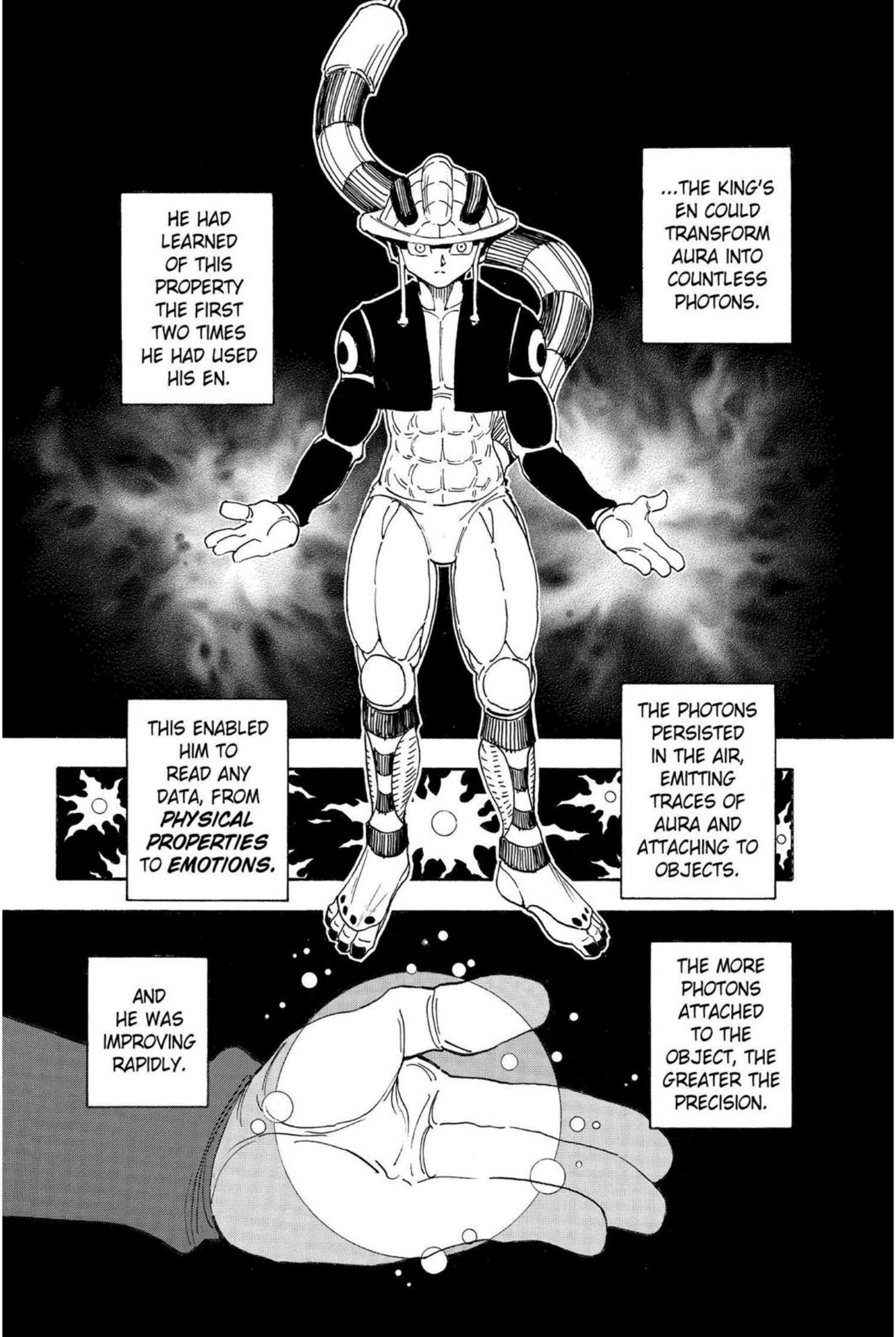
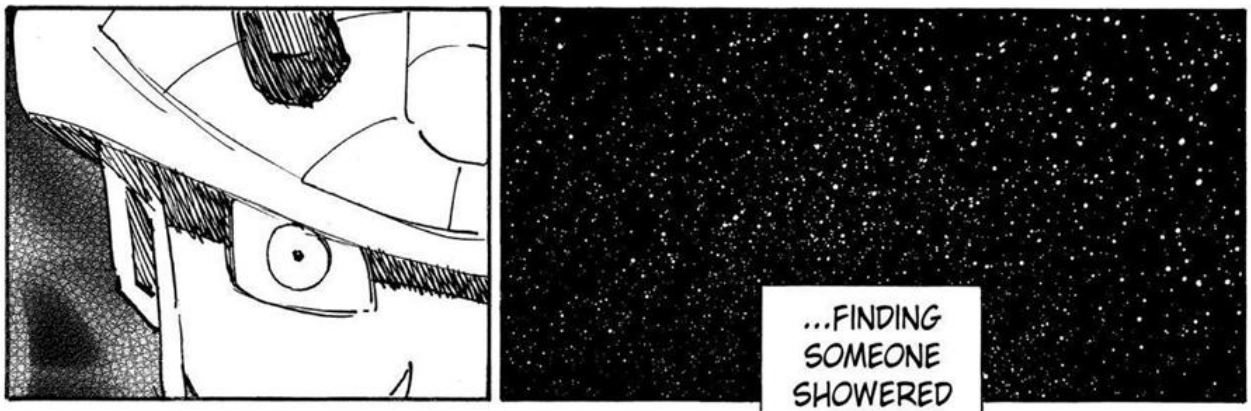

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SHK
WHEN THE KING ARRIVED ...
...THE OTHER TWO WEREN'T THERE.
IT WAS A WAY TO DELAY HIM.
BUT ...


HE HAD LEARNED OF THIS PROPERTY THE FIRST TWO TIMES HE HAD USED HIS EN.
...THE KING'S EN COULD TRANSFORM AURA INTO COUNTLESS PHOTONS.
THIS ENABLED HIM TO READ ANY DATA, FROM PHYSICAL PROPERTIES TO EMOTIONS.
THE PHOTONS PERSISTED IN THE AIR, EMITTING TRACES OF AURA AND ATTACHING TO OBJECTS.
AND HE WAS IMPROVING RAPIDLY.
THE MORE PHOTONS ATTACHED TO THE OBJECT, THE GREATER THE PRECISION.

