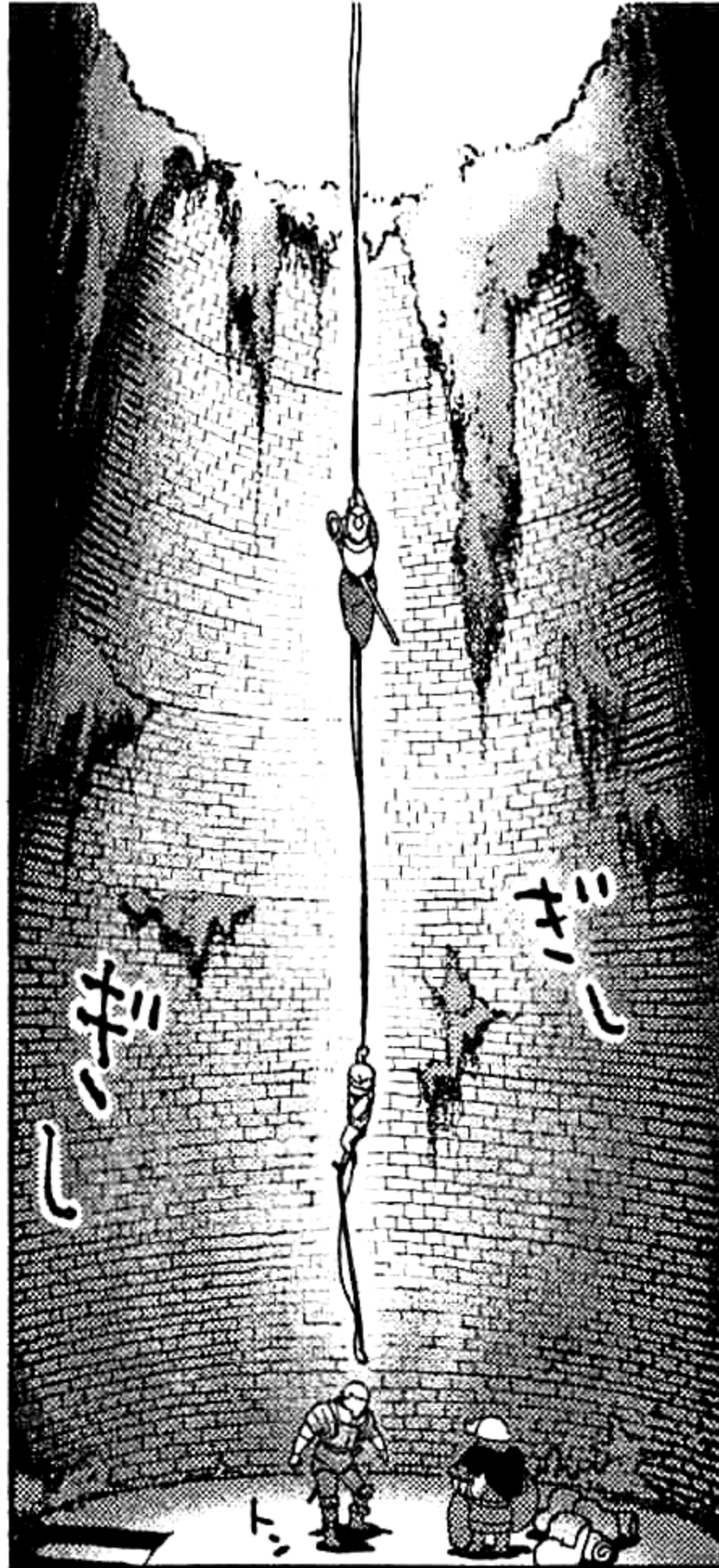
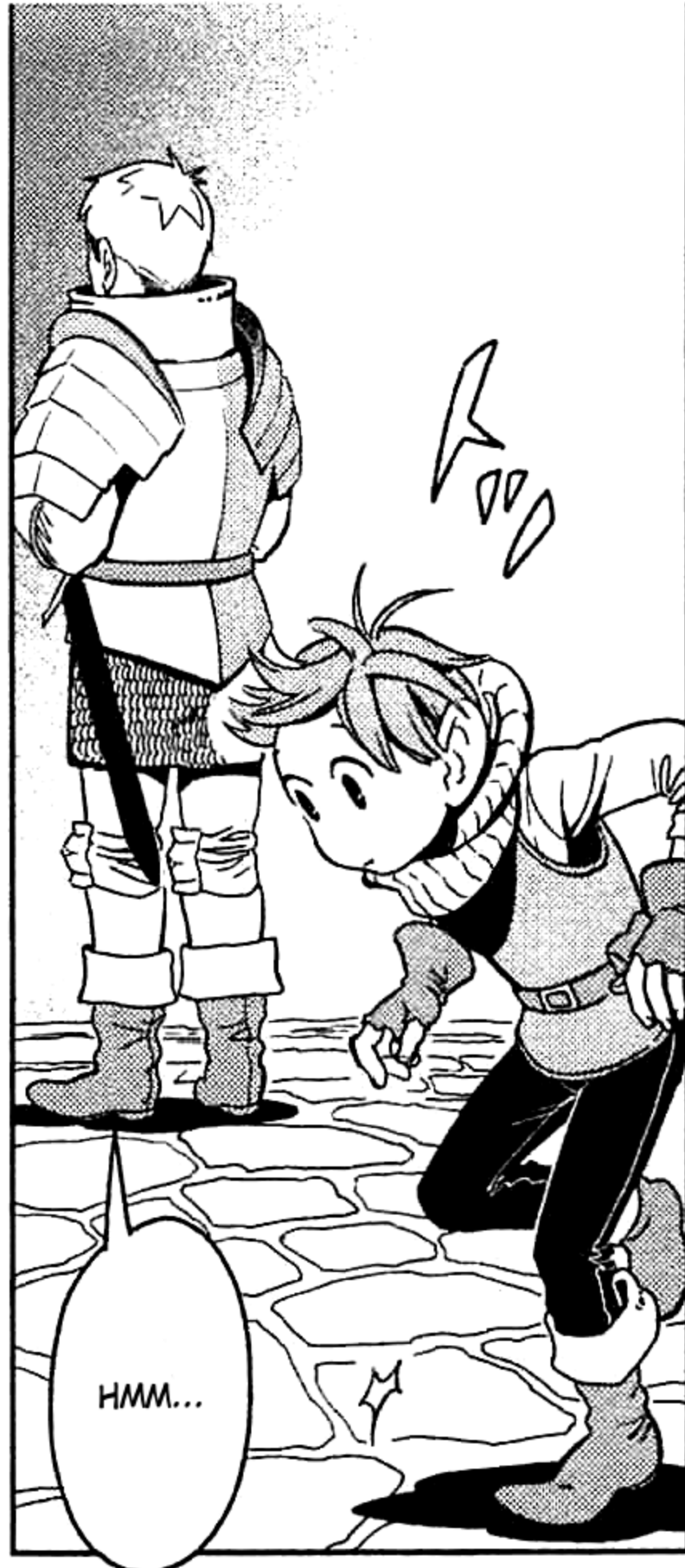


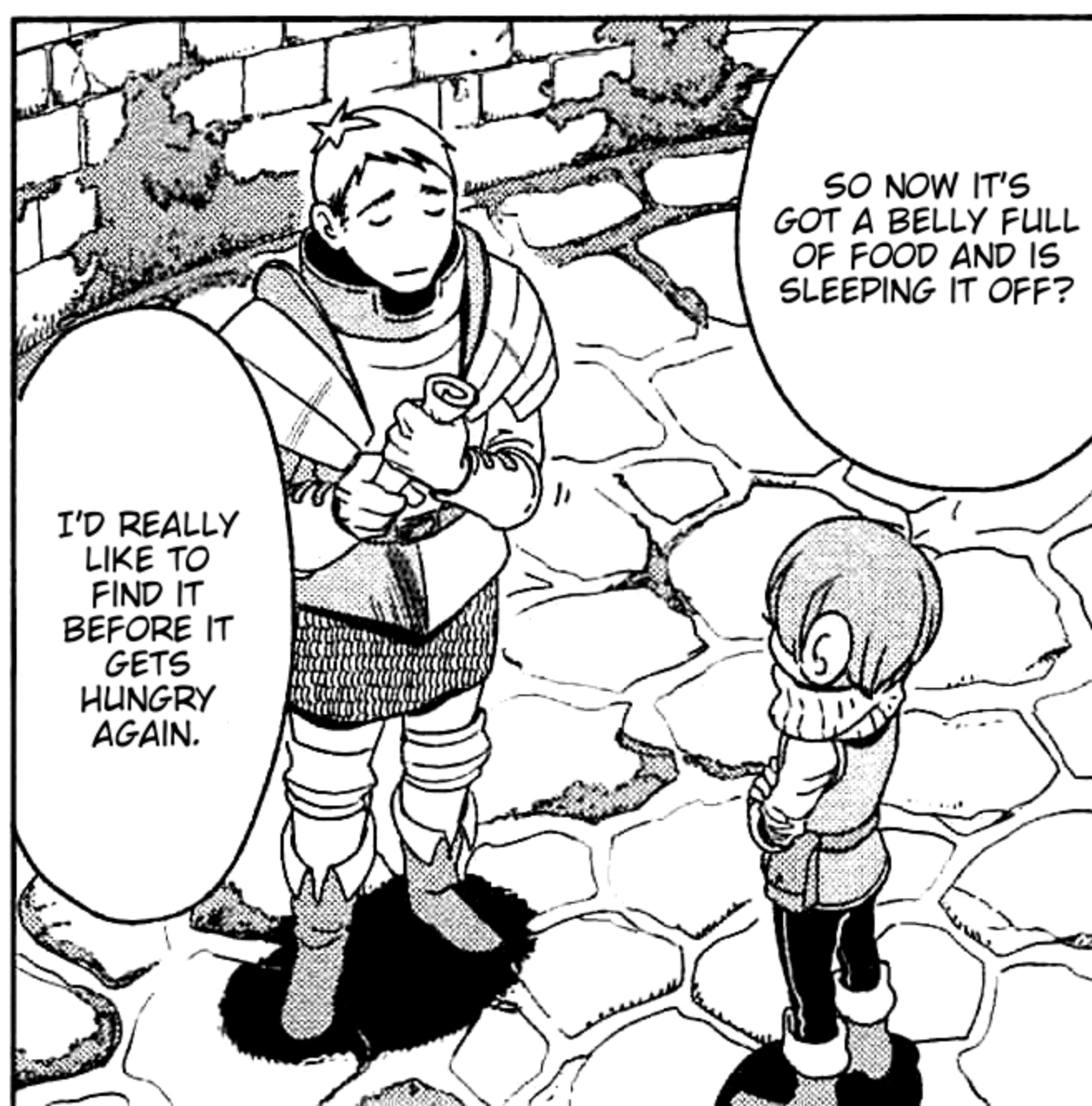
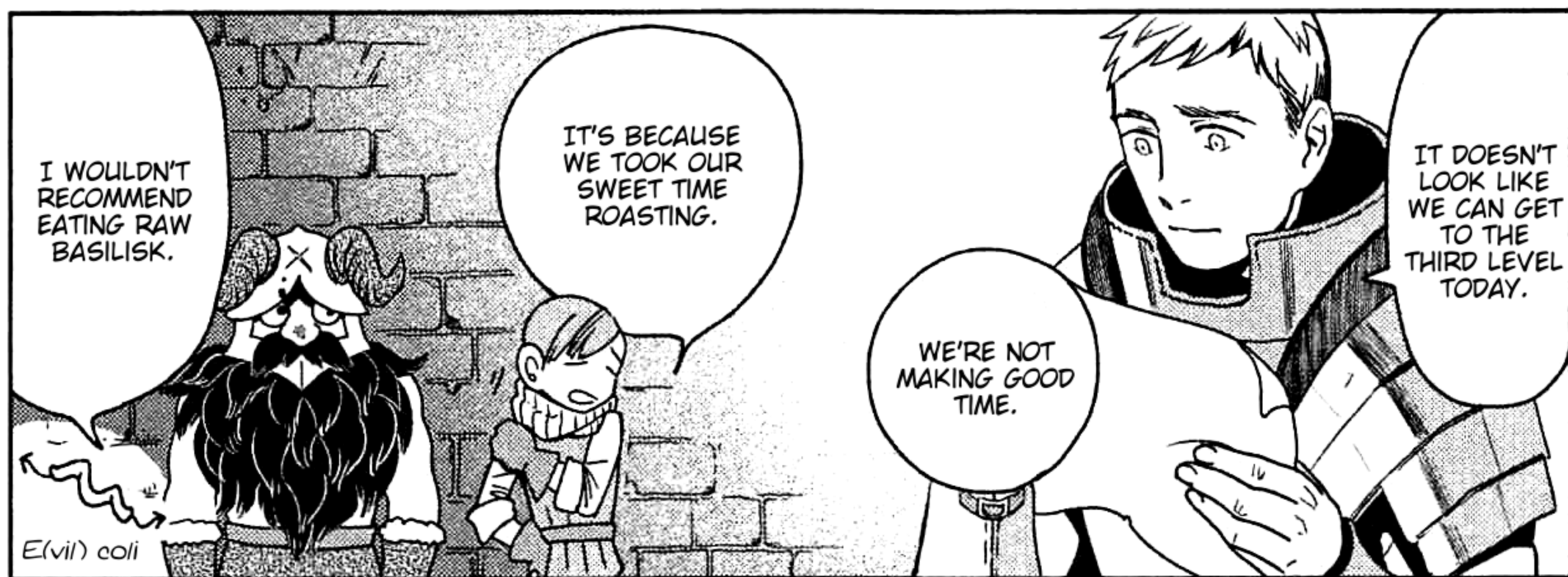
Chapter 4
Omelette

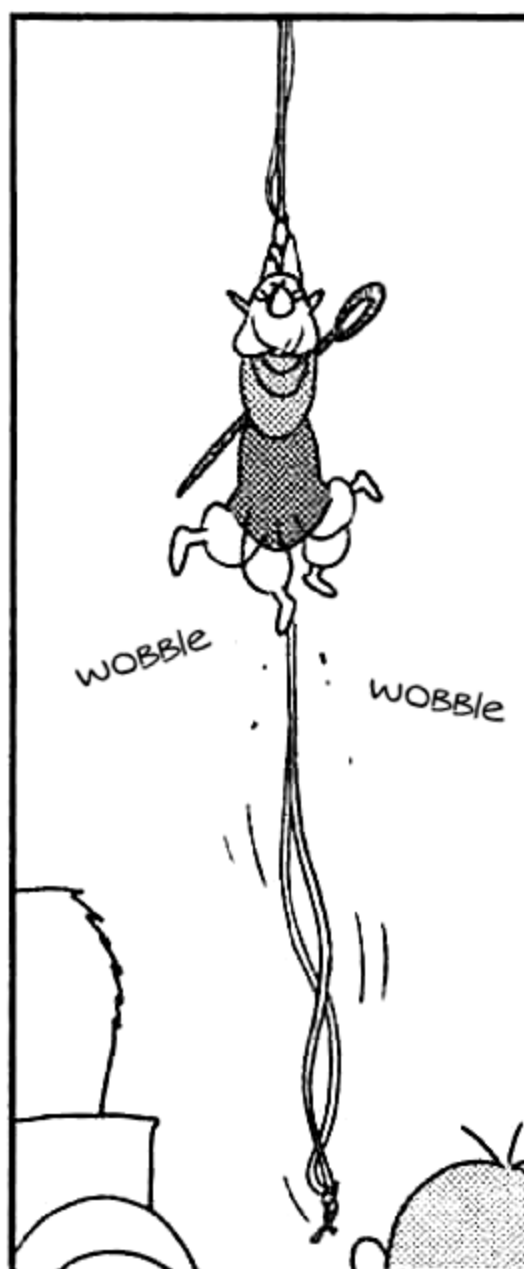
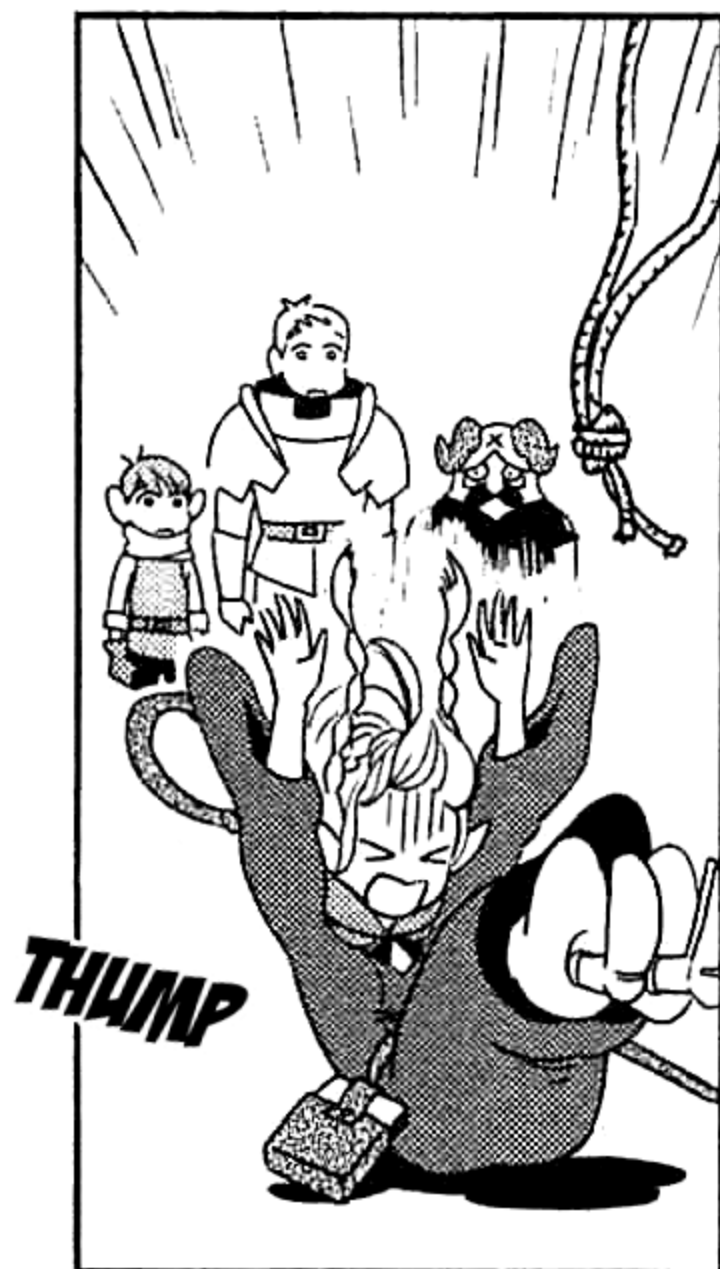


SFX:
STEP



SFX:
CREAK



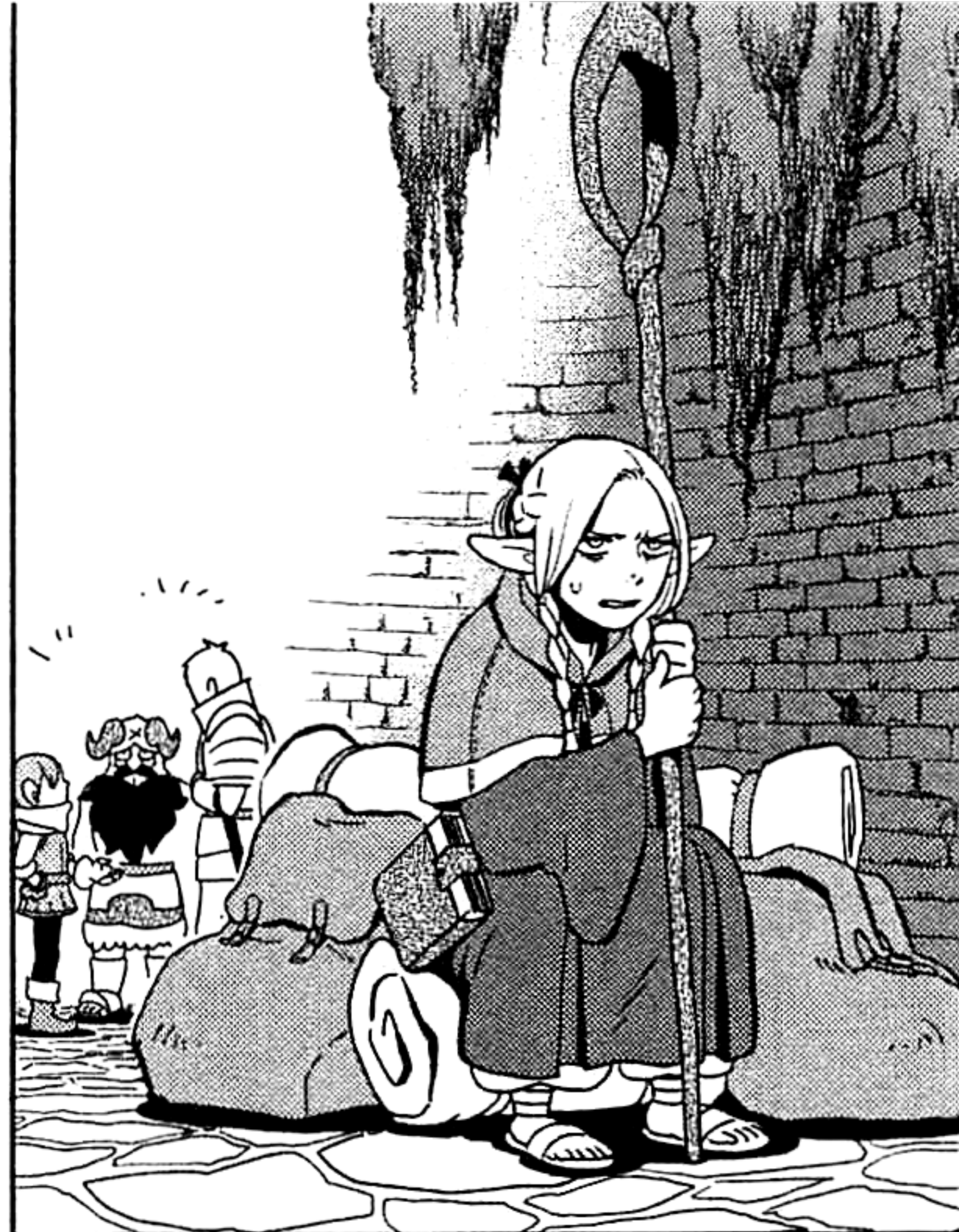
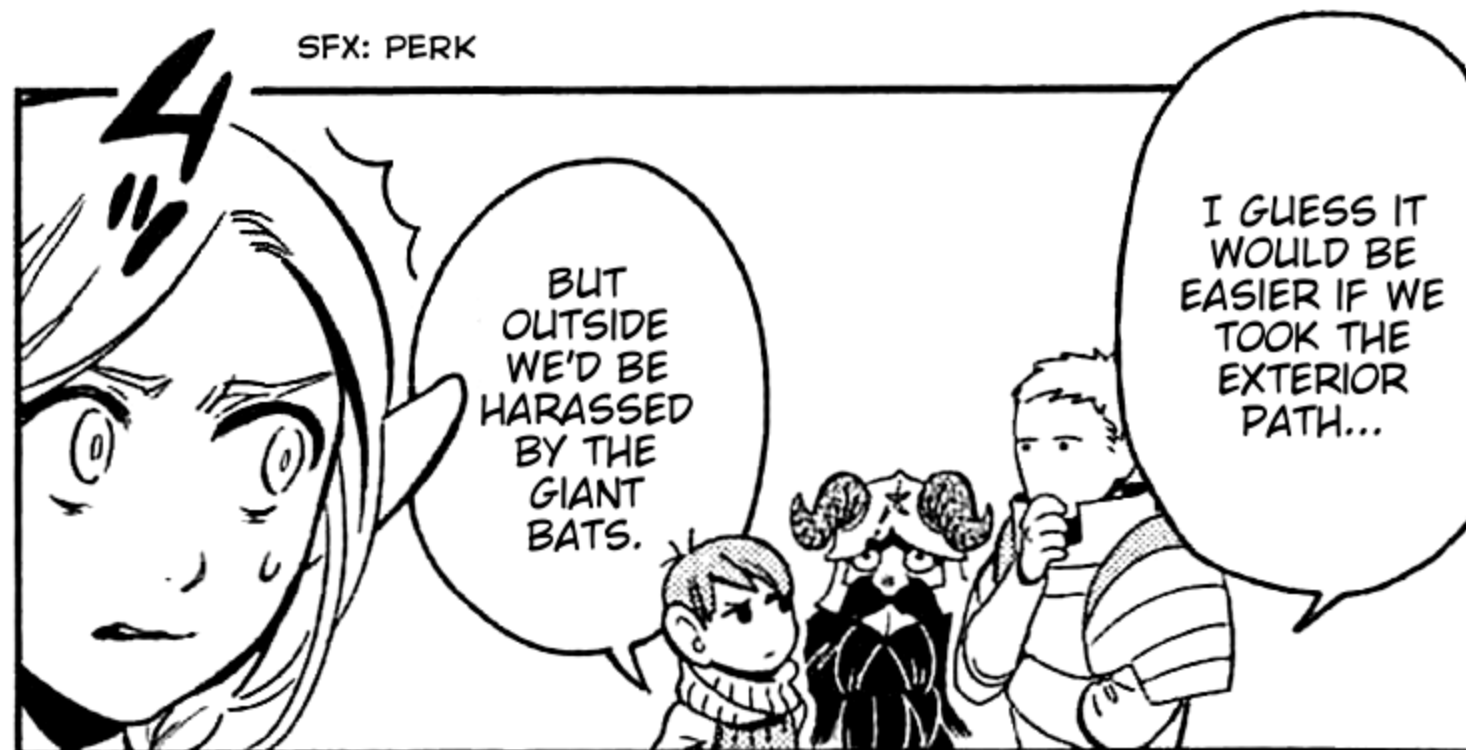


