

**CELEBREROMS**  
UNRAVEL

# CELBREOMS UNRAVEL

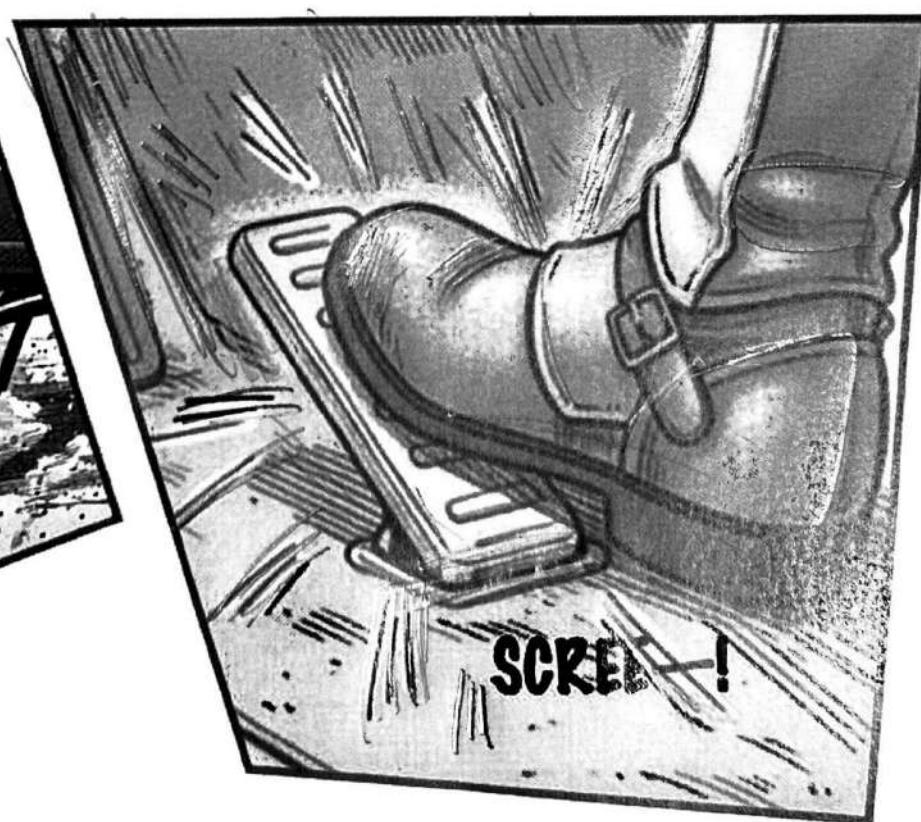
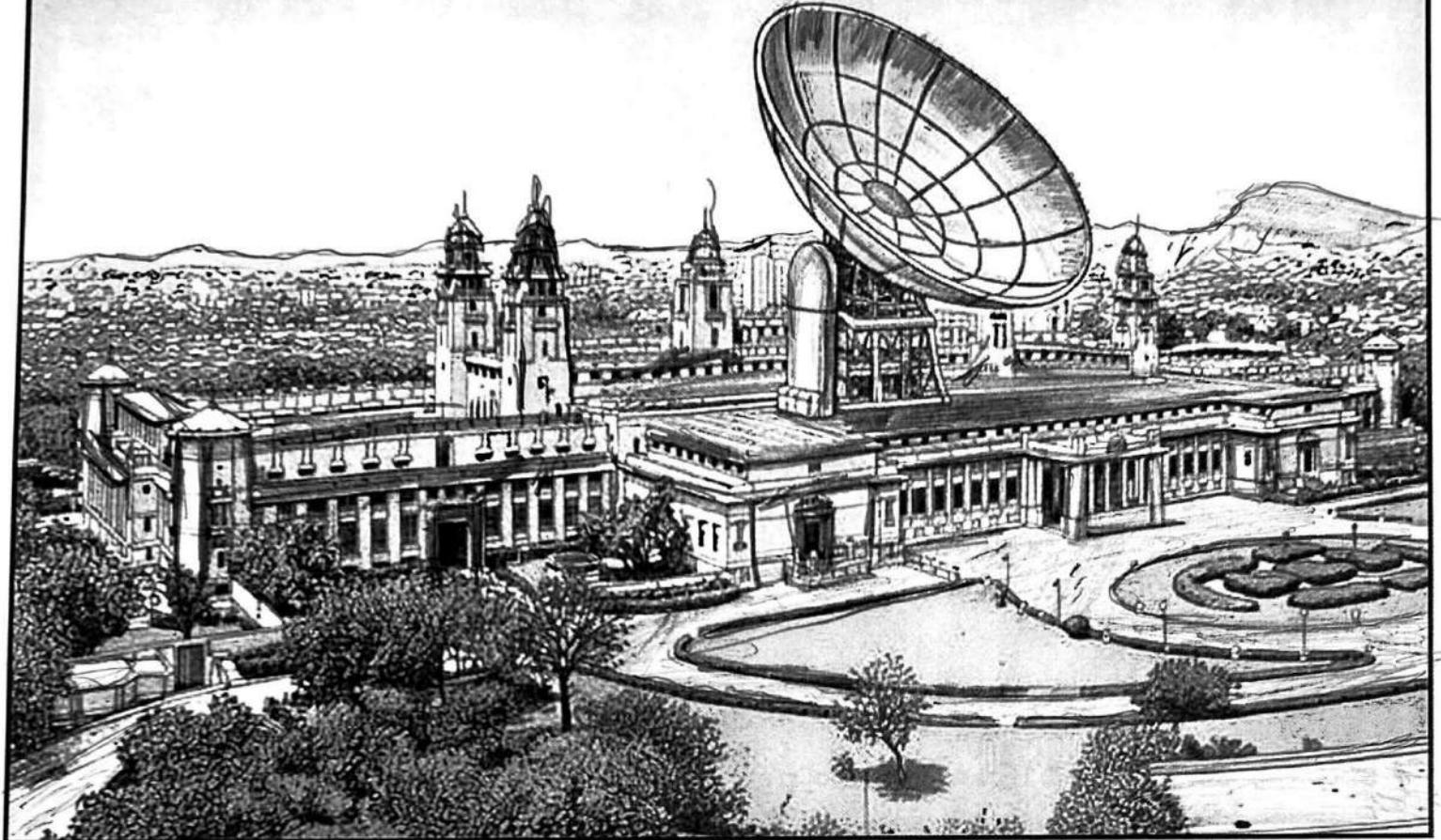
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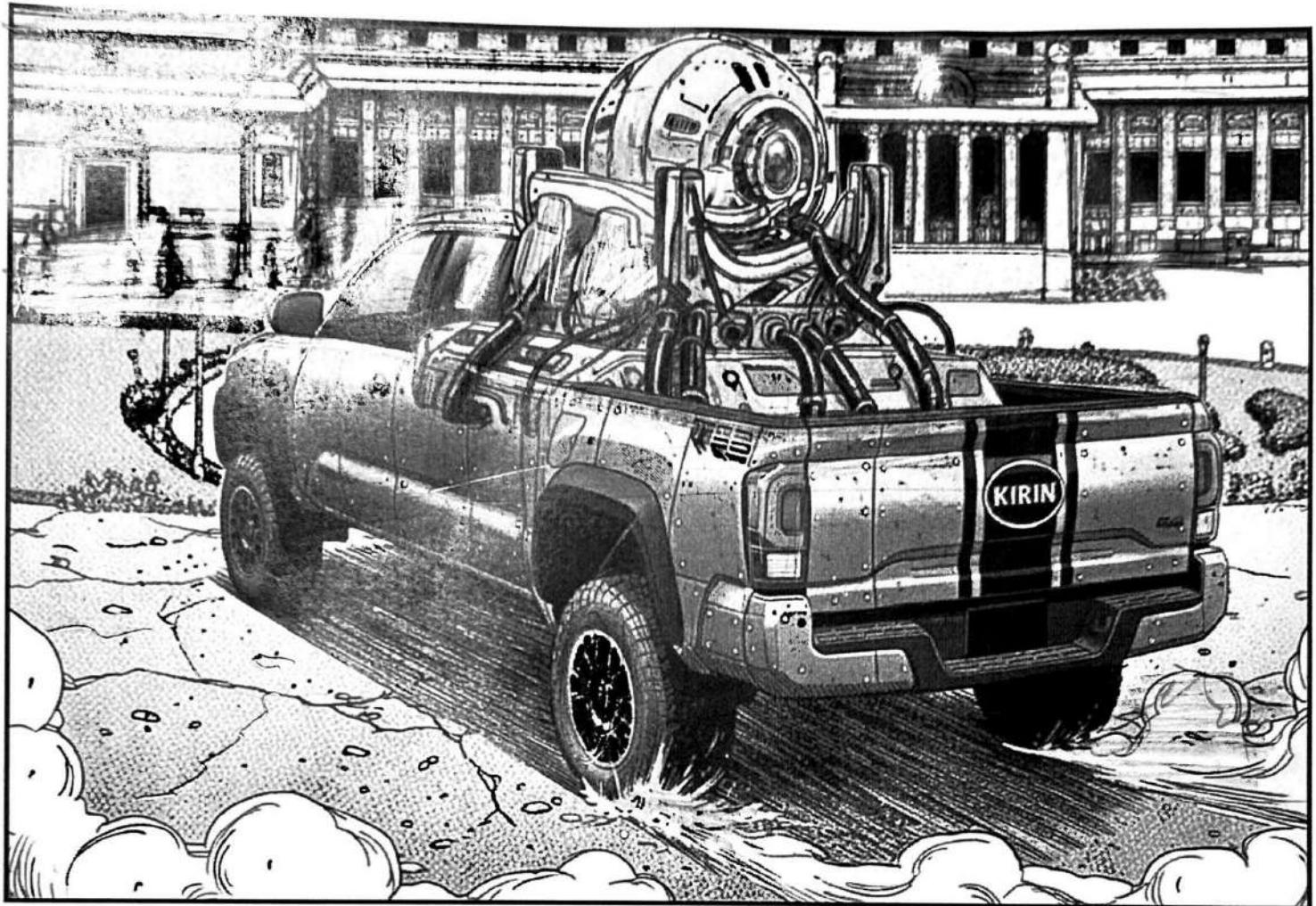
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## CHAPTER 2 MATEW FESTO



## CELESTIAN CENTRAL





THEY MADE KIRIN  
LOOK LIKE NOTHING  
MORE THAN A SHADOW.

DECades OF  
TRAINING...  
ALL FOR  
NOTHING.

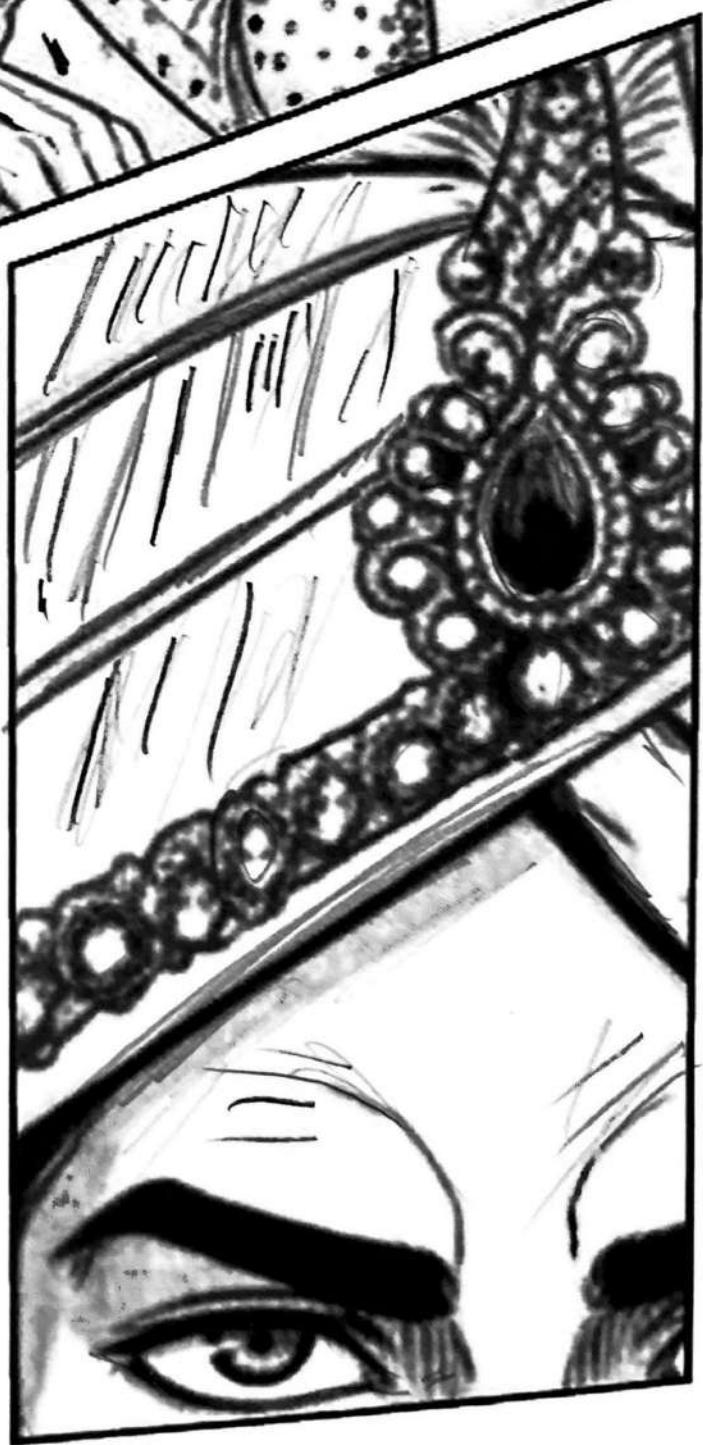
...OR ARE THEY  
TRYING TO  
BECOME ANOTHER  
EDVAR? TELL ME,  
AIESHOK—  
WHAT DO YOU  
MAKE OF THIS?



CHIEF SCIENTIST  
FOR KIRIN AND  
CELREROMS  
UNIT OPERATIONS  
- AIESHOK ASUR

MY LORD...  
WE MUST CONSIDER  
THAT OUR SOLDIERS  
HAVE NEVER FACED  
ANYTHING LIKE THIS  
BEFORE. THEY MAY HAVE  
BEEN CAUGHT OFF  
GUARD... CONFUSED.

-GRIP!



