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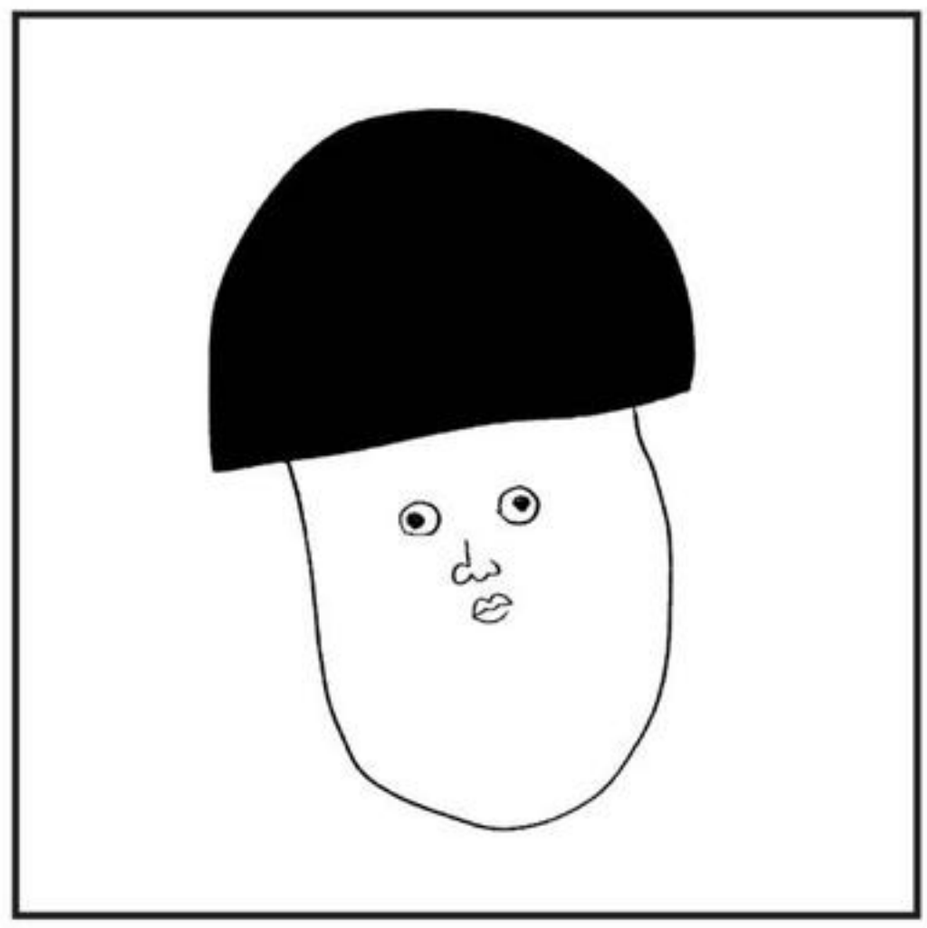

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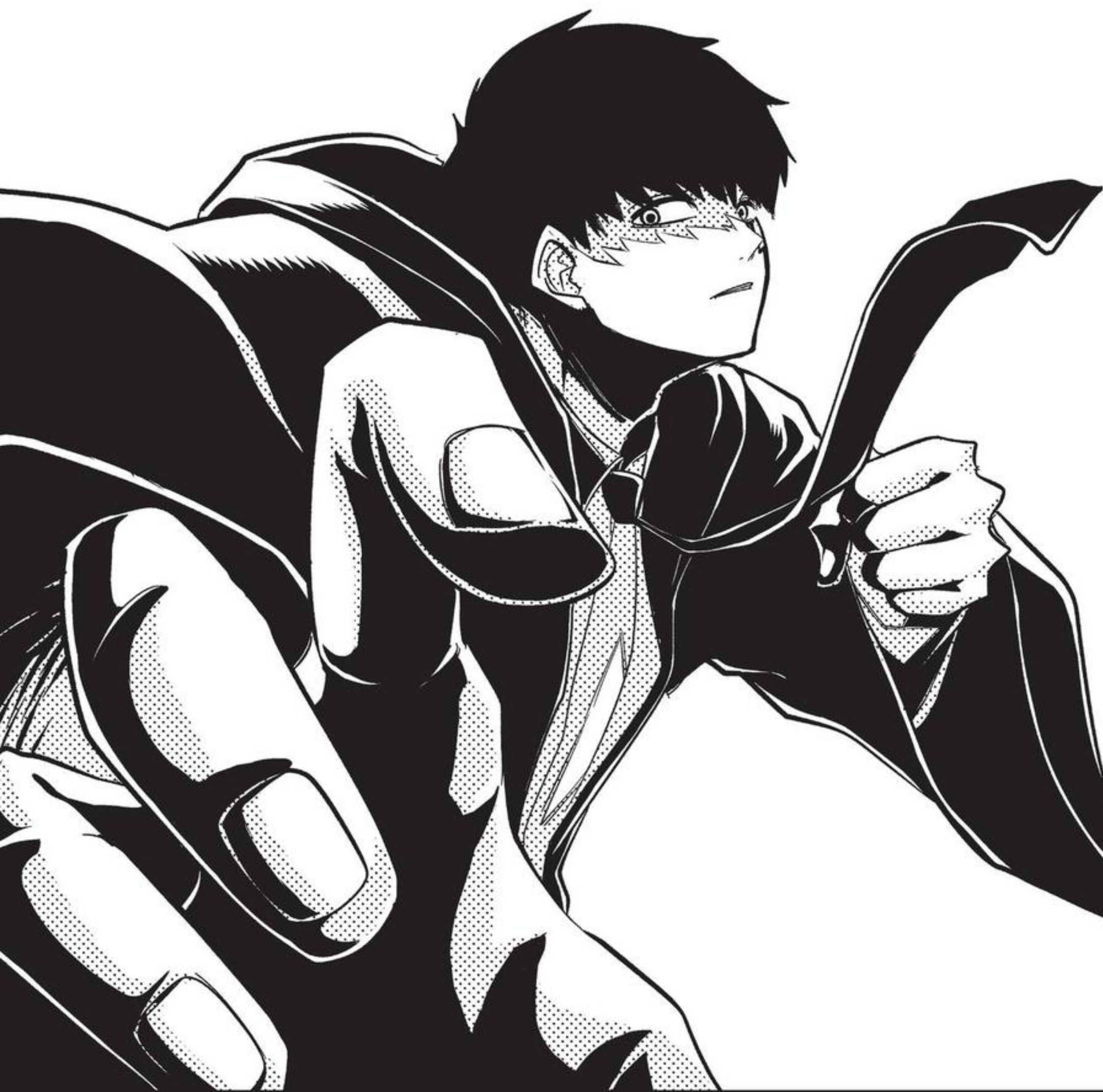

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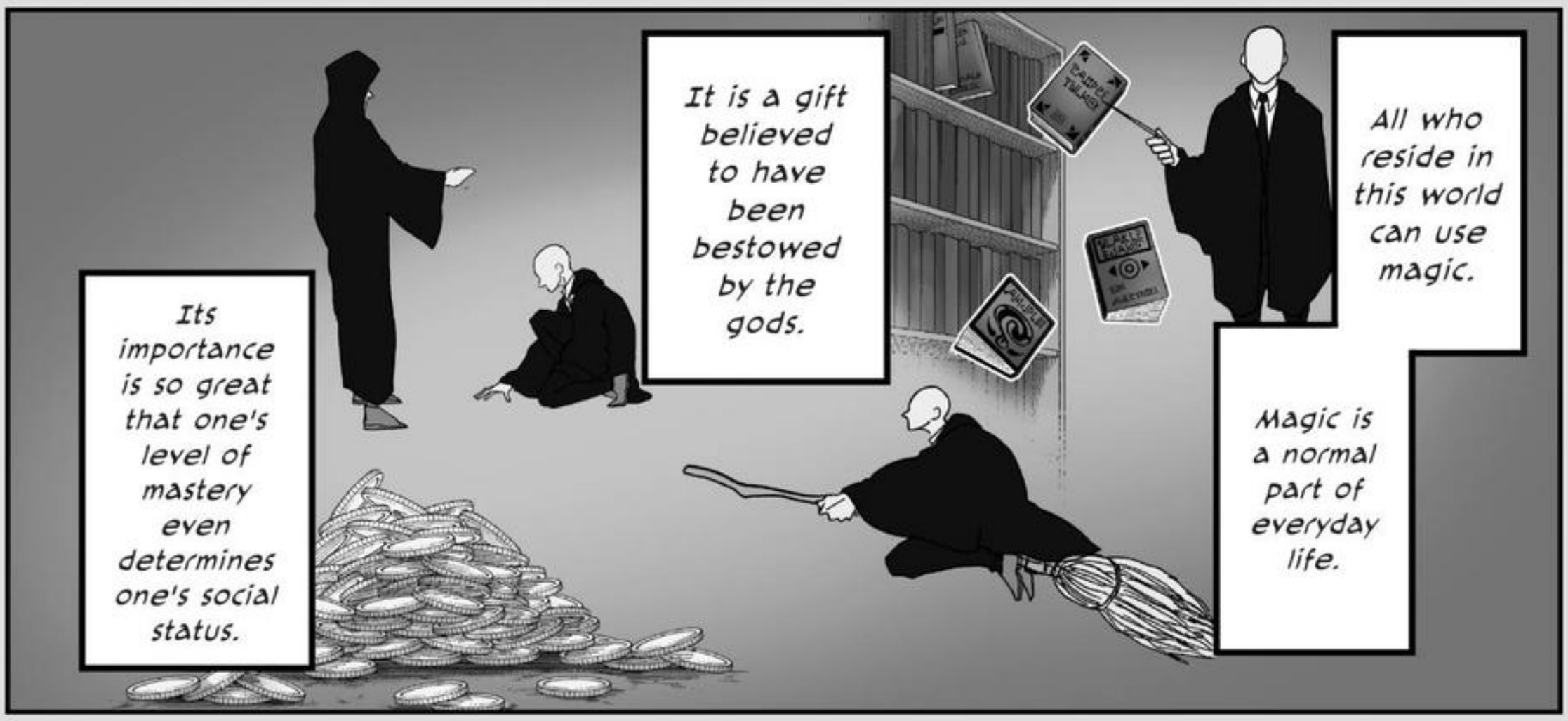

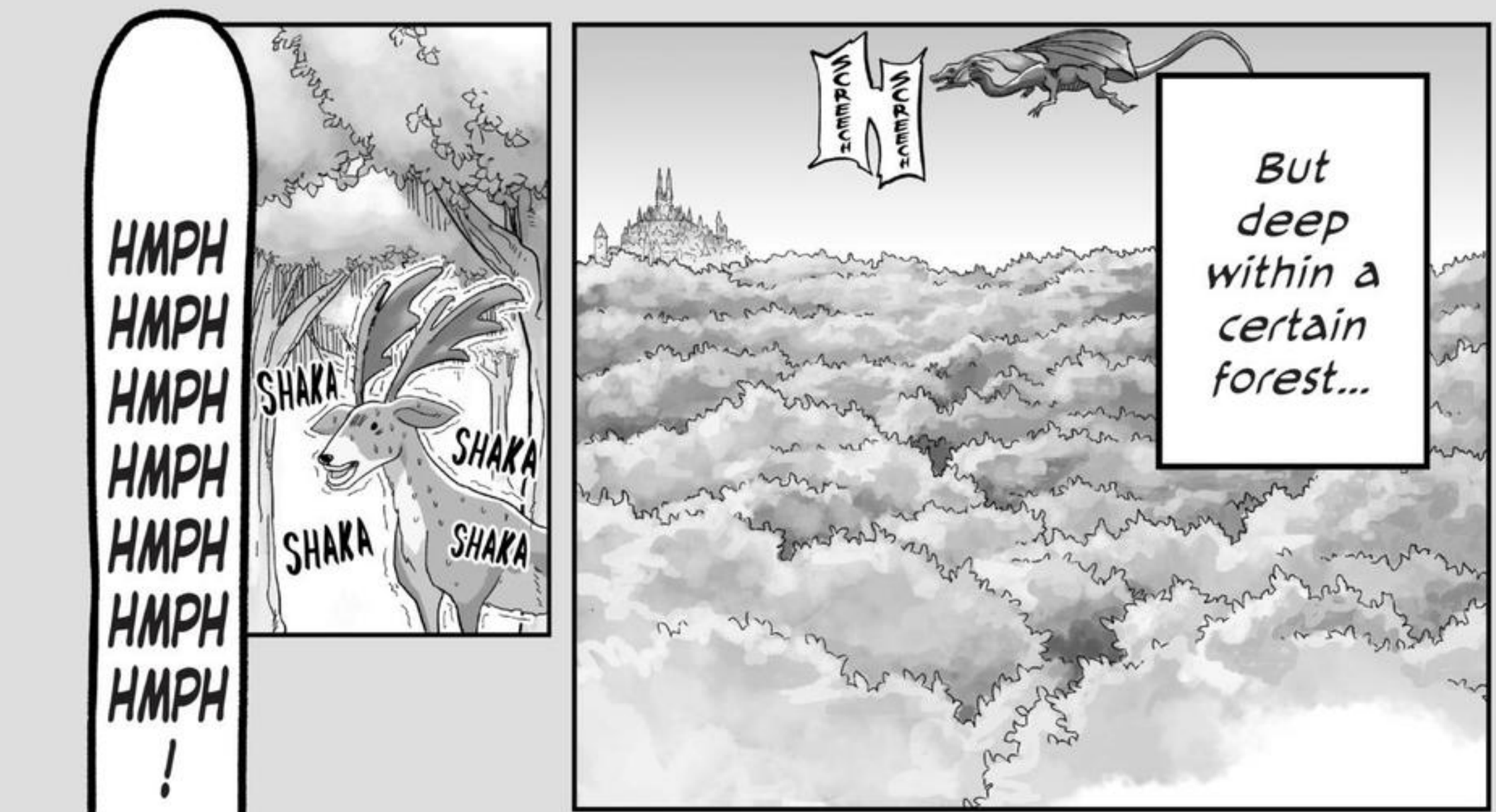

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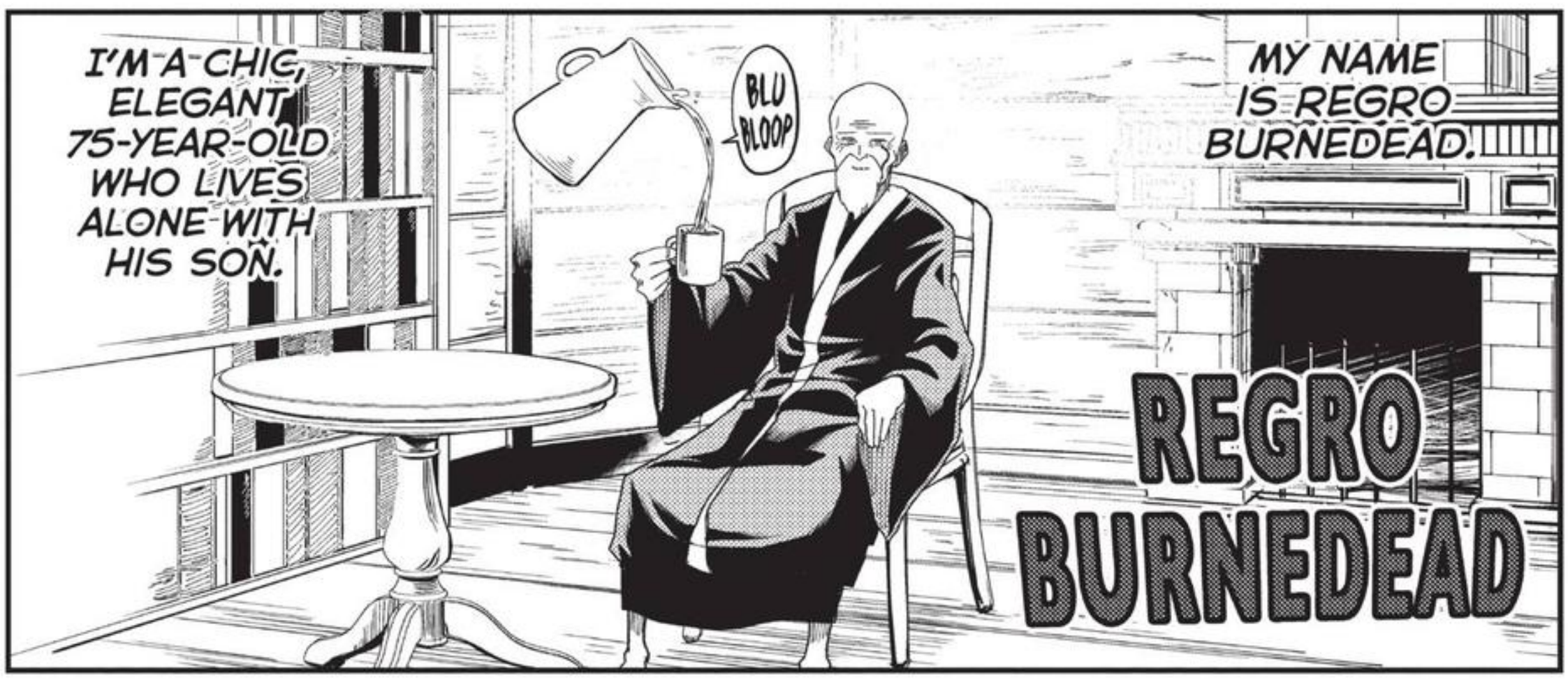

