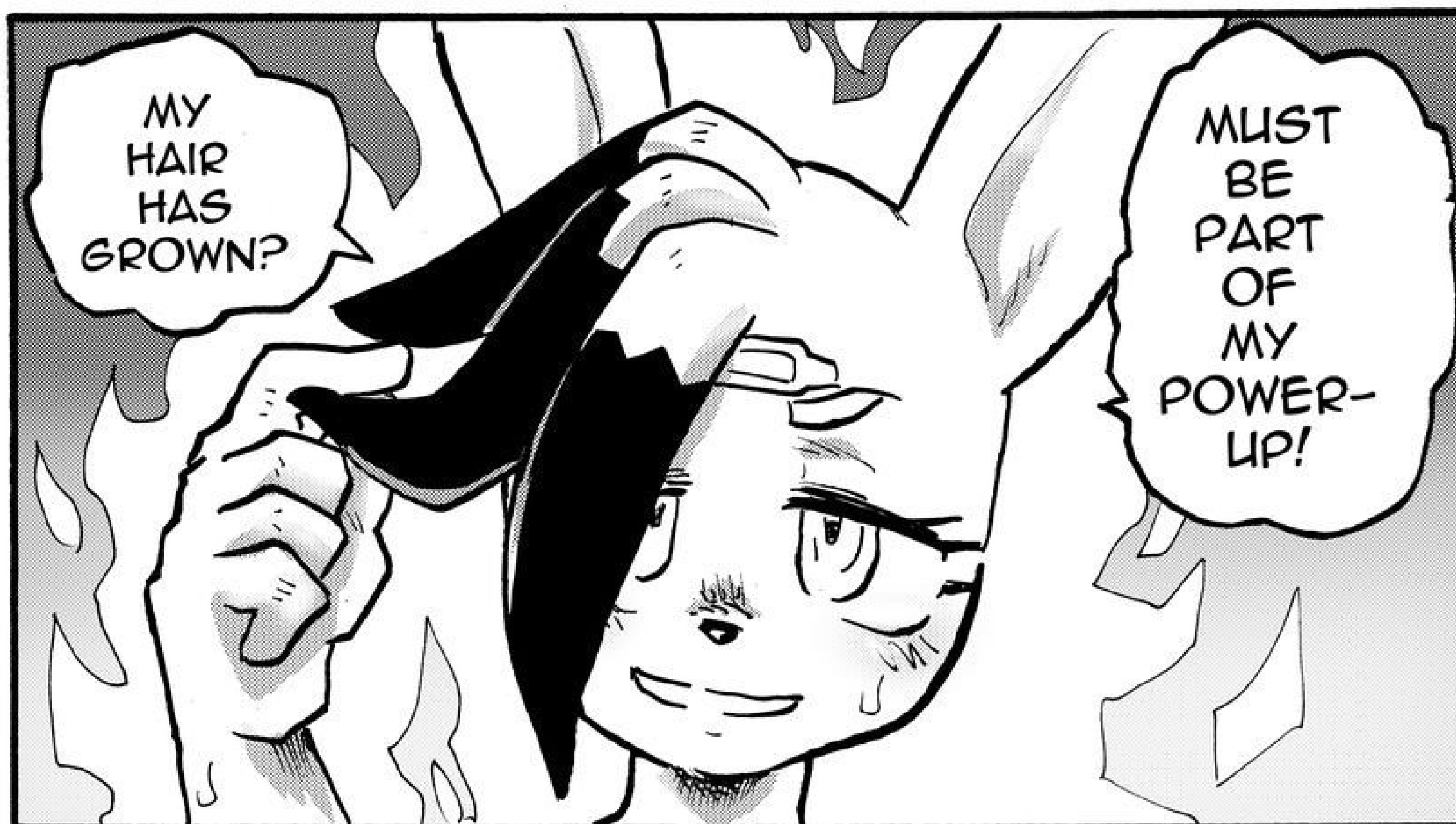


CHAPTER 