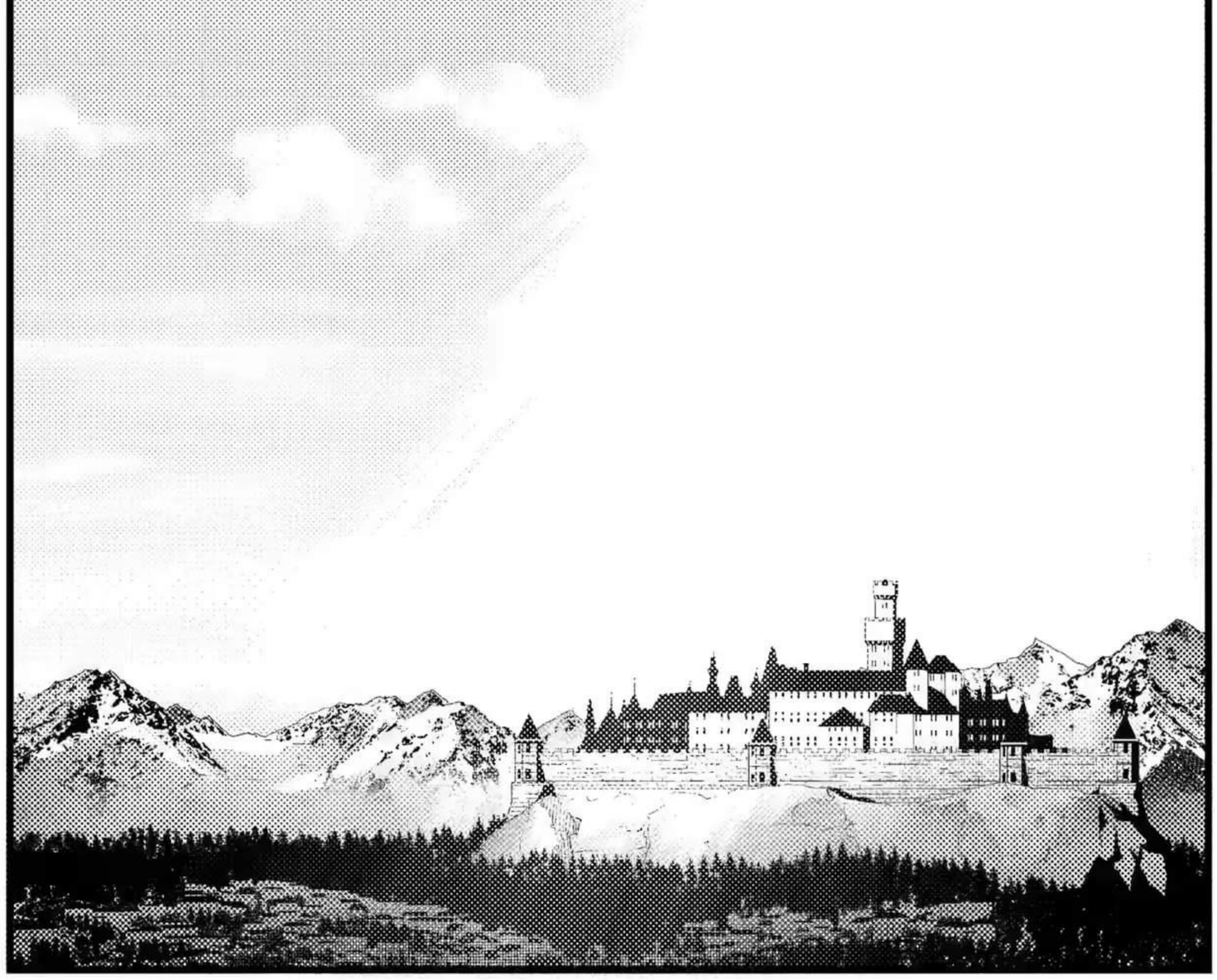


AAH.

TO CUT TO THE CHASE...

I HAVE MEMORIES OF MY PREVIOUS LIFE.