I'M A CHIC, ELEGANT 75-YEAR-OLD WHO LIVES ALONE WITH HIS SON.
BLU BLOOP
MY NAME IS REGRO BURNEDEAD.
REGRO BURNEDEAD

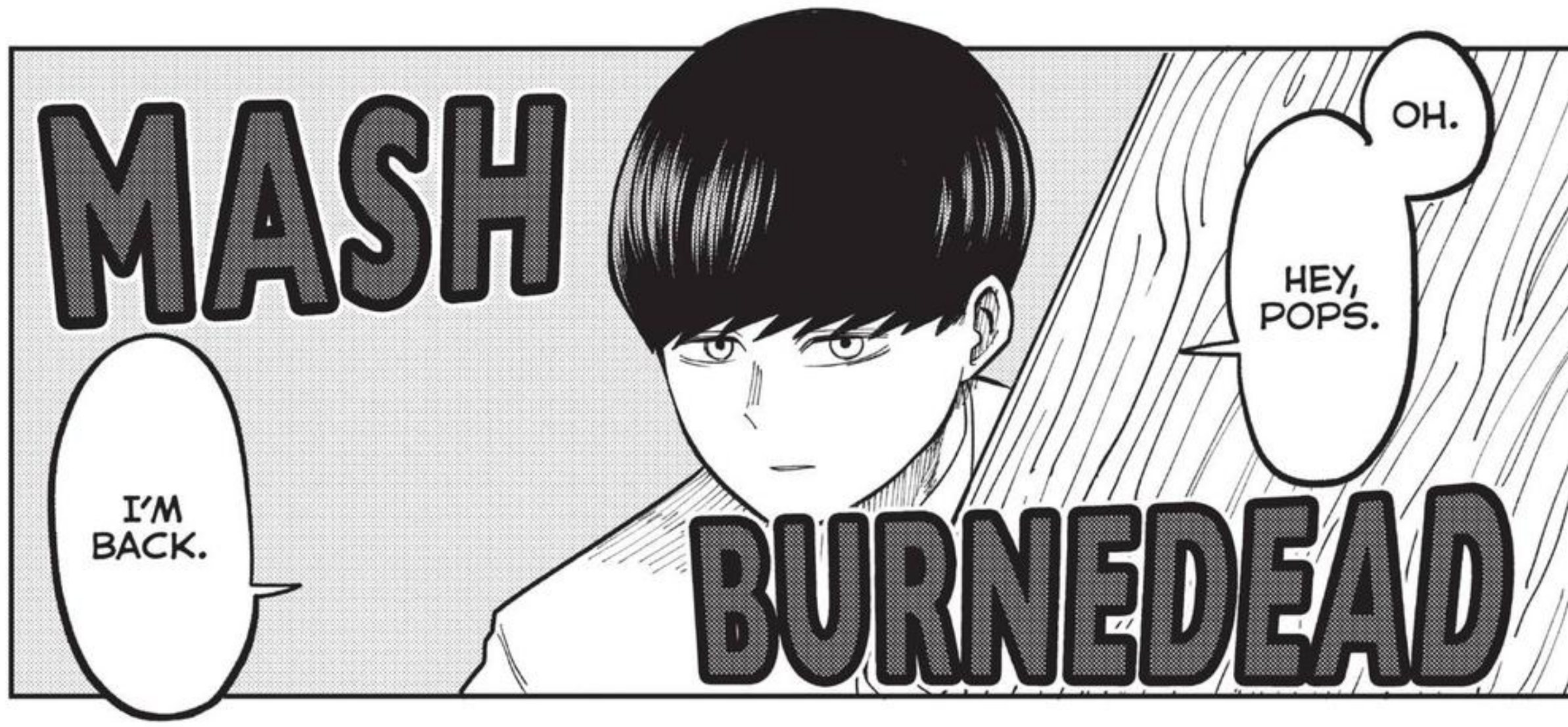
SILENCE

NATURALLY, OVER THE YEARS, I'VE ACQUIRED A NUMBER OF HEALTHY WAYS TO COMBAT STRESS.
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

SIP
WHEN YOU GET TO BE MY AGE, VERY LITTLE BOTHERS YOU!

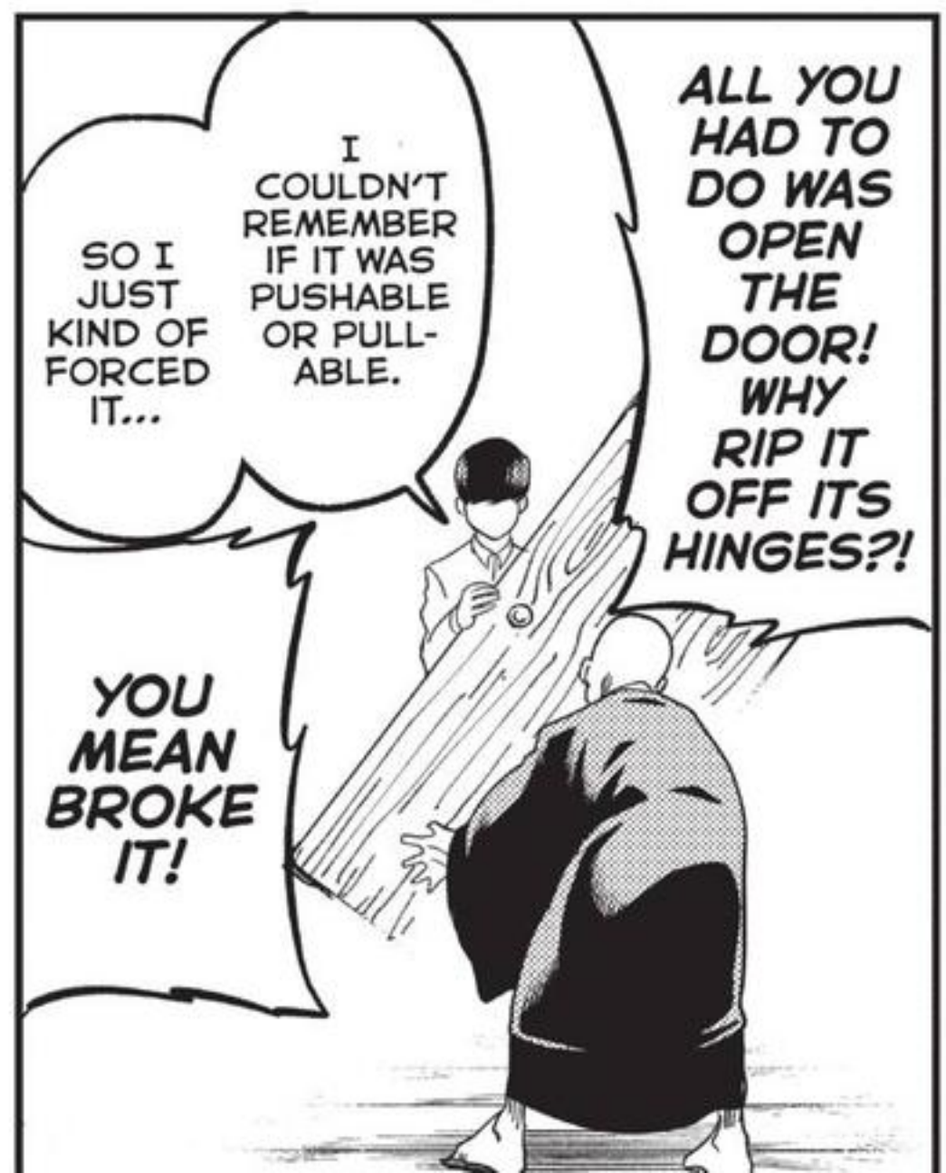
RRRAAAWRR

KER
CRACK


MASH
I'M BACK.
BURNEDEAD
OH.
HEY, POPS.

HE'S ALWAYS SO ACQUIESCENT AFTER HE SCREWS UP...
NO... THAT'S OKAY.
AS LONG AS YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU DID...

DROOP
...
SORRY, POPS.
I'LL FIX IT...


ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS OPEN THE DOOR! WHY RIP IT OFF ITS HINGES?!
I COULDN'T REMEMBER IF IT WAS PUSHABLE OR PULL-ABLE.
SO I JUST KIND OF FORCED IT...
YOU MEAN BROKE IT!

RRRAAWR!

POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND

SPIT ON THE FOUND-LING?

NOOOOOOOO!

QUIT WITH THE POUND-ING, WOULD YOU?!

WHAT WAS THAT?

POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND

YOU'VE GOT IT POSI-TIONED WRONG!

WEIRD. IT WON'T GO BACK IN.

POUND POUND POUND POUND POUND

YOU NEED TO TURN IT! TURN IT! TURN IT A LITTLE!

HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM. AND HE'S SO ACQUI-ESCENT...

W-WELL... YEAH, UM...

SORRY, POPS.

SLUMP

...

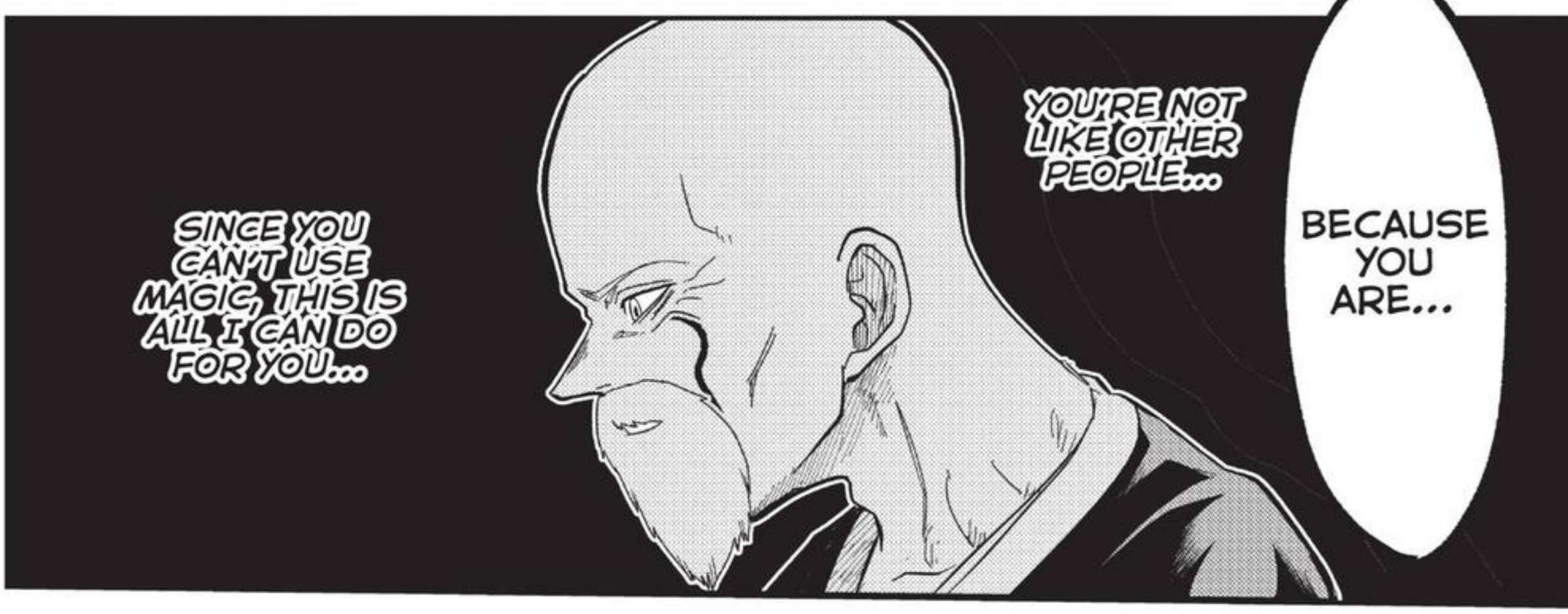
OOPS.

CRACK

...

WHY DO YOU HAVE ME DO NOTHING BUT WORK OUT?
BUT... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU...

DONE AND DONE.
FORGET ABOUT THAT FOR NOW. WHAT ABOUT TODAY'S TRAINING ROUTINE?

