

AZURE EPOCH

OPERATION ETHERENA!



A NOVEL BY T.D. MCINTOSH



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CHARACTER CONCEPT ART

TRUE SEEKER



A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

We thank you for picking
up this book.

This book was originally an attempt to make a one-shot story to shop around to studios like Shonen Jump, but a small script turned into 131 pages.

Unfortunately, we never got to finish it.
So for those of you who picked up this book, we will finish Azure Epoch, just with a different approach to the story.

Thank you, True Seekers!

- Team Azure



VOLUME
ONE

AZURE EPOCH

MCINTOSH

GLADIMA

ROGERS

JASPER STOCKMAN

AGENT FOR GAIA STATES ALLIANCE
INTELLIGENCE

COME ON, MR.
RUMBLE.

ONLY YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT
AMOUNT OF
KNOW-HOW TO
COME ONTO THIS
PROJECT.

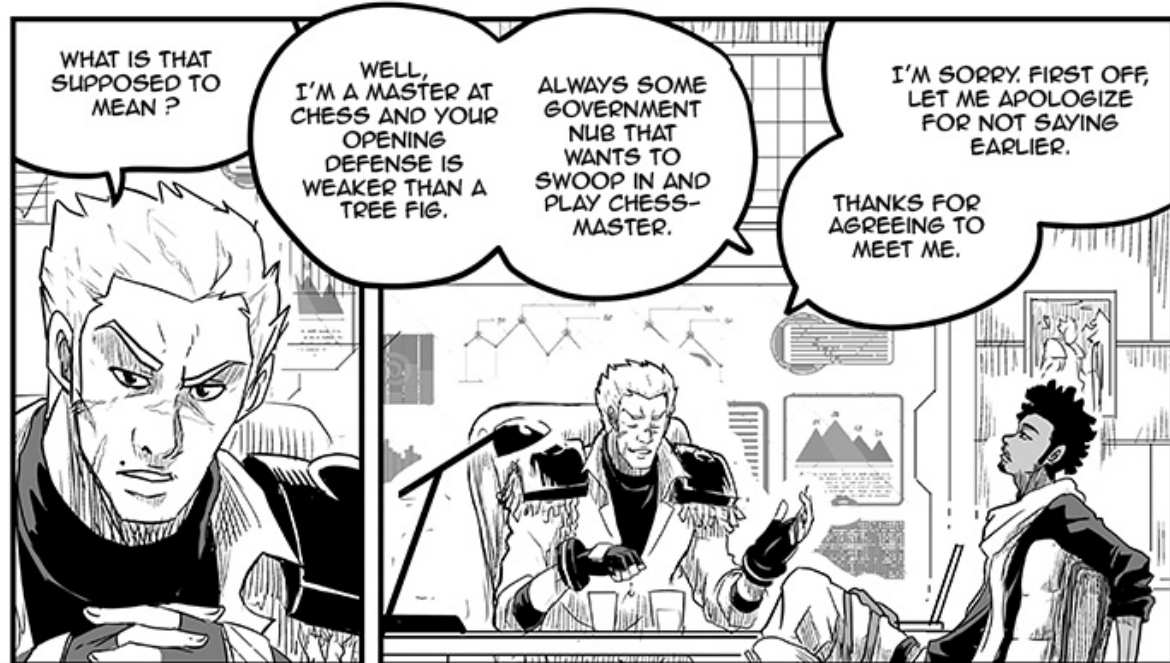
PLUS,
YOU'RE ON
GROUND LEVEL
WITH THEM.
WHAT'S THEIR
NAME...

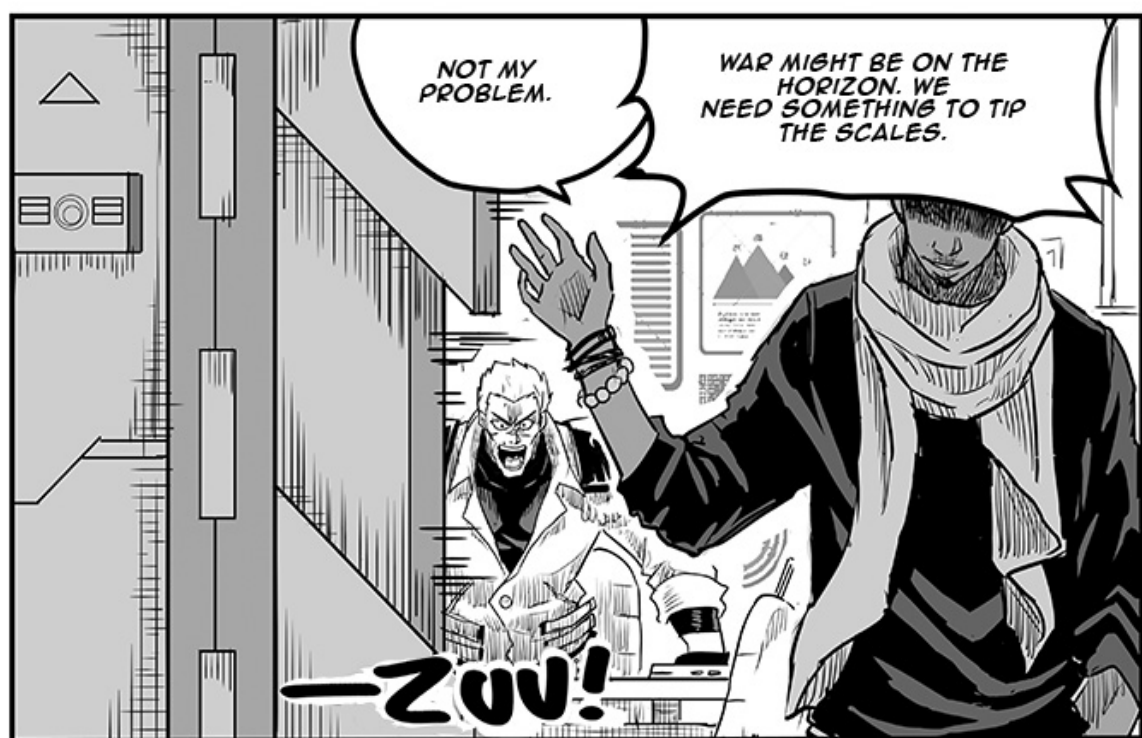
THE VENTURE
CORPS.
IF YOU'RE NOT
GONNA REMEMBER
OUR NAMES, WHY
EVEN BUTTER
ME UP?

DASH RUMBLE

PHYSICIAN AND
ADVENTURER









COME ON,
MR. RUMBLE.
WE BOTH
HAVE A LOT
TO GAIN.



I KNOW
YOU HAVE SOME
PROJECTS YOU
ABSOLUTELY
WANT TO
ACCOMPLISH.



IF YOU GIVE US
THE RAGNARIUM
GEM FROM CARDINAL
ISLAND, EAGLELAND
IS PREPARED TO GIVE
YOU UNLIMITED
FUNDING.



WE'RE IN
THIS FOR
THE
DISCOVERY.



MR. STOCKMAN...
WE'RE NOT
MERCENARIES.



YOU'LL REGRET
THIS, RUMBLE!
ALL OF YOU!

DAP!



CLAP!

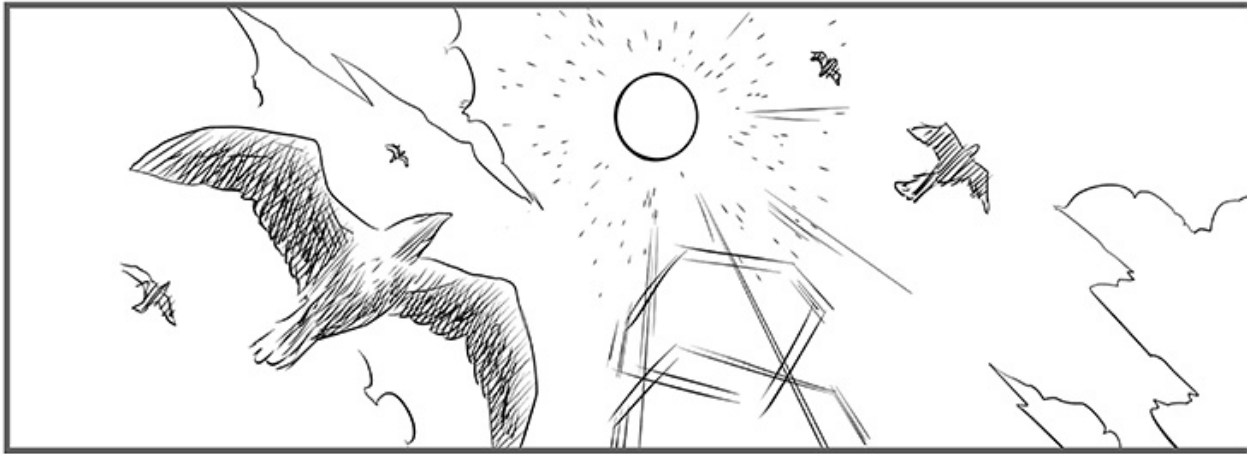


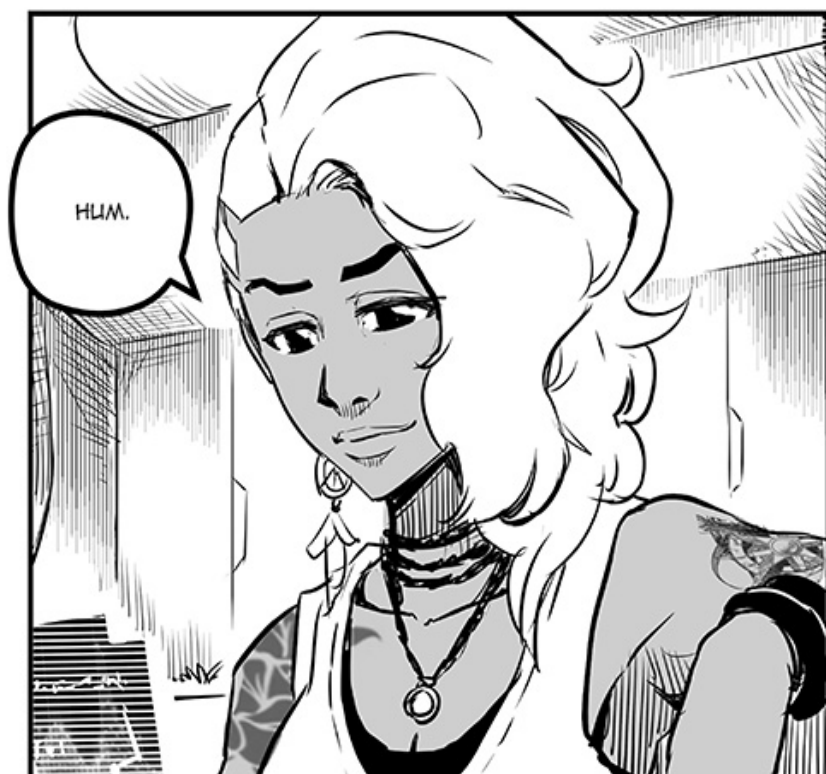
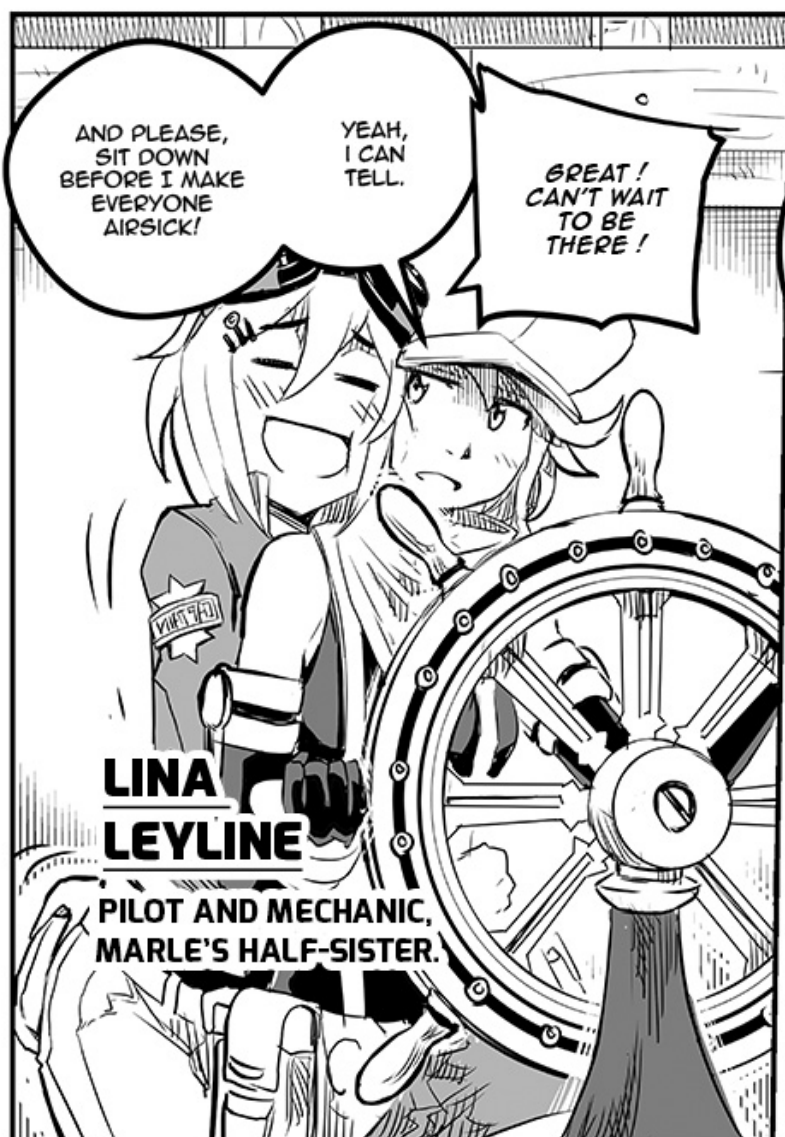


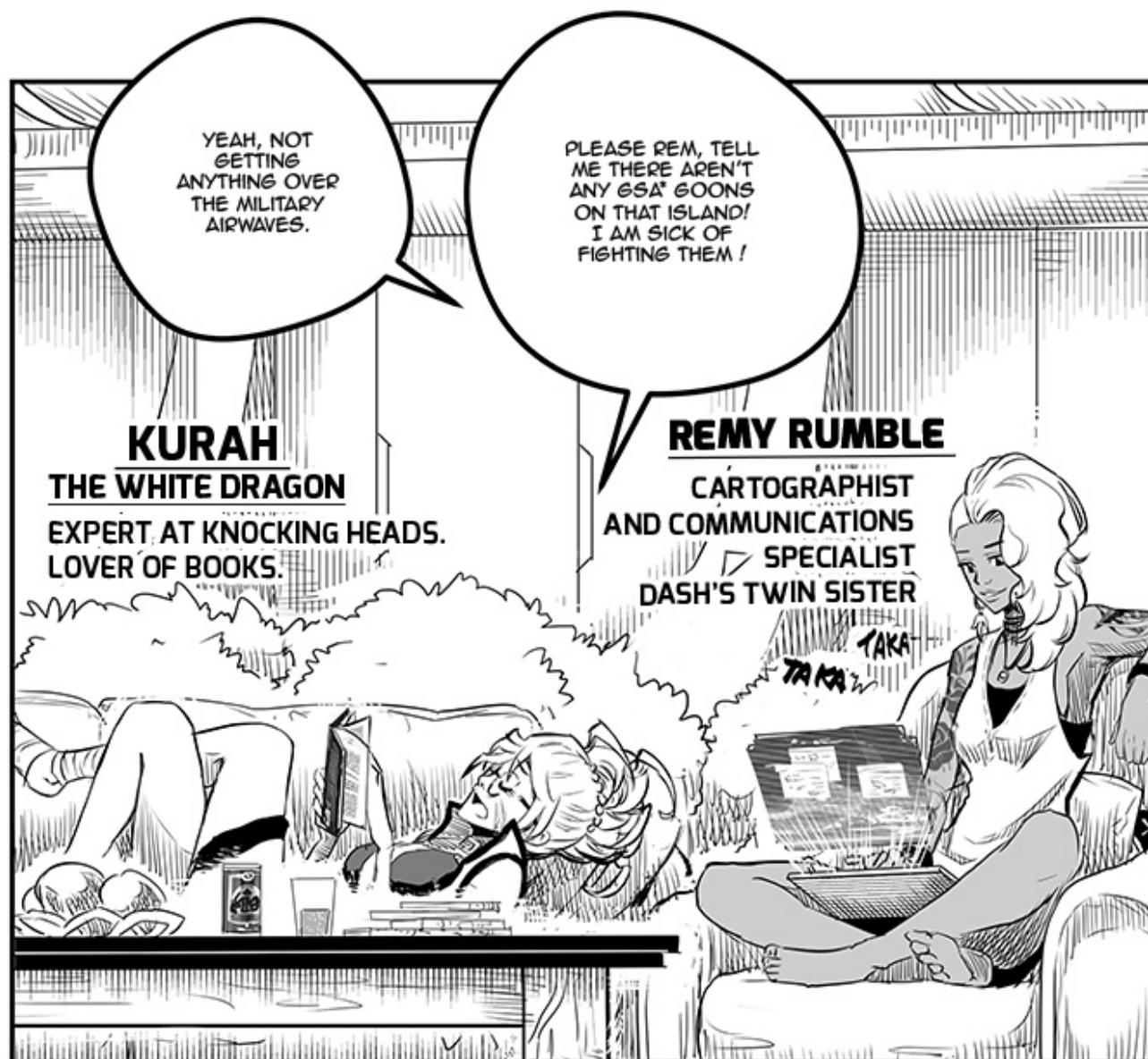
WE ARE NOW READY
TO EXPLORE THIS
WHOLE BLUE WORLD!

**EPISODE 1, PART 1:
THE SAGA OF THE VENTURE CORP**

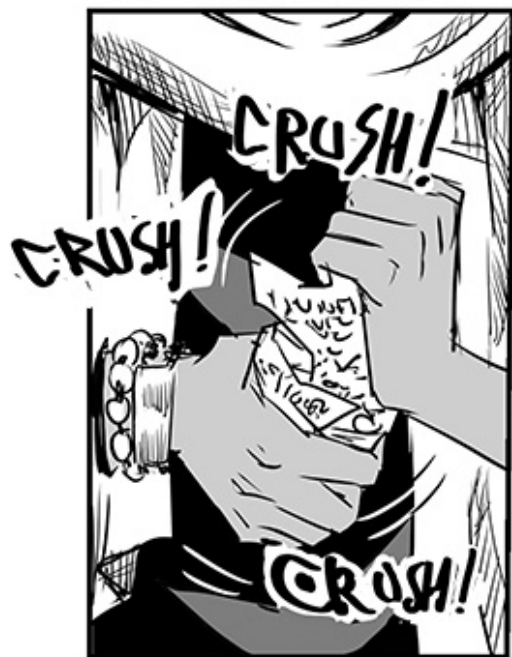
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EPOCH

