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近代麻雀コミックス

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赤木しげる



ニセアカギ

現在は川田組の代打ち 並外れた記憶力と雀力を持つ 詳細は不明



治

アカキと同じ工場で働いていた少年 アカキに惚れ込み、ついてきた

登場人物紹介

前巻までの

あらすじ

昭和33年。生命を賭けたヤクザとの麻雀勝負に敗れつつあった南郷を助けた13歳の少年。彼こそ後に裏の麻雀界に君臨することになる赤木しげるであった。特に、盲目の雀士・市川を破った夜は、伝説と化した。しかし、直後に赤木は姿を消し、5年余りが経った……。昭和39年。伝説の夜に立ち合った不良刑事・安岡は一計を案じ、ニセの赤木を代打ちとして川田組に売り込み、成功する。ところが、川田組幹部・石川は街中で本物の赤木を目撃。川田組長は、二人の赤木の対決を画策するが、対局途中であったニセアカギと藤沢組代打ち・浦部の勝負を一瞥した赤木は浦部の方が格上だと言い放つ。果たして、予言通り浦部は、どちらかがトップをとるまで終わらない倍プッシュ勝負へと強引に持ち込んだ……!!



浦 部

藤沢組の代打ち。凡庸を装って倍プッシュ勝負を画策したベテラン



川田組長(左)と石川

石川は伝説の夜に居合わせた一人。ニセアカギの真贋の判定もした。

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KU
KU
...

KU
KU
KU
...

THAT
1000 IS
A THORNY
PATH...

BUT
BRO...

IF YOU
GET 1000
POINTS,
YOU WIN

YES...

PUT
YOUR
FOOT
IN!

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN

KEH...

KU
KU
KU
...

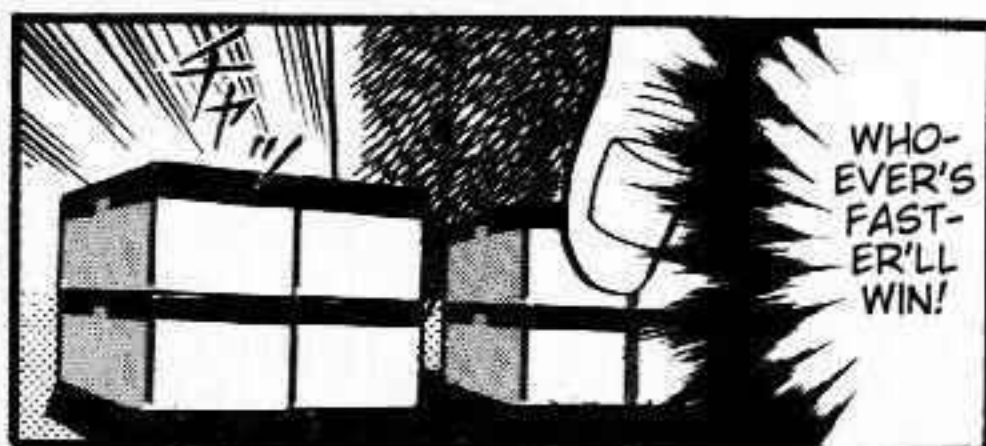
KU
KU
KU
...

CHAPTER 37: DALE

第37話 溪谷



THE
HAND'S
LIMIT



WHO-
EVER'S
FAST-
ER'LL
WIN!



IT
COMES
DOWN
TO...

BUT I
MUST
FOCUS
ON
SPEED

M
A
T
T
E
R
T
H
E
H
A
N
D
D
O
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THAT
THORNY
PATH IS
BULL-
SHIT!

IT'S
JUST
ONE
ROUND



BULL-
SHIT!

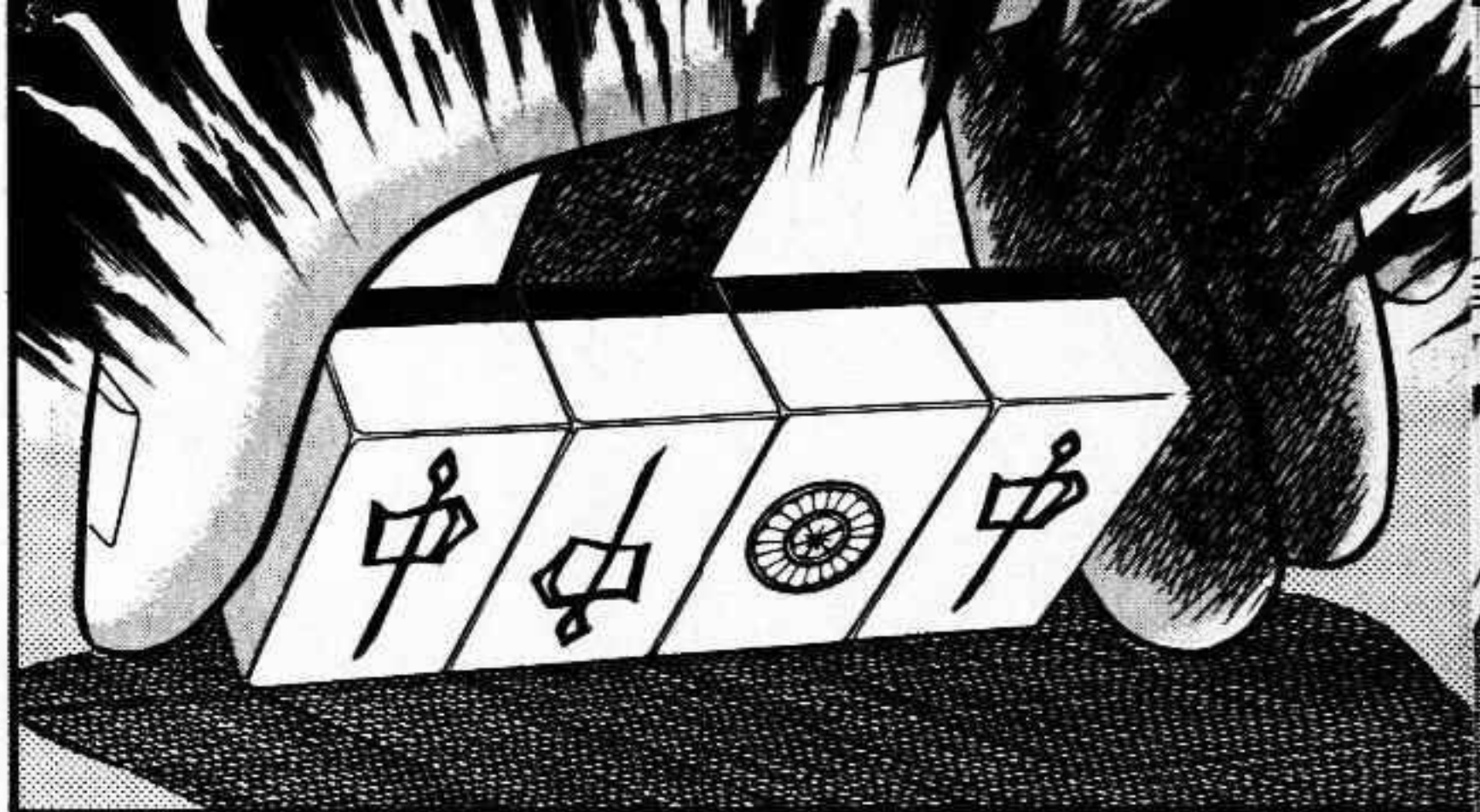


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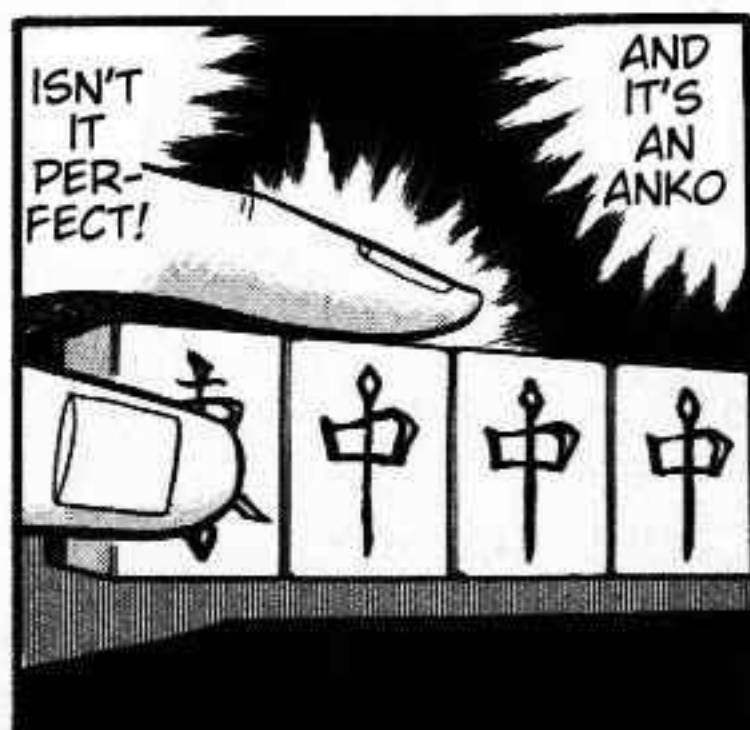
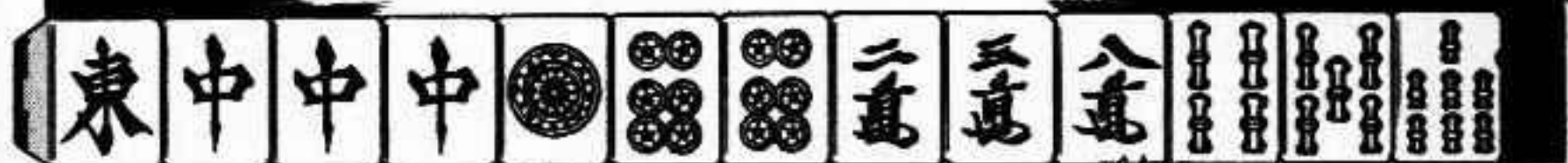


IT'S
CRITICAL
TO WRAP
THIS
UP





IT'S HERE!

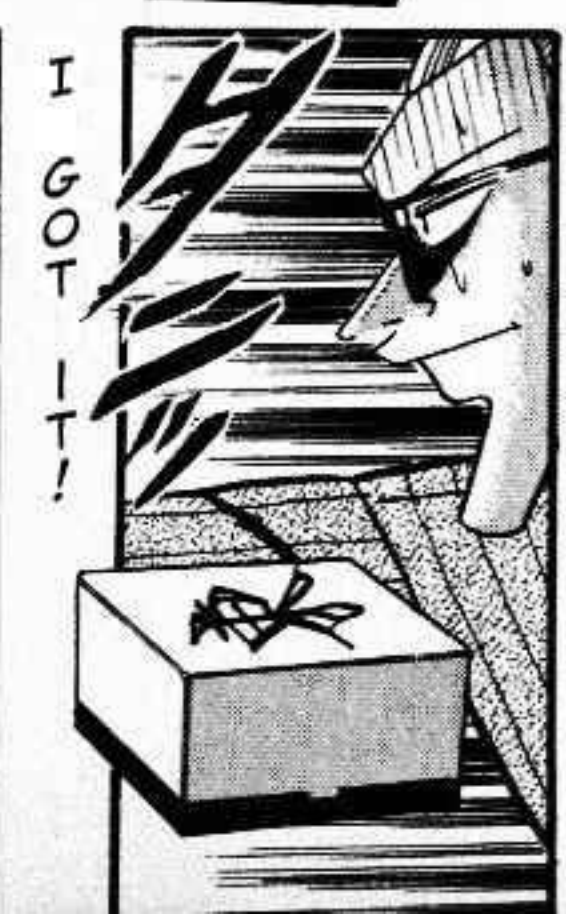


THE LAST TRUMP!



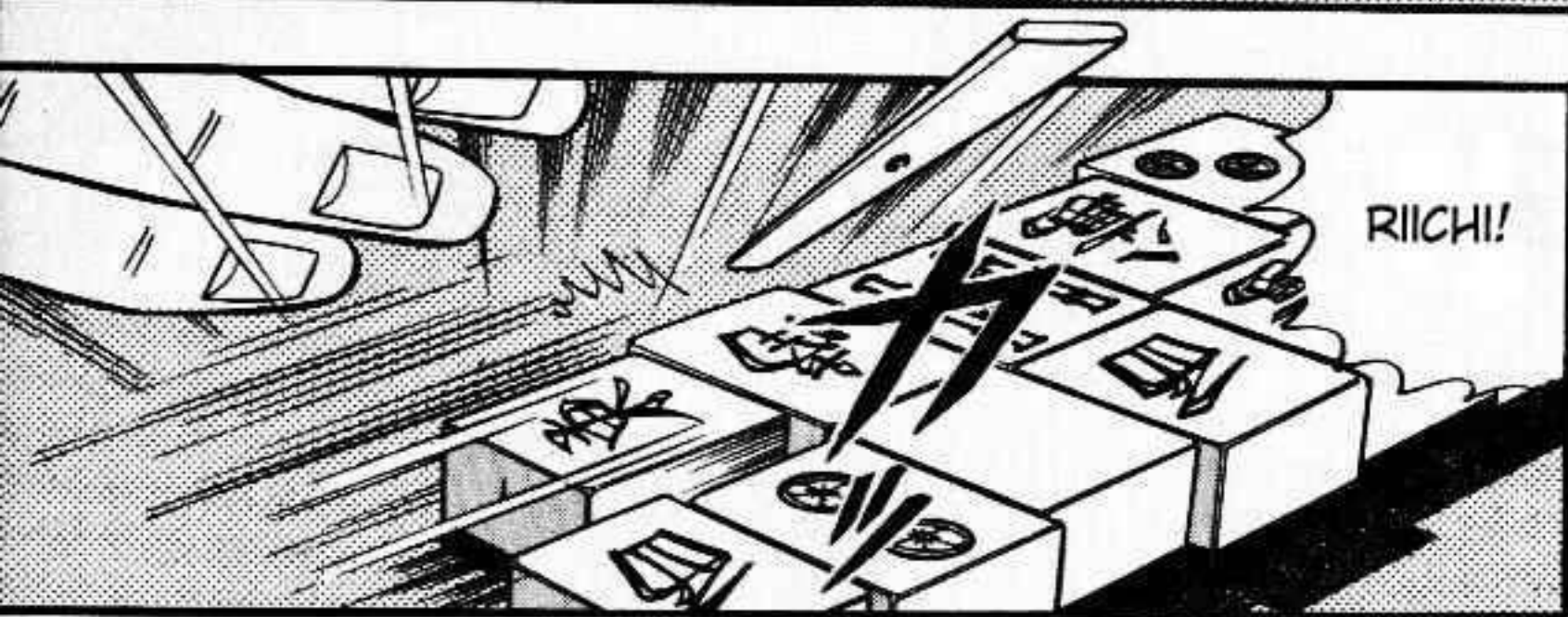
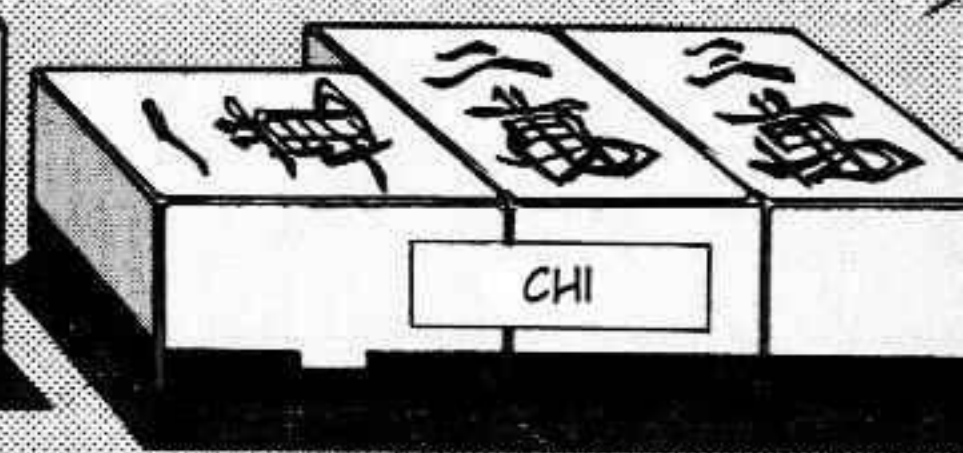
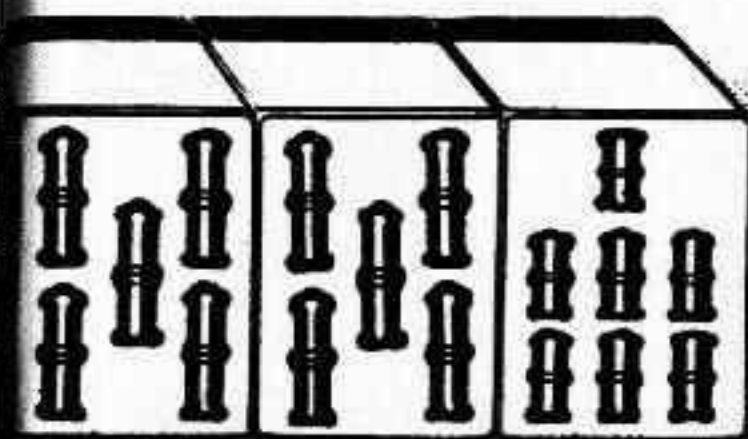
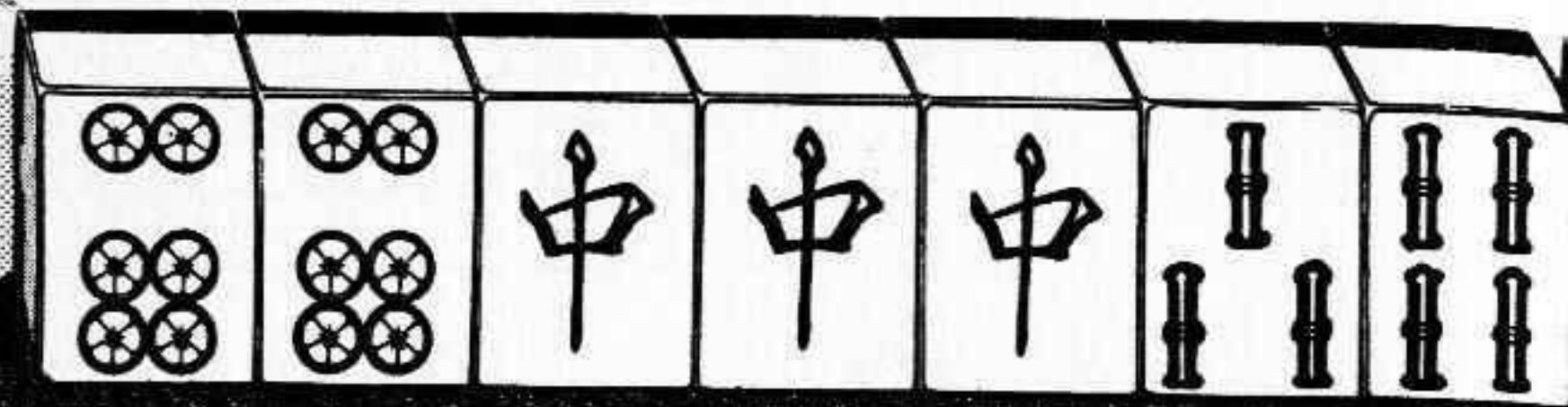


TOO
BAD
FOR
YOU!



FAKE AKAGI

TENPAI!



I'VE GOT URABE!



BUT I'VE REACHED IT!

THE WAIT IS BAD



SINGLE 6 SOUL WAIT.



EH?



THAT WAS LAUGH-ABLE!

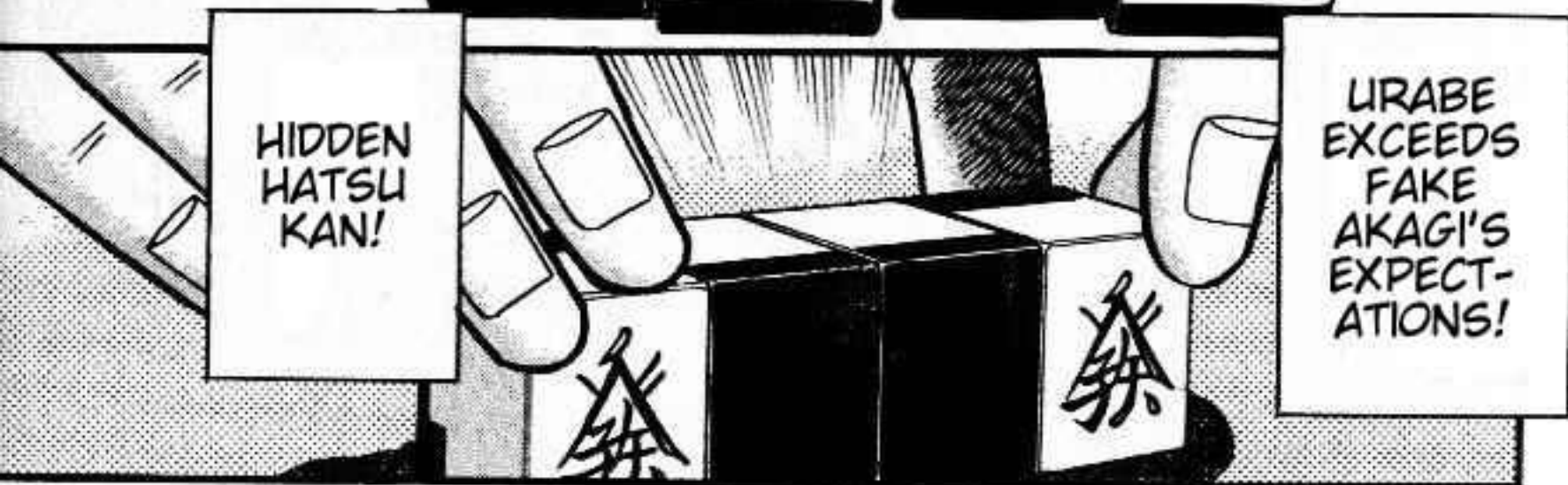
WHAT THOR PAT



EH?



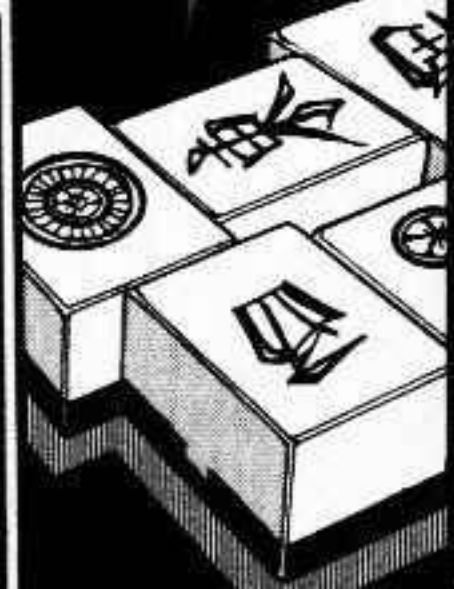
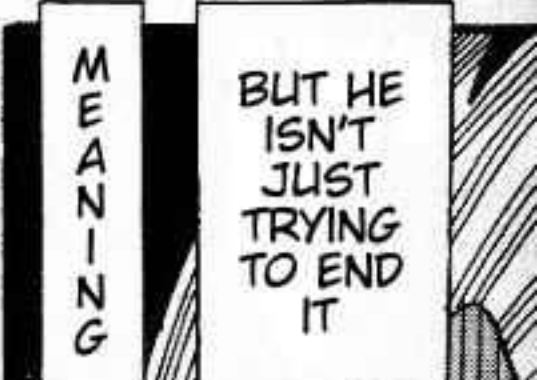
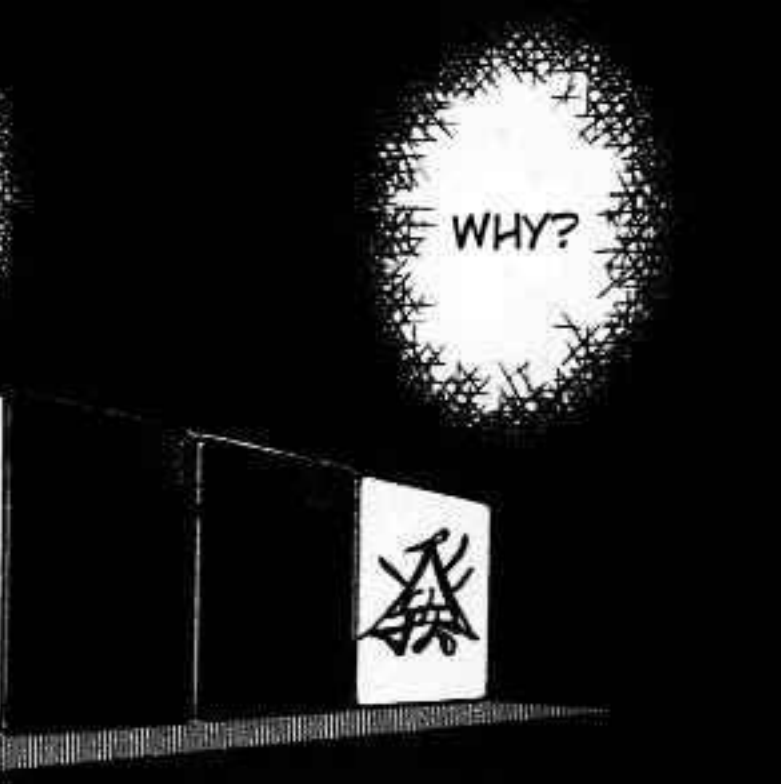
HIDDEN
HATSU
KAN!



URABE
EXCEEDS
FAKE
AKAGI'S
EXPECT-
ATIONS!

IMPOSSIBLE!





GETTING
SUCH A
GREAT
HAND THIS
ROUND...

COULD
IT BE?

AND IS
HOPING
FOR
REVERSE
DORA

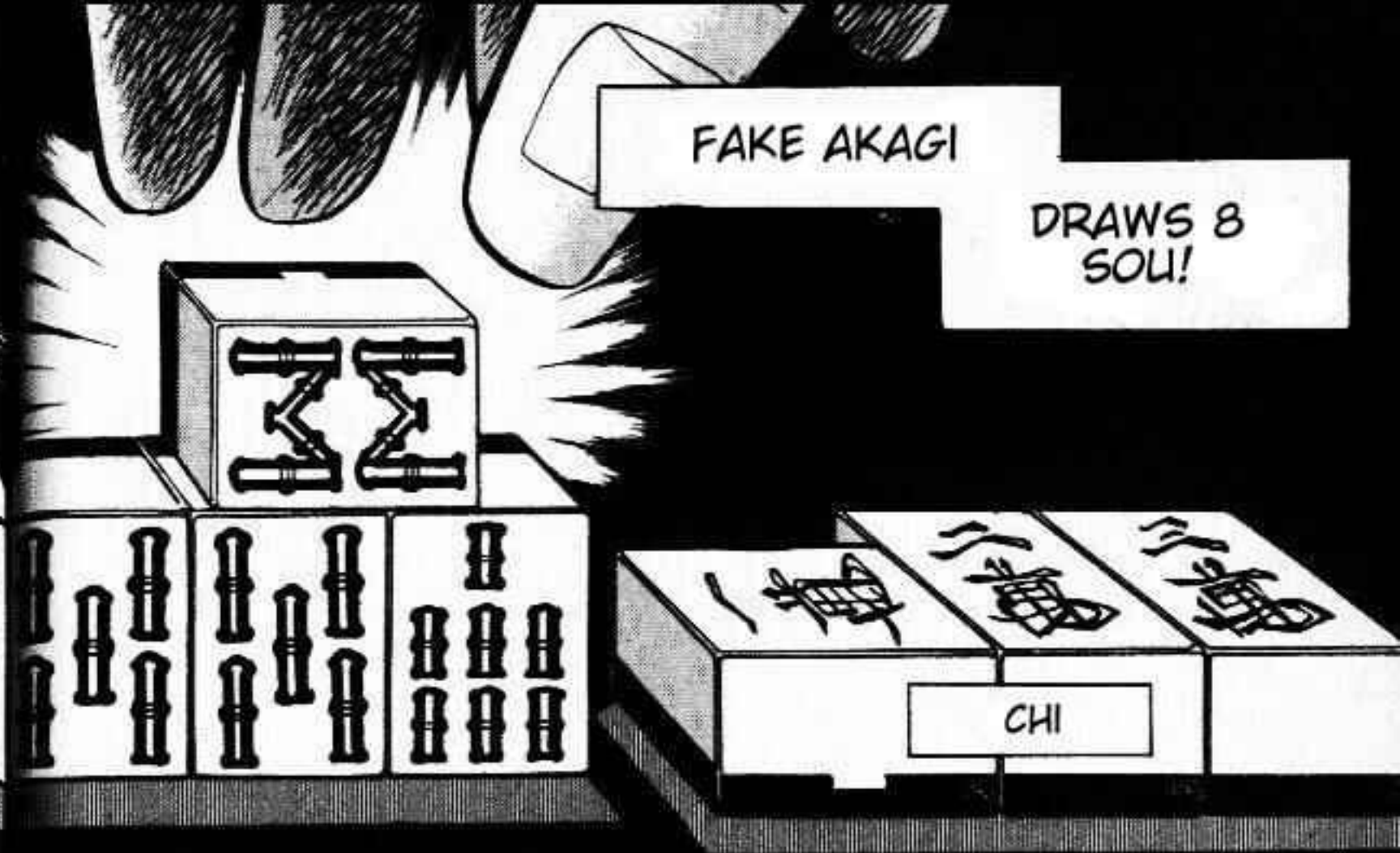
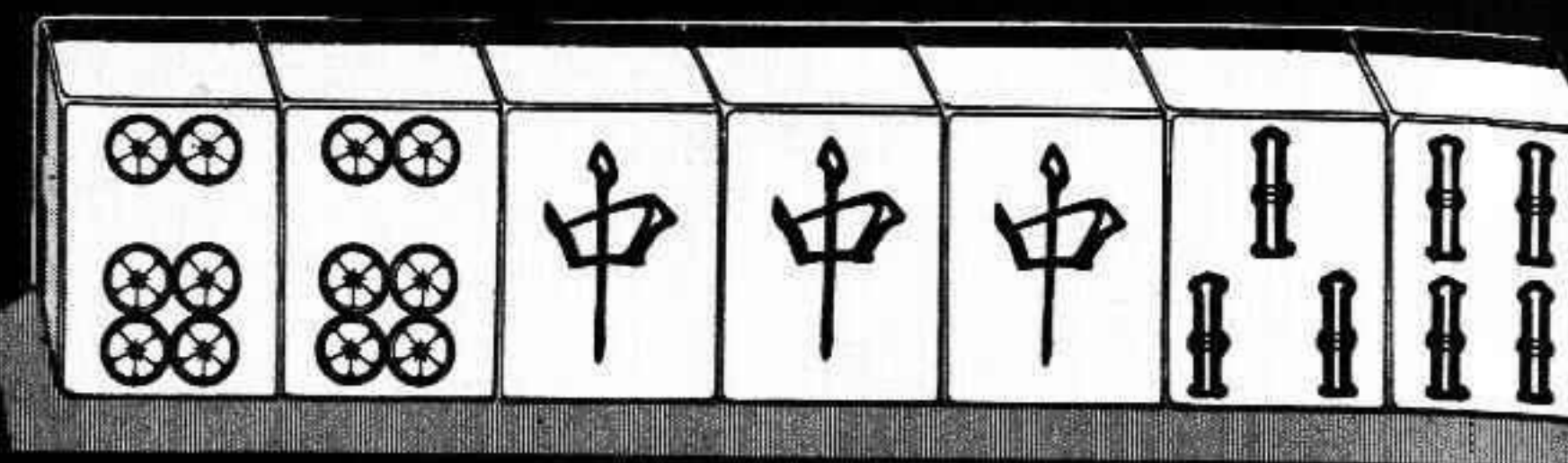
HE
SHOULD
GET 4
DORA...

RIICHI
HATSU
SAN-
SHOKU

IT DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW GOOD
HIS HAND
IS

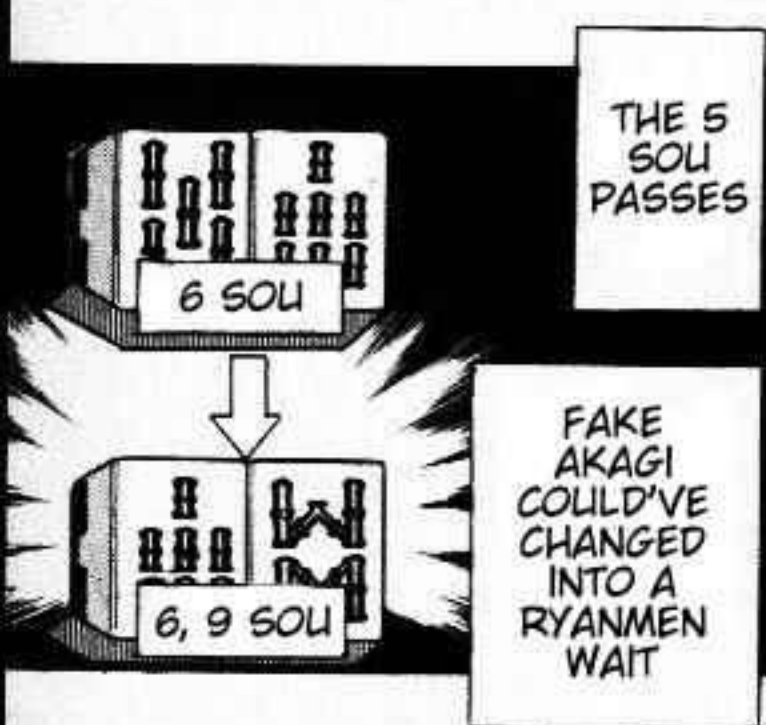
DAMN
IT!

HE PLANS
TO GET 2
REVERSE
DORA



FAKE AKAGI

DRAWS 8 SOL!



THE 5 SOL PASSES

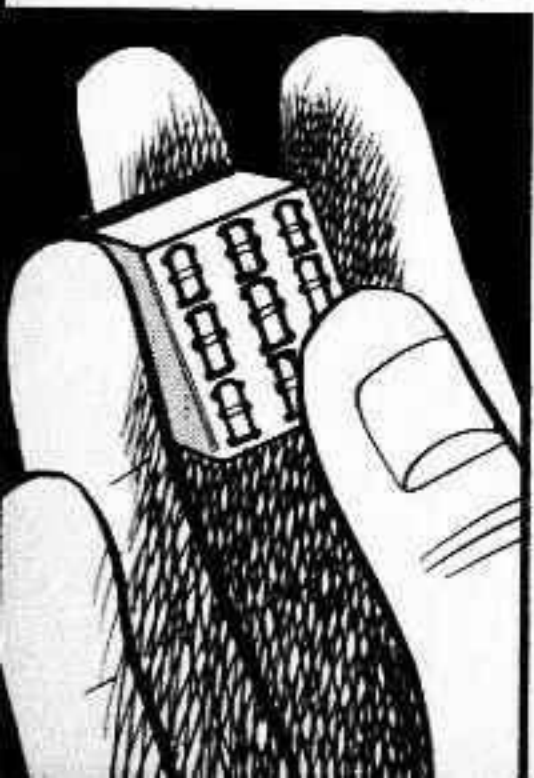
FAKE AKAGI COULD'VE CHANGED INTO A RYANMEN WAIT



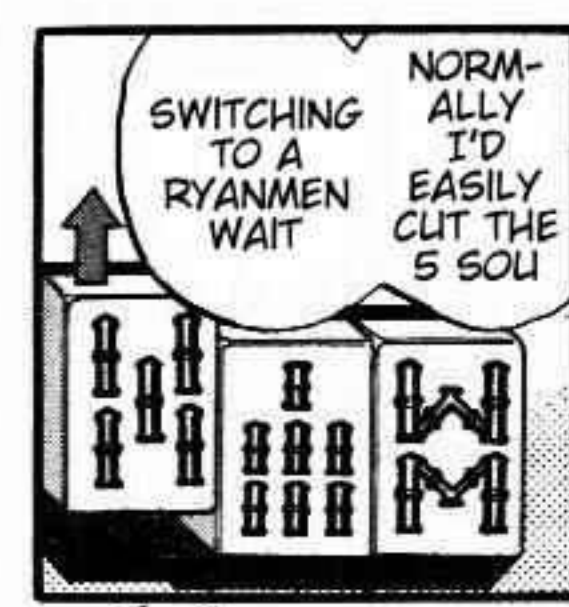
URABE CUTS IT



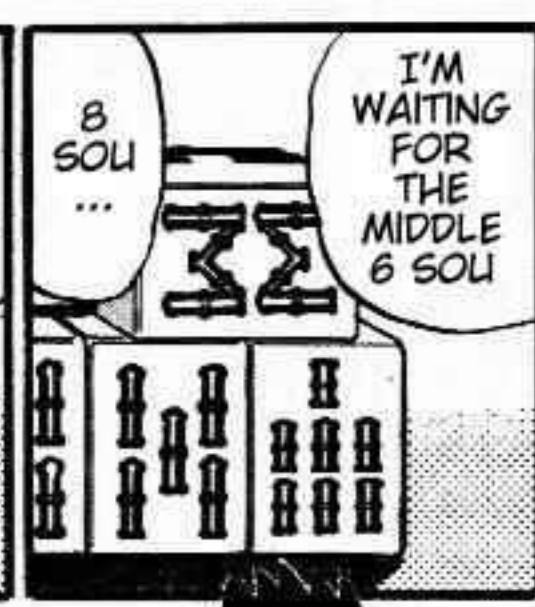
BUT NEXT TURN



E.H.U.



NORMALLY I'D EASILY CUT THE 5 SOL



I'M WAITING FOR THE MIDDLE 6 SOL

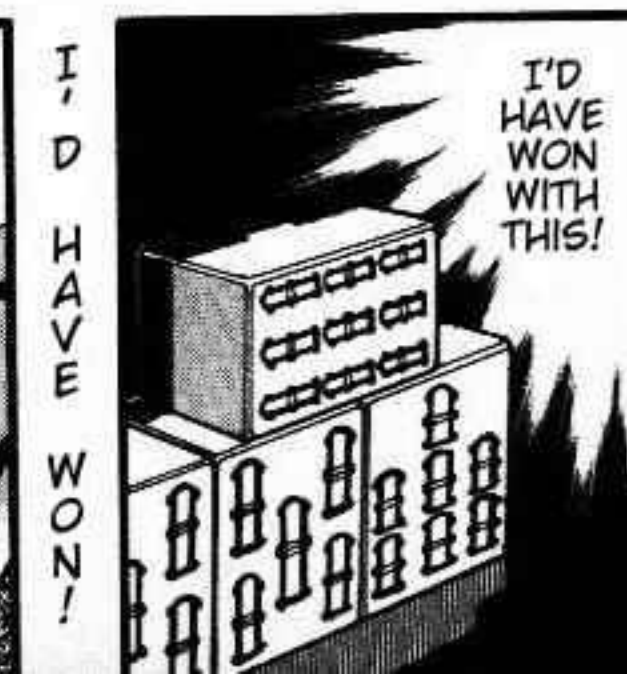
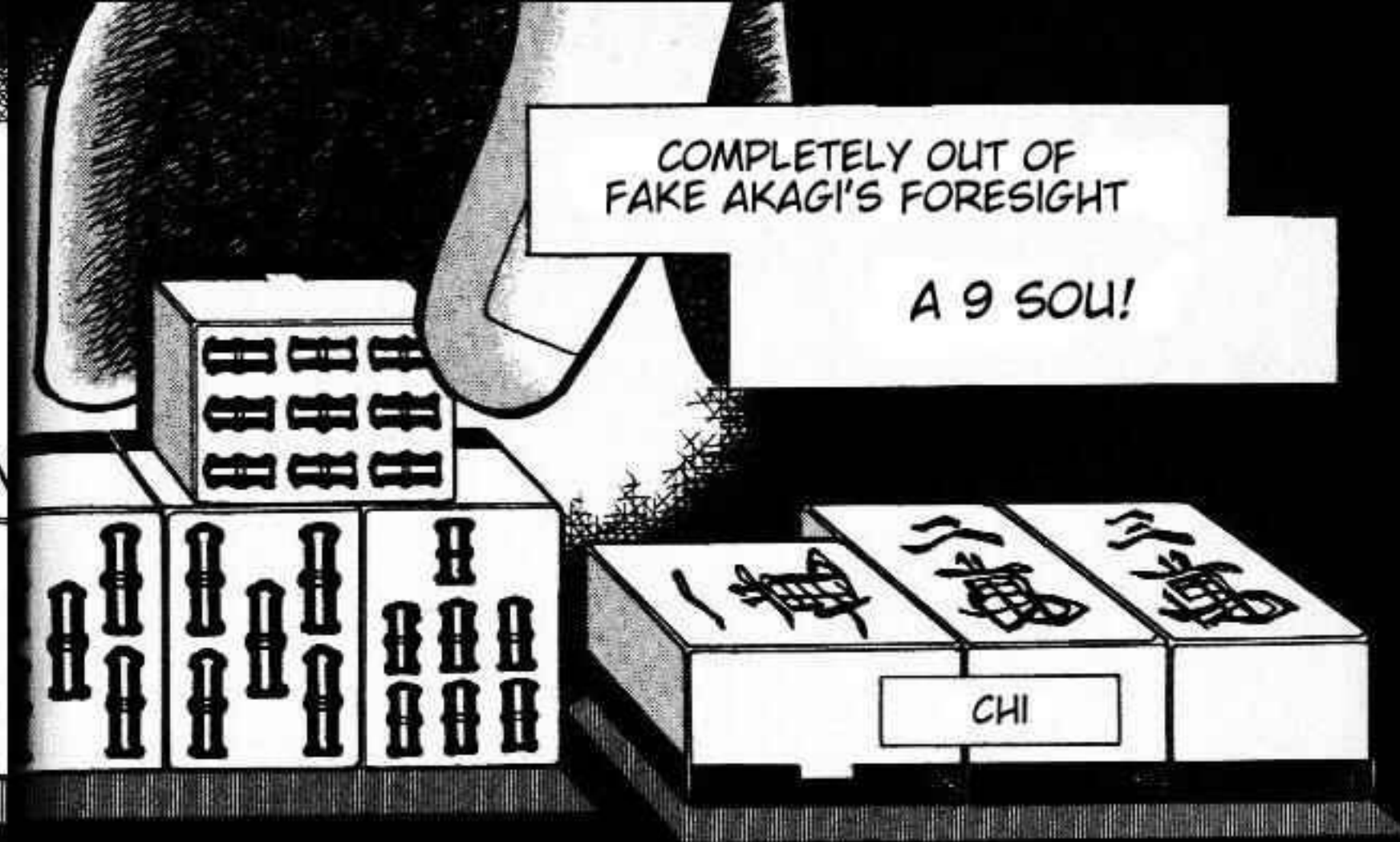
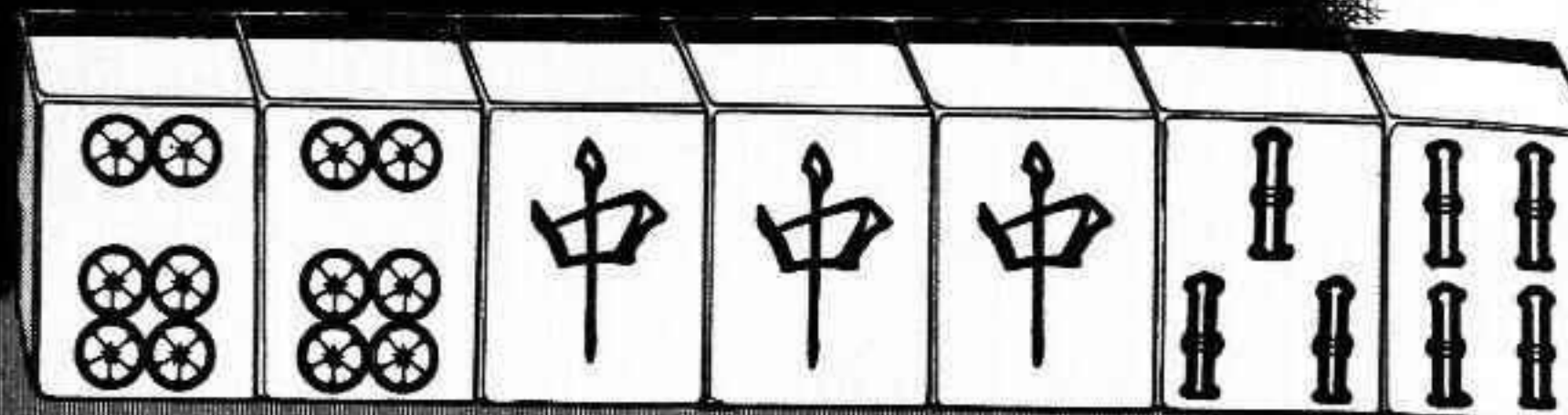


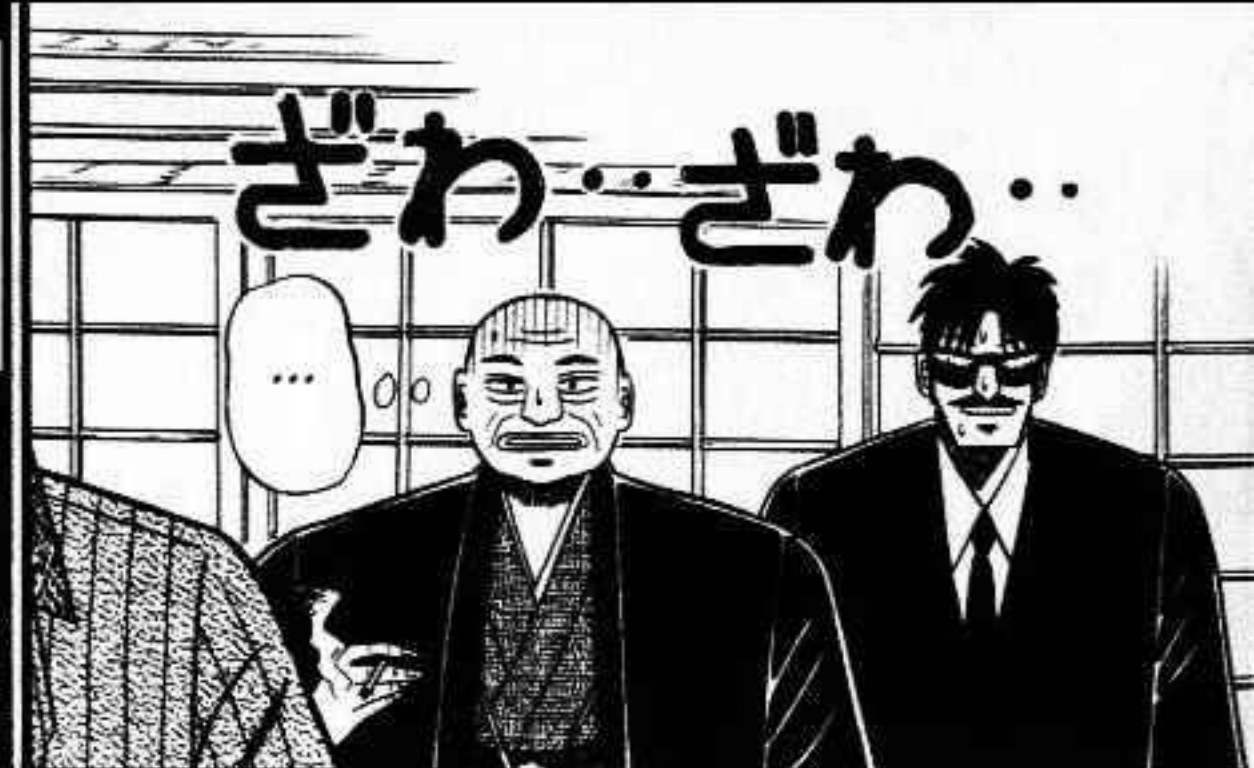
FAKE AKAGI CHOOSES THE SINGLE WAIT



IS A BIT BAD AGAINST URABE





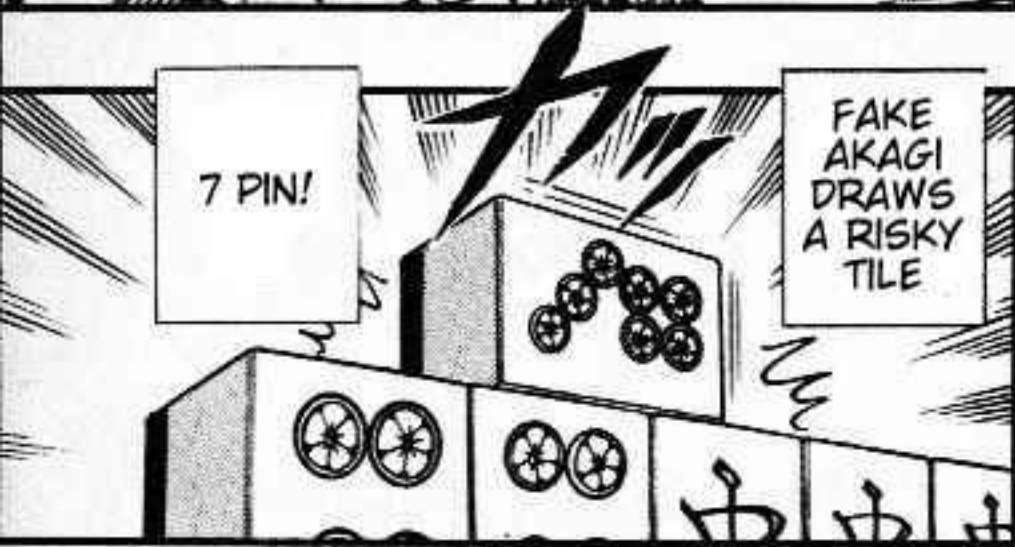




NEXT
TURN



CON-
FUSION!



7 PIN!

FAKE
AKAGI
DRAWS
A RISKY
TILE

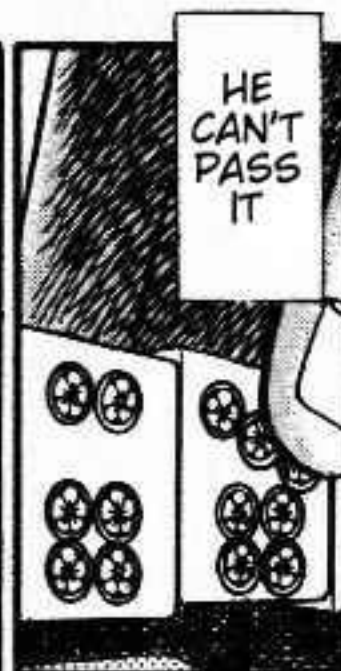


THE
REST
TUM-
BLES!

ONCE
IT
BEGINS



AND
DIS-
MAN-
TLES
HIS
TEN-
PAI!



HE
CAN'T
PASS
IT

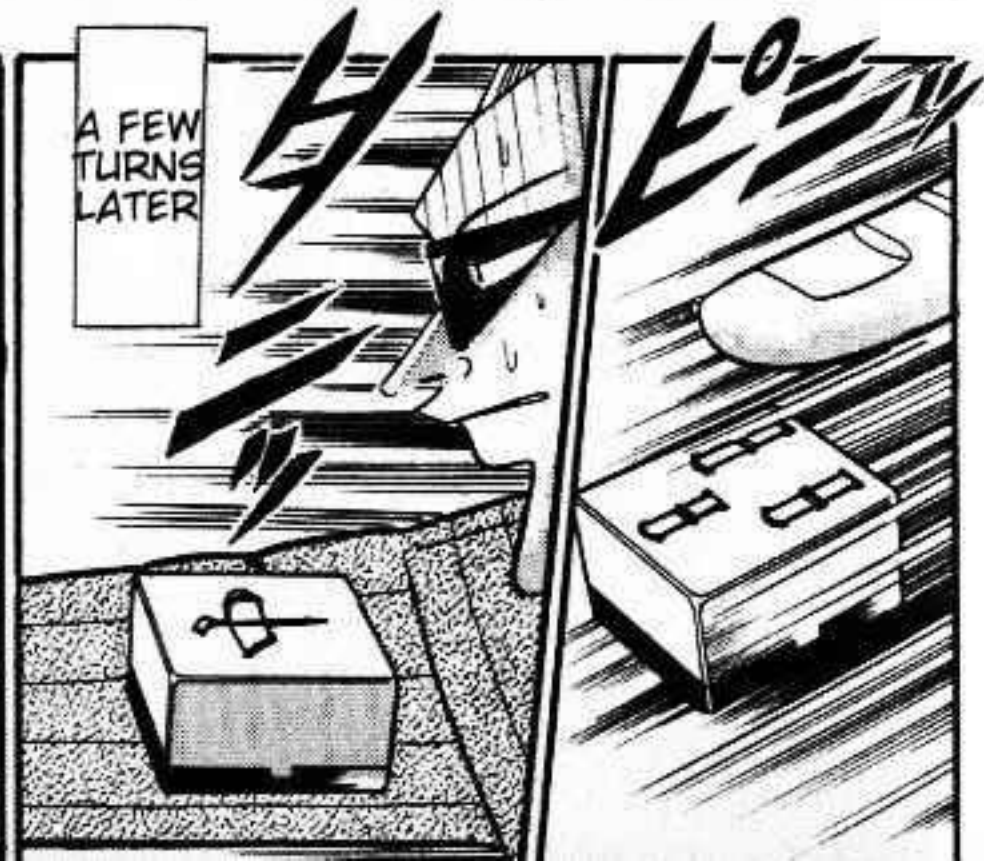


HE WAS
NOT
SUPPORTED
BY DETER-
MINATION...

