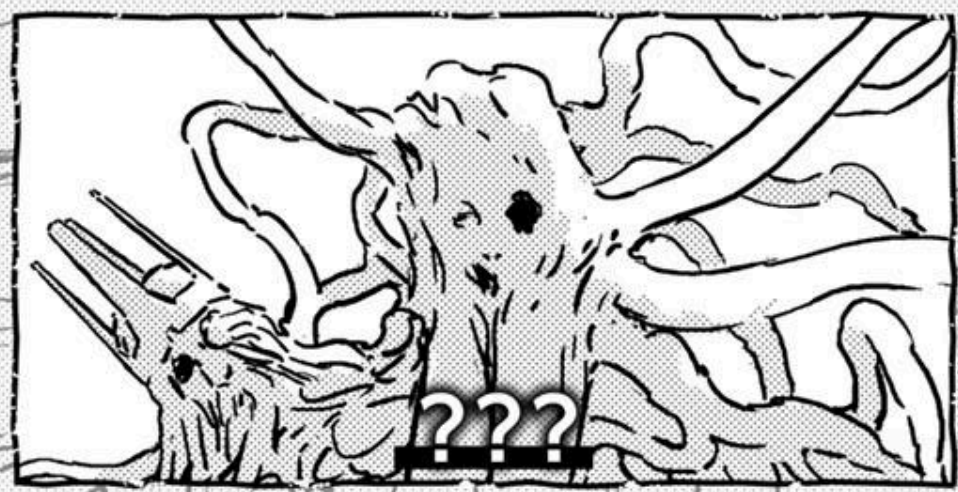
Tower Dungeon

Story and Characters



Killed the king and carried the princess off to the Dragon's Tower.

Princess Ignelia

Captured, but remains firm nonetheless.

Monsters of the Dragon's Tower

Dead Troops

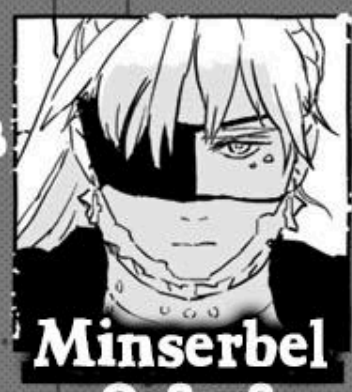
Armored Gateman

Giant Chymus Insect

Royal Guard Batallion

Rudeam

Overly serious personality.



Minserbel

Cool and collected.

Calix

Optimistic and a wisecracker

Lilisen

Can use magic?

Eliquo

Master archer.

Yuva

Strong, and good at throwing feed. Drafted into the assault on the Dragon's Tower.

Yuva's Sister

Worried about her brother.

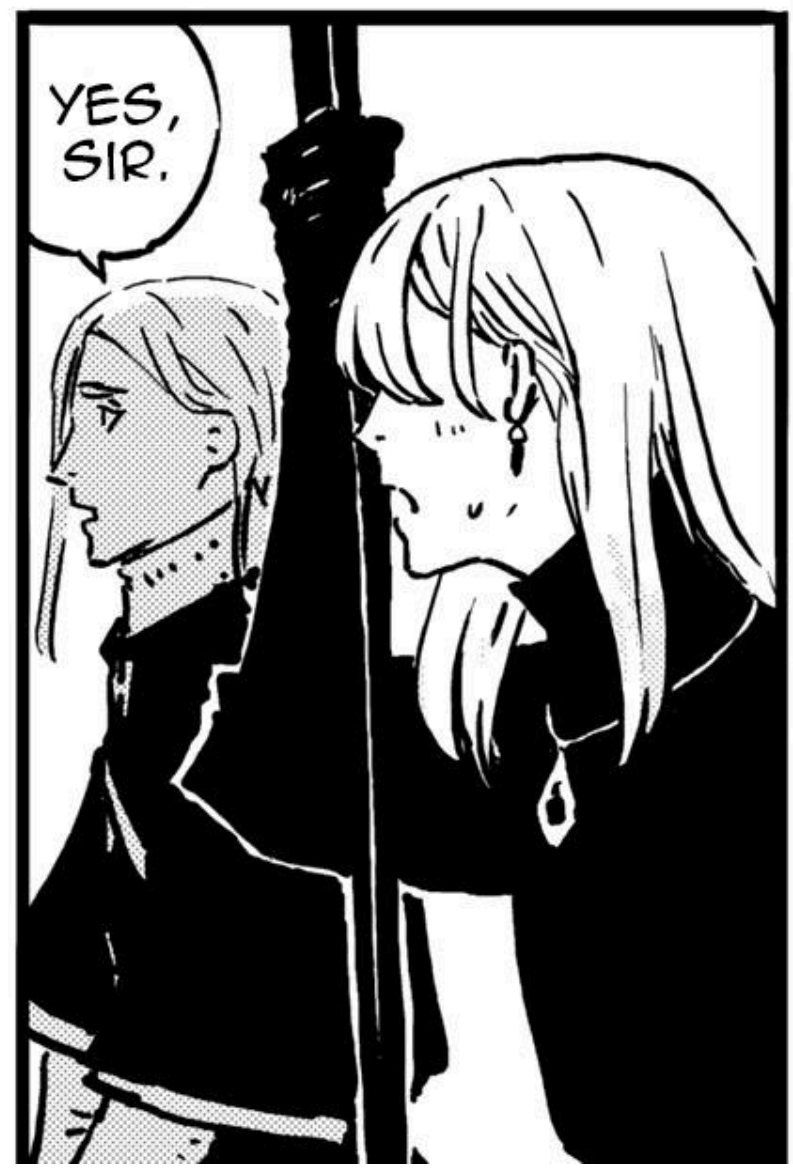
The Story So Far

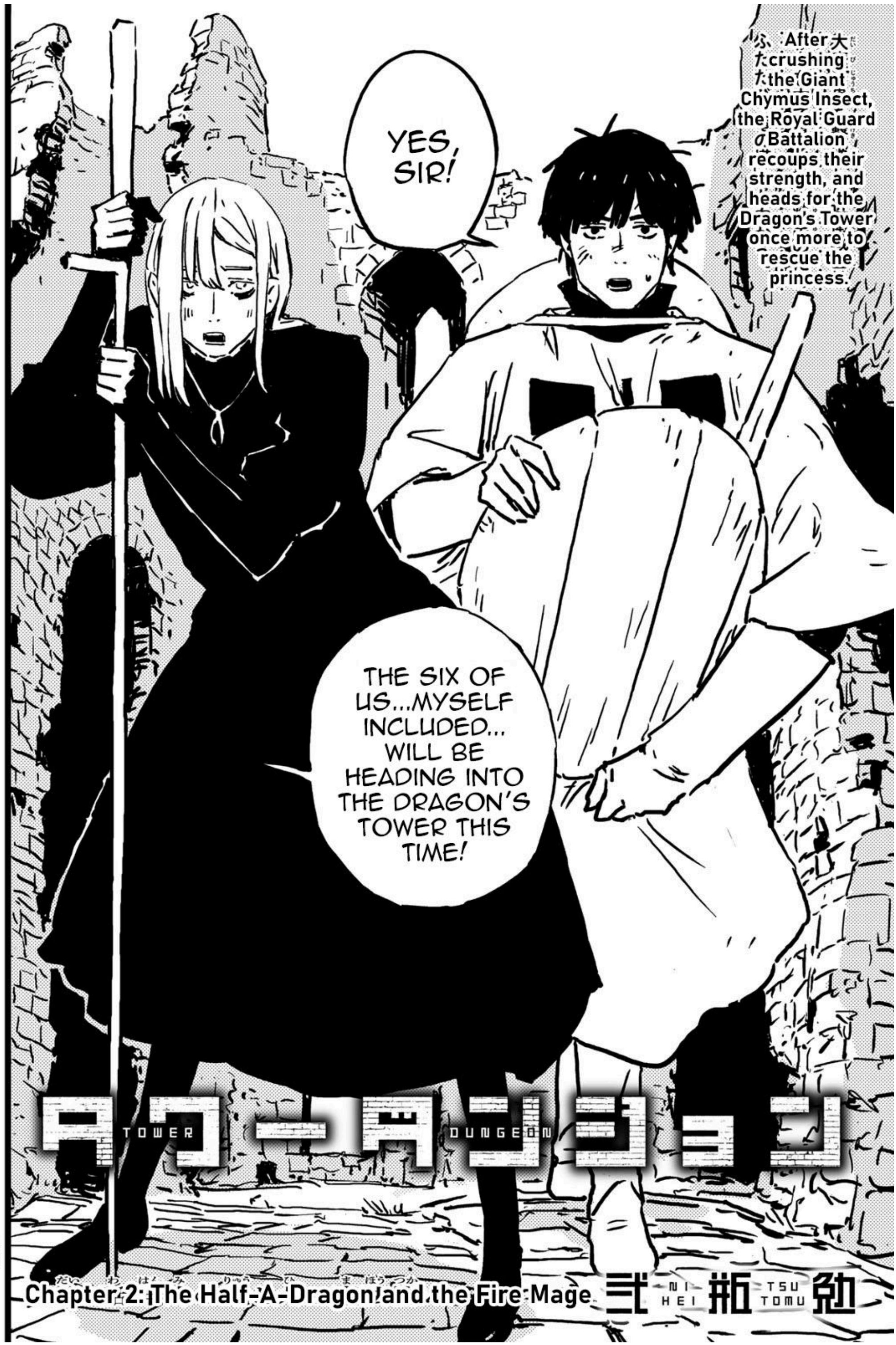
A wicked sorcerer has murdered the king and carried the princess Ignelia off to the "Dragon's Tower", a structure which came down from the sky. The Royal Guard Battalion attempts to rescue the princess, but to little avail. Yuva, one of the men conscripted to relieve the wounded troops, goes with the battalion on account of his unnatural strength to take on the tower. On the fiftieth floor the "Giant Chymus Insect", a monster of mucus, stands in their way, but Yuva hits the creature with salt as instructed by the vice-captain Rudeam, and is thus able to kill it. The group rescue the survivors and head back to camp, still a long ways from their ultimate goal...

ELIQUO.

BEIZEN. FANIO.

CALIX.





Chapter 2: The Half-A-Dragon and the Fire Mage 弐 NI HEI 瓶 TSU TOMU 勉

BUT... MY MAGIC...

SO YOU CAN HELP CARRY OUR LOAD THEN?

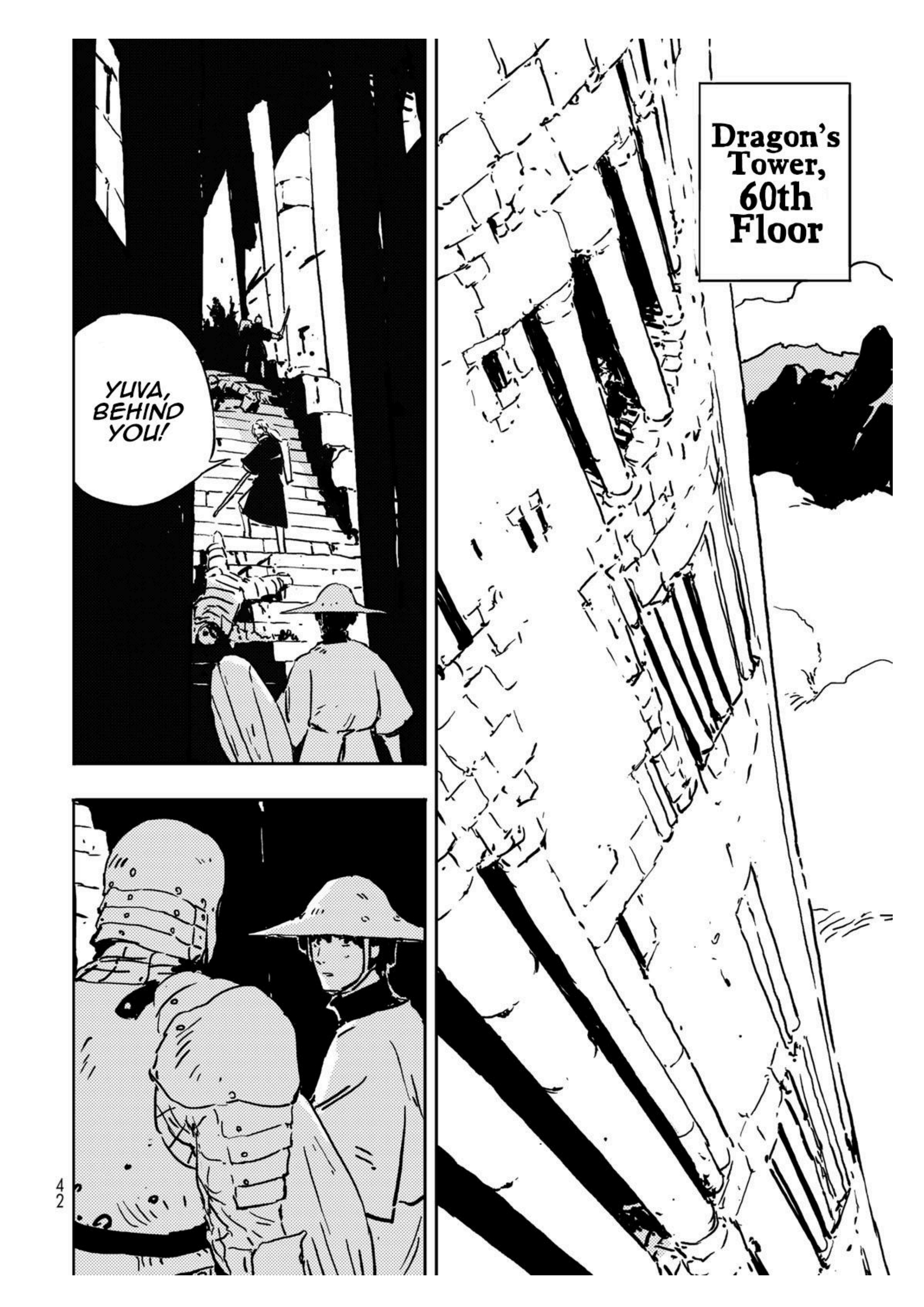
NO. YOU'RE NOT IN ANY SHAPE FOR US TO BRING YOU ALONG.

I'M FINE TO HEAD OUT, TOO!

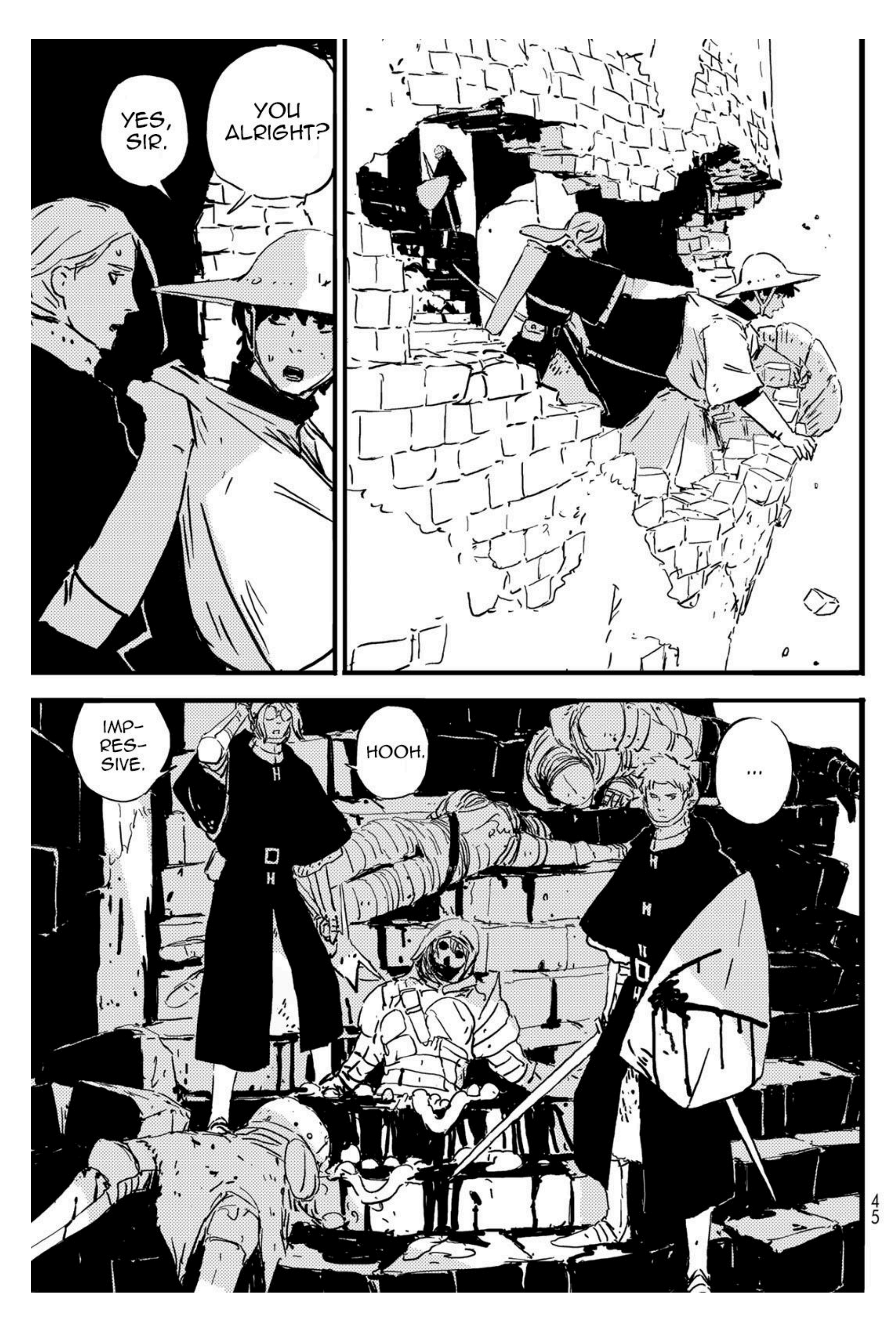
VICE-CAP-TAIN!

DON'T-CHA THINK?

LILISEN, YOU NEED MORE TIME TO REST AND RECOUP YOUR STRENGTH.


YUVA, BEHIND YOU!
Dragon's Tower, 60th Floor

WAAAH!!
URGHHHH


YES, SIR.
YOU ALRIGHT?
IMP-RES-SIVE.
HOOH.
...

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO THE HELL PUT A WOODEN STAIRCASE OUT ***HERE***.

IT'S A ***SHORTCUT***, SIR. ONE SOMEONE MADE A LONG TIME AGO.

