BE! ... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS DONE TO ME!

JUST TAKE THE LEFT! I GOT THE RIGHT!

DON'T LET THEM GET ANY CLOSER!

HERE THEY COME!



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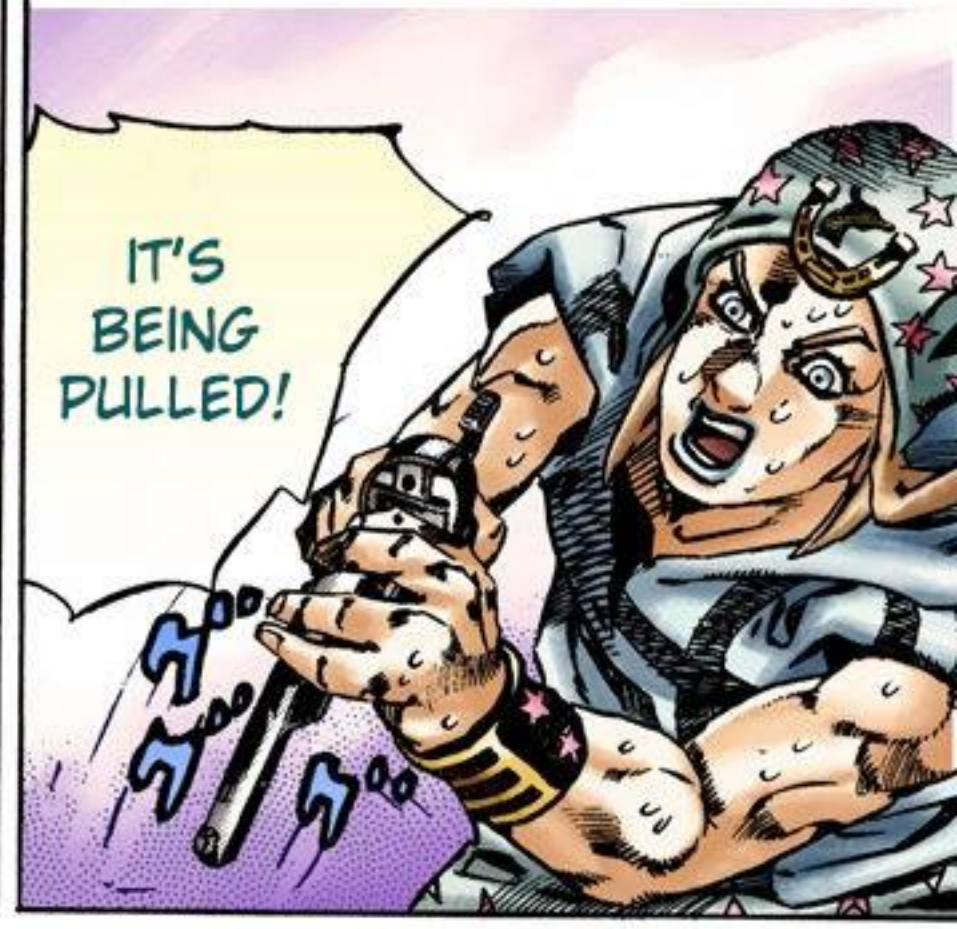
JOHNNY?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
THE GUN BROKE! ALL... ALL OF A SUDDEN!
I HAVEN'T USED IT MUCH! ...BUT IT SUDDENLY FELL APART...
IT'S NOT AN OLD GUN...
AND...
AND...

THE GUN'S GOING TOWARD YOU!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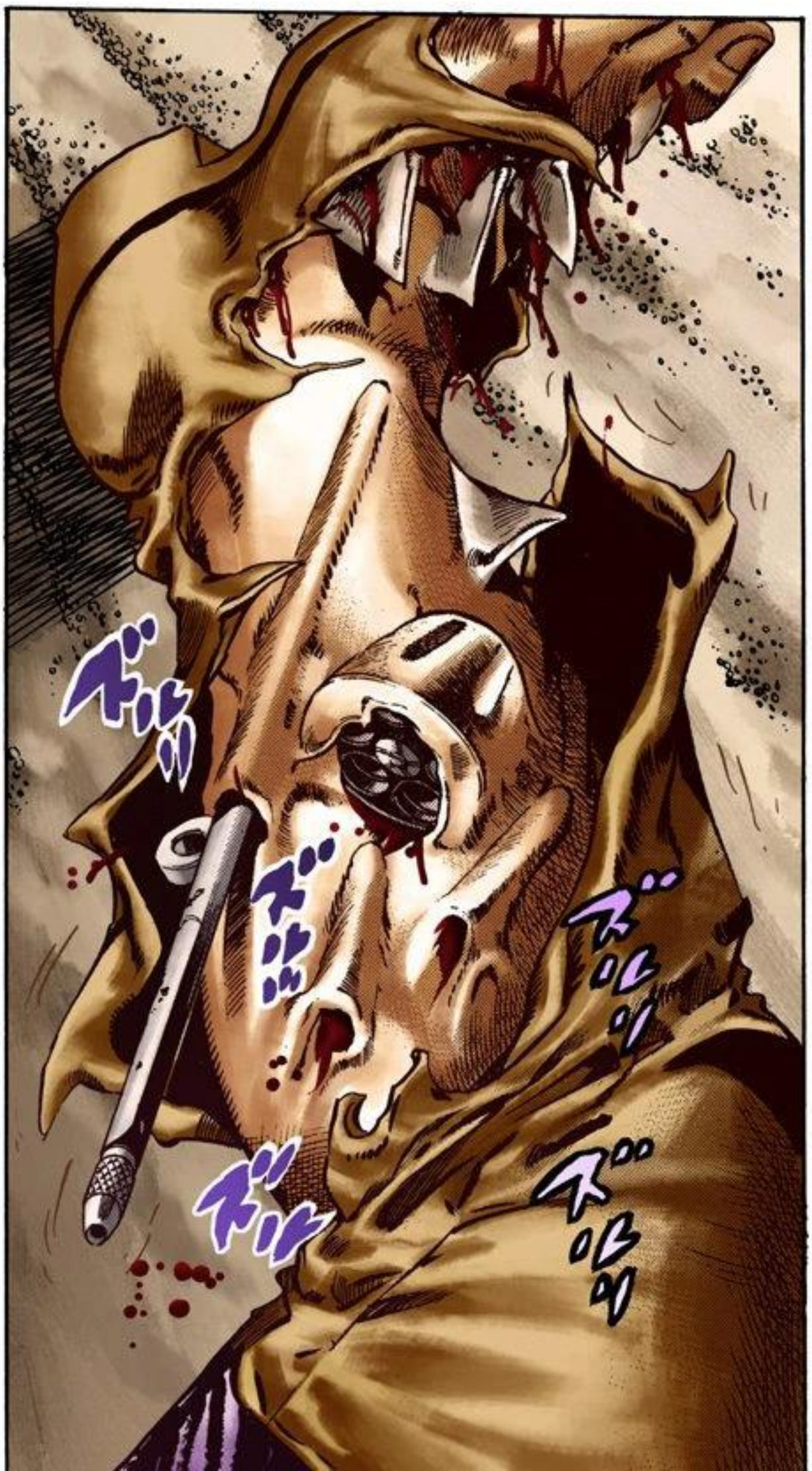
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WHAT IS THIS?

WHA...

INTO MY SKIN...

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YOU THINK HE SAFELY CLEANED OUT THE LIZARD VENOM?

BROTHER ANDRE... HE'S NOT MOVING.

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GOD, YOU'VE BEEN NOISY FOR A WHILE!

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COULD THEY BE CONTROLLING IRON THAT WAY?!

THERE'S IRON IN BLOOD, TOO!

