



LIFE.28: THE HOLY SWORD
DESTRUCTION PROJECT!

WE'RE LUCKY
THAT HOLY SWORD
DIDN'T DO WORSE TO
YOU.

MAN. I
BLEW OUT
THERE...

ARE YOU
REALLY
OKAY?



YOU'RE
A "KNIGHT"
SERVING THE
HOUSE OF
GREMORY.
YOU'LL BE
MAKING SERIOUS
TROUBLE FOR ME
IF YOU GO
"STRAY"!

GU
(GRAB)



THAT'S WHY
I HAVE TO
HONOR THEIR
GRUDGE AND
FIGHT ON...

IT'S
THANKS TO
MY COMRADES
THAT I WAS
ABLE TO
ESCAPE
FROM THAT
PLACE.







...I'LL HELP
TOO. IF IT'S
FOR YUUTO-
SENPAI.

HEY,
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

...THE
PRESIDENT
DEFINITELY
WOULDN'T
APPROVE.

BUT I NEED
YOU TO KEEP
THIS FROM THE
PRESIDENT AND
AKENO-SAN.
I DON'T WANT
ASIA GETTING
INVOLVED
EITHER.

BUT THINGS
MIGHT TURN
SOUR OVER THIS
DEAL. IF THAT
HAPPENS, I'M
GONNA HAVE
TO PUT MY LIFE
ON THE LINE.

BASICALLY, OUR
INTERESTS ARE
ALIGNED WITH
THEIRS. ALL WE
NEED IS TO GET
THEM TO LISTEN
TO OUR SIDE
OF IT...

I WANNA
RUN AWAY
NOW! THE
COUNCIL PREZ
IS GONNA
KILL ME!
RIGHT
AFTER
TORTURING
ME!!

GASHI
(GRAB)

OH
YEAH!
I THINK
THAT
POINT IS
NOW, NICE
KNOWING
YA...

SO YOU SHOULD
FEEL FREE TO BACK
OUT AT THAT POINT,
KONEKO-CHAN.
YOU TOO, SAJI.
IF IT STARTS
LOOKING HAIRY,
JUST RUN.

EMPTY TALK,
ALL OF IT.
I'M DEAD...
I AM GOING
TO DIE...

BUT WE MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
STRIKE A DEAL
WITH THEM. IN
THAT CASE, WE
COULD REALLY
USE YOUR HELP.

I WON'T
RUN AWAY.
WE'RE DOING
THIS TO HELP
OUR FRIEND.

WON'T ANYONE SHOW SOME COMPASSION FOR US PITIFUL ENVOYS OF HEAVEN?

ALMS FOR THESE LITTLE LOST LAMBS? ALMS FOR THE POOR?



SO THIS IS THE REALITY OF JAPAN AND ITS "BOOMING ECONOMY." THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND FAITHLESS NATIONS.

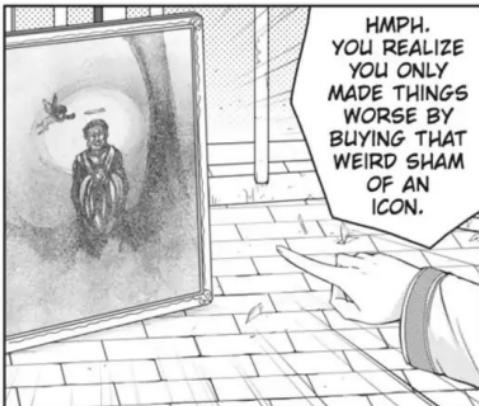
WHAT A SORRY SIGHT.

CURSING THEM WON'T HELP, XENOVIA.

HMPH. YOU REALIZE YOU ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE BY BUYING THAT WEIRD SHAM OF AN ICON.

OHHH, EVEN A SINGLE LOAF OF BREAD IS BEYOND OUR MEANS!

WITH OUR FUNDS DEPLETED, WE CAN'T EVEN EAT WITHOUT RELYING ON THE KINDNESS OF THESE HERETICS.





GUULUUU
(GRROWL)
YOU
HEARD ME,
HERETIC!

WHAT'D
YOU SAY,
YOU
HERETIC?



...YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOW ABOUT WE
THREATEN SOME OF
THESE HERETICS AND
TAKE THEIR MONEY?
THEY'RE ENEMIES
OF THE LORD BY
NATURE, SO
SURELY WE'D BE
FORGIVEN.

