

IT WAS LIKE  
THE VOICE  
OF A  
HOWLING  
MONSTER  
BENEATH  
THE EARTH.

IT WAS A  
HOWLING,  
BUT NOT  
LIKE THE  
WIND.

...I'D  
COWER  
IN MY  
BED...

WHEN  
I HEARD  
THAT  
SOUND...

...TO  
SPEND  
THE NIGHT  
WITHOUT  
SLEEP.

...ALONE...

...THE  
CITY  
SQUARE.

...IN MY ROOM  
OVERLOOKING...

ROAR...  
ROAR...

EVEN SO,  
I FOUND  
MYSELF  
DRAWN  
TO THE  
WINDOW...

ROAR...  
ROAR...



A  
COUNTLESS  
NUMBER  
OF CAST  
SHADOWS  
WERE  
WAVERING.

THERE  
WAS THIS  
MYSTERIOUS  
PILLAR OF  
FLAME.

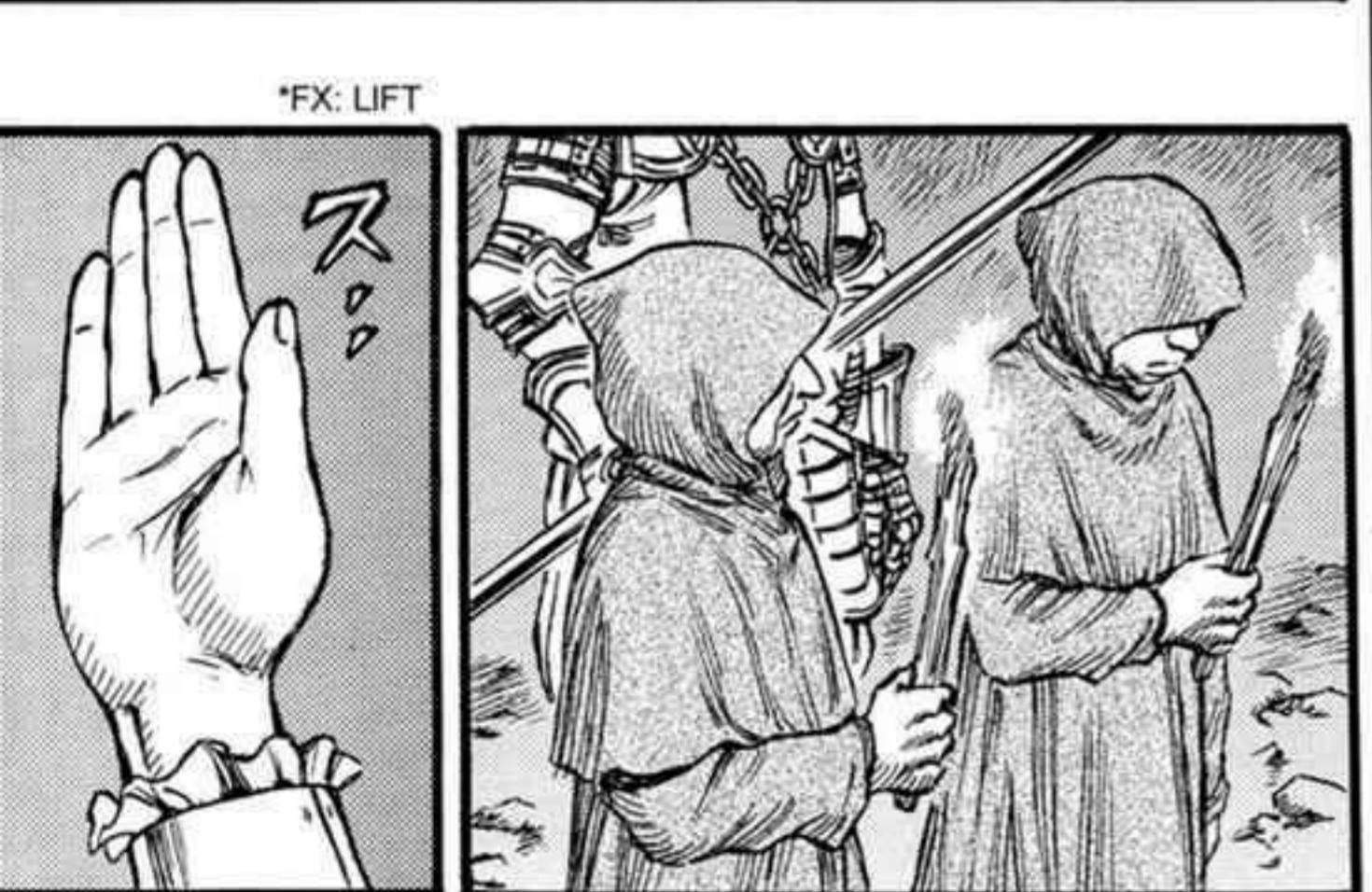
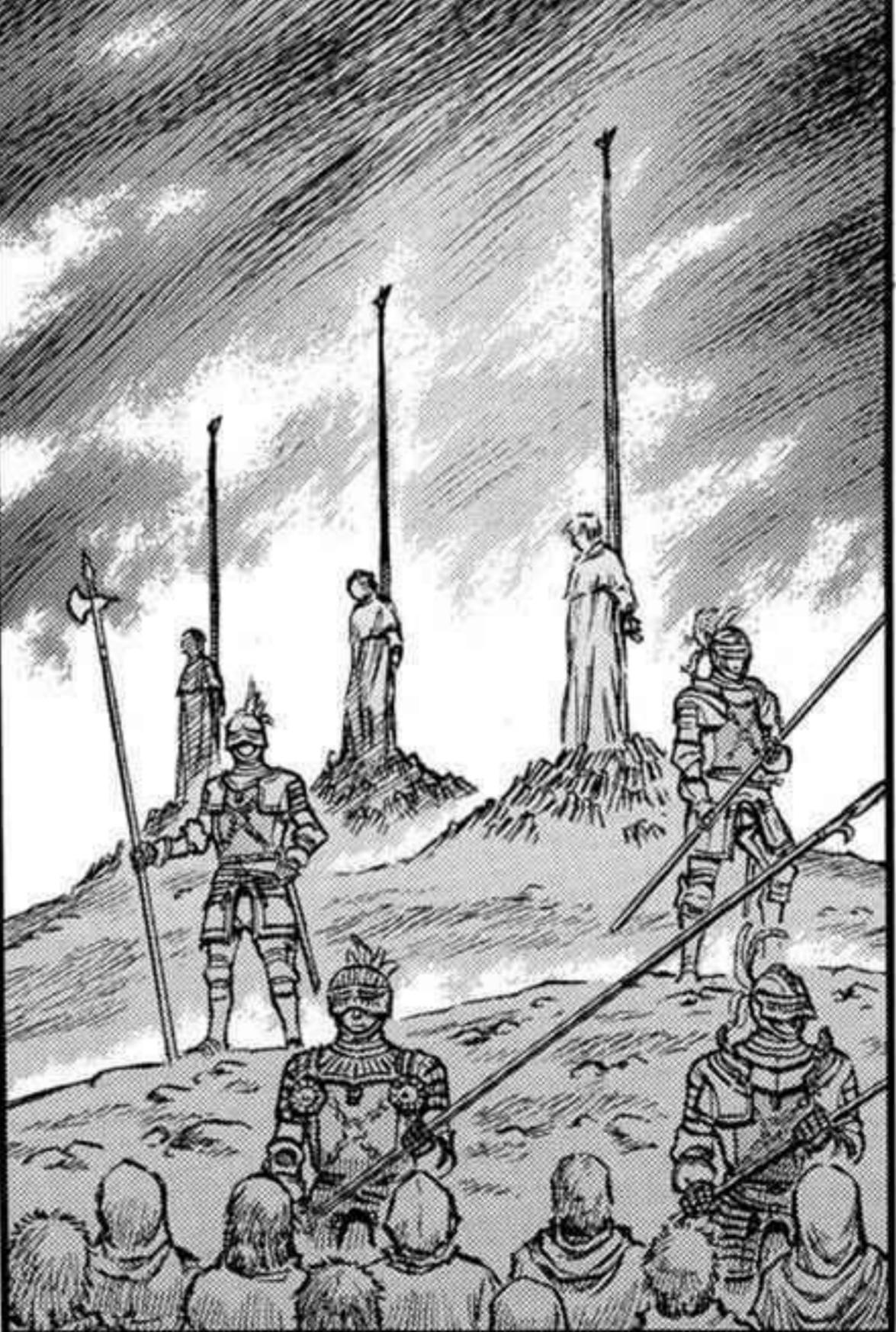
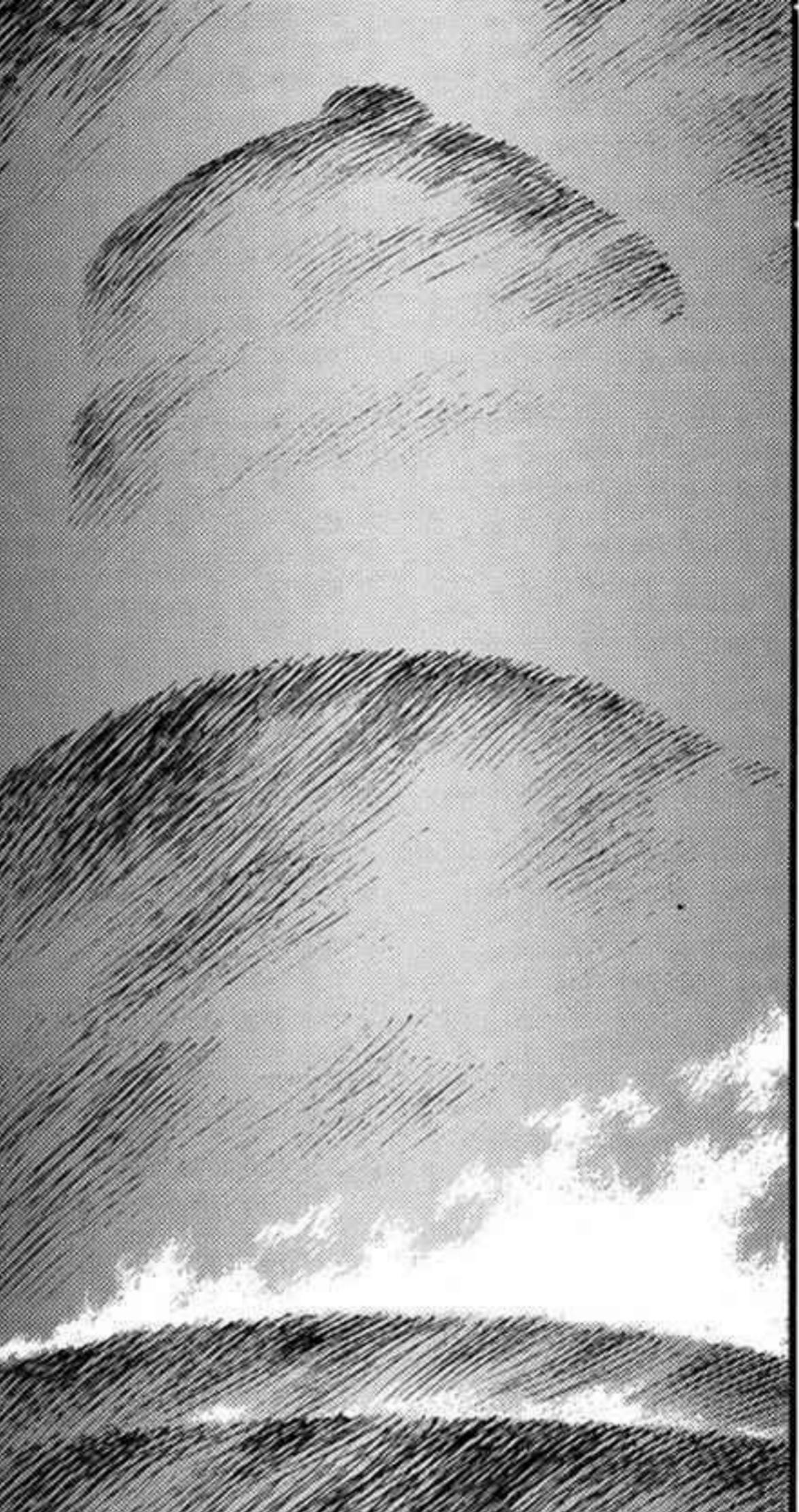
ROAR...  
ROAR...

LIKE SOME  
KIND OF  
FESTIVAL.

**CONVICTION ARC**  
**BIRTH CEREMONY**  
**CHAPTER**

**PILLAR OF FLAME**

**断罪篇**  
**生誕祭の章 炎の柱**





\*FX: BOPH



\*FX: ROARRR



\*FX: SNICKT SNAP



\*FX: BROARRR



"...THE COMMANDER'S VOLUNTARILY BEEN THROWING TORCHES AT THE STAKES."