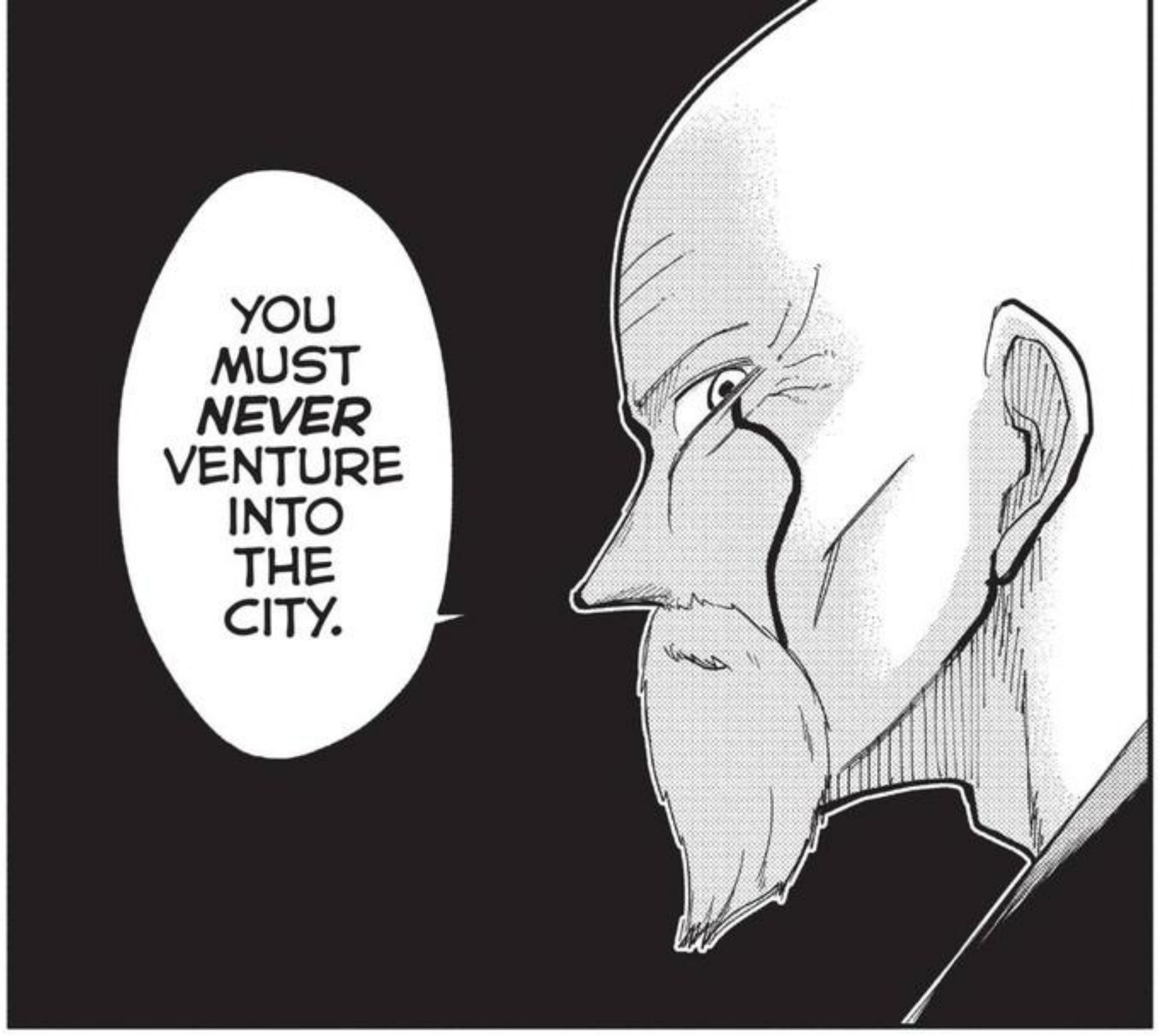

SINCE YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC, THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU...
YOU'RE NOT LIKE OTHER PEOPLE...
BECAUSE YOU ARE...

I KNOW I'VE TOLD YOU THIS COUNTLESS TIMES BEFORE, BUT...

ANYWAY, I'M HEADING OUT.

THAT'S A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME.
TURN
?

YOU'RE A GOOD SON, MASH. SO ACQUI-ESCENT.
I WON'T.


YOU MUST NEVER VENTURE INTO THE CITY.

FLIP

I'LL RETURN SOON.

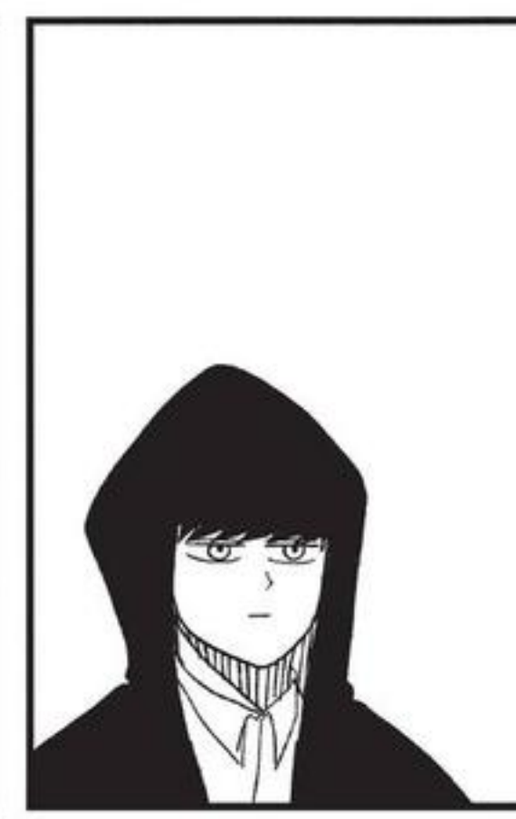
FLIP
SORRY, POPS. BUT I CAN'T IGNORE THE CALL OF AN EMPTY STOMACH.

GOBLIN
CREAM PUFFS
SPECIAL MENU
STARTING NOW
TODAY ONLY

SWIPE

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE COME HERE.

FIZZ
FIZZ
FIZZ
FIZZ



BLUNT
COULDN'T THEY JUST DO ALL THIS STUFF BY HAND?

SQUEE
SQUEE

I'LL TAKE SEVEN OF THE SPECIAL.
SURE THING.
KRNCH

DID HE SAY "FIX"?
GRIP

BUT COINS DON'T USUALLY BEND WHEN YOU SQUEEZE THEM...
OOPS. GUESS I CRUSHED THEM IN MY EXCITE-MENT.
SORRY. LET ME FIX THAT.

UM.
...

EEEE

FWAP
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

FWOOSH
THANKS FOR WAITING.

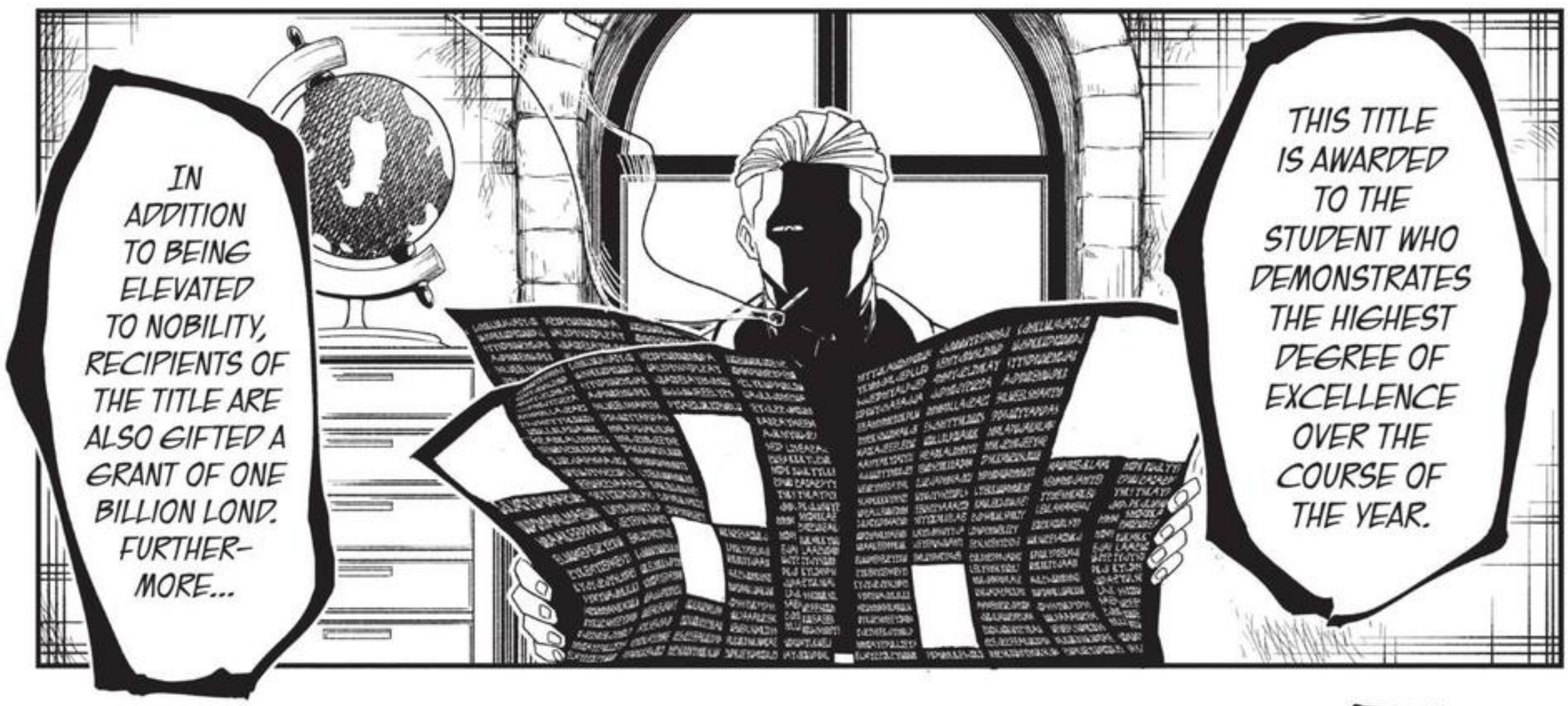
PSST
PSST

SIR ...
DON'T YOU HAVE A...

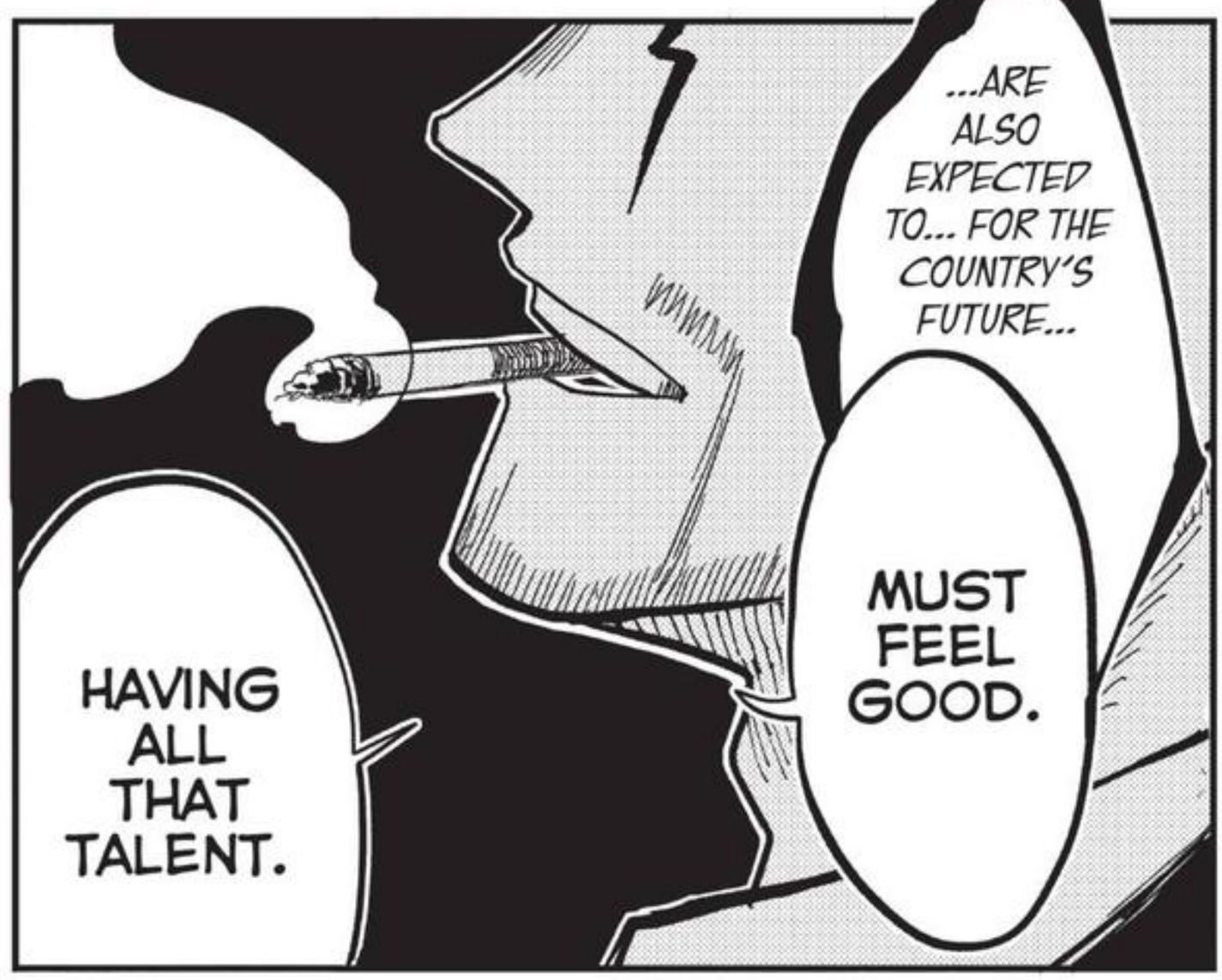
?

PSST
PSST

...RAYNE AMES, A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AT EASTON MAGIC ACADEMY.
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
THIS YEAR'S "DIVINE VISIONARY" IS...
Police Station


IN ADDITION TO BEING ELEVATED TO NOBILITY, RECIPIENTS OF THE TITLE ARE ALSO GIFTED A GRANT OF ONE BILLION LOND. FURTHER-MORE...
THIS TITLE IS AWARDED TO THE STUDENT WHO DEMONSTRATES THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

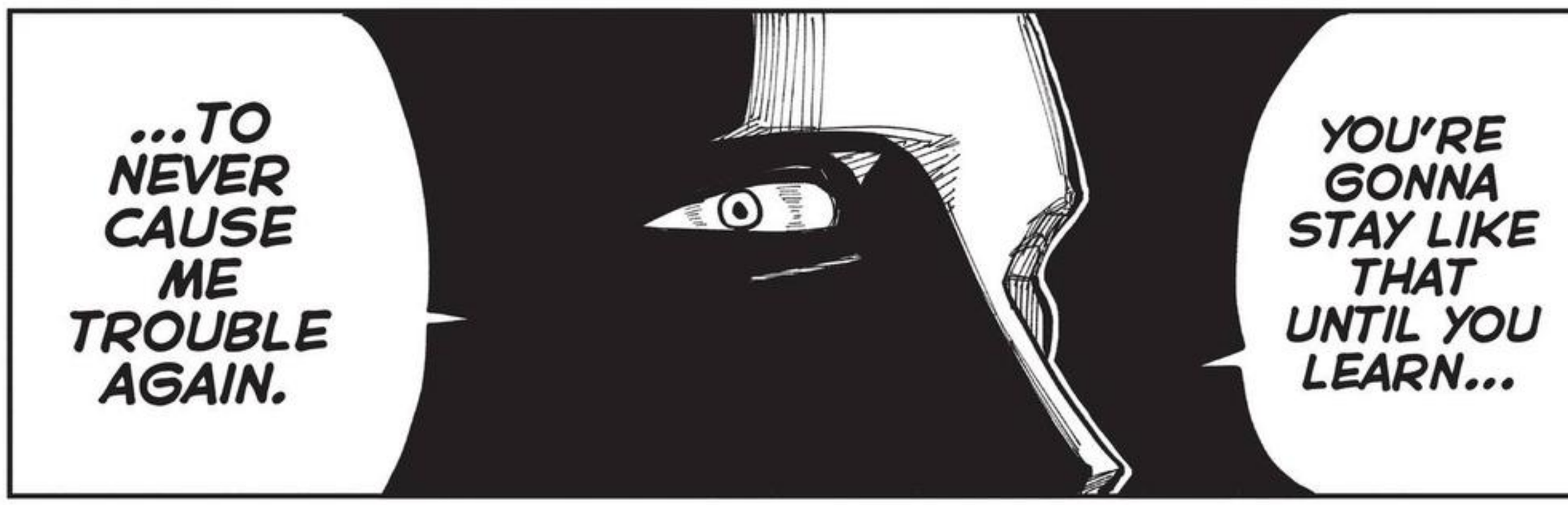
DRIP DRIP
THEN THERE'RE POOR SLOBS LIKE ME...


...ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO... FOR THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE...
HAVING ALL THAT TALENT.
MUST FEEL GOOD.

PLEASE, FORGIVE ME ALREADY. SO, I SWIPED A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR MYSELF. WAS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL?

...STUCK LIVING DULL LIVES.

YOU OUTTA YOUR DAMN MIND?
IT'S THANKS TO YOUR PETTY CRIMES THAT I'VE GOT MORE WORK TO DO.


...TO NEVER CAUSE ME TROUBLE AGAIN.
YOU'RE GONNA STAY LIKE THAT UNTIL YOU LEARN...

YEAH? SOME BRAT WITHOUT A MARK SHOWED UP IN THE CITY?
...
WHAT IS IT? I'M BUSY ...
CLICK

EEEP!
RRRRRR

SO YUMMY.
BO
SQUISH
IT WAS WORTH IT FOR THE GOBLIN CREAM PUFFS.
NOM
NOM
NOM
ANYWAY, I'M GLAD I CAME.
WONDER WHAT EVERYONE WAS ALL RILED UP ABOUT BACK THERE...

I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF THE MAGIC POLICE, HERE TO PROTECT ORDINARY FOLKS LIKE YOU, DON'T YA KNOW?
HEY HEY HEY! CAN'T YA SEE THERE'S AN OFFICER WORKIN' HERE?

OH, SORRY.

...

MAYBE I OUGHTA TAKE ALL MY STRESS OUT ON YOU, HUH, KID?!
LO
MY ONLY REWARD IS LOUSY, BOTTOM-OF-THE-BARREL PAY!
AN' DO I GET ANY THANKS? NO!
OFF

GLOOP...
AND HE'S ALREADY TAKEN A BITE OUT OF IT!

YOU SEEM LIKE YOU COULD USE ONE.
FWP
WOULD YOU LIKE A CREAM PUFF?
THIS BRAT'S TREATING ME LIKE SOME CHARITY CASE!

...
PICKING A FIGHT WITH AN OFFICER? DON'T YOU KNOW I'M THE LAW OF THIS LAND?!
SPLAT

HUH?!
GRAB
AND WHAT ABOUT MY UNI-FORM, PUNK?

YOU GOT SOME NERVE!
BRATTY LITTLE PUNK!
UGH

GLUM

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES. I'LL WASH AND RETURN THEM TO YOU.

RRRRRRRRRRRR

...

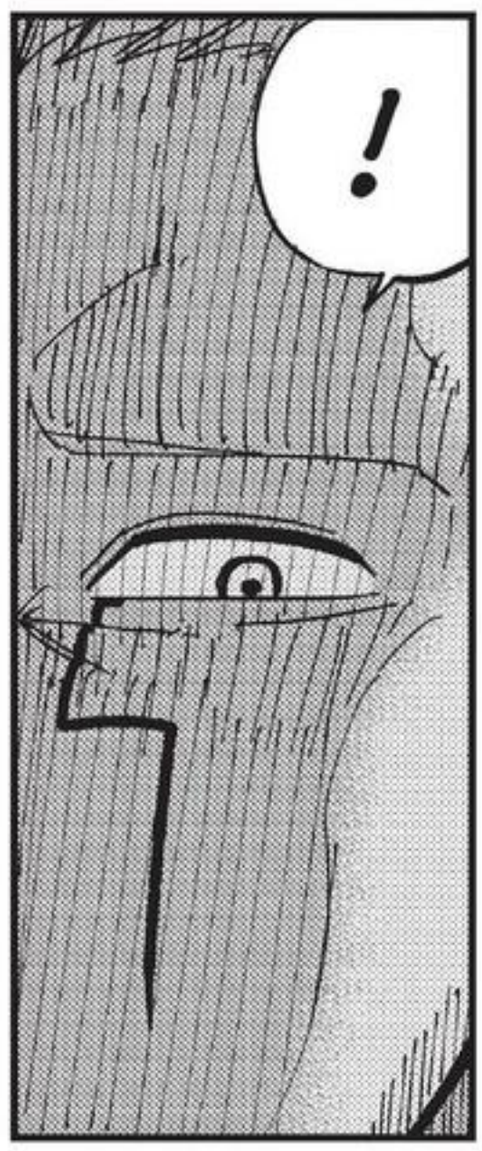
IT'S THIS KID, BRAD!

TROMP

WHAT'S THE PROB-LEM, TERRY?

WASH?! RETURN?! YOU JUST DESTROYED THEM!

WHA ...?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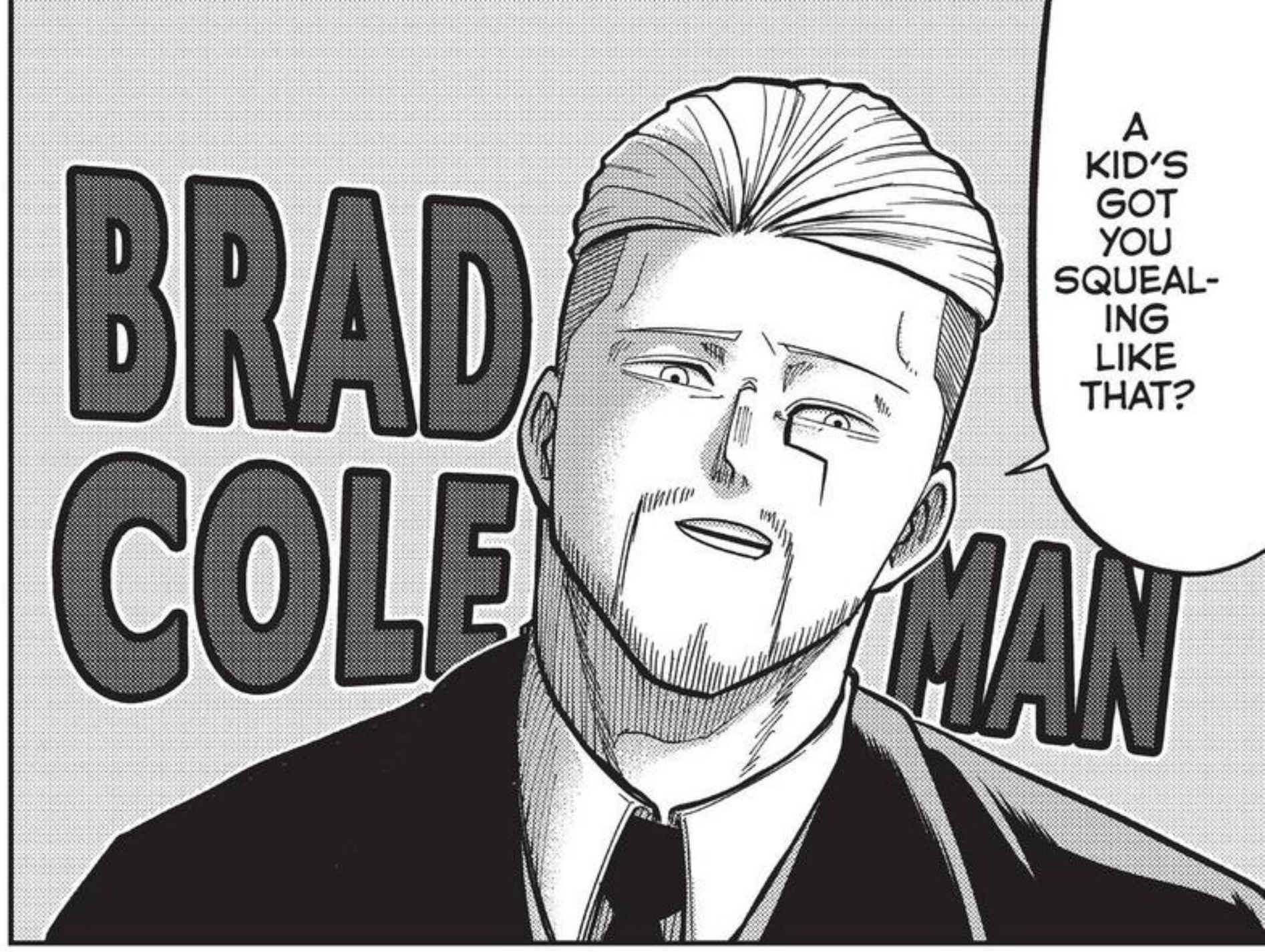

BRAD COLEMAN
A KID'S GOT YOU SQUEAL-ING LIKE THAT?

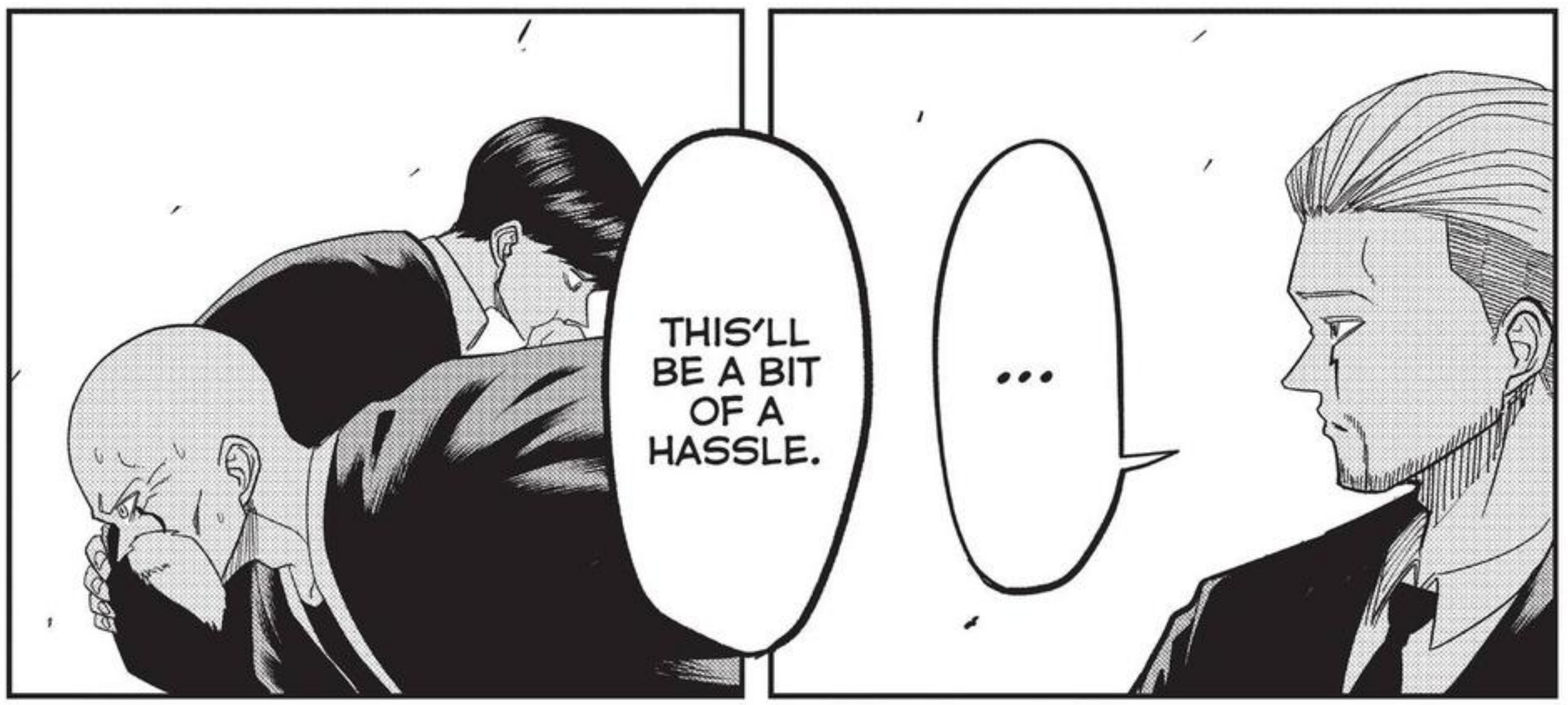
IS HE...

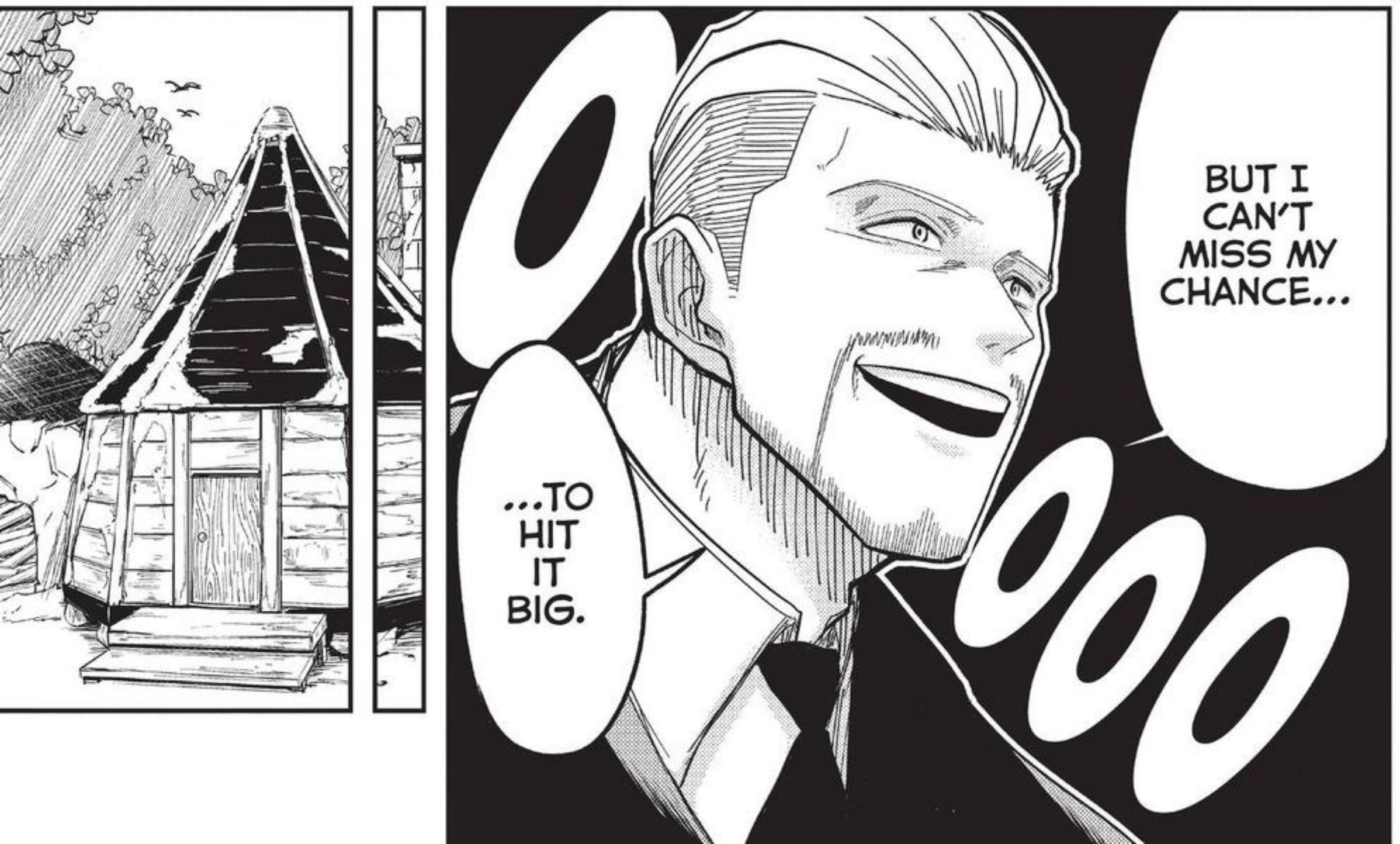
THE UNMARKED BRAT FROM THE REPORT?
IS THAT HIM?
NON
NON

YOINK

...
SERIOUSLY STUFFING HIS FACE WITH CREAM PUFFS AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
NON
NON
NON
NON
NON
NON

PLEASE EXCUSE MY SON!