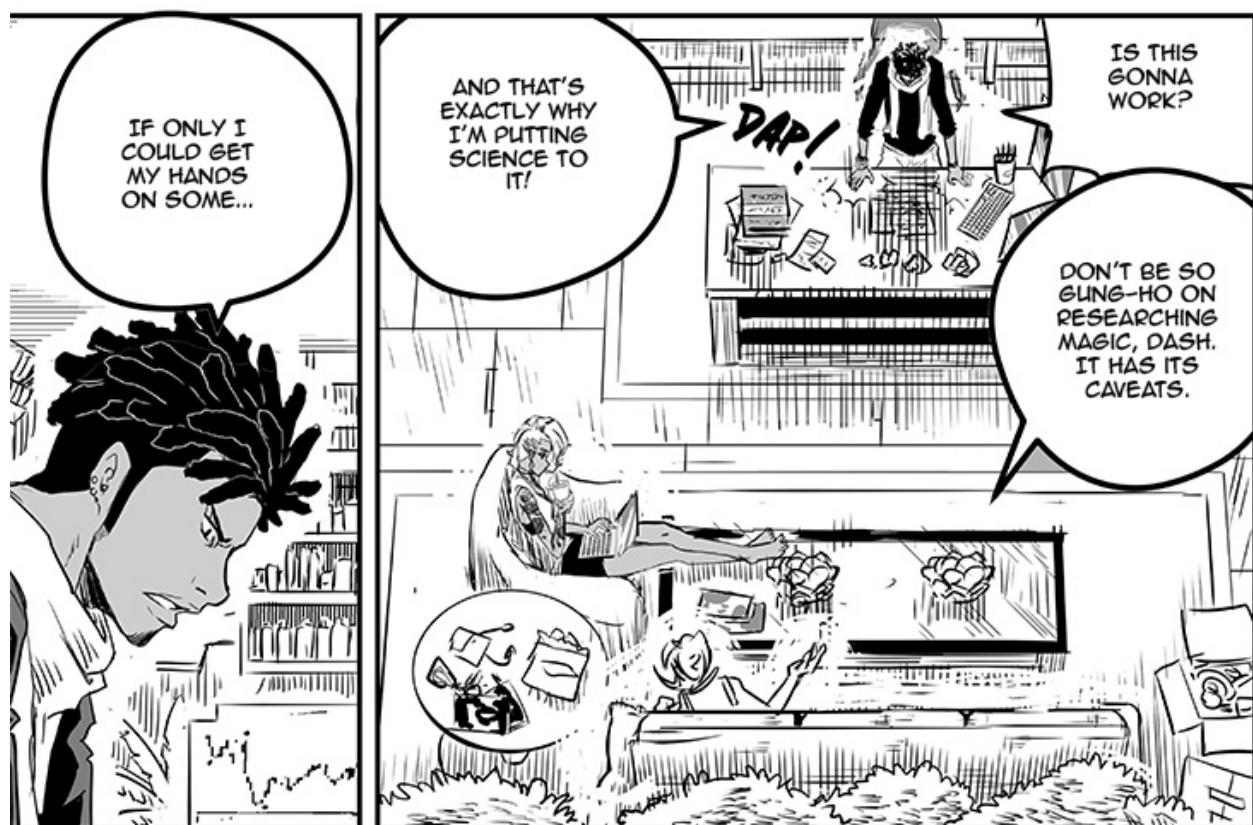


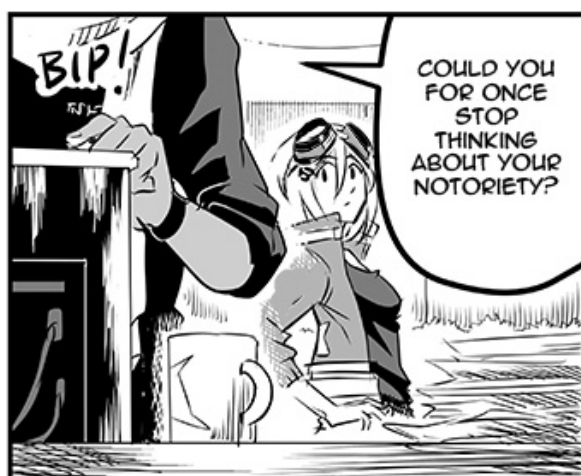


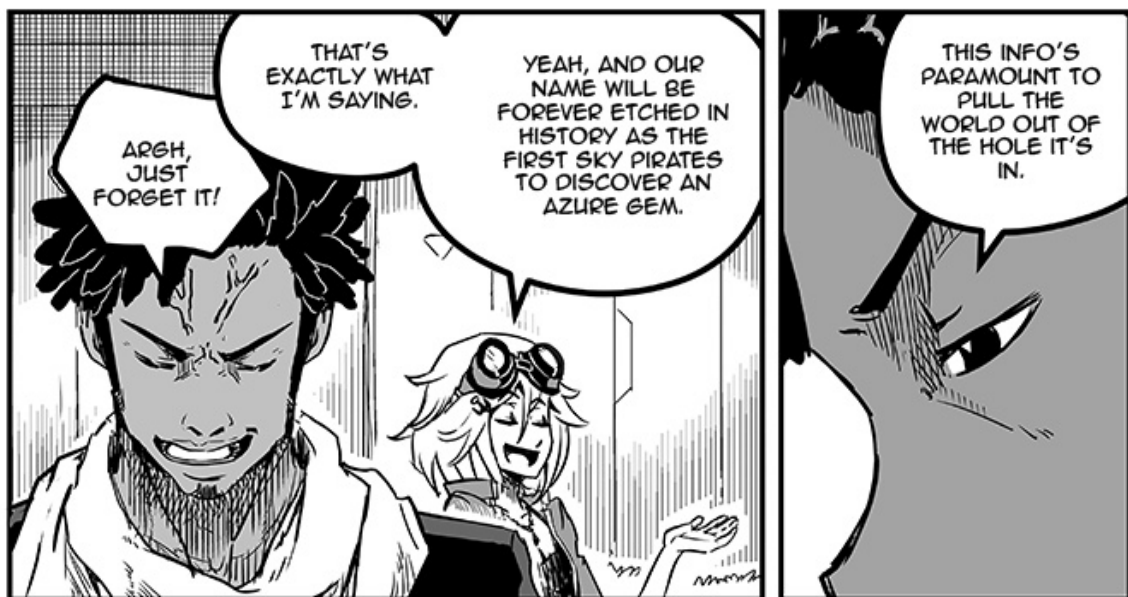


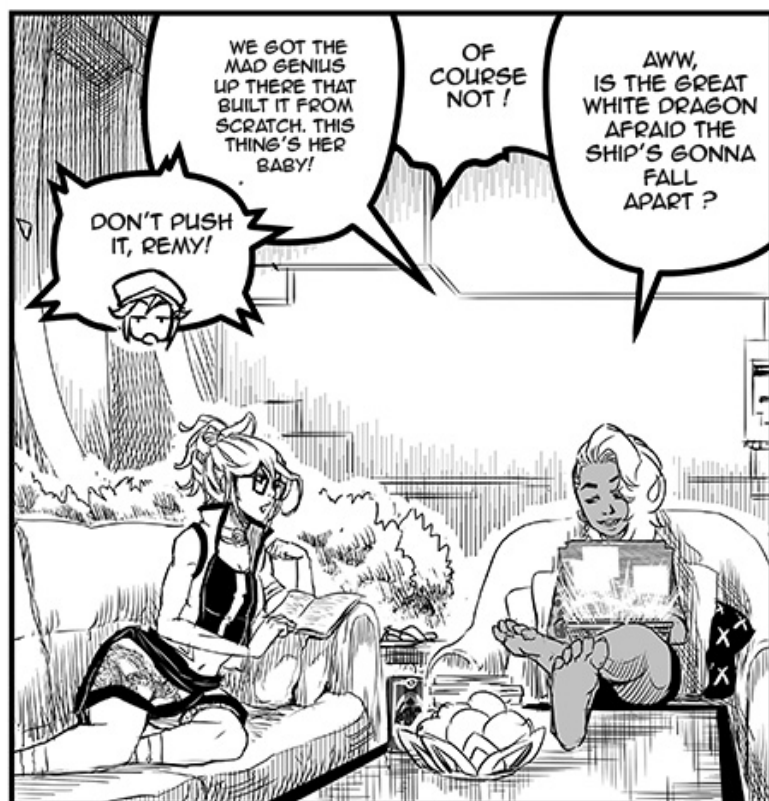
*GSA = GAÏA STATES ALLIANCE

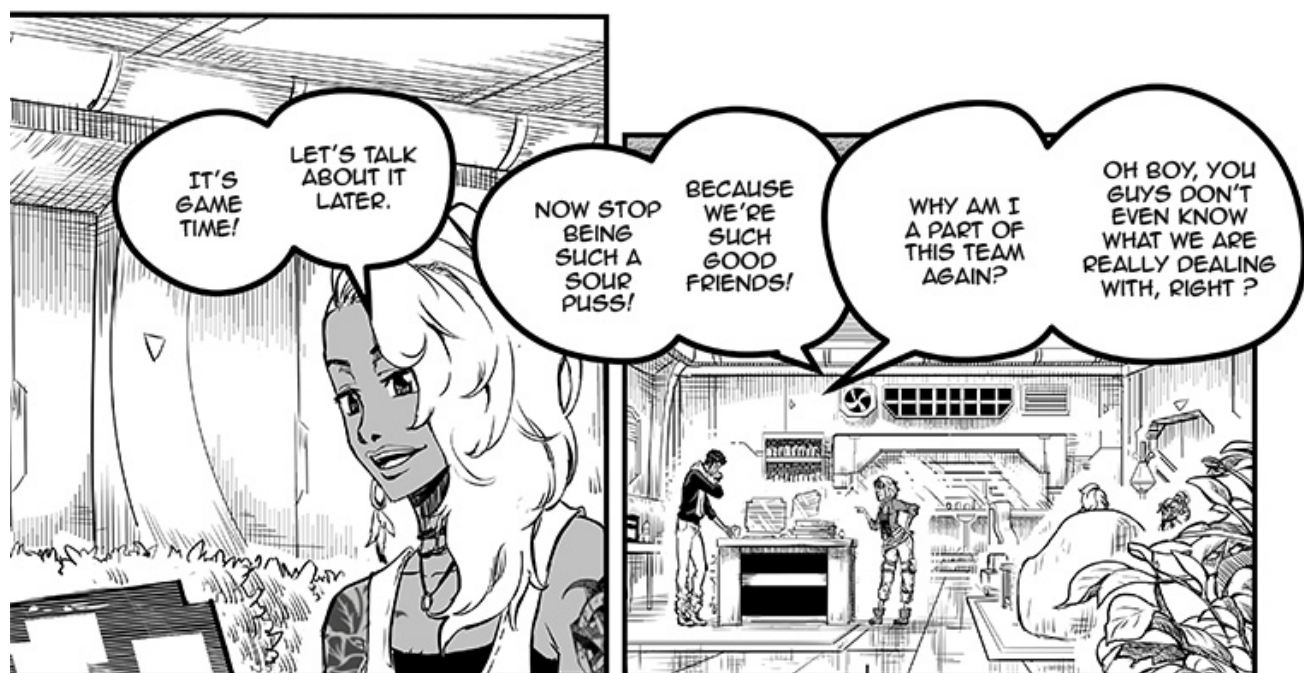


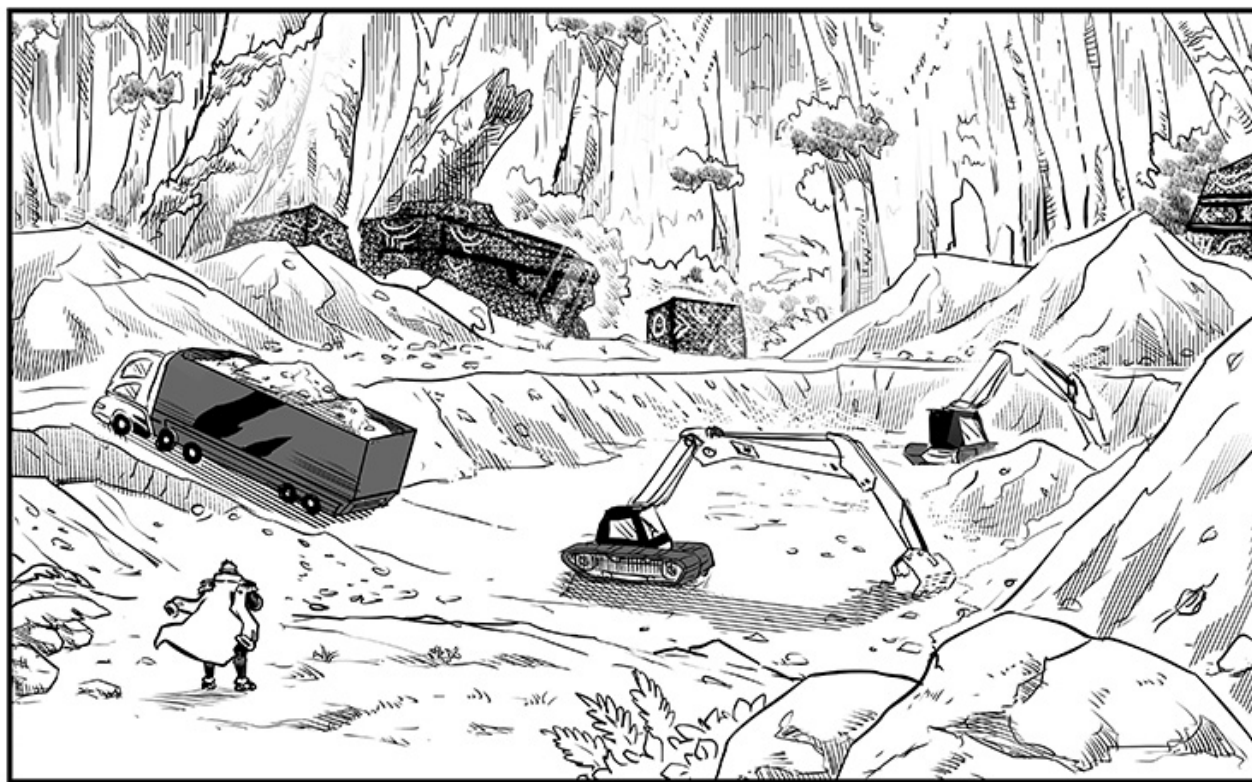


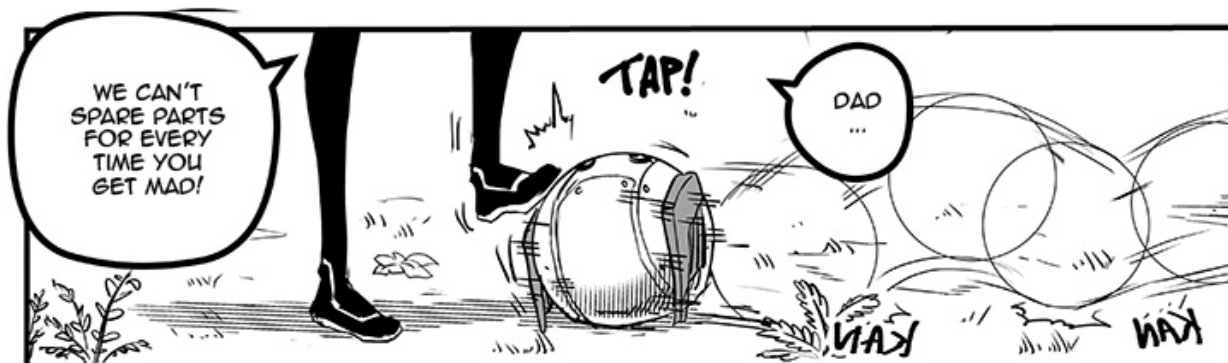


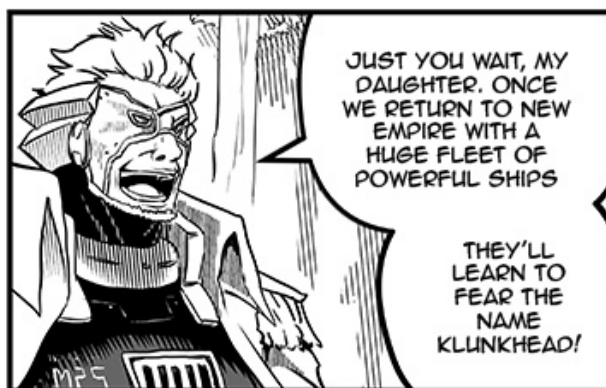


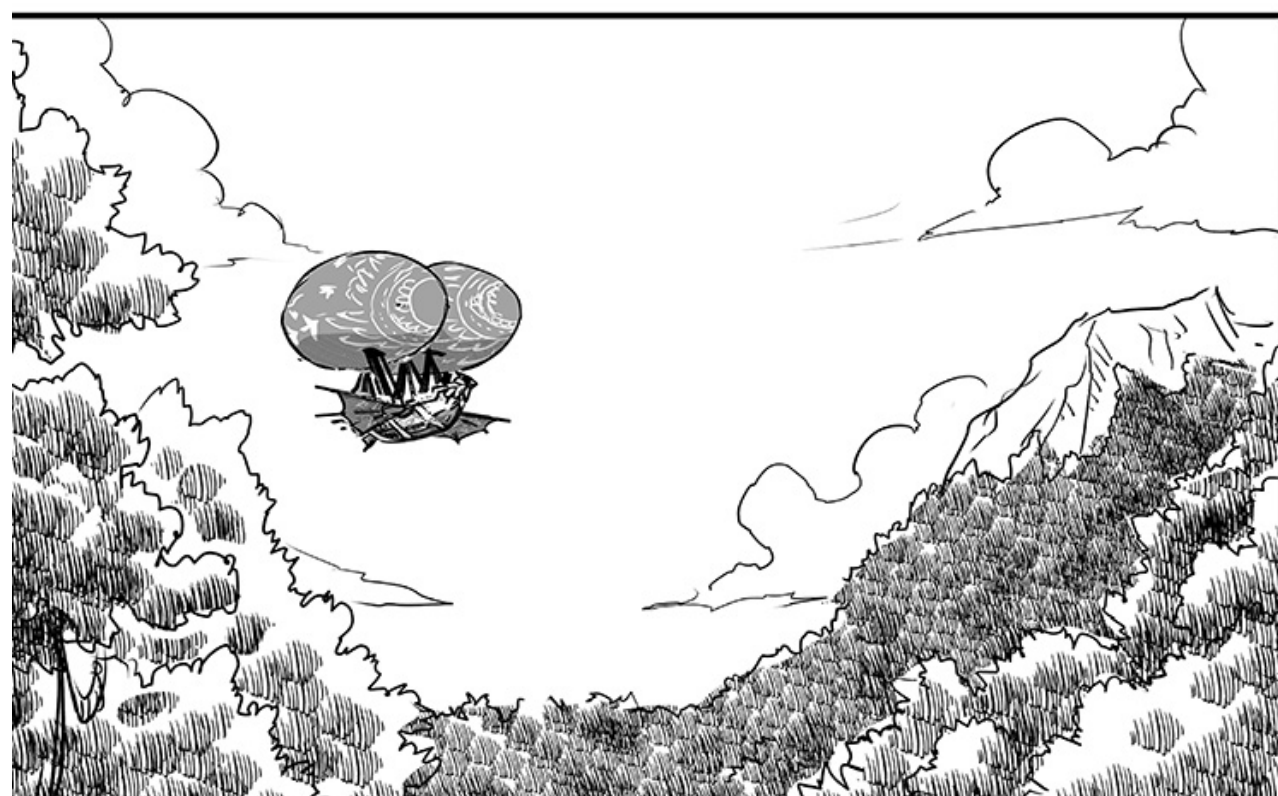
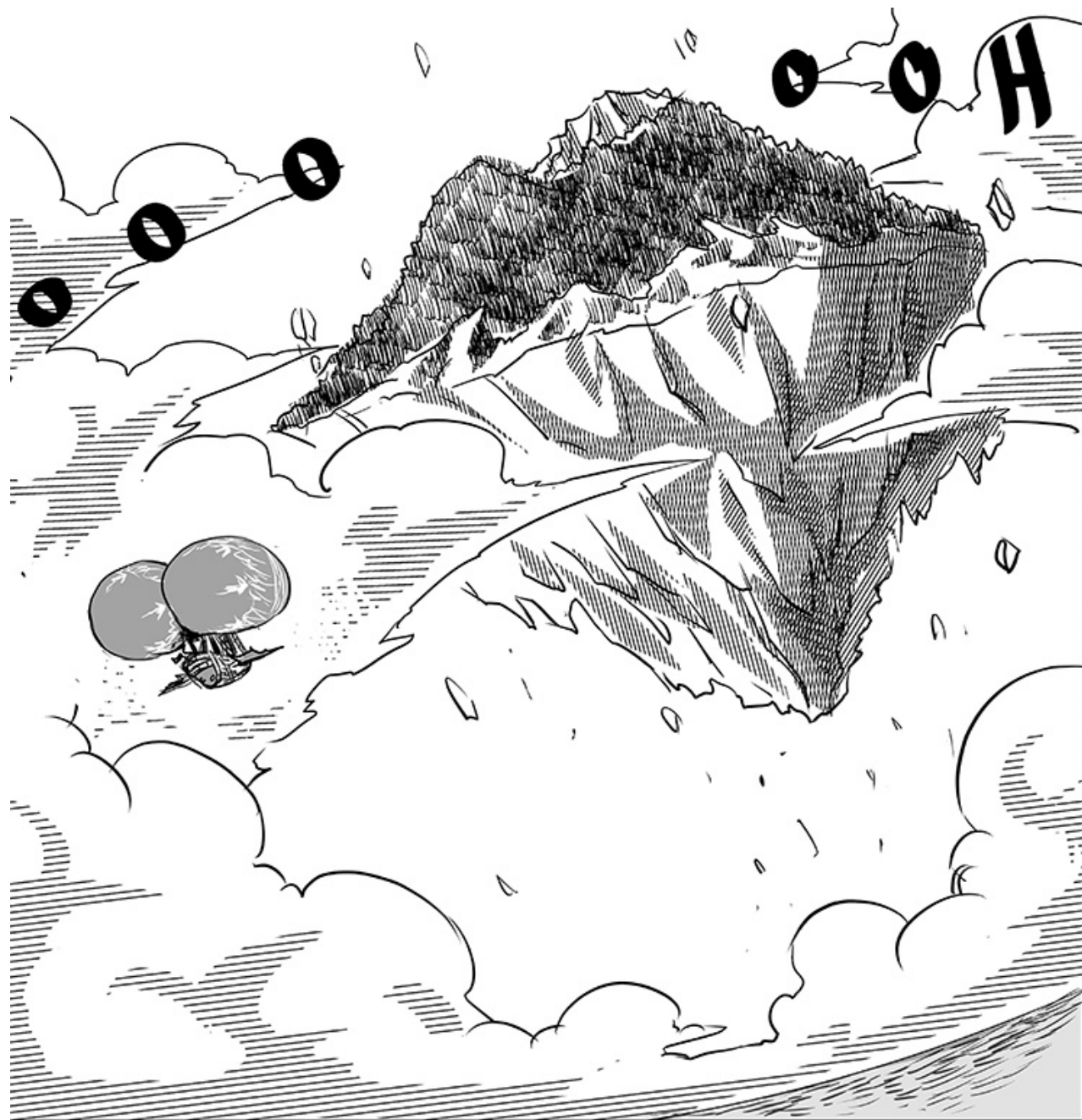




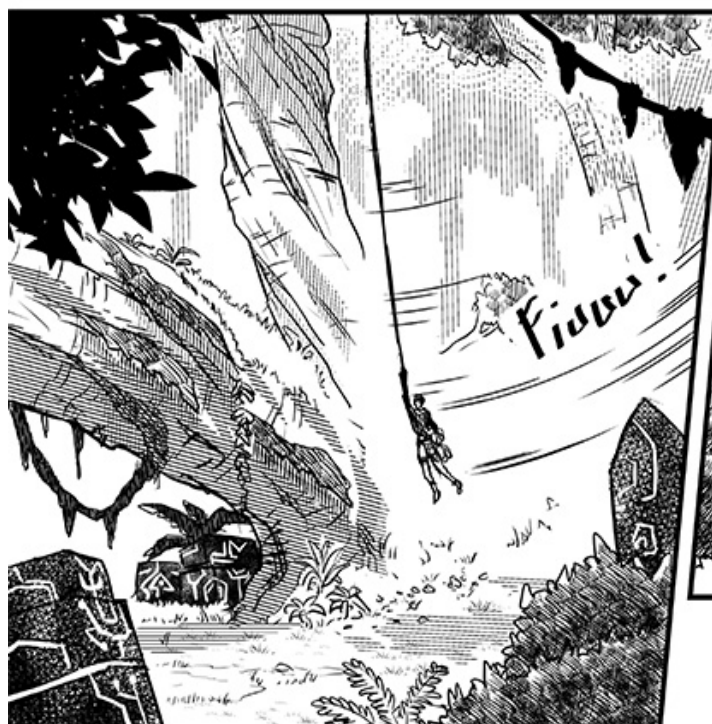
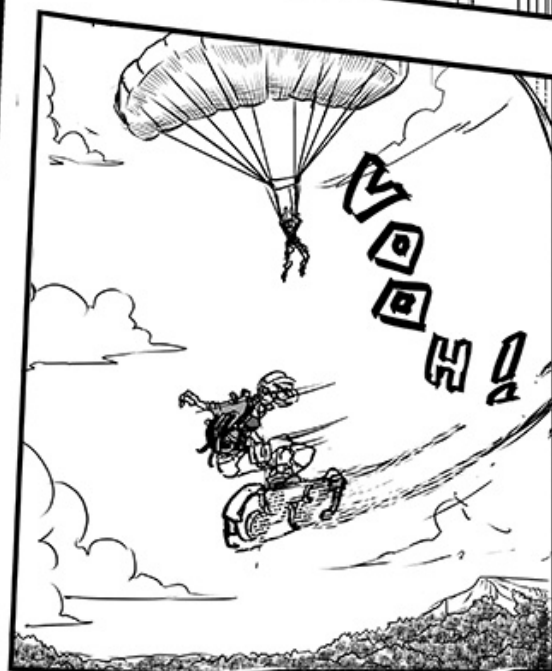
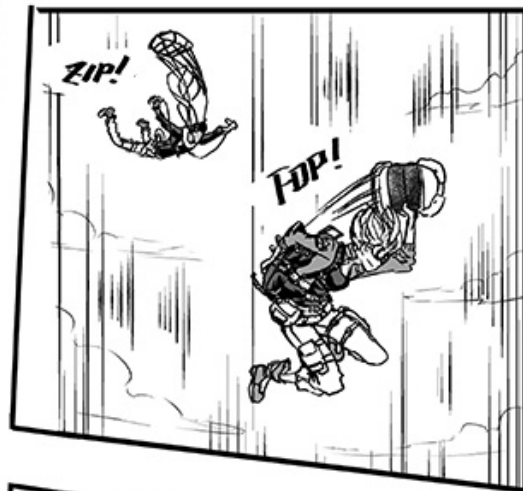


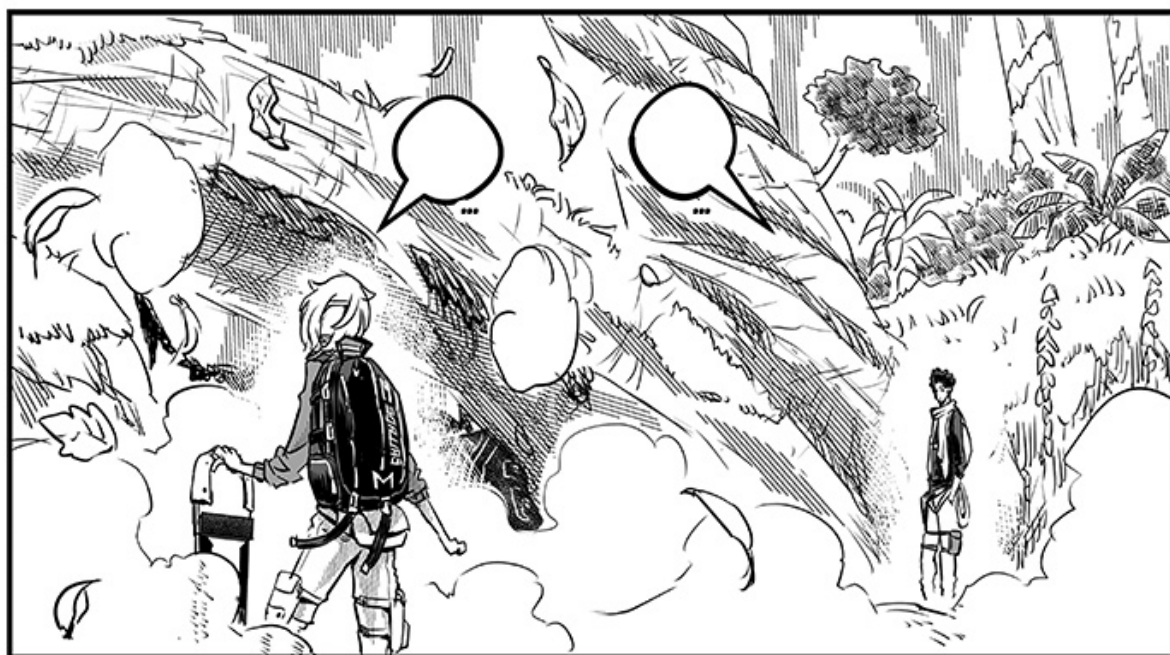














WAIT,
WHERE'S...







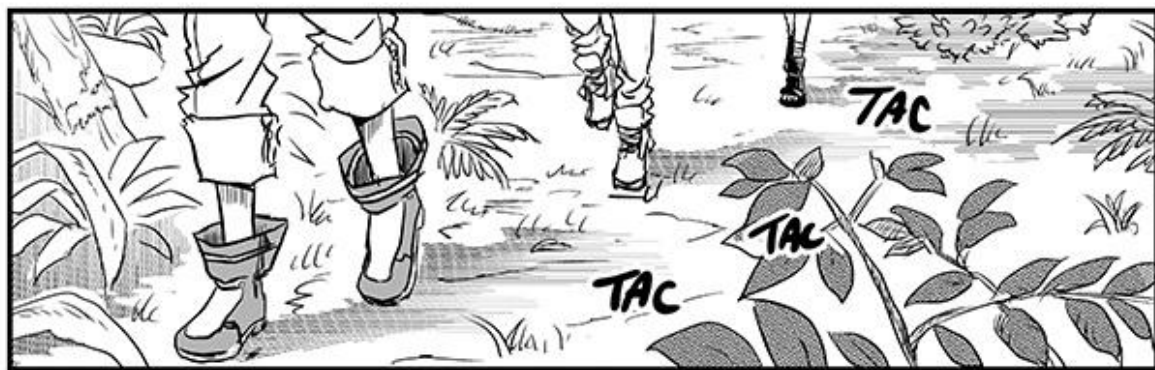
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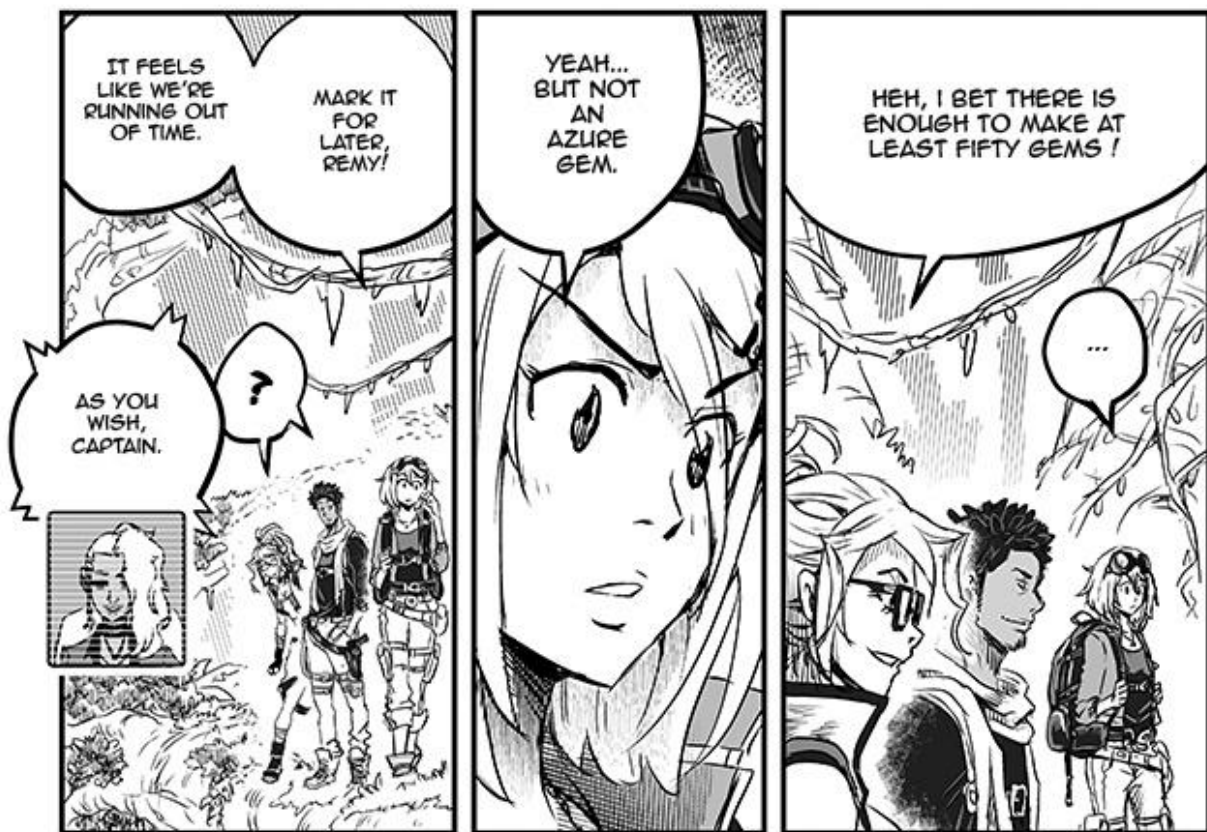


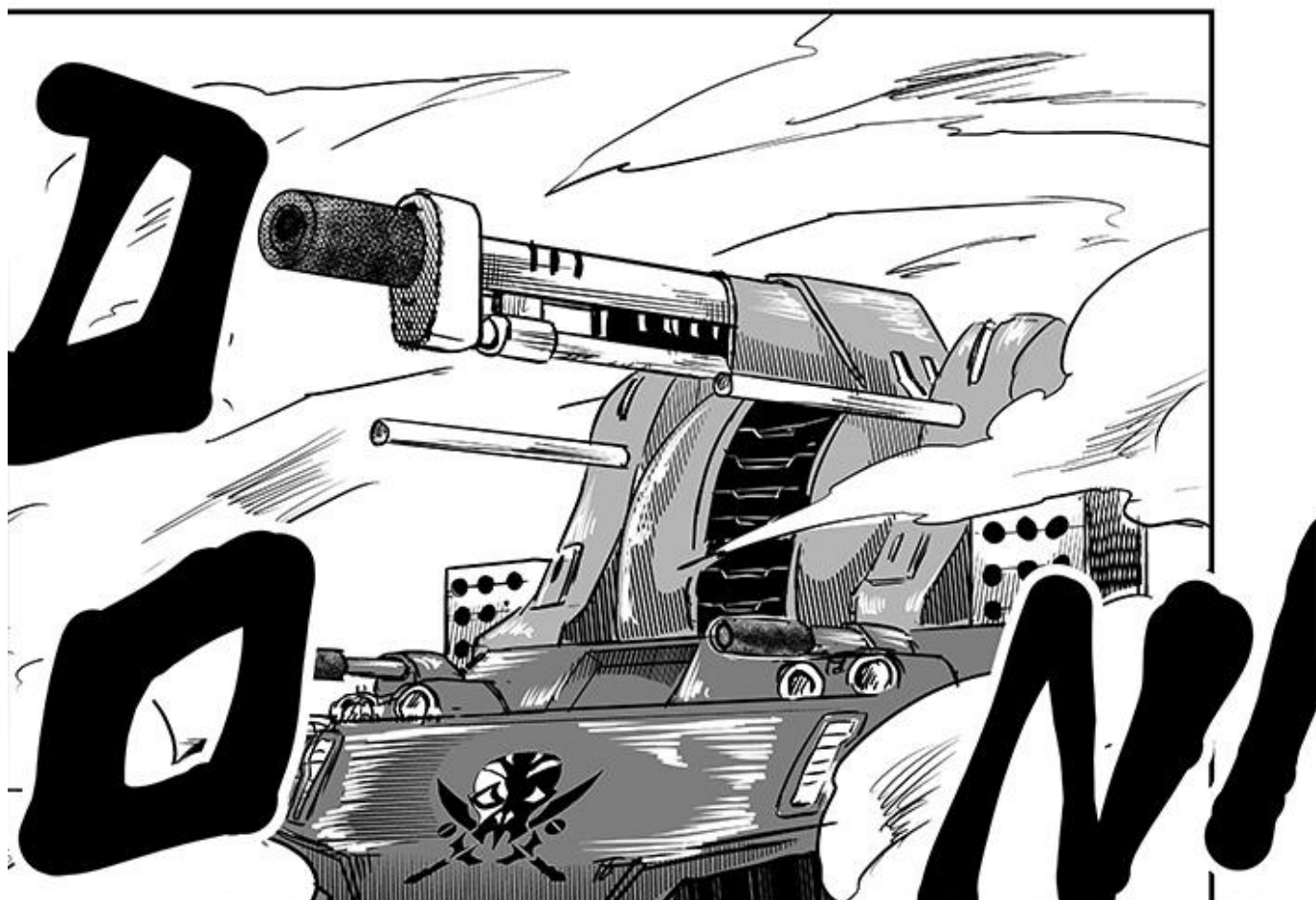
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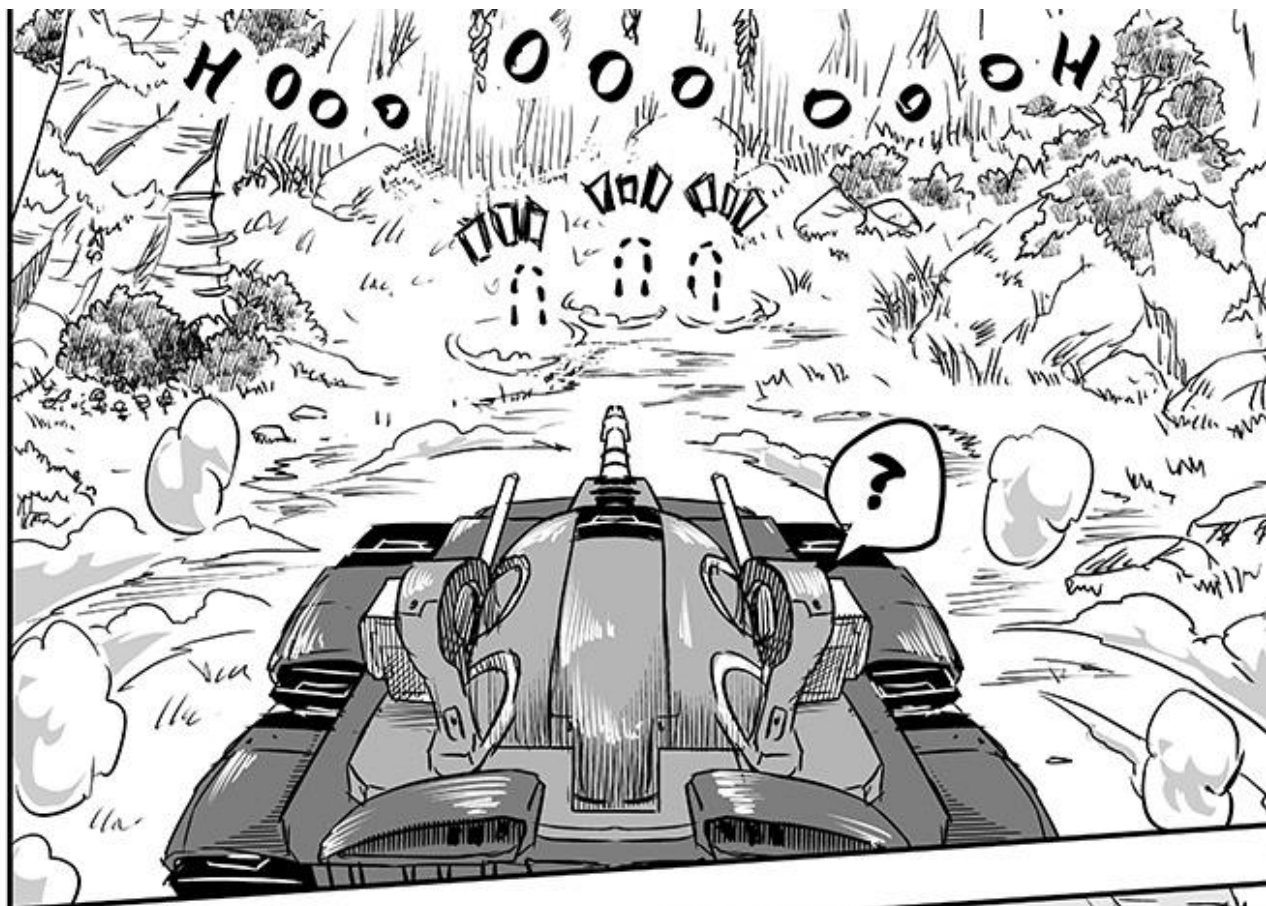


