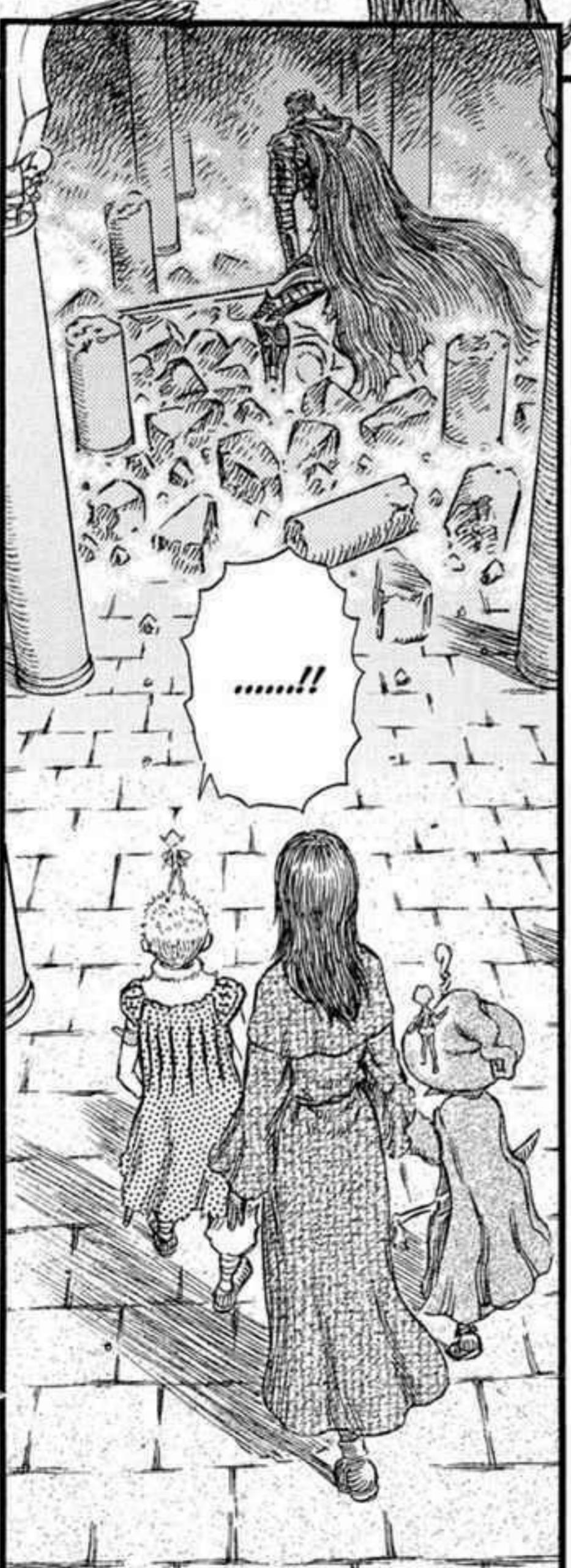
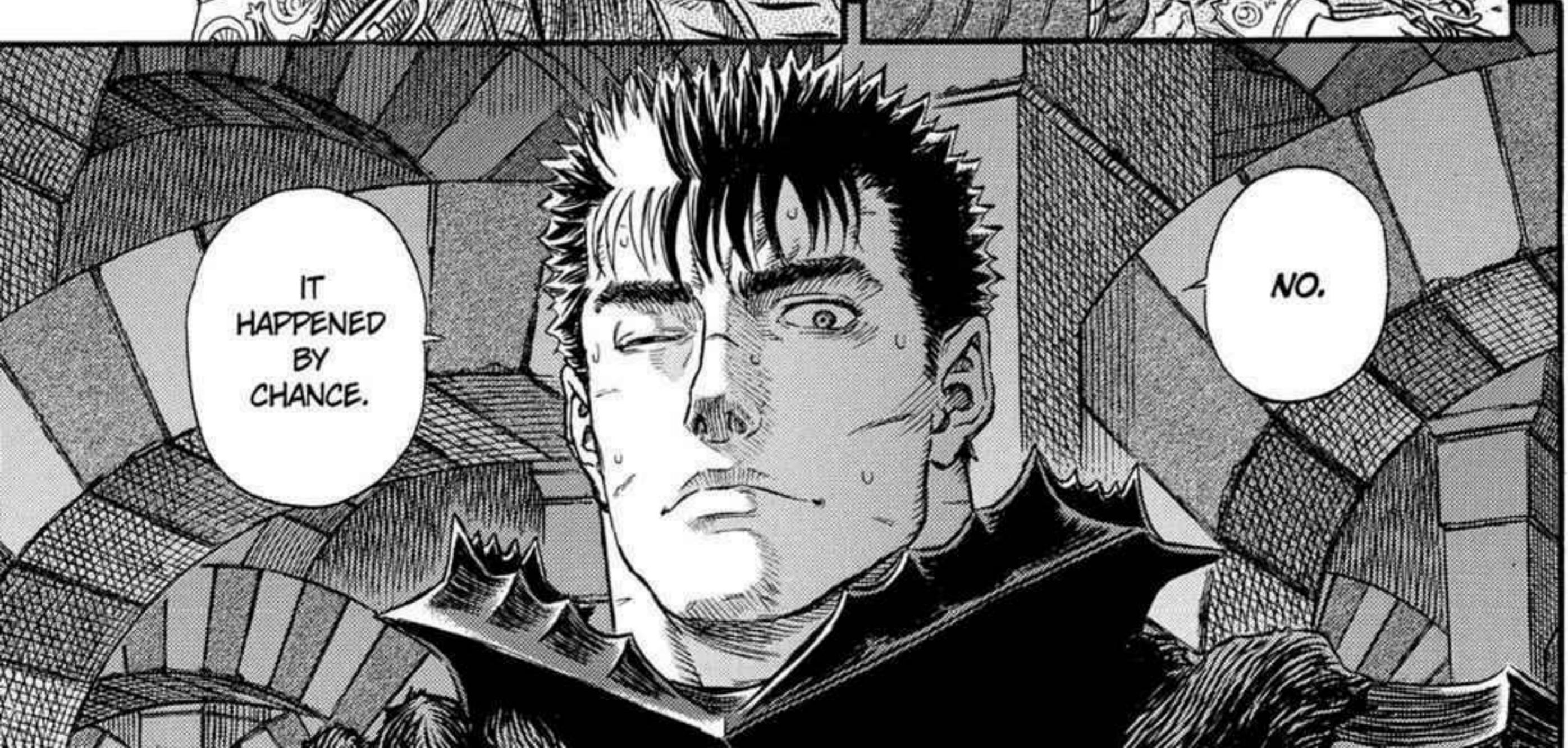
