JOHSUKE
Josuke

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Eldest Son: Jobin Higashikata

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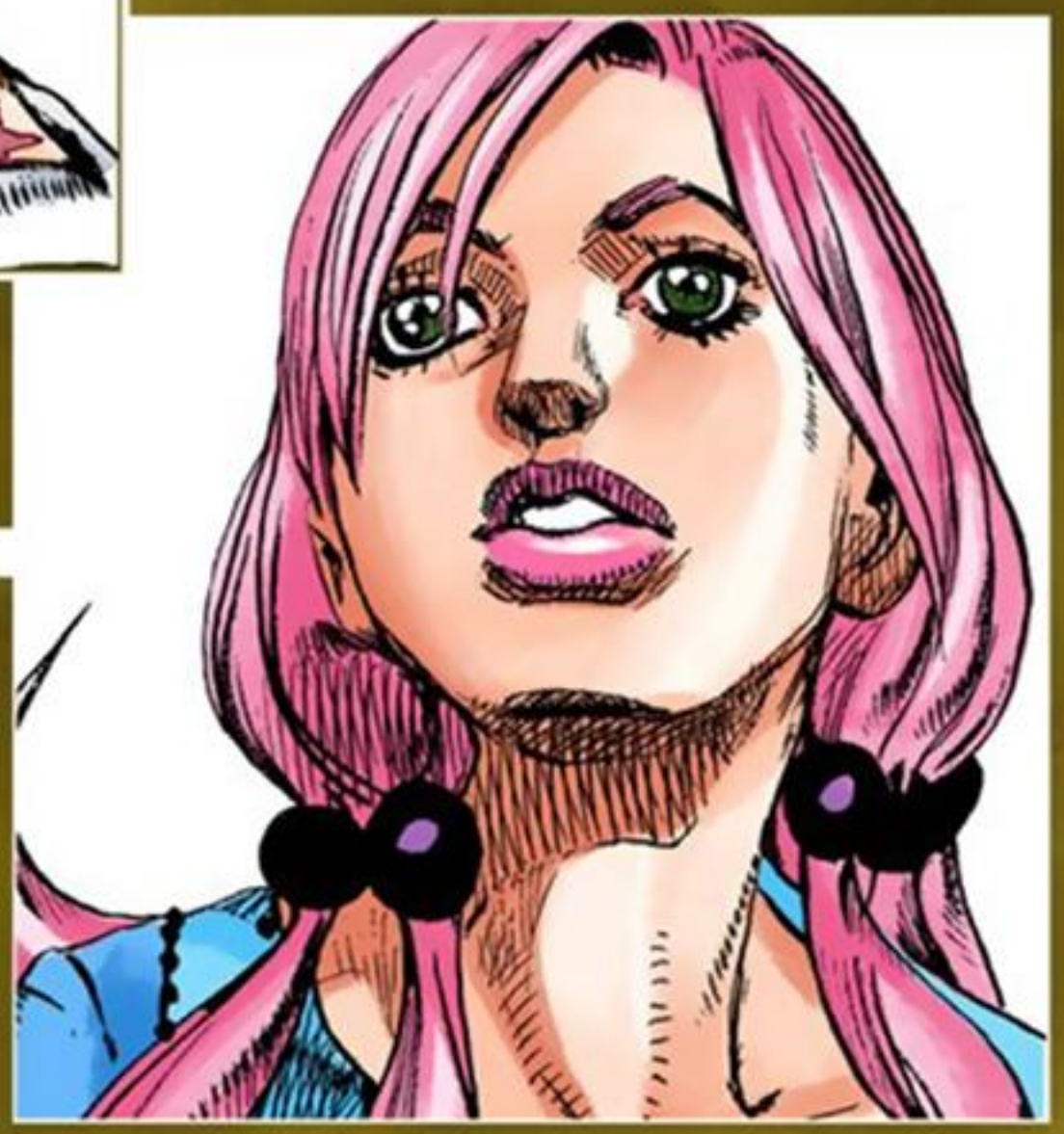
JUMP COMICS

The Characters of Morioh-Cho

Josuke Higashikata (Est. Age: 19)

An unidentified youth discovered at the **Wall Eyes.** Has a star-shaped birthmark on his shoulder. Has no memories. Adopted by the Higashikata family, and named **Josuke.**



Yasuho Hirose (19)

A university student living in Morioh-cho. Accidentally discovered Josuke at the **Wall Eyes,** and is now working with him to discover his identity.

Yoshikage Kira (29)

A young man whose appearance closely resembles Josuke's. He was already dead by the time Josuke was discovered, and his corpse was later found in the same spot.

Holly Joestar-Kira (52)

Yoshikage Kira's mother. Hospitalized at TG University Hospital.

Jobin Higashikata (32)

First son of the Higashikata family. The type of person who thinks of every day as summer vacation.

Mitsuba Higashikata (31)

Wife of the first son, Jobin Higashikata.

Tsurugi Higashikata (9)

Son of the first son, Jobin, and Mitsuba. Dresses as a girl to ward off a curse.

Ms. Nijimura (22)

The housekeeper of the Higashikata family. Has infiltrated the Higashikata family as their housekeeper in order to investigate their secrets.

Norisuke Higashikata (59)

Head of the Higashikata family. Fourth owner of the Higashikata Fruits Shop.

Joshu Higashikata (18)

Second son of the Higashikata family. Childhood friends with Yasuho, and attends the same university as she. Loves Yasuho.

Hato Higashikata (24)

First daughter of the Higashikata family. Model.

Daiya Higashikata (16)

Second daughter of the Higashikata family. Loves Josuke.

The Story so far

The town of Morioh, in S City. After the earthquake, protrusions known as Wall Eyes appeared all over town, and a young man buried near one of these protrusions now seeks his own identity together with Yasuho Hirose, who discovered him.

As the investigation proceeds, Josuke is approached by a man who is after his life. This man's name is Yotsuyu Yagiyama. He is a mysterious rock human, and he has a fruit which can cure the generational disease of the Higashikata family which makes the skin of the afflicted resemble stone before they die. Josuke prevails over Yotsuyu in an intense battle, and through Yotsuyu's words and actions, he confirms that he had come to Morioh-cho to seek out the mystery behind the disease.

Josuke begins to search for the tree that bore the fruit using Norisuke's ability to visualise scent. Then, this ability reacts to Jobin, who had just returned to Japan from abroad! In order to corner the secretive Jobin, Josuke challenges him to a beetle fight...

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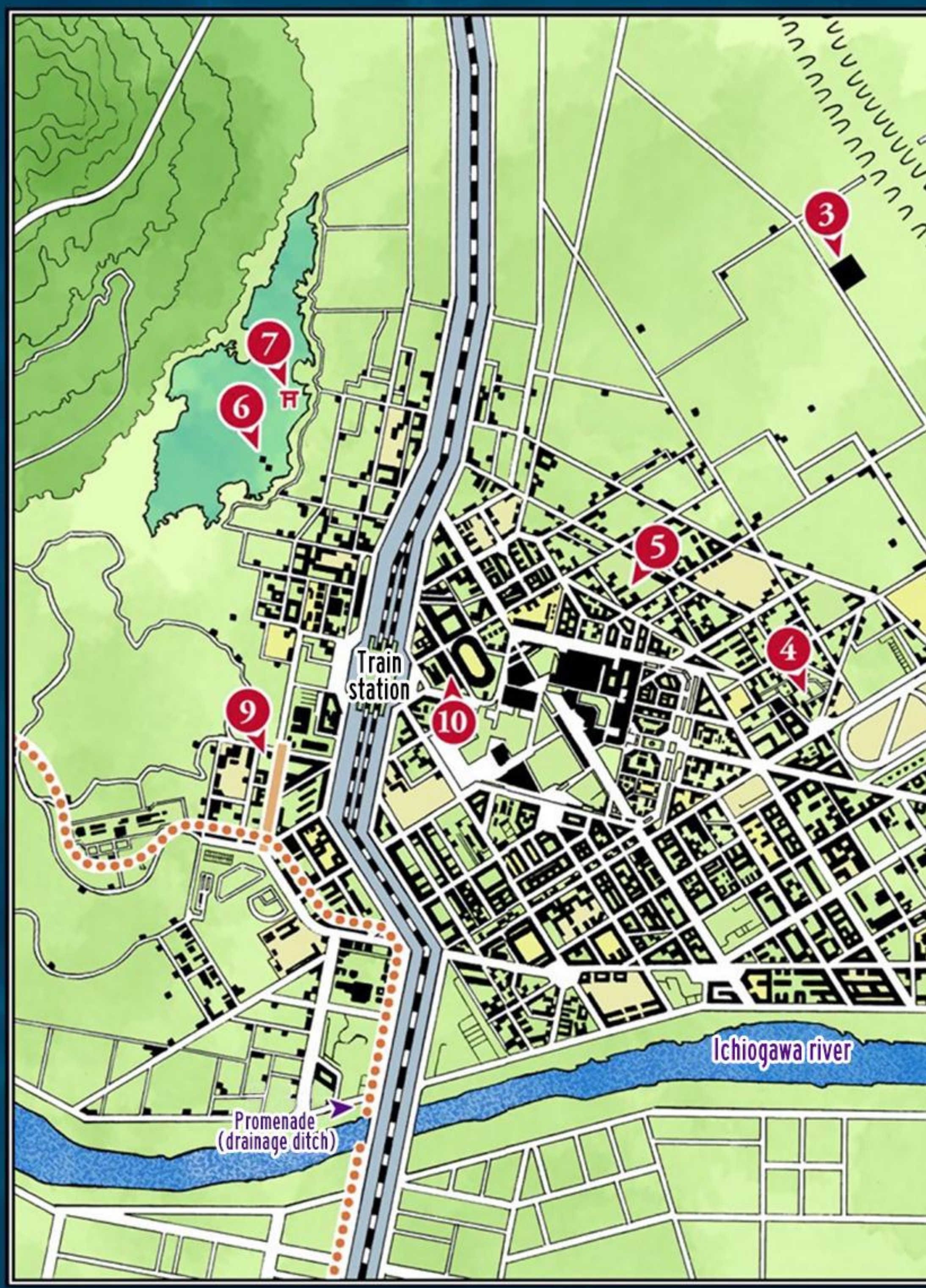

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#035
EVERY DAY IS A SUMMER VACATION
PART 2

IS A BAD PERSON BAD FROM THE MOMENT THEY'RE BORN?

BWO

WOULD IT BE BECAUSE OF **LAZINESS** OR **RESENT-MENT**?

WOULD IT BE BECAUSE OF **DESIRE** OR **JEALOUSY**...?

IF ONE WERE TO BECOME A **BAD PERSON**,

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, I'M GOING TO DIG UP THE TRUTH!!

I STILL DON'T KNOW!

JOBIN HIGASHIKATA UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS ABOUT **THAT FRUIT'S TREE**!

...BUT

MY DAD ISN'T A BAD PERSON!!

OR WOULD IT BE BECAUSE OF **INNO-CENCE**?

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO I AM!

BRSH

BRSH

BRSH

BRSH

BRSH

IT'S BOTH EXCITED AND FEELING THE JOY OF LIVING.
THIS PALAWANICUS #28 IS REALLY HAPPY IT GOT THAT TICK.
A TICK MOVED OVER FROM THE HORNET...
SWISH
SWISH

JOSUKE?
IF... WE ARE GOING TO TEST THEM IN A FIGHT,
THEN YOU MENTIONED A BET EARLIER... RIGHT?
FEH...

EHEH
BIG BRO, THIS GUY DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY PROPERTY~~
WERE YOU BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THAT?
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA BET ON YOUR GLADIATOR?
TAP
TAP
NOPE!
HMPH
KEHEH!
IN HERE!
AND I DON'T THINK HE'S GOT ANY BRAINS, EITHER!
...
I SAID I WOULD BET MY HERACLES EARLIER, BUT LET'S FORGET THAT,
OKAY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS IDEA THEN,
HOW ABOUT I SHAVE MY EYEBROW?

YOU HAVE TO SHAVE ONE OF YOUR OWN *EYEBROWS*.

...

BUT THIS WAY IT'S EVEN...

WOULDN'T THAT BE FUN?

IF MY PALAWANICUS #28 LOSES, I'LL SHAVE ONE OF MY EYEBROWS.

AND... IF YOU LOSE...

*感 and 動 respectively

*THE CHARAC-TERS FOR FEEL AND MOVE~

TURN

?

...THRILL IS *WRITTEN WITH...*

WHAT FOR?

WHAT FOR?

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HEHEH... UHAHA!

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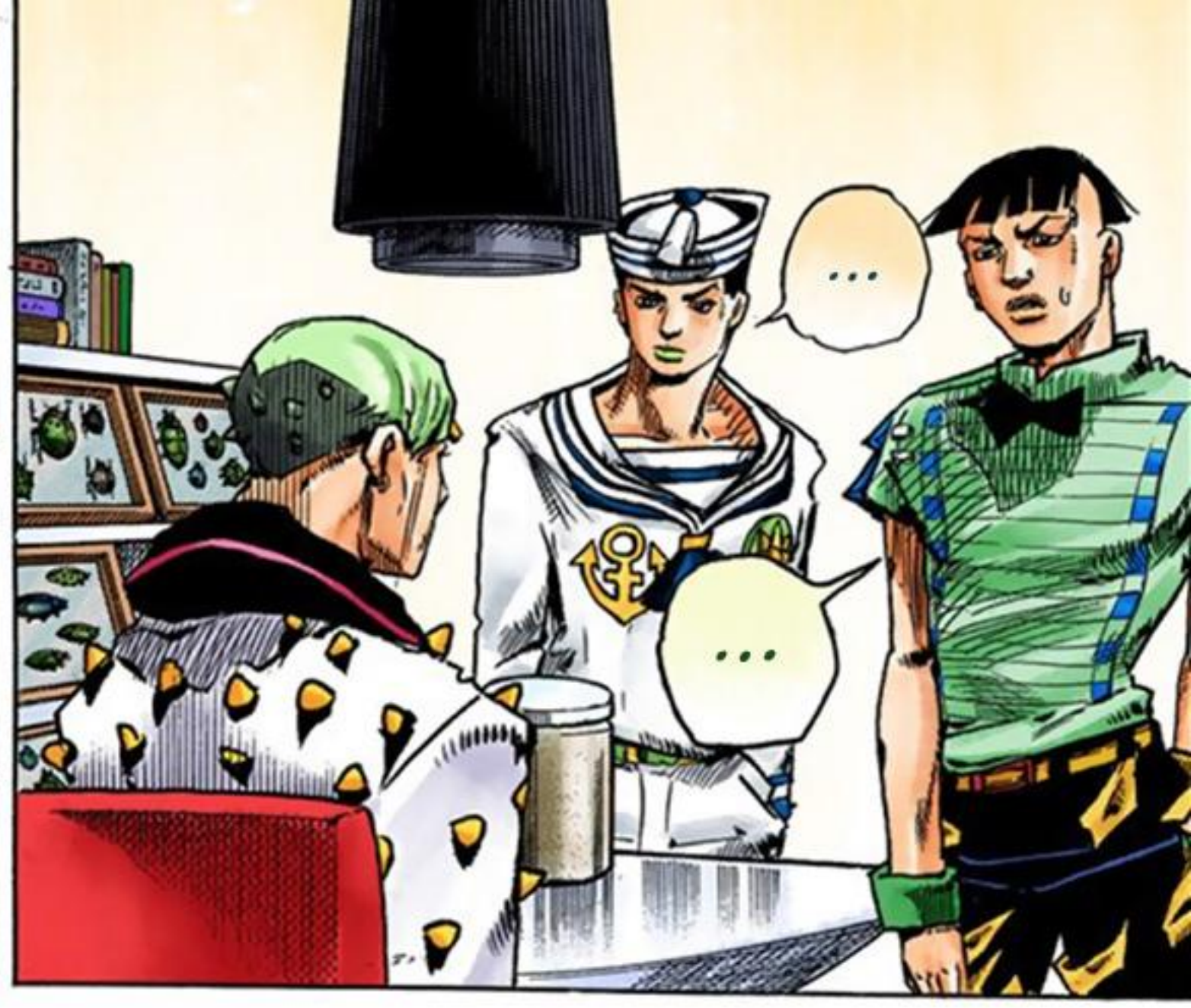
GLINT

HAH!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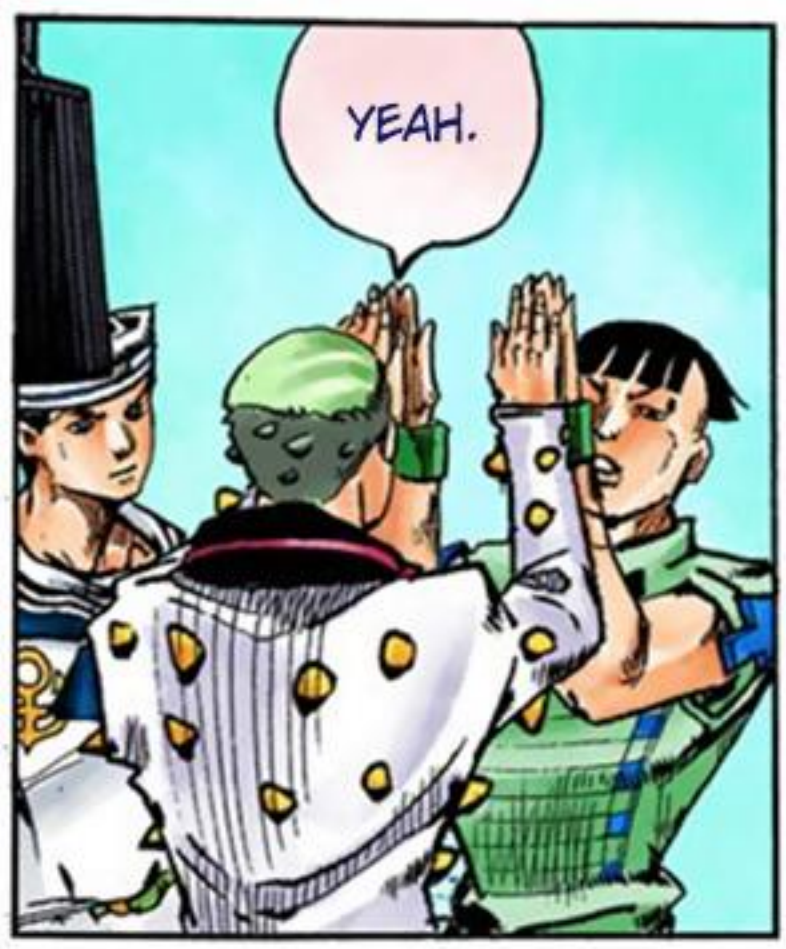
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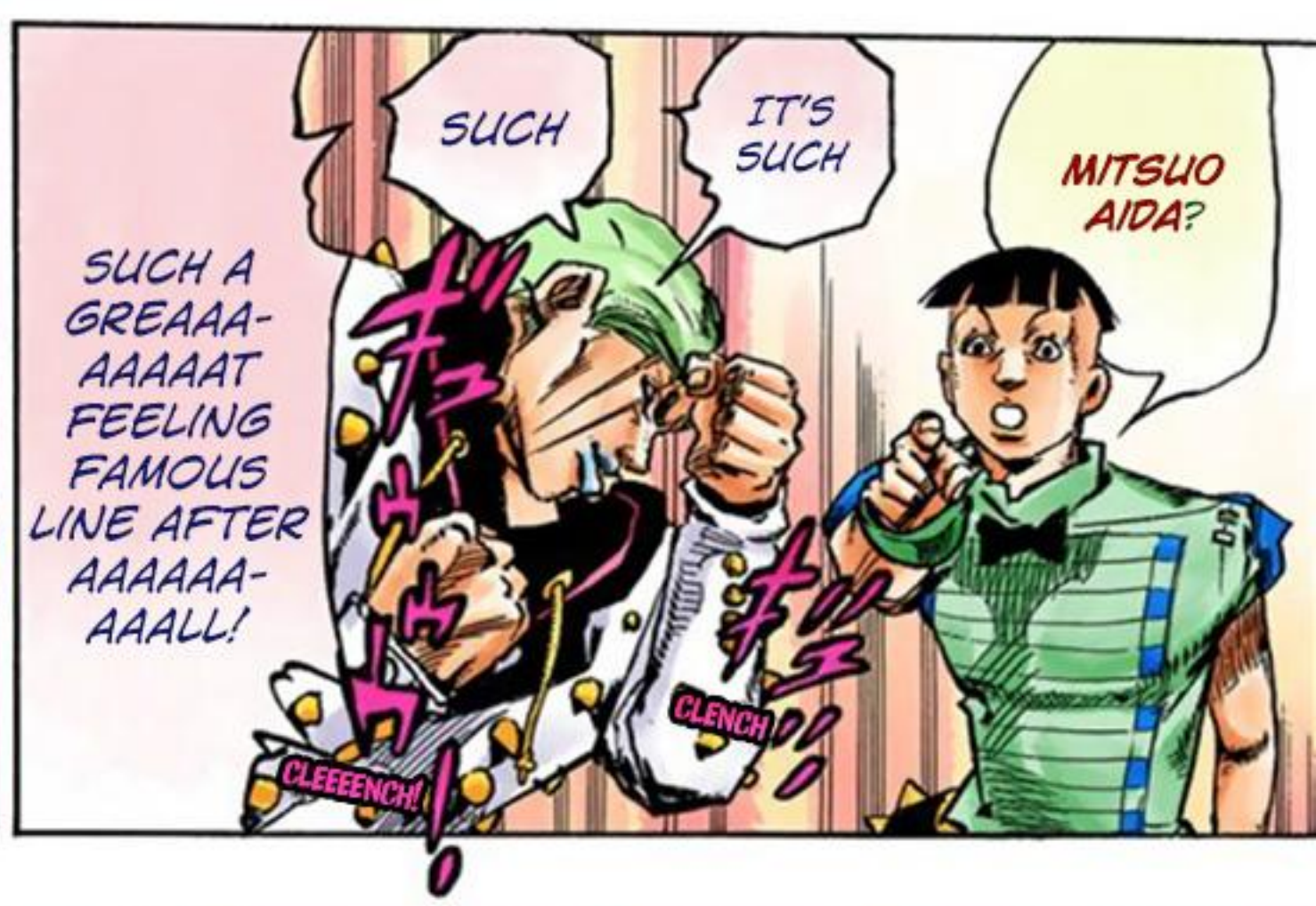
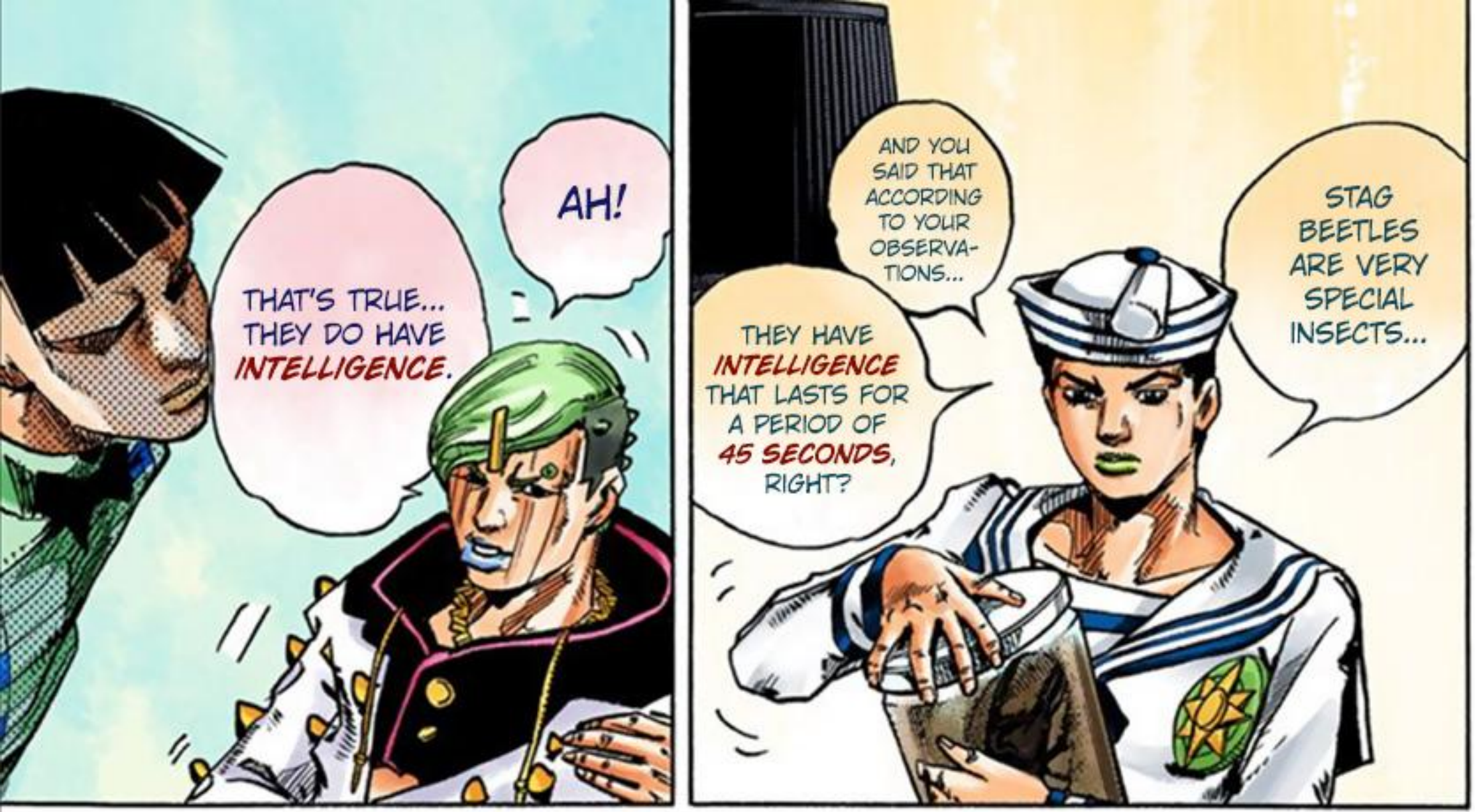

SUCH A GREAAA-AAAAAT FEELING FAMOUS LINE AFTER AAAAAA-AAALL!
SUCH
IT'S SUCH
MITSUO AIDA?
CLENCH
CLEEEENCH!

OR JOSUKE... DO YOU JUST WANNA FORGET ABOUT IT?
AN EYEBROW WILL GROW BACK EVEN IF YOU SHAVE IT OFF, RIGHT...?
IT'S NOT ANYTHING OF ANY REAL WORTH, RIGHT?
I MEAN, YOU WERE THE ONE THAT SUGGESTED WE MAKE A BET AFTER ALL... SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, FEEL FREE TO SAY SO.


AH!
THAT'S TRUE... THEY DO HAVE INTELLIGENCE.
AND YOU SAID THAT ACCORDING TO YOUR OBSERVATIONS...
STAG BEETLES ARE VERY SPECIAL INSECTS...
THEY HAVE INTELLIGENCE THAT LASTS FOR A PERIOD OF 45 SECONDS, RIGHT?

I CAN WIN.
...THEN
I'LL MAKE THE BET... I'M IN!

HAS TO SHAVE ONE EYEBROW, RIGHT?
THE ONE WHO LOSES
...

ZWISH...
STICK
ペトッ!

I'LL GIVE YOU SOME TIME, TOO.

AFTER SEEING MY PALAWANICUS #28 JUST.... KILLING THAT HORNET, IT'S LIT THE FLAME OF MY FIGHTING SPIRIT.

YOU CAN WARM YOUR BEETLE UP...

OKAY!