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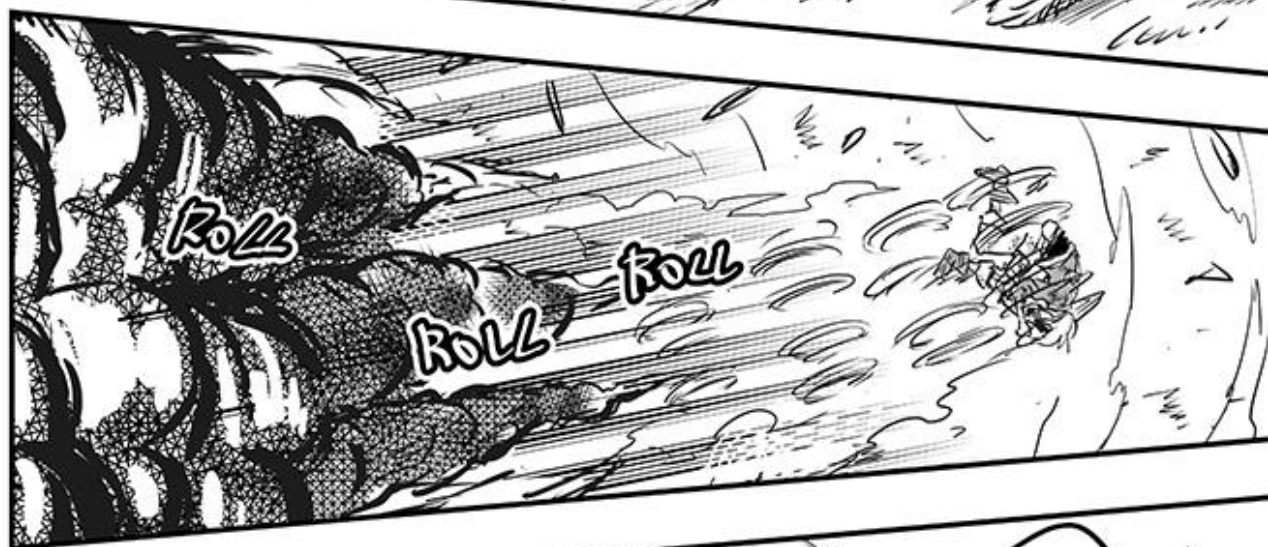












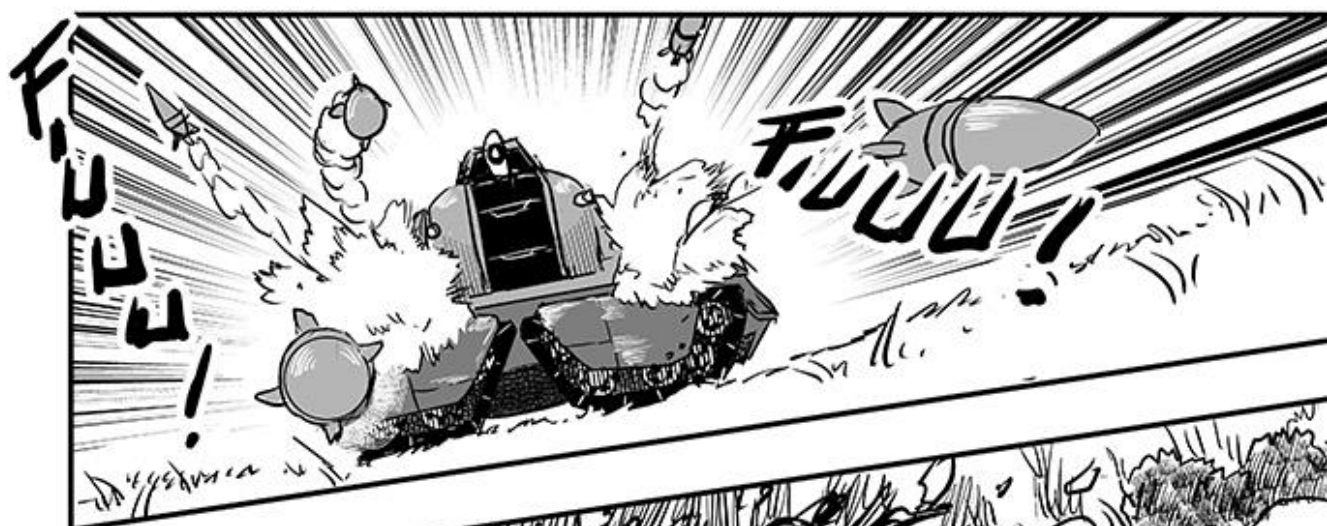


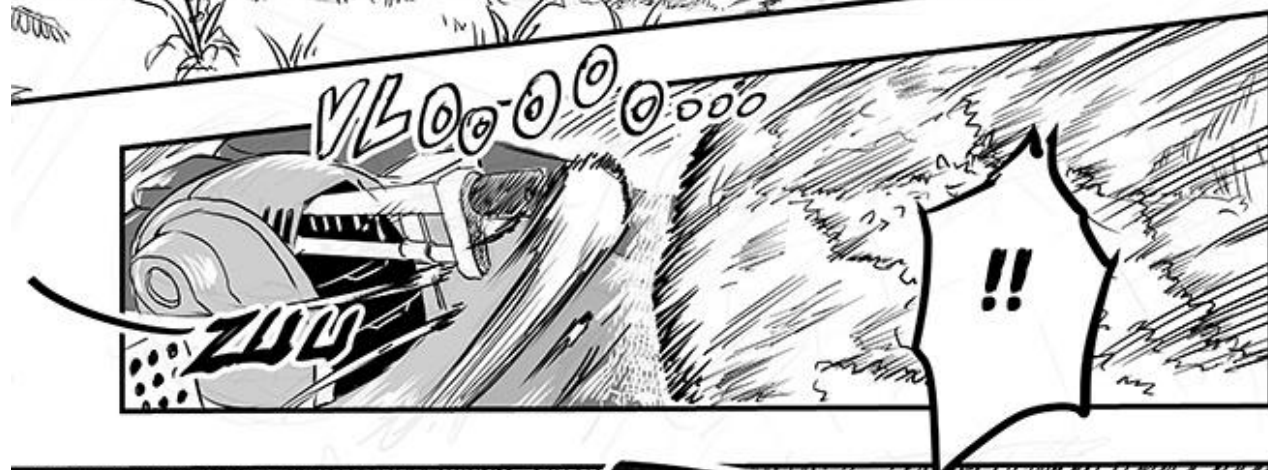
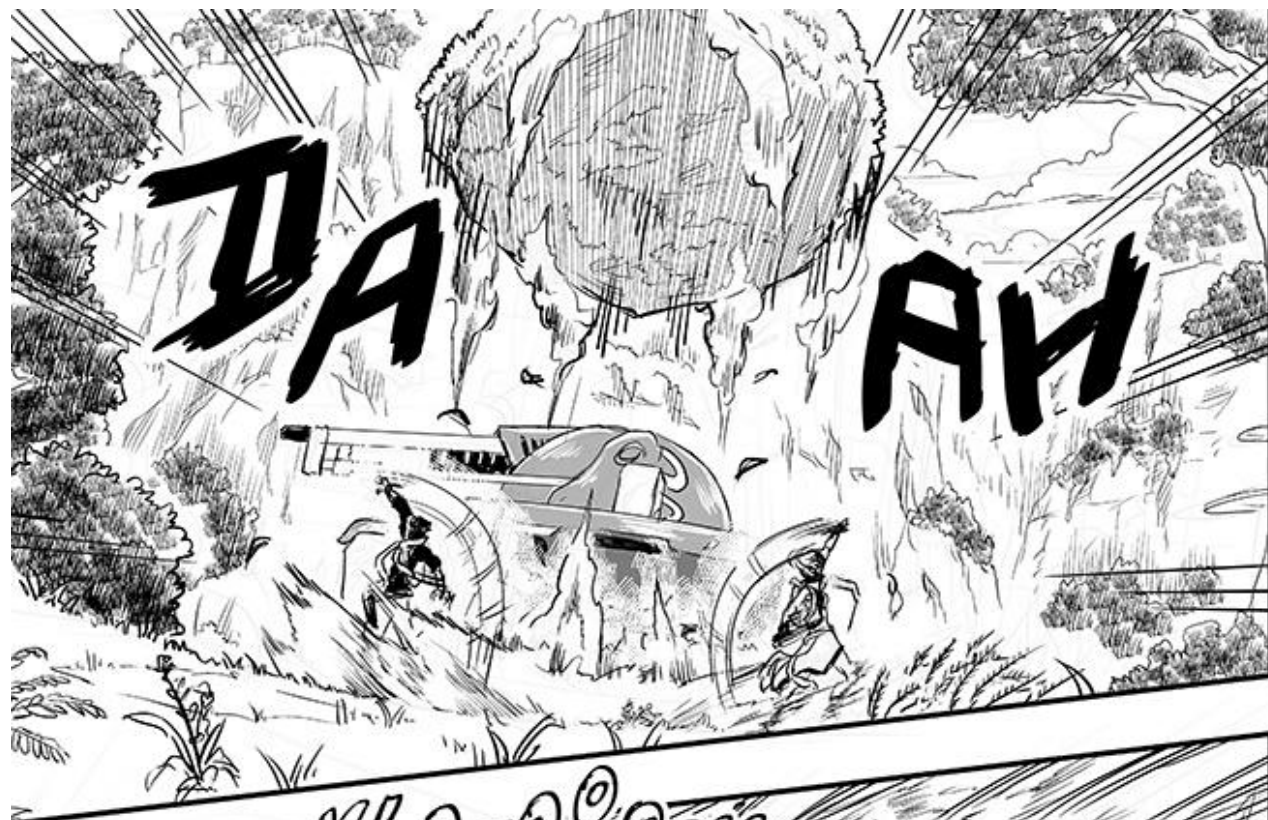
WHENEVER
YOU ARE !

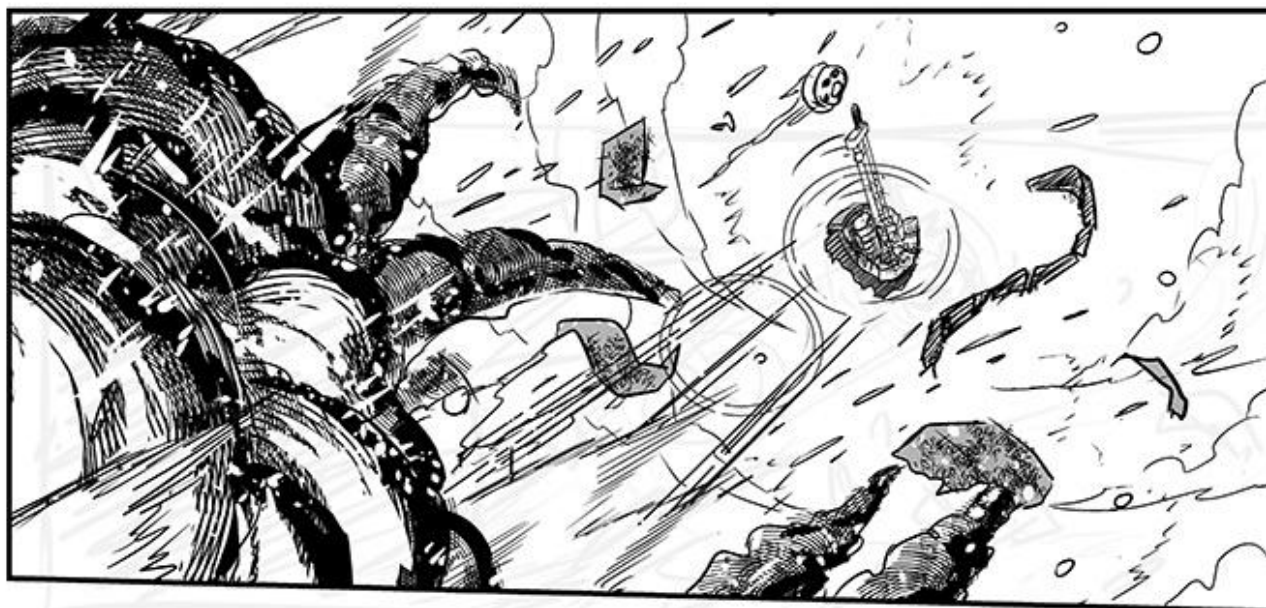


ARE YOU...
READY ?!





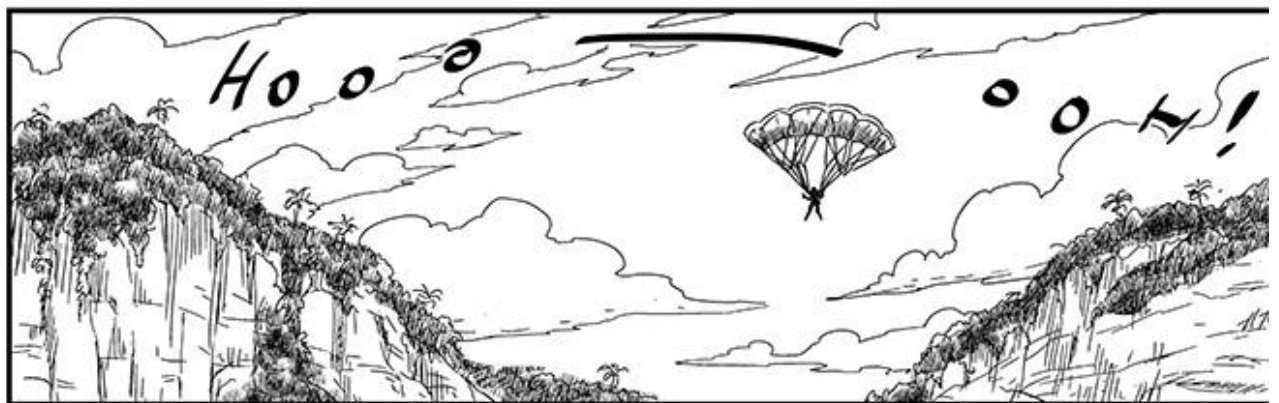


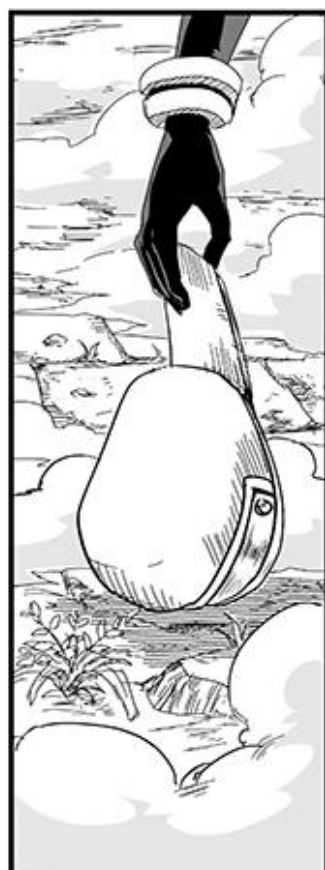




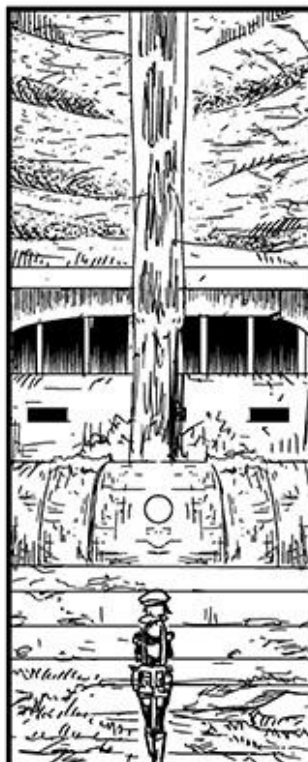
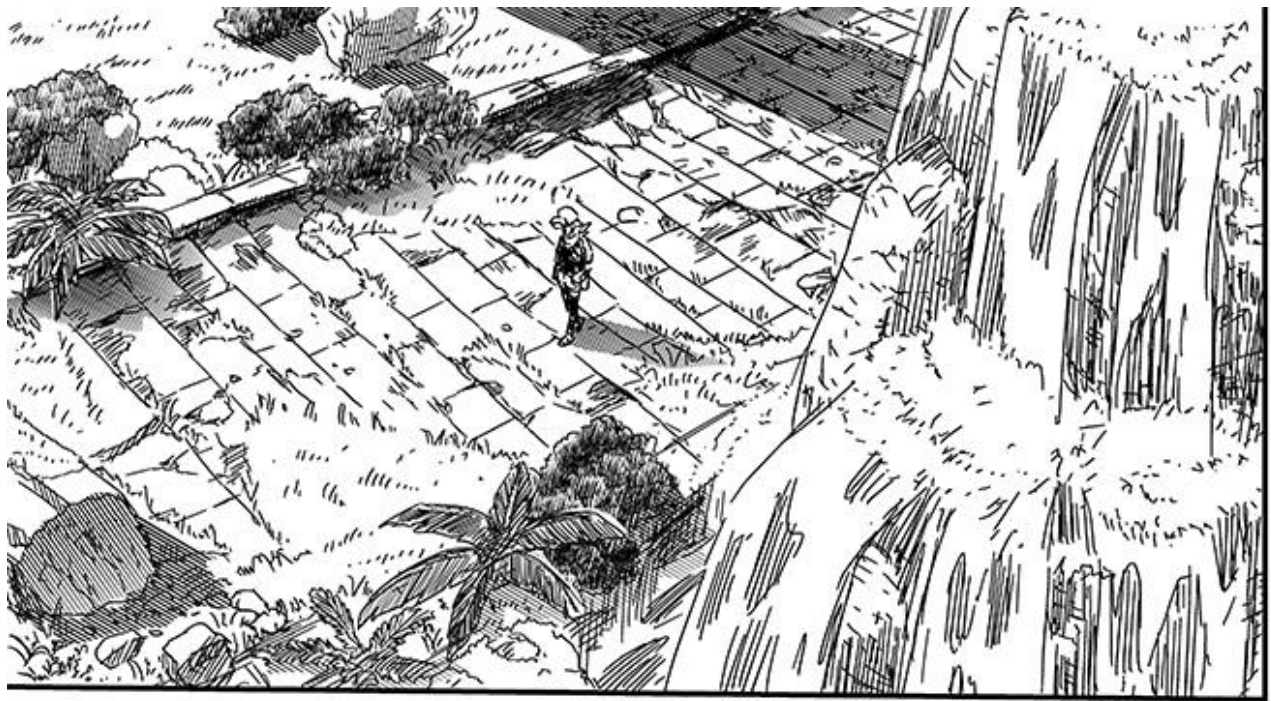






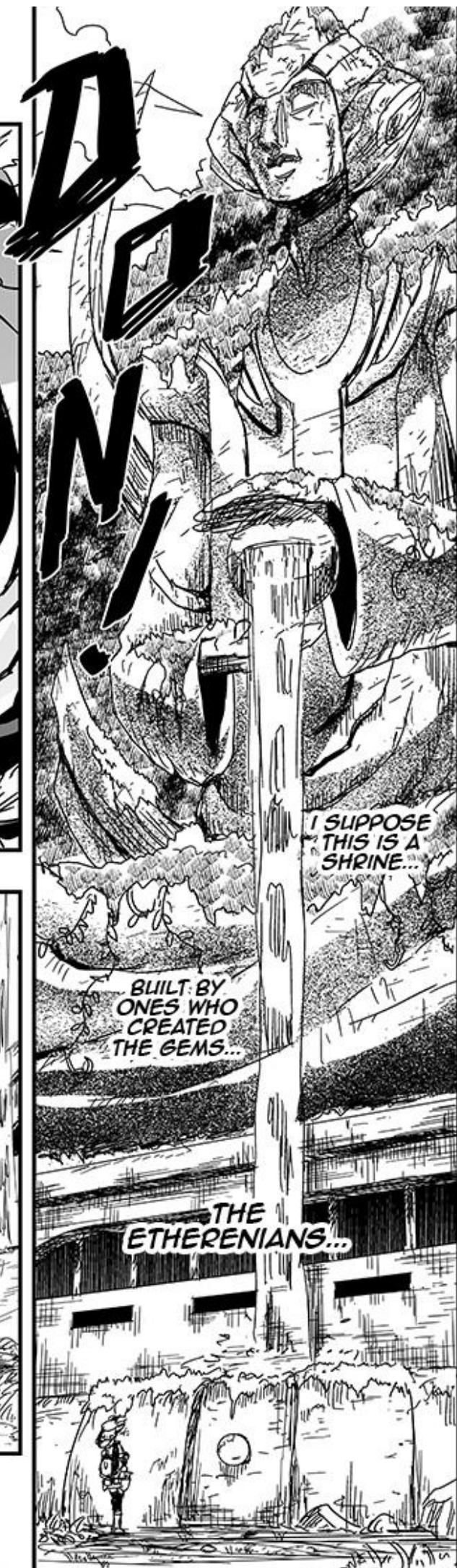








ANYWAY,
LET'S NOT
WASTE ANY
TIME.



DOWN

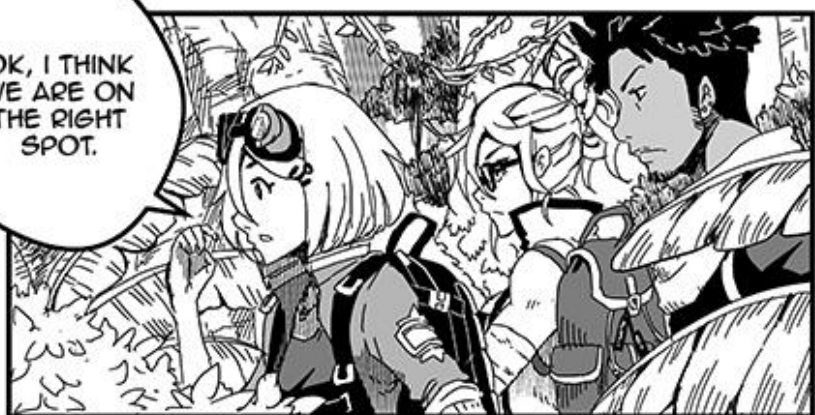
I SUPPOSE
THIS IS A
SHRINE...

BUILT BY
ONES WHO
CREATED
THE GEMS...

THE
ETHERENIANS...

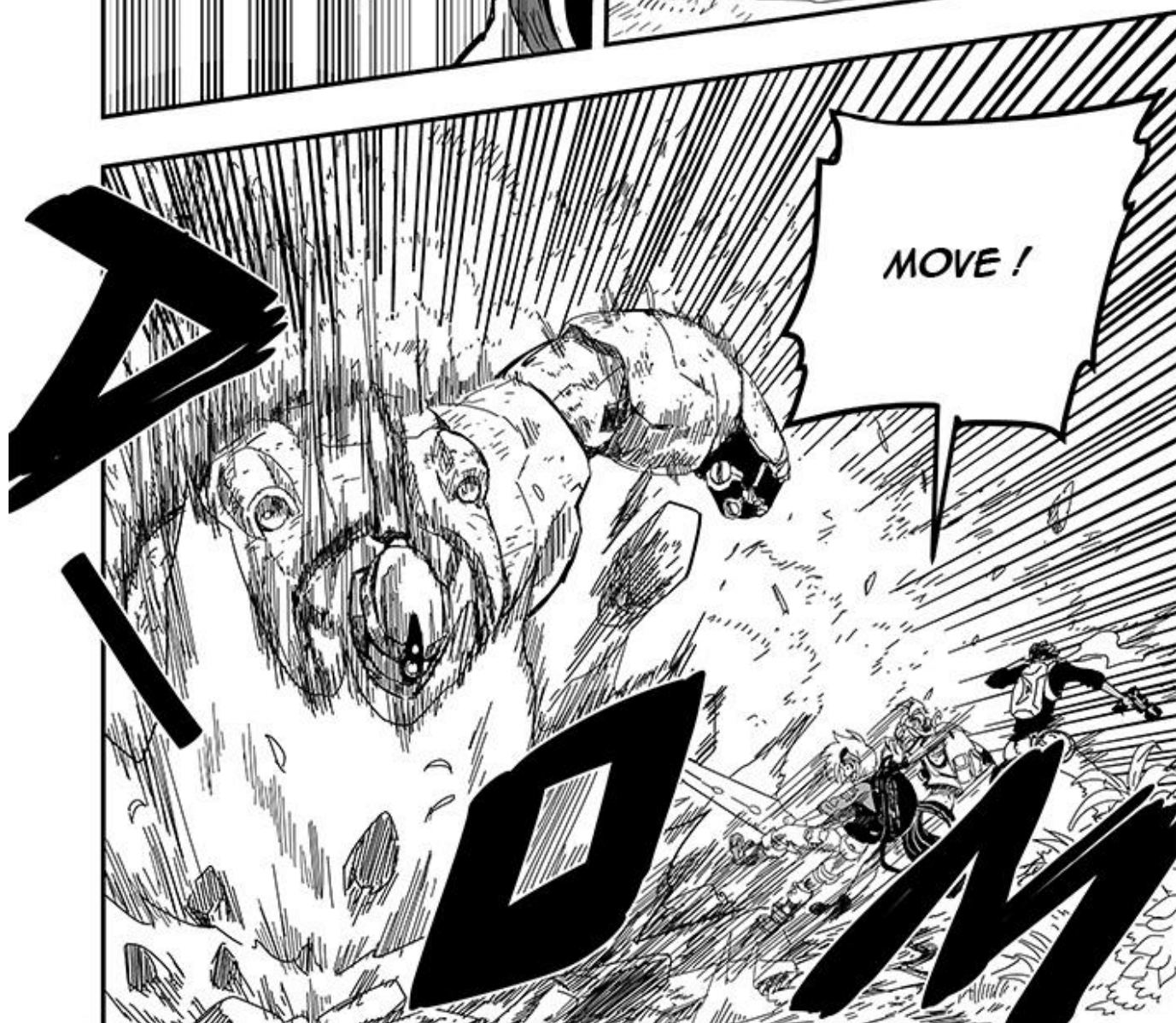


OK, I THINK
WE ARE ON
THE RIGHT
SPOT.

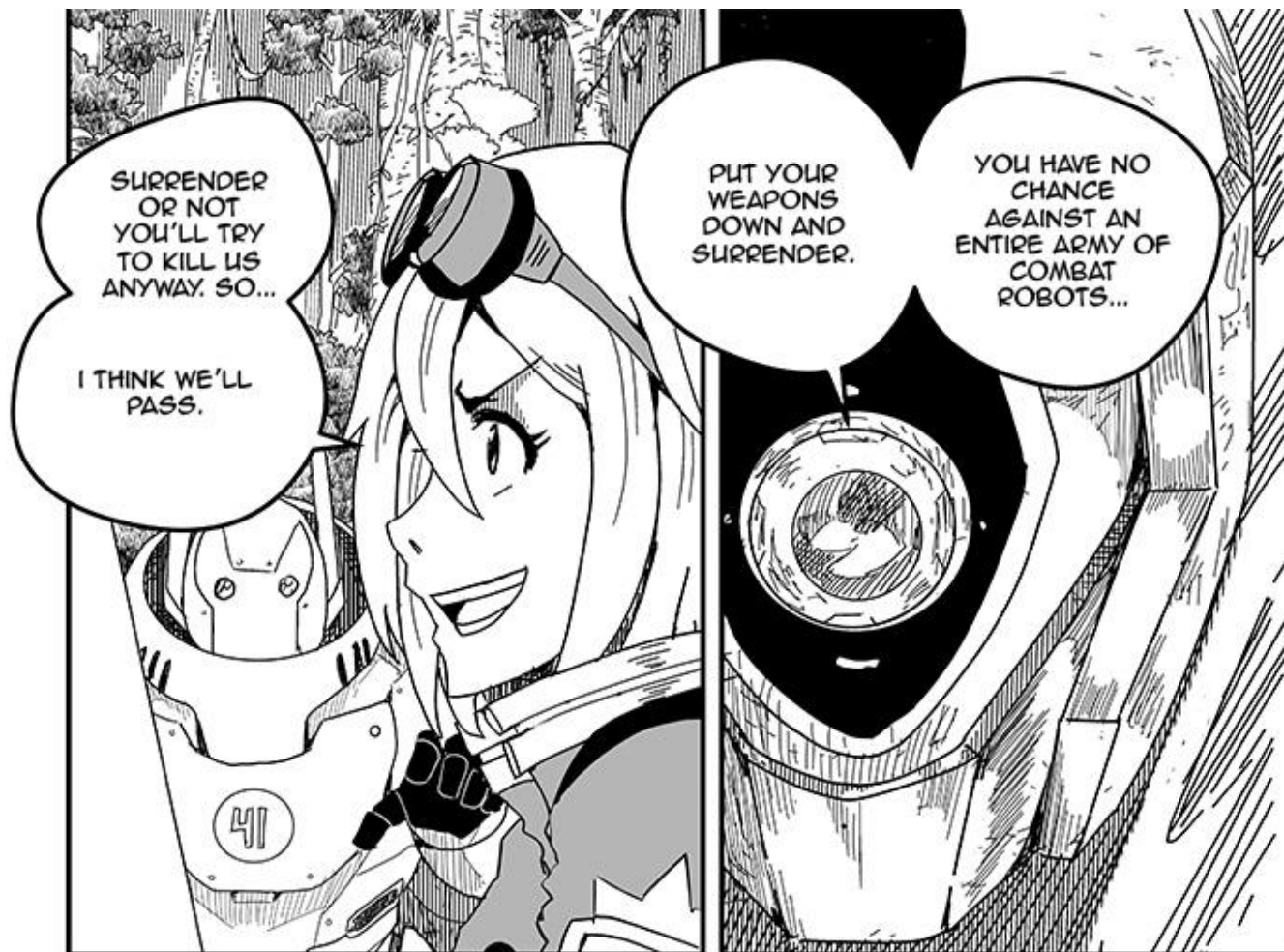


LOOKS LIKE
HE'S BEEN
HERE A
WHILE...

