

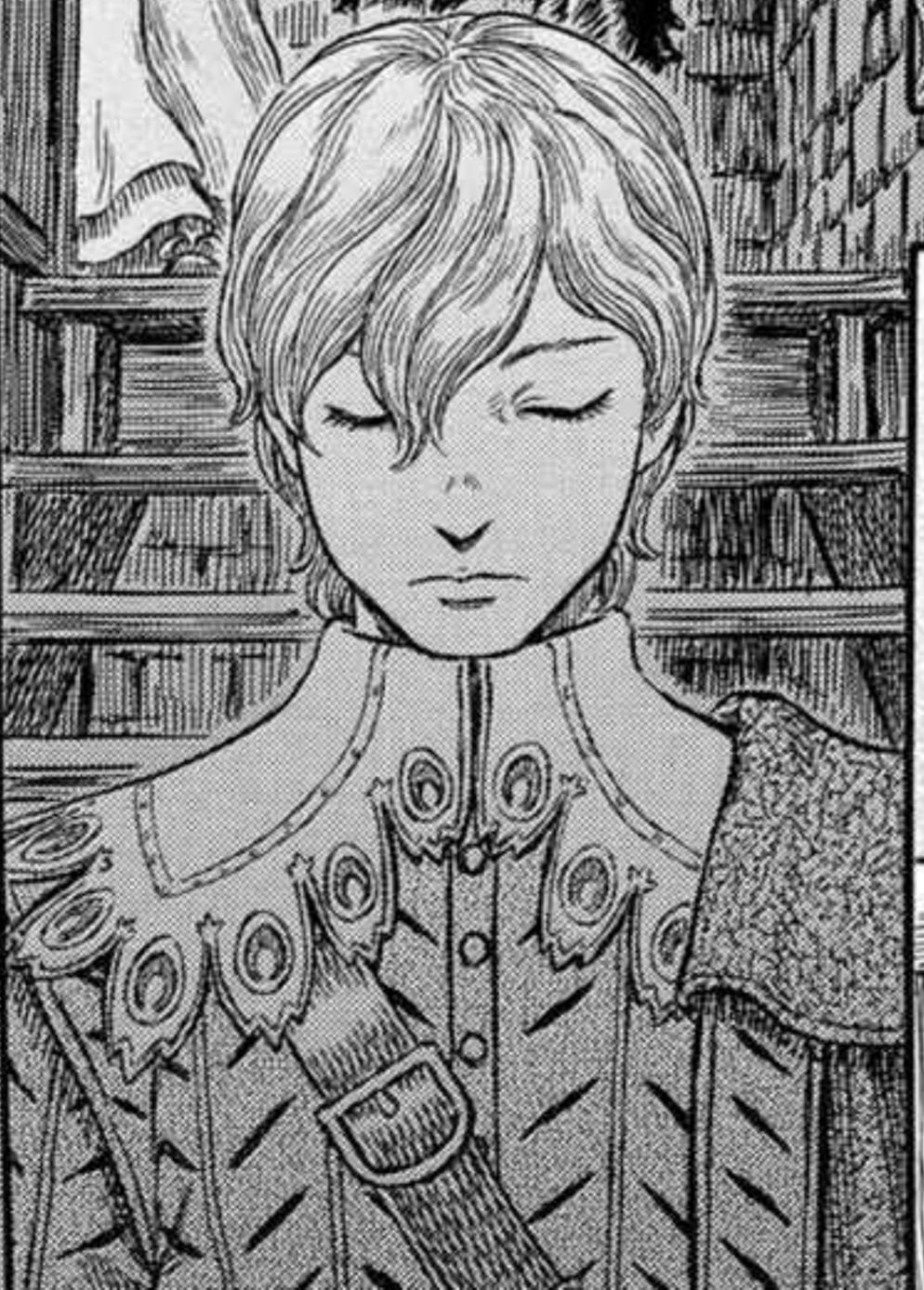
NOW,
BY YOUR
LEAVE...

AGAIN,
I EXTEND
OUR
FORMAL
THANKS.

THERE'S NO HARM
IN AT LEAST TELLING
US THE REASON,
IS THERE?

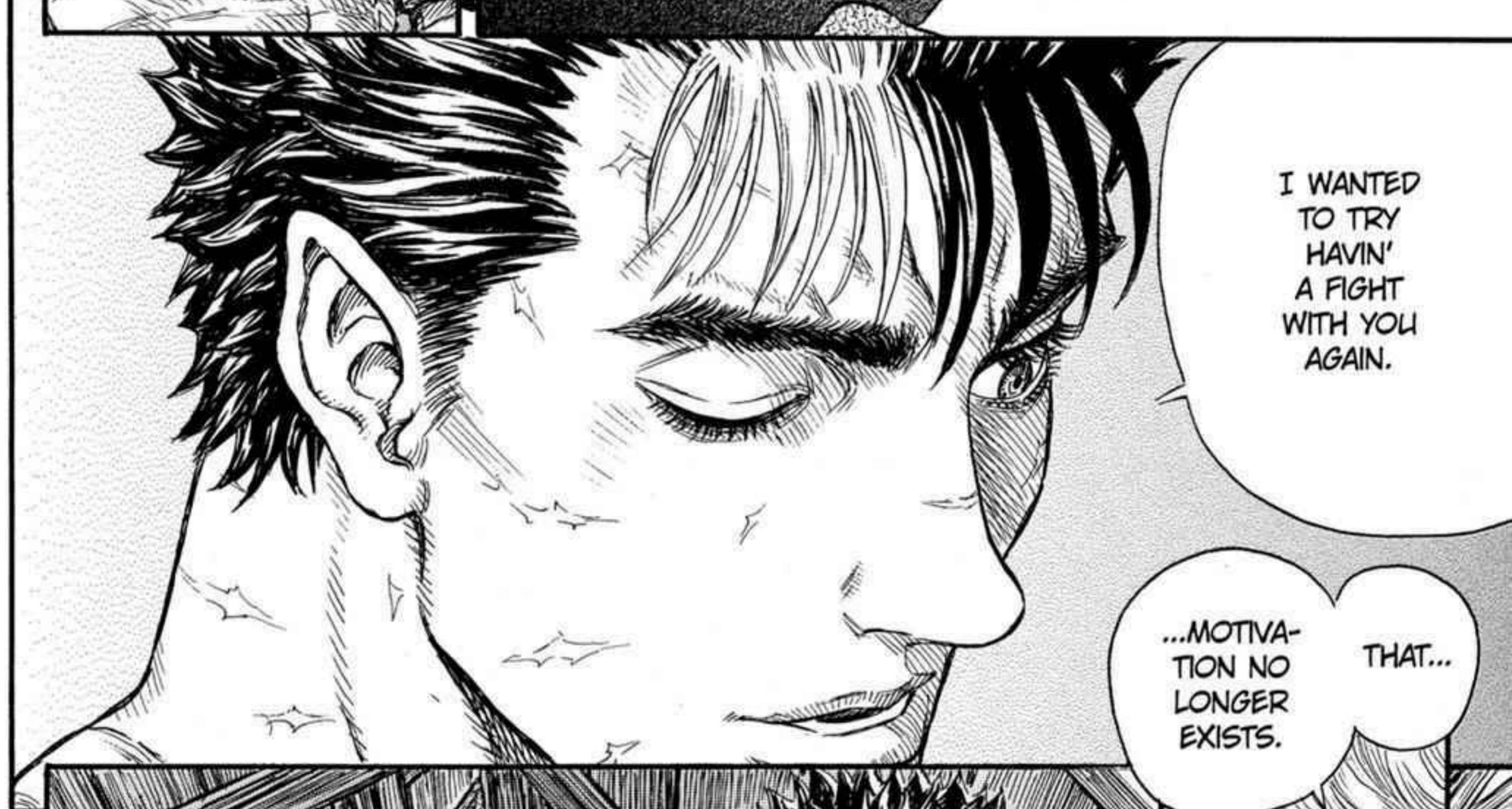
HEY.