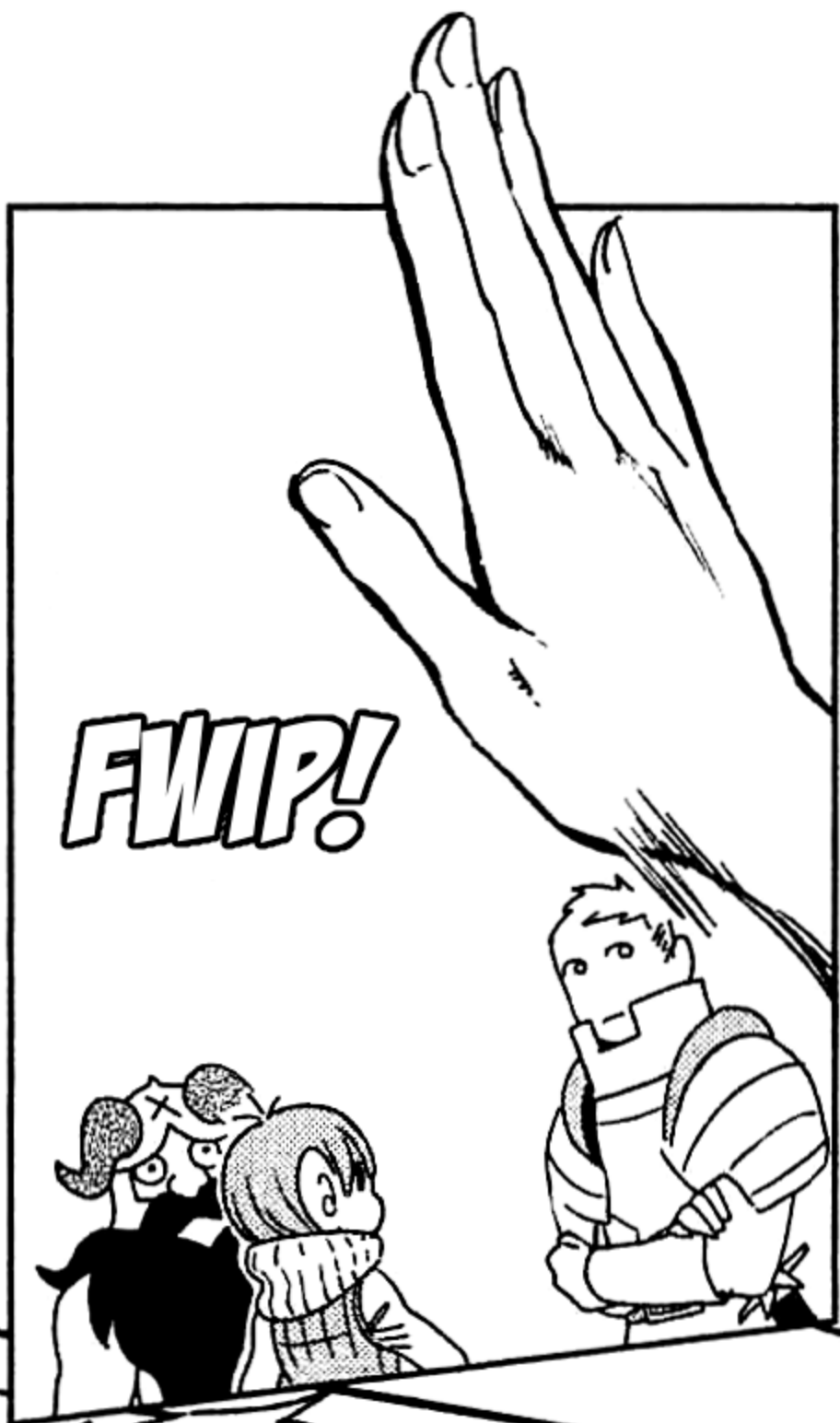
SFX:
MUMBLE



SFX: SHOCK







FWIP!



MANDRAKE!



LET'S PICK
A FEW
WHILE
THE ELF
GIRL IS
RESTING.

THERE'S
A SPOT
NEARBY
WHERE
LOTS OF
MANDRAKES
GROW.



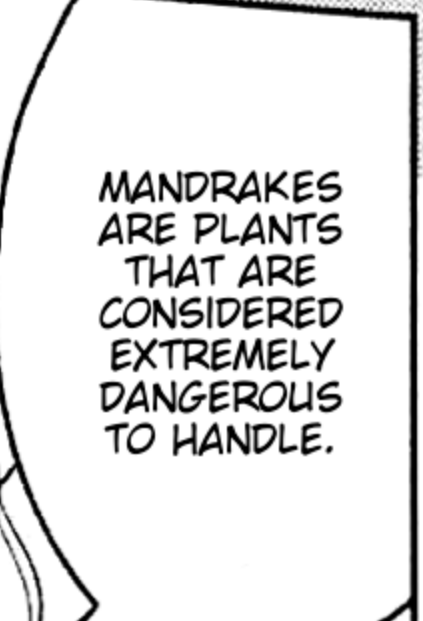
WAIT!
WAIT A
MINUTE!

I KNOW
ALL THERE
IS TO KNOW
ABOUT
PICKING
MAN-
DRAKES!

YOU
SHOULD
LEAVE IT
TO ME!



IF AN AMATEUR
TRIES TO PICK
ONE, THEY WILL
REGRET IT.



MANDRAKES
ARE PLANTS
THAT ARE
CONSIDERED
EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS
TO HANDLE.



I'M FINE
BY MYSELF.

NO YOU
AREN'T!

And you're supposed to be an expert?





I'D PREFER IT
IF YOU GUYS
FOLLOWED
MY LEAD.

IN OTHER
WORDS, MY
AREA OF
EXPERTISE!



YOU'RE REALLY
INTO THIS, FOR
SOMEONE WHO
USUALLY
COMPLAINS
ALL THE TIME.

MANDRAKES
ARE THE FIRST
THING WE
LEARN ABOUT
IN MAGIC AND
HERBOLOGY
CLASSES.



WE'LL BE EVEN
FARTHER FROM
OUR GOAL
OF RESCUING
FARLYN.

IF
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPENS,
WE'RE ALL
DOOMED.

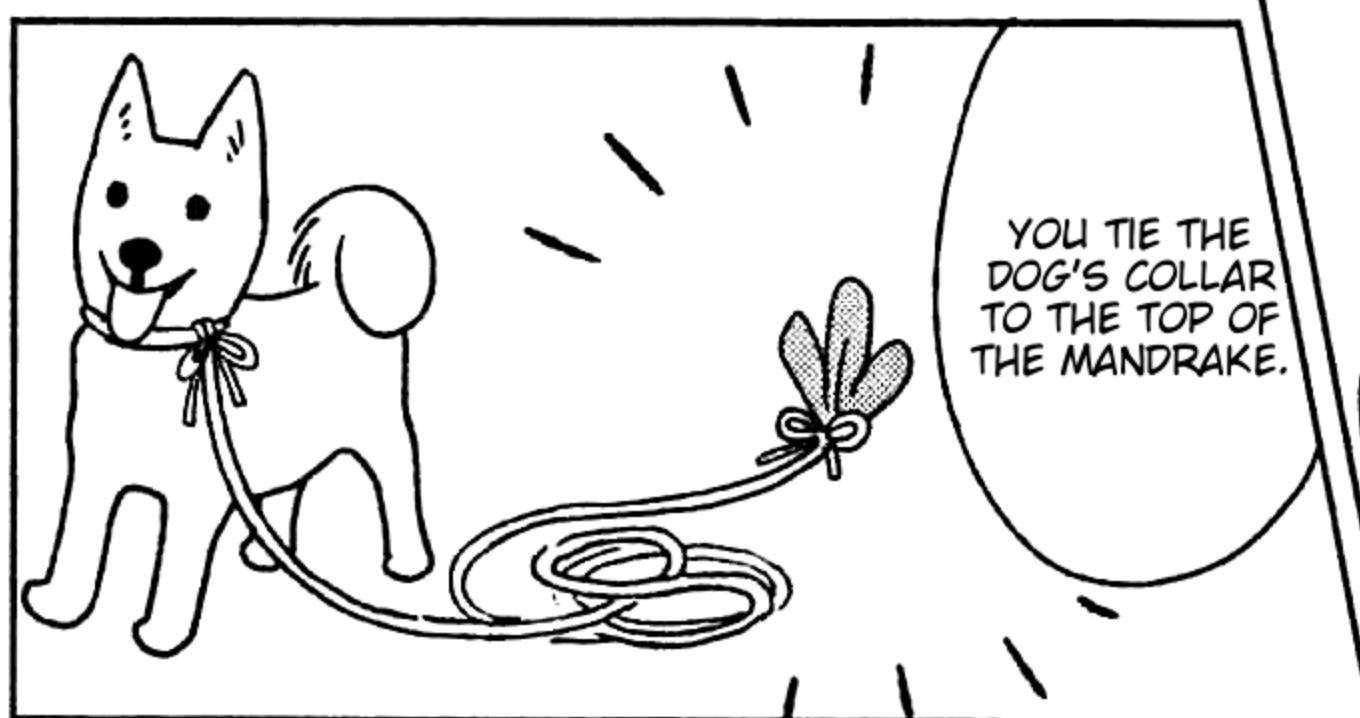
WE CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN!



MANDRAKES
SCREAM
WHEN
THEY ARE
UPROOTED.

ANYONE WHO
HEARS THE
SCREAM WILL
HAVE A MENTAL
BREAKDOWN.

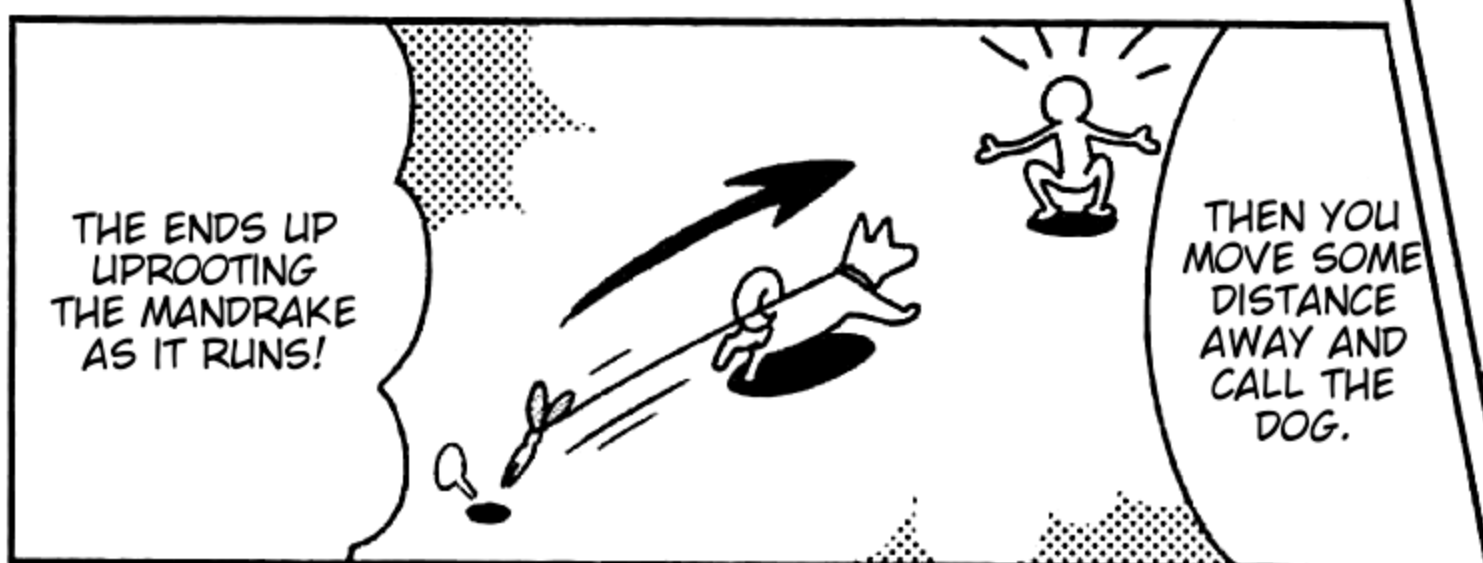
IT MAY
EVEN RESULT
IN DEATH.



YOU TIE THE
DOG'S COLLAR
TO THE TOP OF
THE MANDRAKE.

A DOG?

FIRST, YOU
NEED A ROPE
AND A WELL-
TRAINED DOG.



THE ENDS UP
UPROOTING
THE MANDRAKE
AS IT RUNS!

THEN YOU
MOVE SOME
DISTANCE
AWAY AND
CALL THE
DOG.



WELL,

AT
SCHOOL,
WE...

THE WHOLE
METHOD SEEMS
INEFFICIENT
AS HELL!

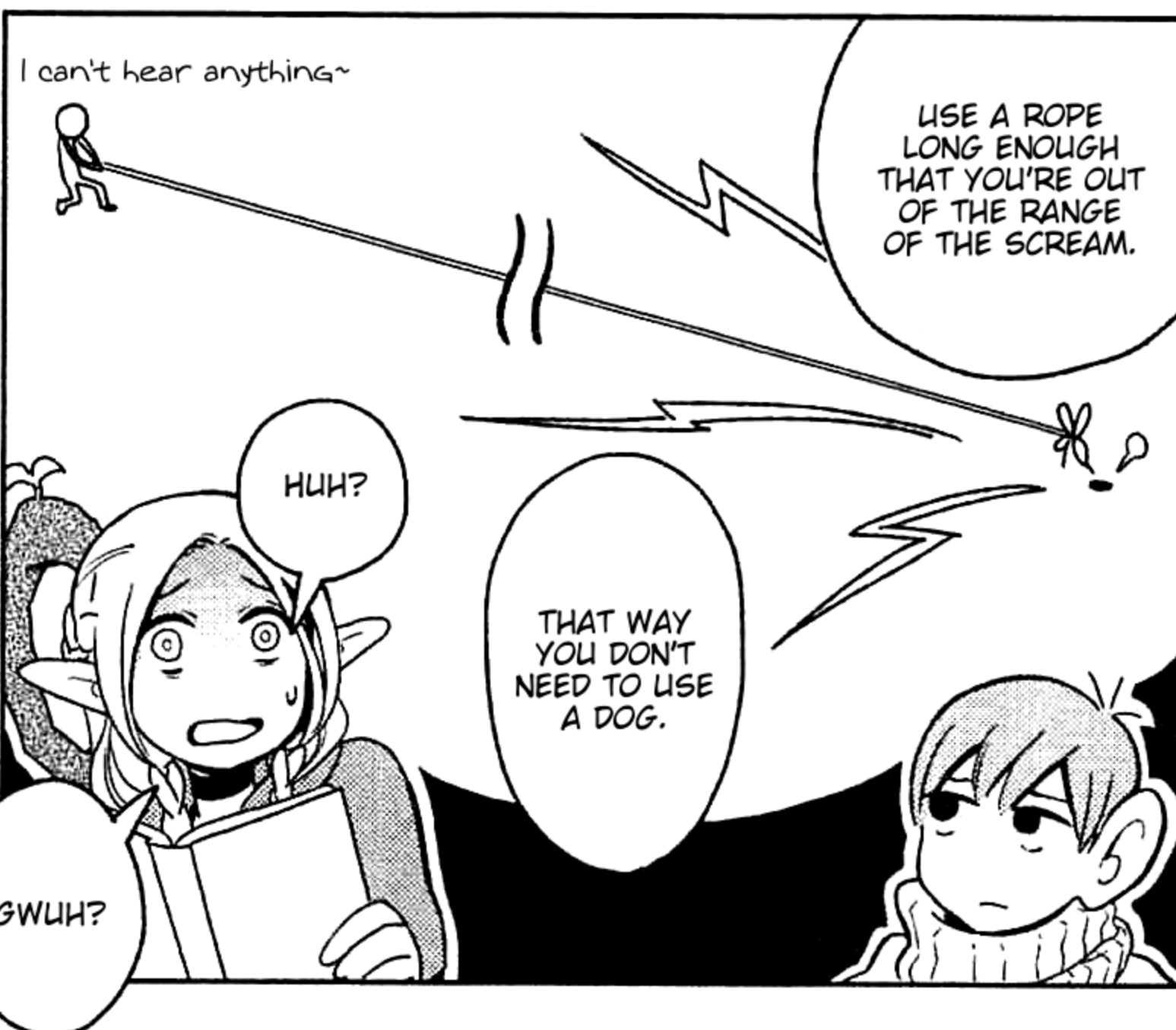
AND TO BEGIN
WITH, WHERE
WILL WE GET
A DOG?



IT
DIES...

WHAT
HAPPENS
TO THE
DOG?

THAT'S
AWFUL!



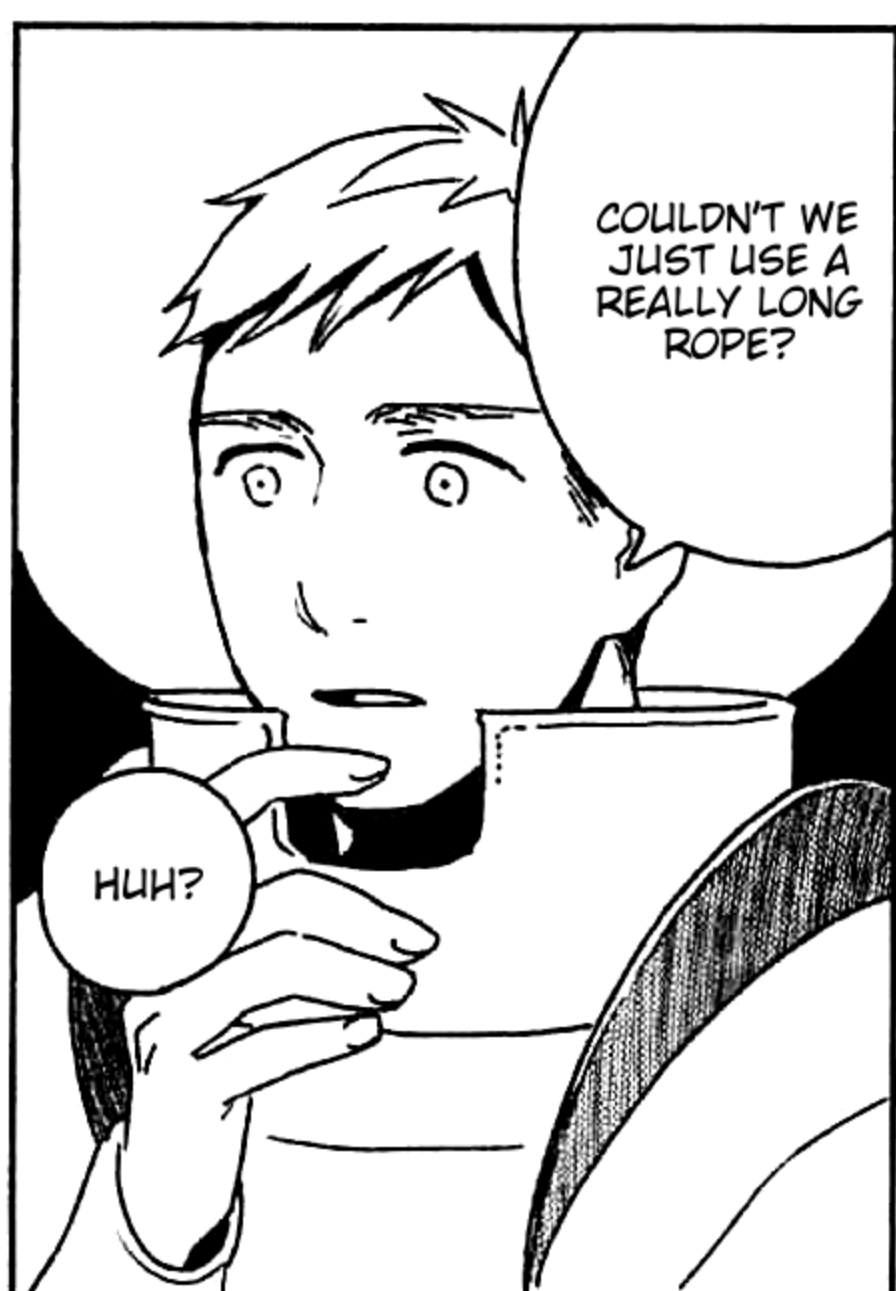
I can't hear anything~

USE A ROPE
LONG ENOUGH
THAT YOU'RE OUT
OF THE RANGE
OF THE SCREAM.

HUH?

THAT WAY
YOU DON'T
NEED TO USE
A DOG.