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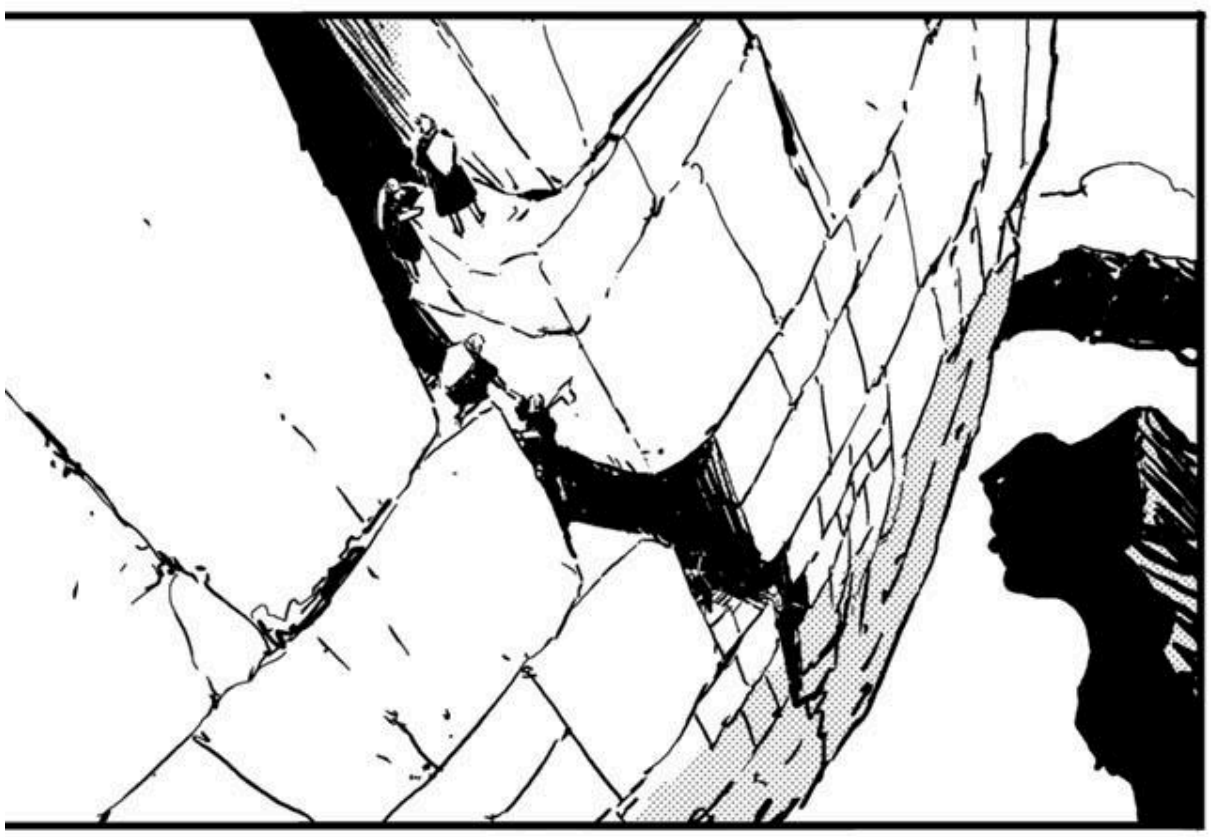
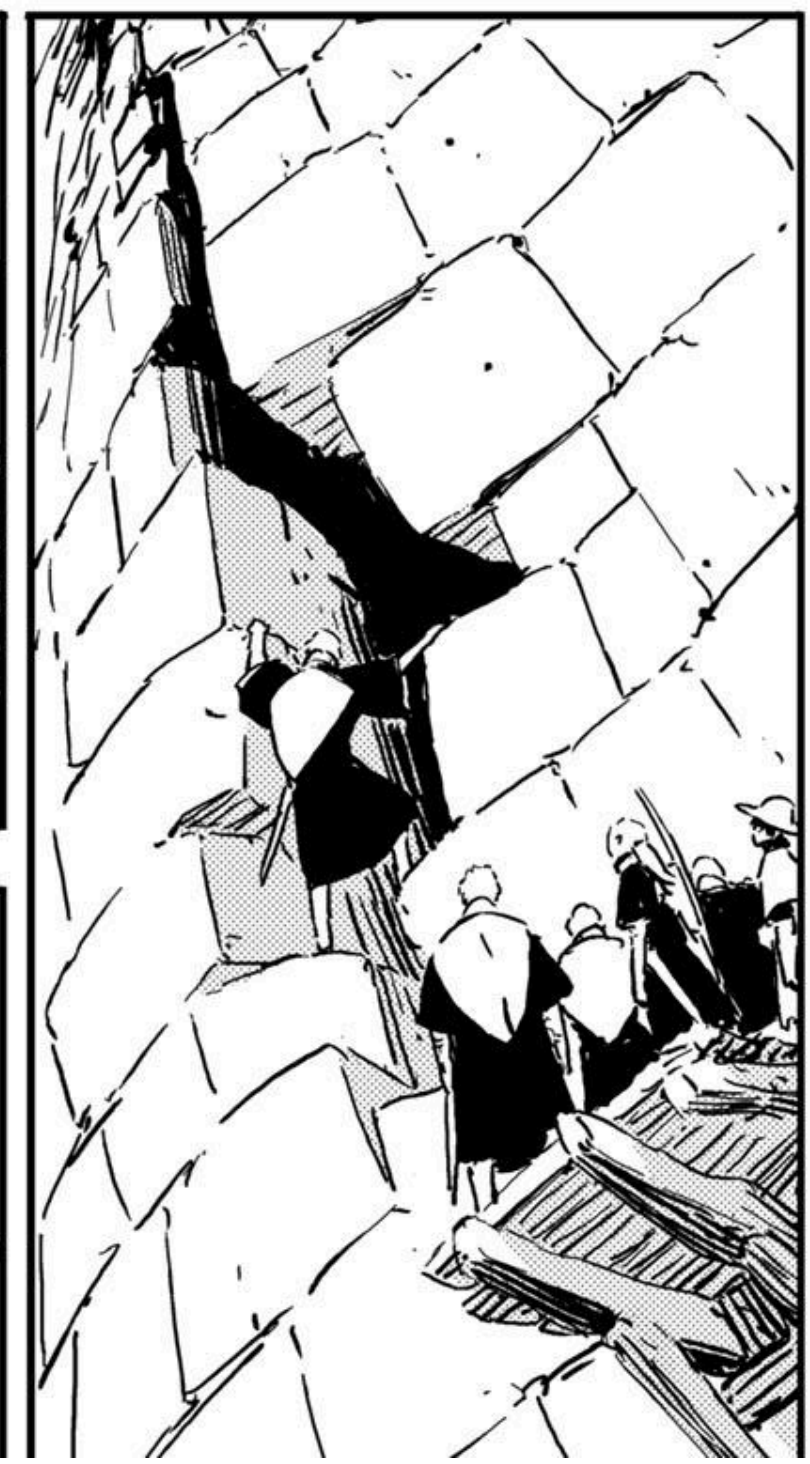
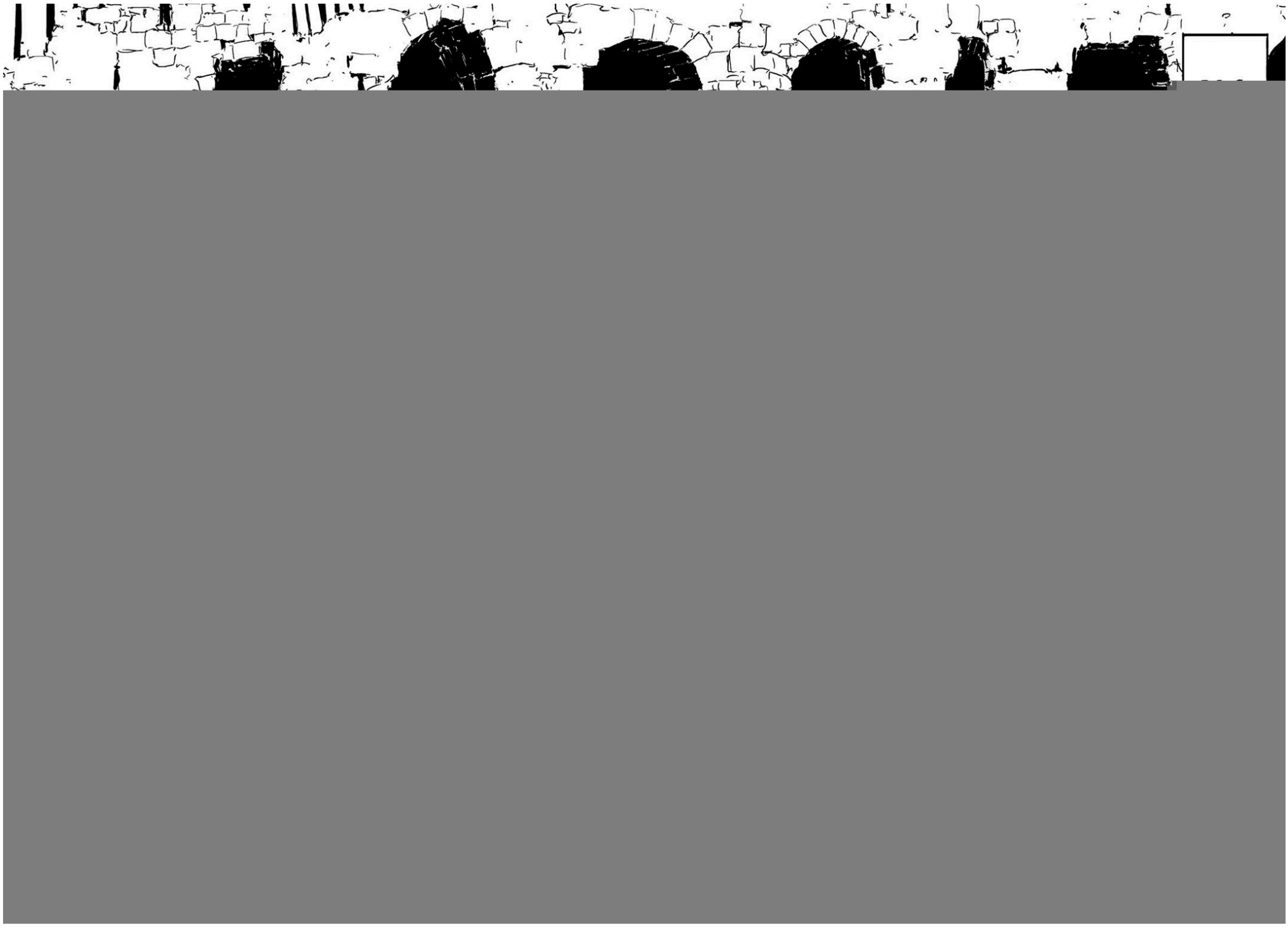
WE SHOULD THANK THEM.

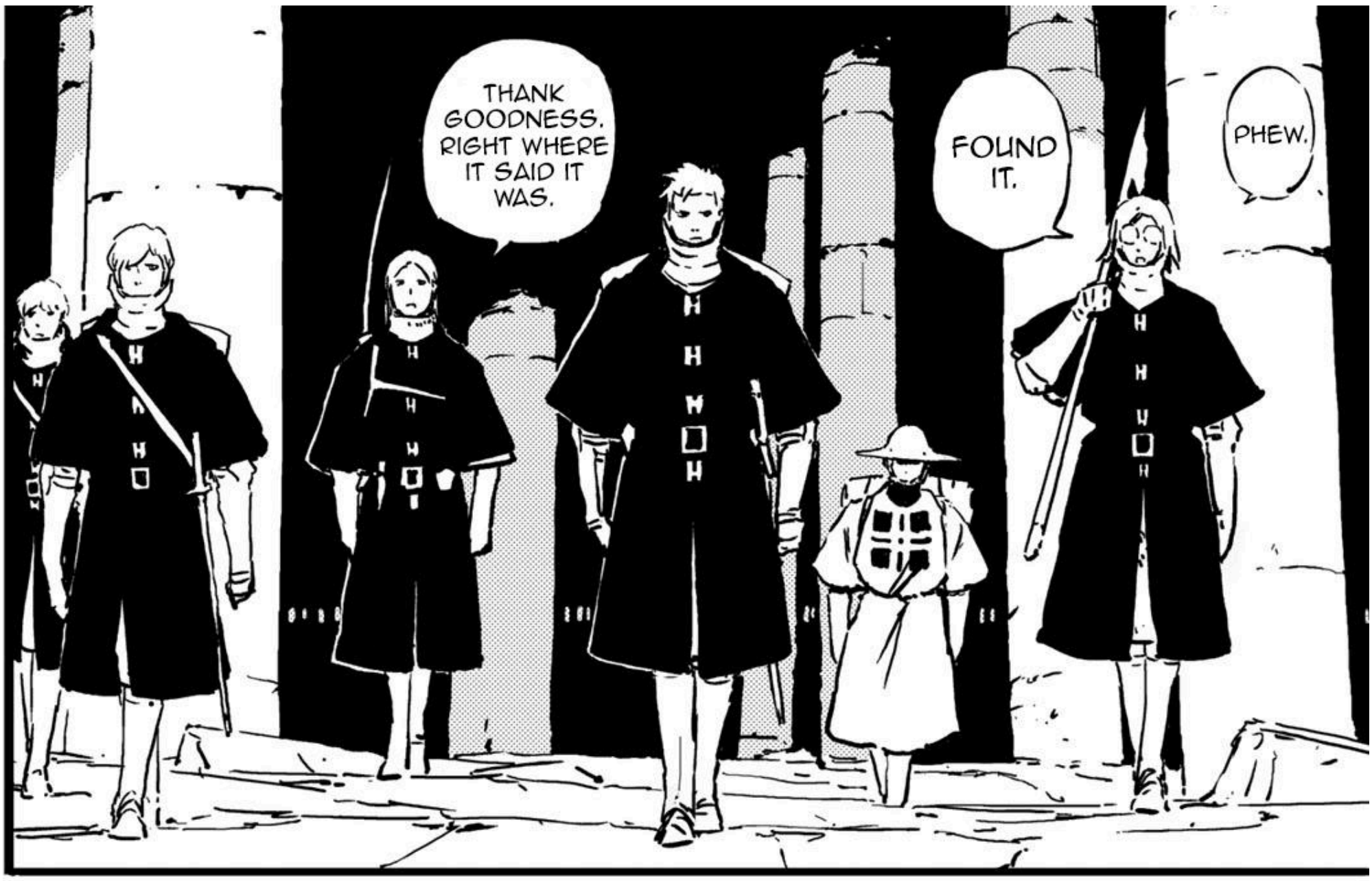
WE'VE GOTTA GO *UP* THIS?

YOU'RE KIDDING ME.








THANK GOODNESS. RIGHT WHERE IT SAID IT WAS.
FOUND IT.
PHEW.

HOLD IT.

