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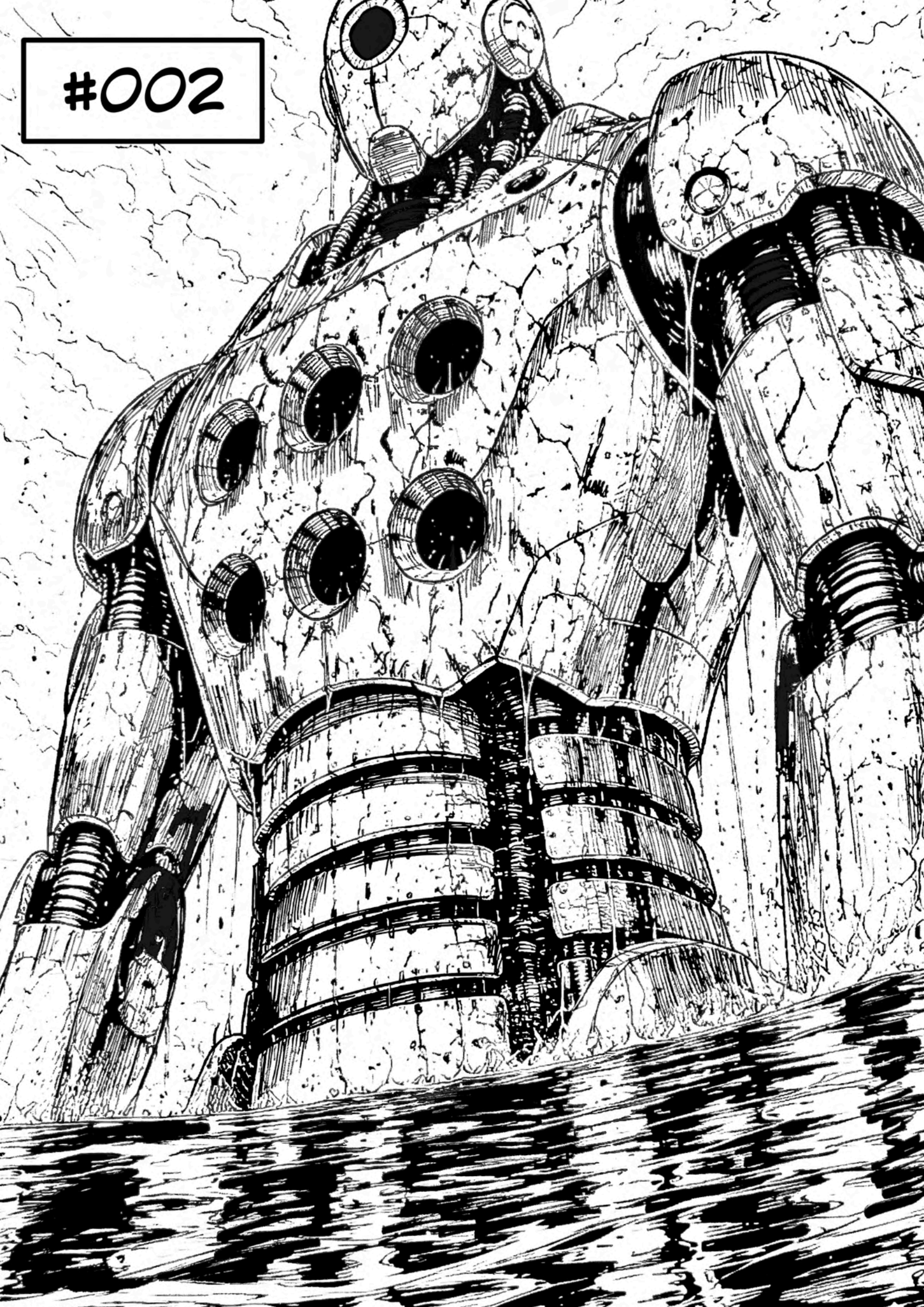
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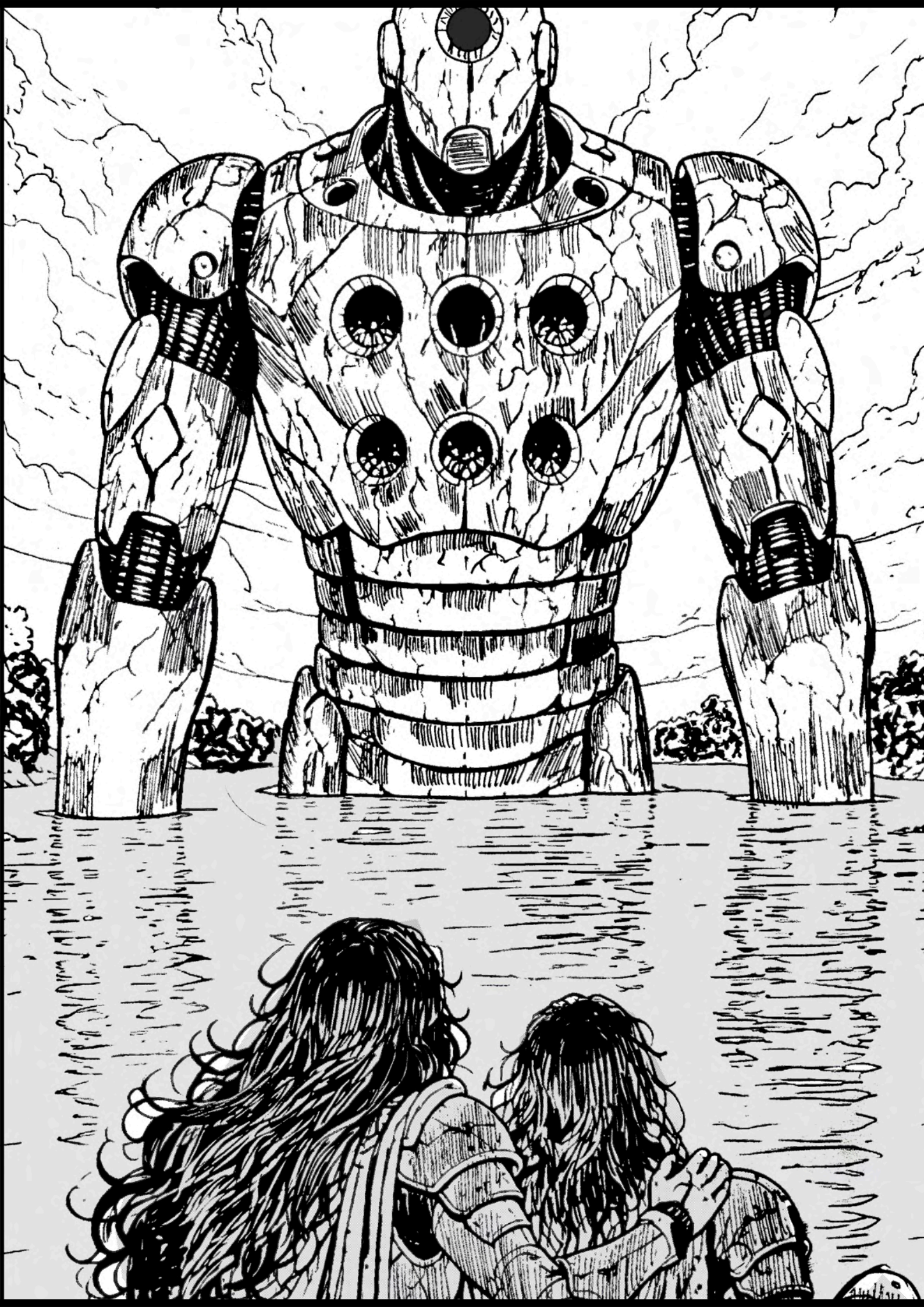
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHERE IS MY SWORD?!
THE FORCE OF THE WATER MUST HAVE PULLED IT DEEP INTO THE MUD!
HUFF
SCRAPE
...!
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?!
THE FARM VILLAGE...
IT'S TOO CLOSE TO THE DAM.
I HAVE TO STOP IT...
BUT I'M USELESS WITHOUT THE KIRIN SWORD.
COME ON!!
IT'S NOT HERE..
I'LL HAVE TO CHECK NEAR THE TREES..
THUD

HUH!
TURN
BROTHER!!!
BROTHER!!
OVER HERE!!
WHAT... THE HELL IS THAT?!

