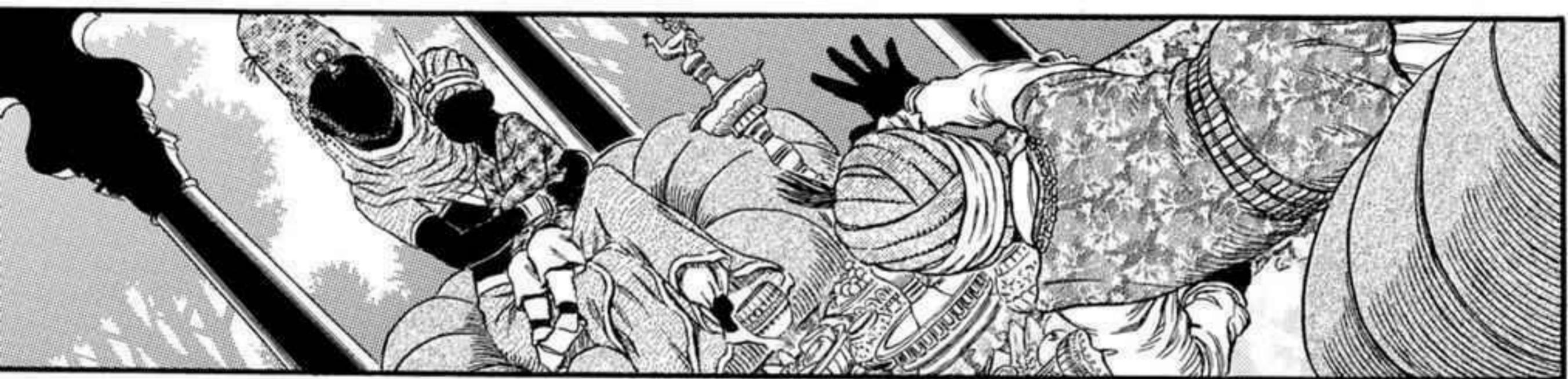
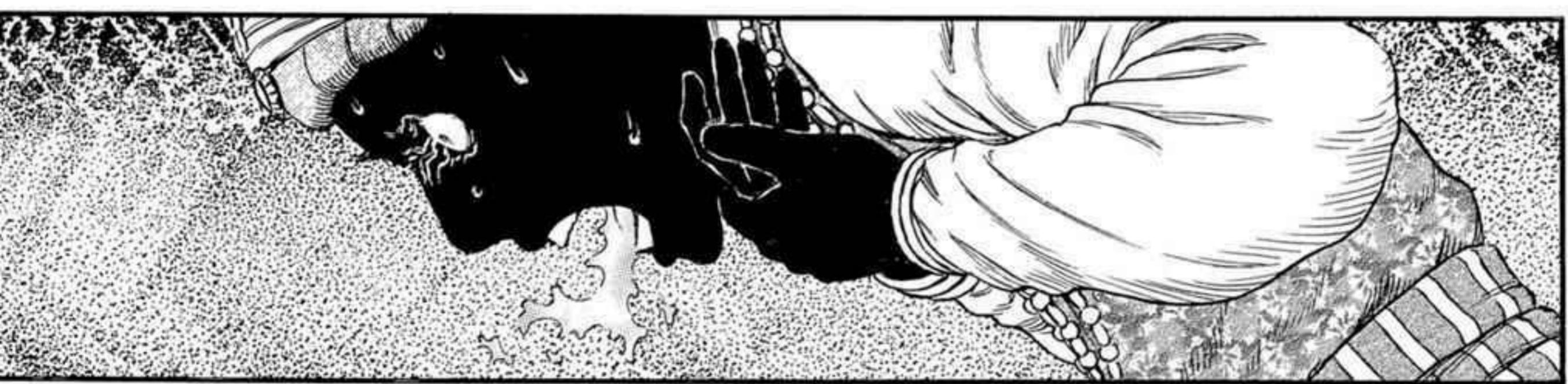
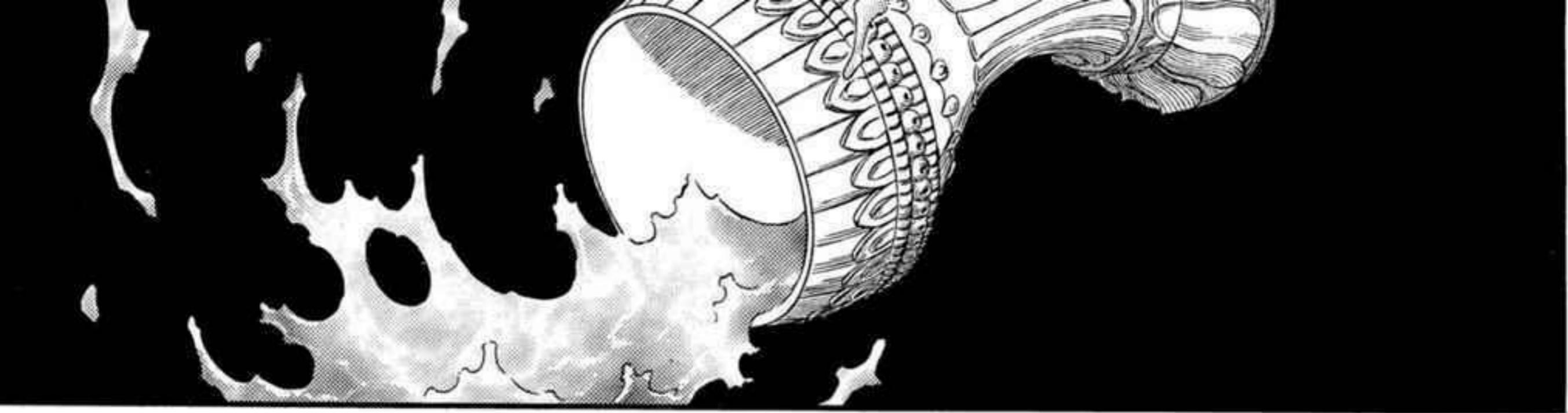
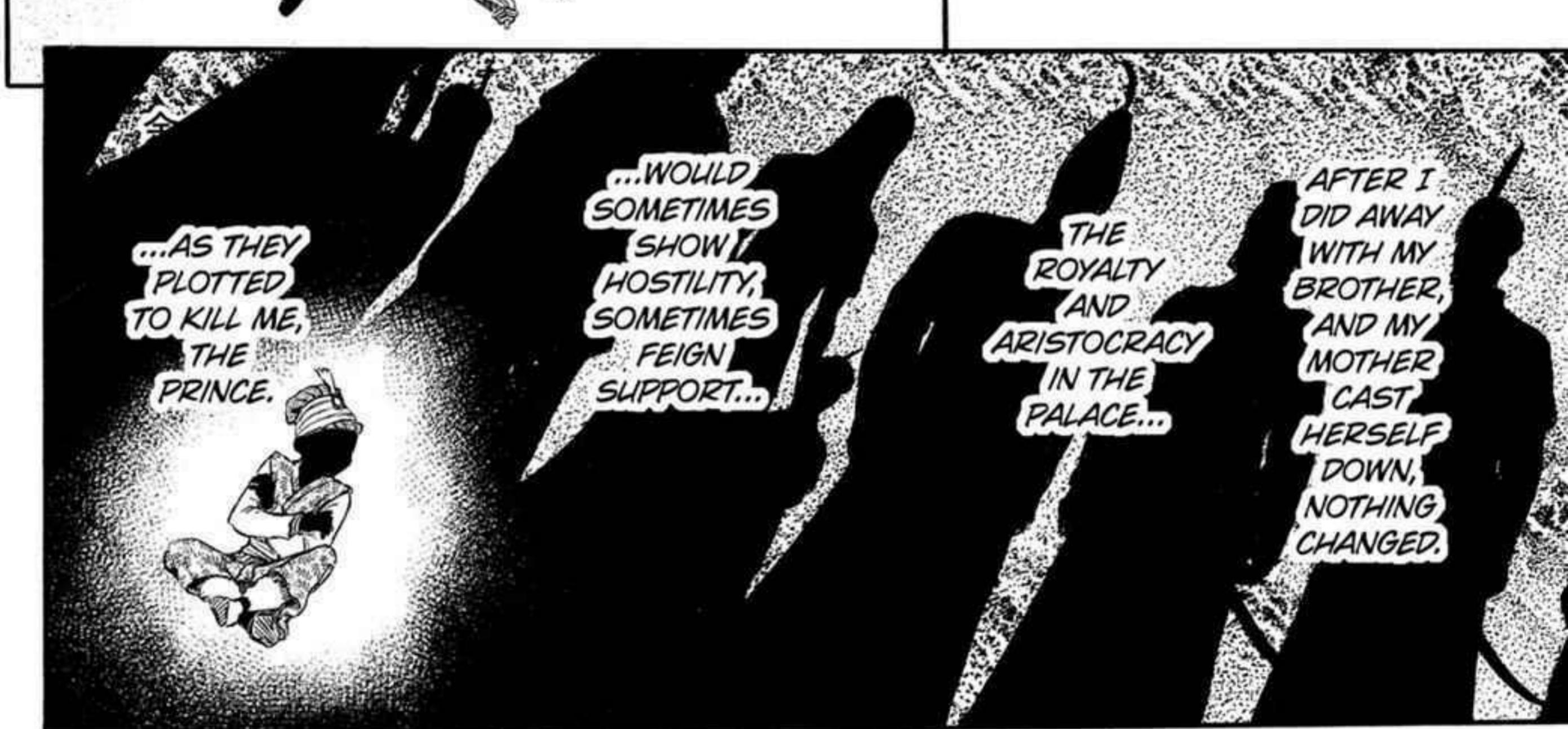