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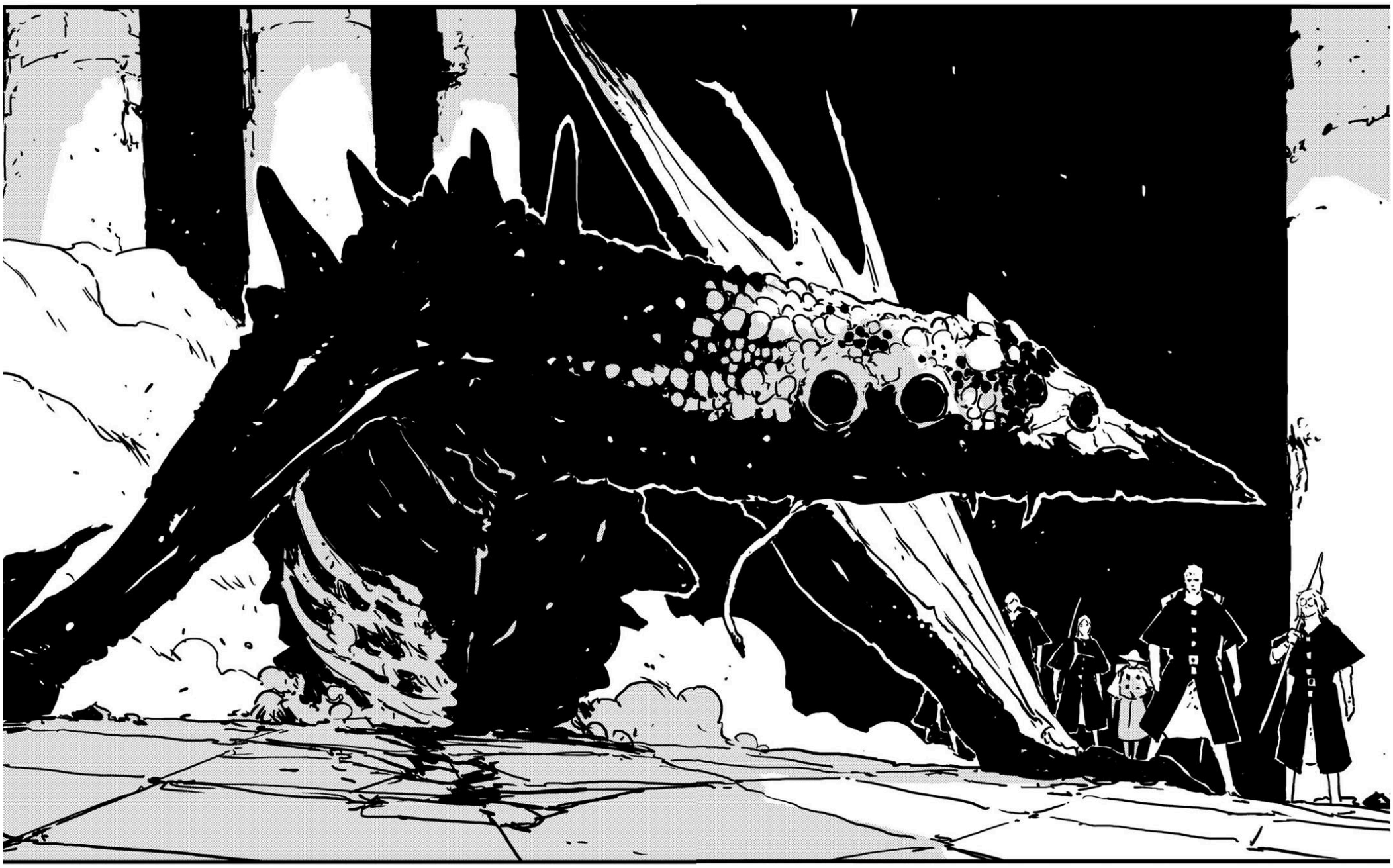
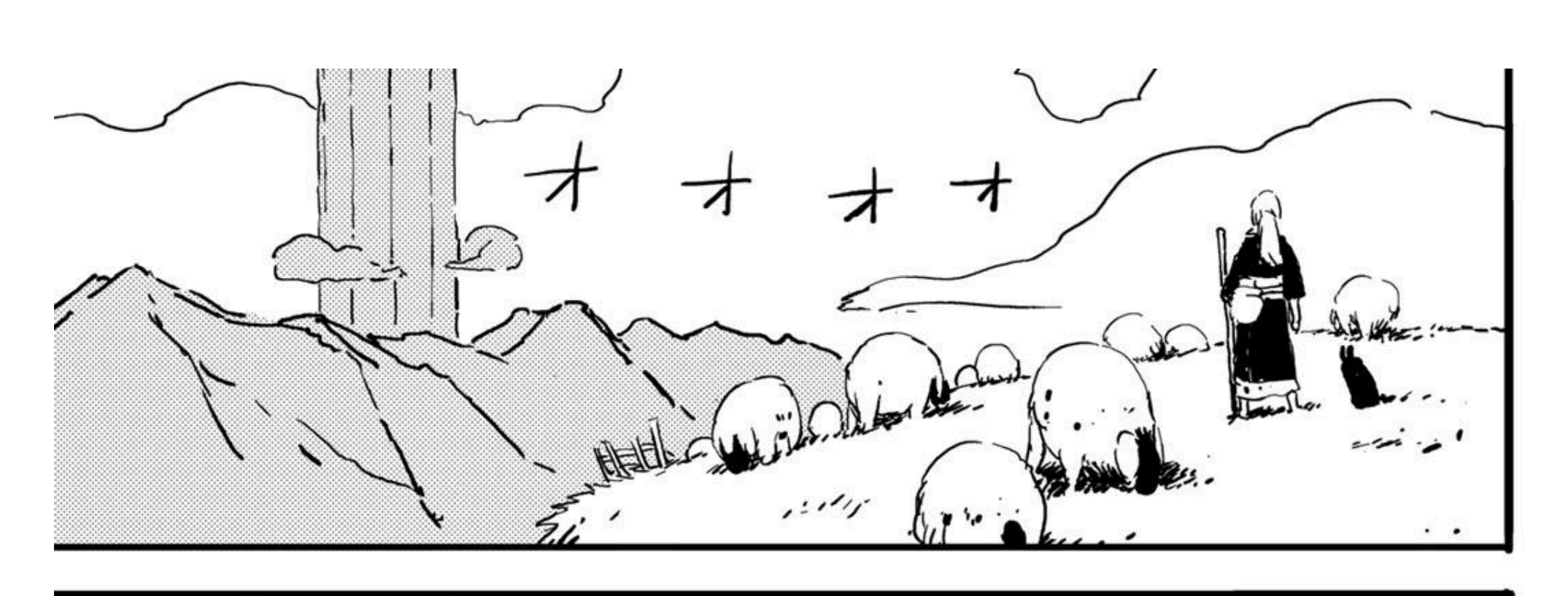
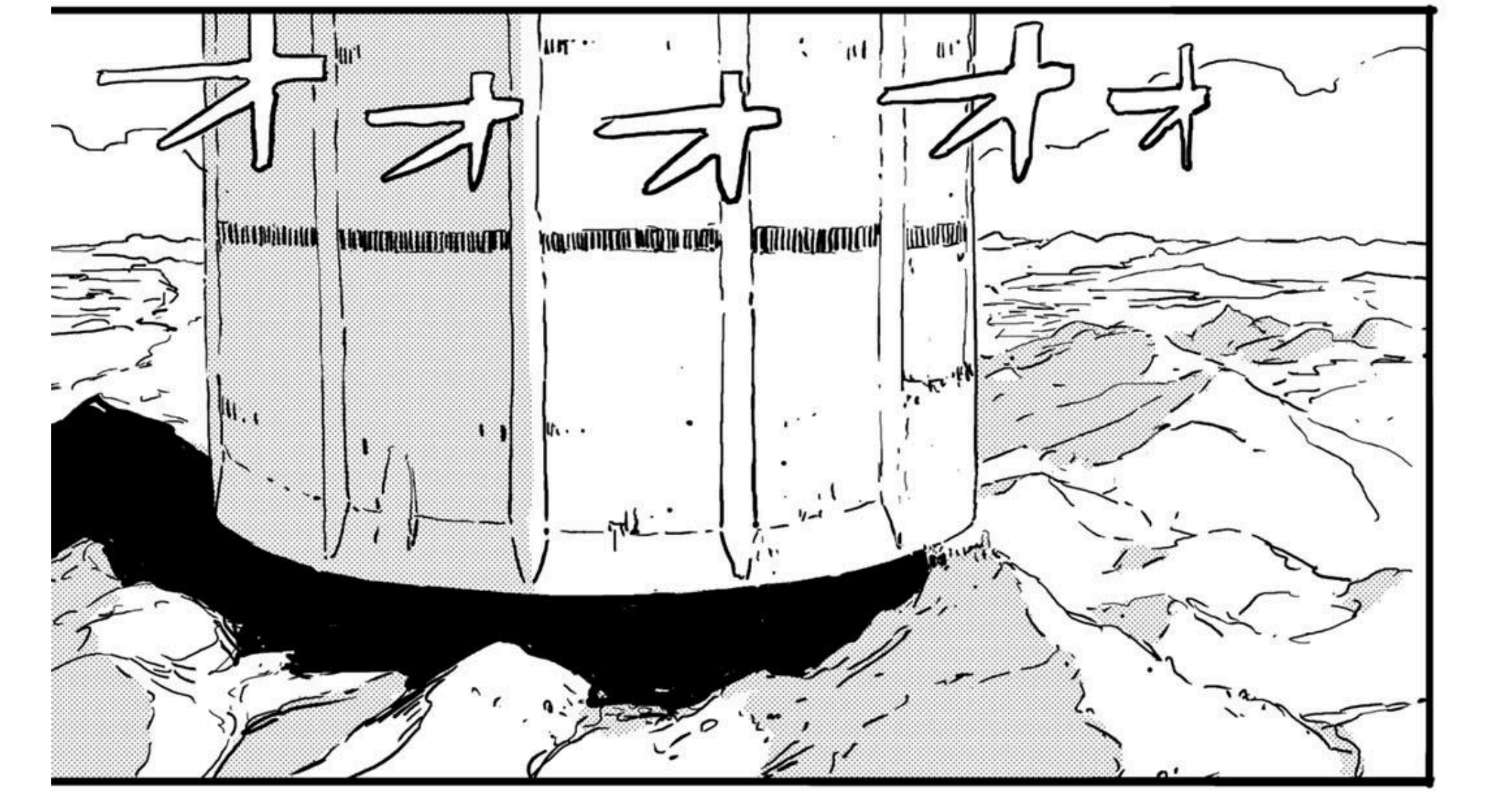
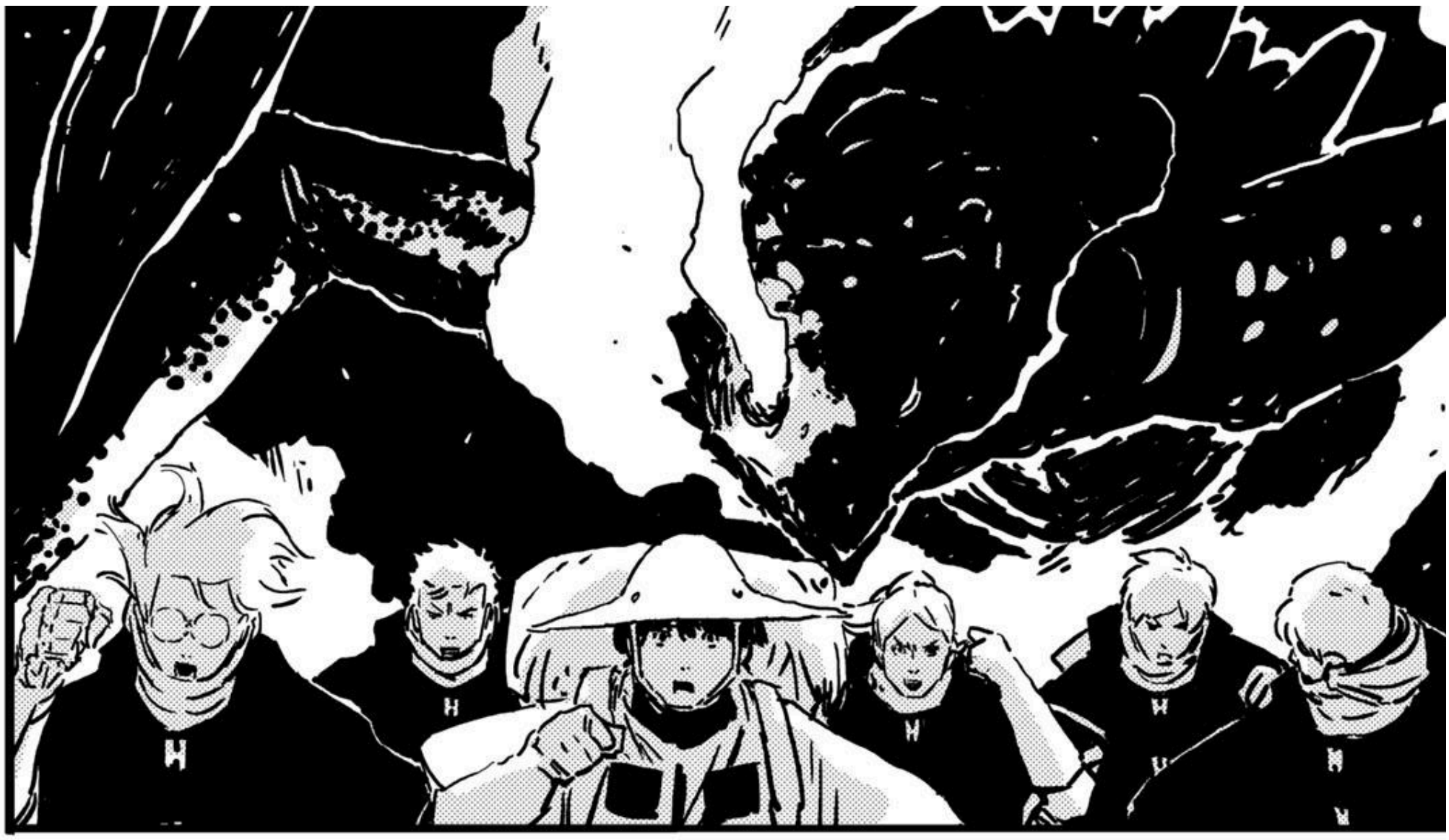
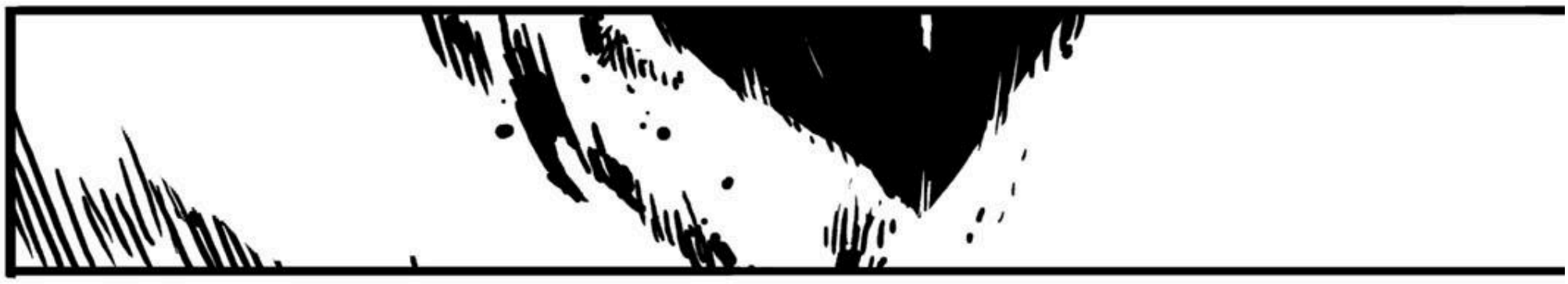


FALL BACK!









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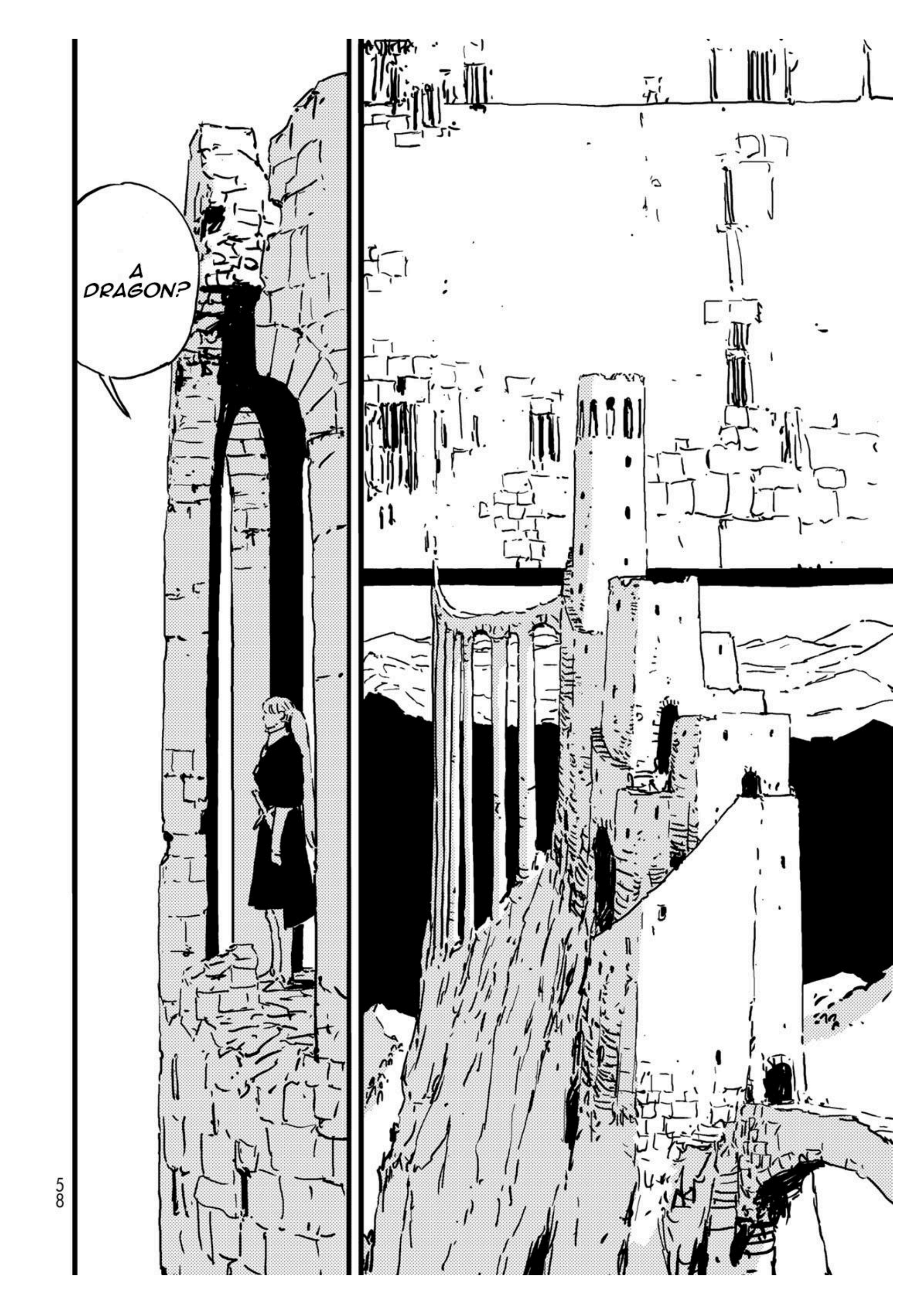

A DRAGON?

WE DON'T HAVE ANY WAY TO GET AROUND IT.

ONLY ONE, IT'S GUARDING THE STAIR-CASE.

MAYBE KILLING A DRAGON WILL SILENCE SOME OF THE PROTESTING VOICES BACK HOME?

WE'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE.

YOU'RE COVERED IN SOOT.

GET SOME REST, RUDEAM.

IT CAN HARDLY EVEN MOVE ABOUT. WE'LL KILL IT, EASY.

EVEN WITHOUT ITS LOWER HALF, IT CAN STILL LET OUT FIRE, CAN'T IT?

ALL IT'LL TAKE IS ONE HIT FROM THE SIEGE ENGINE WE SHOULD BE GETTING SOON.

ARE WE REALLY GONNA BE FINE?

SO I DOUBT IT'LL BE JUST ONE SHOT.

I THINK A BIG CROSSBOW IS ABOUT ALL WE CAN CARRY ALL THAT WAY.

YES, SIR.

YUVA, COME WITH ME.

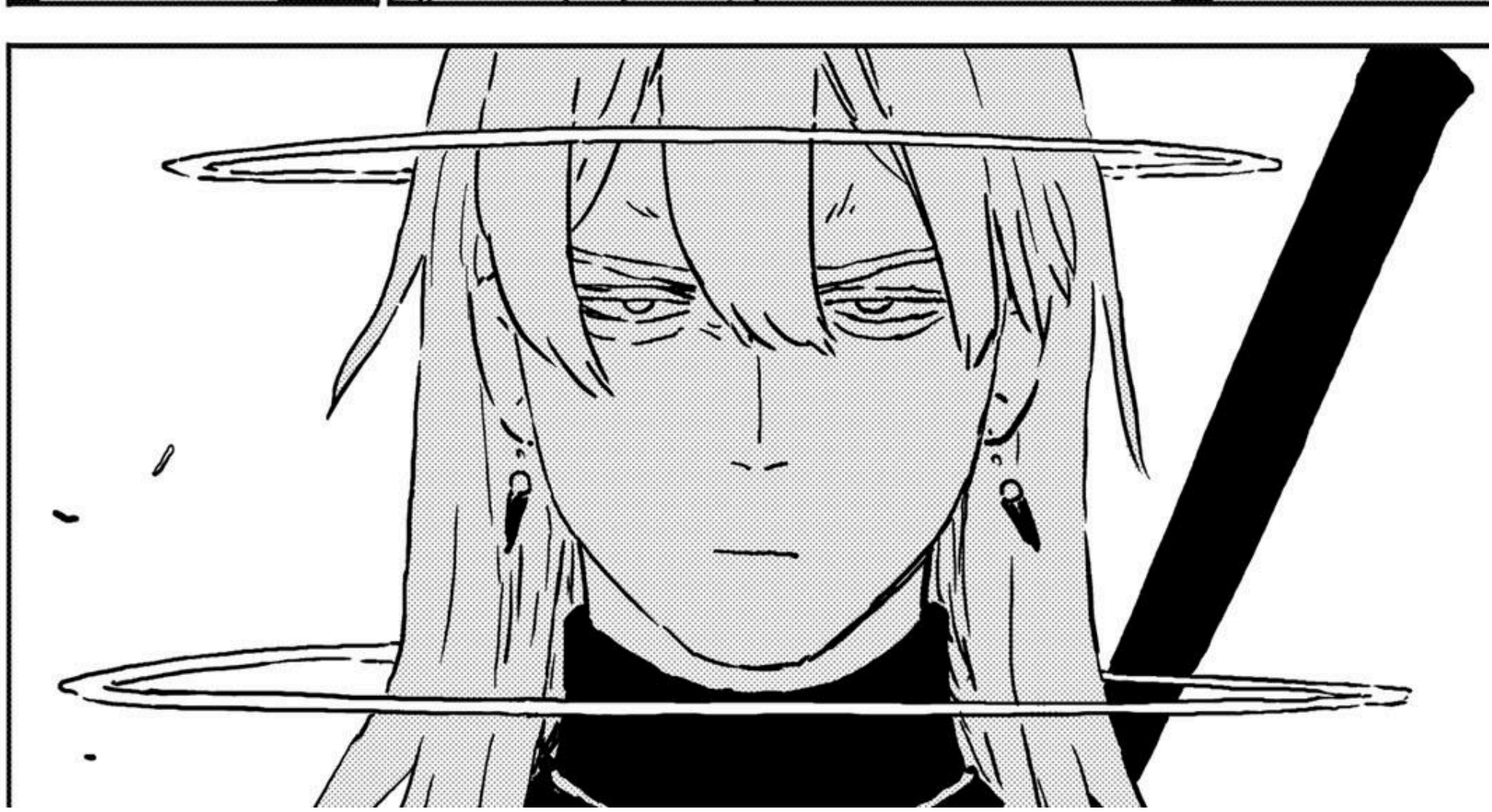
?