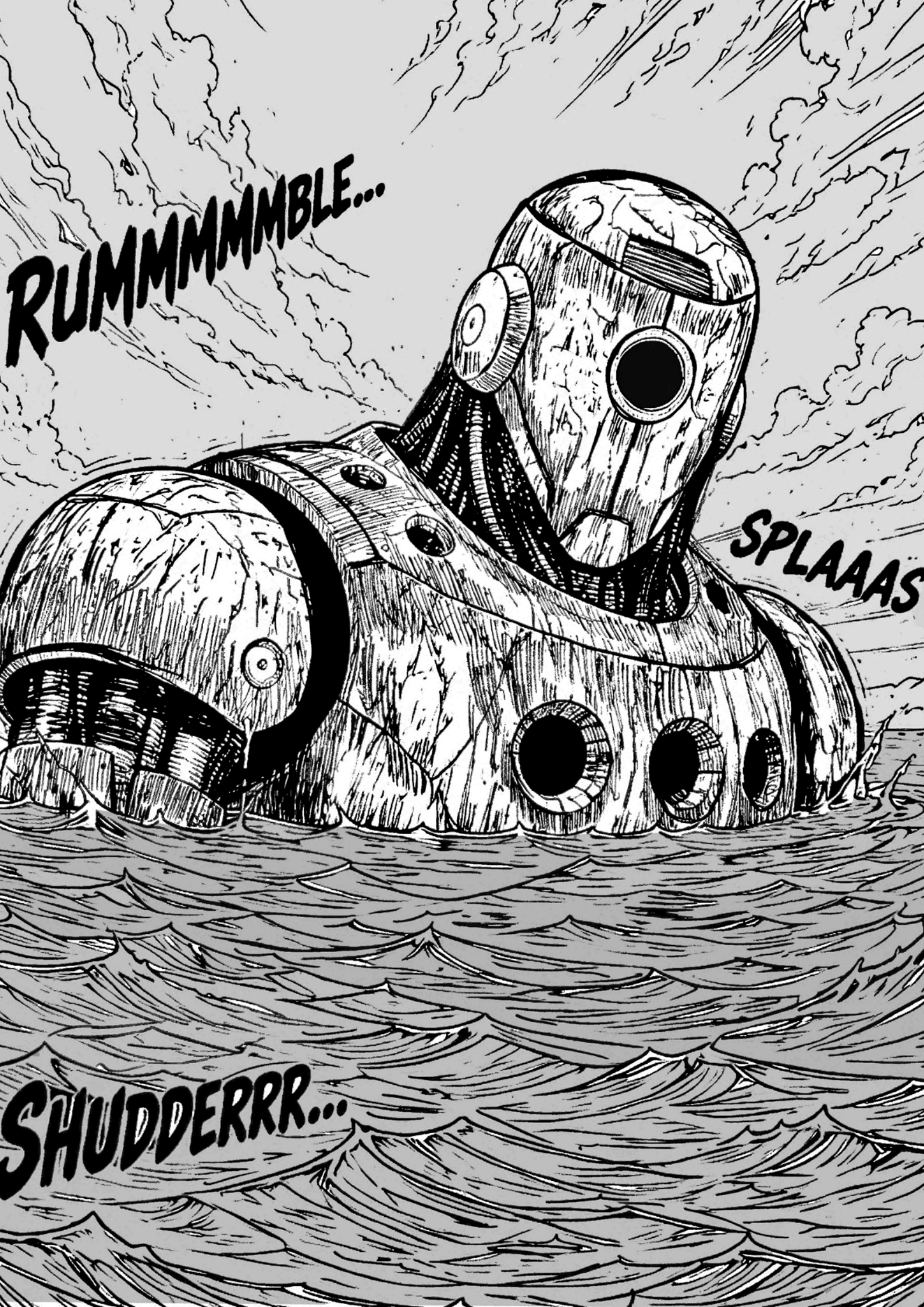


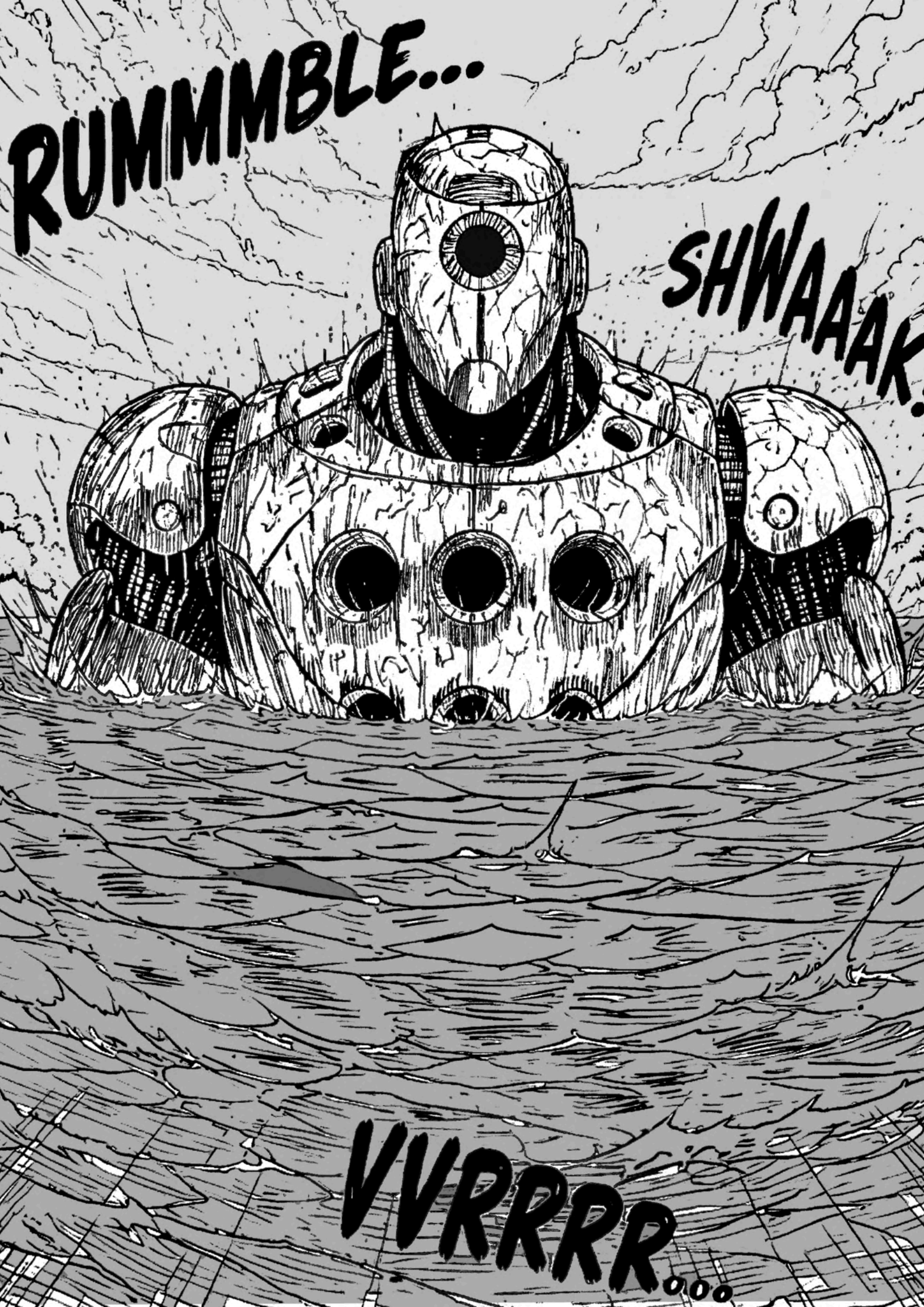
I HAVE TO GET UP.....
THEY NEED ME.
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?!
BARROZ!!
HANG IN THERE! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
I'M... FINE.
I THINK I HIT MY HEAD ON SOMETHING...
MY HEAD'S JUST SPINNING.
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED..
UGH...
MY HEAD...
THAT HIT HARD.
BARROZ!! REM!!
GET UP!!
DID YOU SEE THAT THING?!
I HAVE TO HELP THE OTHERS!
WHERE'S COMMANDER BARI?!

