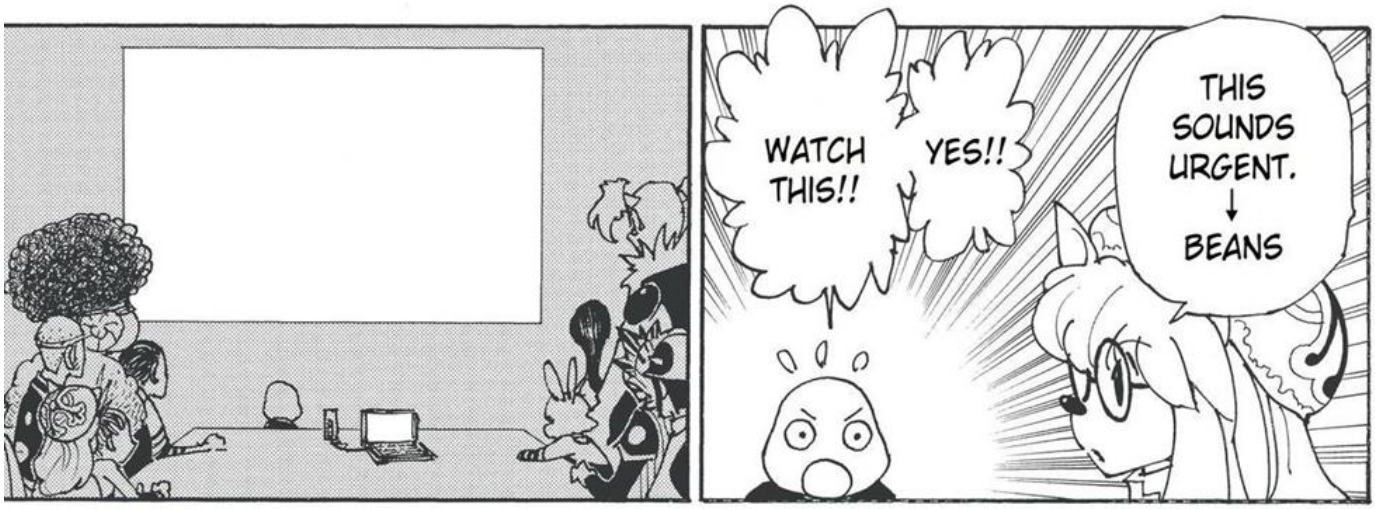
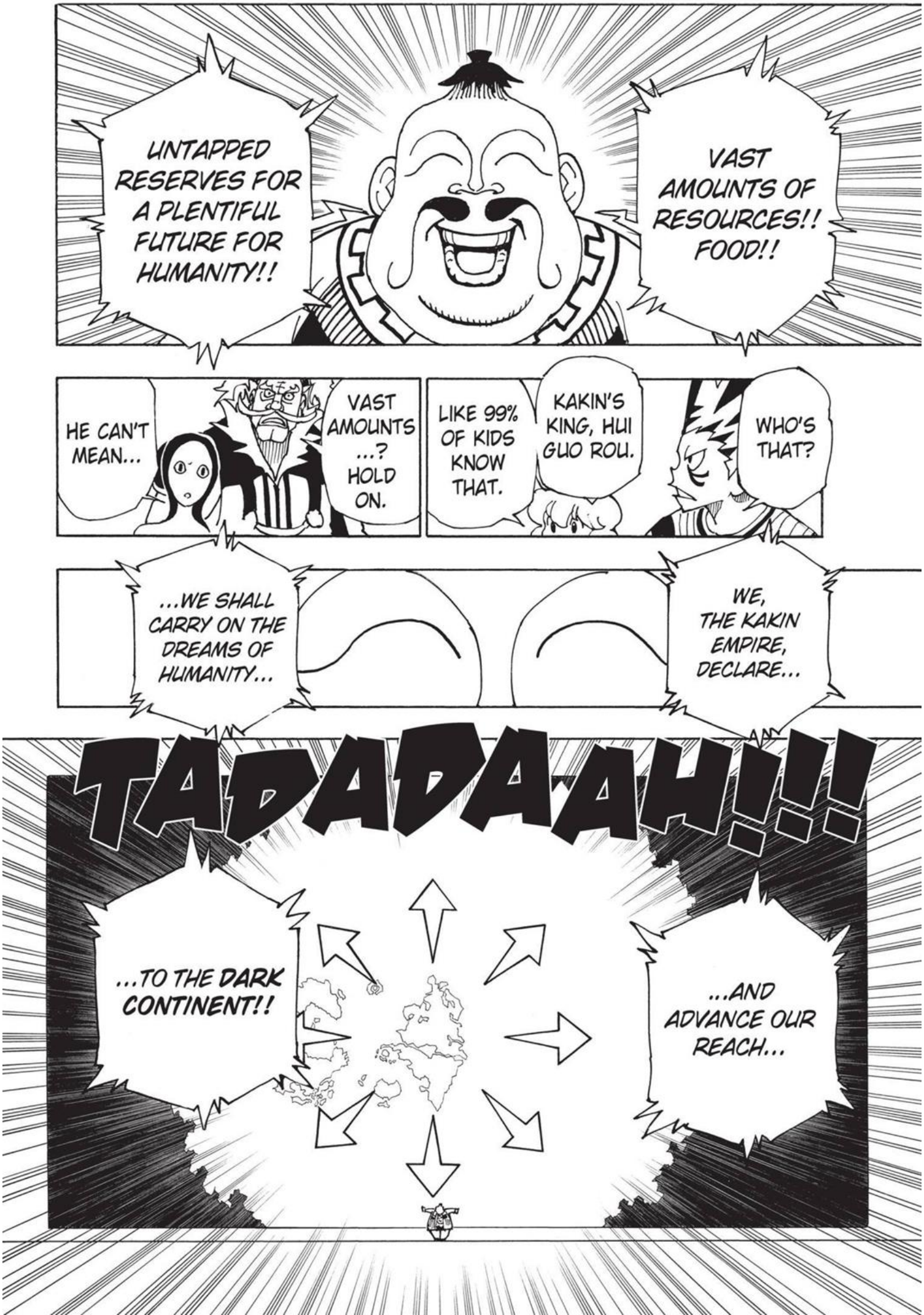


