

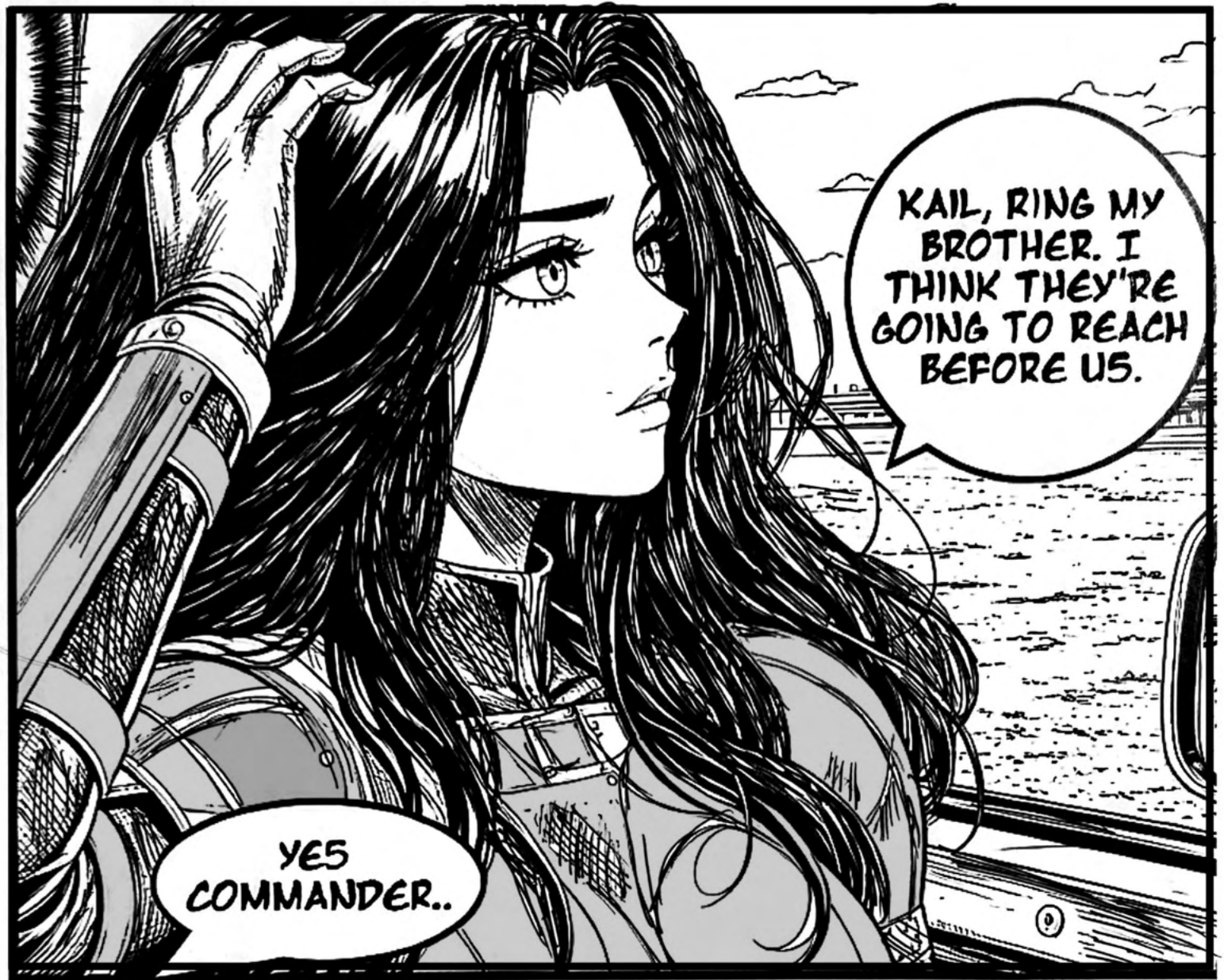
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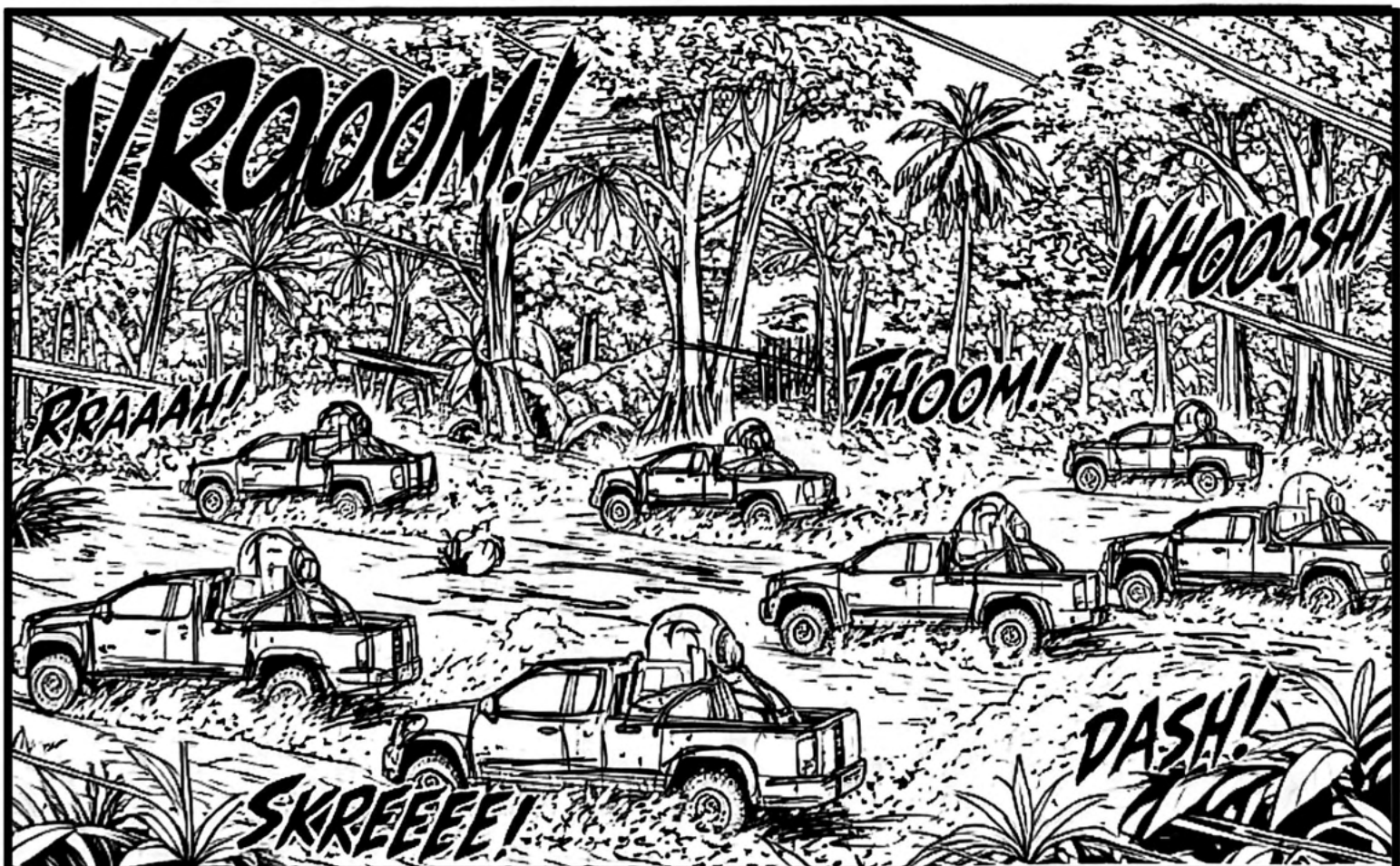
WE'VE SENT
MALICE BACK TO
HELA... NOW WE
WAIT. IF THE
SHOWEI IS STILL
THERE, SHE HAS
ENOUGH SOLDIERS
TO DEAL WITH IT.
SHE SHOULD BE
ABLE TO HOLD IT.

BUT IF BARI IS
RIGHT... THAT'S
GOING TO BE A
PROBLEM. THE EGO
DISTRICT HAS ITS
OWN KIRIN BEAST.
WE'VE ALREADY
SENT THEM AN
ALERT..



KAIL, RING MY BROTHER. I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO REACH BEFORE US.

YES COMMANDER..



VROOON!


WHOOOSH!

THOOM!

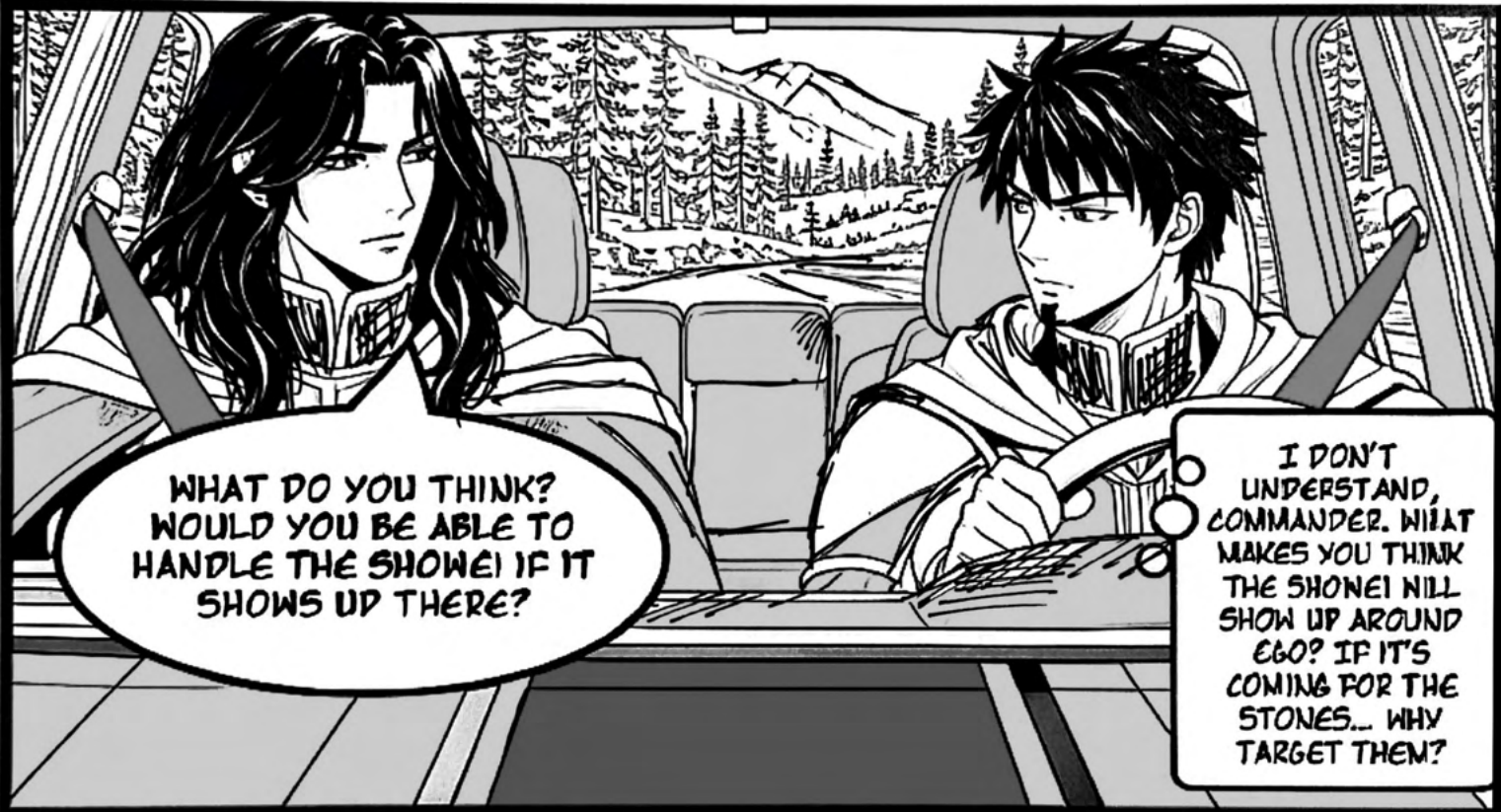
RRRAAH!

