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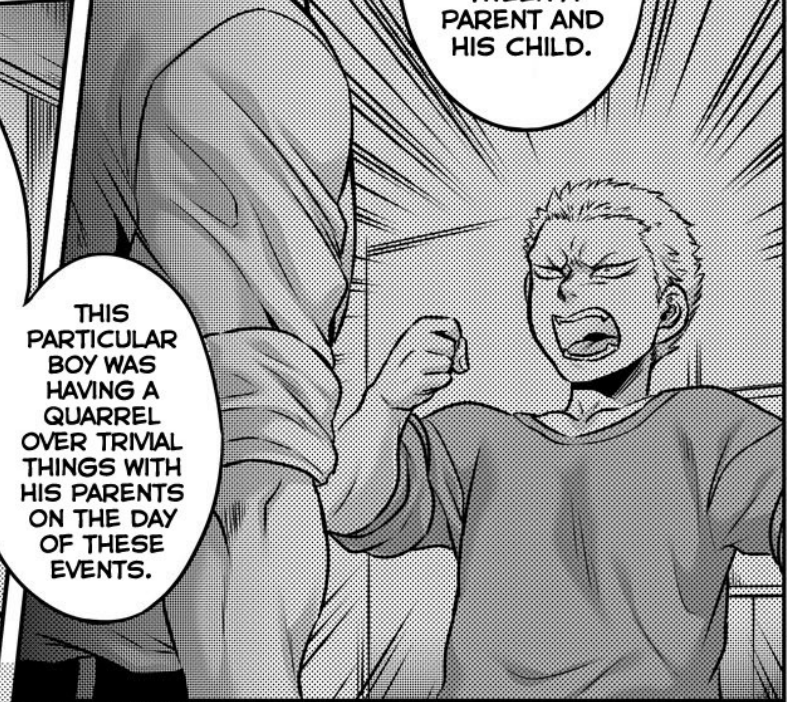
WITH THE USUAL SORT OF ARGUMENTS YOU SEE BETWEEN A PARENT AND HIS CHILD.



"THERE ARE FRIGHTENING THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOUR EYES HAVE NEVER SEEN!"

HIS FATHER LET HIS ANGER GET TO HIS HEAD AND SEEP INTO HIS WORDS.

THIS PARTICULAR BOY WAS HAVING A QUARREL OVER TRIVIAL THINGS WITH HIS PARENTS ON THE DAY OF THESE EVENTS.



"REALLY SCARY THINGS THAT YOU COULD NEVER COME TO UNDERSTAND."



月刊QooPA!からの
引越連載!!

女姦女姦蛇螺

異色怪談可憐

WONDERFULLY
GROTESQUE
MYSTERY
KANKANDARA

叙火

...SAID IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.

Synopsis:

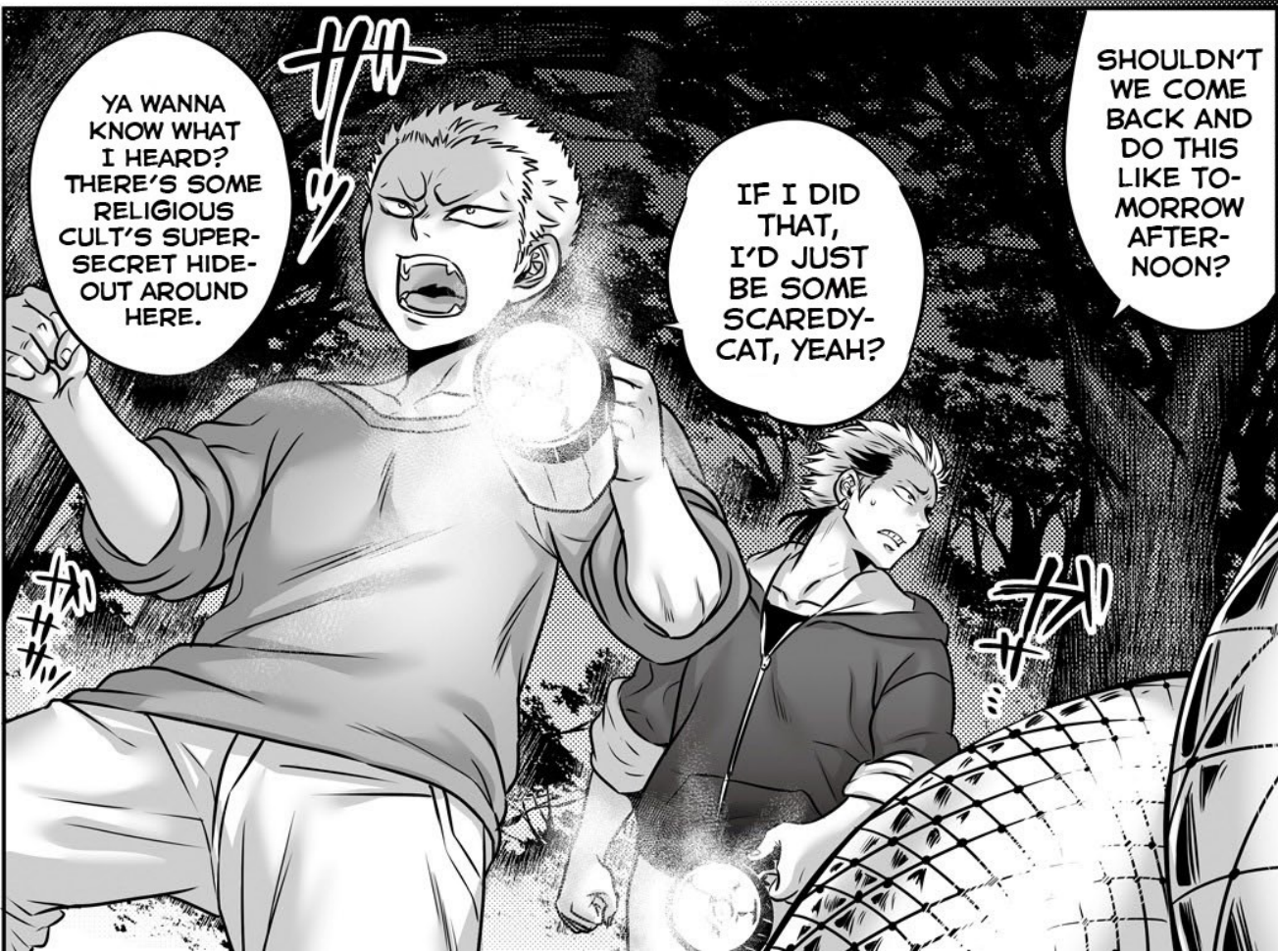
ON A STORMY NIGHT, A TAXI PICKED UP A MAN, DRENCHED TO THE BONE. ALONG THE WAY TO HIS DESTINATION, THIS MAN REGALED A STORY TO THE DRIVER, A STORY AS CHILLING AS THAT VERY NIGHT...



I AM!

UH... YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GOING TO GO FIND IT?

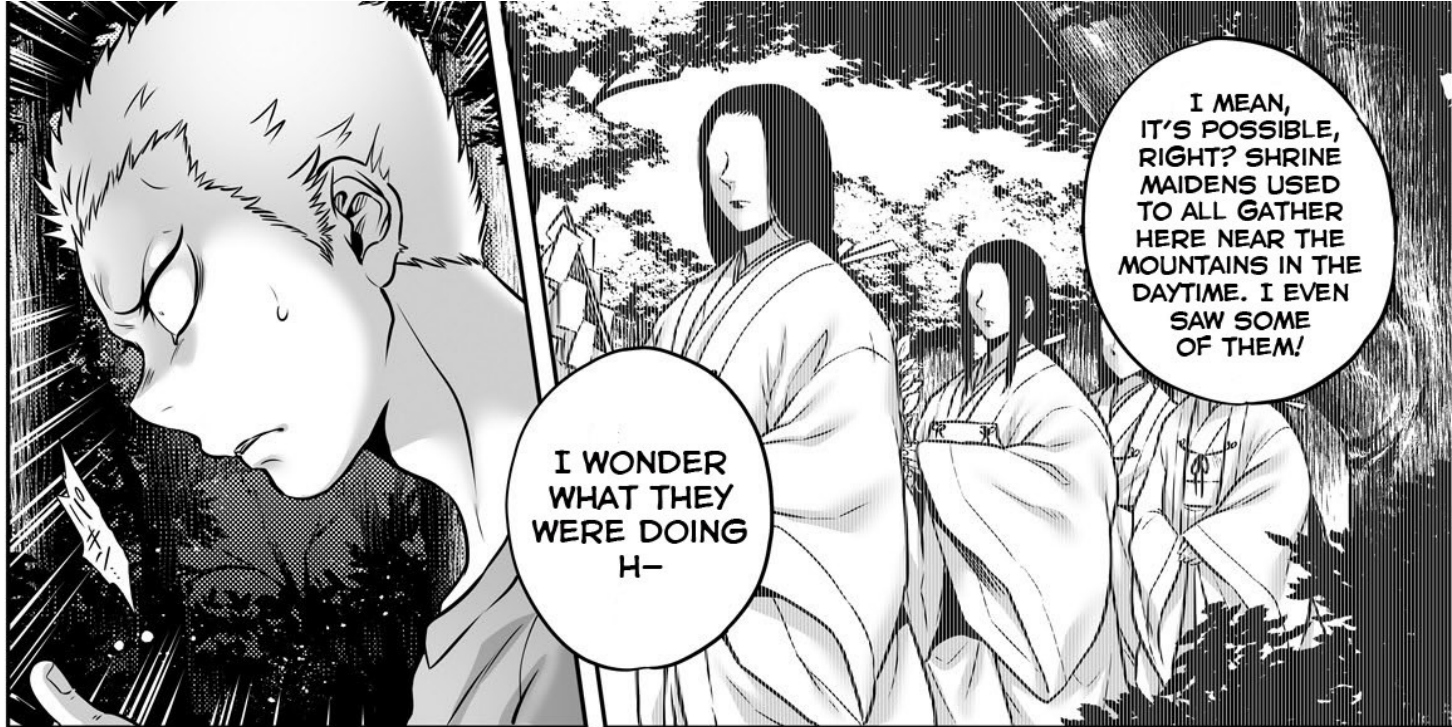
THIS IS THE PLACE... I'M GONNA FIND WHATEVER SCARED THE CRAP OUTTA THAT GUY!



YA WANNA KNOW WHAT I HEARD? THERE'S SOME RELIGIOUS CULT'S SUPER-SECRET HIDE-OUT AROUND HERE.