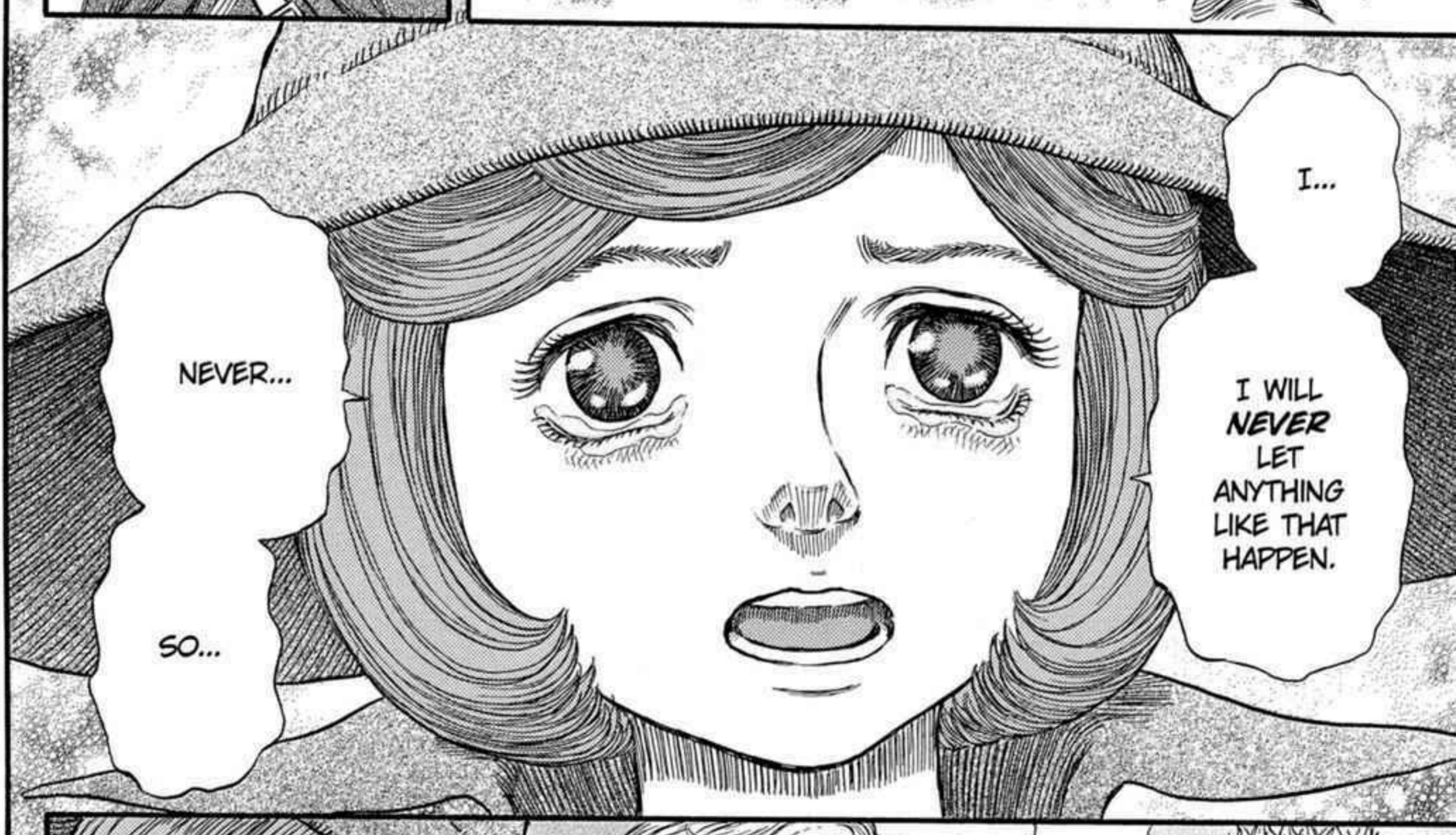


