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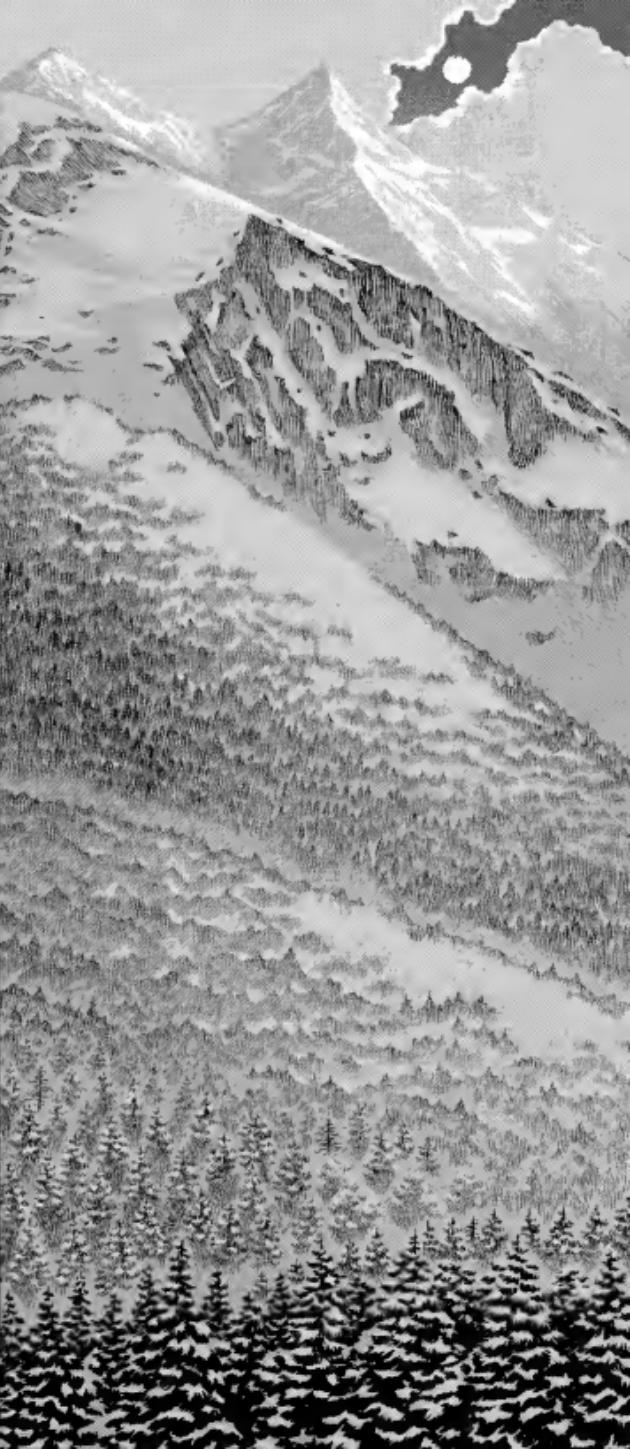
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どくろ
髑體の騎士



ハリセレク

**KNIGHT OF
SKELETON**







...THAT THE
NIGHT WAS
THIS VAST,
THIS DEEP...

I'D
FORGOTTEN...

WHEN
I
THINK
ABOUT
IT...

I'D
FOR-
GOTTEN.

THIS
SENSE
OF UNEASE
UNLESS MY
SWORD'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO ME...

I
NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
TO TRY.

OF
COURSE,
I COULD'VE
AVOIDED
NIGHTS LIKE
THIS BACK
THEN...



...AS LONG AS I CAN FEEL WARM...

TO BE HONEST ...

...ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH?

...TRYIN' TO THROW AWAY SOMETHING...

...MAYBE I'M ONCE AGAIN...

...OF AN IRREPLACEABLE TODAY FOR SOME VAGUE TOMORROW I MIGHT NEVER FIND...IF IT EVEN EXISTS...?

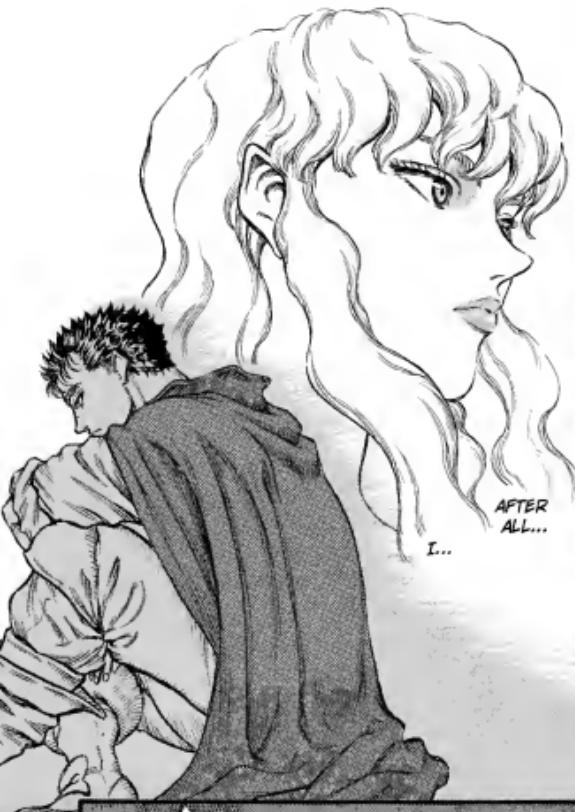
AM I TRYING TO LET GO...

...IRREPLACEABLE THAT I'LL NEVER HAVE AGAIN?

EVEN WITHOUT SOME BIG, EXAGGERATED DREAM...

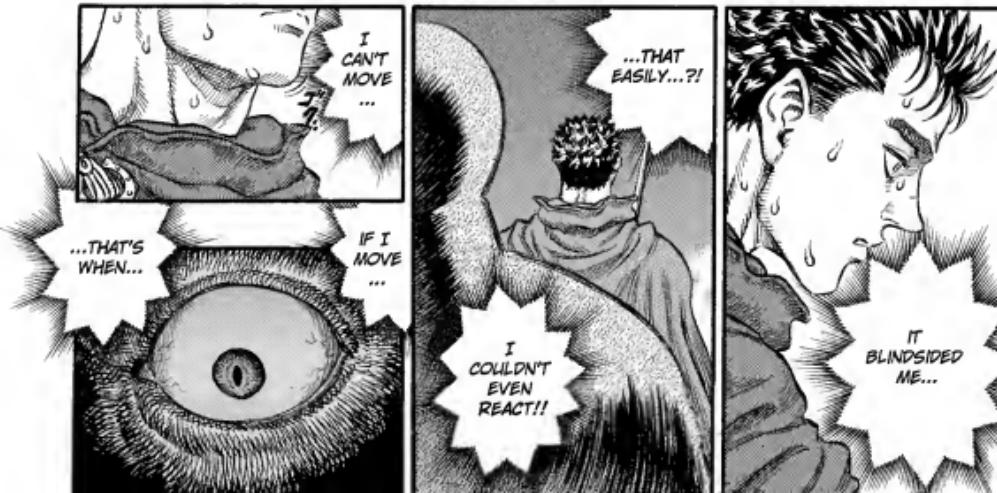
...PEOPLE GO ON LIVING.

















I'VE NEVER
MISREAD AN ENEMY'S
PRESENCE ONCE!!
I COULD'VE SWORN
HE WAS TRYING TO
BRING HIS SWORD
DOWN ON ME!

IMPOSS-
IBLE??!!

...THIS
WEIRD,
UNREAL
FEELING....!!

...BUT
THIS...

NO,
IT'S
NOT...

ZODD??!

SO THE
GEARS HAVE
INDEED BEGUN
TURNING.

TAKE
HEED.

YOU,
STRUGGLER.

WHAT'S
THAT
MEAN?!

GEARS
?!

STRUCC-
GLER?

YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS!! THOSE
YET UNSEEN OF THE
FLESHLESS FLESH!!
AND THAT UNKINGLY
HALF OF YOURS
SHALL ALL BE
GATHERED THEN
IN THAT
PLACE!!

ONE YEAR
HENCE SHALL
BE THE TIME
OF THE
ECLIPSE!!

A TURBULENT
TIDE OF MADNESS.
A TEMPEST
OF DEATH FOR
WHICH THE
HUMAN BODY
COULD NEVER
ATONE,
SHALL SWEEP
OVER YOU!!

WHO IS
THIS?!

YOU ARE
CLOSER TO
DEATH THAN
ANYONE. THUS
YOU EXCEL IN
ESCAPING
IT!!

YOU WERE BORN
FROM A CORPSE
AND BEGAN
YOUR LIFE FROM
DEATH
IN THE
MUD!!

BUT
TAKE
HEED.
**STRUG-
GLER!!**

WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!

THAT ALONE
IS THE SWORD
OF ONE WHO
CONFRONTS
DEATH!!

STRUGGLE.
CONTEND.
WRIGGLE!!

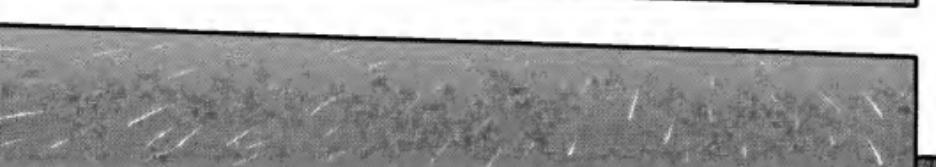
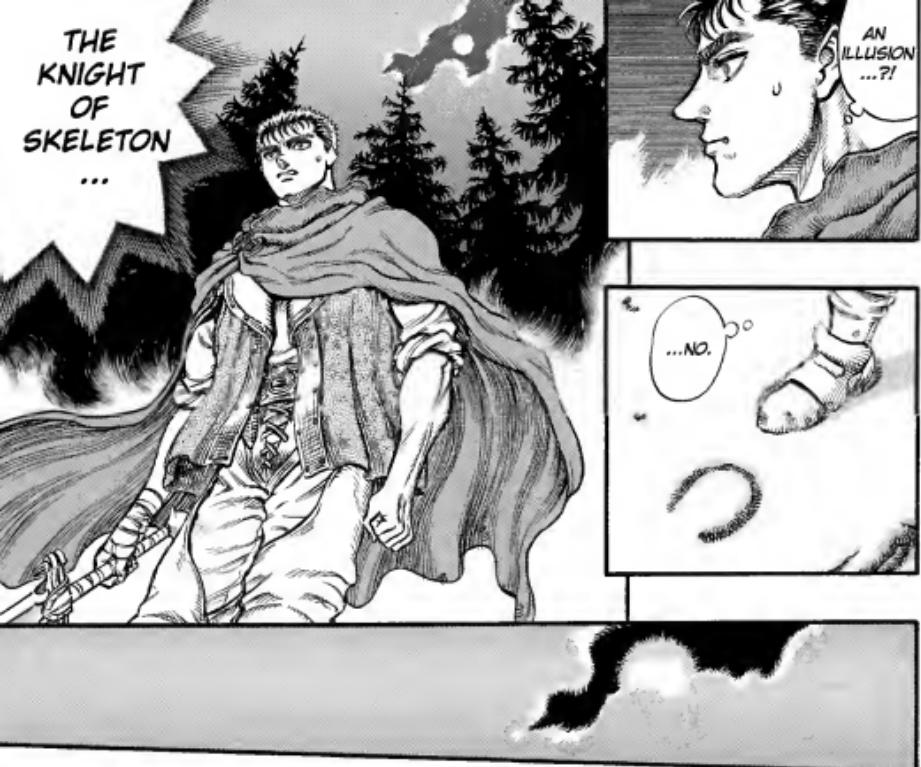
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YOU KNOW
ABOUT
ME...?!