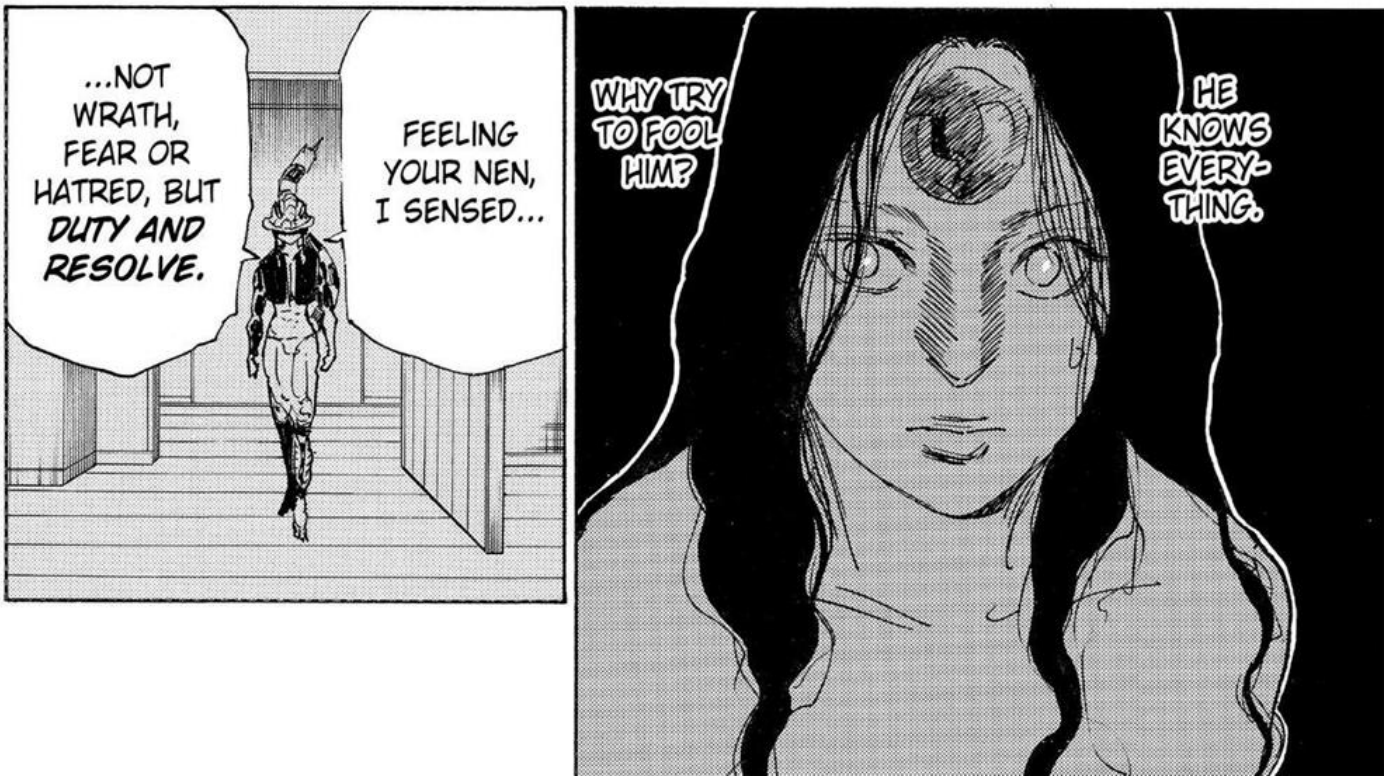

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BY SCATTERING A TRACE OF NEW PHOTONS...

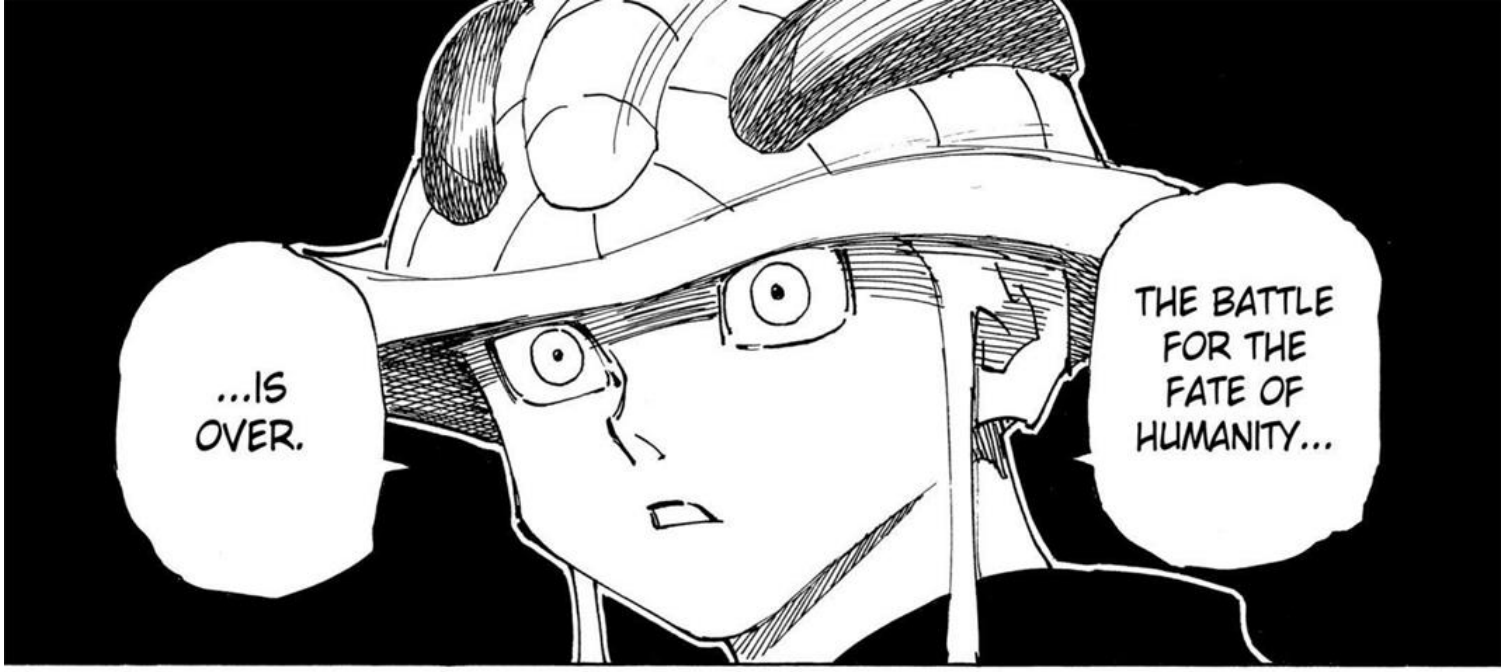

...FINDING SOMEONE SHOWERED WITH PHOTONS FROM HIS FIRST EN...

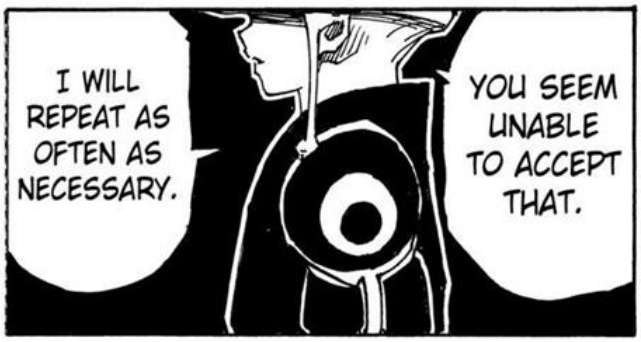

...WAS ALL TOO EASY.

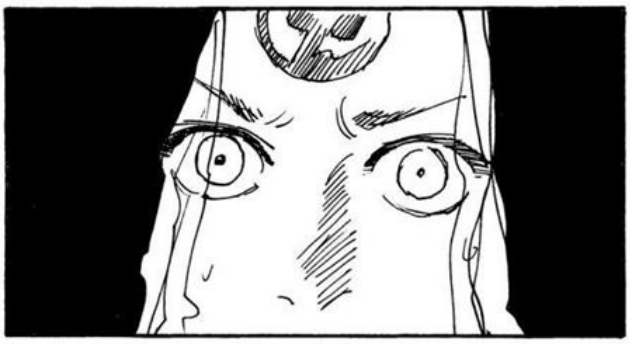

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WHAT ARE YOUR DEMANDS?

