

Nests City: October 5th, 6:47 AM



MS. VOLKOV!  
IT'S ALMOST 7:00!

IS IT OKAY  
IF I LEAVE,  
NOW?

OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT  
...

YOU  
START  
SCHOOL  
TODAY!

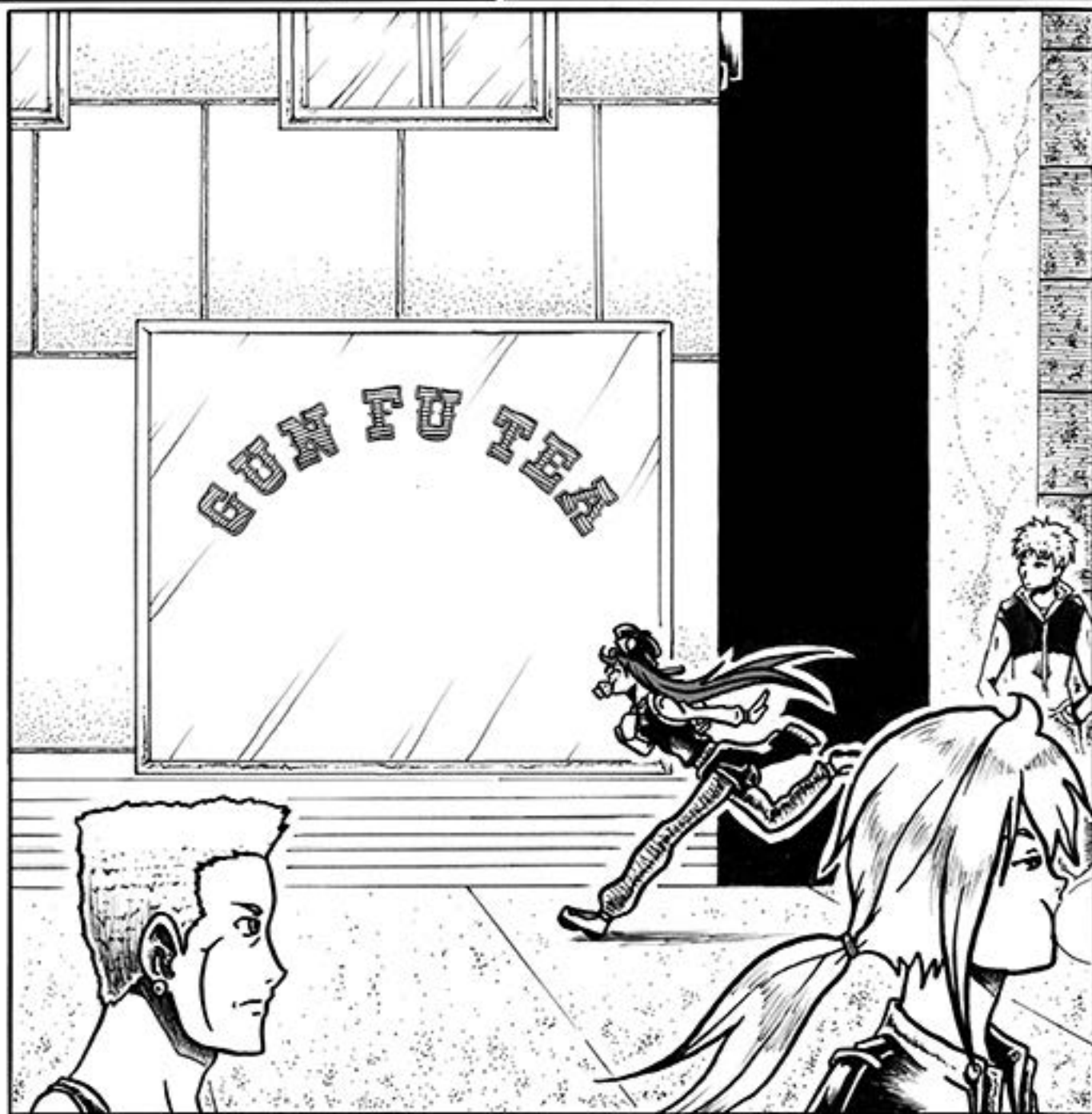
YOU RUN  
ALONG NOW, THEN.

AND TELL ME ALL  
ABOUT IT LATER.

THANK YOU!  
AND I WILL!

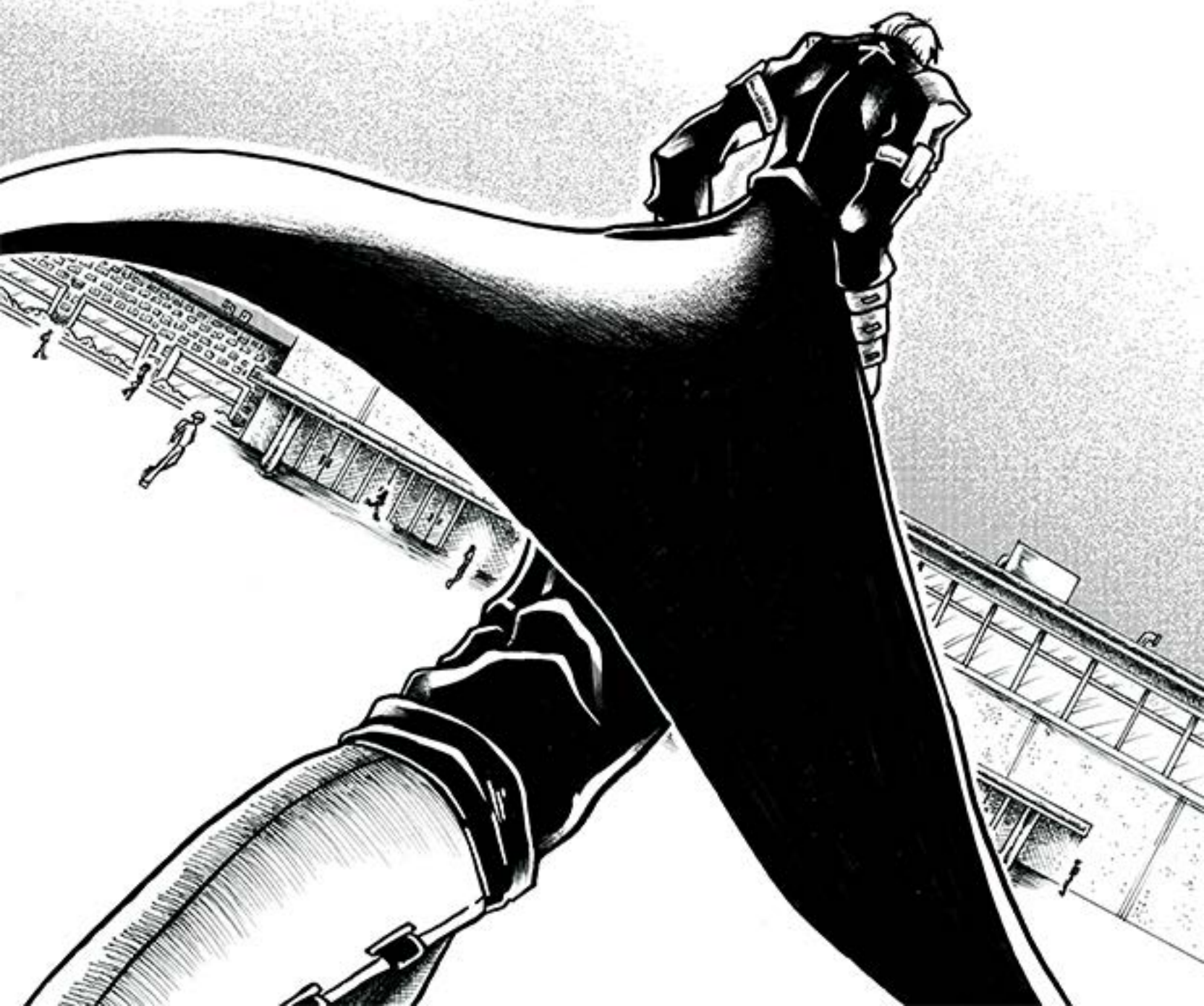
BAM!