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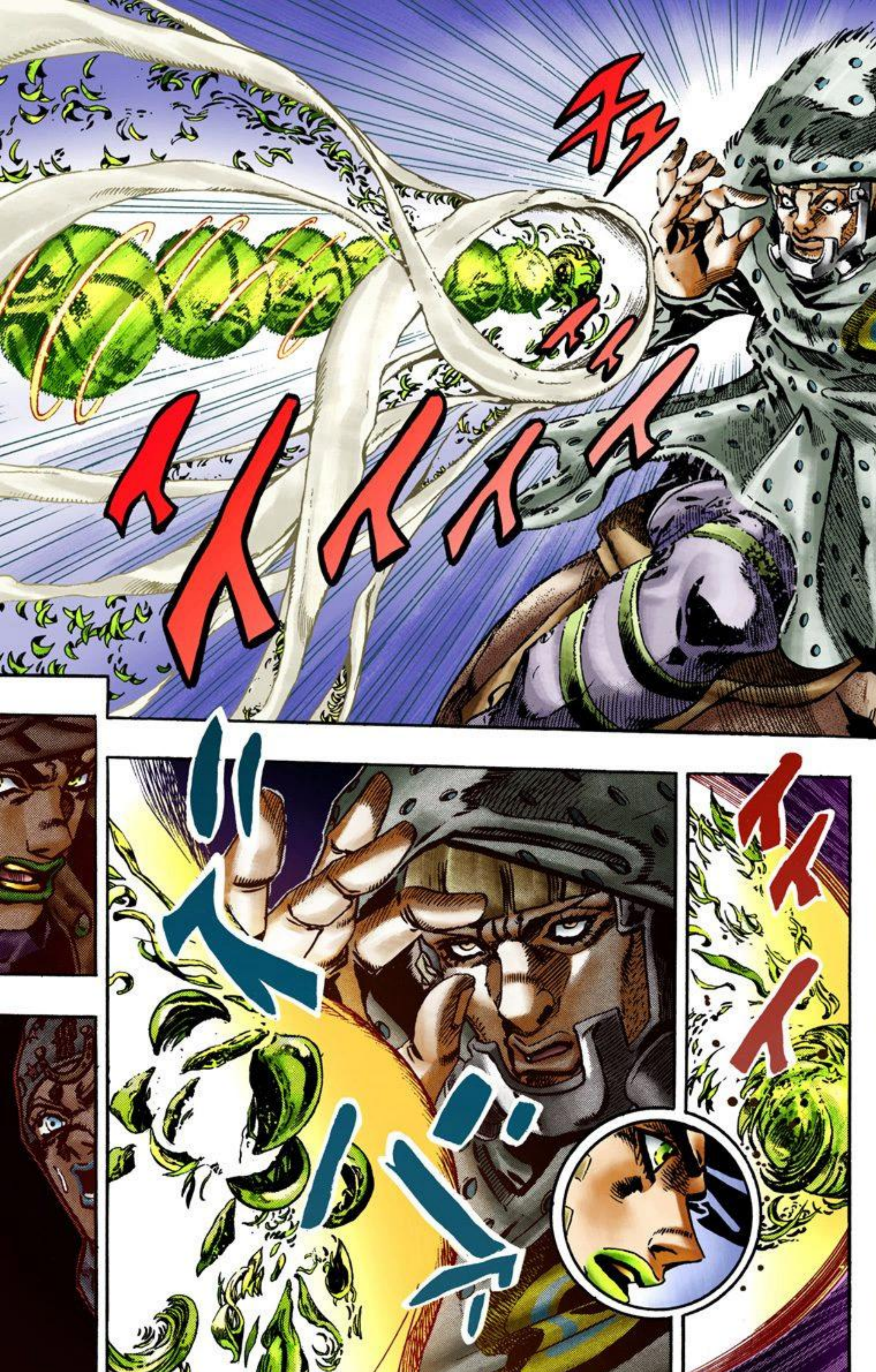
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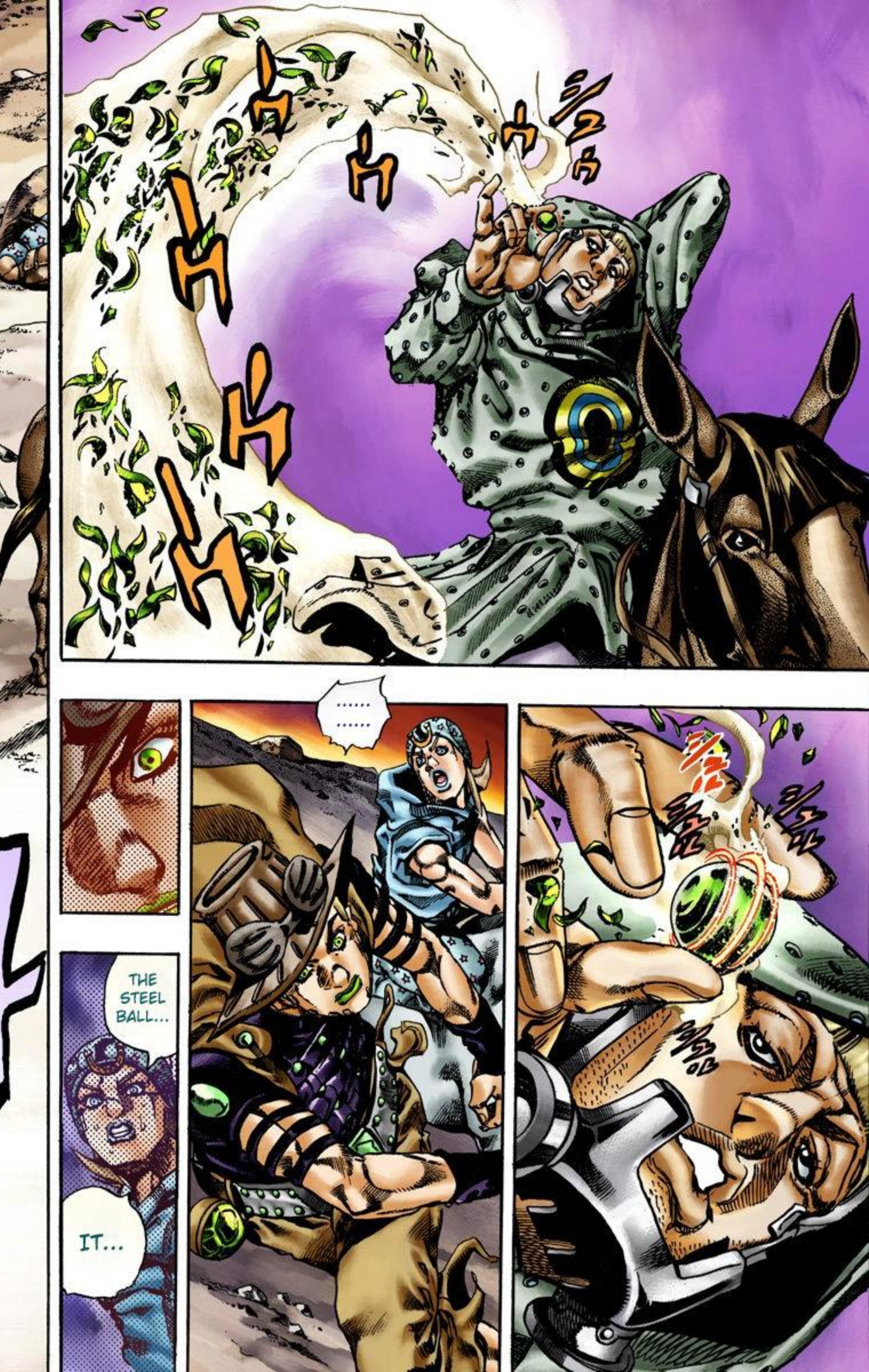
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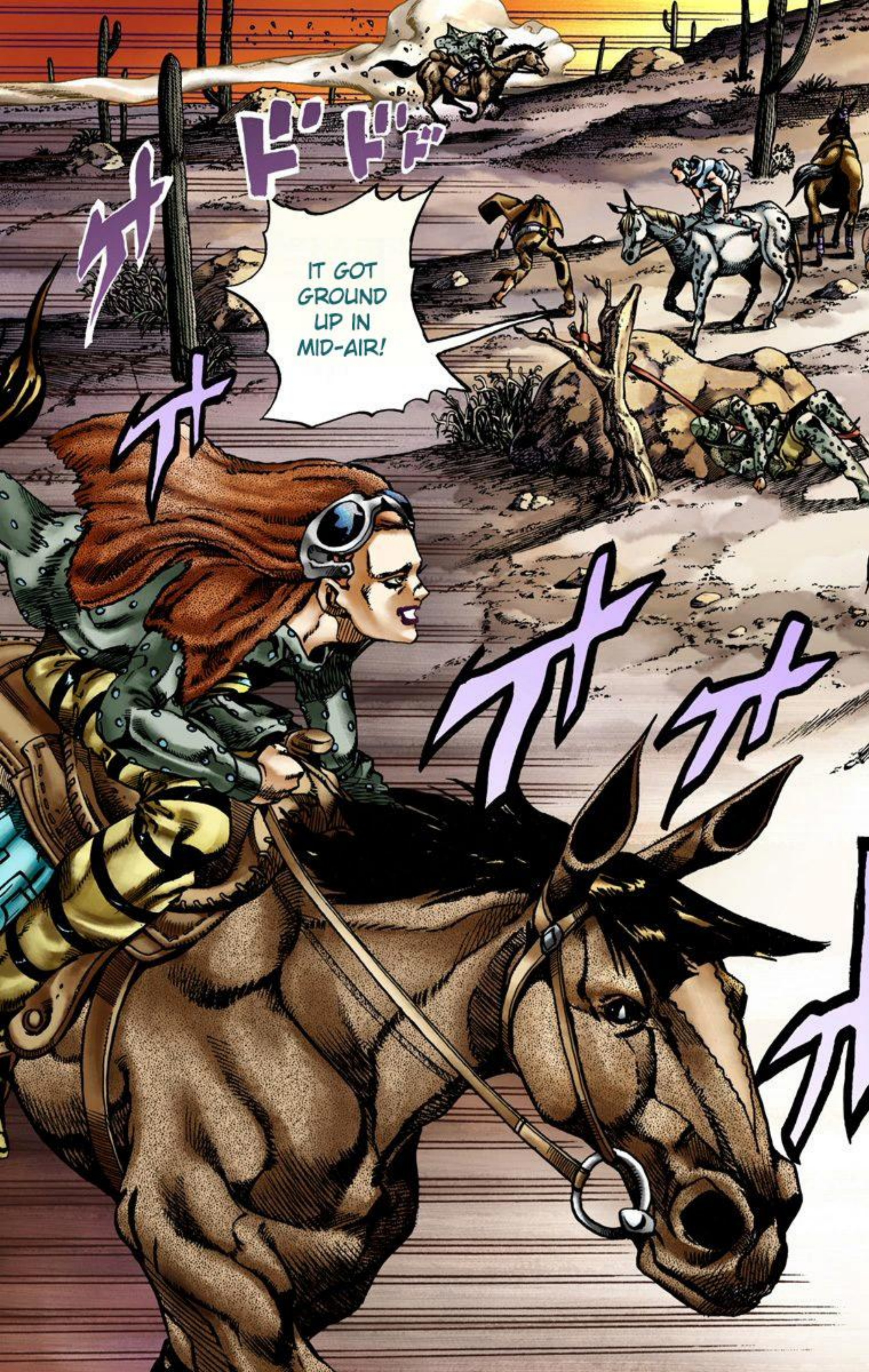
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IT GOT GROUND UP IN MID-AIR!

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BUT HOW WOULD YOU GRIND IRON?!
GYRO! THE STEEL BALL WAS GONE IN MID-AIR! THE STEEL BALL IS IRON, TOO...!
WHO THE HELL ARE THESE GUYS?!