IS THAT ALL YOU CAN MUSTER?

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS.

HMM...
YEAH, I WONDER WHY.
IT'S 'CAUSE HE'S A RELIABLE GUY.

WHY'S HE GETTING ALL THIS SPECIAL TREAT-MENT?
HE'S JUST SOME FARMER BOY!
COME ON!
LILISEN.



NOW REALLY COME AT ME!!
HUFF
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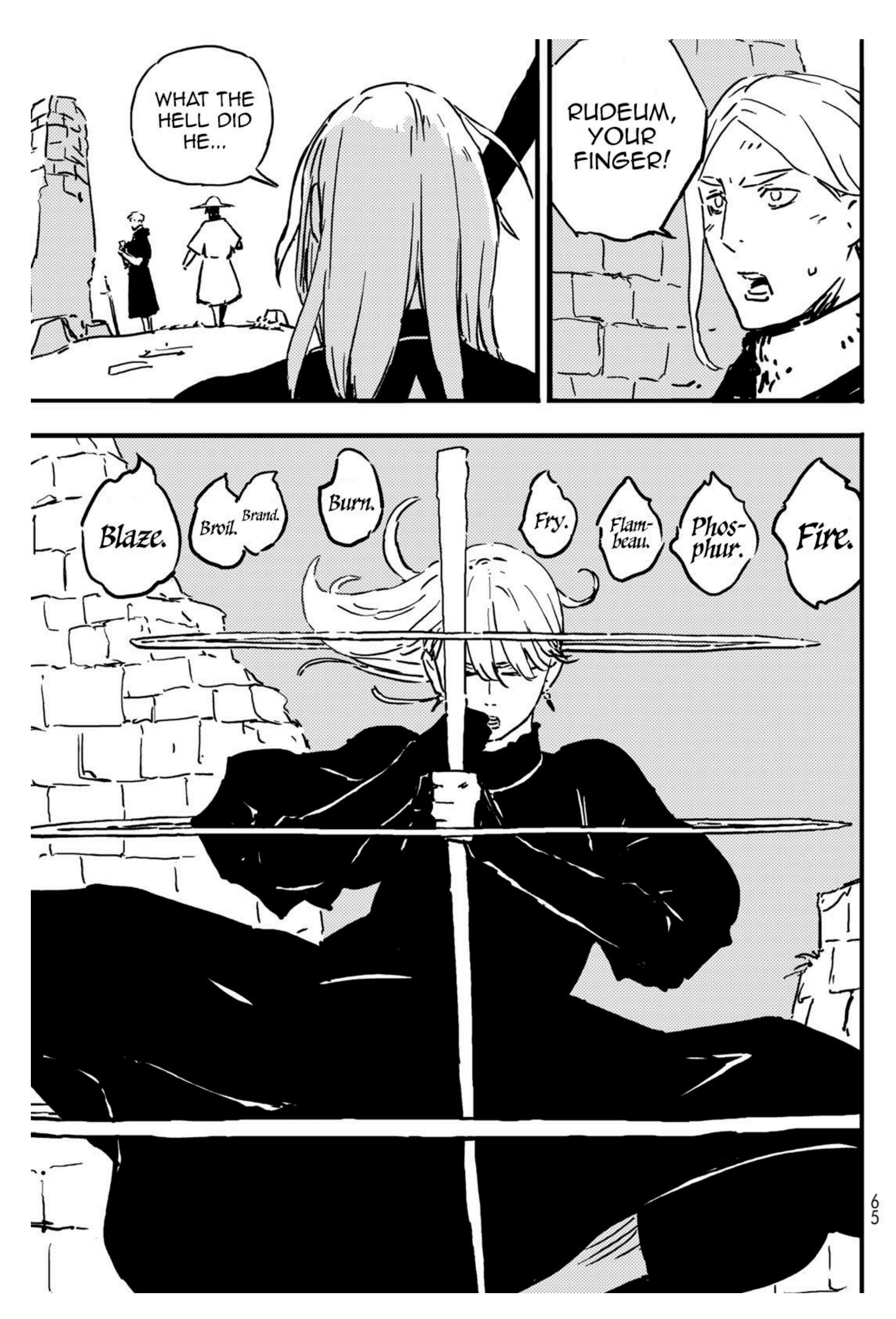
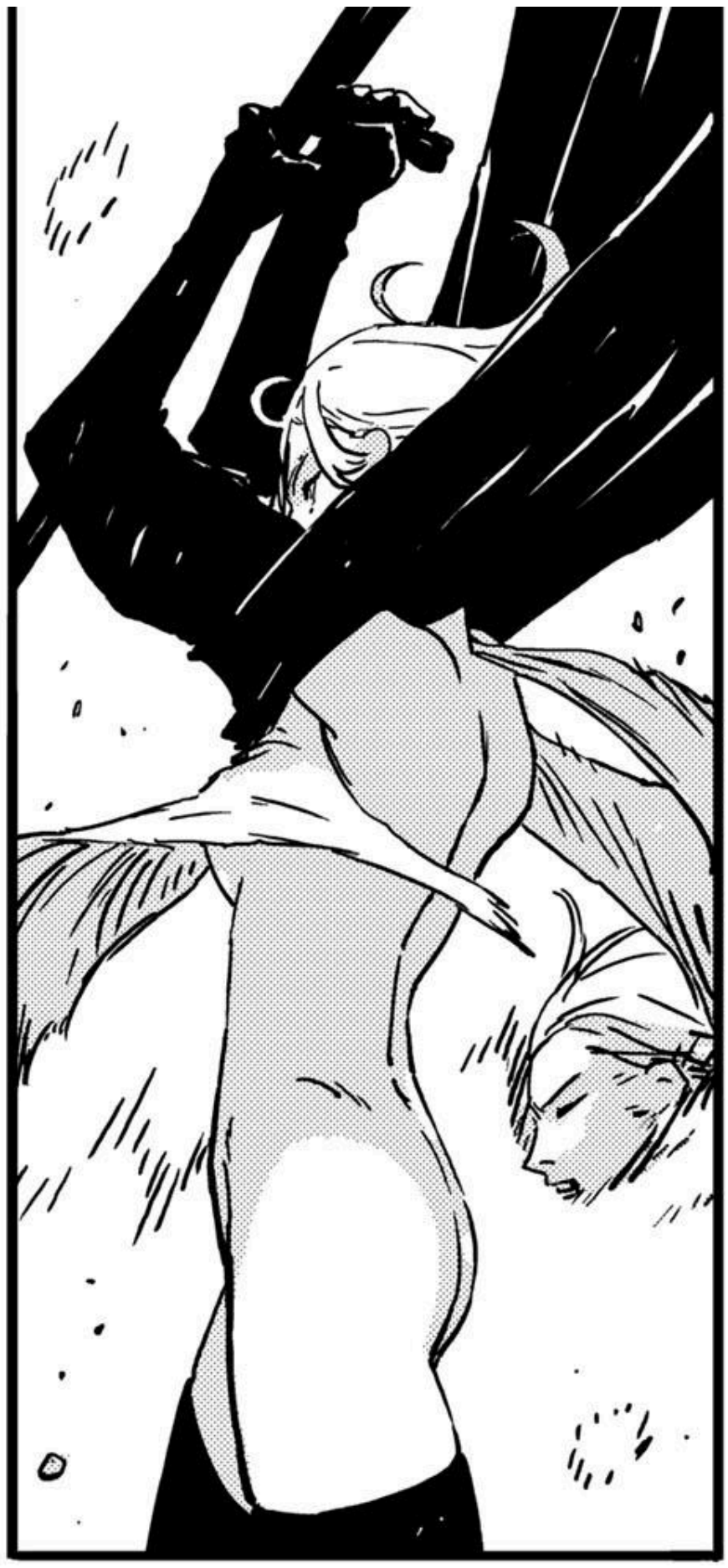
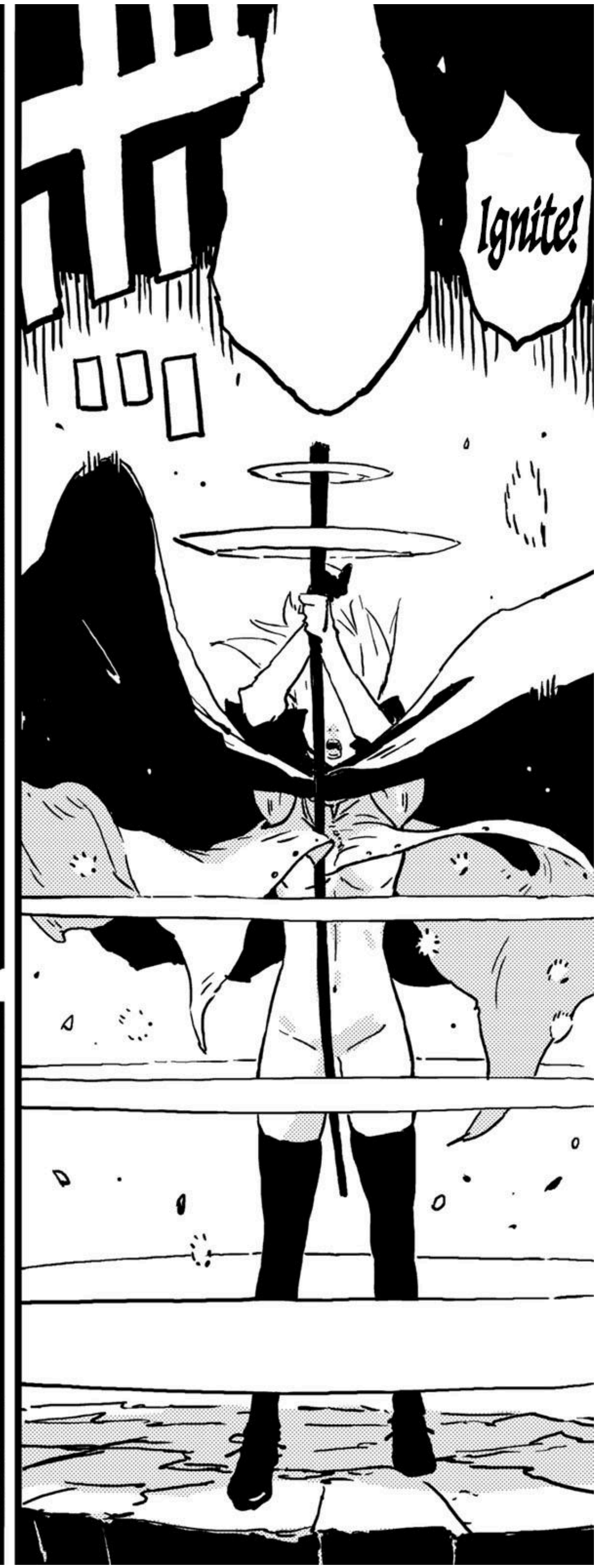
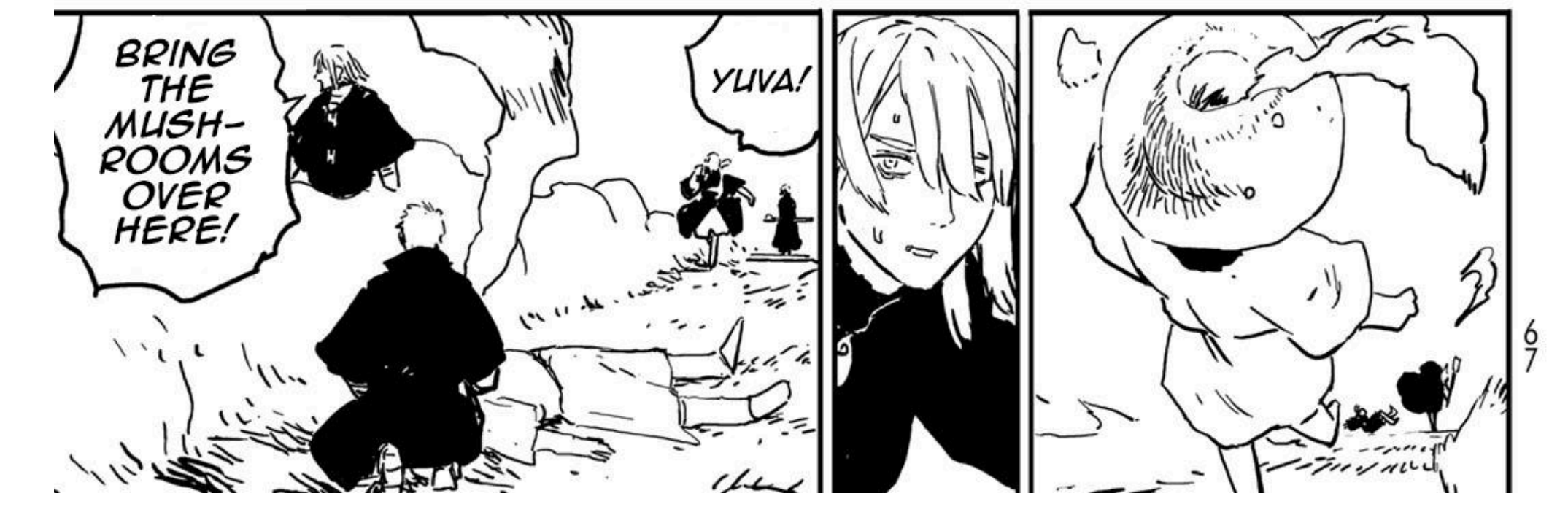

WHAT THE HELL DID HE...
RUDEUM, YOUR FINGER!
Blaze.
Broil.
Brand.
Burn.
Fry.
Flam-beau.
Phos-phur.
Fire.




Ignite!

Un-leash!!



AND SHE HERSELF HAS BEEN PRETTY EAGER ABOUT IT, TOO.

EVEN WITH THIS MISSION TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS, THEY'VE HAD A LOT OF HOPE IN HER.

...SO SHE'S ALWAYS HAD EYES ON HER, EVER SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG.

LILISEN HAS A RARE DEGREE OF TALENT...

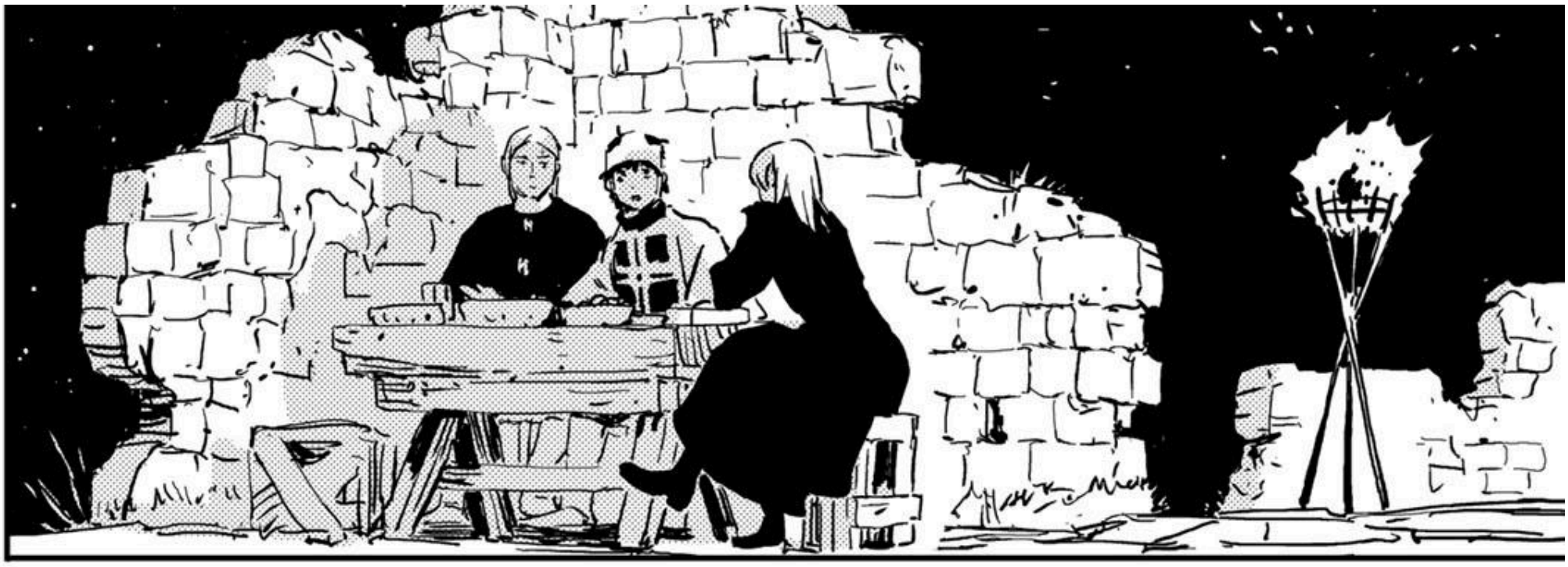
BUT HER FLAMES DIDN'T DO A THING AGAINST THE GIANT CHYMUS INSECT IN THE GREAT HALL...

SO SHE, WELL...

SHES REALLY A KIND GIRL.

JUST TRY NOT TO HATE LILISEN, ALRIGHT?

SHE IS?
SHE SEEMS A LITTLE SCARY, SIR.
A NICE GIRL!?
HUH!?
LOOK, JUST TRUST ME.
RIGHT?
LILISEN'S A NICE GIRL.
!!!
NO, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DIED BECAUSE I MISSED ON PURPOSE.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY HELMET AND THAT CURE-ALL DRUG, I MIGHT'VE DIED BACK THERE!!



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LET'S LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.
HUH?
COME ON.