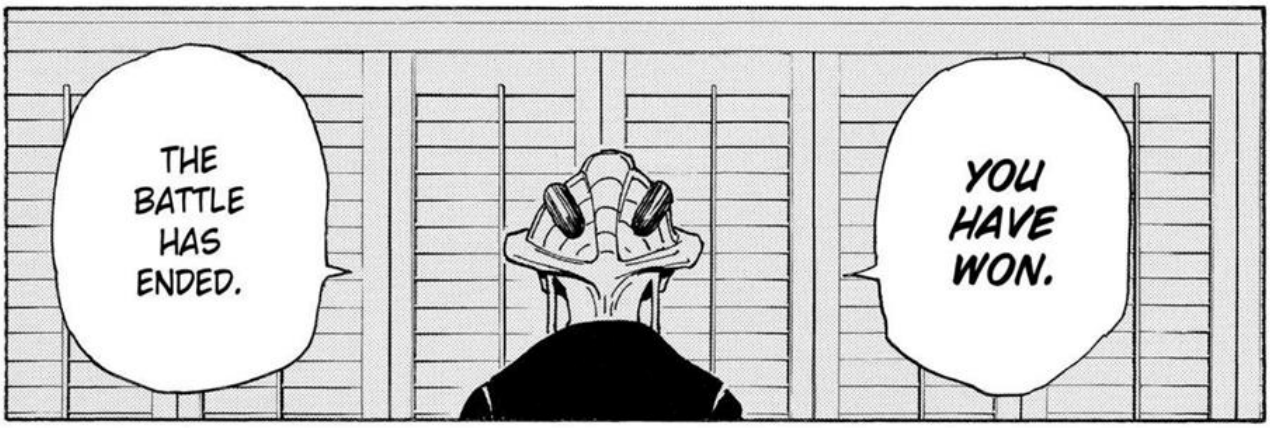

IT SEEMS THERE IS ONLY ONE INDIVIDUAL HERE...
...BUT I WILL ADDRESS YOU IN THE PLURAL.


FEELING YOUR NEN, I SENSED...
...NOT WRATH, FEAR OR HATRED, BUT DUTY AND RESOLVE.
WHY TRY TO FOOL HIM?
HE KNOWS EVERY-THING.

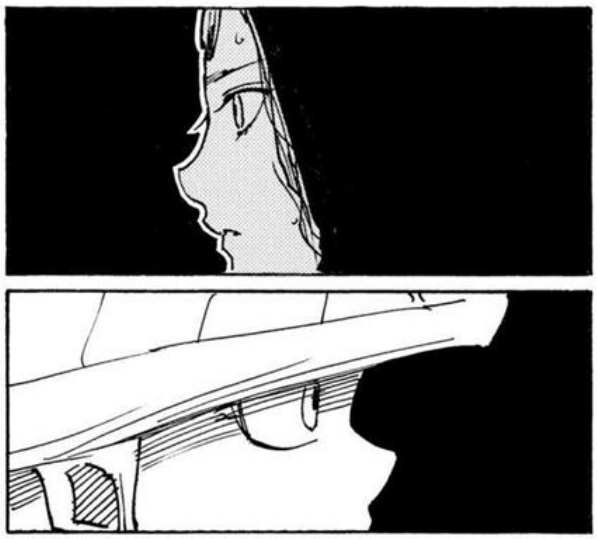

THE BATTLE FOR THE FATE OF HUMANITY...
...IS OVER.


YOU SEEM UNABLE TO ACCEPT THAT.
I WILL REPEAT AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY.




YOU HAVE WON.
THE BATTLE HAS ENDED.