# SUPREME RULER OF CELESTIA - MATEW FESTO



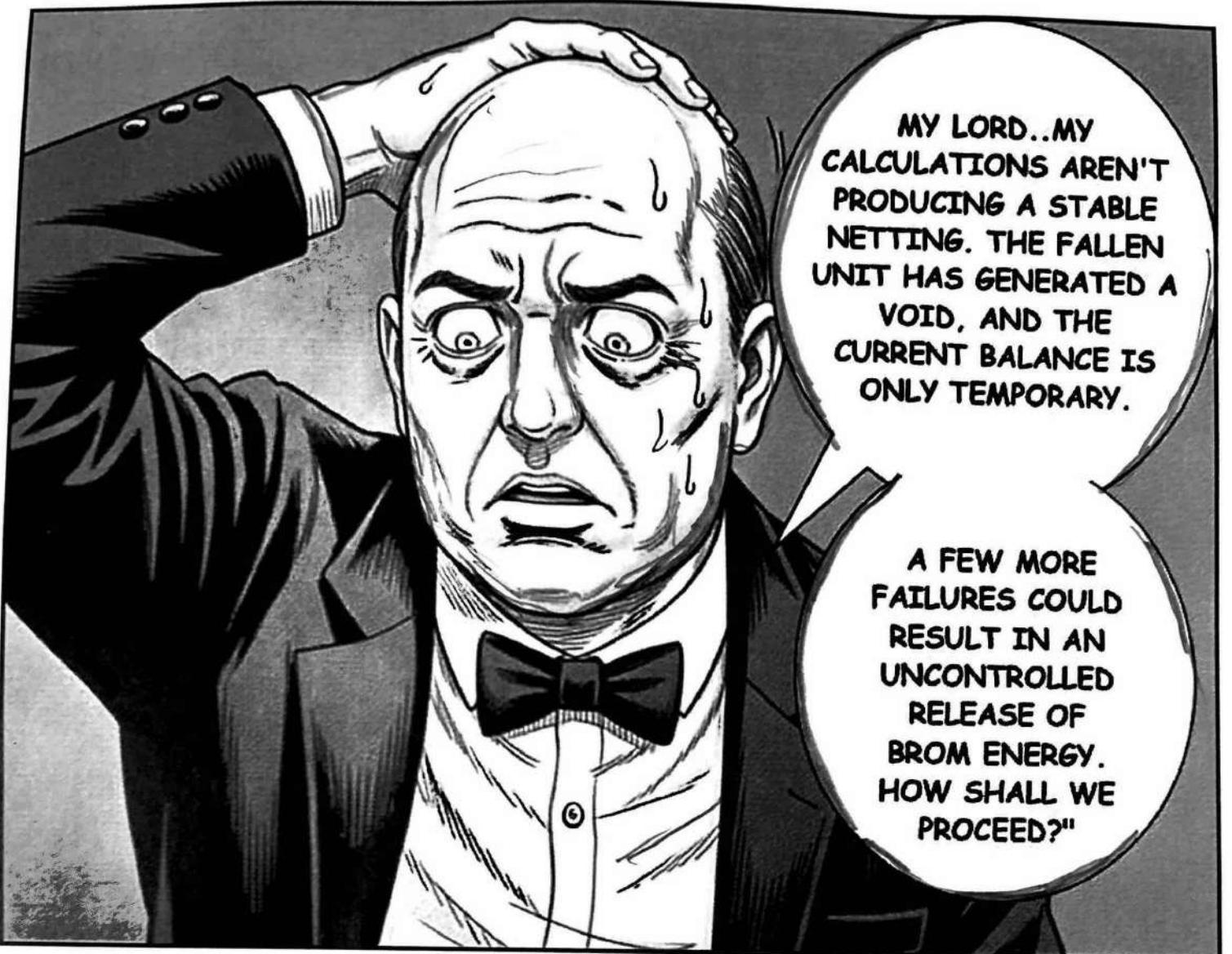
HHMHMM

## KIRIN

KIRIN IS ONE OF THE THREE SOURCES THAT EMIT POWERFUL BROM ENERGY FOR DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. AMONG THE THREE TYPES, KIRIN IS THE ONLY SOURCE SPECIFICALLY USED FOR POWERFUL WEAPONS. IT FUNCTIONS THROUGH THREE CORE ELEMENTS: THE HUMAN MIND, CELBREROMS, AND WEAPONS INFUSED WITH LIVING LIVESTONES.

# TRIANGLE CON

TRIANGLE CON IS A STATE OF KIRIN IN WHICH THE THREE CORE ELEMENTS—THE HUMAN MIND, CEREBREROMS, AND LIVESTONE—STABILIZE THEIR CONNECTION WITH ONE ANOTHER TO EMIT BROM ENERGY

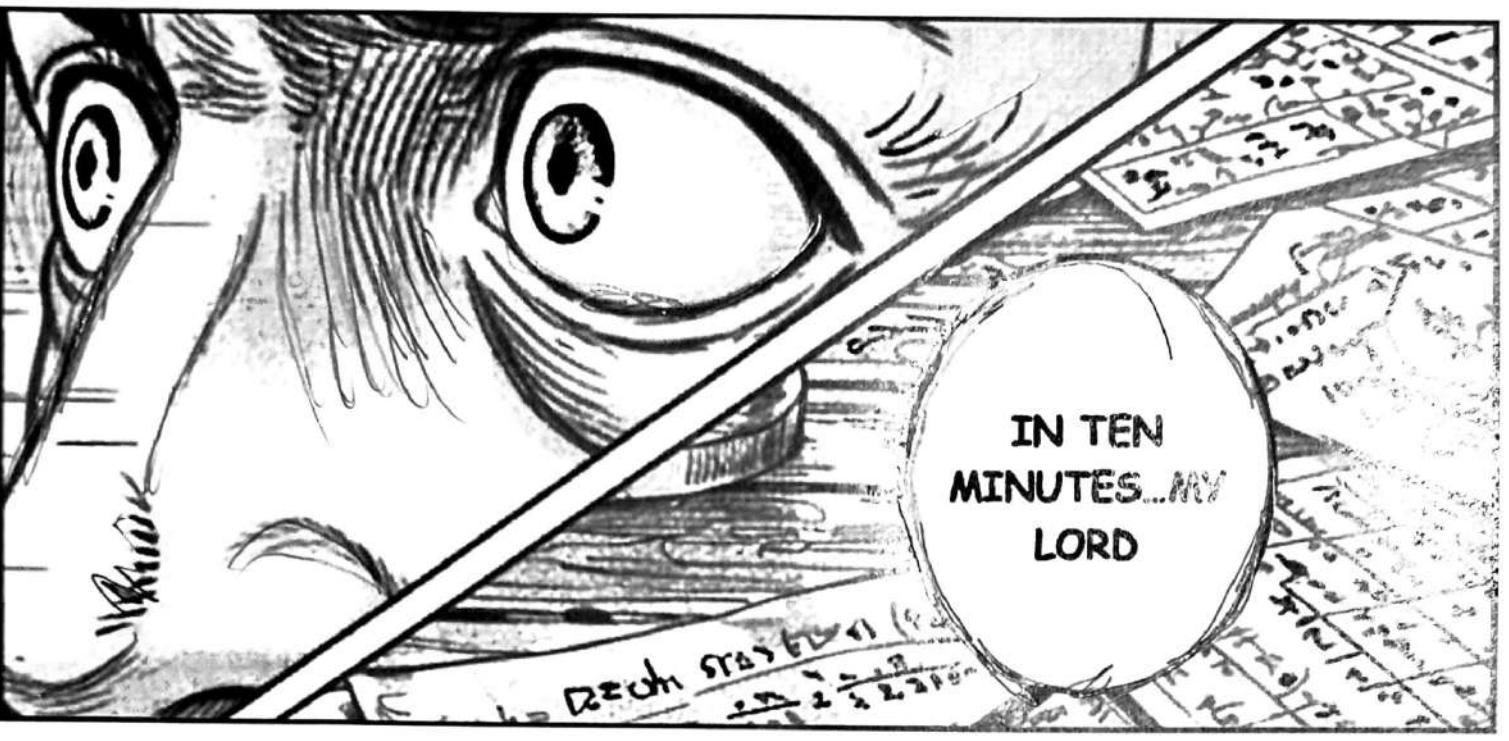


MY LORD..MY CALCULATIONS AREN'T PRODUCING A STABLE NETTING. THE FALLEN UNIT HAS GENERATED A VOID, AND THE CURRENT BALANCE IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

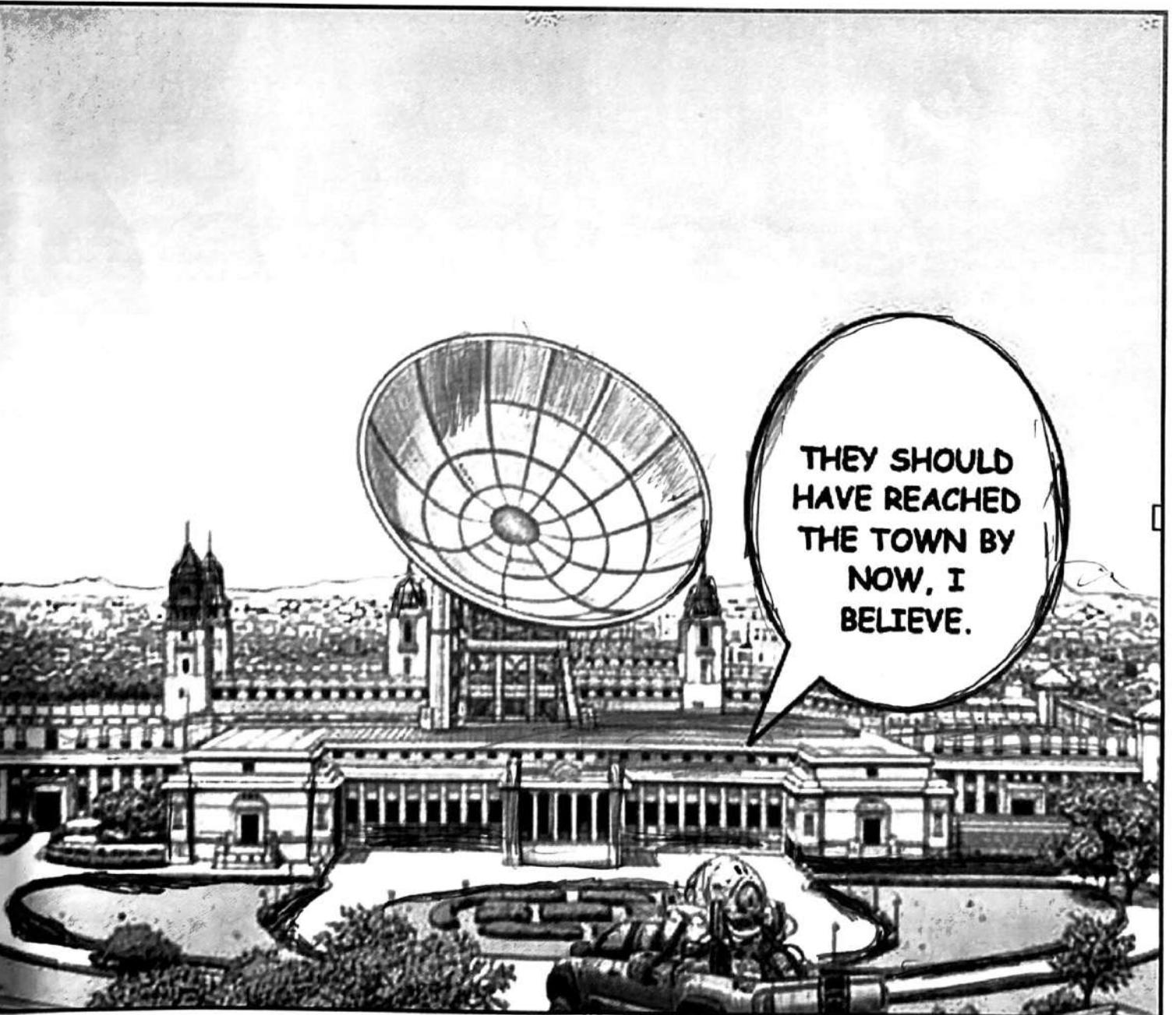
A FEW MORE FAILURES COULD RESULT IN AN UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF BROM ENERGY. HOW SHALL WE PROCEED?"



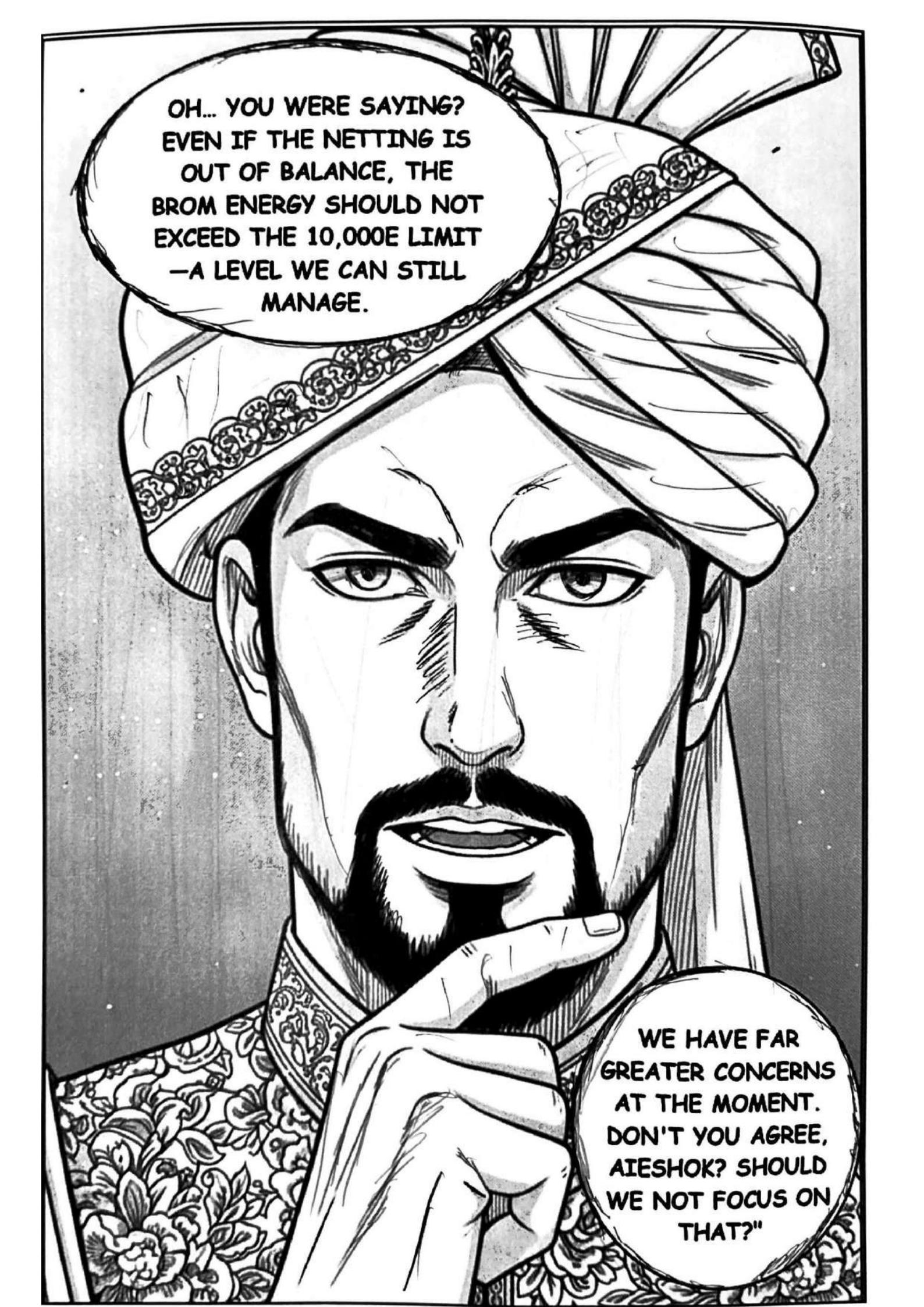
HMM... AIESHOK, WHEN CAN WE EXPECT OUR SOLDIERS TO REACH US?



IN TEN  
MINUTES...MY  
LORD



THEY SHOULD  
HAVE REACHED  
THE TOWN BY  
NOW, I  
BELIEVE.