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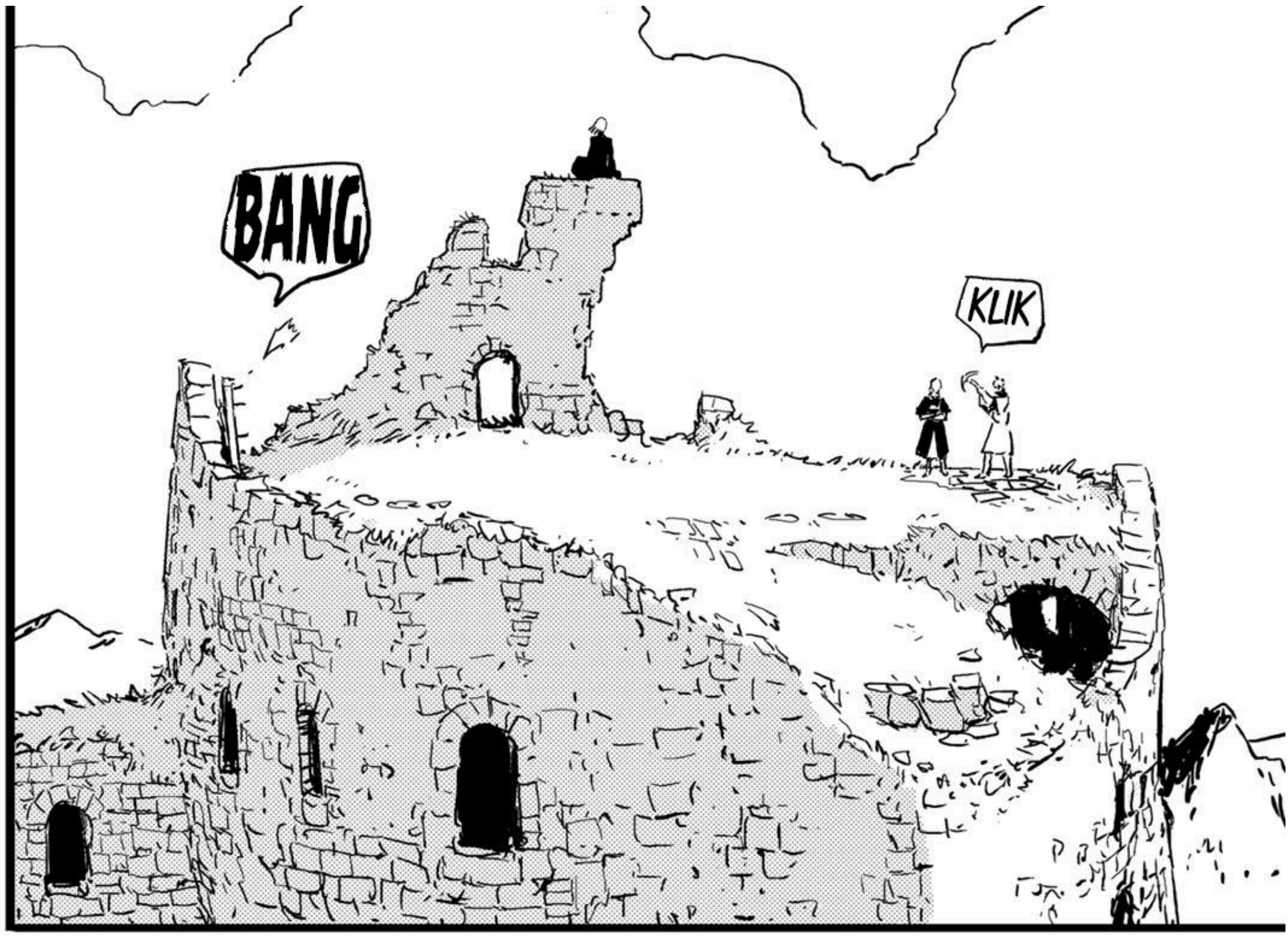
SPARK

YOU SHOULD'VE JUST STAY HOME AND NOT BOTHERED.
YOU REALLY *ARE* A COUNTRY BUMPKIN.
IT'S JUST ONE LITTLE SPARK. NO NEED TO FREAK OUT.

WAAAH!!
SQUIER


BANG
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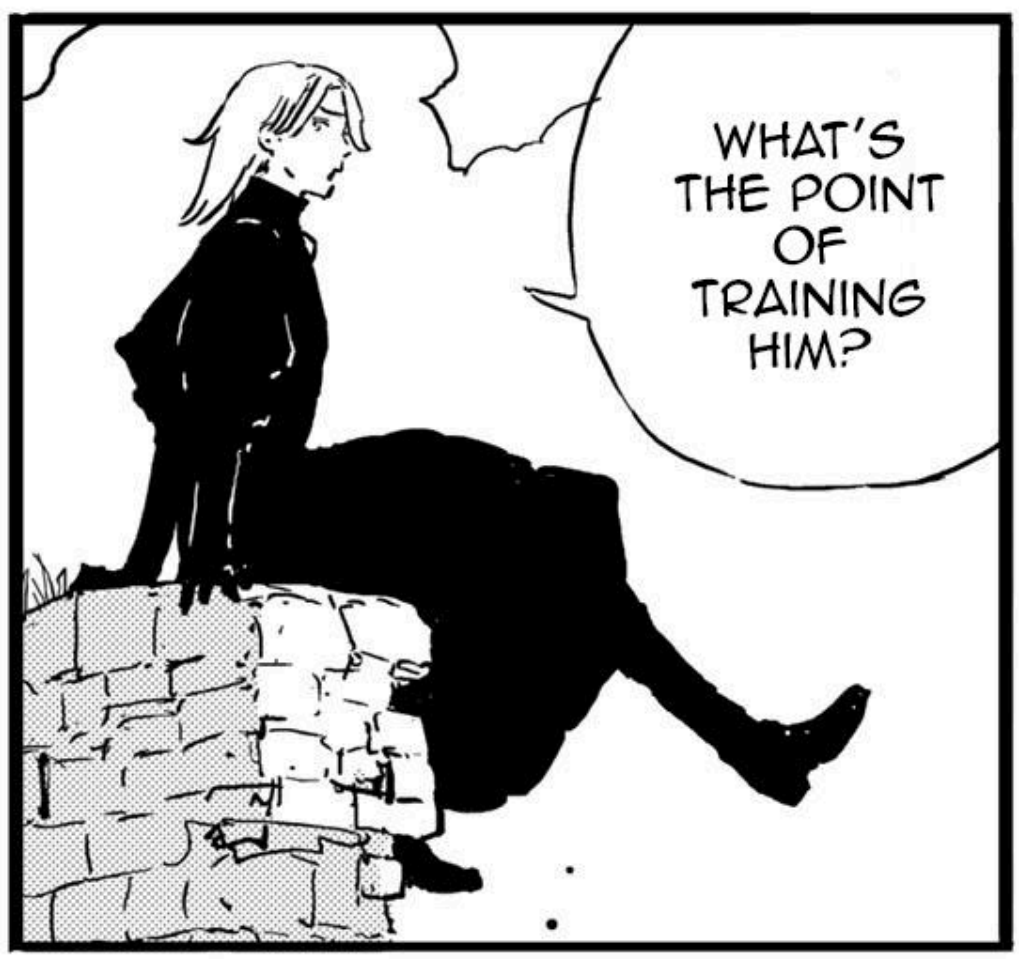
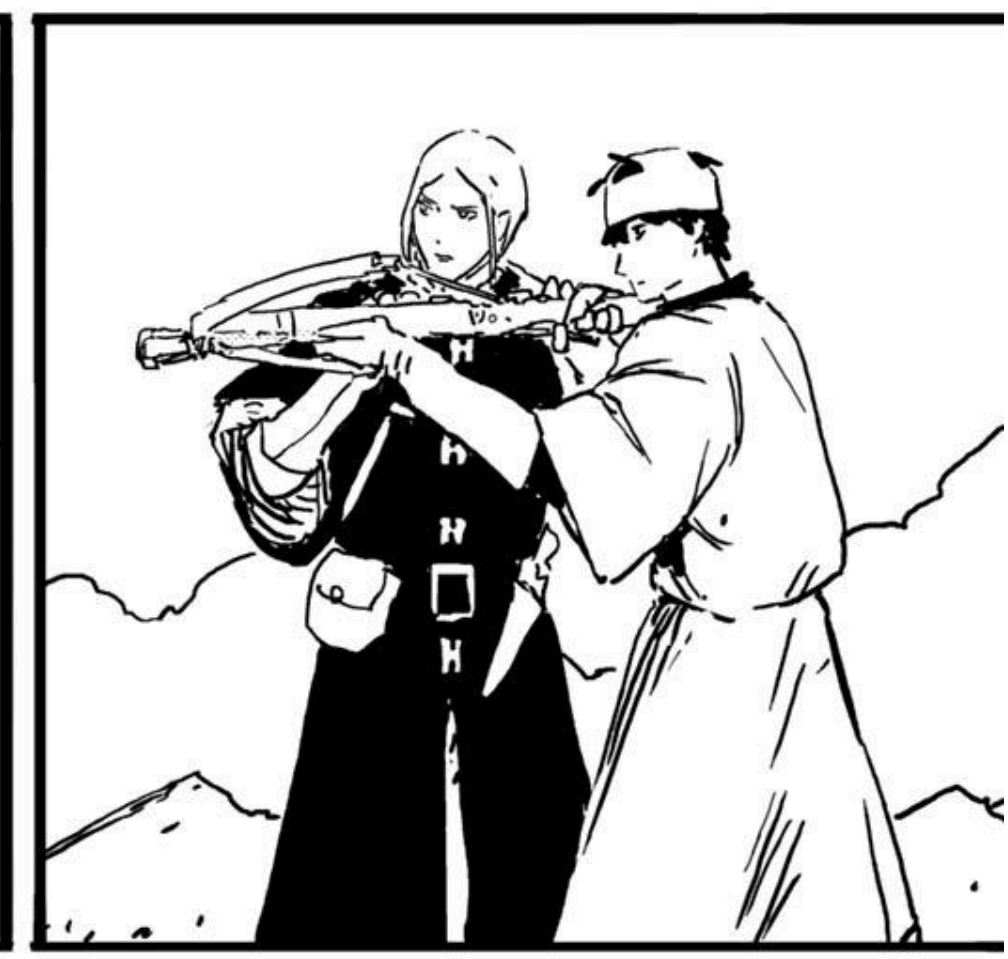

WHAT'S THE POINT OF TRAINING HIM?



IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD OUT THERE. THERE'S SCARY MAGES AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE.
HE NEEDS TO HAVE SOME WAY TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

WAIT! LOOK OVER THERE...
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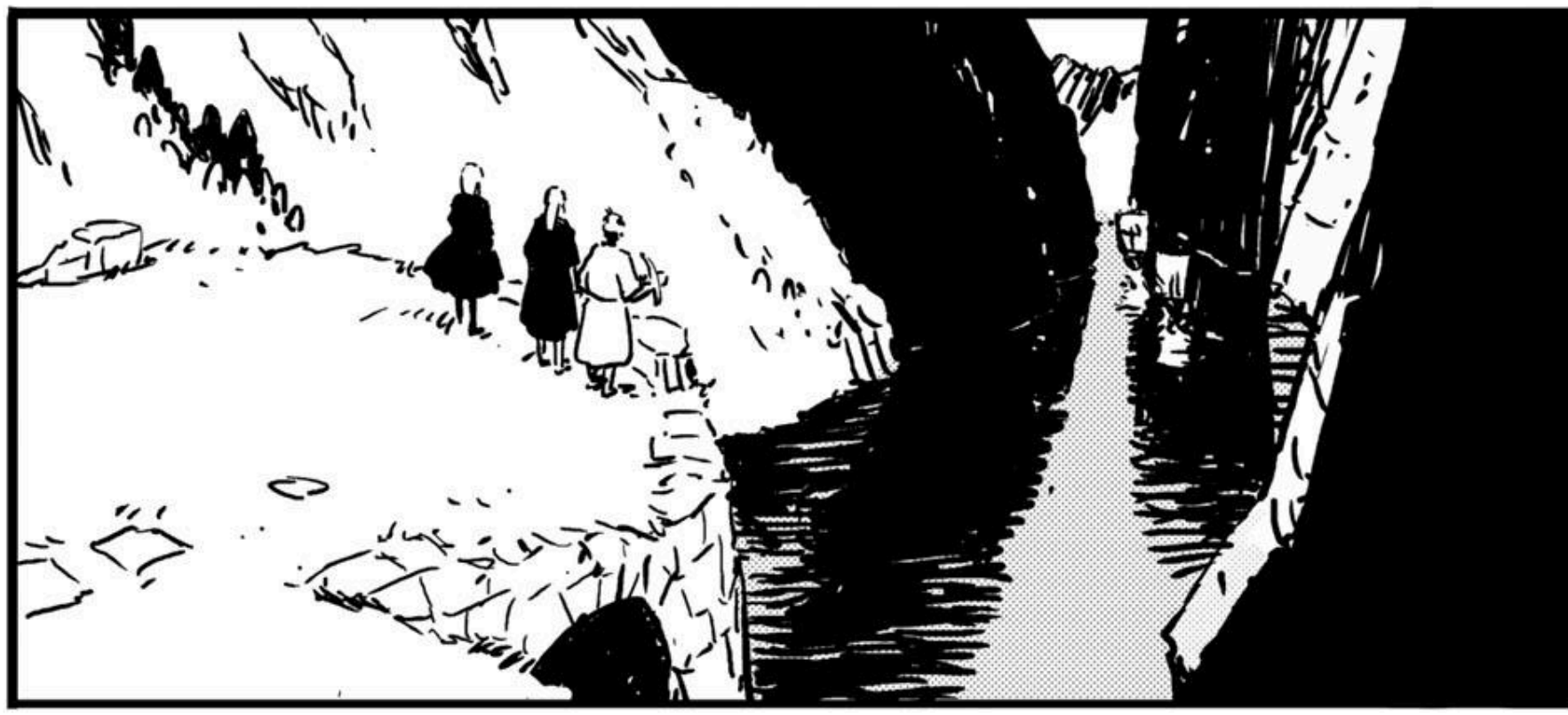
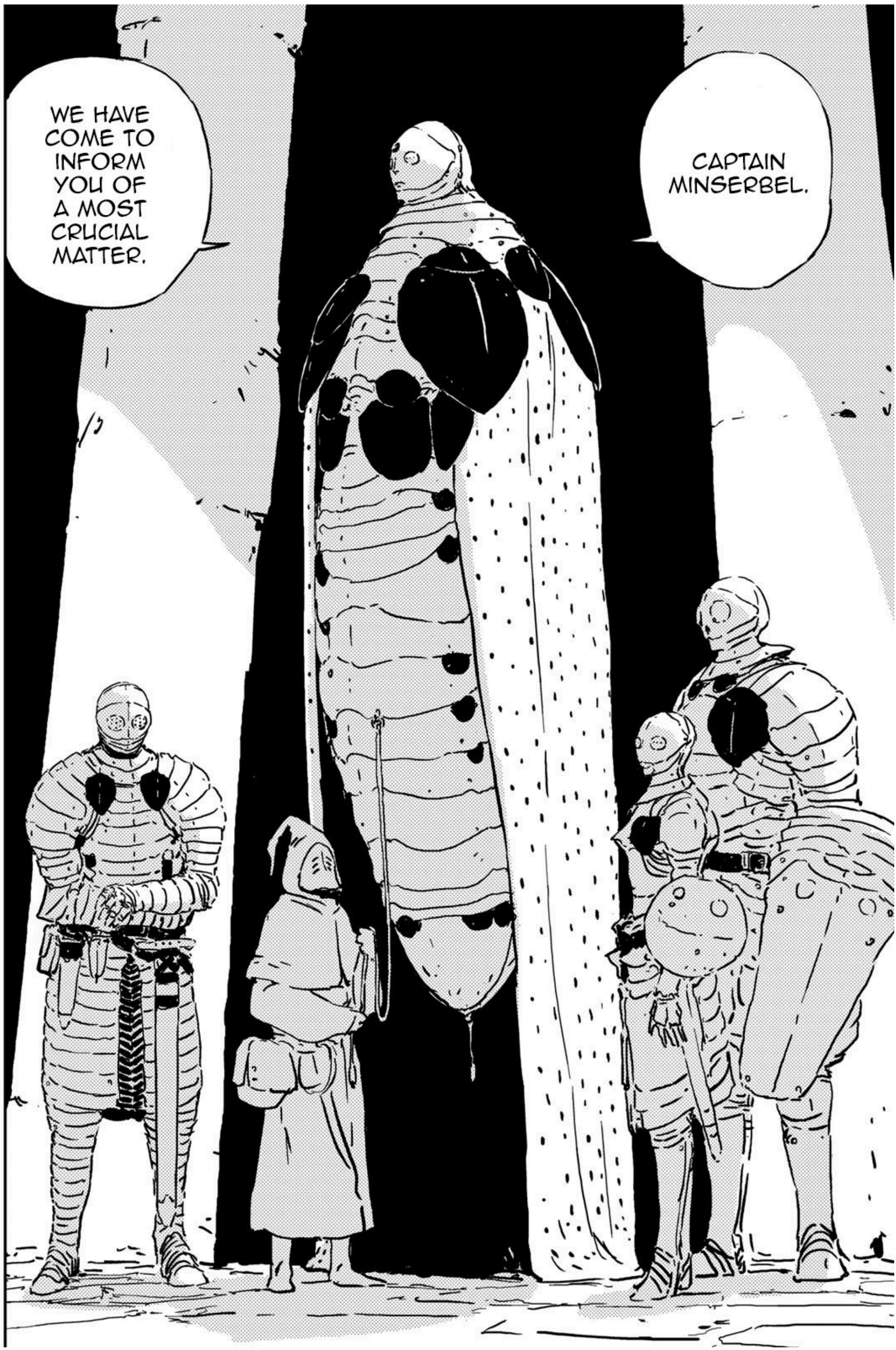
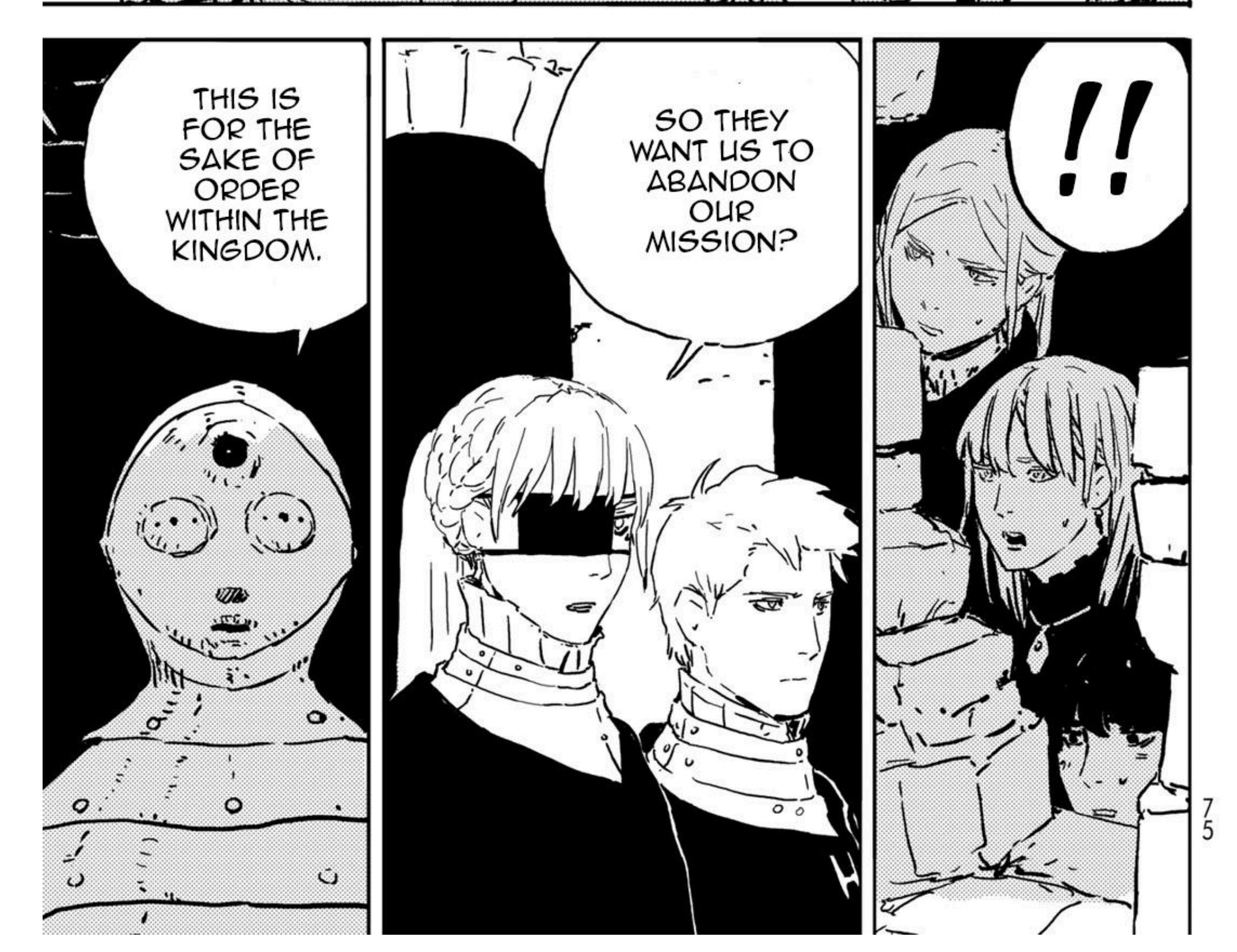
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
I'M READY TO TAKE YOU ON ANY TIME, YUVA!