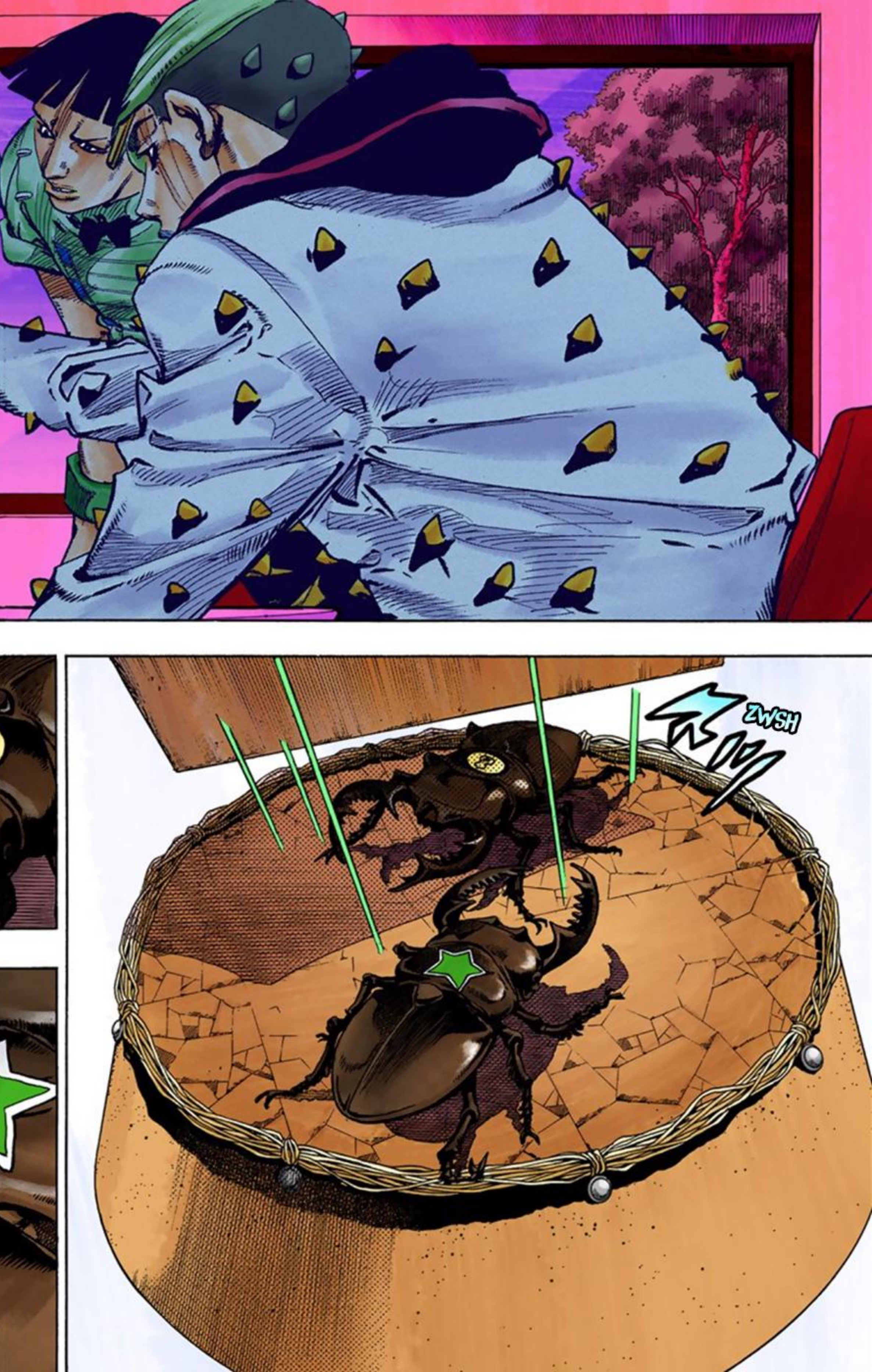
IT'S ALL SET THEN.

YOU BASTA--
--RD!

DAMN YOU'RE COCKY!

AS LONG AS IT HAS INTELLIGENCE, THEN I'LL WIN.

DON'T WORRY...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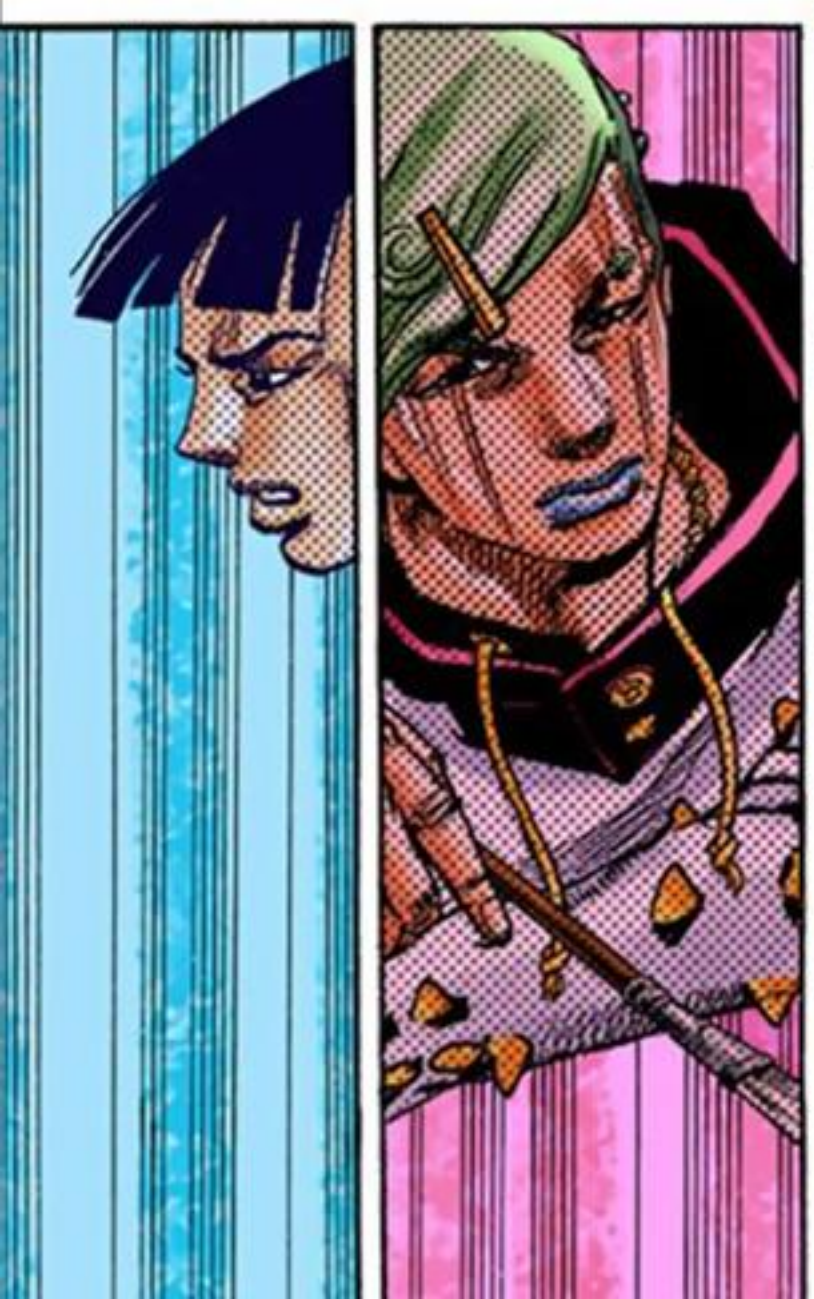
TUP



1 ROUND, 45 SEC-ONDS.

LET'S START.

CLICK

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

Dorcus Titanus Palawanicus
(Length 10.3cm)
VS.
Dorcus Titanus Palawanicus
(Length 11.2cm)

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

YOU DON'T KNOW...?

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

I DON'T KNOW...

WHAT SORT OF ABILITY IS IT?

YOUR DAD'S STAND ABILITY... I CAN'T GO MEET HIM UNTIL I KNOW IT.

TSURUGI-CHAN, TELL ME HIS ***STAND ABILTY.***

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

ゴゴゴ GO GO GO

BUT

EVEN IF I DON'T TOTALLY UNDERSTAND IT, THERE MUST BE SOME HINT!

DO YOU HAVE ANY HINT TO WHAT HIS ABILITY MIGHT BE THAT YOU CAN GIVE ME?

I GUESS YOU *DON'T GO AROUND SHOWING OTHER PEOPLE YOUR ASS-HOLES...* HUH?

You hide your porn too, right?

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW...

MY DAD... PROBABLY... HAS SOME SORT OF STAND ABILITY.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

IT MIGHT BE AN UNCON-SCIOUS ONE.

WE MAY BE FAMILY, BUT WE DON'T TALK ABOUT STAND ABILITIES... AND I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM USE ONE...

GO GO GO GO

IF HE CATCHES ON, HE'LL BECOME TOTALLY CLOSED OFF.

YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO WIN WITH YOUR STAG BEETLE. IF HIS PRIDE IS BROKEN, I'M SURE HE'LL REVEAL WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

STICK TO THE STAG BEETLES! IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU CORNER HIM WITH THOSE!

IS WE FIND THE TRUTH WITHOUT DAD REALIZING OUR *AIM!*

THE BEST THING TO DO WITH A ♂MALE STAG BEETLE IS TO GIVE IT ♀*FEMALE PHEROMONES* WITH A BRUSH!

♀

♂

ARE *WEAPONS THAT HAVE EVOLVED FOR THEM TO PROTECT THEIR TERRITORY.*

THE MANDIBLES OF STAG BEETLES

THEY'RE NOT SOMETHING TO KILL ENEMIES WITH OR CATCH FOOD.

THAT'S WHY THE SCENT OF A ♀FEMALE IS THE BEST WAY TO DRAW OUT THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF A ♂MALE.

ゴ GO

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ゴ GO

ゴ GO

ゴ GO

TMP

GET IT FROM BETWEEN THE ♀FEMALE'S LEGS... UNDERSTAND?

ゴ GO

ゴ GO

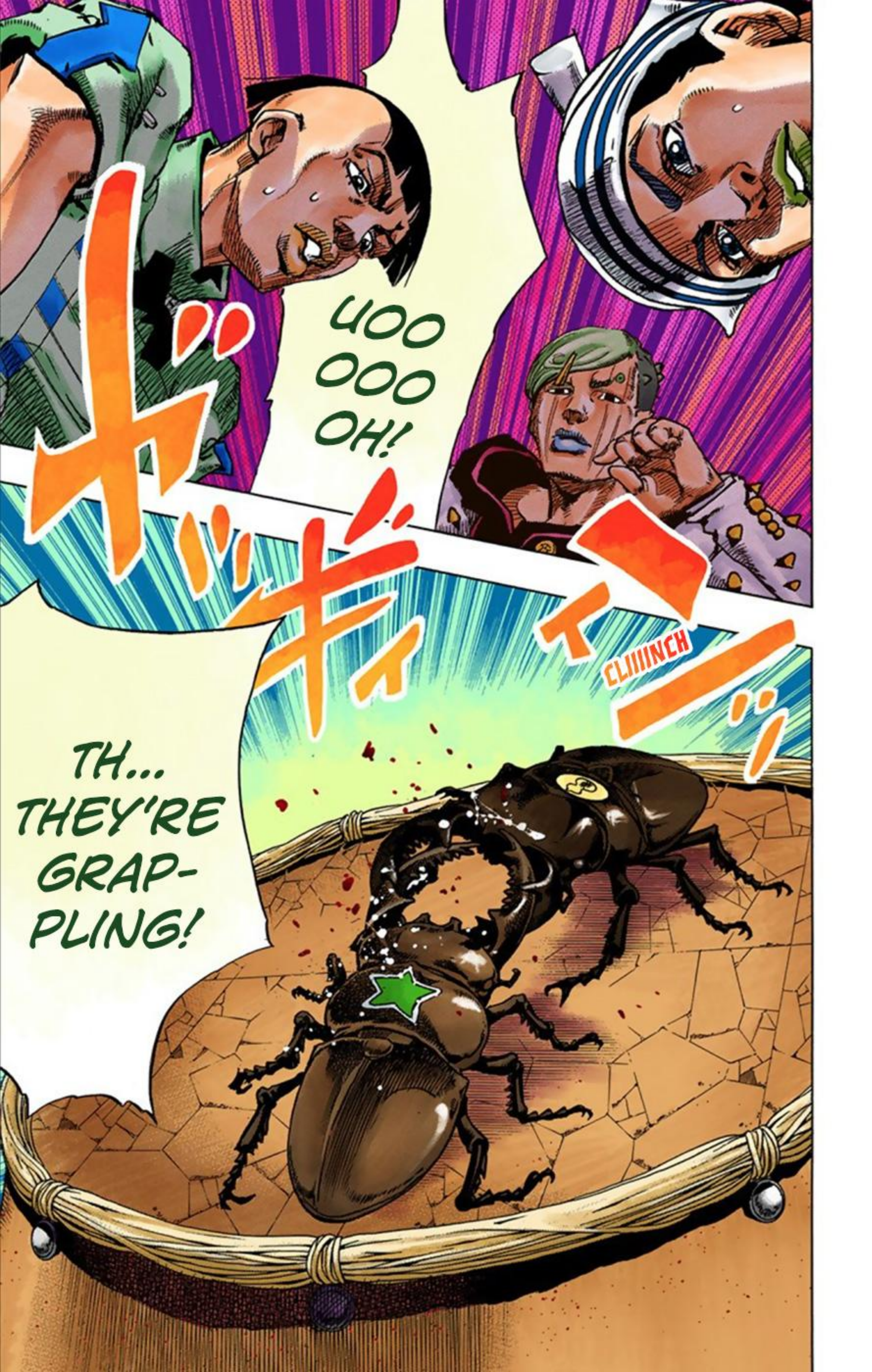
ゴ GO

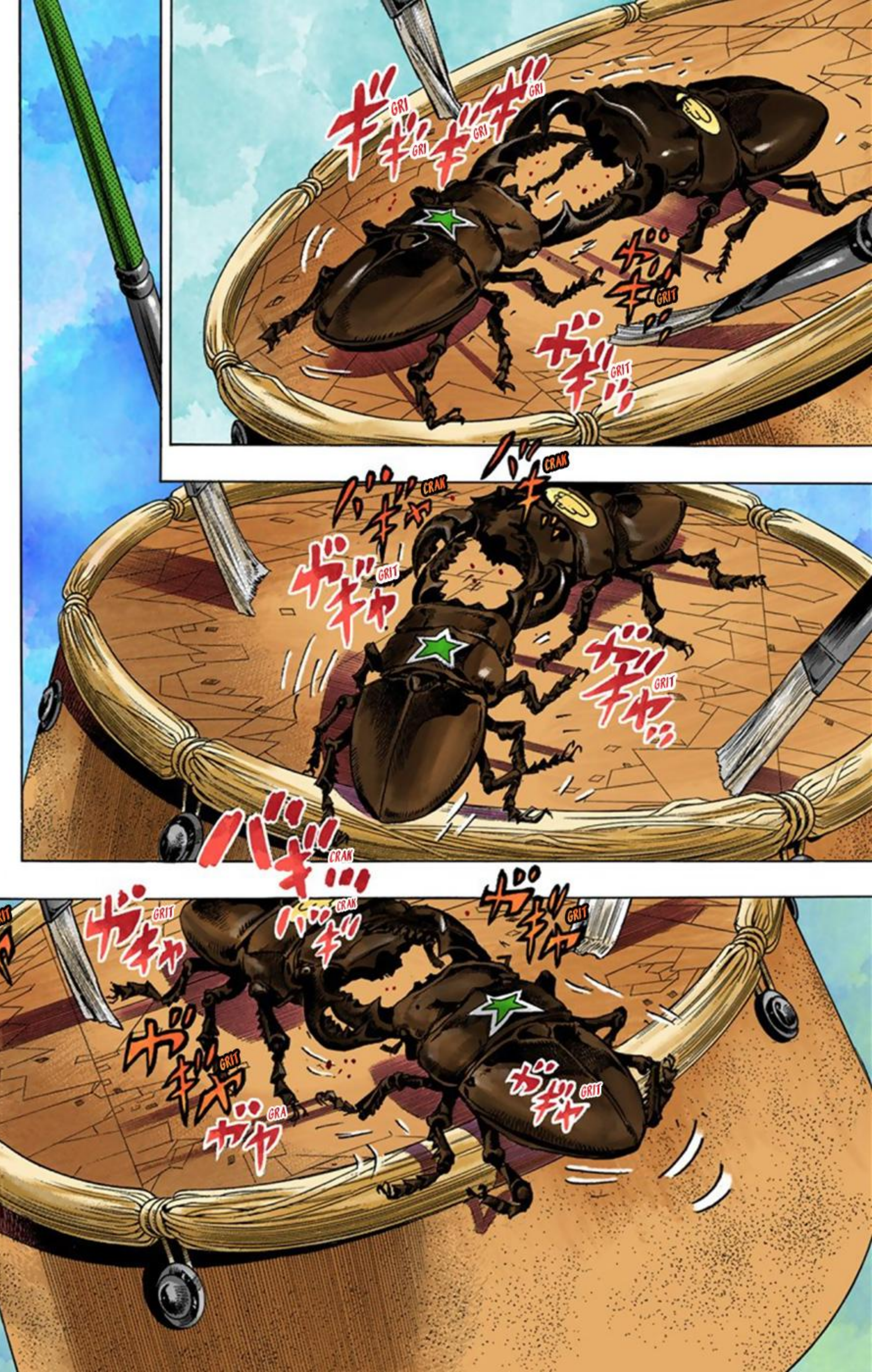
BRSH

BRSH

DAD KEEPS ♀*FEMALES* IN HIS BREEDING ROOM, SO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE *SCENT* OF THEM FROM ONE OF THEIR CASES ONTO A BRUSH.

♀


UOO OOO OH!
CLIIIINCH
TH... THEY'RE GRAP-PLING!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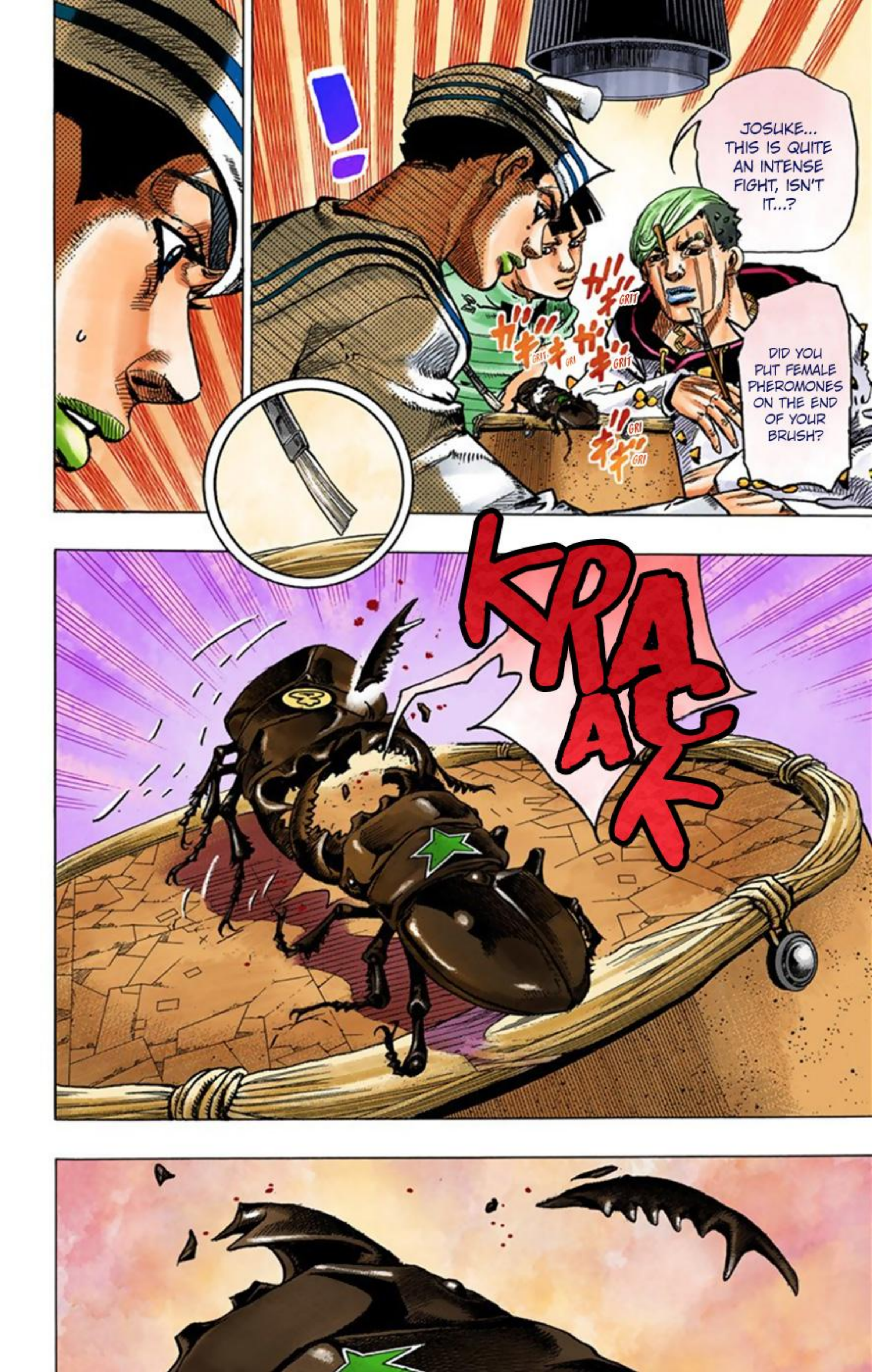
WHAT THE HELL?! THAT EXPLOSIVE SOUND... WHY'S IT MAKING THAT SOUND?

THAT'S NOT THE SORTA SOUND BUGS MAKE...!!

ALL RIGHT! GO, #28!! NOW FLIP HIM OVER AND PUSH HIM OUT!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JOSUKE... THIS IS QUITE AN INTENSE FIGHT, ISN'T IT...?
DID YOU PUT FEMALE PHEROMONES ON THE END OF YOUR BRUSH?
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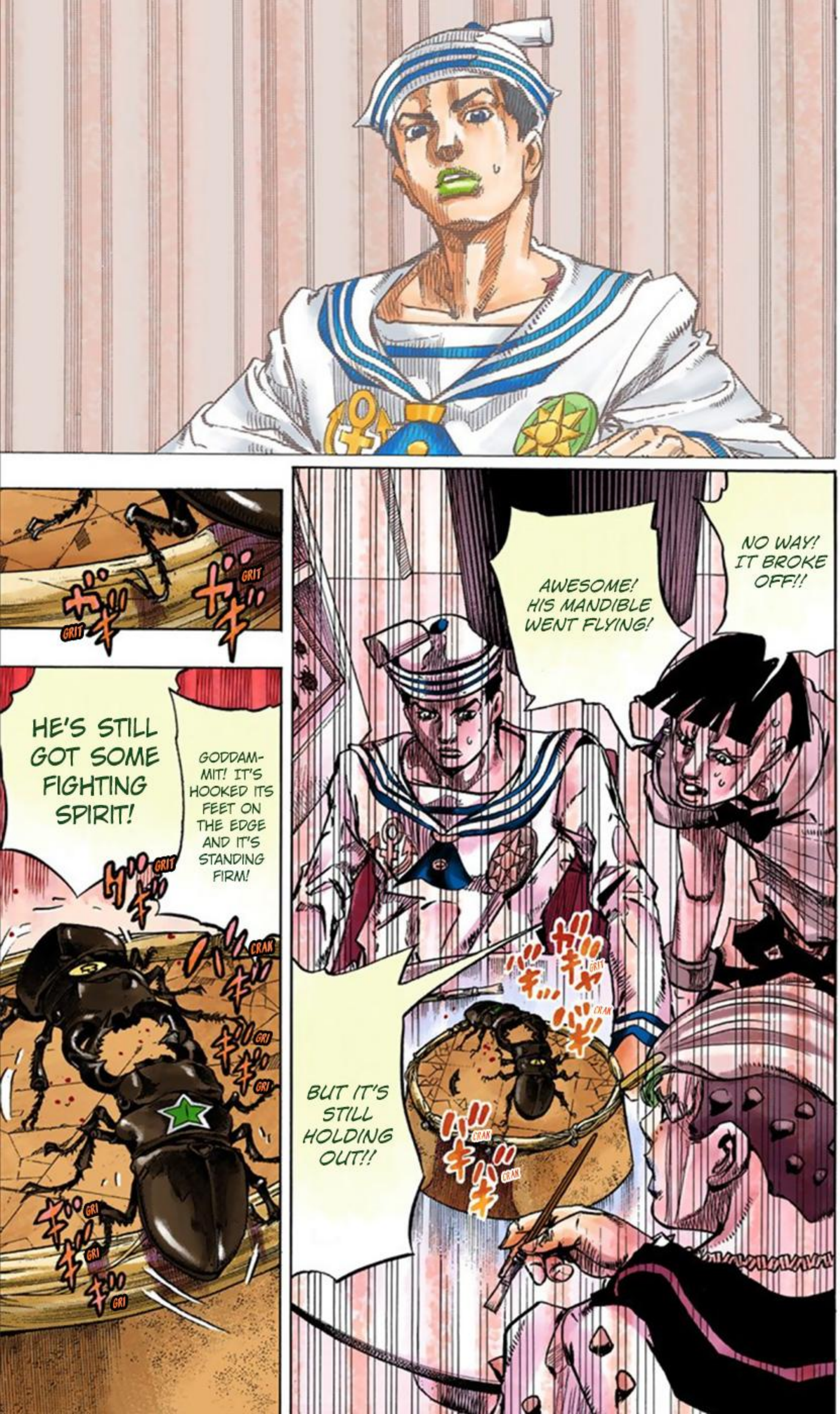
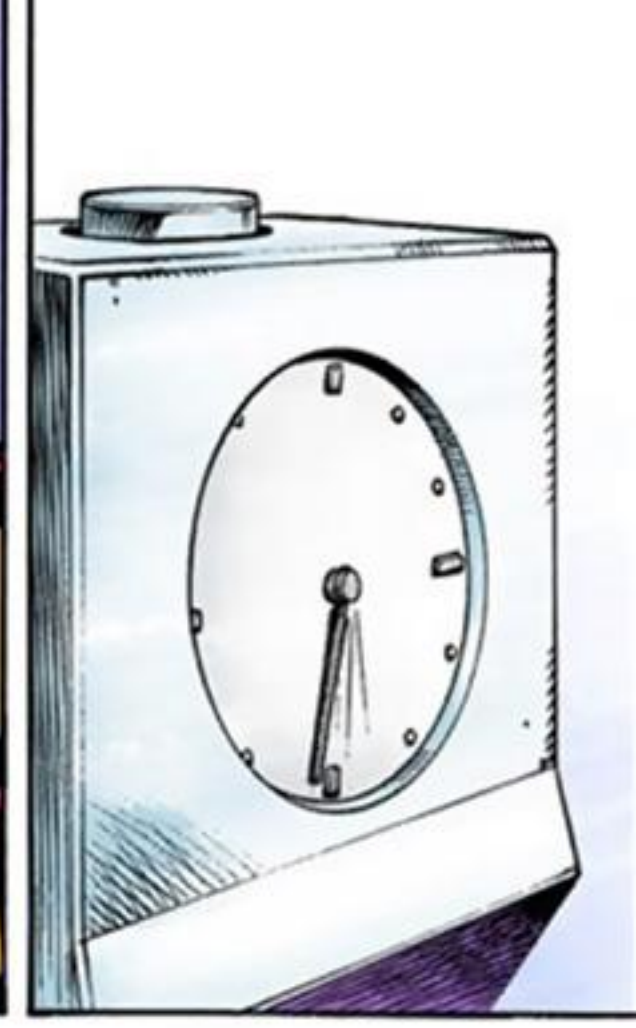
ガギギ GRIT, GRI
ガギギ GRIT
ギギ GRI GRI
KRAK


GRIT
GRIT
HE'S STILL GOT SOME FIGHTING SPIRIT!
GODDAMMIT! IT'S HOOKED ITS FEET ON THE EDGE AND IT'S STANDING FIRM!
GRIT
CRAK
GRI
GRI
GRI
GRI
GRI
AWESOME! HIS MANDIBLE WENT FLYING!
NO WAY! IT BROKE OFF!!
GRIT
CRAK
BUT IT'S STILL HOLDING OUT!!
CRAK
CRAK

...

JOSUKE ...!



IN A BATTLE WITH MANDIBLES VS MANDIBLES— WELL, YOU CAN SEE WHAT THE RESULT IS.
ガギャ GRIT

I SHARPEN THE BLADES ON THEIR MANDIBLES... THOROUGHLY WITH A FILE...
NORMALLY WHEN I'M LOOKING AFTER THEM...
YOU SAID EARLIER THAT MY PALAWANICUS'S MANDIBLES LOOKED WEAKER THAN YOURS, DIDN'T YOU?
ガギャ GRIT
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NO...

IT'S TWISTING ITS NECK, THIS IS TOO GORY!!

UEE EEE EEE EH

HE'S FLIPPING OVER! BIG BRO'S ALREADY WON THIS!

ゲギィィィ CRAAACK

CRAN GRI GRI CRAN

...

ゲギィィィ GRIT GRIT GRI GRIT GRIT GRI CRAN

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UNTIL IT'S RUN OUT OF THE RING, I HAVEN'T WON...!

IT'S NOT OVER YET, JOSHU! ITS FEET ARE STILL HOLDING FIRM...

GRIT
GRIT
GRI
GRI
GRI
GRI
CREAAAAK
パキッ POP
パキッ POP

WARNING, GORE! WARNING, GORE! ITS HEAD IS GONNA BE RIPPED OFF!

AND NOW I'VE FINISHED PLANTING THEM.

I PUT THE FEMALE PHERO-MONES —

INSIDE MY SOAP BUBBLES ...

POP

GRAB

NO WAAAA-AAAAY!
HE PICKED IT UUU-UUP!
DO
DO

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DO
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DO
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DO

WHAT HAPPENED ALL OF A SUDDEN?! WHAT HAP-PENED?!

WH... WHAT THE HELL?! IT WAS ABOUT TO GET GOREY AS FUCK...

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ドド DO DO

WHAT?

...

ドド DO DO

ドド DO DO

Y... YOU'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING! TH... THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!

ドド DO DO

B... BIG BRO?!

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HE'S BEING LIFTED FROM THE ARENA... PLEASE COUNT.

ドド DO DO

BAM
HURRY UP AND COOO-OOUNT! COUNT TO 10!
JOSHU, GODDAM-MIT!
THUNK
BIG BROTHER'S RAN OUT OF THE RIIIIING!
IT RAN!
IT RAN!