AN
EXCAVATION
?









AN ARMY OF
COMBAT
ROBOTS...

DON'T MAKE
ME LAUGH.



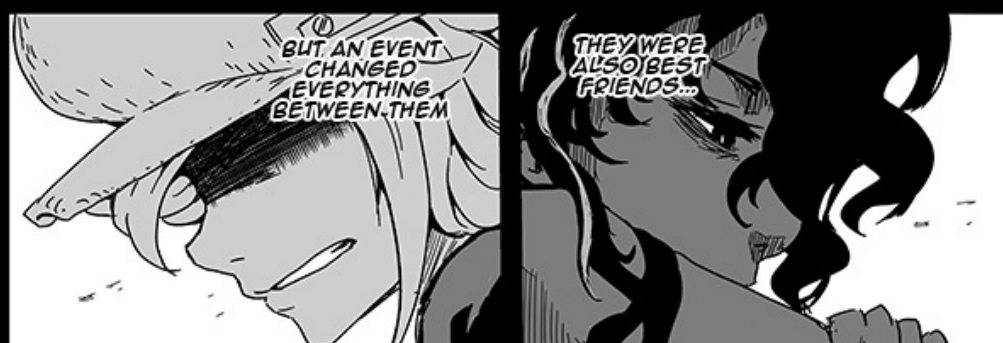








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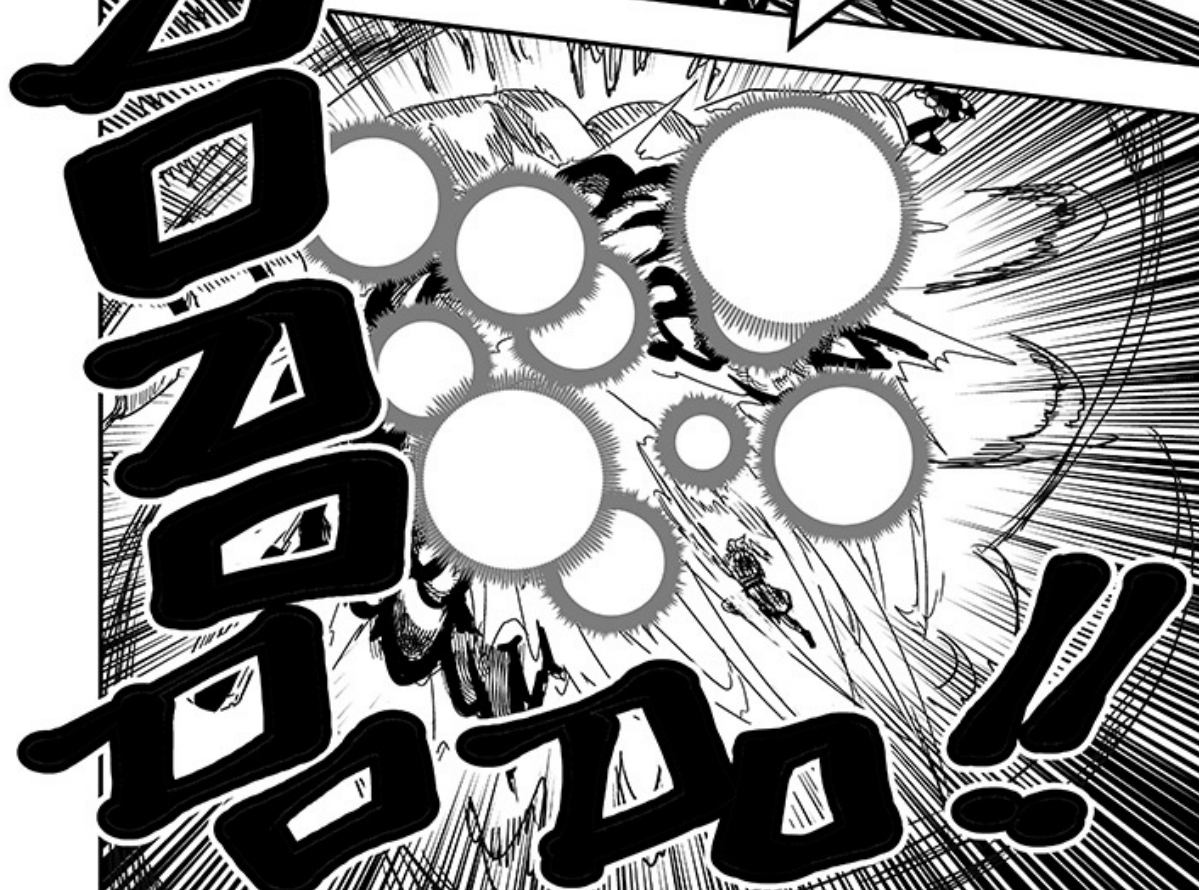
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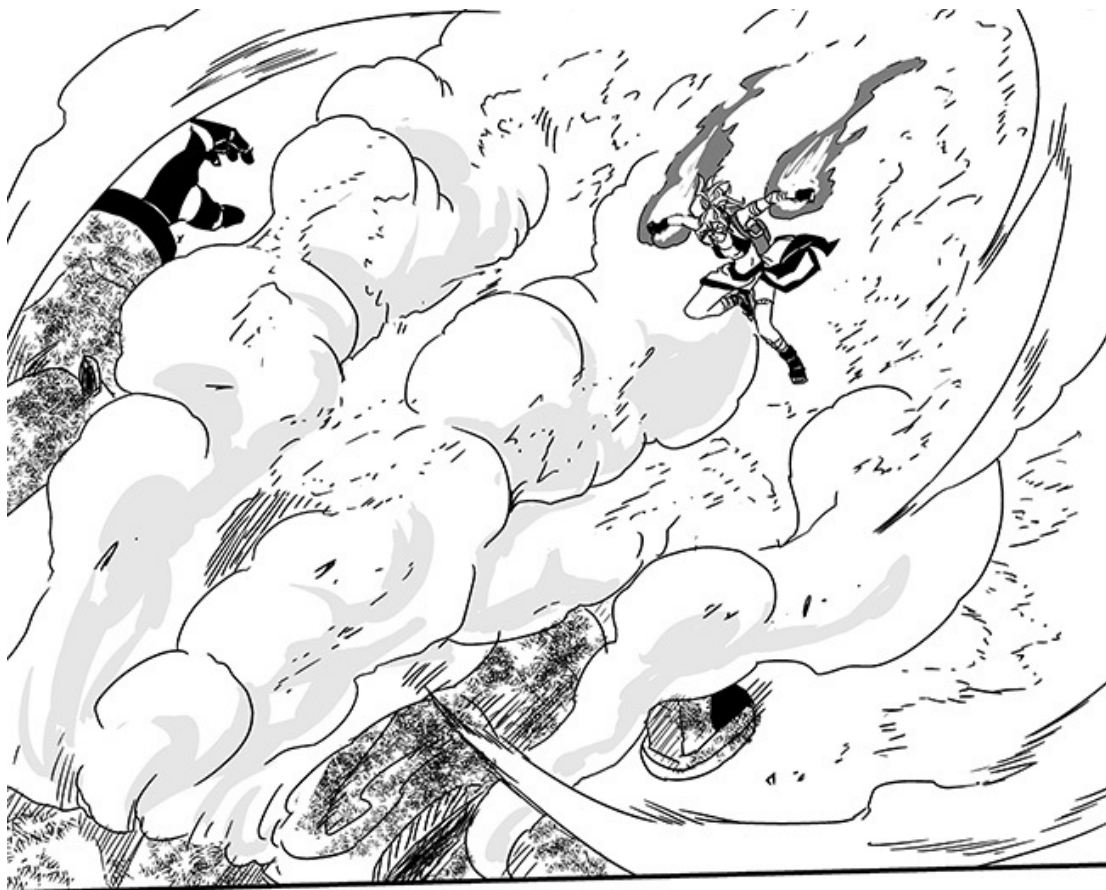






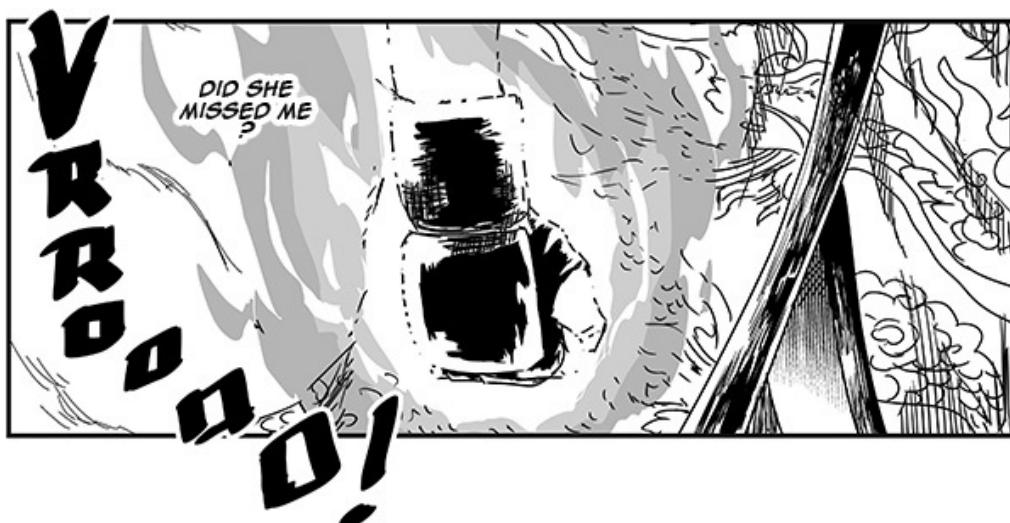
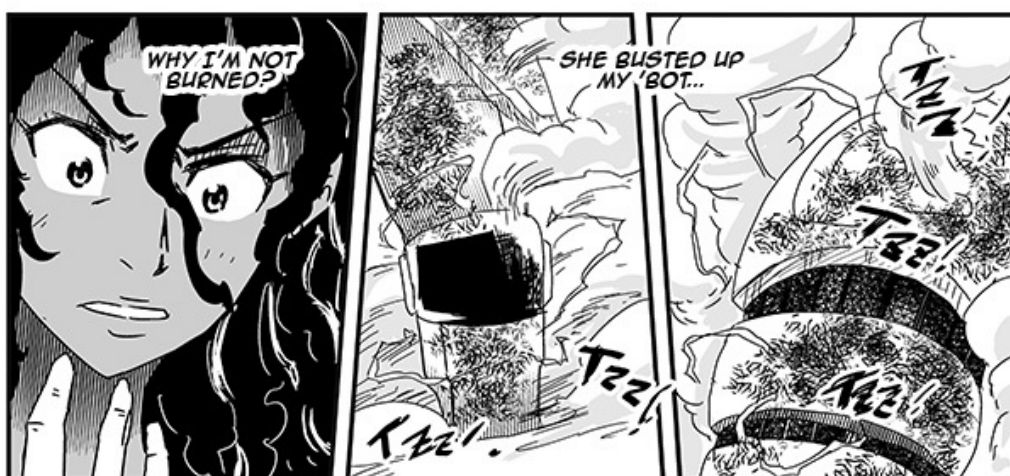




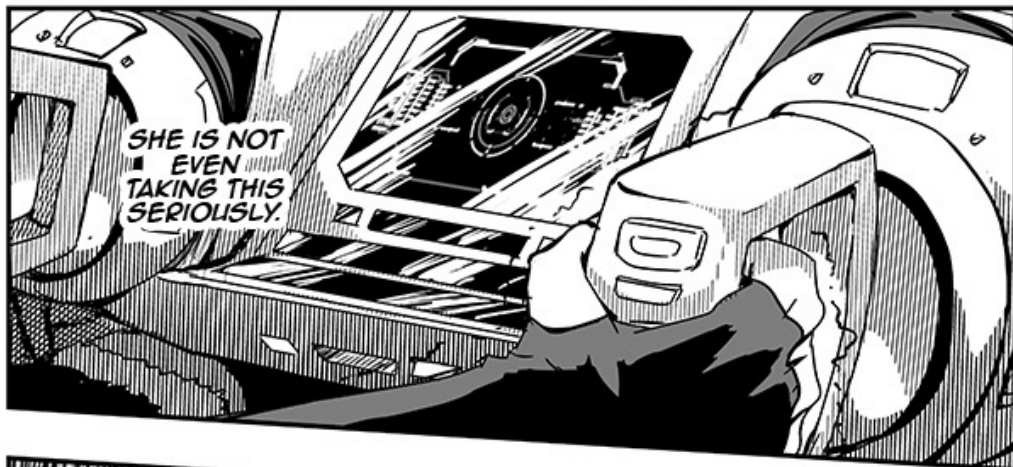


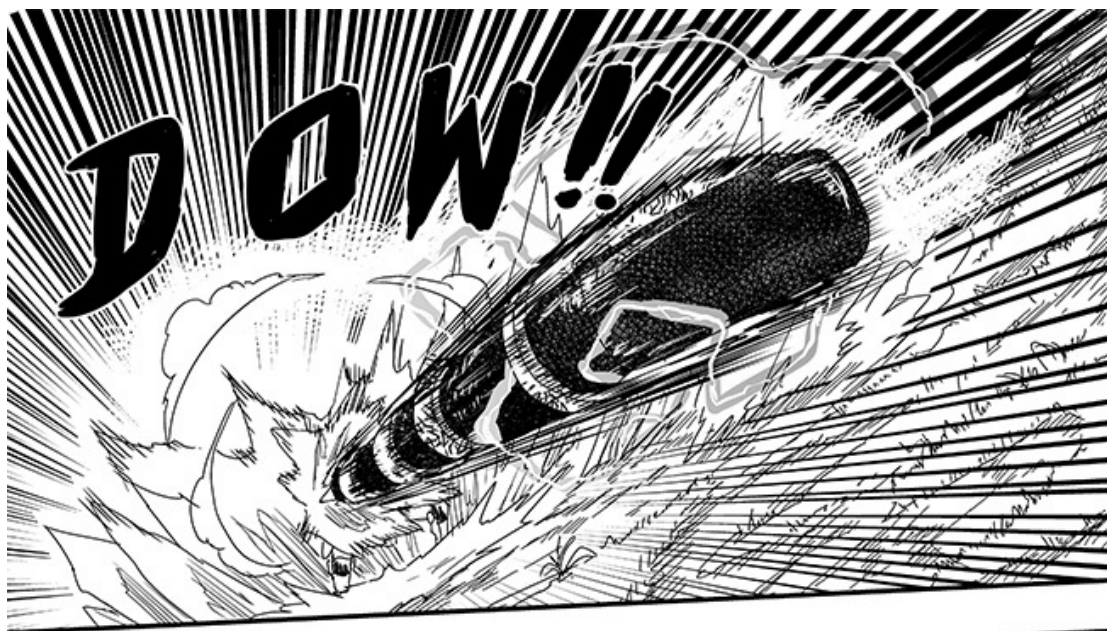
NICE ONE
KURAH !

CRAP !

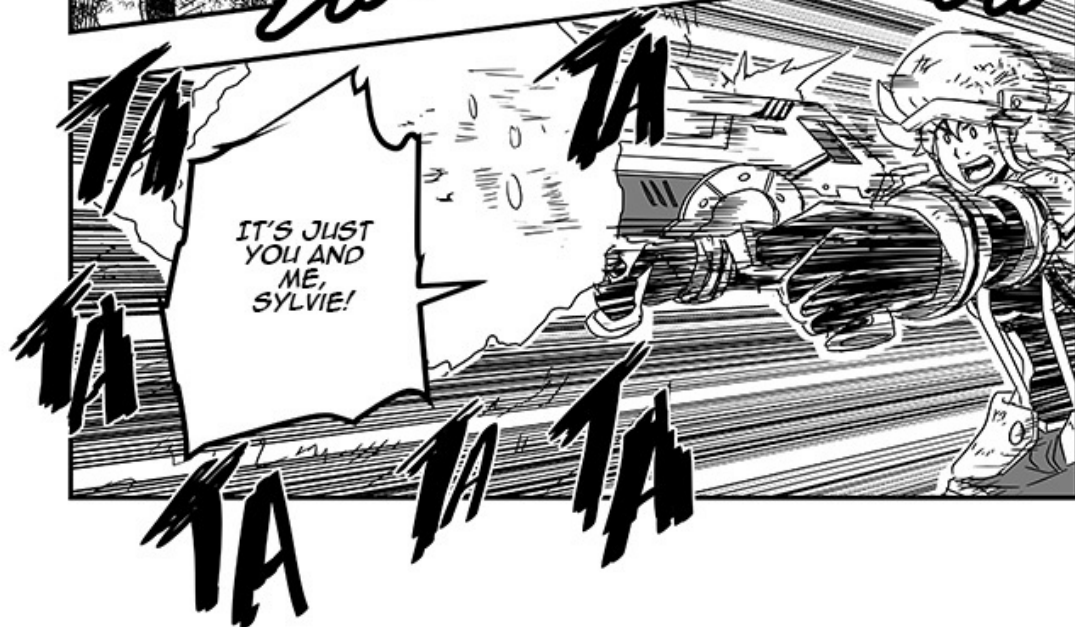
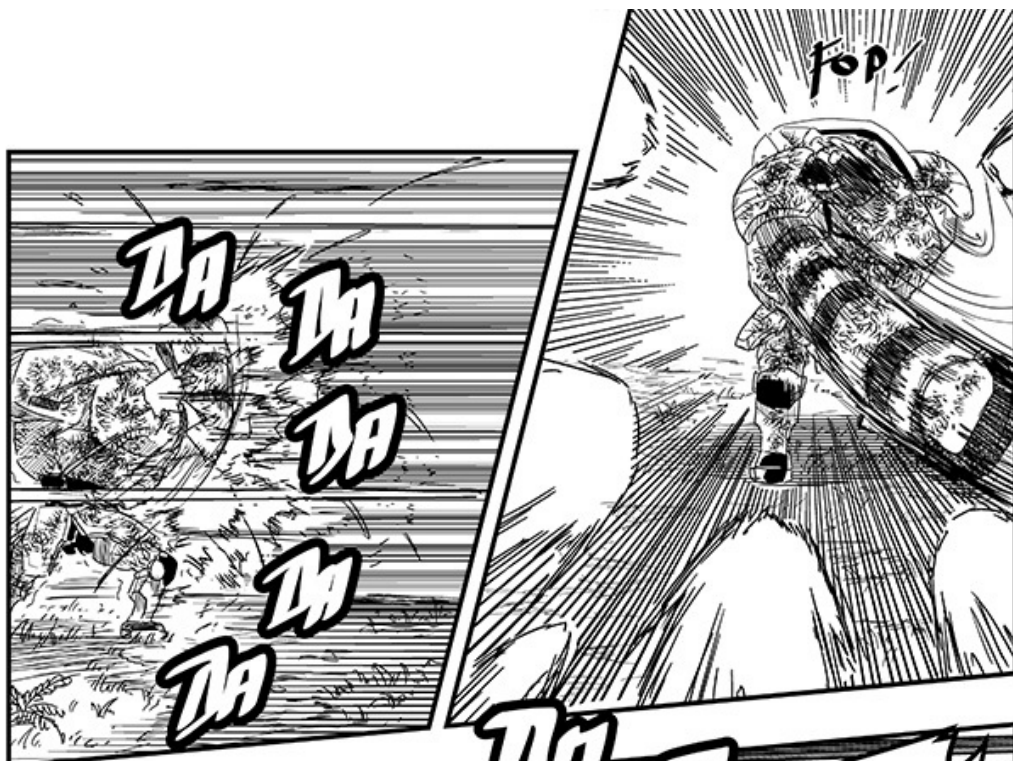


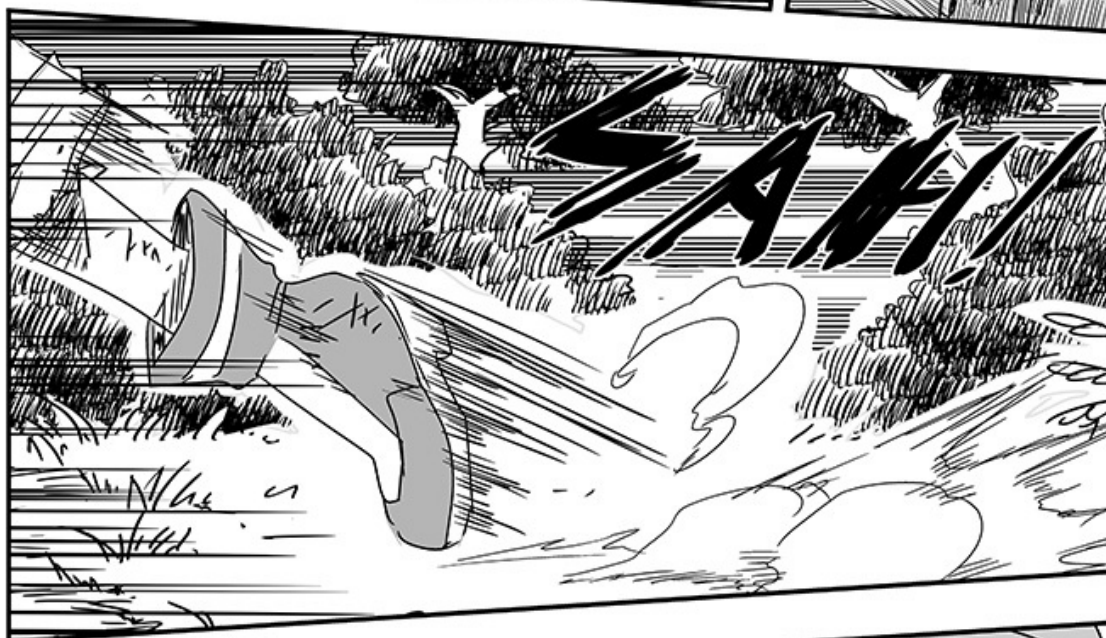


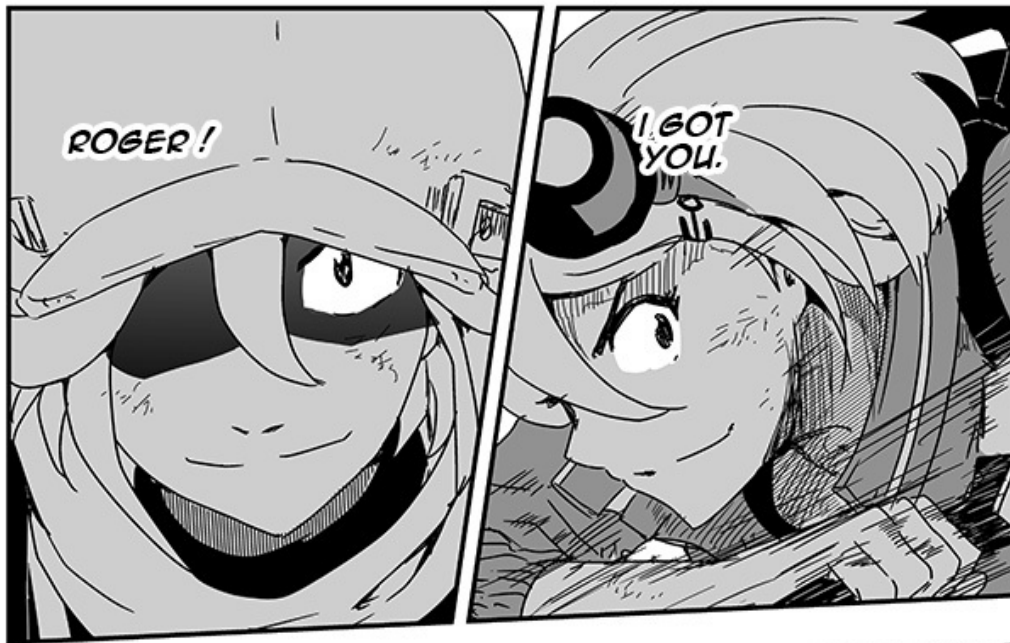


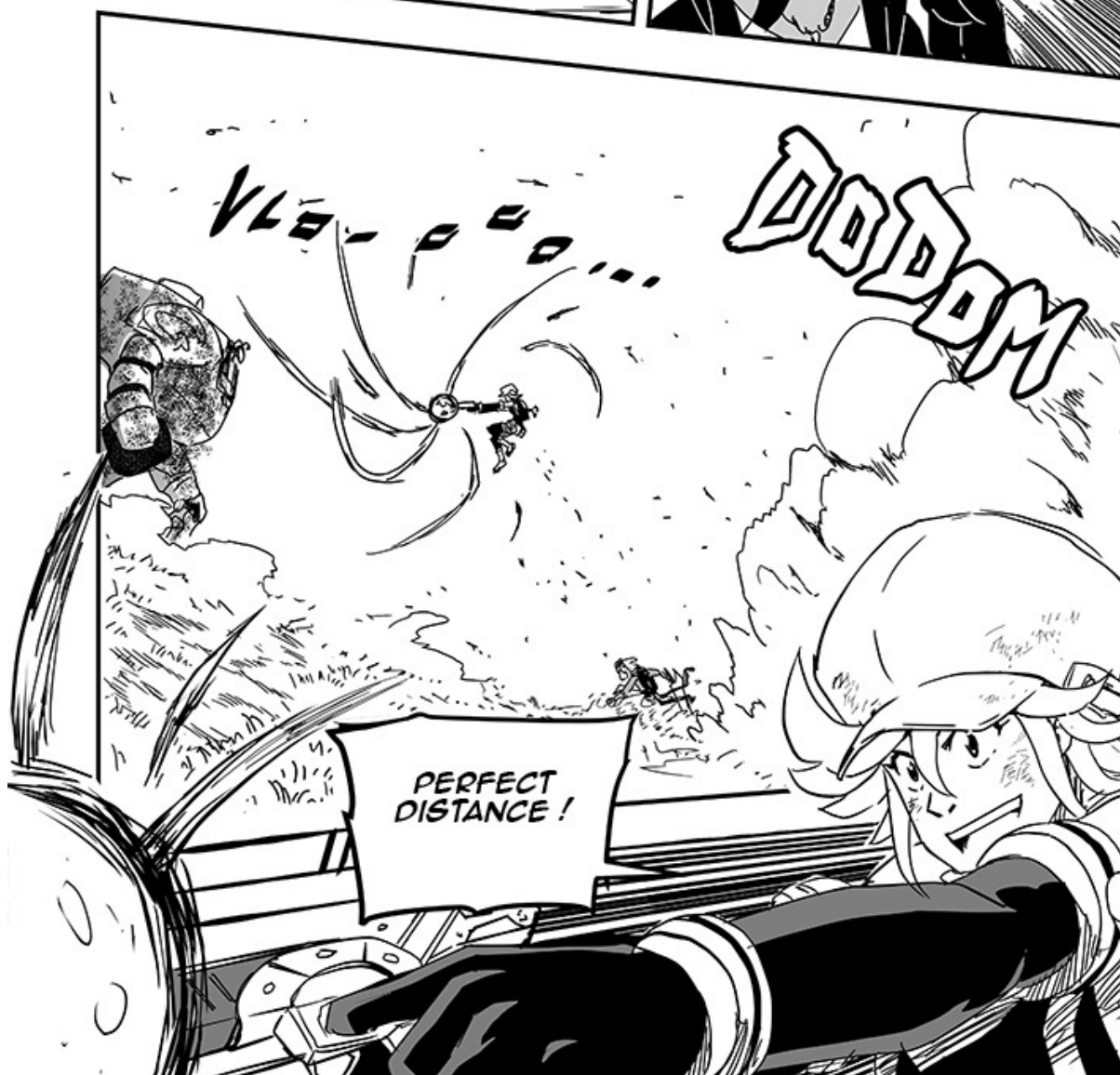
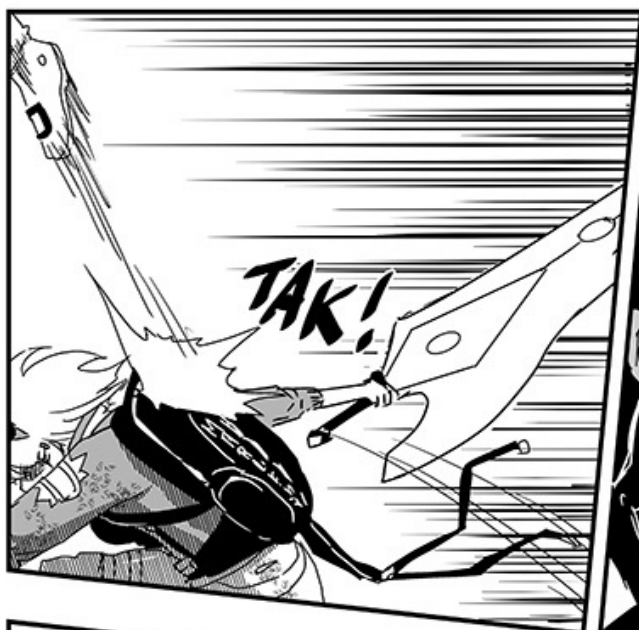