DASH!

SKREEEE!

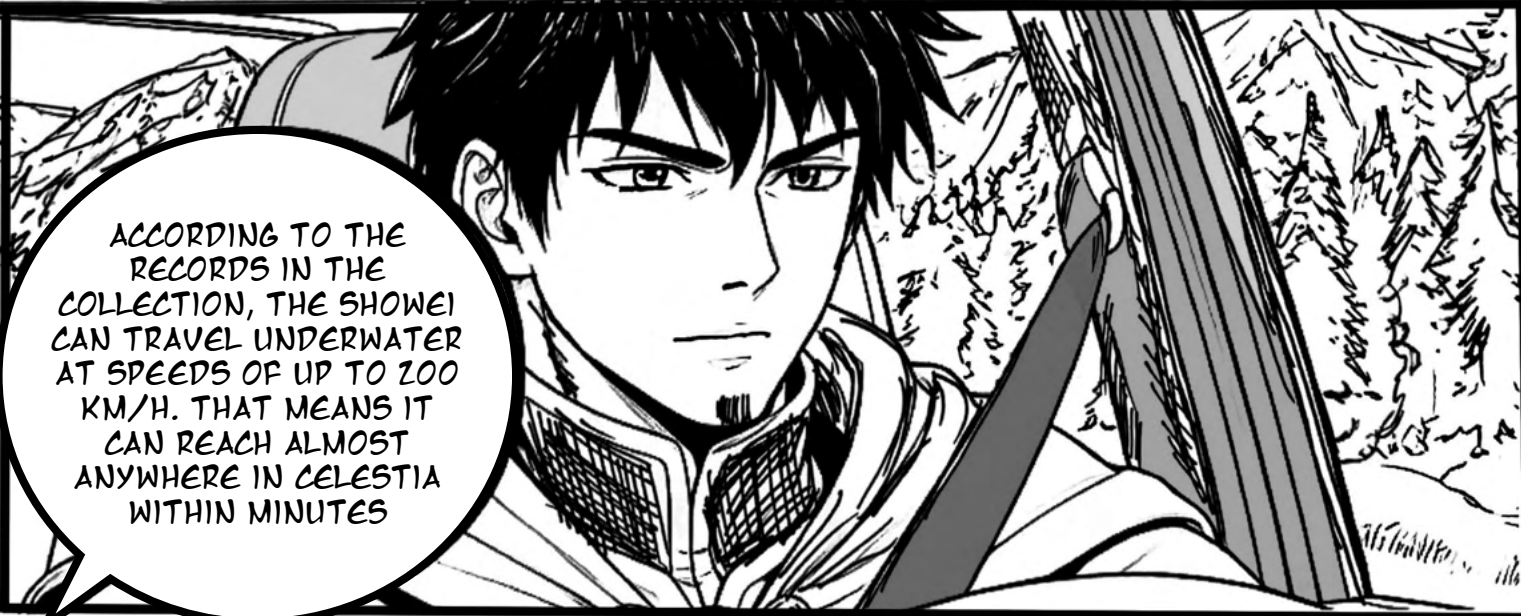


IF THE KIRIN BEAST DOESN'T SHOW UP... WILL THEY BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT?

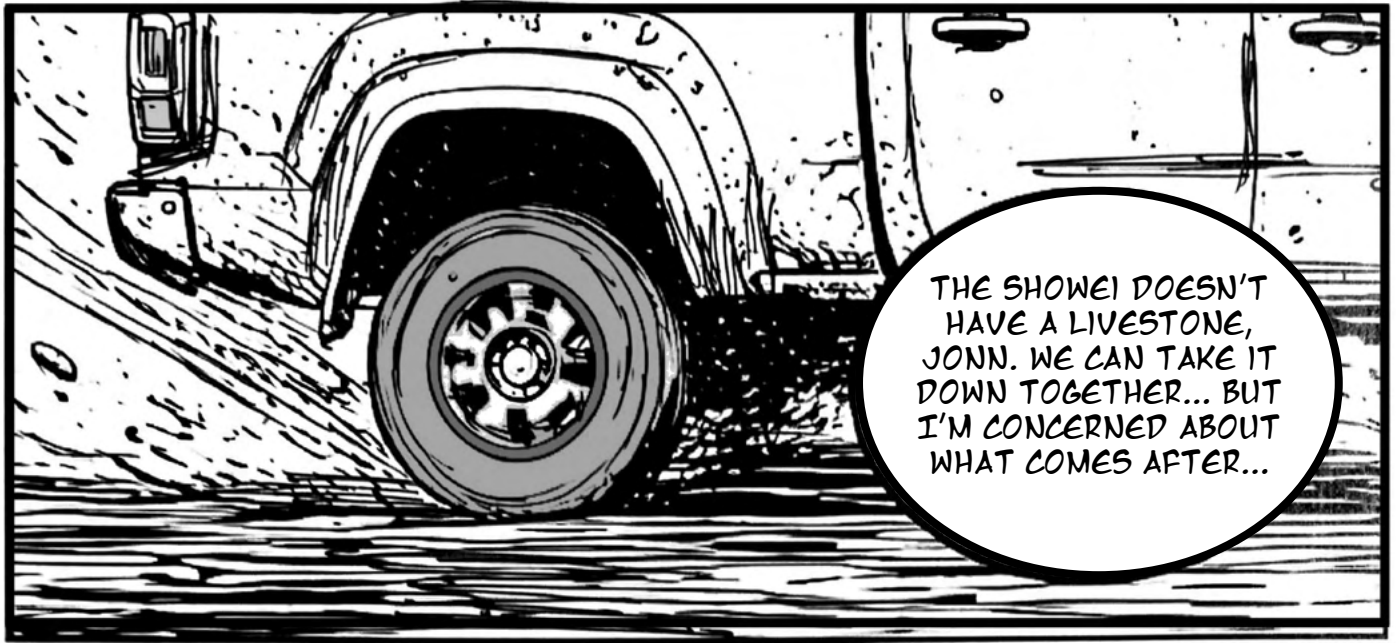


WHAT DO YOU THINK? WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE SHOWEI IF IT SHOWS UP THERE?

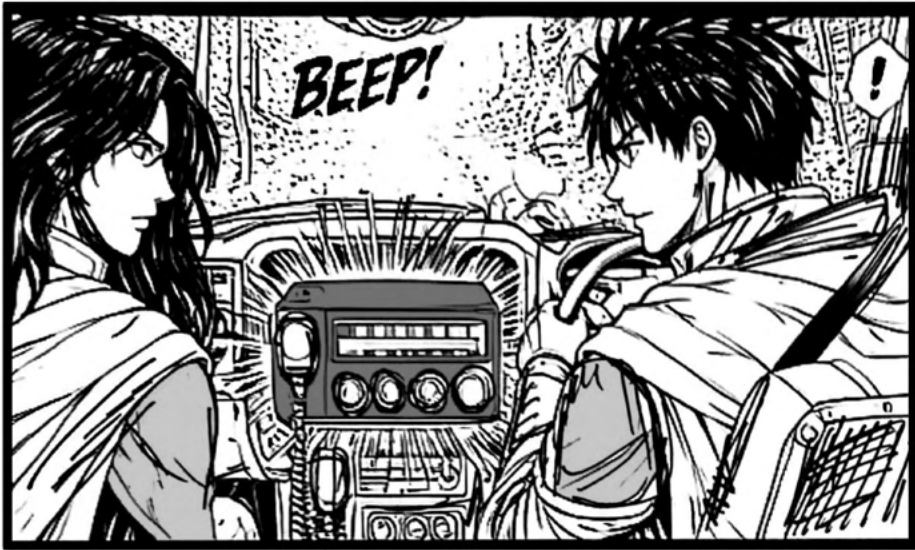
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, COMMANDER. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THE SHONEI WILL SHOW UP AROUND EGO? IF IT'S COMING FOR THE STONES... WHY TARGET THEM?



ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS IN THE COLLECTION, THE SHOWEI CAN TRAVEL UNDERWATER AT SPEEDS OF UP TO 200 KM/H. THAT MEANS IT CAN REACH ALMOST ANYWHERE IN CELESTIA WITHIN MINUTES



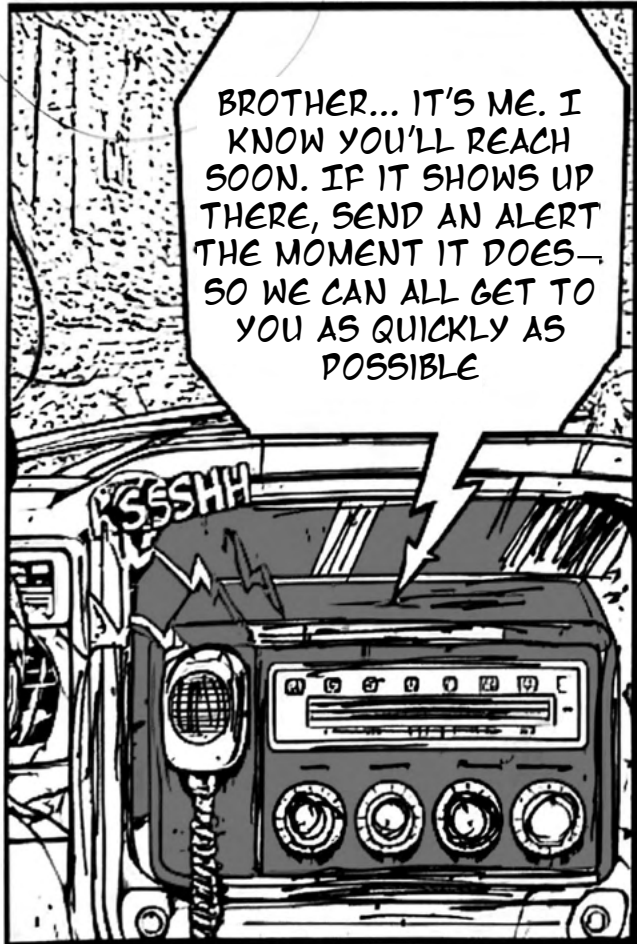
THE SHOWEI DOESN'T HAVE A LIVESTONE, JONN. WE CAN TAKE IT DOWN TOGETHER... BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT COMES AFTER...



