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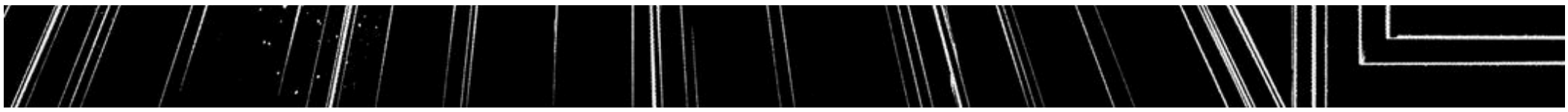
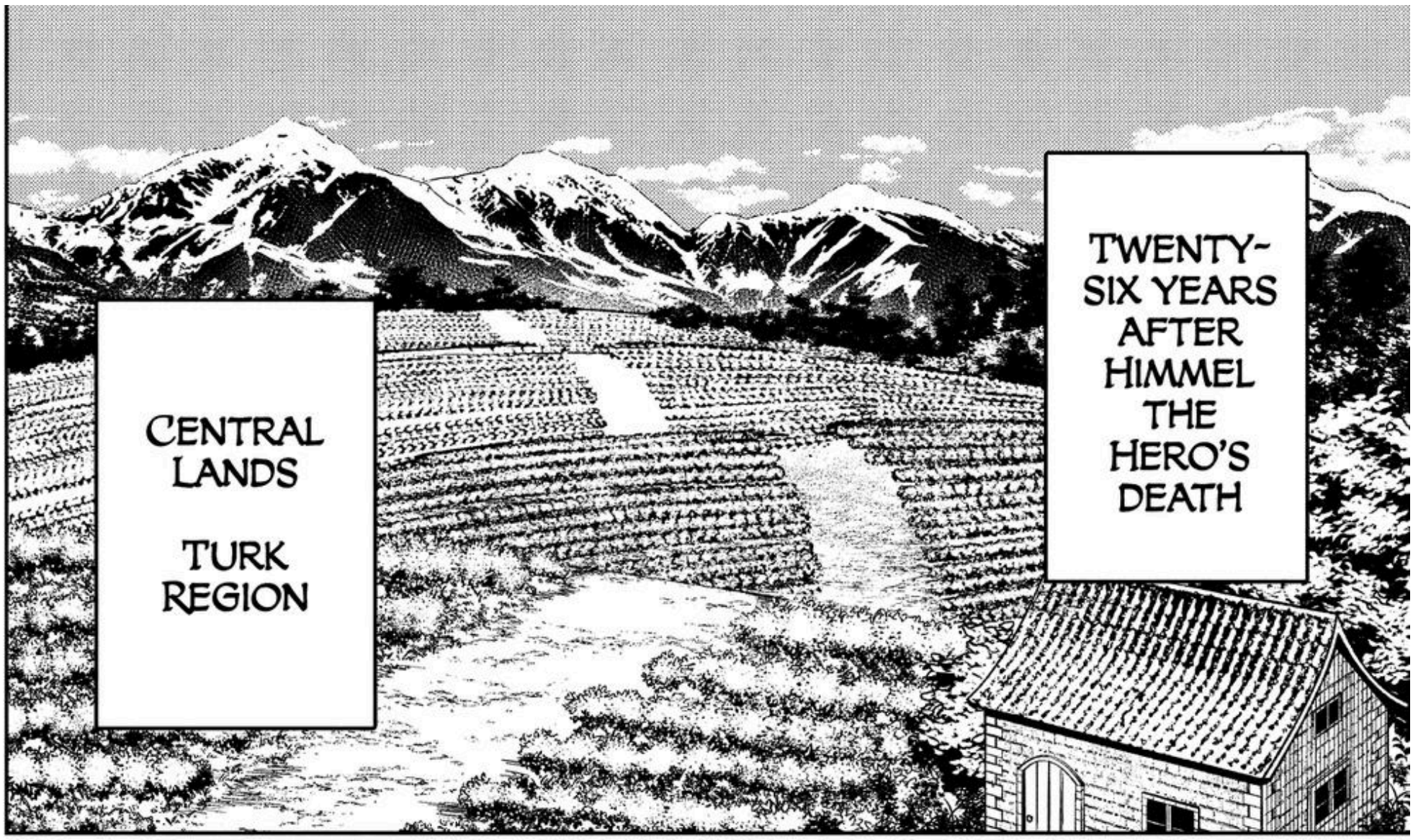
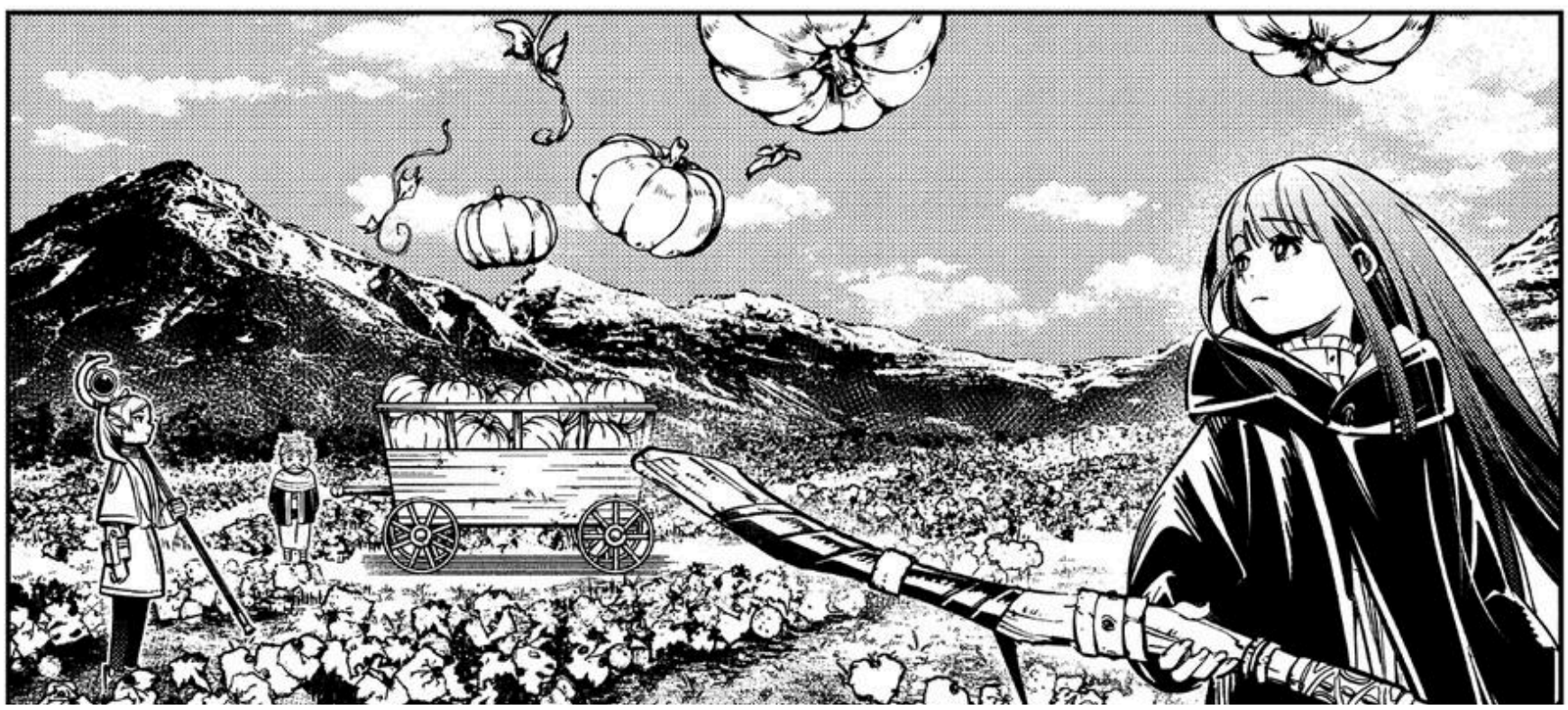
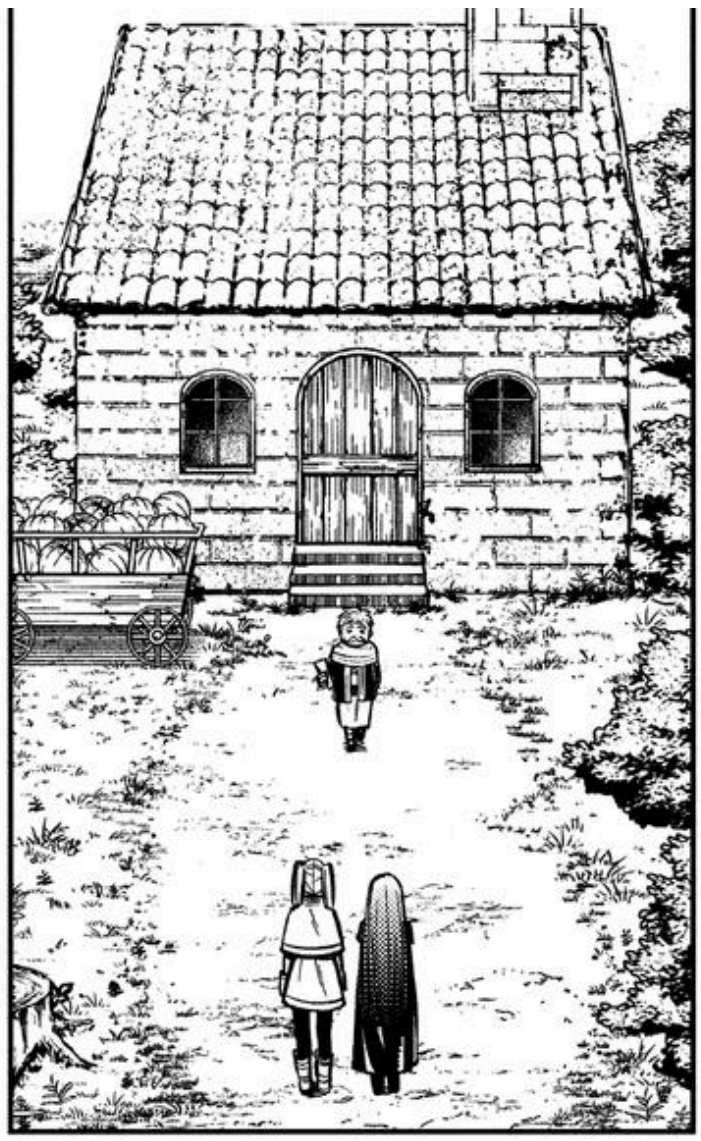



CENTRAL LANDS
TURK REGION
TWENTY-SIX YEARS AFTER HIMMEL THE HERO'S DEATH

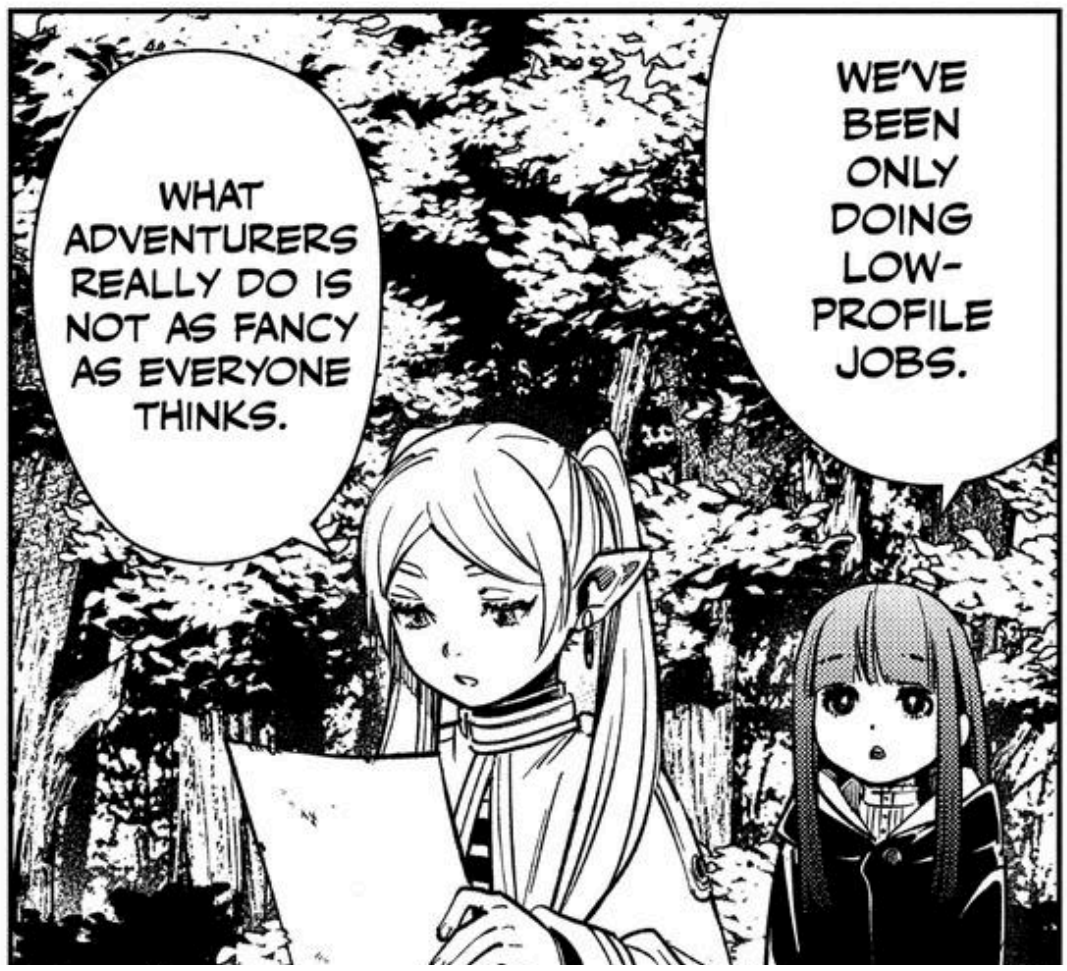




THAT'S ENOUGH, FERN.
WE'RE FINISHED.

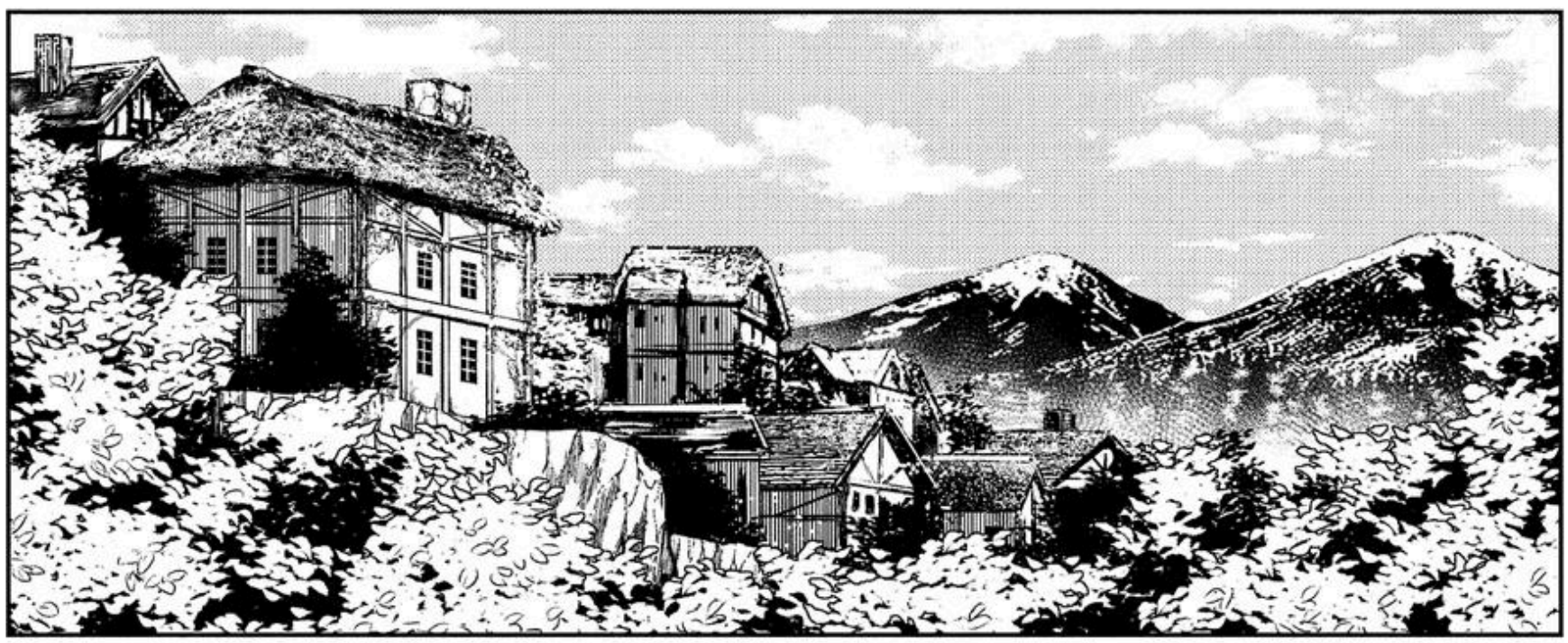
HERE'S THE REWARD I PROMISED YOU.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

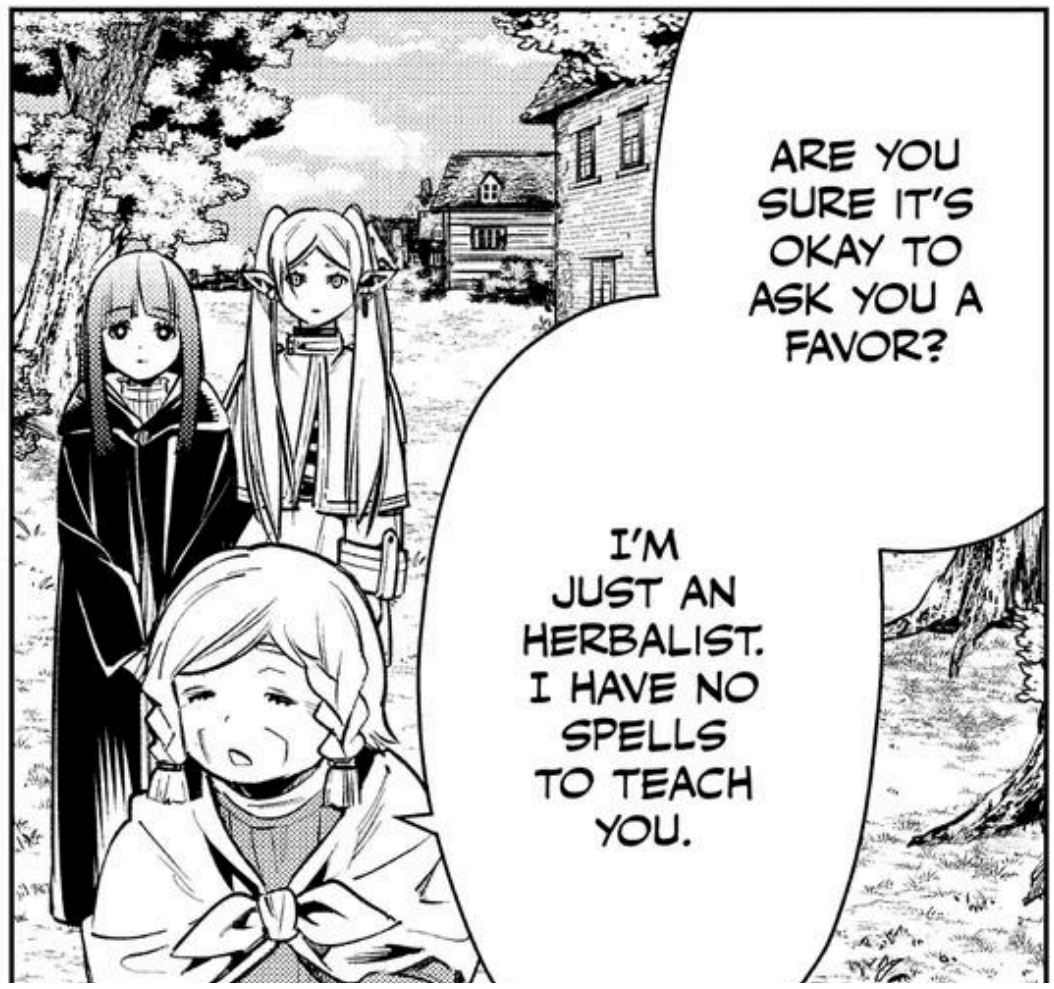

WHAT ADVENTURERS REALLY DO IS NOT AS FANCY AS EVERYONE THINKS.
WE'VE BEEN ONLY DOING LOW-PROFILE JOBS.

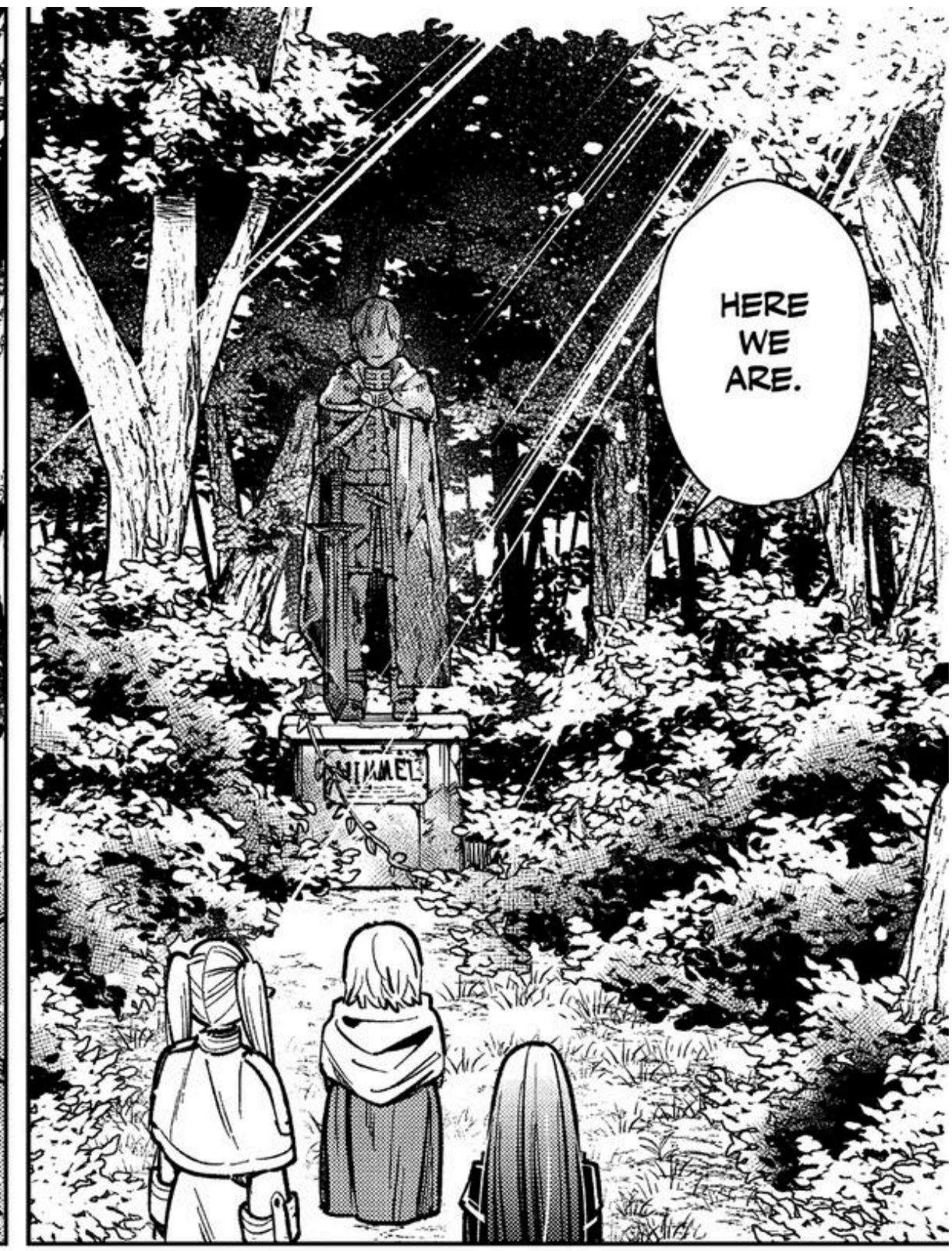
IT'S THE SAME.