55.1 MILLION DOLLARS!
YOU IDIOT!

1ST PLACE IS DAD.
IF WE DO A 1-2-3 FINISH...
3RD PLACE IS ME.
2ND PLACE IS BROTHER ANDRE.
THE TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE BIG! IT'LL BE BIG WHEN YOU ADD THEM ALL UP!!
HOW MUCH DO YOU GET WHN YOU ADD THEM...?
...UH...

THEY'RE BEGINNING TO CIRCLE AROUND US!
WE'RE SURROUNDED, GYRO!

NOT LIKE THAT MRS. ROBINSON.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT KIND...

THEY'RE NOT LIKE HIM! HE WAS BREEDING INSECTS IN HIS EYES AND CONTROLLING THEM.

THOSE GUYS HAVE A SERIOUS '**SOMETHING**', AND THEY SHOWED UP IN THE RACE.

THESE GUYS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

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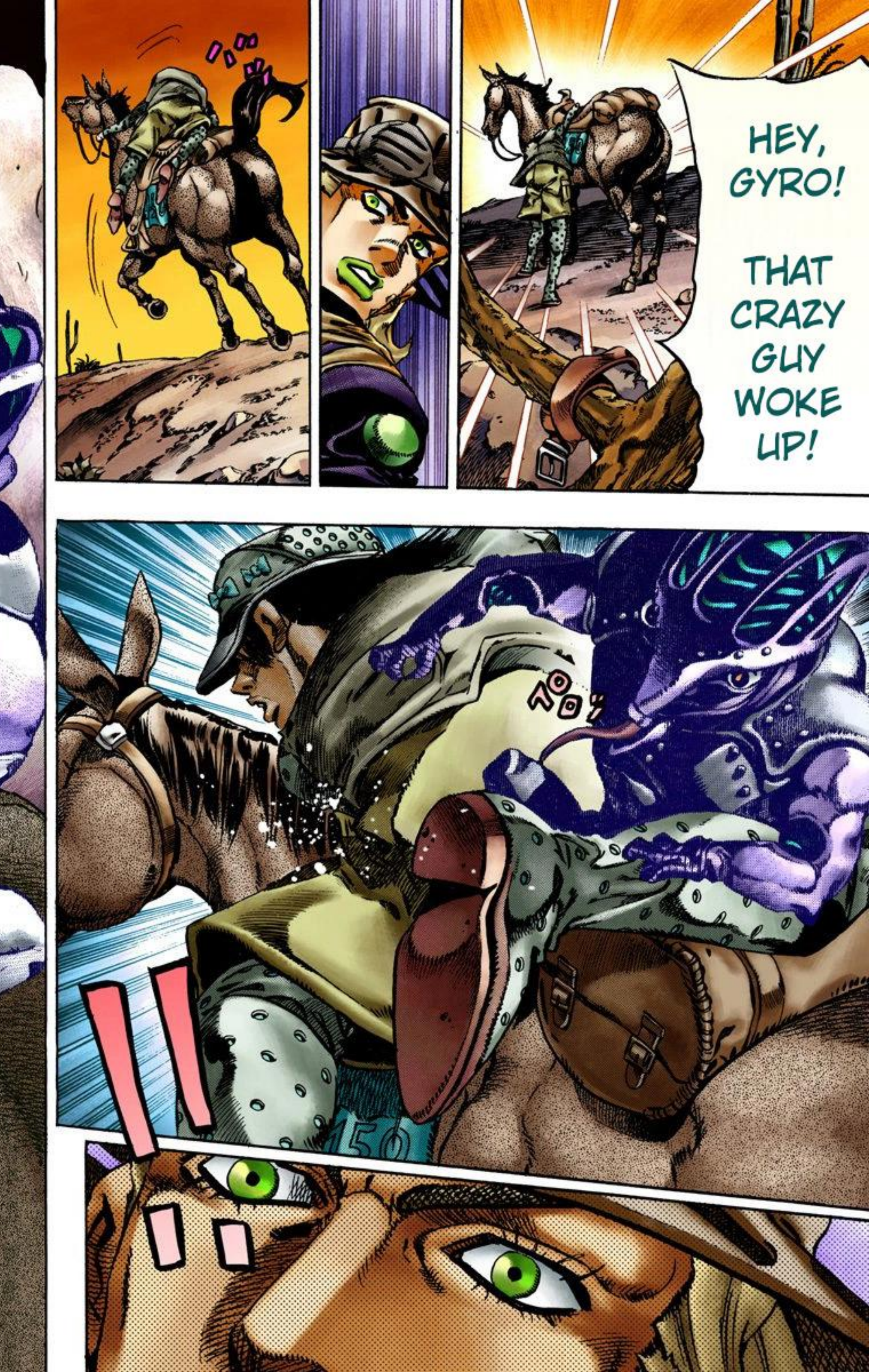
I'D LIKE TO KNOW...

I DON'T KNOW...

BECAUSE I GOT ABSOLUTELY NO CLUE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, A '**SUPERIOR SOMETHING**'?


HEY, GYRO!
THAT CRAZY GUY WOKE UP!
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I DON'T SEE IT ANYMORE.

WHAT ...?

EH...?

JOHNNY! YOU SEE THAT?!

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THAT ANDRE BOOM BOOM. WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

ANYWAY, GYRO! YOUR FOOT.

THE BLEEDING IS GETTING WORSE THAN BEFORE!

THE CLOSER I APPROACH THESE GUYS... THE STRONGER THE EFFECT THIS IRON SEEMS TO HAVE ON MY BODY!

I KNOW... IT'S GOTTEN WORSE AFTER GETTING SURROUNDED BY THEM!

THIS IS A TEAM ATTACK!

AREN'T THE PARTS BURROWING DEEPER?!

YEAH, I'M ALRIGHT.
I GUESS IT'S CONNECTED TO TOUCHING IT...
AFTER YOU TOUCHED THE KNIFE WITH HIS BLOOD ON IT...

IF THEY GET RIGHT NEXT TO US HERE...
THESE MIGHT GO STRAIGHT THROUGH MY BODY!
JOHNNY, YOU OKAY OVER THERE?

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HEY YO, L.A.!
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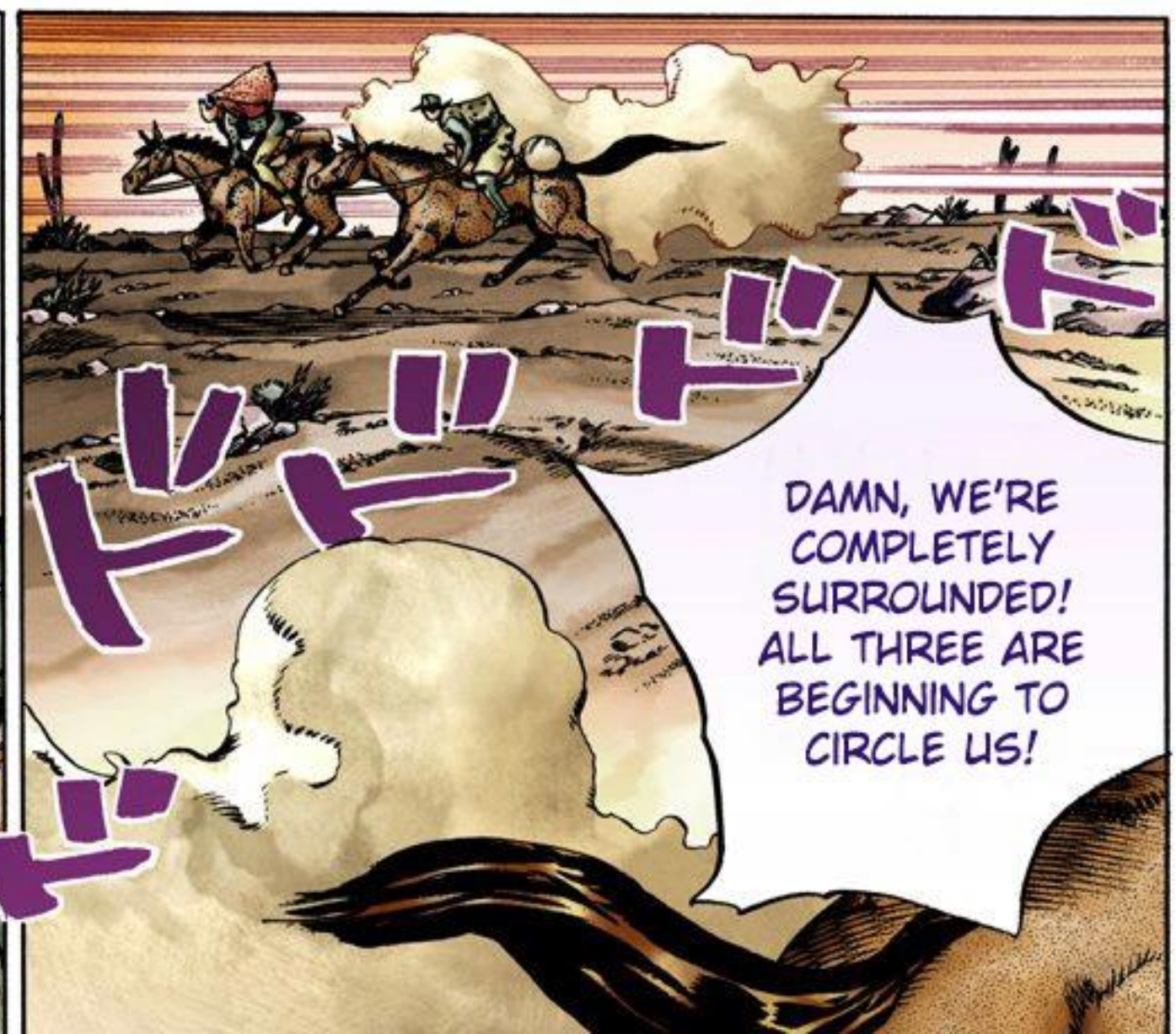
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DAMN, WE'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED! ALL THREE ARE BEGINNING TO CIRCLE US!