FLAP

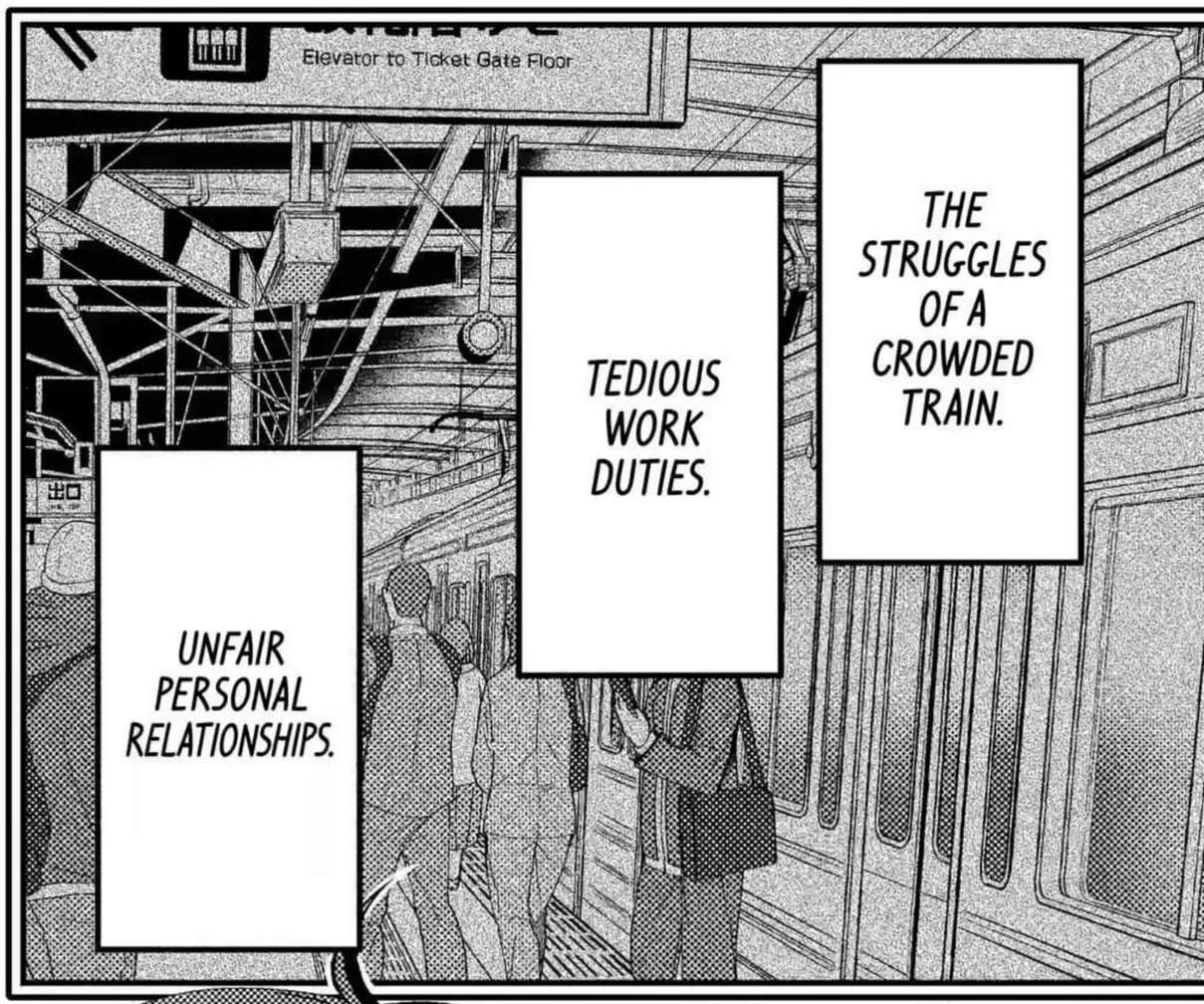
FLAP

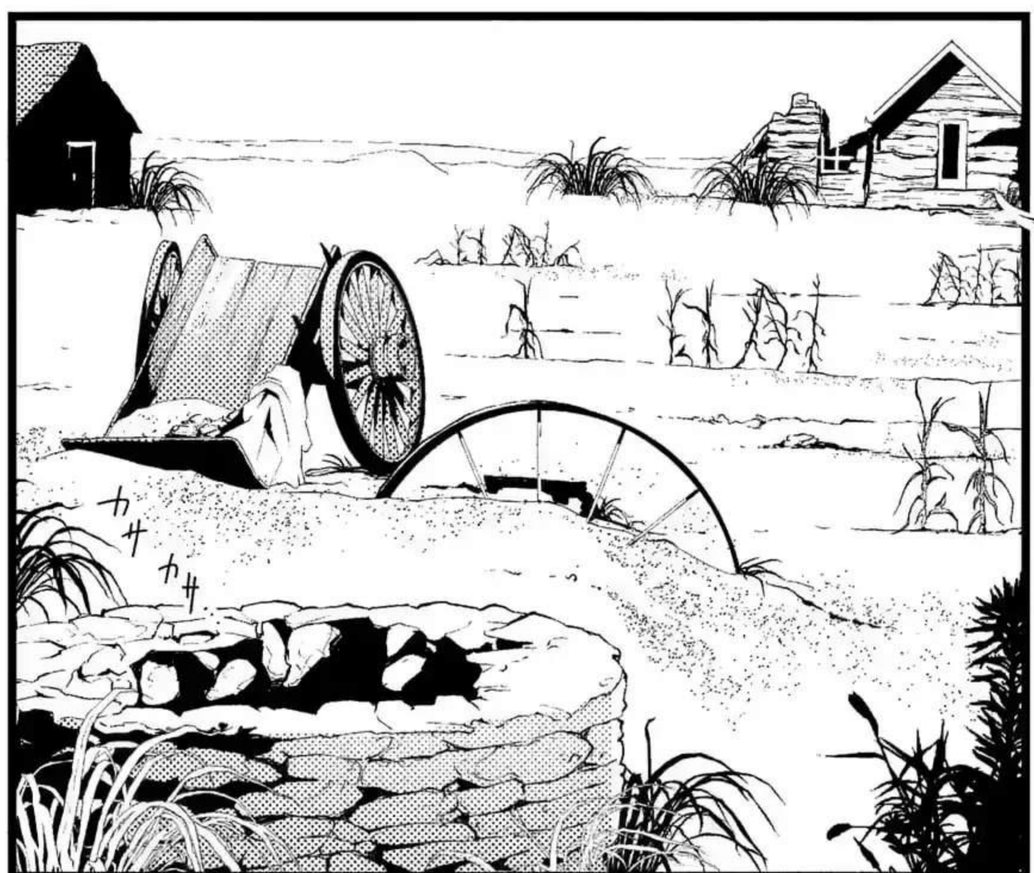
CALTAROSSA KINGDOM
THIRD PRINCE
HERO CALTAROSSA

IN THAT LIFE, I WAS A JAPANESE OFFICE WORKER.

I WOKE UP IN ANOTHER WORLD REINCARNATED AS A PRINCE.

FREED FROM THAT LIFE...





THIS COUNTRY...
...IS STUCK IN INESCAPABLE POVERTY.

CHAPTER 1: THE REINCARNATED PRINCE AWAKENS

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GA-ING
SWOOSH

URK

SHOCK!!

STP

CHK

WOOSH

GAH!

TOO SHALLOW!

I FINALLY BEAT YOU, HEATH!

Oh my.

HOW YOU'VE GROWN, PRINCE HERO!

TO BEST ME IN A MERE TWO YEARS IS REALLY SOMETHING!

SWORD INSTRUCTOR
HEAD OF THE CRULFORD FAMILY
HEATH CRULFORD

Pheeeew

CHNK
チニッ

YOU LEARN LIKE A SPONGE!

NOT AT ALL, MY LOSS WAS A MATTER OF TIME.

BUT I NEVER COULD HAVE BEATEN YOU DURING YOUR GLORY DAYS.

THANK YOU!

...

AT THIS RATE, I'M CONFIDENT IN YOUR ABILITIES SHOULD THERE EVER BE AN INVASION.

Ha ha ha!

Ha ha...

THIS COUNTRY ISN'T EVEN WORTH INVADING...

THIS DESPAIR-RIDDEN COUNTRY...

OUR IMMENSE DEBTS HAVE AFFORDED US A BLIND EYE BY OTHER NATIONS.

EVEN IF WE WERE CONQUERED, THERE'S NOTHING TO PLUNDER.