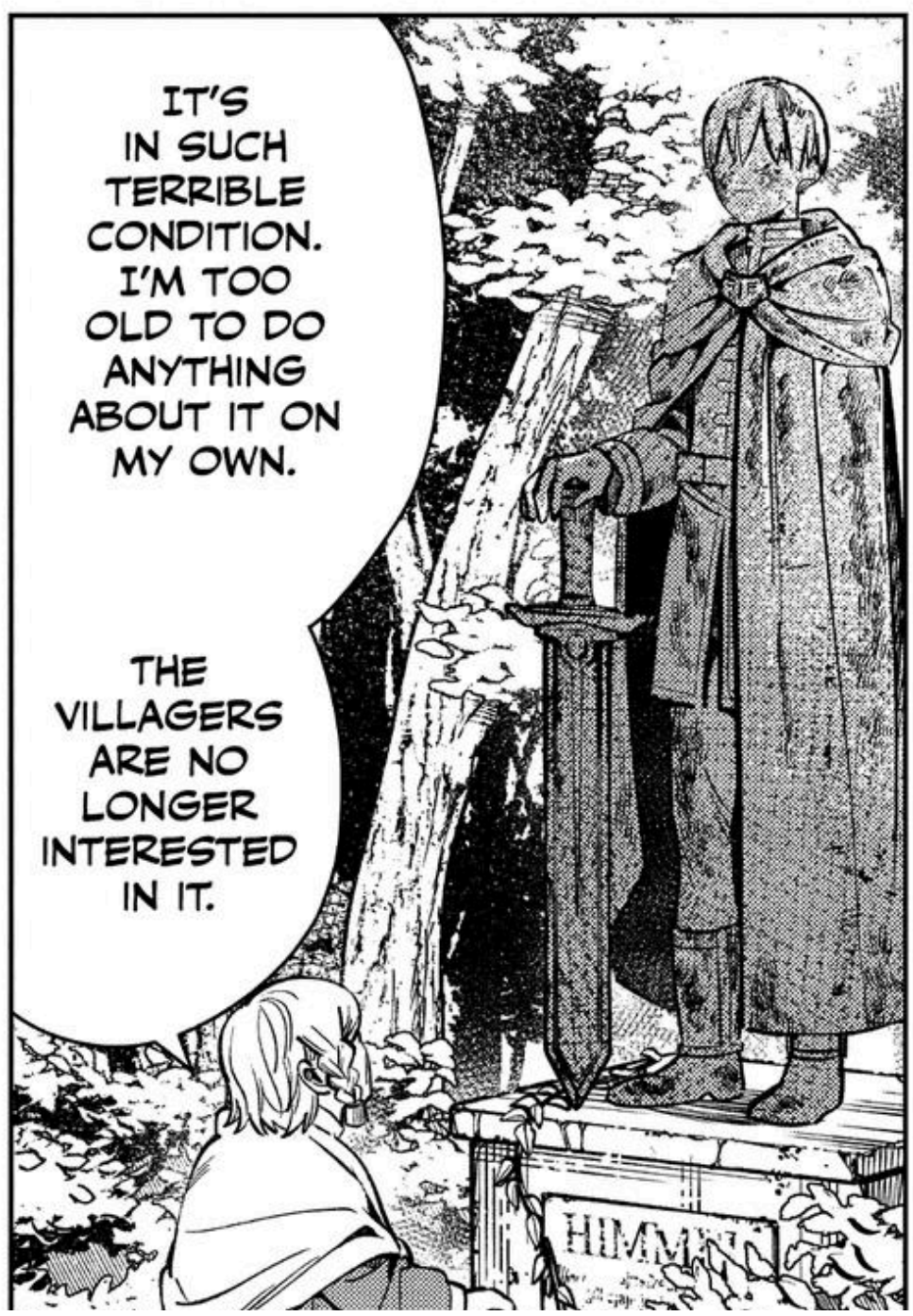
I FEEL LIKE IT'S A LITTLE DIFFER-ENT...

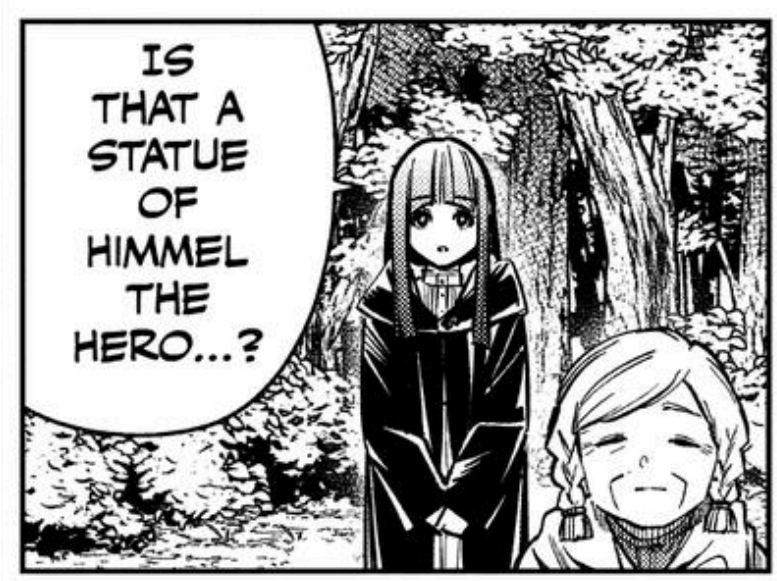


I DON'T MIND.
IT'D BE HELPFUL ENOUGH TO LEARN ABOUT THE FLORA IN THIS REGION.

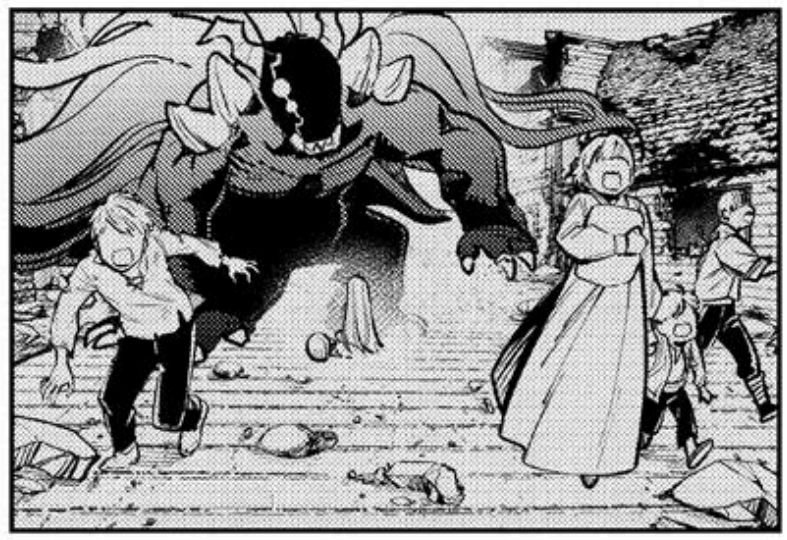

ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO ASK YOU A FAVOR?
I'M JUST AN HERBALIST. I HAVE NO SPELLS TO TEACH YOU.

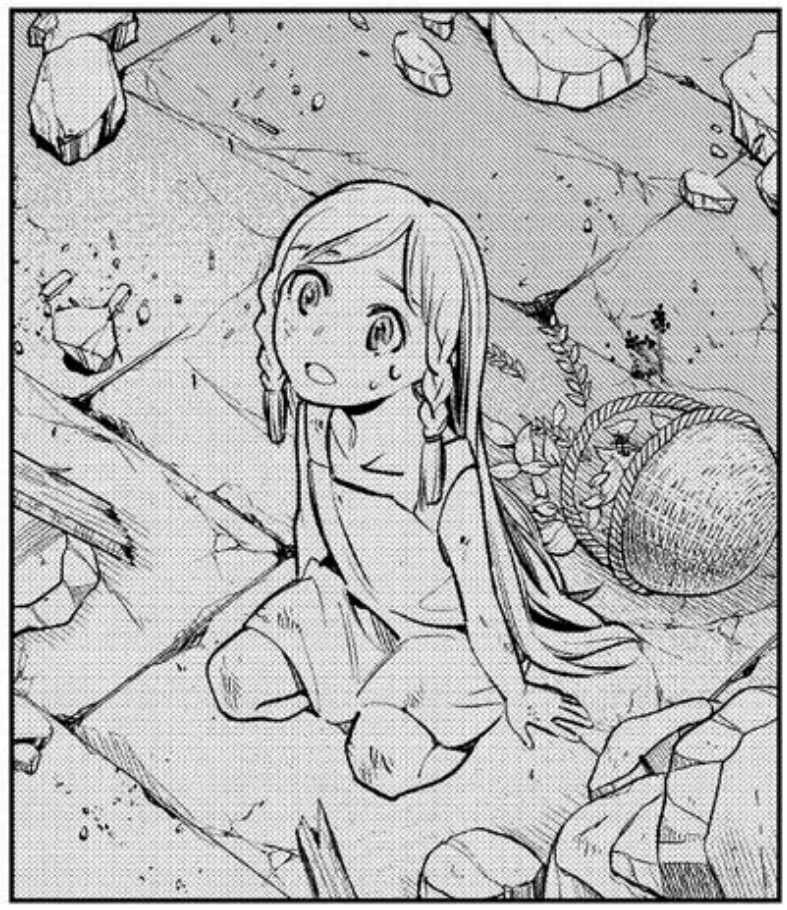

HERE WE ARE.

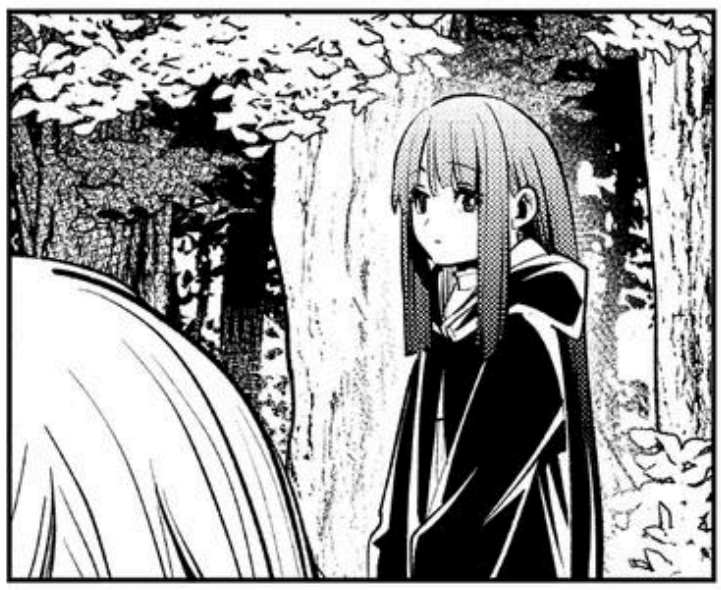

IT'S IN SUCH TERRIBLE CONDITION. I'M TOO OLD TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT ON MY OWN.
THE VILLAGERS ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN IT.


IS THAT A STATUE OF HIMMEL THE HERO...?

WHEN A MONSTER ATTACKED OUR VILLAGE...
...HIMMEL THE HERO FOUGHT FOR US, RISKING HIS OWN LIFE! AND YET...





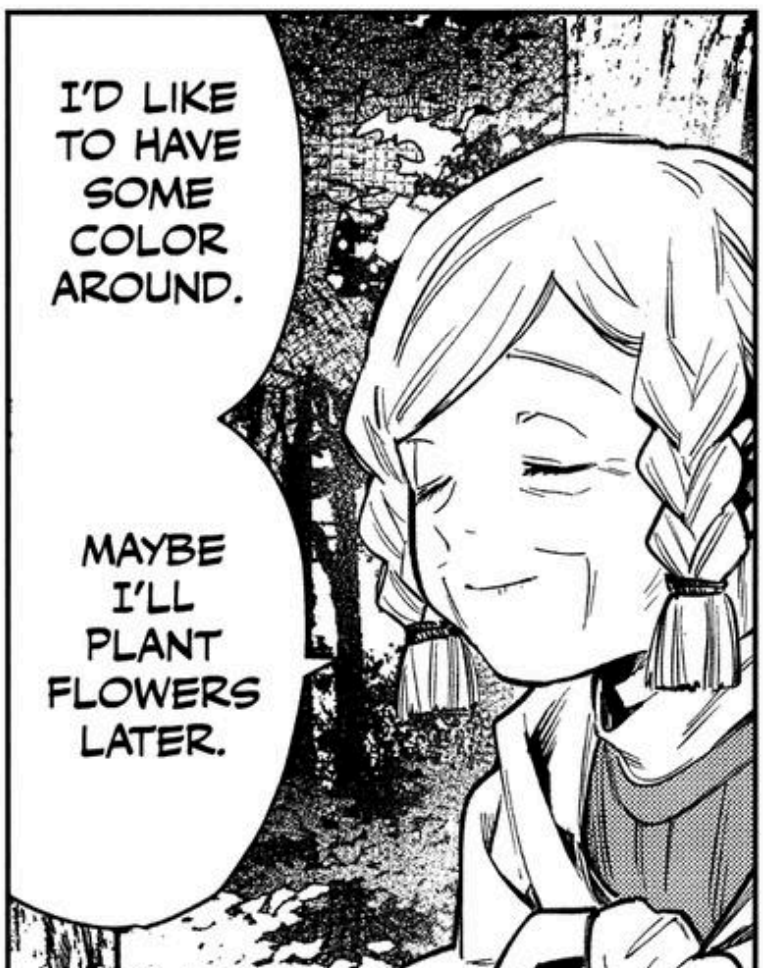


...THIS IS HOW WE REPAY HIM... IT'S JUST UNFAIR.

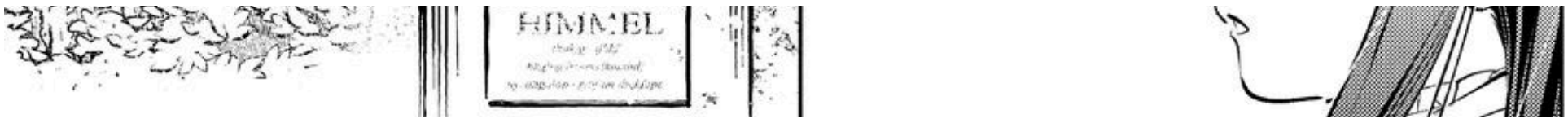
THANK YOU SO MUCH. MAGIC IS TRULY AMAZING.

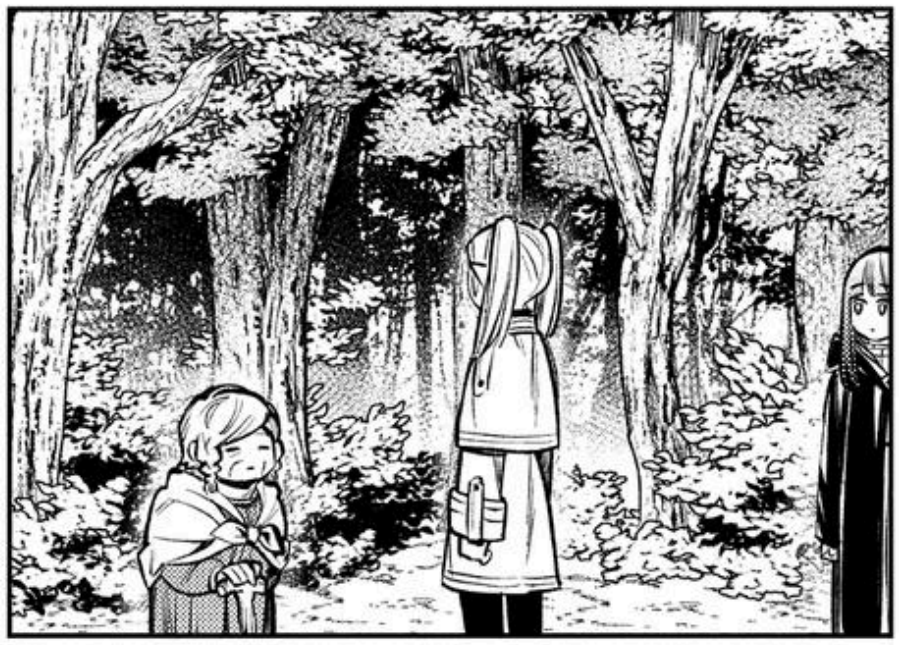
GLEAM
HIMMEL

HEH
MOST IMPRESSIVE. THERE'S NOT A HINT OF RUST LEFT ON THIS BRONZE STATUE.

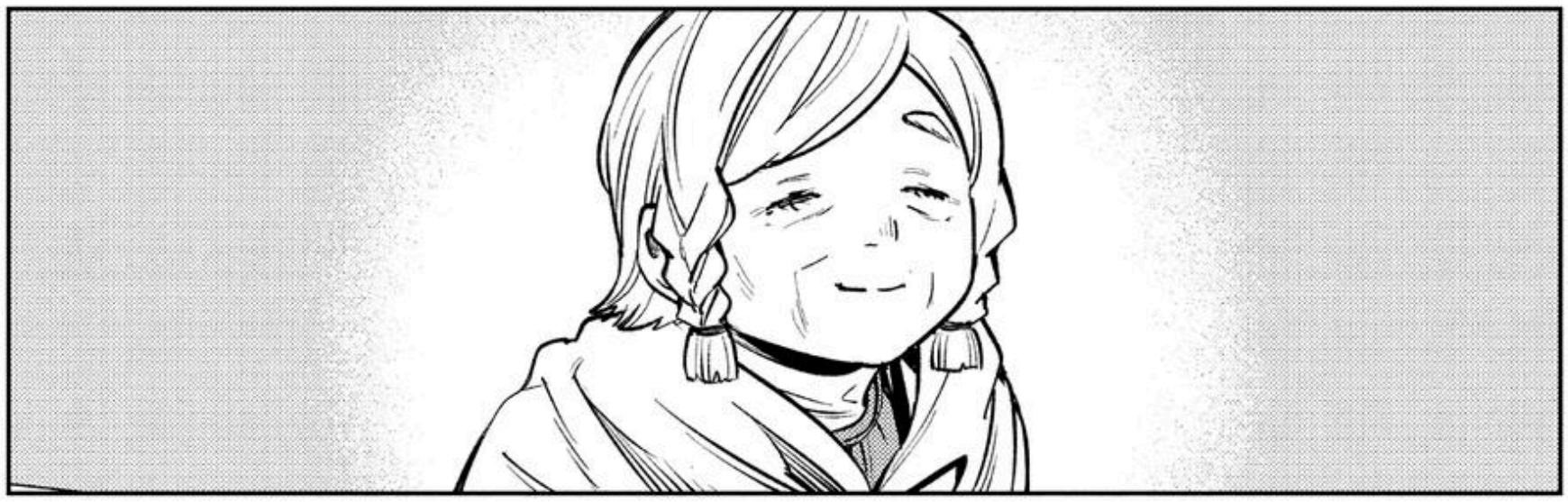

I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME COLOR AROUND.
MAYBE I'LL PLANT FLOWERS LATER.

YEAH. I WONDER WHAT FLOWER WOULD BE SUITABLE...
FRIEREN, YOU CAN USE MAGIC THAT PRODUCES FLOWERS, RIGHT?
I KNOW. BLUE-MOON WEED WOULD BE PERFECT.
IT'S A FLOWER FROM HIMMEL'S HOMETOWN.
NO IDEA. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.
...WHAT KIND OF FLOWER IS THAT?
THEN WHY?

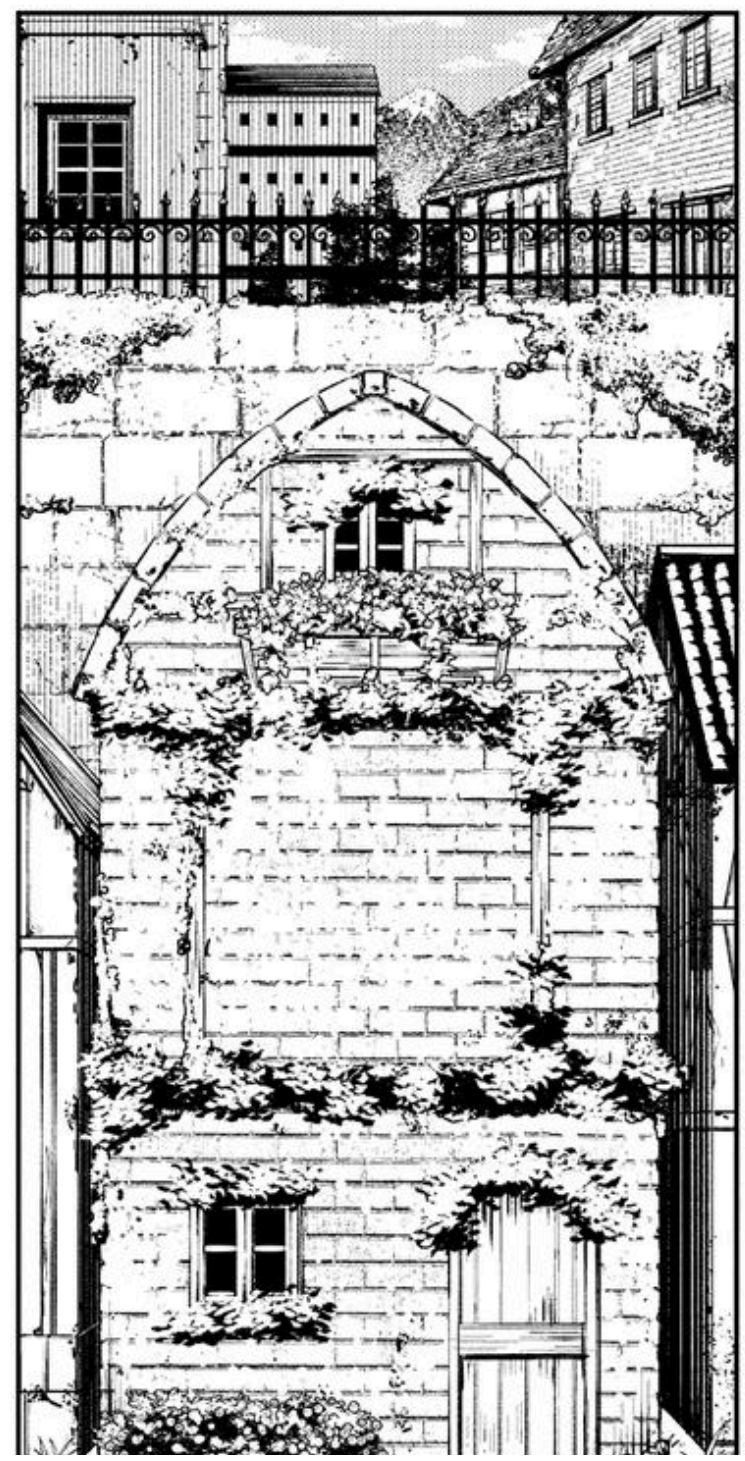

HIMMEL



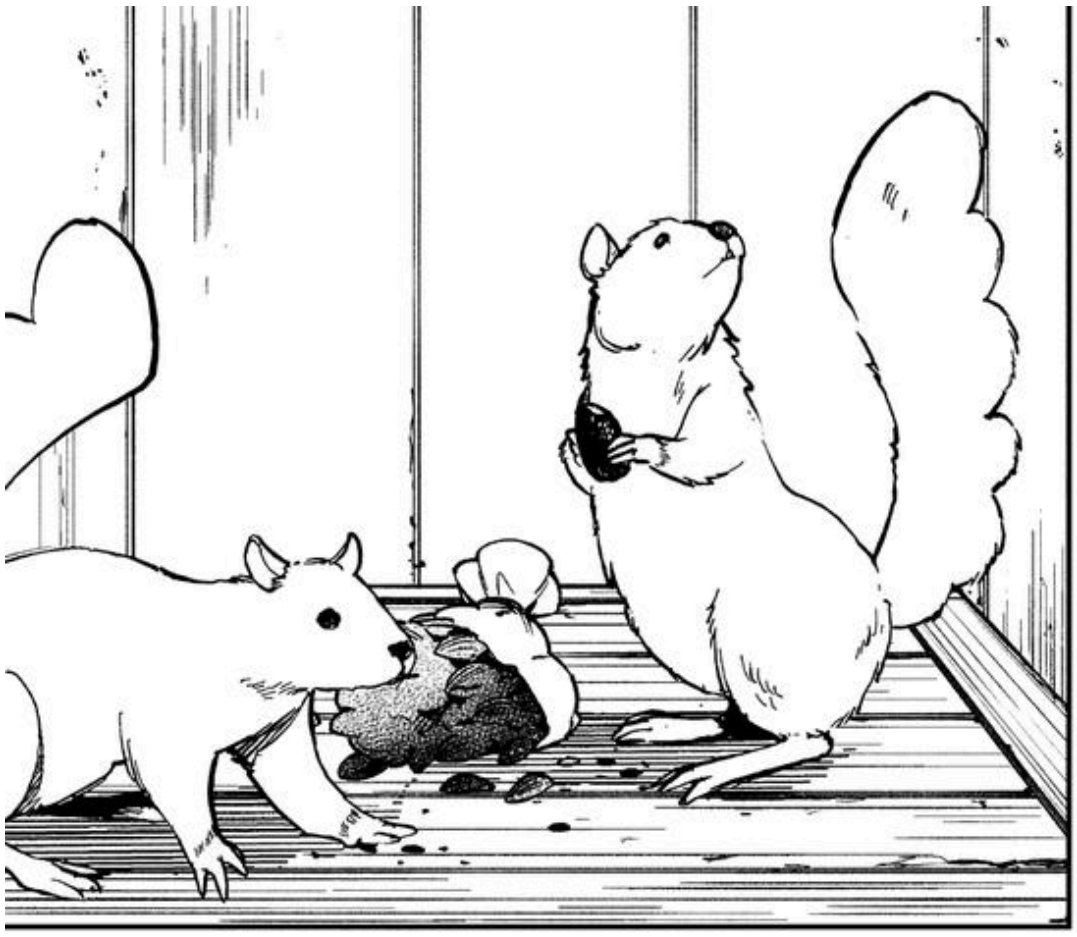
BUT HOW COULD YOU MAKE FLOWERS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE WITH MAGIC...?



