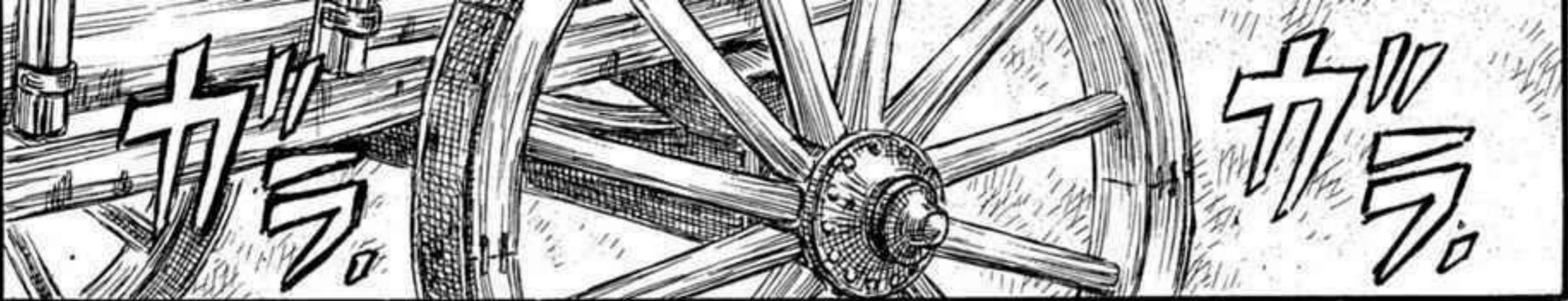


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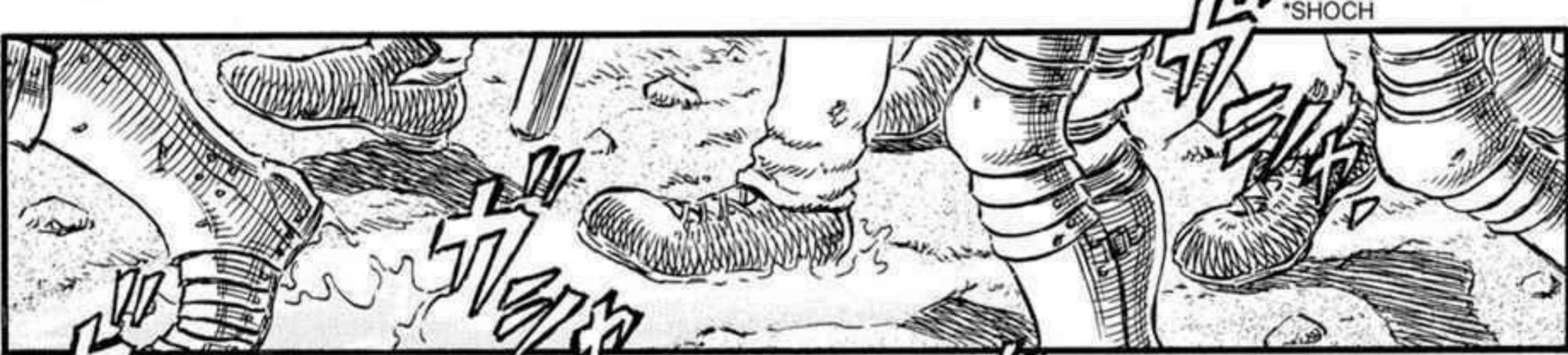
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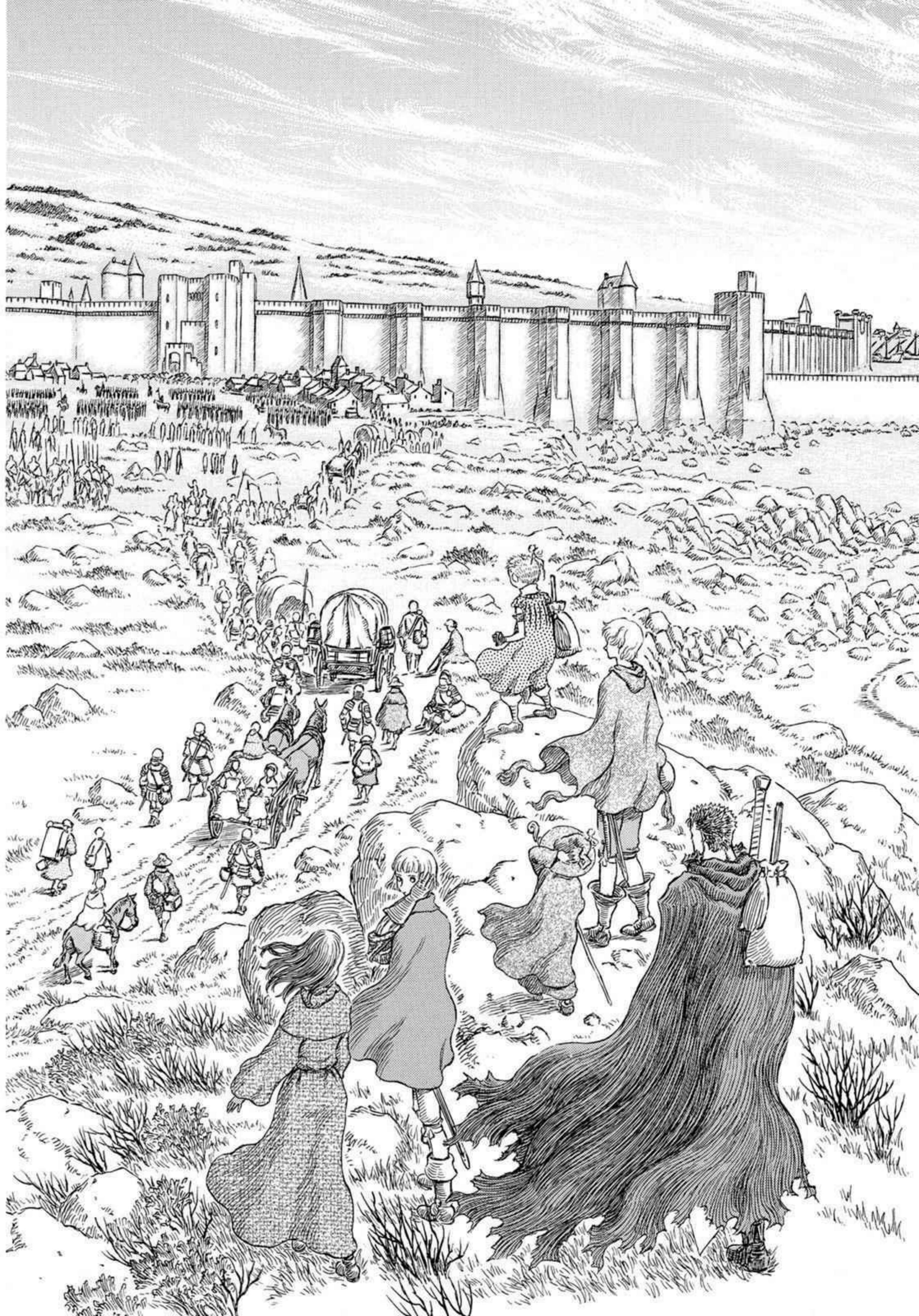
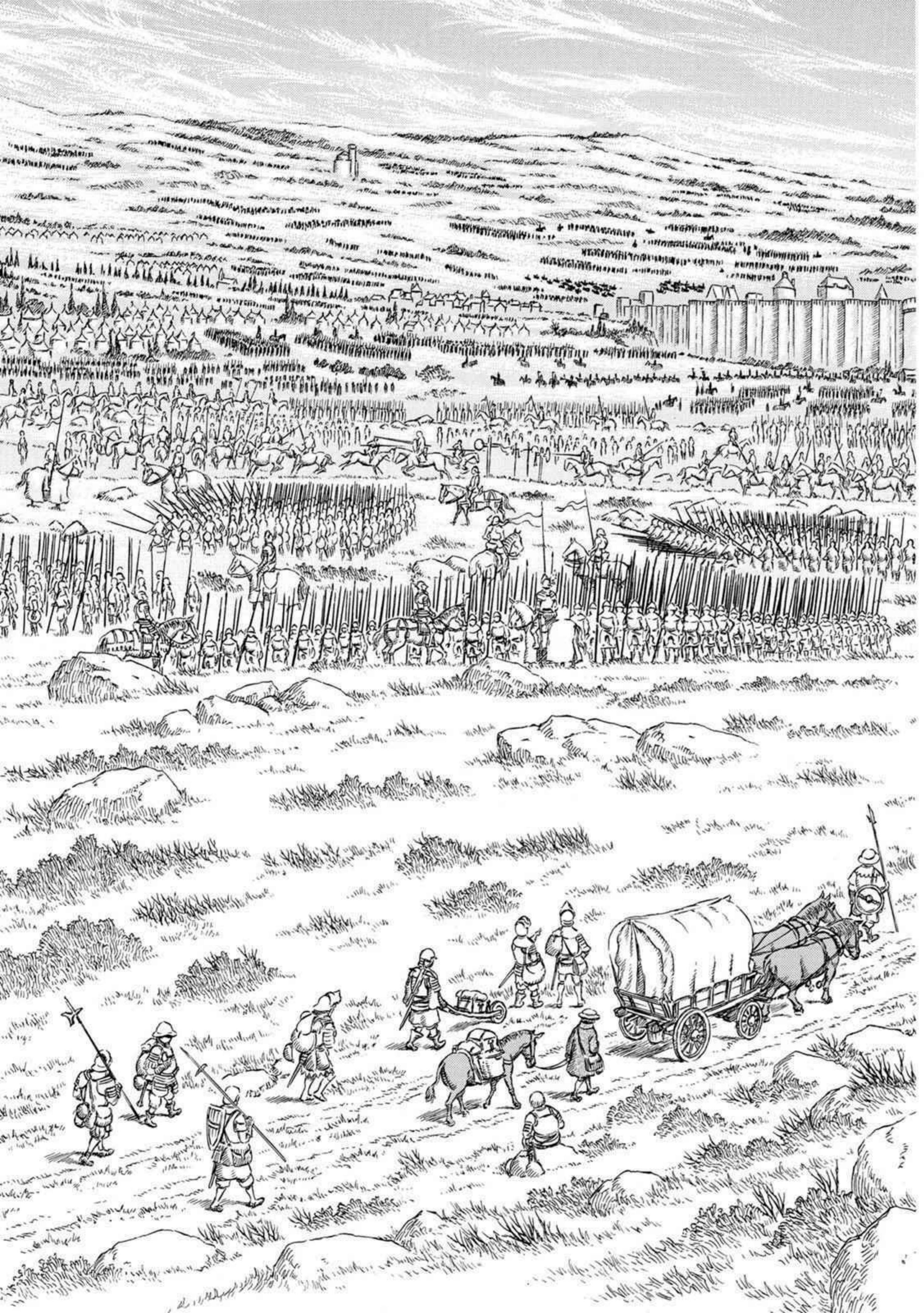
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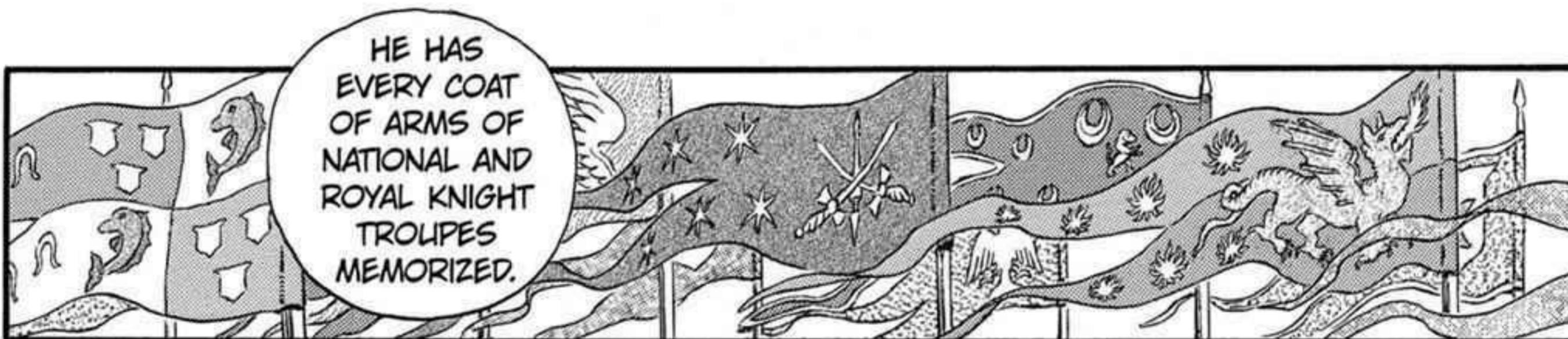
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NO OTHER NATION CAN PUT THAT NUMBER OF HEAVILY EQUIPPED KNIGHT BRIGADES INTO ACTIVE DUTY.