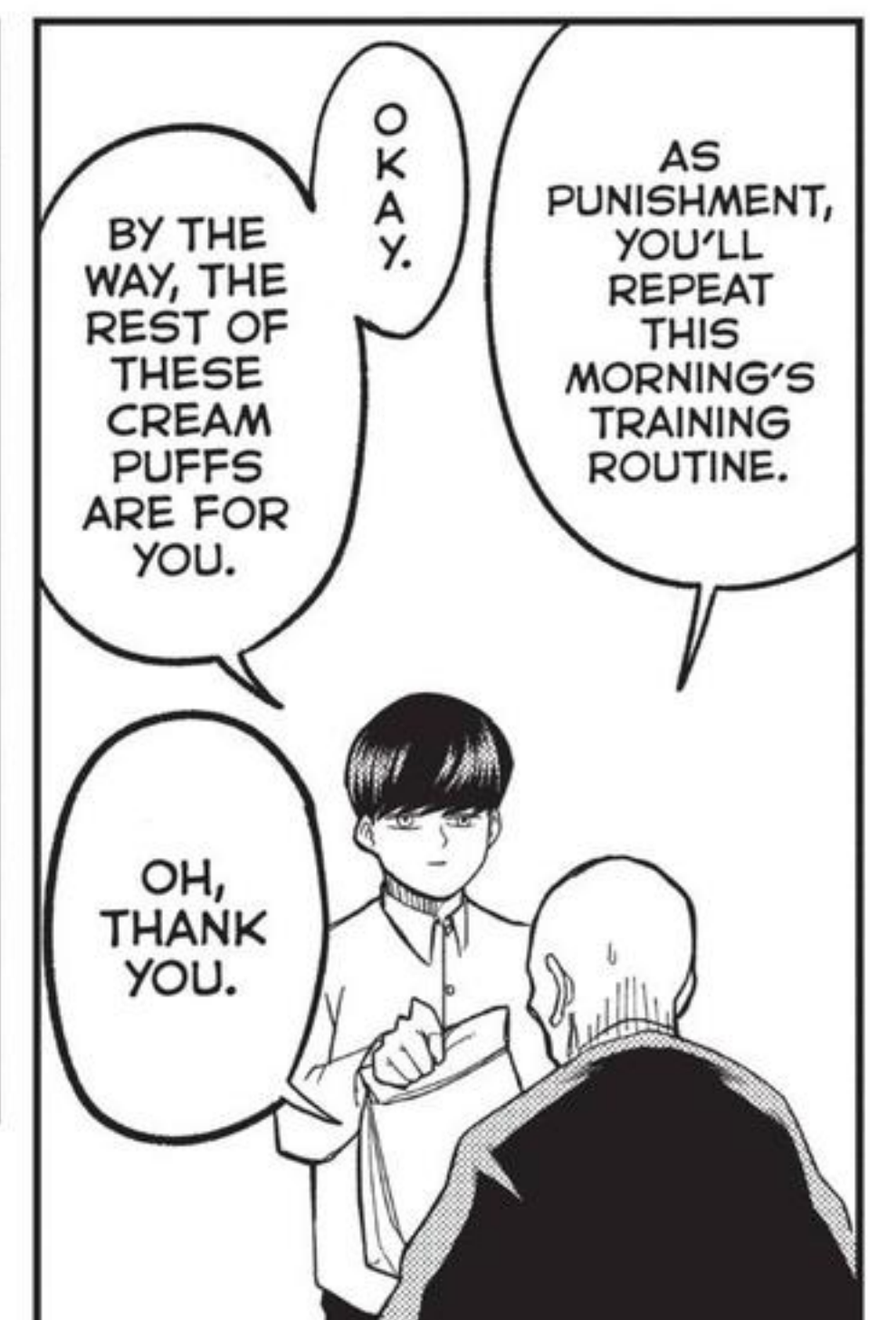

THIS'LL BE A BIT OF A HASSLE.
...

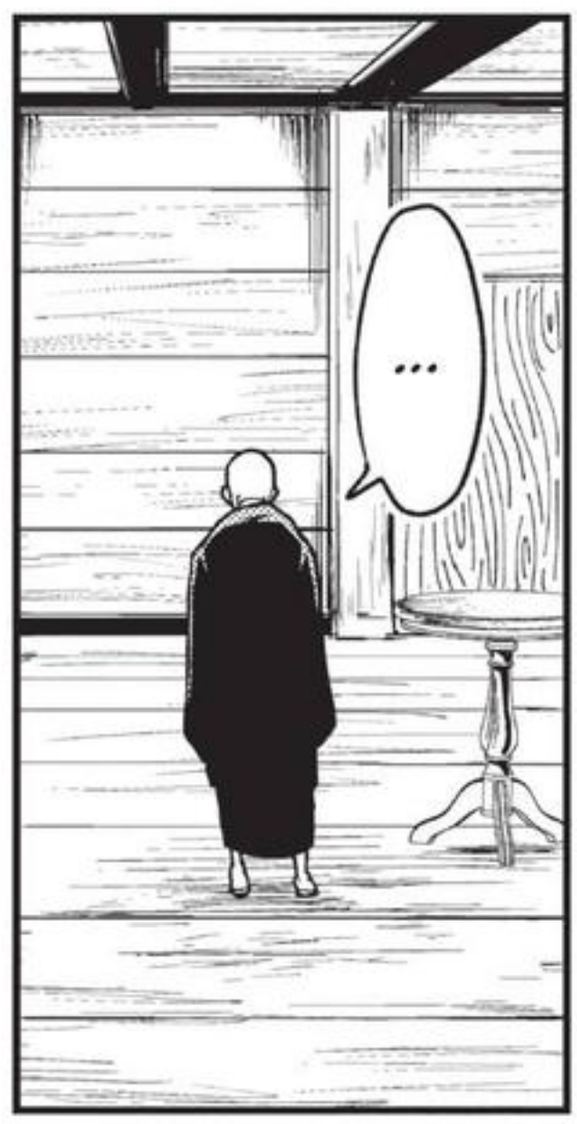

BUT I CAN'T MISS MY CHANCE...
...TO HIT IT BIG.

RO

DO NOT GO TO THE CITY ON YOUR OWN!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU?!

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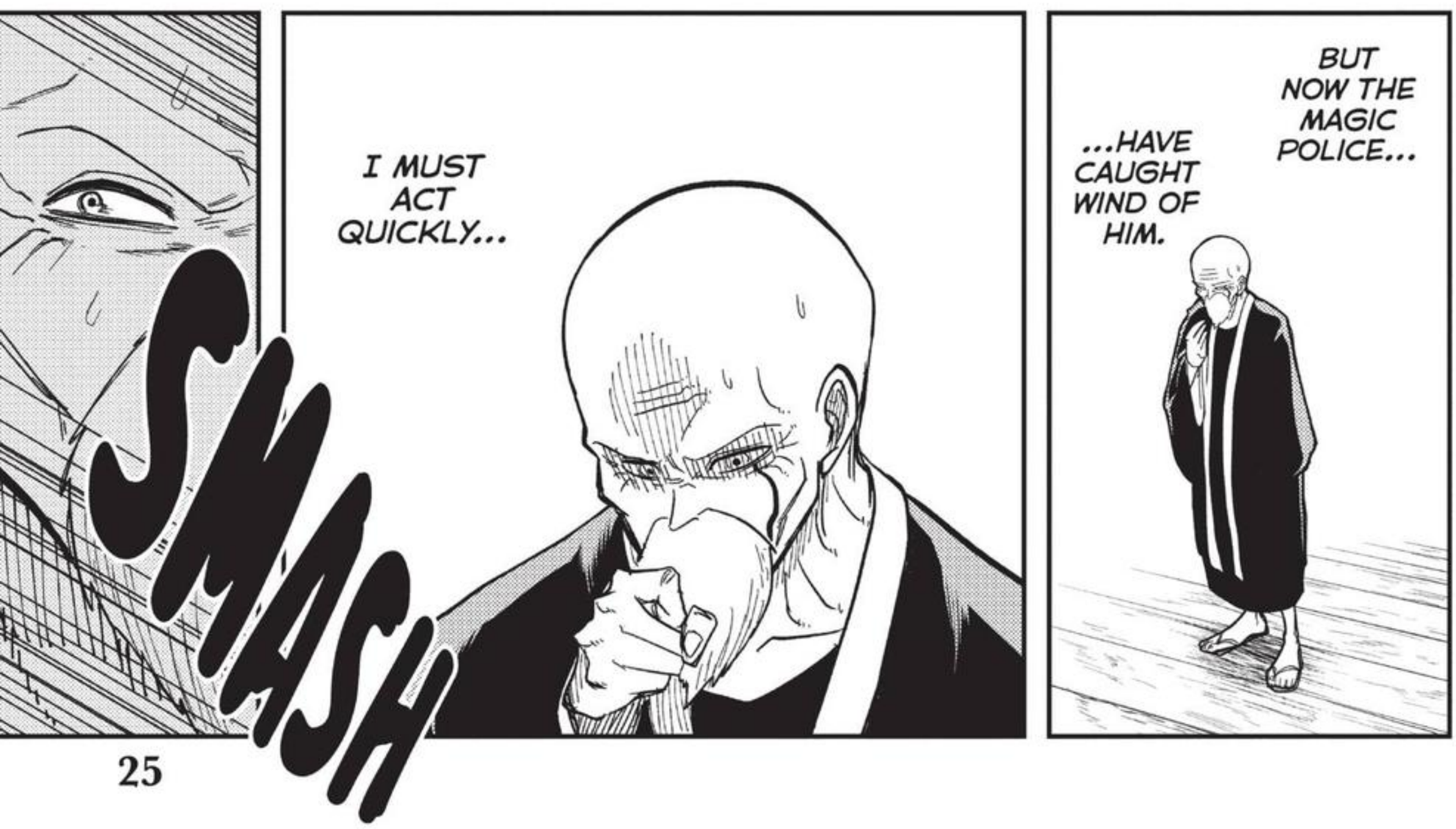
HE'S SUCH A GOOD BOY!
I EXPECTED HIS TEENAGE YEARS TO BE RIFE WITH ARGUMENTS AND MOOD SWINGS AND REBELLIOUS STREAKS, BUT HE'S SO ACQUIESCENT THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING OFF EASY.

I'VE CONCEALED HIM HERE, AWAY FROM THE CITY, THINKING IT WAS FOR HIS SAKE...
HE'S REACHED THE AGE WHERE HE'LL WANT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE...


SMASH
I MUST ACT QUICKLY...
...HAVE CAUGHT WIND OF HIM.
BUT NOW THE MAGIC POLICE...

HEY, GEEZER.
BAM
WHERE'D YOU HIDE THAT BRAT OF YOURS?
THIS IS BAD...

WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK
WHICK

DROP

TIME TO HEAD HOME FOR MORE CREAM PUFFS.

FIVE MINUTES IS ALL I NEED WHEN I PUT MY MIND TO IT.

CLUNK

GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER...
REACH

HMM.
PUSHABLE OR PULLABLE? I FORGOT AGAIN.

R STANDS FOR... ♪
C STANDS FOR CREAMY. CREAMY CREAM PUFFS. ♪

THAT'S WHY YOU HID 'IM.

HA
YOU KNEW WE'D COME FOR THE KID.

IT'S BECAUSE WE EXPEL THE LOWEST OF THE LOW, THOSE WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC, FROM THE GENE POOL.
SINCE THE DAWN OF RECORDED HISTORY, MAGIC HAS KEPT OUR WORLD FLOURISHING. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

GRRK GRRK

OR SHOULD I SAY...

REALLY, THEY WEREN'T BORN WITH WHAT IT TAKES TO SURVIVE ANYWAY.

IT SOUNDS HARSH, BUT THEIR SACRIFICE IS FOR THE GOOD OF SOCIETY.

THEY NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN.

FW APT

HMPH.

GRRK GRRK

I... DON'T KNOW... WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND HAND THE KID OVER TO US.

SHELTERING THE UNMARKED IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE, OLD MAN.

...

I REFUSE!

LOOK

CP

!

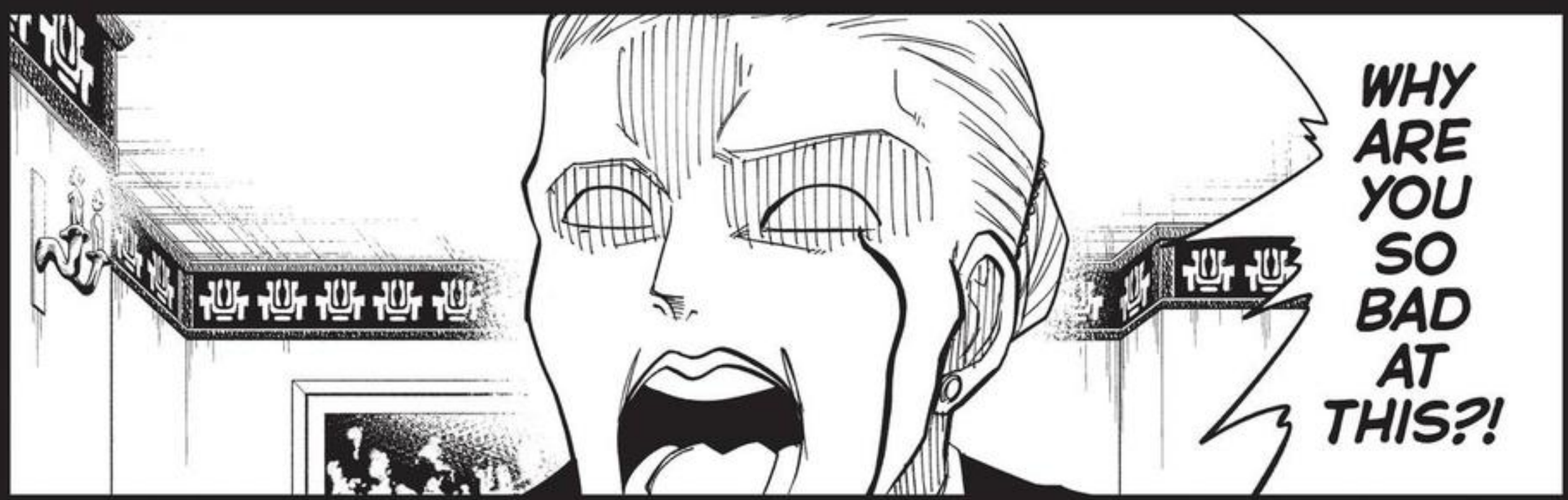
ACK

TCH

LISTEN, JUST PLAY NICE AND WE'LL LET YOU OFF EASY.