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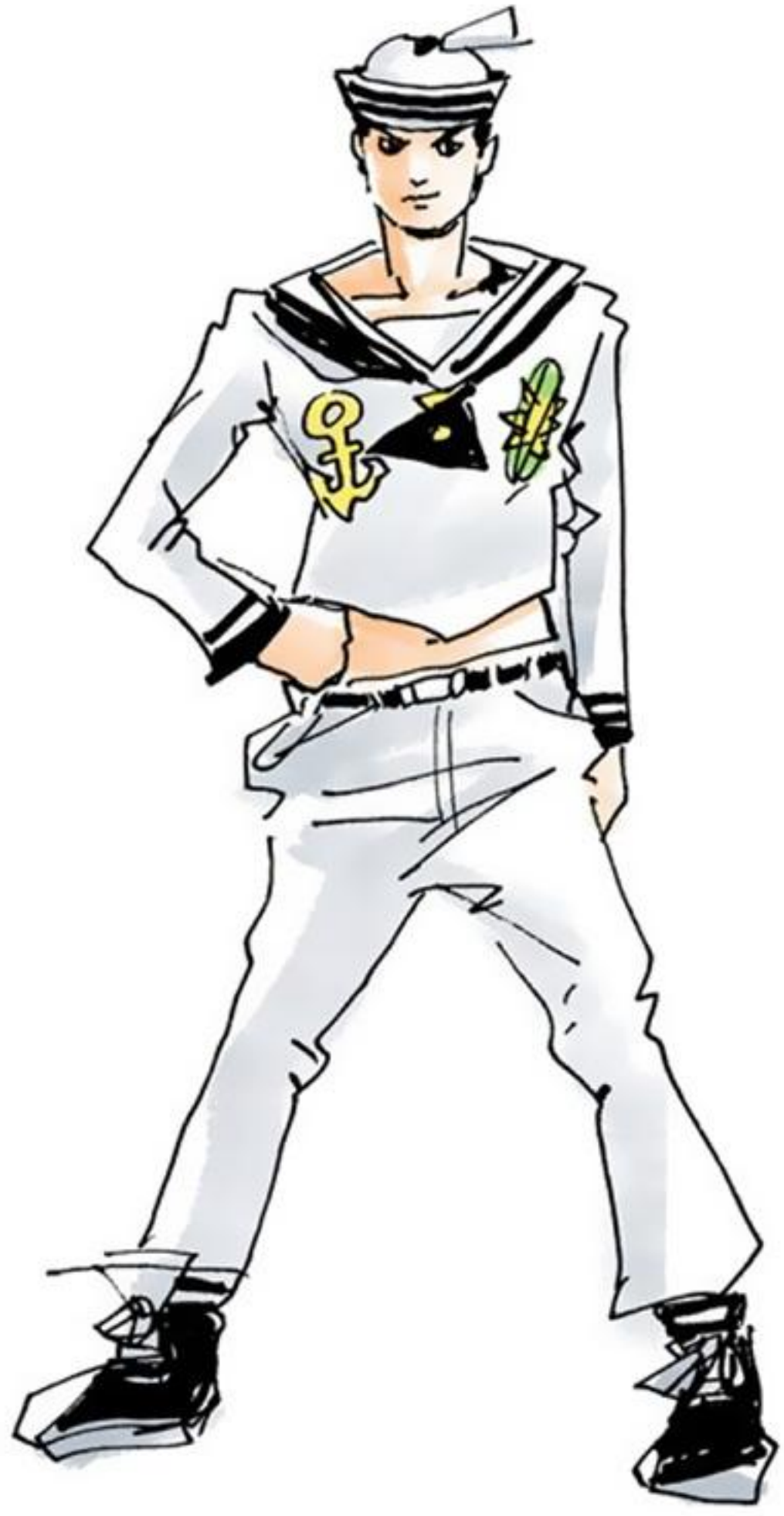
IS MEEEEEEE! MY DORCUS TITANUS PALA-WANICUS!
DO
SHV
BAM



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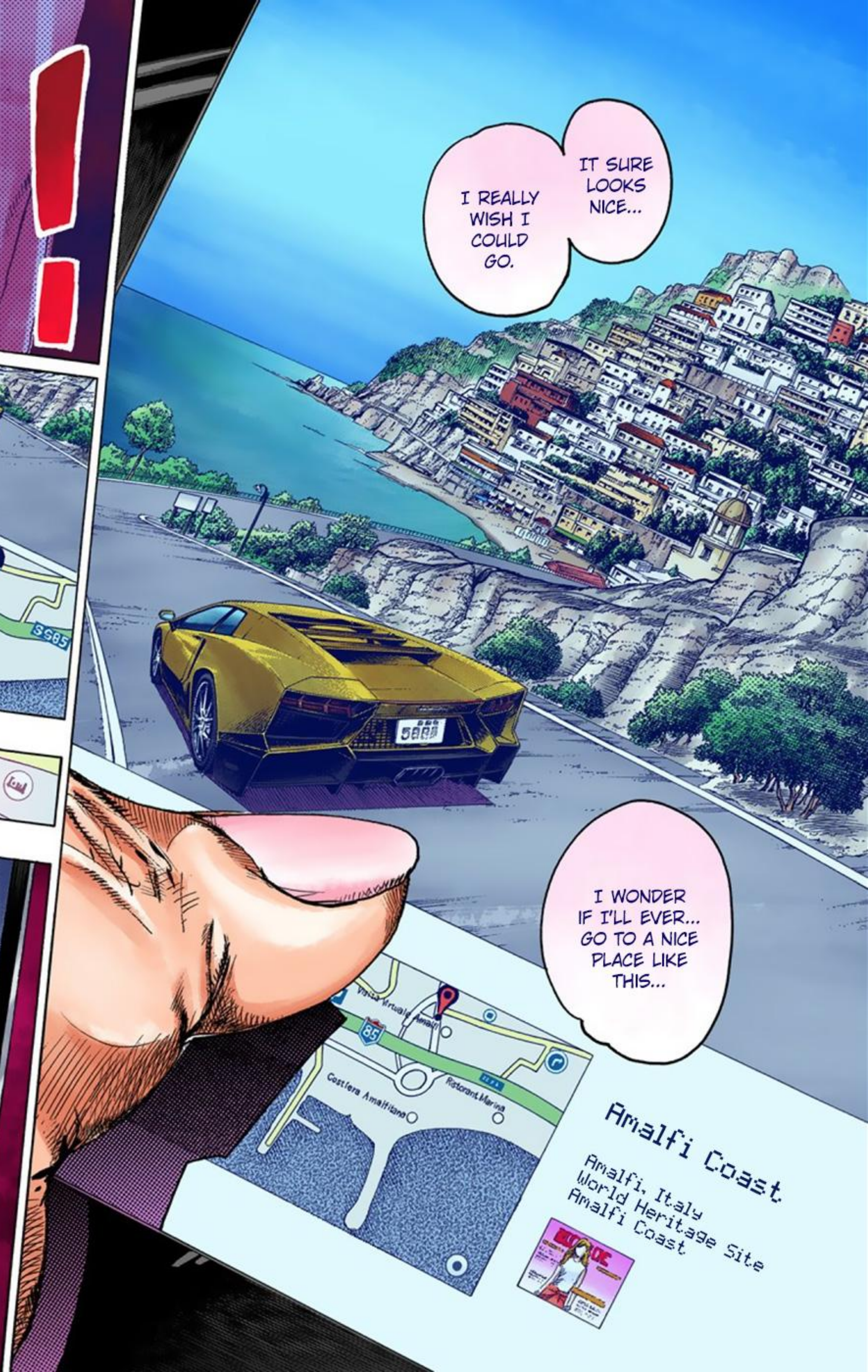
IT SURE LOOKS NICE...
I REALLY WISH I COULD GO.
I WONDER IF I'LL EVER... GO TO A NICE PLACE LIKE THIS...
Amalfi Coast
Amalfi, Italy
World Heritage Site
Amalfi Coast
Costiera Amalfitana
Ristorant Marina
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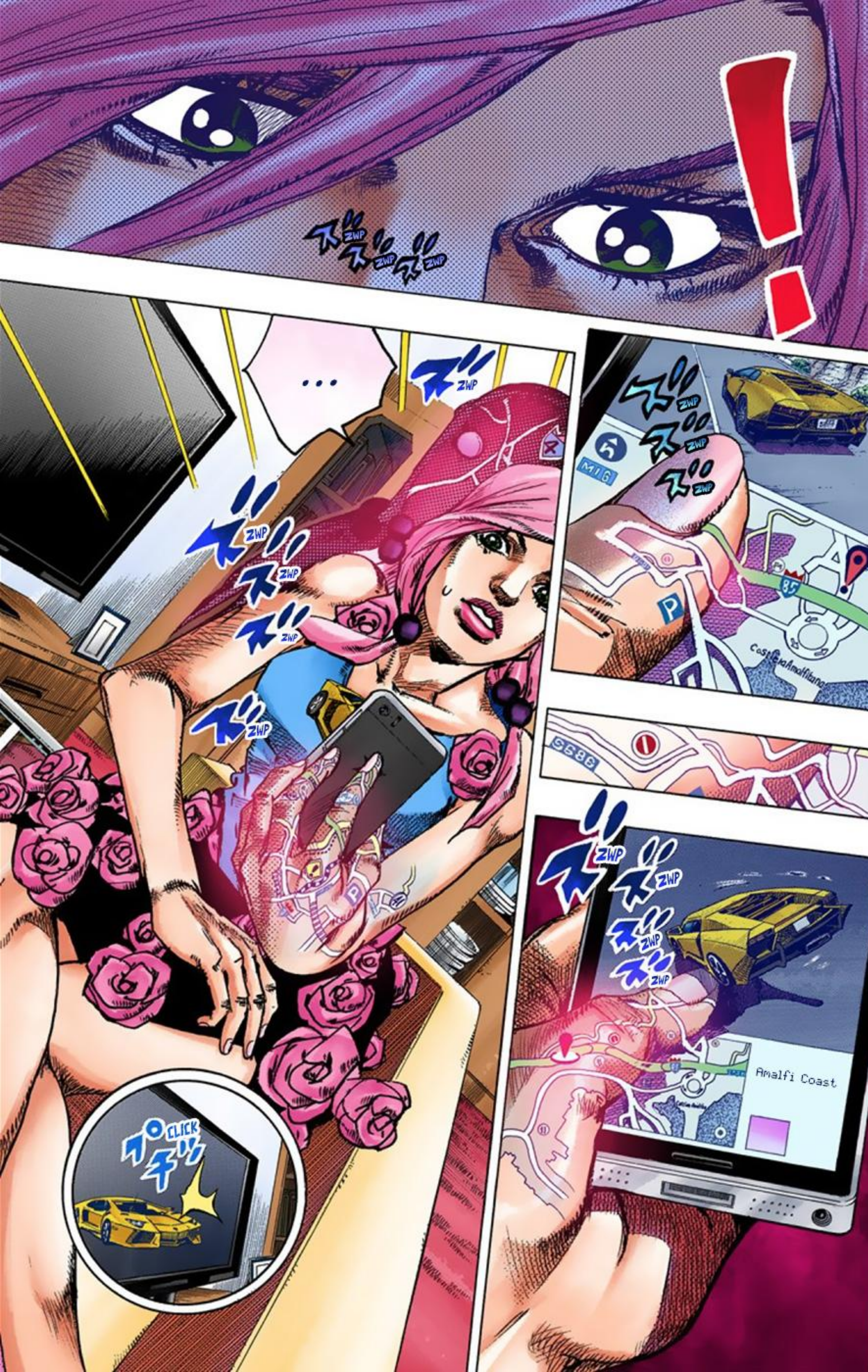
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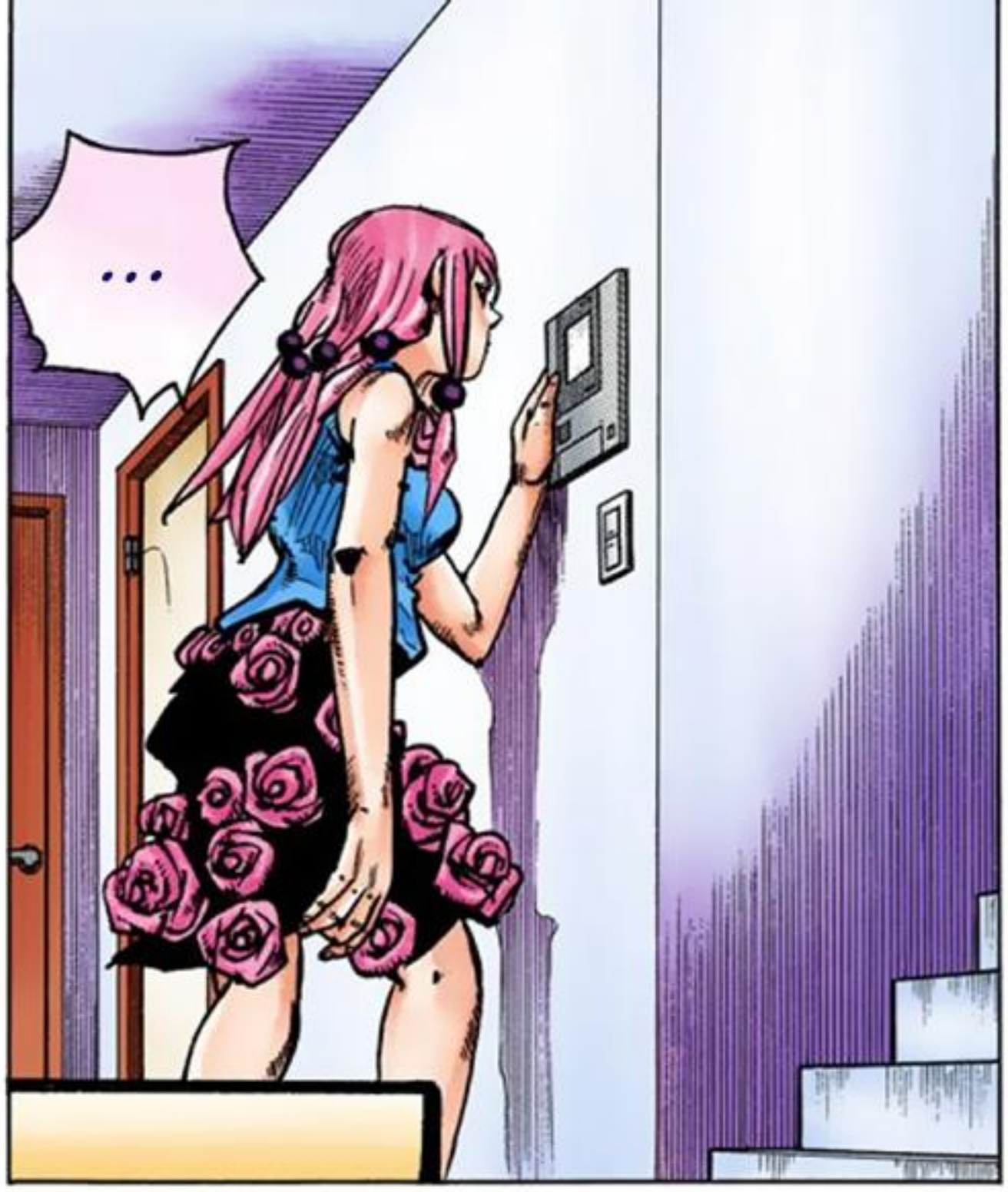
BZZ

?

HUH?!

TWIRL!!

RUB
RUB
RUB
WHAT WAS THAT?
?!
WH...
IT'S GOTTA BE BECAUSE OF HOW LONG I'VE BEEN ALONE...
WHY AM I IN THIS HOUSE...?
I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM JOSUKE.
MAYBE I SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE, TOO...?
DING DONG
LATE-LY...
I HAVEN'T REALLY ...
BEEN DOING SO WELL...
I'VE BEEN SEEING THESE WEIRD HALLUCI-NATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS...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THE TIME IS FAST APPROACH-ING...!!
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR AND LET ME IN!
IT'S TSURUGI.
GO
GO
GO
GO

IF JOSUKE GETS THAT THING...
JOSUKE IS ABOUT TO WIN AGAINST MY DAD...
THEN WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOUR ***ABILITY***, YASUHO-CHAN...
I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR ***POWER***, BIG SIS YASUHO!
WHY DID HE COME TO MY HOUSE?
TSURUGI-CHAN.
GO
GO
GO
GO

ABILI-TY?

MY ABILI-TY?

WE HAVE TO FIND THE LOCATION OF THE FRUITS!

THIS HAS A CONNECTION WITH YOTSUYU YAGIYAMA! BEFORE WE'RE NOTICED...

WE NEED A ***GUIDE*** TO THE FRUITS!

YOU CAN DO IT, BIG SIS! YOU'LL BE OUR GUIDE TO THE FRUIT ***TREE***!

GUIDE?

GO GO GO GO GO

SHV SHV

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BRO...

B...

...

KLASP

HEY, JOSUKE?! WHERE DO YA THINK YER GOIN'?!

I'M NOT LETTIN' YOU OFF THE HOOK! YOU'RE GONNA PAY!

YOU *CHEATED*!

CLICK

DON'T GIMME THAT BULLSHIT, ASSHOLE!

YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHEE-EEERE!

...RIGHT?

WE WERE DONE HERE...

I THOUGHT...

BUT WHATEVER YOU DID, IT MADE BIG BRO'S PALAWANICUS SUDDENLY POWER DOWN LIKE THAT!

I KNOW YOU USED SOME COWARDLY TRICK! ...THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU *DID* EXACTLY...

LET'S TAKE AWAY HIS ROOM!

SNIFF

SNIFF

WAIT A SEC! I'LL BET THIS GUY STUCK SOME FEMALE *PHEROMONES* INSIDE THE RING OF SOFT RUSH!

LET'S KICK THIS GUY OUTTA THE HOUSE!!

RIGHT, BRO?!

BA-BMP

HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH UNINTER-ESTING THINGS?

SERIOUSLY, WHAT A DULL LITTLE BROTHER~~~

ARE WE SURE WE DIDN'T PICK YOU UP FROM UNDER A BRIDGE AS A KID?

JOSHU,

C'MON, MA~~~N.

ガダ SKD

ガダ SKD

LOOK... MY FRIGGIN' EYEBROW...

LOOK HOW FUNNY MY FACE IS NOW.

FUHAHA HAHAHAH AHAHAHA HAHA!

HUH?

IT FEELS LIKE I'M A KID ON SUMMER VACATION AGAIN!

JOSHU, WOULD YOU SHUT UP ALREADY?!

BIG BRO, THIS BASTARD WAS...

ER... NO...

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE THIS IS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH STAG BEETLES, BUT...

AND JOSUKE,

JOSHU...! IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT, DOPING ISN'T AGAINST THE RULES!

I'M GETTING THE FEELING YOU ACTUALLY KNOW QUITE A LOT ABOUT THEM.

ACTUALLY, I MEANT THE OPPOSITE.

NO, NOT SHUT UP. THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...

BECAUSE IT'D BE FUN TO WIN THAT WAY.

WH... WHY?

SAY SOMETHING INTERESTING! LIKE, "GO GET 'YM JOSUKE!"

I'LL KICK YOU'RE ASS IF YOU CHEER ME ON!

STARTING NOW, I WANT YOU TO SUPPORT JOSUKE'S SIDE.

HUH?!

I HAVEN'T AGREED TO DO A 2ND MATCH.

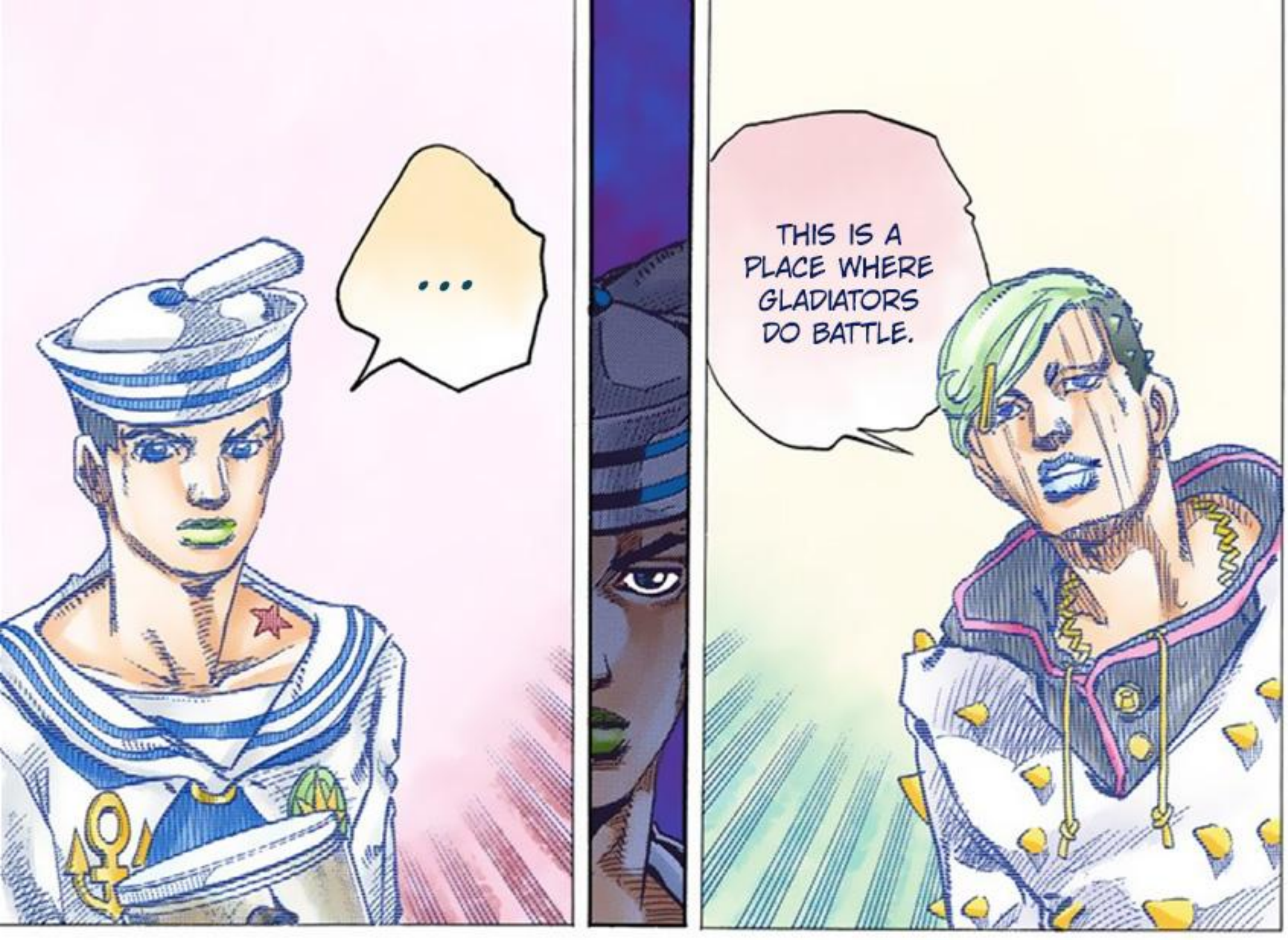
PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE.

OF COURSE WE'VE GOTTA DO ANOTHER MATCH, RIGHT?!

OH... WHAAAT?

LOOK.

WE'VE GOT SO MANY OTHER STAG BEETLES IN THIS ROOM...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THIS IS A PLACE WHERE GLADIATORS DO BATTLE.

YOU'RE WRONG THERE, TOO...
MY PALA-WANICUS' MANDIBLE IS ALREADY BROKEN.
NO, I CAN'T.

HE'S A *MALE* THAT REMEMBERS *WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WIN.*

THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR LIFE. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT GET STRONGER AND STRONGER AND BECOME A FINE WARRIOR!

YOUR PALAWANICUS HAS GOT A *FEEL FOR WINNING.*

THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE. IT WOULD REALLY BE BAD IF YOU WERE THE ONE BACKING OUT.

YES...

OF COURSE I WILL, REALLY...

I'LL BEAT YOU BLACK AND BLUE ONE MORE TIME...

BUT BEFORE THAT, I HAVE TO DRAG OUR YOUR TRUE AIM... THAT STARTS NOW...

SO YOU'LL DO IT, RIGHT? A *MATCH 2*...?

WHAT?!

IF I WERE TO DO A 2ND MATCH, THEN WHAT WOULD YOU *BET*? SHAVING *ANOTHER EYEBROW*?

LET ME JUST ASK THIS...

THEN THE LEFT AND RIGHT WOULD MATCH, I GUESS...

WHAT'S YOUR TRUE GOAL ...?

EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OF YOUR OWN MEMORIES... YOU'VE GOT THE CONFIDENCE TO WIN... AS WELL AS THE KNOWLEDGE.

I'VE GAINED QUITE AN INTEREST IN YOU.

YOU'RE AN INTERESTING GUY... WAY MORE FUN THAN MY LITTLE BROTHER... HUHU.

THERE'S NO WINDOW DRESSING IN THE WORLD OF GLADIATORS.

I JUST WANT TO WIN.

I WANT TO MAKE YOU SURRENDER... I'M GOING TO DOMINATE.

WELL AS FOR ME, THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT I OWN.

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?

IT'S OKAY, JUST FOR FUN, GO AHEAD AND SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT.
THAT REALLY COOL ONE... IT CAN BE DRIVEN, RIGHT...? COULD I HAVE *THAT* IF I WON?
THE *LAMBORGHINI* GALLARDO!

IT SHOULD BE ANY MOMENT NOW.

ゴゴ GO

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THERE'S NO TIME... RIGHT NOW... IT'S UNDER-WAY IN THE HIGASHIKATA HOUSE.

JOSUKE IS GOING TO GET THE ***LAMBORGHINI***.

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I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.

PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR AND LET ME IN!

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K-CHAK

SWSH

TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

WHAT DO YOU WANT AFTER CONFINING ME IN YOUR UNDERGROUND ROOM FOR ALL THAT TIME?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

GLANCE

GLANCE

ARE YOU ALONE IN HERE RIGHT NOW?

THERE'S A ***EVENT DATA RECORDER*** INSIDE IT, I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT FOR ME, BIG SIS YASUHO!

ONCE JOSUKE GETS HIS HANDS ON MY DAD'S LAMBORGHINI'S ***KEY,***

IT'S QUIET, BUT STILL A GALLARDO!

THE ***EVENT DATA RECORDER!*** IT'S A RECORD OF WHERE IT'S BEEN DRIVEN...

DOOM

VROOOOM

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHERE MY DAD WAS WHEN HE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY!

SOME STUFF HAPPENED YESTERDAY.

WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHERE MY ***DAD*** WENT BEFORE HE FINDS OUT!

IT'S THE PLACE WHERE THE TREE OF THE FRUIT HE HAD WITH HIM IS!

GO

THERE'S A CONNECTION BETWEEN MY DAD AND YOTSUYU YAGIYAMA!

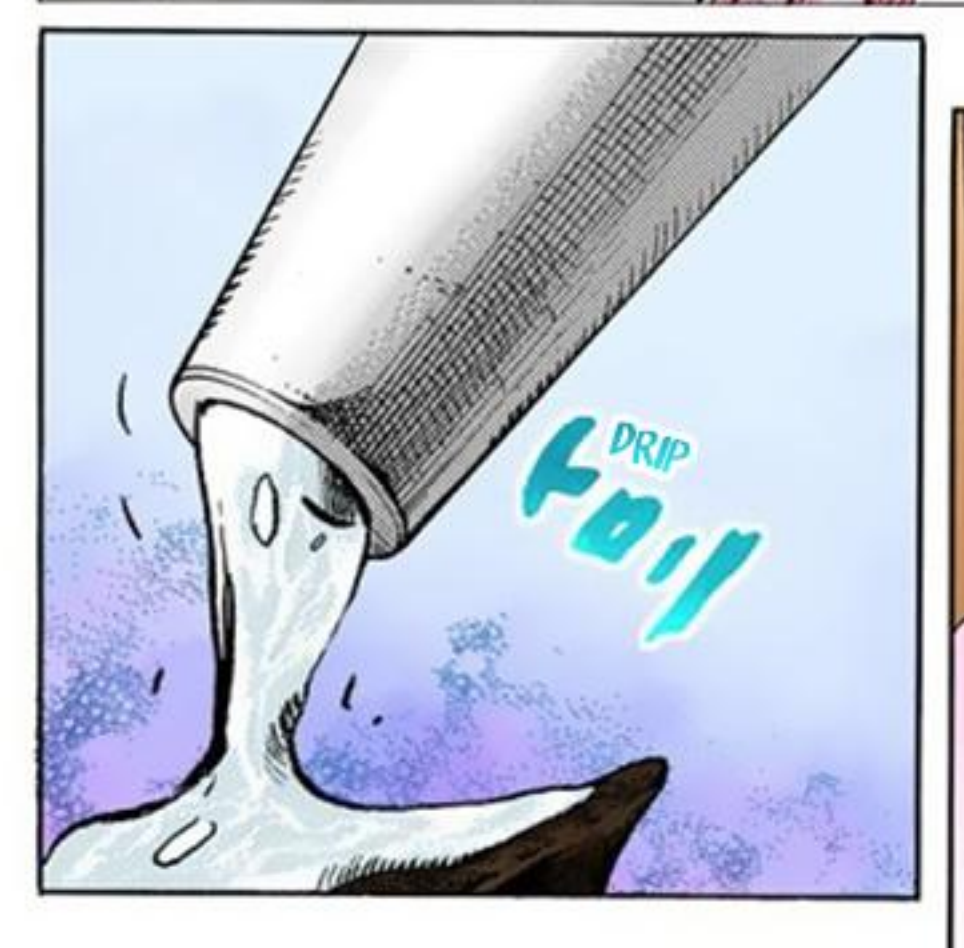
BUT WE DON'T HAVE LONG!