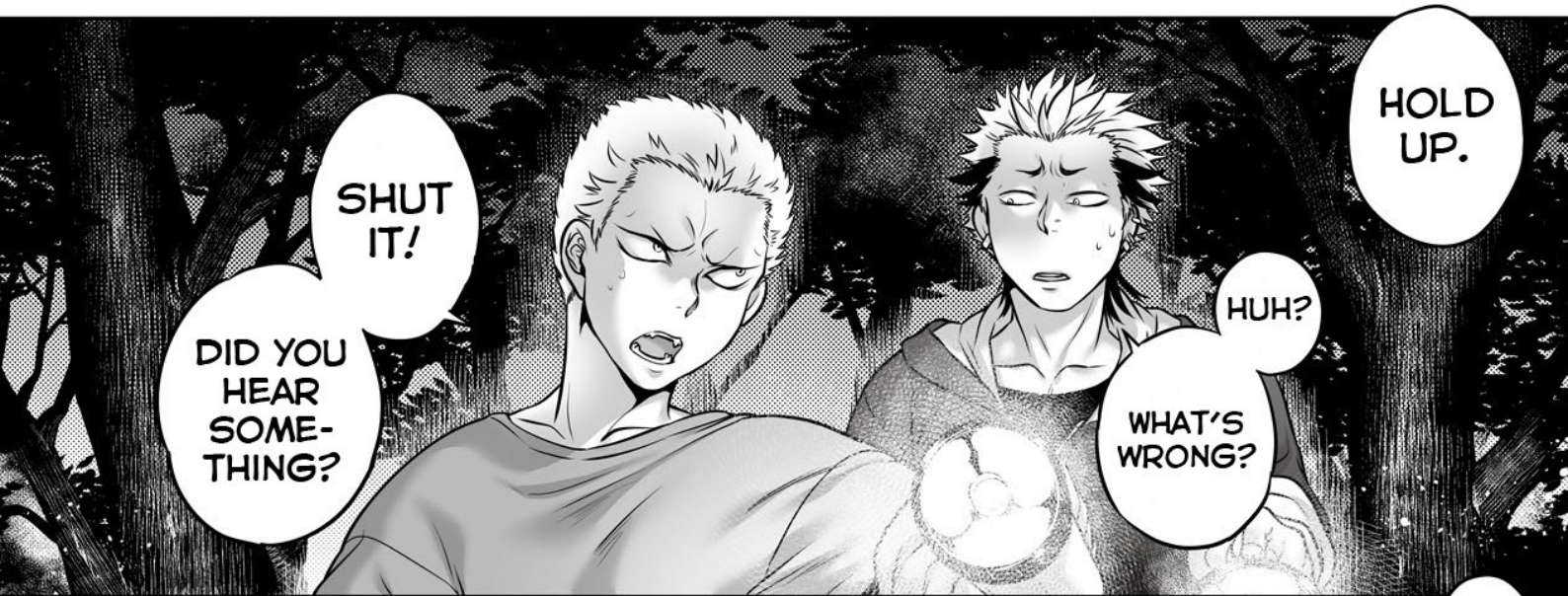
IF I DID THAT, I'D JUST BE SOME SCAREDY-CAT, YEAH?

SHOULDN'T WE COME BACK AND DO THIS LIKE TOMORROW AFTERNOON?



I WONDER
WHAT THEY
WERE DOING
H-

I MEAN,
IT'S POSSIBLE,
RIGHT? SHRINE
MAIDENS USED
TO ALL GATHER
HERE NEAR THE
MOUNTAINS IN THE
DAYTIME. I EVEN
SAW SOME
OF THEM!



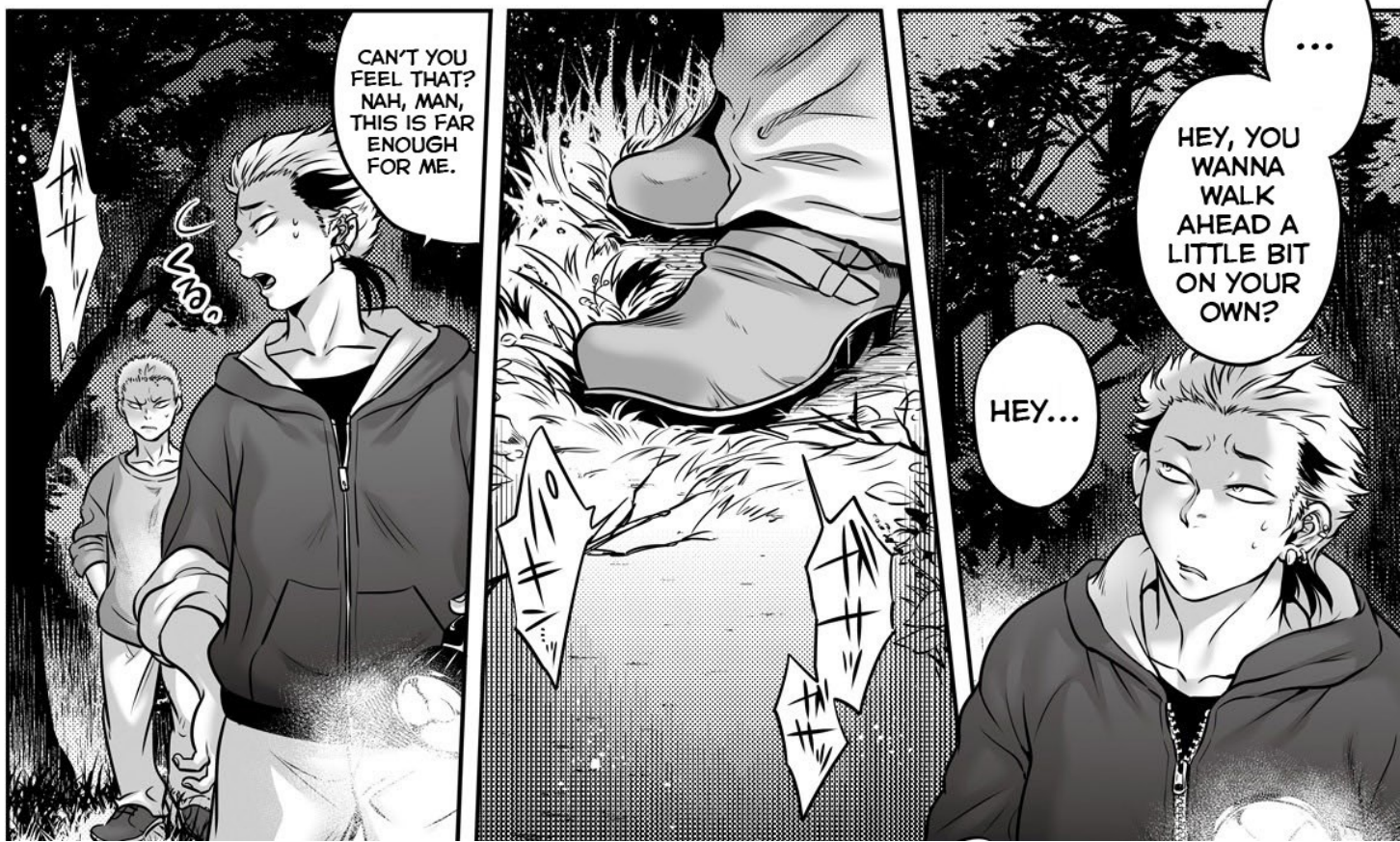
DID YOU
HEAR
SOME-
THING?

SHUT
IT!

WHAT'S
WRONG?

HUH?

HOLD
UP.

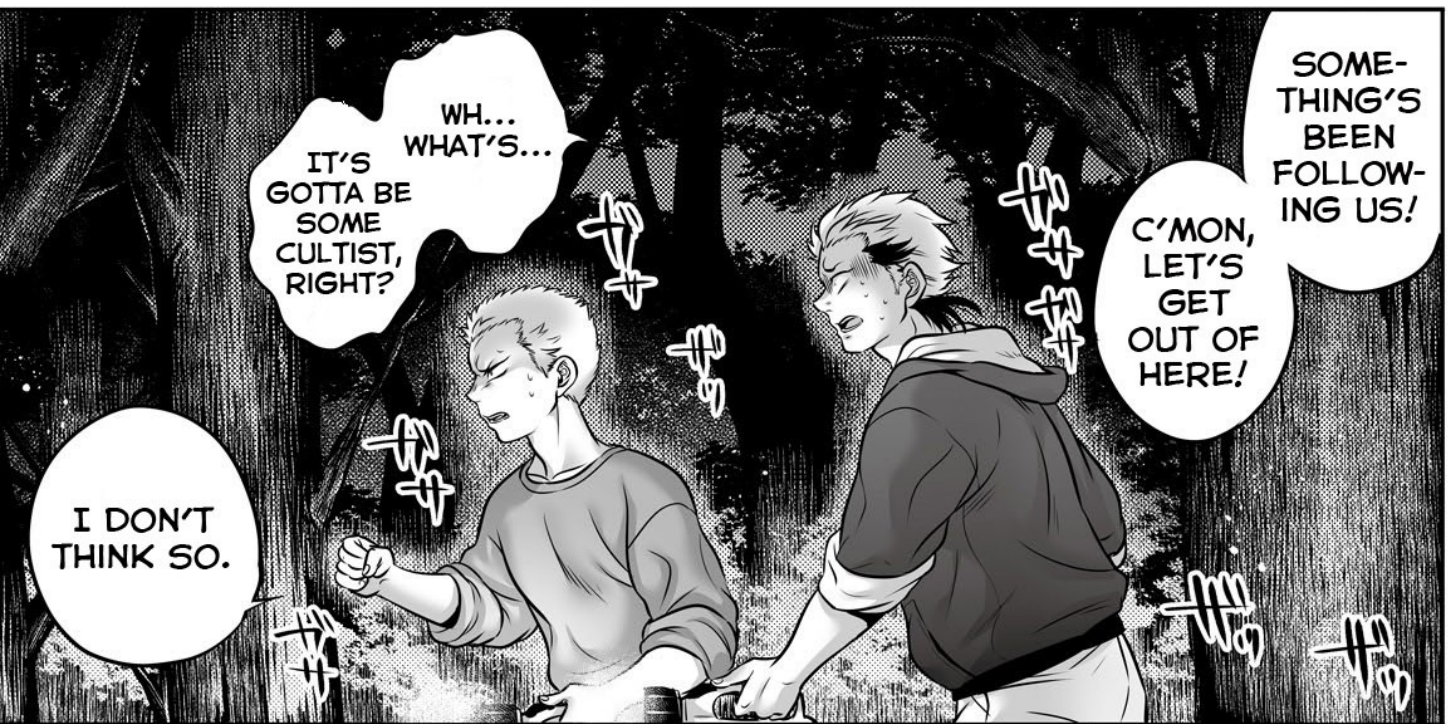
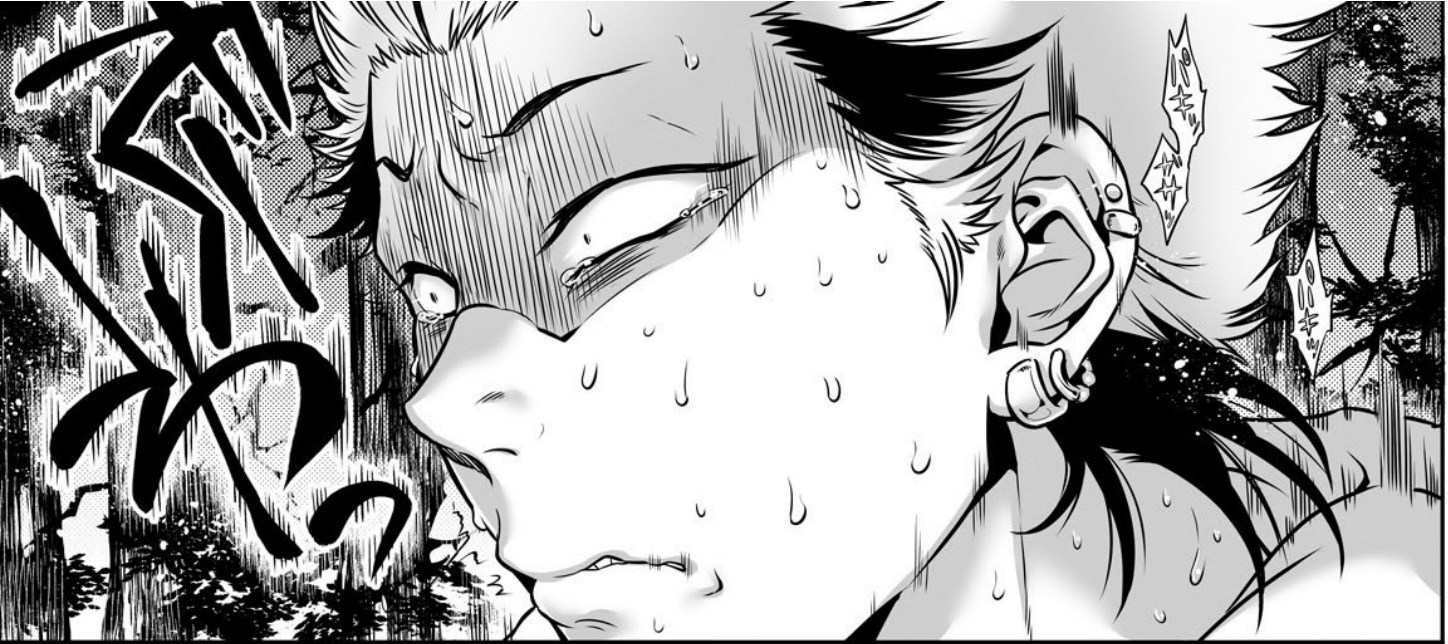