WAIT,
SERPICO,
PLEASE
...!





THERE IS
NOTHING
FOR ME
TO SAY
ON THIS
MATTER.



I WANTED
TO TRY
HAVIN'
A FIGHT
WITH YOU
AGAIN.

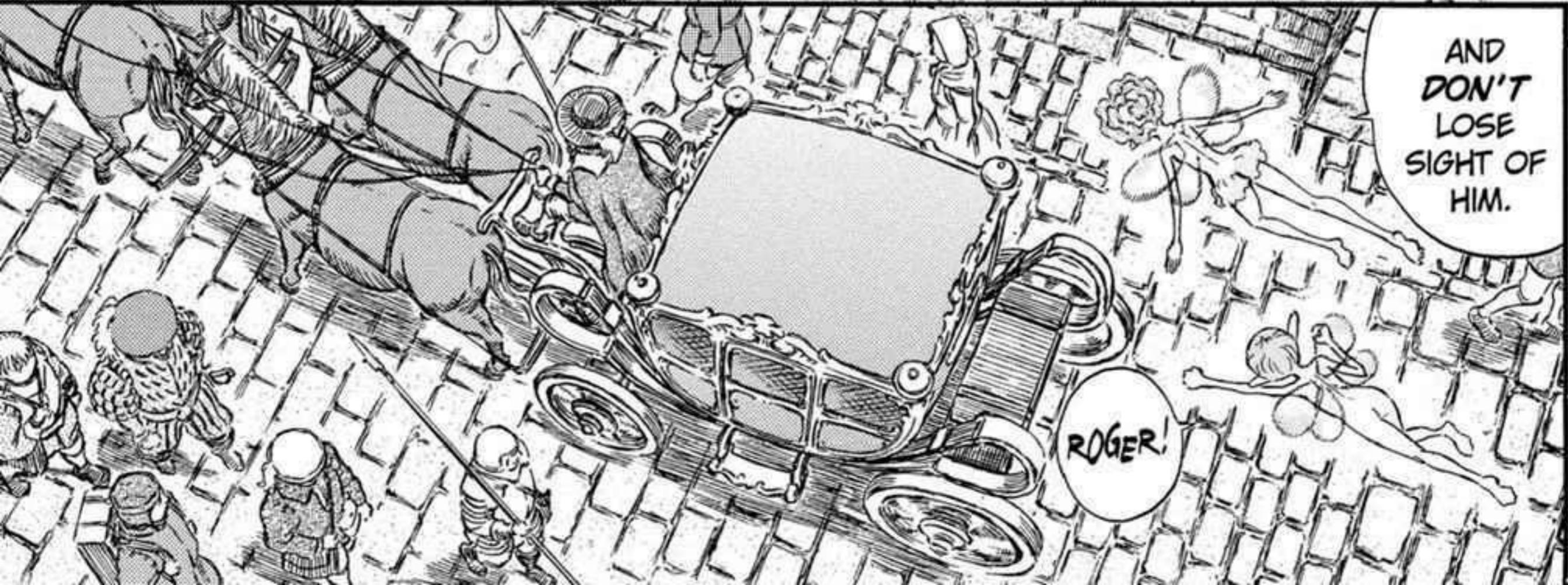
...MOTIVA-
TION NO
LONGER
EXISTS.