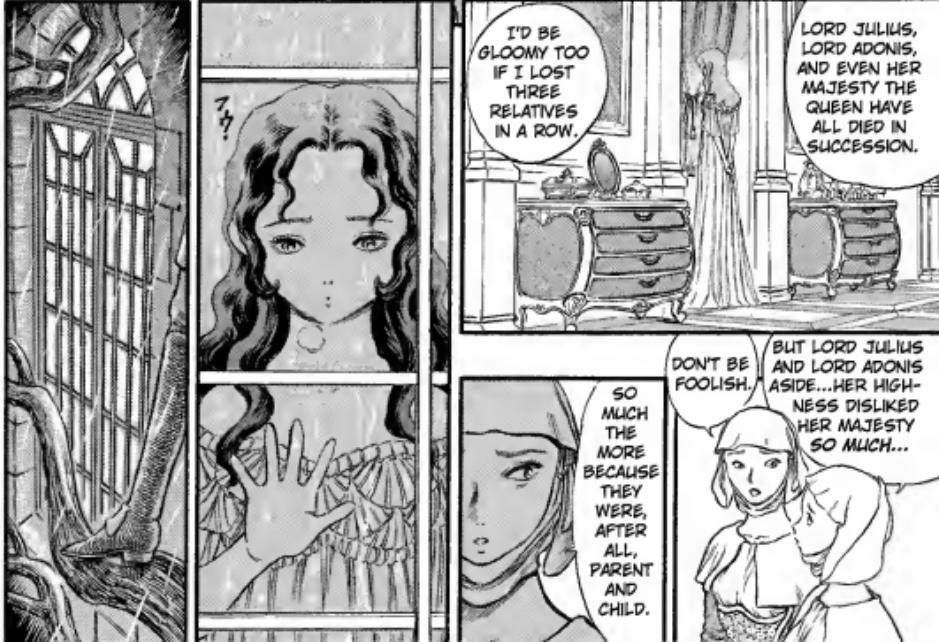
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FORGET
THIS!!



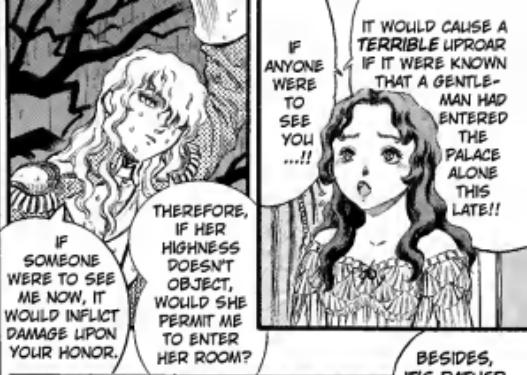
THE
KNIGHT
OF
SKELETON

AN
ILLUSION
...?!









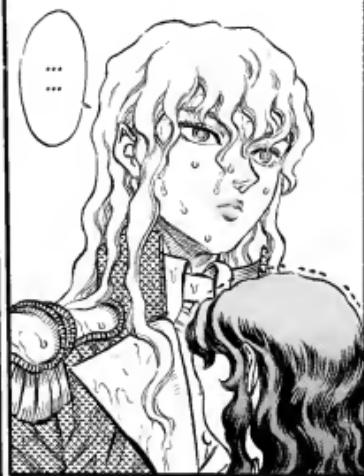
I'D WAKE UP SO MANY TIMES BREATHLESS FROM NIGHTMARES...THAT YOU HAD DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD...

I'VE BEEN SO... SO SCARED EVER SINCE THAT DAY YOU LEFT...

...



I passed out. When I woke up, then it was my stepmother who...I never did manage to come to terms with her!!! I didn't even try!!



KNIGHT OF SKELETON: END

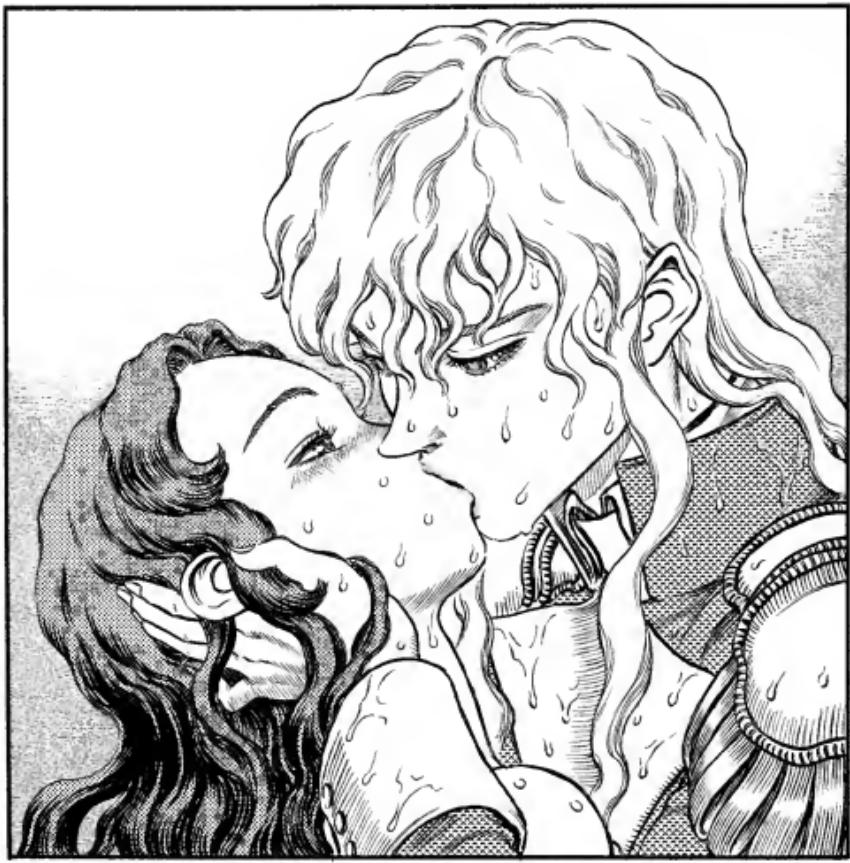
**START
OF THE
EVER-
LASTING
NIGHT**



パリセレク

果てしなき夜の始まり



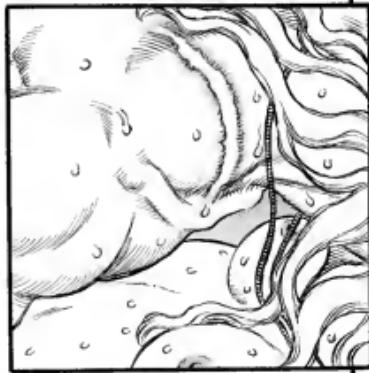












YOU
BELIEVE
THAT,
DON'T
YOU?

