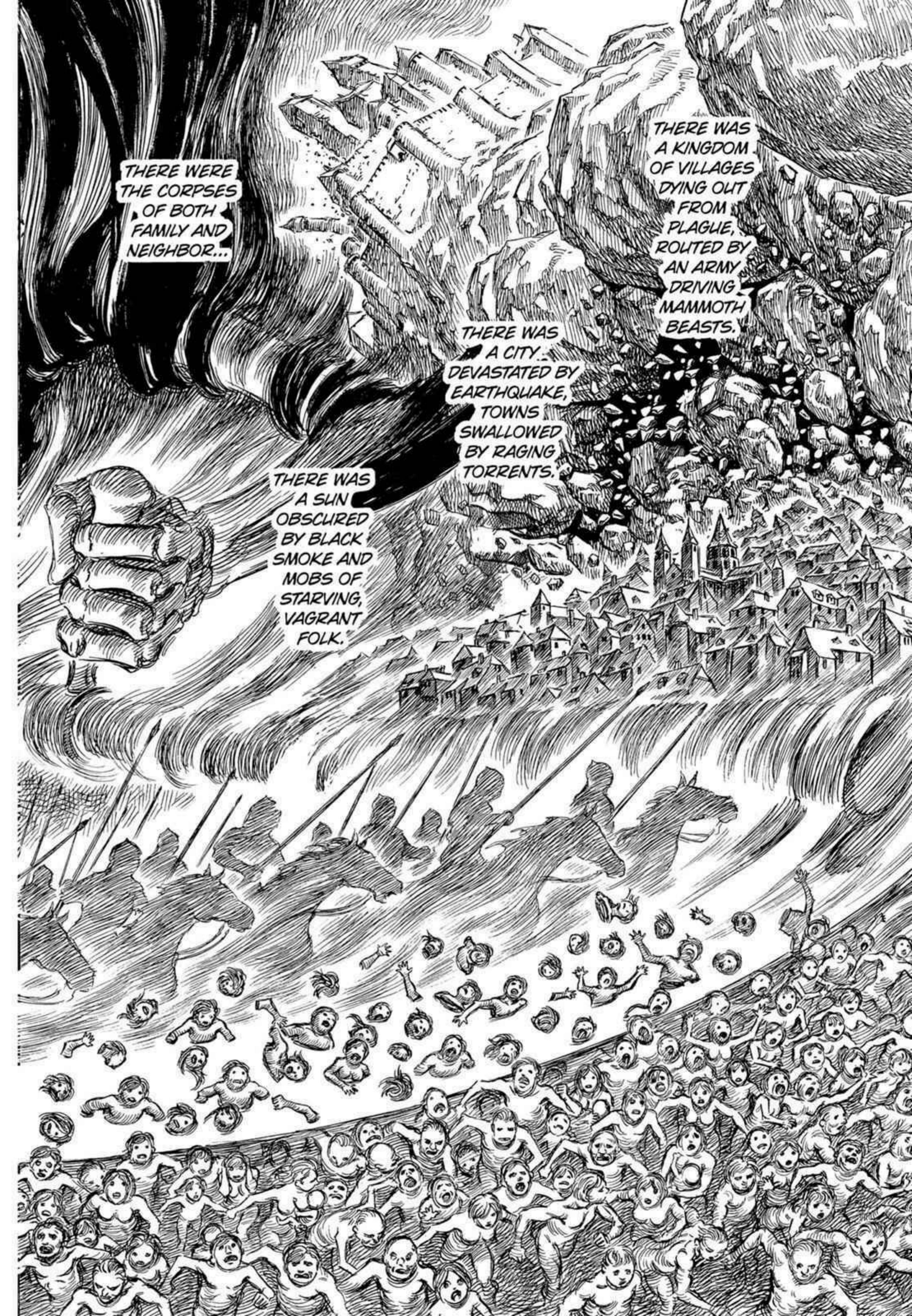


**THE PEOPLE
SAW IT IN
THEIR SLEEP.**

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
REVELATIONS, PART 1

**断罪篇
生誕祭の章
啓示①**

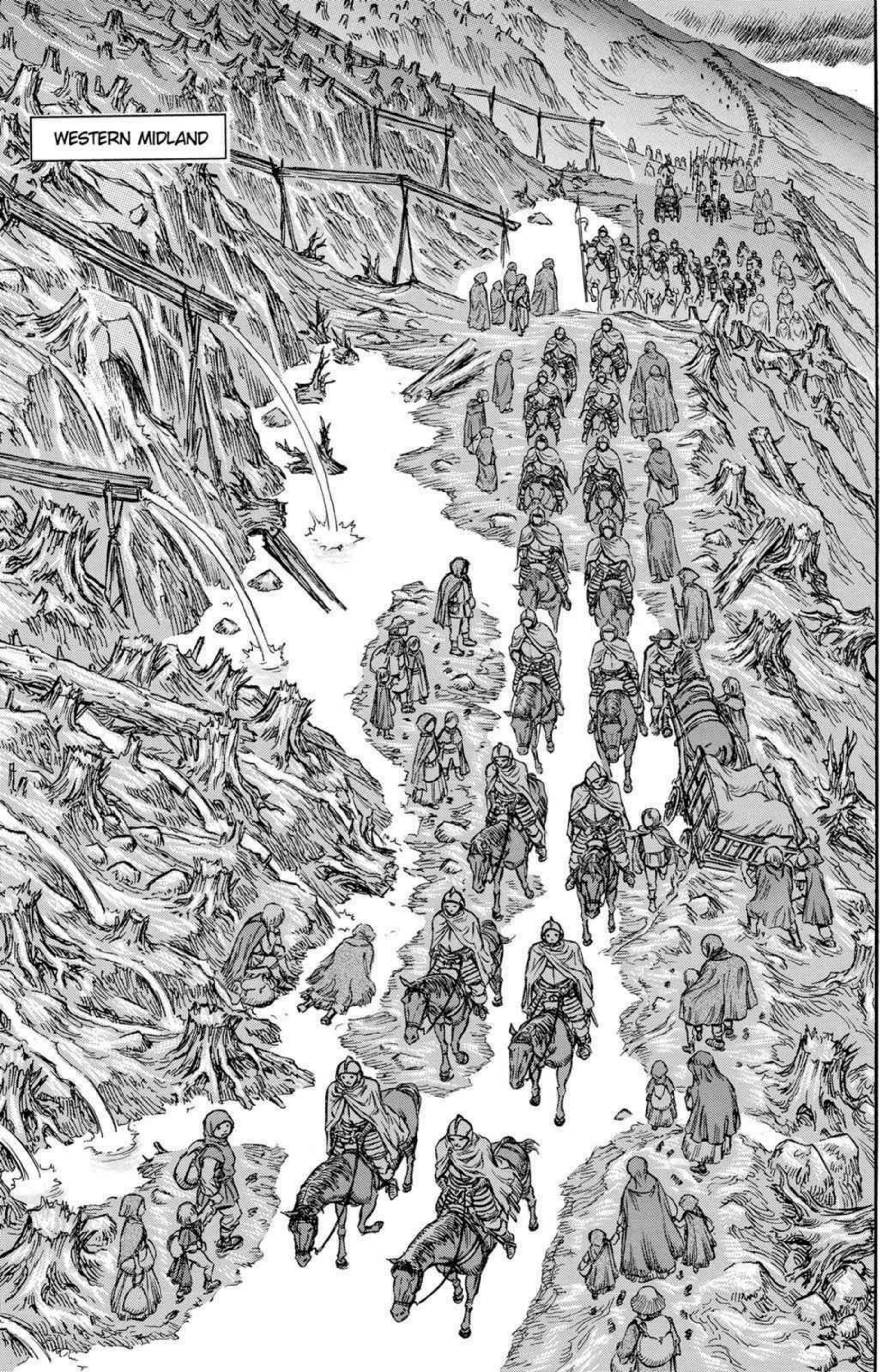


A SINGLE,
SHINING HAWK,
SLUNDERING
THE THICK
DARKNESS,
ALIGHTING
UPON THE
BLOODSTAINED
LAND.

THEN, AMIDST
SUCH DISCORD,