IF HE FINDS OUT, HE'LL HIDE IT FROM US! SO BEFORE THAT WE NEED TO OPEN UP THE ***EVENT DATA RECORDER*** AND INVESTIGATE IT. THEN WE'LL BE DEAD CERTAIN!

YOU'VE ACTUALLY GOT A ***STAND ABILITY***, BIG SIS! I'M SURE THAT ABILITY WILL LEAD US TO THE FRUIT TREE.

WE CAN'T LET HIM FIND OUT THAT OUR TARGET IS THE EVENT DATA RECORDER!

STAND.



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GRIT GRIT

KUH.

FUUUH

FUUUH

THANKS... COULD YOU PUT IT BACK IN THE DRAWER?

JOSHU,

WHERE'D YOU GET THIS?

SWSH

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CLAK

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I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!

IF YOUR DORCUS TITANUS PALAWANICUS WINS, THAT IS.

BUT THINK SOME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU LOSE. THINK ABOUT WHAT THINGS YOU *CONTROL*.

THE CAR COST ME 3 MILLION YEN, BUT...

ALL RIGHT.

AND HERE WE HAVE THE JAVA-BORN *ALLOTOPUS ROSENBERGI, THE GOLDEN STAG BEETLE*.

IT TAKES THREE MONTHS TO REACH ADULT-HOOD.

DON'T GO TOUCHIN' THEY KEY YET, DAMMIIIIT!

I GUESS THE FIRST THING I EVER DRIVE IN MY LIFE IS GONNA BE A LAMBORGHINI...

EVEN THE DESIGN OF THE *KEY* IS COOL~

THOUGH I HAVEN'T GOT A LICENSE.

YOUR OPPONENT FOR MATCH 2 WILL BE THIS ROSEN-BERGI.

THE HORNS ARE LIKE THOSE OF AN ONI.

AND THEY MANDIBLES THAT CURVE OUTWARD.

JUST AS IT'S NAME IMPLIES — IT'S GOLD COLORED.

THEIR EGGS ARE LAID IN FOREST TREES THAT HAVE A CERTAIN FUNGUS GROWING ON THEM...

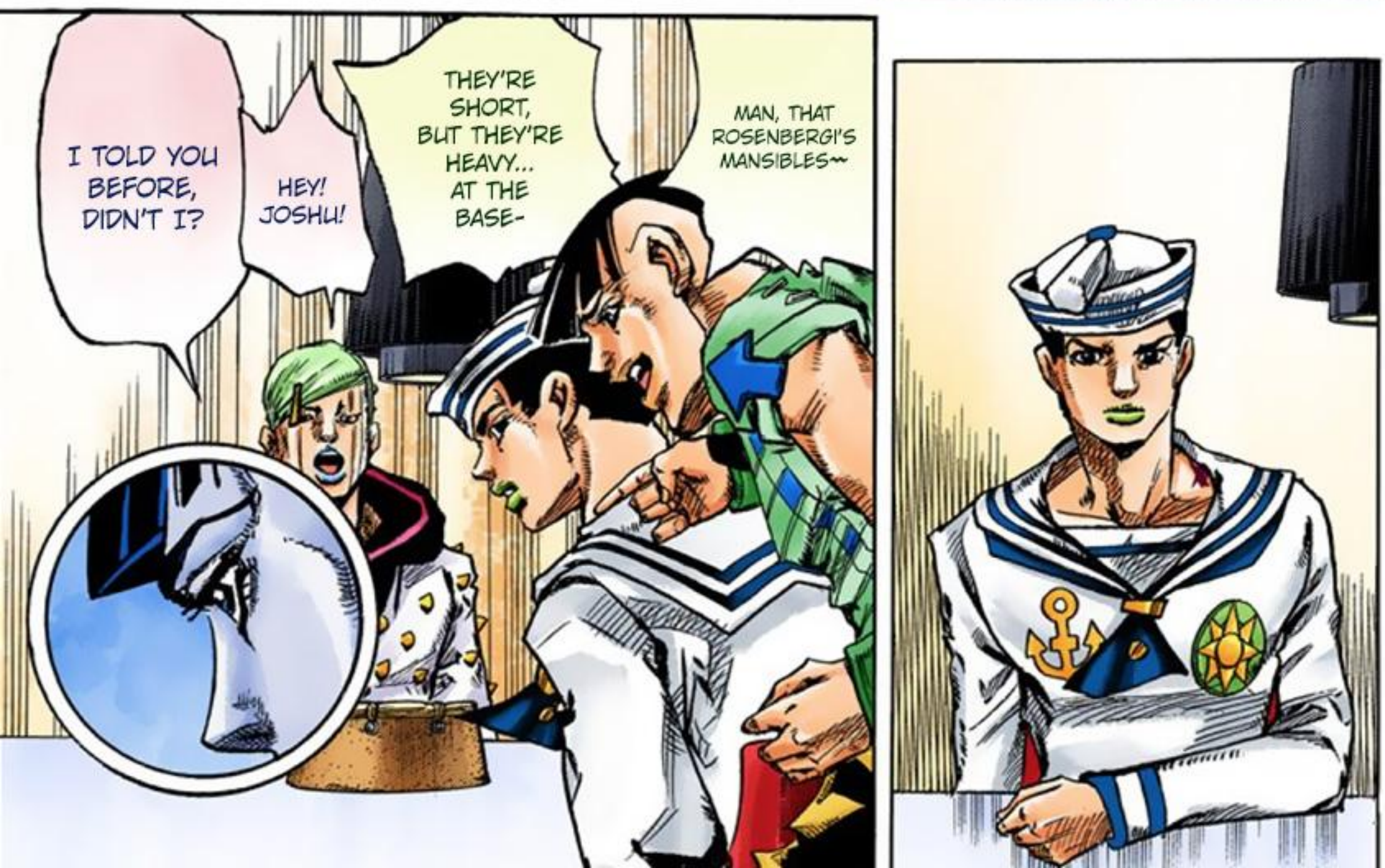
ITS LENGTH IS 79.1 MM.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I?

HEY! JOSHU!

THEY'RE SHORT, BUT THEY'RE HEAVY... AT THE BASE-

MAN, THAT ROSENBERGI'S MANSIBLES~



SO DO IT NOW! GO AHEAD!

I HAVEN'T BEEN JOKING AROUND HERE.

SAY SOMETHING SUPPORTIVE!

YOU, BE JOSUKE'S ALLY.

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LET'S HEAR SOME CHEERING!

C'MON!

SOME WORDS THAT'LL ENCOURAGE JOSUKE.

ONCE YOU GO OUT INTO SOCIETY, YOUR MEAGER LEVEL OF HUMANITY WILL BE CALLED INTO QUESTION.

AT LEAST SAY THE NAME JOSUKE SOMEWHERE. DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO CRITICIZE YOU OVER EVERY LITTLE THING LIKE THIS.

GEE~ZE, MAN...

YAY!

GO GET 'I~M!

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YAY!

IT'LL CHOP THAT 79.1 MILLIMETER *ROSENBERGI* UP INTO LITTLE PIECES!!

JOSUKE'S *DORCUS TITANUS PALAWANICUS* IS 112.0 MILLI-METERS!

OH!

THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD. THAT'S THE SPIRIT, JOSHU.

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SCRP

DOOM

SCRP

SCRP

JUST ONE'S FINE...

YOUR *EYEBALL*. LET ME LICK IT WHILE YOUR EYE-LIDS ARE OPEN.

LET ME LICK YOUR *EYEBALL*.

THAT'S WHAT I DECIDED.

GO GO GO GO GO

YOU STILL HAVEN'T ASKED WHAT I'M *BETTING* IF I LOSE.

GO

BUT... SERIOUSLY.

...THE DORCUS TITANUS PALA-WANICUS IS WAY BIGGER... IN COMPARISON...

WHEN THEY LOCK MANDIBLES, THE 2ND BATTLE BEGINS!

JUST LIKE BEFORE, IT'S ONE ROUND OF 45 SECONDS!

IF YOU DRIVE YOUR OPPONENT OUTSIDE THE ARENA, YOU WIN!

IT'S THE FEELING OF WINNING.

GROSS, HUH? THAT'S WHY IT'S ALL I'M ASKING.

THIS IS MY FIRST FUN SUMMER VACATION IN A LONG TIME.

OKAY, THE STAKES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED!

GO

LELO

SCRP

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IF THE OPPONENT IS HELD IN THE AIR FOR 10 COUNTS, YOU WIN!

AND IF YOU KILL YOUR OPPONENT, YOU ALSO WIN!

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IS MOVING LIKE IT'S TRYING TO DRIVE THE ROSENBERGI OUTSIDE THE RING.
JOSUKE'S PALAWAN-ICUS...
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IT'S TRUE THAT IT HAS A FEEL FOR WINNING NOW.
THEY'RE LOCKED!
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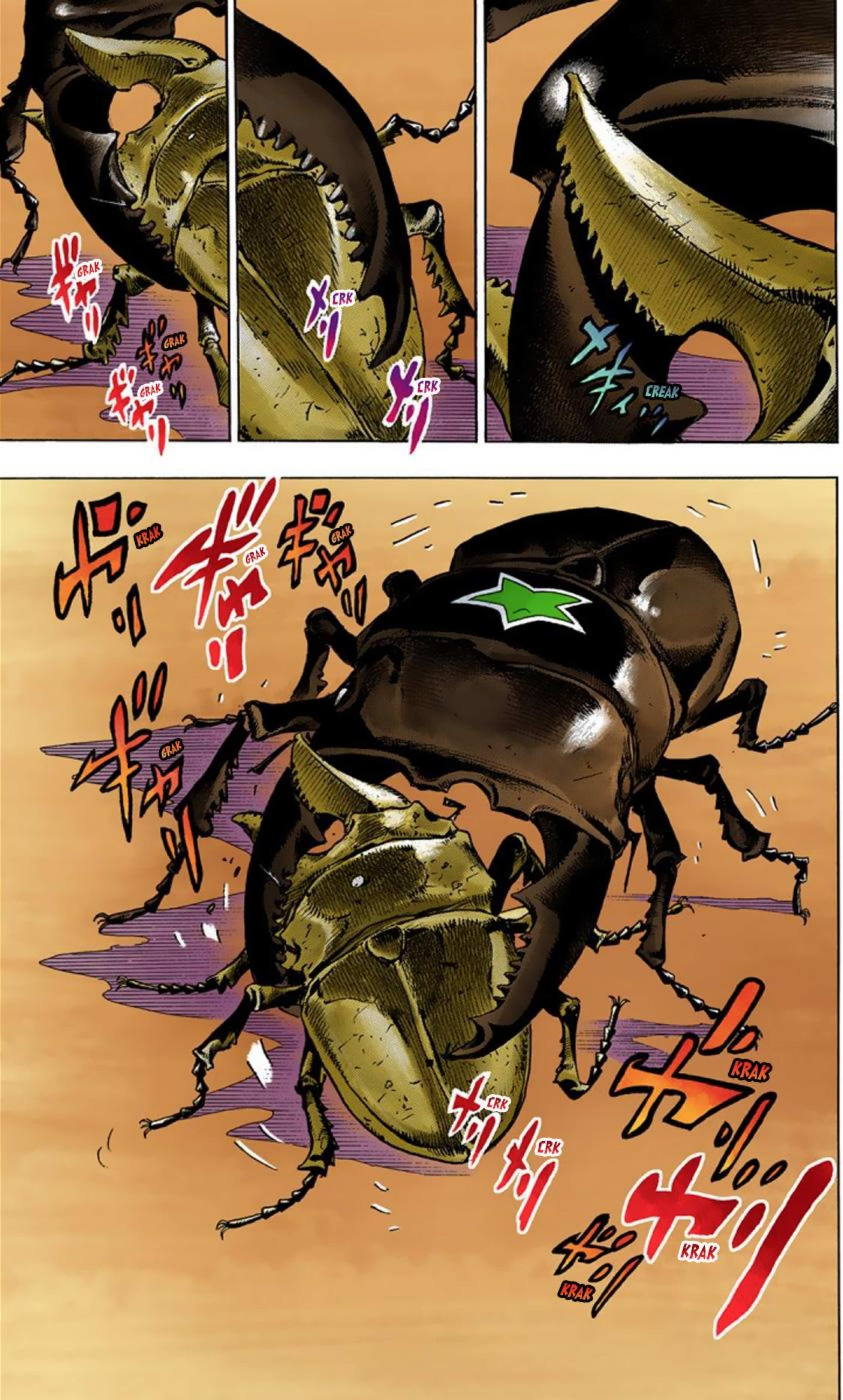
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THAT OPEN SHAPE... BECAUSE OF THAT WHEN IT GETS A GOOD GRIP ON SOMETHING, RATHER THAN IT BEING ABOUT PRESSURE, IT CUTS THINGS APART LIKE A SAW.

AND WITH THE PALAWANICUS' MANDIBLE BEING FIXED WITH ADHESIVE GLUE...

THE SMALL SIZE OF THE ROSENBERGI'S MANDIBLES IS DEFINITELY NOT A WEAKNESS...

BIG BRO CHOSE TO DO THIS 2ND MATCH.

WAS SO I WOULDN'T GIVE JOSUKE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEETLE...?

IS THE REASON BIG BRO TOLD ME TO CHEER JOSUKE ON...

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRIK

SKRK

CRAK

CRAK

HAS THE ROSENBERGI'S THORAX CAUGHT IN A PRETTY SOLID GRIP.

BUT STILL... THE PALA-WANICUS

CRIK

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CRAK

IT'S GONNA BREAK AGAIN PRETTY EASILY.

GRIIK

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SKIDDD
BIG BRO'S ROSENBERGI'S STARTING TO RETREAT!!
IT'S GONNA BE PUSHED OUT!!
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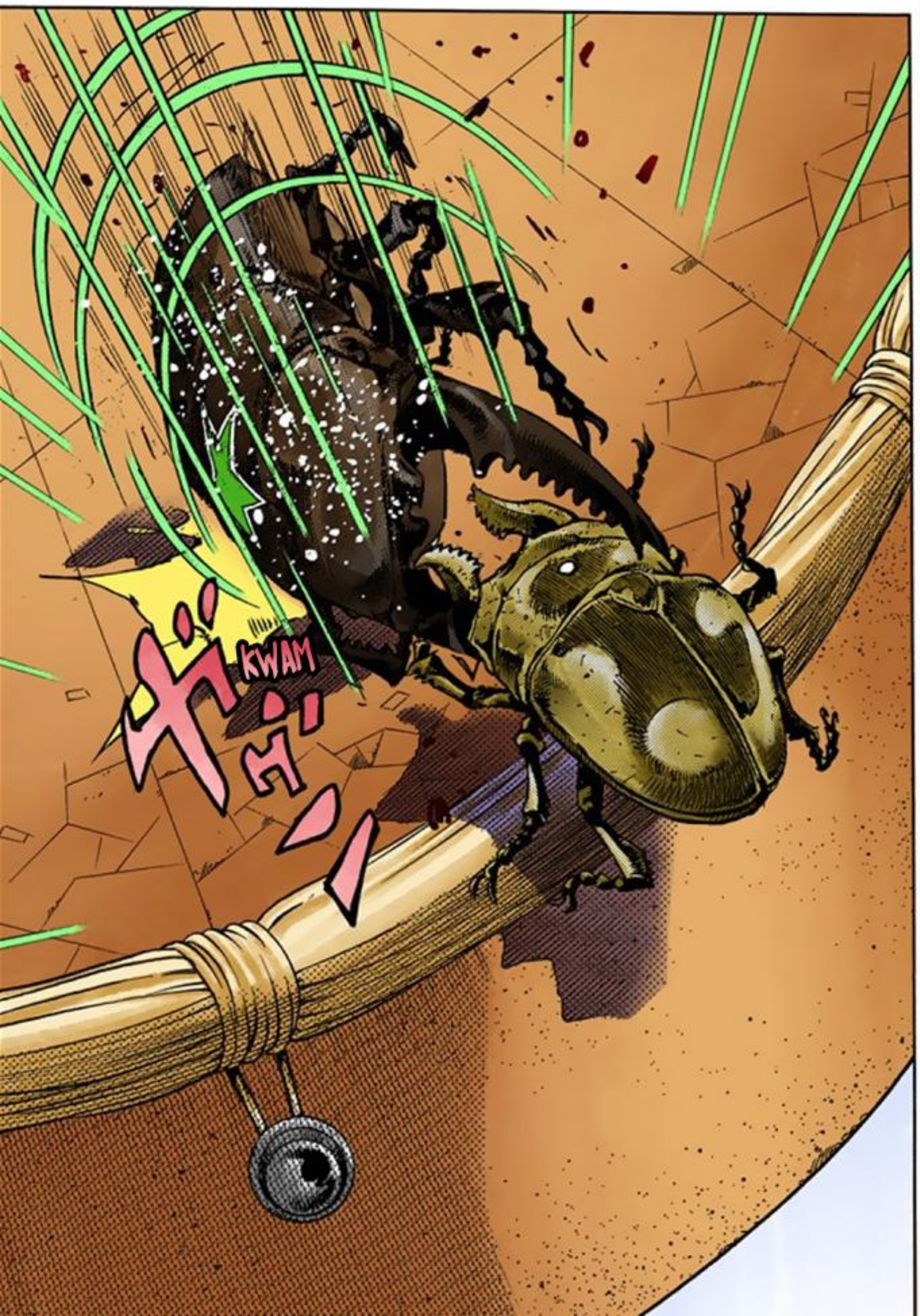

GRUNCH
TWITCH

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WHAT?!

JOSUKE'S PALAWANICUS HAS BEEN KNOCKED ON ITS BACK!

IT'S DOWN!!

TWITCH

TWITCH

HE SUDDENLY GOT FLIPPED OVER!!

WHAT HAPPENED?!

JOSUKE'S PALAWANICUS ISN'T MOVING AT ALL!!

IT'S COWERING, IT'S NOT GETTING UP AT ALL!!

BUT IF YOU TOUCH THE PALIWANICUS'S BODY AT ALL, THAT'S AN *AUTOMATIC FAILURE.*

JOSUKE, I DON'T MIND IF YOU DO SOMETHING WITH THAT BRUSH.

CRK
CRK
KSHHH
THE ROSENBERGI IS HEADING FOR THE PALIWANICUS!
IT'S ON TOP OF IT!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
DID JOBIN DO SOMETHING THROUGH THE ROSEN-BERGI?
GO
GO
GO
GO
HIS LEG JUST GOT CLIPPED CLEAN OOOFF!!
CRAK
CRIK
CRIK
GEH! WARNING, GORE! WARNING, GORE!
IT'S BACK UP!

DOOM

THE PALI-WANICUS IS FINALLY ON THE MOVE AGAAAIN!

CRAK

CRK

CR-

CR-

CRAK

CRAK

ROLL

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

THE PALA-WANICUS IS COWERING AGAAAAAIN?!

CURL

CURL

GRIP

ROLL

ROLL

IT'S STILL HERE! IT'S NOT OUT OF THE RING!!

CLNG

CLNG

CLNG

IT STILL HASN'T FALLEN FROM THE RING!!

IT HASN'T FALLEN!!

IS IT A COINCIDENCE?! THE PALAWANICUS IS COWERING AWAY, BUT ITS LEG IS CAUGHT ON THE SOFT RUSH!

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THE ROSEN-BERGI IS GOING TO ATTACK THE PALAWANICUS ON THE EDGE OF THE RIIIIING!

THAT ILLUSTRATED INSECT GUIDE!

BRING IT HERE!

ON THE SHELF... I WANNA SEE THAT!

JOSHU.

GET IT, JOSHU!

I WANNA SEE THAT ILLUSTRATED INSECT GUIDE!

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WHEN BEETLES FEEL STRONG VIBRATIONS AND OTHER SHOCKS TO THEIR LEG JOINTS,

THEY INSTINCTUALLY REACT BY ASSUMING A STATE OF APPARENT DEATH (PLAYING DEAD).

Upon feeling a shock — they play dead (enter a state of apparent death) as a defense mechanism.

HERE IT IS...

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IS THIS... A METHOD OF ATTACK THAT INSECTS USE?!
...THAT JOBIN HIGASHIKATA IS *PULLING SOME TRICK* THROUGH THE ROSENBERGI.
NO, THAT'S NOT IT... IT'S GOT TO BE
THE ROSENBERGI IS ATTACKIIIING!

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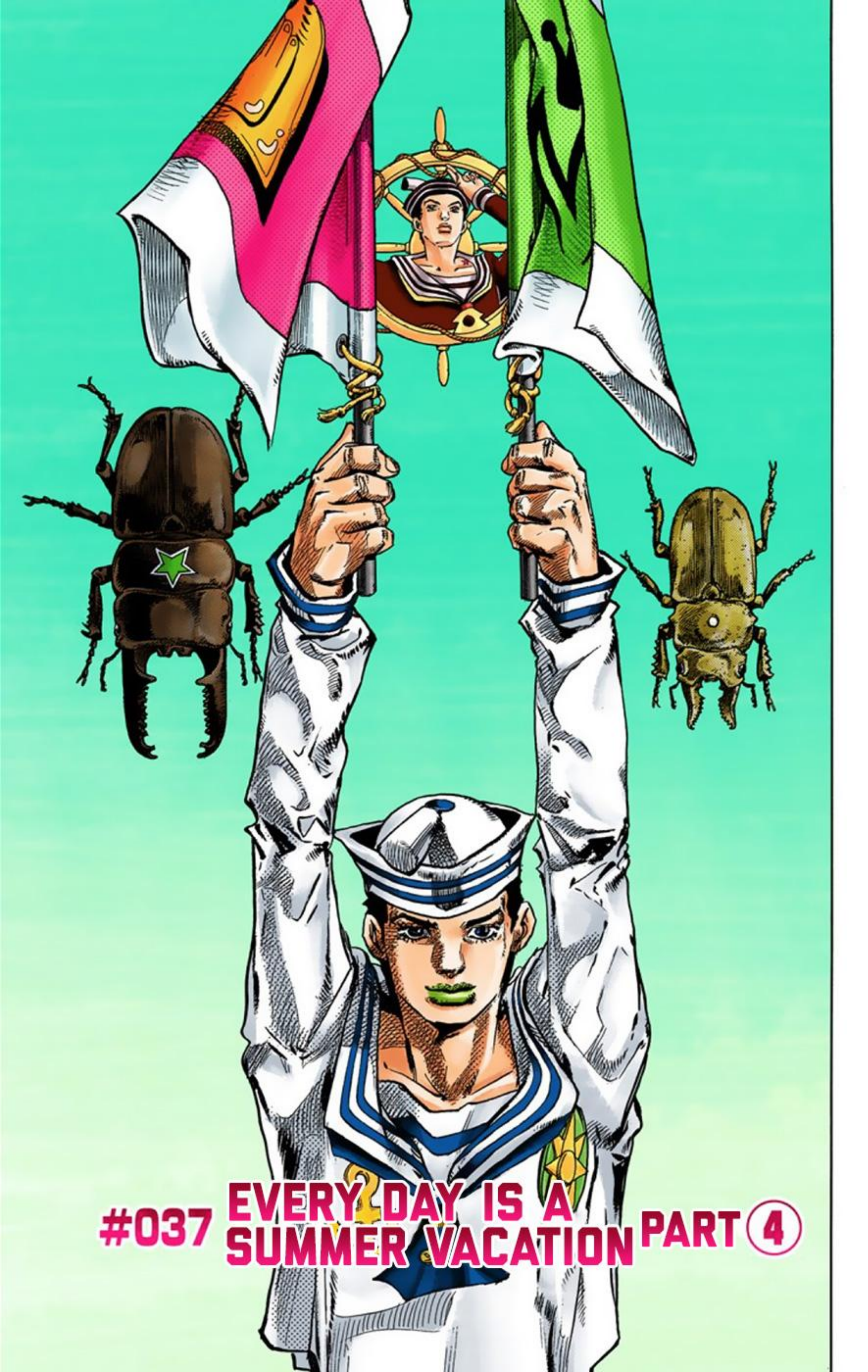

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IT!
CRAKK
CRAKK
CRAAK
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I STILL CAN'T SEE IT, BUT...

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

I CA SEE

MANIPULATING SOMETHING AND THAT HE'S TRYING TO KEEP HIDDEN!

JOBIN HIGA-SHIKATA IS DEFINITELY...

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

WHOOSH

THAT KICK-LIKE MOVEMENTS ITS HIND LEGS ARE DOING!!

DOOM

LIKE IT'S IMBIBED WITH JOBIN'S WILL,

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

CRAK

IT'S GOING AFTER THE JOINTS ON THE PALAWANICUS'S FRONT LEGS!

THEY'RE ALMOST MECHANICAL!

THE ROSENBERGI BROKE OFF ANOTHER ONE 'A THE PALAWANICUS'S LEEEEGS!

CRAAKK

OOOZE

DRIP

!?

KRNK

...

KRAK

KRAK

KRRAK

KRRAK

KRRAK

GLUB

DRIP

DRIP DRIP

DOOM

OH NO... IT COULD PLAY DEAD WITH ITS LEG JOINTS BEING ATTACKED,

BUT LIKE JOSHU SAID, ITS LEGS ARE GONNA BE GONE BEFORE THAT CAN HAPPEN!

KRAK

BLUB

SWISH

BLUB

I HAVE TO DEFEND OR...

THE PALA-WANICUS HAS BEEN LIFTED UUUUP!

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ANOTHER ONE OF ITS HIND LEGS IS GONNA BE SNAPPED OOOOOFF!

SLIP
THE PALAWANICUS FELL!
IT FELL! WE HAVE A WINNER!
DO
WAAAAA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAH!
THERE'S NO WINNER YET.
JOSHU, TAKE A LOOK AT THE CLOCK.
IT'S A TIE.
TIME RAN OUT... ALREADY.
DO
THE ROSENBERGI PUSHED IT OUT OF THE RIIIIIIING!
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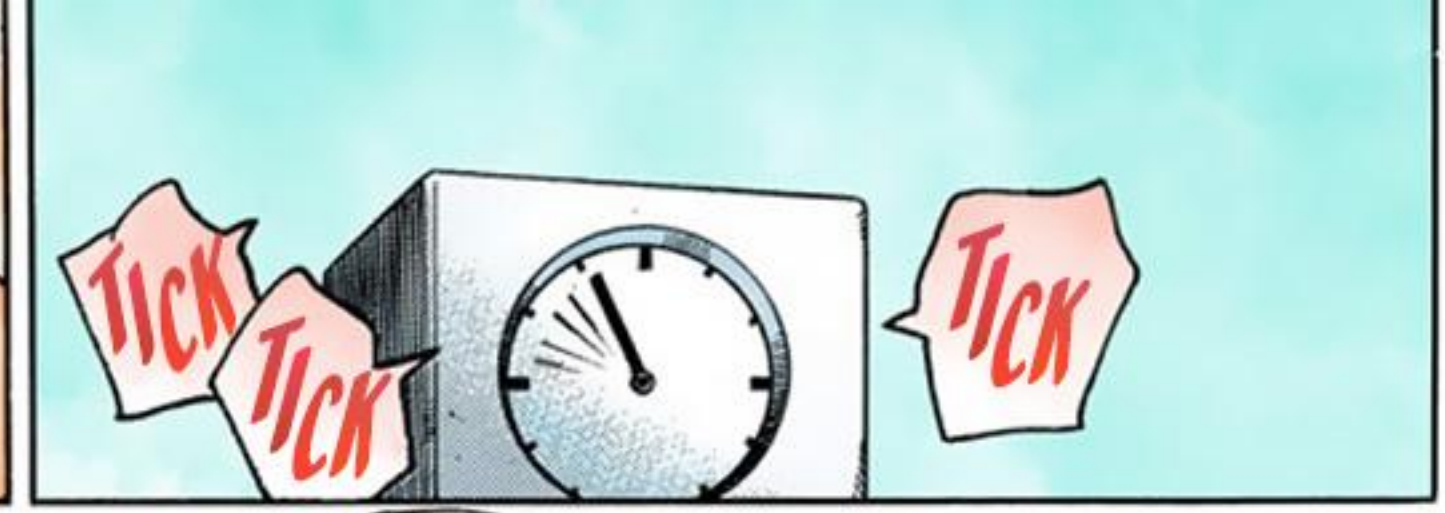


IT'S TOO LATE.

STAG BEETLES' INTELLIGENCE AND MEMORY CAN'T LAST ANY LONGER THAN THAT.

THAT ROUND WENT OVER THE *45 SECOND* TIME LIMIT.