THE TINY COUNTRY I WAS BORN IN,

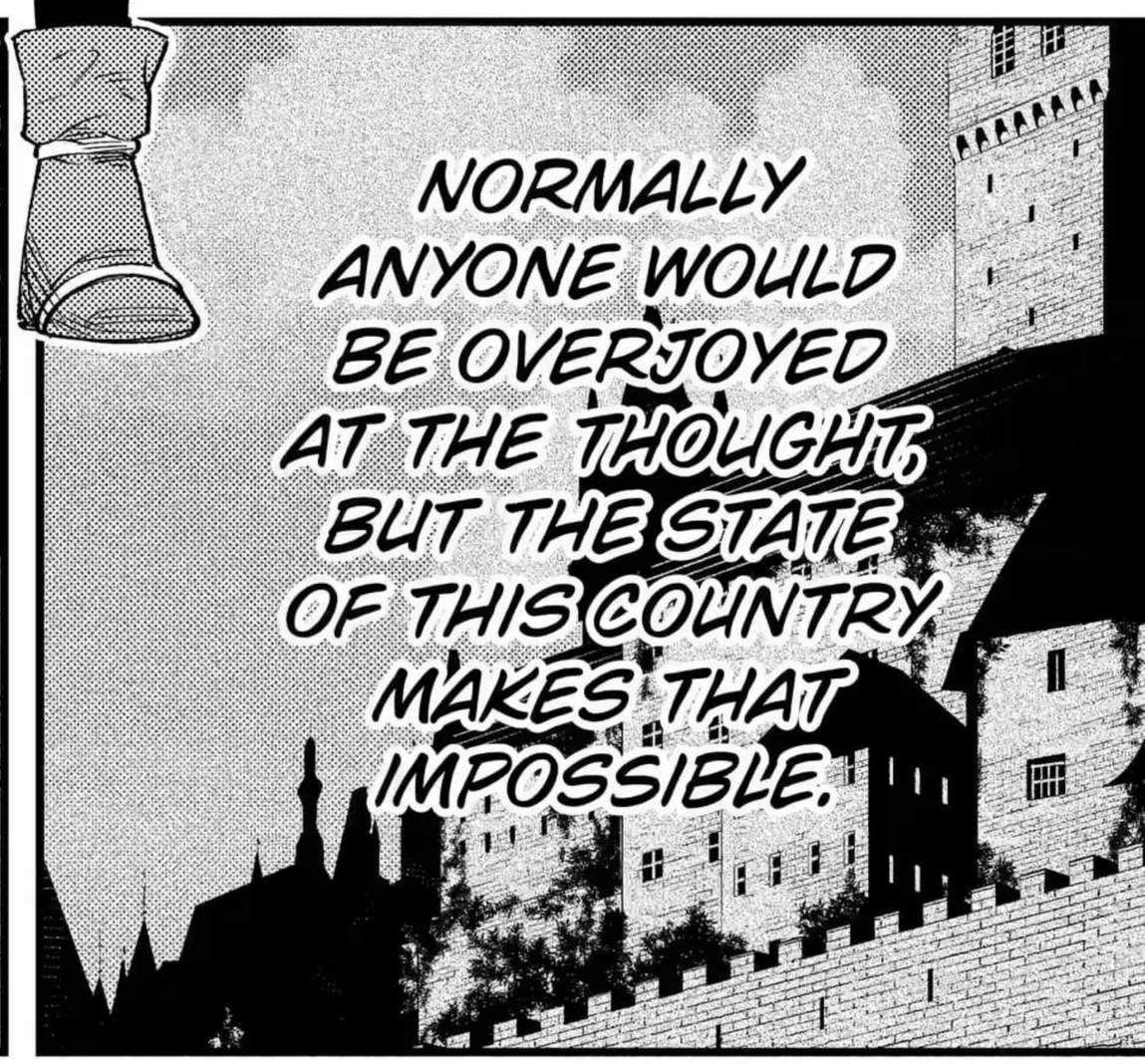
WITH A POPULATION OF JUST 1000 PEOPLE.

...IS THE KINGDOM OF CALTAROSSA.

SO CHANCES ARE I'LL END UP IN THE SEAT OF KING.

I HAVE TWO OUTSTANDING BUT UNRELIABLE OLDER BROTHERS...

NOT TO MENTION I'M THE THIRD PRINCE OF THIS KINGDOM.



Sigh...

IT'S HOPELESS...

WELL, IT'S BECAUSE OUR LANDS ARE BARREN AND WE'RE LIMITED IN THE KINDS OF CROPS WE CAN GROW.

I KNOW I KEEP ASKING YOU THIS, BUT WHY DO YOU OF ALL PEOPLE HAVE TO GO HELP THEM?

SHALL WE GET GOING, HEATH?

I WANT TO EXPAND OUR FIELDS WHILE WE STILL CAN.

CHEER

GUYS, LET SHOW HIM THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TODAY!

PRINCE HERO, YOU CAME AGAIN TODAY?!

HEY, IT'S PRINCE HERO!

YOU SEE, THERE'S THIS TREE THAT'S CAUSING US SOME ISSUES.

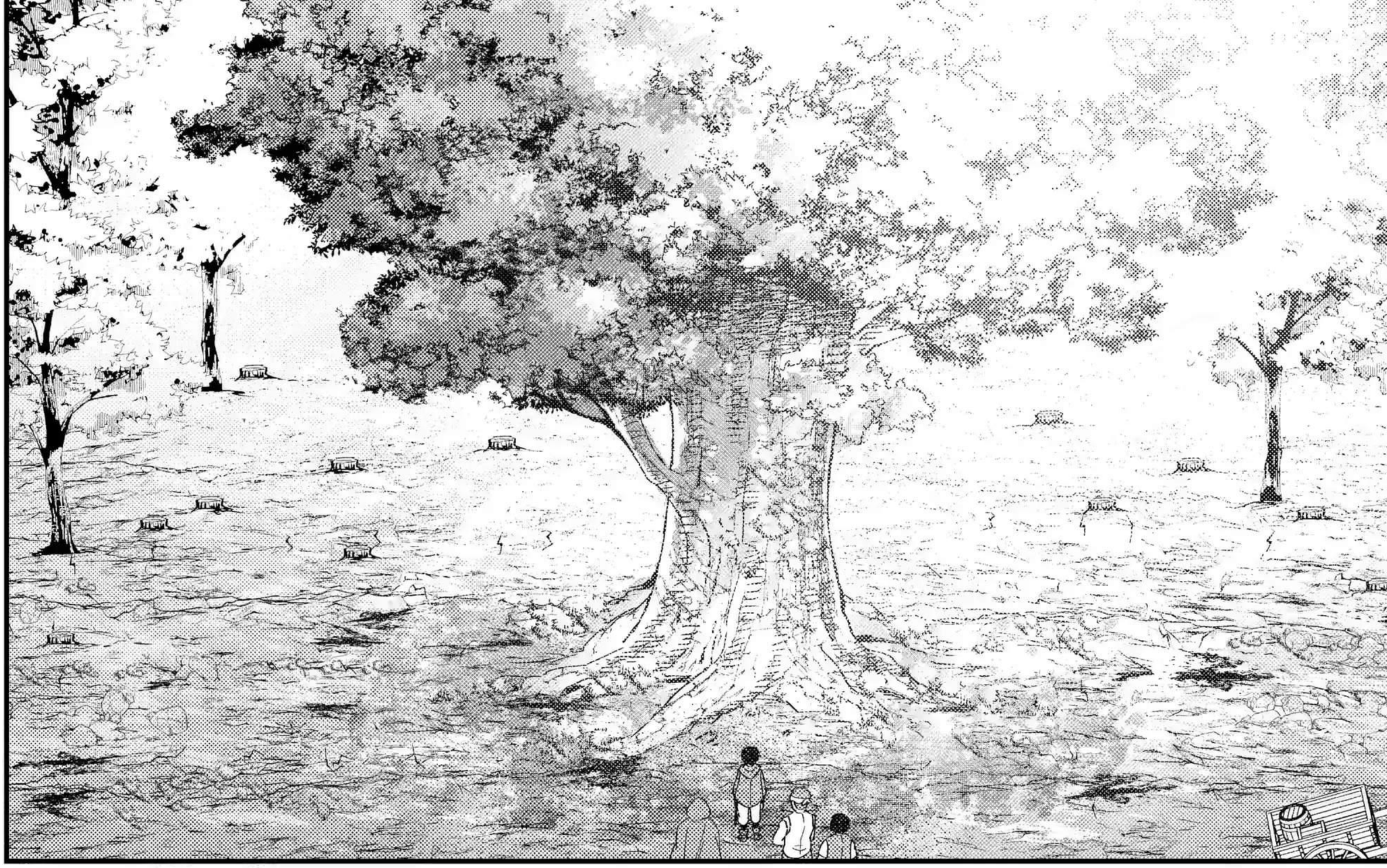
THE DIGGING WAS GOING WELL UNTIL RECENTLY.