WITH MIDLAND'S FORCES PRACTICALLY DECIMATED, IT MUST BE CHLIDER'S REGULAR ARMY. THOUGH I CANNOT AGREE WITH THEIR SENSE OF STYLE.

LET ME SEE...

HEY, WHICH ARMY'S THE STRONGEST ?!

"CLANK
ガチカランコ

...BUT THAT KINGDOM IS CURRENTLY DEALING WITH A PEASANT INSURRECTION, SO IT MUST NOT BE ABLE TO SPARE MANY SOLDIERS FOR THIS CONFLICT.

WHEN IT COMES TO EQUIPMENT, THE BALDEN ARMY IS ON PAR WITH CHLIDER...

...SO IT IS OF AN AGGRESSIVE NATIONAL CHARACTER, AND IT COULD BE SAID TO WANT TO DEMONSTRATE A FIRM SENSE OF PRESENCE AMONGST THE NATIONS OF THE HOLY SEE VIA THIS CONFLICT.

RANDEL ONLY IN RECENT YEARS WON INDEPENDENCE FROM BALDEN. IT WAS ORIGINALLY A SETTLEMENT WHERE CRIMINALS WERE SENT TO RECLAIM IT FROM WETLANDS...

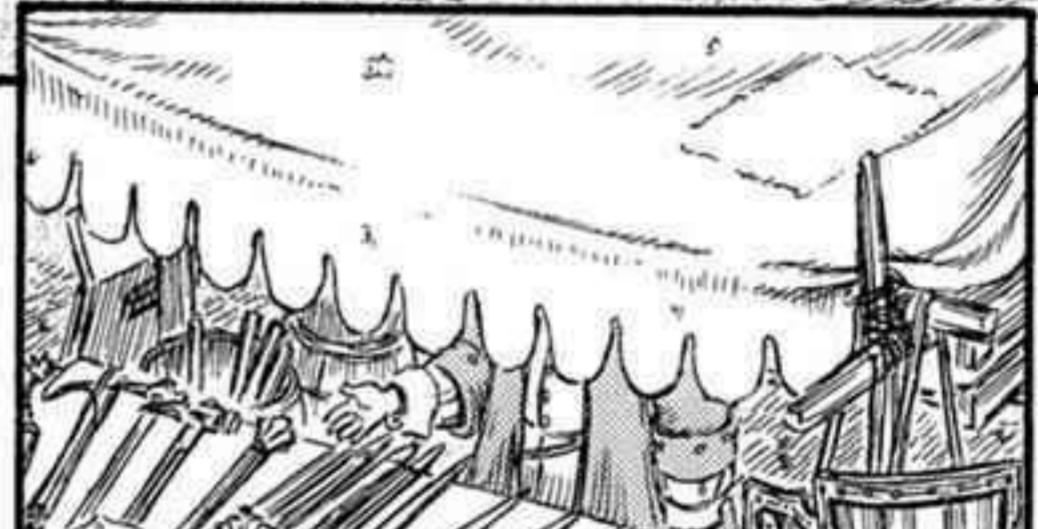
...SO THEY ARE VETERANS WHO HAVE MANY TIMES CROSSED SWORDS WITH THE KUSHAN.