千年帝国の鷹（ミレニアム・ファルコン）篇／鷹都（ファルコニア）の章

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BACKLIGHTING





EYES
FILLED WITH
FEAR AND
SUSPICION.

...WERE
THE
KING'S
EYES.

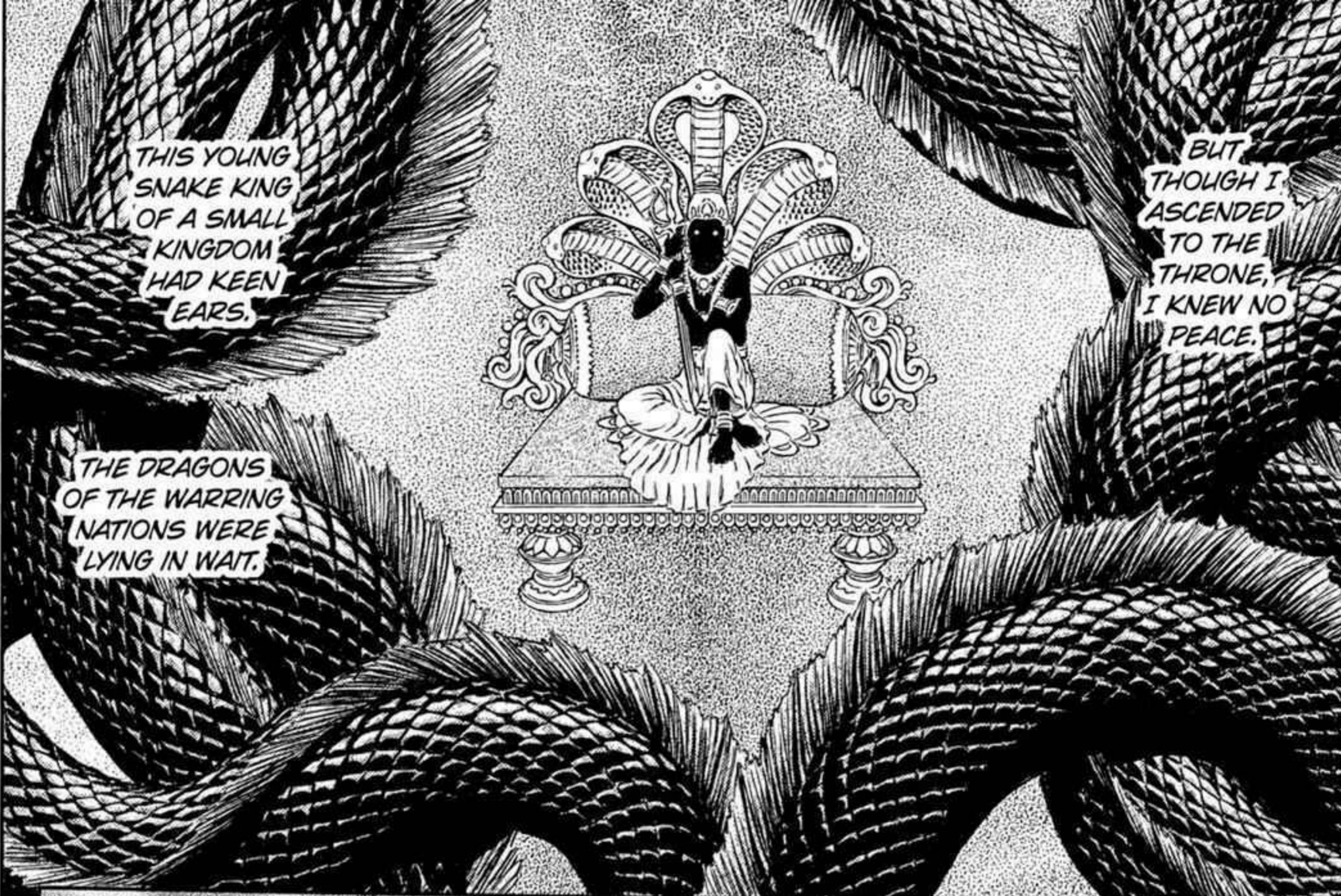
AND THE
THINGS THAT MET
THE SERPENT
PRINCE'S EYES
FROM THE
THRONE...



...THE
KING WAS
THROWN TO
HIS DEATH
WHEN HIS
MOUNT
SUDDENLY
WENT
BERSERK.

WHITE
ON A
ROYAL
VISIT...





THIS YOUNG
SNAKE KING
OF A SMALL
KINGDOM
HAD KEEN
EARS.

BUT
THOUGH I
ASCENDED
TO THE
THRONE,
I KNEW NO
PEACE.

THE DRAGONS
OF THE WARRING
NATIONS WERE
LYING IN WAIT.

...ALLOWED
ME TO
CHEAT
DEATH
MANY
TIMES.

THE
VIPERLIKE
CUNNING AND
COMPOSURE
I'D CULTIVATED
SINCE
CHILDHOOD...

TO
SURVIVE,
I DEVOTED
MYSELF,
MIND AND
SOUL, TO
WAR.

...FEAR FAR
GREATER
THAN MY
OWN.

I HAD
TO INSPIRE
FEAR...

BUT WITH ALL MY
TIME DEVOTED TO
WAR, I DIDN'T
HAVE OCCASION
TO TURN BACK
AND LOOK AT
MY FAMILY.

AS WAS CUSTOMARY
WITH THE WARRING
NATIONS, I TOOK A
WIFE FROM THE
ROYALTY OF A
NEIGHBORING
KINGDOM, AND EVEN
HAD A SON.





THE IDEA OF MOTHER AND CHILD.

