



ANOTHER
KIDNAPPING?
IT'S GOTTEN
DANGEROUS
AROUND
HERE TOO.

THE
DAUGHTER
FROM THE
NORTH
ROW HAS
DISAPPEARED.

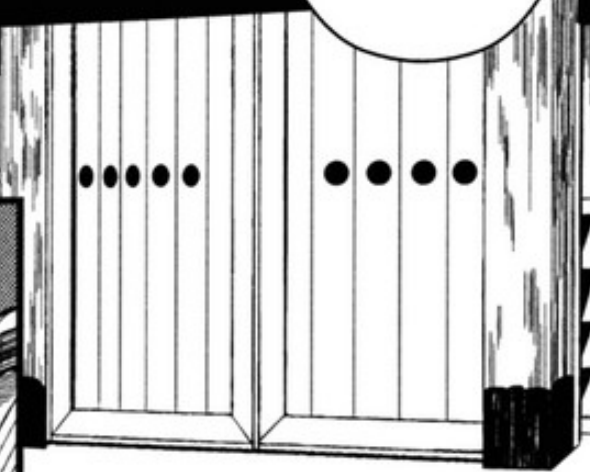


THEY
DISAPPEAR
WITHOUT A
SOUND, RIGHT?

DOESN'T
THAT MEAN
THE RUMORED
"OWL" IS
INVOLVED?



THE GOLD
OF THOSE
RICH WHO MADE A
DIRTY PROFIT GETS
DISTRIBUTED TO
US PAUPERS.



DON'T SAY
FOOLISH THINGS!
THAT GUY ONLY
KIDNAPS GOLD!

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SOCIAL REFORM SEASON

HE'S
SOMEONE
LIKE
BUDDAH.

Hiromi Miyoshi

三好ひろみ

Fighting
<Older man
Special



grit
grit

THOSE
WORMS
ARE ALL SO
BUOYANT.

WHEN
DID I
BECOME
ROBIN
HOOD?

DOES HARAS-
SING PEOPLE
SAVE THEM OR
SOMETHING?

SPILL A FEW
COINS AND THEY
GREEDILY SNATCH
THEM UP...!

I'LL
DEMOLISH
THIS
PEACEFUL
SOCIETY...!!

WELL,
THAT'S FINE.
I'LL LET THEM
ENJOY THEIR
BRIEF REST.





TATSUICHI-SAMA.



HEY,
HURRY
UP AND
OPEN IT.



THESE ARE
THE PLANS
AND INFORMATION
I OBTAINED.

IT SEEMS
ALL THE STORE
HOUSES HERE ARE
BEING USED AS
TREASURIES.



grin

LET'S HIS
TREASURE SIT
THERE AND
ROT, HUH...

ALL
RIGHT, LET'S
PUT IT TO
GOOD USE.

OH? EVEN
THOUGH HE'S
A HATAMOTO,
HE'S QUITE
THE HOARDER.





...ISN'T THIS...

...A JAIL CELL...?



DON'T BRING ALL OF THE STOLEN GOLD BACK WITH YOU.

THROW A PORTION IN THE RIVER OR SOMETHING.

IF THE WORST SHOULD HAPPEN, THE AMOUNT WON'T AGREE WITH WHAT'S DECLARED MISSING.



jerk

HLUH?

WH-WHY?



...

W- WHEN I
INVESTIGATED
I WAS SURE-!

THIS
SHOULDN'T-

EXCUSES? ..
...TCH, USE-
LESS!

DAMN
IT...

OWOWOW...

WITH GUYS
LIKE YOU MY
PLANS GO
NOWHERE!!

THUD

YOU'VE
GUIDED
US TO A
CELL? WHAT
JOKE IS
THIS?

UMEKICHI!!