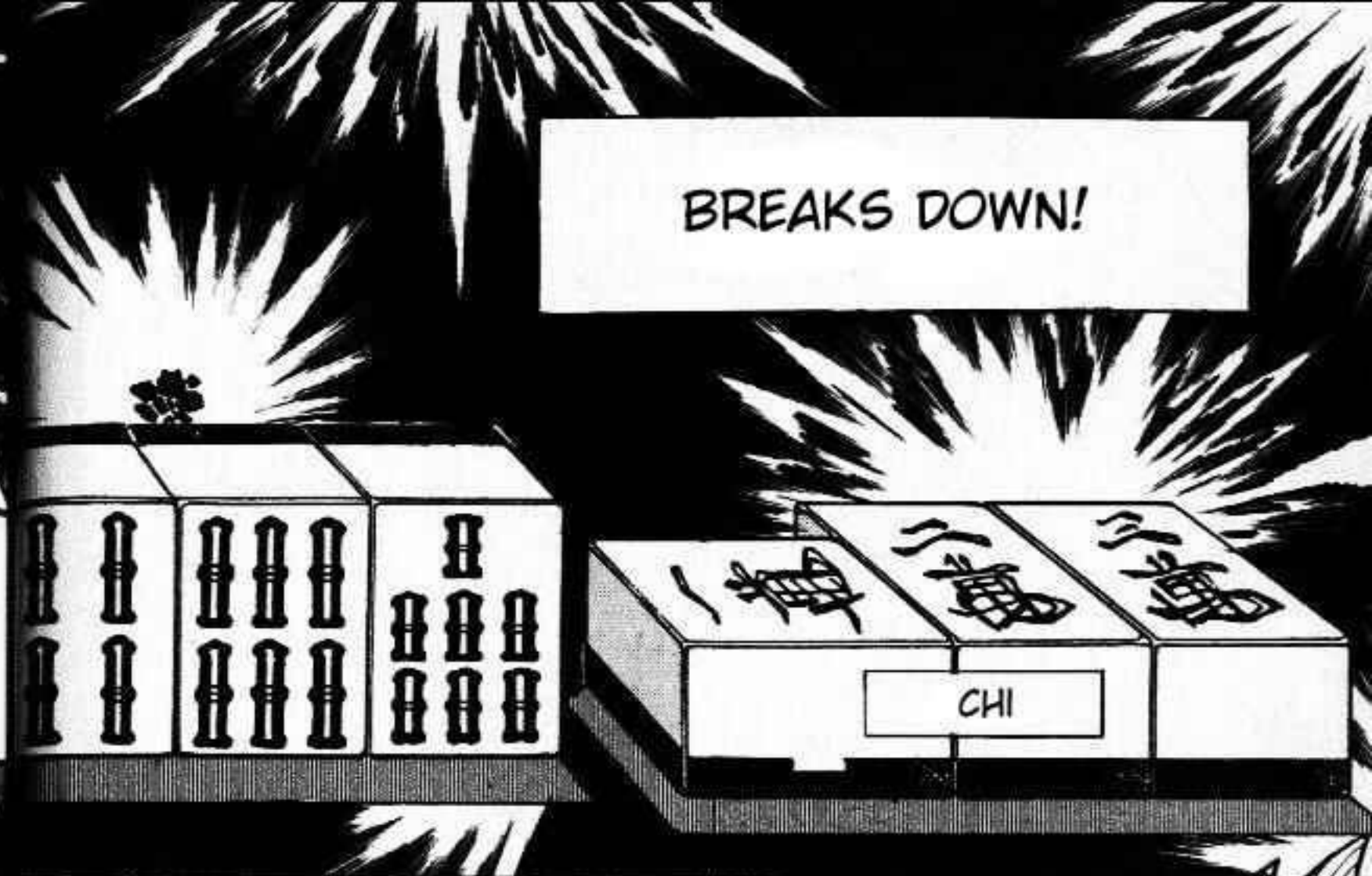
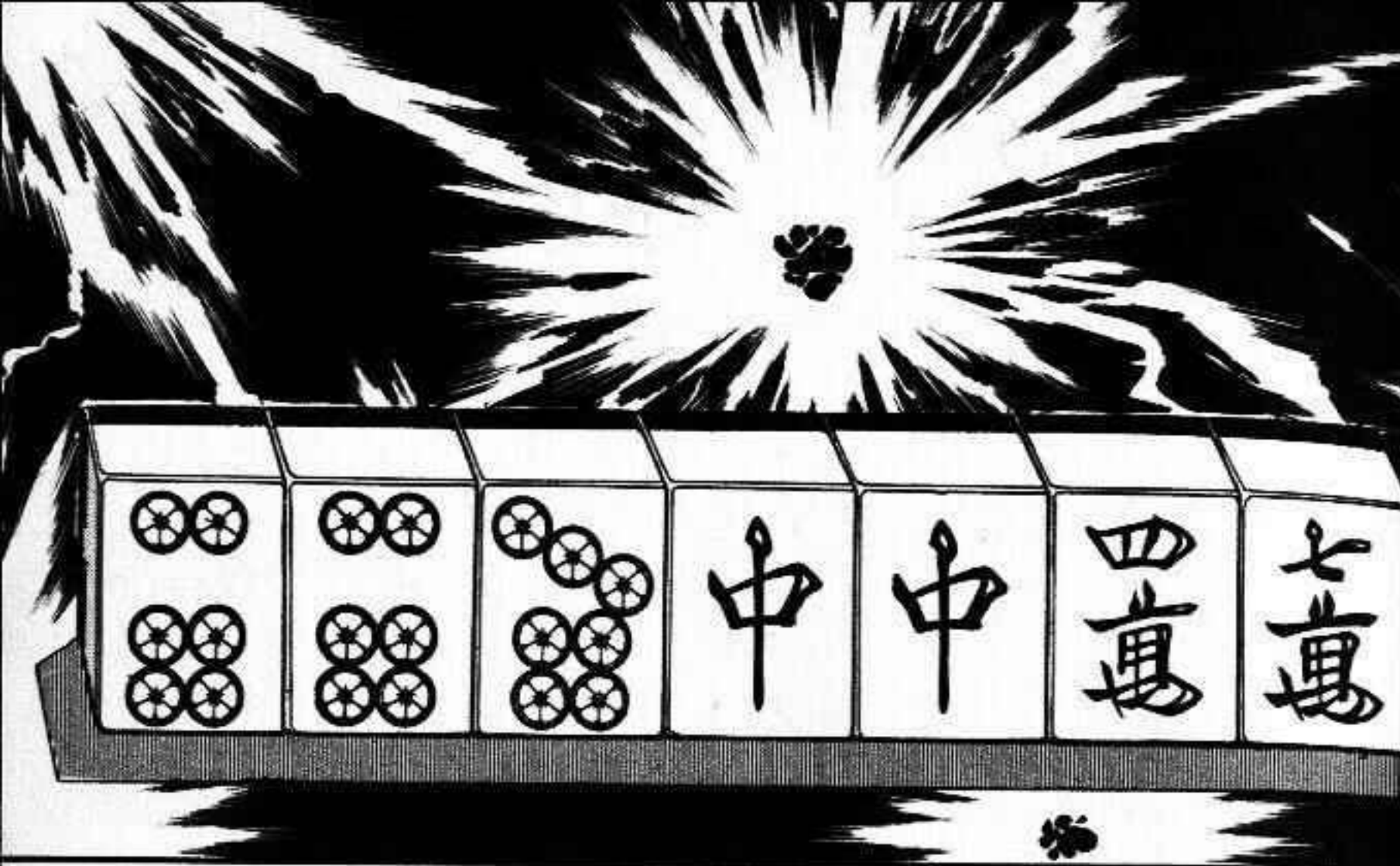


HIS
HAND...

AS IF
REFLECTING
THE STATE
OF HIS
MIND



A FEW
TURNS
LATER



BREAKS DOWN!



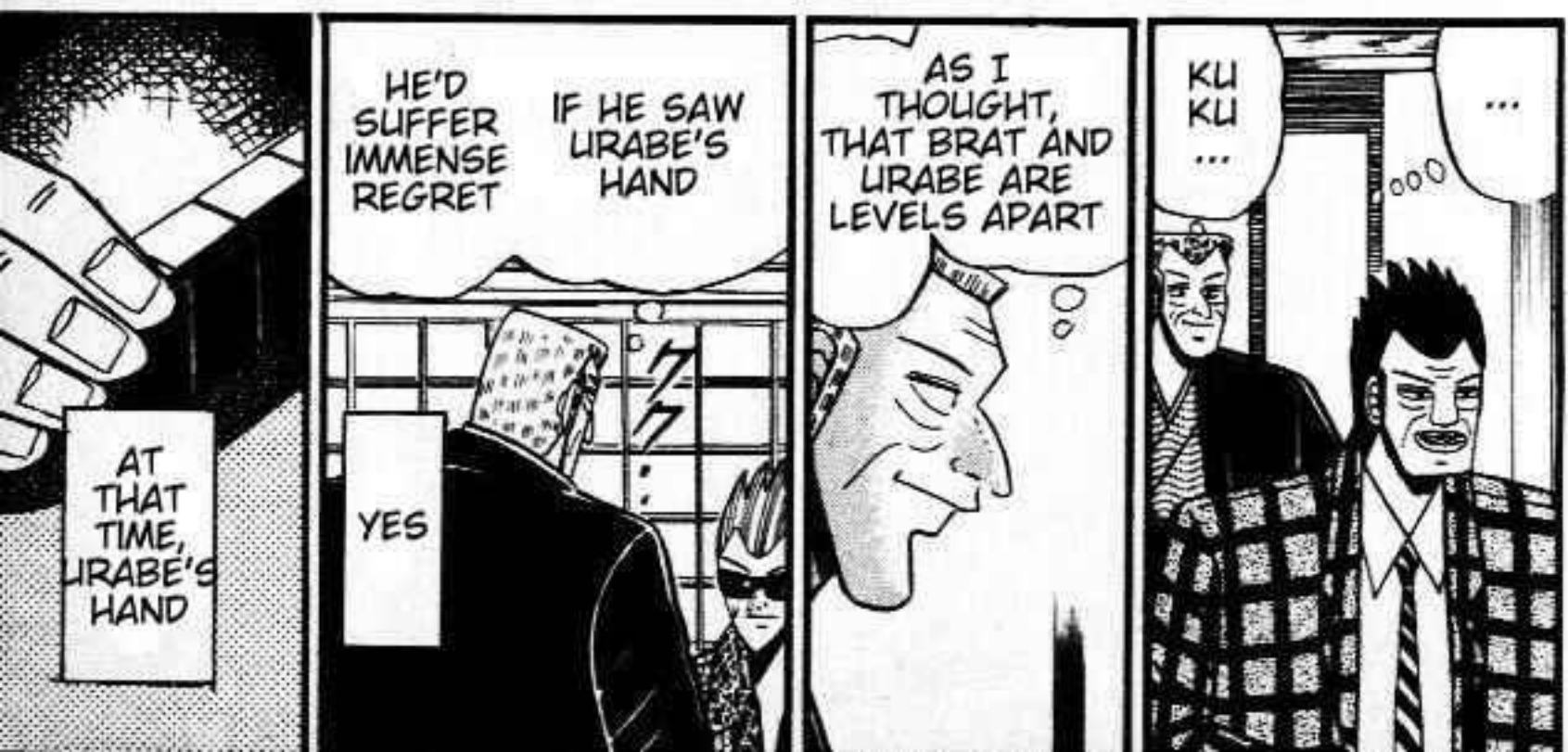
HE COULD RELAX SINCE URABE'S HANEMAN DID NOT MANIFEST

BUT UN-CON-CERNED,

FAKE AKAGI WAS RE-LIEVED

FAKE AKAGI RAN AWAY FROM VIC-TORY

ざわ...ざわ



HE'D SUFFER IMMENSE REGRET

IF HE SAW URABE'S HAND

AS I THOUGHT, THAT BRAT AND URABE ARE LEVELS APART

KU KU ...

YES

AT THAT TIME, URABE'S HAND



2ND PLACE OTA WINS

DUR-ING THE MATCH

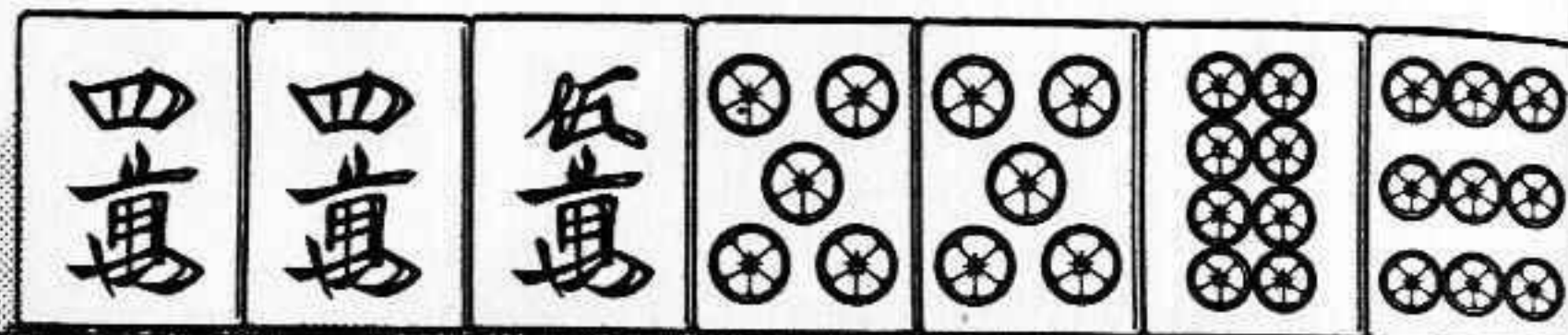
ON THE OTHER HAND

TSUMO!



THE TOP IS REVERSED!





WAS IN A MESS!



HE AVOIDED THAT

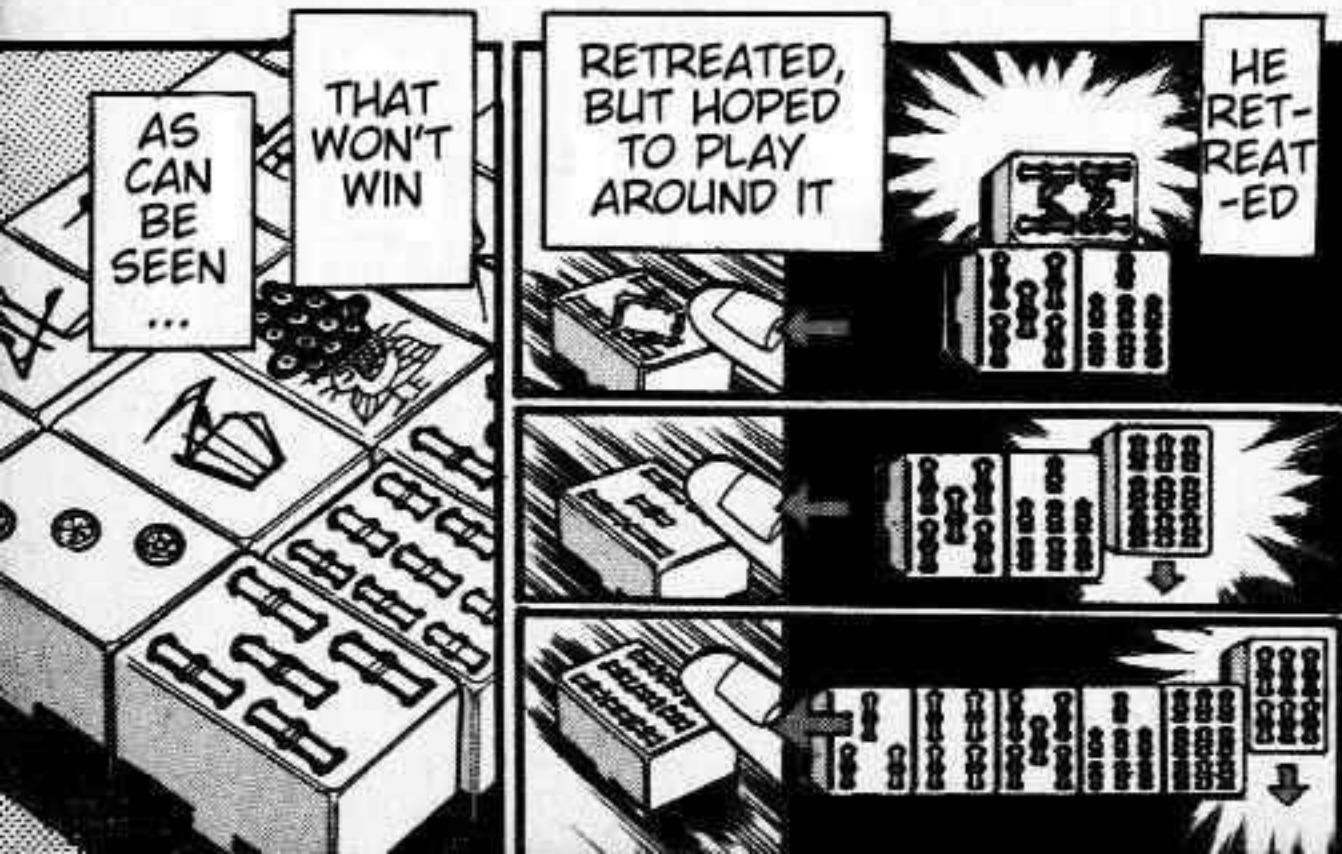
RISK AND VICTORY GO HAND IN HAND



HIS FUNDAMENTALS ARE A MISTAKE



FAKE AKAGI IS WEAK

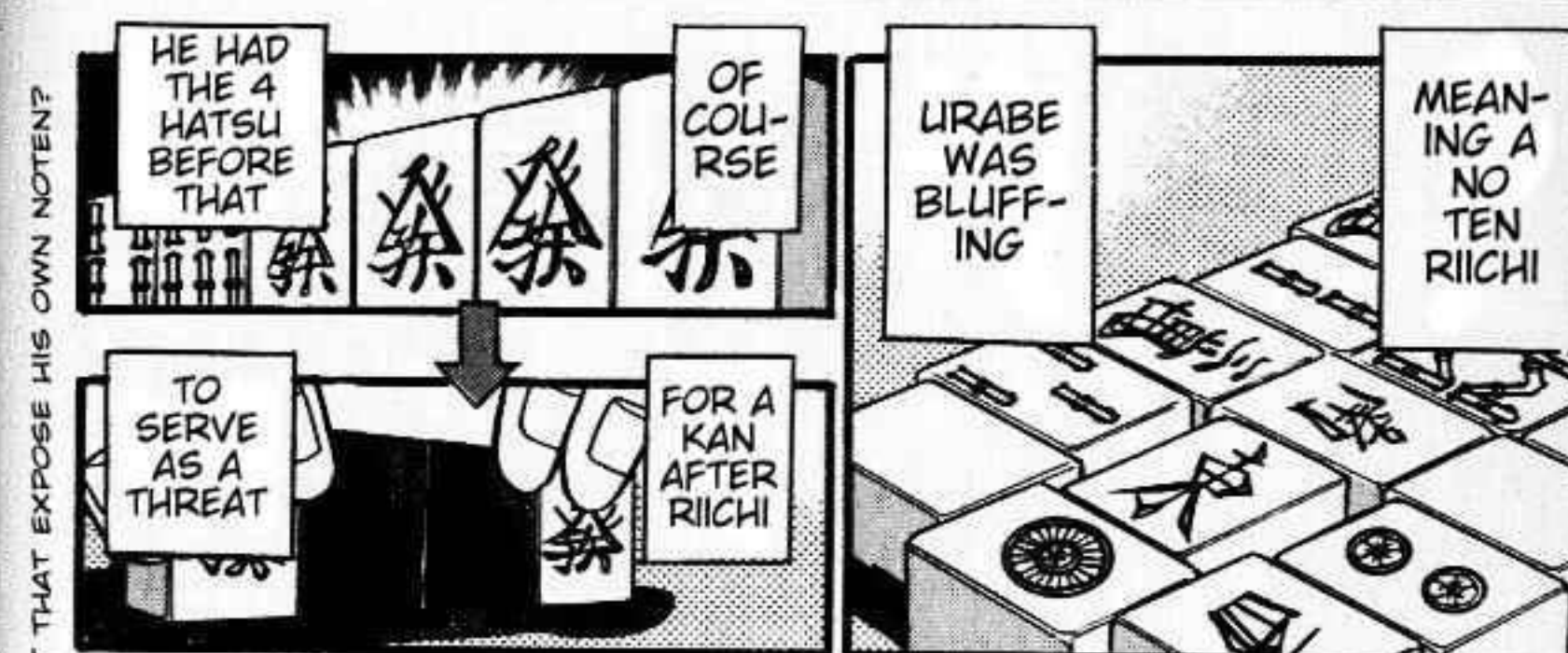


AS CAN BE SEEN ...

THAT WON'T WIN

RETREATED, BUT HOPED TO PLAY AROUND IT

HE RETREATED



DOESN'T THAT EXPOSE HIS OWN NOTEN?

HE HAD THE 4 HATSU BEFORE THAT

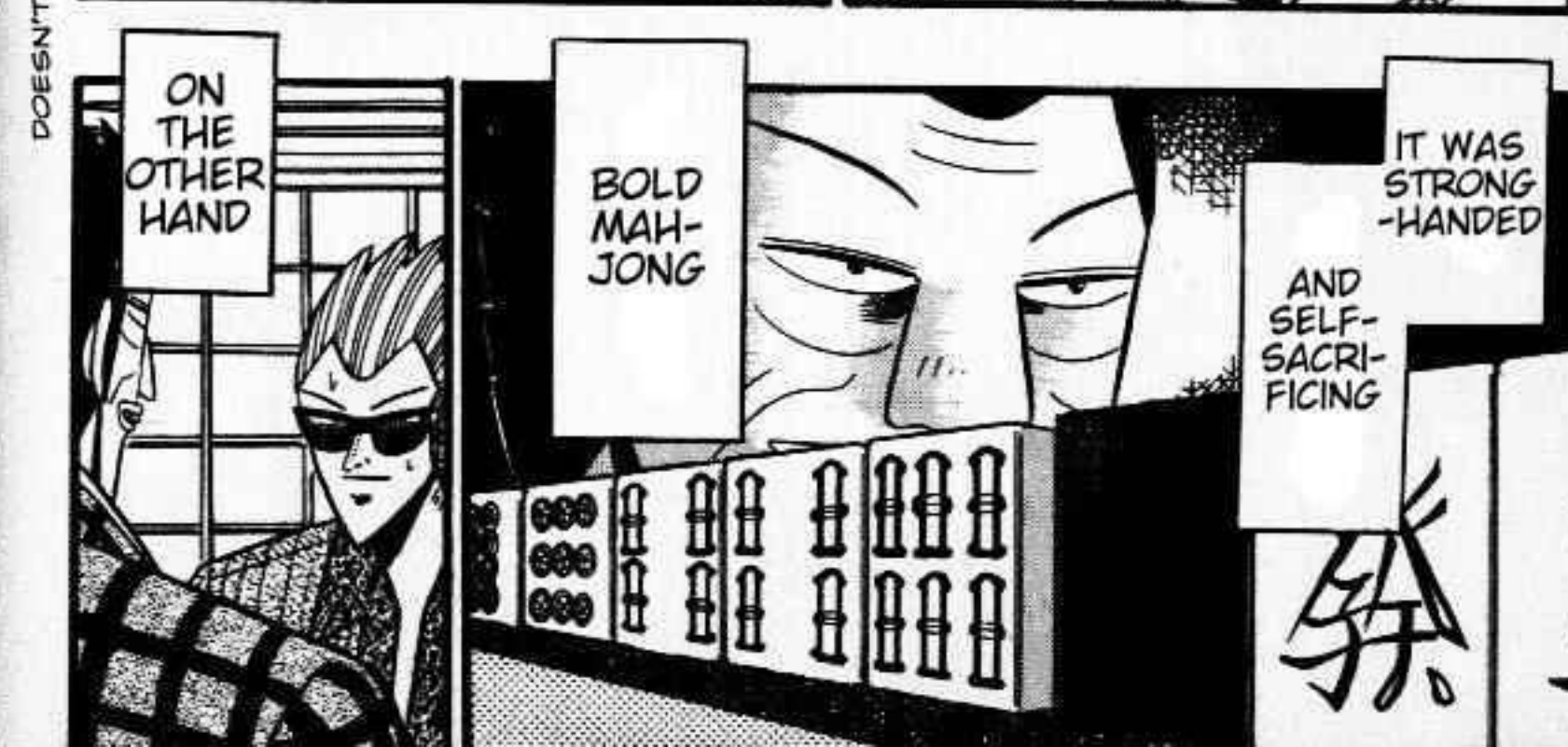
OF COURSE

URABE WAS BLUFFING

MEANING A NO TEN RIICHI

TO SERVE AS A THREAT

FOR A KAN AFTER RIICHI



ON THE OTHER HAND

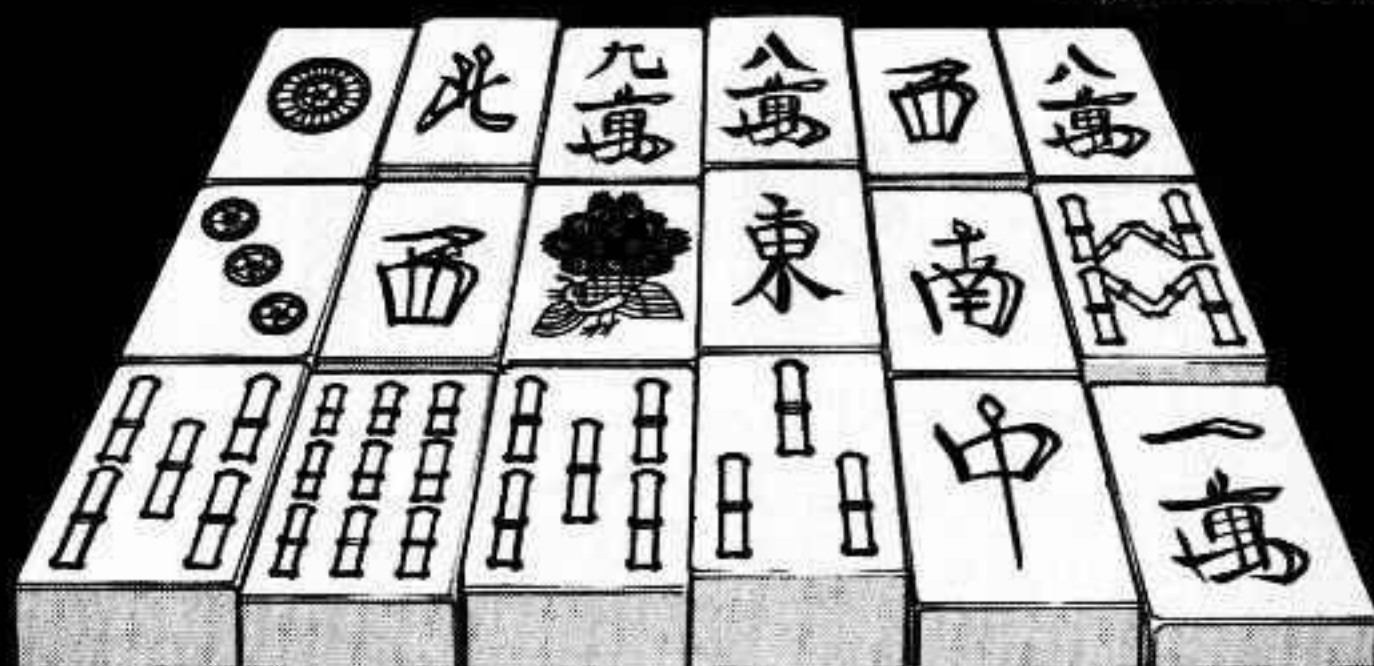
BOLD MAH-JONG

IT WAS STRONG-HANDED

AND SELF-SACRIFICING

THAT
DEEP
DARKNESS!

TO WIN,
ONE HAS
TO SURPASS
THAT
UNTREADABLE
VALLEY



THE
MATCH
BETWEEN
FAKE
AKAGI
AND
URABE.

THE WAGER
HAS NOW
DOUBLED
FROM 16
MILLION YEN
TO 32
MILLION YEN.

BUT GOT
TRAPPED
AND GAVE
UP YET
ANOTHER
WIN TO
HIM.

LAST ROUND,
FAKE AKAGI
HAD EVERY
OPPORTUNITY
TO WIN THE
GAME BACK
FROM URABE
...

URABE WILL
TRY AND TAKE
THE WHOLE
WAGER BACK
IN THIS
HANCHAN.

YOU
UNDER-
STAND,
DON'T
YOU?

LAST
ROUND
WAS QUITE
DANGE-
ROUS
...

AND YOU
LET HIM SLIP
AWAY ONCE
AGAIN, BUT
...

I KNOW.

THAT URABE
IS STILL
TRYING TO
BRING THE
GAME TO
A DRAW.

YOU
CAN'T
THINK
FOR A
MO-
MENT
...

HE IS
GOING
TO END
IT HERE.

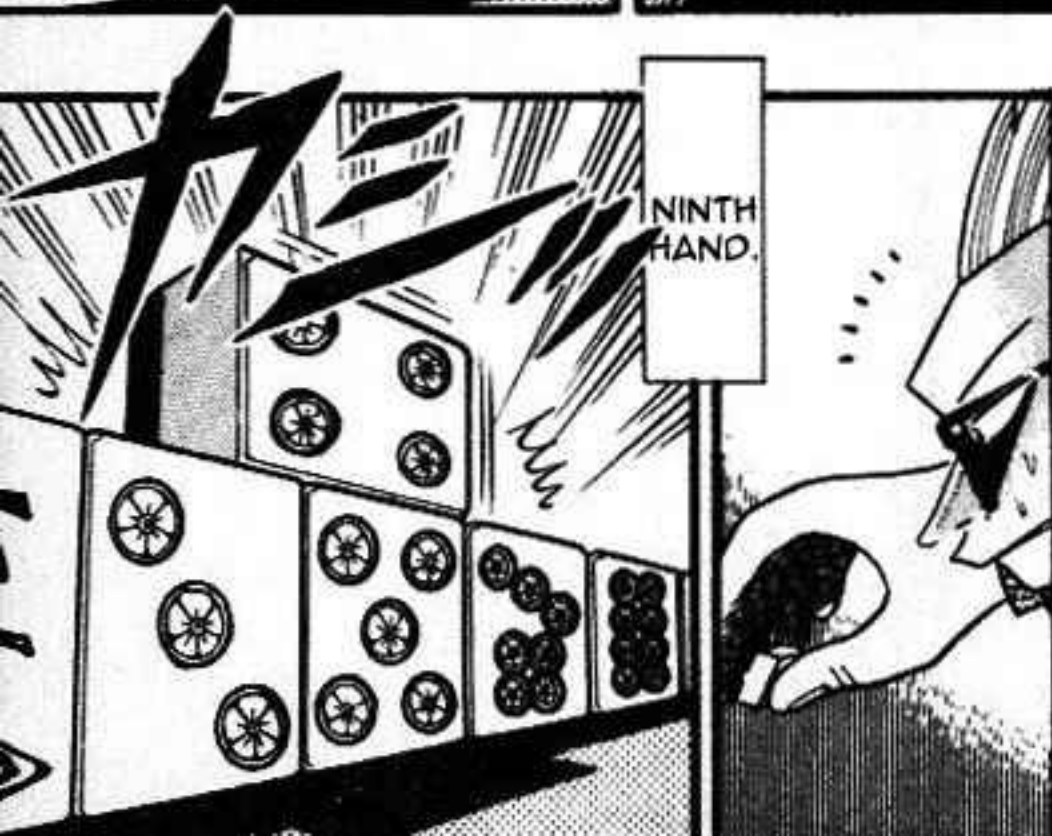
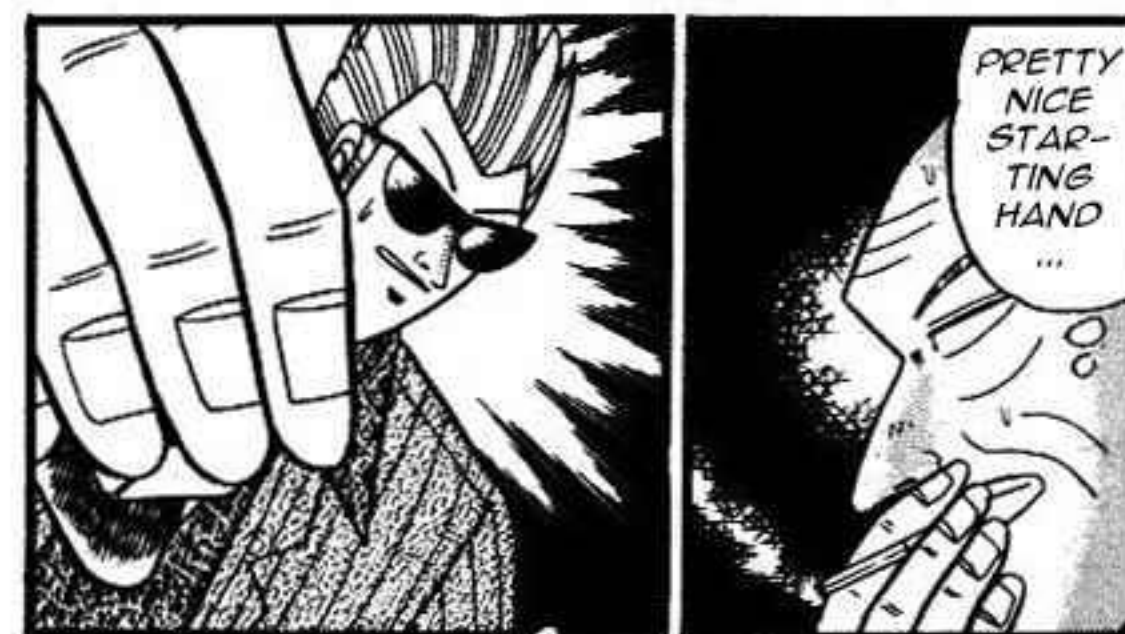
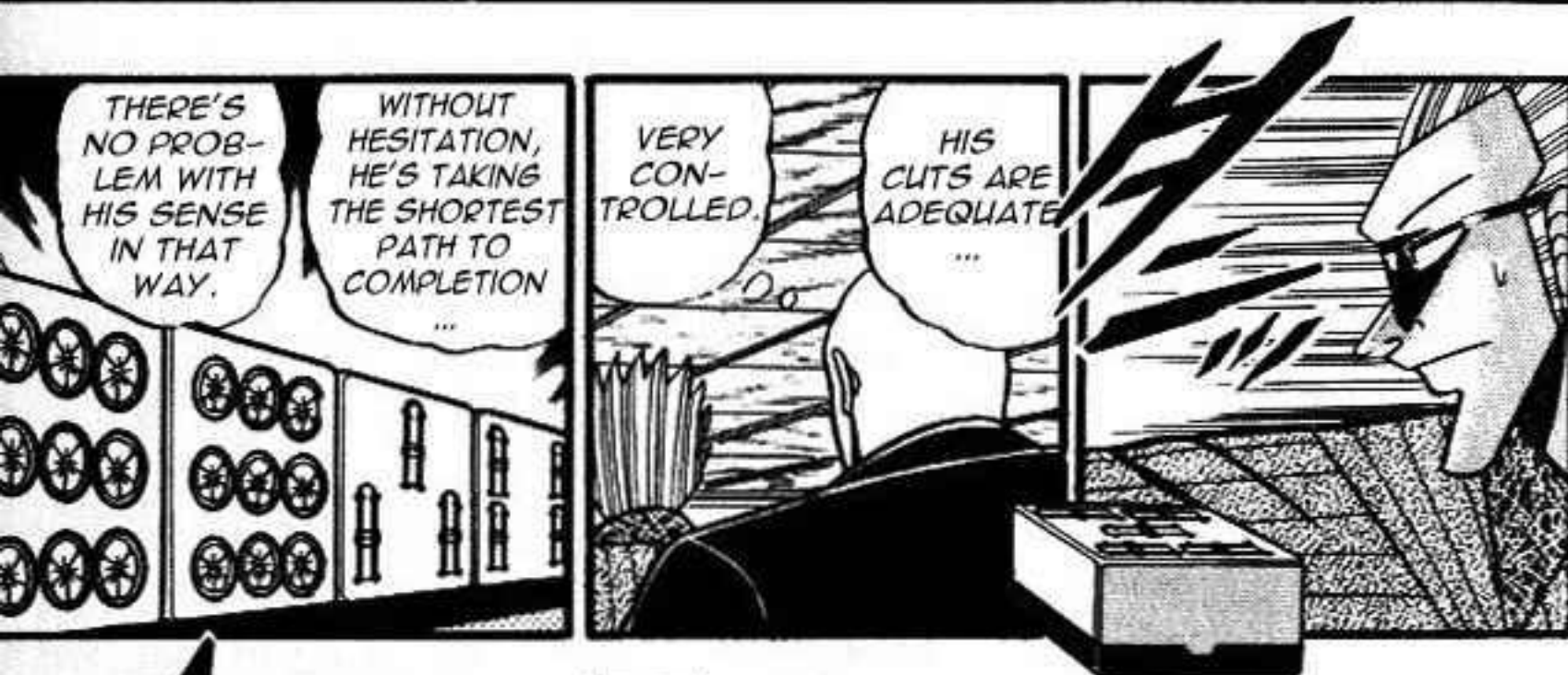
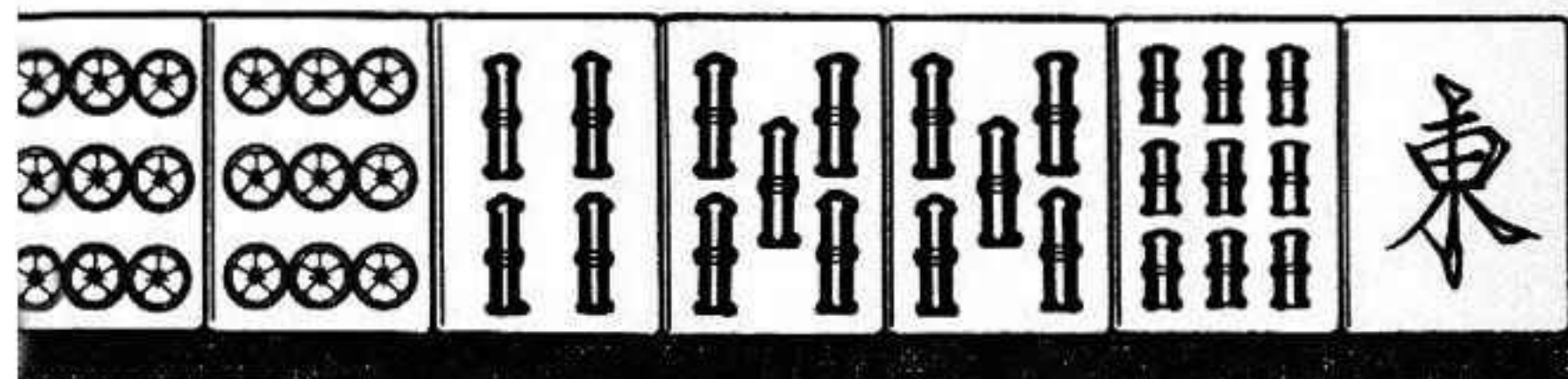
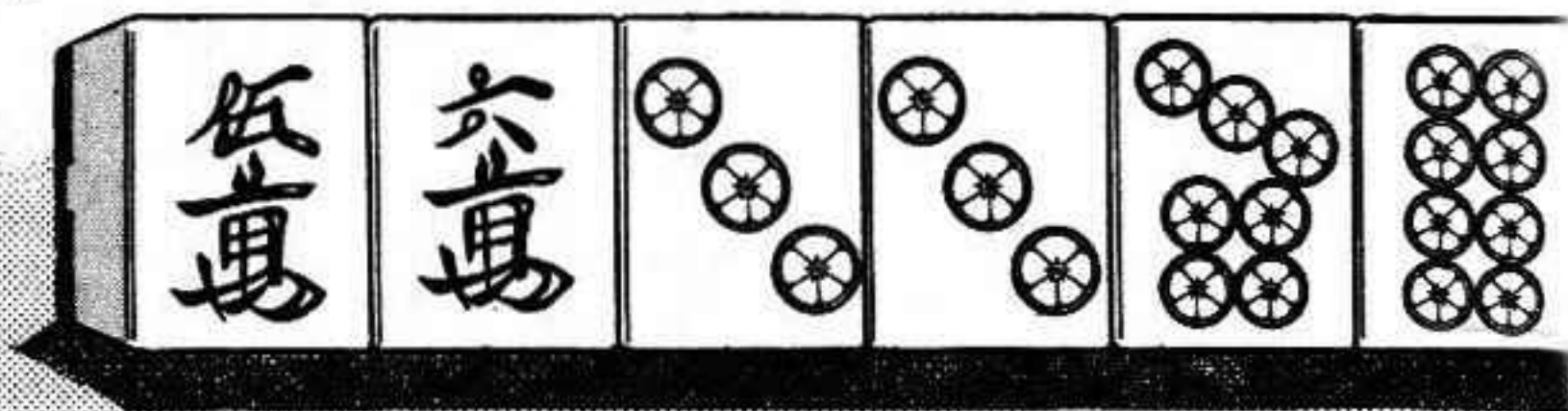
CHAPTER 38 - SHORT TERM

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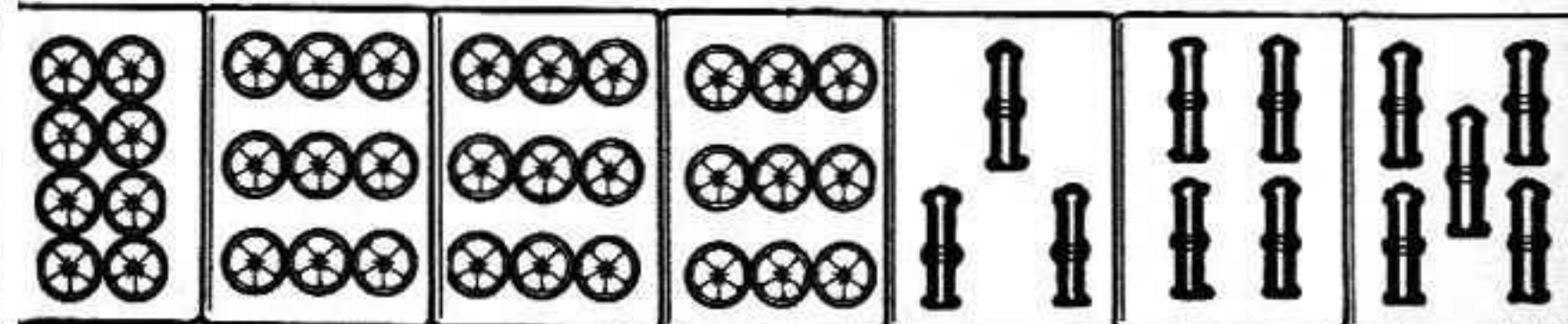
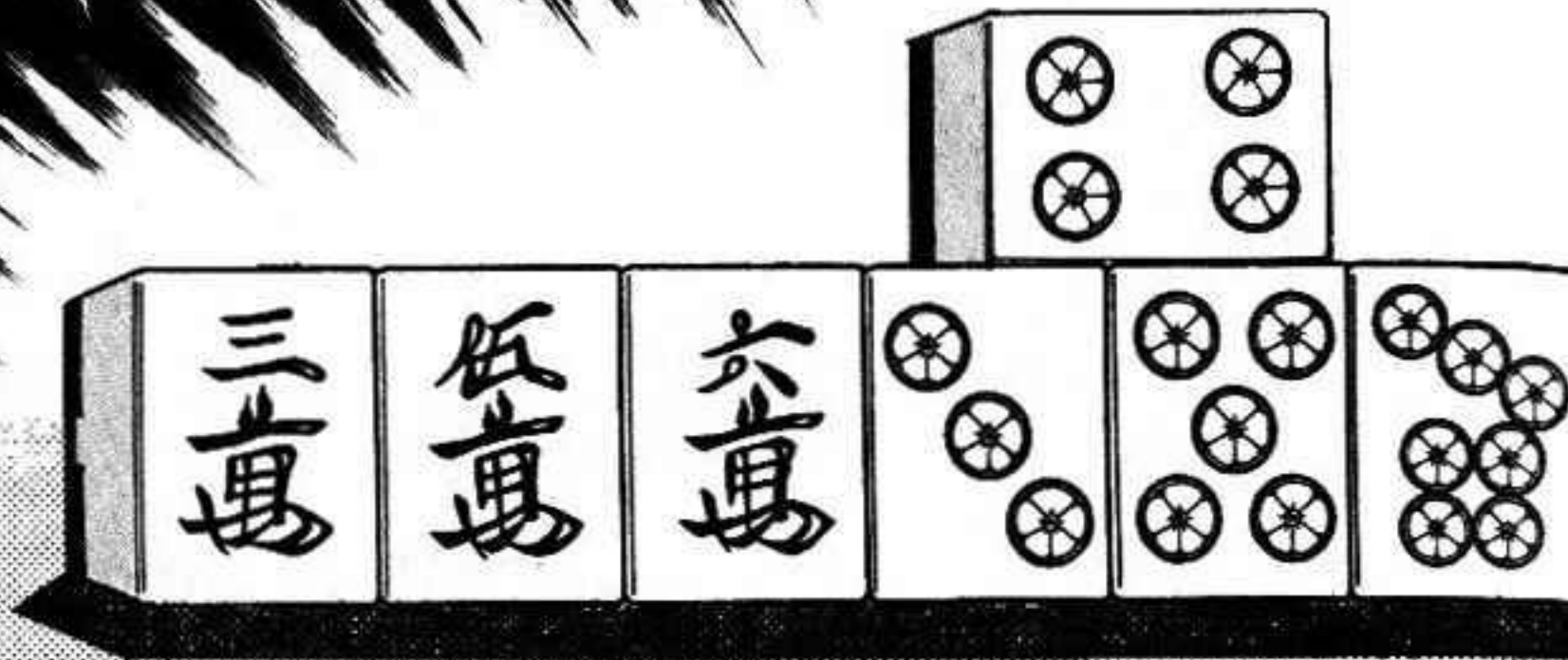
FAKE AKAGI'S STARTING HAND

EAST FIRST
ROUND



FAKE AKAGI

TENPAI



A DIS-
GUISED
TENPAI!

HE DOES
NOT DE-
CLARE
RIICHI!

AND AFTER
TAKING A
LOOK AT
URABE'S
DISCARDS,



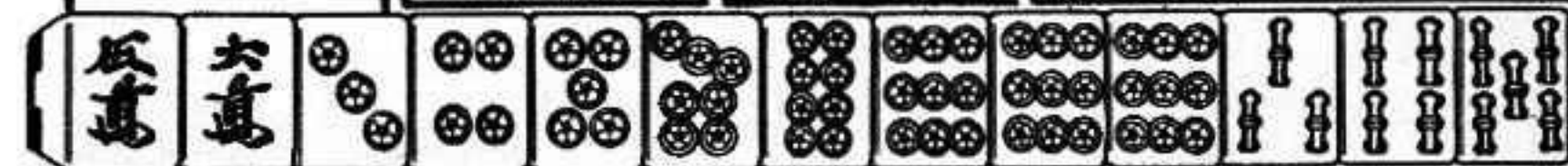
HE
MADE
IT!

FAKE AKAGI
DECIDES TO
PUT HIS TEN-
PAI IN THE
TWO-SIDED
EDGE WAIT
FOR THE 4
AND 7 MAN!

NOW,
WILL HE
GO FOR
THE PINFU
MENZEN
TSUMO
HAND...?
OR WILL
IT BE THE
3-4-5
SAN
SHOKU
HAND...?

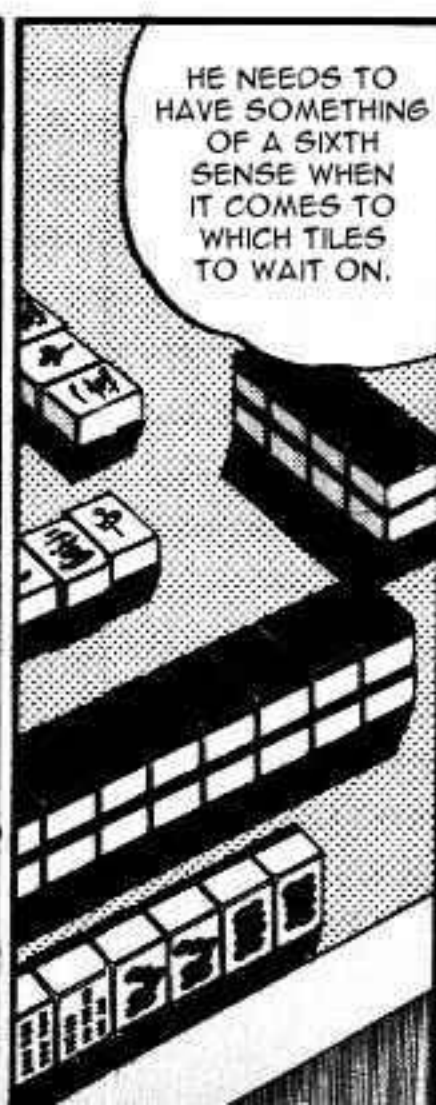
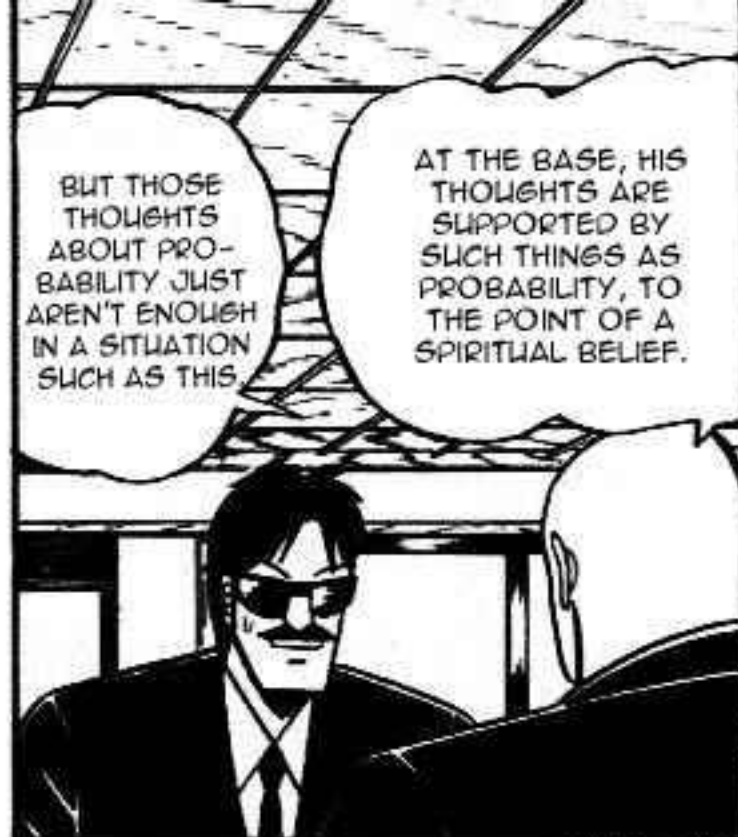
AND
ON HIS
NEXT
DRAW
...

HAHH
...











THE PINFU, MENZEN TSUMO HAND.

WHEN HE WON OFF THE 4-MAN ...

BEFORE HE DREW THE 4-MAN, I COULD FEEL IT COMING ON HIS NEXT DRAW... IF HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO FEEL THAT, TOO, THEN...



THINK BACK TO WHAT JUST HAPPENED IN THE EAST 1ST ROUND.

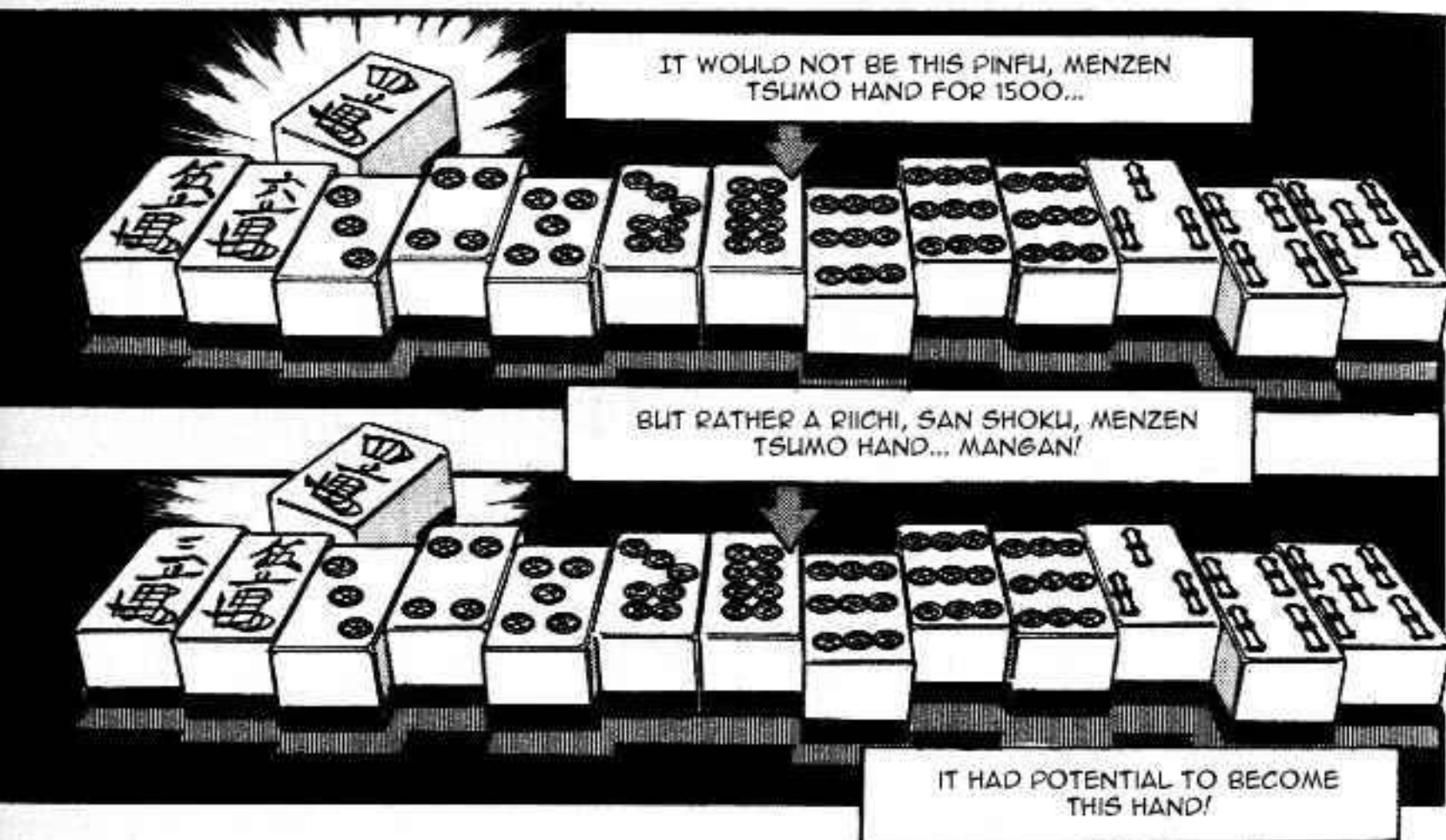
AS AN EXAMPLE,



NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS ...

IT SIMPLY WON'T DO...

HE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO KNOW WHICH TILES TO WAIT ON.



IT WOULD NOT BE THIS PINFU, MENZEN TSUMO HAND FOR 1500...

BUT RATHER A RIICHI, SAN SHOKU, MENZEN TSUMO HAND... MANGAN!

IT HAD POTENTIAL TO BECOME THIS HAND!



WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT.

IF WE DON'T HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT ...



WE NEED THAT ABILITY RIGHT NOW.

BUT THAT'S-



AH ...



QUICKLY DROPPED TO A 1500 POINT HAND BEFORE HIS EYES. I NEED SOMEONE BETTER THAN THAT.

IN THE END, A HAND THAT COULD HAVE EASILY REACHED MANGAN ...



BUT ...

THAT MAN'S FAITH IN PROBABILITY, HIS THOUGHTS ...



THAT IS, THE ABILITY TO GET RESULTS IN THE SHORT TERM,



TO HAVE THAT ABILITY ON OUR SIDE, AS WELL.

THAT'S WHAT WE NEED AT THIS CRITICAL HOUR.

THE ABILITY TO SEE THAT 4-MAN COMING...



THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, HE'S THINKING ABOUT ...

GETTING 3 WINS OUT OF 10...

33 WINS OUT OF 100.



PROBABILITY IS GOOD WHEN YOU'RE UP AT BAT 10 TIMES,

AND CONNECT WITH THE BALL THREE OF THOSE TIMES, ONE WOULD THINK.



ARE EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE!



IT'S USELESS.

HIS PROBABILITY THEORY ISN'T DOING HIM ANY GOOD RIGHT NOW.

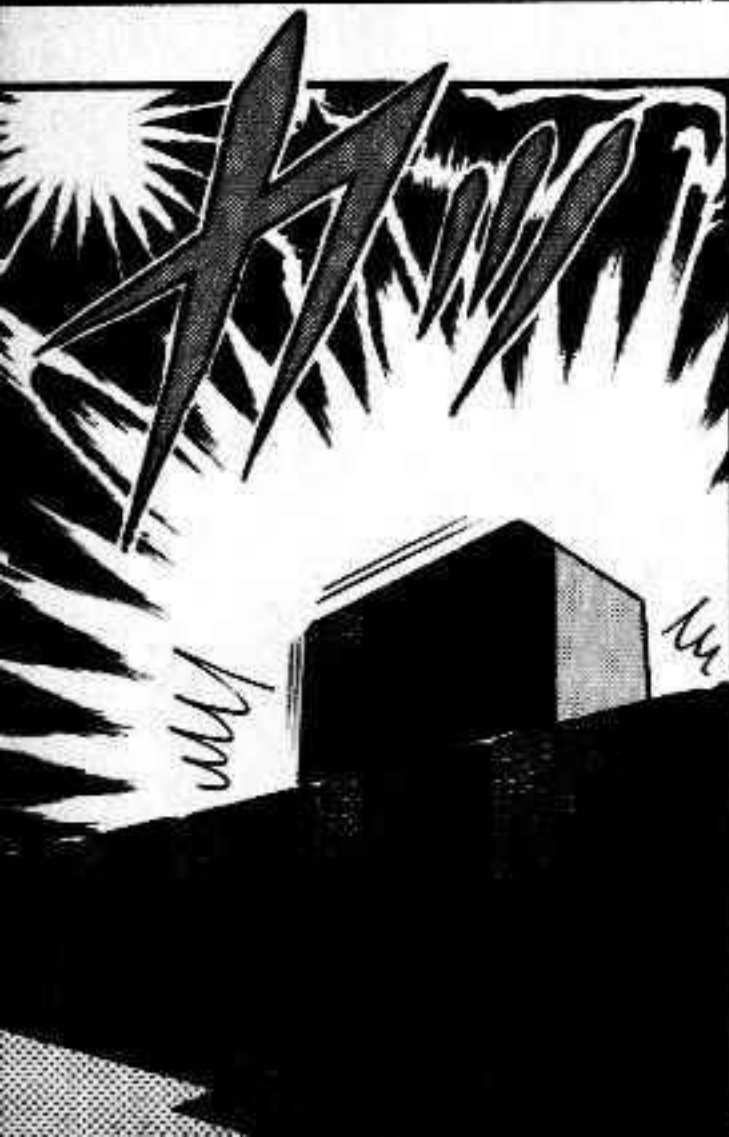
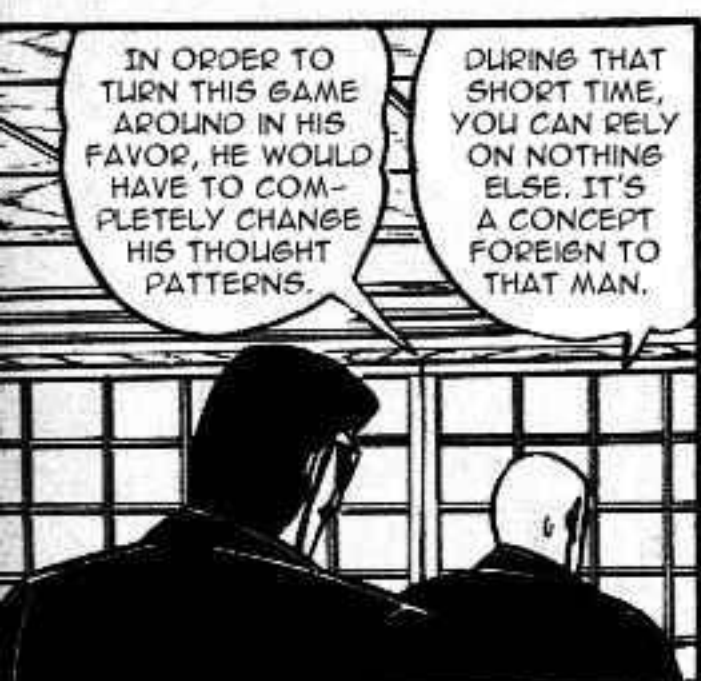
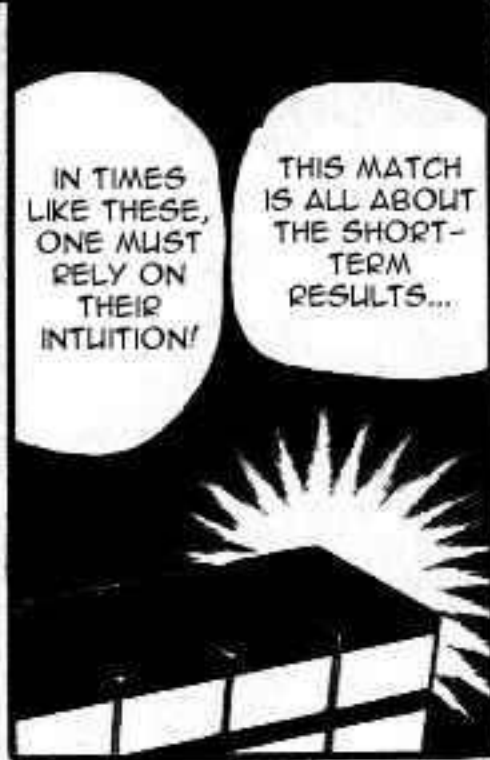
HE'S PANICKING ...

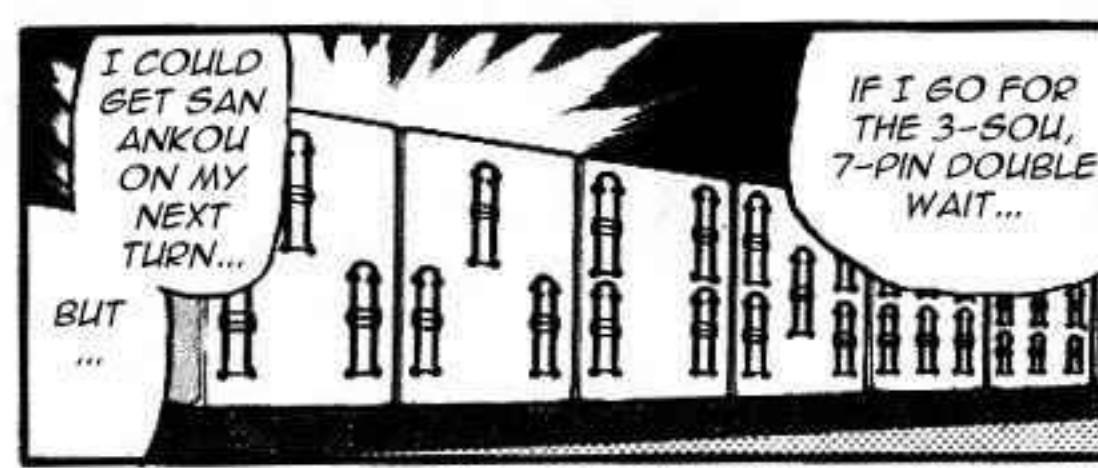
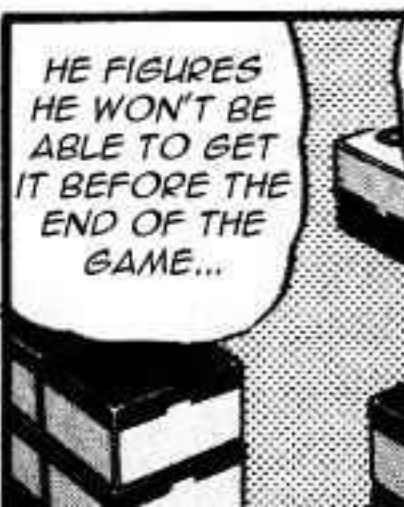
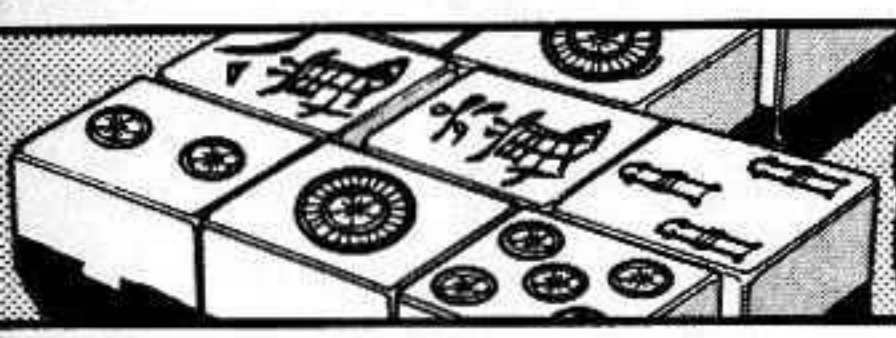
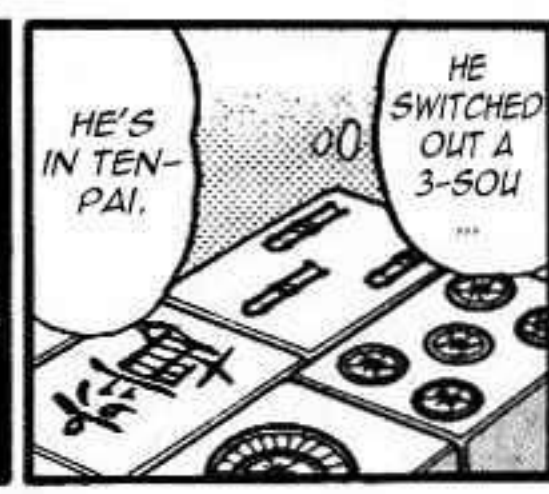
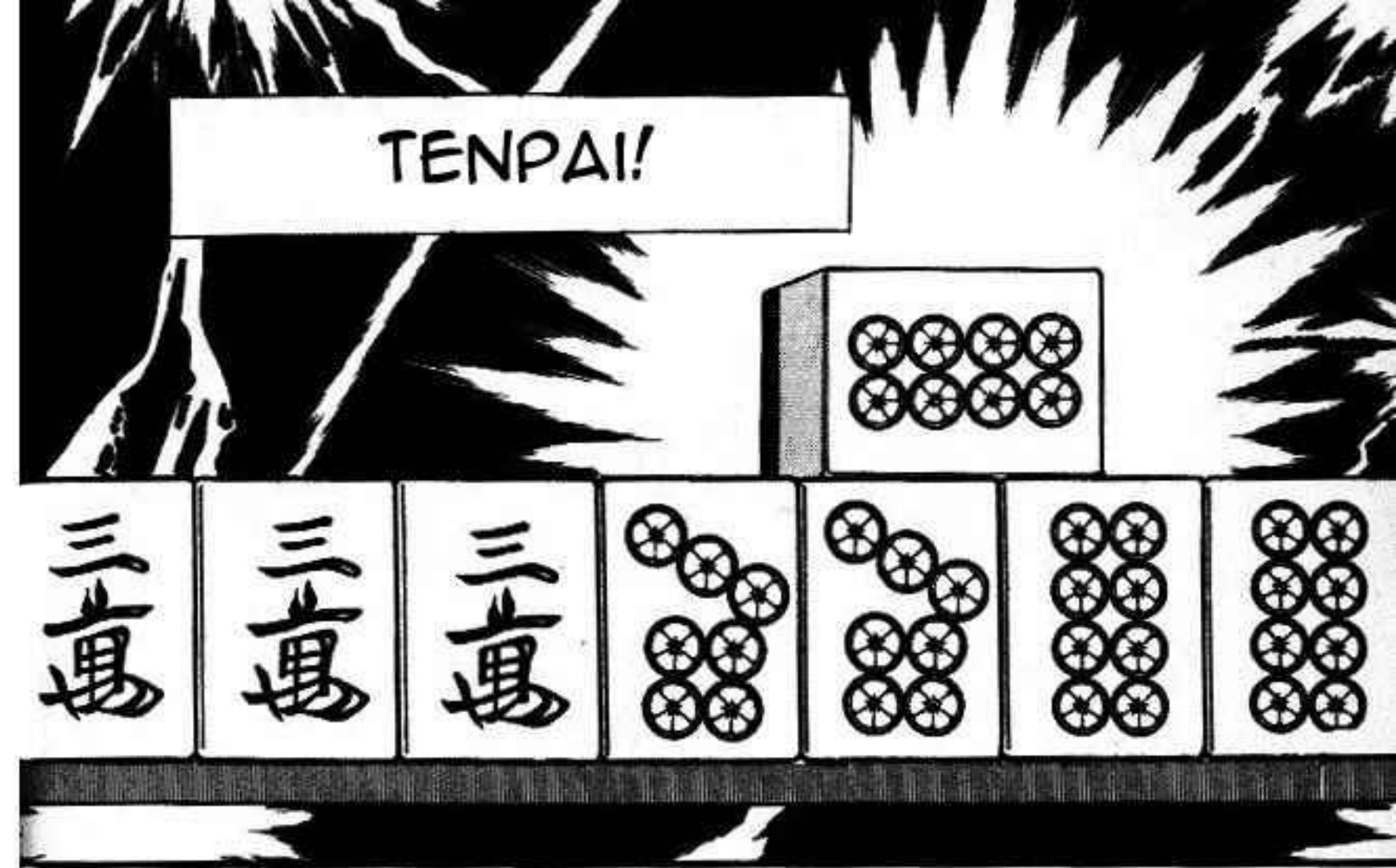
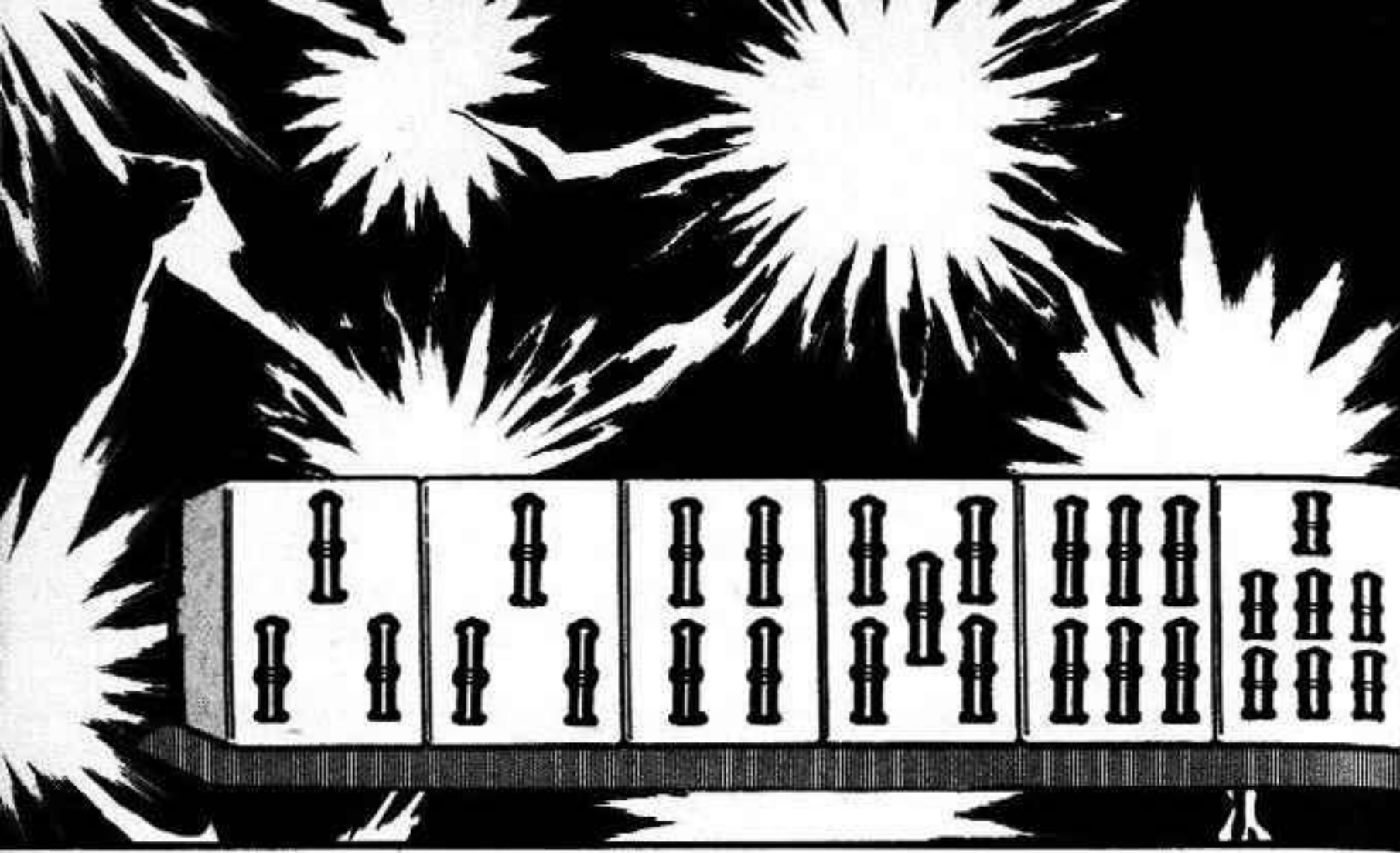


BY HIMSELF, HE DOES NOT HOLD THE ABILITY TO GET THOSE RESULTS.

BUT HE LACKS THE CONCENTRATION TO FOCUS ON EACH GAME, ONE AT A TIME!

PEOPLE WHO USE CHANCE ARE A DIME A DOZEN.







IF
YOU'VE
GOT A
HAND,
WHY
NOT
GO FOR
IT?



TALK
ABOUT
WEAK!

NIISAN



IT'S
SO
WEAK!

DON'T
EXPECT
LUCK TO
COME TO
YOUR SIDE
LIKE THAT,
EITHER!

YOUR
MAHJONG
GAME IS
SO WEAK!



WON'T PUT
PRESSURE
ON YOUR
OPPO-
NENT!

THAT
GOODY-
GOODY
WAY OF
PLAYING



YOU'RE
GIVIN' UP ON
WINNING,
ALREADY?!

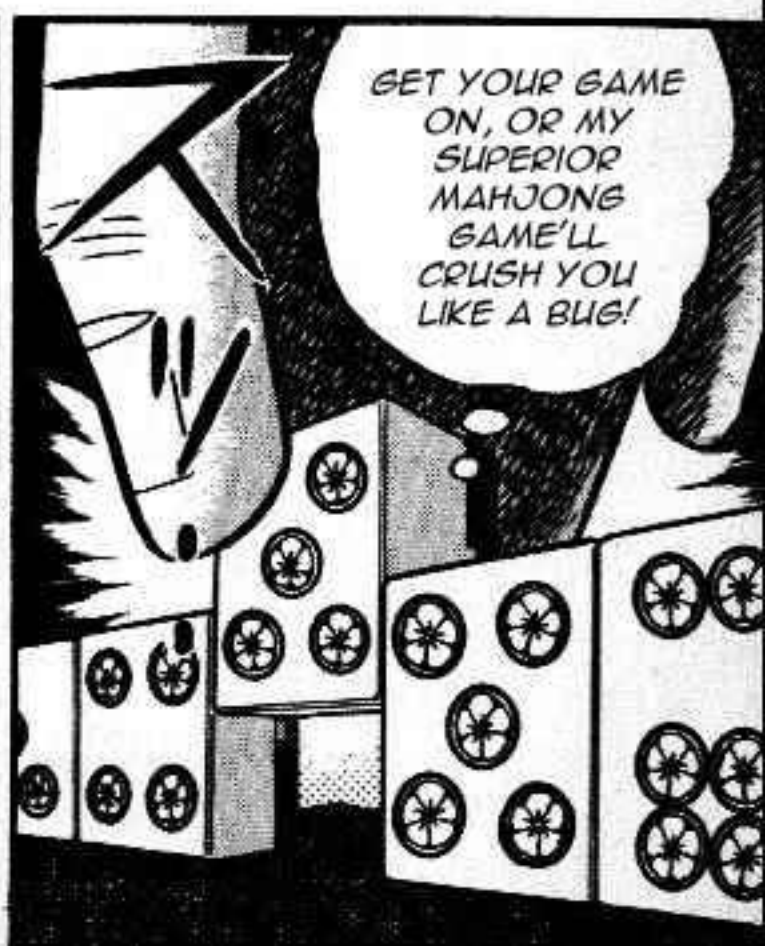


ARE OPENS
COOL WITH
YOU?

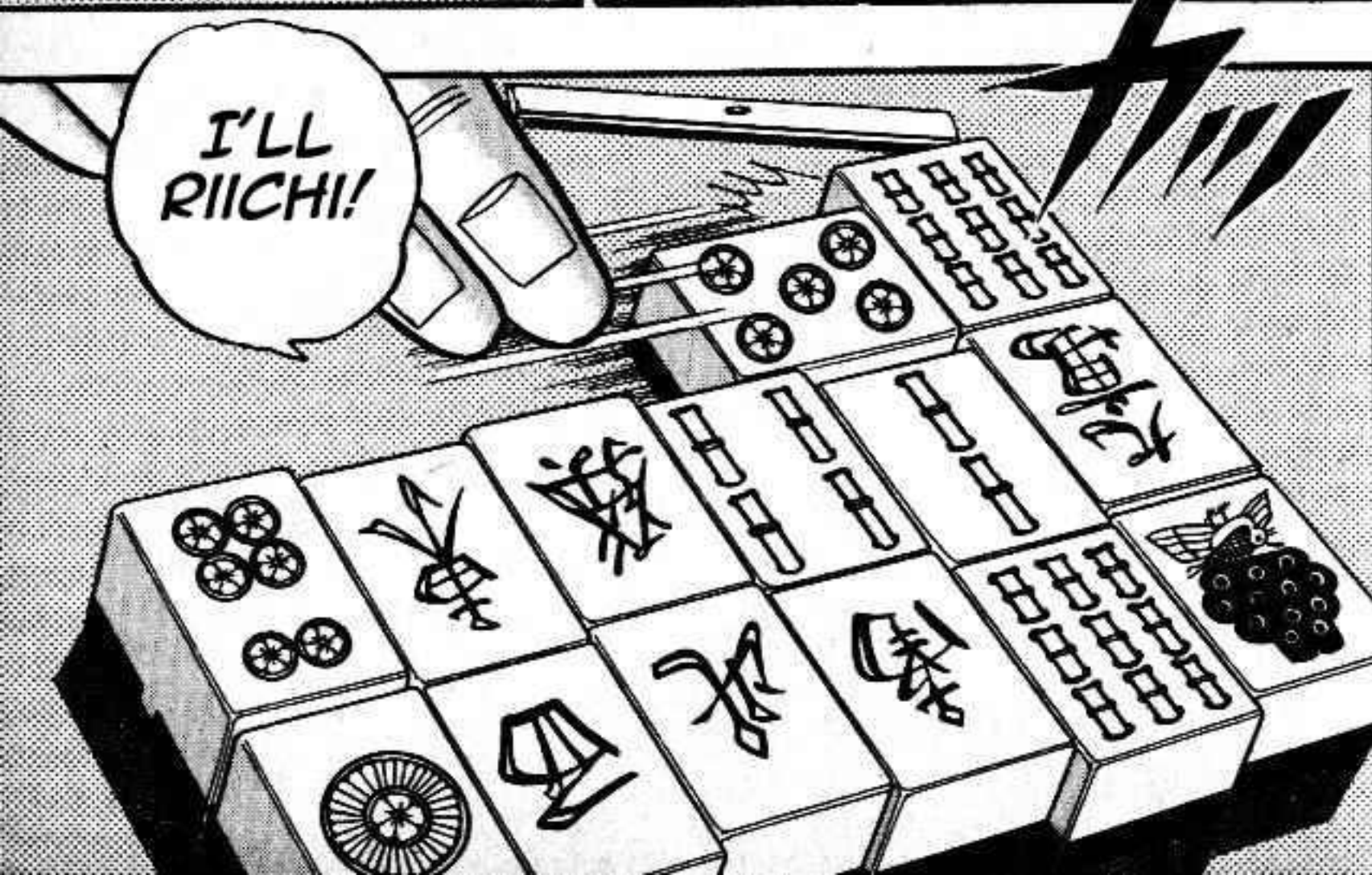
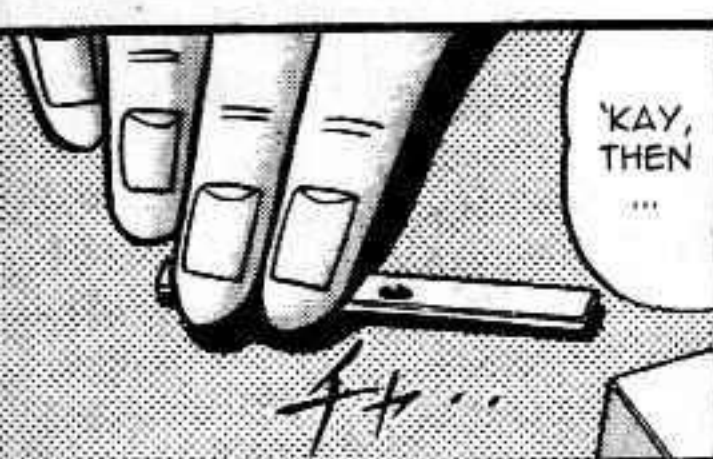
"OPENS"
....?

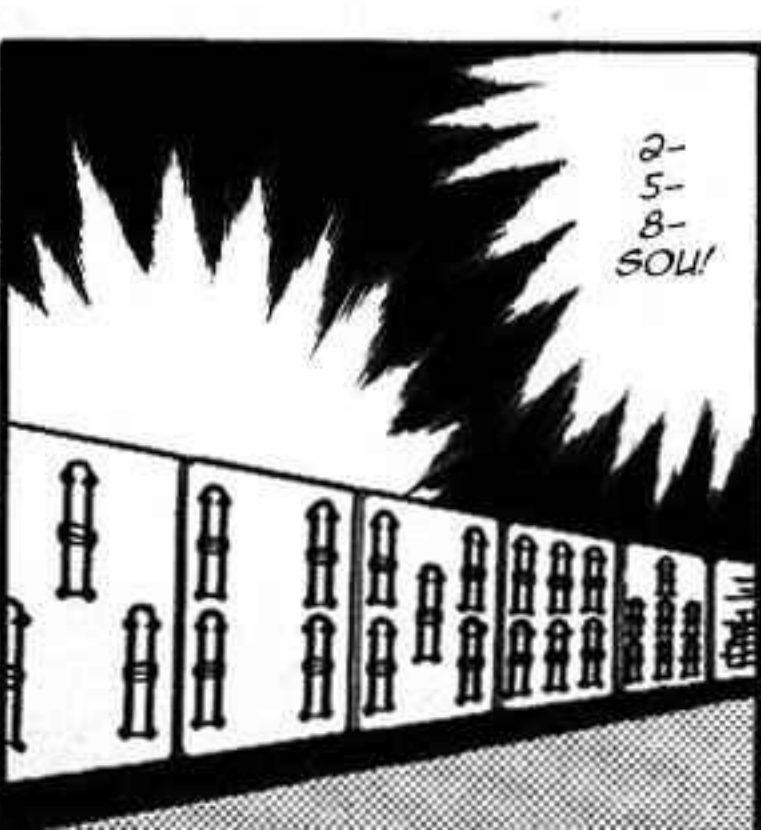
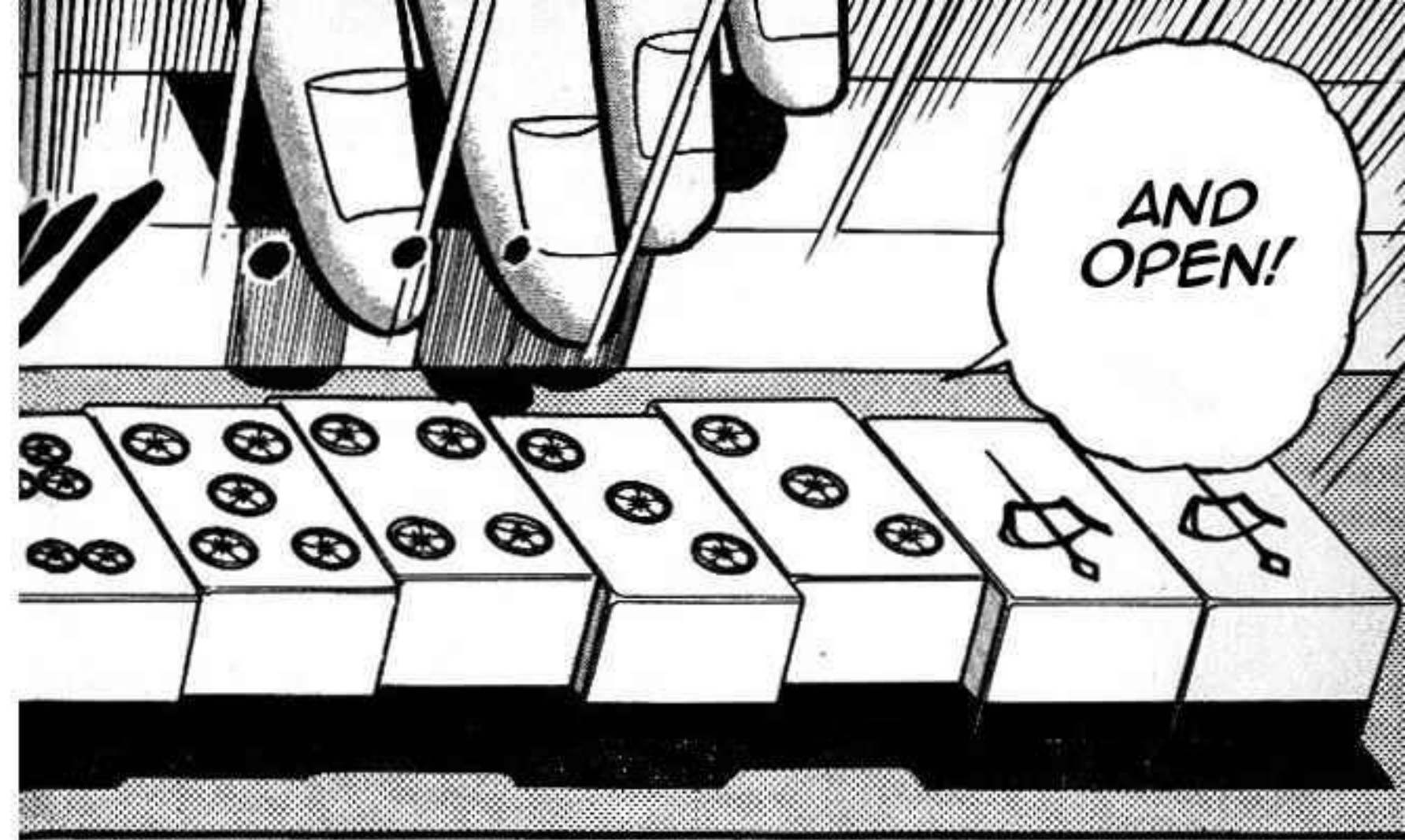


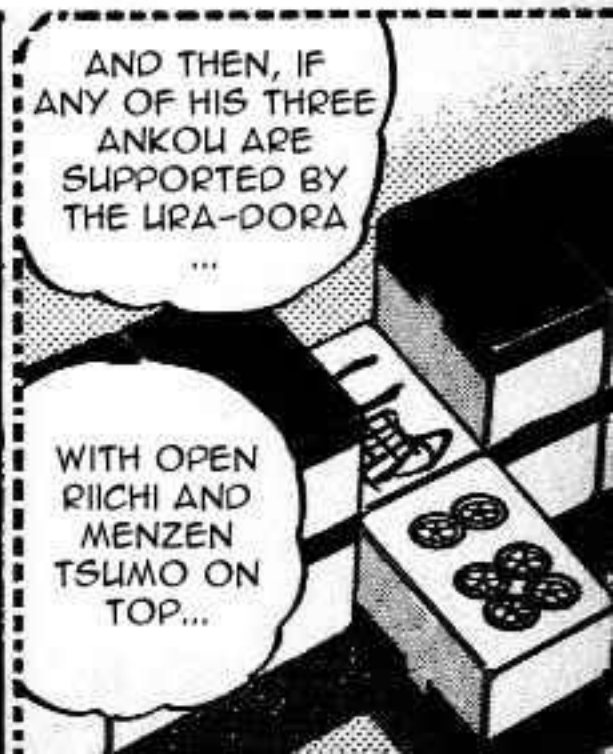
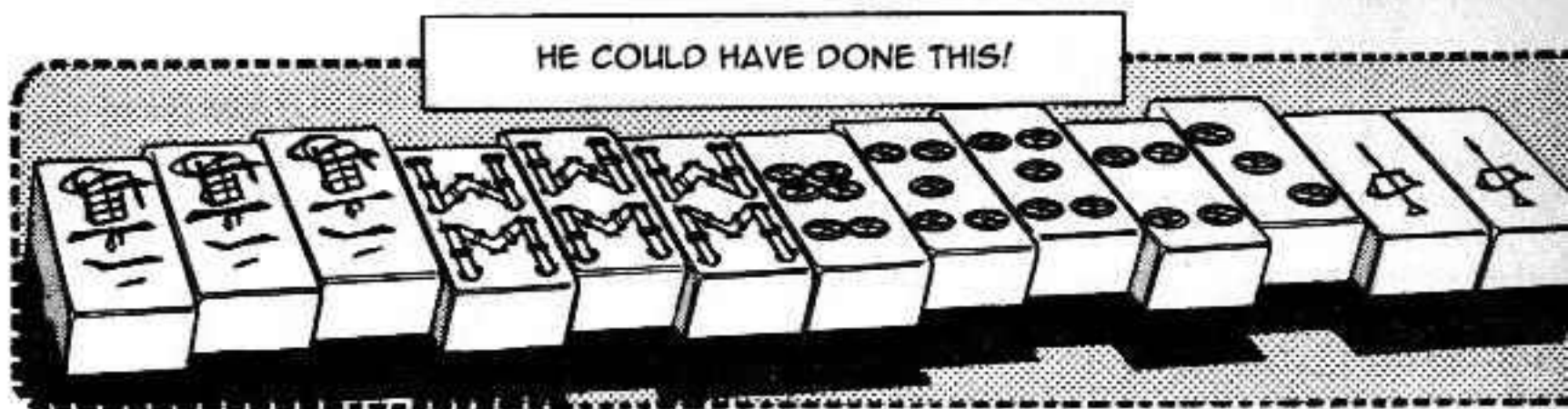
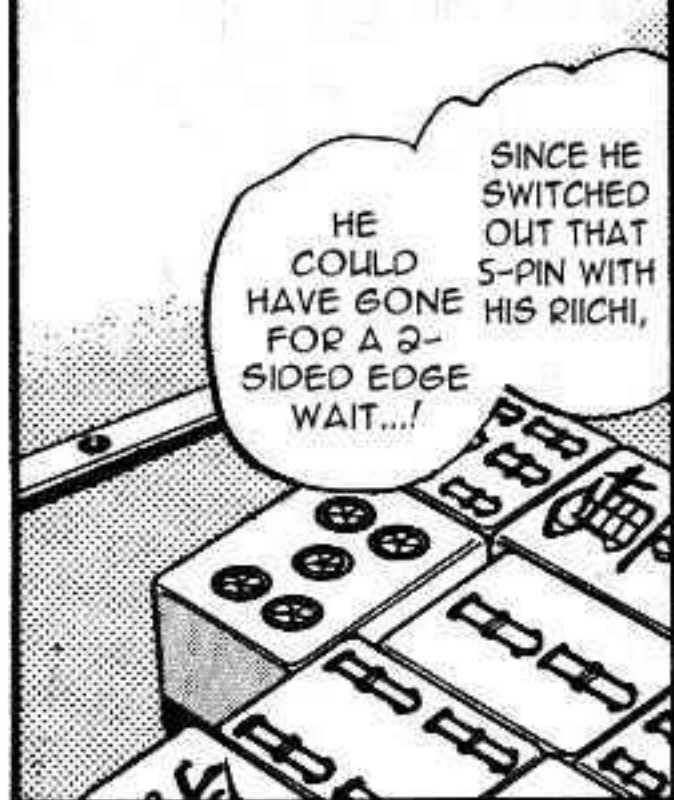
HEY,
NIISAN



GET YOUR GAME
ON, OR MY
SUPERIOR
MAHJONG
GAME'LL
CRUSH YOU
LIKE A BUG!





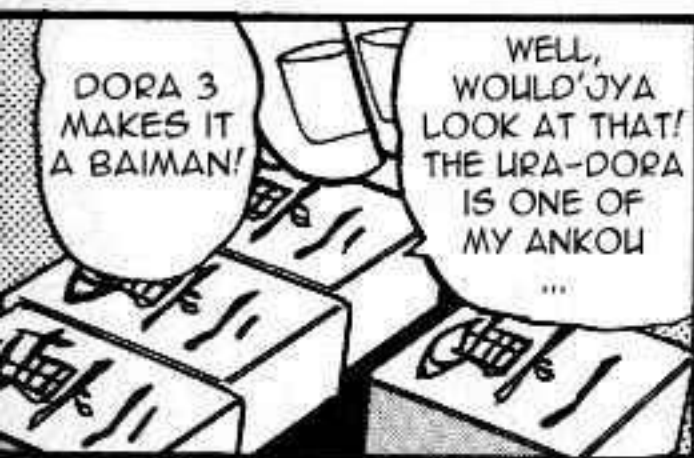




HIS WINNING TILE...







HEHE ...



WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS...?!





CHAPTER 39 - NOVICE

第39話素人





AKA-



HEY,
AKAGI!
WHERE'D
YOU GO?

AKAGI
...?



AKAGI!



OUR REP
PLAYER IS
DONE FOR!

WE
NEED YOUR
STRENGTH
RIGHT NOW!

...
AT ANY
RATE, COME
BACK WITH
ME!



I'VE
BEEN
LOOK-
ING
FOR
YOU!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
OUT
HERE
...?

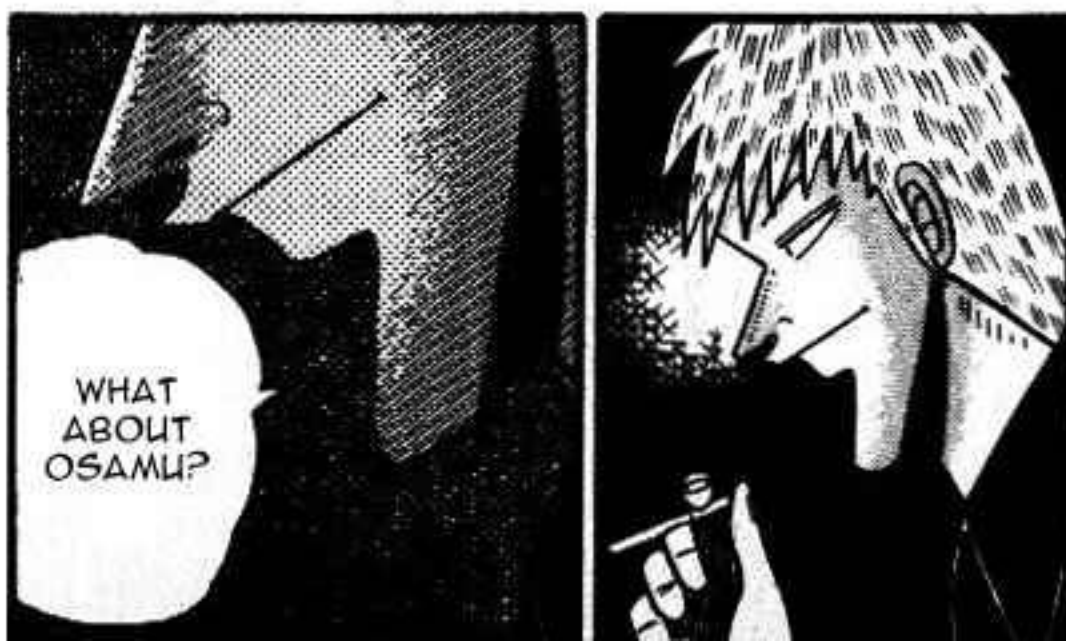


YEAH
...

URABE'S
BEATING YOU
THAT BAD,
HUH?



HMM-
HM...







I GUESS
I JUST
CAN'T
HELP YOU,
THEN.



THERE'S
32 MIL
ON THE
LINE,
HERE!
32
MILLION!

HMM-
HM-
HM

JUST
BEING
"ALL
RIGHT"
WON'T
CUT IT,
AKAGI!



HE MIGHT
JUST DO
ALL RIGHT.

THERE'S
NO WAY!



SO HE
CAN
PLAY
AS IF
IT WERE
ANY
NORMAL
GAME?

WHY
DON'T
YOU
KEEP THE
RATE A
SECRET
...



AKAGI
...!!



DON'T
EXPECT
ME TO,
EITHER.



IF OSAMU
CAN'T PLAY,



I GUESS
SO.

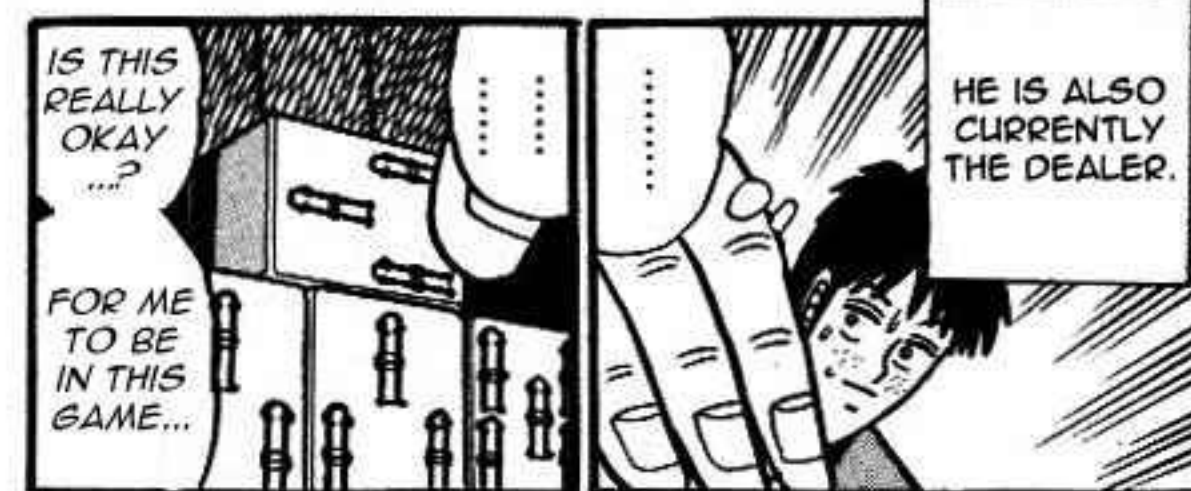


IF WE
LET HIM
PLAY,
THEN
YOU
WILL,
TOO?!

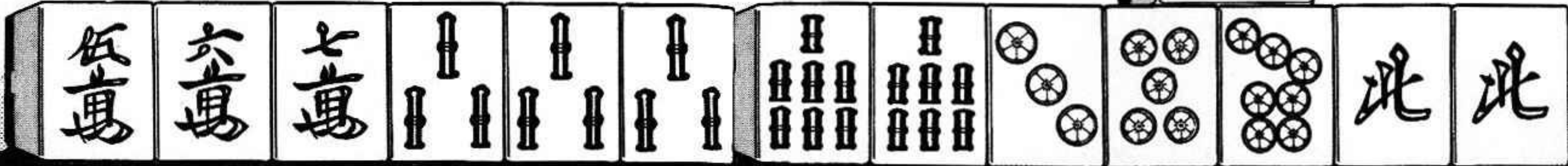
THEN... THEN
AFTER HE
PLAYS, YOU'RE
GOOD?!

AKAGI!!

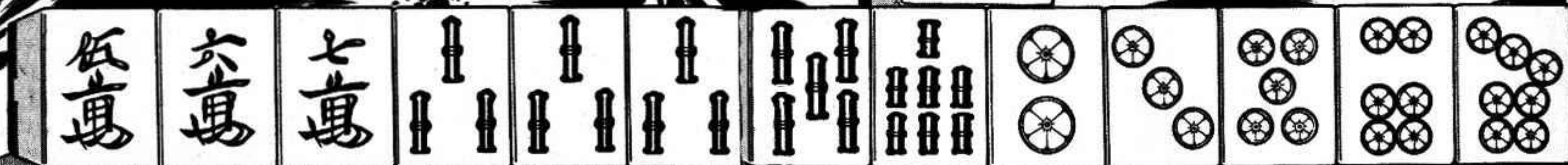




OSAMU IS IN TENPAI

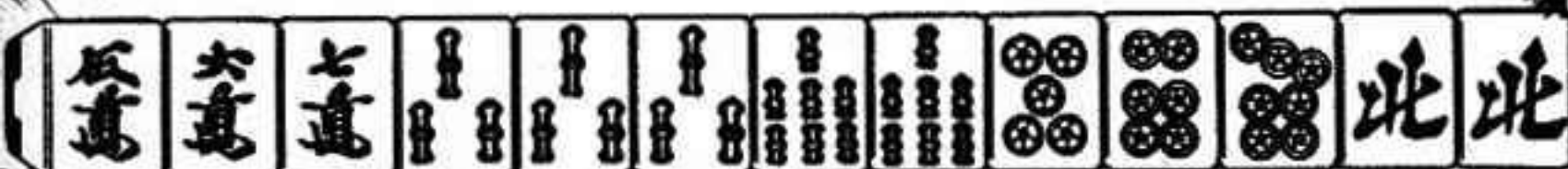


HE IS AGAIN IN
TENPAI!



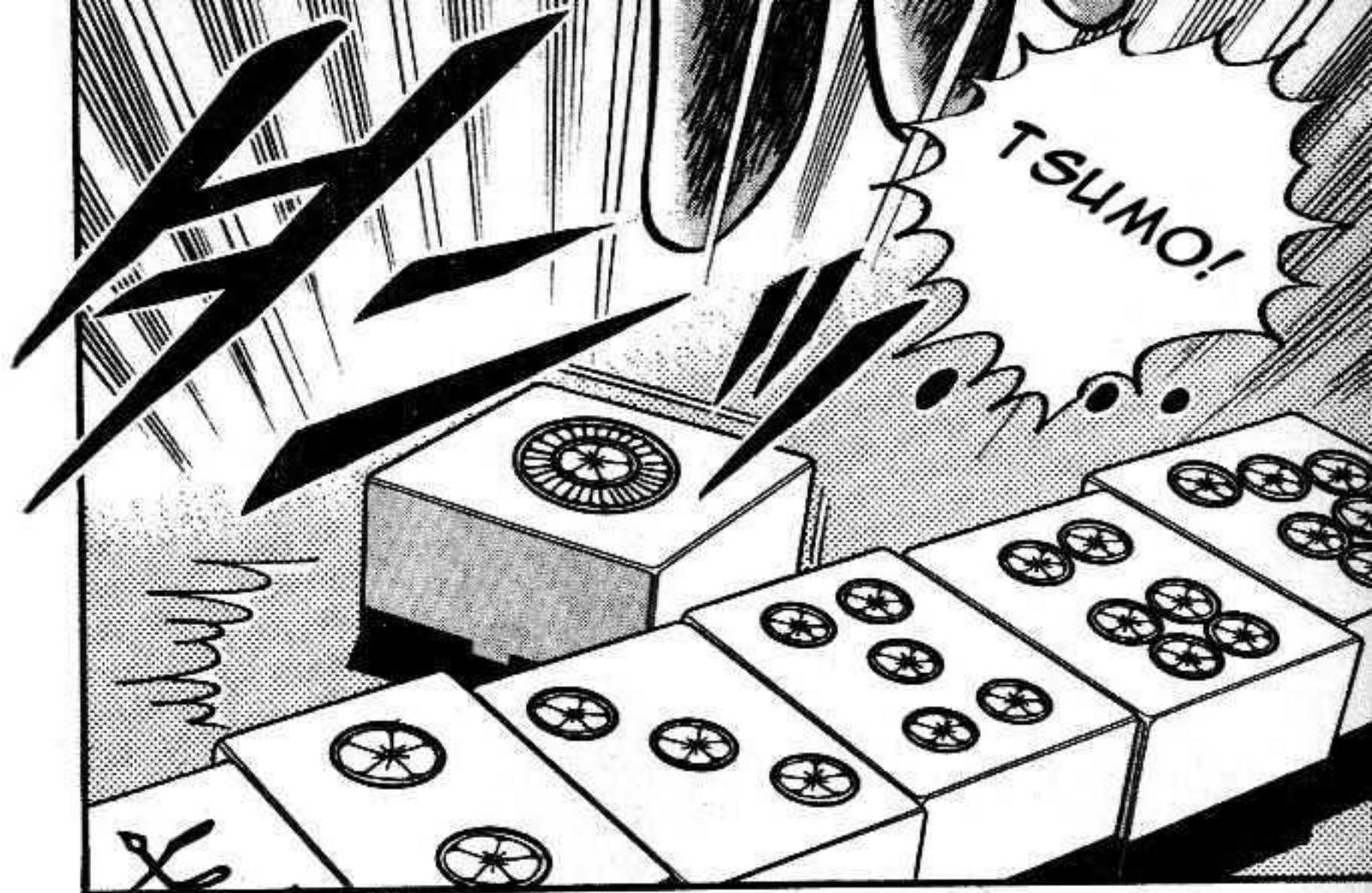
I EXPECTED
HIM TO RIICHI
WITHOUT ANOTHER
THOUGHT, BUT
...

BACK WHEN HE
COULD HAVE GONE
INTO A 7-SOU AND
PEI DOUBLE
WAIT...



THE IDEAL
TANYAO,
PINFU,
SAN SHOKU
HAND!





ONE WORTH
2600 FROM
EVERYONE, AND
ANOTHER WORTH
2800 FROM
EVERYONE!

HE COM-
PLETES
TWO
MORE
HANDS,

BUT
AFTER-
WARDS,

JUST A
SHORT
WHILE AGO,
THE SITU-
ATION HAD
SEEMED
IRREVER-
SIBLE...

HE
HAS
32,
200
TO
BE
EX-
ACT!

WITH THIS
SET OF
WINS,
OSAMU'S
POINTS
BREAK
30,000
...

ONLY
11200
POINTS
STAND
BETWEEN
THEM!

WITH HIS
POT OF
43400
POINTS
LEFT...

BUT URABE
IS NOW
WITHIN REACH
AS FAR AS
POINTS ARE
CONCERNED,

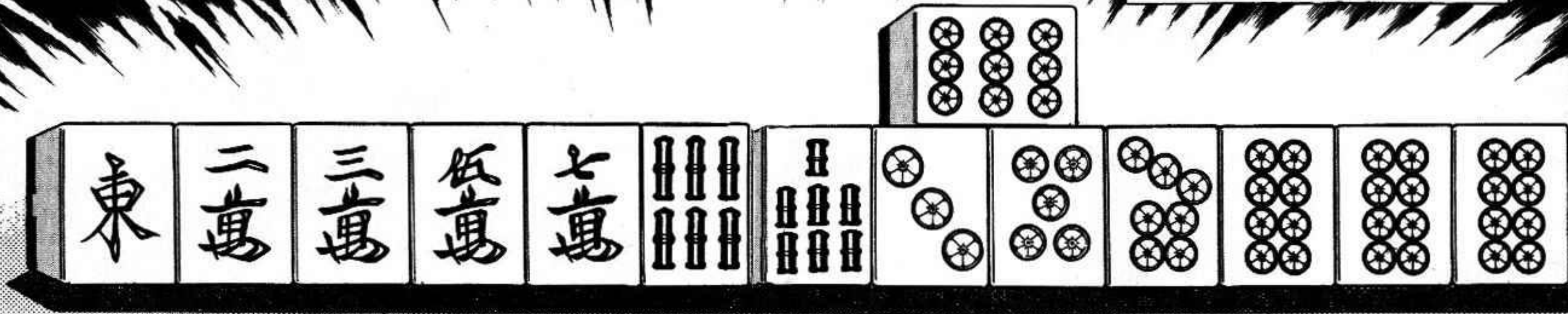
HE WILL
HAVE
SUCCESS-
FULLY
MADE HIS
COME-
BACK!

IF HE CAN
GET A
MANGAN
WITH THIS
NEXT HAND
...

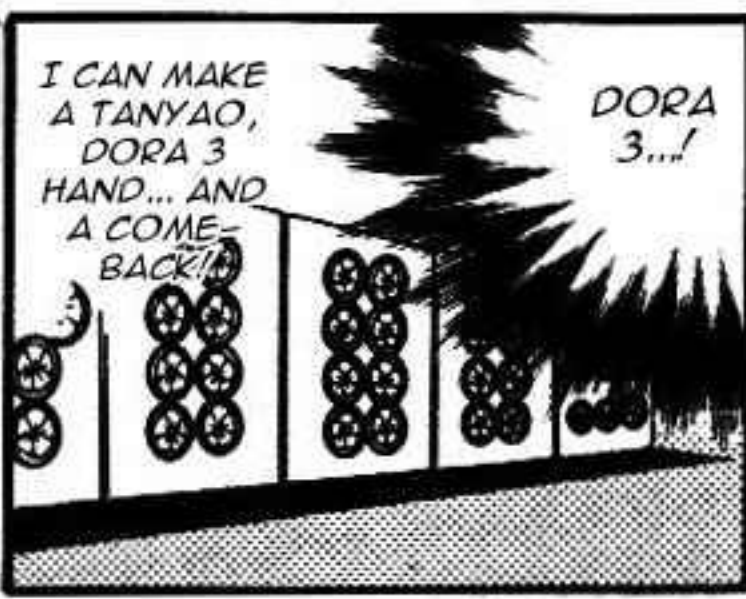




OSAMU'S HAND



I WANT TO COMPLETE THIS HAND...



I CAN MAKE A TANYAO, DORA 3 HAND... AND A COME-BACK!

DORA 3...!



THAT'S 3.2 MILLION ...

GET SOMETHING LIKE 10% AS A REWARD ...?



WILL I...

BUT STILL... IF I WIN...