"SINCE THE TIME SHE WAS A CHILD..."

...TO HAVE TROUBLE LIGHTING PEOPLE ON FIRE.

THE WENCH SURE DOESN'T SEEM...

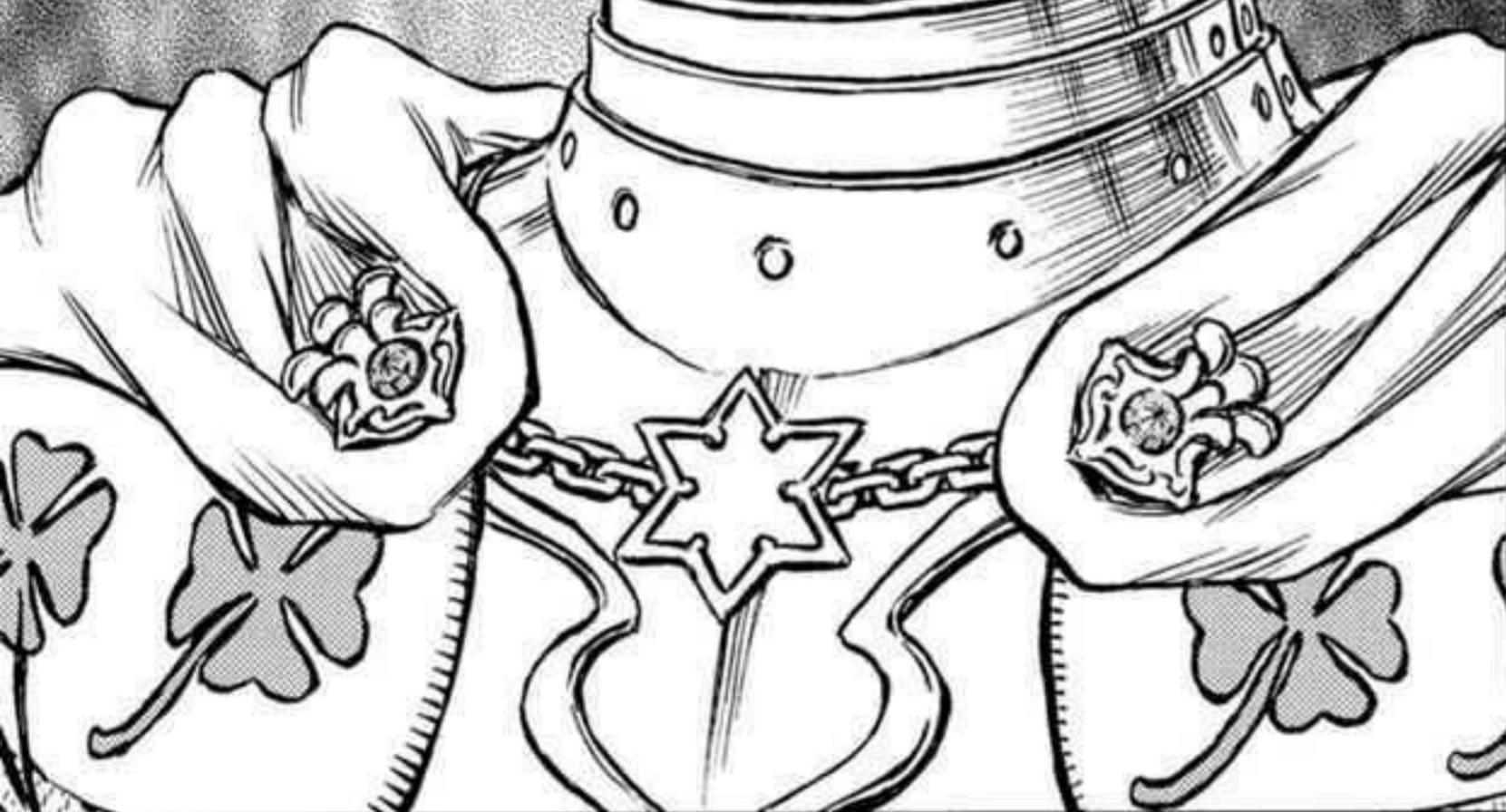


APPARENTLY THE COMMANDER HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE STAKE.

OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW, SIR JEROME?

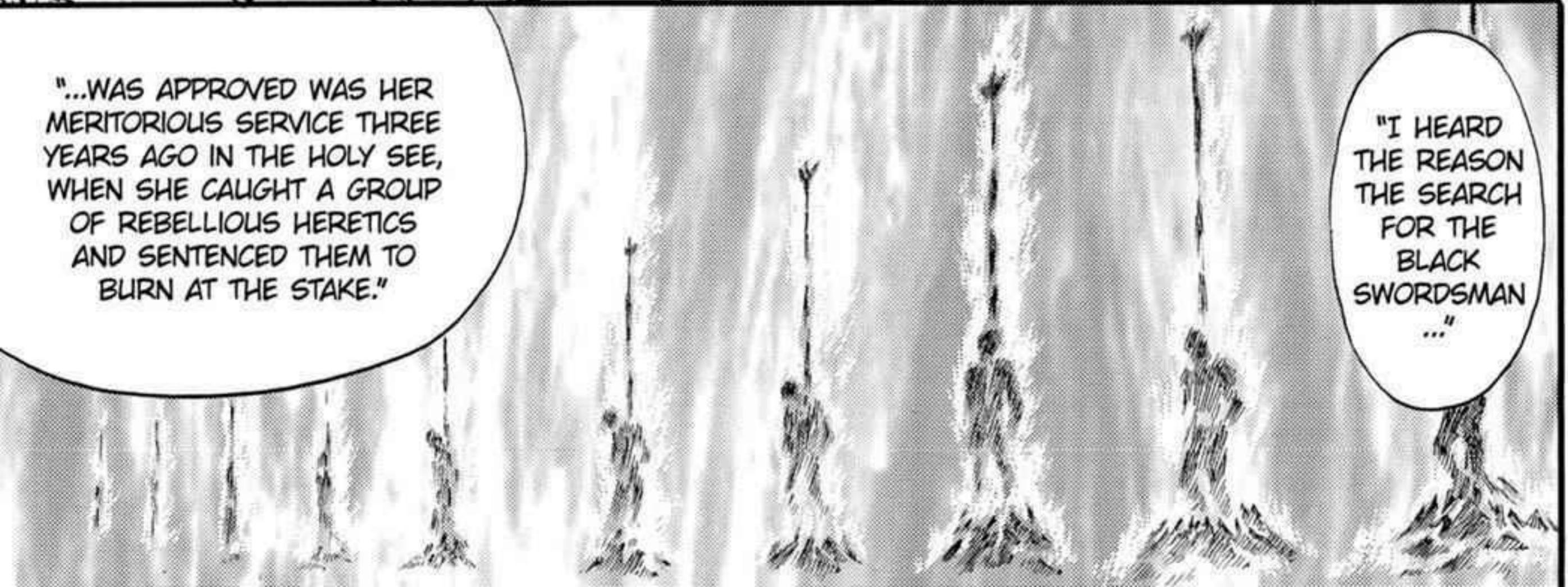
"IT SEEMS WHEN THE HERETIC HUNTS WERE WIDESPREAD, THAT WAS USED AS A BURNING GROUND."

