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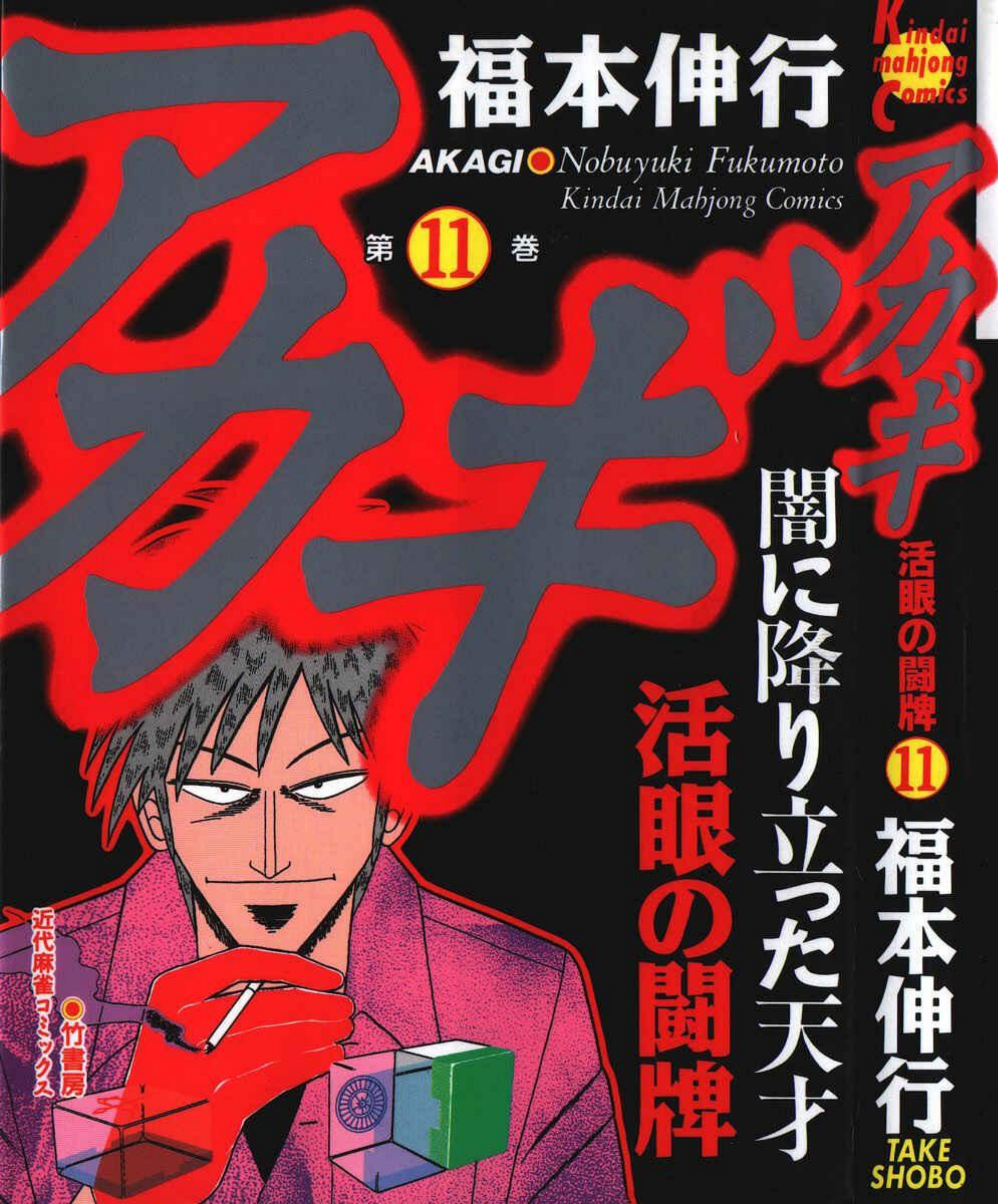


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近代麻雀コミックス

○ 竹書房

調和と無慾の光がどこかす、深淵のように暗く、
すえた精神の閃爍が塵う塵に棲む物の怪に驚愕。

彼の欲するものは狂気。

欲望の全てを、嘔吐するほど食し腐くし吐くただれた胃袋が欲するものは、『狂気!!』
退屈の恐怖を一時でも忘れさせてくれるものは、『狂気!!』

金貨の相手は白髪の高僧。

命を賭けたこの狂気のゲームに勝てよ。

恐怖が痼疾のようにからみつき、体中の皮膚をかきむしって喰えよ!!

……何者だお前は。

少しも恐怖も感じないのか?

何者だ。命が惜しくないのか?

——後に裏社会で神賊の男と呼ばれた赤木しげるだった。

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麻雀

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●TAKE SHOBO●

登場人物

権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ

鷺巣



不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷺巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている

安岡



稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷺巣に挑戦する

仰木



鷺巣の部下。今回の対局の鷺巣のアシスタント役

鈴木



【鷺巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷺巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点=100万円=血液100c.c.。アカギと鷺巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000c.c.は点棒2万点に相当し、鷺巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷺巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷺巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷺巣側のみ選択できる。

赤木しげる



あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。
昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷺巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。彼の餌食となった若者の中にかつてアカギと戦った「ニセアカギ」がいた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷺巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷺巣麻雀に挑んだ。1回戦、2回戦とも辛くもアカギの勝利となるが……!?

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第91話 解凍



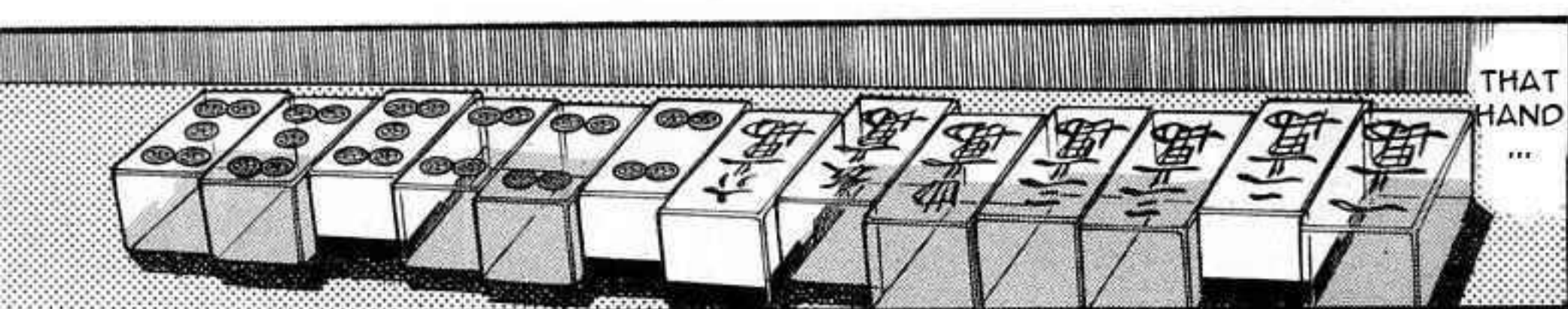


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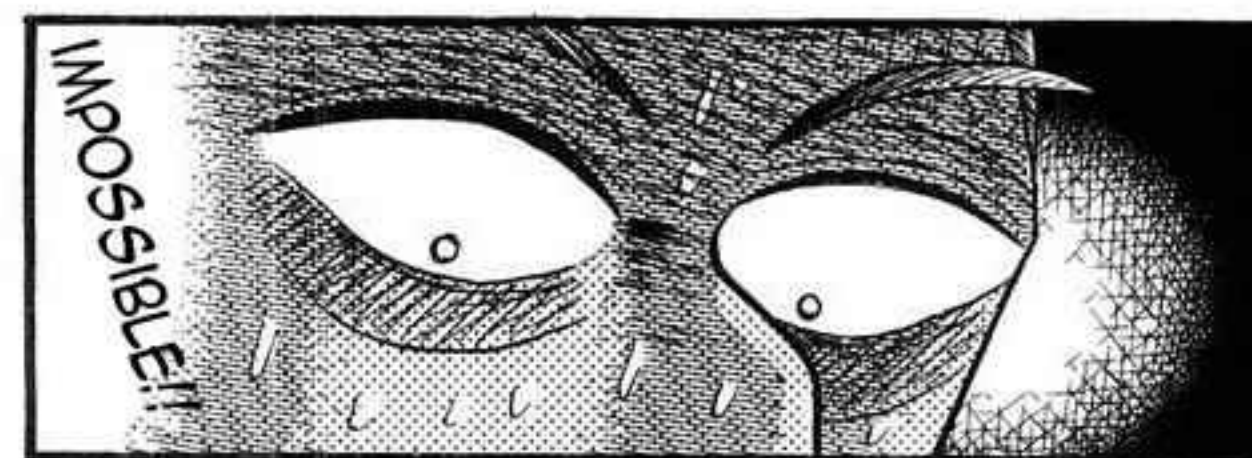


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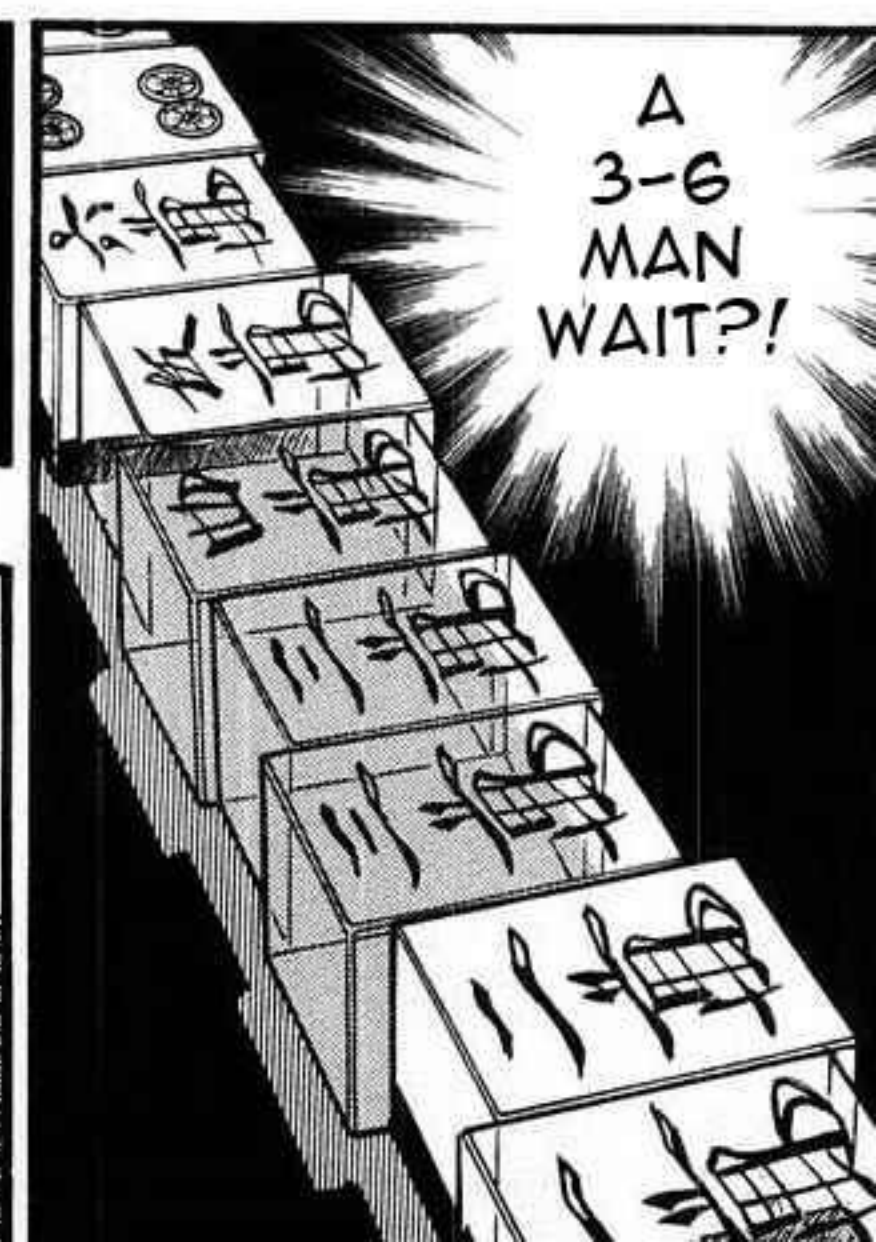
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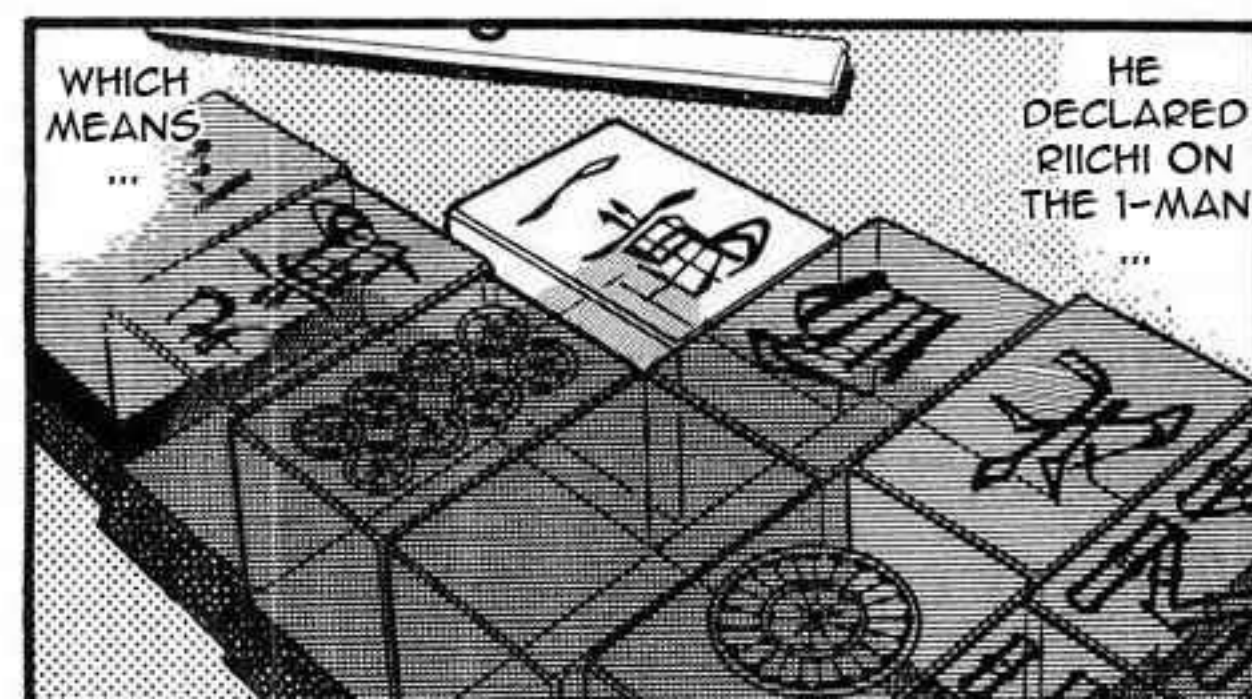
THAT HAND ...



IMPOSSIBLE!!

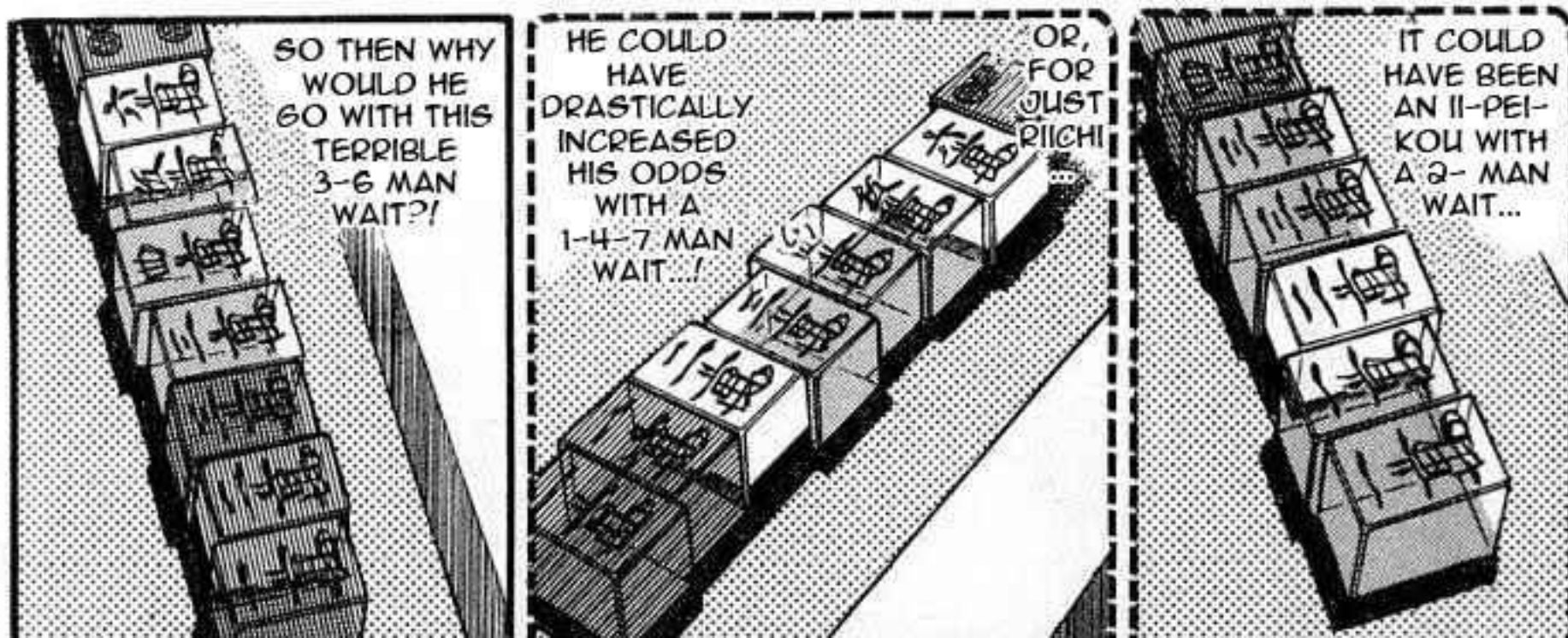


A 3-6 MAN WAIT?!



WHICH MEANS ...

HE DECLARED RIICHI ON THE 1-MAN ...



SO THEN WHY WOULD HE GO WITH THIS TERRIBLE 3-6 MAN WAIT?!

HE COULD HAVE DRASTICALLY INCREASED HIS ODDS WITH A 1-4-7 MAN WAIT...!

OR, FOR JUST RIICHI

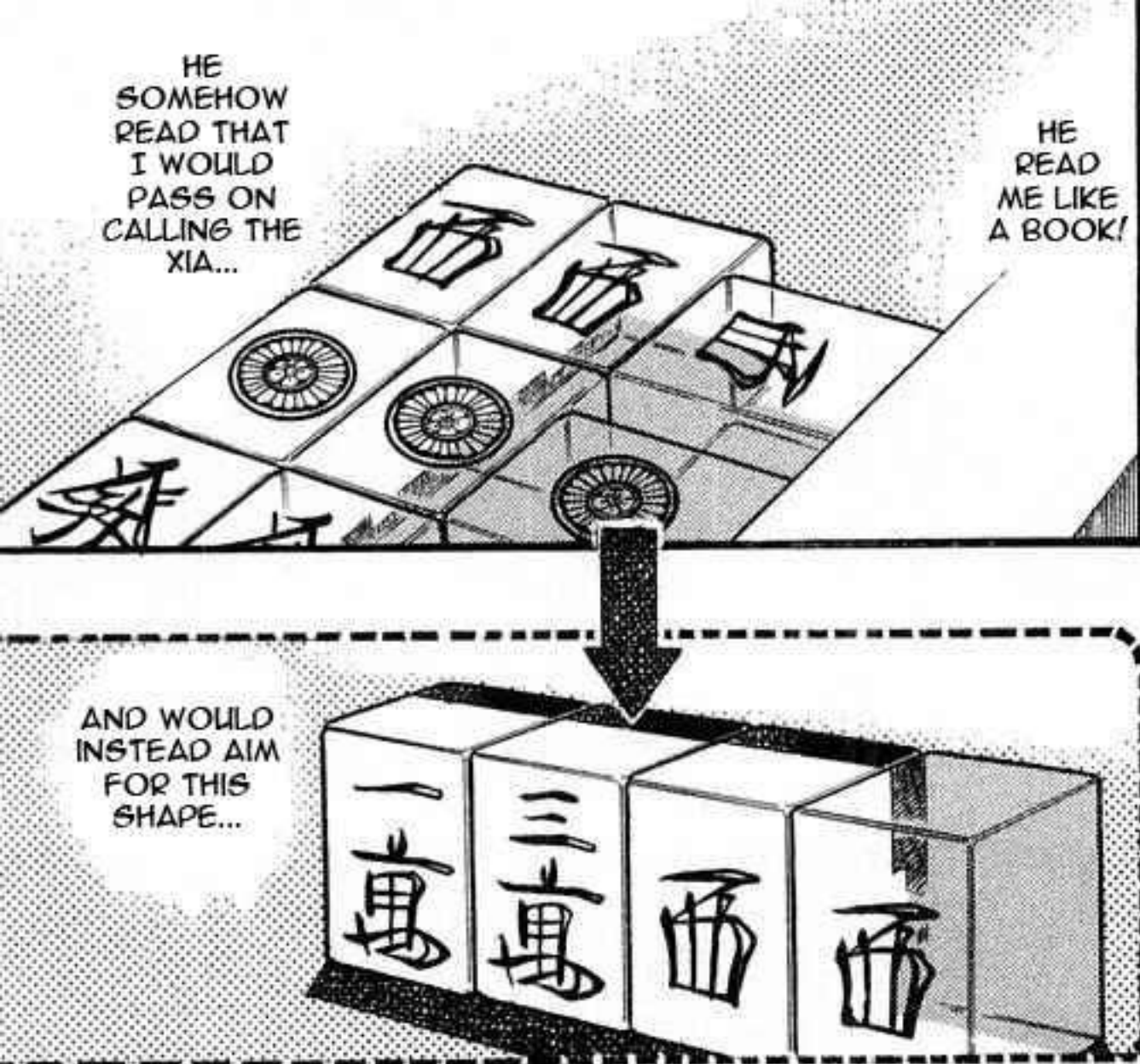
IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN 11-PEI-KOU WITH A 2-MAN WAIT...

HE
SOMEHOW
READ THAT
I WOULD
PASS ON
CALLING THE
XIA...

HE
READ
ME LIKE
A BOOK!

IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

AND WOULD
INSTEAD AIM
FOR THIS
SHAPE...

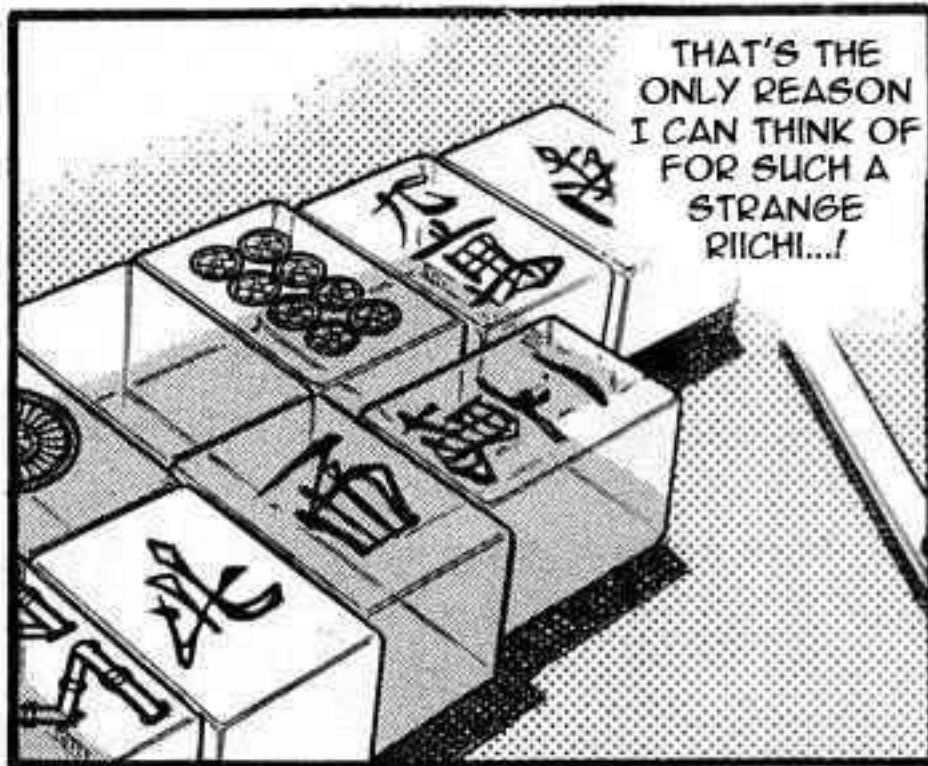


ALL I NEEDED
TO WIN FROM
HIM WOULD BE
A SIMPLE
MANGAN HAND
...

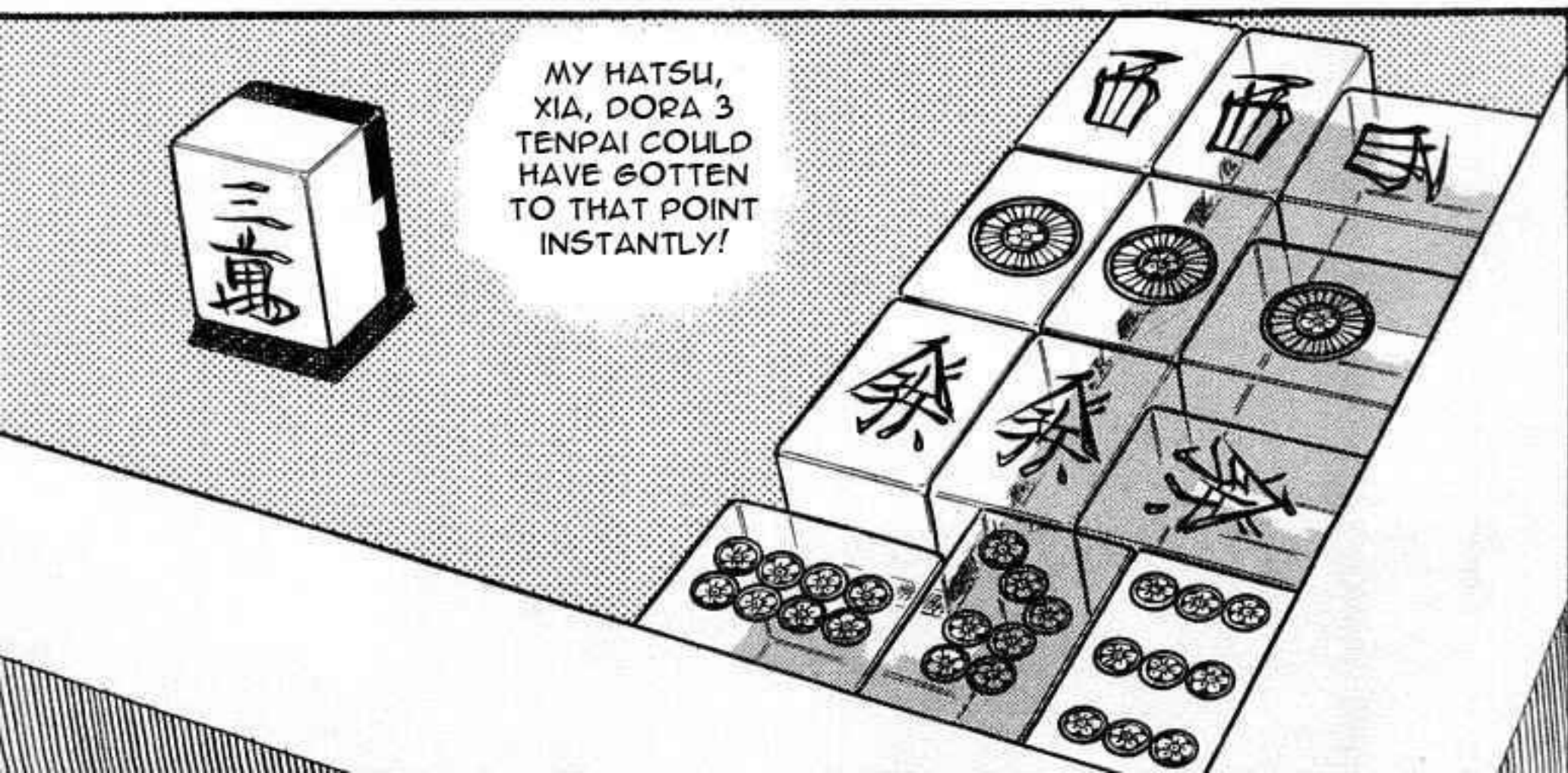
AFTER
HE CALLED
THAT RIICHI...

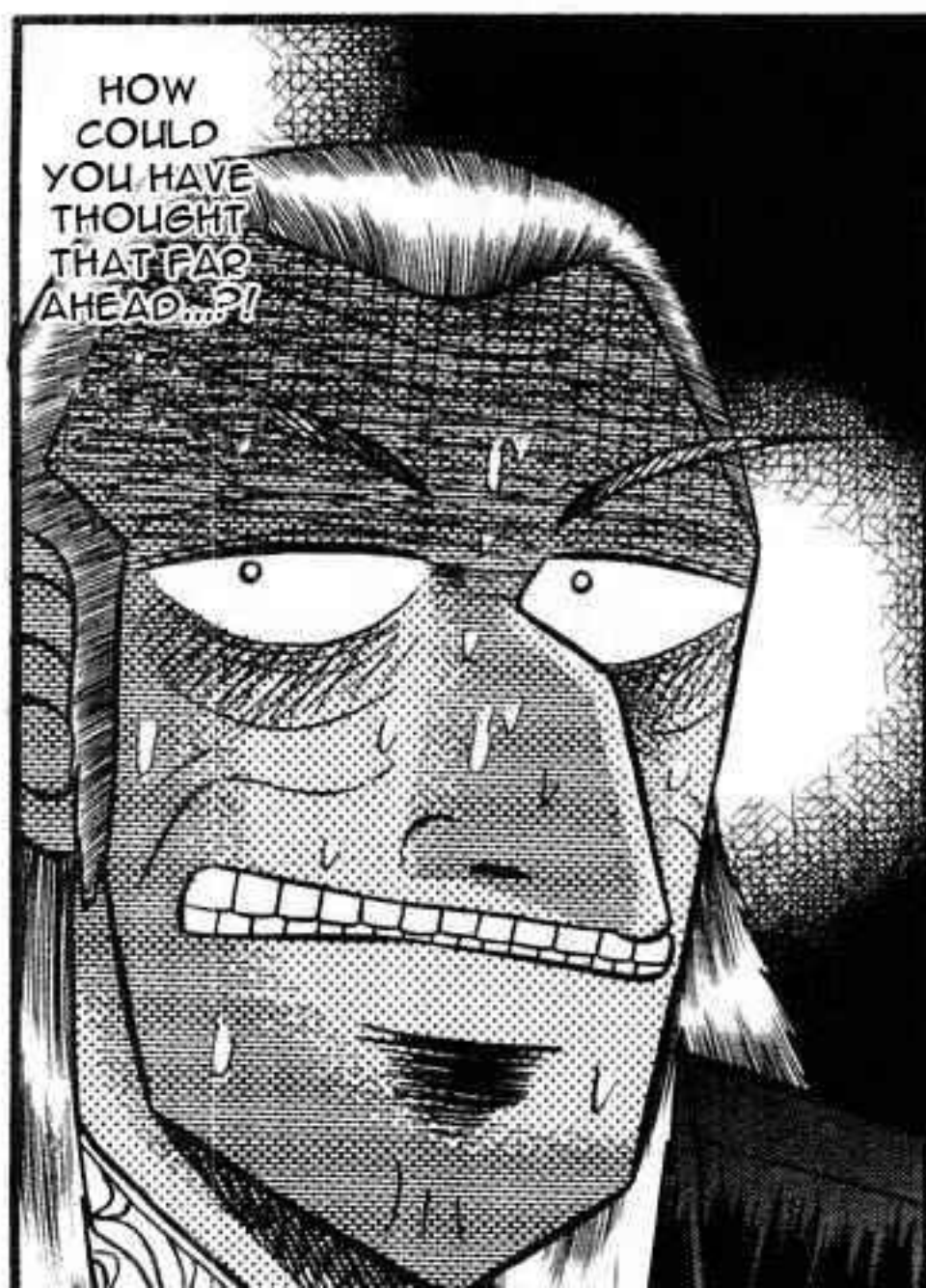
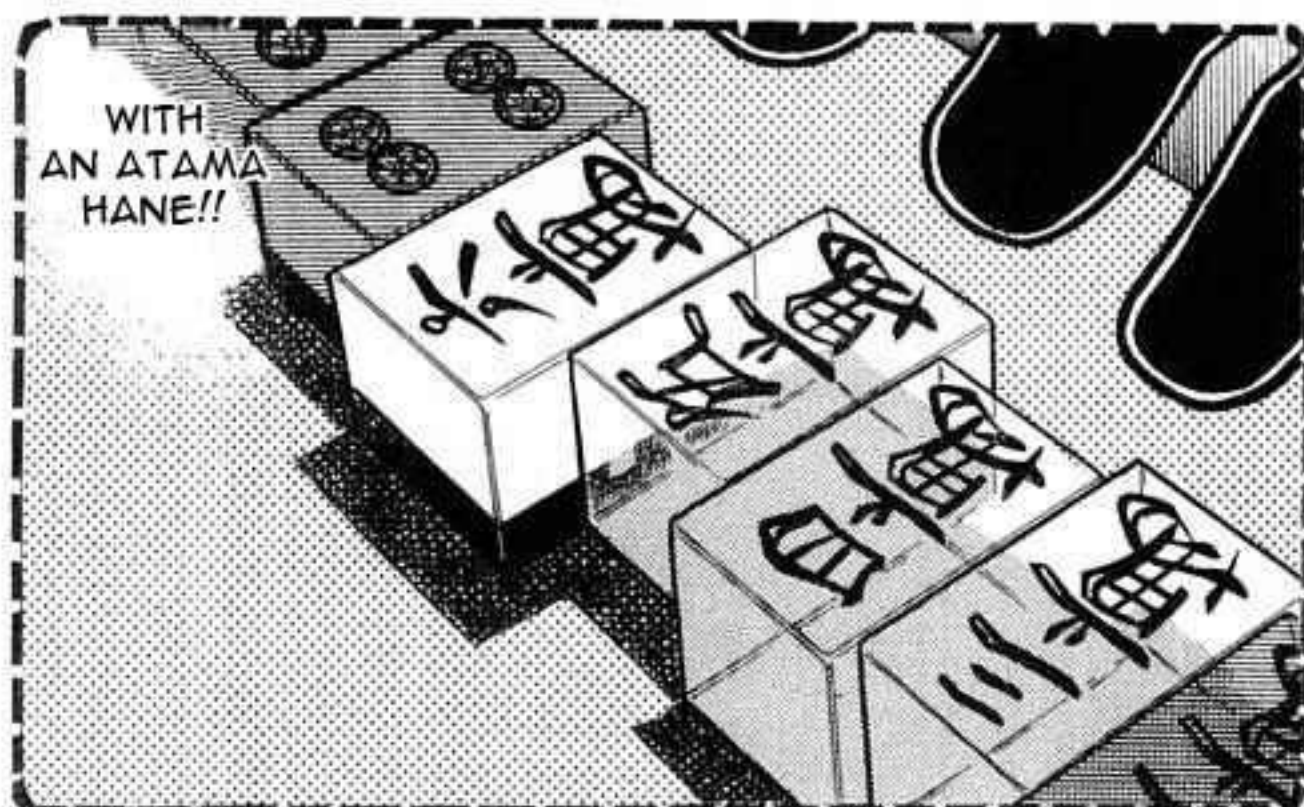
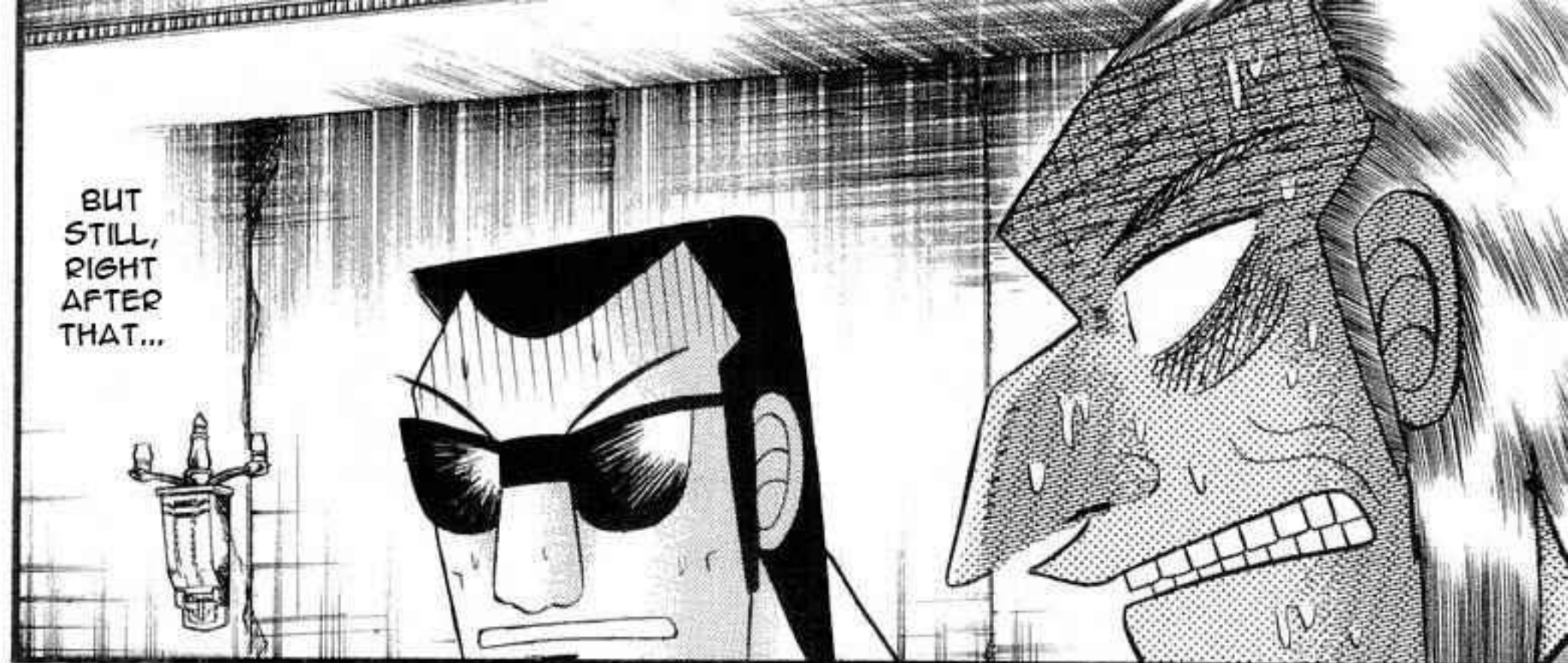


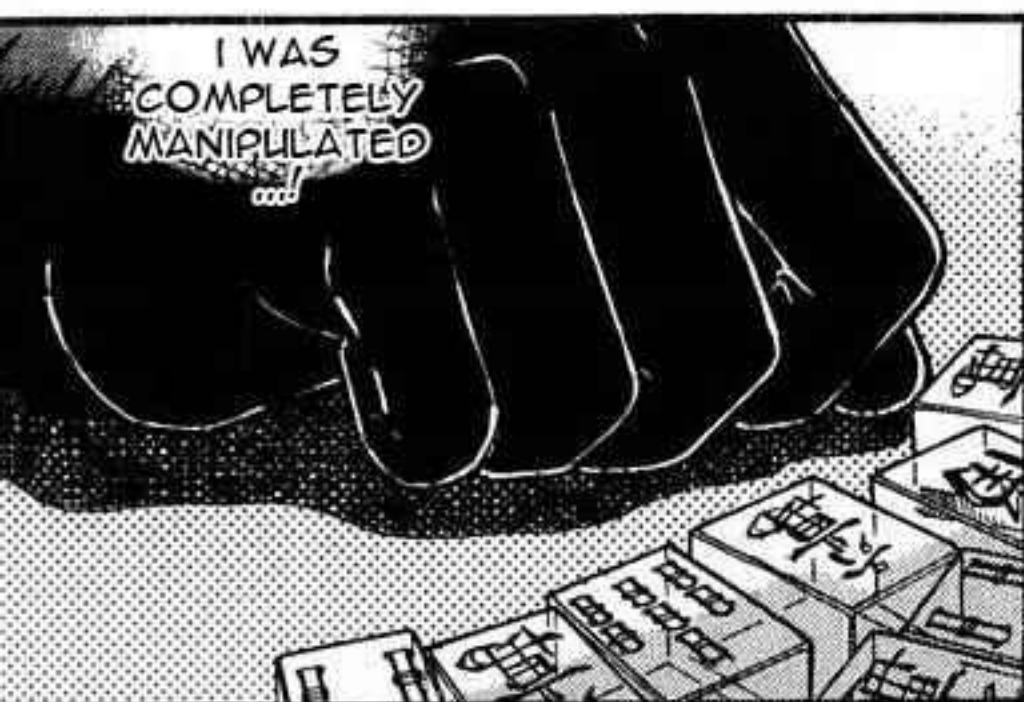
THAT'S THE
ONLY REASON
I CAN THINK OF
FOR SUCH A
STRANGE
RIICHI...!



MY HATSU,
XIA, DORA 3
TENPAI COULD
HAVE GOTTEN
TO THAT POINT
INSTANTLY!







I WAS
COMPLETELY
MANIPULATED
...



DAM-
MIT
...



THAT
RIICHI WAS
PRACTICALLY
SCREAMING
SUSPICION!

LOOKING
BACK ON
IT, IT'S
SO
OBVIOUS!



WITH A
HANEMAN
OR BETTER
HAND...

RIGHT
BEFORE IT,
I WOULD
HAVE NEEDED
TO OVER-
TAKE HIM
...



A VERY
BAD PLAY,
LOOKING
PURELY AT
THE POINTS...

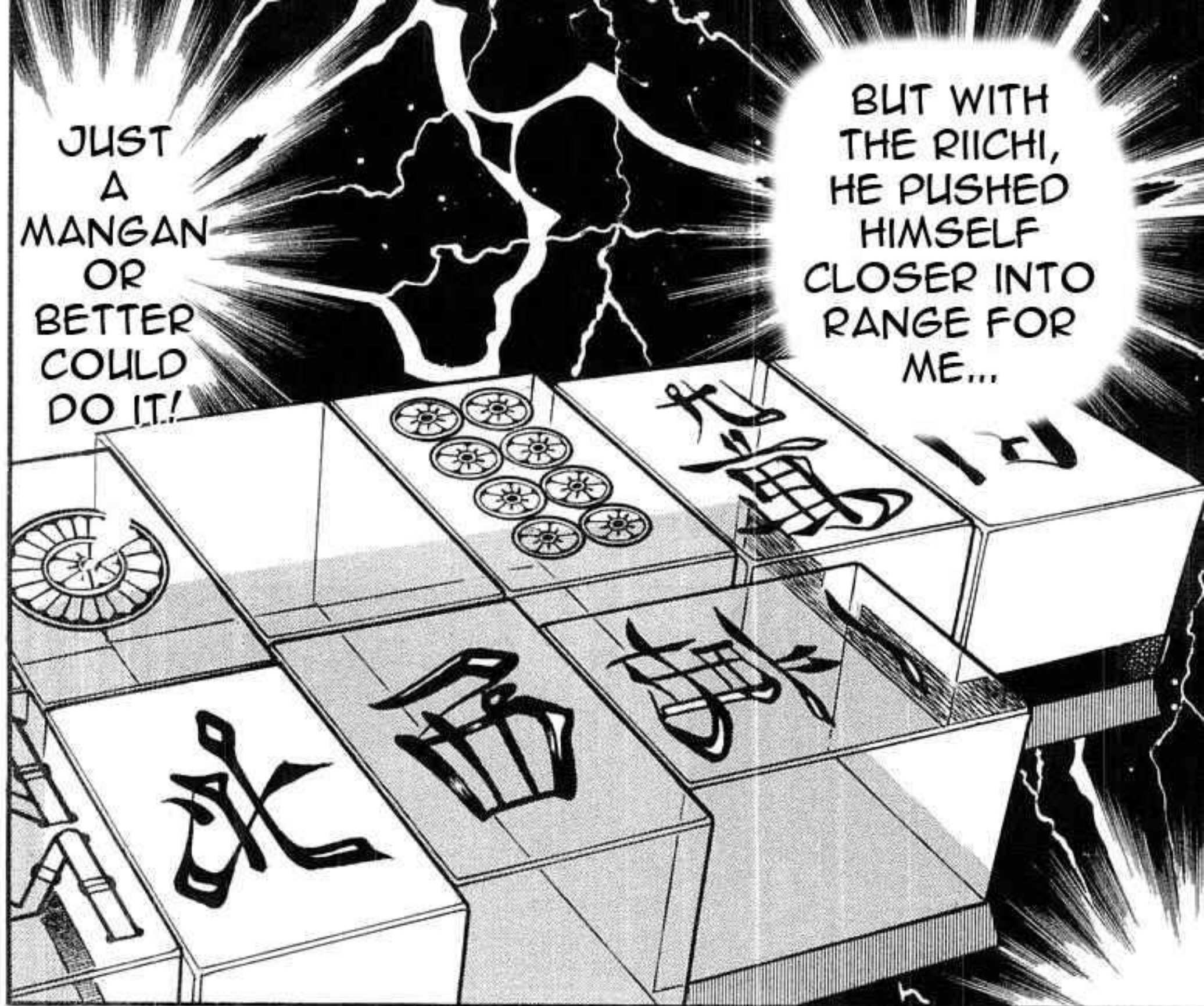
AKAGI'S
RIICHI WAS
ACTUALLY
...



WHY
COULDN'T
I SENSE
THAT?!

JUST
A
MANGAN
OR
BETTER
COULD
DO IT!

BUT WITH
THE RIICHI,
HE PUSHED
HIMSELF
CLOSER INTO
RANGE FOR
ME...



IT
WAS
DAN-
GLING
RIGHT
IN
FRONT
OF ME!



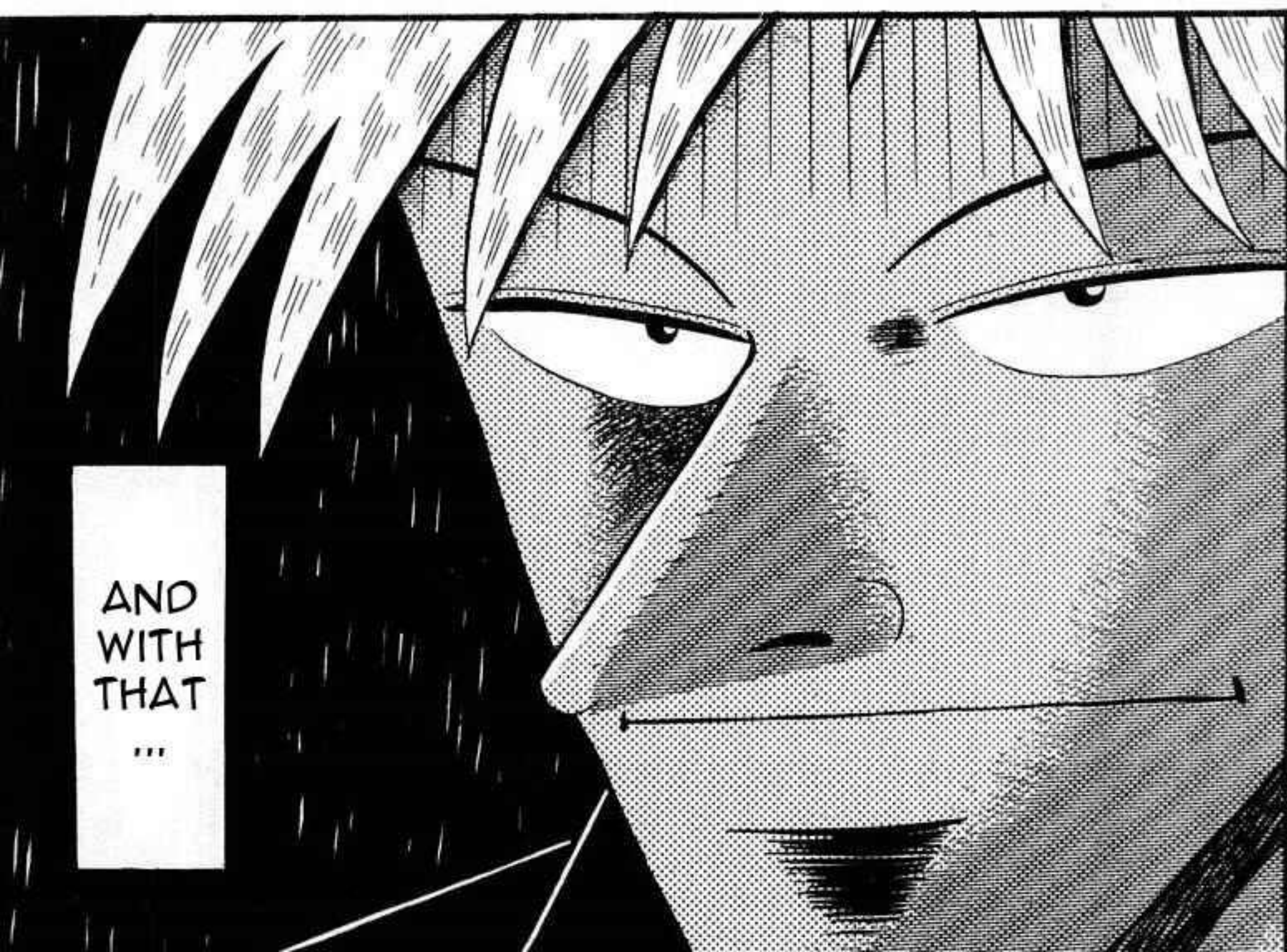
DOING THAT,
HE MUST HAVE
HAD SOME
SORT OF
ULTERIOR
MOTIVE...!

IT WAS SO
DAMN OBVIOUS
...




GOD
DAM-
MIT
...





AND
WITH
THAT

...



IT SEEMED
LIKE A CLOSE
MATCH, BUT,
AT THE END,
AKAGI HAD
43,200 POINTS
AS OPPOSED
TO WASHIZU'S
32,700...

THE
DIFFER-
ENCE
BETWEEN
THE TWO
WAS OVER
10,000
POINTS!

RE-
SUL-
TED-
LY
...



AKAGI
AND
WASHIZU'S
SECOND
MATCH
DRAWS TO
A CLOSE.

WASHIZU

32,700 POINTS ➡ +3

2ND PLACE UMA BONUS ➡ +10

TOTAL +13

AKAGI

43,200 POINTS ➡ +13

1ST PLACE UMA BONUS ➡ +30

TOP-RANKED PLAYER BONUS ➡ +20

TOTAL +63

AFTER THE
UMA POINT
BONUSES
ARE
ADDED,

AKAGI
LEADS
WASHIZU
BY 50
POINTS!

HAS MANAGED
TO WRENCH
AN ADDITIONAL
16 MILLION YEN
FROM WASHIZU
IN BONUS
PAYMENTS!

ALSO,
AKAGI, IN
THIS
SECOND
MATCH,

TRANSLATE
INTO 50
MILLION
YEN!

THESE
50
POINTS
...

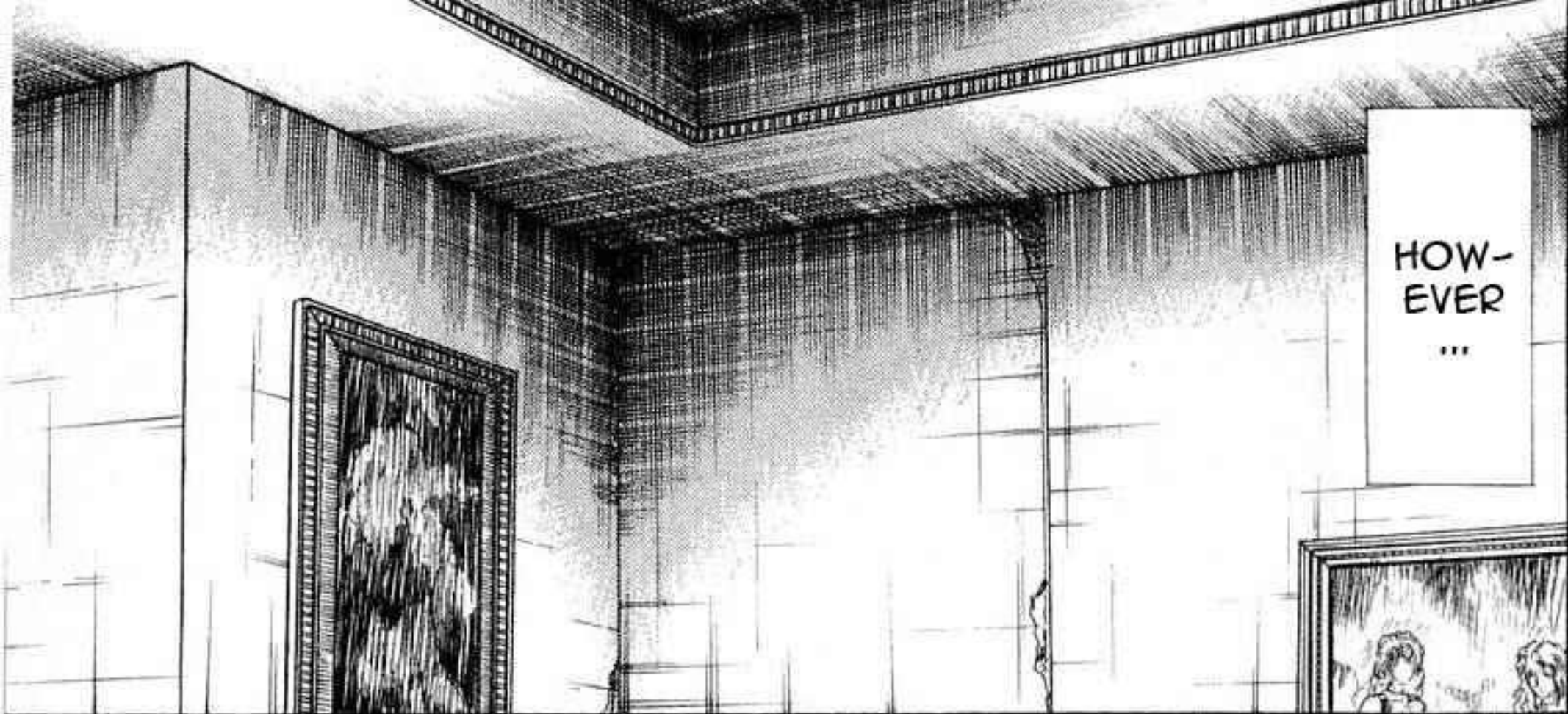
HIS
GRAND
TOTAL
UP TO
THIS
POINT
A-
MOUNTS TO
...

118.5
MILLION
YEN!

MEANS
THAT HE'S
MADE
HIS VERY
FIRST 100
MILLION OF
THE GAME!

THAT COMBINED
WITH THE FIRST
ROUND'S
52.5 MILLION
YEN...

THIS
ADDED TO
THE
PREVIOUS
AMOUNT
MAKES FOR
A SUB-
TOTAL OF
66 MILLION
YEN!

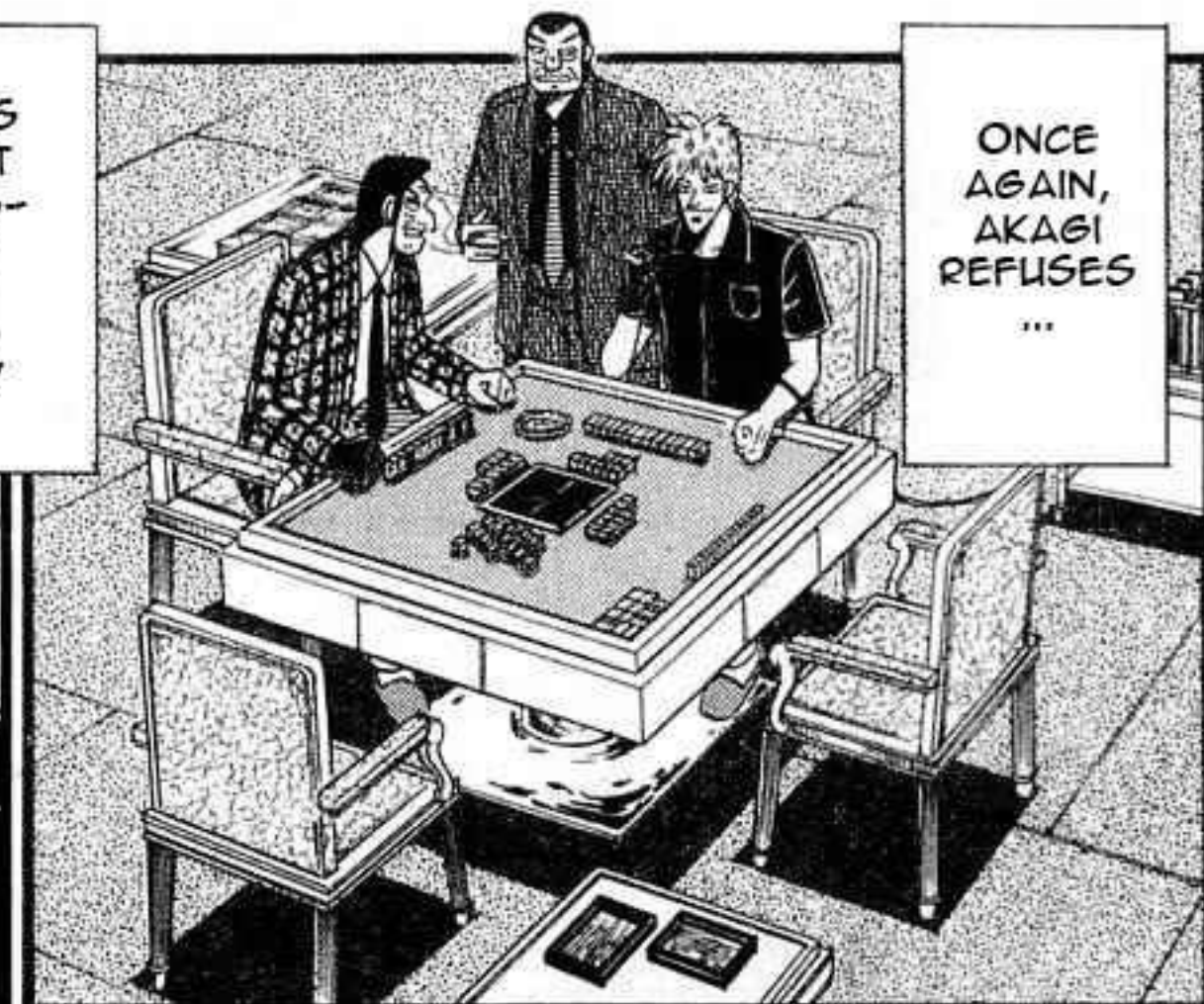


HOW-
EVER
...

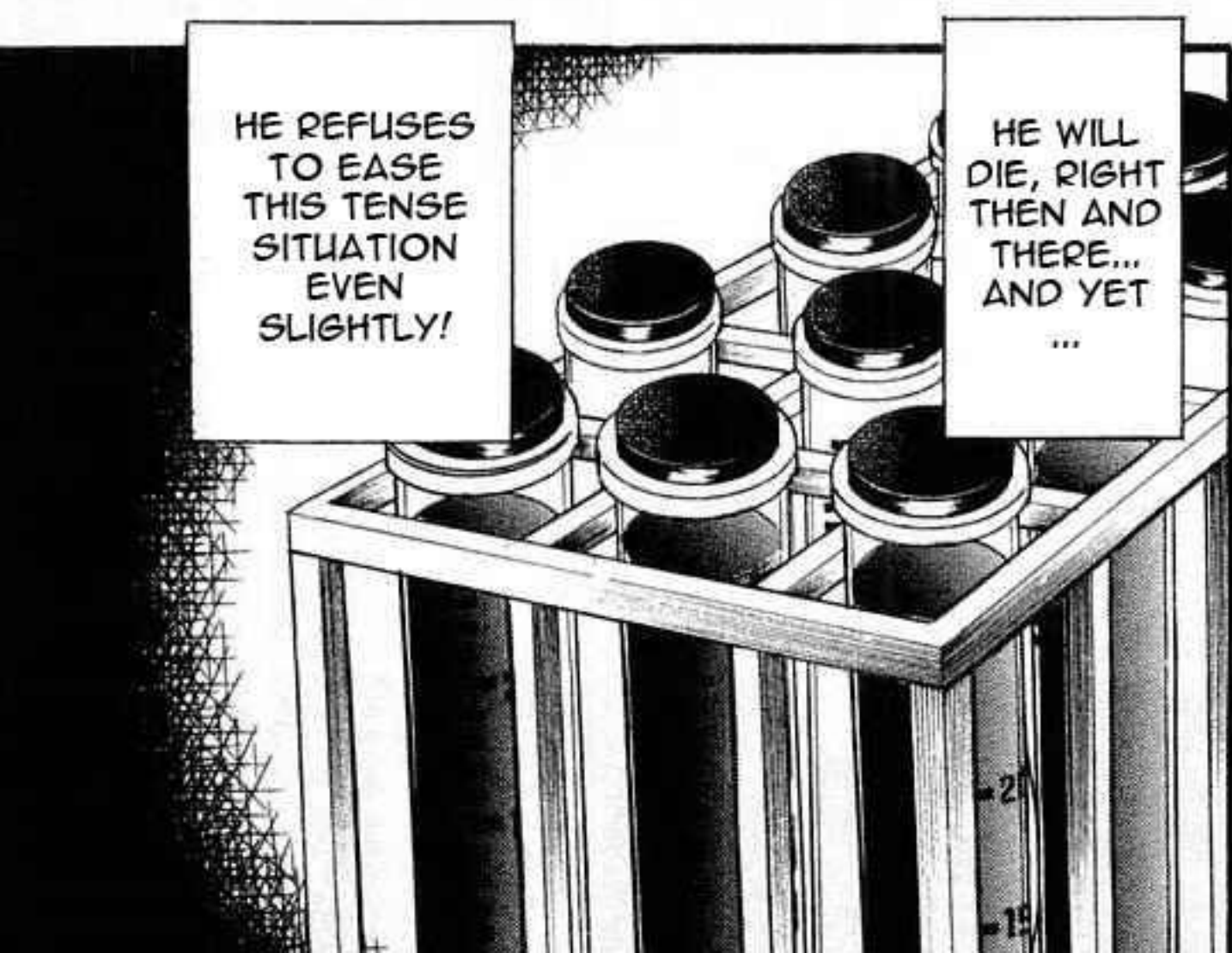


HE LETS
HIS 1100
CCS OF
BLOOD
REMAIN
IN THE
BEAKERS
...

HE DENIES
THE RIGHT
TO TRANS-
FER ANY
BLOOD
BACK TO
HIMSELF!



ONCE
AGAIN,
AKAGI
REFUSES
...



HE REFUSES
TO EASE
THIS TENSE
SITUATION
EVEN
SLIGHTLY!

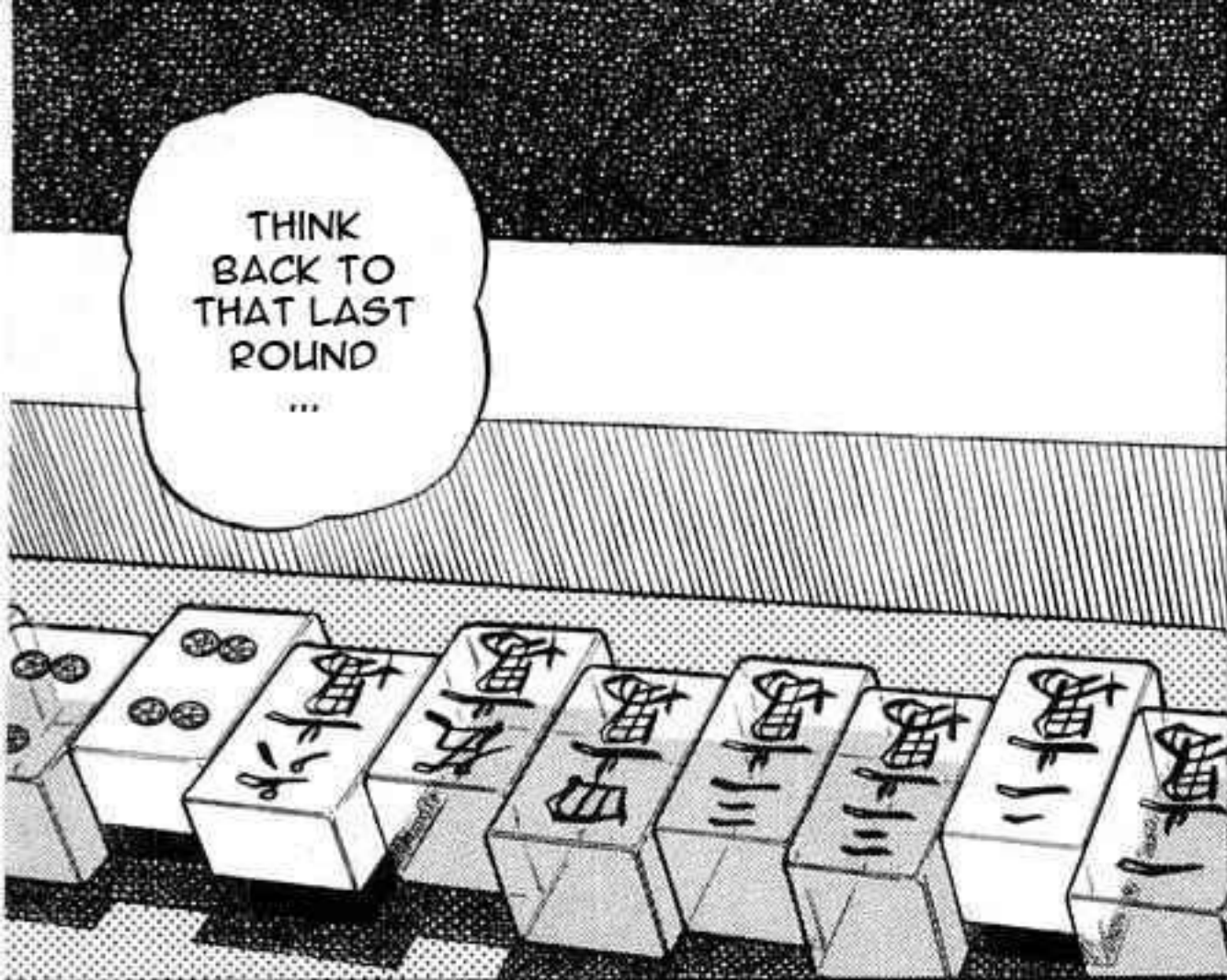
HE WILL
DIE, RIGHT
THEN AND
THERE...
AND YET
...



AT THAT
LEVEL,
IF HE
GETS HIT
BY A
MANGAN
HAND...

WHY
IS THAT
...?



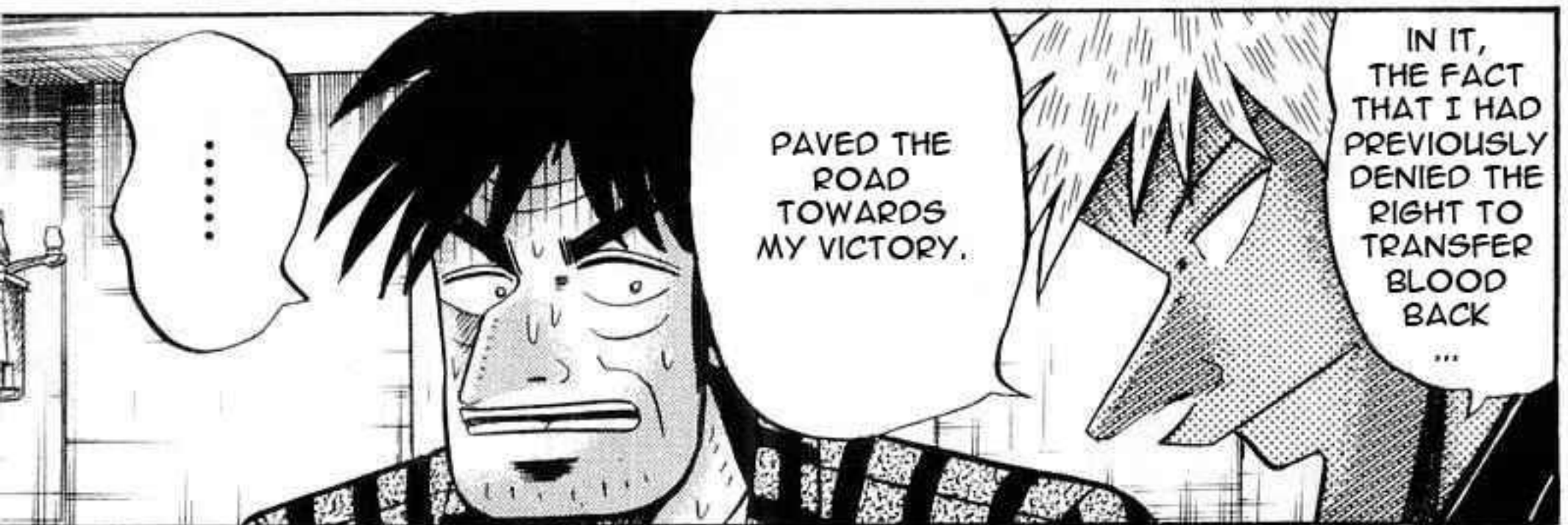


THINK
BACK TO
THAT LAST
ROUND
...



AS
AN
EX-
AM-
PLE
...

HUH
...?



PAVED THE
ROAD
TOWARDS
MY VICTORY.

IN IT,
THE FACT
THAT I HAD
PREVIOUSLY
DENIED THE
RIGHT TO
TRANSFER
BLOOD
BACK
...



MY HAND
WAS IN
SERIOUS
PERIL.

AT THE
START
OF THE
LAST
ROUND,

THAT
CURSED
TILE THAT
I COULDN'T
QUITE SHAKE
OFF.

AND
THAT
WAS
DUE
TO
...

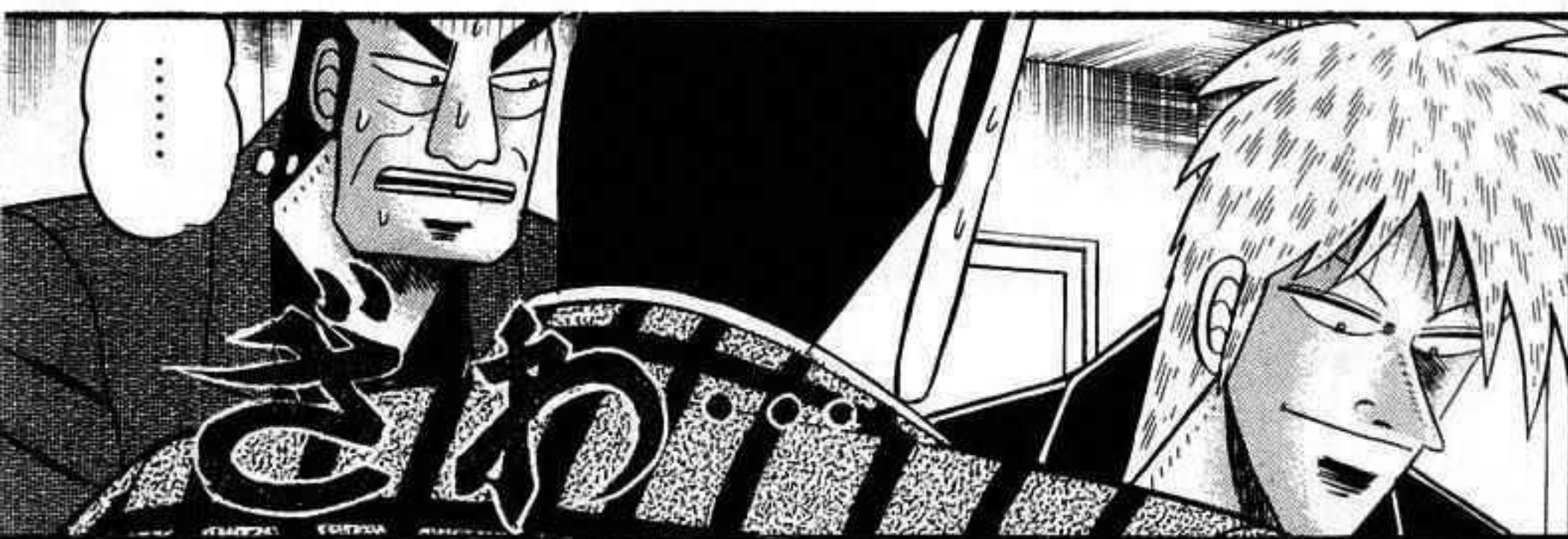
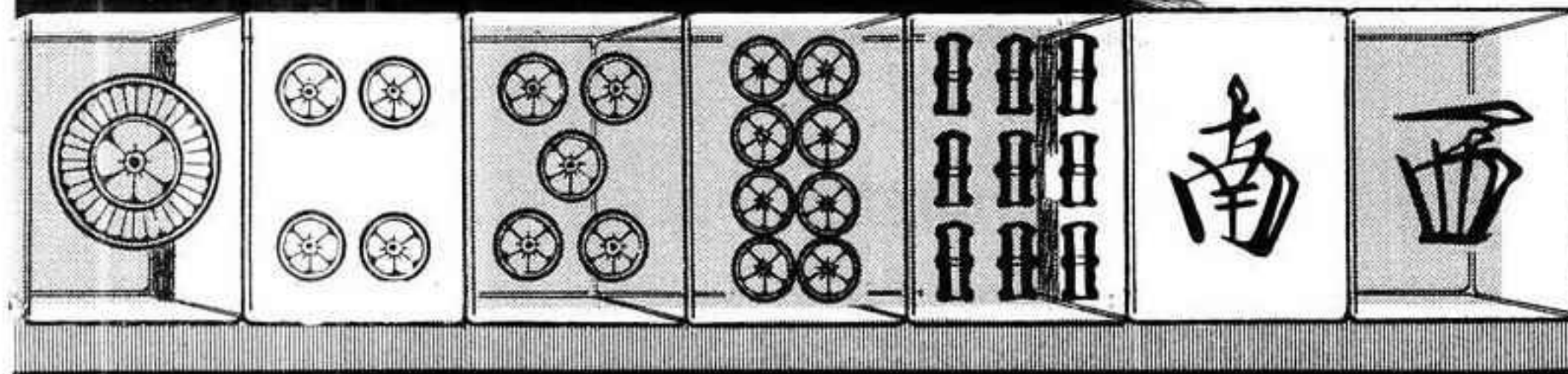
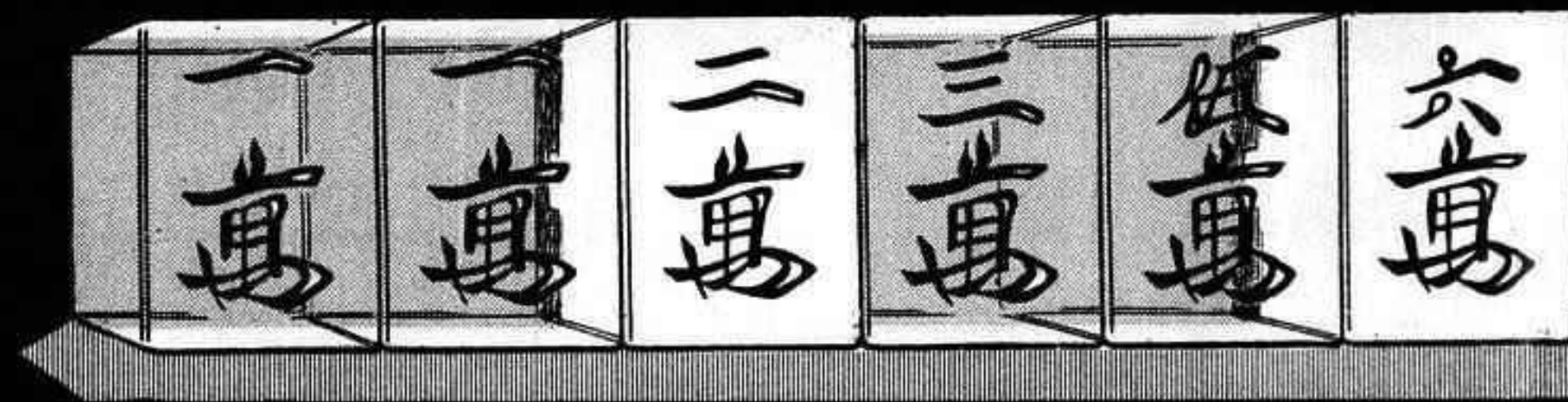


NEED-
LESS
TO
SAY
...

IT
... IT
DID
...?

THE SINGLE
TILE THAT I WAS
TOTALLY UNABLE
TO SAFELY
GET RID OF FROM
MY HAND!

THE
DORA,
XIA!



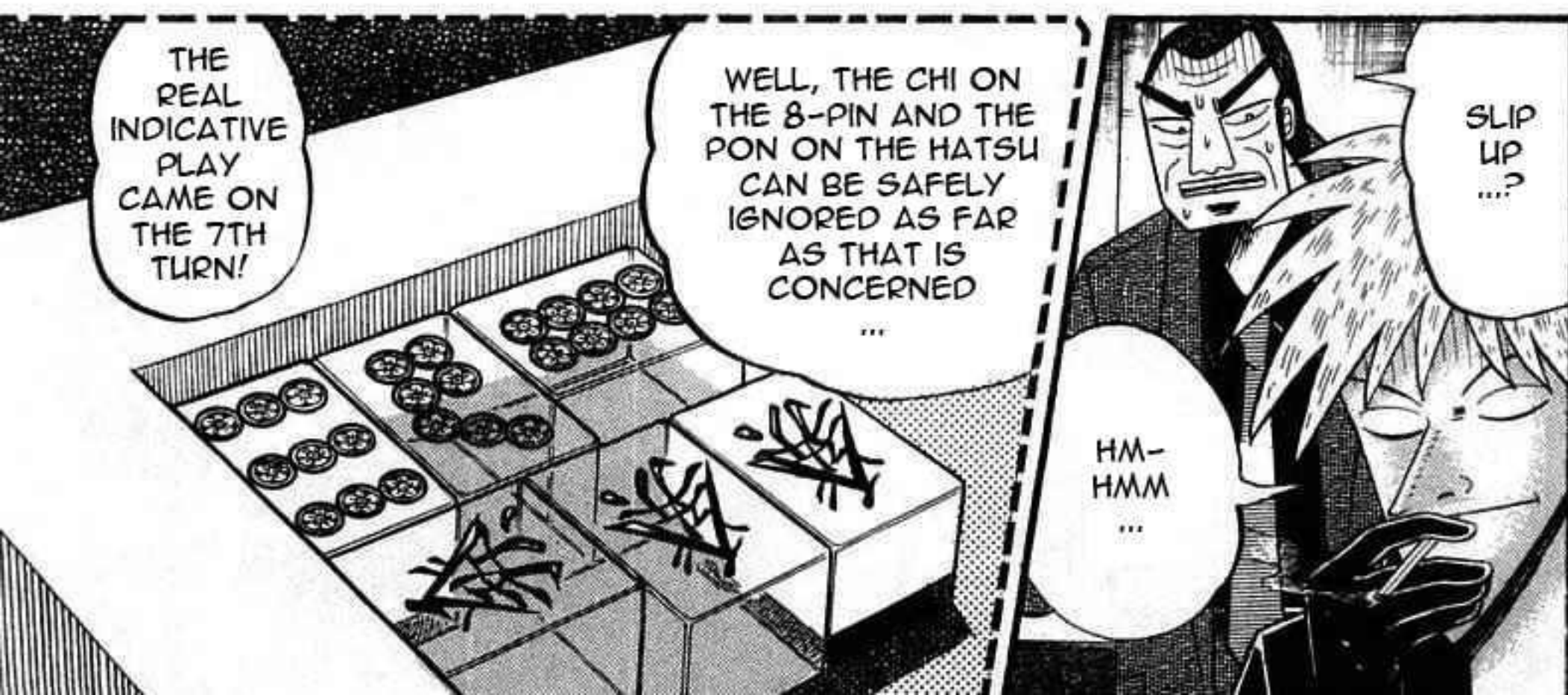
I WAS
TOTALLY AT
THE MERCY
OF THAT
DORA, THE
XIA...

MY HAND
WAS FROZEN
SOLID BY
THAT ONE
TILE...

THAT ONE
TILE
...

AND TO TOP
IT ALL OFF,
THE DORA WAS
ALSO WASHI-
ZU'S SEAT
WIND!

AND
SO, IN
ORDER
TO
WIN
...



THE
REAL
INDICATIVE
PLAY
CAME ON
THE 7TH
TURN!

WELL, THE CHI ON
THE 8-PIN AND THE
PON ON THE HATSU
CAN BE SAFELY
IGNORED AS FAR
AS THAT IS
CONCERNED
...

SLIP
UP
...?