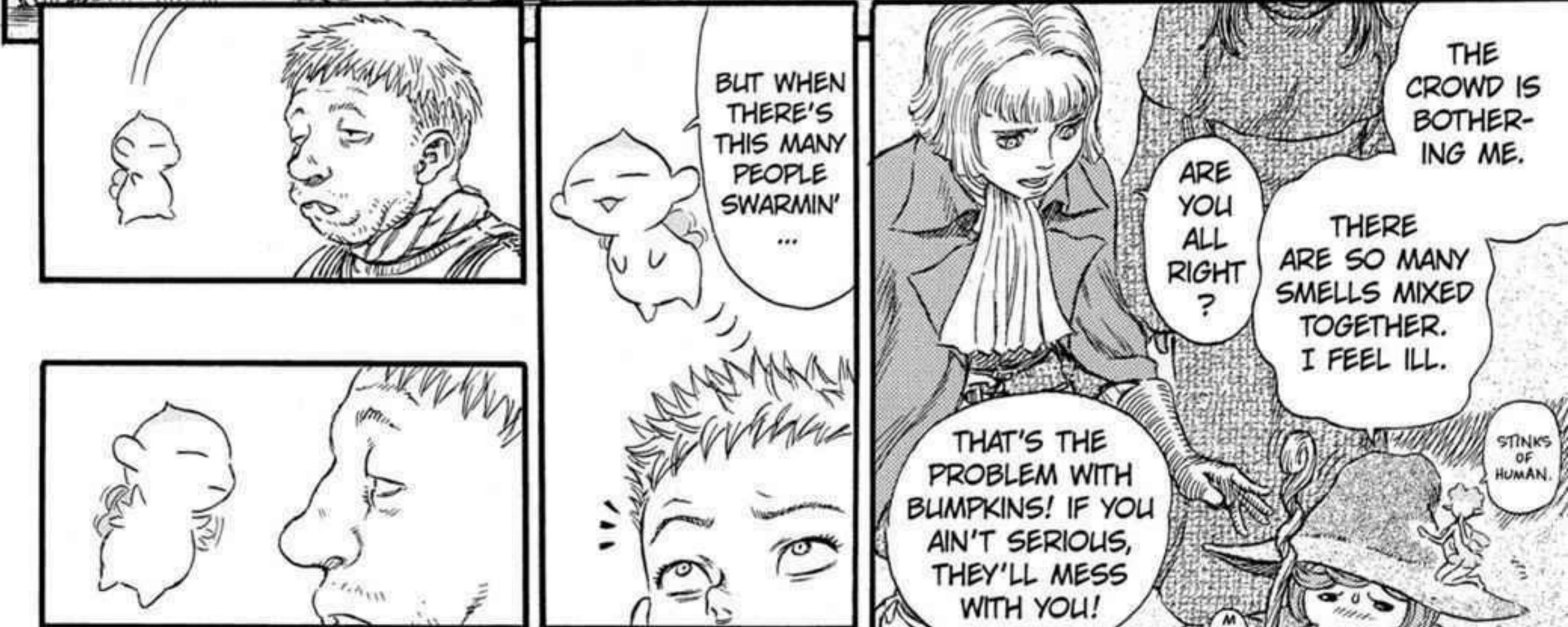
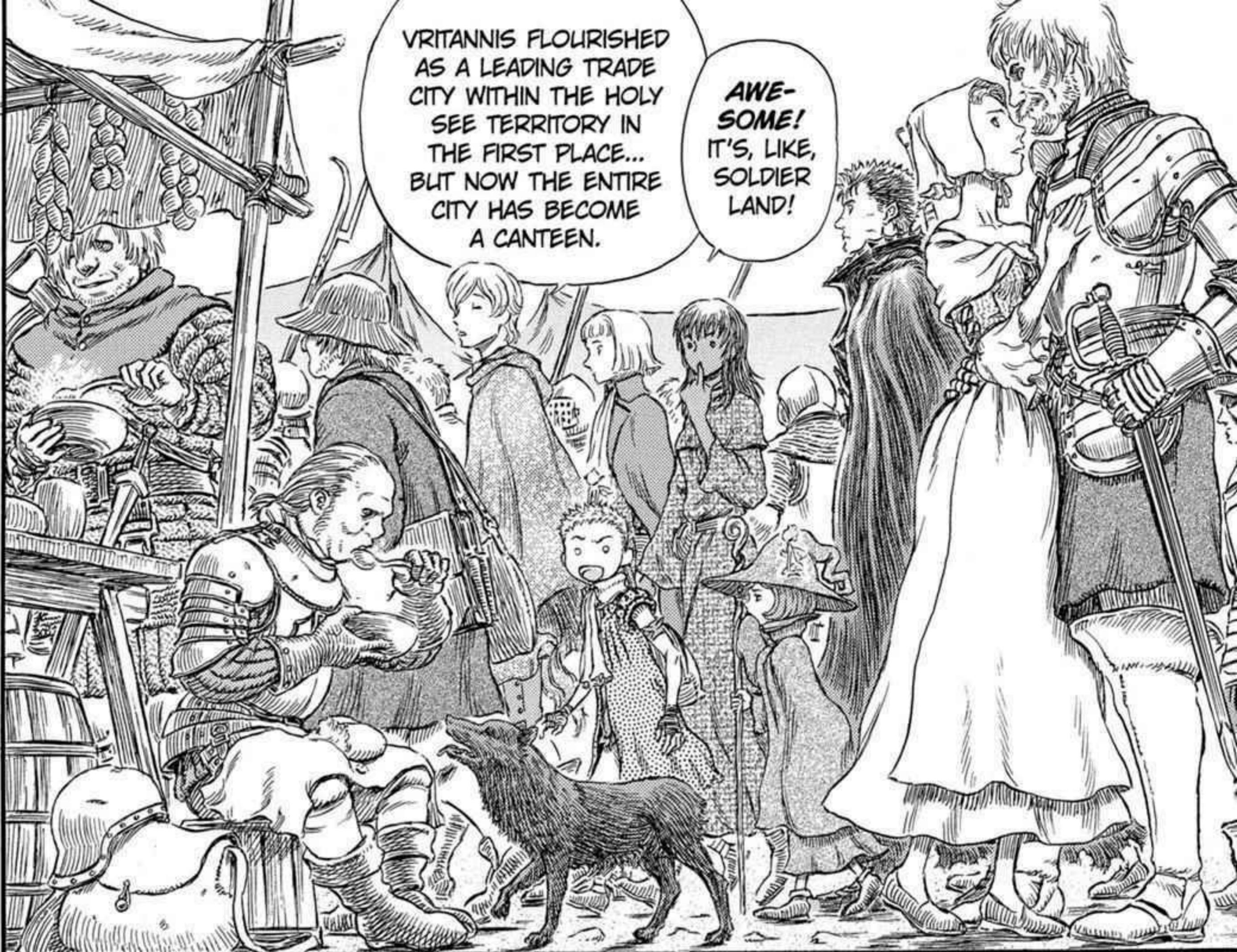
WHILE MORGAR AND WALLATORIA ARE SMALL, THEY ARE LOCATED FURTHEST EAST OF THE HOLY SEE NATIONS...

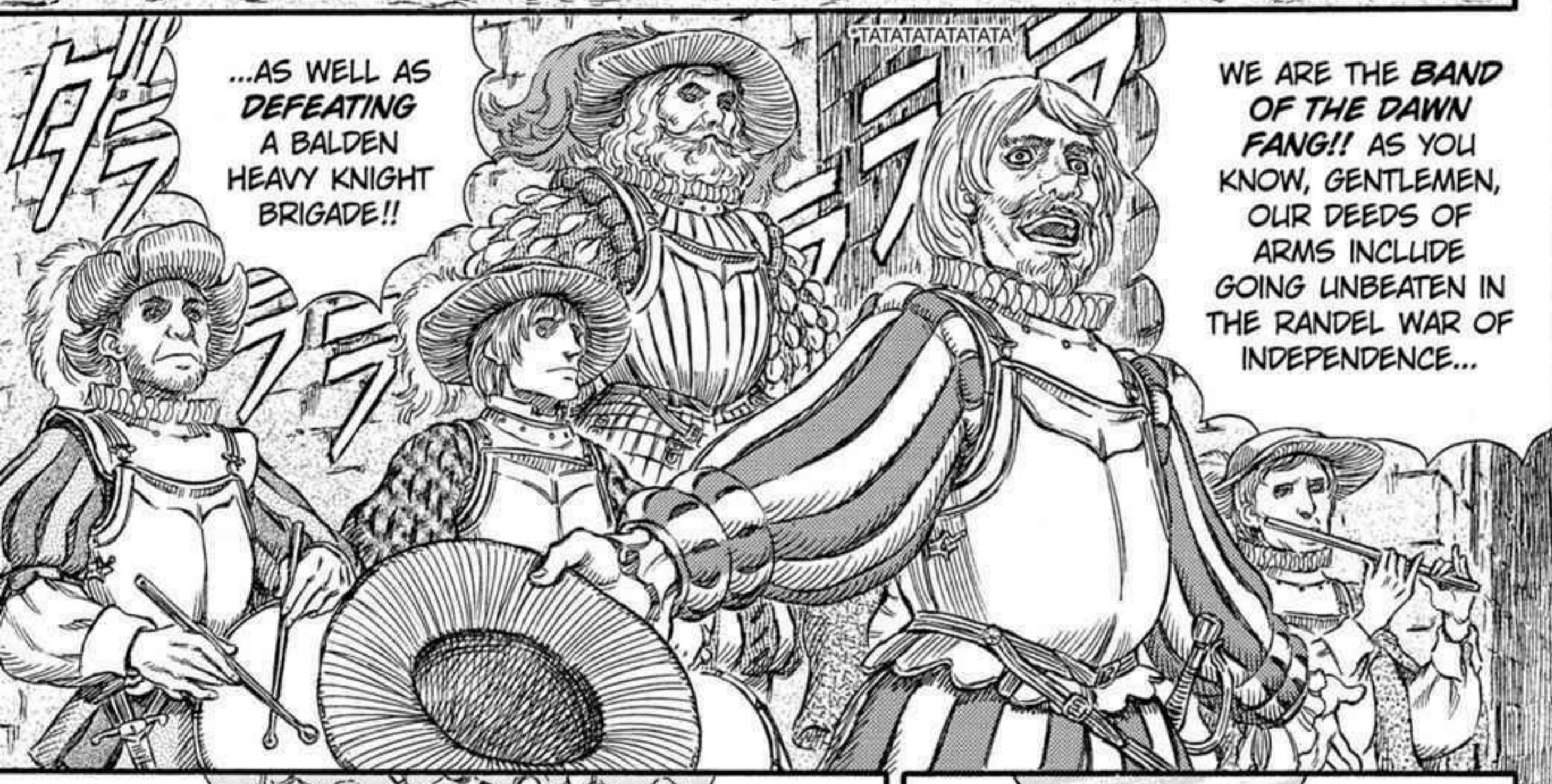
...SO UNLIKE NATIONS WITH DOMAINS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LANA THEY HAVE NO STANDING ARMIES, BUT HIRE MERCENARY BANDS FOR EACH CONFLICT.