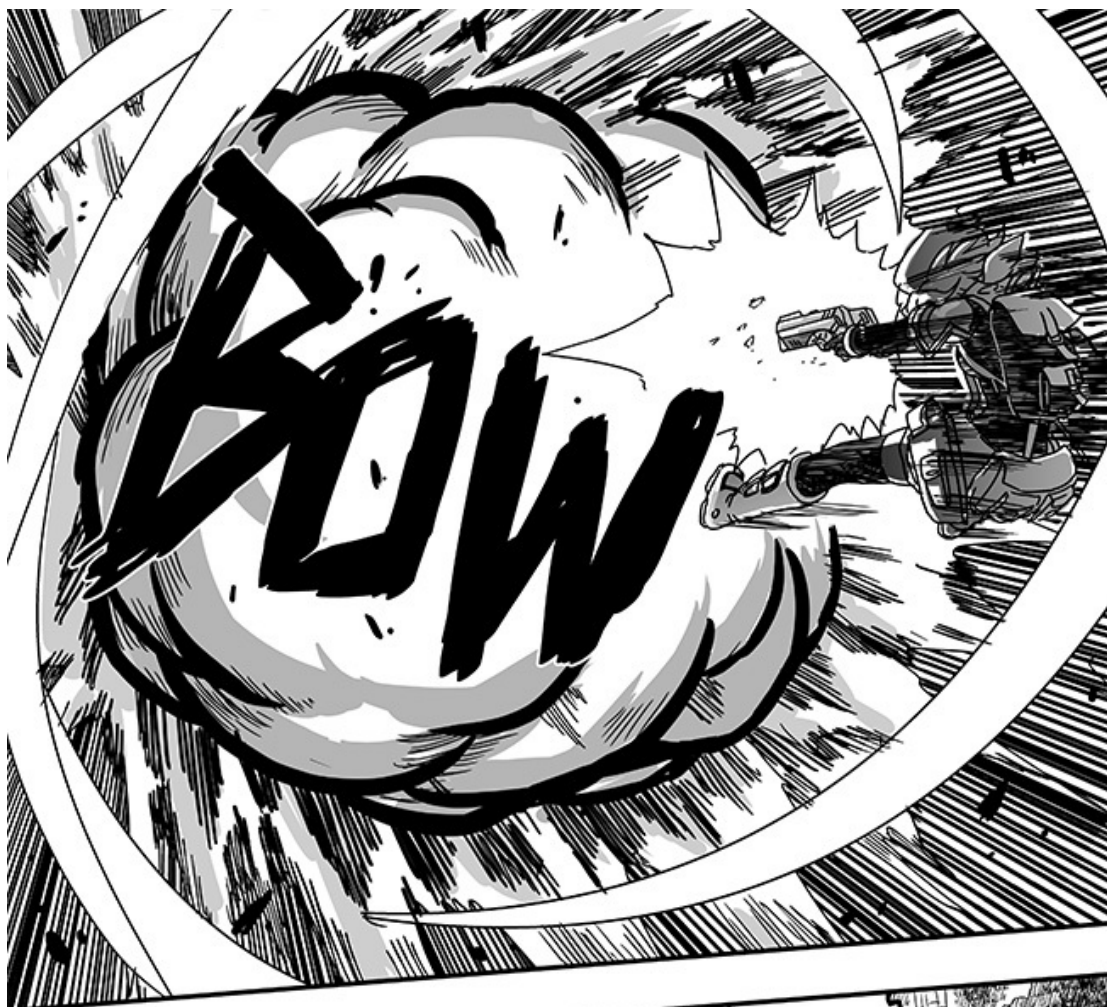


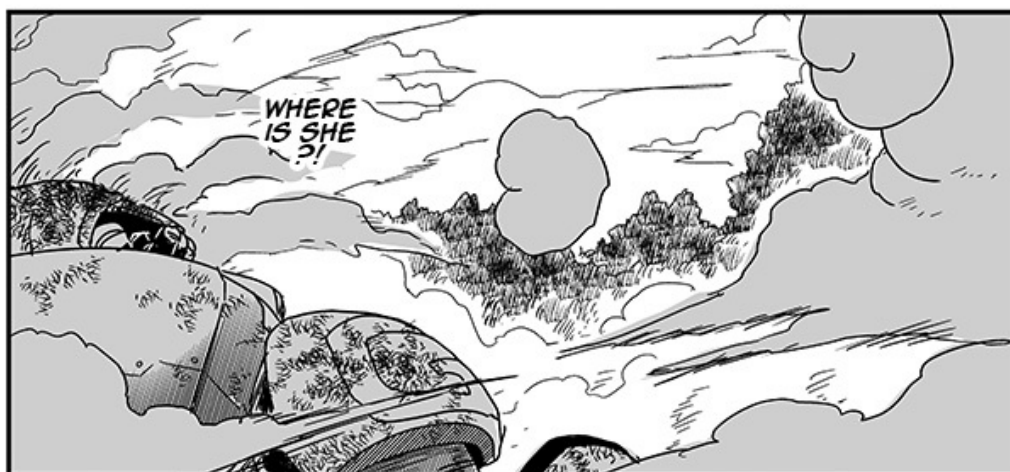


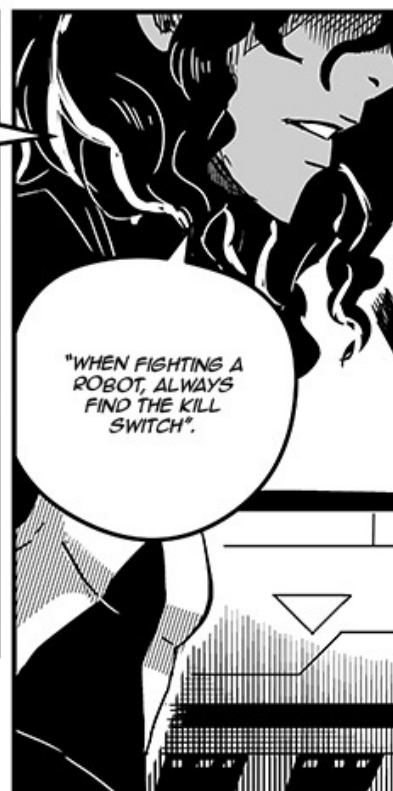


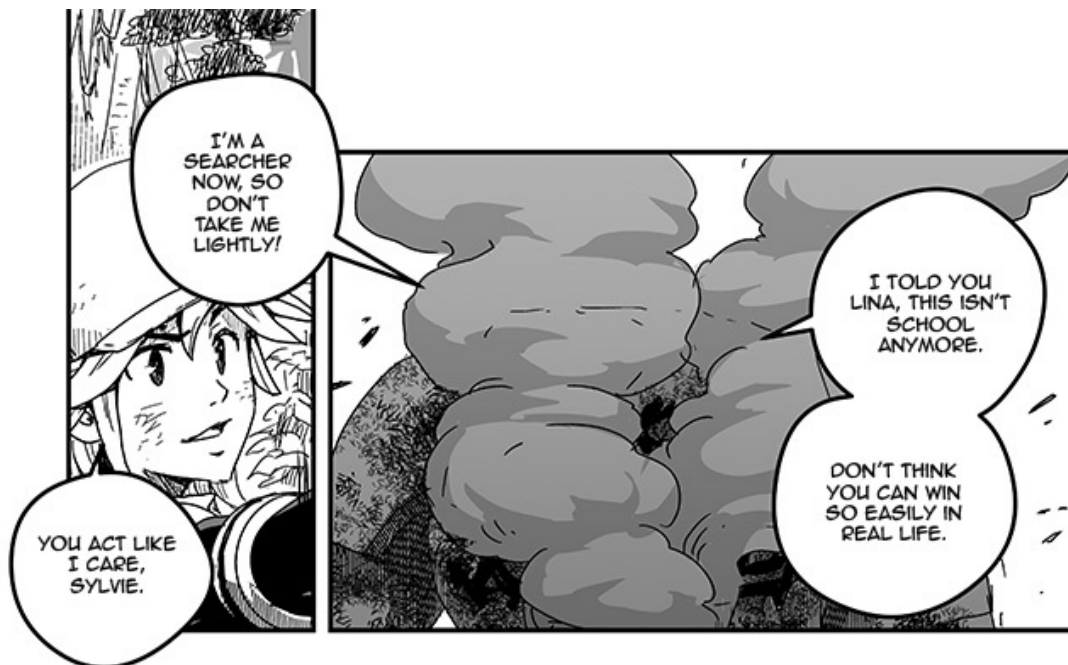






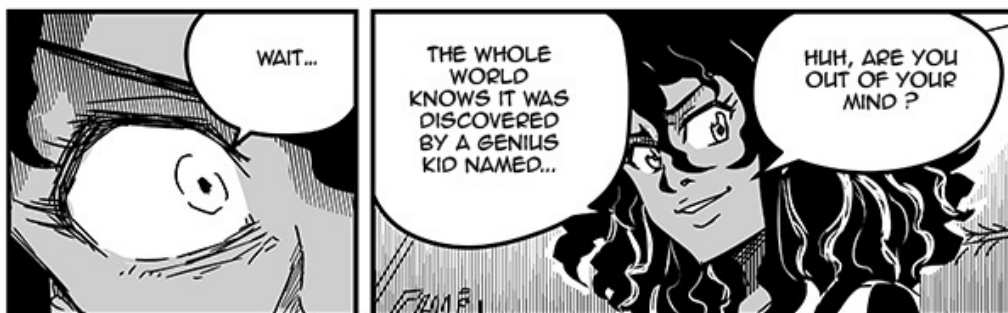
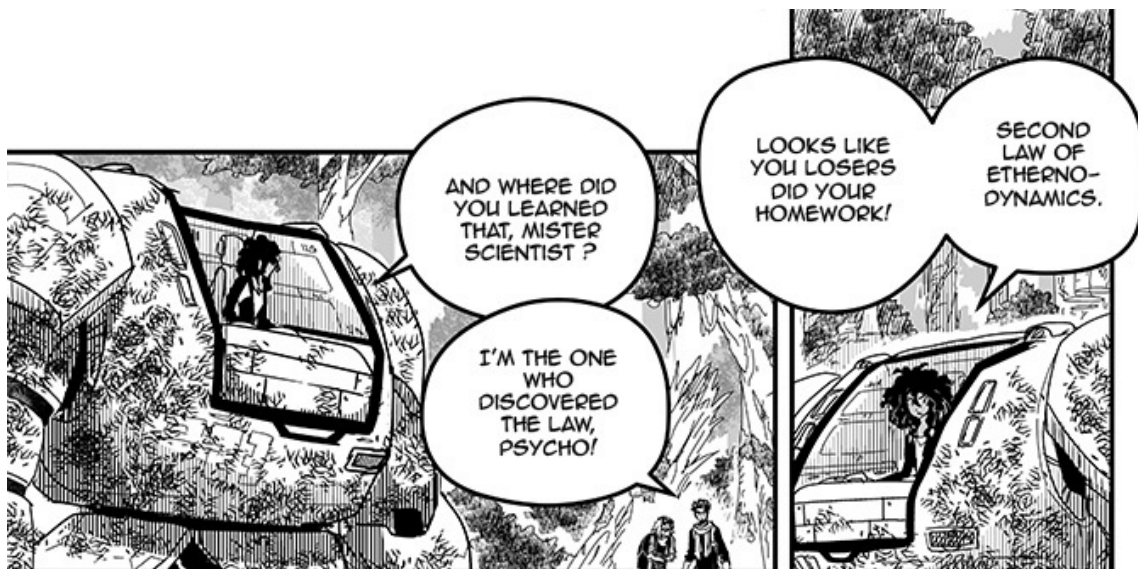












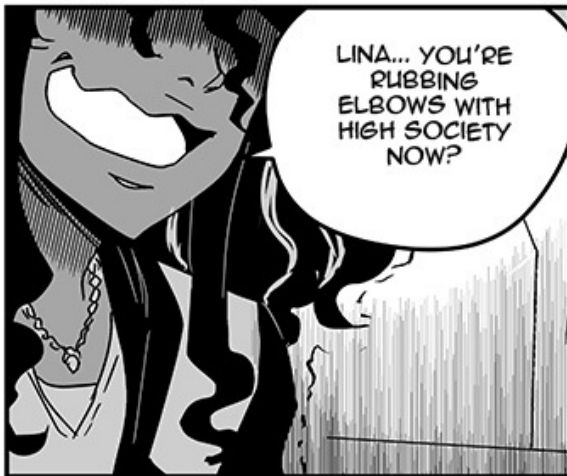


THIS IS
THE GUY I
WANNA
MARRY
ONE DAY!

I'LL DEDICATE
EVERY WAKING
MOMENT TO THIS
RESEARCH!

DADDY?

YES SILVIA ?



LINA... YOU'RE
RUBBING
ELBOWS WITH
HIGH SOCIETY
NOW?



YOU'D HAVE
MET HIM TOO.
BET IT'S
SINKING IN
HOW DUMB
YOU ARE !

IF YOU
HADN'T
ABANDONED
OUR
PROJECT...



ARE YOU...

"THE"
PROFESSOR
RUMBLE ?

OF
COURSE
I AM !
SO WHAT
?



SO YOU
CAN GO
STRAIGHT
TO HELL,
LEYLINE!



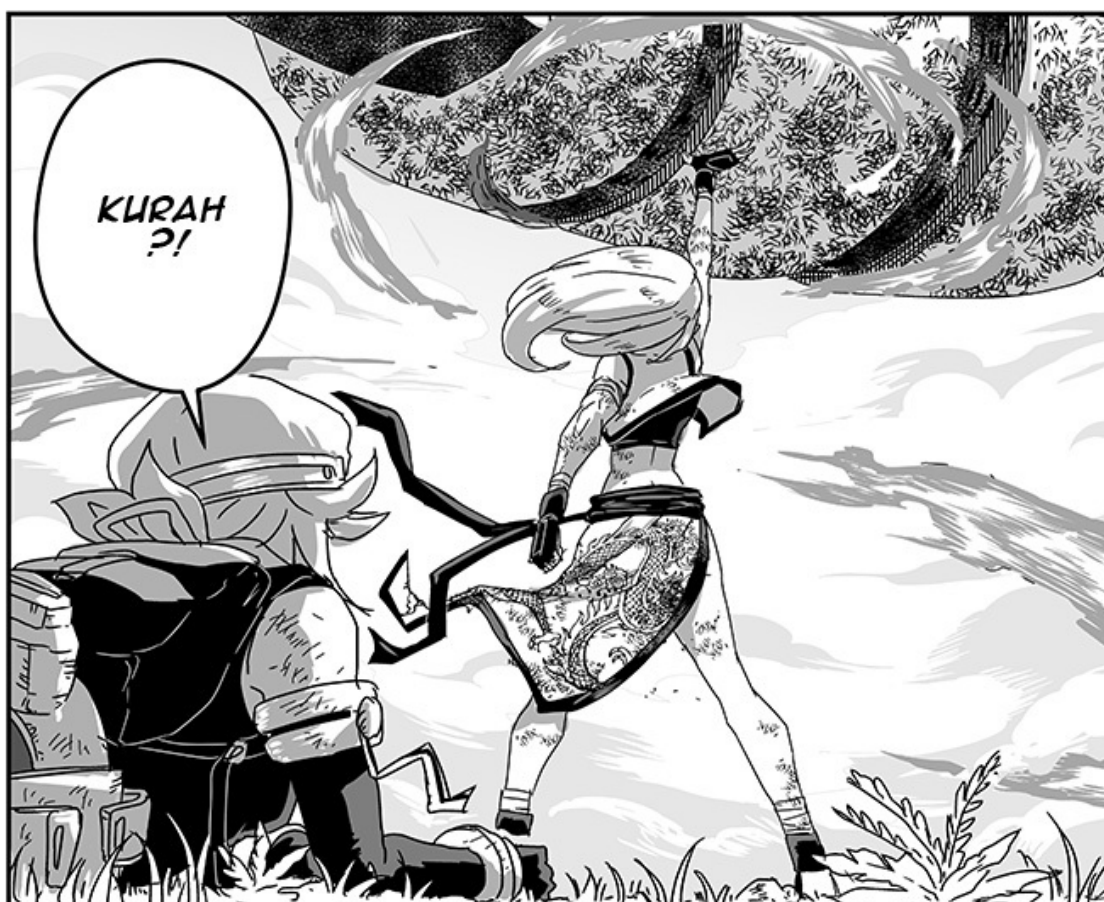
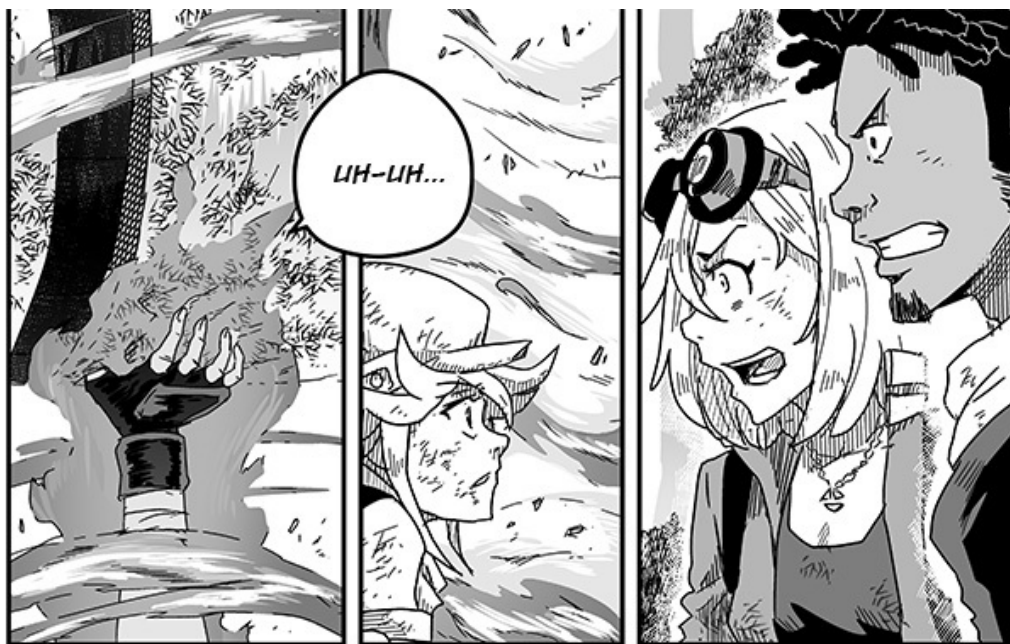
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CRAP!

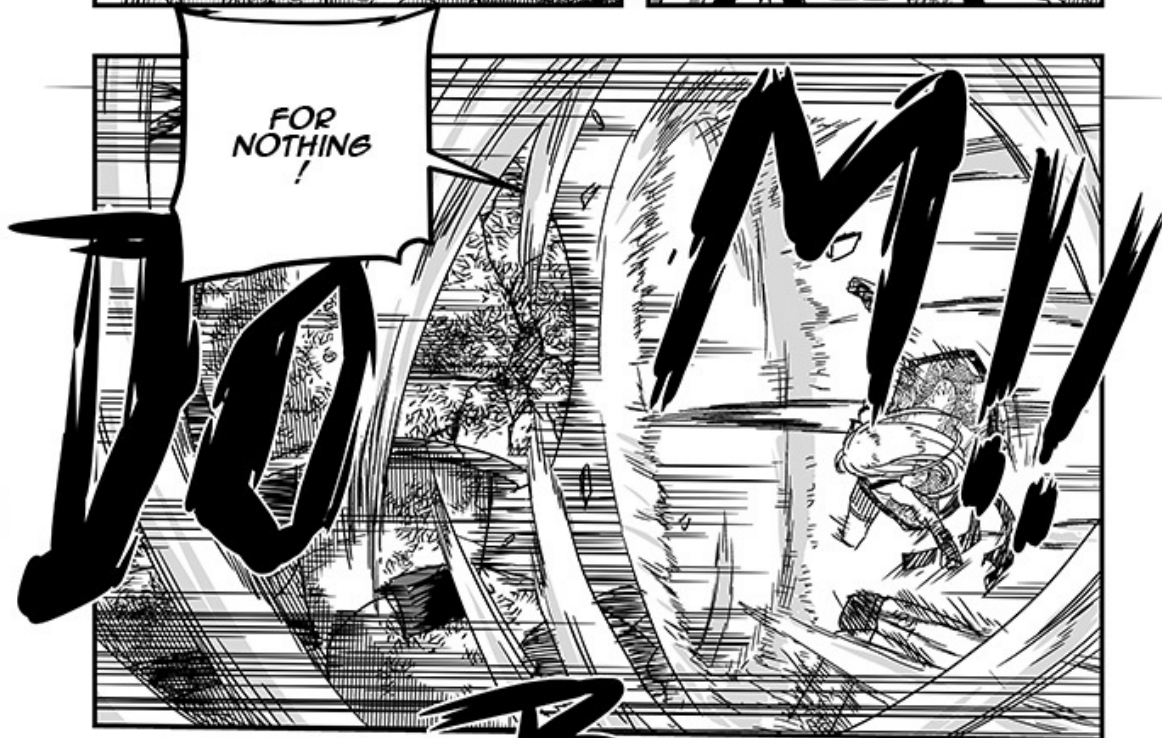
GUYS, I DON'T
WANNA STRESS
YOU, BUT THE
GEM IS
MOVING.
GET GOING!



YOUR PROJECT...
IT'S THE ONLY
THING THAT EVER
MATTERED!
YOU KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT
THE SACRIFICES
I'VE HAD TO
MAKE... JUST TO
SURVIVE!











HEY! YOU
COULD AT
LEAST ASK
MY OPINION!

JUST
HURRY.

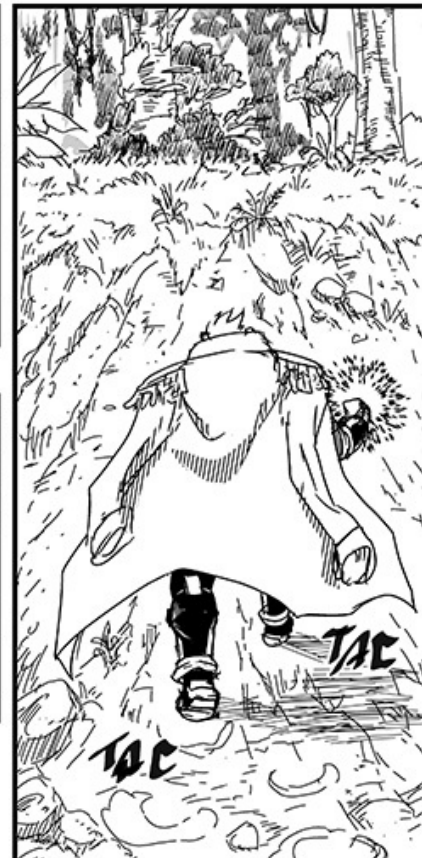
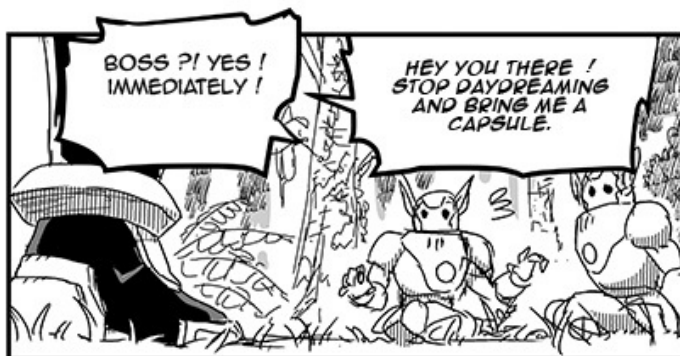
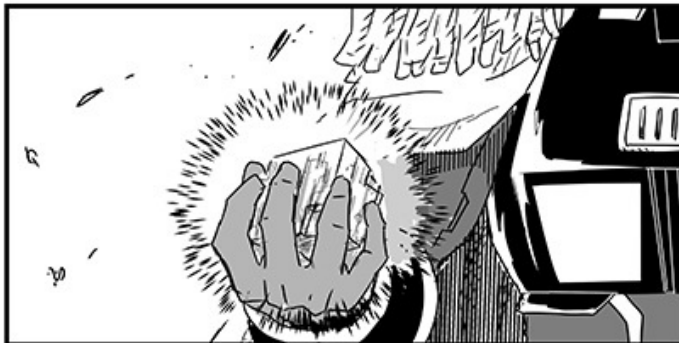


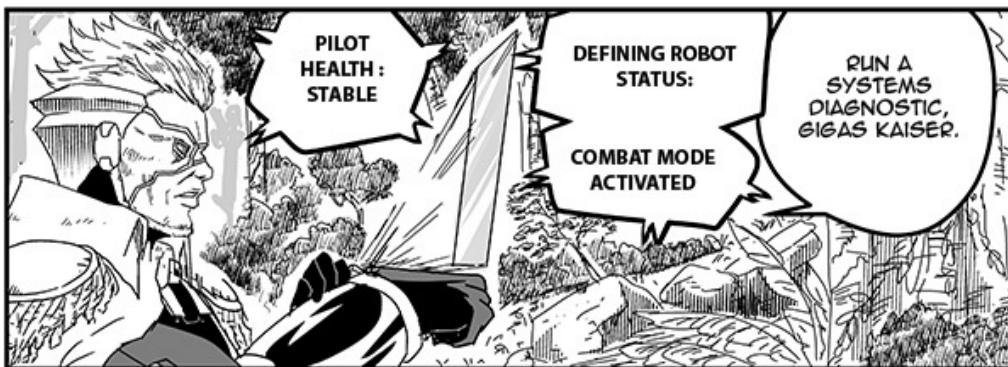
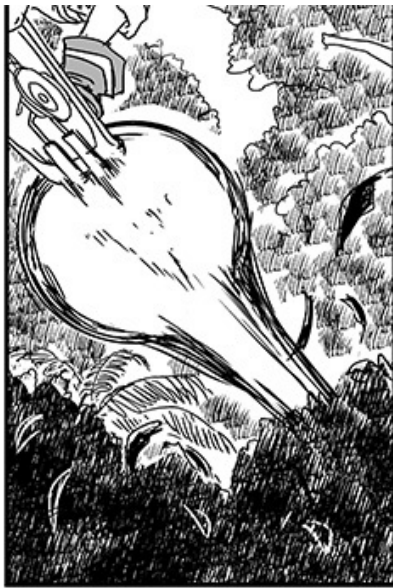
YOU SURELY
HAVE A BIG
MOUTH, YOU
KNOW?



YOU'RE
MAKIN' ME
SLEEPY!

JUST
SHUT UP
AND BRING
IT ON, KID!









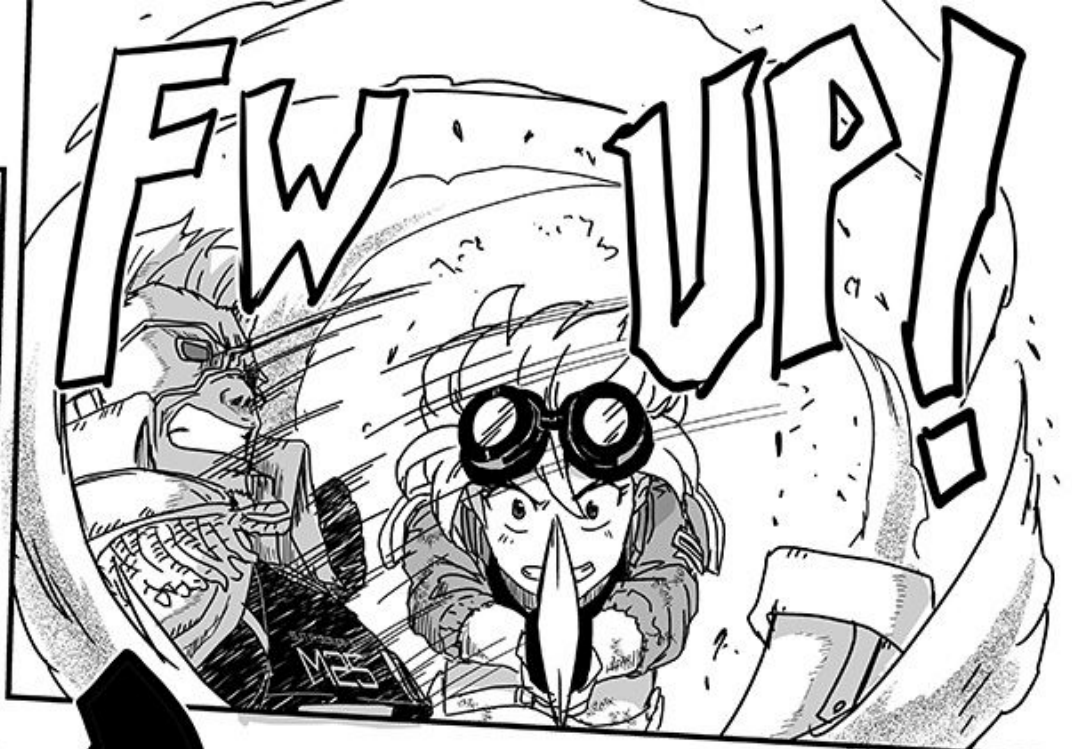


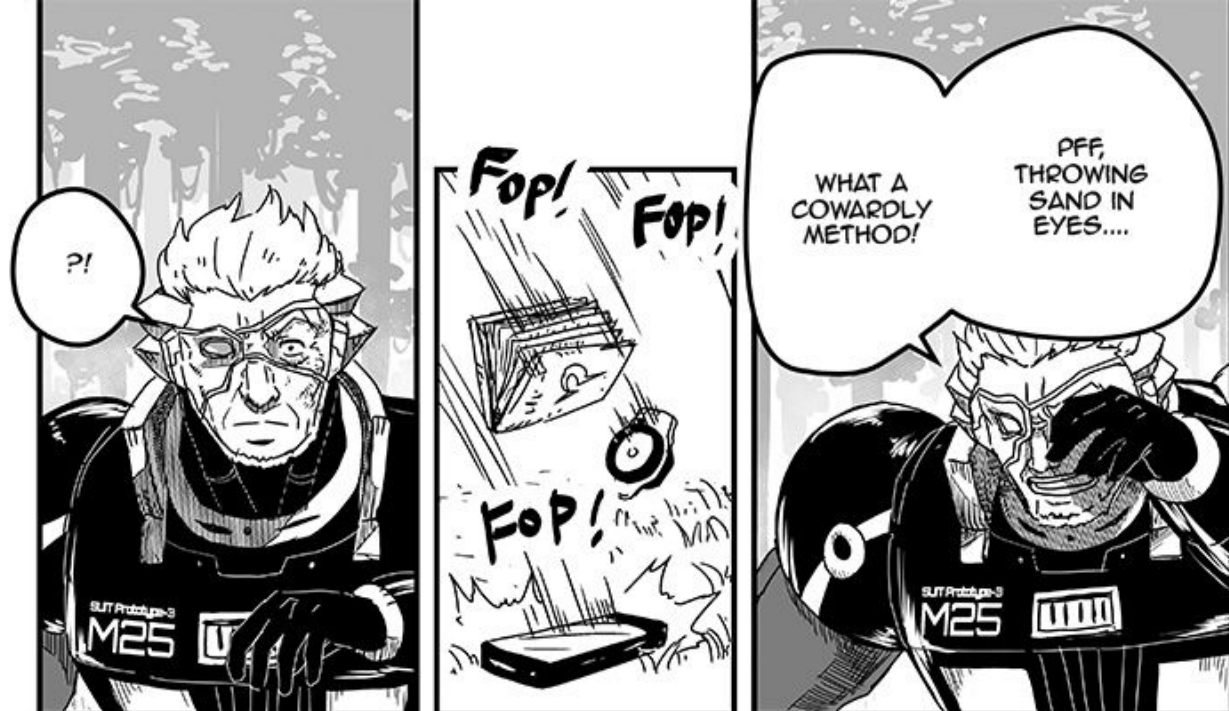


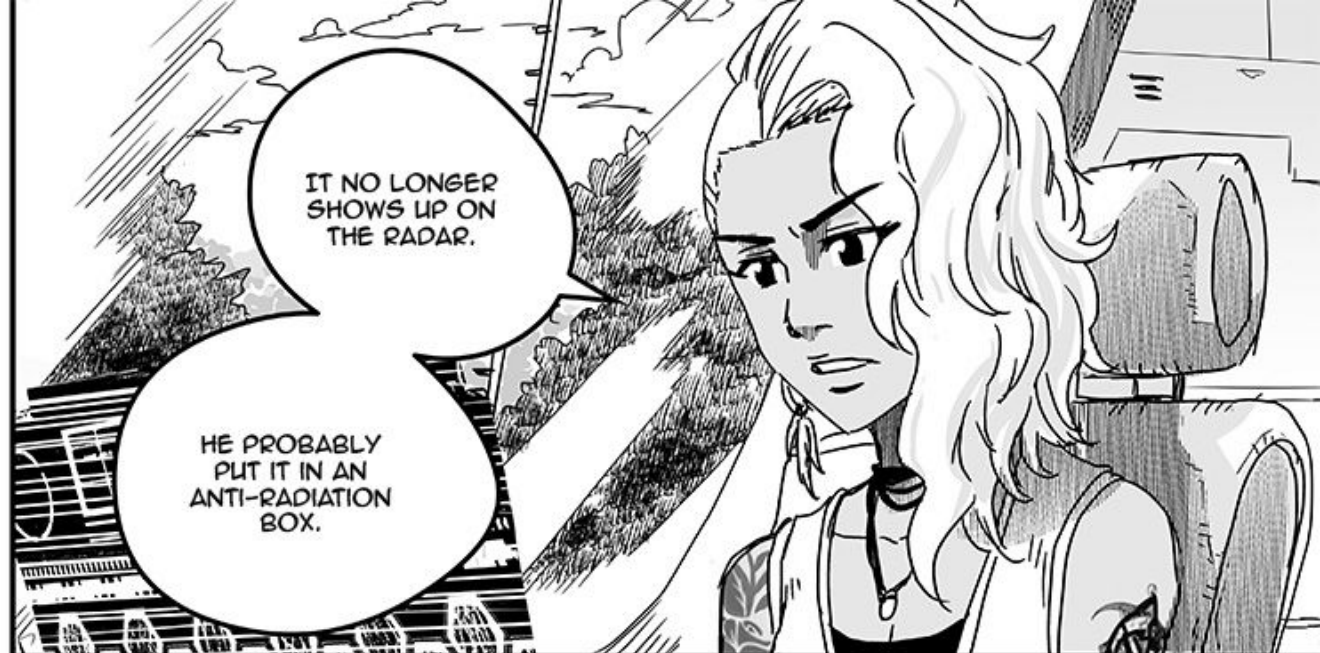
4. FINAL STEP TO GLORY



AZURE EPOCH







IT NO LONGER
SHOWS UP ON
THE RADAR.