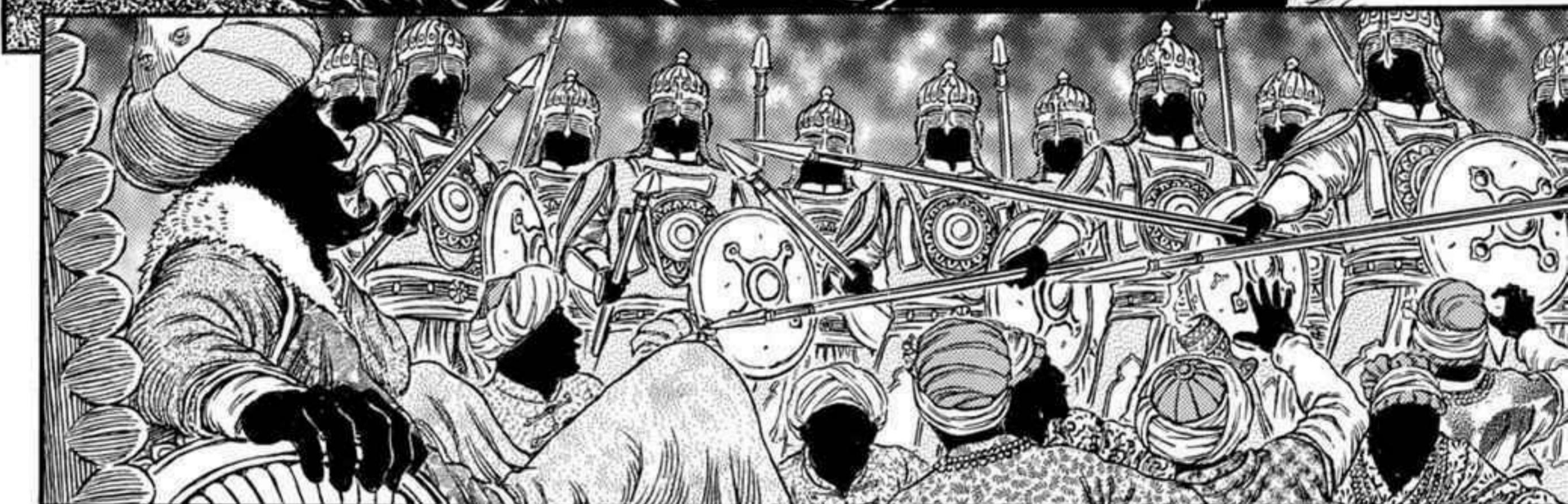
NO, I FEARED IT.