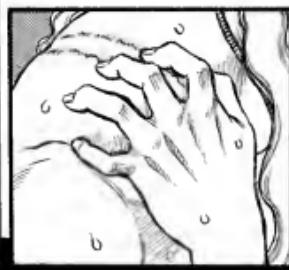




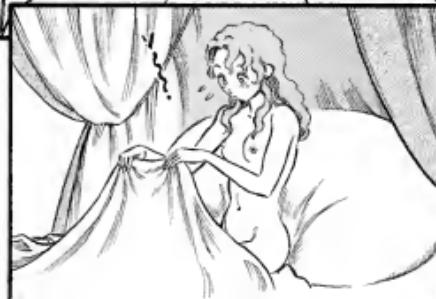


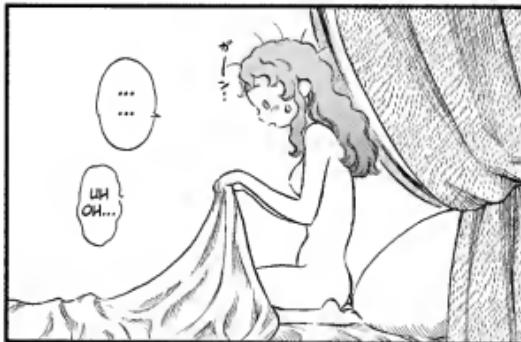


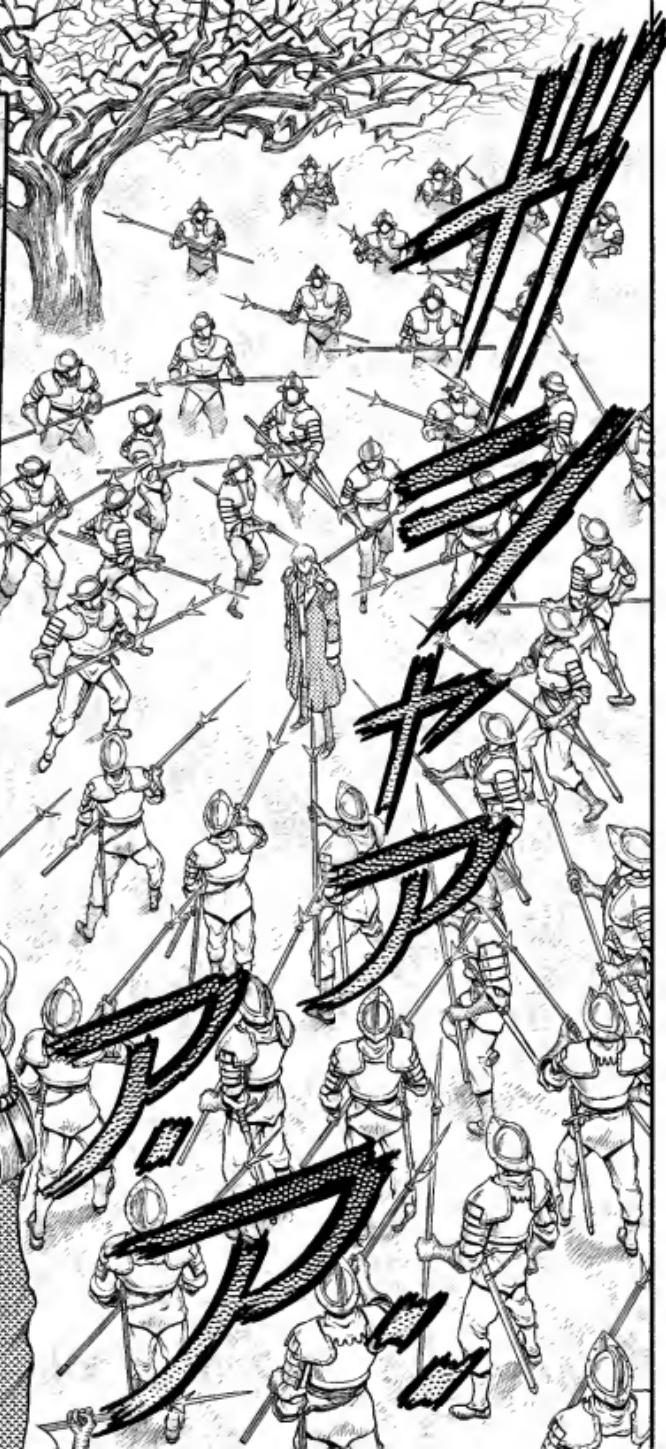






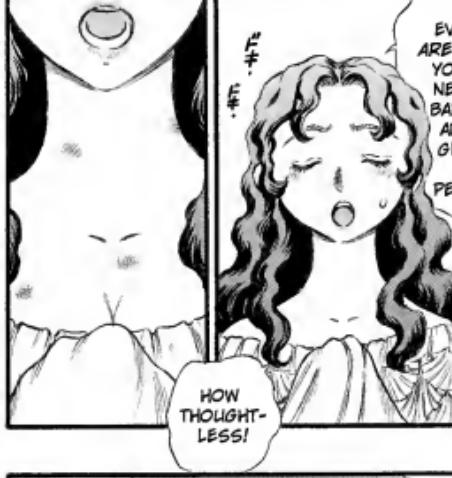








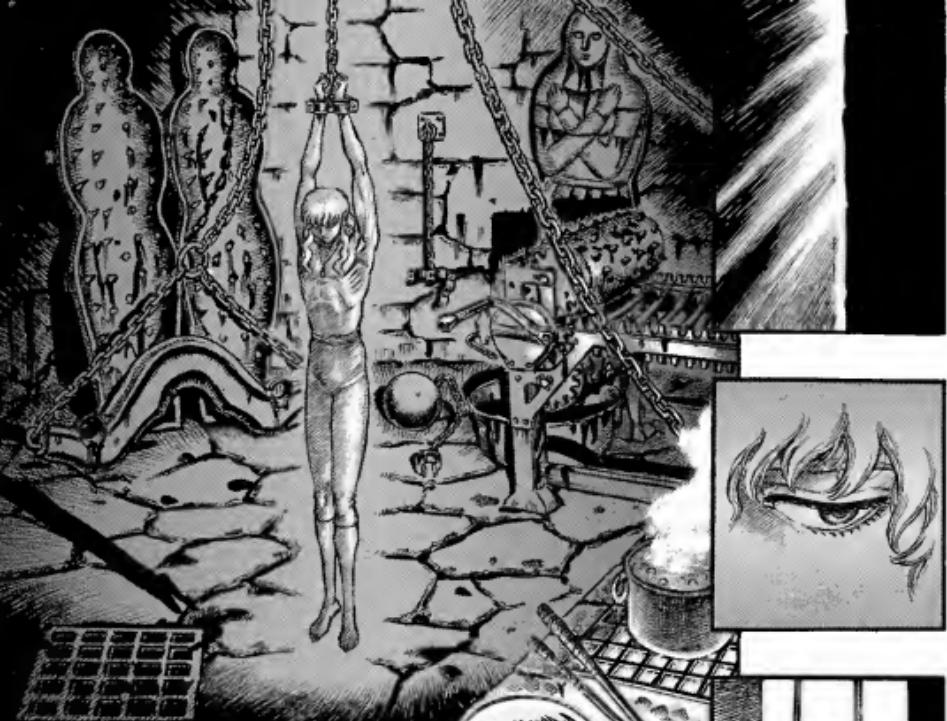








START OF THE EVERLASTING NIGHT: END



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THE
FALLEN
HAWK

墮ちた鷹

GRIFFITH...



...BUT THAT
THE STRESS
SHOULD
INSTEAD BE
PLACED ON HIS
ACTIONS AND
USE OF RE-
SOURCES.

FOR SOME TIME
I'VE HELD THAT
A KNIGHT'S
MERIT IS NOT
DERIVED FROM
LINEAGE OR
SOCIAL POSITION

...
THERE WERE
NOT A FEW WHO
SLANDERED
YOUR GROUP
AS A BAND OF
THIEVES, BUT
I DIDN'T
THINK SO.

EACH TIME
THE BAND
OF THE HAWK
DISTINGUISHED
ITSELF ON THE
BATTLEFIELD,
IT HEIGHTENED
MY ASSERTION.

THOSE
WORDS I
SAID TO
YOU THEN,
WERE NO
FICTION.

IT HAD BEEN MY
GREAT HOPE THAT
SOMEDAY YOU WOULD
HAVE SHOULDERED
A LARGE PART OF
MIDLAND'S ARMY
AS A MILITARY
GENIUS.





...BEHAVES WITH THE
RASHNESS OF SOME
TOWNSGIRL... HER
FRIVOLITY IS
EXCESSIVE...

THE
PRIN-
CESS
OF A
KING-
DOM...

MY
FOOLISH
DAUGHTER...



...FOOLISH
FRIVOLOUS
GIRL...

EVEN
THAT...

BUT
EVEN
SO...

IT'S AS IF
SHE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE OF
HER STATUS--
THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE
SUCCESSION
OF ROYAL
BLOOD...

I
WOULD GIVE
MYSELF...
EVEN THIS
KINGDOM IN
EXCHANGE
FOR
HER!!

...IS
EVERY-
THING
TO
ME!!!!

SHE'S
MY
WHOLE
LIFE!!



AFTER HOW MANY DECADES OF WAR AND HOW MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CORPSES, WE'VE FINALLY BUILT A TIME OF REMEMBERED PEACE, BUT IT'S ONLY FOR AN INSTANT!!

WARS RAGE ON AND THE PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE LOST LIKE THEY WERE INSECTS!!

WHAT VALUE IS THERE IN THIS WORLD?!

ON THE UNDERSIDE, THE MONSTER NAMED WAR IS ALWAYS SEEKING NEW BLOOD, STARTING TO BREW ITSELF ANEW!!

BLOOD-STAINED, MEANINGLESS WORLD...

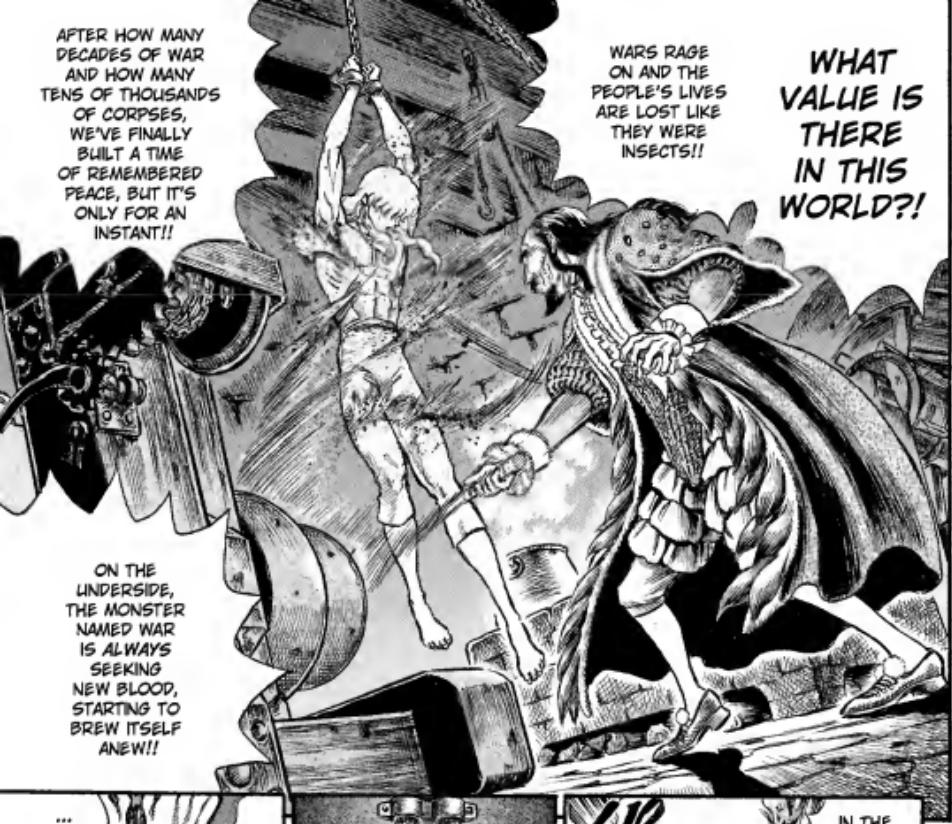
IN THIS ...

...IF THERE IS ONE SINGLE RAY OF HOPE TO BE FOUND...

THE WISDOM OF ONE MAN IS FOLLY!!
IN THE FACE OF THAT MONSTER, THE WILL OF ONE LAND'S KING IS POWERLESS!!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STOP!!

...AND YET, I CANNOT CEASE BEING KING....!!





...WOULD
HAVE
HAD
HER
YOUR-
SELF?

TO HAVE
BEEN WITH
PRINCESS
CHAR-
LOTTE...

NO...

RATHER
...

...THAT
YOU...

...WANT
HER
TO
HAVE
YOU?

DON'T
YOU...

...IS ACTUALLY
NOTHING MORE
THAN A LONELY,
MISERABLE OLD
MAN WHO CAN'T
FIND ANY REASON
TO LIVE BEYOND
HIS BELOVED
SEVENTEEN-
YEAR-
OLD
DAUGHTER...

THE GREAT
KING ON
THE THRONE
OF MIDLAND,
ONCE
RENNED
WITH MAJESTY
THROUGHOUT
ALL LANDS...

RATHER,
POLITICAL
MARRIAGE IS
THE WAY OF
THE WORLD
FOR WARRING
NATIONS...
BUT YOU'VE
REFUSED TO
LET GO OF HER.

IN PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE'S
SEVENTEEN
YEARS, THERE
MUST HAVE
BEEN MANY
PROFITABLE
PROPOSALS
OF
MARRIAGE
...

I HAD
THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE.

WH-
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?!



BUT
YOU'VE BY
NO MEANS
TRIED TO
HARNESS
THAT
MONSTER.





BE
SILENT
!!



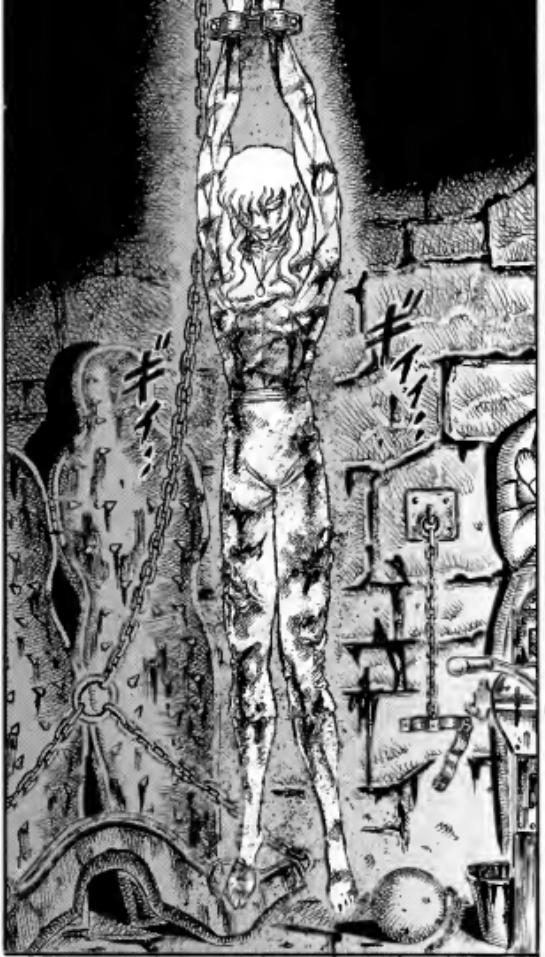
WHAT DOES
A FOOL LIKE
YOU KNOW OF
BEING
KING...?!

THE
LAND!!
THE
HISTORY!!

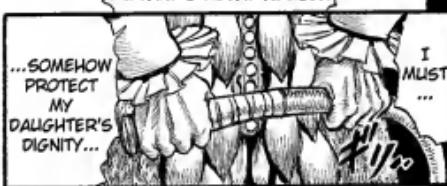
THE LIVES
OF THE PEOPLE,
ALL ON YOUR
SHOULDERS...!!



WHAT
THE HELL
DO YOU
KNOW?!







...THAT
THE
WHITE
HAWK
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

IT'S
DIS-
APPOINT-
ING.

...WOULD
DESTROY
HIMSELF
OVER SUCH A
WORTHLESS
MATTER.
I NEVER
WOULD HAVE
GUESSED...