THOUGH THE COUNTRIES OF PANERIA ARE IN ALLIANCE, THEY WERE UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY A GROUP OF CITY-STATES THAT CONTINUED TO ENGAGE IN SKIRMISHES ALL AROUND THE DOMINION...









AND MOST
IMPORTANT
IS WHETHER
HE GETS
ON WELL
WITH THE
SOLDIERS.

THAT ONE
LOOKS TOO
HIGH AND
MIGHTY.

DOES
HE LOOK
DEPEND-
ABLE?

DOES
HE LOOK
WEALTHY
?

TO CHOOSE
A MERCE-
NARY BAND,
YOU LOOK
AT THE
LEADER
FIRST.

THE
LEADER
DOES THIS
HIMSELF
?

STRENGTH IS
THE RULE FOR A
MERCENARY BAND,
BUT FIRST YOU
GOTTA SEE IF THE
BOSS IS ON YOUR
SIDE OR THE
EMPLOYER'S.

MERCENARIES
AREN'T PATRIOTS
OR CHAMPIONS
OF SOME
GREAT CAUSE.
IT'S ALL ABOUT
EARNING
ENOUGH TO
EAT.

SO IT MAKES SENSE
THAT A COMMANDER
WHO VALUES HIS
MEN, EVEN ABOVE
VICTORY, IS MORE
WELCOME THAN A
GREAT ONE WHO
WINS AT THE COST
OF THEIR LIVES.

INDEED...
TO MERCENARIES,
WAR IS JUST
BUSINESS. IT IS
USUALLY THE CASE
THAT THEY ARE
DRIVEN FROM THEIR
HOMES BY WAR AND,
TOO DESTITUTE TO
SUBSIST, FIGHT
BECAUSE THEY MUST.

THE REAL
QUESTION'S
WHETHER YOU
WANNA RISK
IT FOR YOUR
COMRADES
OR BE JUST
ANOTHER
PAWN.

YOUR
LIFE'S ON
THE LINE
EITHER
WAY.

OH,
I RECALL
ONE WITH
CHARISMA.

IF
YOU'RE
A MAN,
YOU GET
AHEAD
BY YOUR
OWN
SKILLS!

FEH!
WHAP!
WHAP!

SO THEY
SHOULD BE
STRONG, WITH
A CHARISMATIC
LEADER
EVERYONE
LIKES.

IN THE
HUNDRED-YEAR
WAR BETWEEN
MIDLAND AND
CHLIDER, HE
NEVER LOST TO
HIS CHLIDER
OPPONENTS.

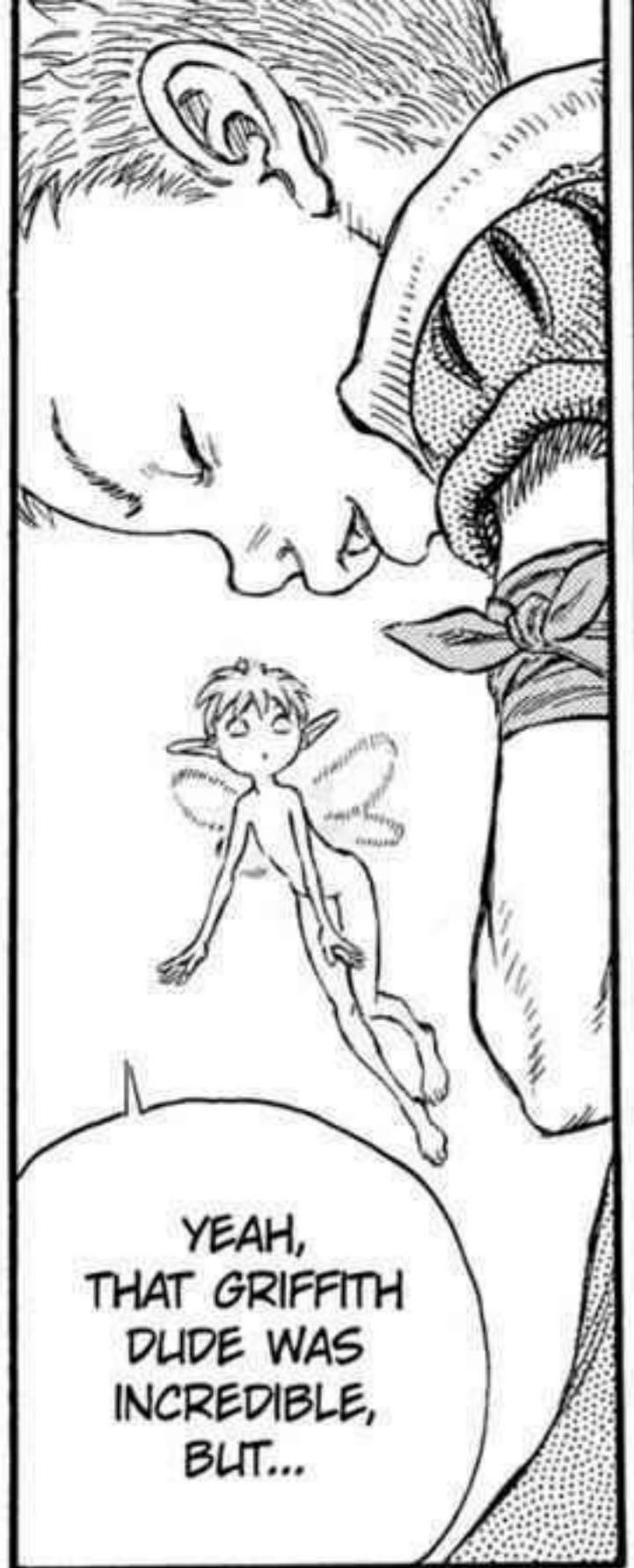
SIR
GRIFFITH.
THE
MERCENARIES
HE LED WERE
THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK.

HE WAS THE
LEGENDARY MERCENARY
LEADER WHO, AFTER
THE BAND OF THE HAWK
BECAME PART OF
MIDLAND'S REGULAR ARMY,
BROUGHT ABOUT THE
SURRENDER OF THE
IMPREGNABLE STRONG-
HOLD OF DOLDREY,
DEFEATED THE HOLY
PURPLE RHINO KNIGHTS,
SAID TO BE THE MIGHTIEST
IN CHLIDER'S ARMY,
AND FINALLY LEAD TO
THE CONCLUSION OF
THE WAR.

GRI...

THAT NAME...
I'VE HEARD
GLUTS SAY
IT AT SOME
POINT...







BLIT, IRONICALLY,
IT CAN ALSO BE SAID
THAT THE DISCORD
BETWEEN SIR GRIFFITH
AND THE KING WAS
THE CAUSE OF
THE FATE MIDLAND
FACES TODAY.