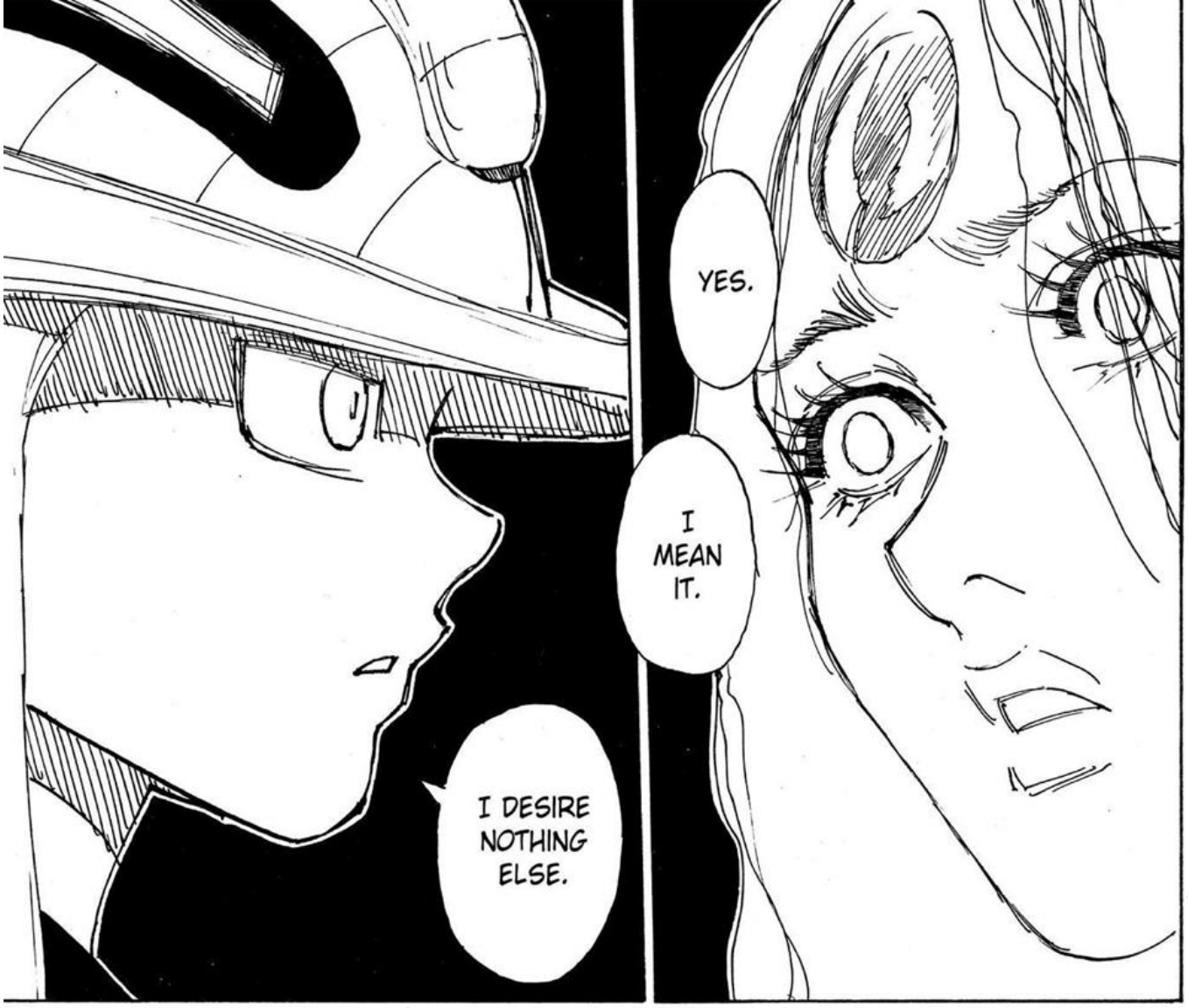

I WILL SPEAK TO YOU NOW AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

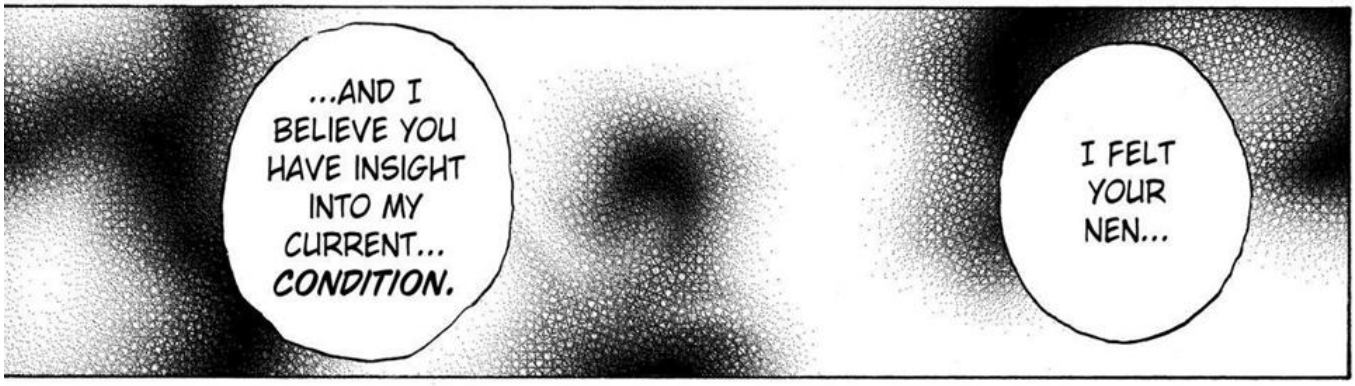


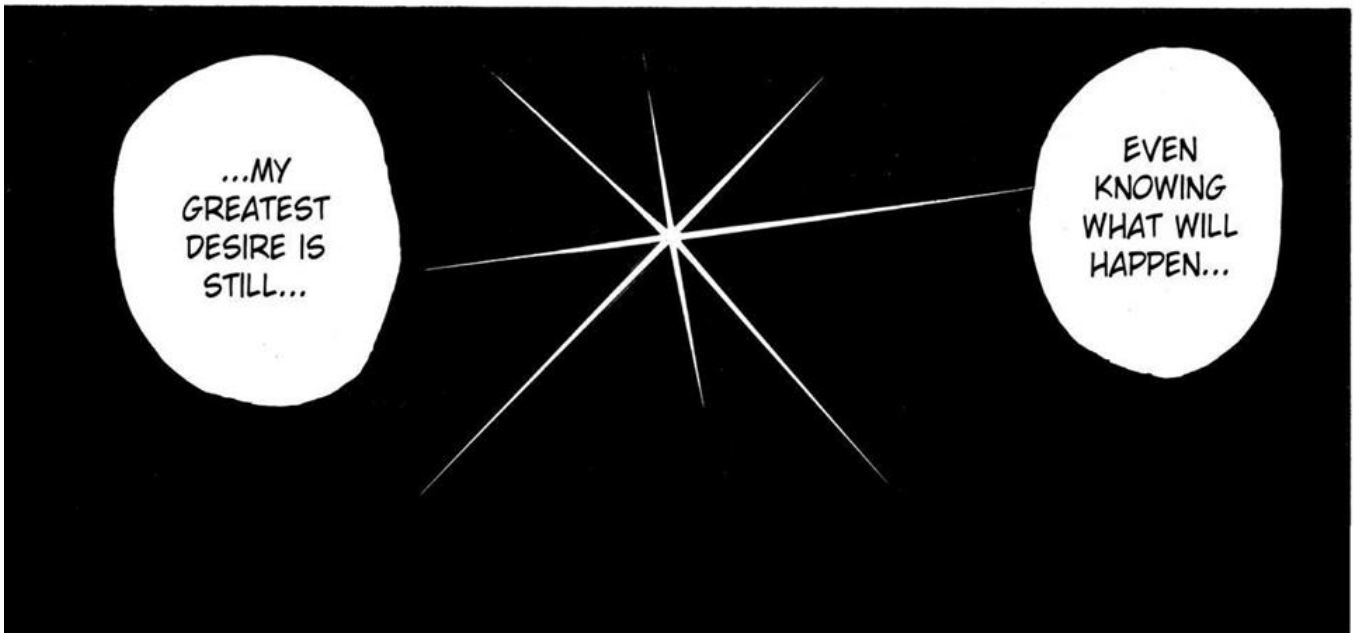


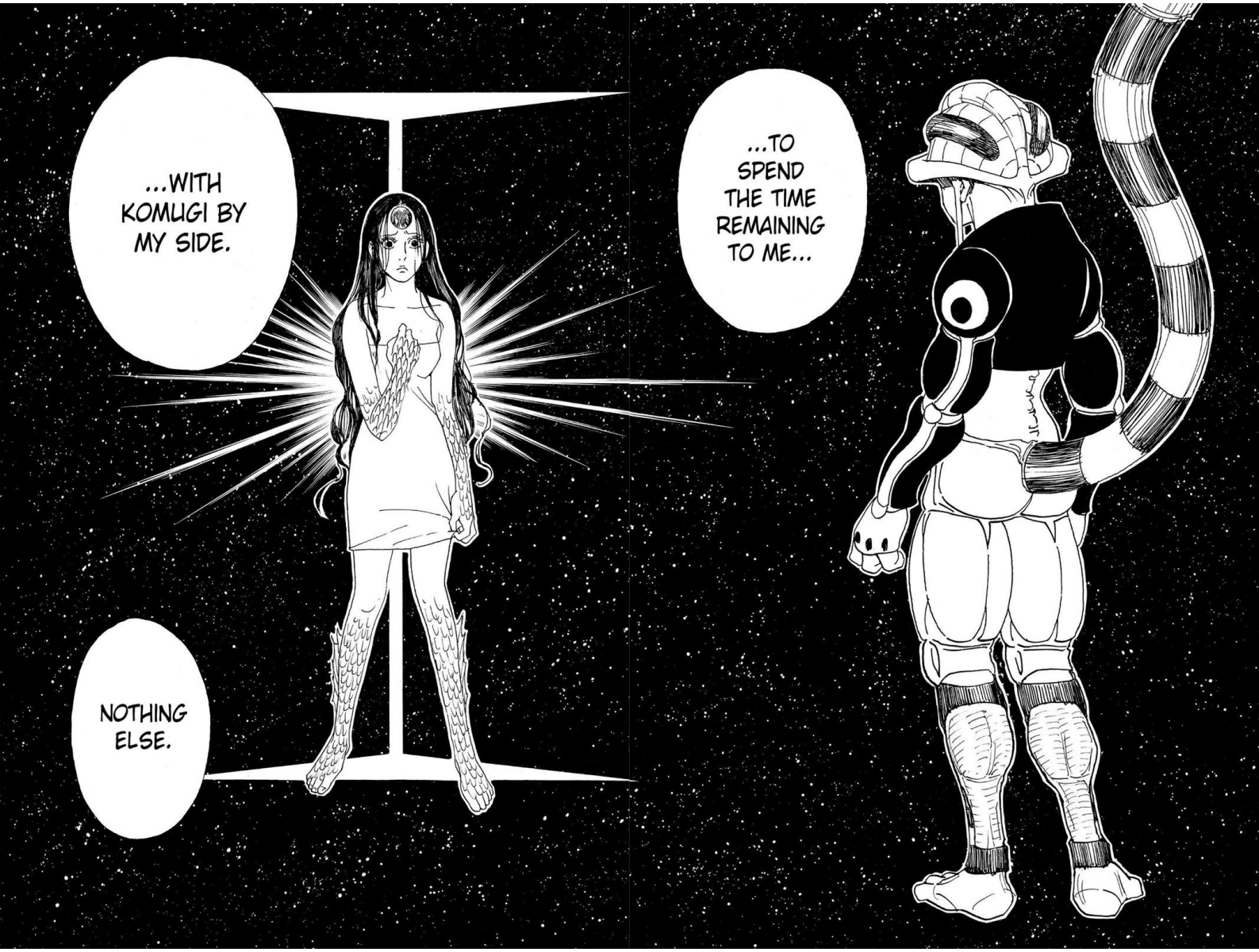

...IS NOT COMPLEX.
MY REASON FOR BEING HERE...