NO,
THIS
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
YOUNG...

YOU ARE
YOUNG.
NO DOUBT
YOUR
HEART
BURNED
WITH
DREAMS
AND
AMBITION.

IF YOU
HAD BUT
KNOWN
YOUR PLACE,
YOU MIGHT
POSSIBLY HAVE
ATTAINED
THEM.

THE
HAWK
HAS
FALLEN
TO
EARTH.

IT WILL
NEVER
TAKE
FLIGHT
AGAIN.

...OF
YOUR
DREAMS
...
...YOUR
AMBITION
...
...EVERY-
THING.

THIS
IS THE
END...

UNTIL I SAY
OTHERWISE,
NO ONE IS
TO COME
NEAR THIS
ROOM.

AND
TRIPLE
THE
CURRENT
NUMBER OF
PALACE
GUARDS.



UNTIL A BIT
AGO SHE HAD
BEEN CRYING,
BUT THE
DOCTOR GAVE
HER MEDICINE
AND SHE JUST
FELL ASLEEP.













...YES.

THIS
IS...

...WORTH-
LESS.

...WORTH-
LESS.

ペルセウス

DEMISE OF
A DREAM

夢の終焉



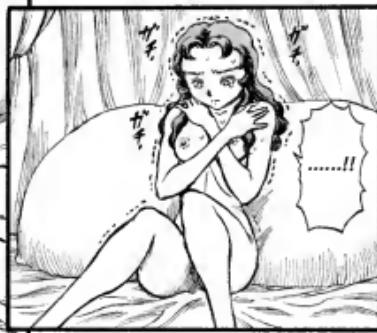


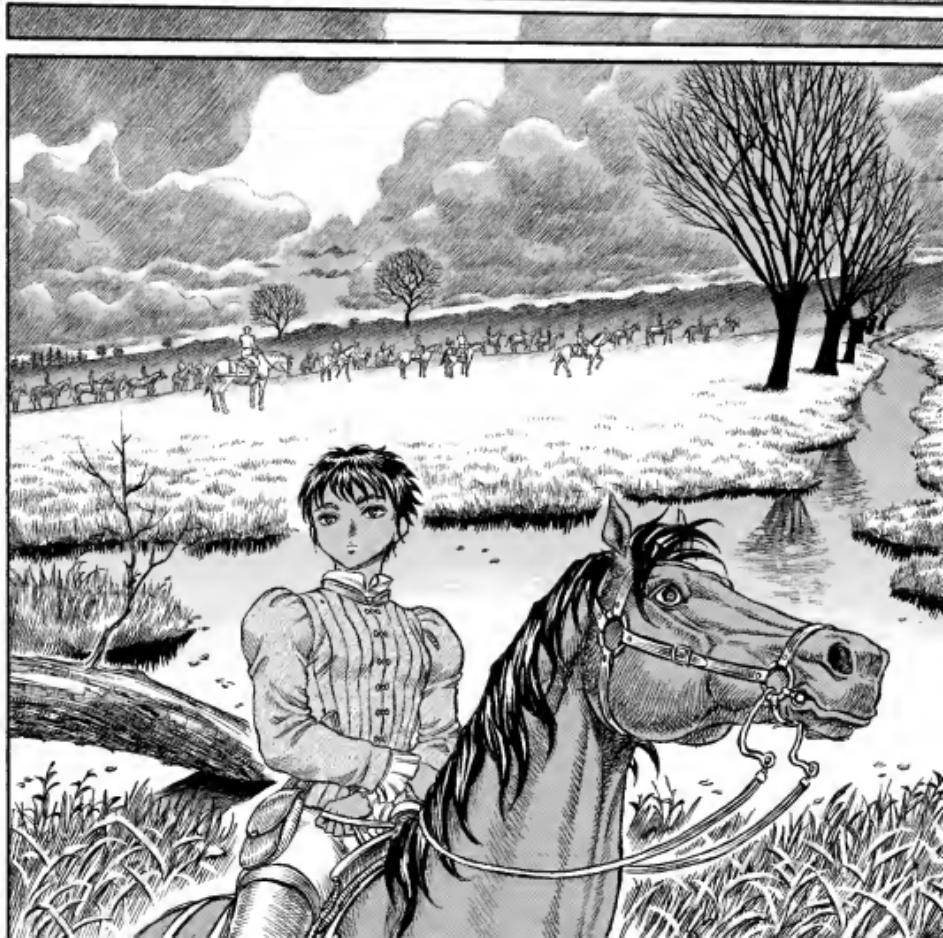


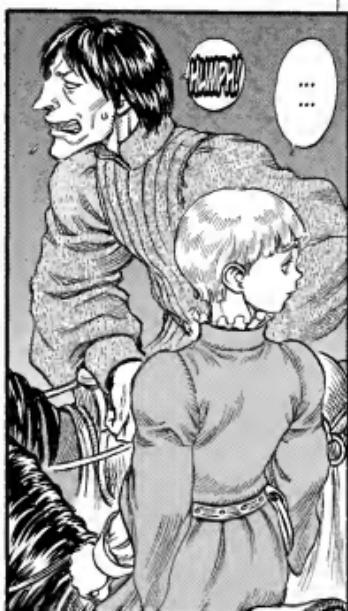




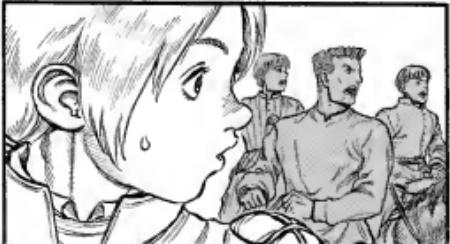




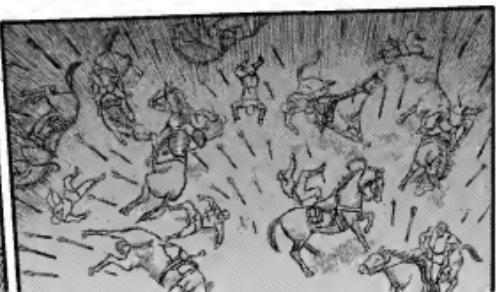


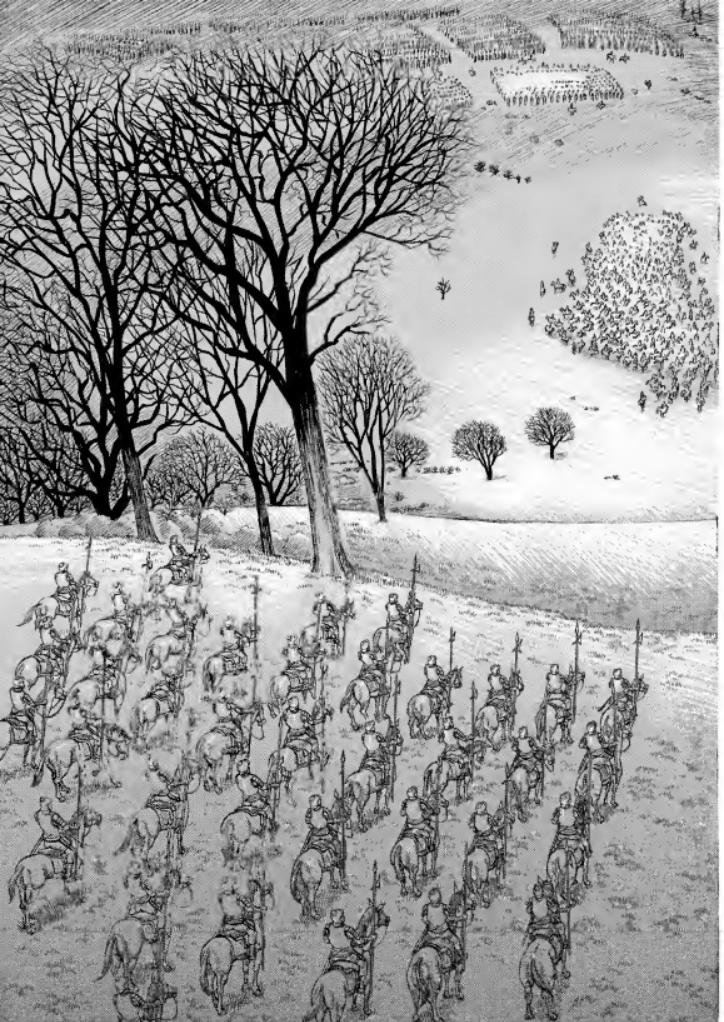


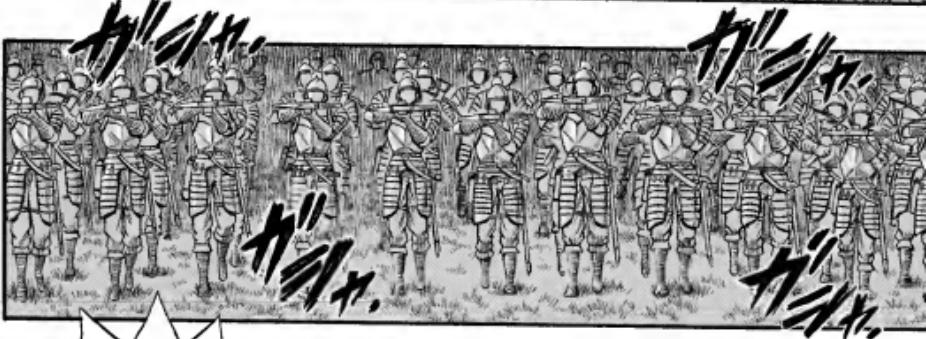














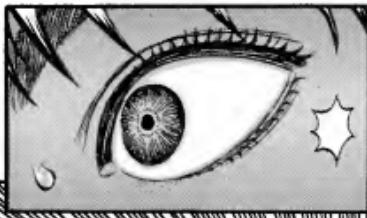
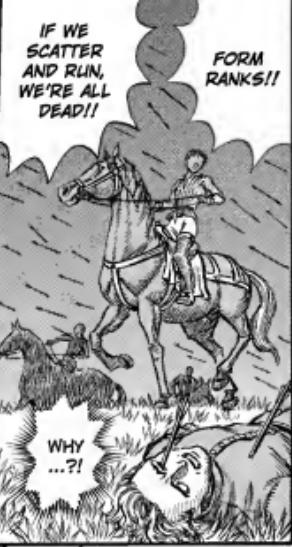
**WHY
?!**

GET
INTO
WEDGE
FOR-
MATION!!

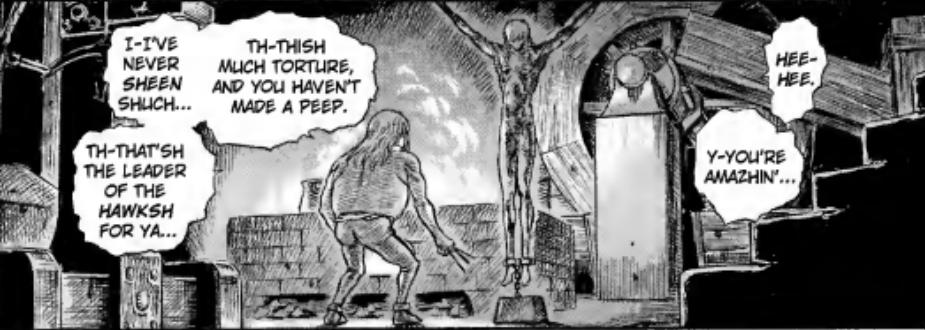
WE'LL
BREAK
THROUGH
AT ONE
POINT AND
ESCAPE!!