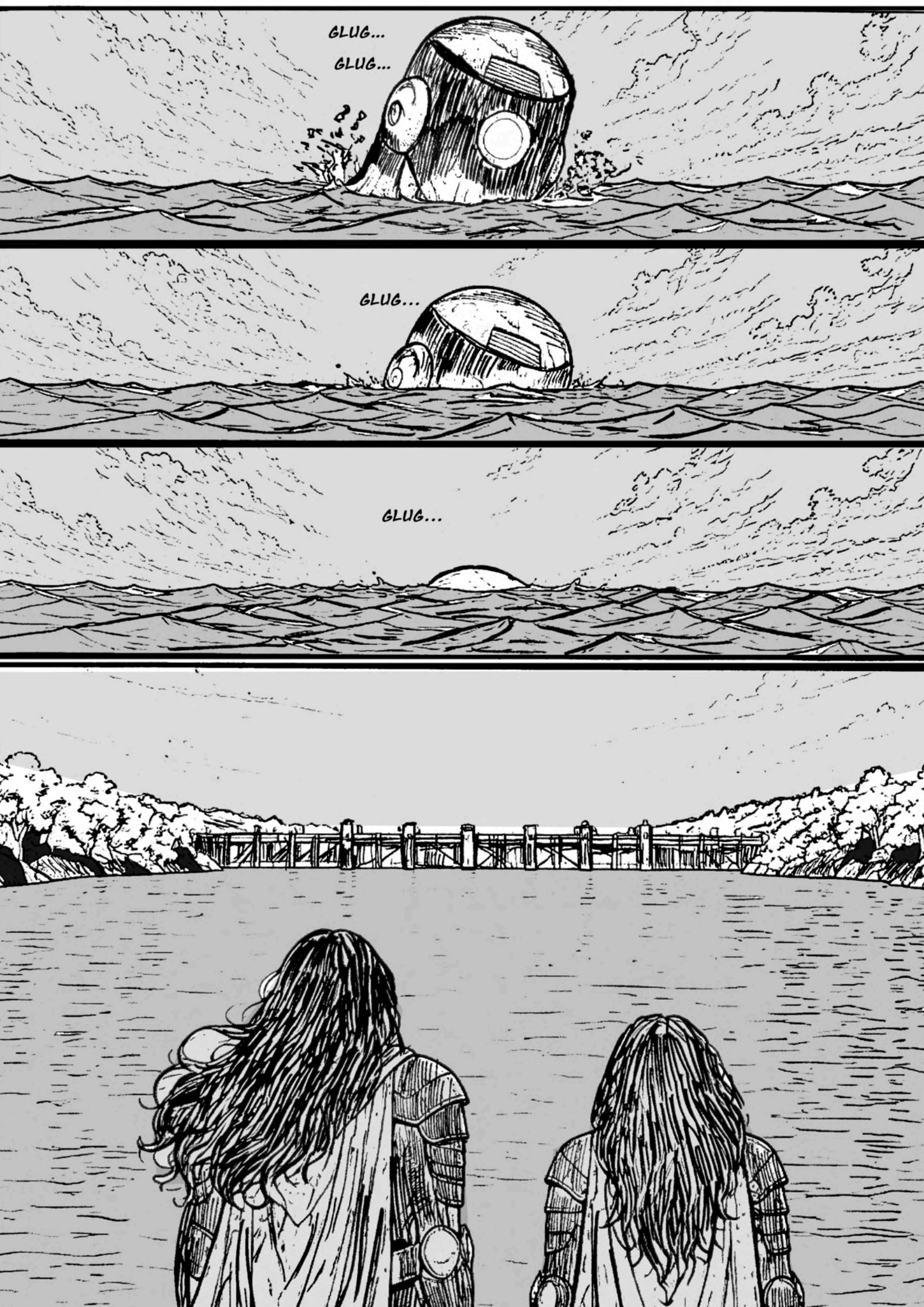
OUR SWORDS ARE STUCK IN THE CLAY!
WE'LL HAVE TO PULL THEM OUT!
SOMEBODY, PLEASE HELP ME!
MY HAND IS STUCK IN THE CLAY!!
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S OKAY.. THEY'RE GETTING BACK UP.
UGH.. I'M COVERED IN CLAY.
MY LEGS KEEP SLIPPING...
THIS FEELS SO WEIRD...
MALICE... WHATEVER THAT THING IS, IT LOOKS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.
IT HASN'T MOVED YET, BUT WE CAN'T LET IT LEAVE THE DAM!
I HAVE TO FIND MY SWORD.
WE HAVE TO STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS MOVING AGAIN!

MALICE, I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME.
CHECK THE SOLDIERS WHO ARE STILL DOWN. MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.
IF ANYONE'S INJURED, GET THEM TO THE LANTERNS IMMEDIATELY.
TELL THE OTHERS TO READY THEIR SWORDS AND STAND GUARD.
WHAT!
NO WAY, BROTHER!
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU HERE!
YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT ALONE IF IT—!

RUMMMBLE
AAAH! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SHAKE
IT'S MOVING AGAIN!
SHAKE
RUMBL
IT'S GOING BACK UNDER!
VRRRRMMM
Y-YEAH! LOOKS LIKE IT!
RUMMMBLE
?!!
THE GIANT'S SINKING!!

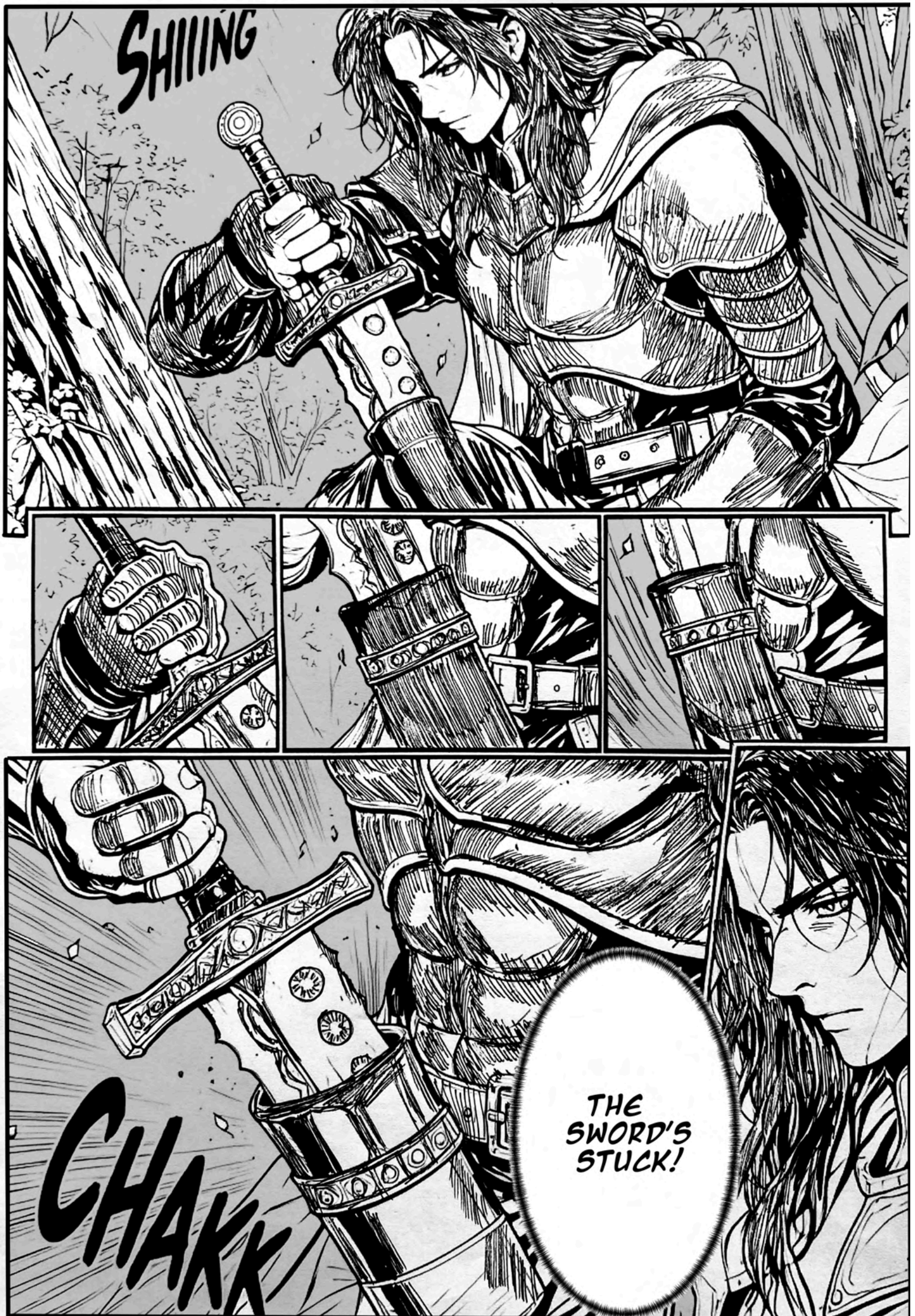

RUMMMMMBLE...
SPLAAAS
SHUDDERRR...