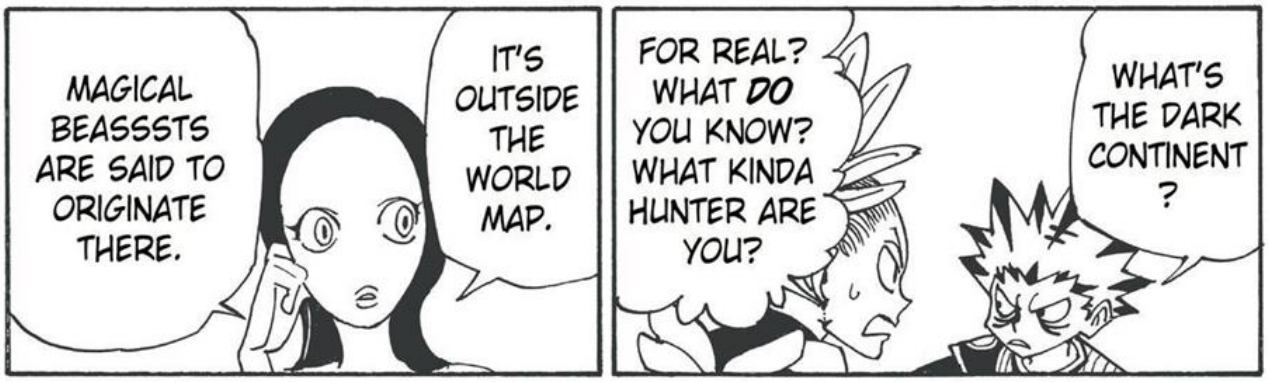


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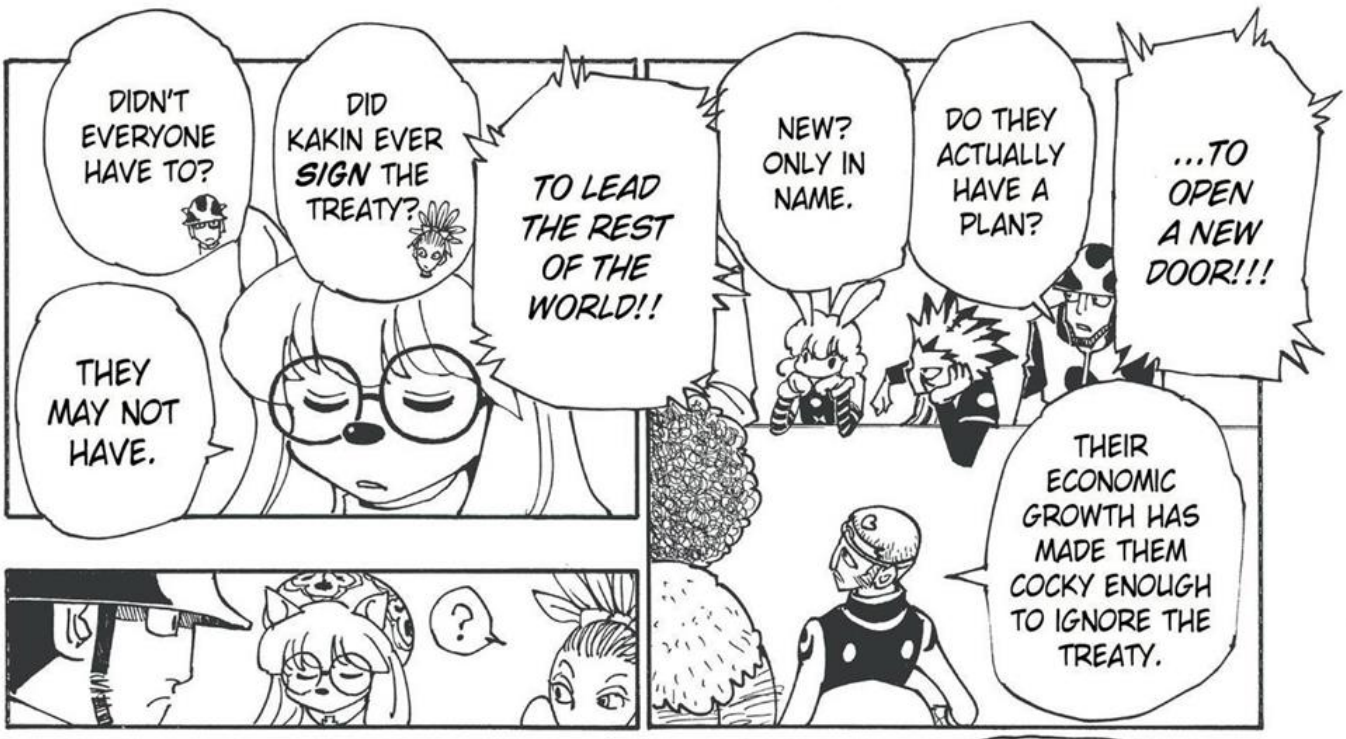

UNTAPPED RESERVES FOR A PLENTIFUL FUTURE FOR HUMANITY!!
VAST AMOUNTS OF RESOURCES!! FOOD!!
HE CAN'T MEAN...
VAST AMOUNTS ...? HOLD ON.
LIKE 99% OF KIDS KNOW THAT.
KAKIN'S KING, HUI GUO ROU.
WHO'S THAT?
...WE SHALL CARRY ON THE DREAMS OF HUMANITY...
WE, THE KAKIN EMPIRE, DECLARE...
TADADAAH!!!
...TO THE DARK CONTINENT!!
...AND ADVANCE OUR REACH...