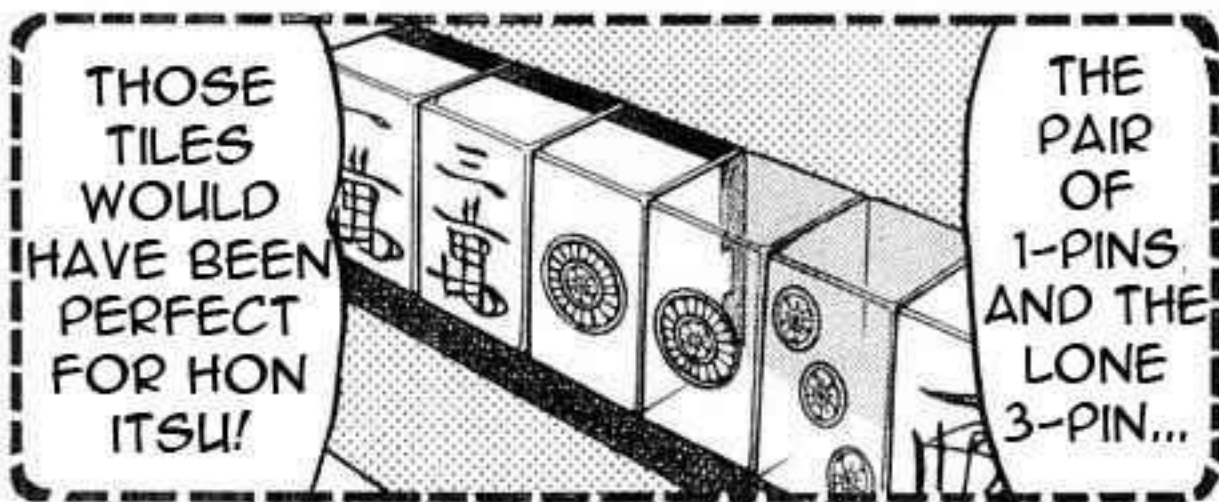
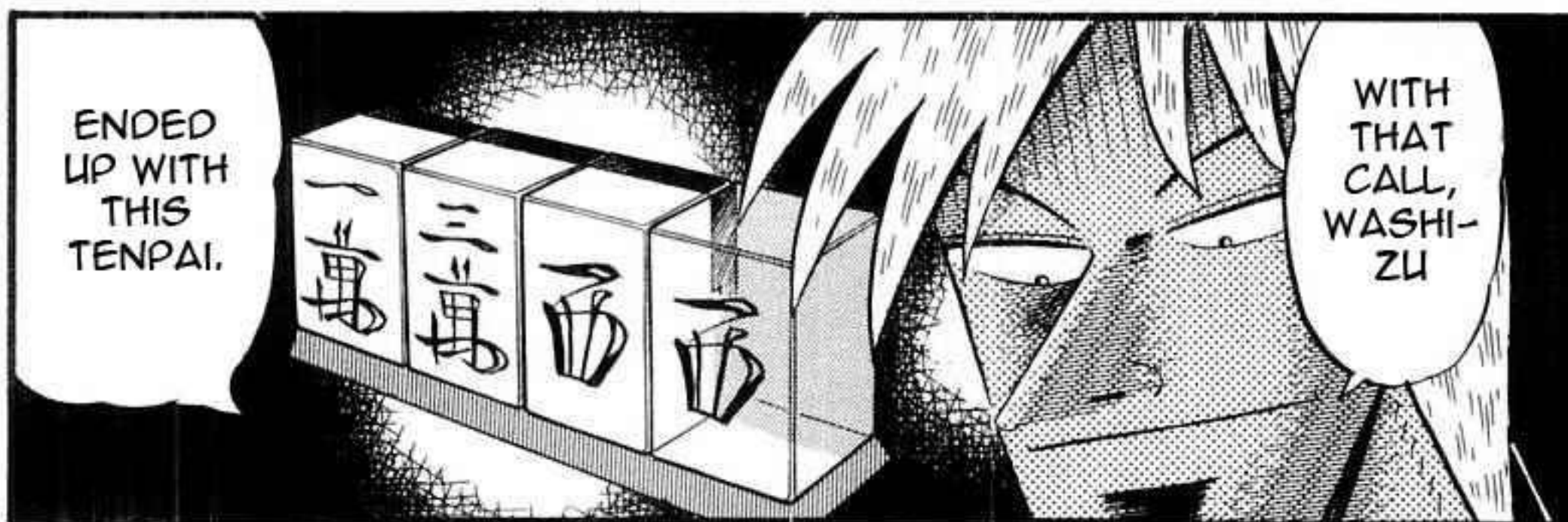
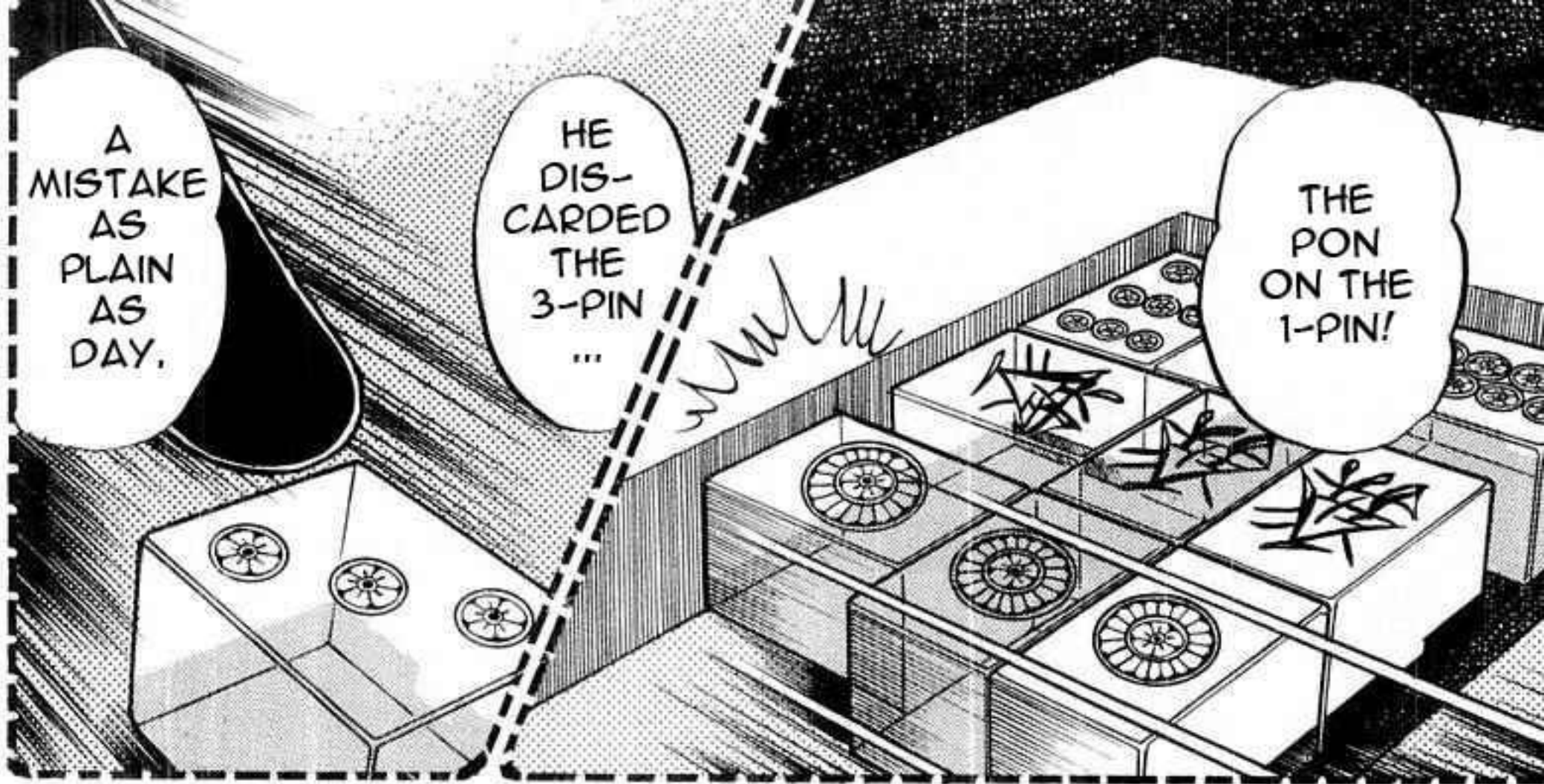
HM-
HMM
...



I
NEEDED
HIS HELP
...
I NEEDED
WASHIZU
TO SLIP
UP!

BUT, I
COULDN'T
DO THAT
ALL BY
MYSELF.

WHAT I
NEEDED
TO DO WAS
TO DEFROST
MY HAND
AND FREE
IT...



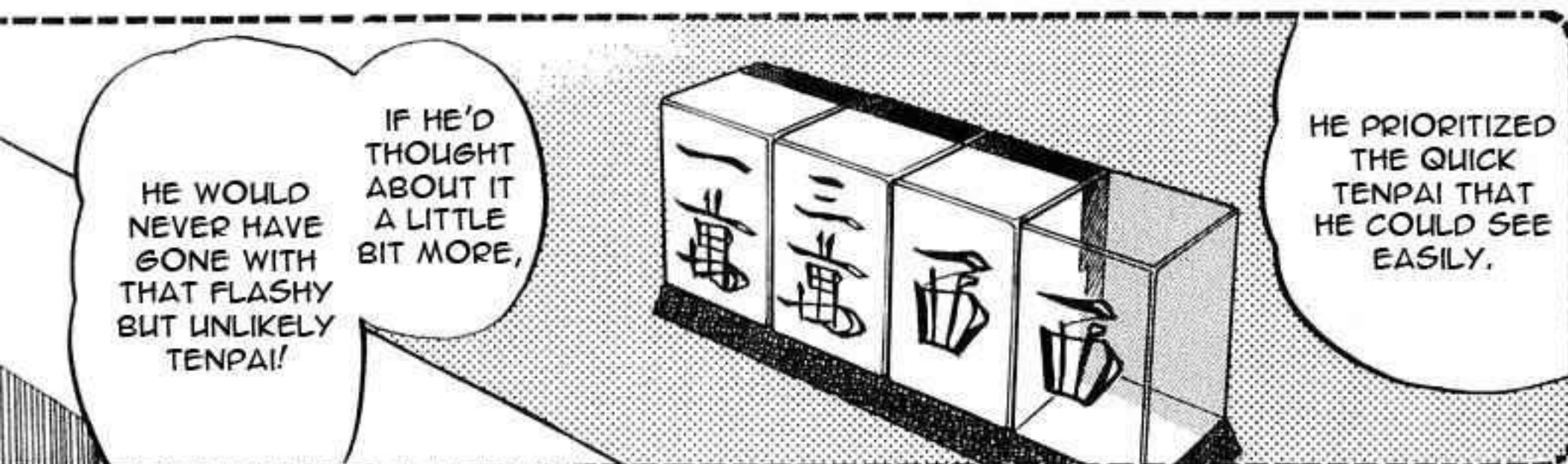


HE DID
SO,
PUTTING
IT FIRST
...

HE
DID,
ANYWAY.

HE RUSHED
TO GET
TO TENPAI.
HE DIDN'T
NEED TO, BUT,
TO GET A
QUICK WIN
...

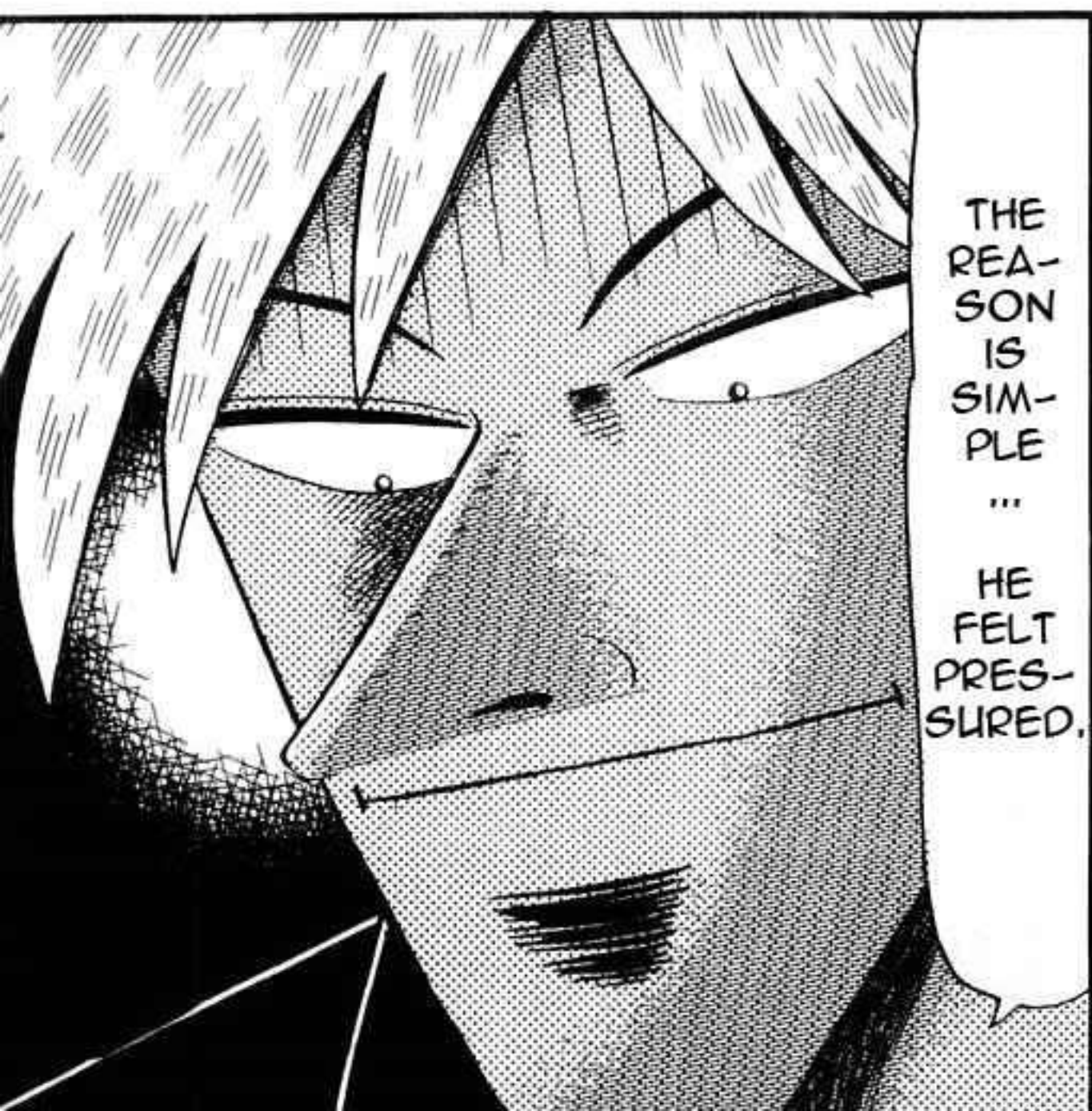
A
VERY
POOR
CHOICE
...



HE WOULD
NEVER HAVE
GONE WITH
THAT FLASHY
BUT UNLIKELY
TENPAI!

IF HE'D
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT
A LITTLE
BIT MORE,

HE PRIORITIZED
THE QUICK
TENPAI THAT
HE COULD SEE
EASILY.



THE
REA-
SON
IS
SIM-
PLE
...
HE
FELT
PRES-
SURED.

BUT IN REALITY,
HE DID GET
LED ASTRAY
TO AN IMPRESSIVE,
BUT INEFFECTIVE,
TENPAI... THOUGH,
THAT BEGS A
QUESTION...

WHERE DID
THAT
IMPATIENT,
EVEN FOOLISH,
MOVE COME
FROM?

IN
THE
END
...





THINGS
LIKE
THAT.

FEAR
THAT I
COULD
ACTUALLY
TAKE HIS
LIFE...

AFTER SEEING ME
SAY "I DON'T
CARE IF I DIE
OR NOT"
THROUGH
MY ACTIONS...

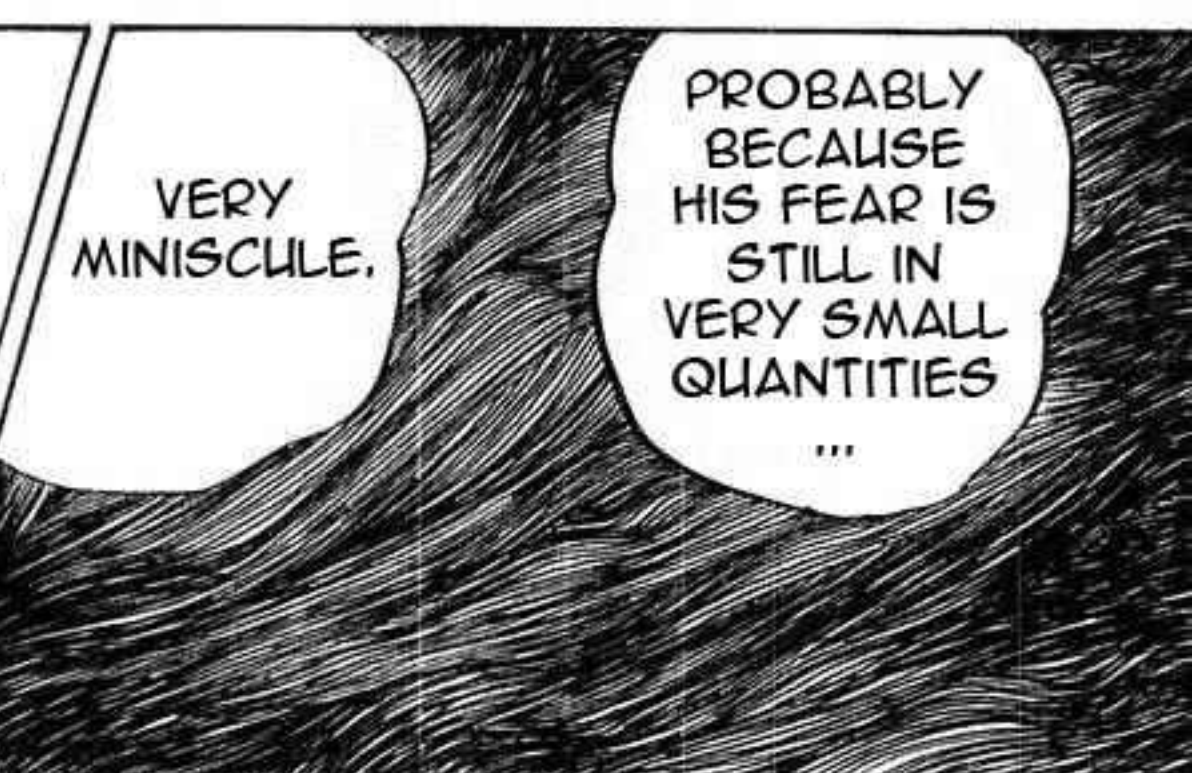


ざわ...



BUT
TO
FEAR
FOR
HIS
OWN
LIFE!

WASHIZU
COULD
NOT
HELP
HIMSELF
...







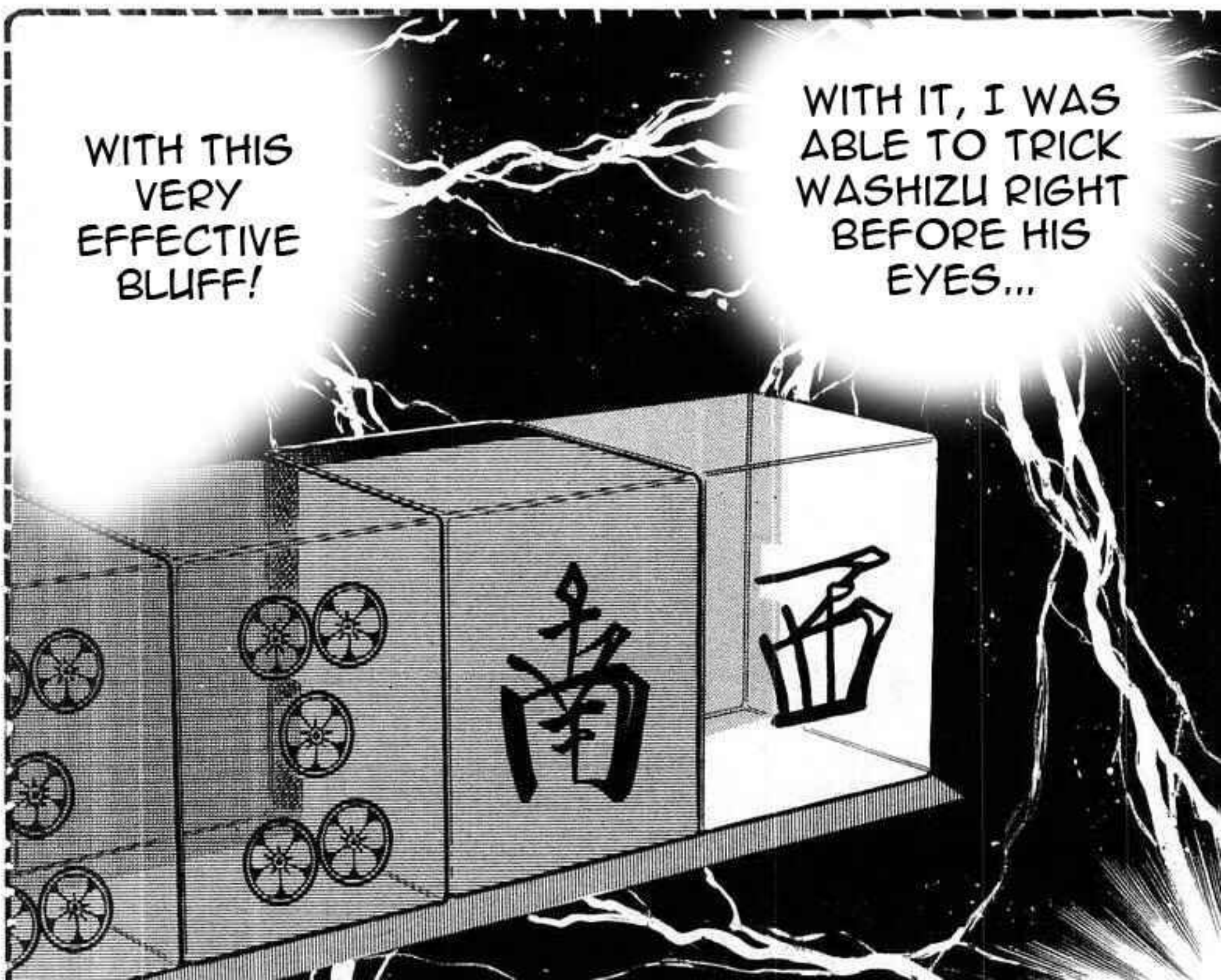
HIS
PAIR OF
DORA
LOST ALL
MEANING
...



AND
MY XIA
BECAME
THE ONE
WITH ALL
THE
POWER!



AND,
AT THE
EXACT
SAME
TIME
...



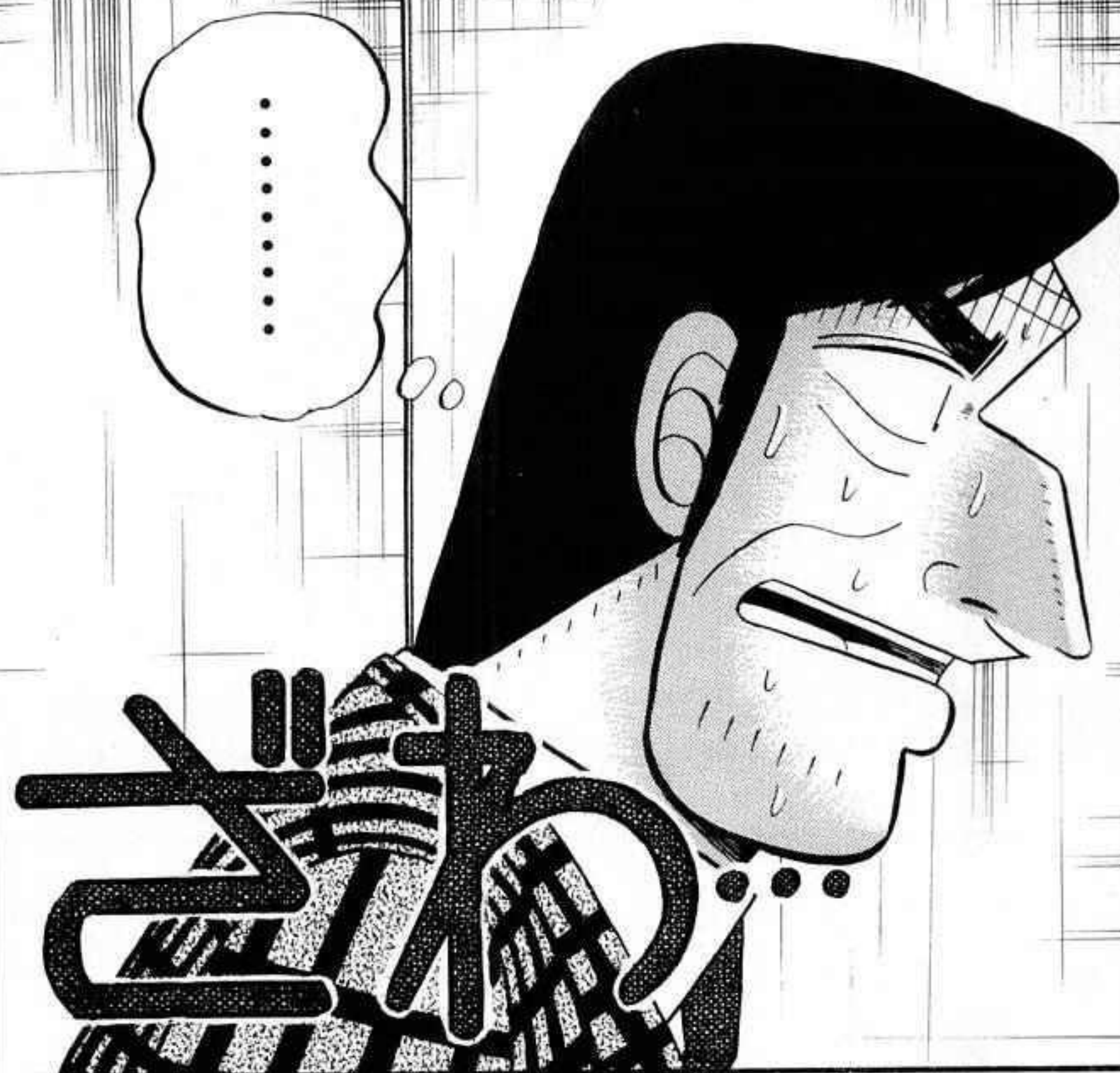
WITH THIS
VERY
EFFECTIVE
BLUFF!

WITH IT, I WAS
ABLE TO TRICK
WASHIZU RIGHT
BEFORE HIS
EYES...

CHAPTER 92 - OPERATION

第92話操作





I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, AS WELL...

ABOUT THAT XIA YOU HAD ...

DON'T JUST SKIP AROUND!



YOU'RE TALKING LIKE IT WAS ALL PART OF YOUR STRATEGY, BUT...

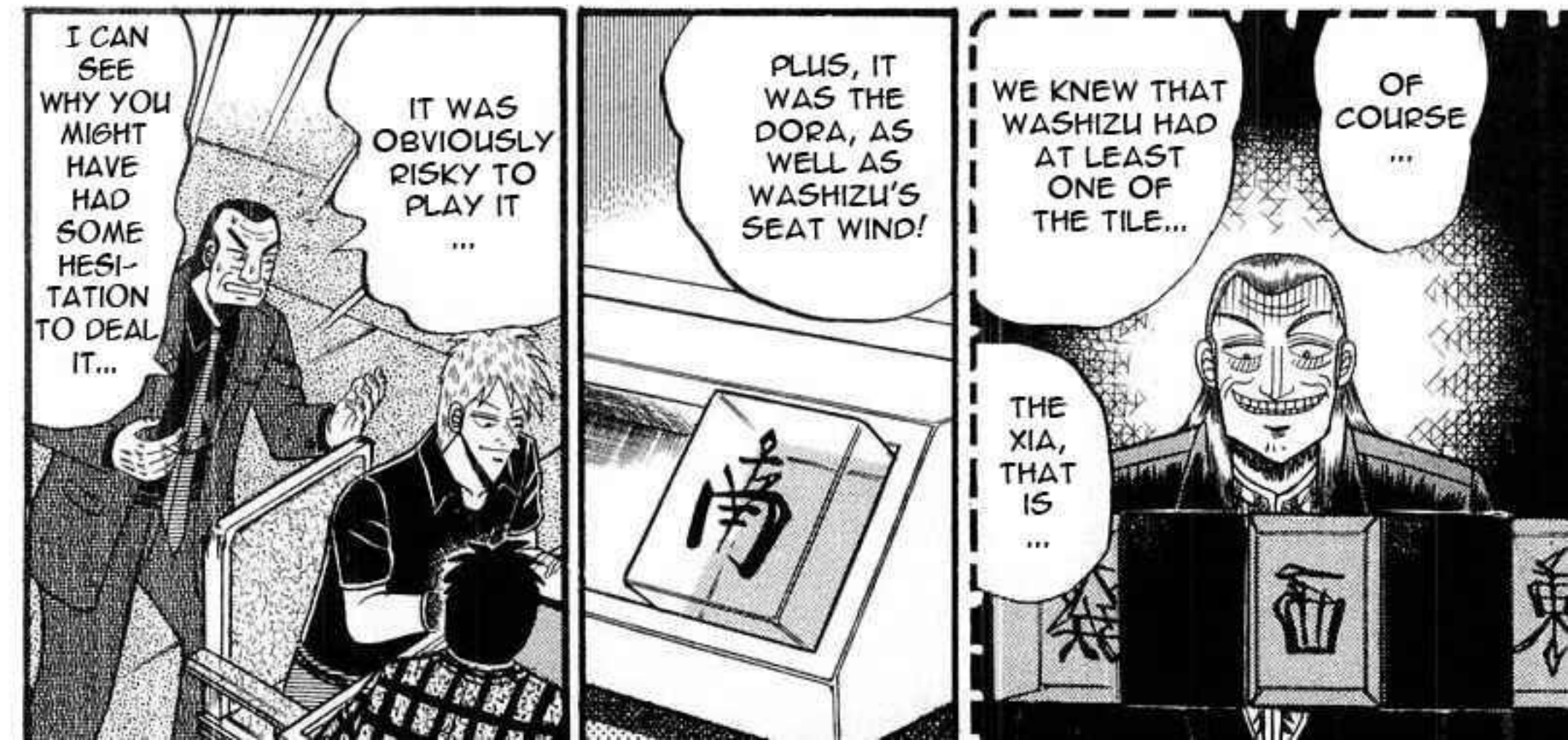
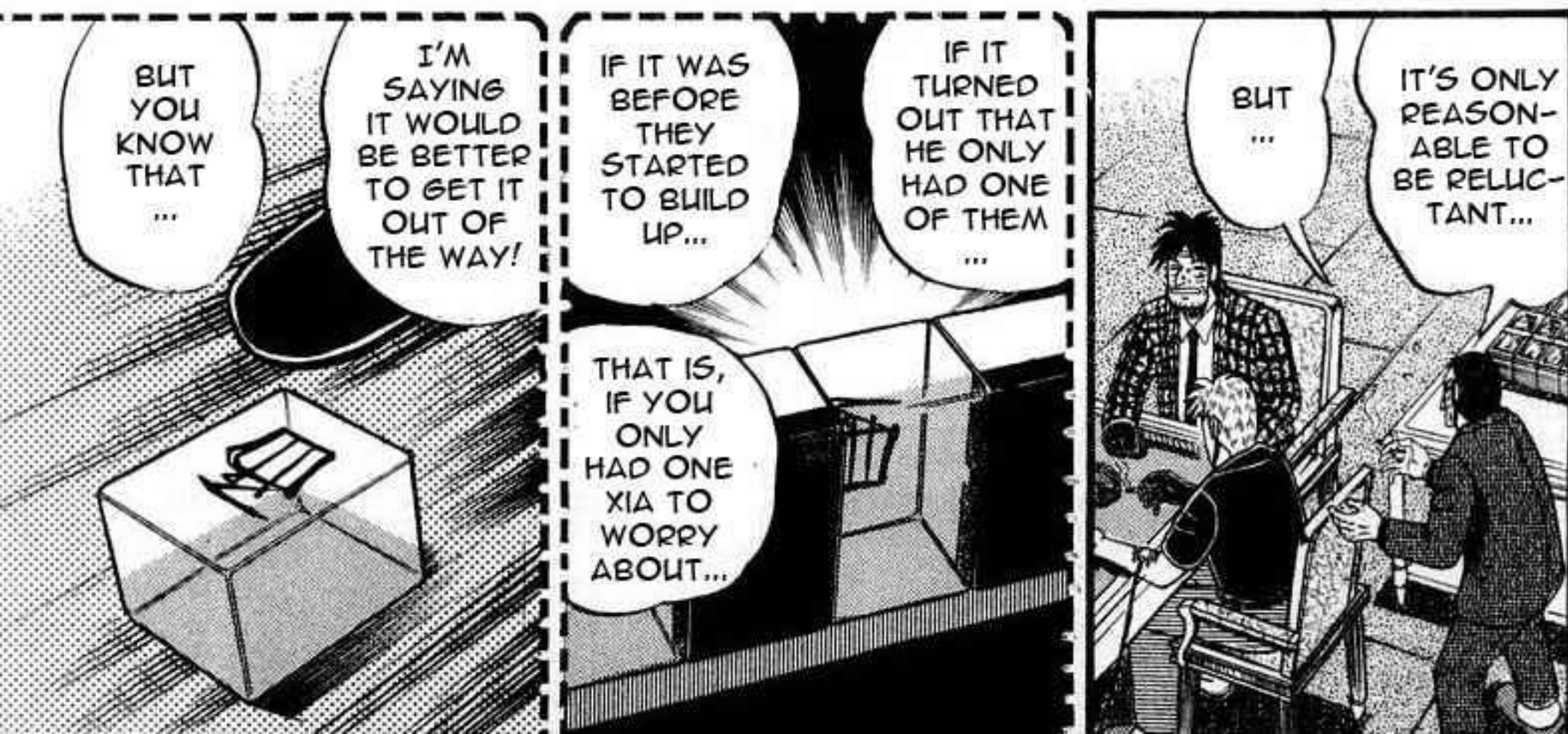
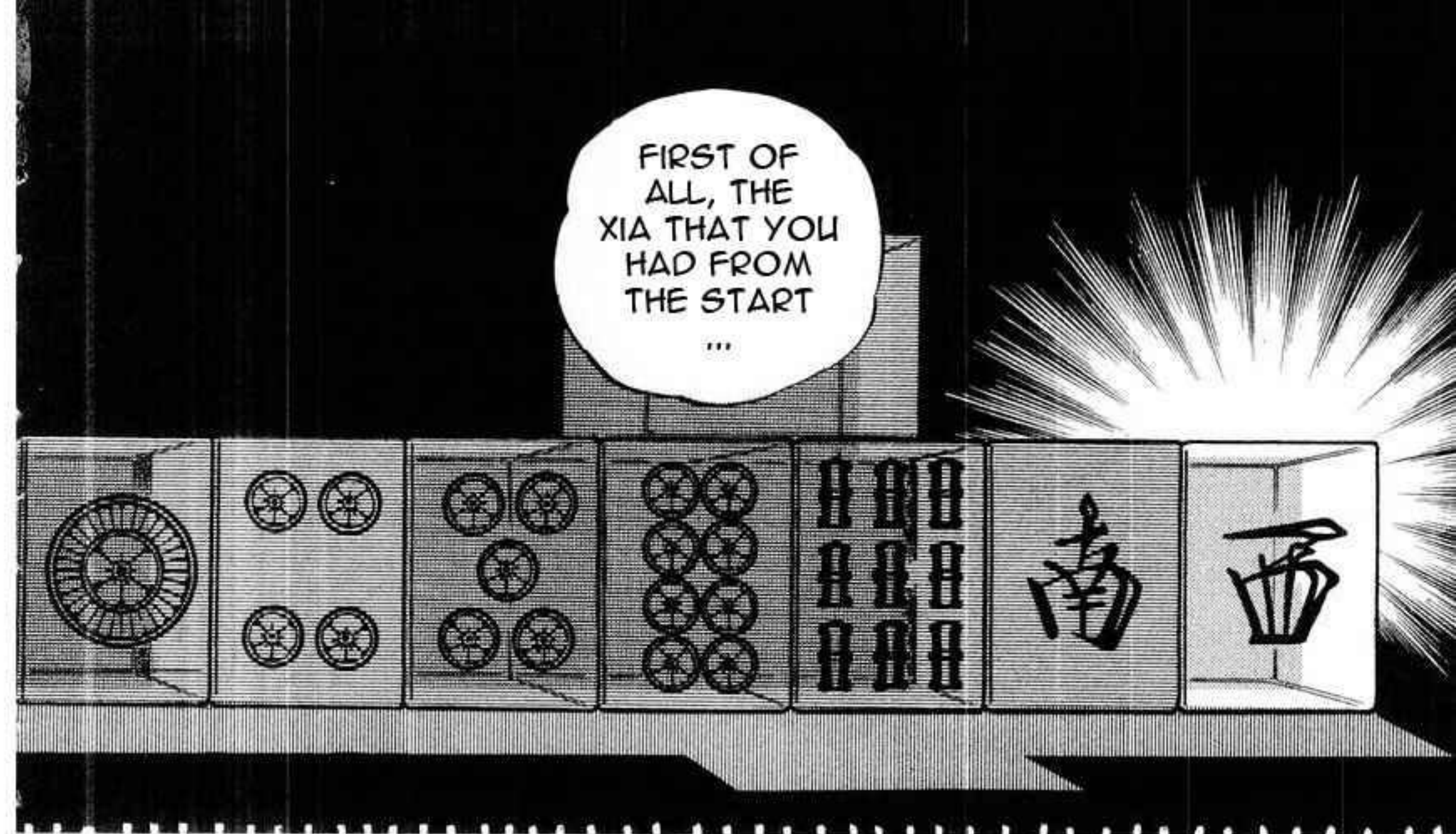
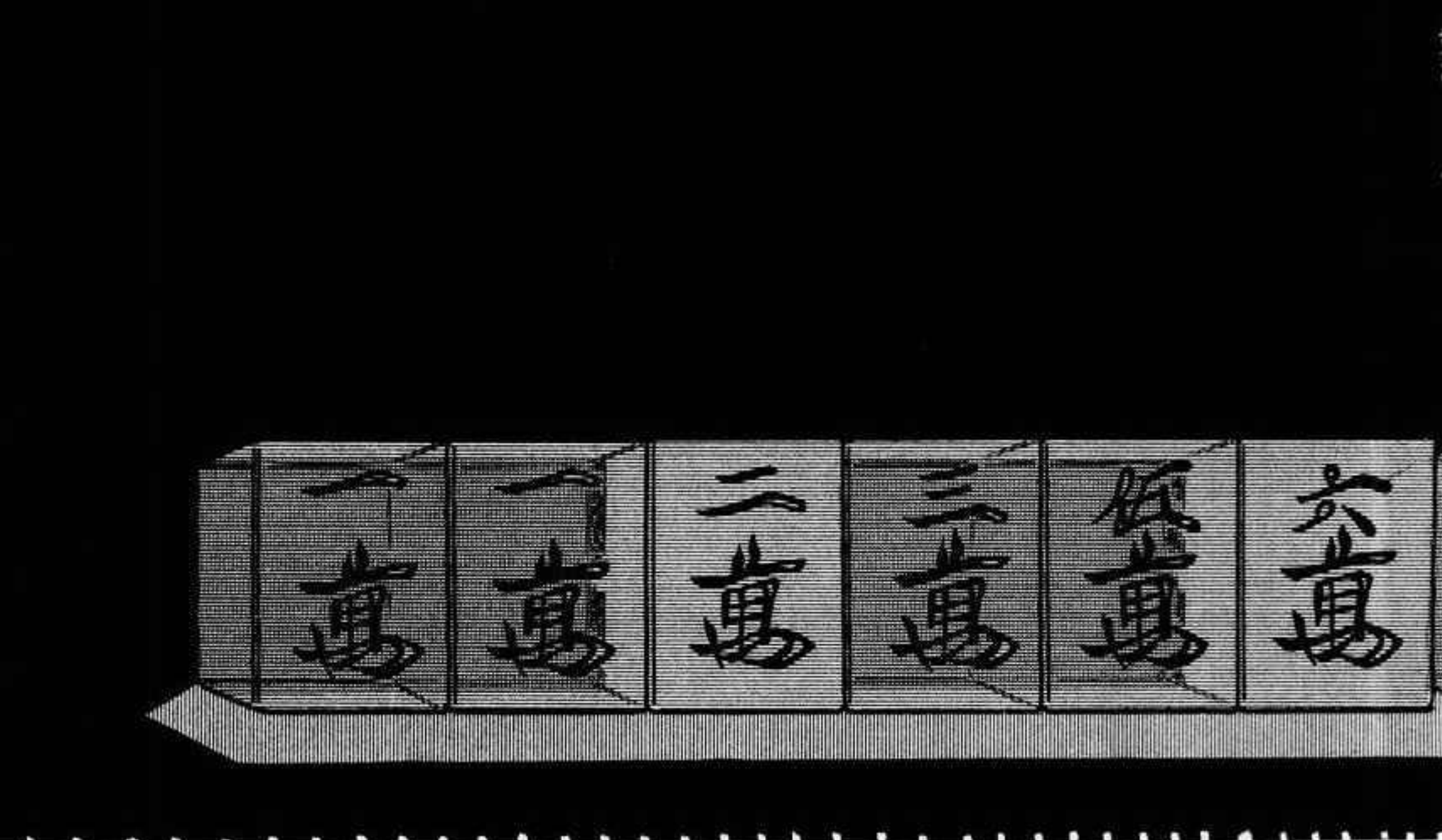


WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

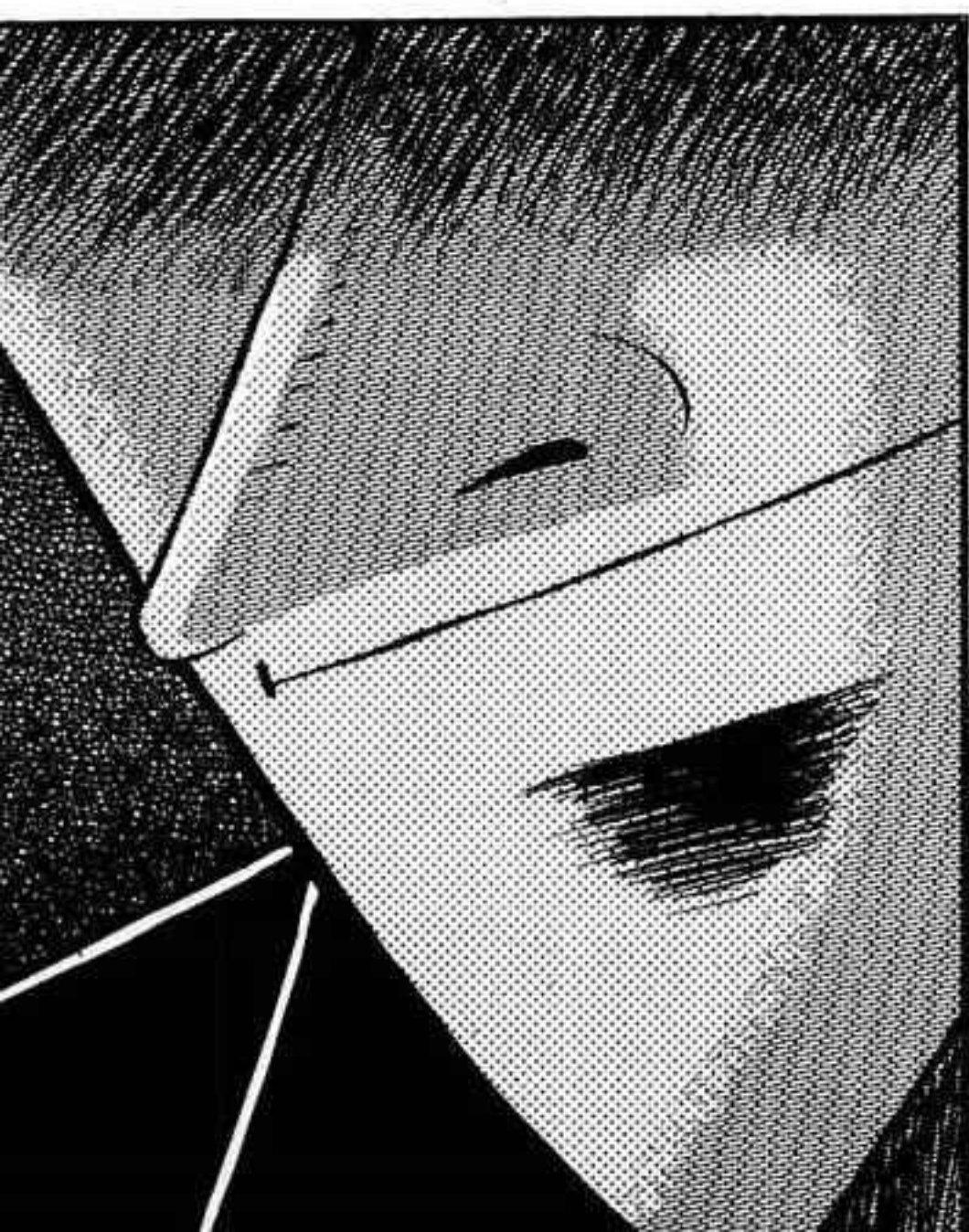


I MEAN, YOU JUST SUDDENLY GOT RID OF IT AFTER KEEPING IT FOR SO LONG...









REALLY
...
WHAT
I
SAW
WAS
MORE
THAN
E-
NOUGH
...



HM...
HM-
HM-
HMM
...



OHGI-
SAN
...



WASHIZU
ALREADY
HAD DEALT
SEVERAL
TILES.



I'D HAD THE
CHANCE TO SEE
WASHIZU'S
DISCARDS
MANY TIMES
OVER THE
WHOLE
SESSION.

ざわ...



OVER THE
SECOND
HANCHAN
...

HUH
...?!



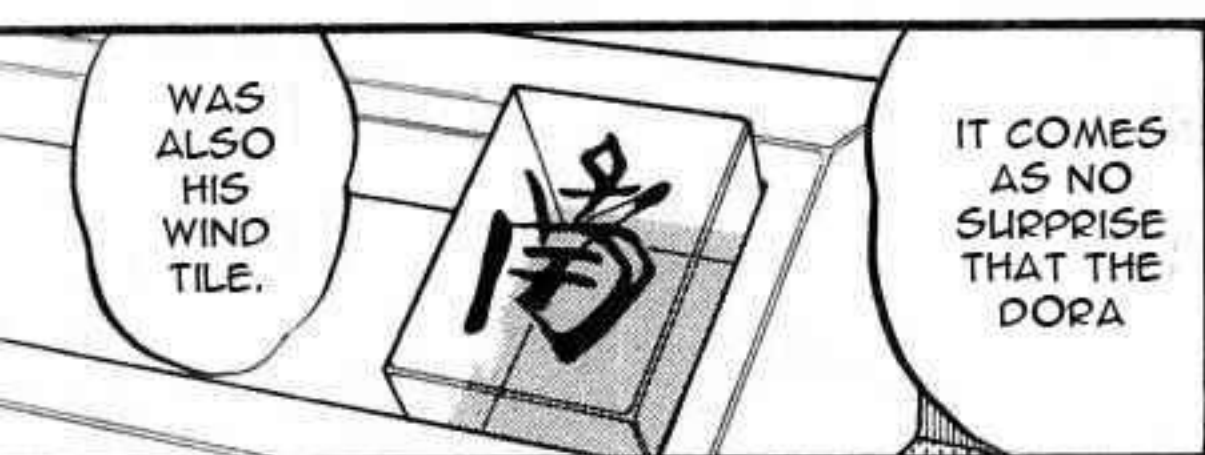
WELL,
AT
LEAST
...

IT'S
PRETTY
EASY TO
CATCH
SIGHT OF
THE FLOW
...



HMM-
HM...

THAT...
THAT
CAN'T
BE...!





JUST
PART OF
HIS LUCK.



WITH ALL
OF THOSE
FACTORS,
IT'S NO
LONGER A
COINCIDENCE
...

OHGI-
SAN...

DROVE
A STAKE
INTO MY
HAND
WITH MY
OWN
XIA.

TO TOP
IT ALL
OFF, HIS
LUCK...



WERE
THE
GAME
TO PRO-
CEED NOR-
MALLY
...

THAT TILE
WAS
INDICATIVE
THAT THE
HEAVENS
HAD
TAKEN
WASHIZU'S
SIDE IN
THIS BATTLE
...

WAS SENT
DOWN FROM
THE HEAVENS
TO AID
WASHIZU AND
HELP HIM ON
HIS WAY TO
A VICTORY.

THAT
DORA,
XIA,



EH
...?!

THE GAME
WOULD BE
HANDLED TO
WASHIZU,
NO PROBLEM.

A MES-
SEN-
GER!





IT WAS AN
ASSASSIN
WITH A
TICKING TIME
BOMB.

THAT TILE
WOULD BE
THE DEATH
OF ME IF
IT WASN'T
HANDLED
WITH CARE.

YEAH.

Washizu'd
win...?



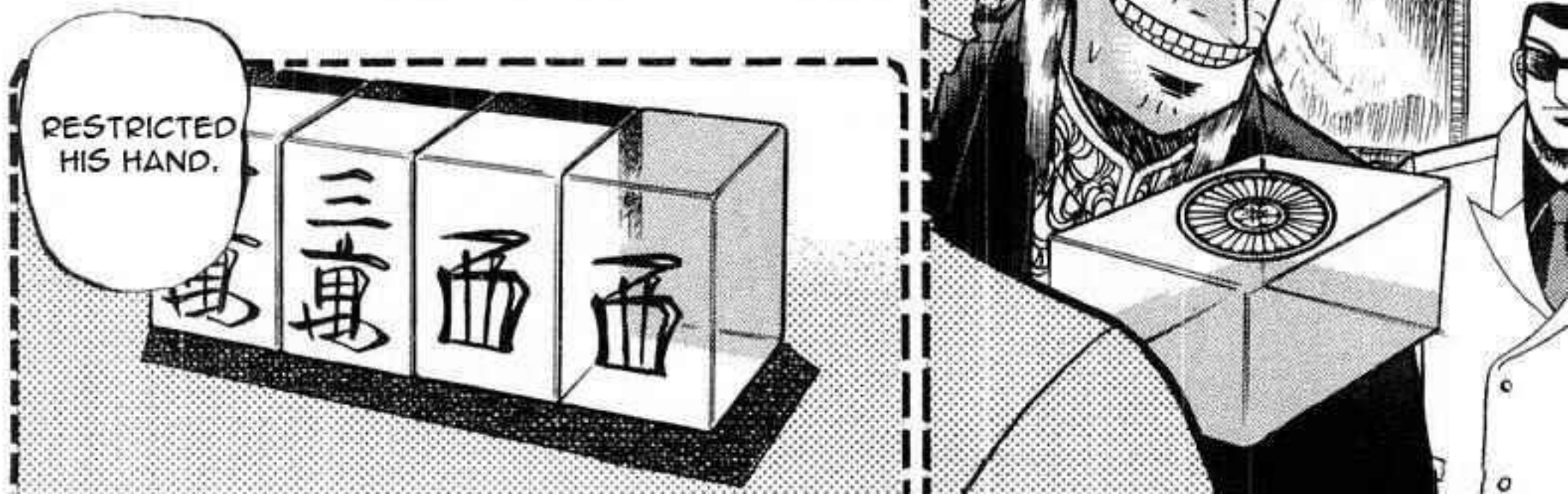
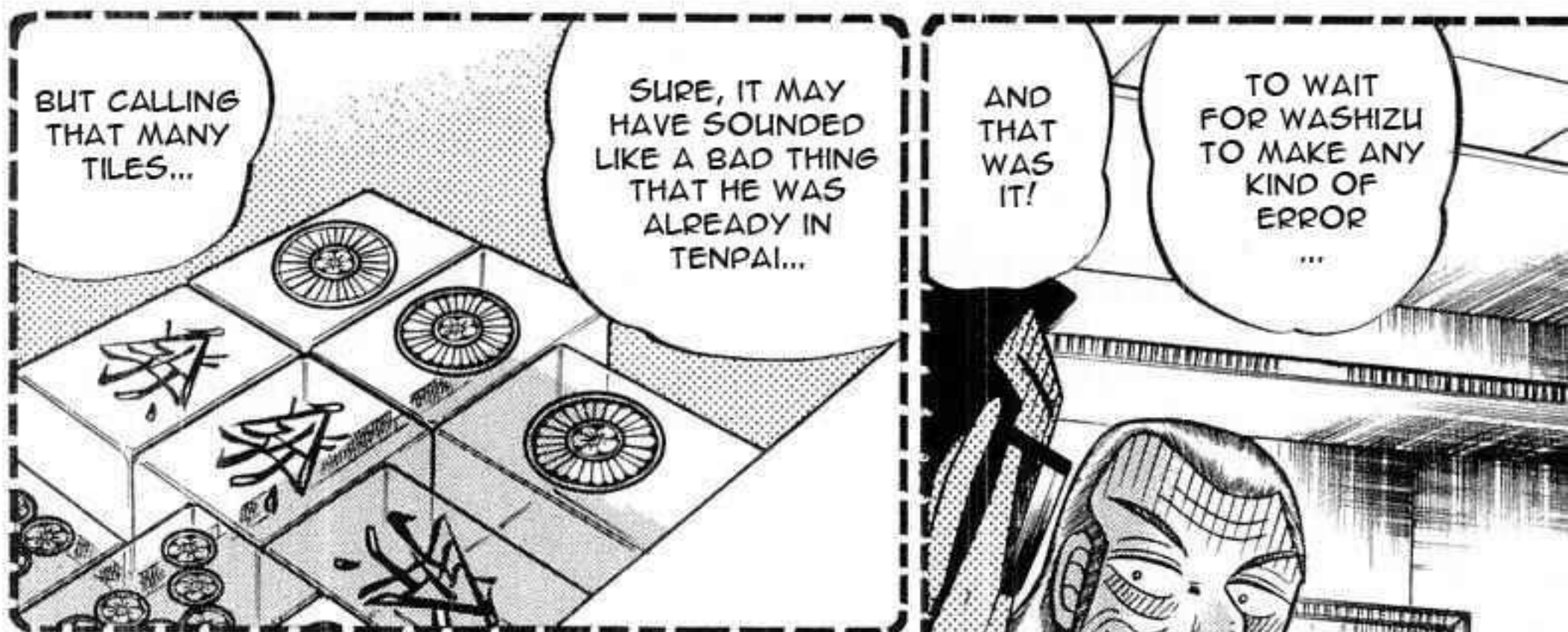
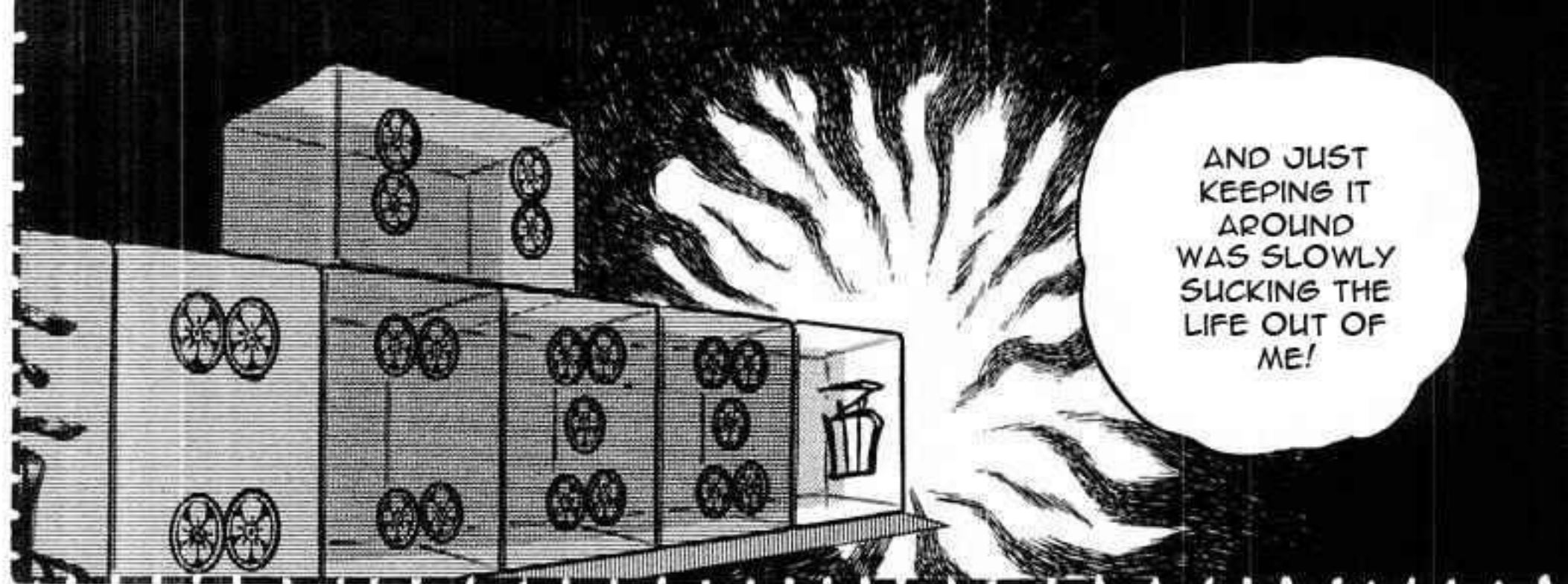
THOUGH, I'D
BE PRAC-
TICALLY
HANDLED
100 MILLION
IF IT
SUCCEEDED
...


HE'D HIT
MANGAN, AND
IT WOULD ALL
BE OVER.

HE WOULD
CALL IT
FOR SURE.

IF I
RUSHED
IN TO
PLAY IT,





A close-up of a hand dropping a small, rectangular box. The box is open, and its contents are visible. The background is dark and textured.

THROWING
IT OUT AT
ANY OTHER
POINT WOULD
JUST BE
USELESS.

I WAS
UNABLE
TO DEAL
IT!

WHEN
HIS HAND
BECAME
LOCKED
IN PLACE
...

UP
UNTIL
THAT
POINT
...

A close-up of a man's face with dark hair, looking down with a distressed expression. His mouth is slightly open, and his eyes are wide.

I HAD
TO DO
IT IN
THAT
ORDER
...

A close-up of a man's face with spiky hair, looking down with a determined expression. His mouth is slightly open, and his eyes are wide.

BEFORE I
COULD, I
NEEDED TO
CREATE A
SITUATION
WHERE I
COULD
SAFELY
GET RID
OF IT.

A man in a dark suit and tie, holding a knife in his right hand. He has a serious expression and is looking towards the right.

WITH
NO
CHANCE
FOR RECO-
VERY.

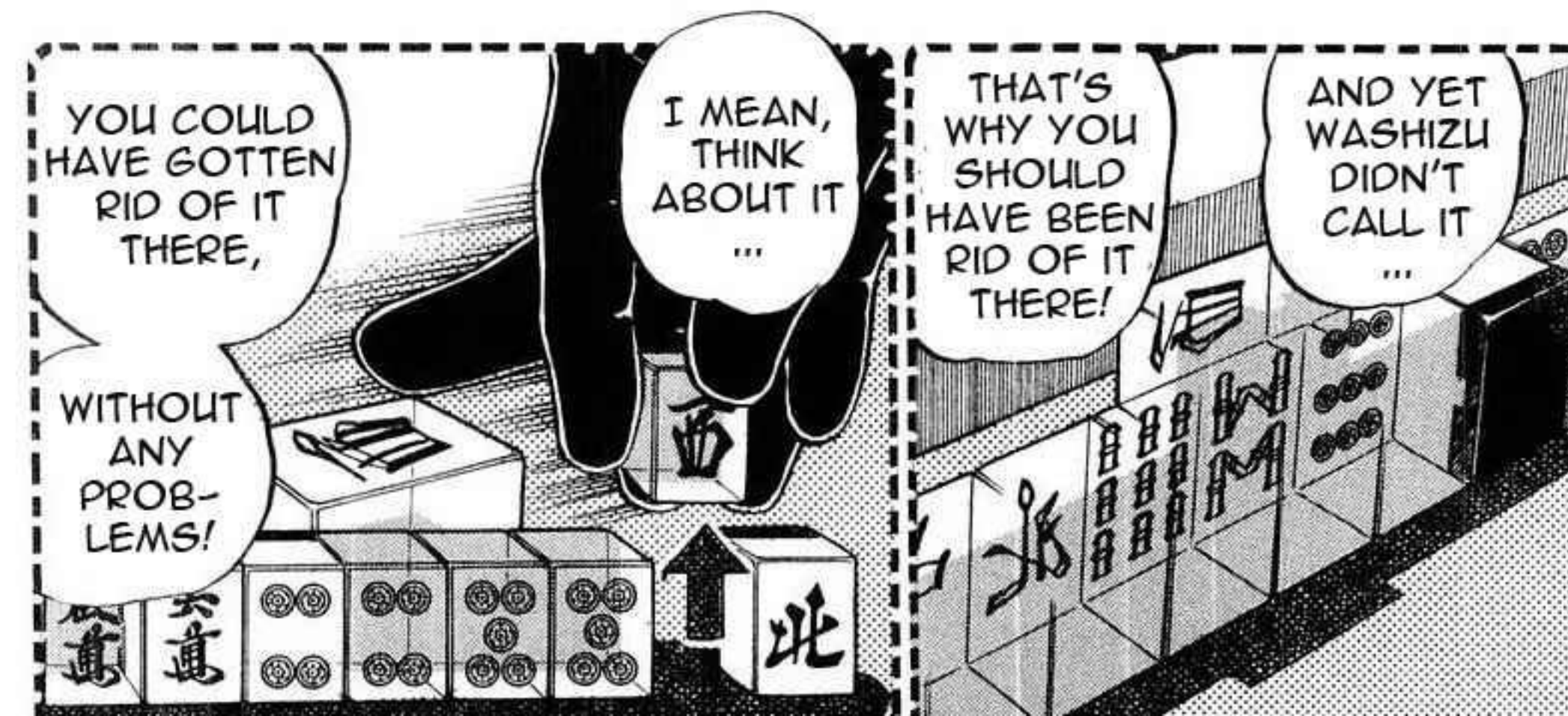
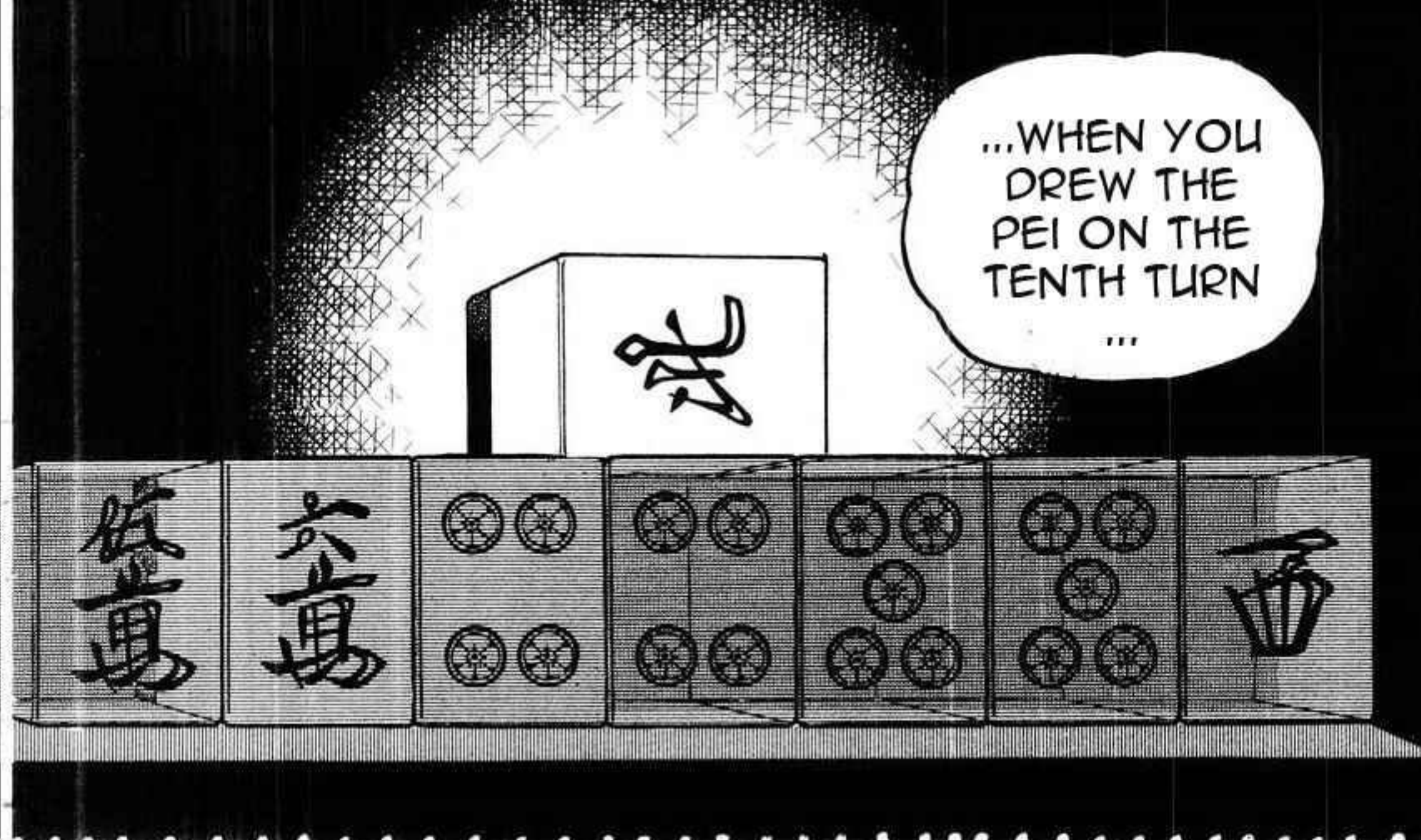
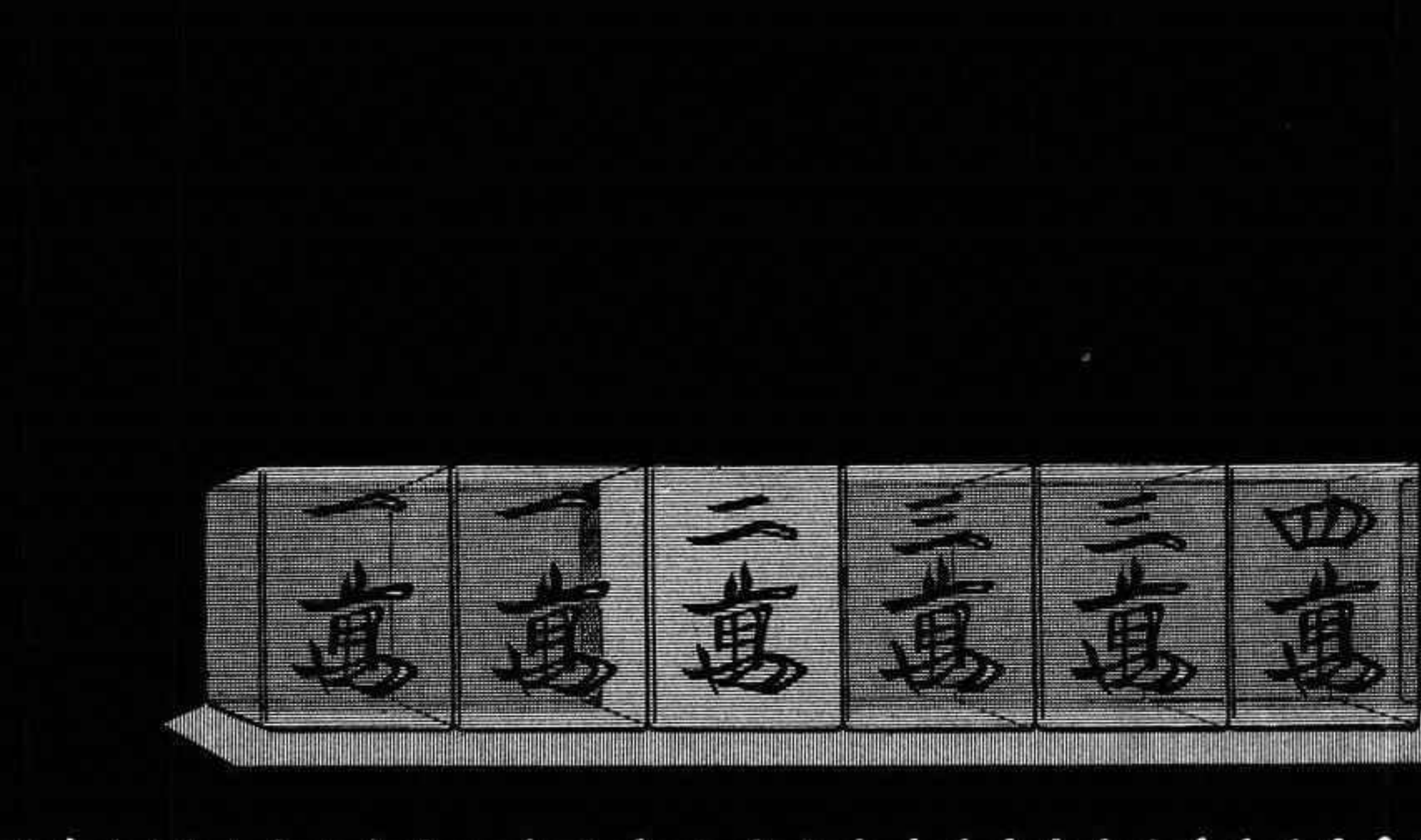
A man with spiky hair, looking down with a distressed expression. His mouth is slightly open, and his eyes are wide.

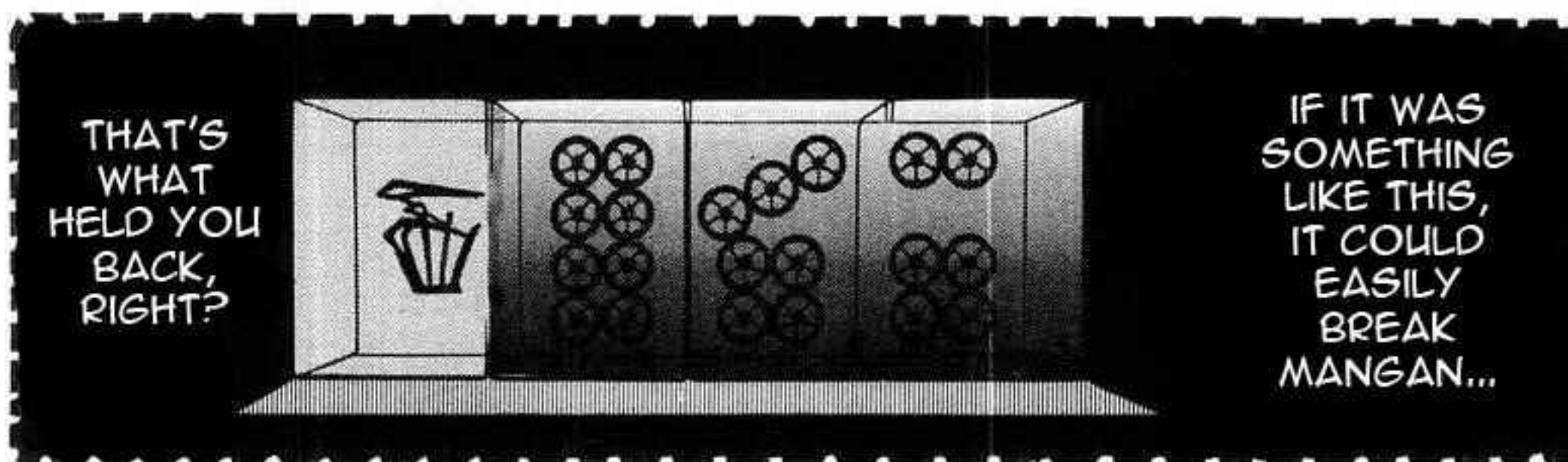
OR
ELSE
I
WOULD
FALL
VICTIM
TO HIM
...

ざわ... ..







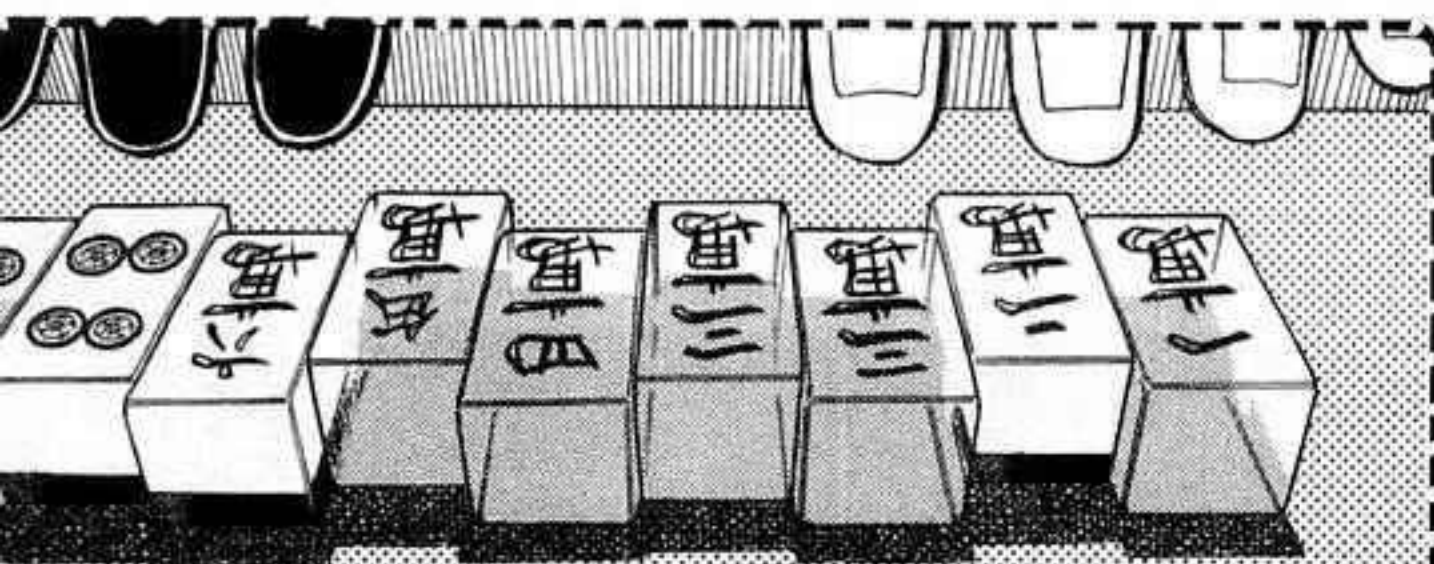
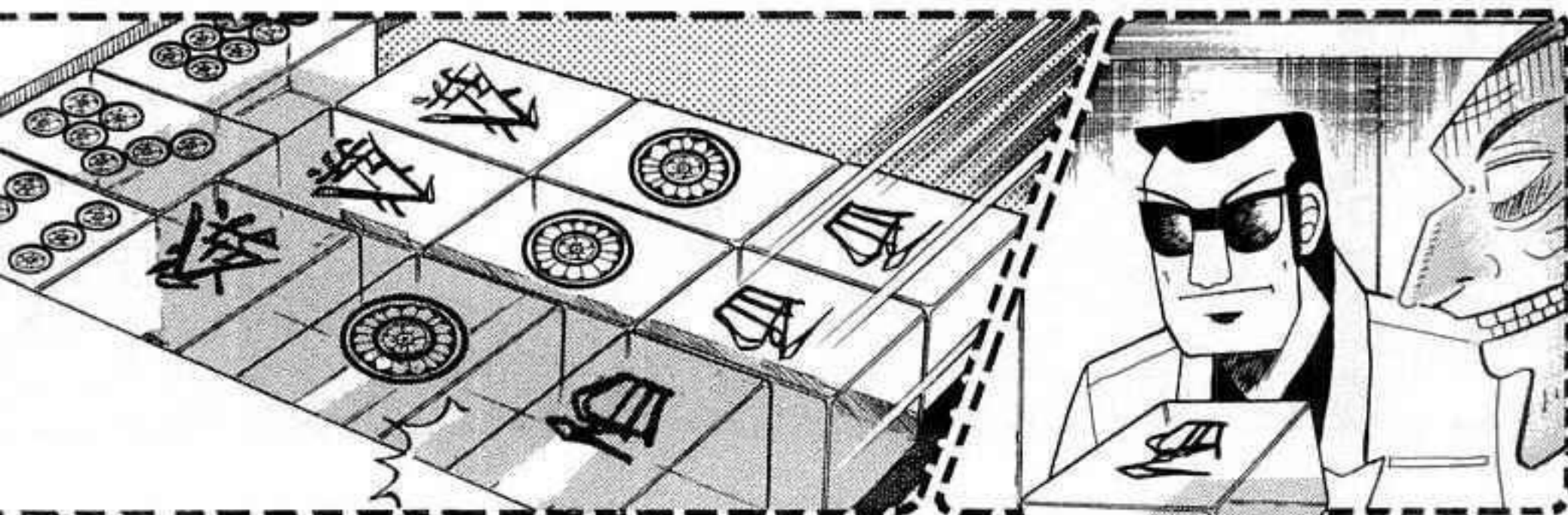






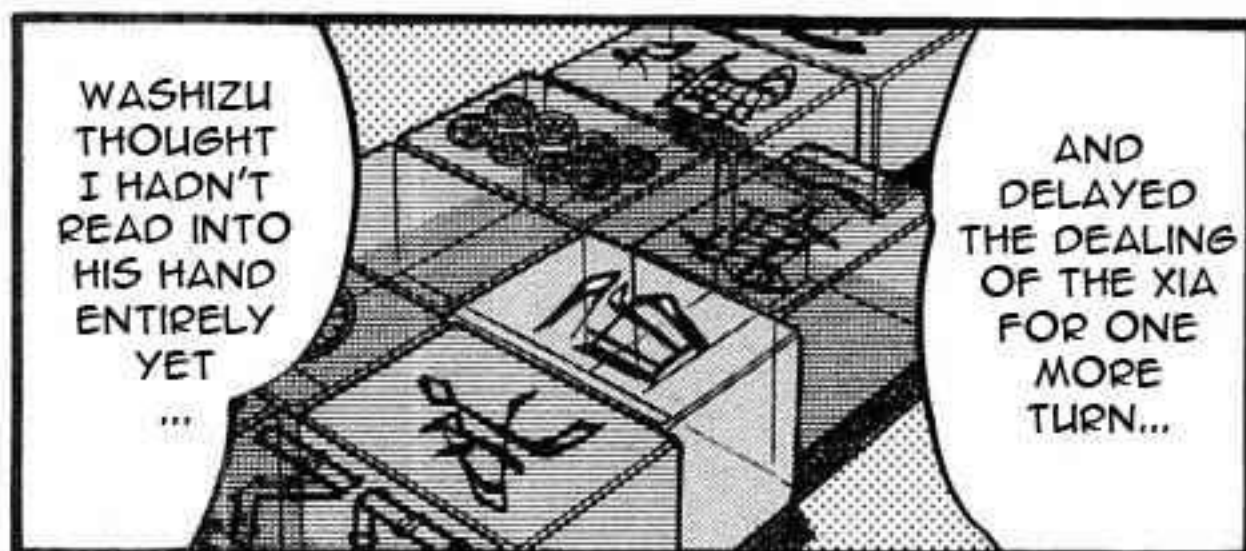
WOULD
PROVE
EFFECTIVE!!

JUST A
LITTLE BIT
LATER,
THAT
TRICK...





urgh
...!



WASHIZU
THOUGHT
I HADN'T
READ INTO
HIS HAND
ENTIRELY
YET
...

AND
DELAYED
THE DEALING
OF THE XIA
FOR ONE
MORE
TURN...



S...
SO...!

HE
MIS-
UNDER-
STOOD.

HE
THOUGHT
I WAS
CONSIDERING
THE POSSI-
BILITY OF A
SINGLE
WAIT...



HMM
...

BECAUSE
I HESI-
TATED
...



YOU BEHAVED
LIKE YOU
WERE HAVING
SECOND
THOUGHTS
ON
PURPOSE...?!

YOU
...

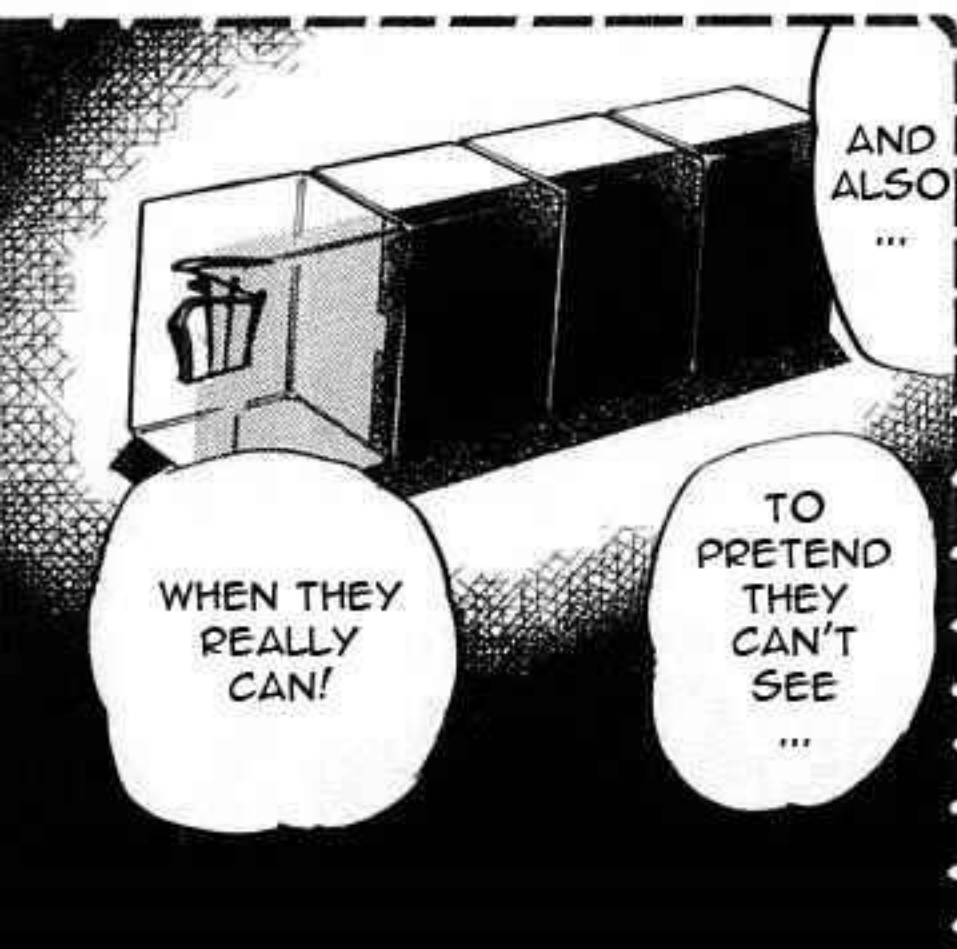


OHGI-
SAN
...

HEH-
HEH
...



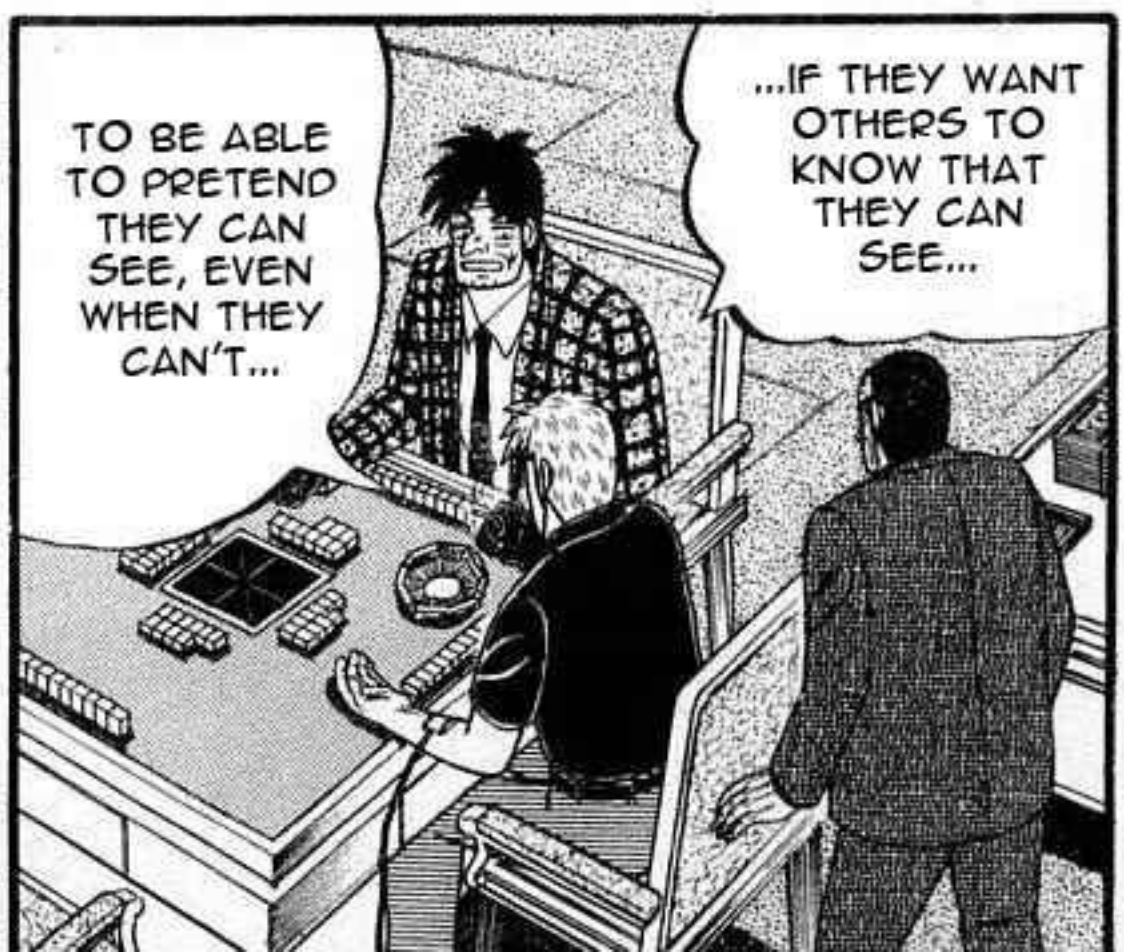
PEOPLE
WHO
SEE
ARE
ALLOWED
TO
CHOOSE
...



AND
ALSO
...

WHEN THEY
REALLY
CAN!

TO
PRETEND
THEY
CAN'T
SEE
...