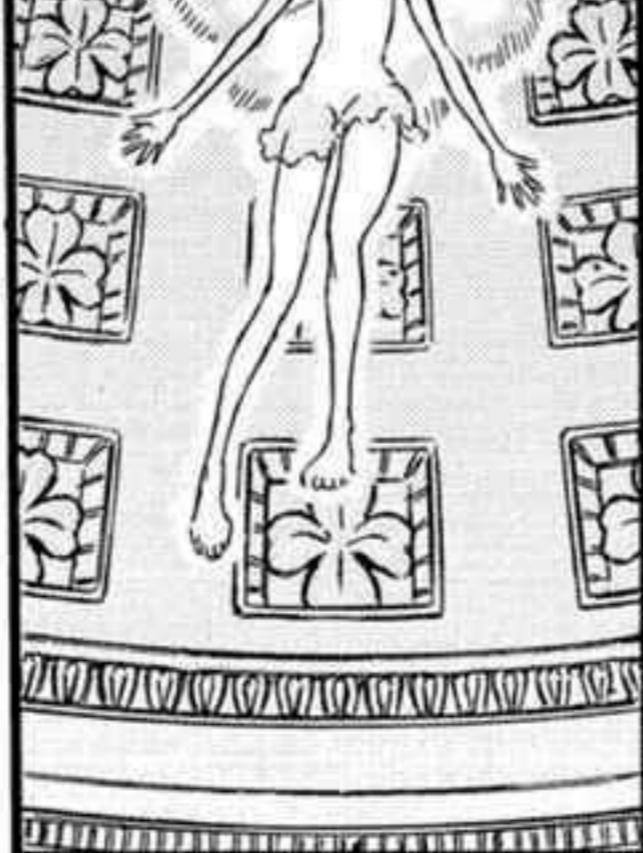
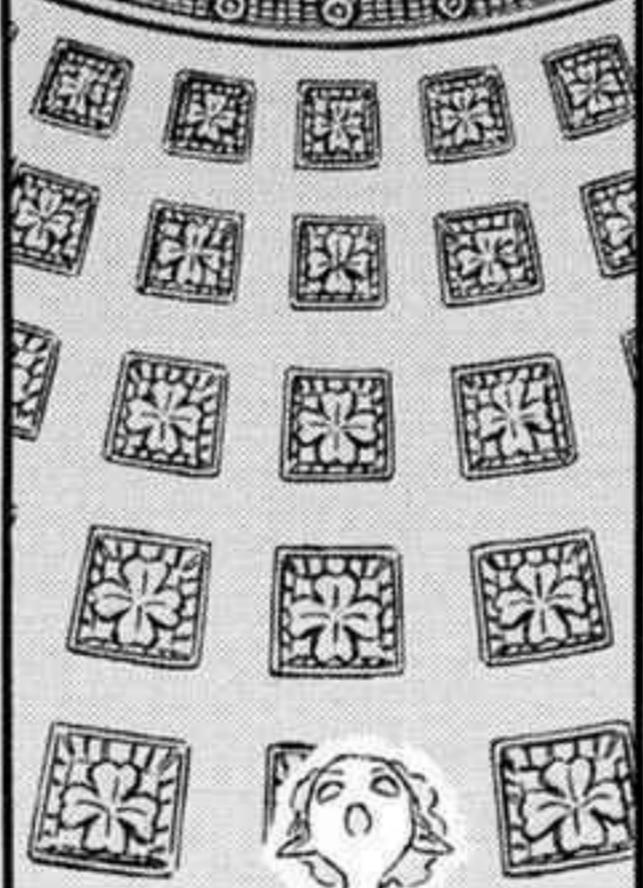
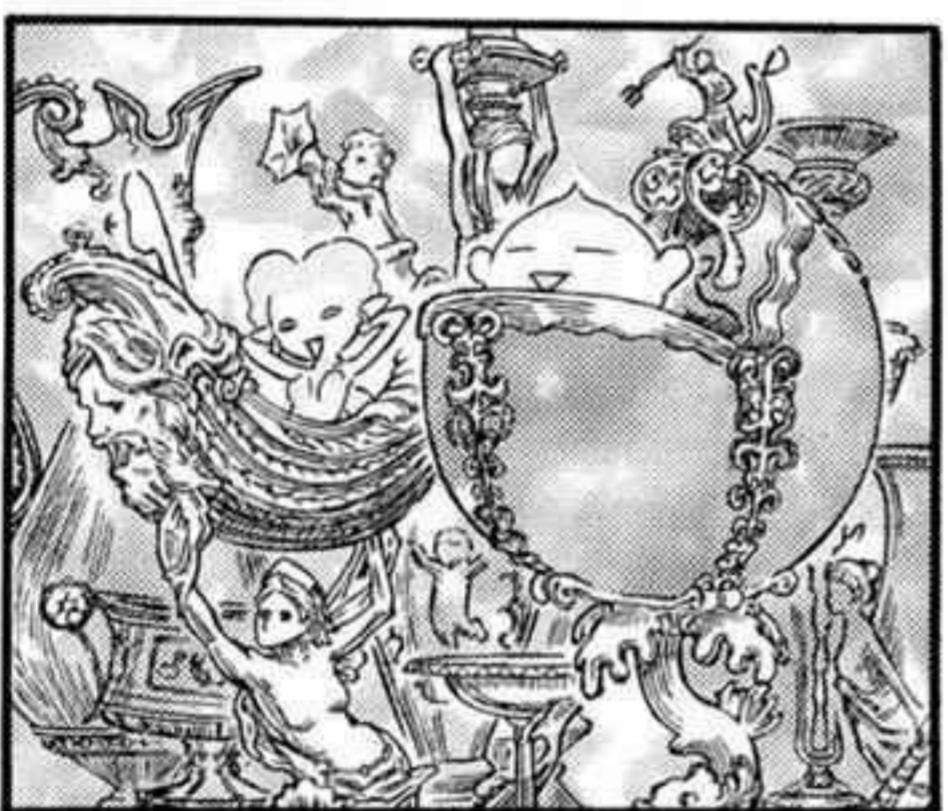
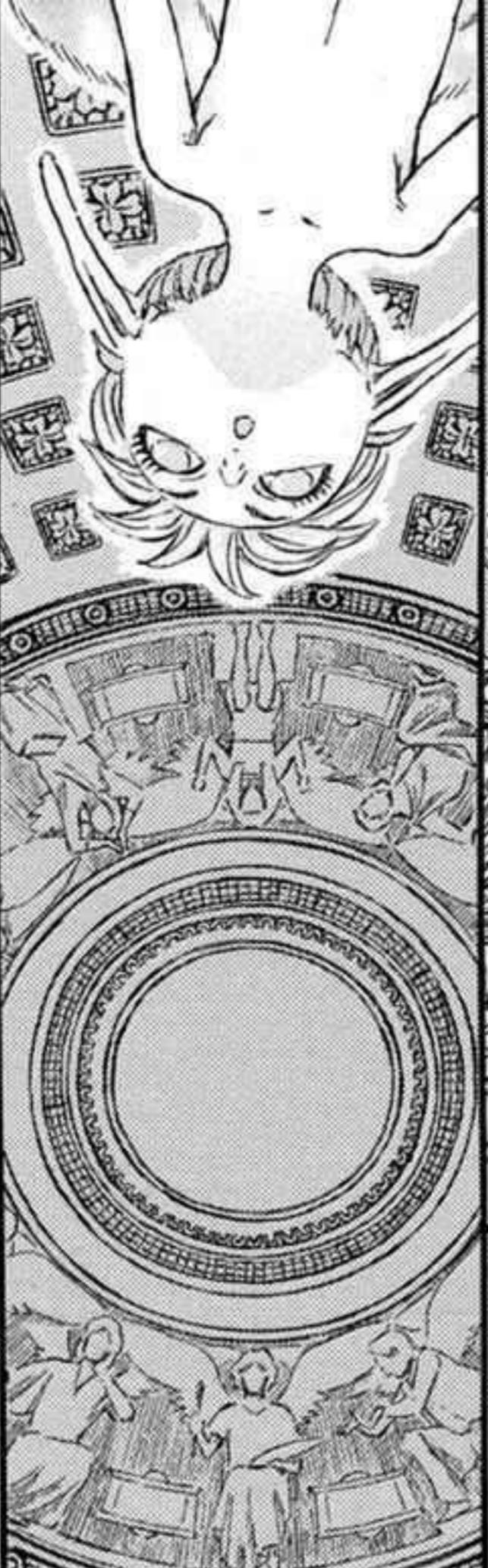
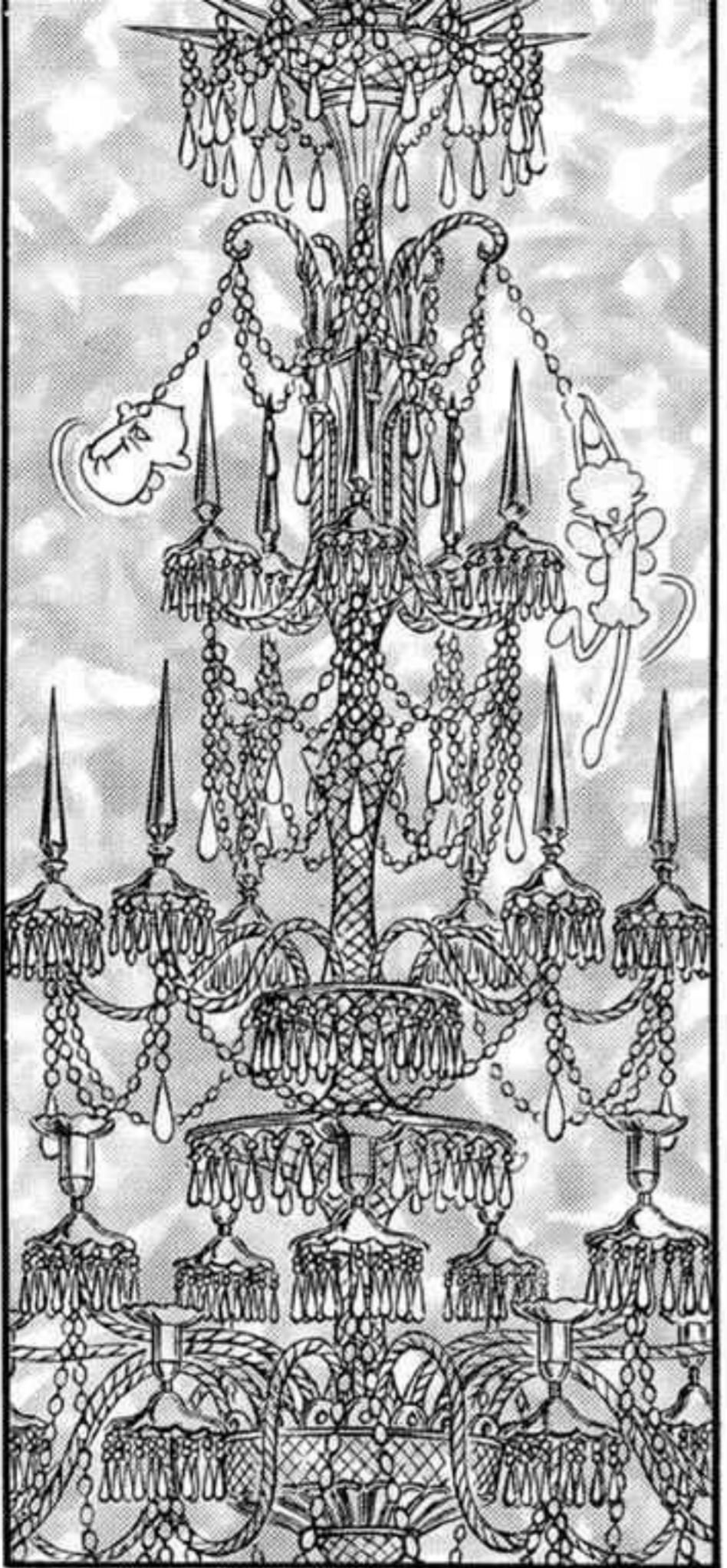
THAT...