THEY CAUGHT
SIGHT OF IT.

THEY BELIEVED
INSTINCTIVELY:
THIS WAS THEIR
"DESIRED."

WESTERN MIDLAND







IT'S A
LANDSLIDE!!
THE GROUND
WAS LOOSENERED
BY THE
RAIN!!

ALL
FORCES
HALT!!



RESCUE
OUR
SUBJECTS
!!

ALL
SECURITY
FORCES
DIS-
MOUNT!!

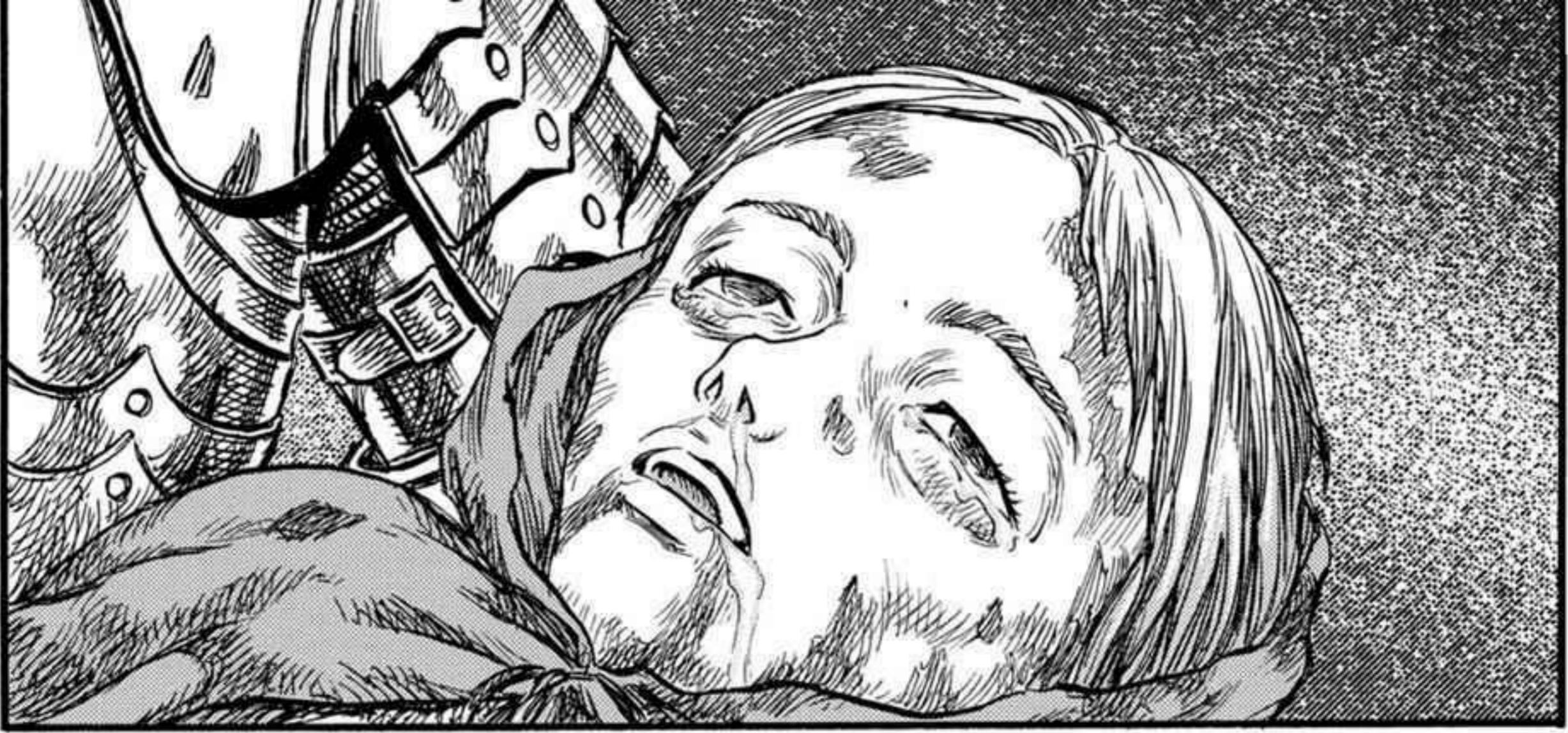
ARRGH...
VERY WELL,
THEN!! HOP TO
IT!! FOLLOW
GENERAL LABAN!!