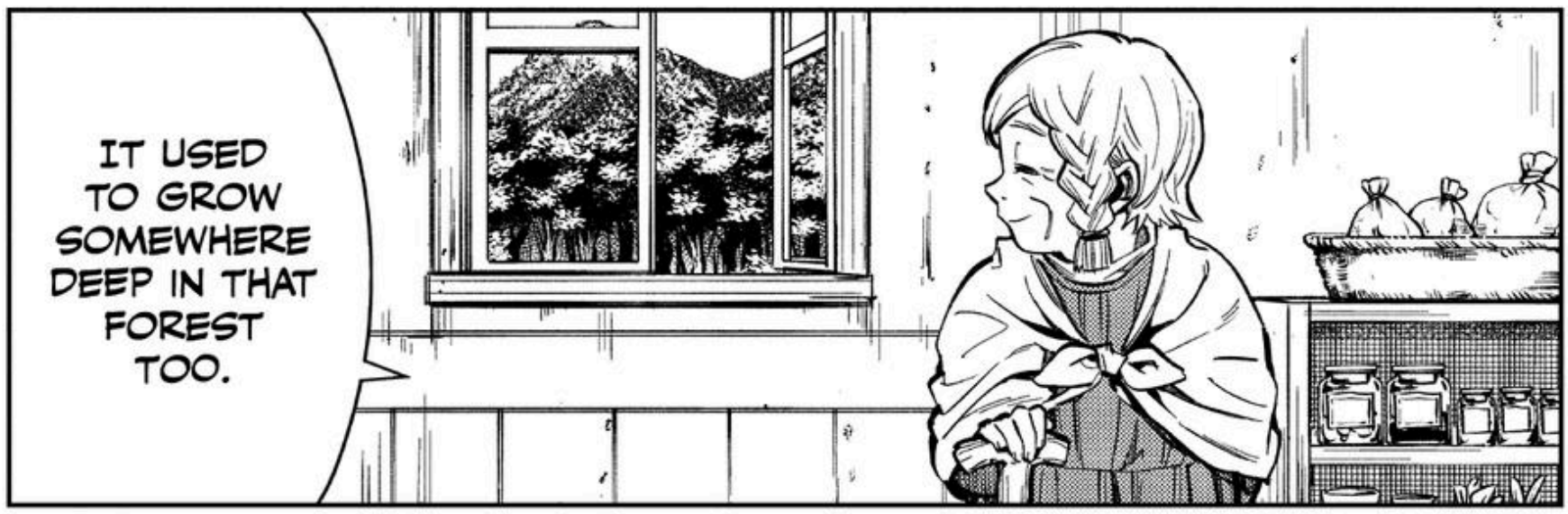
BLUE-MOON WEED.

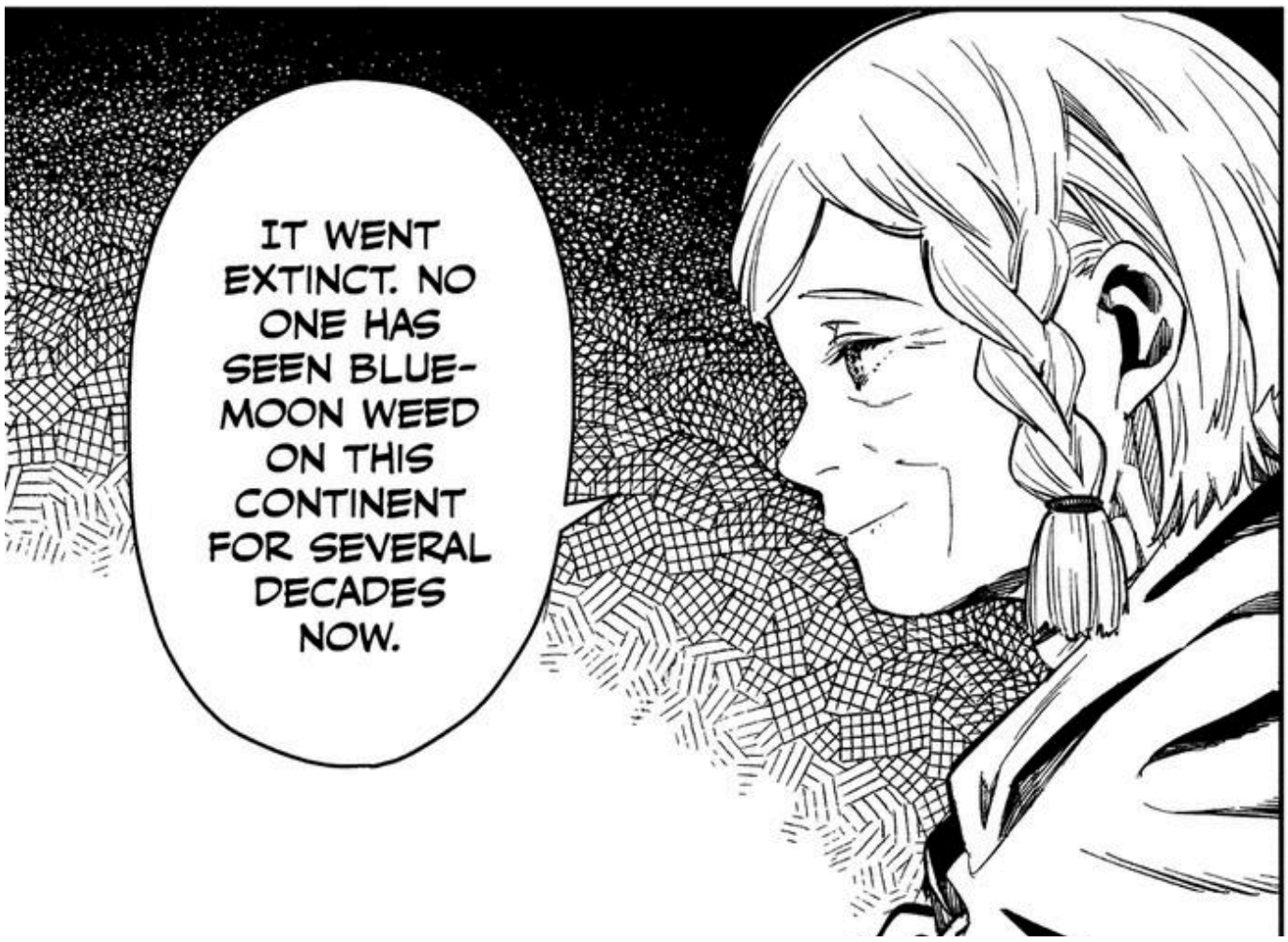


I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT NAME IN YEARS.



MUNCH MUNCH


IT USED TO GROW SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THAT FOREST TOO.

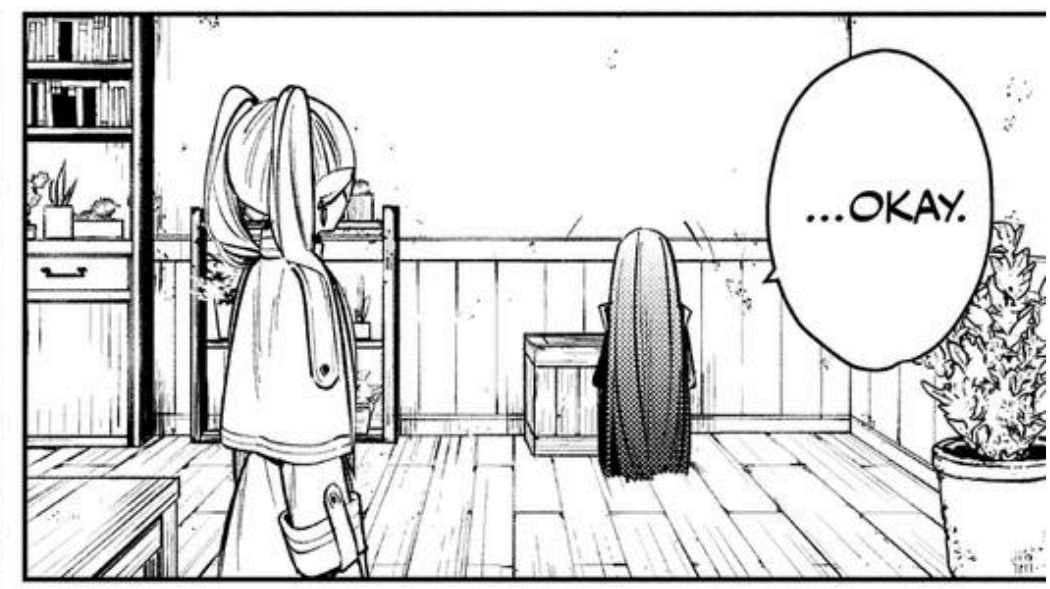

IT WENT EXTINCT. NO ONE HAS SEEN BLUE-MOON WEED ON THIS CONTINENT FOR SEVERAL DECADES NOW.

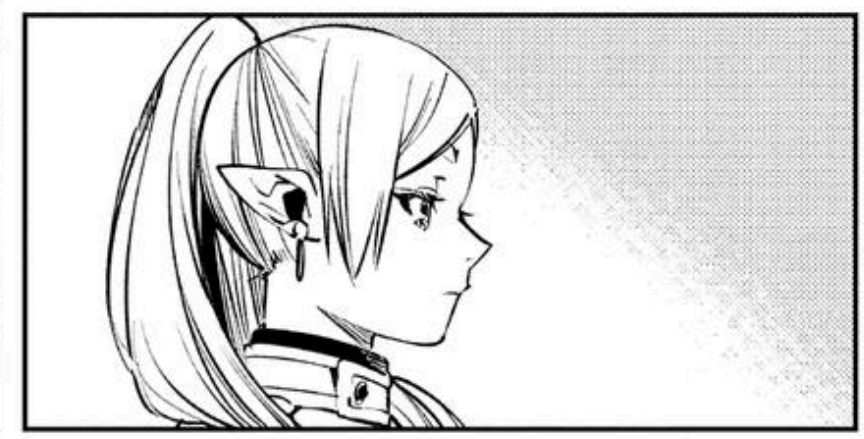
SO THERE ARE NONE AROUND ANYMORE?

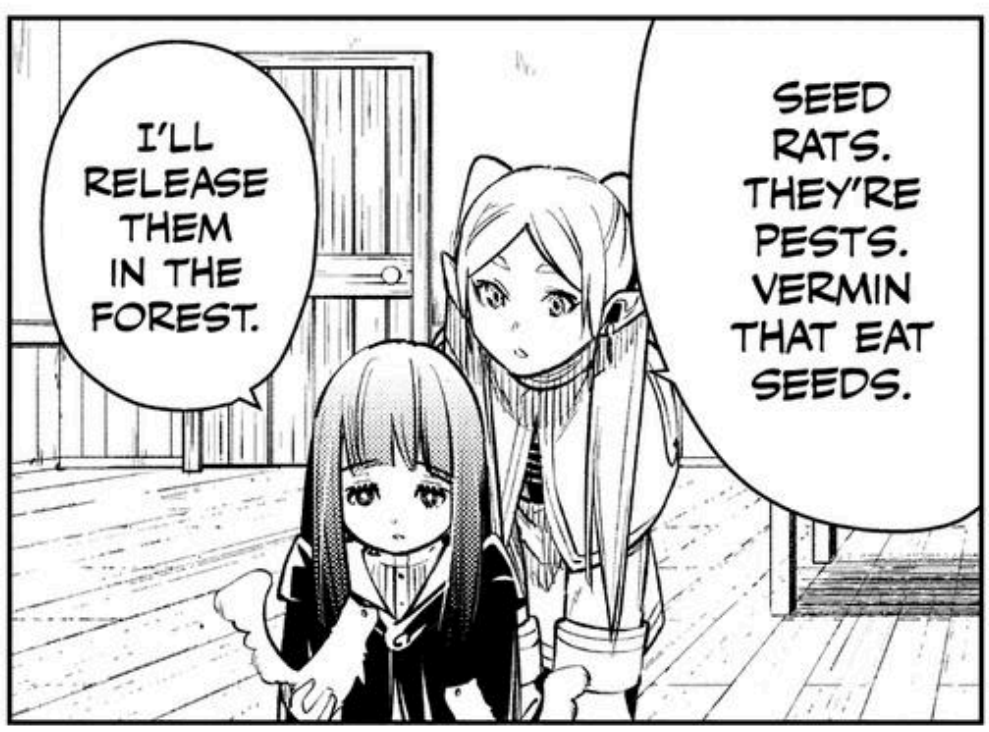
FERN, WE'RE LEAVING.

IS THAT SO?

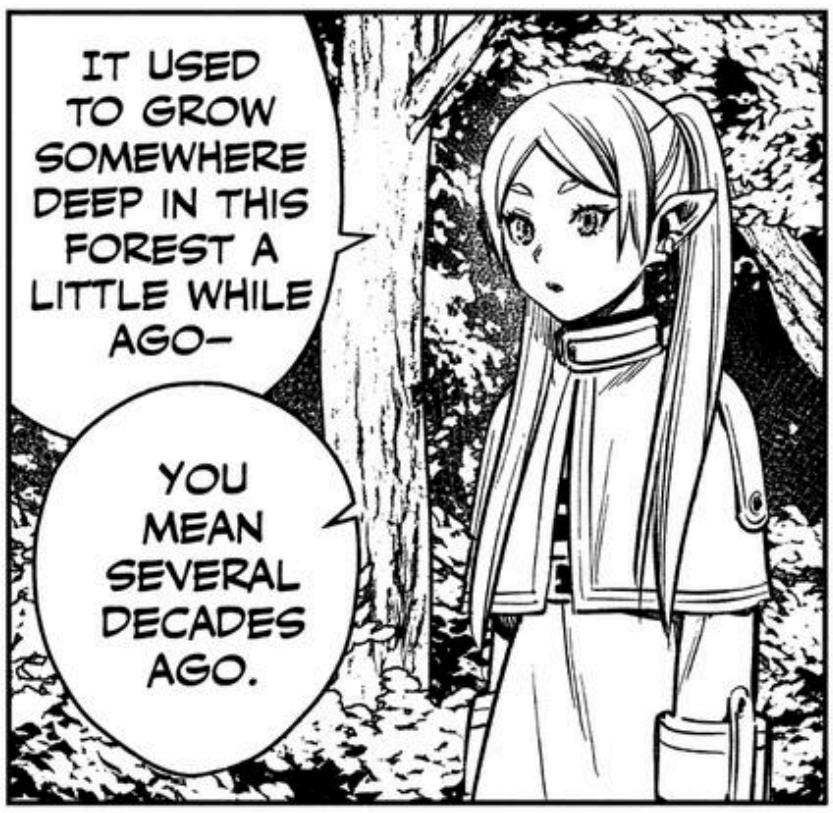
YOU'RE HIDING SOME-THING.
I WON'T GET MAD, BUT SHOW IT TO ME.

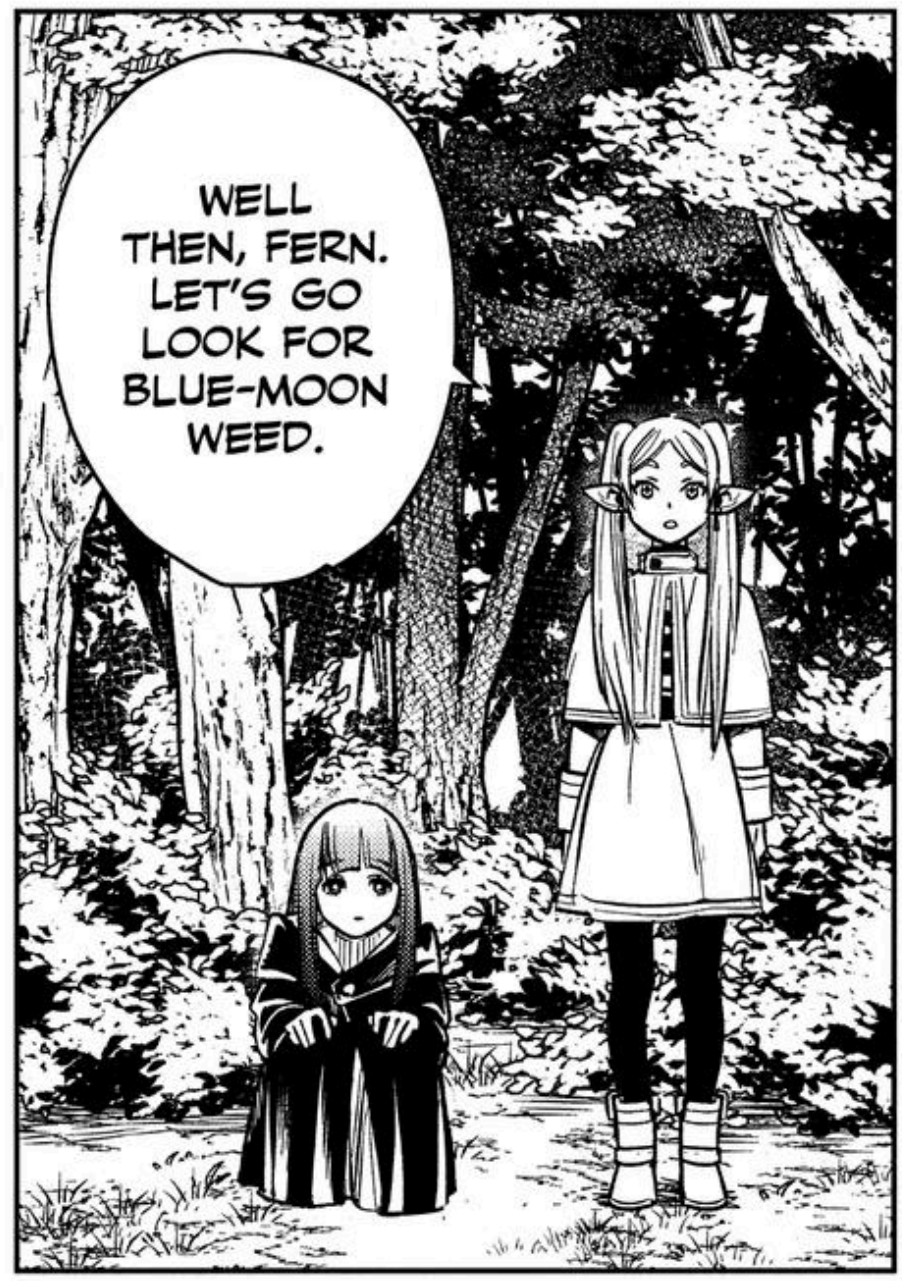

...OKAY.




I'LL RELEASE THEM IN THE FOREST.
SEED RATS. THEY'RE PESTS. VERMIN THAT EAT SEEDS.

ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?

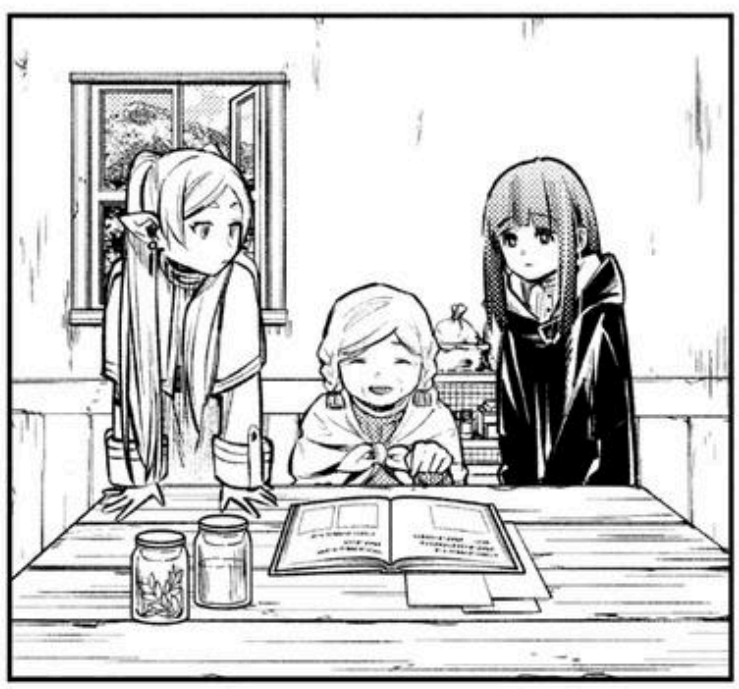

IT USED TO GROW SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THIS FOREST A LITTLE WHILE AGO–
YOU MEAN SEVERAL DECADES AGO.

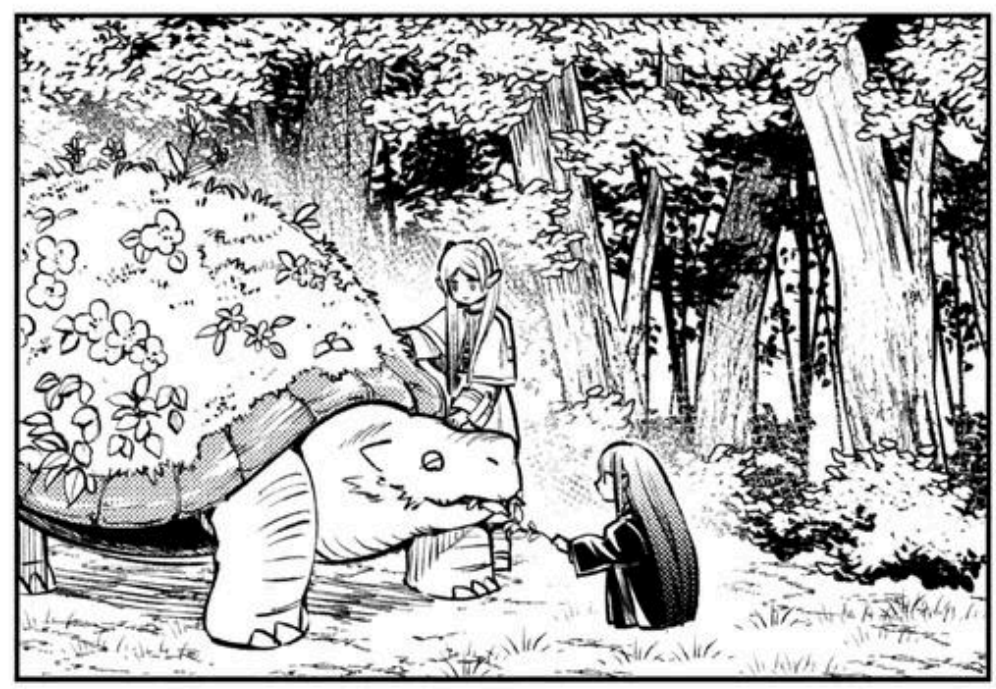

WELL THEN, FERN. LET'S GO LOOK FOR BLUE-MOON WEED.