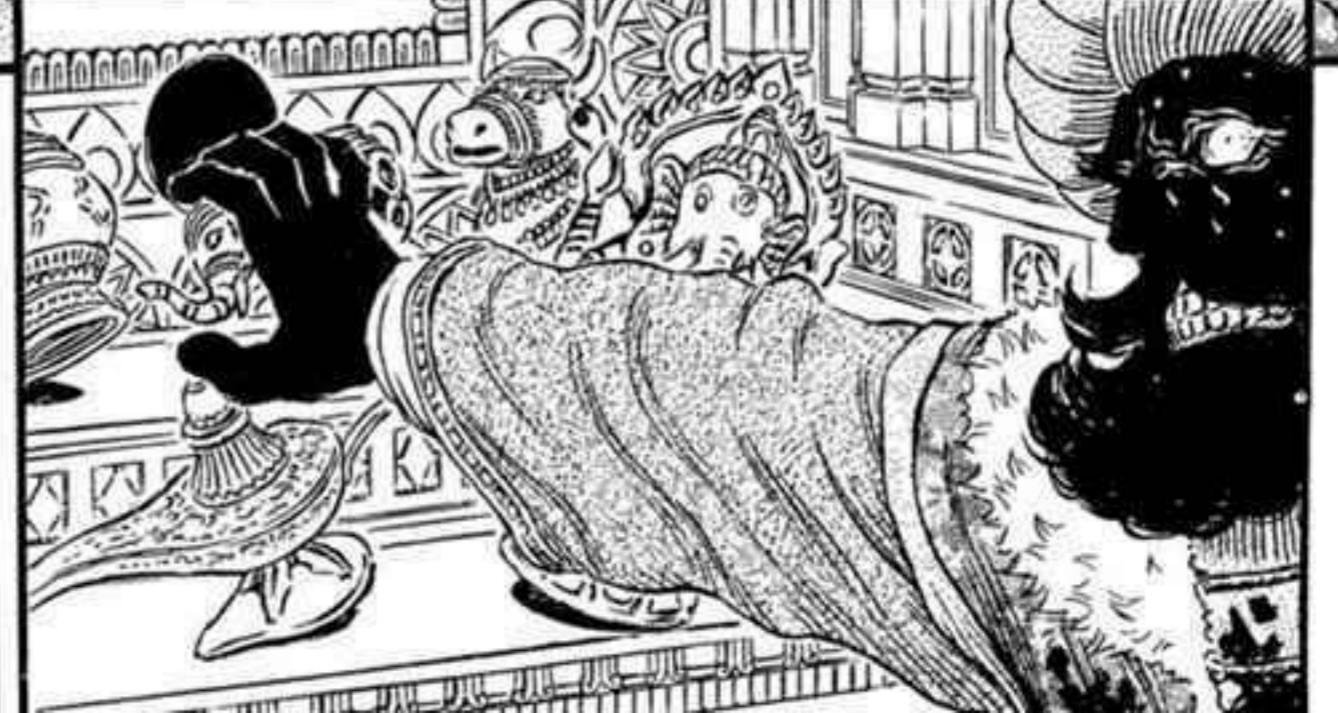
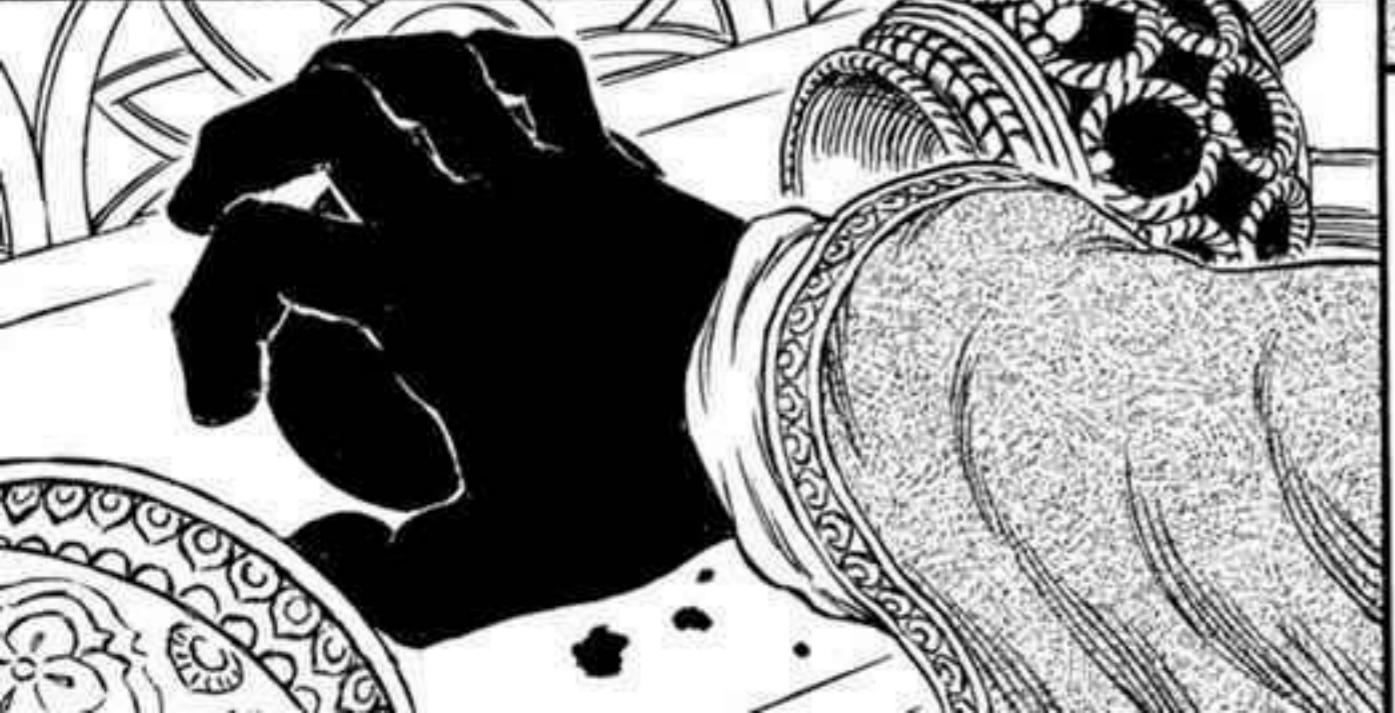
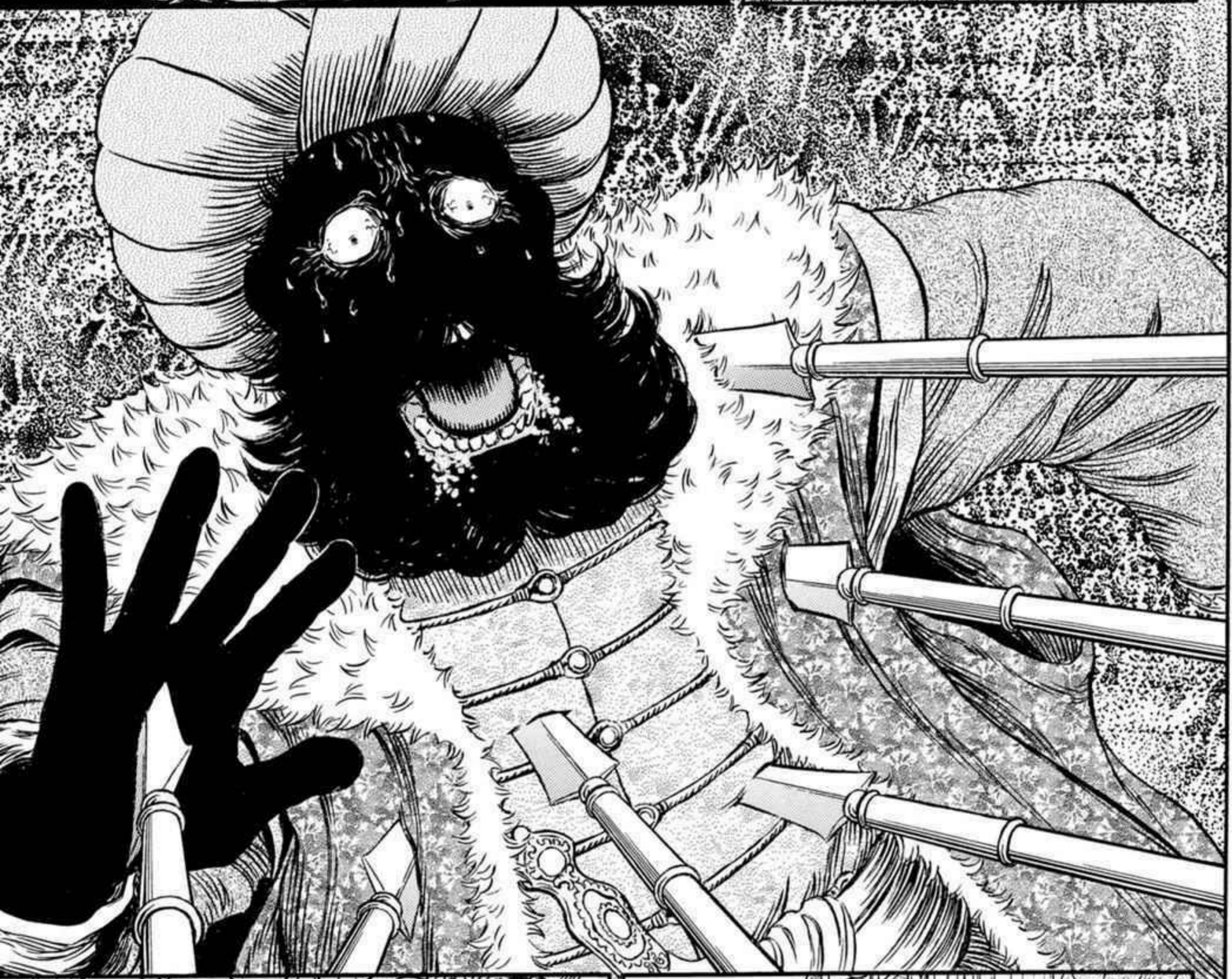
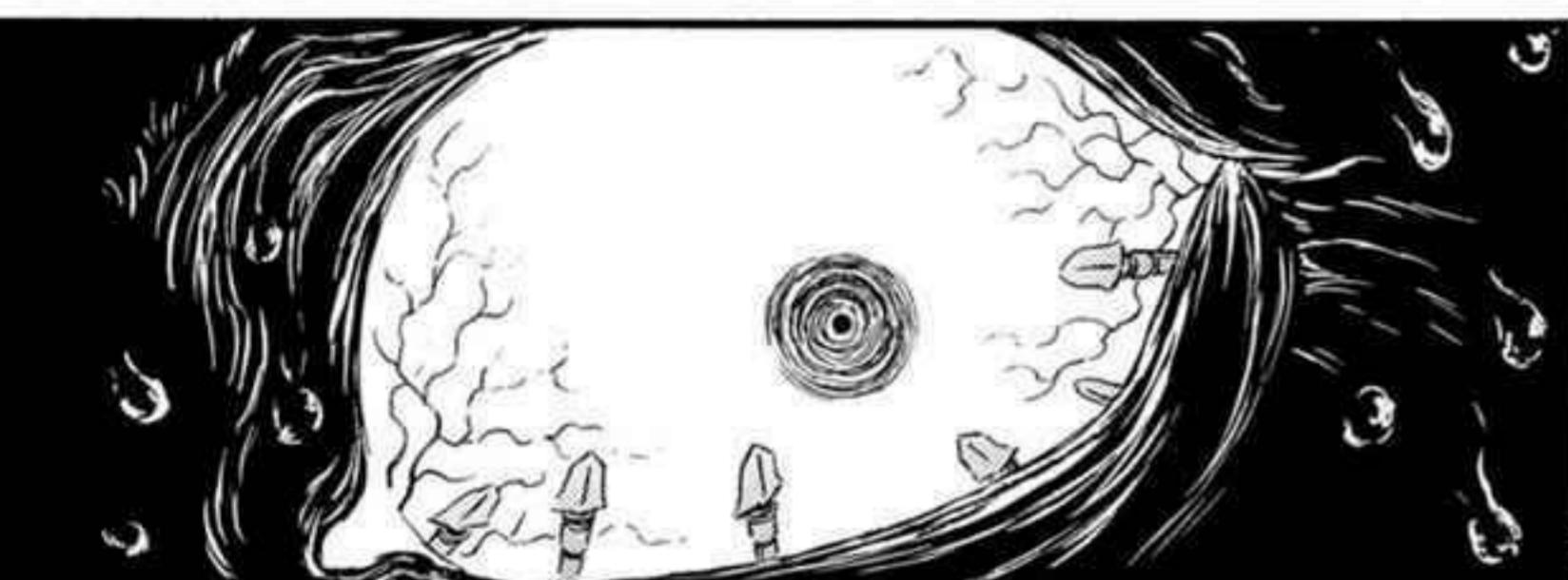
AT SOME POINT, THE AMBITION TO REIGN SUPREME OVER THE WORLD POSSESSED ME. IT WAS AS IF NO AMOUNT OF BLOOD COULD EVER PAINT OVER MY IRRECONCILABLE FEAR.

FOR MANY MONTHS AND YEARS I FOUGHT FROM BATTLEFIELD TO BATTLEFIELD AND BECAME A PEERLESS DRAGON AMONG THE DRAGONS OF THE NATIONS.