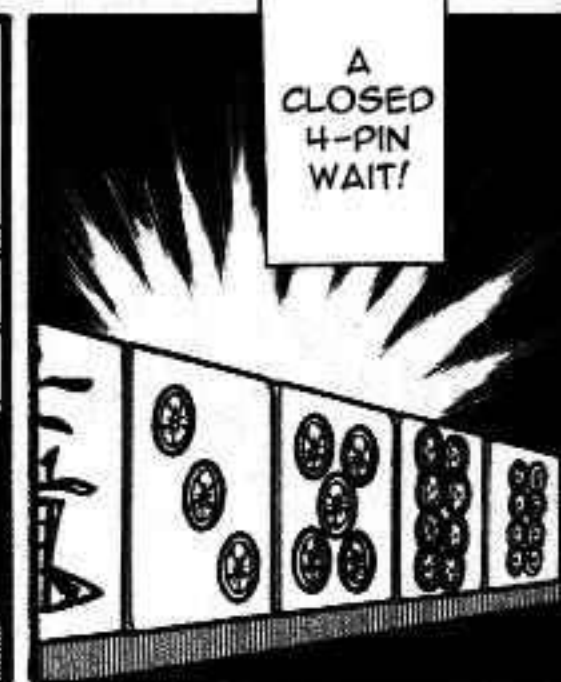
IF I CAN...

IF I DO, I'LL BE IN FIRST!



THE DORA INDICATOR IS THE 7-PIN ...







AND ON
TOP OF
THAT
...



HE
CAN'T
...!



BUT
HE
CAN'T
DRAW
IT!



ON
THE
10TH
TURN
...

LIRA-
BE
...

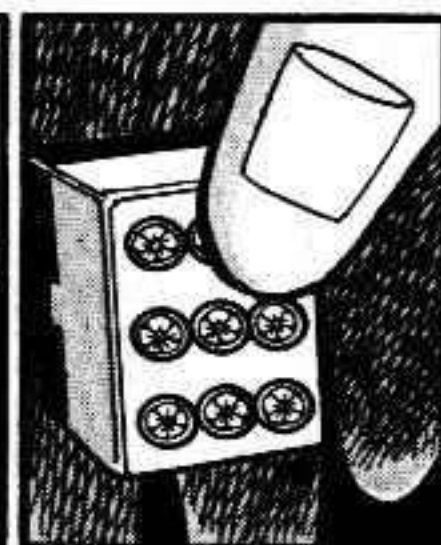
PLICHI!



PLEASE PASS!!



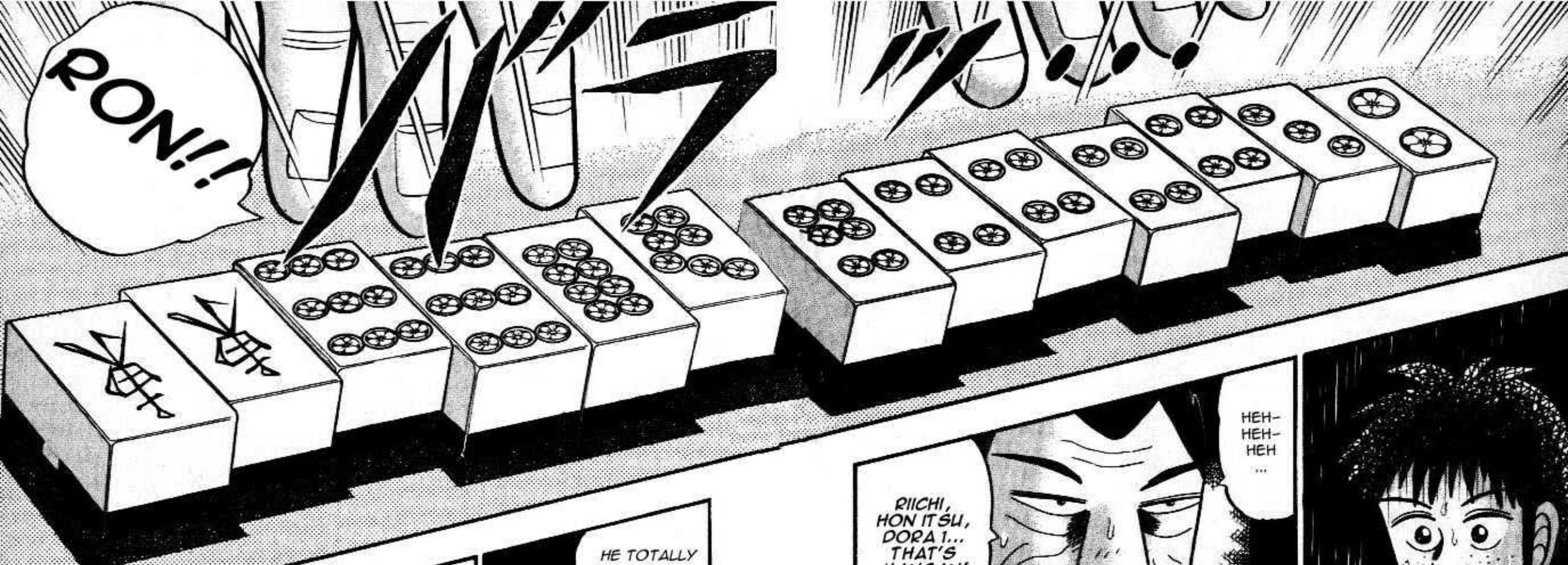
GUH
...!



AND
THEN,
ON THE
12TH
TURN
...

KH
...!







THANKS A LOT FOR READING CHAPTER 38 OF AKAGI!
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IN AN ONLINE LIAR GAME TOURNAMENT WHOSE INTERMEDIATE
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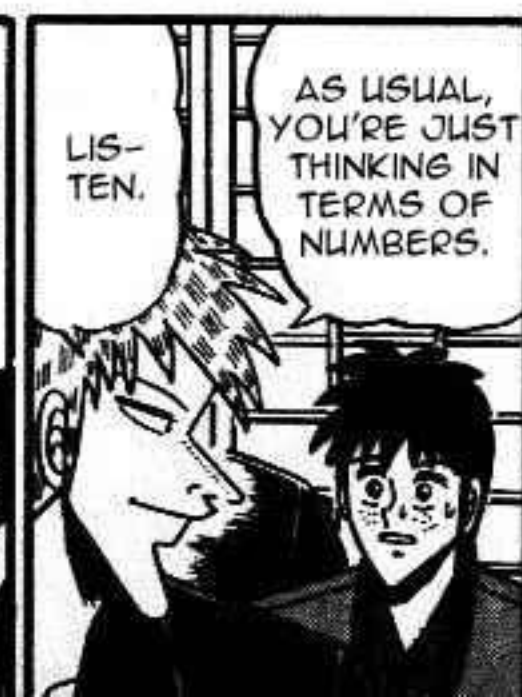
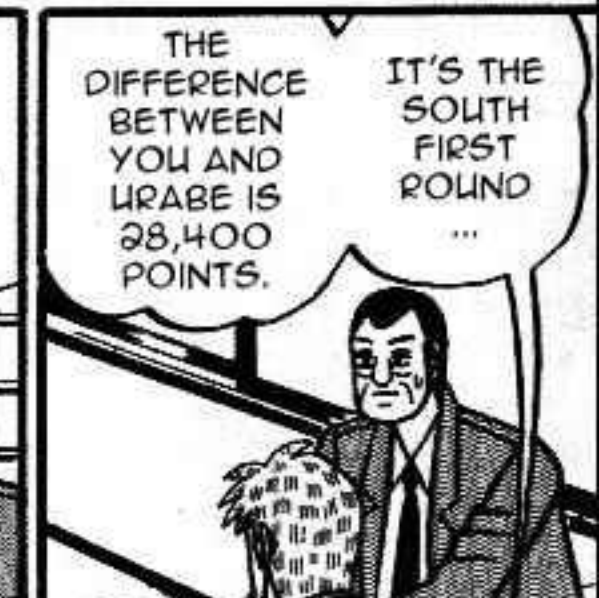
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CHAPTER 40 - PREPARATION

第40話 布石







ACTUALLY,
THERE'S
NO NEED TO
EVEN THINK
ON THAT...
IT'S URABE.



BETWEEN
THE TWO
OF US,
WHO WILL
BE THE
WORSE OFF
IF THEY
LOSE?

BUT
THINK
ABOUT
IT FOR
A SEC-
OND.



THAT'S THE
IMPRESSION
I'D HAVE
EXPECTED
FROM JUST
A GLANCE
AT THE
GAME...



THROUGH
THIS
WHOLE
BATTLE,
URABE
HAS BEEN
BRINGING IT
TO A DRAW
EVERY
GAME.



THAT
URABE IS
WAY ABOVE
NEEDING TO
WORRY
ABOUT IT
...



HE
KEPT RAISING
THE STAKES
BASED ON HIS
OWN SELFISH
DESIRES.

THAT'S
WHERE HIS
REAL DUTY
WAS BORN.



HE DID THAT
TIME AND
TIME AGAIN
...

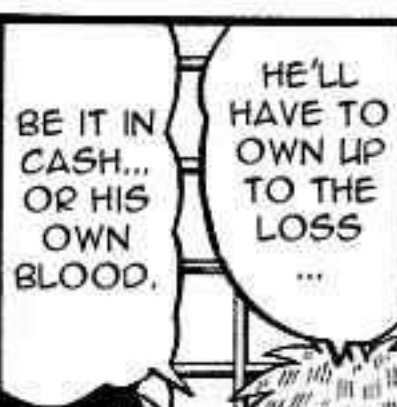
THIS
STUPIDLY
HIGH RATE
IS ALL ON
HIM.

IN MANY
GAMES TO
NOW, HE
COULD HAVE
WON IT ALL
WITH EASE.



THE PRESSURE
HE'S FEELING
RIGHT NOW MUST
BE MORE, TRULY,
THAN ANYONE
ELSE IN THE
ROOM.

THERE'S
NO WAY
AROUND
IT...

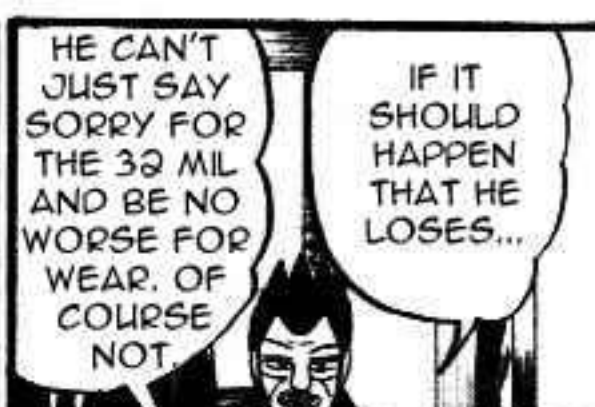


BE IT IN
CASH...
OR HIS
OWN
BLOOD.

HE'LL
HAVE TO
OWN UP
TO THE
LOSS
...



WHICH
MEANS
...



HE CAN'T
JUST SAY
SORRY FOR
THE 32 MIL
AND BE NO
WORSE FOR
WEAR. OF
COURSE
NOT.

IF IT
SHOULD
HAPPEN
THAT HE
LOSES...

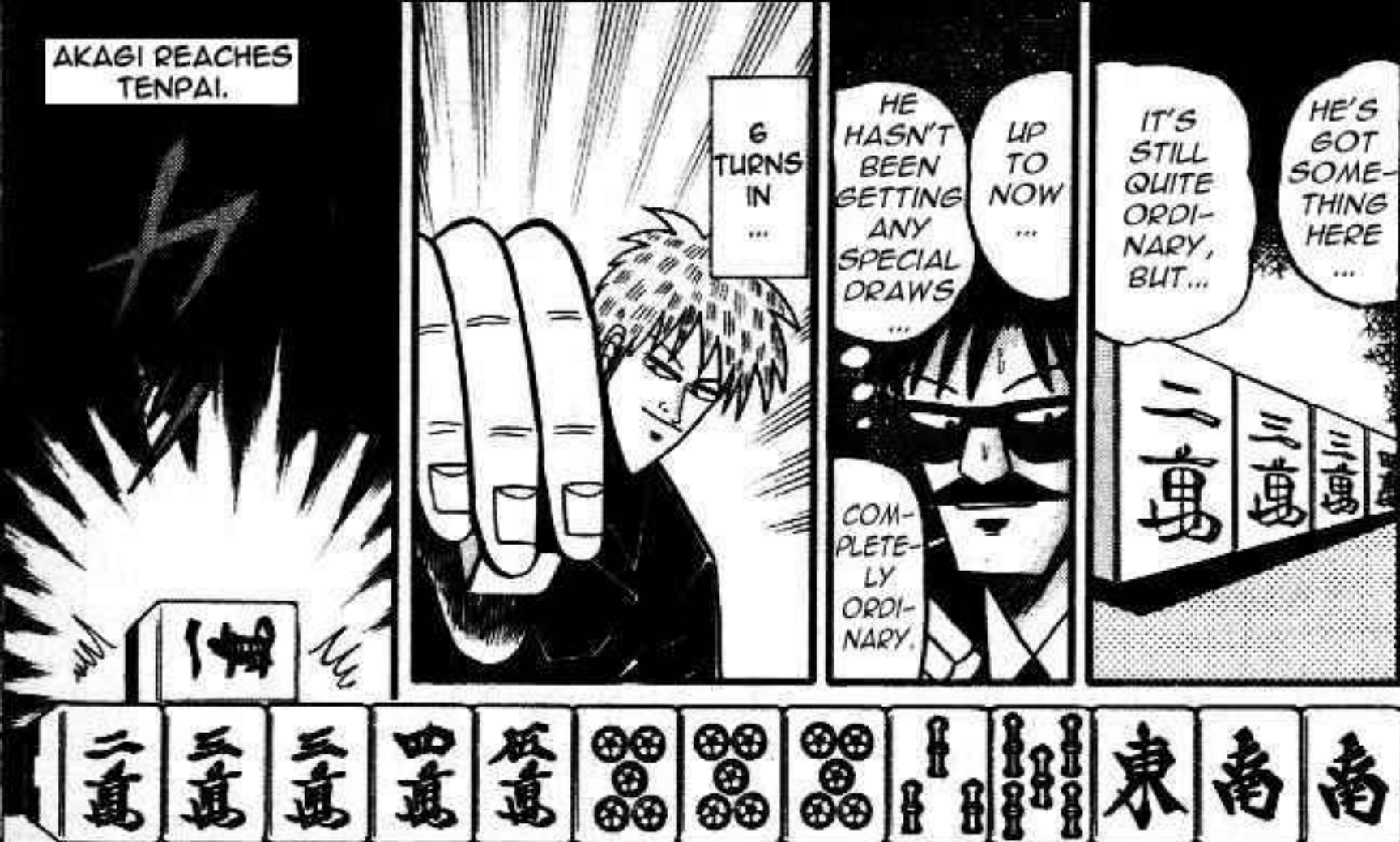


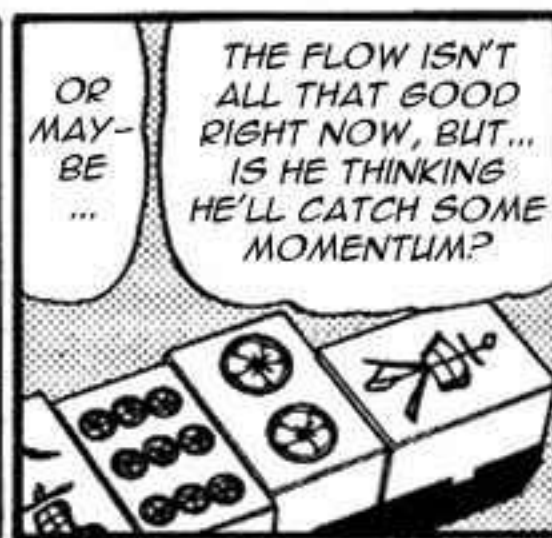
NO ONE
WOULD
LET HIM
GET OFF
THAT
EASY.





AKAGI REACHES
TENPAI.





HIS ONLY CONCERN
IS ABOUT THE
POSSIBILITY OF
LOSING THE HIGH
WAGER HE MADE,
AND THAT ALONE.

AT THE
MOMENT, ONE
OR TWO
TSUMOS
WOULDN'T
CHANGE THINGS
UP TOO MUCH

THAT IS
WHY HE
STILL
REMAINS
CAUTIOUS.

HMM-
HM-
HM

THE
28,400
POINT
DIFFER-
ENCE

THINKING
ABOUT
THE
VISIBLE
SITU-
ATION

THERE
IS NO
NEED
FOR
HIM TO
PUSH
HIMSELF.

1300/
700.

HE
DRAWS
HIS
WIN-
NING
TILE!

HIS
HAND
IS COM-
PLETED!

AND IN A
FEW
MORE
ROUNDS

THE GAP
BETWEEN
THESE TWO
MEN HAS
WIDENED TO
33,800
POINTS.

HEHE
HE...

WITH THIS WIN,
URABE'S POINT
TOTAL HAS
RISEN TO
55,700,
WHILE AKAGI'S
MOVES TO
21,900.

IN THE END,
AKAGI'S
RIICHI DID
NOT SUC-
CEED.

URGH

AKAGI,
AFTER
SEVEN
TURNS

AND THEN.
IN THE NEXT
ROUND, THE
SOUTH
SECOND
ROUND...

...REACHES TENPAI!

IT'S TWO DRAWS AWAY FROM A CHANTA, SAN SHOKU HAND...

一萬 二萬 三萬 七萬 八萬 九萬 圓 二點 三點 四點 五點 六點 七點 八點 九點

AND JUST ONE TILE AWAY FROM A 2-3-4 SAN SHOKU HAND.

THIS HAND
WILL BE IN
AN END
WAIT FOR
THE 3-SOU
...

IF HE PLAYS
THE 2-PIN
...

HE'S
THERE
...!

THERE ARE STILL WAYS TO FILL UP THIS HAND.

THAT IS TO SAY ...

YOU CAN'T CALL RIICHI ON A HAND THAT HAS YET TO TRULY TAKE SHAPE!

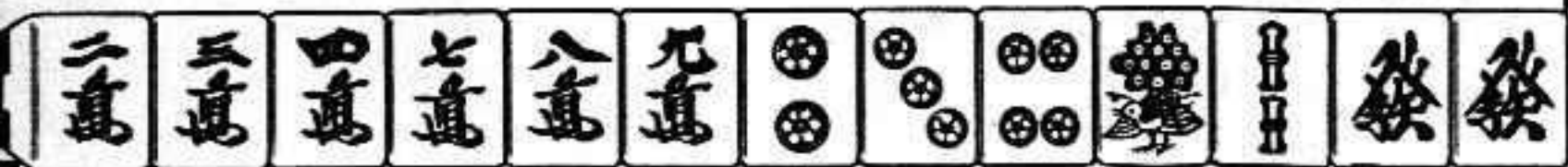
THE DIFFERENCE IN POINTS IS NOW OVER 30,000 ...

CALLING RIICHI WITH THIS HAND WOULD BE TOO BORING.

BUT STILL ...



WHY WOULD
YOU RIICHI WITH
THIS SHAPE?!



AKAGI
DRAWS THE
4-SOU!!

ON
HIS
IPPA-
TSU
DRAW
...

BUT
...

YOU CAN
STILL WAIT
FOR THE
4-SOU,
OR THE
1-MAN
AND
1-PIN!!

DON'T YOU
SEE THAT
YOUR HAND
ISN'T FINISHED
YET?!



THE
WORST
DRAW!!

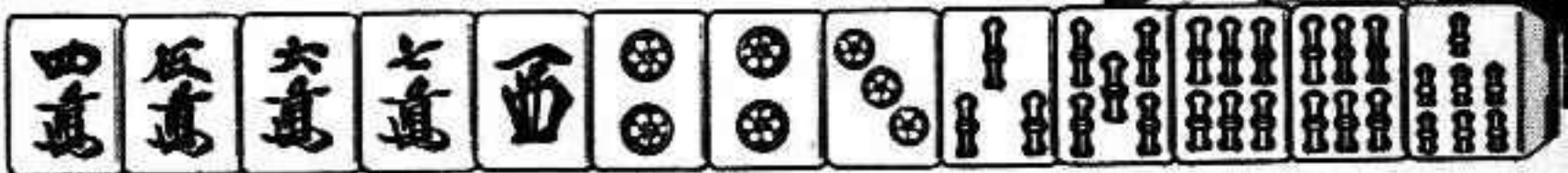
URGH
...!!



HE
RIICHS
AGAIN
RIGHT
AFTER
HE GETS
TENPAI
...

WHAT THE
HELL IS
HE DOIN'?

THIS
KID
...



THAT SAID,
MY TOP
PRIORITY
RIGHT NOW
...

THAT'D
BE AN
INSTANT
MANGAN.



SO HE
CAN'T BE
COLLECTIN'
THE DORA,
XIA,

NO,
NOT
JUST
THAT
...



OF
COURSE
...

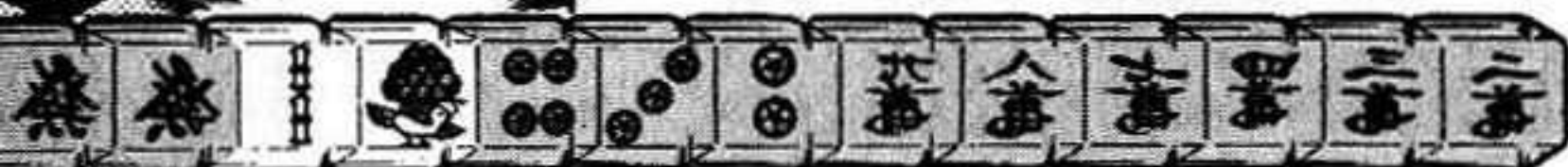
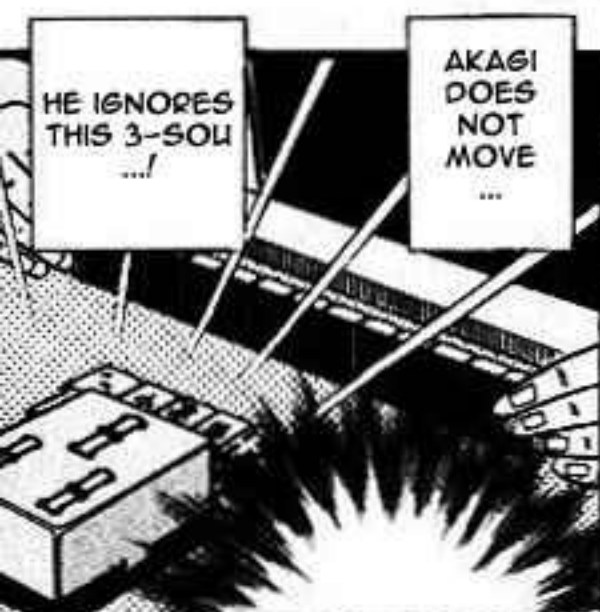


FROM
WHAT HE'S
DISCAR-
DED SO
FAR
...

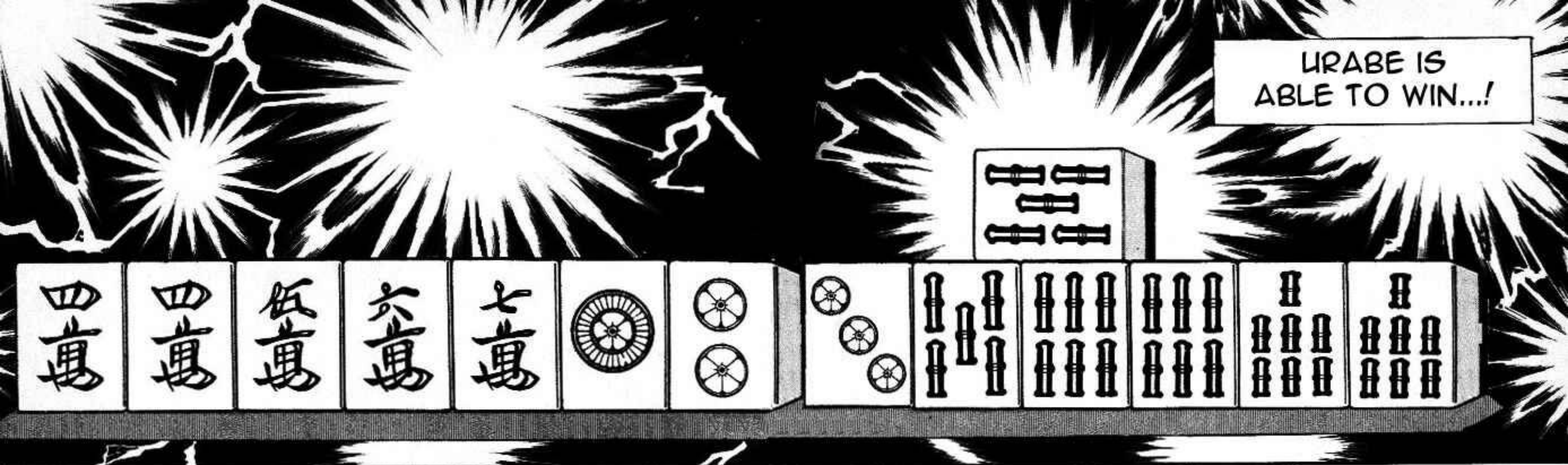


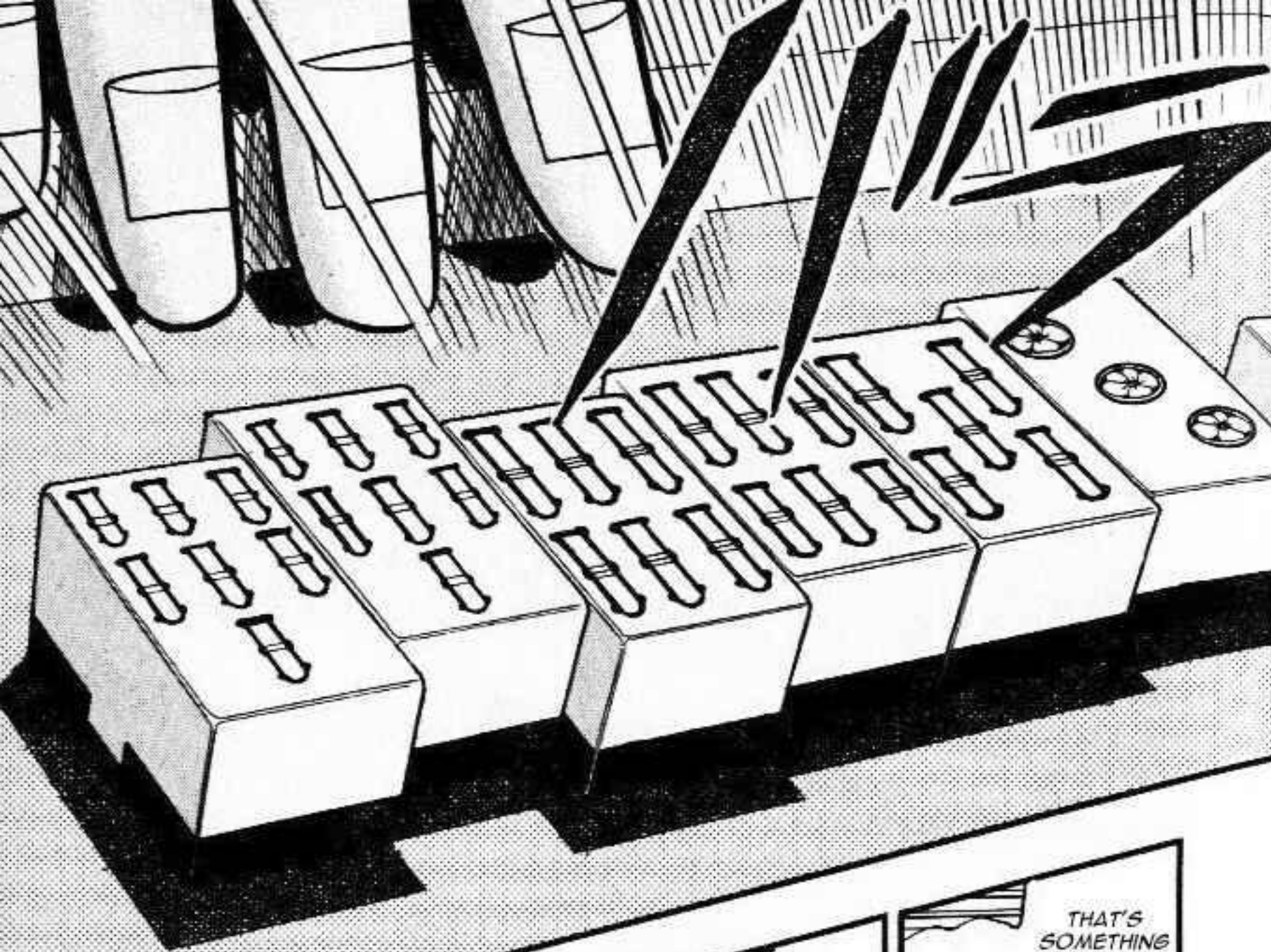
SO, IN
THAT
CASE
...

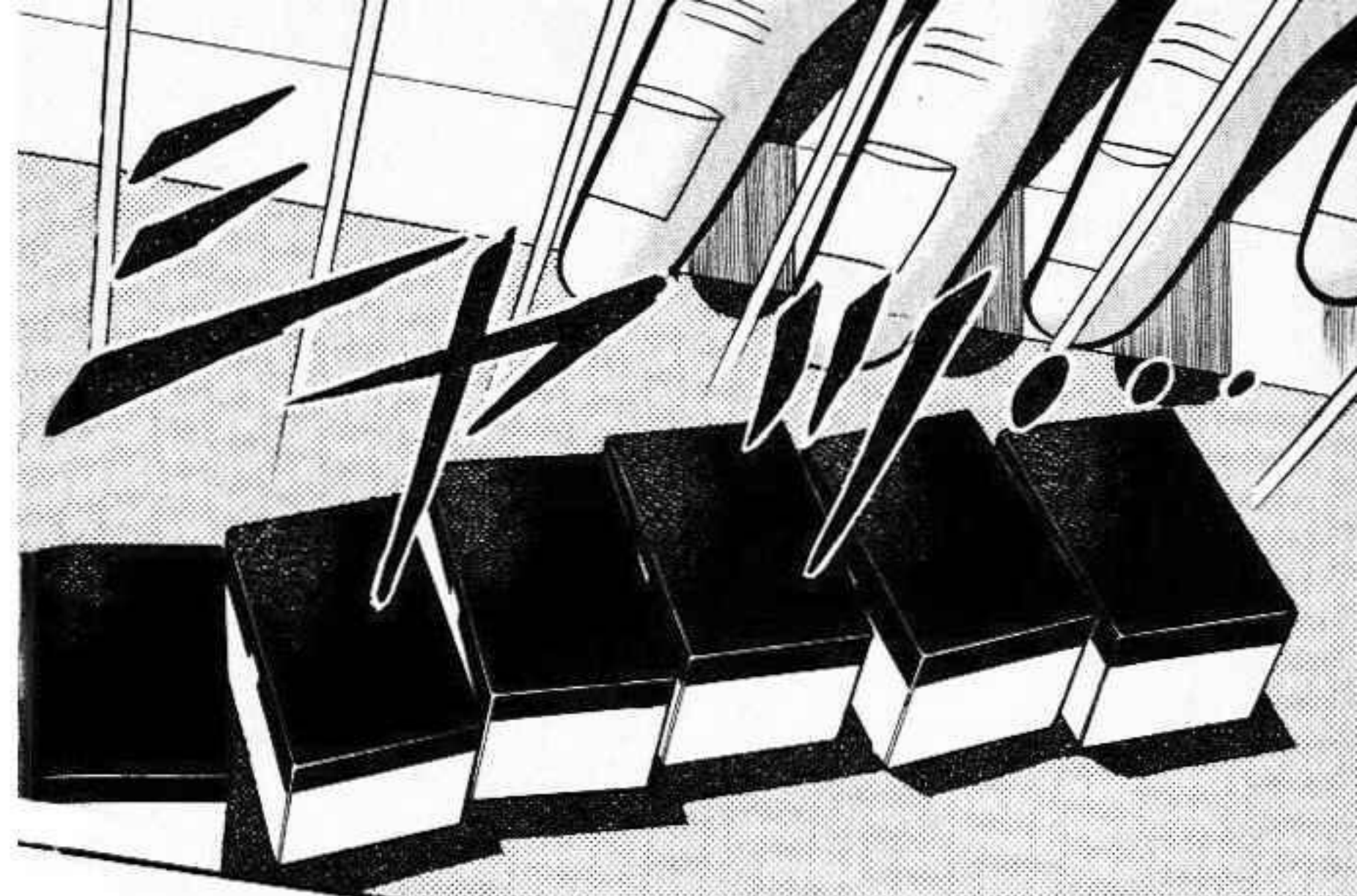
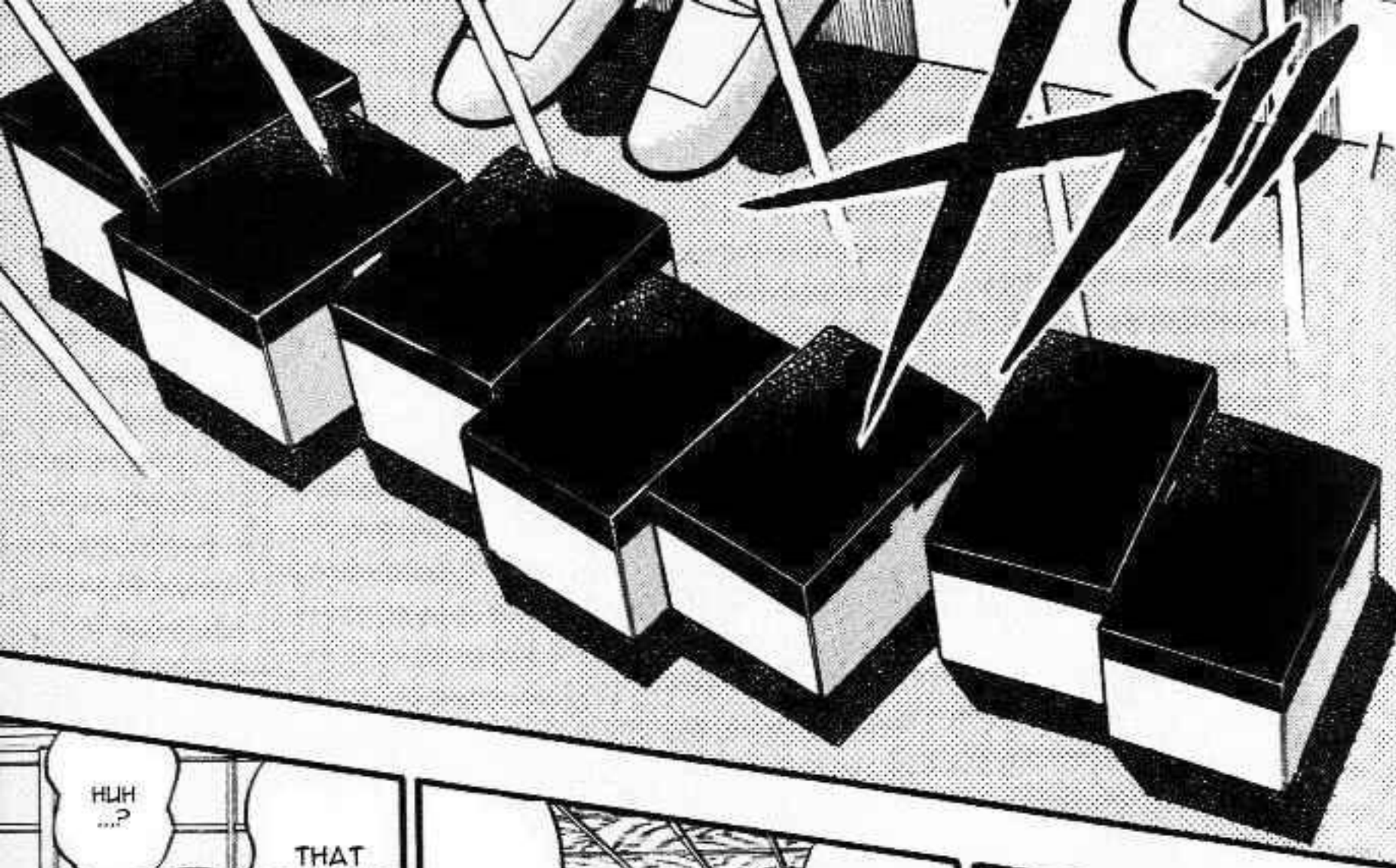
HE CAN RUN OFF THAT
TILE, THE 3-SOU...!!

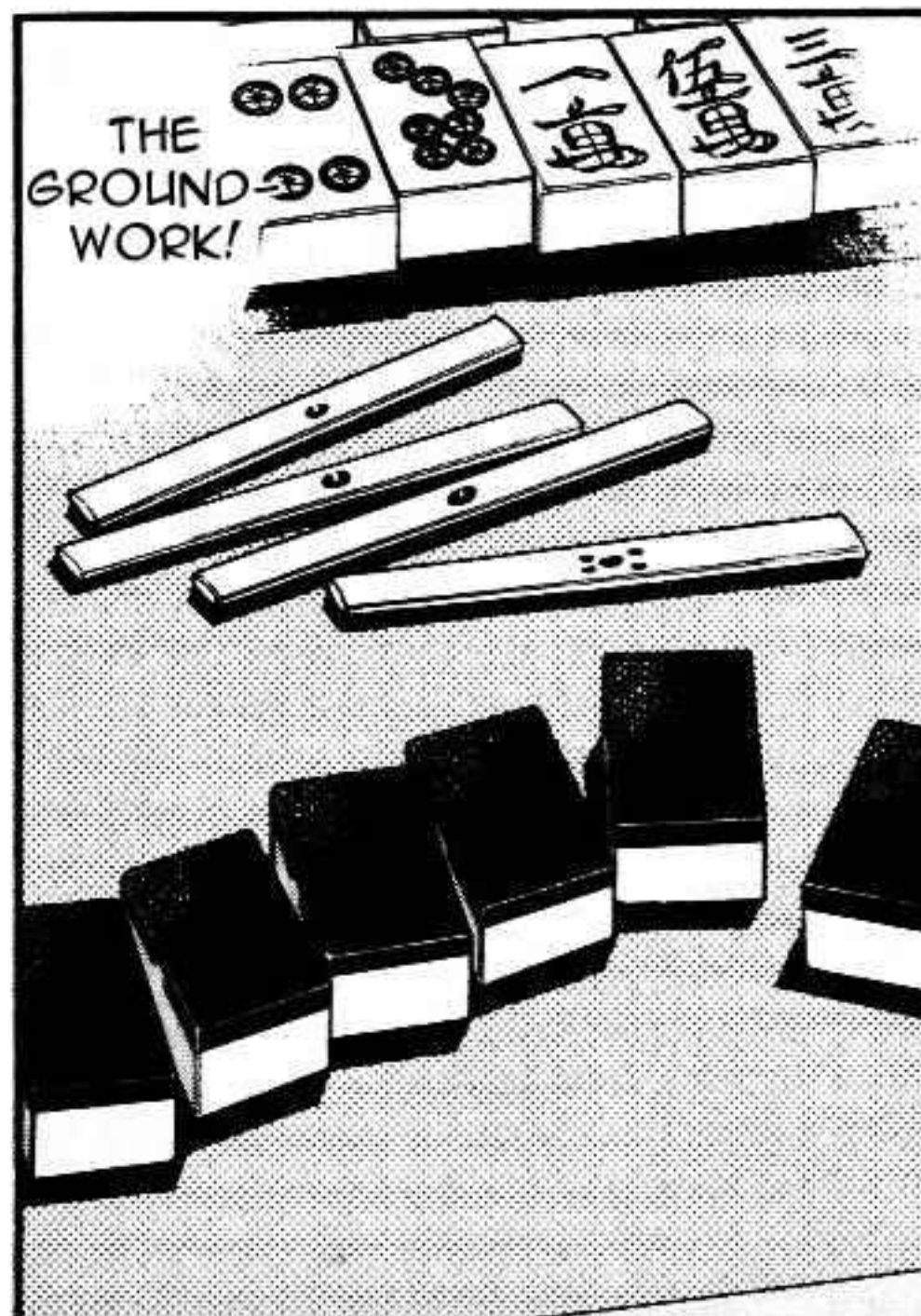
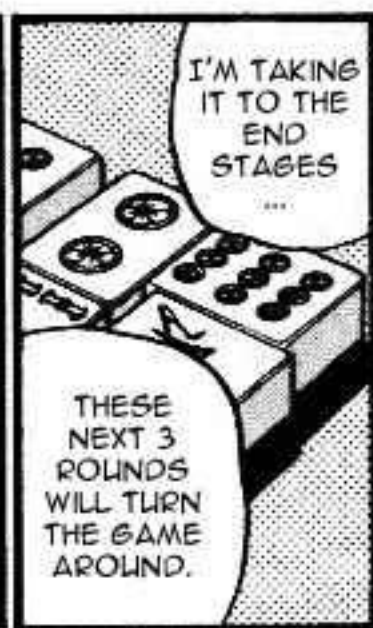


URABE IS
ABLE TO WIN...!









THIS 8000 IS A NECCESARY EXPENSE TO DECIDE THE TIME AND PLACE FOR URABE'S EXECUTION

...



IT IS A 32 MILLION YEN MAHJONG BATTLE BETWEEN THESE TWO YAKUZA GROUPS.

THE REPRESENTATIVE SHOWDOWN BETWEEN KAWADA AND FUJISAWA...

THIS NOTEN RIICHI FORCED HIM TO PAY A CHOMBO PENALTY...

AKAGI DECLARED THAT HE WAS IN NOTEN LAST ROUND WHEN HE WAS, IN FACT, NOT.

HOWEVER...

AKAGI AND URABE HAD A TREMENDOUS 28,900 POINT GAP BETWEEN THEM IN SCORE.

IN THE SOUTH FIRST ROUND,

BUT HE HANDED OVER THOSE 8000 POINTS WILLINGLY.

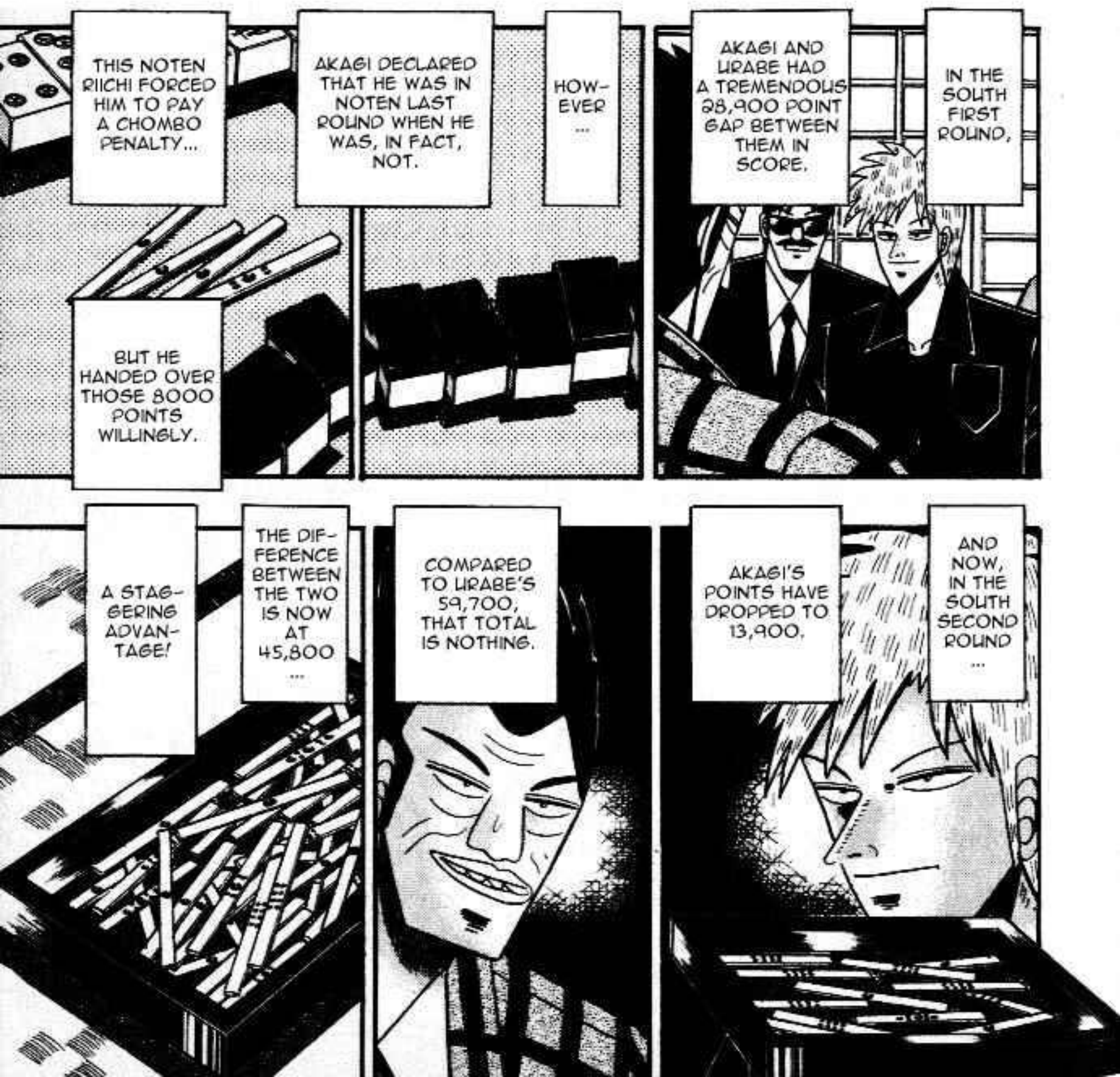
A STAGGERING ADVANTAGE!

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO IS NOW AT 45,800

COMPARED TO URABE'S 59,700, THAT TOTAL IS NOTHING.

AKAGI'S POINTS HAVE DROPPED TO 13,900.

AND NOW, IN THE SOUTH SECOND ROUND...



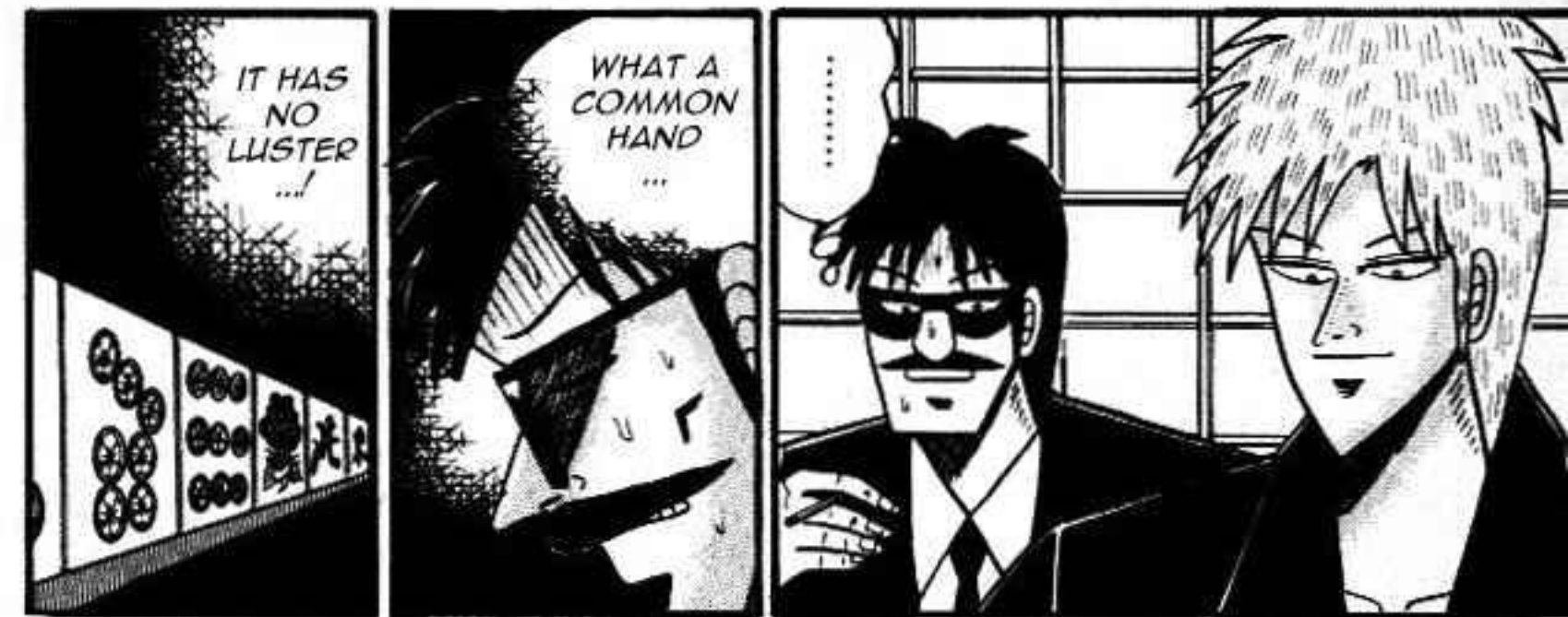
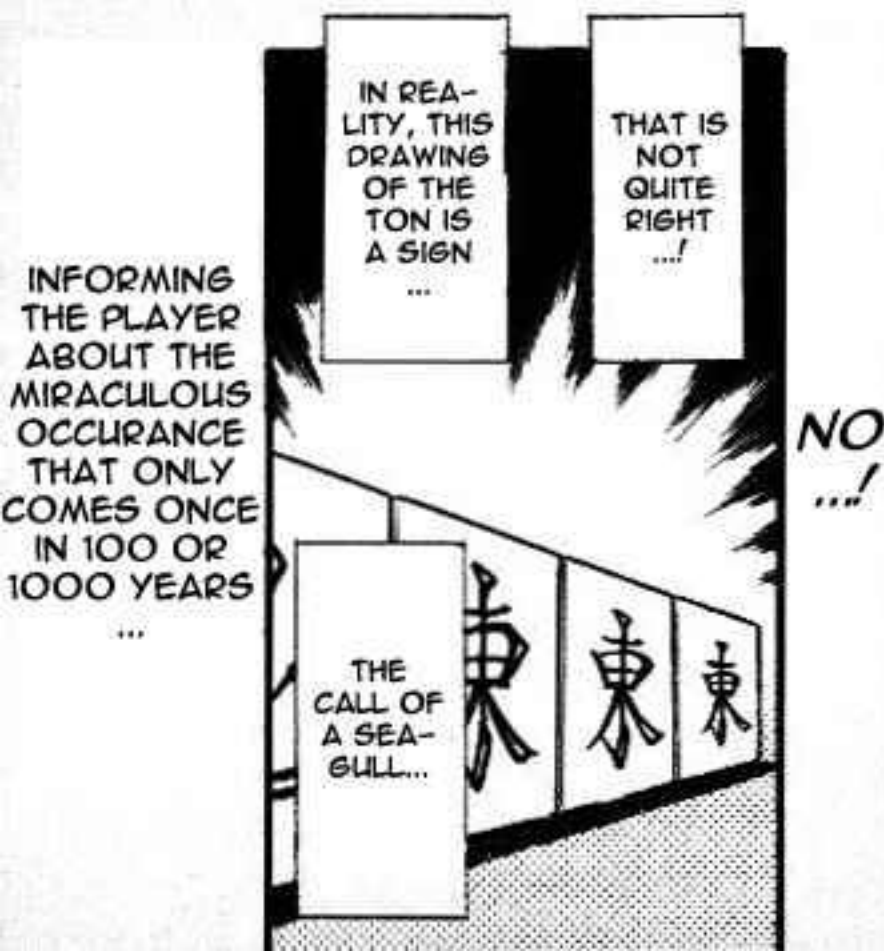
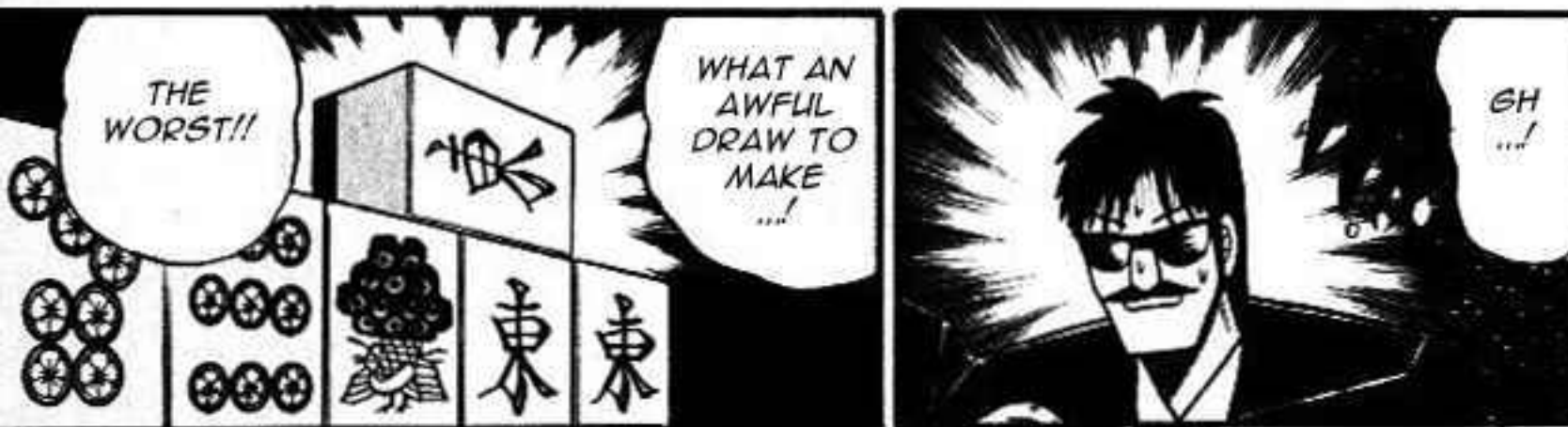
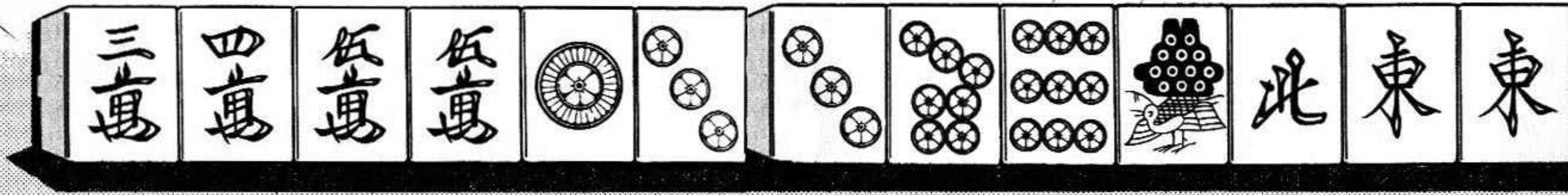


CHAPTER 41 - HIGH TIDE
第41話 高波

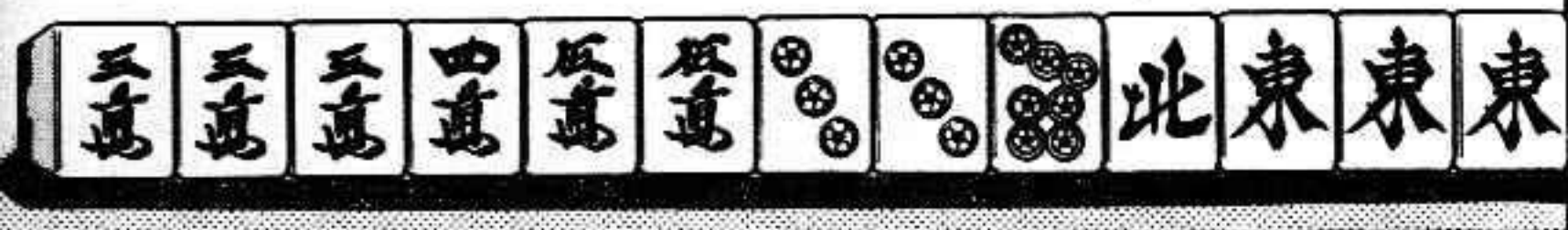


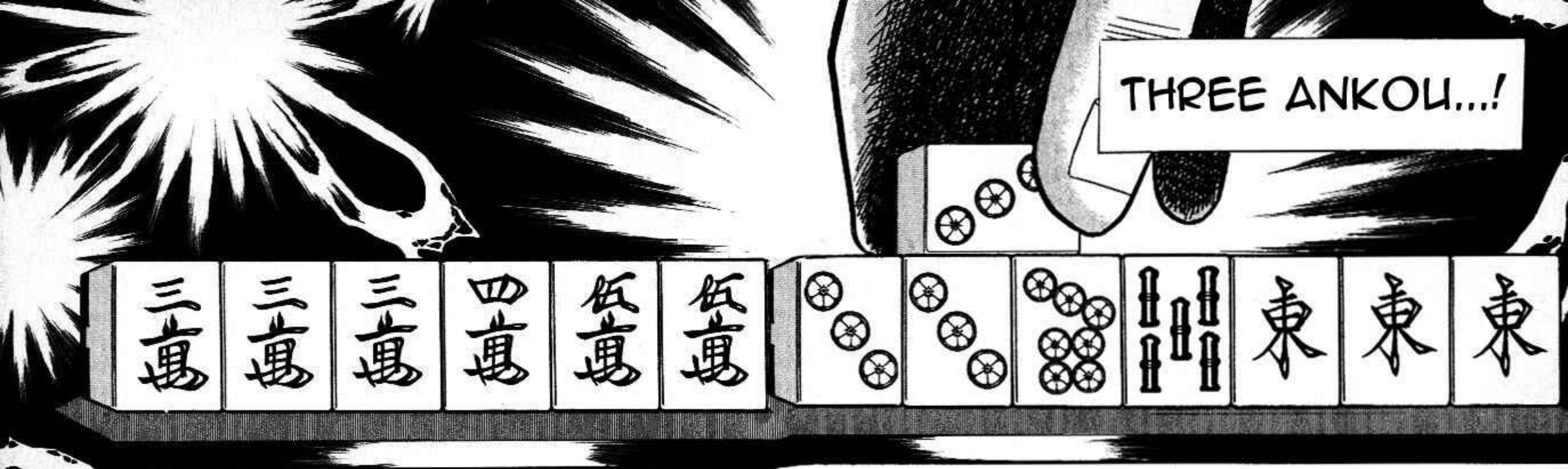
THE START OF THE SOUTH
SECOND ROUND...