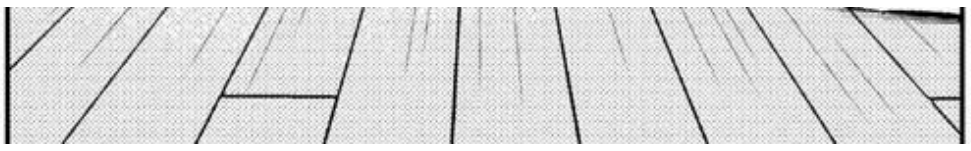
...WE CAN ACQUIRE THE MAGIC TO MAKE BLUE-MOON WEED BLOOM.
IF WE FIND AN ACTUAL LIVING ONE AND ANALYZE IT...
BUT IT'S WORTH LOOKING.

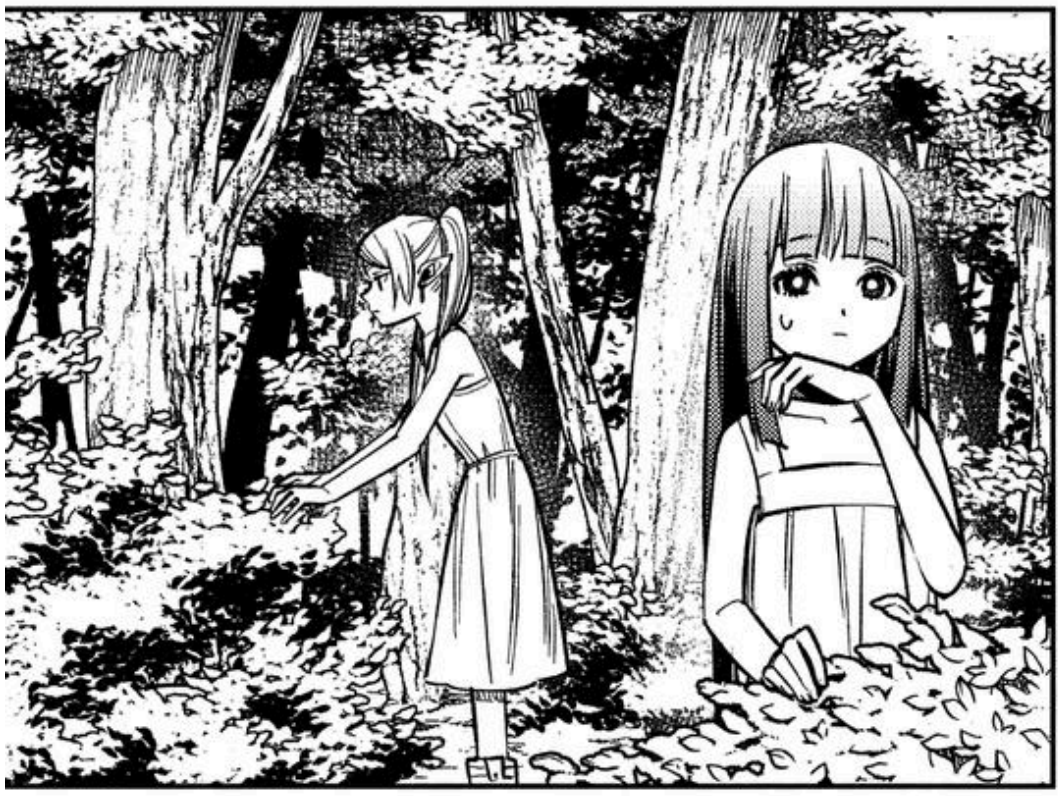
NO, I BELIEVE I'M DOING IT FOR MYSELF.

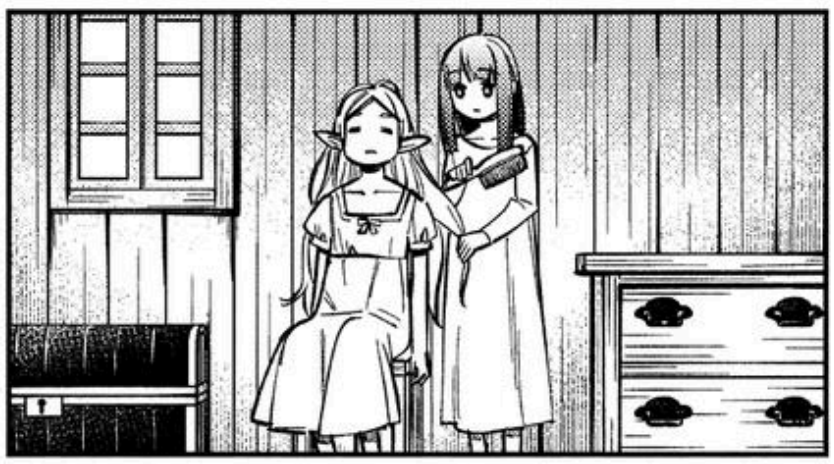
ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR MASTER HIMMEL?

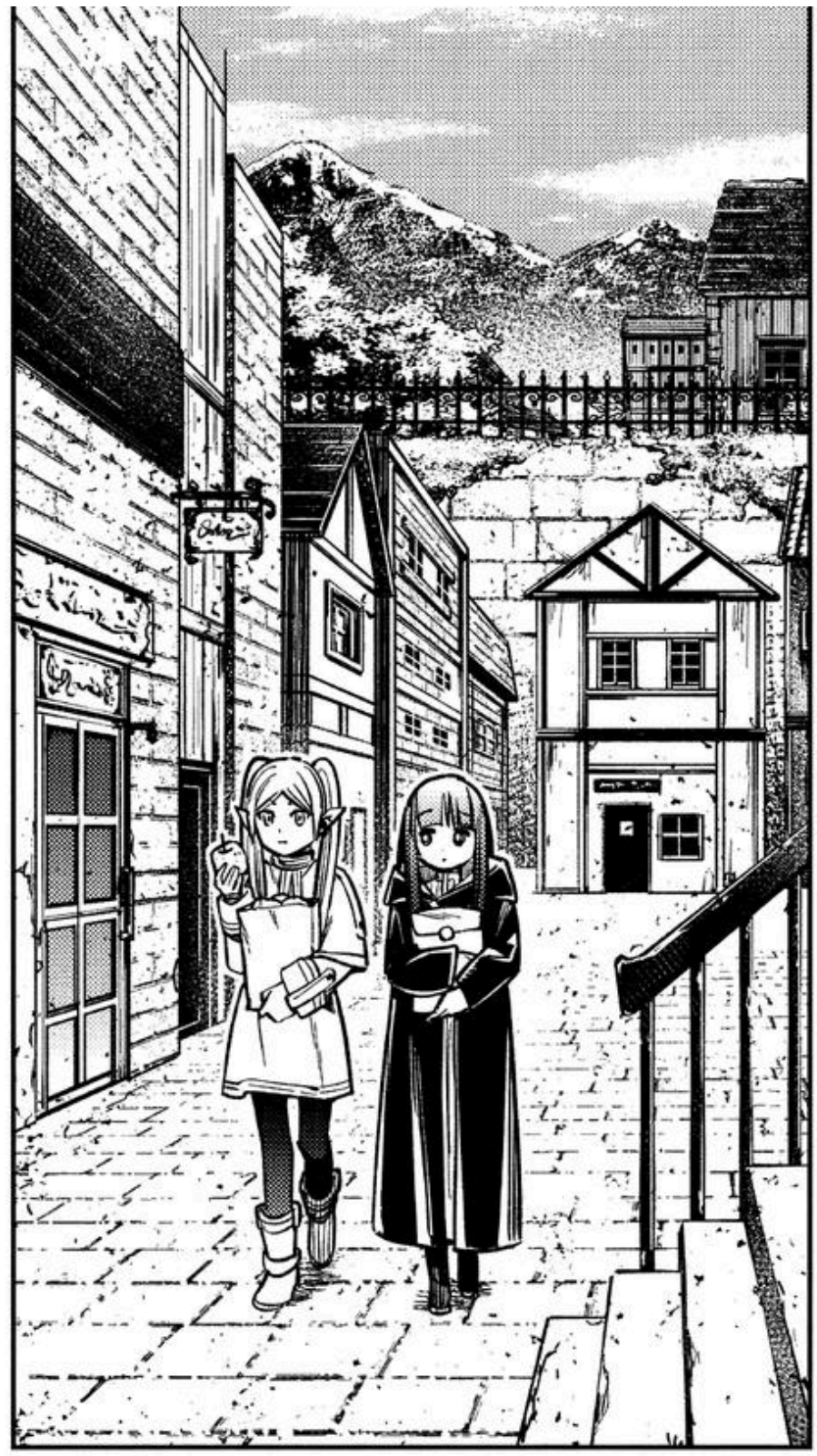


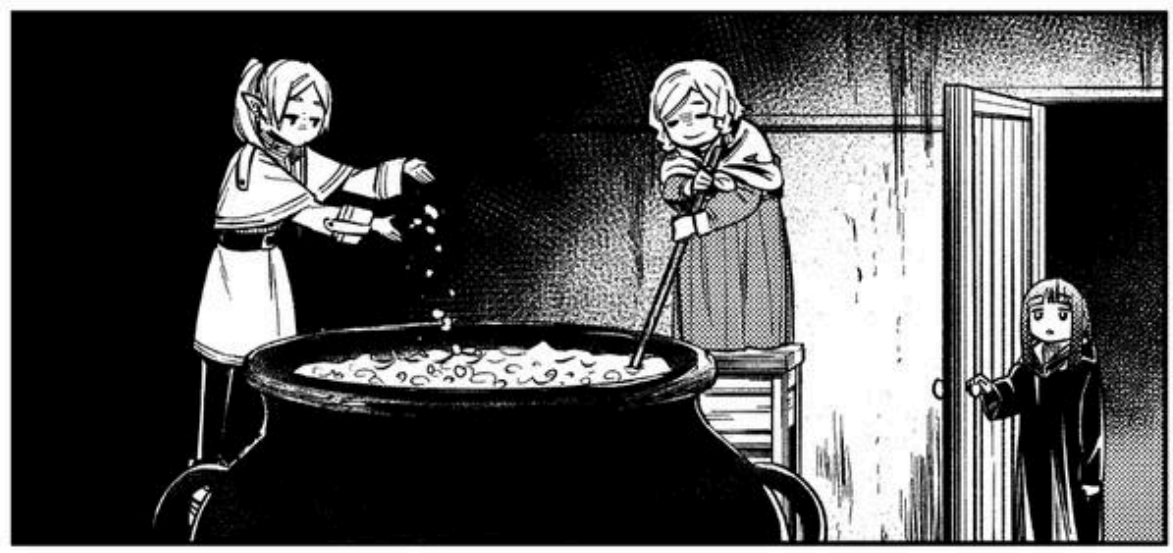


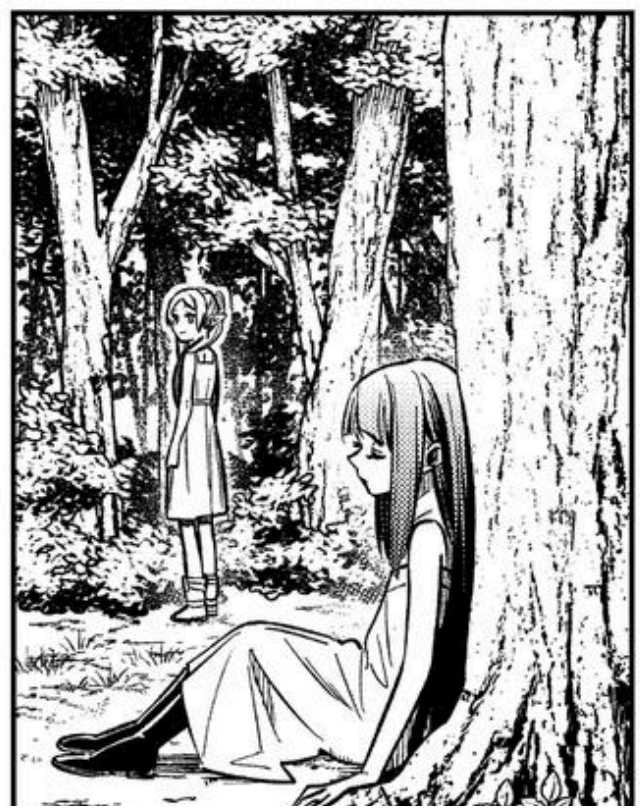


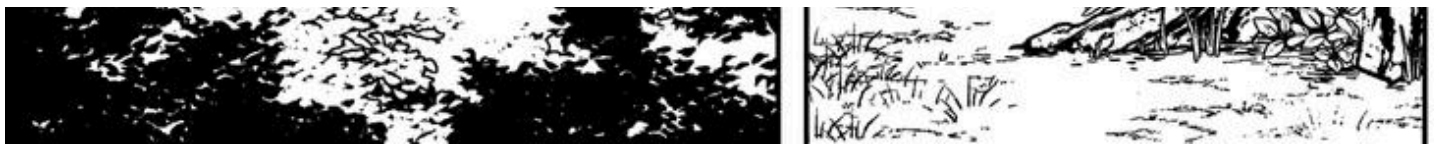


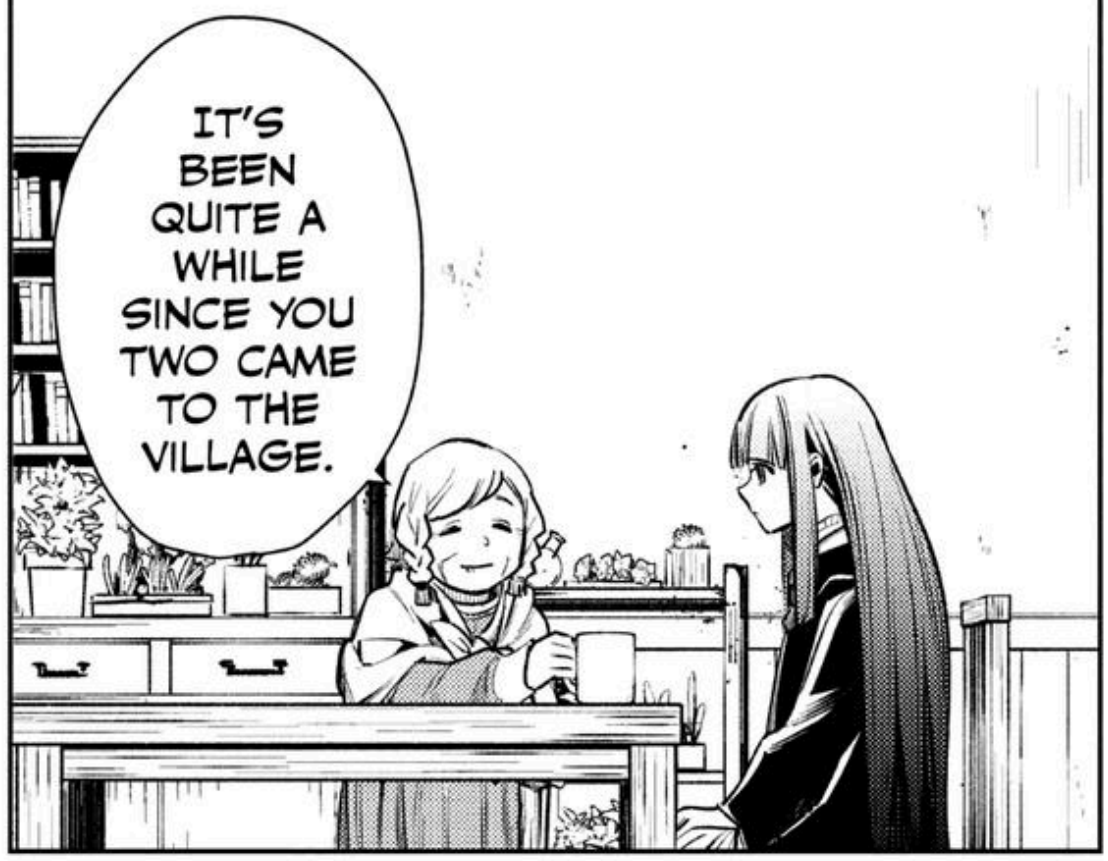











IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE YOU TWO CAME TO THE VILLAGE.

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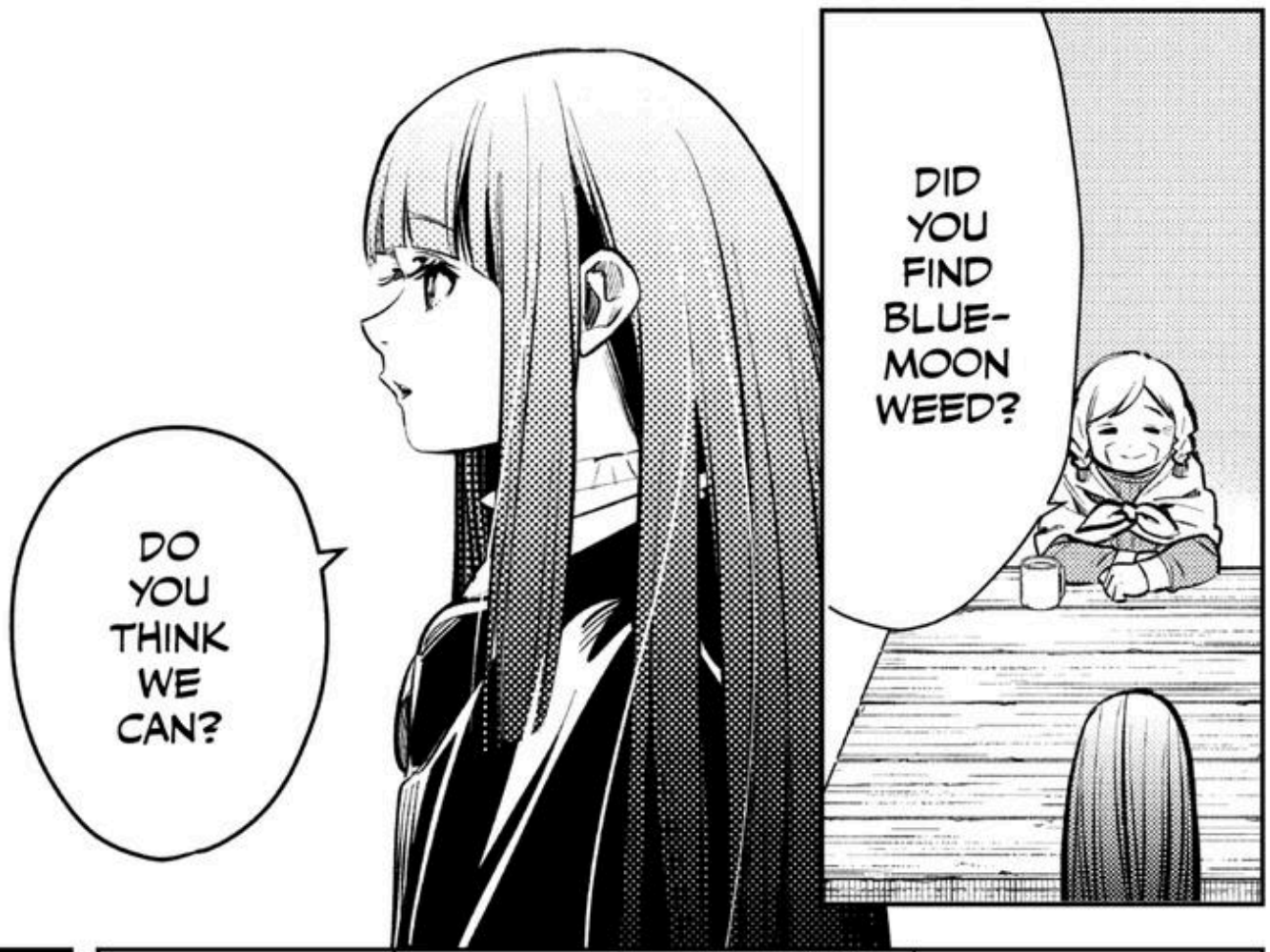
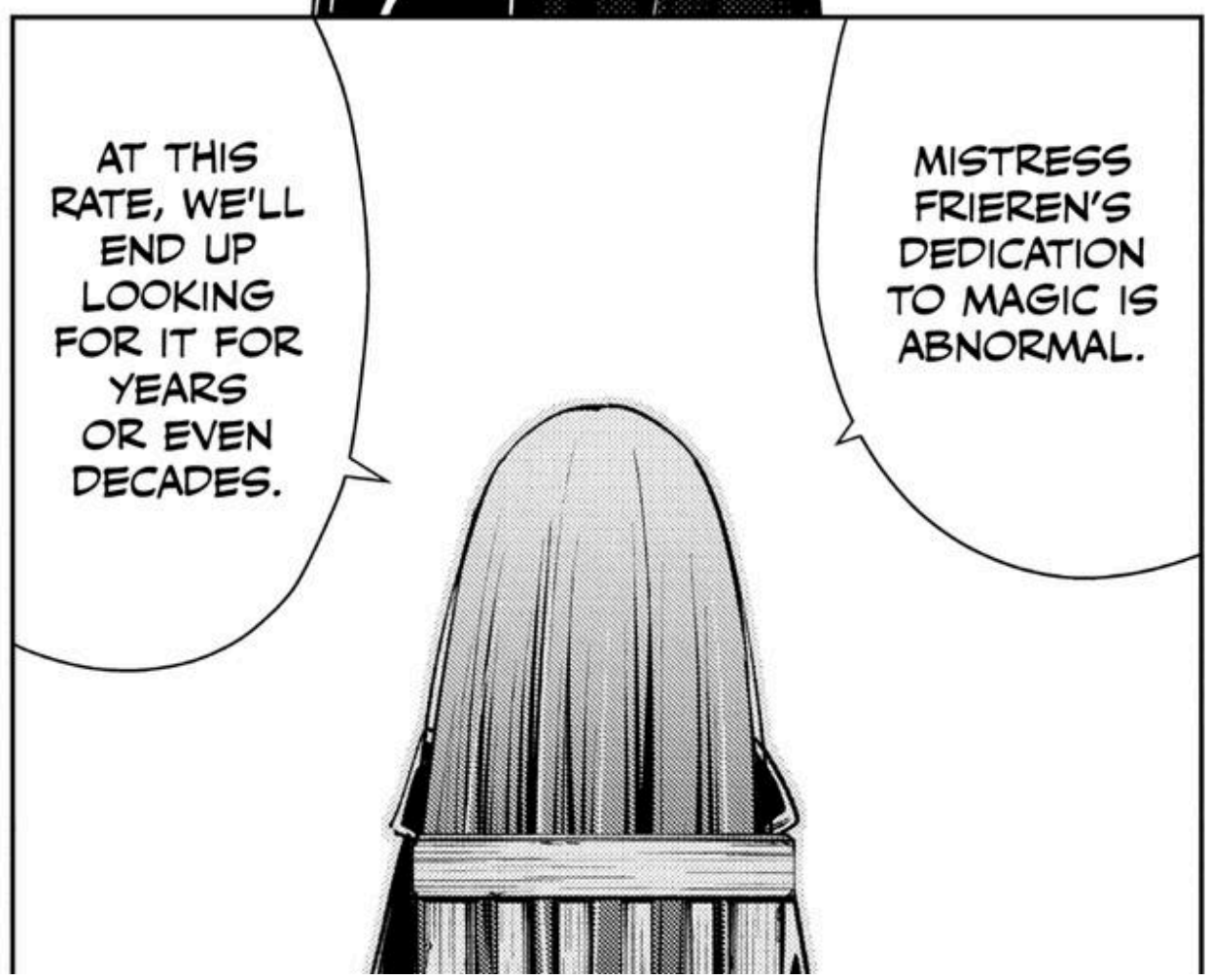
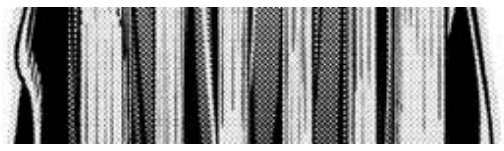
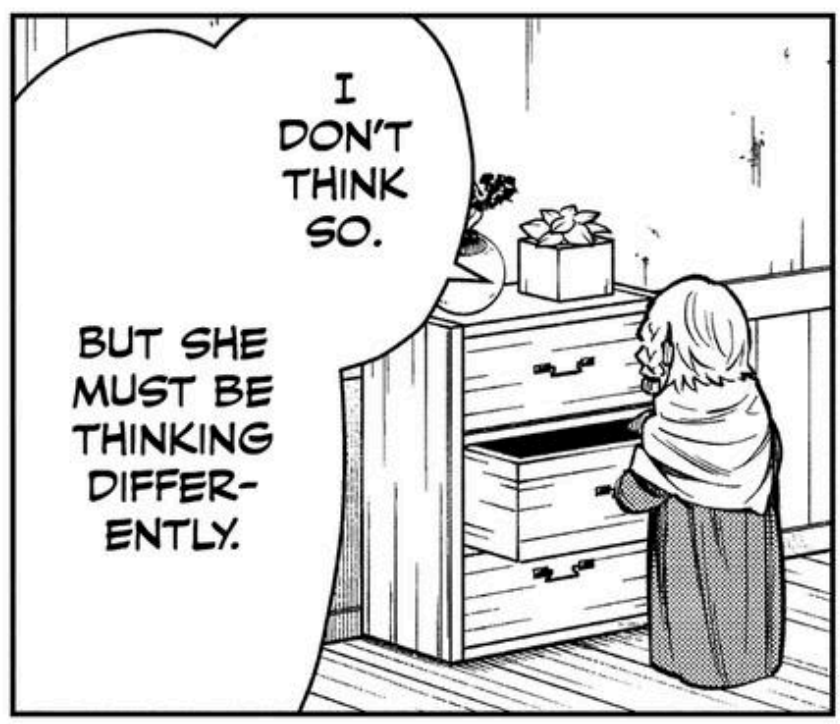
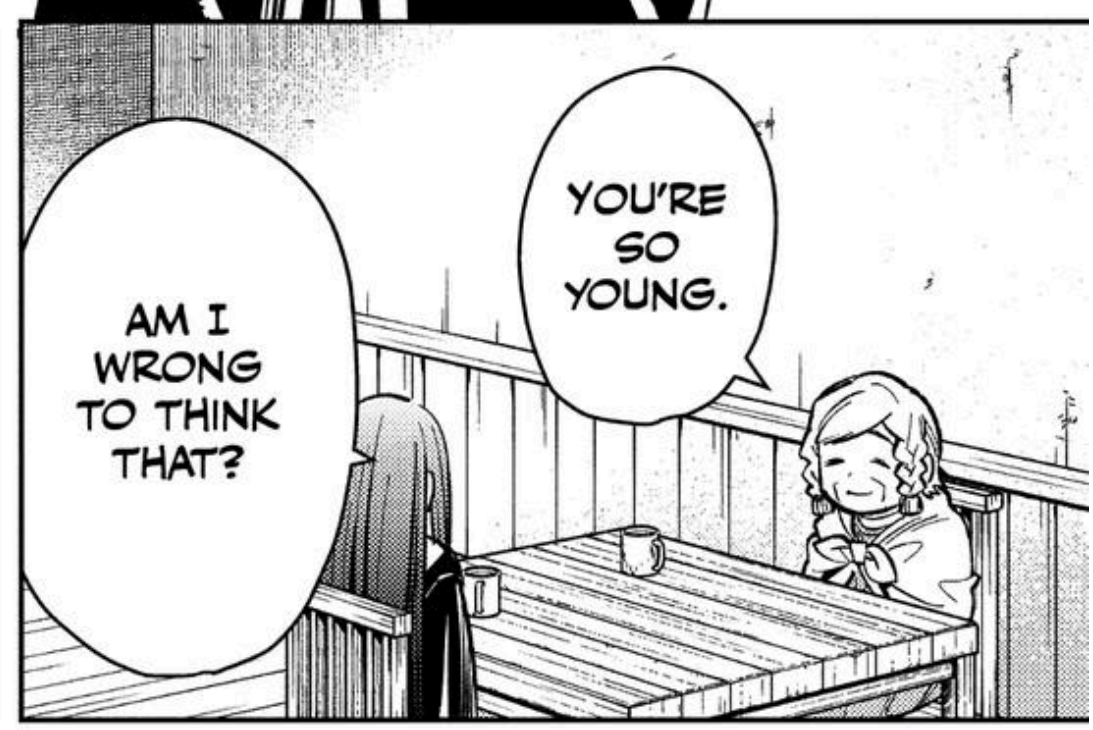