RUMMMBLE...
SHWAAAK!
VVRRRR...

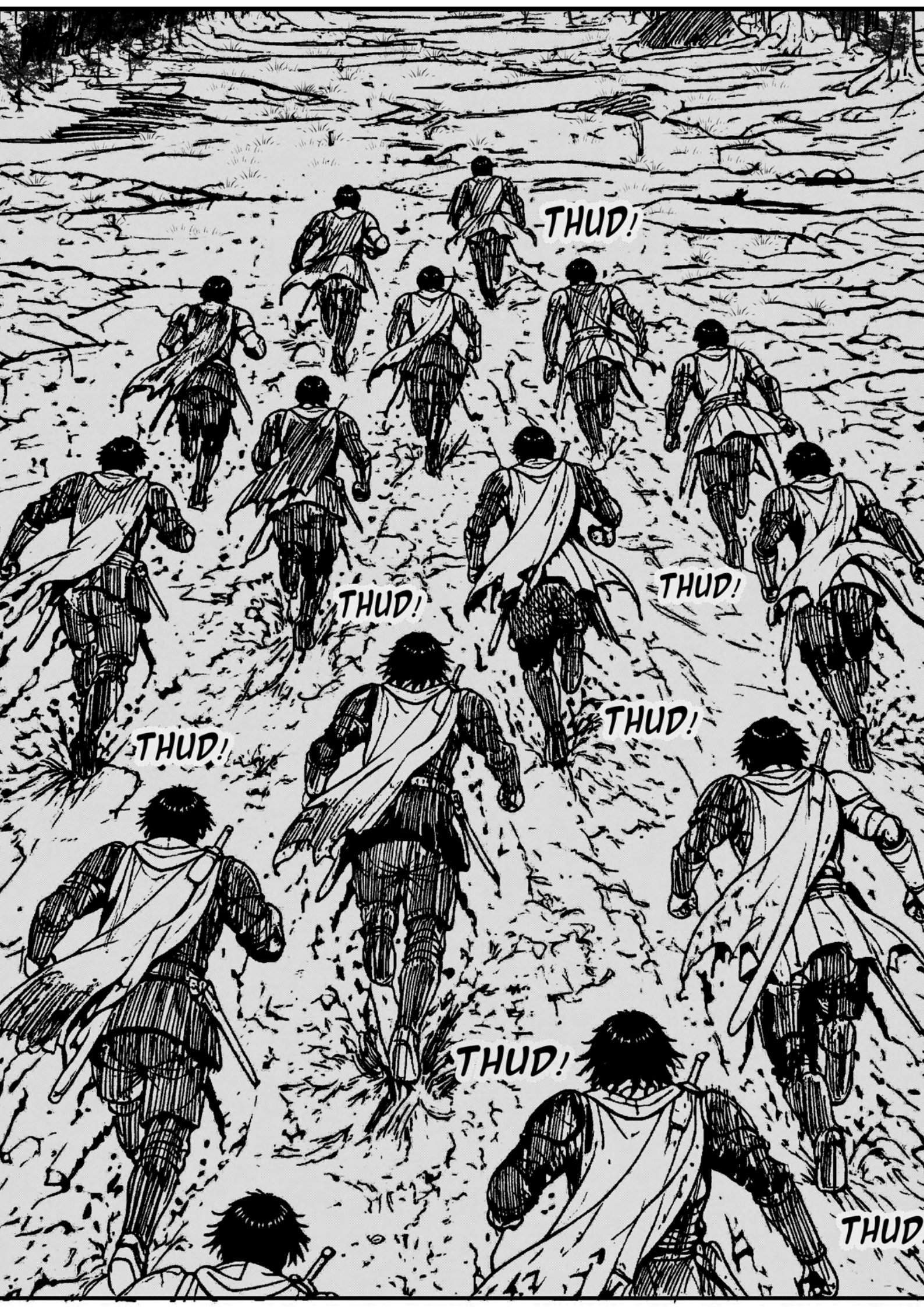

GLUG...
GLUG...
GLUG...
GLUG...

.....?
IT'S GONE BACK UNDER...
IT FELT MORE LIKE A WARNING..
WHY DIDN'T IT ATTACK US.
I THINK WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO CENTRAL, MALICE.
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WE SHOULD HANDLE ON OUR OWN.
MATEW SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO.
OKAY,THEN. LET'S DO THAT.
BUT, BROTHER... ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS?
NO. WE'LL LEAVE A FEW SOLDIERS HERE TO KEEP WATCH,JUST TO BE SAFE.
YOU ALL RIGHT, BROTHER? COME ON, GET UP.
JONN!!!

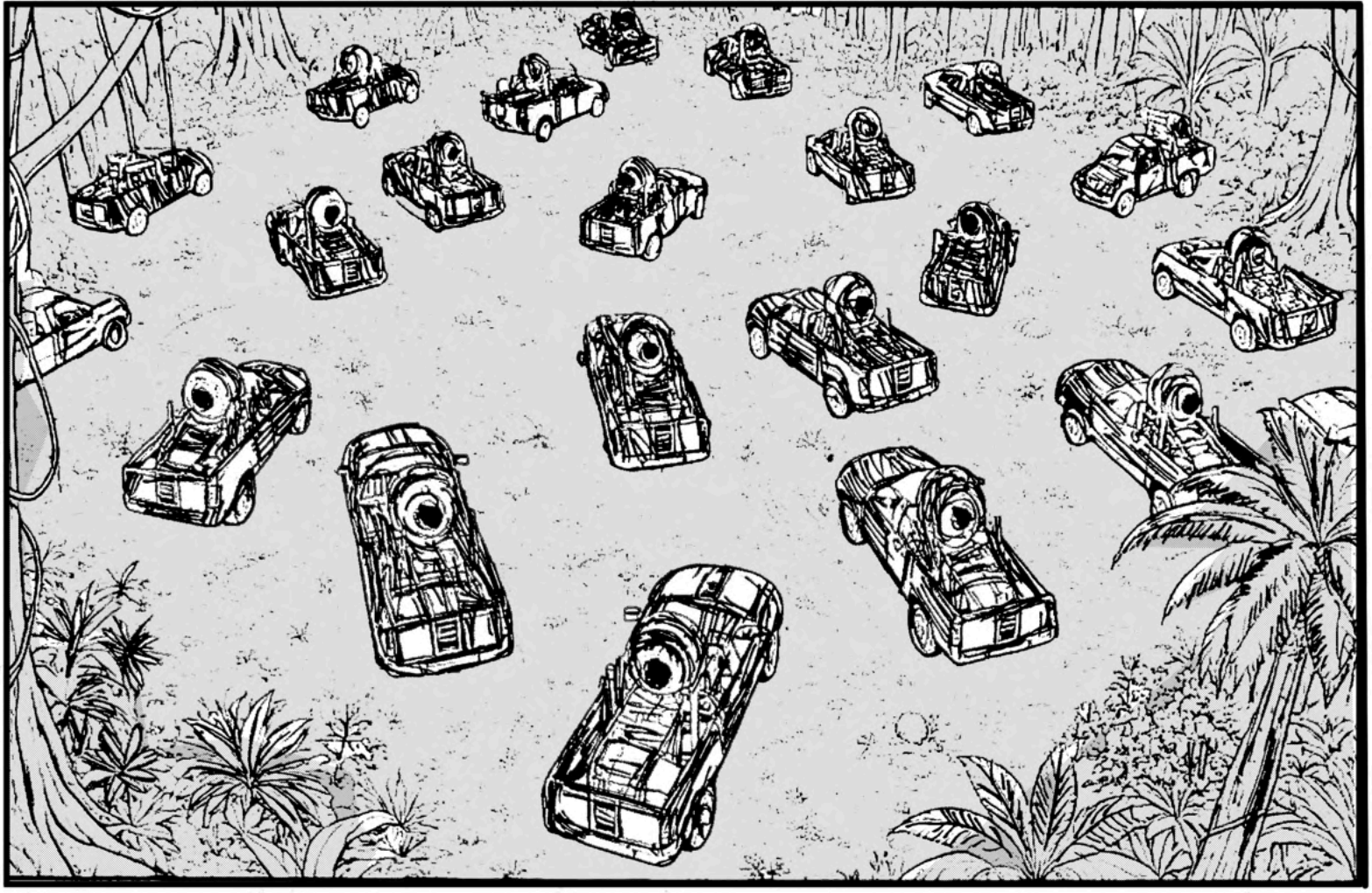
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?!
TAP
TAP
MY SWORD!
GRRKK
SHUNK
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO CENTRAL!
A FEW OF YOU STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH!