DUMBASS!

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I WON'T TELL YOU! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

WOW, BROTHER ANDRE! HOW DO YOU DO THAT?!

WHOA! THAT'S AWE-SOME!

CAN YOU DO THIS?

NOS-TRILS BOTH FLAT!

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HEY, YOU GUYS!

WHO IS GOING TO CLOSE IN ON THESE GUYS AND SETTLE THIS!

AM I GONNA DO THIS?

EAR'S ALL FLAT, TOO!

MY EAR CAN GO INTO MY EARHOLE, TOO!

WHOOA! THAT'S AWESOME!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS!

HE'S ALL OUT.

BESIDES, EVEN IF HE DID, WOULD IT MATTER?

HE MIGHT HAVE MORE GUNS.

THE GUY ON HORSE BACK...

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THOSE GUYS DIDN'T GIVE ME SOME FIRE RIGHT AWAY! I WAS THIS CLOSE FROM LETTING THAT LIZARD VENOM RUN THROUGH MY WHOLE BODY!

THEN I'LL GO, DAD!

I'M GONNA GET MY REVENGE!

THERE'S TWO IN ALL.

HE TOOK OUT THAT OTHER STEEL BALL.

HEY, LOOK!

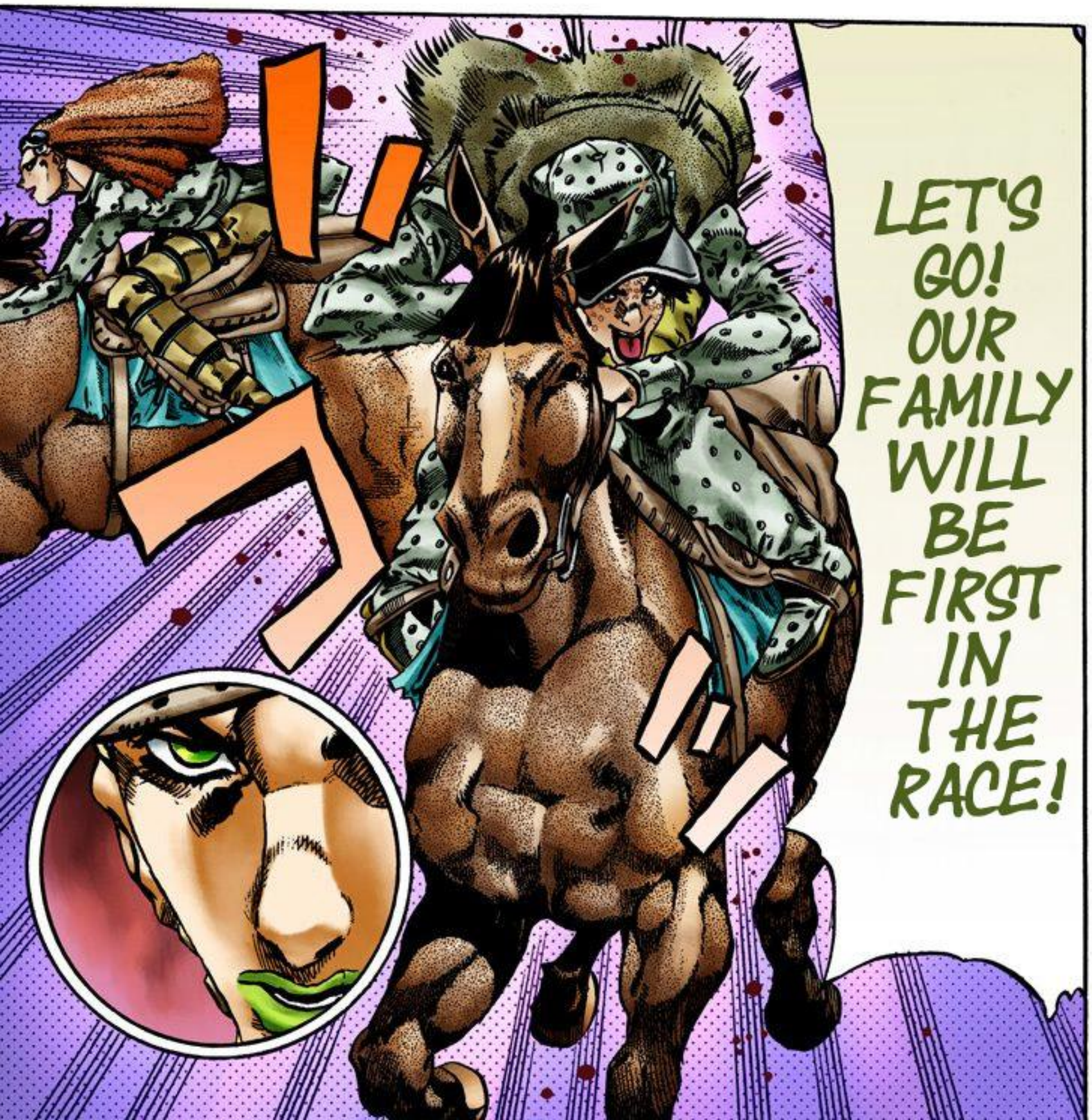
HE THREW THAT AT THE INDIAN AND GOT A PENALTY IN THE 1ST STAGE.

HEH, HEH HEH...

G... GYRO...

KUKU KUKU...

ANDRE'S THE MOST TALENTED IN THE BOOM BOOM FAMILY.
HE DOESN'T KNOW.
I GUESS... HE'LL THROW IT AGAIN.
DOES HE THINK IT'LL REACH BIG BROTHER WITHOUT THE IRON RUNNING OUT?
IT'LL BE THE SAME.


LET'S GO! OUR FAMILY WILL BE FIRST IN THE RACE!

IT WON'T REACH, DUMBASS!
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HAHA! SO YOU'RE THROWING IT DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME...?
IT'S STILL THE SAME... IT'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO ME...

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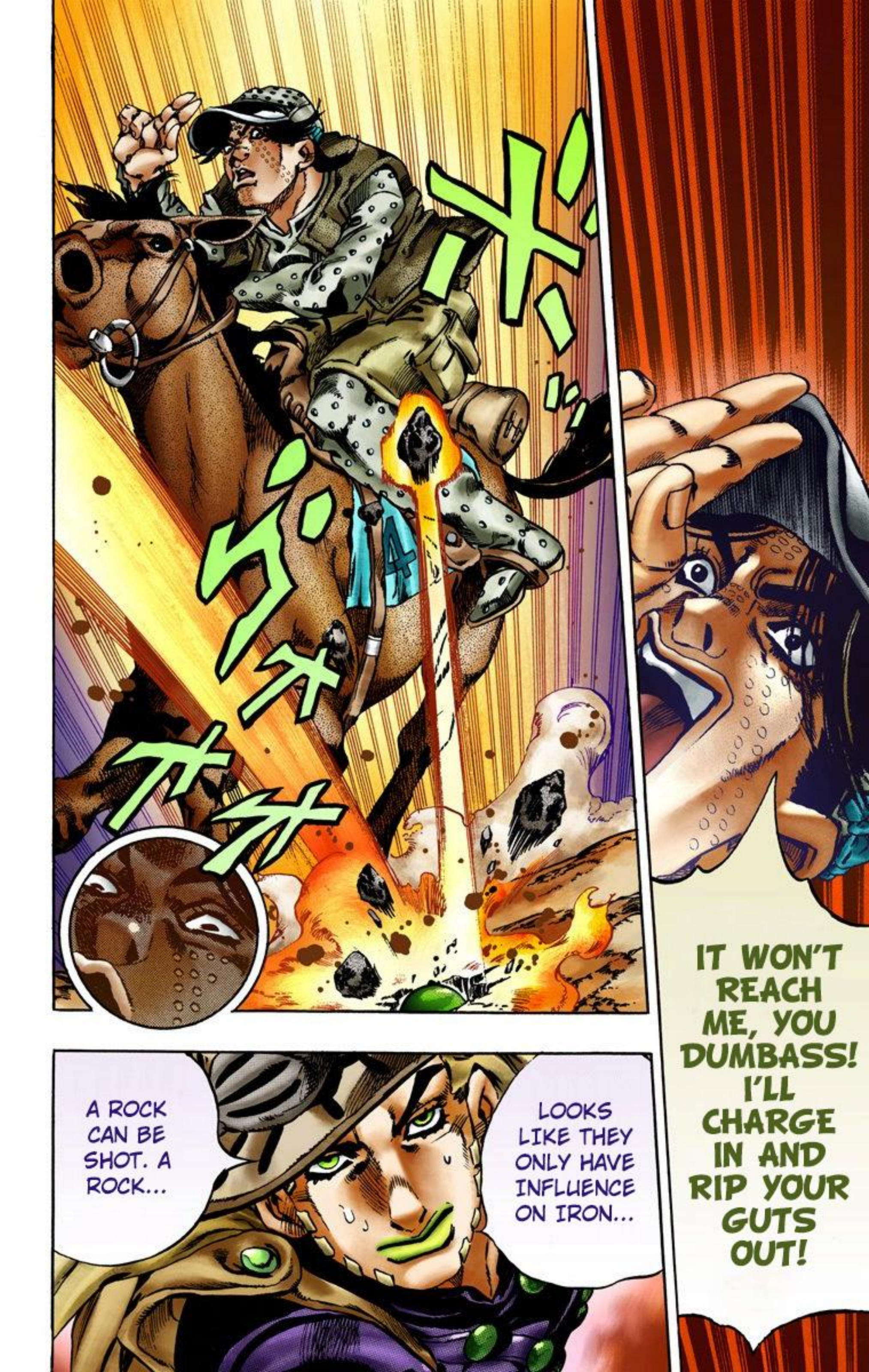
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IT WON'T REACH ME, YOU DUMBASS! I'LL CHARGE IN AND RIP YOUR GUTS OUT!
A ROCK CAN BE SHOT. A ROCK...
LOOKS LIKE THEY ONLY HAVE INFLUENCE ON IRON...