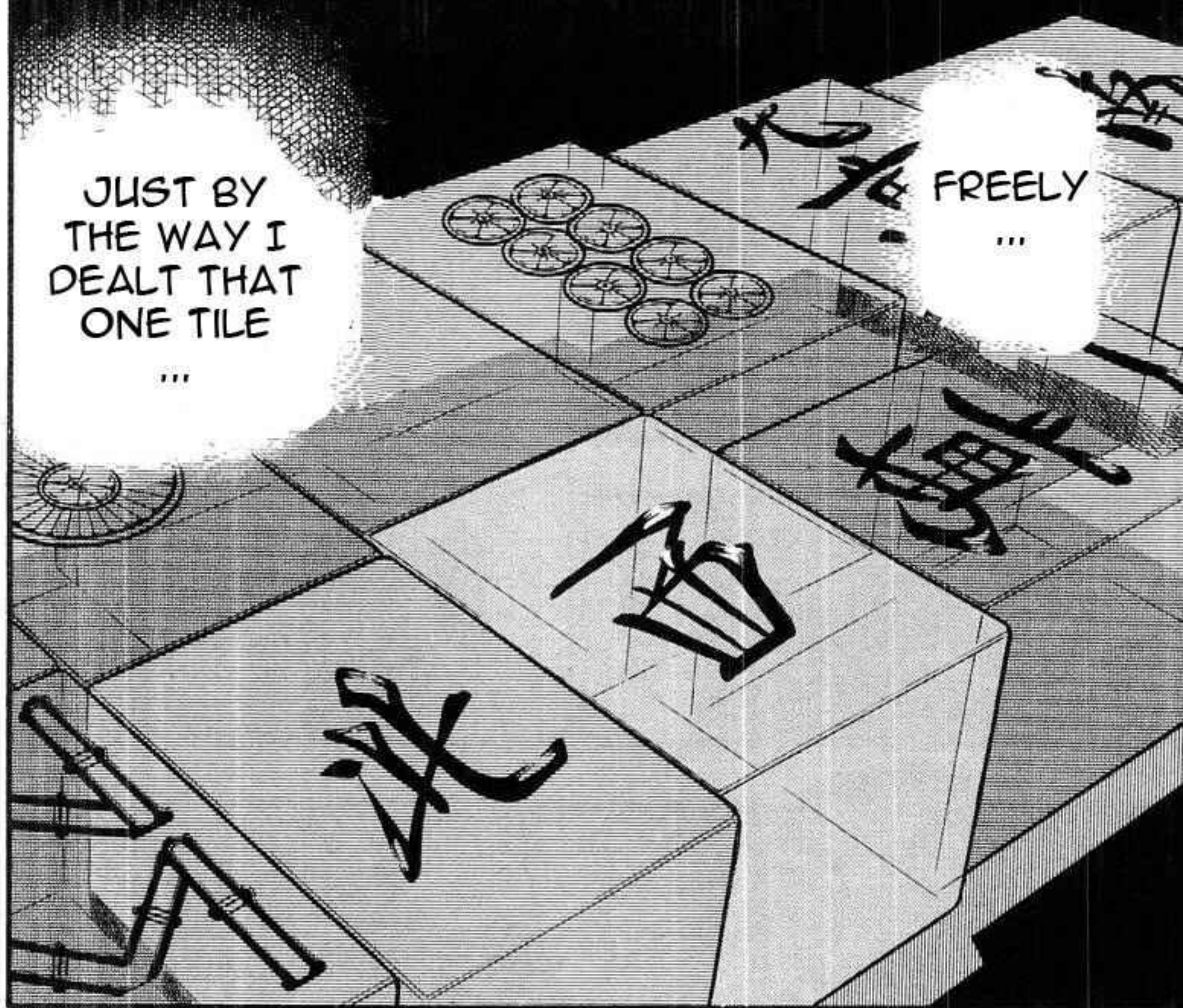


TO BE ABLE
TO PRETEND
THEY CAN
SEE, EVEN
WHEN THEY
CAN'T...

...IF THEY WANT
OTHERS TO
KNOW THAT
THEY CAN
SEE...

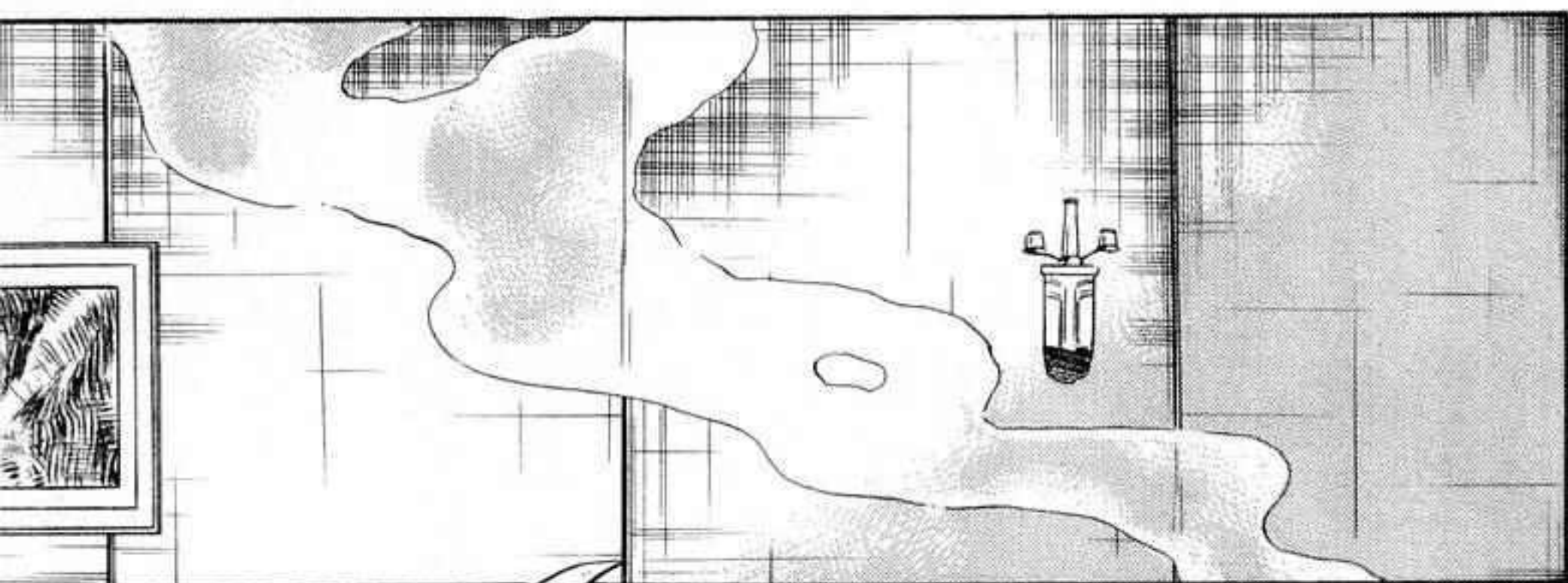
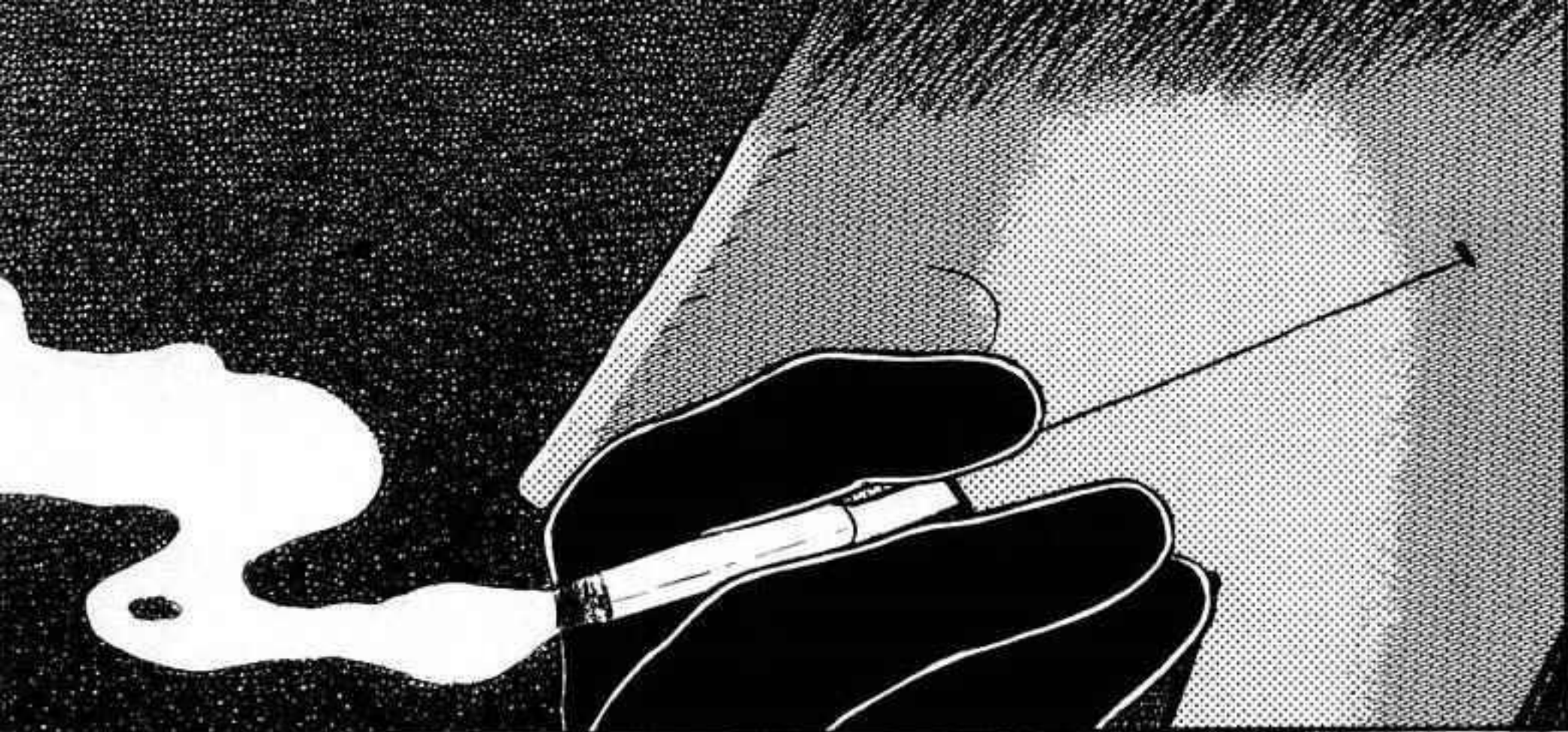
JUST BY
THE WAY I
DEALT THAT
ONE TILE
...

FREELY
...



THE
ENEMY'S
THOUGHTS
...

WERE
EASILY
MANIPU-
LATED!



ざわ...

CHAPTER 93 - WILL

第93話自在

ざわ

わ...



IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

AND
ESPE-
CIALLY
WASHI-
ZU...!!



HE EVEN
GOT ME,
AS I
WATCHED
FROM
BEHIND...!!

IN THE
END
...

THIS KID
MANIPULATED
ABSOLUTELY
EVERYONE
...

I
CAN
NOT
BE-
LIEVE
IT
...

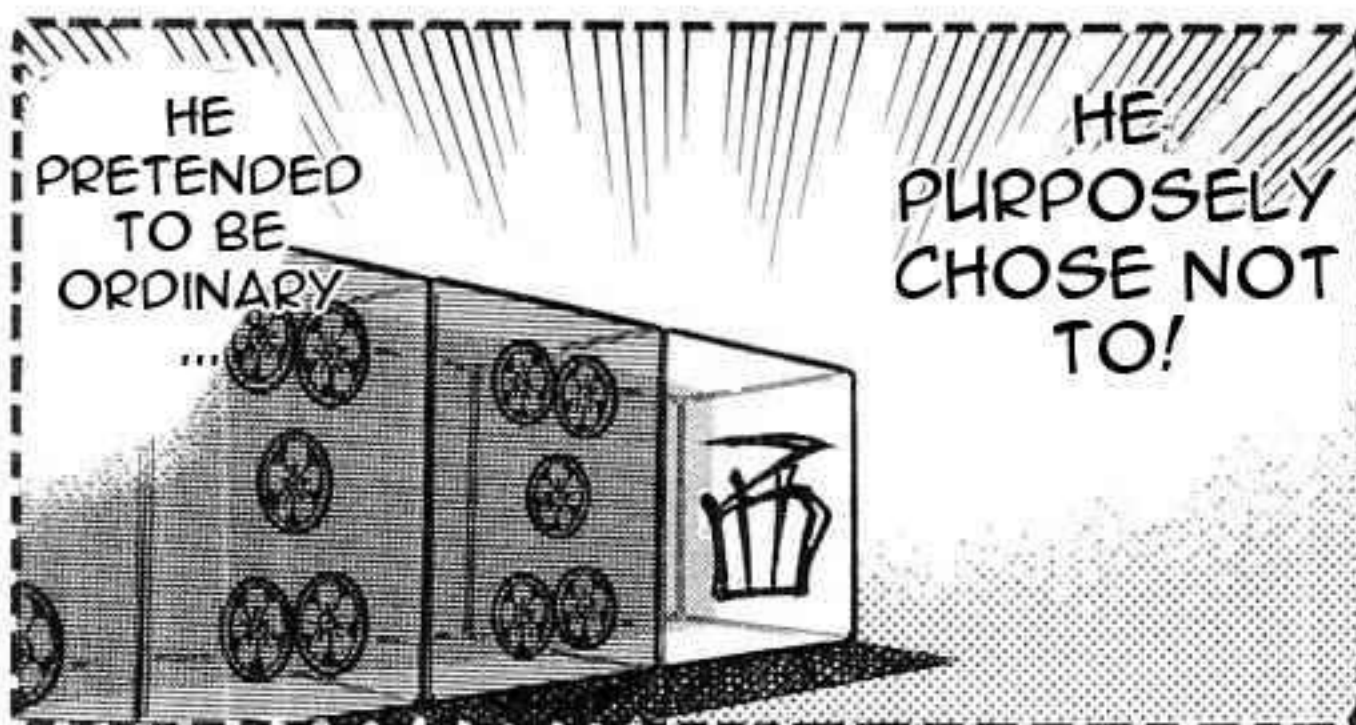




THIS
GUY

...

HE DIDN'T
GET
SIDETRACKED
FOR EVEN
A MOMENT
...!



HE
PRETENDED
TO BE
ORDINARY
...

HE
PURPOSELY
CHOSE NOT
TO!



IT WASN'T
THAT HE
COULDN'T
DISCARD
THE DORA
XIA...



JUST
BY
NOT
DEALING
THAT
ONE
TILE!

HE
EVEN
FOOLED
US
...



HE'S
REALLY
SOMETHING
ELSE!

ARE
JUST
ORDINARY
IN COM-
PARISON
...



MAHJONG
PLAYERS
LIKE US
...

IN
THE
END
...



WELL,
SOMETIMES
WE GET AWAY
FROM EVEN
THAT,
BUT...

AND HOW
GOOD
OUR LUCK
IS WHEN
WE
PLAY
...

MOST OF
US CAN ONLY
FOCUS ON
OUR OWN
HANDS
...



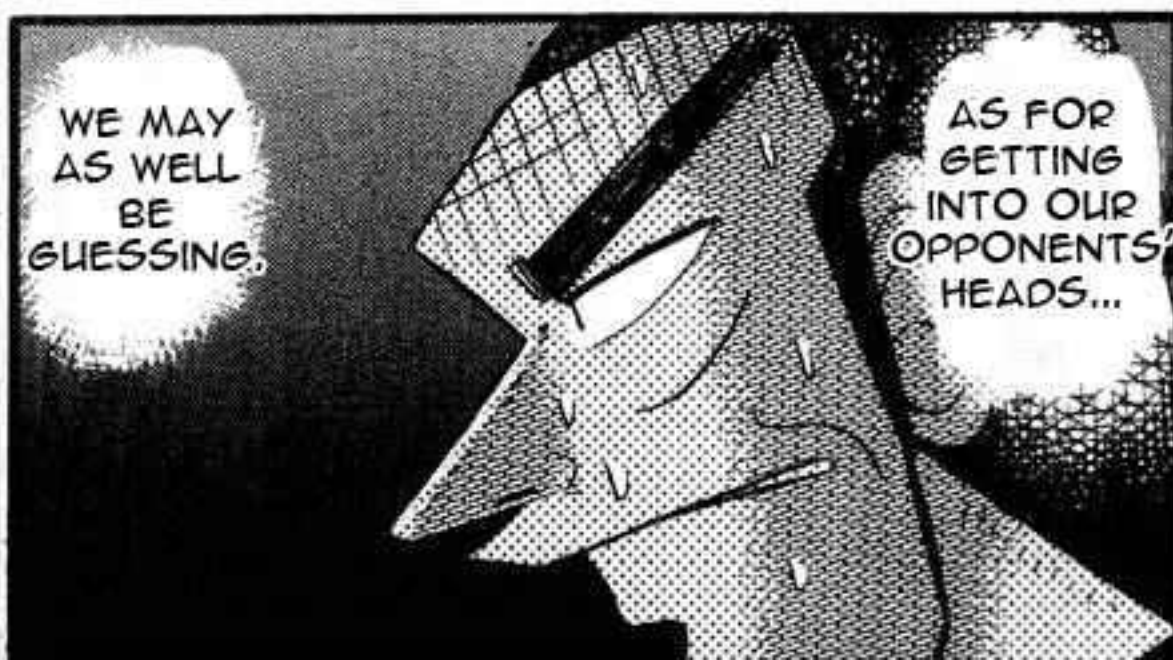
AND
YET,
THIS
MAN
...

OUR ANALYSIS
IS USUALLY
WAY OFF THE
MARK...
ALL OVER THE
PLACE!



AT
THE
BEST!

ALL WE
THINK ABOUT
IS HOW TO
WIN AGAINST
OUR
OPPONENTS
...



WE MAY
AS WELL
BE
GUESSING.

AS FOR
GETTING
INTO OUR
OPPONENTS'
HEADS...



EXTREMELY
ABNORMAL
....!

THAT
APPROACH
TO
GAMBLING
IS
ALREADY
...

HE
USES
PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
WARFARE
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE
....!



BEYOND
WHAT US
NORMAL
PEOPLE
CAN DO
...



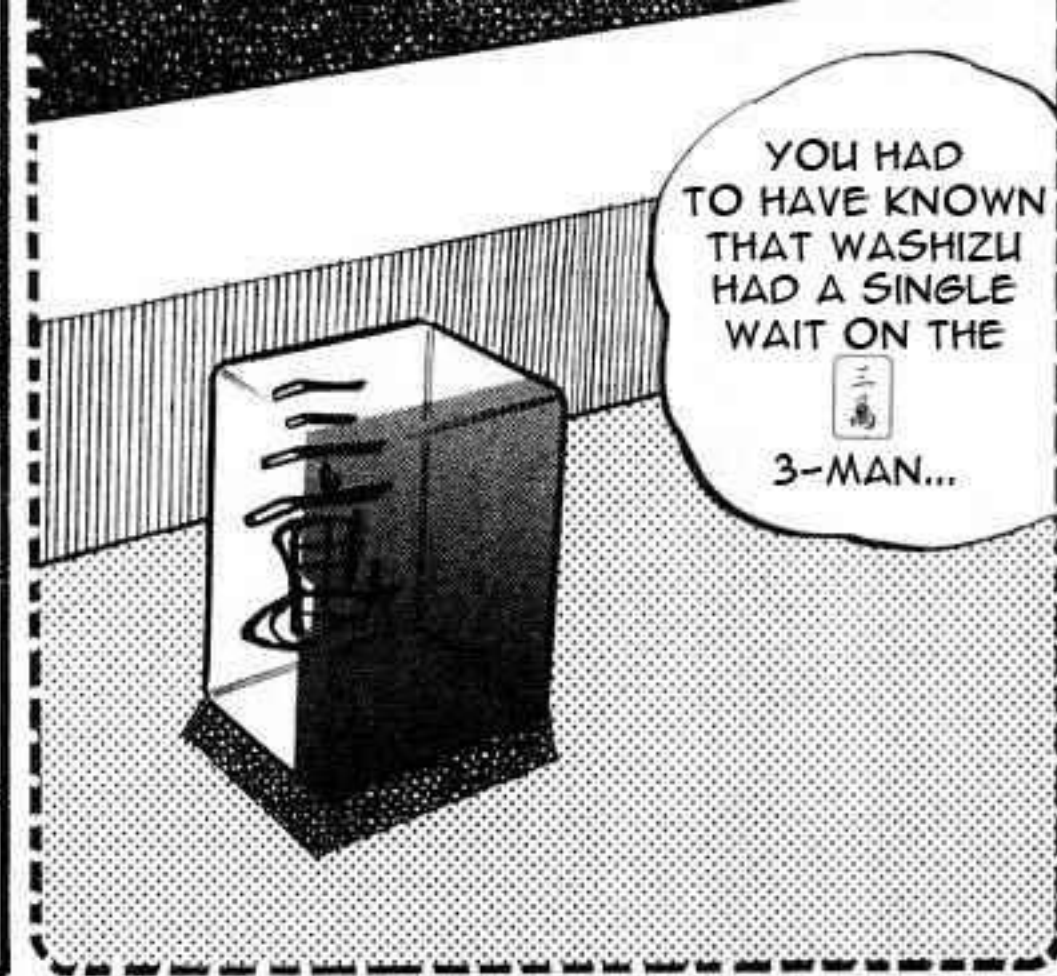
HE'S
A
DEMON
....!



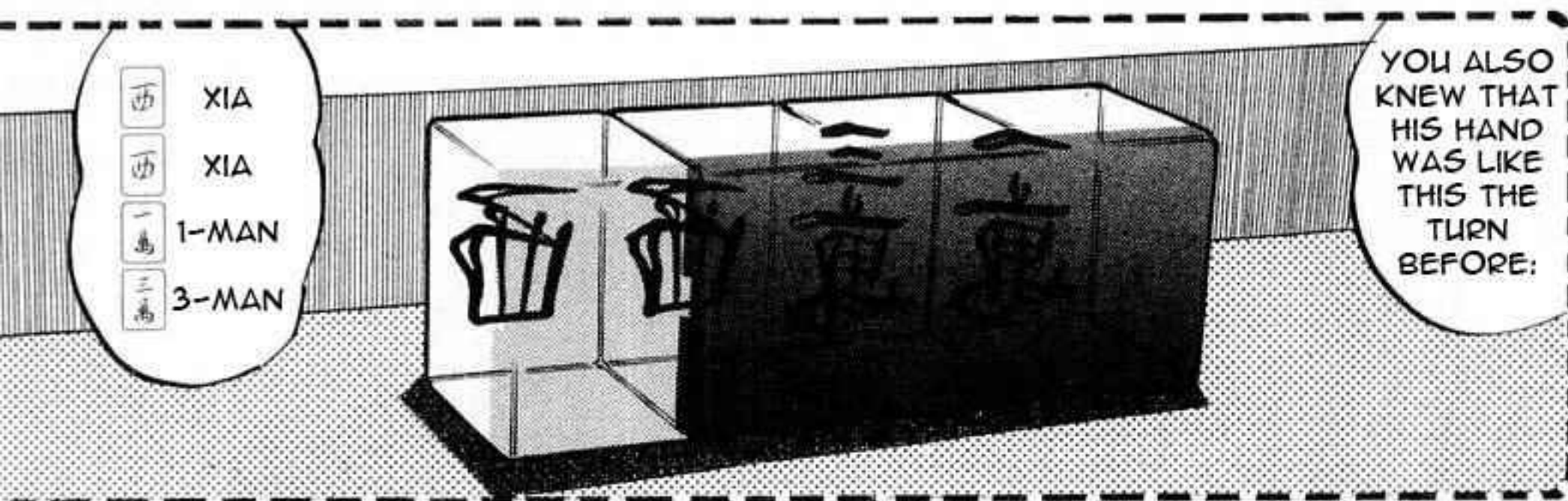




WHICH
MEANS
...



YOU HAD
TO HAVE KNOWN
THAT WASHIZU
HAD A SINGLE
WAIT ON THE
三
3-MAN...



西 XIA
西 XIA
一 1-MAN
三 3-MAN

YOU ALSO
KNEW THAT
HIS HAND
WAS LIKE
THIS THE
TURN
BEFORE:



SO,
HOW DID
YOU KNOW
ALL OF
THAT?!



HUH?

YOU
MEAN
IT'S
NOT
OBVIOUS
...?



YOU HAD
TO HAVE
KNOWN
ABOUT HIS
CLOSED
WAIT FOR
THE
二
2-MAN!

HM-
HMM
...





WASHIZU WAITED TO HAVE HIM DEAL IT.

EVEN ONCE SUZUKI DREW THE XIA,

THERE, TOO ...

THAT HE WAS AIMING FOR A CHANTA HAND.

THAT THEY WERE PREPARATIONS TO DEAL INTO THE PINZU HON ITSU HAND THAT WASHIZU WAS BUILDING AT FIRST.

THAT WOULD INDICATE ...

ALL OF THESE WAITS ARE OUT.

八萬 七萬 西 東 南 北
九萬 八萬 西 東 南 北

HE ALSO COULDN'T HAVE WAITS AROUND THEM.

SO HE COULDN'T BE WAITING ON THOSE TILES.

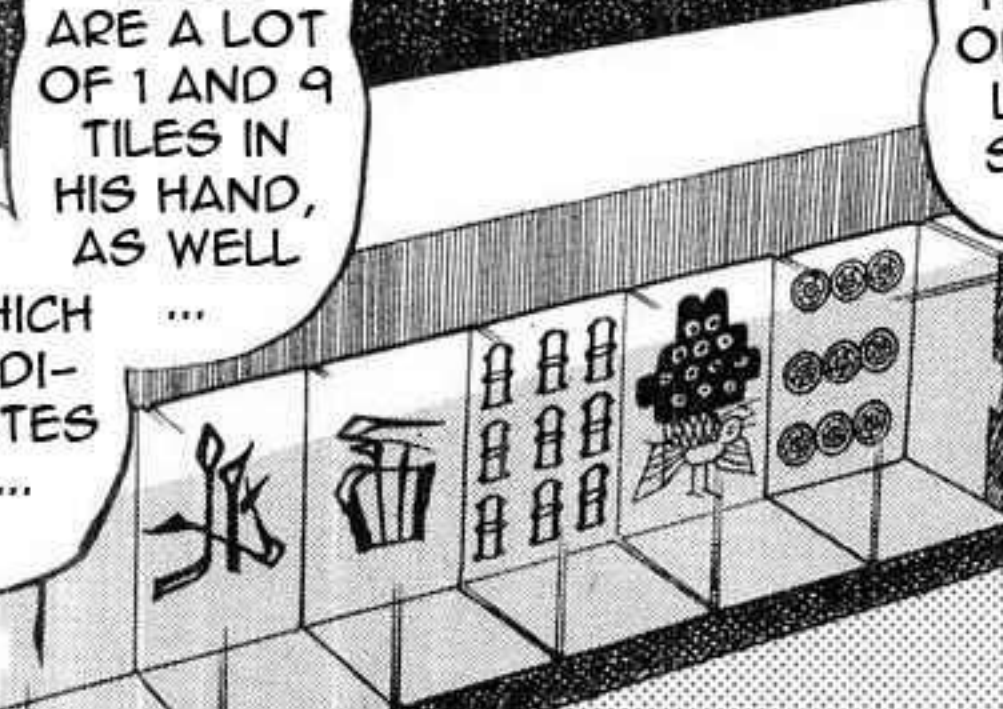
THE TERMINALS HE HAD WERE THE 1-SOU, 9-SOU, AND 9-MAN ...

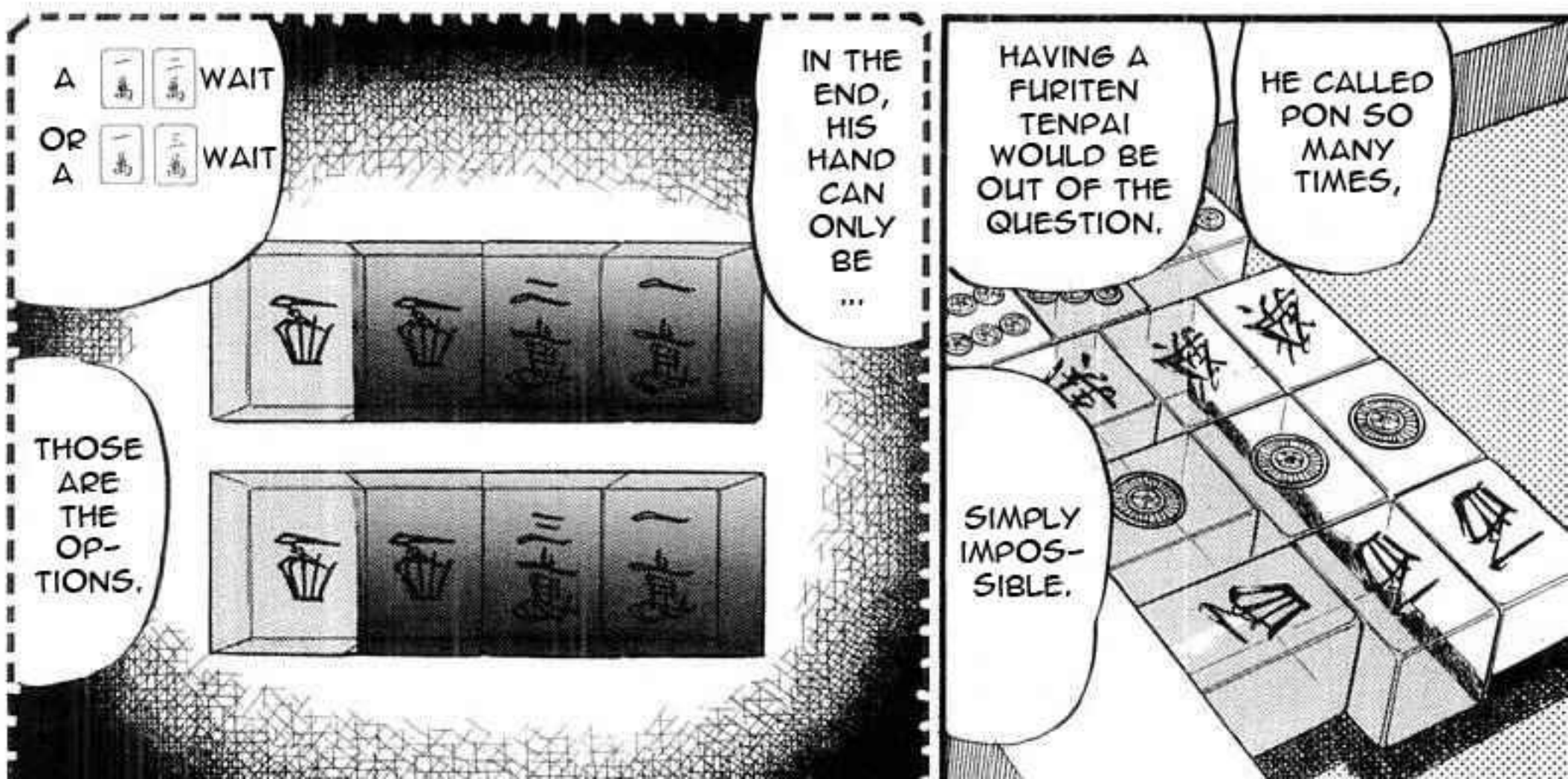
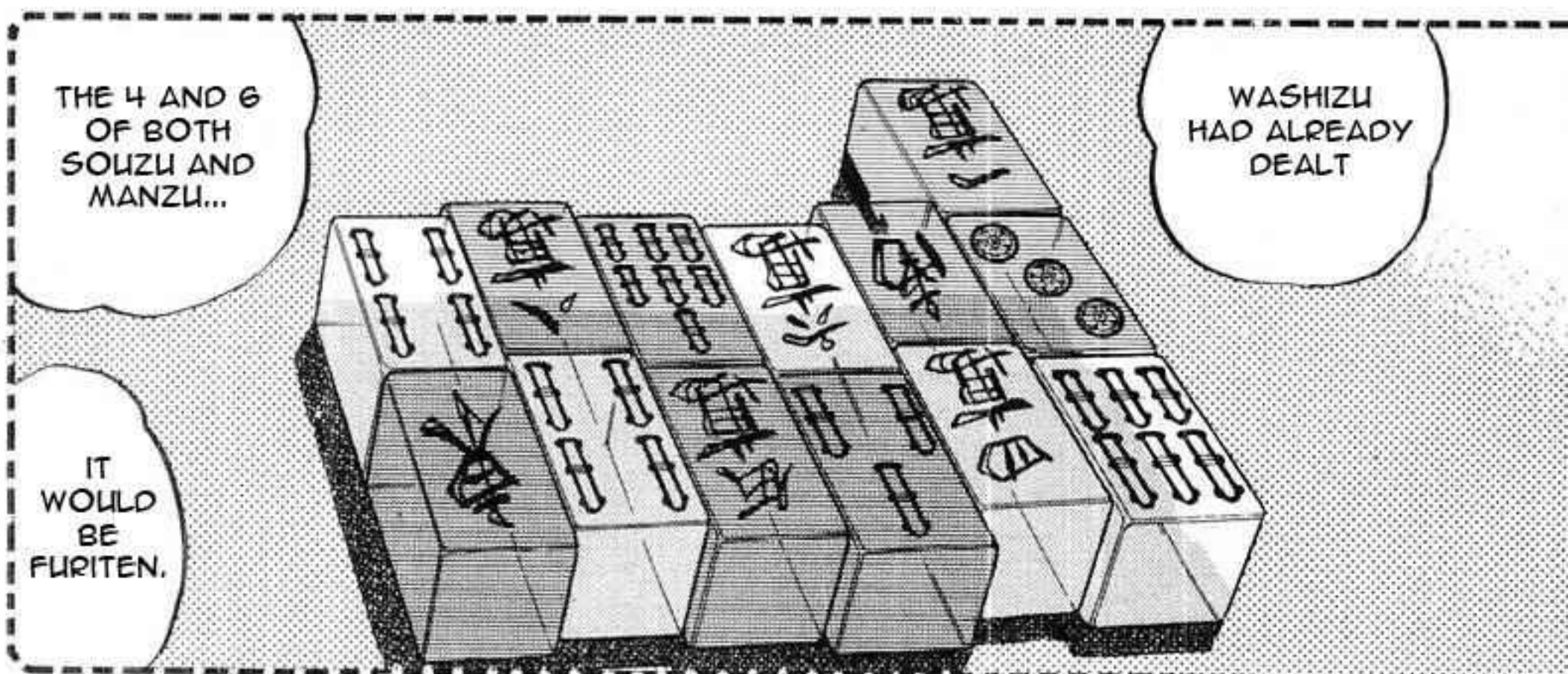
1-SOU 9-SOU 9-MAN

THERE ARE A LOT OF 1 AND 9 TILES IN HIS HAND, AS WELL

WHICH INDICATES ...

THERE ON THE LEFT SIDE.







AND
BECAUSE
OF THAT
...

WASHIZU'S WAIT
HAD TO BE THE
1-MAN 3-MAN
WAIT...



THE
WAIT
WAS
RIGHT
OUT.

AND SINCE
THE
OPAQUE
2-MAN
WAS SAFELY IN
MY HAND,

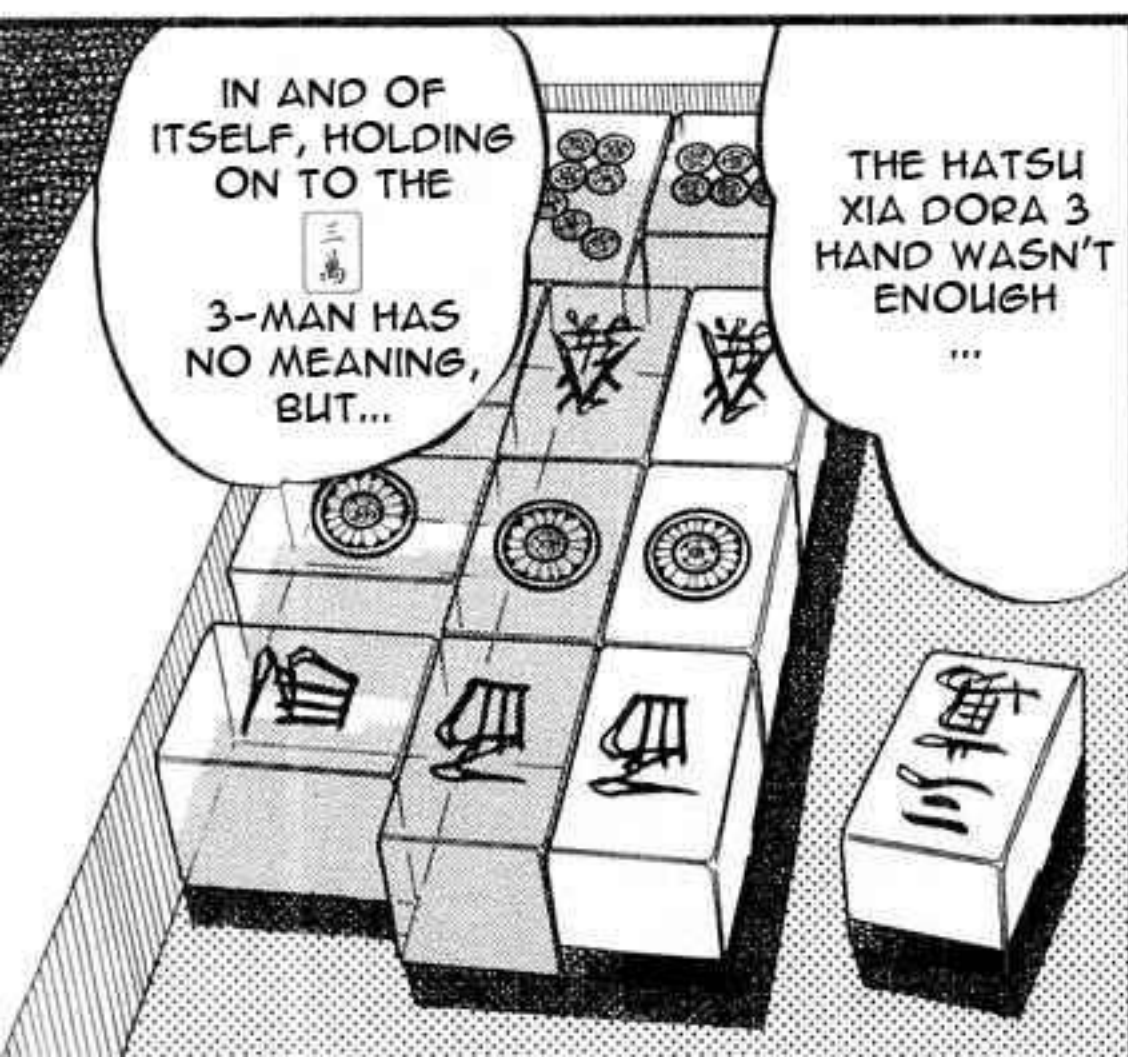


THE
WAS STILL
IN HIS HAND,

THE
SEEMING-
LY USE-
LESS
TILE,

SUZUKI
...

BECAUSE HE
WAS IN THAT
1-3-MAN WAIT,



IN AND OF
ITSELF, HOLDING
ON TO THE
3-MAN HAS
NO MEANING,
BUT...

THE HATSU
XIA DORA 3
HAND WASN'T
ENOUGH
...



HE'D NEED
A HANEMAN
OR BETTER
HAND...

HE'D
NEED
MORE.

CONSI-
DERING
THAT,
IF HE
WANTED
TO
OVERTAKE
ME,



IF I
DECLARED
RIICHI IN THE
GAME, LIKE I
DID,

THAT
IN
MIND,



WASHIZU
CAN DEFINITELY
STILL WAIT
FOR IT.

IT'S
STILL
ONE OF
WASHIZU'S
TILES
...

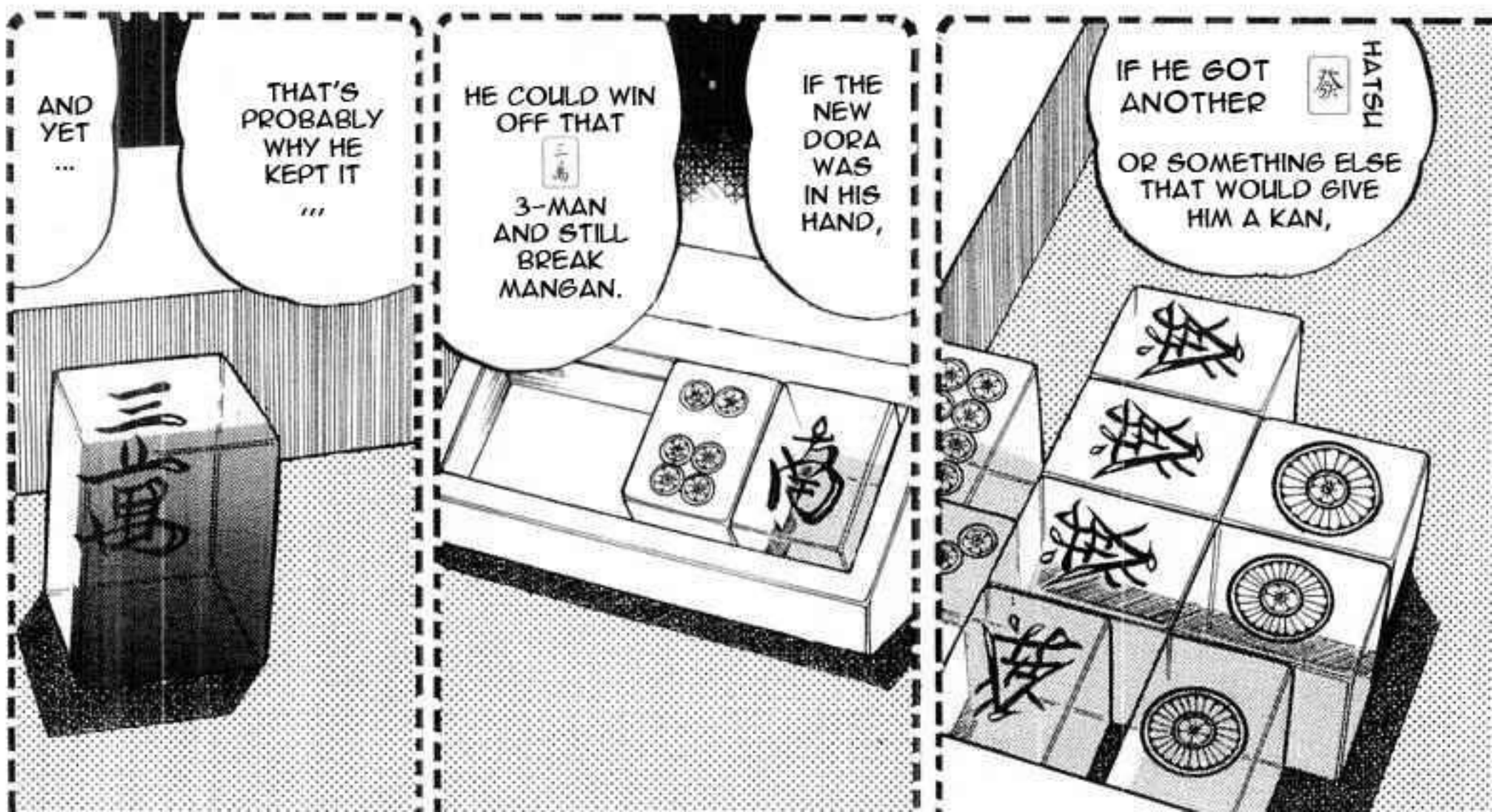
WITH A
SINGLE
WAIT.



WOULD BE
A MANGAN
HAND.

AND
IF
NOT,

ALL HE'D
NEED TO
OVER-
TAKE
ME THEN
...



AND
YET
...

THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHY HE
KEPT IT
...

HE COULD WIN
OFF THAT



3-MAN
AND STILL
BREAK
MANGAN.

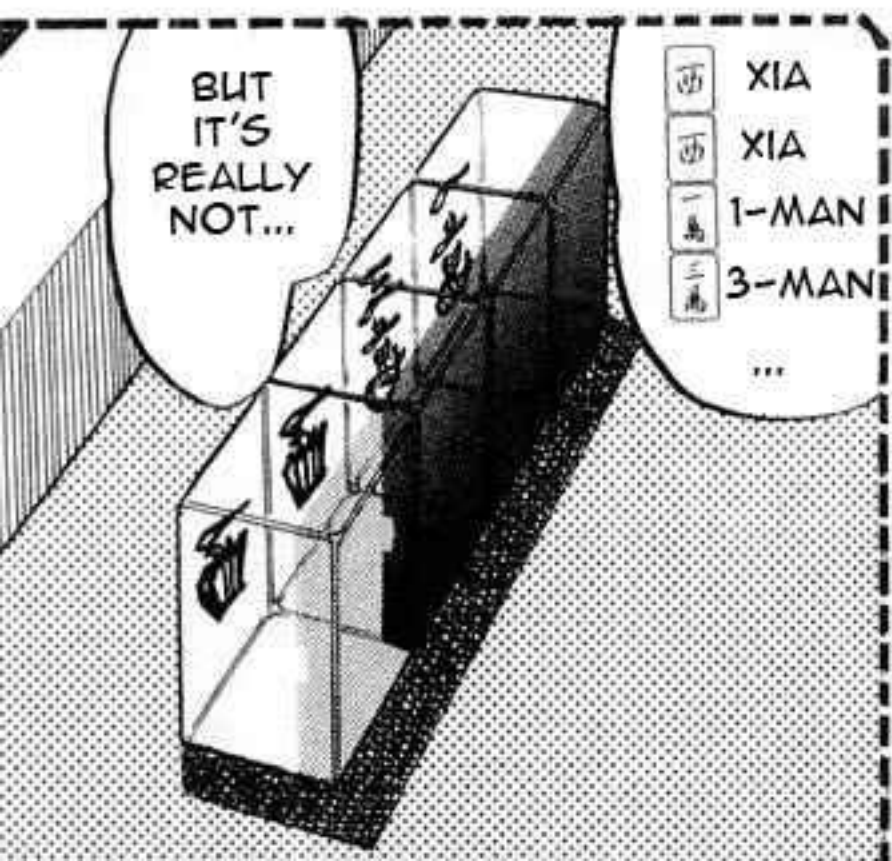
IF THE
NEW
DORA
WAS
IN HIS
HAND,

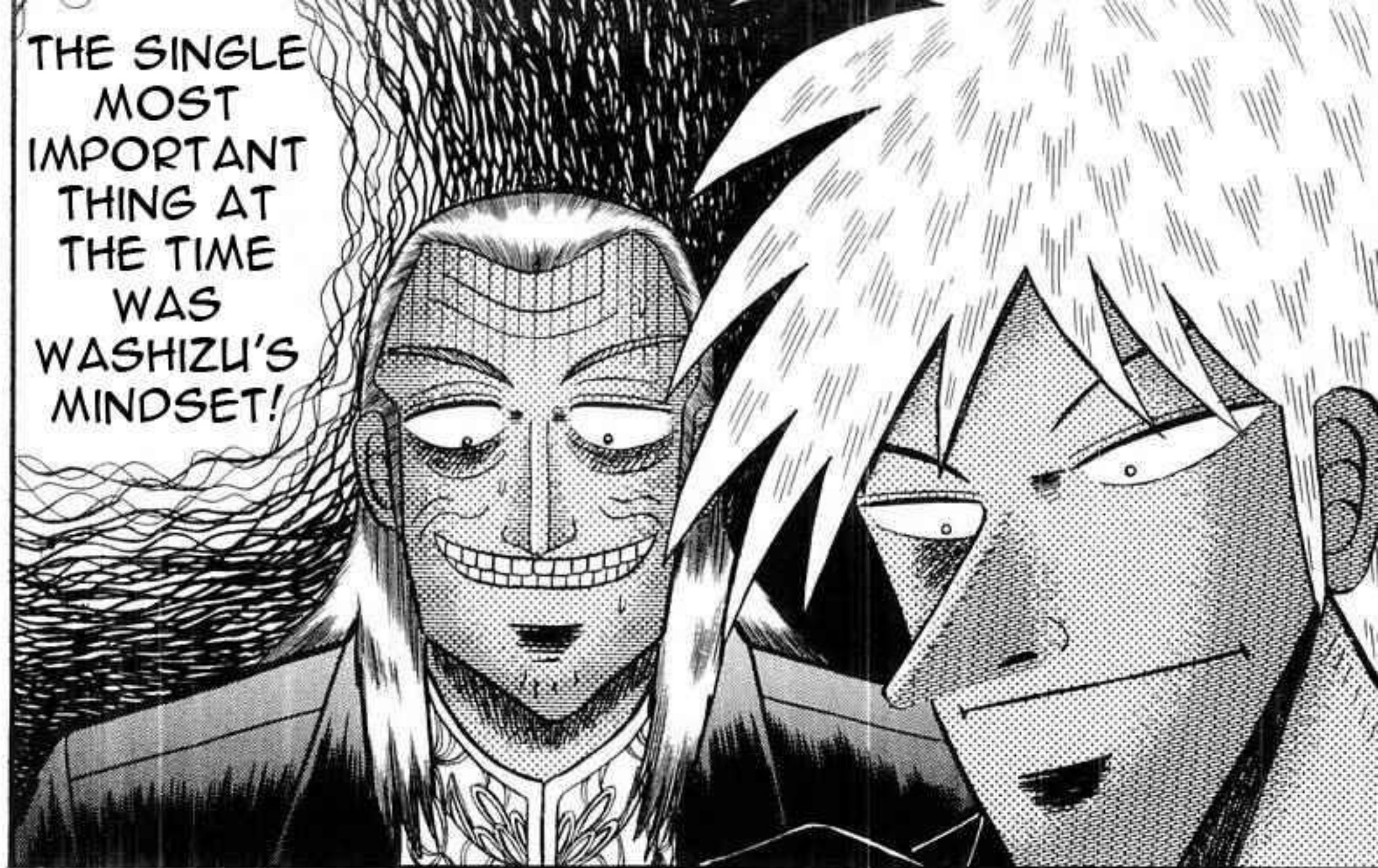
IF HE GOT
ANOTHER



OR SOMETHING ELSE
THAT WOULD GIVE
HIM A KAN,

HATSU





THE SINGLE
MOST
IMPORTANT
THING AT
THE TIME
WAS
WASHIZU'S
MINDSET!



WHERE I
WAS HOPING
FOR THE
3-MAN TO
LEAVE
SUZUKI'S
HAND
...

LEADING
UP TO THE
DEAL WHERE
I EXPECTED
THINGS
TO HAPPEN
A CERTAIN
WAY...

WHEN I
DECLARED
RIICHI
...



IT'S
HARD TO
TELL FOR
SURE...

HE COULD HAVE
GONE TOWARDS
MY EXPECTATION
OR STAYED WITH
THE TENPAI HE
HAD... MAKE NO
MISTAKE, HIS
MINDSET WAS
CRUCIAL
TO MY PLAN.

DEPENDING ON
HOW HE WAS
THINKING AT THE
TIME, HE COULD
HAVE GONE
EITHER WAY...



IT WAS
UNLIKELY
THAT HE
WOULD
BEGIN TO
DOUBT
ME.

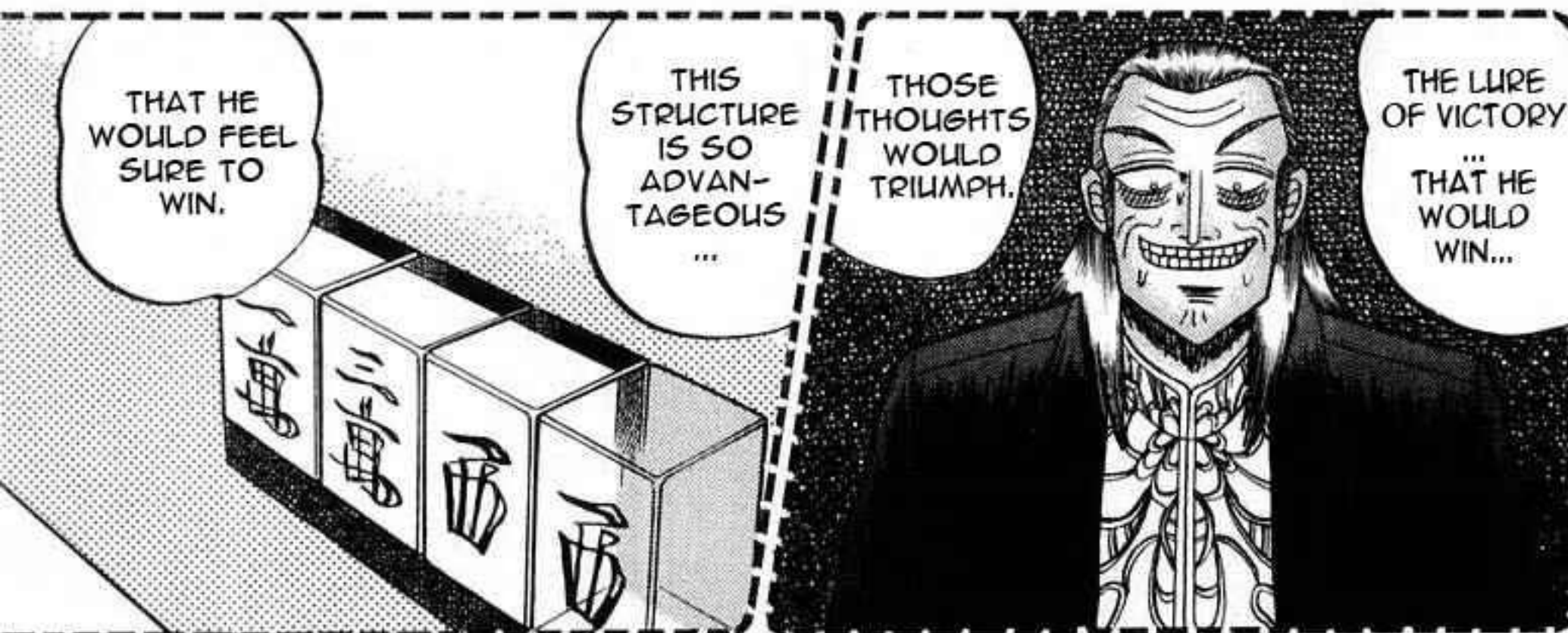
EVEN
STILL
...

INSTEAD
...



QUITE
DIFFICULT,
EVEN AT
THIS
STAGE
OF THE
GAME.

IT'S
HARD TO
GET A
GOOD
GRASP
OF HIS
MIND-
SET...



THAT HE
WOULD FEEL
SURE TO
WIN.

THIS
STRUCTURE
IS SO
ADVAN-
TAGEOUS
...

THOSE
THOUGHTS
WOULD
TRIUMPH.

THE LURE
OF VICTORY
...
THAT HE
WOULD
WIN...



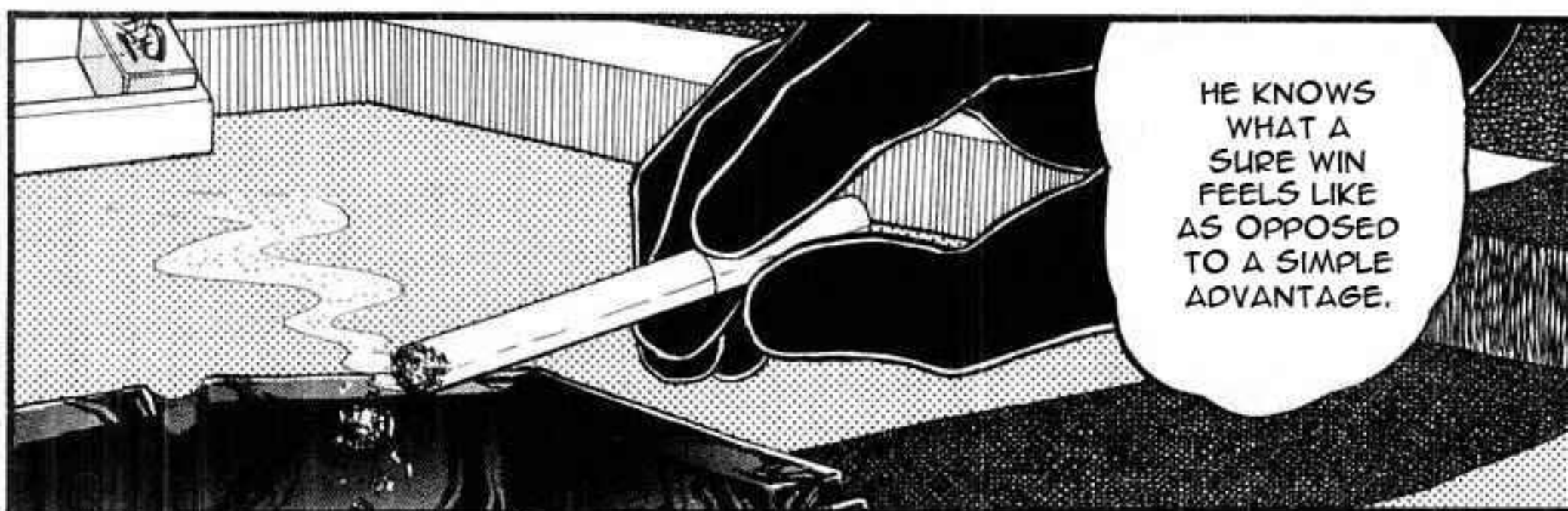
?

BEGAN TO
HUNGER FOR
THE VICTORY
HE FELT WAS
RIGHT WITHIN
HIS GRASP.



WASHI-
ZU...

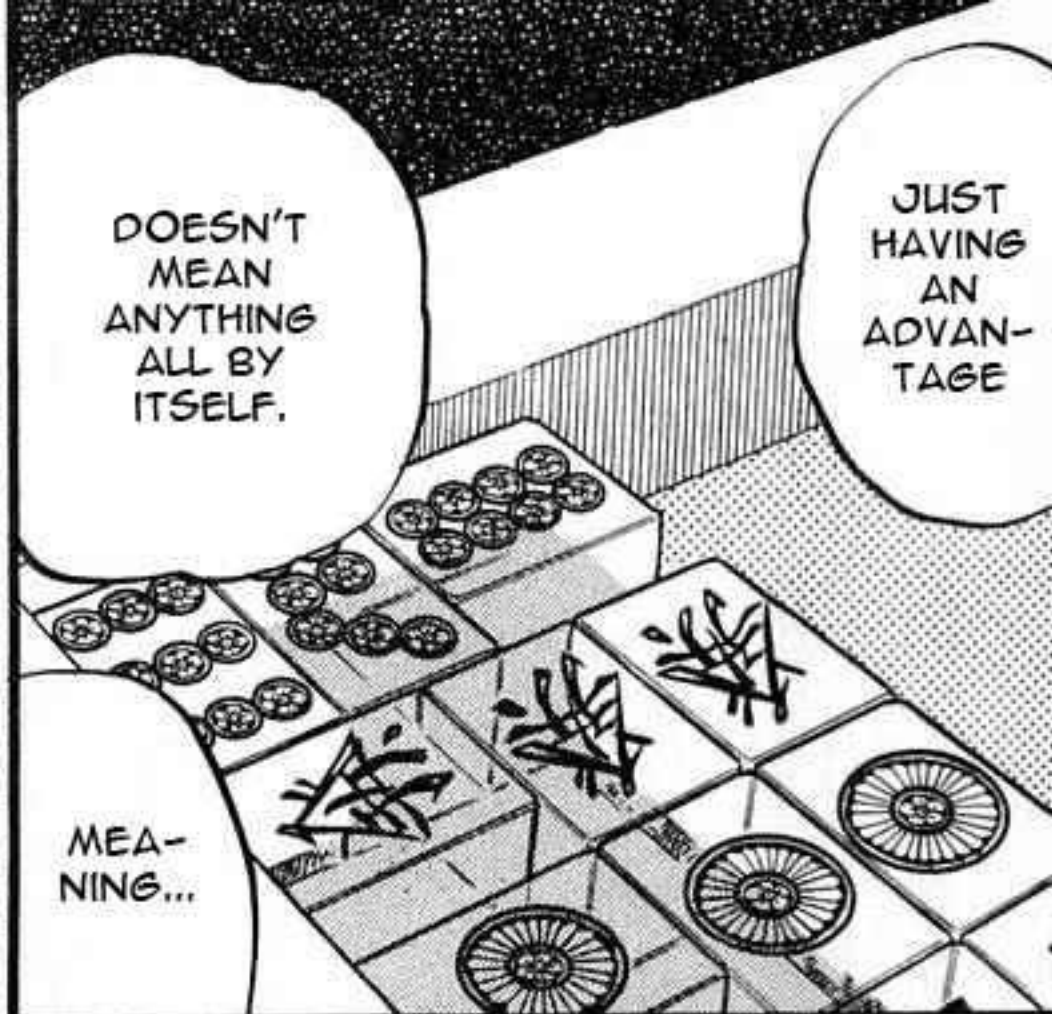
AND
BECAUSE
HE FELT
SO
DOMINANT
...





IT
CAN
CREATE
THE
MEANS
...

FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE TO
WIN, AS
WELL.



DOESN'T
MEAN
ANYTHING
ALL BY
ITSELF.

JUST
HAVING
AN
ADVANTAGE

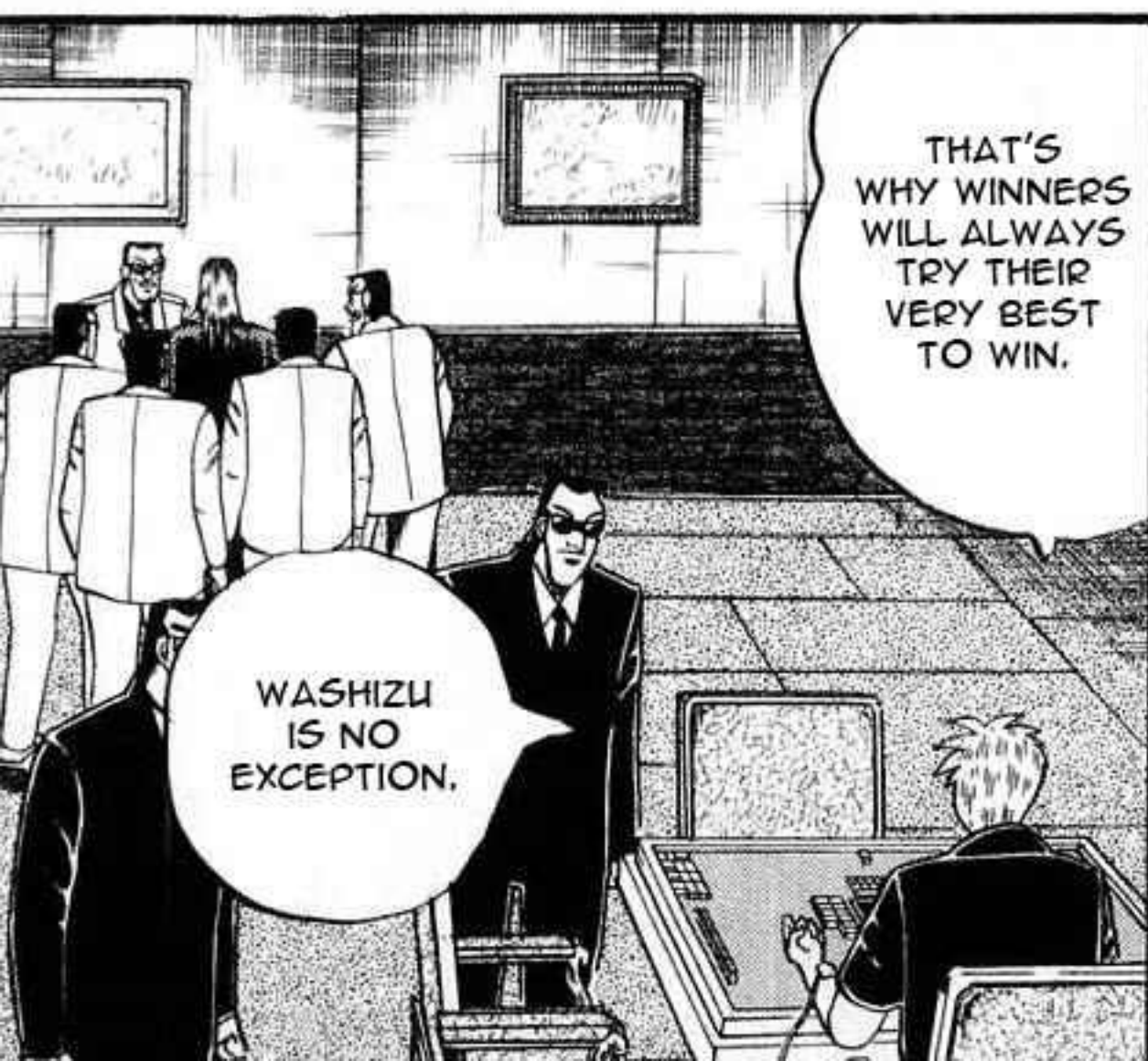
MEA-
NING...



OR
SAFETY
FROM
DEFEAT,

IT CAN
ONLY BE
100% CERTAIN
...

WHETHER
WINNING
MEANS
SELF-
PROFIT,



THAT'S
WHY WINNERS
WILL ALWAYS
TRY THEIR
VERY BEST
TO WIN.

WASHIZU
IS NO
EXCEPTION.



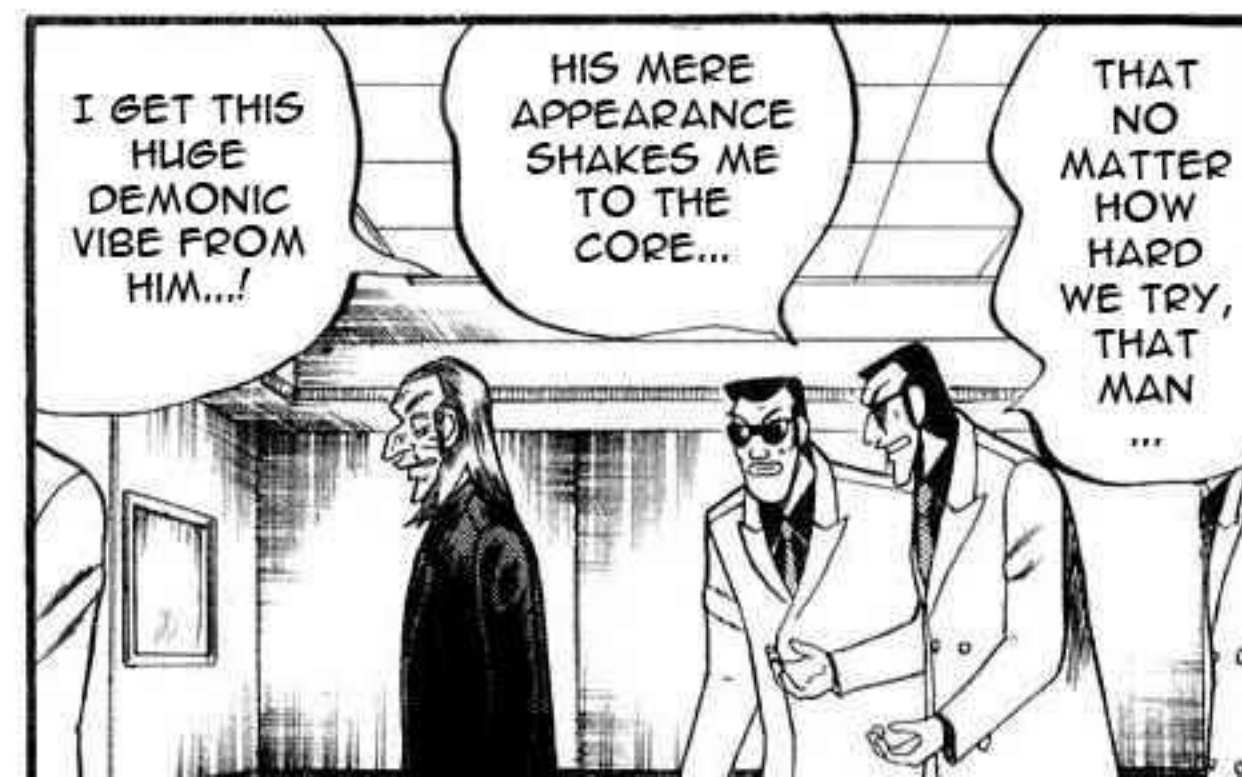
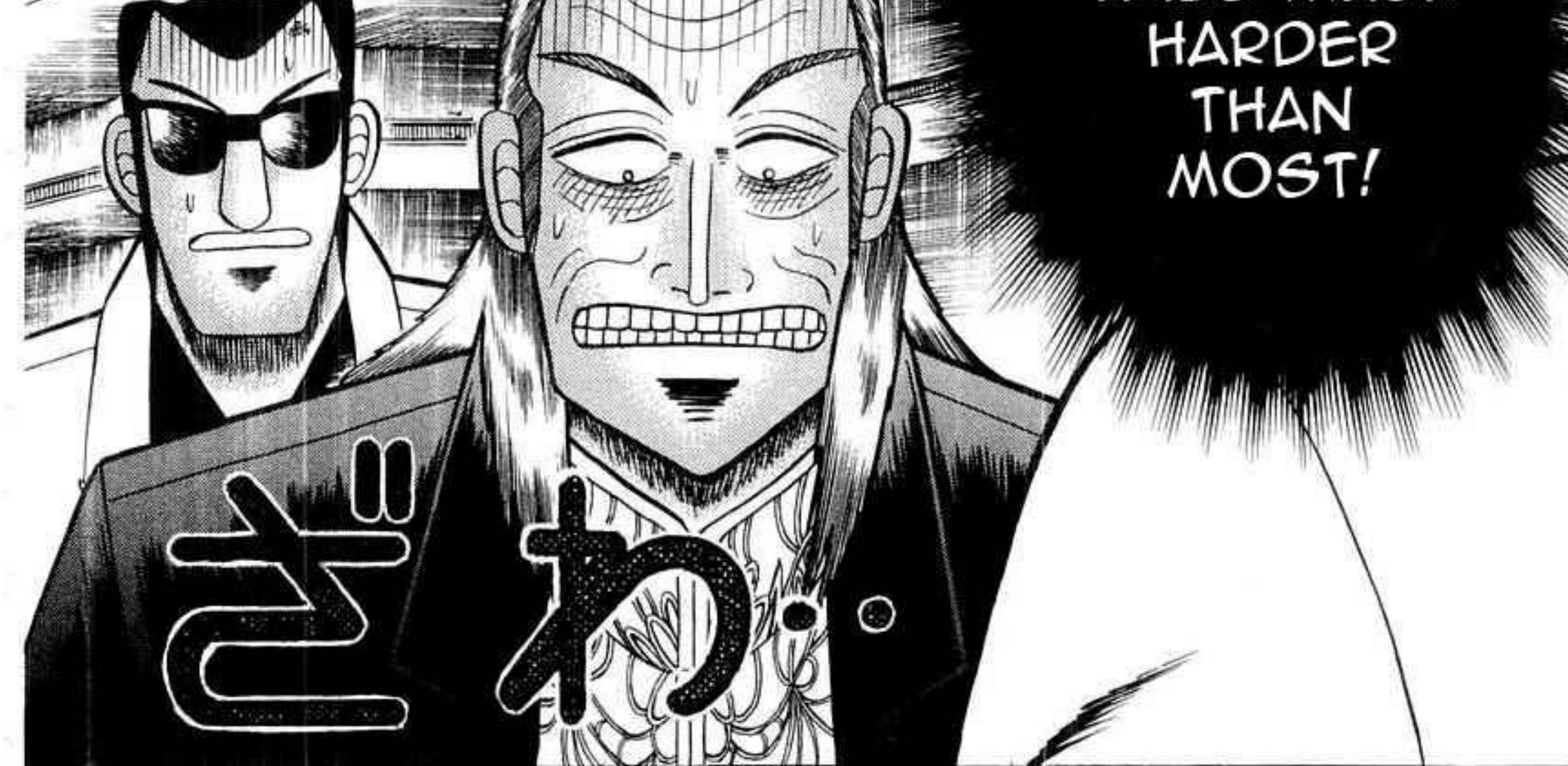
WINNERS IN
LIFE KNOW THAT
CONCEPT LIKE
THE BACK OF
THEIR HANDS.

ONCE
YOU'VE
SECURED
THE
WIN!

ざわ...ざわ



ざわ...ざわ





WASHIZU-SAMA...



ARE YOU
TELLING
ME TO
SIMPLY
ALLOW
THAT
TO
HAPPEN
?!



AND IF
I LOSE,
I MUST
LEAVE
JAPAN
FOR
GOOD!



**THAT
CANNOT BE
ALLOWED TO
HAPPEN
....!**

**I SHALL
NEVER
ALLOW IT
...**

CHAPTER 94 - PREMONITION

第94話予感





AKAGI
VS
WASHIZU

THIRD
MATCH

OF THE
BATTLE
BETWEEN
THESE
TWO,

DURING
THE FIRST
AND
SECOND
MATCHES

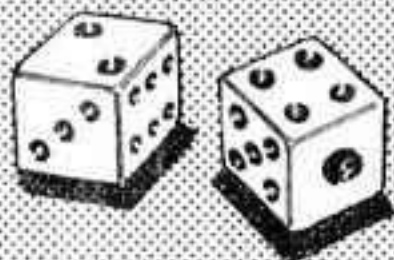



WASHIZU
FELL
BEHIND
AKAGI
IN SCORE
...!

HE MUST
NOT LOSE
ANY MORE
THAN HE
ALREADY
HAS...!

HE MUST
WIPE AWAY
THAT
DISGRACE
OF A
POINT
DIFFER-
ENCE!


IN THIS
THIRD
MATCH,
HE BADLY
WANTS
TO WIN!





WASHIZU'S
EMPERIAL
PRIDE WILL
NOT ALLOW
HIM TO LOSE
...!

IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS
...



GRADUALLY,
FEELINGS OF
INADEQUACY
ARE STARTING
TO SEEP INTO
THEIR MINDS...

IN
OTHER
WORDS
...



BE-
SIDES
...



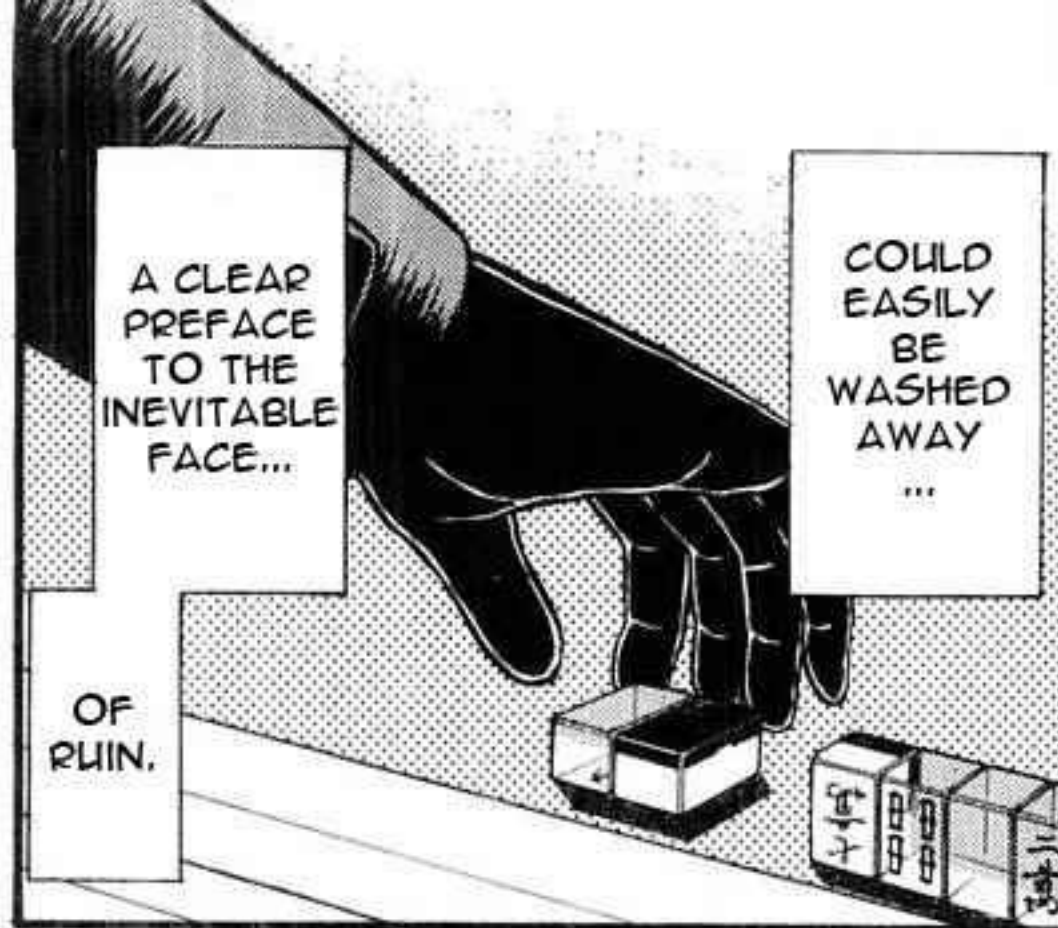
A TOTAL OF
118.5 MILLION
YEN!

WASHIZU
HAS LOST
MUCH OF HIS
MONEY OVER
THE PREVIOUS
TWO ROUNDS
...



THAT
WEIGHT
IS CLOSING
IN ON
THEM!

THIS GAMBLE'S
INCREDIBLE
YEN-TO-CC
RATE...



A CLEAR
PREFACE
TO THE
INEVITABLE
FACE...

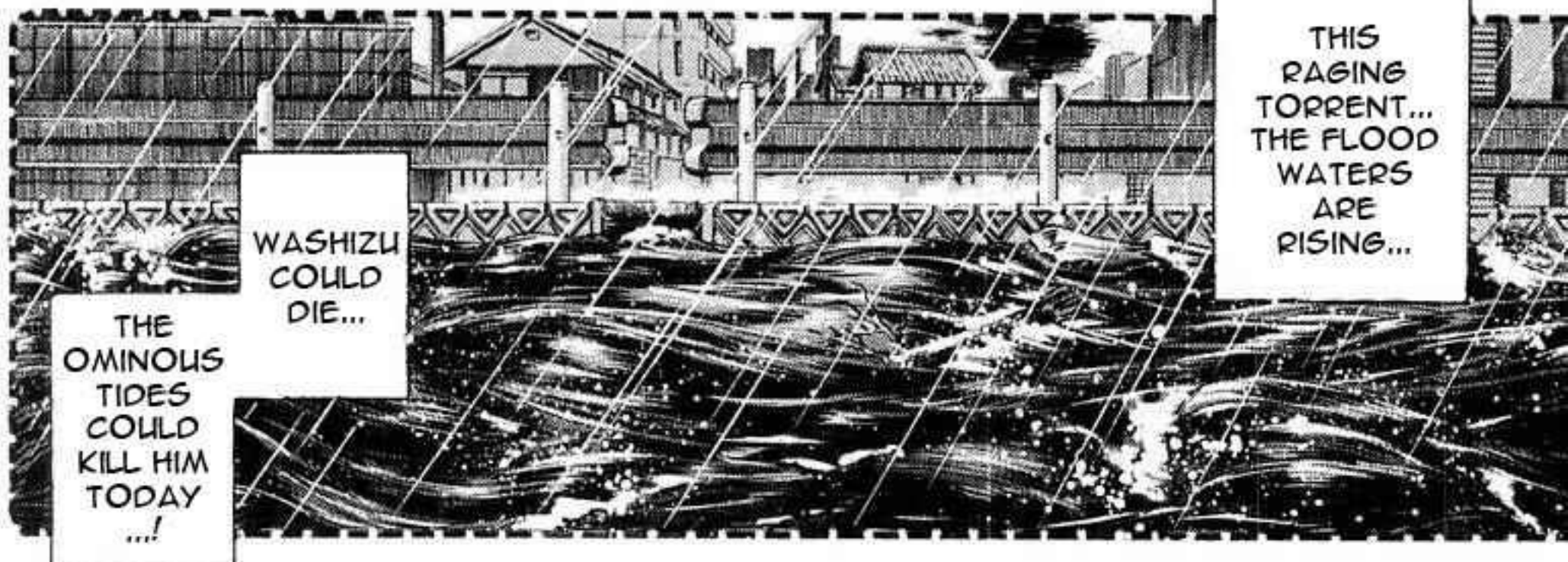
COULD
EASILY
BE
WASHED
AWAY
...

OF
RUIN.



HIS LIFE
SAVINGS
OF 500
MILLION
YEN
...

LOSS
AFTER
LOSS, THE
DISGRACE
OF DEFEAT
IS PILING
UP...



WASHIZU
COULD
DIE...

THE
OMINOUS
TIDES
COULD
KILL HIM
TODAY
...!

THIS
RAGING
TORRENT...
THE FLOOD
WATERS
ARE
RISING...



IT IS
RUSHING
OVER
WASHIZU'S
FEET AS IT
RISES...!

THERE
IS
OVER-
FLOW
...

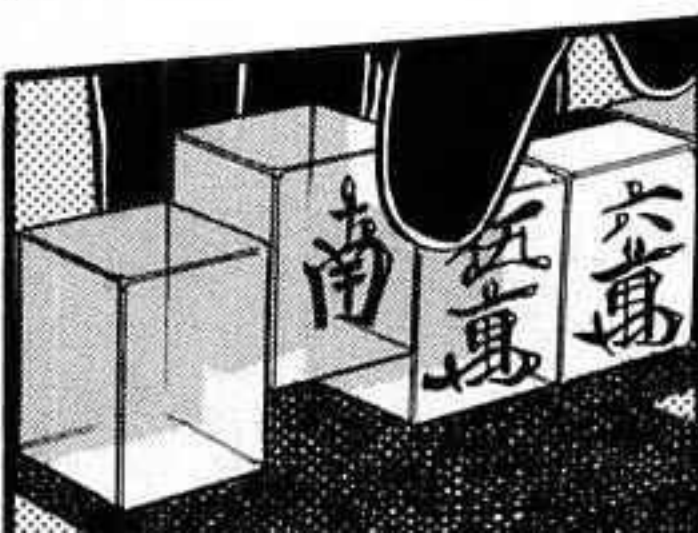
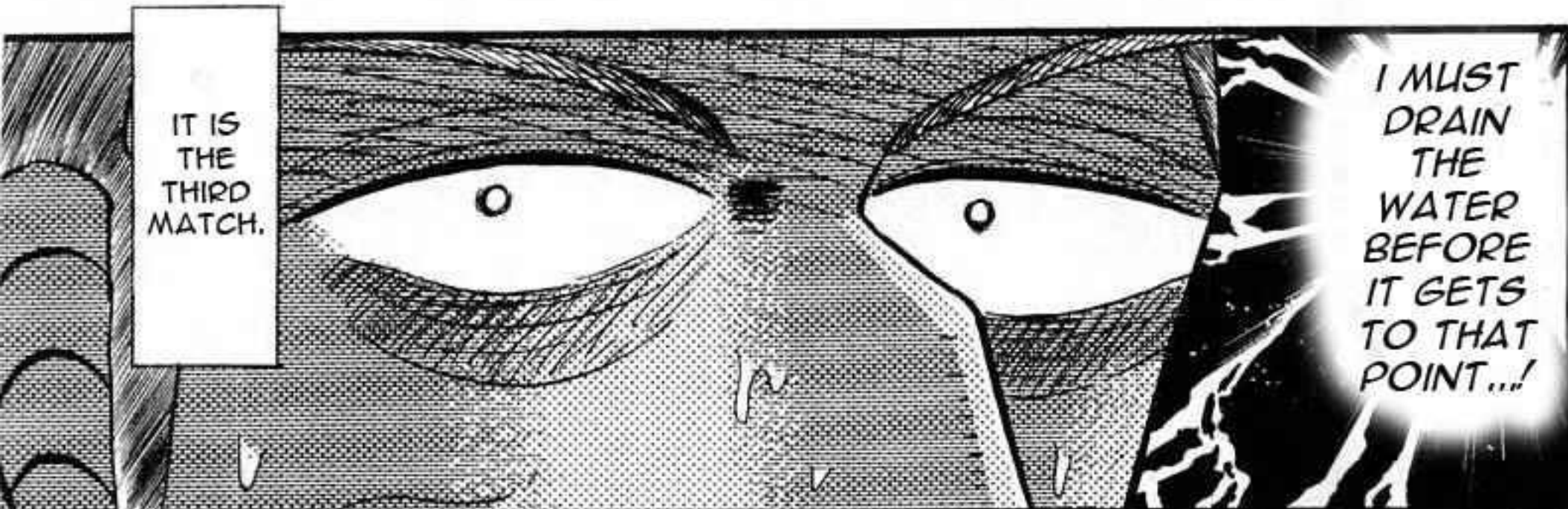


THOUGH
THE
ASCEN-
SION
IS VERY
GRADUAL
...

IT
IS NEARLY
AT ITS
BREAKING
POINT...



I WILL
DIE IF IT
PULLS
ME IN
...!



THE
DEFINING
THIRD
MATCH!!

IT
HAS
BEGUN
...!



SOME-
HOW
...

WASHIZU
WILL
TRY
TO...



IN THIS
EAST
FIRST
ROUND
...

REVERSE
THE FLOW
OF THE
GAME!