...AND THE ULTIMATE TABOO !!!
THE FORBIDDEN REGION...
THE DARK CONTINENT !!!
I KNEW IT!


MAGICAL BEASSSTS ARE SAID TO ORIGINATE THERE.
IT'S OUTSIDE THE WORLD MAP.
FOR REAL? WHAT DO YOU KNOW? WHAT KINDA HUNTER ARE YOU?
WHAT'S THE DARK CONTINENT ?


OVER 200 YEARS AGO, THE CONTINENTAL V5 FORUM SIGNED A TREATY AGREEING TO LEAVE IT ALONE!
WHENEVER HUMANITY TRIED TO VENTURE THERE IN THE PAST, ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS DESCRIBE GREAT CALAMITIES.


THE TIME HAS COME FOR A RISING NATION, THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MODERN SOCIETY...
IT'S NONSENSE TO BE TIED DOWN BY SUPERSTITIONS SPREAD BY COUNTRIES NOW IN DECLINE!!


DIDN'T EVERYONE HAVE TO?
DID KAKIN EVER SIGN THE TREATY?
TO LEAD THE REST OF THE WORLD!!
NEW? ONLY IN NAME.
DO THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A PLAN?
...TO OPEN A NEW DOOR!!!
THEY MAY NOT HAVE.
?
THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS MADE THEM COCKY ENOUGH TO IGNORE THE TREATY.

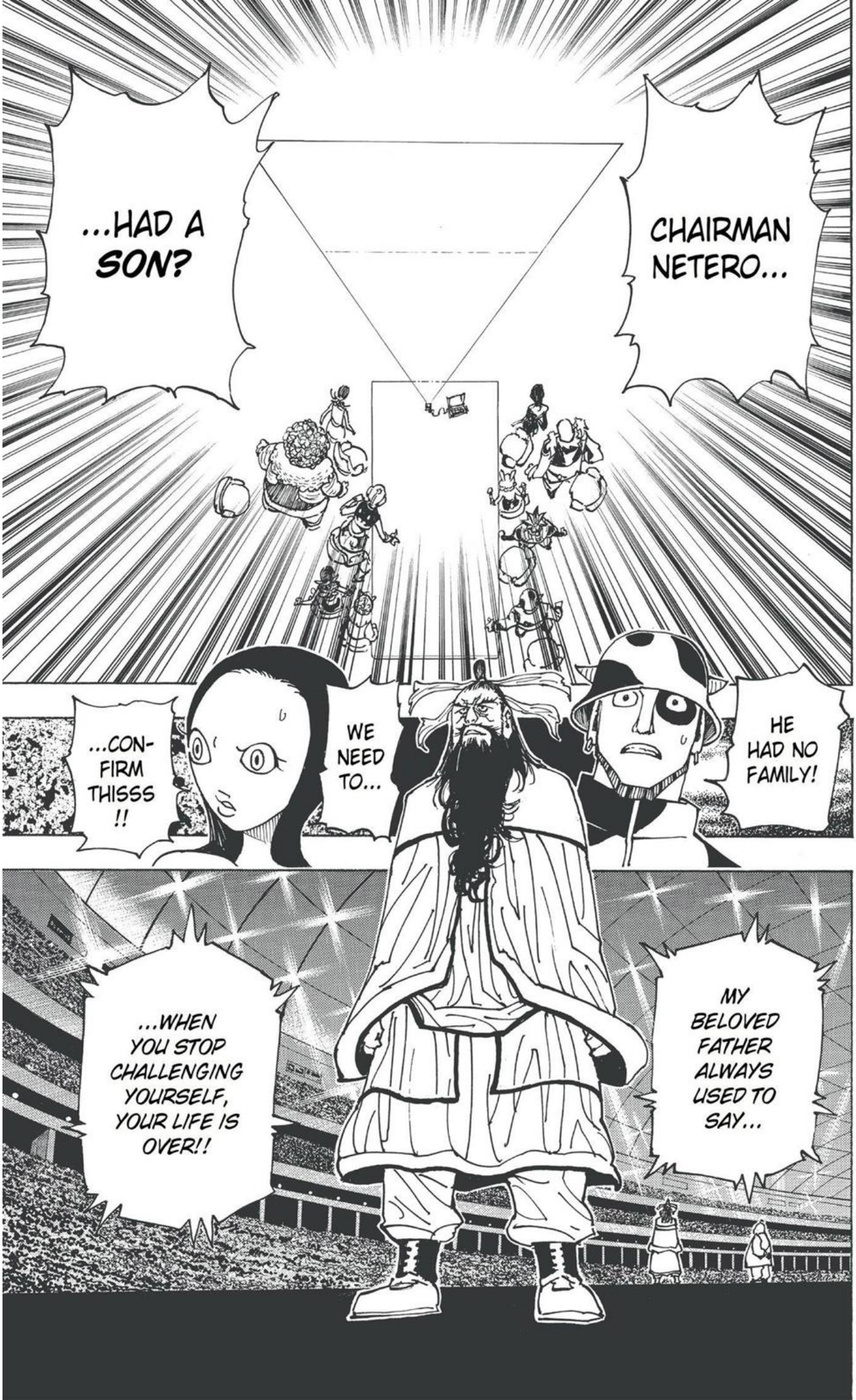

BY TAKING THE ROYAL NAME OUT OF THE NAME OF THEIR COUNTRY, THEY TECHNICALLY BECAME A NEW NATION.
KAKIN MADE THE TRANSITION FROM SOCIAL IMPERIALISM TO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN "THE MOST SILENT REVOLUTION IN HISTORY" 30 YEARS AGO.