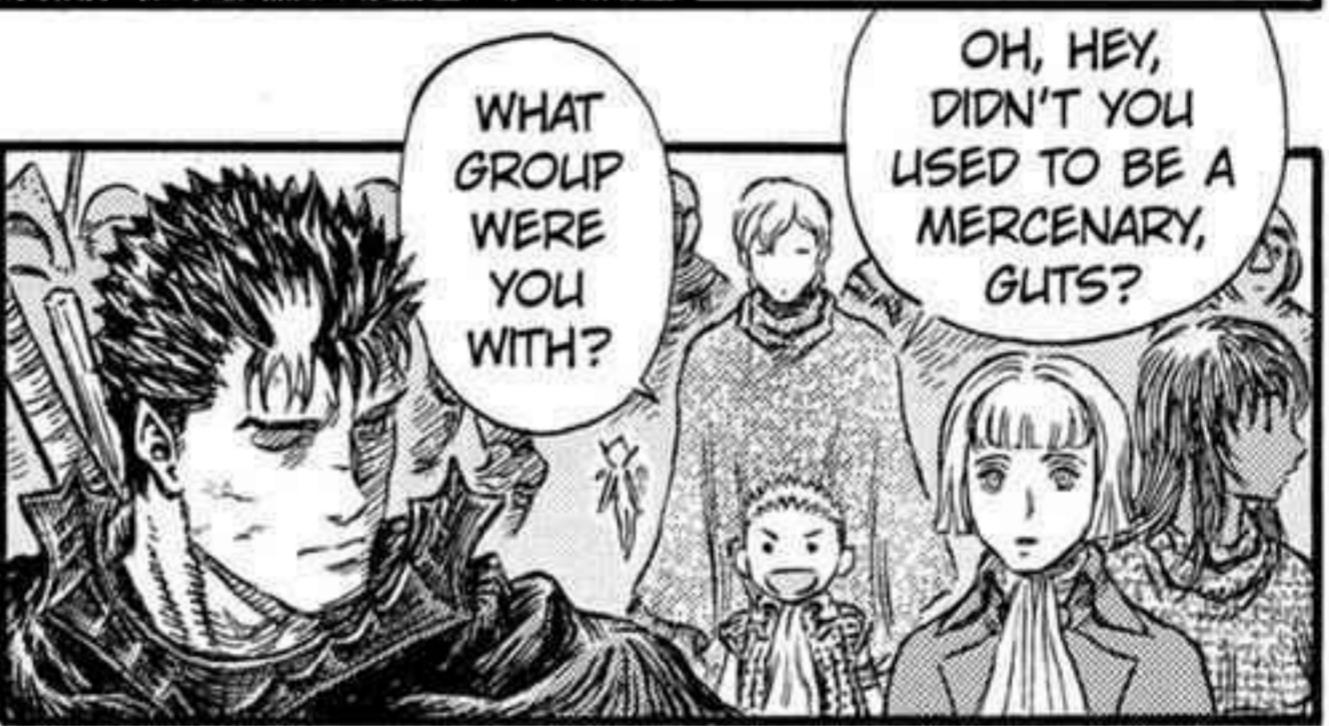
A
BIG RISE,
AND A
BIG FALL!!
IT'S SO
COOL!!

I'VE
FORGOT-
TEN.

IT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO.

WHAT
GROUP
WERE
YOU
WITH?

OH, HEY,
DIDN'T YOU
USED TO BE A
MERCENARY,
GLUTS?



I DO NOT
KNOW
THE REAL
TRUTH.

...BLIT SOME ALSO
SAY THAT THEY
REMAIN IN MIDLAND
AND ARE FIGHTING
THE KUSHAN.

RUMOR HAS IT,
THE HAWKS
WERE LATER
DESTROYED BY
THE KING'S
SCHEMING...



...I CALL
UPON THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN
IN SINGLE
COMBAT.

AS A
WARRIOR
OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK...