CAN'T YOU
FEEL THAT?
NAH, MAN,
THIS IS FAR
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

HEY, YOU
WANNA
WALK
AHEAD A
LITTLE BIT
ON YOUR
OWN?

HEY...

...



I DON'T THINK SO.

WH... WHAT'S...
IT'S GOTTA BE SOME CULTIST, RIGHT?

C'MON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

SOME-THING'S BEEN FOLLOWING US!



WHATEVER'S FOLLOWING US... MIGHT NOT BE HUMAN.

WITHOUT A FLASHLIGHT, HOW THE HELL WOULD SOME TYPICAL CULTIST FOLLOW US?

THIS FOREST IS COMPLETELY DARK, AND WE'VE BEEN THE ONLY ONES WITH ANY SORT OF LIGHT.



...FIGURED
IT'D BE
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS.

PRIVATE
PROPERTY
KEEP OUT!



HURRY UP.
I'M NOT
GONNA GO
BACK UNTIL
I'VE HAD A
GOOD LOOK
AROUND.

HEY, WE
SHOULD
REALLY
STOP
HERE!

C'MON!



I DIDN'T
COME ALL
THIS WAY
JUST TO
TURN BACK
NOW!



DUDE...

WE'VE
SEEN
ENOUGH.
LET'S
JUST GO
HOME!

HUH. YOU
THINK WHAT'S
IN THAT BOX IS
THE "REALLY
SCARY THING"
THAT GUY WAS
TALKING
ABOUT?



THAT
NOISE...

HEY, EVEN IF
THAT NOISE
WE HEARD
BACK THERE
WAS JUST
SOME BIRD OR
SOMETHING,
THIS IS
TOTALLY
DANGEROUS!

JUST WAIT
THERE, I'LL
CHECK IT
OUT.

HUH...?

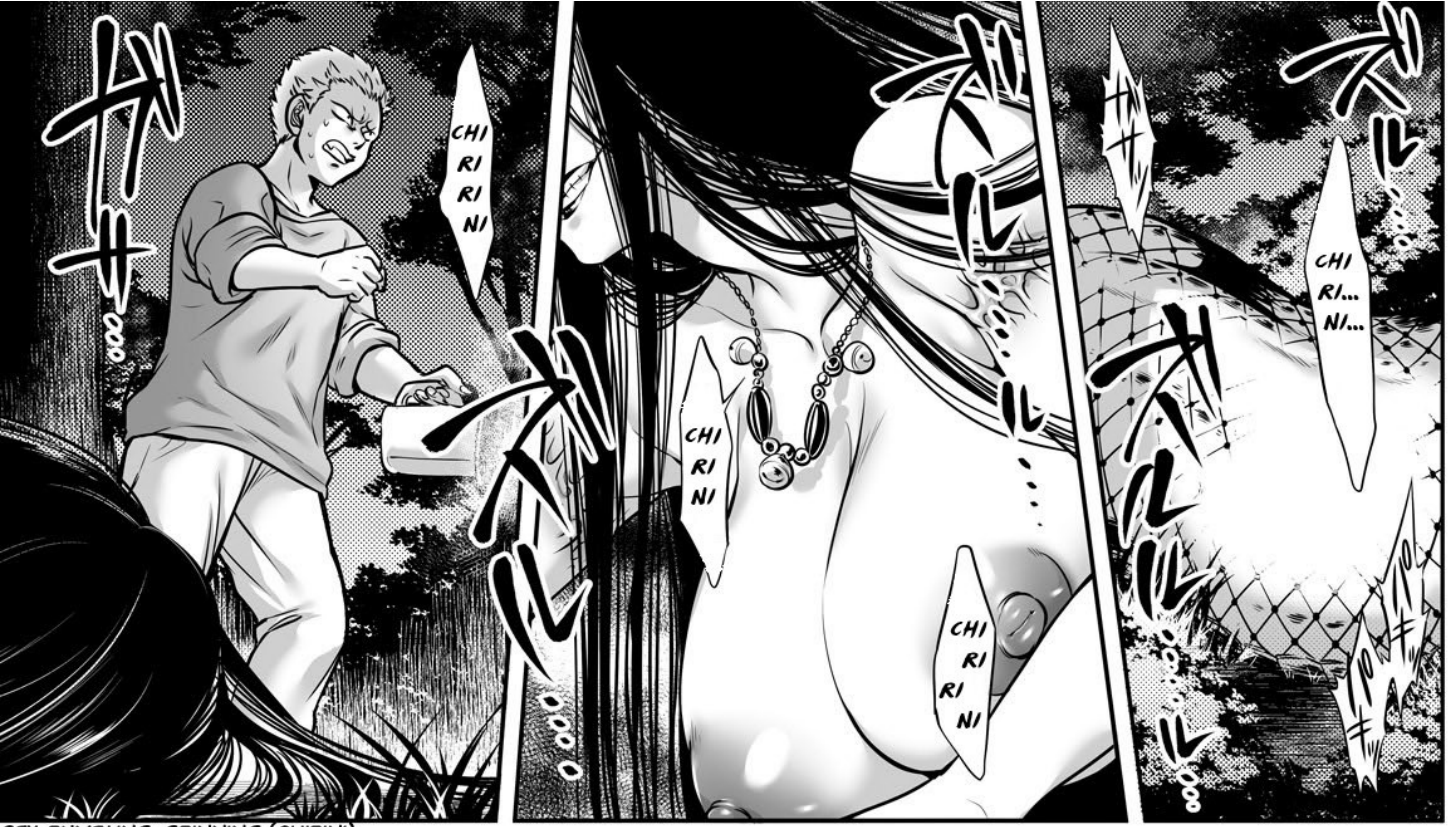


HMM

SOME
JARS...
ARE THEY
FILLED WITH
WATER?

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT,
IT'S GOTTEN
WEIRDLY
QUIET...

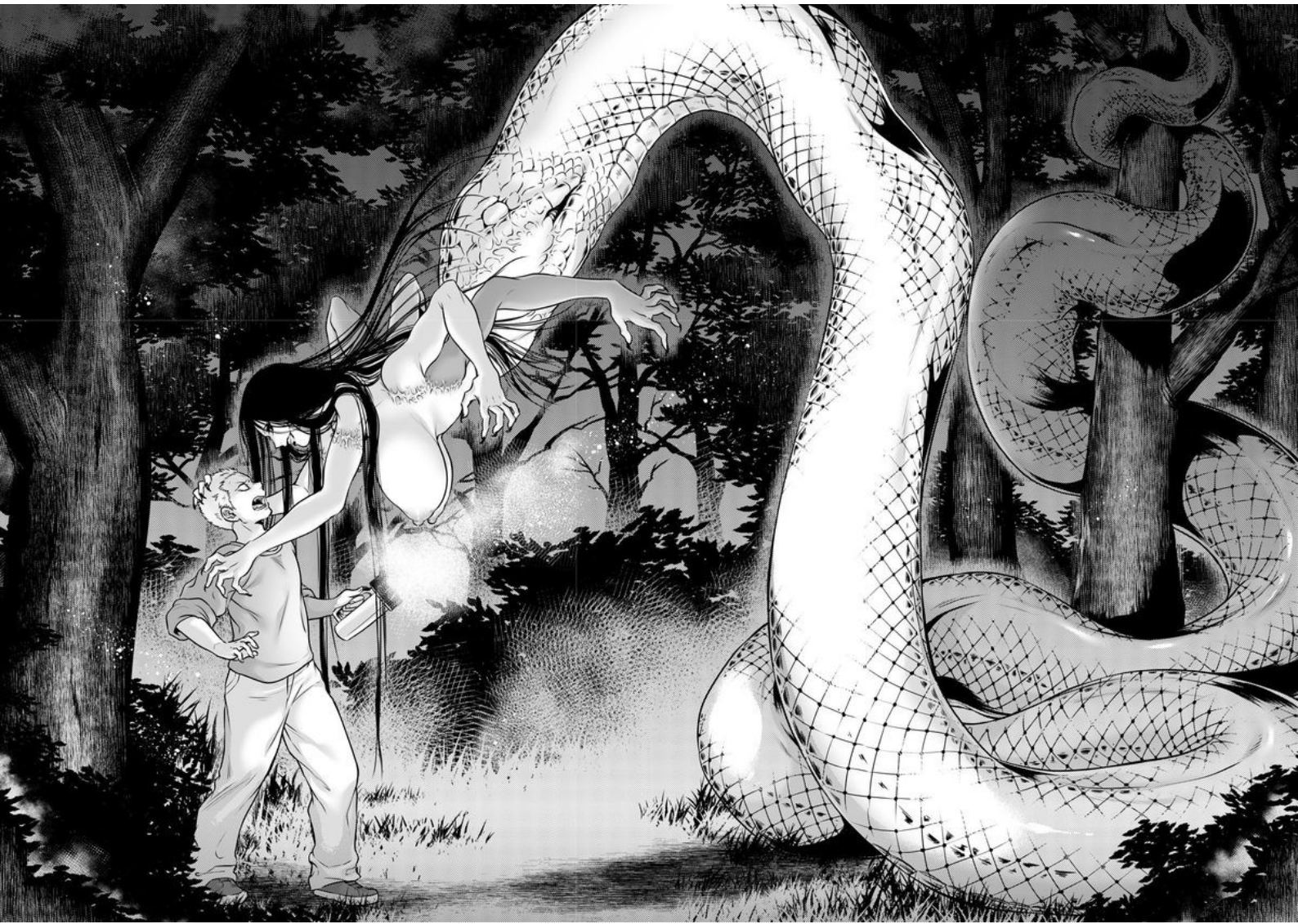
AND
THESE
THINGS..