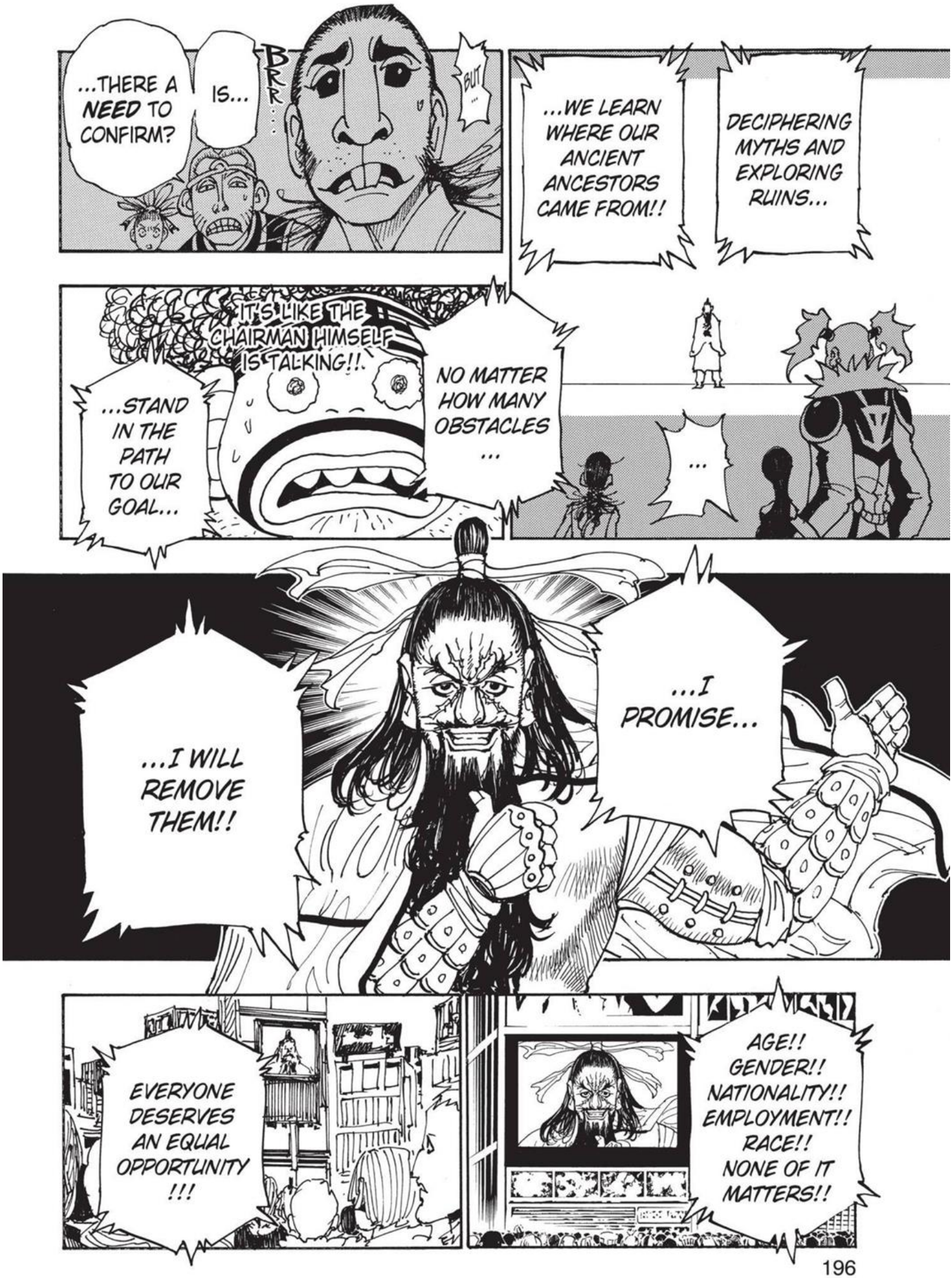

NO!!
NOT YET.
THIS IS BIG NEWS.
MAYBE. IT WOULD BE UNETHICAL BUT NOT A TARGET FOR SANCTIONS ...
THEY MAY HAVE NEGLECTED TO RENEW TREATIES!