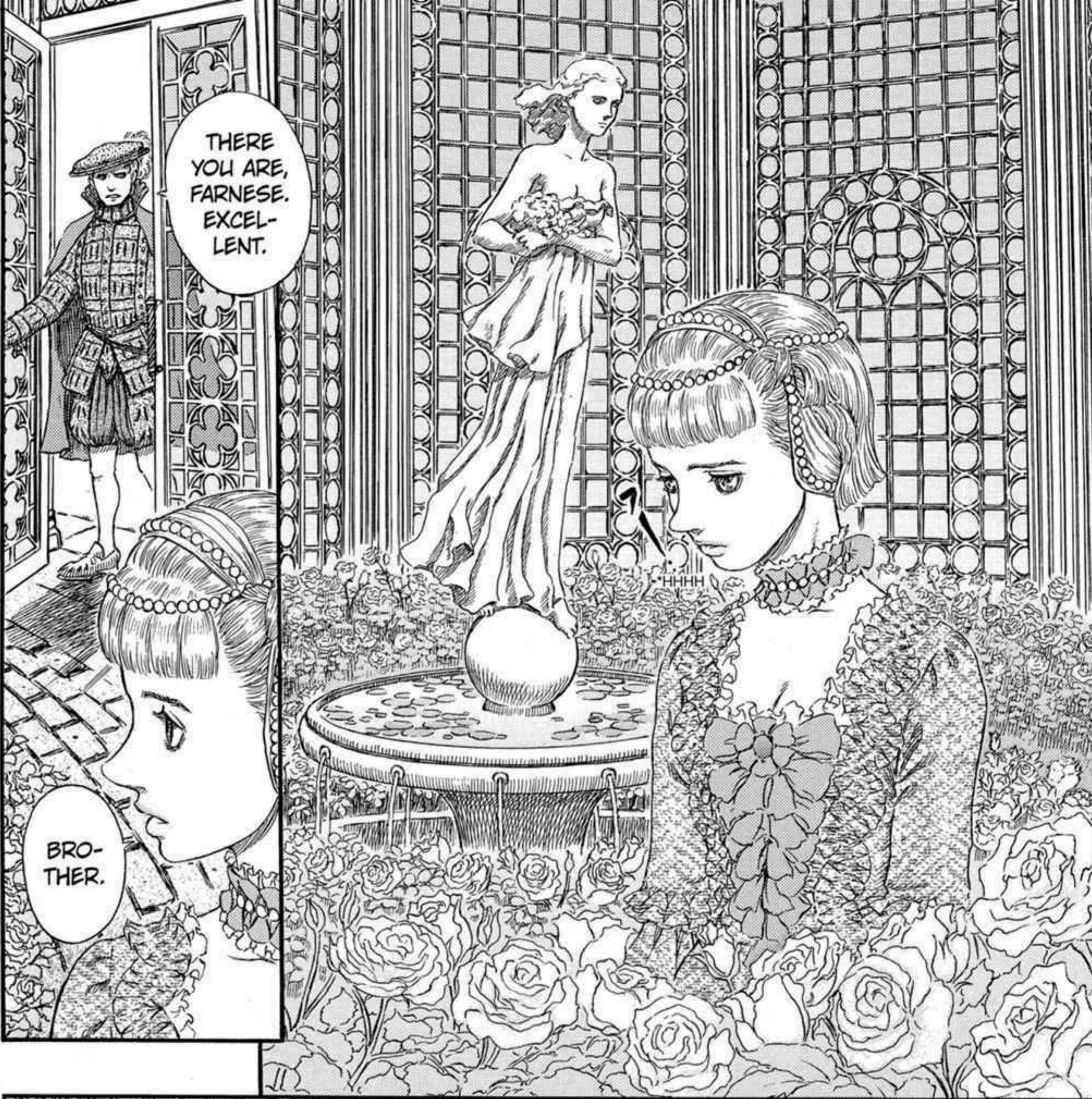












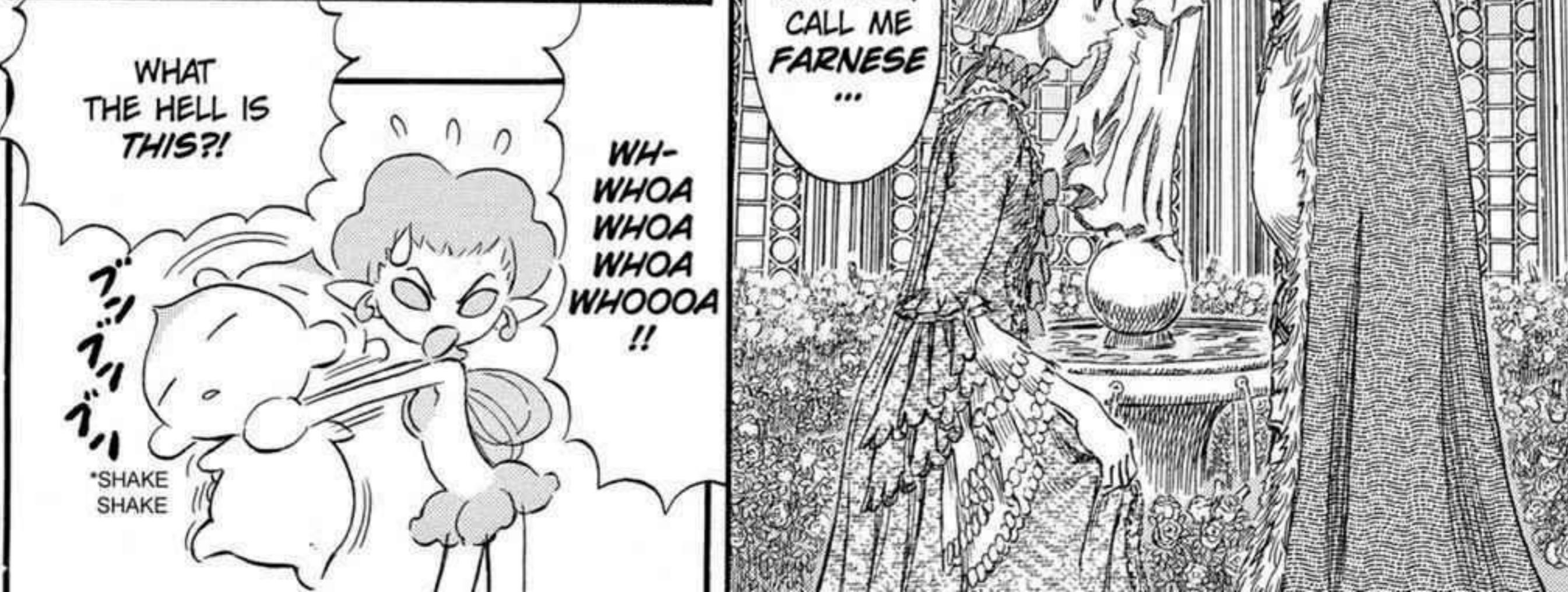
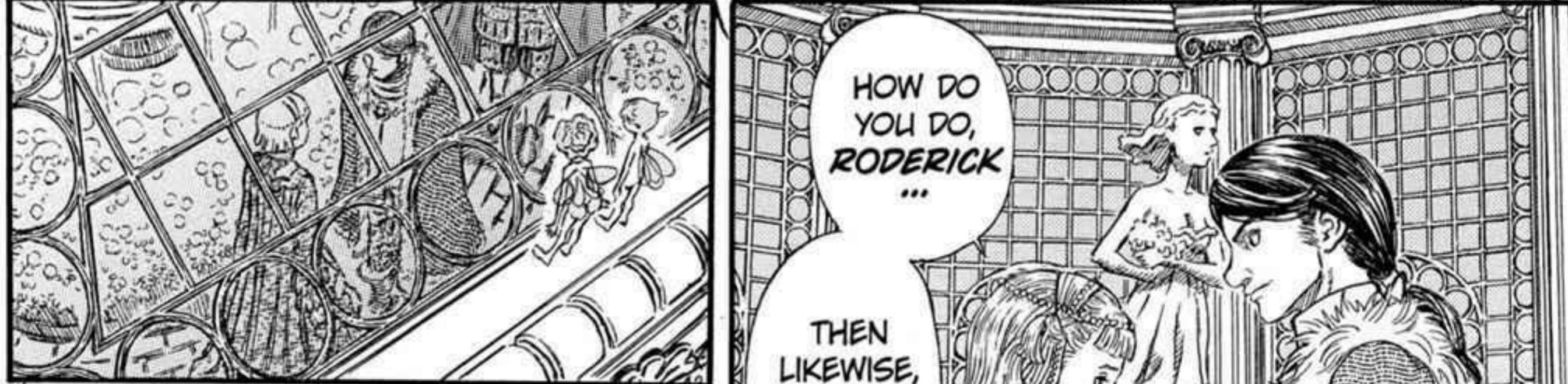


...AN
OFFICER OF
THE 11TH
NAVY.

I AM
RODERICK OF