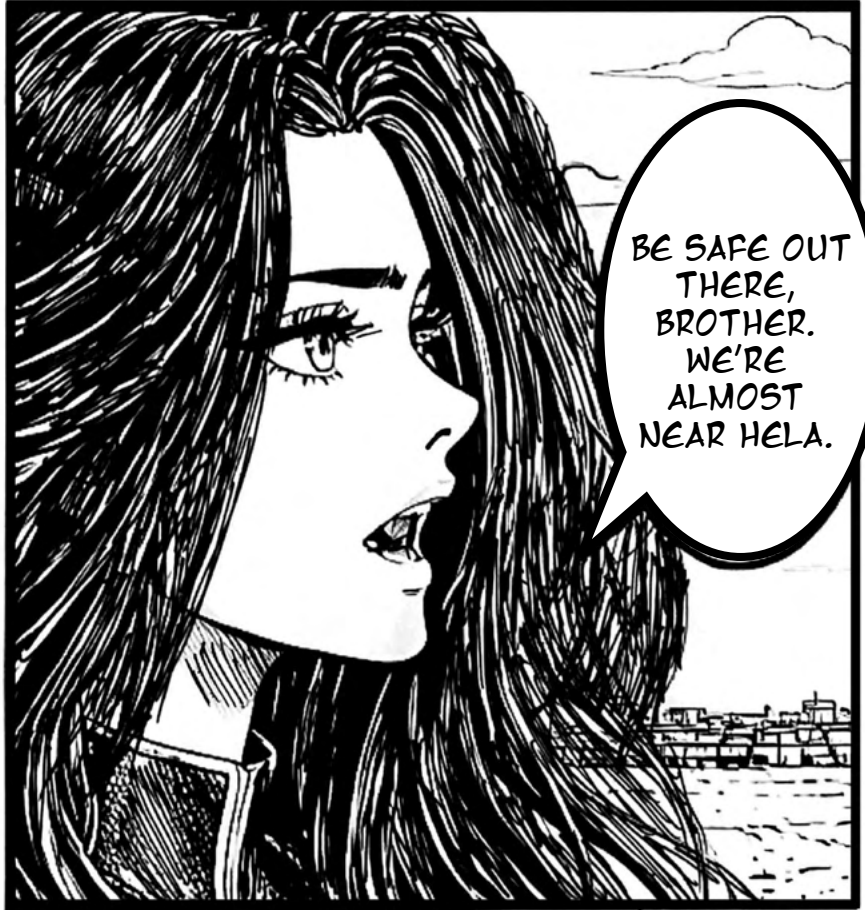
BEEP!



CLICK!



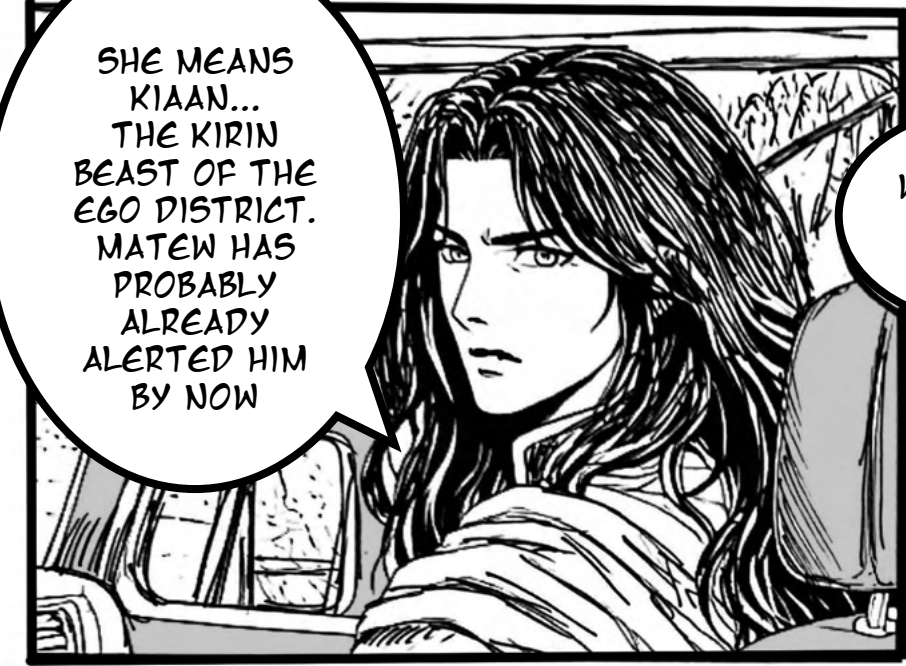
BROTHER... IT'S ME. I KNOW YOU'LL REACH SOON. IF IT SHOWS UP THERE, SEND AN ALERT THE MOMENT IT DOES— SO WE CAN ALL GET TO YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE



BE SAFE OUT THERE, BROTHER. WE'RE ALMOST NEAR HELA.



THERE MIGHT BE HELP OUT THERE FOR YOU, BROTHER.



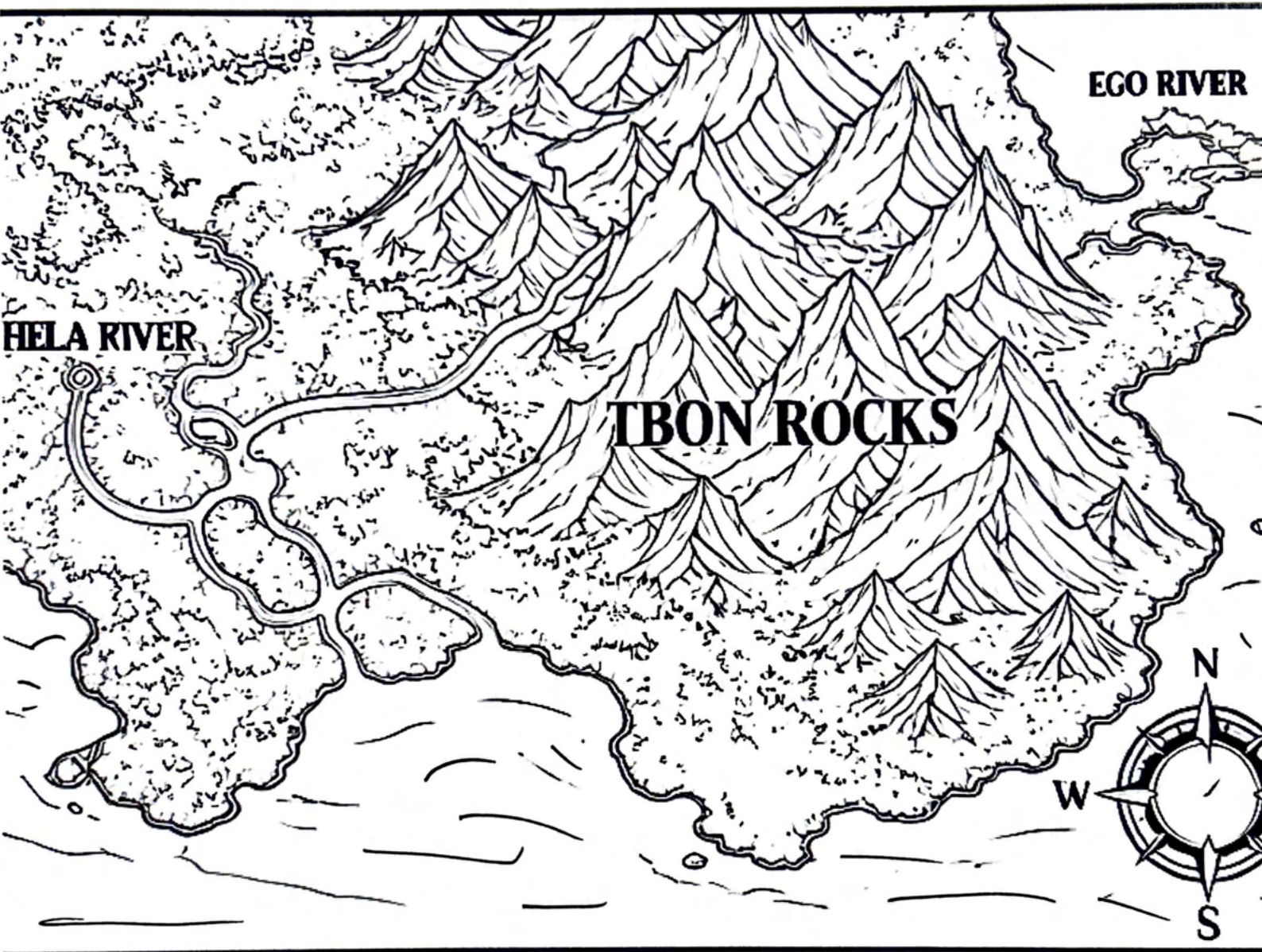
SHE MEANS KIAAN... THE KIRIN BEAST OF THE EGO DISTRICT. MATEW HAS PROBABLY ALREADY ALERTED HIM BY NOW