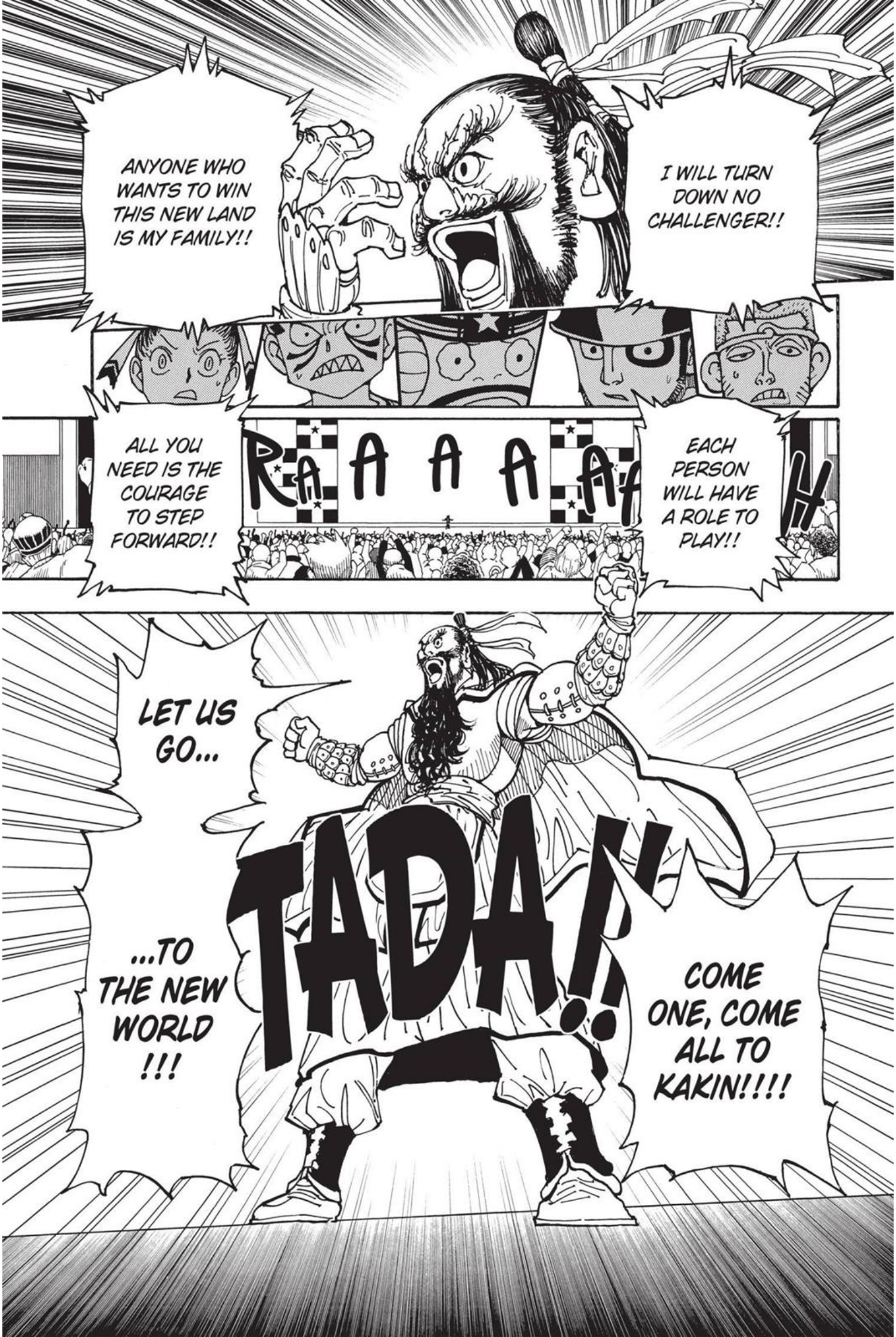

JUST WATCH!!
THE REAL PROBLEM IS COMING UP.