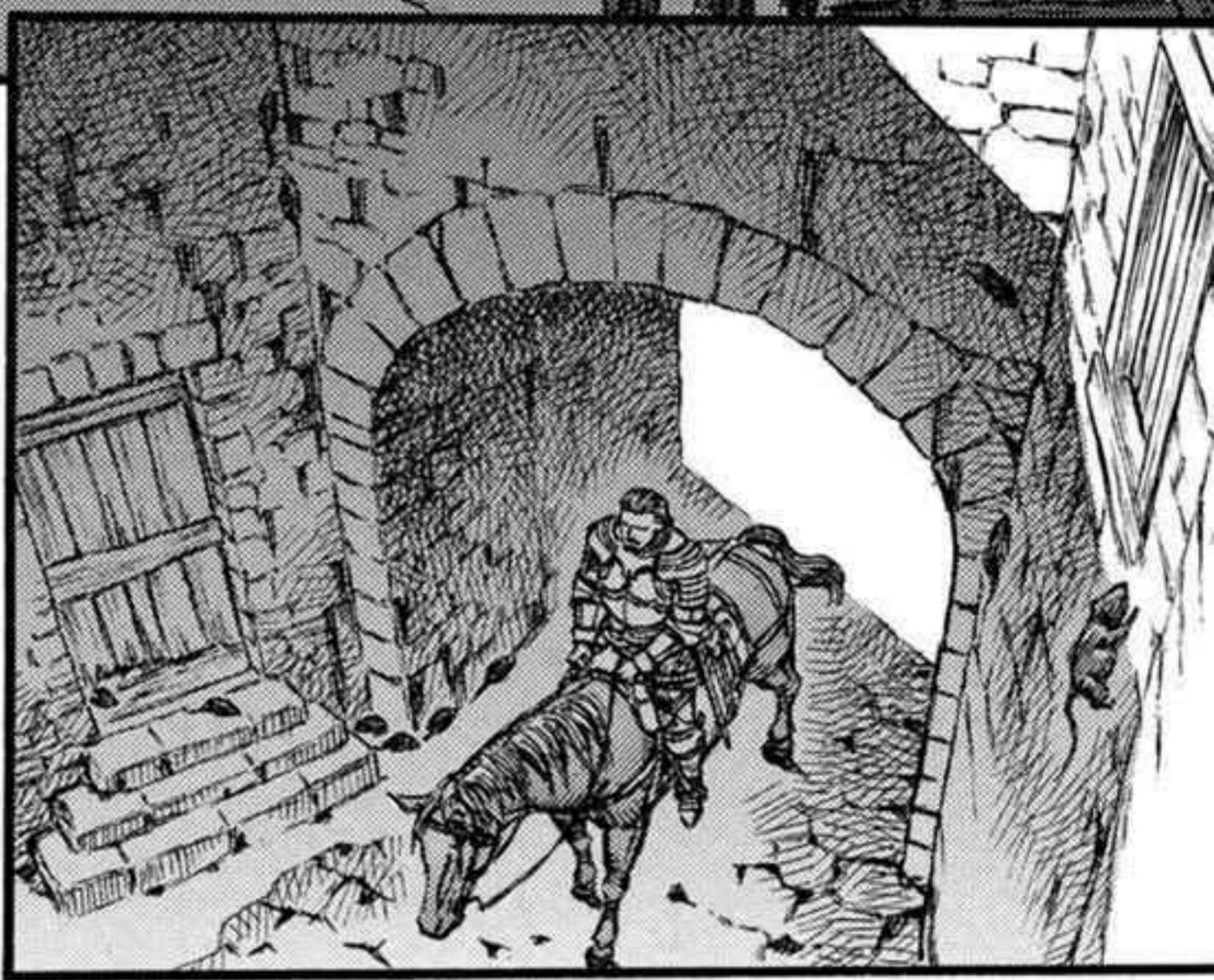
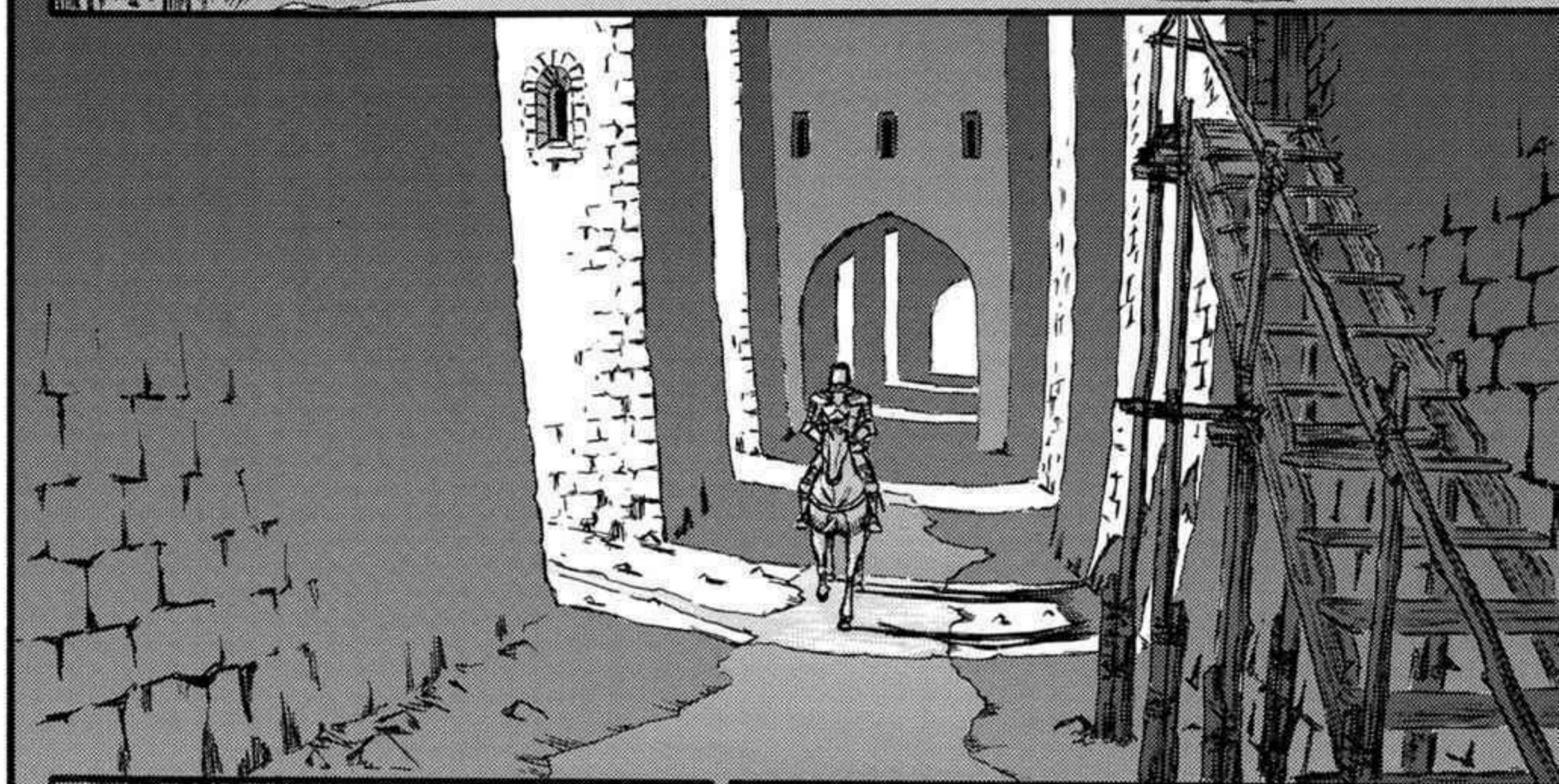
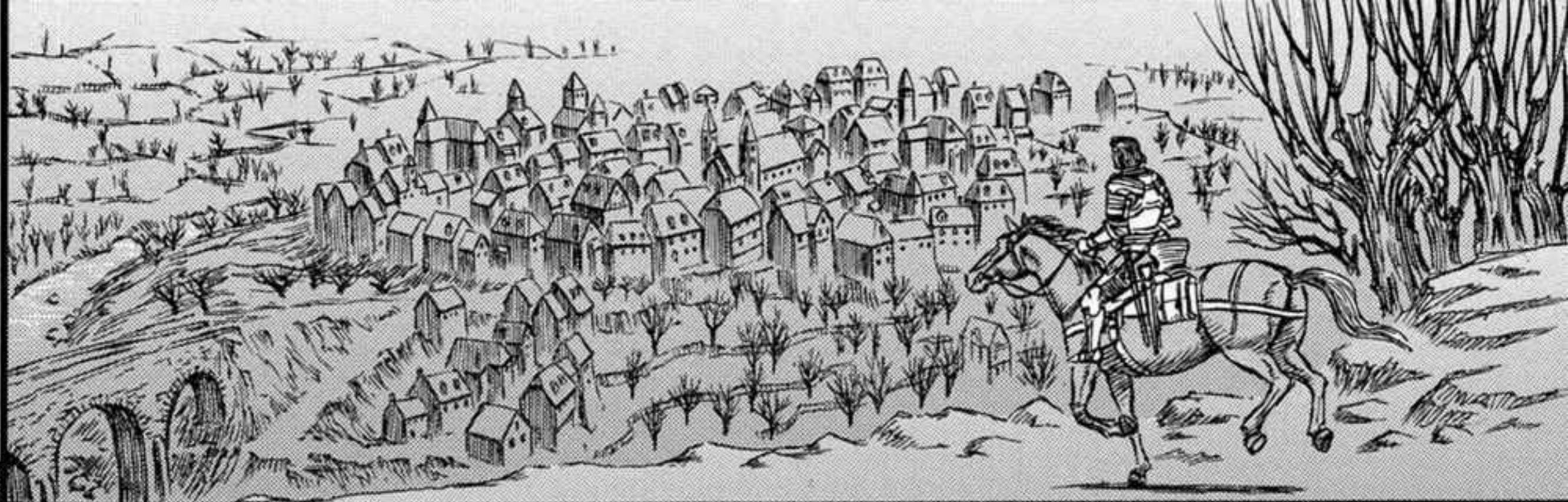
FOLLOW
ME!!