WE HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE... THERE'S 2 MORE LEFT...THESE GUYS ARE SIMPLY BIZARRE... LET'S GO.

JOHNNY, GET YOUR STUFF ON YOUR HORSE.

IT'S A HIT.

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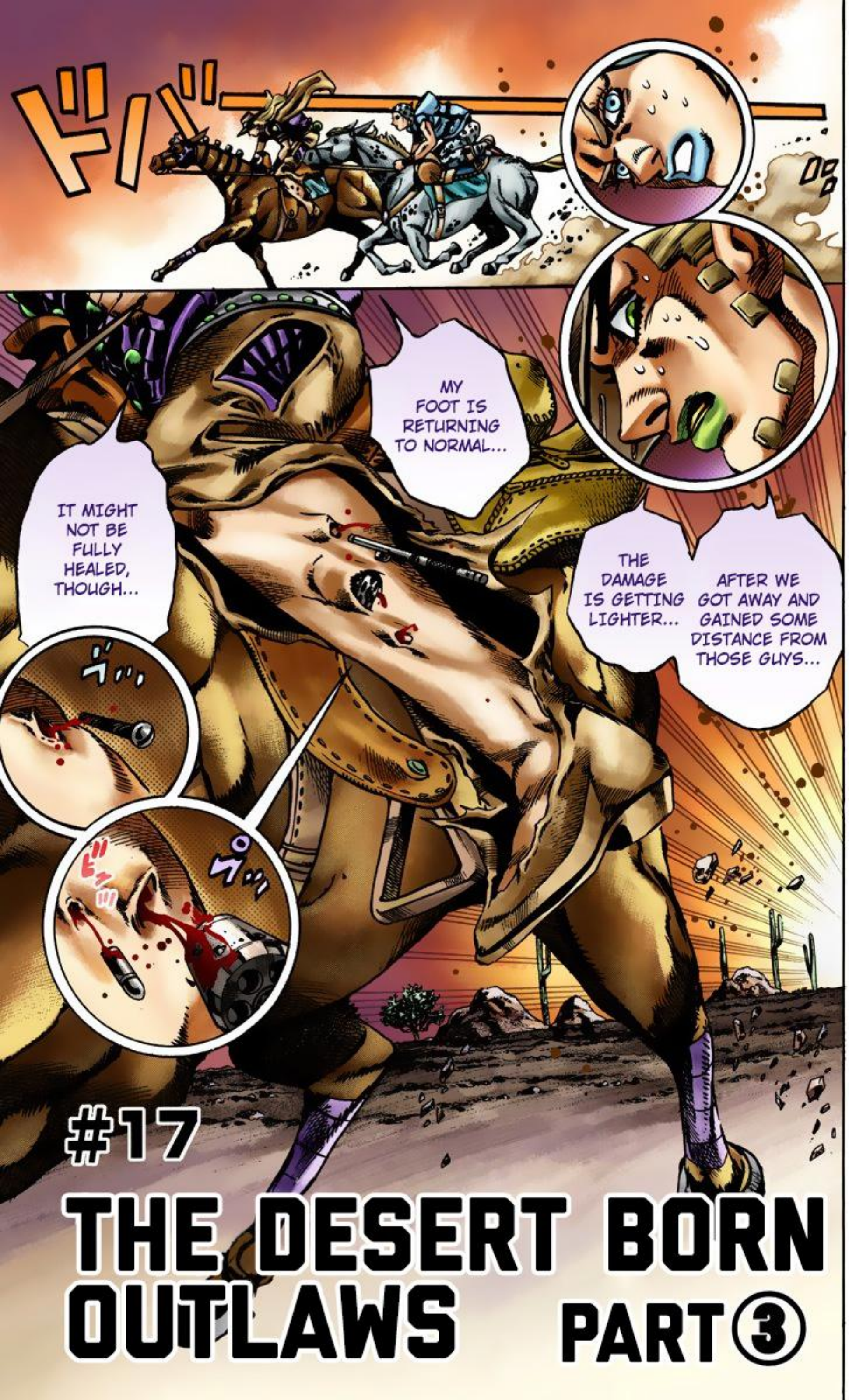
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MY FOOT IS RETURNING TO NORMAL...
IT MIGHT NOT BE FULLY HEALED, THOUGH...
THE DAMAGE IS GETTING LIGHTER...
AFTER WE GOT AWAY AND GAINED SOME DISTANCE FROM THOSE GUYS...
#17
THE DESERT BORN OUTLAWS
PART ③

IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN YOU ARE IN THE 'MIDDLE' OF ALL THREE OF THOSE GUYS,

IT CREATES A POWERFUL ATTACK.

CUR ...

THOSE GUYS FIRST MADE CONTACT WITH ME, AND ALL THREE OF THEM SURROUNDED ME BEFORE CLOSING IN.

OR ARE THOSE GUYS REALLY USING SOMETHING LIKE A 'POISON' OR 'DESEASE'?

WH... WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THIS?

MORE OF A 'CURSE' THAN A 'TRICK', I THINK...

THAT'S ALL I CAN FIGURE.

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AH, GOD!

IT HURTS!

ANYWAY, IT'S NIGHT TIME, BUT WE CAN'T HELP THAT!

THE DESTINATION IN THIS DESERT IS THE 'WATERING HOLE' 50KM AHEAD!

WE HAVE TO GET AHEAD OF THEM!

LIKE PUTTING 'MAGNETS' CLOSE TOGETHER ...

A 'CURSE' THAT ATTRACTS 'IRON'.

THERE'S A HOLE IN BROTHER ANDRE'S STOMACH!

WHAT A BASTARD! THAT GYRO ZEPPELI!

SHIIIT!

WHOOOAH! THE HOLE'S BIGGER THAN YOUR BELLY BUTTON!

I WON'T LET YOU RUN, YOU PIIIIGS!

AAAAHHH! THOSE GUYS ARE GETTING AWAAAAY!

DON'T TALK AS IF YOU KNOW WITH THAT CRUMMY BRAIN OF YOURS!

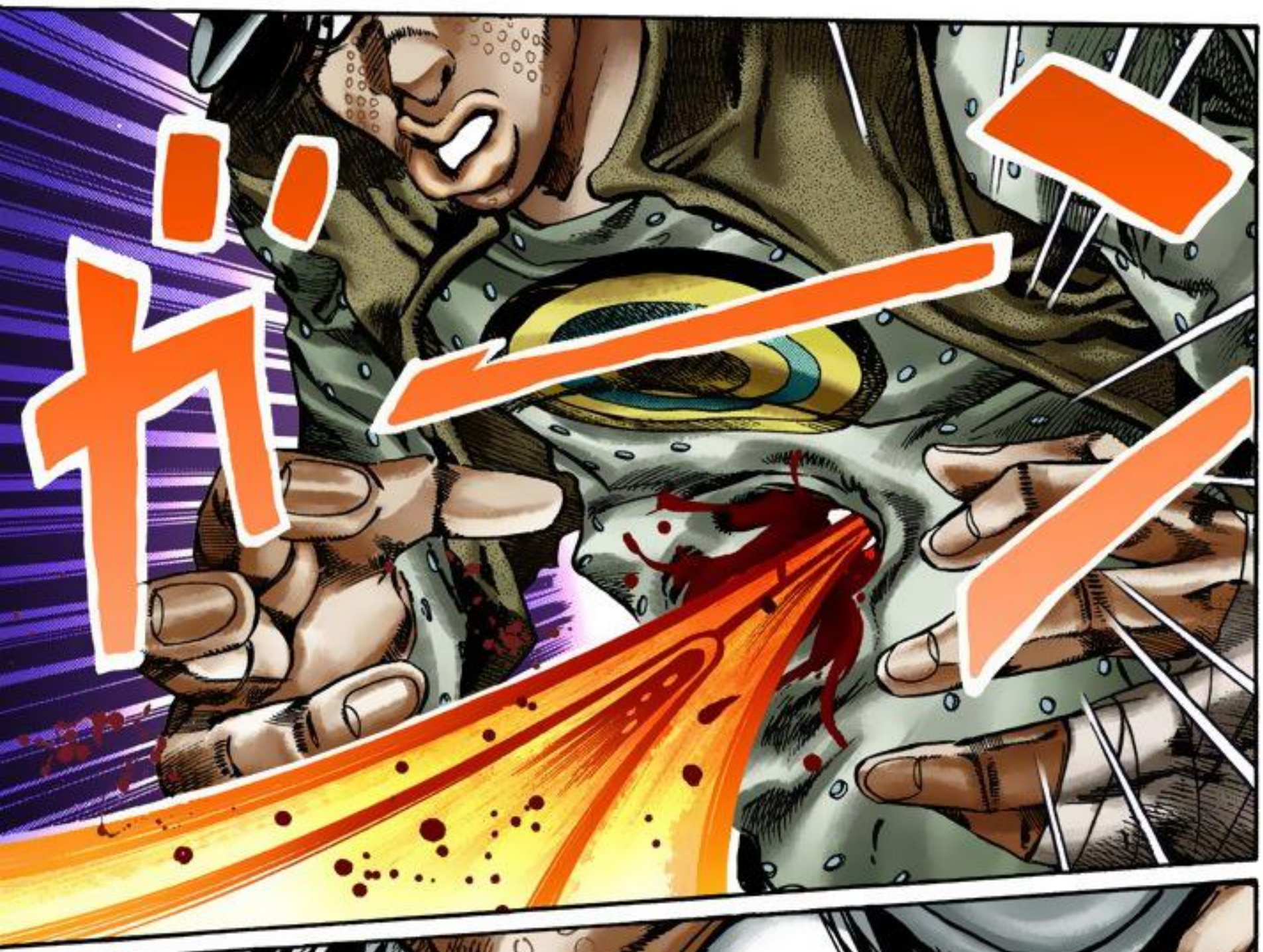
I KNOW THAT!! SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME MR. KNOW-IT-ALL?!