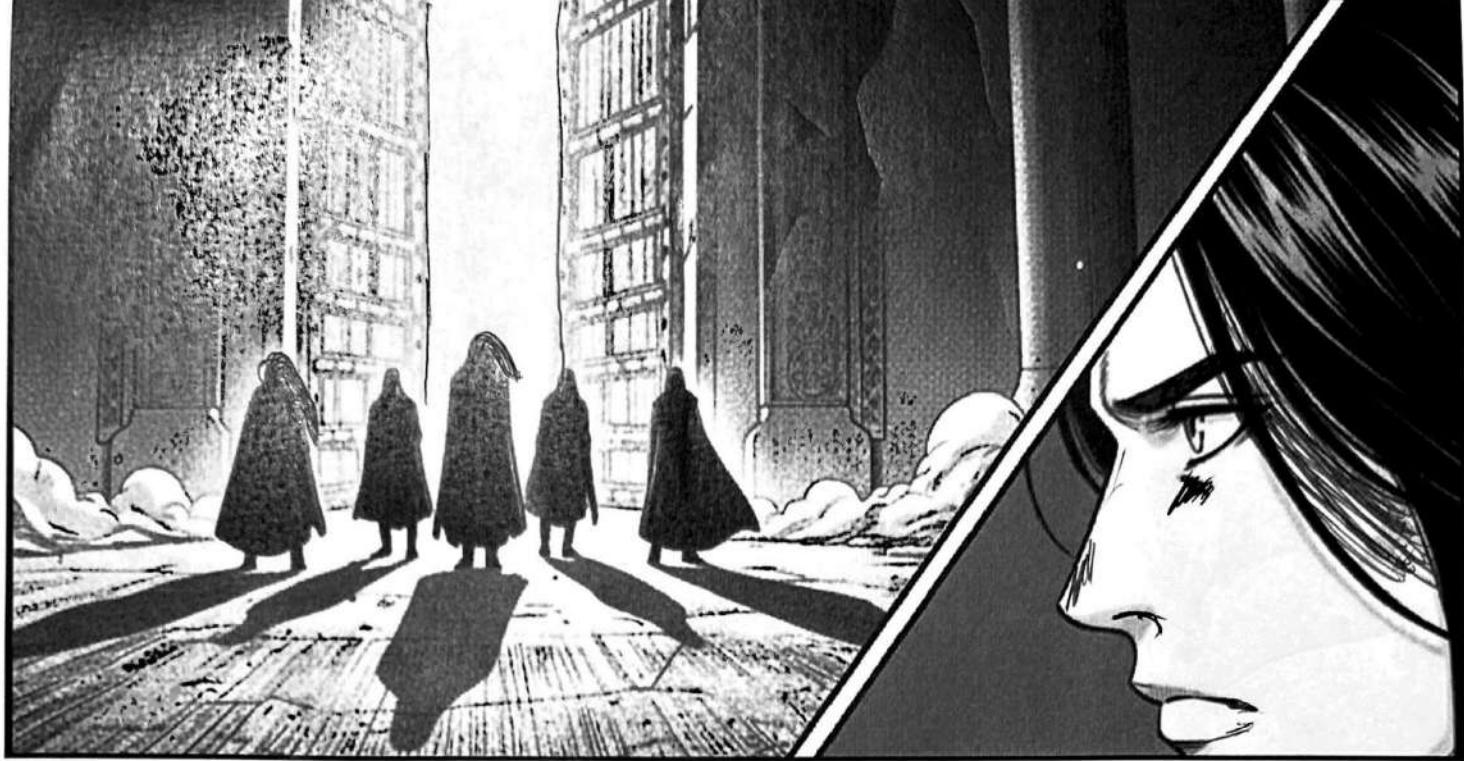
OH... YOU WERE SAYING?  
EVEN IF THE NETTING IS  
OUT OF BALANCE, THE  
BROM ENERGY SHOULD NOT  
EXCEED THE 10,000E LIMIT  
—A LEVEL WE CAN STILL  
MANAGE.

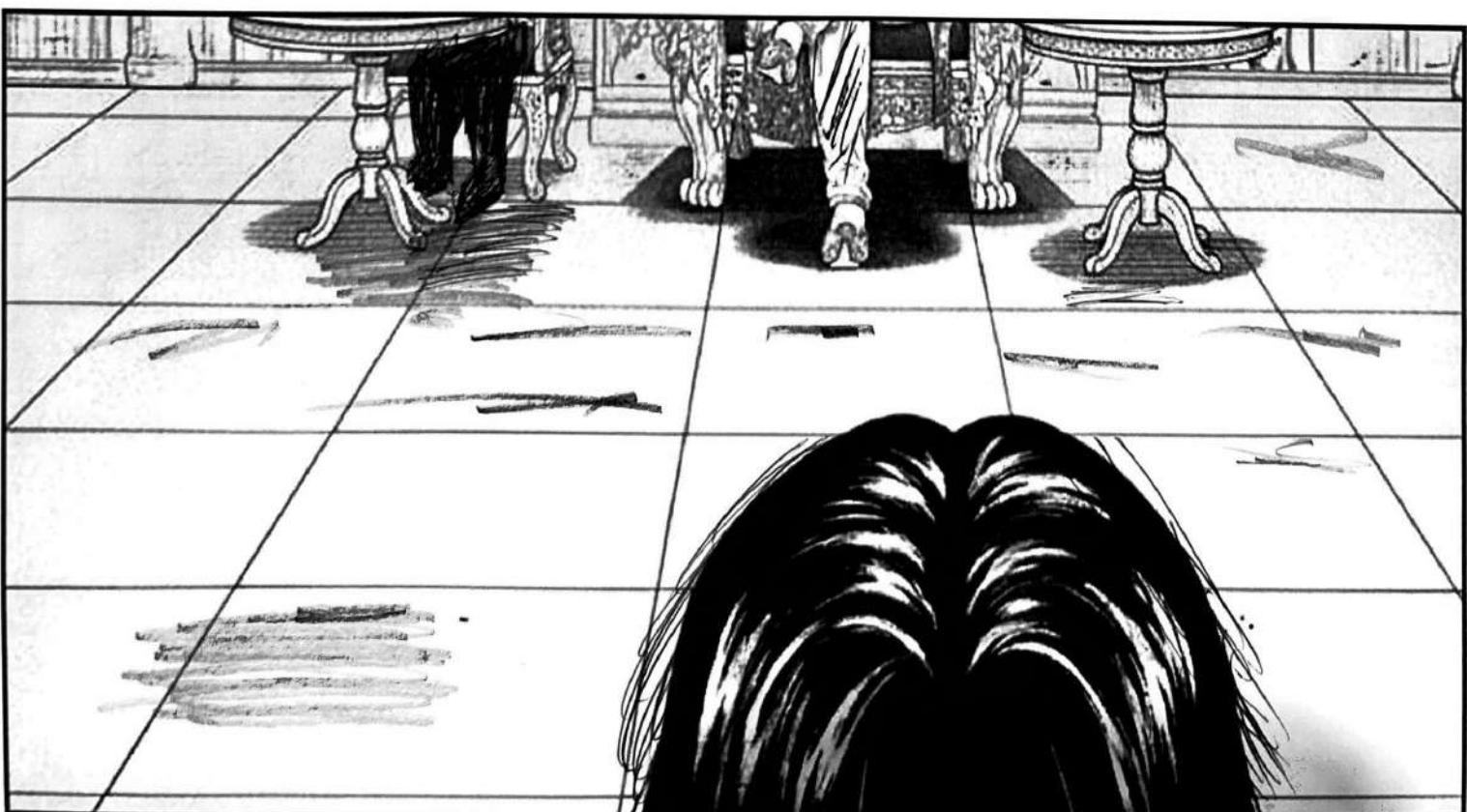
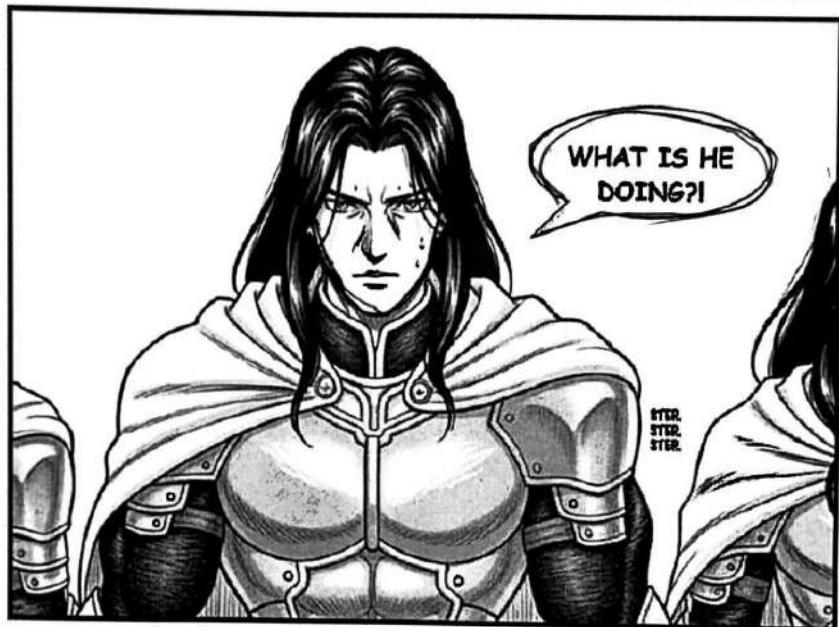
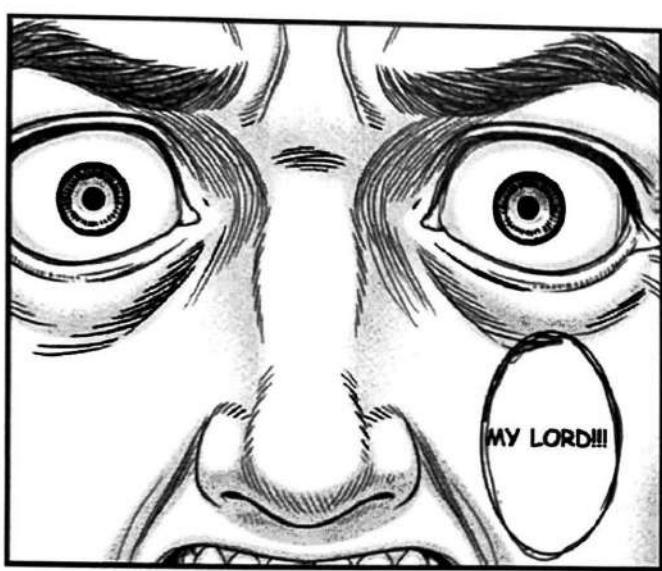
WE HAVE FAR  
GREATER CONCERNS  
AT THE MOMENT.  
DON'T YOU AGREE,  
AIESHOK? SHOULD  
WE NOT FOCUS ON  
THAT?"



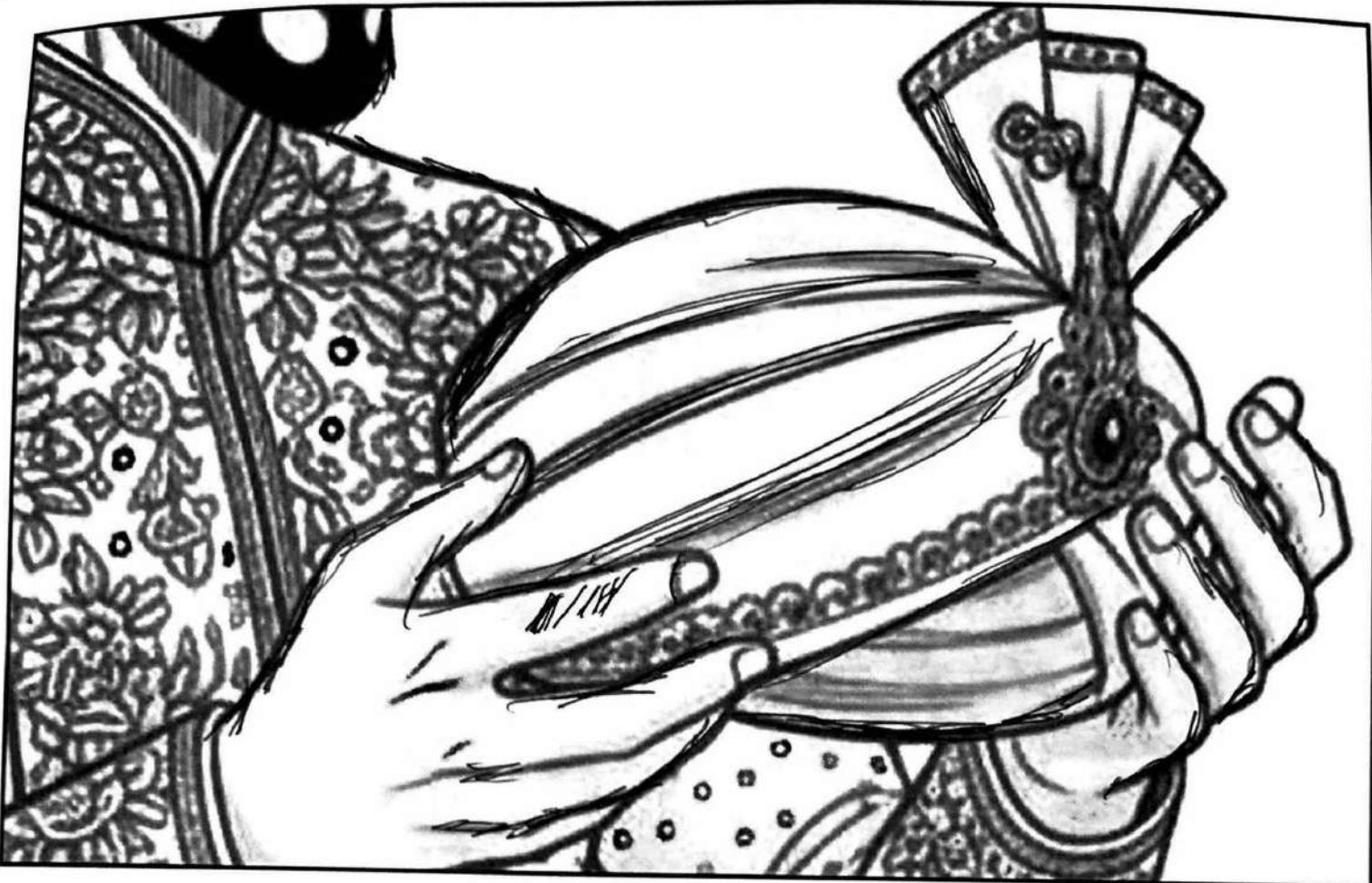
**KRAAASH!**  
**WHOOOSH!**











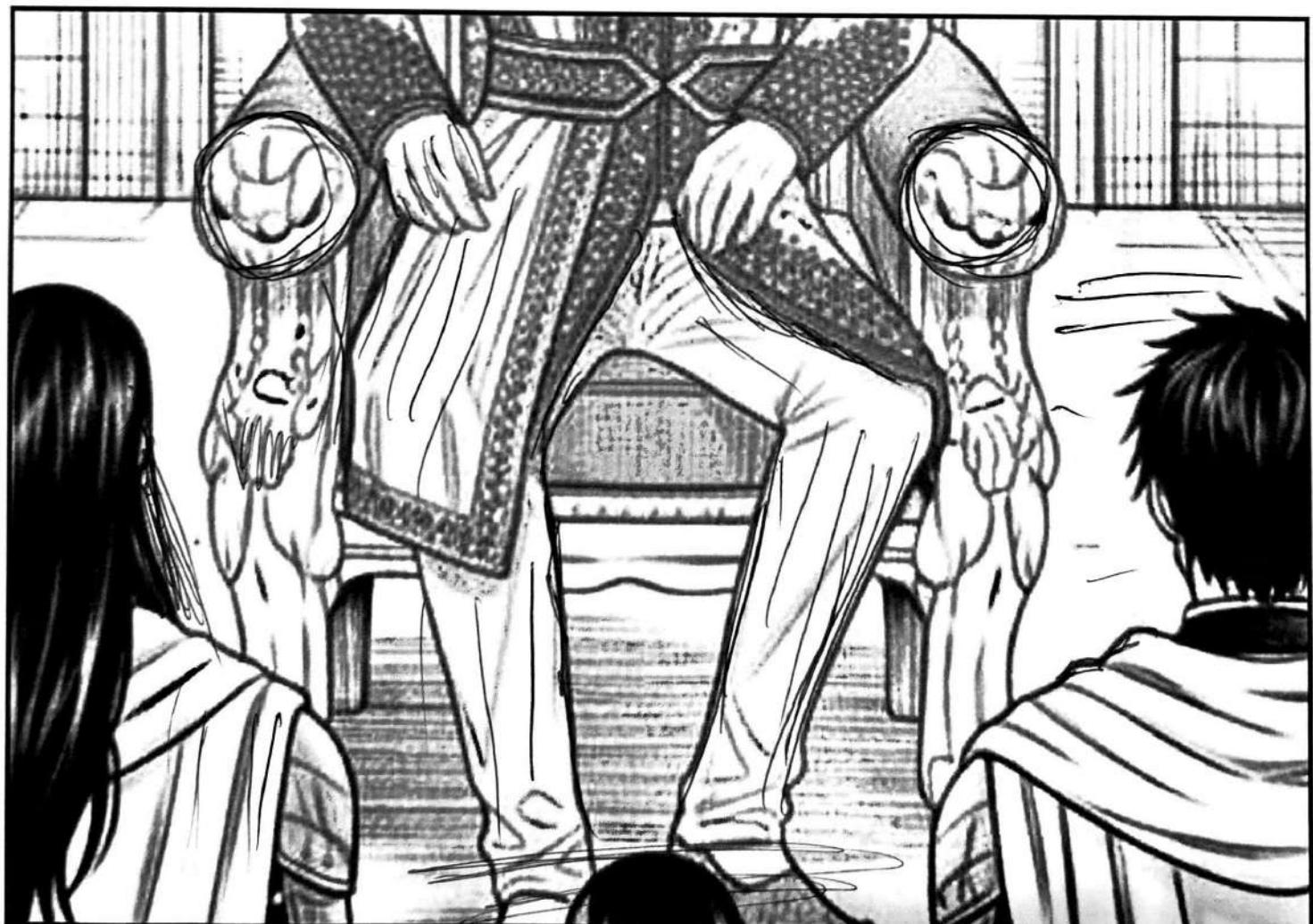


MATEW..!!