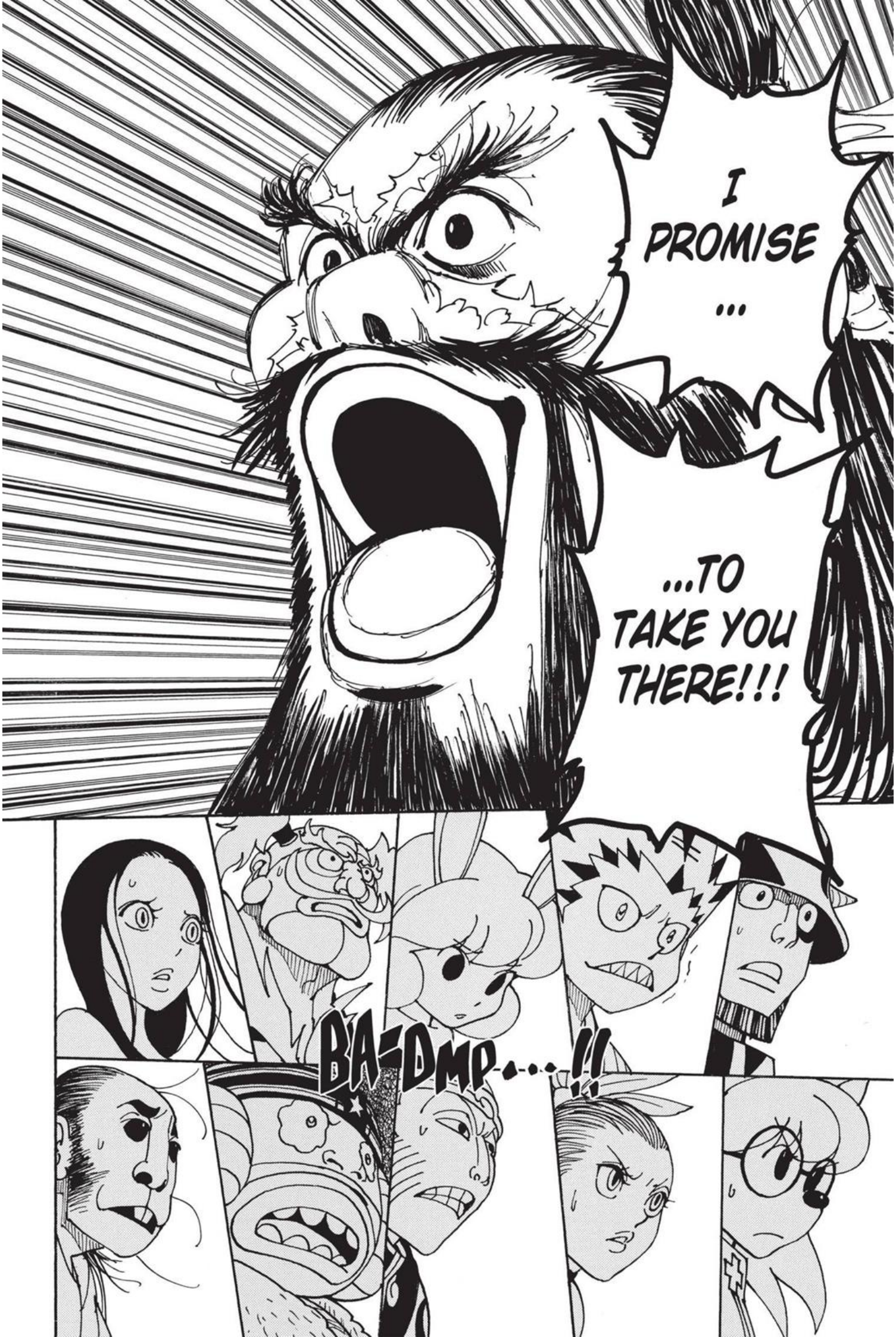

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU!!
...WE'VE ACQUIRED THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON AVAILABLE!!
TO LEAD THE DARK CONTINENT EXPEDITION TEAM...
BLIP!
THE LEGENDARY PRO HUNTER ISAAC NETERO!!!
THE LEADER OF THE GREATEST SPECIALISTS IN THE WORLD, A VETERAN AMONG FIGHTERS, IN ACTIVE SERVICE HIS WHOLE LIFE!!

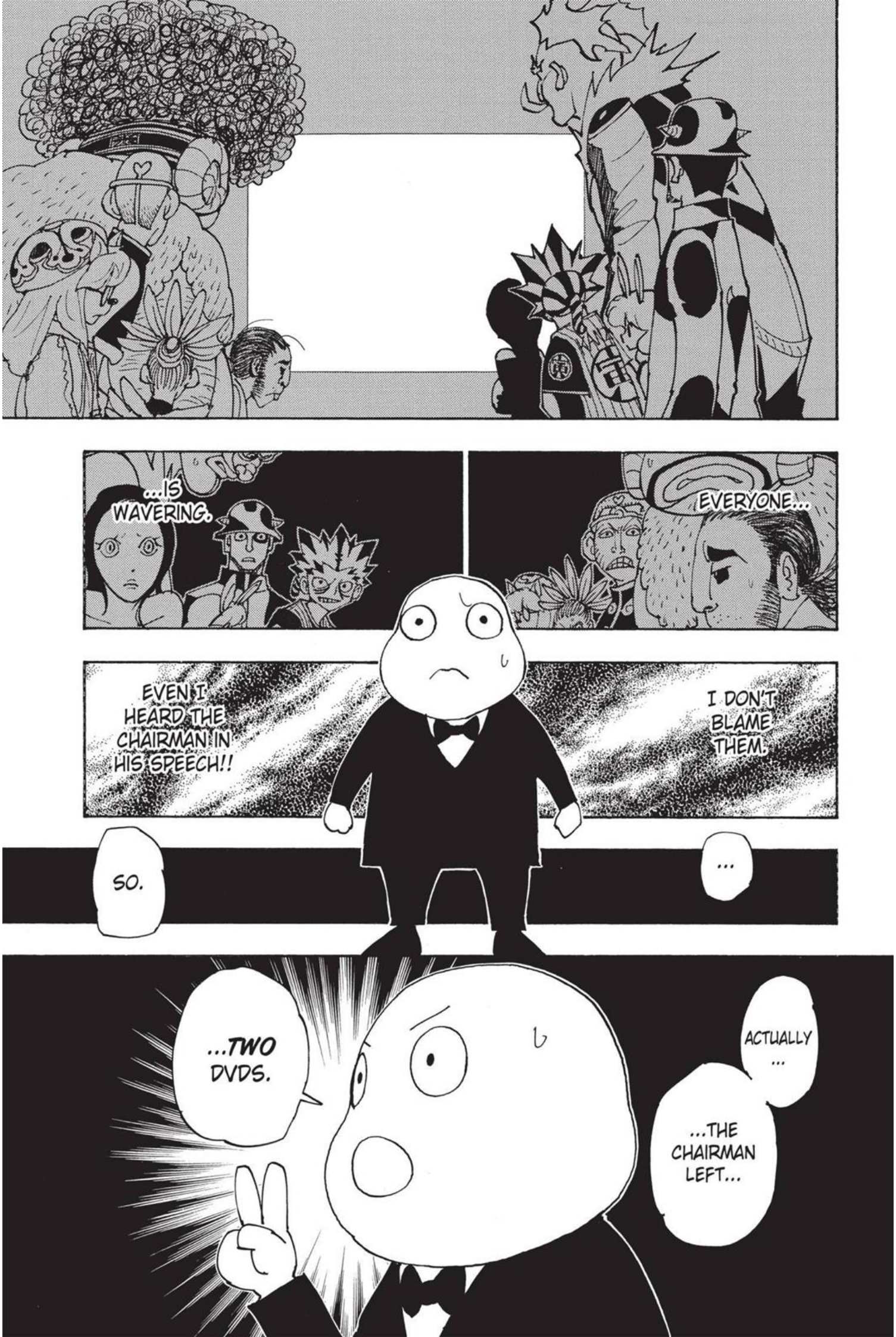

WE'VE HIRED HIS SON!!!
SHF
CAPTAIN BEYOND NETERO!!!