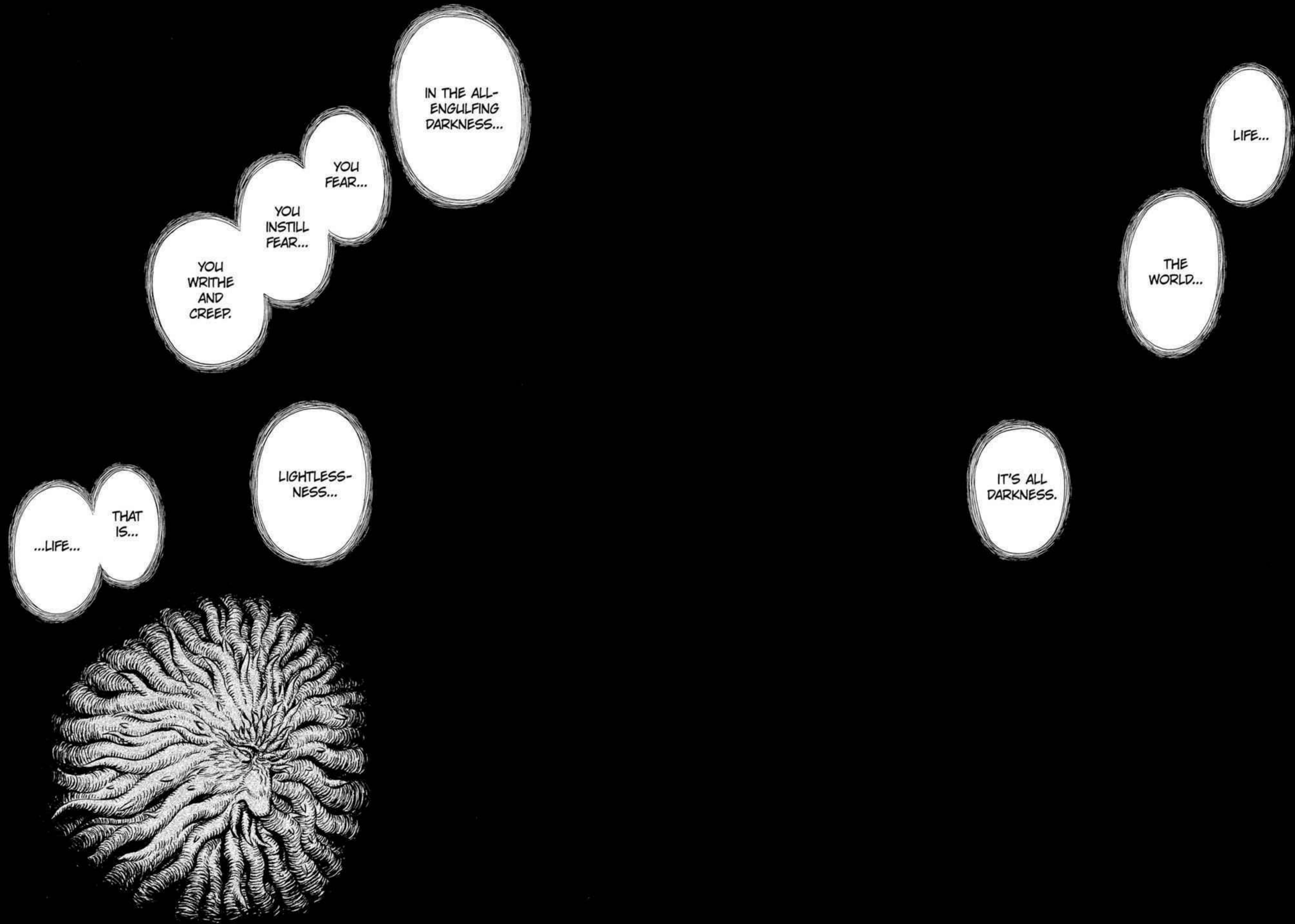
...TO ATTEND A BANQUET.

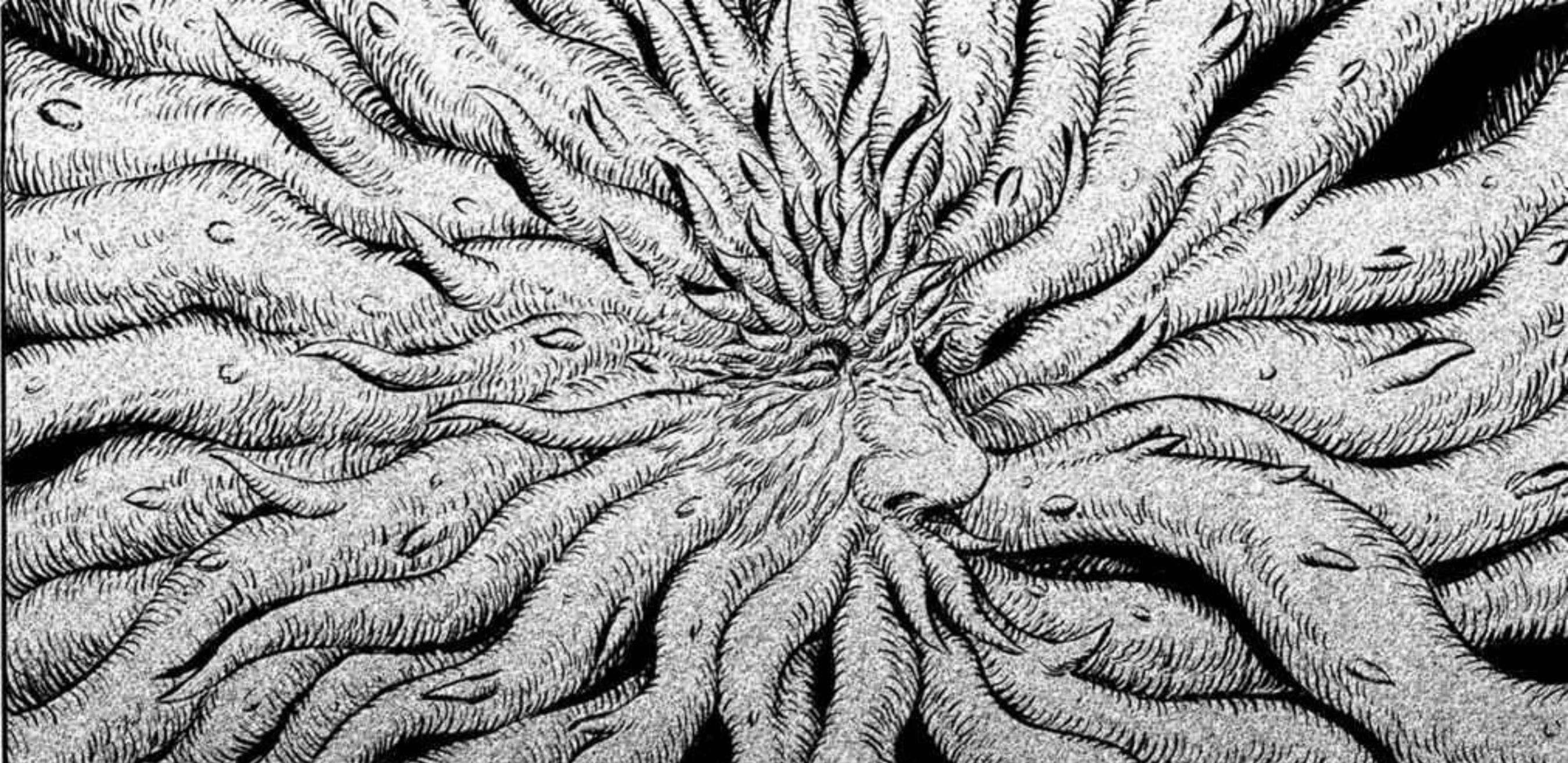
I RETURNED TO THE ROYAL PALACE AFTER SEVERAL YEARS...

