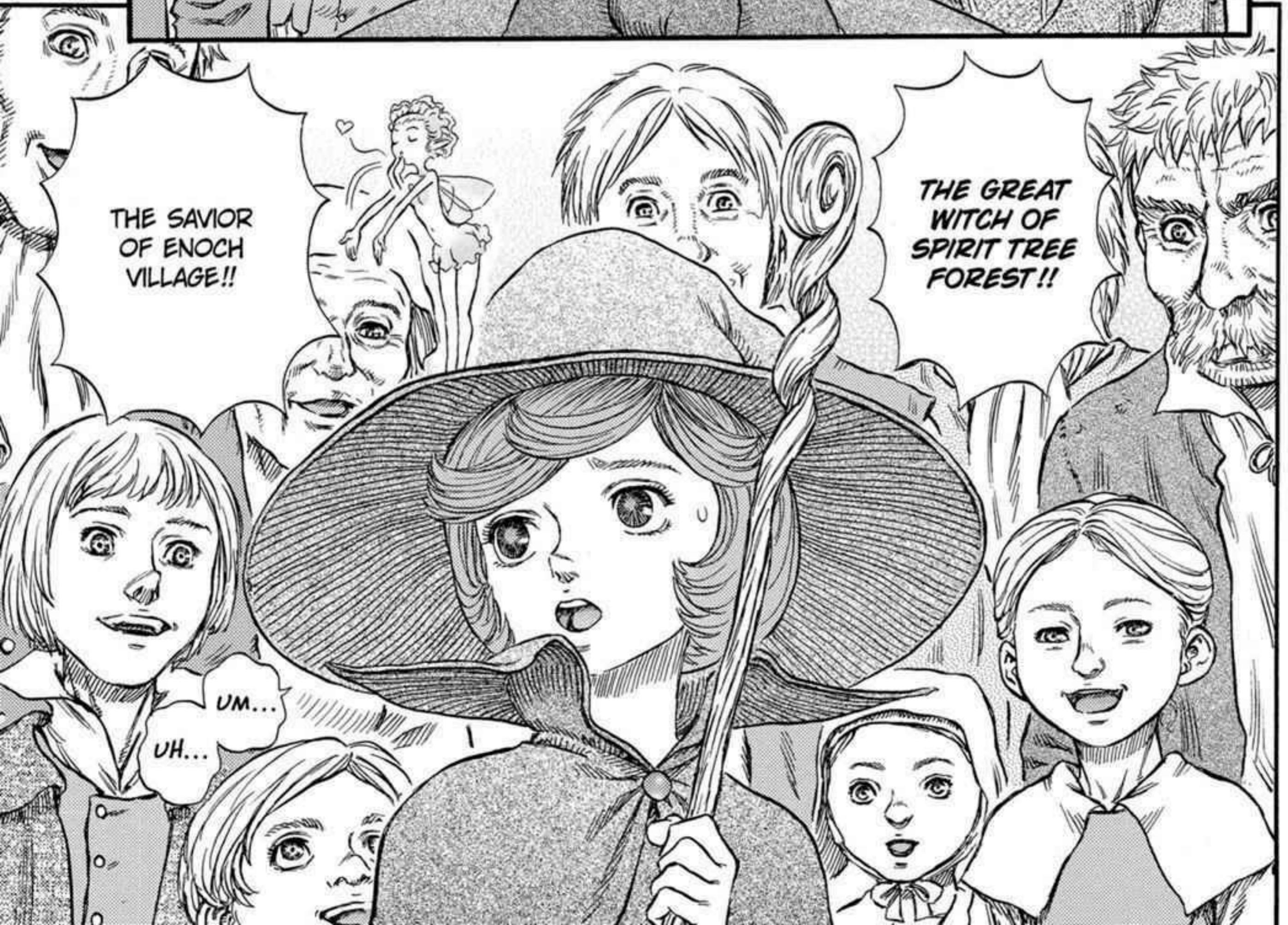


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THUS YOUR VILLAGE SAW SO MUCH WATER DAMAGE... BECAUSE OF MY INEXPERIENCE.

BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN FOR SO LONG AND WAS THEN SUDDENLY CALLED UPON, THE RIVER SPIRIT ACTED ROUGHLY.

SO WHAT? THEY WERE DUMPS ANYWAY.

THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE STORY.

THE FACT THAT WE'RE STILL ALIVE IS THANKS TO YOU.

HOUSES CAN BE REBUILT.

THAT'S NO CONCERN.

...ALLOWED IT TO HAPPEN.

THE ANGER INSIDE ME TOWARD THE VILLAGERS...

TOLERANCE, TOO...

...IS GOD'S TEACHING.

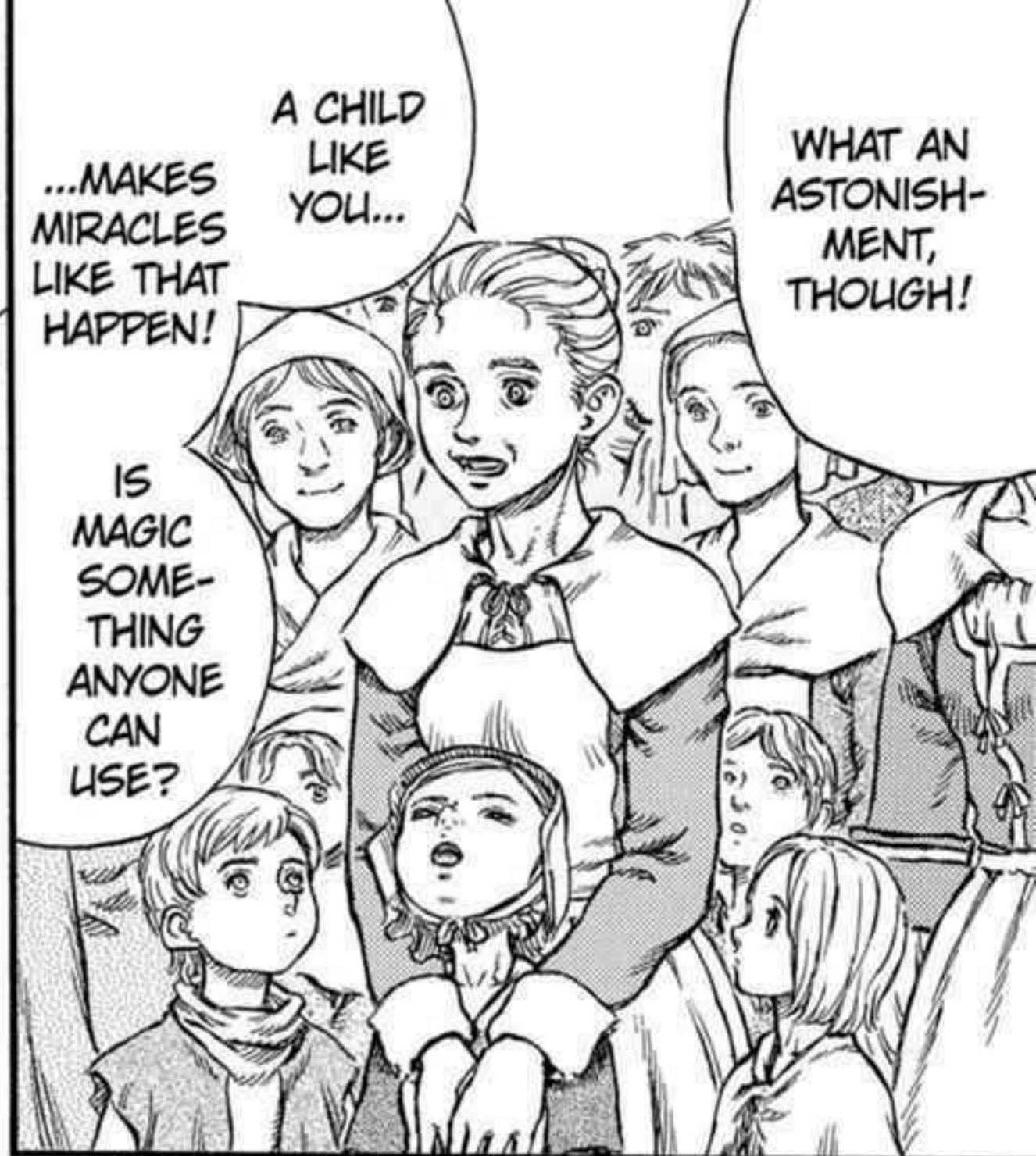
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FAIR ENOUGH.