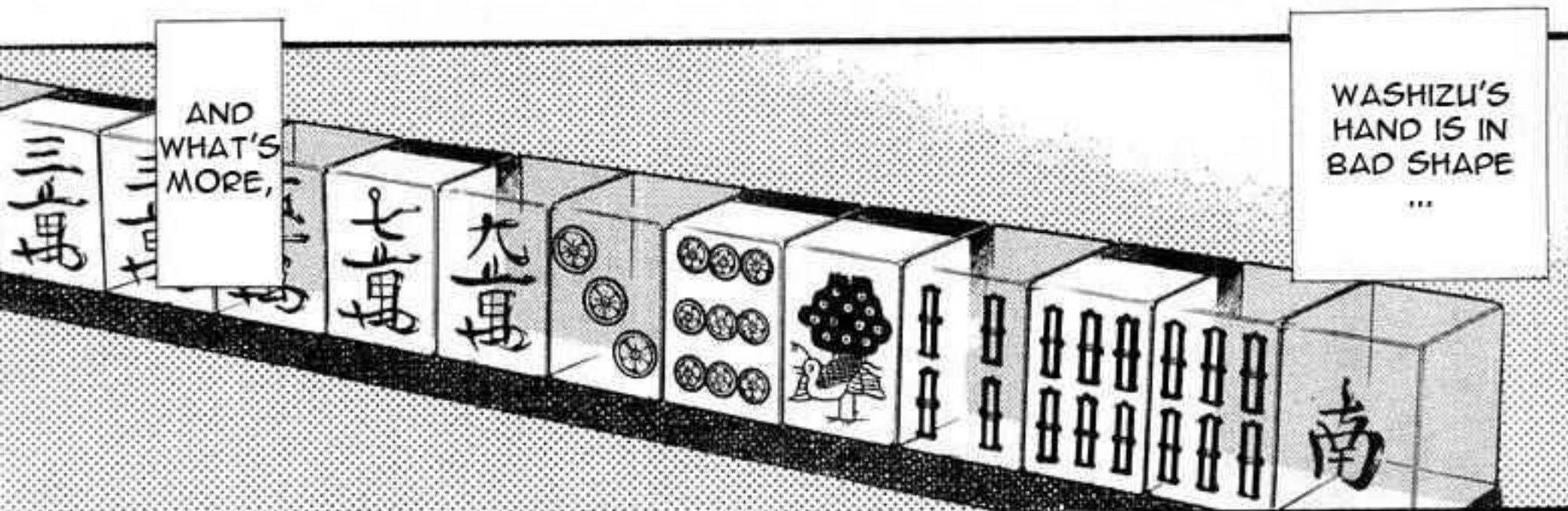


... BUT ...



HE MUST SOME-HOW ESCAPE IF HE WANTS TO LIVE!

THE SECOND MATCH LEFT HIM IN A BAD SPOT...



AND WHAT'S MORE,

WASHIZU'S HAND IS IN BAD SHAPE ...



FALLING INTO ARREARS ... AT HIS WIT'S END!

HE IS CAUGHT UP IN A WHIRL-POOL, AND SINKING FAST!

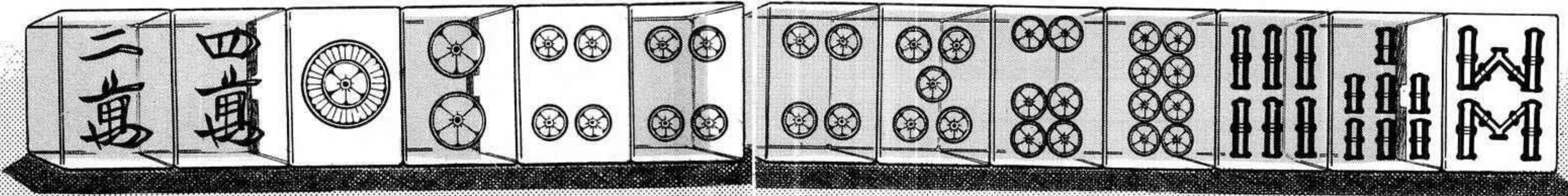


HIS DRAWS ARE USELESS ...!



IN STARK CONTRAST ...

AKAGI'S HAND
IS LOOKING GOOD!



AKAGI
DOES
NOT
LET
UP!

AND
YET
...

OF COURSE
IT WILL
ALLOW HIM
TO GET AN
EASY WIN
THIS FIRST
ROUND!



THAT HE
COULD
RELAX HIS
GAME FOR
EVEN A
MOMENT!

AKAGI WAS
NEVER IN
SUCH A
FAVORABLE
POSITION

QUITE
THE
CON-
TRARY

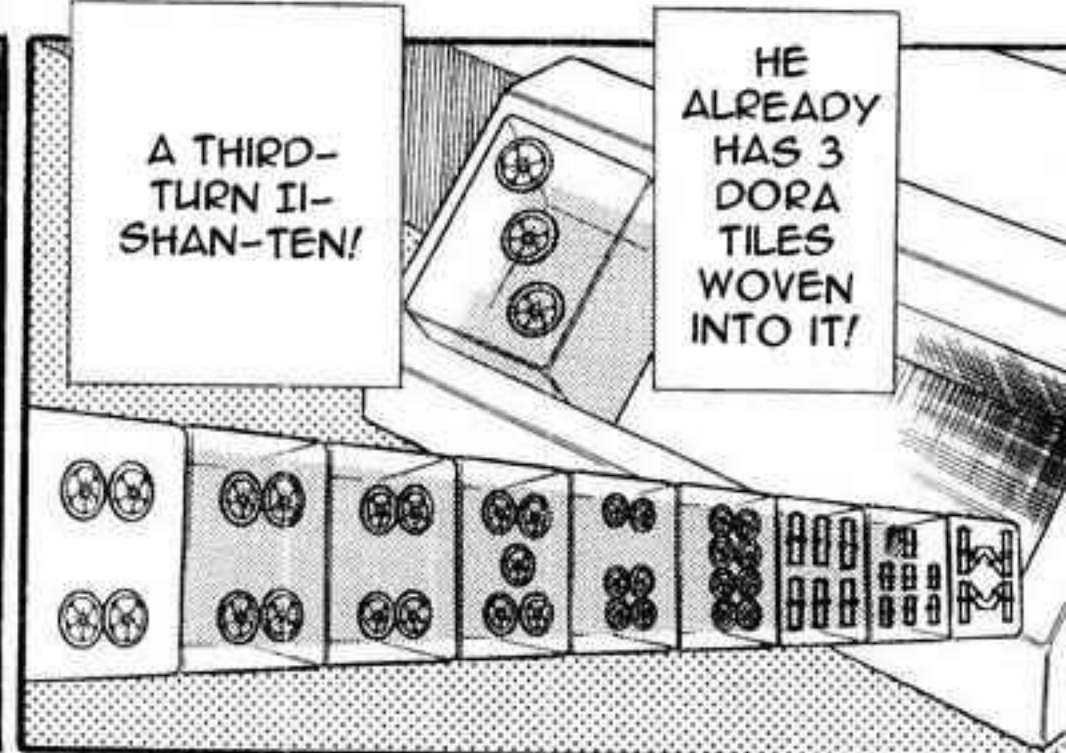


IN THE
LAST
ROUND
OF THE
PREVIOUS
MATCH,



A THIRD-
TURN II-
SHAN-TEN!

HE
ALREADY
HAS 3
DORA
TILES
WOVEN
INTO IT!

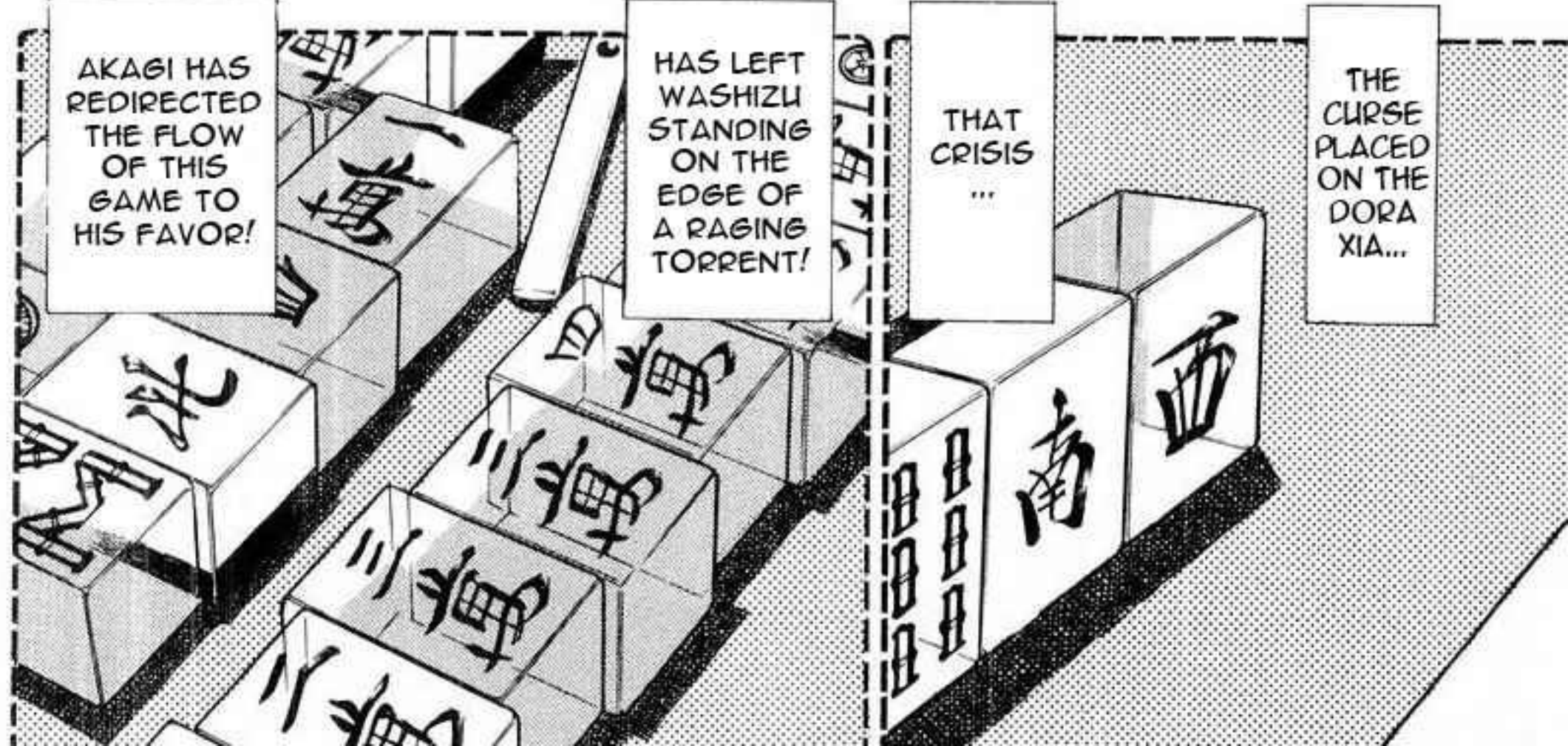


AKAGI HAS
REDIRECTED
THE FLOW
OF THIS
GAME TO
HIS FAVOR!

HAS LEFT
WASHIZU
STANDING
ON THE
EDGE OF
A RAGING
TORRENT!

THAT
CRISIS

THE
CURSE
PLACED
ON THE
DORA
XIA...







IN THE
TWO
MATCHES
UP TO
NOW.

HE ALREADY
LOST 1100 CCS
...



AND
MORE-
OVER
...

HE'LL
DIE FOR
SURE...
NO
QUESTIONS
ASKED.



WITH
THAT
IN
MIND
...

THAT'S BUT A
STEP AWAY
FROM THE
LETHAL LIMIT
OF 2000
CCS...

HE'LL HAVE
HAD 1900 CCS
DRAWN, ALL
TOTALLED.

THAT MEANS
THAT IF
WASHIZU LANDS
A MANGAN
HAND OFF OF
HIM...



BUT IT
COULD
FADE
AWAY
IN AN
INSTANT
...!

IT'S
WITH
AKAGI
RIGHT
NOW,



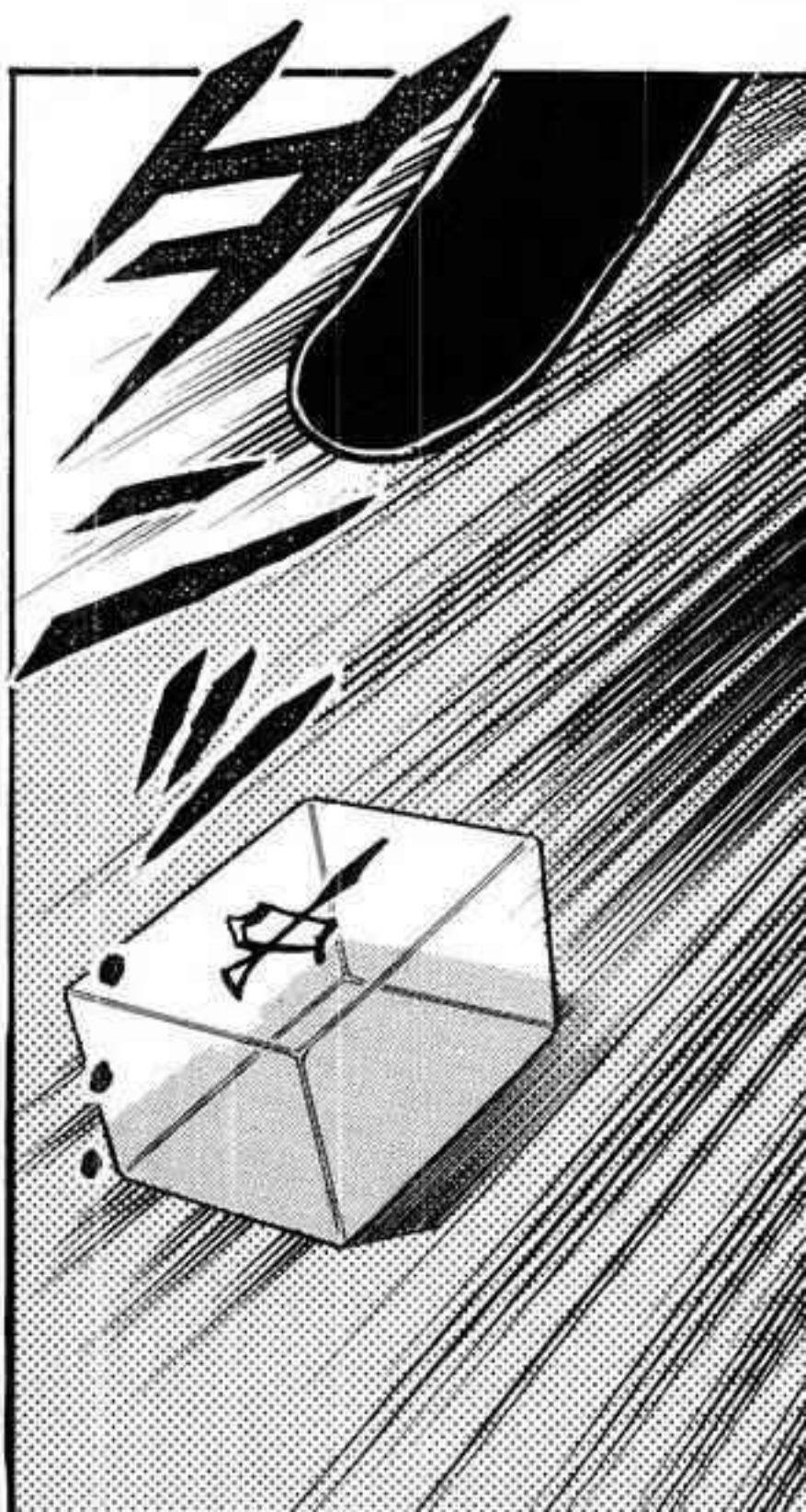
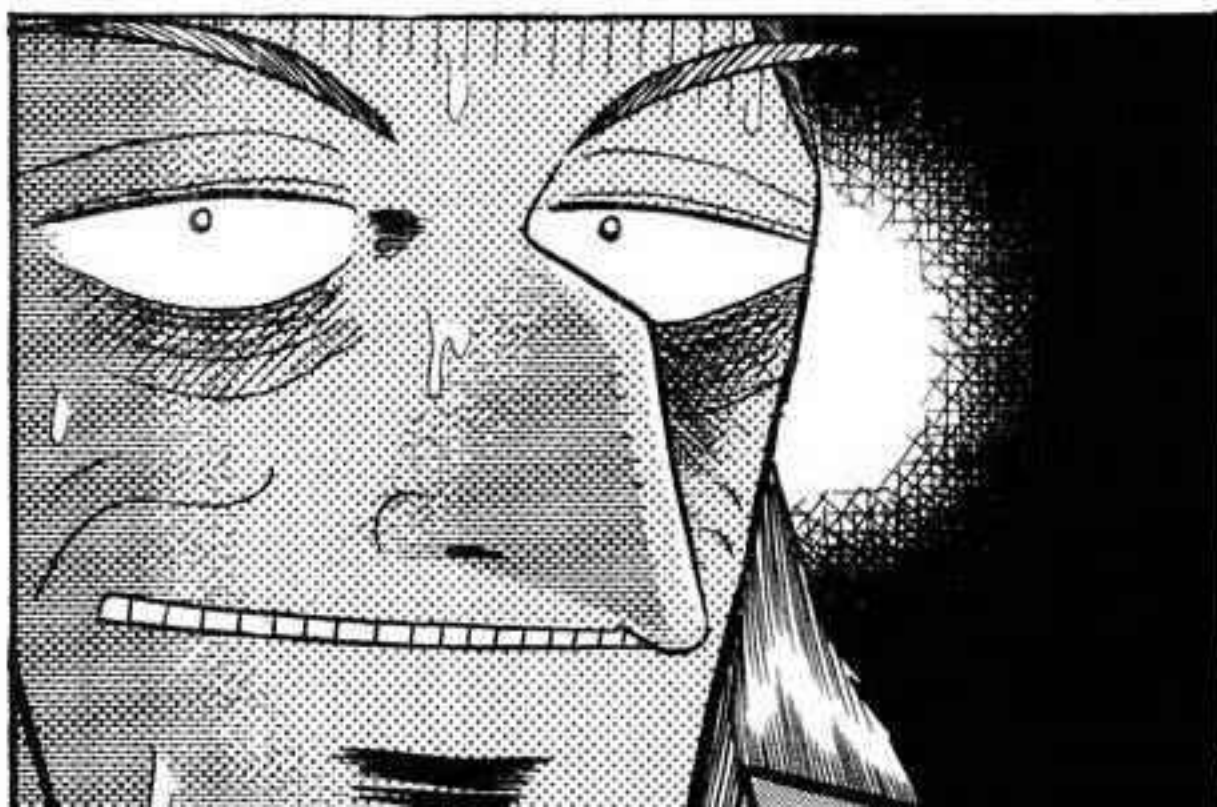
THE FLOW
NEVER
STAYS
WITH ONE
PERSON FOR
THE WHOLE
GAME...

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE CAN
PLAY COM-
FORTABLY...



IN A
DEATH-
MATCH
LIKE
THIS,

HE COULD
VERY WELL
DIE THE VERY
NEXT TIME
HE DRAWS
BLOOD...!



WHAT AN
AMAZING
FEELING
JUST
CAME
OVER ME
....!



I'LL HAVE
ACHEIVED
IT...



I FEEL
LIKE, IF
I CAN
KILL THIS
MAN...



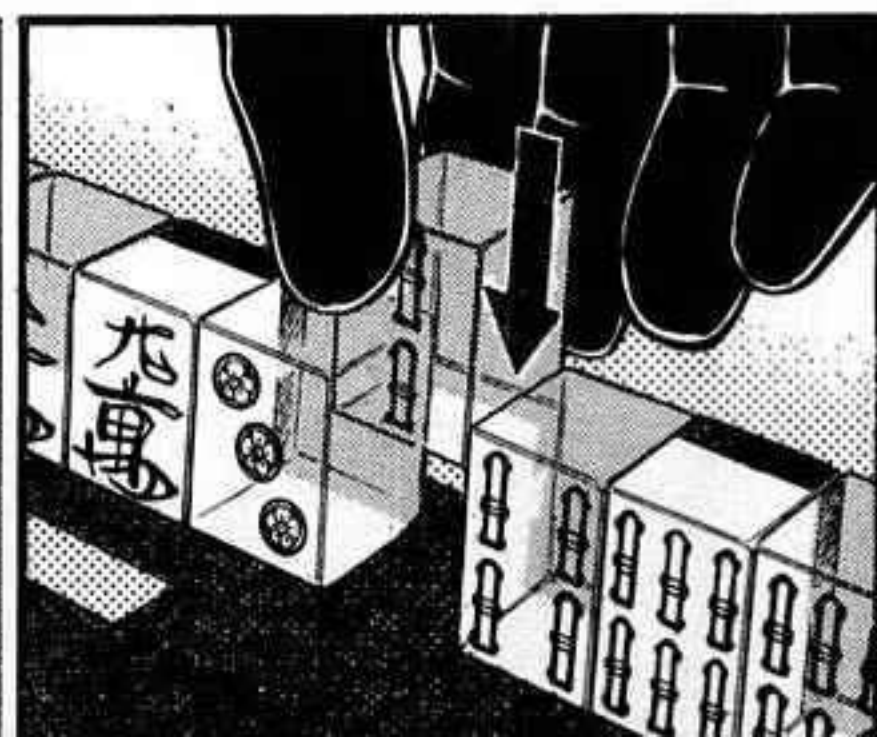
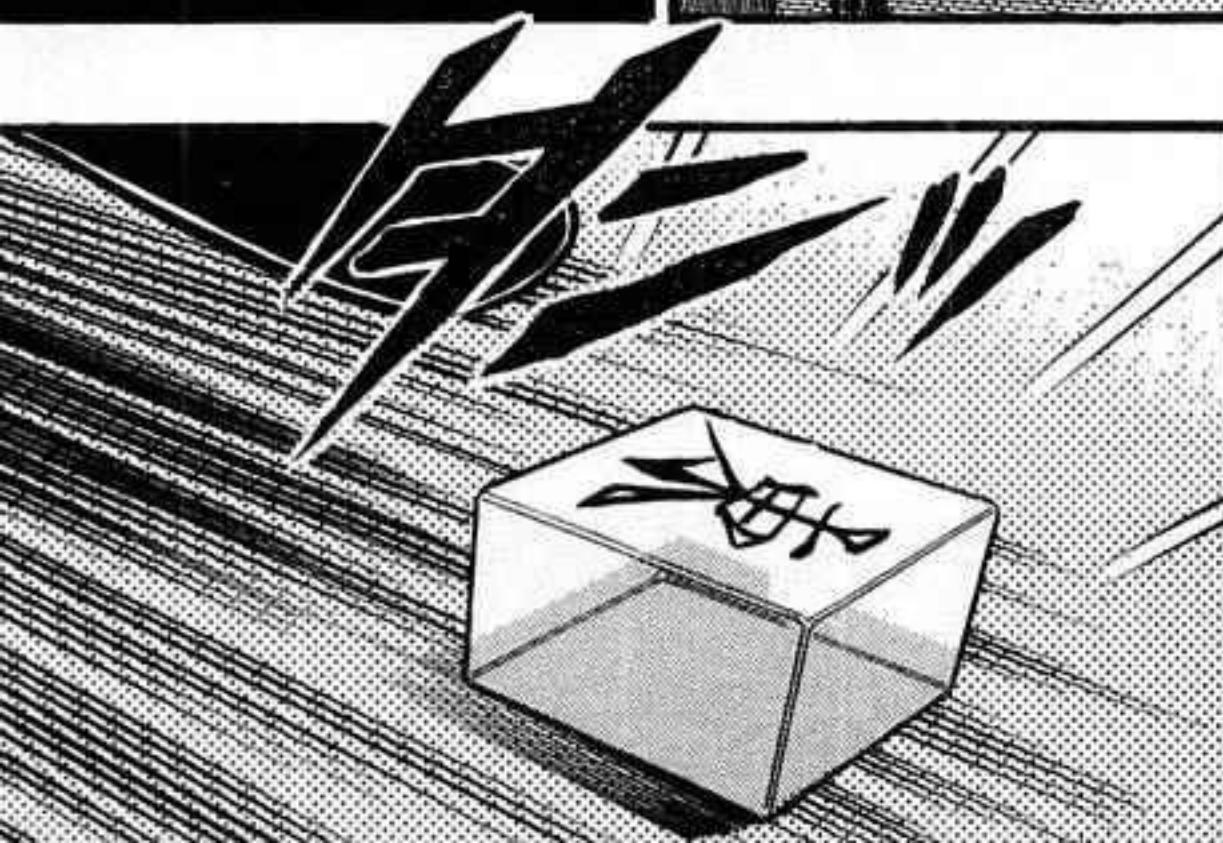
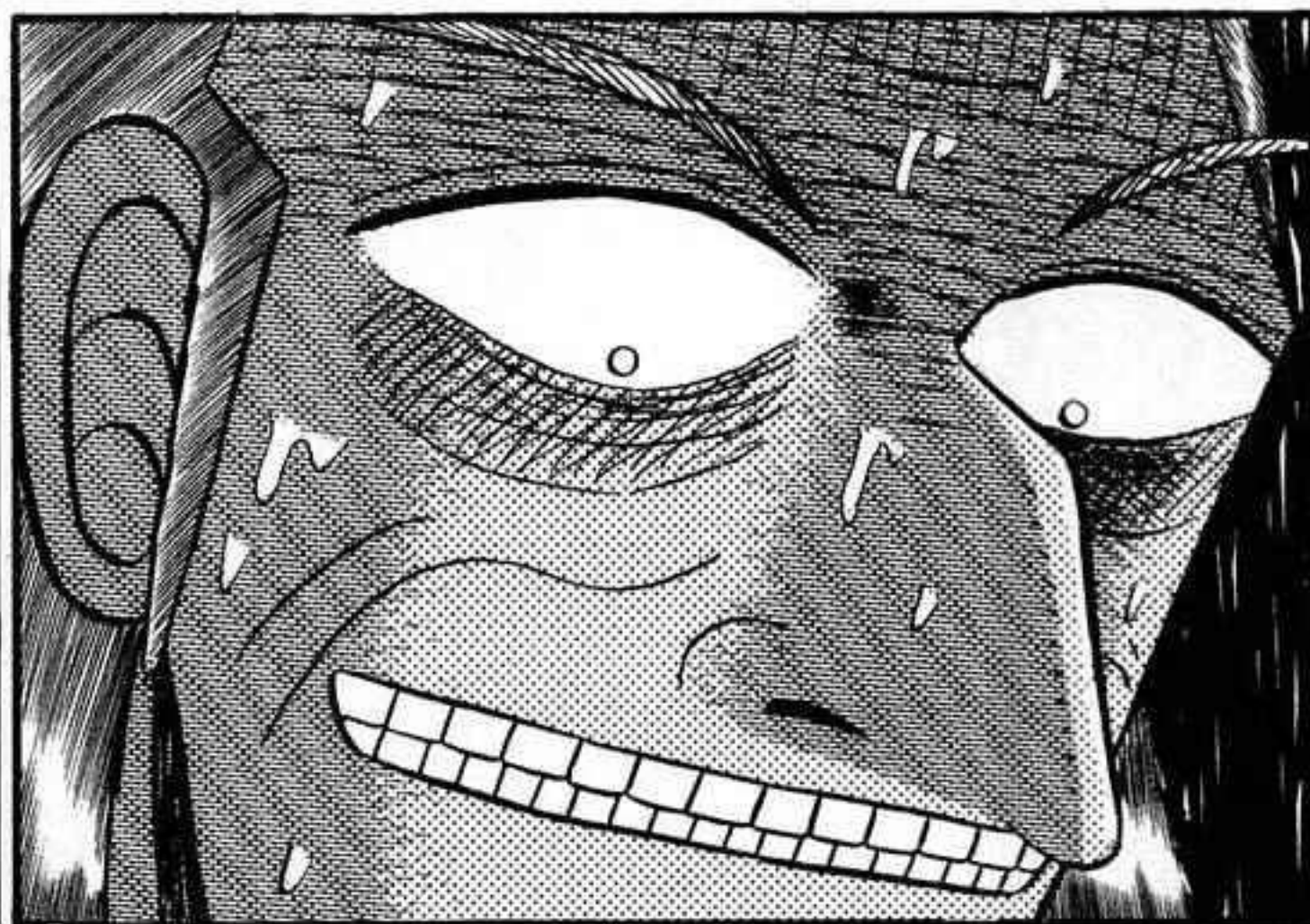
THE
HIGH
POINT
OF MY
WHOLE
LIFE
....!

THE
GREATEST
MOMENT
OF MY
75 YEARS
ON THIS
PLANET ...





TO TAKE THE LIFE OF AKAGI SHIGERU ...!!!!





I'LL
MURDER
HIM!!!



IT
WOULD
BE A
FITTING
END TO
MY TIME
IN JAPAN!

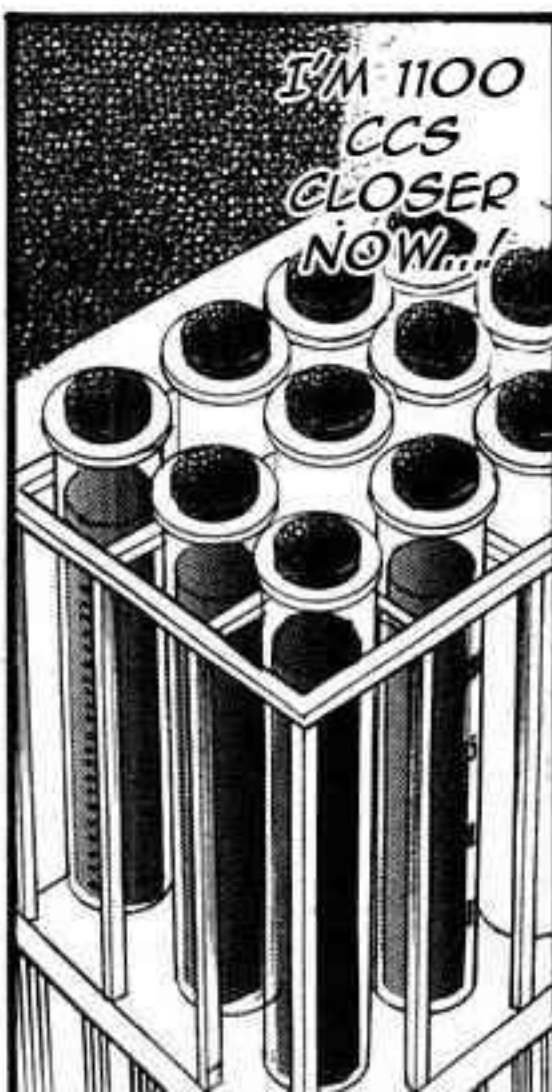
YES
...

I
SHALL
KILL
THAT
MAN
...



AND
HE'LL
BE ALL
MINE!!!

JUST
A BIT
MORE
BLOOD



I'M 1100
CCS
CLOSER
NOW...!



VERY
APPRO-
PRIATE!



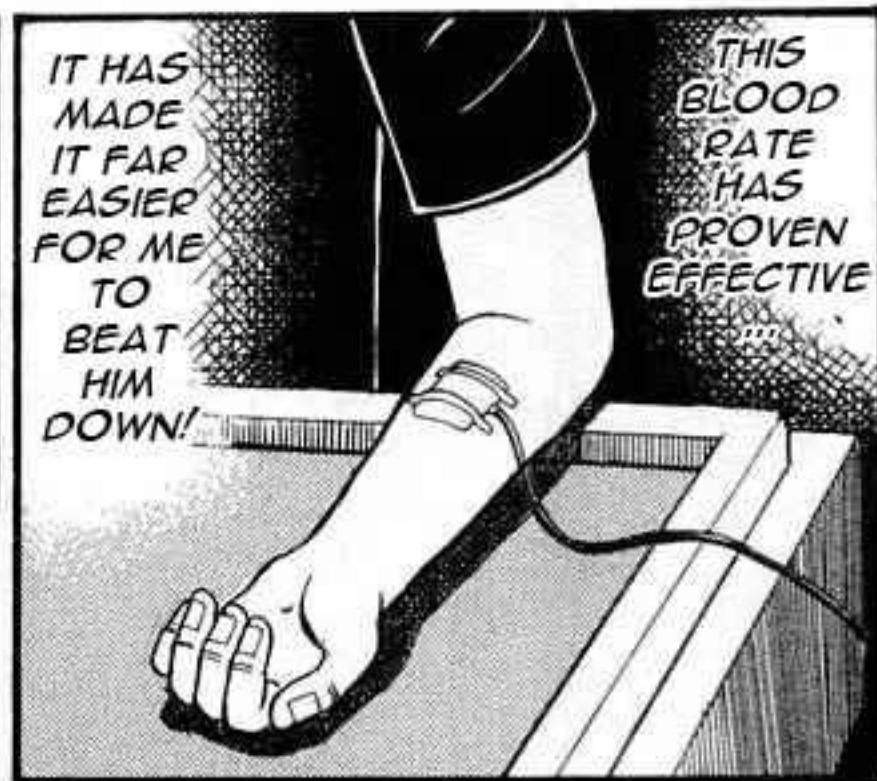
I WANT
TO OVER-
TAKE HIM
IN RANK.

I CAN
DO IT
...



BUT
RATHER
...

BUT I DON'T
WANT TO
WIN BY
THE RATE
ALONE...



IT HAS
MADE
IT FAR
EASIER
FOR ME
TO
BEAT
HIM
DOWN!

THIS
BLOOD
RATE
HAS
PROVEN
EFFECTIVE

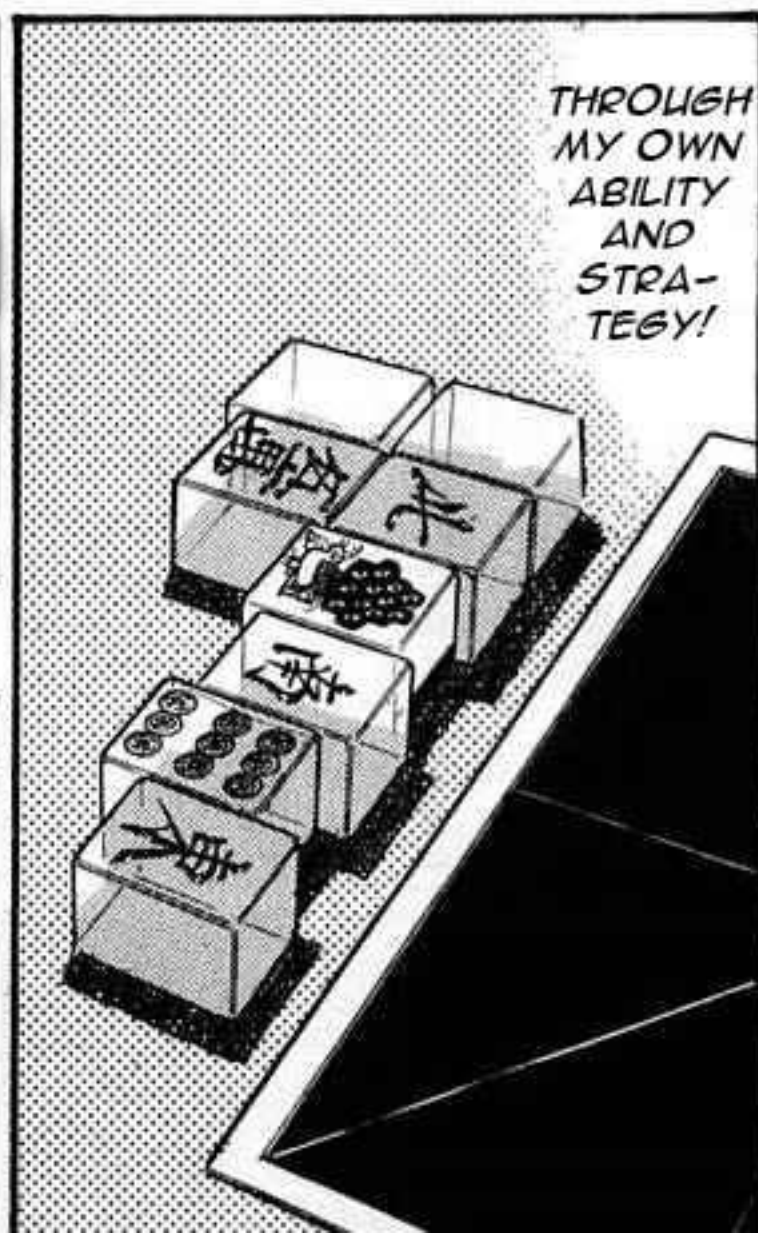


THAT'S
A SURE
THING...!

THAT
WILL
PROVE
HOW
SUPERIOR
I AM TO
HIM...



BUT
THEN
...



THROUGH
MY OWN
ABILITY
AND
STRAT-
EGY!

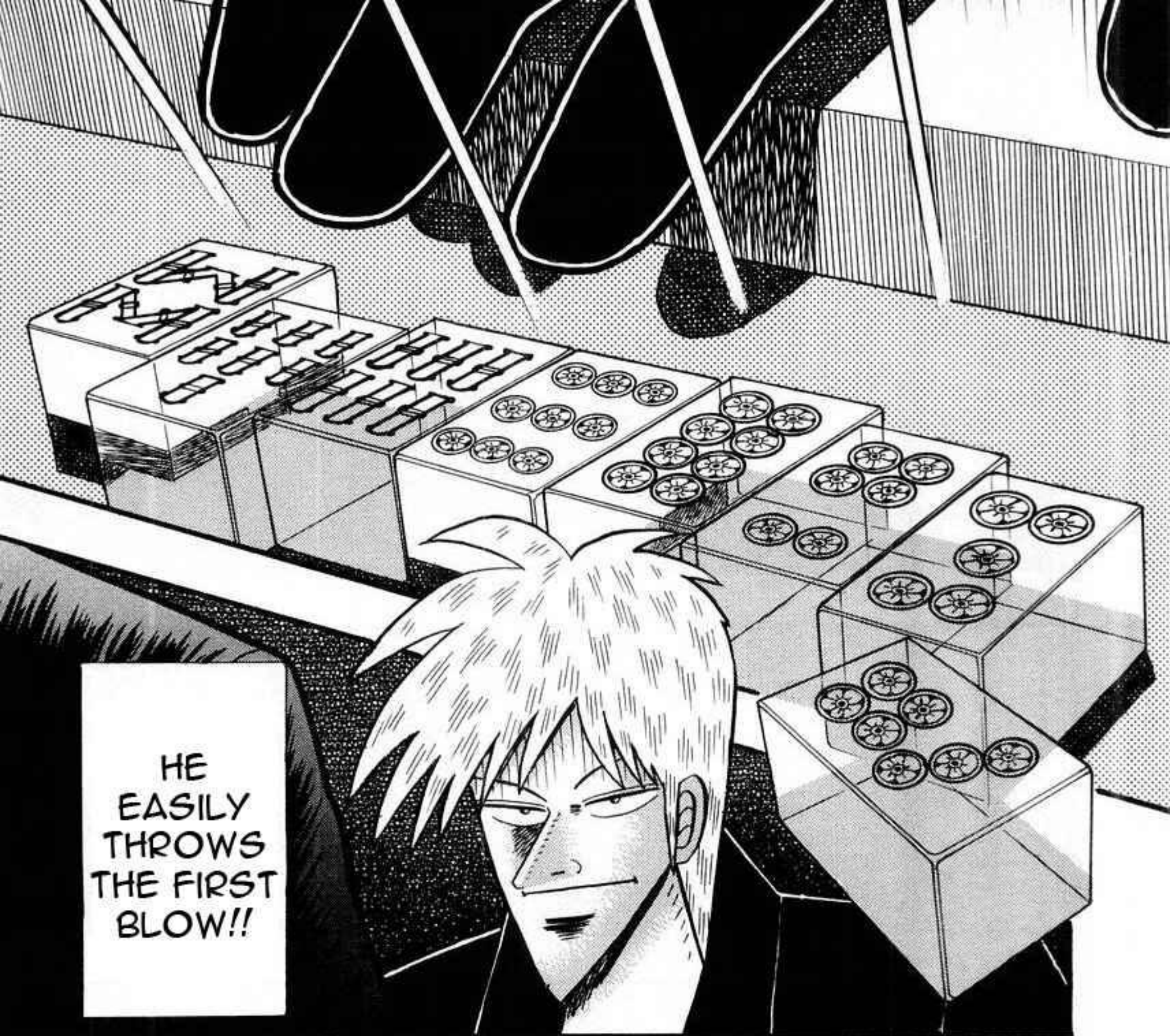


AKAGI
MAKES
THE
FIRST
STRIKE!

ON THE
EIGHTH
TURN
...



TSLMO.



HE
EASILY
THROWS
THE FIRST
BLOW!!

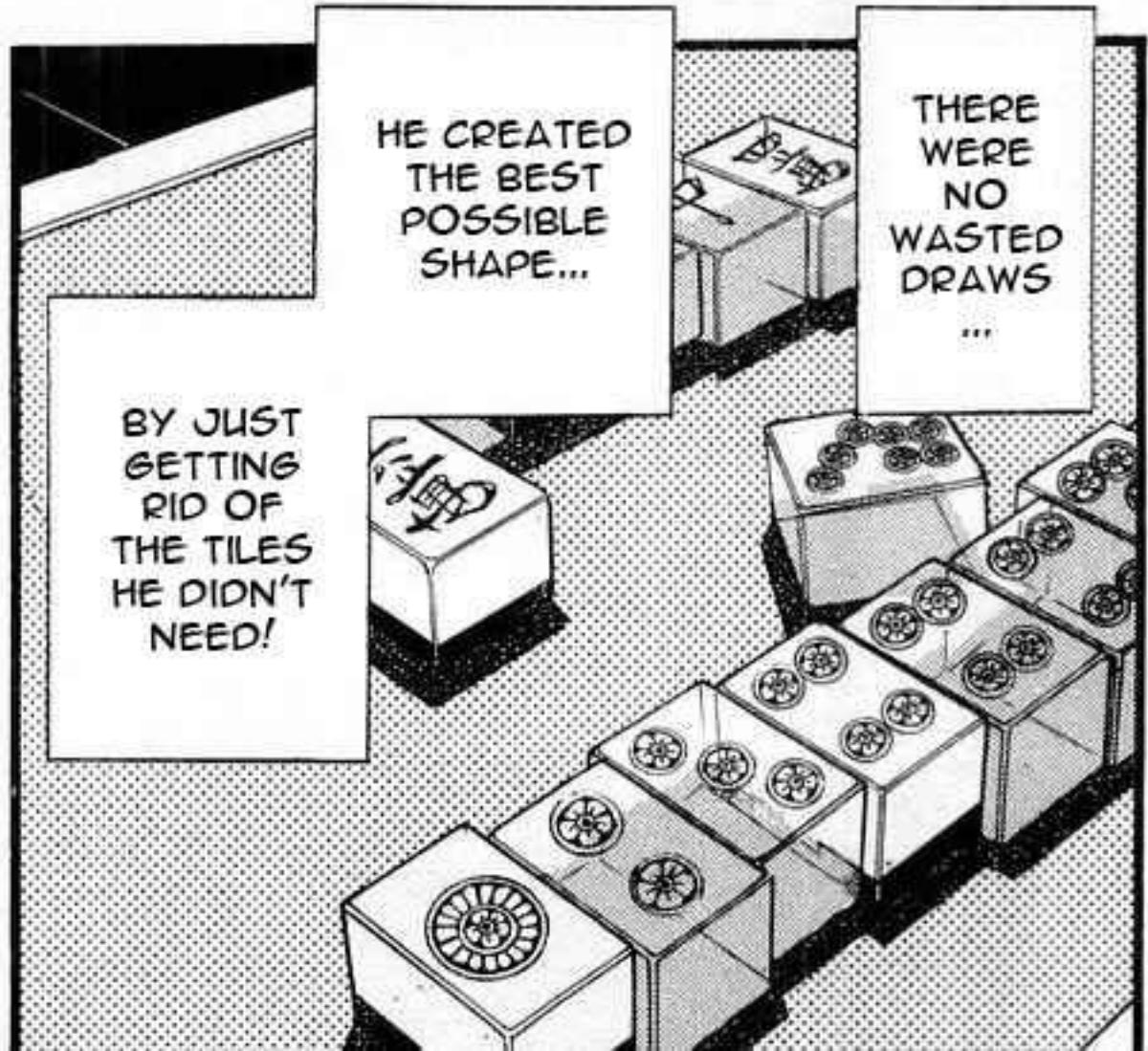


TSUMO,
ITSU,
DORA 3
...
HANEMAN!!



WHEN
THE
FLOW IS
TURNED
IN YOUR
FAVOR!

THE
KIND OF
HAND THAT
CAN
ONLY BE
SEEN...



BY JUST
GETTING
RID OF
THE TILES
HE DIDN'T
NEED!

HE CREATED
THE BEST
POSSIBLE
SHAPE...

THERE
WERE
NO
WASTED
DRAWS
...



HE
WAS
THE
FIRST!

GRH...



IT'S
NOT
OVER
YET.

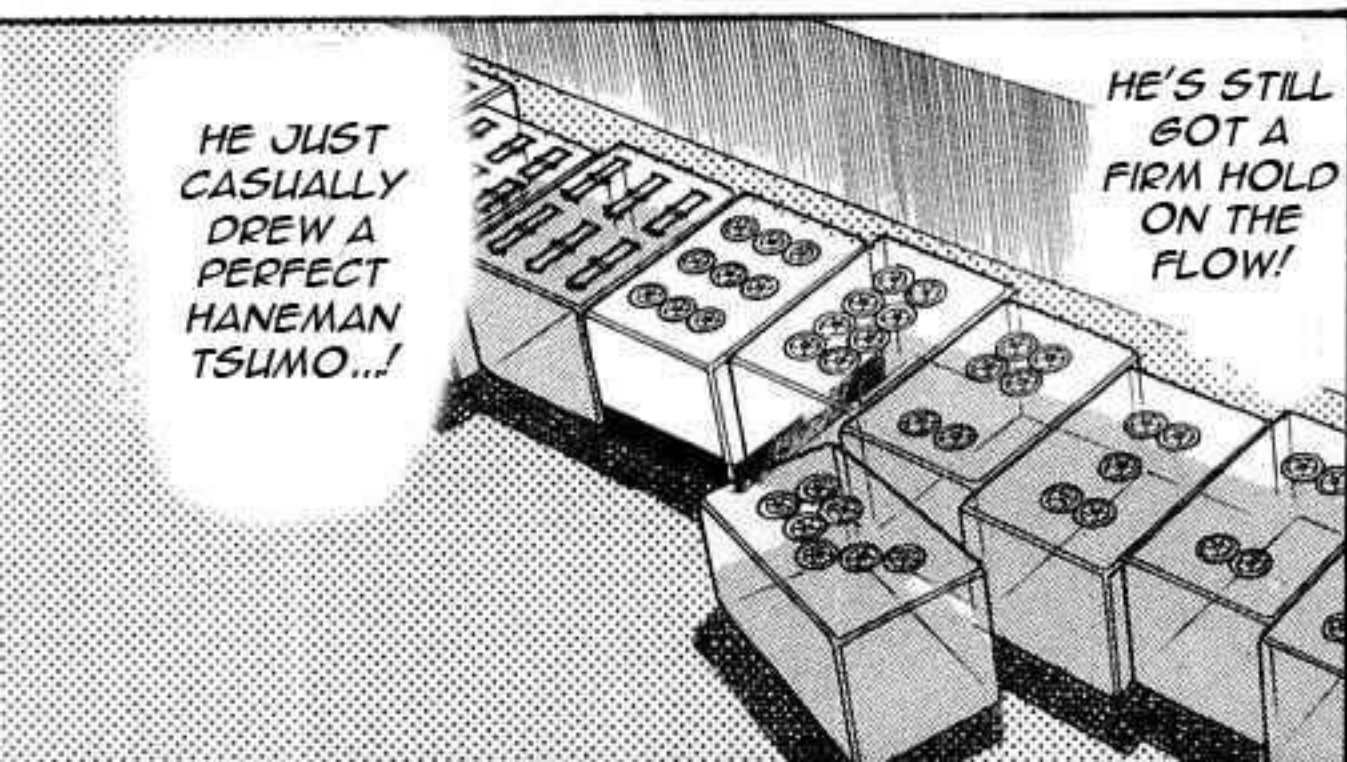
GRR
...



WE'RE
JUST
GETTING
STARTED.

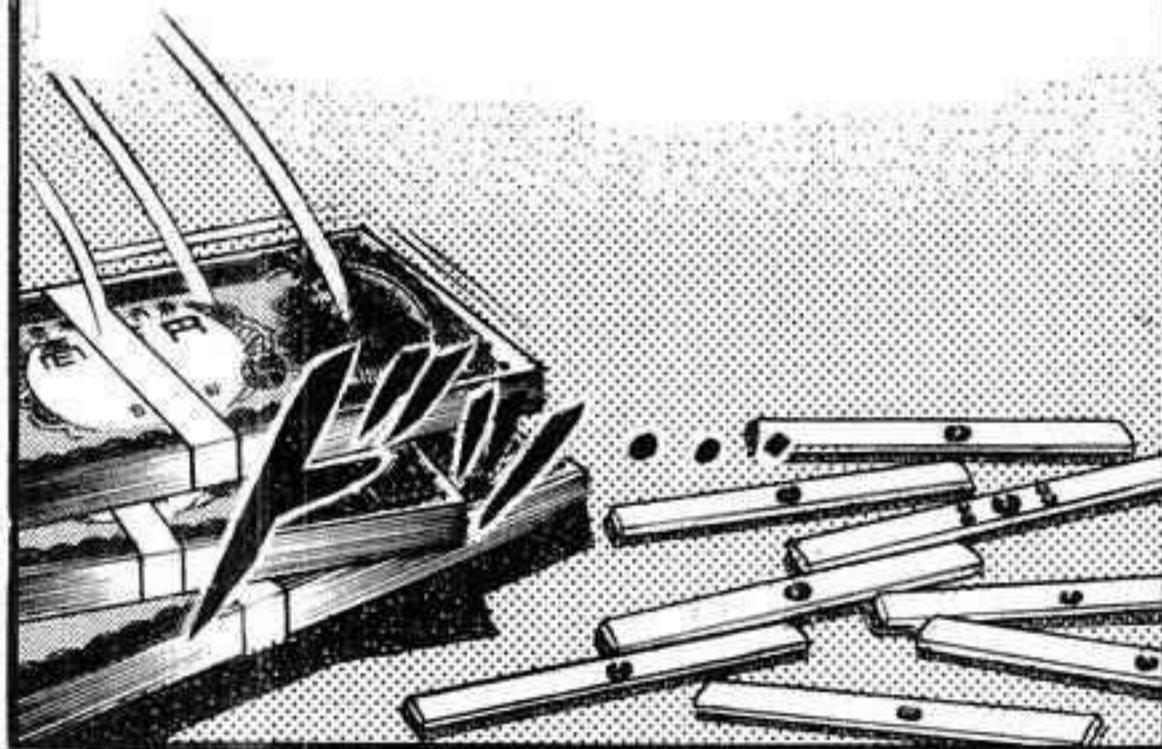
IT'S
JUST THE
EAST
FIRST
ROUND
...





IN THIS
THIRD
ROUND,
TOO
...

THIS WHOLE
GAME HAS
BEEN JUST
UNBEARABLE!



THIS
IS
PAIN-
FUL
...

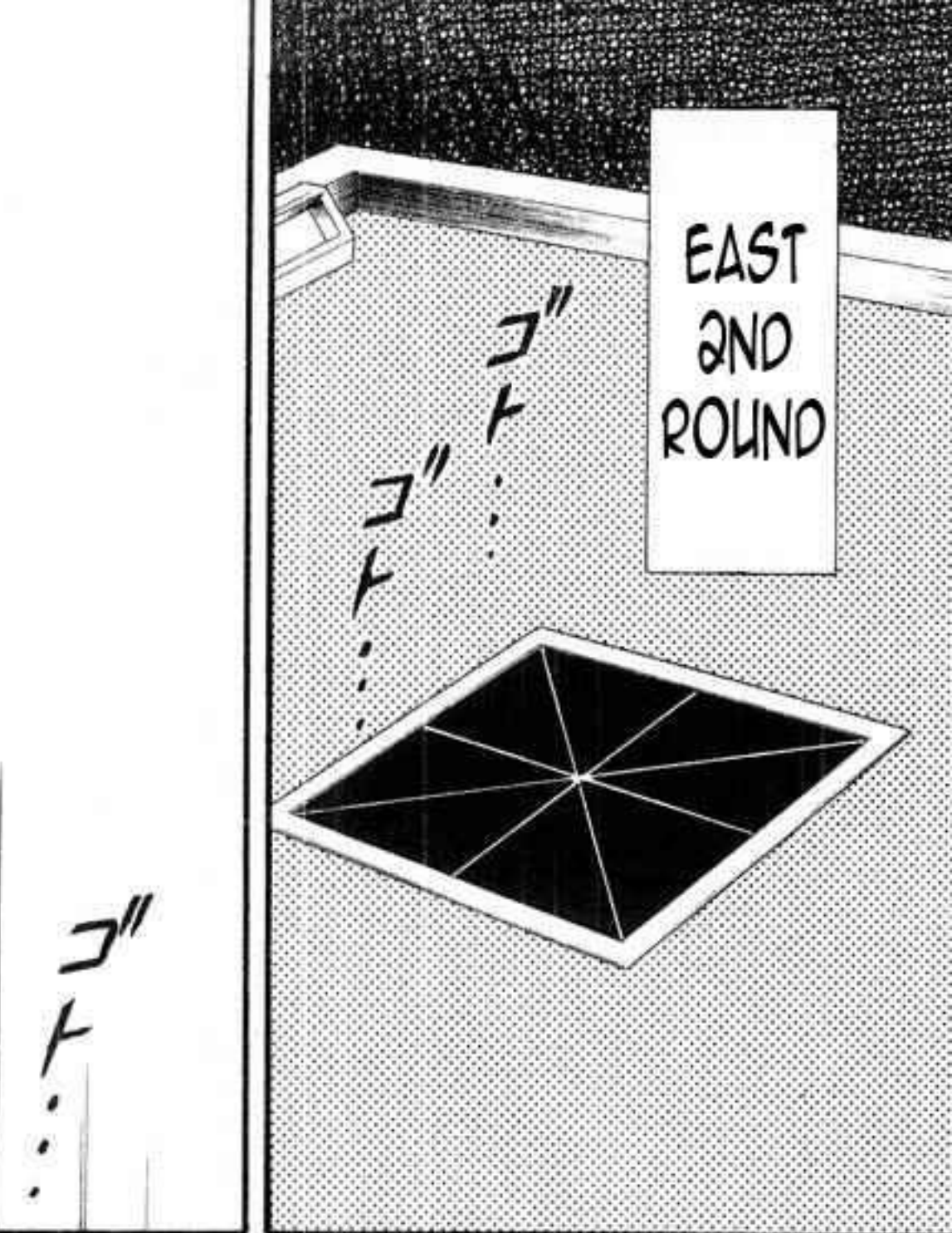


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WASHIZU
IS THE
DEALER.



EAST
2ND
ROUND



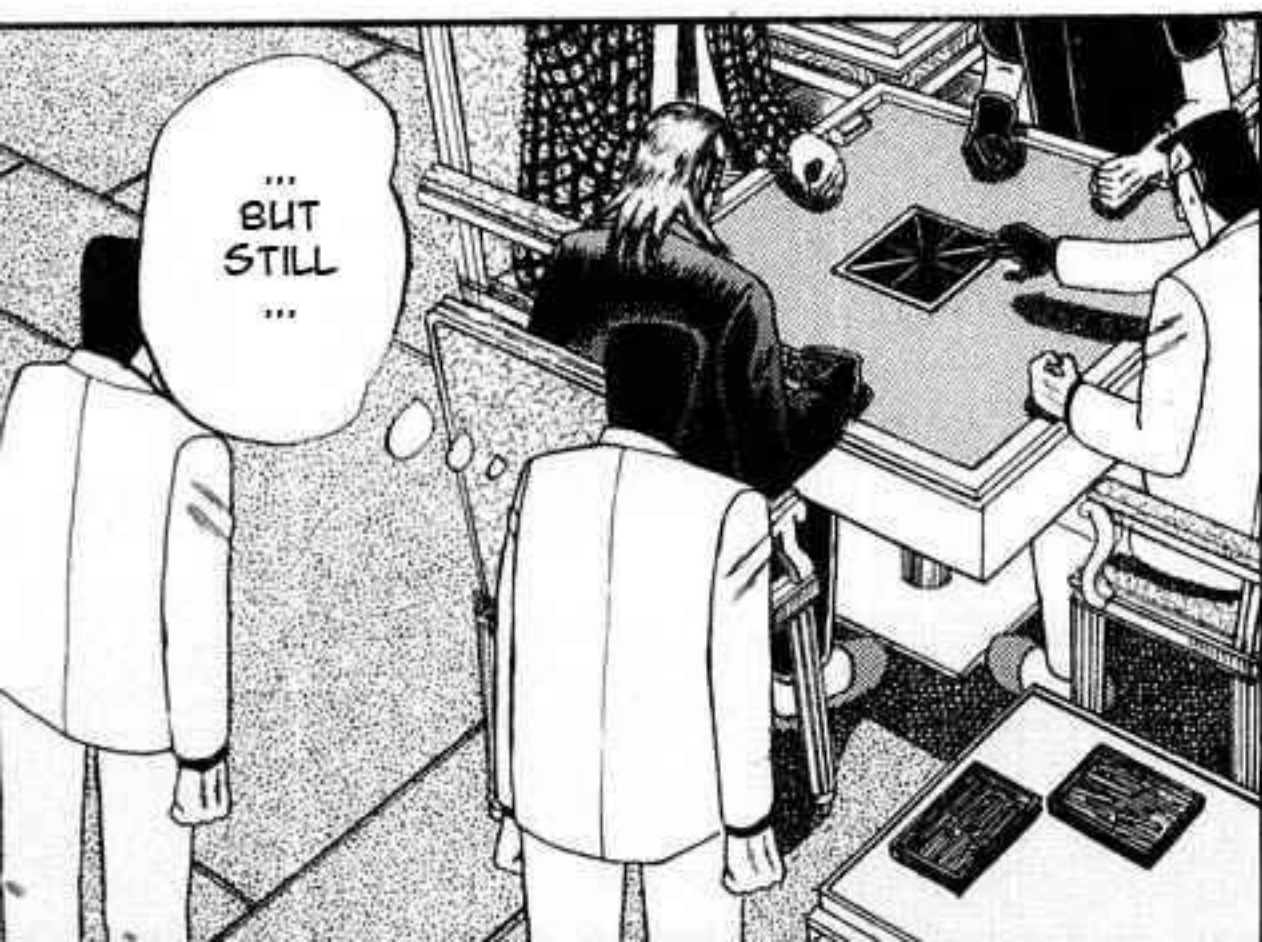
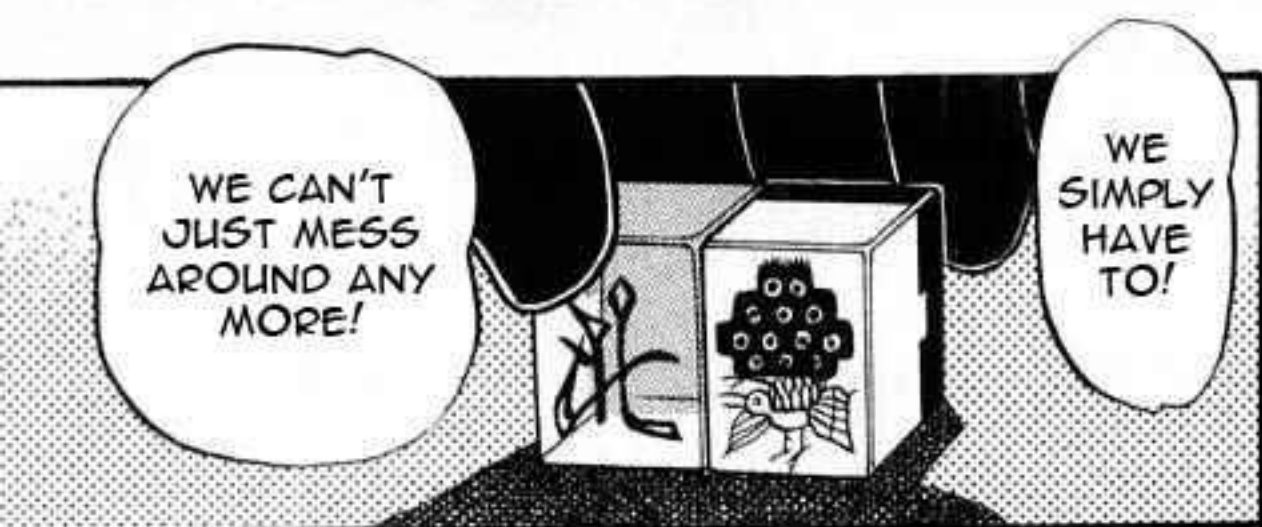
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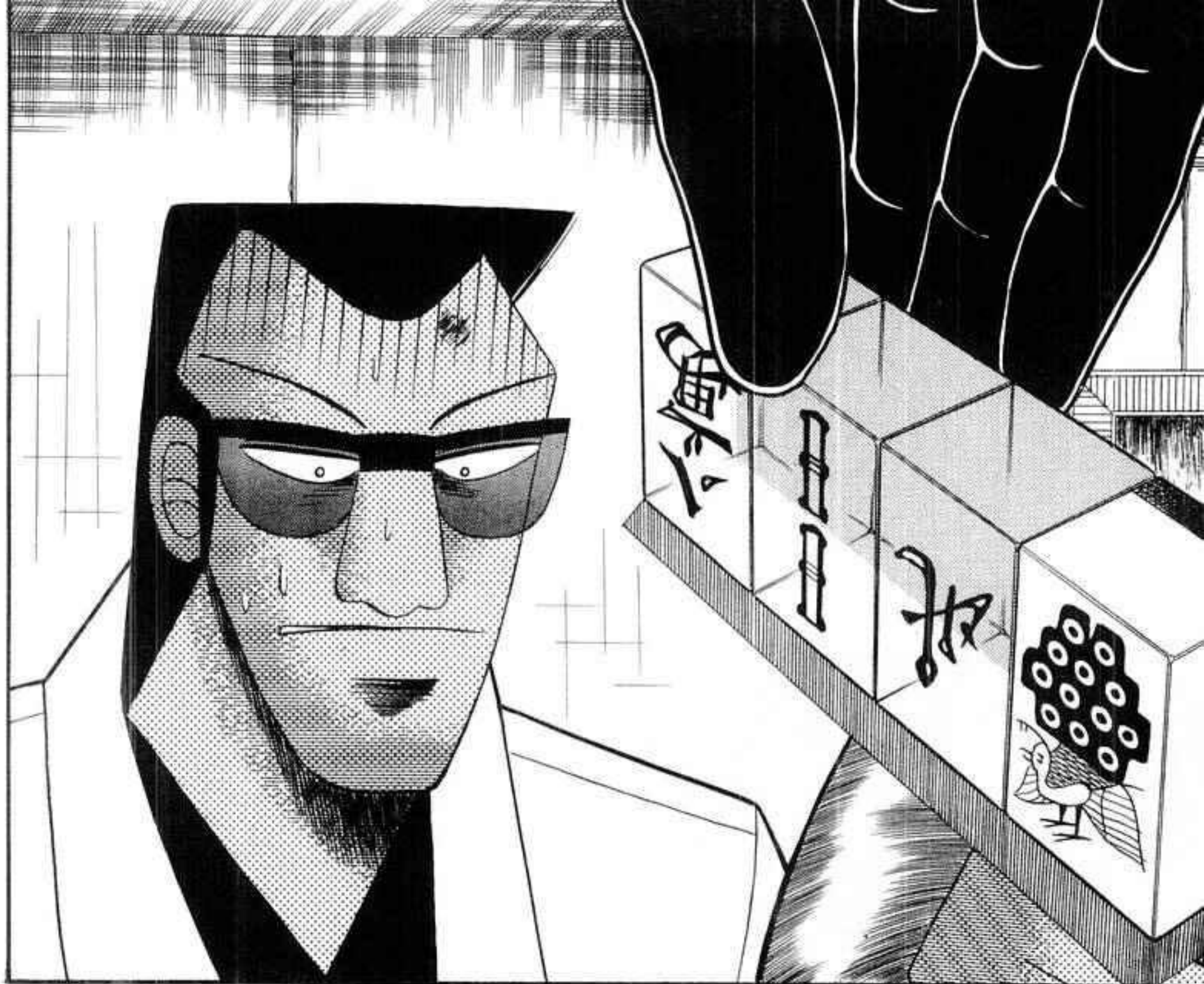


THIS
DEALER
ROUND
COULD GO
BY QUICKLY
IF YOU'RE
NOT CARE-
FUL...



WASHIZU-
SAMA...
THIS TURN
AS DEALER
IS VERY
IMPORTANT...!





RIGHT NOW,
ANYONE
WOULD
THINK THAT
IS TOO
MUCH TO
EXPECT
...



CAN HE
REALLY
DO
EVEN
THAT
MUCH?


THINKING
ABOUT IT
JUST A
BIT MORE
...



IT'S A
NAÏVE
THING TO
WISH FOR
...

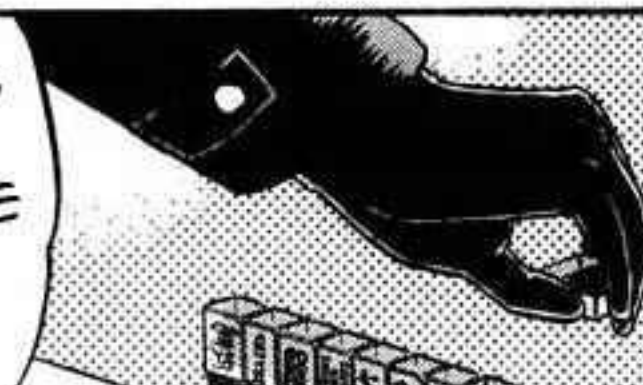


AKAGI
ALREADY
WON THE
EAST FIRST
ROUND...



WASHIZU IS
IN A BAD
SPOT.

THE FLOW
OF THE
GAME HAS
SHOWN
FAVOR TO
HIM...



WHAT MAKES
US THINK
THAT WE'LL BE
ABLE TO DO
IT NOW?

WE
COULDN'T
DO IT IN
THE EAST
FIRST
ROUND...

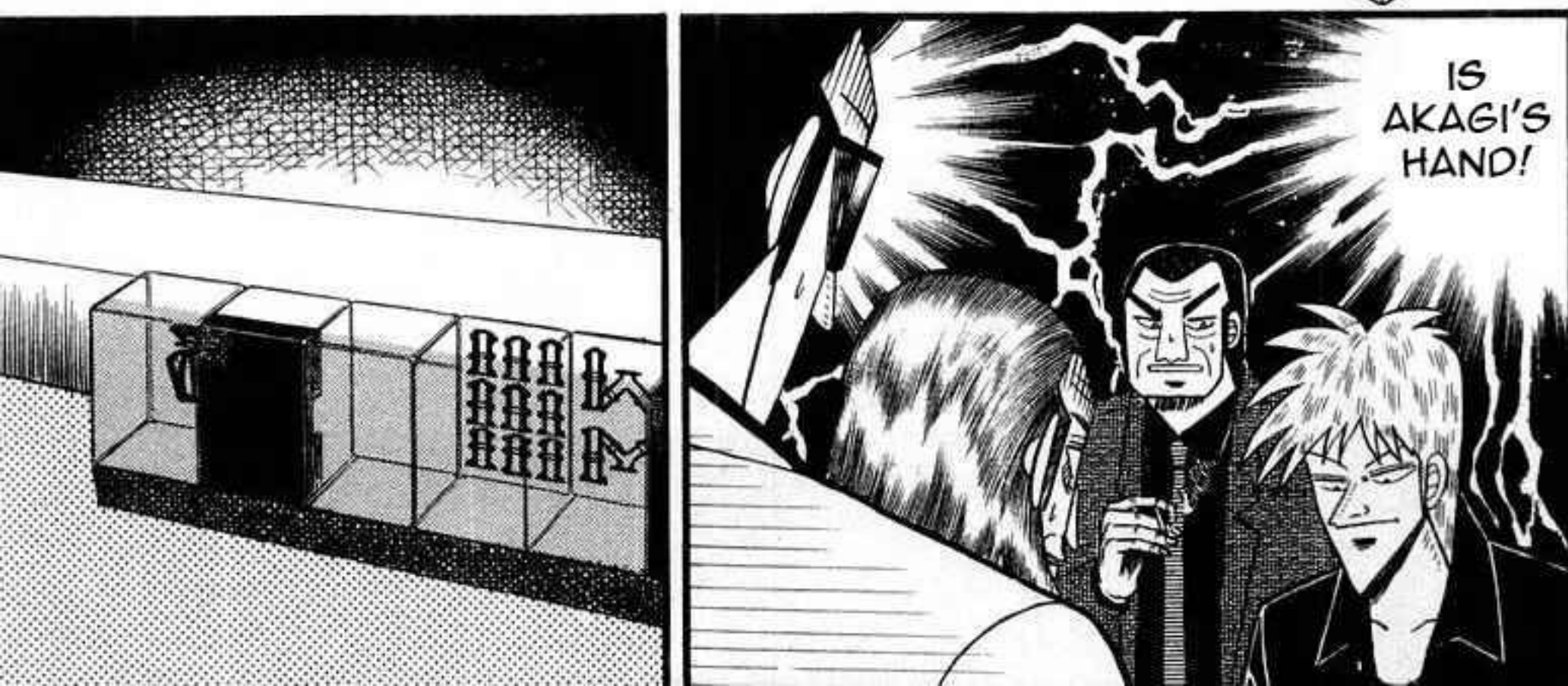
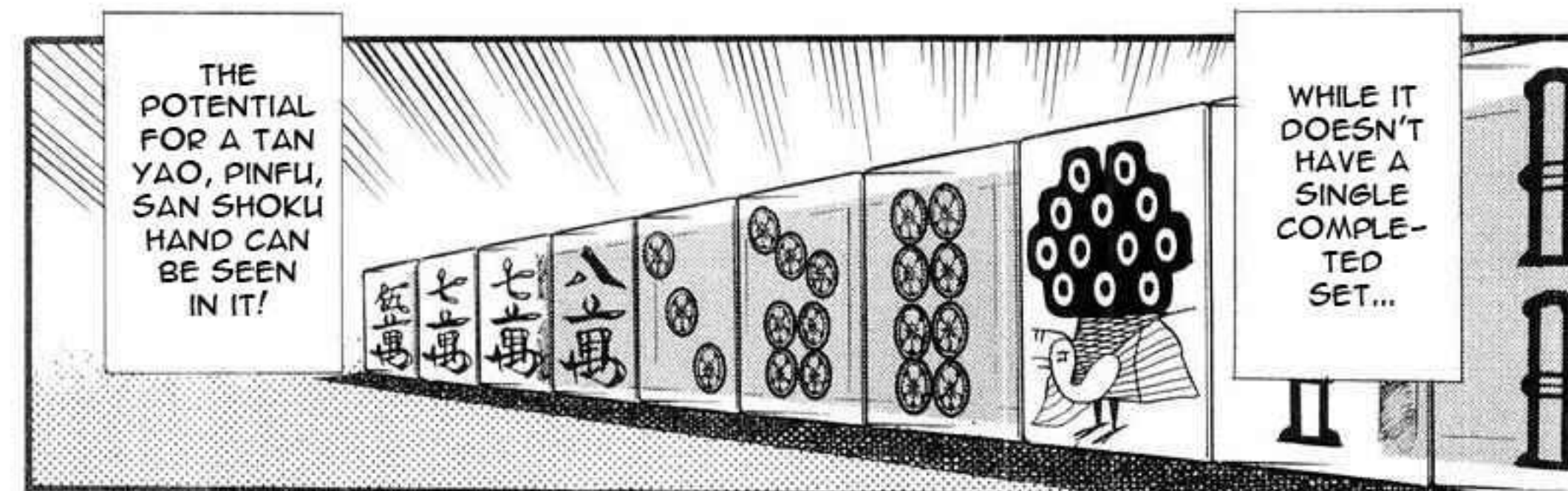
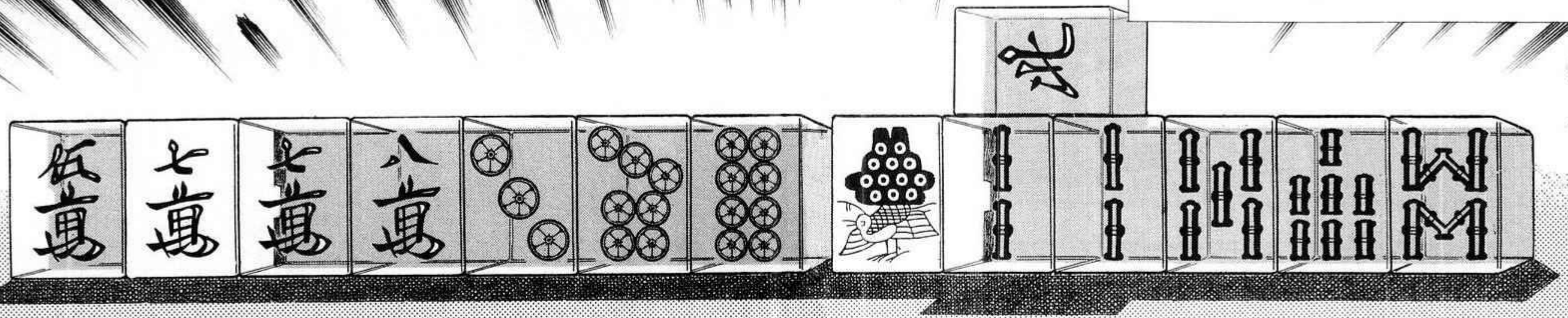
WE
CAN'T
COUNT
ON A MIR-
ACLE.

THAT'S
JUST
HOW IT
IS...

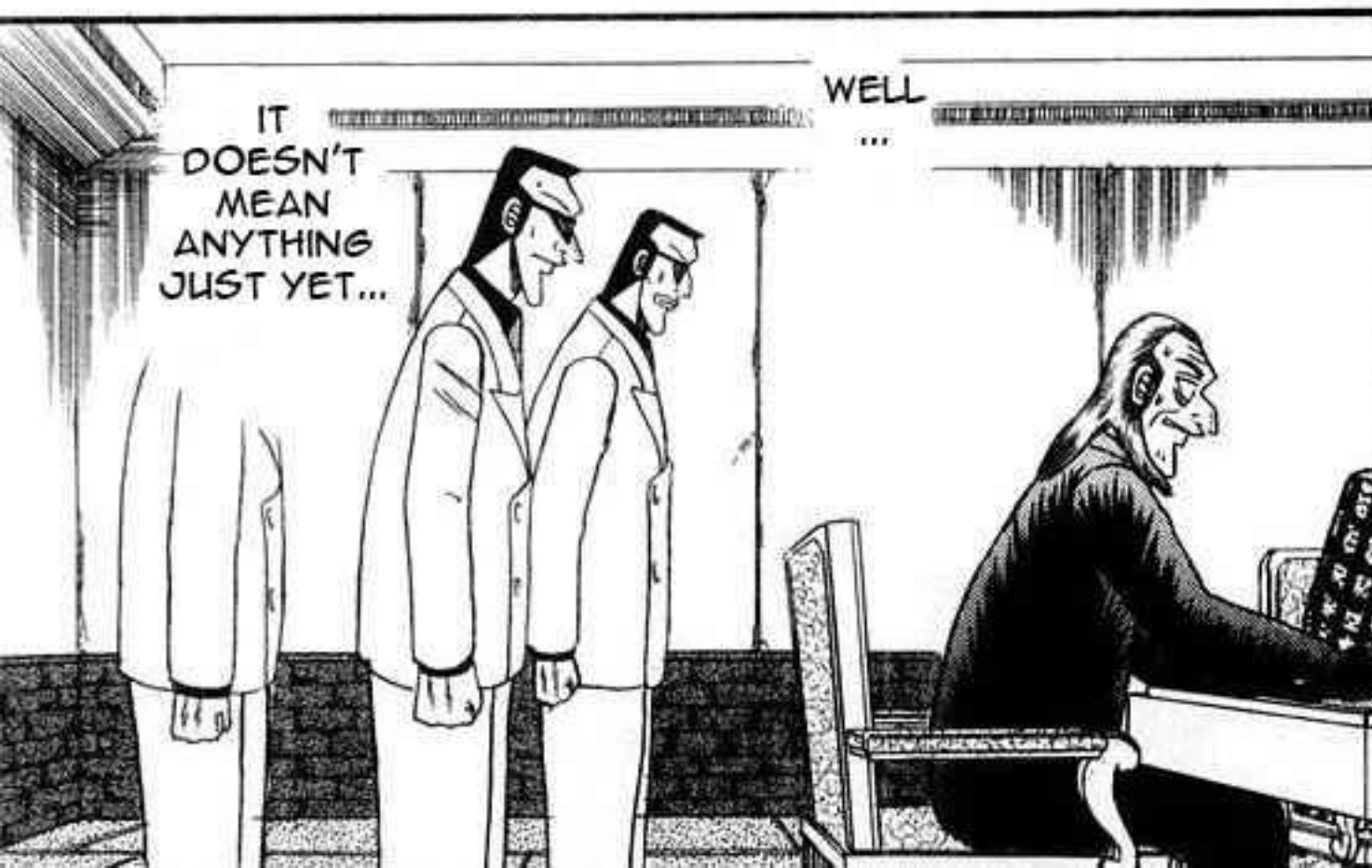
COULD
THIS BE
WASHIZU'S
MAGIC
TOUCH
...?

HOW-
EVER
...

A FANTASTIC
OPPORTUNITY APPEARS!

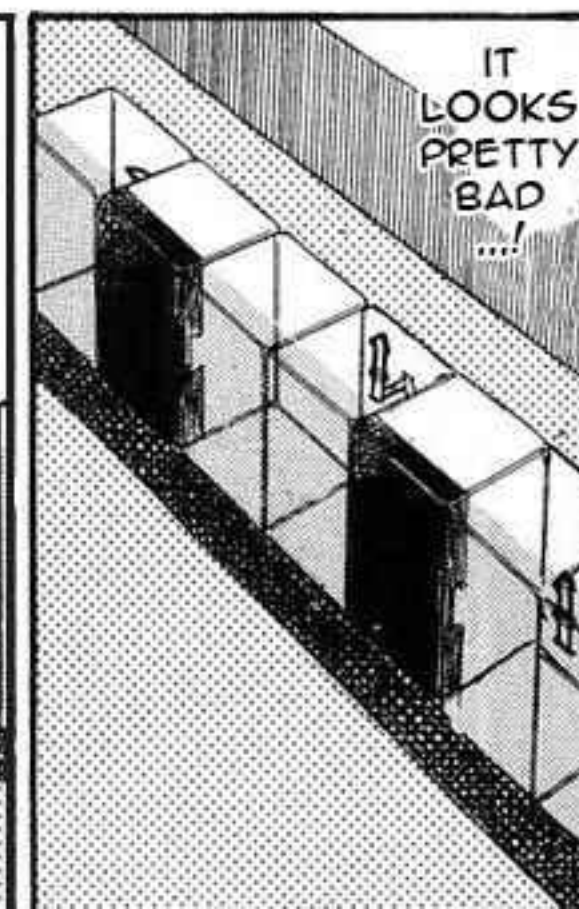


THAT HAND IS THE
MAJOR CONCERN NOW!



IF THAT'S
HOW IT
IS...

WASHIZU'S
ODDS ARE
CONSIDERABLY
GOOD!



FROM
JUST A
QUICK
GLANCE
AT IT

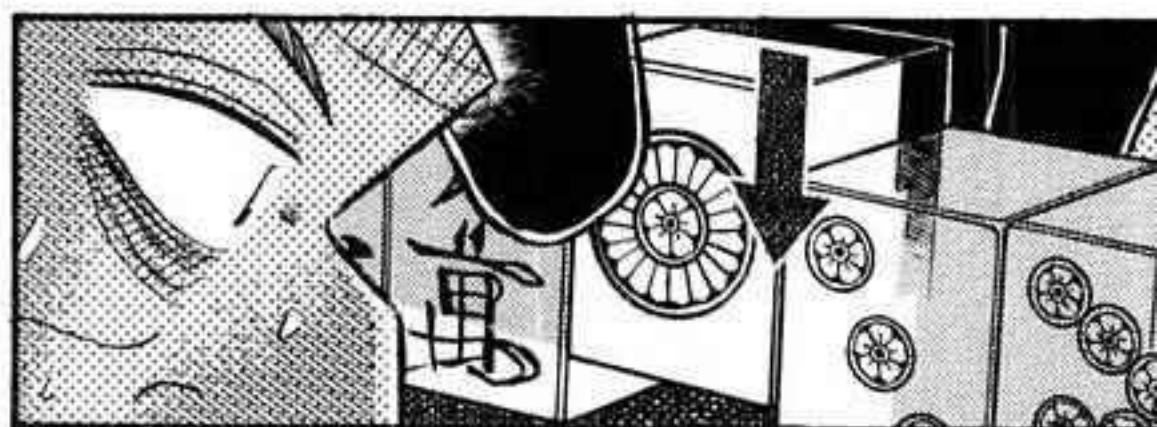
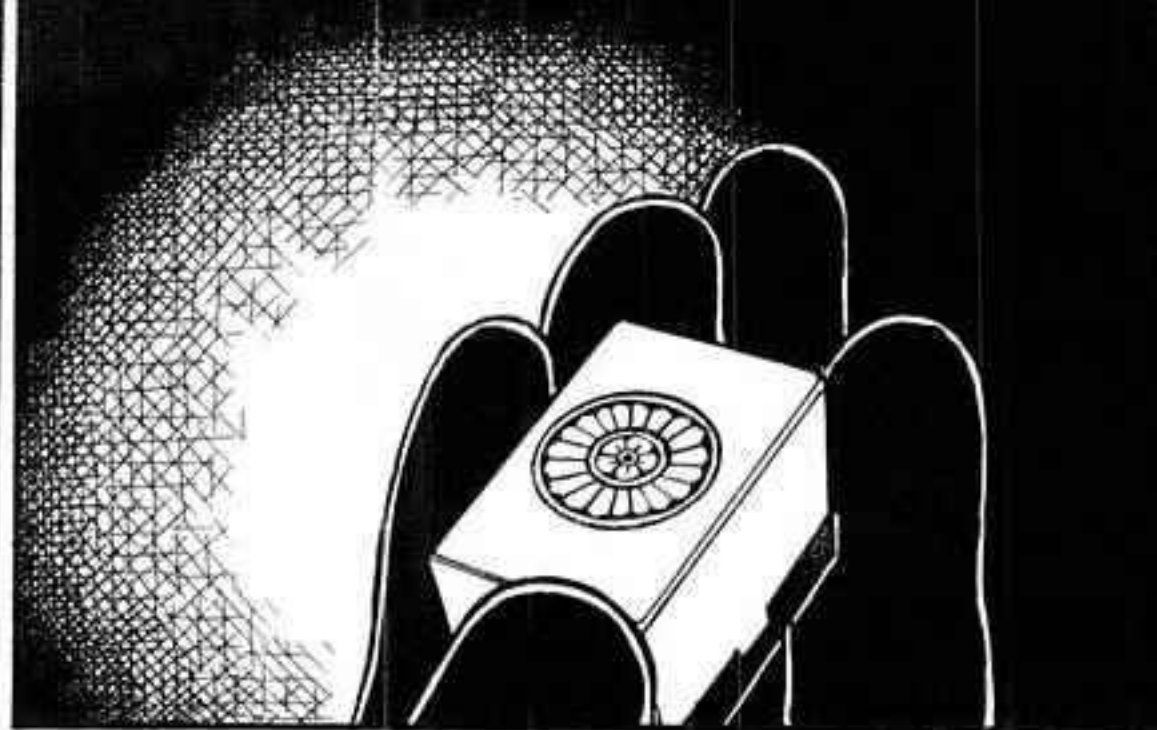
I CAN'T
REALLY BE
TOTALLY
SURE, BUT



FROM
JUST A
QUICK
GLANCE
AT IT

I CAN'T
REALLY BE
TOTALLY
SURE, BUT





BUT
STILL...
MY BOSS...



HE
CAN'T
BE
TOUCHED
...

THE
AVERAGE
PERSON
CAN'T SO
MUCH AS
APPROACH
HIS LEVEL!



ARE
JUST
STU-
PEN-
DOLUS!

MY BOSS'S
NATURAL
LUCK AND
CAPACITY...



OR HOW
MUCH HE'S
BACKED
INTO A
CORNER!

NO MATTER
HOW HARD
HE NEEDS
TO STRUGGLE
...



HE ALWAYS
MAKES IT
OUT OF
WHATEVER
HE'S
THROWN
INTO!

SOME-
HOW
OR
ANO-
THER
...



IT'S THE SAME
THING WITH THE
VAMPIRIC
MURDER
CASES!

HE ALWAYS
ESCAPES
DANGER
IN SOME
WAY!




HE
MADE
IT OUT
ALIVE!

HE WAS
ABLE TO
COMMIT
THOSE
CRIMES
AND BE
NO WORSE
FOR WEAR!




IN
THE
END
...

THOUGH
HE MAY
HAVE LOST
A SIZEABLE
PART
OF HIS
FORTUNE,



HE ALWAYS
HAS, AND
ALWAYS
WILL MAKE
IT OUT
ALIVE!

THAT'S
JUST HOW
MY BOSS
HAS ALWAYS
LIVED HIS
LIFE!



THERE
IS DE-
FINITELY
STILL A
CHANCE!



IF YOU
THINK
ABOUT IT
LIKE THAT
...



WASHIZU
COMES
FIRST,
HANDS
DOWN!

BUT
WHEN
IT COMES
TO PURE
LUCK,



IS
AKAGI,
NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
THAT.

TRUE,
THE ONE
WITH MORE
MAHJONG
SKILL...



IS HIS
GOD-
GIVEN
LUCK
...