NO. THOSE AREN'T ROYAL GUARD BATTALION SHIPS.
REIN-FORCE-MENTS?


WE HAVE COME TO INFORM YOU OF A MOST CRUCIAL MATTER.
CAPTAIN MINSERBEL.

THE ROYAL PARLIAMENT HAS ORDERED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ROYAL GUARD BATTALION.



...FEAR AND DISORDER HAVE BECOME WIDESPREAD WITHIN THE KINGDOM.

WITH THE LOSS OF THE MOST POWERFUL *"DRACO-METAMORPH"*, THE KING, AND THE ABDUCTION OF HIS DAUGHTER THE PRINCESS...

...IS PROOF THAT THE BLOOD OF A DRACO-METAMORPH FLOWS WITHIN YOU.

YOU MAY NOT POSSESS THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM INTO A DRAGON YOURSELF, BUT YOUR YOUTH, UNCHANGED AFTER MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS...

AS HIS MAJESTY'S YOUNGER SISTER, WE WOULD NOT WISH FOR THE WORST TO BEFALL YOU, EITHER...

...*PRINCESS* MINSERBEL.

THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON FOR US TO RESCUE HER AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THERE-FOR!

IF WE DO NOT INTERVENE, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN WE WILL SEE INTERNAL STRIFE BREAK OUT OVER THE THRONE.

ALREADY SOME HAVE BEGUN TO CLAIM SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE AMONG THE NOBILITY WHO POSSESS THEIR BLOOD AS WELL.

THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF STABILITY WITHIN THE KINGDOM.

ALREADY WE HAVE PRO-CLAIMED ACROSS THE WHOLE KINGDOM:

WE SHALL ASSUME CONTROL OF THIS FORTRESS, AND DEVISE A NEW STRATEGY TO RESCUE THE PRIN-CESS.

THE PARLIAMENT HAS DECLARED YOU SECOND-IN-LINE TO THE THRONE.

IN HER HIGHNESS'S ABSENCE, IT FALLS UPON YOU TO PROTECT IT.

TO ALL SUB-JECTS OF THE KING-DOM!

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

HEAR YE!

A TRUE TRAGEDY UPON US ALL.

THERE-FOR...

...AND OUR TRAN-QUILITY LOST!

OUR KINGDOM'S BELOVED PRINCESS HAS BEEN STOLEN AWAY BY A WICKED NECRO-MANCER...

THE ROYAAAAAL PARLIAMEEEEEENT

WEEEEE

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SPLASH
WE, THE ROYAL PARLIAMENT, SWEAR TO THE NATION...
...THAT HE WHO RESCUES THE PRINCESS AND PUTS AN END TO THIS DISORDER...

...SHALL RECEIVE THE HIGHEST HONOR...
...OF PRINCESS IGNELIA'S HAND IN MARRIAGE AND THE THRONE OF THE KING!

WE ASK FOR YOUR UNDER-STANDING AND COOP-ERATION.

THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

THUS WE HAVE DECLARED.

...AND RETURN TO THE CAPITAL.

NOW, THEN, IT IS UPON YOU ALL TO LEAVE THIS LAND TOMORROW...

AND THERE IS REASON IN WHAT THEY SAY.

WHATEVER THE PARLIAMENT DECLARES IS ABSOLUTE.

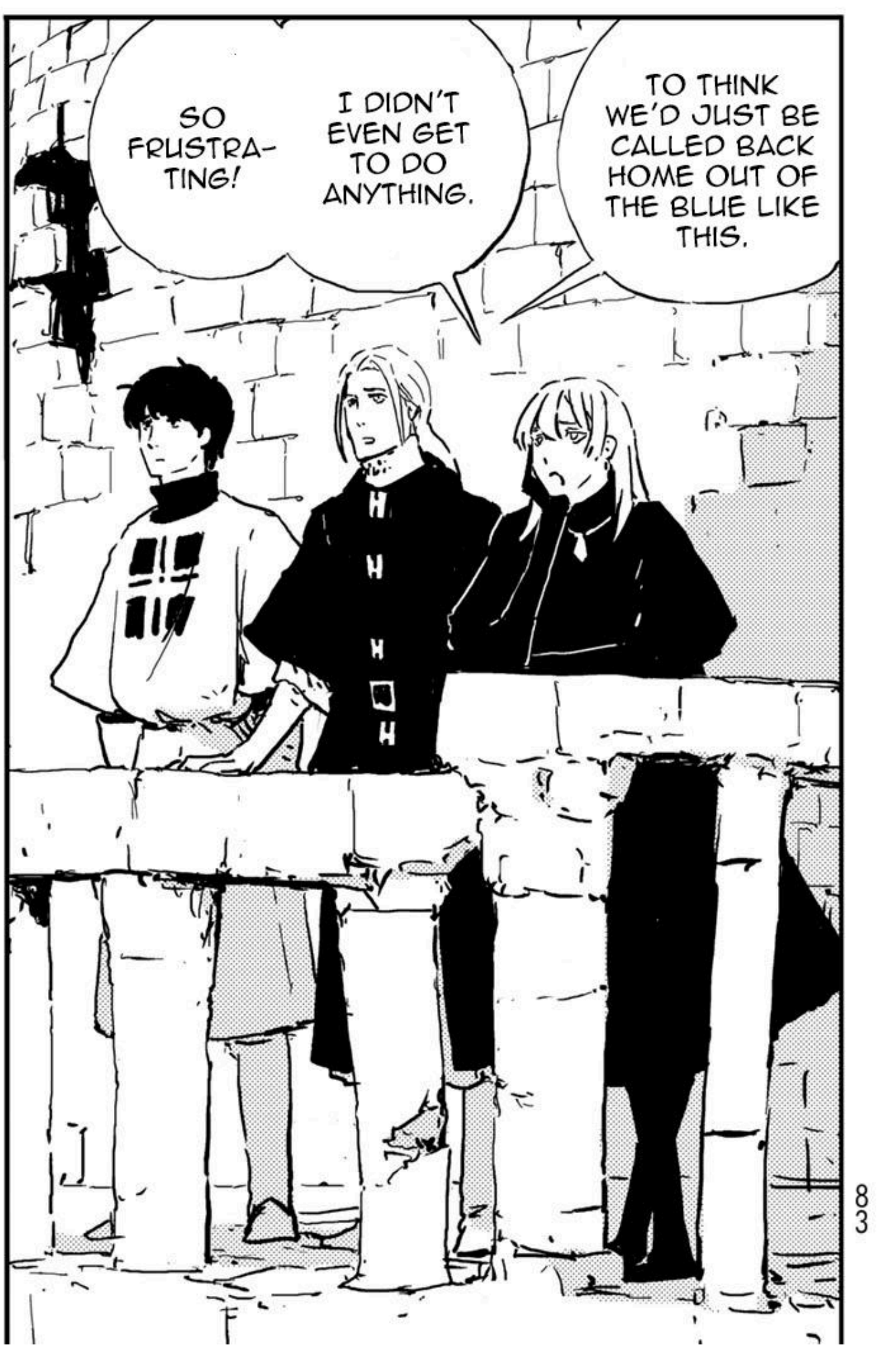
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

BUT I CANNOT ABANDON IGNELIA AND RETURN HOME.

RUDEAM.

MA' AM!

WE DID ALL WE COULD...
...BUT THE ENEMY WAS JUST STRONGER THAN WE EXPECTED. THAT'S ALL.


SO FRUSTRA-TING!
I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO DO ANYTHING.
TO THINK WE'D JUST BE CALLED BACK HOME OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS.

WHY COULDN'T I HAVE TRIED HARDER OUT THERE?

I FEEL LIKE I'VE FAILED THE PRINCESS. THE CAPTAIN, TOO.

BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING ELSE WE COULD'VE DONE.

YOU'RE FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

YOUR SERVICE IS DONE.

WHAT'LL YOU DO NOW, YUVA?

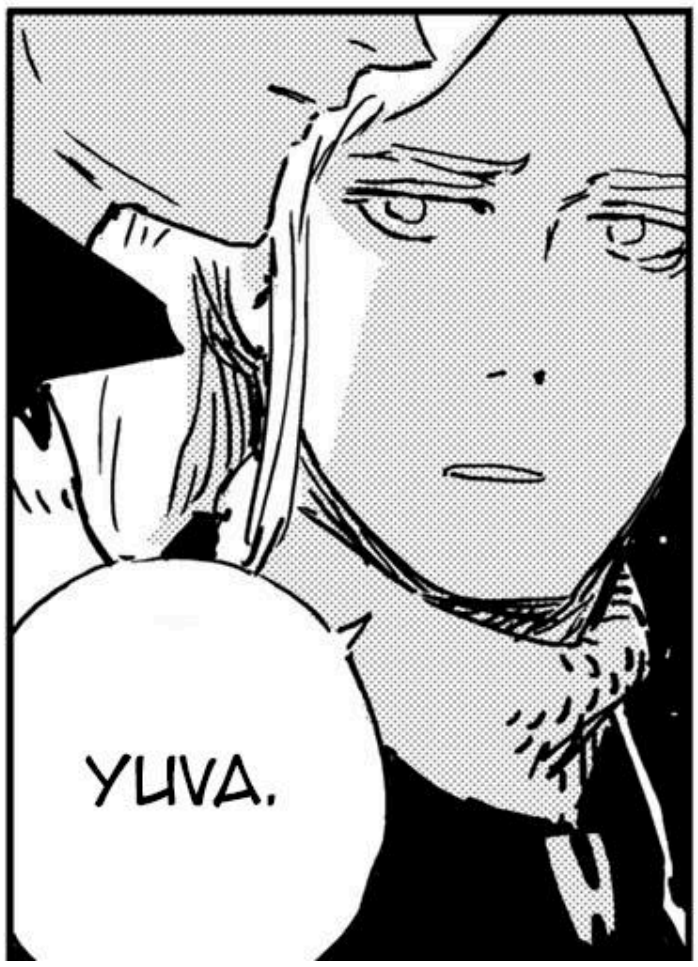
YOU THINK WE MIGHTN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO GO BACK NOW...?

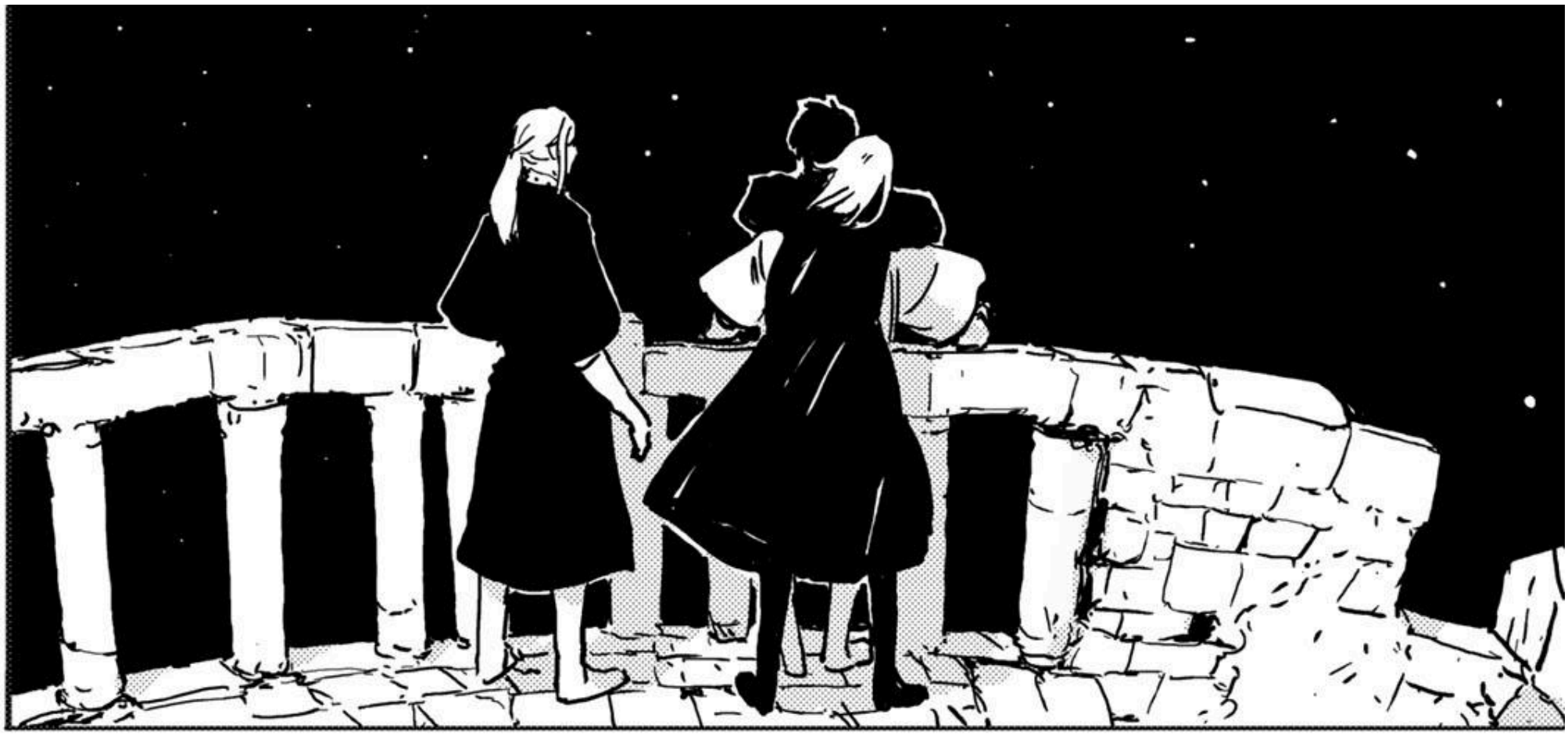
I DOUBT I'D BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING IF I JUST STAYED HERE...

...SO NOTHING ELSE I CAN THINK OF BUT TO GO BACK HOME.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.

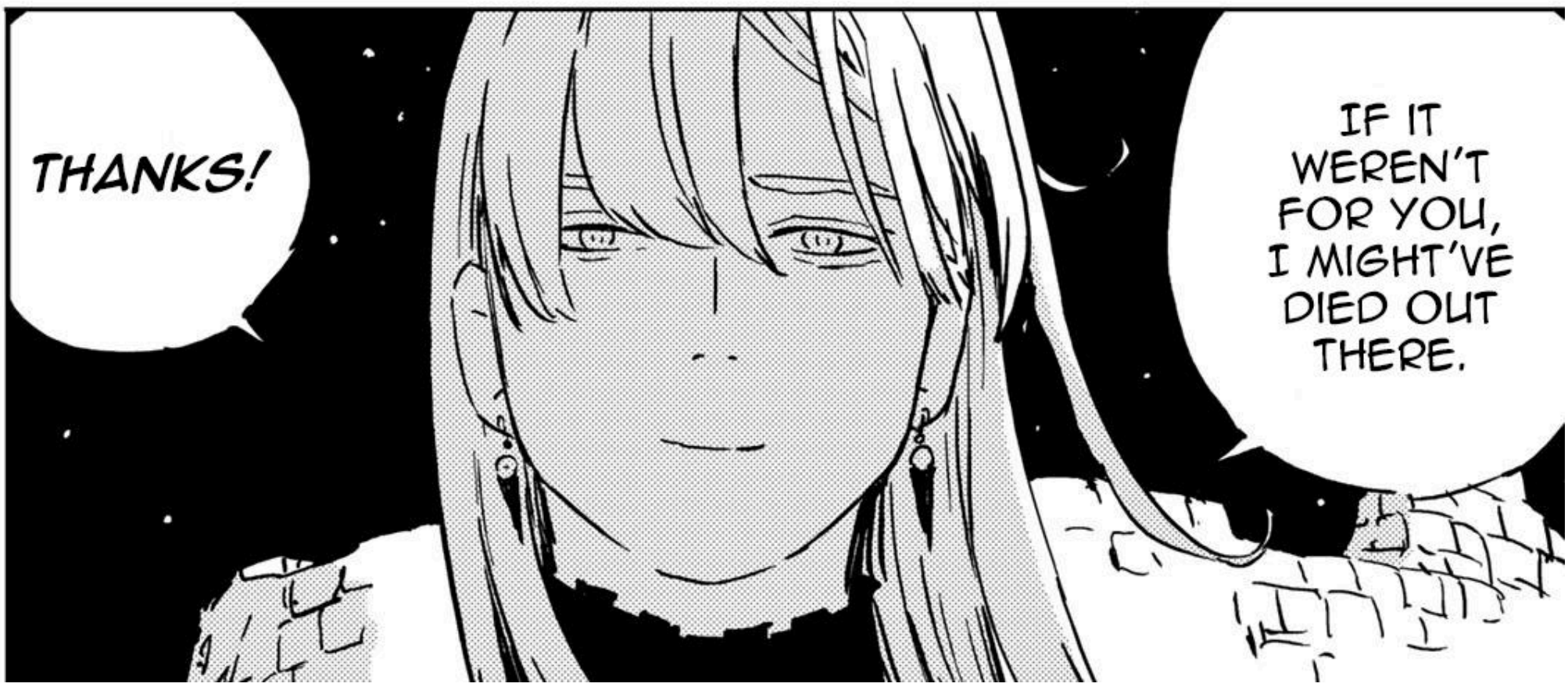
BUT I FEEL REALLY FRUSTRATED, TOO.

