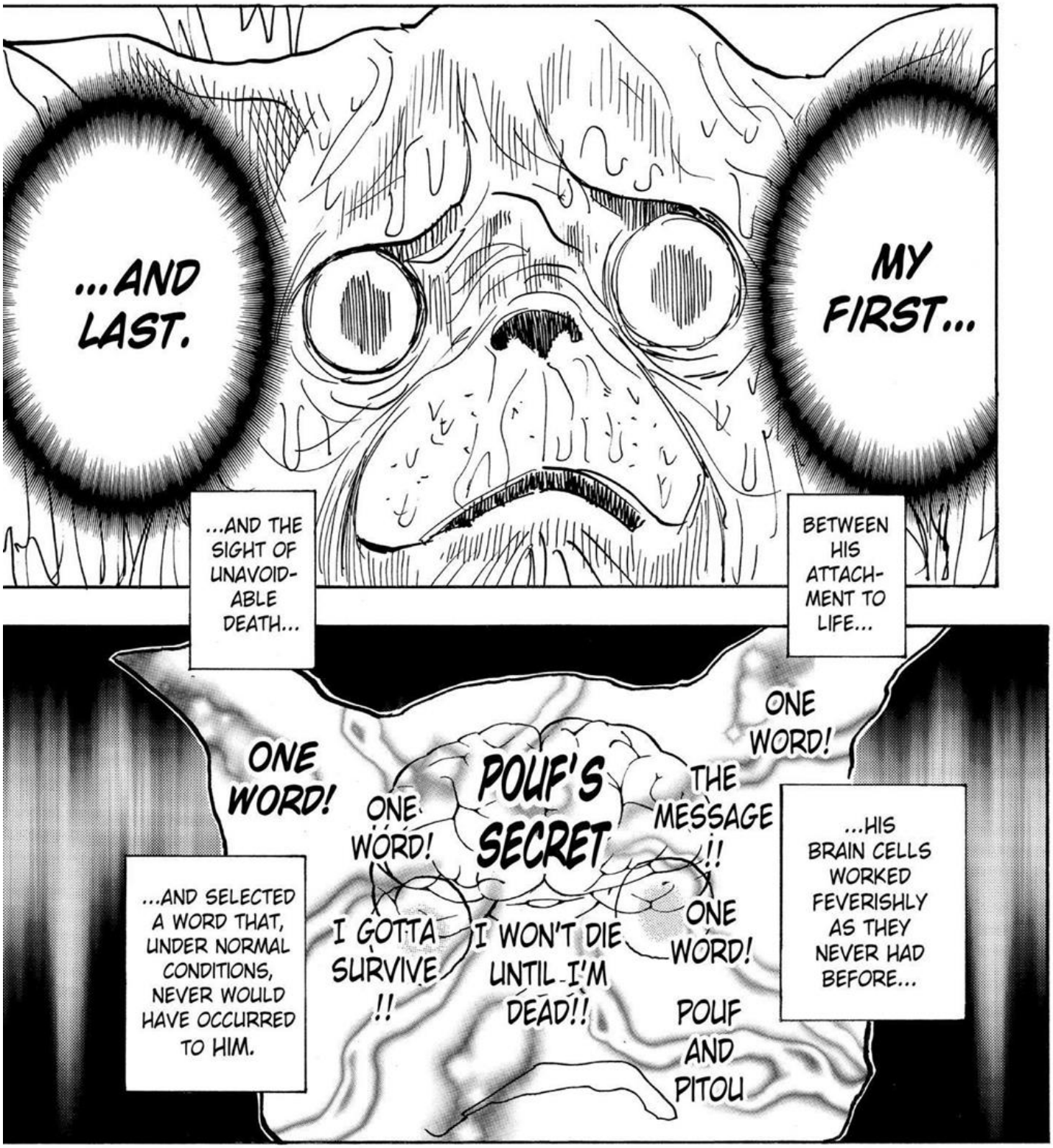