ALL HE
NEEDS
TO USE
...

IN
THAT
SENSE
...



CER-
TAINLY
...

TO KILL
THAT MAN,
AKAGI
SHIGERU
...!



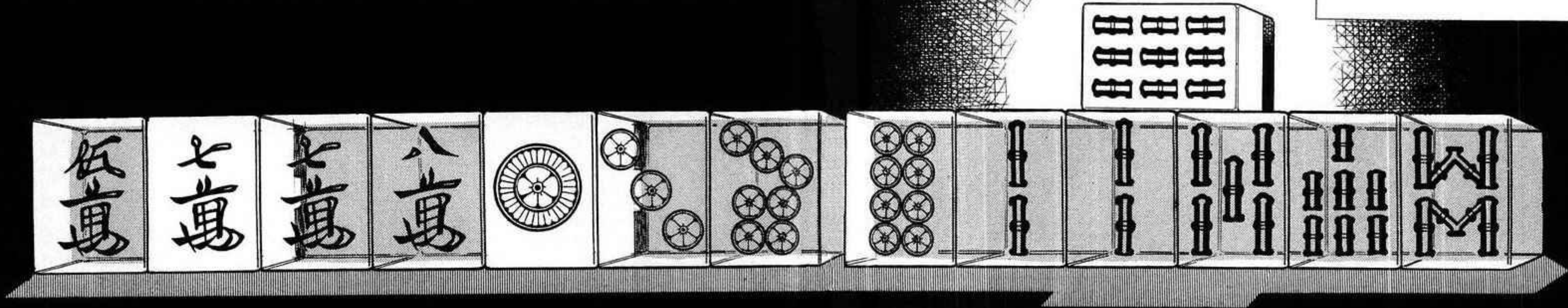
WASHIZU
GETS
ANOTHER
STEP
CLOSER
TO
TENPAI

ON THE
VERY
NEXT
TURN,

AS IF
CONFIR-
MING
YOSHI-
OKA'S
THOUGHTS
...

WITH
THIS
DRAW
...

9-SOU!



BUT ...

FOR RIGHT NOW, THE CRITICAL PART IS TO STAY AS DEALER.

SPEED IS MORE IMPORTANT.

WE CAN SETTLE FOR THE CHEAPER HAND, HERE.

THAT'S FINE ...

ON THE NEXT TURN ...

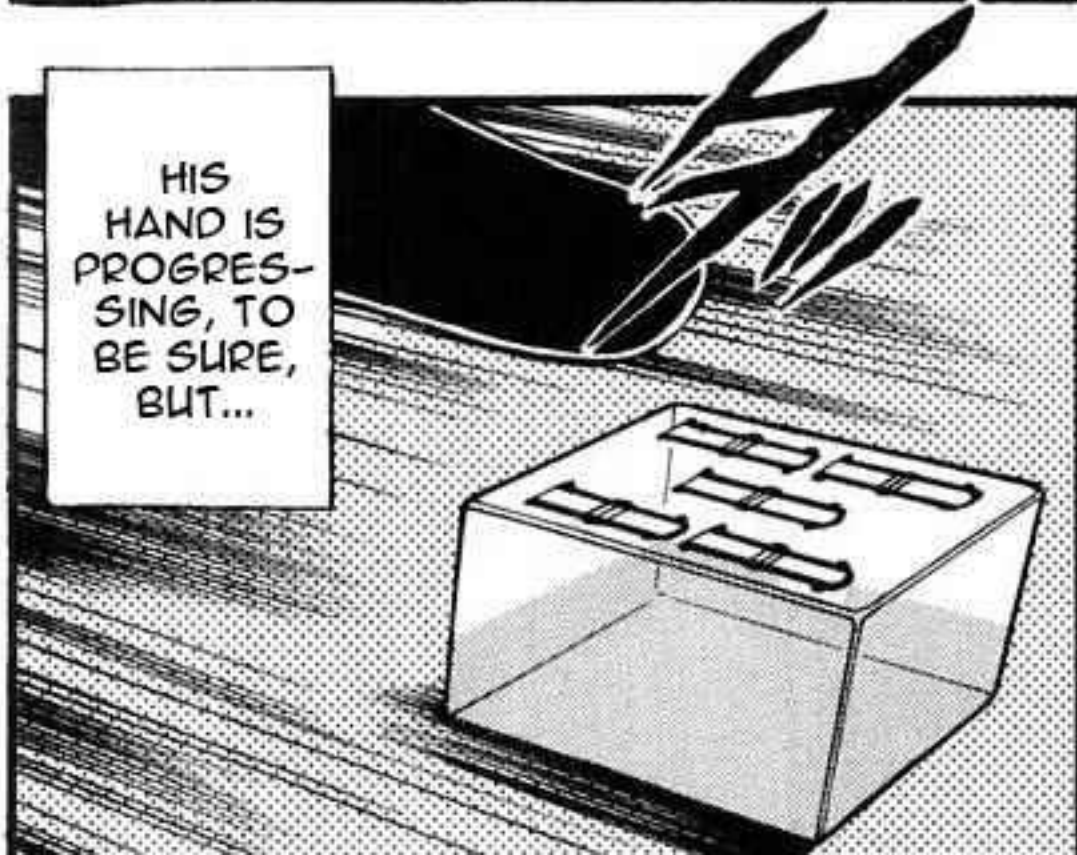
BUT WITH IT ...

RYAN SHAN TEN!

HAS JUST LOST TAN-YAO!

HIS TANYAO, PINFU, SAN SHOKU HAND

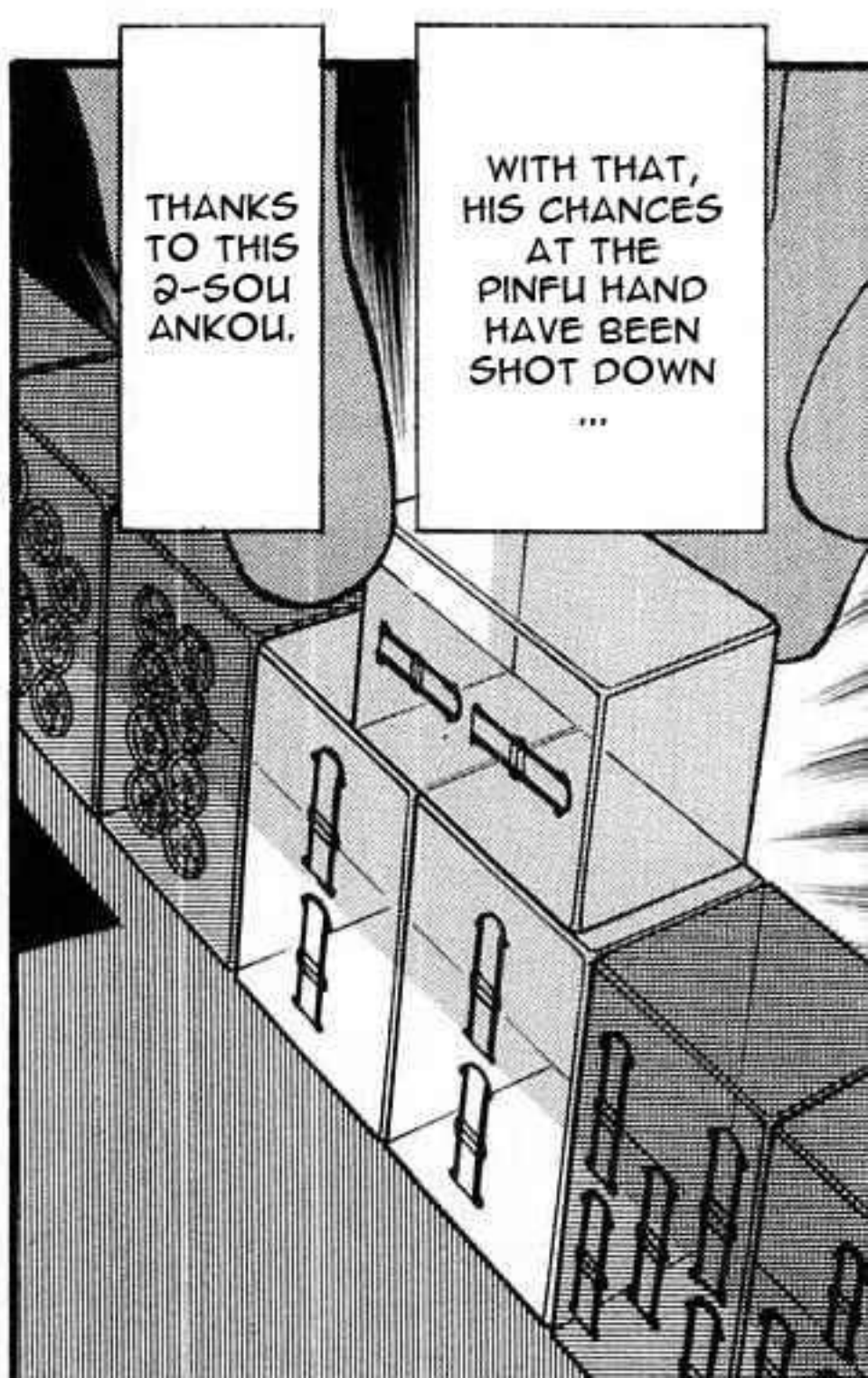
EVEN WITH THAT RATIONAL THOUGHT IN MIND,



HIS
HAND IS
PROGRES-
SING, TO
BE SURE,
BUT...

THANKS
TO THIS
2-SOU
ANKOU.

WITH THAT,
HIS CHANCES
AT THE
PINFU HAND
HAVE BEEN
SHOT DOWN
...



HIS HAND IS
GETTING
CHEAPER
BY THE
DRAW!

THE WAITS
IN HIS HAND
ARE FILLING
IN ALL THE
WRONG
WAYS...!

WASHIZU
IS STILL
IN A VERY
ROUGH
SPOT.

THUS,
IT WOULD
SEEM...

IT'S AS THOUGH
HE IS FORCING
THE TILES IN!

RIGHT NOW,
THE TILES...

IS THIS
PARTICULAR
INSTANCE A
RESULT OF
WASHIZU'S
WILL...?

BUT
...

USELESS
DRAWS
COME
UP
OFTEN
AROUND
THIS
POINT...

IN A
NORMAL
GAME,

ARE BEING
REFORMED
TO MATCH
WHAT HE
DESIRES!

HE IS TRYING TO
PUSH HIS WAY THROUGH!

のたうちながら
昇るっ……!!

FORCEFULLY
ASCENDING THROUGH
THE RAGING STORM……!

暴風雨
濁黒の空を……!!



WILL
EXHAUST
ITS STRENGTH
... IT WILL
WEAKEN!



MUCH LIKE
THE DRAGON,
WHO, IN TRYING
TO REACH THE
HEAVENS...



THEN,
OF
COURSE,

IF YOU
CARELESSLY
PULL UP A
HEAVY LOAD
YOU NEED,



THAT IS
JUST THE
WAY THAT
THINGS
ARE!

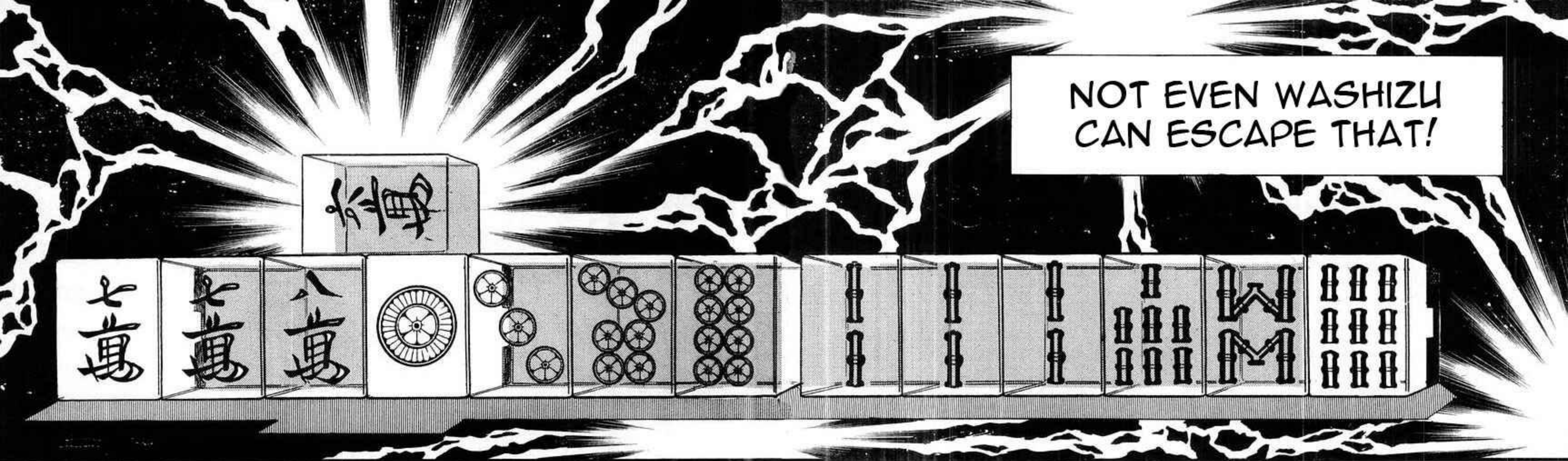


IN
TRUTH
...



IT WILL
UNAVOID-
ABLY
HAVE LOST
MASS
WHEN
YOU
FINISH!

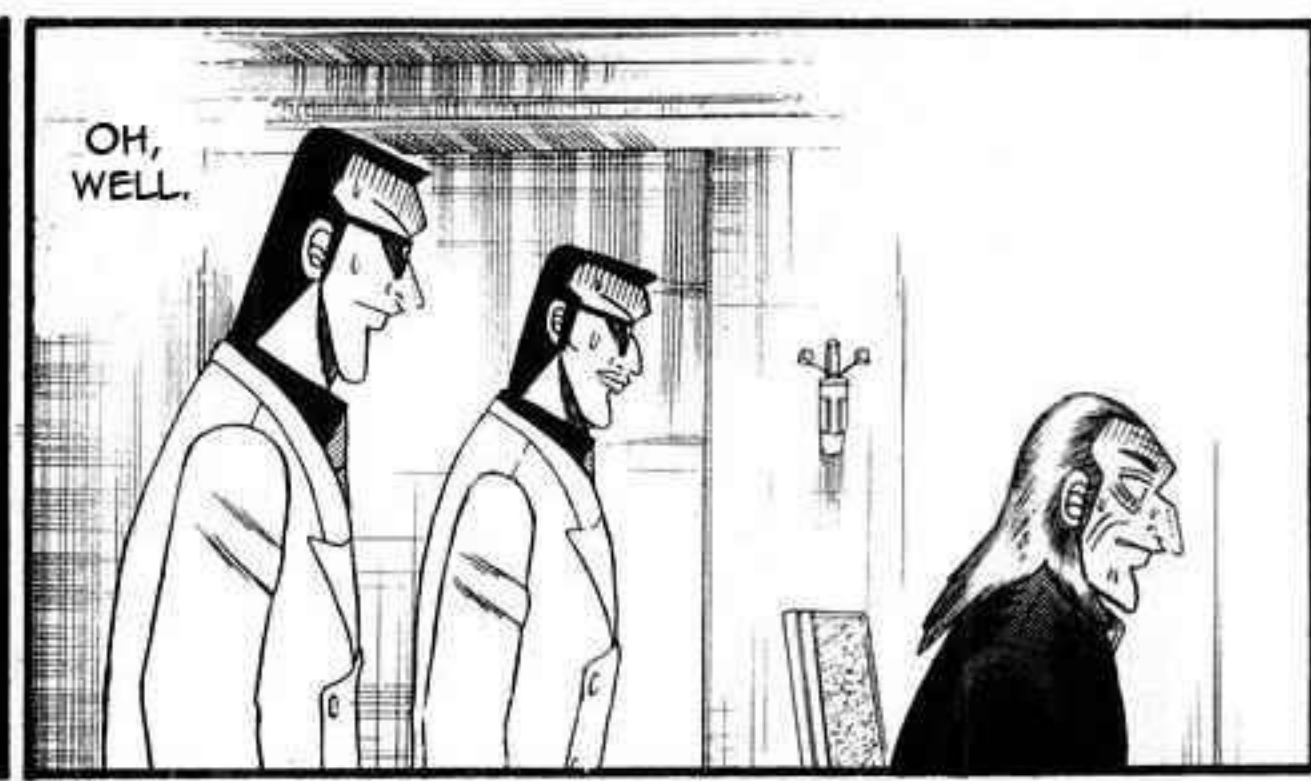
IT WILL
CHIP
AWAY
IN BITS
AT A
TIME...



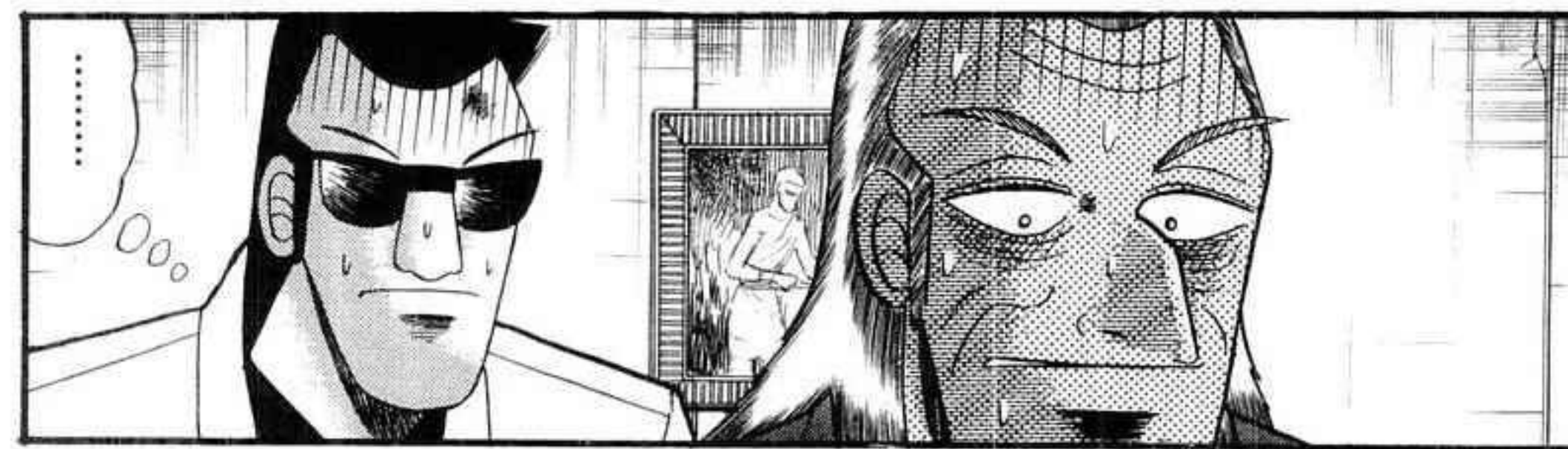
NOT EVEN WASHIZU
CAN ESCAPE THAT!



THAT'S
FINE,
TOO.

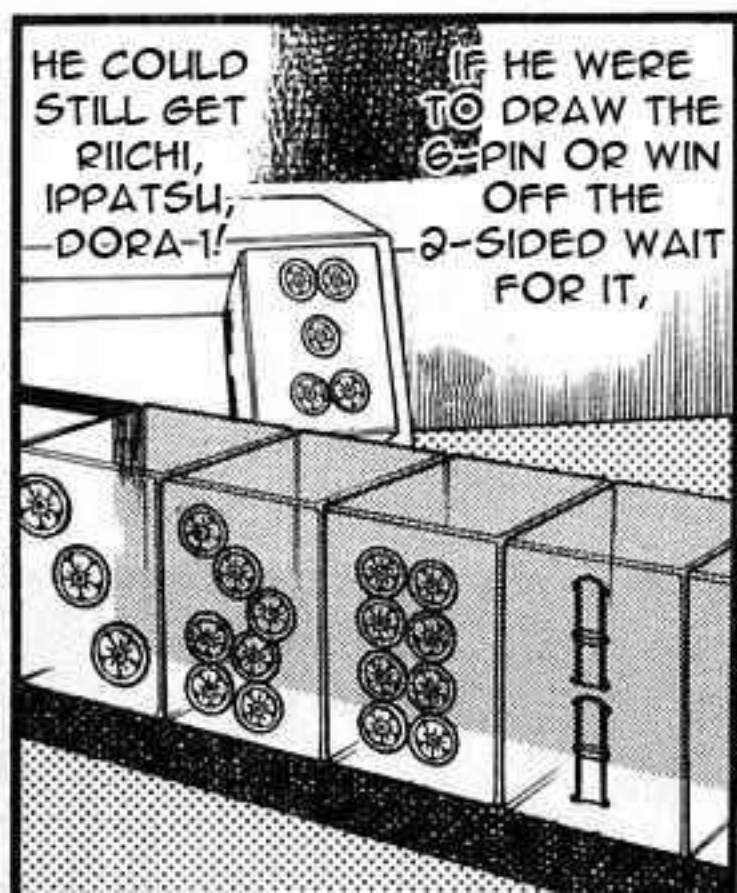


OH,
WELL.



IT COULD
EASILY
GO UP TO
MANGAN!

AND
WITH
ANY
URA
DORA,



HE COULD
STILL GET
RIICHI,
IPPATSI,
DORA-!

IF HE WERE
TO DRAW THE
6-PIN OR WIN
OFF THE
2-SIDED WAIT
FOR IT,

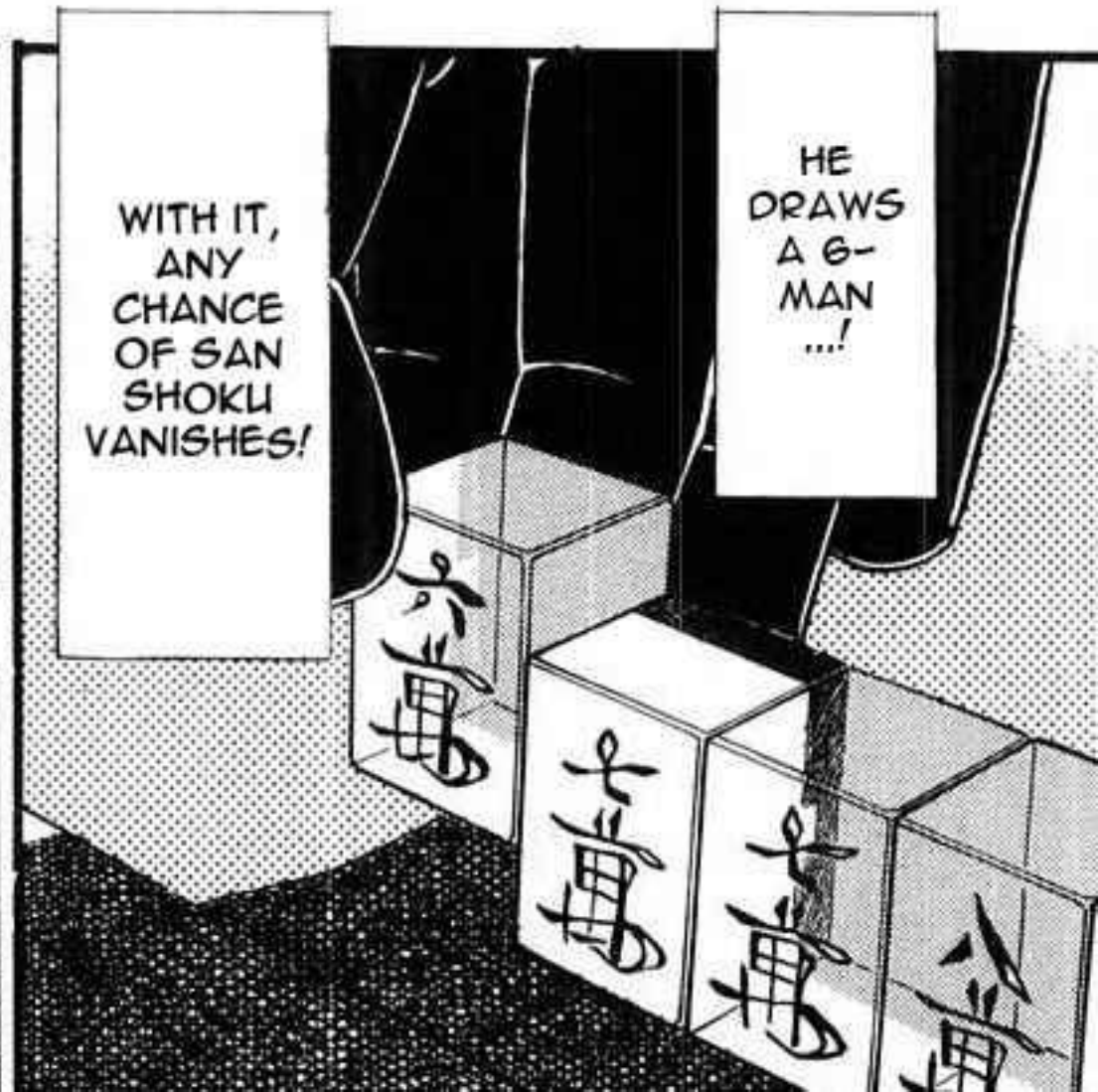


EVEN
NOW
...

THERE'S
STILL A
GOOD
CHANCE
...

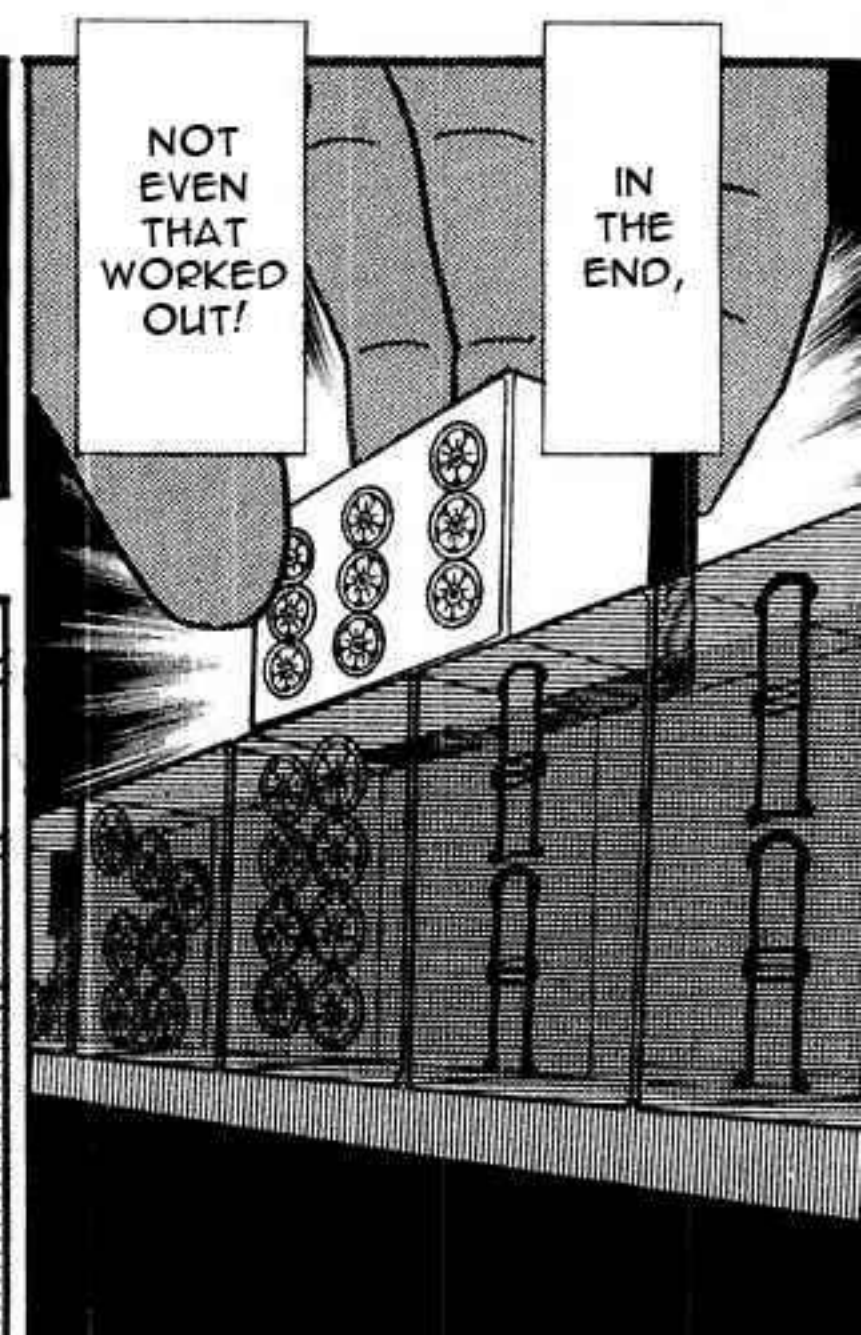
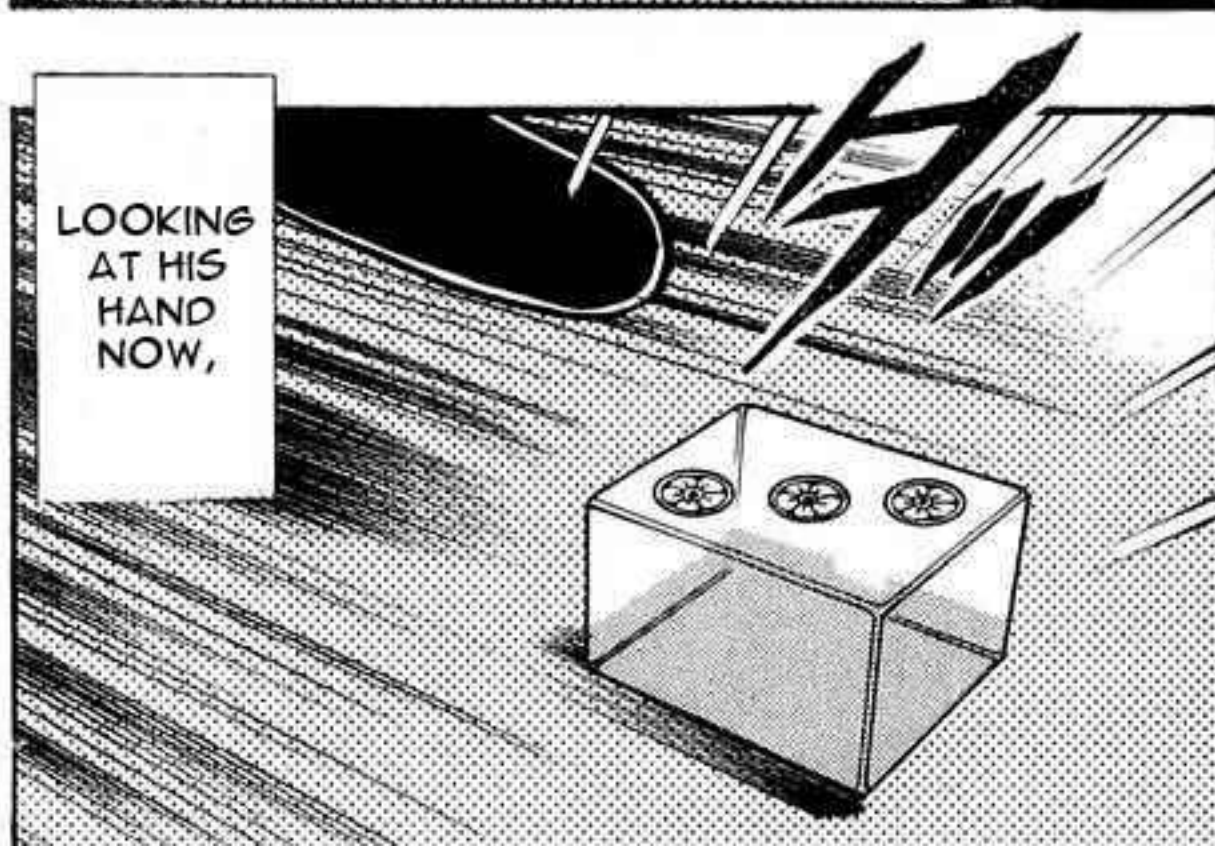
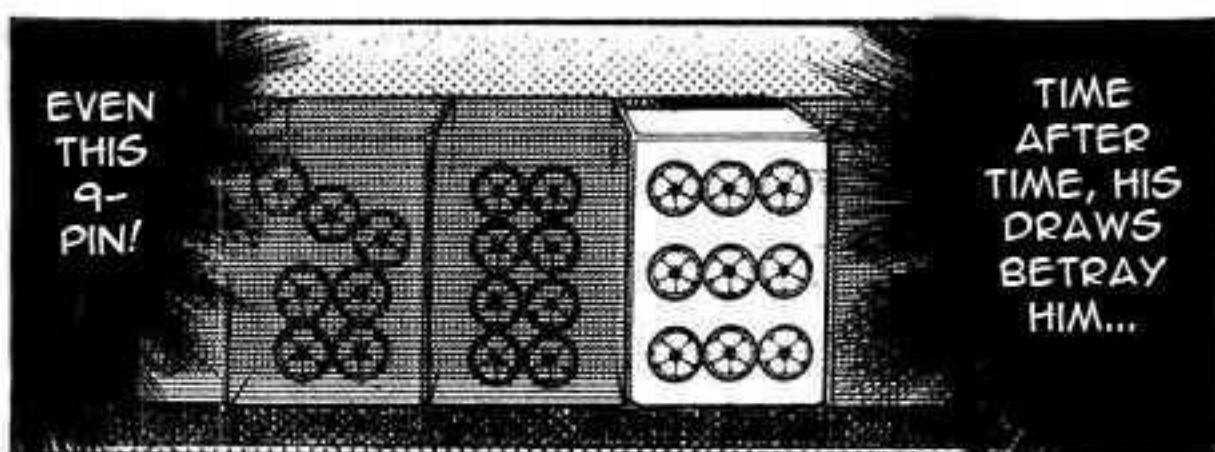
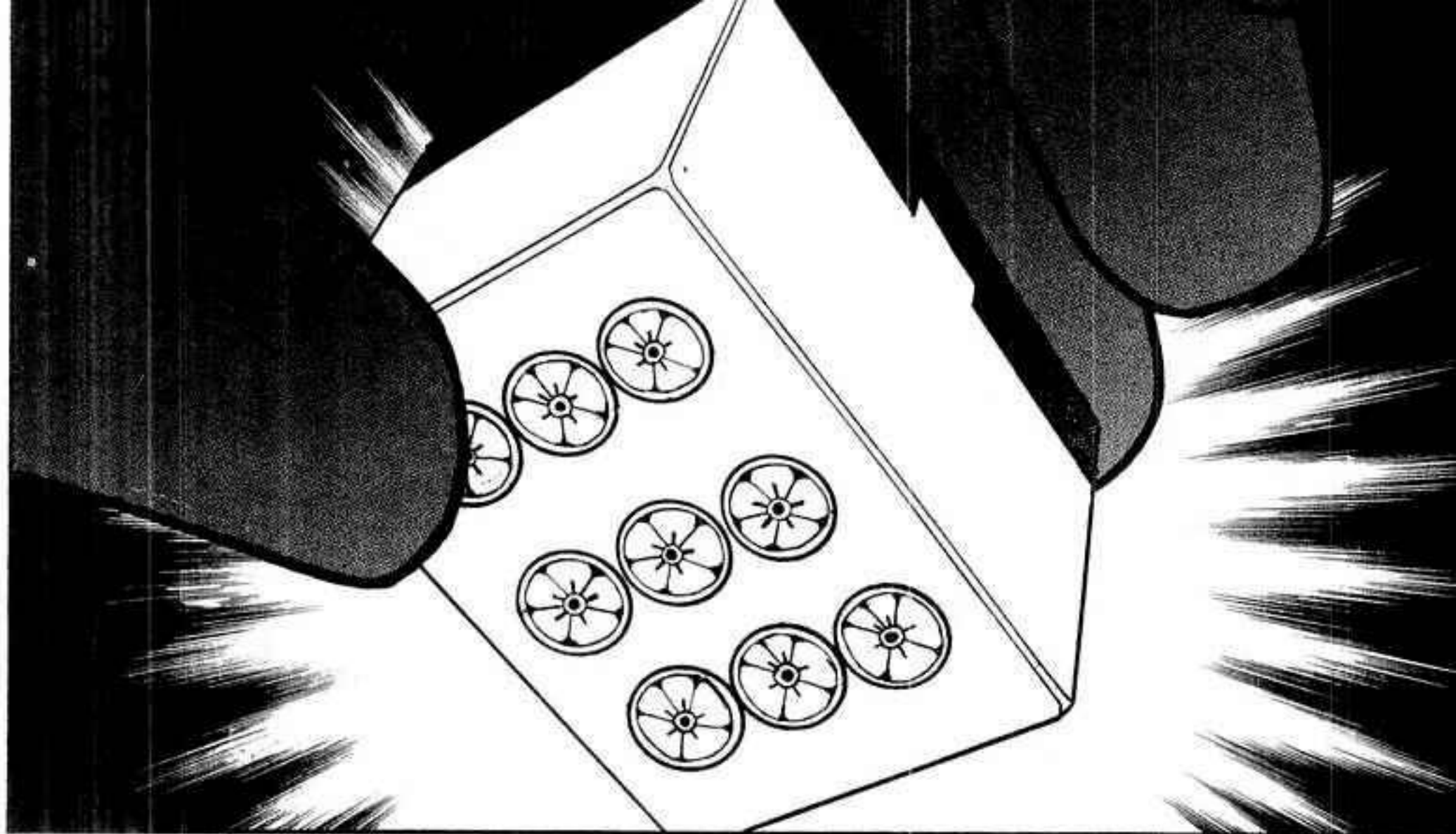


NOW
IT'S
JUST A
TRASH
HAND
...



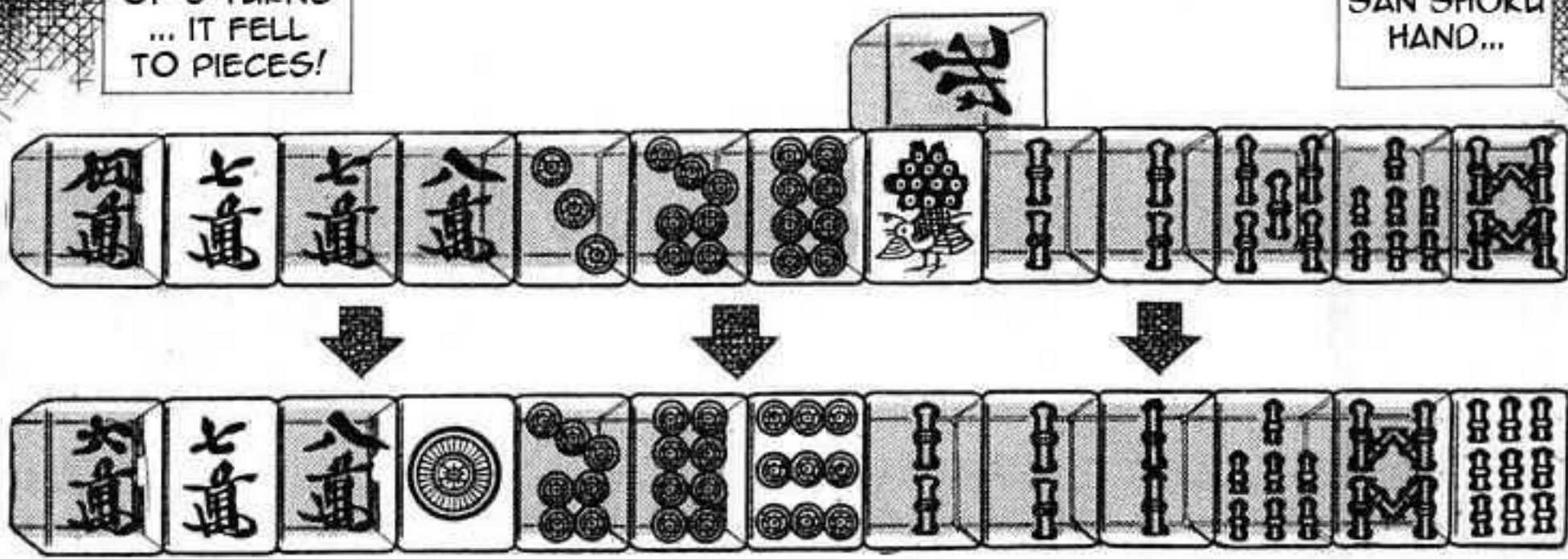
WITH IT,
ANY
CHANCE
OF SAN
SHOKU
VANISHES!

HE
DRAWS
A 6-
MAN
...!



HAS
ENTIRELY
VANISHED
IN A MATTER
OF 6 TURNS
... IT FELL
TO PIECES!

THIS
MENZEN
PINFU
TANYAO
SAN SHOKU
HAND...



THIS IS
A GOOD
PLACE
TO BE!

BUT
STILL
...

SUZUKI
HAS AN
1-PIN IN
HIS HAND
...

IN A
SPOT
LIKE THIS,
THAT'S
HUGE!

AT
LEAST
HE'S
NEARLY
THERE,
NOW...

TO WIN
QUICKLY
AND
EASILY!

SO WE CAN
USE THIS 1-PIN
SINGLE
WAIT...





KAN.



THERE'S A 100%
GUARANTEED
WAY FOR HIM
TO WIN!



AT
THIS
TIME,



THIS IS
BECAUSE
SUZUKI WAS
CAPABLE OF
CALLING KAN
WITH HIS
3-MAN.



FOR
JUST
ONE
MORE
TURN.

WASHIZU
DECIDES
TO DELAY
CALLING
RIICHI



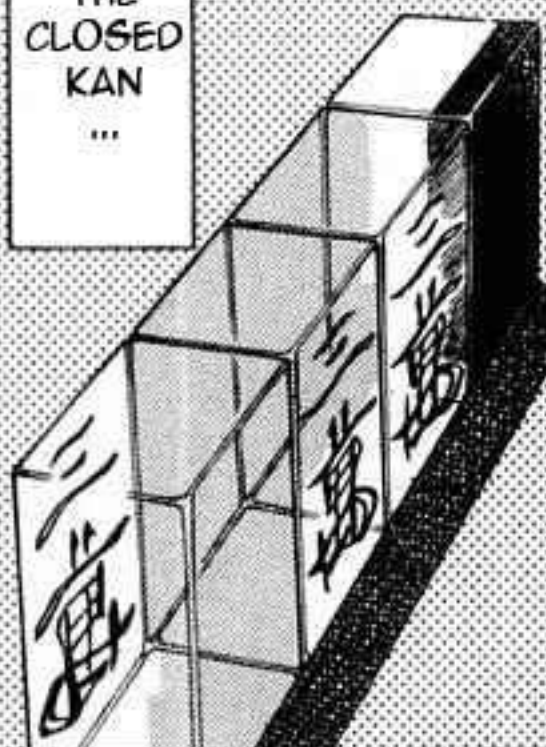
WELL
...



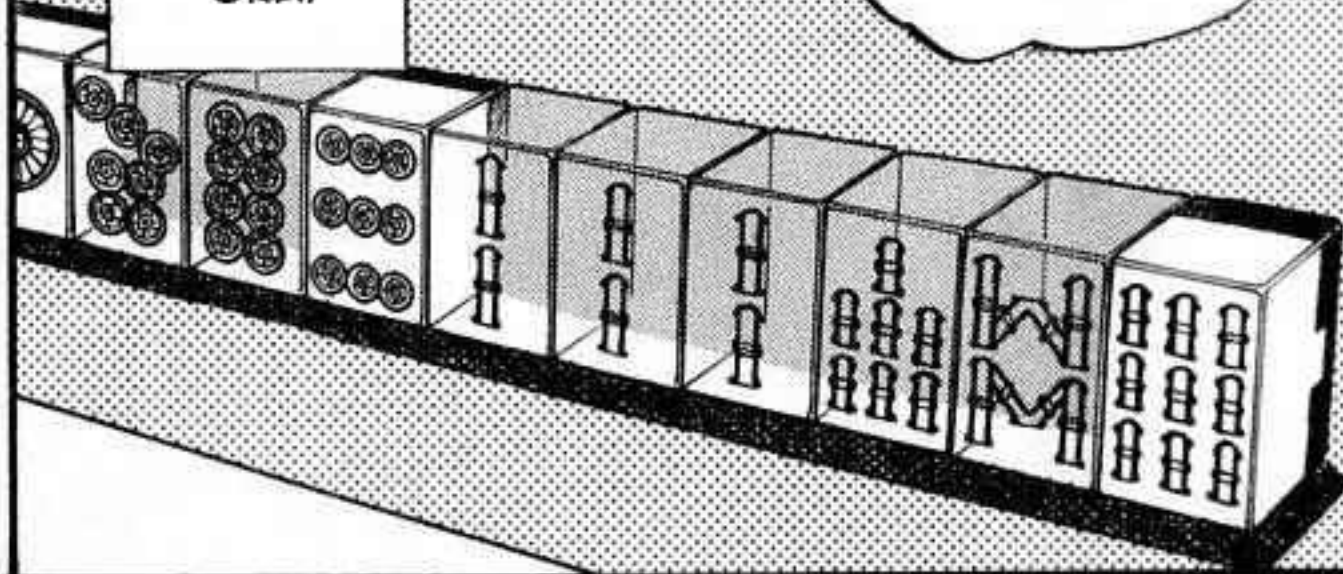
WASHIZU CAN
STILL CALL
RIICHI ON
THE VERY
NEXT TURN.

ONCE
THE NEW
DORA IS
REVEALED
FROM THE
KAN,

THE
CLOSED
KAN
...



INDEED,
EVERYONE
IS THINKING
SIMILARLY
TO YOSHI-
OKA.



WE CAN'T
REALLY EXPECT
MUCH FROM IT
...



STRIKES
DOWN
LIKE
LIGHT-
NING...!



A
SUR-
PRISING
TURN
OF
EVENTS
...

AND
YET
...



AND
THE NEW
DORA
SEEM
ALMOST
USE-
LESS.



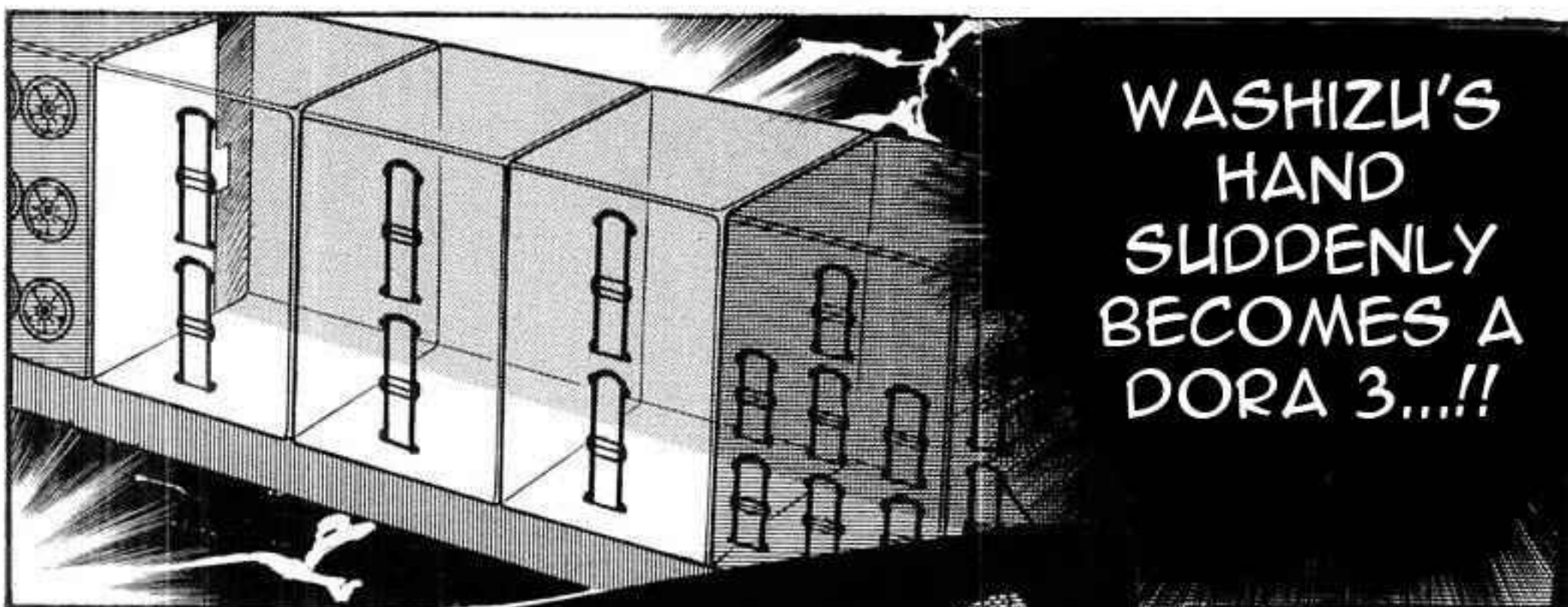
AN
1-
SOU
...!!!



SOMEHOW,
THE NEW
DORA
INDICATOR
REVEALS
ITSELF AS...



?





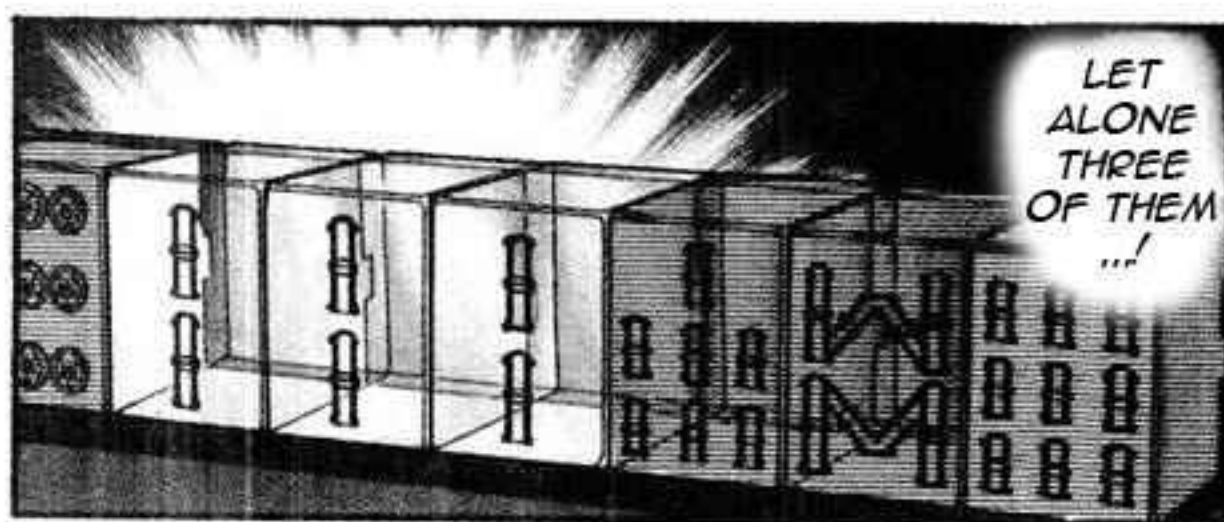
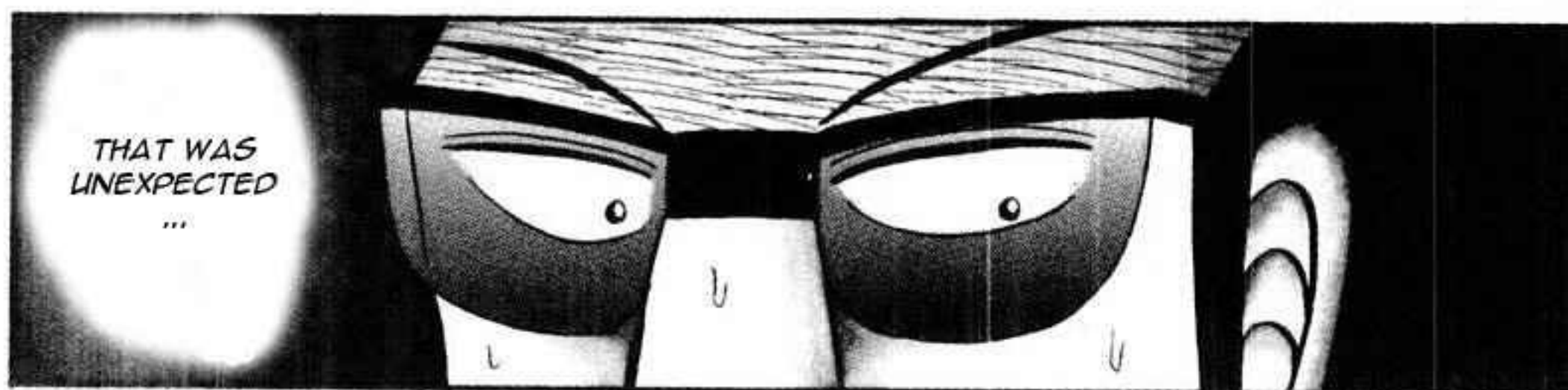
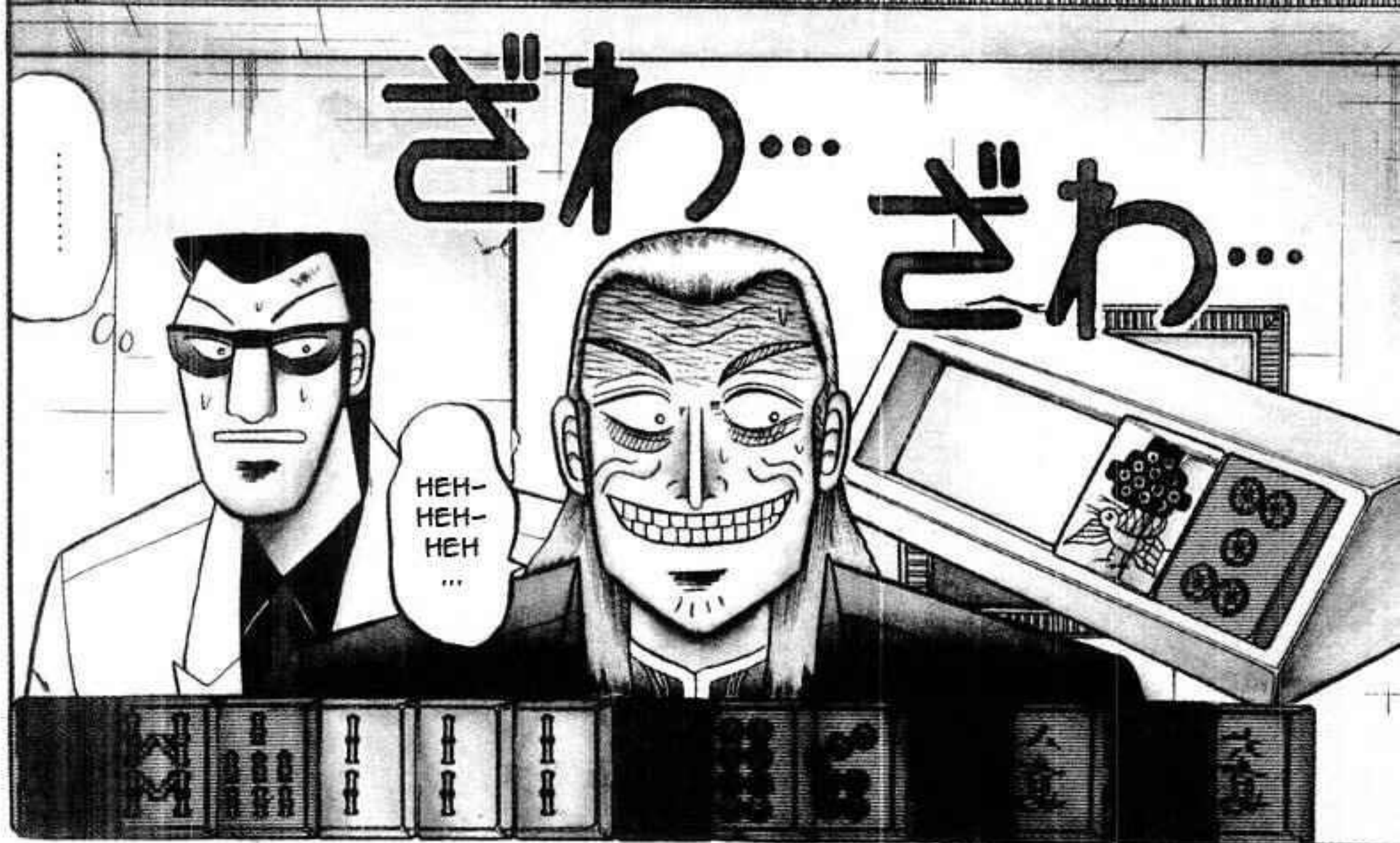
**DORA
3!!**



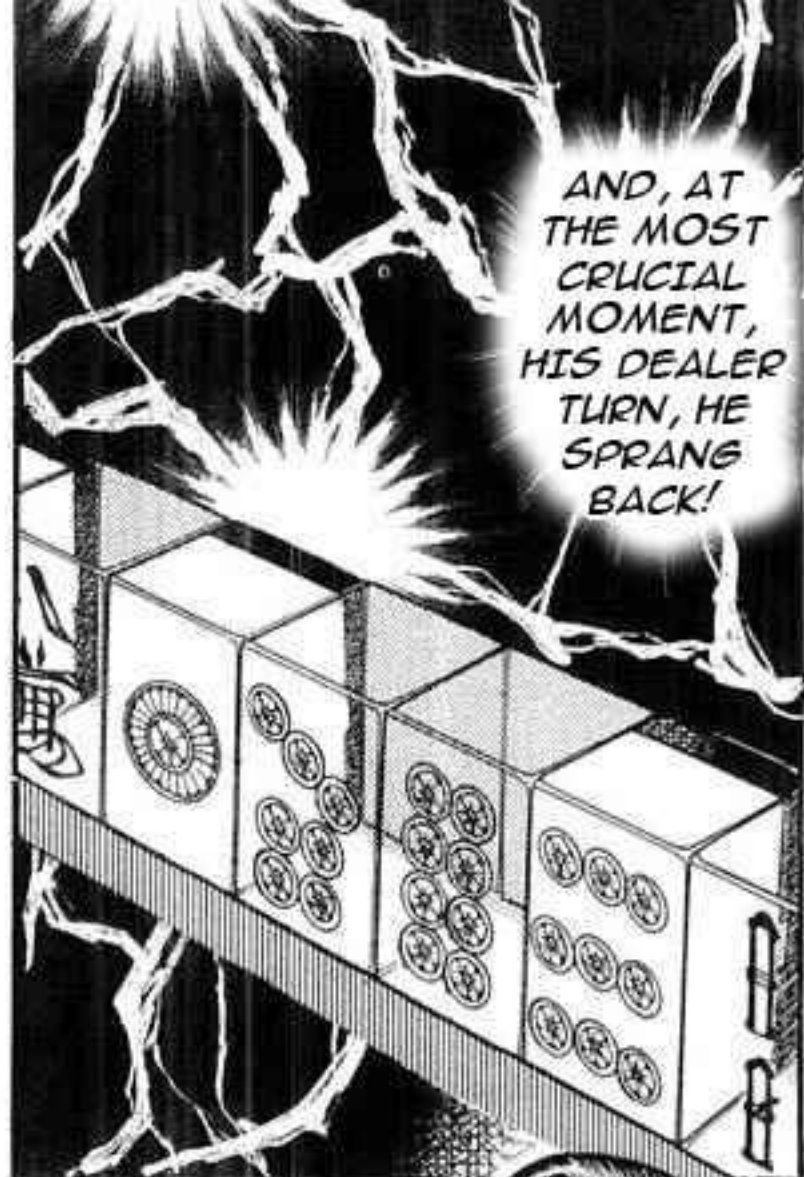
**DORA
3!!!**

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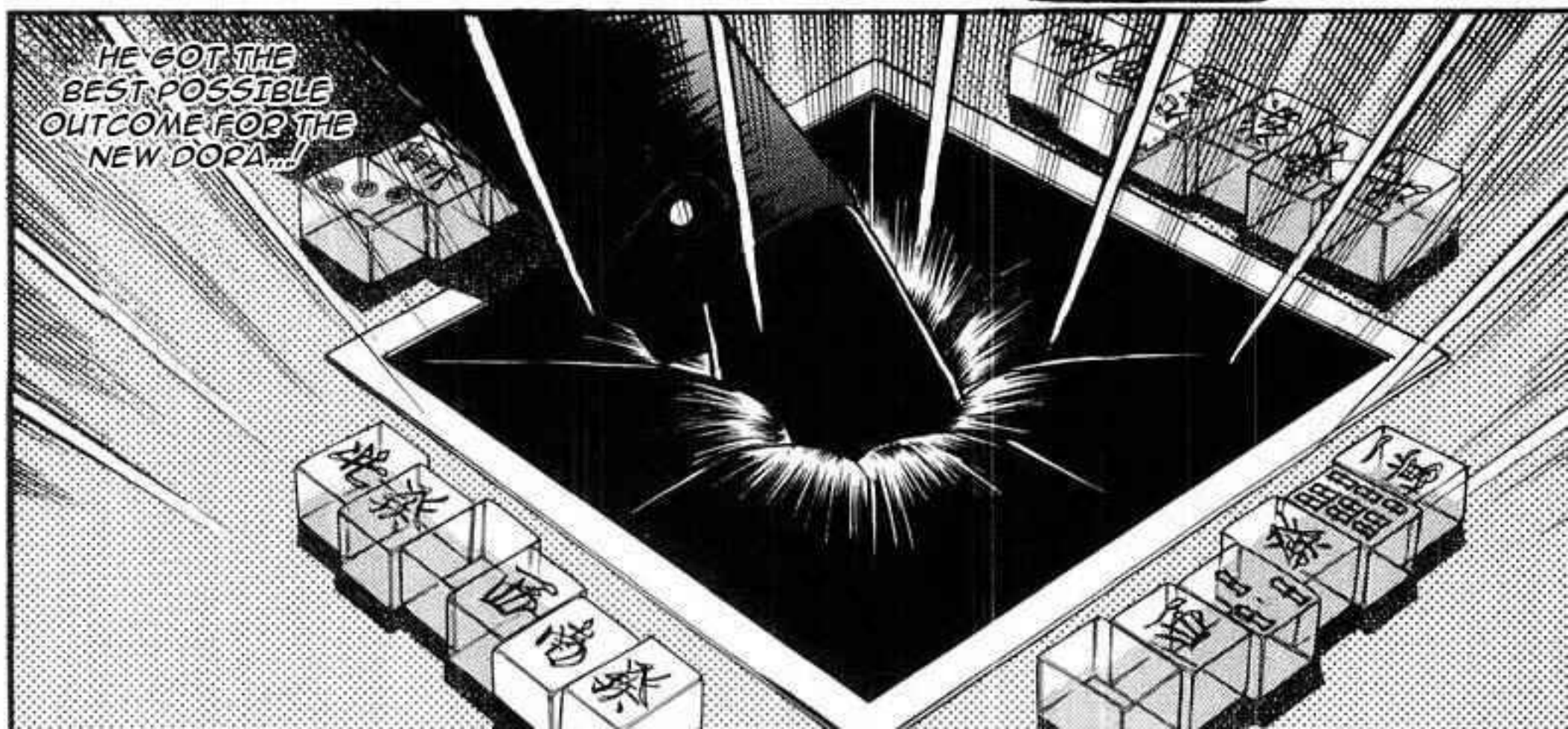
AND, AT
THE MOST
CRUCIAL
MOMENT,
HIS DEALER
TURN, HE
SPRANG
BACK!



HE
LAUGHED
IN THE
FACE OF
ALL THAT
...



MORE
THAN
THAT
...



HE GOT THE
BEST POSSIBLE
OUTCOME FOR THE
NEW DORA...



RIICHI!

HE'S
SECURED
A SUREFIRE
WAY TO
WIN!



INTO
WASHIZU-
SAMA'S
...

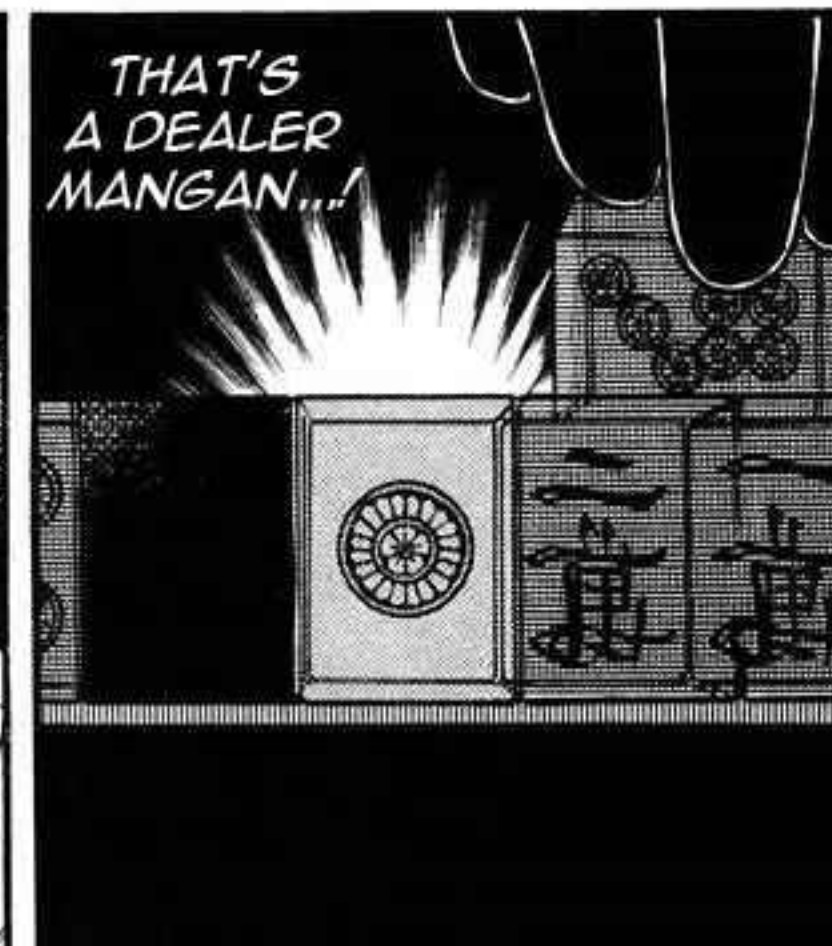
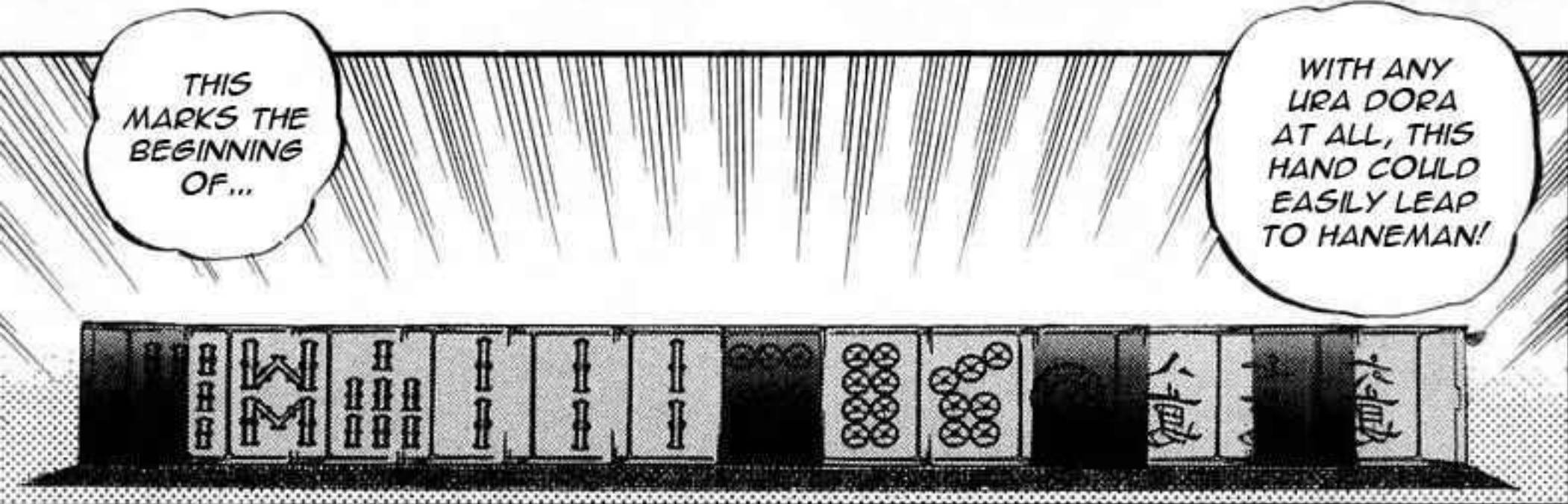
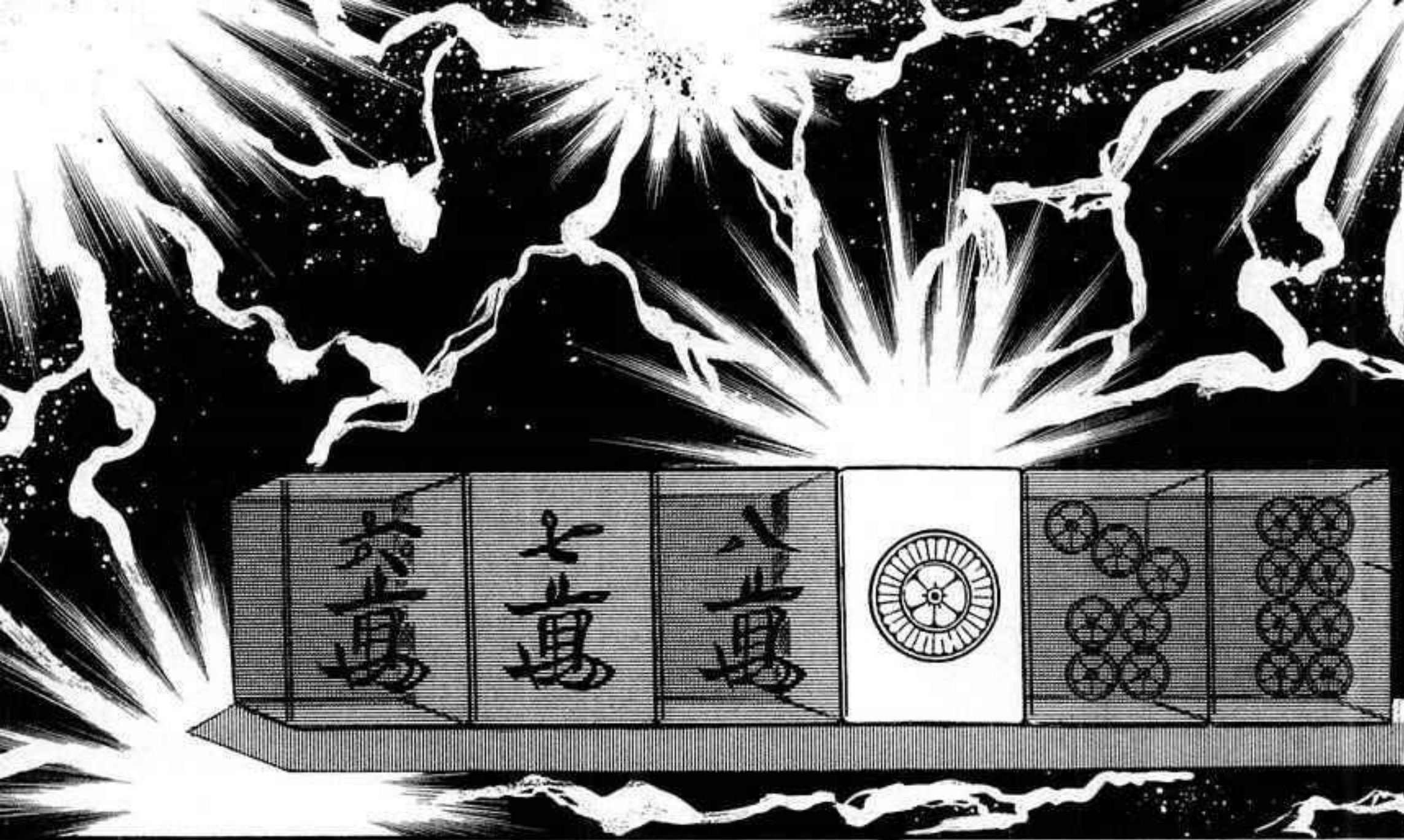
NOW,
SUZUKI
WILL DEAL
RIGHT IN
...



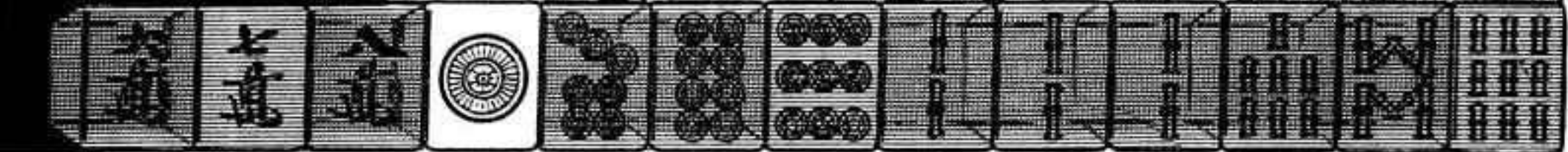
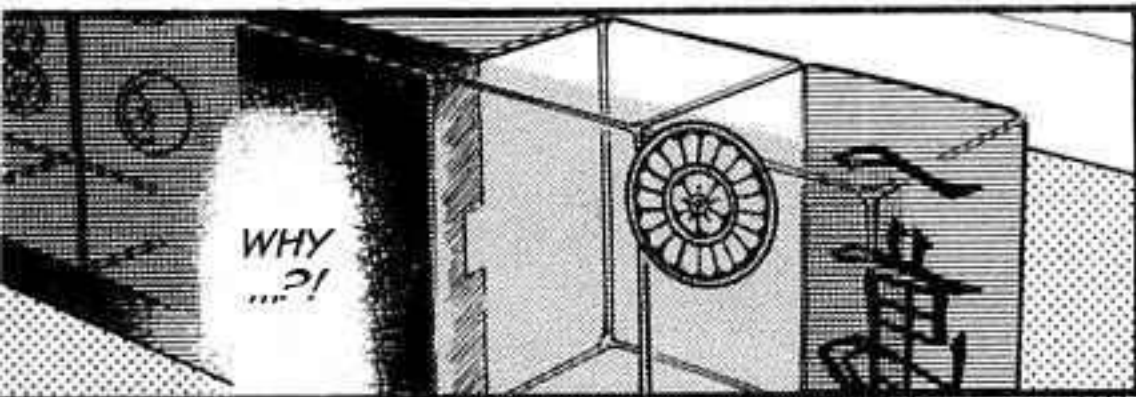
HE'S GOT A
DEALER
MANGAN!

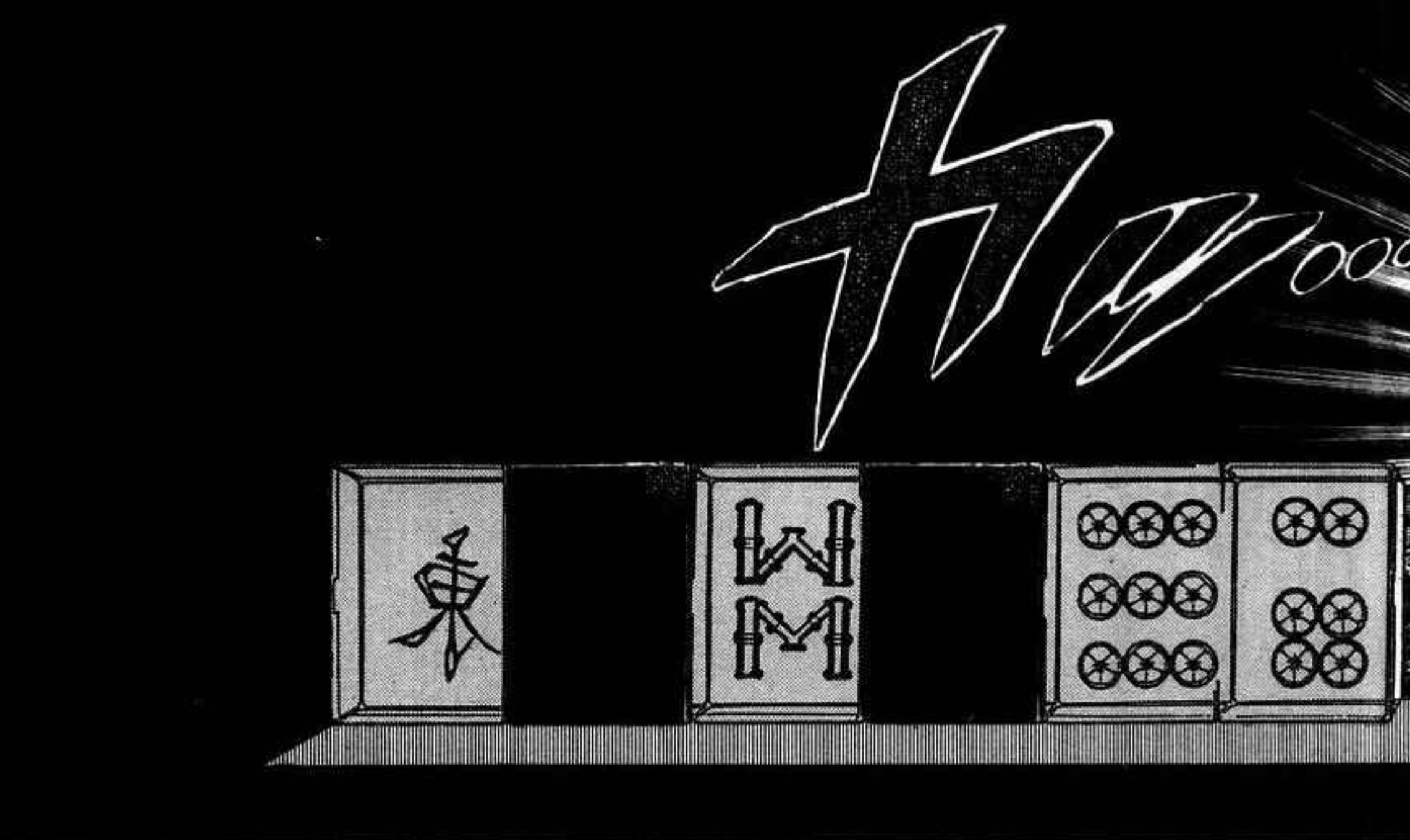


THAT'S
IT!



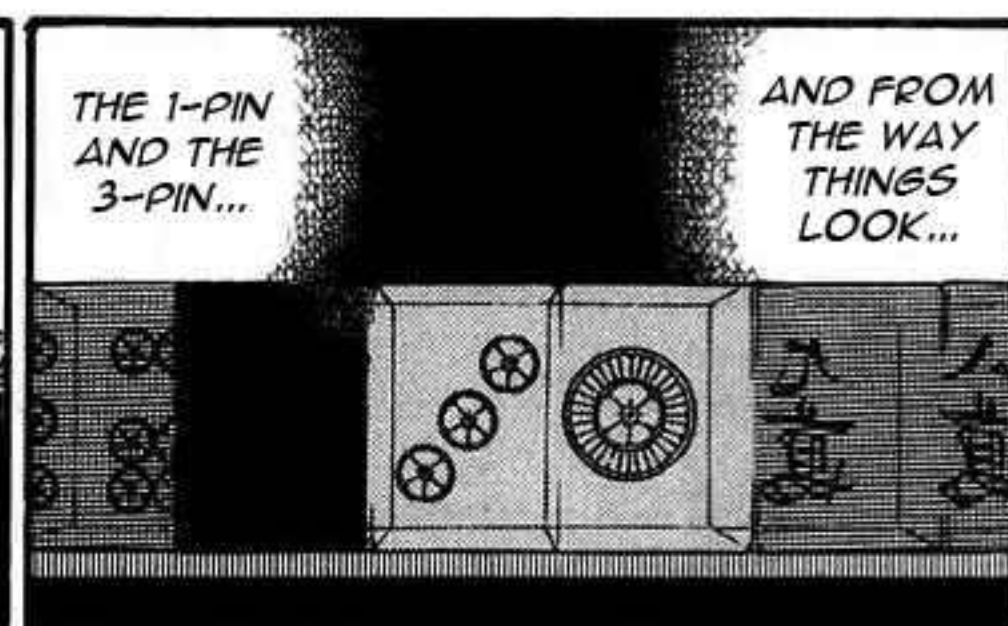






HE'LL WANT
TO DISCARD
THEM!

WILL BE
ISOLATED
IN HIS
HAND
...



THE 1-PIN
AND THE
3-PIN...

AND FROM
THE WAY
THINGS
LOOK...



AND SUZUKI
HAS ALL BUT
ONE OF THEM!

THAT CLOSED
WAIT NEEDS
A 2-PIN TO
BE USEABLE
...



THAT'S
RIGHT!
AND MORE
THAN THAT
...



AH
...!



IN
AKAGI'S
HAND,
TOO!

THERE
IS AN
1-PIN...



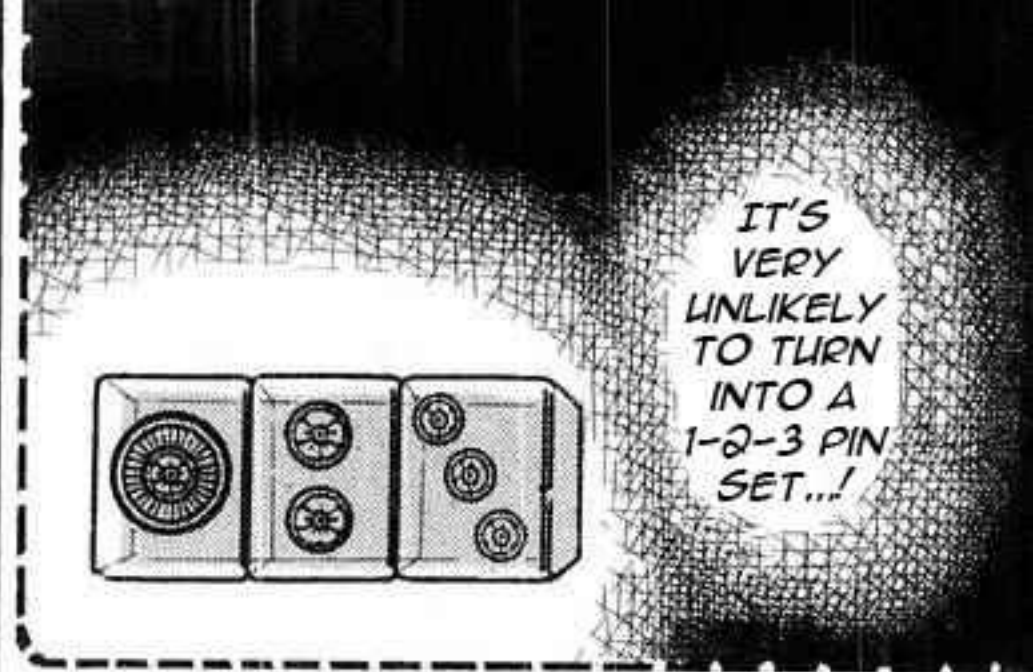
THERE'S
THAT,
TOO!
...