I'M WORN OUT FROM LEVELING THE GROUND ALL MORNING!

Ha ha ha!

HOW'S IT ALL GOING?

A TREE?



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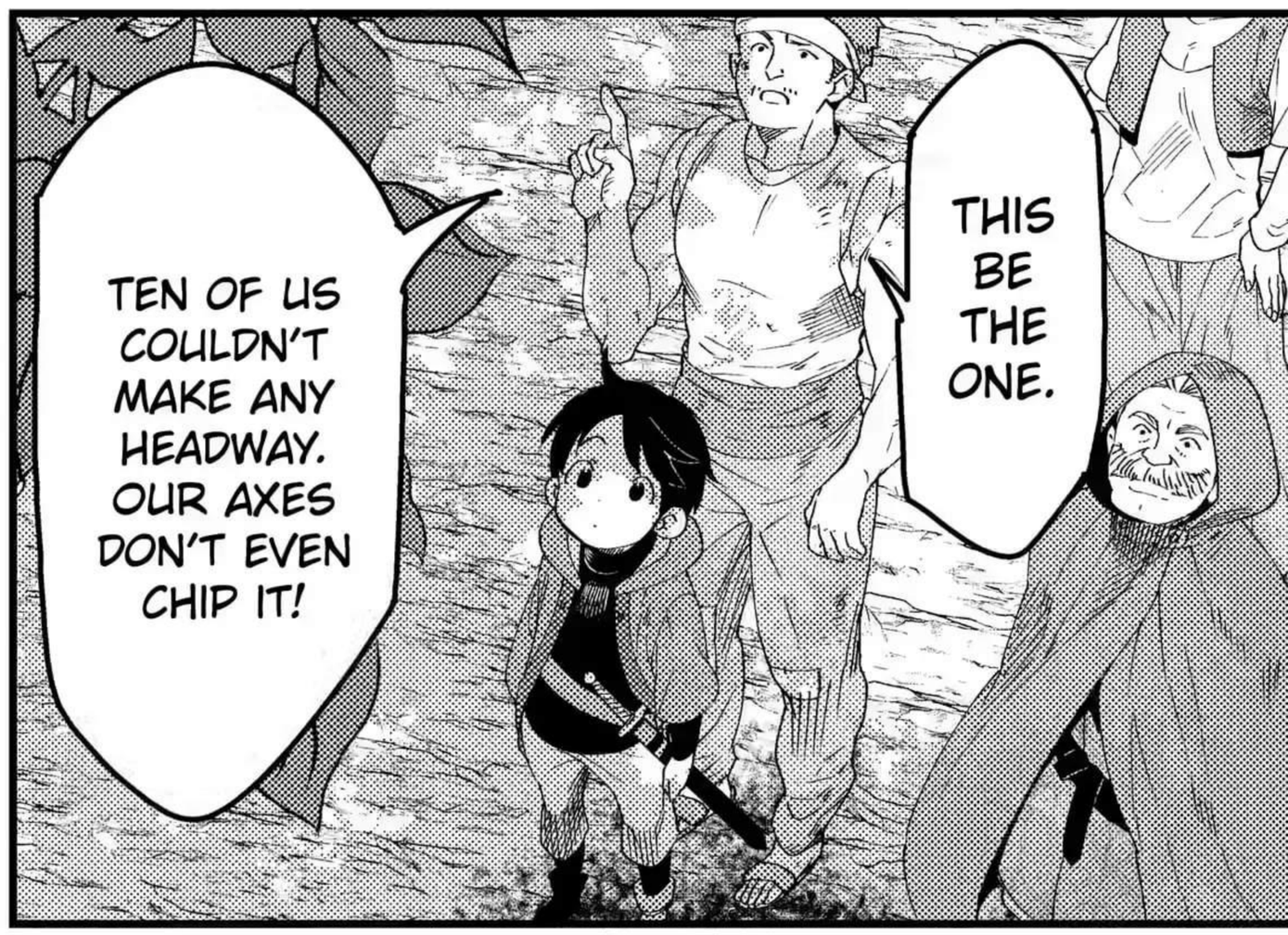
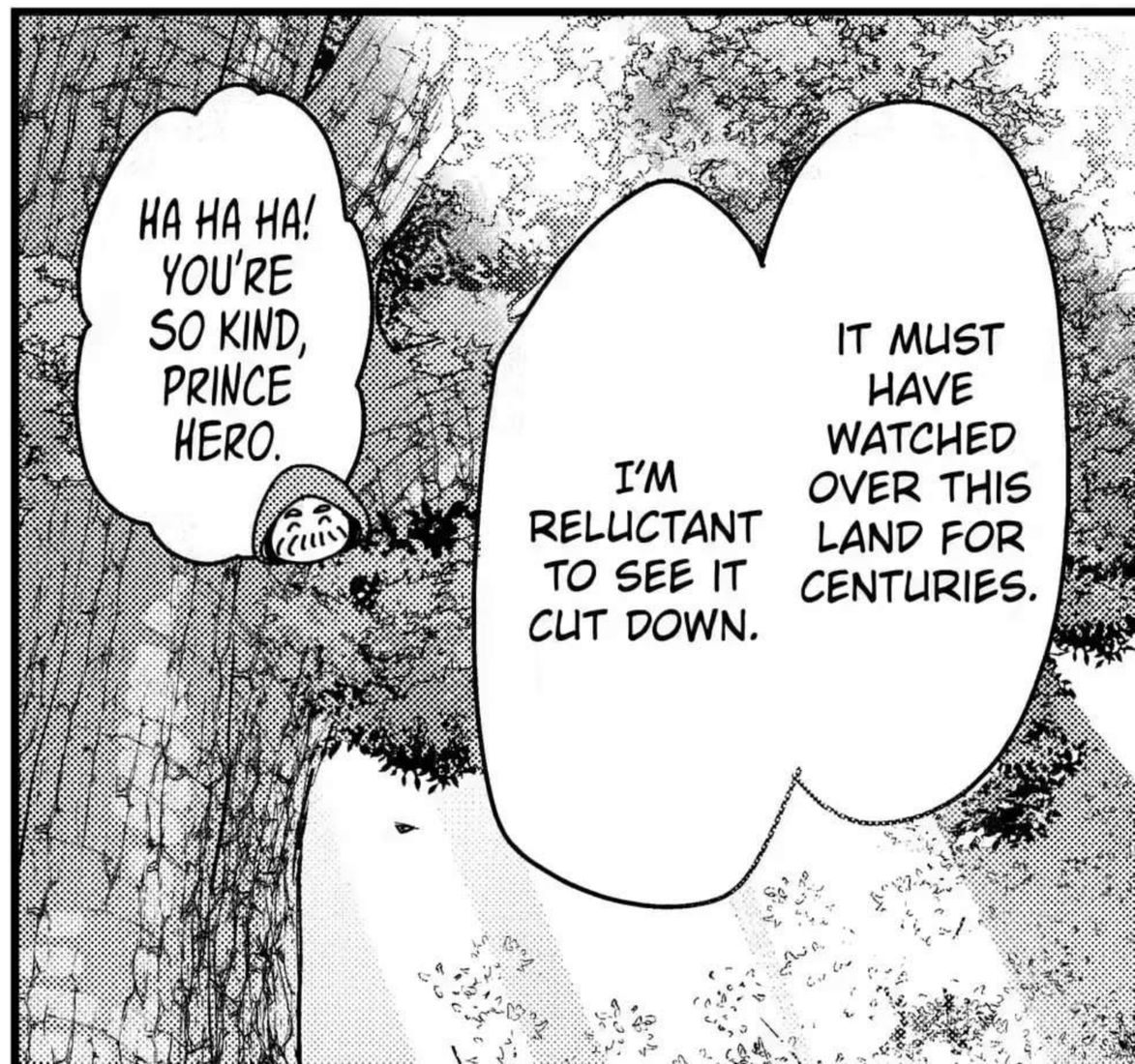
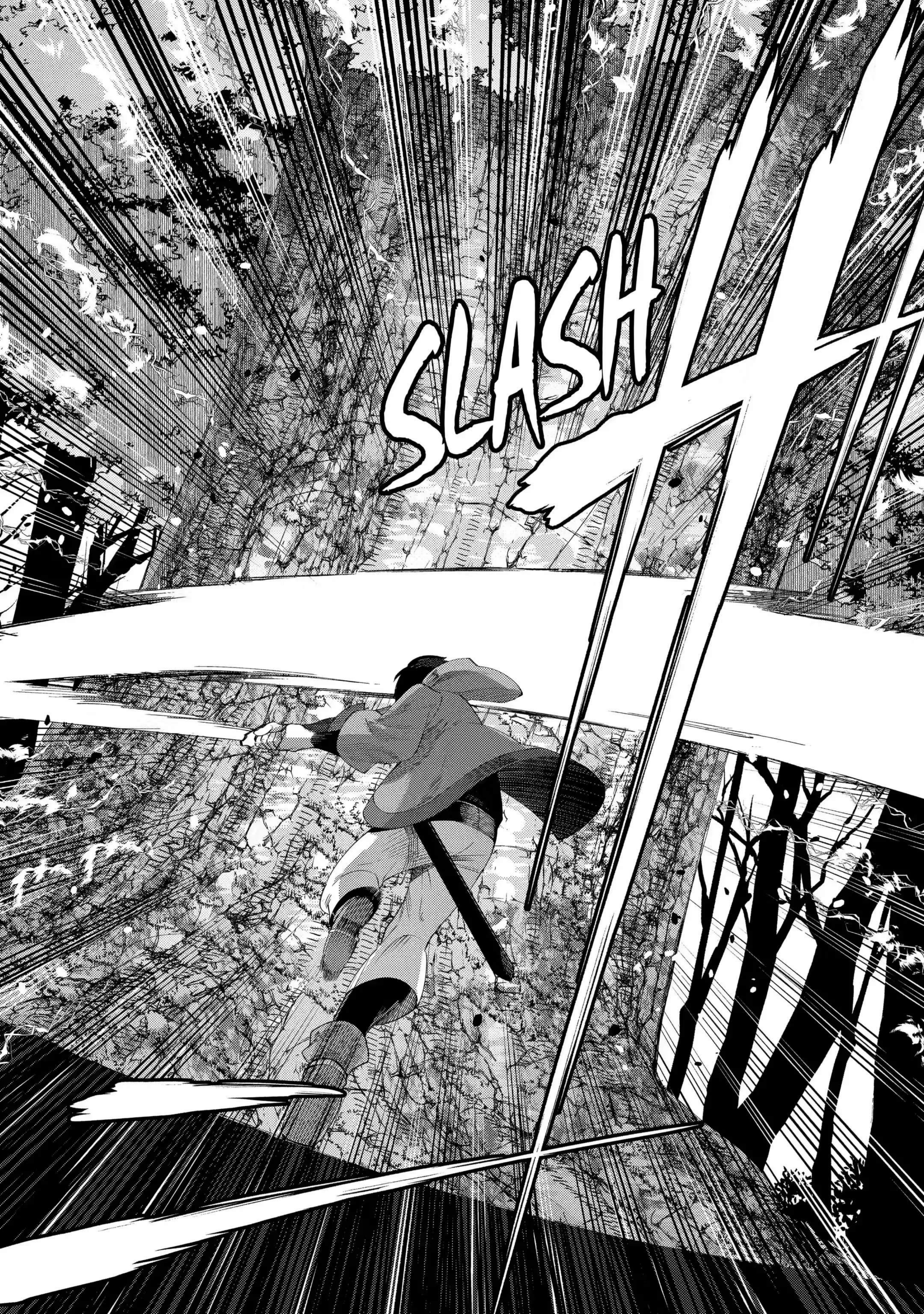

TEN OF US COULDN'T MAKE ANY HEADWAY. OUR AXES DON'T EVEN CHIP IT!
THIS BE THE ONE.

KA-CHNK
THAT SAID, FOR OUR BENEFIT...
I MUST CUT YOU DOWN.


HA HA HA! YOU'RE SO KIND, PRINCE HERO.
I'M RELUCTANT TO SEE IT CUT DOWN.
IT MUST HAVE WATCHED OVER THIS LAND FOR CENTURIES.