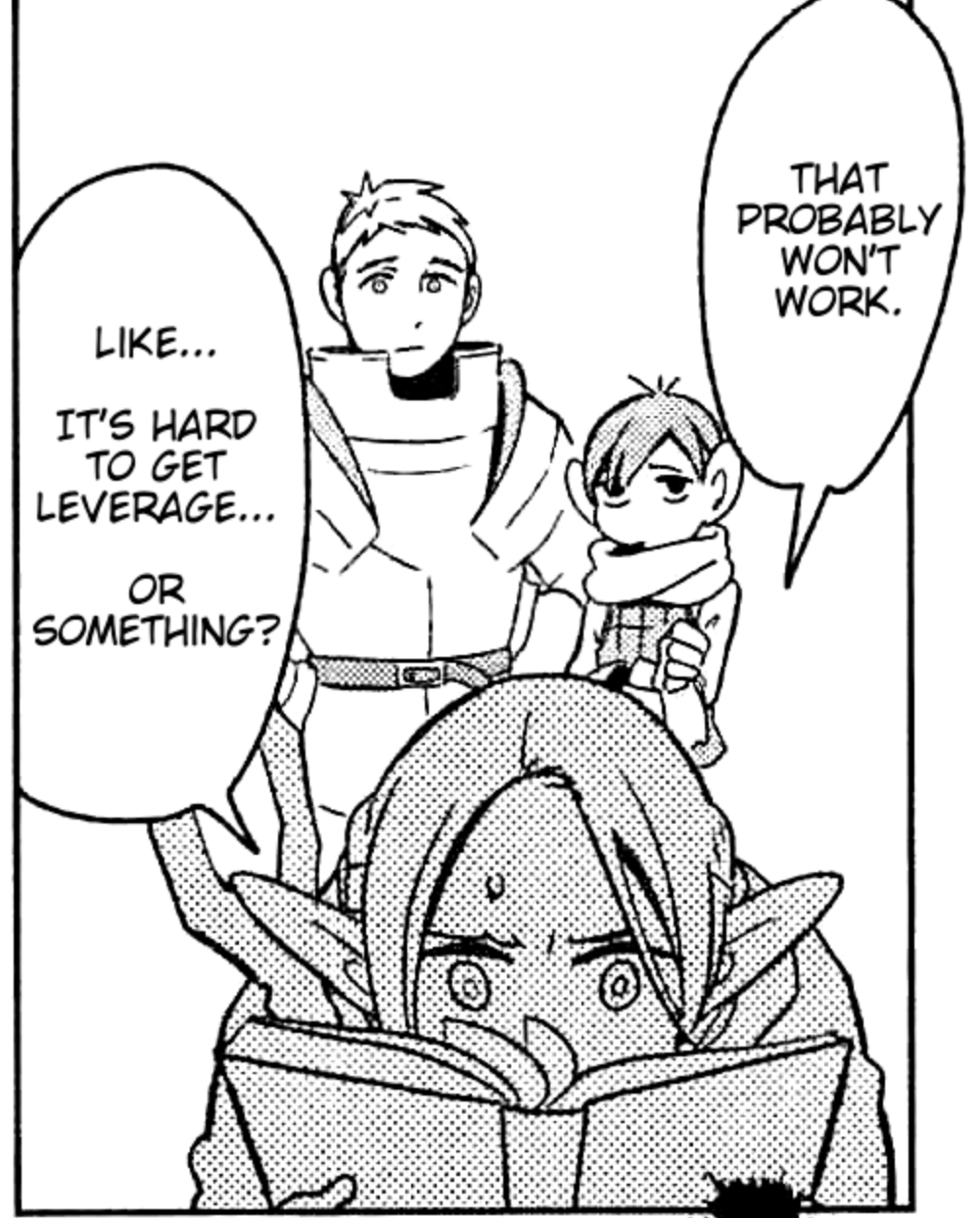
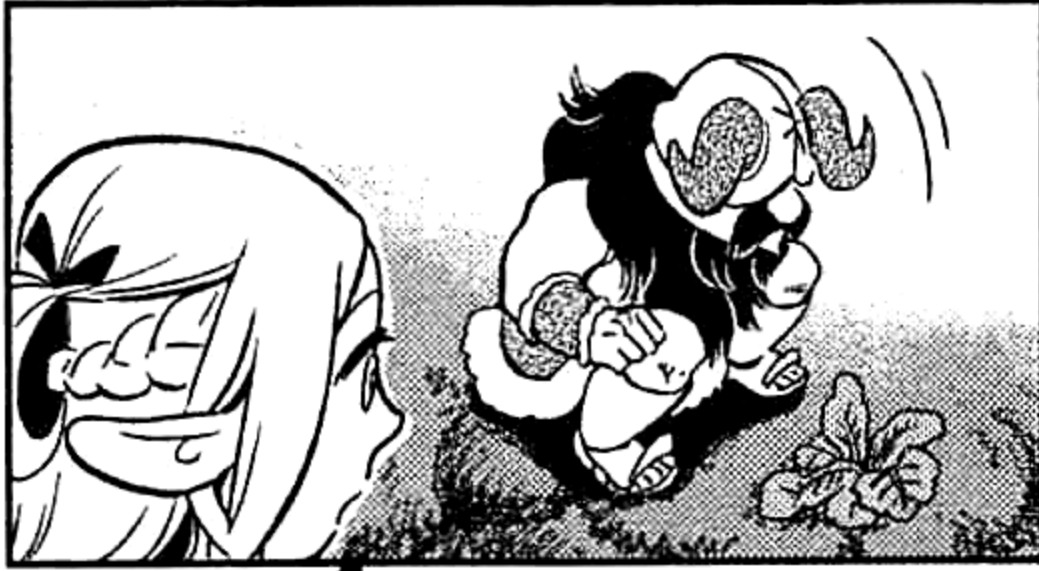
GWUH?



COULDN'T WE
JUST USE A
REALLY LONG
ROPE?

HUH?

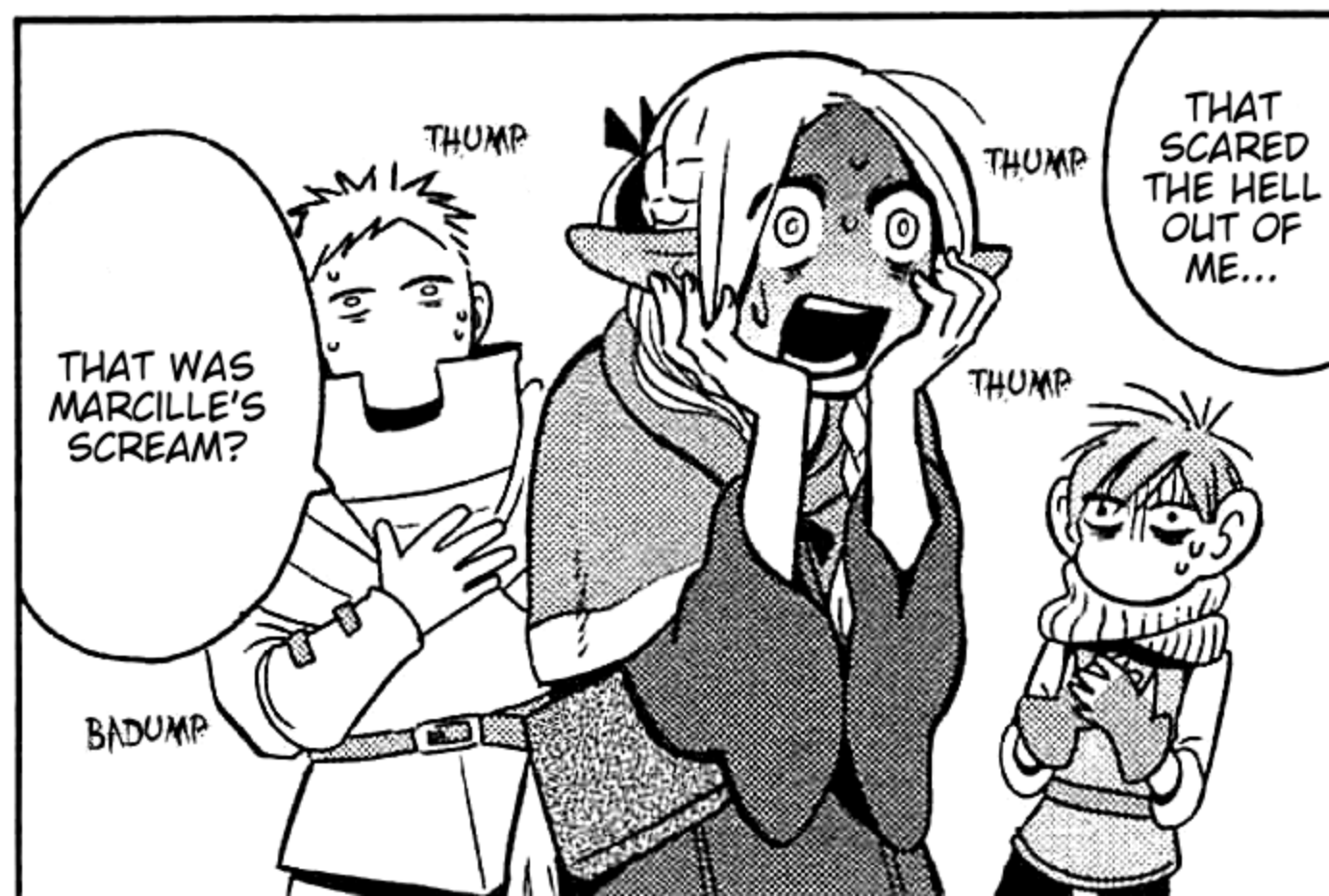
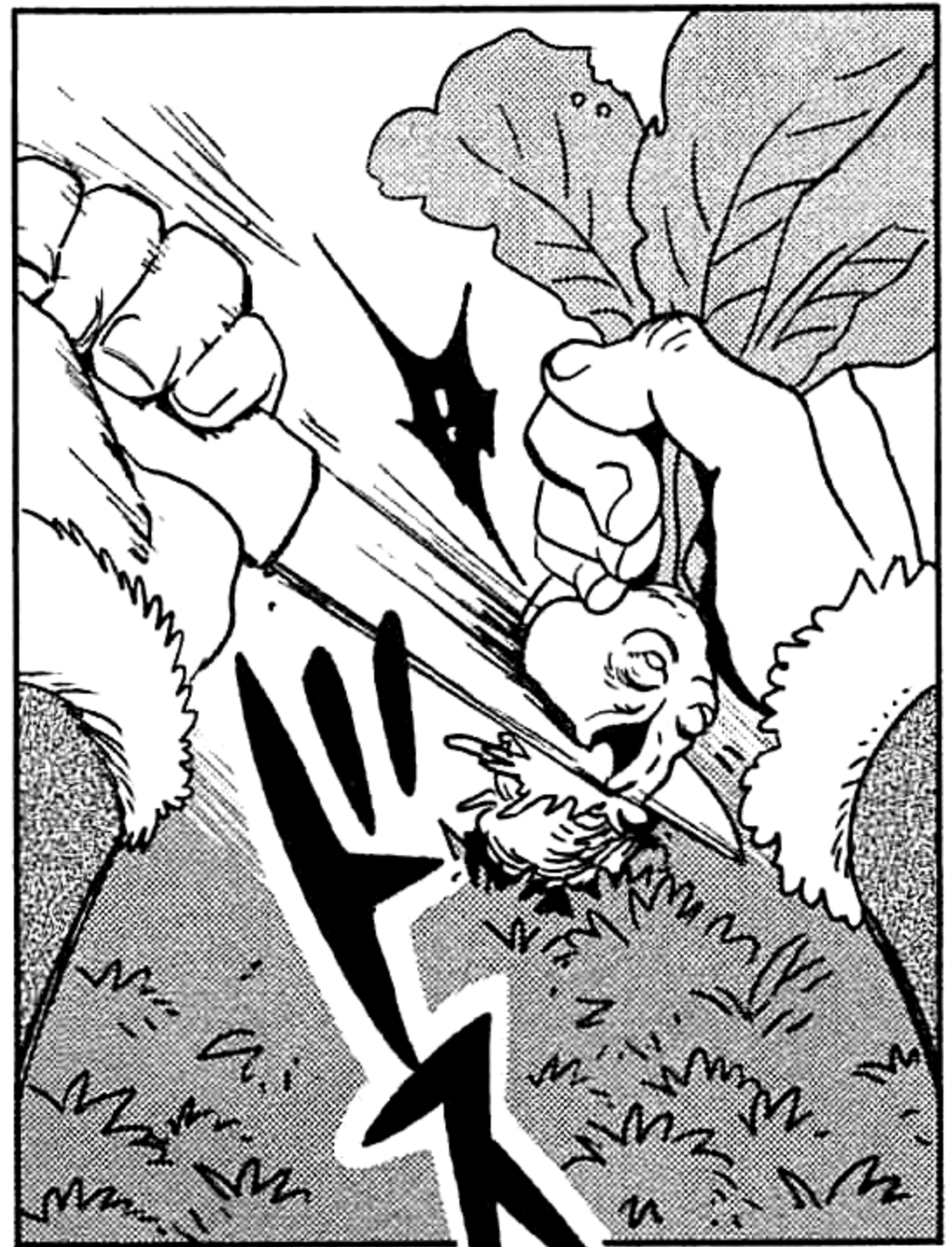
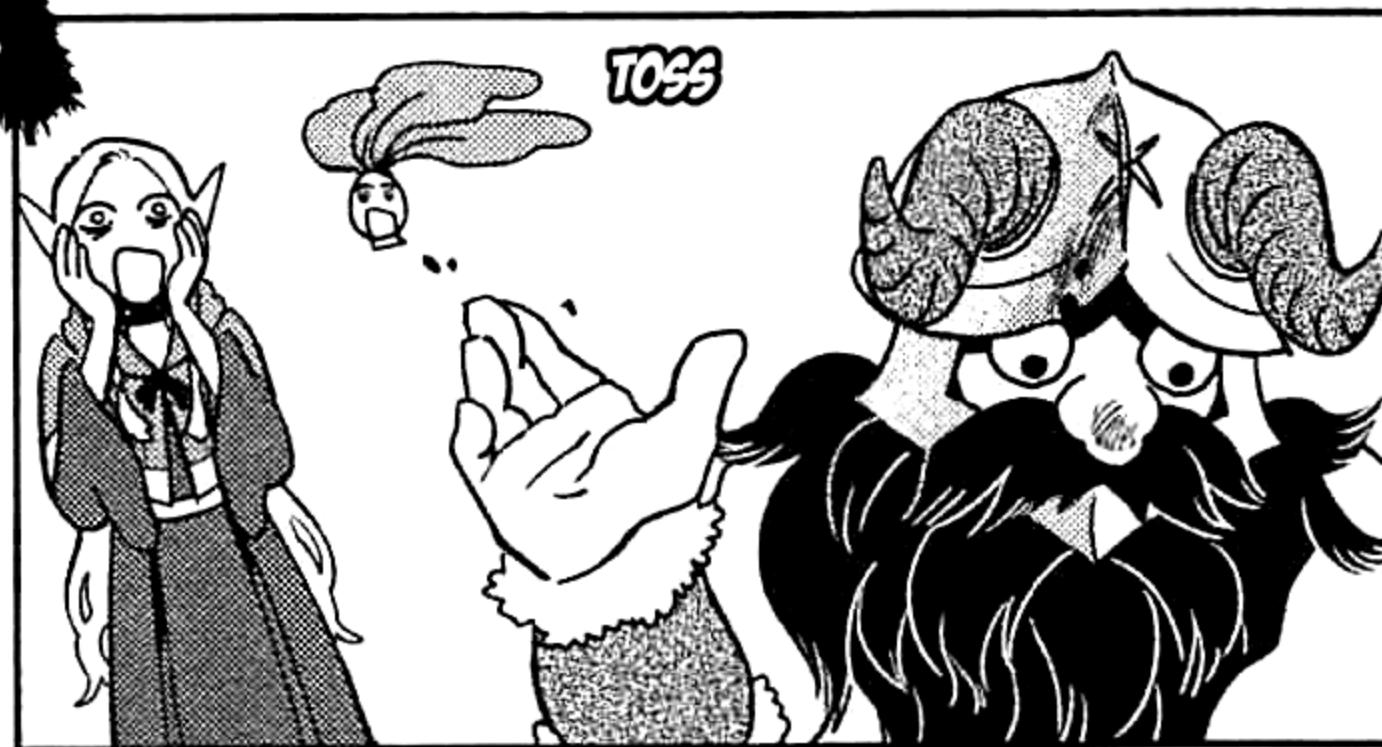
SFX: THUMP



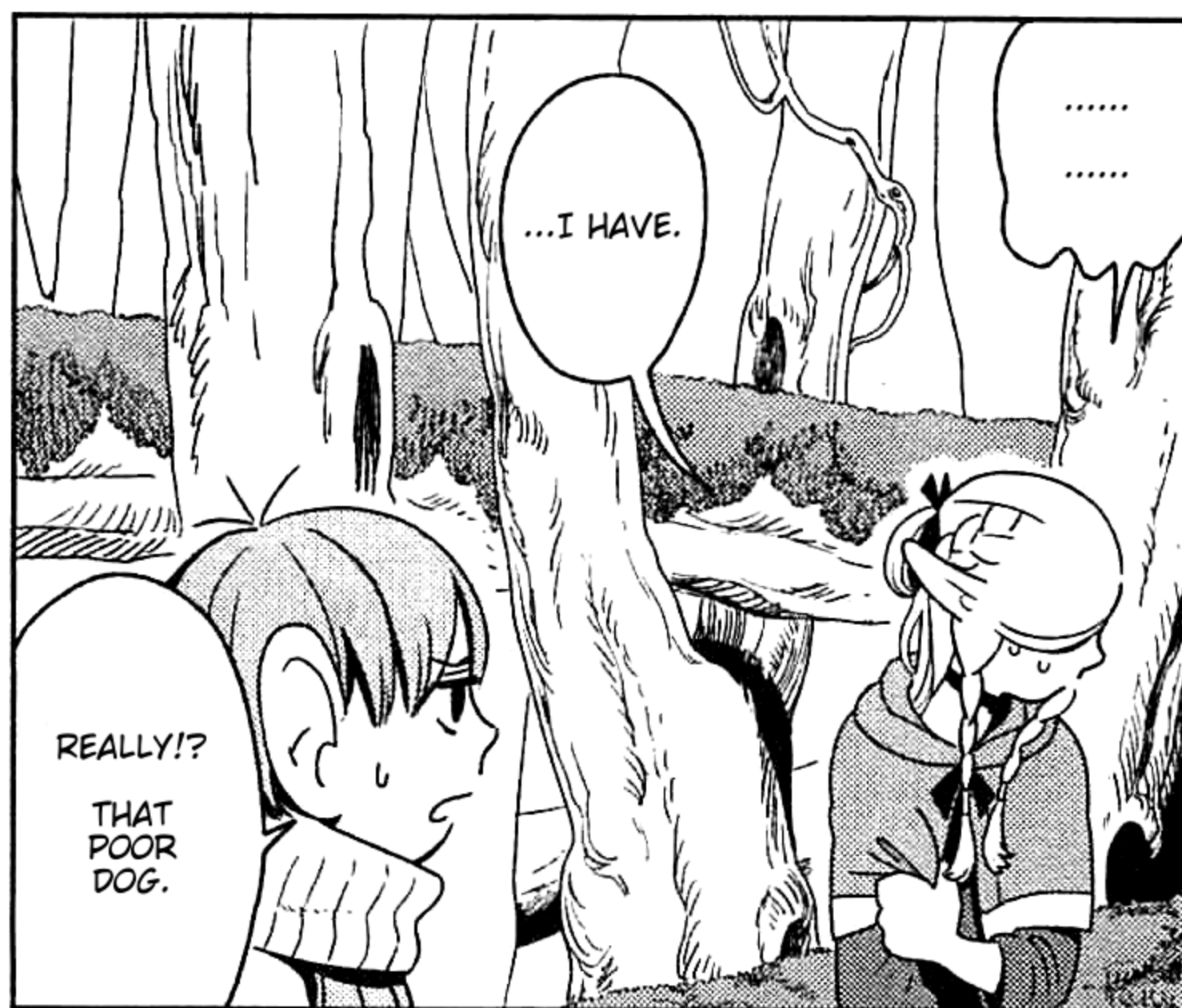
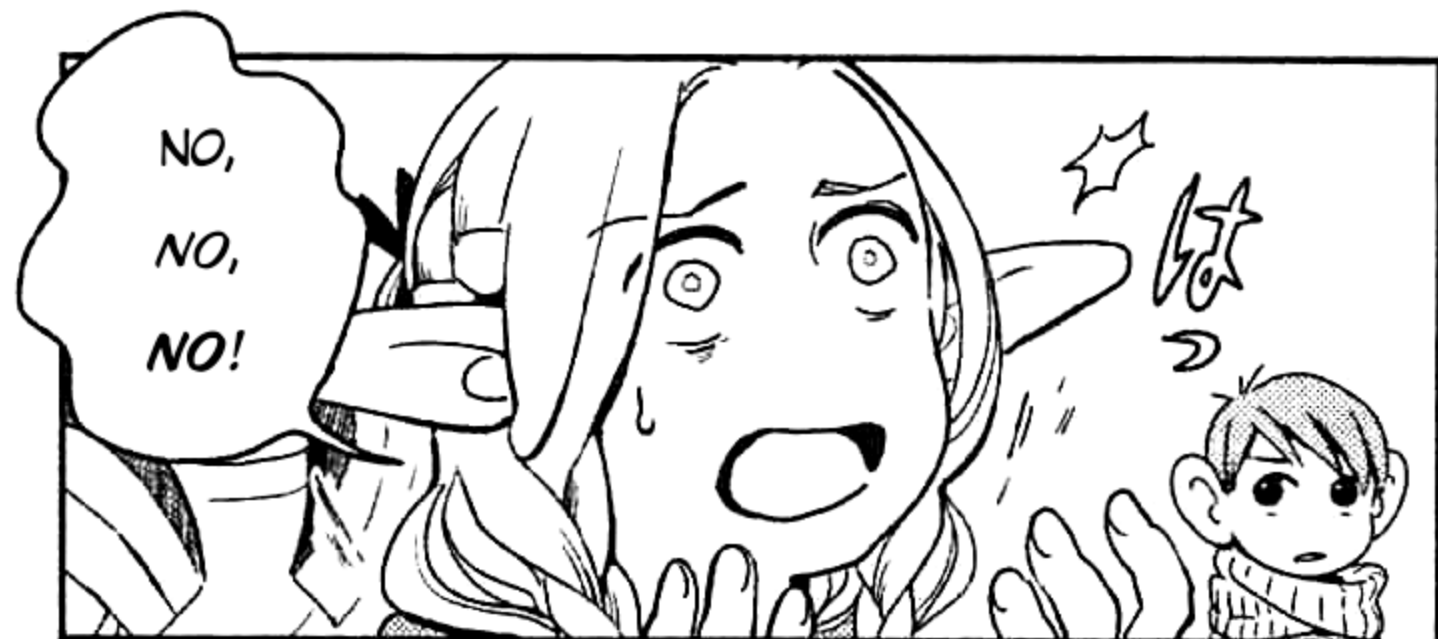
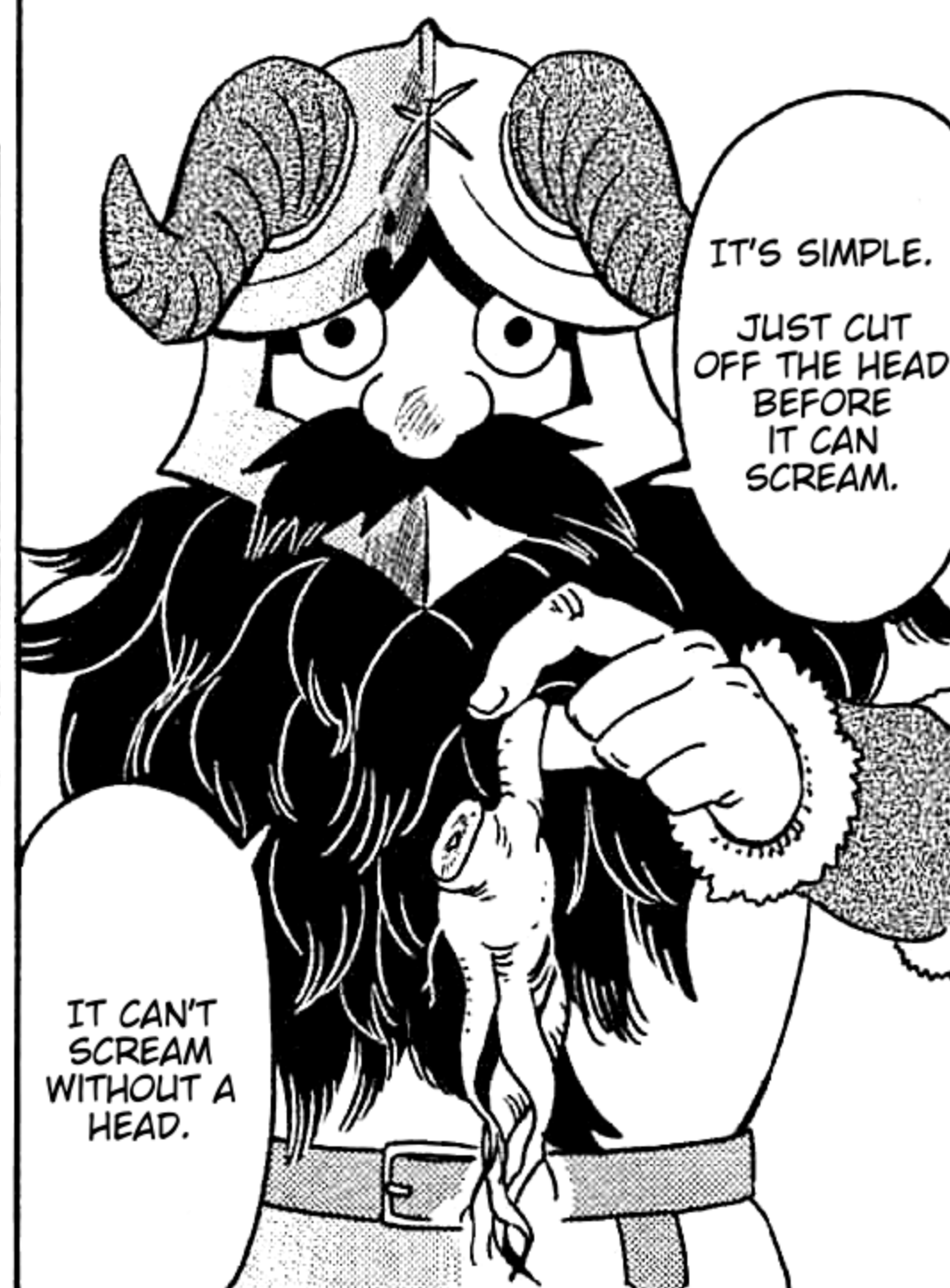
SFX:
YANK