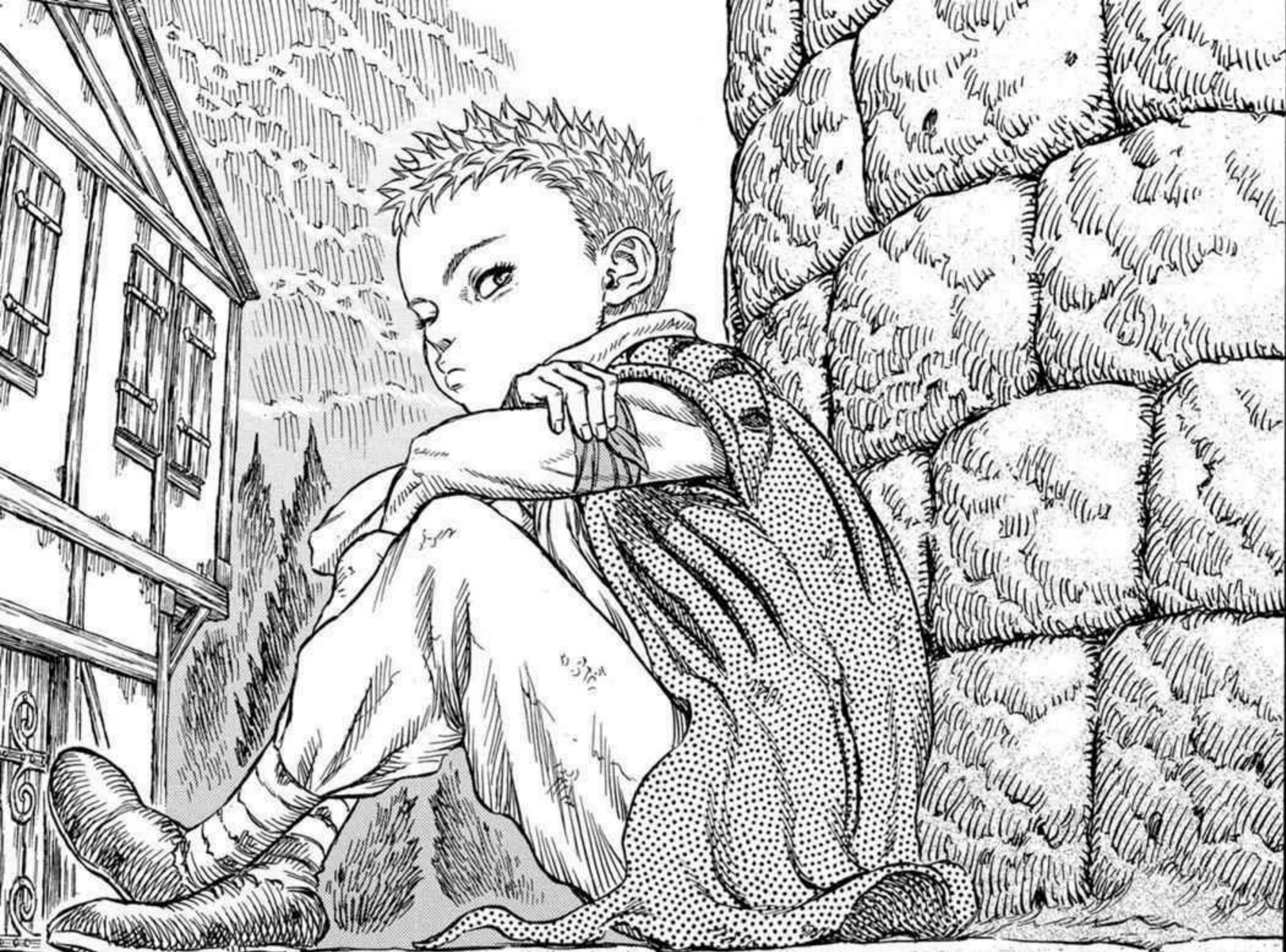
...MIGHT YOU BUILD A SMALL SHRINE...

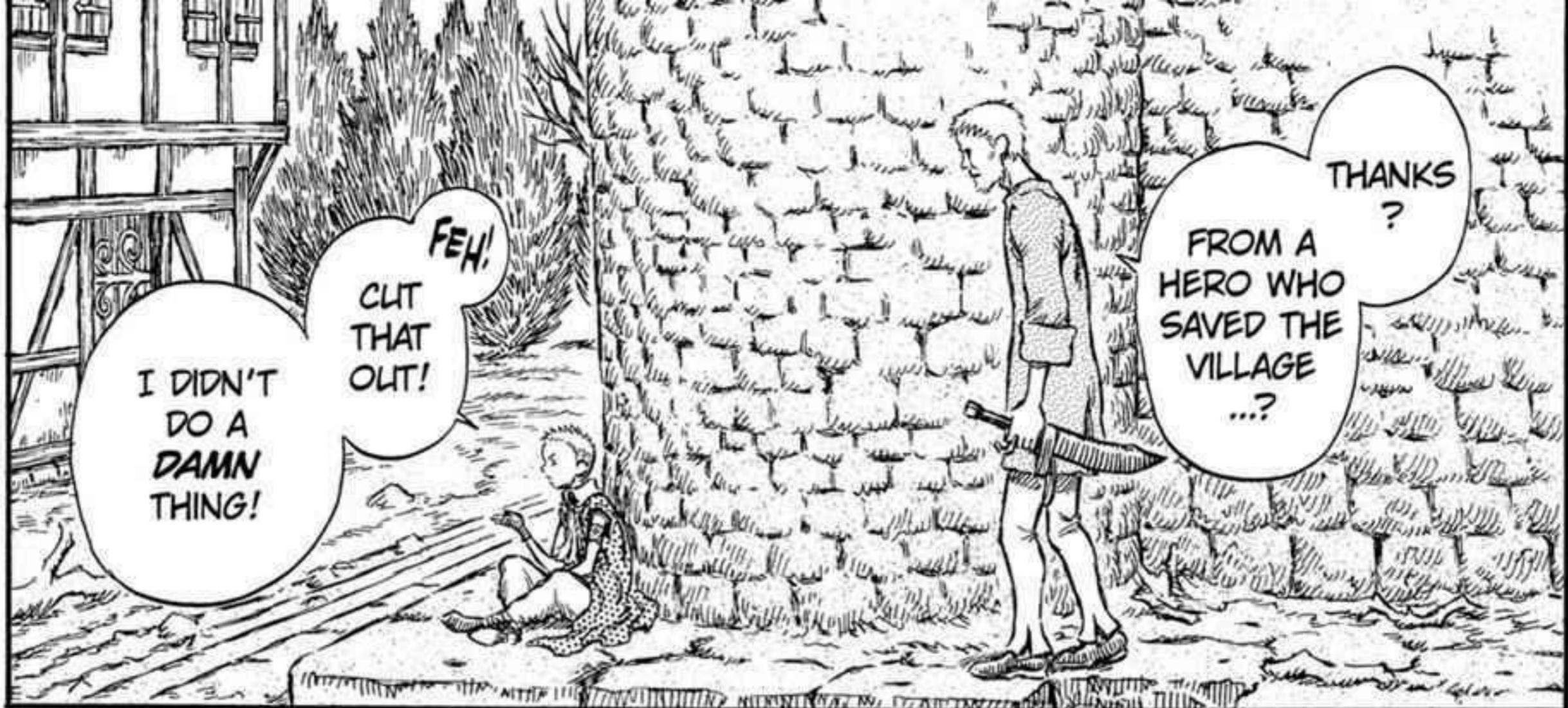
...TO THE RIVER SPIRIT IN THE WESTERN QUARTER OF THIS PLAZA?