PLUS, THOSE BULLETS ARE 'LEAD'.

THEY'RE TOO FAR, DAD.

IF IT WAS 'IRON', THE GUN'S BODY MIGHT HAVE PULLED THEM IN AND HIT...

HEY, ANDRE. MOVE A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT.
TO THE RIGHT.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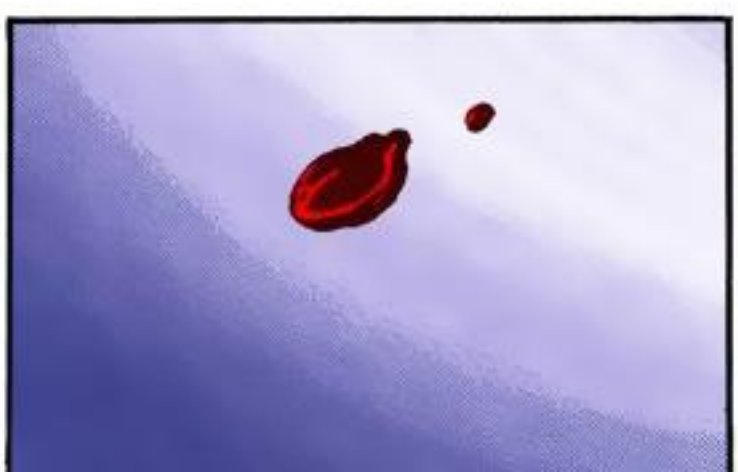

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WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I FELL OFF A CLIFF AND TORE OFF MY LOWER JAW ...AND I WALKED 5KM BACK HOME.

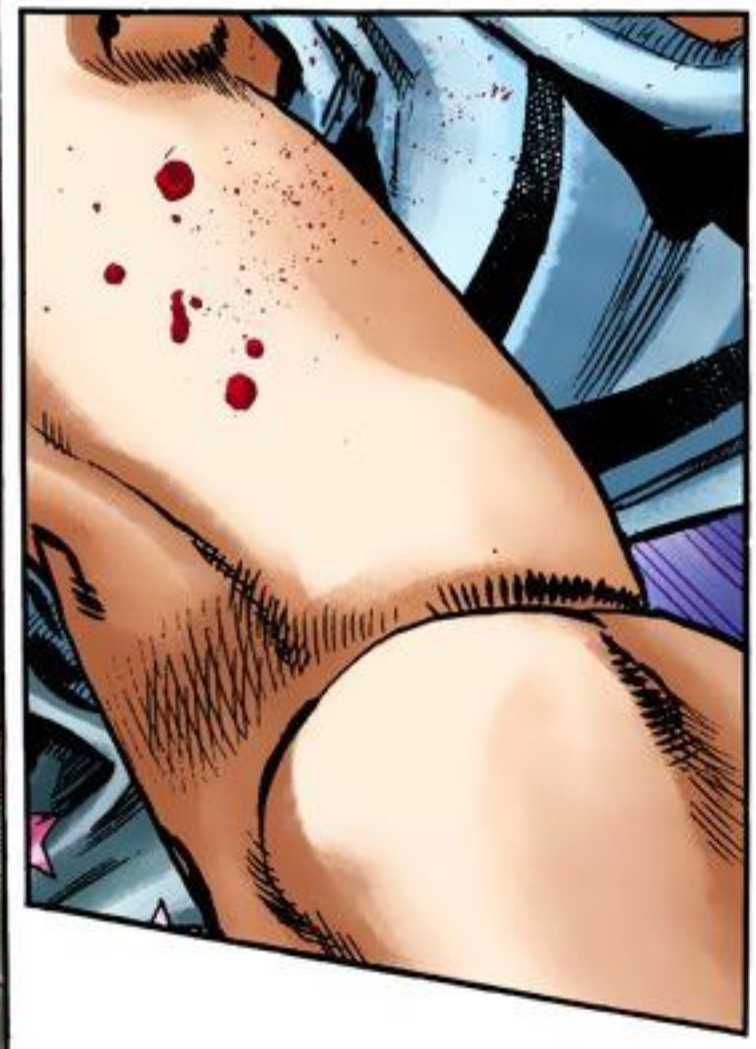
WHAT THE- THIS IS A PRETTY SMALL HOLE.

LEMME SEE YOUR WOUND, ANDRE.

I... I THINK I MIGHT DIE, DAD!

THAT BASTARD, I'LL MAKE HIM PAY! I'LL GET MY REVENGE!

HEH. SHIT-HEAD... THAT'LL DO IT...



WON'T HAVE ANY 'DRINKING WATER', WHICH MEANS THEY'RE WIPED OUT!

AND WE'LL REACH THE 'WATERING HOLE' 50KM AHEAD FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

WE'LL KILL THOSE TWO GUYS.

YEAH, WE'LL FINISH HIM!

IF WE GET THERE FIRST, WE CAN DESTROY THE ONLY 'WATERING HOLE'... THE OTHER RACERS THAT'LL COME BY LATER...

THOSE GUYS ARE CHAMPION CANDIDATES.

BUT HOW'RE WE GOING TO CATCH UP TO THOSE TWO GUYS?

WE'RE ATTACKING THEM LIKE THIS BECAUSE WE CAN'T CATCH UP TO THEM EASILY, RIGHT?

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SHIT FOR BRAINS.

OH, HERE WE GO... OUR FAMILY'S SMARTASS MADE A COMMENT...

WE'LL LET 'THE GUY BEHIND US' CHASE GYRO ZEPPELI AND JOHNNY JOESTAR. HE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR US!

WHO SAID WE'RE GONNA CHASE THEM?

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WHO'S 'THE GUY BEHIND US'?

WHO IS IT?

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I KNEW AAAALL ABOUT THIS!

OUT OF THE 3,000-SOMETHING RACERS, THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO FOUND ONLY MY FOOTPRINTS AND HAS BEEN TRACKING ME SINCE THIS MORNING...

THE GUY THAT'S TRACKING US!

MOUNTAIN TIM!!

WOW! 4TH PLACE IN THE 1ST STAGE! THE COWBOW EVERYBODY LOOKS UP TO!

THERE'S SUCH A GUY? THAT MAN... WHO IS HE?

Y-YOU MEAN LIKE DAD'S HOOF PRINTS RIGHT THERE?

I HEARD HE'S FRIENDLY WITH THE SHERIFF.

IT'S PROBABLY A SHERIFF... POSSIBLY MOUNTAIN TIM.

I CAN'T TELL FROM THE VIEW HERE.

AND WE'RE GONNA USE THAT FACT AGAINST HIM!!

WITH OUR POWER OF IRON CONTROL!

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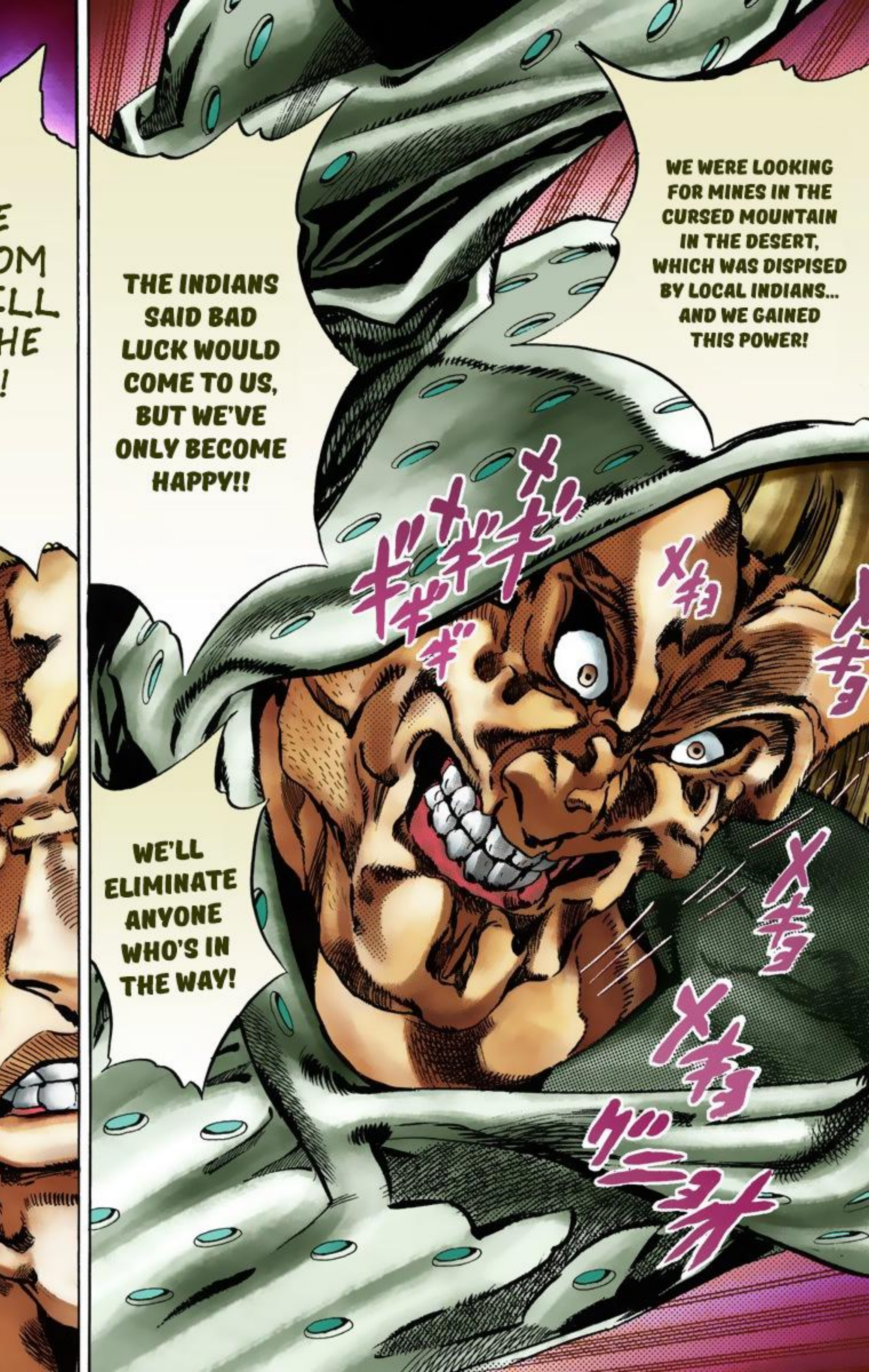
EEH HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
THAT'S DEFINITELY A SUREFIRE WAY!
A-HA! NOW I UNDER-STAND DAD'S THINKING!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO MOUNTAIN TIM?
P-PUTTING IRON INSIDE YOUR FACE... AND... AND CHANGING ITS SHAPE...
U-USING IT, DAD?