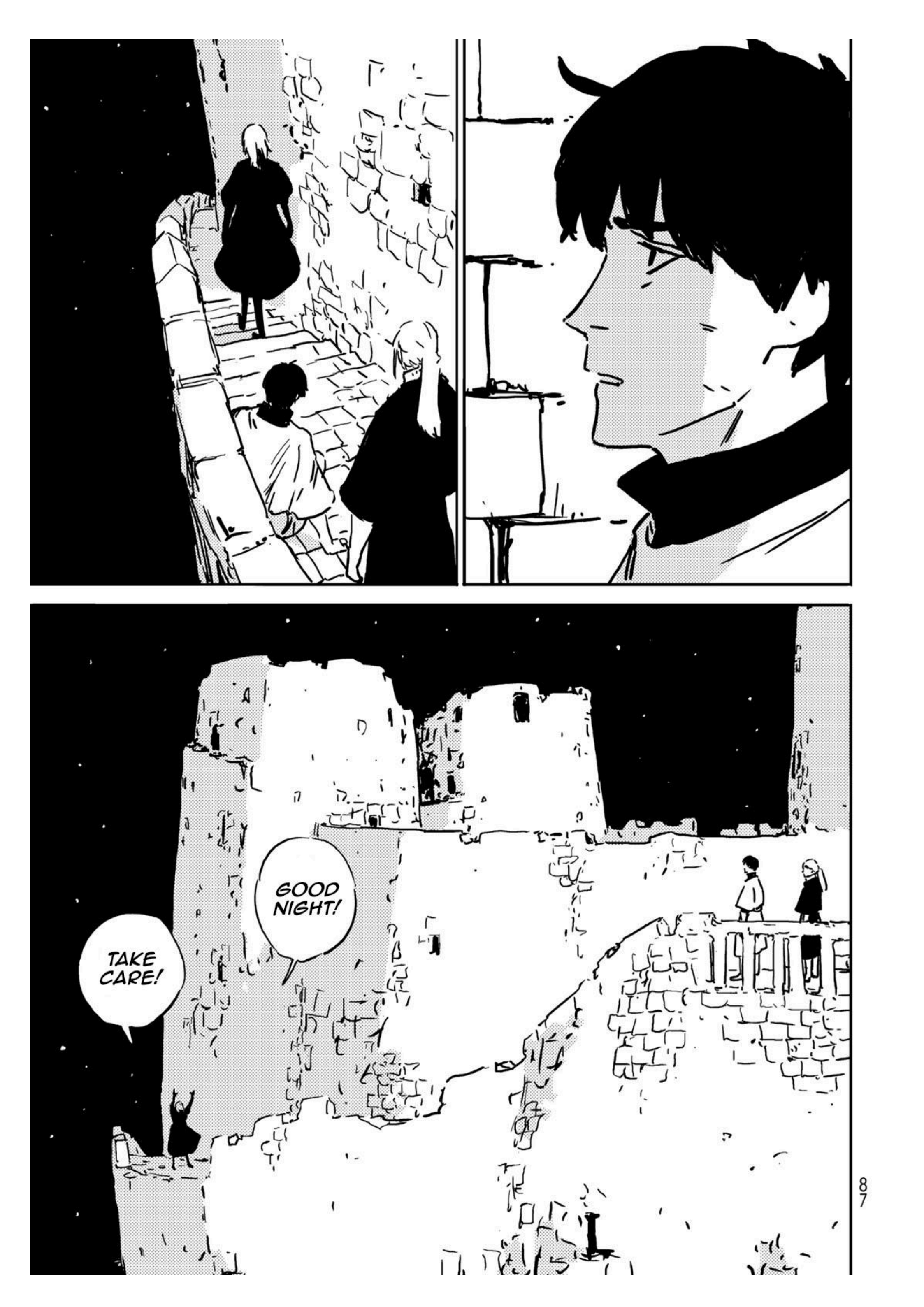


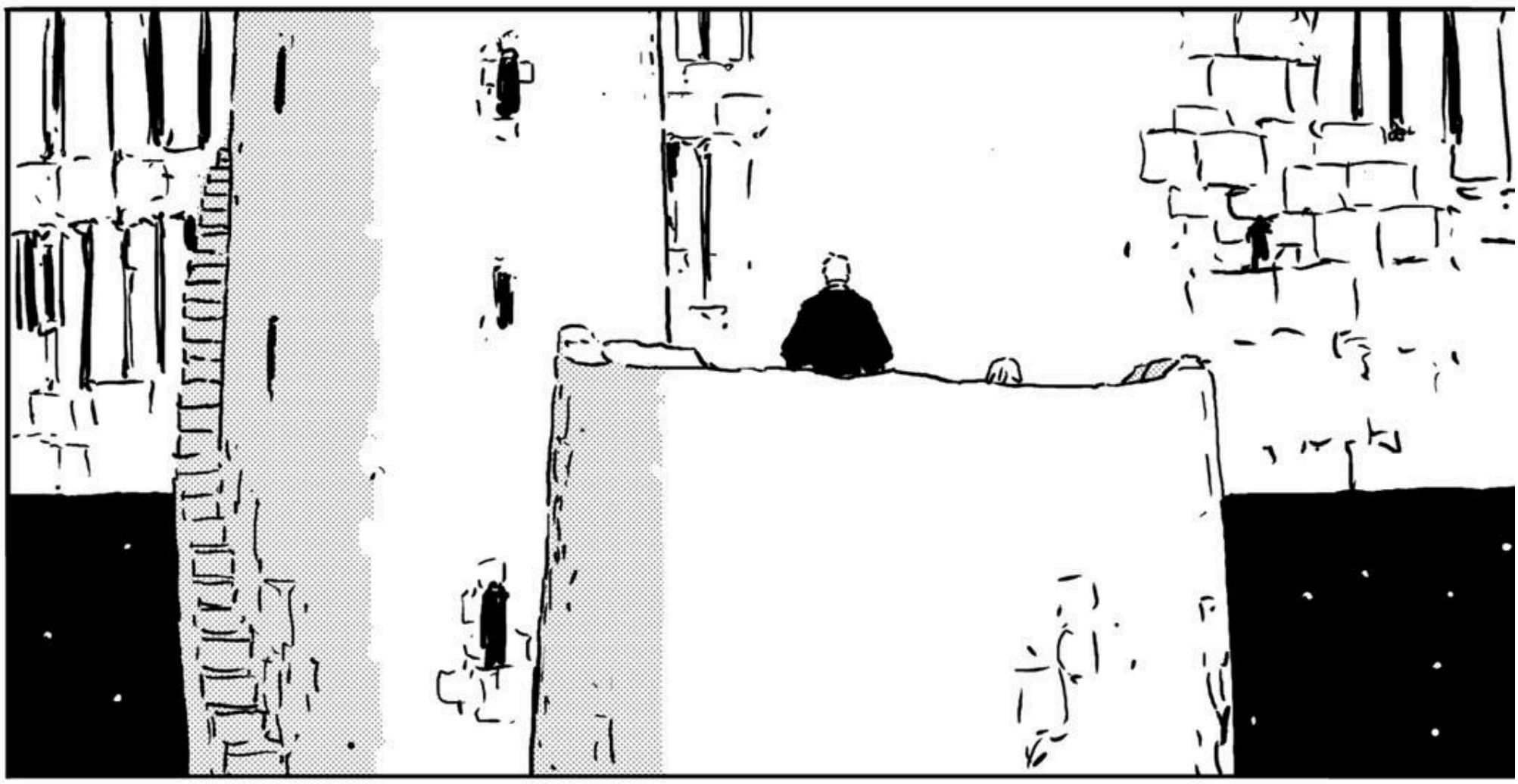


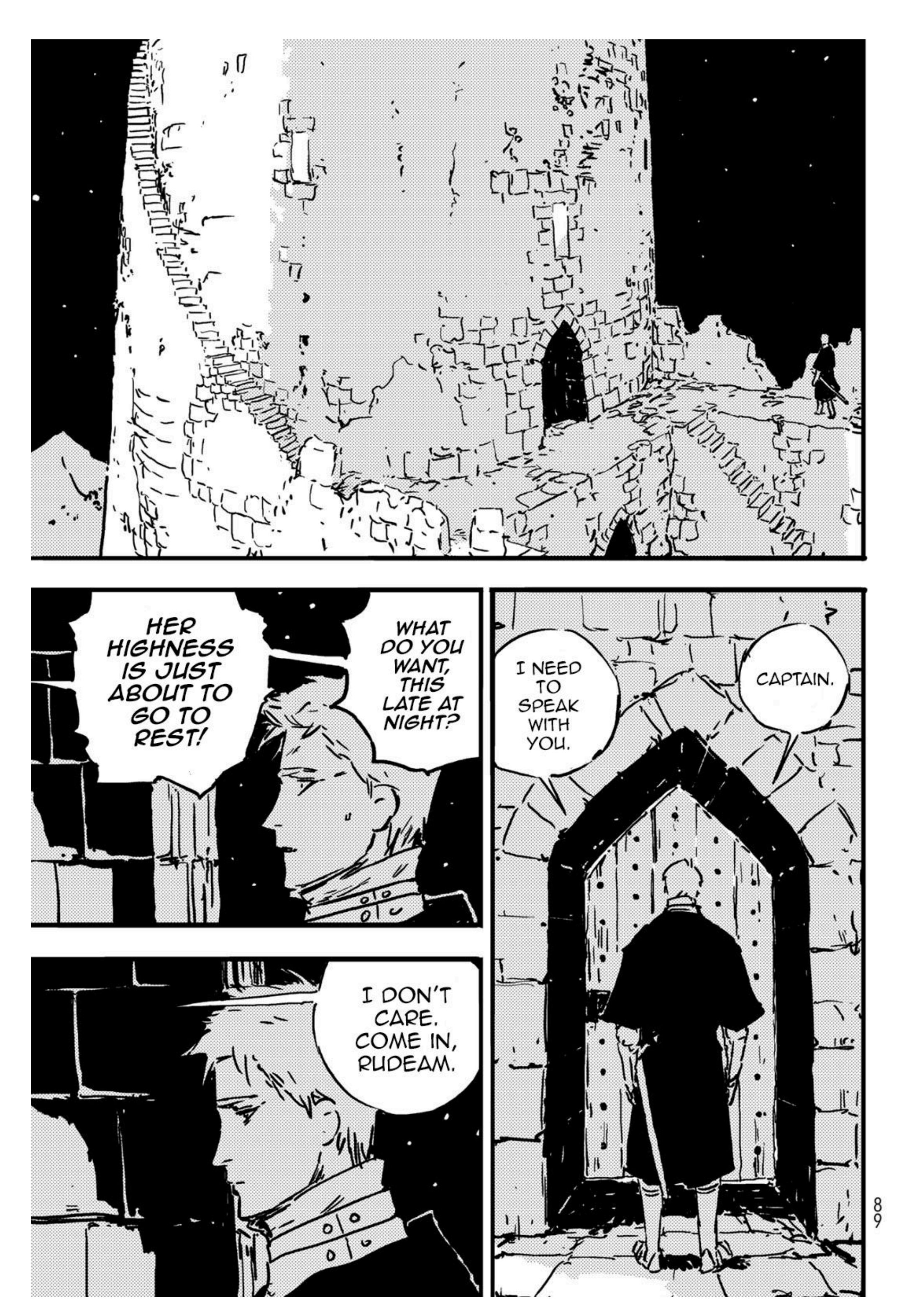
YOU DID GOOD, YUVA.

GH-FWUH!


THANKS!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I MIGHT'VE DIED OUT THERE.

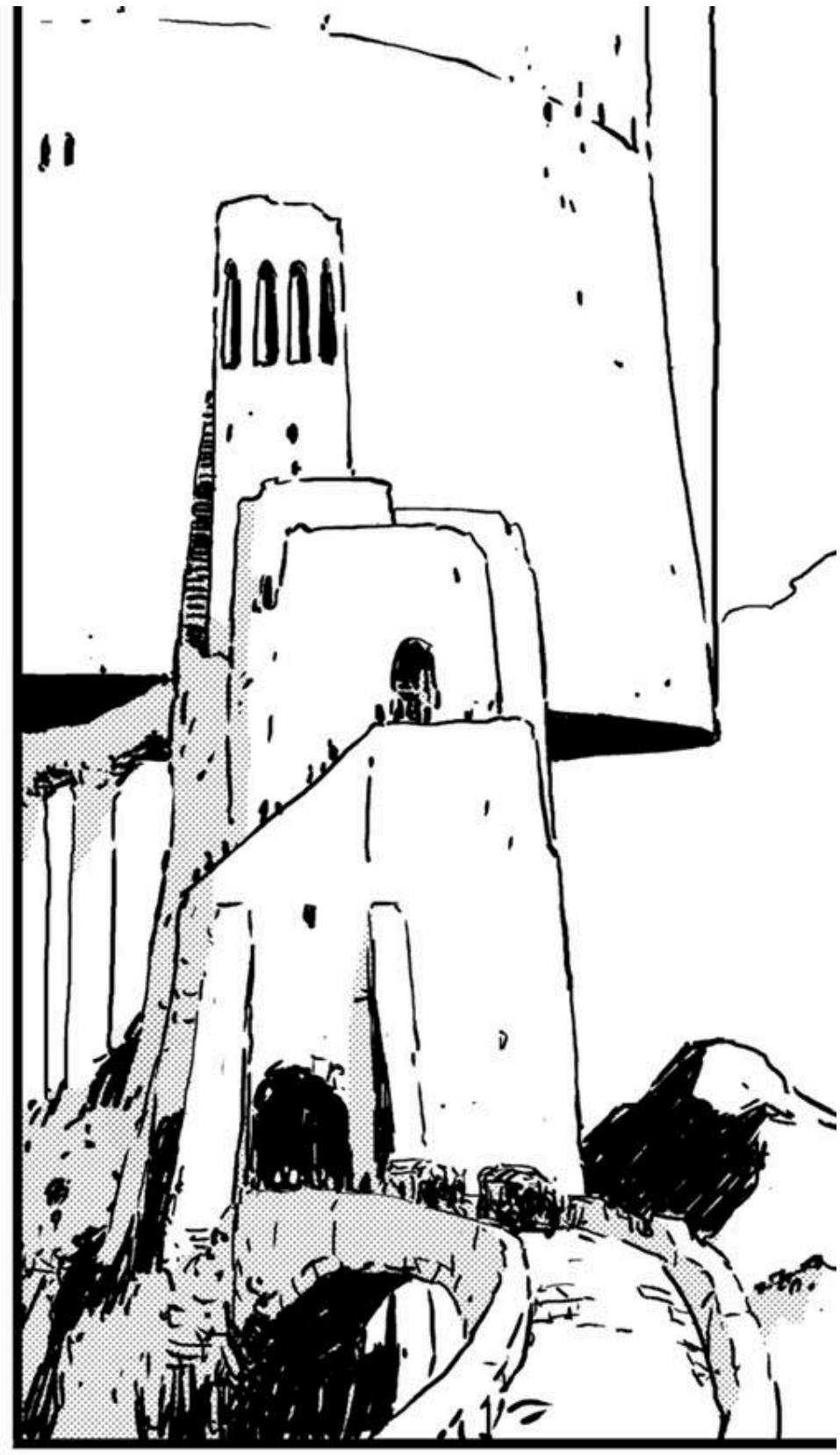

GOOD NIGHT!
TAKE CARE!




HER HIGHNESS IS JUST ABOUT TO GO TO REST!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
I DON'T CARE. COME IN, RUDEAM.
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
CAPTAIN.

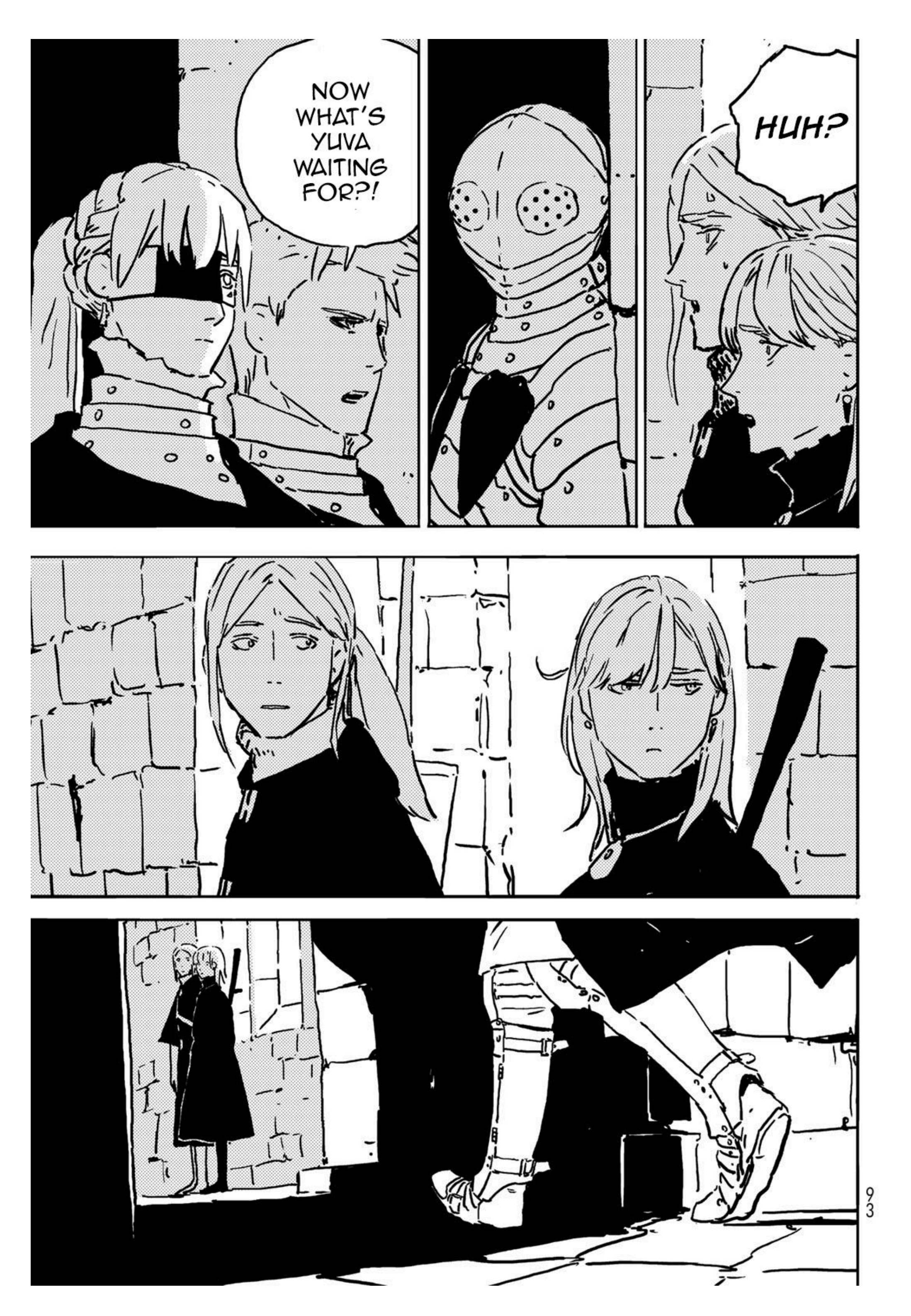
PARDON ME, THEN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?