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

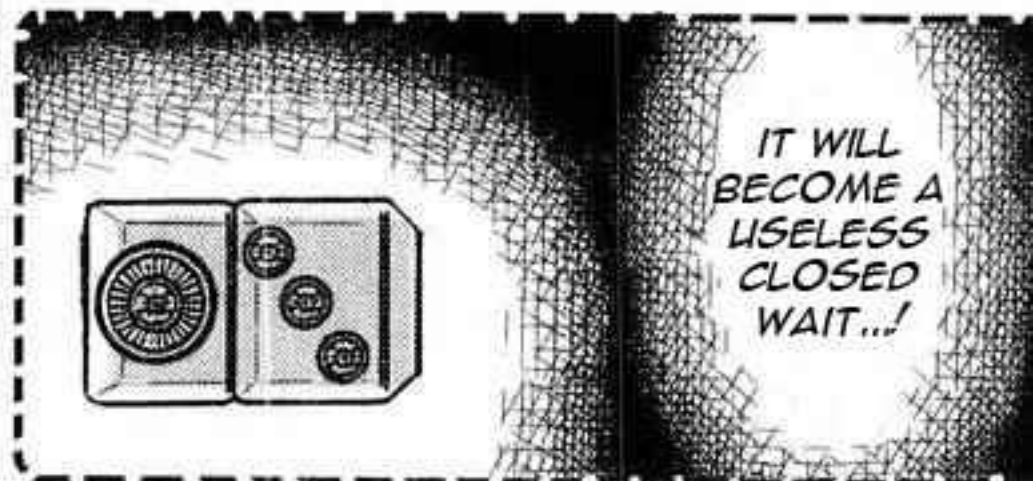




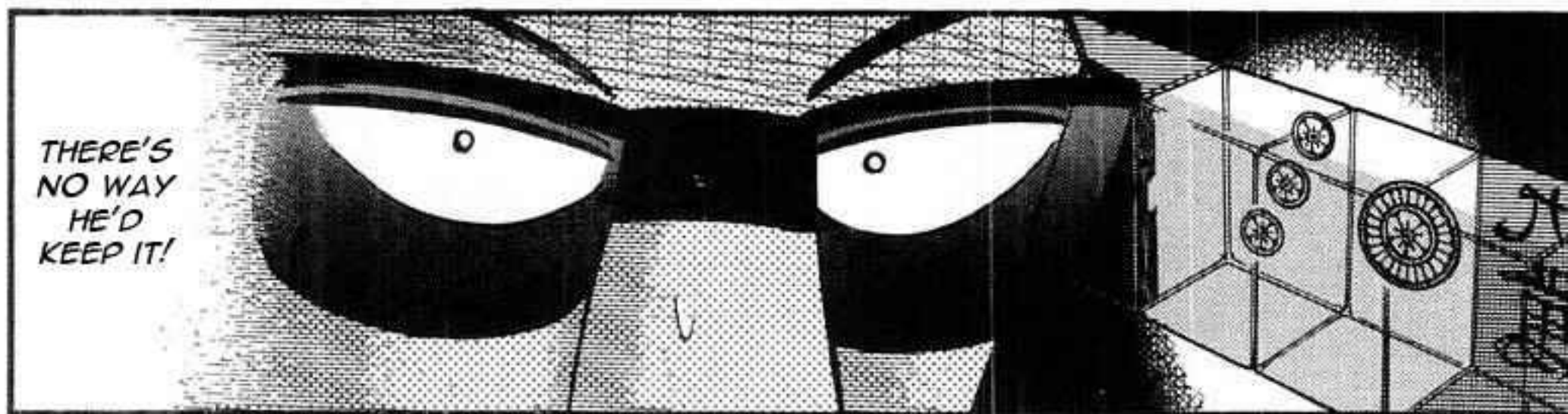
AN
OBVIOUS
DISCARD
...



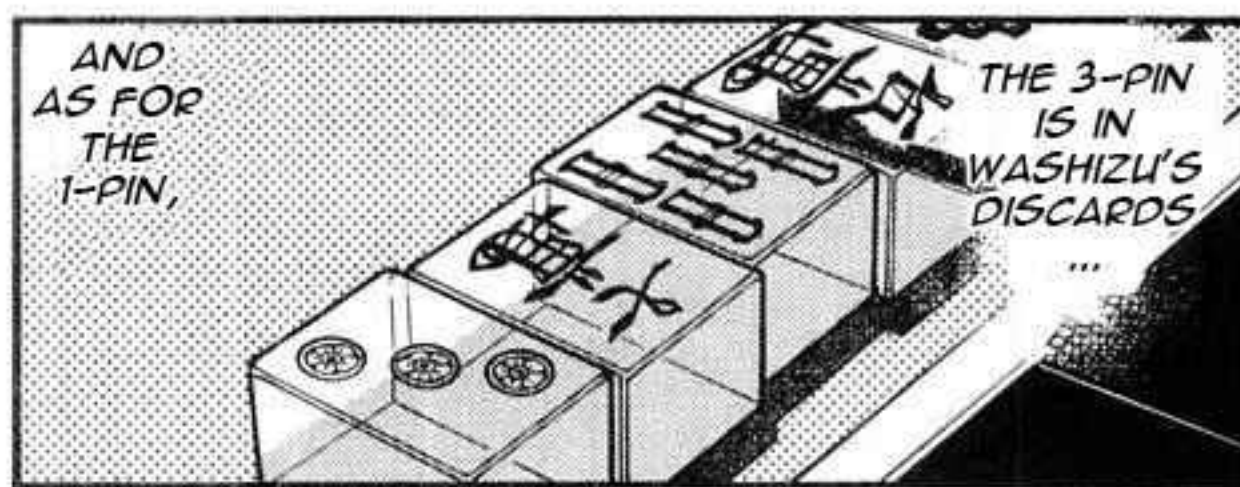
IT'S
VERY
UNLIKELY
TO TURN
INTO A
1-2-3 PIN
SET...!



IT WILL
BECOME A
USELESS
CLOSED
WAIT...!



THERE'S
NO WAY
HE'D
KEEP IT!



AND
AS FOR
THE
1-PIN,

THE 3-PIN
IS IN
WASHIZU'S
DISCARDS
...



THE 1 AND
3 PIN
SEEM A
LOT LIKE
SAFE
TILES!

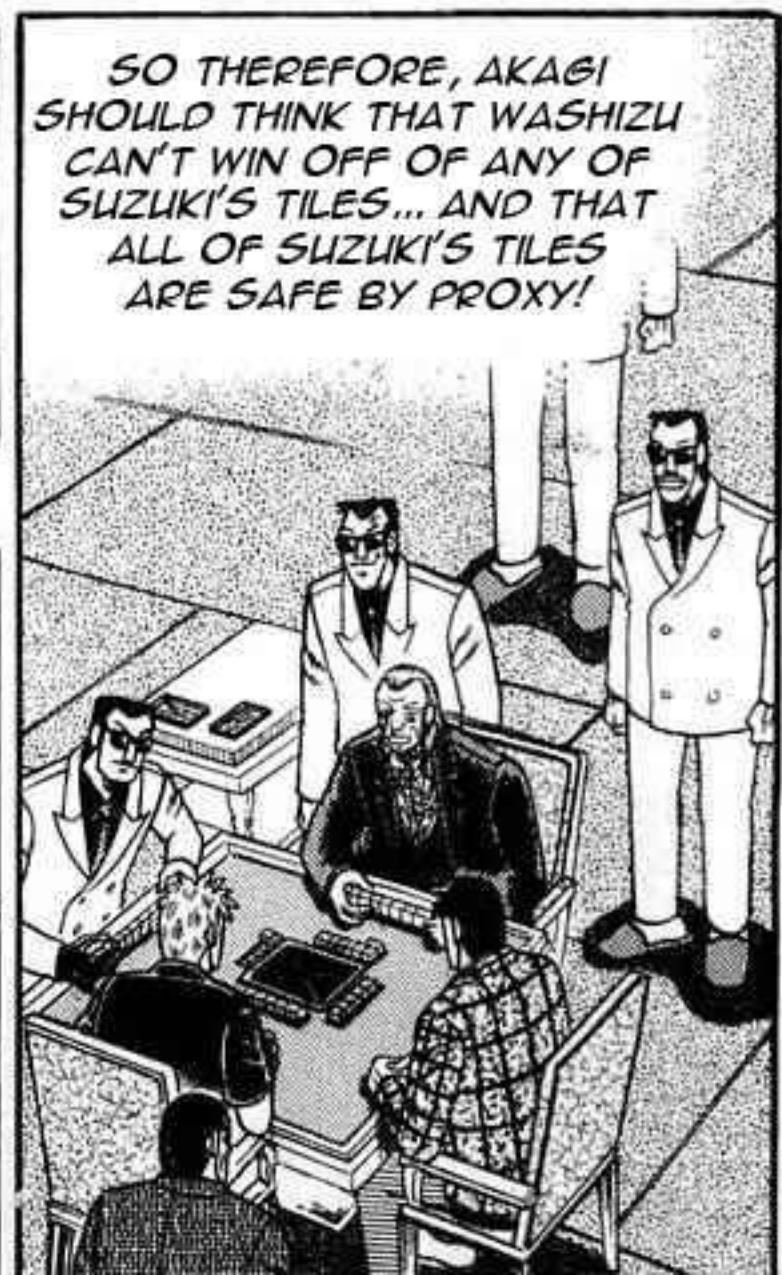
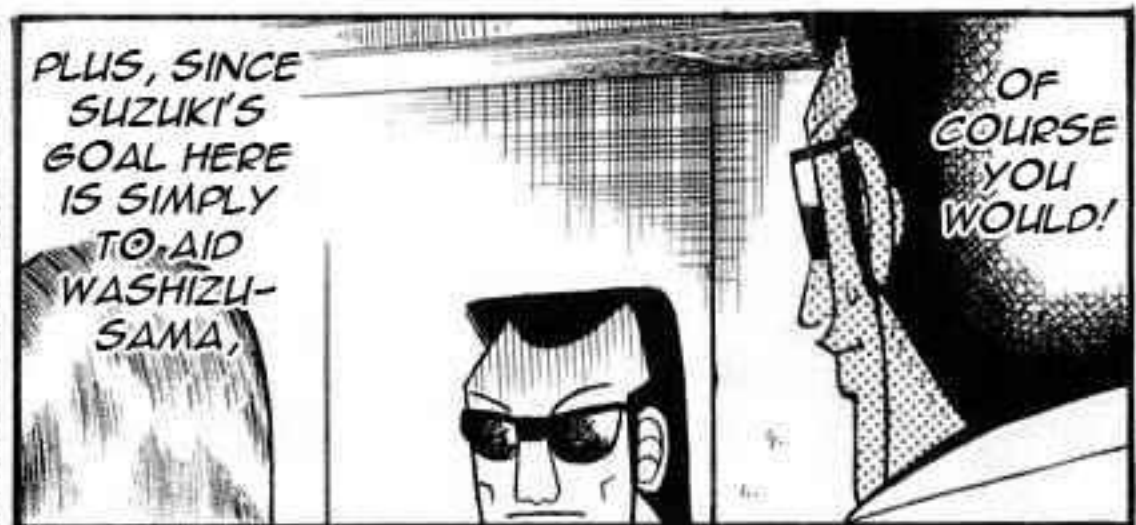
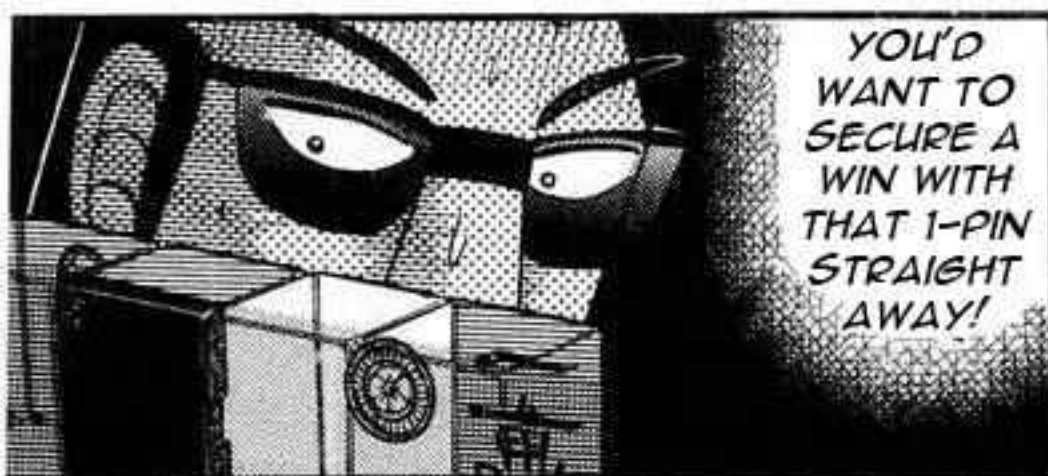
PLUS,
BOTH
OF
THEM
...

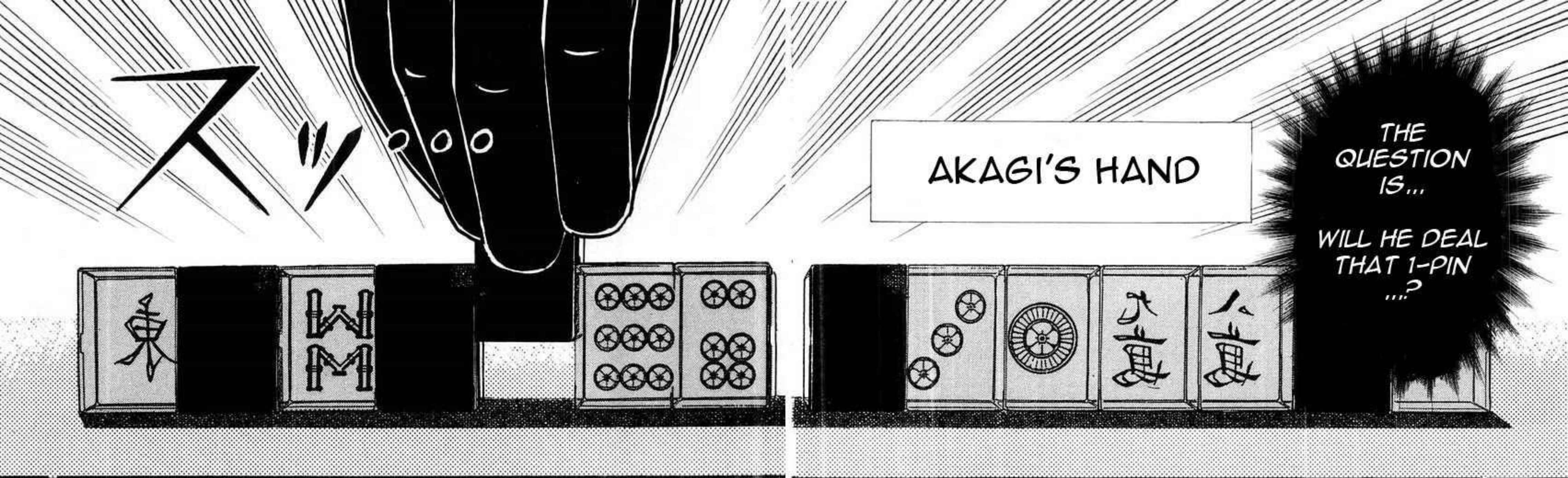


IT
SHOULD
SEEM
LIKE A
SAFE
TILE,
TOO!

BECAUSE
WASHIZU
DIDN'T WIN
WITH IT RIGHT
WHEN THE FIRST
CHANCE AROSE,



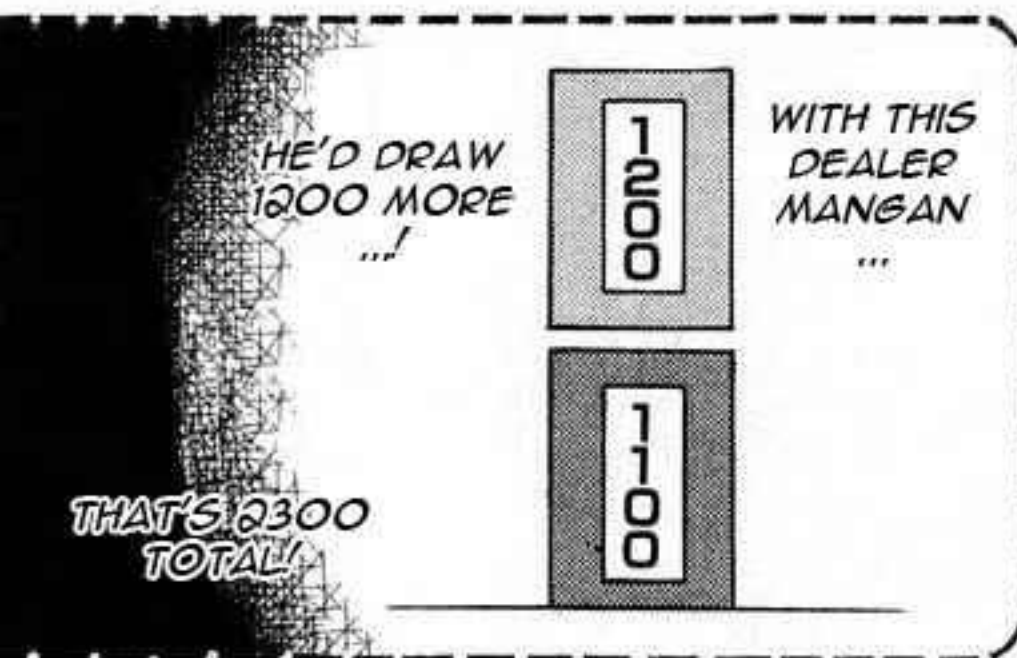




AKAGI'S HAND

THE
QUESTION
IS...

WILL HE DEAL
THAT 1-PIN
...?



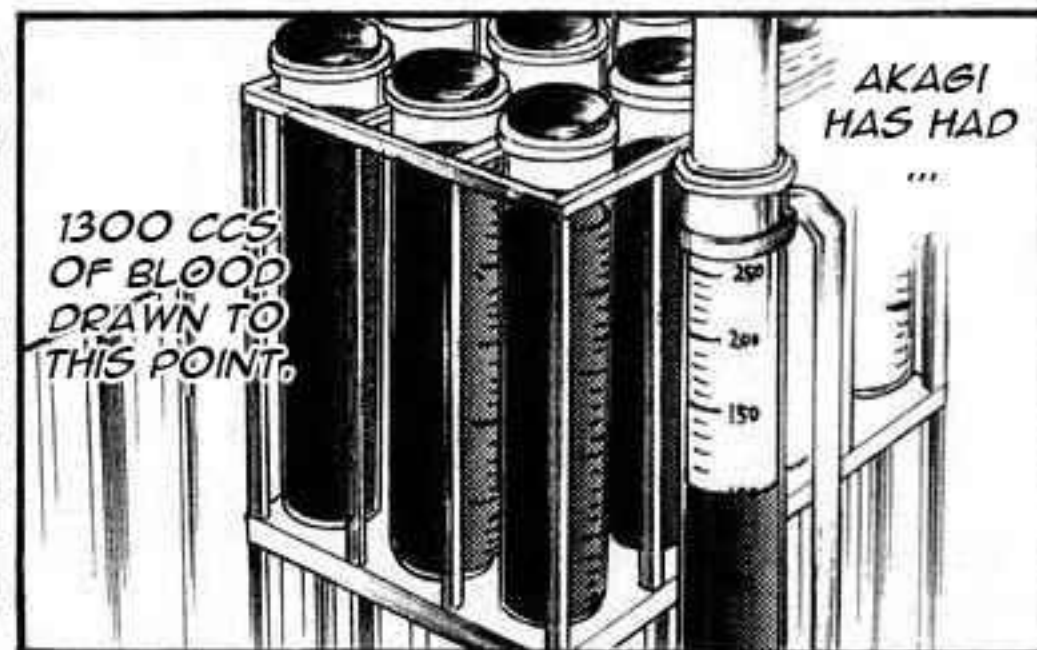
HE'D DRAW
1200 MORE
...

WITH THIS
DEALER
MANGAN
...

1-000

1-000

THAT'S 2300
TOTAL

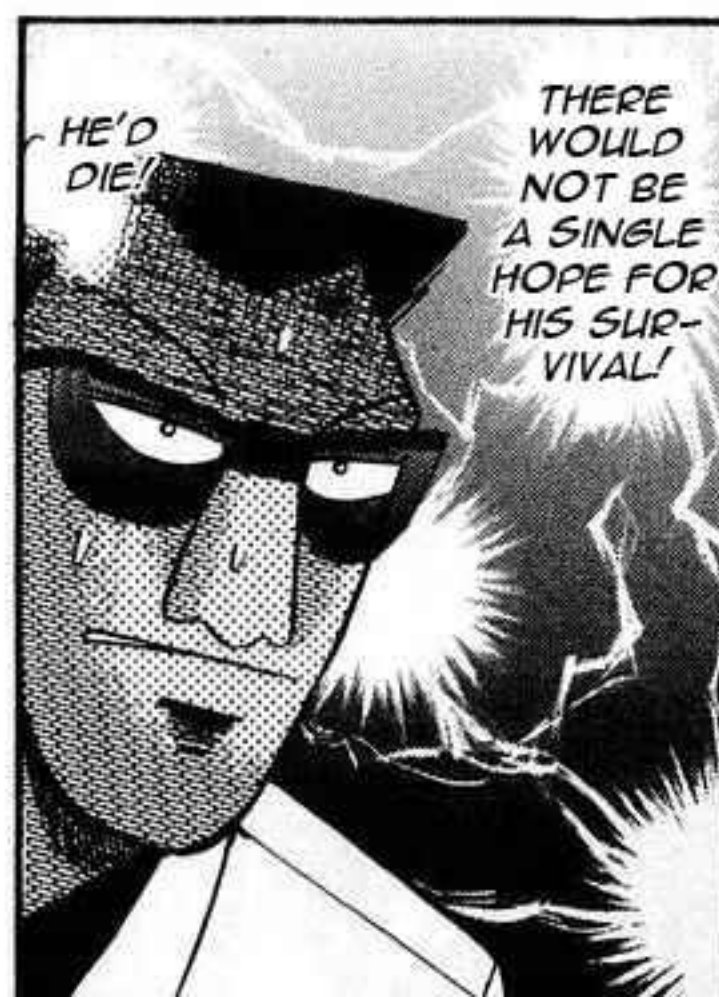


AKAGI
HAS HAD
...

1300 CCS
OF BLOOD
DRAWN TO
THIS POINT.



HE WOULD DIE, NO QUESTIONS ASKED!



HE'D
DIE!

THERE
WOULD
NOT BE
A SINGLE
HOPE FOR
HIS SUR-
VIVAL!



WOULD
BE OVER
HALF THE
BLOOD
IN THE
HUMAN
BODY!

THAT
AMOUNT



AH
...



IF HE
CUTS
THE
1-PIN

SO
NOW
...



HE'LL
DIE!



HE'S
USING
THAT
ONE!





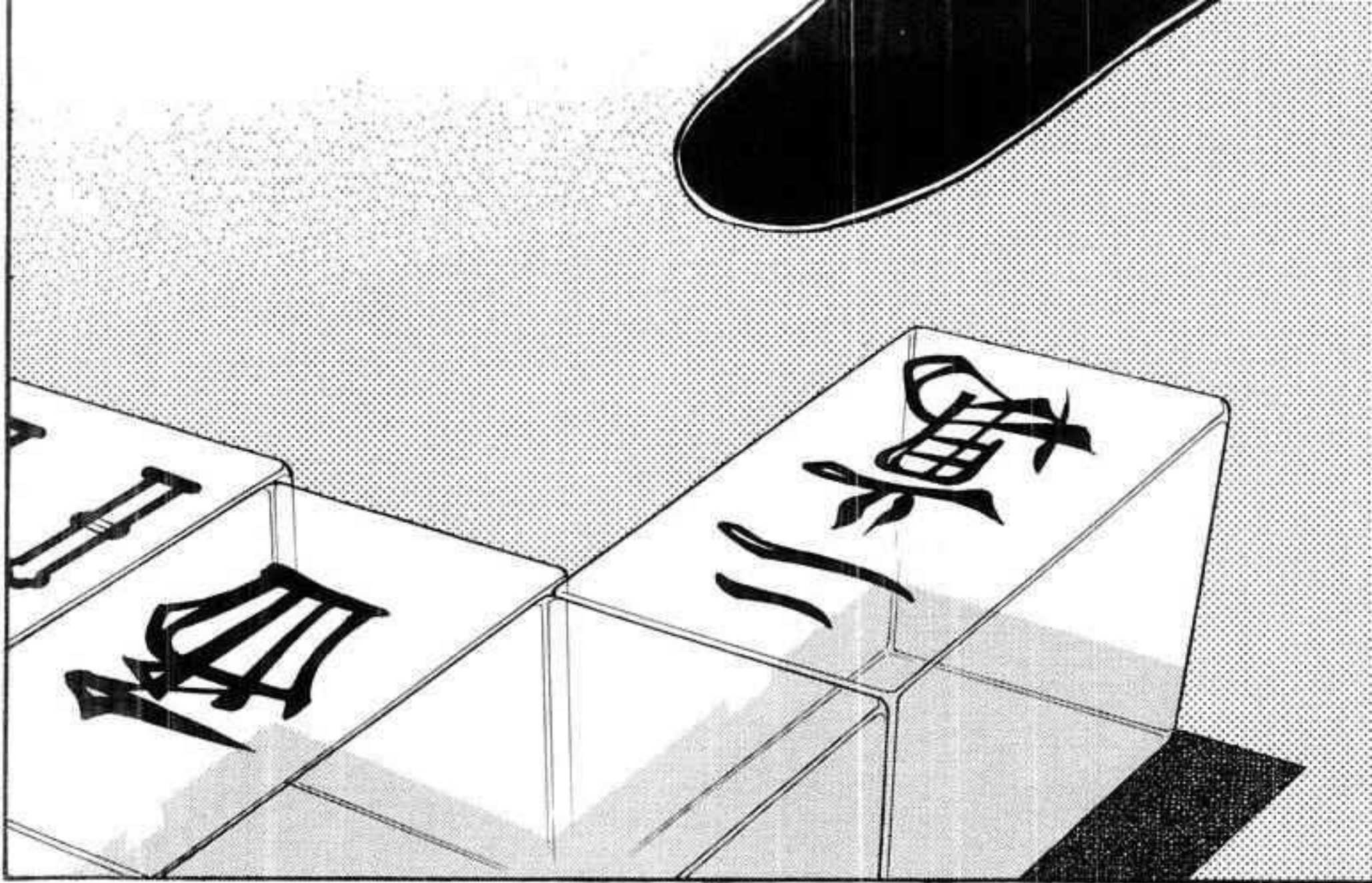
IF HE DEALS THE 1-PIN...





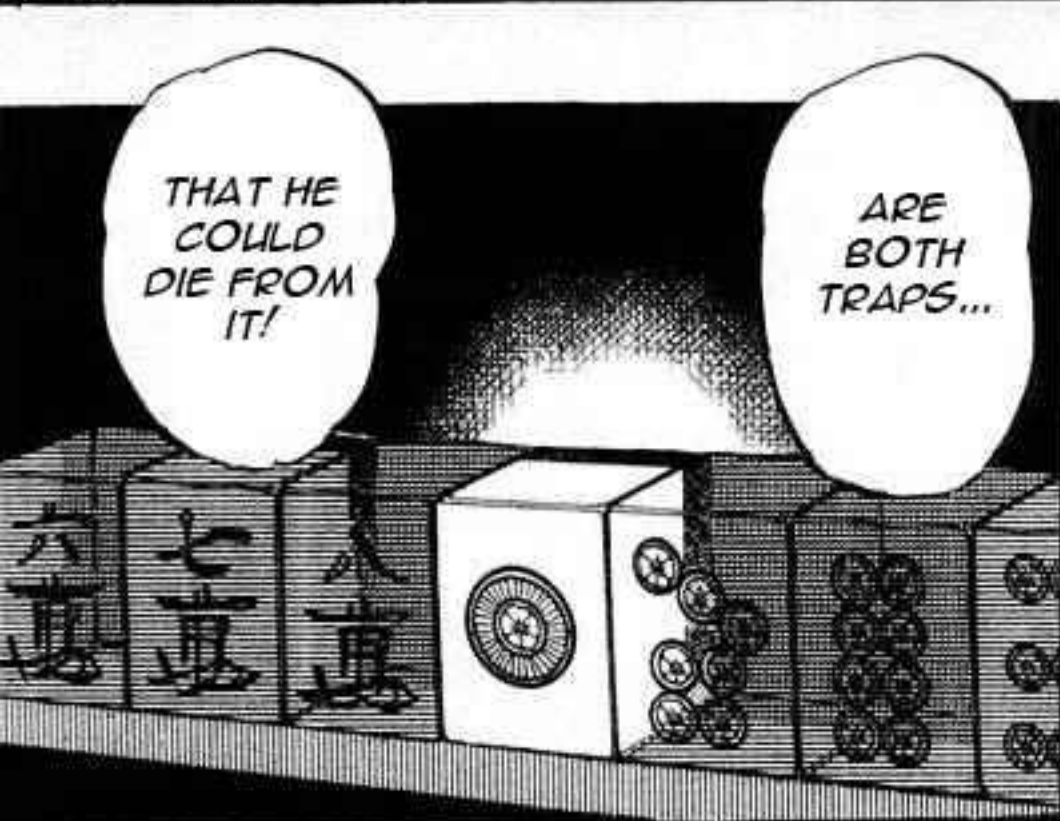
URGH
...!







IT SEEMS
HE CAN SENSE
THAT MUCH,
AT THE
VERY LEAST.



THAT HE
COULD
DIE FROM
IT!

ARE
BOTH
TRAPS...



AND
THE
1-PIN
IN HIS
HAND
...

HE CAN
SENSE THAT
NOT DEALING
IN FOR AN
IPPATSHU...

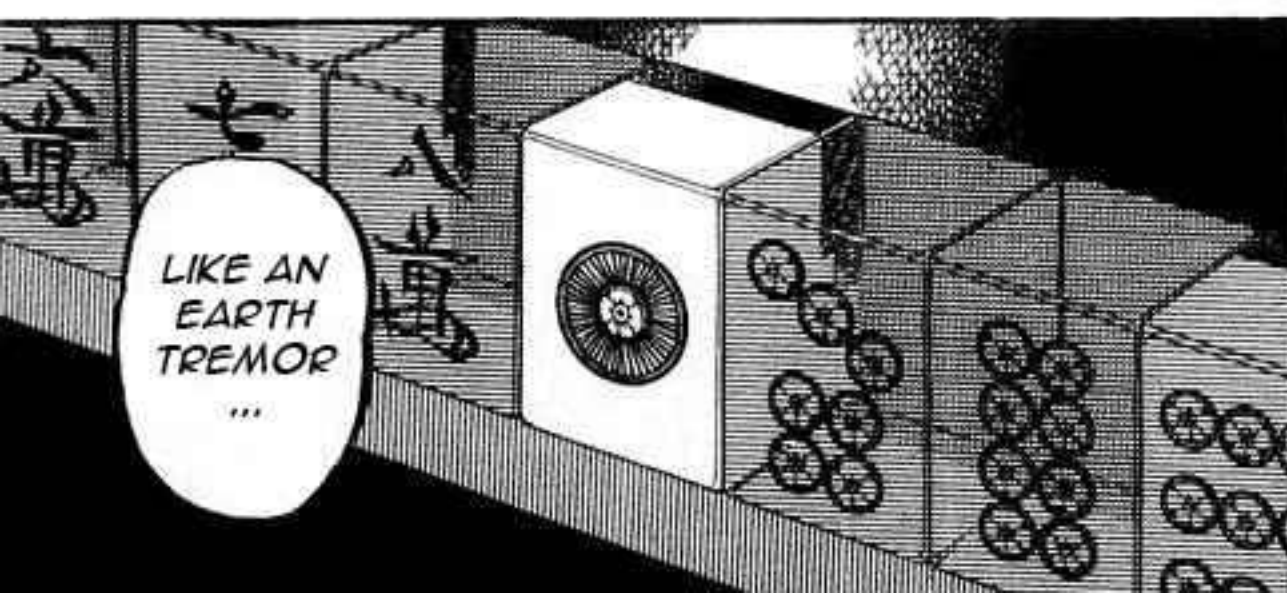
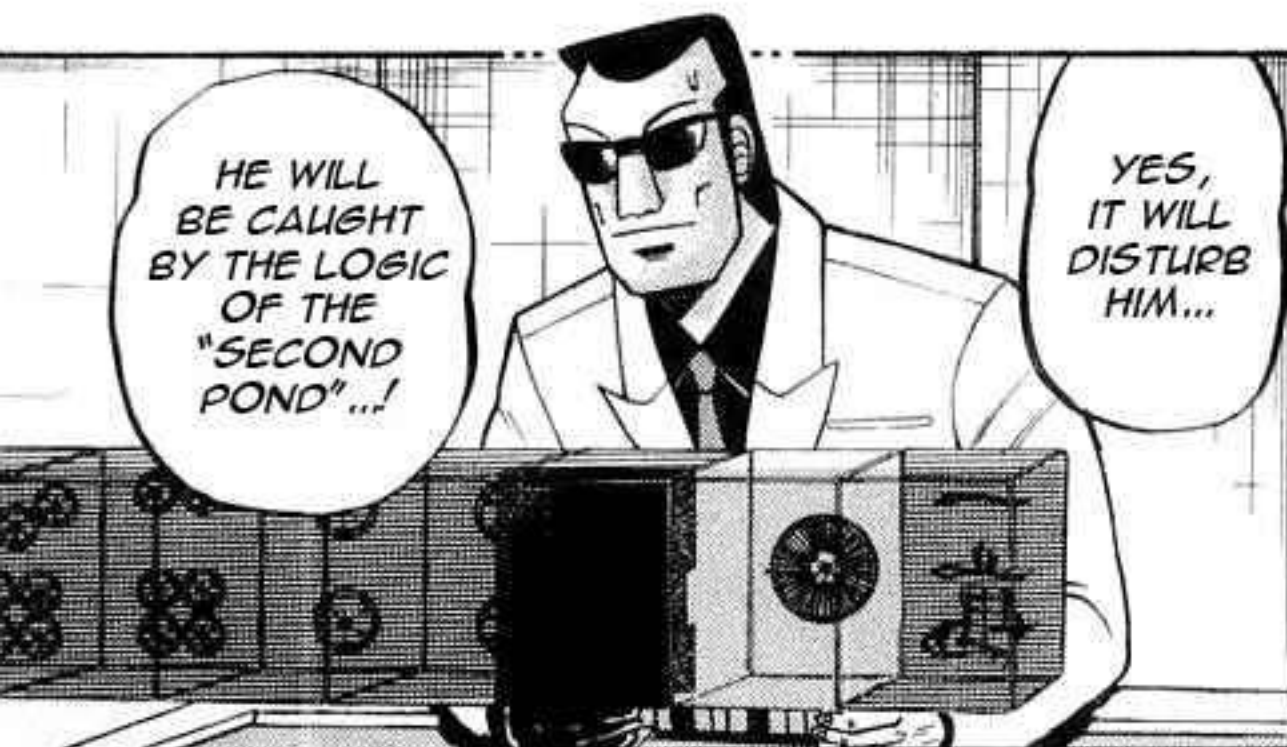
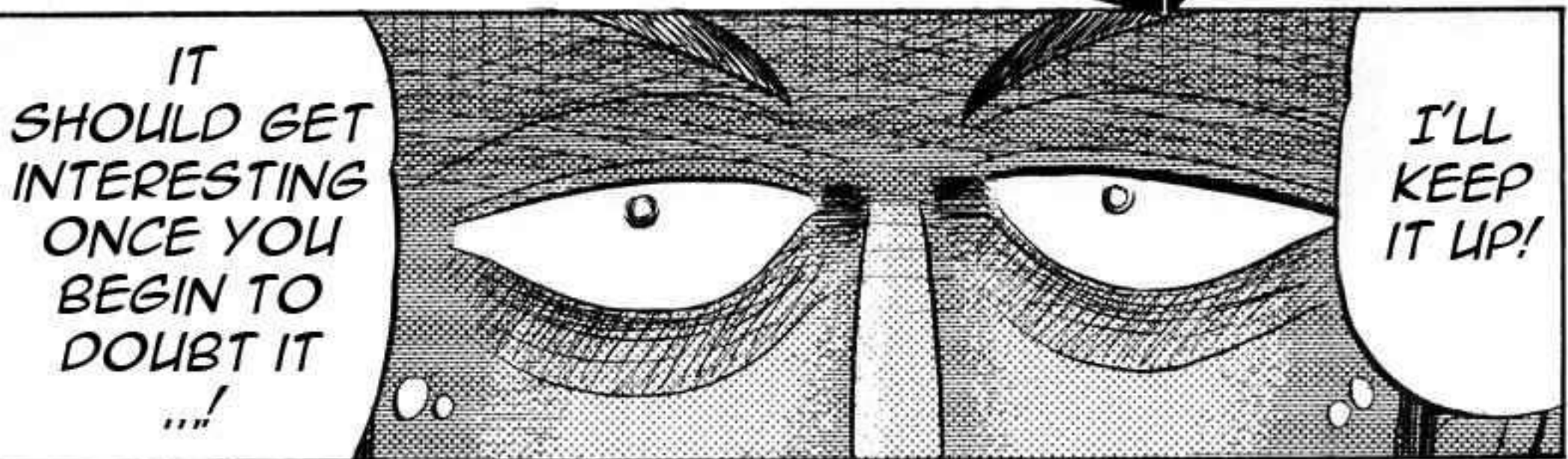


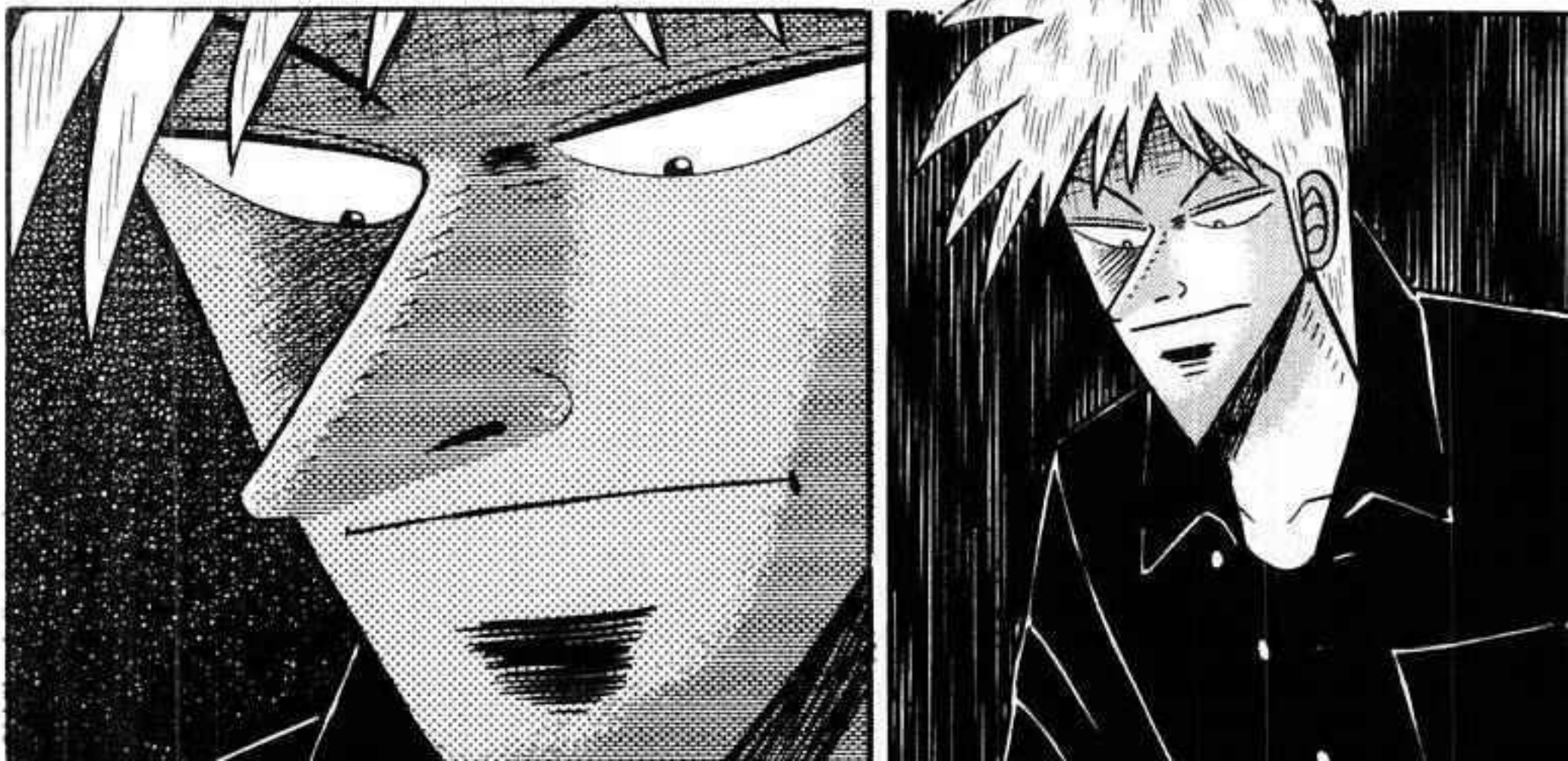
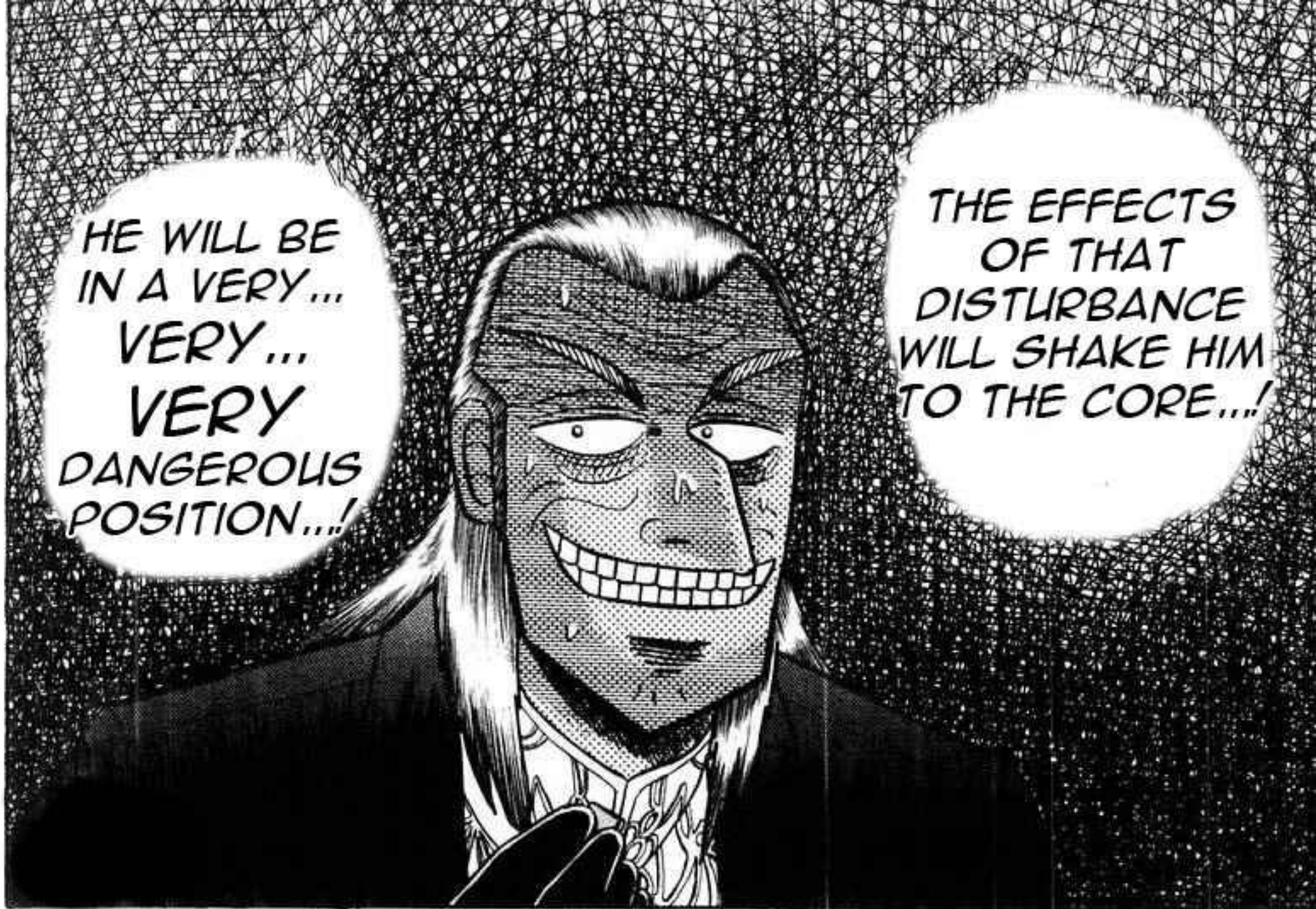
I UNDER-
STAND THAT
PERFECTLY!



THAT
MAKES
TOTAL
SENSE...



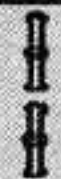
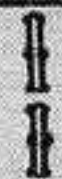




HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

CHAPTER 97 - POSTPONEMENT

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THE THIRD
MATCH OF
WASHIZU
MAHJONG

...

EAST
SECOND
ROUND,
NINTH
TURN.

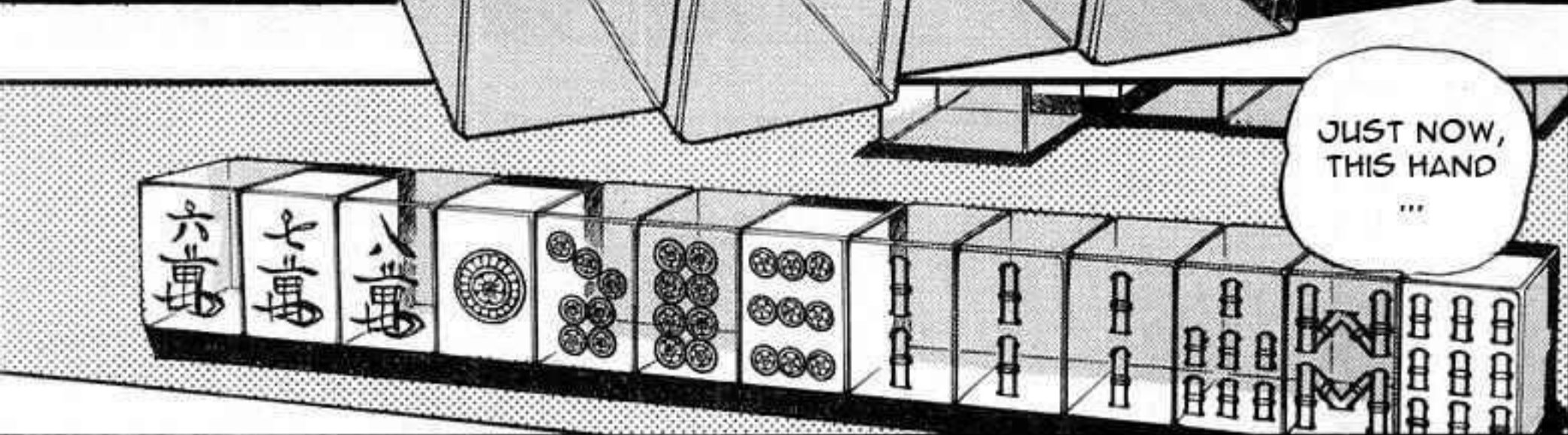
KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...





OH-HO-HO-HO
KHA-HA-HA
...

THE
DEALER IS
WASHIZU,
WITH A
RIICHI
THAT
COULD
TURN THE
GAME
AROUND
180
DEGREES
...!



JUST NOW,
THIS HAND
...



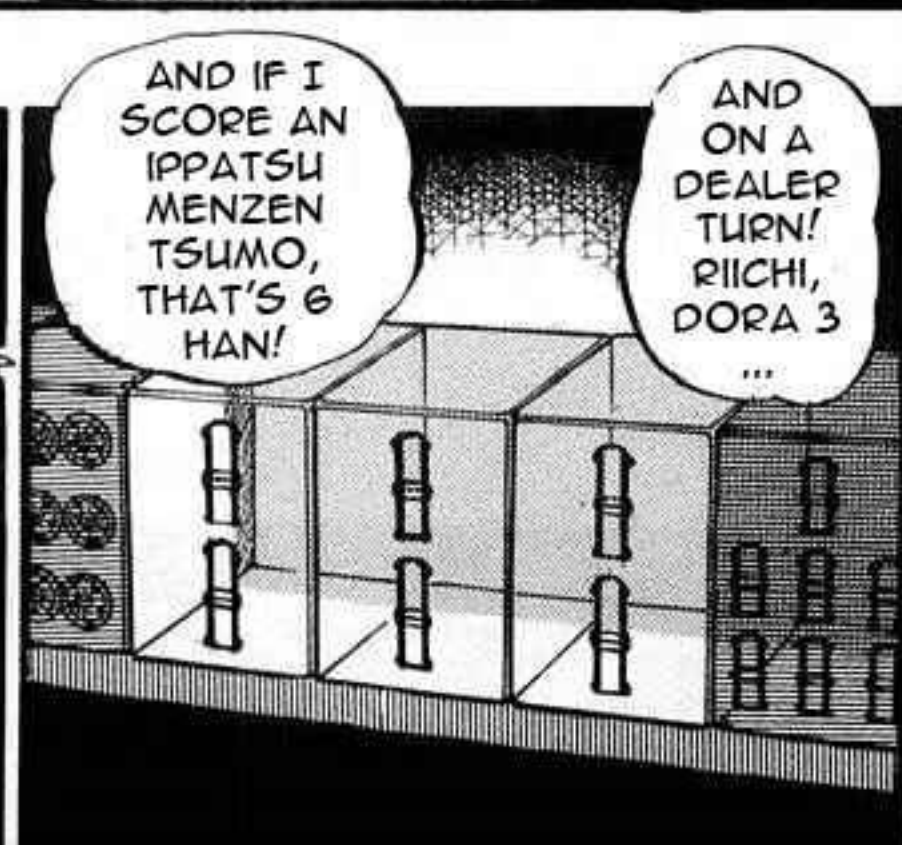
YES
...

THAT'S
RIGHT
...

THIS
DRAW
COULD
GIVE HIM
AN
IPPATSU
TSUMO!



THAT
ALONE IS
A HANE-
MAN
HAND!



AND IF I
SCORE AN
IPPATSU
MENZEN
TSUMO,
THAT'S 6
HAN!

AND
ON A
DEALER
TURN!
RIICHI,
DORA 3
...



GOT THE
BEST
POSSIBLE
DORA!



THERE'S
NO
HURRY,
HERE!

NO
NEED
TO
RUSH
...



I'VE
DECIDED
TO HOLD
OFF ON
HAVING
SUZUKI
DEAL
INTO MY
HAND...!



AND
SINCE
HE'S
...



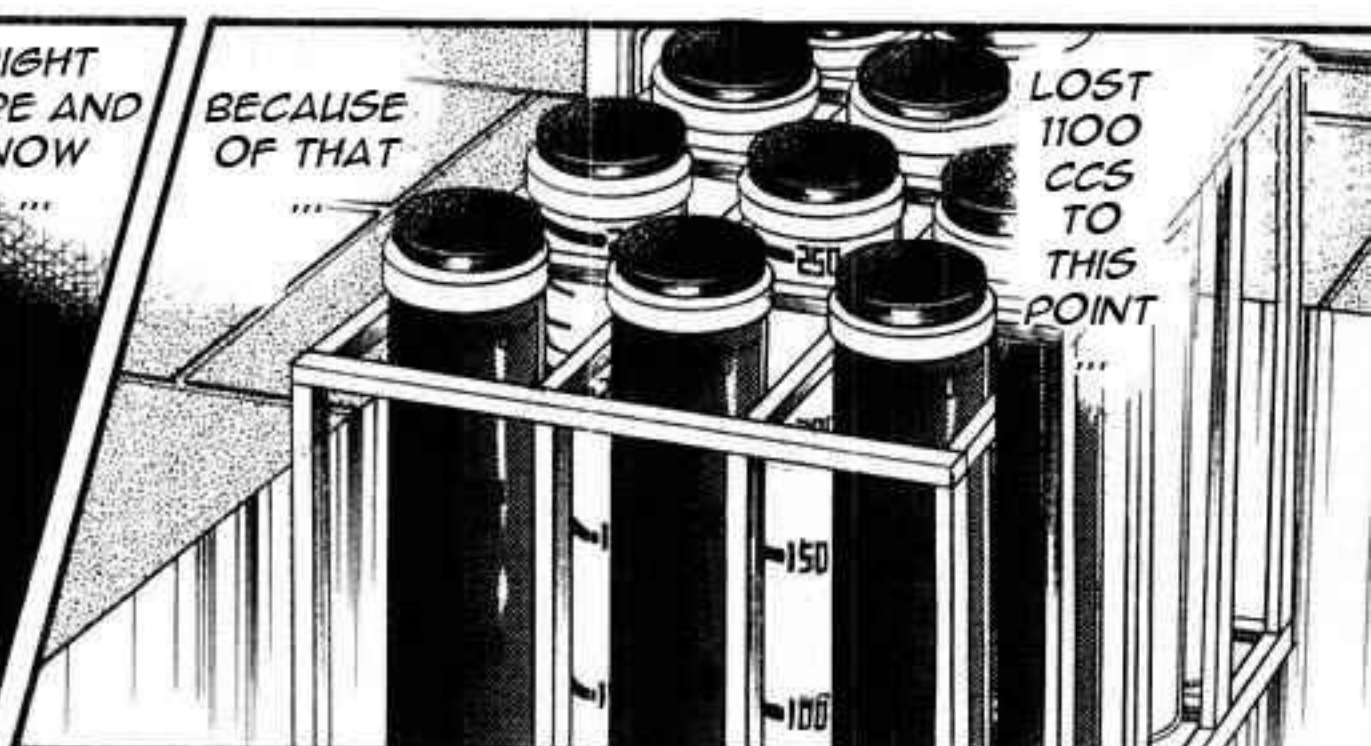
THAT'S
6000
FROM
EVERY-
ONE!

DEALER
HANEMAN
TSUMO
...



IF I
GET
WHAT
I NEED
...

RIGHT
HERE AND
NOW
...



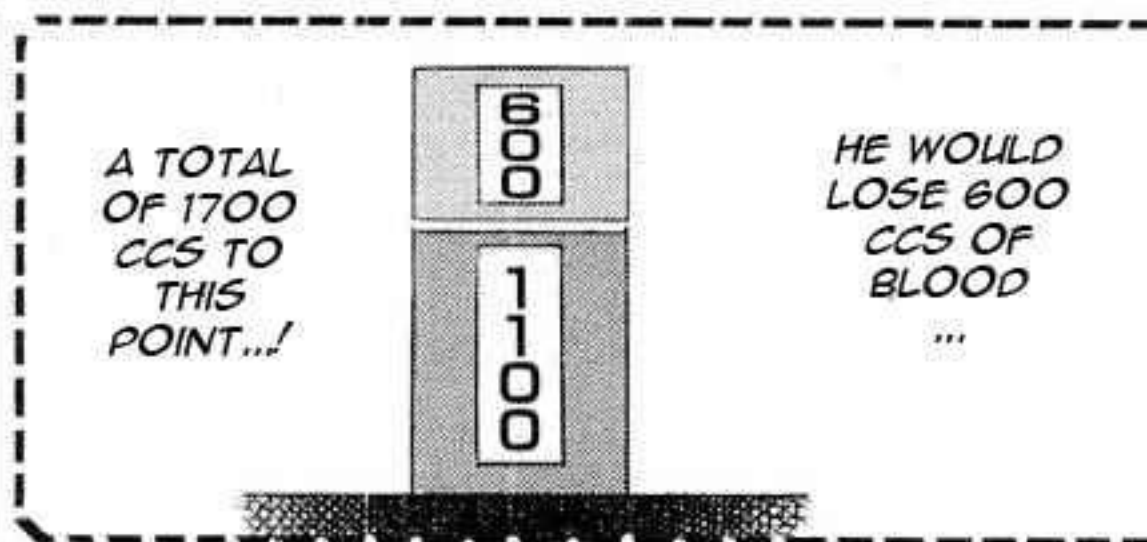
BECAUSE
OF THAT
...

LOST
1100
CCS TO
THIS
POINT
...



NO,
RATHER
...

THAT'S
JUST
SHORT
OF
DEATH
...



A TOTAL
OF 1700
CCS TO
THIS
POINT...!

HE WOULD
LOSE 600
CCS OF
BLOOD
...

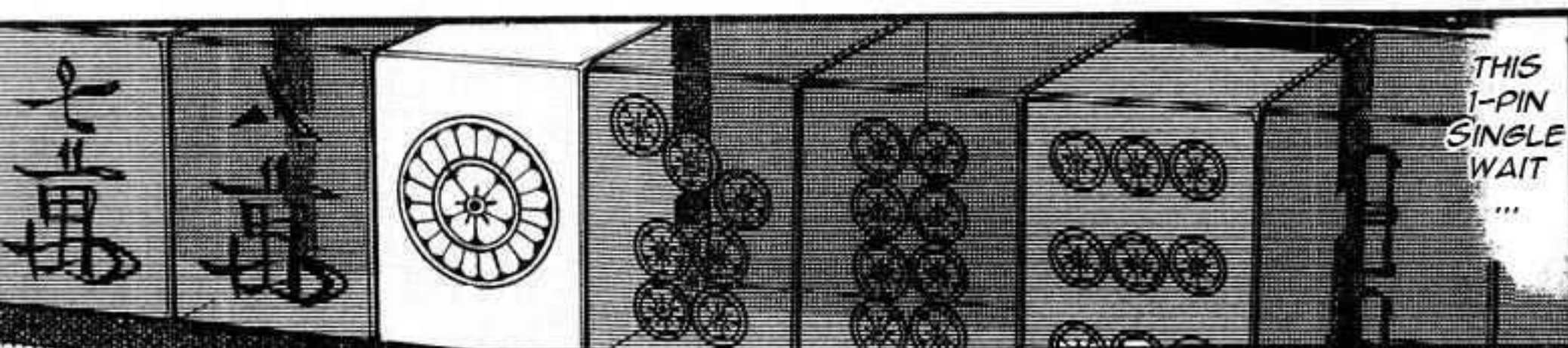


KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



IT WOULD NOT
BE STRANGE
IF HE WERE TO
DIE AT THAT
POINT...!

HE'D BE
AT DEATH'S
DOOR,
ALREADY!



THIS
1-PIN
SINGLE
WAIT
...



IF
THIS
IS THE
RIGHT
ONE...!

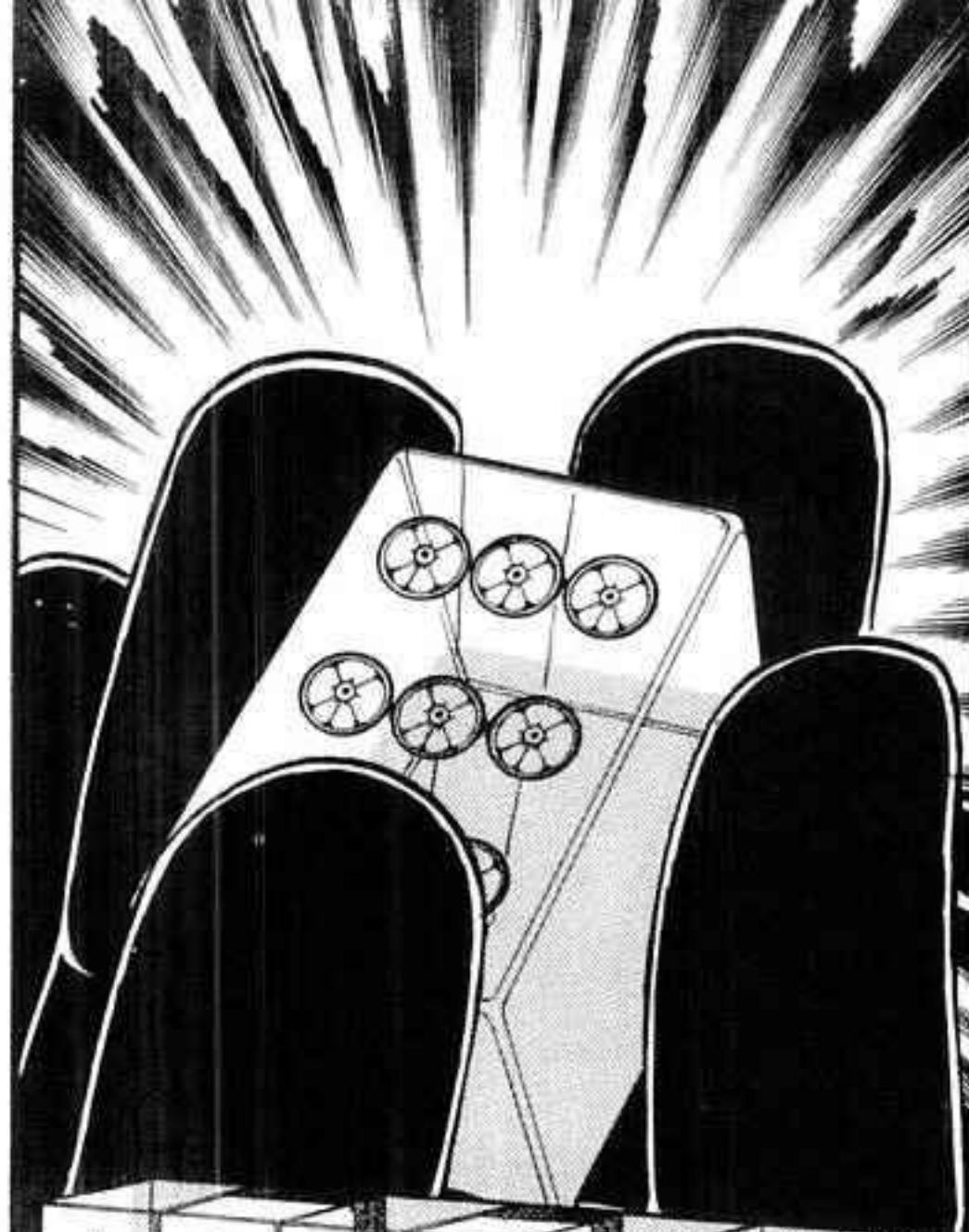


THEN
THAT
MAN
RIGHT
THERE
...

IF I
GET IT
RIGHT
NOW
...



...
WILL
DIE!!

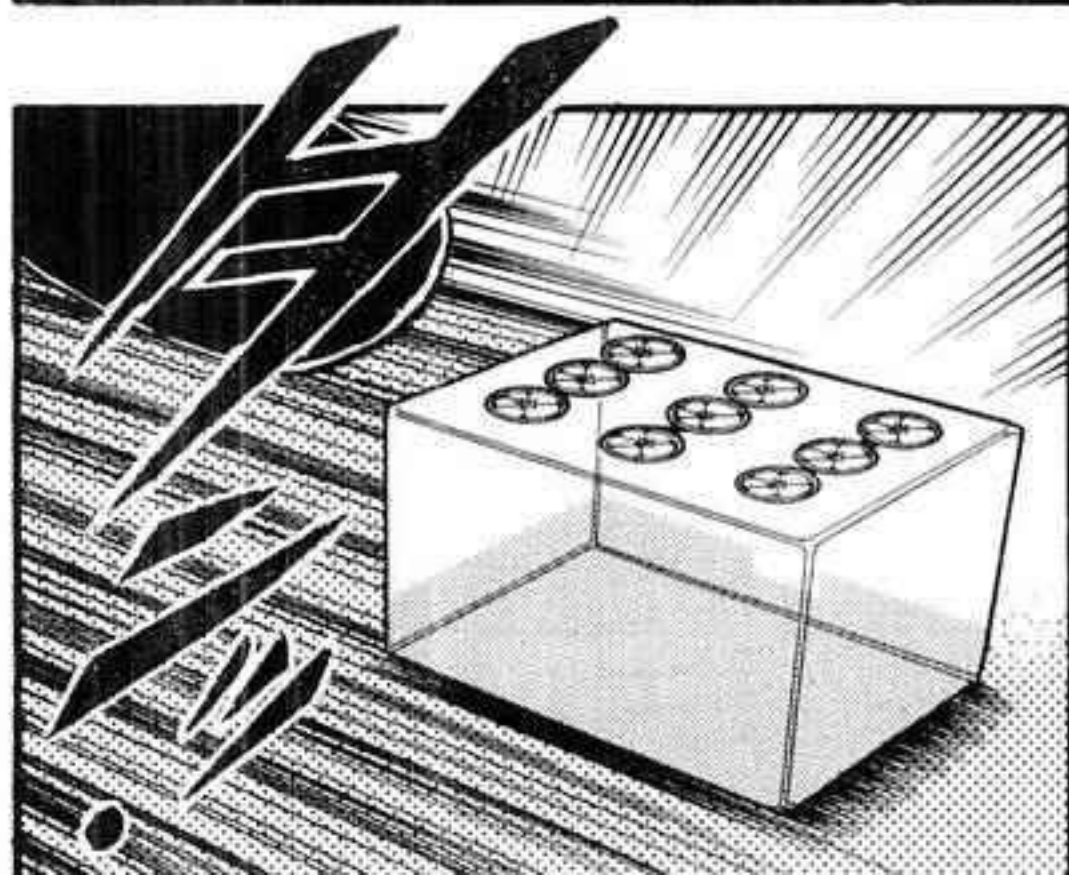


HE'LL DIE...!

IF IT'S
AN 1-
PIN...

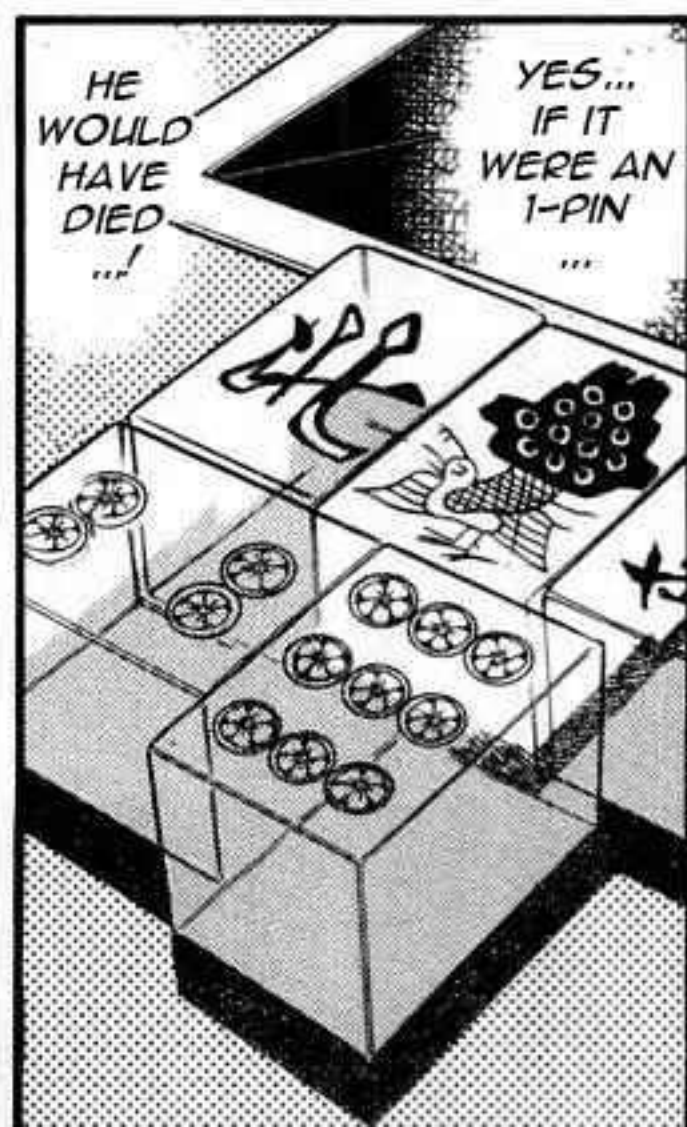


KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



HEH-
HEH
...







KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



WHY WAS
I IN SUCH
AN AWFUL
RUSH...?



YES,
YES
...!!

KHA-
HA-
HA-
HA
...



THERE'S
NO REASON
TO GET
NERVOUS
AND LOSE
TRACK
OF MY-
SELF!

DID NOT GO
EXACTLY AS
ACCORDING
TO PLAN...



HOW
THOUGHT-
LESS
I WAS!



AS WELL
AS THE
FIRST
ROUND OF
THIS
THIRD
MATCH

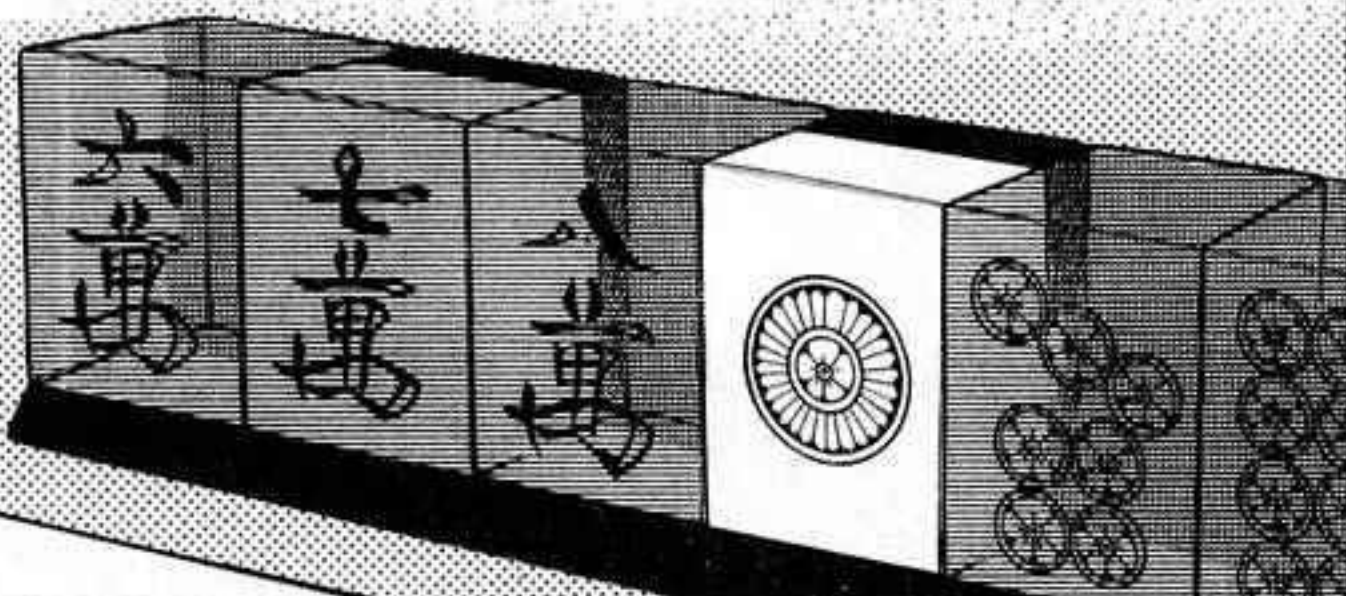
WHILE IT'S
TRUE THAT
THE FIRST
AND SECOND
MATCHES...

I'M
IN A
GREATLY
SUPERIOR
POSITION!

EVEN NOW,
I STILL HAVE
A TRULY
MASSIVE
ADVANTAGE!

WHY WAS I
EVEN THINKING
ABOUT THAT
KIND OF THING
...?

THAT'S
RIGHT
...



NO ONE
ELSE!

SHOULD
BE HIM,
OF COURSE
...

AT
THE
MO-
MENT,
THE
ONE
TREM-
BLING
...



STAND
BEFORE THE
GATES OF
HELL!



THAT
MAN
WILL,
WITHOUT
A DOUBT

IF HE
DEALS
THAT
TILE AT
ANY
POINT...



THAT'S
ALL IT
WOULD
TAKE
...

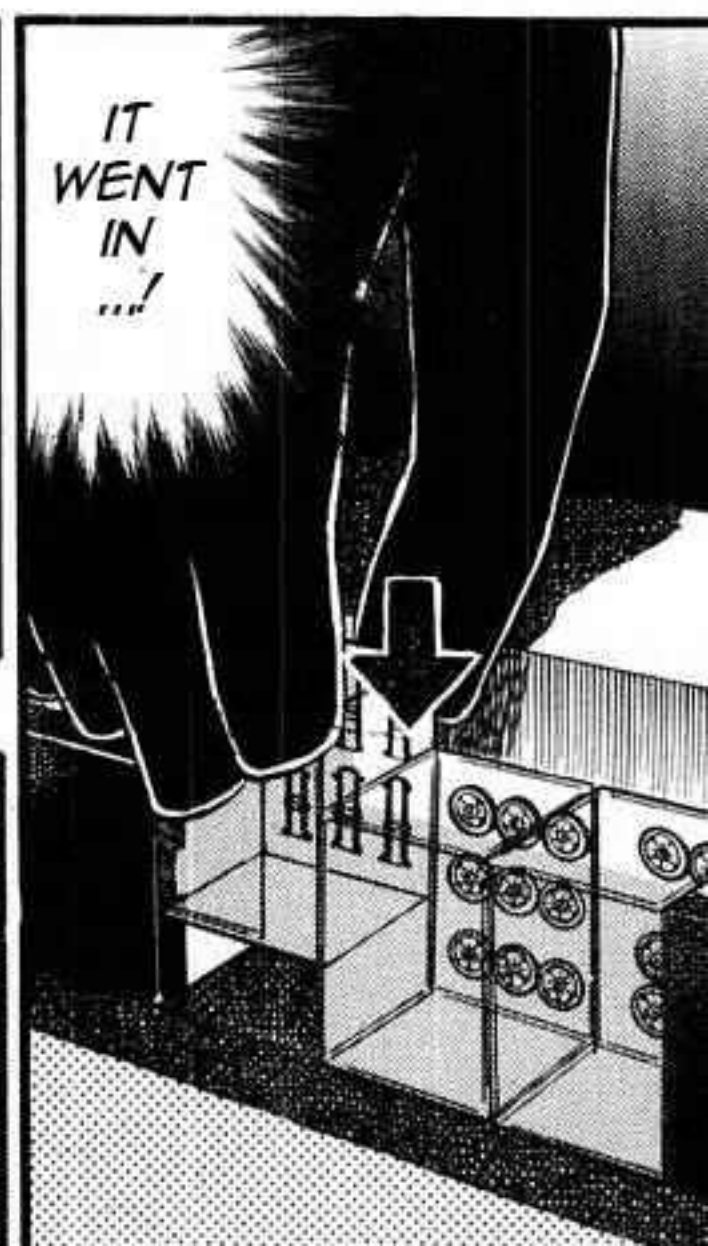




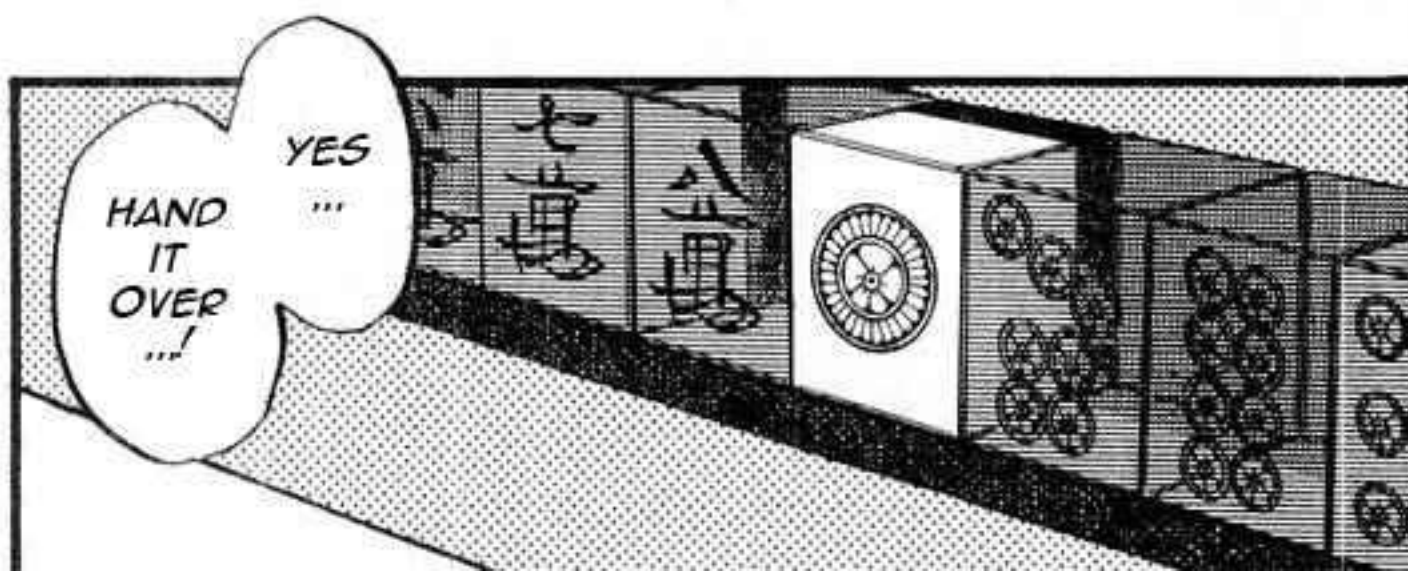
IF HE
JUST
DEALS
IT HERE
...!



KEH-
HEH
HEH
...



IT
WENT
IN
...!



HAND
IT
OVER
...!

YES
...



YOUR
BLOOD
WILL BE
DRAINED
OUT OF
YOU

...

IF YOU
DO, YOU
SHALL DIE
WITHOUT
A SECOND
THOUGHT!

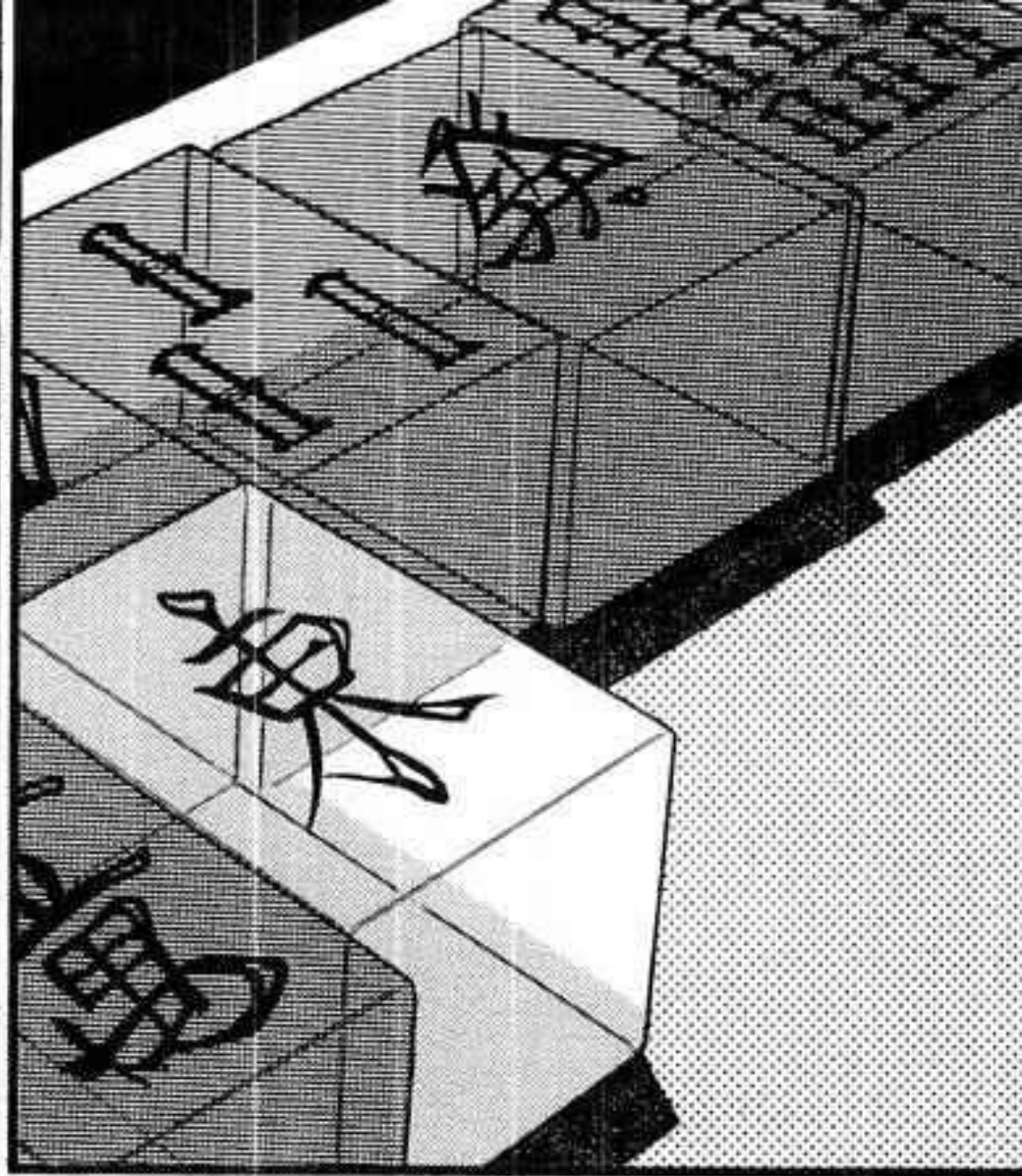


TOO
BAD,
THAT'S
IT!

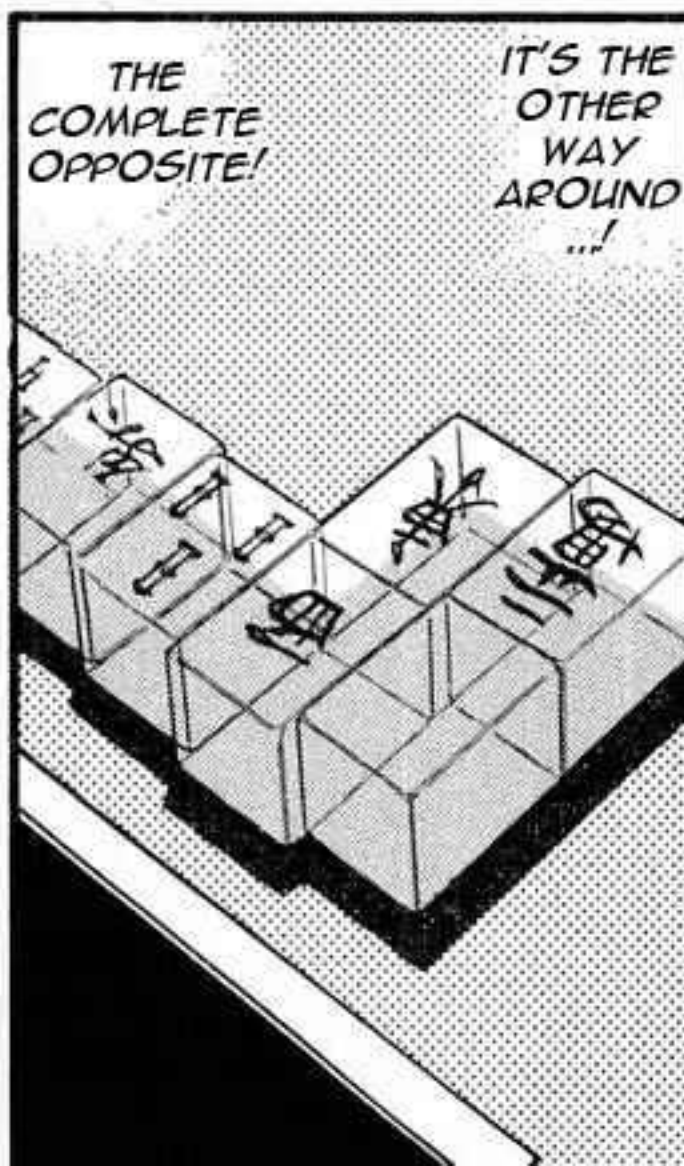
AND
YOU
WILL
DIE!!



ざわ...

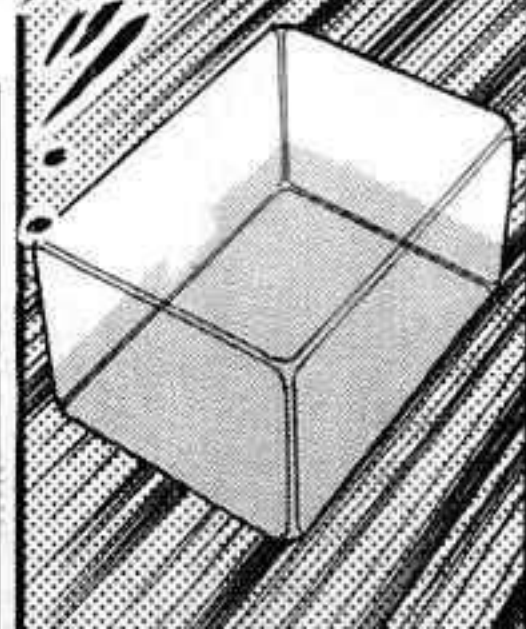


RIGHT NOW, THE ONE WHO'S RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE...



IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND ...!

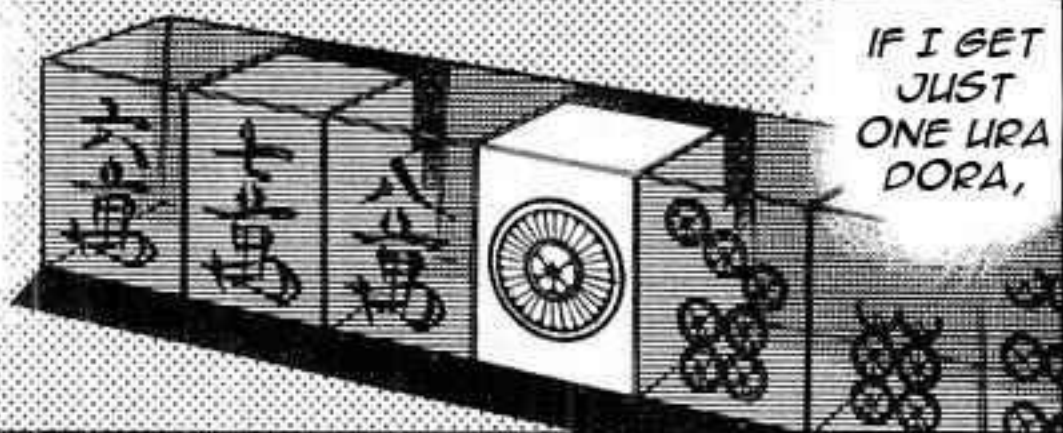




I HOLD
EVERY BIT
OF POWER
IN THIS
MATCH...!