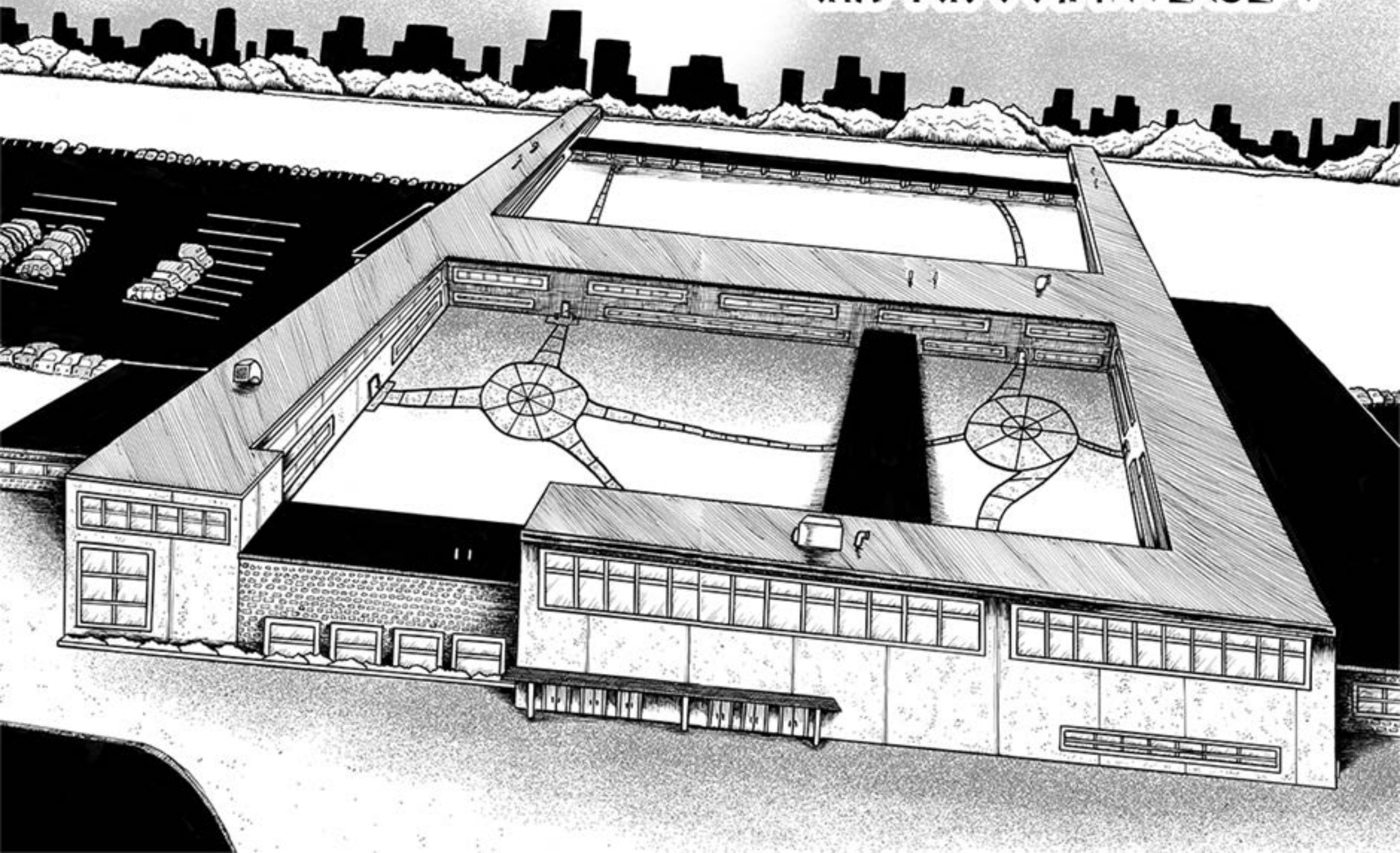


I WONDER...

IF I'LL MAKE ANY  
FRIENDS TODAY...



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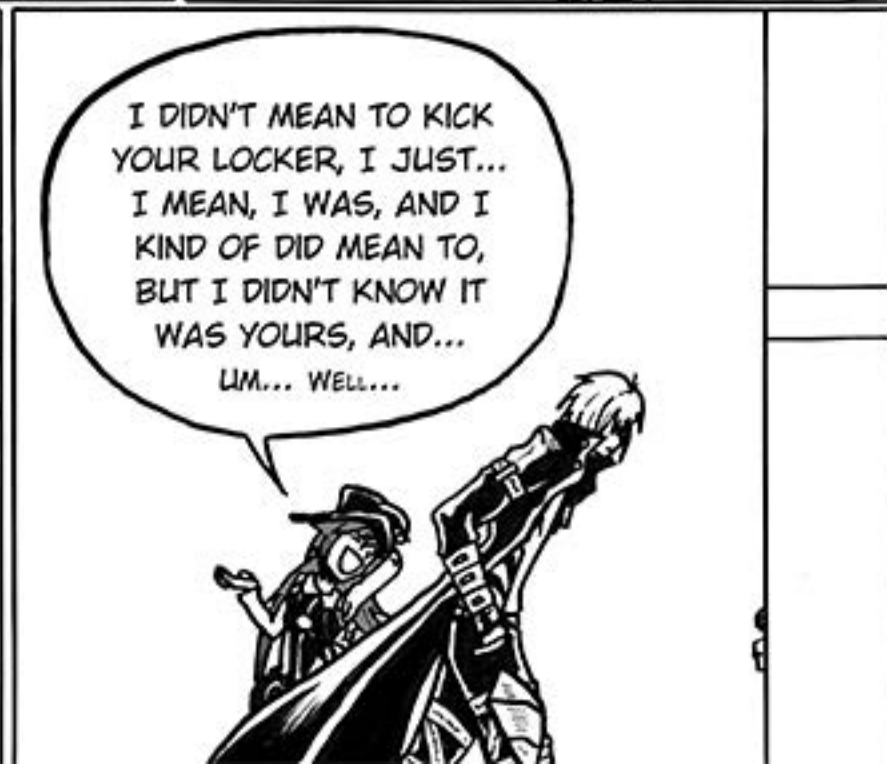




WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING  
...

TO  
MY  
LOCK-  
ER?