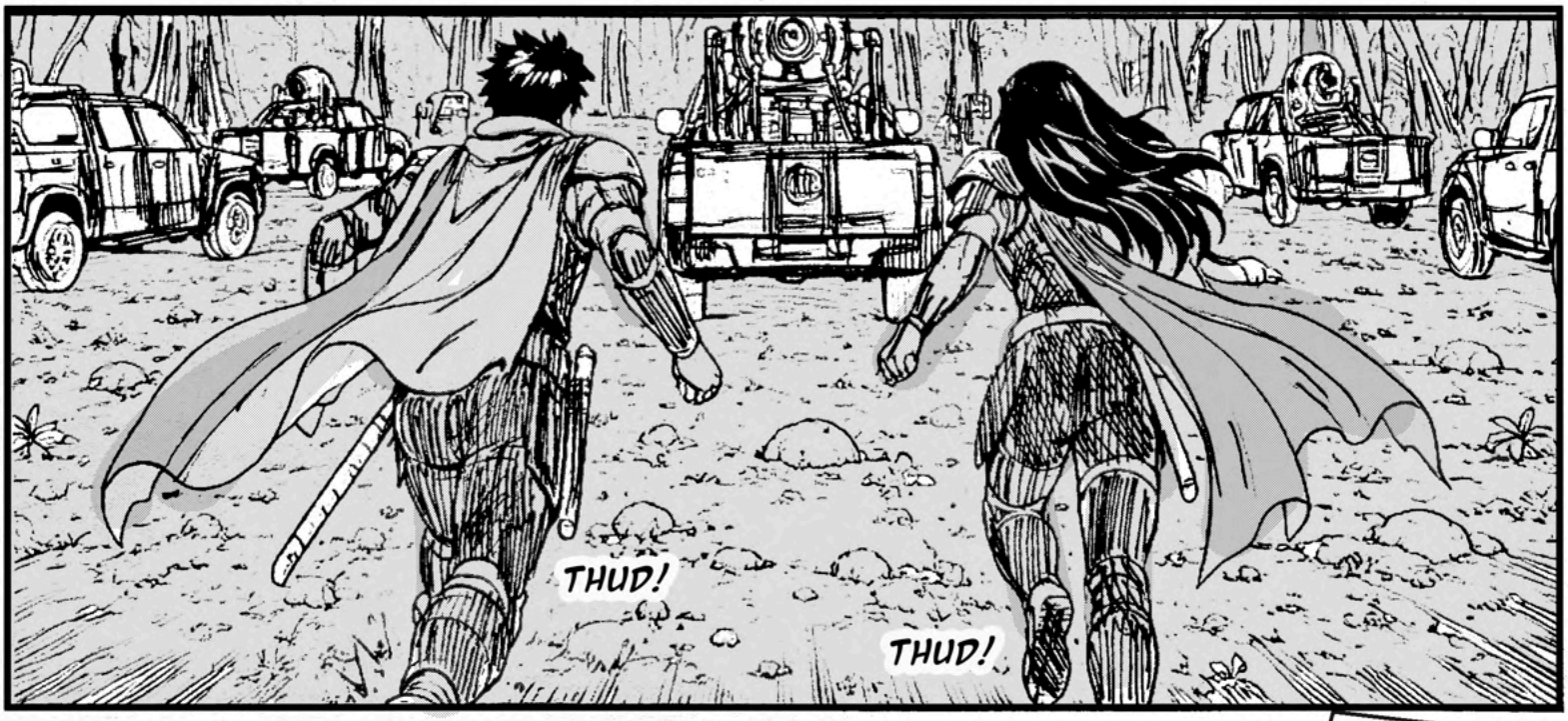

SHIIING
CHAKK
THE SWORD'S STUCK!

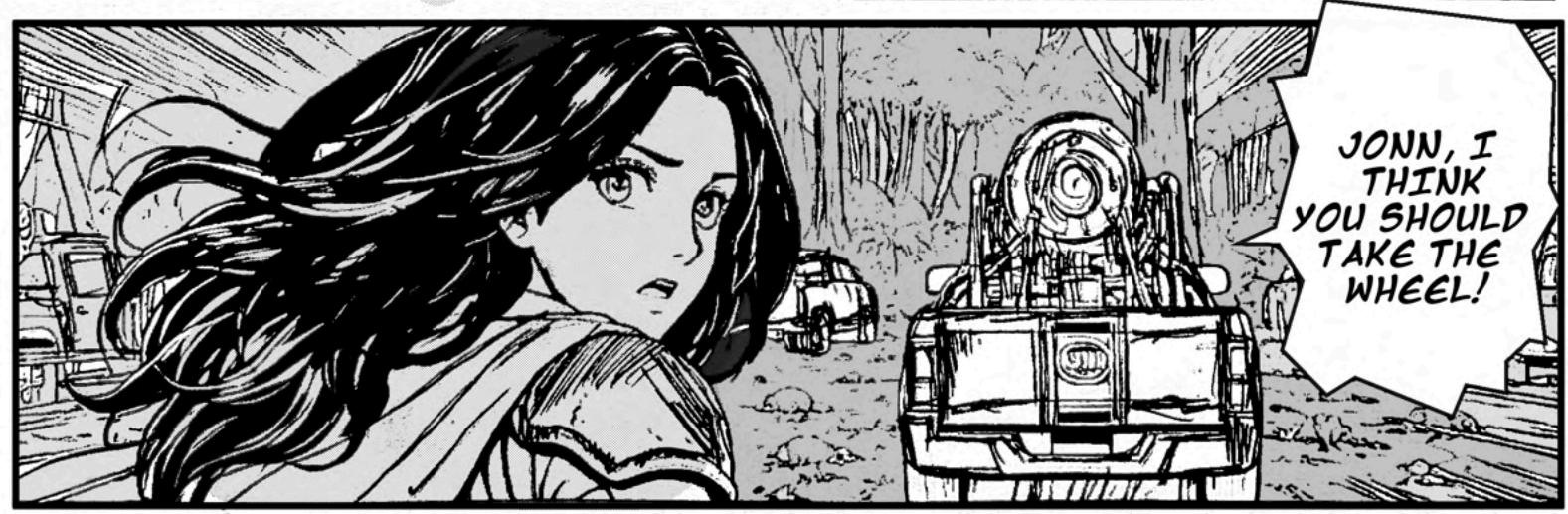
FIVE OF YOU, STAY HERE!
THE REST OF YOU,GET BACK TO THE LANTERNS!
GET ON!
PUSH
URGH!
FORWARD! MOVE!
WE'RE OUT OF TIME!
TATATA
KEEP GOING!


THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
THUD!
THUD

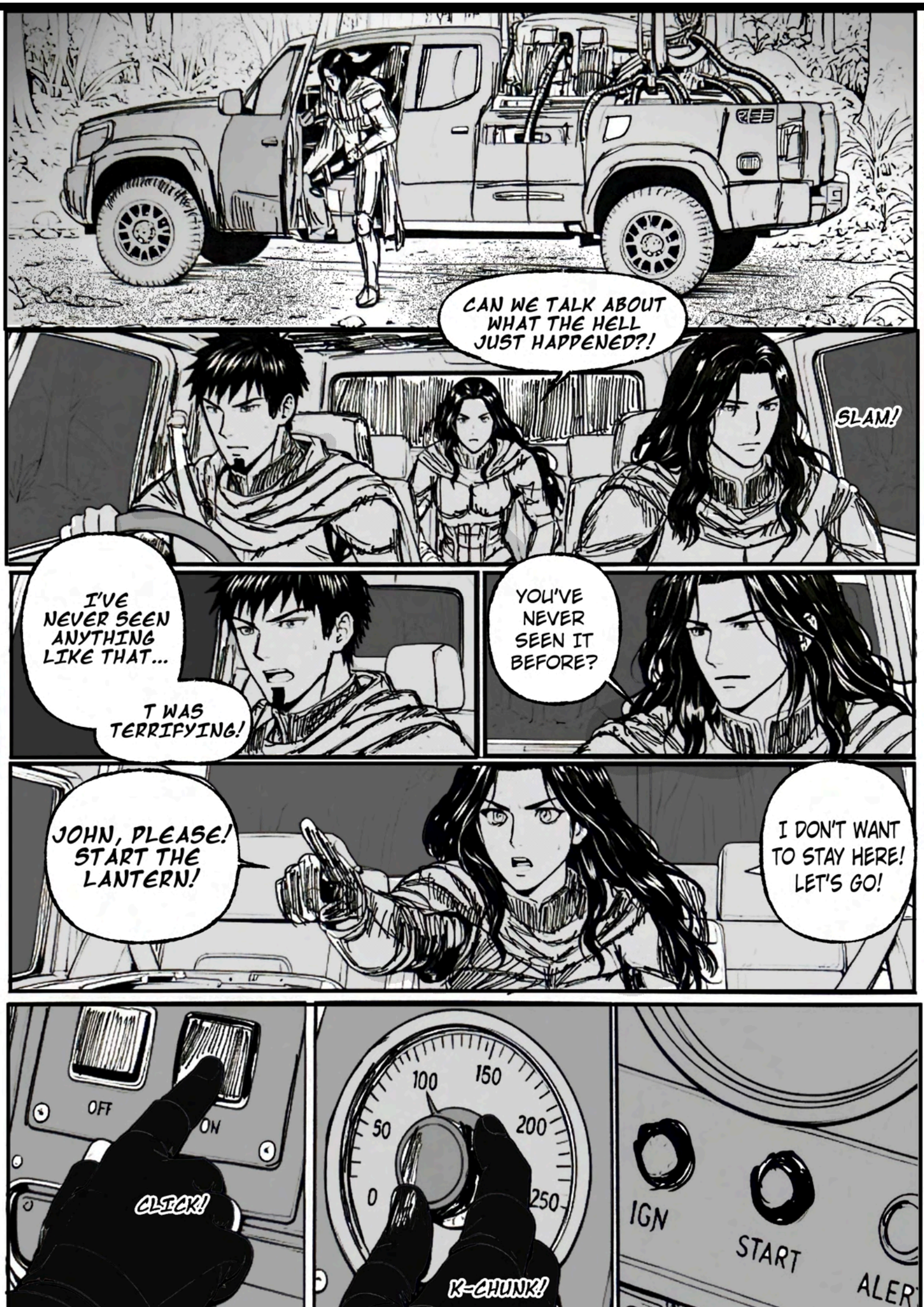
THUD!!
THUD!!
THUD!!
I CAN SEE THE LANTERNS!
DASH!
KEEP MOVING!