HAHAHAHAHAHAI

WHY IS HE LAUGHING?





ALL THIS TIME, I  
BELIEVED WE HAD  
BRAVE SOLDIERS—  
WORTHY OF  
WIELDING THE  
KIRIN.



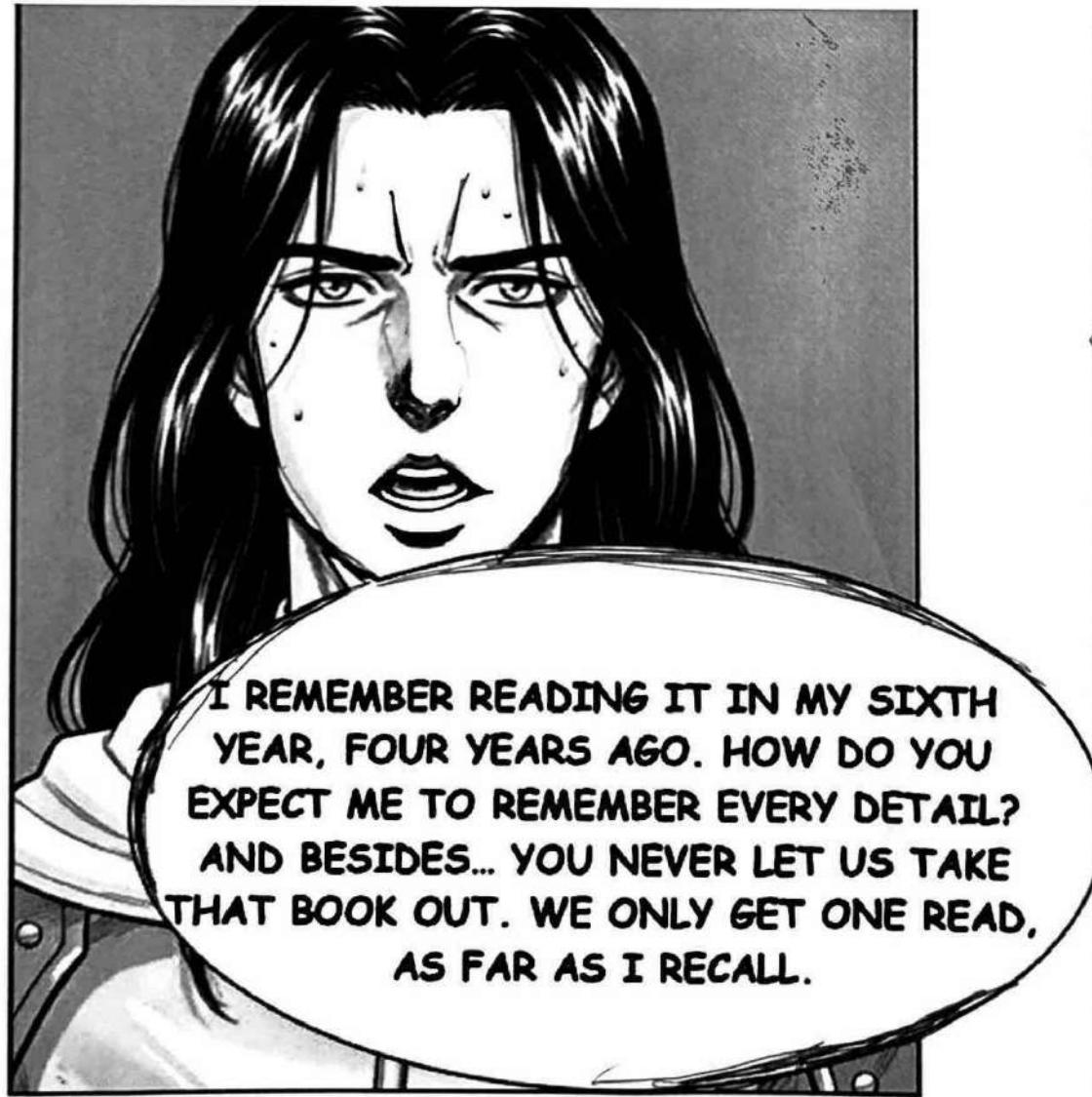
ARE YOU  
ALL TRYING  
TO PROVE  
YOU'RE  
NOT?

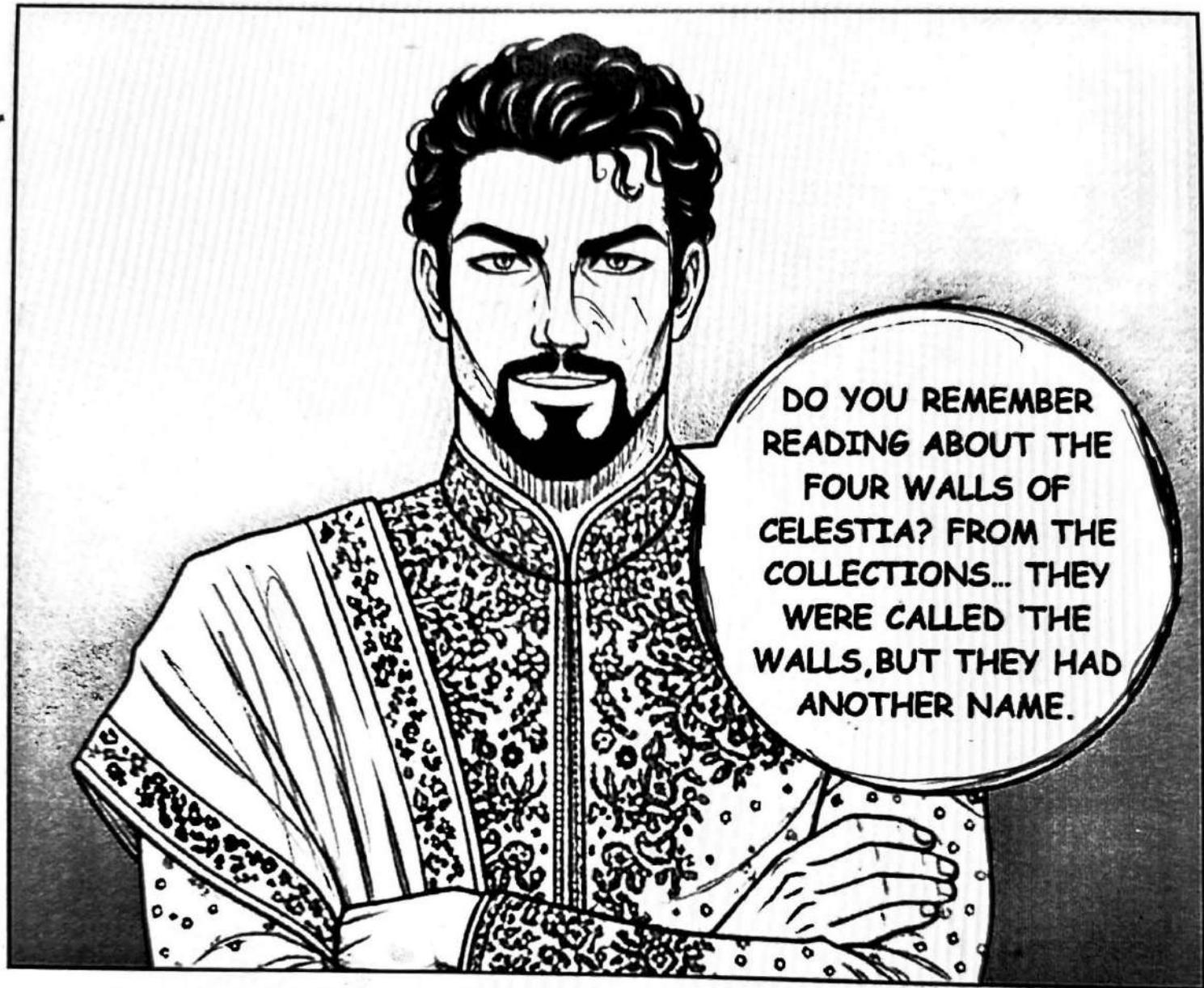


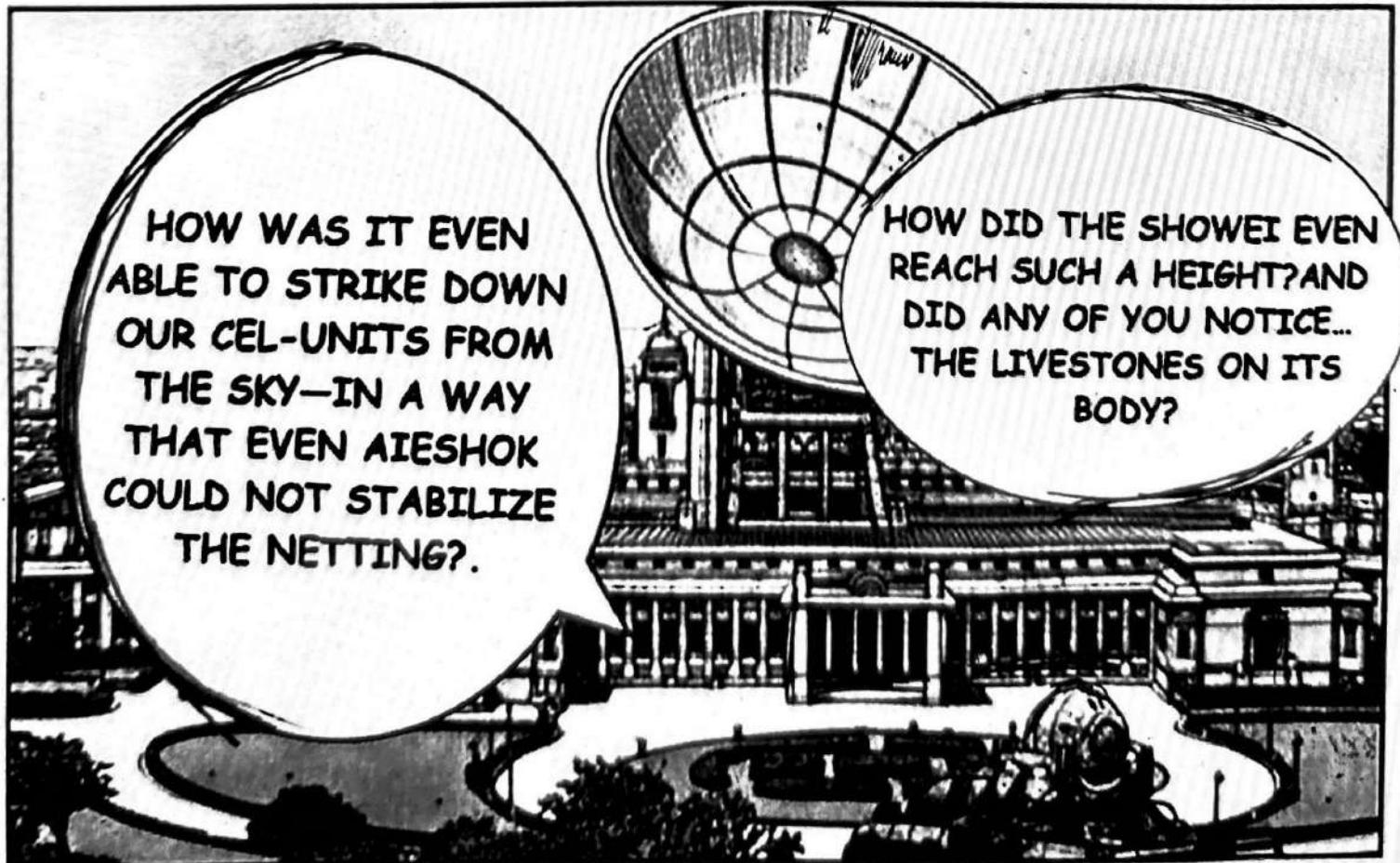
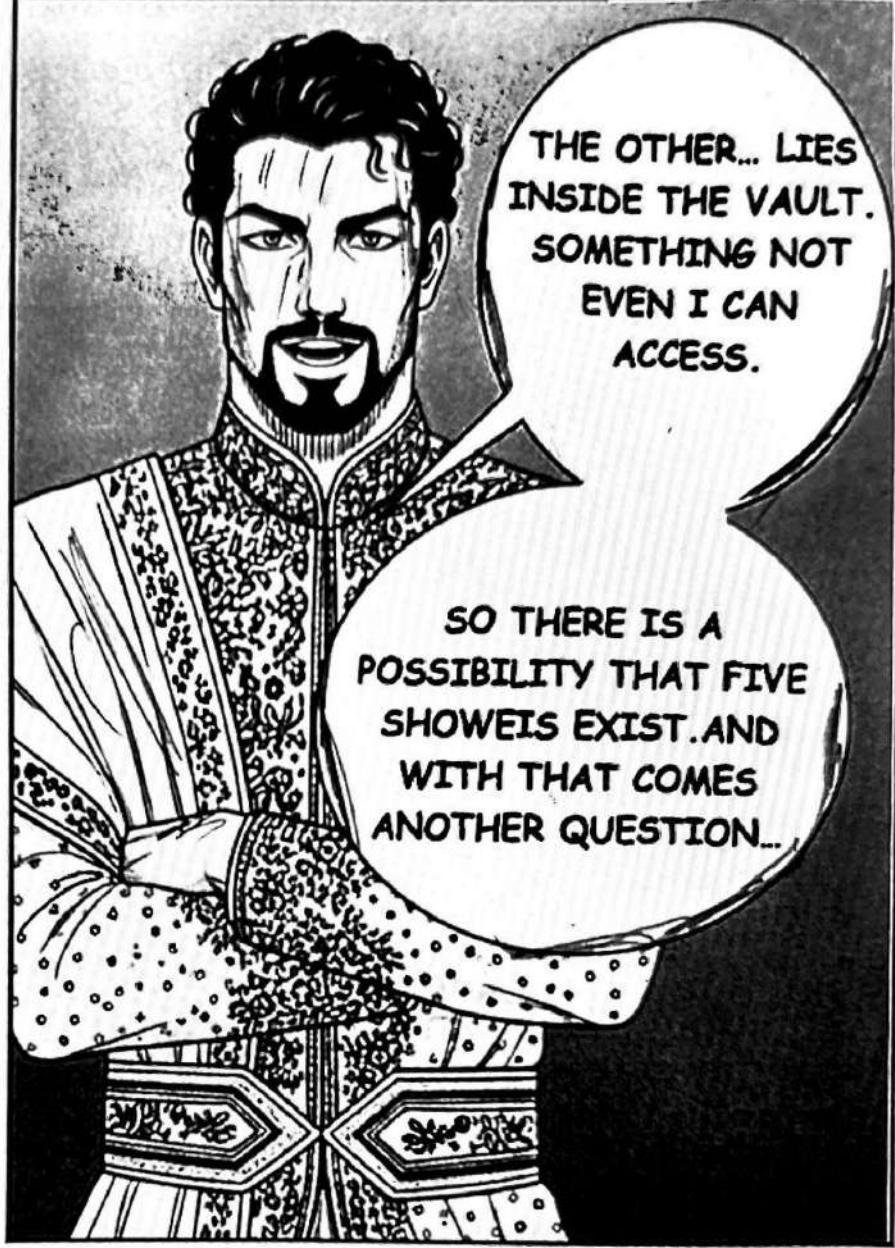
Ehmm!!