SCHTAUFFEN...

IT IS A
PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU,
FARNESE DO
VANDIMION.



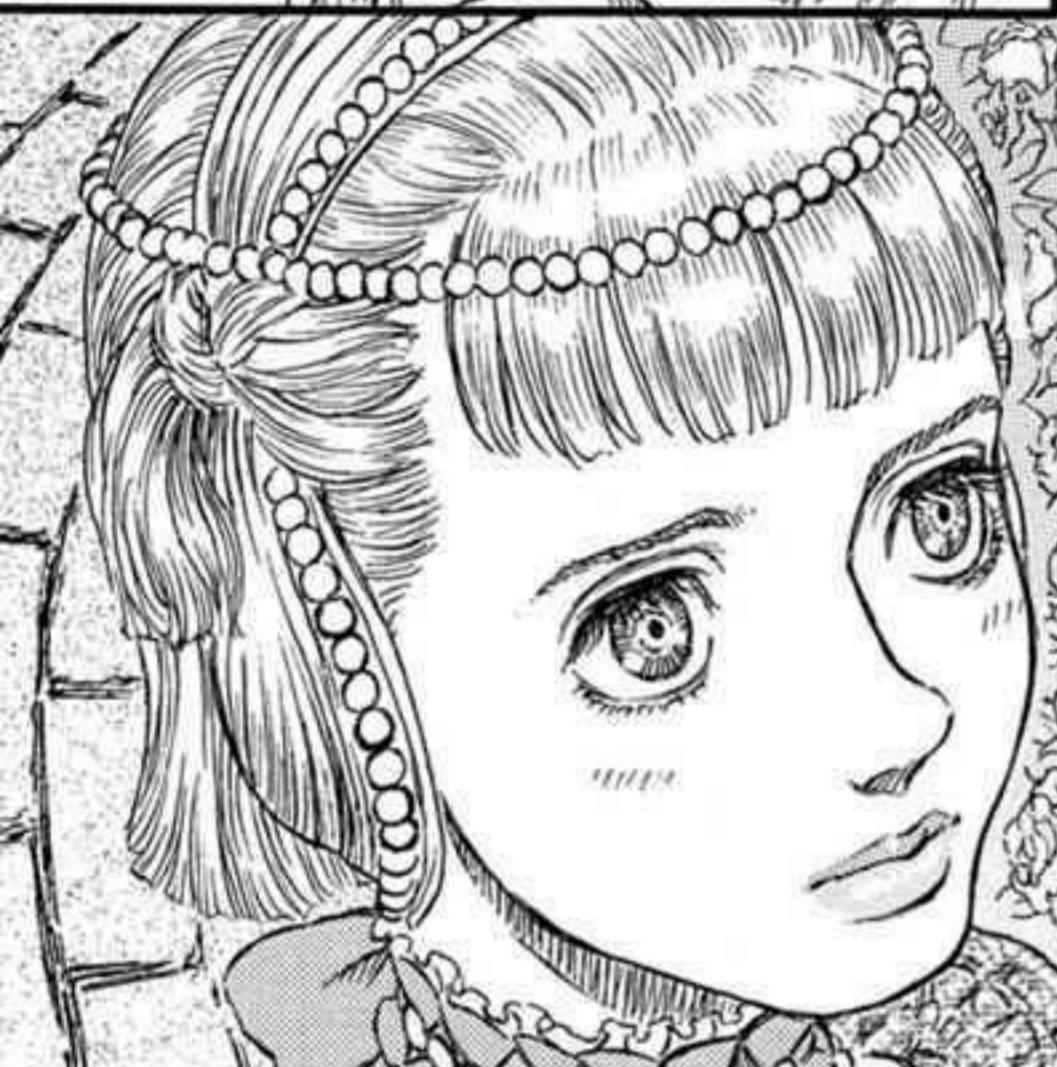




I HAVE
HEARD MUCH
ABOUT YOU
FROM YOUR
BROTHER.