SORRY, I  
THOUGHT...



THAT  
WAS MY  
LOCKER.



WELL  
IT'S  
NOT.



SCARY!



WHAT'S  
WITH  
THIS GUY?




HE DOESN'T  
EVEN LOOK LIKE A  
HIGH SCHOOLER.



HIS CLOTHES LOOK  
REALLY STRANGE...



HE LOOKED AT ME  
LIKE HE WAS ABOUT  
TO HURT ME...



SOMETHING ABOUT HIM  
JUST FEELS DANGEROUS.



I CAN'T  
PUT MY  
FINGER  
ON IT...

BUT SOMETHING  
ABOUT HIM JUST  
FEELS OFF!



?



CAN I  
HELP YOU?

Eep!

YOUR  
STARING'S  
CREEPY...



N-NO, NO, I'M...  
I'M JUST...

WONDERING  
WHERE MY  
LOCKER IS!



WELL,  
LIKE I  
SAID...

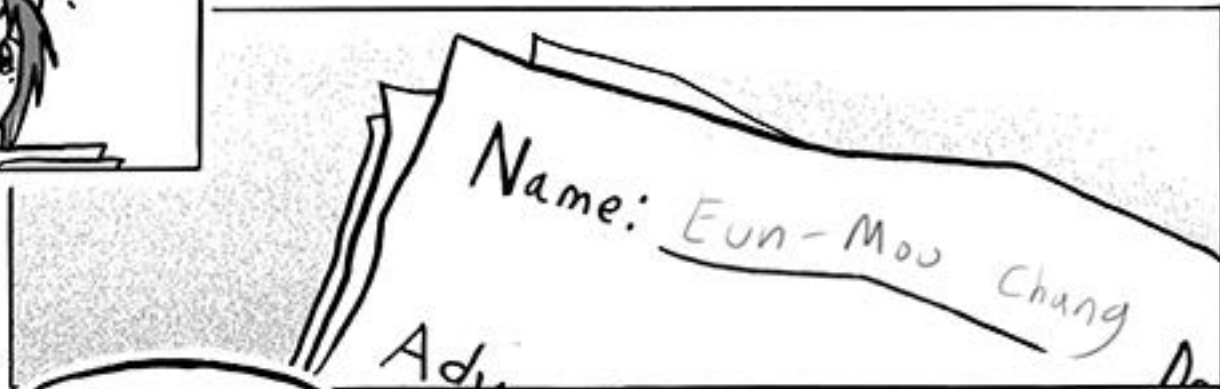
IT'S NOT HERE.

CRASH!!

D'WAH!!

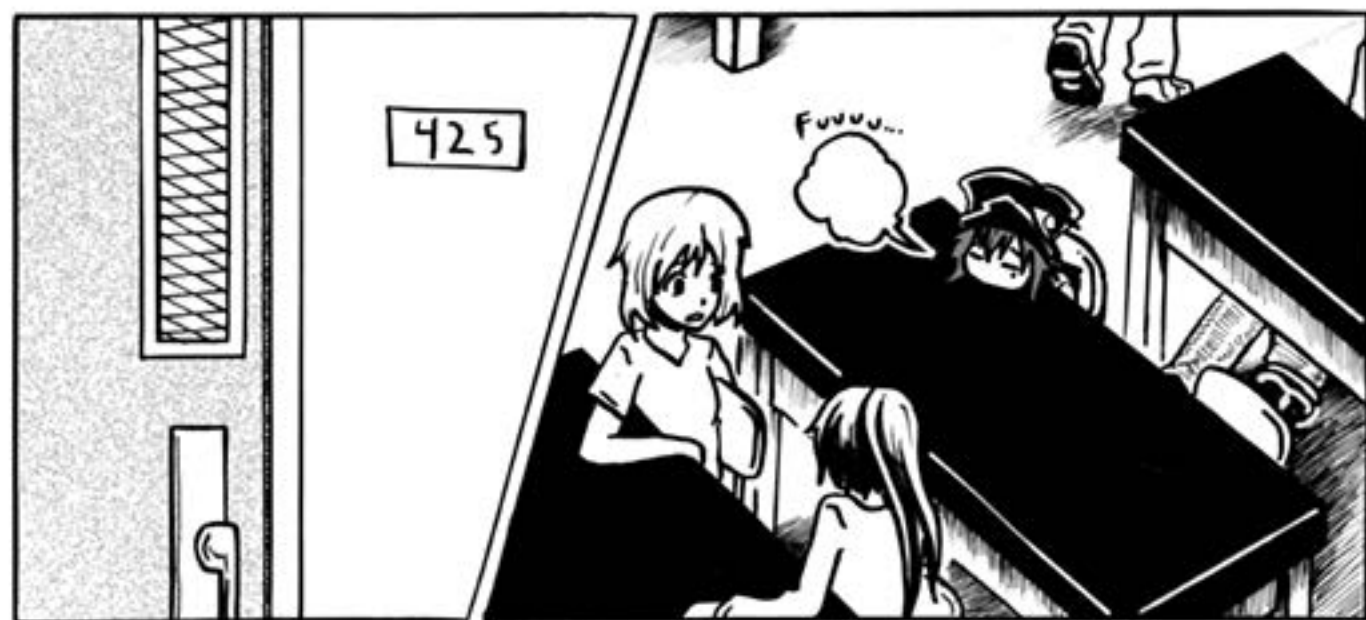
SEE?

CLANK!











TODAY  
COULD'VE  
STARTED OFF  
BETTER...

AND BARELY  
ON TIME...

I HOPE I  
DIDN'T MAKE  
THAT TALL  
GUY MAD.

OH WELL.  
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL  
BE AROUND HIM  
A LOT ANYWAY...

ATTENTION,  
EVERYONE!

WELCOME  
BACK TO A.P.  
BIOLOGY.

LET'S GET  
THROUGH  
ATTENDANCE  
AND...

AH!

IT  
SEEMS  
LIKE WE  
HAVE A  
NEW  
STUDENT  
WITH  
US.

A MISS  
...  
"CELANDINE  
CAO"?

YES!

CELAN-  
DINE  
CAO!

THAT'S  
ME!

I SEE.  
WELL...

WEL-  
COME TO  
NESTS CITY  
ACADEMY.

THANK  
YOU!

CONTINUING  
ON.

LET'S  
SEE,  
NEXT  
ON THE  
LIST  
IS  
...

18 Biology

Fan, Gladys
Chang, Eun-Mee
Dutton, Paul
Dunifon, Zack
Flann, Lily
Yaspin, Alex
Leuter, Kira
Kim, Daehyun
McL, Maria
Morris, Susan
Owen, Paul
Lee, Kevin





I SHOULDN'T  
EVEN BOTHER  
ASKING, BUT...

IS EUN-MOO  
CHANG HERE?



... EH?



PRESENT.



OH?  
DECIDED  
TO SHOW  
UP  
TODAY?

