

who
will be
strong
enough
...



Build
me a
son,
O
Lord,

7.
A Father
Prayer
by
General
Douglas
MacArthur



...to
face
himself
when
he is
afraid;



and
brave
enough
.....



to
know
when
he is
weak,

...in
victory



and
humble
and
gentle
.....

in
honest
defeat,

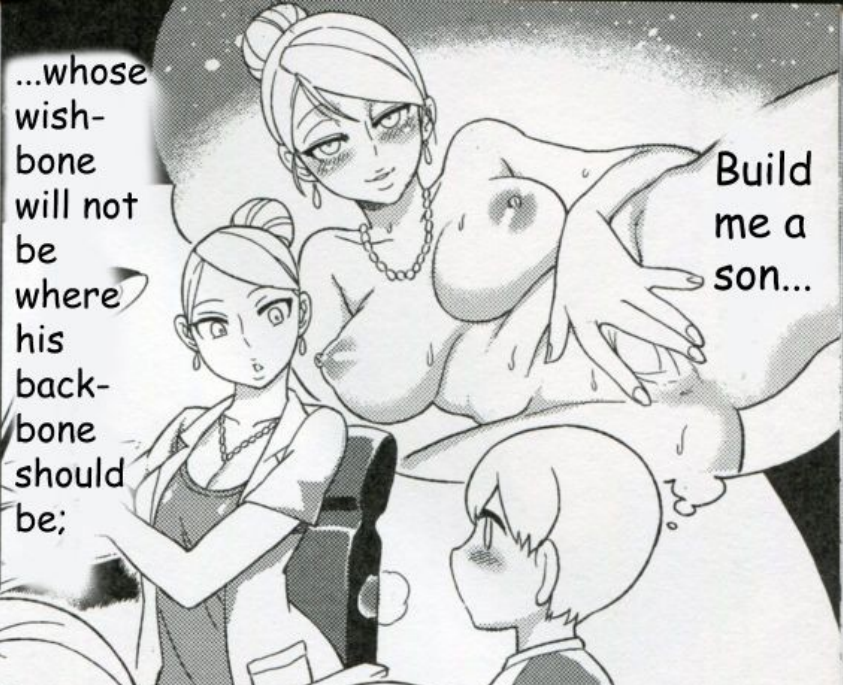


one who
will be
proud
and un-
bending
.....



and that to know himself ...

a son who will know Thee ...



...whose wish-bone will not be where his back-bone should be;

Build me a son...



not in the path of ease and comfort,

Lead him, I pray,

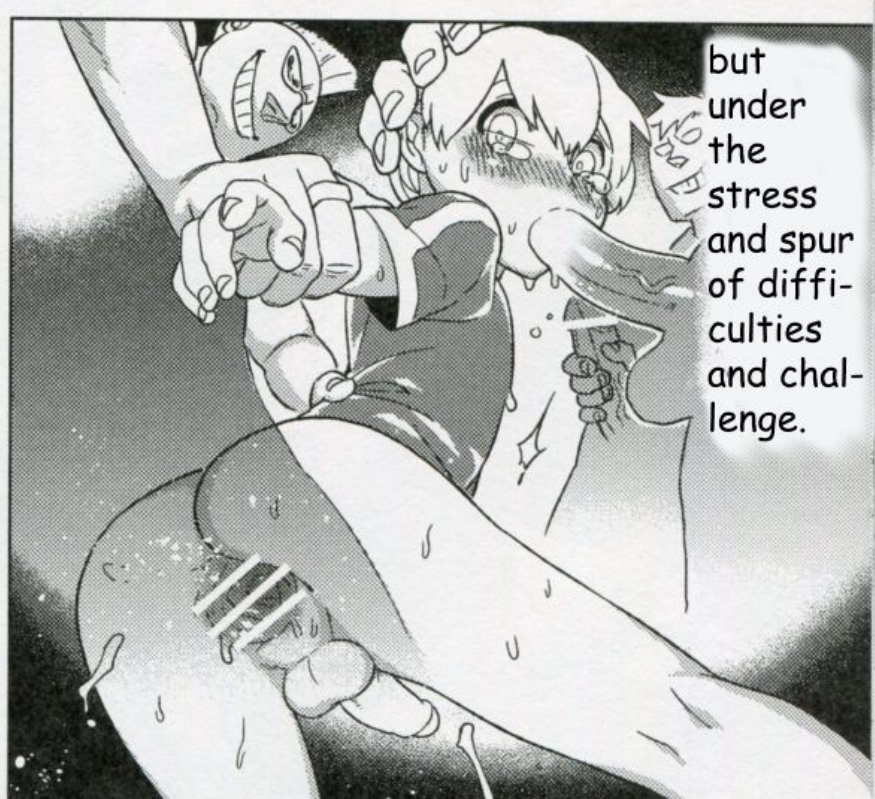


is the foundation stone of knowledge.



here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Here let him learn to stand up in the storm;



but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge.