RODERICK IS AN OLD
FRIEND FROM MY COLLEGE
DAYS. HE'S THIRD IN LINE
TO THE ROYAL THRONE OF
IITH AND A SHIP'S CAPTAIN
IN THE IITH NAVY.



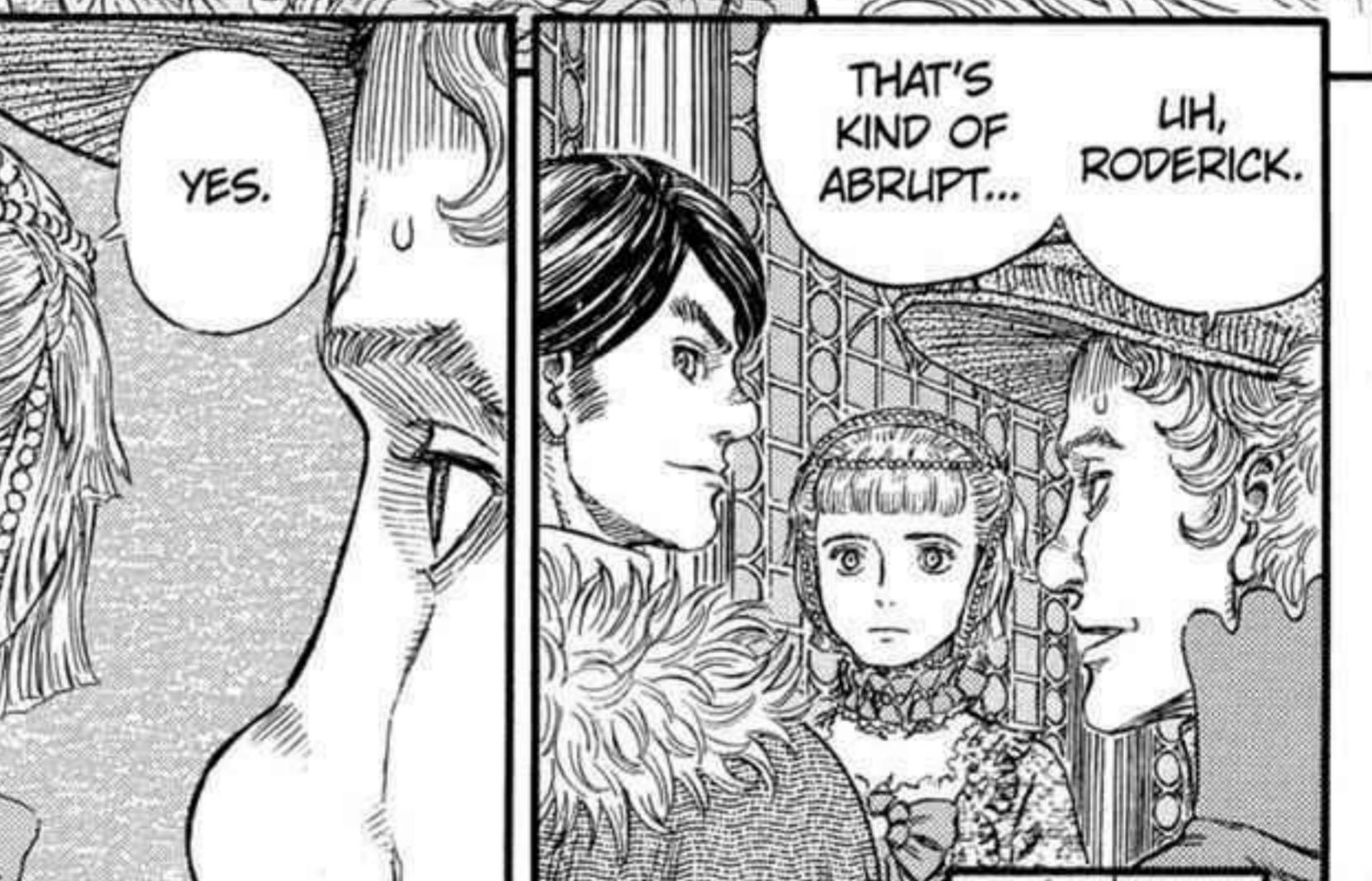
...AND THE
WANDERING
PRINCESS.



ABOUT THE
VANDIMION
DEVIL CHILD...



THAT IS
CORRECT.



YES.



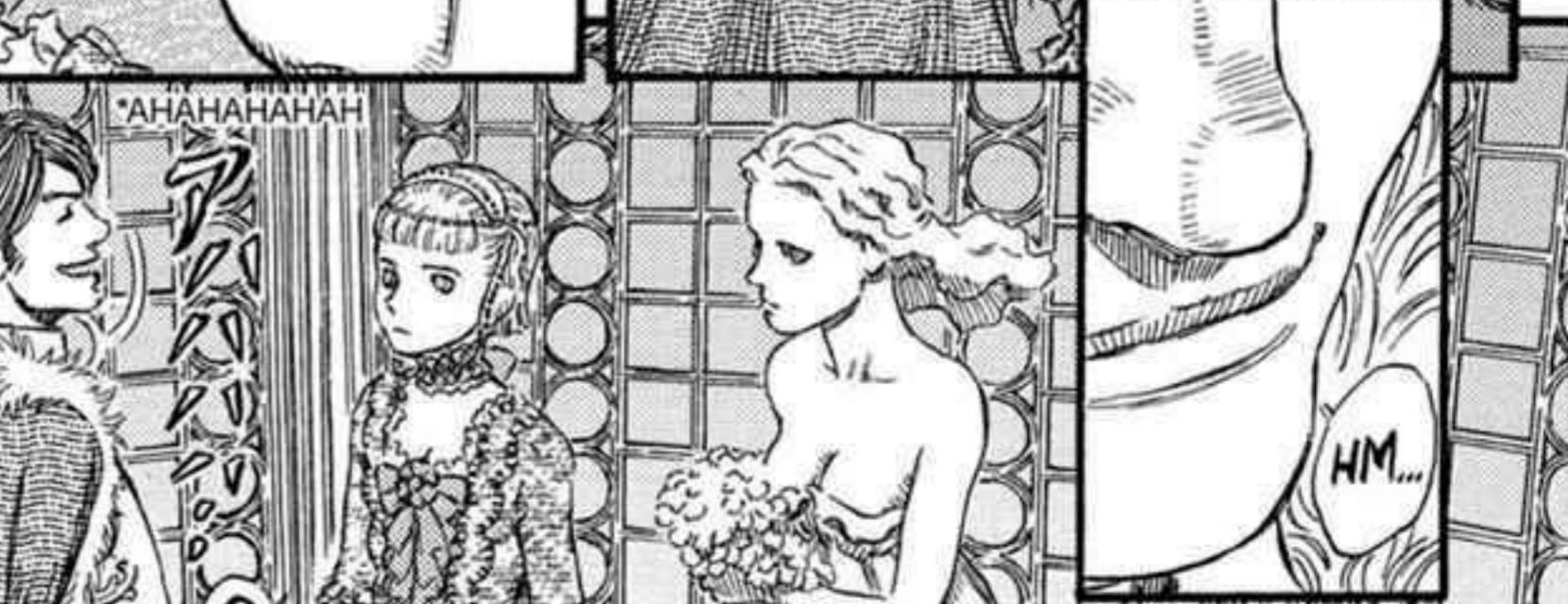
THAT'S
KIND OF
ABRUPT...
UH,
RODERICK.