SFX: RUMBLING, GRINNING (CHIRINI)





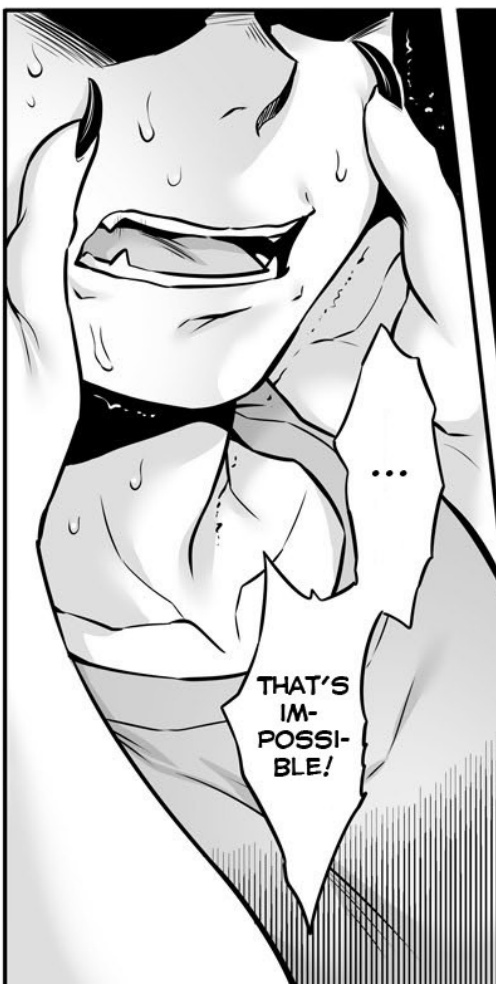






WHAT...
WHAT IS
THIS
THING...?

THE
REALLY
SCARY
THING THAT
GUY SAW...
THIS MUST
BE...