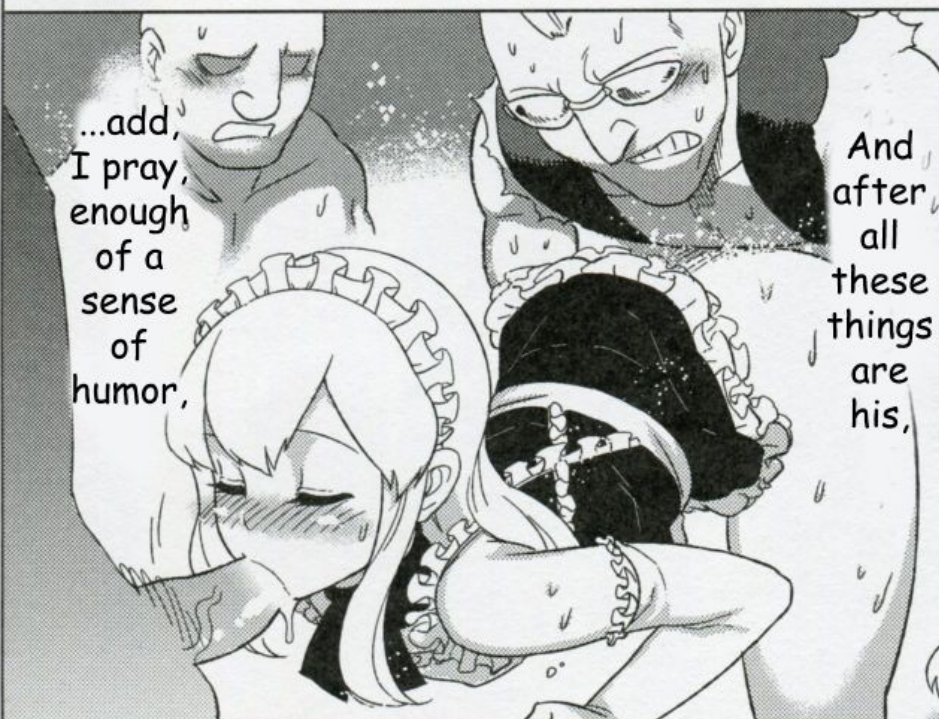
a son who will master himself ...

...before he seeks to master other men;



whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high;

Build me a son ...



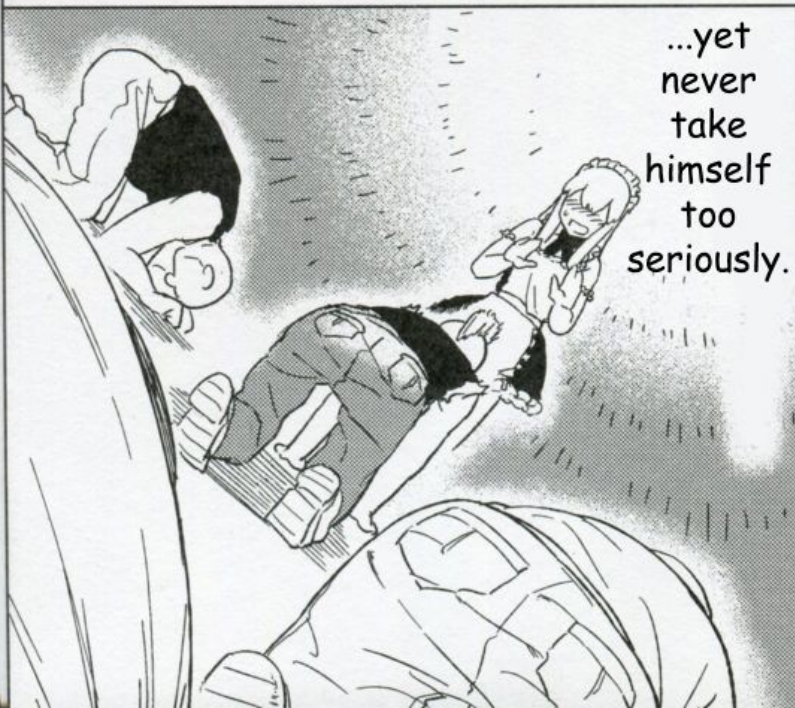
...add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor,

And after all these things are his,



yet never forget the past.

one who will reach into the future,



...yet never take himself too seriously.



so that he may always be serious,



the
meekness
of true
strength.