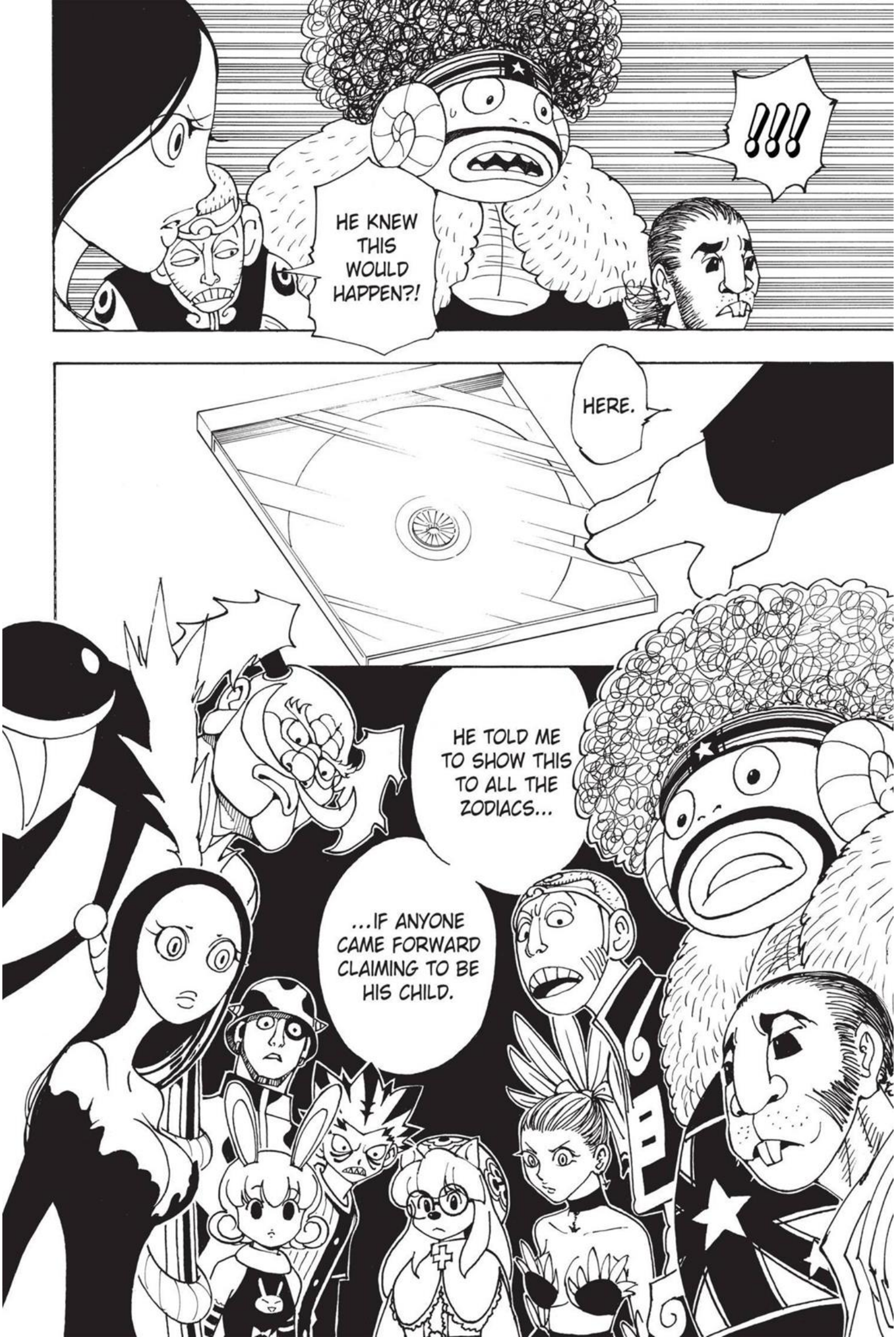

...HAD A SON?
CHAIRMAN NETERO...
...CON-FIRM THISSS !!
WE NEED TO...
HE HAD NO FAMILY!
...WHEN YOU STOP CHALLENGING YOURSELF, YOUR LIFE IS OVER!!
MY BELOVED FATHER ALWAYS USED TO SAY...


...THERE A NEED TO CONFIRM?
IS...
BRR...
BUT...
...WE LEARN WHERE OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS CAME FROM!!
DECIPHERING MYTHS AND EXPLORING RUINS...
IT'S LIKE THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF IS TALKING!!
...STAND IN THE PATH TO OUR GOAL...
NO MATTER HOW MANY OBSTACLES ...
...
...I WILL REMOVE THEM!!
...I PROMISE...
EVERYONE DESERVES AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY !!!
AGE!! GENDER!! NATIONALITY!! EMPLOYMENT!! RACE!! NONE OF IT MATTERS!!


ANYONE WHO WANTS TO WIN THIS NEW LAND IS MY FAMILY!!
I WILL TURN DOWN NO CHALLENGER!!
ALL YOU NEED IS THE COURAGE TO STEP FORWARD!!
RAAAAAAH
EACH PERSON WILL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY!!
LET US GO...
TADA!!
...TO THE NEW WORLD !!!
COME ONE, COME ALL TO KAKIN!!!!


I PROMISE ...
...TO TAKE YOU THERE!!!
BA-DMP...!!


...IS WAVERING.
EVERYONE...
EVEN I HEARD THE CHAIRMAN IN HIS SPEECH!!
I DON'T BLAME THEM.
SO.
...
...TWO DVDS.
ACTUALLY ...
...THE CHAIRMAN LEFT...


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HE KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN?!
HERE.
HE TOLD ME TO SHOW THIS TO ALL THE ZODIACS...
...IF ANYONE CAME FORWARD CLAIMING TO BE HIS CHILD.

