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SHIO SOMA
STILL THERE.
THE SIGHT OF IT OFFENDS ME.
IT'S AN ENEMY ABILITY!
IT PROBABLY WON'T GO AWAY UNTIL WE HURT THE GUY HIMSELF!!
OH?
CUTE.
I SHALL TEST THIS HYPOTHESIS.


POP
POP
POP
POP
OH!
THAT'S MY..
AAUGH


FT
!
BOOOM
ROAARR
...


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looom
I SEE.
YOUPI.
IT WAS ALL TO OFFER TO THE KING!!
MY ABILITY WAS NEVER FOR ME!!
THIS DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.
URK...

IF YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS ABILITY...

...EITHER YOU SAW IT...

...OR IT WAS USED AGAINST YOU.

WHICH IS IT?

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I RECEIVED THE ATTACK.

IT IS NOT ON YOU NOW.

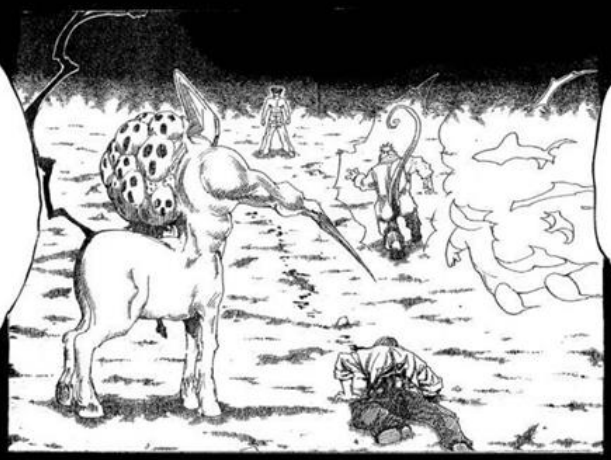
SO WHY IS THE ENEMY ALIVE?

HOW DID YOU DEACTIVATE THE ENEMY ABILITY?

ANSWER ME.

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I AGREED TO THE CONDITION...



...THAT I WOULD LET HIS FRIEND LIVE... IF HE DE-ACTIVATED IT.


I SUPPOSE... GOING BACK ON MY PROMISE...
...EVEN TO AN ENEMY... FELT LIKE DEFEAT, IN A WAY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU?
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED THEM BOTH AFTER HE DEACTIVATED IT.
...HON-ESTLY DON'T KNOW.
I...
...
...TO REMOVE THREATS TO THE KING, JUST BECAUSE OF SOME AMBIGUOUS FEELING?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!! YOU DELIBERATELY PASSED ON AN OPPORTUNITY...
I'LL ACCEPT ANY PUNISH-MENT.
I HAVE NO WORDS...
THERE IS NO REASON TO BLAME YOU FOR ANSWERING TRUTHFULLY.
I MERELY ORDERED YOU TO ANSWER ME WITHOUT DECEIT.
Sp


...
WE HAVE BECOME... COMPLEX.
POUF.
SIR!
SIR...
YOUPI.
THERE CAN BE NO MORE SECRETS BETWEEN US!!
WE ARE CONNECTED IN MIND AND BODY.
...
...AS I PLOT BEHIND YOUR BACK?
SIRE... IS THIS YOUR FINAL WARNING? DO YOU SENSE MY GUILT...
SIRE !!
...