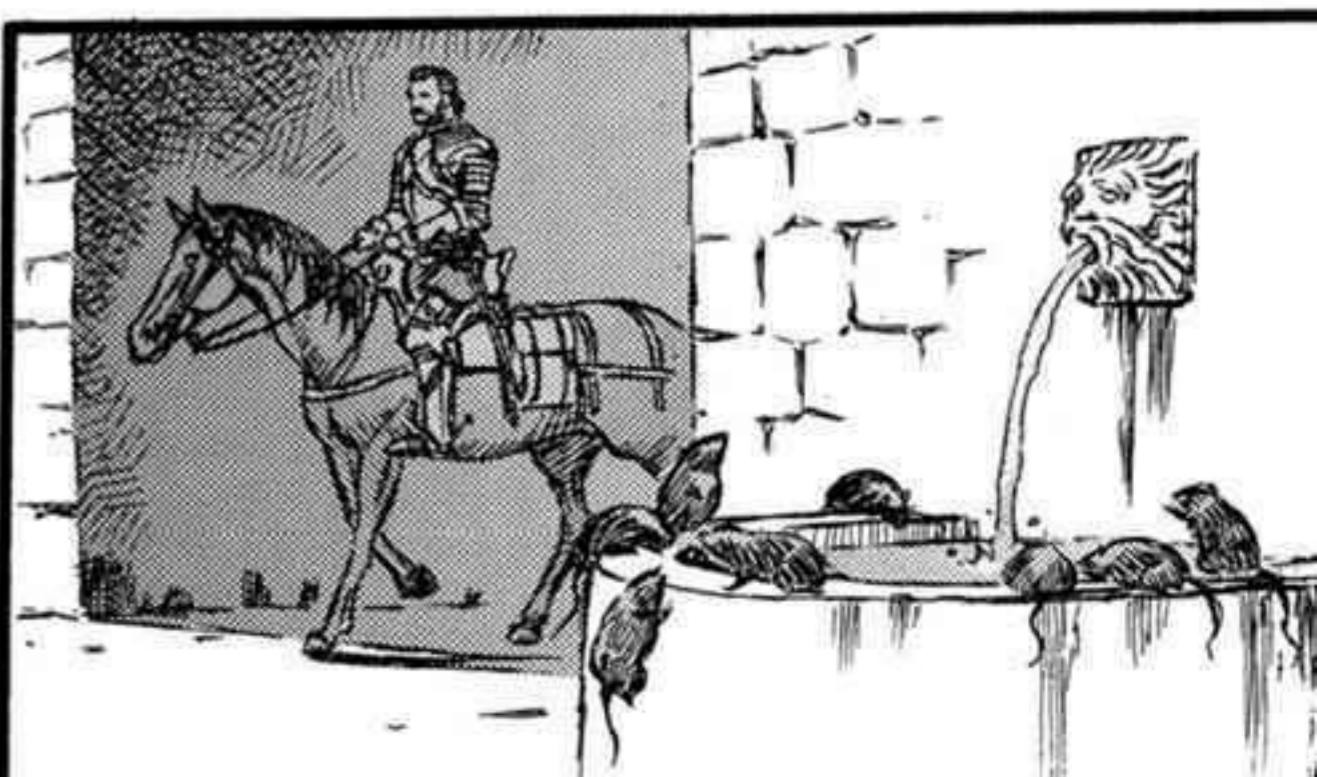
THERE--
YOU'RE
SAFE,
NOW...