HE PROBABLY
PUT IT IN AN
ANTI-RADIATION
BOX.



THE
AZURE
GEM...



WHAT NOW?
DISAPPOINTED? DON'T
TELL ME YOU CAME
ALL THE WAY OUT
HERE JUST TO PLAY
PICKPOCKETING?



WELL,
THAT
BEATS
ALL!



WHERE
IS IT?



AND WHAT'S
SO FUNNY?

HA HA HA
!



THE AZURE
GEM?



WHAT DO PEOPLE
CALL THEM
AGAIN?
SEEKERS?

OR MAYBE BOUNTY
HUNTERS AFTER ME.
BUT YOU'RE JUST
RAGNARIUM
DIGGERS, I BET.

WHEN I HEARD YOU
LAND, I THOUGHT IT
WAS THE GSA.

SO
WHAT?



AND SO
AMATEURS WHO
PLAY TREASURE
HUNT I EAT THEM
FOR BREAKFAST!

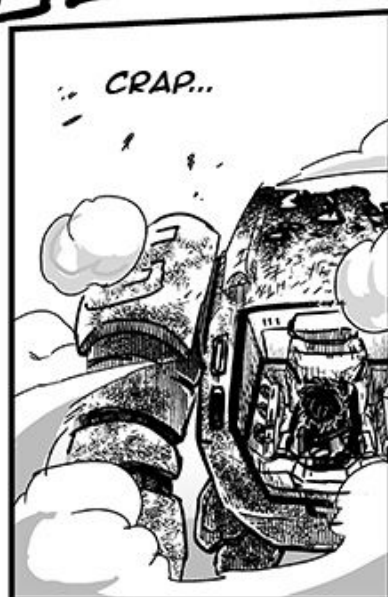


DAM!

KR SHHH!!



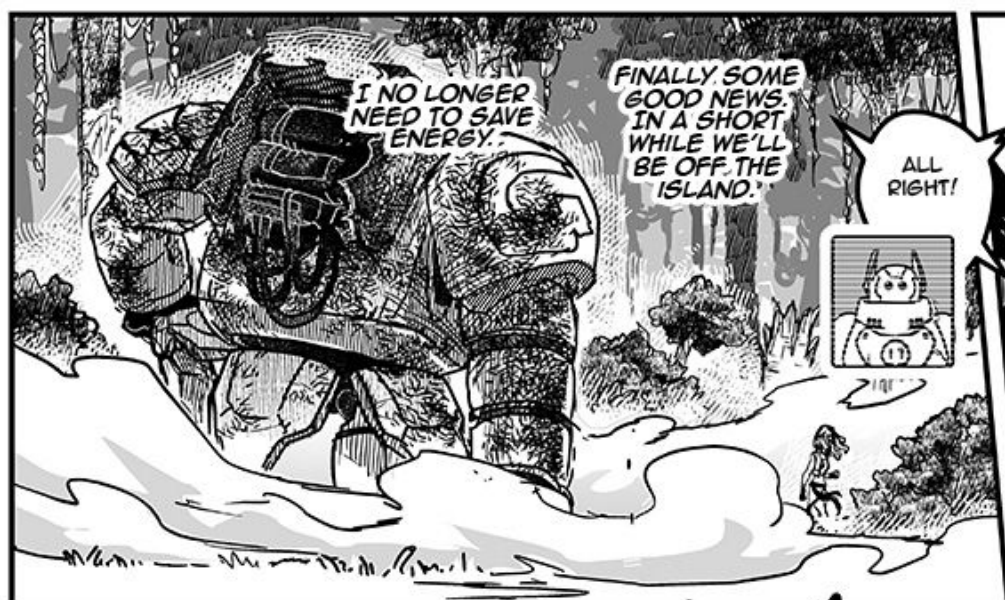
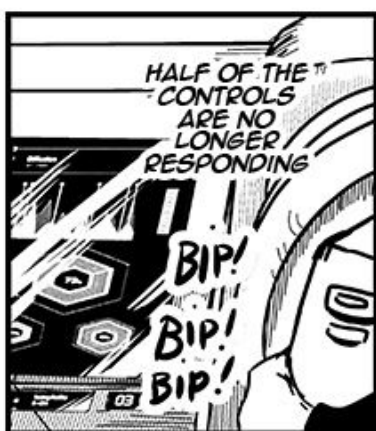
IS IT ME
OR YOUR
ROBOT IS
HAVING
TROUBLE
KEEPING
UP?

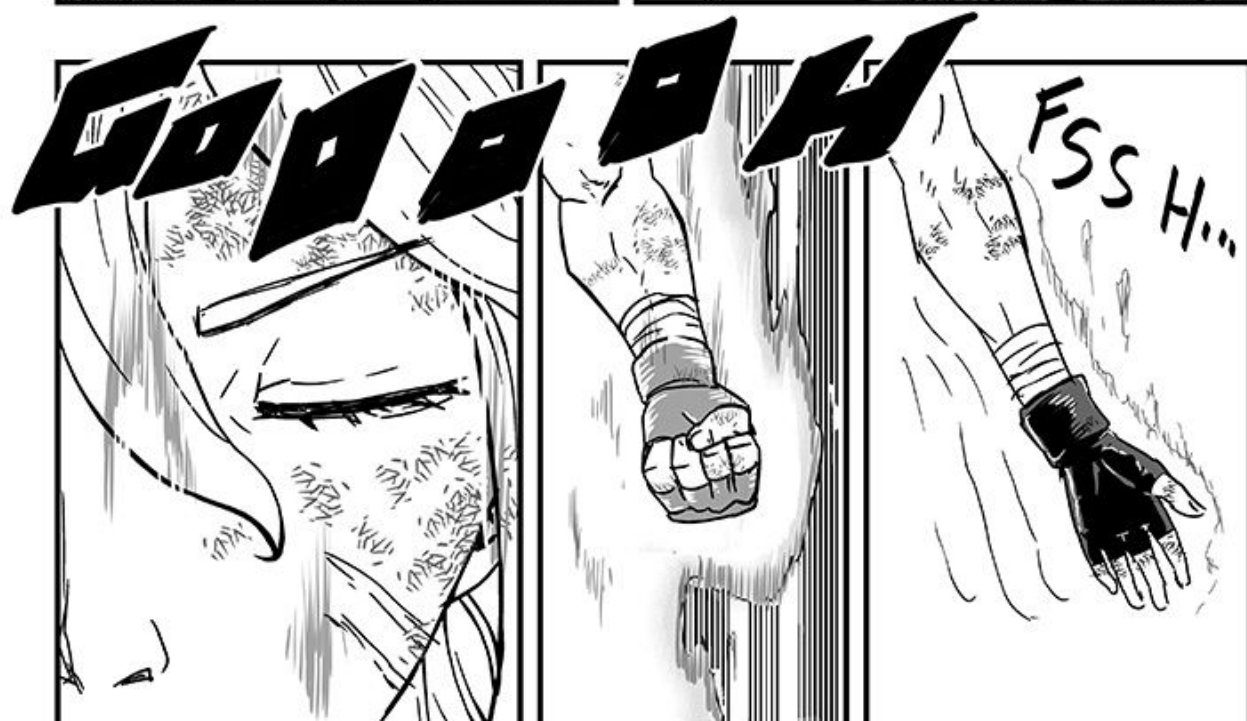
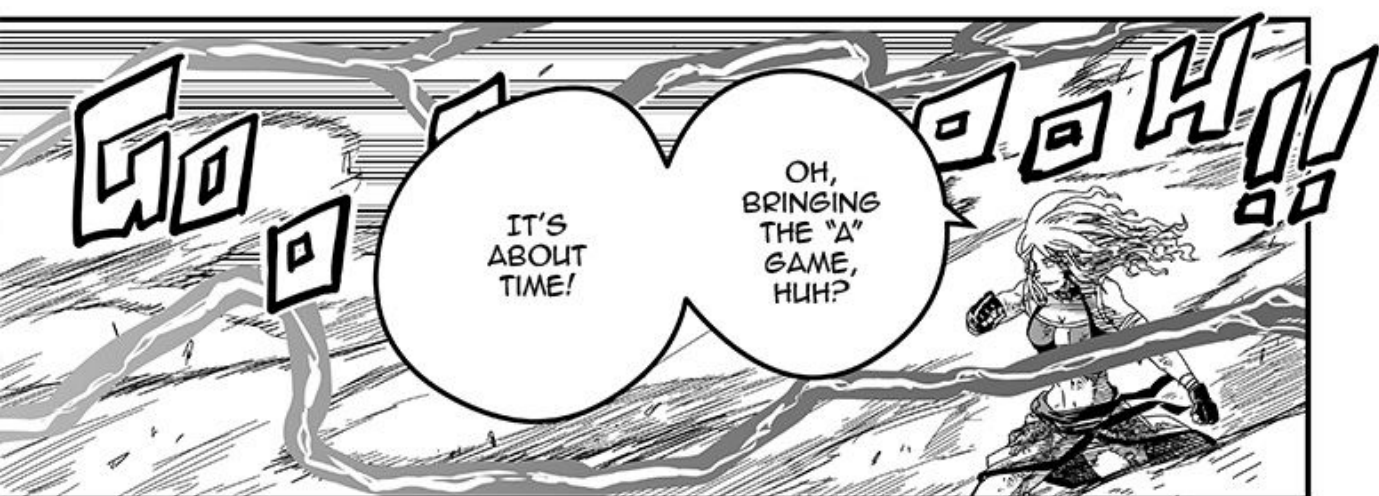


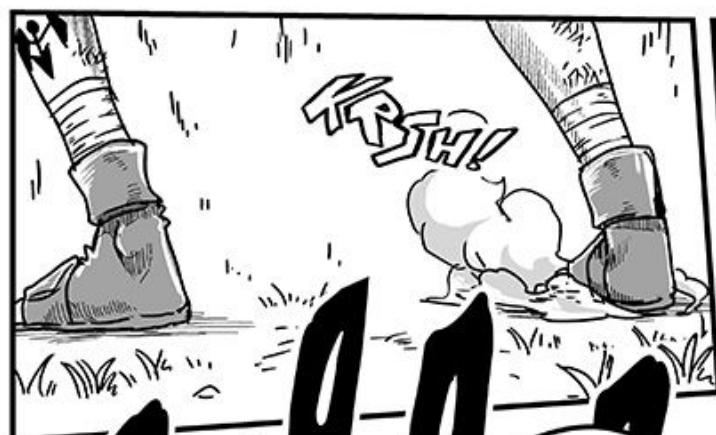
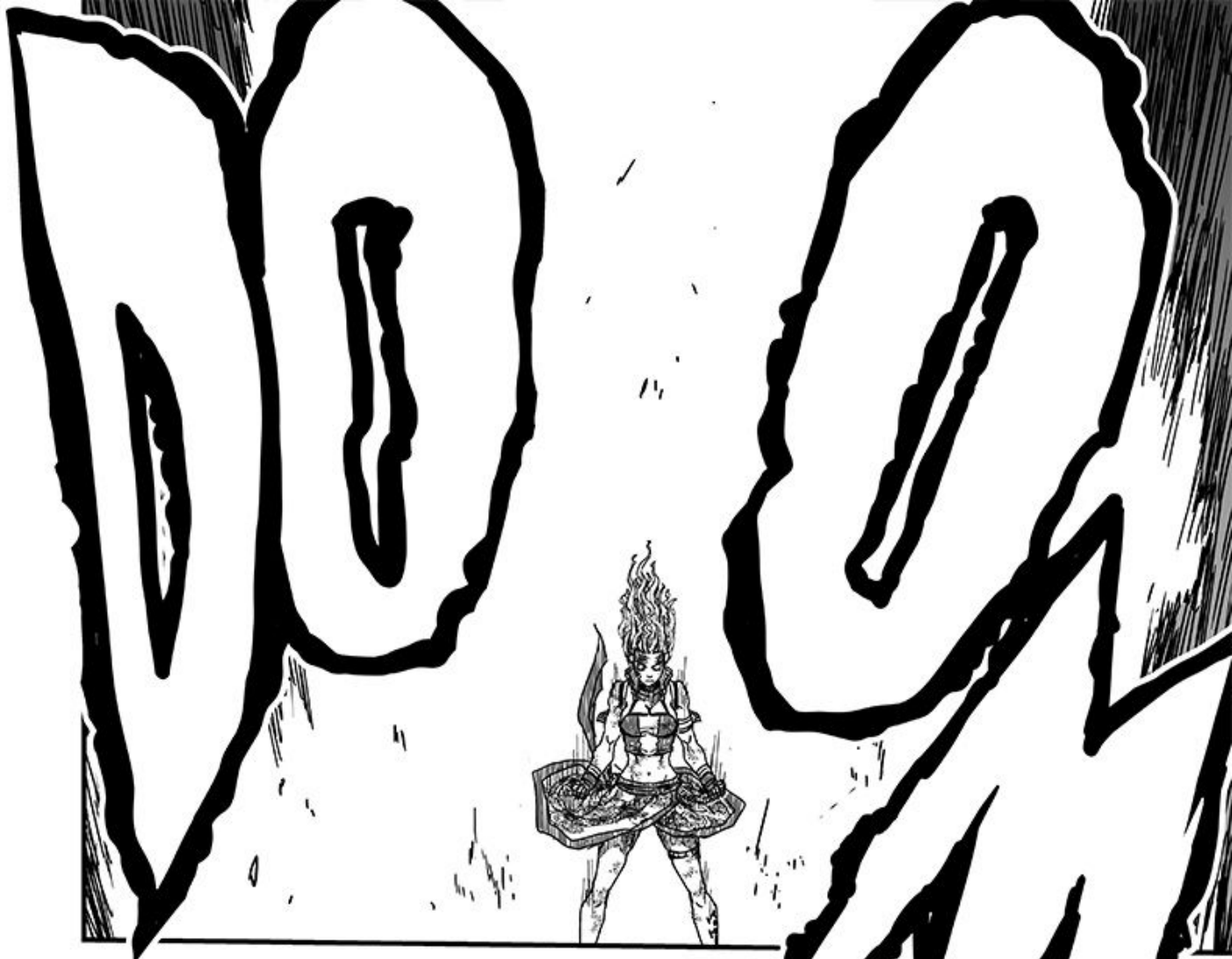
CRAP...



IS THIS
GIRL
REALLY
HUMAN?!







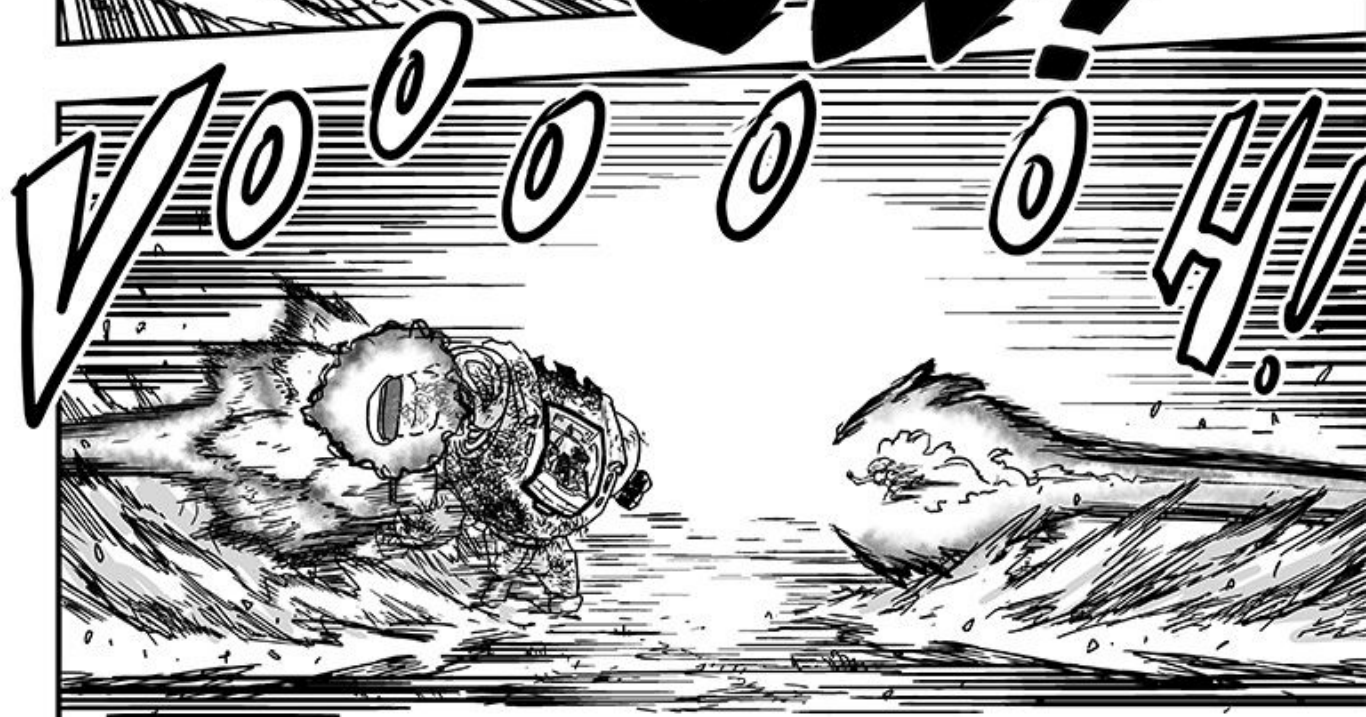
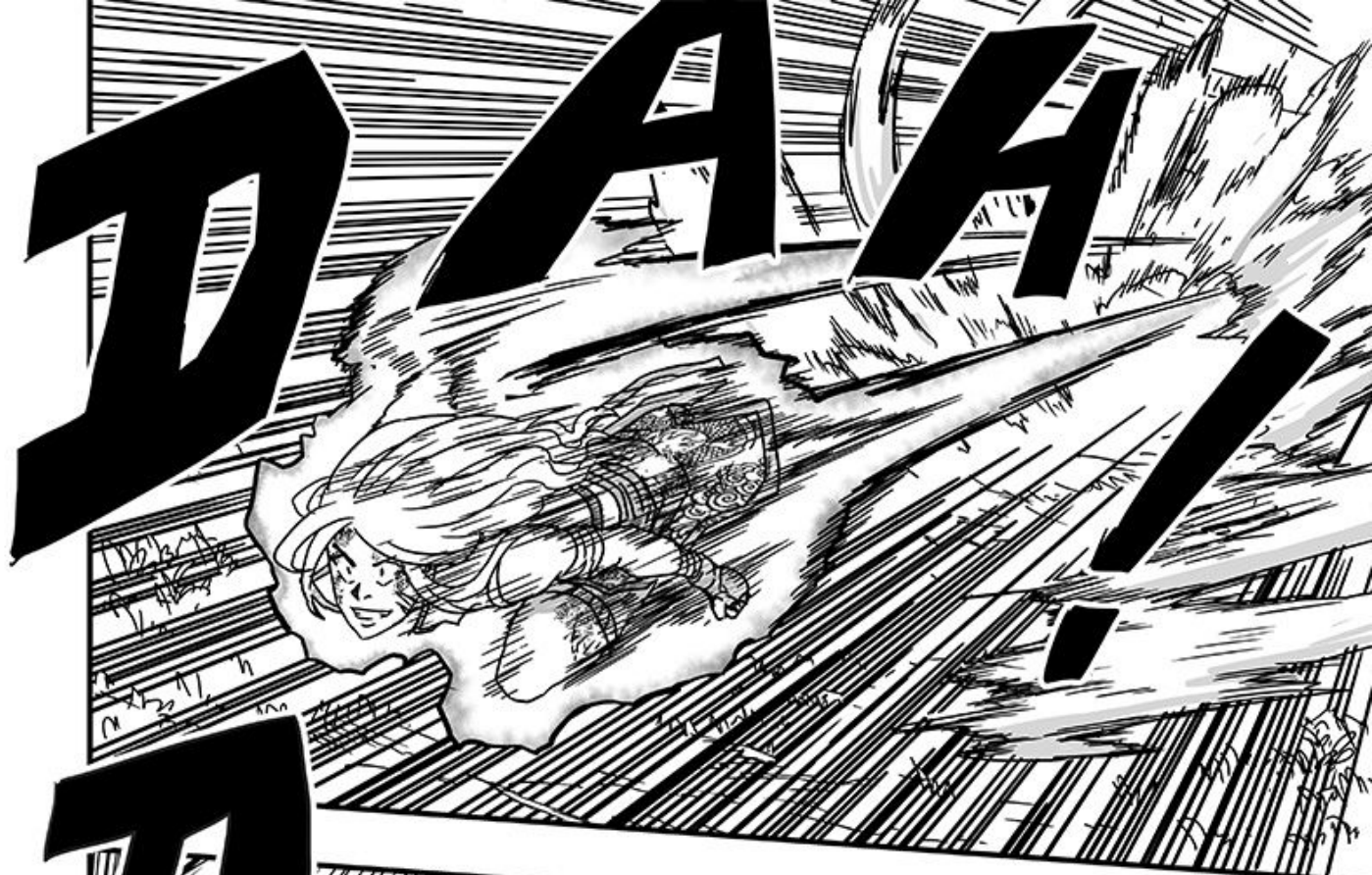
SHOW ME
THE EXTENT
OF YOUR
POWER!



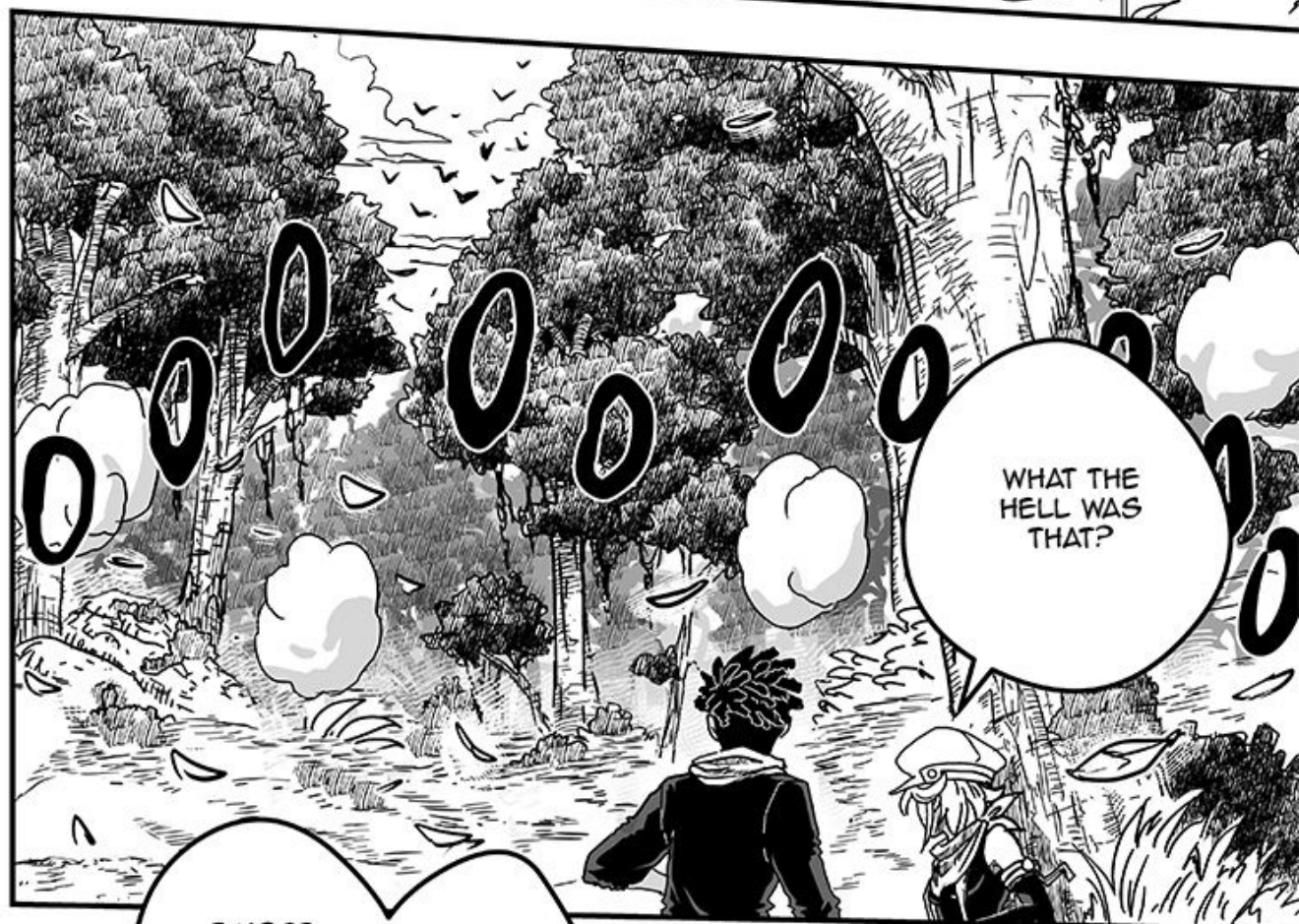


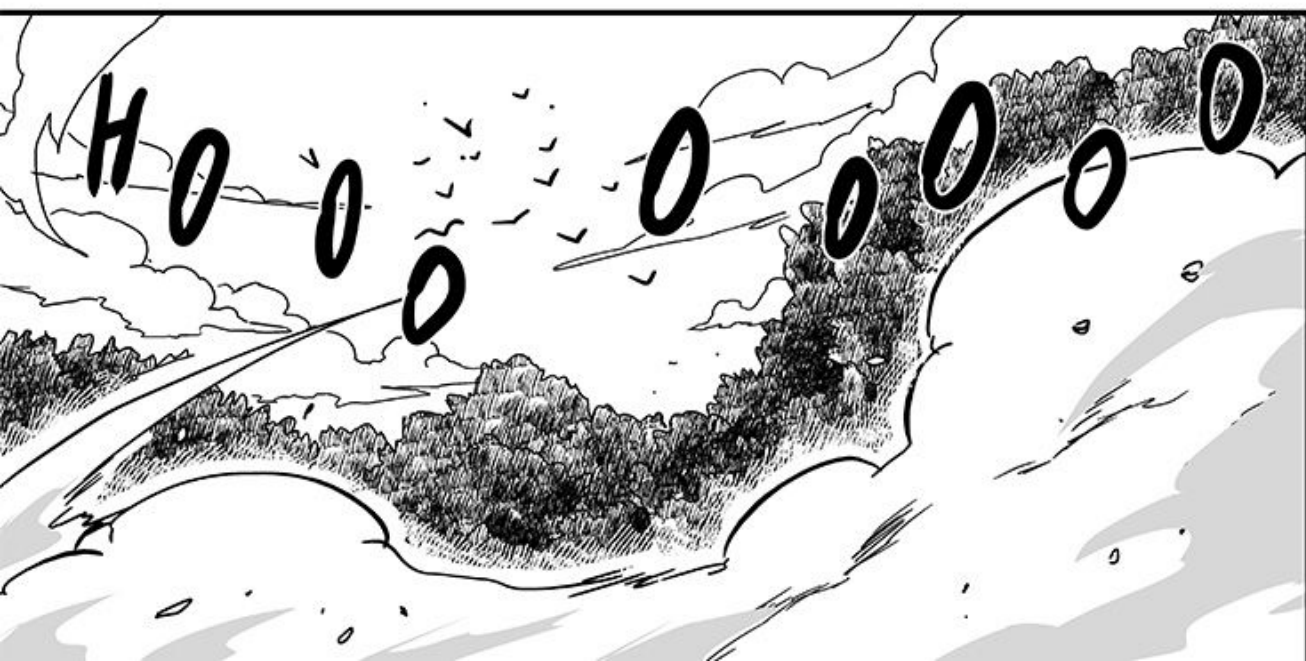
WELL, YOU
MIGHT NOT BE
SO CONFIDENT
ONCE YOU GET
IT IN YOUR
TEETH!