TELL US WHERE HE IS.
!!

I'LL NEVER TELL...
COUGH
NEVER...
COUGH


WHY ARE YOU SO BAD AT THIS?!

WE DON'T NEED A FAILURE LIKE YOU BESMIRCH-ING OUR BLOODLINE!
I'M SORRY.

YOU'RE WORTHLESS!

YOU CAN'T EVEN DO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THIS?

I'M...

I'M SORRY.

...A FAILURE.

I WAS BORN...

HOW CAN YOU EVEN STAND TO BE ALIVE?

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD'VE KILLED MYSELF.

AS I GREW OLDER, I ENCOUNTERED FAILURE AFTER FAILURE.

YOU'RE FIRED!

YOU'LL NEVER WORK AGAIN!

STEP

I CONSIDERED TAKING MY OWN LIFE...

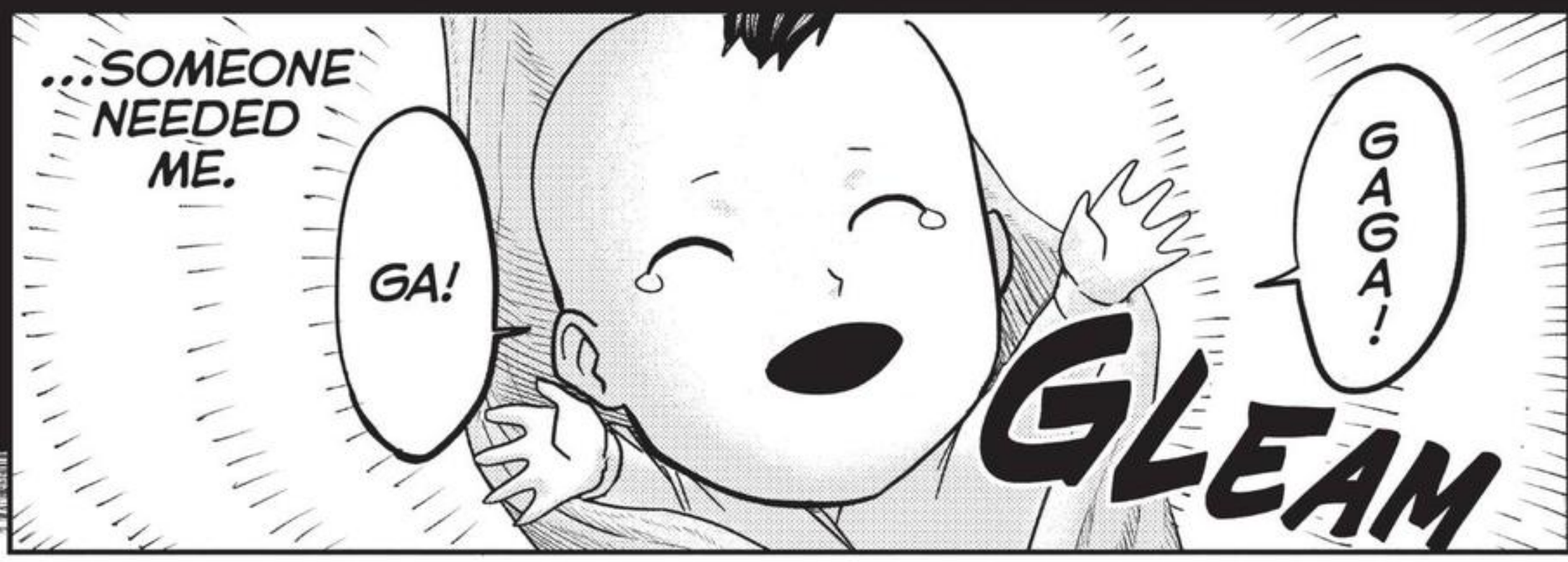
SIGH...

WHOOOOSH

I WAS UNWANTED.

FWO
!
WAAAAH!
WAAAAAAH!
WAAAAH!
WAAAAH!
THIS BABY...
WAAAAH!
REACH
YOU...
...
DOESN'T HAVE A MARK...

GOO!
GOO!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME.
HUG


...SOMEONE NEEDED ME.
GA!
GAGA!
GLEAM

EVEN IF THE WHOLE WORLD REJECTED US...
EVEN IF WE WEREN'T TIED BY BLOOD...

SPIT IT OUT ALREADY, OLD MAN.
RHK

I MADE A PROMISE THAT DAY...

RUN, MASH!

RO

I WOULD ALWAYS BE A FATHER TO THAT BOY!

AR

PLEASE, LET MY WORDS REACH HIM!

GO ON, MASH! GET OUT OF HERE!

HEY! THE BRAT'S GOTTA BE CLOSE BY! FIND HIM!

YOU STUB-BORN OLD FOOL!

BEFORE I REALLY MAKE YOU REGRET THIS...

LAST CHANCE, OLD MAN...

RUN AWAY!

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU SURVIVE!

MY ONE AND ONLY...

SMACK

PIPE DOWN, WILL YA?!

GLARE

ドガ
DASH

RRRRIP

HEY, PUNK! I HAVEN'T FOR-GOTTEN WHAT YOU...

...DID...

GRIP

SLAP
SLAP
WHY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN, MASH?
CRUMPLE
BLUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB! LUB!
SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP SLAP

BECAUSE WE'RE FAMILY.

YOU'RE ALL I'VE GOT.

BUT SINCE I'M HERE...

SORRY FOR BEING STUB-BORN, POPS.

I MIGHT AS WELL SEND YOU GUYS TO HELL.

EVEN REGULAR MAGES CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO HIM!
WHAT AN IDIOT! BRAD USED TO BE ON THE BUREAU OF MAGIC'S SECURITY FORCE.

THIS MAGIC-LESS CHUMP DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

Fhu
I'LL END THIS BEFORE YOU CAN COUNT TO THREE.

FWAASH

RUSH

THAT'S THE SPELL HE USED TO DRIVE OFF THE DRAGON BACK IN HIS BUREAU OF MAGIC DAYS! I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SEEING IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

DIO
NALCOM-PAS!

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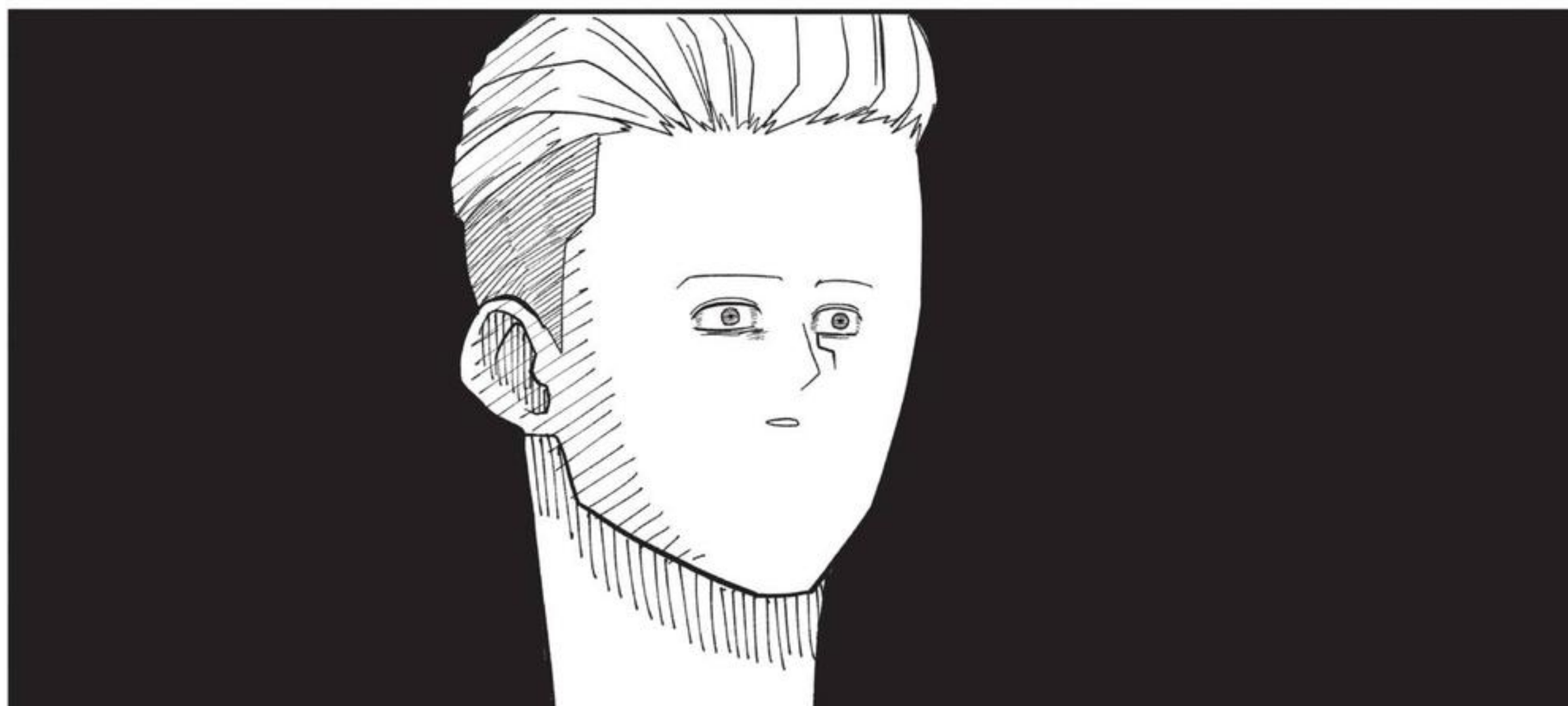


THERE'S NO WAY HE DEFLECTED THAT...
HUH? THAT WAS THE SPELL I USED TO RUN OFF THE DRAGON, RIGHT? THE EXACT SAME ONE? THE DRAGON SPELL, YEAH?

FW
YOU PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, KID!
BUT LET'S SEE YOU STOP THIS!

NALCOM-PAS DIAGORUS!
BW
OO

HE COULD DESTROY THE WHOLE FOREST!!
SH
MAGIC ENERGY'S POURING OUT!
BRAD! WAIT!
KR

パ
ン

GRRR!

BWOO
BWOO BWOO
DAM-MIT!!!

IS THIS GUY...

DUMF

...USING HIS KNEES TO ABSORB THE MOMENTUM?!

DRIFT

BUMP

NOW HE'S JUGGLING THEM.

POM POM

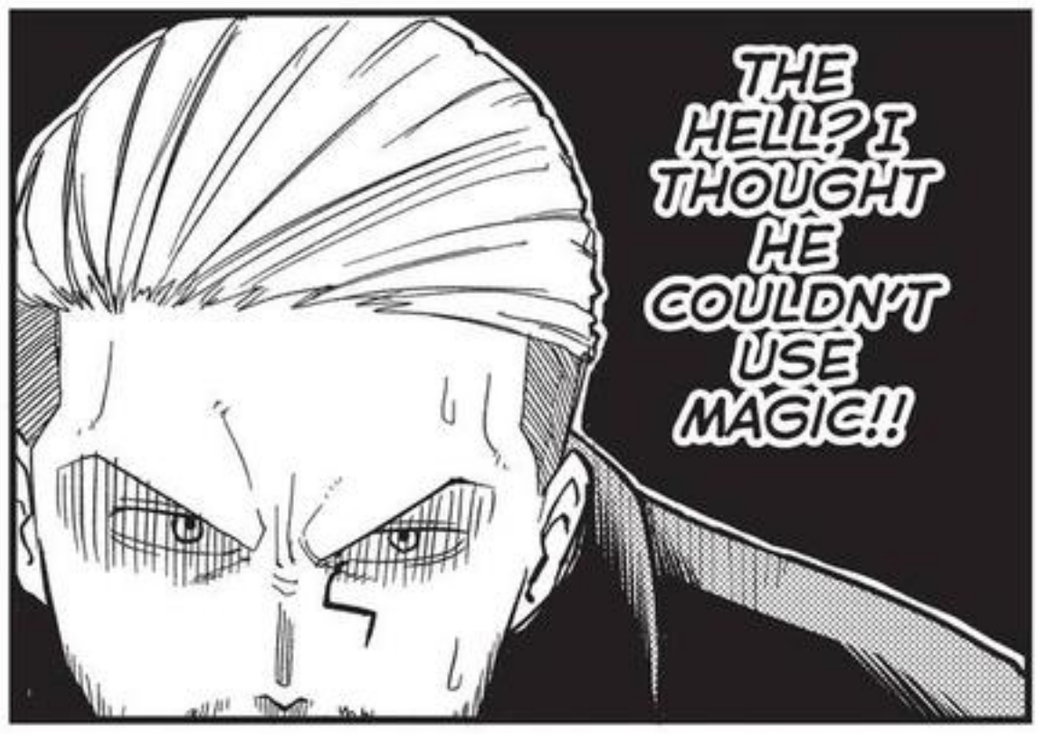
POM POM

HE'S MAKING A FOOL OF ME...

AND SHOWING OFF HIS SWEET DRIBBLING MOVES!