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SUZERAIN OF THE
RELIGIOUS DOMAIN





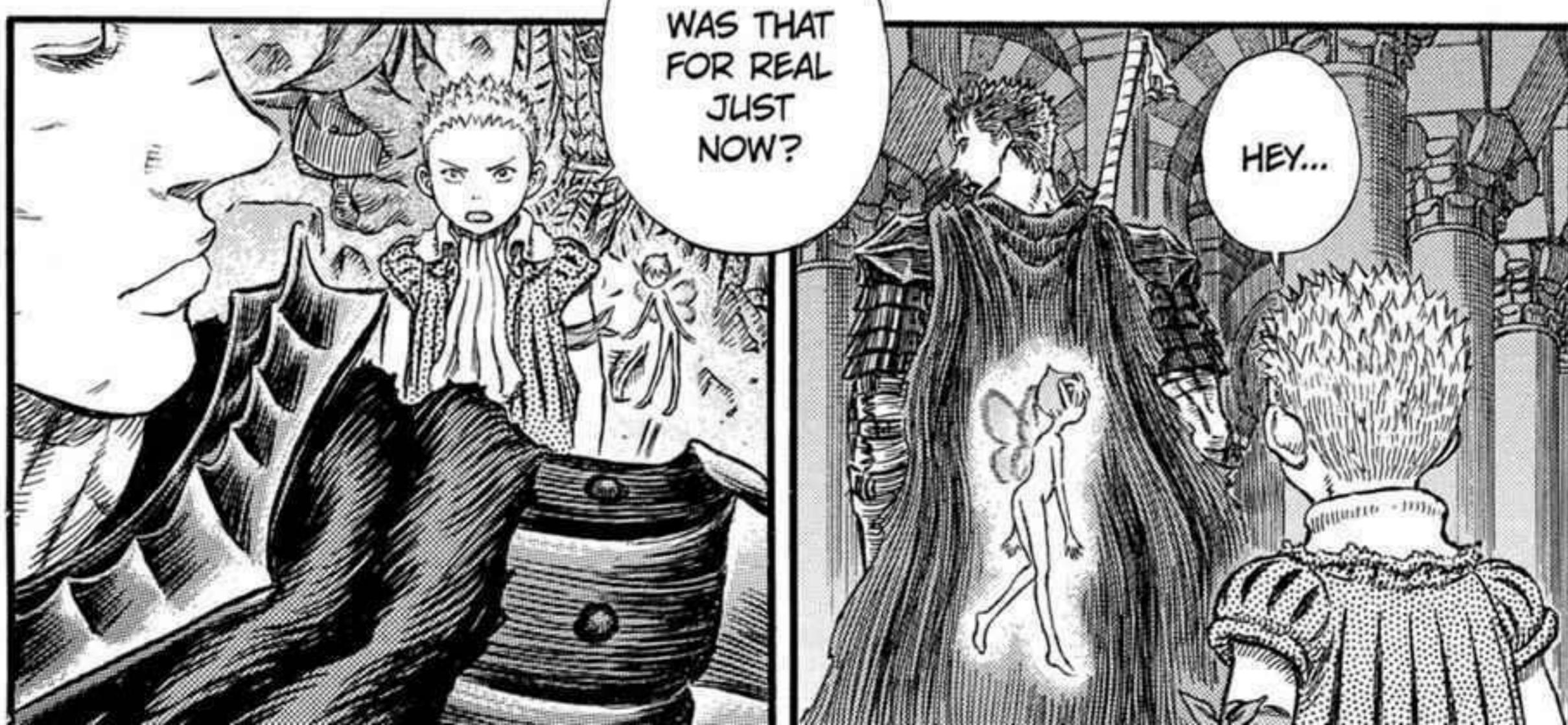




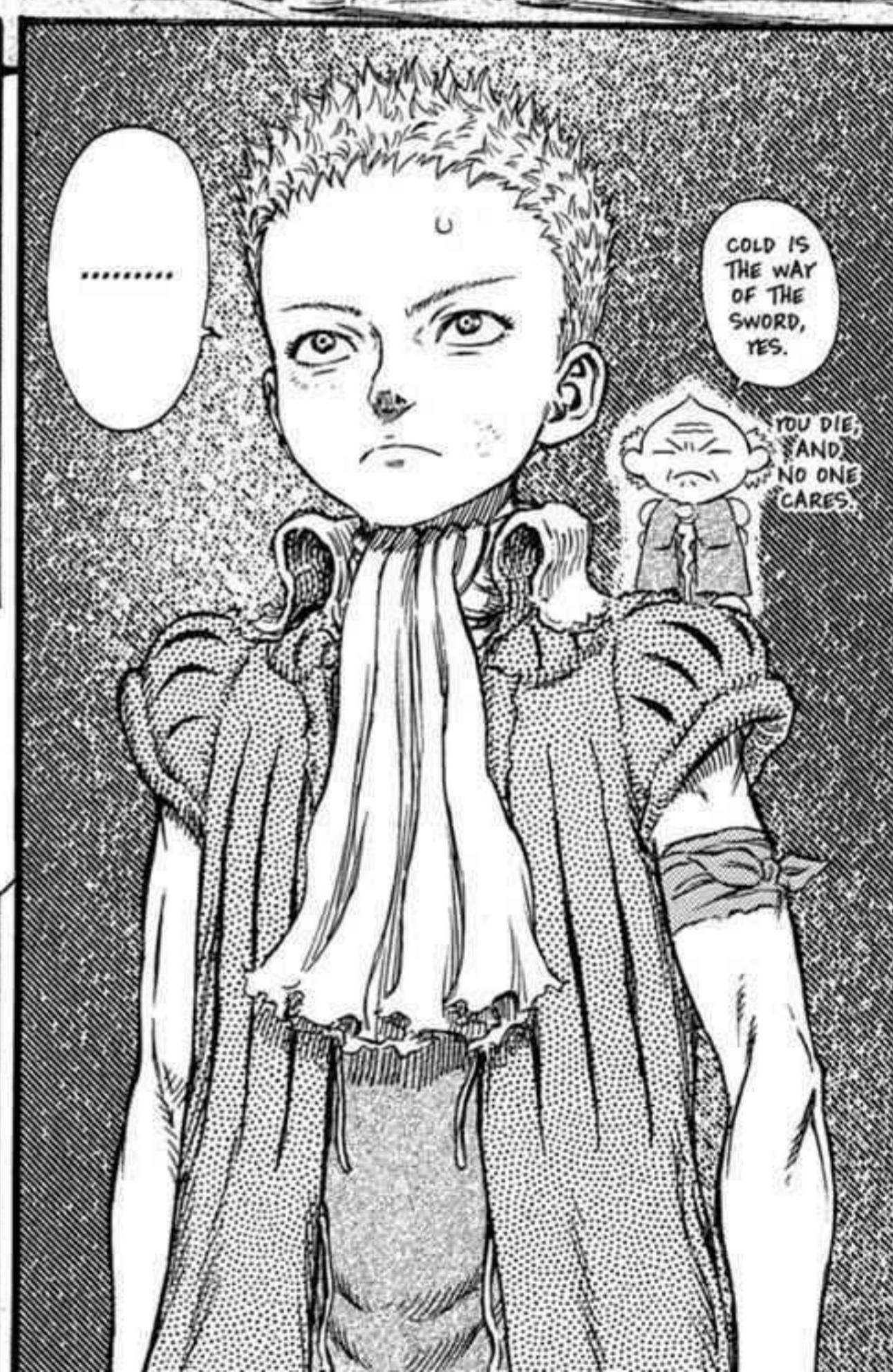




*FX: GCHAK







MAYBE HE COULD
BE DEEMED HONEST
TO A FAULT IN
SWEARING NOT TO
USE PROJECTILES...
MUCH LESS THAT
CANNON... WELL,
FOR MY PART,
I DID TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
THAT...

I CHALLENGED
HIM TO A DUEL
BY THE SWORD,
AND DESPITE
THE DISADVA-
NTAGES HE MAY
HAVE HAD,
HE WOULD
ANSWER BY
THE SWORD.

PERHAPS
I SIMPLY
LACKED THE
POWER TO
DRIVE GLITS
THAT FAR,
OR ELSE...

AND MORE
THAN ANYTHING,
HE DID NOT
UNLEASH THE
POWER OF
HIS ARMOR.

DON'T
LINGER
BEHIND
OR I'LL
LEAVE
YOU.

THAT
MON-
STER'S
GOT ME
WORRIED.