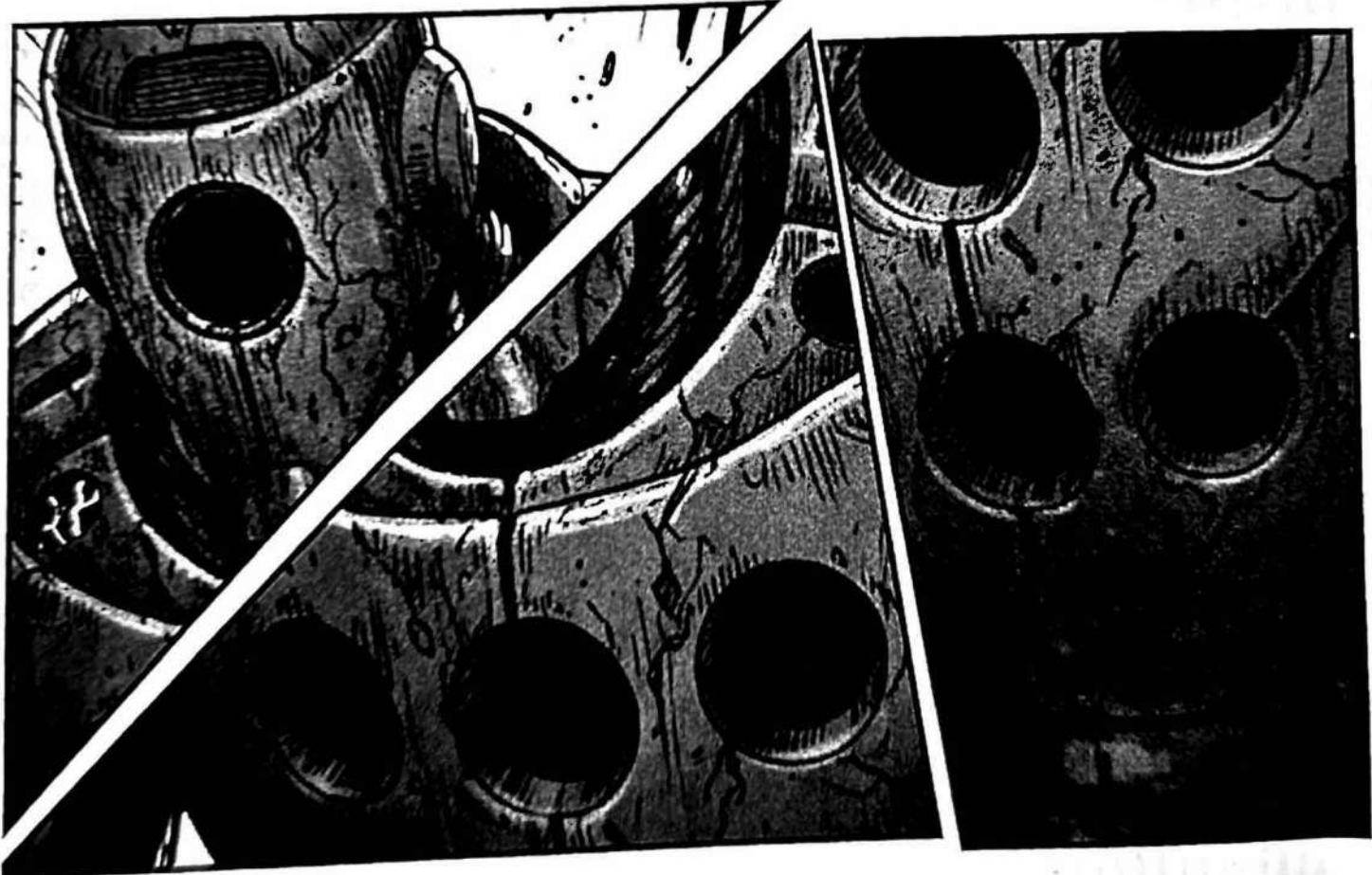




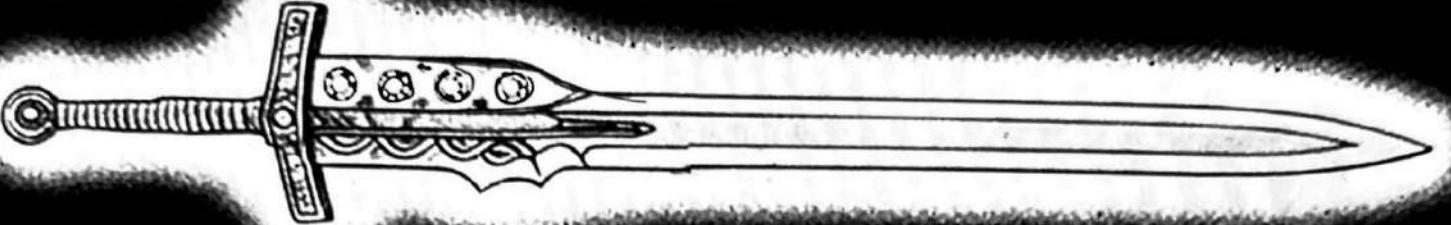




SO THAT MEANS... THOSE HOLLOW SPACES ON ITS BODY...



THEY'RE ALL PORTS FOR THE LIVESTONES.



THE SAME LIVESTONE THAT'S IN OUR SWORDS—THE ONE THAT TRIGGERS THE TRIANGLE CON AND RELEASES BROM ENERGY.

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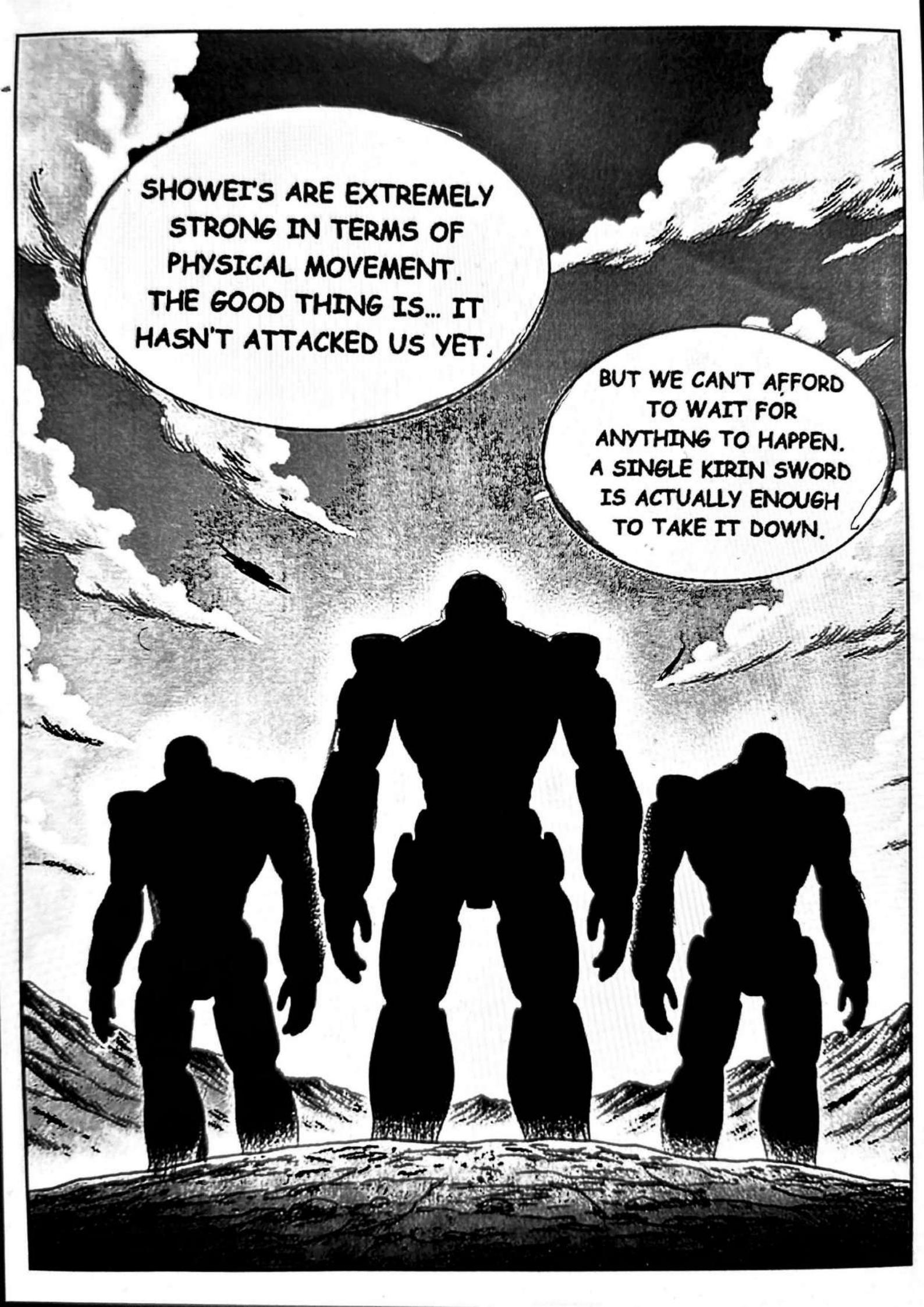
THE SHOWEI'S ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT US. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD EVER ATTACK US? EVEN IF IT DID... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO STOP IT, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T HAVE THE LIVESTONES.

GAHH!

JONN... OUR HEADQUARTERS DIDN'T REPORT ANY SHOWEI PRESENCE AROUND THE SOUTH.

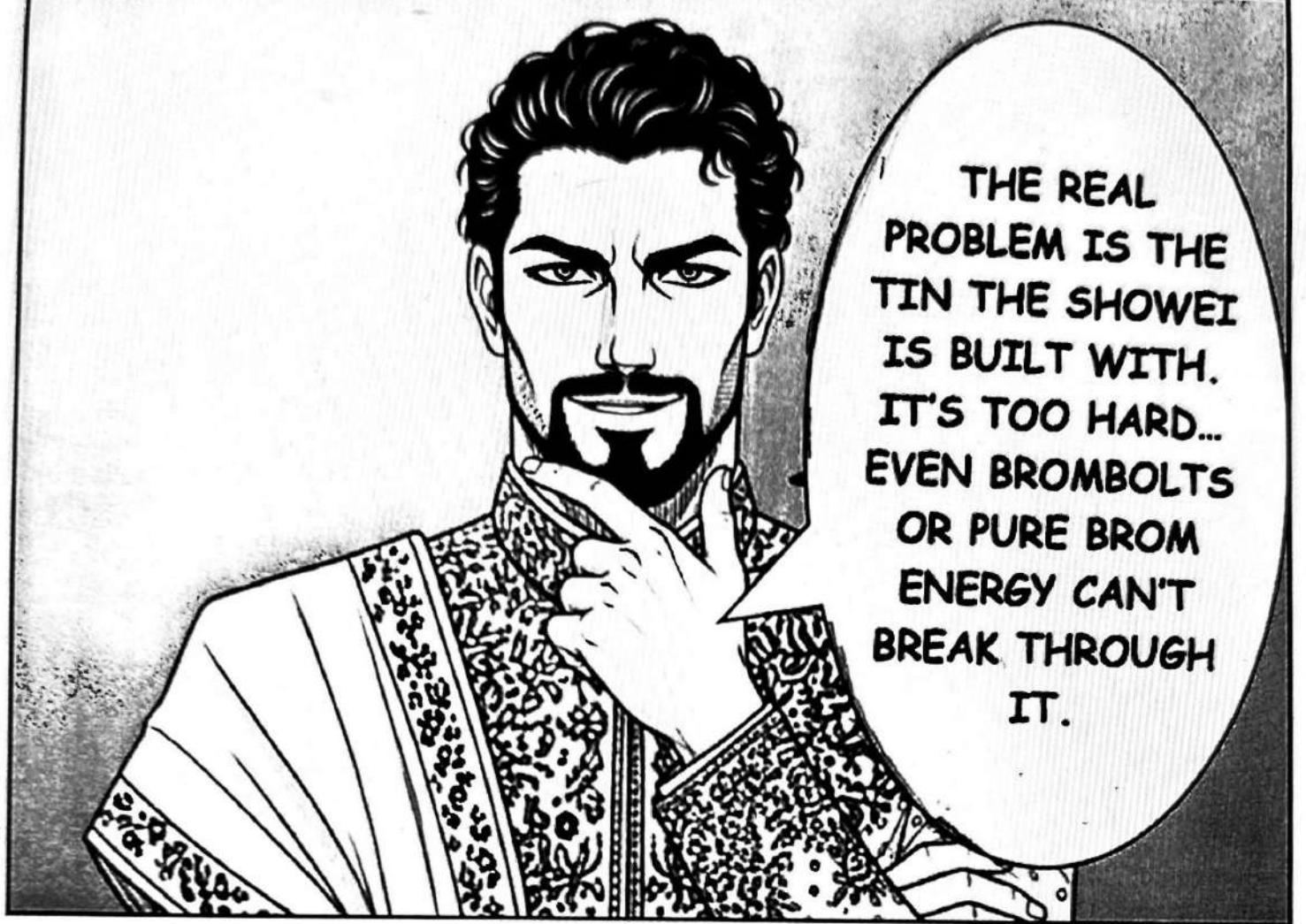
IF IT HAD THE LIVESTONES, WE COULD ACTIVATE THE RED CODE AND BREAK THE TRIANGLE CON. BUT OUR SITUATION IS DIFFERENT

IF SOMEONE ELSE IS CONTROLLING IT... AND WE DON'T KNOW WHO. THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW... IS TAKE IT DOWN WITH OUR KIRIN.

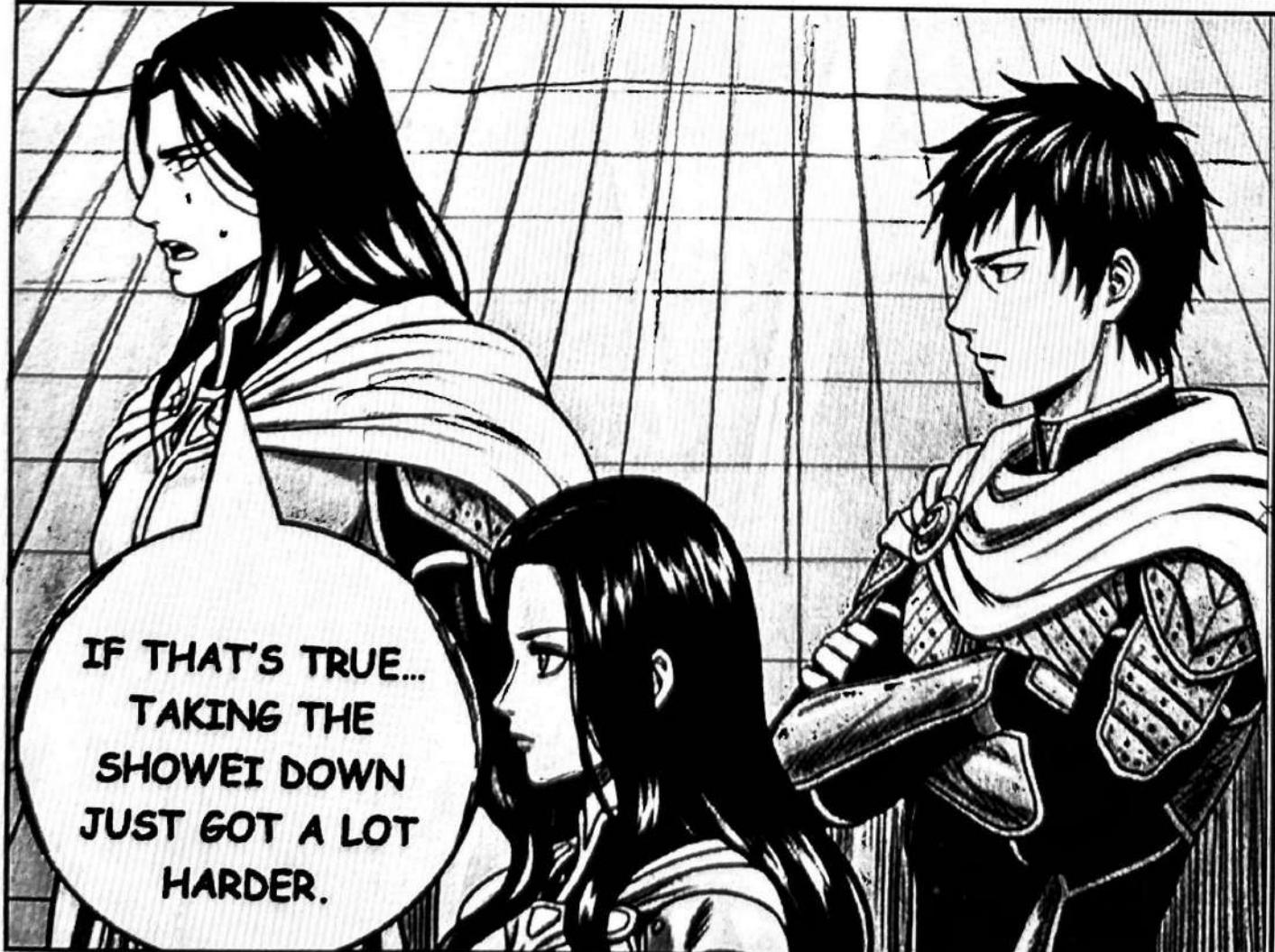


SHOWEI'S ARE EXTREMELY  
STRONG IN TERMS OF  
PHYSICAL MOVEMENT.  
THE GOOD THING IS... IT  
HASN'T ATTACKED US YET.

BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD  
TO WAIT FOR  
ANYTHING TO HAPPEN.  
A SINGLE KIRIN SWORD  
IS ACTUALLY ENOUGH  
TO TAKE IT DOWN.



THE REAL  
PROBLEM IS THE  
TIN THE SHOWEI  
IS BUILT WITH.  
IT'S TOO HARD...  
EVEN BROMBOLTS  
OR PURE BROM  
ENERGY CAN'T  
BREAK THROUGH  
IT.



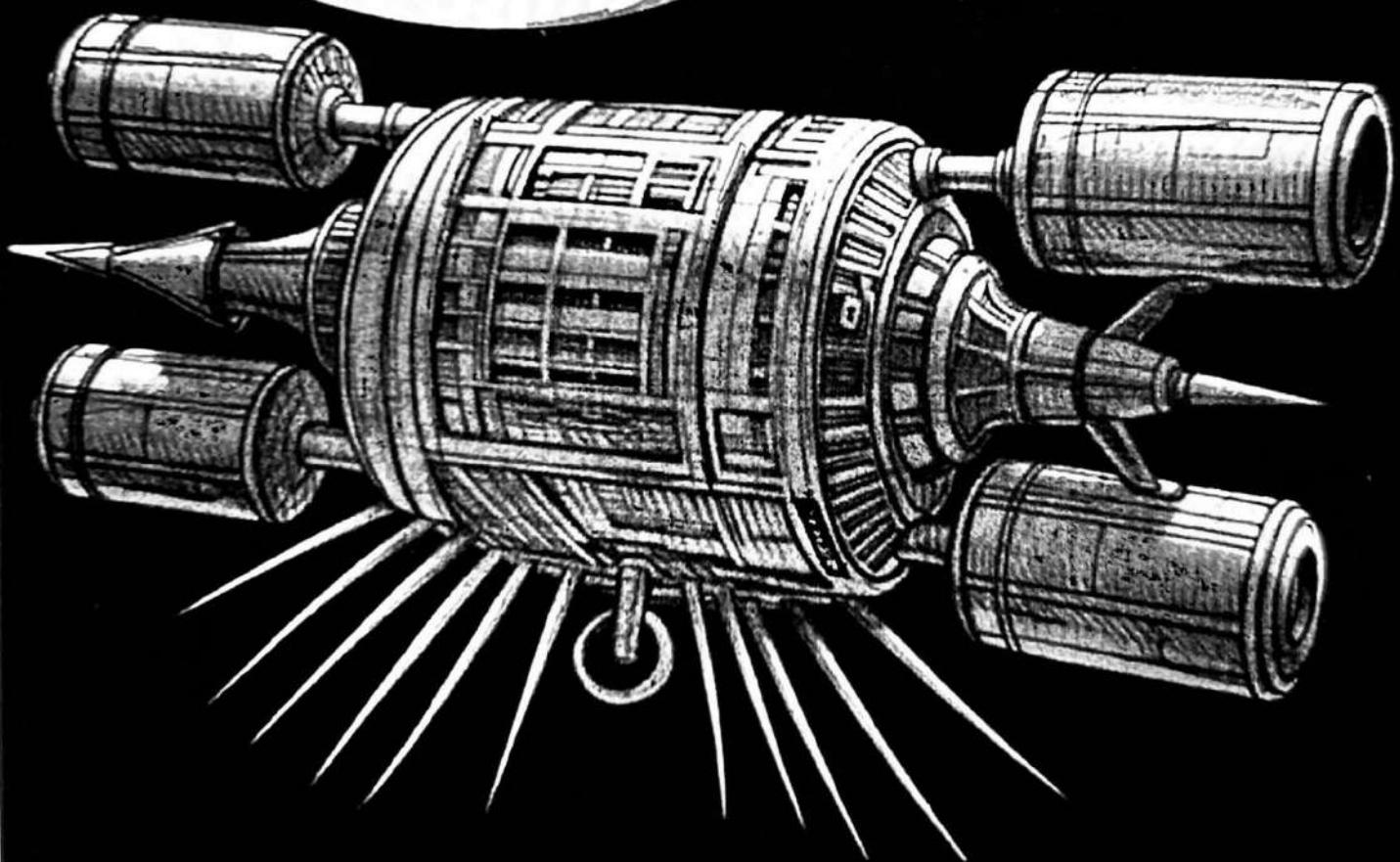


AIESHOK... WE SAW A  
CELBREROM ON THE WATER  
BEFORE THE SHOWEI  
APPEARED. WHAT ABOUT  
THAT?"

COMMANDER MALICE, WE  
DETECTED UNIT LOSSES IN  
THE SOUTH, BUT WE STILL  
HAVE NO EXPLANATION  
FOR HOW IT HAPPENED.

I TRIED BALANCING THE NETTING  
A FEW TIMES, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE TO STABILIZE IT. THERE  
MAY BE VARIATIONS WHEN YOU  
USE THE KIRIN—NOT EXTREMELY  
DANGEROUS, BUT STILL SOMETHING  
TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT.

WE NEED TO RECOVER THE  
LOST UNITS AND BRING  
THEM TO MY LAB. ONLY  
THEN CAN WE FIND OUT  
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED



FOR NOW, IT'S BEST WE  
FOCUS ON HOW TO BRING  
THAT SHOWEI DOWN..



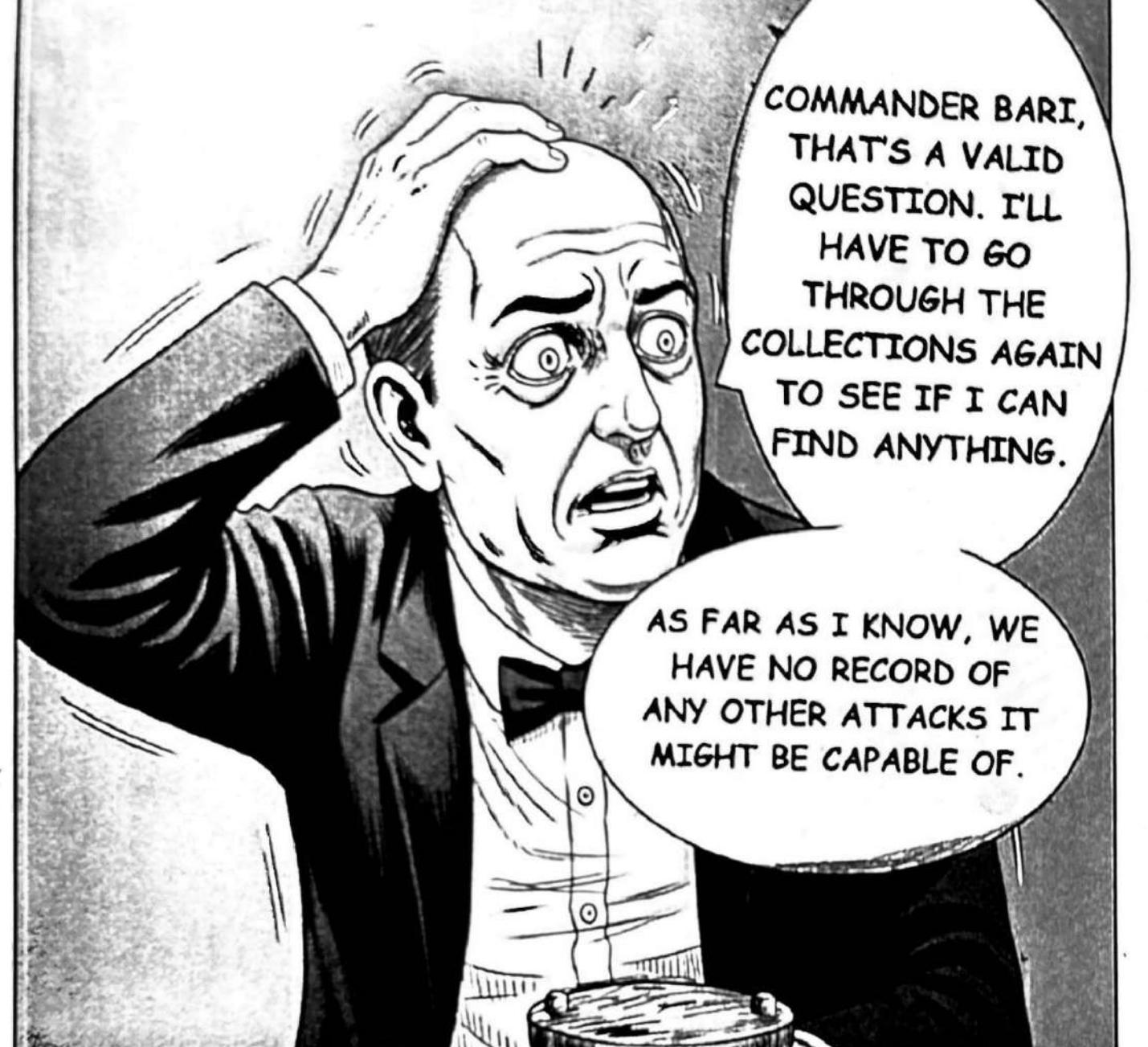
ABOUT THE SHOWEI...  
IF IT CAN'T USE THE  
CEL UNITS, DO WE  
KNOW OF ANY OTHER  
BACKUP ATTACKS IT  
MIGHT HAVE?



HE'S RIGHT...  
THERE MIGHT  
BE SOMETHING  
DANGEROUS  
IT'S HIDING.



...I DIDN'T CONSIDER THAT.  
IF IT DOESN'T HAVE  
LIVESTONES, THEN IT MIGHT  
BE HIDING SOMETHING ELSE.  
BARI... HAS A POINT.



COMMANDER BARI,  
THAT'S A VALID  
QUESTION. I'LL  
HAVE TO GO  
THROUGH THE  
COLLECTIONS AGAIN  
TO SEE IF I CAN  
FIND ANYTHING.

AS FAR AS I KNOW, WE  
HAVE NO RECORD OF  
ANY OTHER ATTACKS IT  
MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF.



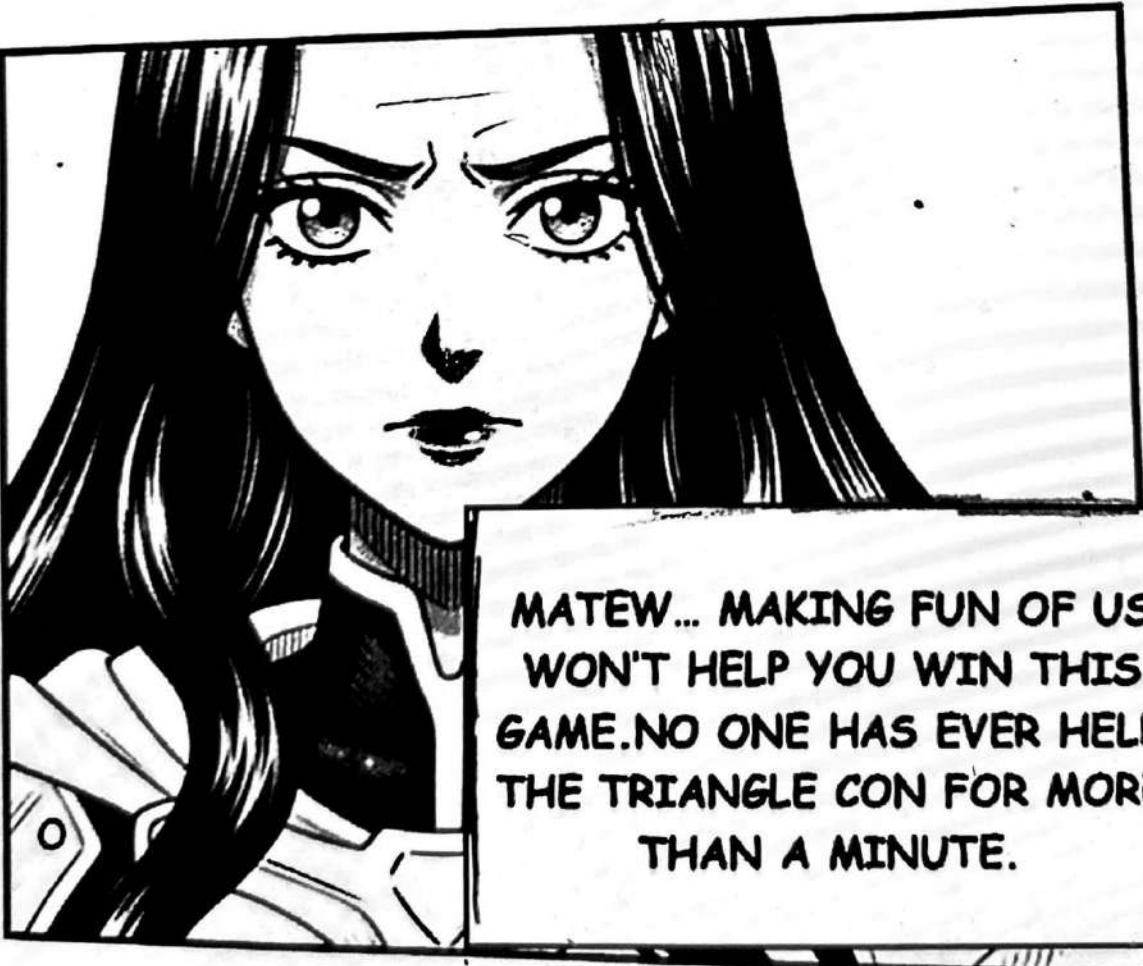
HOPE IT  
DOESN'T  
TURN OUT  
BAD...