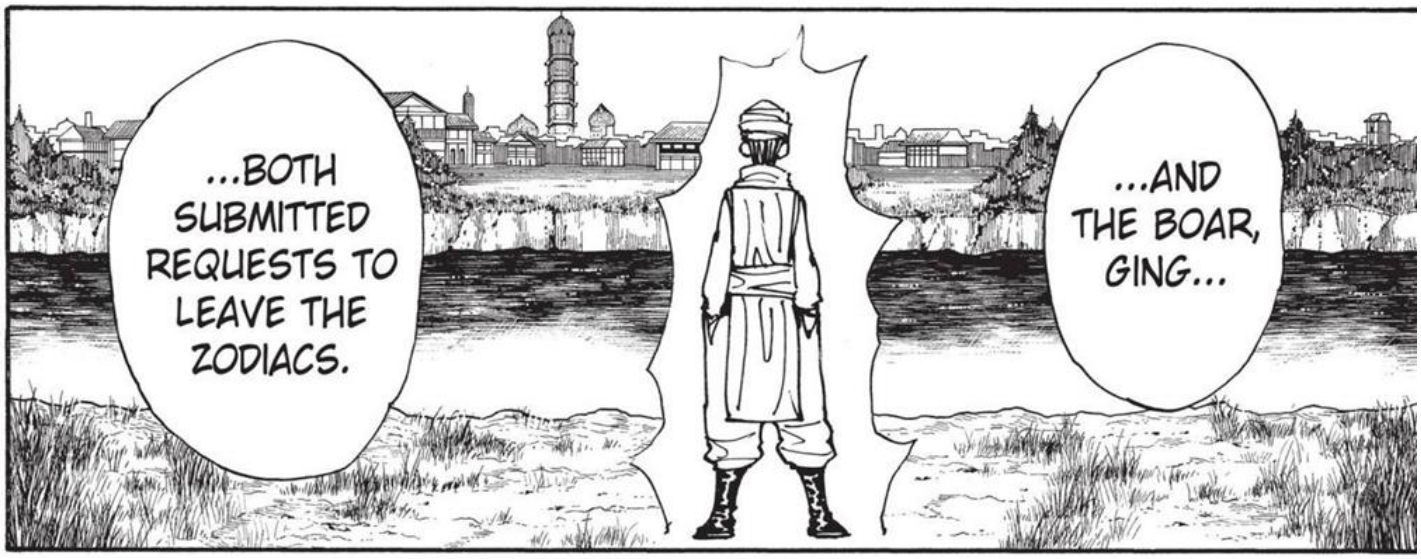

FOR REAL ?!
LET'S WATCH IT!
IDIOT! HE SAID ALL OF US!! THERE ARE TWO MISSING!!
OH, COME ON!!
IT'LL TAKE FOREVER TO TRACK DOWN GING!!
PARISTON IS USUALLY IN HIS OFFICE AT THIS TIME.
NO.
HE'S NOT VICE-CHAIRMAN ANYMORE.
OH YEAH.
WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON THAT TOO.
WAS YOUR TALK...
...ABOUT CHOOSING A VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHEADLE?
LATER.
MESSAGE FIRST!!
WE MIGHT FIND PARISTON.
GING WON'T EVEN ANSWER HIS PHONE!
QUIET!! ↓ EVERYONE
I'LL MAKE MY SPEECH FIRST.
AS IT TURNS OUT, IT'S NOT UNRELATED...


OVER A HUNDRED MILLION VIEWS ON EYETUBE IN AN HOUR.
A HUNDRED THOUSAND PHONE LINES CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE FLOOD OF APPLICATIONS.
GREAT!!
KEEP TAKING THEM!!
THE KING RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM V5 TO WITHDRAW THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND SIGN THE TREATY.
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO FOLLOW THE V5 RULES, ANYWAY?
THEY'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR CENTURIES.
TELL HIM TO IGNORE IT.


YOU NEED THREE LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE APPLICANT'S CONGRESS TO SEE THE SECTION CHIEF.
YOU'LL BE TIED UP FOR A MONTH APIECE BY CONTRACTS AND BRIEFINGS.
YOU MUST SEND AN APPLICATION FOR PASSAGE TO AN AGENCY OPERATED BY V5.
YOU'RE STILL NOT GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE...
THAT'S FIVE MONTHS TOTAL.
IN ORDER TO APPLY, THERE ARE PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW AT EACH COUNTRY'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
BWONG!!
STOP YOUR YAMMERING !!
WHO CARES ?!
THEN, AFTER DROPPING A FORTUNE, I MIGHT GET TO ACCOMPANY THE EXPEDITION ON A SUPERVISED SIGHTSEEING TOUR!
THEY'D MAKE ME SIT AROUND FOR YEARS WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO PLAY BY THEIR LITTLE CLUB'S RULES.
GLOOM
BUT YOU ASKED ...


I WON'T TURN DOWN ANYONE WHO JOINS OR CHASE AFTER ANYONE WHO LEAVES.
BUT I'LL CRUSH ANYONE WHO TRIES TO INTERFERE!!!
I WANT TO EXPLORE WITHOUT BOUNDS!!!
LEAVING MY MARK ON VIRGIN TERRITORY !!!
IN THE GREAT WIDE OPEN !!!
MEET PEOPLE NOBODY HAS MET!!!
ACQUIRE THINGS NOBODY HAS TOUCHED!!!
I WANT TO GO WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE!!!


THE RAT, PARISTON...


...BOTH SUBMITTED REQUESTS TO LEAVE THE ZODIACS.
...AND THE BOAR, GING...


TADA!!
AND I APPROVED!!





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