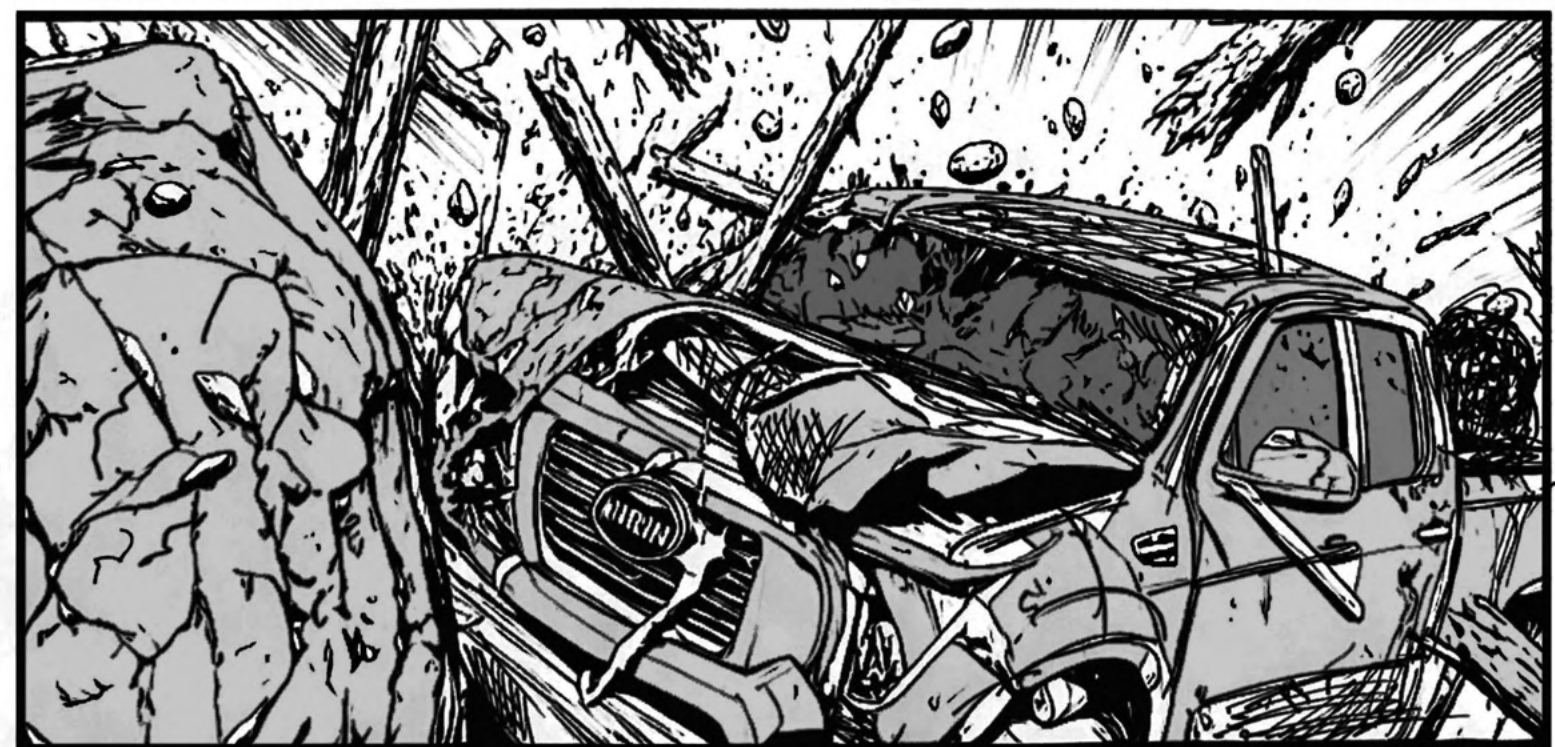
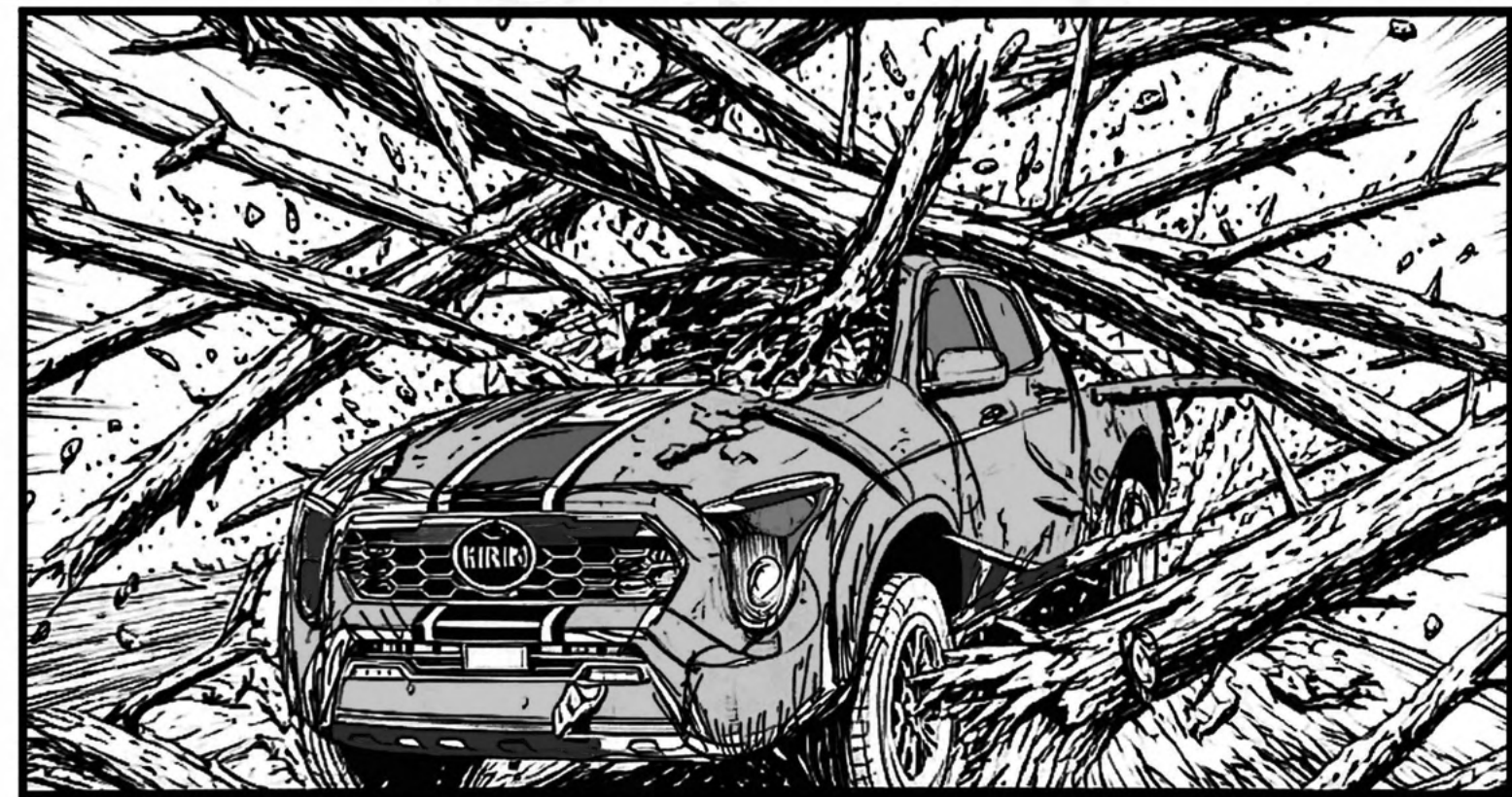
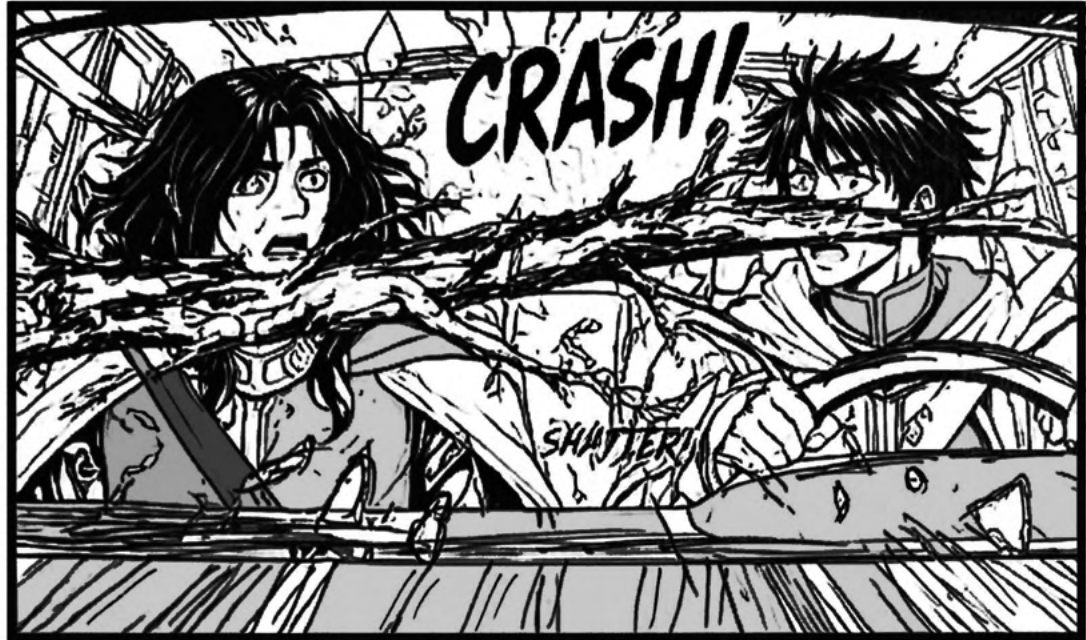


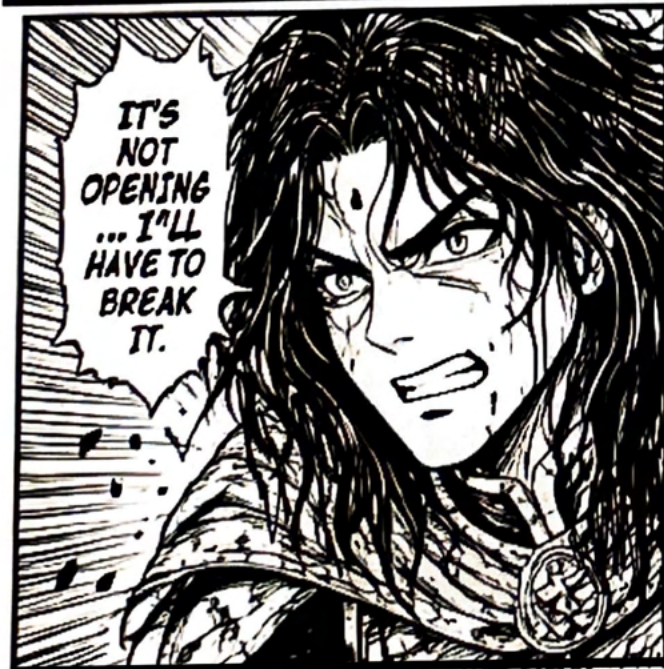
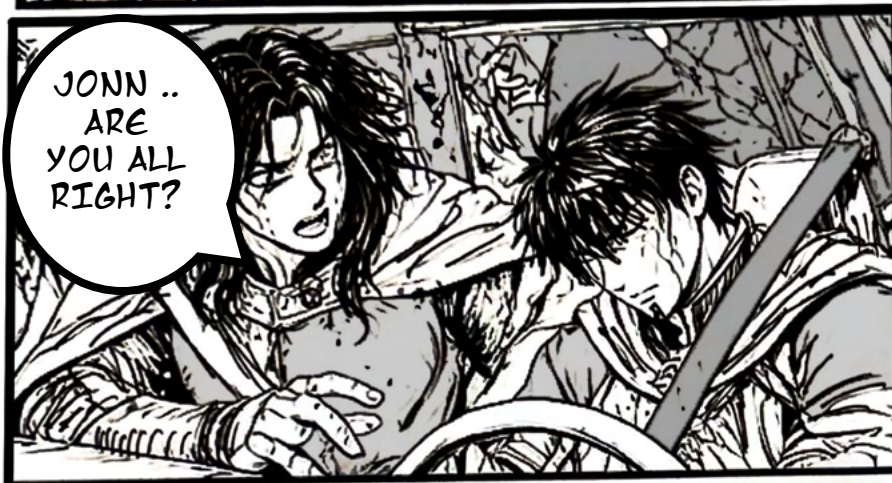
...I WONDER IF HE'LL COME.



YEAH... HARD TO SAY. THE GUY'S A COMPLETE LUNATIC. BUT IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS WE COULD REALLY USE SOMEONE LIKE HIM. IF HE SHOWS UP, THINGS MIGHT ACTUALLY TURN IN OUR FAVOR









WHAT
THE
HELL?

WHAT THE
HELL JUST
HAPPENED? I
DON'T THINK
THE LANTERN
WILL START
AGAIN.