MY SOLDIERS  
CAN'T EVEN  
HOLD THE  
TRIANGLE-CON  
FOR MORE THAN  
A MINUTE...AND  
STILL,

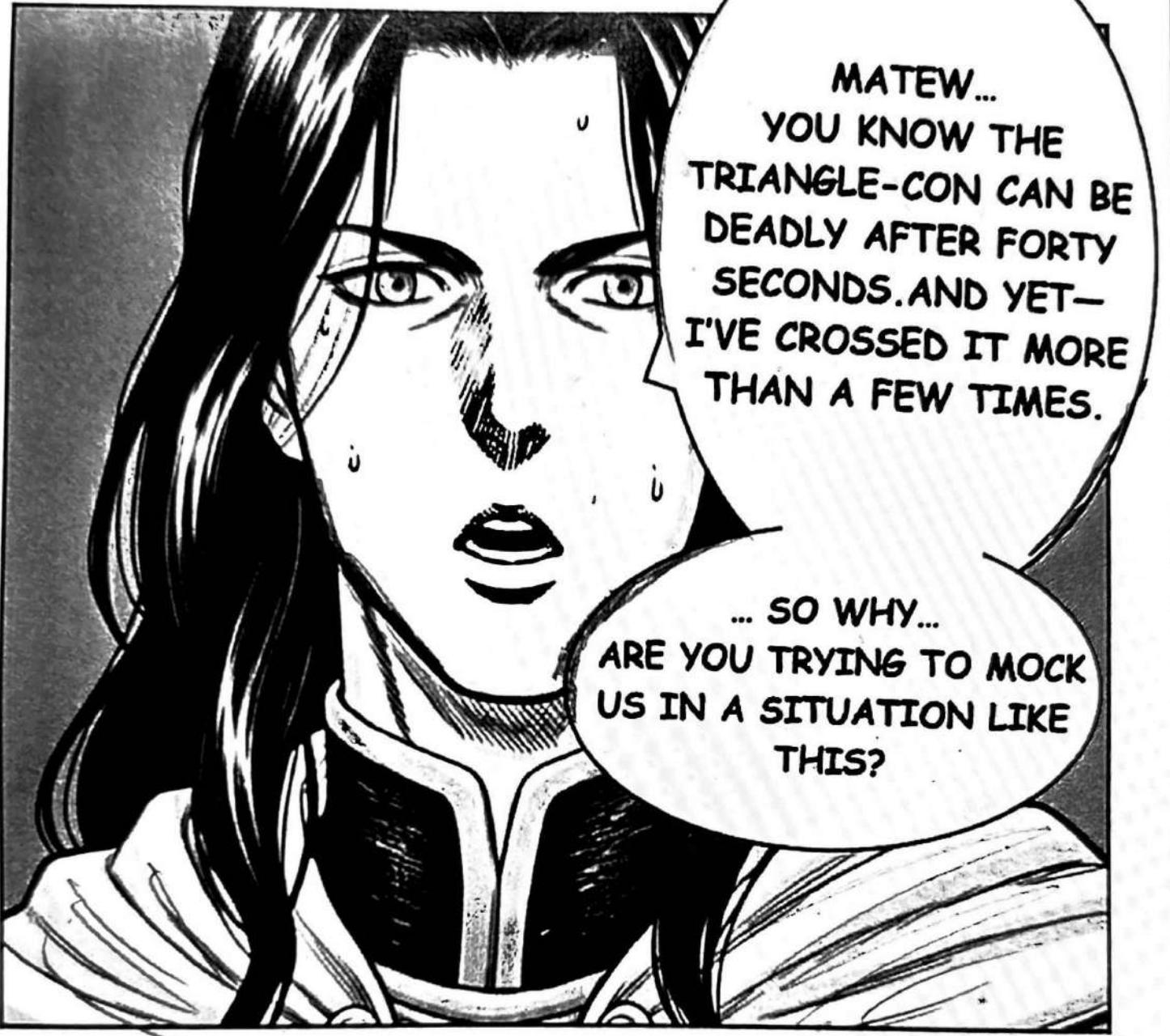


I KEEP SUCH HIGH  
EXPECTATIONS.  
HAHAHA.



MATEW... MAKING FUN OF US  
WON'T HELP YOU WIN THIS  
GAME. NO ONE HAS EVER HELD  
THE TRIANGLE CON FOR MORE  
THAN A MINUTE.



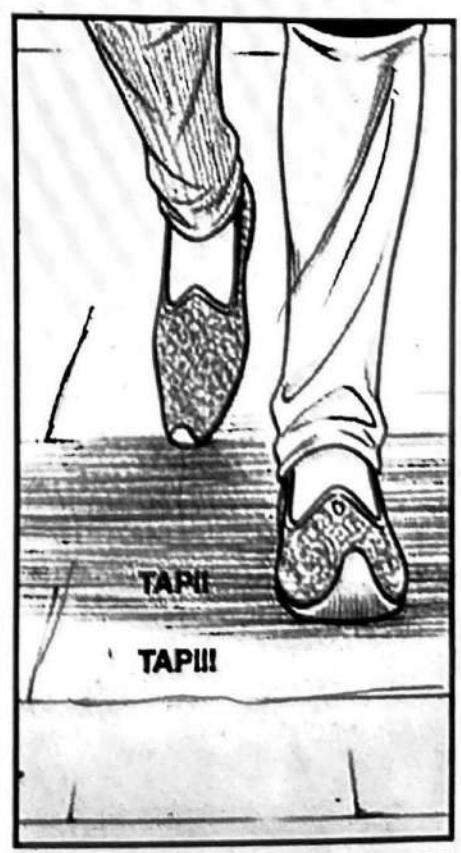


MATEW...  
YOU KNOW THE  
TRIANGLE-CON CAN BE  
DEADLY AFTER FORTY  
SECONDS. AND YET—  
I'VE CROSSED IT MORE  
THAN A FEW TIMES.

... SO WHY...  
ARE YOU TRYING TO MOCK  
US IN A SITUATION LIKE  
THIS?



I'M NOT MOCKING MY  
SOLDIERS... THE  
SHOWEI MAY REQUIRE  
FAR MORE THAN FORTY  
SECONDS. THAT'S A  
FACT, OF COURSE..



TAP!!

TAP!!!



BARI... WE GREW UP  
TOGETHER. WE TRAINED  
TOGETHER. AFTER MY  
FATHER DIED AND I  
TOOK THE THRONE... ALL I  
WANTED WAS TO KEEP  
CELESTIA AS SAFE AS HE  
DID.

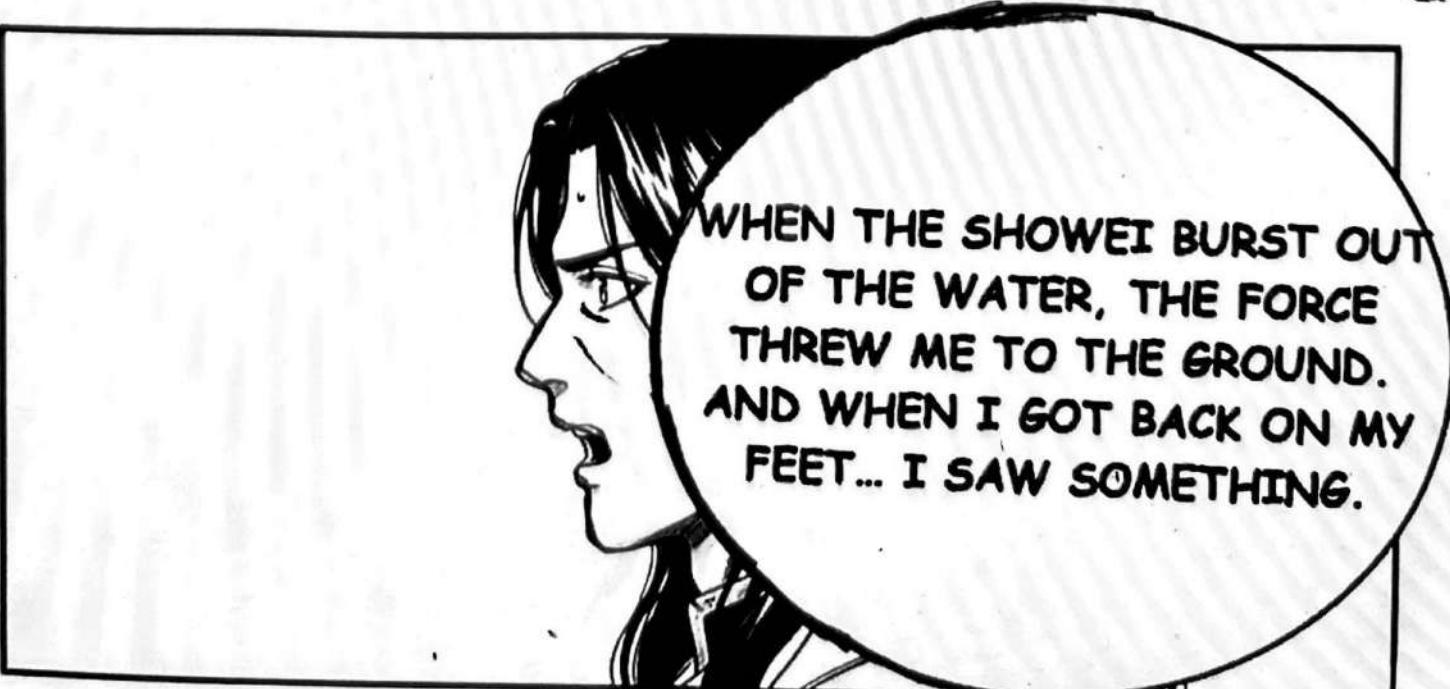
I DONT WANT TO  
DISAPPOINT MY PEOPLE. I  
DON'T WANT TO FAIL MY  
FATHER.

AND YOU, BARI... YOU CARRY  
THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY  
AS I DO.

EMMM..



MATEW...  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
I FORGOT TO TELL  
YOU.





WHITE LIGHT-SHINING FROM THE  
PORT ON ITS HEAD.  
IT LASTED ONLY A FEW SECONDS... AND  
THEN IT VANISHED. I WAS IN SHOCK...  
FORGIVE ME FOR NOT MENTIONING IT  
EARLIER.





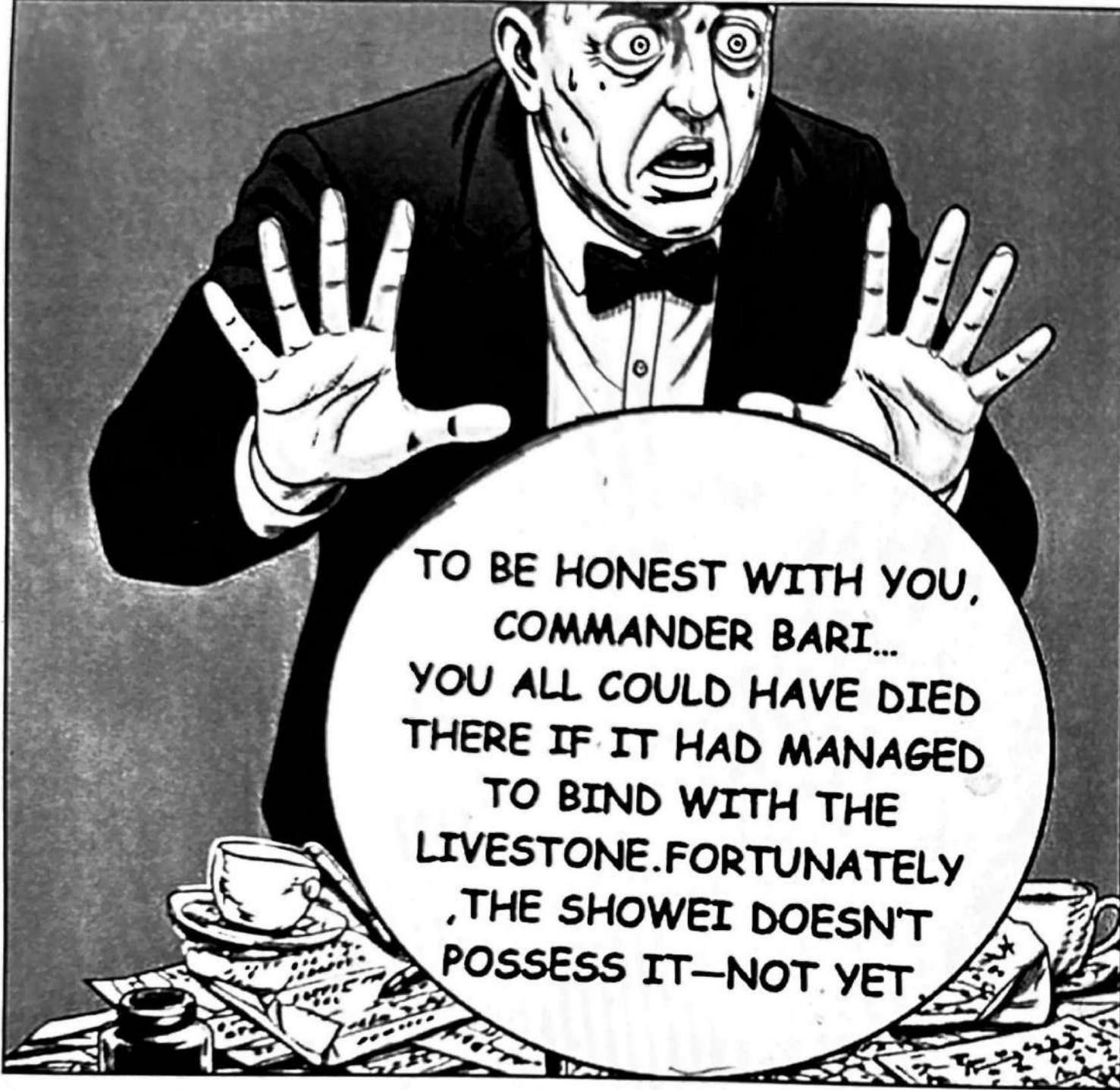
MY LORD... THAT MEANS IT ACTUALLY  
TRIED TO USE THE LIVESTONE.  
IT MUST HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BIND A  
CONNECTION—AND FAILED.

IT TRIED TO ATTACK US.

WE HAVE TO MOVE FAST... IT COULD MAKE  
ITS NEXT MOVE AT ANY MOMENT. WE  
STILL HAVE NO CLEAR IDEA WHAT ITS  
TRUE POTENTIAL IS



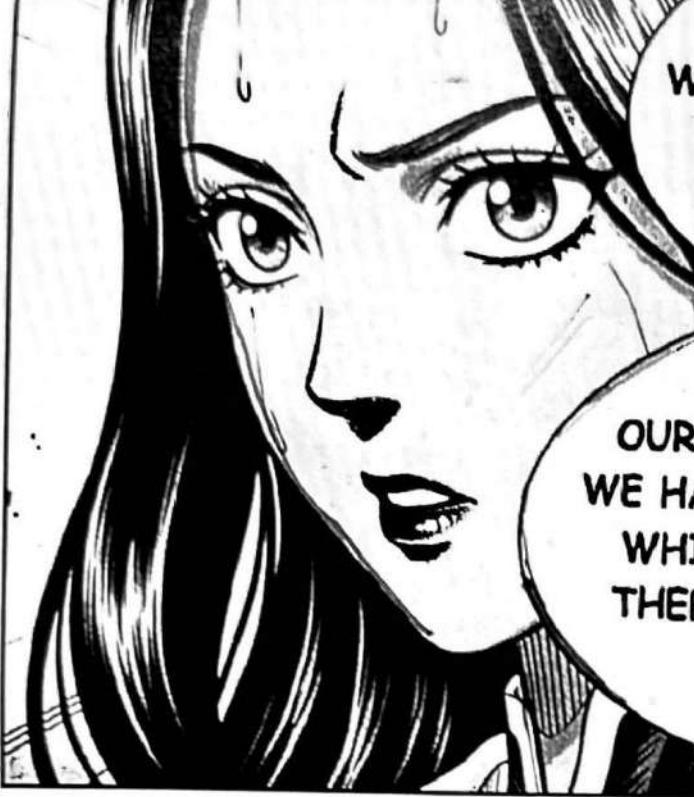
THAT'S  
BAD...



TO BE HONEST WITH YOU,  
COMMANDER BARI...  
YOU ALL COULD HAVE DIED  
THERE IF IT HAD MANAGED  
TO BIND WITH THE  
LIVESTONE. FORTUNATELY  
, THE SHOWEI DOESN'T  
POSSESS IT—NOT YET.



NOT YET..??



WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT, THEN?  
SHOULD WE GO TOGETHER AND  
TAKE THE SHOWEI DOWN?

OUR SOLDIERS ARE STILL OUT THERE...  
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY SIGNALS YET,  
WHICH MEANS THE SHOWEI IS STILL  
THERE—AND IT HASN'T MADE A MOVE.



MY LORD, I  
SUGGEST WE  
SEND ALL OUR  
KIRIN SOLDIERS  
TO RIVER HELA.