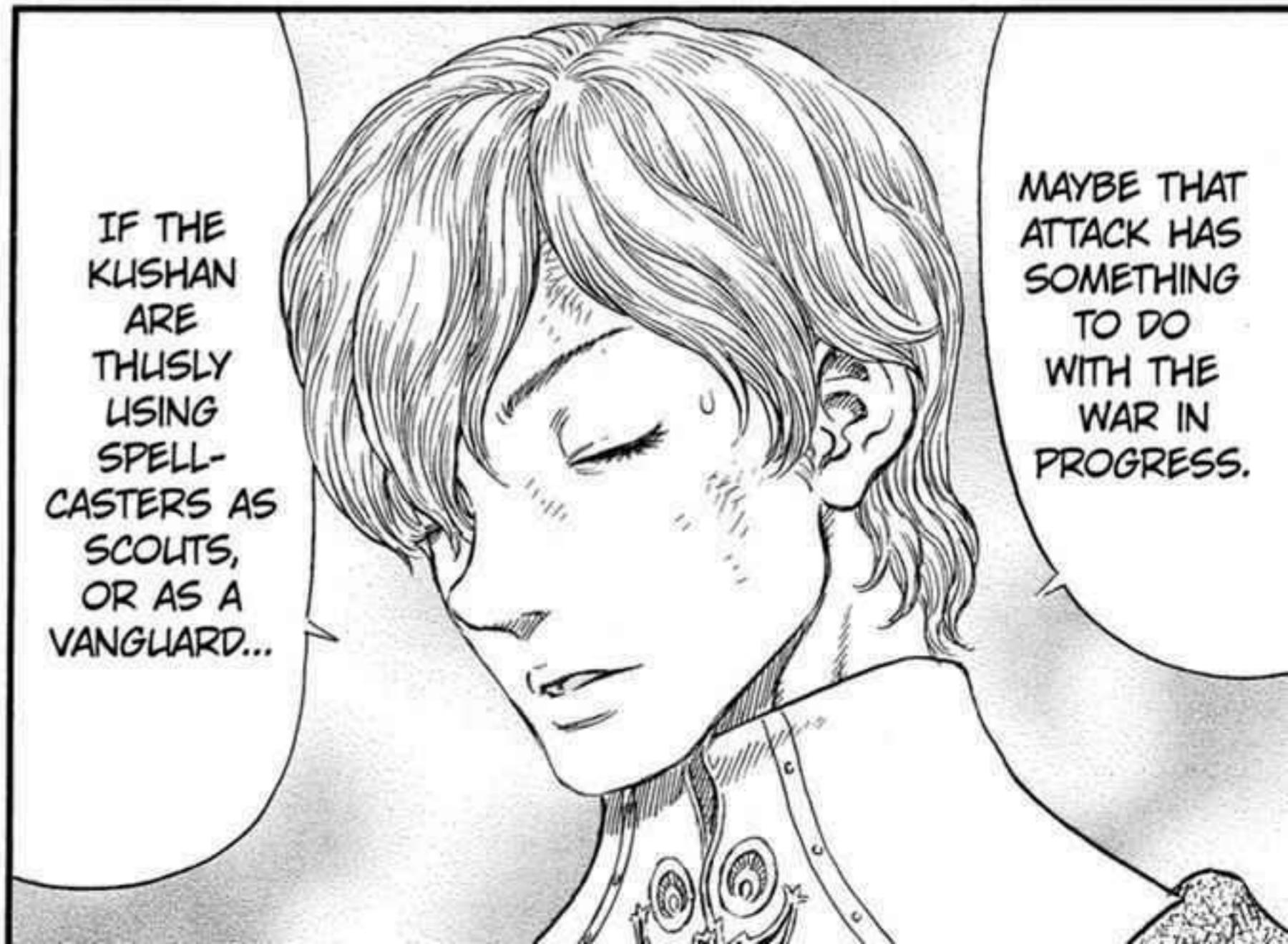
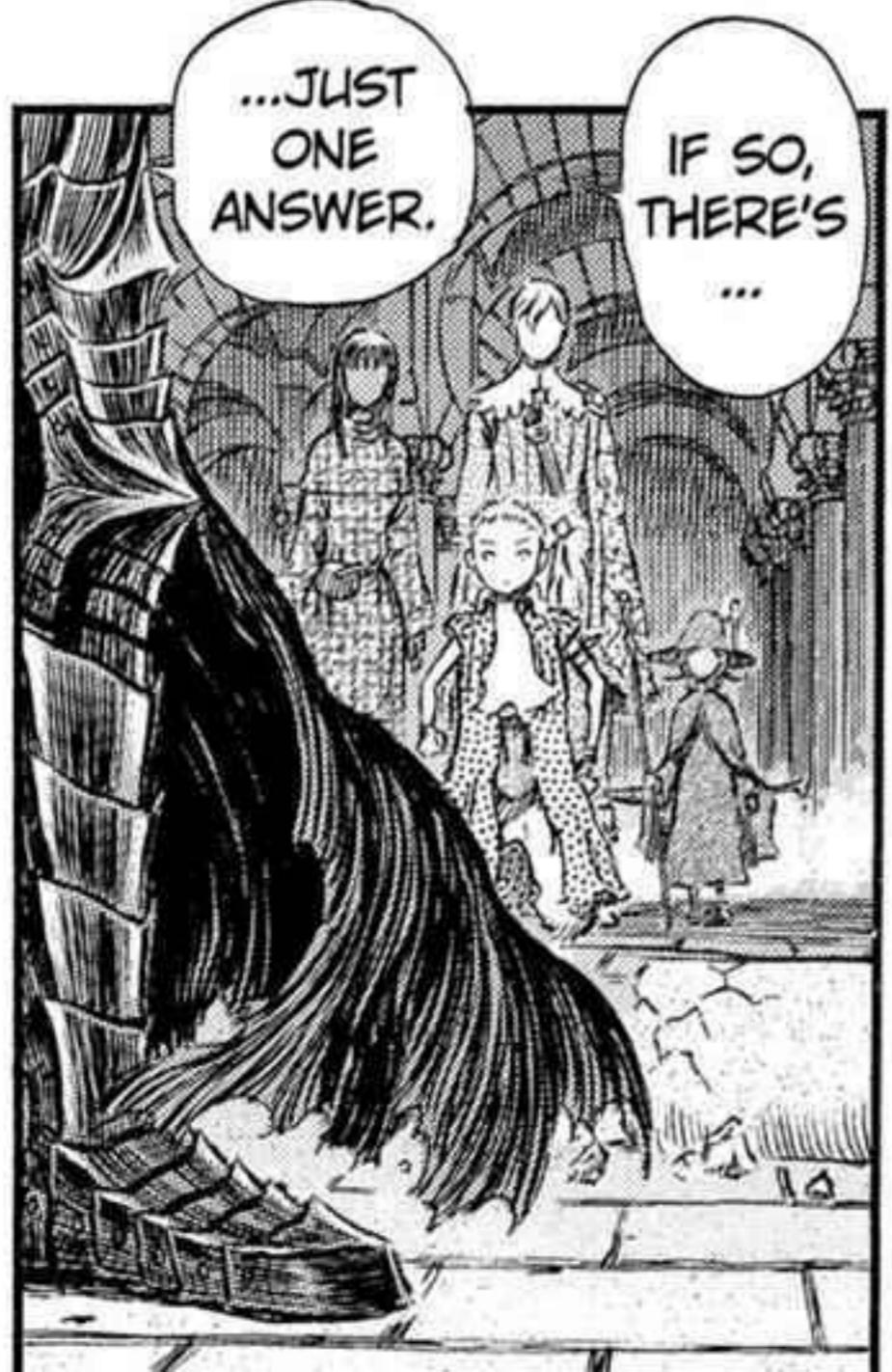