DO YOU THINK WE CAN?
DID YOU FIND BLUE-MOON WEED?


AT THIS RATE, WE'LL END UP LOOKING FOR IT FOR YEARS OR EVEN DECADES.
MISTRESS FRIEREN'S DEDICATION TO MAGIC IS ABNORMAL.



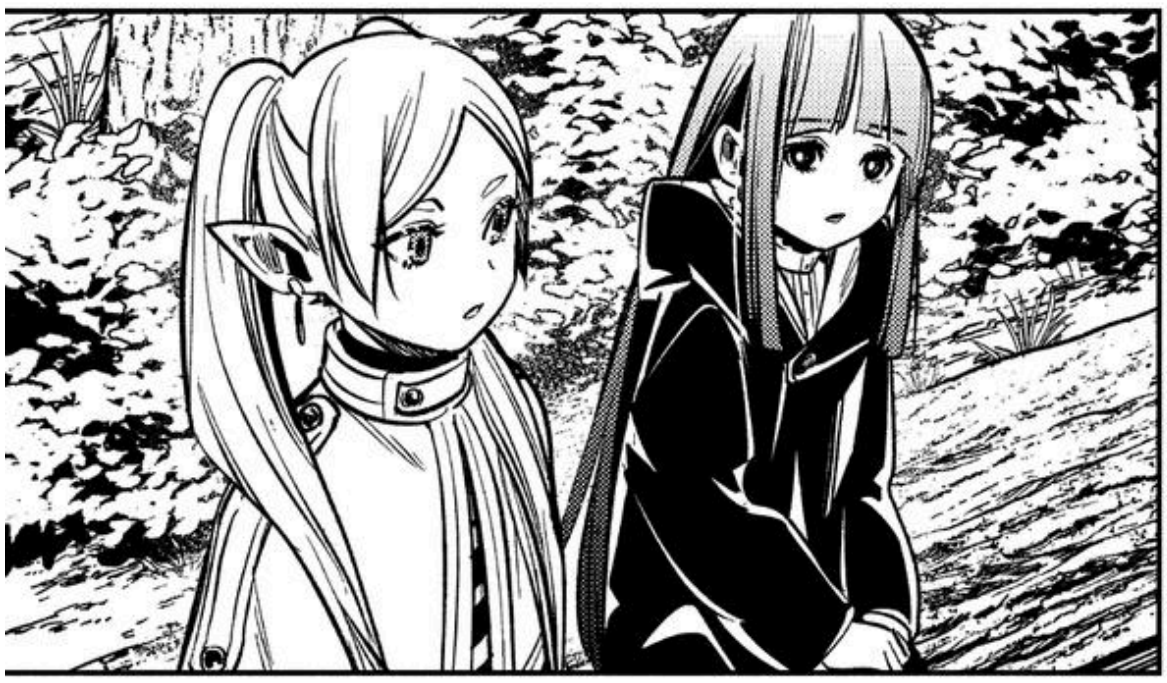
IT'S UNACCEPT-ABLE THAT SHE'S WASTING HER TIME ON SOMETHING THAT MIGHT NOT EVEN EXIST.
MISTRESS FRIEREN HAS THE POWER TO SAVE MANY PEOPLE.

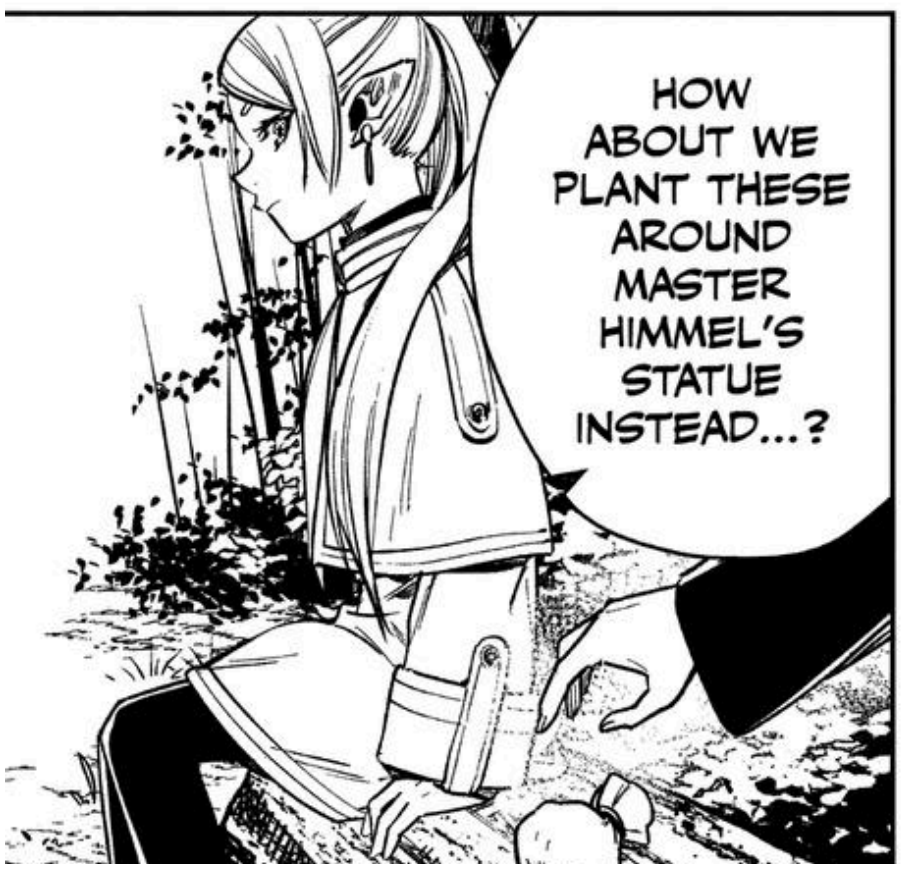

I DON'T THINK SO.
BUT SHE MUST BE THINKING DIFFER-ENTLY.

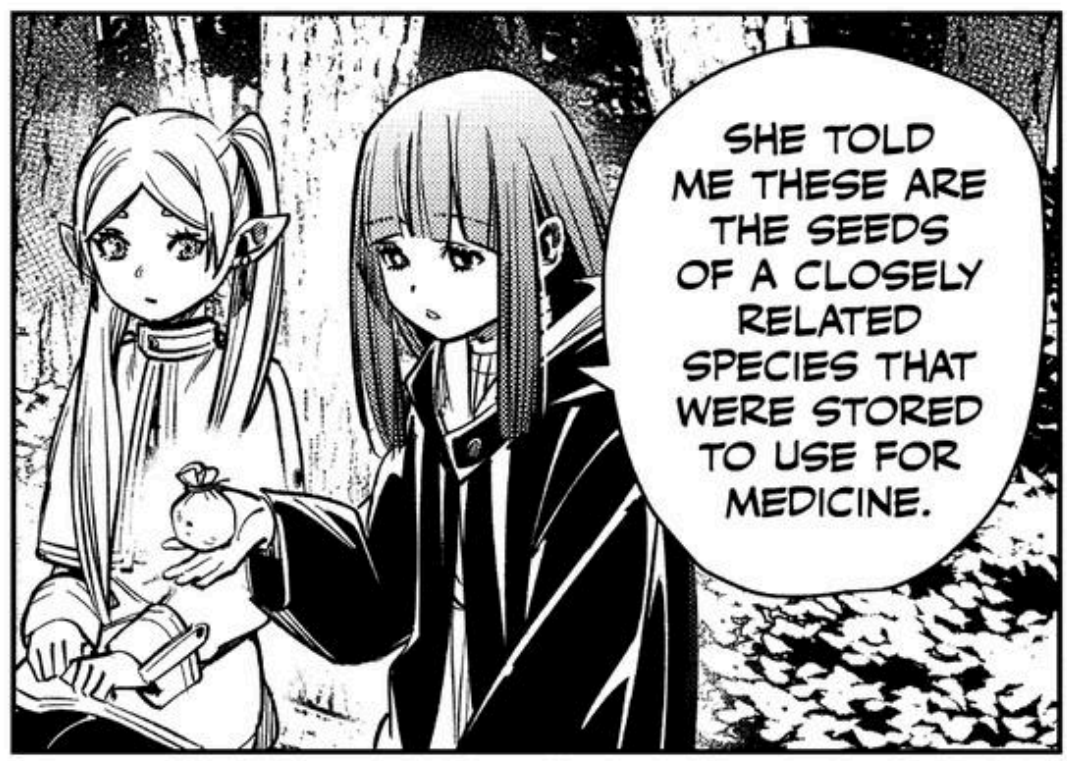

AM I WRONG TO THINK THAT?
YOU'RE SO YOUNG.

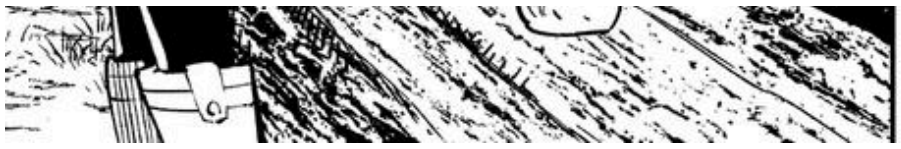
...I'M SURE SHE'LL UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL IF YOU TELL HER HONESTLY.

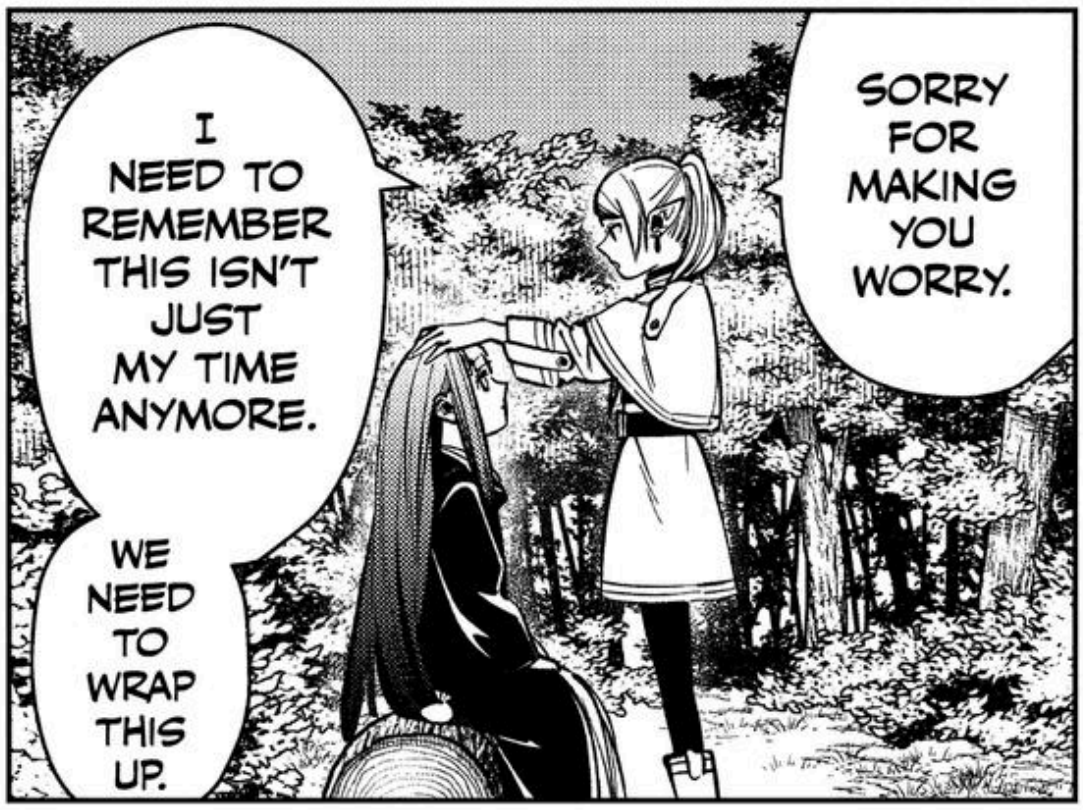
AND SHE'S MUCH OLDER AND MORE MATURE THAN WE ARE SO...




HOW ABOUT WE PLANT THESE AROUND MASTER HIMMEL'S STATUE INSTEAD...?


SHE TOLD ME THESE ARE THE SEEDS OF A CLOSELY RELATED SPECIES THAT WERE STORED TO USE FOR MEDICINE.




I NEED TO REMEMBER THIS ISN'T JUST MY TIME ANYMORE.
WE NEED TO WRAP THIS UP.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

I UNDER-STAND, FERN.

WE'LL JUST LOOK A LITTLE LONGER. THEN WE CAN GIVE UP.

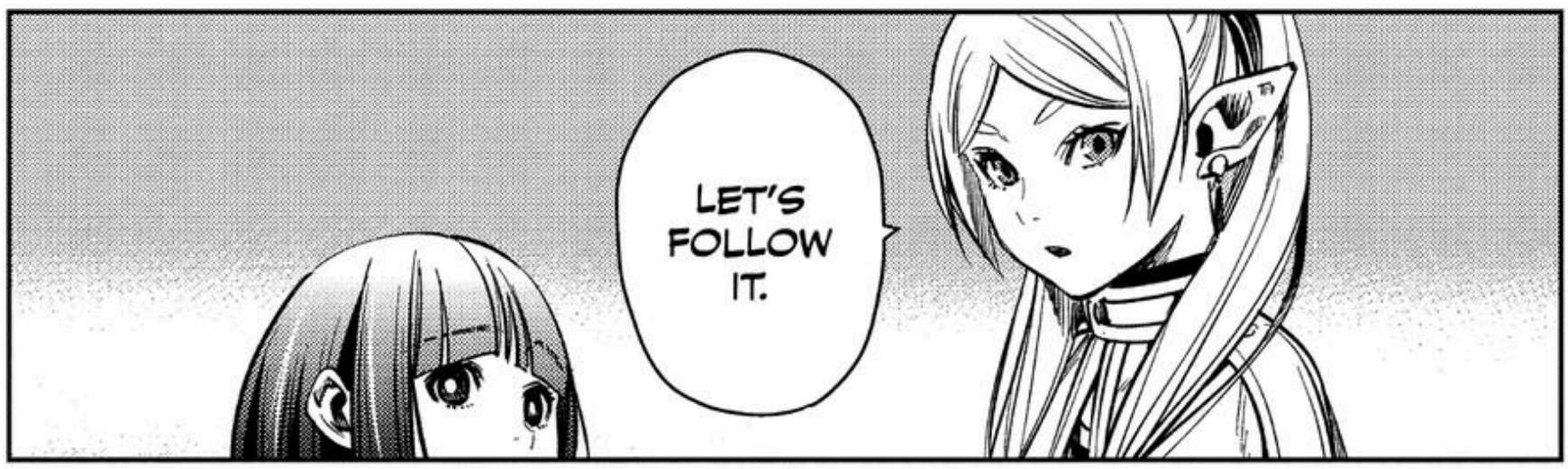
YOU REALLY NEVER GIVE U–

HOW MANY YEARS WOULD BE "A LITTLE LONGER"?
JUST A LITTLE MORE.

USH

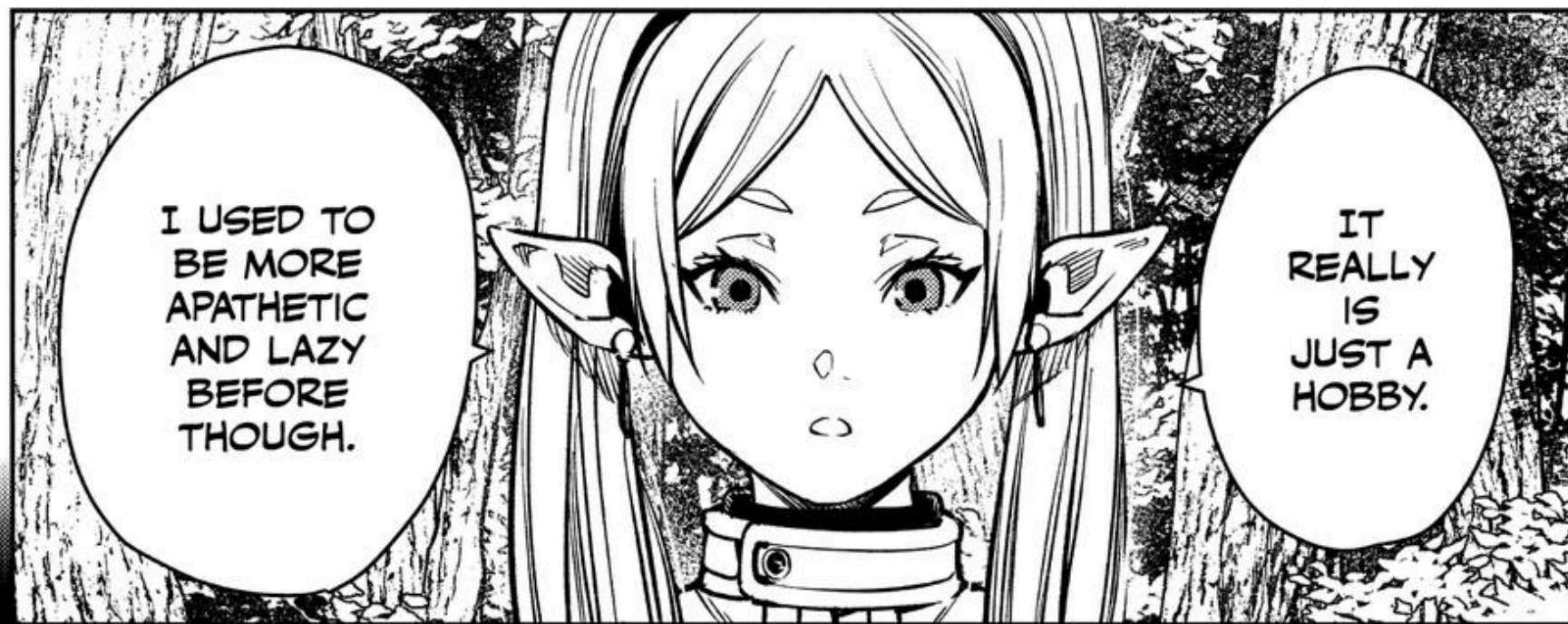
GLANCE

AH...

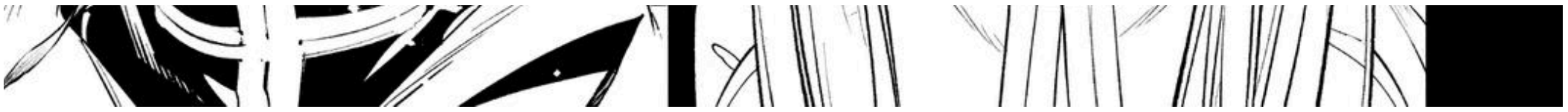

LET'S FOLLOW IT.

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT.

WHAT ARE YOU GATHERING MAGIC FOR?
IT'S JUST A HOBBY OF MINE.