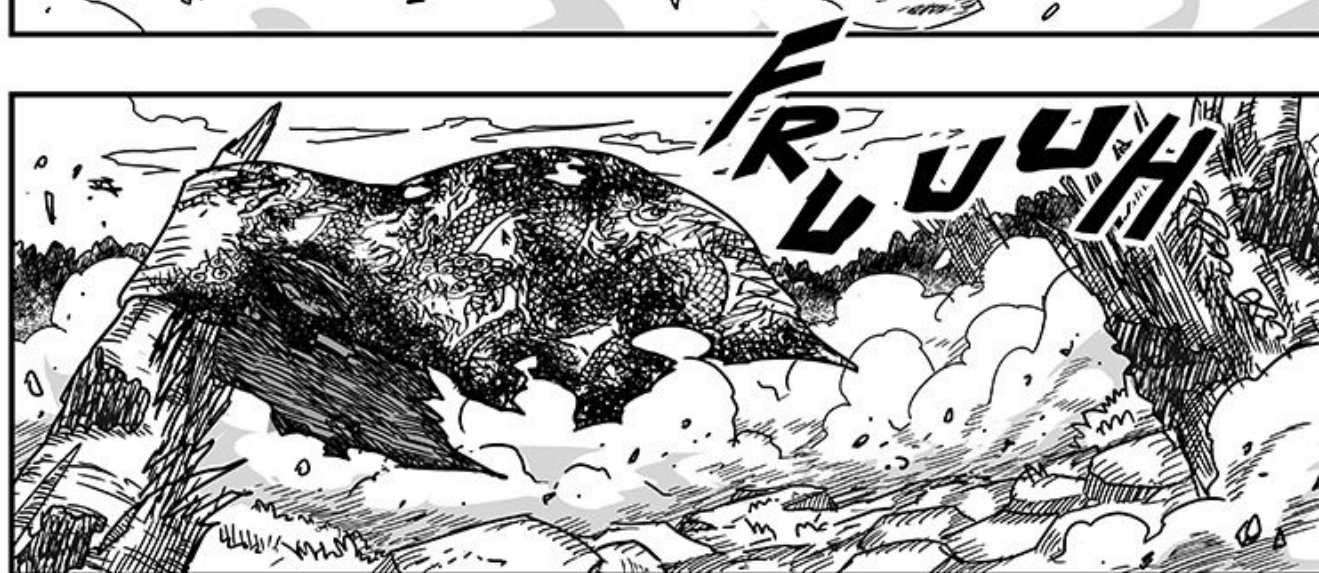
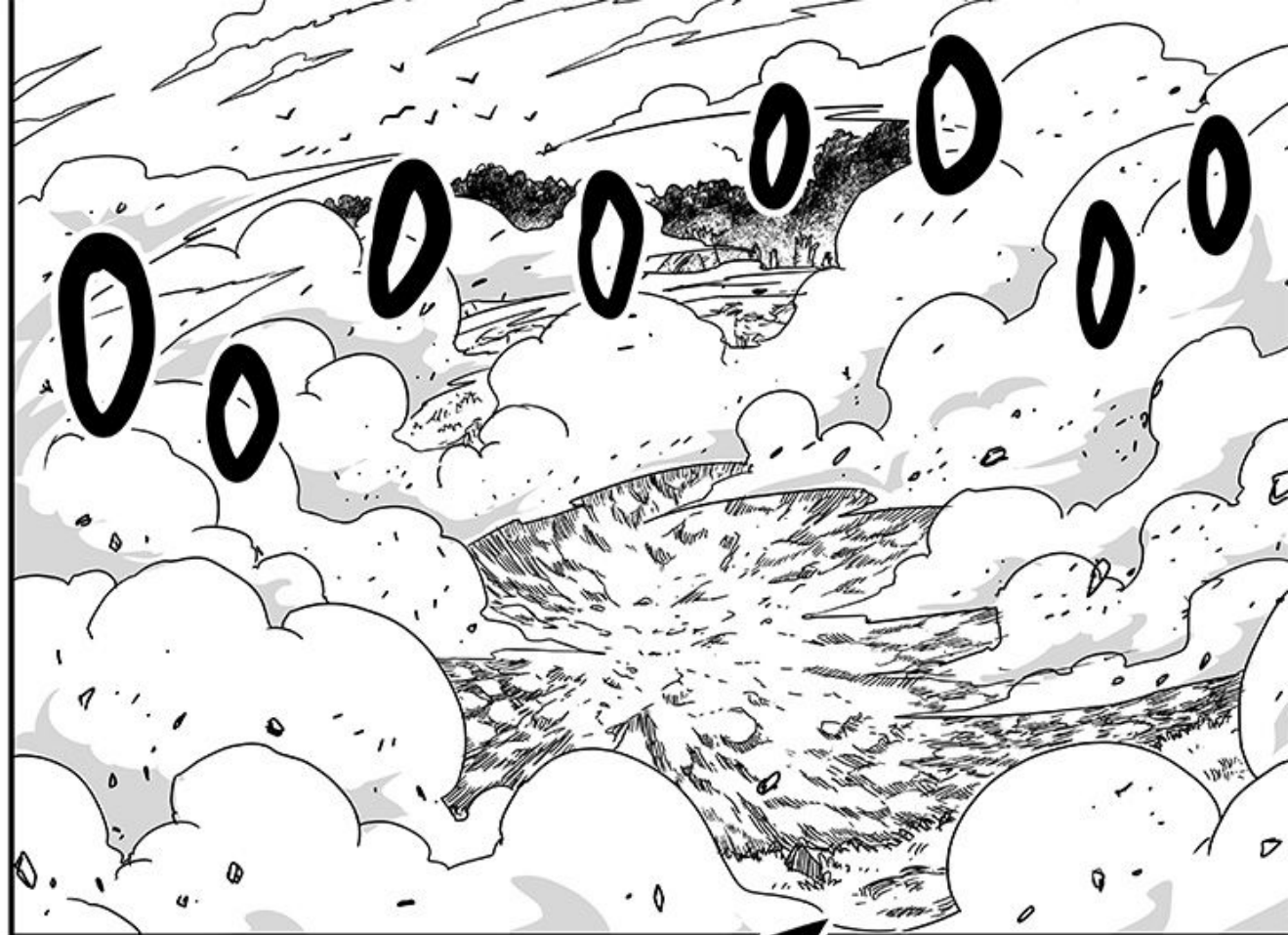


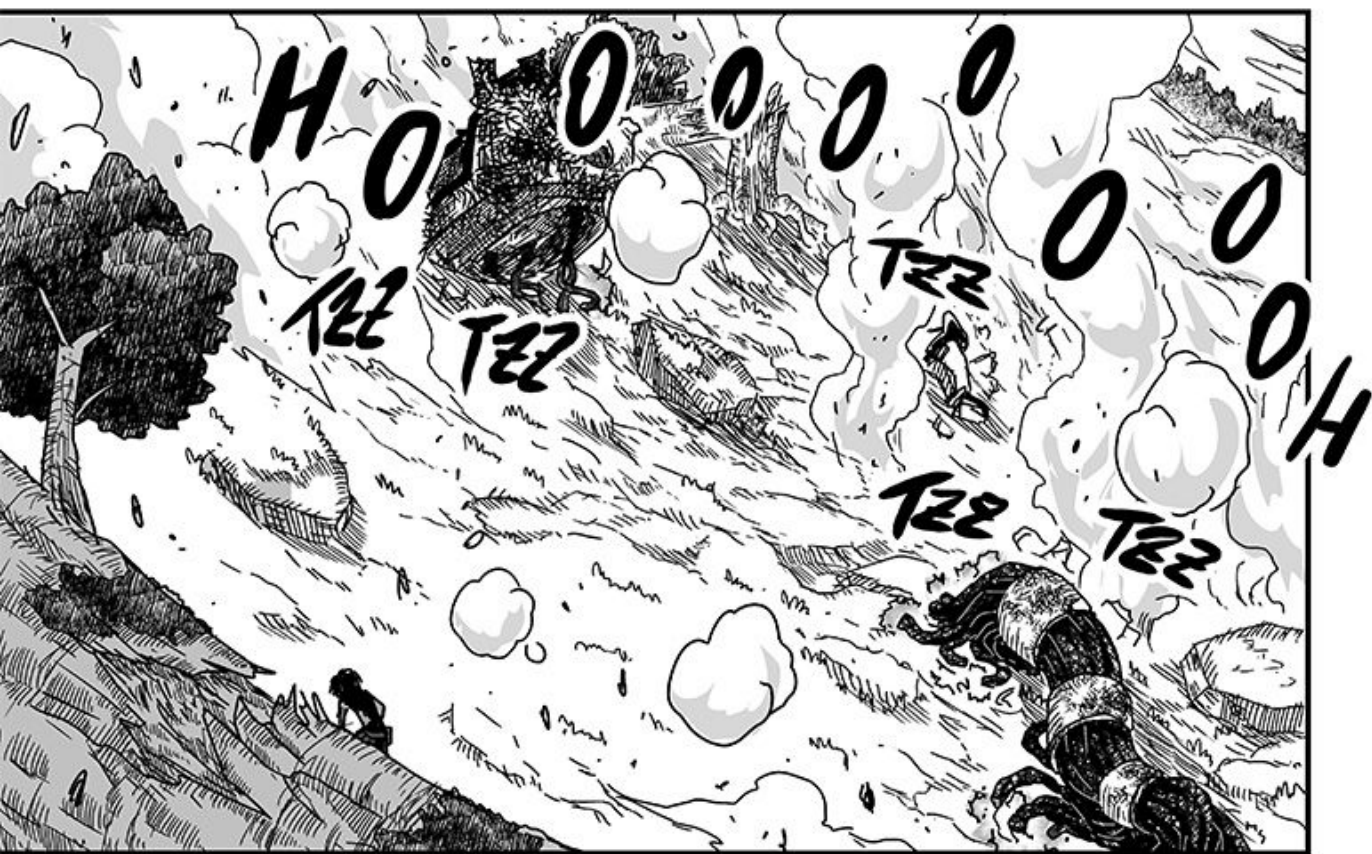


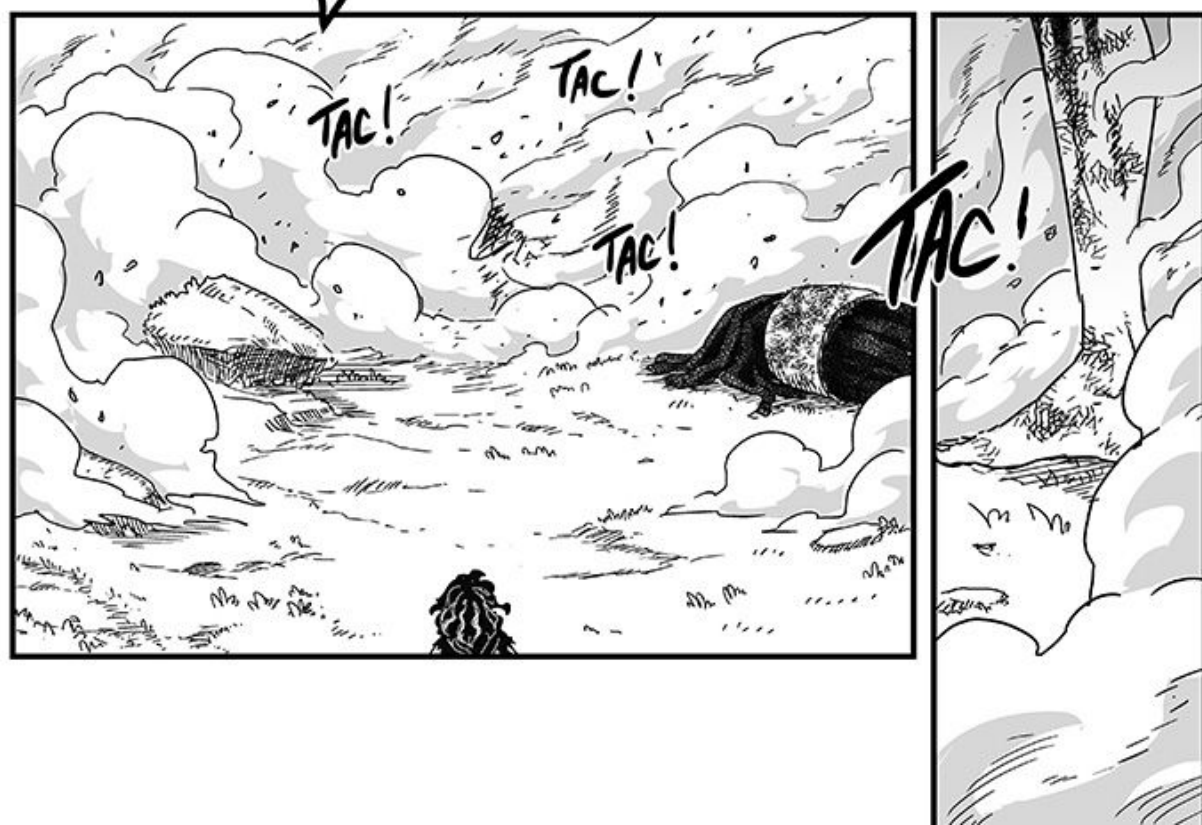
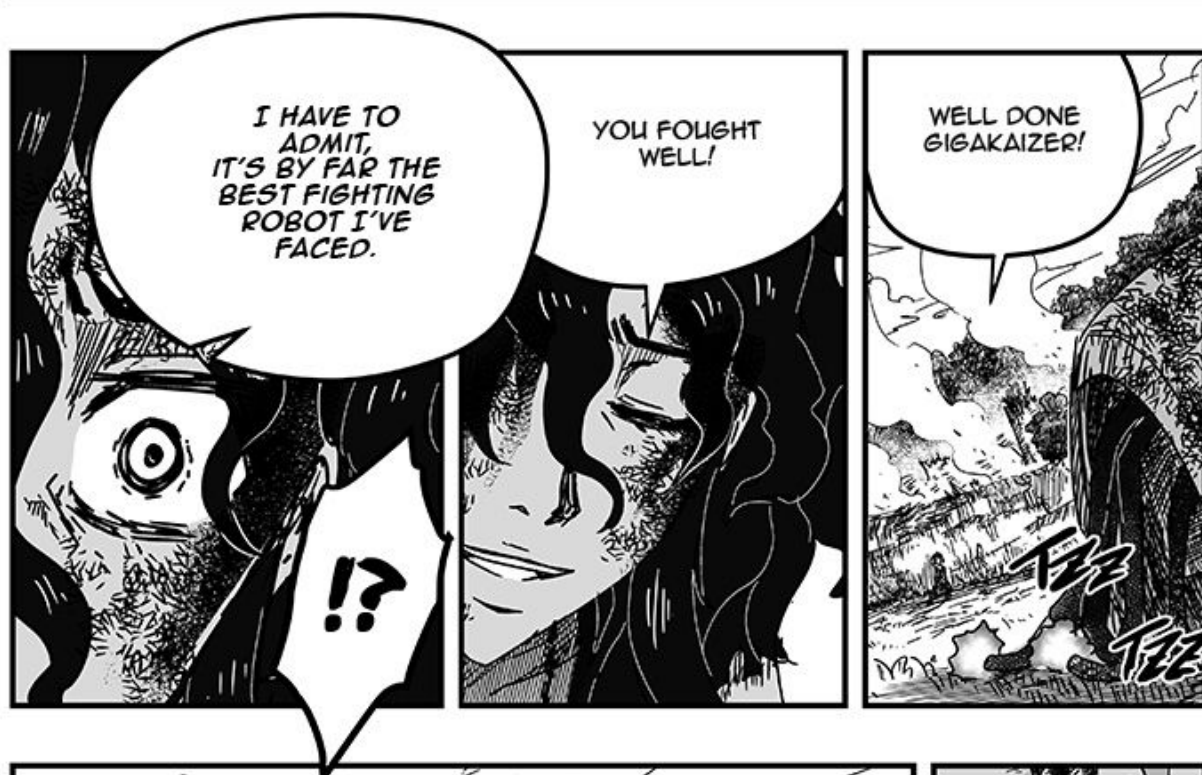
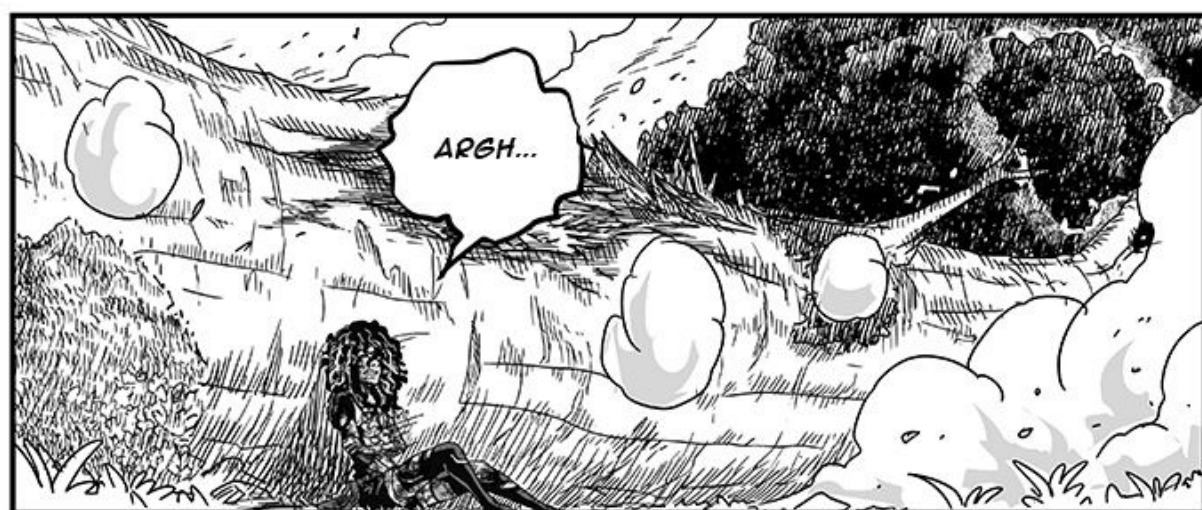














NO...

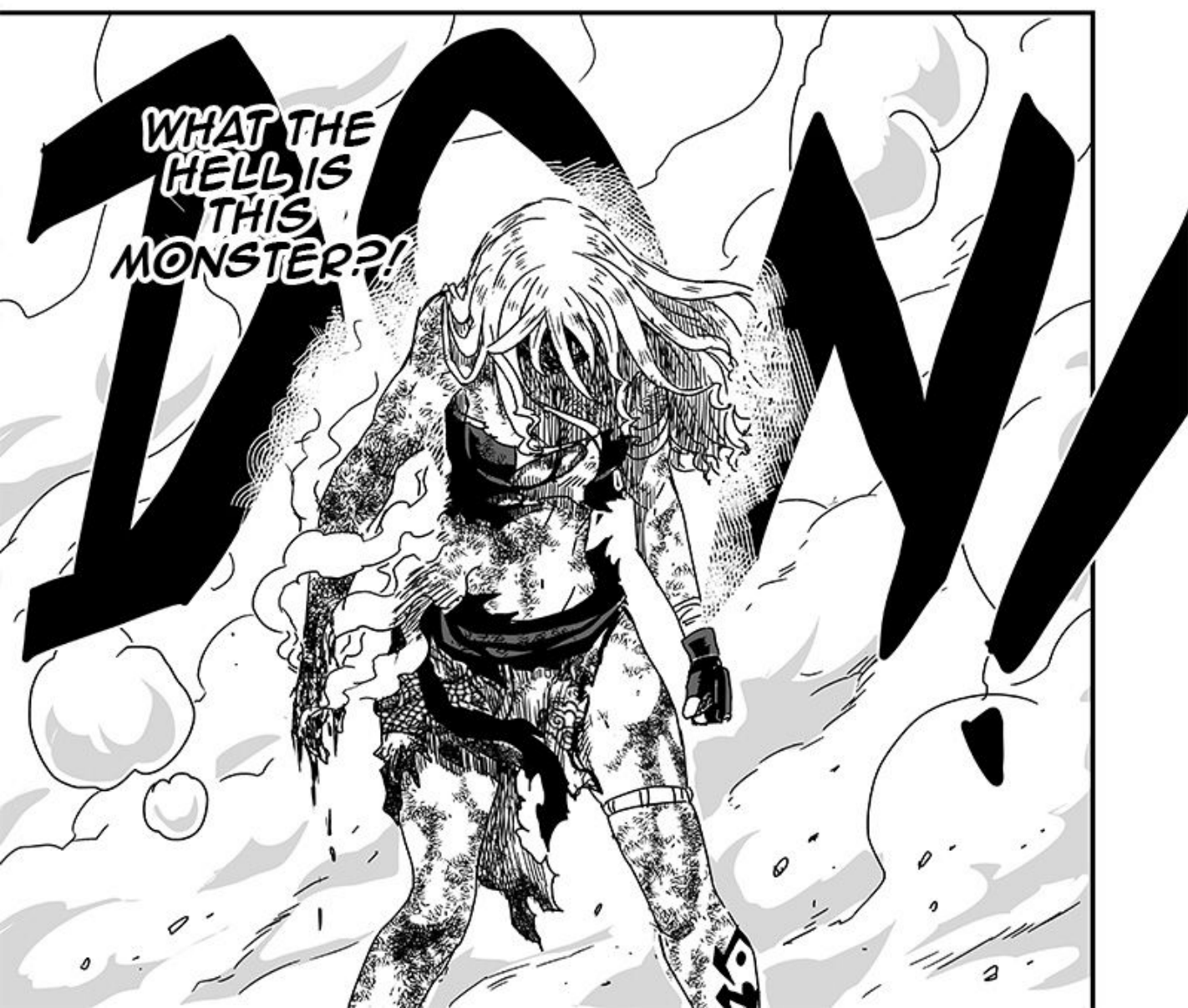
THIS...



THIS CAN
NOT BE!



IT HURTS
LIKE HELL!



WHAT THE
HELL IS
THIS
MONSTER?!







GENIUSES LIKE
YOU TEND TO
BECOME
PROBLEMS FOR
OUR SUPREMACY.

EITHER YOU'RE
WITH US OR
YOU'RE OUR
ENEMY.

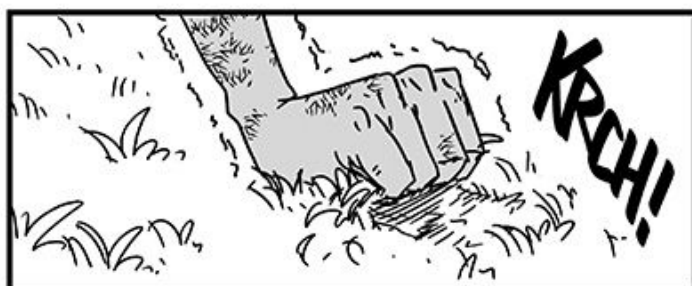


SNIF...
DAD...
NO...
SAY
SOMETHING.
PLEASE...
DON'T LEAVE
ME!



THE ENERGY CRISIS IS
ONLY A TRANSITIONAL
INCONVENIENCE.

EVEN WITHOUT IT,
AS LONG AS ITS
TRUE SCOURGE
REMAINS,
THE WORLD
WILL KEEP
COLLAPSING.

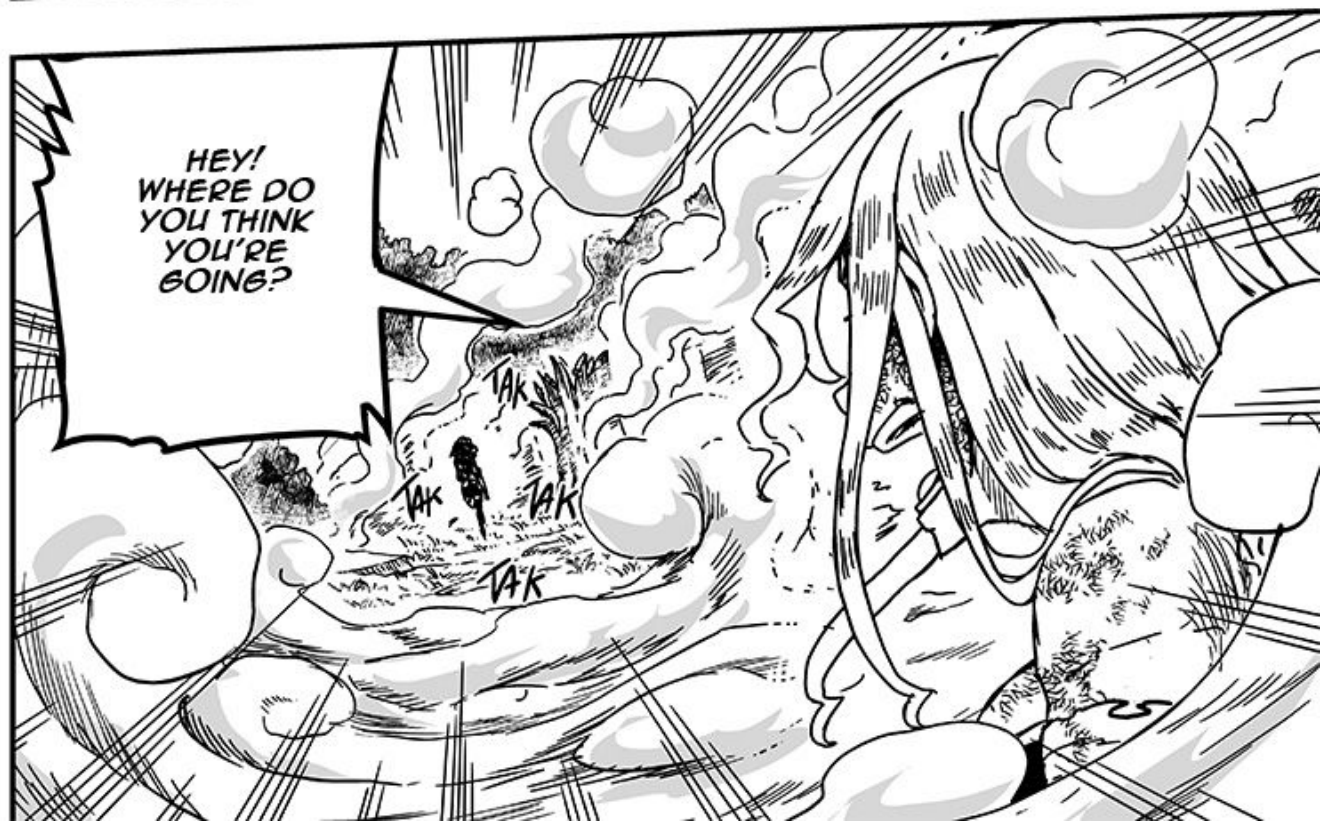


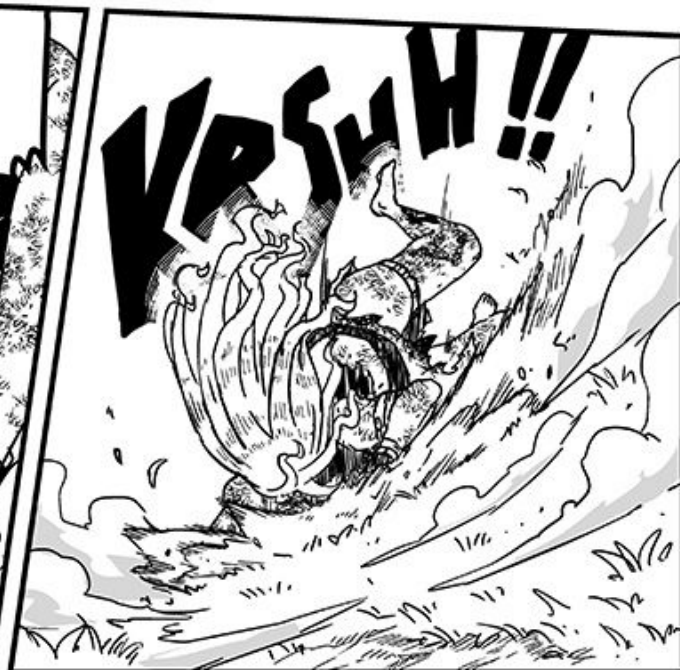
KRCH!