EVEN SO...
BUT I'LL DO IT !!!!
...THIS IS FOR THE KING !!
...A CAPITAL OFFENSE ...
EVEN IF IT IS DEEMED ...
SHAAAA


GO!
GO!
GO!
GO!
HURRY!
IT'S IN THE KING'S BEST INTEREST!!!
LOOK!
TO RULE OVER ALL LIFE!!!
WE DON'T NEED HER!!
STOP! DON'T IGNORE ME!!
YOU CAN'T GET RID OF A.P.R. WITHOUT FIGHTING ME!!
YOUPI!! THE ENEMY APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE!!
CAN THE GUY WHO DID THIS TELEPORT?
DIFFERENT GUY!! THE CHAMELEON!! HE CAN MAKE HIMSELF AND THOSE AROUND HIM INVISIBLE!!
I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME, BUT HE WAS ONE OF US!! SO HE'S A TRAITOR!!
WHOA!
KNOCK
BOOM
HEY.
YOU CAN'T HURT ME IF YOU'RE SPLIT UP, Y'KNOW.
FOOM!!
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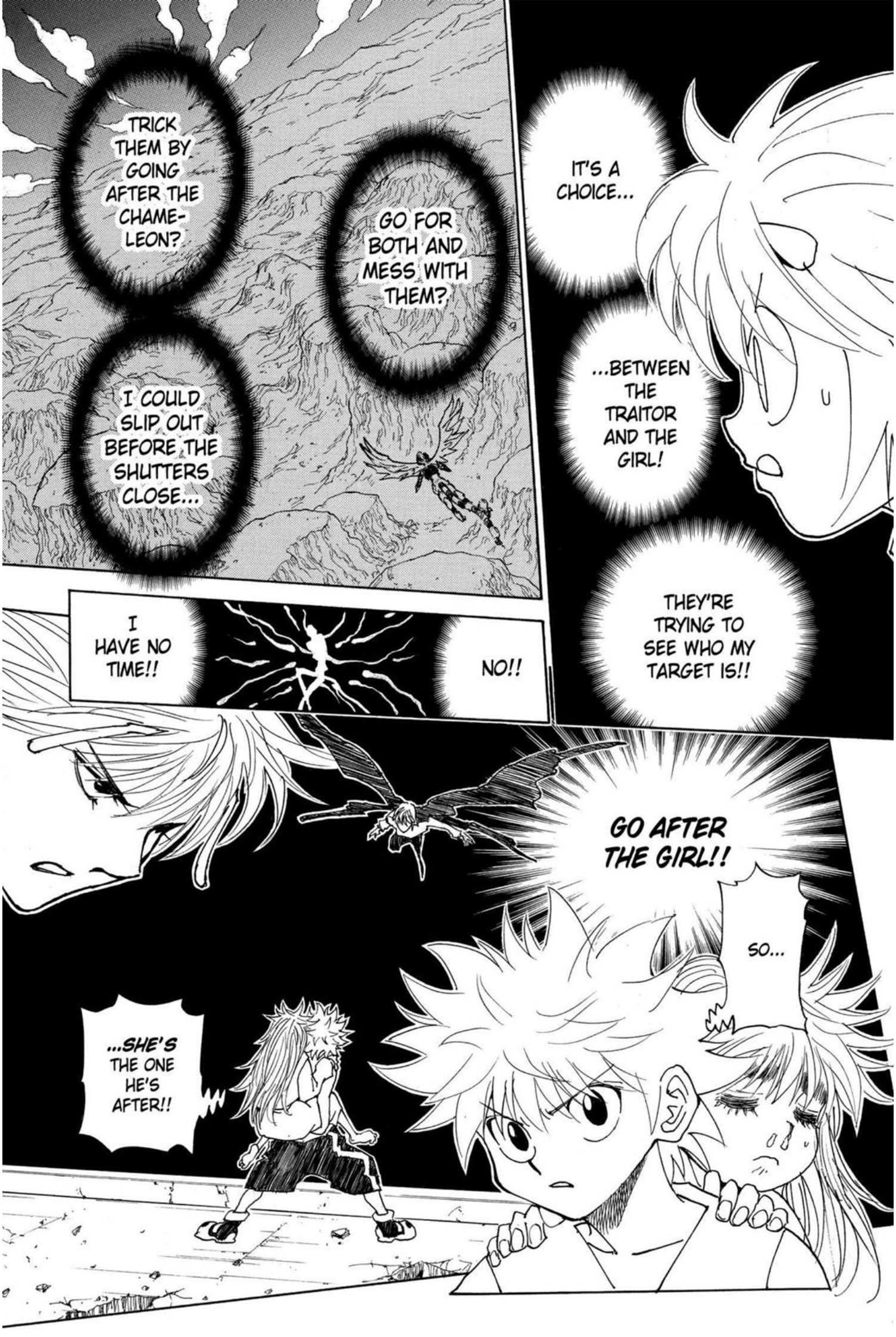