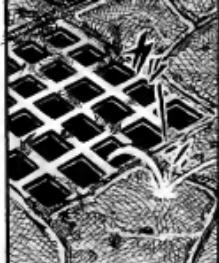
IF WE
SCATTER
AND RUN,
WE'RE ALL
DEAD!!

FORM
RANKS!!



GRIFFITH...!!





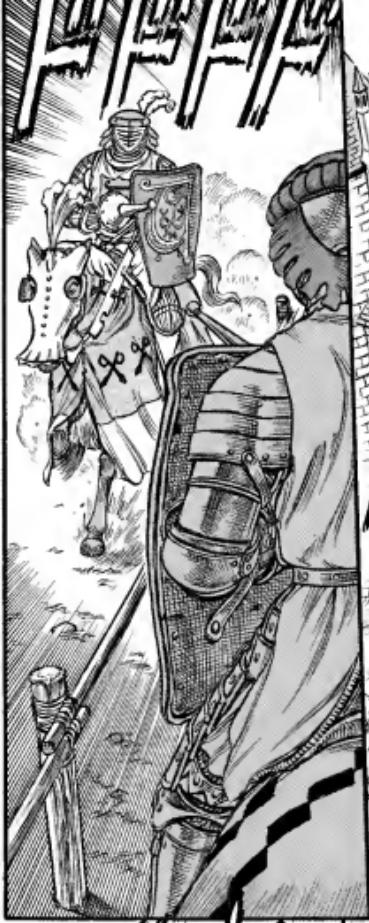
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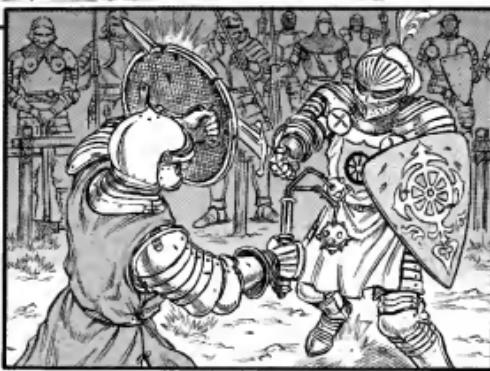


アルマツト

闘技会

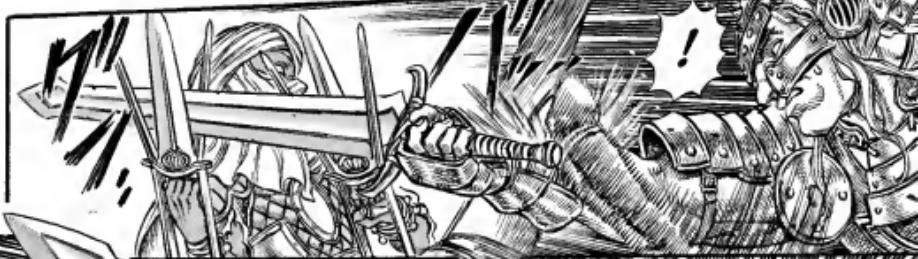
ARMS TOURNAMENT













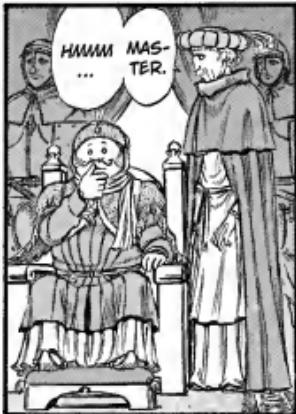


THE SWORD ARTS OF THIS LAND ARE DULL AND NARROW-MINDED.

IN THE FACE OF MY DEEPLY ROOTED HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING STYLE, THEY REMIND ME OF CHILDREN SWINGING STICKS.









SOUNDS PRETTY SENSIBLE, WHAT WITH THAT NARROW-MINDEDNESS OR WHATEVER YOU SAID.

DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS. THIS IS A FESTIVAL AFTER ALL.

YOU MEAN TO WIN BY USING THAT FREAKISHLY MASSIVE SWORD TO KEEP ME AT A DISTANCE. BUT THEN, YOUR STYLE OF SWORDPLAY CAN'T RESTRAIN MY MOVEMENTS.

...VERY WELL.

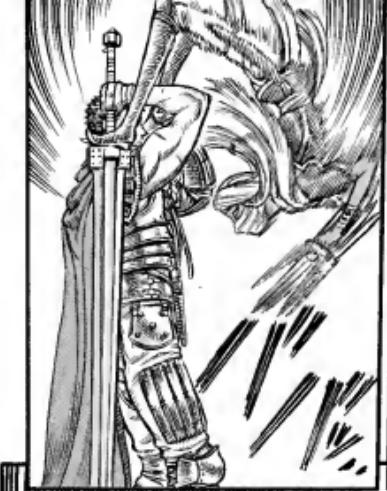
...IS A RATHER BORING THING.

A FESTIVAL WITHOUT BLOOD...









BOTH
HANDS
ARE
BARRED!!

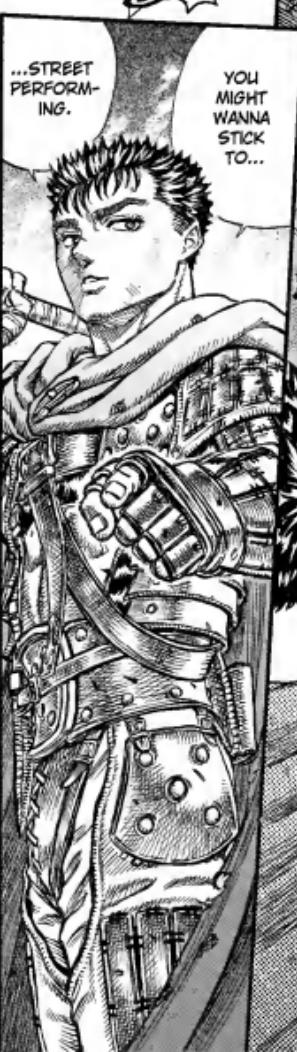
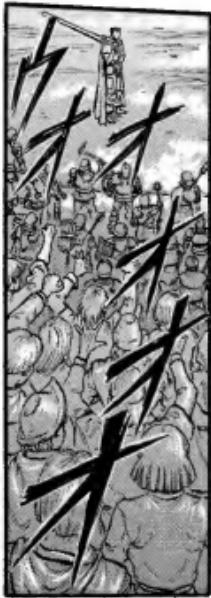


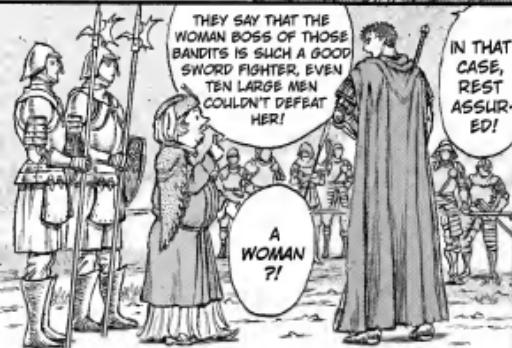
ENGARRDE!



IT'S
NO
USE!

AHH!!





*A
KNIGHT
ON A
JOURNEY
FOR THE
SAKE OF
LEARNING/ TRAINING.

THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK!!

R-RIGHT.



SURELY WORD OF IT'S REACHED YOUR EARS TOO BY NOW? THEY'RE A FORMER MERCENARY GROUP WHO CAUSED AN UPRISING A YEAR AGO IN WINDHAM.





THE FUGITIVES

ペルセウス
逃亡者たち









HE'S BEEN TORTURED FOR A YEAR, AND STILL IT GOES ON... SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE HEARD SOMETHING BETWEEN... SCREAMS... AND MOANS IN A VOICE LIKE GRIFFITH'S COMING FROM THE PRISON.



...EVEN THAT'S COME TO AN END...



BUT IN THE PAST MONTH...

GRIFFITH IS IN THE VERY LOWEST LEVEL OF WINDHAM CASTLE... SEEMS HE'S CONFINED IN A REALLY OLD UNDERGROUND PRISON.



IF WE DON'T HURRY...

EVERYONE'S AT THE PEAK OF EXHAUSTION. WE CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS FUGITIVE LIFE.



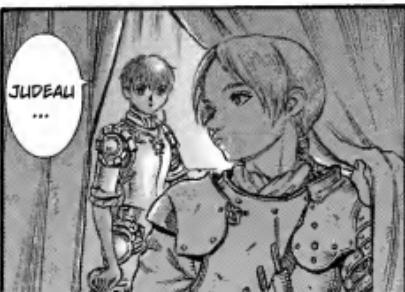
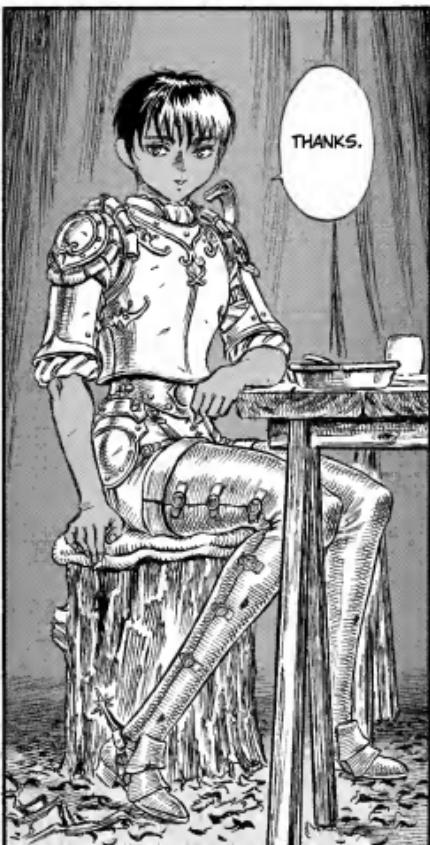
SURE, WE'RE THE ONES WHO LIFTED YOU UP AS OUR LEADER...

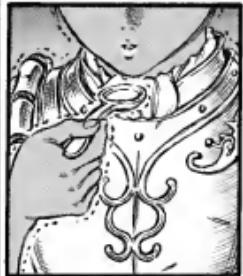
...BUT IS THERE ANY NEED TO BURDEN YOURSELF WITH EVERYTHING?

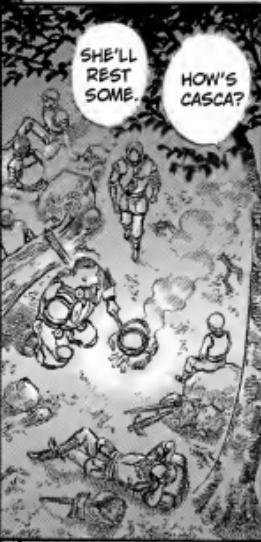
HAVE MORE FAITH IN YOUR COMPANIONS.

HAVE FAITH.