IT WILL
BREAK
HANE-
MAN!



IF I GET
JUST
ONE URA
DORA,

IF I CAN
DRAW IT
HERE

EVEN
WITHOUT
AN IPPATSU
...

AND
THAT
MEANS
...



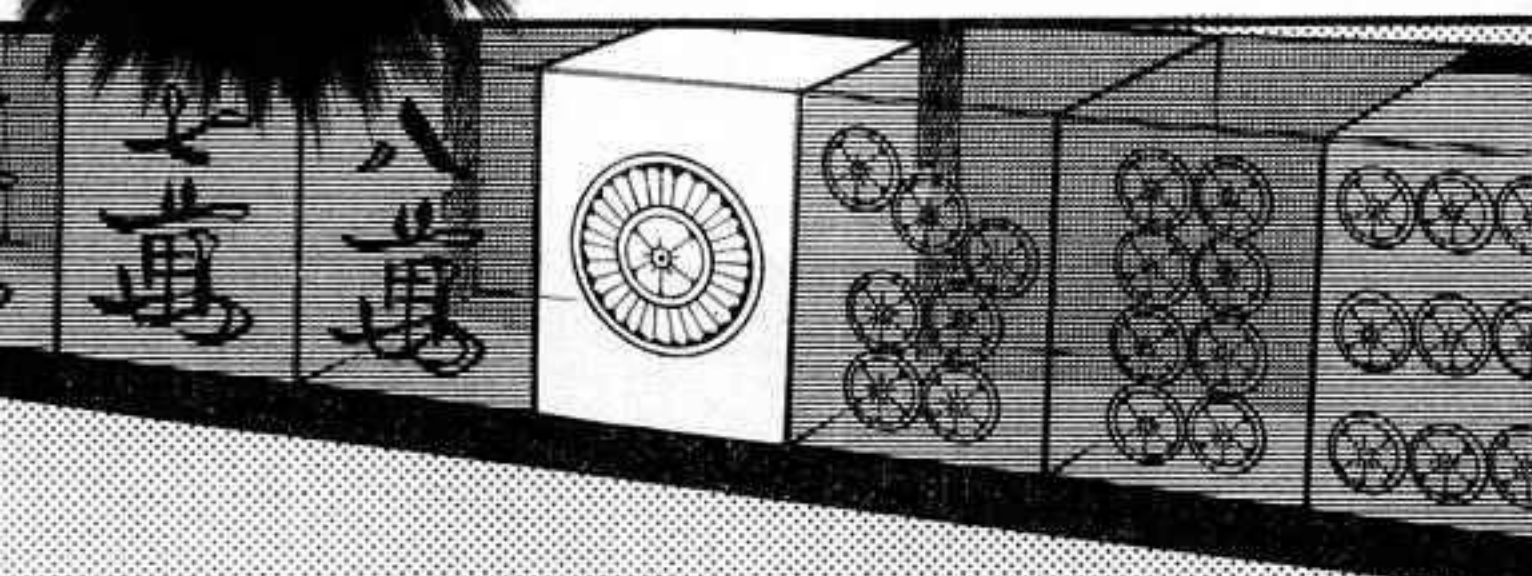
THE
HANEMAN
THAT COULD
CAUSE
AKAGI'S
DEATH!



THIS IS
THE DRAW
OF HIS
LIFE!!

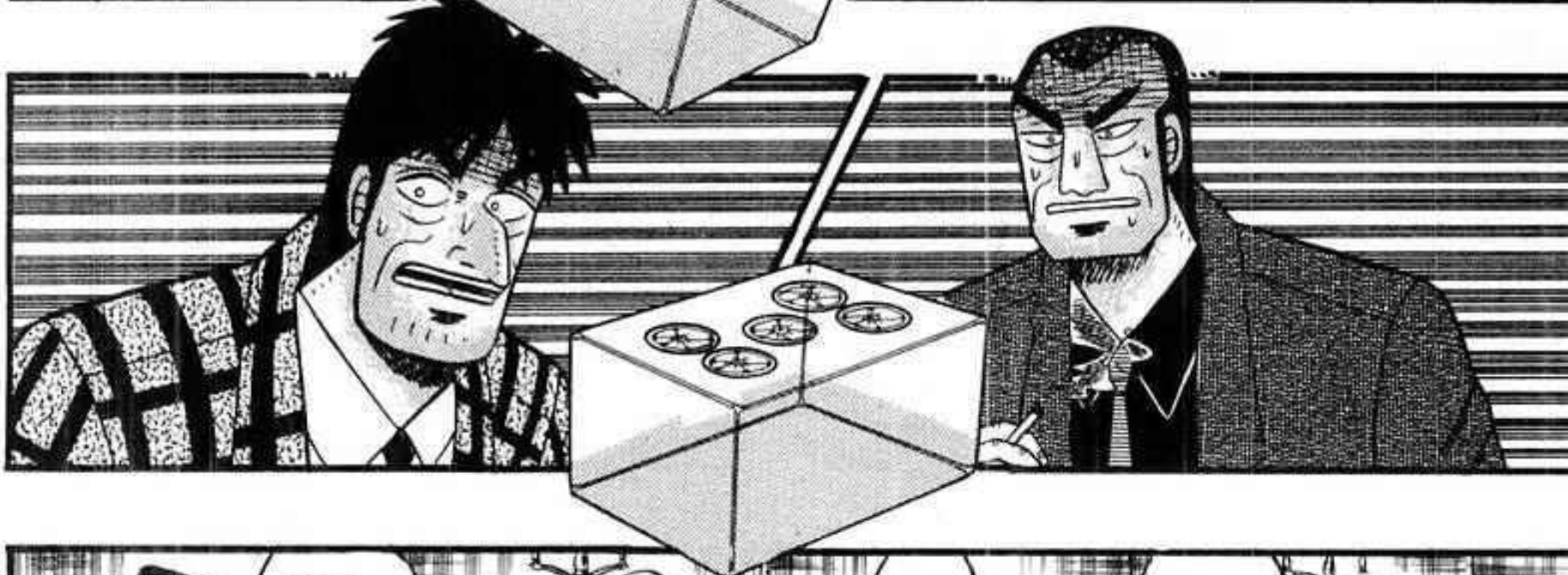


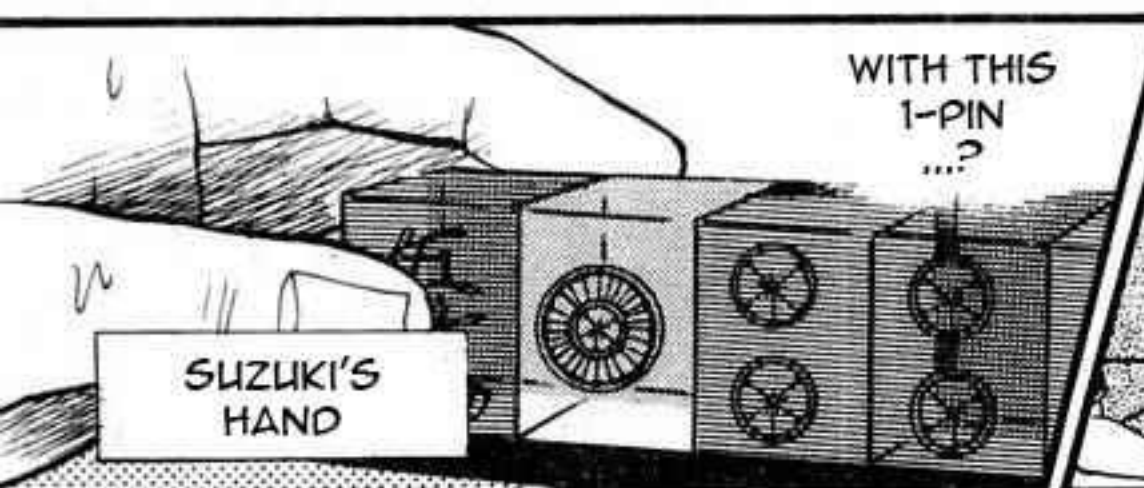
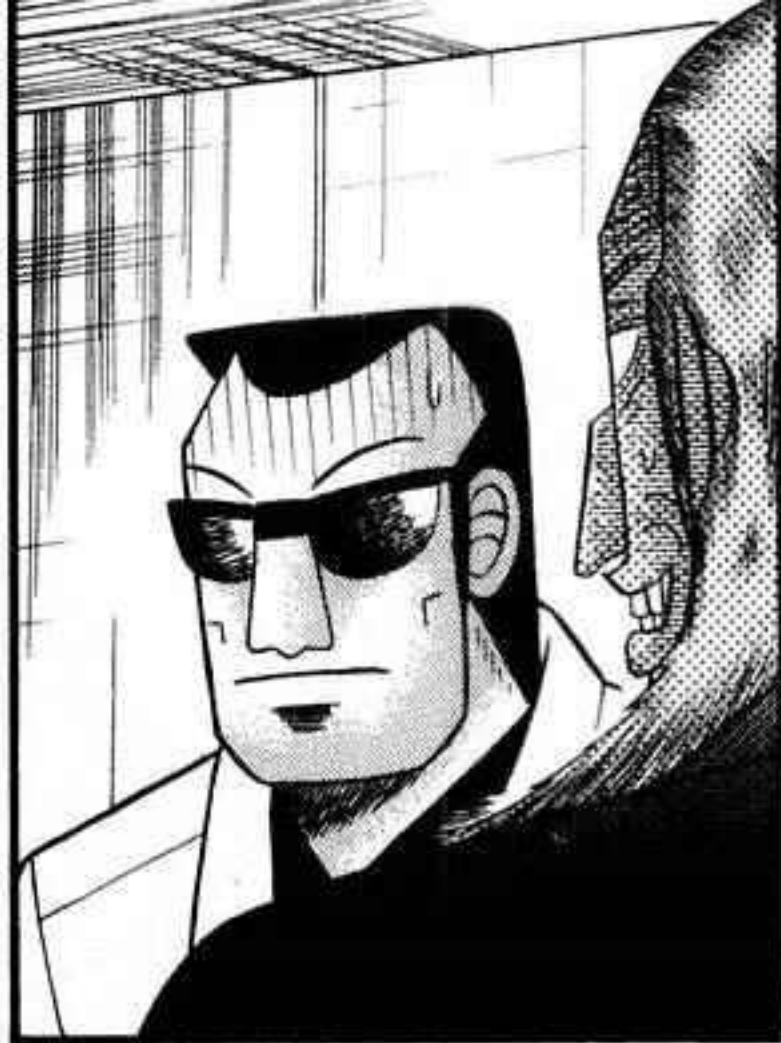
THIS
DRAW
WILL
KILL
HIM!

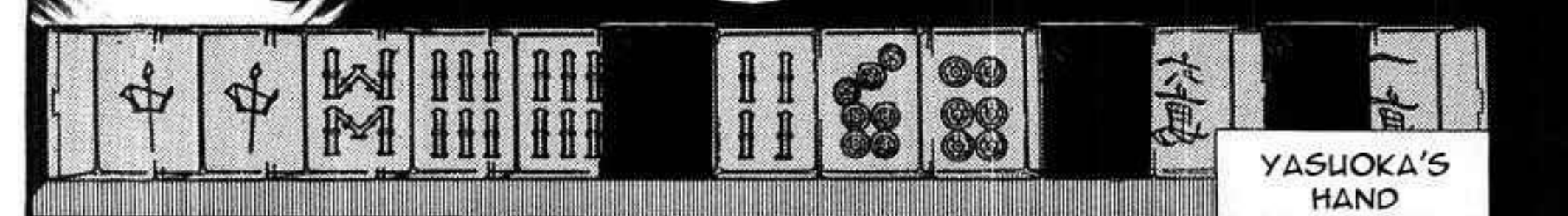
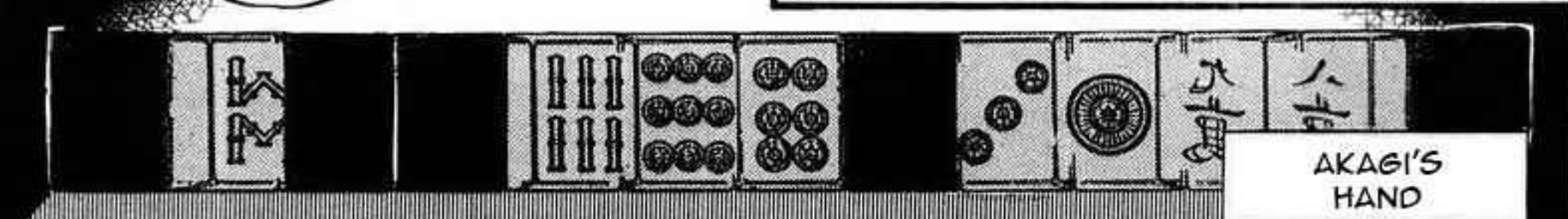
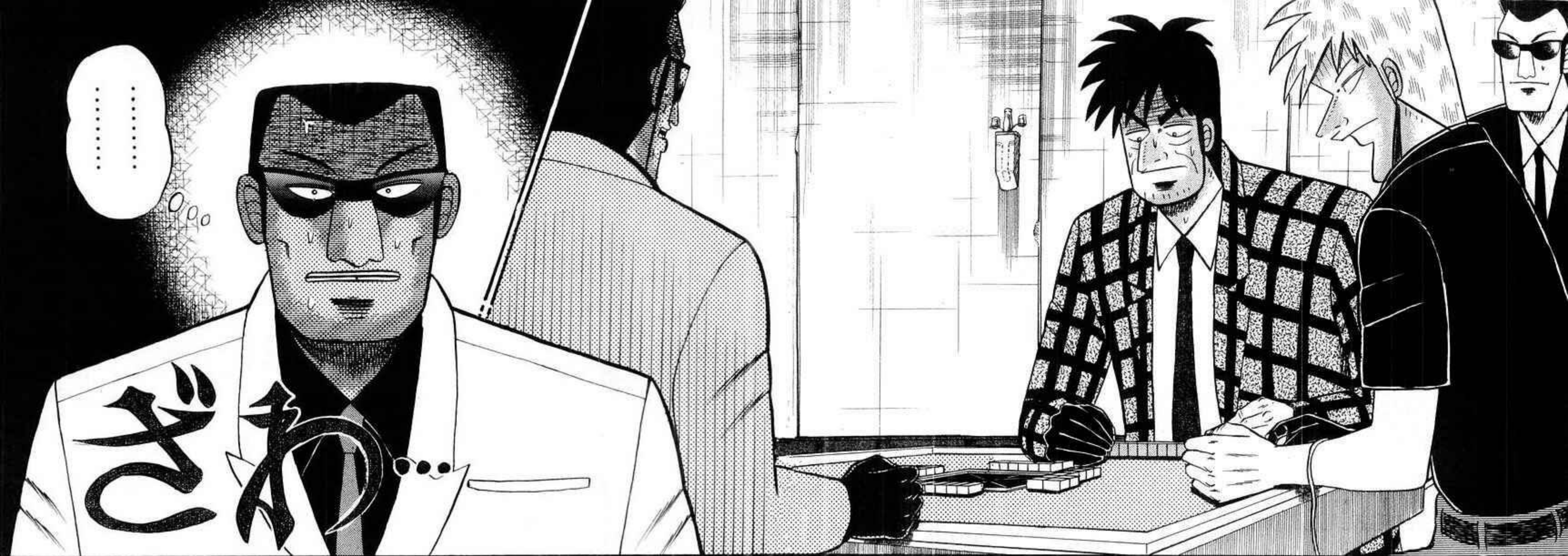


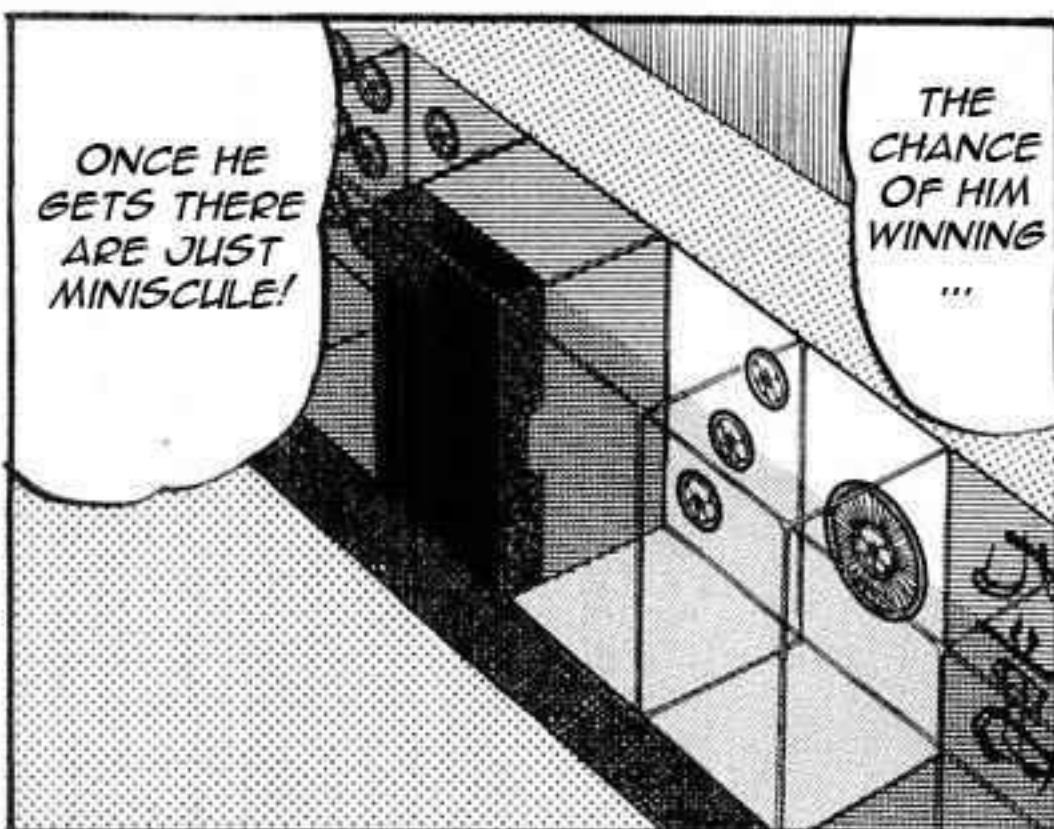
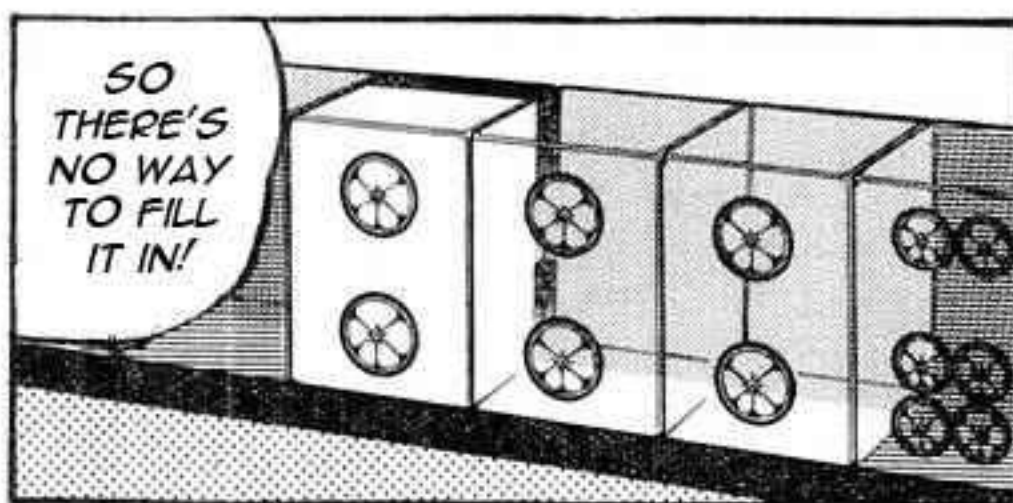
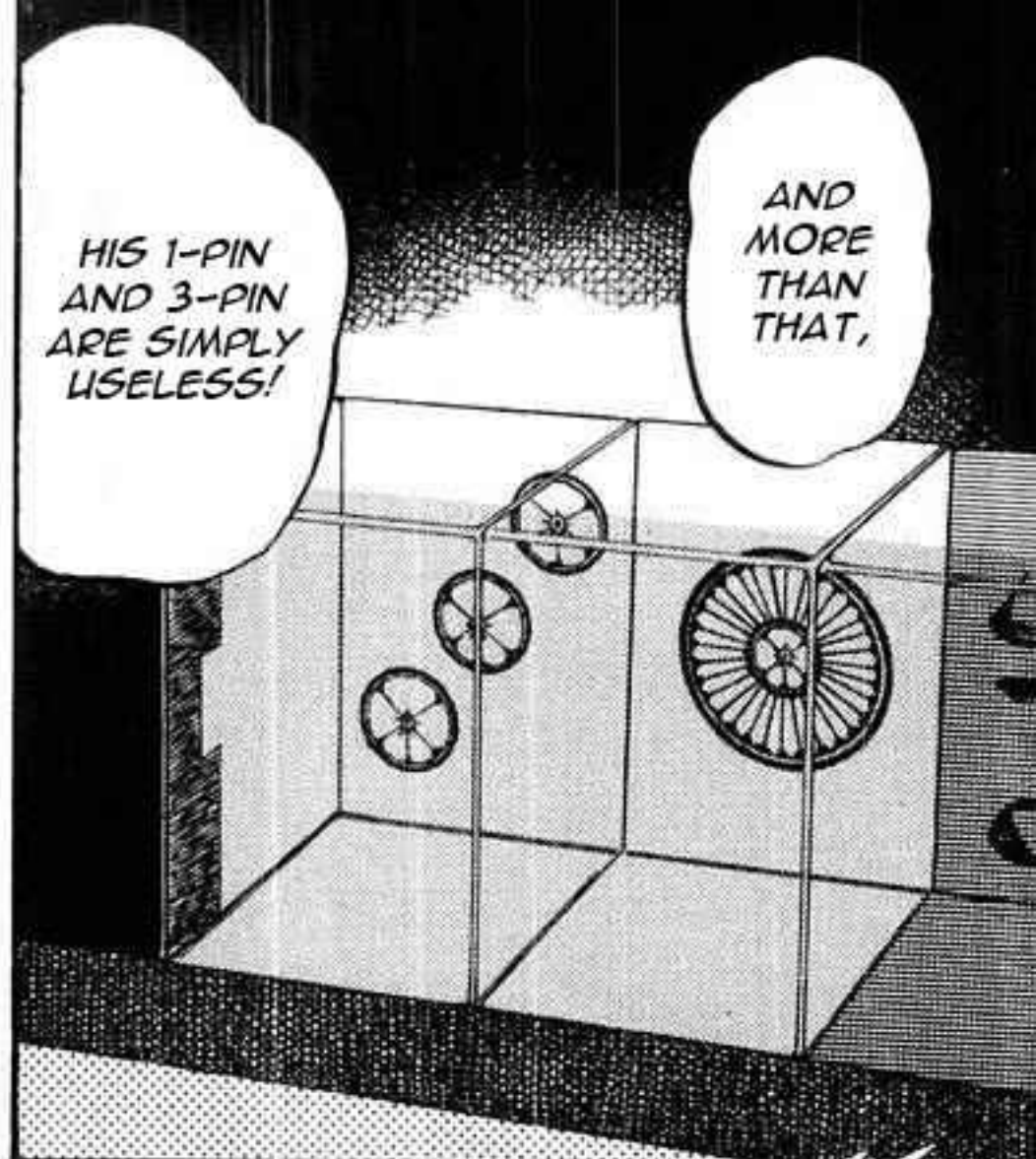
HE'LL DIE!

HE'LL DIE!











AND
PLENTY
OF IT!

I STILL
HAVE
TIME TO
KILL...



HEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



WASHIZU
KEEPS HIS
SUBOR-
DINATE ON
STANDBY.

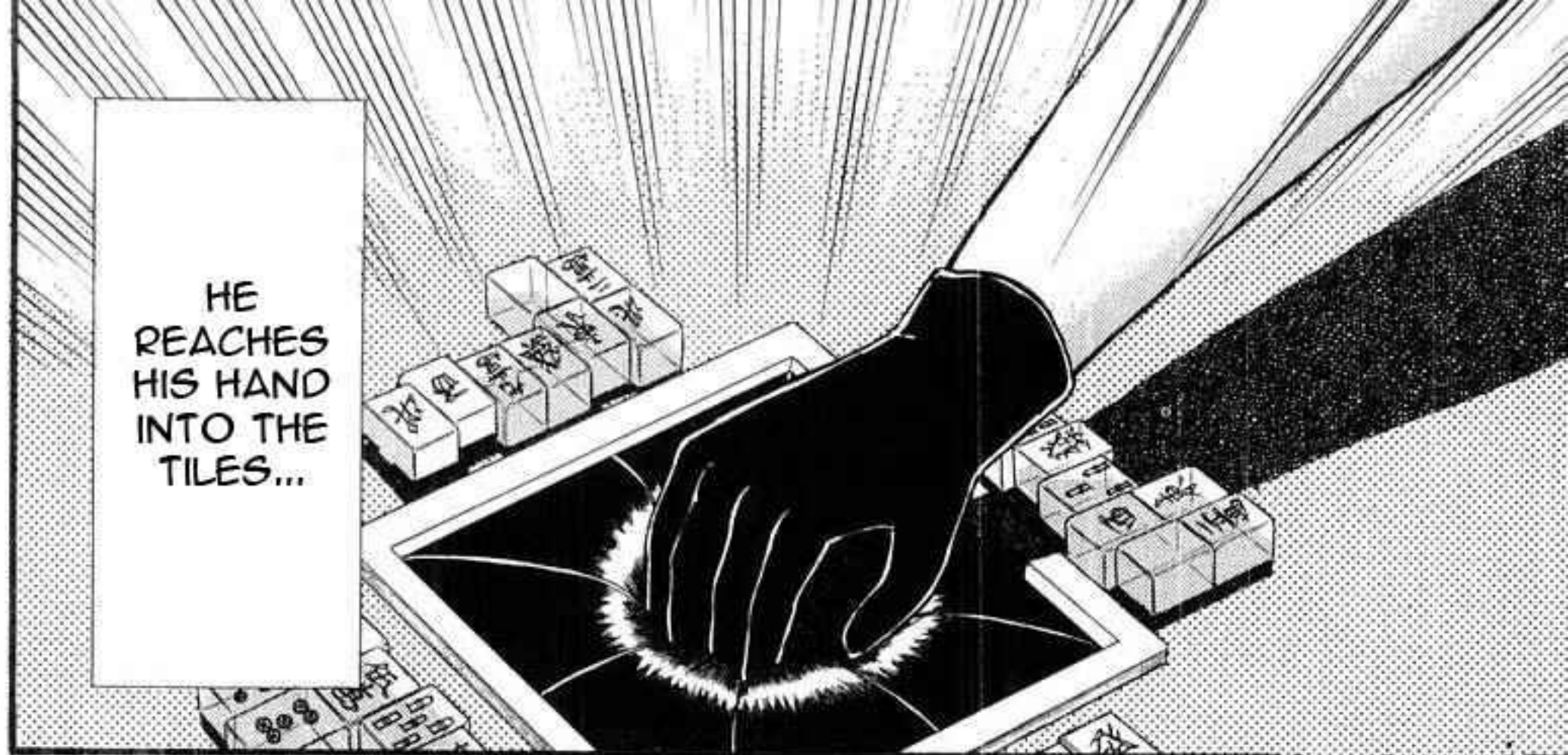
HE
STALLS
ONCE
AGAIN
...

SUZUKI'S
TENTH
TURN



AND NOW,
AKAGI
TAKES
HIS TURN
....!

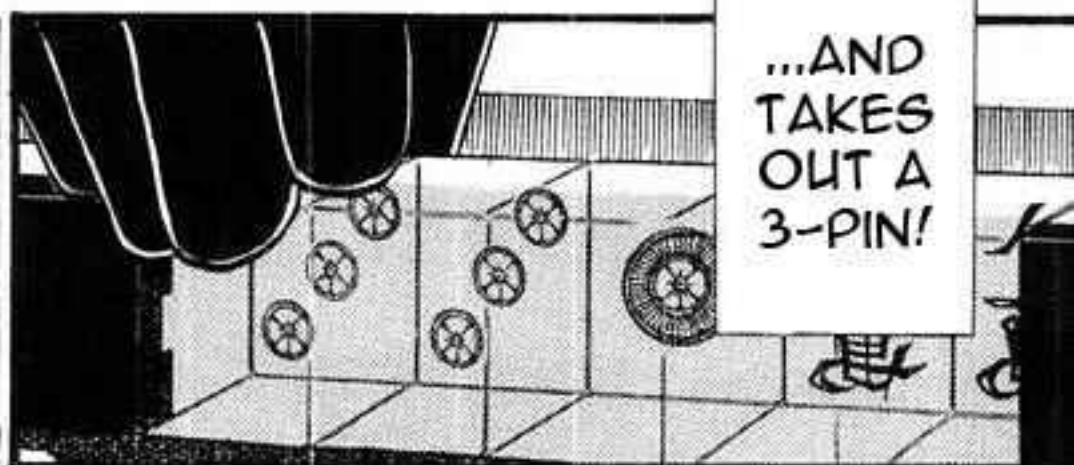




HE
REACHES
HIS HAND
INTO THE
TILES...



CHHHH



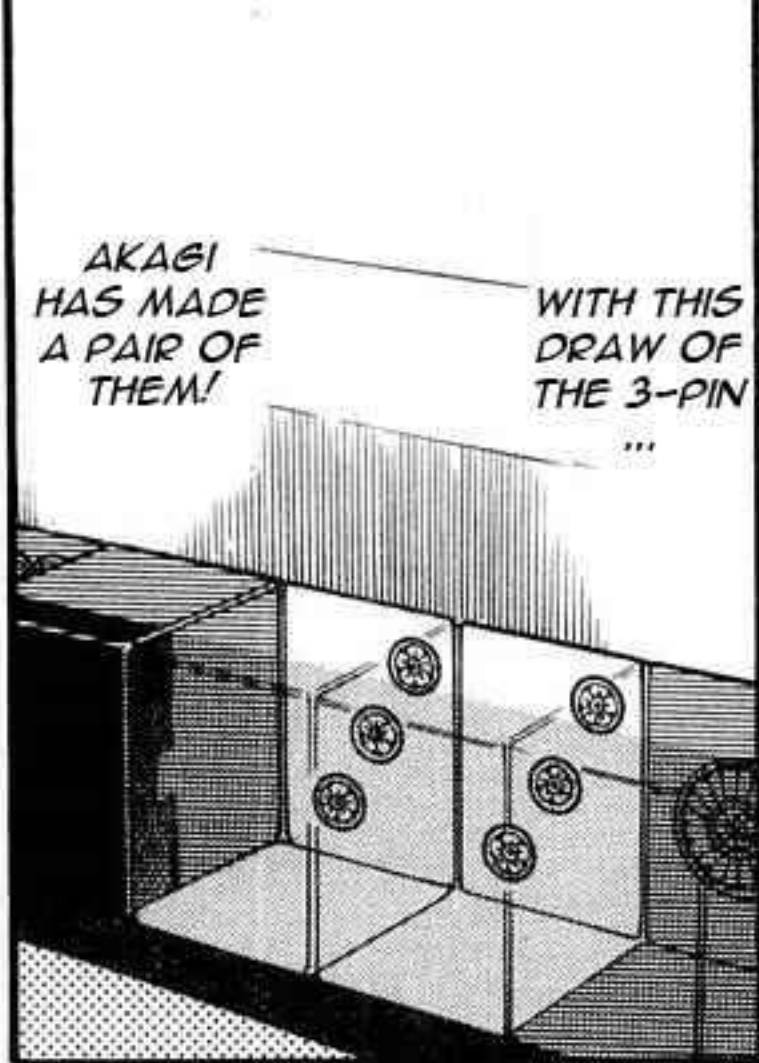
...AND
TAKES
OUT A
3-PIN!



HEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



WHICH
MEANS
...



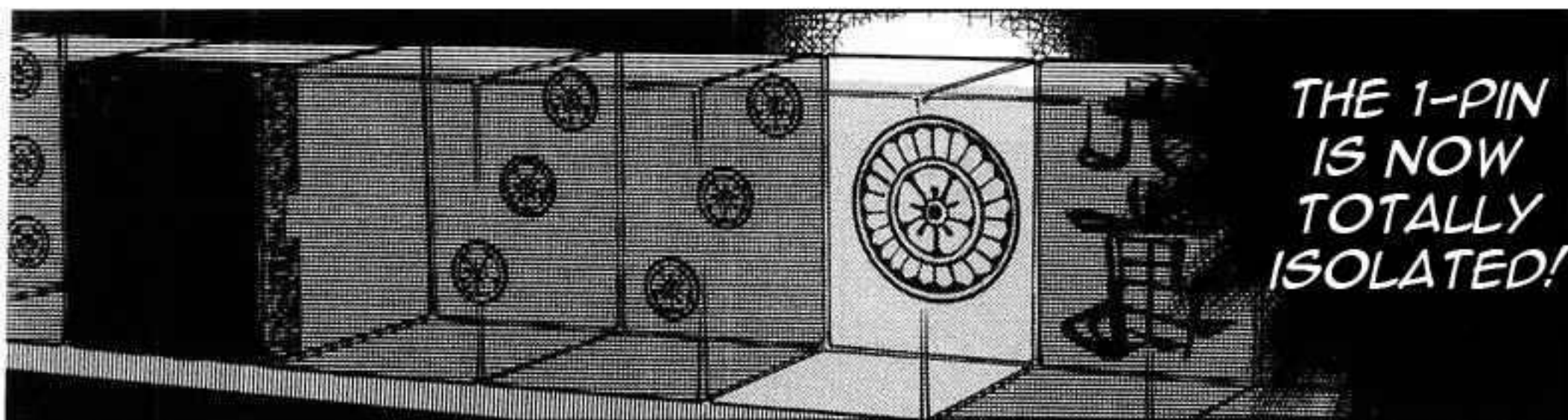
AKAGI
HAS MADE
A PAIR OF
THEM!

WITH THIS
DRAW OF
THE 3-PIN
...



HOW
INTRI-
GUING!

WHAT
HAVE
WE
HERE?



THE 1-PIN
IS NOW
TOTALLY
ISOLATED!

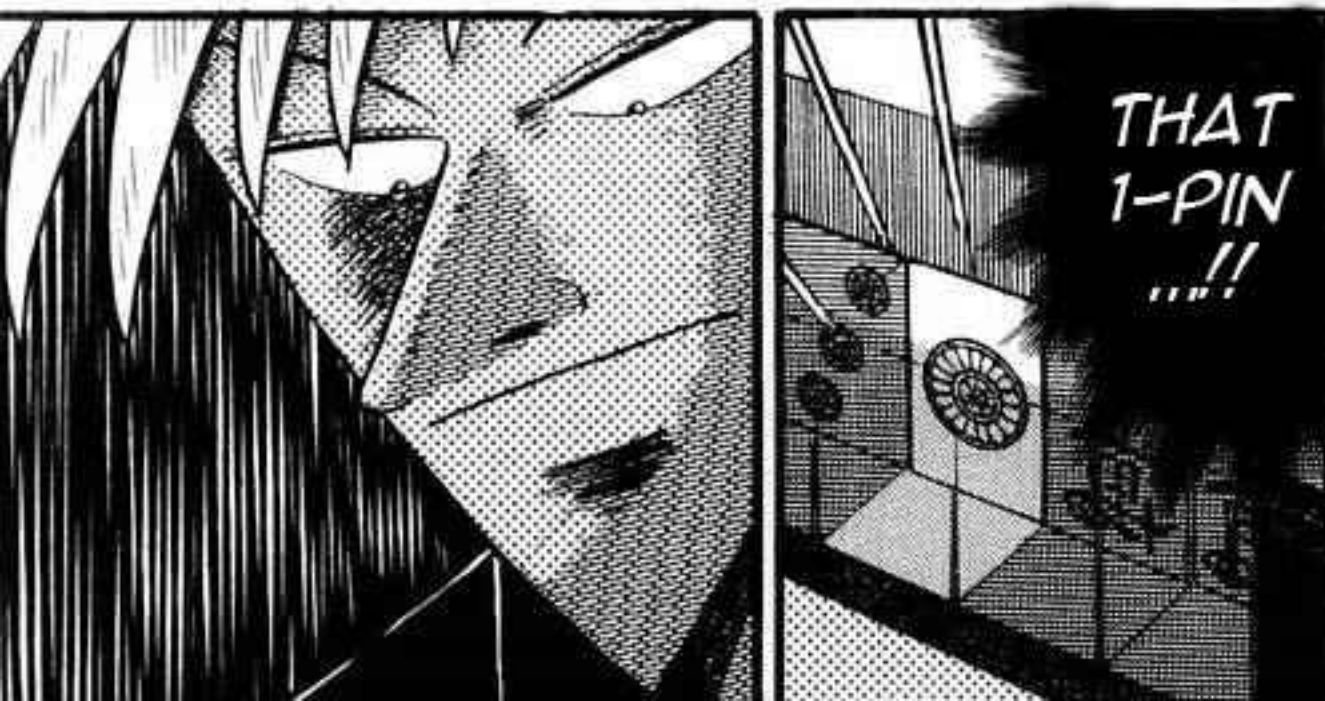


WILL
HE
...?!

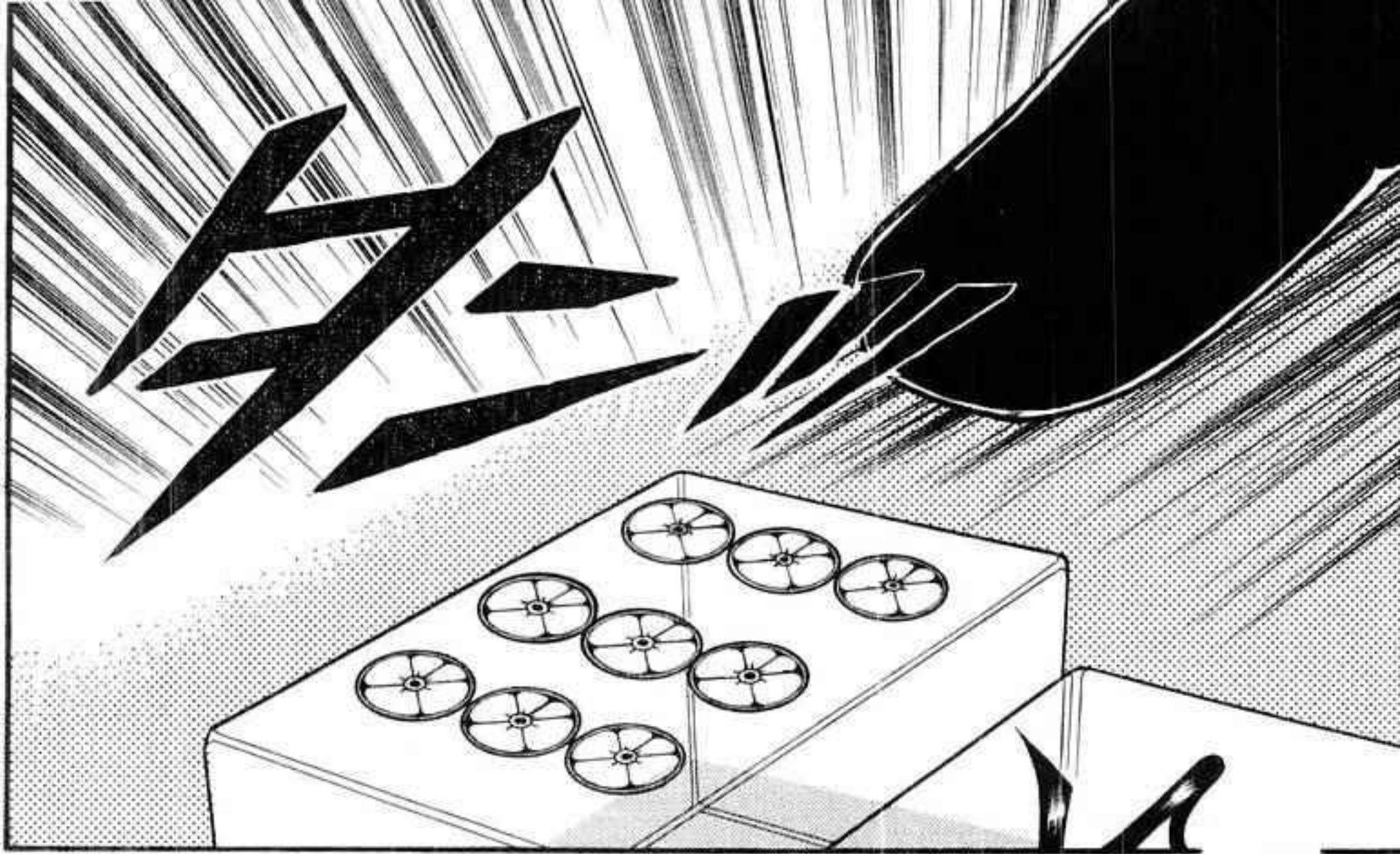


SO, IT
WOULD
BE BEST
TO JUST
BE RID
OF IT!

KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

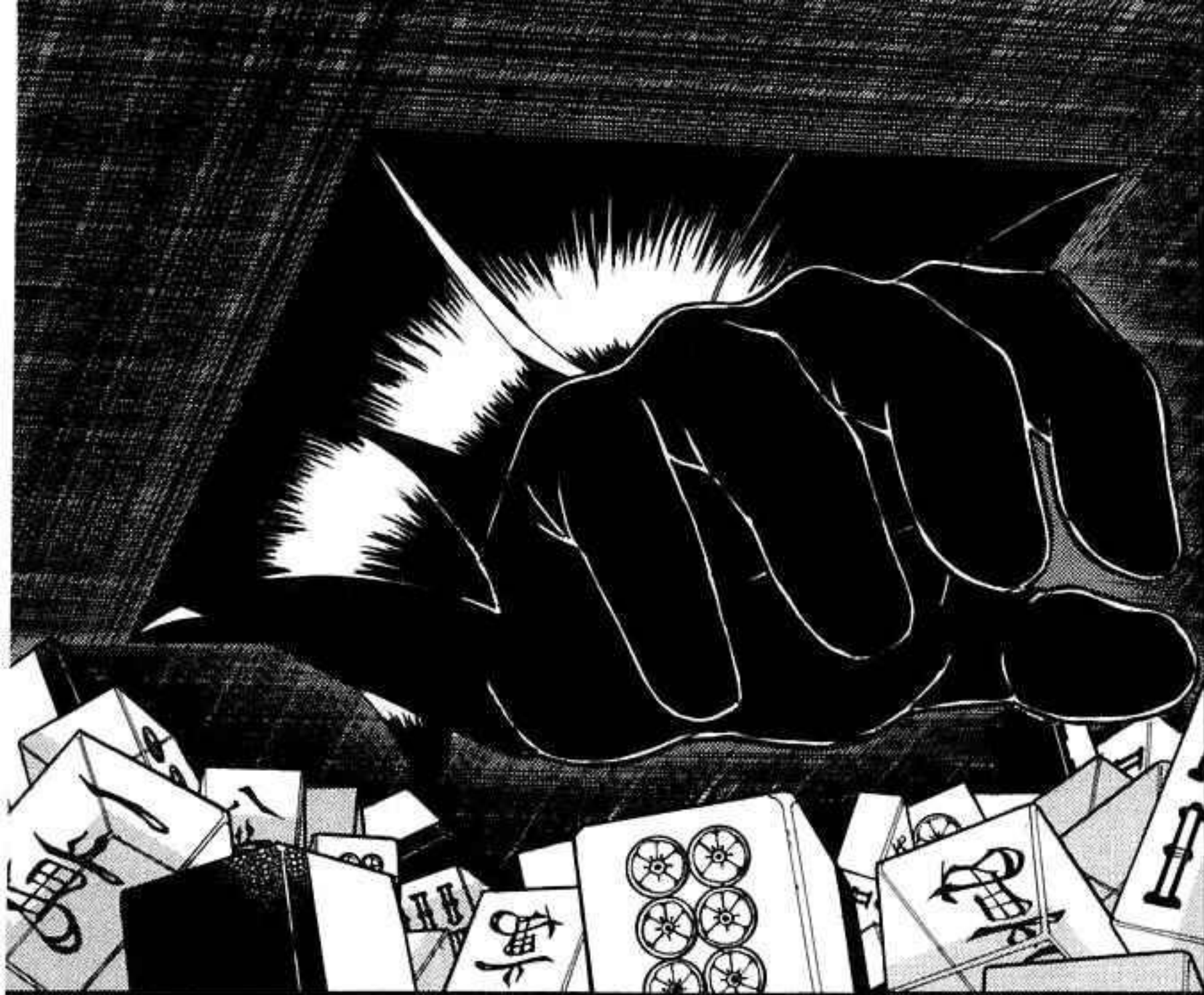


THAT
1-PIN
...!!

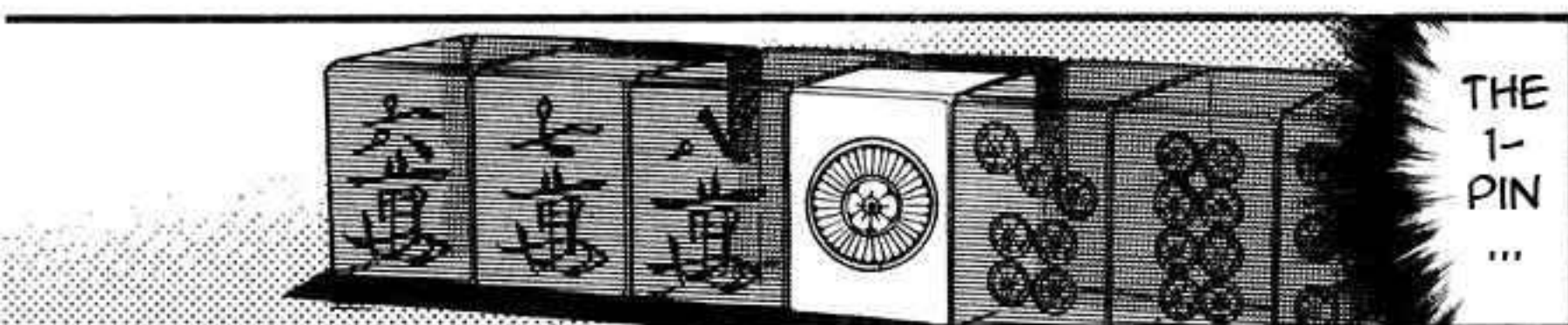








IF I
DRAW
IT HERE,
IT'S ALL
OVER!!



THE
1-
PIN
...



IF I DRAW
IT, I CAN
KILL HIM!!



THE
1-
PIN
....!!



IF I
DRAW
IT....!

THIS
MAN
WILL
DIE
...!

I CAN
FINALLY
SEE HIS
DEATH
...

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I CAN KILL HIM...!!

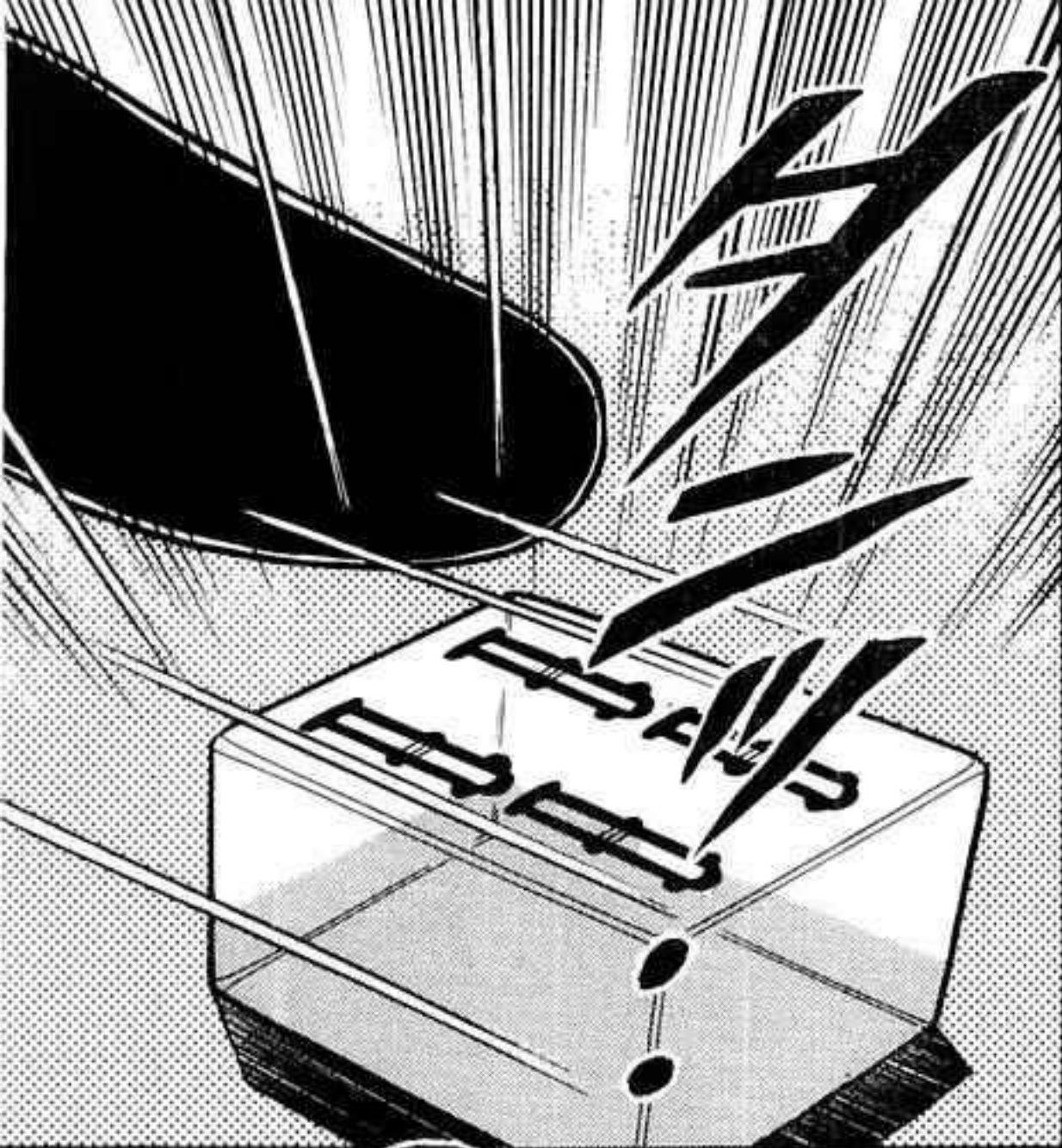




WHAT'S
THAT
ABOUT
...?!

HE...







THIS
KID
RE-
MAINS
FIRM!!

THE
ONE
MOST
IN
DAN-
GER
...



WHY
WON'T HE
TREMBLE?!

WHY
ISN'T
HE
AFRAID?!



THAT'S
BORING
...



THAT
IT
WILL
NEVER
COME
TO
THAT
....?!

IS HE
RAT-
ON-
ALIZ-
ING
THAT
IT
CAN-
NOT
HAP-
PEN
TO
HIM
?!
?



IS
THAT
WHAT
IT
IS?!

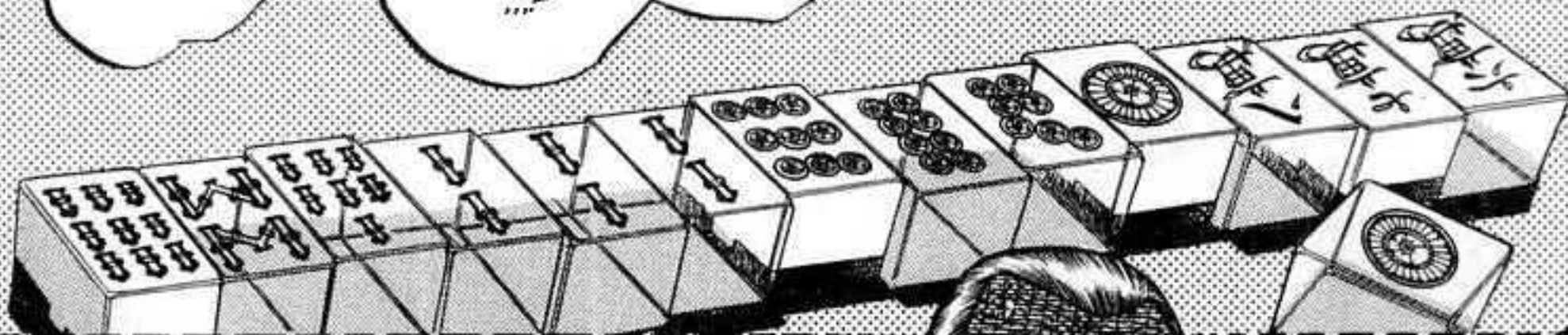
DOES
HE
THINK
THAT
HE
IS
IM-
MUNE
TO
DEATH
....?!

THAT IT
WILL NOT
REACH
HANEMAN
...

AND IT WILL
REMAIN AT
A DEALER
RIICHI DORA
3 MENZEN
TSUMO
MANGAN
...

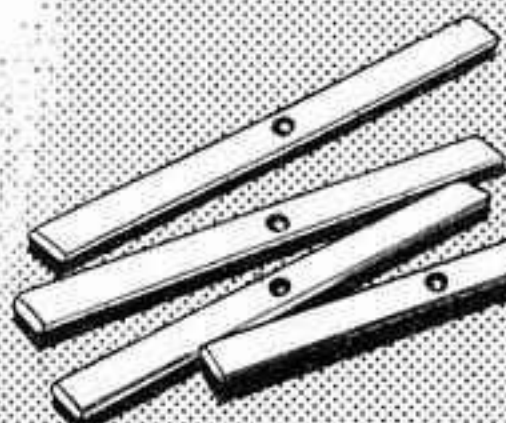
I WILL
NOT GET
ANY URA-
DORA
...

IN OTHER
WORDS,
THAT EVEN IF
I DRAW THE
WINNING TILE
ON MY TURN
...



IS
THAT
WHAT
HE
THINKS
WILL
HAP-
PEN
...?

THAT
TRANSLATES
TO 400 CCS
OF BLOOD
TO LOSE!



A DEALER
MANGAN
TSUMO IS
STILL
4000
POINTS
FROM
EVERYONE!

EVEN
IF THAT
IS WHAT
ENDS UP
HAPPE-
NING...

NO
...

IT WOULD
STILL BE
A TOTAL
OF 1500
CCS...!

400

1100

WITH THAT
AND THE
1100 CCS
ALREADY
DRAWN
FROM HIM,



AFTER LOSING
THAT MUCH,
HE'D ONLY
BARELY BE
HOLDING
ON!

HE WOULDN'T DIE
FROM JUST THAT,
BUT HE'D STILL
BE LIGHTHEADED!

AND IF
HE KEPT
PLAYING
DESPITE
ALL OF
THAT
...

ONLY
HALF-
ALIVE...

HARDLY
ABLE TO
THINK
STRAIGHT
!!!

HE'D
BE
STAGGERING
...

SELF-
EXPLAN-
ATORY
...

THAT'S
OB-
VIOUS
...

IN THE
END, HE'D
DIE IN DUE
TIME, ANY-
WAY!!

HE
WOULD
MOST
ASSU-
REDLY
MAKE
MISTAKES
...!!

AND EVEN
IF HE
DOESN'T

...

DOES
HE NOT
UNDER-
STAND
THAT
SIM-
PLE
FACT
...?!



WHY?!

なぜ...!?

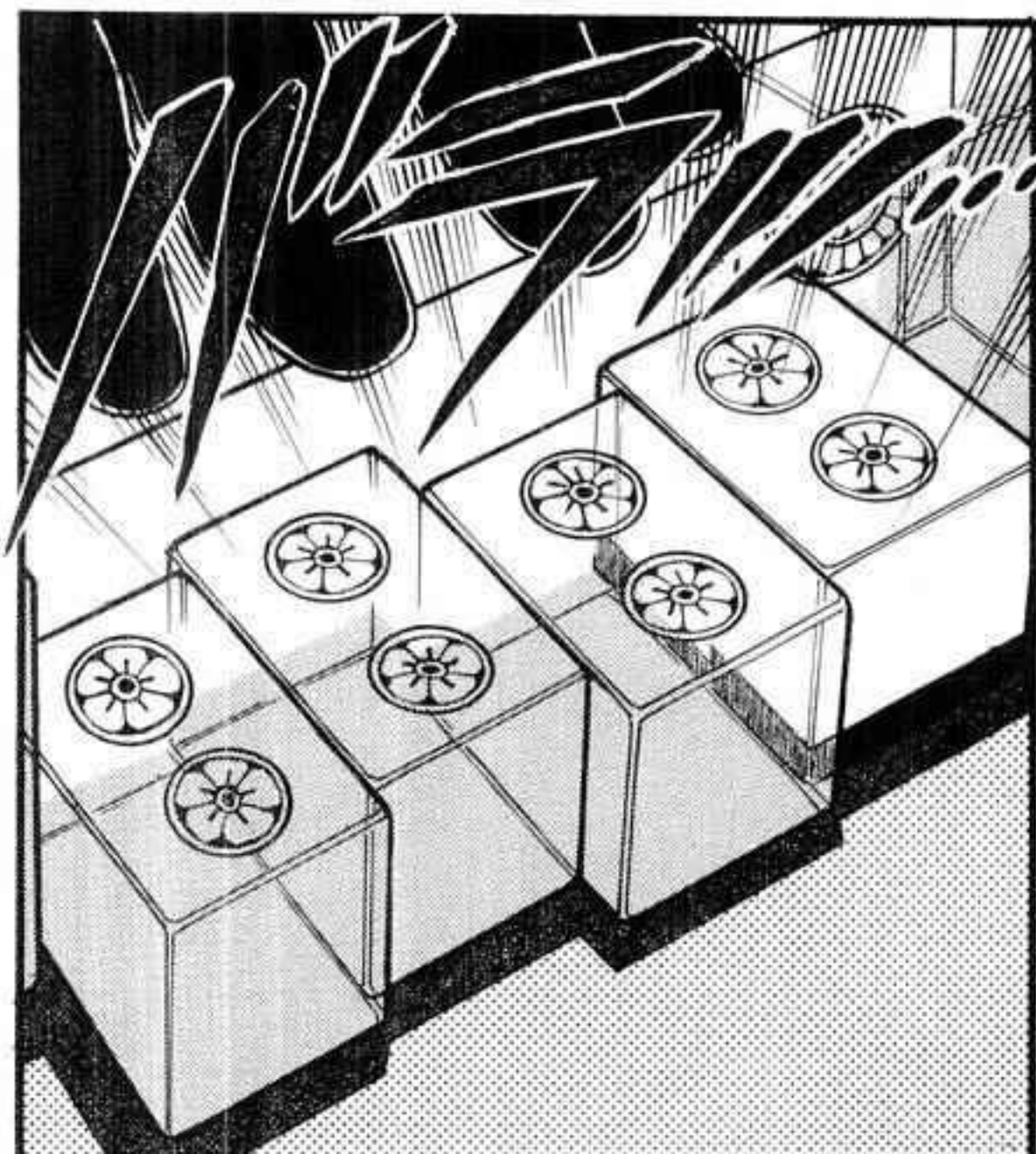
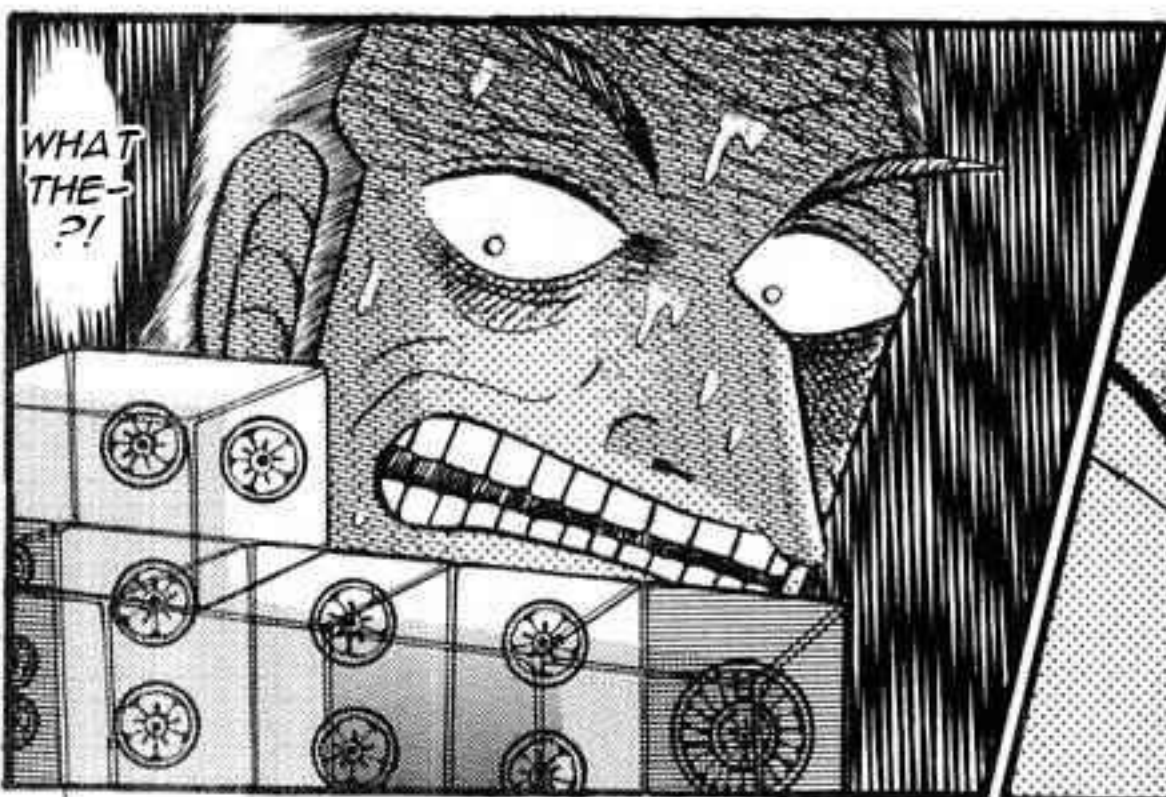
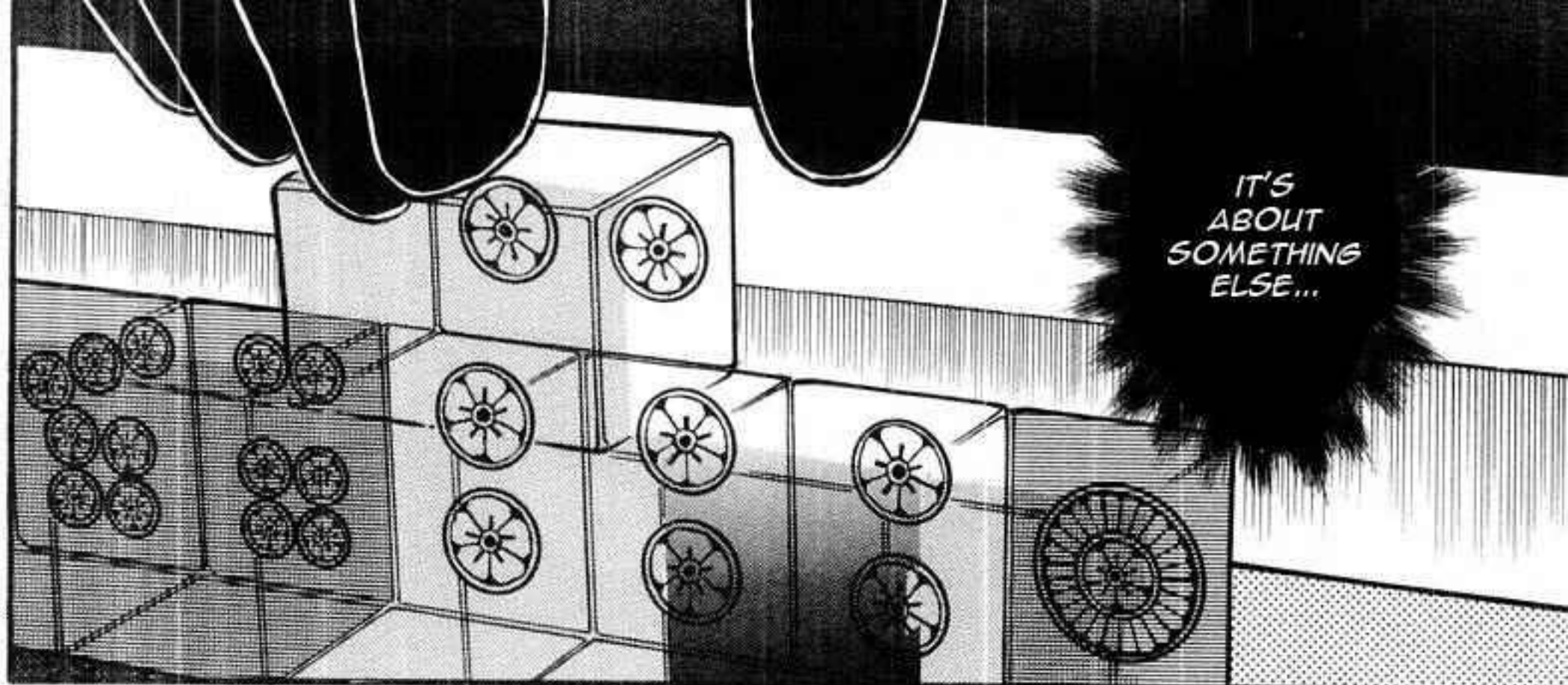
WHY ISN'T
HE AFRAID
OF DEATH
...?!

なぜ...!?
震えぬ...!?



DO
YOU
NOT
FEAR
FOR
YOUR
LIFE?!







KAN!



GUH!!



CALLS A
CLOSED
KAN OF
2-PIN!

WASHIZU'S
ALLY,
SUZUKI,

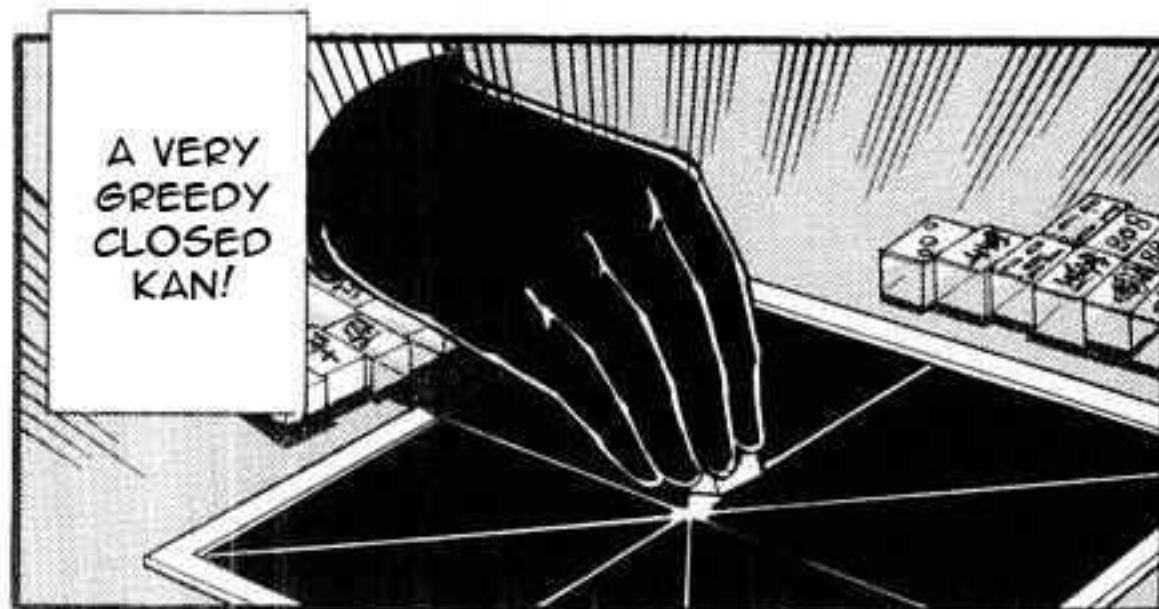
ON THE
11TH
TURN
...!

ざわ



TO ADD
MORE
DORA TO
WASHIZU'S
HAND!

A KAN
THAT
SEEKS



A VERY
GREEDY
CLOSED
KAN!



A CLOSED
KAN FOR
THE SOLE
PURPOSE
OF BACKING
WASHIZU
UP!



AND
...



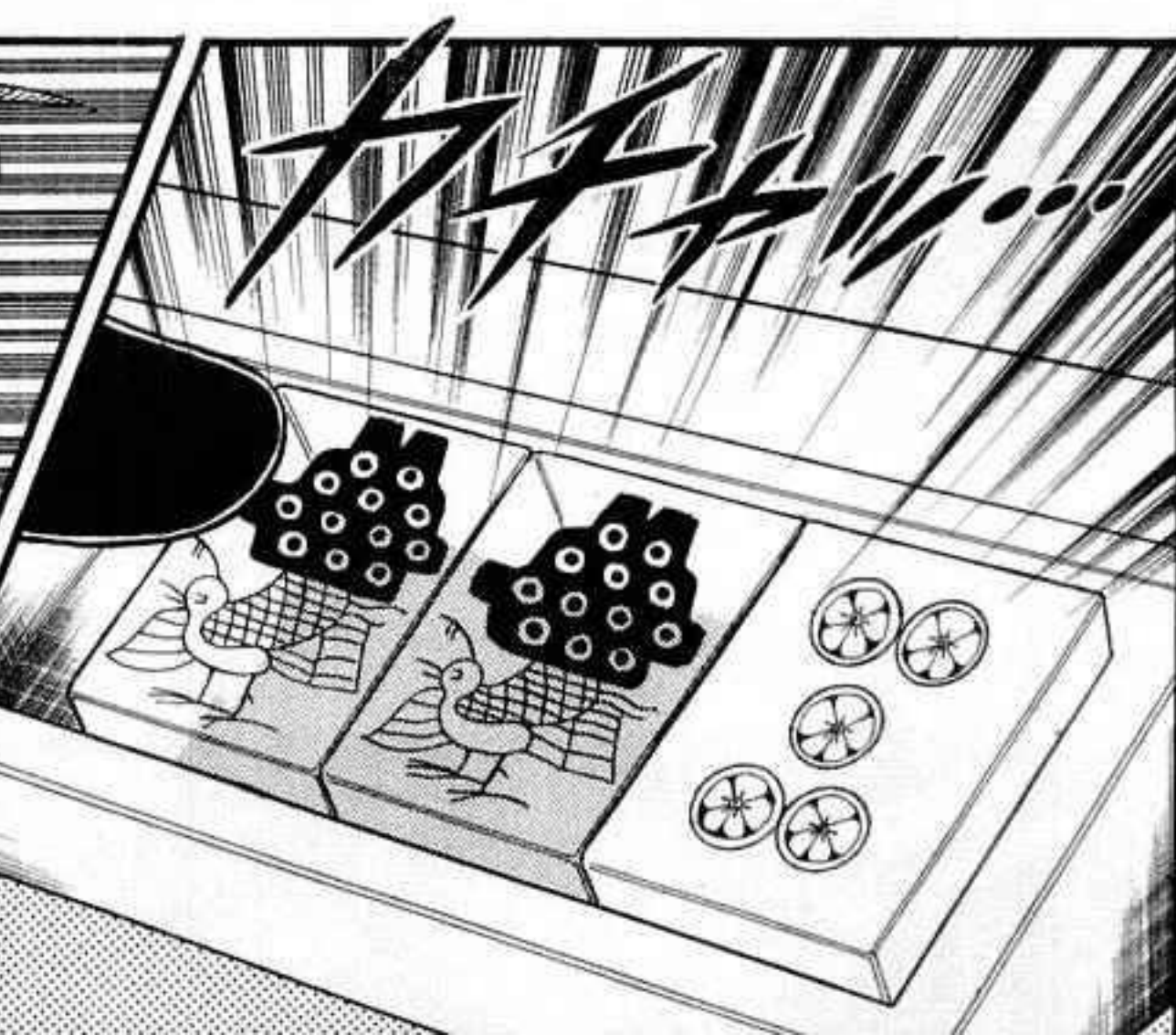
WHA
...?

?



URGH
...!!

IT BEARS FRUIT....!



GUH
....!



WHICH
MEANS
...

WASHI-
ZU'S
HAND
...

EVOLVES
ONCE
MORE!!



THAT'S
RIGHT
...!

THE
NEW
DORA
INDICA-
TOR IS
AN 1-
SOL!



IT
TRANS-
FORMS
...

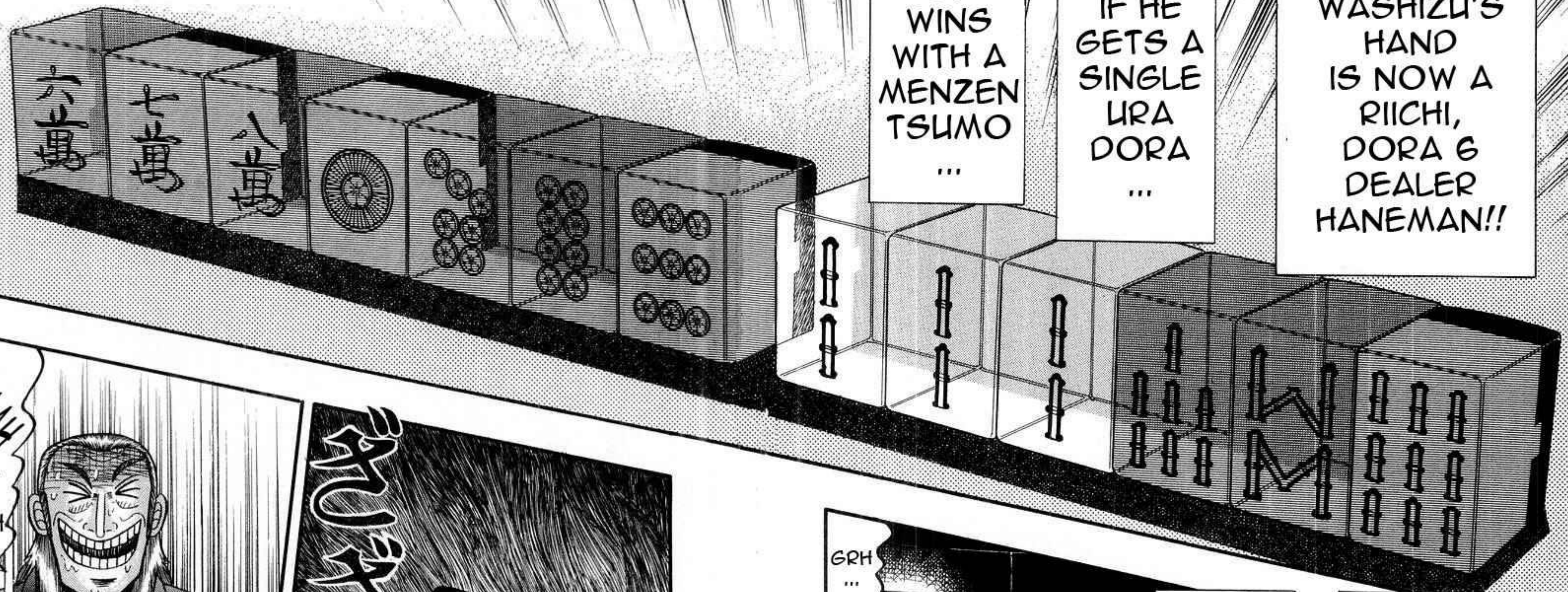
INTO
A DORA
6 HAND
....!!

WASHIZU
HAS A
DORA 6
....!!!

GAH...!!

KH...!

WITH
THIS
NEW
KAN
...



OR
WINS
WITH A
MENZEN
TSUMO
...

IF HE
GETS A
SINGLE
URA
DORA
...

WASHIZU'S
HAND
IS NOW A
RIICHI,
DORA 6
DEALER
HANEMAN!!



IT IS
SWARMING
ALL AROUND
HIM...



A TRULY
UNBELIEVABLE
HAPPEN-
STANCE!

IT COULD
BECOME
A DEALER
BAIMAN
....!!

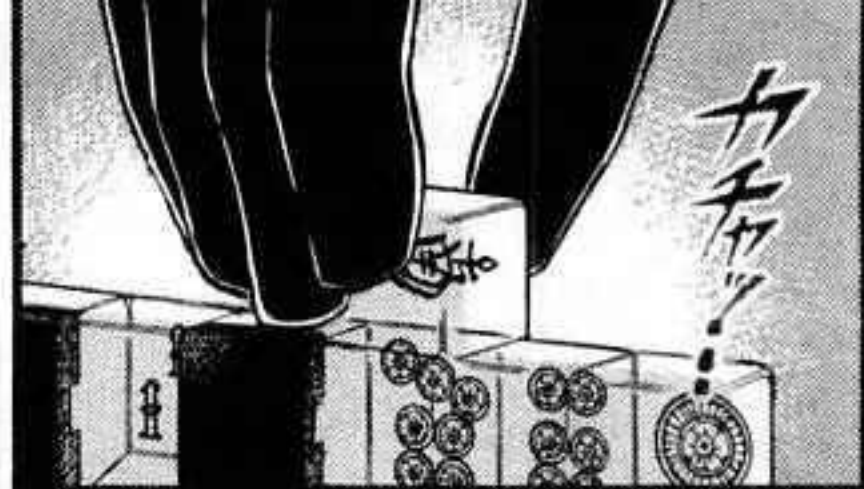


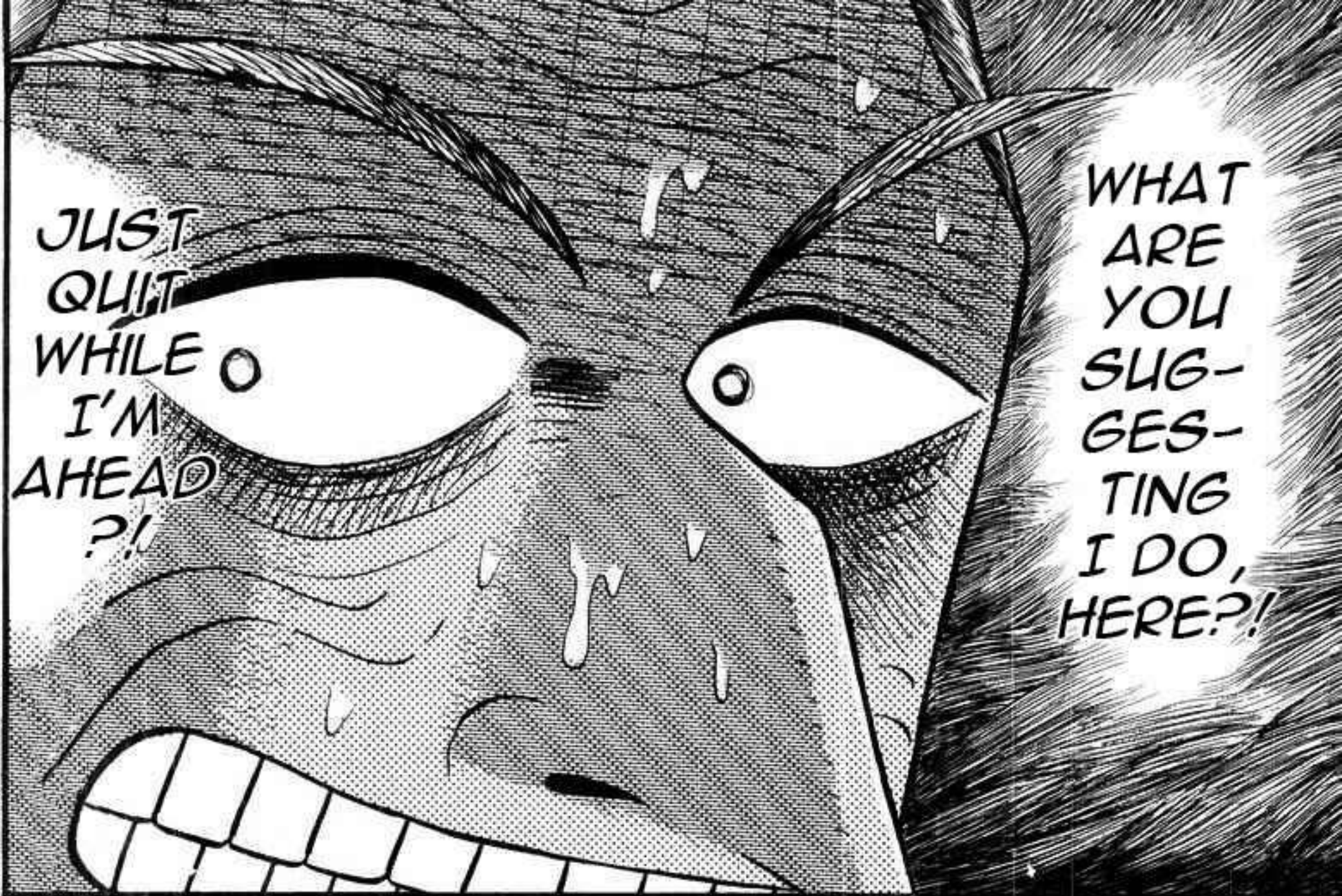
THIS
TRE-
MEN-
DOUS
MASS
OF
LUCK!!

SOME-
THING
IS HAP-
PENING
WITH
WASHIZU-
SAMA TO
MAKE IT
SWARM
AROUND
HIM...

KAH-
HAH-
HAH
...

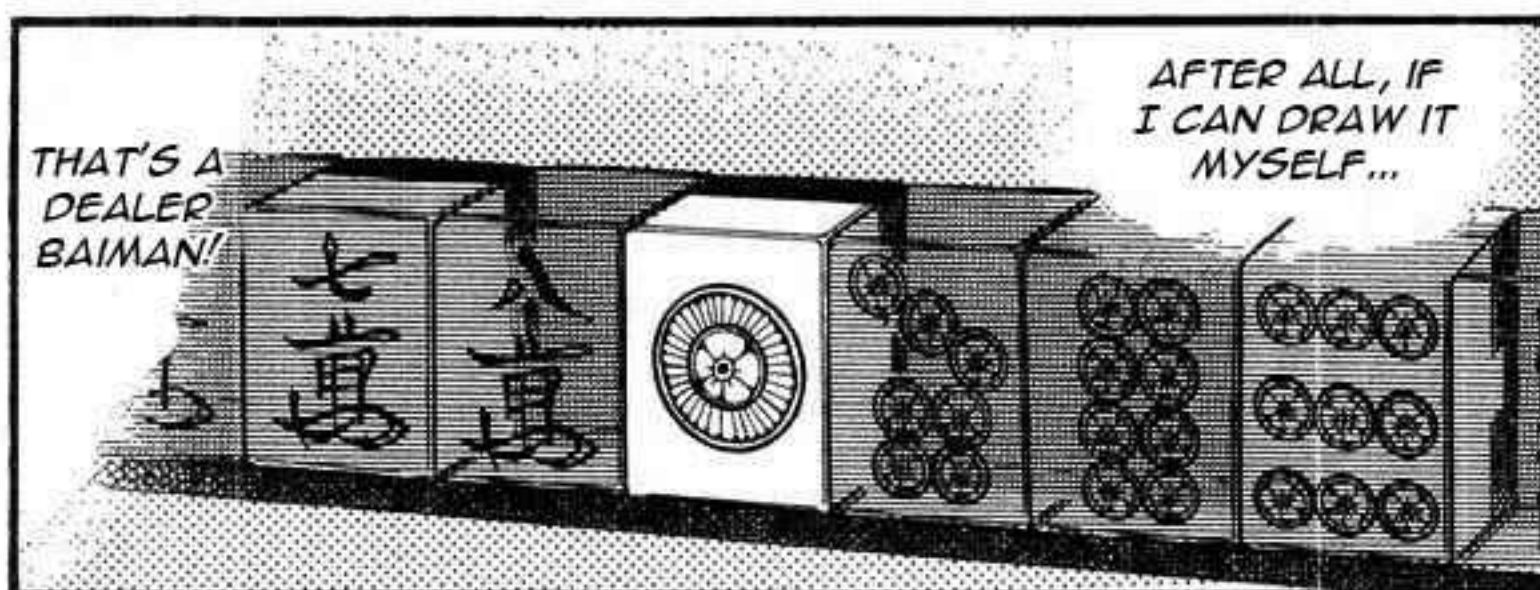






JUST
QUIT
WHILE
I'M
AHEAD
?!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
SUG-
GES-
TING
I DO,
HERE?!



THAT'S A
DEALER
BAIMAN!

AFTER ALL, IF
I CAN DRAW IT
MYSELF...

DON'T
YOU
EVEN
THINK
OF THAT!
KEEP
PLAYING!!



WITH AN EXTRA
800 ON TOP
OF THAT 1100
HE'S LOST
TO NOW,

I CAN GET
800 CCS
FROM HIM
FOR SURE,
WITH THAT!