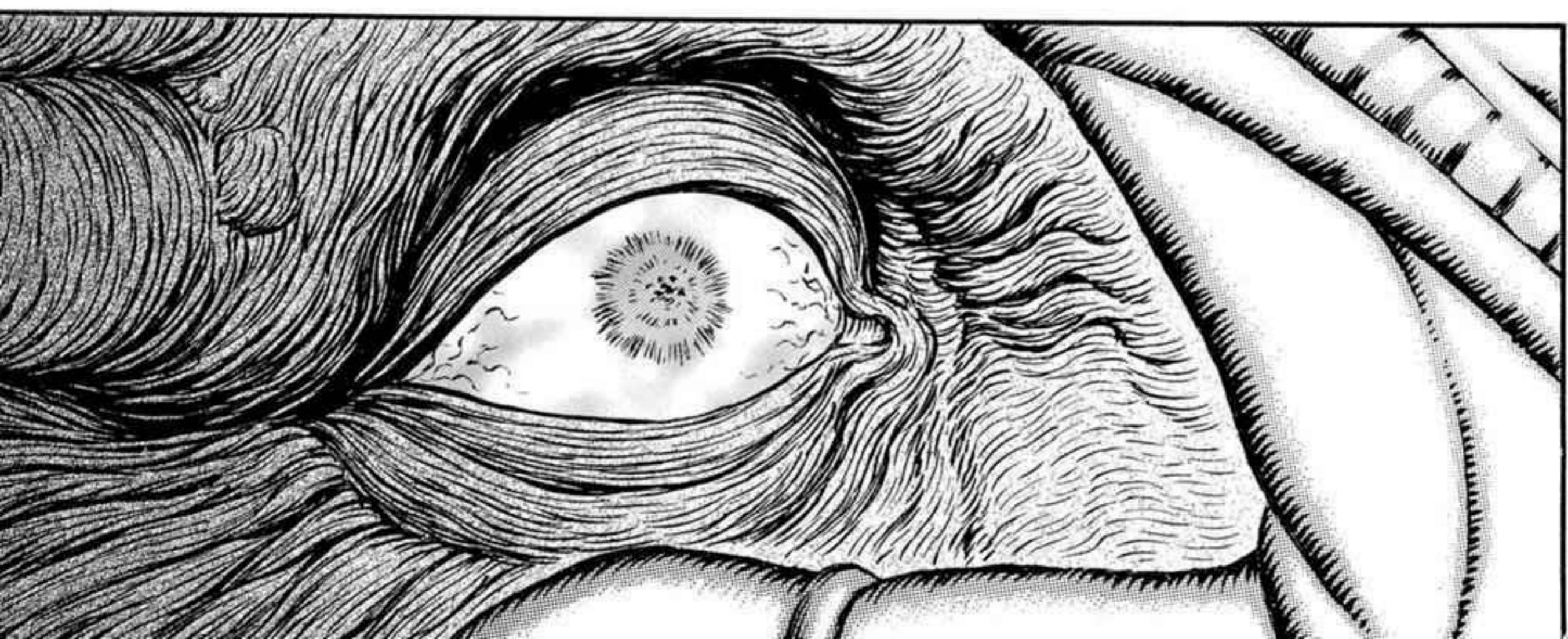
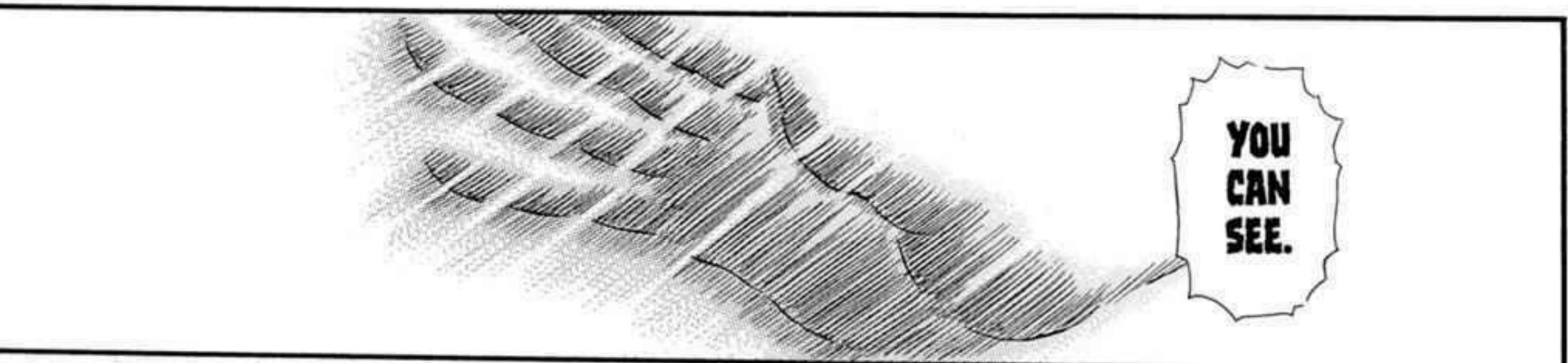