NO-

THAT
IS-

struggle

struggle

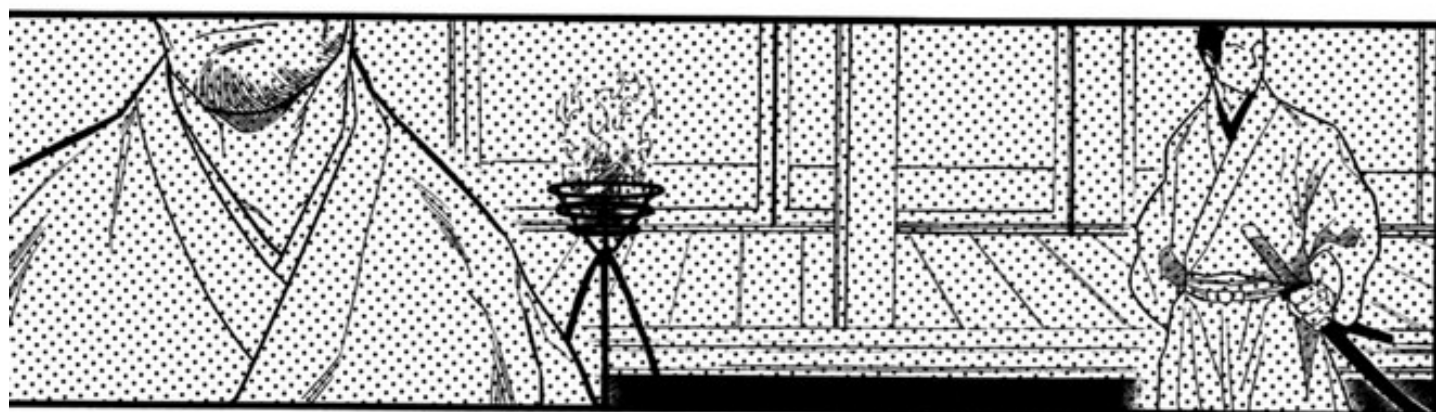
SHOVE



IT'S
THIEVES-!!
THIEVES!!



BAS-
TARDS...
DON'T
MOVE!!



THEY TOOK
THAT DAMN
TATSUICHI WITH
THEM. HE'S NOT
COMING BACK.

drip



SLIDE

HEY, YASUKE!
LET'S LEAVE
HIM BEHIND AND
ESCAPE TOO!

USE
"-SAMA"

WHO DOES
HE THINK HE
IS, THROWING
PEOPLE AWAY
LIKE OBJECTS!
HONESTLY!

HE'S LEFT
US HERE AND
ESCAPED,
HUH?

HE DOESN'T
THINK OF US
AS ANYTHING
BUT SACRIFICIAL
PAWNS, DOES
HE?

gulp

...YOUR MISTAKE
WAS THE CAUSE
OF OUR CURRENT
SITUATION...

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT?

GLARE

clink

clink

UMEKICHI.

clink

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

TCH!

...

WHAT
BLIND-
NESS...

TATSUICHI-
SAMA... UNLIKE
THE VILLAGE CHIEF,
HE WON'T THROW
US AWAY.

WE ARE OF
LOW BIRTH.

NO MATTER
HOW YOU PUT IT,
OUR LIVES ARE
THAT OF SACRIFICIAL
PAWNS FROM THE
START.

HOWEVER,
WHEN SOMEONE
HAS TRUE ABILITY,
THAT PERSON WILL
DULY APPRECIATE IT.

