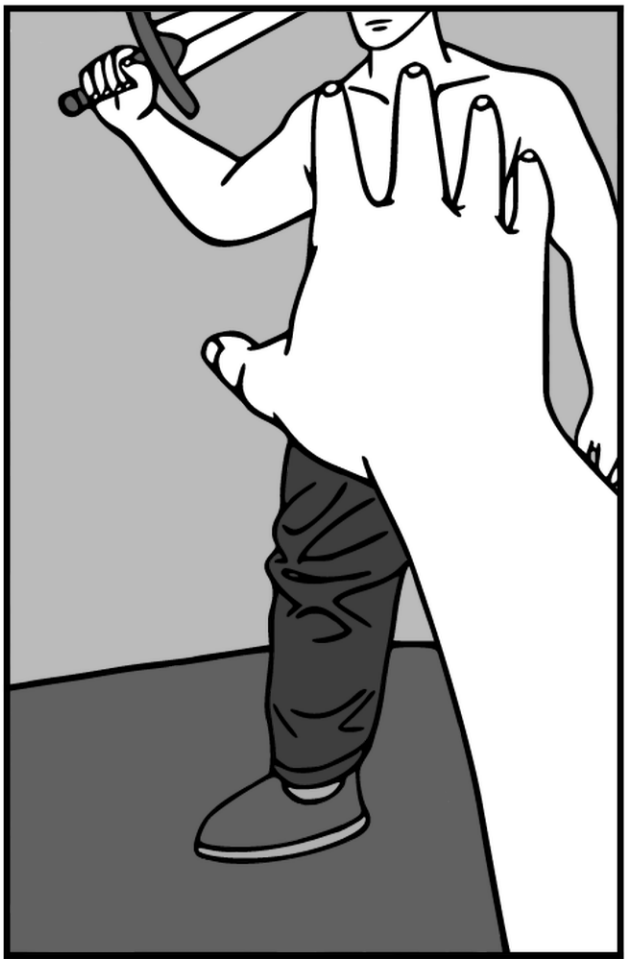
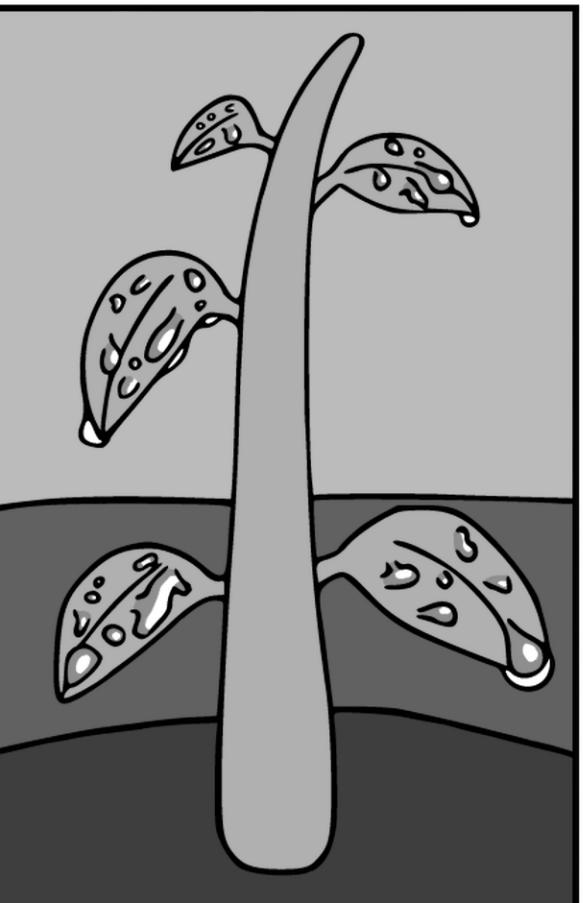
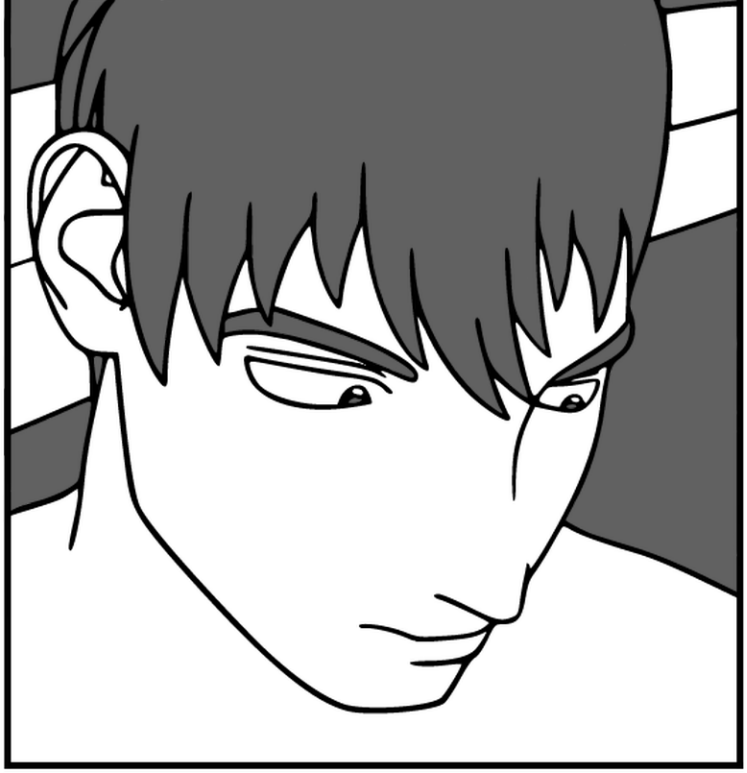