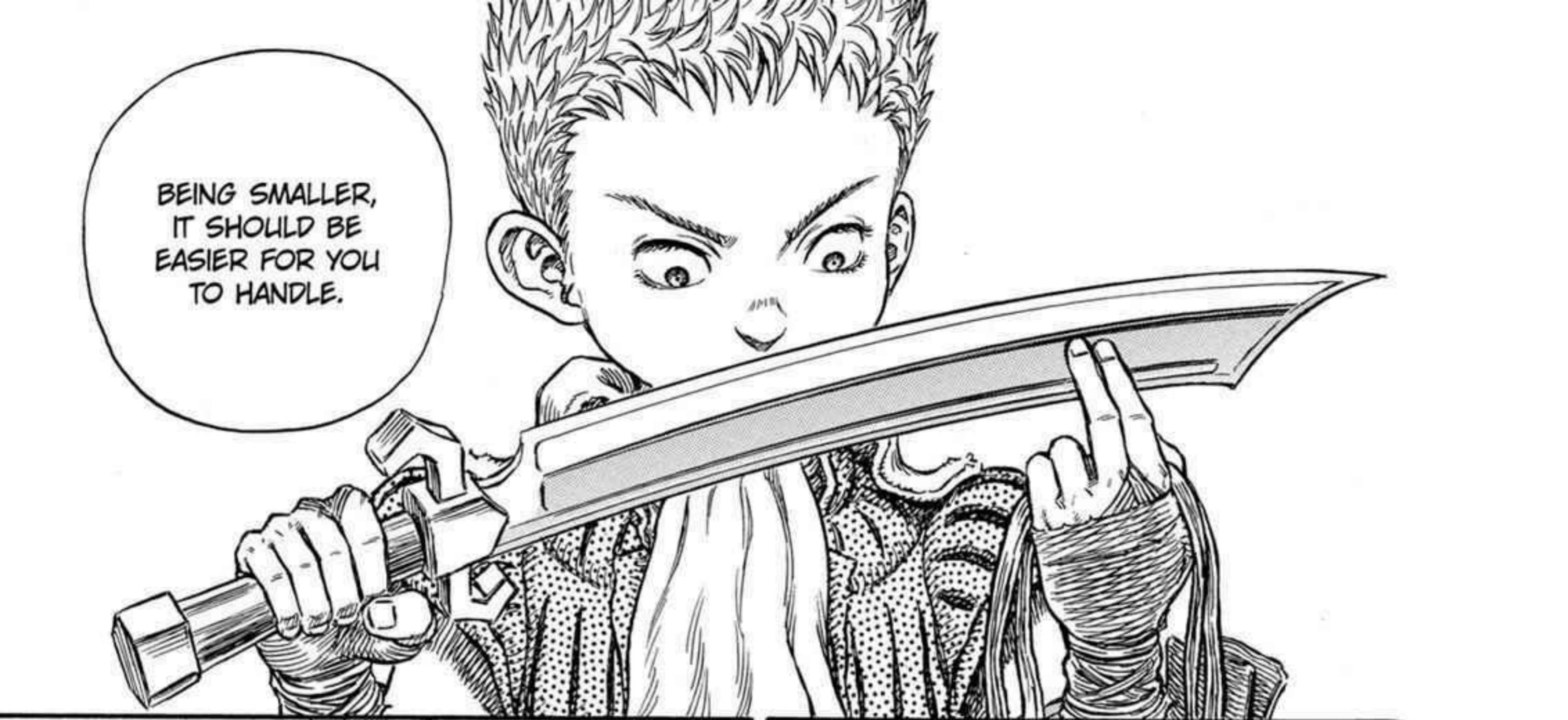
FATHER.

IF YOU COULD...









BEING SMALLER,
IT SHOULD BE
EASIER FOR YOU
TO HANDLE.



...WANDERED
INTO THE
FOREST
THAT TIME.

...WHY
I...

I REMEM-
BERED...



I'D
TOSSED
IT UP
INTO THE
RAFTERS.

HECK

...
YOU
SURE
?



THINK OF IT
AS A PARTING
GIFT FROM
THE OLD TO
THE YOUNG.



FROM
ALL THOSE
WEIGHTY,
TROUBLE-
SOME
THINGS.