"HER FAMILY'S HOME FACED THE CITY SQUARE."

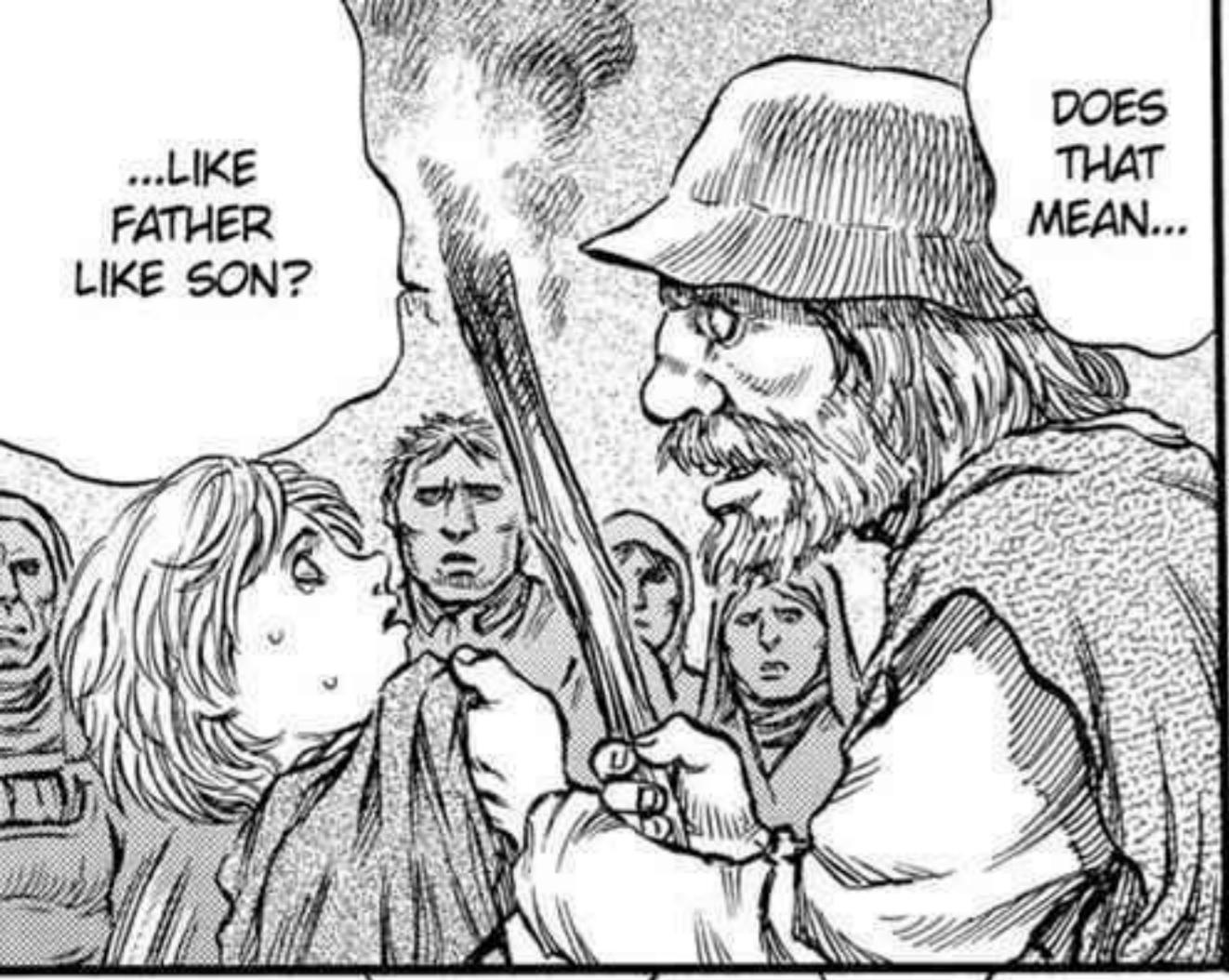


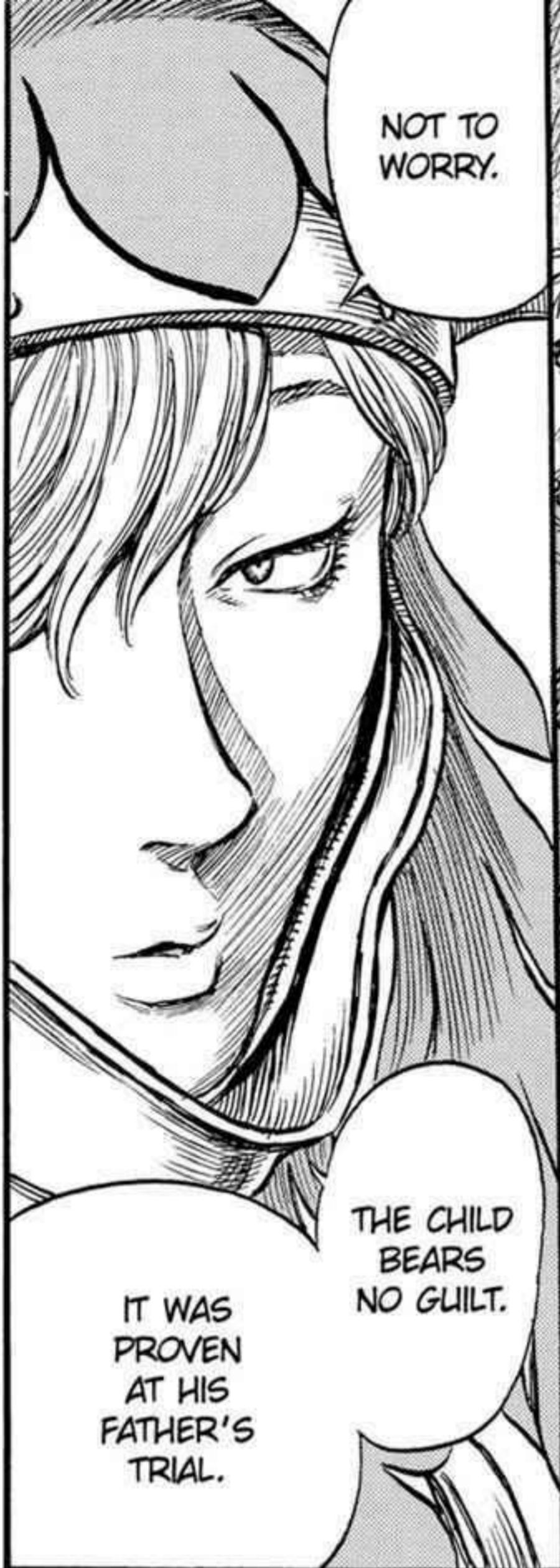
"...WAS APPROVED WAS HER MERITORIOUS SERVICE THREE YEARS AGO IN THE HOLY SEE, WHEN SHE CAUGHT A GROUP OF REBELLIOUS HERETICS AND SENTENCED THEM TO BURN AT THE STAKE."