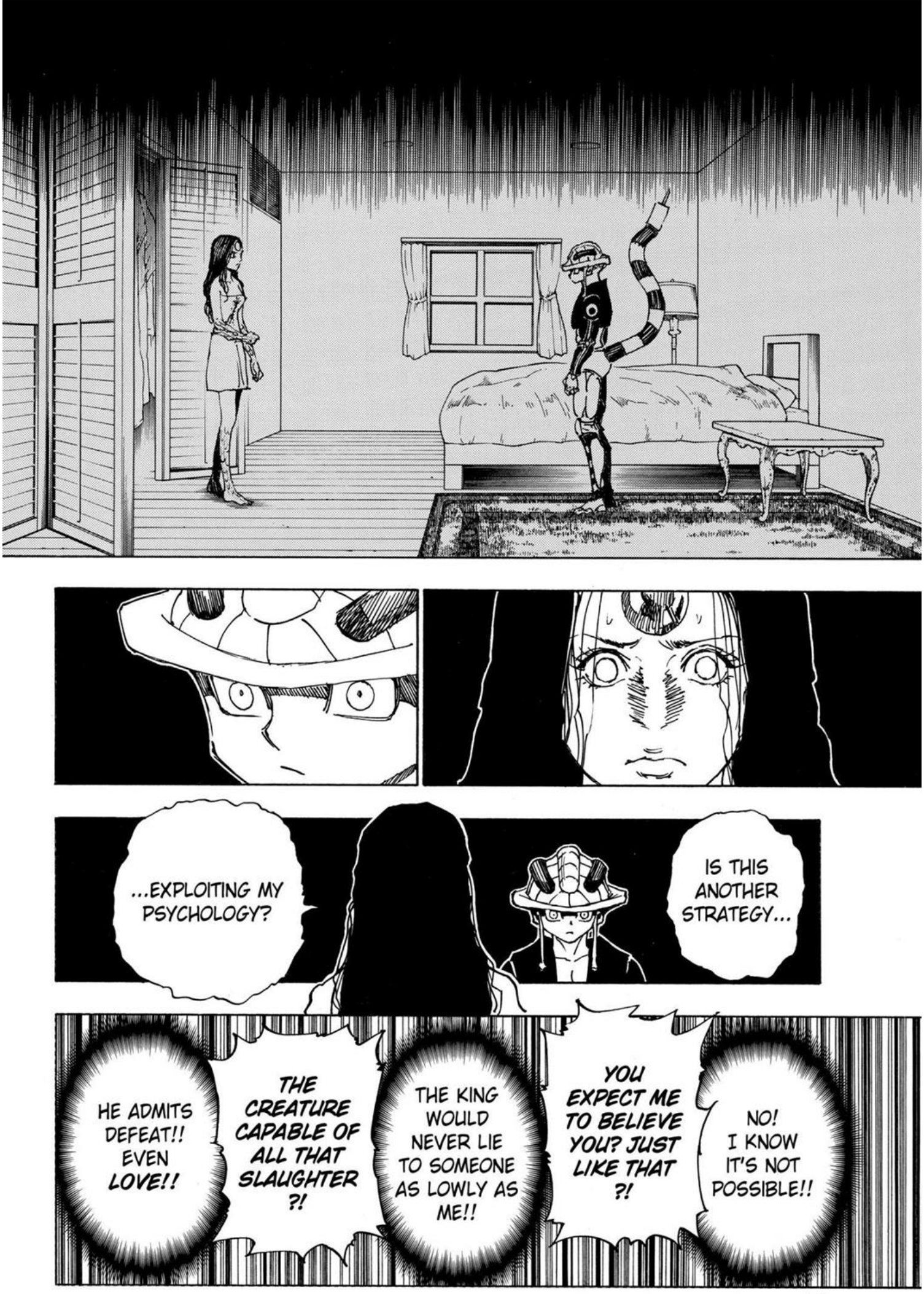

NOTHING MORE.
I WANT TO SEE KOMUGI.


YES.
I MEAN IT.
I DESIRE NOTHING ELSE.


...AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE INSIGHT INTO MY CURRENT... CONDITION.
I FELT YOUR NEN...


...MY GREATEST DESIRE IS STILL...
EVEN KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN...


...WITH KOMUGI BY MY SIDE.
NOTHING ELSE.
...TO SPEND THE TIME REMAINING TO ME...