PSSSH
FWUUU
IN THIS WORLD, THERE EXIST MAGICAL POWERS...
BUT THEY ONLY MANIFEST IN THOSE OF CHOSEN BLOODLINES.
ZZZT
ZZZT
GRP
IF USED ON YOUR BODY, THEY CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR PHYSICAL ABILITIES.


CLASH

WHOA!

Crash ズウウウン

CRNCH ズ!!

Cheer ワアッ

YEAAAH!

LET'S GET THIS LAND LEVELED BEFORE NIGHTFALL!

ALL RIGHT LADS, WE'RE FREE TO CONTINUE!

HE FELLED THAT HUGE TREE WITH ONE STRIKE!

THAT'S PRINCE HERO FOR YOU!

Wow!

ME TOO, I'M STARVING!

THANKS, I'LL HELP MYSELF!

YOU MUST BE TIRED, PRINCE. HAVE SOME OF ME MA'S STEAMED POTATOES!

Yeah!

WE CAN'T LOSE TO THE PRINCE, LET'S WORK OFF THESE CARBS!

THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE.

Chomp

MUCH THANKS, PRINCE!

Ha ha ha!

THAT WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO HARVEST THE POTATOES BEFORE WINTER!

NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO CULTIVATE UNTIL EARLY SUMMER!

WE STILL NEED MORE FIELDS. GOT TO KEEP CULTIVATING FOR NOW.

I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN AGAIN!

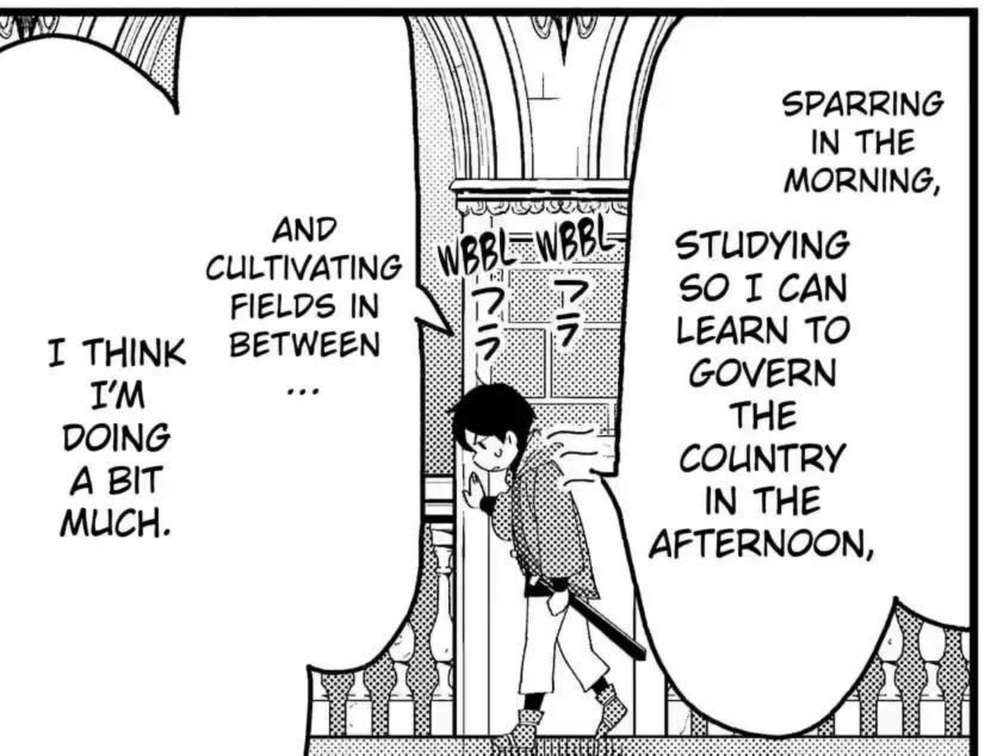
WE LOST PEOPLE TO STARVATION LAST WINTER.

EVEN THESE POTATOES...

THESE POTATOES THAT CAN STILL GROW IN OUR BAD SOIL WENT A LONG WAY TOWARDS SAVING THIS COUNTRY.

WE GOT THE SEEDS FOR THEM FROM OTHER NATIONS.

THMP
Phew.


I THINK I'M DOING A BIT MUCH.
AND CULTIVATING FIELDS IN BETWEEN ...
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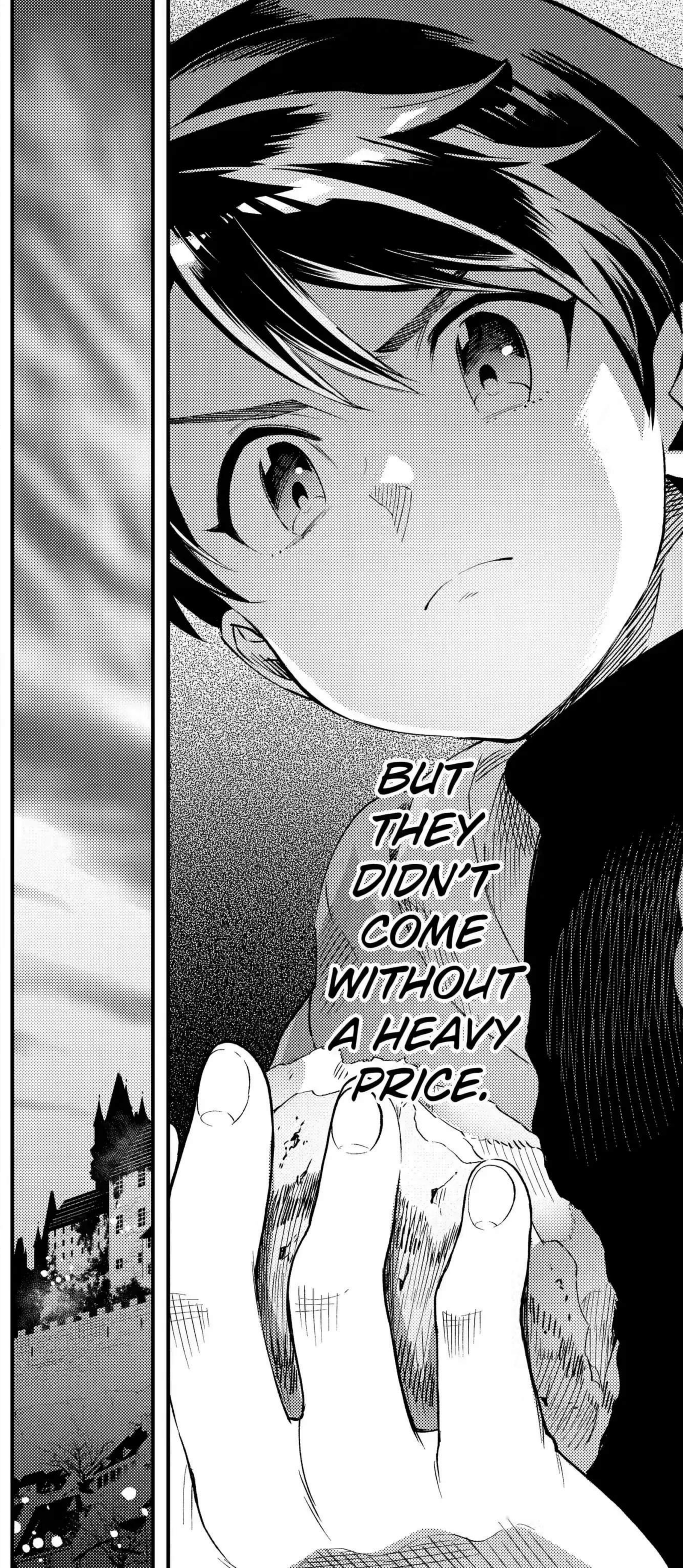
SPARRING IN THE MORNING,
STUDYING SO I CAN LEARN TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY IN THE AFTERNOON,