HM...



AHAHAHAHAH



?

YOU ARE
INTERESTING.

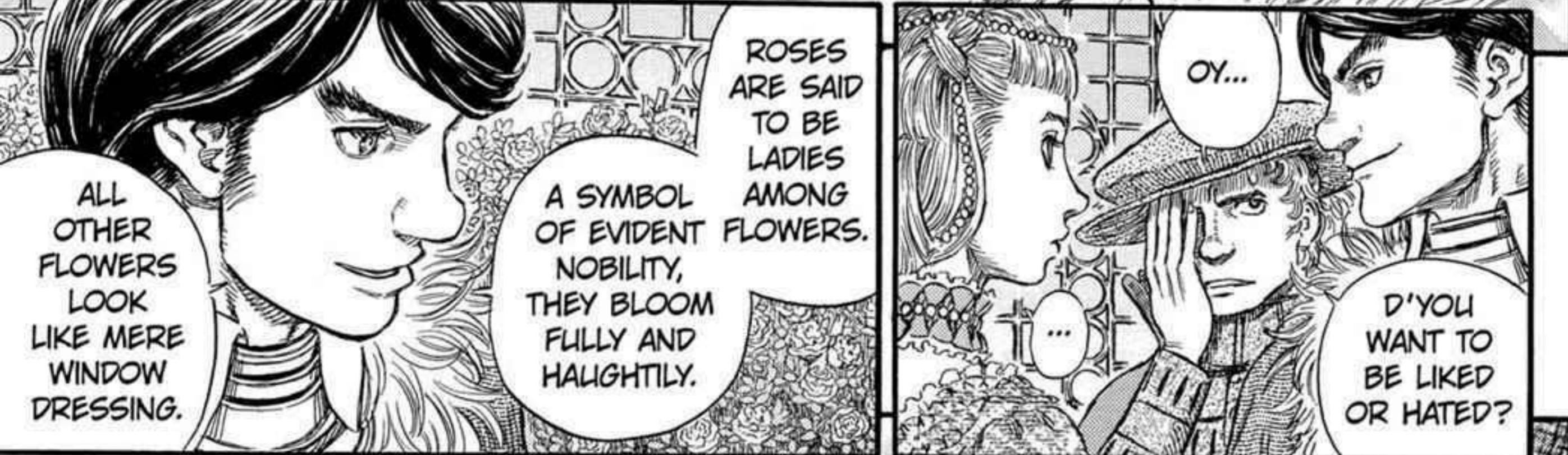
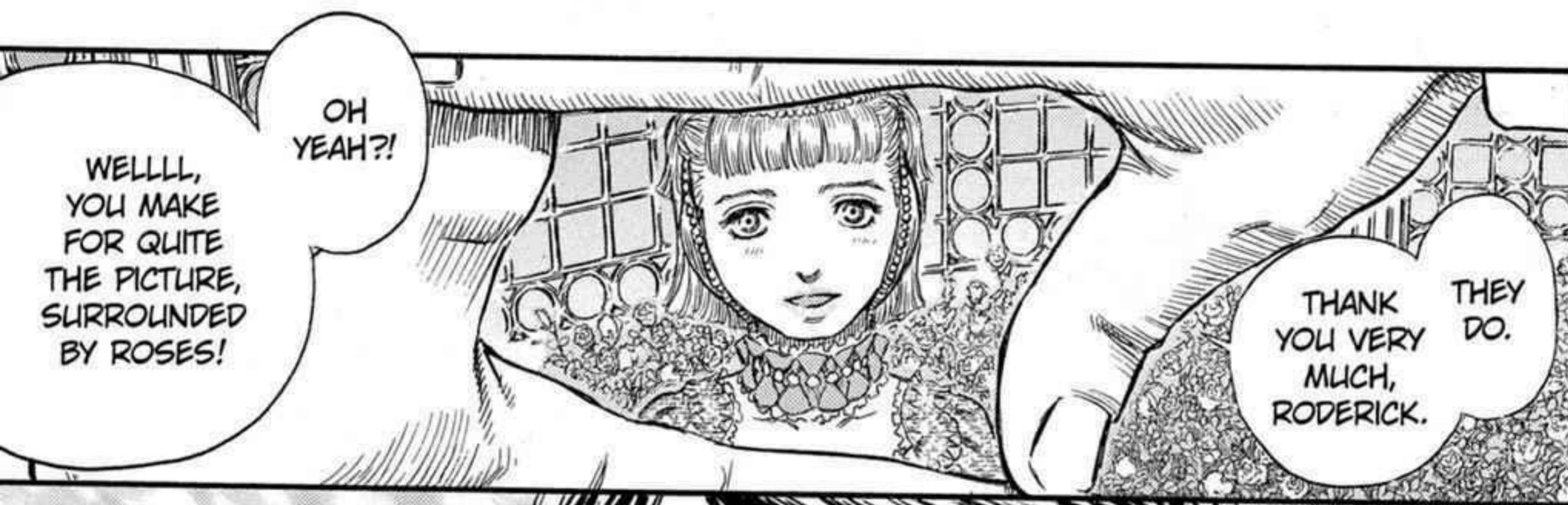
CLASP

...
LOOK
AROUND,
FARNES...

AHEM

RODERICK'S
GIVEN THEM
ALL TO YOU.

...AT THE
ROSES
SPREAD
THROUGHOUT
THIS GREEN-
HOUSE.





...ARE GATHERED
BY THE HUNDRED
OR THE THOUSAND,
YOU CAN'T TELL
ONE FROM
THE NEXT.

BUT EVEN
WHEN
ROSES...