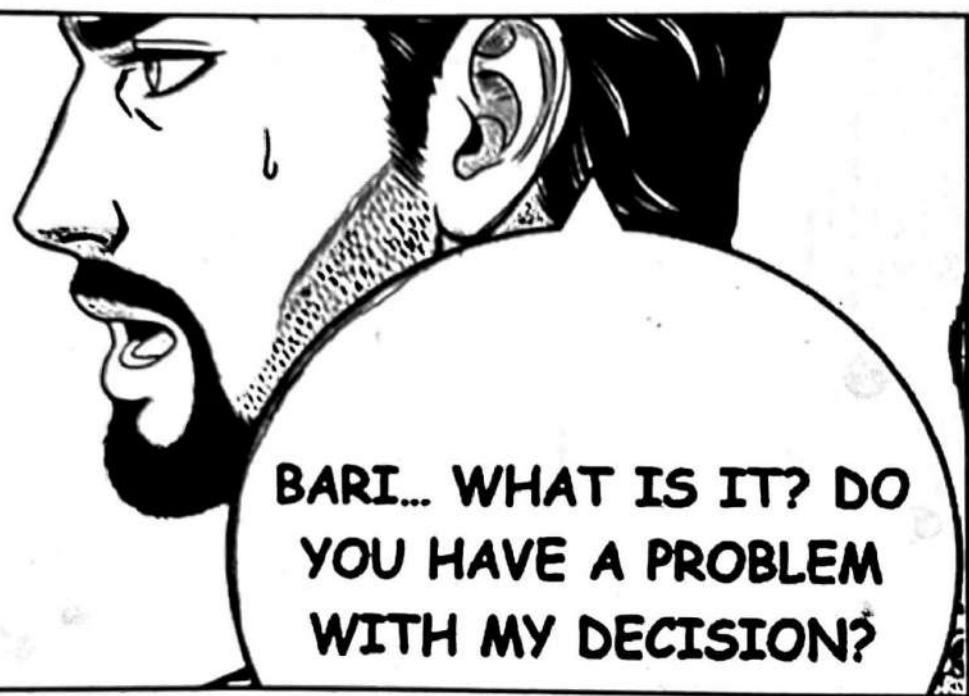


IF THAT'S THE CASE,  
THEN WE'RE OUT OF  
TIME. COMMANDER, I  
SUGGEST YOU PREPARE  
TO RETURN TO HELA.

AND JONN, YOU  
WILL NOT TAKE ALL  
EIGHTY-FOUR KIRIN  
SOLDIERS. SOME MUST  
REMAIN TO DEFEND THE  
CENTRAL AND OUR  
PEOPLE.



NO... WHY WON'T THIS  
LEAVE MY HEAD?  
WHAT IF IT'S ACTUALLY  
PLANNING TO—NO...  
MAYBE I'M  
OVERTHINKING. WE  
SHOULD GO TO HELA...



BARI... WHAT IS IT? DO  
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM  
WITH MY DECISION?



MATEW... I  
WAS THINKING  
ABOUT THE MINES  
AROUND EGO VILLAGE.

COULD HELA BE A  
DIVERSION? WHAT  
DO YOU THINK?"

EGO RIVER



SO FAR, THE  
LIVESTONES ARE ONLY USED  
FOR KIRIN. THE POSSIBILITIES  
ARE ENDLESS... POWER LIKE THAT...  
IT'S ENOUGH TO TEMPT ANYONE.  
AND WE HAVE FACED IT  
BEFORE..



BARI..IT CANNOT BE  
STOLEN FROM THE TUNNEL.

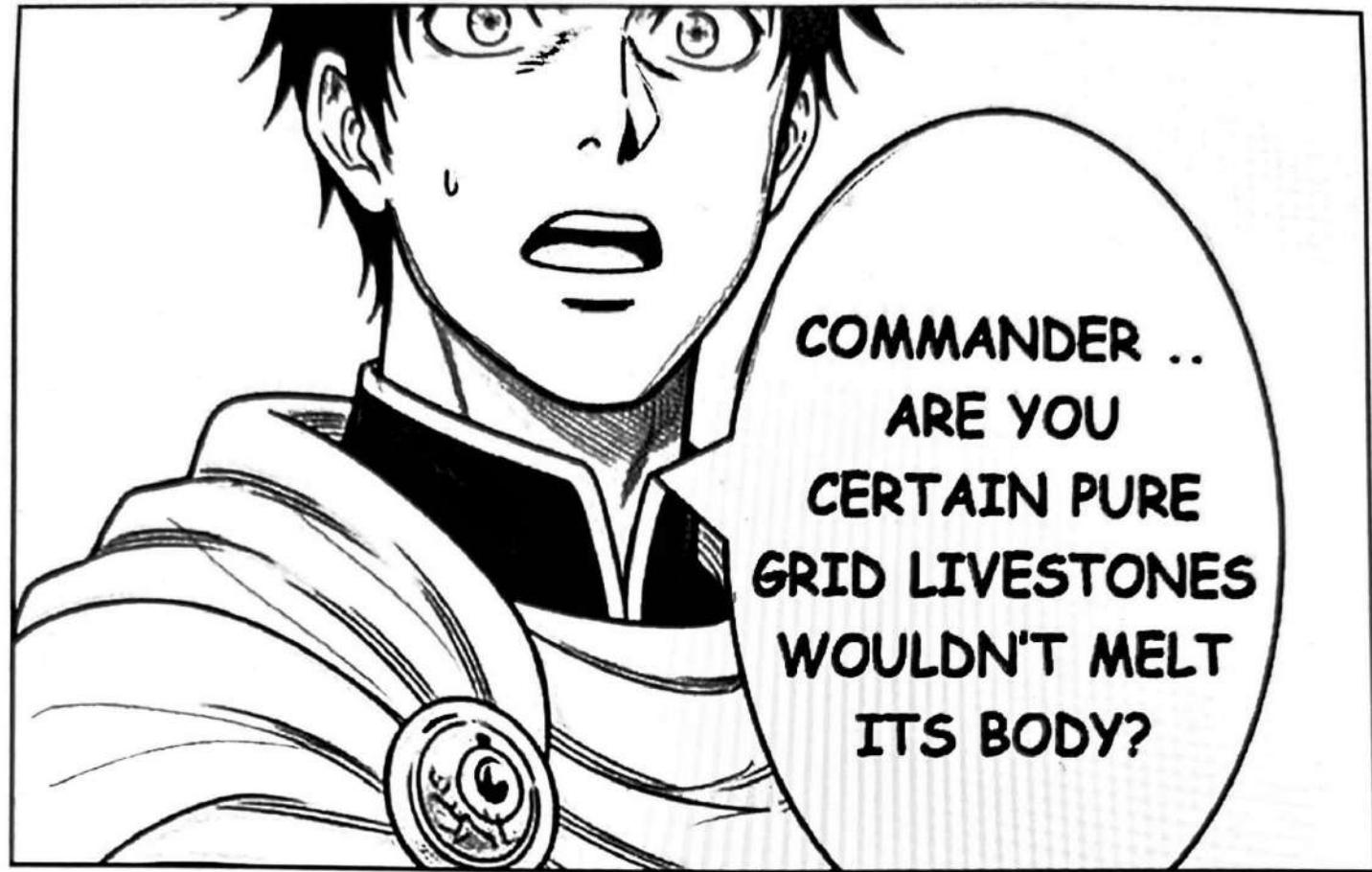


MATEW... WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY HAVE A SHOWEI UNDER THEIR CONTROL.  
IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHATTER THOSE ENTIRE TUNNELS IN SECONDS. AND I HAVE A FEELING... IF IT'S MADE OF TIN, LIKE YOU SAID, IT MAY BE ABLE TO HANDLE PURE GRID LIVESTONES— WITHOUT ANY OF THE SAFETY MEASURES WE REQUIRE.



BARI ..WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY..???





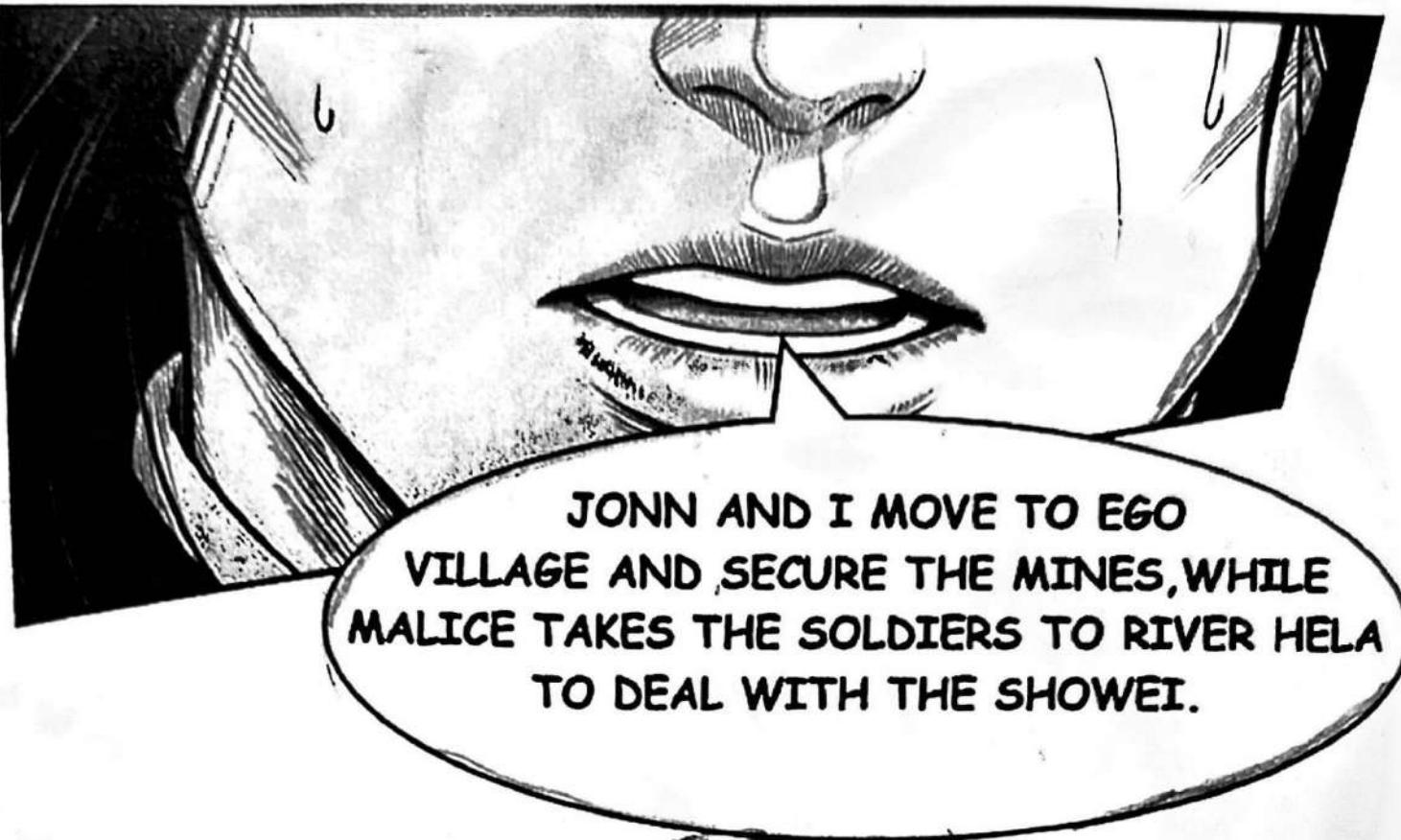
COMMANDER ..  
ARE YOU  
CERTAIN PURE  
GRID LIVESTONES  
WOULDN'T MELT  
ITS BODY?



I'M NOT  
CERTAIN...  
BUT I BELIEVE  
SO. AND I'D LIKE  
TO SUGGEST  
SOMETHING.



OF COURSE,  
BARI. GO ON..



JONN AND I MOVE TO EGO  
VILLAGE AND SECURE THE MINES, WHILE  
MALICE TAKES THE SOLDIERS TO RIVER HELA  
TO DEAL WITH THE SHOWEI.



EHM..?  
JUST ME?

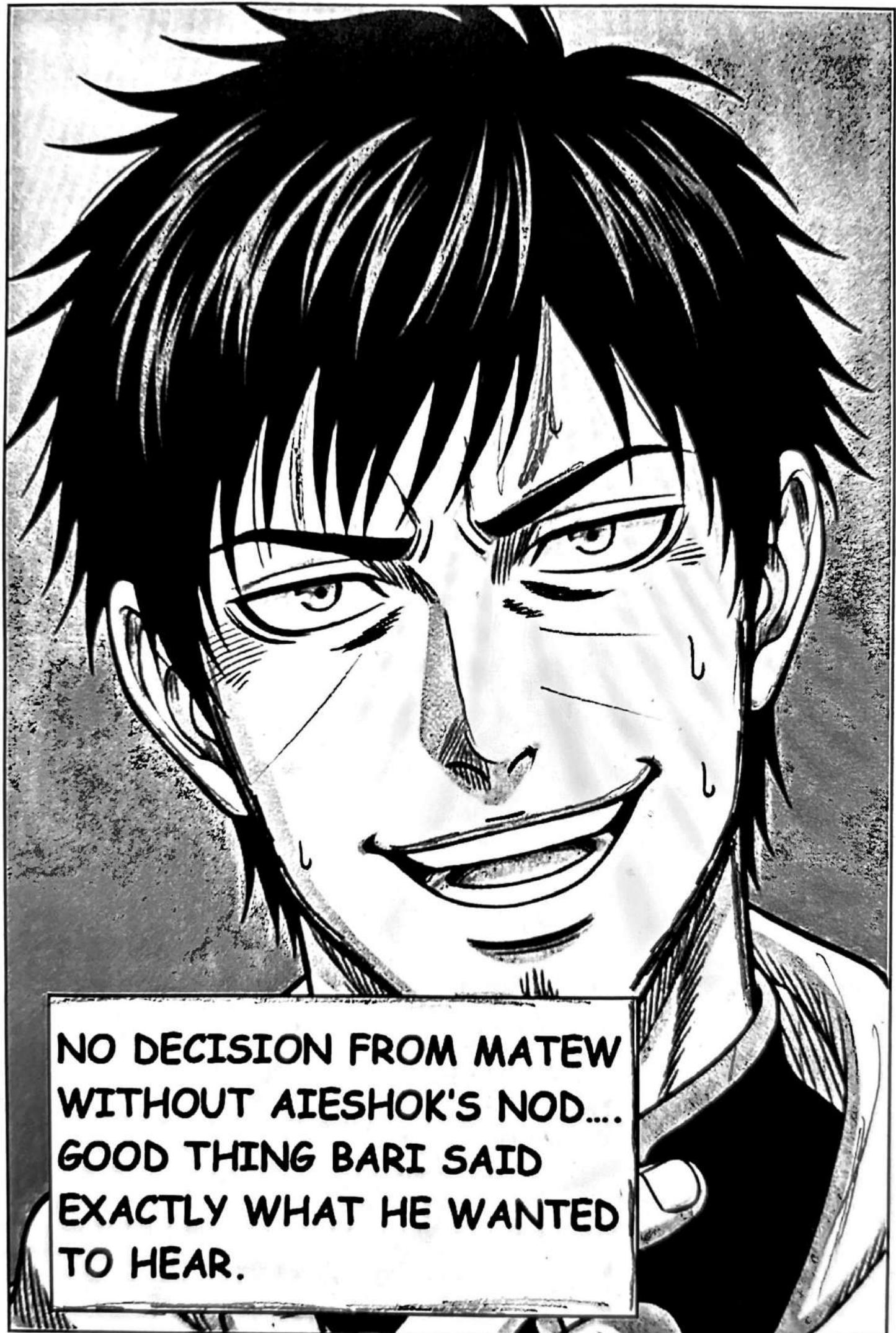


VERY  
WELL. THAT  
PLAN WILL  
SUFFICE FOR  
NOW. WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
AIESHOK?.

I AGREE, MY  
LORD. THIS PLAN  
WILL HOLD—FOR  
NOW

WHAT IF  
SOMETHING  
GOES WRONG  
, BROTHER?

MALICE...  
WITH ALL  
THOSE SOLDIERS,  
YOU SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO HOLD  
THE LINE.



VERY WELL... IT  
SOUNDS LIKE A FINE  
PLAN.