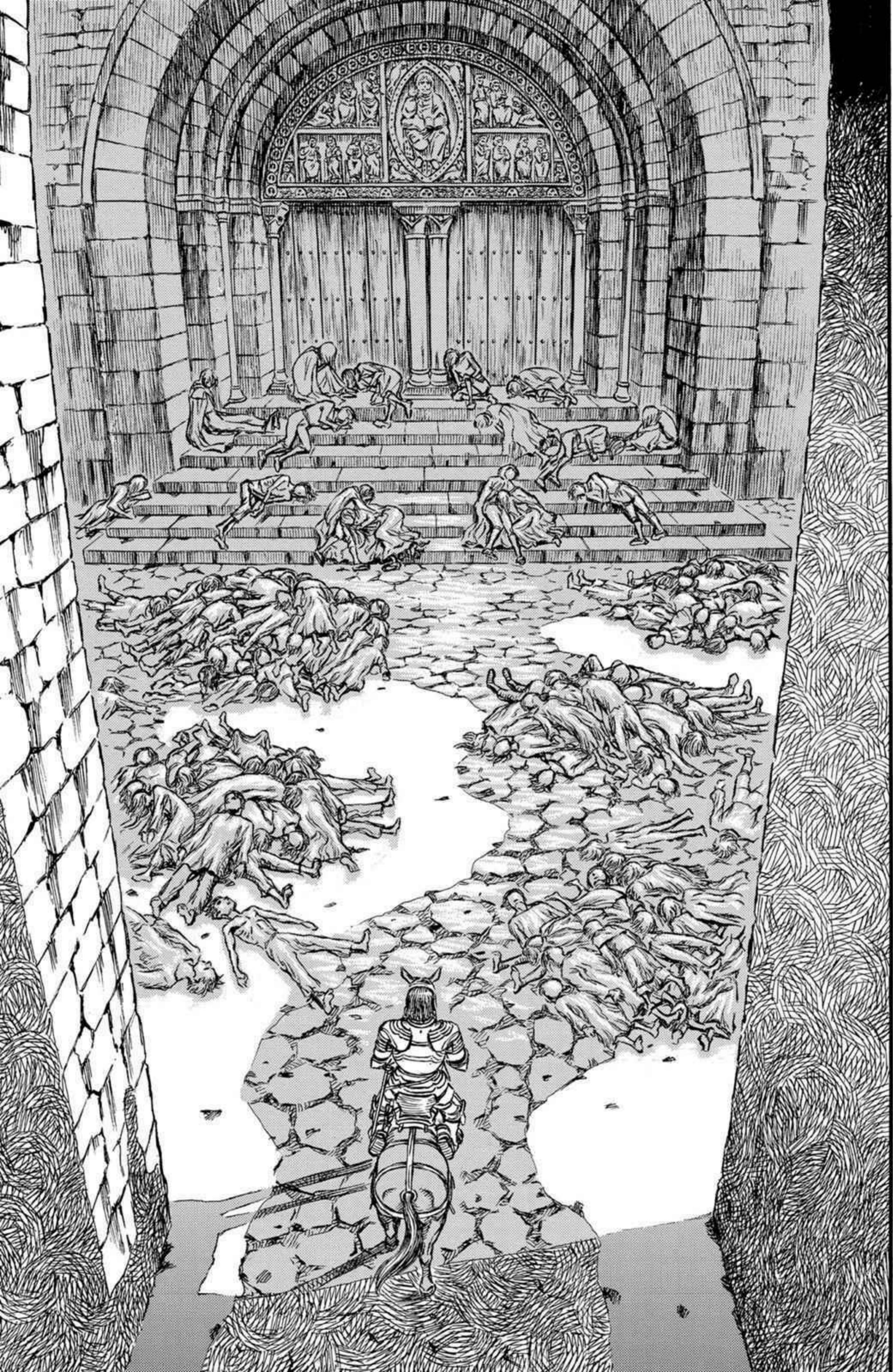


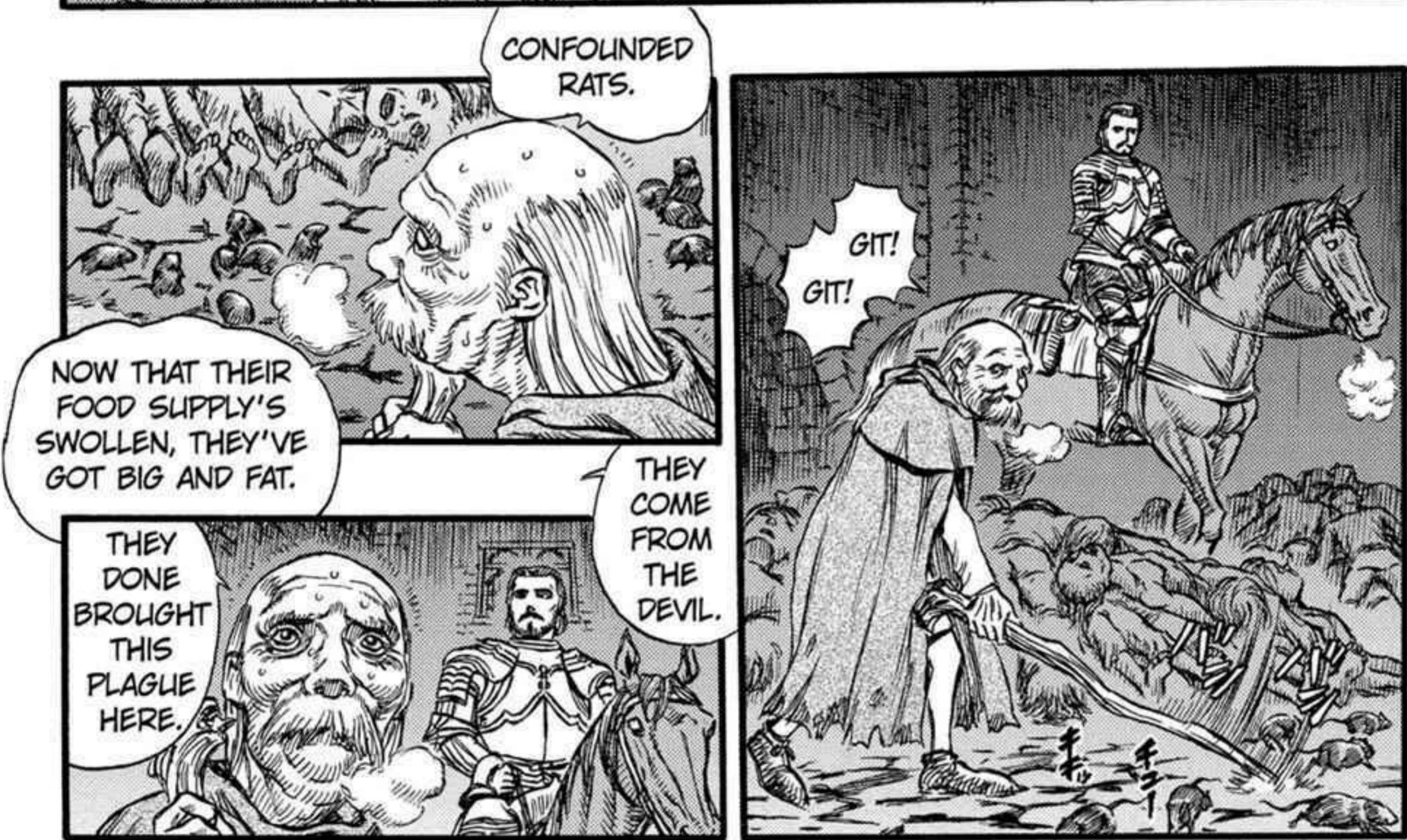




*FX: CHIT CHIT CHIT

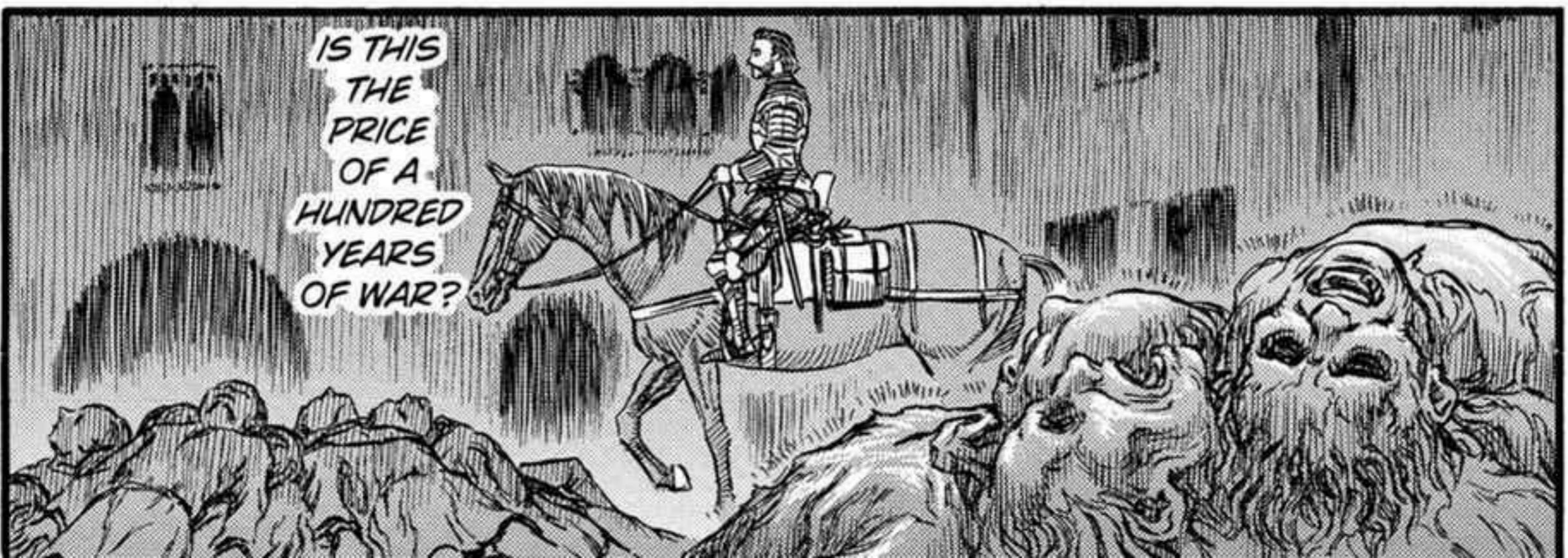






*FX: SQUEEK EEP EEP *FX: WHACK WHACK





YET,
OVER SEVEN
TENTHS OF
THE MILITARY
HAVE SPENT
TWO YEARS...
SEARCHING
FOR A CRIMINAL
WE'RE NOT
EVEN CERTAIN
STILL LIVES.