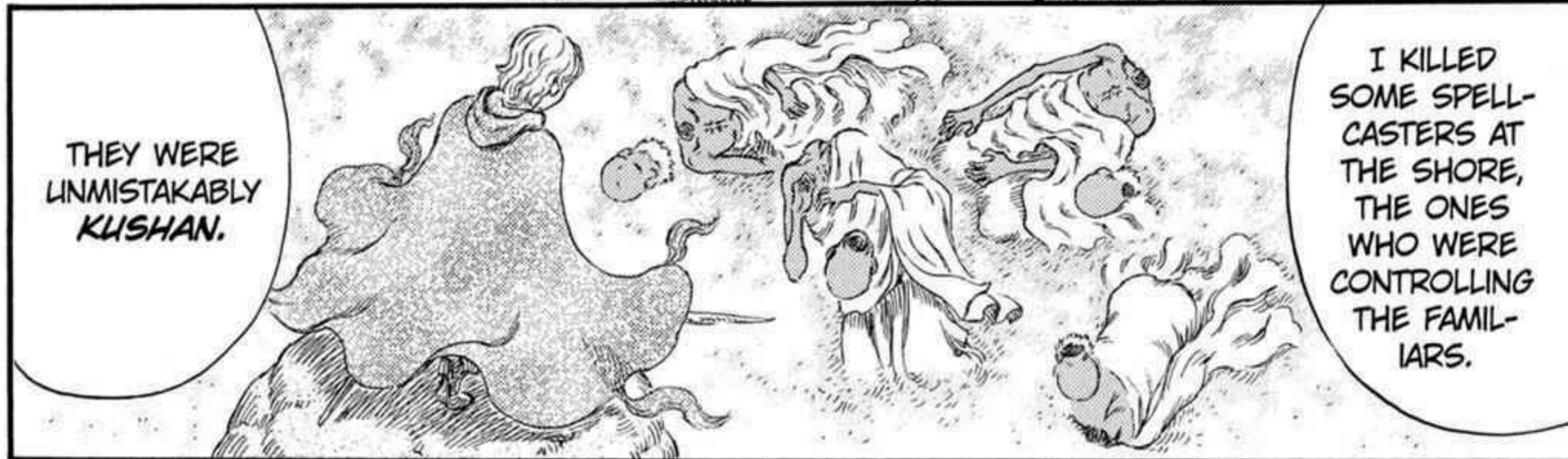
R-
RIGHT!