AKAGI'S HAND









HON ITSU OR CHIN ITSU OF MANZU.

PROBABLY WAITING ON THE LOWER AND UPPER END OF THE SUIT.

HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY IN TENPAI.

AND SINCE HE JUST DEALT AN HONOR TILE...

HE'S MOVING QUICKLY, AS WELL.

HE'S CALLED TWICE ALREADY.

カ...

A FULL-BLOWN YAKUMAN...?!

WILL IT END UP IN VAIN...?

OR WILL IT BE...

THIS SUU-AN-KOU...

WILL IT TRULY BE PUT TO THE TEST, HERE... IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH FOR HIM.

AKAGI'S HAND...



THE PROBLEM WE'RE FACED WITH NOW...

BUT...

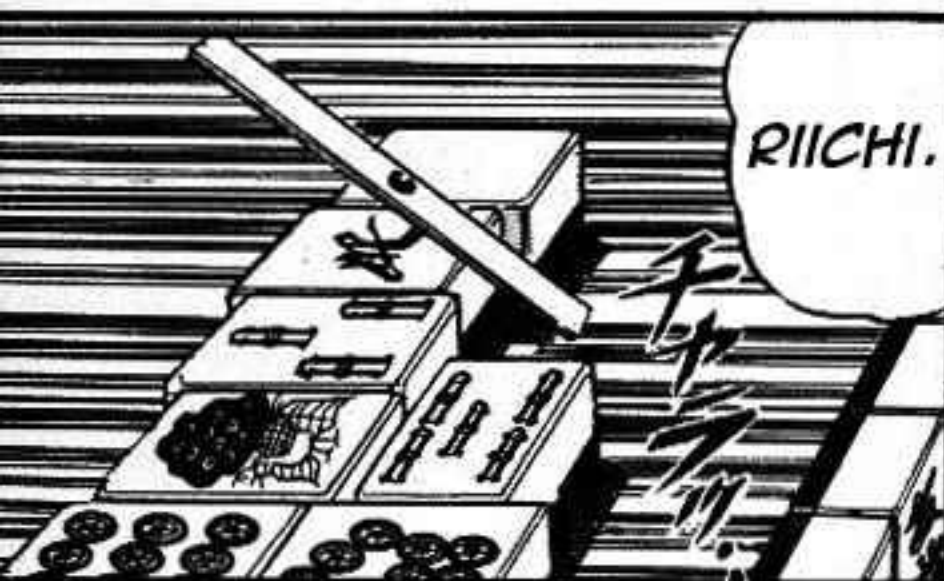
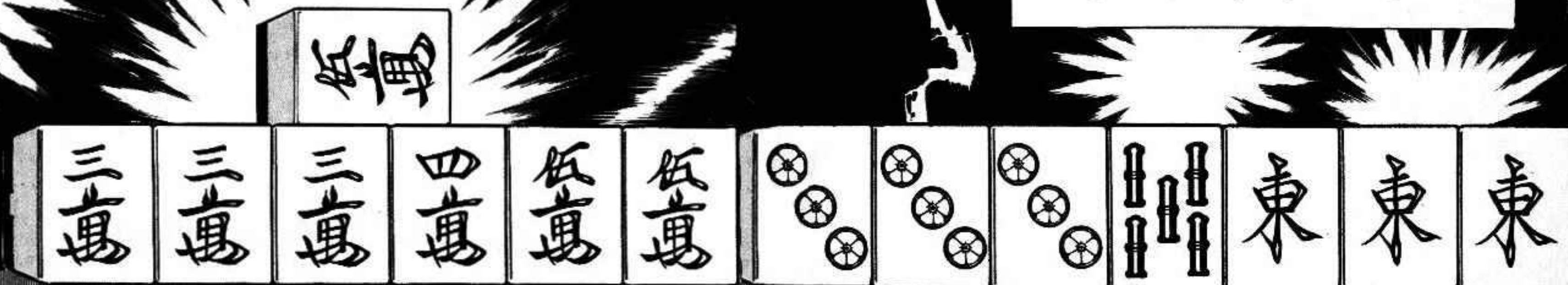
...IS URABE'S HAND.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THIS MAN...

THE THINGS HE DOES ARE SIMPLY IMMEASURABLE!



FOUR ANKOU!!



RIICHI.

GUESS NOT, THEN ...

HMM ...



WHY DIDN'T YOU AT LEAST RIICHI ON A SINGLE WAIT TO MAKE THE SUU AN KOU FOR SURE?!

AND MOREOVER, WHY ON A VARIABLE WAIT?!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!

WHY?!

NO WAY ...!



AND MORE-OVER, HE DREW THE 5-MAN!!

HE MADE IT!



AND HAVE A SINGLE WAIT FOR IT...

HE CAN KEEP THE 4-MAN ...

HE CAN STILL GET A SUU AN KOU EVEN IF IT'S BY RON!



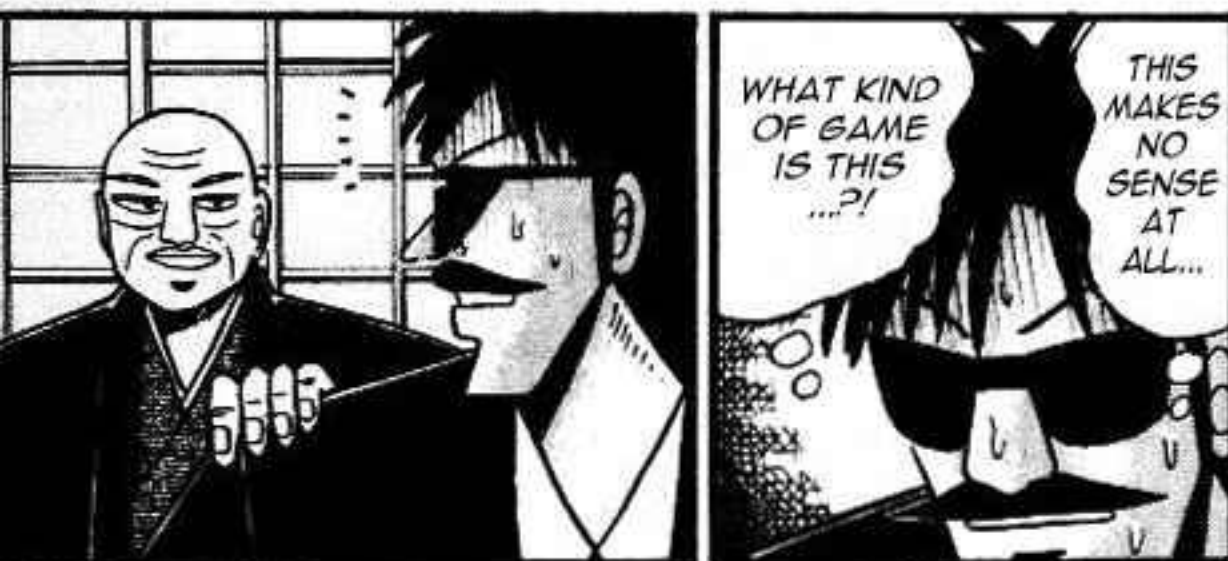
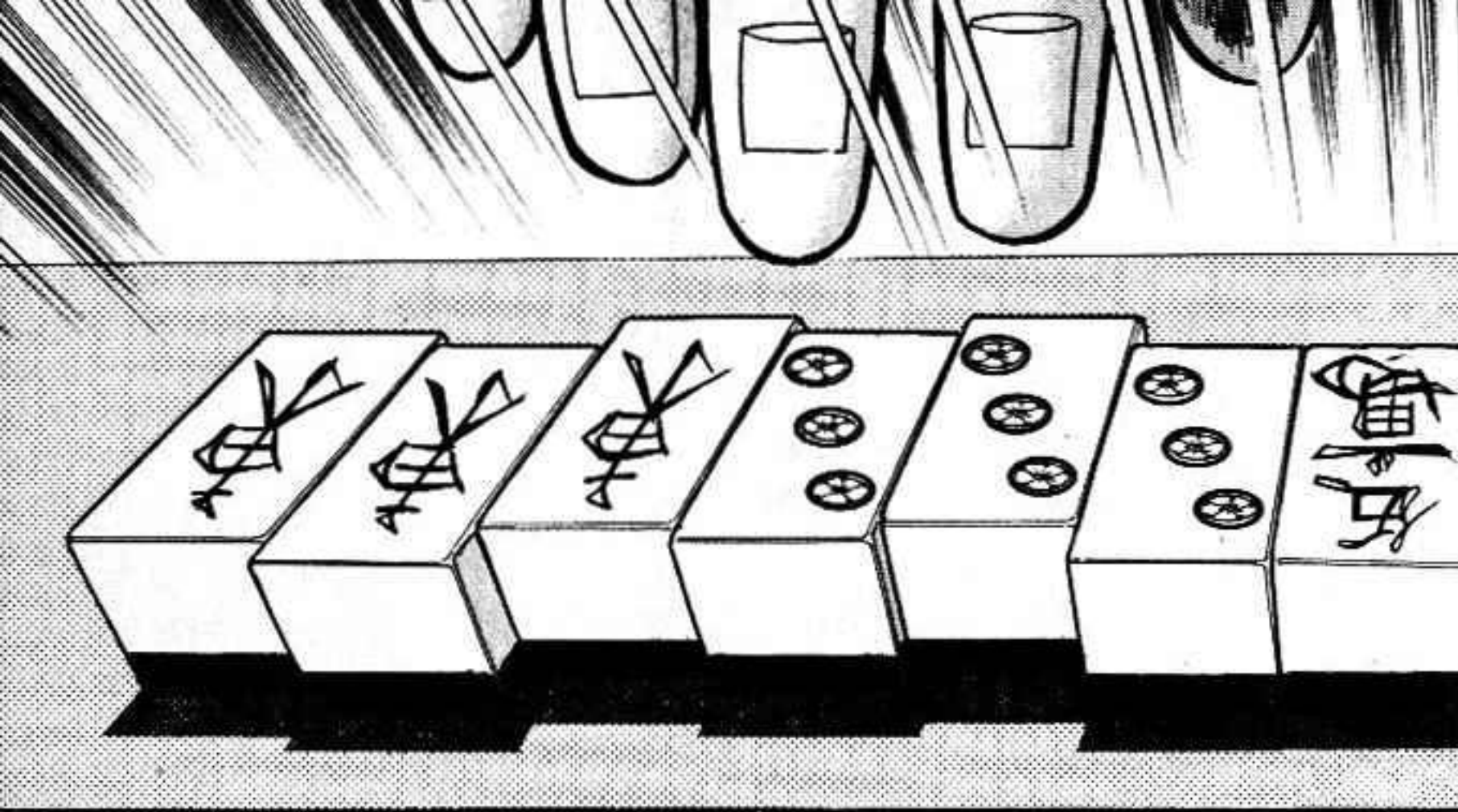
THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR THE HAND TO DROP TO A BAIMAN WITH THE WRONG DEAL.

THE 5-SOU IS A BETTER WAIT...

HE SHOULD DEAL IT.

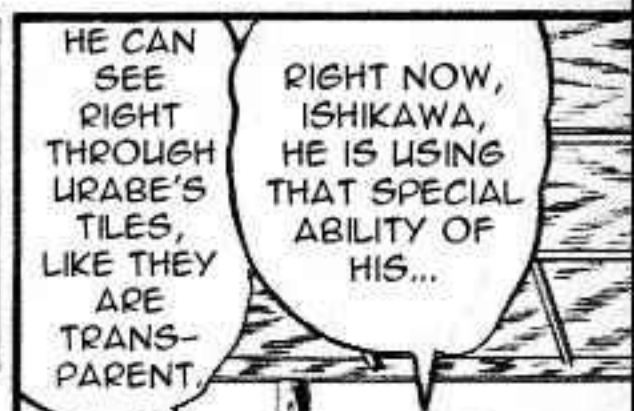
BUT EVEN IF IT'S A BIT RISKY ...





T/N: KUMICHOH = YAKUZA BOSS









IF ANY-
ONE WERE
TO PLAY IT,
IT WOULD BE
THE PLAYER
TO AKAGI'S
RIGHT.

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE WOULD
PLAY MANZU
TILES WHEN
URABE IS
GOING FOR
THAT SUIT
...



ALL OF
HIS DIS-
CARDS
HAVE BEEN
PLAYING IT
SAFE...

HE
WAS
OUT OF
IT CLOSE
TO THE
START.



THE
PLAYER
TO AKAGI'S
LEFT.

TAKE
A LOOK.



URABE
IS ABLE
TO HEAD-
BUMP THE
TILE AWAY
FROM
HIM.



AKAGI
WOULD
STILL NOT
BE ABLE TO
GET IT.



BUT EVEN IF HE
WERE TO PLAY
THE 4-MAN
THAT AKAGI
NEEDS...



HE CAN ONLY
TSUMO, NO
MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS.

SO, IN THAT
WAY, IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF HE
DOES AN OPEN
RIICHI OR NOT.



SO, ANY
WAY THAT
YOU LOOK
AT IT,

AKAGI
CAN NOT
GET THE
4-MAN
FROM A
RON.



BUT IN
THIS CASE,
NONE OF
THAT
MATTERS.



BEFORE EVEN
WINNING OR NOT
WINNING, YOU
NEED TO DECIDE
WHETHER OR NOT
YOU CAN IMPROVE
UPON THE HAND
YOU HAVE.

OF
COURSE,
BEFORE
YOU
RIICHI,





THAT'S
RIGHT.

AN-
OTHER
MOTIVA-
TION
...?

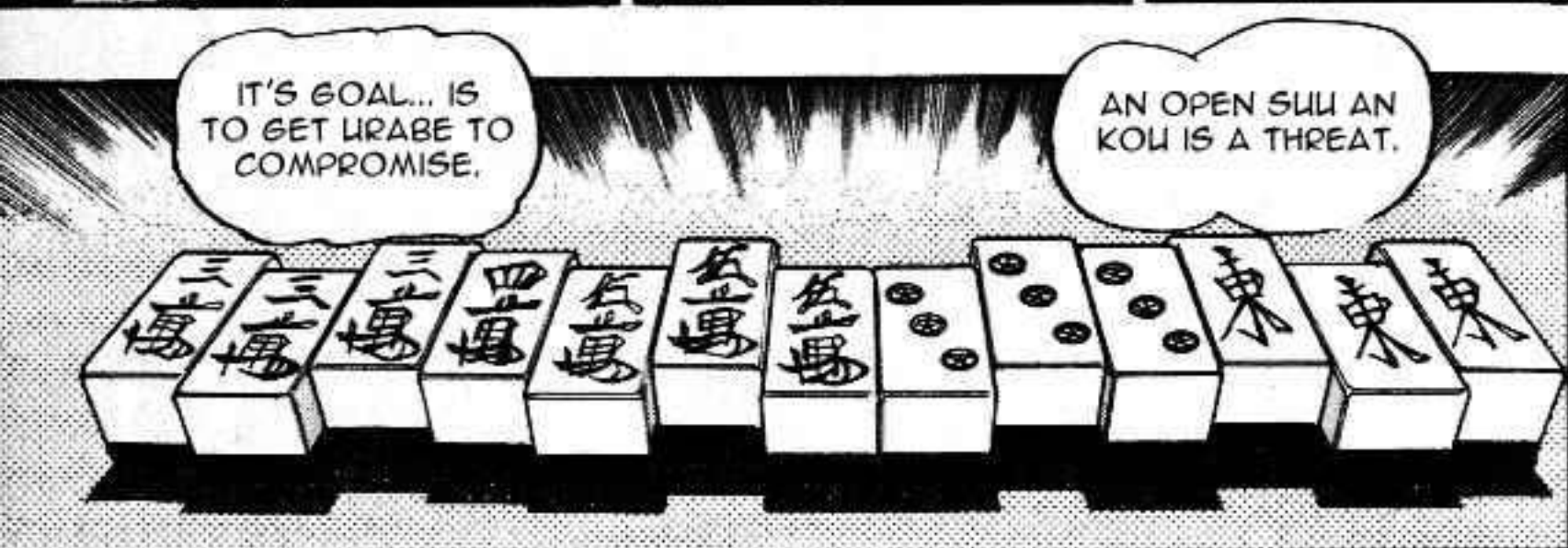


HE HAS
ANOTHER
MOTIVATION
FOR CALLING
THIS OPEN
RIICHI.



WHETHER
OR NOT
HE COULD
HAVE IM-
PROVED
UPON HIS
HAND...

THERE
IS STILL
REASON
TO RIICHI
WITH THIS
HAND.



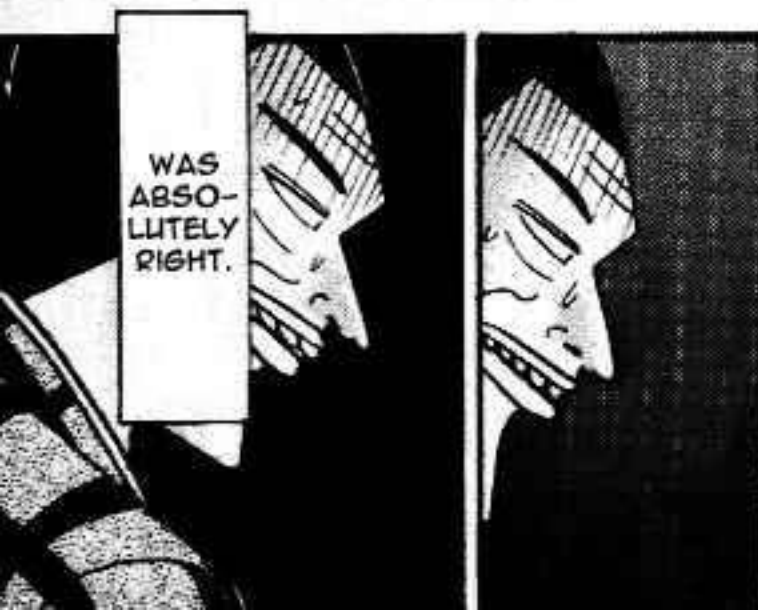
IT'S GOAL... IS
TO GET URABE TO
COMPROMISE.

AN OPEN SUU AN
KOU IS A THREAT.

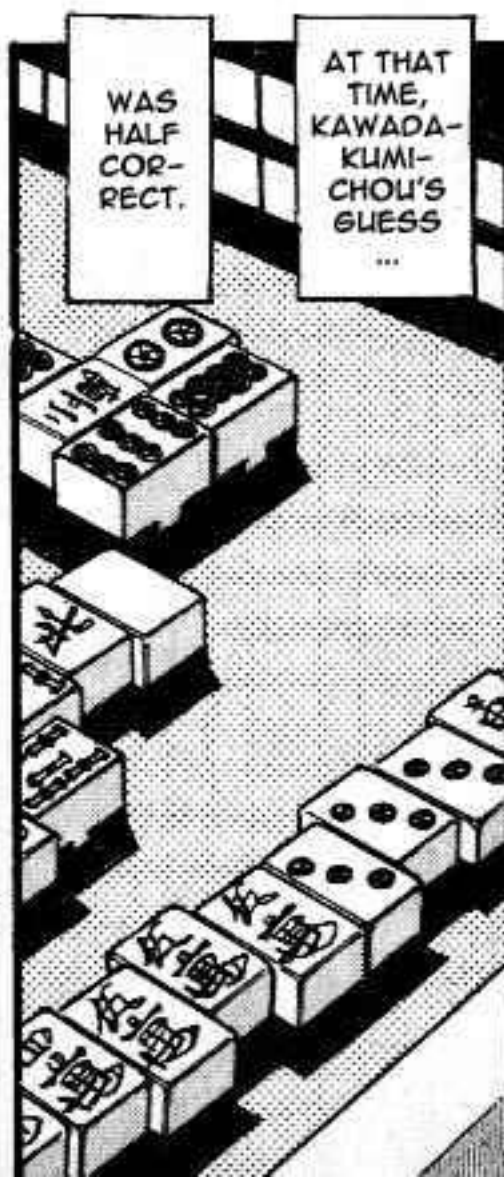


THAT
ESTI-
MA-
TION
...

AKAGI HAD, INDEED,
SUPPOSED THAT
URABE WAS
WAITING ON 1-4-7
MAN, AND COULD
THEREFORE NOT
DEAL IN.



WAS
ABSO-
LUTELY
RIGHT.



WAS
HALF
COR-
RECT.

AT THAT
TIME,
KAWADA-
KUMI-
CHOU'S
GUESS
...



YES
...

...
...
...

URABE'S 1-4-7 MAN WAIT







THIS 2-MAN MAKES IT A MAN-GAN HAND!

AND HE GOT JUST WHAT HE WANTED ...

THE URA-DORA CAN EVEN BOOST IT UP AS FAR AS BAI-MAN!



HE FORCED HIM TO DO IT...

IT SEEMS AKAGI IS VERY SKILLED WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING OTHERS TO DEAL IN!



HE'S MANAGED TO GET THE OPPONENT TO DEAL RIGHT INTO HIS HAND...!

BUT WITH THIS SUU AN KOU ...



HE LEAVES NO ROOM FOR HAP-PENSTANCE!

A PURE EXCHANGE OF POINTS ...



SIMPLY BE-CAUSE HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE WAGER,

WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IN THE ROOM IS GETTING HOT-HEADED...

HE IS ABLE TO MAKE THIS BOLD AND REALISTIC MOVE!



THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS THE REAL AKAGI!

THIS MAN IS TRULY THE REAL THING...



WHAT ...?!



LESSEE HOW THE URA-DORA-

WHATCHA WAITIN' AROUND FOR?

WHAT ARE YOU, RETAR-DED?



HMM-HMM-HMM ...



KEEP
THE
GAME
GOING.

I
DON'T
INTEND
TO WIN
OFF OF
CHEAP
HANDS.



WHA
...?!



IN
OTHER
WORDS
...
RIGHT
NOW, HIS
HAND IS IN
NO SHAPE
TO WIN.

AND
SO...



HE MADE THE
ASSUMPTION
THAT I WOULD
ACCEPT HIS
CRIPPLED
OFFER...
AND
THINKING
IT WAS
OVER.



JUST
NOW,
URABE
TOOK
APART
HIS HAND
IN ORDER
TO TRY AND
DEAL INTO
MINE.



YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS
...!

OF
COURSE
I'M
SERI-
OUS.

AKAG!!!



WITH THIS
SUU AN
KOU.

I'LL CATCH UP, NOW THAT HE
HAS STOPPED.



OF
COURSE I
WON'T
QUIT.



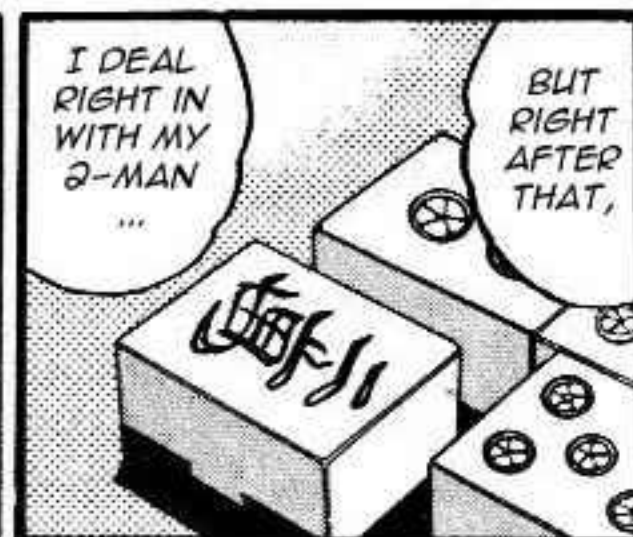
WHA
?!





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CHAPTER 42 - SUPPRESSION



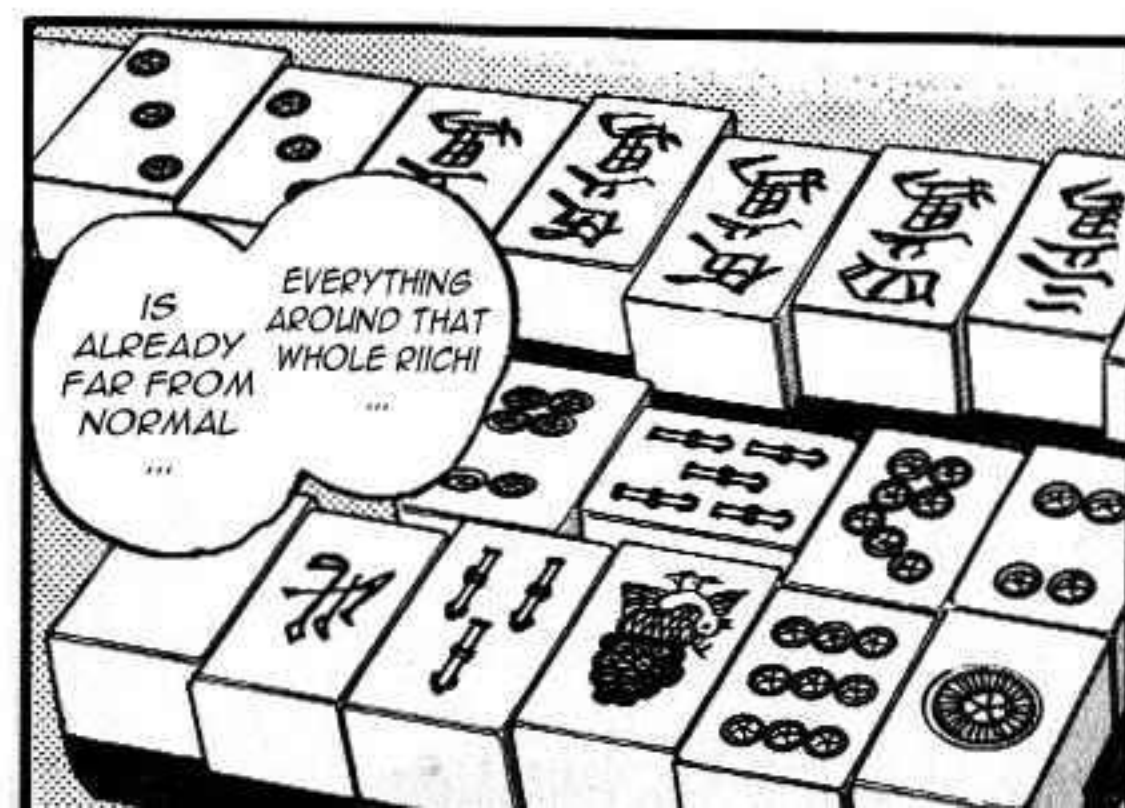
BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT,



HE'S REALLY SET...



THAT SINGLE-WAIT SUU AN KOU



IS ALREADY FAR FROM NORMAL







HE WON'T
EVEN THINK
ABOUT HOW
LITTLE TIME
HE HAS LEFT...?
...?!



EVEN
NOW, WHEN
TIME IS
RUNNIN'
OUT!

HE JUST
WON'T
COMPRO-
MISE WITH
ME...
...



HE JUST
MISSED THE
BEST CHANCE
HE'LL EVER GET
TO WIN A DIRECT
HIT MANGAN
OFFA HIS
OPPONENT!

IF HE
CAN'T
WIN WITH
THIS...

IT'S JUST
COMMON
SENSE!



IS TO
TRY AND
SEND ME
TO THE
GRAVE
...!

THE GOAL
OF THAT
SUU AN
KOU...

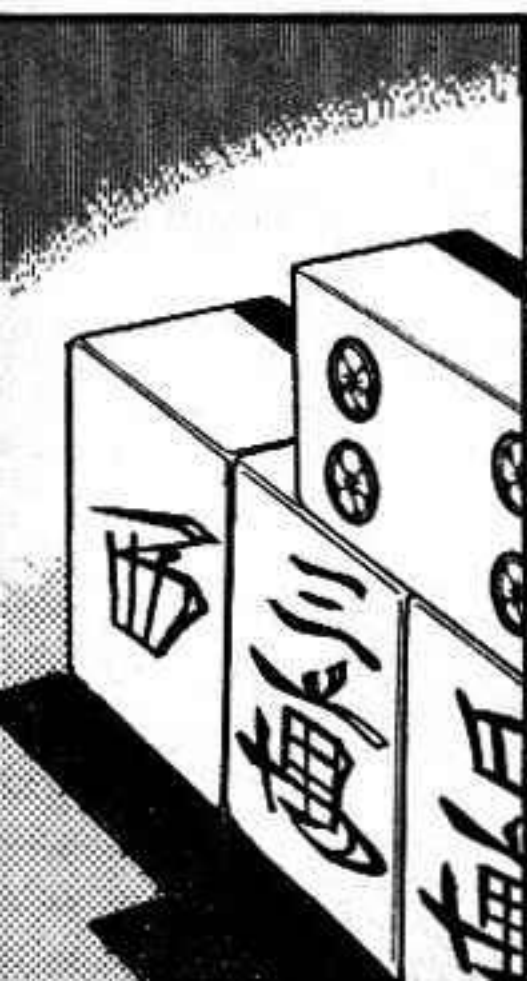
BUT
EVEN
STILL
...



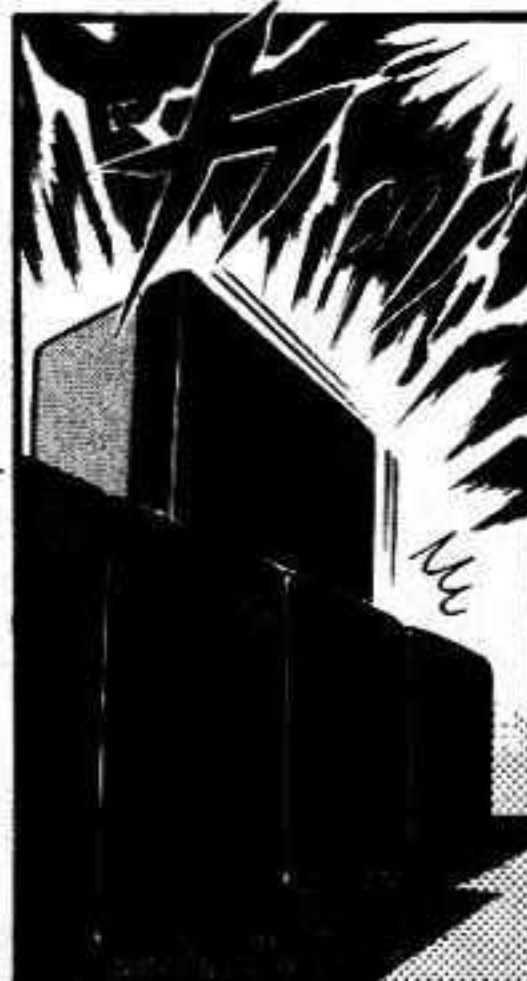
... IS
DOWN-
RIGHT
WEAK!

THIS
KID'S
GAM-
BLIN' SENSE
...

FIRST
OFF,
MAKE
NO
MIS-
TAKE...

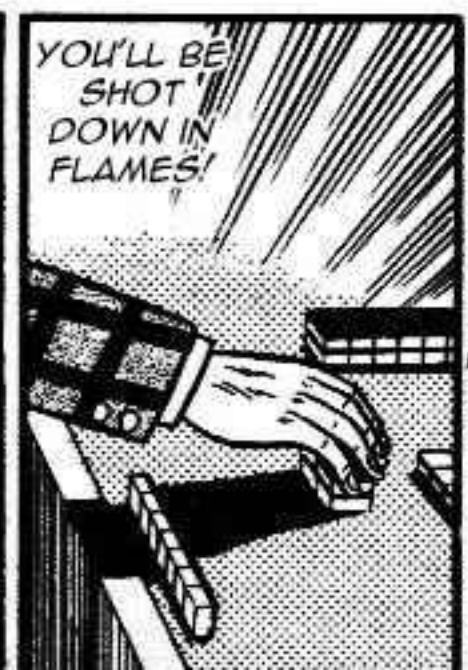
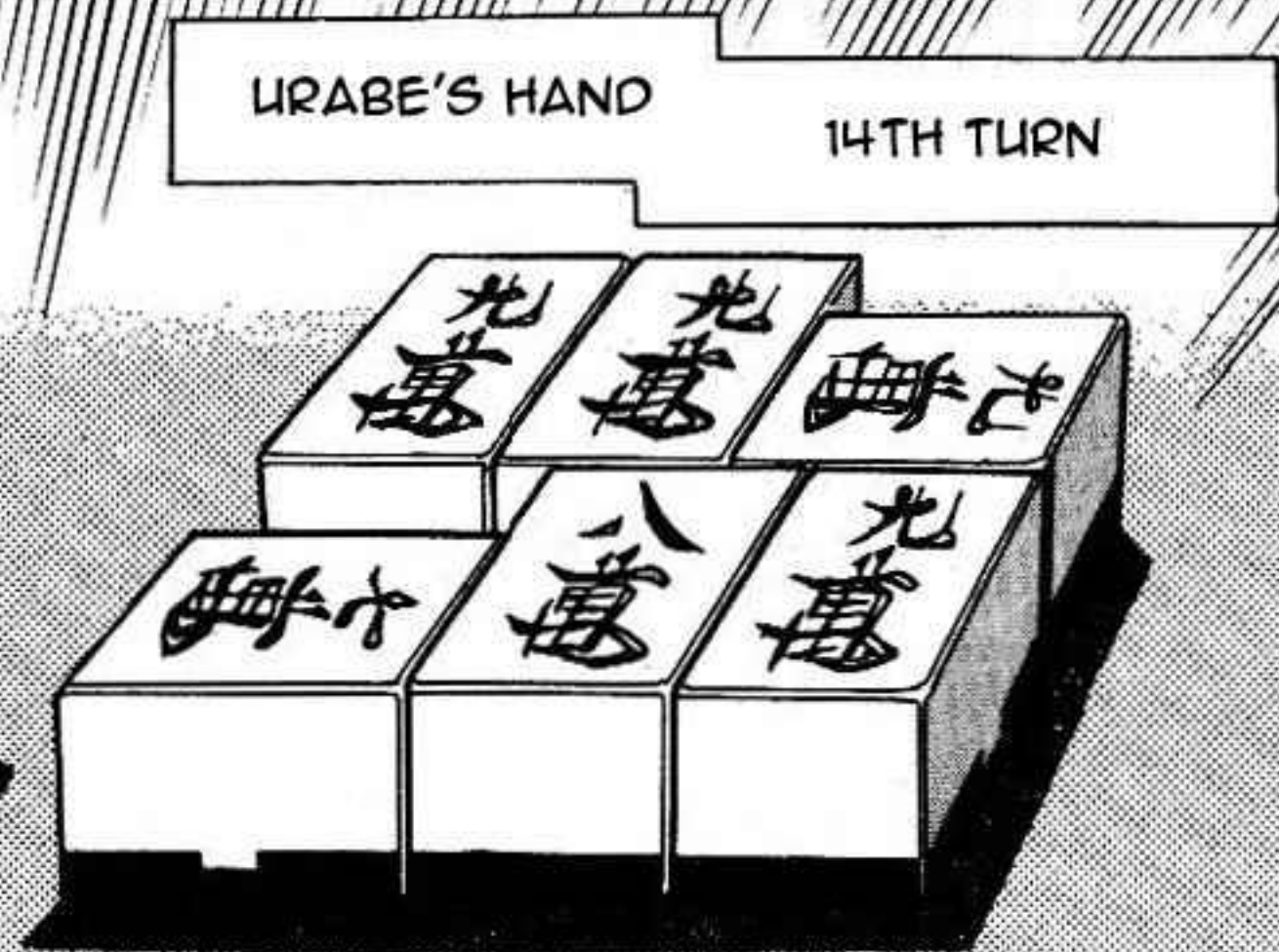
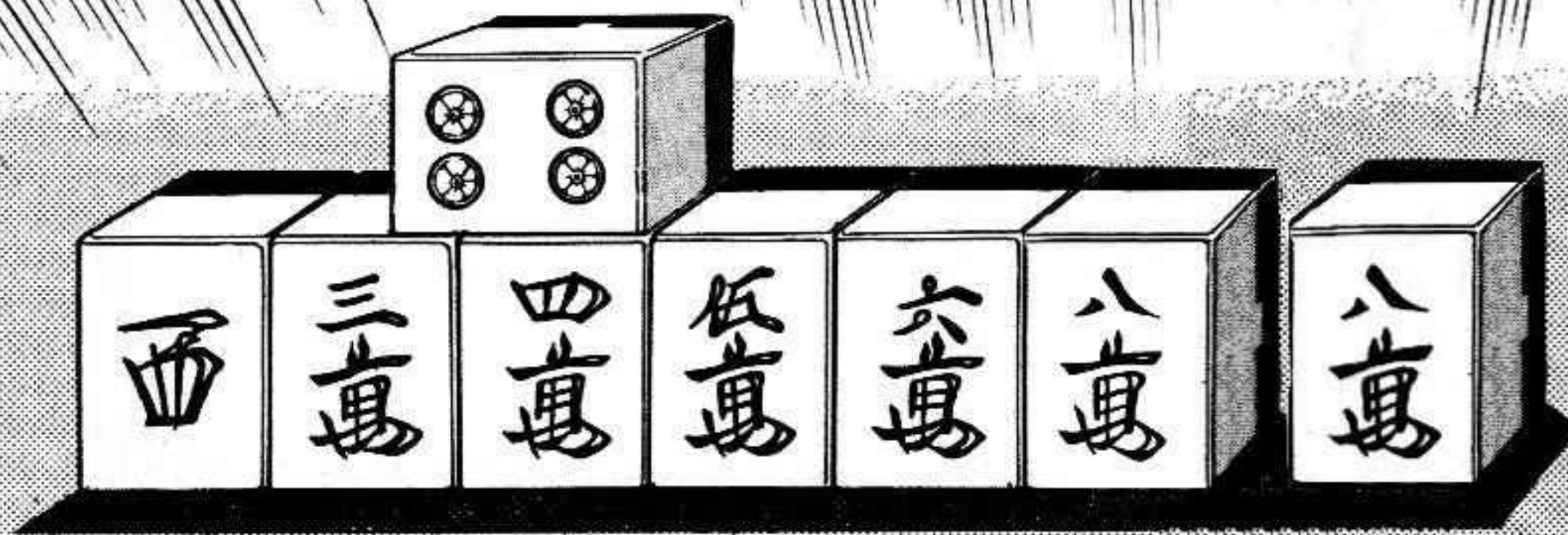


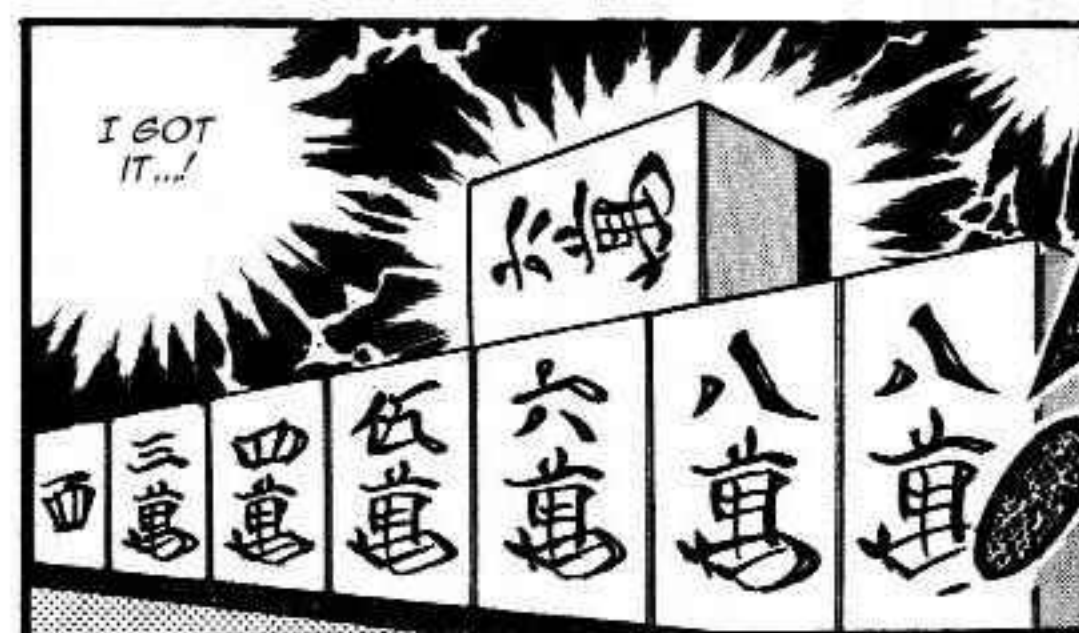
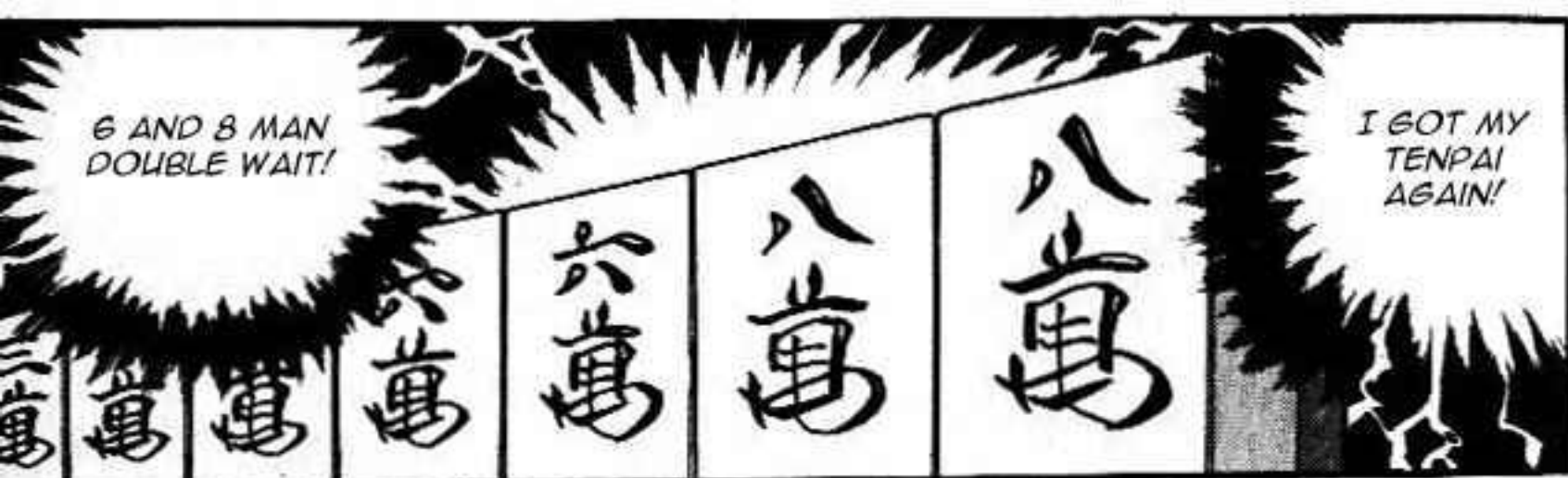
WILL
FALL
RIGHT
OFF
WITH
IT!!



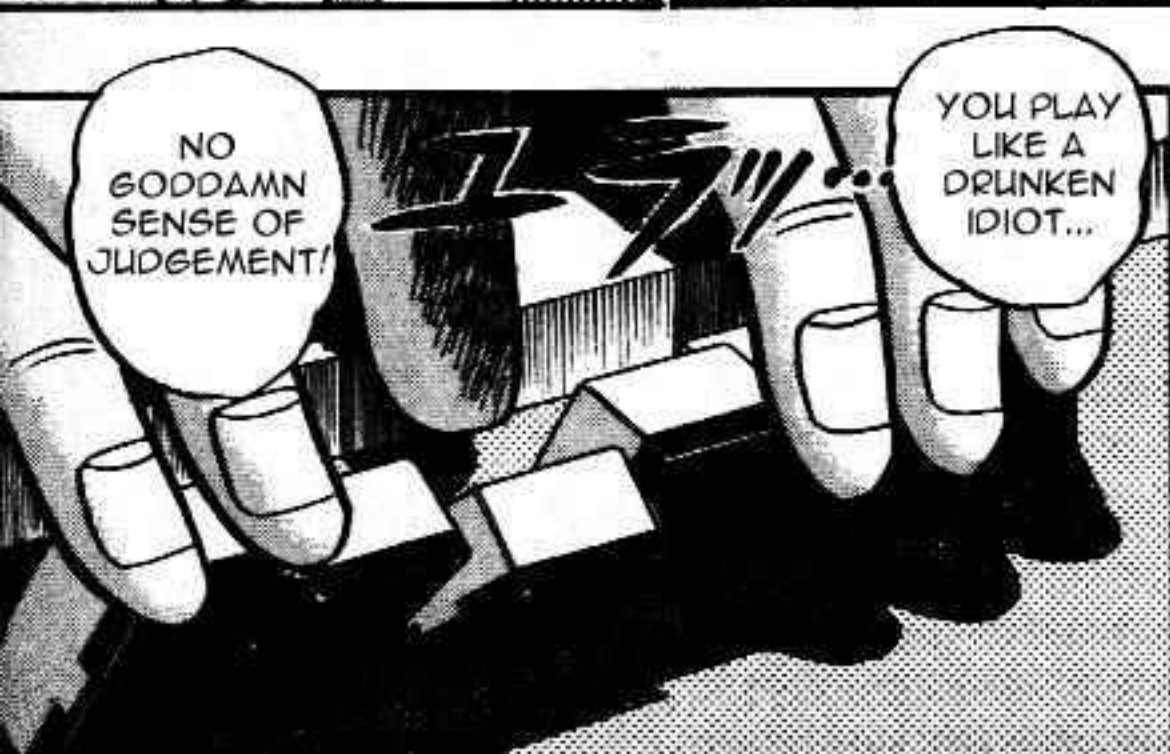
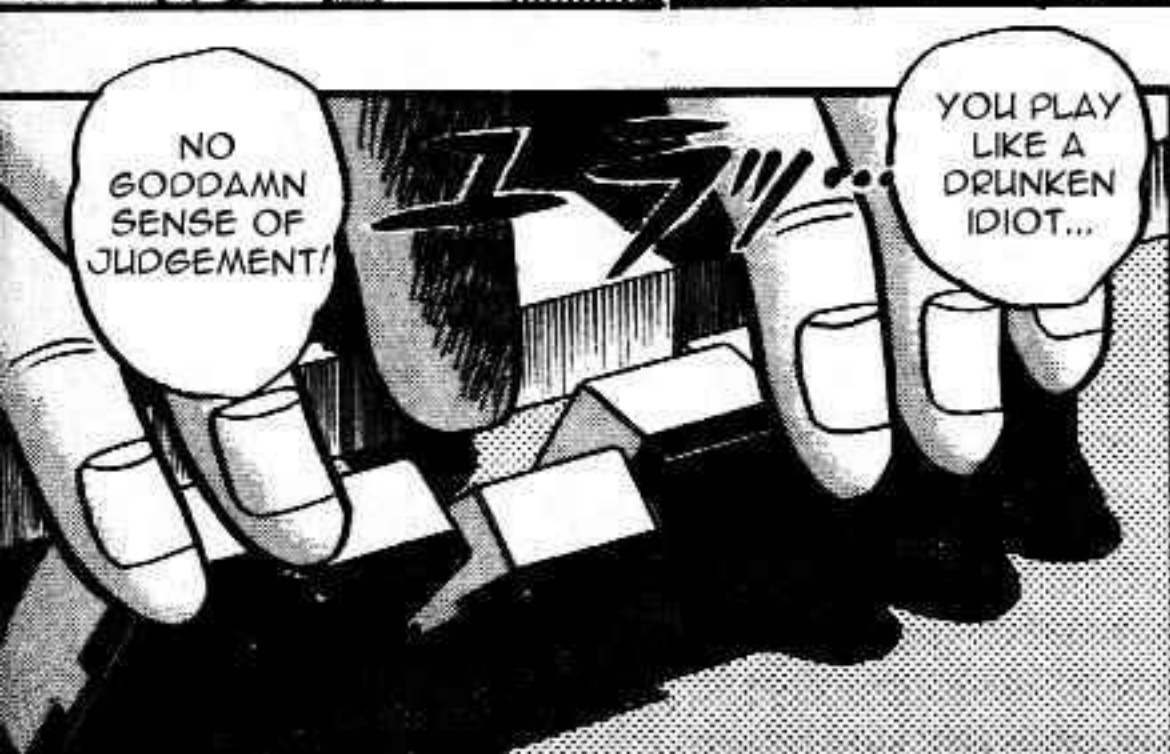
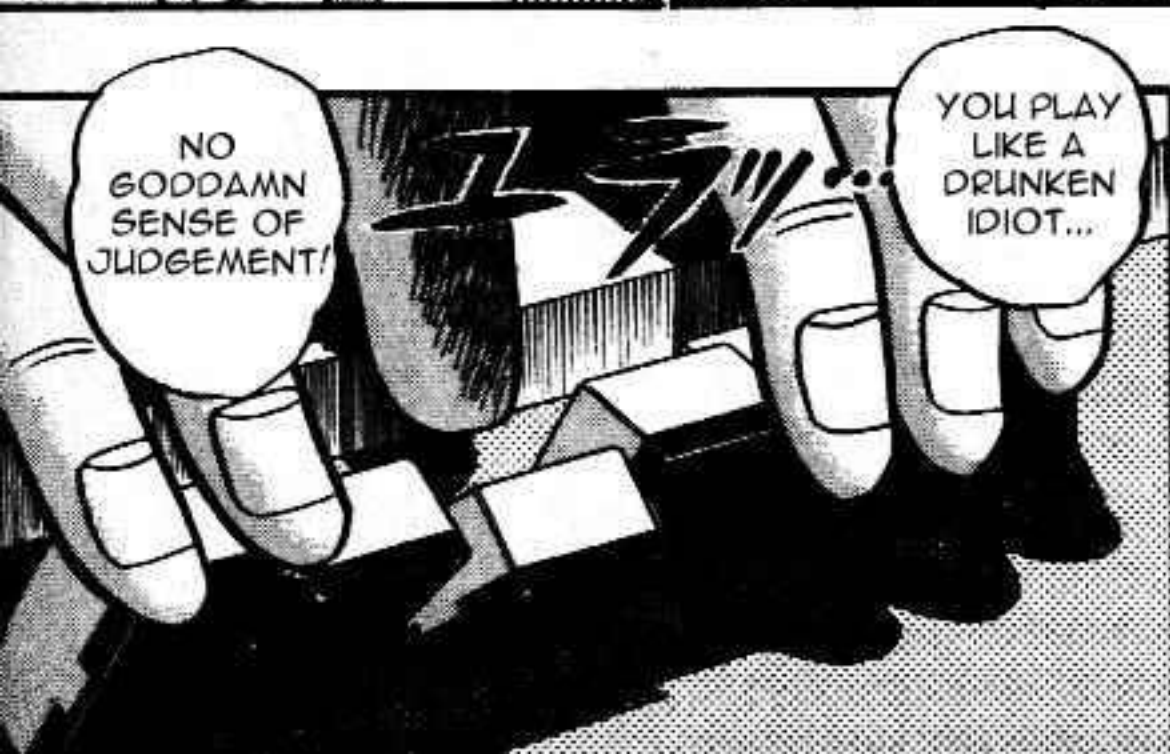
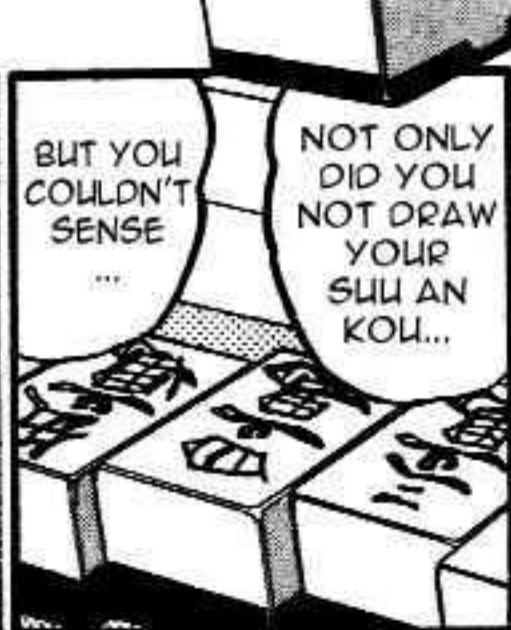
ANY
CHANCE
OF 'IM
WINNIN'
...

AND ALONG
WITH THAT
CHANCE
FALLIN' OFFA
THE FACE OF
THE EARTH
...