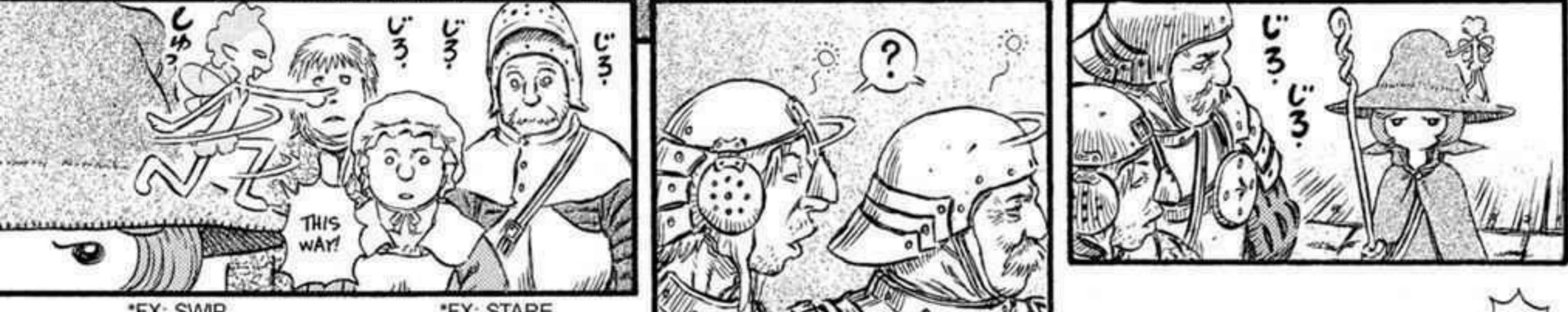
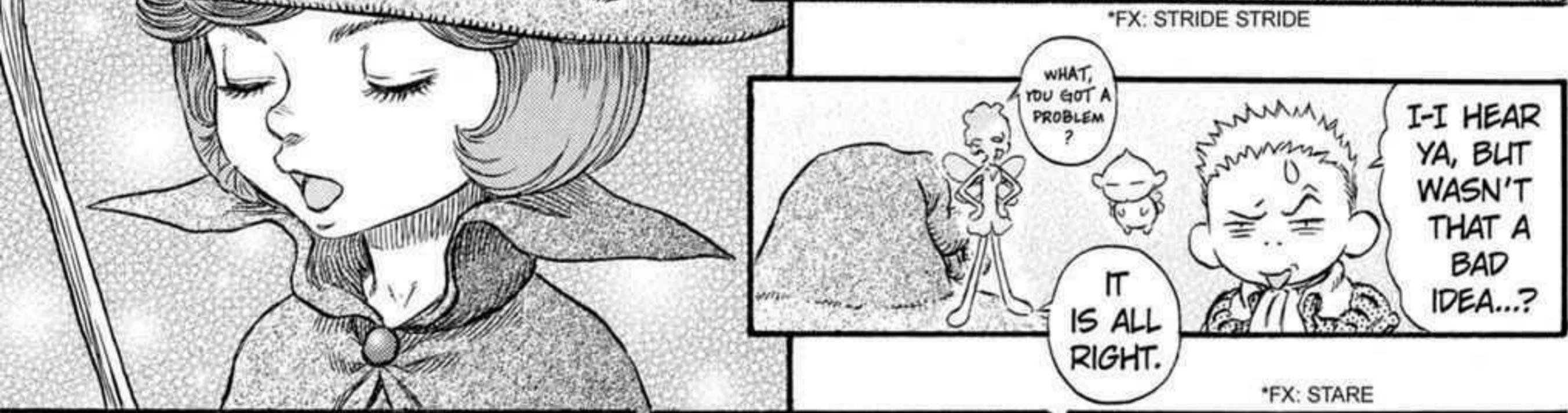
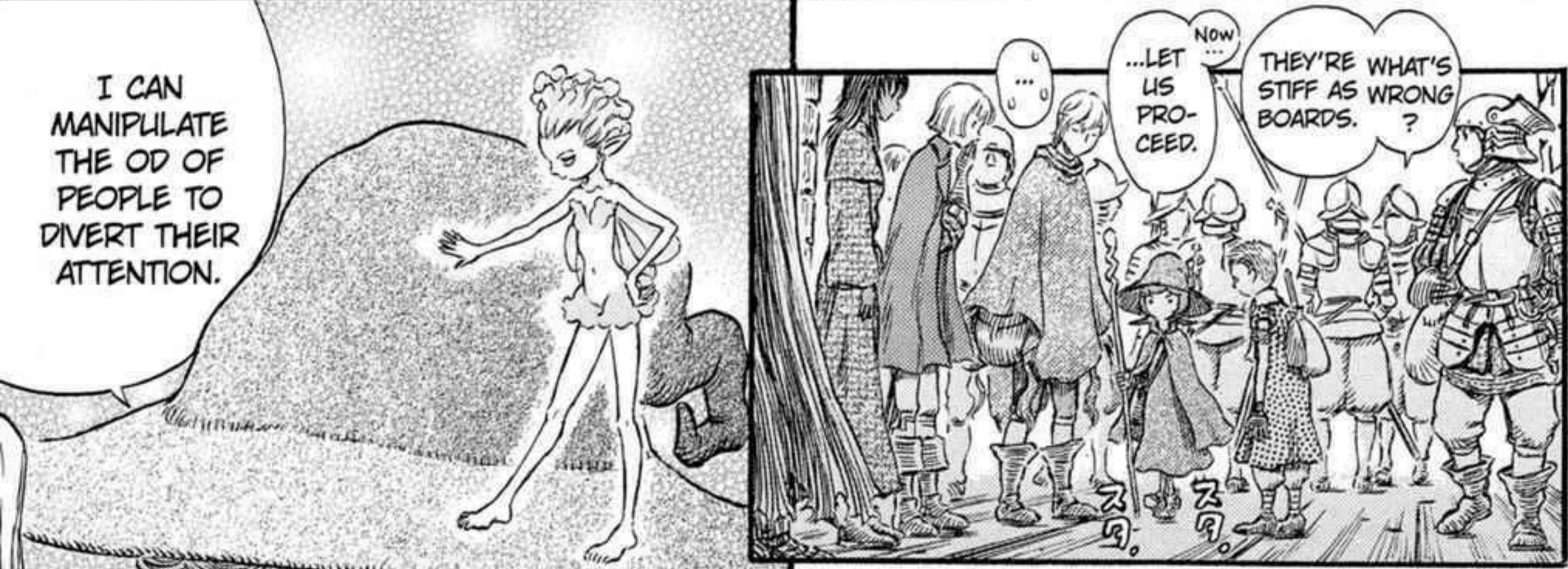
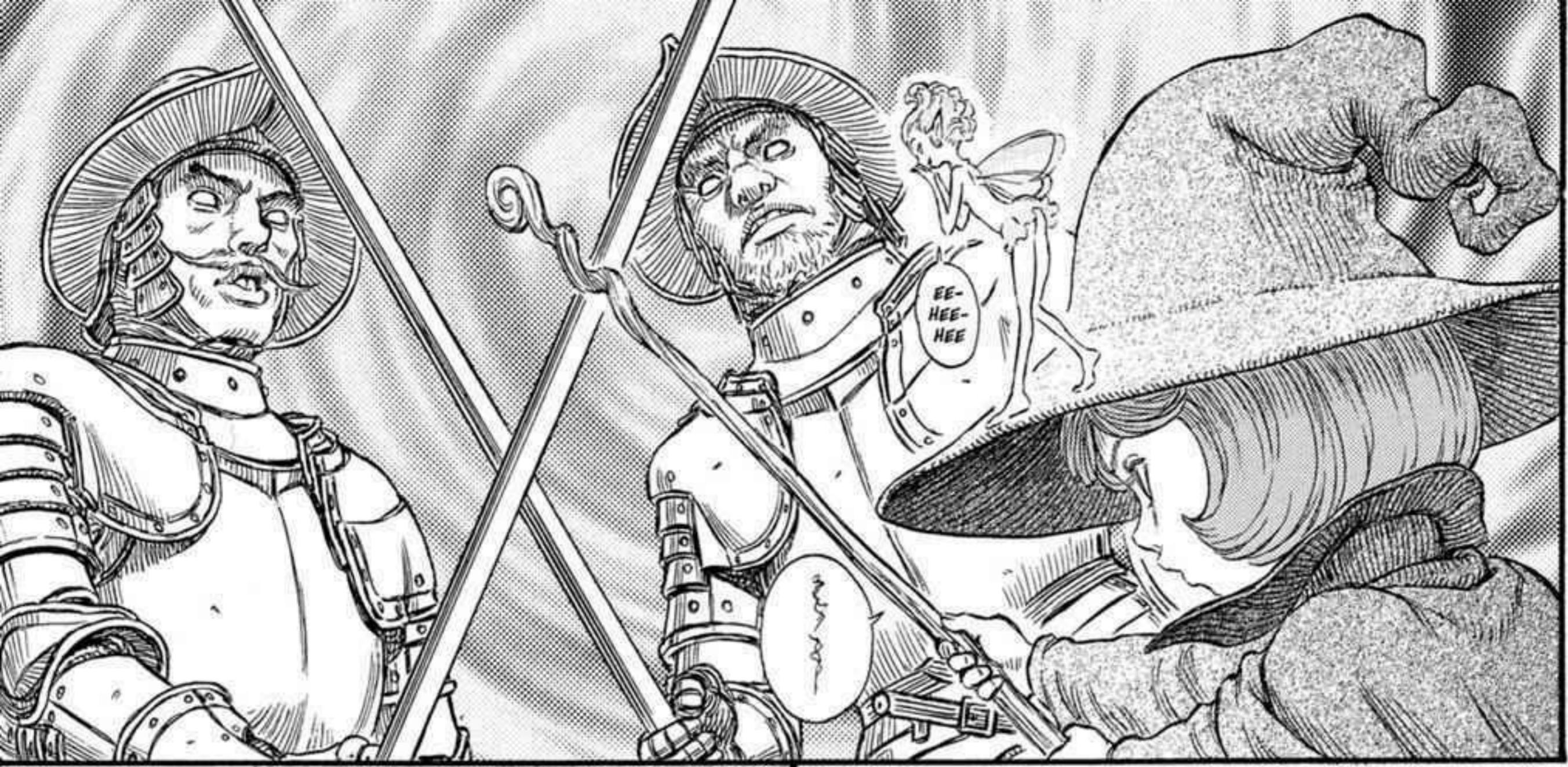