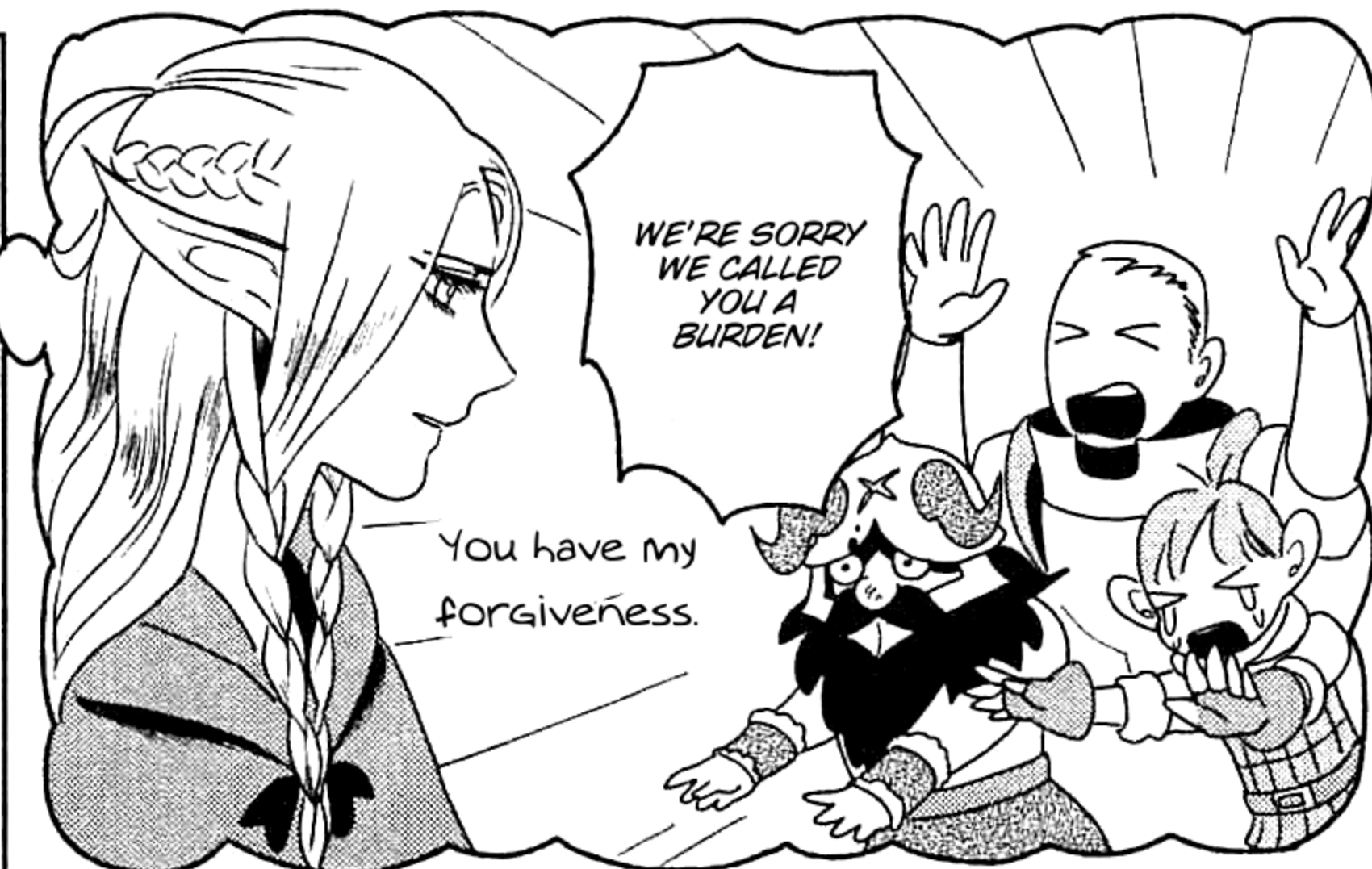
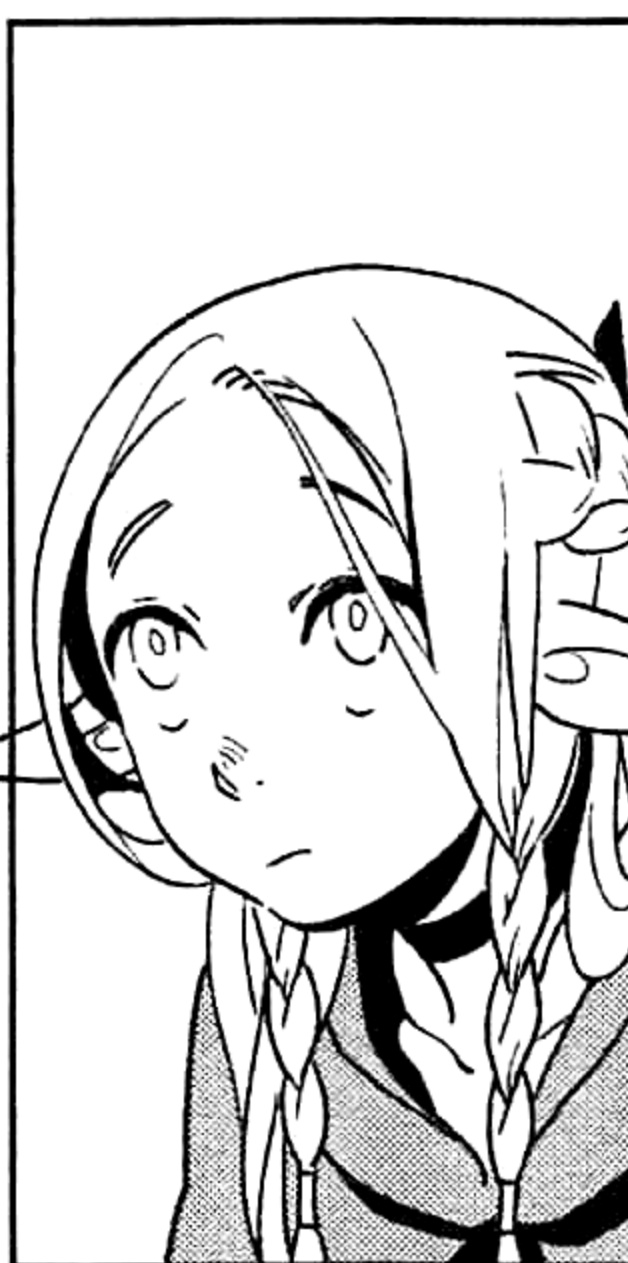
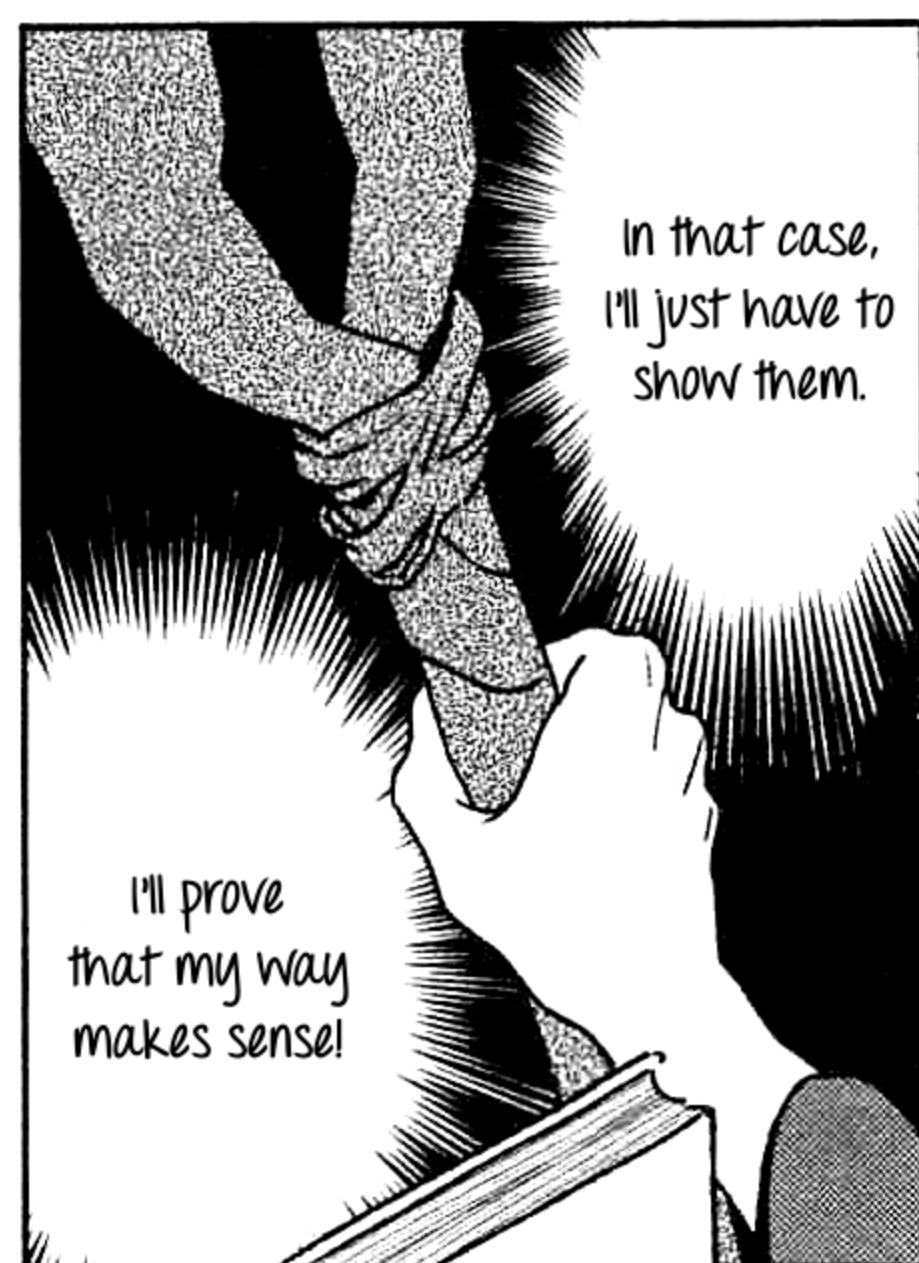


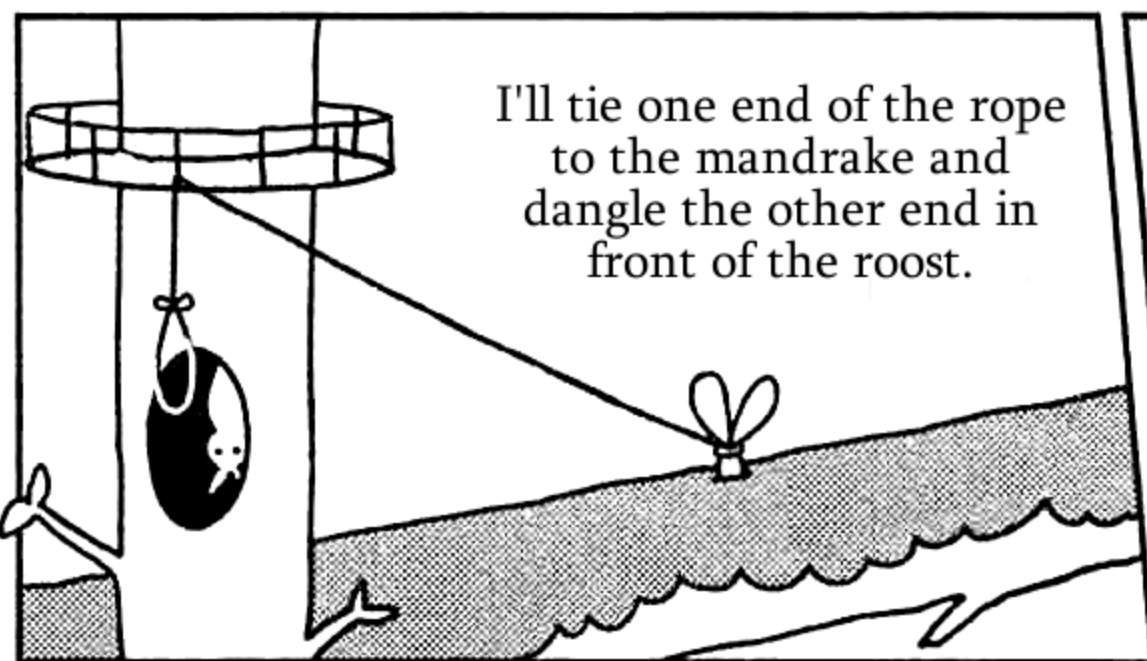
SFX: AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!



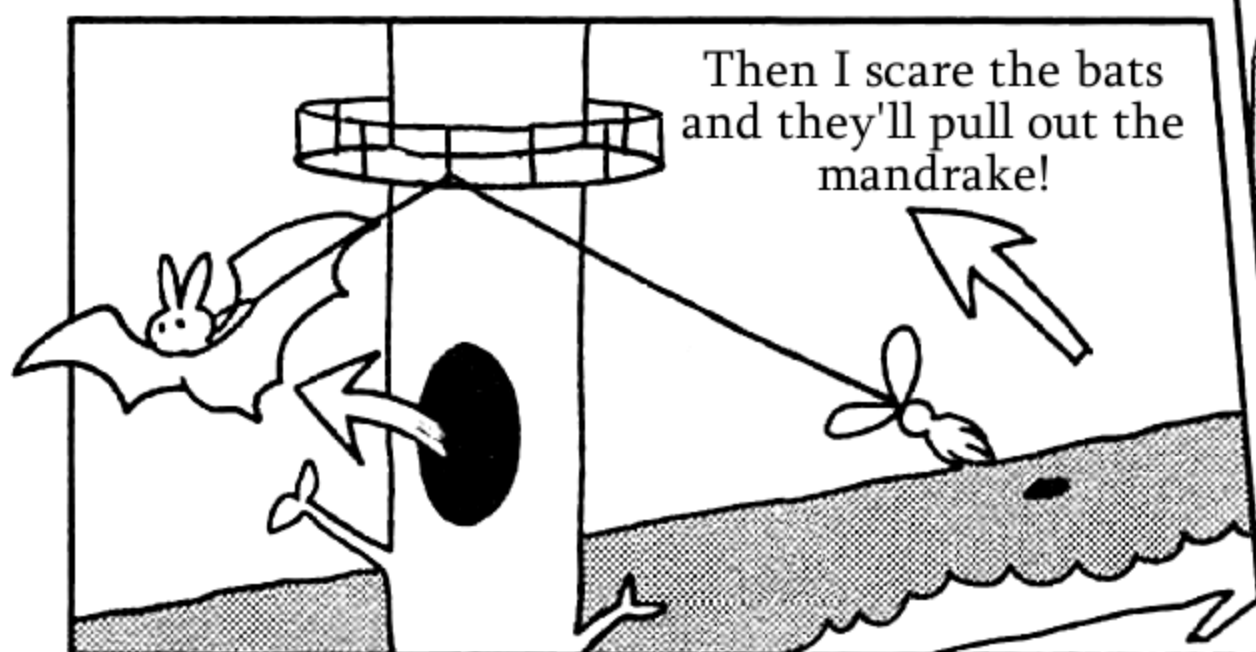
SFX: SLICE







I'll tie one end of the rope to the mandrake and dangle the other end in front of the roost.



Then I scare the bats and they'll pull out the mandrake!



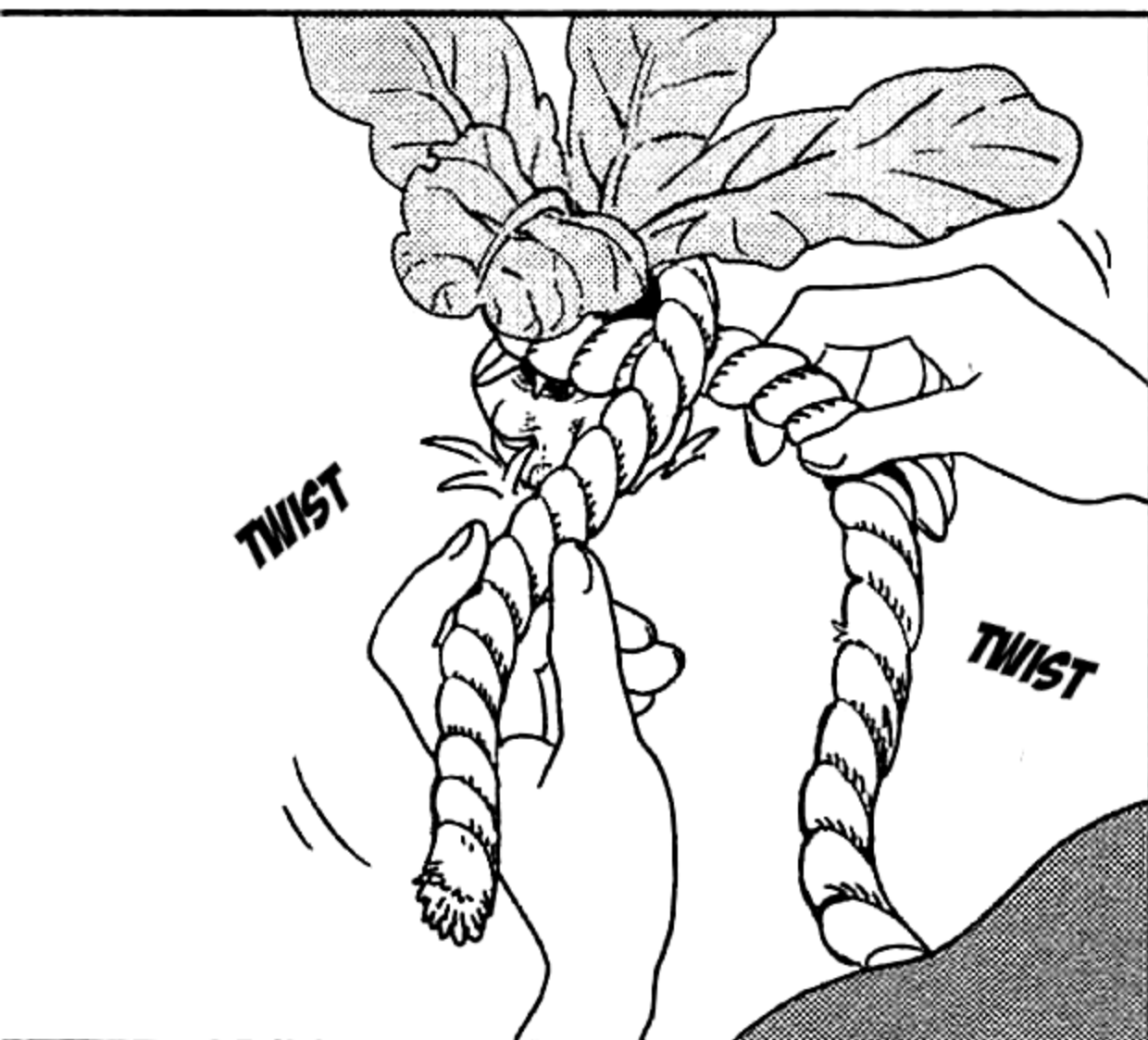
Around here, the most common monsters are giant bats.

They should be sleeping in their roosts now.



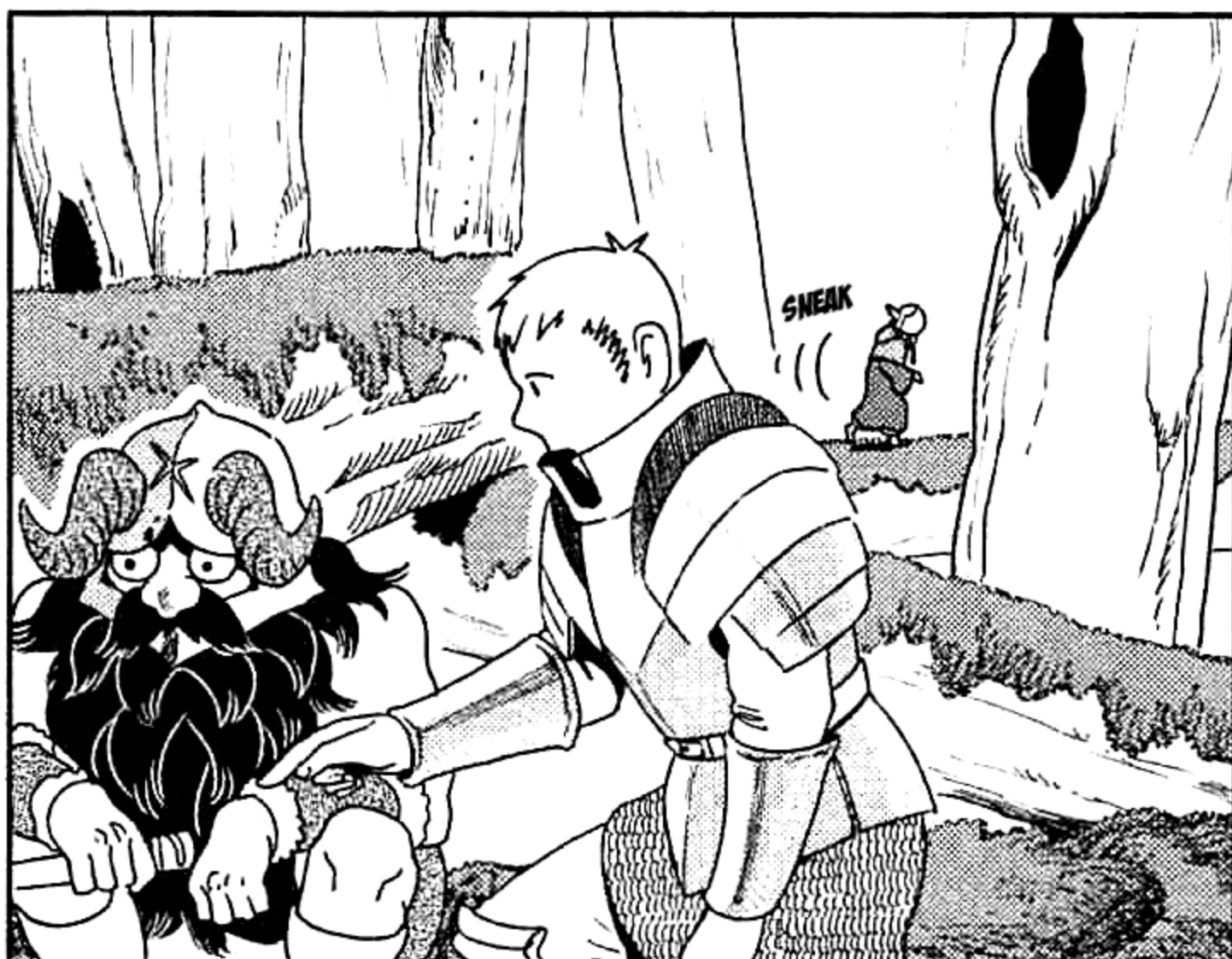
I'll have to use a monster to pull out the mandrake!