I'LL QUICKLY SAY
GOODBYE TO THAT
TROUBLED-TIMES
CRAZED OLD MAN
AND THIS CELL

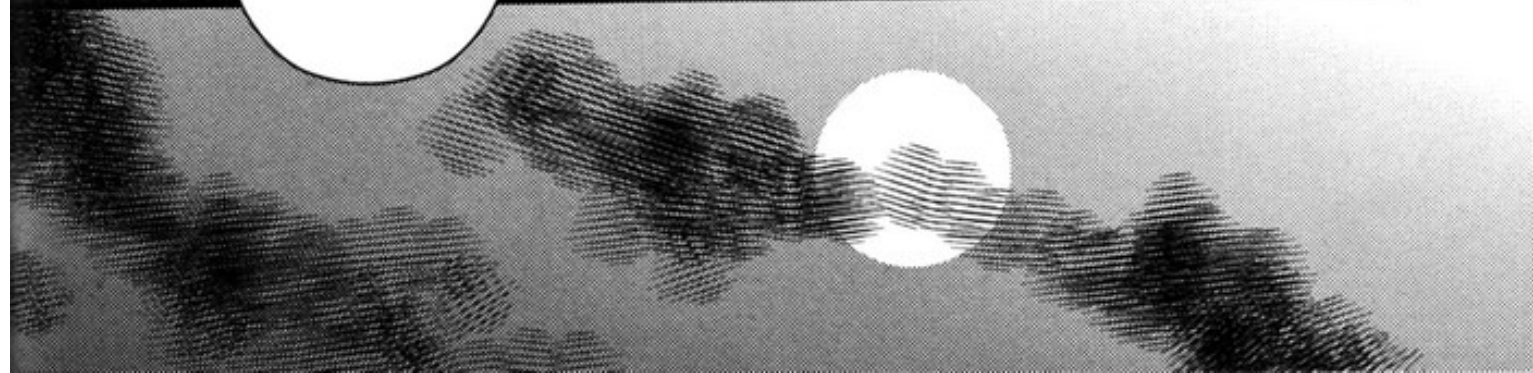
AND
BECOME
MY OWN
THIEF OR-

SORRY,
BUT WOULD
YOU LET ME
DO AS I LIKE?

WELL, NEVER
MIND ABOUT ALL
THAT, HURRY UP
AND OPEN IT.

IT'S
COLD IN
HERE.

JOSTLE





pull

WHEN SOMEONE OF HUMBLE BIRTH ENTERS ONE'S ESTATE WITH HIS SHOES ON, BY ALL RIGHTS HE SHOULD BE CUT DOWN IMMEDIATELY, YOU KNOW?

OH? WHAT A LEWD COLOR.

touch

AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE YOUR FIRST TIME.

Squeeze

YOU'RE THE OWL GANG, RIGHT? I HEAR RUMORS OF A GROUP OF FUGITIVE NINJA WHO ONLY AIM AT HATAMOTO AND DAIMYŌ.

OWL IS MY ALIAS!

slide

LISTEN. AMONG NINJA, IF YOU SPEAK OF TATSUICHI THE OWL-

D-

DAMN YOU! FOOL-!

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM!?

twist

rub rub

SLIDE

flinch

IF MY HANDS
WEREN'T BOUND,
THAT THIN NECK OF
YOURS WOULD
BE EASILY-

HEY!

DON'T
TOUCH
ME!

!

slide

STRAIN

URGH...!

drip

DON'T GNASH
YOUR TEETH. YOUR
LOINCLOTH IS
GETTING TIGHT
TOO, ISN'T IT?

HOW
ABOUT
ENJOYING
YOURSELF
AS WELL?

GROPE

GROPE

EVEN
IF I GO TO
YOSHICHOI*
THE PRETTY
LITTLE THINGS
ARE DROOPED
LIKE A WILLOW

IT'S A
DULL PLACE.

*Yoshichou:
Region
where the
Kagama (male
prostitute) tea
houses are
assembled.

HAA...

shudder

I LIKE
LARGE MEN
LIKE YOU.

slide

LOWLY
THIEVES WHO
ARE CRUDE
AND SAVAGE.

ISN'T
THAT
STIMU-
LATING?

BE GOOD
AND YIELD,
TATSUICHI.

lick

I'M SAYING IF
YOU ENTERTAIN ME
FOR ONE NIGHT, I'LL
RELEASE YOU WITHOUT
CHARGING YOU FOR
YOUR CRIME.

UGH...

slip



UNDO THE
ROPES. I
WON'T RESIST
ANYMORE...