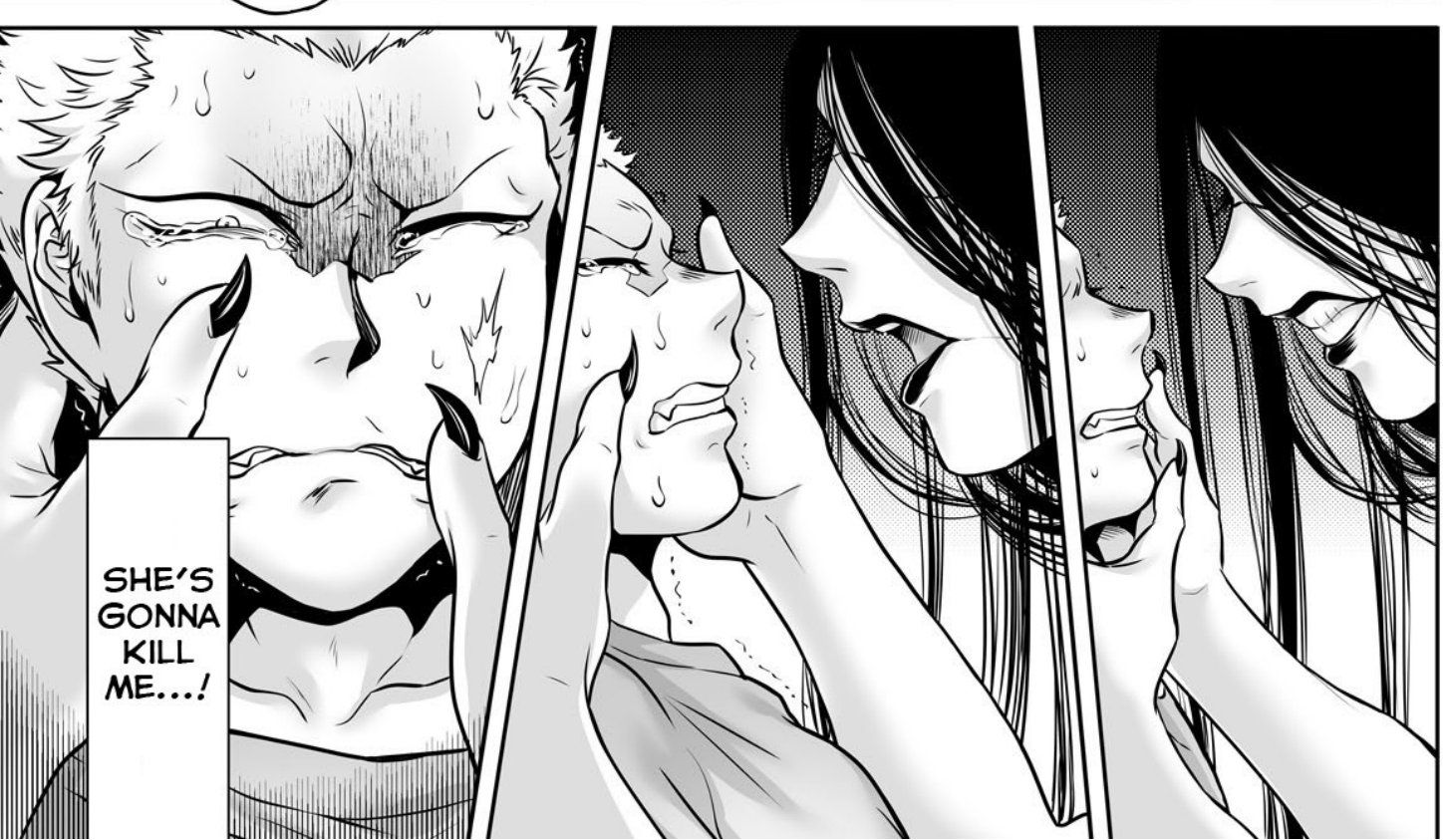


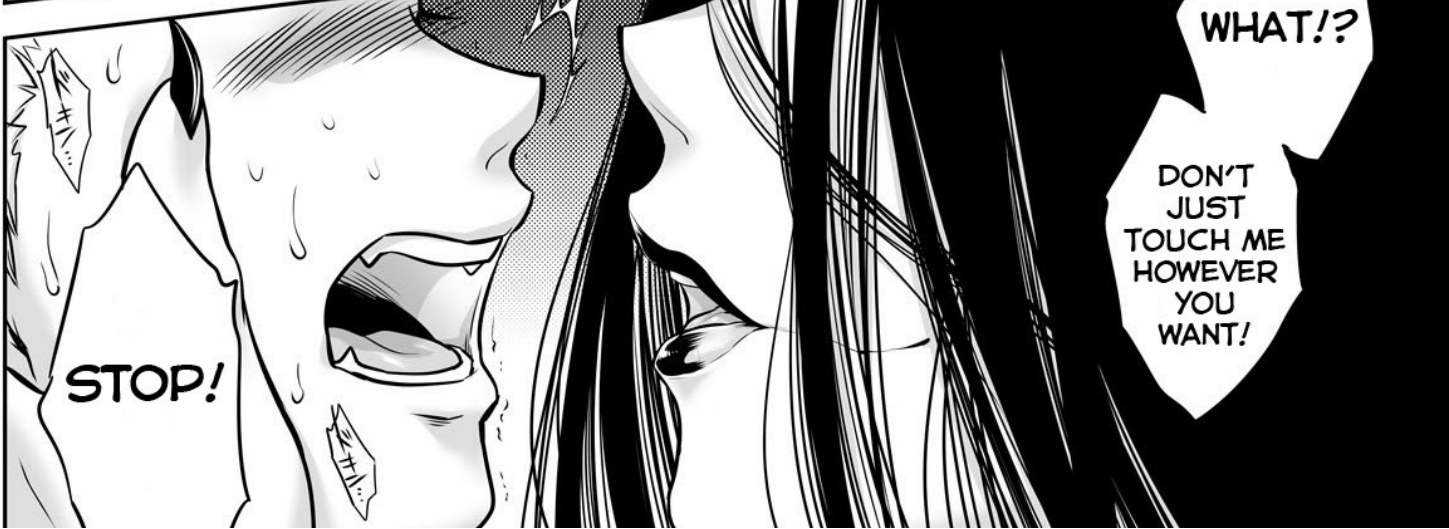
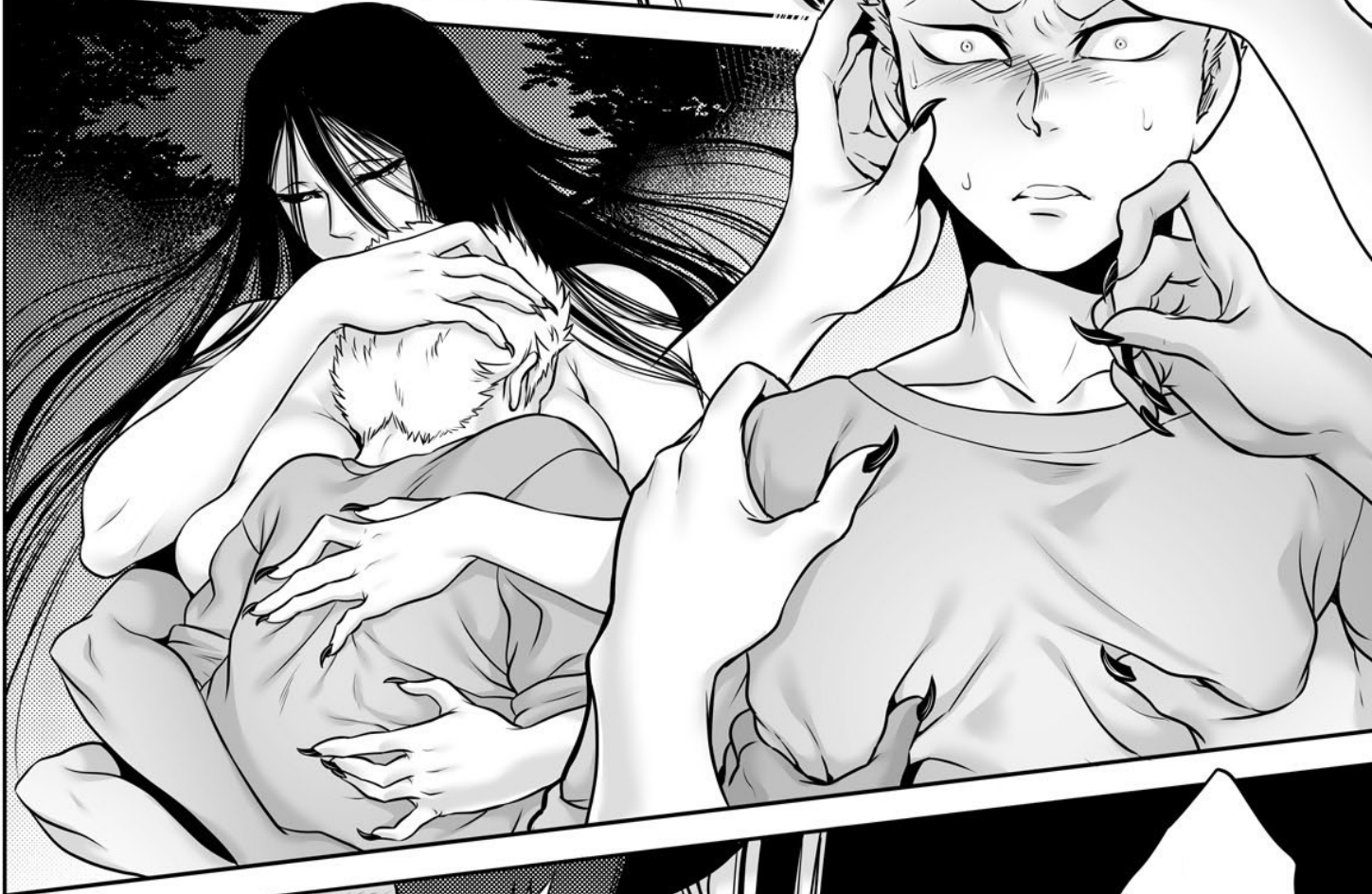
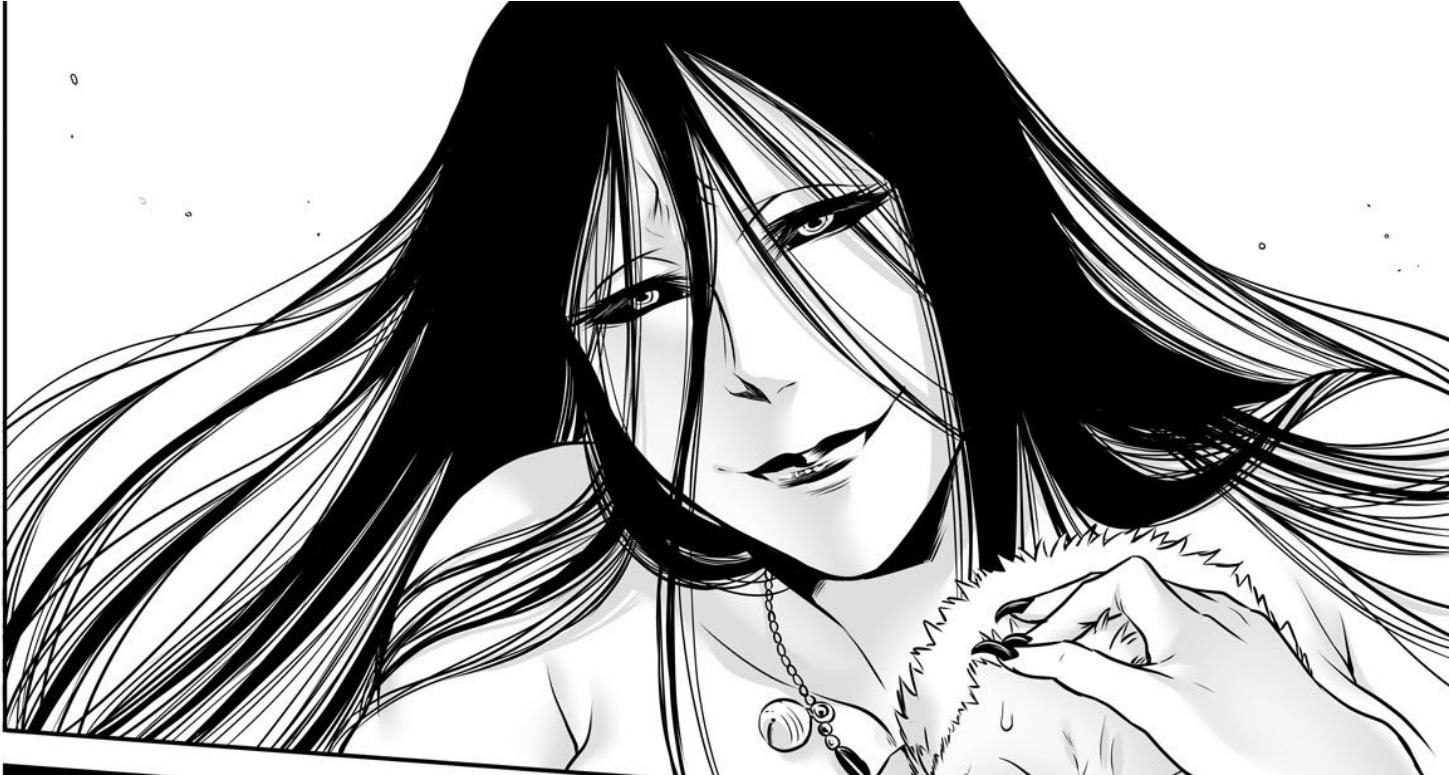
"YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW TRULY
HORRIFIC THIS
THING WAS!"



IF I
CAN ES-
CAPE...

ES-
CAPE...

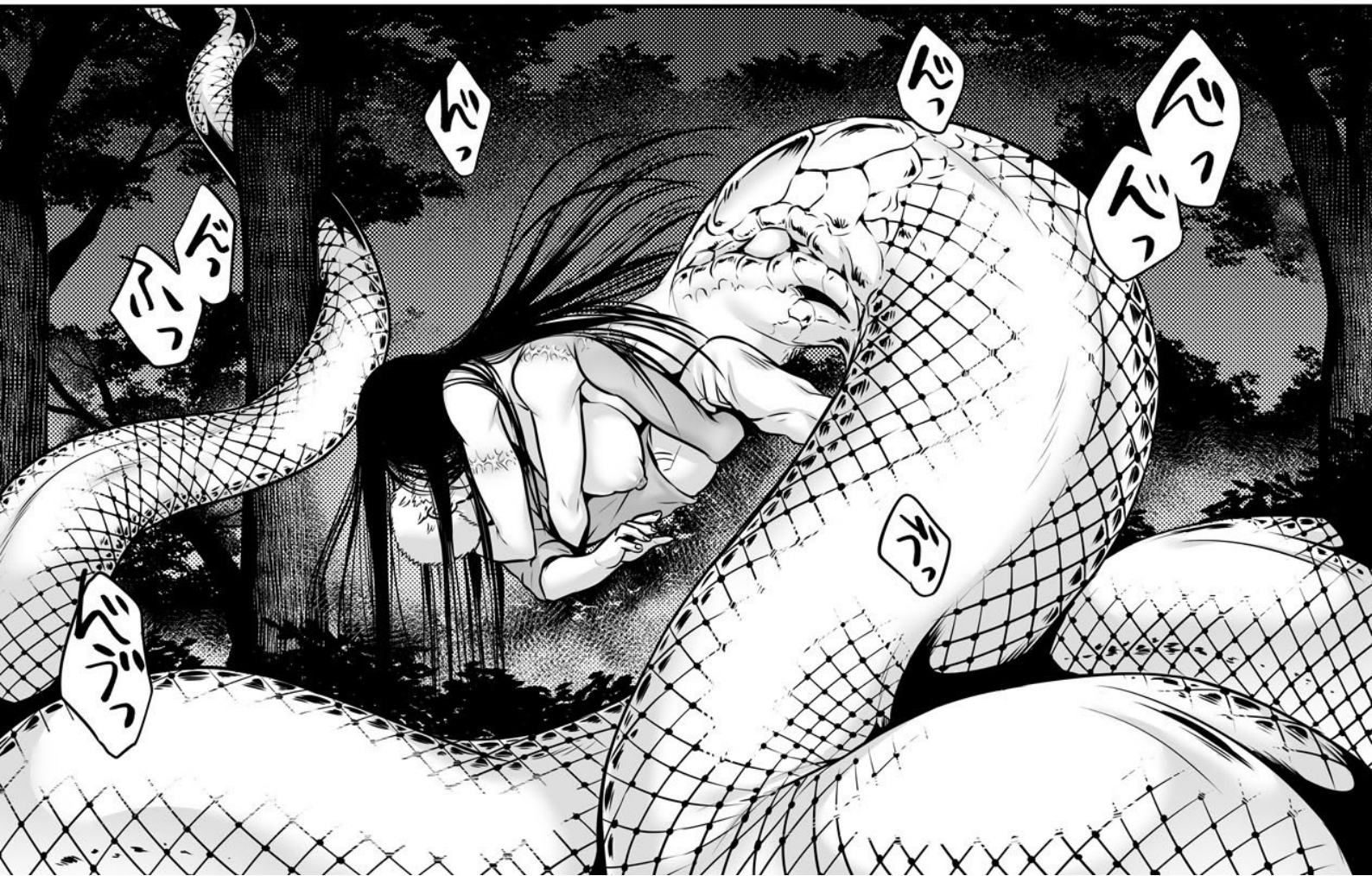
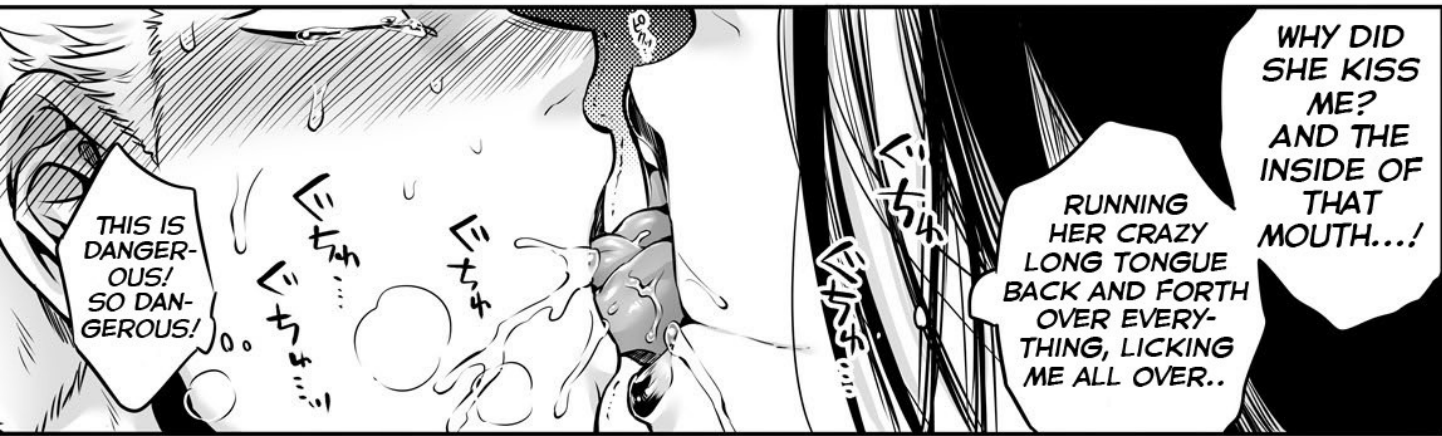