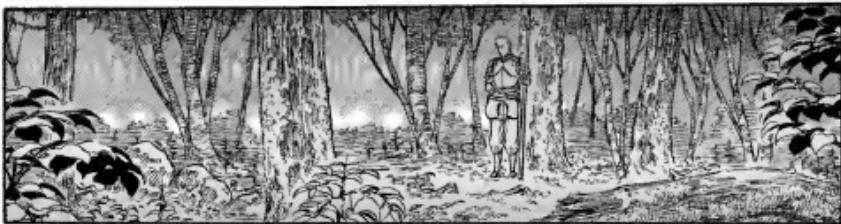


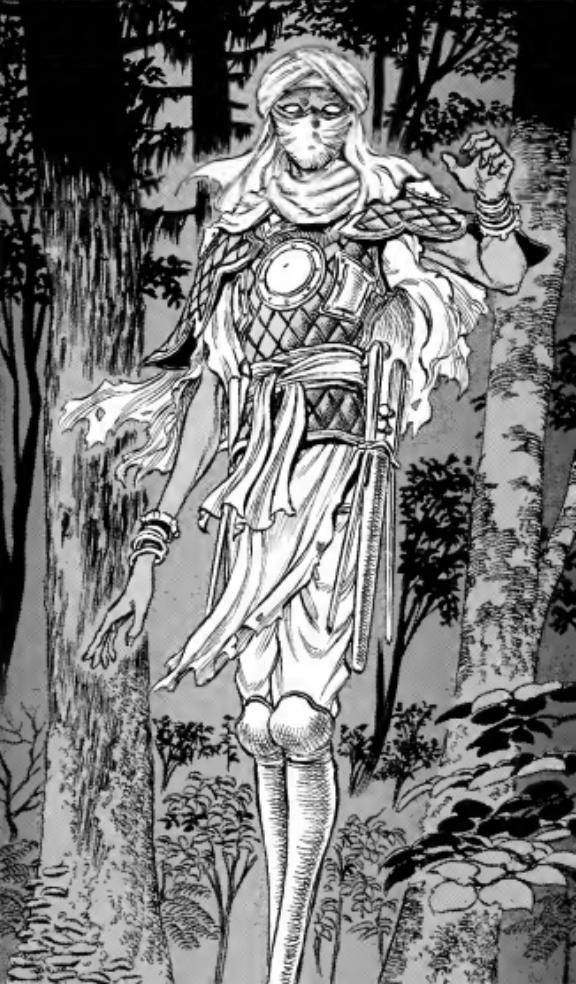
























IF YOU THROW DOWN YOUR SWORD AND ORDER YOUR MEN TO SURRENDER, FINE. IF NOT, I CUT OFF YOUR HEAD HERE AND NOW.

THE FIGHT IS MINE!

I'LL COUNT TO THREE. YOU SHOULD CHOOSE!!

ONE.

...

...

...

THREE

...

TWO.

HAST







DON'T LET
SOME STREET
PERFORMER
DO YOU IN.

PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER...

...UNIT
COMMANDER.



THE
FLIGITIVES:
END





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闘者

THE FIGHTER



THE
CAPTAIN
OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK'S
RAIDERS...

YOU'RE
THAT
FAMOUS
HUNDRED-
MAN
KILLER.





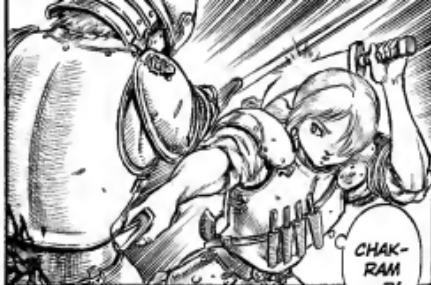
HERE
I'LL
WASH
AWAY...

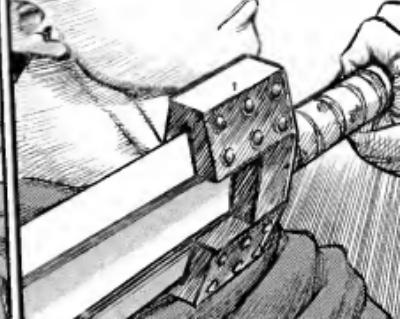
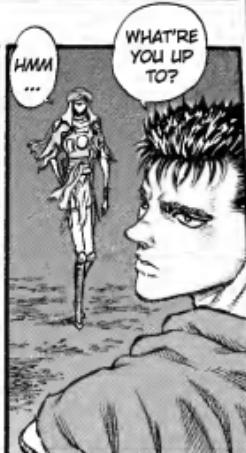


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NOW, I
WONDER
IF YOU
CAN
DEFEAT...











WHERE'D
HE PULL
THOSE
FROM?

YOU
EVEN
TALK
LIKE AN
ENTER-
TAINER.

THE
NAME
MEANS
"THUNDER"!

URUMI!!

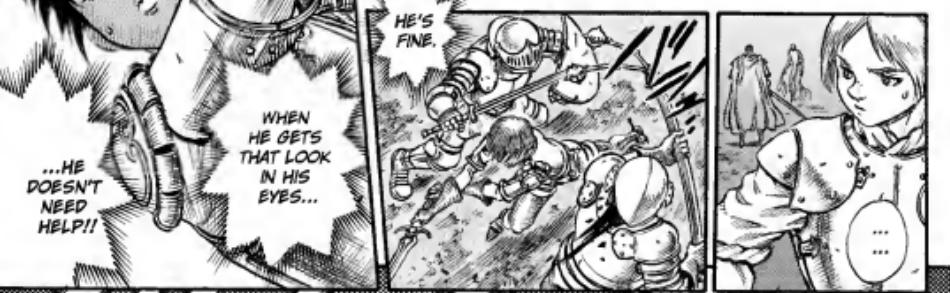
WHAT'S
WITH
THOSE
WEAPONS
...?!

AS THE NAME
SUGGESTS, ITS
POWER IS LIKE
A THUNDERCLAP,
AND IT'S THE
MIGHTIEST
WITHIN MY
ARSENAL!!

DRINK
OF IT
DEEPLY!!













I
ACCEPT
THIS
CHALLENGE
OF
YOURS!!

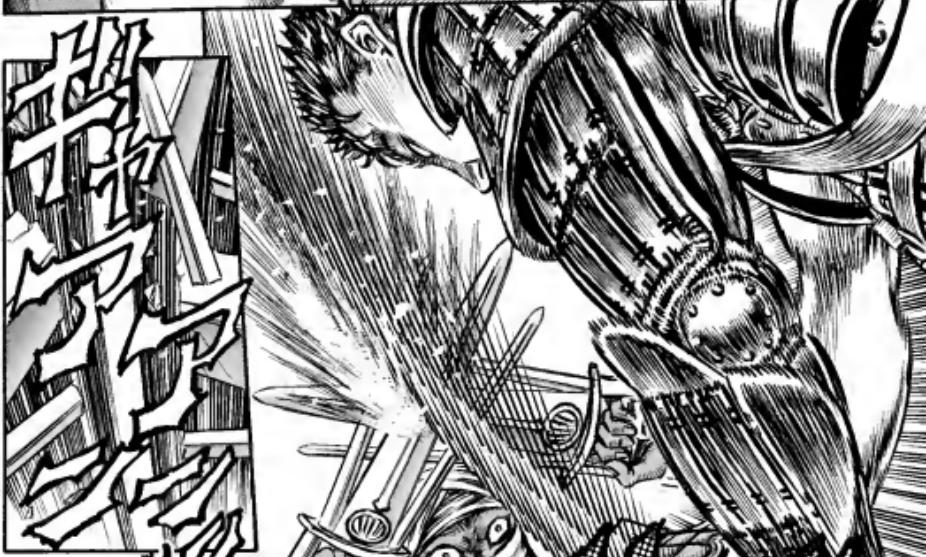
SO
BE
IT!!

SUFFER
THE
DANCE
OF TEN
BLADES!!















バトル

戦友

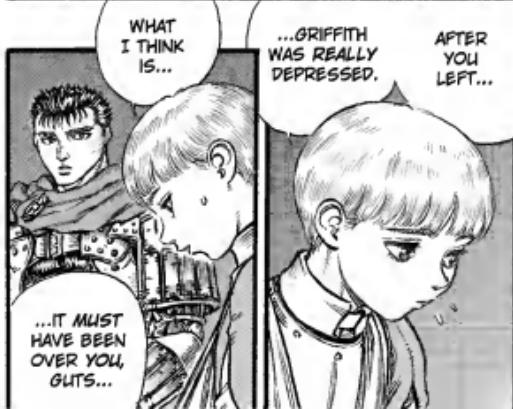
COMRADES IN ARMS













BUT,
HEY
...



HEH...IN
ONE NIGHT
THE
GLORIOUS
BAND
OF THE
HAWK...



SHE WAS AMAZING...
WITHOUT
ANY WEAPONS,
SURROUNDED BY
CLOSE TO TEN
TIMES OUR
NUMBER...

SHE RALLIED
EVERYONE, ON THE
VERGE OF PANIC WITH
ARROWS COMING
DOWN LIKE RAIN,
AND LED THE VANGUARD
IN BREAKING THROUGH
ONE SIDE OF THE NET.

SHE
CONTINUED TO
COMMAND US
ALL TO THE END,
NOT LOSING
CONSCIOUSNESS
EVEN WITH
FIVE ARROW
WOUNDS.

NOT ONE
PERSON
OPPOSED IT,
AFTER THAT
TERRIFIC
DEED.

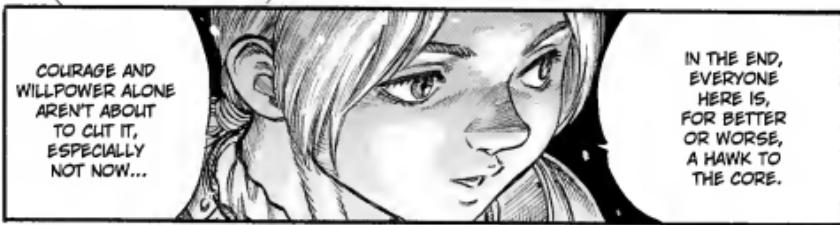
SO, SINCE
THEN CASCA
HAS
BEEN
ACTING
AS OUR
LEADER.

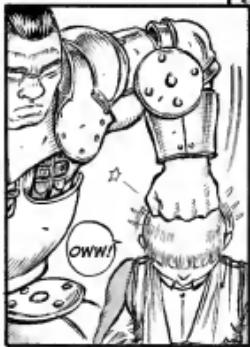
BUT WE'VE
GOT NO
ROOM FOR
ANY OTHER
OPTION.
TO BE
HONEST I
THINK IT'S
A LITTLE
UNFAIR
TO HER.

...IF THE
HAWKS
ARE TO
SURVIVE.
IF WE'RE
TO...

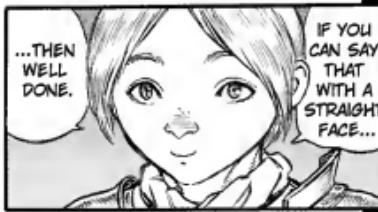
















I
GET
IT.



SAME
FOR
YOU,
RIGHT,
CAP-
TAIN?



THANKS
TO THOSE
WOUNDS
A YEAR
AGO...

...SHE SPENT
THREE DAYS AND
THREE NIGHTS IN
A COMATOSE STATE
NEAR DEATH.



...TO
GRIFFITH.



BE-
FORE
THAT...
WAIT A
MINUTE.

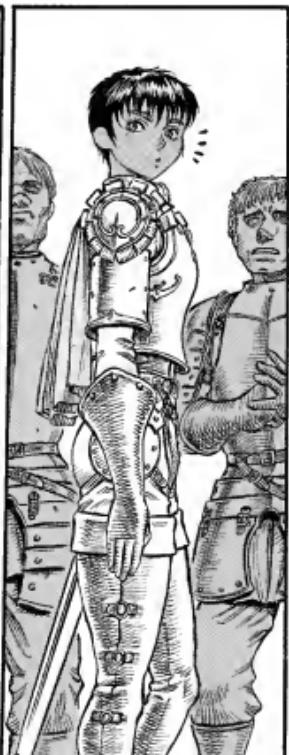
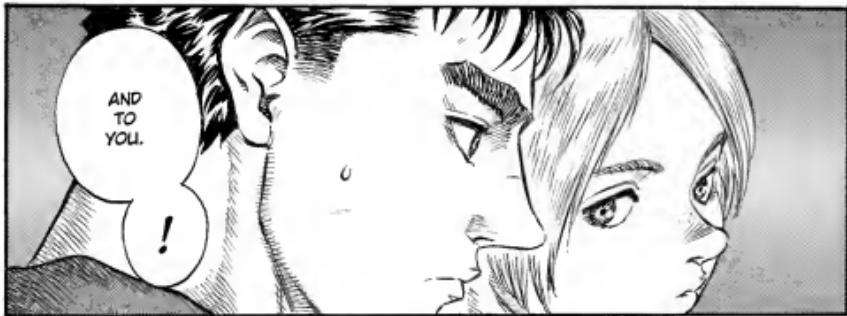


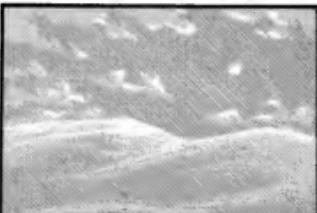
ABOUT
CASCA.