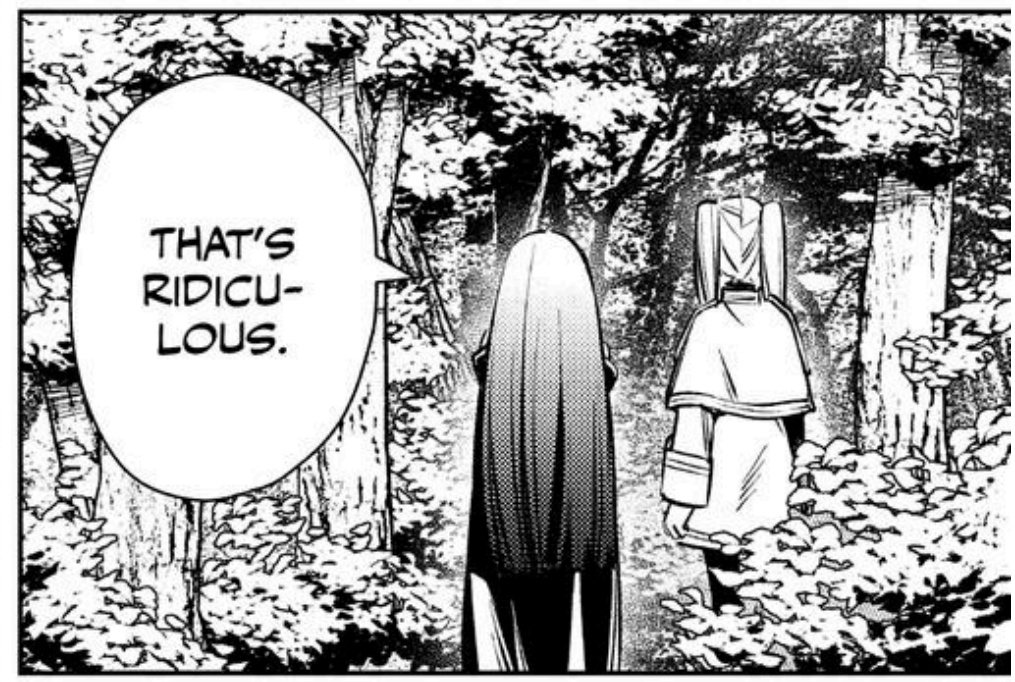

I USED TO BE MORE APATHETIC AND LAZY BEFORE THOUGH.
IT REALLY IS JUST A HOBBY.

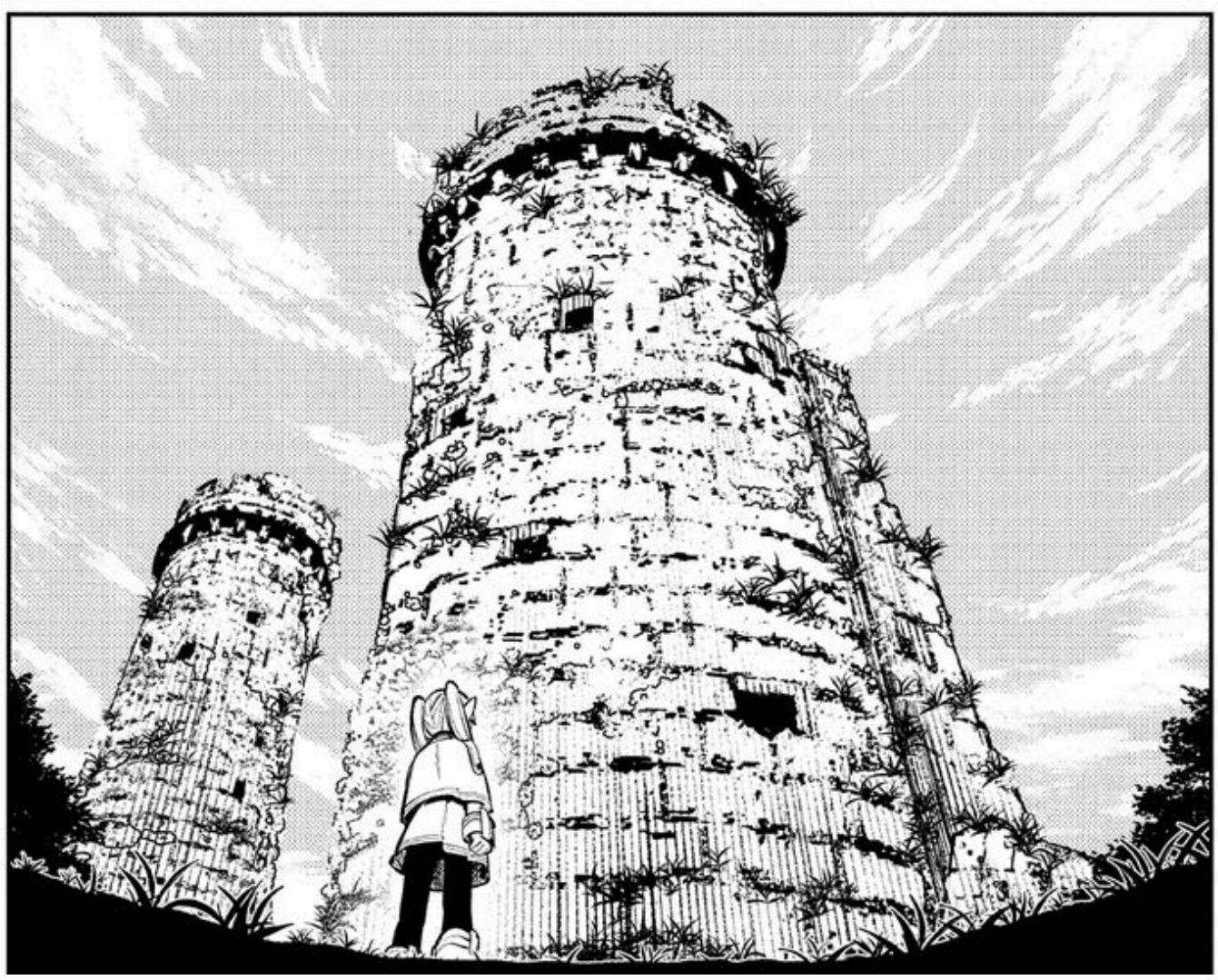
Pom
Ha ha ha
Tee hee hee
Those two...

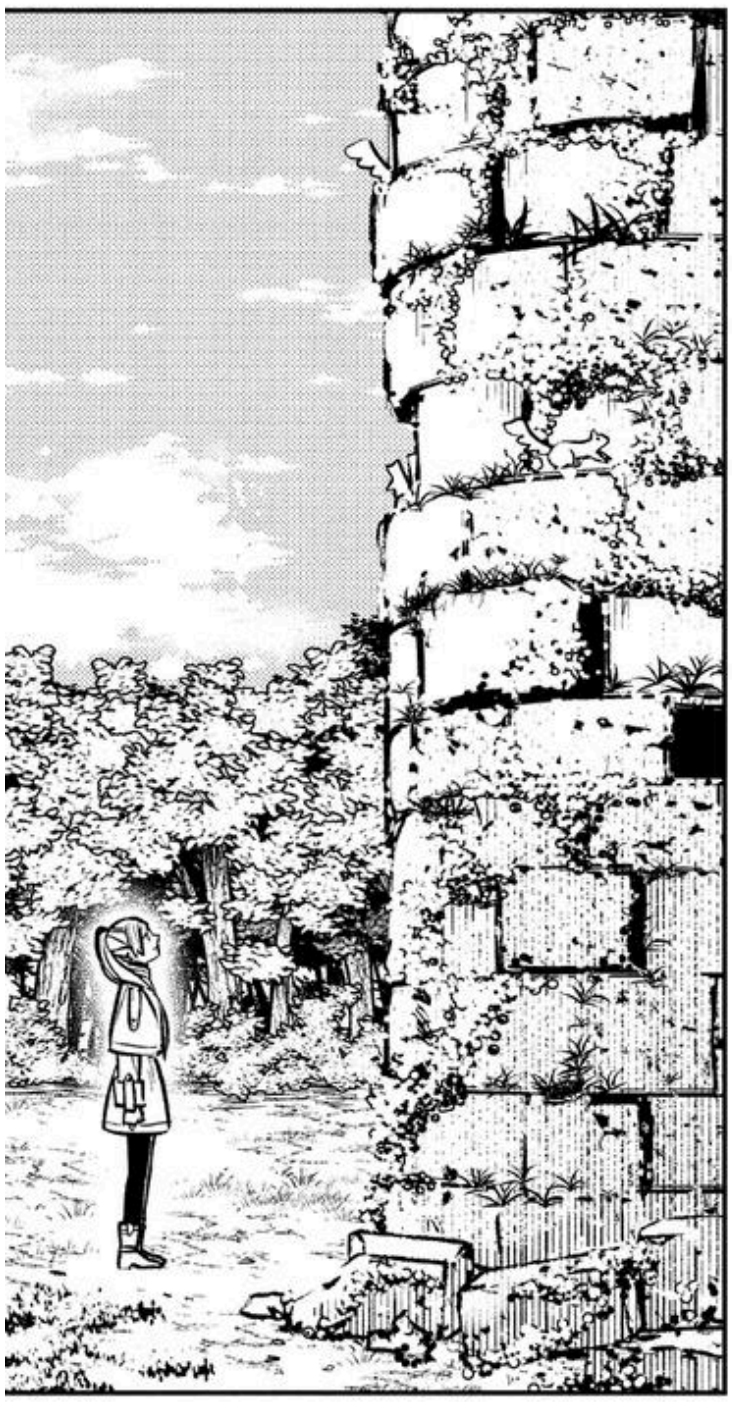


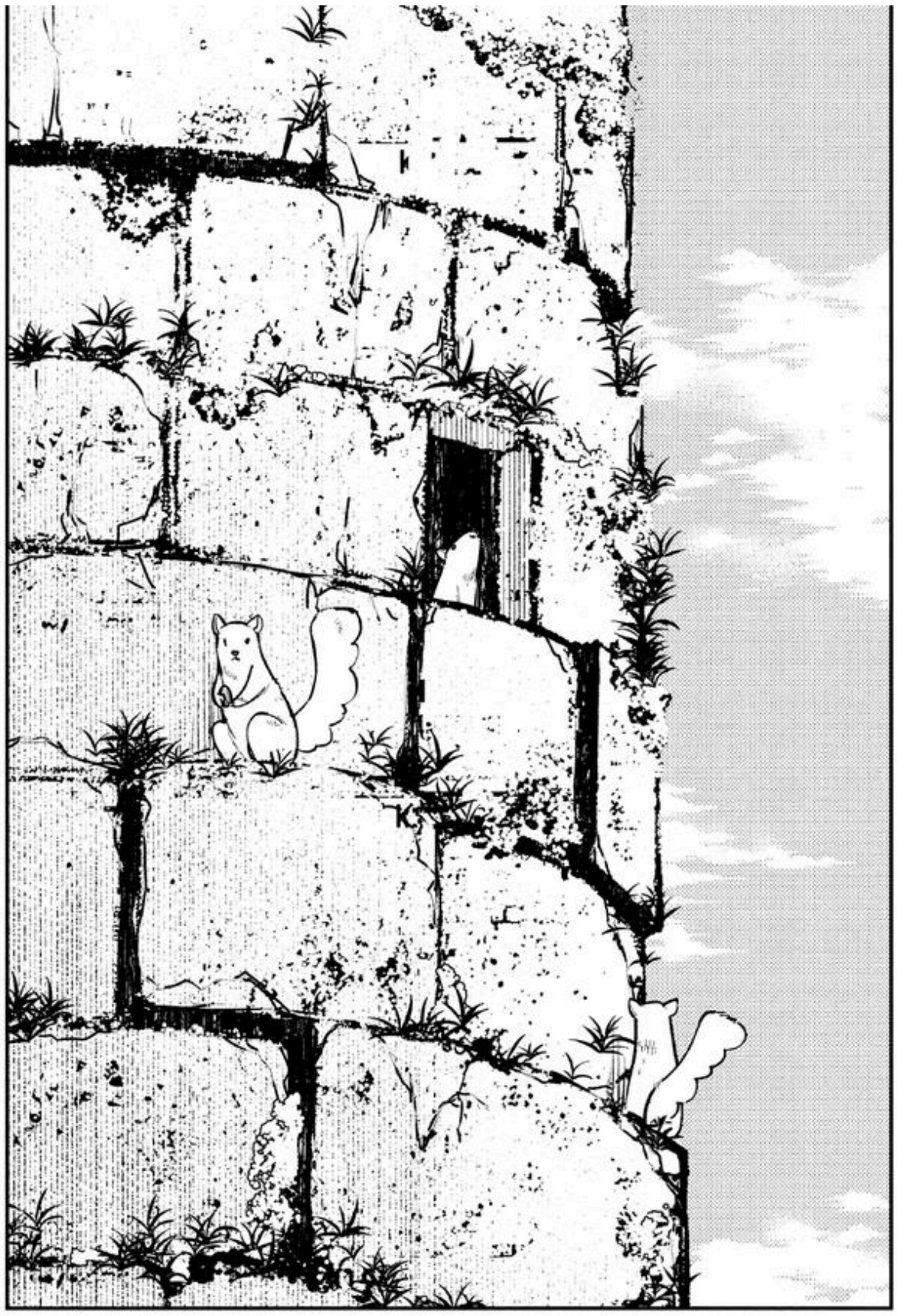
THERE WAS A FOOL WHO USED TO PRAISE ME FOR THE MAGIC I ACQUIRED.
THAT'S ALL.

I AGREE.

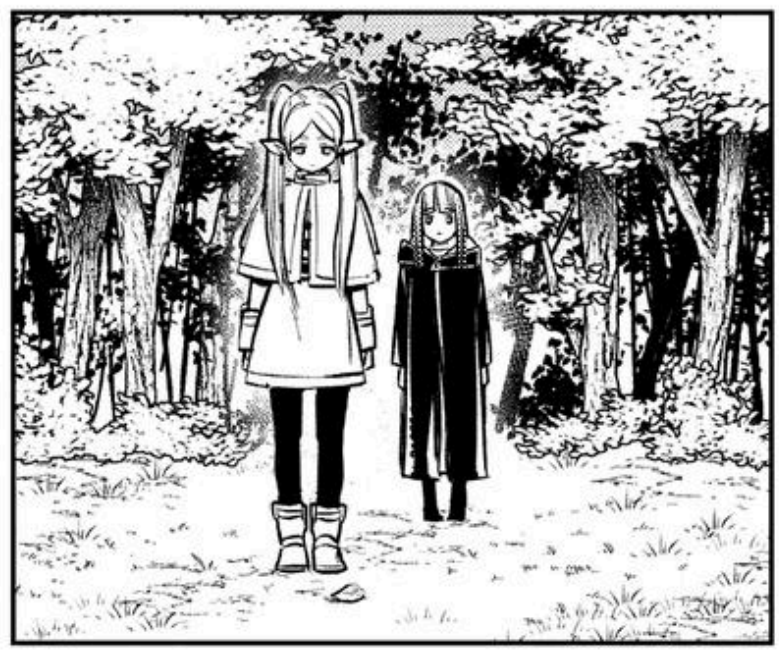

THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.

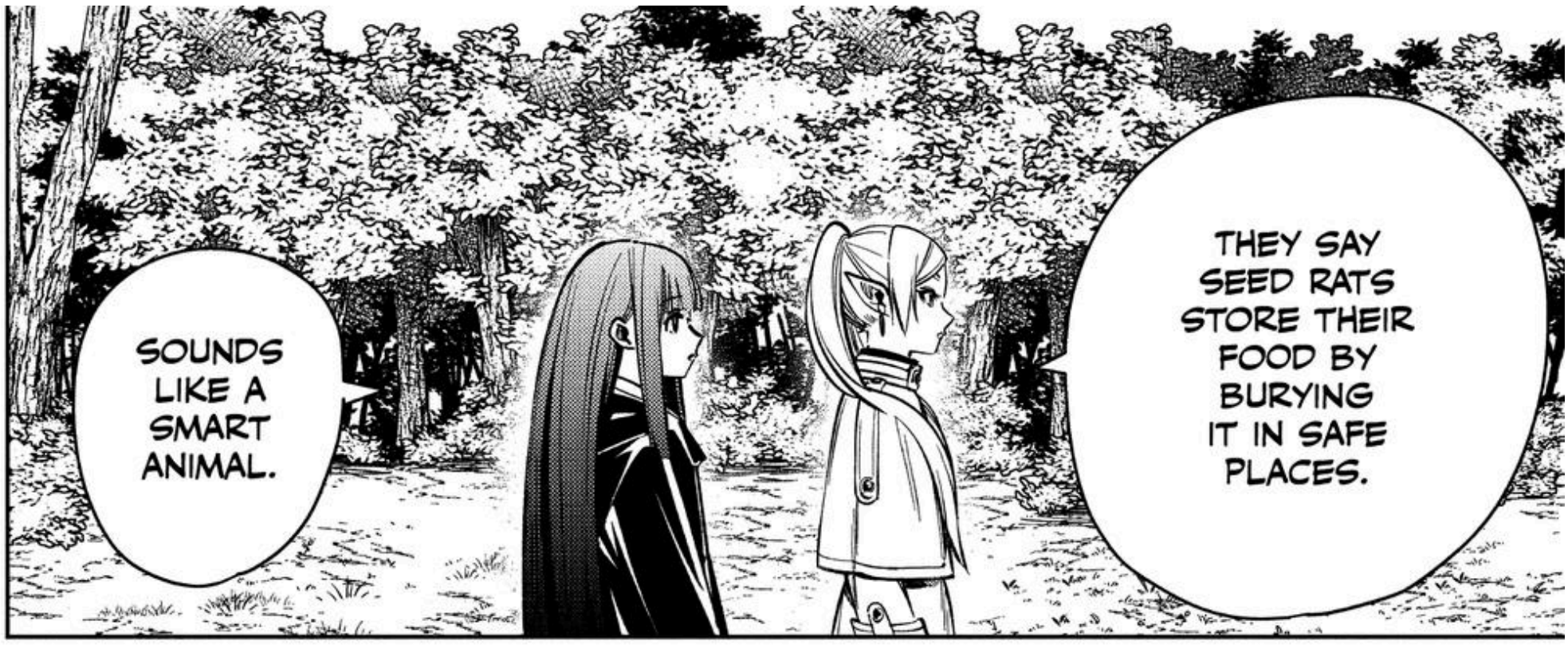


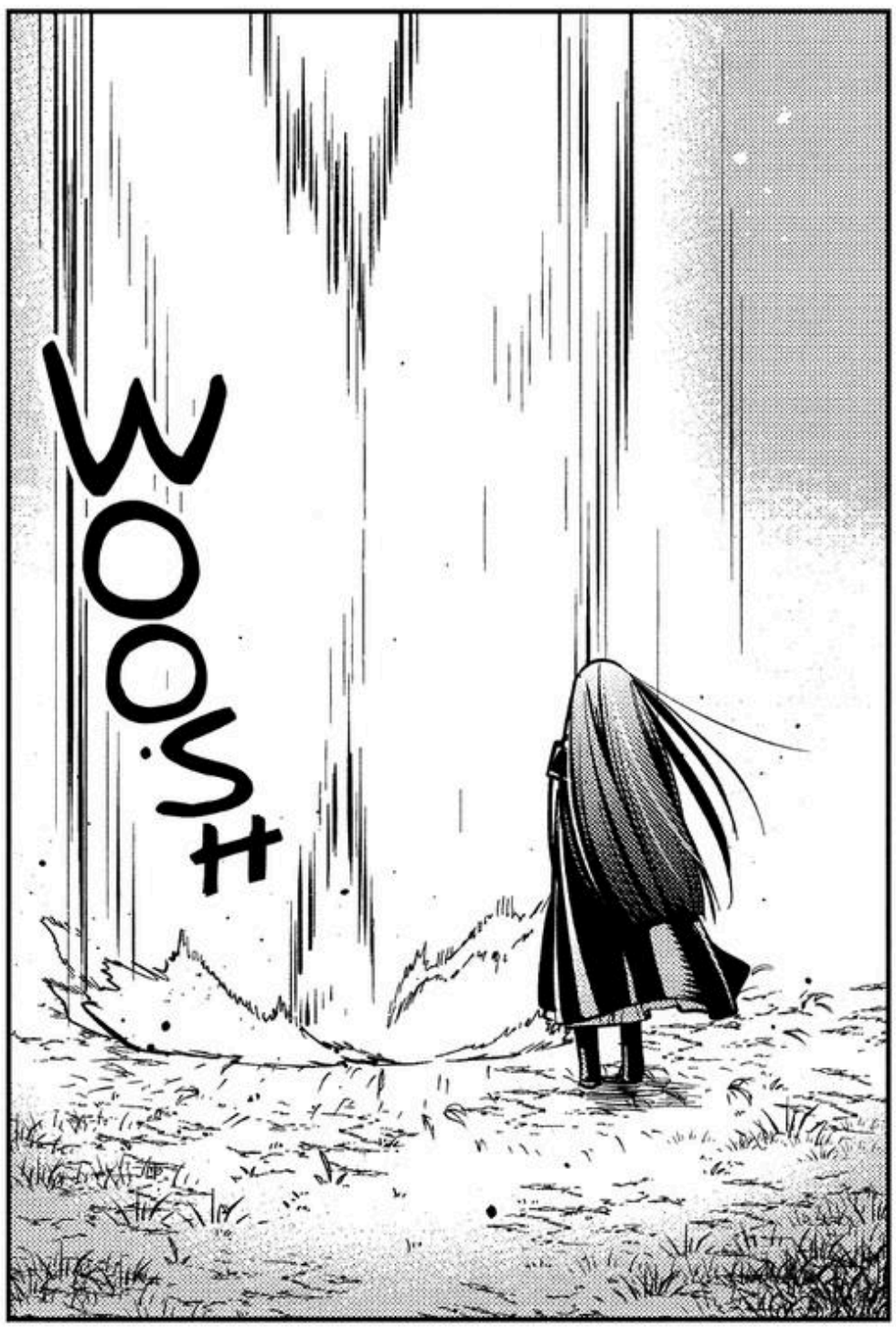


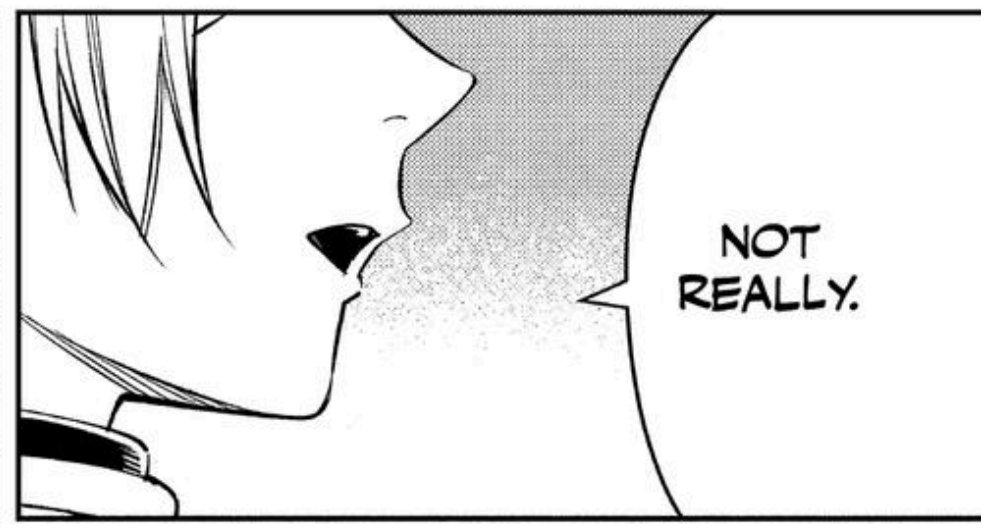


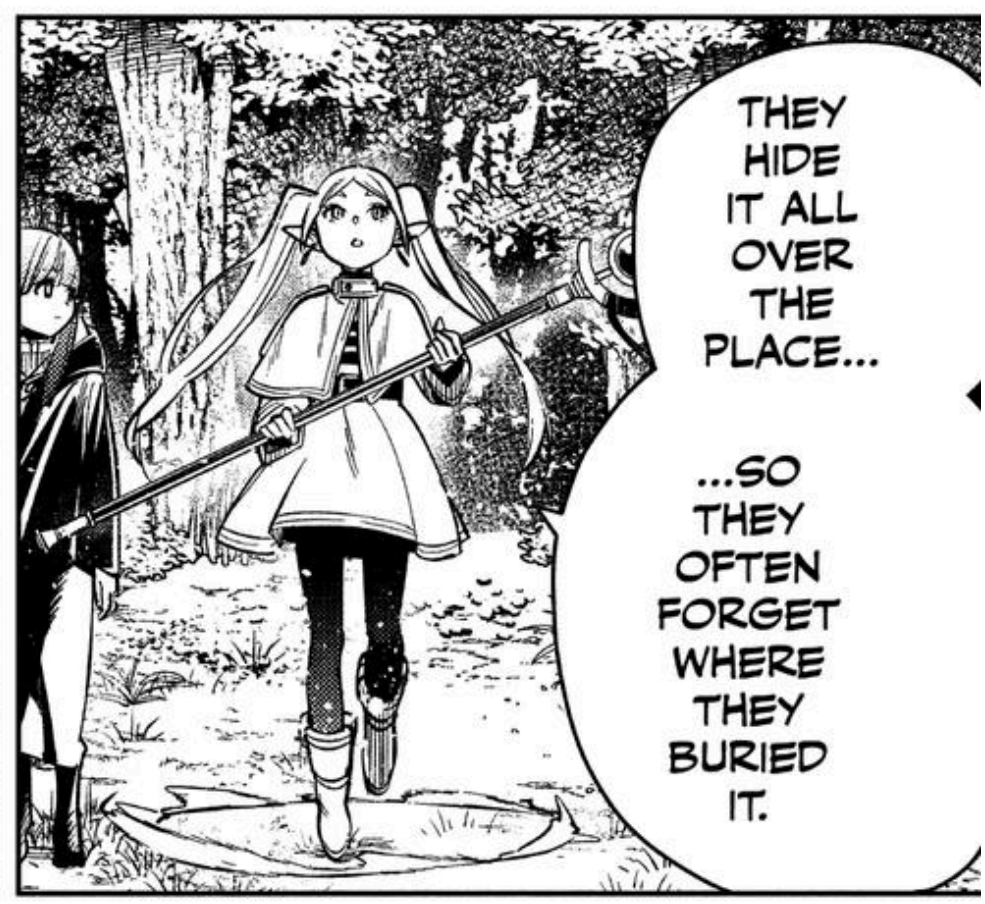
A FLOWER PETAL.
THAT'S ...