"I HEARD THE REASON THE SEARCH FOR THE BLACK SWORDSMAN ..."









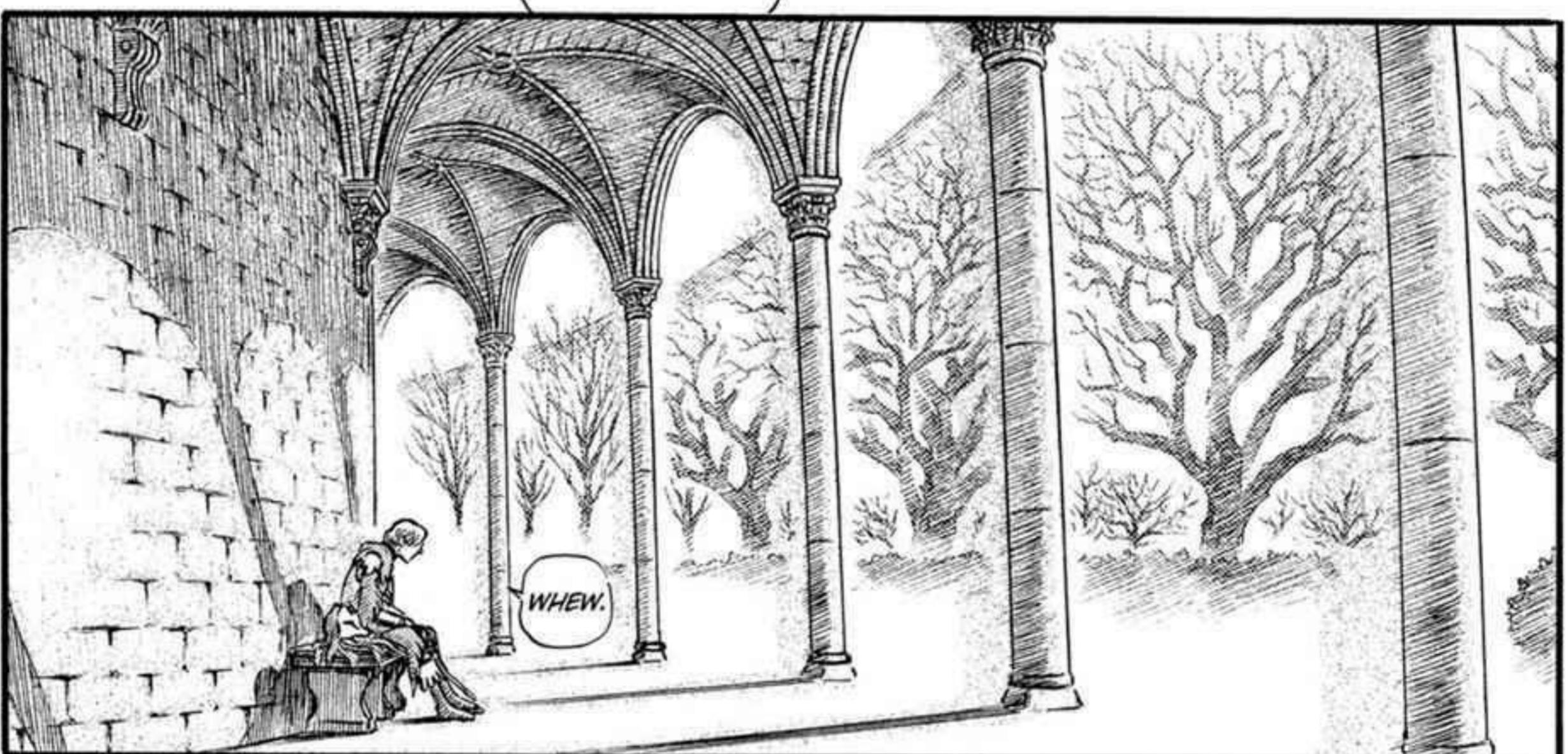


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\*FX: SWAY





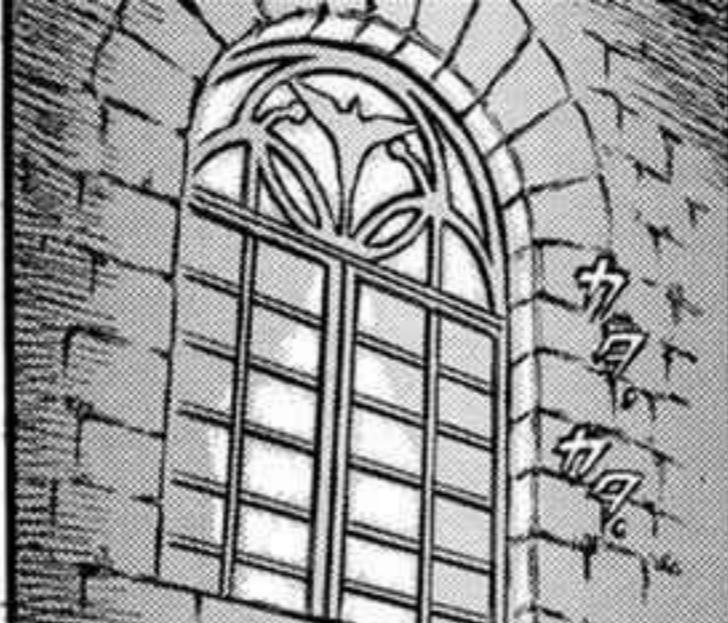