WE'RE GONNA *SQUARE OFF AGAIN...*

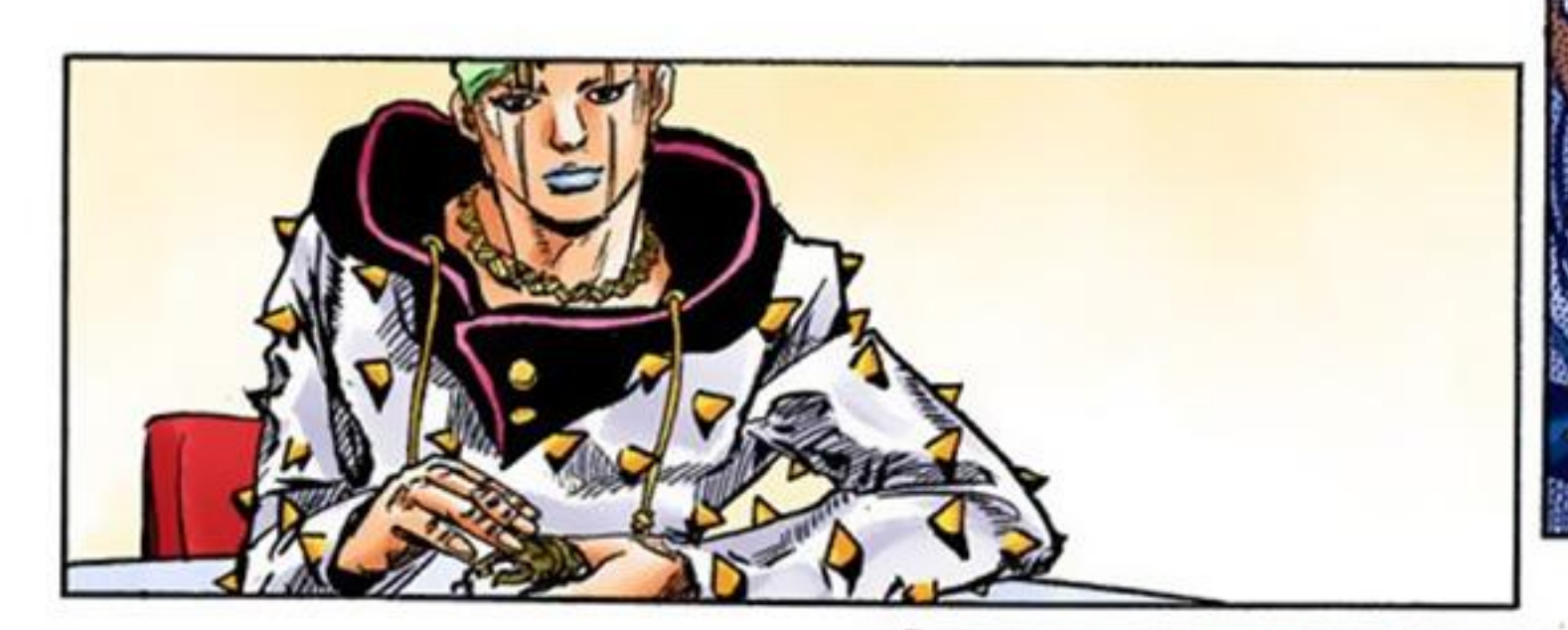
GLARE

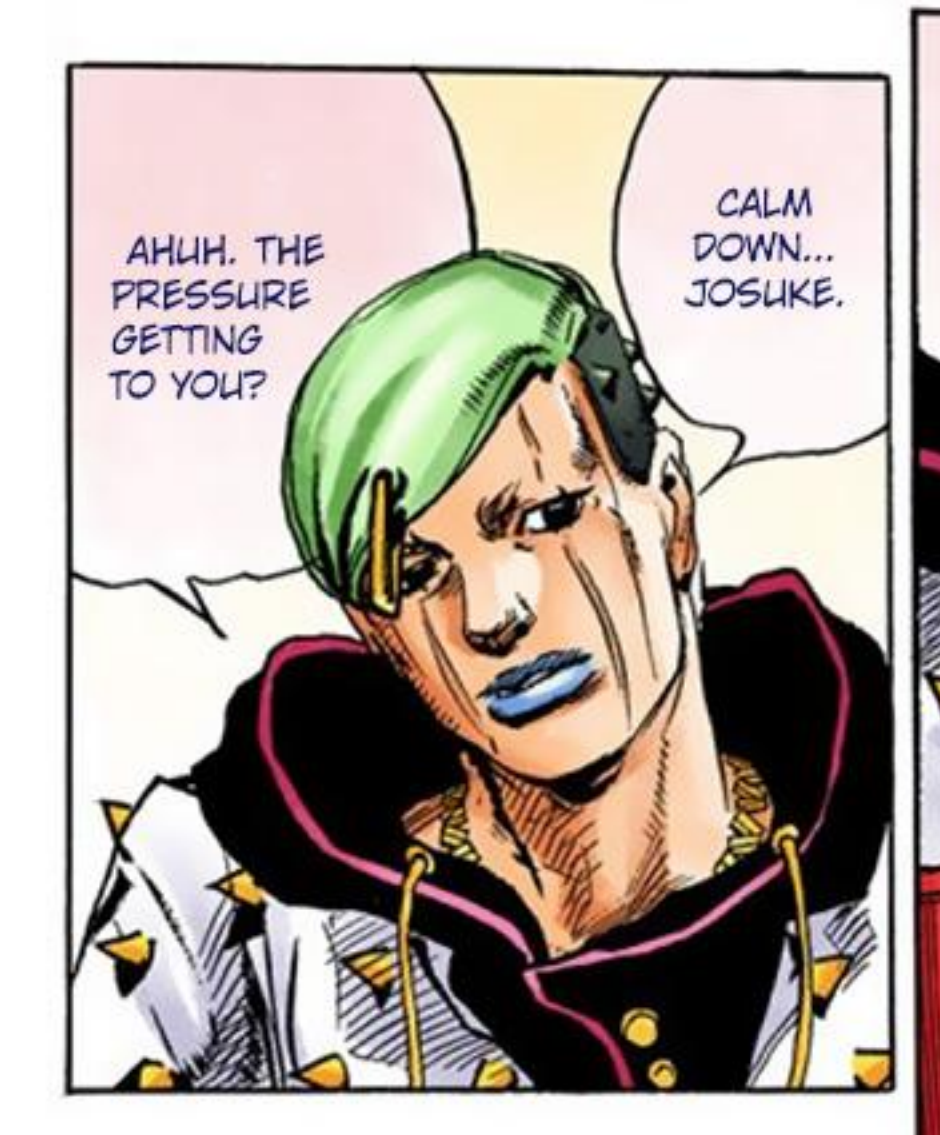
THAT PALAWANICUS OF YOURS IS ALREADY OUTMA-....

KHEH!! JOSUKE!! LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE JUUUUUST SAVED BY THE BELL!

HAH!

MATCH IS SURE TO BE A GOOD ONE, HU~~~~H?
M...ATCH...
THAT PALAWANICUS SURE HAD THE WIN WHEN IT CAME TO GREAT MOVES AND DECISIONS!
GO GET 'EM, PALAWAN-ICU~~~S!
WOO!




AHUH. THE PRESSURE GETTING TO YOU?
CALM DOWN... JOSUKE.

YOUR BRUSH IS THIS ONE, REMEMBER?
JOSUKE!
WATCH IT THERE. THAT'S MY BRUSH.

BMP

SWWW...

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SWSH...

HAD A TICK ON IT HERE, SO...

NO...

MY PALA-WANICUS...

BRSH

BRSH

SHF

SHF

A TICK...?

DO YOU HAVE SOME CONCERN?

OR

YOU'RE THE SUSPICIOUS ONE, JOBIN-SAN.

WELL, ACTUALLY... THERE IS SOMETHING I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT.

THAT ROSENBERGI...

THAT SEEMS SORTA SUSPICIOUS.

BRSH

BRSH

BRSH

GLANCE...

SOMETHING WAS DRIPPING OUT OF IT LIKE IT'S MELTING.

THERE'S A HOLE ON ITS BACK...

?

...

I JUST SAW... SOMETHING OOZING OUT OF ITS BACK.

THERE WAS A *LIQUID* OOZING OUT OF IT.

I'M SURE I SAW IT JUST A MINUTE AGO.

WHAT IS THAT? THAT *HOLE*?

SHF

...

I'LL ANSWER YOU, JOSUKE...

IT'S *WAX*!

HEY, JOSUKE! NOW YOU'RE COMING UP WITH SHITTY FALSE ACCUSATIONS?!!

QUIT ASKIN' MY BRO THOSE WEIRD QUE...

JOLT

THE KIND YOU USE TO POLISH SHOES OR A BASEBALL GLOVE.

TAP

TAP

TAP

I OPENED A *HOLE* HERE AT THE NERVES BEHIND THE BRAIN CENTER WITH A NARROW SCREWDRIVER AND PACKED THE WAX INSIDE.

THAT'S THE SORT OF *HOLE* ON IT.

IT'S THE SAME IDEA... THE THING YOU SAW OOZING OUT WAS *WAX*.

YOU SAW SOME OF THE WAX MELTING OUT OF THE *HOLE*.

IS THAT A SATIS-FACTORY EXPLANA-TION?

BUT WHEN THE WAX MELTS,

IT AFFECTS THE NERVES, CAUSING CONVULSIVE MOVEMENTS.

EVERYTHING IS *NORMAL* WHILE THE WAX IS SOLID,

THERE ARE PARASITES THAT CAN CONTROL LADYBUGS BODIES LIKE ZOMBIES, BUT THEY CAN MAKE THEM GO WHEREVER THEY WANT.

AFTER THE PHEROMONES AND AFTER WE REPAIR THE BROKEN MANDIBLES AND A FEW LEGS WITH ADHESIVE, THAT IS.

IF YOU WANT... I CAN DO IT FOR YOUR PALAWANICUS, TOO.

AND NOW YOU JUST... PUT IT BACK IN, RIGHT?

IN A *HOLE* YOU OPENED...

YOU PUT... WAX...

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TAP

DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THAT?
BUT IT'LL BE TOTALLY FINE FOR THE NEXT 45 SECONDS.
YEAH, IT'LL DIE...
IN AROUND 20 MINUTES...
SHDDR
YOU DON'T, RIGHT?
BRO,
B...
OPENING A HOLE IN THE ROSENBERG! WON'T... KILL IT OR ANYTHING, WILL IT?
JOSUKE, PUT IT BACK IN THE RING!
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IN THE NEXT 45 SECONDS, WE'LL HAVE OUR WINNER!

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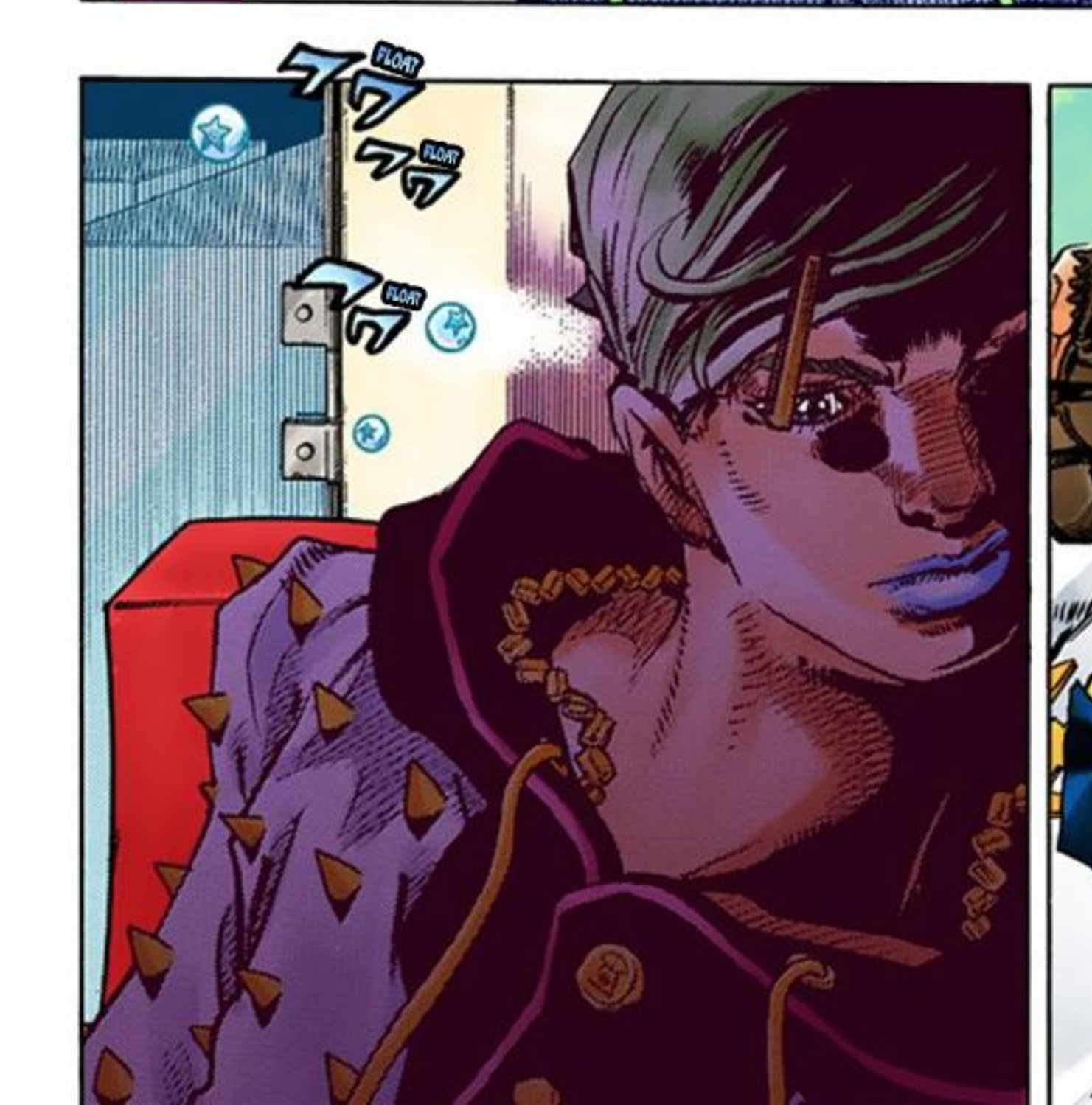
GO GO GO GO GO GO GO GO



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IT'S ROUND 2! THIS TIME, THE ROSEN-BERGI IS APPROACHING THE PALA-WANICUS!
FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
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GO

DRIP

DROOOP

WHOOSH

AND RIGHT OFF THE BAAAAT!

THE ROSENBERGI IS MOVING QUICK!

POP

POP

POP

TEMPERATURE

HUMIDITY

FLOAT

FLOAT

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FLOAT

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THE PALA-WANICUS IS RUNNING!
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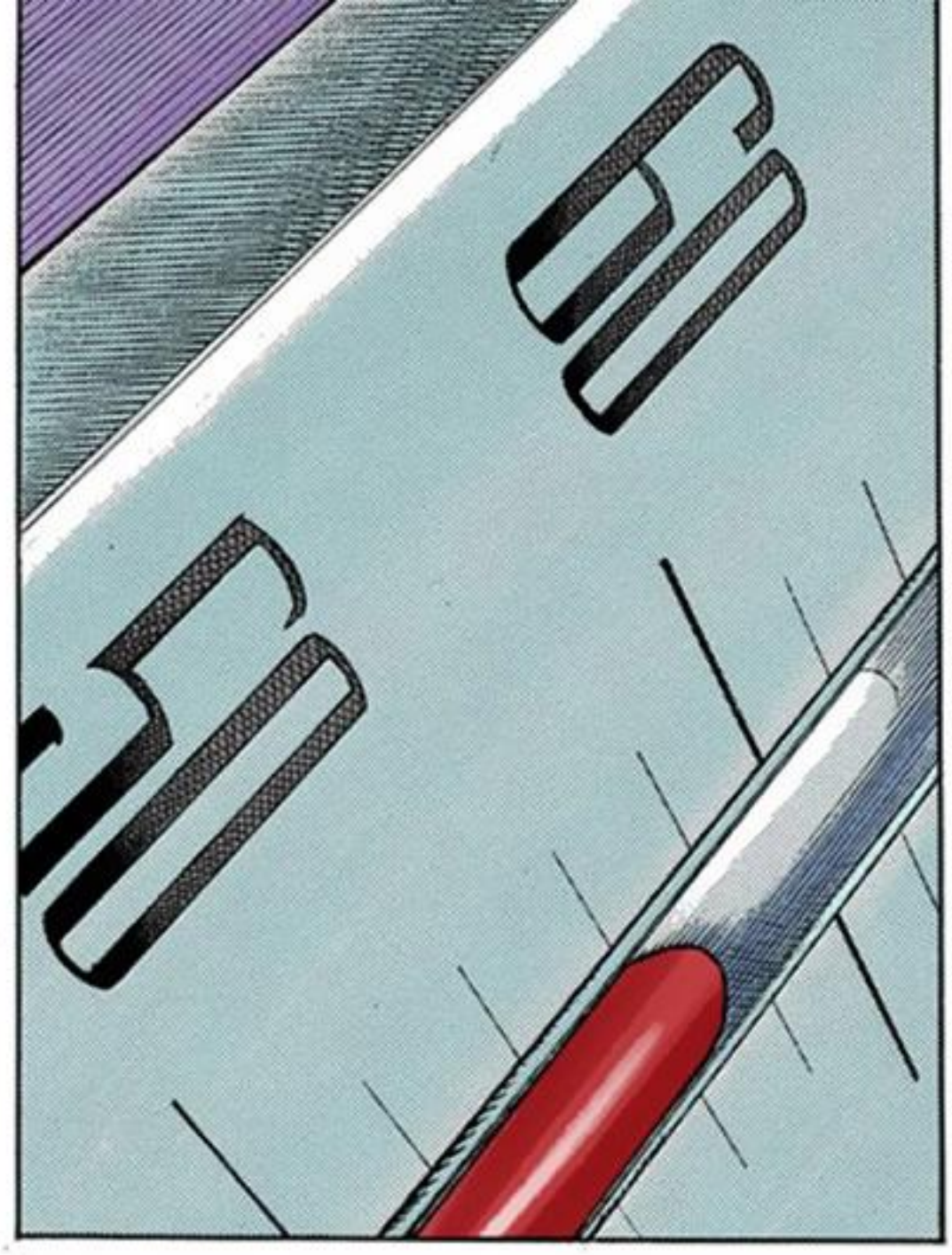
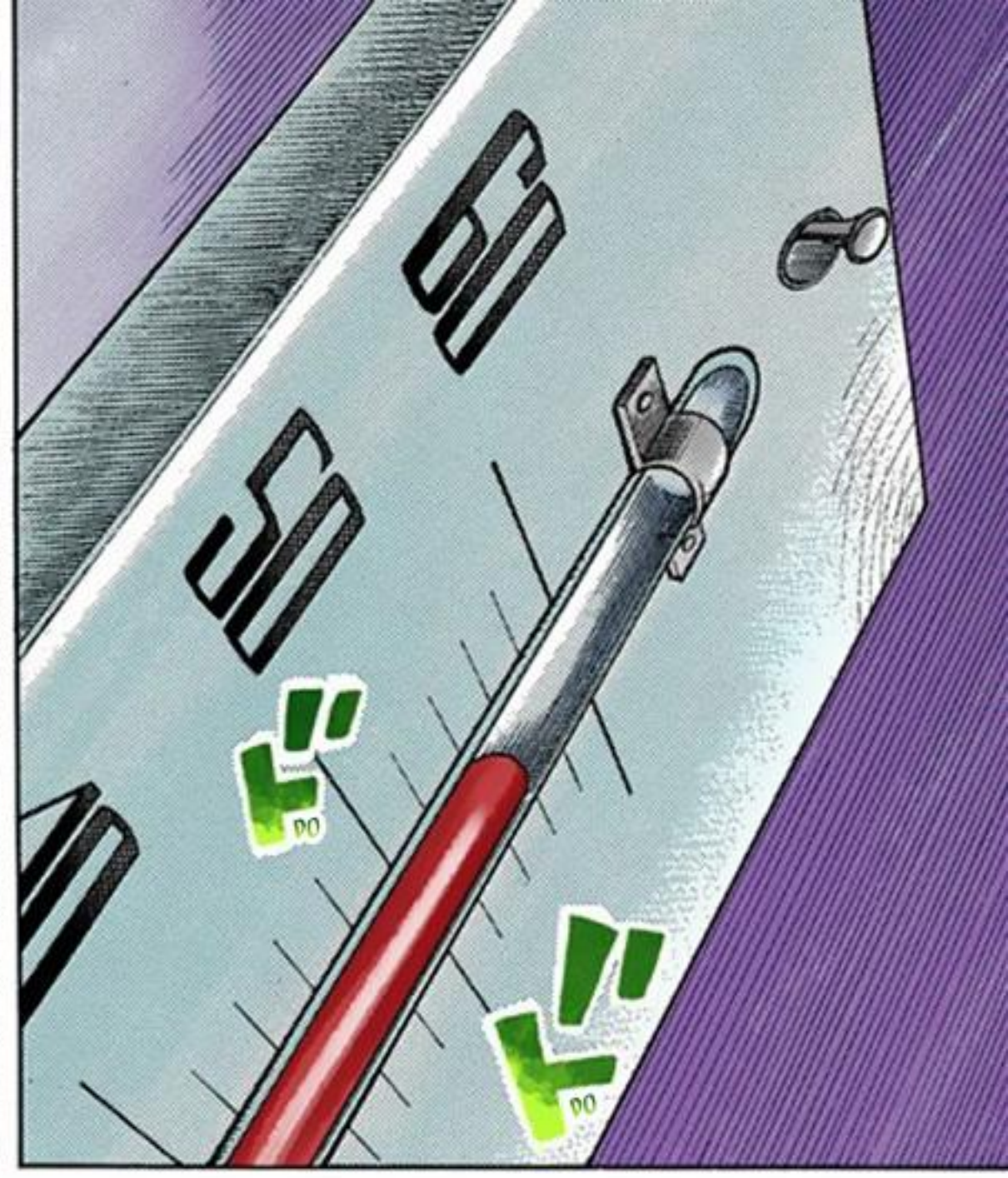
THE PALAWANICUS HAS TURNED TO THE SIDE AND IT'S RUNNING!!

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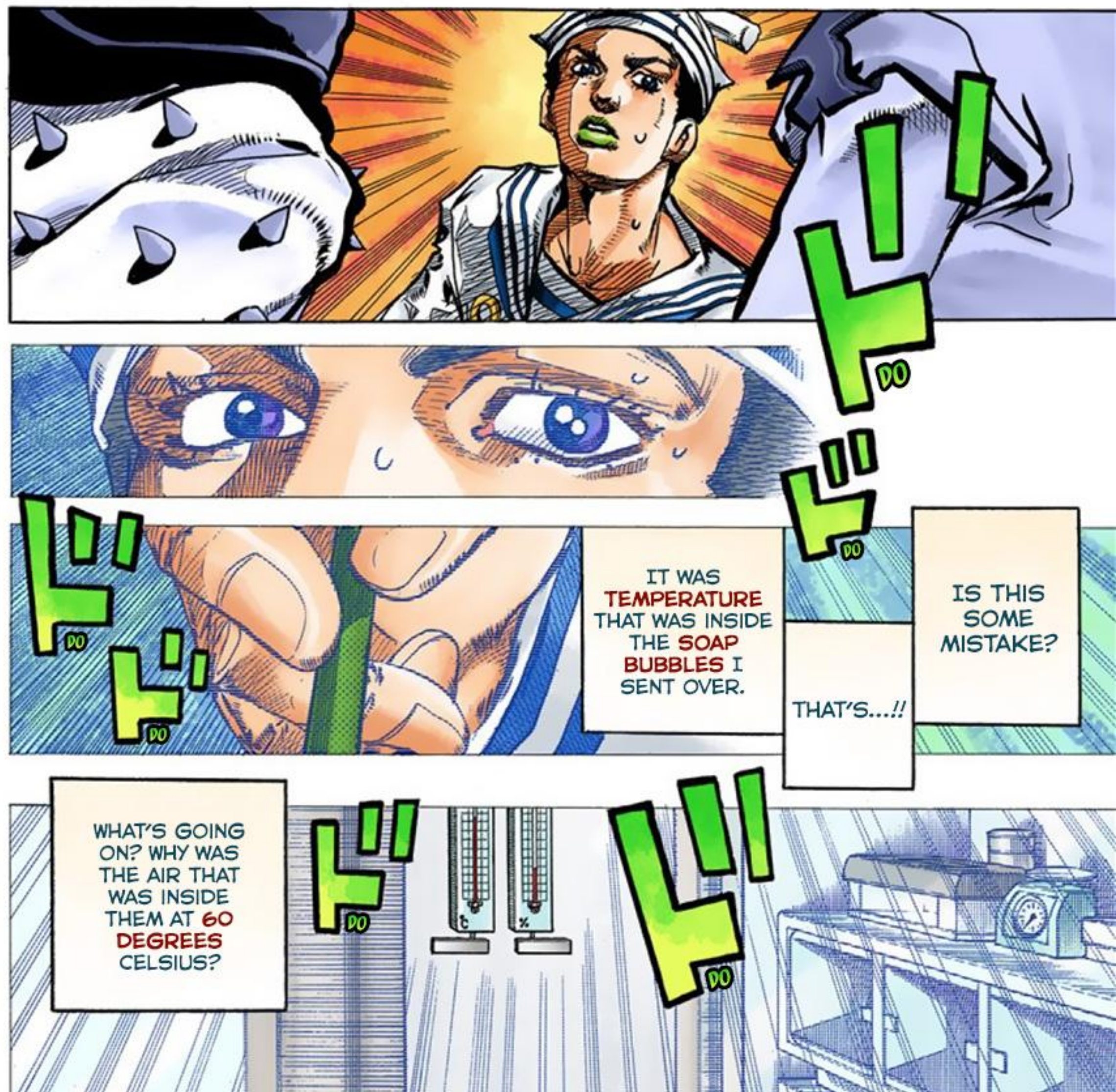
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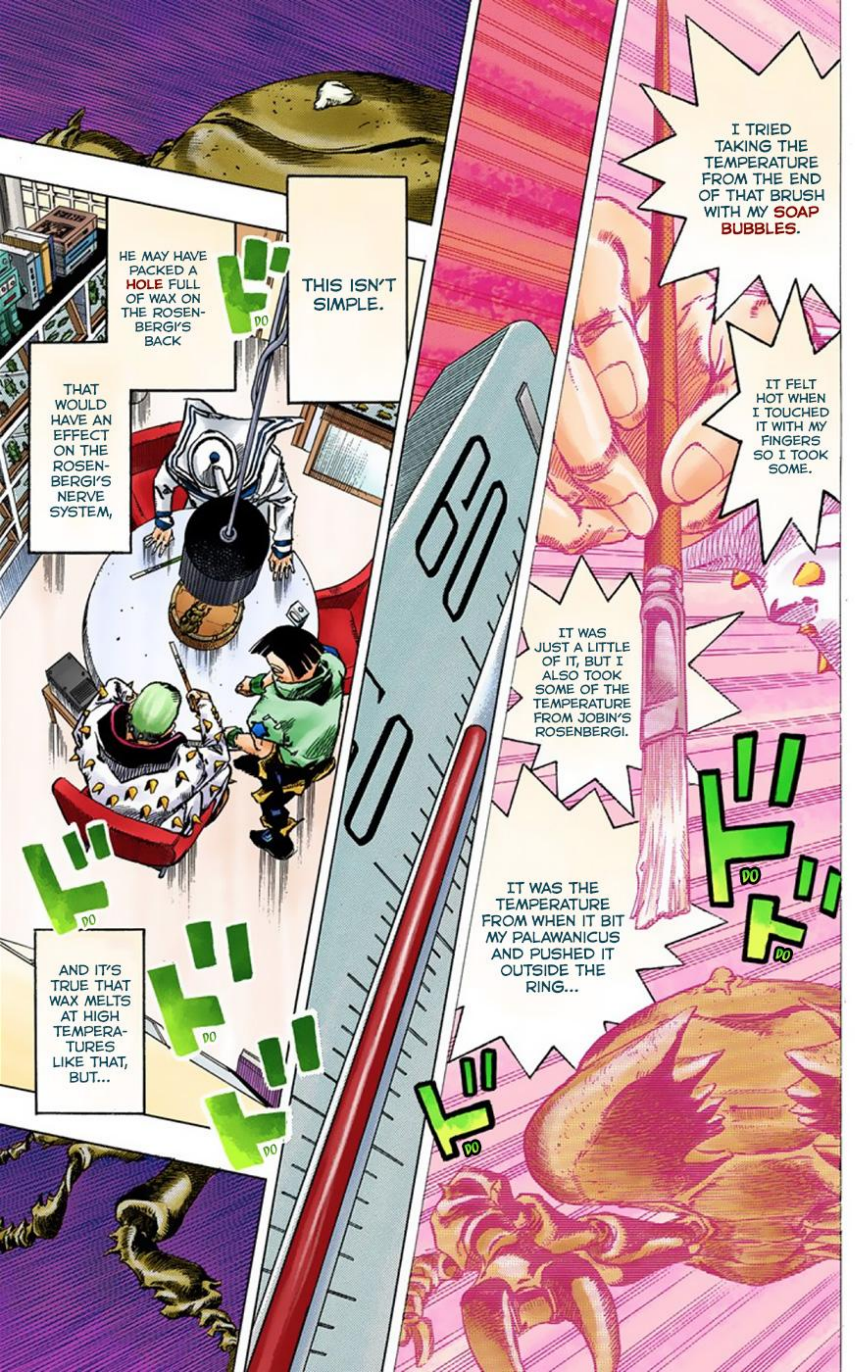
IT WAS TEMPERATURE THAT WAS INSIDE THE SOAP BUBBLES I SENT OVER.
THAT'S...!!
IS THIS SOME MISTAKE?
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY WAS THE AIR THAT WAS INSIDE THEM AT 60 DEGREES CELSIUS?