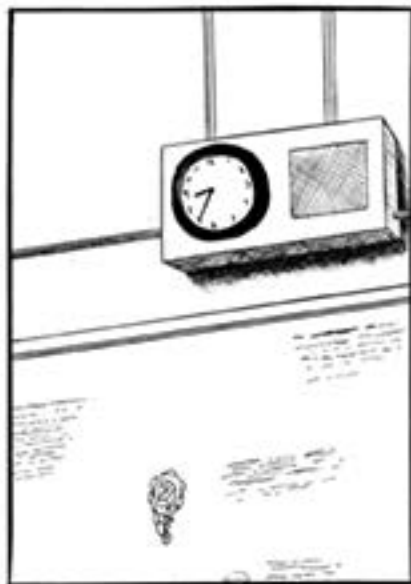
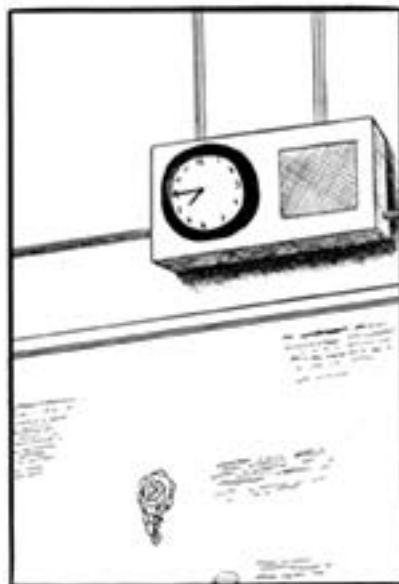
SURPRISE.











TONIGHT, WITH A PARTNER, YOU MUST COMPLETE A THREE PAGE REPORT ON AN INVERTEBRATE OF YOUR CHOICE.

TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE, YOU'LL BE PAIRED WITH THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU.



GREAT ...



WAIT...



WE HAVE TO WRITE ABOUT WHAT? INVERTED GRAPES?



INVERTEBRATES.  
DON'T SLEEP IN CLASS.

NOT MY LOCKER EITHER...



I SEE ...



WELL, YOU HAVE FUN WITH THAT.



I'M OUT.

**HEY!**



HOLD ON!  
YOU CAN'T JUST DUMP THE WHOLE ASSIGNMENT ON ME!



UH, YEAH I CAN.





**TUG!**



**NO!**  
I AM  
NOT  
GOING  
TO LET  
YOU  
...

**JUST  
WALK  
AWAY  
LIKE  
THAT!**



IF YOU DON'T  
LIKE THE ASSIGNMENT,  
THEN HELP ME FINISH  
IT QUICKLY THEN!

BUT YOU ARE  
NOT JUST UP AND  
DITCHING ME!

FOR NOW, WE'RE PARTNERS!  
AND YOU DO NOT JUST GET TO DO  
WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT!  
I AM NOT DOING MORE WORK JUST  
BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO  
COOL TO DO YOUR PART!



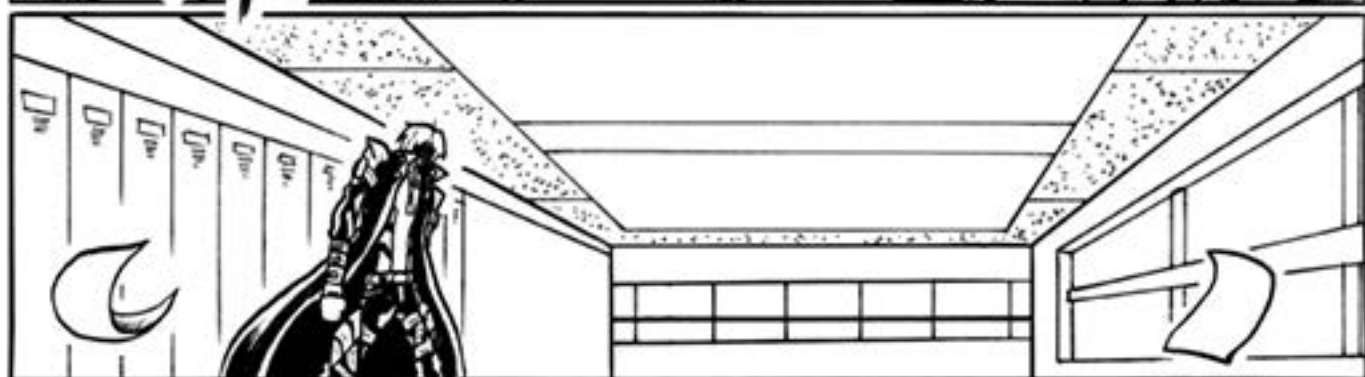
YOU'RE GOING  
TO HELP ME  
GET THIS DONE,  
AND I'M NOT  
LETTING GO  
UNTIL YOU  
PROMISE ME  
YOU WILL!











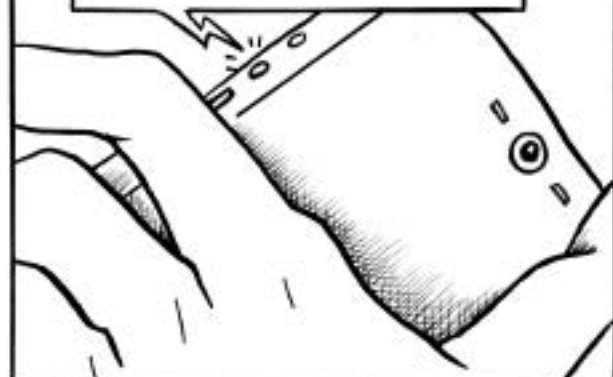
A CHANGE  
OF PACE MIGHT  
NOT BE SO  
BAD

...





OWL TO WHITE TIGER. DO YOU COPY? OVER.



YEAH. YOU NEED SOMETHING?



OH COME ON...

WHAT?

THERE'S A REASON WE USE CODE-NAMES IN THE FIELD, YOU KNOW.

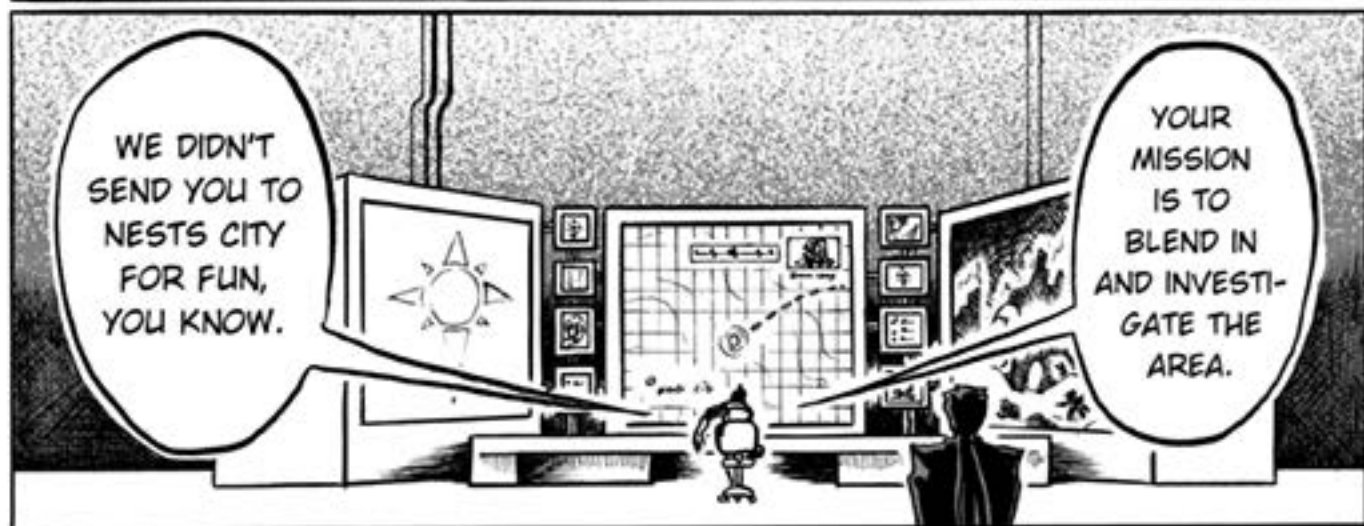


WELL, I'M NOT "IN THE FIELD". I'M AT A BORING, BRICK DAY-CARE FOR TEEN-AGERS.