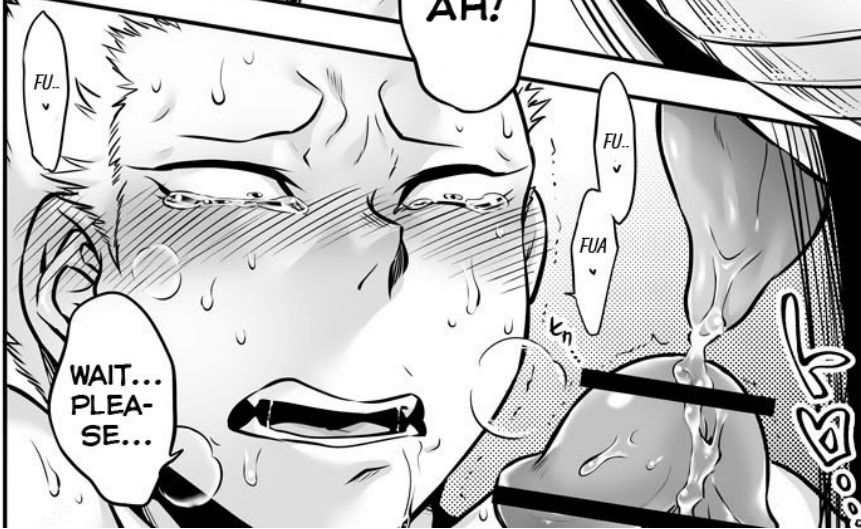


STOP!

WHAT!?

DON'T JUST TOUCH ME HOWEVER YOU WANT!