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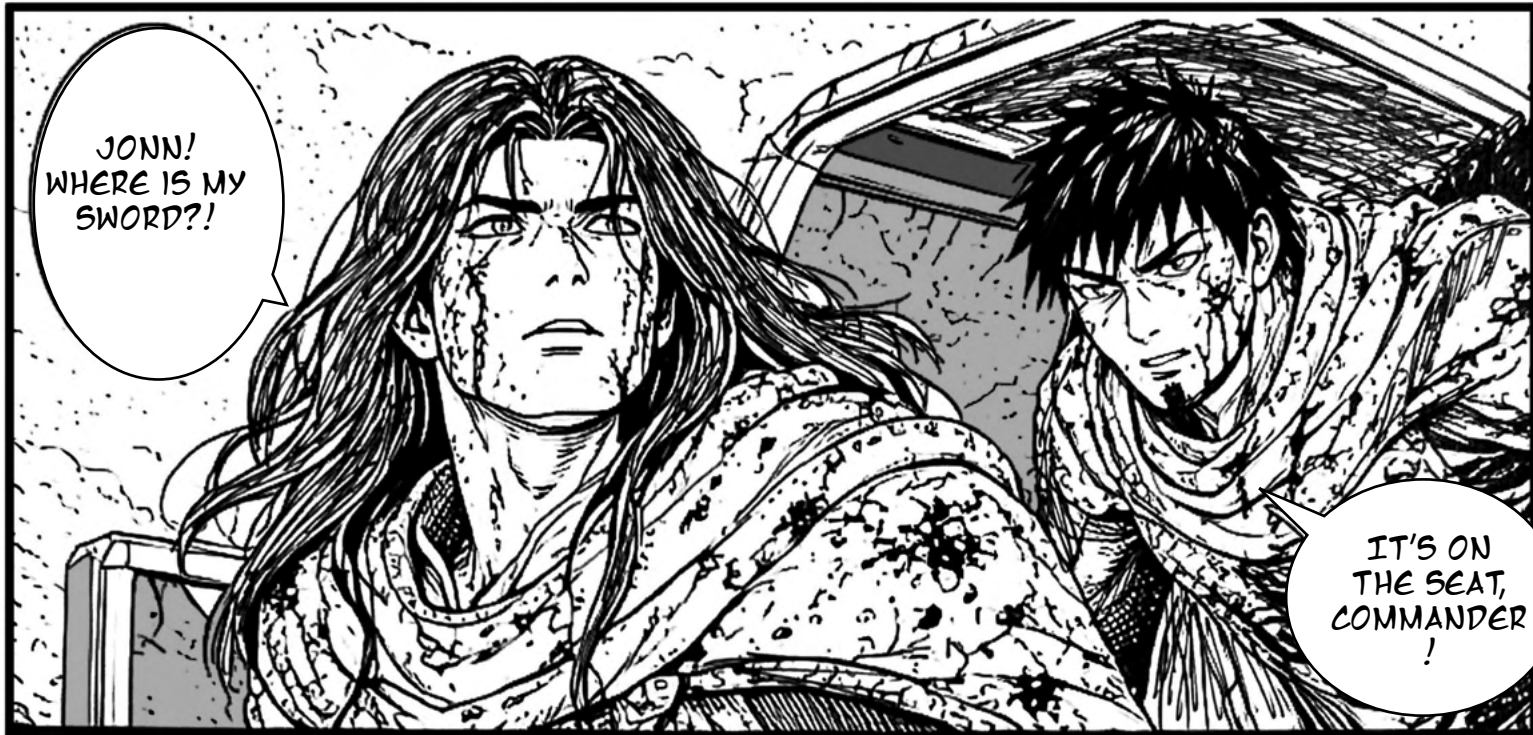
LOOK UP
JONN..

A black and white illustration depicting a powerful storm. The scene is filled with numerous thin, vertical lines representing rain falling from the top. Several thick, gnarled tree branches are shown falling through the air, some with small leaves still attached. The overall composition is dynamic and chaotic, conveying a sense of intense weather. The text 'SHWAAASH' is written in a bold, stylized font across the middle-left portion of the image.

SHWAAASH

A black and white illustration showing a large, leafy tree in the bottom right corner. A thick, jagged lightning bolt strikes the top of the tree, creating a bright, explosive effect. The surrounding area is filled with falling rain and branches, consistent with the storm scene above. The text 'WHAM!' is written in a bold, stylized font at the bottom right, indicating the impact of the lightning.

WHAM!



JOHN!
WHERE IS MY
SWORD?!

IT'S ON
THE SEAT,
COMMANDER
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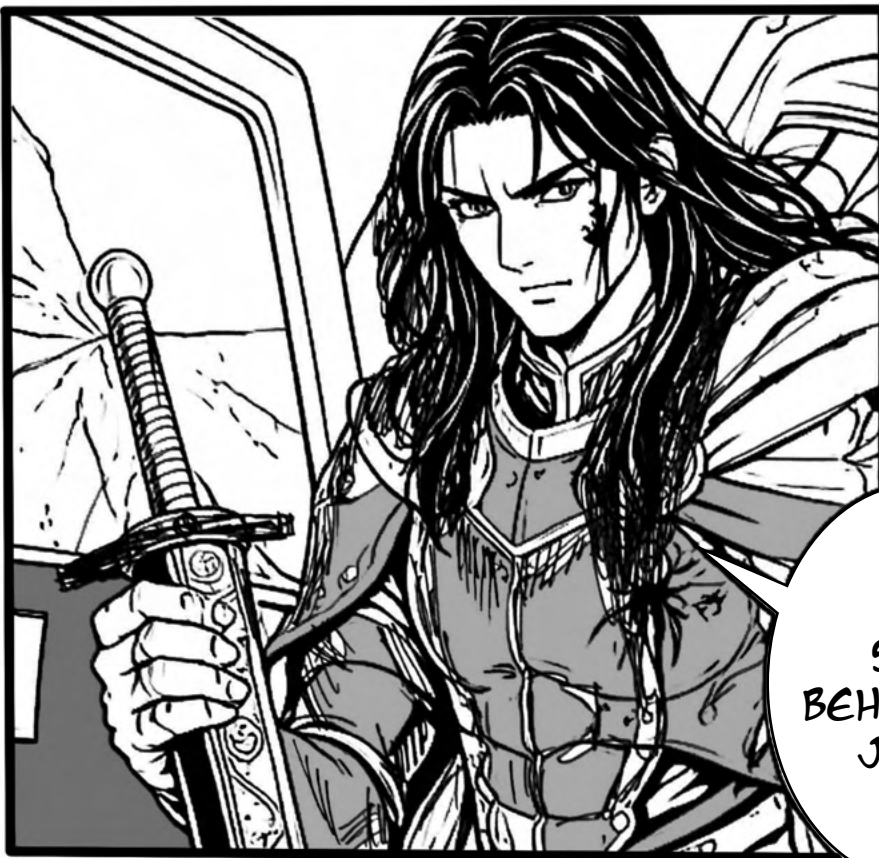


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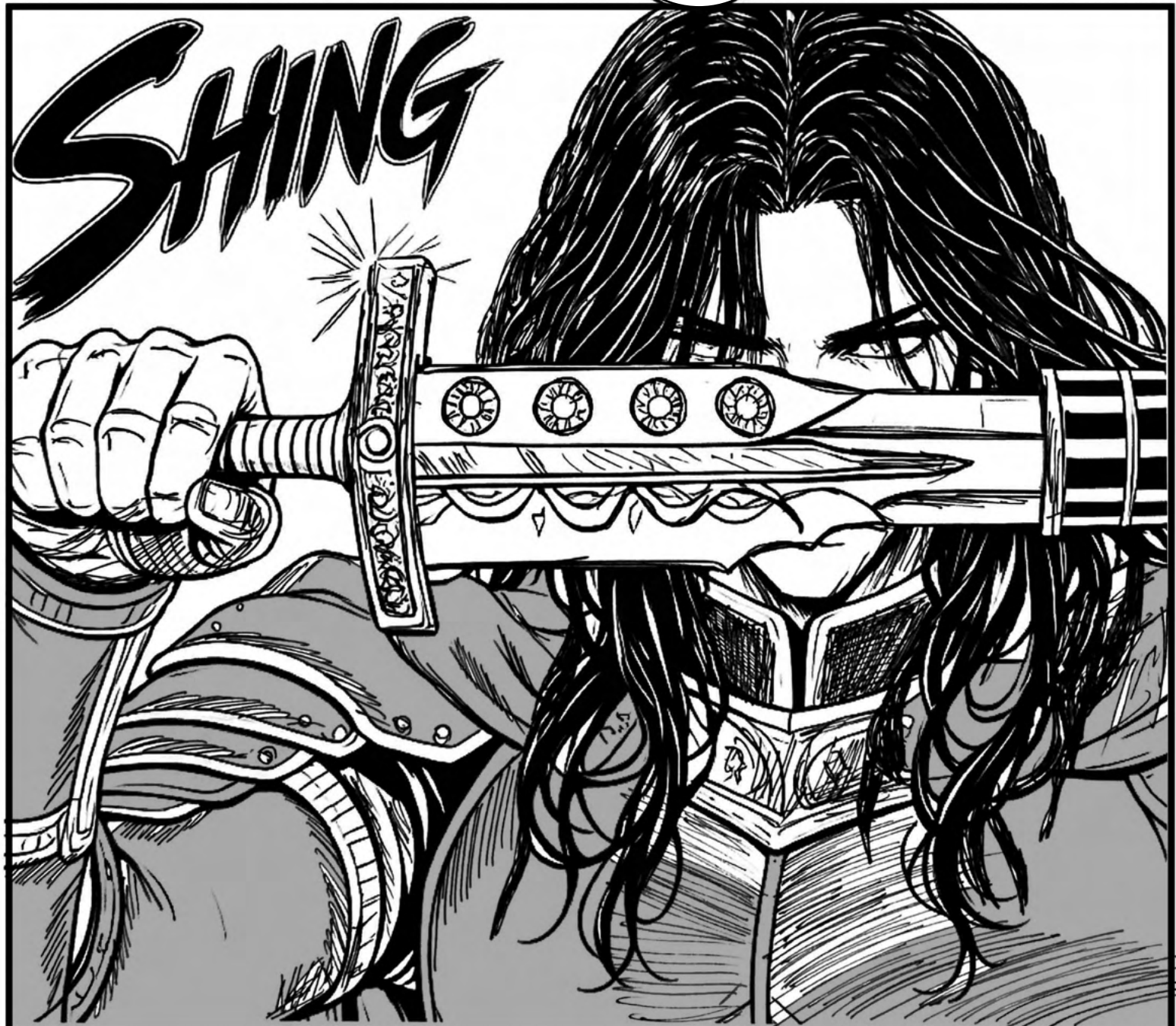
TURN



I'LL TRY
TO REACH
COMMANDER
MALICE.



STAY
BEHIND ME,
JONN!