NOT BAD, TAIKUTSU.

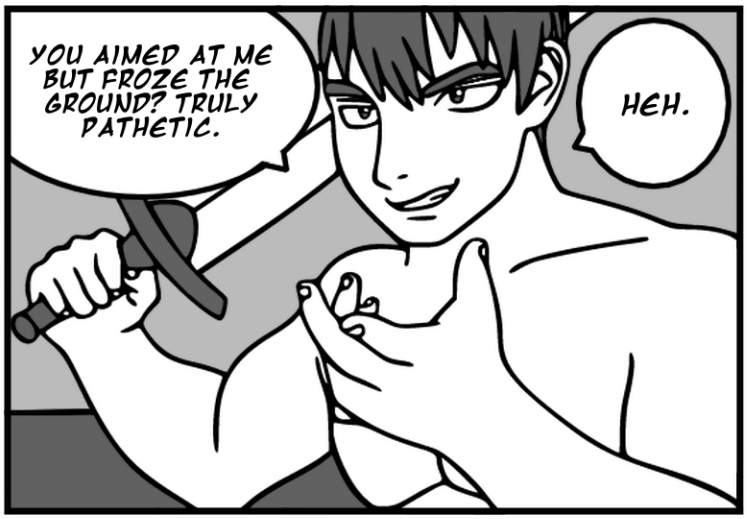
YOU DIDN'T FREEZE THE TREE, BUT YOU CAME CLOSE.



DON'T FEEL BAD, DEAR. EVEN SKILLED MAGIC USERS STRUGGLE WITH LONG-RANGE ACCURACY.