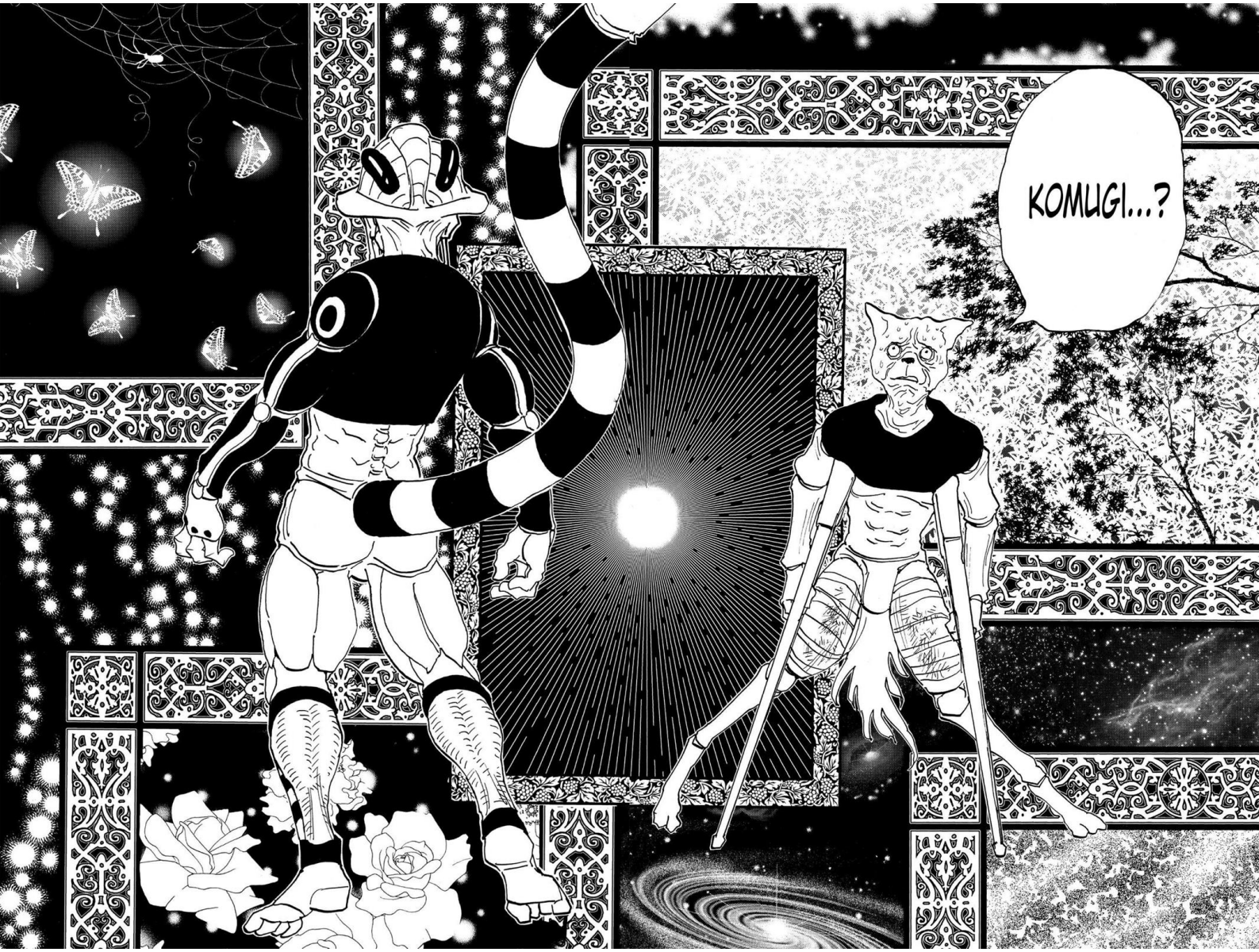
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