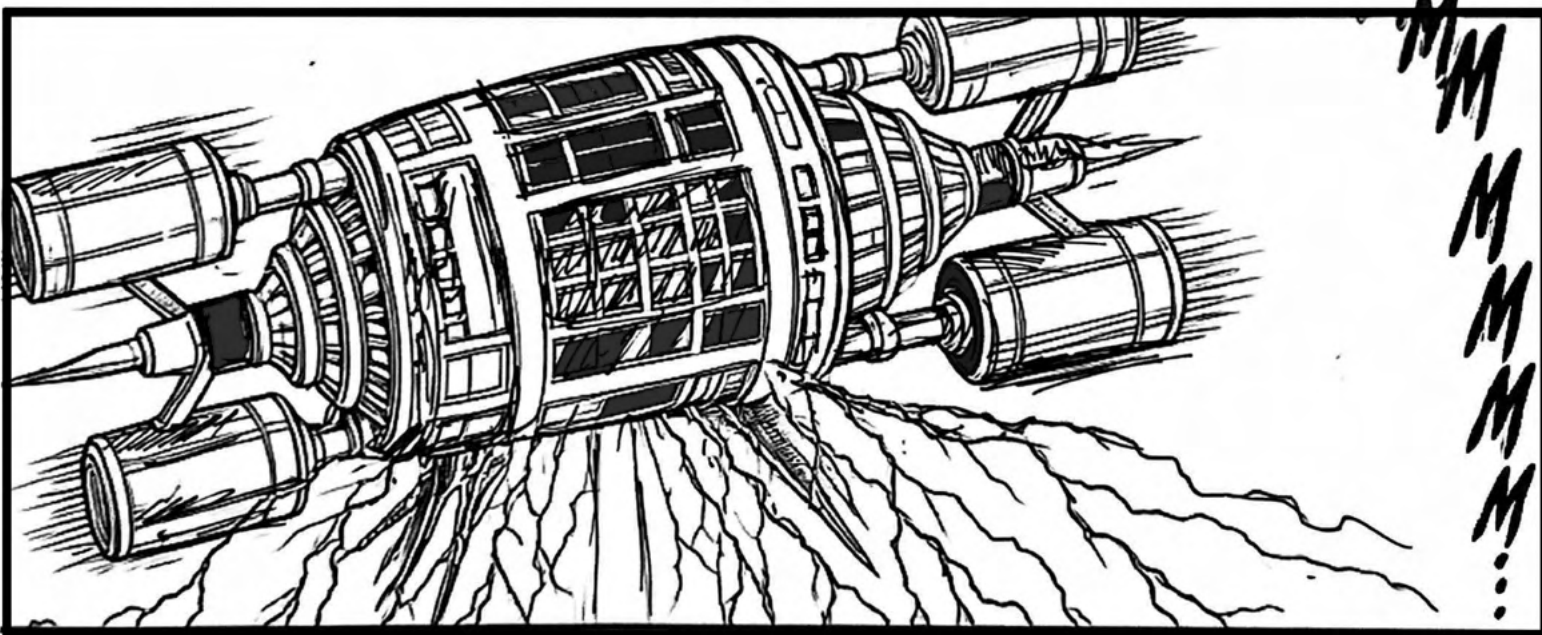




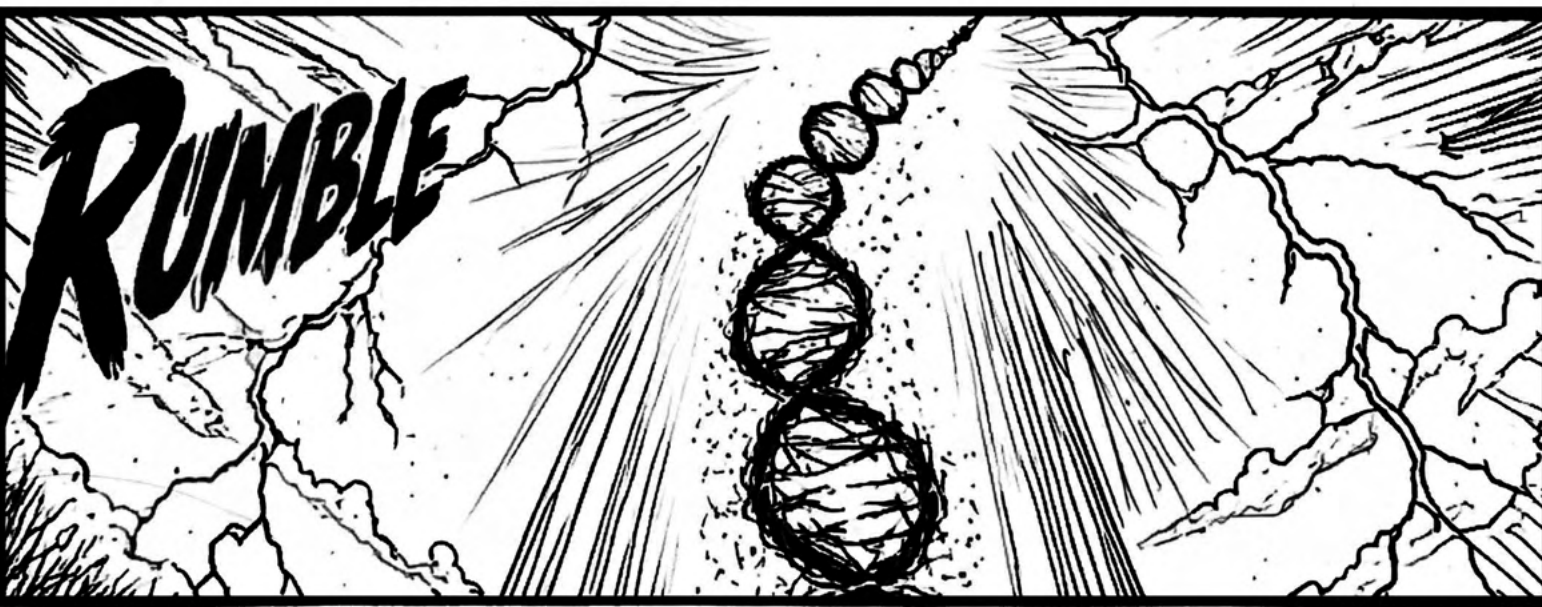
ZING!

KIRIN...

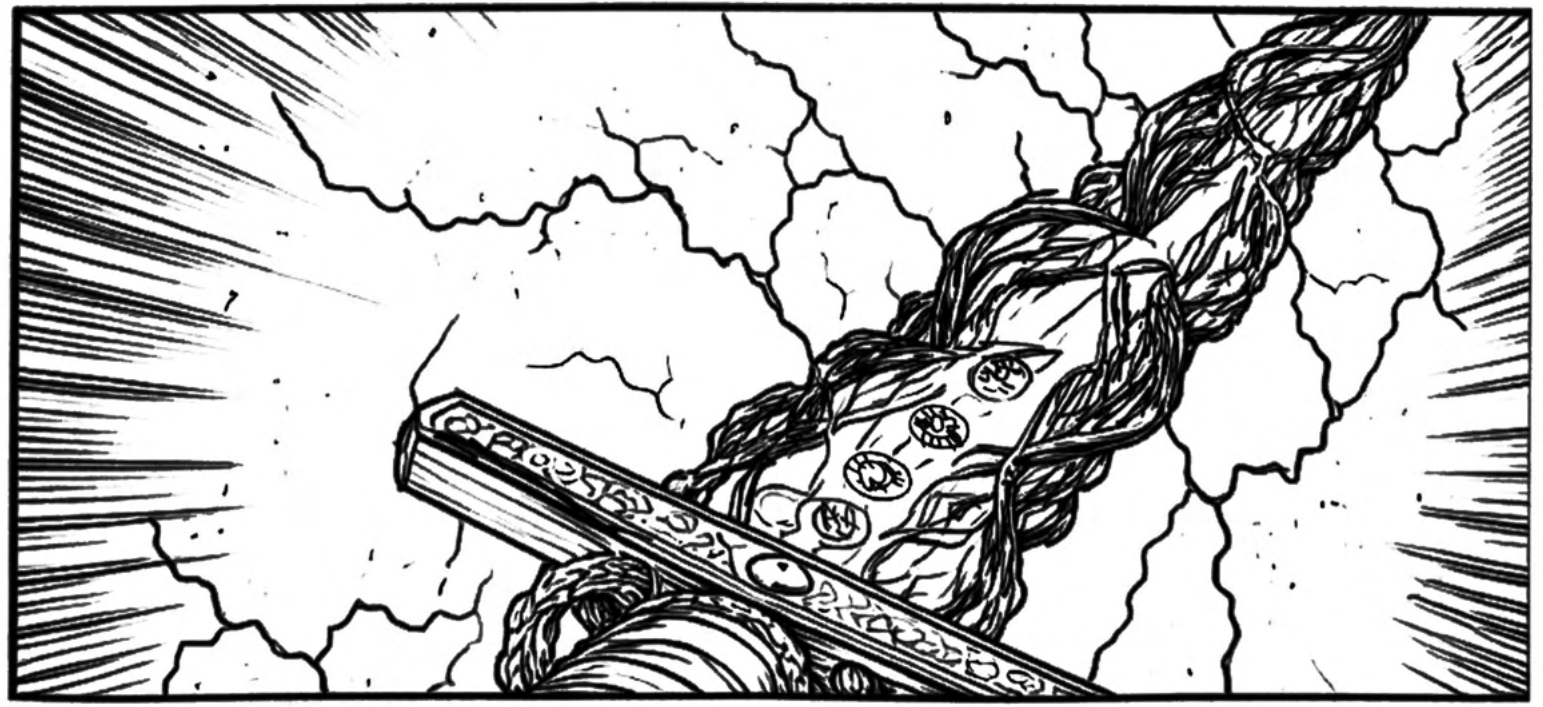
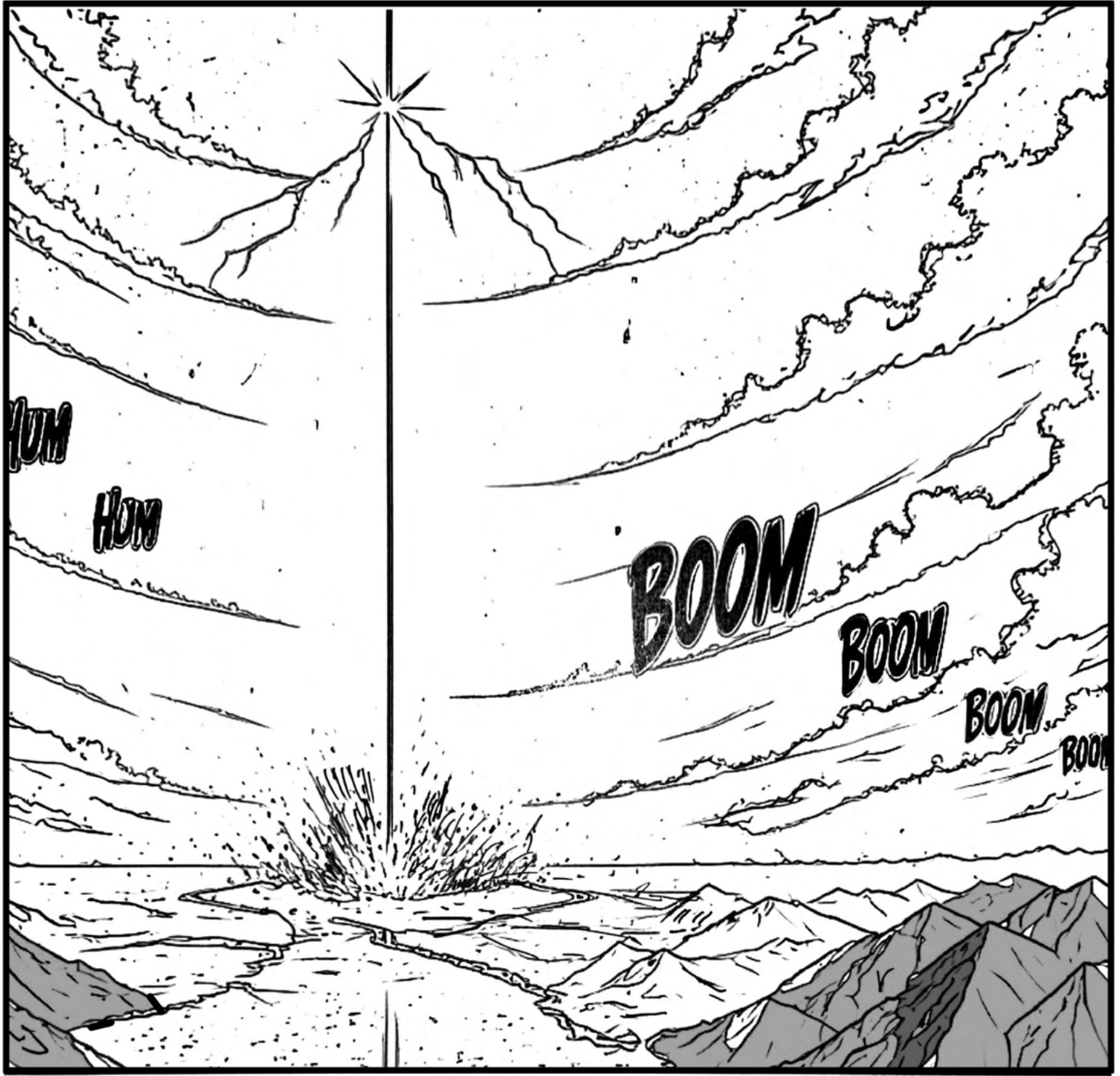
DIVINE
THUNDER
CLEAVE!