BUT THEY DIDN'T COME WITHOUT A HEAVY PRICE.

HERO!
DASH
!

PHEW

I'M SO GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH SINCE I LAST SAW YOU!

B-

BIG SIS?!

THERE'S SOMETHING I FORGOT TO BRING WITH ME.

HE'S ON AN EXPEDITION RIGHT NOW SO I MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY.

CALTAROSSA KINGDOM
FIRST PRINCESS
MARY CALTAROSSA

I SEE.

SHE'S A HUMAN SACRIFICE.

...

THE MARRIAGE WAS ALLOWED UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THEY PROVIDED CALTAROSSA WITH ASSISTANCE.

THE PRINCE OF A WEALTHY NATION SAW HER AT A PARTY AND FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. THEY GOT MARRIED SOON AFTER.

SHE WAS MY FIRST LOVE...

YET SHE LEFT BECAUSE I COULDN'T SAVE HER.

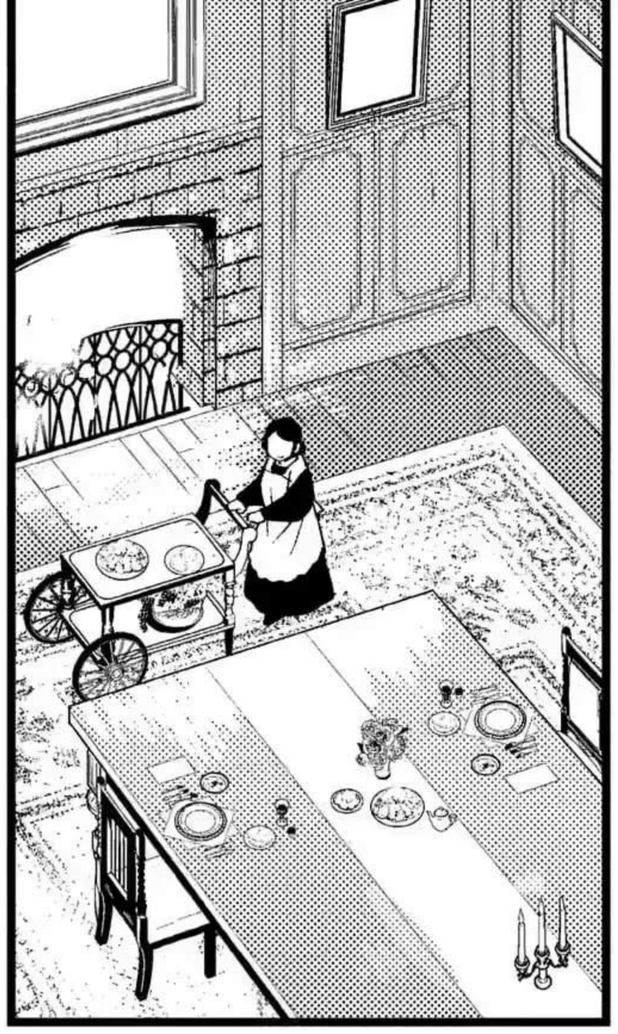
I STILL REMEMBER MY FRUSTRATION FROM BACK THEN.

THANKS TO THAT, WE WERE ABLE TO LIMIT STARVATION-RELATED DEATHS LAST YEAR.

AFTER MARRIAGE, THE PRINCE BECAME INFAMOUS FOR HIS LECHEROUS TENDENCIES.

I ALSO SAW BRUISES ON HER ARMS BENEATH HER SLEEVES.

SHE'S EVEN SKINNIER THAN WHEN SHE WAS LIVING IN THIS POOR, STARVED NATION.



Boiled Salt Potatoes

Water

Veggie Scrap Soup

Dried Meat

Swsh

Though we have it every-day...

IT MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT FOR US...

THEY SAY YOU'RE JUST FINISHING UP CULTIVATING AREAS THAT WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE REACHED UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

Oh that's right! I HEARD WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING!

ALL THOSE EFFORTS YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING INTO CULTIVATION LATELY.

I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR EFFORTS, MARY.

I'VE BEEN WORKING SO WE'D HAVE PLACES TO PLANT THE POTATOES YOU WERE SENDING US.

SQUEEZE

ぎゅっ!

THANK YOU!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOY!

THAT'S ENOUGH. I'M NO LONGER A CHILD.

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF SO MUCH.

YOU ARE.

BESIDES, MY EFFORTS STILL WON'T AMOUNT TO MUCH.

THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S A LIMIT.

I WON'T.

BUT SO WHAT?

...AND I'M STRONG BECAUSE OF MY SWORD LESSONS.

I CAN BE A BIG HELP IN CULTIVATING LAND BECAUSE OF MY MAGIC...

"I WANT TO SAVE THE COUNTRY."

I WAS JUST AN AVERAGE OFFICE WORKER, SO MY KNOWLEDGE IS FAR TOO LACKING TO FULFILL THAT DREAM.

THERE'S NO WAY TO EVEN USE WHAT KNOWLEDGE I HAVE. I'M BASICALLY BASHING MY HEAD AGAINST A WALL AND GETTING NOWHERE.

LOOKING AT THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE...

CLENCH

MY EFFORTS AMOUNT TO BASICALLY NOTHING.

GEEZ.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, TRYING TO SOLVE EVERYTHING YOURSELF.
I'M BEING RECKLESS, JUST DOING WHAT I CAN DAY AFTER DAY.
AND YET, I STILL WANT TO DO SOMETHING.