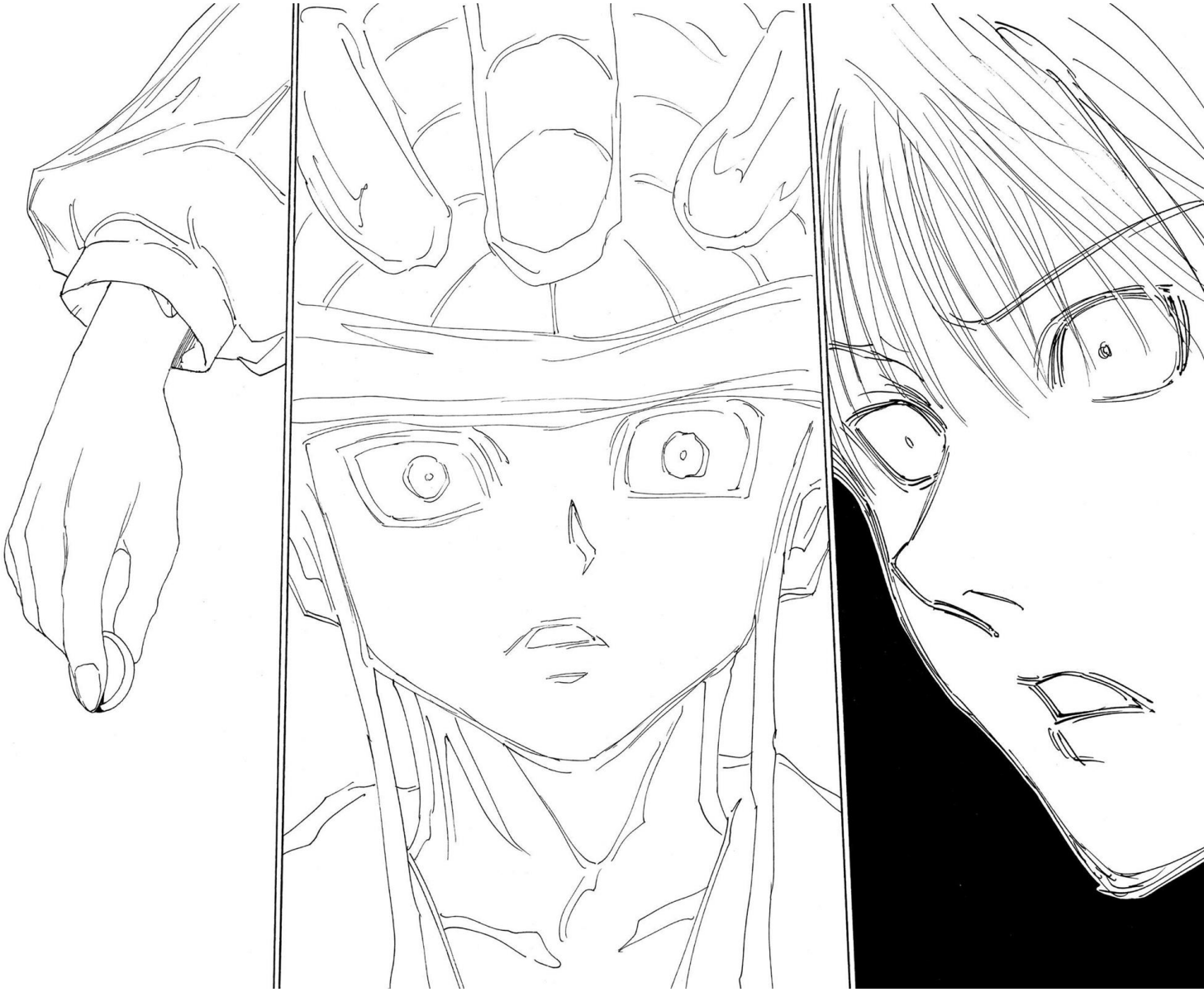