THE INDIANS SAID BAD LUCK WOULD COME TO US, BUT WE'VE ONLY BECOME HAPPY!!
WE WERE LOOKING FOR MINES IN THE CURSED MOUNTAIN IN THE DESERT, WHICH WAS DISPISED BY LOCAL INDIANS... AND WE GAINED THIS POWER!
WE'LL ELIMINATE ANYONE WHO'S IN THE WAY!

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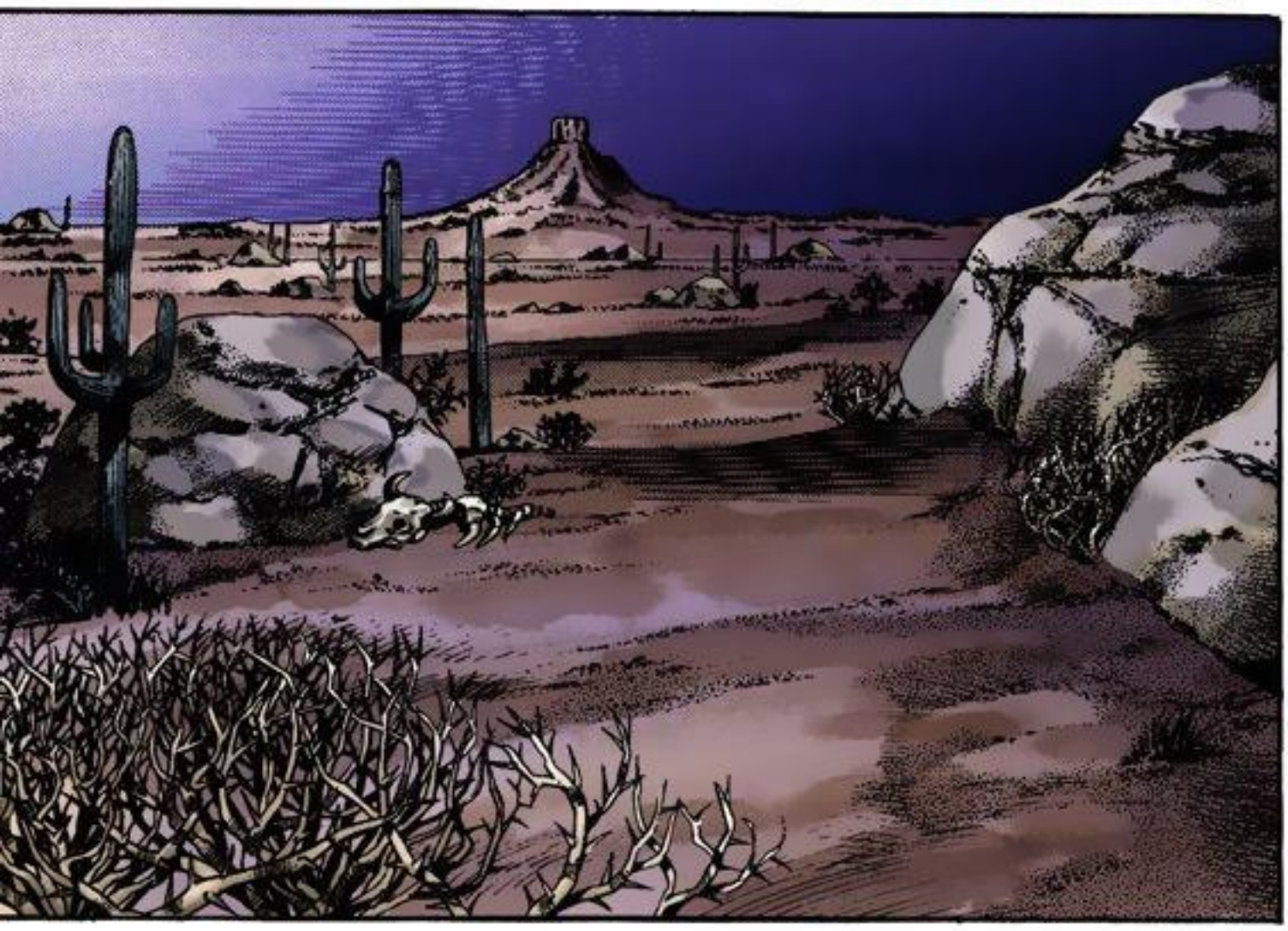

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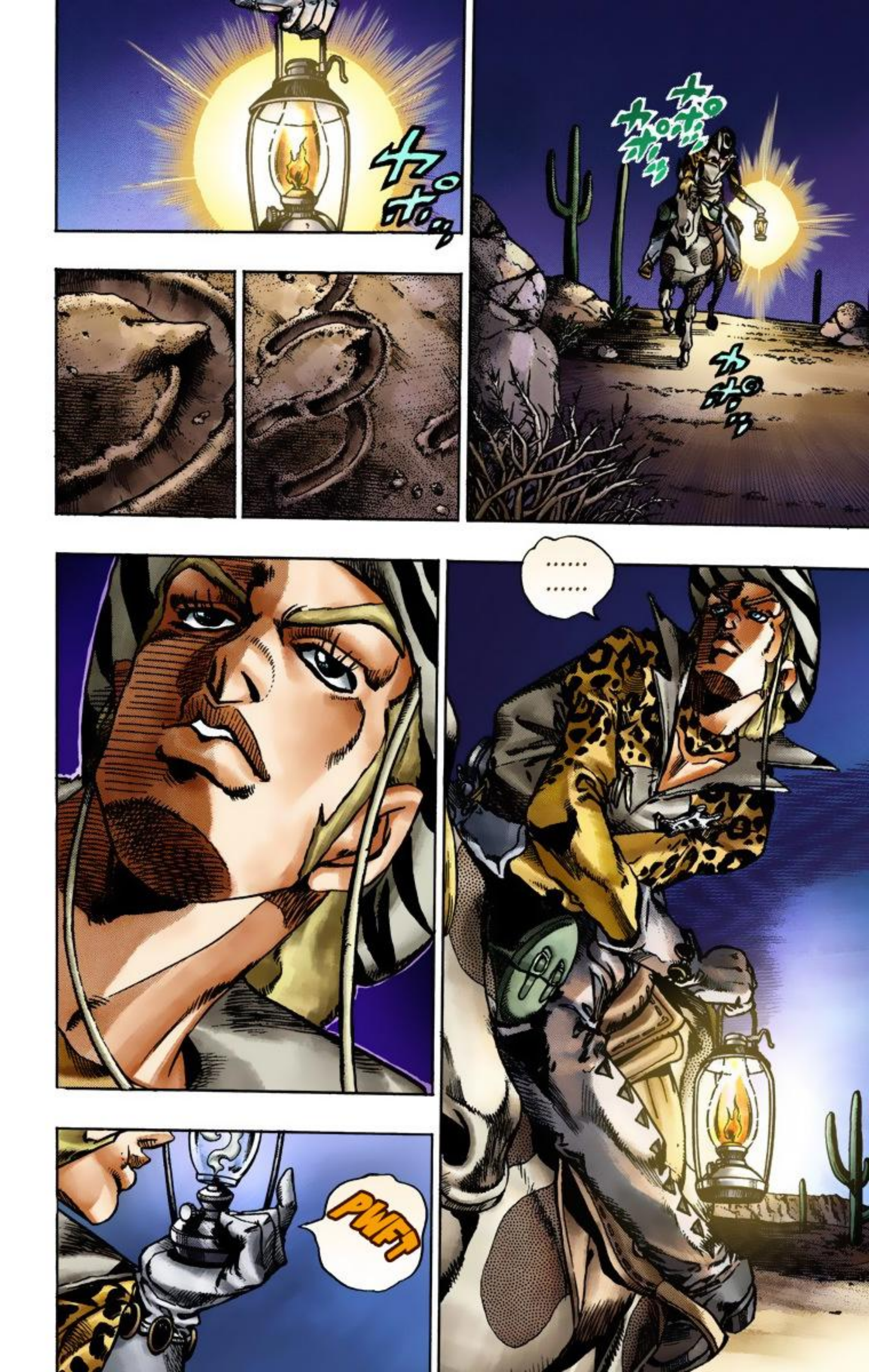
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I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO CAMP HERE, TOO.

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO THINK THAT I SHOULD CONTINUE TRACKING NEXT MORNING.

UNDER THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES AND ARIZONA TERRITORY,

I'VE BEEN COMMI-SSIONED AS AN ASSISTANT SHERRIFF.

I'M PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST FOR THE MURDERS OF THREE RACE CONTESTANTS.

SHOW YOUR HANDS SLOWLY AND GET OUT OF THERE.

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DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXECUTION.

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YOU WERE IN 5TH PLACE.