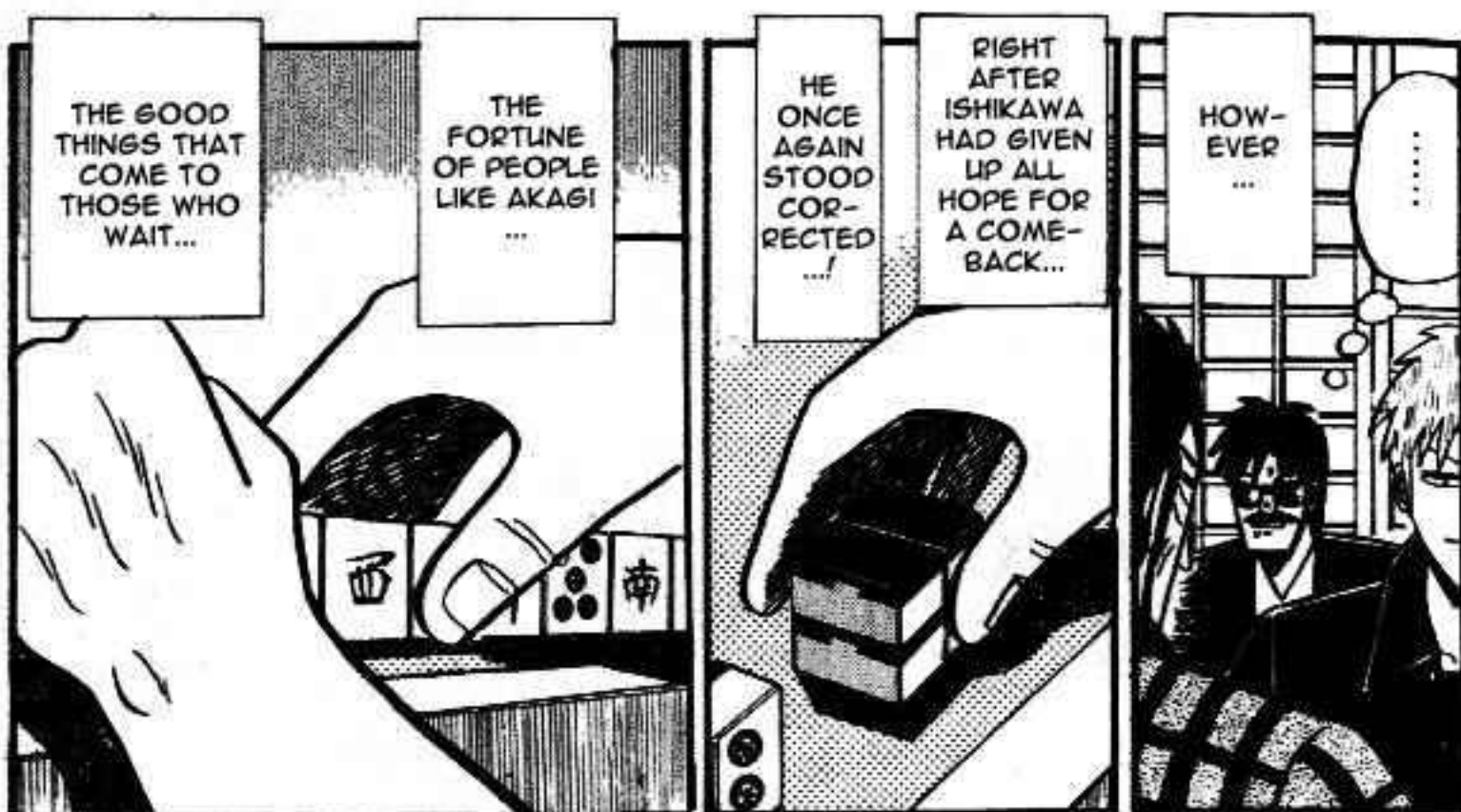
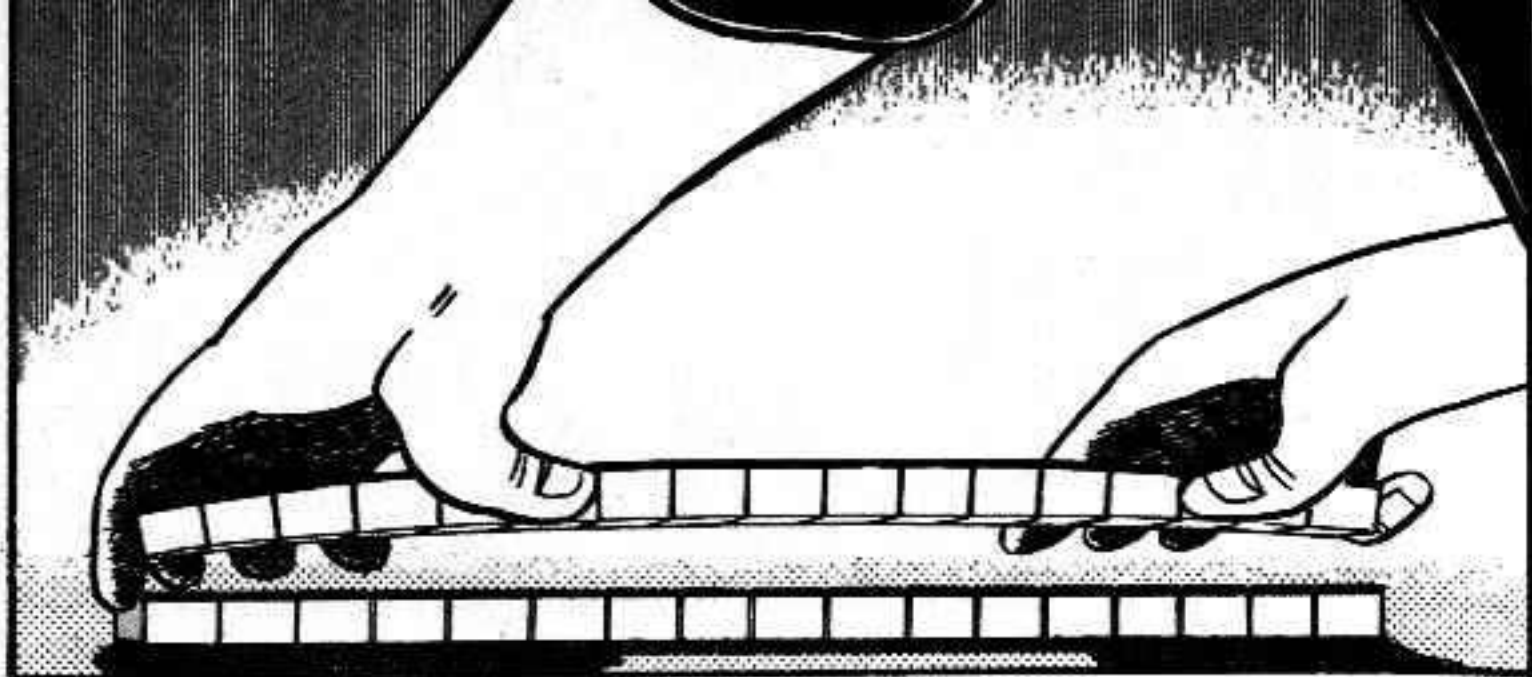












THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT...

THE FORTUNE OF PEOPLE LIKE AKAGI ...

HE ONCE AGAIN STOOD CORRECTED ...!

RIGHT AFTER ISHIKAWA HAD GIVEN UP ALL HOPE FOR A COME-BACK...

HOWEVER ...

...

T/N: EACH TIME A DEALER WINS, THEY PAY A SMALL "HONBA" FINE AND THE ROUND AND DEALER STAY WHERE THEY ARE. URABE IS THE DEALER FOR THE SOUTH SECOND ROUND HERE.



THE NEXT ROUND ...

SOUTH SECOND ROUND (1 HON-BA)

AKAGI'S STARTING
HAND...!

THIS
IS IN-
CREDI-
BLE!

ONE...
TWO...

AND
6
TURNS
LATER



加

胆

南

北

北

ON HIS 4TH TURN ...

HE MAKES IT 10.

AKAGI'S LIKE A
MAGNET FOR
GOOD FORTUNE
... HE DREW
THESE TILES
IN BY FORCE!

THIS
IS IN-
CREDI-
BLE!

IT'S LIKE
A MAGNET

THREE...

ONE... TWO...

THREE...



HIS ELEVENTH
TURN....!



RON!

WAS
ABRUPTLY
STOPPED.

THAT
KOKUSHI
MUSOU
...



HEHE
HE...

URABE CUT THAT
ACHIEVEMENT
BEFORE IT
COULD BE
CONCEIVED BY
DEALING INTO A
LOW HAND.

JUST WHEN AKAGI'S
HAND WAS LOOKING
AS THOUGH IT WOULD
TURN INTO A
KOKUSHI MUSOU
...

JUST A PINFU...
1300 POINTS,
PLEASE.

AH
...!!



HE'S
ALMOST
THERE
...!!

II
SHAN
TEN!!

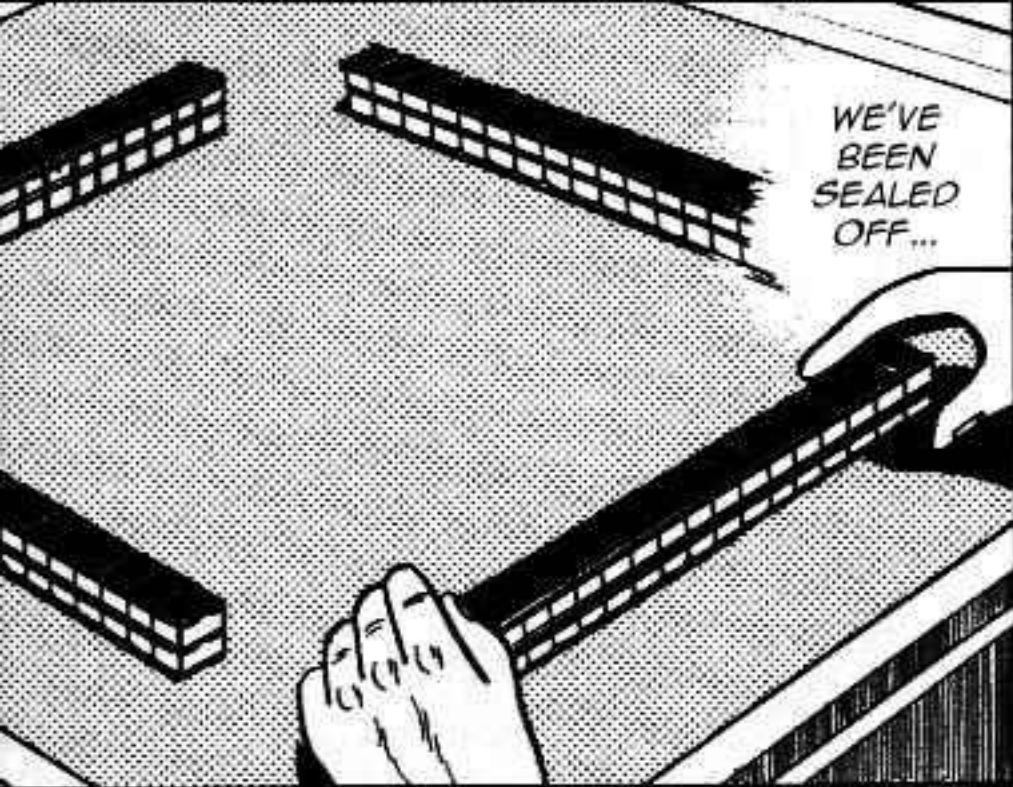


ISHI-
KAWA'S
HOPES
WERE
QUICKLY
DASHED.

BUT
...

KEEP ON GOING,
AKAGI! GET JUST
ONE MORE!!

GOO...



WE'VE
BEEN
SEALED
OFF...



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW LONG
WE HAVE
LEFT.

IF URABE
IS GOING TO
PLAY THAT
KIND OF GAME
...



IT WAS
CRUSHED.

WE JUST SAW
AKAGI'S MONSTER
HAND BUILD UP
BIT BY BIT, BUT
BEFORE IT COULD
EVEN GET THERE...



HEHE
HE...

DAM-
MIT
...



WE WON'T
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
GET TO
TENPAI.

FOR-
GET
ABOUT
WINNING
...



I'VE GOT AN
EASY WIN
AHEAD OF ME.

I WON'T
EVEN LET
HIM GET A
HAND...



THAT'S
RIGHT
...

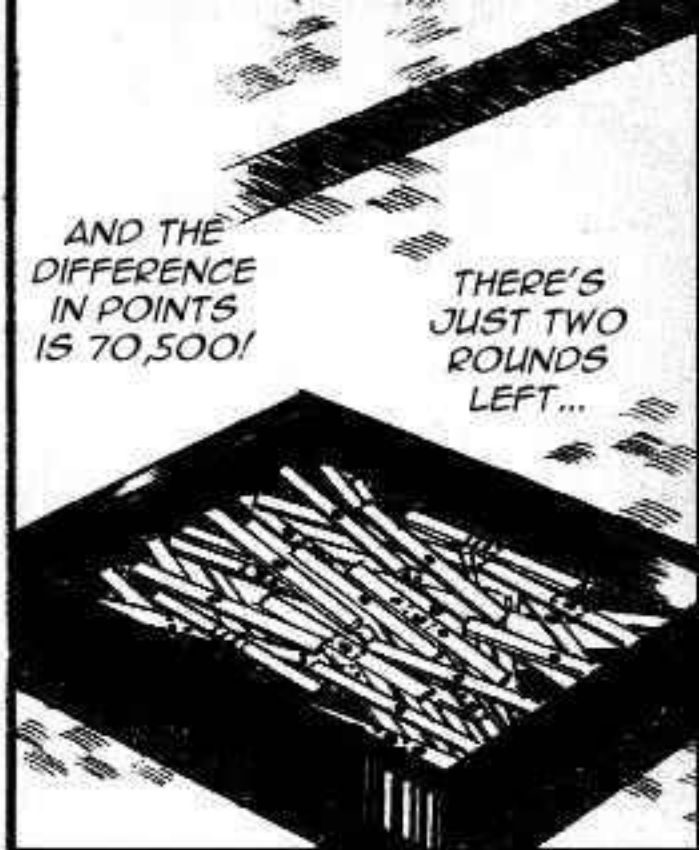




I WON'T
LET HIM
SO MUCH
AS WIGGLE
AN INCH!

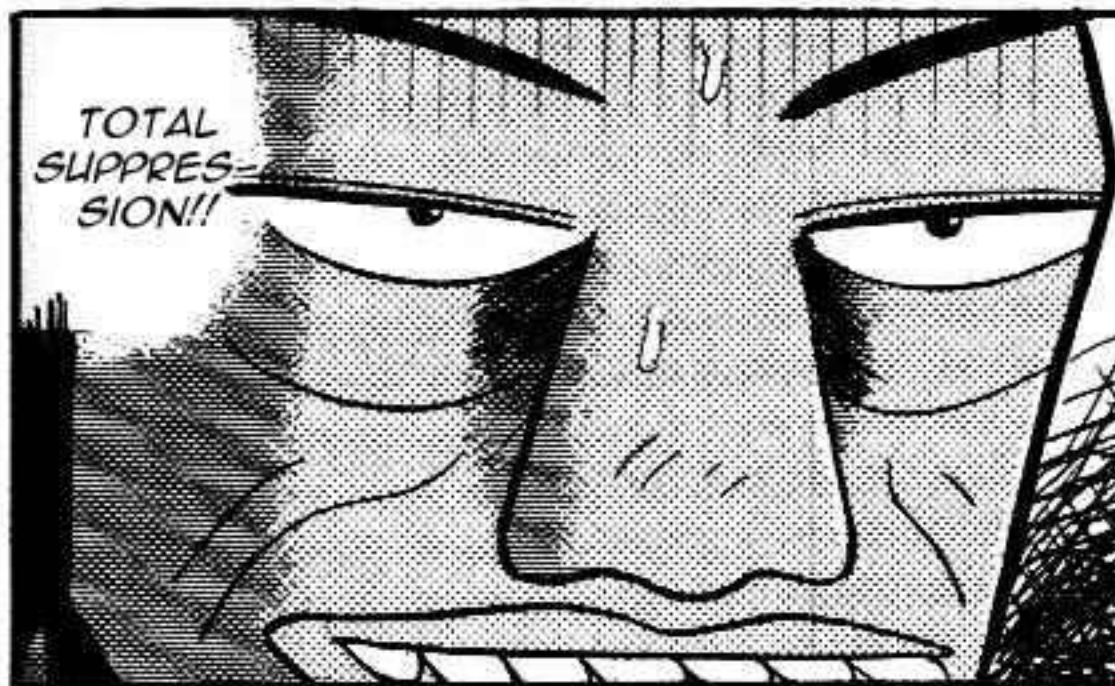


I'VE
GOT 'IM
BURIED IN
CEMENT...



AND THE
DIFFERENCE
IN POINTS
IS 70,500!

THERE'S
JUST TWO
ROUNDS
LEFT...

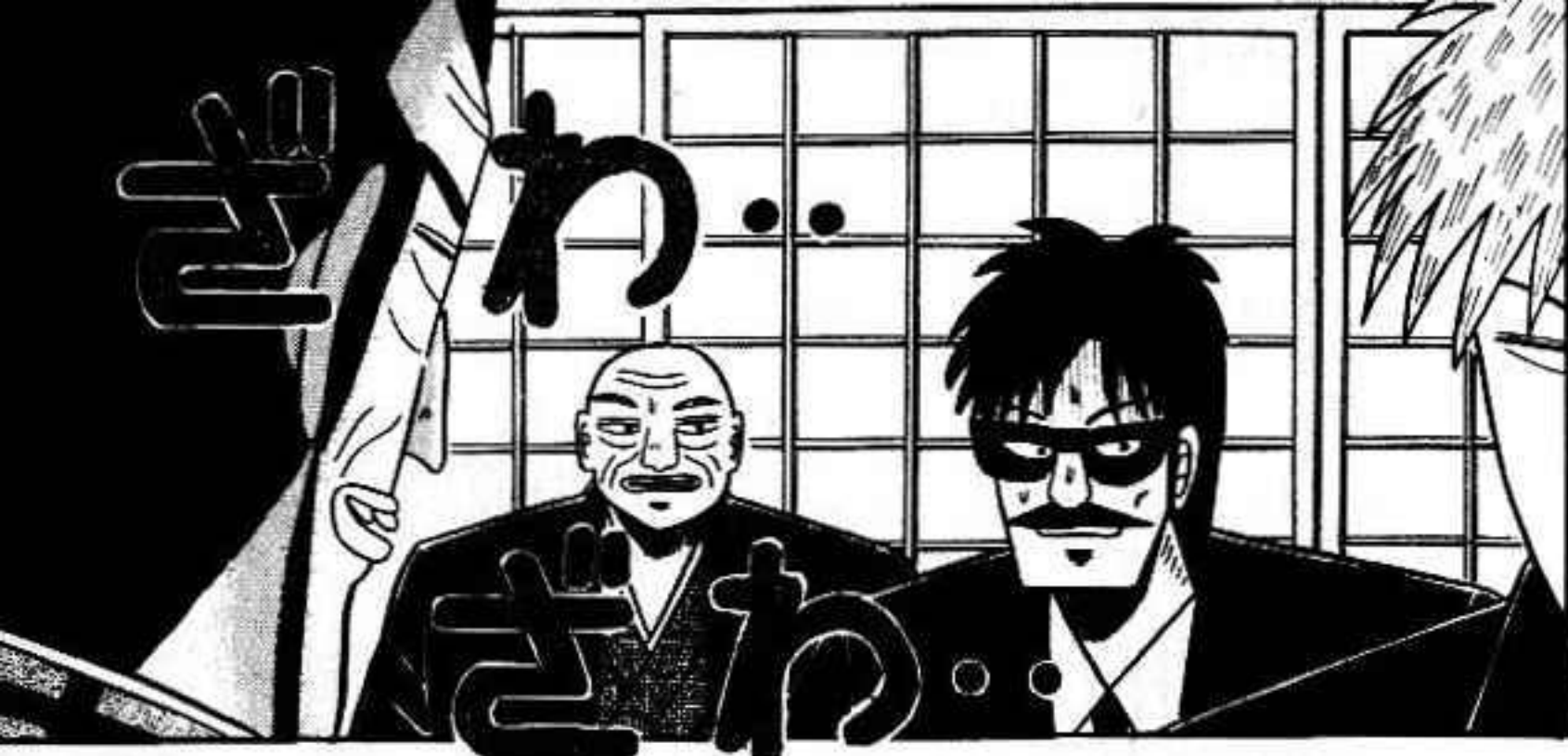


TOTAL
SUPPRES-
SION!!



HMM-
HMM-
HM
...

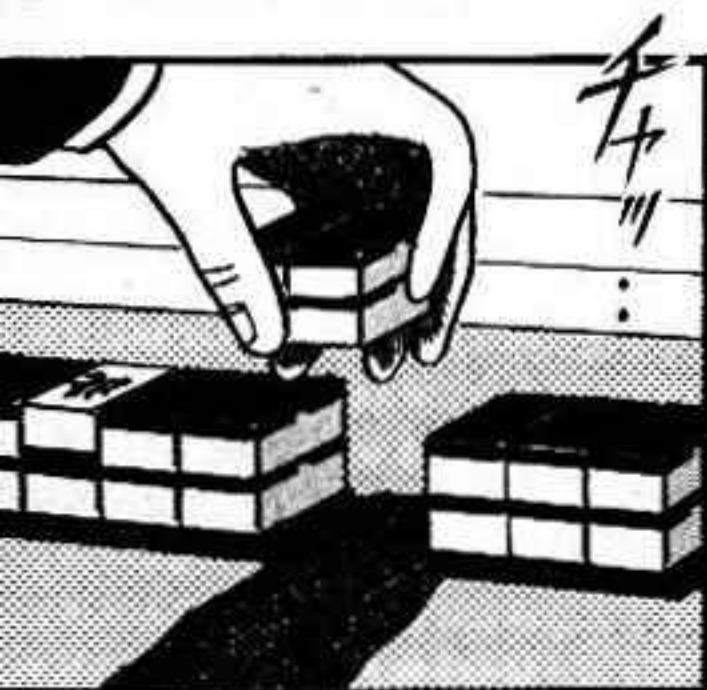






CHAPTER 43 - NAUGHT

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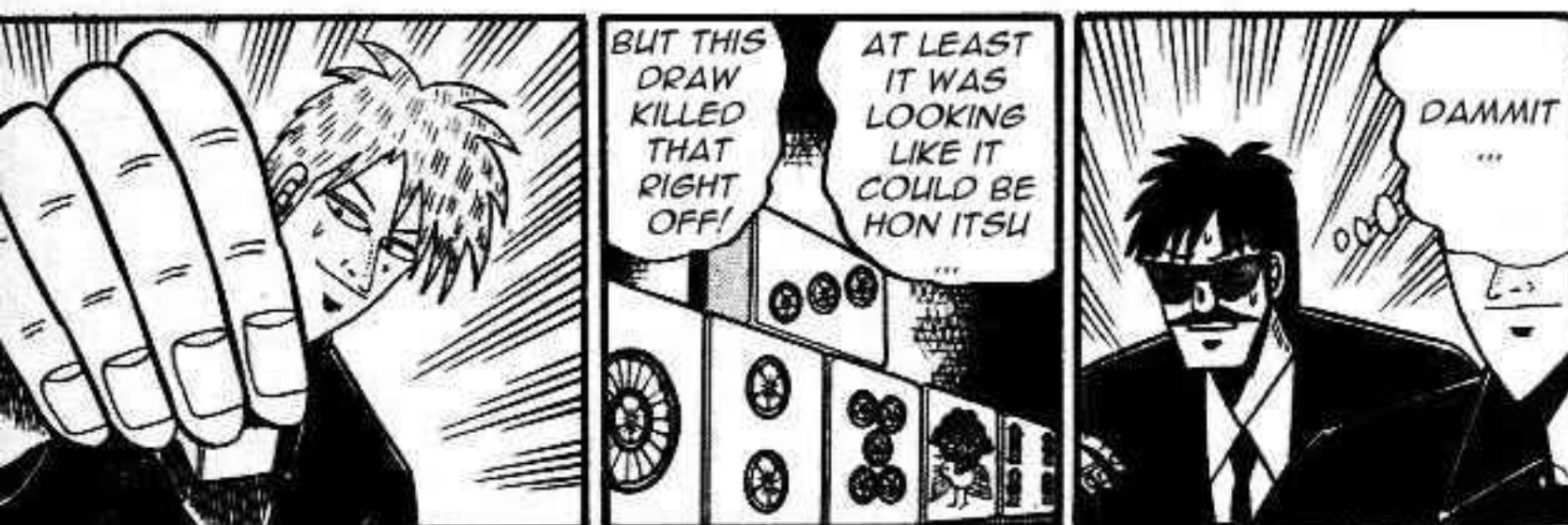
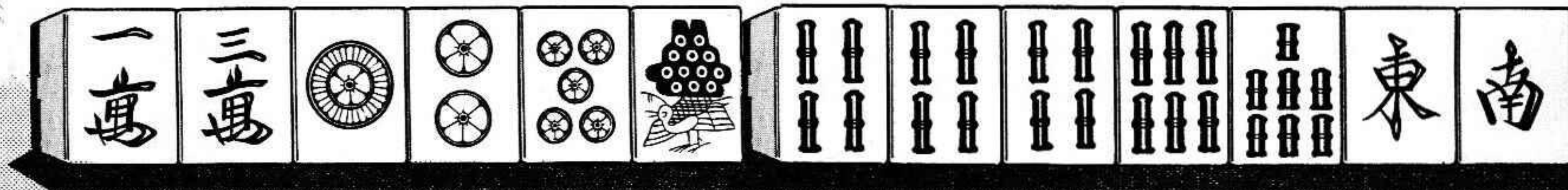


HE'S
CALM
...

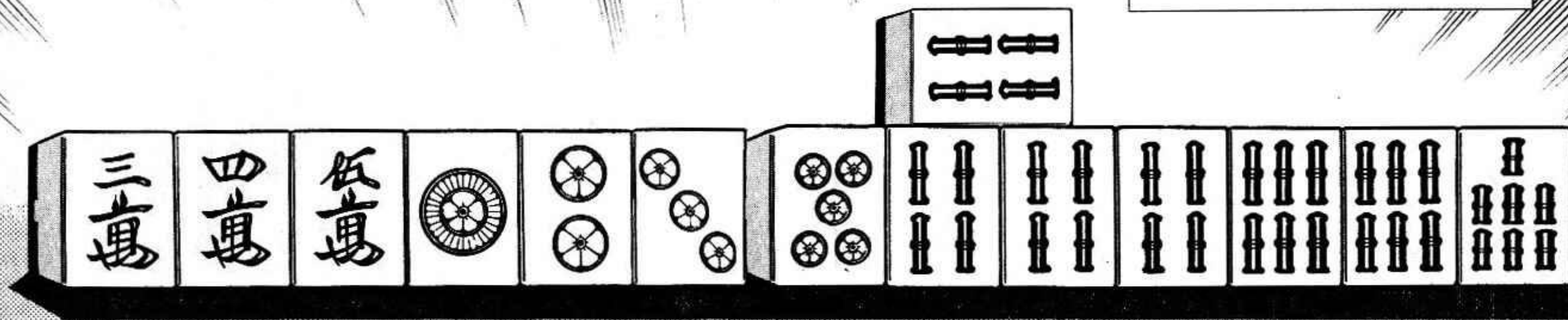


SOME-
THING
HE CAN
USE TO
TAKE
THIS
GAME
BACK
FROM
URABE
...?!

AKAGI'S STARTING HAND



AKAGI'S HAND



IT WOULDN'T BE TOTALLY HOPELESS ...

THE HAND WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS RIGHT NOW...



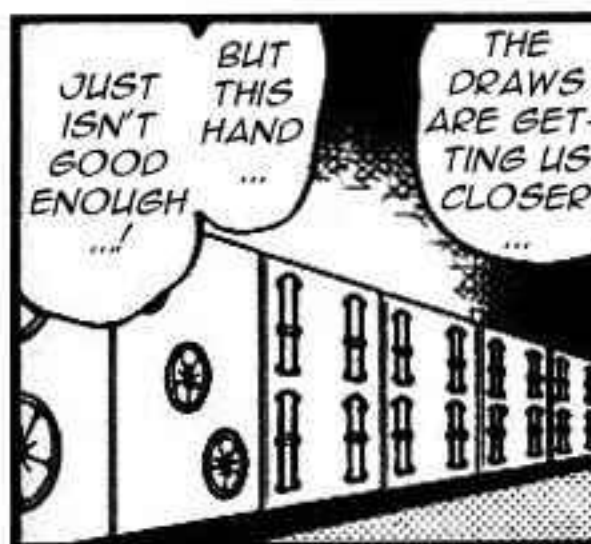
BUT INSTEAD, IT'S THIS TRASH...



AS IT IS NOW, THE HAND IS ONLY 2600...

AKA-GI...

WHY DIDN'T YOU LOCK IN THAT HON ITSU HAND...?



JUST ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH ...!

BUT THIS HAND ...

THE DRAWS ARE GETTING US CLOSER ...

SIGH ...



HE DISCARDED SOME TON AND 1-SOU TILES... HAD HE KEPT THEM...

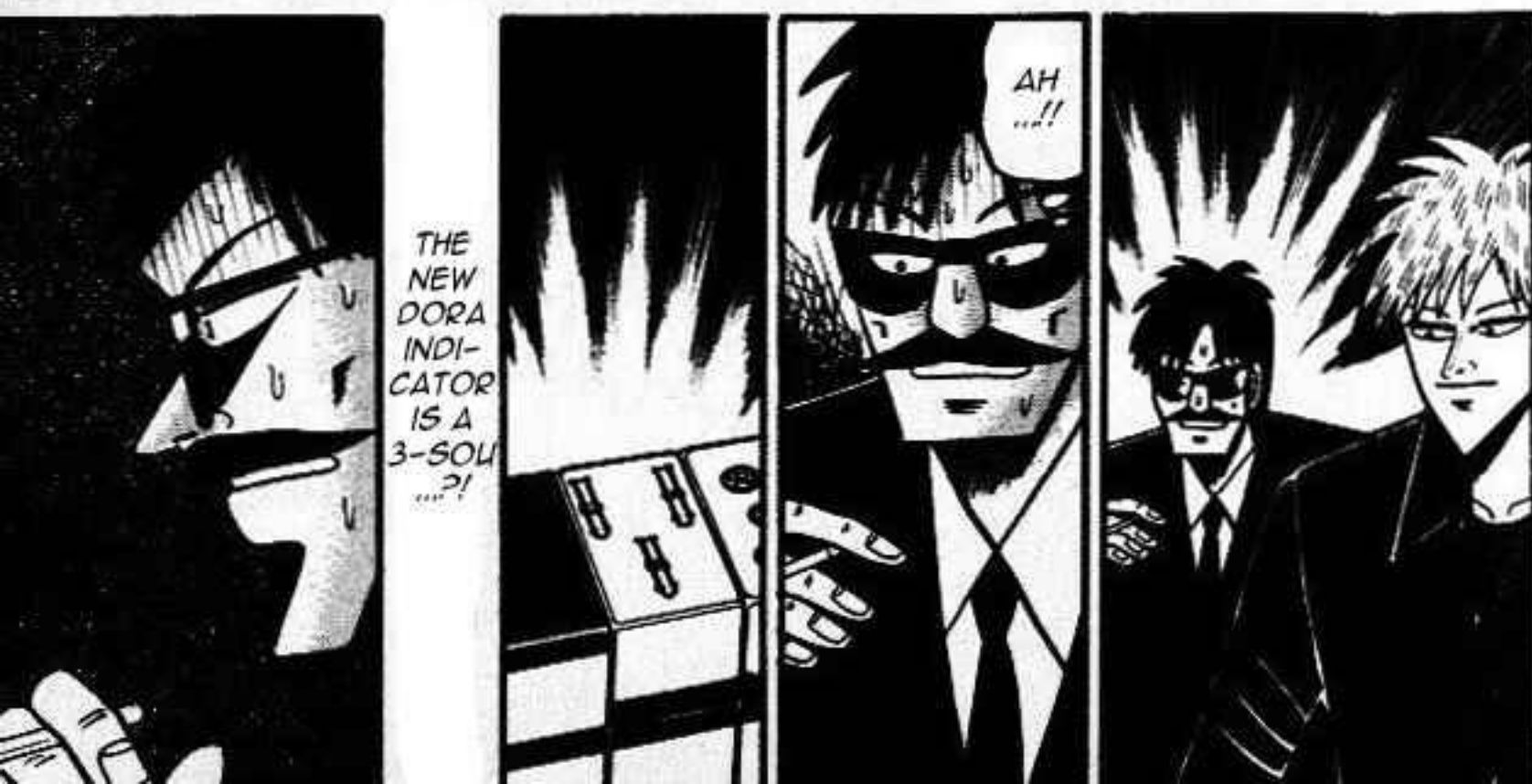
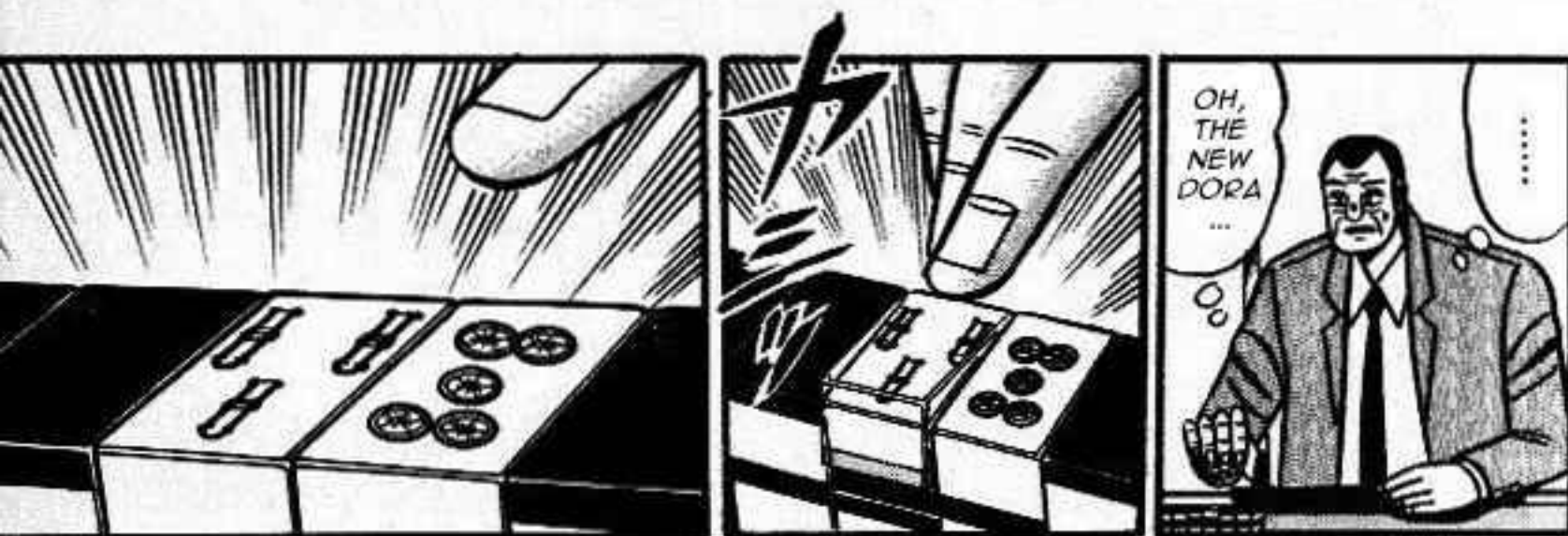
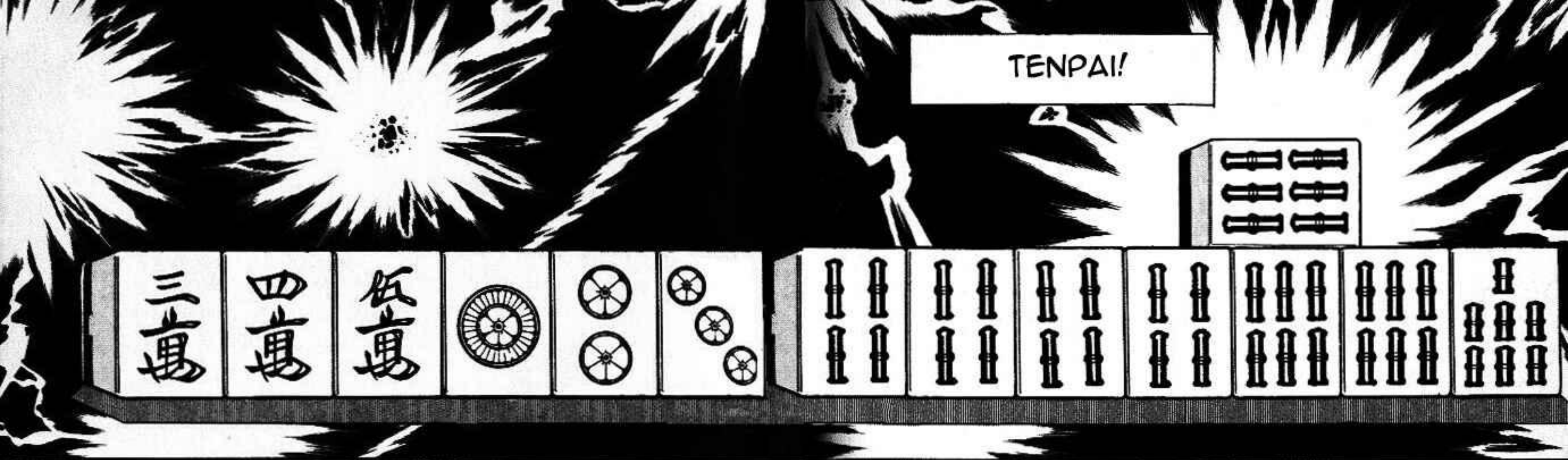
THIS HAND COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER ...

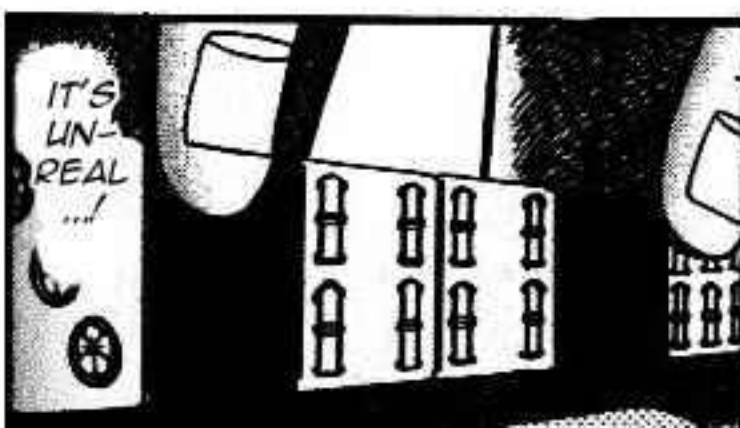
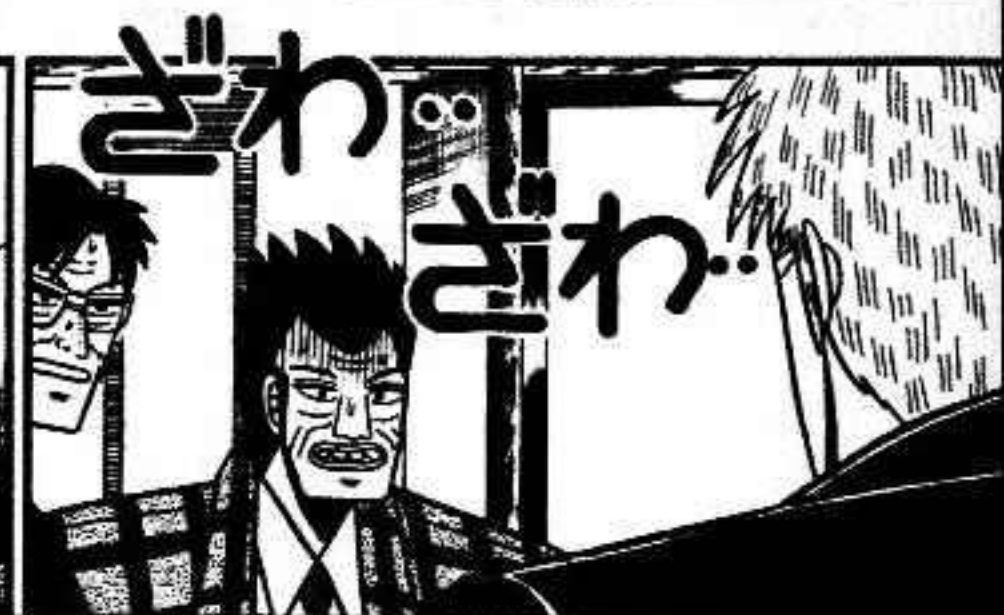
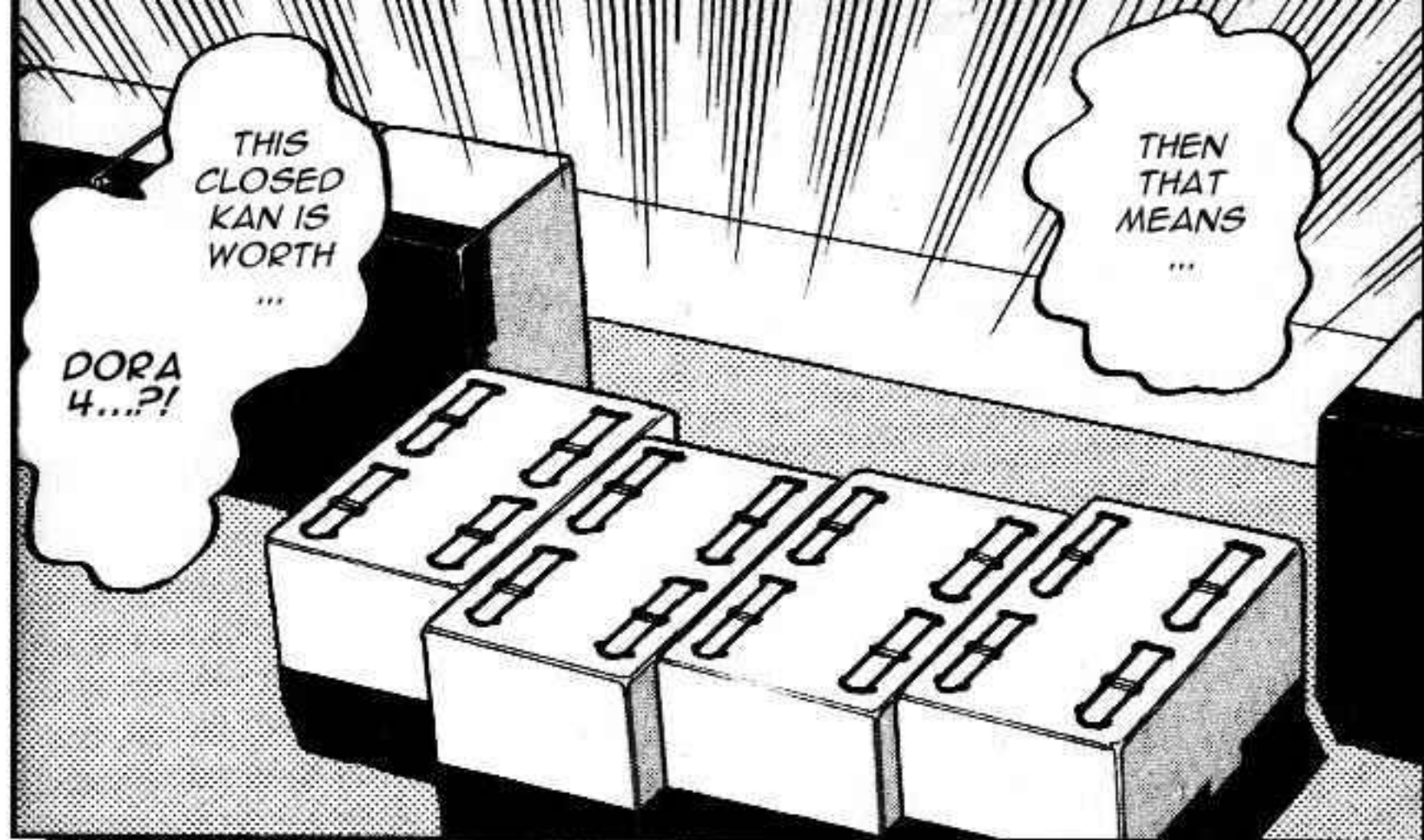
THINKING ABOUT IT...

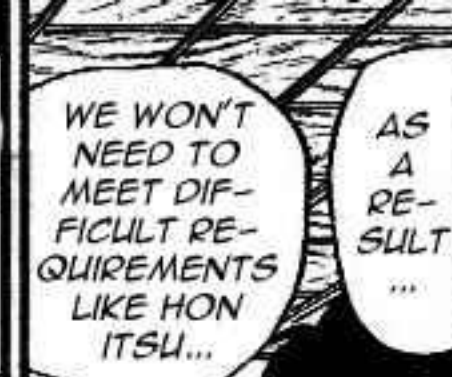
SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER, WE NEED TO BRING THIS HAND UP TO HANEMAN!

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR THIS!

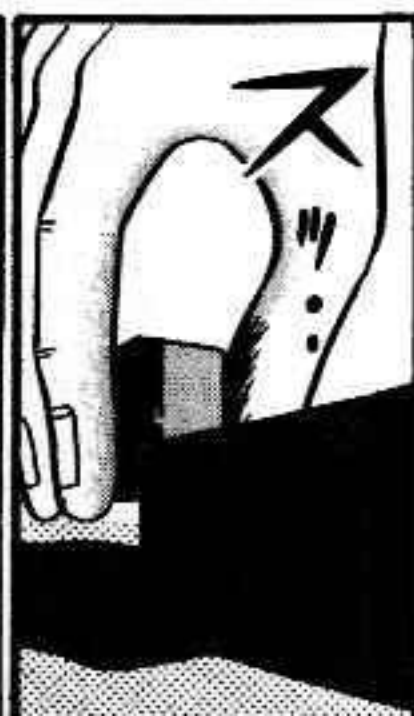
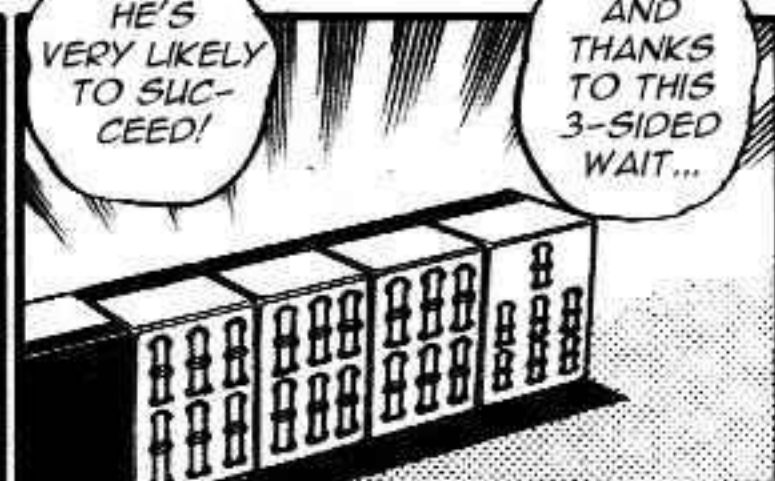
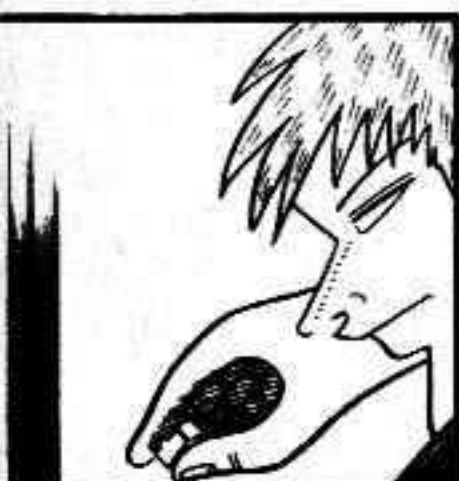
WE'VE ONLY GOT TWO ROUNDS TO WORK WITH...

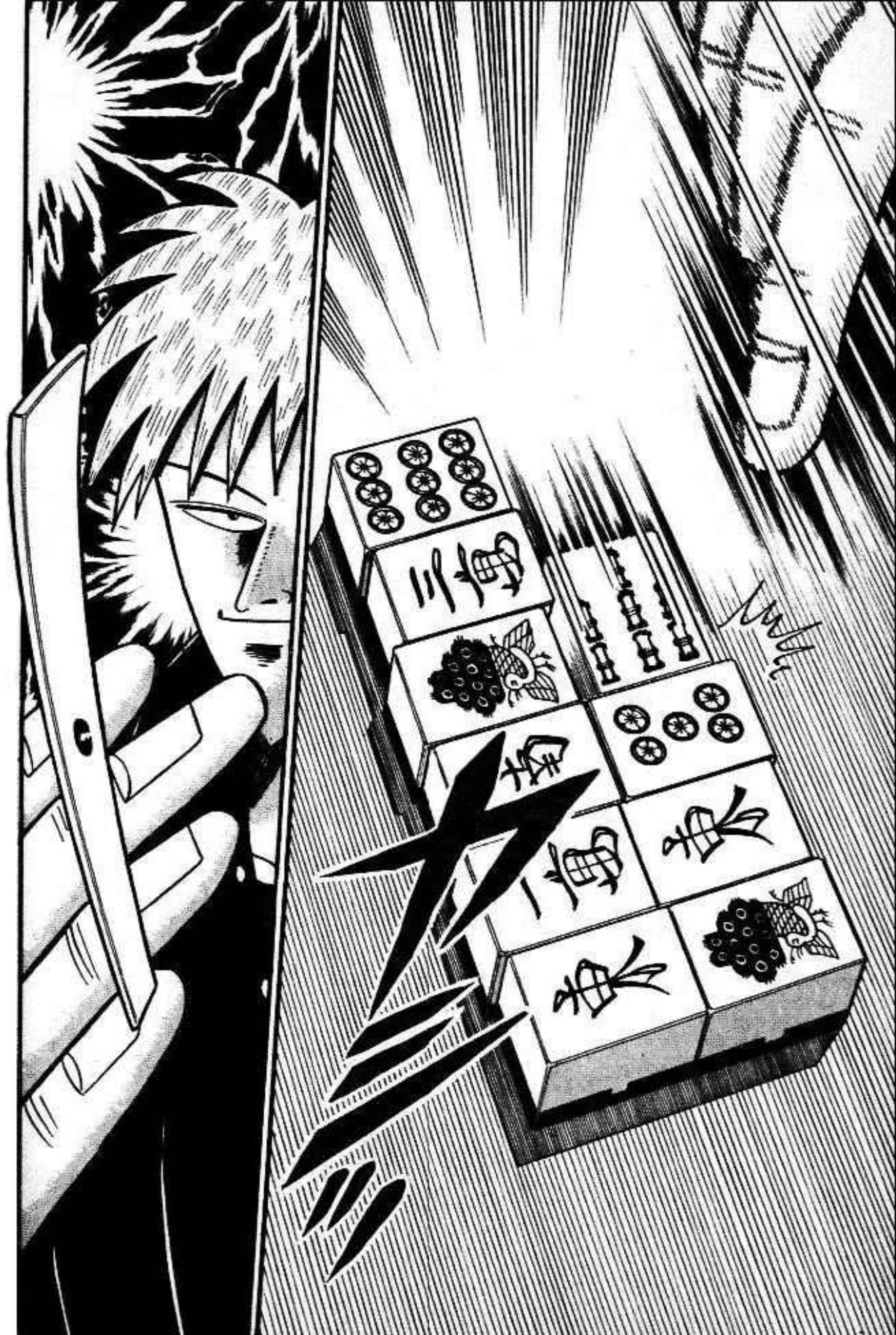


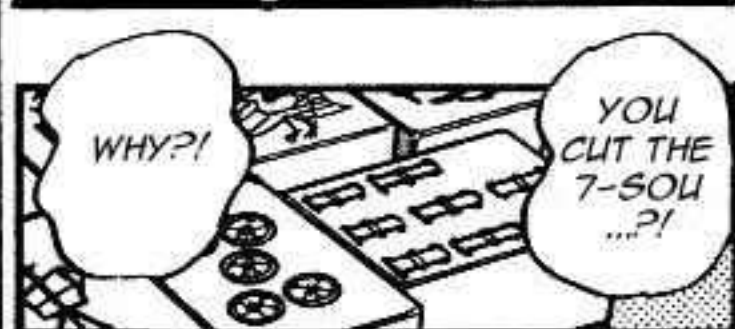
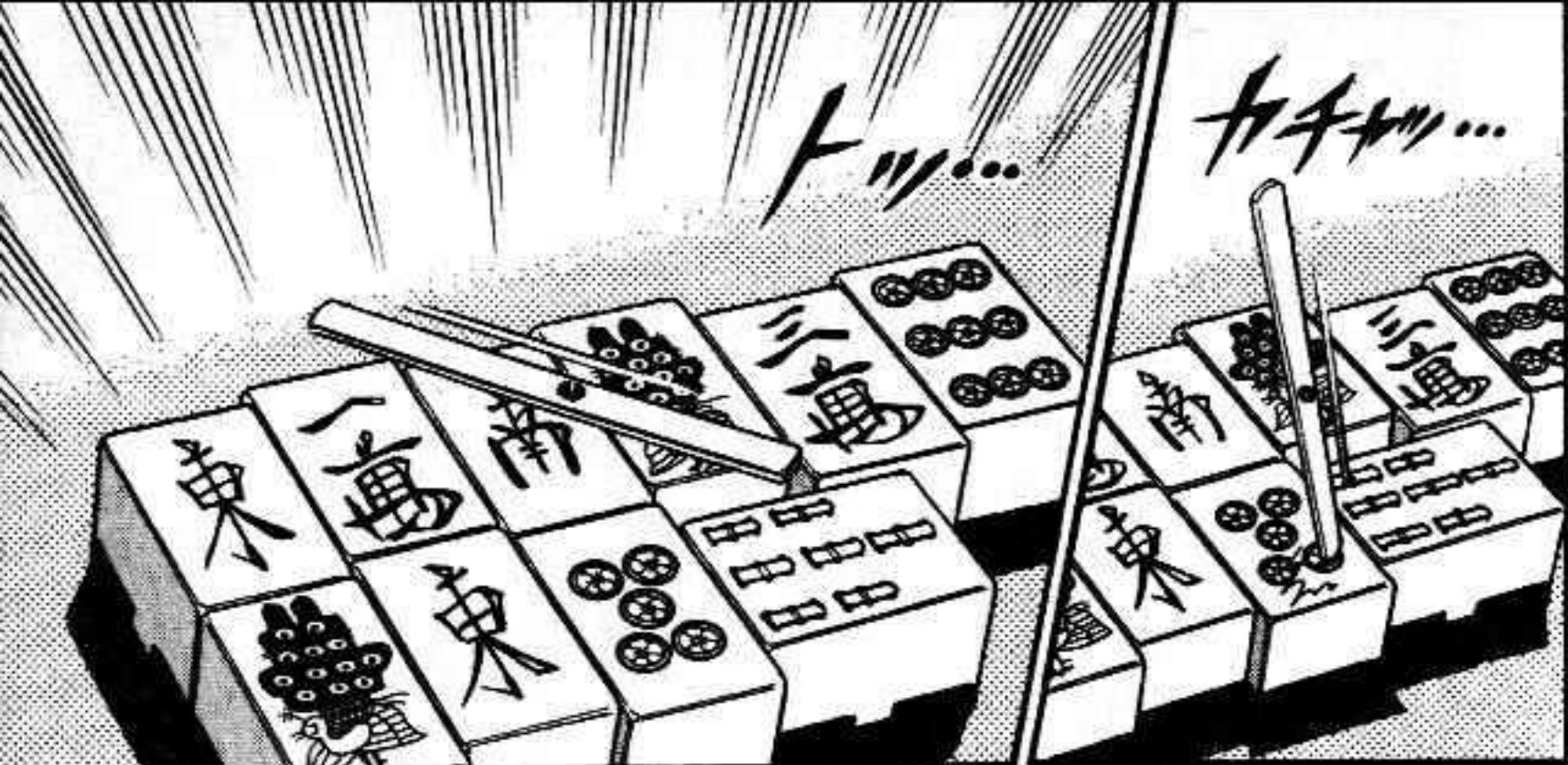




...RIICHI AND MENZEN TSUMO, IT'S A HANEMAN!!