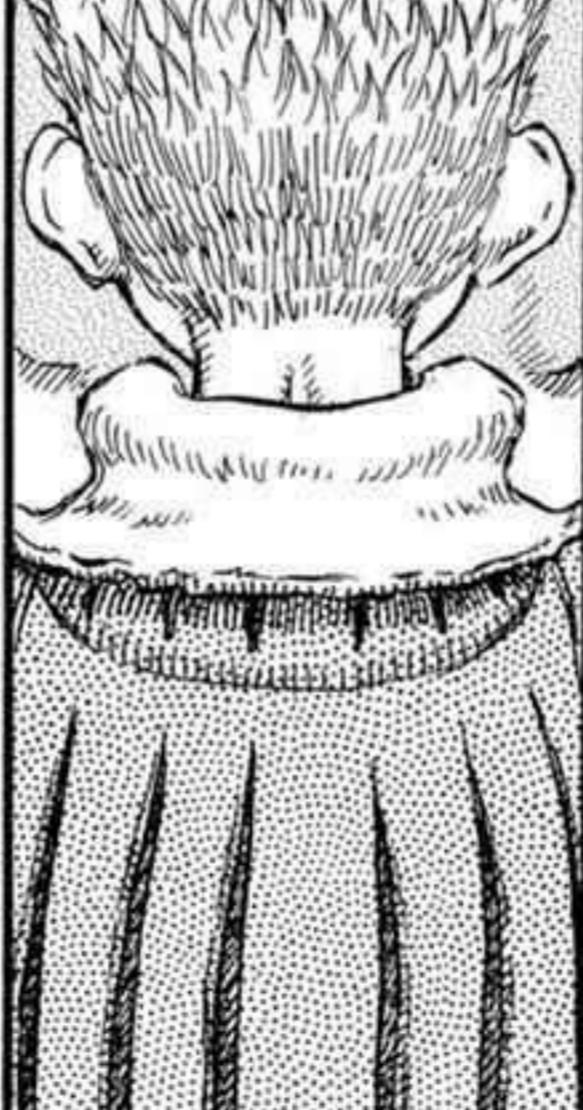
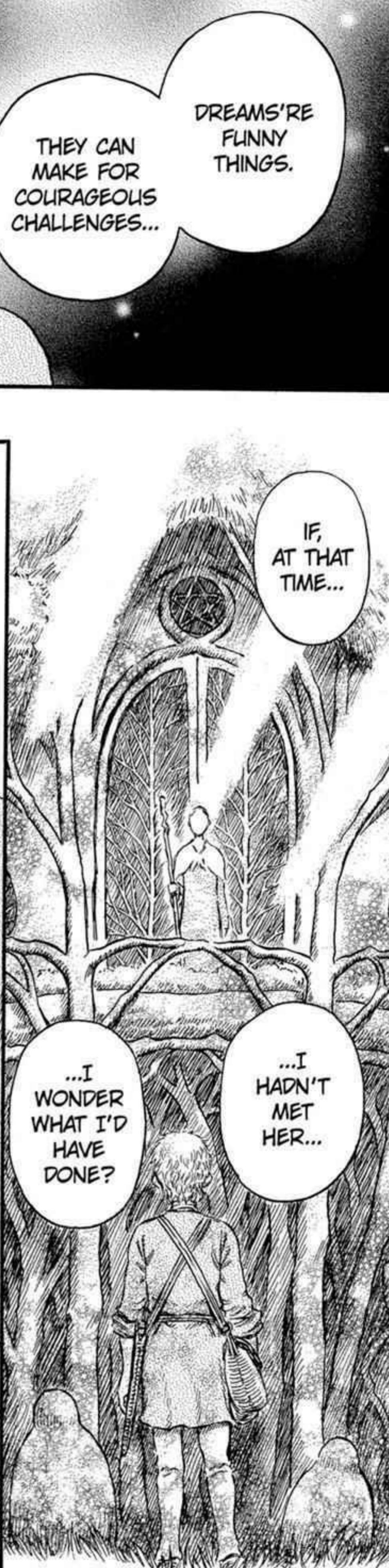
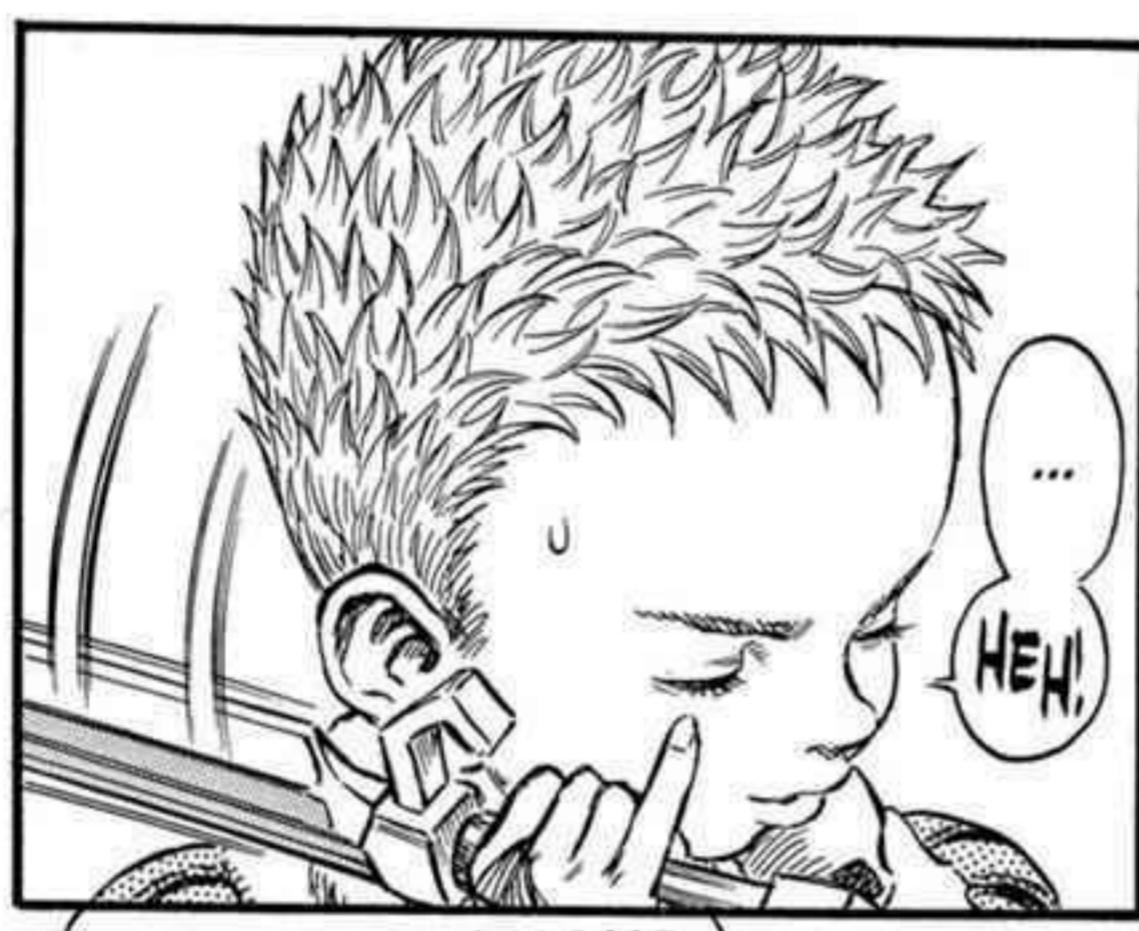
...MY
AILING
MOTHER.

FROM
THIS
VILLAGE, WORK...

I RAN
AWAY.



I RAN
AWAY.



THAT
MINE'S
THE REAL
DEAL.

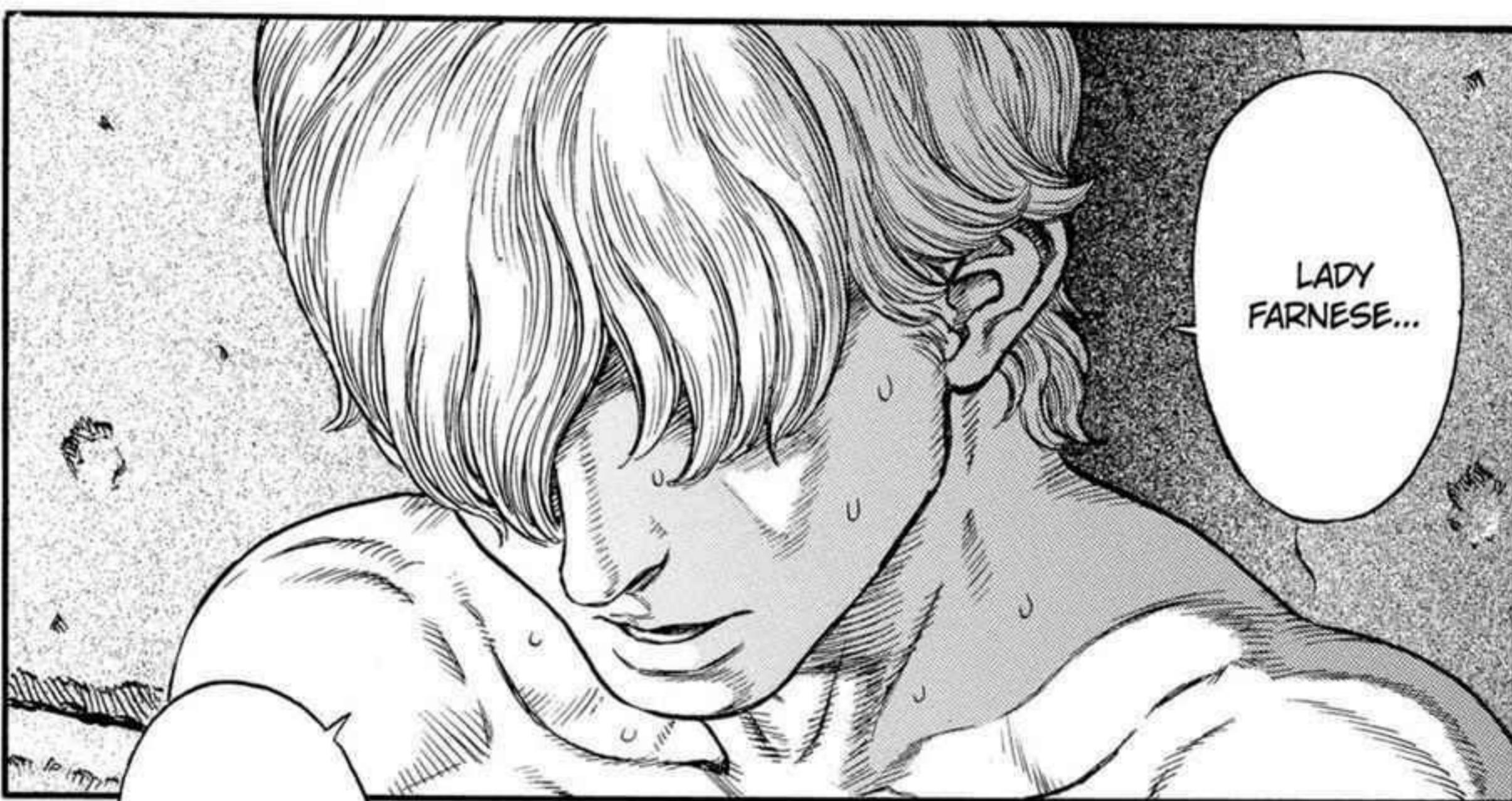
I'LL
PROVE IT.

...I'LL
GLADLY
TAKE
THIS!