YOU LET A TRAITOR ESCAPE AS WELL?
OF ALL THE—
URG!
I KNOW I'M GUILTY!!
SIRE!! ONCE WE DEFEAT THEM, I...
NEVER MIND.
THIS IS MERELY SOMETHING WE ANTS MUST OVERCOME TO EVOLVE FURTHER.
WE MUST ADVANCE, ACCEPTING THESE TRUTHS...
...THESE EMOTIONAL FLUCTUATIONS AND ODD CHANGES OF HEART.
HUMANS ARE A STEPPING STONE FOR US TO TRANSCEND TO THE NEXT LEVEL!! THE PERFECT SACRIFICE!
THE REMNANTS OF HUMAN EGO WITHIN US ARE BUT VARIABLES, AS LONG AS WE CONSIDER THEM A TRANSITIONAL PHASE TO OUR ULTIMATE FORM!!
THE KING'S OPINIONS WERE 180 DEGREES DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY WERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.
WAS THIS AN EFFECT OF THE BLAST?
NO.
THEY WERE BOTH PART OF THE KING.


SHAAAAAA
!!
IF HE'S INVISIBLE...
...I'LL FIND HIM BY TOUCH!!
FSSHHH
DISPERSE DOWN TO MOSQUITO SIZE, THE SMALLEST SIZE AT WHICH I CAN STILL SEE!!
EXPAND THE SEARCH AREA!!
HE'S NOT AFTER ME AT ALL!!
WHO'D HE SUDDENLY COME BACK FOR?
MELEORON, THE TRAITOR?
THEN WE'RE IN TROUBLE !!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY WAY TO DEFEAT THE KING ...
...WITHOUT MELEORON'S ABILITY!!


HSSSHHH
I'LL PROTECT MELEORON WITH MY LIFE!!
I CAN'T SEE POUF'S SEGMENTS WHEN THEY'RE SMALL!!
EXCEPT FOR HIS CORE, I CAN ONLY SEE HIS SEGMENTS AT FULL SIZE.
THEY KNOW THAT WE KNOW THAT THE CHAMELEON IS A TRAITOR.
THAT GREASER WAS CLEARLY BAIT!!
SO THEY'LL THINK I CAME BACK TO DISPOSE OF HIM!!


LET'S SAY THE CHAMELEON IS MAKING THE OTHERS AROUND HIM INVISIBLE, INCLUDING KOMUGI, AS THEY RUN AND HIDE.
IF CORNERED, THEY'LL DUMP KOMUGI TO PROTECT THE CHAMELEON!!
SURELY THEY'LL ASSUME I TURNED BACK FOR HIM!!
THEY'D NEVER IMAGINE I'D KILL THE VERY GIRL PITOU WAS TRYING TO HEAL!!
EVEN BETTER, THEY MAY THINK I'VE COME TO TAKE HER BACK!!
I COULD EVEN CONVINCE THEM TO OFFER HER AS AN EXCHANGE!!
BIP
BIP
!!
RRMMM
...


THE UNDER-GROUND WARE-HOUSE...
FORCING ME TO CHOOSE, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT I KNOW ABOUT THE INVISIBILITY.
WHOOOO
DID THE CHAMELEON GO IN THERE... OR SOME-WHERE ELSE?
THEY WANT TO FURTHER DISPERSE MY SEGMENTS!!
NO!
LOOK !!
KOMUGI?
SHK!!


TRICK THEM BY GOING AFTER THE CHAME-LEON?
GO FOR BOTH AND MESS WITH THEM?
I COULD SLIP OUT BEFORE THE SHUTTERS CLOSE...
IT'S A CHOICE...
...BETWEEN THE TRAITOR AND THE GIRL!
THEY'RE TRYING TO SEE WHO MY TARGET IS!!
I HAVE NO TIME!!
NO!!
GO AFTER THE GIRL!!
SO...
...SHE'S THE ONE HE'S AFTER!!