HE MAY HAVE PACKED A HOLE FULL OF WAX ON THE ROSEN-BERGI'S BACK
THIS ISN'T SIMPLE.
THAT WOULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE ROSEN-BERGI'S NERVE SYSTEM,
AND IT'S TRUE THAT WAX MELTS AT HIGH TEMPERA-TURES LIKE THAT, BUT...
I TRIED TAKING THE TEMPERATURE FROM THE END OF THAT BRUSH WITH MY SOAP BUBBLES.
IT FELT HOT WHEN I TOUCHED IT WITH MY FINGERS SO I TOOK SOME.
IT WAS JUST A LITTLE OF IT, BUT I ALSO TOOK SOME OF THE TEMPERATURE FROM JOBIN'S ROSENBERGI.
IT WAS THE TEMPERATURE FROM WHEN IT BIT MY PALAWANICUS AND PUSHED IT OUTSIDE THE RING...
DO

THERE'S ENERGY.

WHERE DID THOSE 60 DEGREES OF HEAT COME FROM?

HE NEVER TOUCHED IT WITH HIS BRUSH, BUT...

THERE MUST BE A HEAT SOURCE SOME-WHERE.

GLUB

JOBIN IS CONTROLLING HIS ROSEN-BERGI THROUGH TEMPERATURE!

GASHYOOOM

IT'S SPEEDING UUUUUP!

CLAAASHHH
CRAAK
CRAAK
CRAAK
CRAAK
CRAAK
CRAAK
AAH, AH!!
KRASH

UWAA AAH!

CRAK

AWE-SOME!

AHA HAHA HA!

THE REPAIRED MANDIBLE! AND A WING! AHAHAHAH!

...

KRAAAK

THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

THE ROSENBERGI'S ON AN EVEN BIGGER RAMPAGE THAN IT WAS BEFORE!

IT LOOKED LIKE ITS NERVES WERE GOIN' NUTS WHEN IT BIT IT, IT PRACTICALLY DESTROYED THAT THING IN AN INSTANT!

THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE TEMPERATURE IS GOING UP IS ON THE ROSENBERGI! JUST THAT ONE SPOT!

THE WAX KEEPS MELTING AND MELT-ING...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ARENA IS NORMAL.

AND THAT HUGE PALAWANICUS FINALLY MANAGED TO DEFEEEEND!

IT'S LUNGING AGAAAAAAIN!

GUH

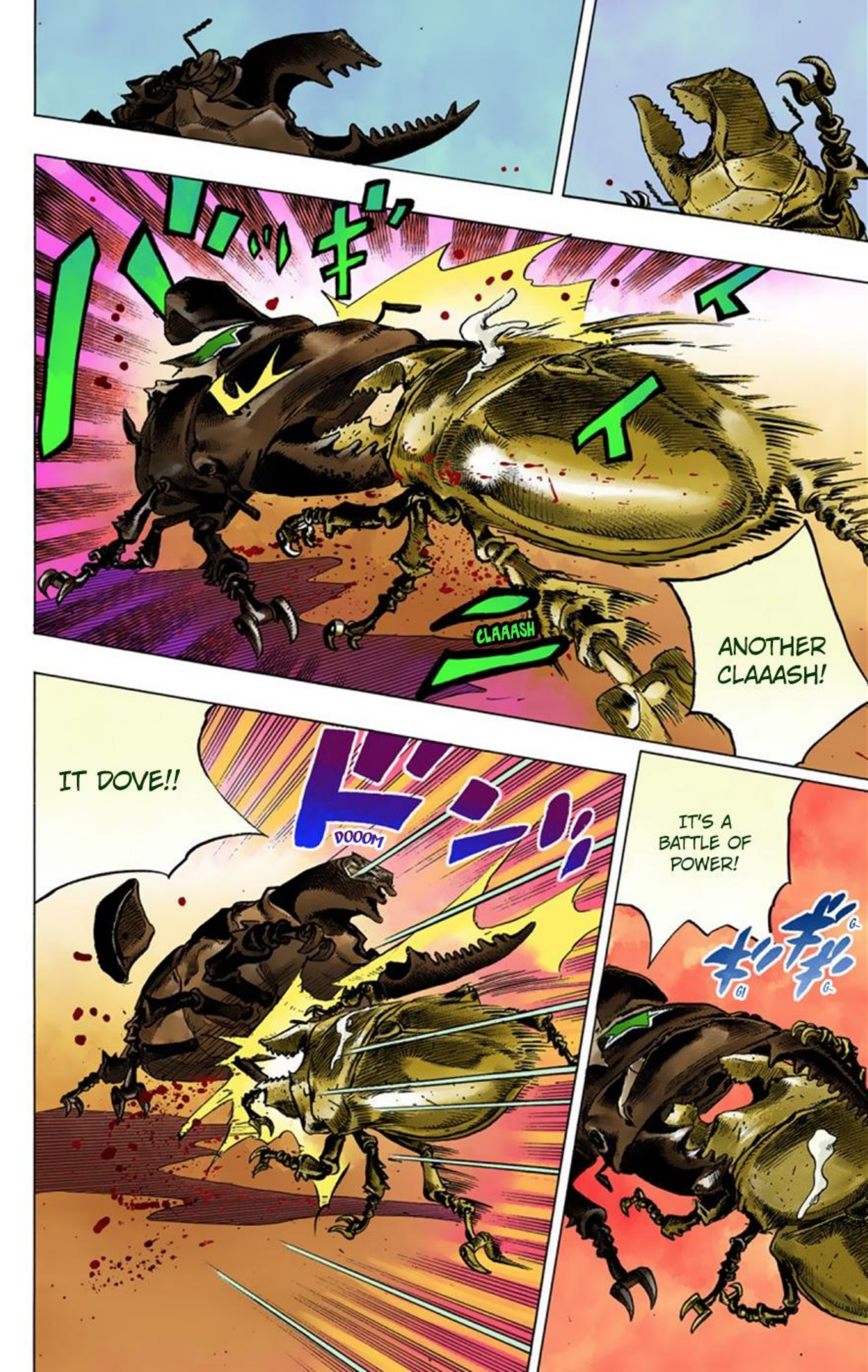
KRRAK

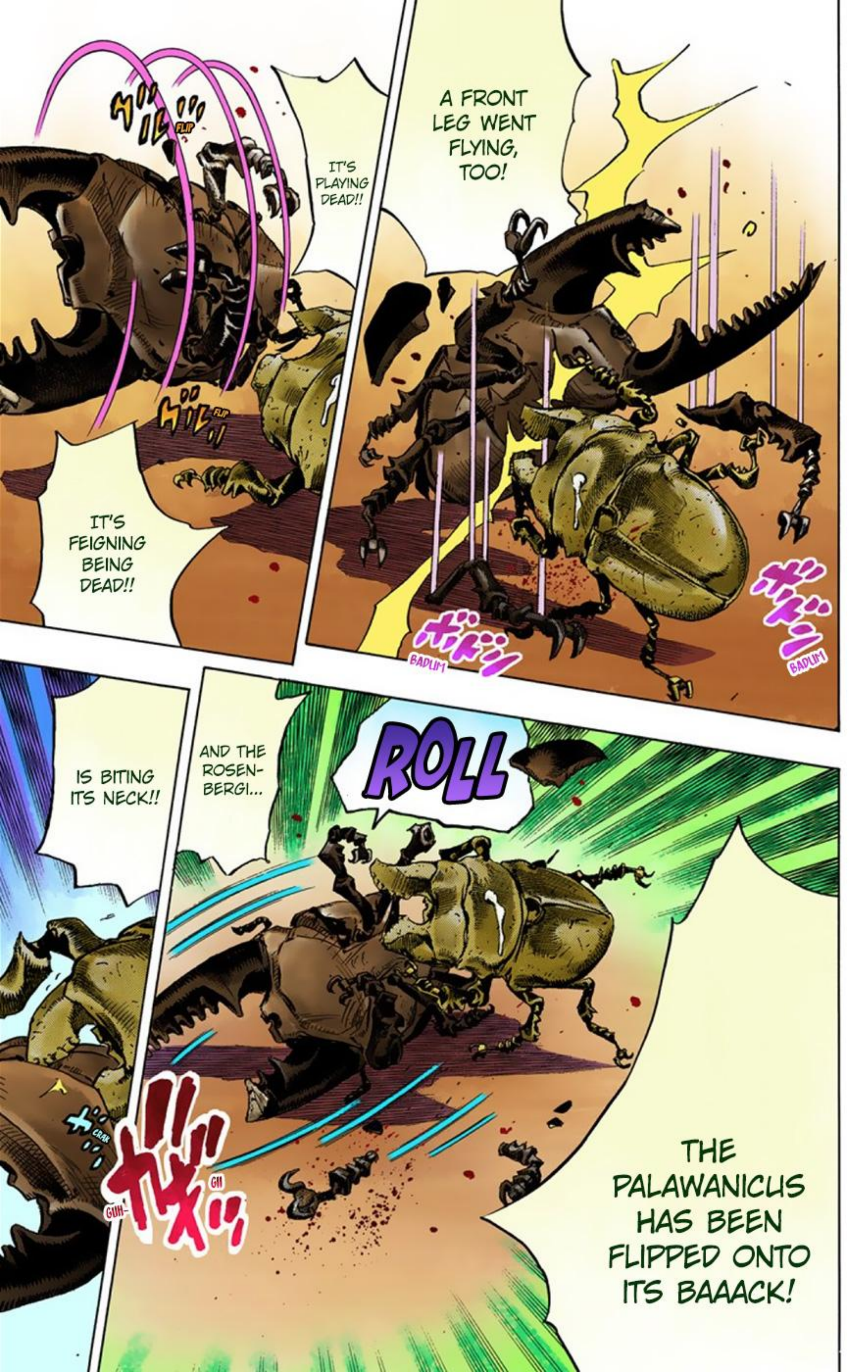
CLAAASH

DRIP

DRIP

DROOOP


CLAAASH
ANOTHER CLAAASH!
IT DOVE!!
DOOOM
IT'S A BATTLE OF POWER!


IT'S PLAYING DEAD!!
A FRONT LEG WENT FLYING, TOO!
IT'S FEIGNING BEING DEAD!!
IS BITING ITS NECK!!
AND THE ROSEN-BERGI...
ROLL
THE PALAWANICUS HAS BEEN FLIPPED ONTO ITS BAAACK!

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DO
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DO
DO

HE'S A STAND USER. HE'S CONTROLLING IT BY MELTING THE WAX.

HIS STAND ABILITY...!! THE HEAT THAT TOOK THE TEMPERATURE TO 60 DEGREES, JOBIN HIGASHIKATA'S STAND ABILITY.

BEHIND THE SCENES, THIS STAG BEETLE FIGHT HAS BEEN A STAND BATTLE.

I'M STARTING TO CATCH GLIMPSES OF IT...

A STAND ABILITY.

S... SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON...

HE'S FINALLY SHOWN IT FOR JUST A SECOND...

I'LL PRETEND I *DIDN'T SEE IT FOR NOW*, THOUGH.

THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE TEMPERATURE.

BIG BROO!

I CAN'T! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! I'VE GOTTA YELL IT OUT!

UHAHA HAHA!

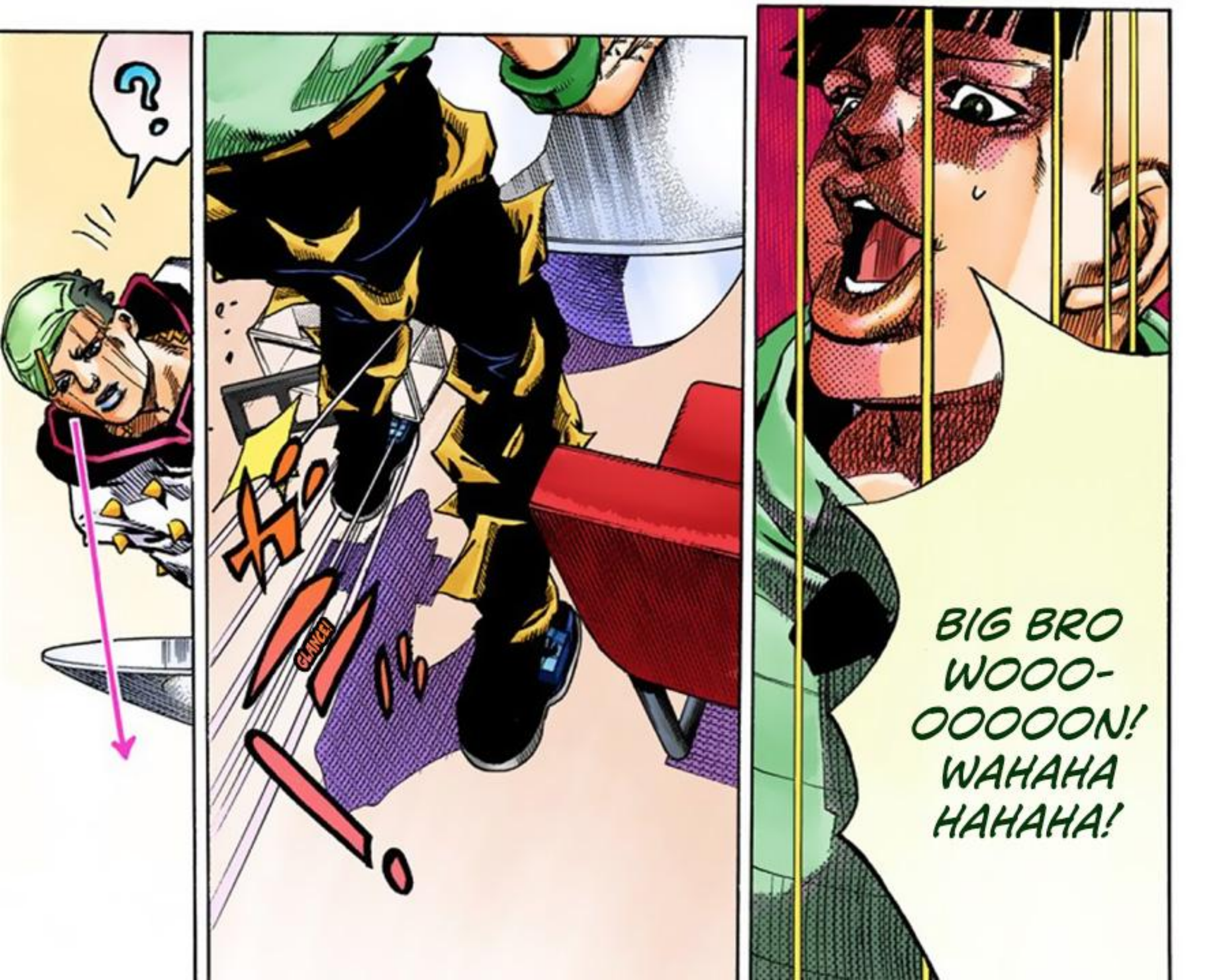
PFFFT!

I EXPECTED HIM TO BE SOME SORT OF STAND USER FROM THE START... SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS?

AT THIS RATE THE PALAWANICUS IS GONNA BE DEMOLIIIISHED!

WARNING, GORE! WARNING, GORE!

THE ROSEN-BERGI HAS WOOON! AWESOO-OME! WHAT A RAM-PAGE!



BUT DON'T LEAVE THE HORNET TANK NEAR OUR FEET LIKE THIS.
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL BECAUSE IT'S DEAD,
OH YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME, JOSHU.
ME?
...
HEY...
DIDN'T LEAVE... IT THERE...
...
HOW?
HUH...? BUT I...

HUH?

IT'S OVER HERE!

TH... THE BOTTOM HALF...?

YOU MEAN THE PART WITH THE POISON STINGER?

I DON'T SEE THE LOWER HALF.

WHERE'S THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE HORNET? IT CUT IN HALF BEFORE...

...!

H... HOW'D IT GET THERE?

...

SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
GUH-G-GI
GUH-G-GI
GUH-GI
SPIN
SPIN
THE ROSENBERGI IS STARTING TO SPIN AROUND AND AROUND... THAT'S A WEIRD WAY TO BE MOVING EVEN IF IT'S ON A RAMPAGE.
SOMETHING LOOKS WRONG.
NO... WAIT!
IT BIT THE PALAWA-NICUS'S THROAA-AAT!
KRRAAKK
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN

ガギギ ガギギ
GUH-G-GI
GUH-G-GI
THE SOFT RUSH PLANT FORMING THE RING!!
IT MISSED THE PALA-WANICUS! WHAT IT BIT WAS–
WHAT'S IT DOING?
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
ガガガ
JOLT
ガガガ
JOLT
TWITCH
IT'S CONVULSING!
ガガガ
JOLT
ガガガ
JOLT
IT'S ATTACKING THE RING! THAT'S NOT NORMAL! THE ROSENBERGI'S MOVEMENTS ARE ALL CRAZY!
WRL
WRL
WRL

RUB RUB

HAH!

WHAT POWERFUL CONVUL-SIONS!

WHAT THE HELL?!! THIS IS CRAZY!

SPIN

WHOOOSH

BUT THERE WEREN'T ACTUALLY ANY *TICKS* THERE. AT LEAST ON MINE...

I TRIED TO WIPE IT OFF WITH MY BRUSH,

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I SAW WRONG BEFORE WHEN I SAID THERE WAS A *TICK* ON THE PALAWANICUS.

♪

NO WAY...

...

KRAK

DRIP

DRIP

KRAK

DRIP

IS GOING BONKERS! THERE'S **SOME** SORTA LIQUID OOZING FROM ALL OVER ITS BODY!!

BIG BRO, THIS ROSEN-BERGI

SPI

THE PALAWANICUS GOT BACK UP!

WHOOSH

WRL

WRL

IS THAT THE WAX YOU HAD IN THAT HOOOOOLE?!

CRAK

CRAK

IT'S LAUNCHING A COUNTER-ATTAAAAACK!!

OR WAS IT FILLED WITH POISON OR SOMETHING?!!

WRL

BOSHHH

ドロ SPLAT
IT'S DEAD!!
ドロ SPLAT
ドロ SPLAT
ドロ SPLAT
ドロ SPLAT
UGEE EEEE EEEE EEH!!

SWISH

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ドゴ

ドゴ

...IT WASN'T ME! I DIDN'T LEAVE

B... BIG BRO!

THE HORNET TANK UNDER THE TABLLLLLE!

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ドゴ

...

ドゴ

THE HOLE I MADE TO STORE THE *WAX*...

ドゴ

...THAT CAME OUT OF...

ドゴ

SPLAT

SPLAT

SPLAT

BASHH

THE LAMBORGHINI... GALLARDO.

I HAD NO INTENTION OF LOSING FROM THE BEGINNING....

LOOKS LIKE I WON...

THANKS FOR THAT!!

BAAAANG

WAIT, JOSUKE!

WE'RE NOT DONE HERE. I'M NOT LETTING YOU OUT OF THIS ROOM! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING!

WHO ARE YOU?

UAA AAA

HEY... COME HERE, JOSUKE.

GET BACK IN HERE...

THIS ISN'T OVER YET.

FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
K-CHAK
ガチャリ
WE FINALLY GOT THE KEY!
THERE IT IS!
ALL RIGHT!
SWSH
POP

THIS WAY.

OVER HERE.

BIG SIS YASUGO, NOT THAT WAY!

THERE ARE CAMERAS IN THE ENTRANCEWAY AND THE GARAGE.

IF HE REALIZES WE'RE ONTO HIM, HE'LL HIDE THE PROOF!

MY DAD'S DEFINITELY GOING TO ***WHEREVER*** THE FRUIT TREE IS!

JOSUKE'S REAL ***OBJECTIVE*** MIGHT'VE ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED.

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THIS BATTLE... YOU PLANNED IT FROM THE BEGINNING, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?

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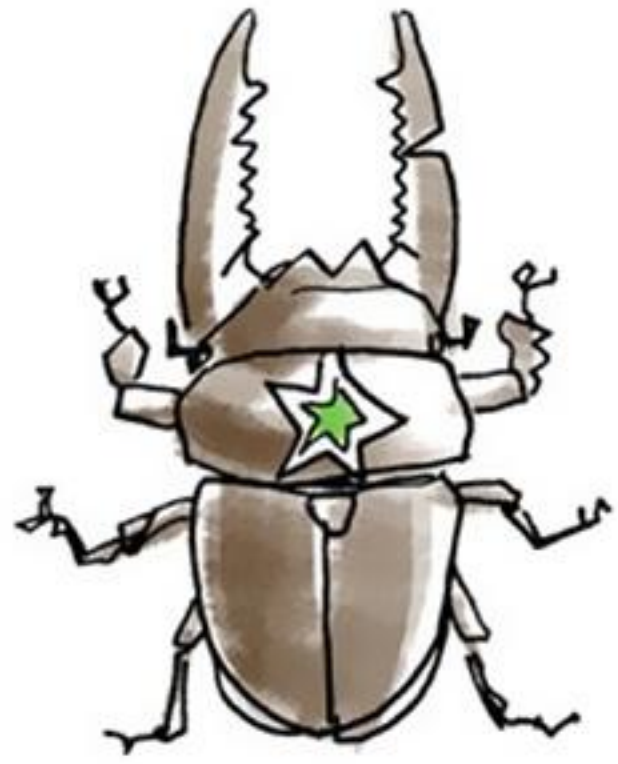

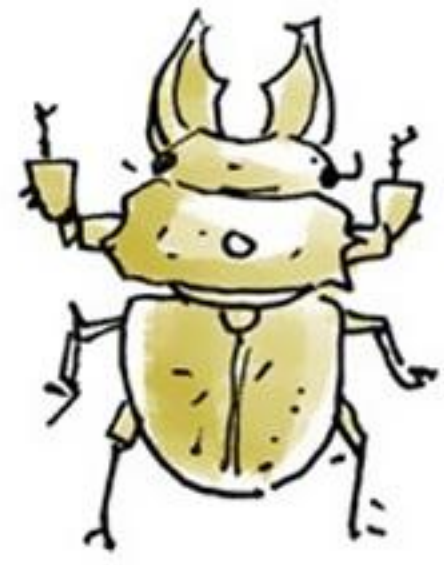

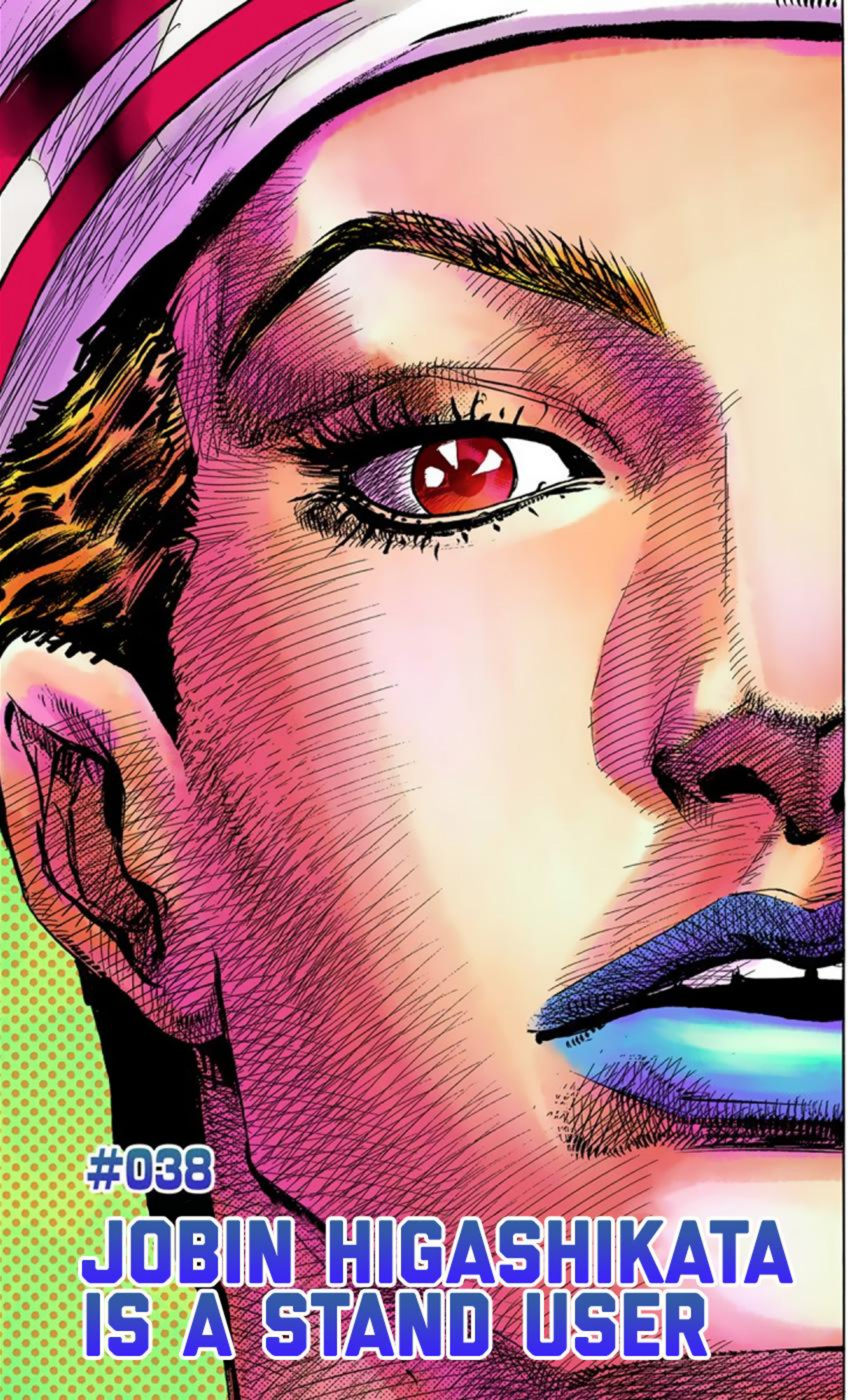

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JOBIN HIGASHIKATA IS A STAND USER

IT'S A SECRET THAT HE KEEPS FROM BOTH ME, HIS ELDEST SON, AND HIS DAD, GRANDPA NORISUKE...

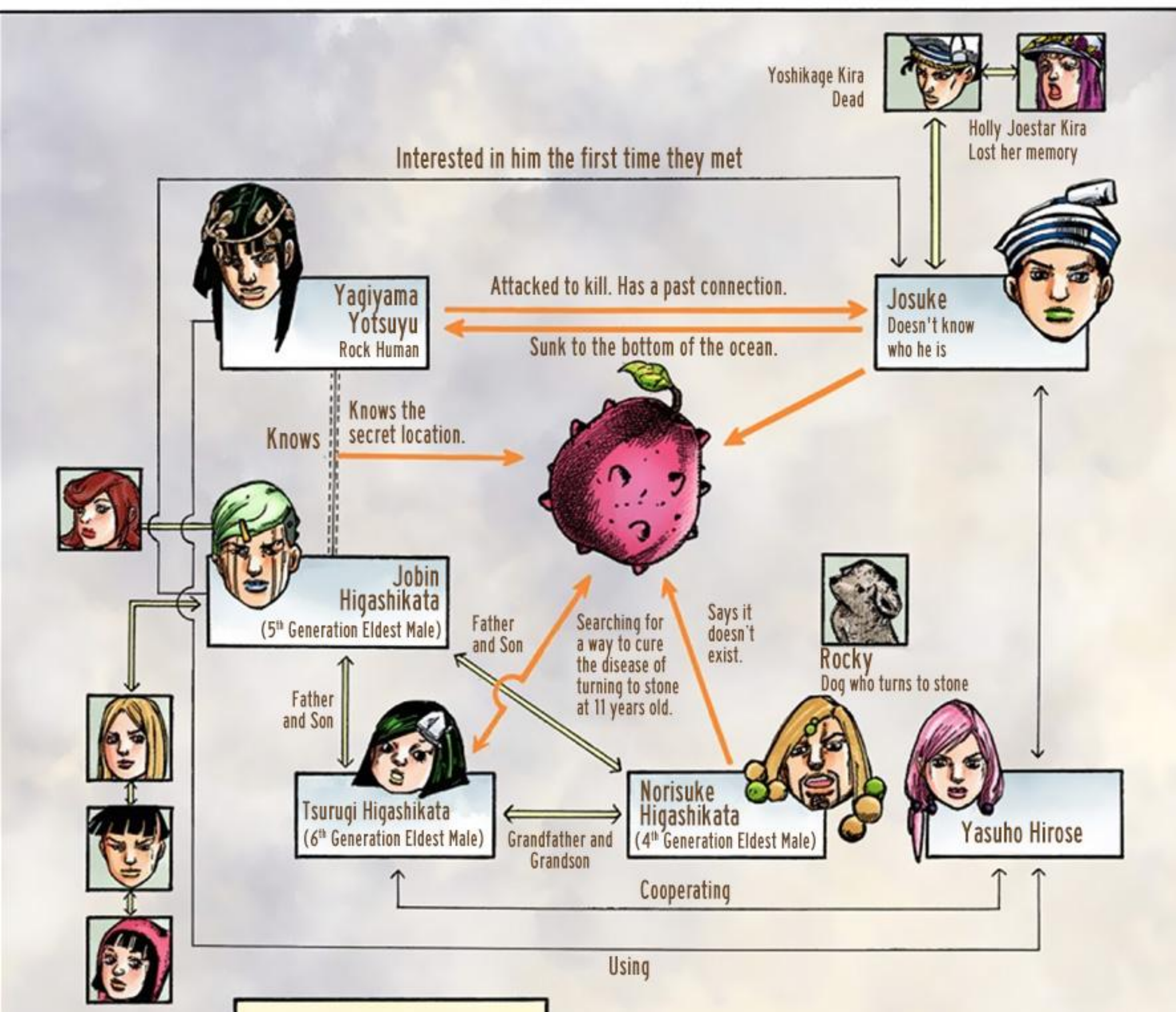
MY DAD HAS A SECRET.