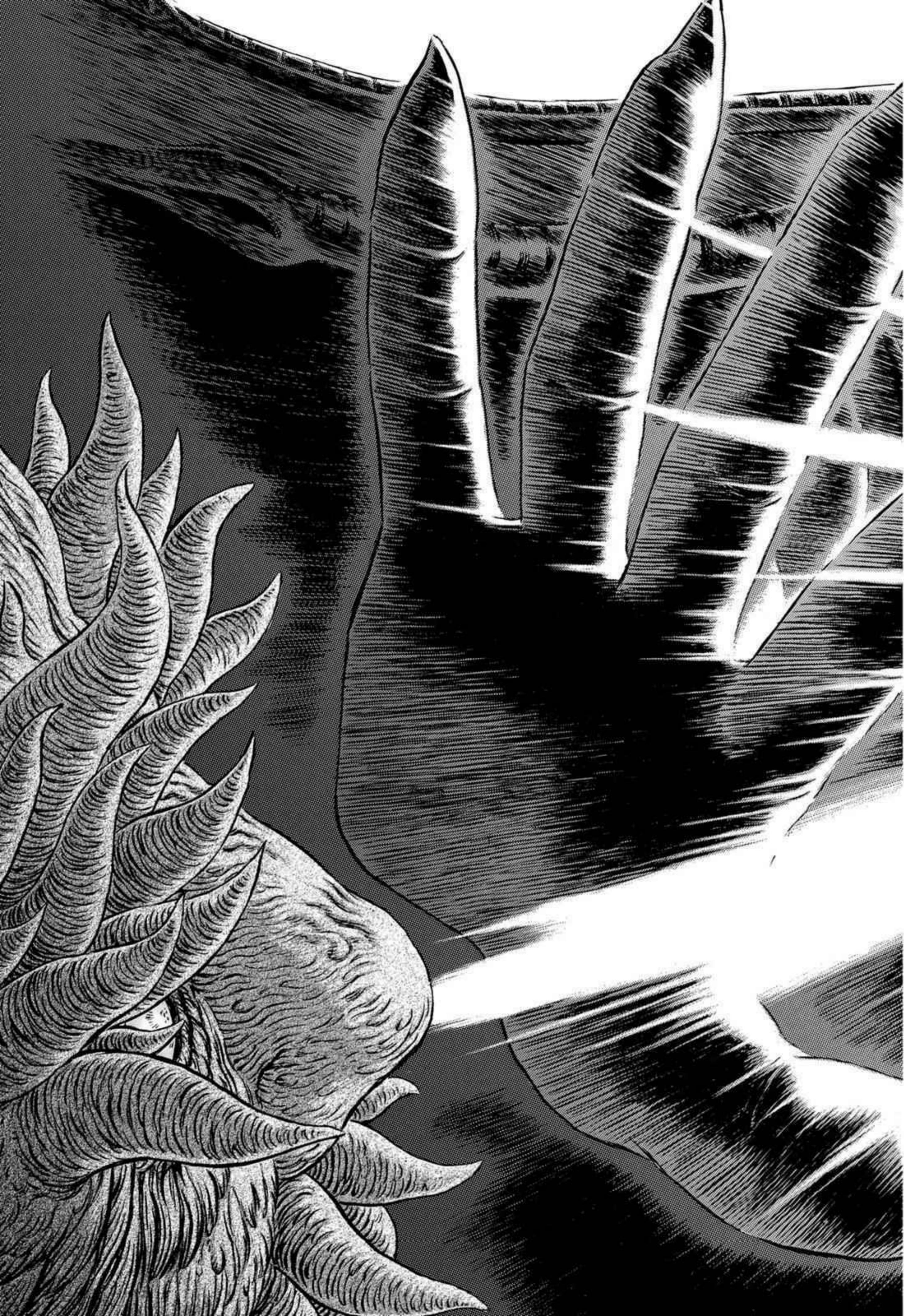


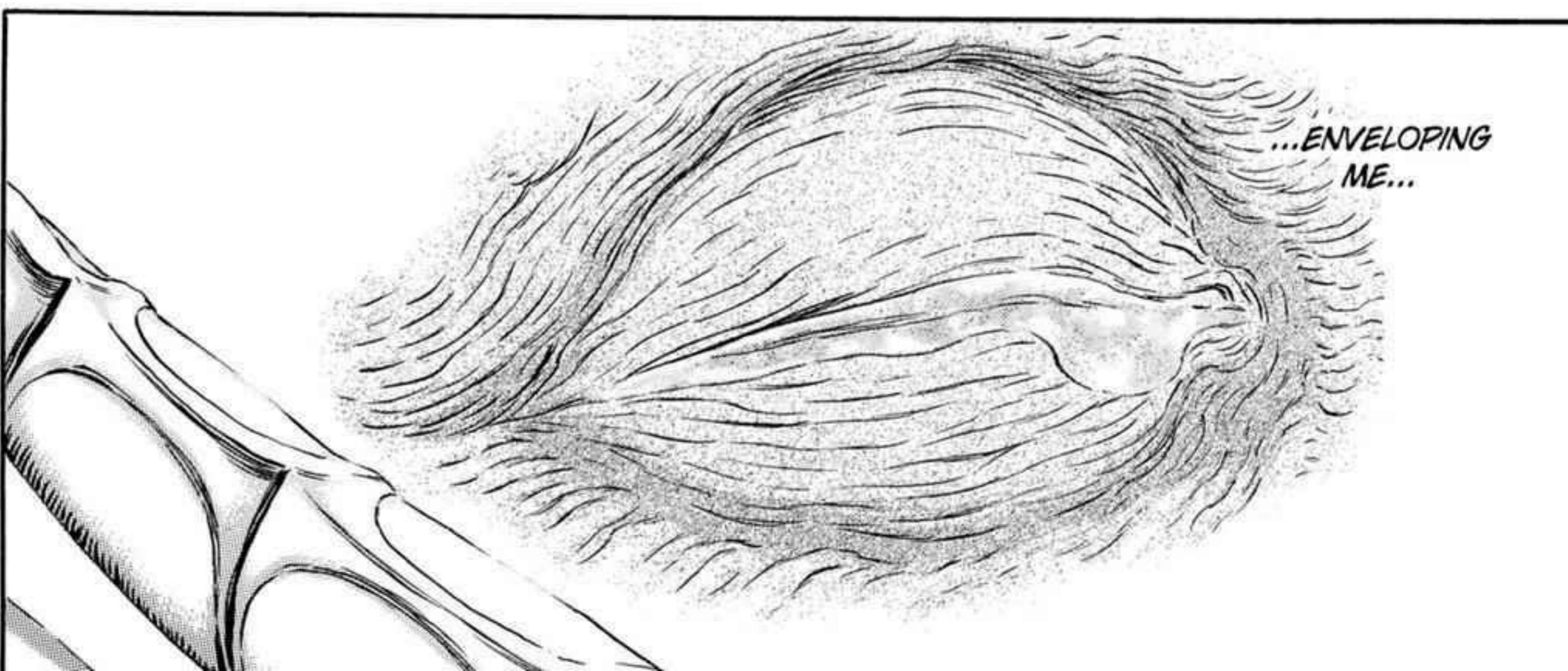
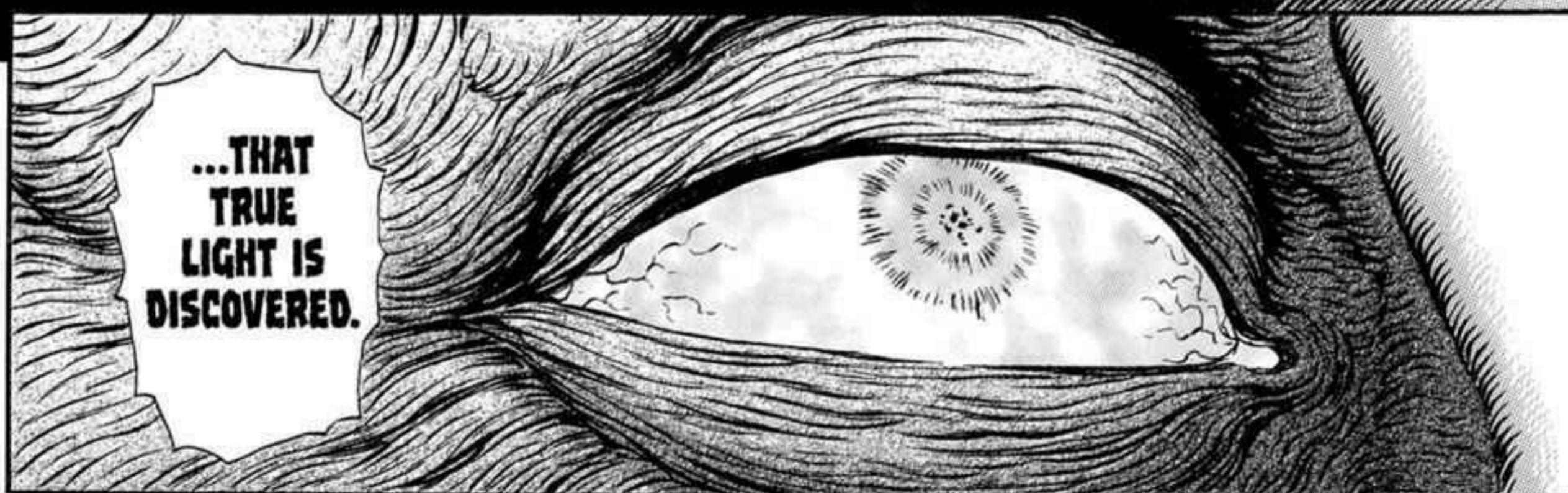