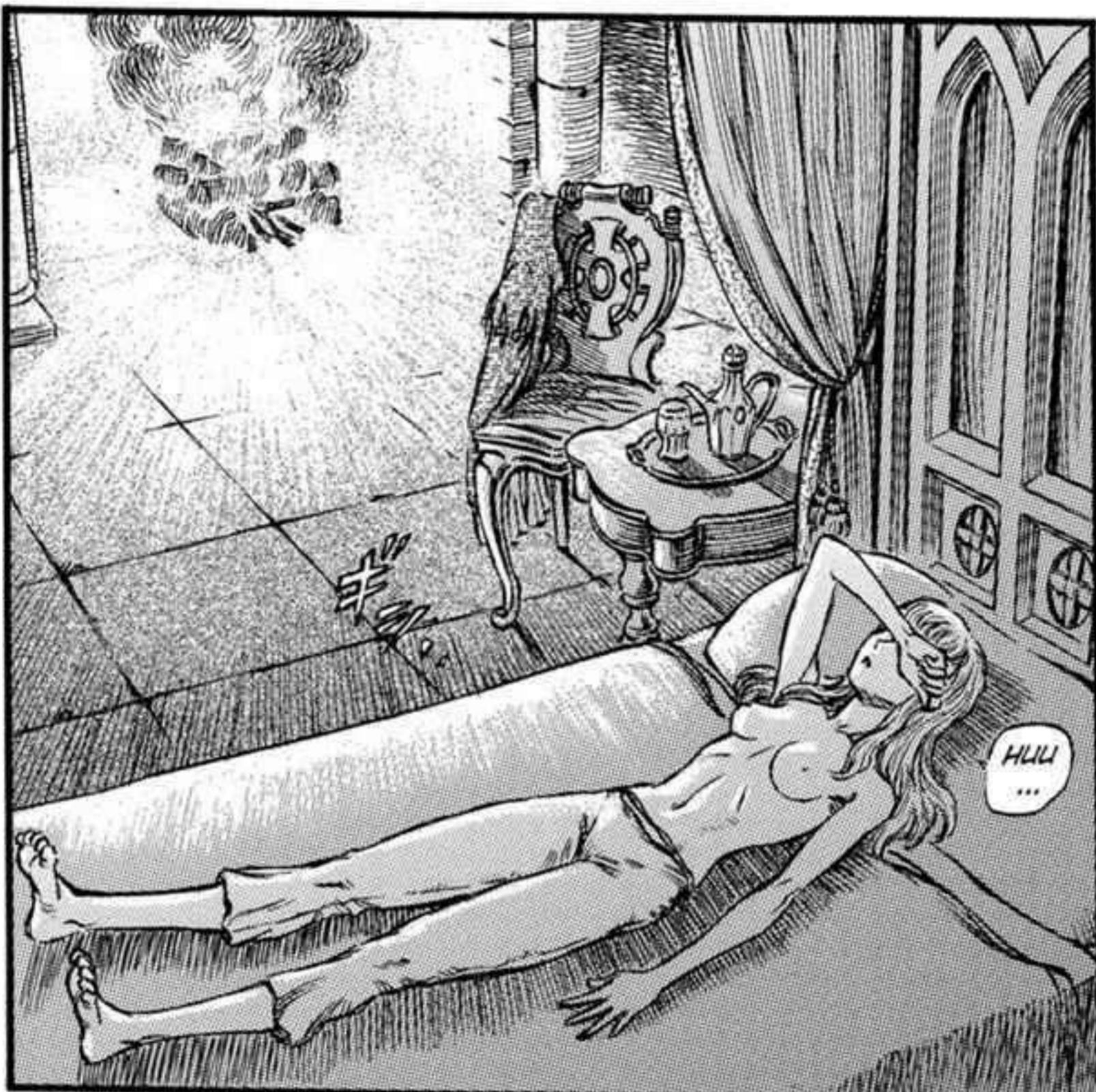




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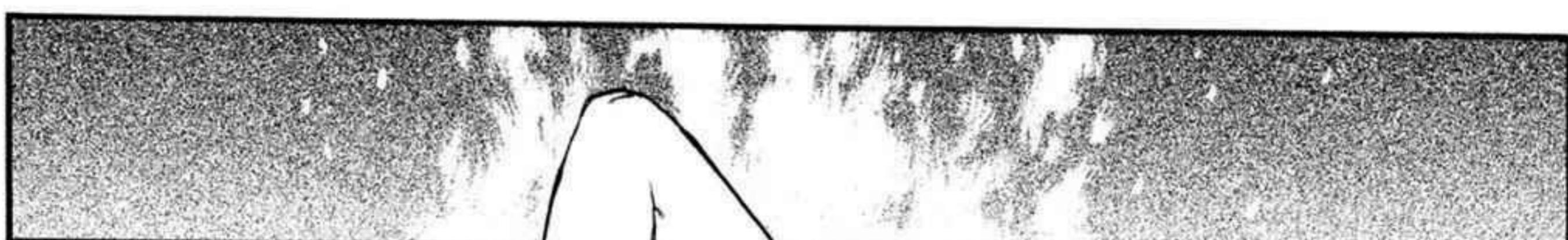
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