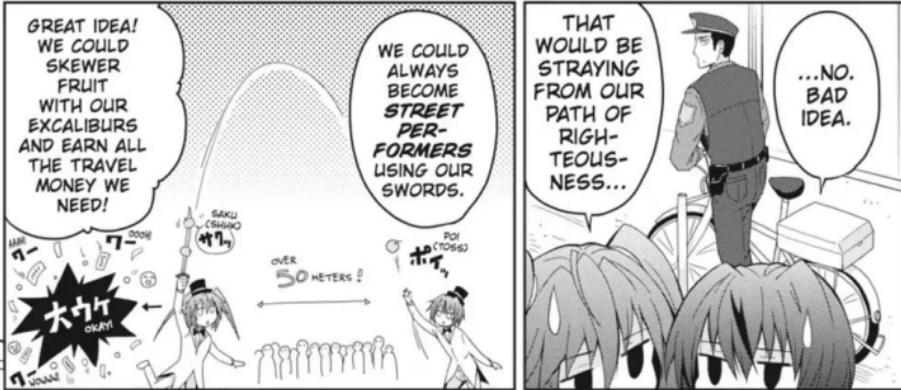
FIRST,
WE NEED TO
FOCUS ON FILLING
OUR STOMACHS.
OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE
IN NO CONDITION
TO STEAL BACK
ANY EXCALIBUR
SWORDS.



OR WE
COULD
JUST
STEAL
THEIR
OFFER-
ATORY
BOXES?

SU
(SWF)
SHALL
WE ATTACK
A TEMPLE,
THEN?







**WE
WANT TO
HELP YOU
DESTROY
THOSE
SWORDS.**

LET
ME GET
RIGHT
TO THE
POINT,
THEN...

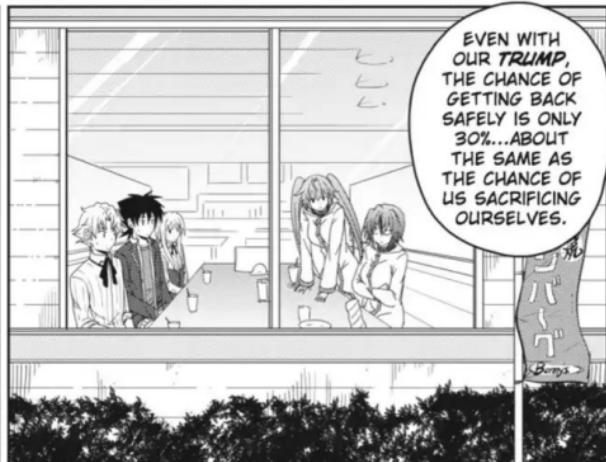
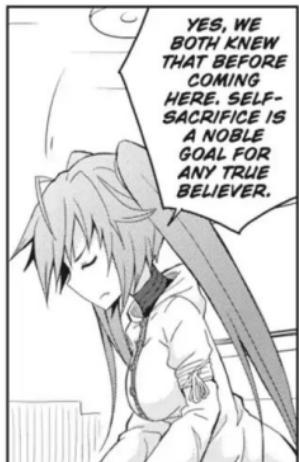
YES.
I JUST
EXPLAINED
THAT THE
OTHER
DAY.

YOU GUYS
CAME TO
STEAL
BACK THE
PIECES OF
EXCALIBUR,
RIGHT?

HOW-
EVER—

...I SEE.
I GUESS WE
COULD LEAVE ONE
OF THEM TO YOU.
ASSUMING YOU
CAN ACTUALLY
DESTROY IT.

WHAT!!



BANNER: GRILLED BURGERS

OH, YOU!
I SUSPECTED
AS MUCH
EARLIER, BUT
YOU'VE GOT
A WEIRD
WAY OF
SHOWING
YOUR
FAITH!

I'VE CHANGED
MY MIND,
THOUGH.
MY FAITH IS
A FLEXIBLE
THING, YOU SEE.
THERE'S NO
REASON NOT
TO AIM FOR
THE BEST
OUTCOME.

SHOULD
WE SURVIVE,
WE CAN
CONTINUE
FIGHTING
IN THE
NAME OF
THE
LORD.

I WON'T
DENY THAT.
BUT FROM NOW
ON, I'M PUTTING
MY FAITH IN US
COMPLETING THIS
MISSION AND
RETURNING HOME
IN ONE PIECE.

...NO,
THAT
MAKES
SENSE,
BUT...

I'D
PREFER TO
CALL UPON
THE POWER
OF THE
DRAGON.

BUT
RATHER THAN
BORROWING
THE POWER OF
DEVILS—

I-I'M NOT GONNA SAY WE SHOULDN'T DRAW ON THE DRAGON'S POWER, BUT...THAT'S JUST SEMANTICS! JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, YOUR FAITH IS REALLY WEIRD!