23: THE RUMBLING





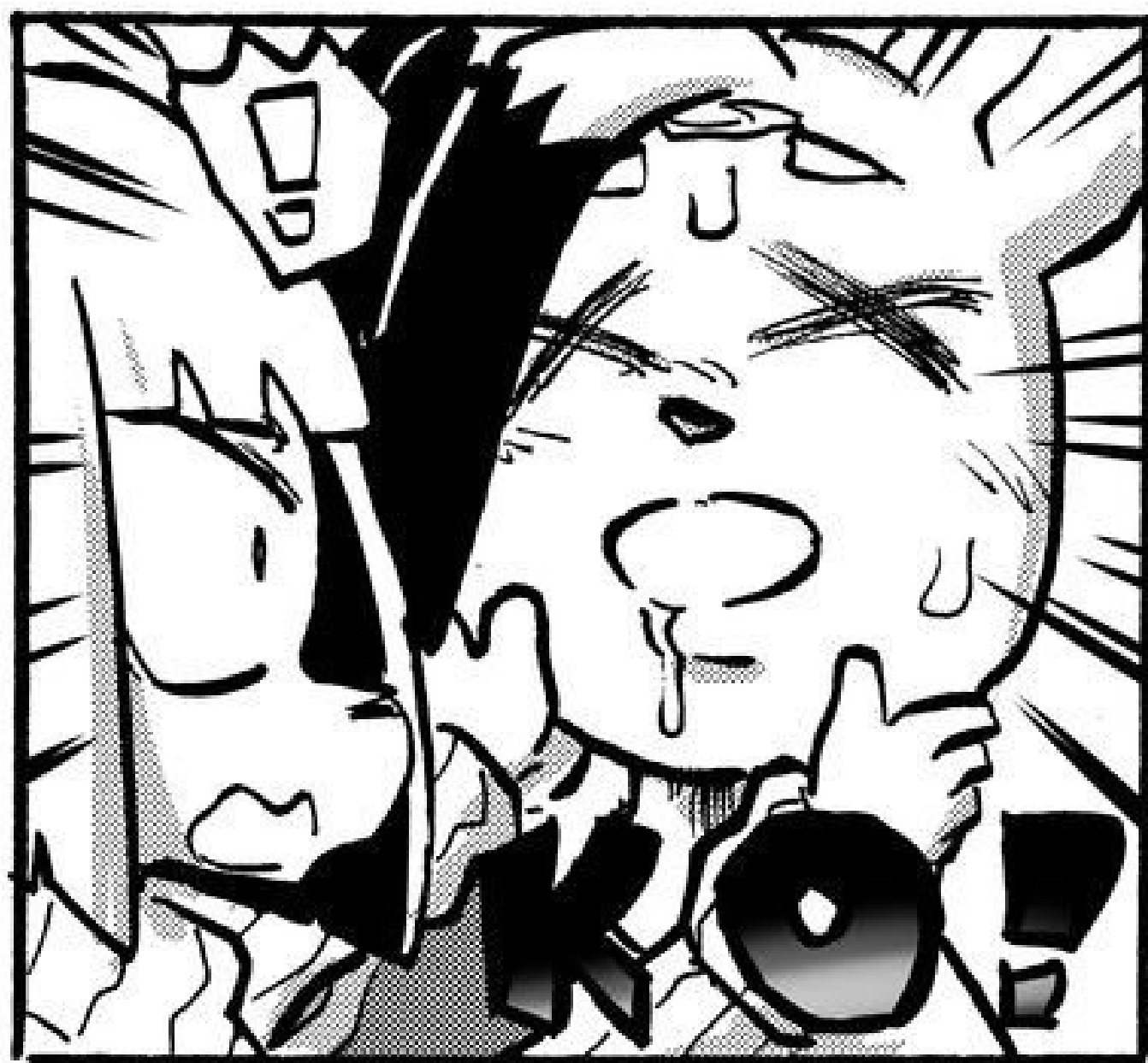