SO DO YOU NEED SOMETHING OR WHAT?







ANY-  
WAY  
...



WE'VE  
GOT  
ANOTHER  
HOSTILE  
HEADING  
TOWARDS  
YOU.



THIS IS  
A LEVEL 4  
THREAT,  
SO WE NEED  
YOU TO  
ELIMINATE IT  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

OH,  
AND...  
YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH  
THIS ONE  
BY YOUR-  
SELF.



BY  
MY-  
SELF  
?

WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
IS  
EVERY-  
ONE  
ELSE  
DOING?

...



THEY'RE...



OCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT.



...




BUT YOU PREFER TO WORK SOLO ANYWAY, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE, RIGHT?







ALL BUSY, HUH?



YUP. WE'RE SHORTHANDED. BUT YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT? YOU ALWAYS DID PREFER DOING YOUR MISSIONS SOLO, AS I RECALL.



YET FOR *THESE* KINDS, YOU ALWAYS INSIST ON AT LEAST SENDING HANNAH AS BACK-UP, AS I RECALL.



HA HA!

WELL, THINK OF THIS AS A SHOW OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUR ABILITIES.



I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPIER ABOUT THIS. WHY SO HESITANT? DID YOU FIND A LEAD IN YOUR INVESTIGATION?



I...  
NO,  
NOT  
REALLY  
...







YOU  
SURE  
THIS IS  
A GOOD  
IDEA?



OF  
COURSE.  
IT'S OUR  
MOST  
EFFICIENT  
OPTION.




EUN-MOO  
CHANG  
KEEPS OUR  
ENEMY AT  
BAY, AND IS  
KEPT IN THE  
DARK REGARD-  
ING OUR  
OTHER  
MISSION.

IT'S  
TWO  
BIRDS  
WITH  
ONE  
STONE.

THAT MAY  
BE, BUT  
STILL...






YOU  
DO KNOW  
WHAT EUN-MOO  
WILL DO IF HE  
FINDS OUT WHAT  
WE'VE BEEN  
HIDING FROM  
HIM...

DON'T  
YOU?



IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER.

OUR  
MISSION IS  
NECESSARY.  
AND IF  
EUN-MOO  
CHANG  
IMPEDES  
IT...



THEN HE  
WILL BE  
TERMINATED.

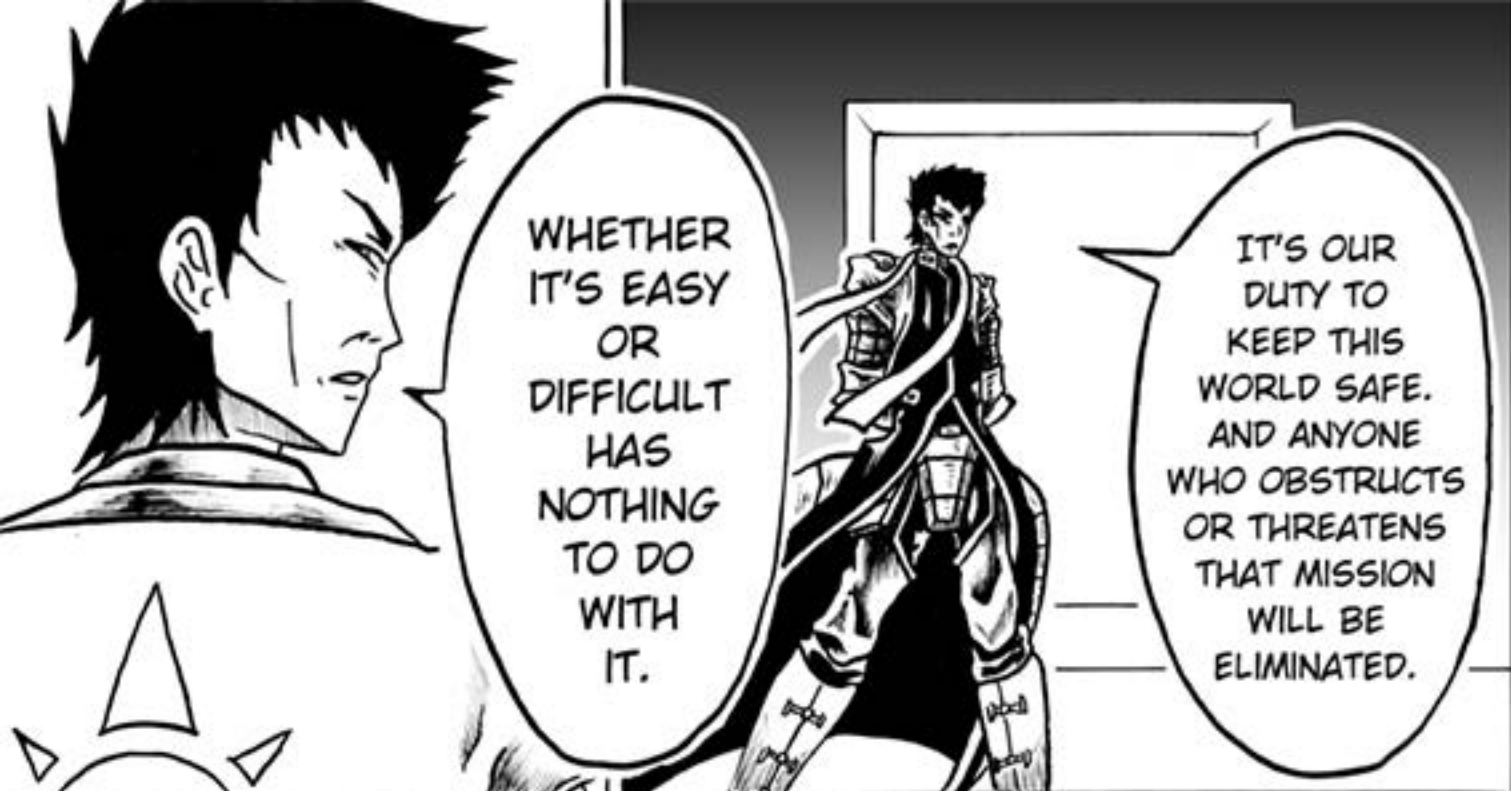


YOU  
TALK AS  
IF DOING  
THAT WOULD  
BE EASY  
...



SEIGA.





WHETHER  
IT'S EASY  
OR  
DIFFICULT  
HAS  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH  
IT.