SFX: COIL COIL

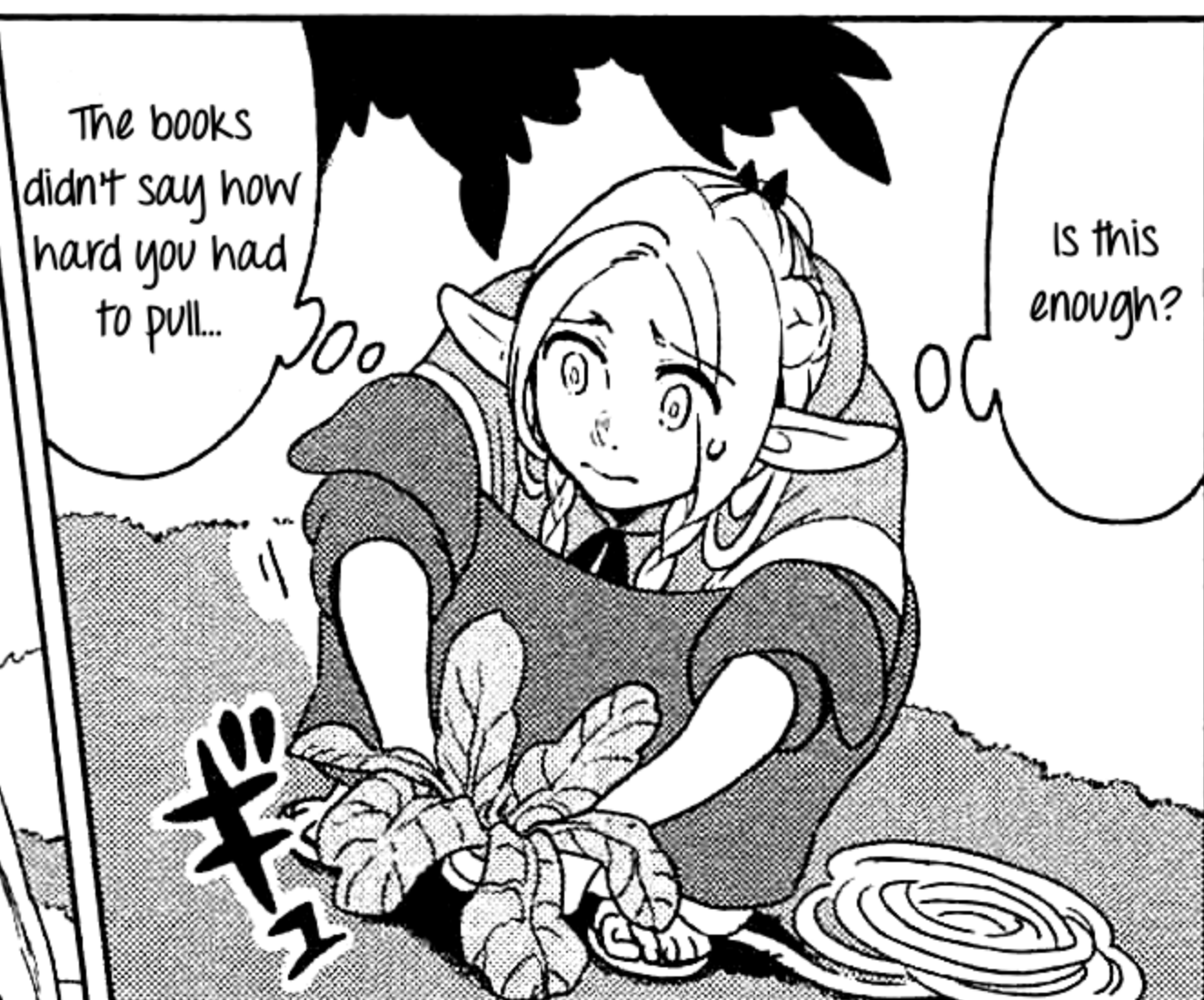
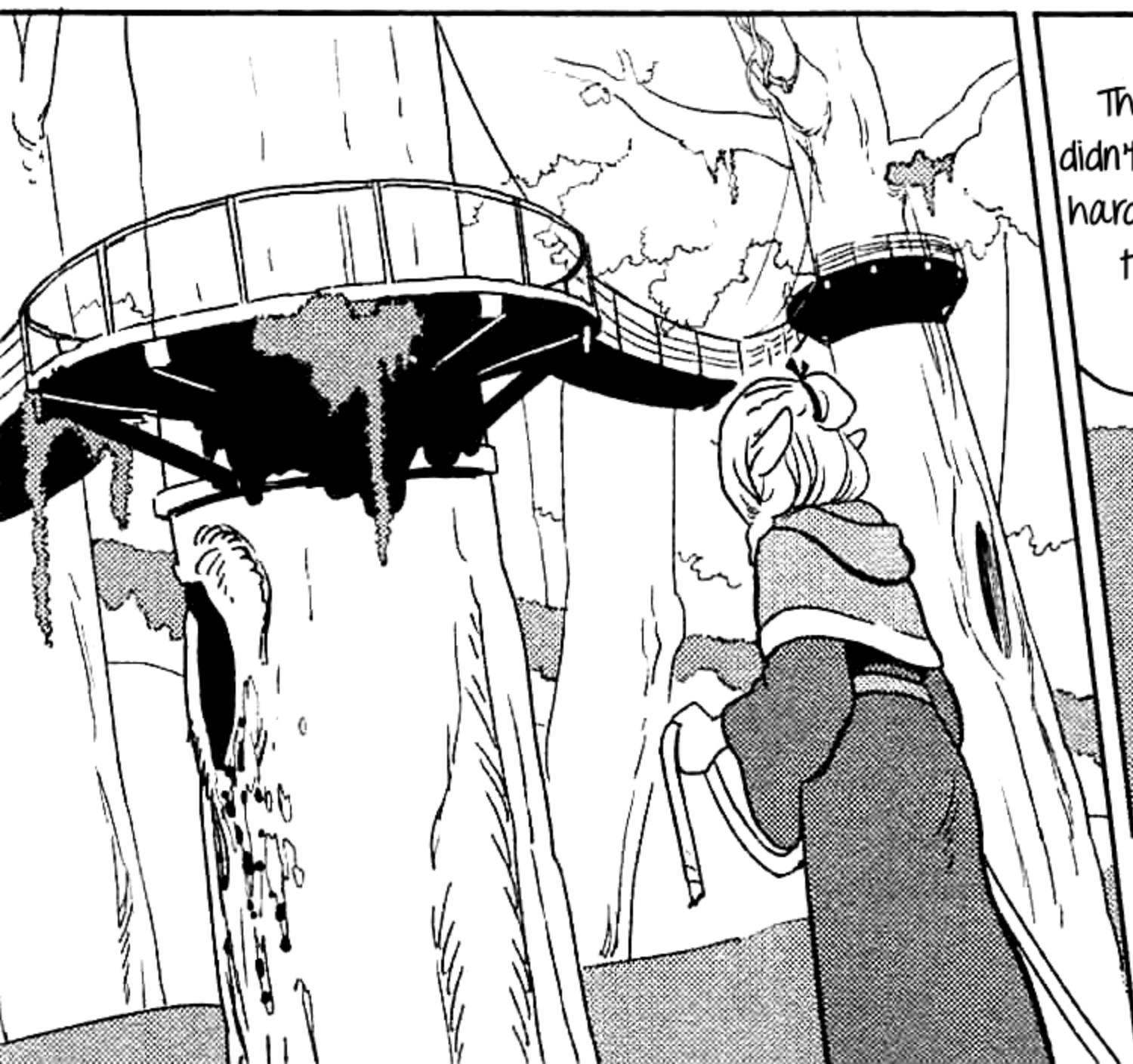


TWIST

TWIST



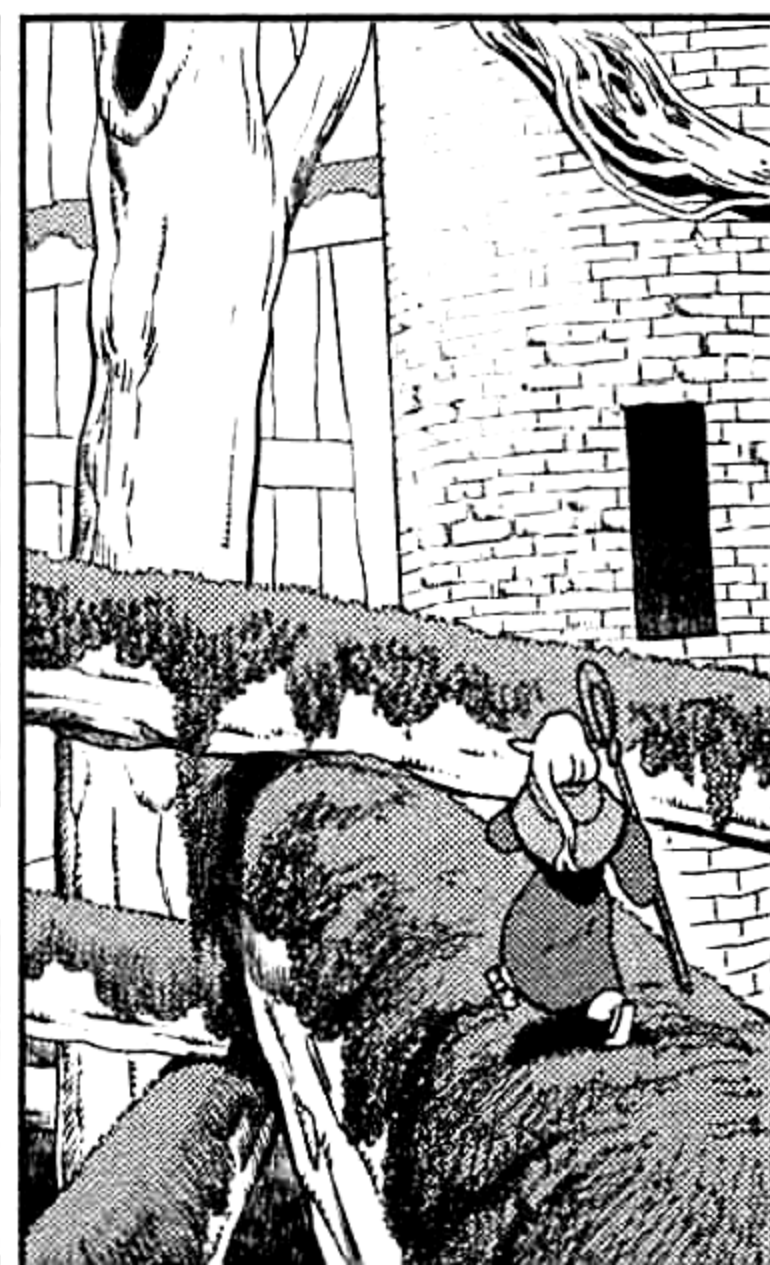
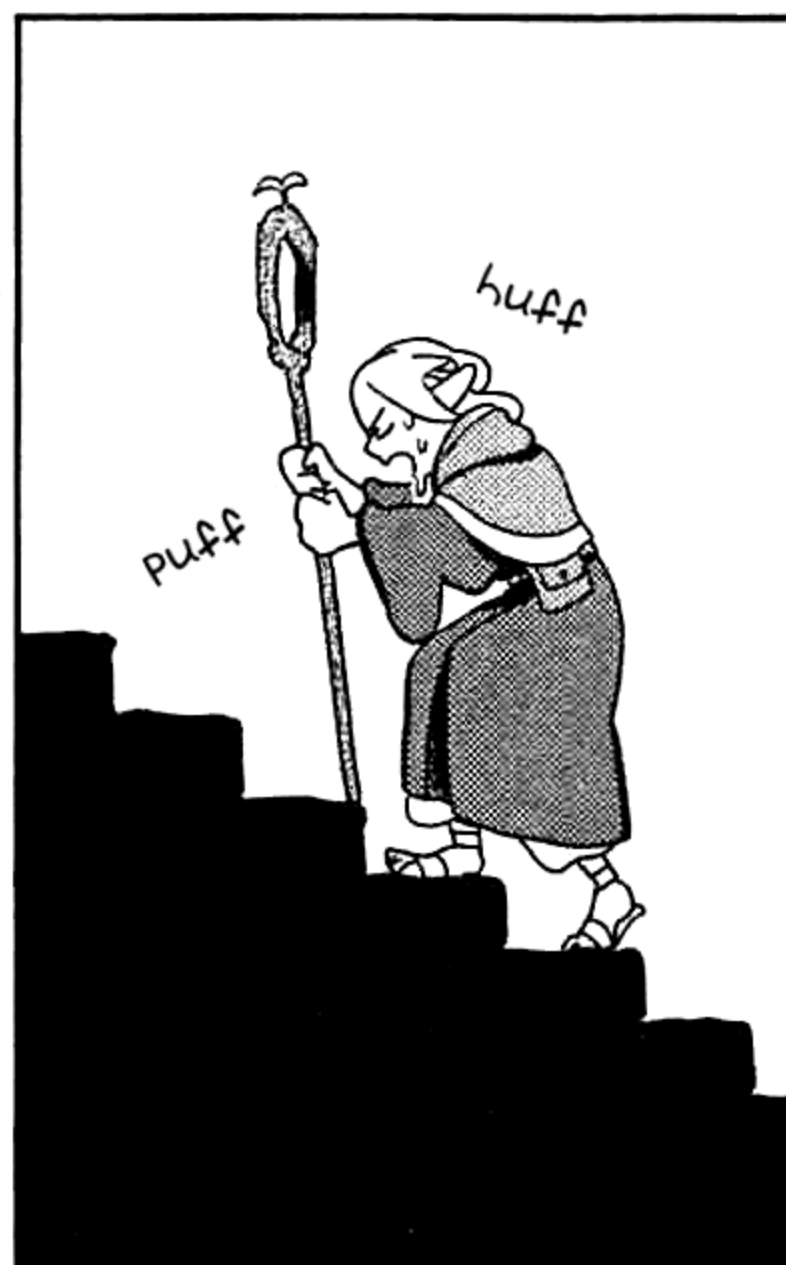
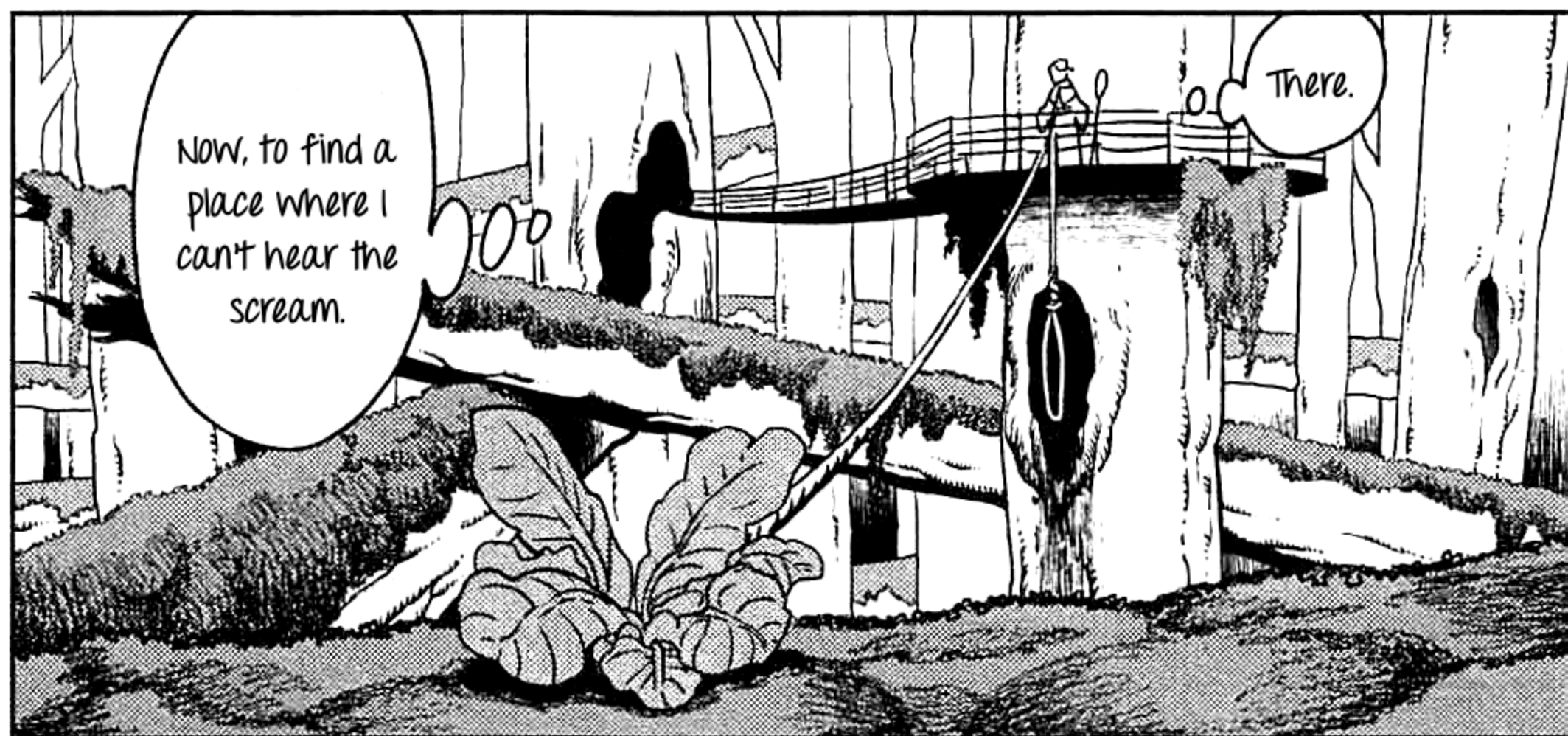
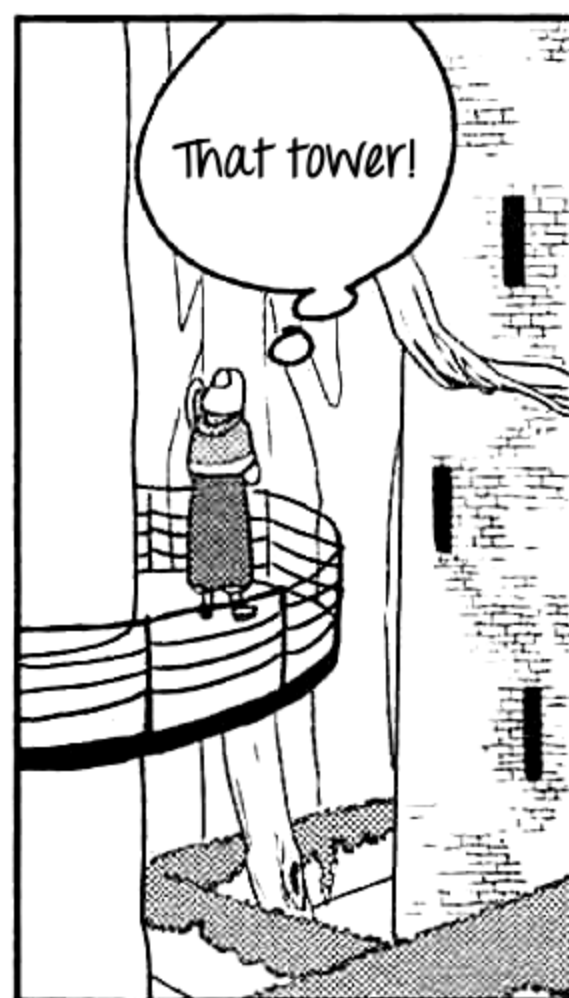
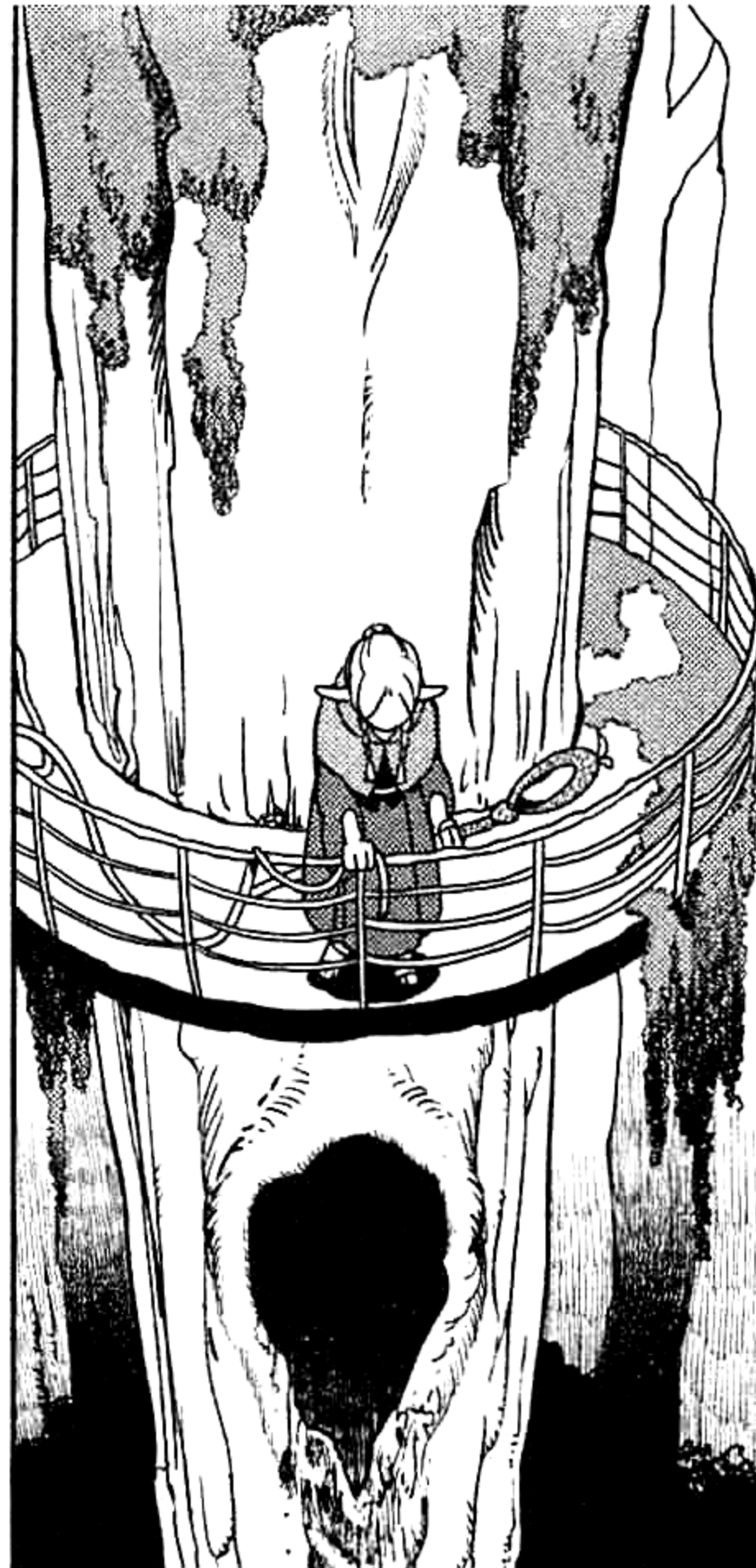
SNEAK



The books didn't say how hard you had to pull...

Is this enough?