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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING STUPID!
THE CHASE ENDS HERE, AND I'D LIKE TO CONCEN-TRATE ON THE RACE.

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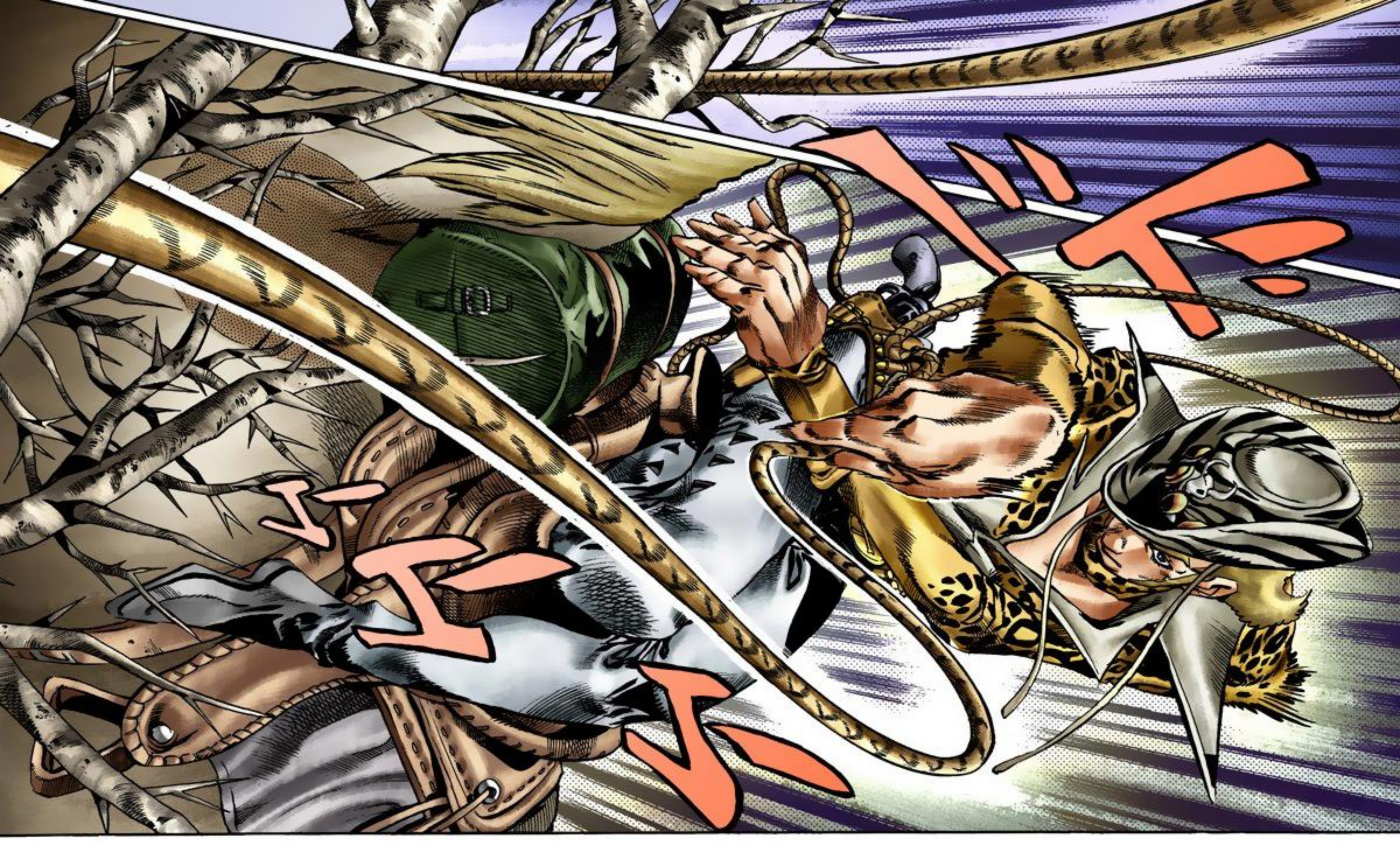
SO IT'S A CLIFF DOWN THERE...

YOU'D HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY AROUND THE BRIAR PATCH TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE ON HORSEBACK.

BUT I SEE. YOU WOULD ESCAPE DURING THAT TIME.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TH... THIS ROPE...

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ARE YOU COMING OUT?
OR SHOULD I DRAG YOU OUT THROUGH THORNY BRUSH?

D-DON'T BE SO SURE!

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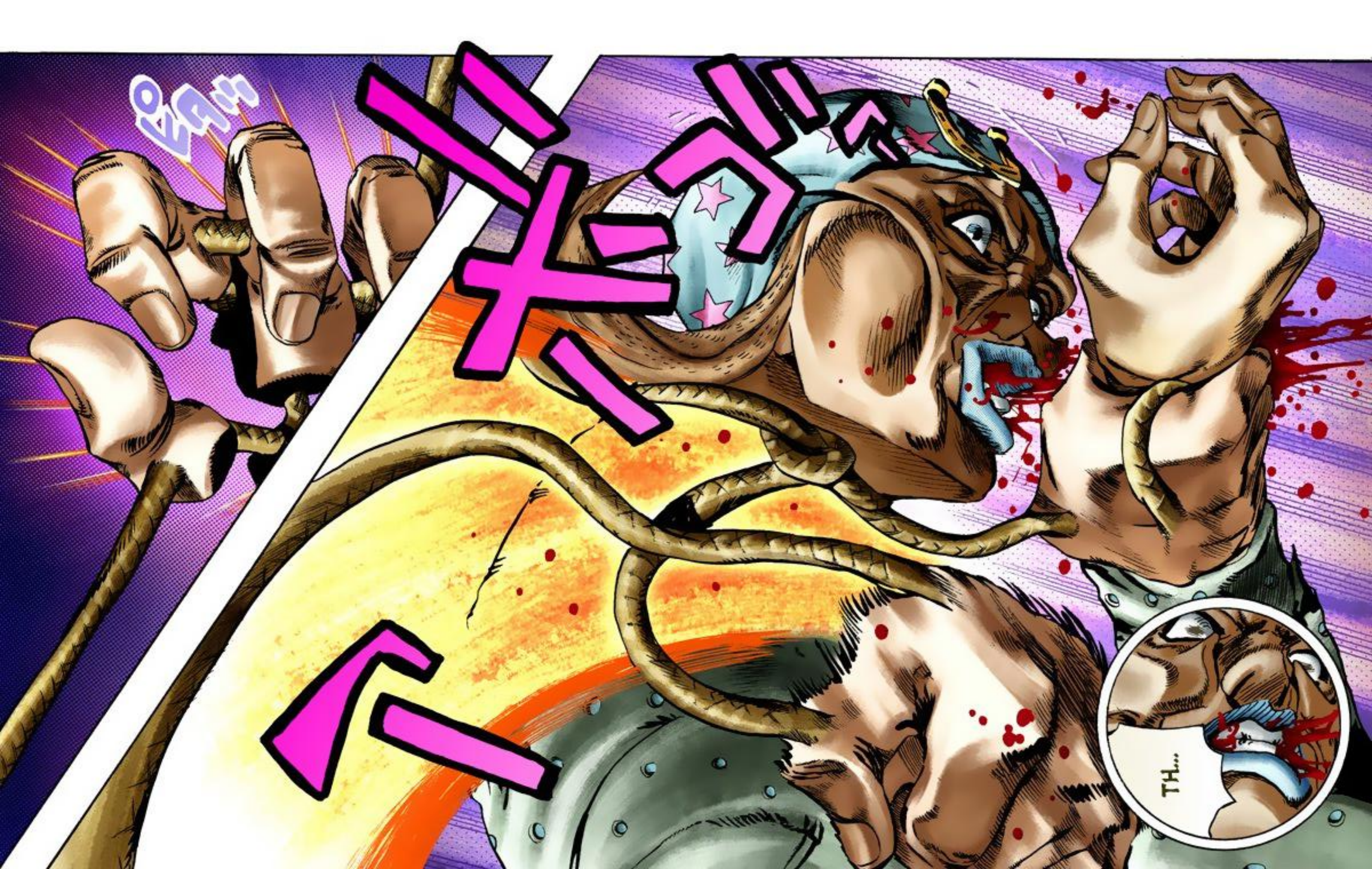
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AND SLID DOWN THE ROPE LIKE A PULLEY!!

H...HIS FINGERS!!

AND HE COULD MOVE THEM FREELY, TOO!

THEY BROKE INTO PIECES!!

THIS IS-!

SO HE WENT TO THAT MOUNTAIN BEFORE, AND BECAME A CURSED MAN!

THIS GUY! COULD MOUNTAIN TIM...!!

MOUNTAIN TIM TOUCHED THAT HORSE-SHOE, AND HE'S INDIRECTLY TOUCHING ME NOW! WE'LL BE FINISHED, TOO!

TO THINK SUCH A MAN WAS FOLLOWING ME...!!

BUT, IN ANY CASE, OUR VICTORY REMAINS UNCHANGED!!

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IT CUT...
HE HAD TWO KNIVES?

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, HIS NAME WAS JOHNNY JOESTAR.
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I'M SUR-PRISED... SO HE WAS THE MURDERER.

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AND THAT'S THE FINISHING TOUCH!

I'VE CHANGED MY HOOF PRINTS TO JOHNNY'S, TOO!

HEY, ANDRE! L.A.!

THAT COWBOY'LL TRACK DOWN JOHNNY AND GYRO, AND WHEN HE CATCHES UP ...!!

NOW WE LET MOUNTAIN TIM GO AHEAD.

YA!

BUT I'M SURPRISED MOUNTAIN TIM WAS A 'CURSED MAN', THOUGH.

AND THEY'LL BLOW THEM-SELVES UP AND SPLATTER THEIR GUTS OUT!

THE THREE WILL PULL EACH OTHER TOGETHER WITH THEIR MAGNETIC POWER,

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