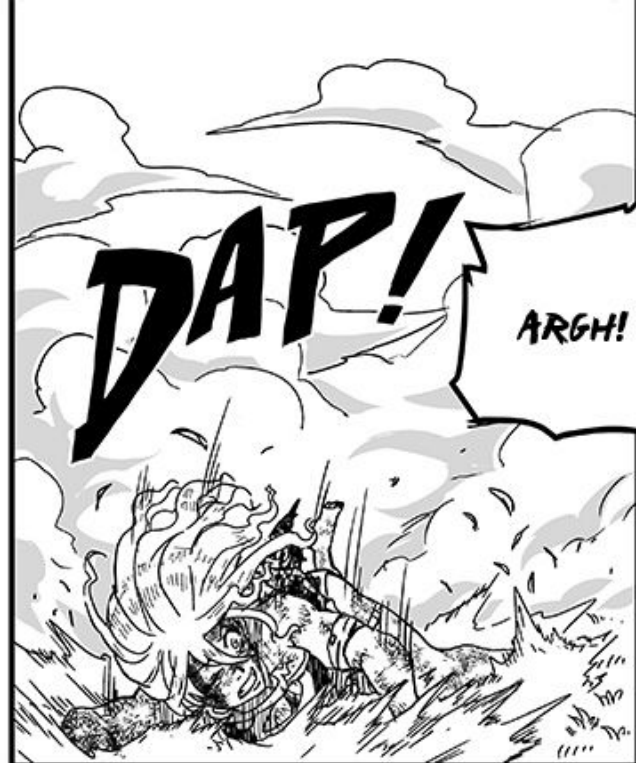


HUH, AS IF THAT
WOULD BE
ENOUGH TO
SAVE THE
WORLD.

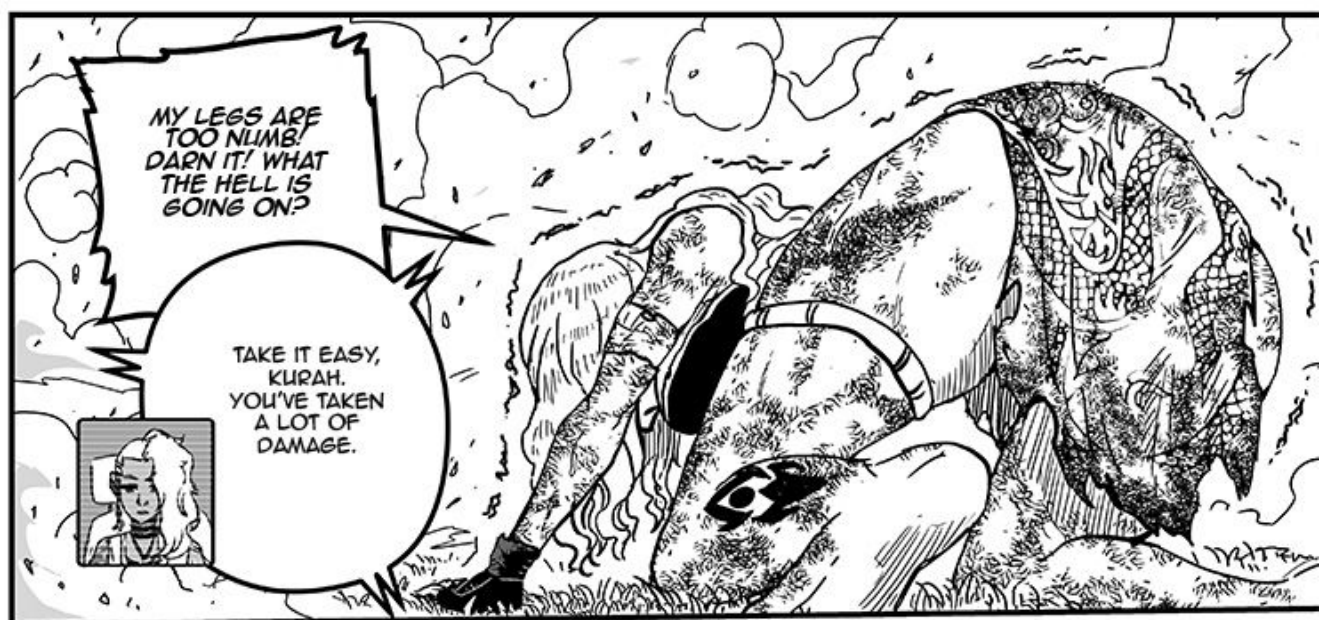








ARGH!



TAKE IT EASY,
KURAH.
YOU'VE TAKEN
A LOT OF
DAMAGE.

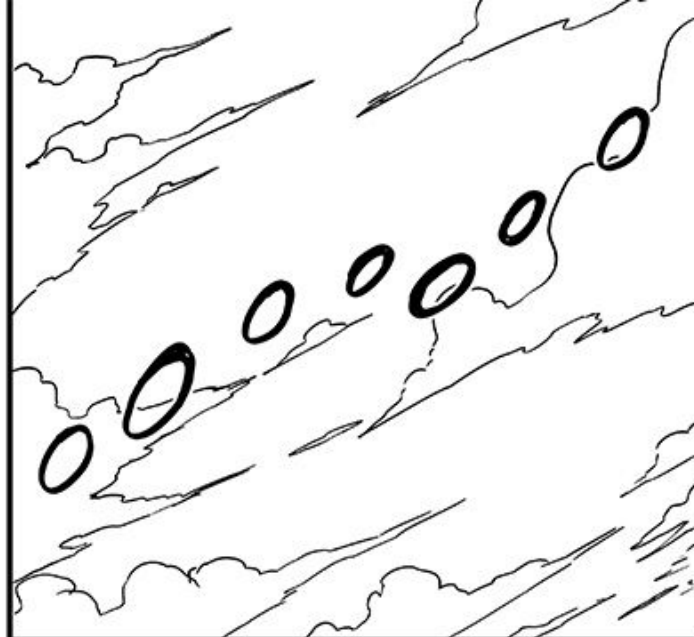


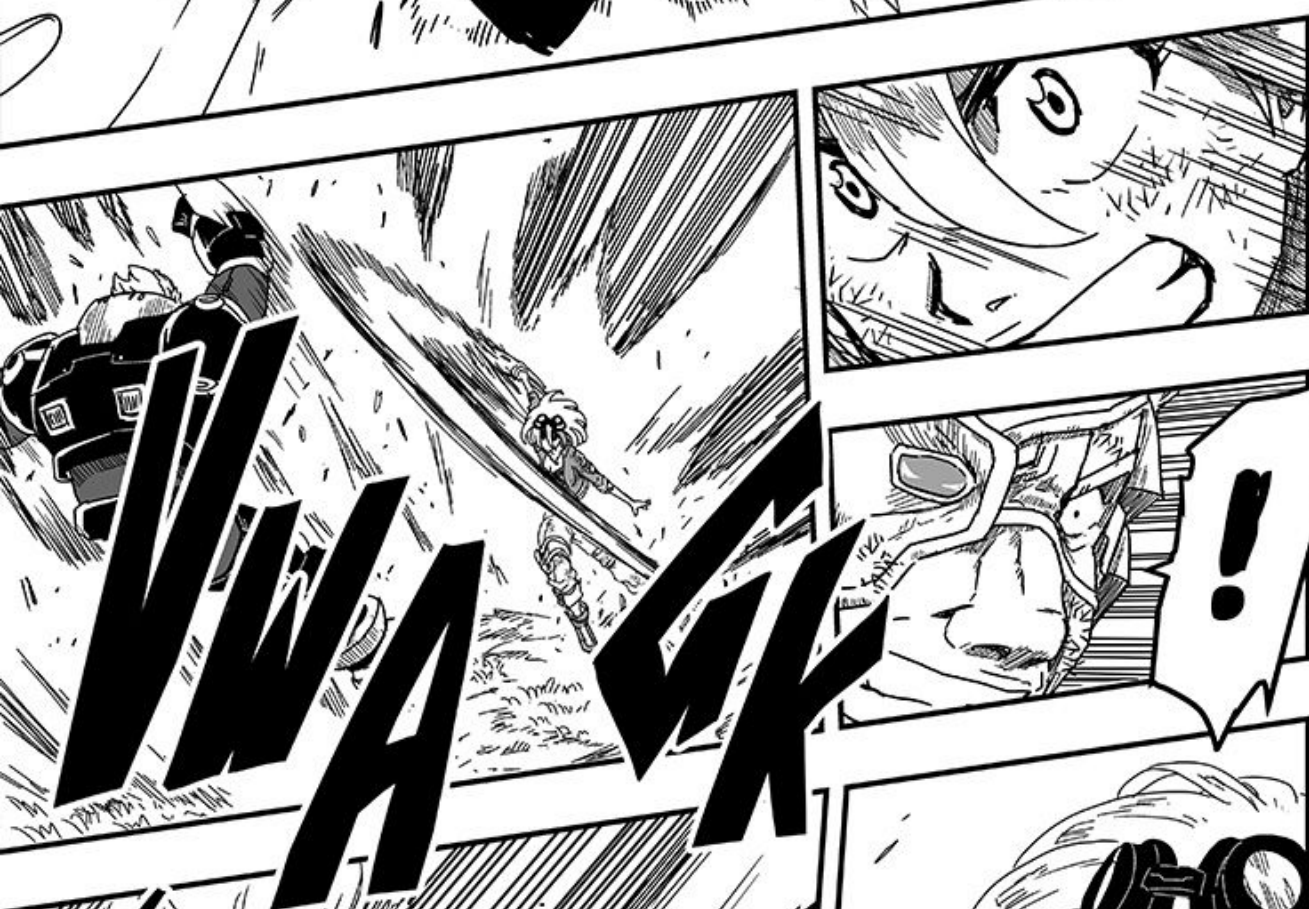
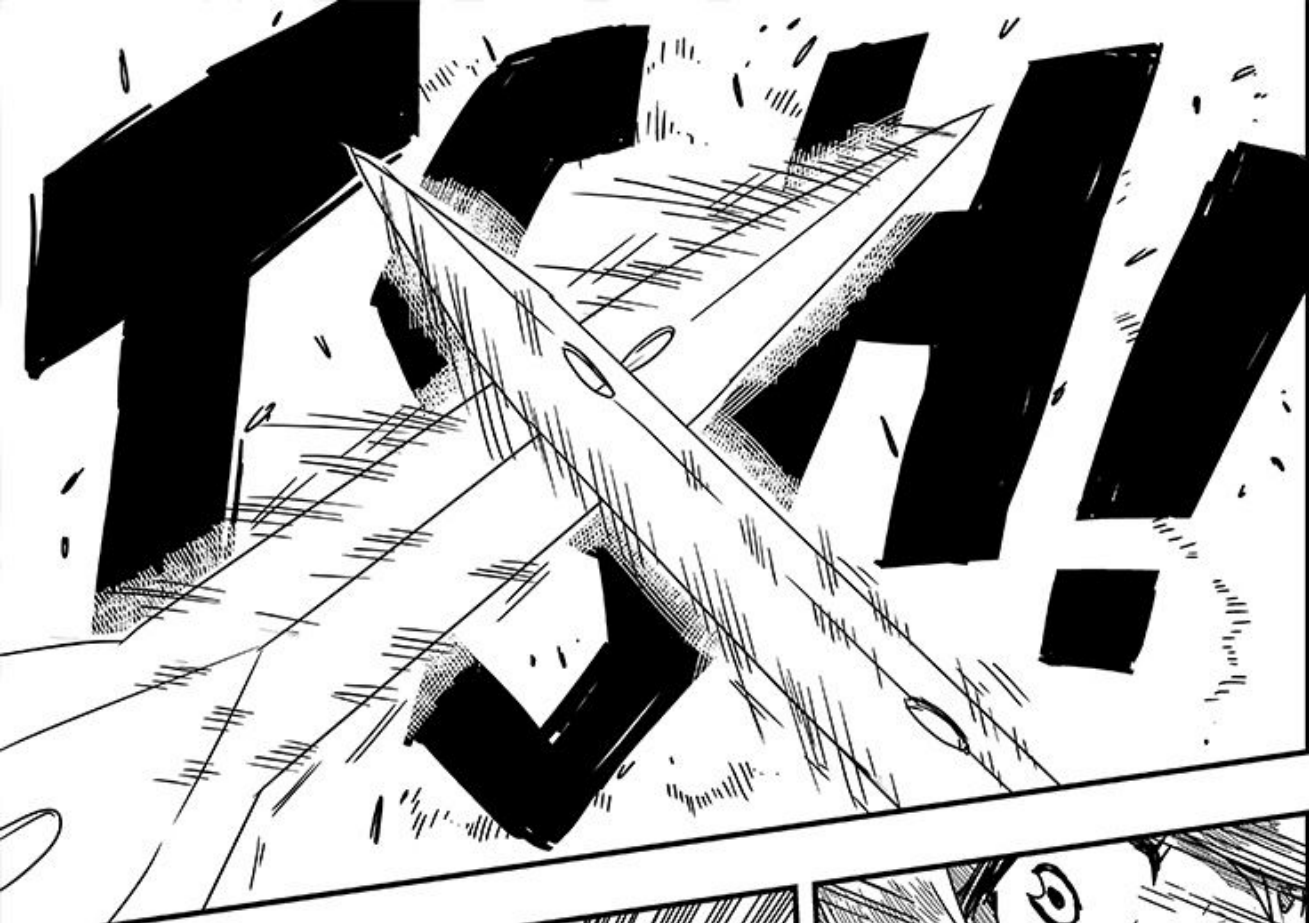
AN EXCESS
OF
ELECTRICITY?



IT'S PROBABLY
DUE TO AN
EXCESS OF
ELECTRICITY IN
YOUR BODY.

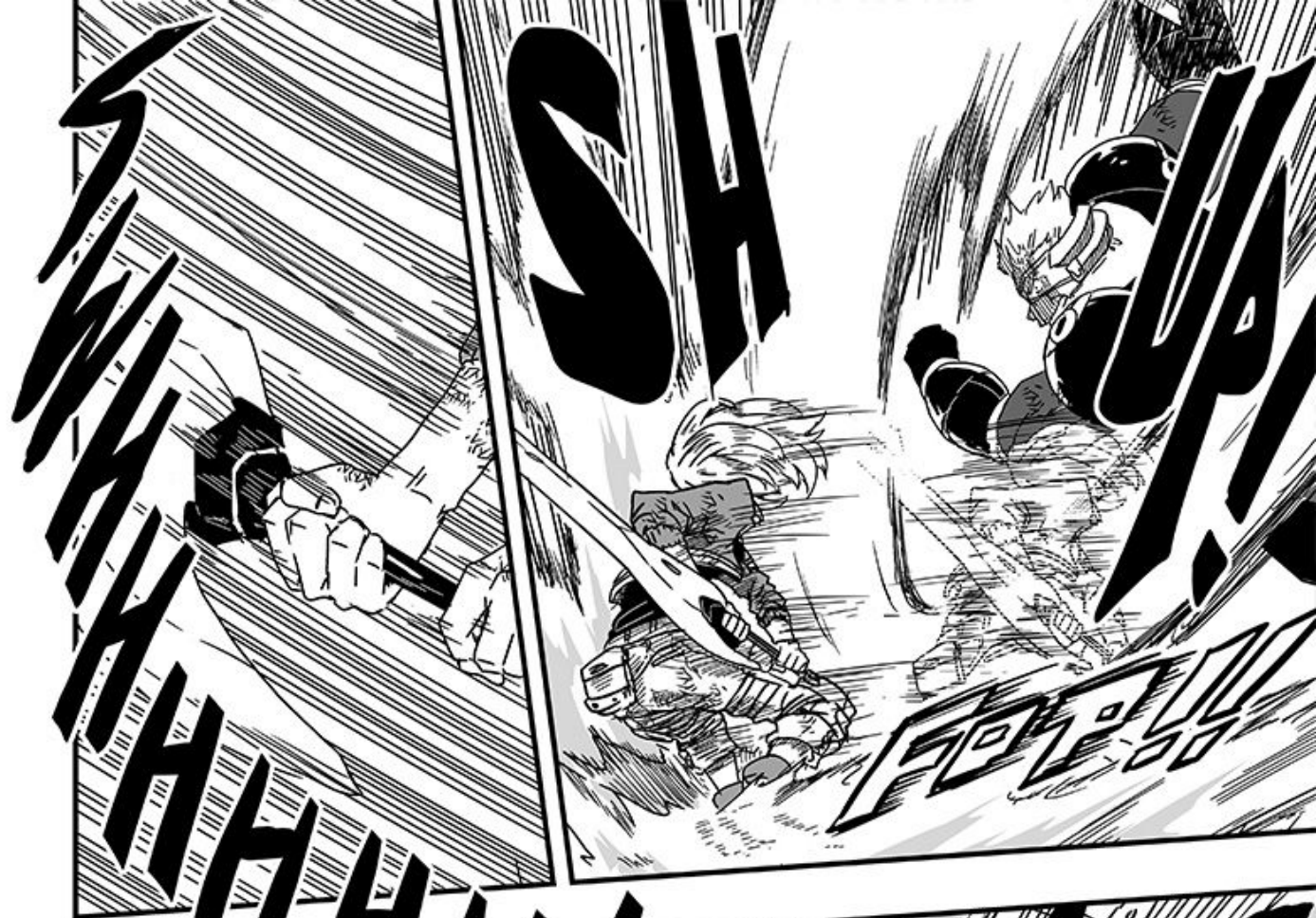


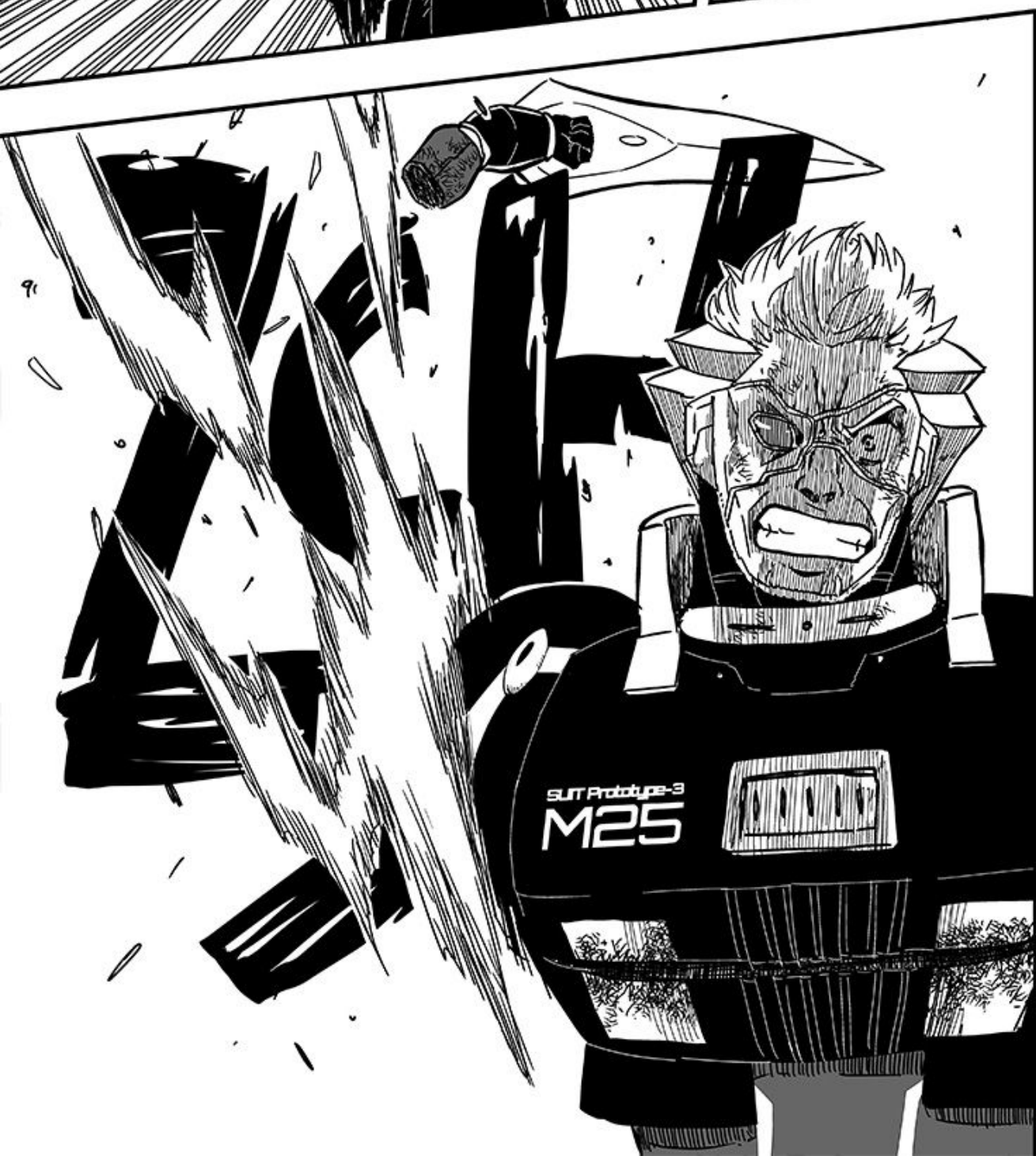




SUCH
ARRO-
GANCE!









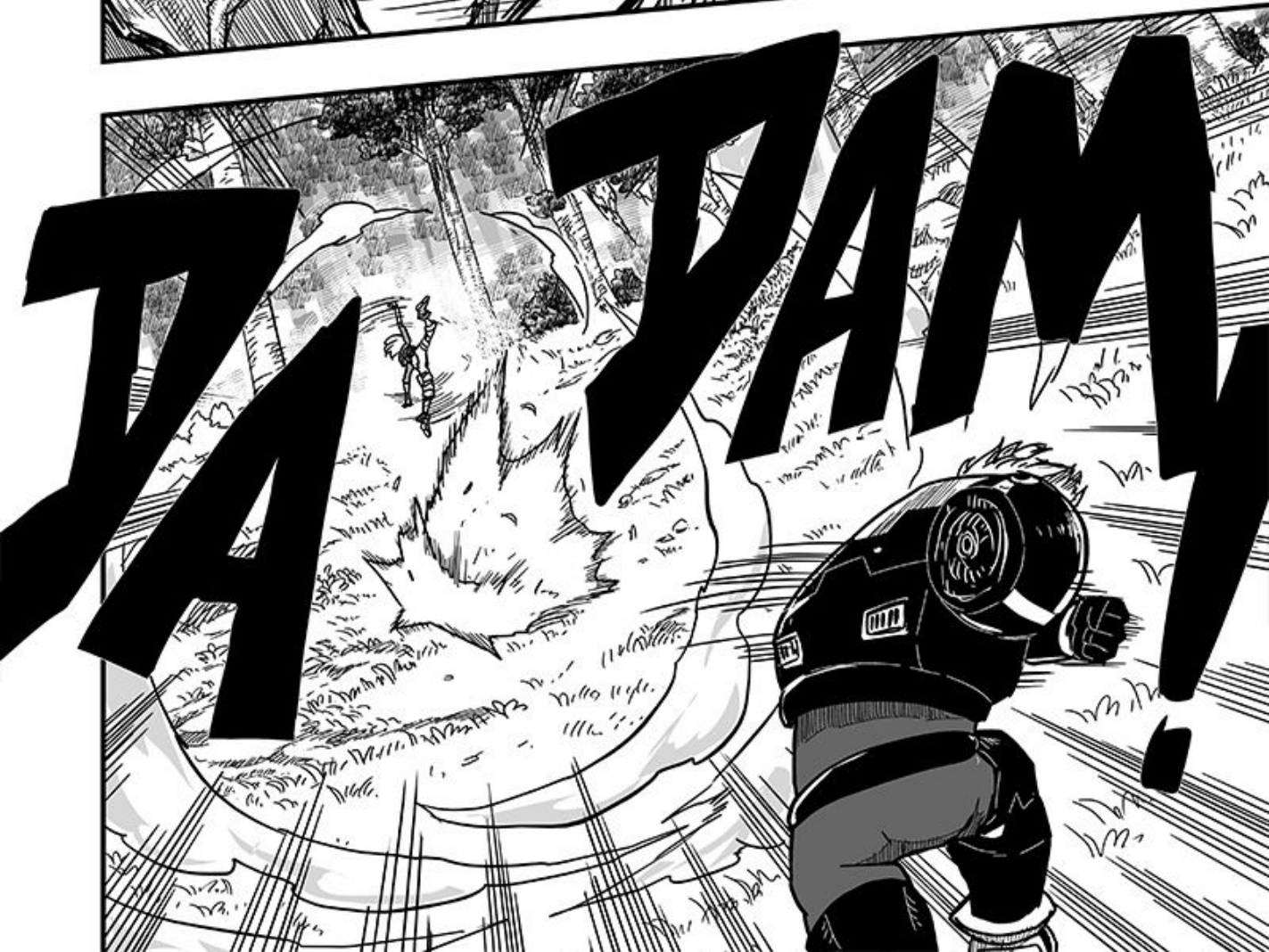


BLEED TO DEATH?



AS IF I STILL HAVE SOME!







AHHH... ARGH...



AND I
DON'T
FEEL
PAIN.

I RUN
ON
OIL!



KRSSHH!



BUT IT STILL
HAS BIG
ADVANTAGES.

I OFTEN
COMPLAIN THAT
CYBERNETIC
BODIES ARE TOO
DIFFICULT TO
MAINTAIN,

TSH!
TSH!



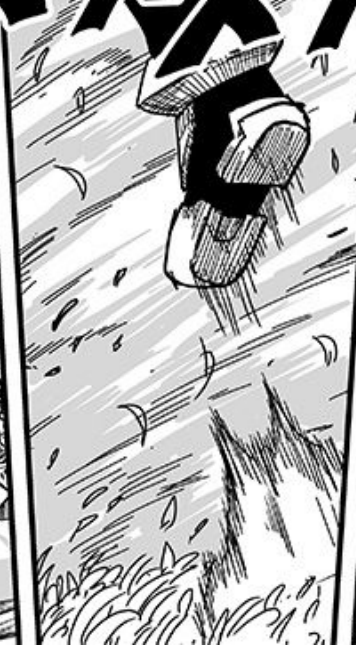
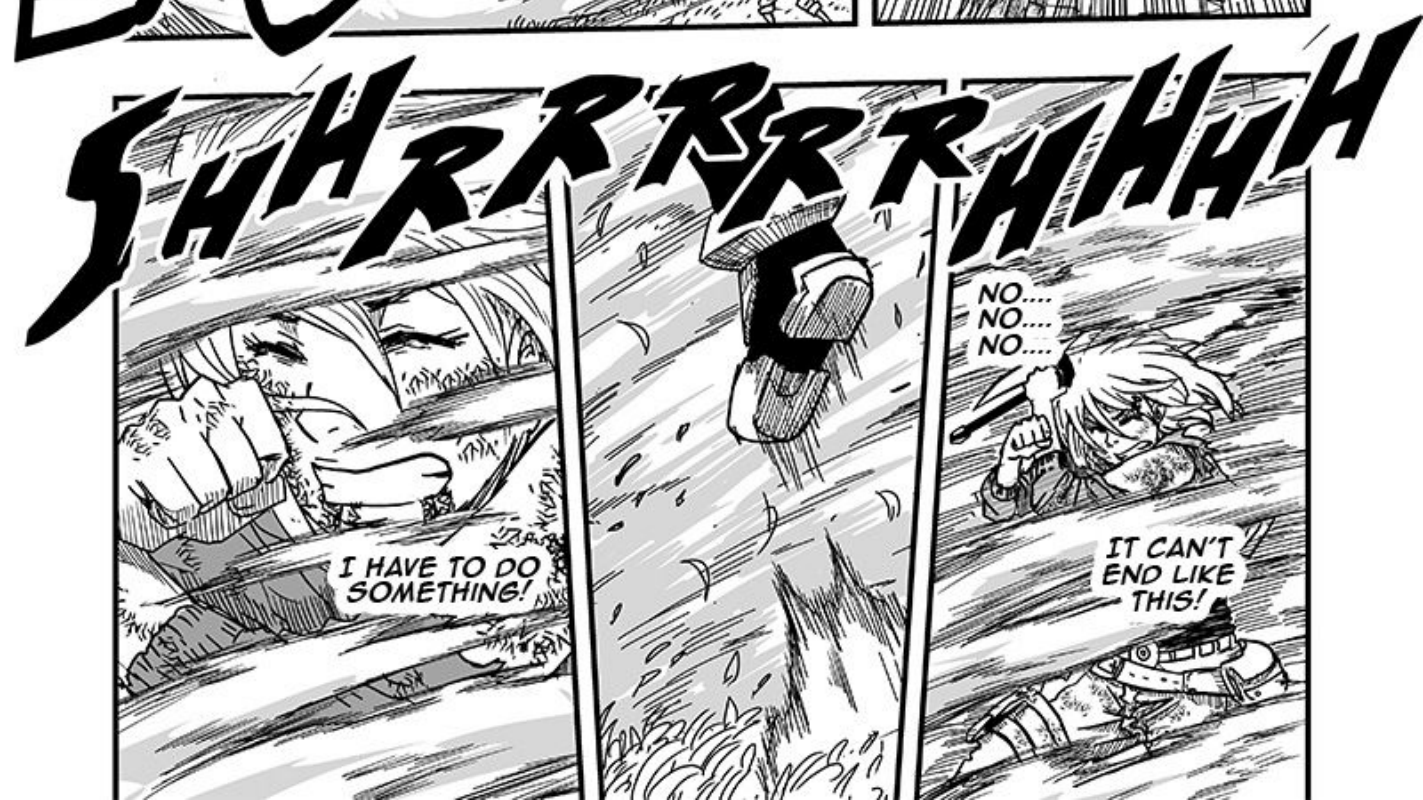








ALL THE
MACHINES
HAVE BEEN
RETURNED
TO THE
SHIP. AS
WELL AS
THE AZURE
STONE!





I'LL LET
YOUR
AFFRONT
SLIDE THIS
TIME, YOUNG
LADY!

GW-OH!



BUT YOU
STILL
LOST.

SEE
YOU.





AZURE EPOCH CH4 //END

TO BE CONTINUED...



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AZURE EPOCH



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