...ON YOUR
UNYIELDING
SPIRIT.

...I
SUPPOSE
I WILL
WAGER...

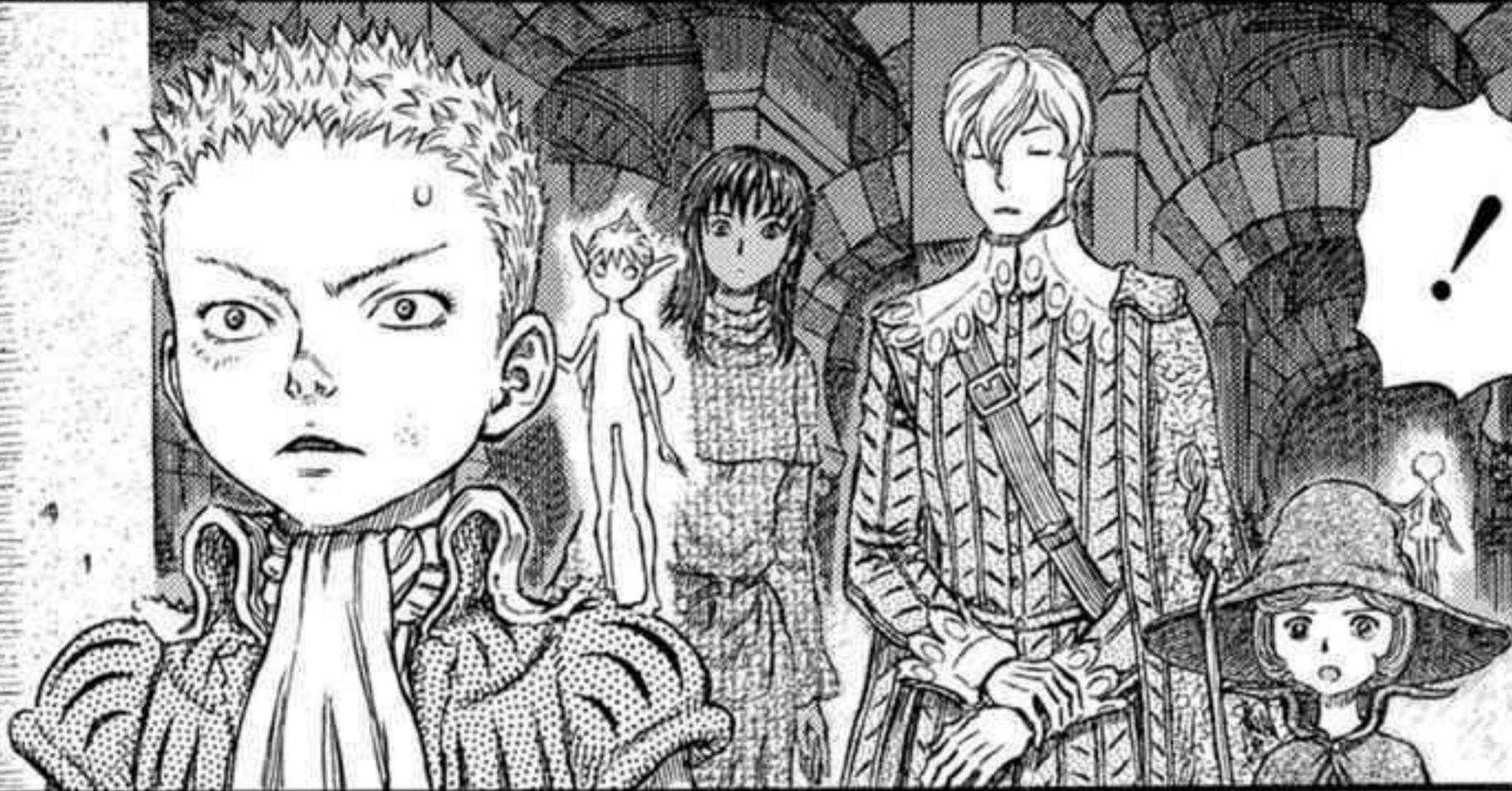
IF THAT
IS THE
CASE...





...GONNA
BECOME A
BATTLE-
FIELD.

PRETTY
SOON,
THIS
CITY'S...



...AS
FAST
AS YOU
CAN.

GET
AWAY
FROM
THIS
CITY...

...IT MIGHT BE
HEADED WHERE
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PEOPLE ARE
GATHERED.

IF, AS YOU SAY,
THAT MONSTER'S
THE KUSHAN
VANGUARD...





TAKE
THESE.



*FWASS



IT SEEMS
THE SYLPHS
WISHED TO
RETURN TO
THEIR
OWNER.

TALK
ABOUT
ATTACH-
MENT.





...HAS ARRIVED.

...LORD
FEDERICO DO
VANDIMION...

HOLDER OF
THE HONOR-
ABLE TITLE
"MASTER OF
SCALES"...

THE THIRD-
GENERATION
HEAD OF THE
VANDIMION
FAMILY...

IT ISN'T JUST NATIONS. THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF EVEN THE HOLY SEE IS MANAGED SINGLE-HANDEDLY BY THE VANDIMION BANK.

THEY SAY THAT STARTING WITH CHLIDER, HARDLY ANY OF THE GREAT POWERS CAN NOW WAGE WAR WITHOUT VANDIMION FINANCIAL BACKING.

THAT'S FEDERICO DO VANDIMION, HEAD OF THE GREAT VANDIMION FAMILY--THE FOREMOST IN THE WORLD.

HE SURELY IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN THE HOLY SEE DOMAIN.