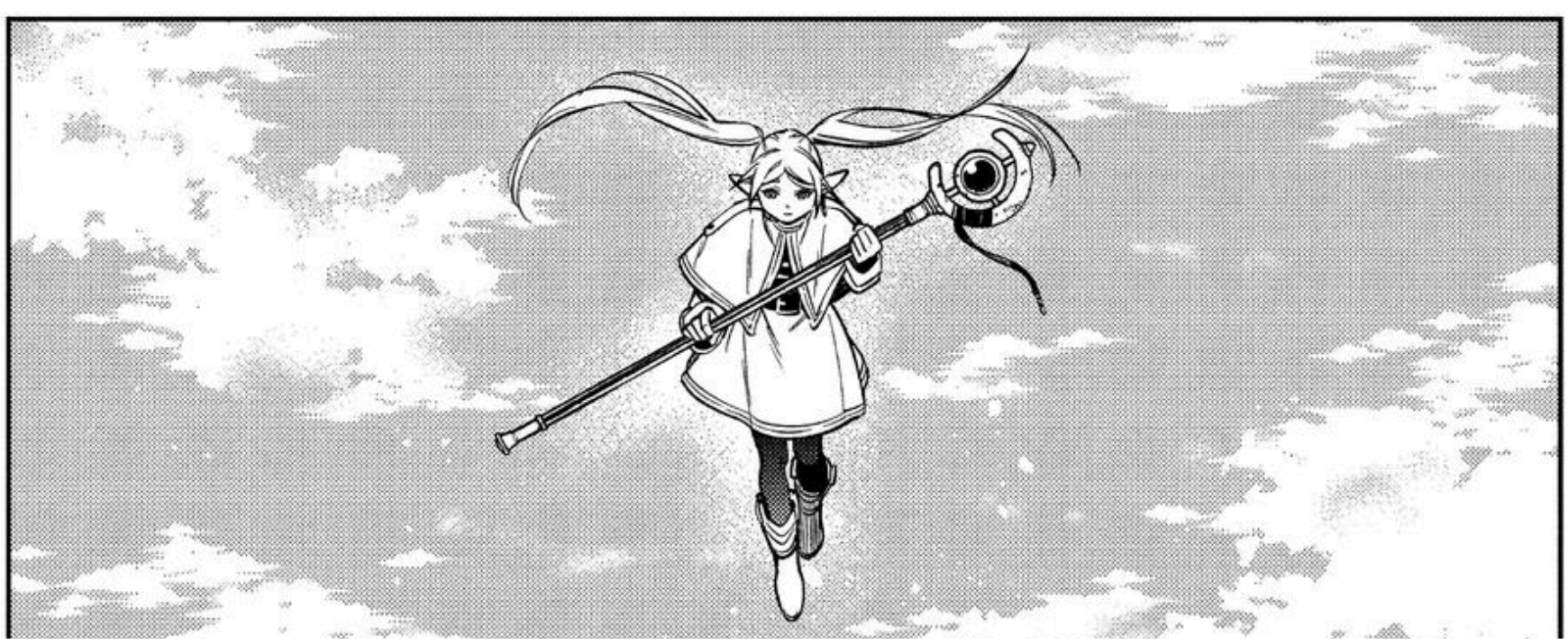


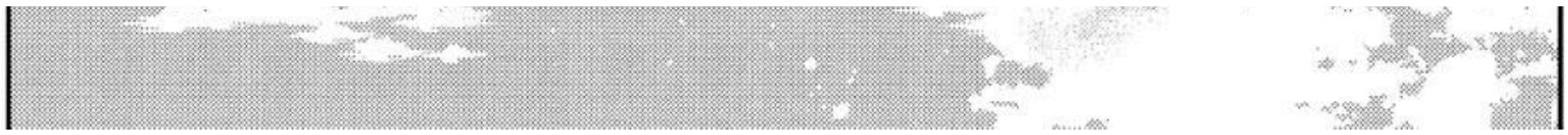

SOUNDS LIKE A SMART ANIMAL.
THEY SAY SEED RATS STORE THEIR FOOD BY BURYING IT IN SAFE PLACES.

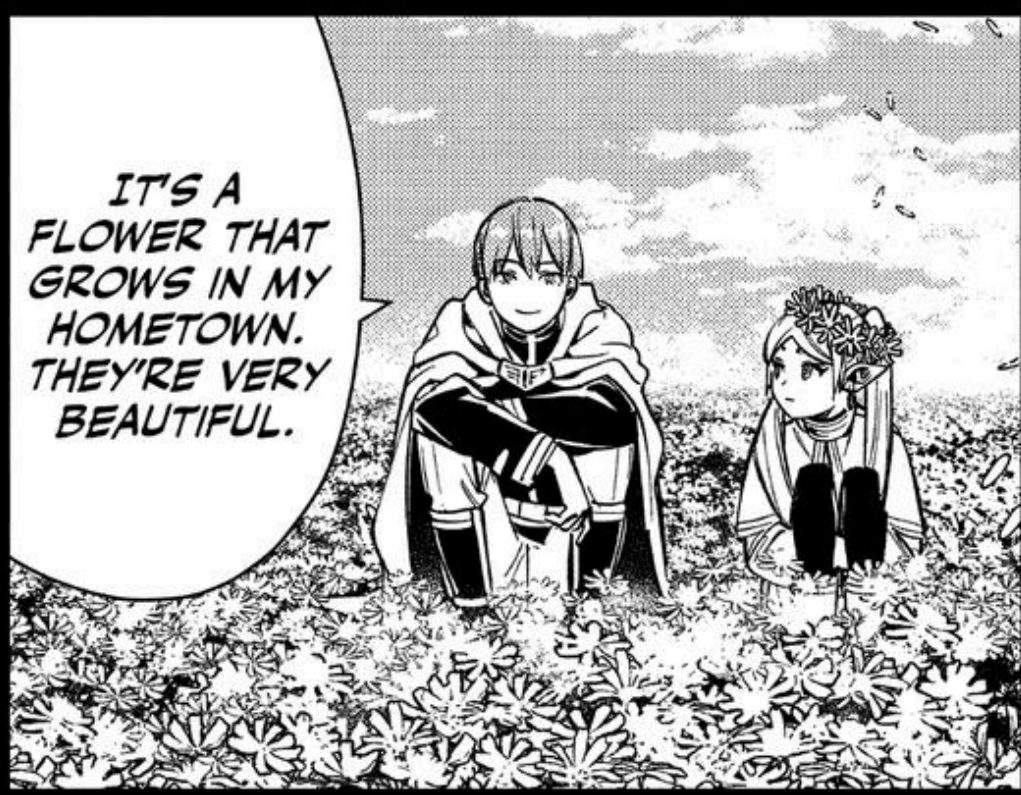

WOOSH


NOT REALLY.

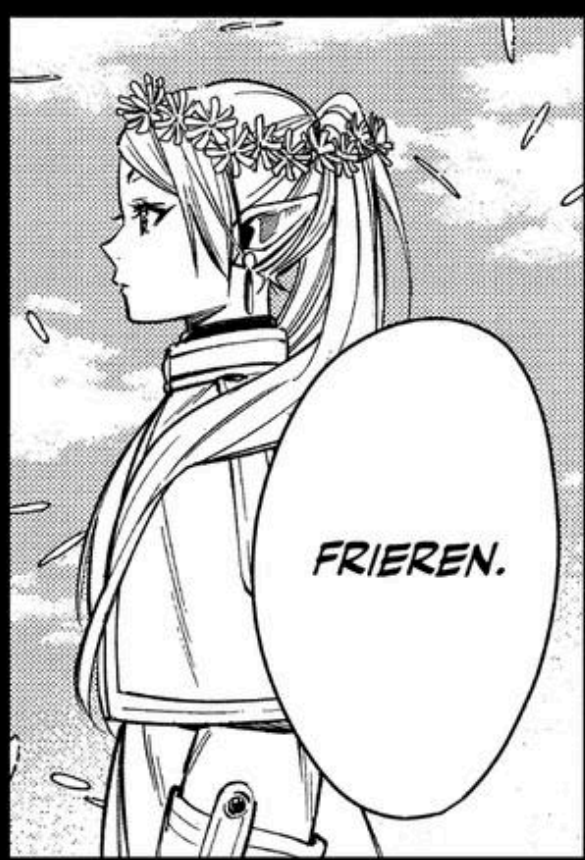

THEY HIDE IT ALL OVER THE PLACE...
...SO THEY OFTEN FORGET WHERE THEY BURIED IT.






IT'S A FLOWER THAT GROWS IN MY HOMETOWN. THEY'RE VERY BEAUTIFUL.

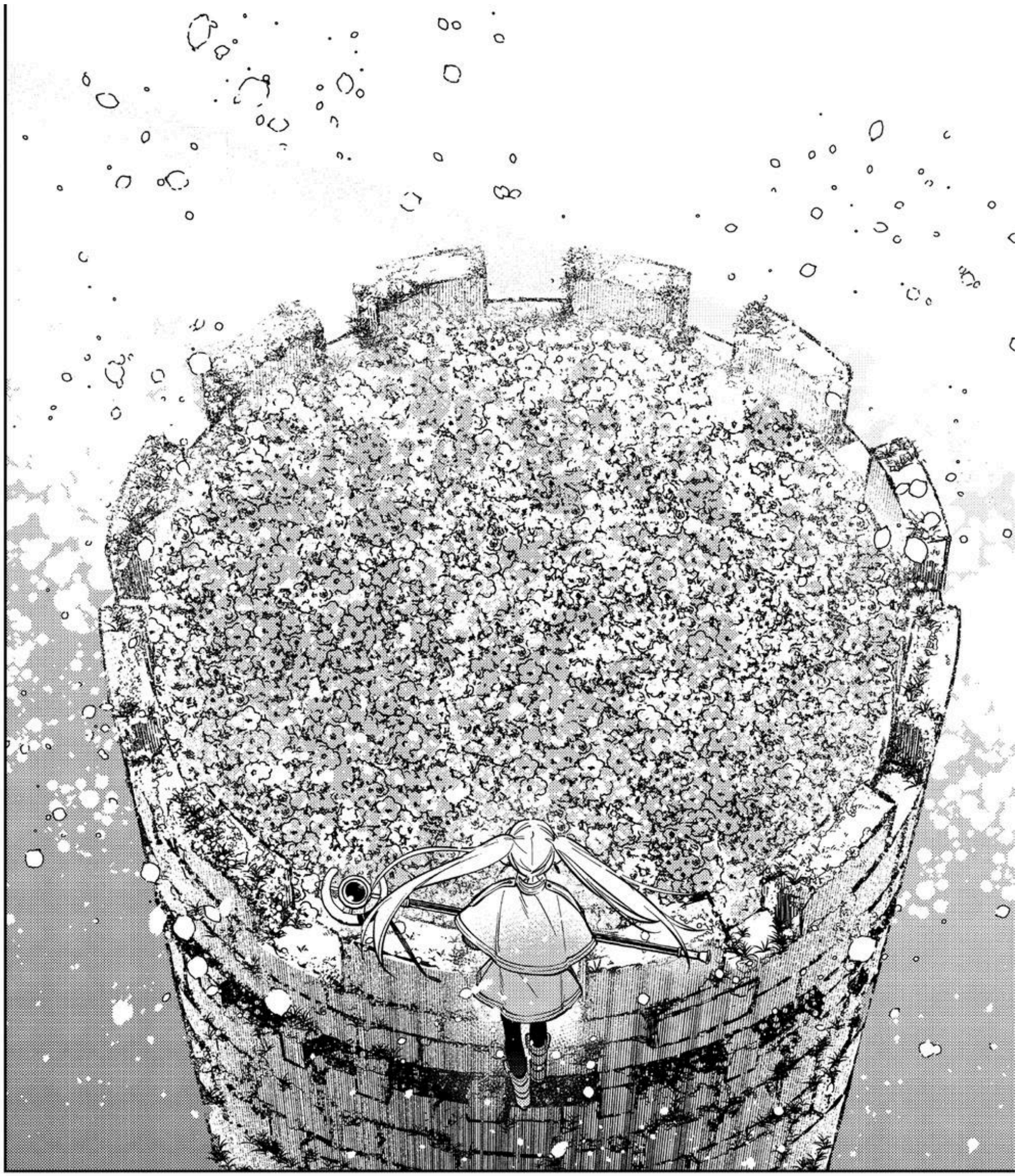
BLUE-MOON WEED?


FRIEREN.

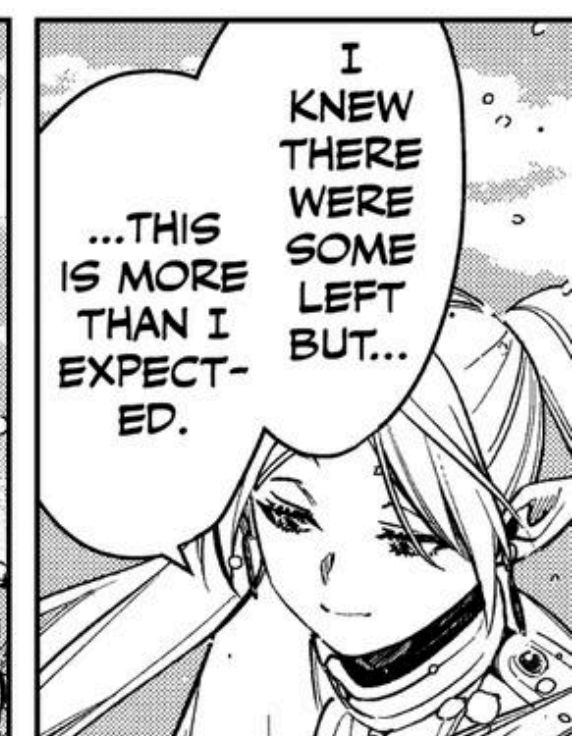
LET'S GET GOING.
WELL, NOT AS BEAUTIFUL AS ME THOUGH.

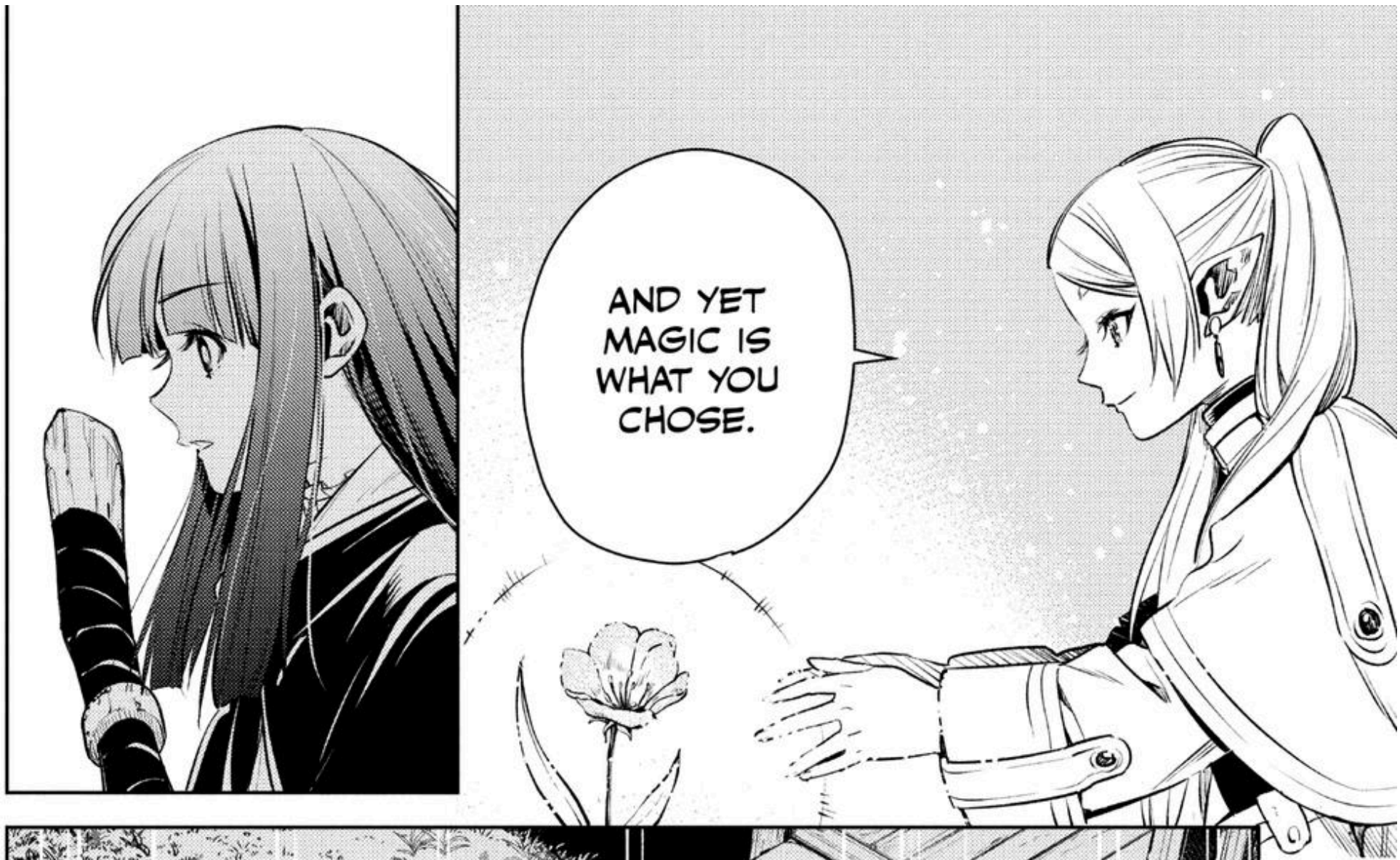
OKAY.
WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE THEN.

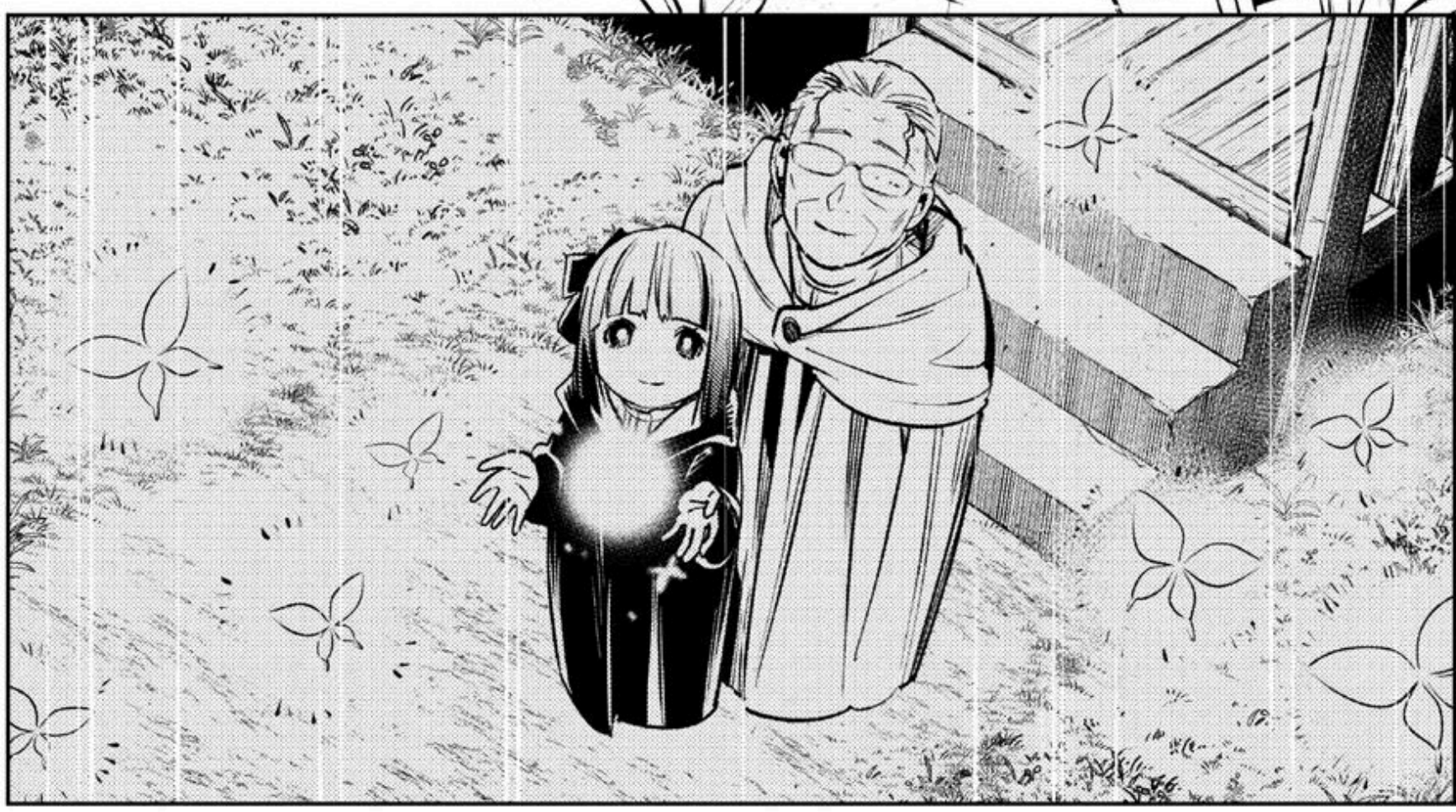
I'D LIKE TO SHOW THEM TO YOU ONE DAY.