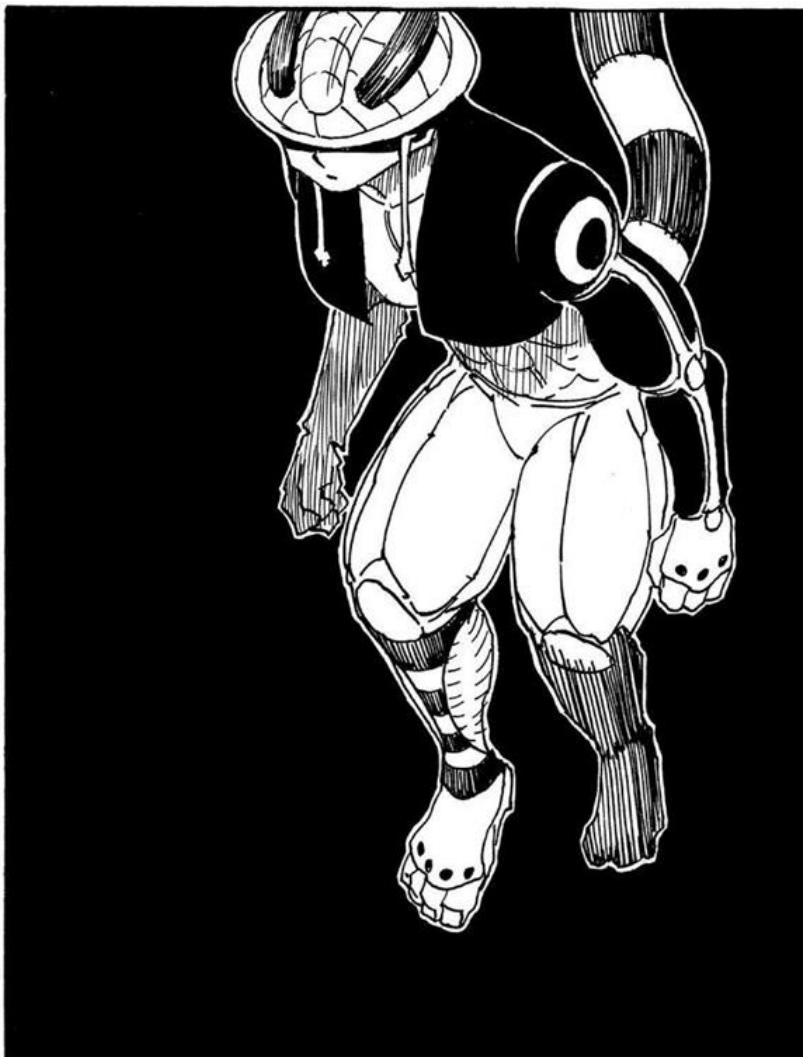

...EXPLOITING MY PSYCHOLOGY?
IS THIS ANOTHER STRATEGY...
HE ADMITS DEFEAT!! EVEN LOVE!!
THE CREATURE CAPABLE OF ALL THAT SLAUGHTER ?!
THE KING WOULD NEVER LIE TO SOMEONE AS LOWLY AS ME!!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE YOU? JUST LIKE THAT ?!
NO! I KNOW IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!!

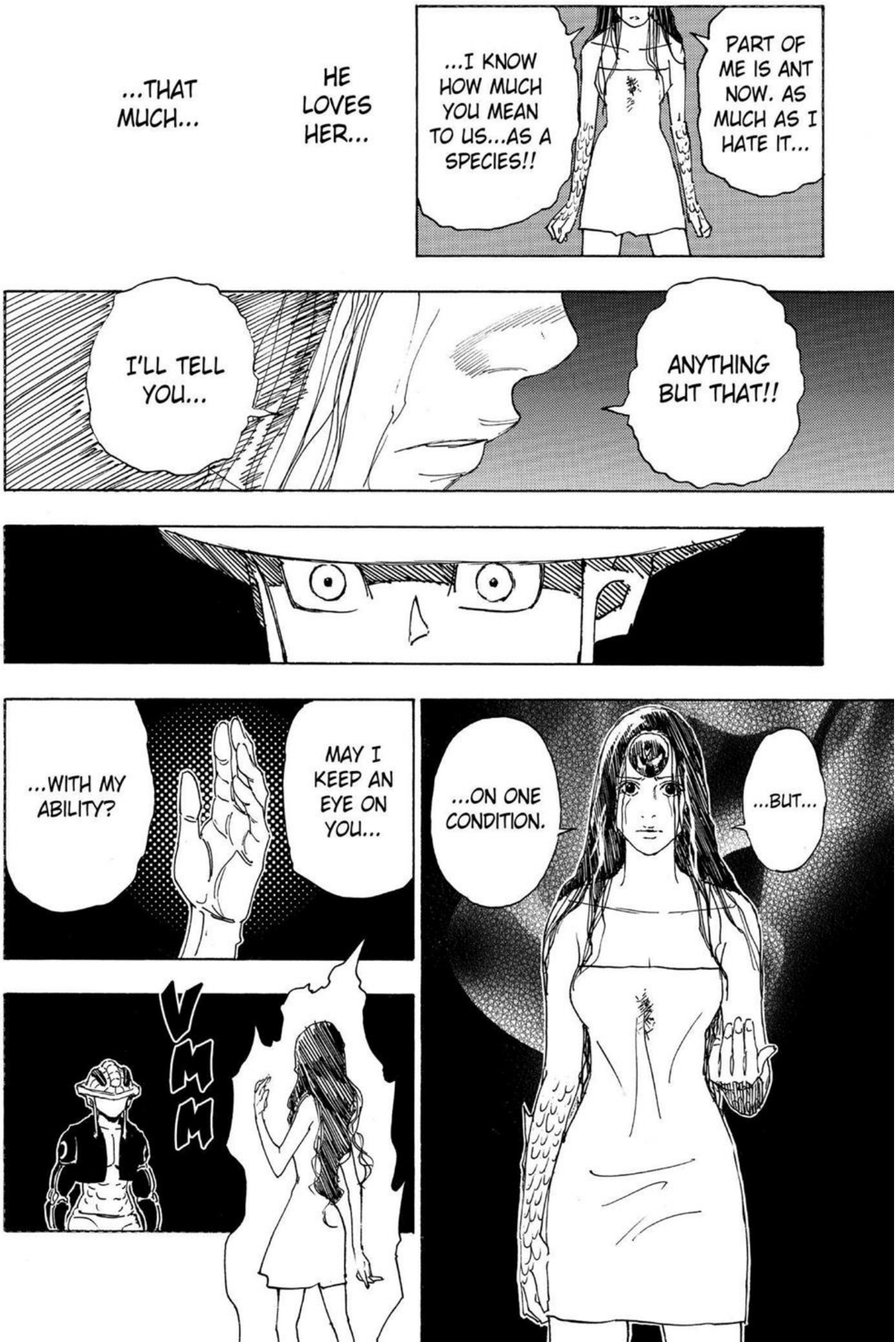

NO WAY !!!
HE'S SAYING IT BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUTH !!!
IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN !!!!
...
IT WAS... A MINOR CHANGE.
IF I HAD BEEN THIS WAY FROM THE BEGINNING...
SOMETHING... SOMEWHERE... SHIFTED.