SFX: TIGHTEN



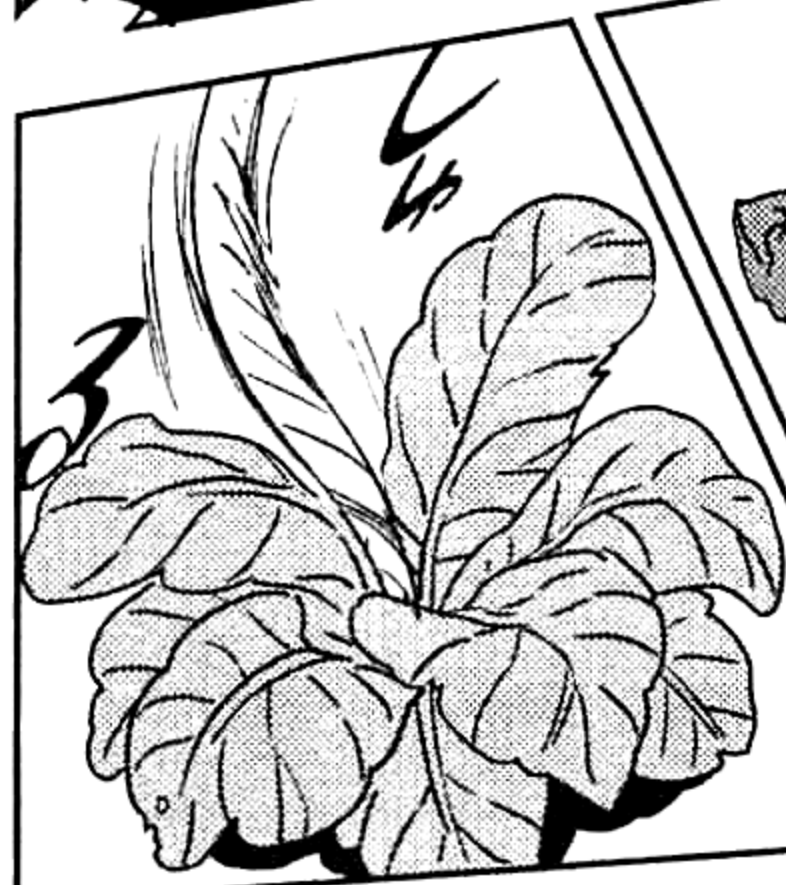
はーい...

Take careful aim...

SFX:
FLAP



SFX:
TWHIP

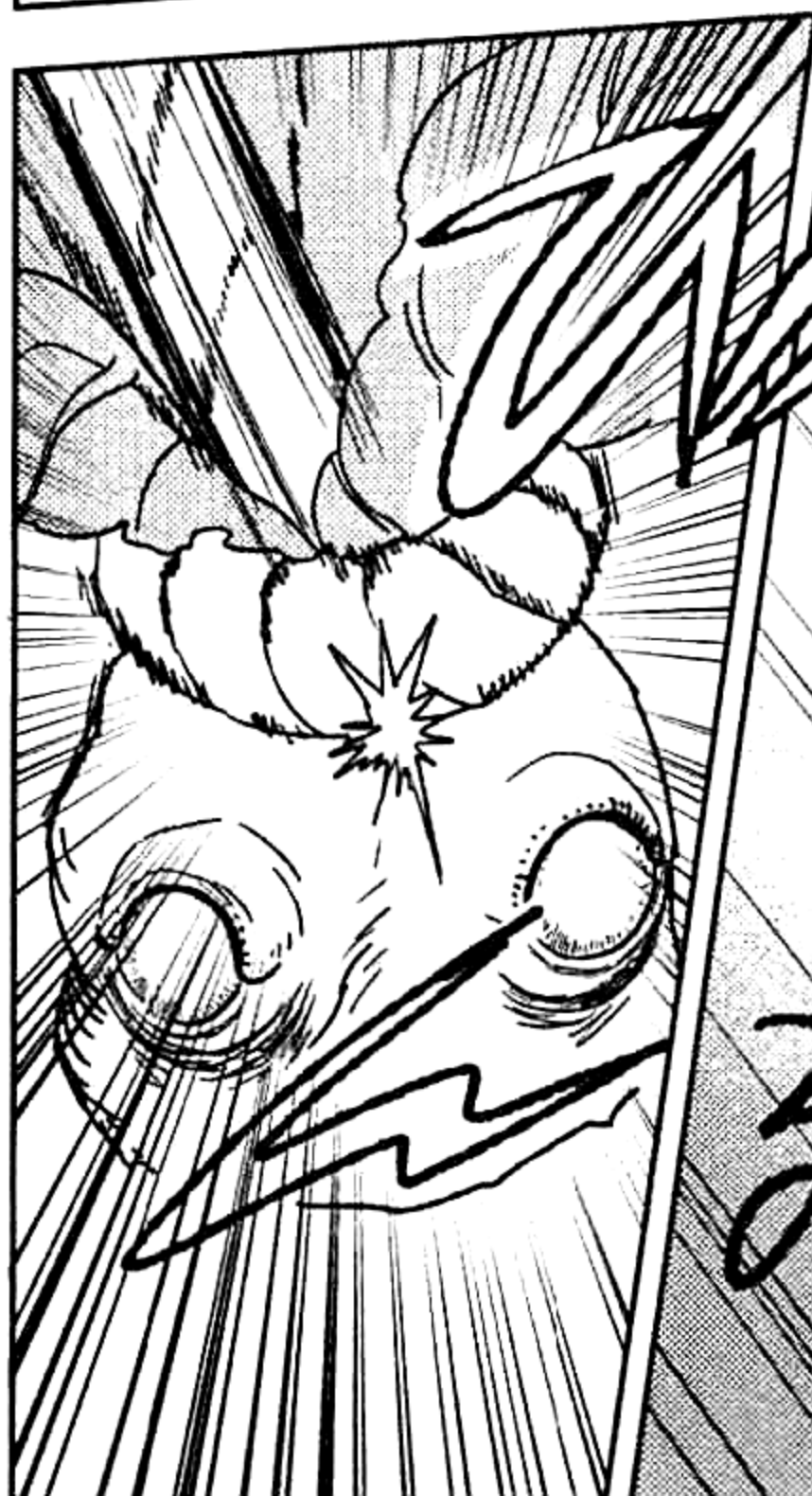


SFX: THWIP THWIP

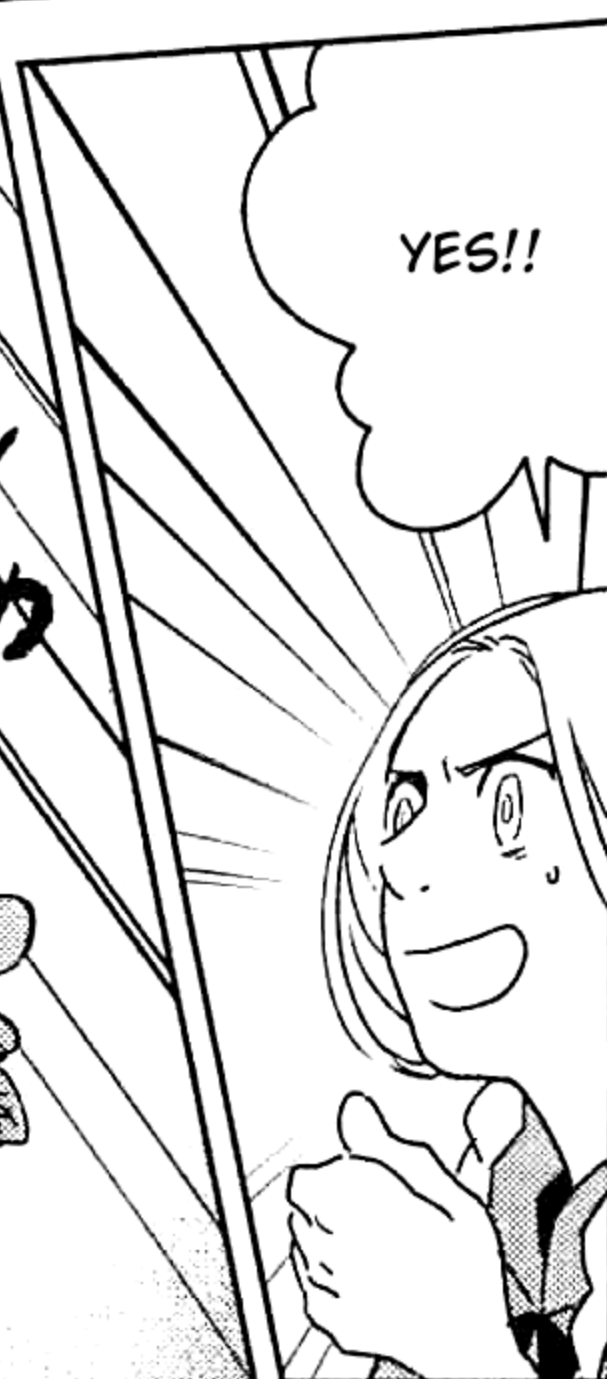
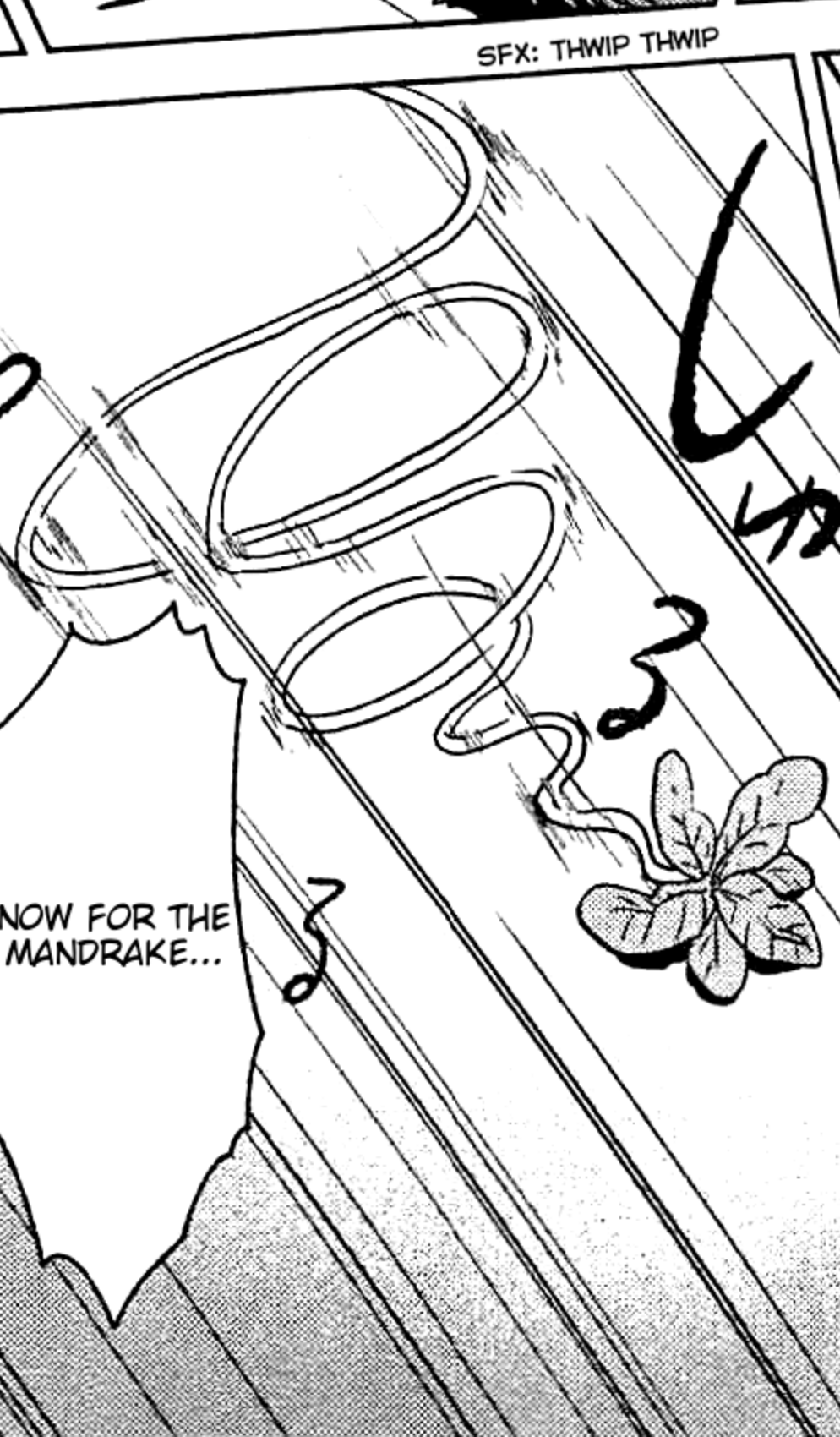


DID IT
WORK!?

SFX:
YANK



NOW FOR THE
MANDRAKE...



YES!!



!?!?

TWITCH

IT'S OUT!

WHOA, WHAT'S THAT?

MAR-CILLE!?



WHA-?

SFX: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!



For starters, now I know why a giant bat is no substitute for a dog.

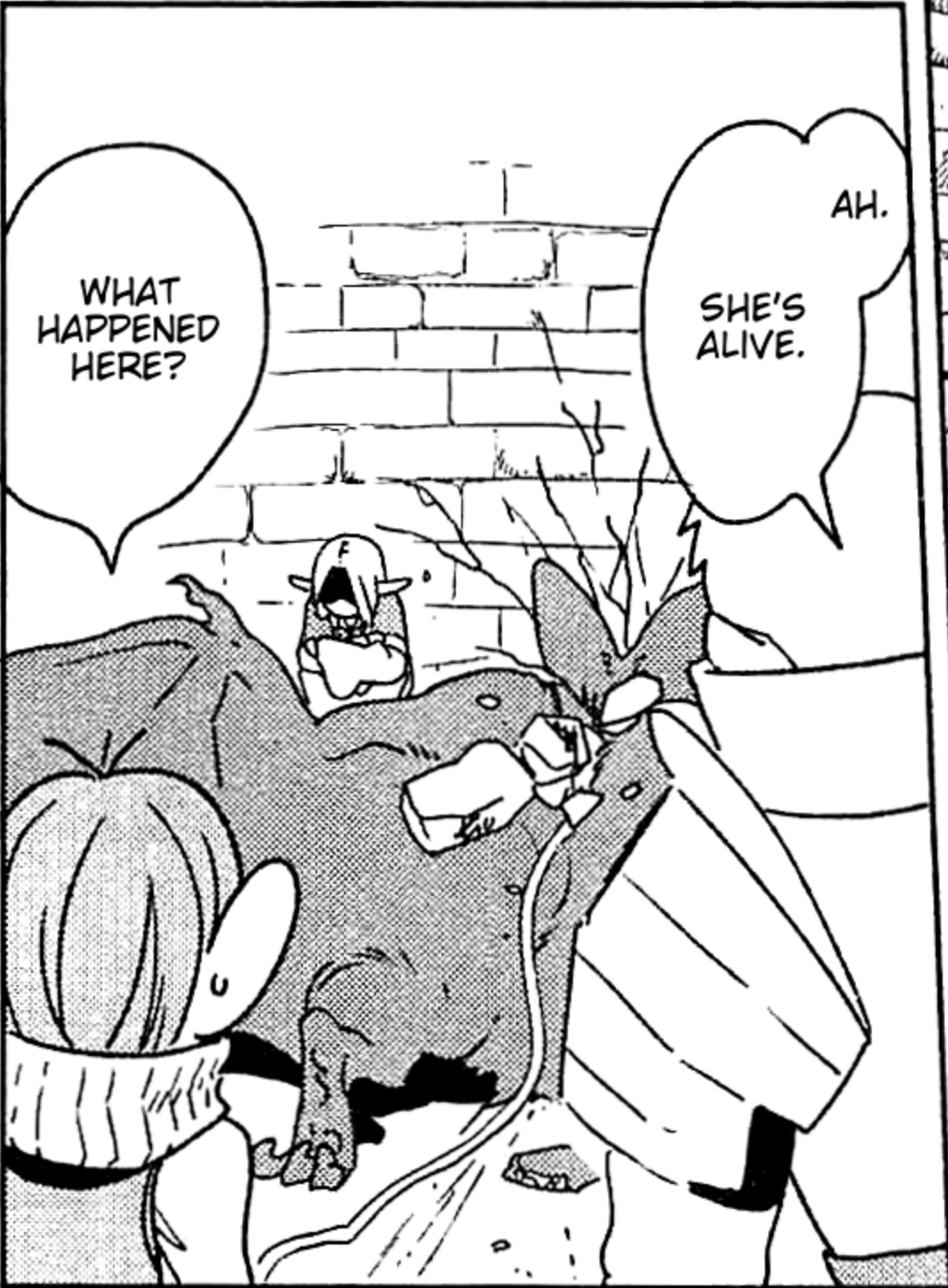
Real world experience sure is useful.



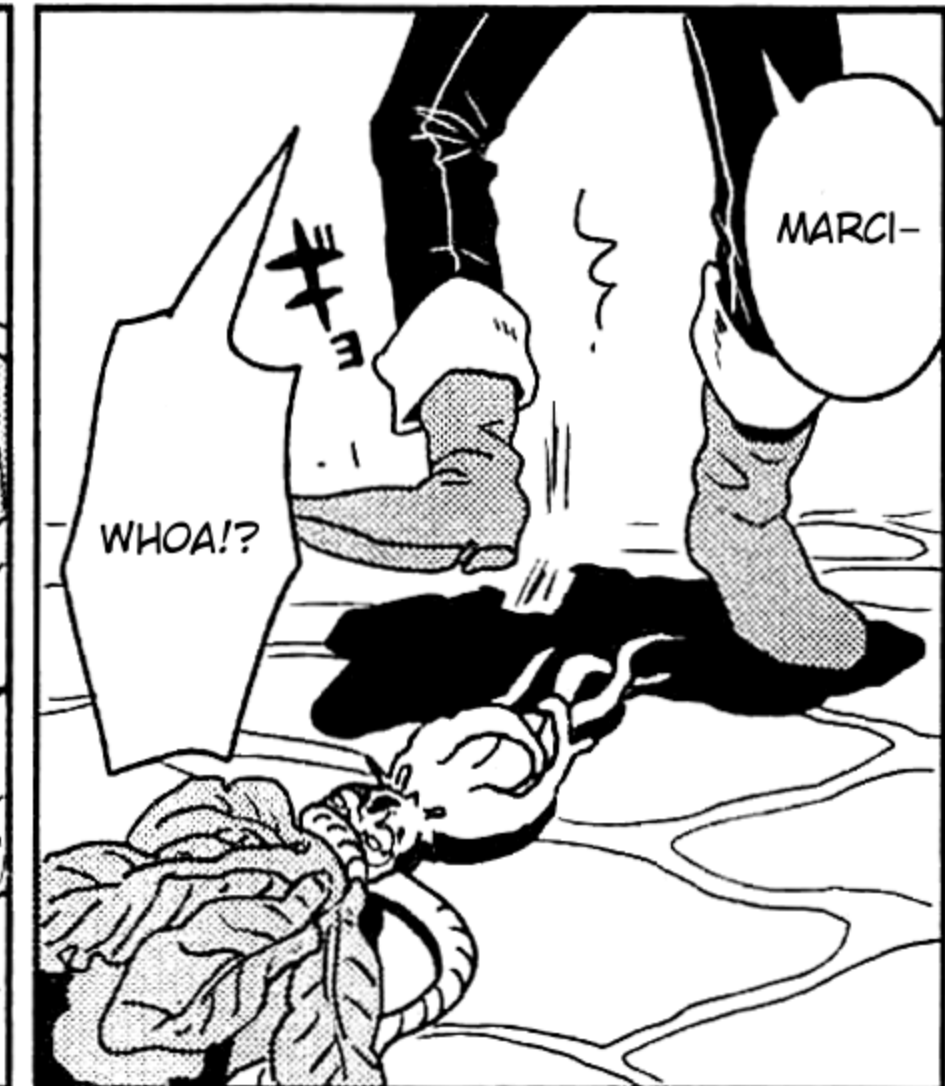
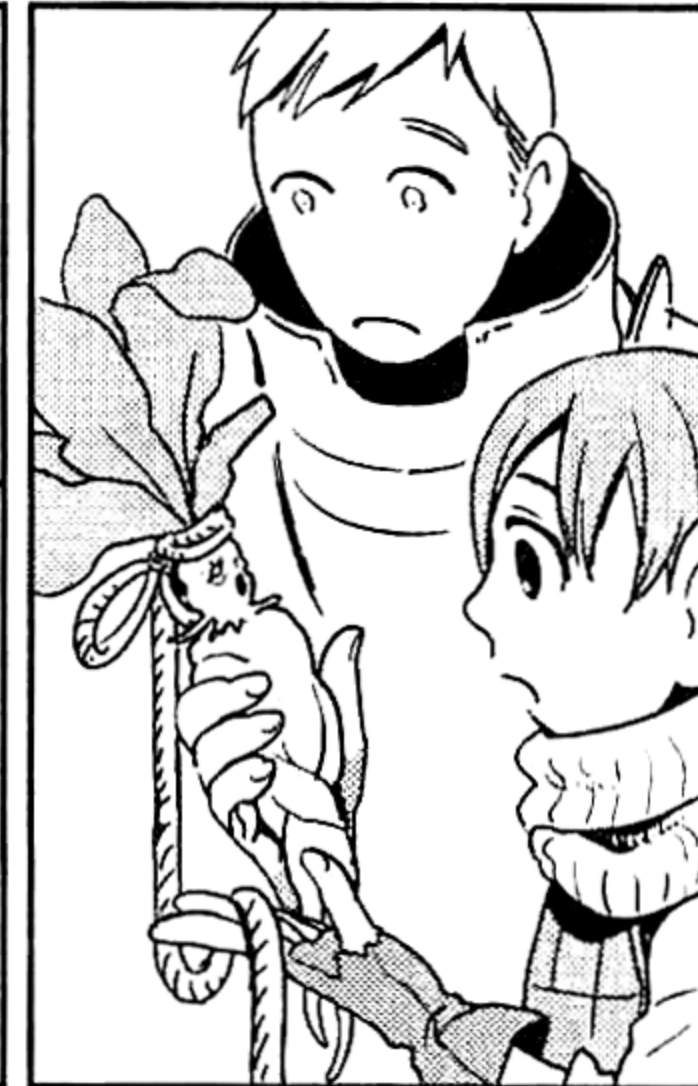
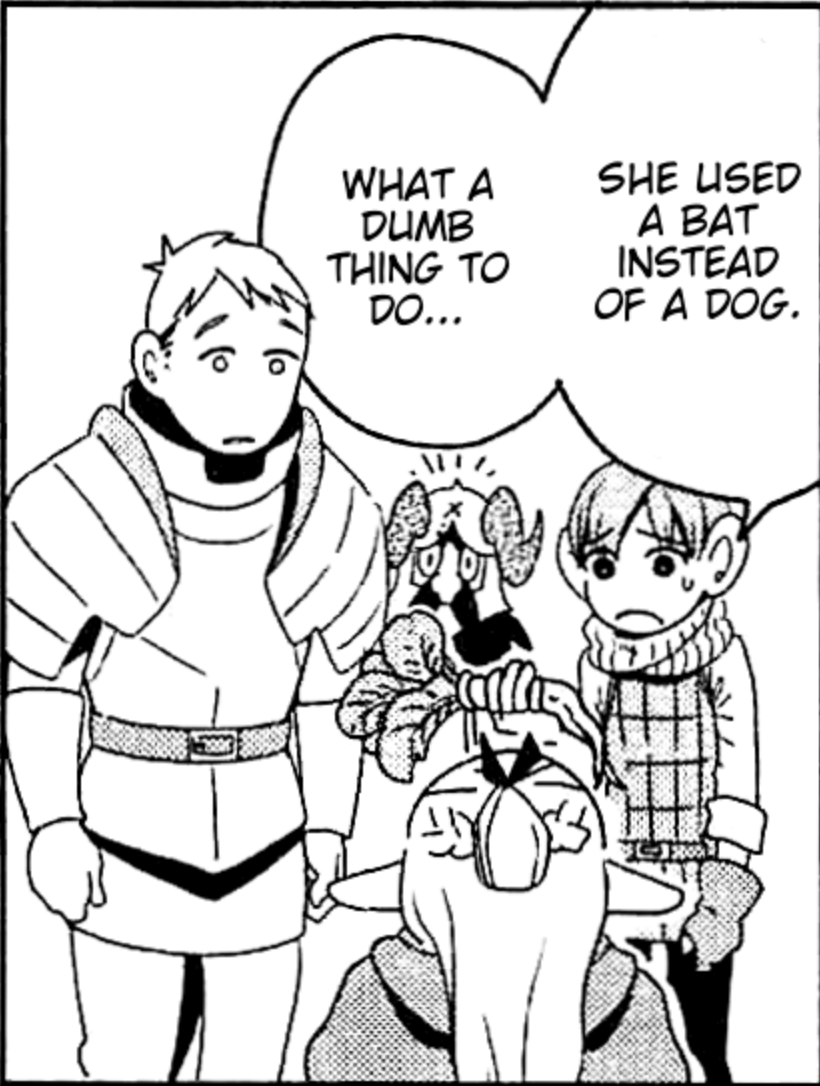
M-MAR-CILLE!