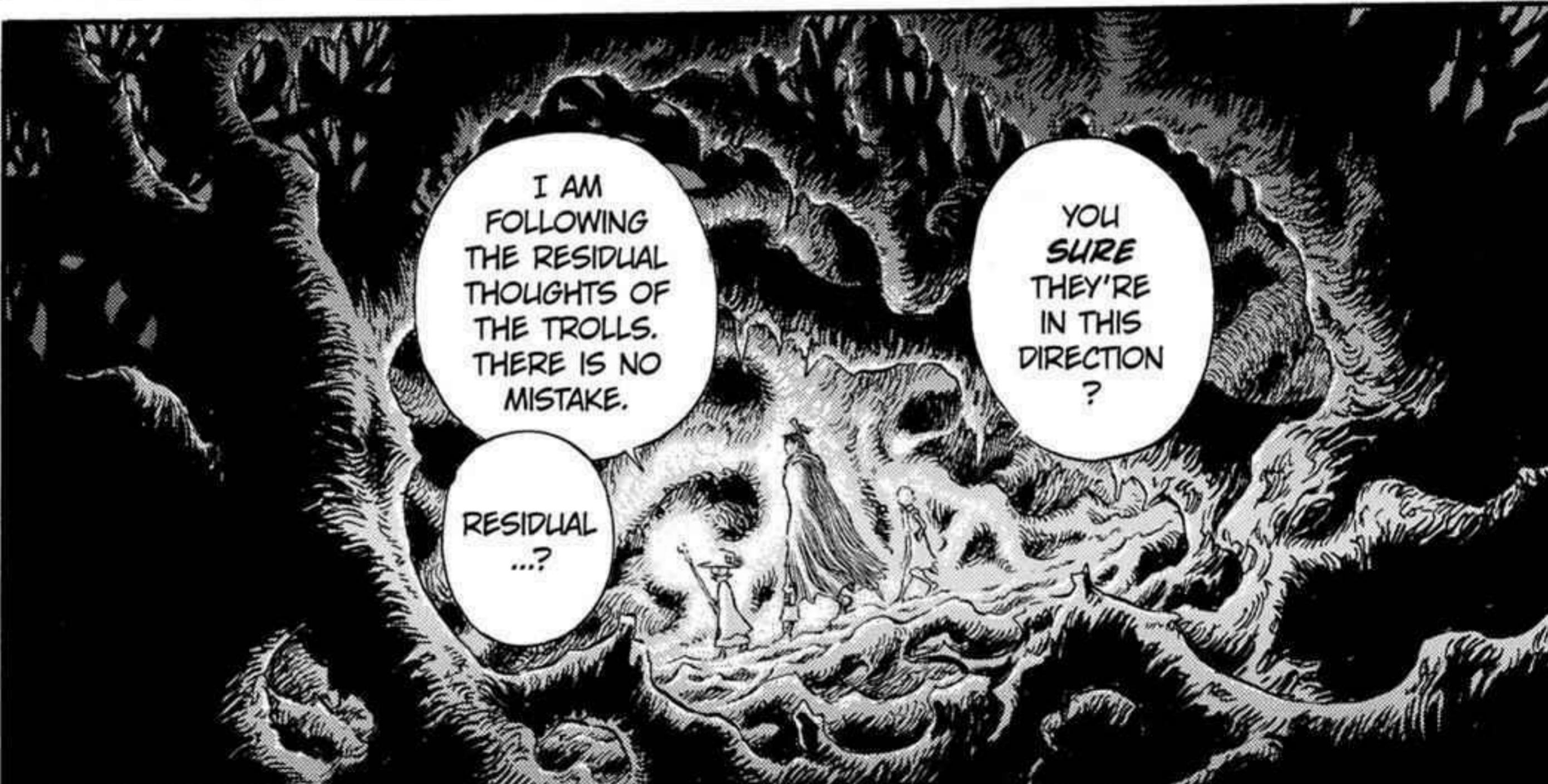
THAT
BEIN'
SAID...

...BUT
HE CAN'T
MOVE
RIGHT
AWAY.

IT'S
NOTHIN'
FATAL...

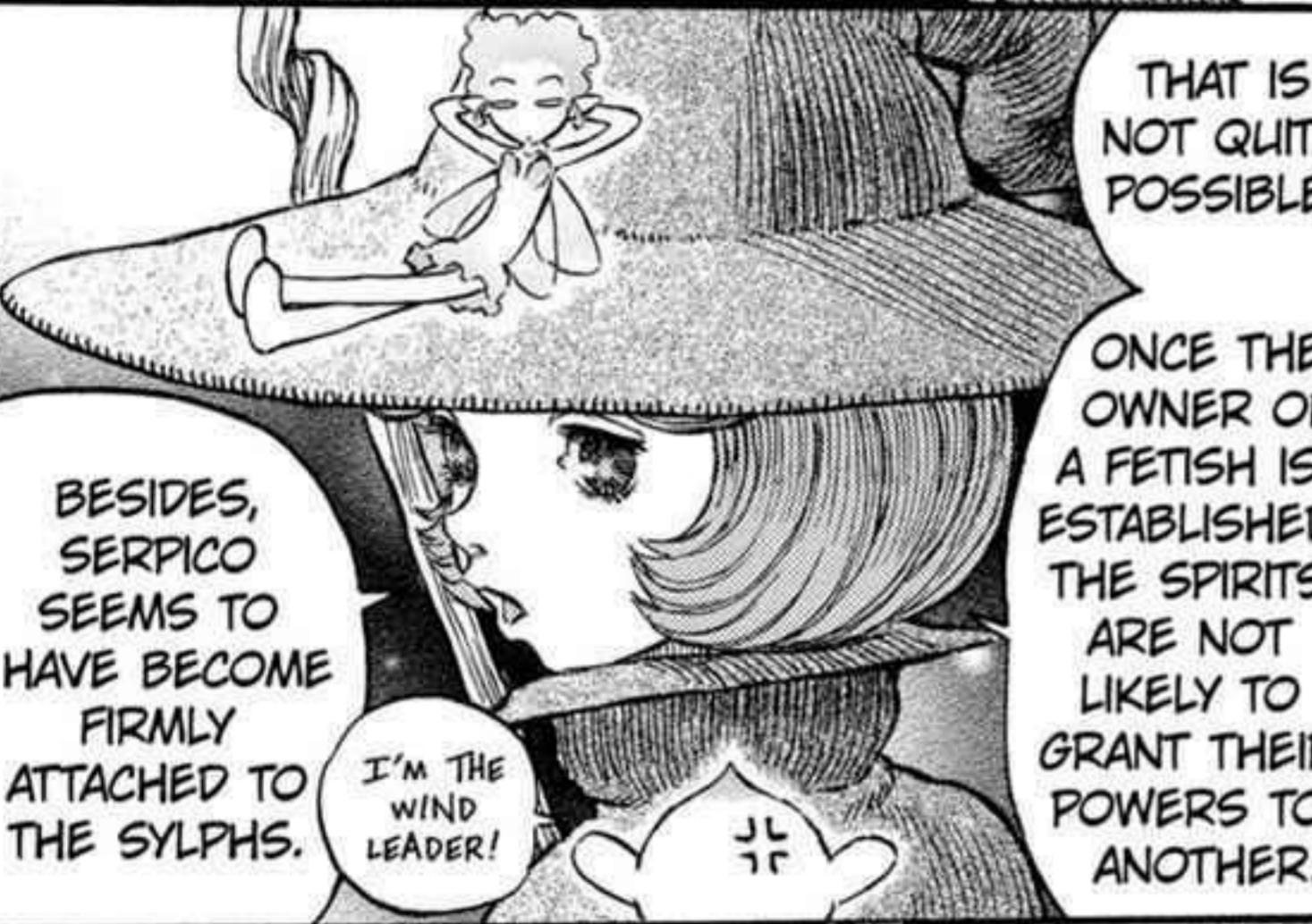






I CANNOT TAKE AWAY MORE FROM WHAT FEW OF THEM ARE LEFT.