PTAP

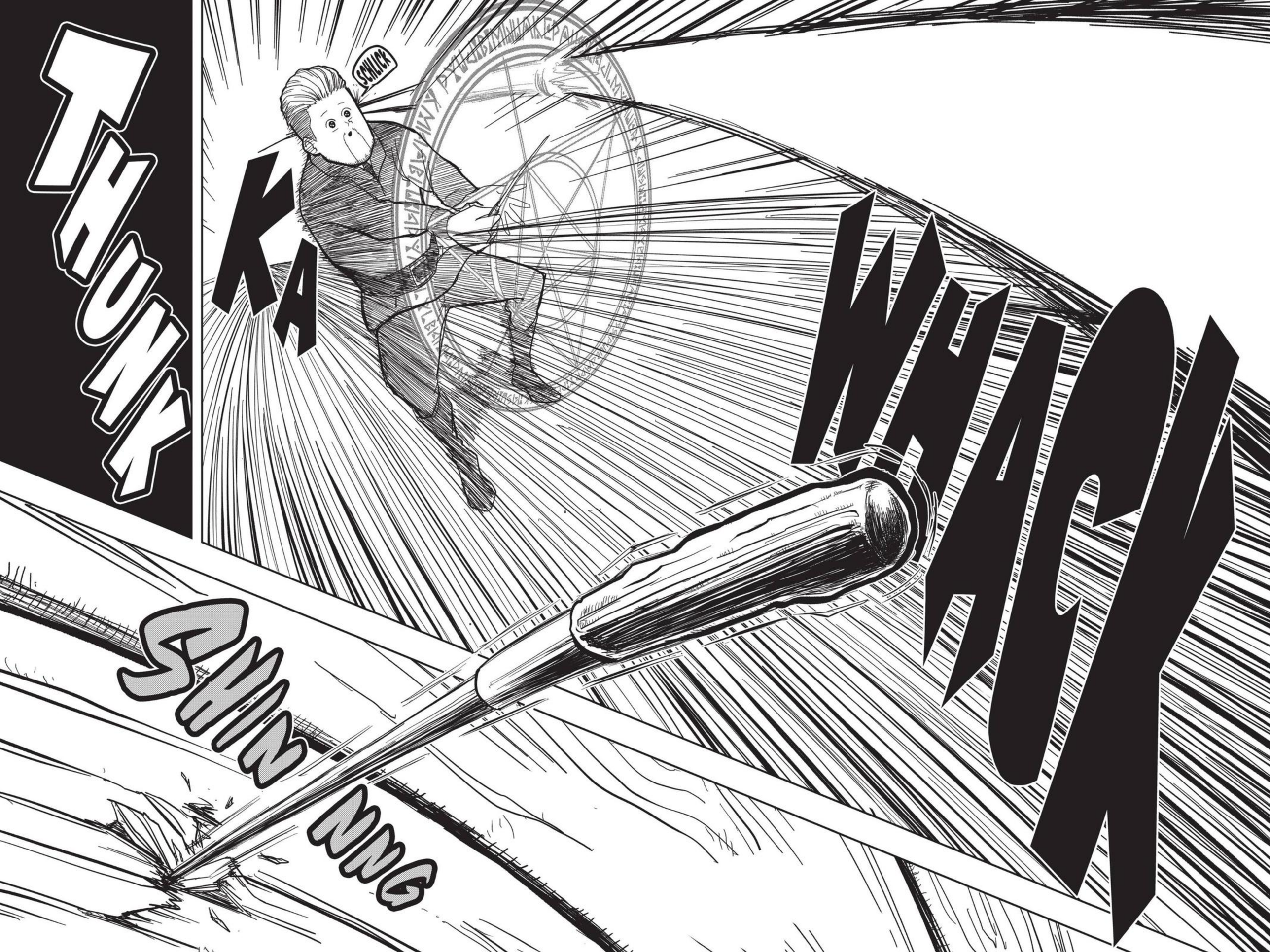
PTAP PTAP PTAP PTAP


THE HELL? I THOUGHT HE COULDN'T USE MAGIC!!

POPS, I'M GONNA BORROW YOUR WAND.

NOT THAT IT MATTERS. YOUR EVERYDAY MAGE...
...COULD NEVER LAY A SCRATCH ON ME.

FLING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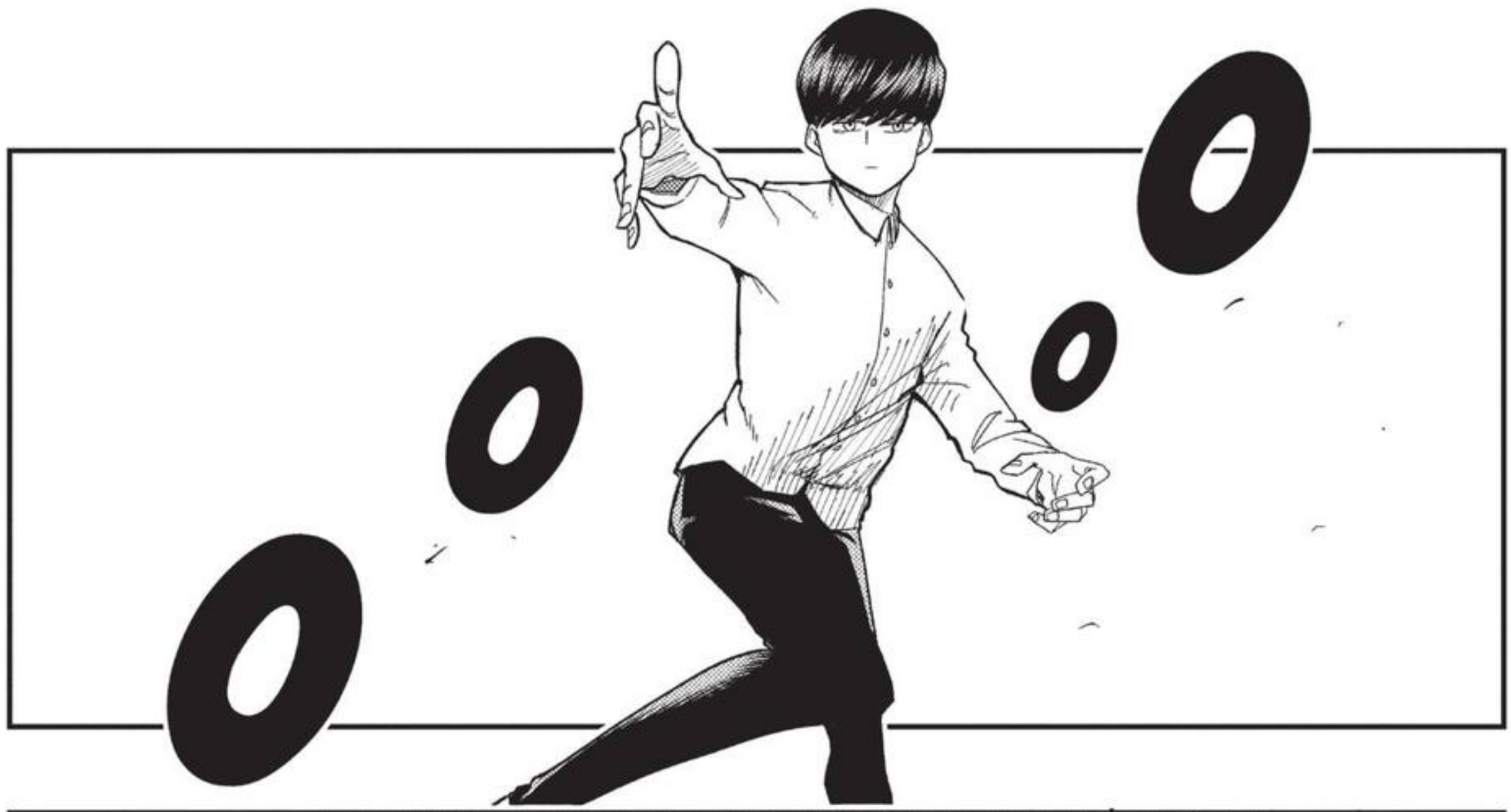

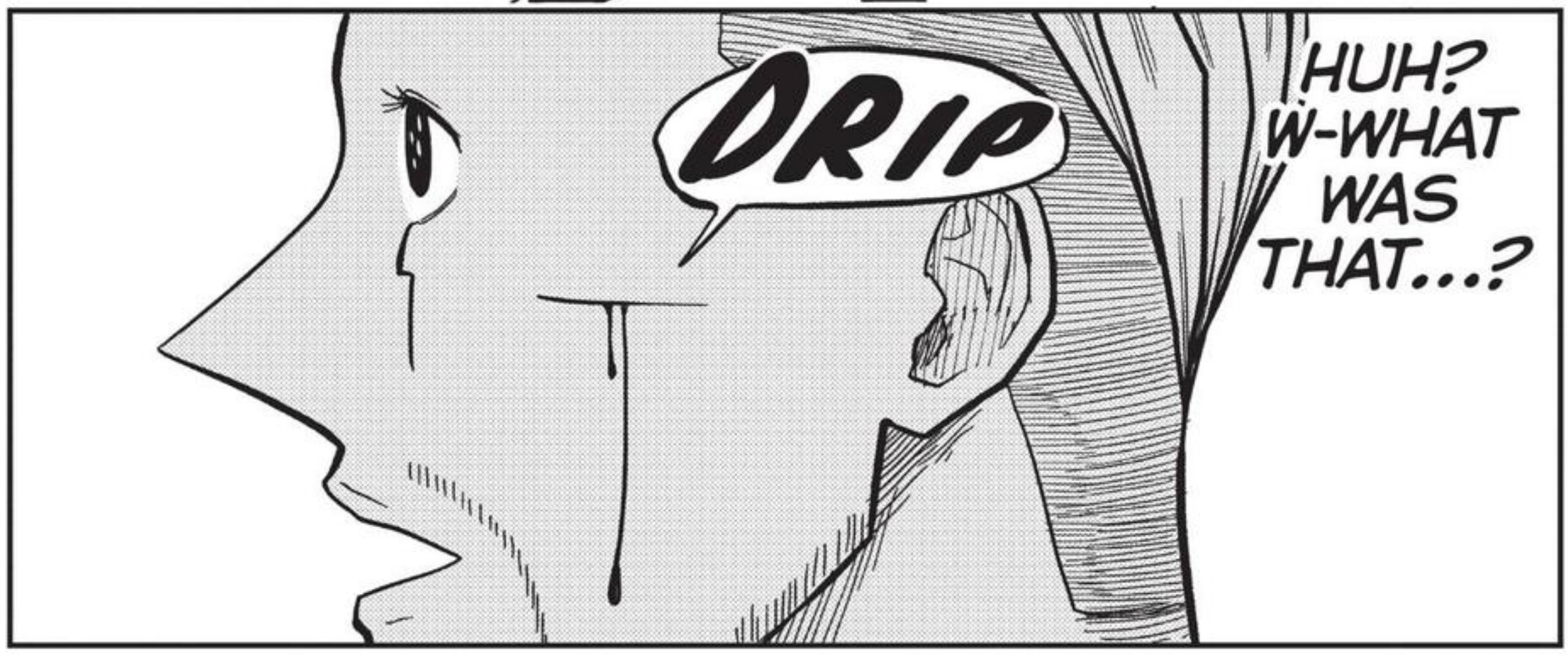
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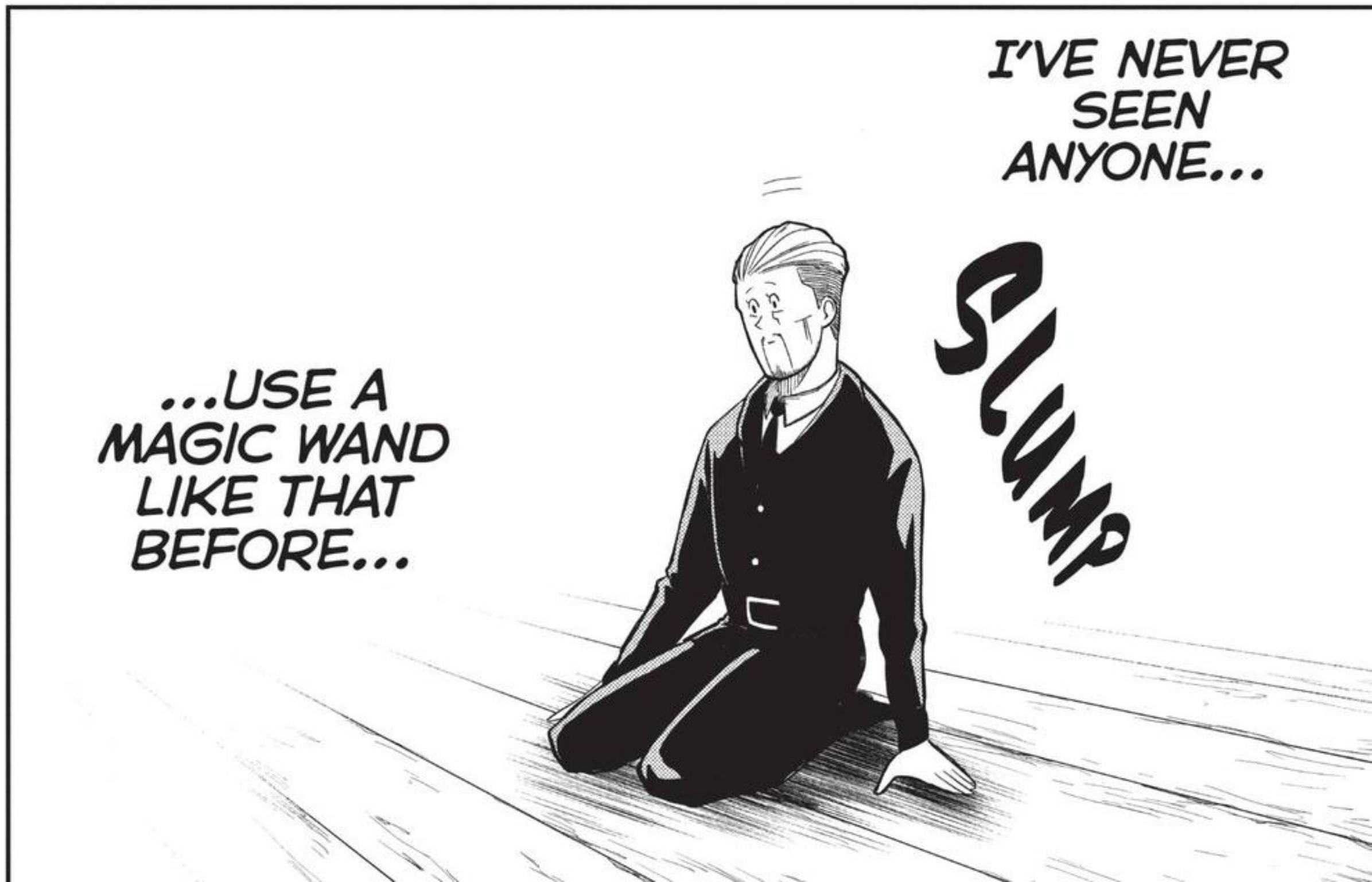
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE...
SLUMP
...USE A MAGIC WAND LIKE THAT BEFORE...