IT'S OUR  
DUTY TO  
KEEP THIS  
WORLD SAFE.  
AND ANYONE  
WHO OBSTRUCTS  
OR THREATENS  
THAT MISSION  
WILL BE  
ELIMINATED.



THAT  
POLICY  
APPLIES  
TO ALL  
MEMBERS  
OF OUR  
ORGANI-  
ZATION  
...

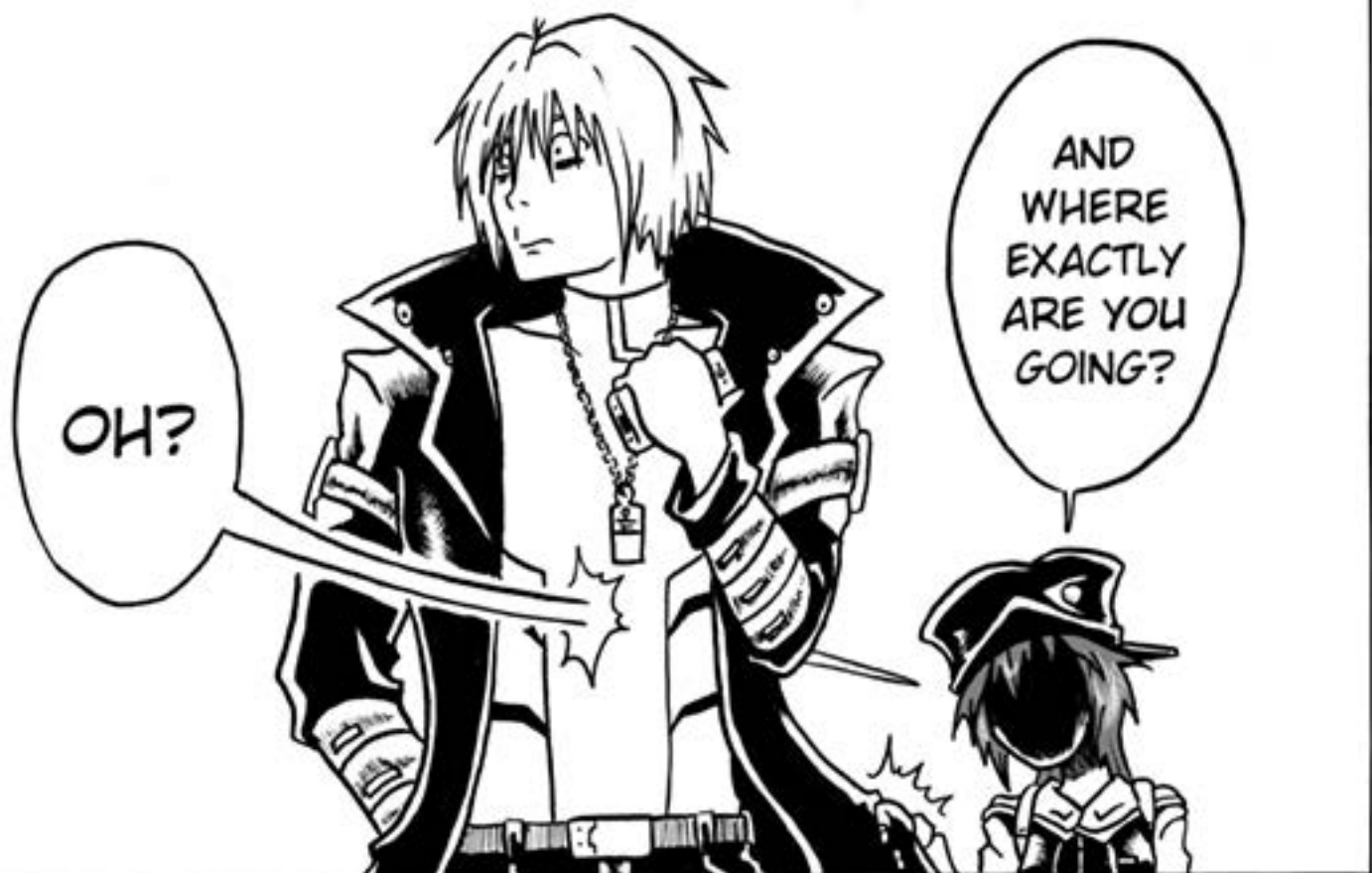
IN-  
CLUDING  
YOU  
...  
GEAR.



OH?  
DO YOU REALLY  
THINK YOU CAN  
THREATEN ME?

GEEZ...





OH?

AND  
WHERE  
EXACTLY  
ARE YOU  
GOING?



YOU'RE  
NOT  
TRYING TO  
DITCH ME,  
ARE YOU?

BE-  
CAUSE  
THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
LOOKS  
LIKE.



CEL?!  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
HERE?!



I  
WAS  
FOLLOW-  
ING  
YOU.



I GOT OUT  
OF CLASS  
EARLY AND SAW  
YOU, SO I RAN  
OUTSIDE TO  
MEET UP WITH  
YOU LIKE WE  
PLANNED.

AND HERE  
YOU ARE TRYING  
TO DITCH ME! AFTER  
YOU TOLD ME  
TO TRUST YOU!



IT'S  
NOT  
LIKE  
THAT,  
REALLY!



THEN  
WHAT  
IS IT?



UH...  
SOME-  
THING  
URGENT  
CAME UP  
SOME-  
WHERE.




BE  
MORE  
SPECIFIC.



I...  
CAN'T  
GIVE  
SPECIFICS  
RIGHT NOW,  
BUT...



YOU  
REALLY  
NEED TO  
GET AWAY  
FROM HERE.  
TRUST ME  
OKAY?



YOU'VE  
GOT A  
LOT OF  
NERVE,  
SAYING  
THAT  
RIGHT  
NOW!



GAAAAH!

DAMN IT!



THERE  
ISN'T  
TIME  
FOR  
THIS!









...PORT.



WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

AN IDEAL SITUATION.



THINGS CAN'T POSSIBLY GET ANY BETTER ...



OWL TO  
WHITE  
TIGER.

WHAT'S GOING  
ON OVER THERE?

IT'S  
NOTHING.  
FALSE  
ALARM.  
NOTHING  
TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT.



I COULD'VE  
SWORN I HEARD  
ANOTHER VOICE.

IT'S...  
THAT WASN'T  
...

IF SOMEONE APPROACHED  
YOU, YOU SHOULD'VE  
KNOCKED THEM OUT.



AND IF SOMEONE DID  
GET DRAGGED ALONG,  
YOU KNOW OUR POLICY  
ON THAT, SO...

IT'S  
NOTHING.  
REALLY. I'M  
HANGING  
LIP NOW.

BEEP!



HEY! WHAT'S  
GOING ON?! WHAT  
IS HAPPENING?!

WHAT'S  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN,  
IS YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
LEAVE.



IT'S NOT  
SAFE HERE.  
GO GET AS  
FAR AWAY  
AS YOU  
CAN.

NOW.

ARE  
YOU  
CRAZY?!

WE'RE IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF NO-  
WHERE!

WHERE  
EXACTLY AM  
I SUPPOSED  
TO GO?!  
IT'S NOT  
SAFE ANY-  
WHERE!