DURING THAT TIME
SHE HAD NIGHTMARES
AND CALLED OUT
OVER AND OVER...









天國



告白

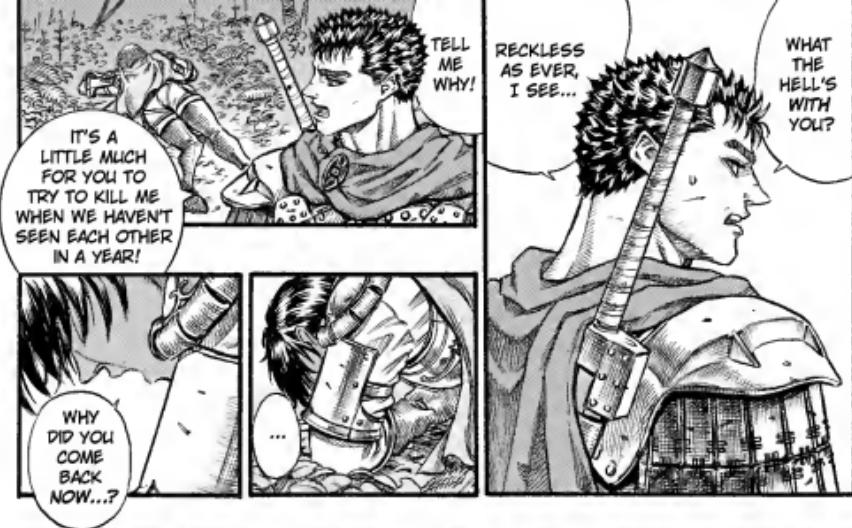
CONFESSiON

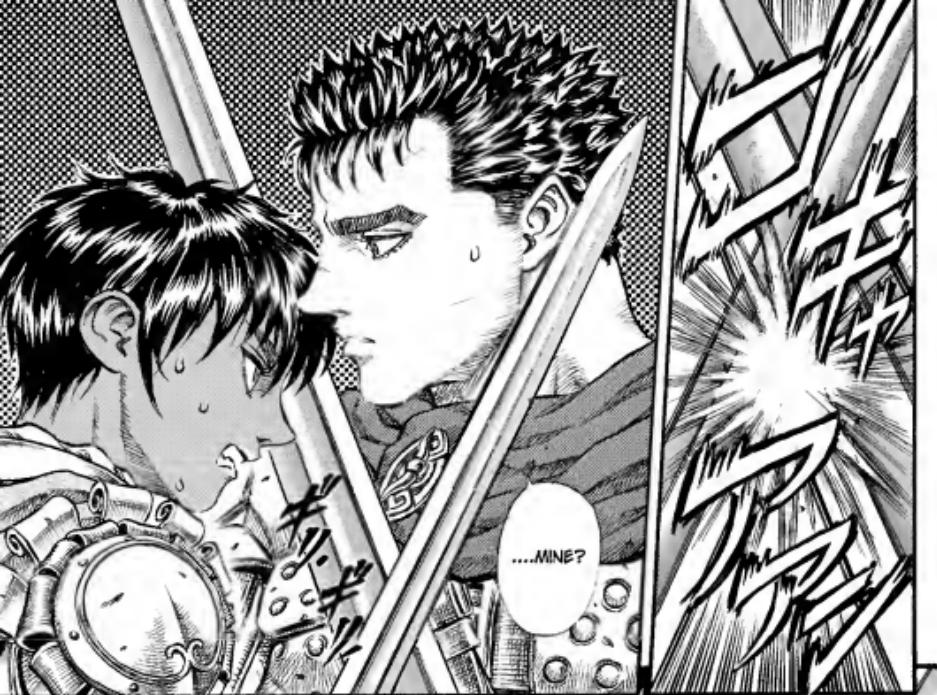


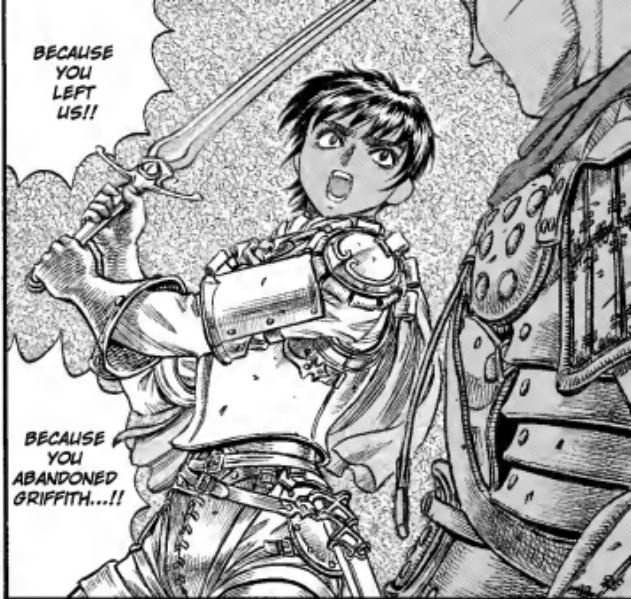










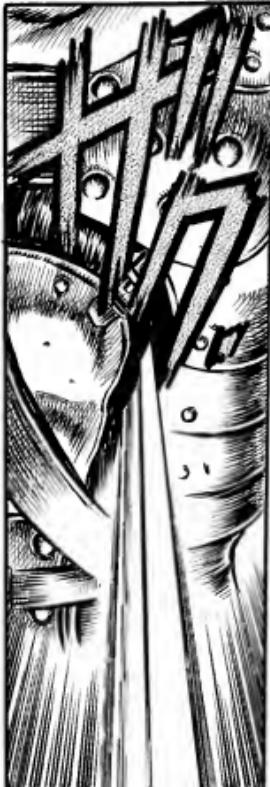


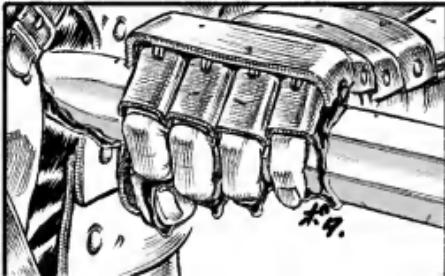


...NO
GOOD
WITHOUT
YOU!!!

GRIFFITH'S

...









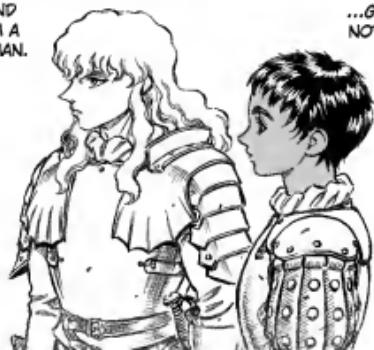
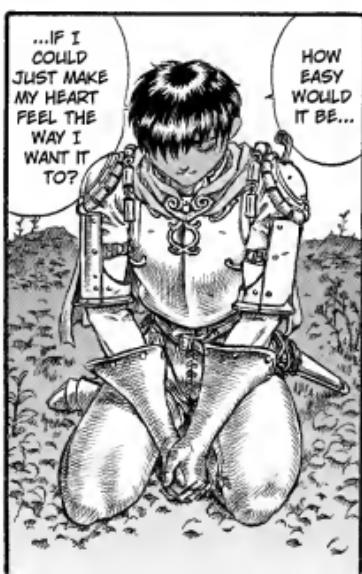


I
TOLD
YOU
BEFORE.

THAT
I WANT
TO BE
BESIDE
GRIFFITH...



I'M
SURE I
GENUINELY
MEANT
IT AT
FIRST...



...I FIGURED
HE'D BE
SURE
TO
TAKE
IT
SOME-
DAY.

AND
KNOW-
ING
GRIFF-
ITH...

...MARRYING
PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE
WOULD BE
HIS FASTEST
SHORTCUT.

! I'M NOT
STUPID. I
REALIZED IF
GRIFFITH SET
HIS SIGHTS
ON THE
THRONE OF
MIDLAND...

...HAPPEN-
ING
NOW...

MAYBE
EVEN
WHAT'S
...

I
WANTED
TO BE-
LIEVE.

...IT WOULD
BE ALRIGHT SO
LONG AS I COULD
BECOME SOMETHING
INDISPENSABLE TO
THE REALIZATION
OF HIS DREAM...

IF I
COULDN'T
BE NEAR
HIM AS A
WOMAN...

...I
THOUGHT
I COULD
BEAR
EVEN
THIS.
I
WANTED
TO BE-
LIEVE.

...THE
WAY
THERE
USED
TO BE.

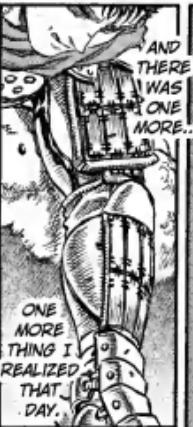
...THAT
THERE WAS
NO LONGER
ROOM
NEXT TO
GRIFFITH...

BUT...
...I FINALLY
UNDERSTOOD
CLEARLY THAT
DAY A YEAR
AGO...



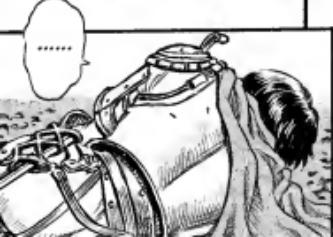






ONE MORE THING I REALIZED THAT DAY.









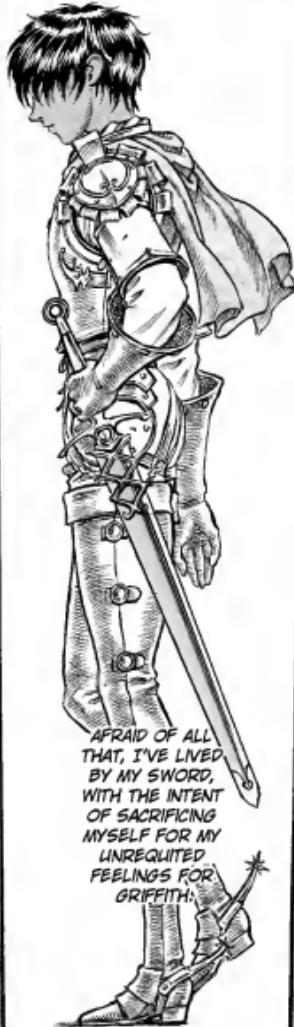


CONFESSTION: END

THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT
WHAT I HAD BECOME.

THERE IS NO
FALSEHOOD IN
THE WAY I LIVE.
THAT ALONE WAS
MY PRIDE...

IT WAS LIKE THE ME
I HAD BEEN SINCE
I MET GRIFFITH.....
LIKE THE FEELINGS I'D
HAD SINCE THEN WOULD
ALL BE FALSE.