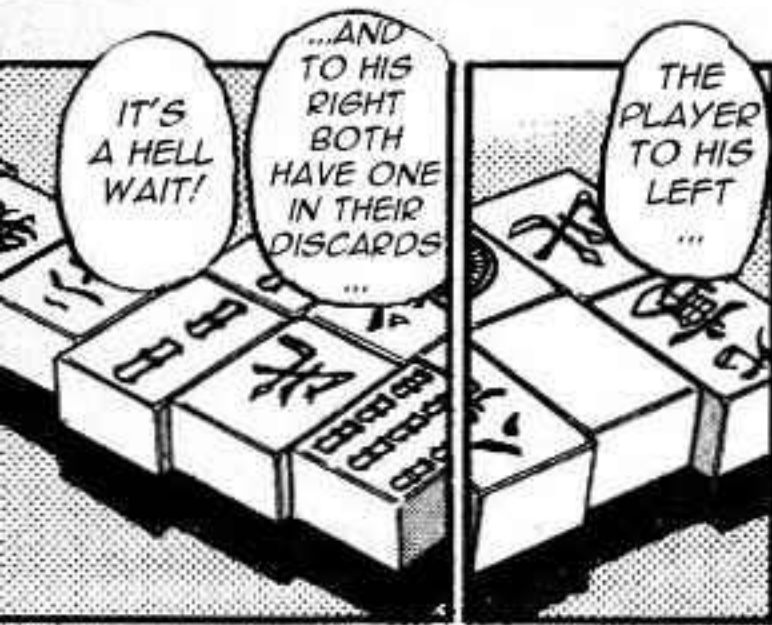
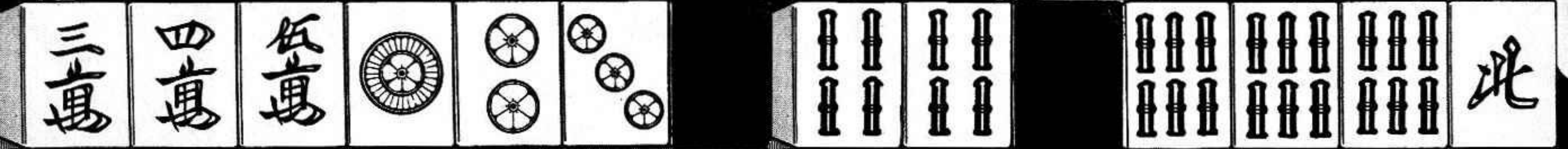








WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS
SINGLE WAIT FOR THE PEI?!



IT'S
A HELL
WAIT!

...AND
TO HIS
RIGHT
BOTH
HAVE ONE
IN THEIR
DISCARDS
...



THE
PLAYER
TO HIS
LEFT
...



WHO'S
PLAYED
IT SO
FAR...



THIS PEI
SINGLE
WAIT WON'T
COME FROM
URABE SO
EASILY!

AND
SWITCH
IT OUT
FOR
THIS?!



URABE WILL
NEVER LET
A WINNING TILE
PASS!

BUT HERE,
THAT'S
NOT GOING
TO HAPPEN!



WITH A NOR-
MAL HAND
AND UNDER
NORMAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES,
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
GET IT...



BUT
NOW
...

I COULD SEE
A QUICK ES-
CAPE HAPPEN-
ING WITH THE
5-7-8 SOU
WAIT...



YOU SHOULD
BE TRYING TO
GET ANY KIND
OF TSUMO THAT
YOU CAN
MANAGE!!

YOU'VE
GOT TO CON-
SIDER THAT THERE
IS STILL OVER
70,000 POINTS
BETWEEN YOU
AND URABE!

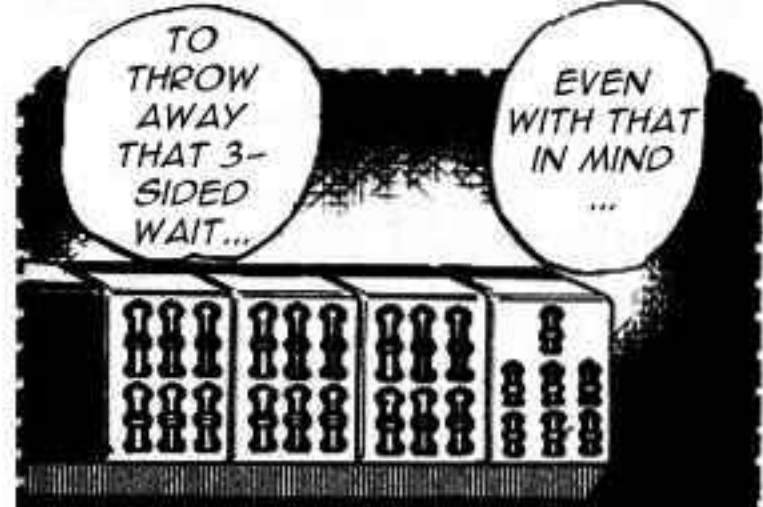


BUT
STILL
...



...IS
HE TRY-
ING TO
GET A
DIRECT
HIT?

DOING
THIS
MEANS
...



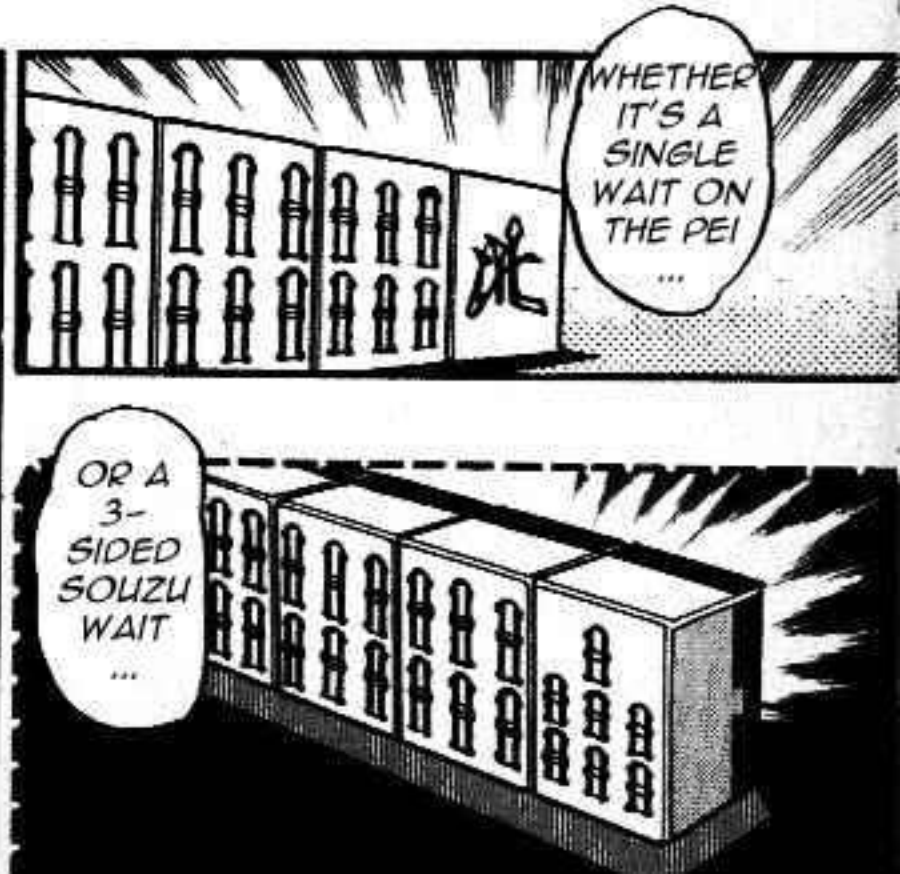
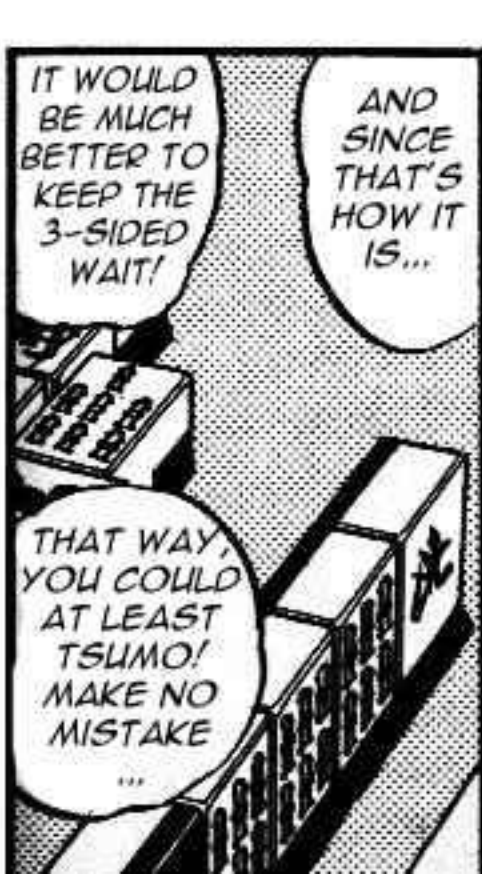
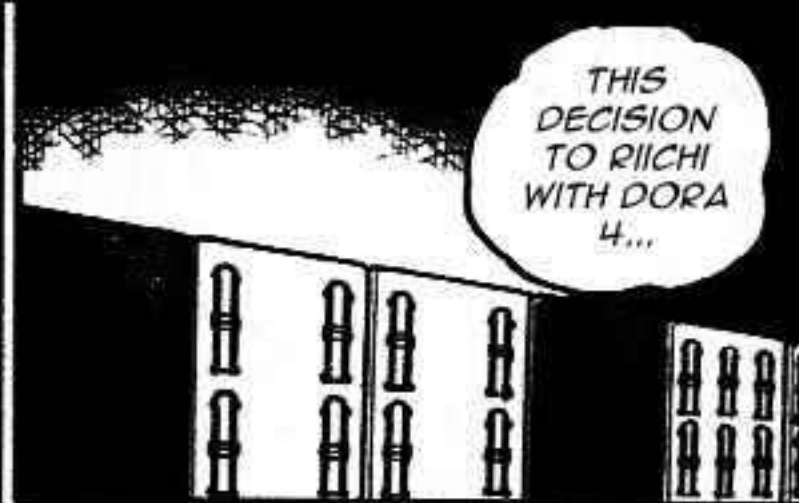
TO
THROW
AWAY
THAT 3-
SIDED
WAIT...

EVEN
WITH THAT
IN MIND
...



HMM, I
COULD SEE
THAT
WORKING
...

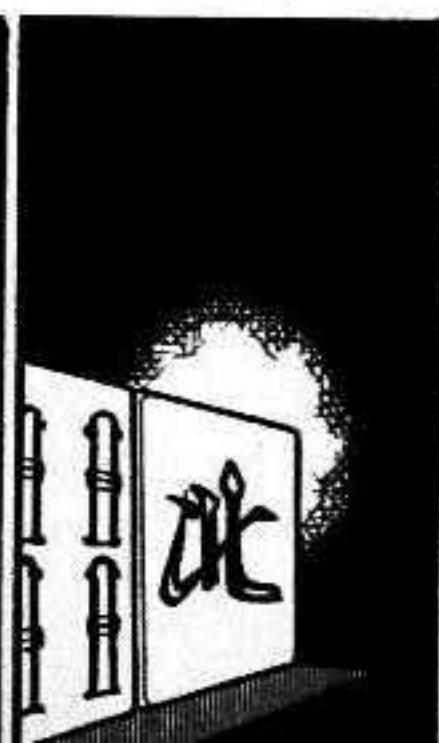






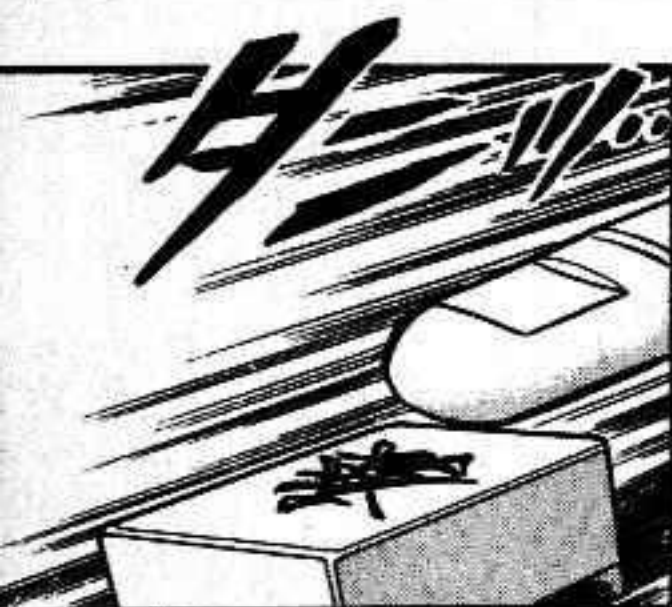
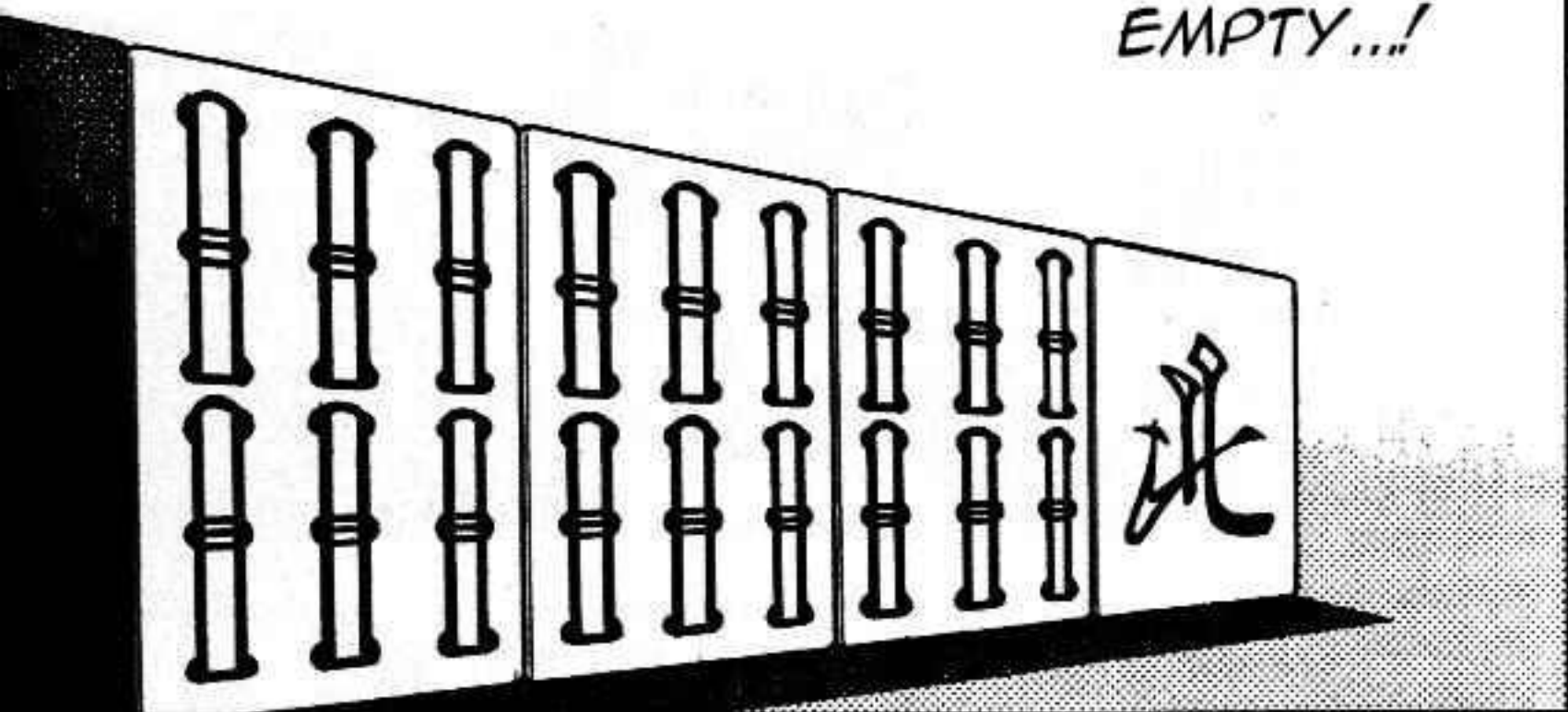
BACK THEN,
WE ALL SAW
THAT THAT
TILE WAS A
PEI...!

THAT'S
RIGHT
...!



THERE ARE
NO WINNING
TILES!!!

THIS SINGLE
PEI WAIT IS
TOTALLY
EMPTY...!



AKAGI
...!!



AT THIS
MOST
CRITICAL
OF MO-
MENTS
...

HOW
COULD
HE MAKE
SUCH A
MISTAKE
?!

GH
...



THERE'S NO
WAY THAT HE
WOULD MAKE
SUCH A RUDI-
MENTARY
MISTAKE...

CER-
TAINLY
NOT
HERE.



NO
...



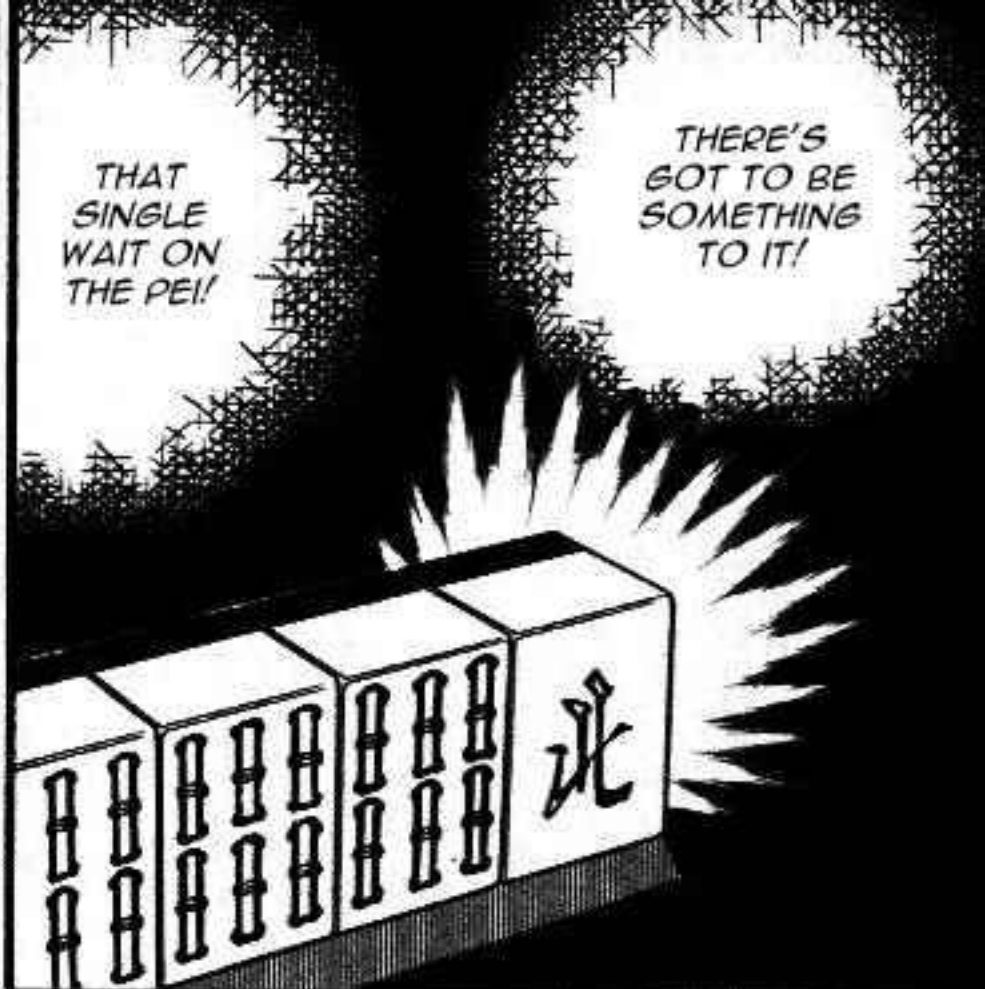


THAT
SINGLE
WAIT ON
THE PEI!

THERE'S
GOT TO BE
SOMETHING
TO IT!



THE ONLY
THING I
CAN THINK
OF...



AND
CALL
KAN!

AKAGI COULD
DRAW ANO-
THER 6-SOU
...

IS THAT
PEI THAT
HE NEEDS
...

IF HE WAITS
UNTIL THE
NEXT DEAD
WALL DRAW
...

BAR-
RING
EVERY-
THING
ELSE
...

THE ONE
WAY THAT I
CAN SEE IT
HAPPENING
...

IN
THAT
CASE
...



THAT'S
PLAIN
IMPOS-
SIBLE
...

RIGHT
NOW
...

BUT
...

HE WOULD
GET THE
PEI THAT
HE NEEDS!

AND THEN, ON
THE NEXT DEAD
WALL DRAW
...

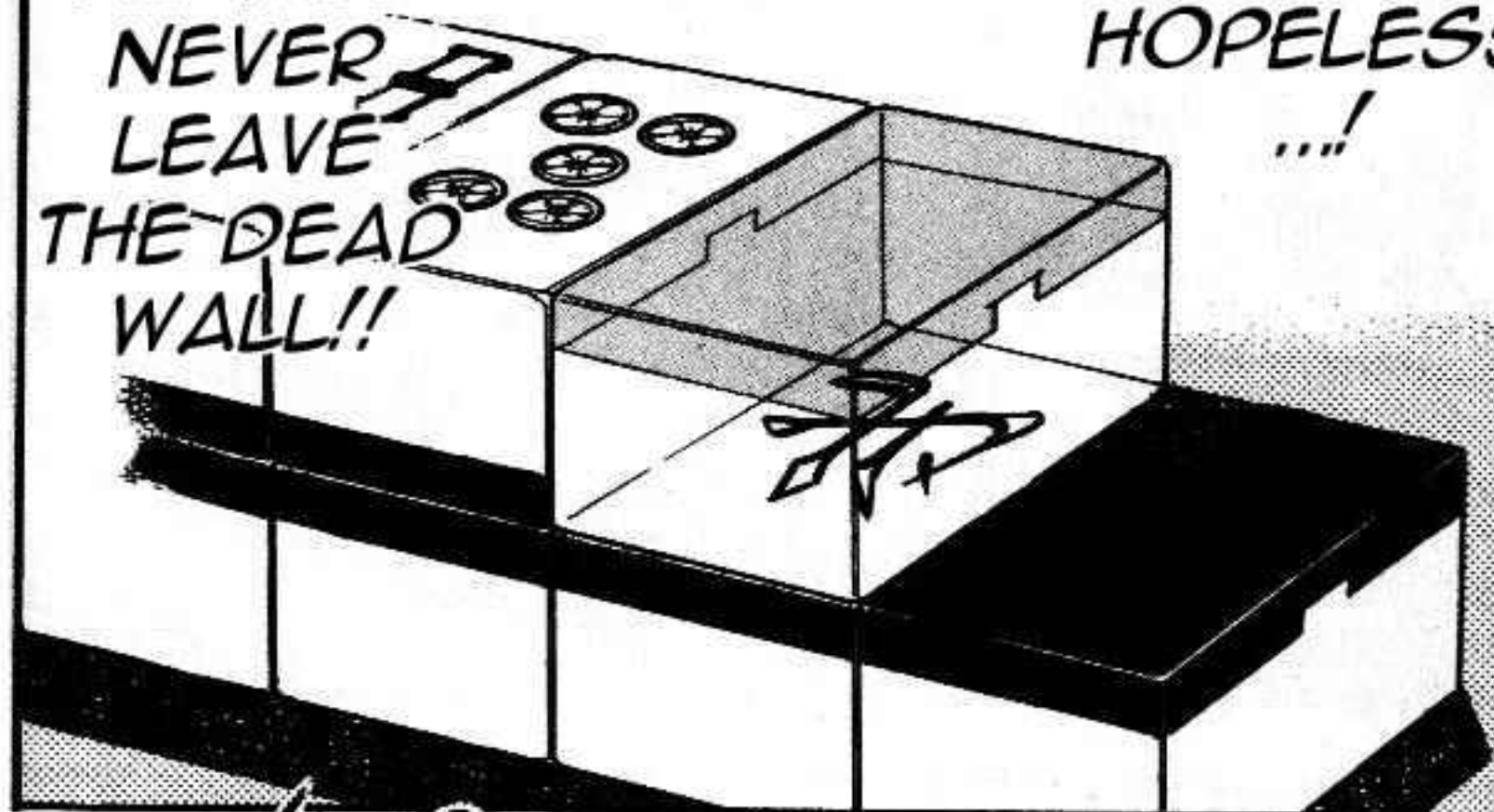
A
RIN-
SHAN
TSU-
MO!





THAT
PEI WILL
NEVER
LEAVE
THE DEAD
WALL!!

IT'S
HOPELESS
...!



AKAGI
...!!





IT CAME TO SUCH A POINT WHERE, NOW, IN THE SOUTH THIRD ROUND, HE IS DOWN TO A MEASLY 900 POINTS.

THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH ROUNDS, AKAGI PROCEEDED TO LOSE HIS POINT STICKS ONE BY ONE ...

THE ONE MAHJONG GAME WORTH 32 MILLION.

THE STAND-OFF BET BETWEEN AKAGI AND URABE...

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN URABE AND HE IS NOW A STAGGERING 70,500 POINTS!

HIS CLOSED KAN WON OUT ON THE NEW DORA!

IN THIS CURRENT SOUTH THIRD ROUND,

BUT, SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER ...

IT IS A SEEMINGLY HOPELESS DIFFERENCE...

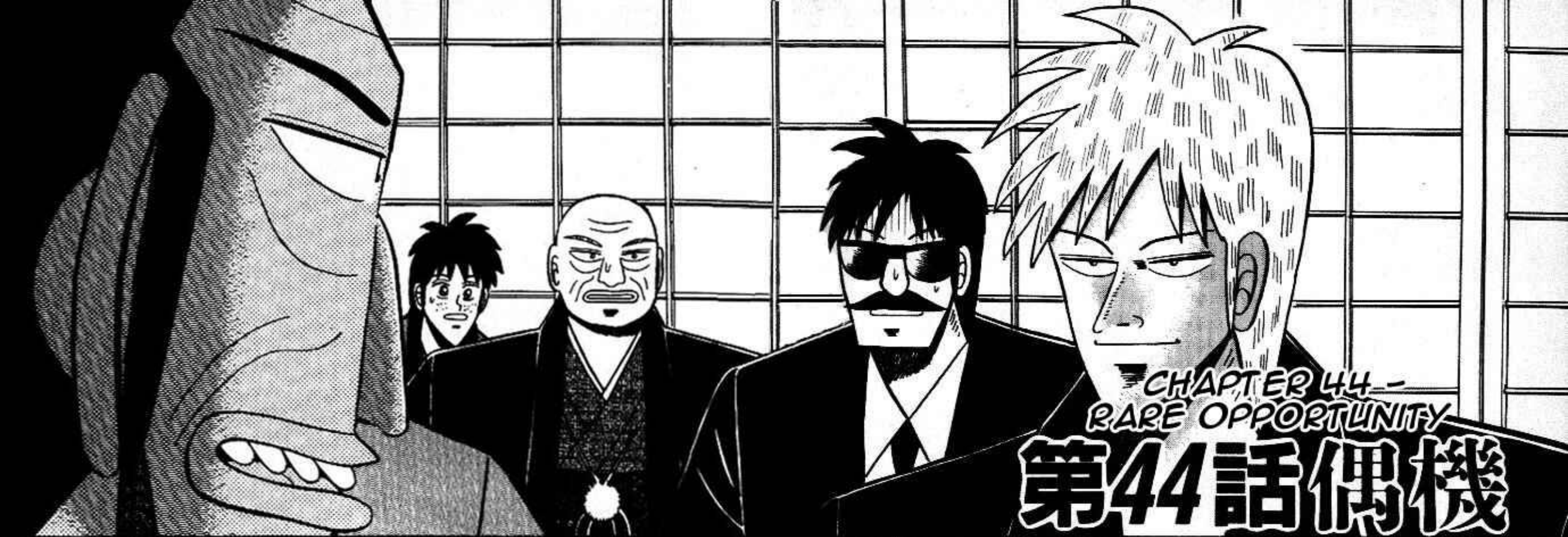
HE MAKES A DORA 4 HAND ...!

THE MIRACULOUS COMEBACK HE WAS GIVEN SEEMS ALL BUT LOST WITH THIS UNLIKELY RIICHI!

AND WITH IT, HE CALLS RIICHI UPON PLAYING THE 7-SOU!

AKAGI ...





CHAPTER 44 -
RARE OPPORTUNITY
第44話 偶機



THERE'S NO CHANCE, NOW ...

...WAS SHOWN TO BE IN THE DEAD WALL!

THE LAST PEI ...

DUE TO A MISTAKE BY THAT PLAYER ...

AT THE START OF THE ROUND ...

AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE ...



YOU SHOULD TRY TO MAKE WINNING WITH YOUR RIICHI AS LIKELY AS POSSIBLE ...

AND YET ...

BECAUSE OF THE OVER 70 THOUSAND POINTS IN DIFFERENCE ...



YOU CAN ASK ANYONE WHAT THEY'D DO IN THIS SITUATION ...

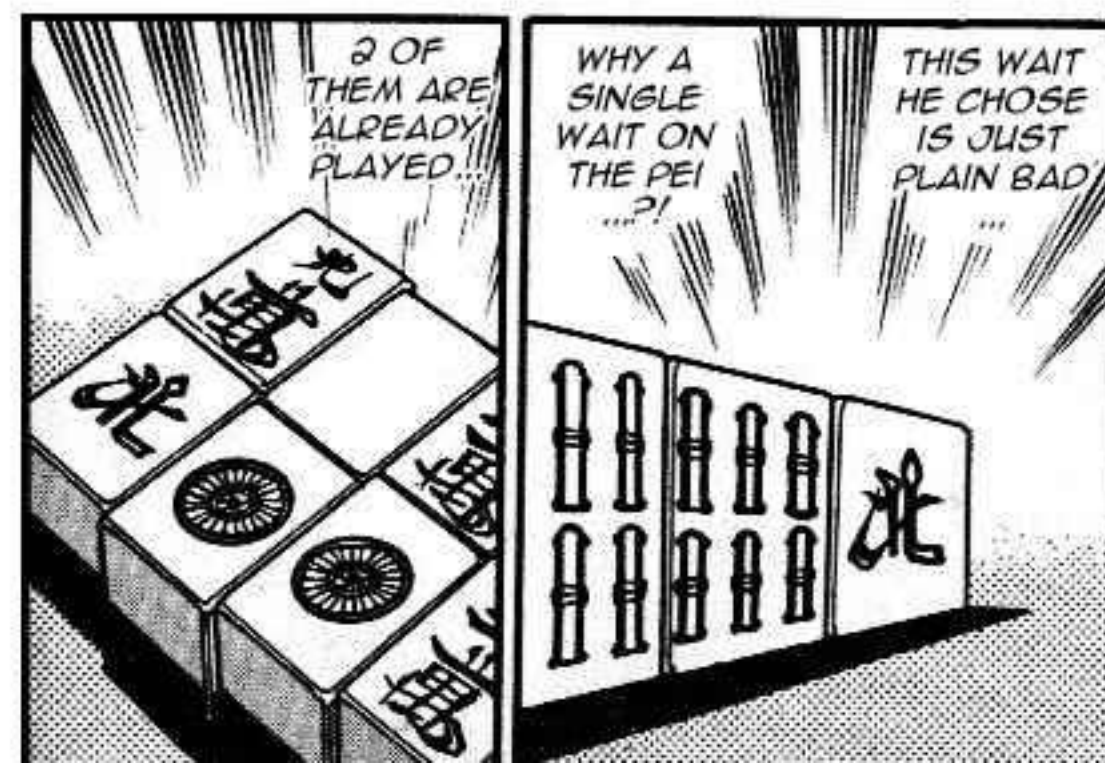


AT THE END OF IT ALL, THIS RIICHI THAT AKAGI MADE ...

IT'S PLAIN TO SEE THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY FOR THAT TILE TO GET BACK IN PLAY!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT ANYONE WILL CALL KAN IN THIS GAME... AND WHEN YOU HAVE THAT IN MIND...

HIS ONLY TILE IS DEAD!



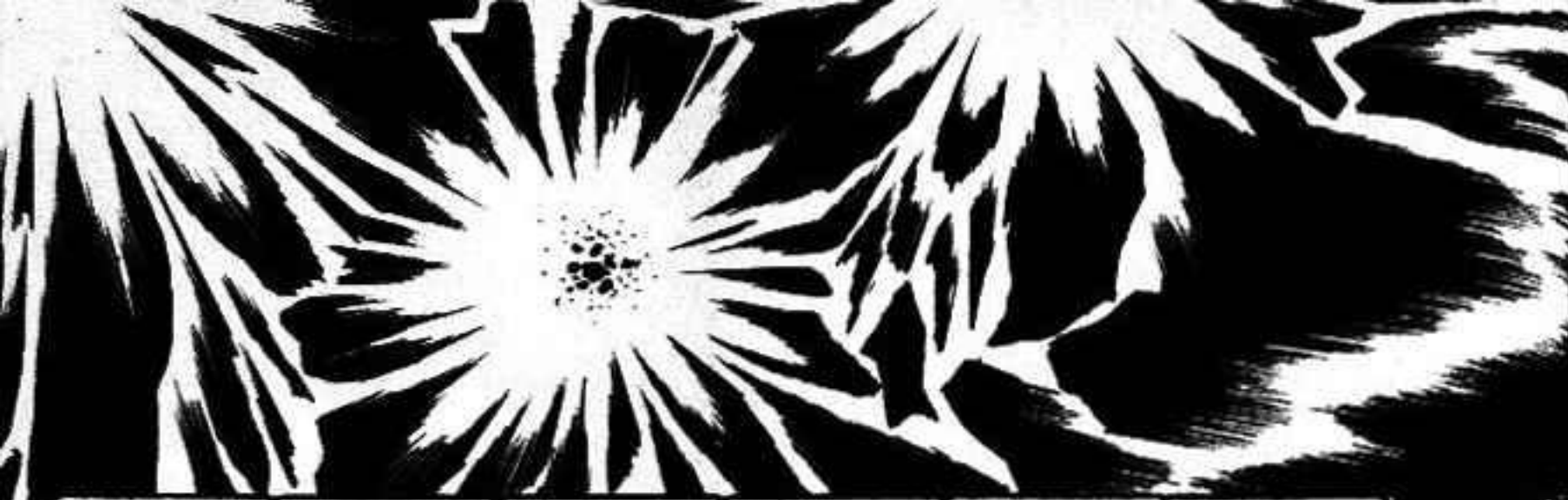
2 OF THEM ARE ALREADY PLAYED ...

WHY A SINGLE WAIT ON THE PEI ...?

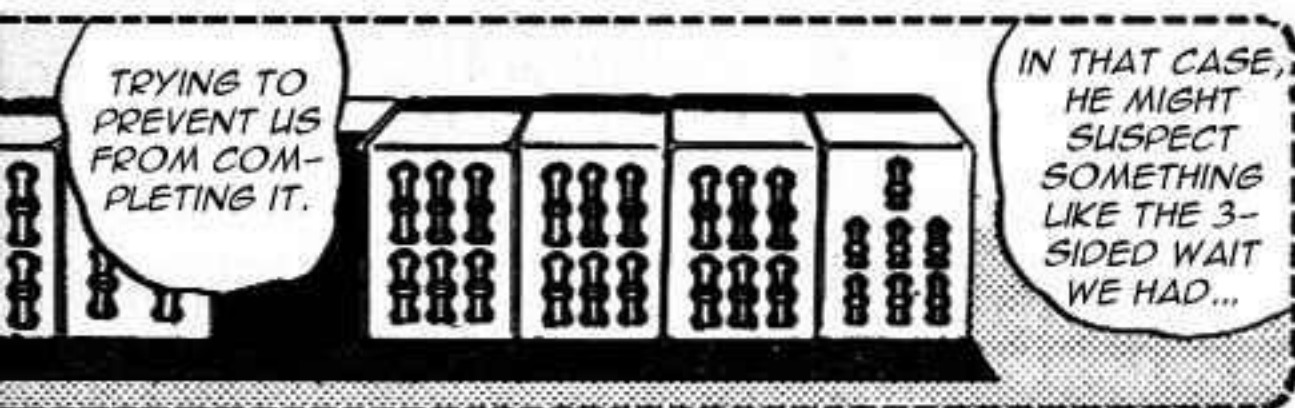
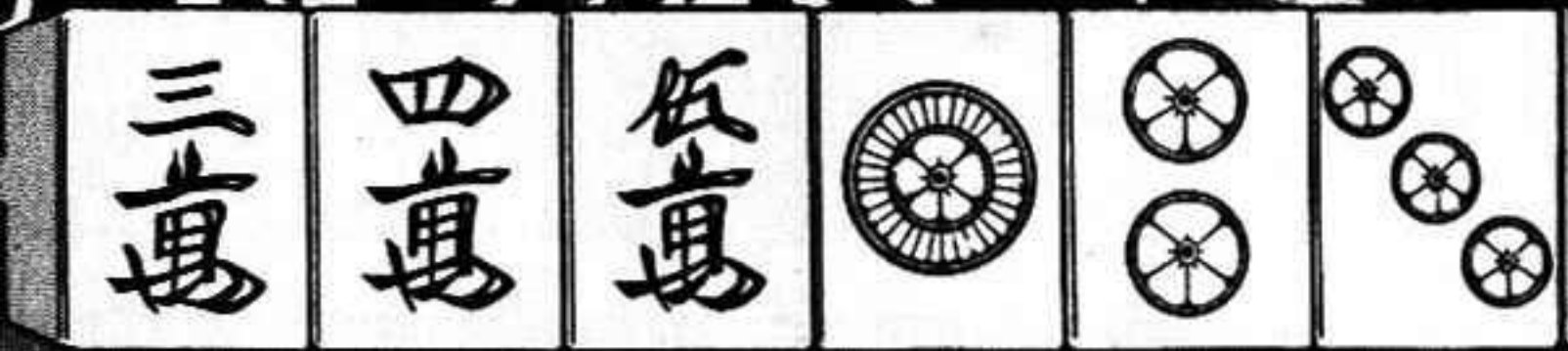
THIS WAIT HE CHOSE IS JUST PLAIN BAD ...



THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS TO MAKE A COMEBACK!



...IT'S EMPTY...
A USELESS RIICHI!







IN TRUTH,
URABE WAS
HAVING A
DIFFICULT
TIME.



NO
...!



DUE TO THE
FACT THAT
HE CAN SEE
THE DORA
4 INSTANT
MANGAN
CALL...

THE
SUDDEN
RIICHI
ALMOST
DOESN'T
MATTER
TO URABE.

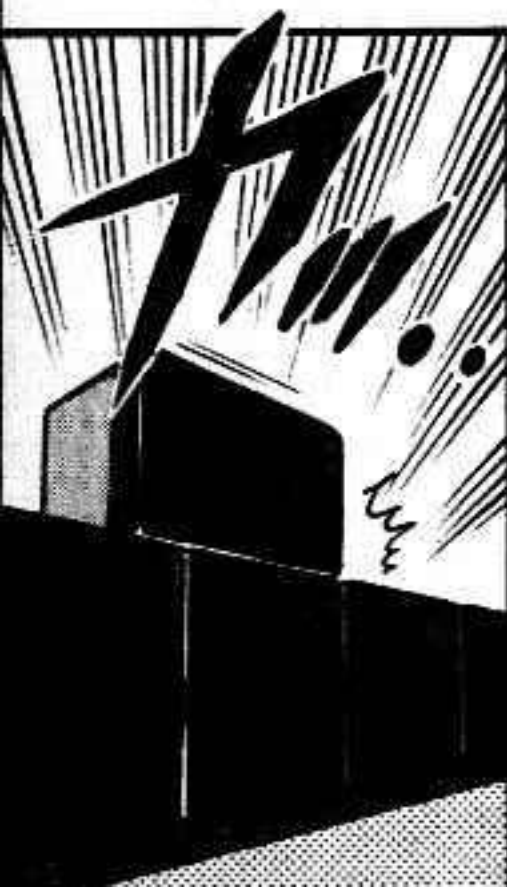
...CAN
ONLY BE
SEEN
FROM
THE
OUTSIDE
IN.

...AND
EVERY-
THING
ELSE
JUST
MEN-
TIONED...

AKAGI'S
HAND SEEMS
VERY OMI-
NOUS TO
HIM.



SUCH A
CONCEPT
AS AN
EASY
GAME OF
MAHJONG
...



EVERYTHIN'S
BEEN GETTIN'
WORSE SINCE
THAT PUNK
HIT A LUCKY
STREAK...

A COME-
FROM-
BEHIND
VICTORY
DOESN'T
SEEM TOO
FAR AWAY
...!

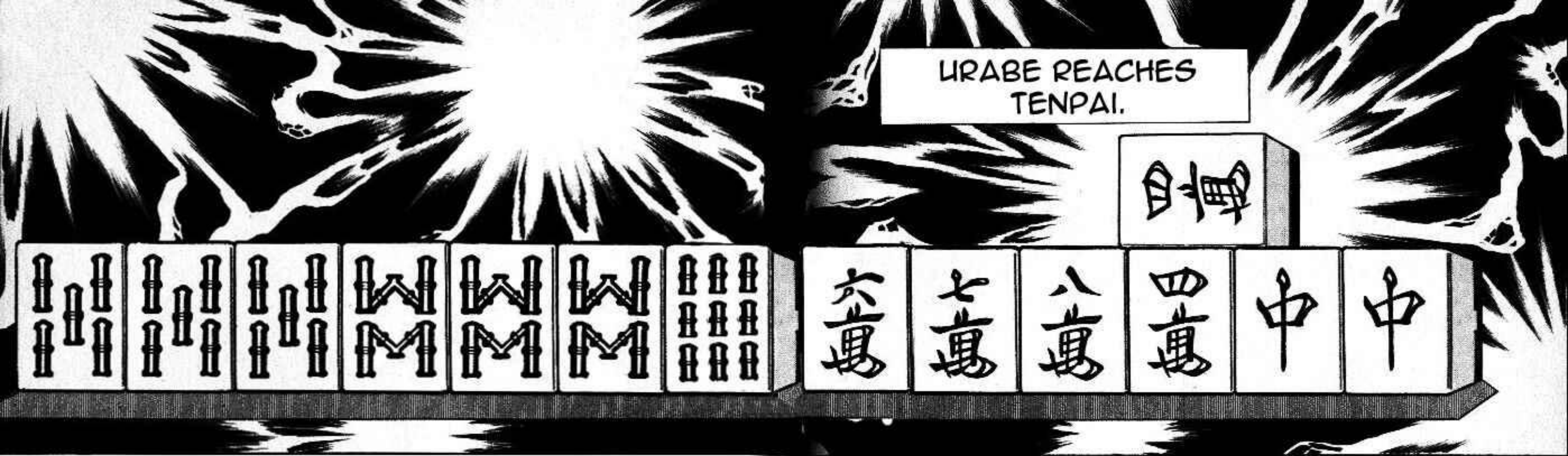


...I CAN'T
GETTA
HOLD OF
HOW HE
PLAYS...!

THE
THING
IS THAT
... THIS
MAN...



EVEN IF
I TAKE
EVERY
STEP WITH
CAUTION,
THERE'S
NO TELLIN'
IF I CAN
DODGE IT
...



URABE REACHES
TENPAI.

目牌

六萬 七萬 八萬 四萬 中 中



I DON'T
GET THIS
AT ALL.

JUST HOW MANY
UNBELIEVABLE
THINGS CAN
HAPPEN TO ONE
GUY, HUH?

IT'S
FUCKIN'
UN-
CANNY.

...IT
MATCHED
UP EXACTLY
WITH THE
NEW DORA



THE REAL
PROBLEM
LIES
AFTER.

SO I'M
SAFE FOR
THE NEXT
TURN, AT
LEAST

THE GUY TO
MY LEFT
PLAYED THE
7-MAN A
FEW TURNS
AGO...

SAFE
TILE.

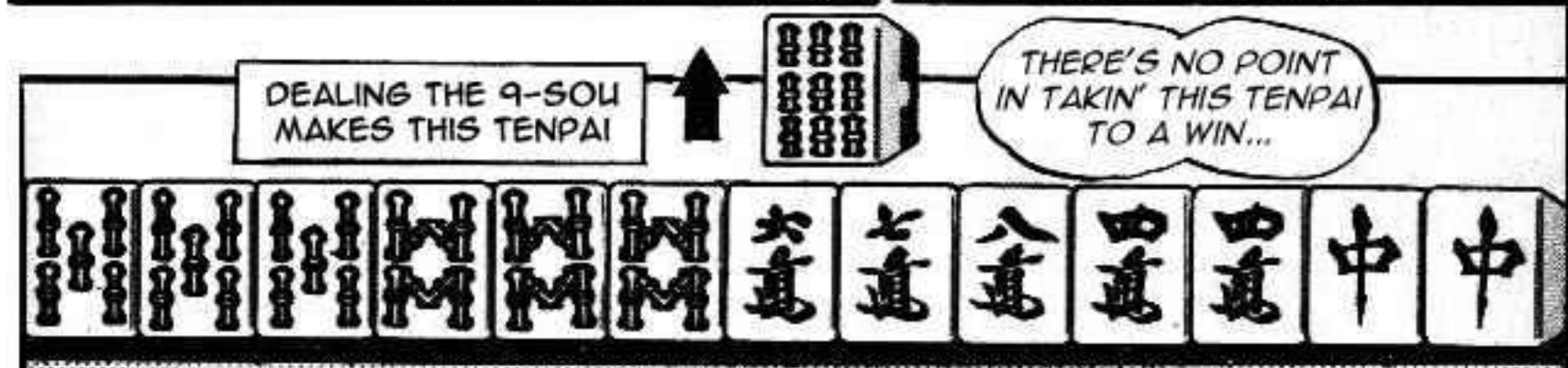


I'LL BE
BACK IN THE
SUPERIOR
POSITION
AGAIN

IF I CAN
SHAKE OFF
ANY POTEN-
TIAL FOR A
COMEBACK

GOT
IT

BUT



DEALING THE 9-SOU
MAKES THIS TENPAI

THERE'S NO POINT
IN TAKIN' THIS TENPAI
TO A WIN...



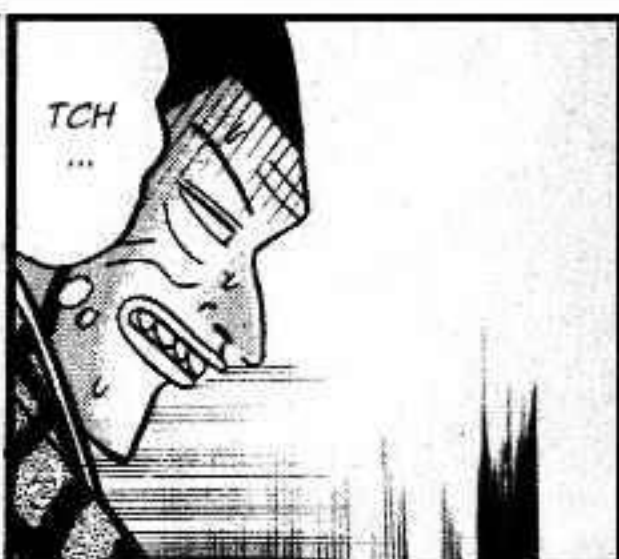
AND THAT
CLOSED
KAN...

HE DID A KAN
RIGHT BEFORE
A RIICHI...

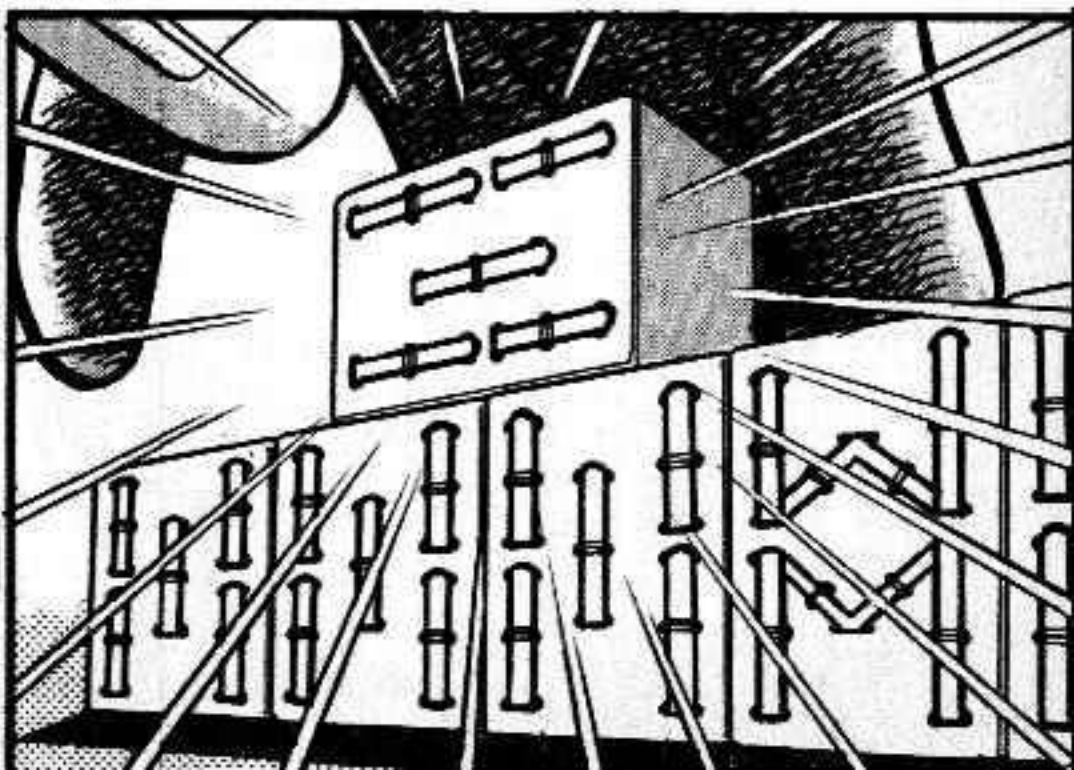
...IS THE
SAME ONE
WHO DID
AN OPEN
RIICHI WITH
A SUU AN
KOU.

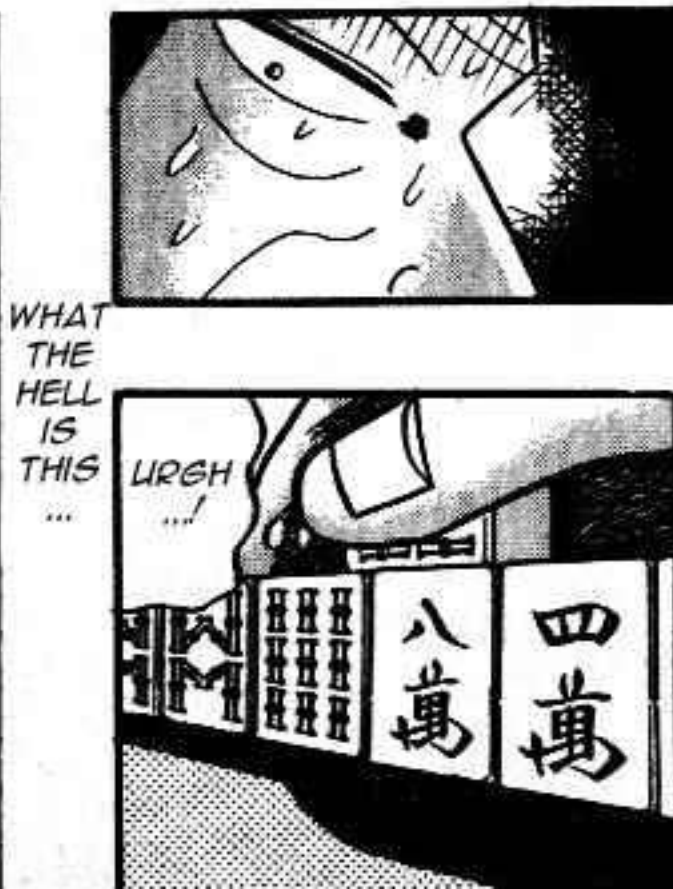
'SIDES,
THIS
GUY...