HOW DID WE  
EVEN GET HERE?!  
WHAT WAS  
THAT LIGHT?!

...

HOW DO  
I KNOW  
YOU WON'T  
LEAVE ME  
HERE?!

YOU  
WON'T  
TELL ME  
ANYTHING

...

SO HOW  
AM I EVEN  
SUPPOSED  
TO TRUST  
YOU?!

WILL YOU  
JUST SHUT  
UP AND  
LISTEN?!



WE'RE  
BOTH IN  
ENOUGH  
TROUBLE  
AS IT  
IS!

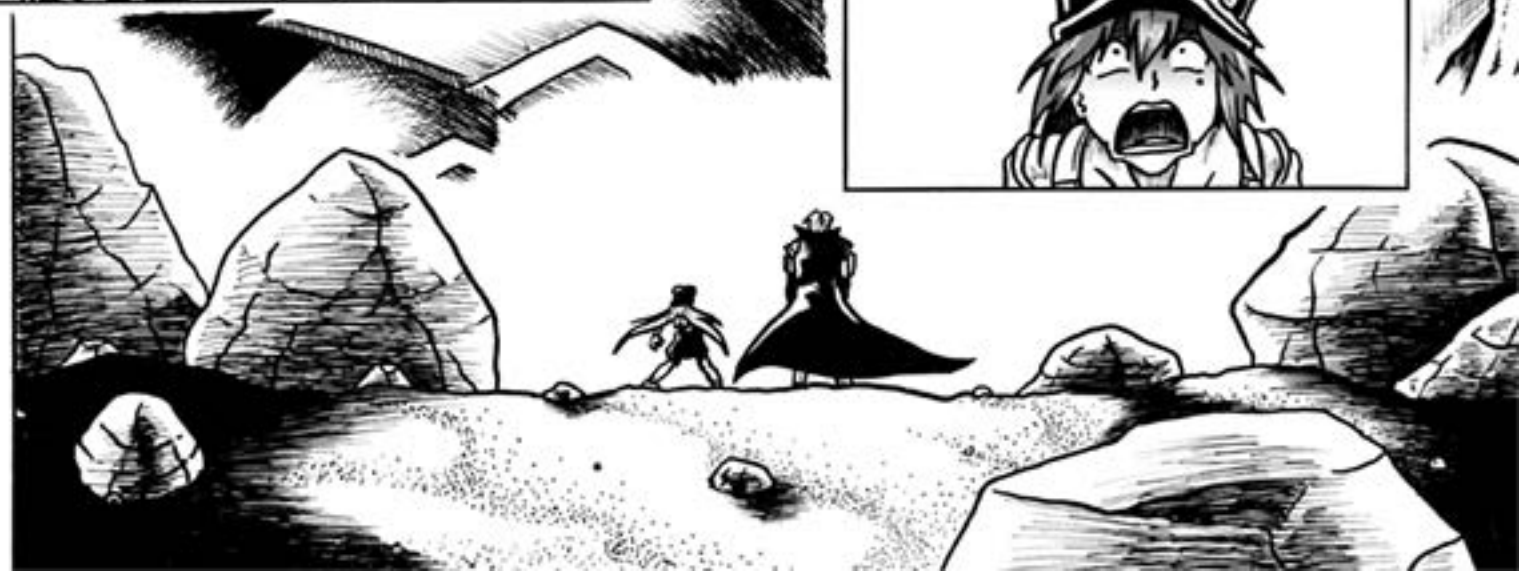


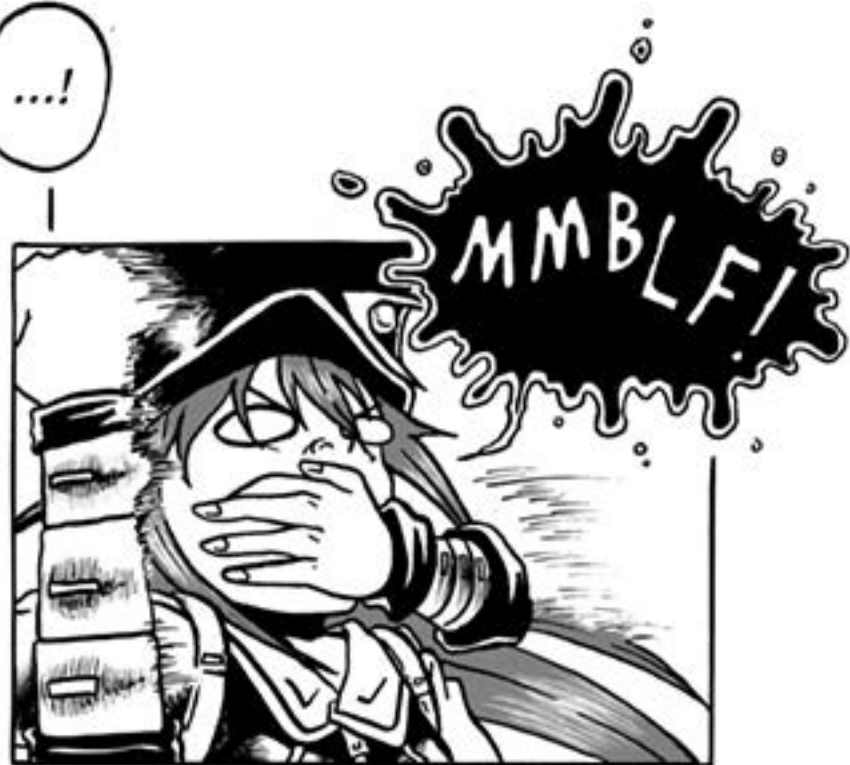
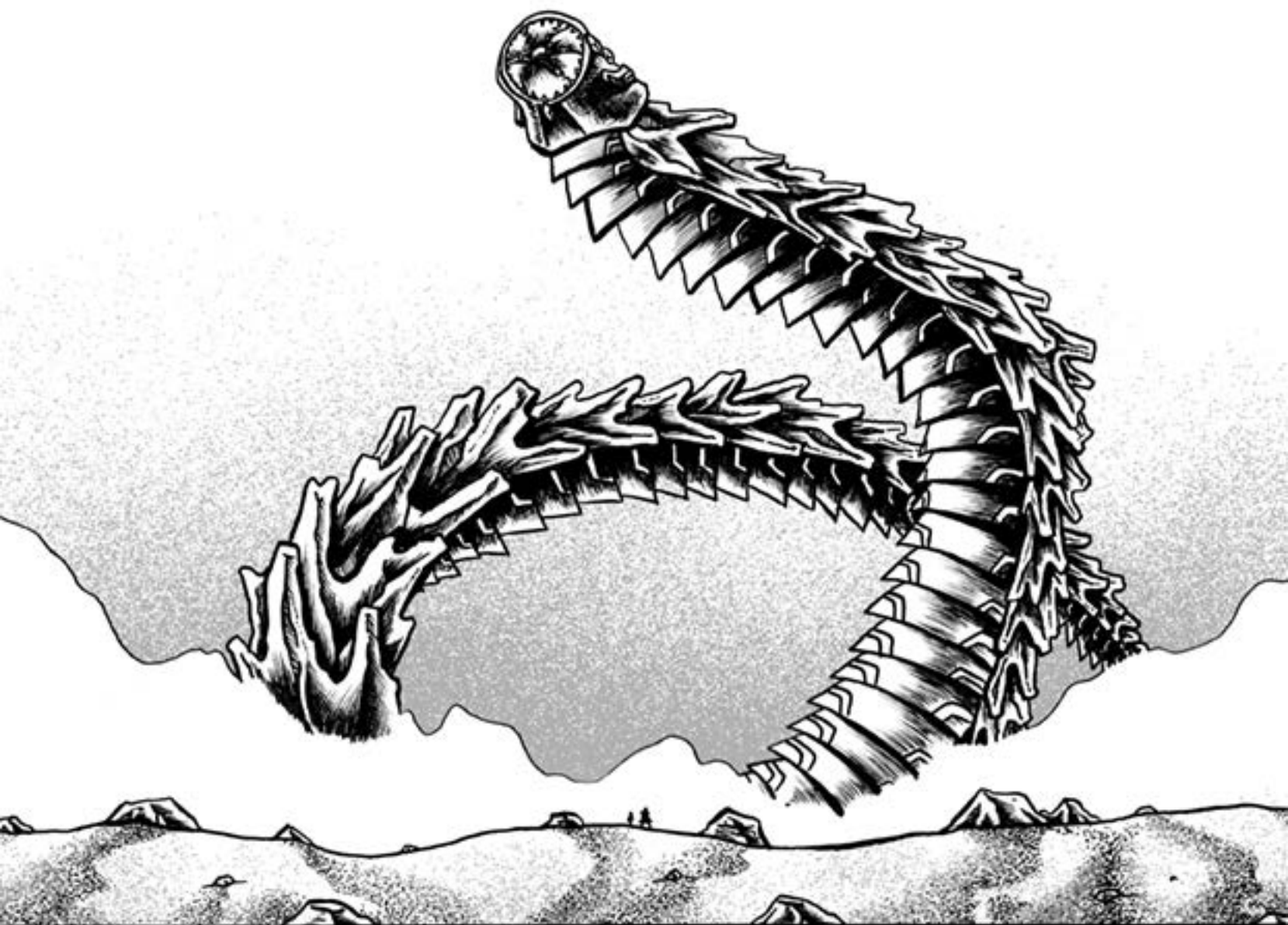
I'LL EXPLAIN  
LATER, BUT  
RIGHT NOW, YOU  
NEED TO GET  
OUT OF HERE  
BEFORE...!