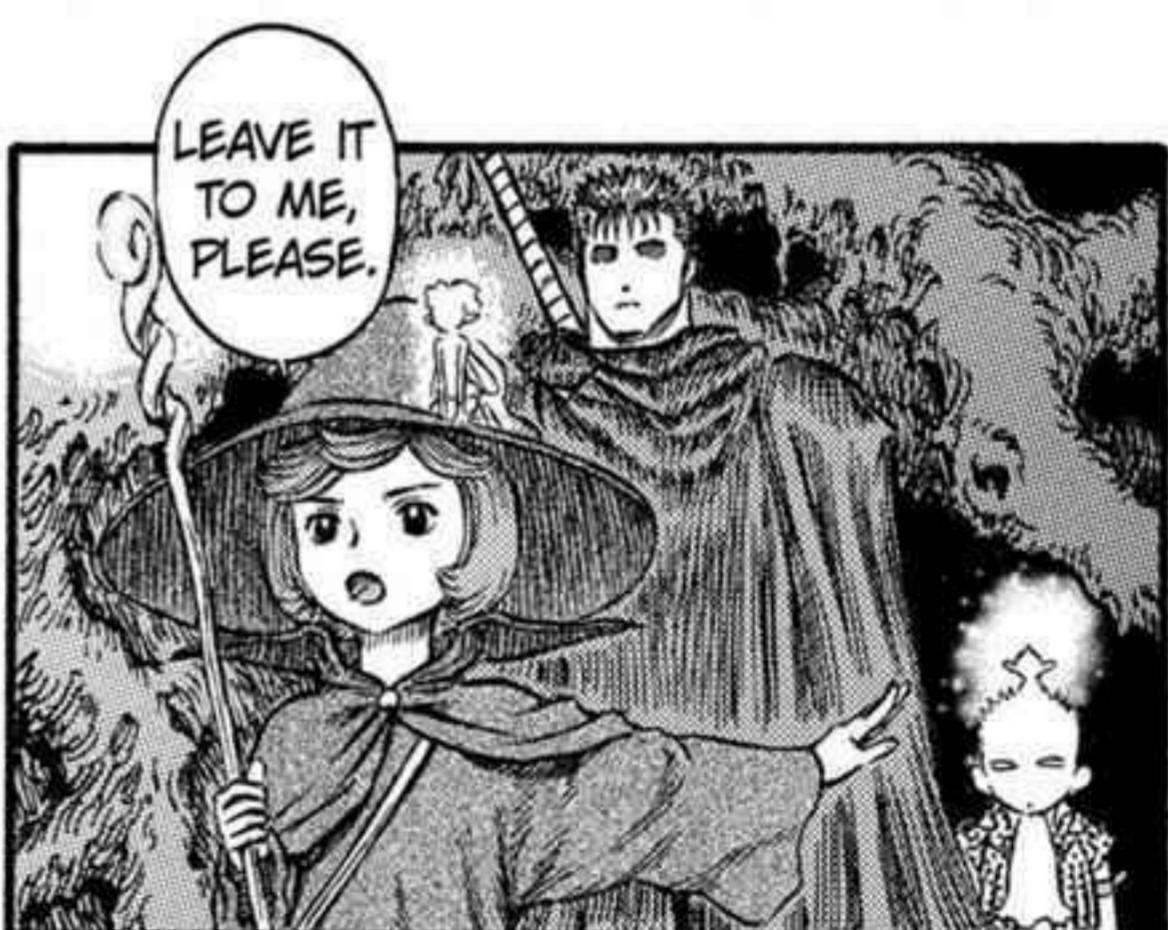
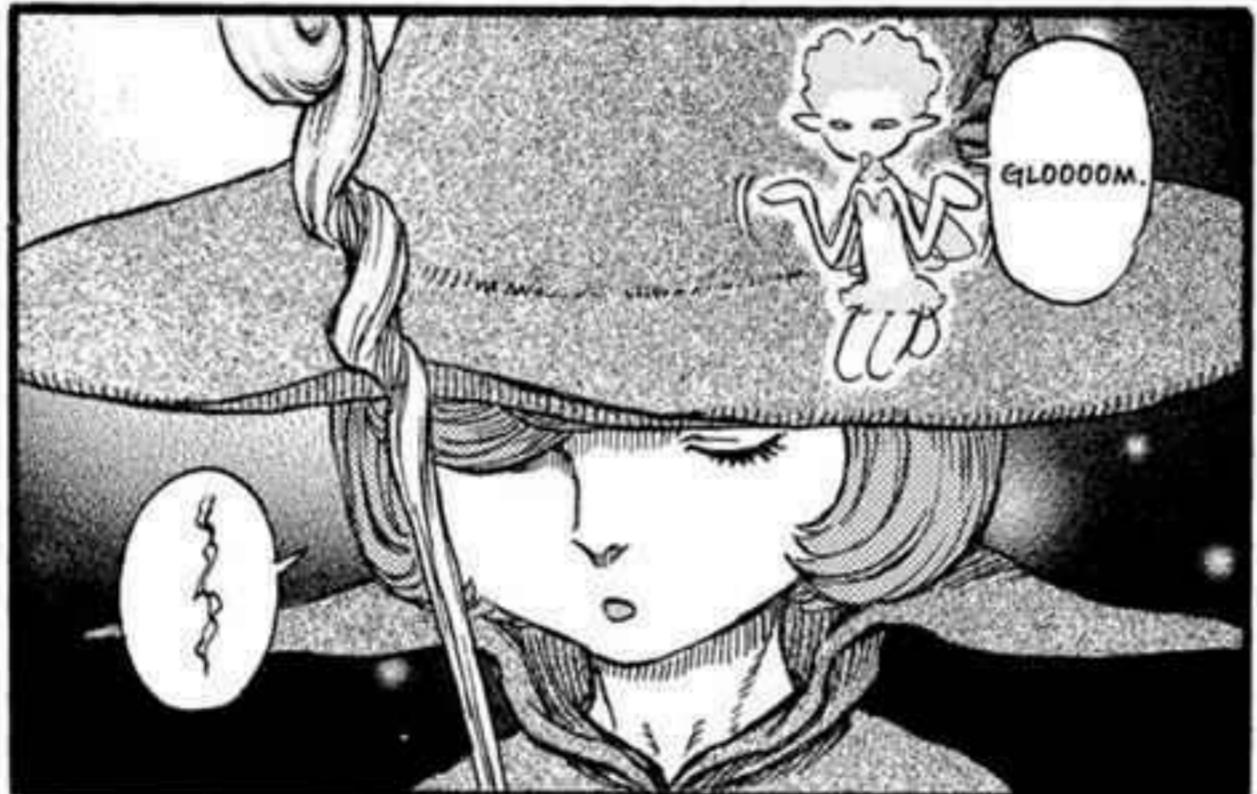
BESIDES, NOTHING SAYS THE REMAINING TROLLS WILL NOT AGAIN ATTACK THE VILLAGE.