...AND I'LL KILL YOU.
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THREATEN MY FAMILY AGAIN...
HOW IS THIS EVEN PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE?!
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HIS TRAINING WAS ONLY MEANT TO TEACH HIM SELF-DEFENSE...
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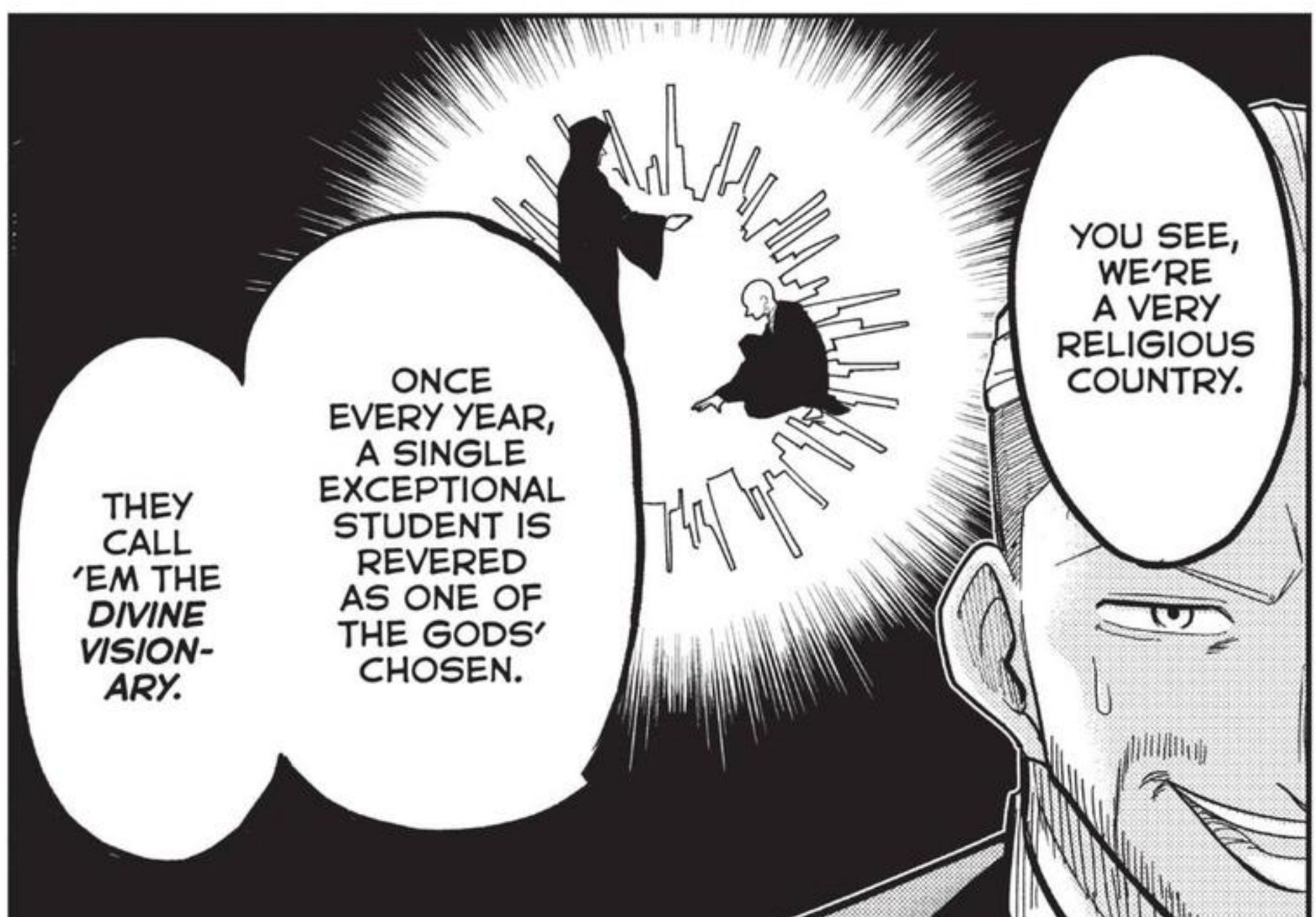
HA HA HA HA HA!
THAT WAS GOOD.
HEH HEH HEH ...
EVEN IF THEY LEAVE, MORE WILL COME UNTIL...
EITHER WAY, WE'RE DONE FOR...

...MUSH-ROOM HEAD.

LET'S MAKE A DEAL...



THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU'RE SELECTED, THAT'LL MAKE *YOU* ONE OF THE GODS' CHOSEN.

IN OTHER WORDS ...

...SOCIETY WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT YOU.

ALL YOU'D NEED TO DO IS...

... ENROLL IN MAGIC SCHOOL.

HMPH.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, MASH!

BESIDES, THAT PLAN IS ABSURD!

YOU EXPECT US TO TRUST SOMEONE WHO JUST TRIED TO KILL US?!

I JUST WANT THE CASH AND PRESTIGE THAT COME WITH THE TITLE.

WHICH IS WHY I'LL BACK YOU UP.

BUT IF YOU REFUSE MY OFFER, WE'LL NEVER STOP HUNTING YOU.

I CAN SEE WHY YOU MIGHT BE SKEPTICAL.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

WELL?

NEVER ABLE TO SET FOOT IN A CITY AGAIN?

WATCHING HIM AROUND THE CLOCK WITHOUT A MOMENT'S REST?

YOU'RE TOUGH, KID, SO MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE IT. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR OLD MAN?

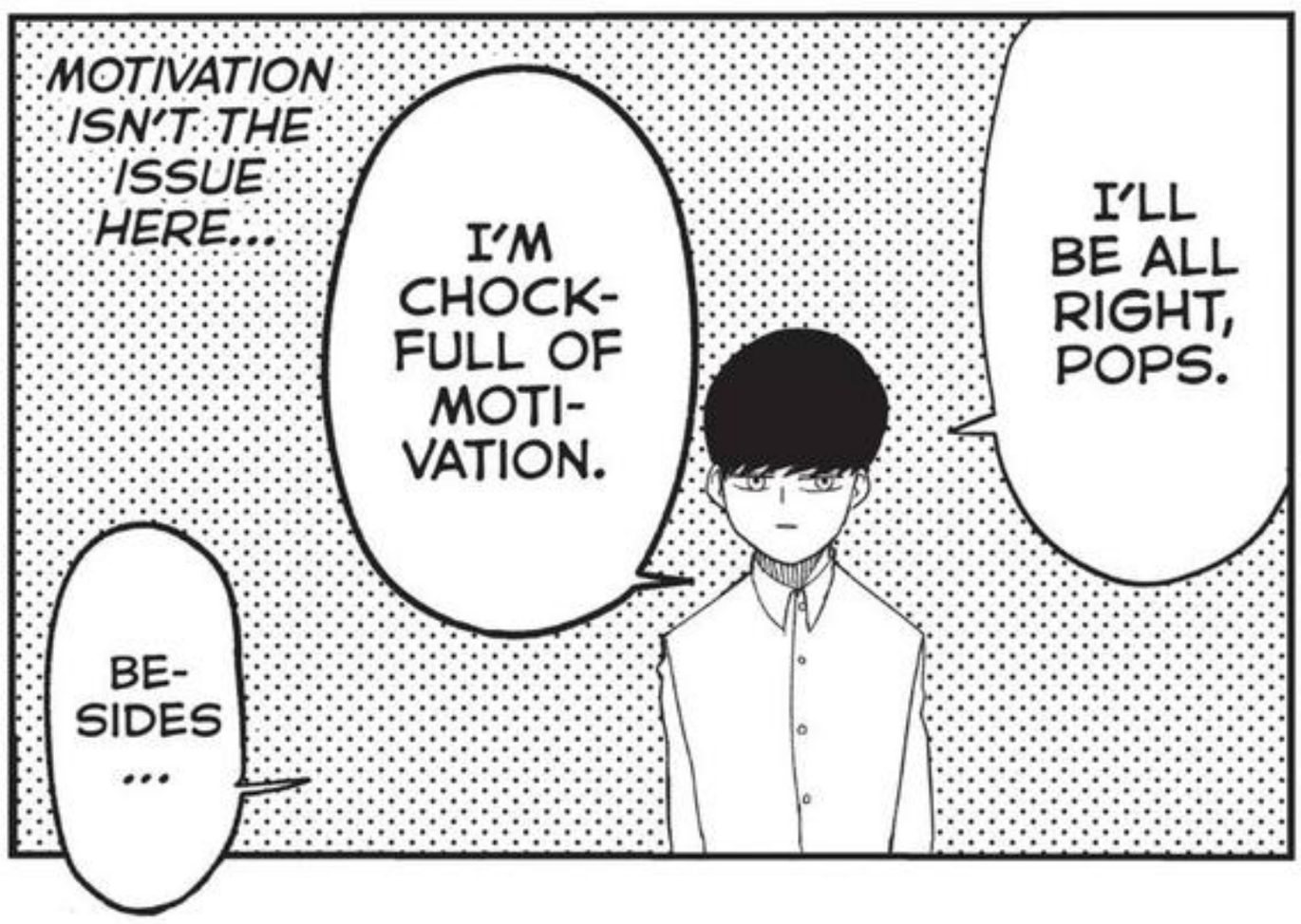
AND WHEN I'VE GOT MY SIGHTS SET ON YOU, THE WHOLE FRIGGIN' COUNTRY DOES TOO.

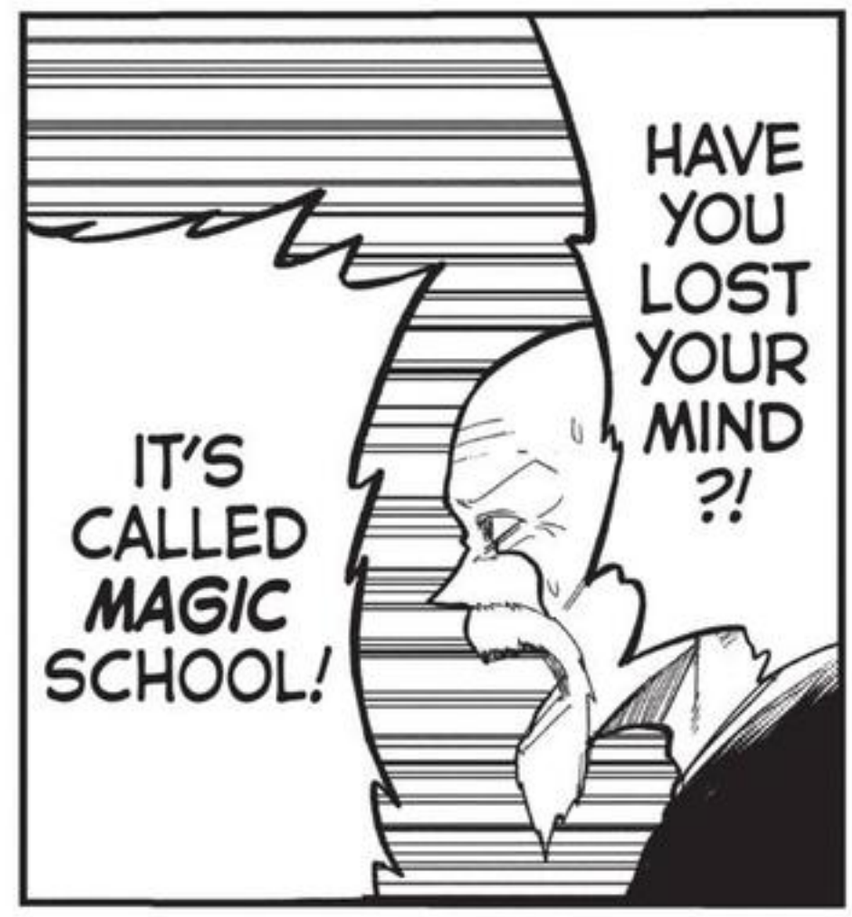
WILL YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE BEING HUNTED LIKE A DOG...

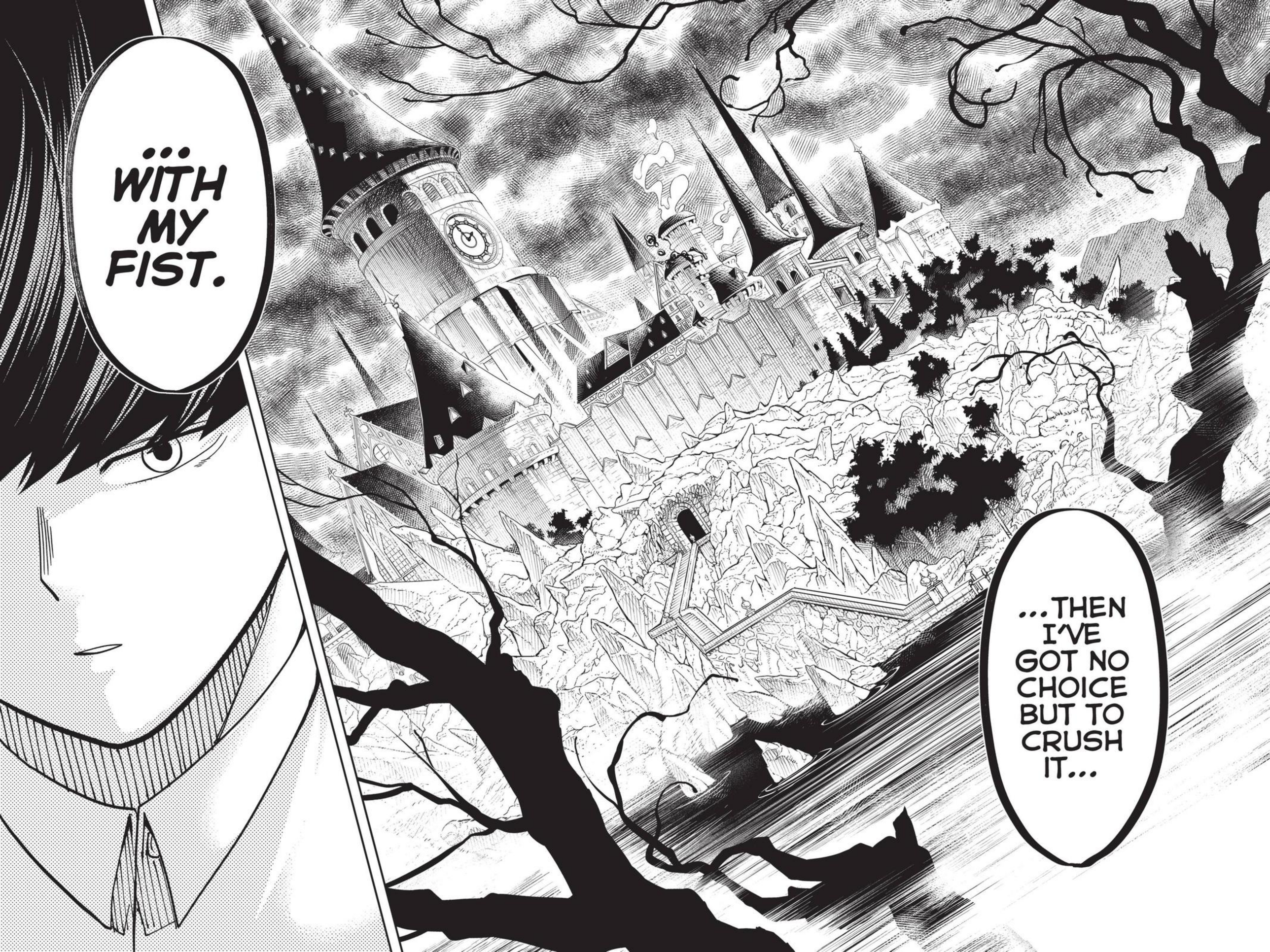
...OR SEIZE THIS CHANCE TO TURN SOCIETY ON ITS HEAD?

YOU GOT A DEAL.

FIST BUMP






...WITH MY FIST.
...THEN I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO CRUSH IT...

To everyone who purchased this book...

Thank you for picking up this volume. (My apologies if you bought it by mistake somehow.) We live in an age where a lot of entertainment is available for free, so the importance of the fact that you spent your money on this book is something that can't be understated! It just...can't!

I'm truly filled with gratitude. I know I still have much left to learn, so I'll continue to push myself to keep this comic going so that Mash can one day live in peace!

P.S. I've been unable to respond, but thank you so much for all the fan letters, candy, key holders and toilet paper! Woo!