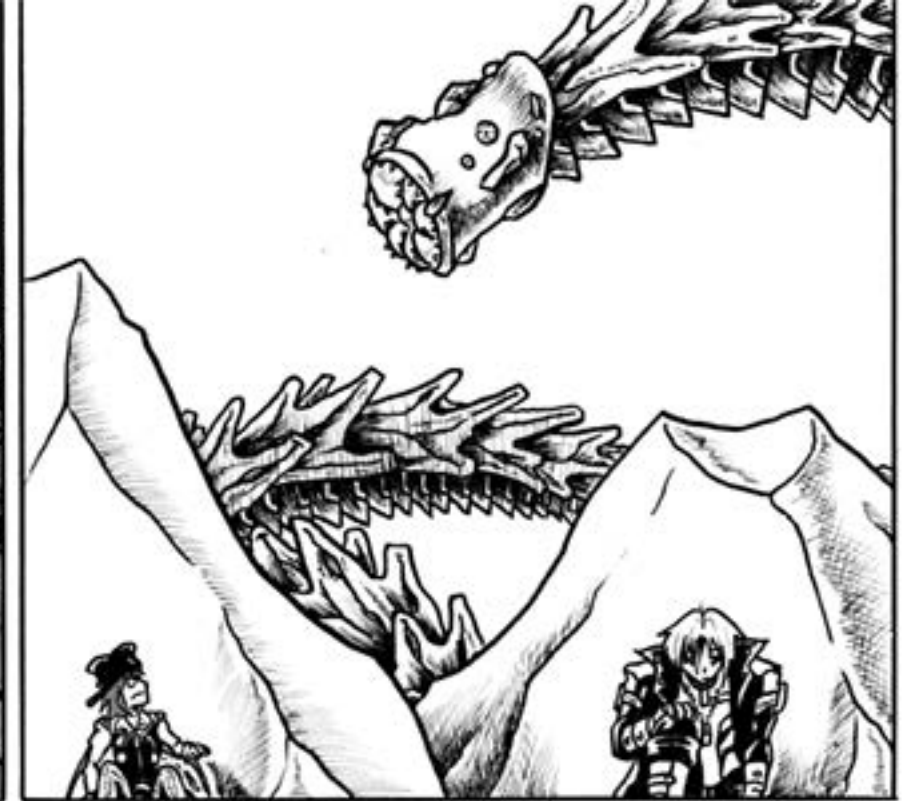


**KA-BOOM!!!**









WHAT IS THAT THING?!

BIO-CHIMERA.



WHAT'S A BIO-CHIMERA?!

THAT.





THAT'S...

NONE  
OF  
YOUR  
BUSI-  
NESS.



WORRY  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
SAFETY.

I'M GOING  
TO ATTACK THE  
BIO-CHIMERA. WHEN  
I DO, YOU RUN AS FAR  
AWAY FROM HERE  
AS YOU CAN.

I'LL COME  
FIND YOU ONCE  
I'M DONE HERE.



ARE YOU NUTS?!  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
ATTACK THAT  
THING?!



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
JUST  
SAID.



AFTER  
ALL  
...

I DO  
HAVE TO  
KILL IT.

THAT IS WHY  
I'M HERE.









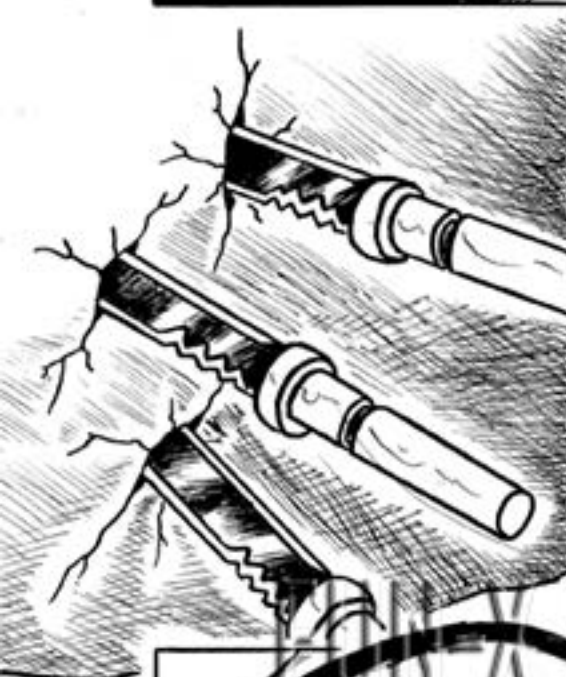




OKAY,  
CALM DOWN.  
I CAN MAKE IT  
OUT OF THIS.



HE SAID TO  
RUN ONCE HE  
ATTACKS THAT  
MONSTER.



I NEED TO  
KEEP AN EYE  
OUT AND SEE  
WHEN HE  
DOES.





THWIP!  
THWIP!  
THWIP!