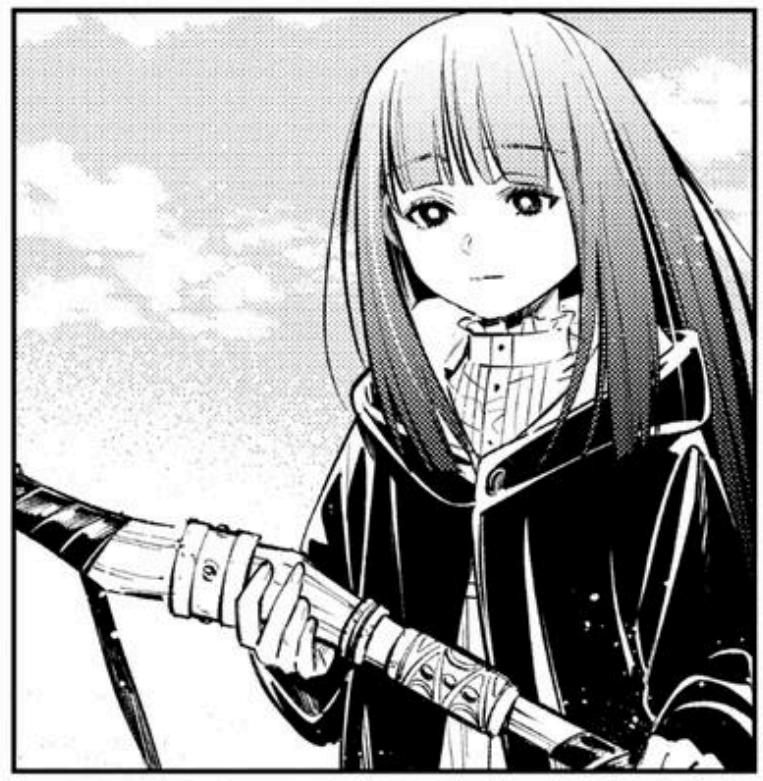
SORRY I MADE YOU WAIT, HIMMEL.

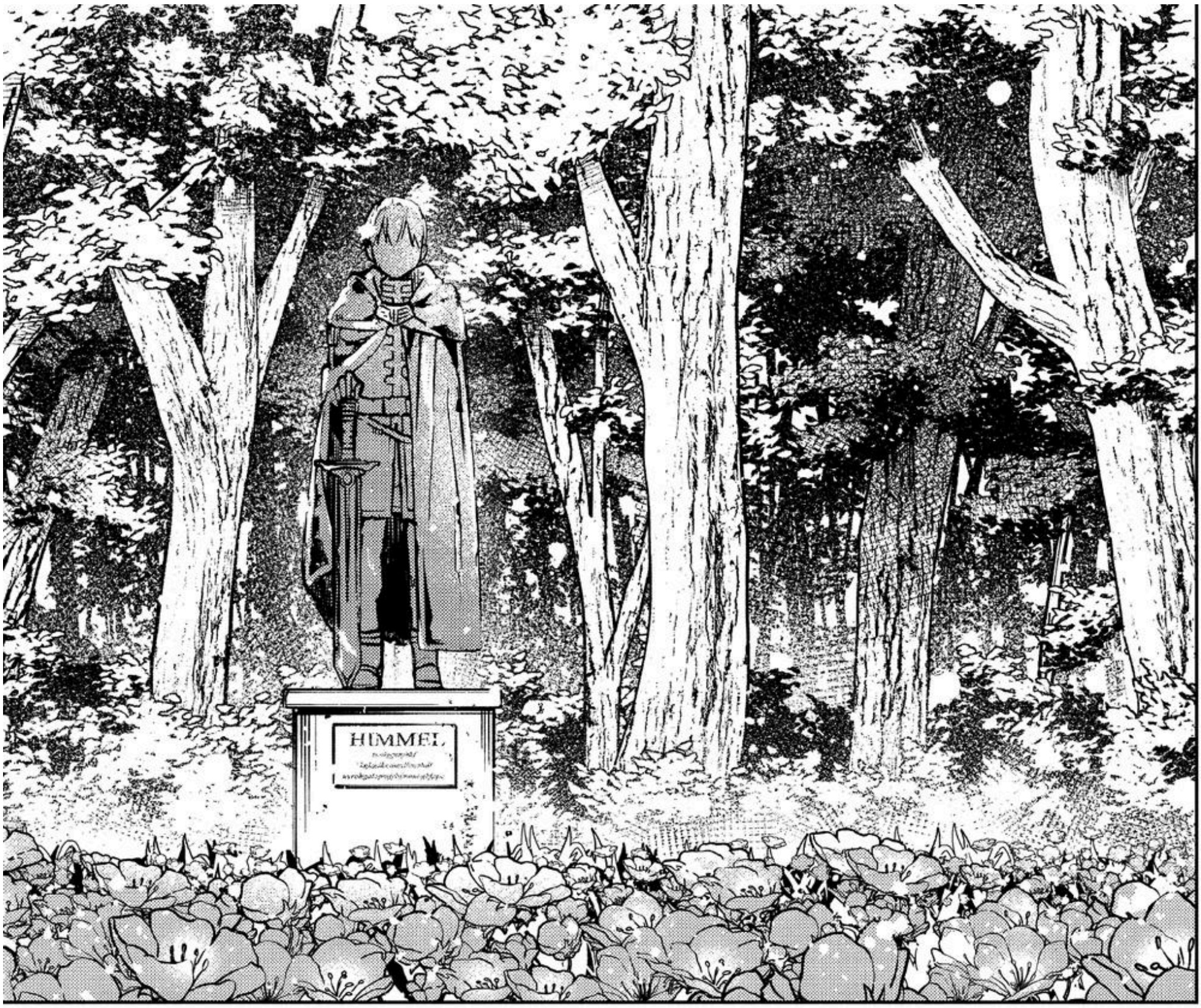

I KNEW THERE WERE SOME LEFT BUT...
...THIS IS MORE THAN I EXPECT-ED.

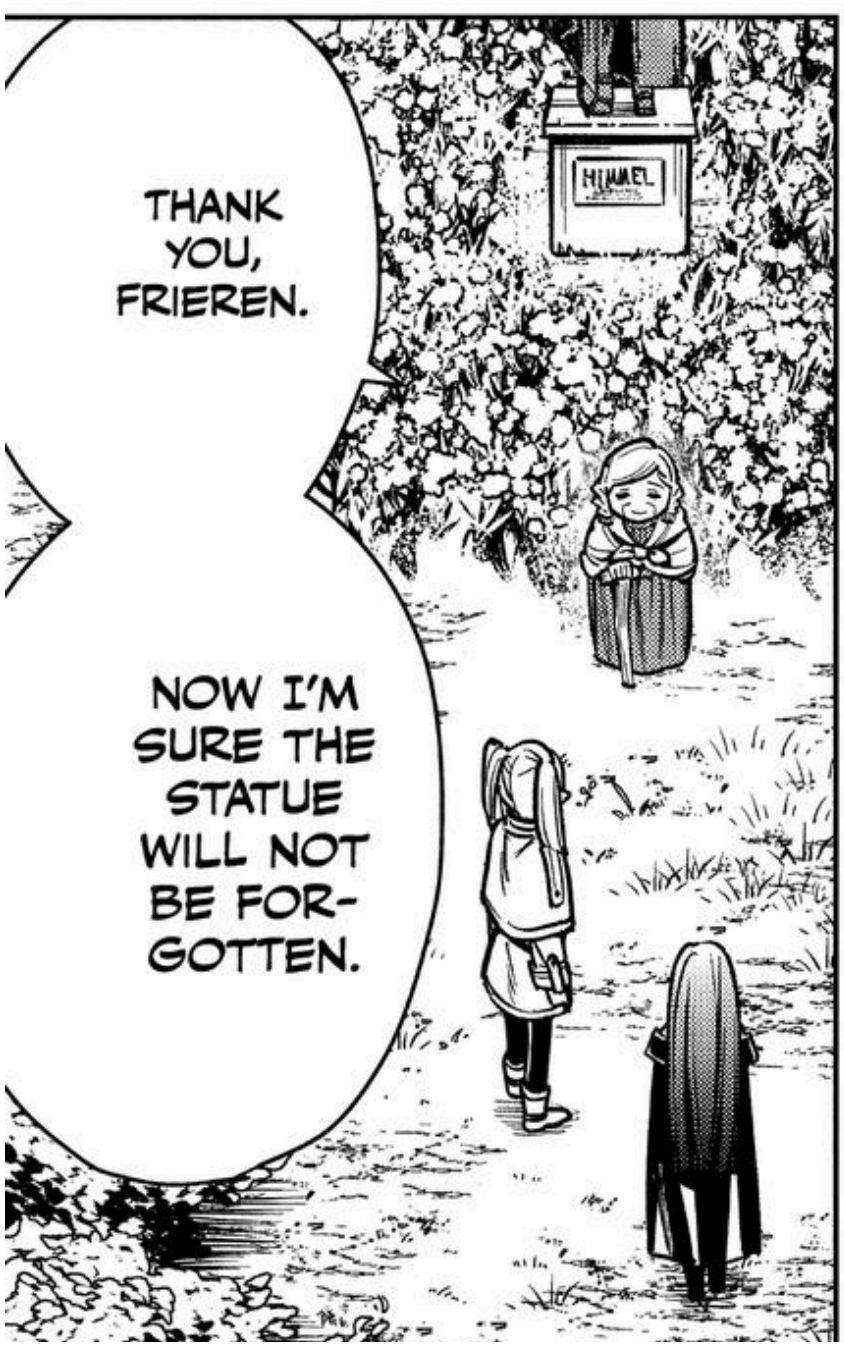

AND YET MAGIC IS WHAT YOU CHOSE.

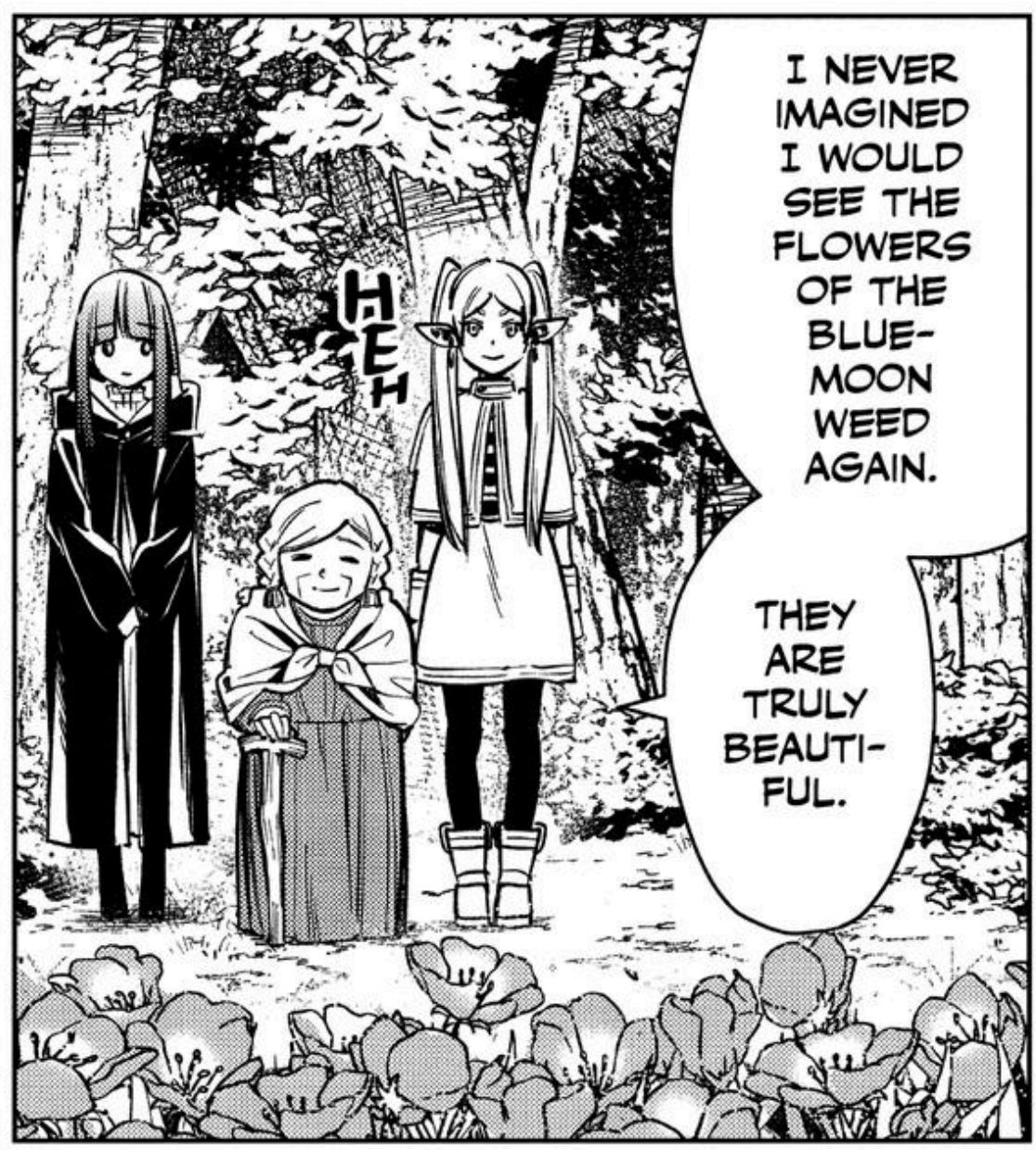


YES, IT WAS.

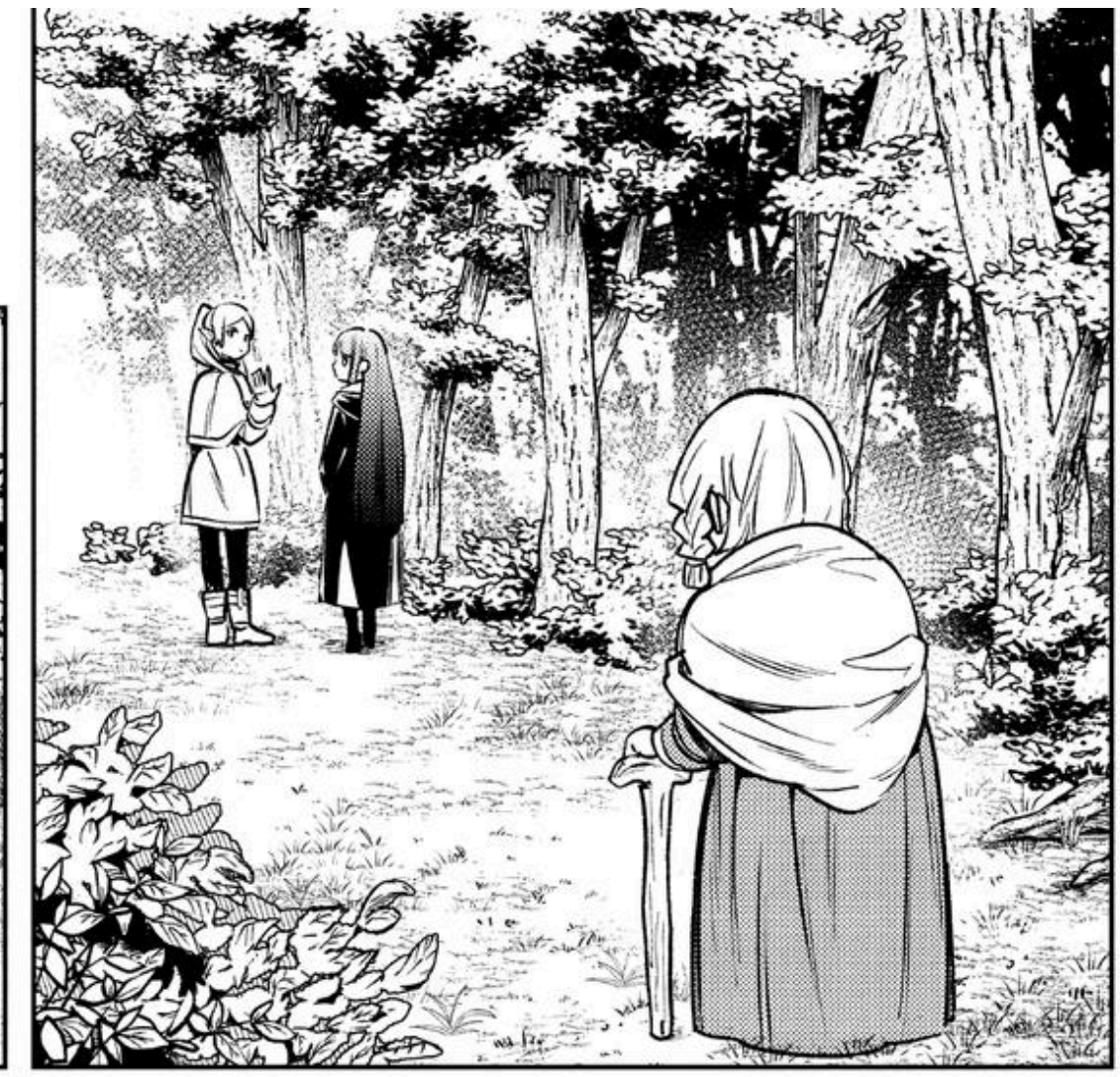


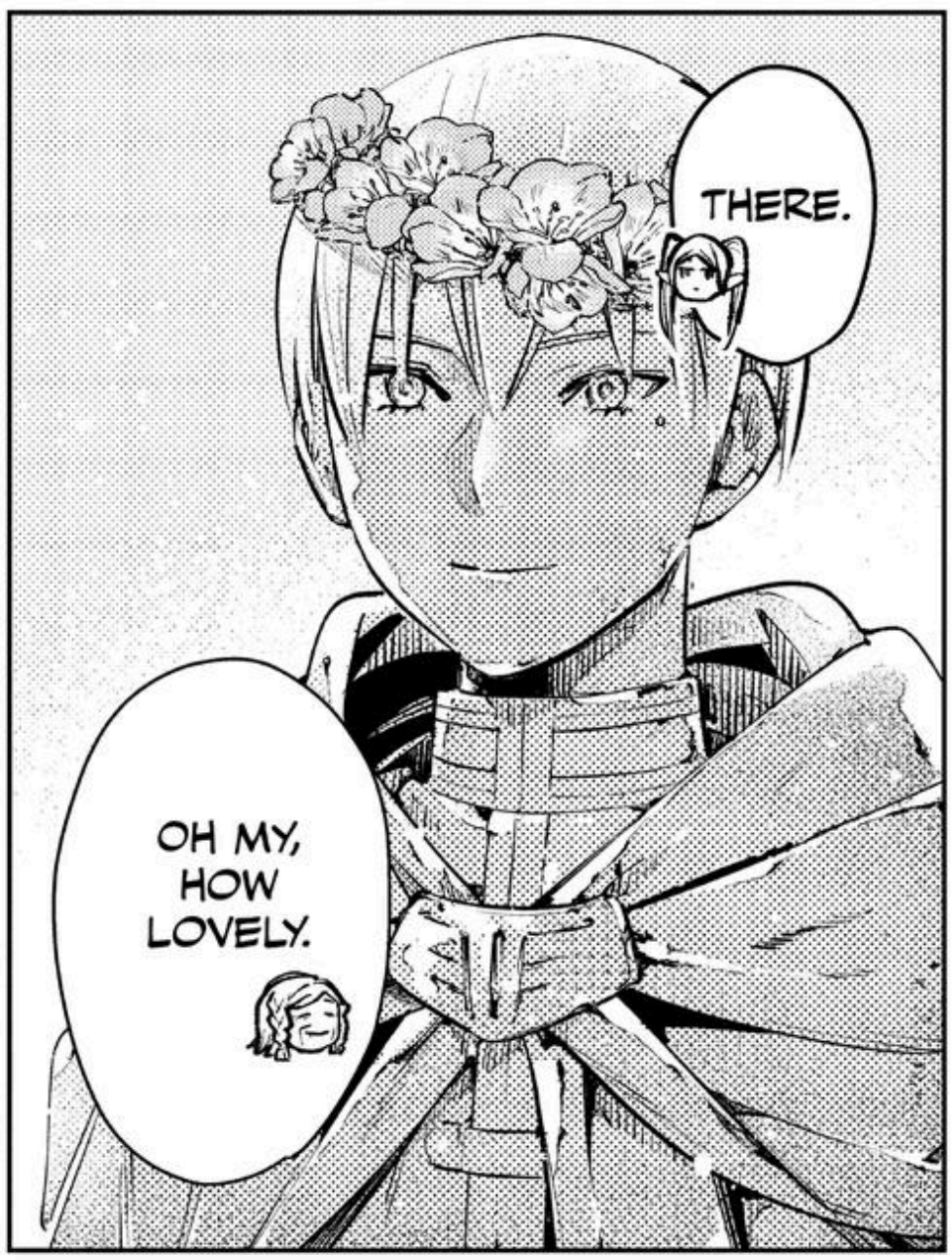

HIMMEL

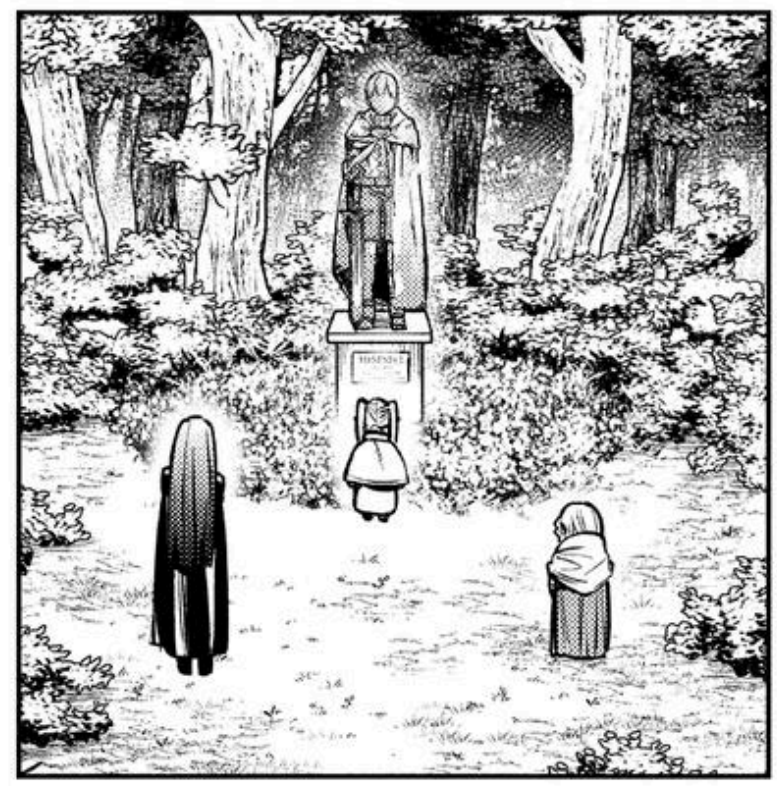

THANK YOU, FRIEREN.
HIMMEL
NOW I'M SURE THE STATUE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

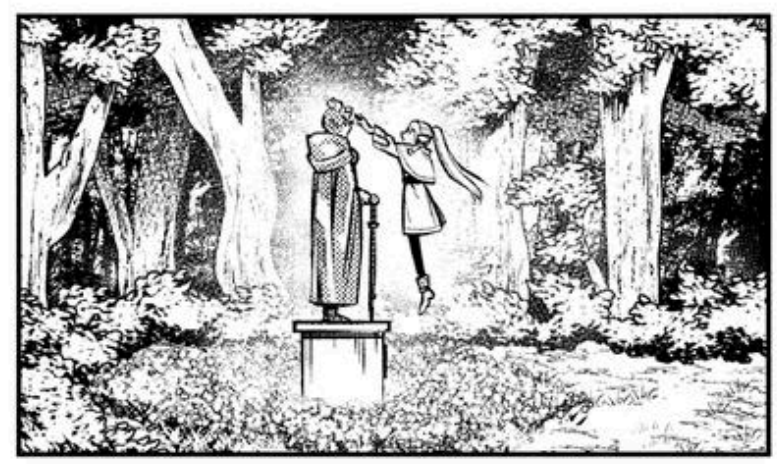

HEH
I NEVER IMAGINED I WOULD SEE THE FLOWERS OF THE BLUE-MOON WEED AGAIN.
THEY ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL.

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT.




THERE.
OH MY, HOW LOVELY.





WELL THEN. SHALL WE GO?

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