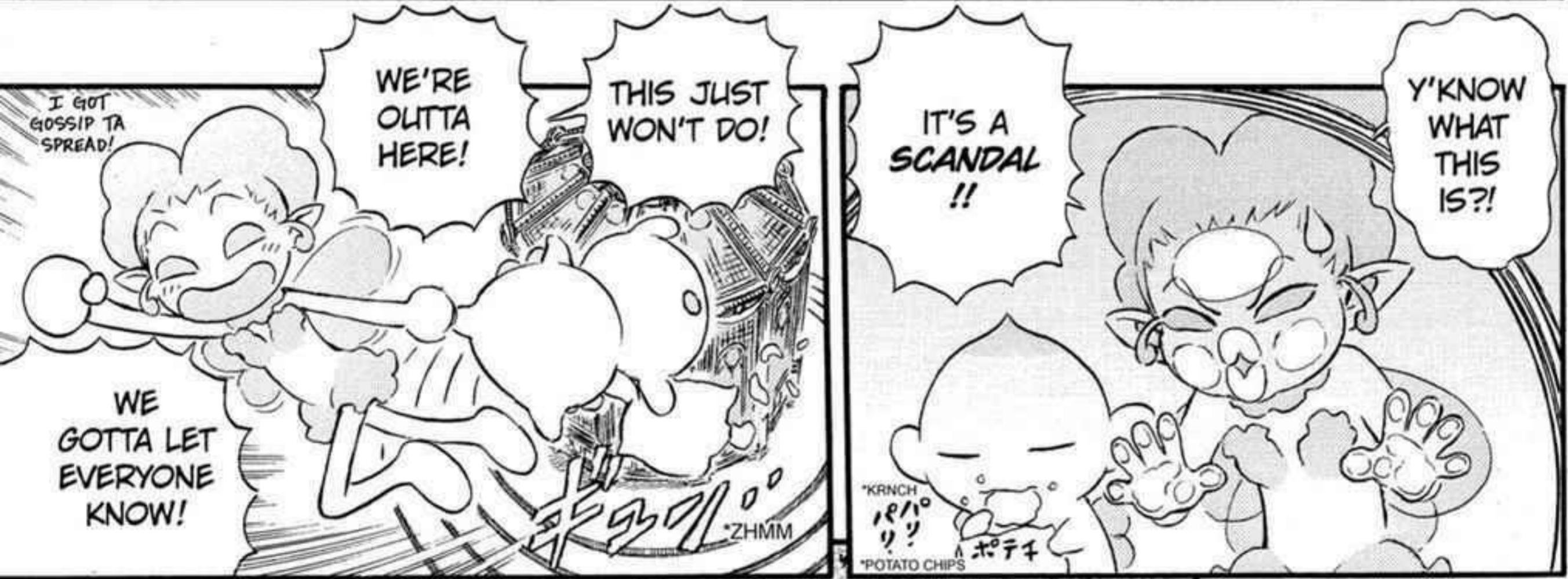
...ARE A
FITTING
ADORNMENT
FOR YOU.

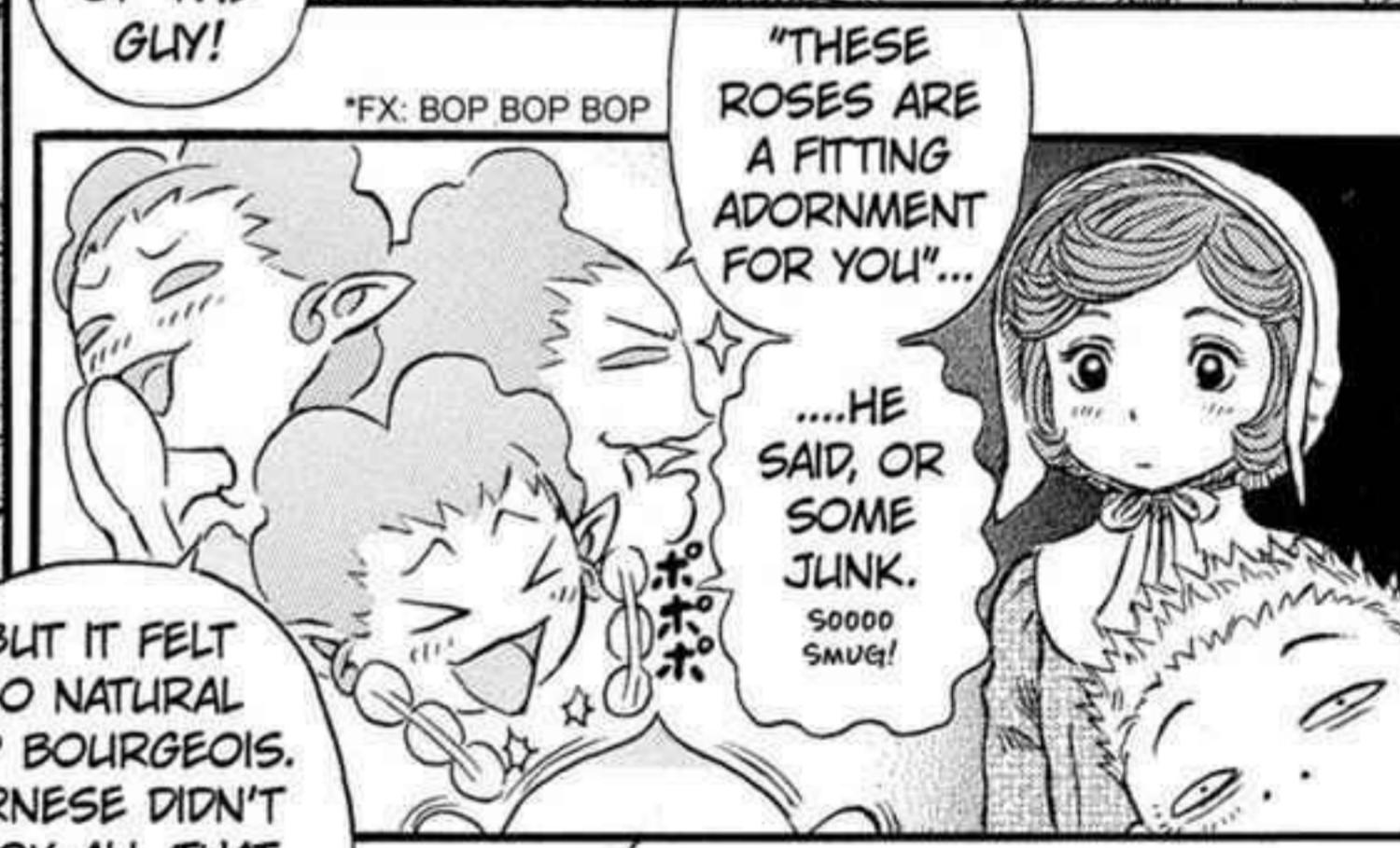
THESE
ROSES...



...EVEN
WHEN
STRUCK BY
A STRONG
WIND.

A WHITE
LILY OF
THE FIELD,
WHICH
SCATTERS
NOT...





AND SHE TREASURED HER SILVER KNIFE SO MUCH...

FARNESE'S WISH TO LEARN MAGIC WAS GENUINE.

I AM QUITE UNABLE TO LOOK AFTER HER AS FARNESE DID.

ISN'T STUDYIN' MAGIC SOMETHIN' AN ARISTOCRAT GIRL WOULD JUST FALL INTO ON A WHIM?

BUT STILL, SHE SENT BACK THE SILVER KNIFE AND ALL.

IT'S THE OPPOSITE.

YOU REALLY DO TALK TOO MUCH.

YEAH.

UH OH.

...AN
ENGAGEMENT
WAS
SUGGESTED
TO HER.

AS
COLLATERAL
FOR
GETTING A
SHIP...

OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

ESPECIALLY
FOR HER, A
DAUGHTER OF
NOBLES WITH
SUCH A HIGH
REPUTATION.
I COMPLETELY
FORGOT
ABOUT THAT
...

ARISTOCRATIC
POLITICAL
MARRIAGES
ARE PRETTY
MUCH A
MATTER OF
COURSE.

THAT
WOULD
MAKE
SENSE!
GOOD
CALL.

Y-YES,
RIGHT
!

...OR
SO I'D
LIKE TO
THINK.

IT'S WHAT
SHE DECIDED-
HERSELF.