SOMEHOW, MY DAD KNOWS

THE MAN WHO CAME TO KILL JOSUKE, YOTSUYU YAGIYAMA.

I'M SURE OF IT... BECAUSE THOSE TWO BOTH KNOW WHERE THE FRUITS GROW.

THE MYSTERIOUS FRUIT THAT HEALS THE DISEASE THAT WILL TURN ME INTO STONE WHEN I TURN 11.



MY DAD KNOWS WHERE THE FRUIT TREE IS... BUT FOR SOME REASON HE'S HIDING IT FROM HIS FAMILY!

RUB
RUB
RUB

TOUCHING A PLACE YOU SHOULDN'T TOUCH, DON'T YOU THINK?

TSURUGI-CHAN,

YOU'RE KIND OF, UM...

RUB
RUB
RUB
HMM
HMM

SQZZ

KYAA AA♥

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD.

HURRY UP, CLIMB!

CLIMB!

LICK

LICK

GRNT

GRNT

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGIN-ATION,

BIG SIS YASUHO.

HAH!

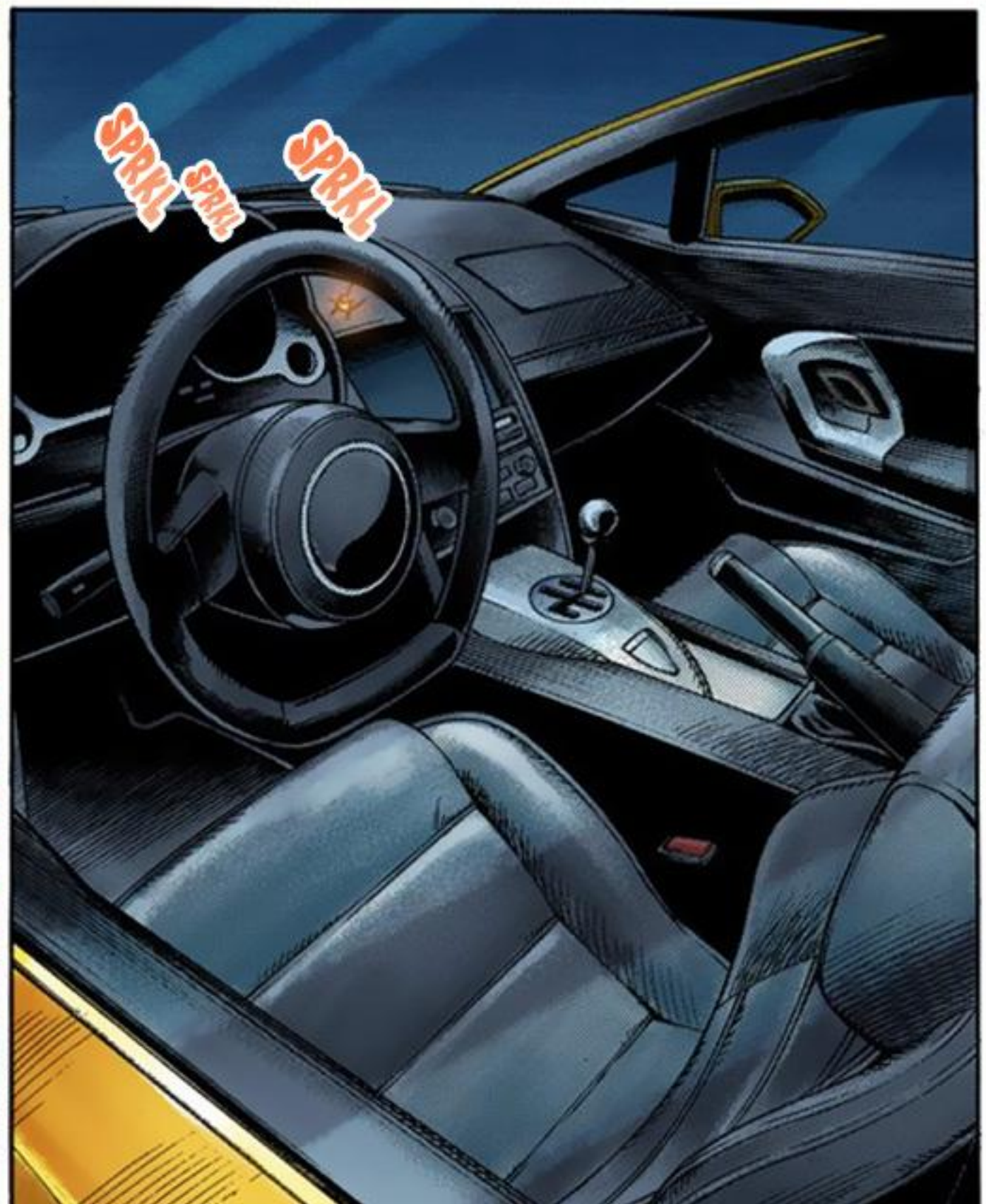
BUT THERE'RE NONE INSIDE, SO HE WON'T NOTICE WE INVESTIGATED IT EVEN LATER ON.

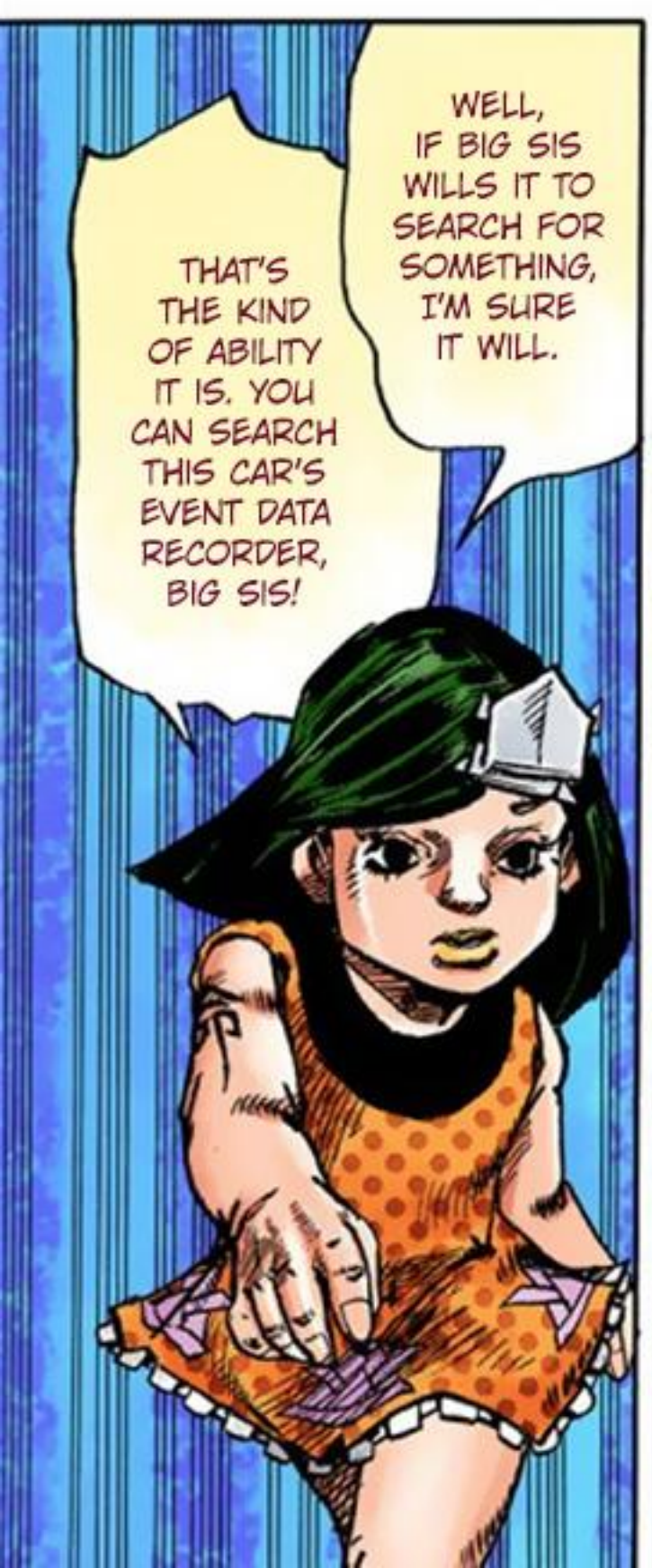
WE CAN'T GET CLOSE BY GOING OUTSIDE...

THAT'S THE BACK DOOR TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM.

THERE'S A SECURITY CAMERA WATCHING IN FRONT OF THE GARAGE... AND ALSO AROUND THE GATE.

SILENCE




THAT'S THE KIND OF ABILITY IT IS. YOU CAN SEARCH THIS CAR'S EVENT DATA RECORDER, BIG SIS!
WELL, IF BIG SIS WILLS IT TO SEARCH FOR SOMETHING, I'M SURE IT WILL.

FRUITS ARE BRU~~TES!!

WHAT... AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
SO, UM, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A STAND BEFORE... WHAT IS THAT EXACTLY?

WHAT EXACTLY IS A STAND? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE DOING AT ALL!

I SAIIIID,

FIND WHERE DAD WENT... WHERE THIS CAR WENT SINCE HE GOT BACK TO THE COUNTRY.

T/N: This seems to be a joke because "gaya" is a Japanese word for background noise or the sound of a crowd talking loudly.

HOLD ON A SECOND,

I JUST GOT SENT SOME-THING.

RSTL

RSTL

...

WELL... FOR NOW, LET'S OPEN THE GALLARDO'S DOOR AND TRY SITTING IN THE SEATS.

IT'S QUIET, BUT STILL A GALLAR-DO!

CHINK

WHAT IS IT, EXACTLY...? HMM... WELL...

...I GUESS THAT'S BECAUSE, AS FAR AS I KNOW, YOURS WORKS UNCON-SCIOUSLY.

Choose the one you like
(4 seconds left)

Flashlight

or

Grilled Meat Box Lunch

COULD THAT...

WAIT, TRY PICKING ONE! HURRY, JUST PICK ONE!

HAH!

IT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW THAT YOU CONCENTRATE YOUR *WILL* ON THE GALLARDO'S EVENT DATA RECORDER, BIG SIS!

DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS OR NOT?

UM... COULD YOU PLEASE DO WHATEVER ON YOUR CELL PHONE LATER?

WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS?

FLASH
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DO DO

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DO

ドゴ
DO

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DO

WHO ARE YOU?
UH!
BEEP BEEP
BEEP

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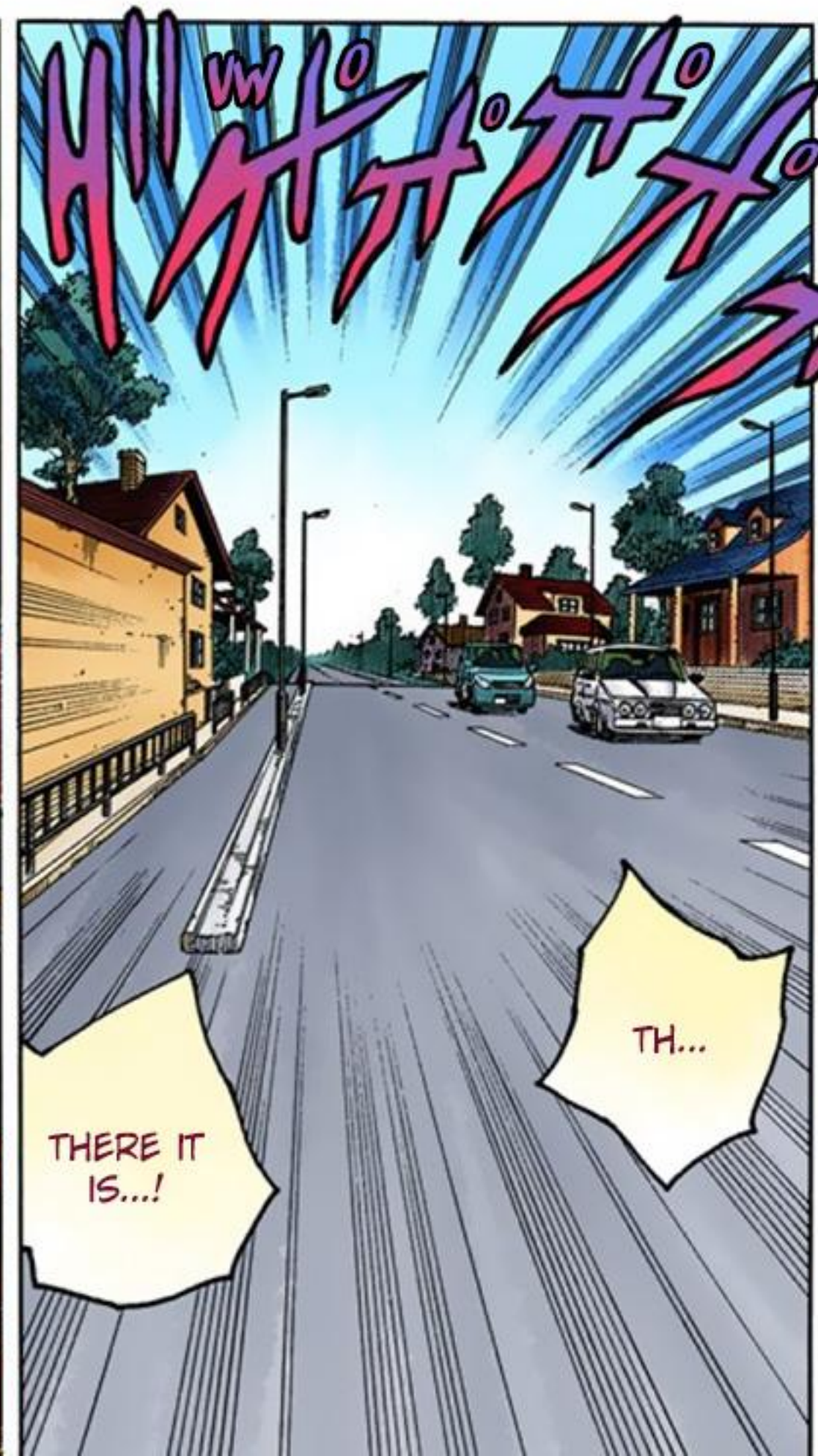
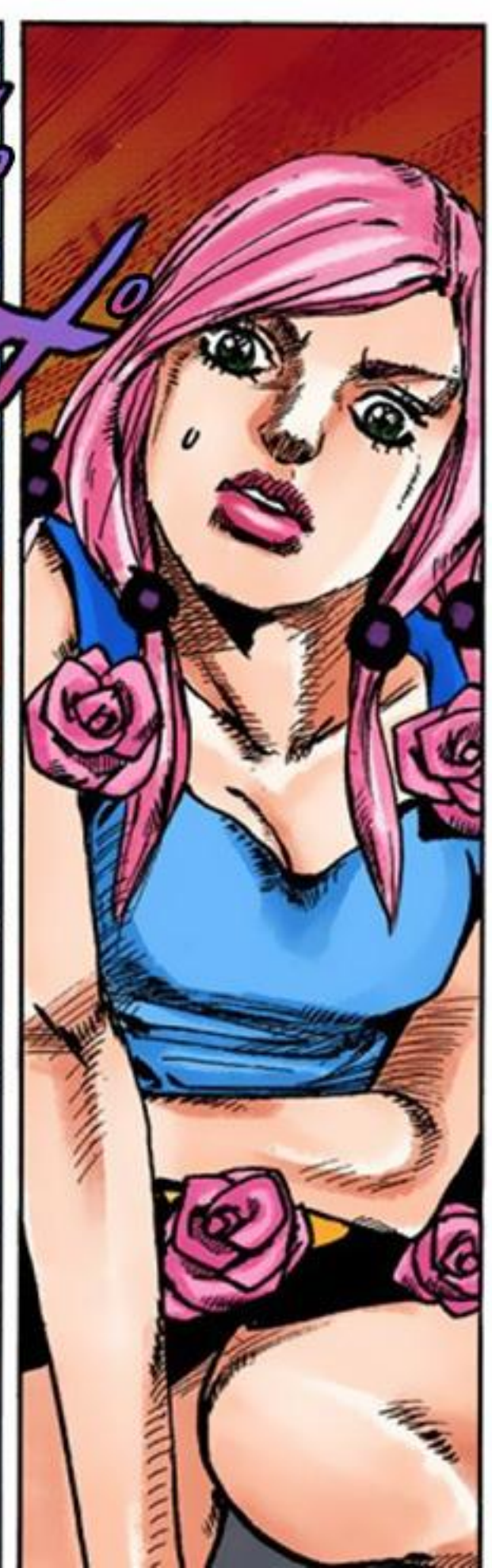
BIG SIS!! NOW WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE THE FRUIT TREE IS!





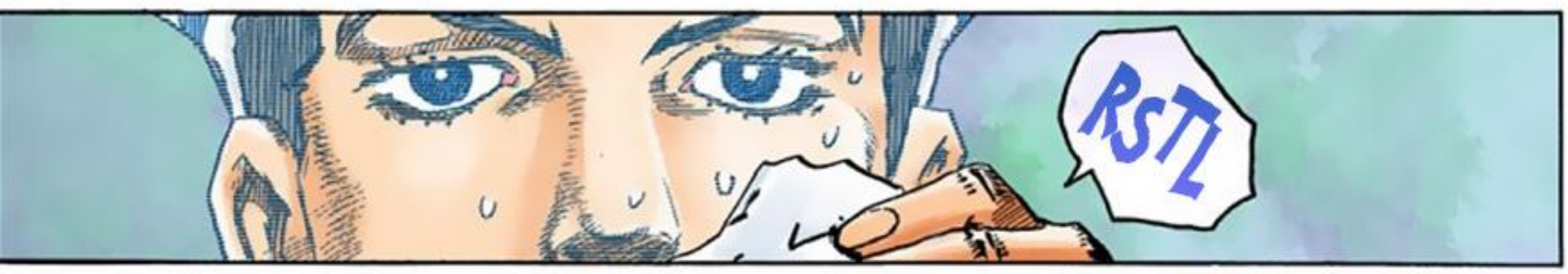
WIPE THAT SWEAT OFF...

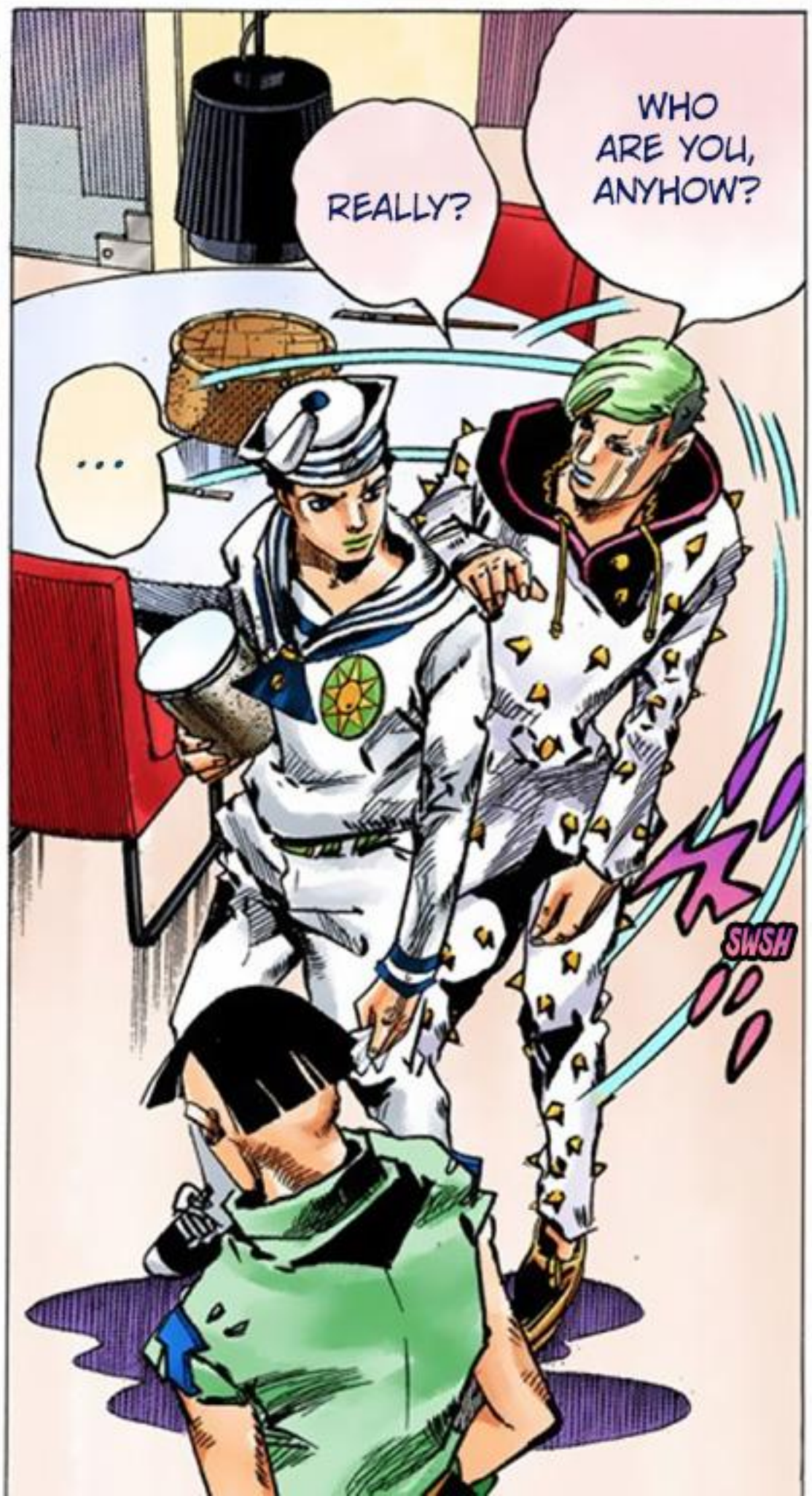
SWISH

AND UNTIL I FIND *WHAT* YOU WANTED,

YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS ROOM.

YOU DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED A CAR.





THE STAG BEETLE **BET** WAS A CONTRACT... I'M GIVING YOU THE LAMBORGHINI...

THMP

BUT I KNOW THERE'S A REASON YOU **HAD TO COME TO THIS ROOM** TODAY...

JOSHU! QUIT BUTTING IN WITH BULLSHIT COMMENTS!

JOSUKE CAME HERE TO STEAL FROM YOU!

THIS GUY WANTS EVERY-THING!!

LET ME TALK TO THIS GUY!

I'M THINKING ABOUT **WHAT** THAT IS.

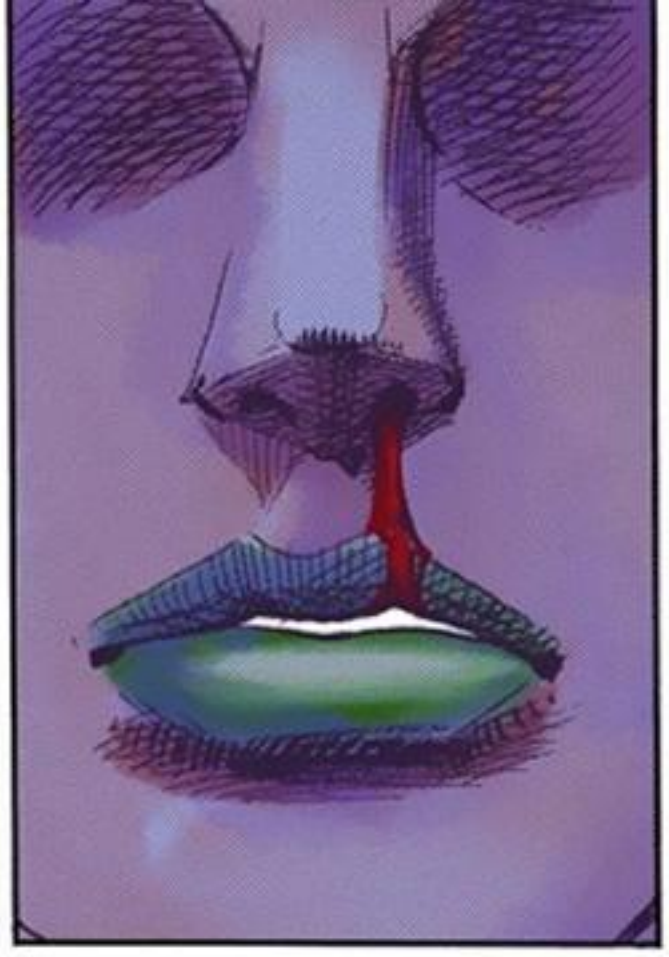
I THINK THAT THERE WAS A DIFFERENT **GOAL**,

AND RIGHT NOW,

PRETTY SOON I'LL **KNOW WHERE THE FRUITS ARE...** REALLY SOON.

WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT HERE IS THAT I WAS ABLE TO END THIS WITHOUT JOBIN NOTICING...

I GAVE THE **LAM-BORGHINI KEY** TO TSURUGI-CHAN.



I DON'T KNOW ANY OF YOUR BACKGROUND OF RELATIONS TO OTHER HUMANS.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO ARE YOUR ACQUAINTANCES? ...THERE'S NO WAY YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN.

!!

...

DRIP
DRIP

JOSUKE,
YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING.
?

UGH!

BUH!

UUH?!!

DRIP

DRIP

DRIP

A TISSUE.

USE...

FWIP

M... MY NOSE? ...

ARE YOU OKAY?

HEY, HEY.

IT'S HOT ...!!

HEAT IS...

HAH!

ゴゴ GO GO

ゴ GO

NO WAY...

THERE'S **HEAT** WARMING MY NOSE?

ゴ GO

ゴ GO

BEFORE WHEN I WIPED THE SWEAT...

NO... WHEN HE *MADE ME* WIPE IT.

MY FACE... MY FOREHEAD... MY NOSE.

ゴ GO

USE ONE.

...

ゴ GO

ゴ GO

HE MELTED THE WAX FROM INSIDE HIS ROSENBERGI STAG BEETLE'S BODY...

AND HE ALSO WIPED HIS ROSEN-BERGI WITH A BRUSH...

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THIS IS REALLY NOT GOOD...

RIGHT NOW, I'M...

EVEN IF YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING,

WE CAN STILL CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION, RIGHT?

?

SO...

I SAID, WIPE IT...

I WAS PLANNING TO BUY TIME SO THEY COULD GET TO THE EVENT DATA RECORDER, BUT...

BUSH

WHO'D YOU HEAR ABOUT ME *LIKING* *BEETLES* FROM?

BEING *CORNERED.*

...

NO! I DIDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT MY HOBBY OF STAG BEETLE FIGHTING!!

I WANNA KNOW THAT PERSON'S GOAL!

YOU CAME TO THIS ROOM IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE YOU HAD A PLAN COOKED UP.

?

THERE SHOULD BE SOMEBODY WHO TOLD YOU SOME DETAILED INFORMATION.

THE *DORCUS TITANUS PALAWANICUS* IS SOMETHING I GOT FROM YOU.

GO
AREN'T YOU TRYING TO WIPE IT OFF?
YOU'VE GOT QUITE A NOSE BLEED,
SO WHY...
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
C'MON, WIPE IT!!

SHAAA
SHAAA
BIG BRO!
!?
THE STAG BEETLE REARING ROOM!!
SHAAA
IT'S GETTING GETTING DRENCHED!
BWOOSH
JOSHU, GET MY BEETLES OUT OF THERE BEFORE THEY DROWN!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPEN-ED?!!
SPLSH
SPLSH
THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO HAPPEN UNLESS THE TEMPERATURE GOES ABOVE 75° C!

AH, JOSUKE'S GONE! HE RAN!

THAT BASTARD RAN AWAY!!