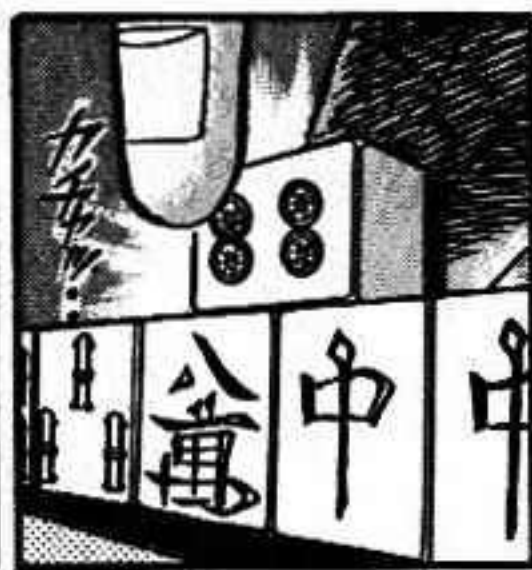
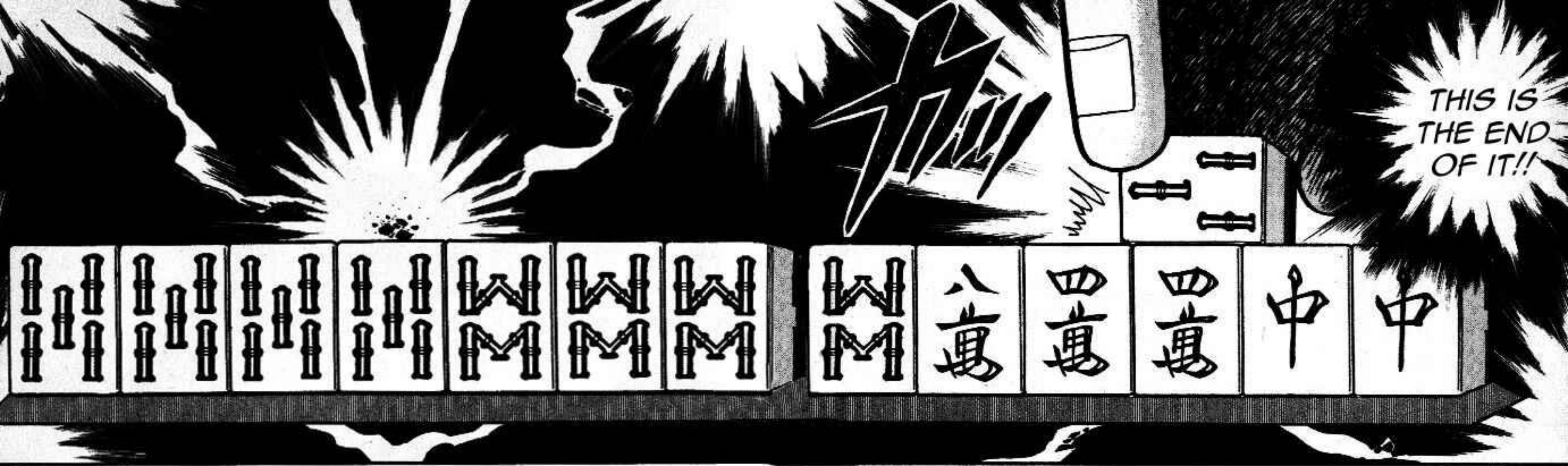
IT'S GOIN'
DOWNHILL
FAST...



T/N: "TOITSU-BA" REFERS TO A ROUND IN WHICH MANY OF THE SAME TILES ARE GROUPED IN A WAY THAT MAKES EVERYONE'S HANDS END UP WITH MANY "TOITSU", MEANING PAIRS.









JUST
THE
TILE
I WAS
LOO-
KIN'
FOR!



THIS
ONE!



NOW I'LL
TAKE ONE
MORE
...

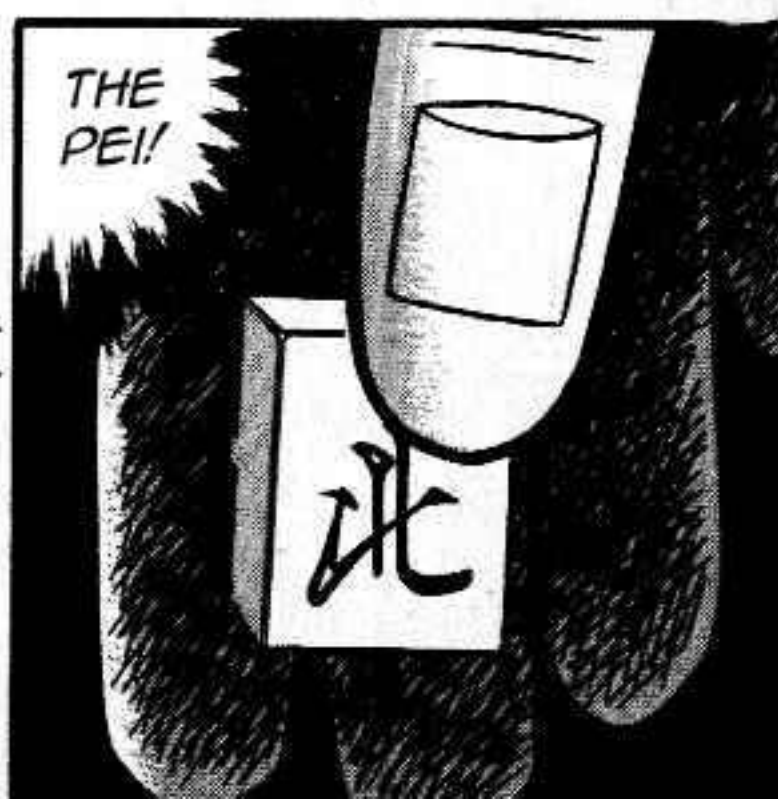
THE
DEAD
WALL
DRAW
...



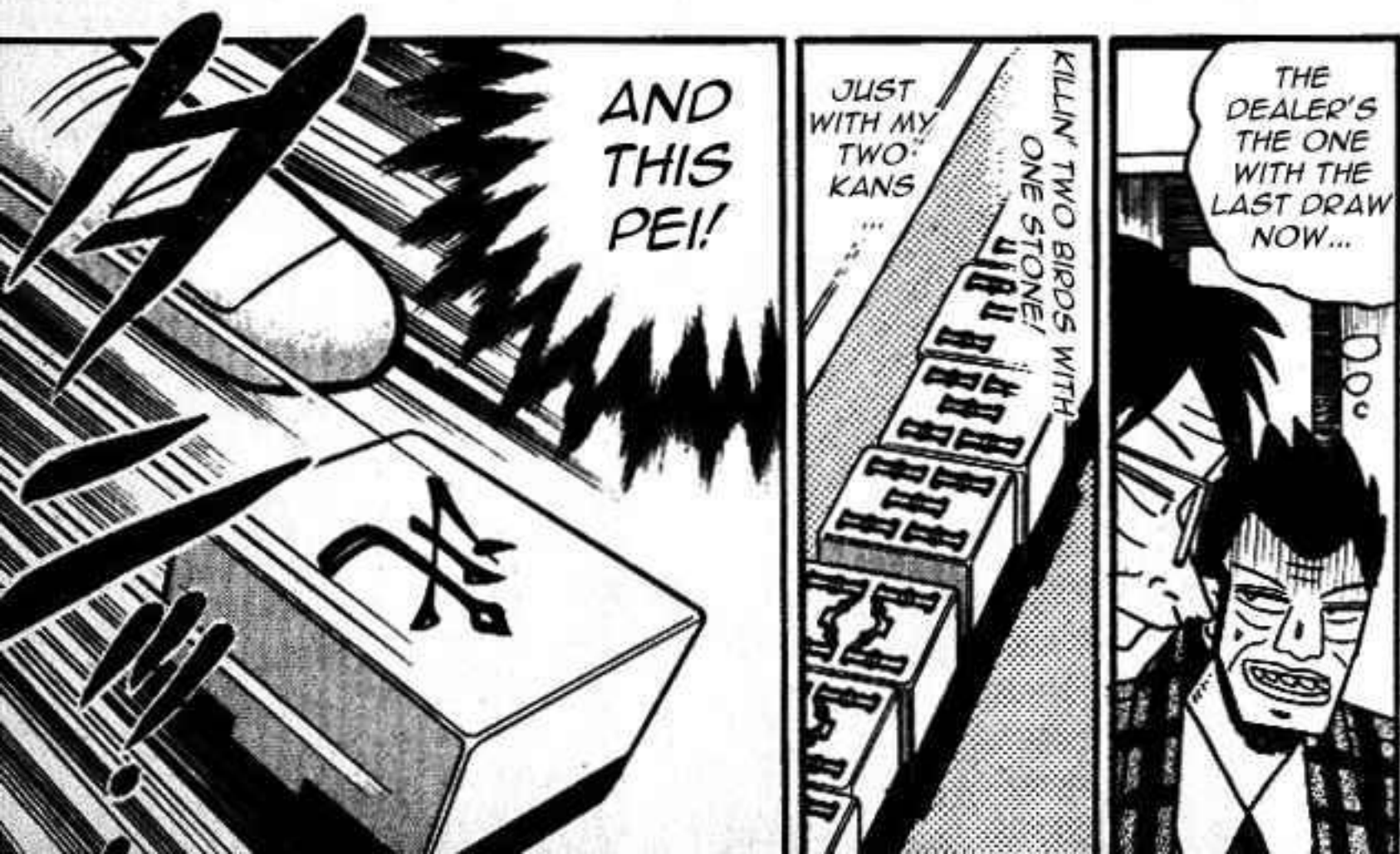
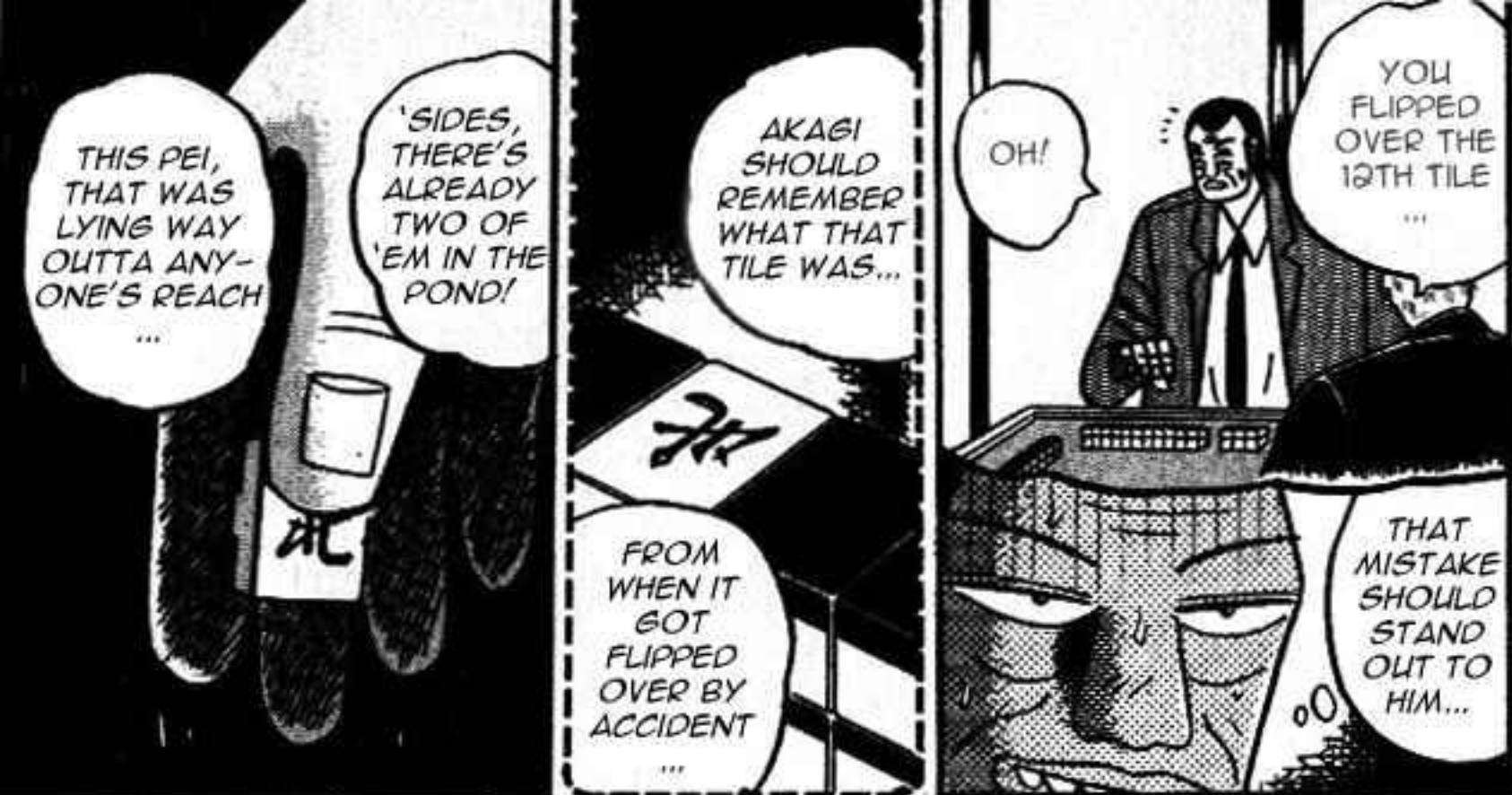
THIS IS
THE COR-
NERSTONE
OF MY
STRATEGY
...!

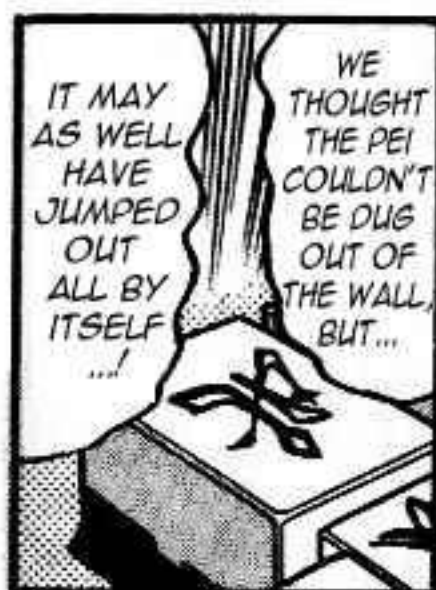
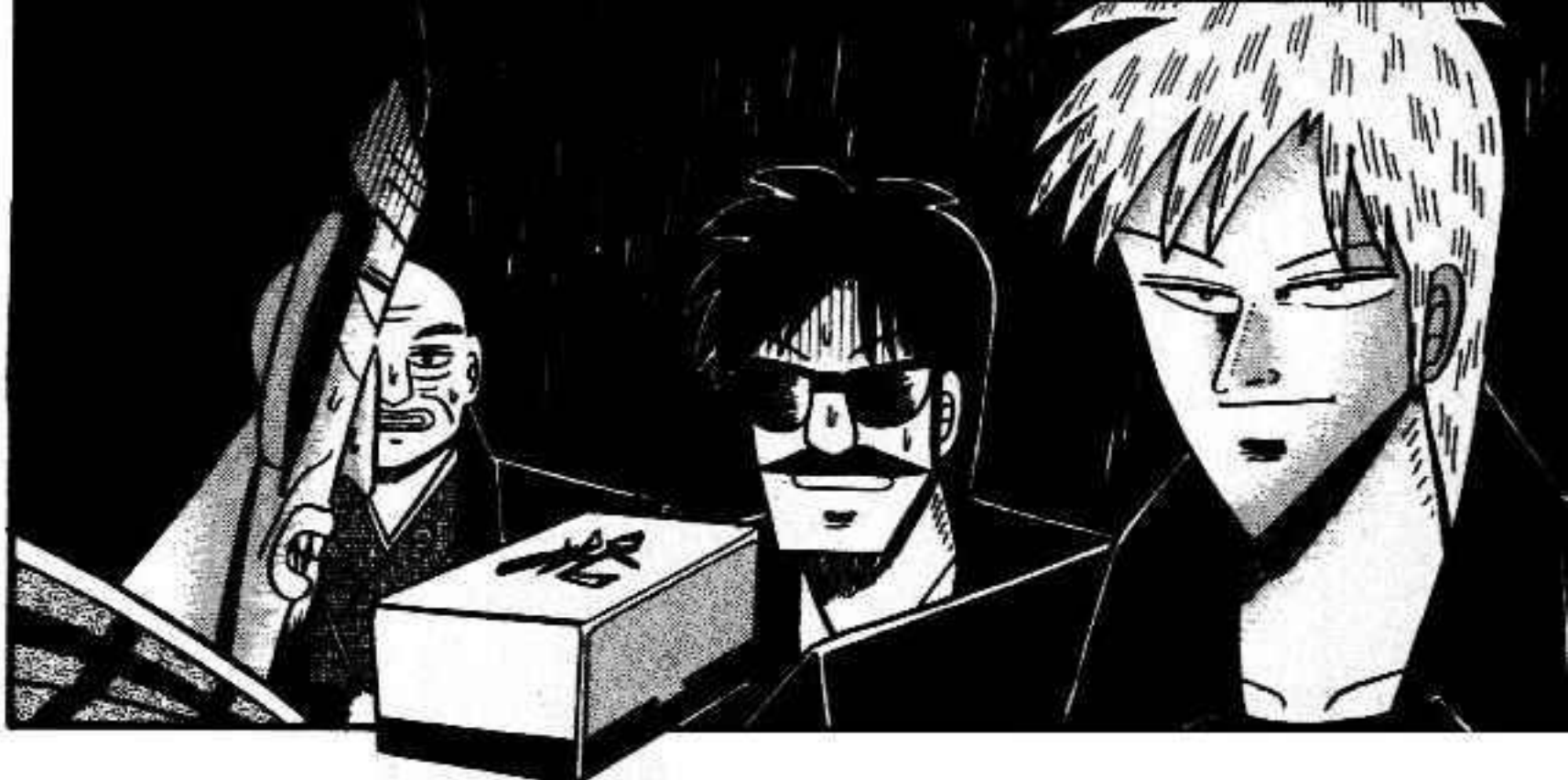
AT THE
START
OF THE
ROUND,
EVERY-
ONE SAW
THIS
TILE!

HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...



THE
PEI!

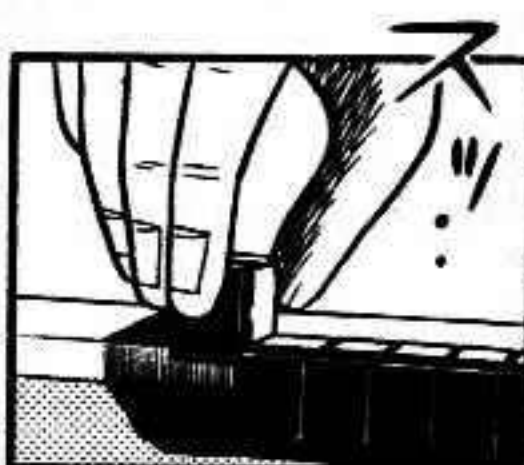
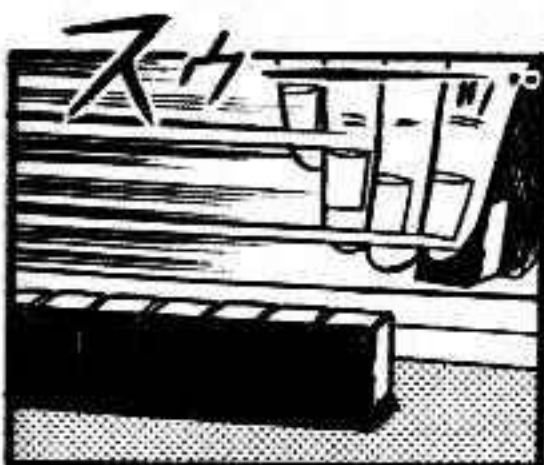




WE THOUGHT THE PEI COULDN'T BE DUG OUT OF THE WALL, BUT...



NO WAY ...



IS THIS WHAT AKAGI WAS PLANNING THIS WHOLE TIME...?!





WHA-
...?!



IM...
IMPOS-
SIBLE...!

HMM-
HM-
HM
...



I'D GET STUCK AT
THE KEYHOLE WITH
JUST REASON AND
REASON ALONE.

SINCE IT'S
LIKE THAT,
SHEER REA-
SON WON'T
WORK ONE
BIT.

IF I DON'T
USE A
WHOLE-
HEARTED
STRATEGY
...

I'LL
NEVER
BREAK
YOU
OPEN.

URABE,
YOU'RE LIKE A
WELL-SECURED
PERSONAL
SAFE AT THE
MOMENT
...



I CAN
FIND THE COMBI-
NATION AND OPEN
THE SAFE
...

HE'S HELP-
LESS WHEN
THINGS HAPPEN
WITHOUT REASON.

THE
FORCE OF
COINCIDENCE.

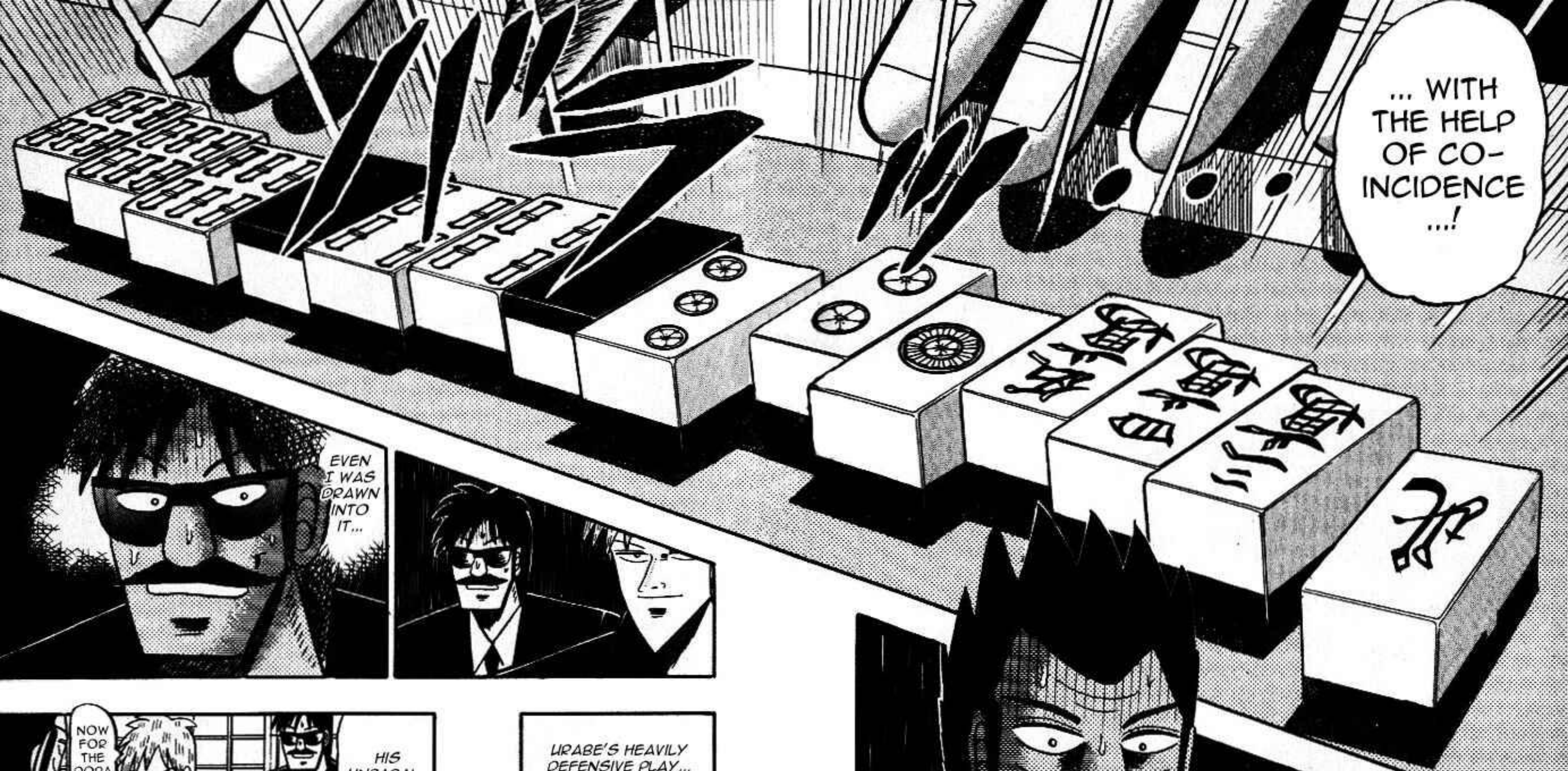
IN-
DEED
...

ANOTHER
...
FORCE
...?

TO PUT
IT IN
WORDS
...

I'D HAVE
TO USE
ANOTHER
FORCE.

IF I
WANTED
TO REALLY
UNLOCK
THE SAFE
...



... WITH THE HELP OF CO-INCIDENCE ...!

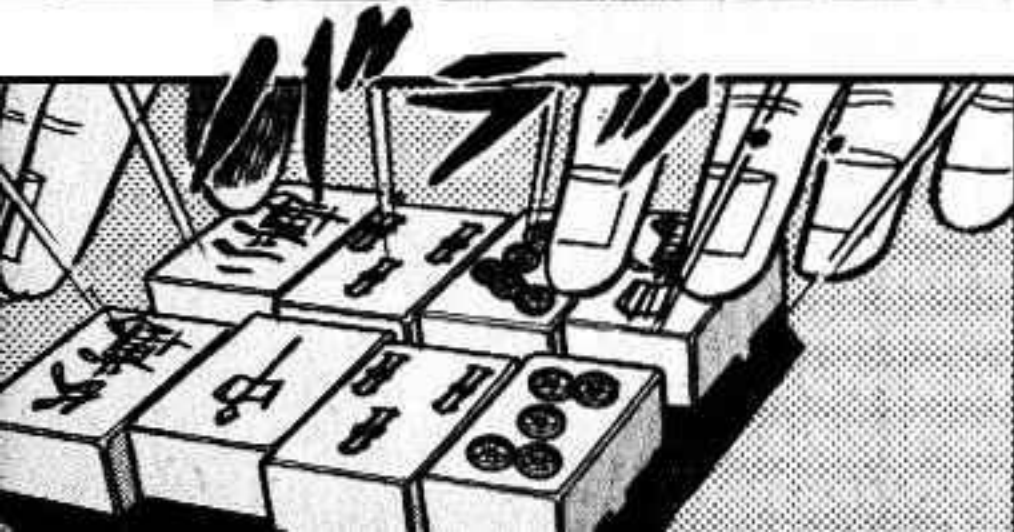


EVEN I WAS DRAWN INTO IT...



NOW FOR THE DORA ...

HIS UNPARALLELLED CAPACITY ...!

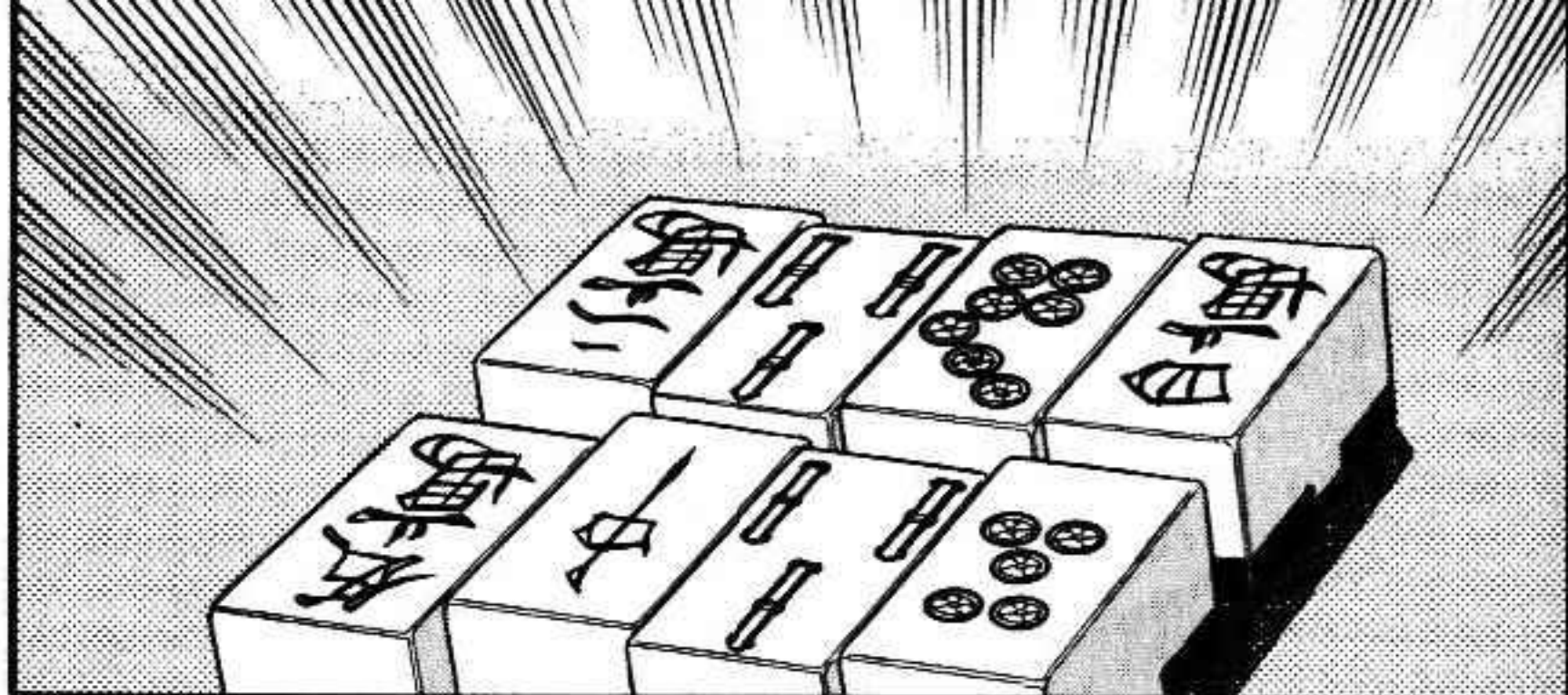


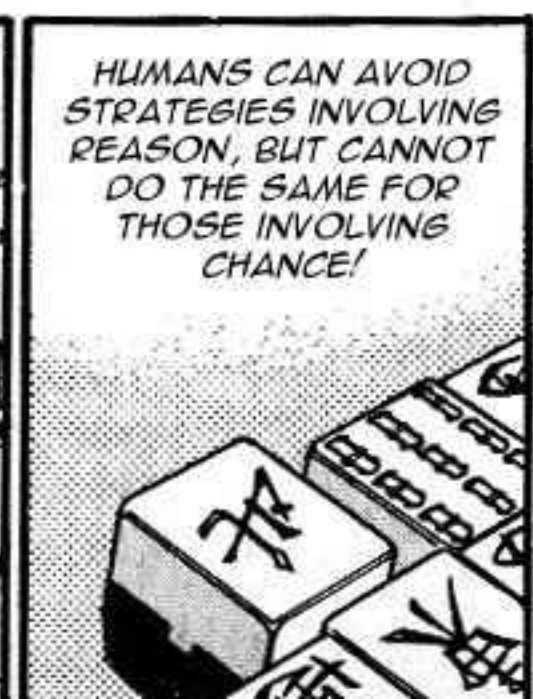
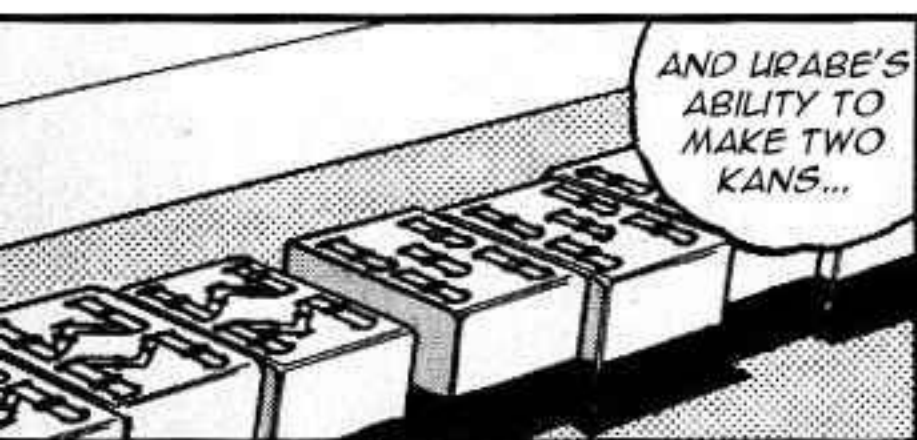
AKAGI'S MAHJONG THAT PUTS CHANCE INTO THE EQUATION ...!



URABE'S HEAVILY DEFENSIVE PLAY... AND ALSO...

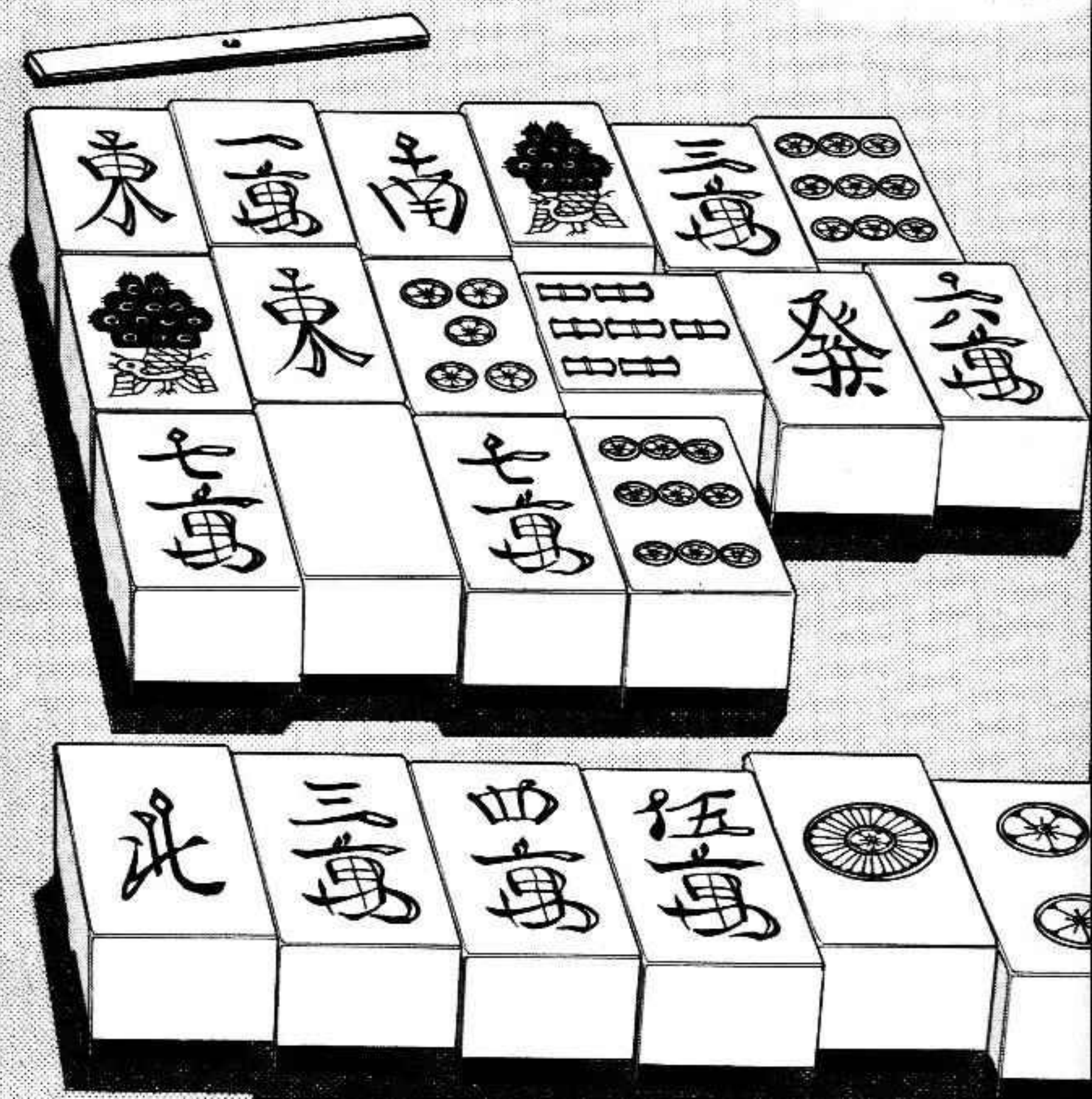






AN ATTACK FROM
A WHOLE DIFFERENT
DIMENSION...

AKAGI'S RIICHI,
WITH A WAIT
ON COINCIDENCE!

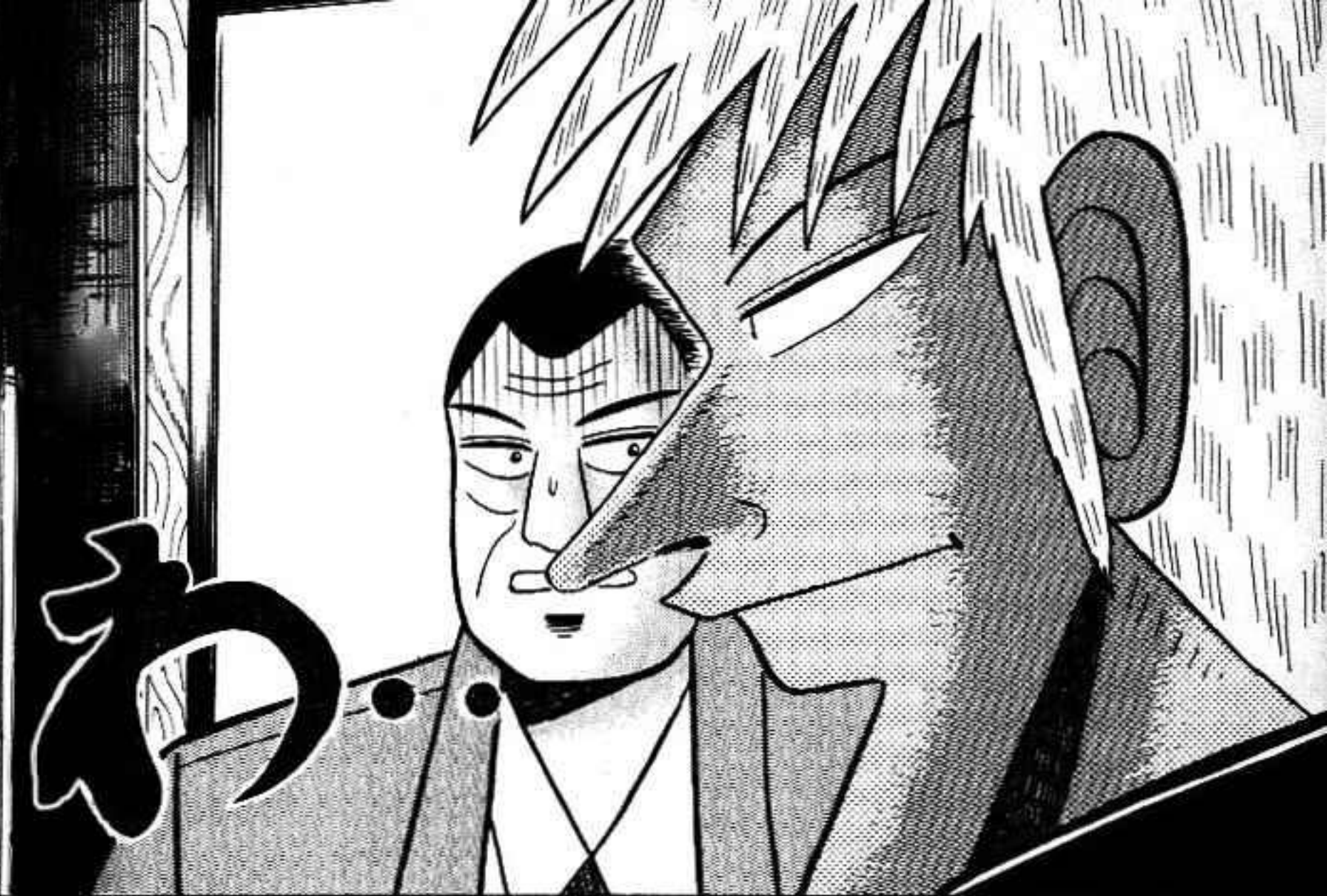




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CHAPTER 45 - CAPACITY

第45話容量



HE RECEIVED A DORA 10, WHICH COMBINED WITH HIS RIICHI, GAVE HIM A SANBAIMAN.

WITH ALL OF THE DORA IN HIS HAND COUNTED ...

HE WAS ABLE TO GET A DIRECT HIT ON URABE.

DUE TO AKAGI'S VERY UNLIKELY SINGLE WAIT FOR THE PEI,

THE DIFFERENCE WAS REDUCED BY 48,000 POINTS IN A SINGLE BLOW!

TCH.

IF HE IS ABLE TO GET A MANGAN DIRECT HIT OFF OF HIM NOW,

AKAGI IS THE DEALER FOR THIS FINAL ROUND.

THE DIFFERENCE IS NOW DOWN TO 22,500.

URABE: 47,400
AKAGI: 24,900

WITH THIS WIN, THE POINT TOTALS HAVE BECOME:

HE WILL HAVE COMPLETED HIS COME-BACK!

HE MANAGED TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM THE BRINK OF DESPAIR.

BUT IN THE LAST ROUND, THE SOUTH THIRD ROUND,

MERE MOMENTS AGO, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO MEN HAD REACHED OVER 70,000 POINTS

HMM-HM-HM ...

AKAGI VS URABE



HE IS DRAWING EVER CLOSER TO A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY!



THAT WIN DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHIN'.

I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE CONCERNED WITH...

IT'S JUST A ONE-TIME THING.



DON'T WORRY YOURSELF.

...



HE'S GETTING QUITE CLOSE TO CATCHING UP...

ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU CAN DO THIS ...?



I'VE GOT AT LEAST 1 OR 2 MORE HANDS TO MAKE A WIN.

HE'D NEED MORE'N THAT.



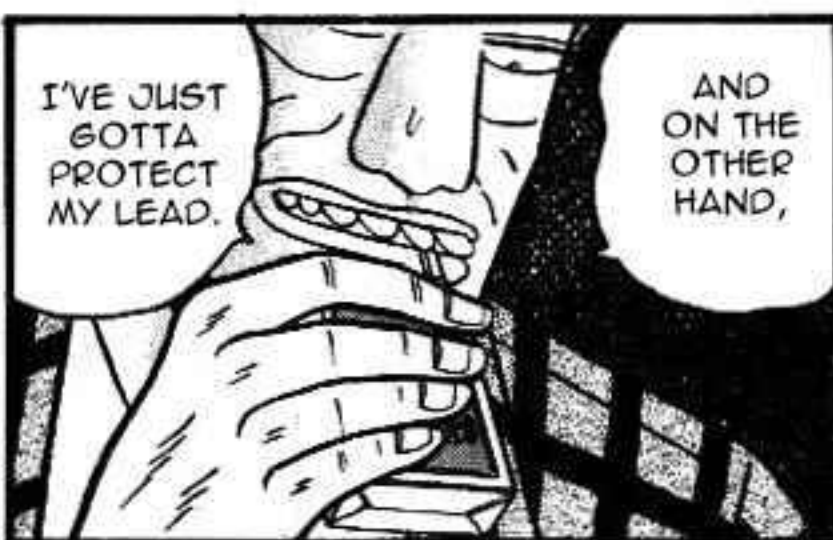
HE CAN'T JUST TSUMO WITH A MAN-GAN.

HE WON'T BE MAKIN' HIS COME-BACK SO EASILY...



AND SINCE I WON'T,

I WON'T BE DEALIN' IN AGAIN ANY TIME SOON...





DON'T
LET
YOUR-
SELF
GET
WOR-
RIED.

KUMI-
CHOU-
HAN
...



HIS
HANDI-
CAP IS
TOO BIG
FOR HIM
TO BE
ABLE TO
SAY THAT
STUFF.

THAT
CRAZY
METHOD
WON'T
WORK
ON US
...



...IS
SPOUTING
SOME
NONSENSE
TO SCARE
US, YA
SEE?

THAT
KID OVER
THERE
...



I
UNDER-
STAND.



I'LL NEVER
GIVE UP
MY LEAD
SO EASILY.



HE'LL FALL ONE
STEP SHORT'A
ME FOR SURE.



I'LL
LEAVE
IT TO
YOU.

YES-
SIR!



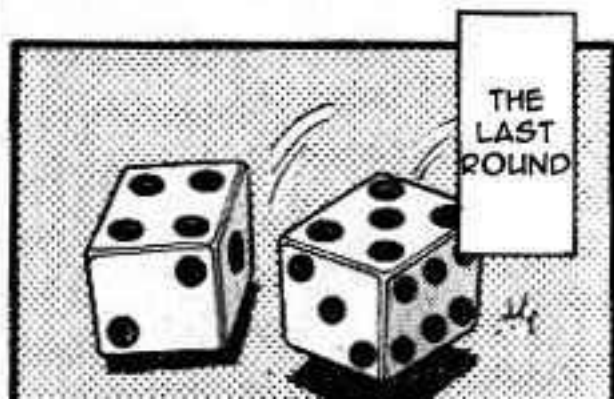
I
SHAN'T
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MORE.

SO,
THEN
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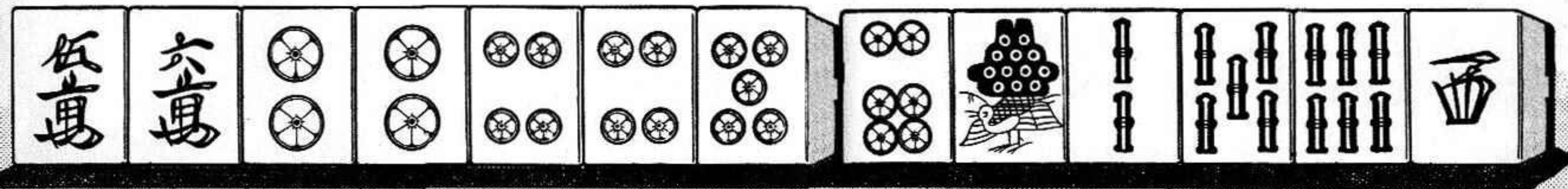


WELL, IF
YOU SAY
SO, URABE,
IT MUST
BE TRUE.

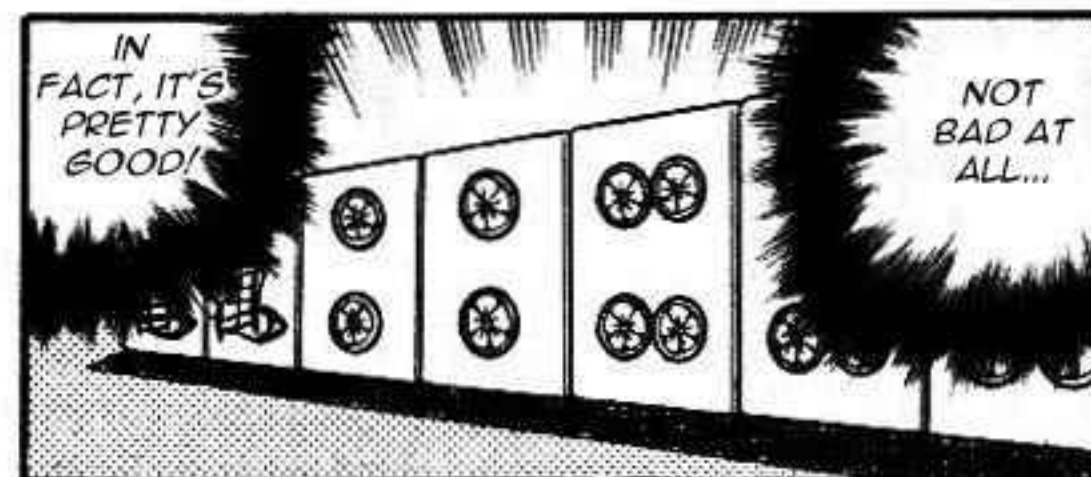
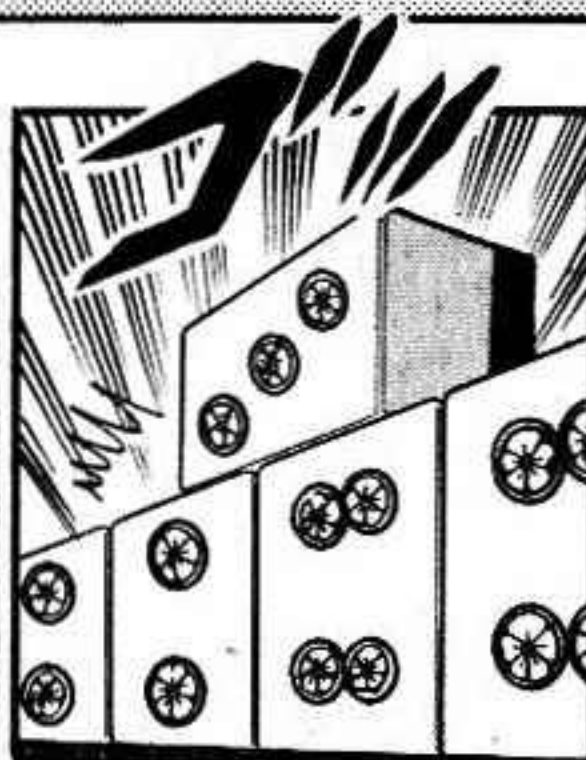
...



LRABE'S STARTING HAND



GOOD!



IN
FACT, IT'S
PRETTY
GOOD!

NOT
BAD AT
ALL...



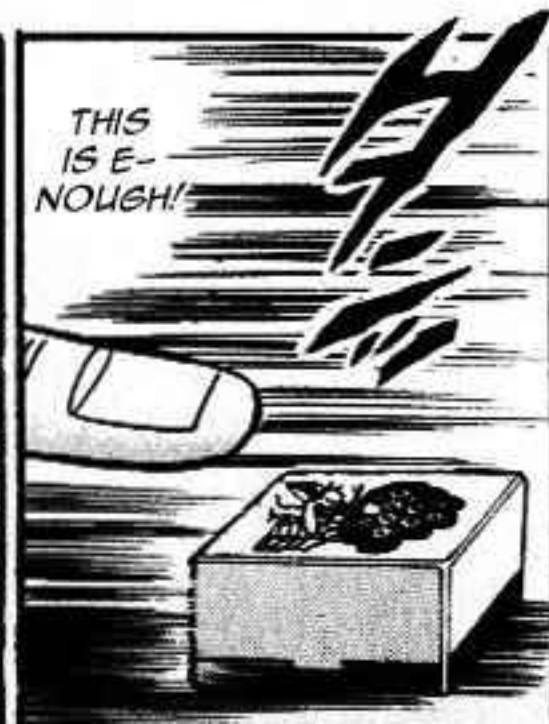
ALL
RIGHT
...!



THIS IS TRULY
THE IDEAL
SHAPE FOR
WHERE I AM!



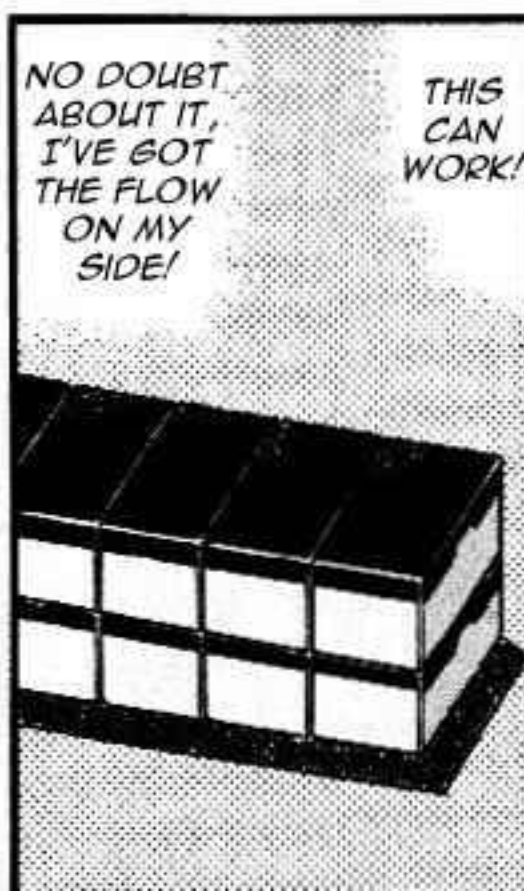
THIS SHAPE IS PLENTY!
WINNING WITH JUST A
TANYAO HAND IS
PERFECT!



THIS
IS E-
NOUGH!



NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT,
I'VE GOT
THE FLOW
ON MY
SIDE!

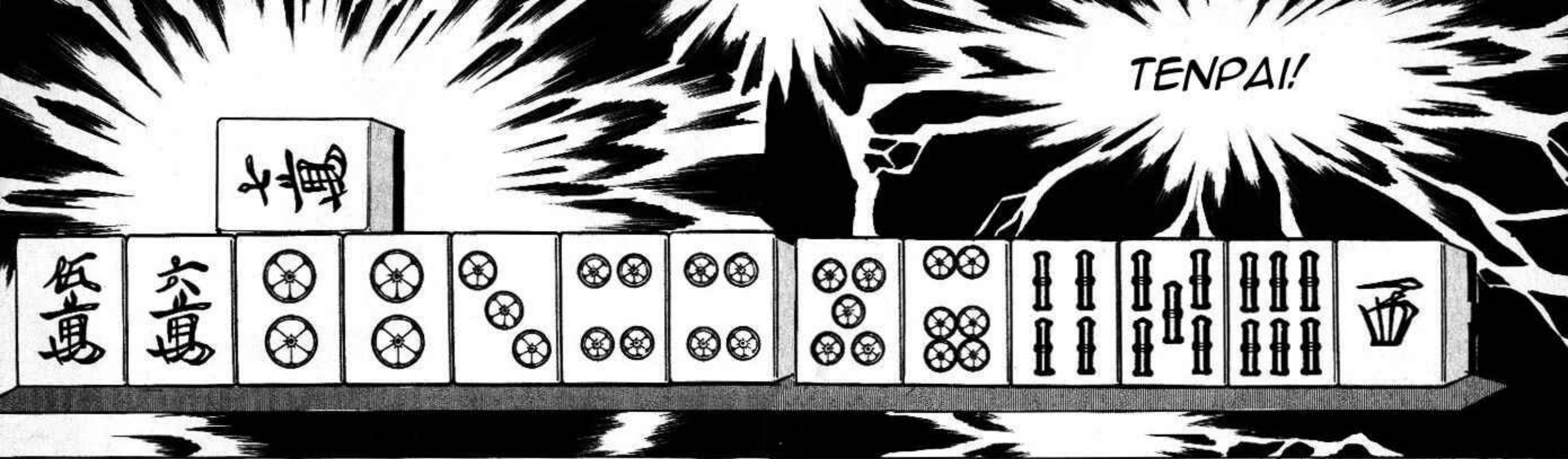


THIS
CAN
WORK!



IT'S ALL ABOUT SPEED!





STYLE AND FLAIR ARE NOT NEEDED TO WIN GAMES!

GET READY FOR A LESSON!!

I'LL SHOW YOU ...

NOW GIVE IT TO ME ...

...

HUH ...?

KAN.

A TRUE PRO ALWAYS WINS IN SILENCE!

NORMAL CUTS WITH A NORMAL HAND CAN GET YOU THERE JUST AS EASILY... IN FACT, PROS LIKE MYSELF ALWAYS PLAY THAT WAY!!

AND AT THE BEST TIME TO GET IT!

A GREAT HAND

EXCELLENT!

...

IT'S THE IDEAL TANYAO, PINFU HAND!

I'VE GOT A 2-5 PIN WAIT!

THE FLOW'S WITH ME FOR SURE!



THE
NEW
DORA
INDI-
CATOR
...







IF SO, IT'S JUST IMMEASURABLE...

HE'S GOT OTHER-WORLDFLY LEVELS OF LUCK!!



DOES IT REALLY ALL COME DOWN TO DUMB LUCK?

THEN ...



NO... HE FLIPPED OVER THE DORA INDICATOR WITH ONE FINGER ...

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.



LOOKS LIKE I WON'T NEED A SECOND ARROW.



URABE ...

SO MUCH FOR THAT HANDICAP YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ...



HMM-HM-HM ...



AKAGI VOLUME 7-FIN
アカギ 5 完



I CAN SEND YOU TO YOUR UGLY GRAVE...

WITH JUST THIS FIRST ONE ...

HMM-HM-HM ...

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