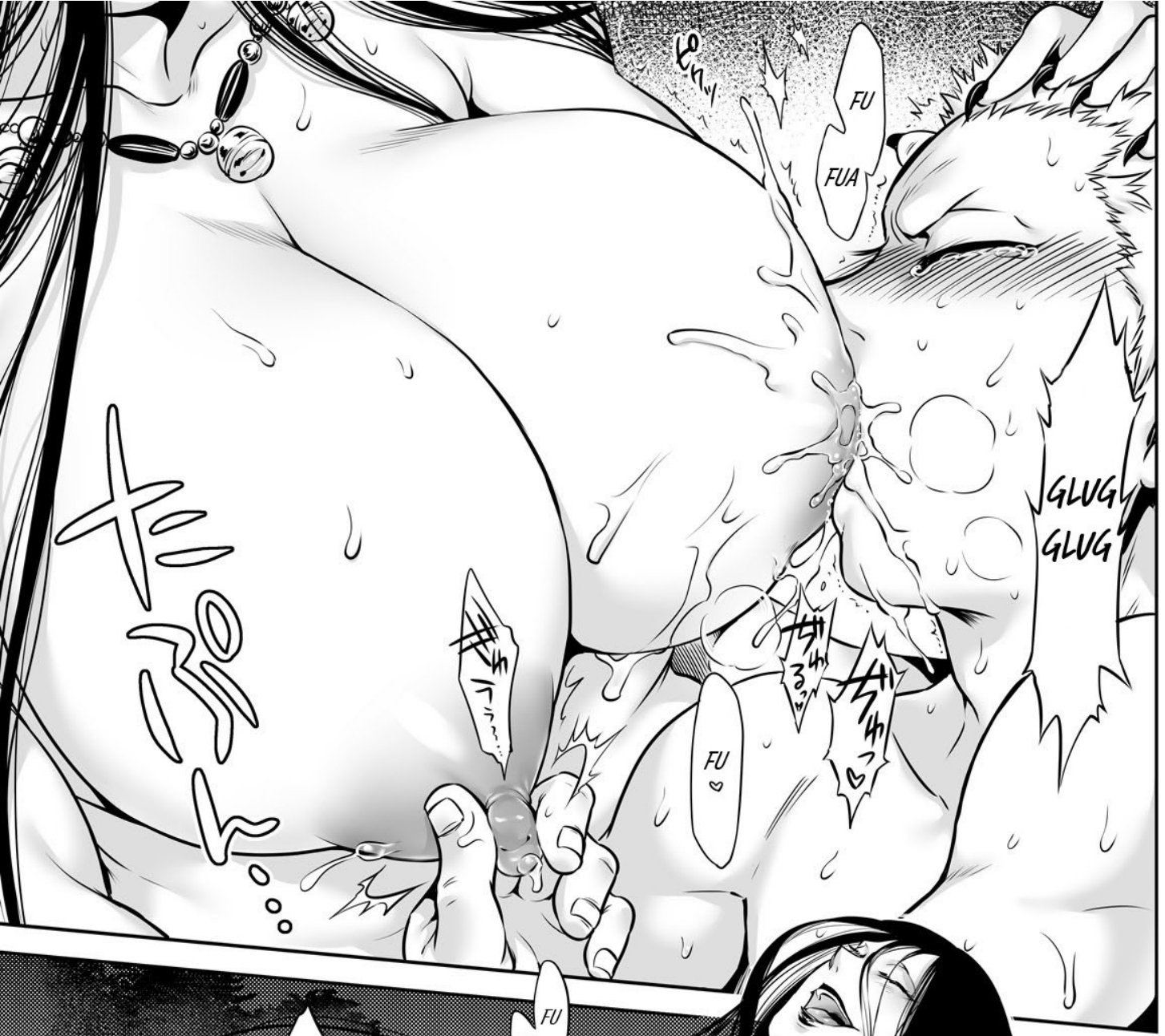


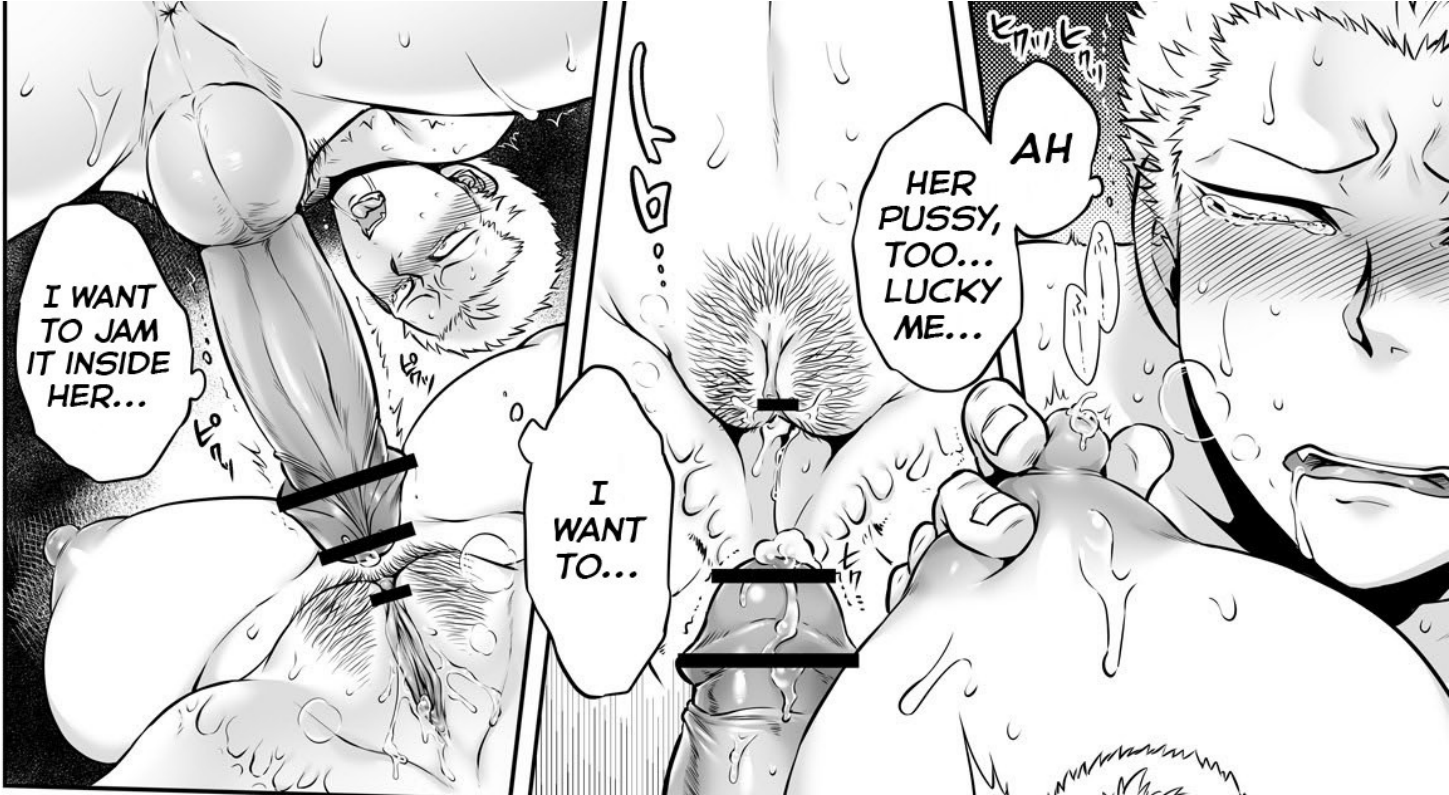


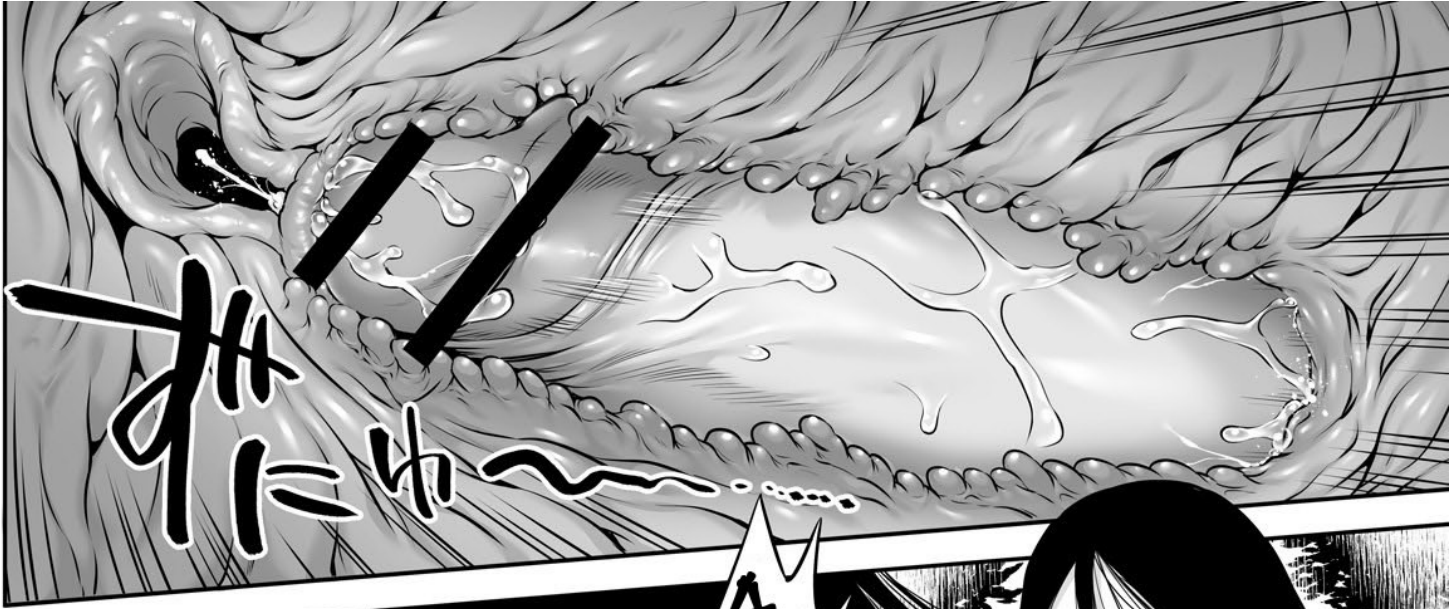


IT WAS NOT LONG AGO SHE APPEARED AS ONLY A MONSTER, BUT NOW SHE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

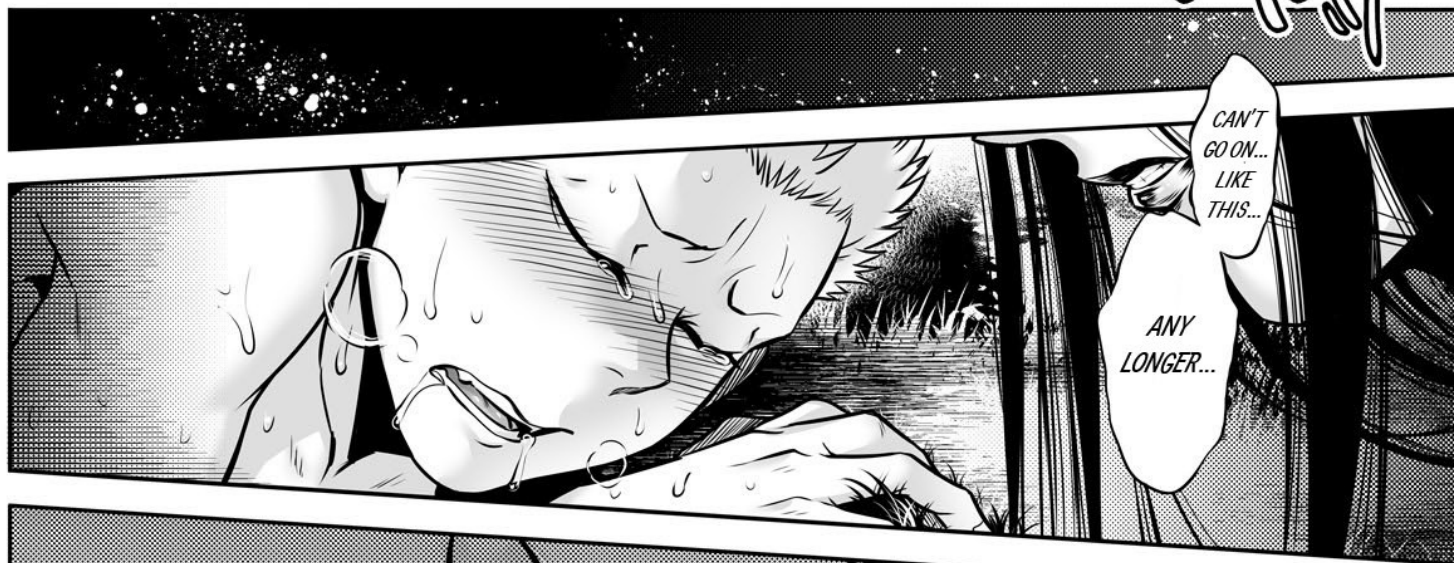
HE SAW ONLY HER IMMENSE COMPASSION AND PROFOUND BEAUTY.











RIGHT THERE IN THE FOREST BEFORE THEM WAS DETAILED THE STORY OF THE SHRINE MAIDEN AOI SO THAT THEY MIGHT UNDERSTAND.

AFTERWARDS,

HIS FRIEND, WHO'D FLED EARLIER, WAS ABLE TO FIND HELP AND COME BACK FOR HIM.

IN DEFIANCE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SHRINE MAIDEN MUSTERED ALL OF HER STRENGTH AND FOUGHT THE SNAKE, ENDING THE BATTLE BY OPENING UP A WEAK POINT ON THE LOWER HALF OF THE SNAKE'S BODY.

BUT THE SNAKE STILL LIVED. THE VILLAGERS, SEEING NO OTHER HOPE OF VICTORY, APPROACHED THE SNAKE AND OFFERED THE SHRINE MAIDEN AS A SACRIFICE IN RETURN FOR THE VILLAGE'S SAFETY.

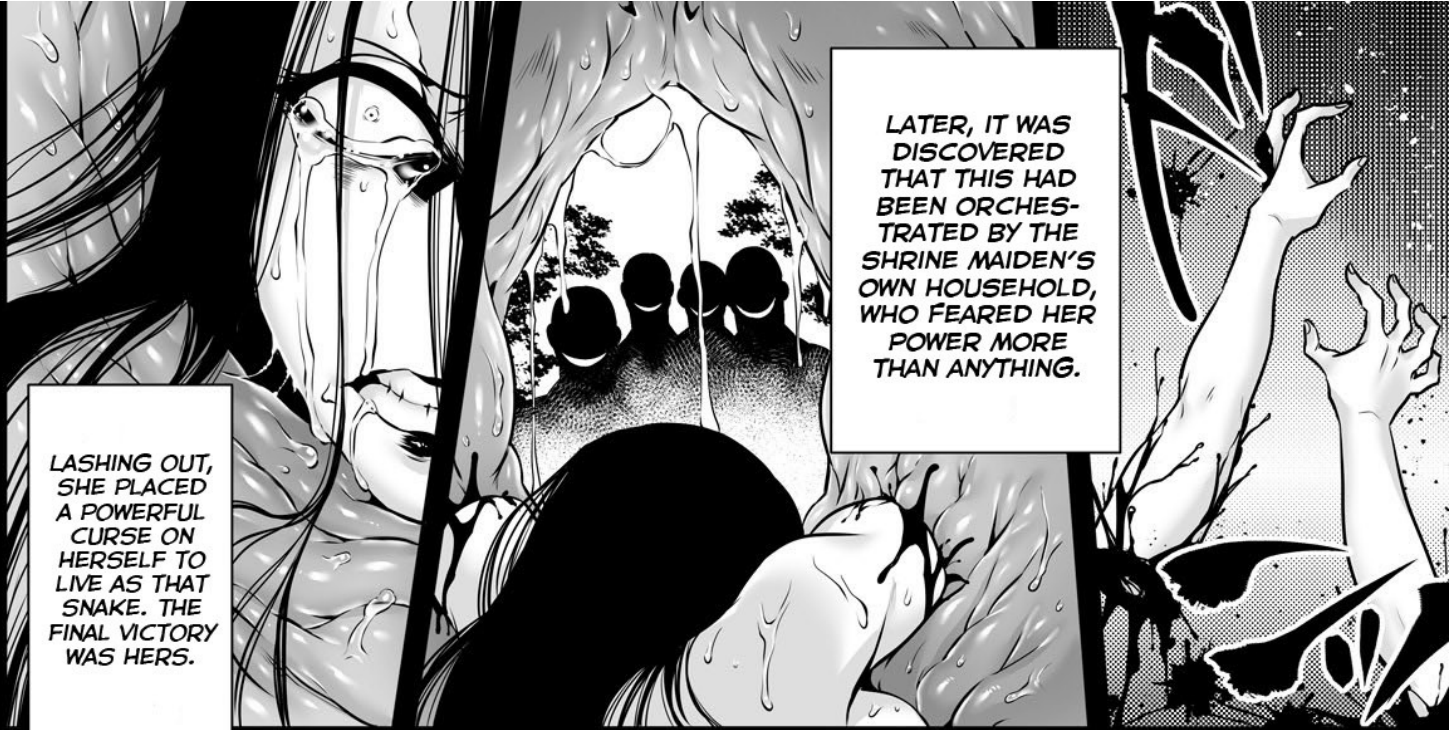
THERE ONCE EXISTED ANCIENT BEINGS REFERRED TO AS KANKANDARA, NARIJYARA, AND SUCH.*

THOUGH THEIR POWER SURPASSED THAT OF A SHRINE MAIDEN, WHEN ONE OF THESE GREAT SNAKES BEGAN TO FEAST UPON A VILLAGE AND THE VILLAGE PLEADED FOR HELP, ONE SUCH MAIDEN CAME FORWARD.

AND SO, AFTER THE VILLAGERS CUT OFF THE ARMS OF THE VERY SHRINE MAIDEN WHO TRIED TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES...