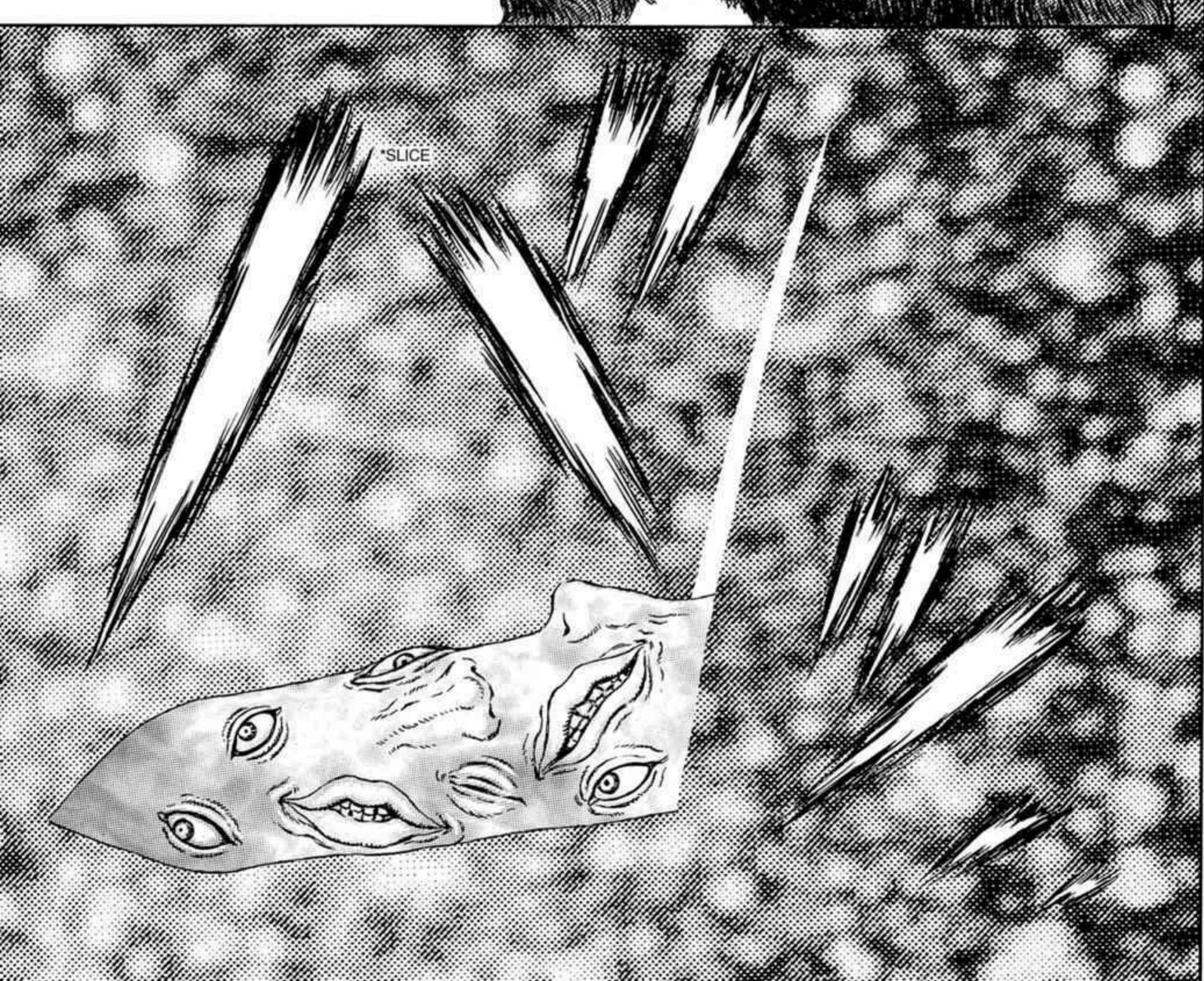
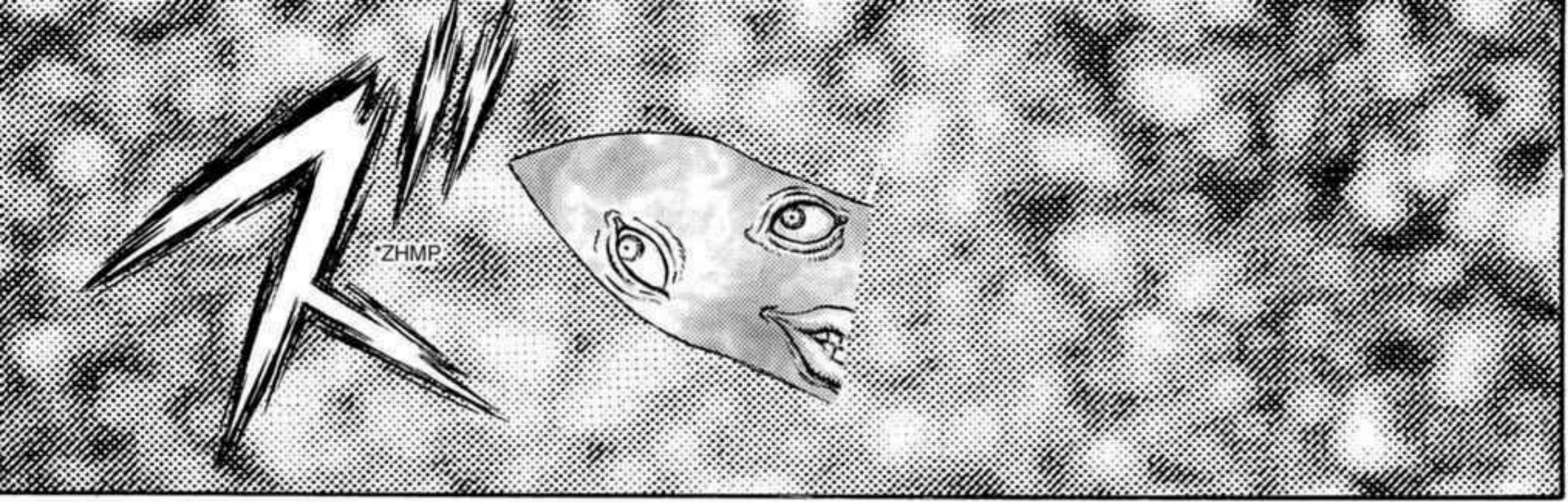






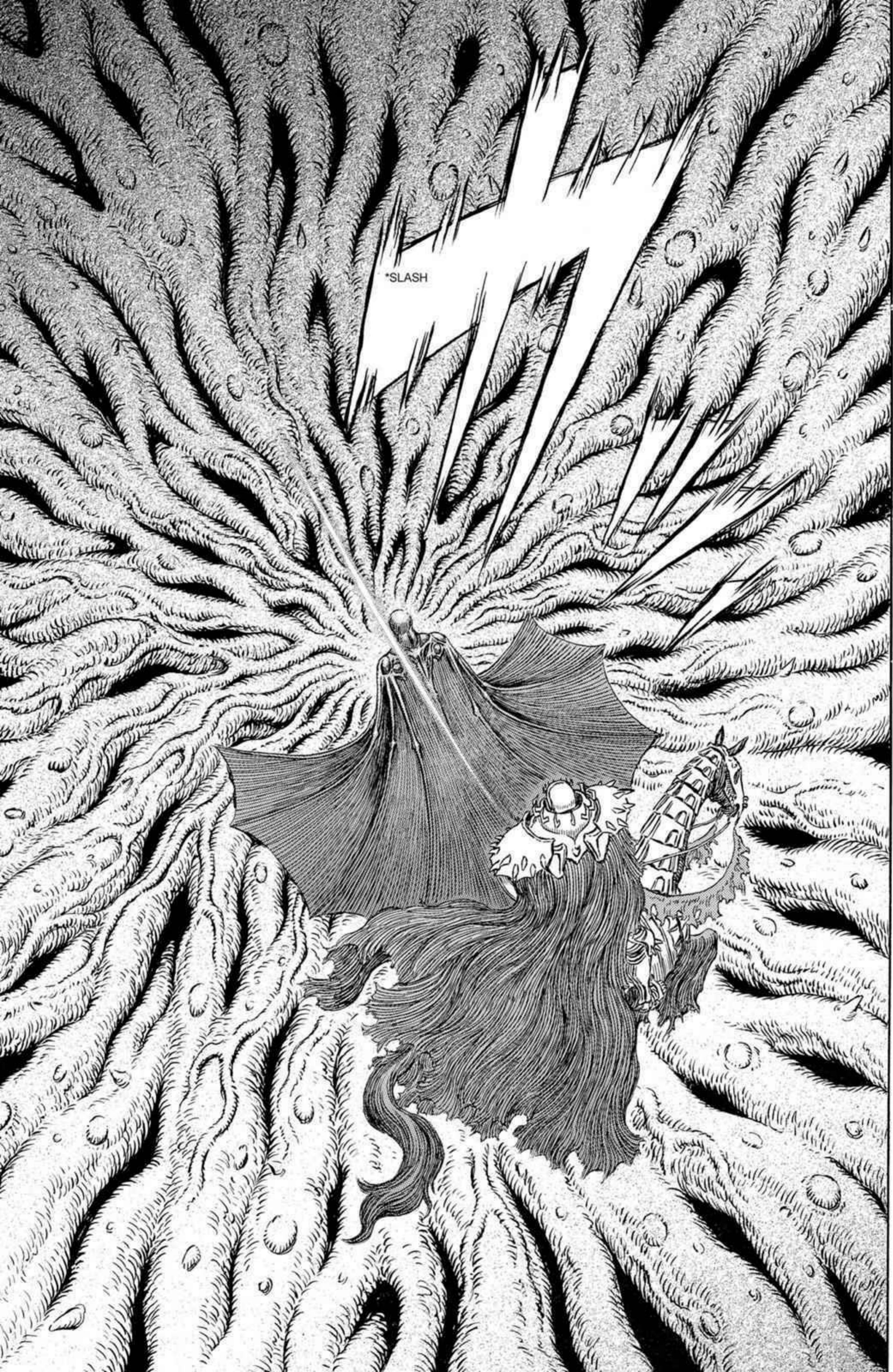












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