A frenzied giant bat could fall onto the hunter, mandrake and all.

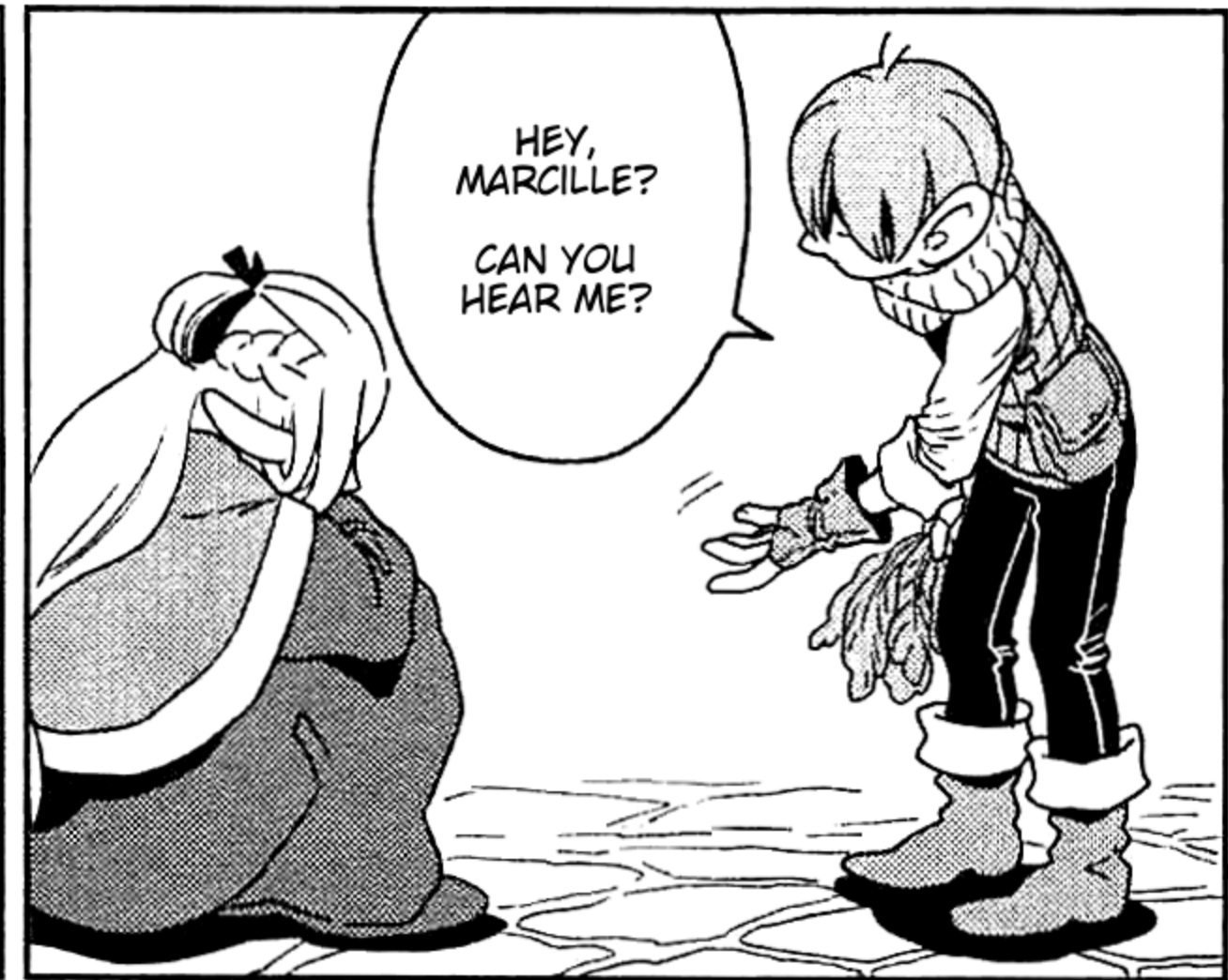
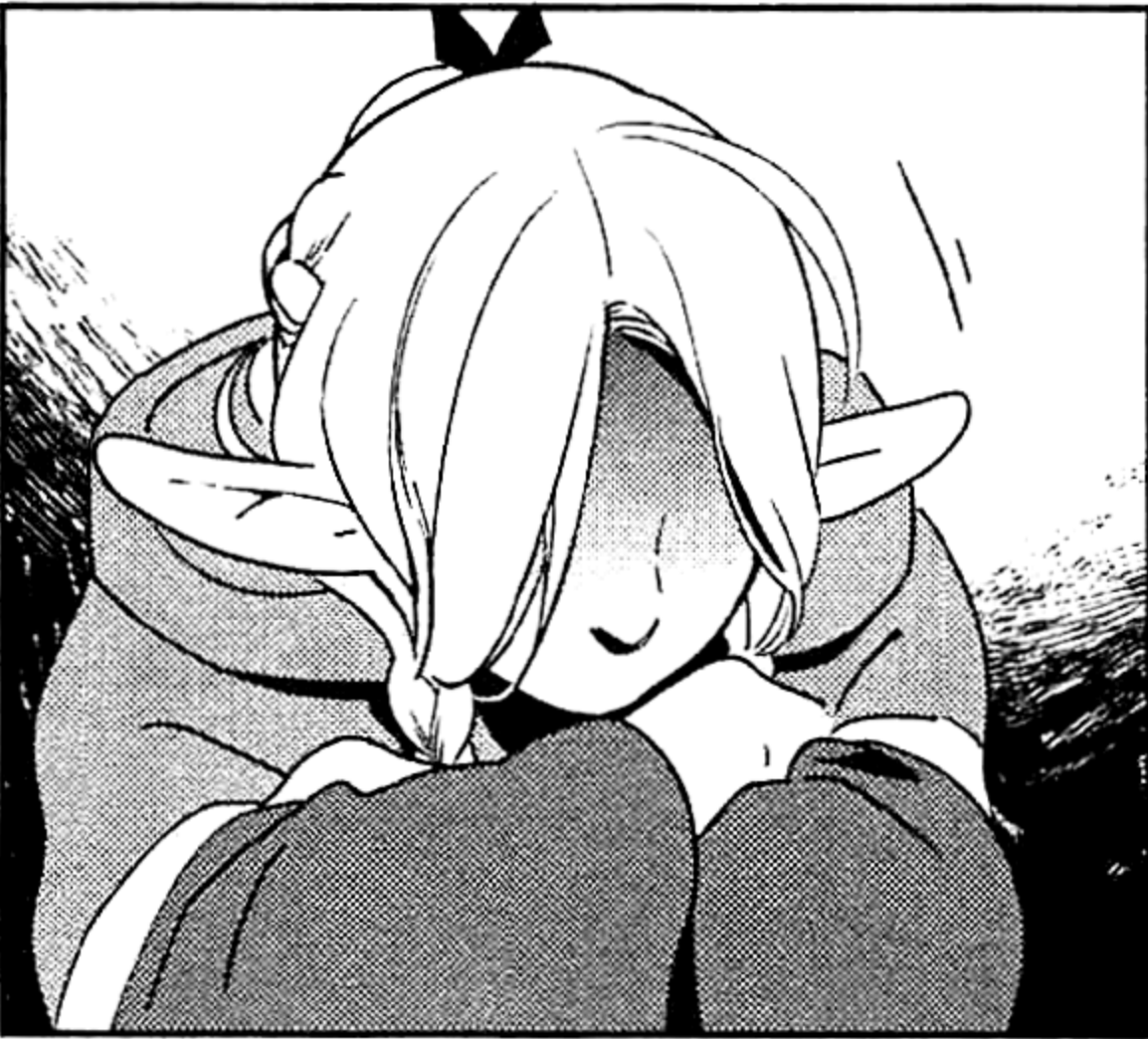
GYAAH!



SFX:
THUMP
THUMP



SFX:
SHOCK





WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

LET'S KEEP HER TALKING.
I'M SURE WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED.



YOU HEARD THE SCREAM, DIDN'T YOU?

NO, YOU'RE NOT.



I AM THE PICTURE OF GOOD HEALTH.

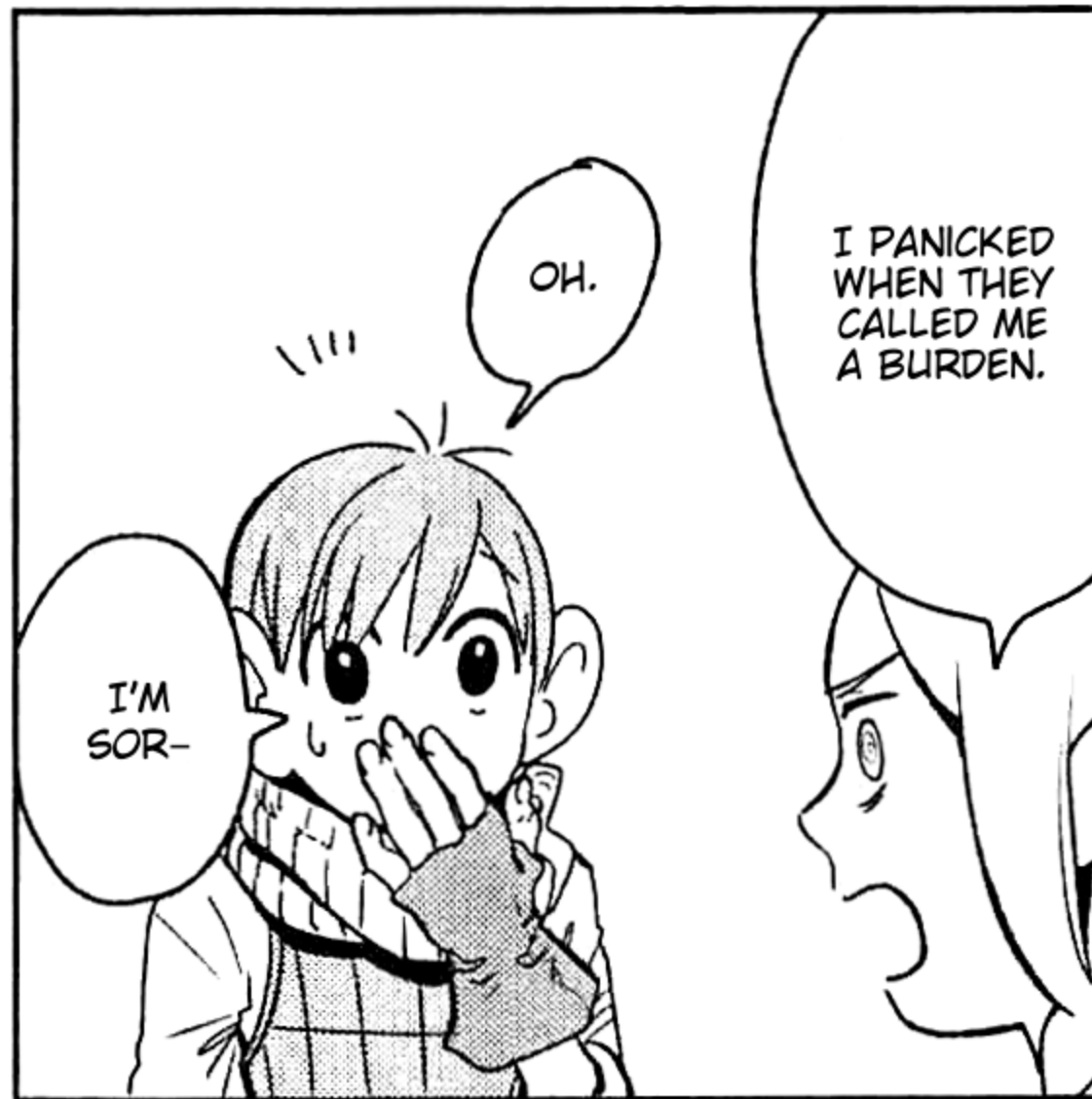
YES.



CHILCHACK!

WHAT WAS THAT, PUNK!?

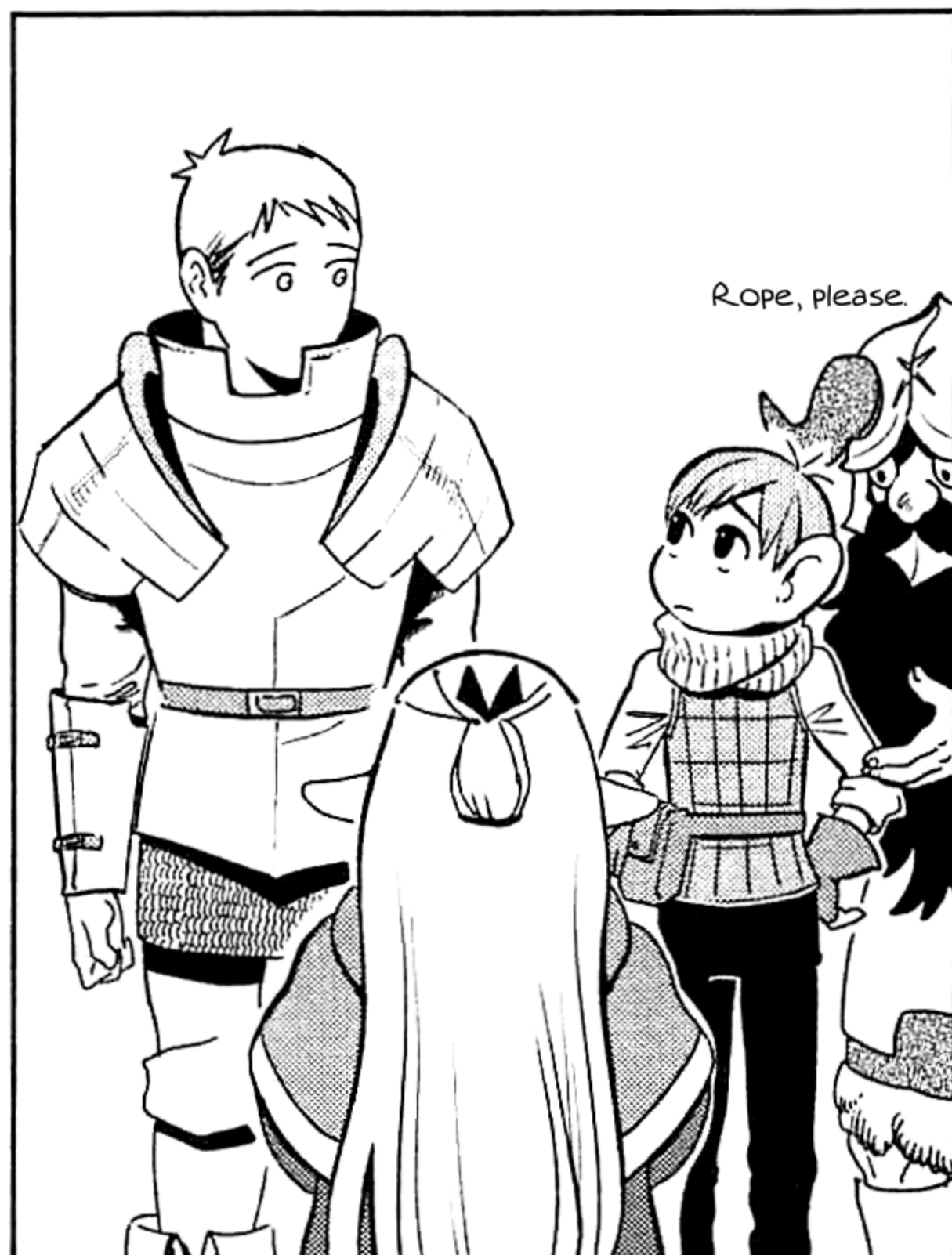
I WANTED TO LORD IT OVER THEM AND MAKE THEM GROVEL BEFORE ME.



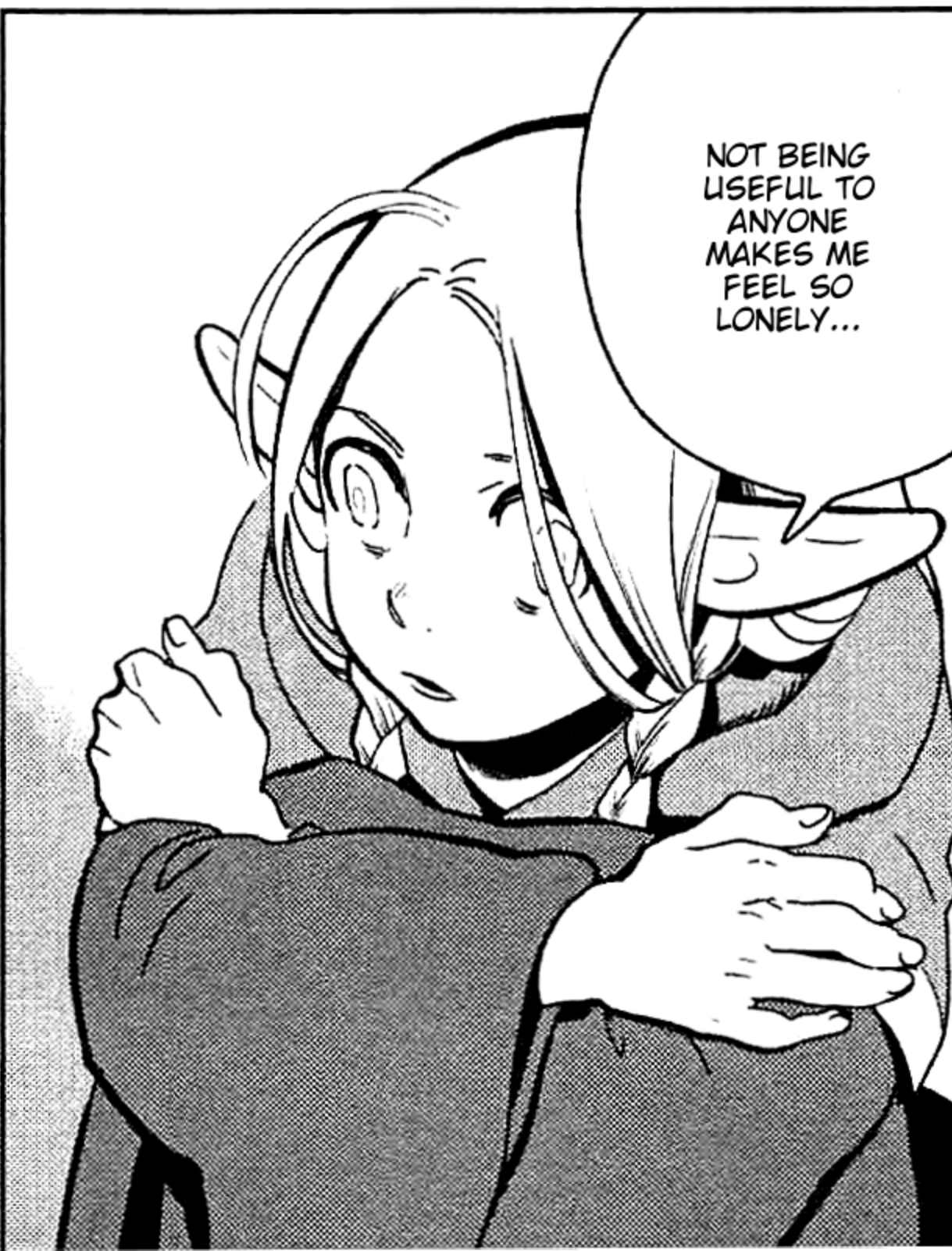
I'M SOR-

OH.