ONE SECOND FROM NOW.
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
I'M GOING TO BE KILLED AND EATEN.


I WANT TO LIVE!
I'M GOING TO DIE !!
...WELFIN'S FEATURES AGED AS IF 100 YEARS HAD PASSED.
REALIZING HIS OWN FUTURE...
...HIS ENTIRE PAST FLASHED BY IN A JUMBLE, THEN BURST...
IN HIS MIND...
...WITH THE PRESENT.
ONE WORD!
...AND BLEND-ED...

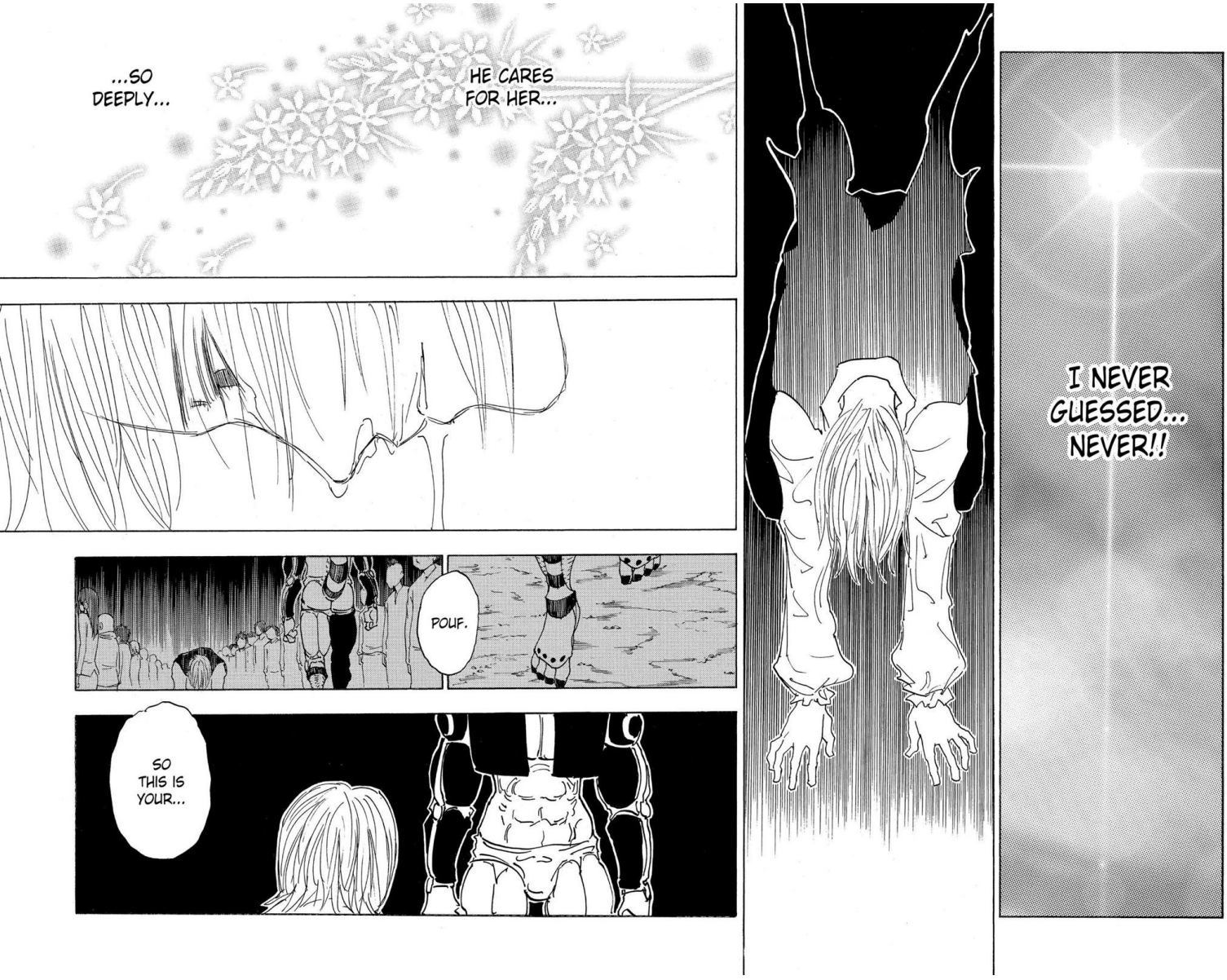

...AND LAST.
MY FIRST...
...AND THE SIGHT OF UNAVOIDABLE DEATH...
BETWEEN HIS ATTACHMENT TO LIFE...
ONE WORD!
ONE WORD!
POUF'S SECRET
THE MESSAGE!!
ONE WORD!
...AND SELECTED A WORD THAT, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, NEVER WOULD HAVE OCCURRED TO HIM.
I GOTTA SURVIVE!!
I WON'T DIE UNTIL I'M DEAD!!
ONE WORD!
POUF AND PITOU
...HIS BRAIN CELLS WORKED FEVERISHLY AS THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE...


...


KOMUGI...?