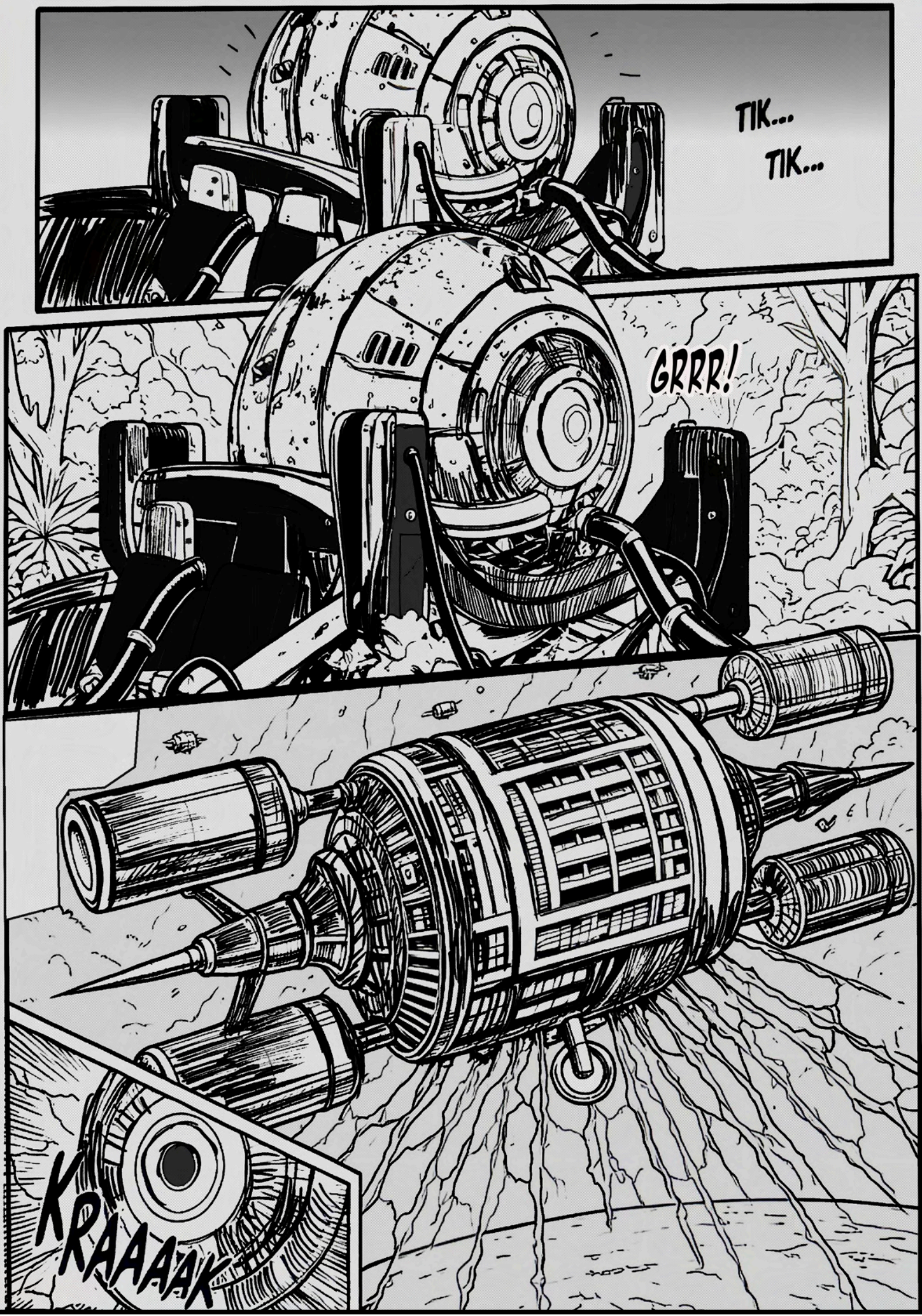


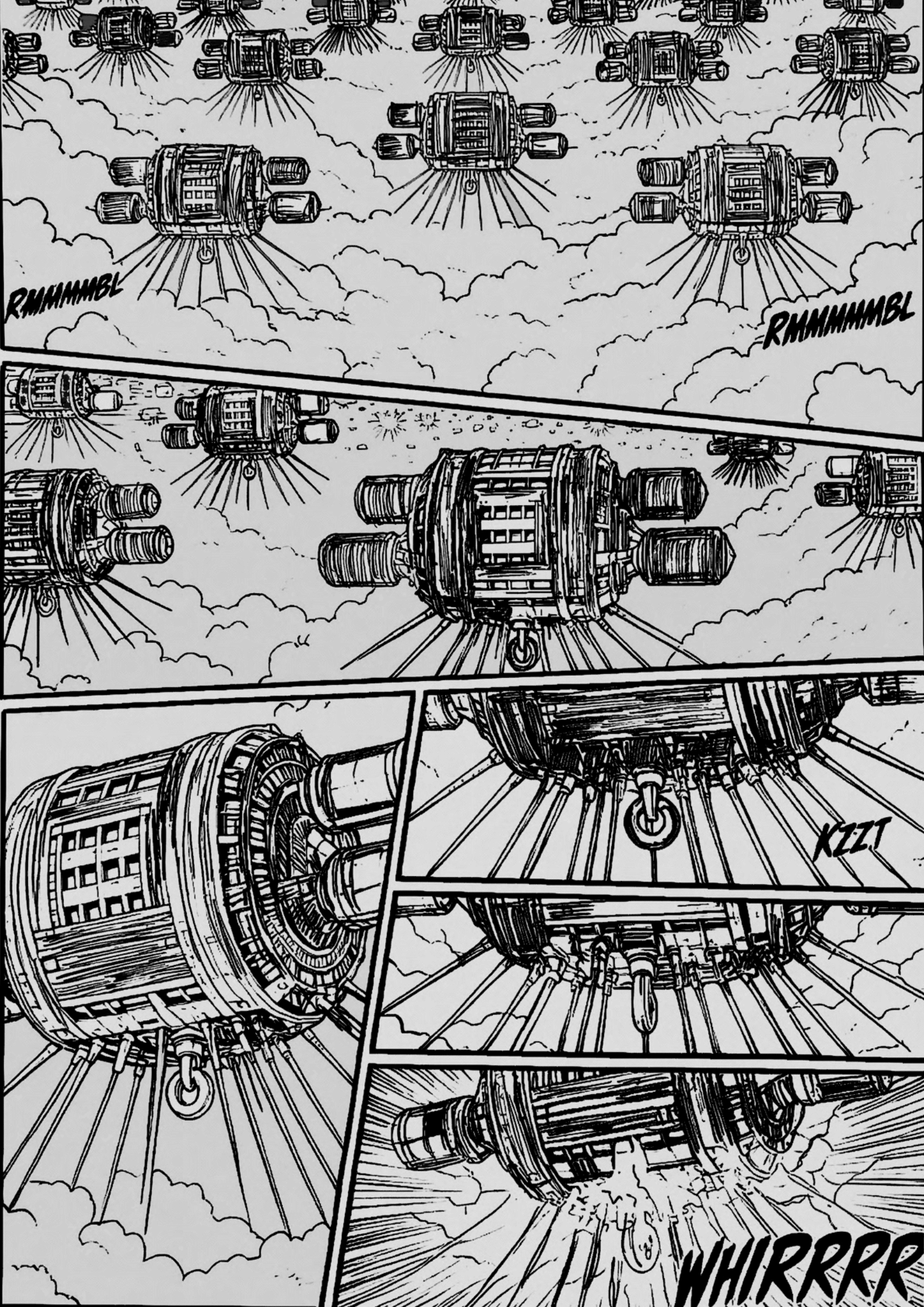

THUD!
THUD!

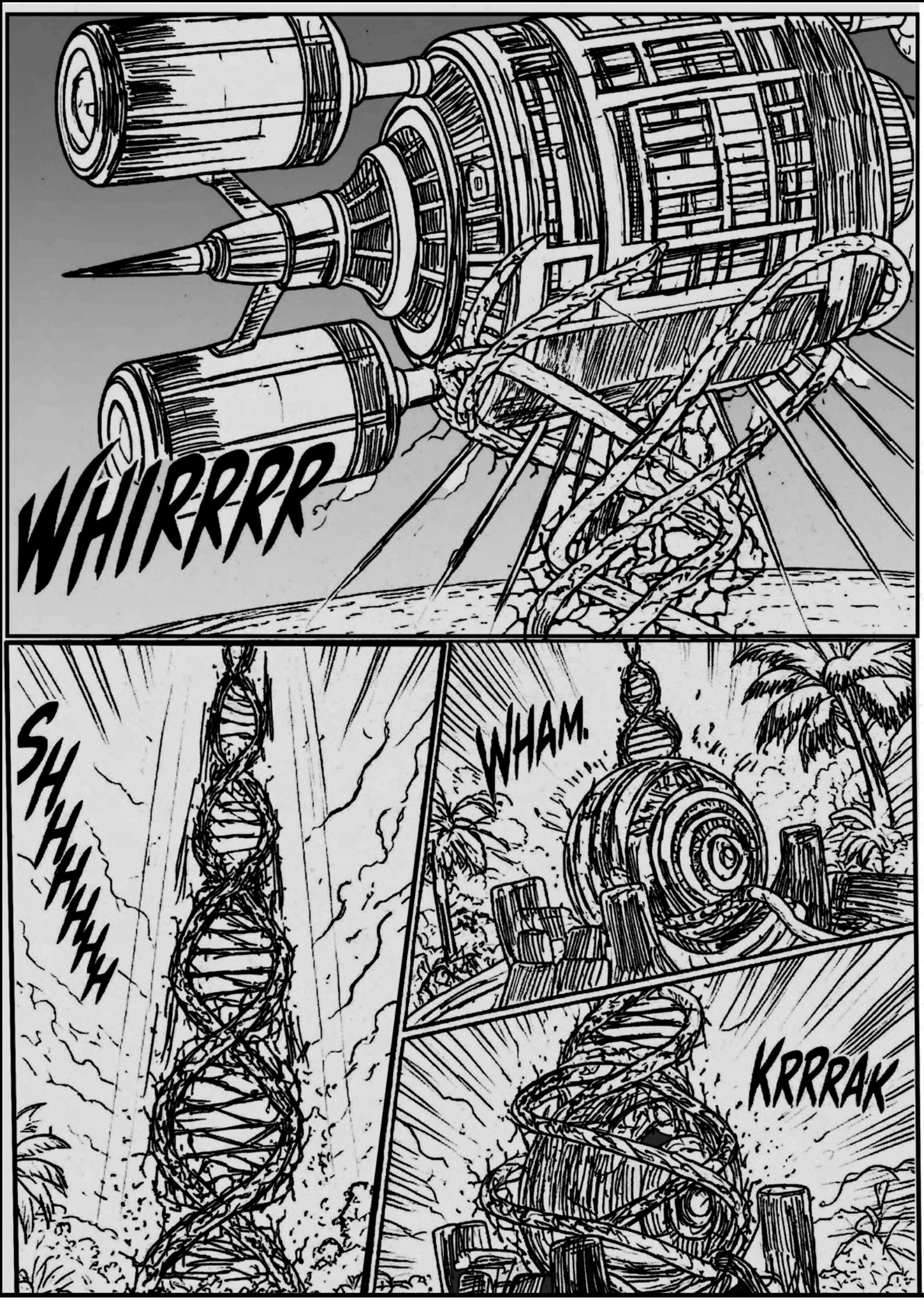

JONN, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THE WHEEL!