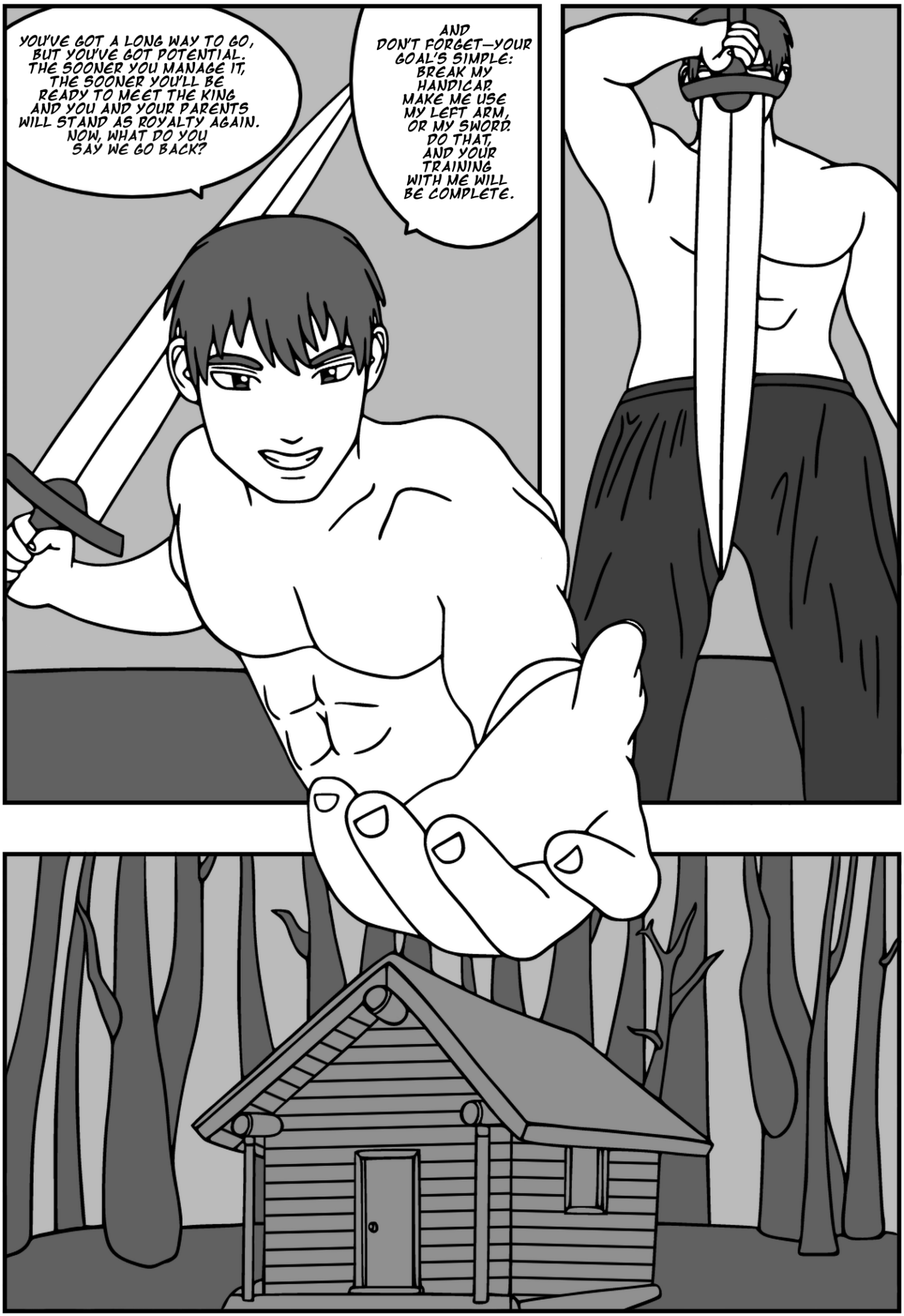
TAKING YOUR EYES OFF YOUR OPPONENT IS A HUGE MISTAKE.


YOU AIMED AT ME BUT FROZE THE GROUND? TRULY PATHETIC.
HEH.

DAMN IT... I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

SO USE THAT ANGER—FIGHT BACK LIKE YOU ACTUALLY WANT TO HURT ME THIS TIME. DON'T HOLD BACK. GIVE IT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.
THAT HURT A LOT, DIDN'T IT? THAT'S WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO GET HIT FOR REAL.

I'M SORRY... BUT EVERYTHING I DID WAS BY THE KING'S ORDERS. HE WANTED YOU TO SEE IT FOR YOURSELF—NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRIED TO HURT ME, YOU COULDN'T. THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR STRENGTH... AND SPEED. THIS WAS NEVER MEANT TO HUMILIATE YOU—IT WAS MEANT TO WAKE YOU UP. IF I HAD BEEN TRYING TO KILL YOU... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE. YOU ARE A ROYAL—AND FOR THAT ALONE, THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HARM YOU, OR WORSE, KILL YOU. AND WHILE IT IS THE DUTY OF KNIGHTS LIKE MYSELF TO PROTECT YOU, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS THERE. IN THOSE MOMENTS... YOU'LL NEED TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOURSELF.


YOU'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT YOU'VE GOT POTENTIAL. THE SOONER YOU MANAGE IT, THE SOONER YOU'LL BE READY TO MEET THE KING AND YOU AND YOUR PARENTS WILL STAND AS ROYALTY AGAIN. NOW, WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO BACK?
AND DON'T FORGET—YOUR GOAL'S SIMPLE: BREAK MY HANDICAP. MAKE ME USE MY LEFT ARM, OR MY SWORD. DO THAT, AND YOUR TRAINING WITH ME WILL BE COMPLETE.

OH, WELCOME BACK, KURAYAMI! HOW DI-?
HEY, REIKA! I'M BACK.