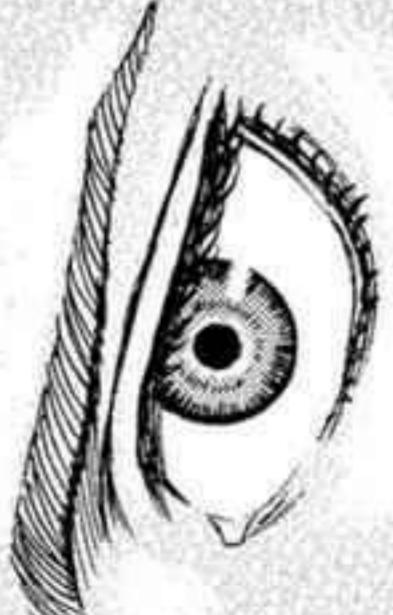
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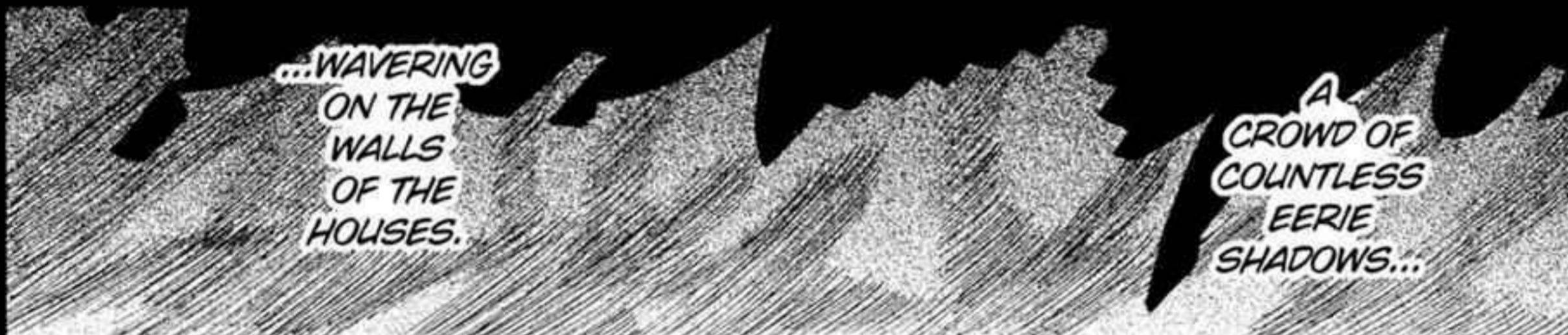
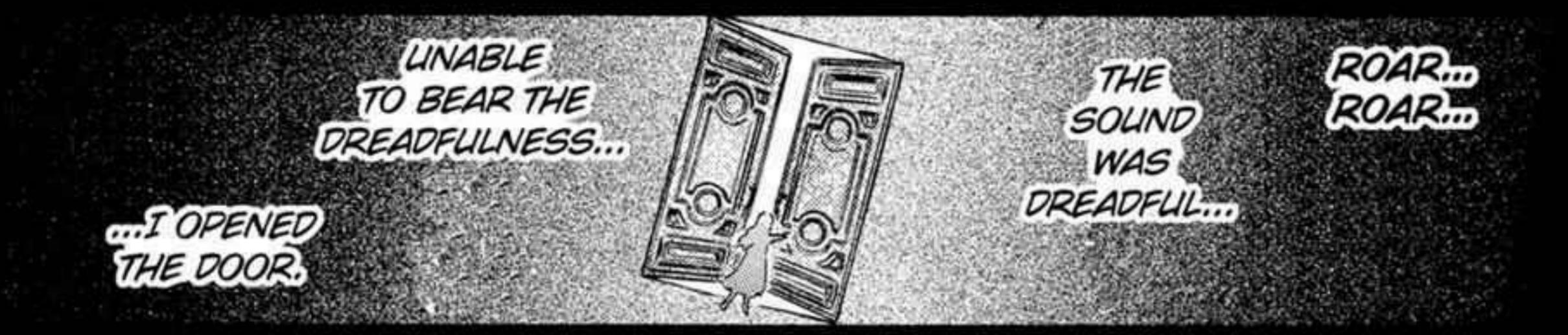
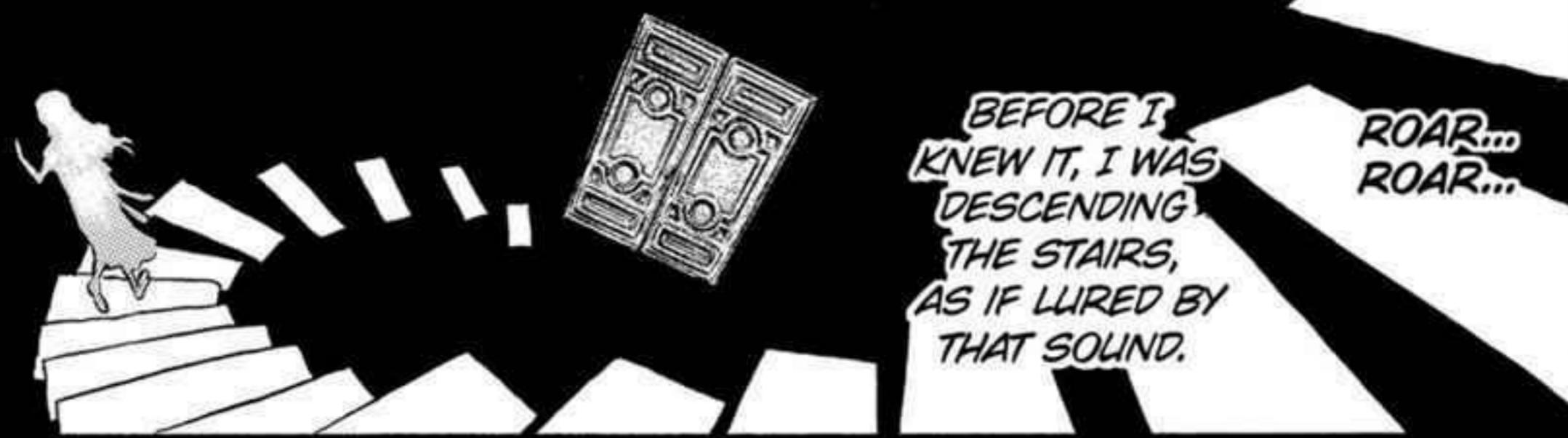