ARE THEY PLAYING WITH A FULL DECK?

HERE THEY GO AGAIN...

IF THE DRAGON'S POWER IS AS LEGENDARY AS THEY SAY, IT CAN EVEN GROW TO BE ON PAR WITH THAT OF THE DEVIL KING HIMSELF, NO? I CAN'T HELP BUT REGARD OUR ENCOUNTER AS MORE GUIDANCE FROM THE LORD.



MUHUUU (IRINA)

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...YEAH,
I GUESS.

I'M FINE WITH WEIRD. AND IRINA, ISN'T HE YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND? WHY NOT HAVE FAITH IN HIM?

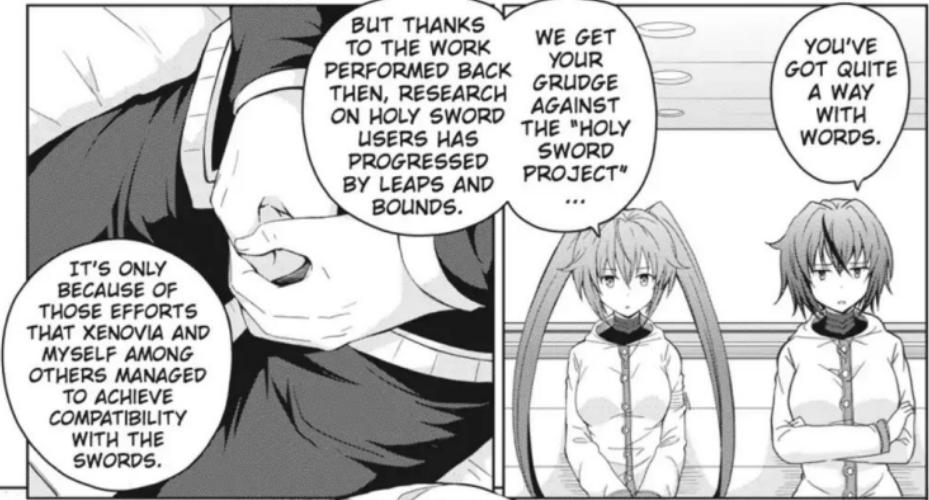


NOW MIND IF I CALL UP MY PARTNER?

PAKA (FLIP)

ALL RIGHT, THEN. I'LL LEND YOU THE POWER OF MY DRAGON, AND WE'VE GOT A DEAL.









FROM THE
VERY START,
FREED NEVER HAD
A DROP OF FAITH.
ONLY A SENSE OF
HOSTILITY AGAINST
AND A DESIRE TO
KILL WHAT HE
REGARDS AS
MONSTERS.

ALSO, HE'S
UNNATURALLY
ADEPT AT
FIGHTING.
IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE HE'S
BROUGHT
IN FOR A
TRIAL.



WELL, THAT'S
FINE. LET'S
JUST MOVE
AHEAD WITH
OUR PLAN TO
DESTROY THE
PIECES OF
EXCALIBUR.

I SEE.
SO FREED
IS MOVING
AROUND
IN THE
SHADOWS,
USING THE
HOLY
SWORD HE
STOLE...



SO HE'S
TOO MUCH
FOR YOU
GUYS TO
HANDLE? I
KNOW THE
FEELING...



THANKS
FOR LUNCH,
ISSEI-KUN!
YOU MIGHT
BE A DEVIL,
BUT I'M SURE
THE LORD
WILL FORGIVE
OUR BEING
TREATED BY
YOU!



THANK YOU
FOR THE FOOD.
WE'LL REPAY
THE KINDNESS
SOONER OR
LATER, ISSEI
HYODOU
OF THE RED
DRAGON
EMPEROR.

IF
ANYTHING
COMES UP,
PLEASE
LET US
KNOW.



WHY DID YOU
HAVE TO GO
AND DO THIS,
ISSEI-KUN?
THERE'LL BE
REAL TROUBLE
IF WE MESS
UP.