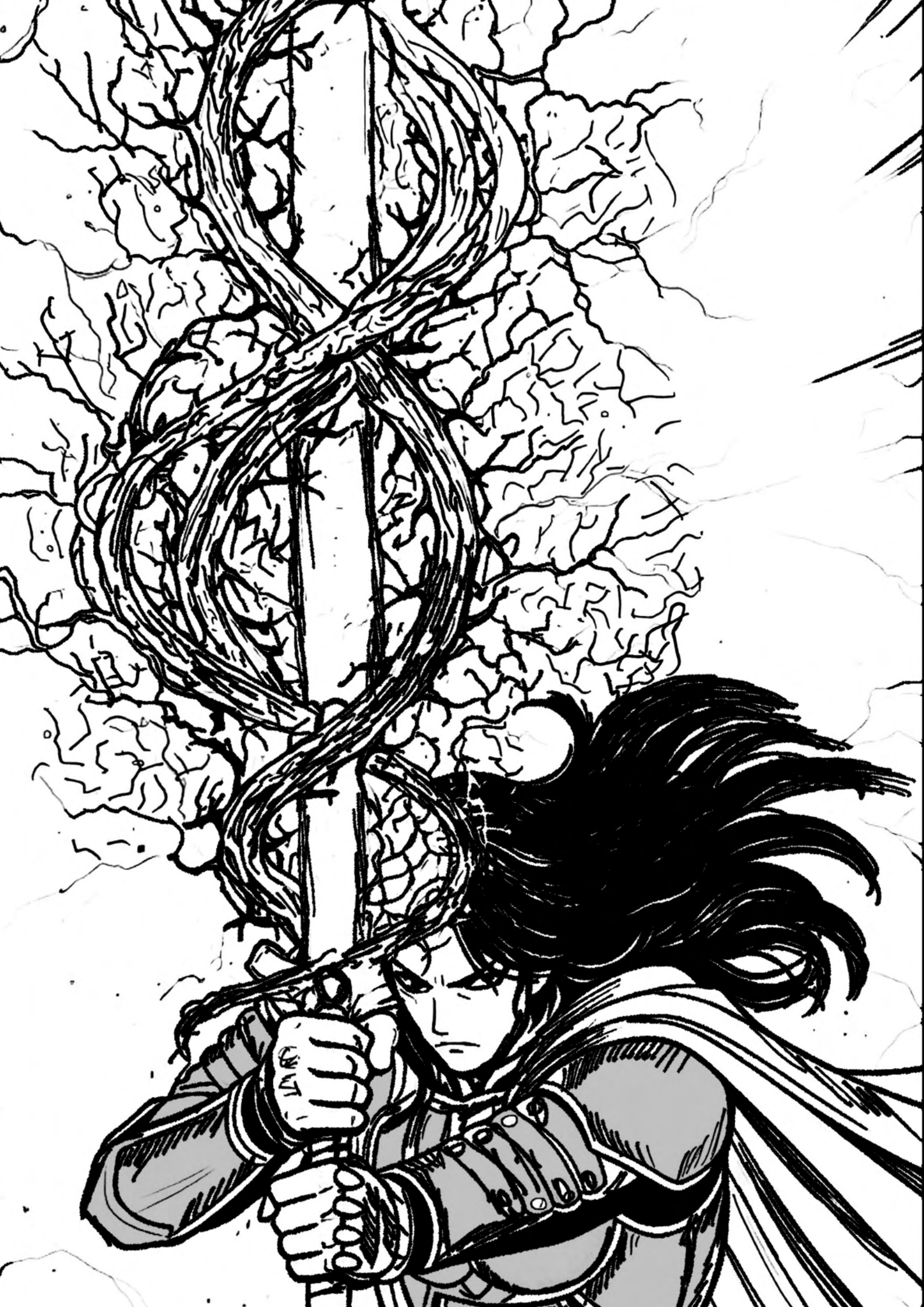


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RUMBLE

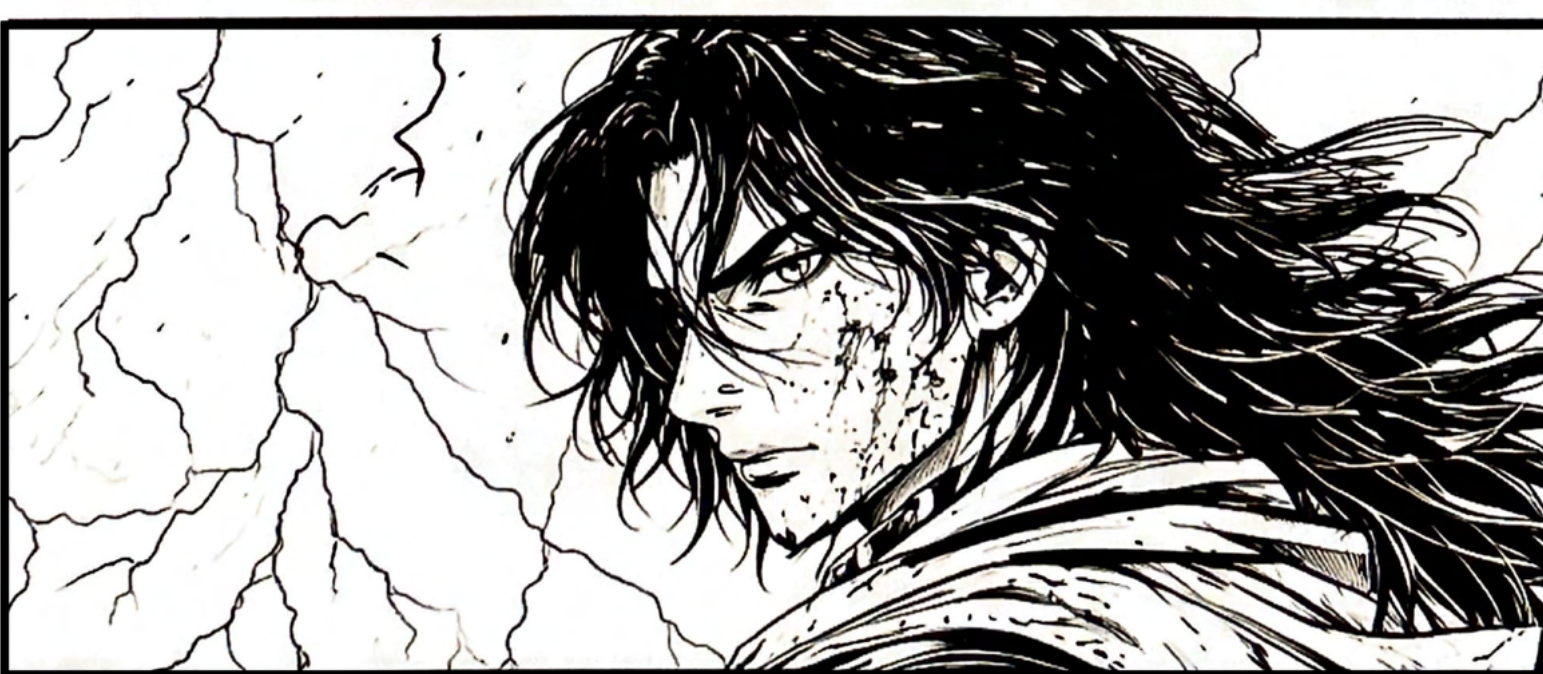


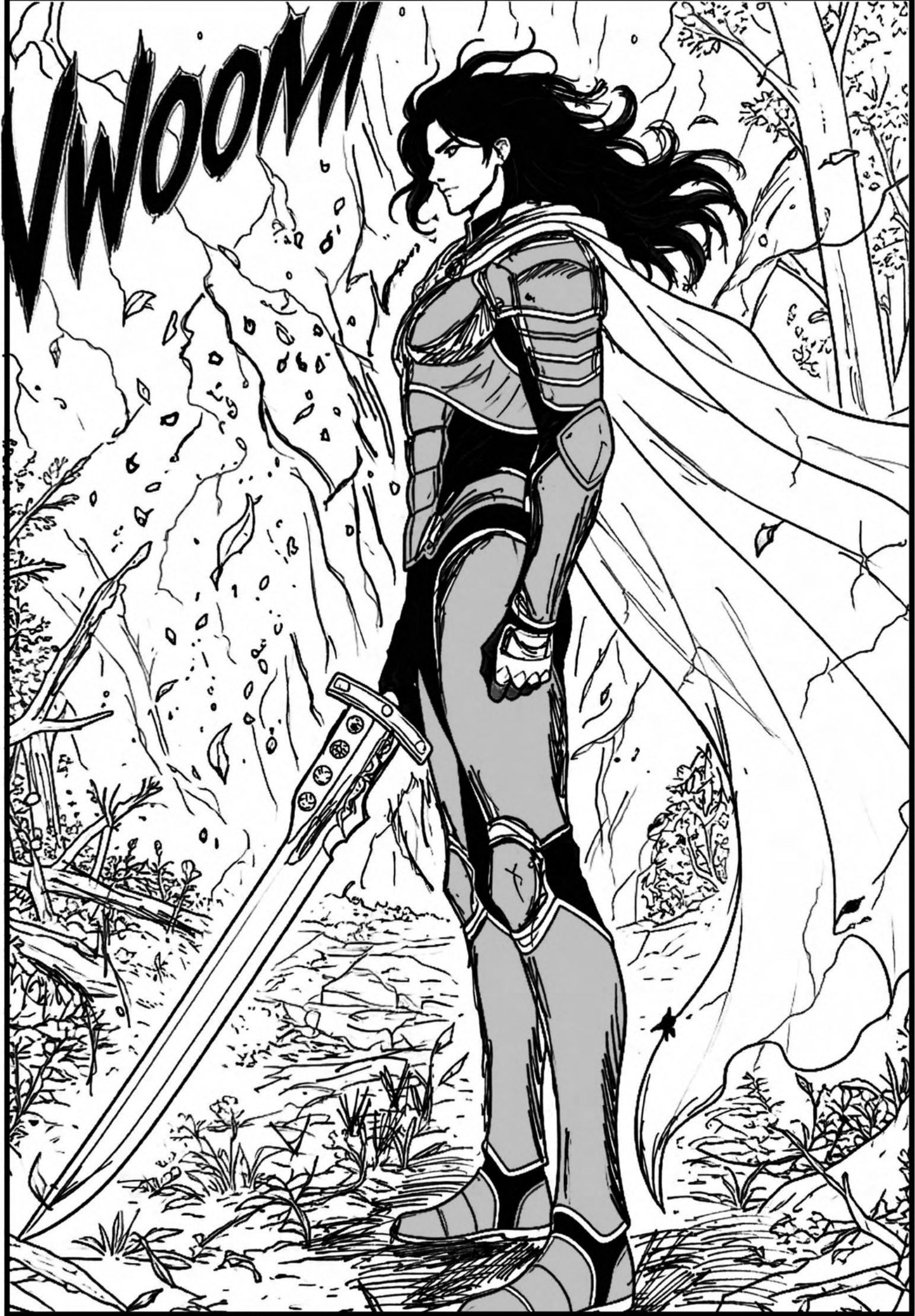


KRAAAASH!