I
PROMISE.



...I
GET IT.



I'LL ALSO
RETURN YOUR
SUBORDINATES
SAFELY HOME.

whisper



...



TATSU-
ICHI...

I DON'T
TELL LIES.



NH...BRAT! DID YOU.....GIVE ME SOMETHING!?

WORN OUT



DO YOU ACHE INSIDE?

tug

AAAH!



roll

HAA

HAA

GOOD, GOOD.

IT'S NO FUN TO HOLD A COLD DOLL.



HEH HEH HEH... IT'S WORKING WELL, ISN'T IT?



AAH!

THRUST

THRUST

AAH!

jerk

jerk

HAA

THRUST

UWAH!

THRUST

THRUST

I CAN'T SAY IT LOUDLY, BUT I'VE BEEN IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING GIRLS.

THERE'S A DRUG TO MAKE STRONG-WILLED GIRLS AND VIRGINS OPEN THEIR THIGHS MIXED INTO THE OIL.



slap

slap

slap

AH...!

SH-
GONNA
COME-

AH!

NH...!

ba-dump

ba-dump

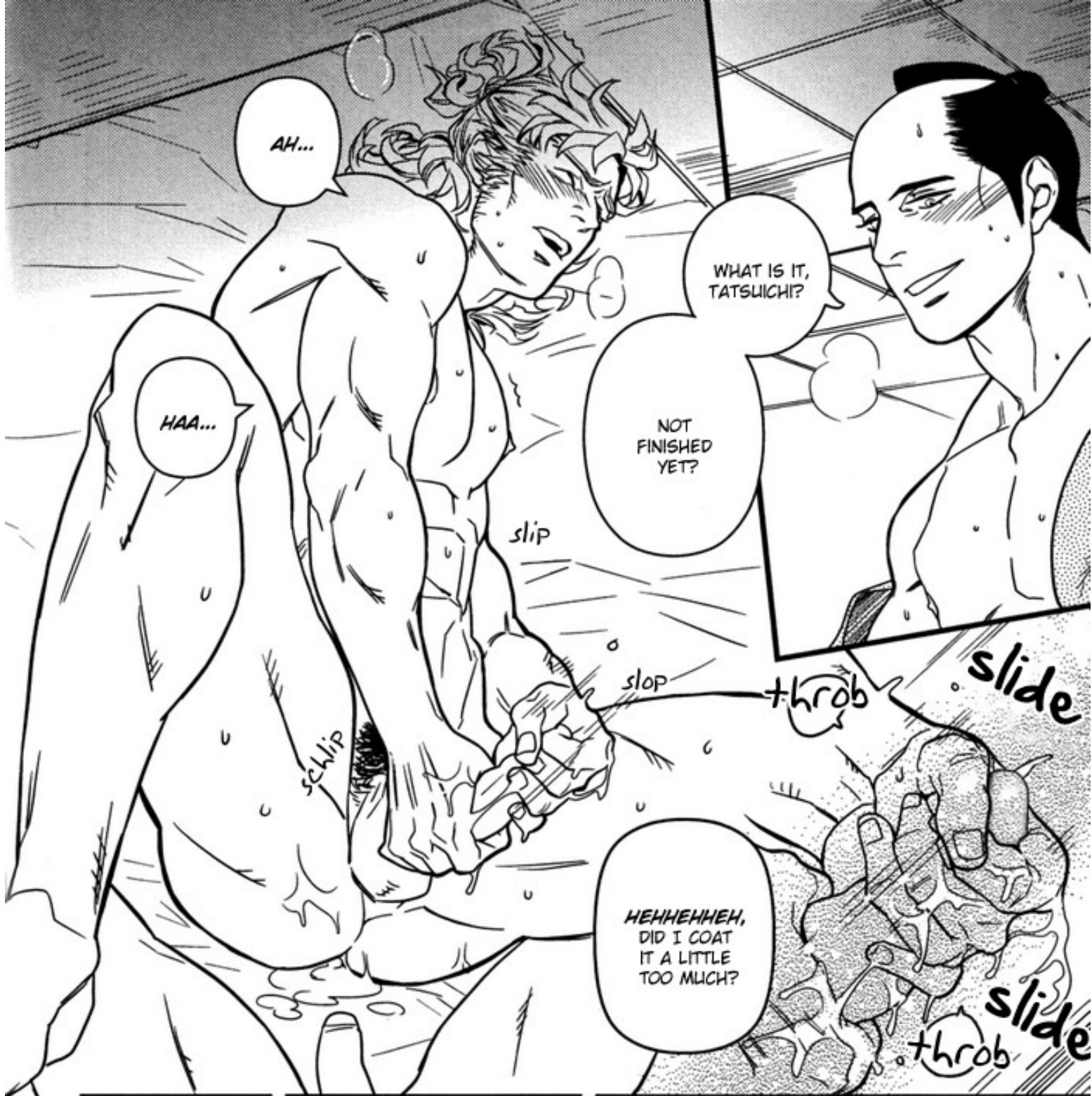
jerk

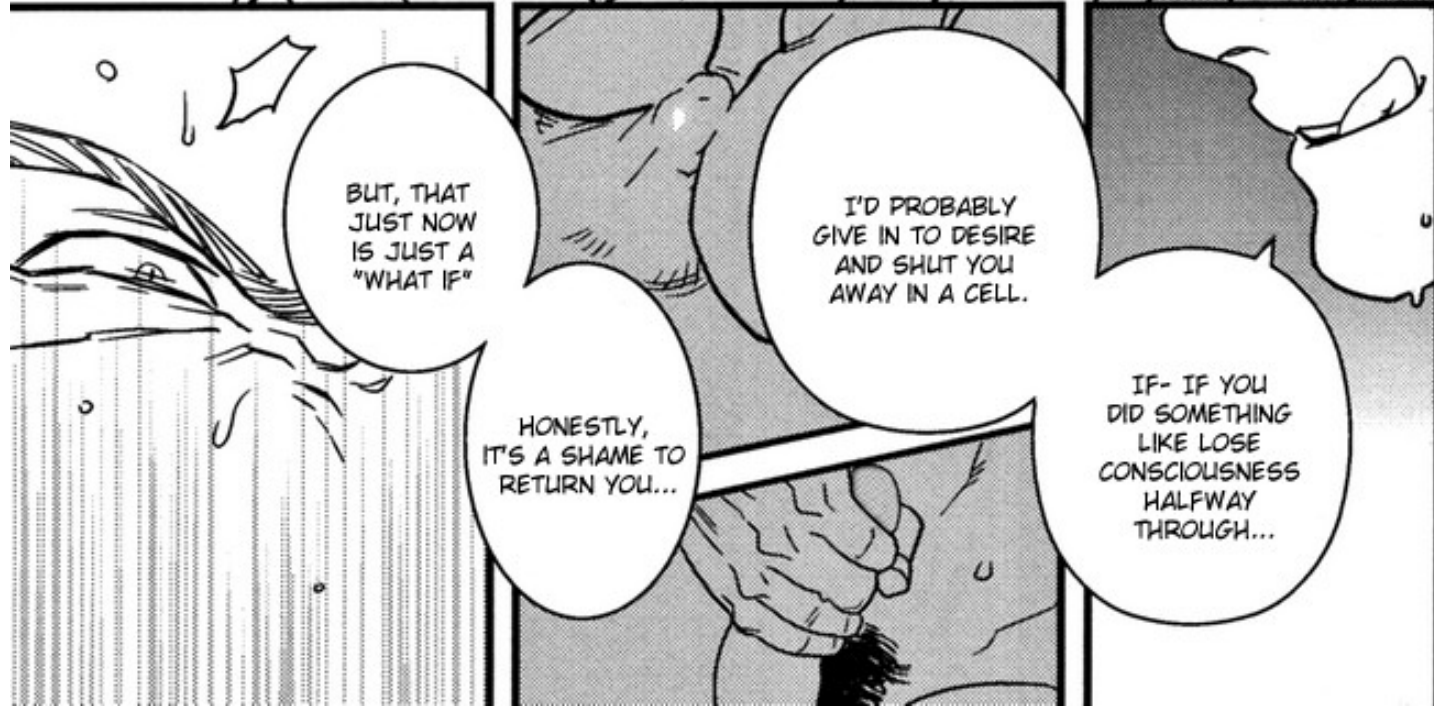
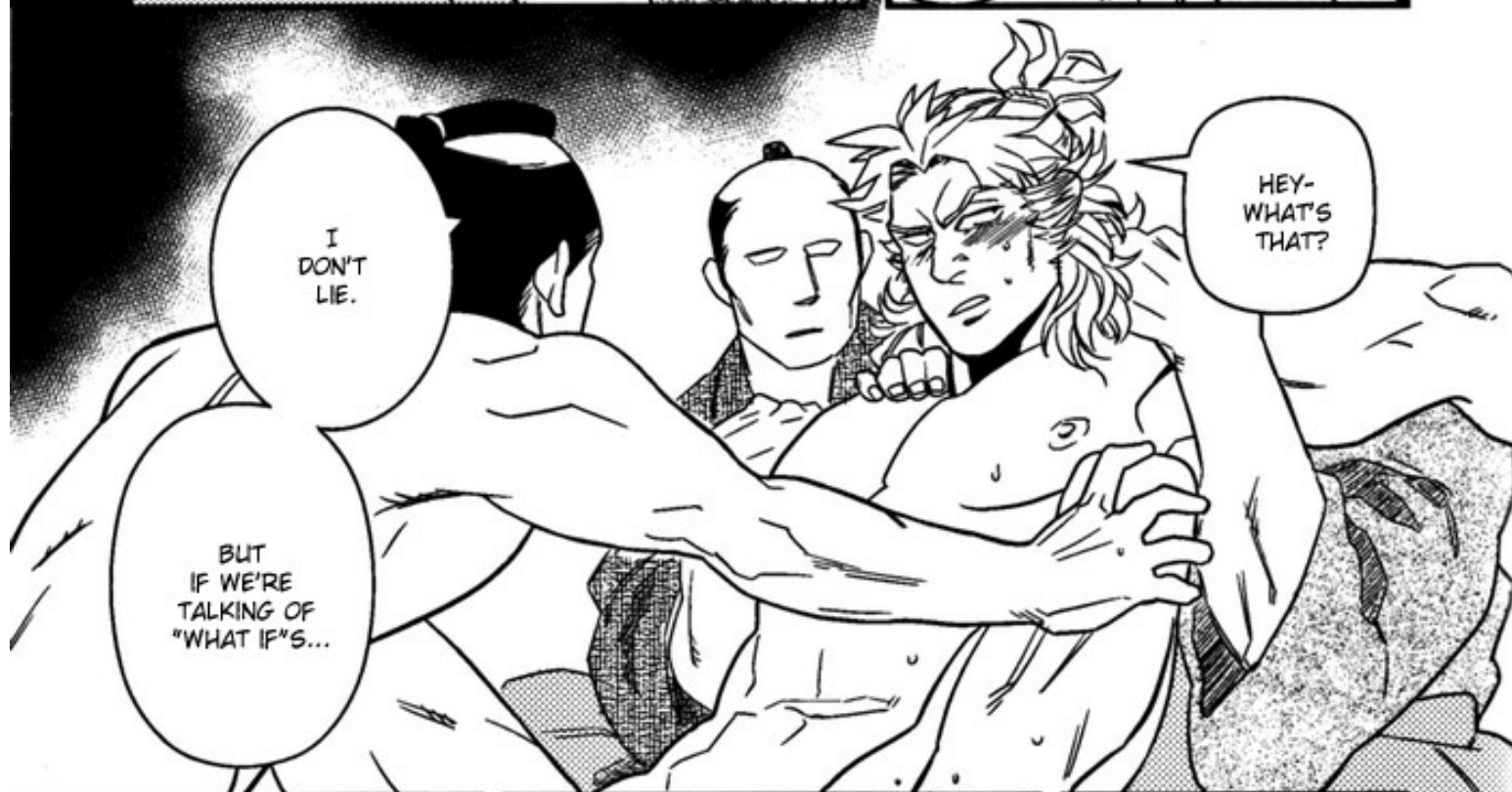
...NH!