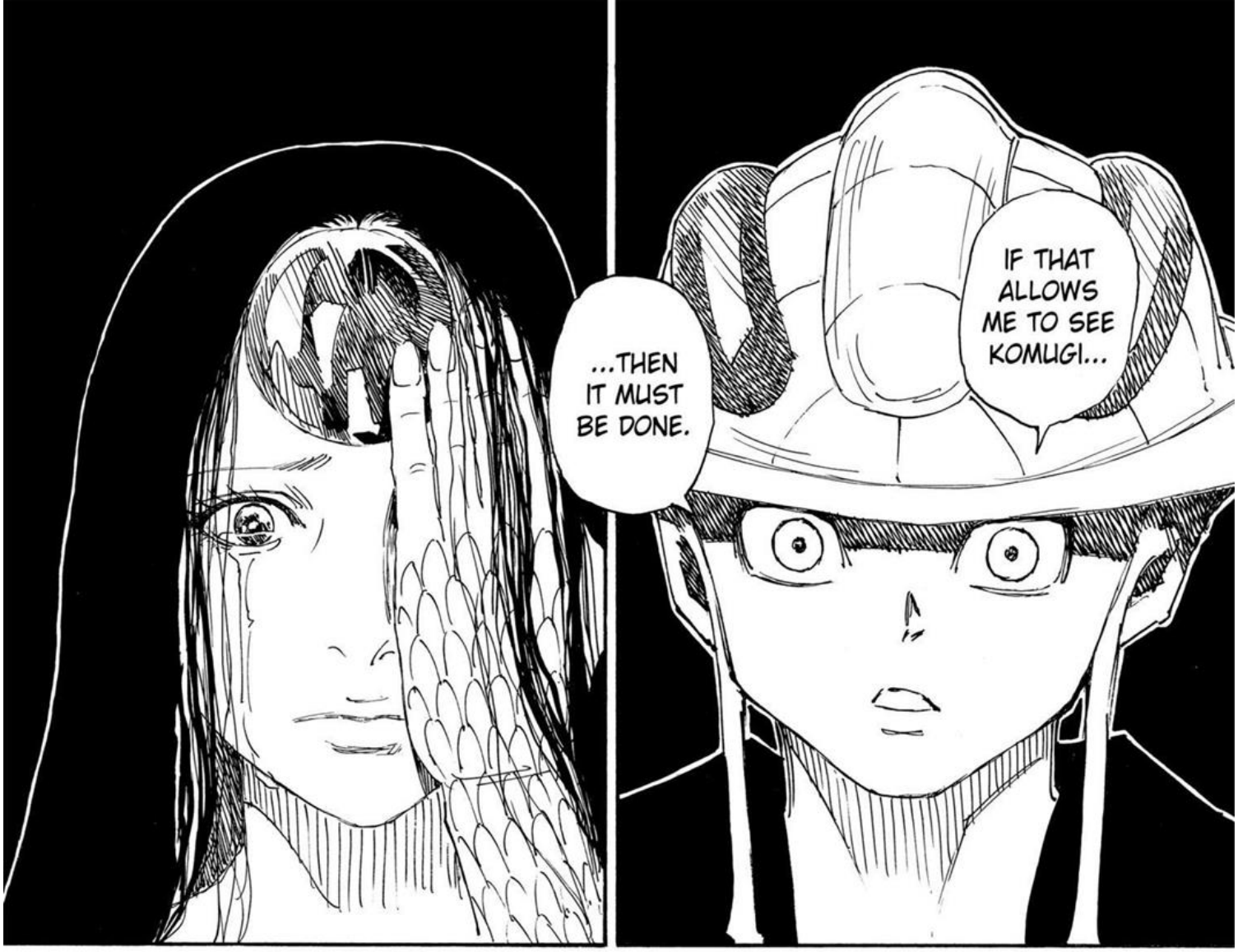

WHILE I AM NO GOD...
...WHAT I COULD DO...
...WITH THIS WORLD ...
NO.
PERHAPS ONLY NOW...
...CAN I SEE IT THIS WAY.
YOU ARE WELL AWARE THAT I HAVE PRECIOUS LITTLE TIME LEFT.
I WANTED TO ASK YOU...
...IN-STEAD OF SEARCHING FOR HER MYSELF.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
STOP!
NO MORE!!
YES, I KNOW WHERE SHE IS!!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TORTURE ME?!
YOU AND I BOTH KNOW YOU WOULD NEVER GIVE IN.
YOUR RE-SOLVE IS THE STRONGEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THAT I HAVE YET SEEN.
STOP IT!
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO...
...IS KEEP ASKING YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.


DON'T
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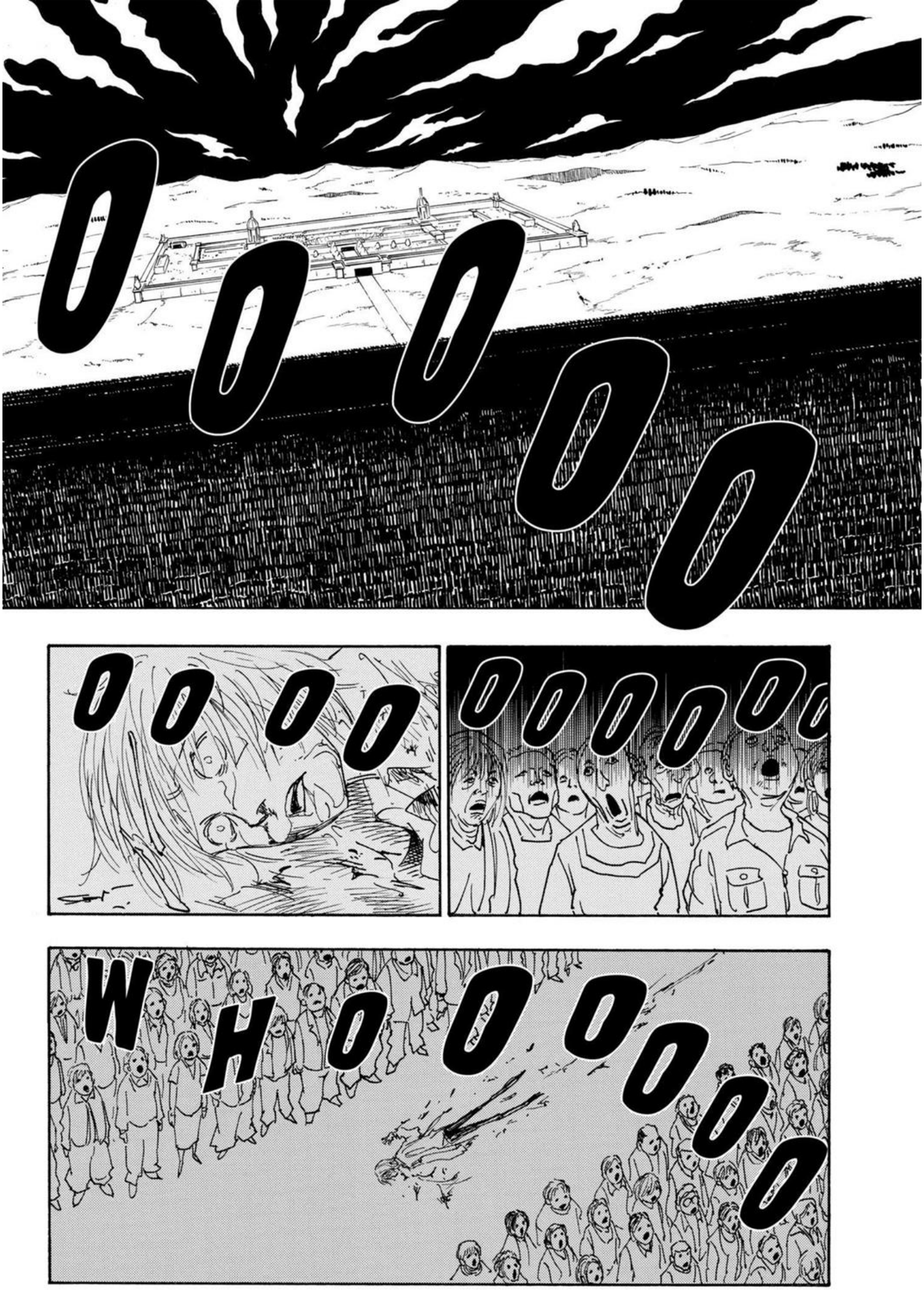

...THAT MUCH...
HE LOVES HER...
...I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO US...AS A SPECIES!!
PART OF ME IS ANT NOW. AS MUCH AS I HATE IT...
I'LL TELL YOU...
ANYTHING BUT THAT!!
...WITH MY ABILITY?
MAY I KEEP AN EYE ON YOU...
...ON ONE CONDITION.
...BUT...
VMM



I'M SORRY, KILLUA.