VZHAAN!



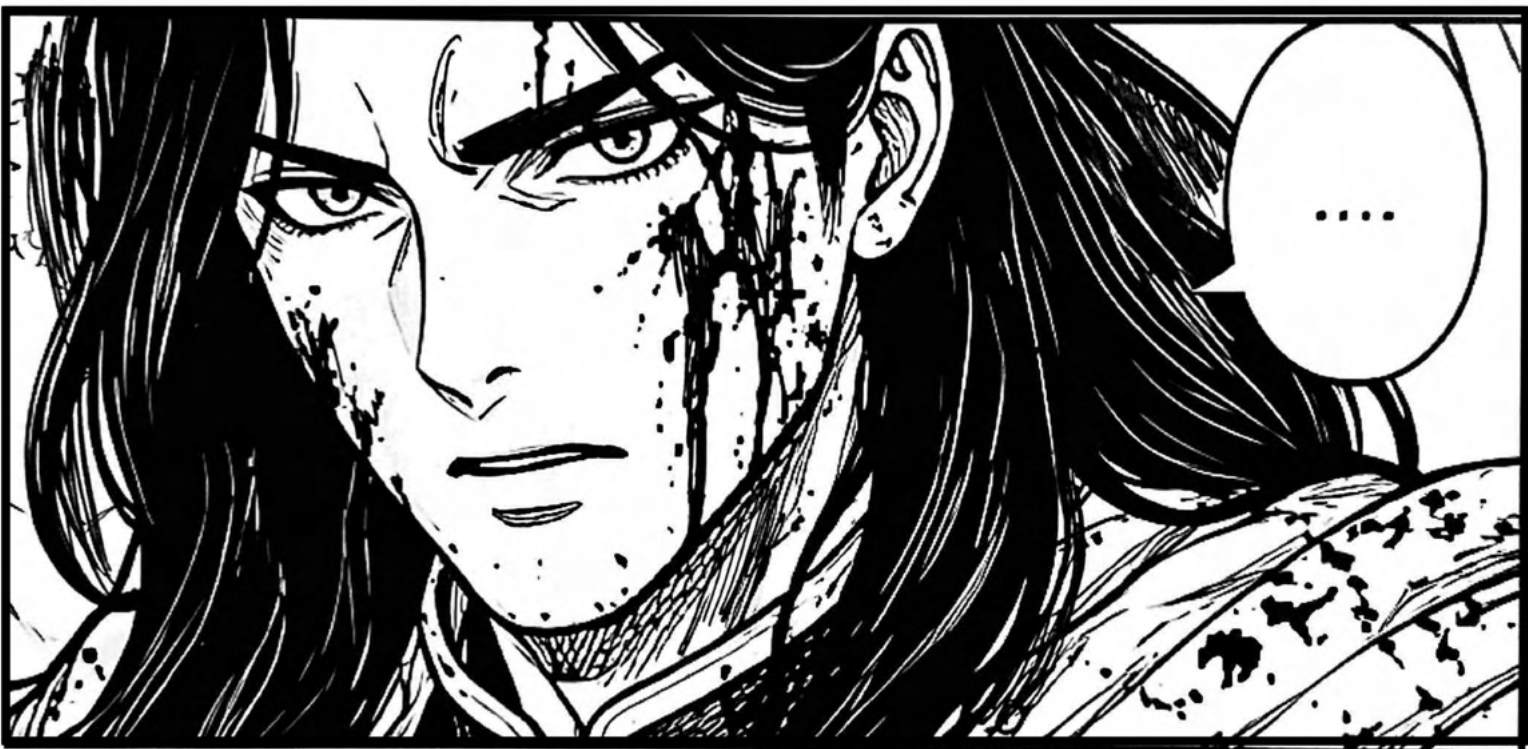




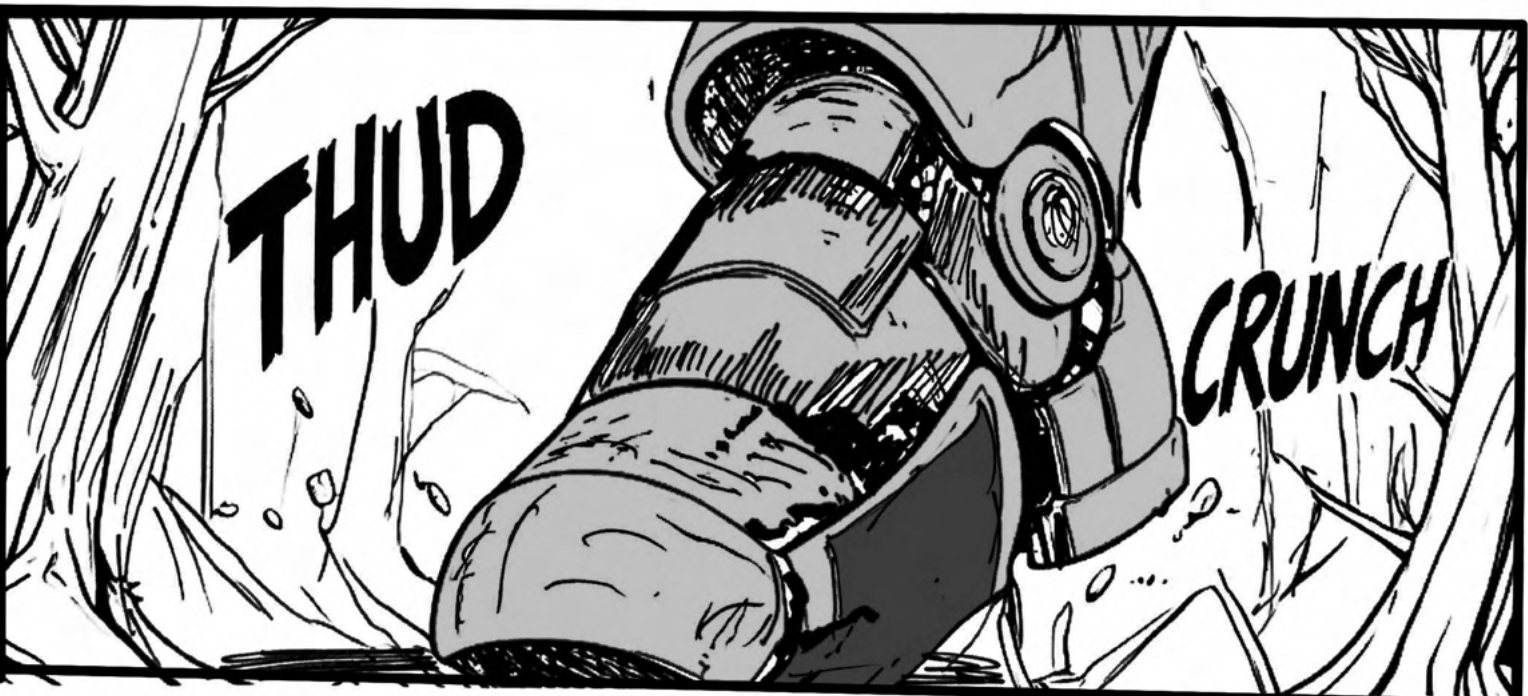
WOOOM



COMMANDER!
LOOK AT THAT!

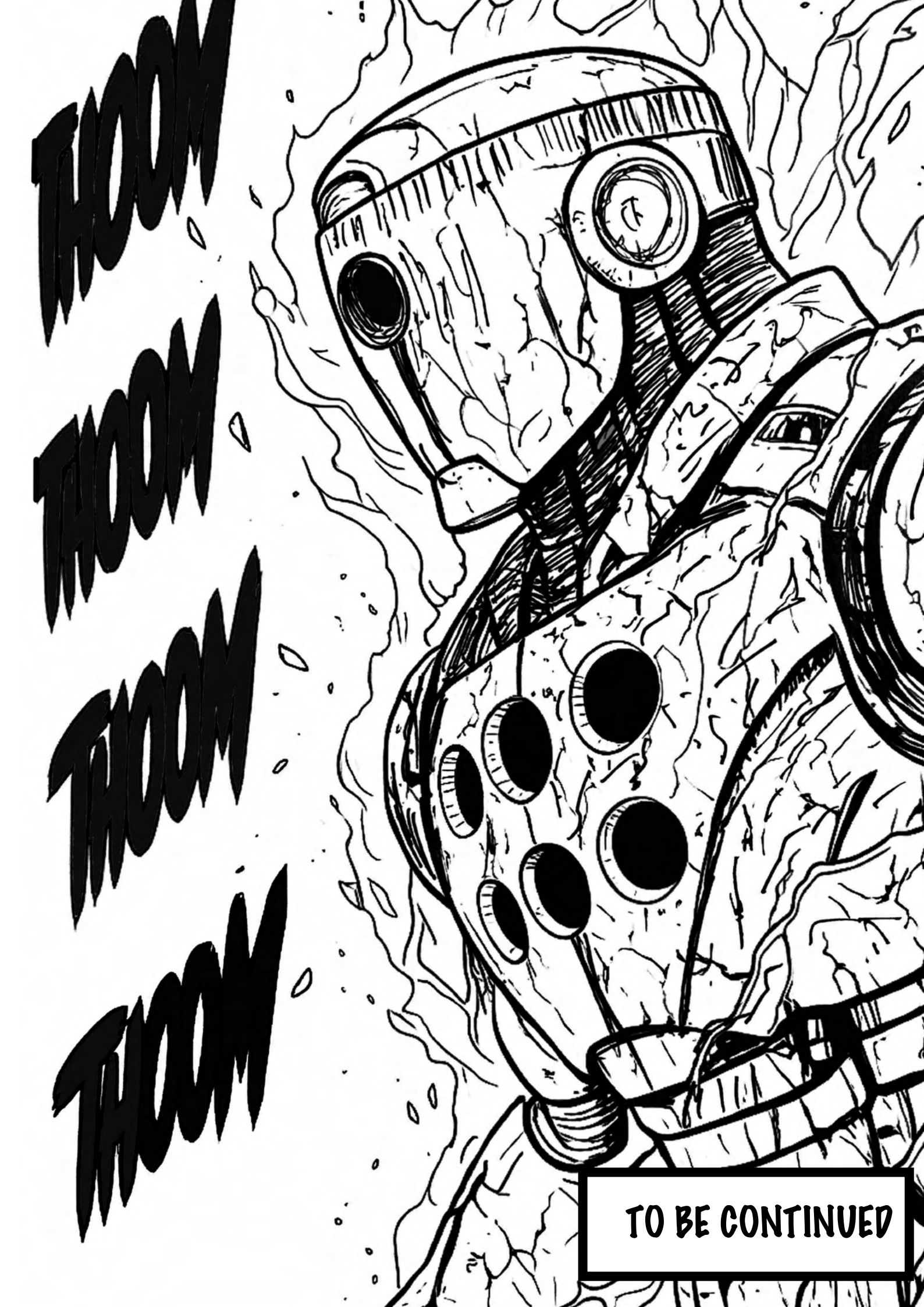


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THUD

CRUNCH



TO BE CONTINUED