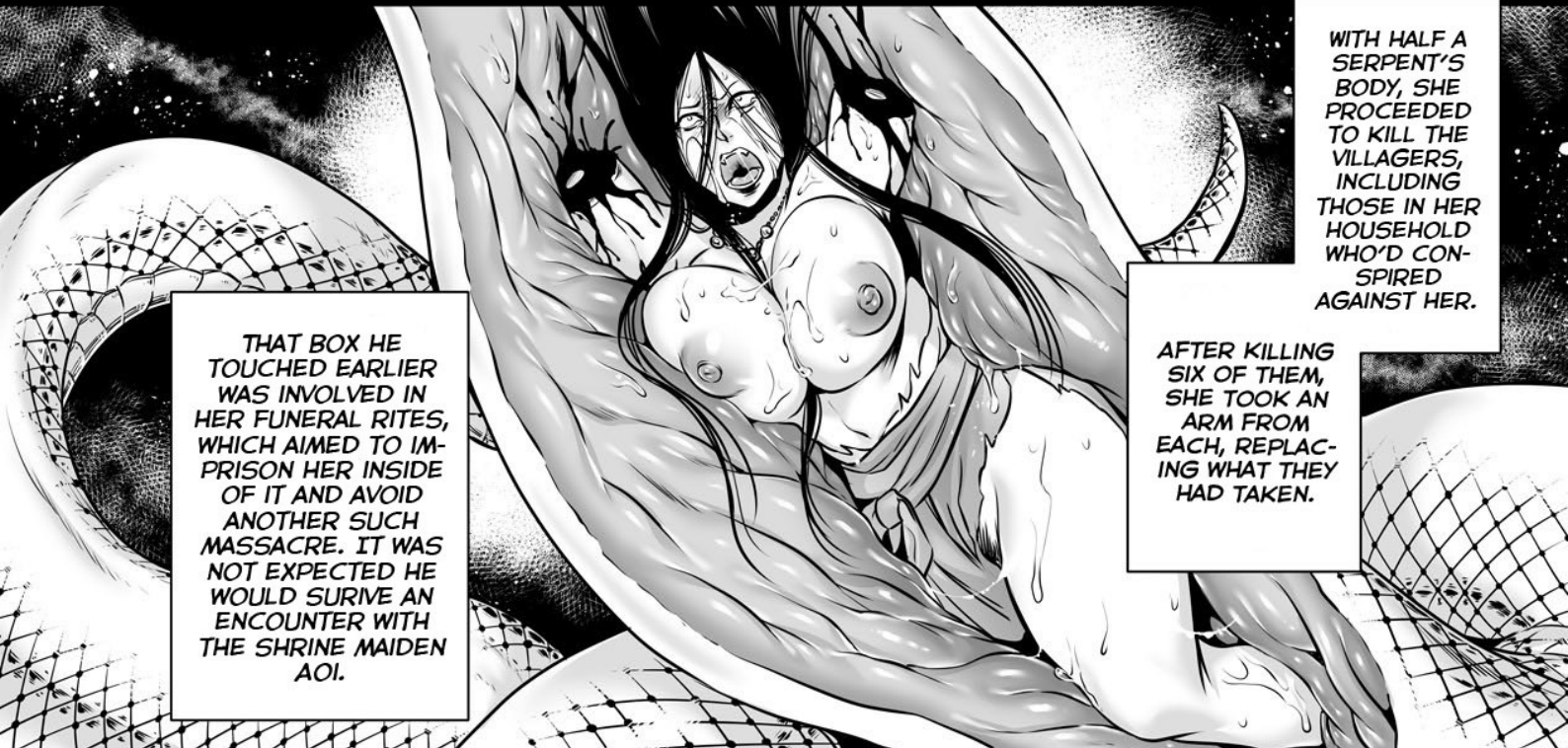
THE GREAT SNAKE HAD AN EASY MEAL...

*TL NOTE: THERE IS NO EXACT TRANSLATION FOR THESE NAMES, BUT THE SNAKE THIS DOUJIN CENTERS AROUND, "KANKANDARA", COULD BE TRANSLATED AS "CRUEL, GUNNING SPIRAL SNAKE".



LASHING OUT, SHE PLACED A POWERFUL CURSE ON HERSELF TO LIVE AS THAT SNAKE. THE FINAL VICTORY WAS HERS.

LATER, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THIS HAD BEEN ORCHESTRATED BY THE SHRINE MAIDEN'S OWN HOUSEHOLD, WHO FEARED HER POWER MORE THAN ANYTHING.



THAT BOX HE TOUCHED EARLIER WAS INVOLVED IN HER FUNERAL RITES, WHICH AIMED TO IMPRISON HER INSIDE OF IT AND AVOID ANOTHER SUCH MASSACRE. IT WAS NOT EXPECTED HE WOULD SURVIVE AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE SHRINE MAIDEN AOI.

AFTER KILLING SIX OF THEM, SHE TOOK AN ARM FROM EACH, REPLACING WHAT THEY HAD TAKEN.

WITH HALF A SERPENT'S BODY, SHE PROCEEDED TO KILL THE VILLAGERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN HER HOUSEHOLD WHO'D CONSPIRED AGAINST HER.



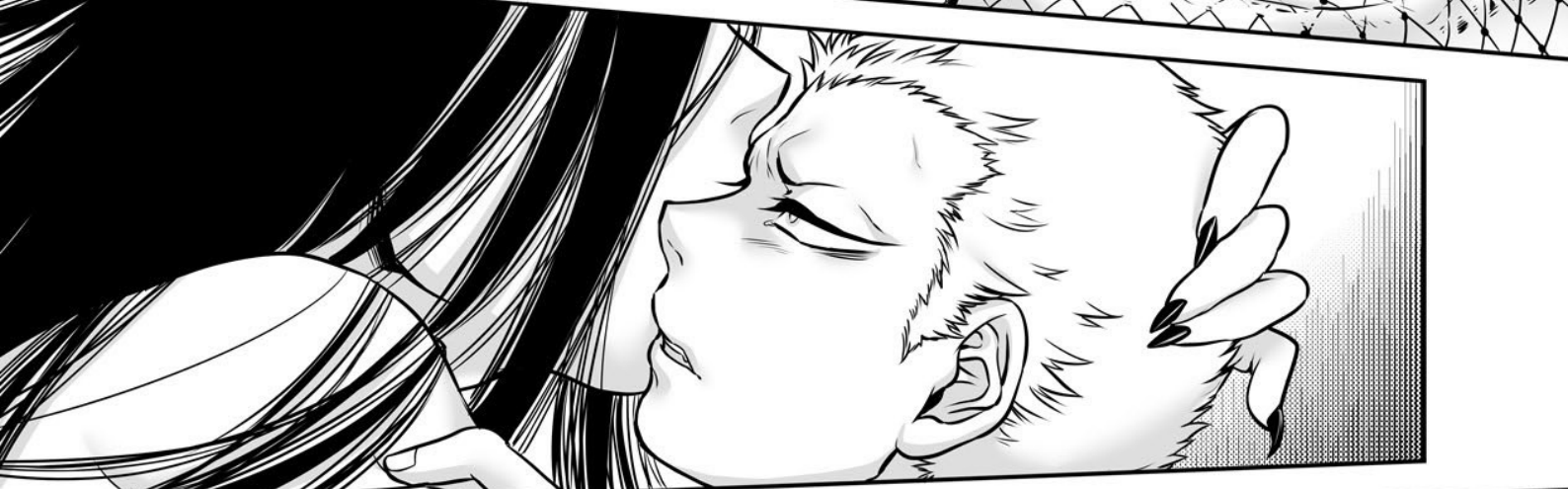
THE TERRIBLE AOI!

THE SECRET HAS BEEN RE-VEALED...!



ISN'T IT THAT THE ONES I KILLED WERE MUCH MORE FRIGHTENING?

SCARY?
YOU FEAR NOTHING.



HOW PITIFUL I AM...

TO BECOME ENTRANCED BY A PERSON LIKE YOU.



...
WAS IT REALLY SUCH A DREADFUL STORY?



TRULY PITIFUL, DON'T YOU THINK?



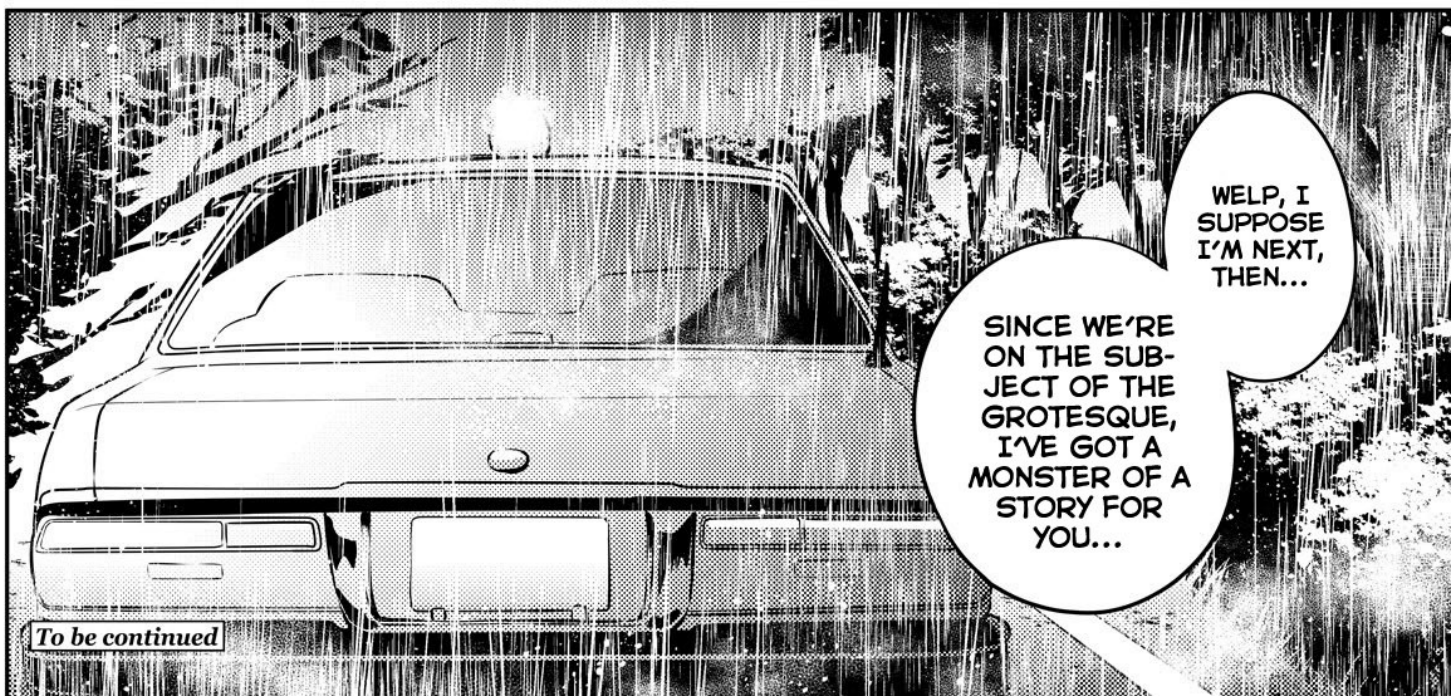
NO...
NOT WITH AN ENDING LIKE THAT.

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ALTHOUGH, I SUPPOSE THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF ENDING YOU'D HEAR IN AN OLD FOLKTALE.
DON'T YOU AGREE?

EVEN THE MOST GROTESQUE PEOPLE CAN FIND HAPPINESS IN SUCH SITUATIONS.



WELP, I SUPPOSE I'M NEXT, THEN...
SINCE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE GROTESQUE, I'VE GOT A MONSTER OF A STORY FOR YOU...

To be continued