IT'S VEXING...
A TIME LIKE
THIS IS
PRECISELY
WHEN THE
ENTIRE
KINGDOM'S
EFFORTS MUST
BE DEVOTED TO
REBUILDING.

WHAT ON
EARTH
HAPPENED,
THAT DAY
TWO YEARS
AGO?

THE
STATE
HIS
MAJESTY
IS IN...
WHAT
IS IT?

SURELY THEY ARE
A MADMAN'S...

THOSE
EYES...

...BUT THIS
KINGDOM-
WIDE
DESOLATION
IS A FACT.

TO SAY THIS
CRISIS WILL
DECIDE ALL OUR
FATES IS NO
EXAGGERATION.

THE
SEARCH
HAS
EXCEEDED
ITS
PURPOSE.

ALAS
...



...THEN...

...THAT
HAWK OF
LIGHT...

IF IT
WAS...

A DARKNESS
THAT COVERS
THE WORLD...

I SUPPOSE
THAT WAS A
REVELATION...

...EVEN THIS SEARCH THAT SEEKS MEANING-LESS...

IT MAY BE ABSURD, BUT WHEN YOU THINK OF IT SUCH...

--NO.

TO ME, AT LEAST, WHAT A HAWK SYMBOLIZES

...

IF THE DREAM IS A REVELATION, WHAT DOES THAT PART SIGNIFY?

...CAN BE SEEN TO POSSESS SOME SENSE OF PURPOSE.

*FX: DBADUMP
BDADUMP

SO YOU'VE COME, ADJUTANT. AS YOU SEE, WE MUST ALSO BLOCKADE THIS TOWN AT ONCE...

FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF MIDLAND...

...THERE'S BUT ONE AND NO OTHER!!

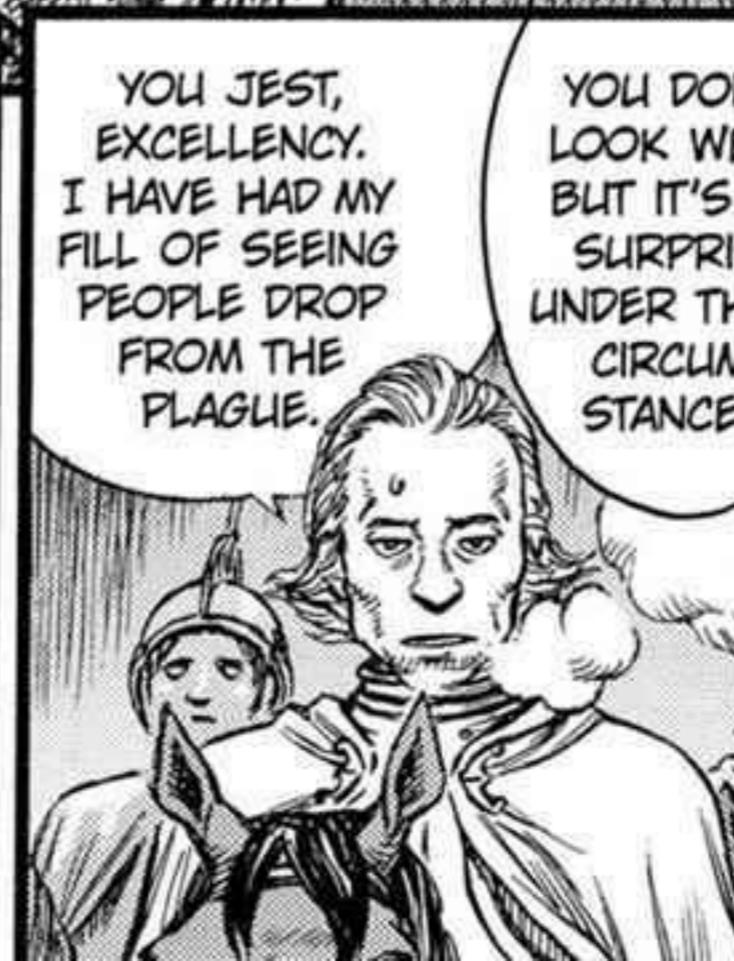


HOW-EVER, THAT IS...

YOU JEST, EXCELLENCY. I HAVE HAD MY FILL OF SEEING PEOPLE DROP FROM THE PLAGUE.

YOU DON'T LOOK WELL. BUT IT'S NO SURPRISE UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES.

IT IS ANOTHER STORY FOR THE HEAD OF OUR KINGDOM.