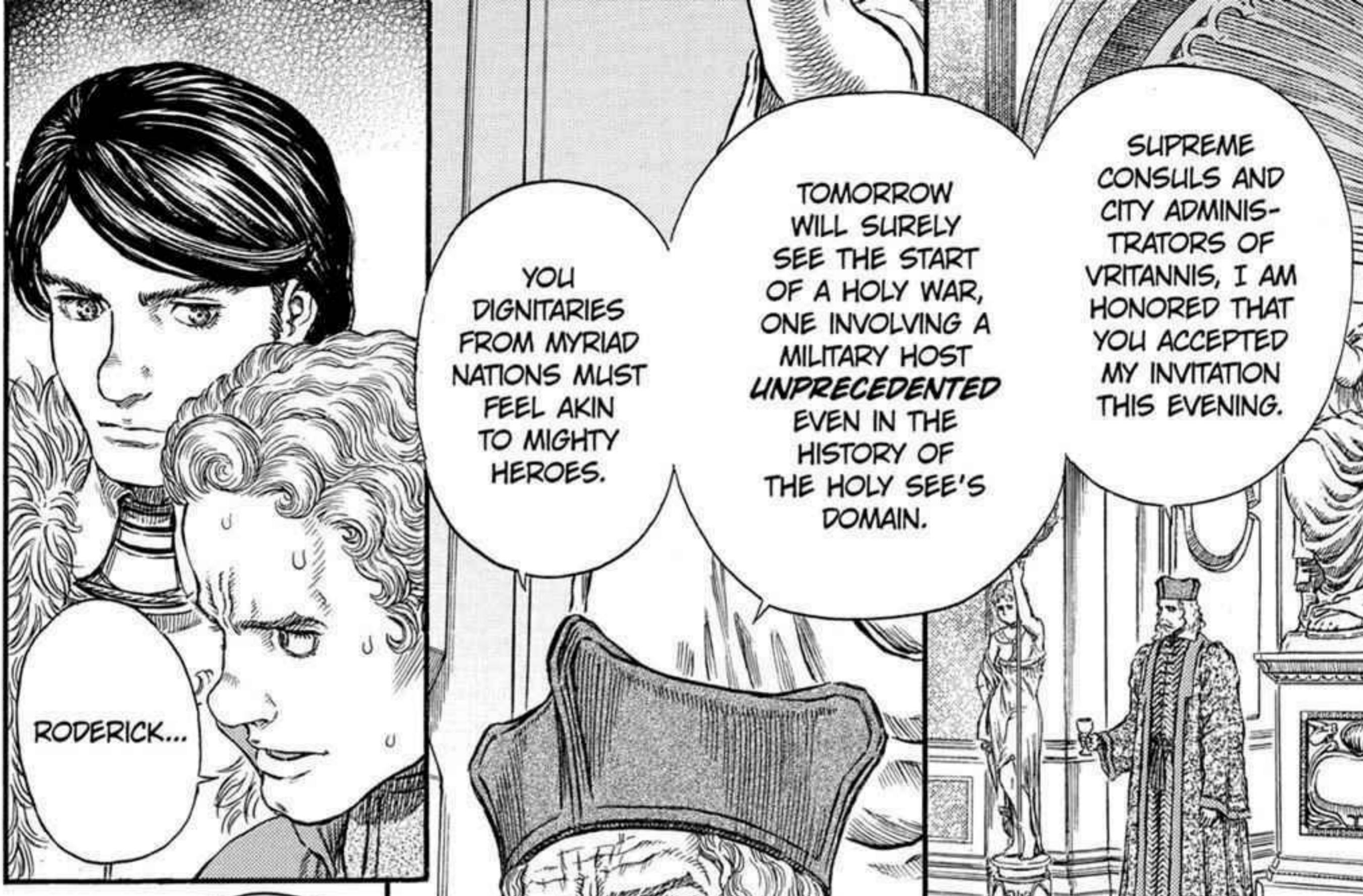
TALK ABOUT PRESENCE.