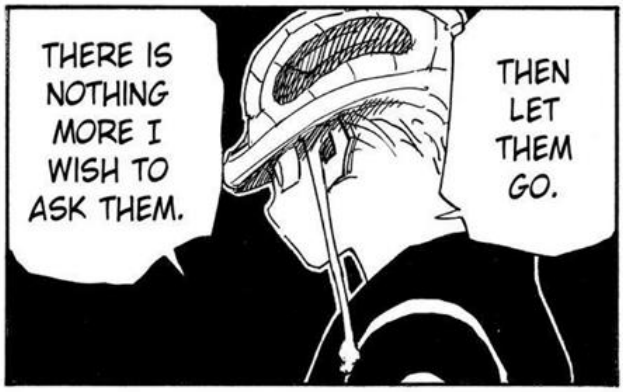

...SO DEEPLY...
HE CARES FOR HER...
I NEVER GUESSED... NEVER!!
POUF.
SO THIS IS YOUR...


YES.
I WILL ACCEPT ANY PUNISH-MENT.
MORE THAN I FEARED.
WE ARE OF ONE MIND.
YOU KNOW WITHOUT MY SAYING IT.

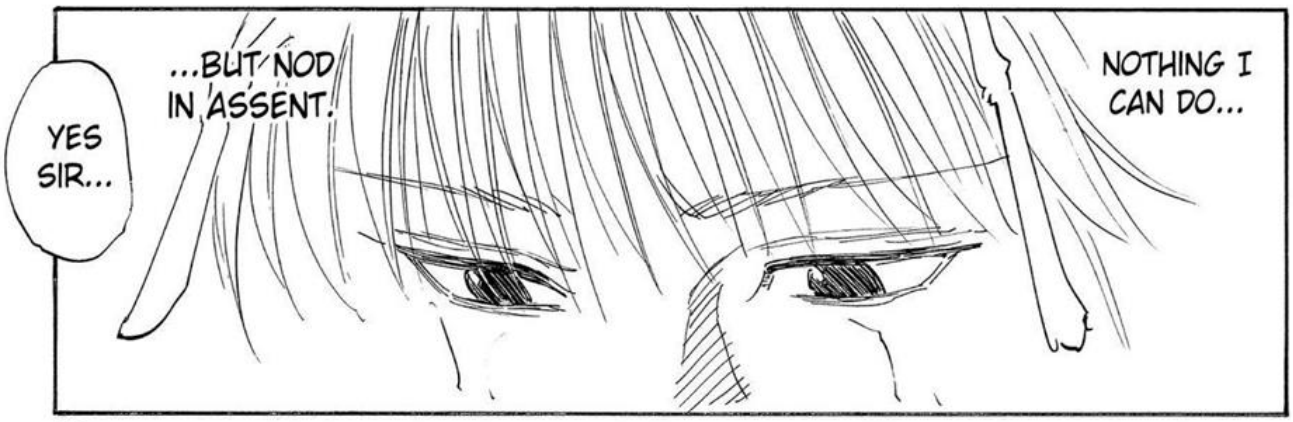
I DO NOT BLAME YOU.

I NEVER HAD A CHANCE...