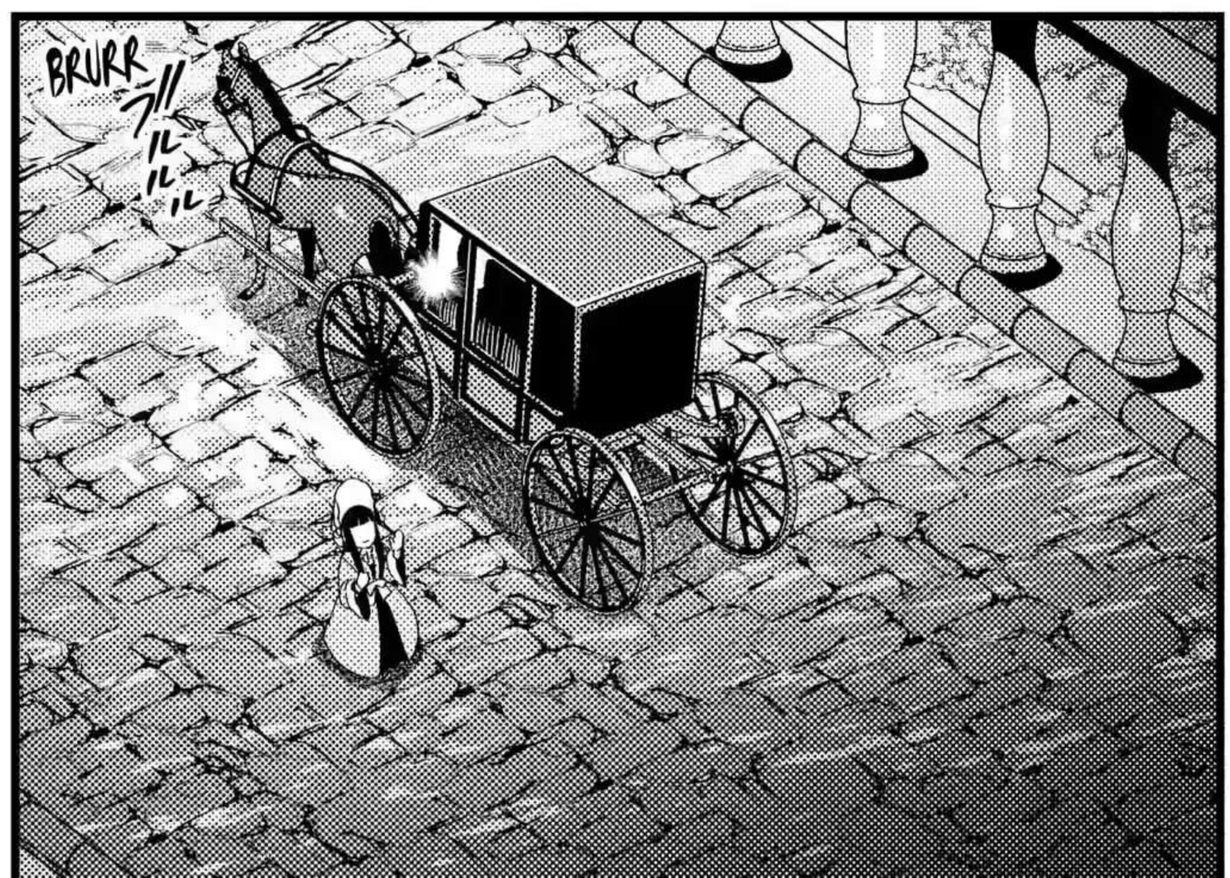
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
YOUR BIG SIS WILL MANAGE SOMETHING.

IF I CAN MAKE THIS COUNTRY WEALTHY, WILL YOU COME BACK?
Ah ha ha!
THAT WOULD BE LOVELY.
BUT UNFORTU-NATELY I CAN'T.

IF...

I'LL BE GOING BACK AFTER DINNER.

I LOVE YOU, MY PRECIOUS HERO.



SLAM

SHE MUST HAVE COME TO DELIVER THE SUPPLIES FROM THAT MAN TODAY.

THE SAME SUPPLIES WE'RE TRADING HER LIFE FOR...

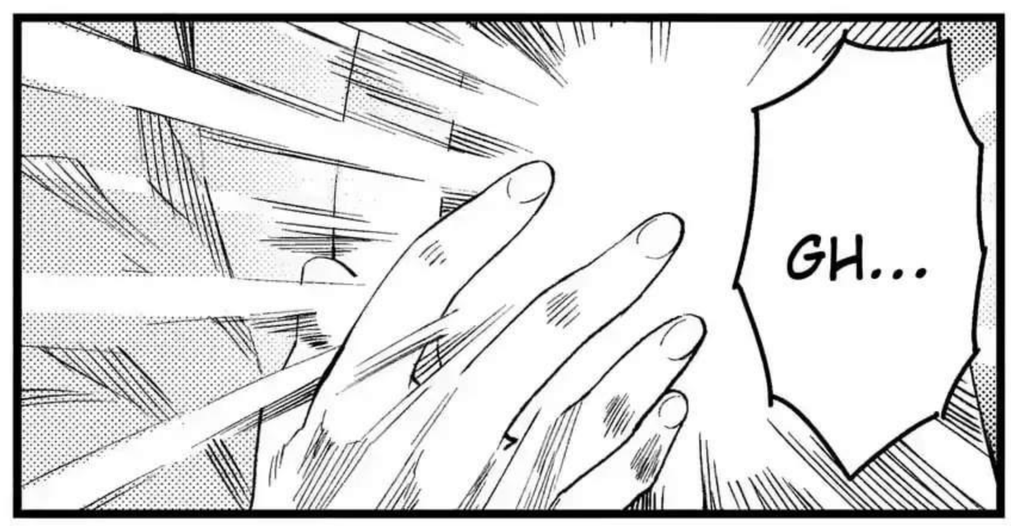
AT THIS RATE, NO AMOUNT OF EFFORT WILL HELP ME GET IT.

NOT STUDY, NOR THE SWORD. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

...THAT CAN CHANGE OUR CURRENT SITUATION?

IS THERE REALLY NO SUCH CONVENIENT POWER...

I WANT POWER.



I SHALL ANSWER.

WHO... WHO IS IT?

I-
INFORMER?

I AM
"INFORMER."

THE PAIN... AND THE HEAT. I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A STRONG DESIRE...

I HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED INSIDE AND WATCHED OVER YOU.

SOMETHING IS OVERFLOWING WITHIN ME.

...I AM SURE I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.

...AND AS LONG AS THOSE POWERS EXIST, THERE WILL BE THOSE THAT POSSESS EXTREMELY RARE AND UNIQUE MAGIC.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE BORN WITH MAGICAL POWERS IN THIS WORLD...

AN AGGREGATE OF MAGIC THAT WILL ANSWER ITS MASTER'S EVERY QUESTION.

THIS IS MY MAGIC.

"INFORMER."