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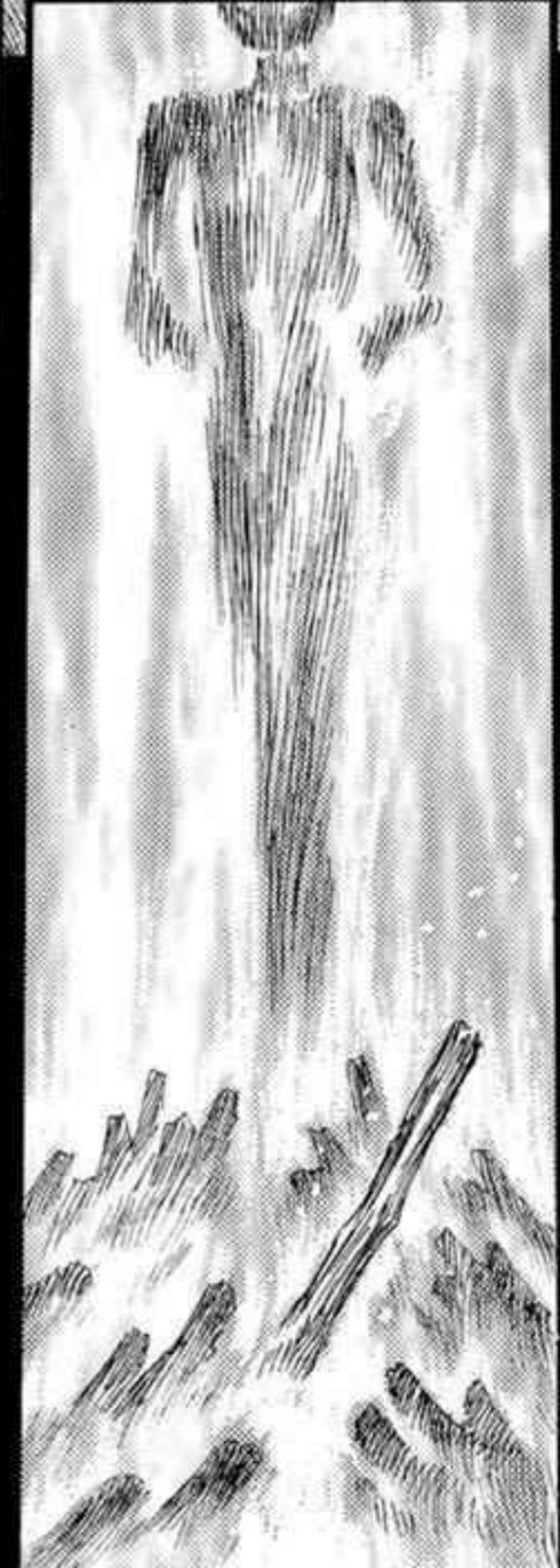
WHEN I STARE AT  
THE FLAMES...  
.....  
...I REMEMBER...





...OF THE  
SKIN KNOWN  
AS OUR  
WORLD FROM  
SECRETS  
HIDDEN BY  
THE NIGHT,  
THERE  
SURGES  
TERROR.

I KNEW  
THEN,  
WHEN YOU  
PEEL BACK  
A THIN  
LAYER!!!







...BECOME  
ONE OF  
THEM...

...AND DANCE.

I KNEW IT.  
WHEN YOU  
PEEL BACK  
A THIN LAYER  
OF THE SKIN  
KNOWN AS  
OUR WORLD,  
THERE  
SURGES  
TERROR.

IN  
ORDER TO  
ESCAPE  
THAT  
TERROR...

CHILD  
OF  
GREAT  
FAITH.

WELL  
DONE,  
LITTLE  
MISS.

THE  
LORD'S  
BLESSING  
UPON  
THIS  
GIRL.

A  
BLESSING.

I COULD  
FEEL A  
STRANGE  
WARMTH  
IN MY  
UNDER-  
BELLY.

IT MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
THE HEAT  
OF THE  
FLAMES.



\*FX: POCH

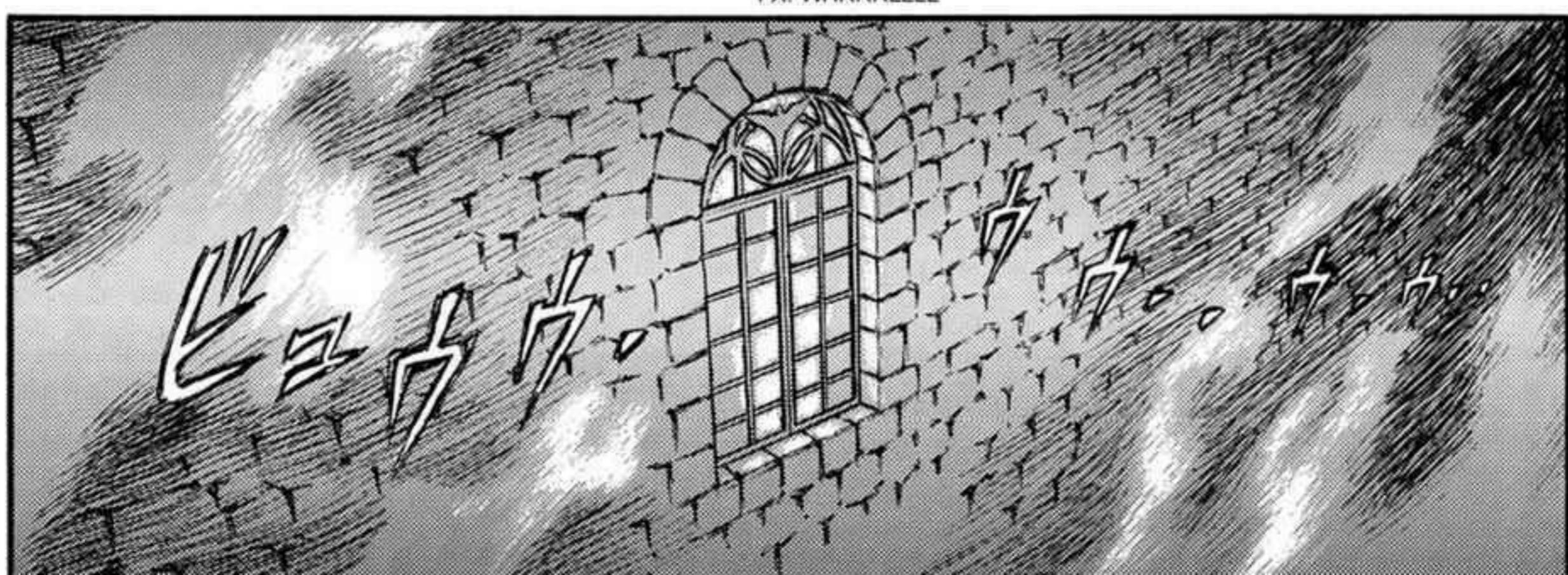




I'M NOT...

...IN THE  
WRONG.

\*FX: WHRRRLLL



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# BERSERK

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Berserk  
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Hell has broken loose in the kingdom of Midland. On the death of Midland's king comes invasion, demonic forces seem to be on the rise, underground pagan cults are running wild, and the church is busily rounding up and teaching heretics the errors of their ways. While Guts is busy testing out his newly repaired sword on the invaders, his former captain and lover, Casca, her mind wrecked by her unholy tryst with a demon lord, has fallen in with a rough crowd who don't exactly wish her well. But she, like Guts, is now marked with the Brand of Sacrifice, and her abusers may soon find themselves face-to-face with the unholy abominations that are inexorably drawn to the Brand!

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