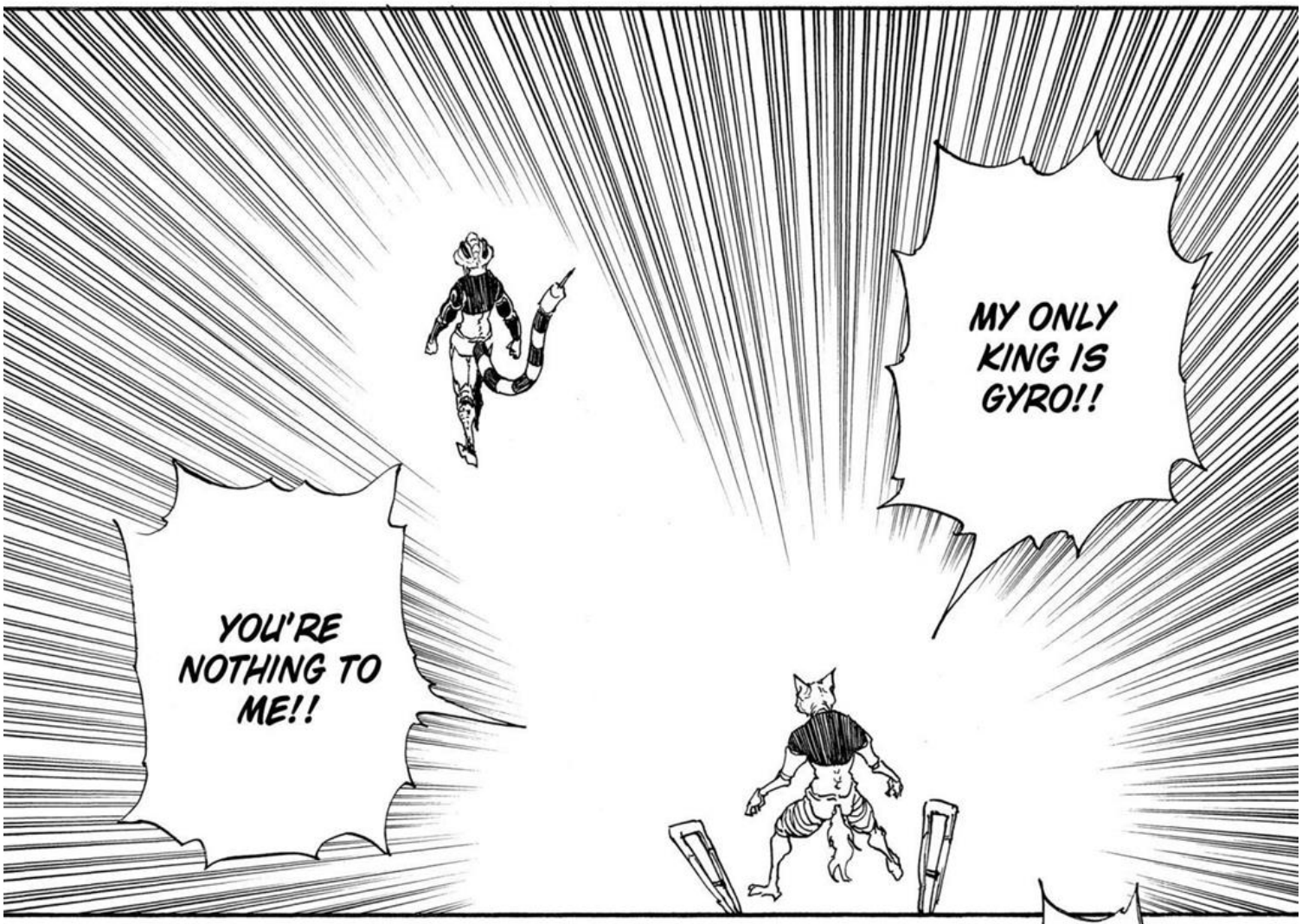







Y... YES?
WELFIN.
...THE RESOLVE I FELT WITH MY EN...THEY ALL POINT TO ONE SOLUTION.
AN OPEN DOOR... FOOT-PRINTS...
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW?
...
YOU WERE SENT TO RELAY THAT MESSAGE TO ME OR THE GUARDS.
KOMUGI IS IN THE UNDERGROUND WAREHOUSE WITH THE WOMAN AND THE OCTOPUS.
AH YES.
...
IS IT CONNECTED TO YOUR HATRED OF ME?
...BUT I AM UNSURE AS TO YOUR REASON FOR FAILING TO CARRY IT OUT.
I BELIEVE YOU TOOK ON THE TASK AT THE BEHEST OF THE OCTOPUS...
BE AT EASE.
AFTER YOU TELL ME...
...YOU ARE FREE TO GO.
...
...
WHERE DID THEY SAY THEY WOULD WAIT?


I MUST THANK YOU.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I REMEMBERED SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
SOB...
SOB...
...
SHF
...WAIT AT BIZEF'S HOUSE IN AREA F.
THEY...


MY ONLY KING IS GYRO!!
YOU'RE NOTHING TO ME!!


ALL OF YOU!!
YOU'RE OUR ENEMY!!




...
IS THAT SO?


I HOPE...
...YOU GET TO SEE HIM.
AND... IF POS-SIBLE...
...LIVE A HUMAN LIFE.
THE ANTS ...