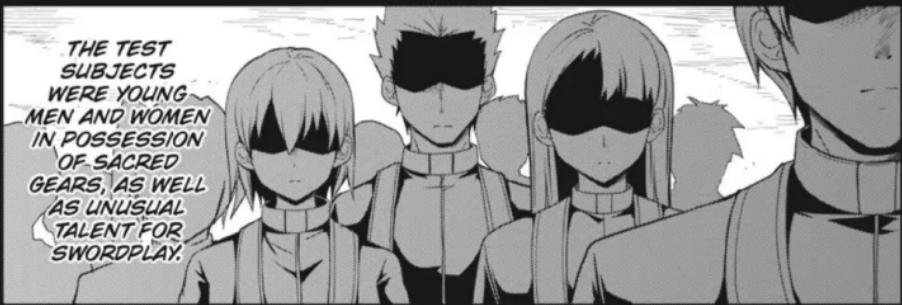
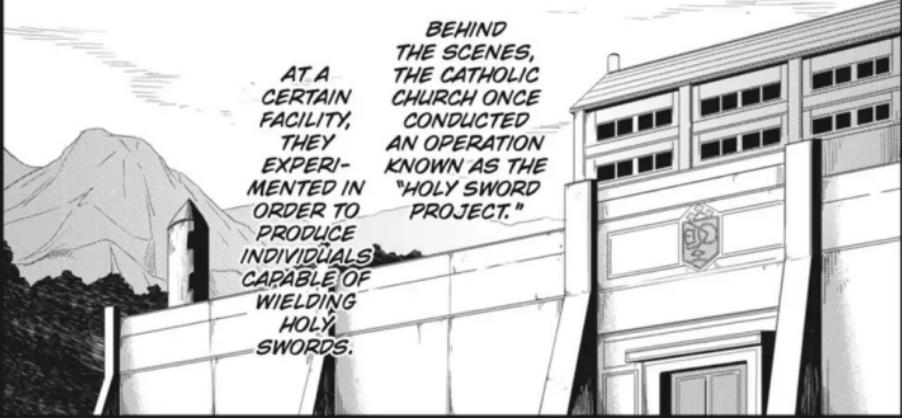
...SO
PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
US.

...I'LL
HELP.

IF YOU
WENT
AWAY...
I'D BE
LONELY.

!!
UP
GYU
CLUTCH







KIBA! THAT'S SO AWFUL! DAMMIT. HOW COULD A KIND GOD ALLOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT? I TOTALLY FEEL WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM! YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO HATE THOSE BASTARDS AND THEIR DUMB HOLY SWORDS! WHAT A SAD STORY!

WAH!?

GUSHI

...

GUSHI (CRUB)

HM?

BA
(WHAP)



ALL RIGHT! THIS IS A GOOD TIME! IF WE'RE GONNA BE COOPERATING WITH EACH OTHER, YOU GUYS SHOULD ALSO KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT ME!



I USED TO HATE YOU AND YOUR PRETTY BOY WAYS, BUT THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! YOU CAN COUNT ON MY HELP!

MY DREAM —!

BISHI (JAB)



...IS TO
KNOCK UP
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
SOHNA
SO WE
CAN GET
MARRIED!

I'LL
MAKE SURE
YOU TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY.

WHAT'LL
IT BE
TODAY?
RIGHT?
OR THE
LEFT?

BRO!

BA
(LEAP)

SAJI,
LISTEN!
MY DREAM'S
TO SUCK
ON THE
PRESIDENT'S
BOOBS!

SAJI.
I'VE
TOUCHED
THEM.
...I'VE
EVEN
FONDLED
THEM.

HYOIDOU!
DO YOU
REALIZE
WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING?
GETTING TO
TOUCH THE
BOOBS OF A
HIGH-CLASS
DEVIL—
YOUR
MISTRESS'S,
NO LESS—is
NO SMALL
FEAT.



NO WAY!!
IS THAT EVEN
POSSIBLE!?
YOU'RE
PULLING
MY LEG!!

IT'S NO
LIE. YOUR
MISTRESS'S
BOOBS MAY BE
A LOFTY GOAL...
BUT THEY'RE
NOT OUT OF
REACH.

KUWA
(ROAR)

SAJI.
ALONE, WE
MAY JUST BE
A COUPLE OF
SAD PAWNS,
BUT IT'S A
DIFFERENT
STORY IF
WE TEAM UP.
LET'S FIGHT
TOGETHER!

SU
(SWF)

NO
SHIT!
WHAT
ELSE IS
THERE
TO
SUCK?

BUT...
TO SUCK THEM?
TO SUCK ON THE
PRESIDENT'S
BOOBS...
THE NIPPLES,
RIGHT? IT'S THE
NIPPLES YOU'D
BE SUCKING,
YEAH?

WE
CAN DO IT
TOGETHER!
AS A TEAM,
EVEN A
SHOTGUN
WEDDING
DREAM CAN
BE MADE
REALITY!

GASHI
(GRAB)

...YUP.
THEY
ARE THE
WORST.

....AH
HA
HA.