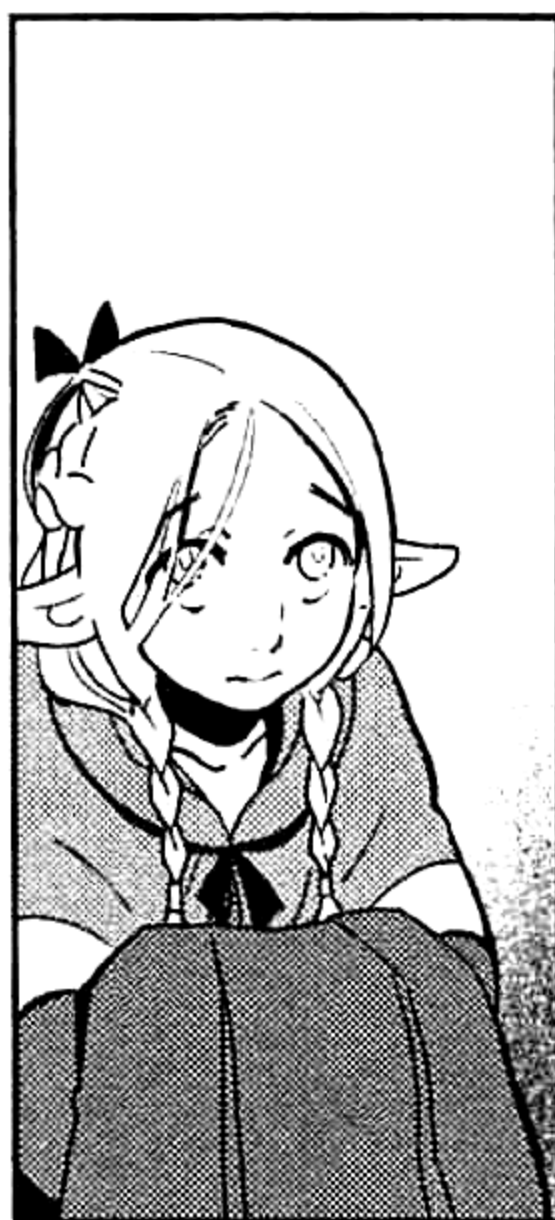
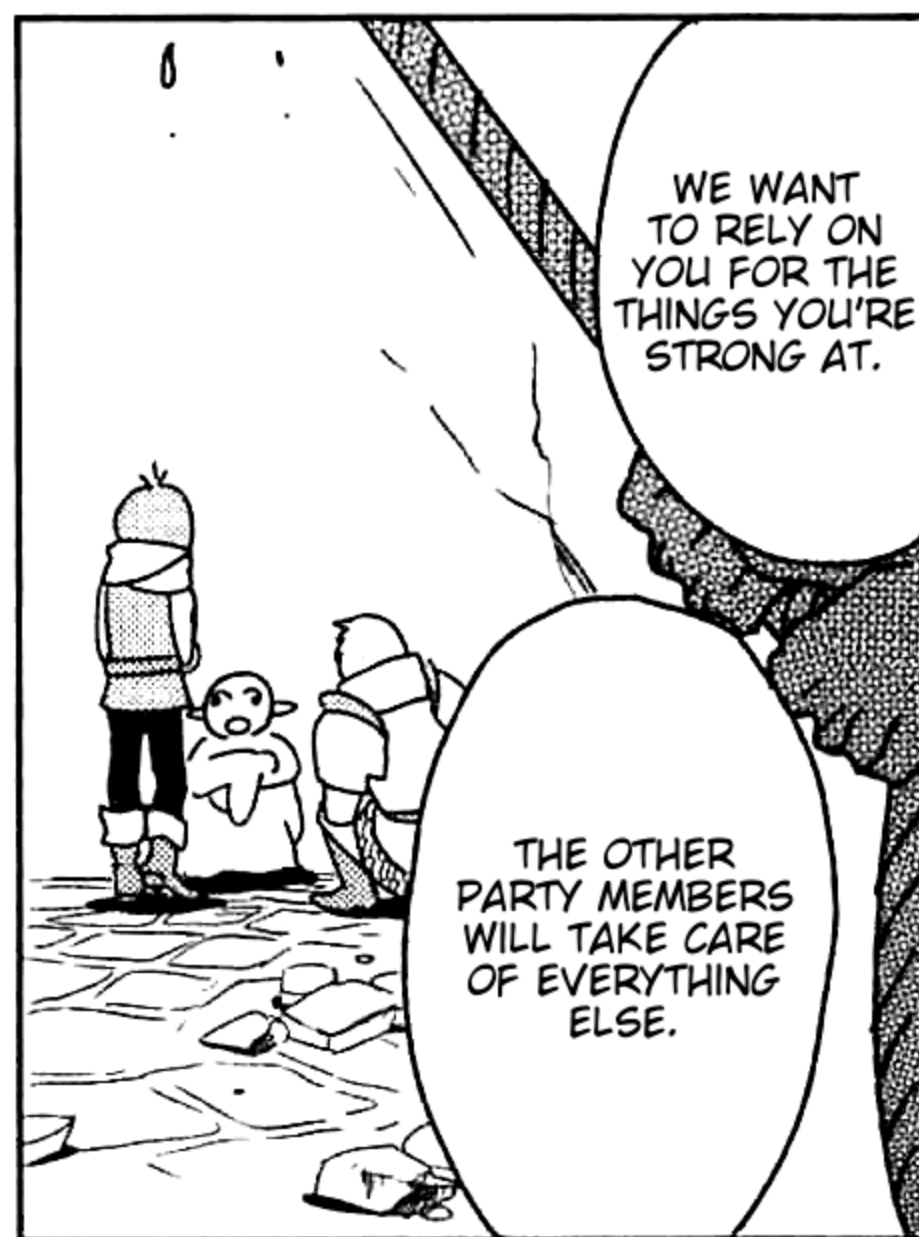
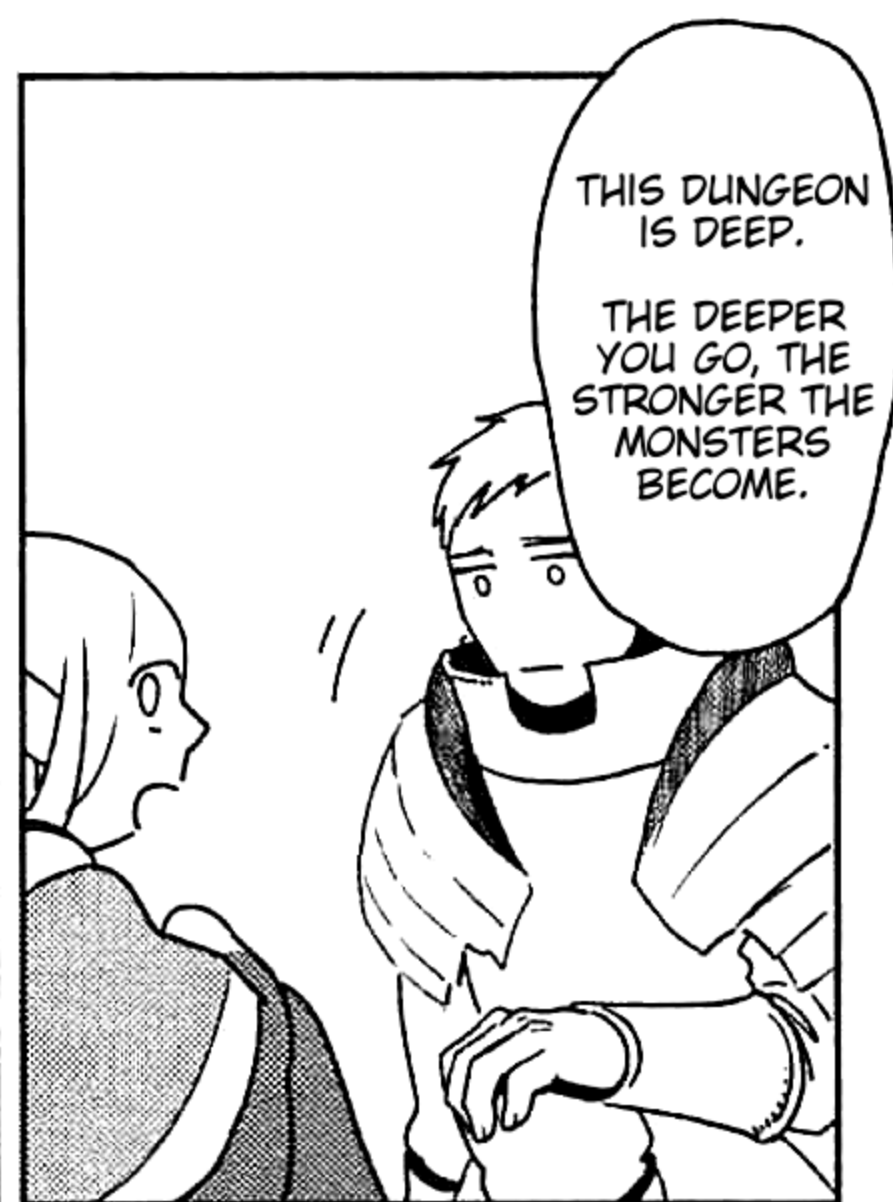
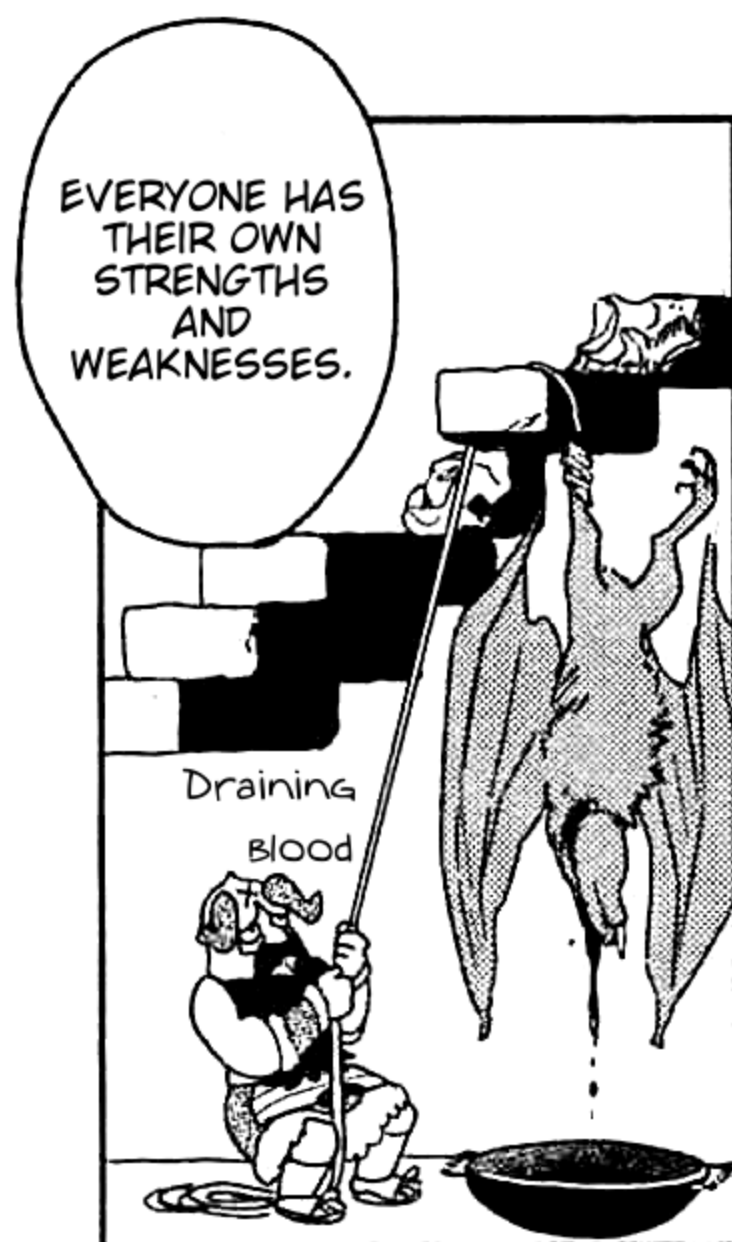
I PANICKED WHEN THEY CALLED ME A BURDEN.

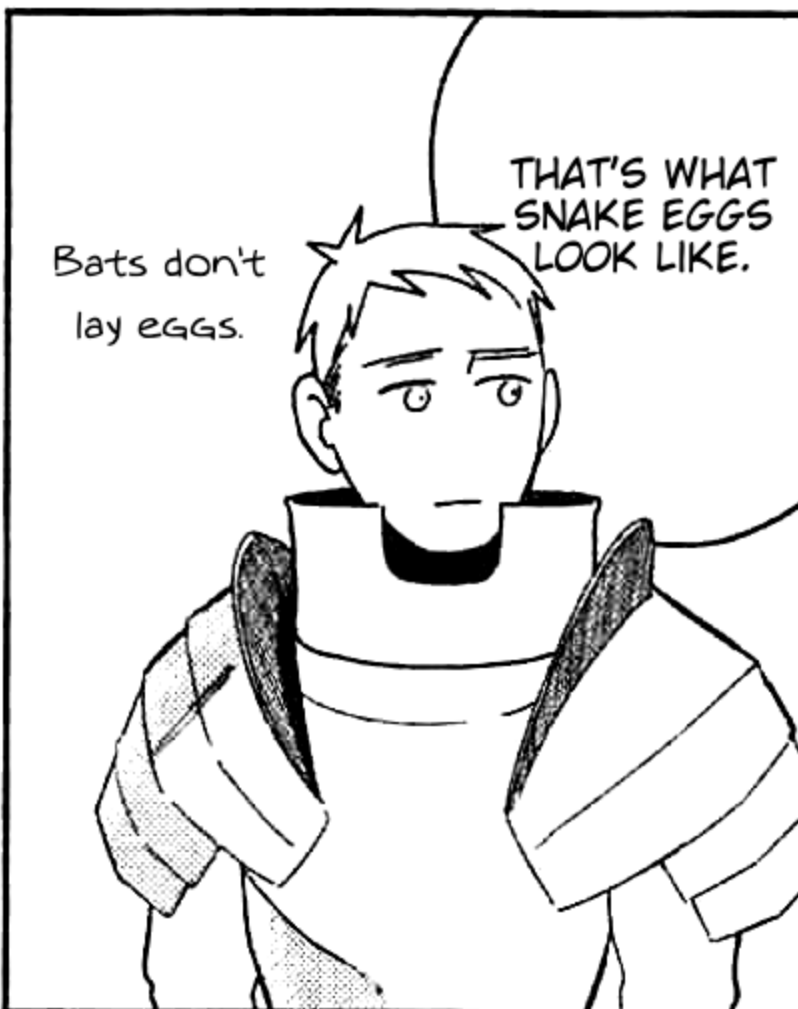


Rope, please.

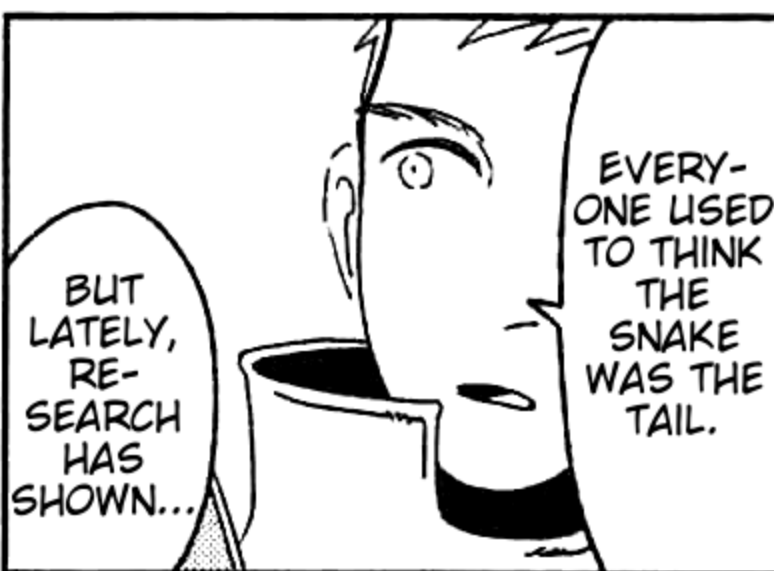


NOT BEING USEFUL TO ANYONE MAKES ME FEEL SO LONELY...

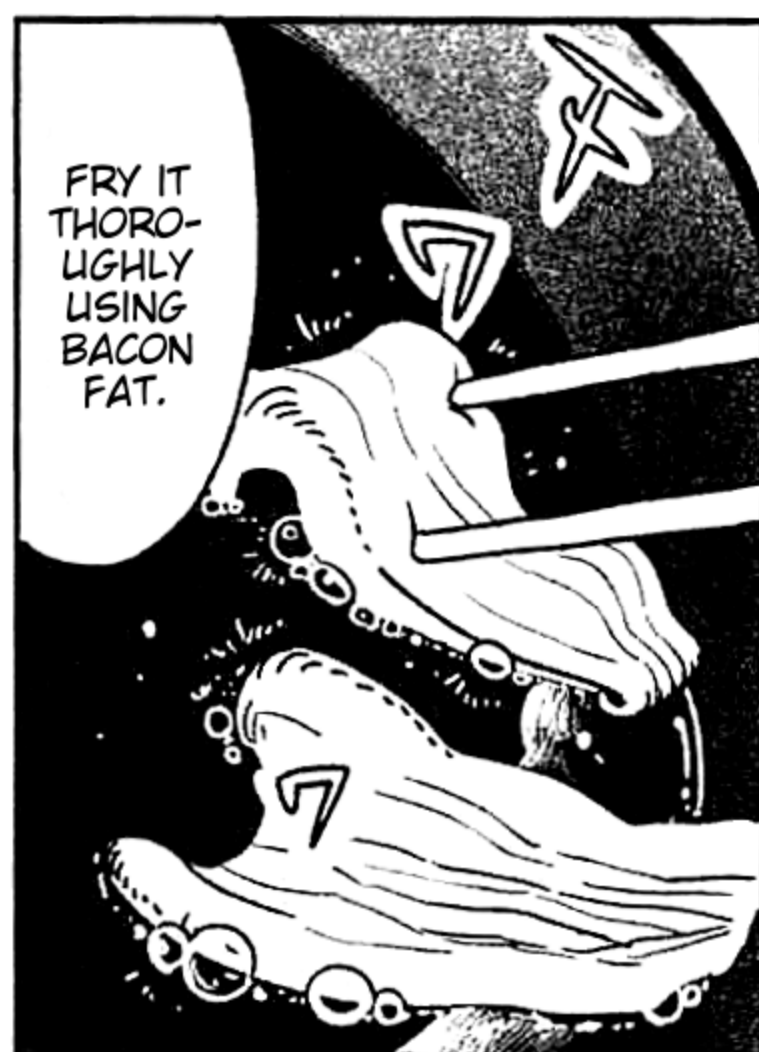
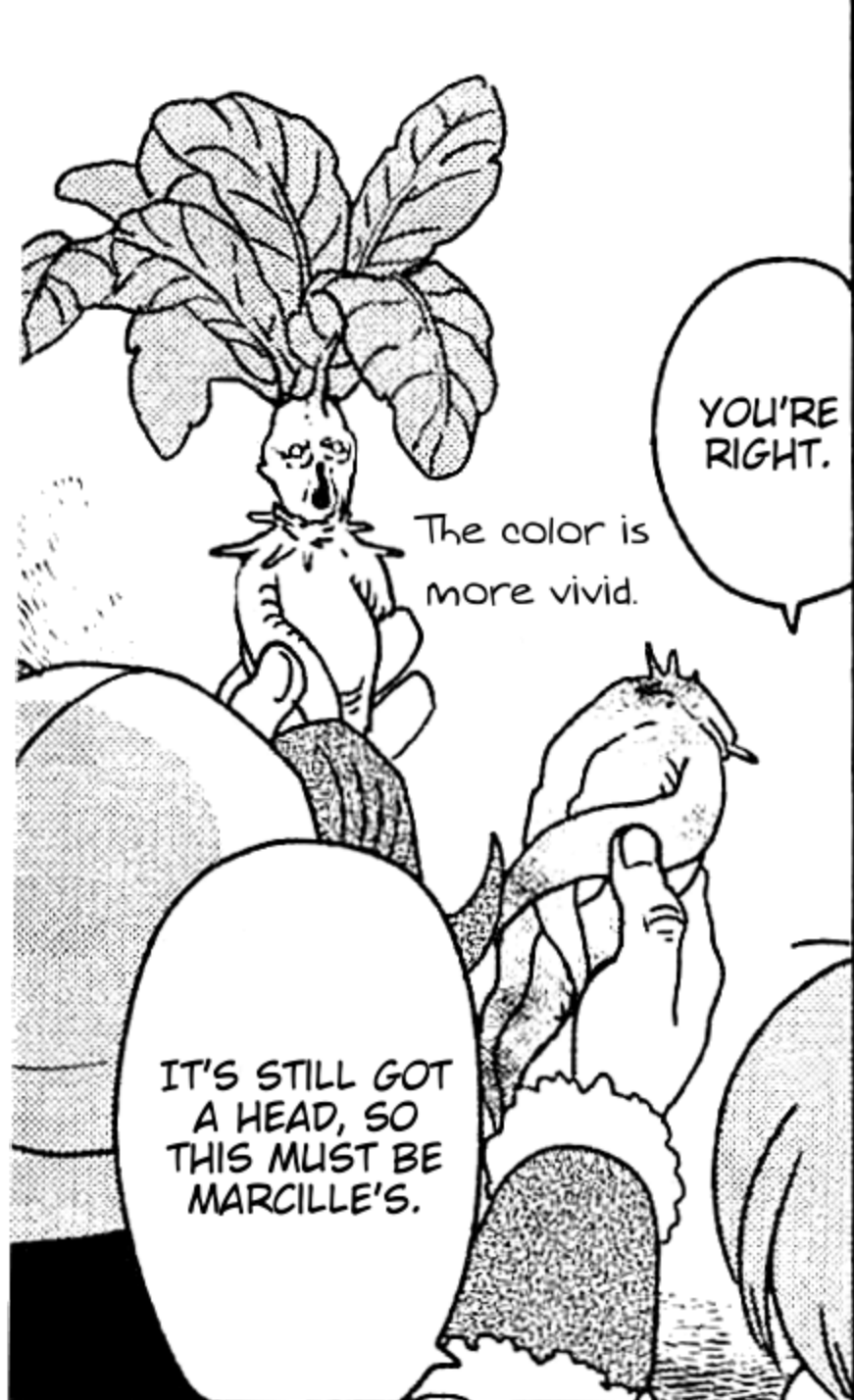




SFX: SHOCK



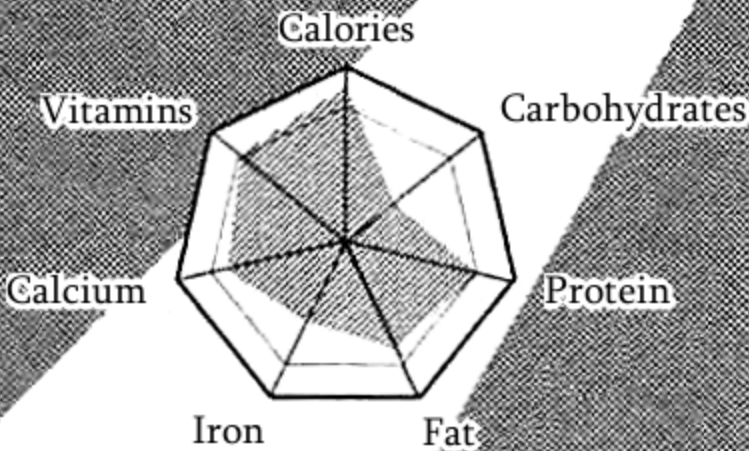
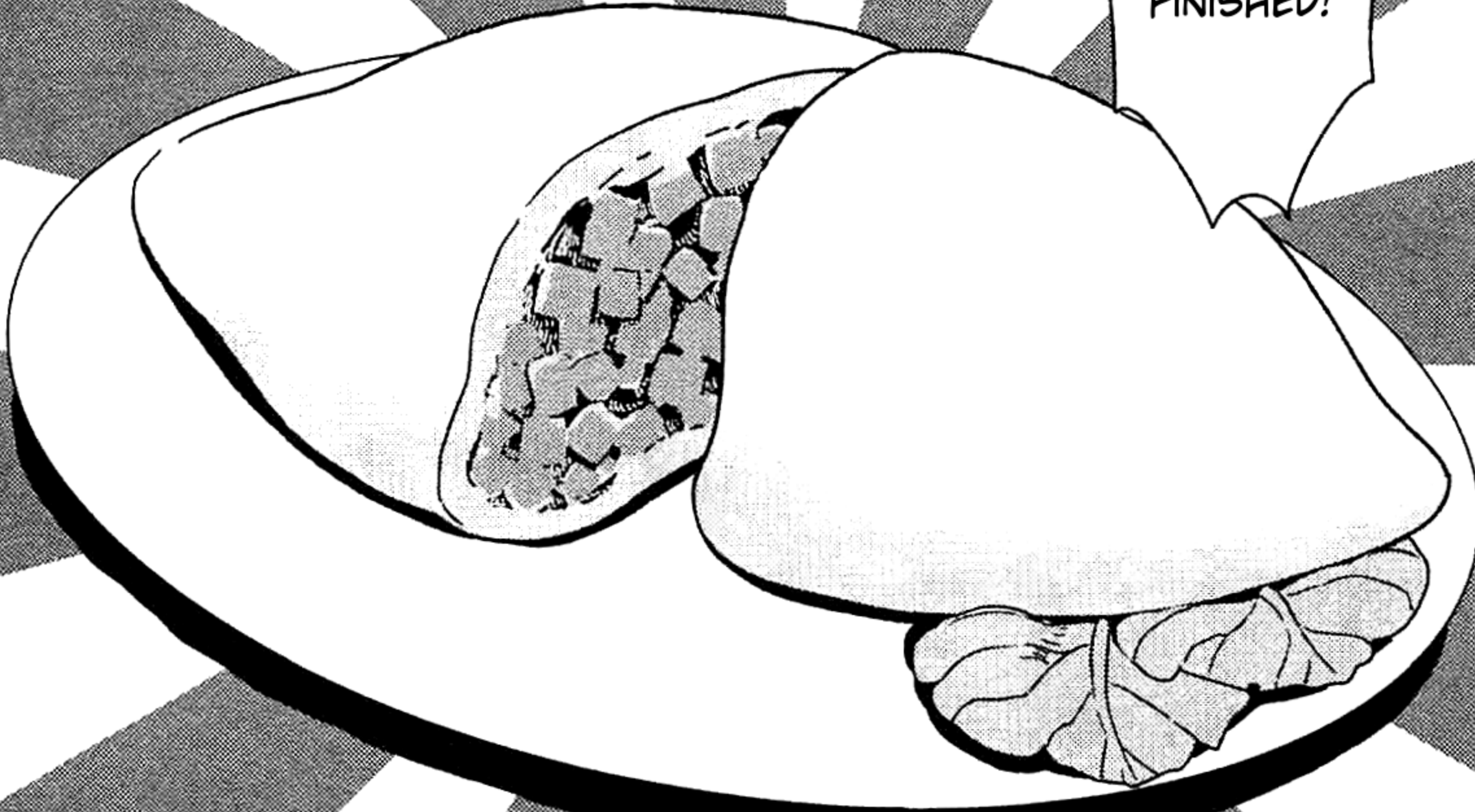
IF YOU CUT A BASILISK IN HALF, THE CHICKEN WILL DIE BUT THE SNAKE WILL STAY ALIVE.



SFX: SIZZLE

mandrake & basilisk omelet

'TIS
FINISHED!



Ingredients (serves 1)

- Mandrake — 1 med. size
- Basilisk bacon — 50 grams
(Use the fattiest cuts)
- Basilisk egg — 1
- Salt & Pepper — to taste
- Ketchup — to taste