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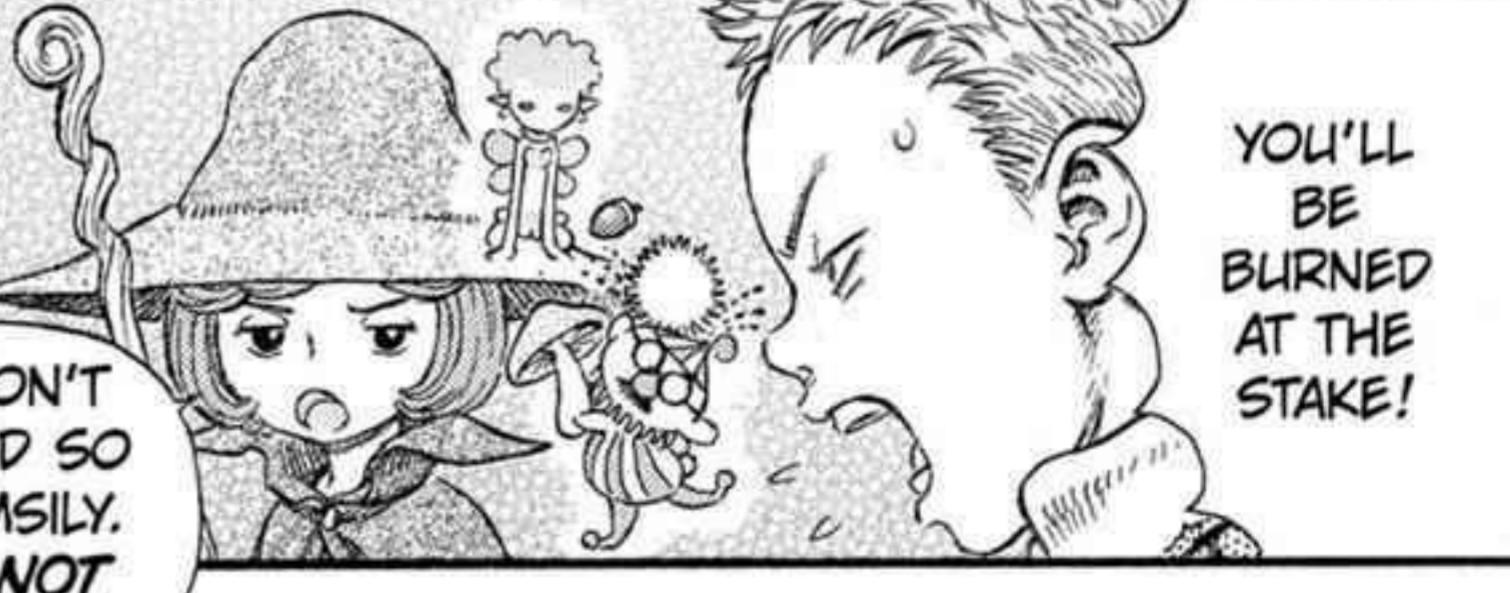
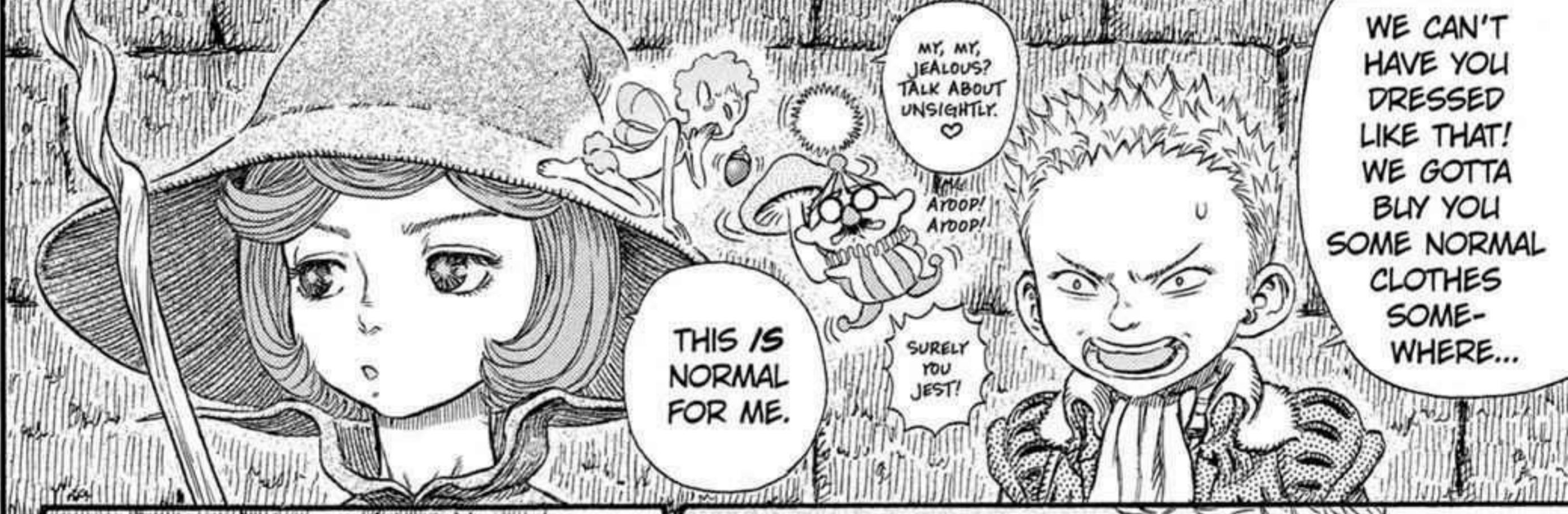