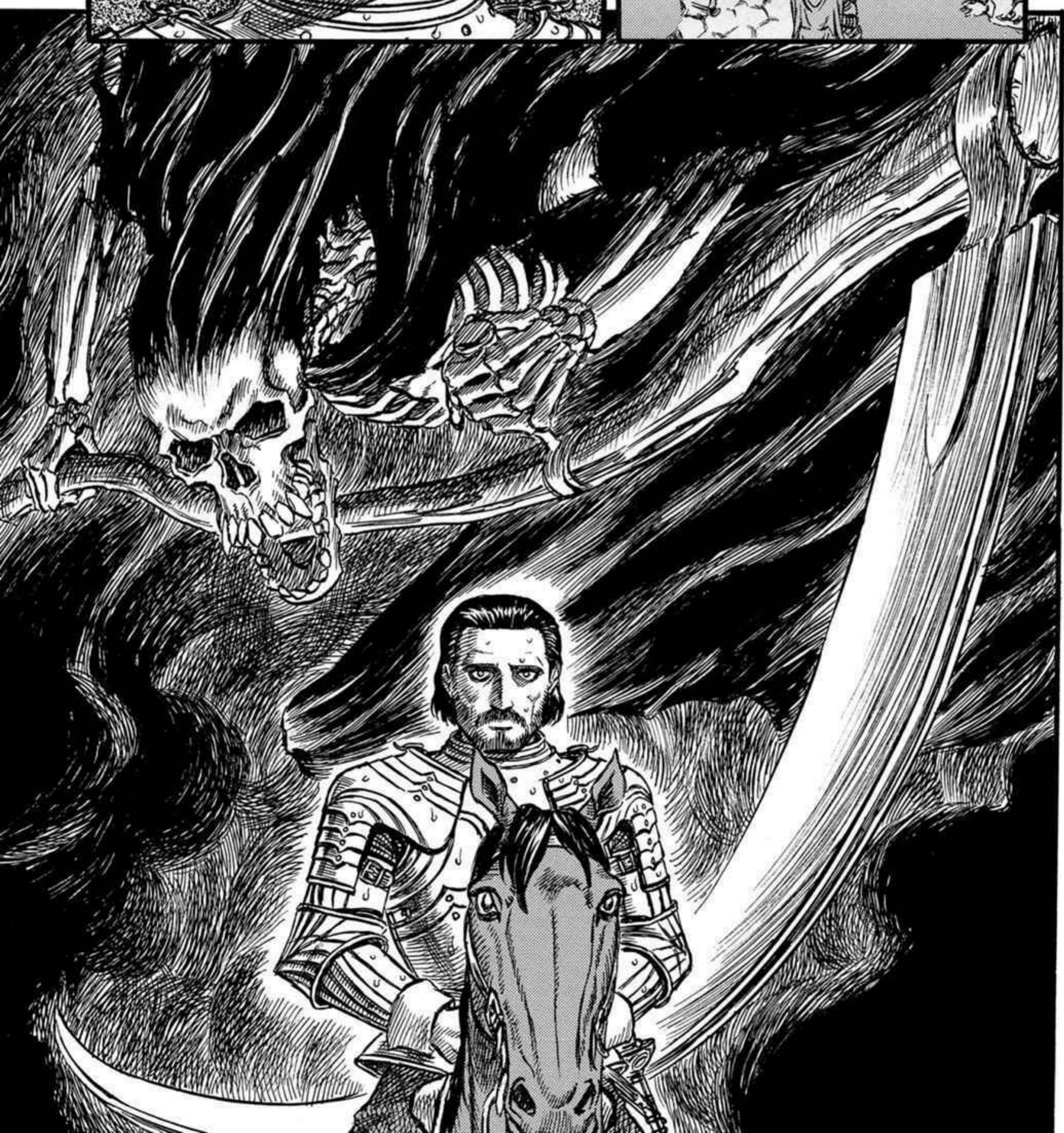


...HAS
SUCCLIMBED
TO ILLNESS.

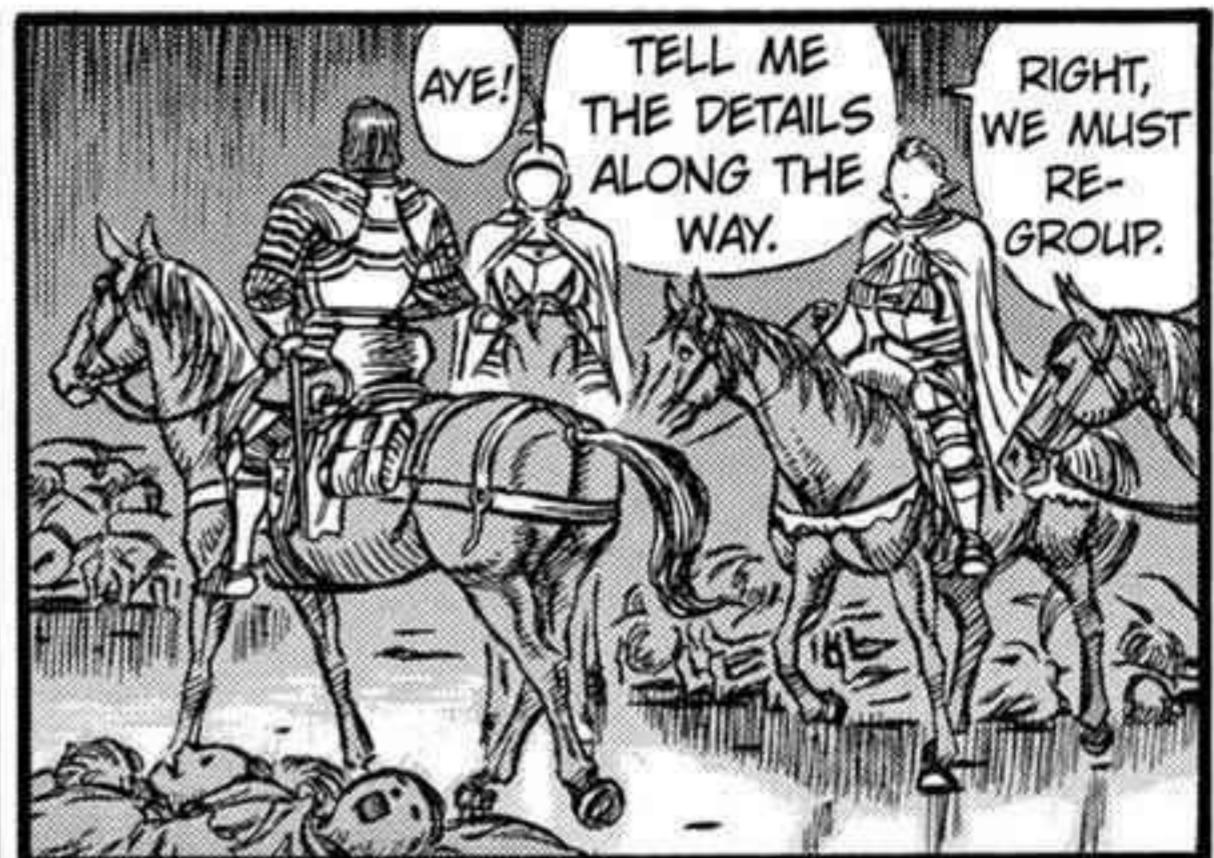
HIS
ROYAL
MAJESTY
...

A MESSAGE
RIDER JUST
CAME FROM
WINDHAM.

...SAY
WHAT
?



*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP



*FX: CHEE CHEE KEE KEE CHEE CHEE



*FX: SKITTER SKITTER SKITTER



*FX: ZOMMM



*FX: ZMMMM



*FX: ZMM