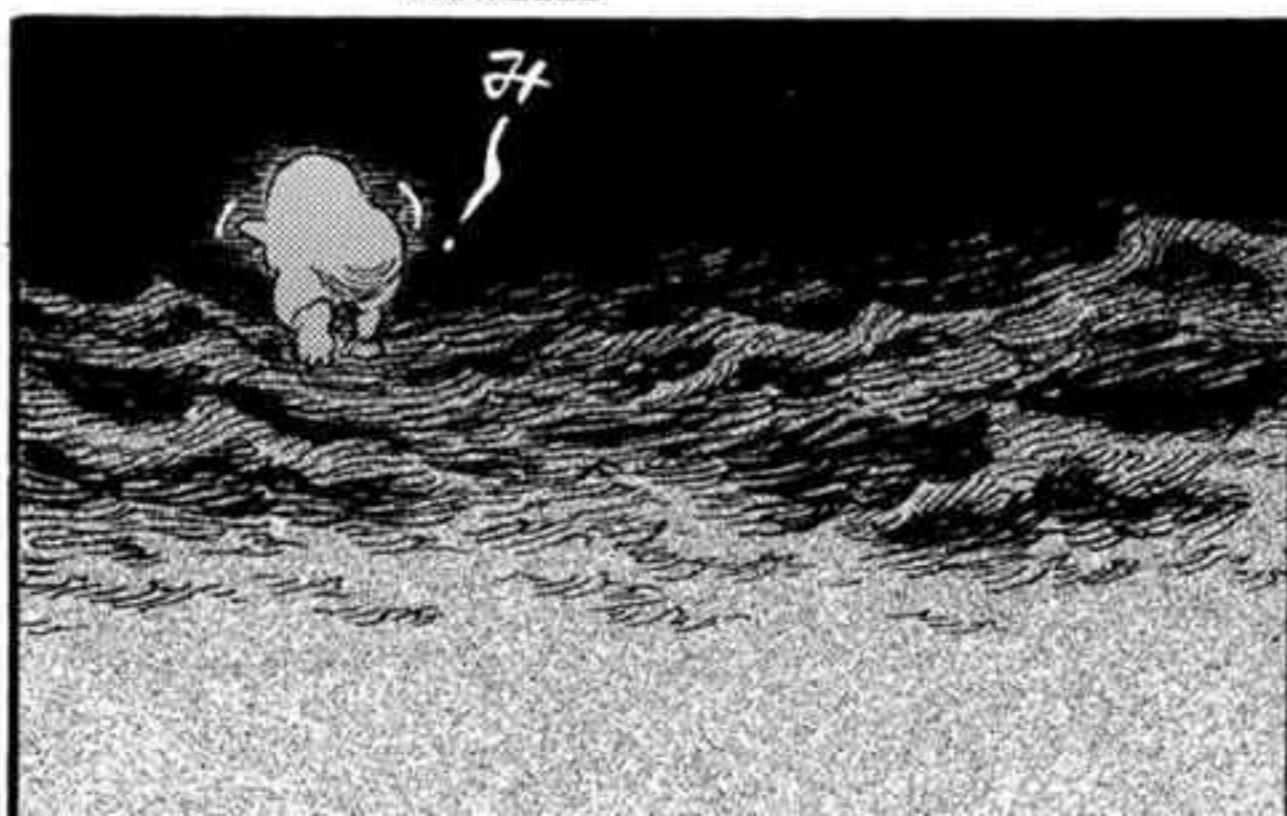


HAVEN'T THE
SURROUNDIN'S
BEEN GETTIN'
GRADUALLY
WEIRDER SINCE
BACK THERE?





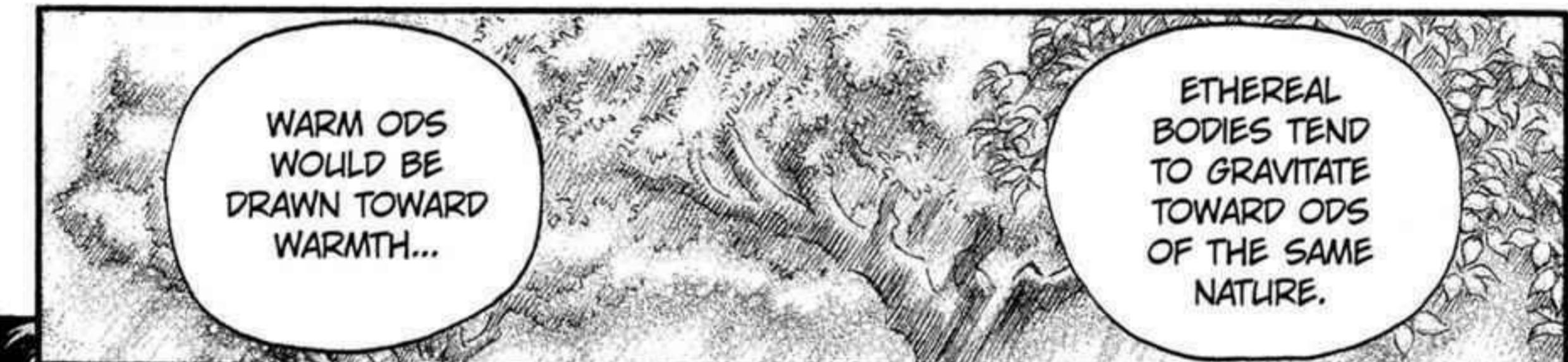
*FX: MEEEE



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THE
ASTRAL AND
PHYSICAL
WORLDS...

NORMALLY
THIS COULD
NOT
HAPPEN.

...SO
DISTINCTLY
OVERLAPPING
EACH
OTHER...

THEY WERE ORIGINALLY
INHABITANTS OF OUR
MENTAL WORLD...
IN NOCTURNAL DREAMS
AND FANTASIES.
IF THEY WERE TO
END UP EXISTING
IN THE PHYSICAL
WORLD...