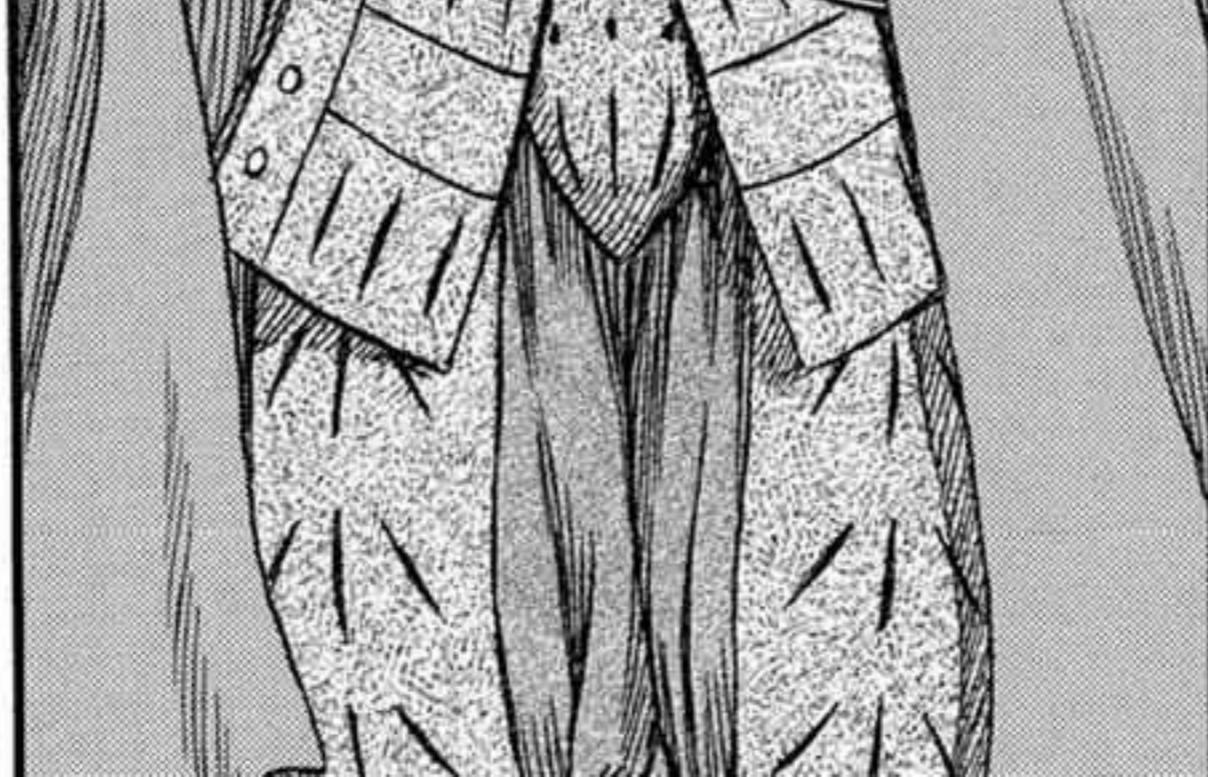
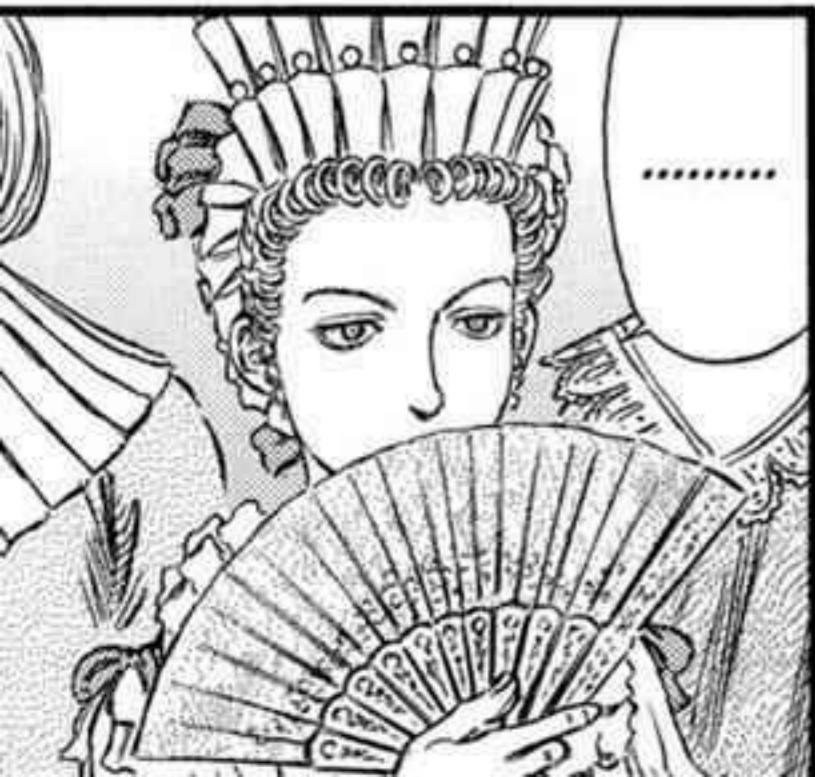
TCH!

SERPICO?

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**SEE
THESE
TWO
STANDING
HERE!**

**THIRD IN LINE
TO THE ROYAL
THRONE OF IITH,
RODERICK OF
SCHTAUFFEN!**

**AND,
MY SI--**

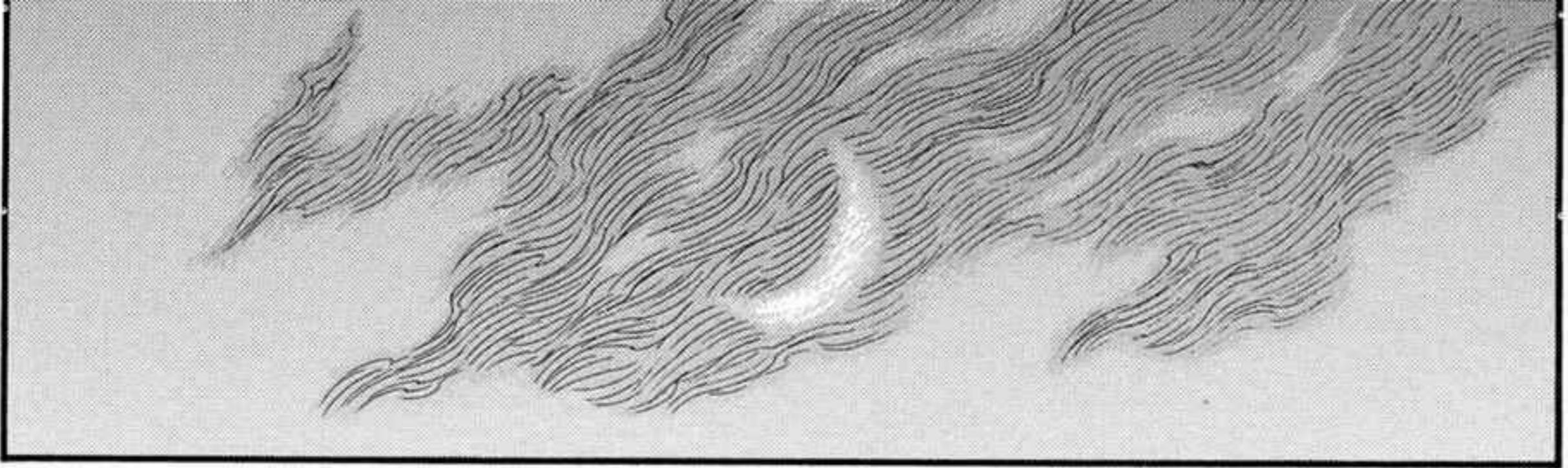
SI...

SIS...??

SERPICO

...





*FX: HHHHHH