HAA...

HAA









AH!

STOP-



AH!

NO!

jerk

jerk

ONE NIGHT-
IF IT'S YOU,
YOU'LL BE
FINE, RIGHT?

slip

slip

RIGHT,
TATSUICHI
THE OWL?

GWAH-!

TWITCH



squirt

SHIT-
I HAVE NO
STRENGTH...

AT-
AT THIS
RATE-

...NH!

splurt
splurt



TATSUICHI-SAMA!



open

...SAMA...



YOU GUYS...

...MA...



I'LL KILL YOU!!

NO... WE KNOCKED THEM OUT AND STUFFED THEM IN THE CELL.

DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THOSE GUYS?

Yasuke nearly did though...



HONESTLY! GIVE AUTHORITY TO A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING GUY AND IT WON'T BE USED FOR ANYTHING DECENT!



I SEE... EVEN KILLING THEM WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH, BUT IF WE KILL THEM IT'LL BE TRACED.

NO HELPING IT...

THIS IS WHY GUYS WHO INHERIT POSITIONS ARE SO-!!



THEY'RE
MAKING LIGHT OF
ME DUE TO THAT
IDIOTIC RUMOR.

YASUKE! LEAVE
SOMETHING
AS THE MARK
OF THE OWL!

IT WON'T BE
INCONVENIENT
TO ADD SOME
ASSAULT TO MY
REPUTATION.



LIMEKICHI!
NOW IS NOT
THE TIME
TO SAY SUCH
THINGS...!



W- WHY
DIDN'T YOU
ESCAPE?



HEY!



WHY-!?

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO
ESCAPE
BEFORE
SUFFERING
SUCH A THING,
RIGHT!?

THIS IS
YOU WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT...



EVEN
THOUGH
I WAS THE
ONE WHO
SCREWED
UP...!

IF I'M
SHORT EVEN
ONE SUBOR-
DINATE, IT'LL
BE A HUGE
PROBLEM.

...YOU SEE, I'M
REALLY BUSY
RANSACKING
THE WORLD.



LET'S
GO HOME,
UMEKICHI!

DON'T
ASK IDIOTIC
THINGS!!

YASUKE,
YOU
BASTARD!!

I'M GOING
HOME!
I'M GOING
HOME WITH
YOU TOO!!

WHAT'S
THAT...?

NO!

OH? WEREN'T
YOU GOING
TO RUN AWAY
AND BE FREE?

Y- YES!





THIS TIME
HE'S SETTLED
THE TOWN'S
DAUGHTER
KIDNAPPING
CASE!

WHAT?
THE CULPRIT
WAS THE
HATAMOTO
NAOOKI
TSUJI!?



THERE,
BOUGHT
ONE.

IT'S
THE KAWA-
RABAN*!

THE
OWL'S
APPEARED
AGAIN.

*block-print
newspaper

URGH!!
WHY DID IT
TURN OUT
LIKE THIS!?

CRUMPLY

SEE,
ISN'T IT JUST
AS I SAID?

No
mistaking it.

THE OWL
IS LIKE GOD
OR BUDDAH!

D-DIDN'T
I TELL YOU?

shake

shake

The town's
daughters were
in the other
storehouses

END