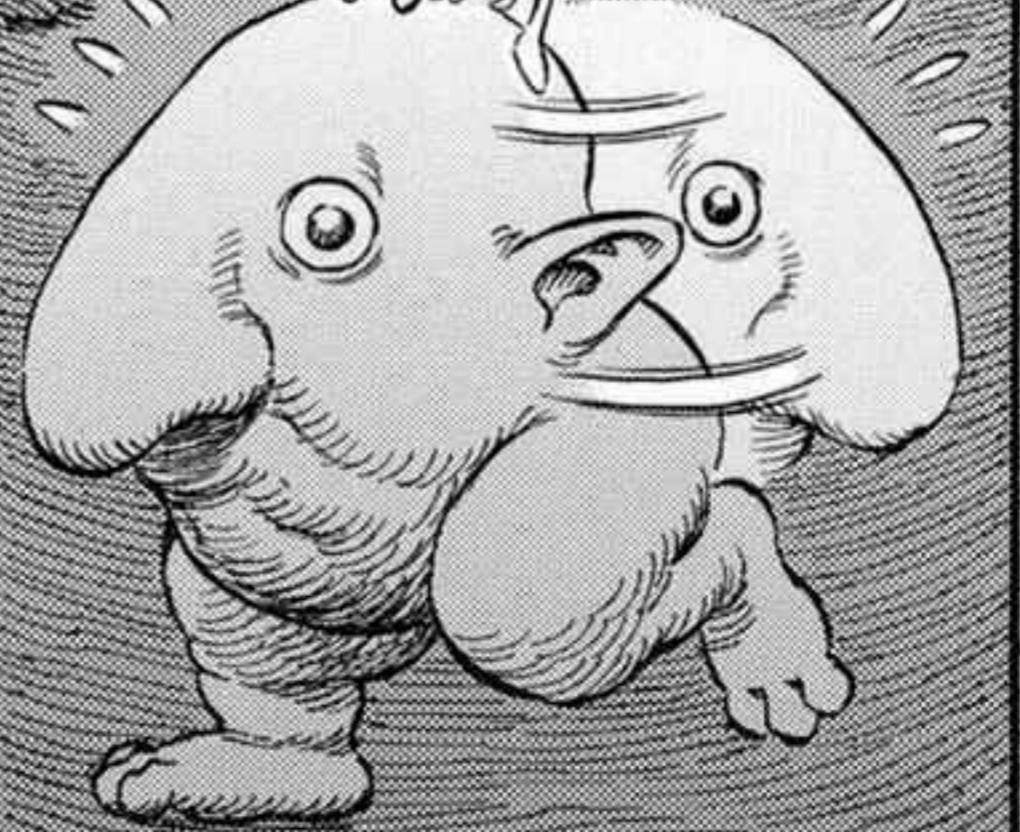
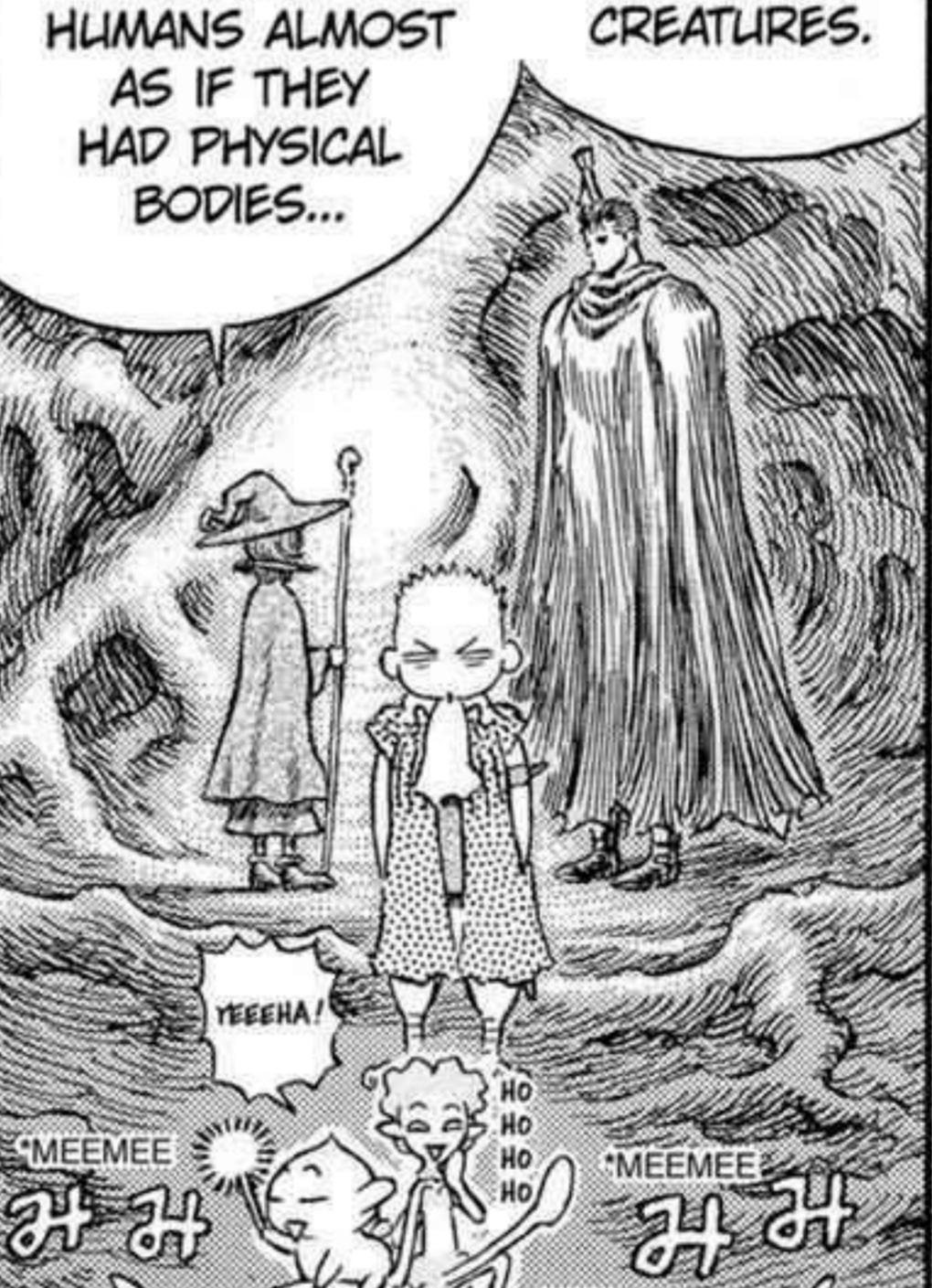
ETHEREAL LIFE-
FORMS ARE BEING
PERCEIVED BY
HUMANS ALMOST
AS IF THEY
HAD PHYSICAL
BODIES...

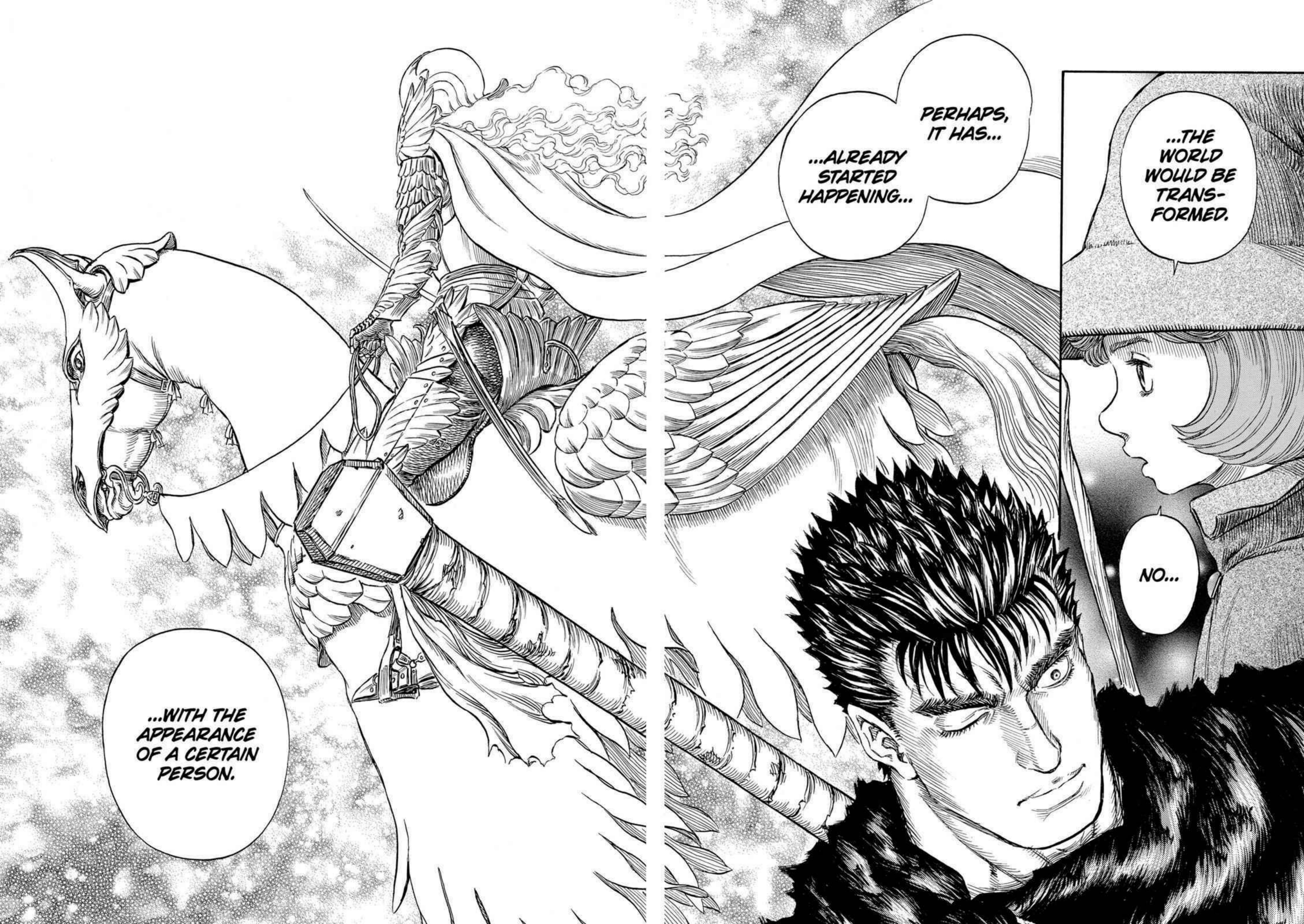
TROLLS AND
OGRES. ELVES
AND SPIRIT
CREATURES.

WE'D
MAKE A
KILLIN'
IF WE
TRAINED
THAT.

...
THEN ?
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
?

...BUT
...
I DO
NOT
KNOW
...





PERHAPS,
IT HAS...

...ALREADY
STARTED
HAPPENING...

...THE
WORLD
WOULD BE
TRANS-
FORMED.

NO...

...WITH THE
APPEARANCE
OF A CERTAIN
PERSON.