YES. THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE STAYING HERE.

YOU CALLED FOR US?

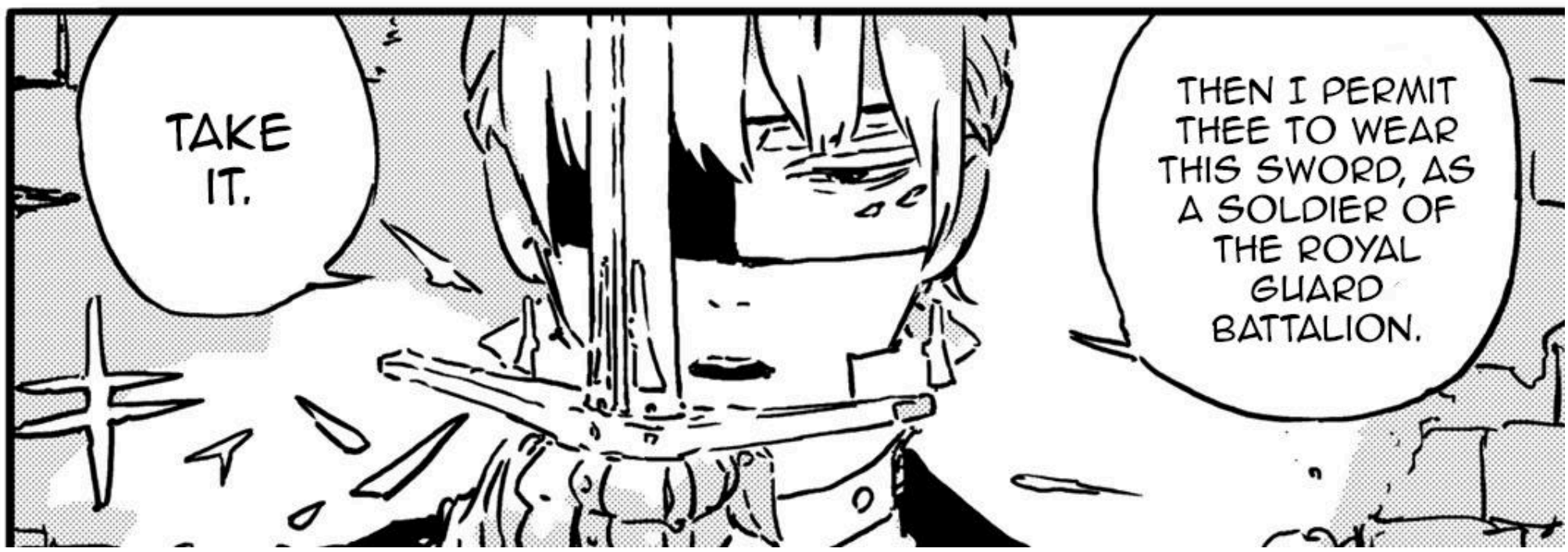

NOW WHAT'S YUVA WAITING FOR?!
HUH?

SORRY, SIR!

YUVA, COME FORWARD.

...AND TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR ITS PEOPLE?
YUVA, DOST THOU SWEAR TO DEFEND THIS KINGDOM...

I DO SWEAR.


TAKE IT.
THEN I PERMIT THEE TO WEAR THIS SWORD, AS A SOLDIER OF THE ROYAL GUARD BATTALION.

CARRY ON OUR MISSION TO RESCUE PRINCESS IGNELIA!

THE THREE OF YOU ARE HEREBY THE SEVENTH SQUAD OF THE ROYAL GUARD BATTALION!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING THERE? YOU ARE *ALL* TO LEAVE.

HOLD IT.

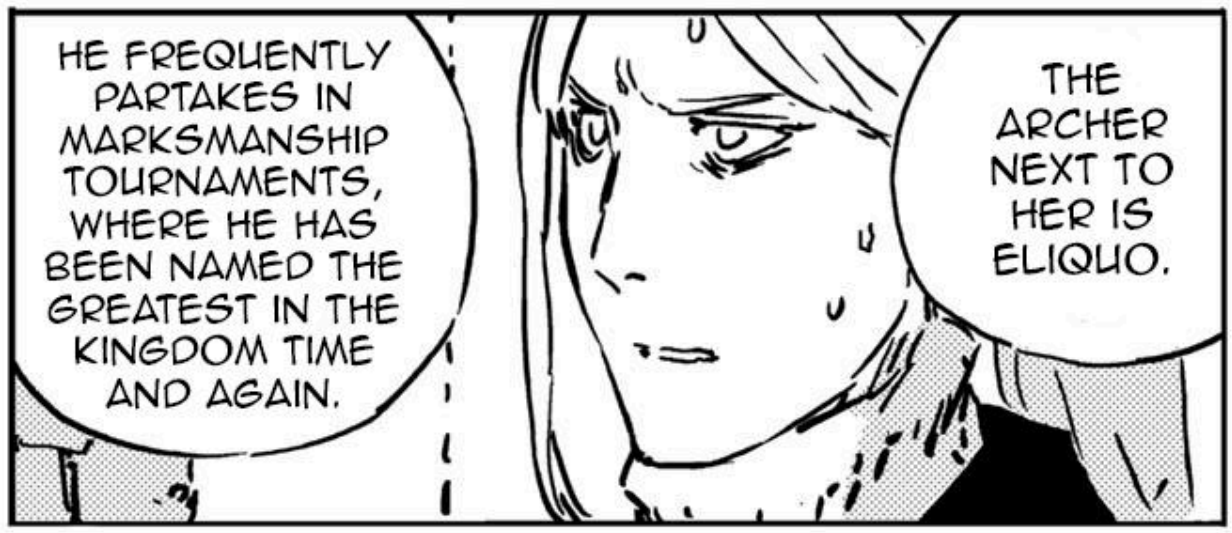
UNDER-STOOD!

RIGHT!

I MEAN, UNDER-STOOD!

THAT ONE IS LILIAN-OLETTA.

WE'RE ONLY LEAVING THESE THREE ROOKIES HERE.
DON'T BE *TOO* STERN ON US.
THE ROYAL GUARD BATTALION HAS A DUTY TO SAVE THE PRINCESS!

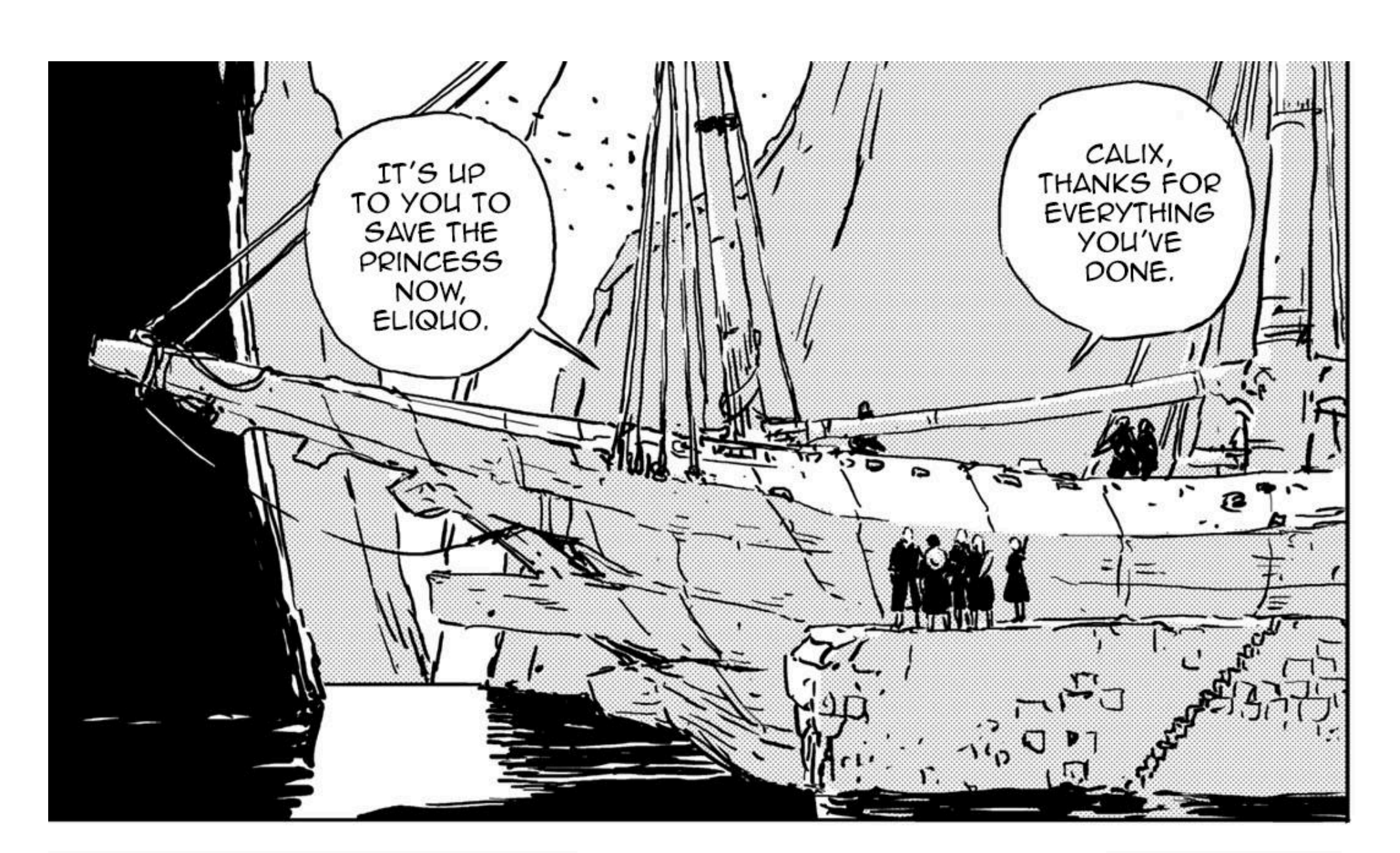

HE FREQUENTLY PARTAKES IN MARKSMANSHIP TOURNAMENTS, WHERE HE HAS BEEN NAMED THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM TIME AND AGAIN.
THE ARCHER NEXT TO HER IS ELIQUO.

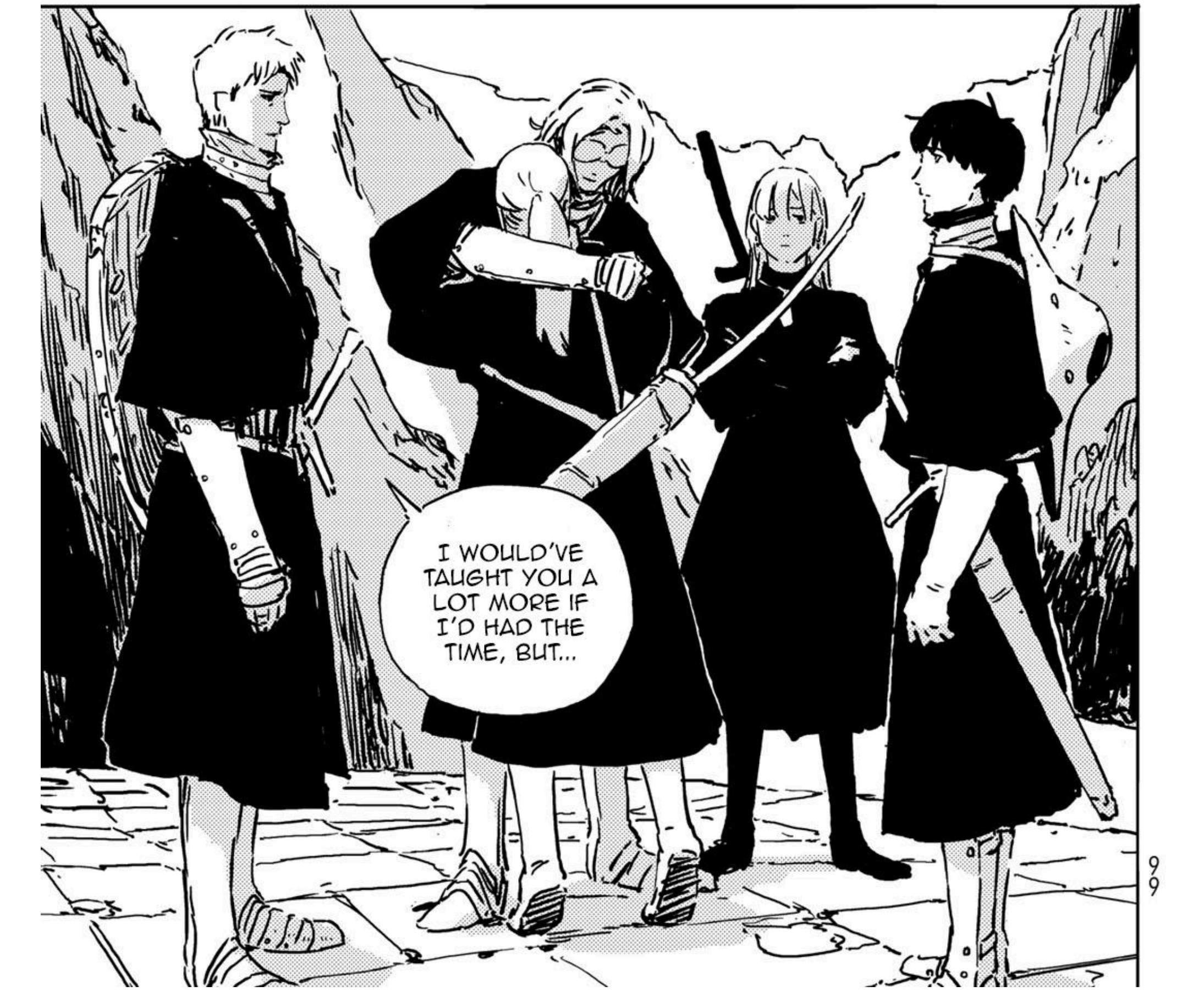
AN INTER-ESTING CHOICE.
AND *THIS* IS THAT ATTENDANT WHO DEFEATED THE MONSTER ON THE FIFTIETH FLOOR...

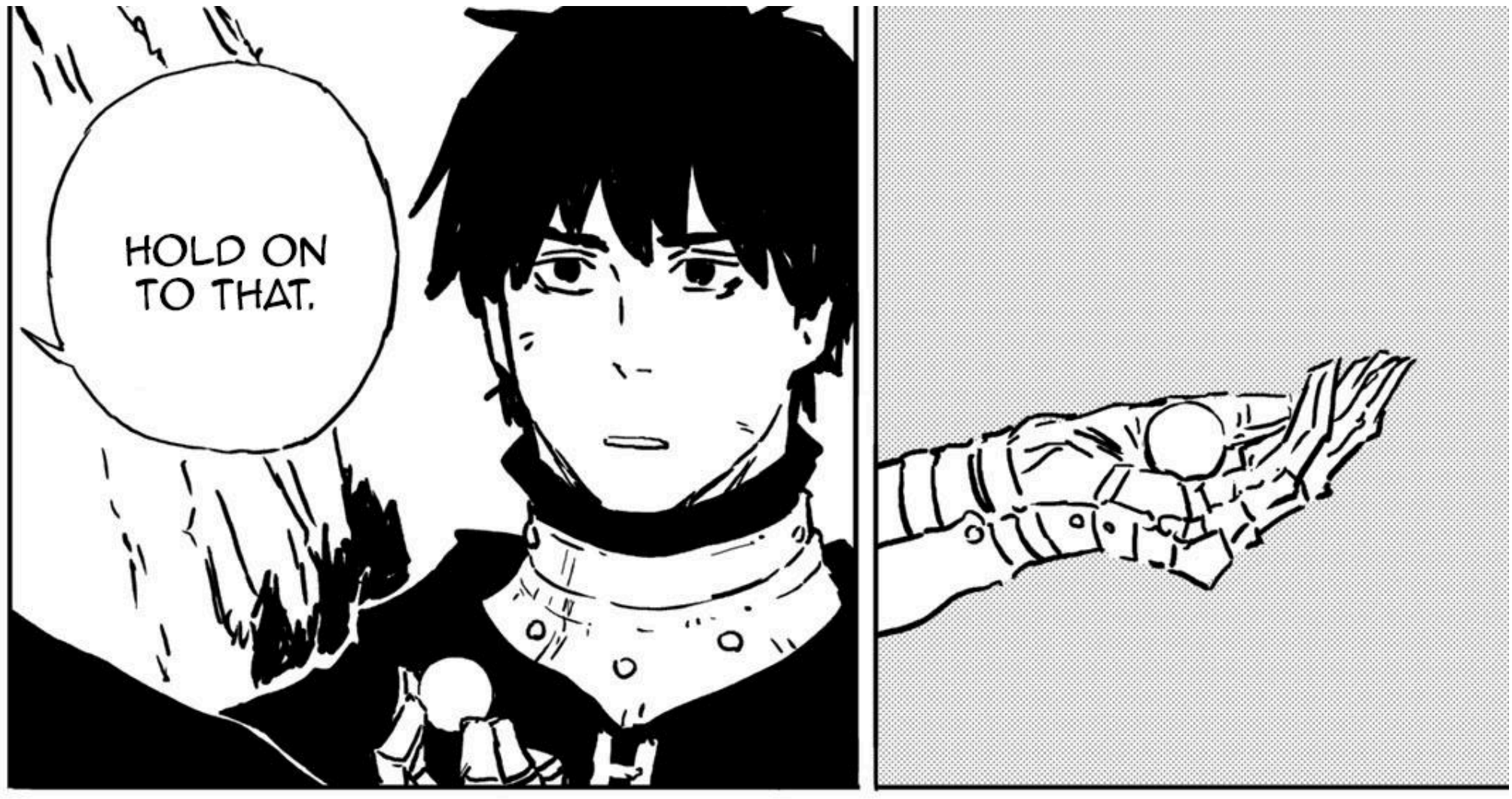
WE STILL LACK THE FULL SCOPE OF HER POWERS, BUT SHE IS A *BARBITOS* NONETHELESS.

VERY WELL. I SHALL PERMIT IT.

HEH HEH HEH HEH...


IT'S UP TO YOU TO SAVE THE PRINCESS NOW, ELIQUO.
CALIX, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE.


I WOULD'VE TAUGHT YOU A LOT MORE IF I'D HAD THE TIME, BUT...


HOLD ON TO THAT.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
YES, SIR!

HEY!
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AND THEY'RE GONE.
THEY ARE.
STOP!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING BACK!!
THIS IS CRITICAL!! UNDER-STAND?!
WE NEED TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS AND GET HER OUT OF THERE!! JUST THE THREE OF US!!
LOOK!! THAT TOWER, BIGGER THAN THE MOUN-TAINS!!
YOU THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO BE DOING THAT?!

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3：The duty imposed upon her noble blood will not even permit her to save her own kin by her own hand. Minserbel's hopes are now in the hands of these three youths...
高貴者に課せられた使命は、自らの手で親族を救うことさえも許さない。ミンサベルの希望は今、この三人の若者の手に託された。

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