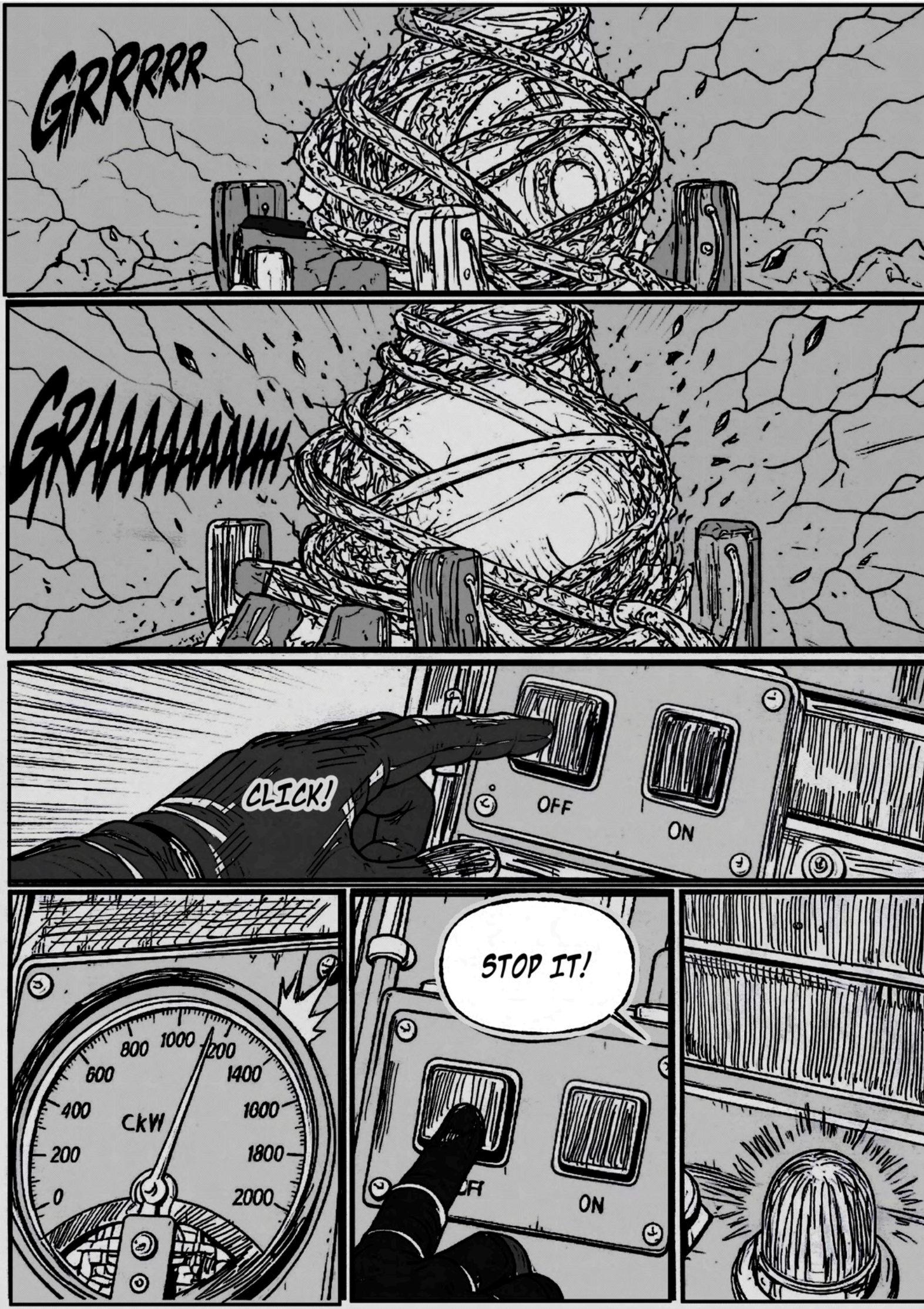
CLACK
CREAK
DON'T LEAVE ANY LANTERNS BEHIND!
SPLIT UP AND TAKE ONE EACH!
CLANG
THUD
BAM
CREAK
TAP
THUNK
SWISH
SLAM

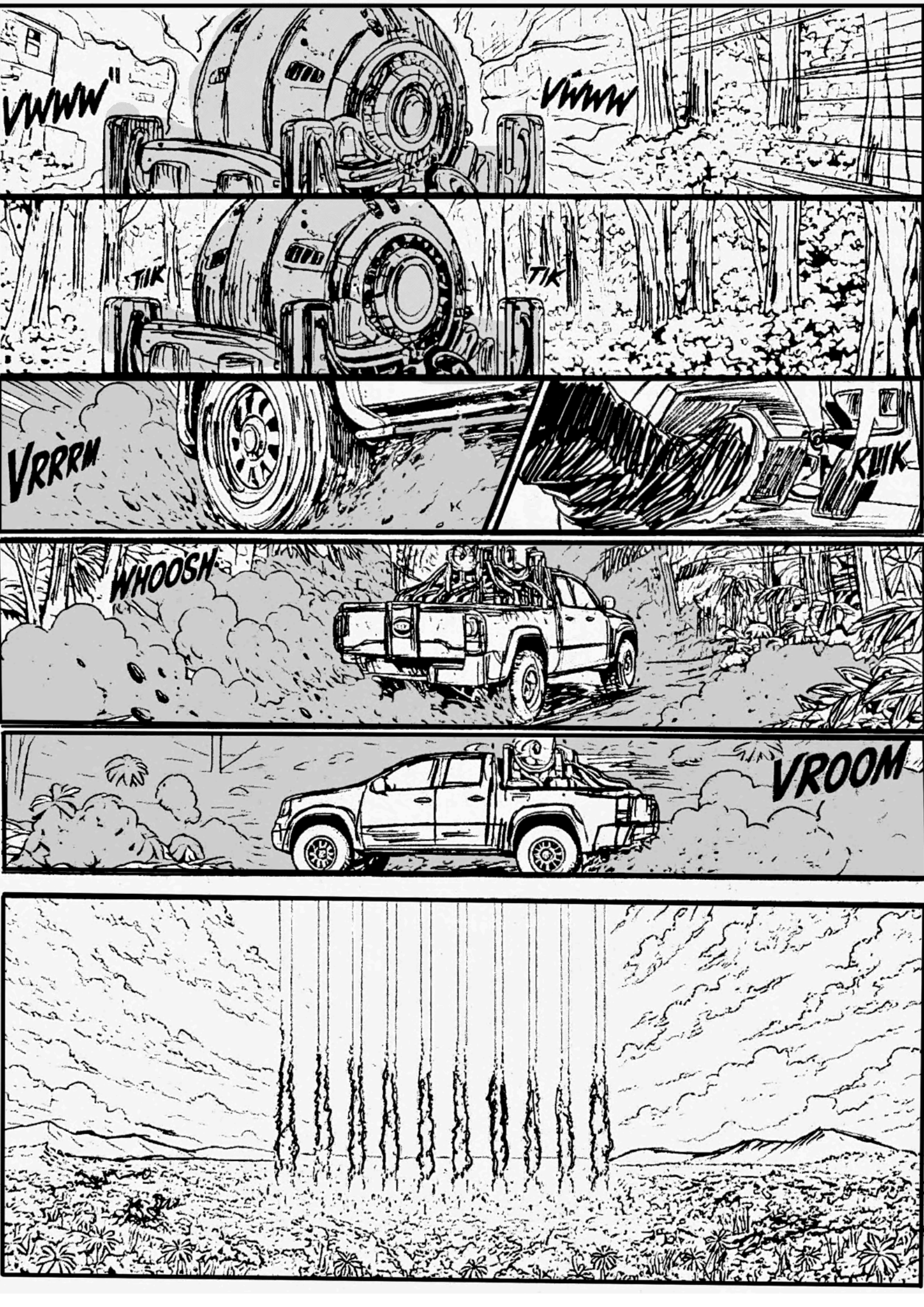

CAN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!
SLAM!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
T WAS TERRIFYING!
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE?
JOHN, PLEASE! START THE LANTERN!
I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE! LET'S GO!
OFF
ON
CLICK!
100
150
50
200
0
250
K-CHUNK!
IGN
START
ALER


TIK...
TIK...
GRRR!
KRAAAAK


RMMMMMBL
RMMMMMMBL
KZZT
WHIRRRR


WHIRRRR
SHHHHHH
WHAM.
KRRRAK


GRRRRR
GRAAAAAAAHH
CLICK!
OFF
ON
0
200
400
600
800
1000
1200
1400
1600
1800
2000
CkW
STOP IT!
OFF
ON


VWWW"
VWWW
TIK
TIK
VRRRM
KLIK
WHOOSH
VROOM

VROOOOM
VRRROOOM
WHOOSH
RMMMBL

THE END
WE NEED TO SEND A REPORT TO AIESHOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
MALICE, DOCUMENT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HERE.