8000 POINTS
FROM EVERYONE!

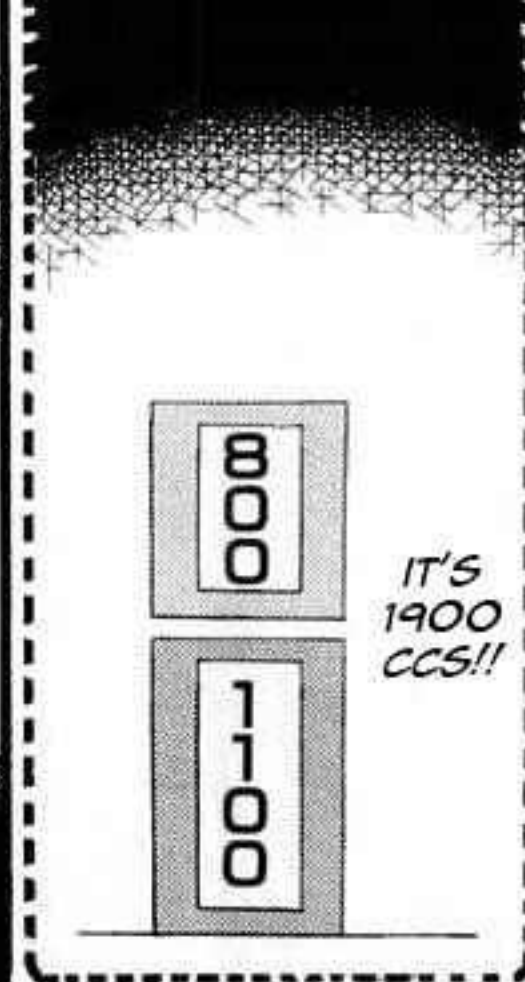




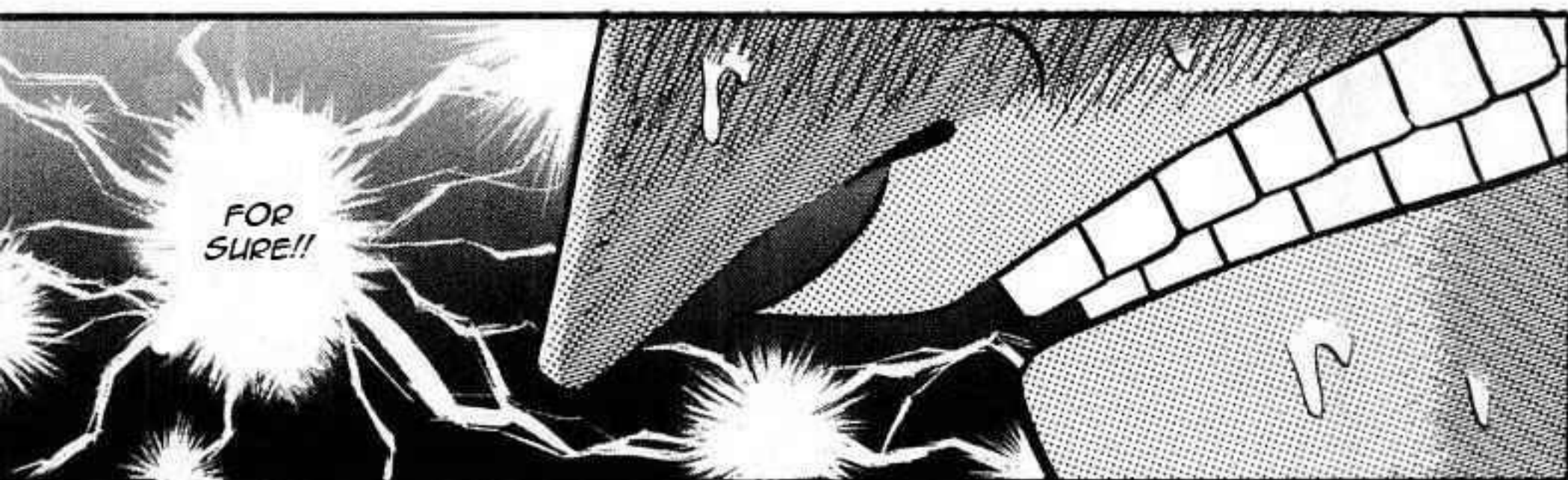
ACTUALLY,
SINCE IT'S
RIGHT AT
THE FATAL
AMOUNT...

HE WILL
ALMOST
CERTAINLY
DIE AT
THAT
POINT...

HIS DEATH
IS CERTAIN!



IT'S
1900
CCS!!



FOR
SURE!!



THAT I
SIMPLY
MUST
SEE!!

AND THAT
IS SOME-
THING...



NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT,
HE WILL BE
TREMBLING!

IF
HE'S
RIGHT
AT
DEATH'S
DOOR,



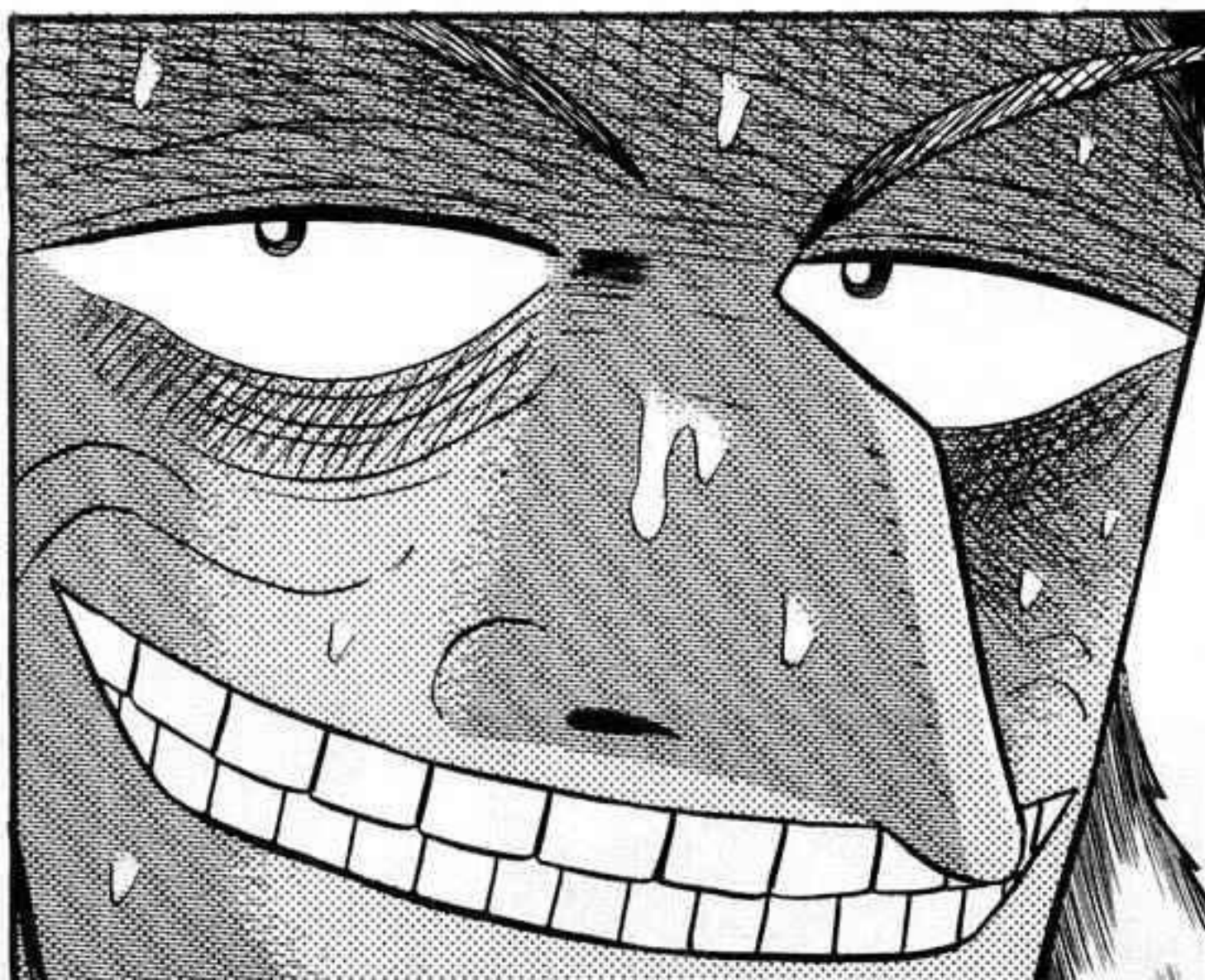
SHOW
IT TO
ME!!

HIS
AGONY
...!!



CHAPTER 99 - GHOULS

第99話 魔物



KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH

...



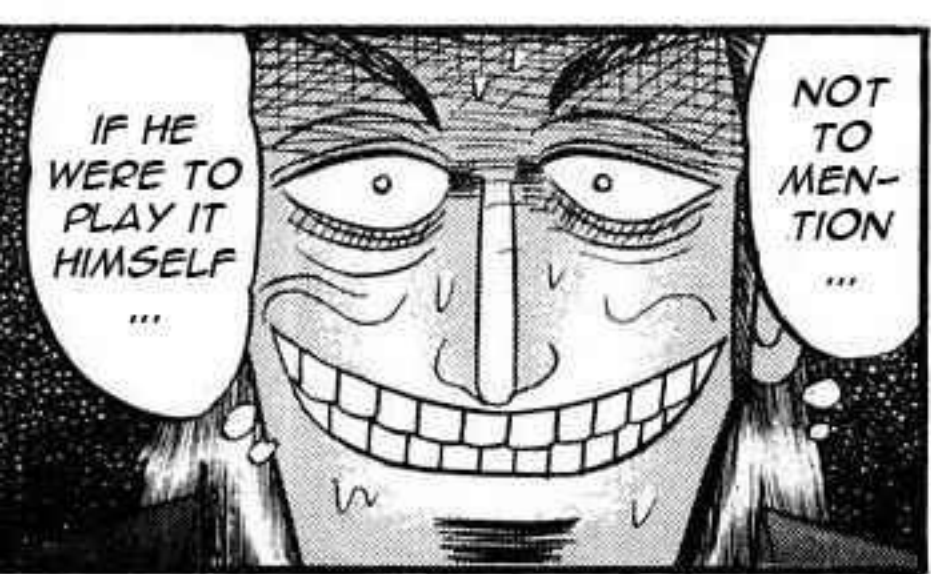
EAST SECOND ROUND, O HONBA
AKAGI: 37,000 POINTS
-1100 CCS

KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

KHA-
HA-
HA
...

WASHIZU
MAHJONG,
EAST 2ND
ROUND,
12TH HAND.

WASHIZU: 21,000 POINTS
DOWN 121.5 MILLION YEN
(-1000 POINTS FROM RIICHI)

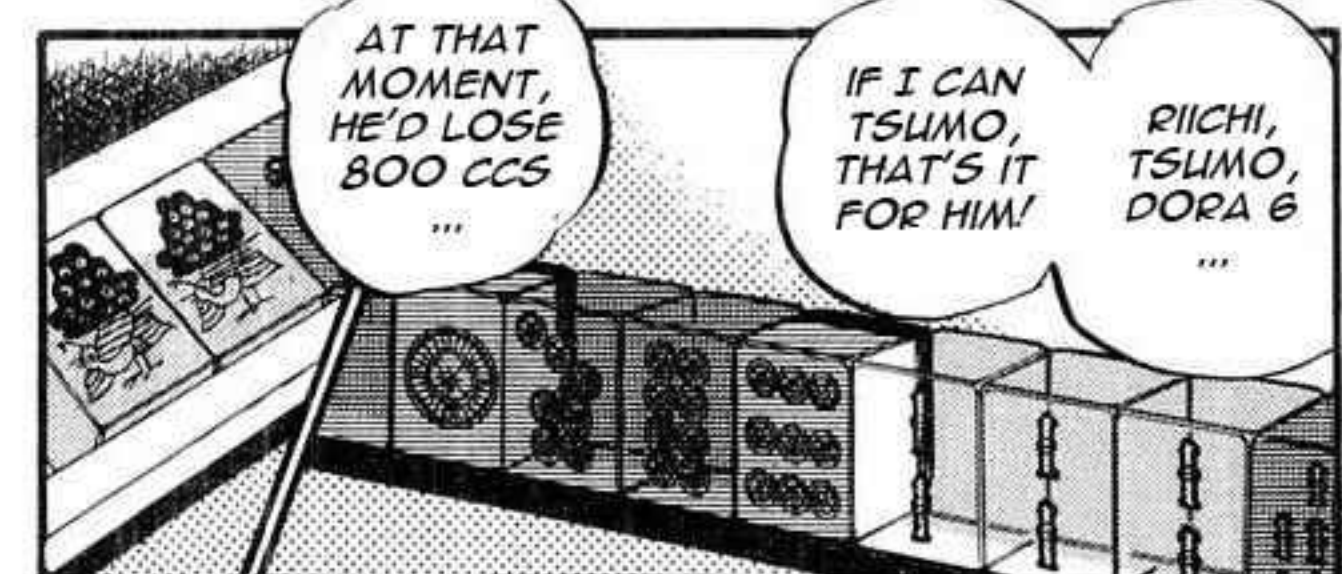


IF HE
WERE TO
PLAY IT
HIMSELF
...

NOT
TO
MEN-
TION
...



KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



AT THAT
MOMENT,
HE'D LOSE
800 CCS
...

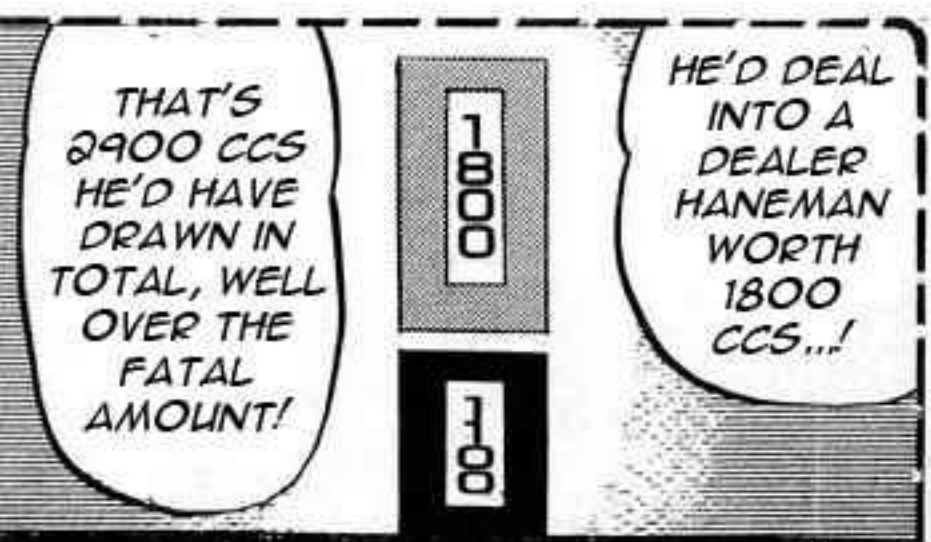
IF I CAN
TSUMO,
THAT'S IT
FOR HIM!

RIICHI,
TSUMO,
DORA 6
...



NOW,
LET'S
SEE IT
...

KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



THAT'S
2900 CCS
HE'D HAVE
DRAWN IN
TOTAL, WELL
OVER THE
FATAL
AMOUNT!

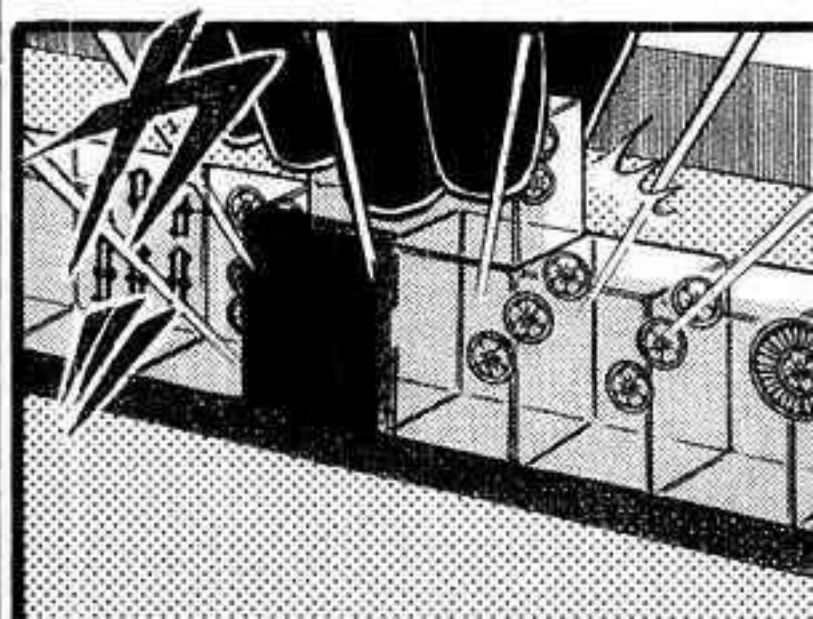
1800
100

HE'D DEAL
INTO A
DEALER
HANEMAN
WORTH
1800 CCS...!

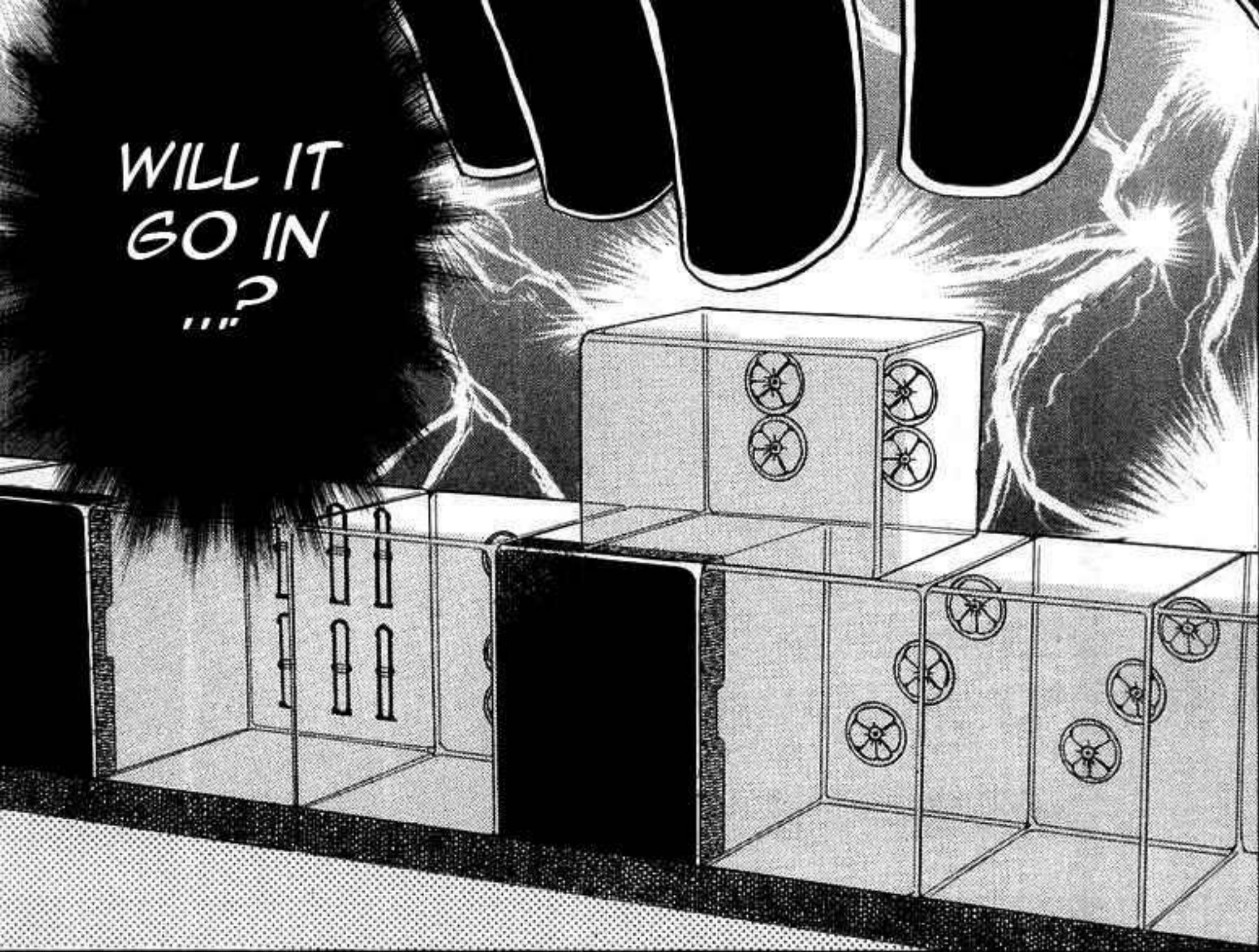


HE'LL
DIE!

THAT'S
1900 CCS
TOTAL,
RIGHT UP
AT THE
FATAL
AMOUNT
...



WILL IT
GO IN
...?



HIS HAND
IS STARTING
TO COME
TOGETHER
NOW,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?



THIS
REALLY
IS
INTERESTING
...

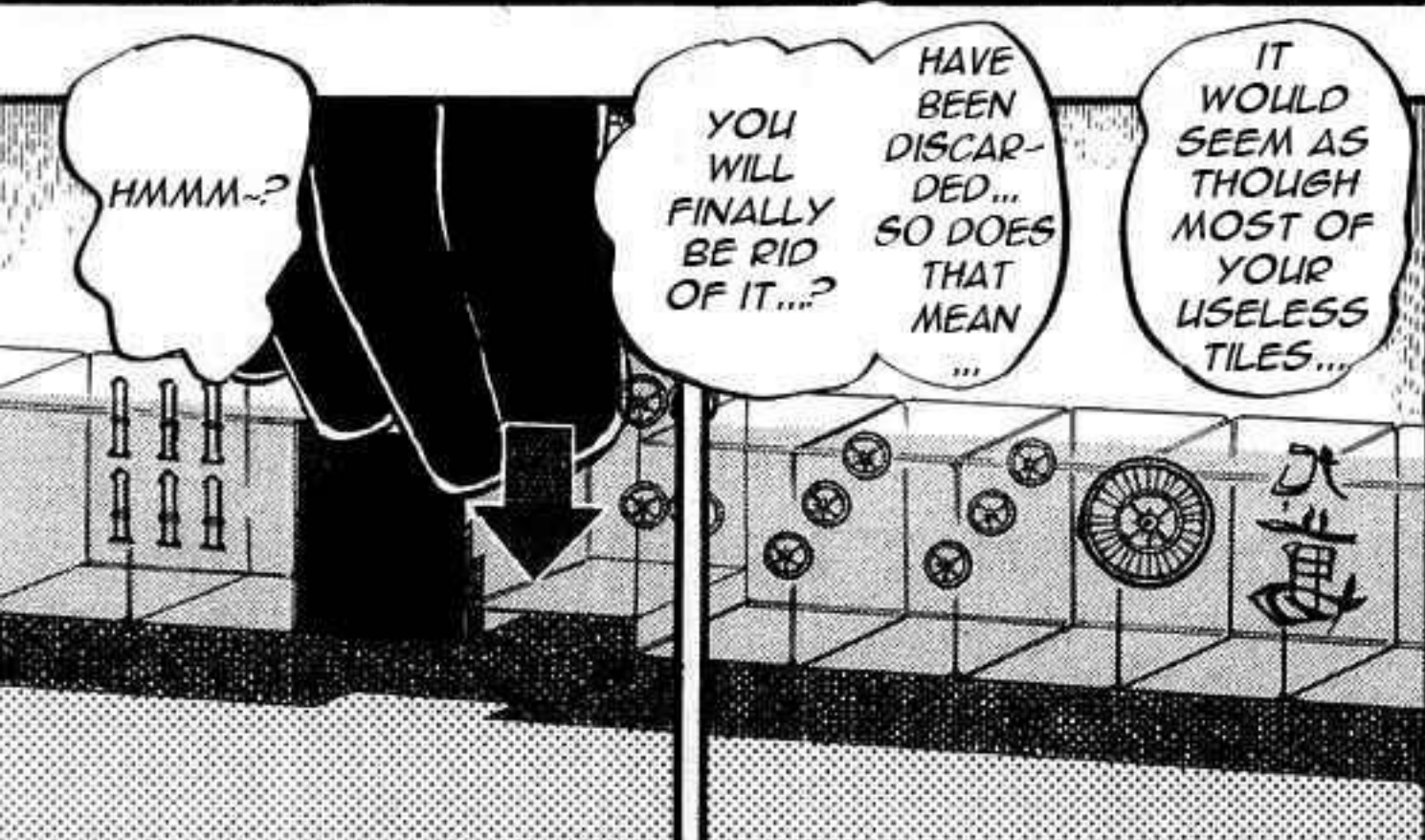
KEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

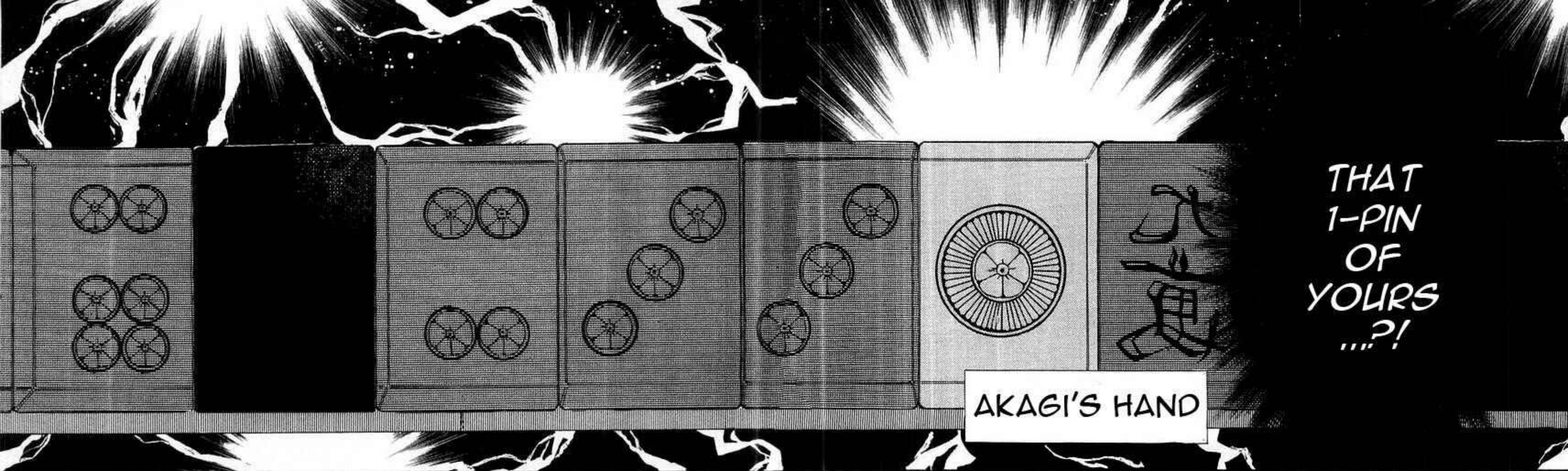
HMMM~?

YOU
WILL
FINALLY
BE RID
OF IT...?

HAVE
BEEN
DISCAR-
DED...
SO DOES
THAT
MEAN
...

IT
WOULD
SEEM AS
THOUGH
MOST OF
YOUR
USELESS
TILES...





THAT
1-PIN
OF
YOURS
...?!

AKAGI'S HAND



WANT TO
GET RID OF
IT? THAT
USELESS
TILE?

SO
HOW
ABOUT
IT~?



WHAT POINT IS
THERE IN KEEPING
IT? YOU CAN'T
GET INTO TENPAI
WITH THAT NASTY
WAIT!



KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



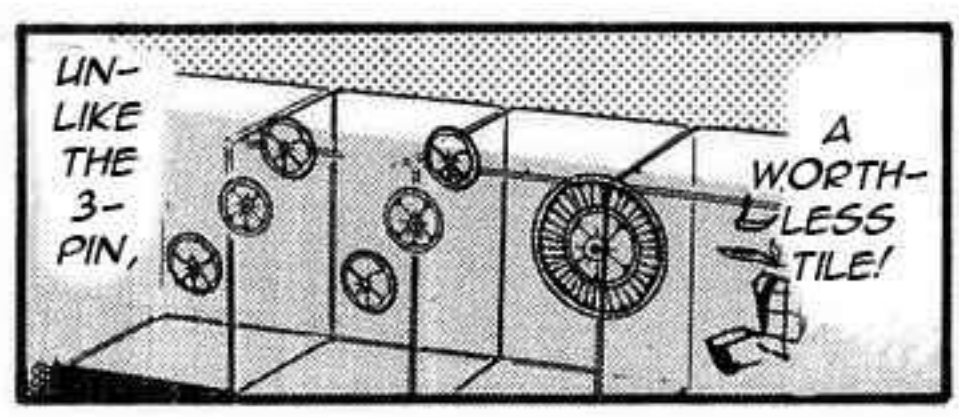
RIGHT-?

YOU
MIGHT JUST
BE THINKING
TOO MUCH
INTO IT!



SO IT
MIGHT
NOT BE
A TRAP!

I MEAN,
SUZUKI
HASN'T
DEALT IN
WITH THE
1-PIN
YET...

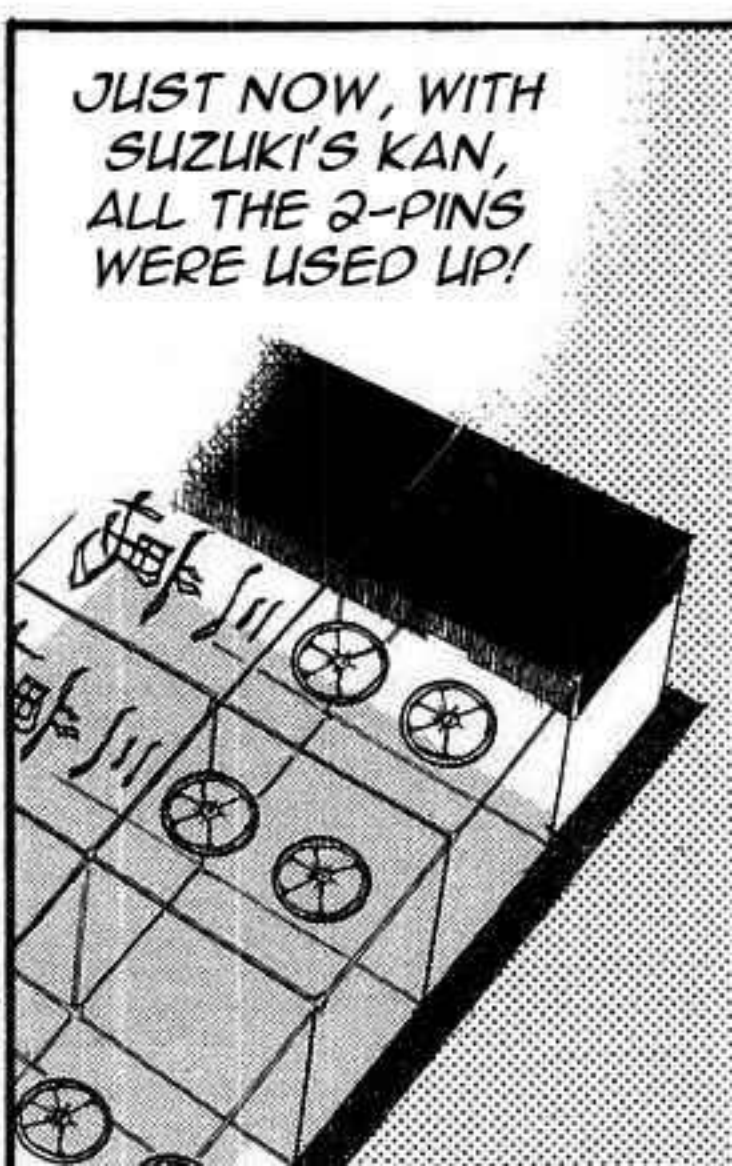


UN-
LIKE
THE
3-
PIN,

A
WORTH-
LESS
TILE!



AND SO,
THAT 1-3
PIN CLOSED
WAIT CANNOT
POSSIBLY
FILL!



JUST NOW, WITH
SUZUKI'S KAN,
ALL THE 2-PINS
WERE USED UP!



AFTER ALL, THAT'S
ALL THAT THERE IS
TO MAHJONG...!



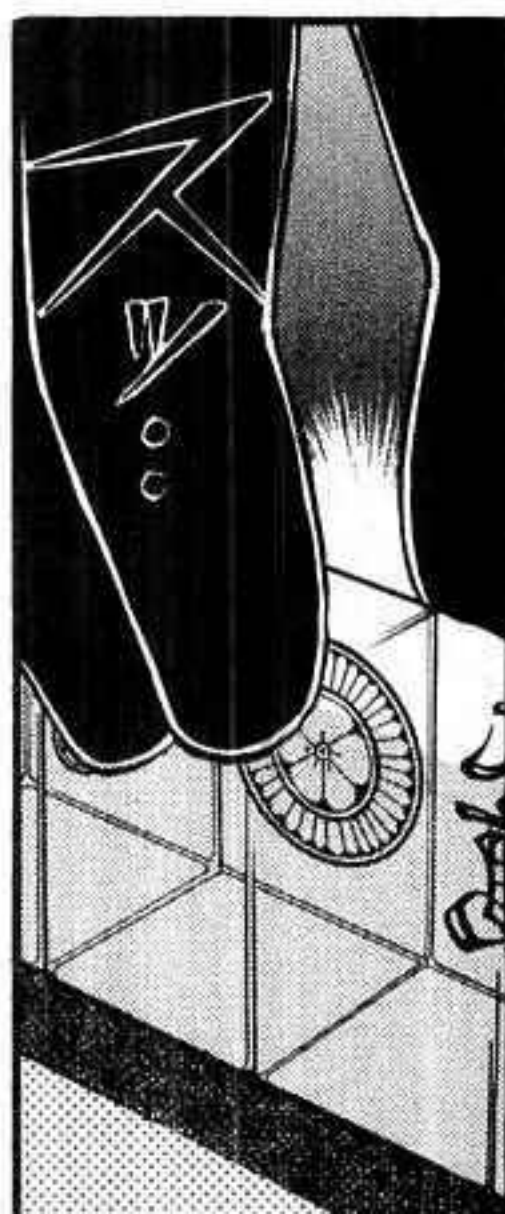
KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

THAT
1-PIN
WILL
CERTAINLY
WEIGH
YOU
DOWN!

THAT
1-PIN!!!

WHO'S TO
SAY THAT
IT WOULDN'T
PASS?

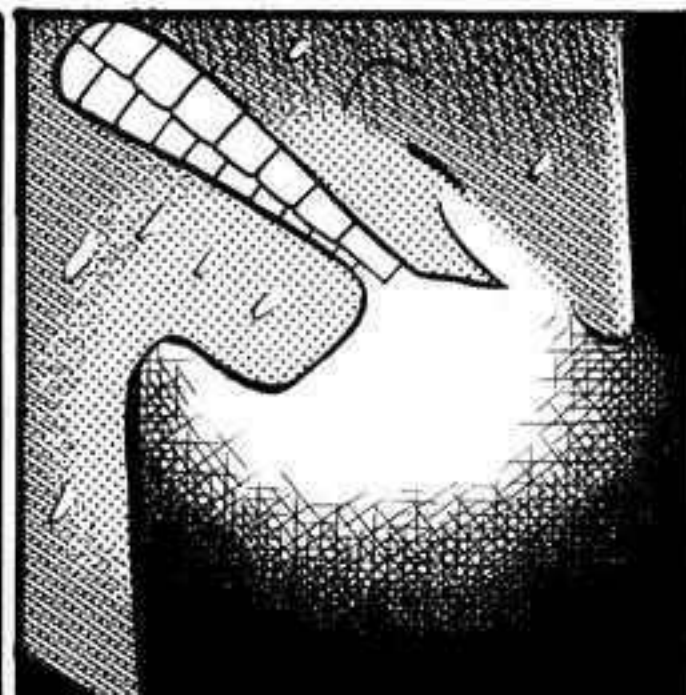
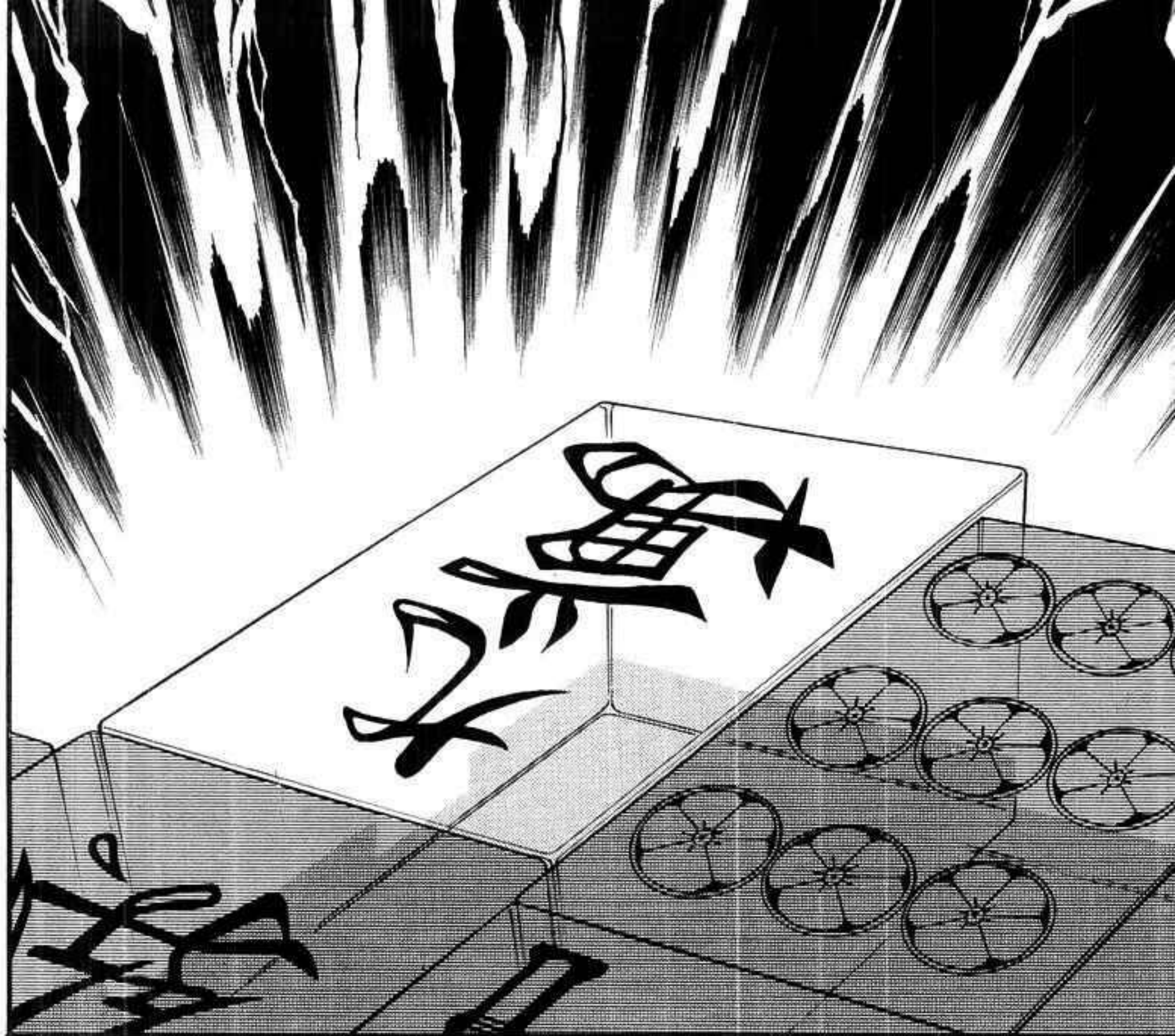
WASHIZU'S
1-PIN WAIT



KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



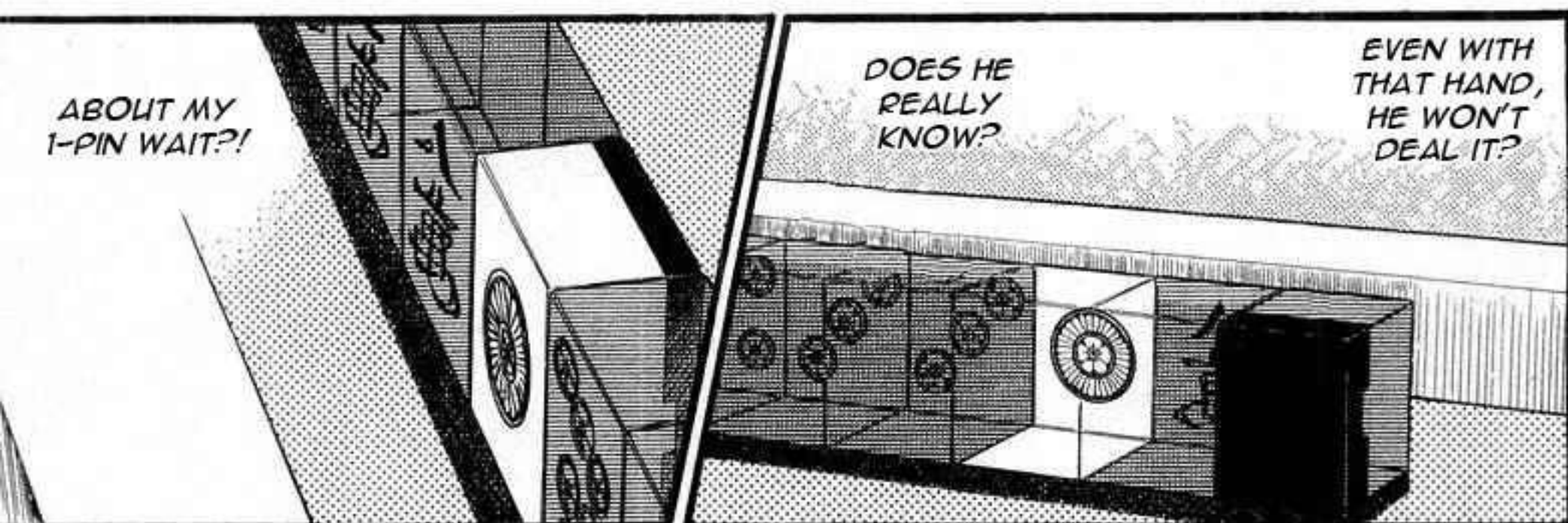






HE
REALLY
WON'T
DEAL IT?

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS,
THEN?



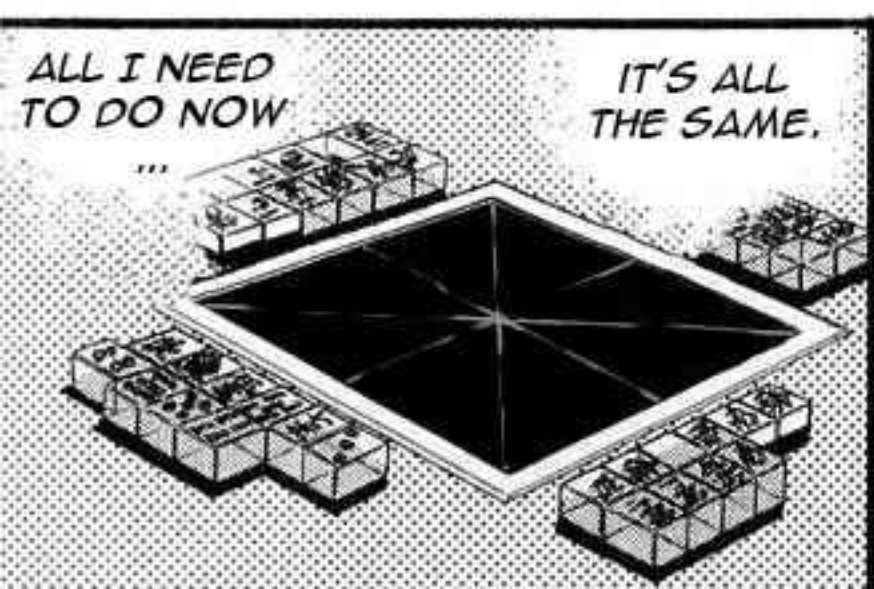
ABOUT MY
I-PIN WAIT?!

DOES HE
REALLY
KNOW?

EVEN WITH
THAT HAND,
HE WON'T
DEAL IT?

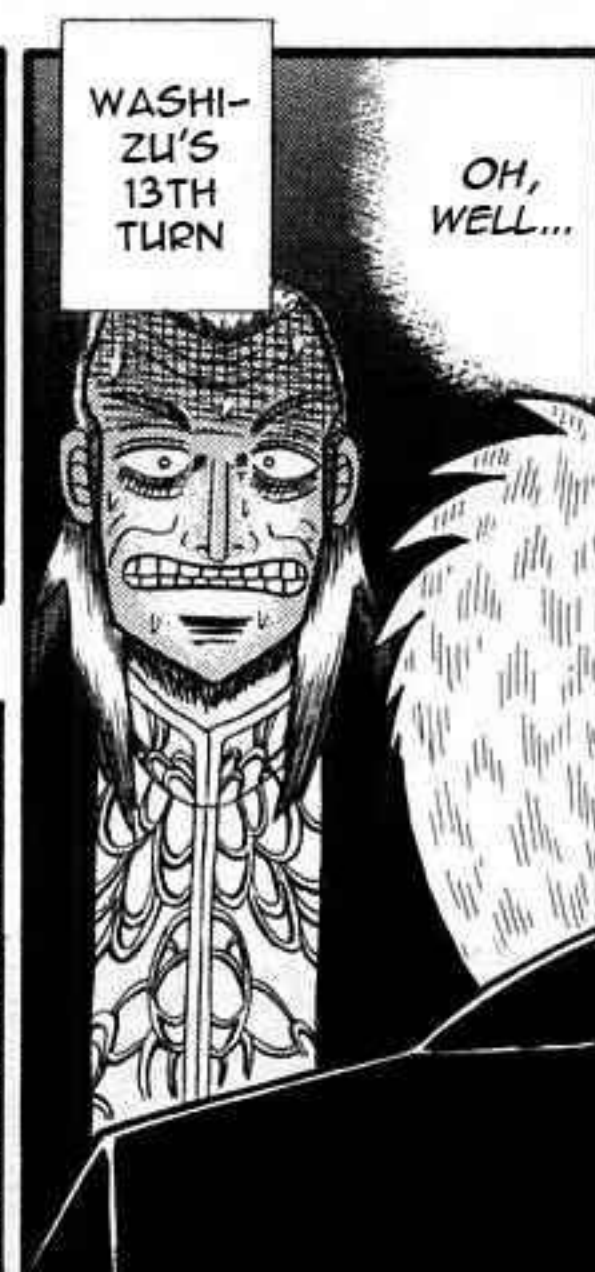


I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
FINE, TOO.



ALL I NEED
TO DO NOW

IT'S ALL
THE SAME.



WASHI-
ZU'S
13TH
TURN

OH,
WELL...



TCH



...IS
DRAW IT
MYSELF
...!!

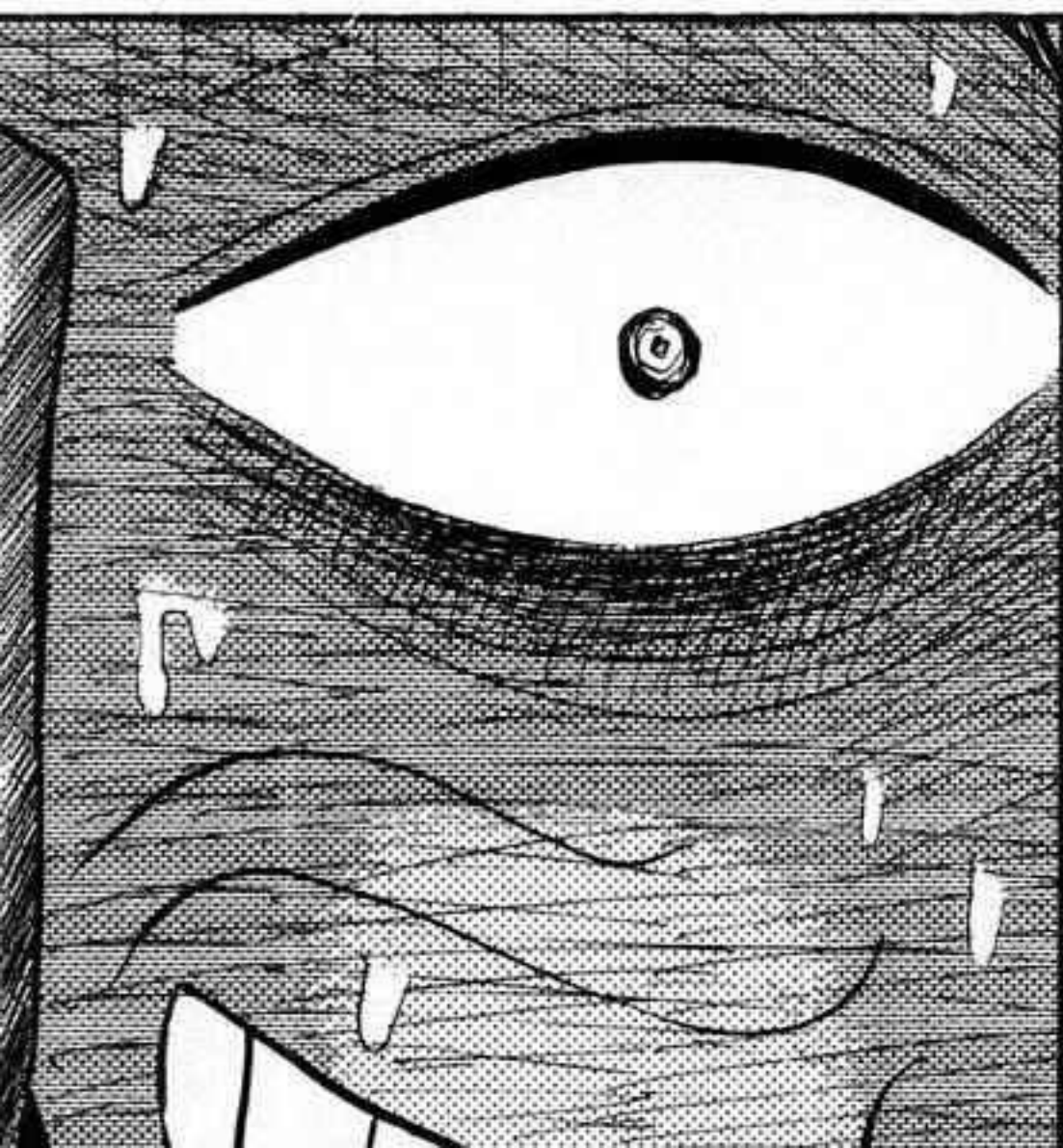
HERE
AND
NOW
!!!



HE
WILL
DIE!



AND
THEN
HE
WILL
DIE!!



DIE!

DIE!

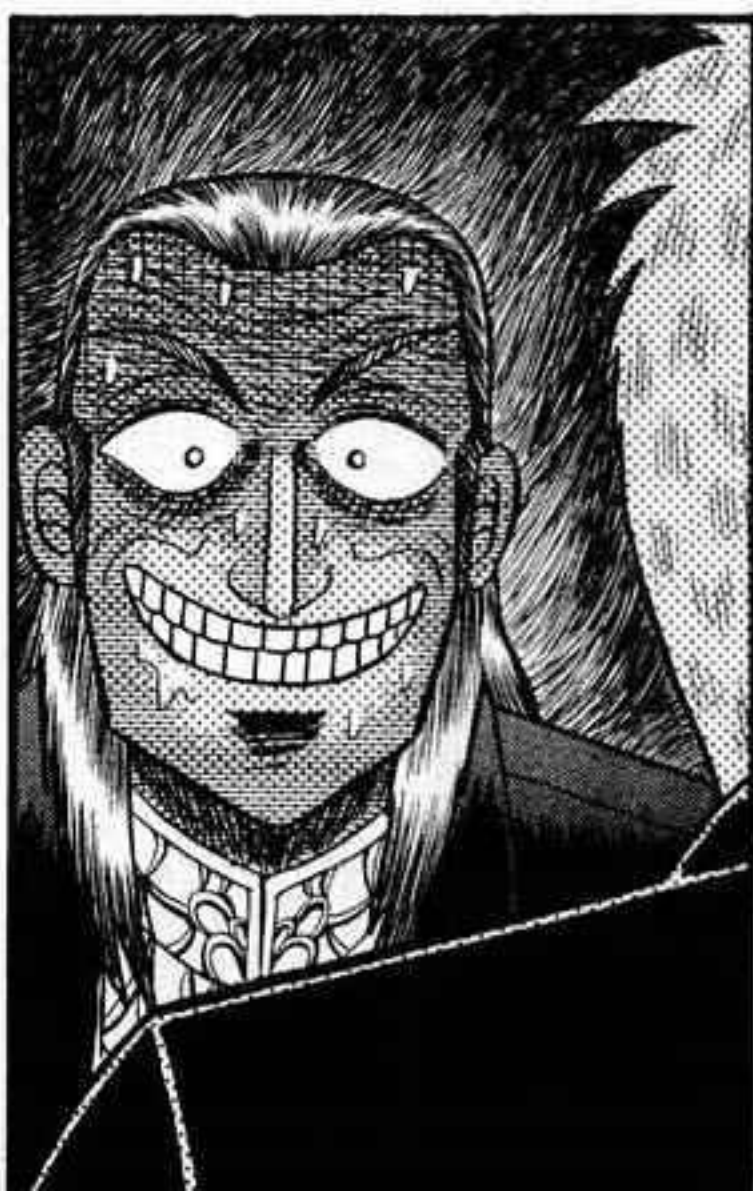
DIE!

DIE!

DIE!

DIE!

DIE!



DIE!!!

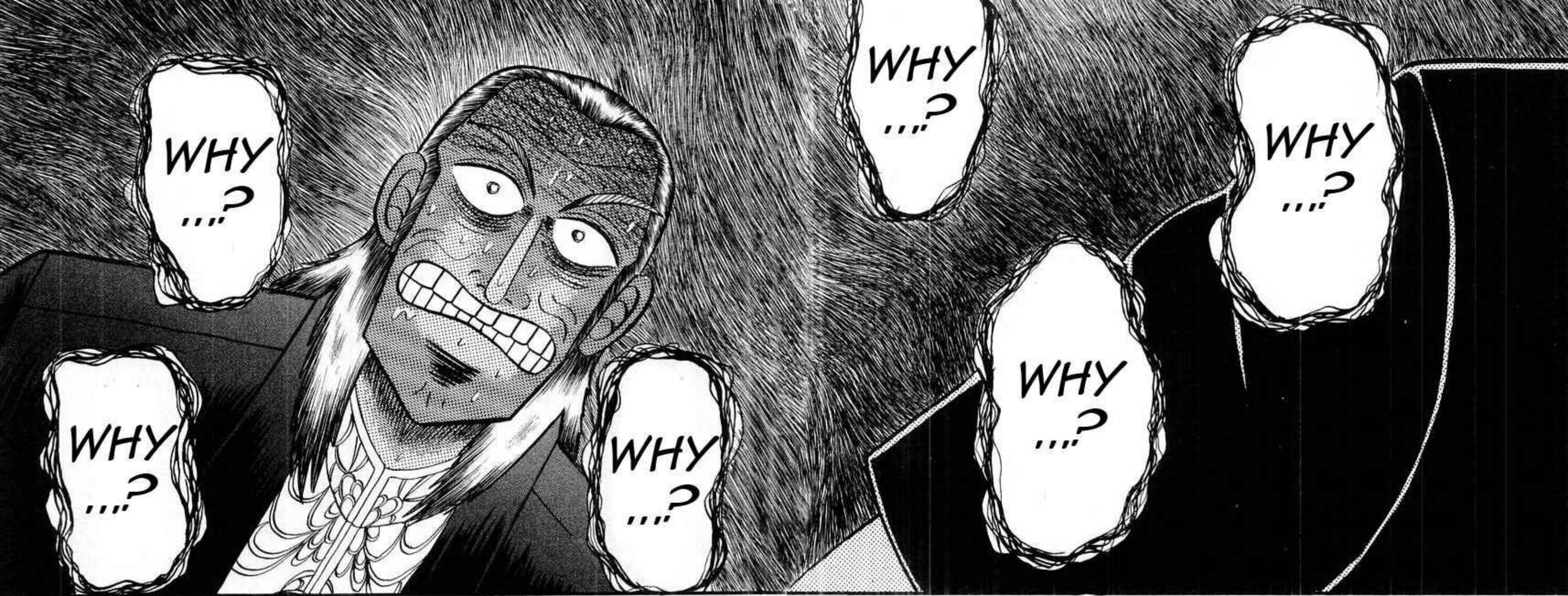




WHAT
IS
THE
MEA-
NING
OF
THIS
...?!

WHY
...
AREN'T
YOU
TREM-
BLING?!





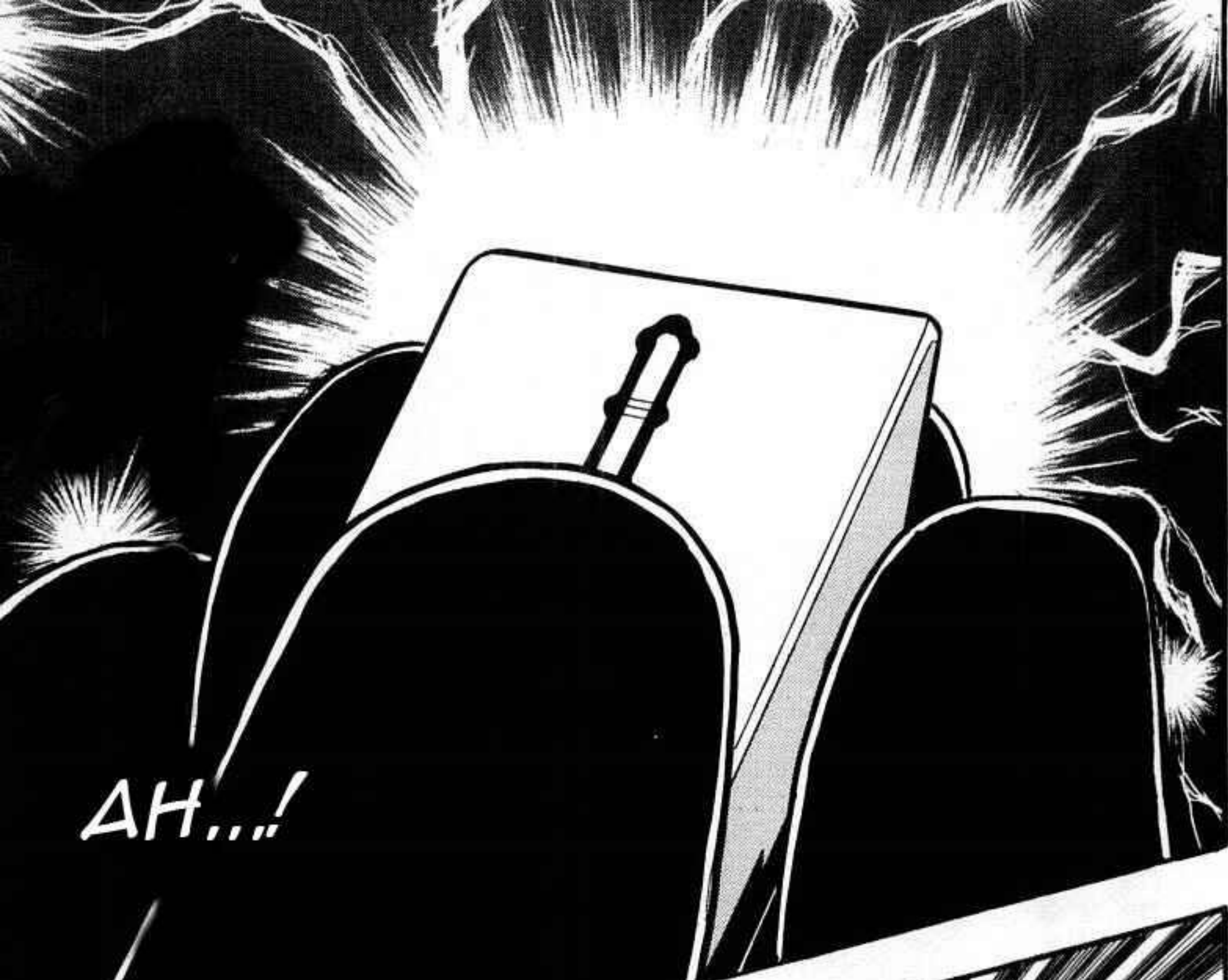


ARE
THOSE
AROUND
HIM!

AND ONCE
AGAIN, THE
ONLY ONES
WHO CAN'T
SO MUCH AS
HIDE THEIR
FEAR



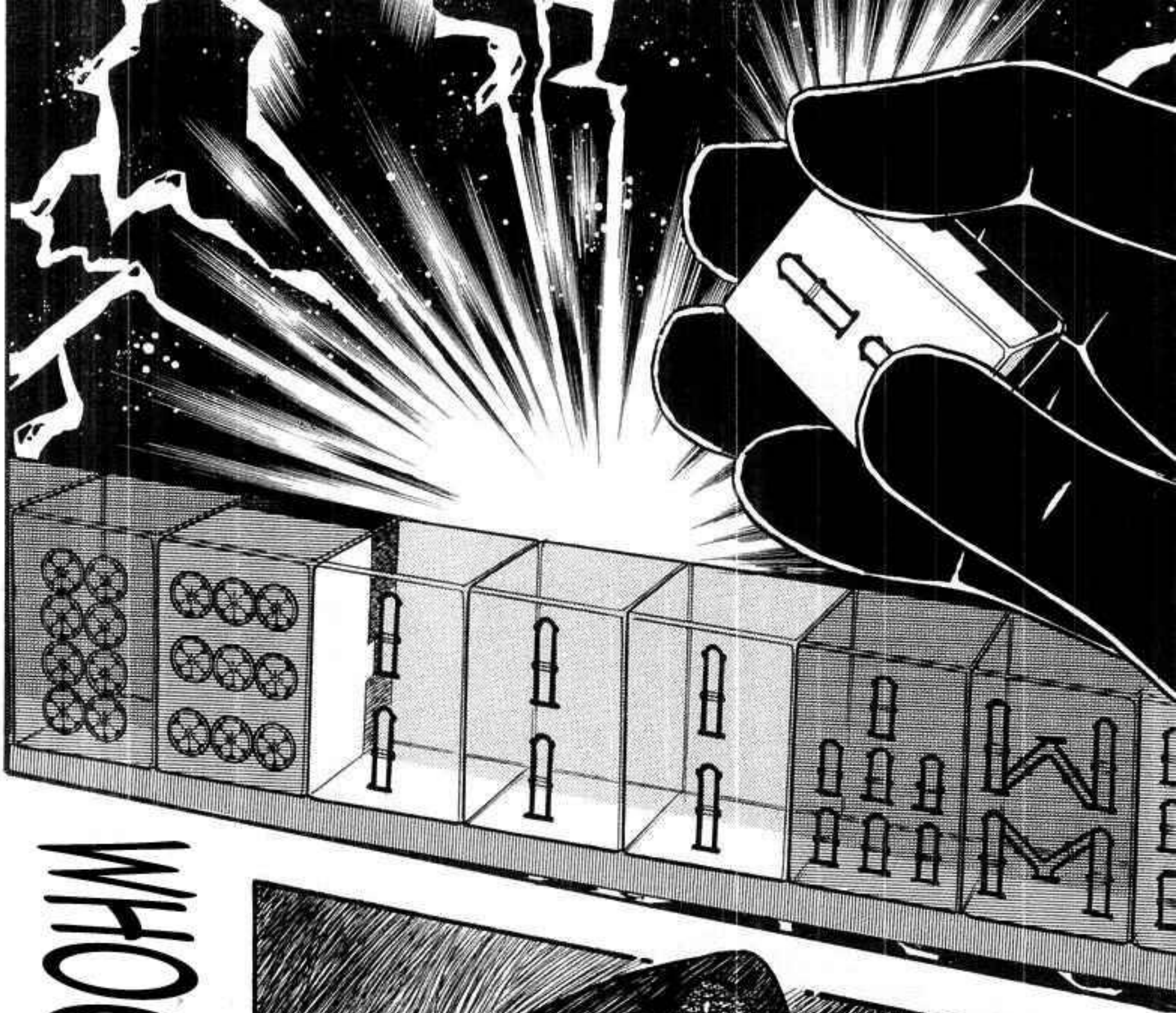
HE
ALWAYS
REMAINS
CALM, NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS



AH....!



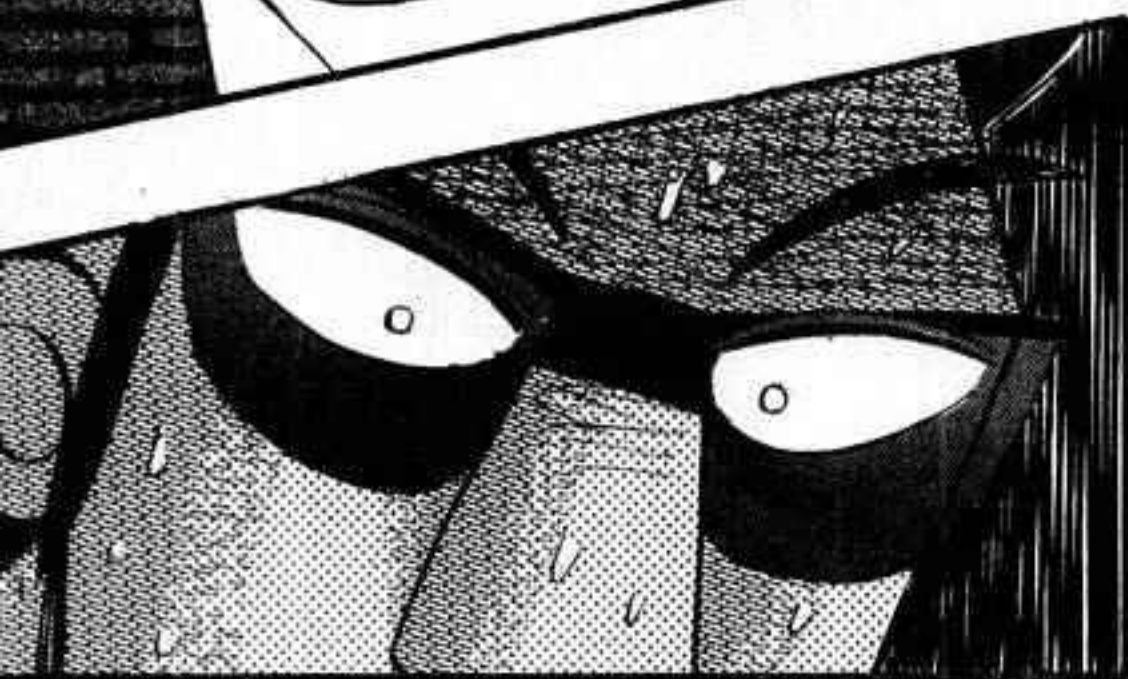
URGH
...!



WHOOOOOOOAAAHHH!!!!!!

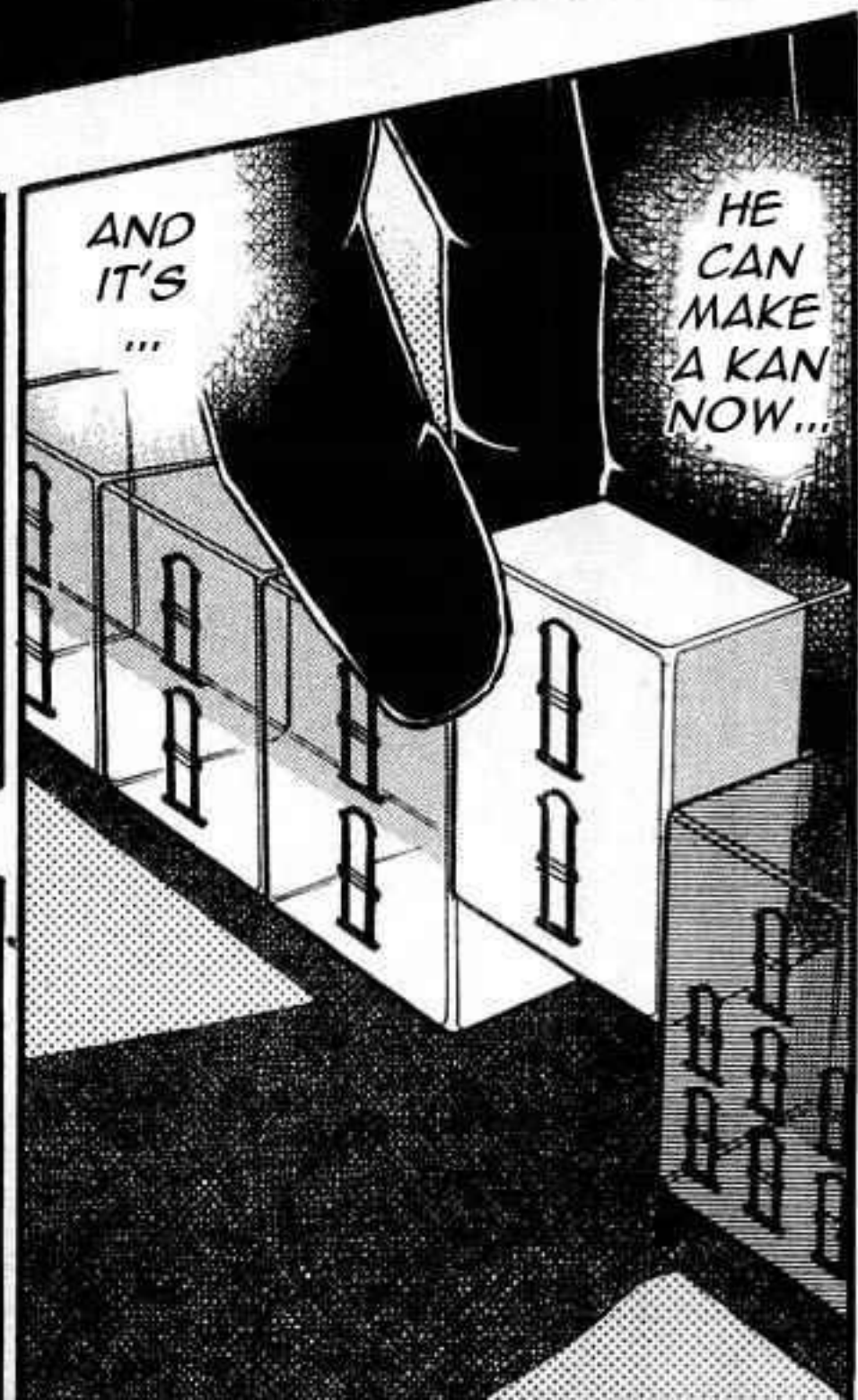
THIS
FLOW
...?!

WHAT'S
WITH
THIS
DRAW...



AND
IT'S
...

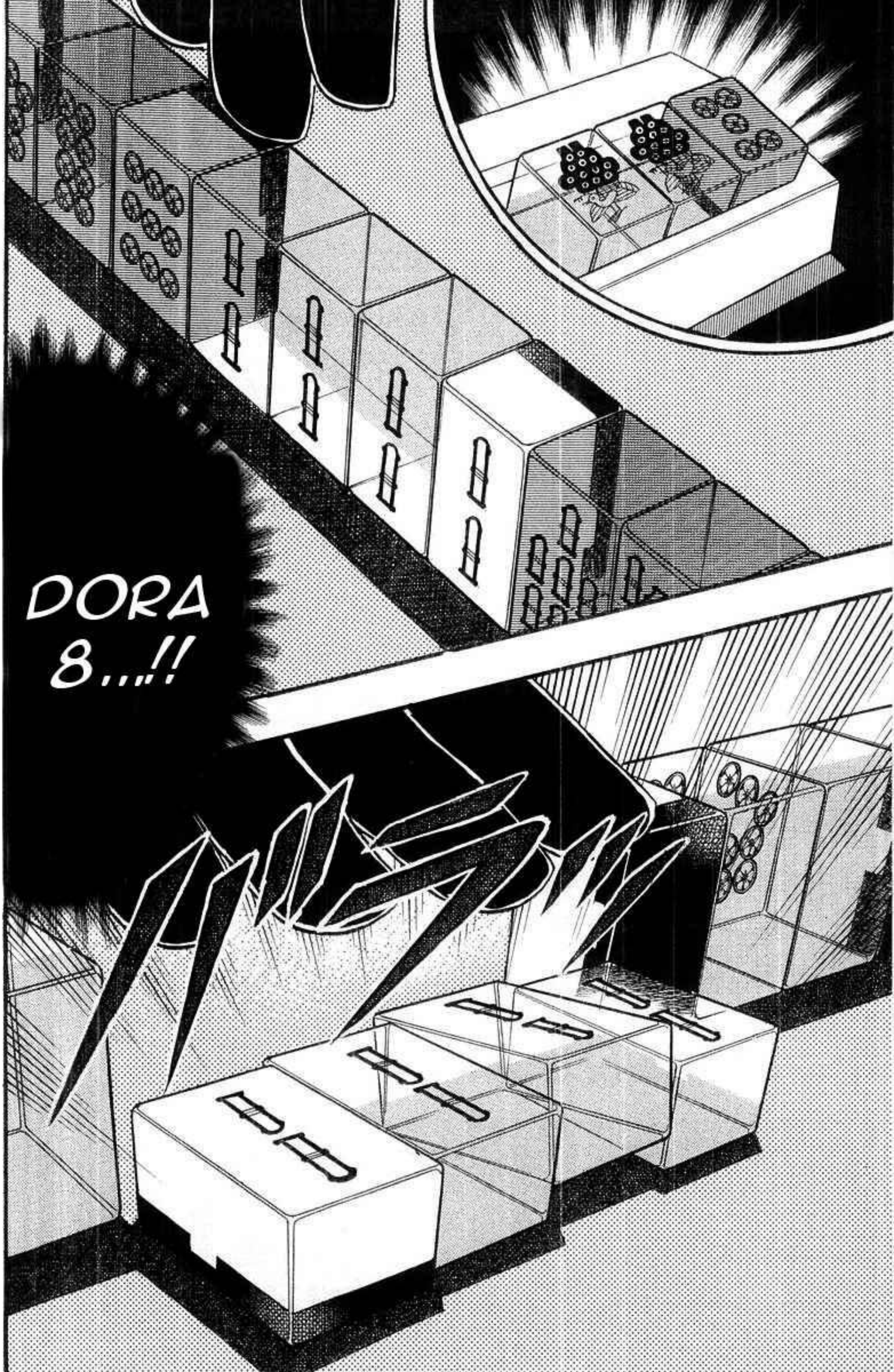
HE
CAN
MAKE
A KAN
NOW...



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT... THIS
2-SOU
KAN IS
...



DORA
8....!!





KAN!!



URGH ...!!



KEH-
HEH-
HEH-
HEH!!



GRGH ...



КНН-
НН-
НН-
НН!!

КНН-
НН-
НН-
НН!!

КНН-
НН-
НН-
НН!!

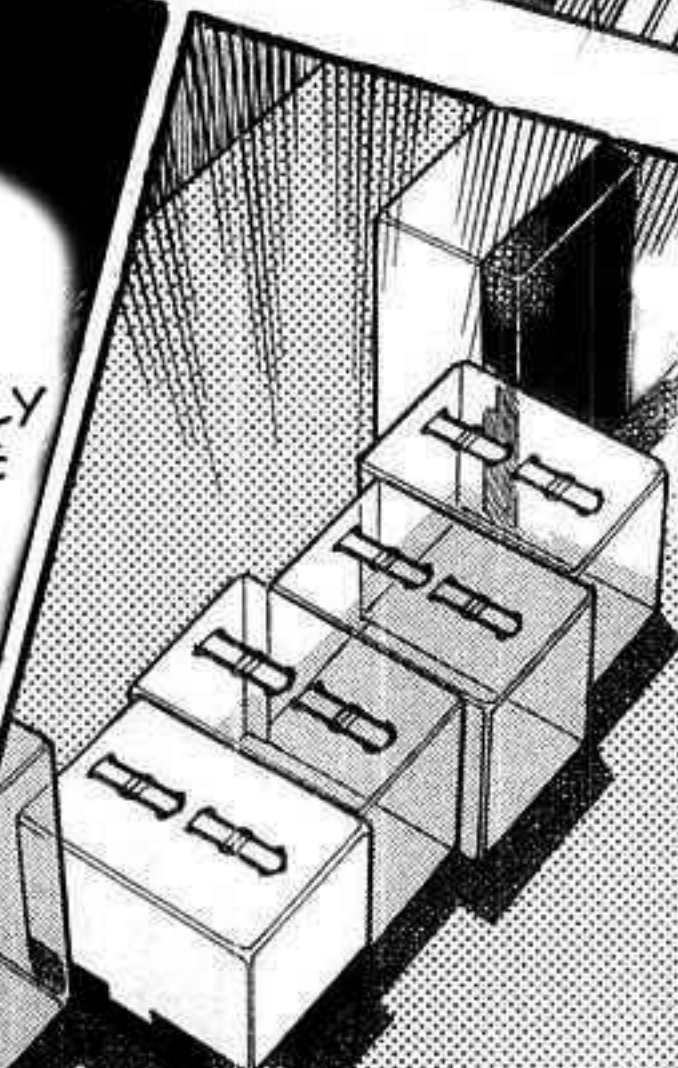
КНН-
НН-
НН-
НН!!

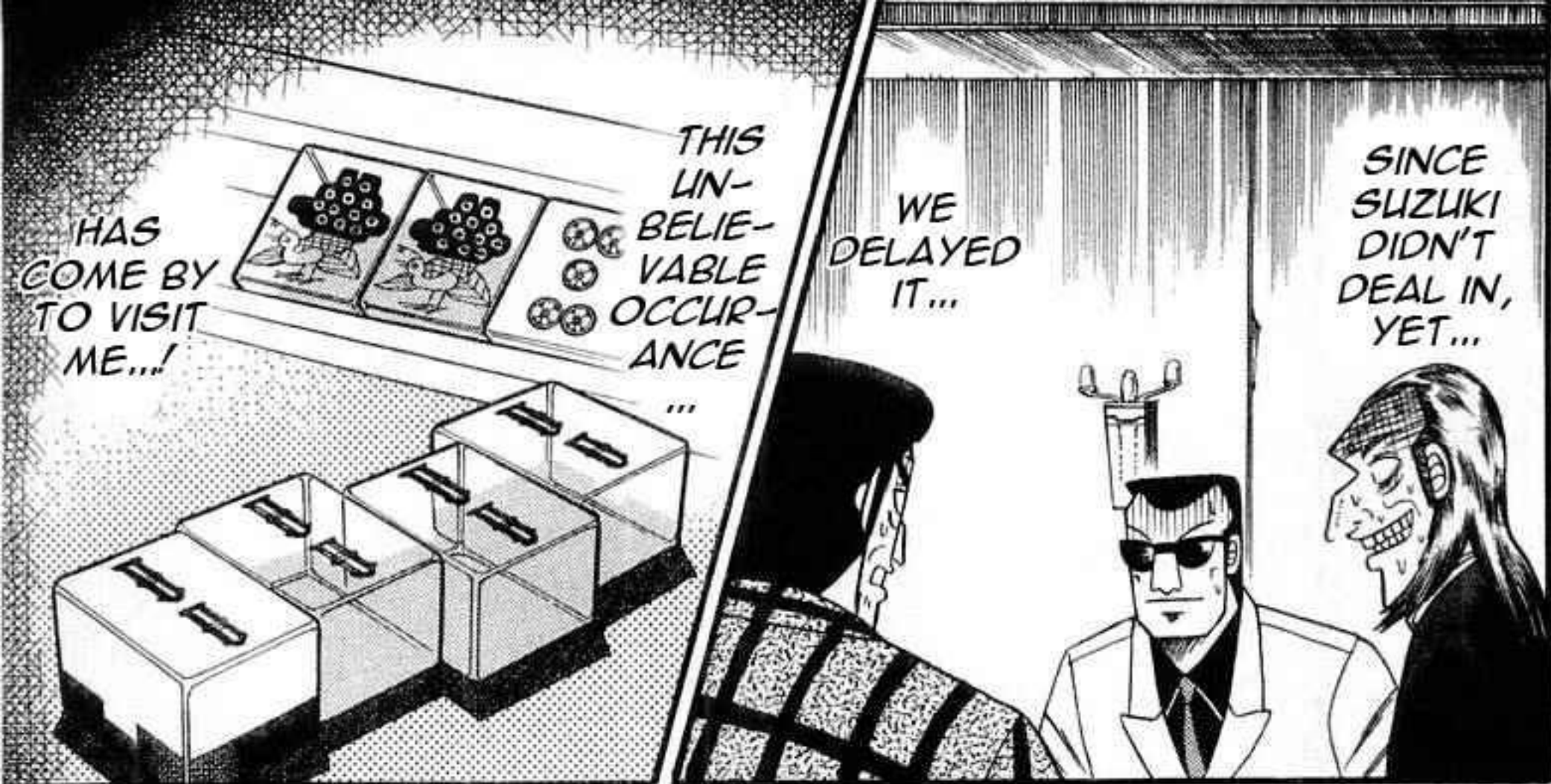


THE
EVIL
SPIRIT
IN ME
...

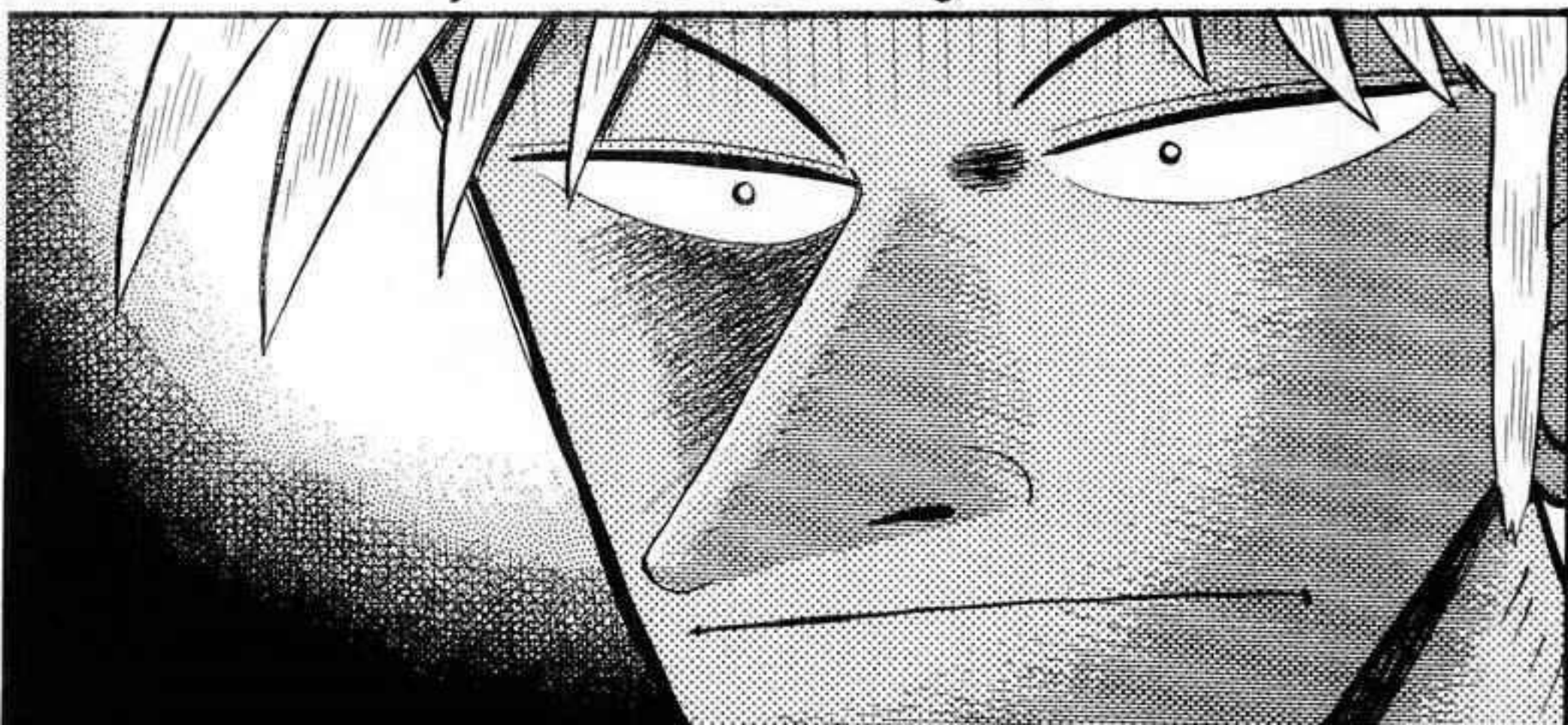
IT IS
FINALLY
HERE
...

AND
WITH
THIS
...











アカギ⑪/完
AKAGI 11 - FIN