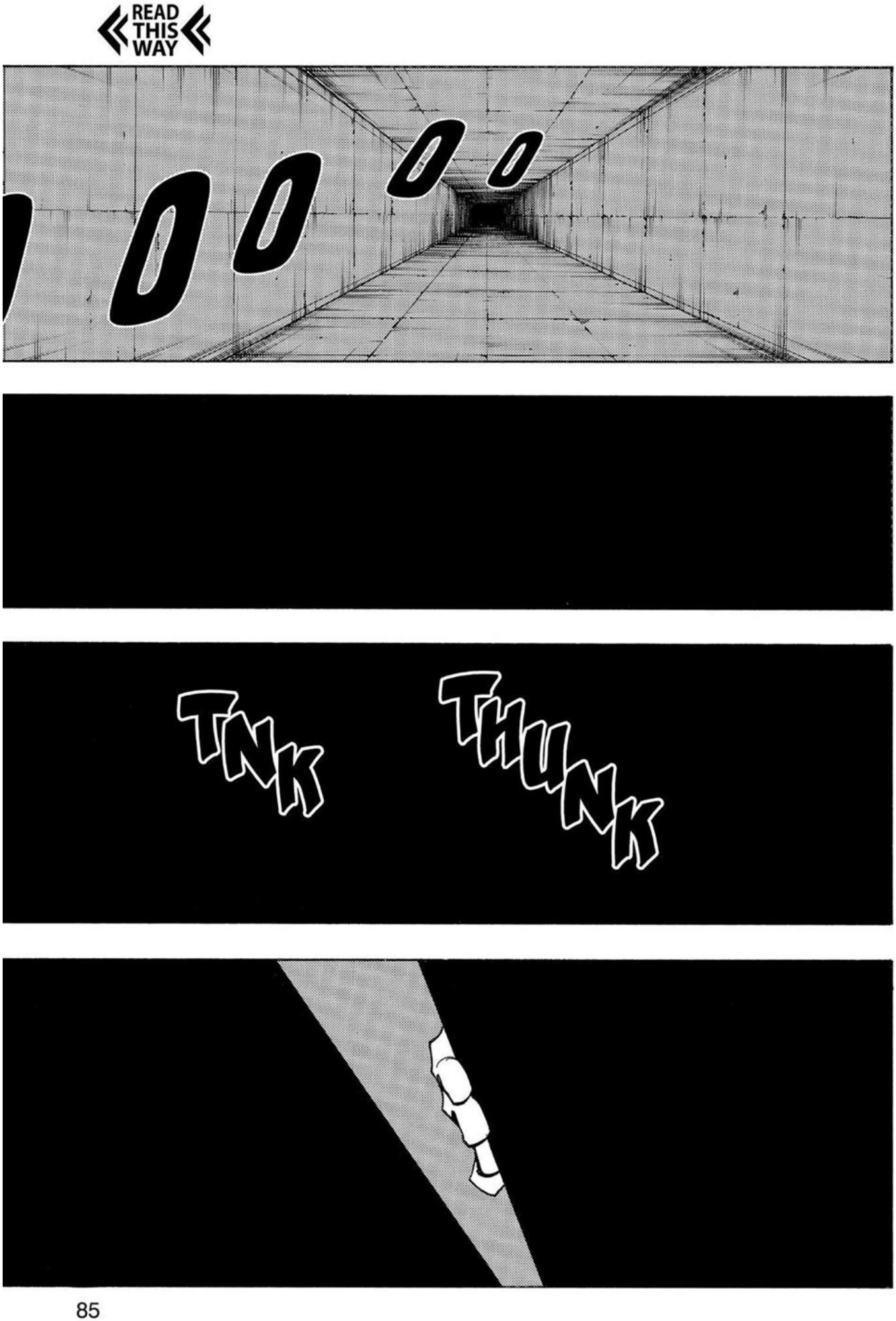
I BROKE MY PROMISE.

WHOOO


OOOOOO

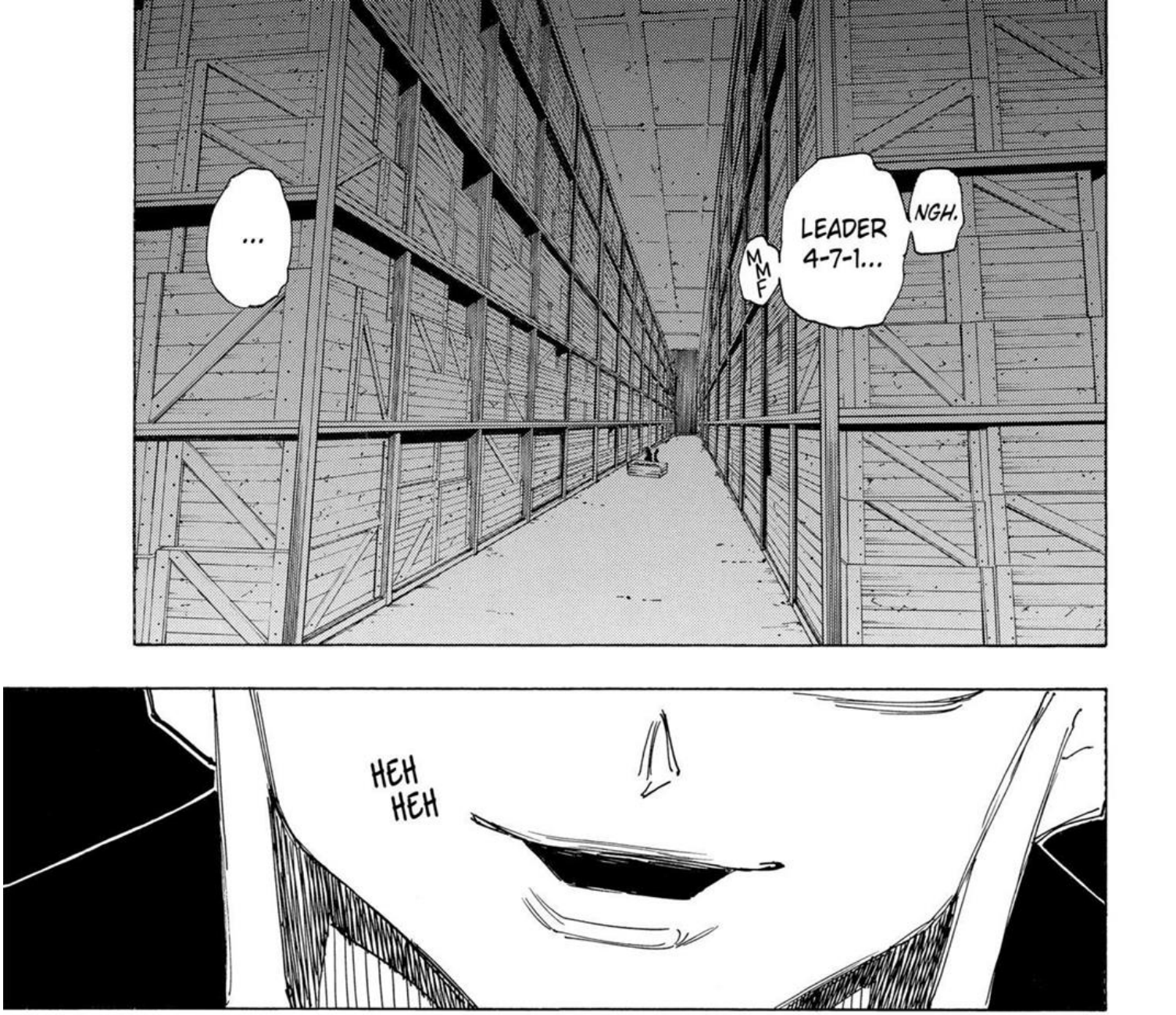
OOOO
OOOOOO

WHOOOOOO


READ THIS WAY
TNK
THUNK




NGH.
HFF


...
LEADER 4-7-1...
MMF
NGH.

HEH HEH


KOMUGI, WAKE UP!
LET'S PLAY!!