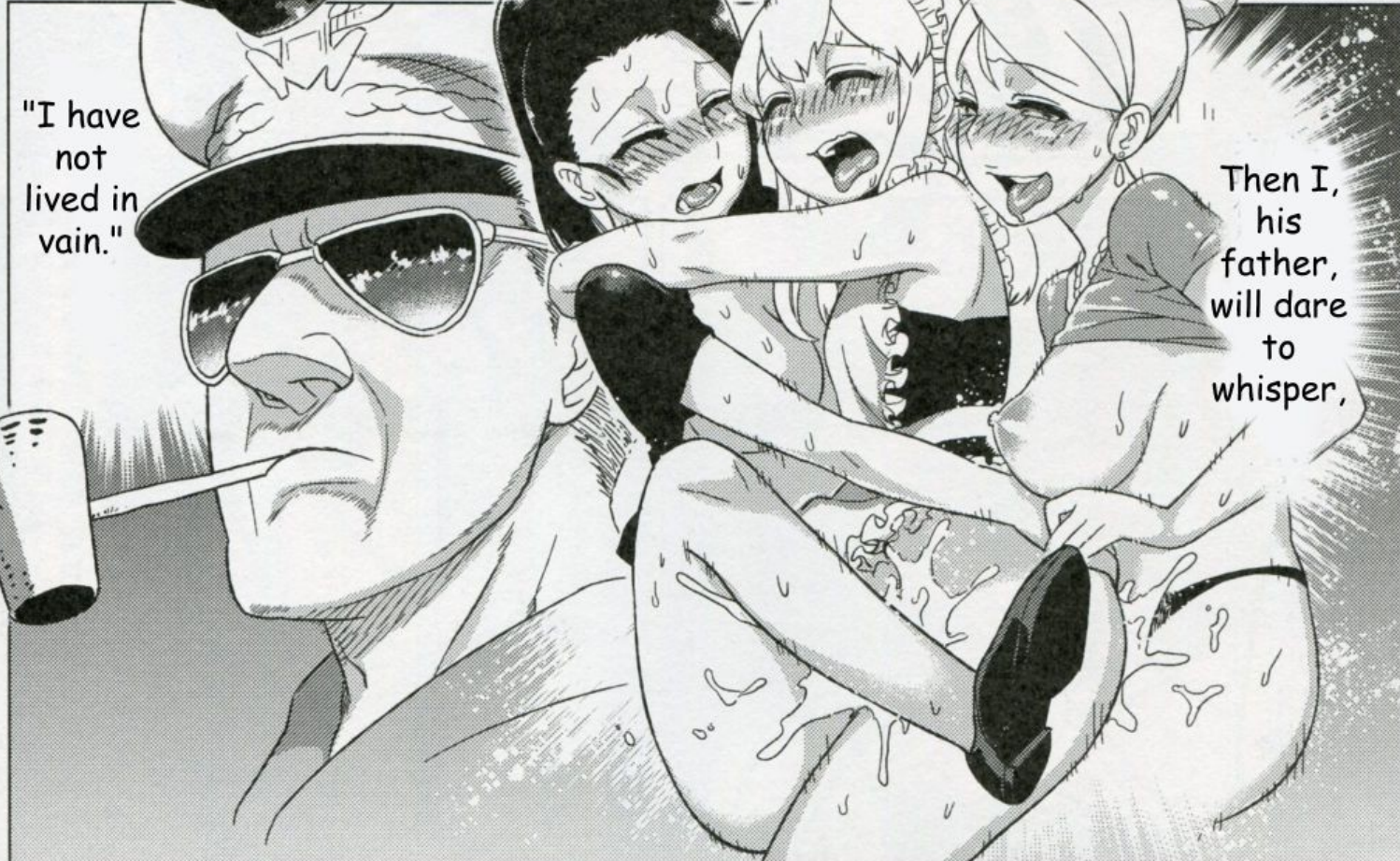


...so that
he may
always
remember
the
simplici-
ty of
great-
ness,

Give
him
humil-
ity,



...the
open
mind of
true
wisdom,



"I have
not
lived in
vain."

Then I,
his
father,
will dare
to
whisper,