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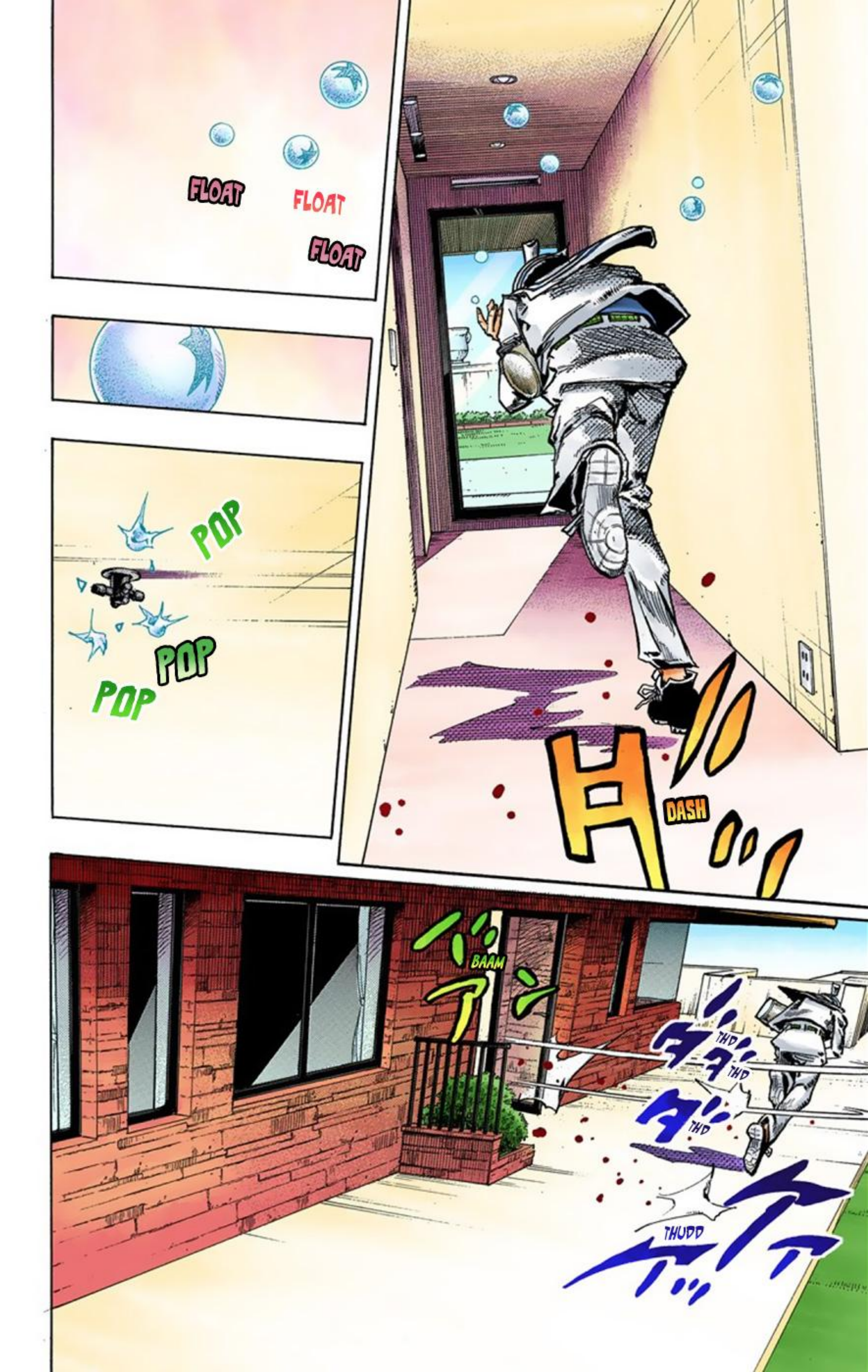

FLOAT
FLOAT
FLOAT
POP
POP
POP
DASH
BAAM
THD
THD
THD
THUDD

HOLD ON, JOSHU.

BWOOSH

EVEN THE SPECIMENS ARE GETTING SOOOAKED!

SHAAA

SHAAA

GO

WHAT SORTA MAL-FUNCTION IS THIS?!

WAIT!

SHA A A A

...

WAS IT A STAND BATTLE?

AND BEFORE THAT, THE STAG BEETLE FIGHT, TOO...

JOSUKE ...

SHAAA

IT'S REALLY ODD.

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING HAS BEEN ACTING STRANGE FOR ME SINCE THIS MORNING...

THERE'VE BEEN WAY TOO MANY COINCIDENCES.

AT FIRST GLANCE, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THESE SPRINKLERS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM, BUT I KNOW HE'S INVOLVED.

SHAAA

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT, BUT...

IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE ALREADY HAD *SOMETHING* TAKEN FROM ME BY JOSUKE.

SHAAA

BUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS CORRECT.

SHAAA

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE LAMBORGHINI!

HE WALKED OUT WITH YOUR LAMBORGHINI! HE'S A SLEAZE WHO WILL TAKE ANYTHING HE GETS HIS HANDS ON!

THAT JOSUKE WAS NOTHING BUT A THIEF FROM THE BEGINNING!

BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WAS? IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS ROOM... THAT'S NOT HERE ANYMORE?

EVEN YASUHO-CHAN, DAMN IT!

LET'S CATCH JOSUKE AND BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM!

I'VE REALLY GOT NO IDEA.

LET'S INVESTIGATE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF WHERE JOSUKE RAN OFF.

NO, NO! THE OTHER WAY!

THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD BE ANYONE IN THE FAMILY, RIGHT...?

...YEAH, RIGHT...

IT'S INDISPUTIBLE THAT THERE'S SOMEBODY *GUIDING* HIM.

THEY MAY HAVE BEEN CLOSE FOR A WHILE NOW.

IF THEY ARE HERE, THEY'RE IN THE OTHER DIRECTION! THIS IS IMPORTANT...

BEEP

EVENT DATA RECORDER...

TH... THIS...

N... NO... WAY... IT... CAN'T...

THIS... CAN'T BE...

DO DO DO DO

HE LEFT HERE...

Morioh Station

Higashikata House

Higashikata Fruit Parlor

AND THEN HE WENT TO THE HIGASHIKATA FRUIT PARLOR...

THERE'S NO RECORD OF THIS CAR STOPPING ANYWHERE.

THERE MUST BE SOME FARM... OR A FACILITY IN THE MOUNTAINS...

AND JUST CAME BACK TO THE GARAGE.

B-BEEP

Higashikata House

NO WAY! THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!

THIS IS THE ENTIRE ROUTE RECORD JOBIN-SAN HAS SINCE HE CAME BACK TO THE COUNTRY. HE ONLY DROVE THREE KILOMETERS...

ANYHOW, DID HE STOP BY ANYWHERE WHERE THERE'S A TREE?

HE ONLY DROVE ON ROADS.

AND ONLY STOPPED AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

IF HE ***ERASED*** IT, WE'D KNOW.

THERE'S NO INCONSIS-TENCY'S WITH THE DRIVING DISTANCE.

THEN HE ***ERASED*** THE DRIVING RECORD!

THE SCENERY IS JUST THE ROAD HE WAS DRIVING ON... THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

THIS CAR HASN'T GONE ANYWHERE...

*BUT IT SHOULD BE HERE... THE **FRUIT TREE**...*

JOSUKE DEFINITELY ***WITNESSED*** THE ***SMELL*** OF THE FRUIT!

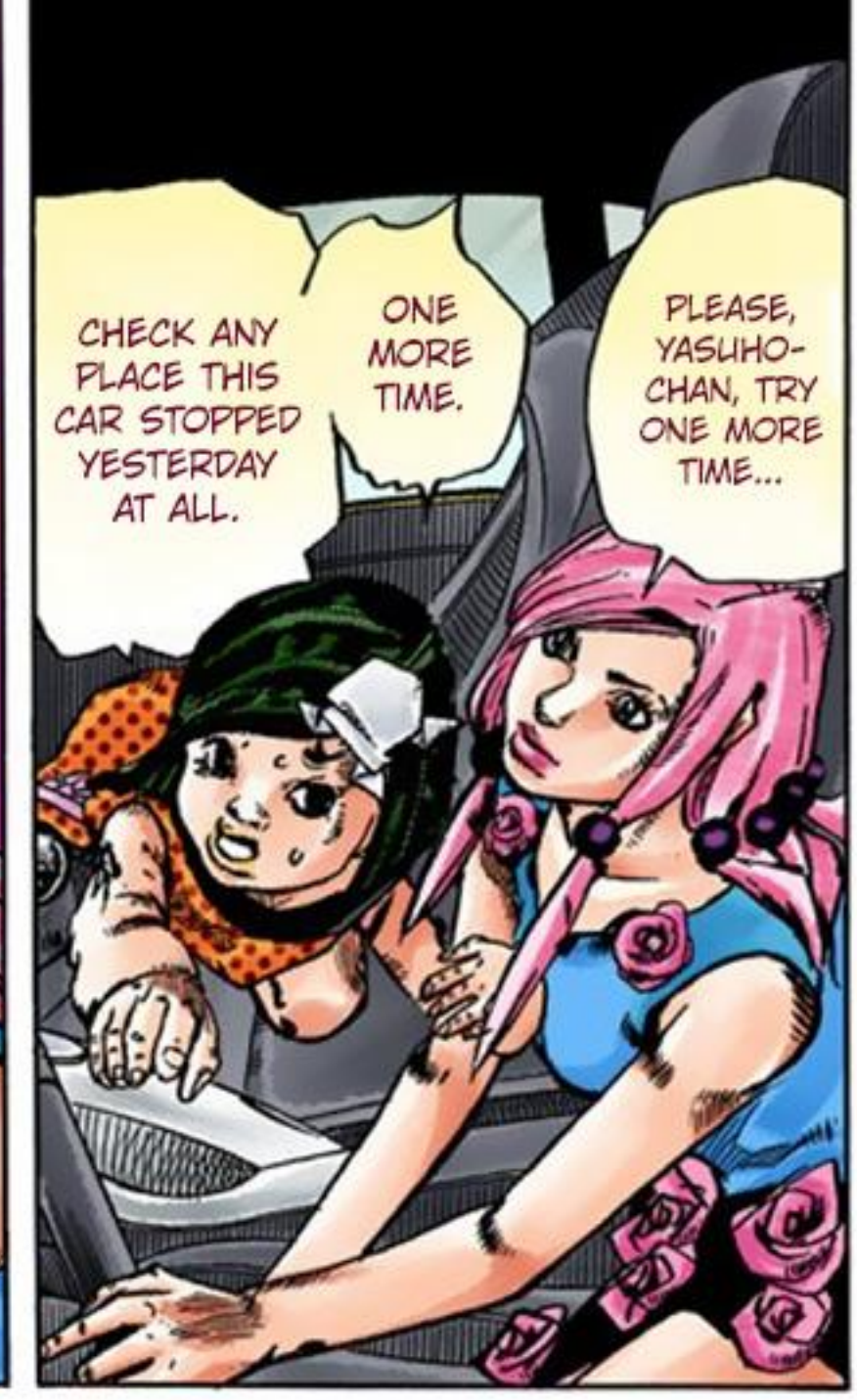
HE TOUCHED THE FRUIT TREE! AND IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY! HE DEFINITELY SHOULD'VE GONE THERE WITH THIS CAR!

DAD TOUCHED IT SOME-WHERE!

AND ANYHOW, WOULDN'T TAMPERING WITH IT OR ERASING IT BE TO HIDE IT FROM US INVESTIGATING?

YOUR DAD DOESN'T KNOW WE'RE SNOOPING AROUND, RIGHT?

BUT I'LL TRY ONE MORE TIME.
...OKAY... I'M NOT SURE IF MY STAND CAN DO IT,


CHECK ANY PLACE THIS CAR STOPPED YESTERDAY AT ALL.
ONE MORE TIME.
PLEASE, YASUHO-CHAN, TRY ONE MORE TIME...

MAYBE IT WAS JUST WISHFUL THINKING...?
NO... IT DEFINITELY SHOULD BE HERE... SOME-WHERE...

KCHAK
KCHAK
?!

KCHAK

KCHAK

!!!

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イッ!!

OH NO! DID JOSUKE GET FOUND OUT?!

IT'S... IT'S MY DAD...

WOOSH

WOOSH

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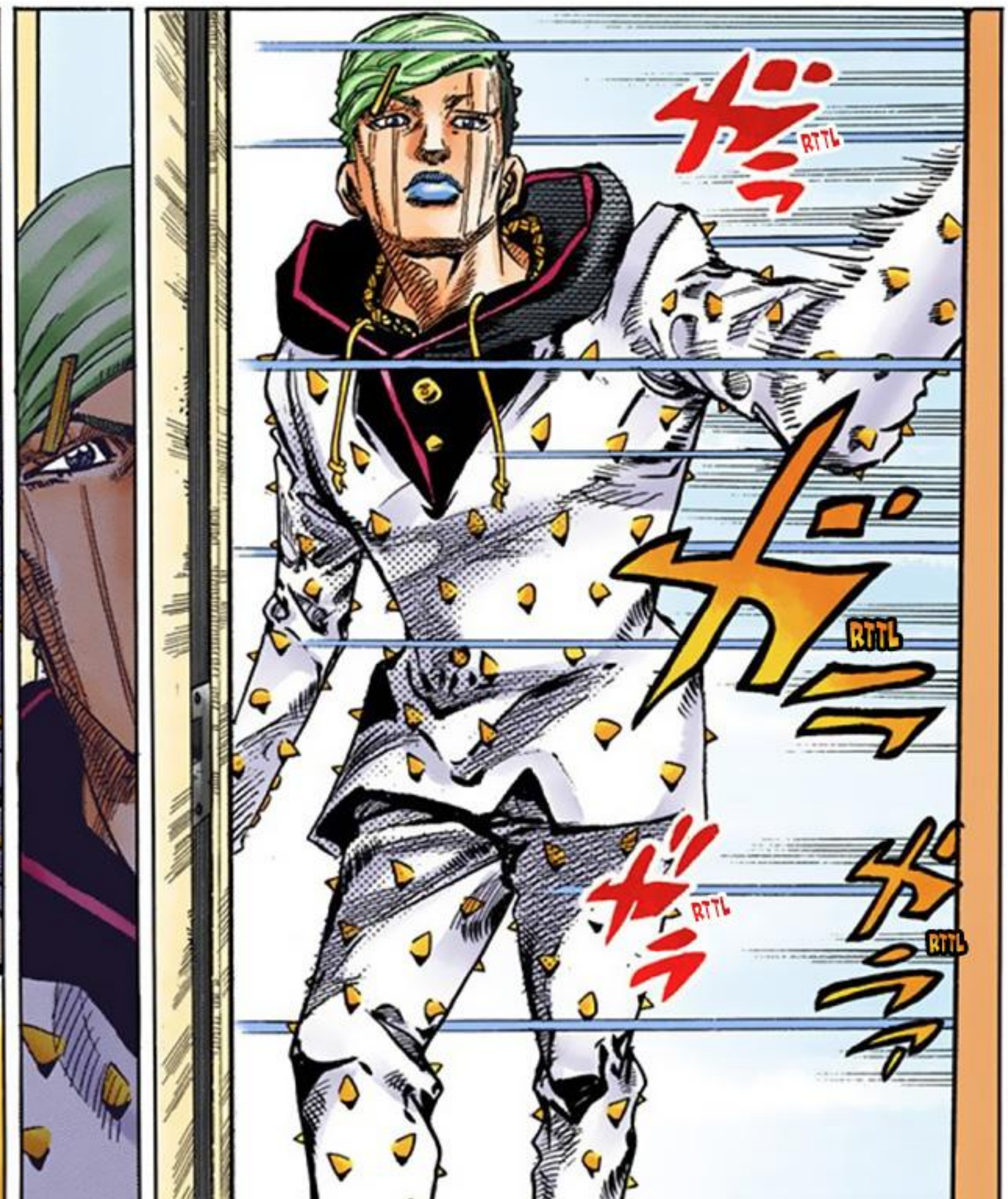
JOSUKE HASN'T BEEN EXPOSED... WE SUCCEEDED!

FROM THE LOOK OF THEM, THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE COMING HERE FOR ANYTHING SERIOUS...!

DON'T PANIC...

THEY'RE COMING HERE *IN ORDER TO SEARCH.*



IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE

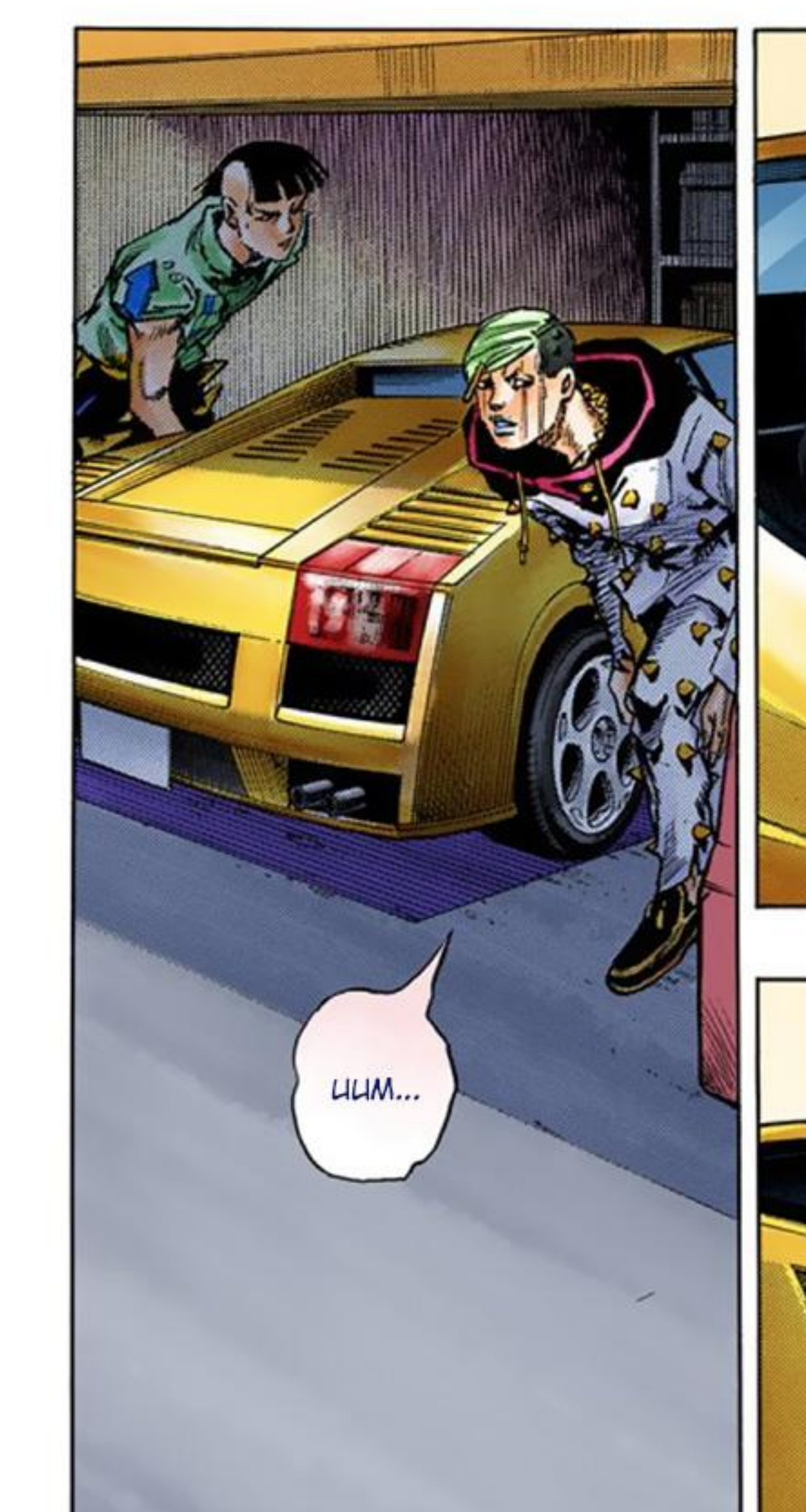
HE'S GOT ANY COMRADES OR ANYTHING OVER HERE, BUT...

COULD WE TRY CHECKING THE FOOTAGE FROM THE CAMERA OUTSIDE?

TAP

TAP

BIG BRO!



HUH?

UH... I GUESS JUST MY INTUITION ...?

WHAT FOR? UHHHHH...

WELL...

I HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE... DO YOU THINK HE'D WANNA KNOW IF I WENT TO A HOSTESS CLUB OR SOMETHING?

THOUGH I WOULDN'T TAKE MY LAMBO FOR THAT.

WHAT WOULD THEY BE LOOKING FOR ON IT?

JOSUKE'S GOAL IS TO CHECK THE LAMBORGHINI'S EVENT DATA RECORDER.

AH, I GOT IT!

WHAT FOR?

EVENT DATA RECORDER?

I HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND TO INVESTIGATE.

NO WAY... BUT, WELL...

WHO IS HE...?

I'M GONNA INVESTIGATE THAT GUY A LITTLE ON MY OWN...

UH, ANYHOW, FORGET MY IDEA ABOUT THE EVENT DATA RECORDER, LET'S JUST CHASE JOSUKE OUT OF THE HOUSE!

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WELL, HE IS A PERVERT...

EHE HE HE HE

BWA HA HA HA HA

!!

SHIT.

I JUST HAPPENED TO NOTICE THAT THE CAR KEY WAS ON THAT SHELF.

HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS CAR'S DOORS WERE OPEN?

THIS... IS GRANDPA'S MINIVAN.

PULL

HAA HAA HAA HAA

BUAA AAH!

Choose the one you like
(4 seconds left)

Flashlight

or

Grilled Mea
Boxed Lunc

BECAUSE I LIT IT UP BEFORE WITH THIS FLASHLIGHT.

SHIIIINE

SECURITY CAMERAS?

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THE SECURITY CAMERAS ON THE ROADS HE WAS DRIVING ON.

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I REALIZED THAT THERE WERE SECURITY CAMERAS VISIBLE IN THIS LAMB-ORGHINI'S EVENT DATA RECORDER...

AND...

THE SECURITY CAMERAS STUCK TO WALLS AND TELEPHONE POLES.

CAMERAS THAT SECURITY COMPANIES SET UP TO SEE THE SIDEWALKS AND ENTRANCES TO BUILDINGS.

YOU KNOW, THE CAMERAS SET UP ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. YOU CAN SEE THEM IN THE SCENERY WHEN HE'S DRIVING.

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YEAH, I KNOW ABOUT THOSE... WHAT ABOUT THEM?

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TH... THOSE?

YOUR PAISLEY PARK?!!

IT CAN CHECK THOSE?!

I WAS ABLE TO SEE THE VIDEO RECORDS THAT COULD HAVE GONE TO THOSE CAMERAS.

THE VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM 4:37 PM YESTER-DAY...

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WITH MY STAND...

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THE LAMBORGHINI IS DRIVING...

BUT IT STOPS AT RED LIGHTS...

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I CAN SEE THE SECURITY CAMERAS ABOVE THE SIDEWALKS... SO I TRIED CHECKING THOSE CAMERAS THEM-SELVES.

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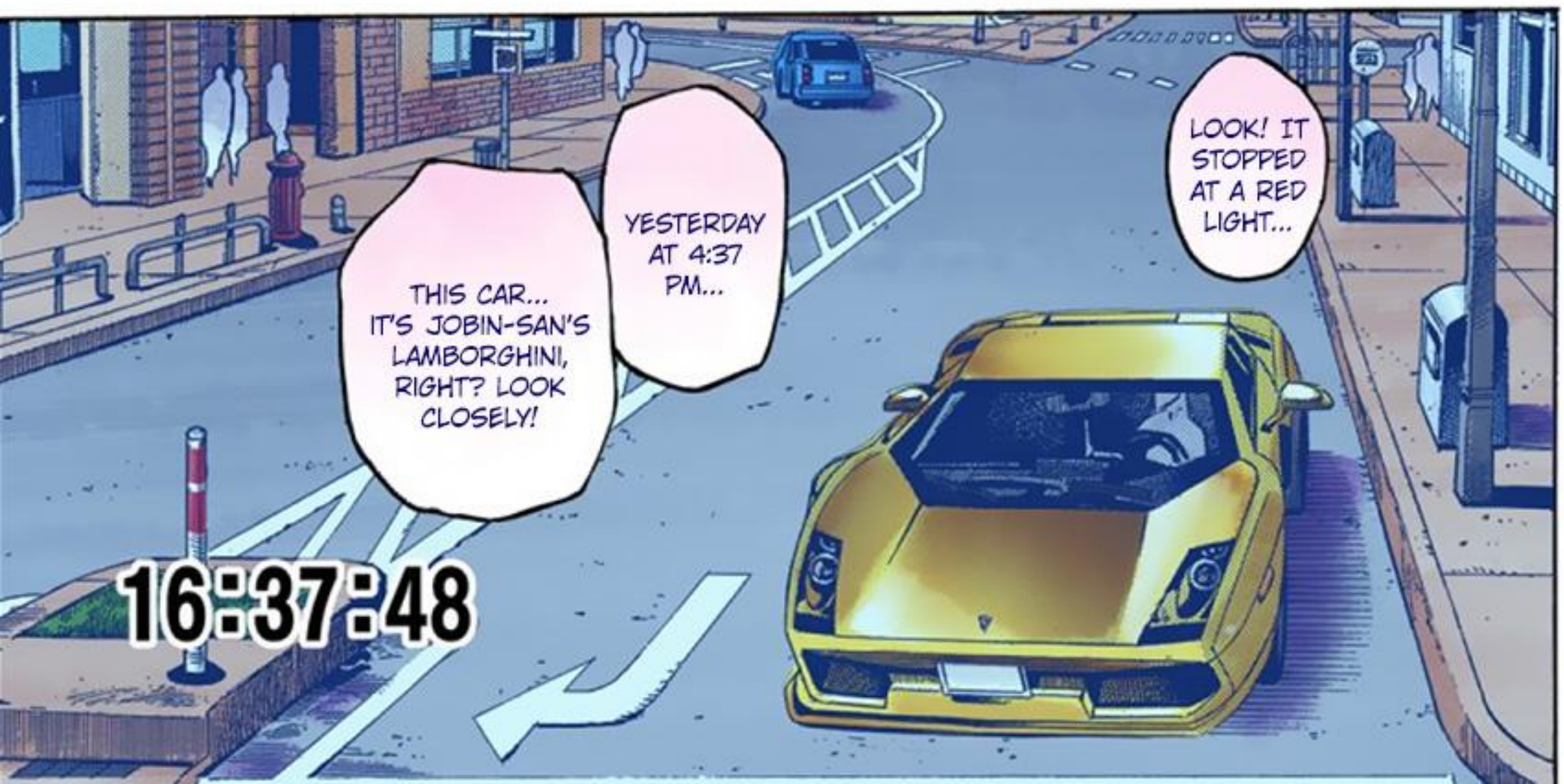

WATCH.

WATCH REALLY CLOSELY.

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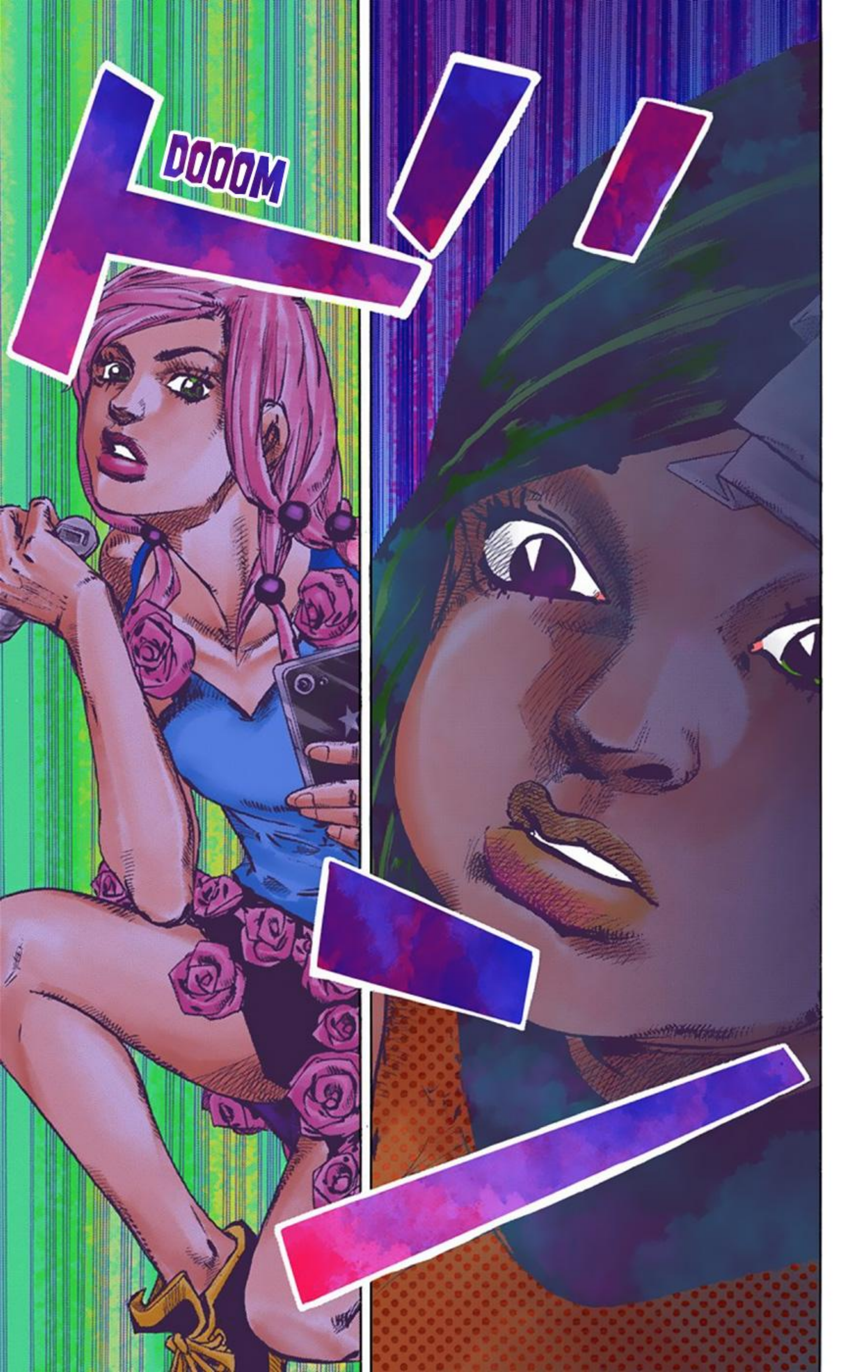
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BUT WHY HERE...?
I'LL BET THAT MAN IS DANGEROUS...
JOBIN-SAN EITHER SHOWED IT TO HIM... OR HANDED IT OVER TO HIM AT THIS INTERSECTION...
TH... THAT'S!
THAT'S THE FRUIT...! IT... IT'S GROWING IN A POT...
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