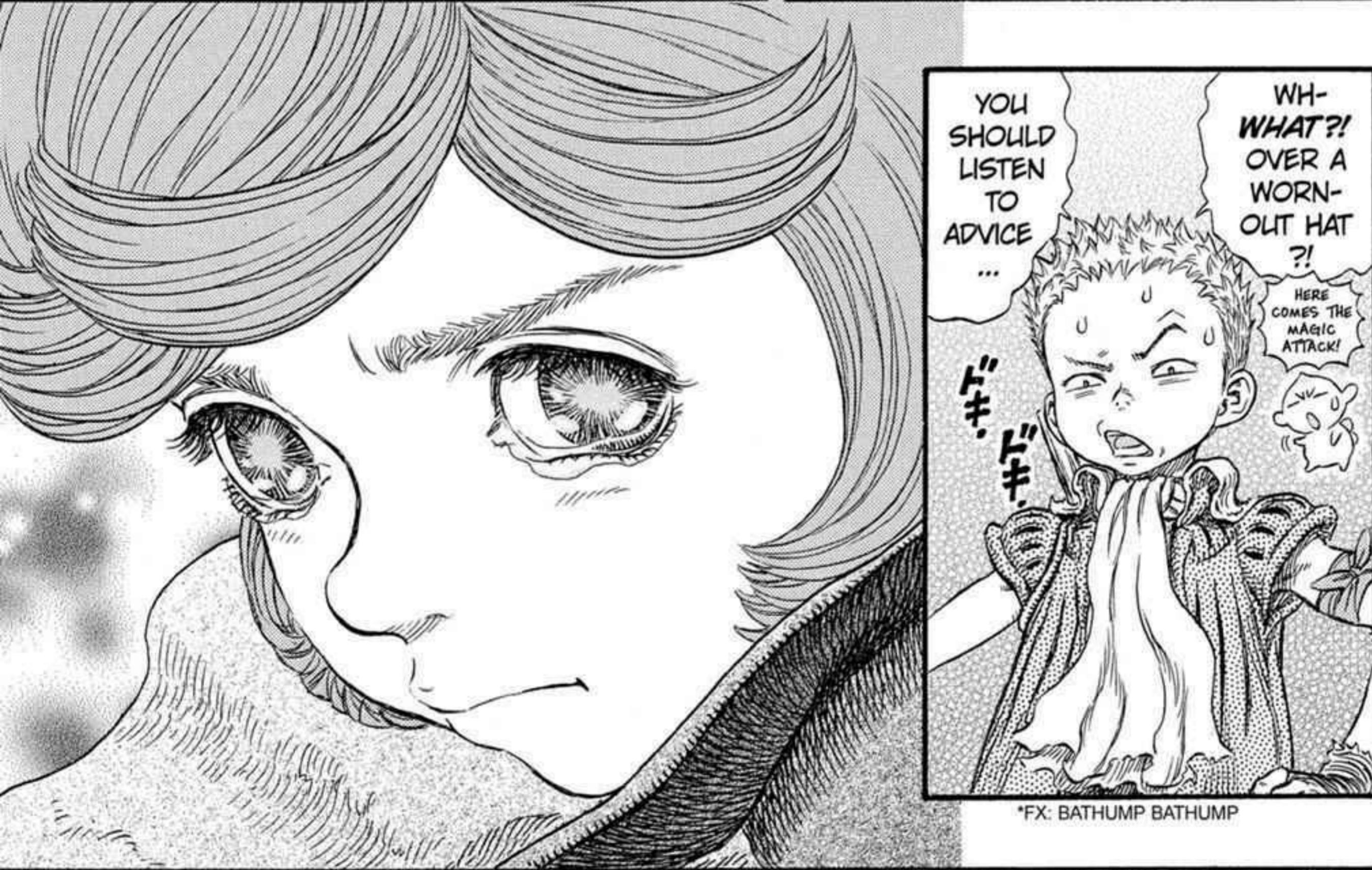
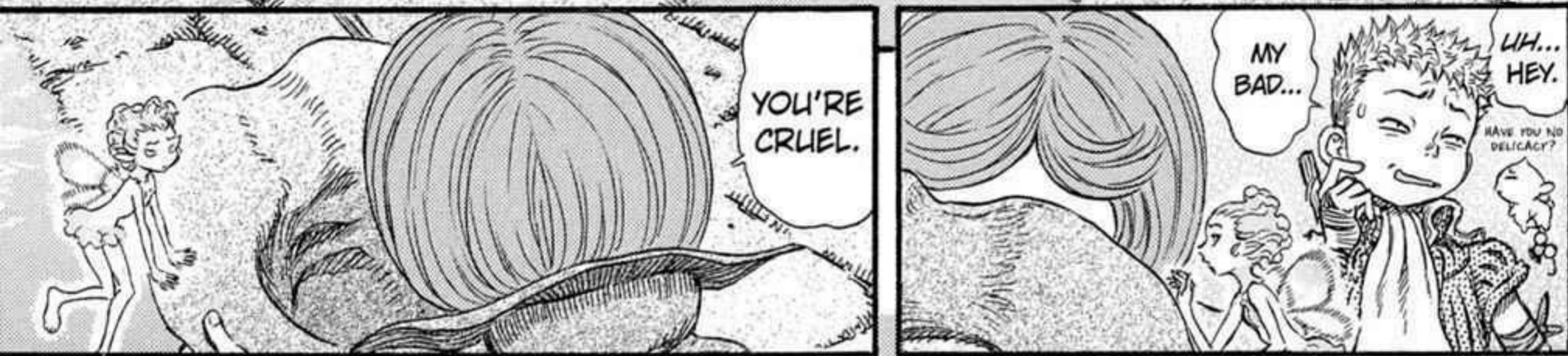
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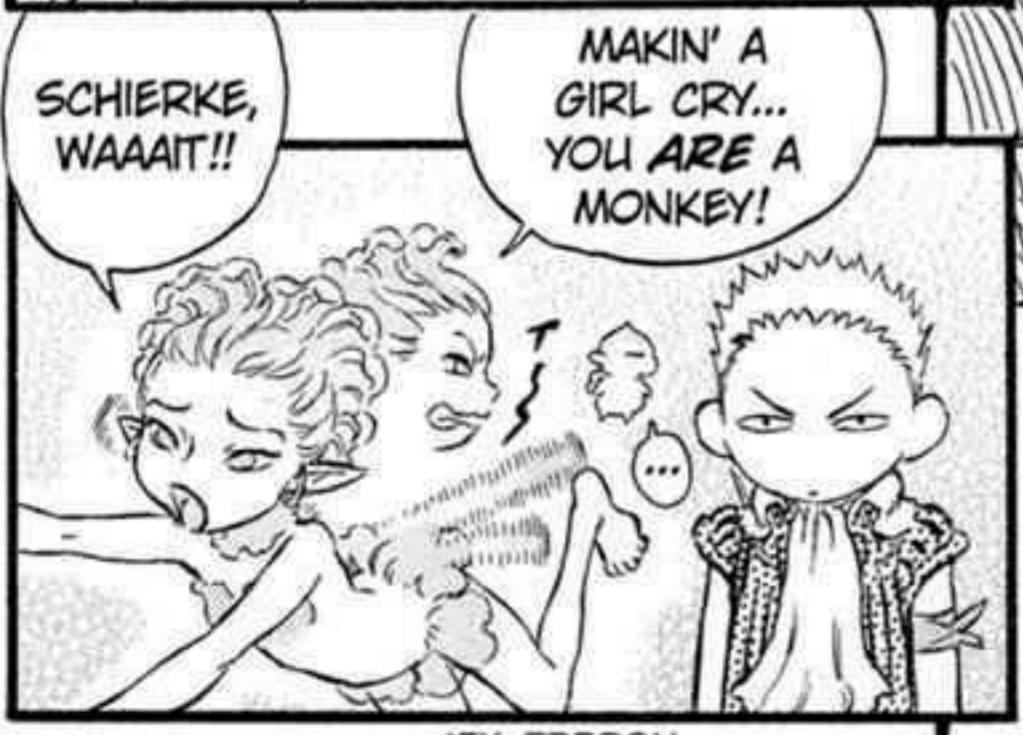
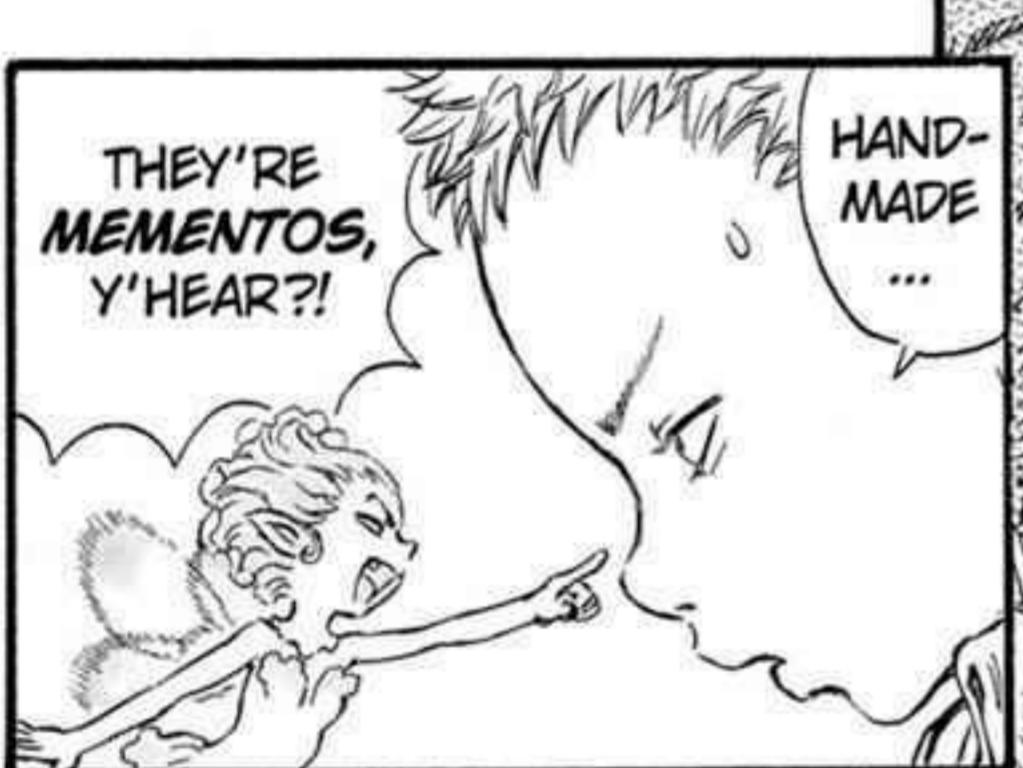
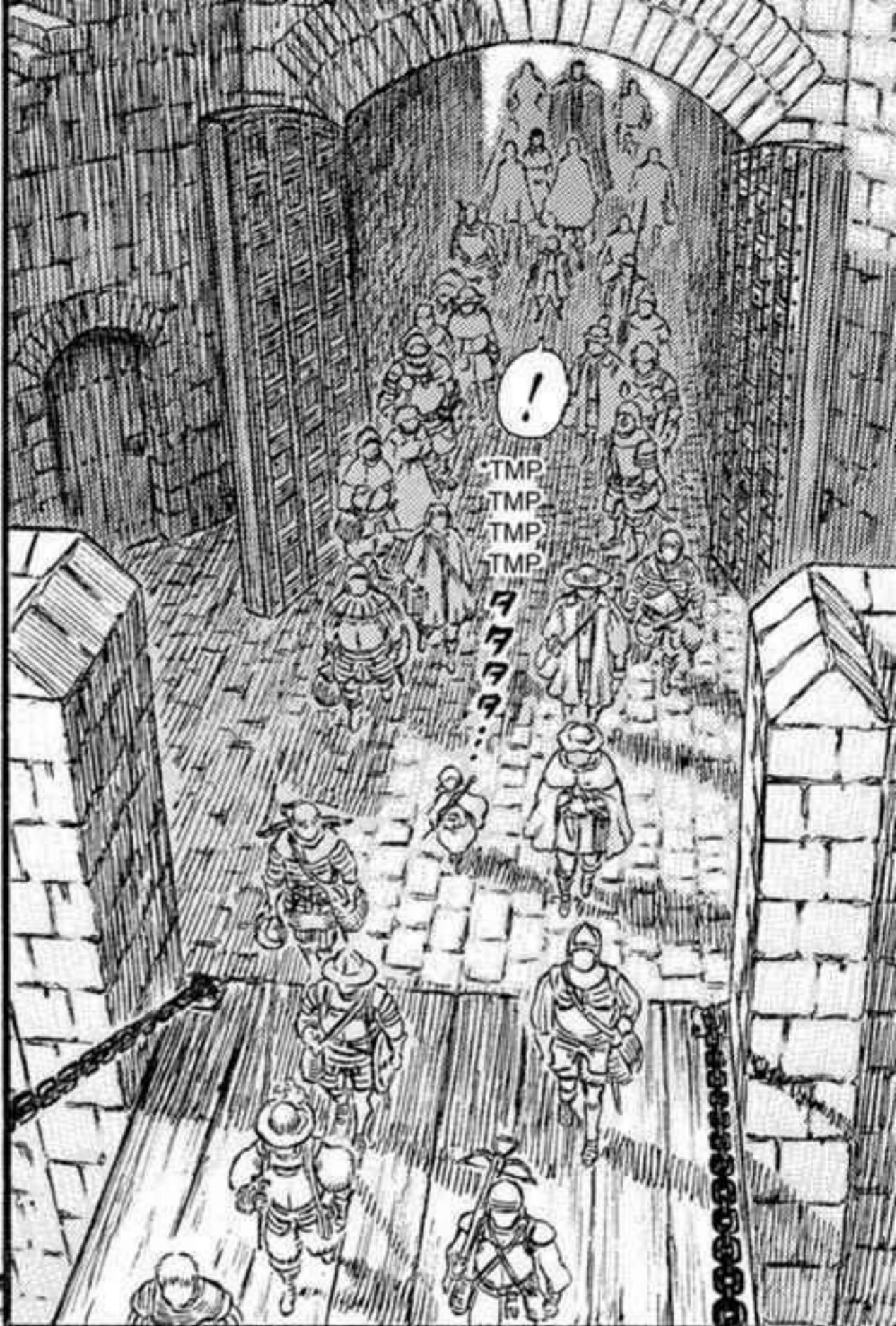
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EVERYTHING
ELSE
BURNED IN
THE FIRE!!

THAT HAT
AND HER
CLOTHES WERE
HANDMADE
BY FLORA!!