A FRAID OF ALL
THAT, I'VE LIVED
BY MY SWORD,
WITH THE INTENT
OF SACRIFICING
MYSELF FOR MY
UNREQUITED
FEELINGS FOR
GRIFFITH;

BECUSE
IT'S WHAT
GRIFFITH
GAVE
TO ME.



I
FINALLY
REALIZED
THAT
DAY...

...THAT MORE
THAN GRIFFITH,
BROUGHT TO
HIS KNEES
FROM HIS
FIRST
DEFEAT...

...I COULDNT
TEAR MY
EYES AWAY
FROM HIM...

...AS HE
LEFT,
WITHOUT
EVEN
LOOKING
BACK.



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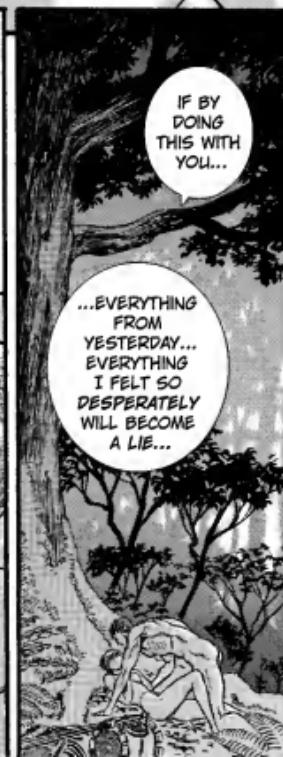
...BUT...

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WOUNDS CHAPTER







...INTO
A
BODY
WITH
THIS
MANY
SCARS.

NOBODY
LIES
THEIR
WAY...

I FEEL
IT TO THE
BONE.

I
KNOW
THAT!

YOU GET ALL
JEALOUS, YOU GET
MAD FAST, AND YOU'RE
QUICK TO HIT! YOU'RE
PLENTY WOMANLY.

I
GET
IT,
AL-
READY.

I KNOW
HOW
SERIOUS
YOU WERE.

I
UNDER-
STAND.

HE
WAS ON
YOURS
EARLIER.

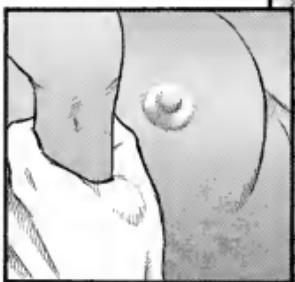
IF YOU SPEND TOO
MUCH TIME FOCUSED
ON THE DEAD OR
BROKEN, YOU'LL FIND
DEATH PERCHED ON
YOUR SHOULDER...

DID
YOU
KNOW
...

...THE
JINX
OF THE
BATTLE-
FIELD?

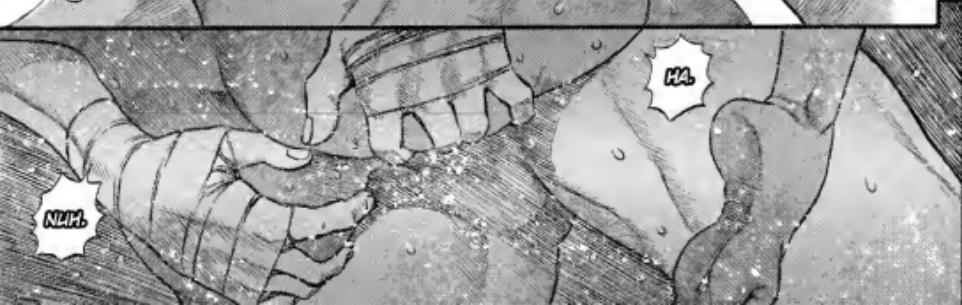
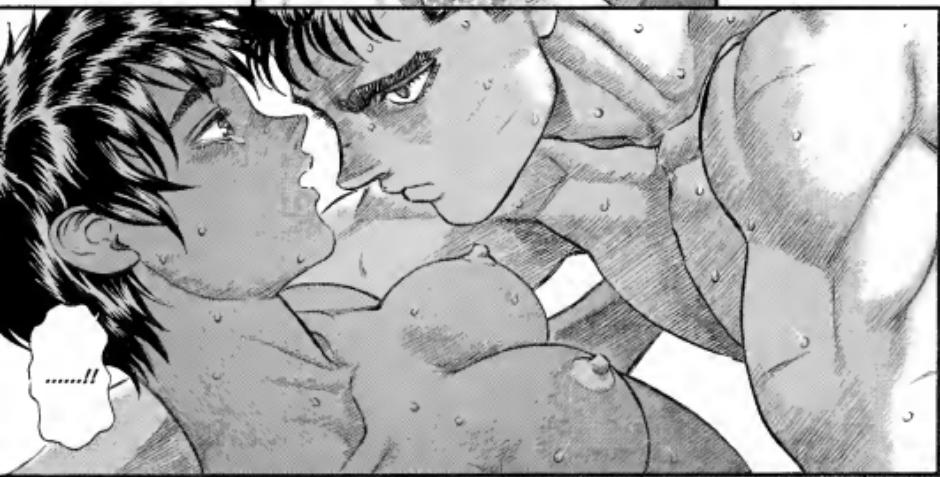












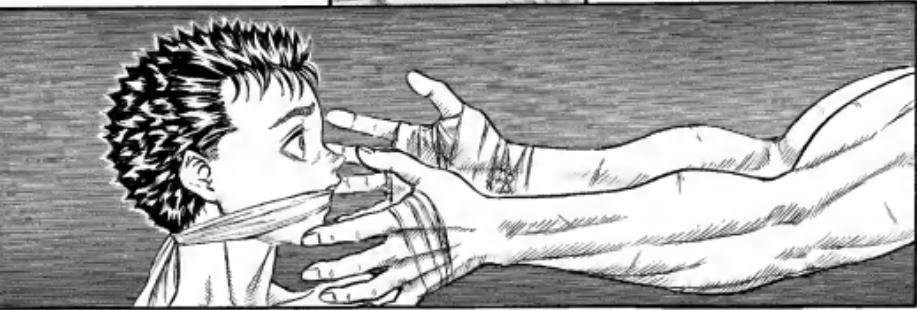






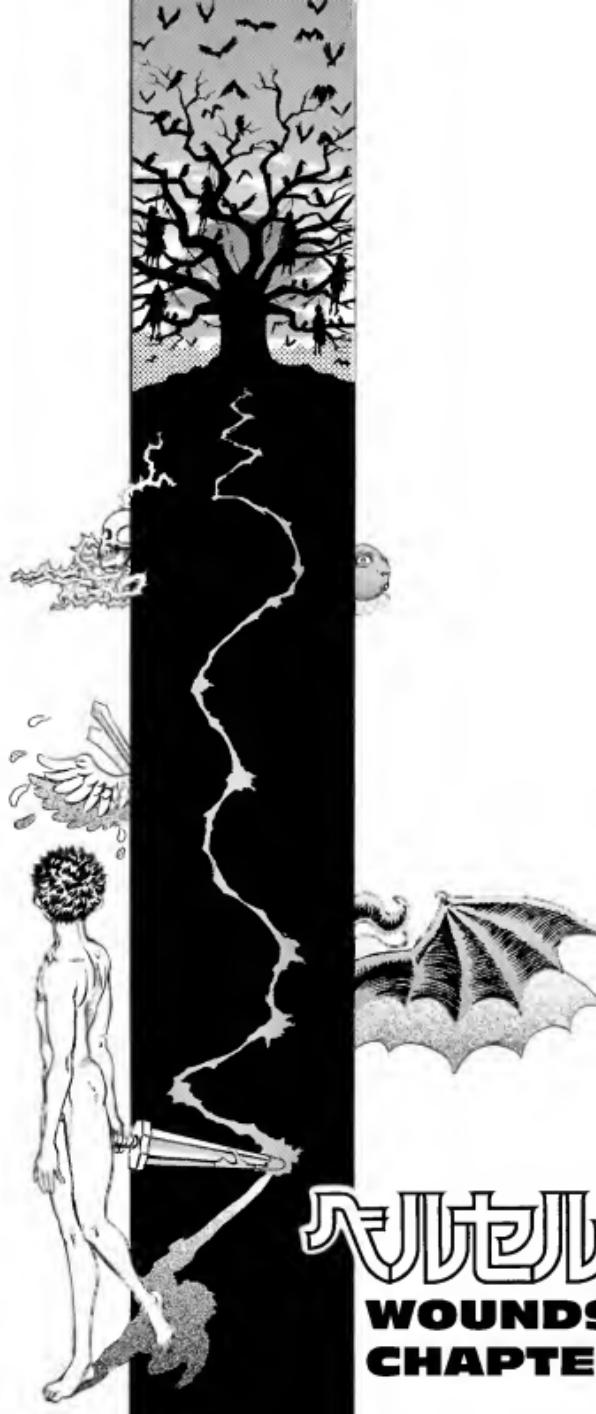








WOUNDS (1): END

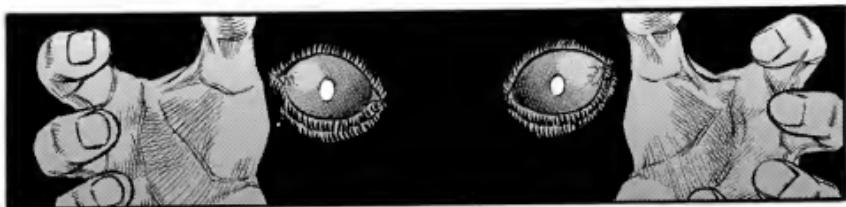


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**WOUNDS,
CHAPTER 2**



...SHOULD
HAVE
DIED.

YOU...















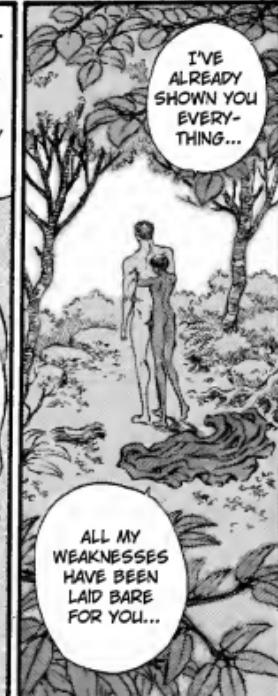








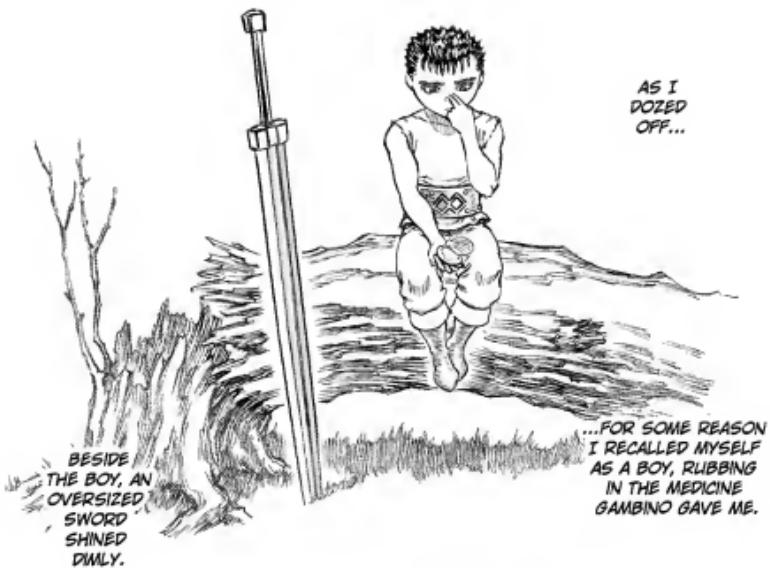












WOUNDS (2): END



!STOP

This is the back of the book!

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