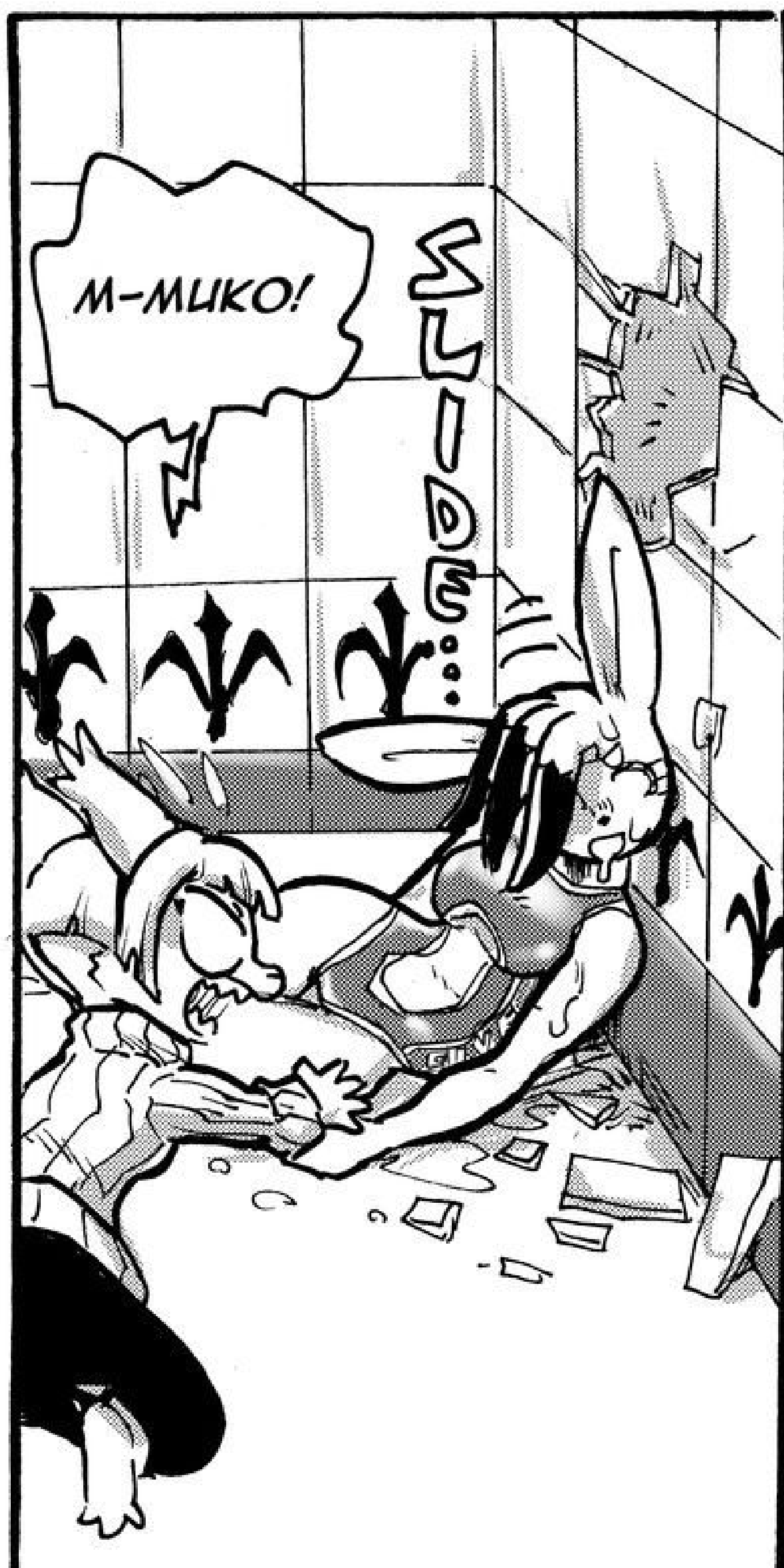


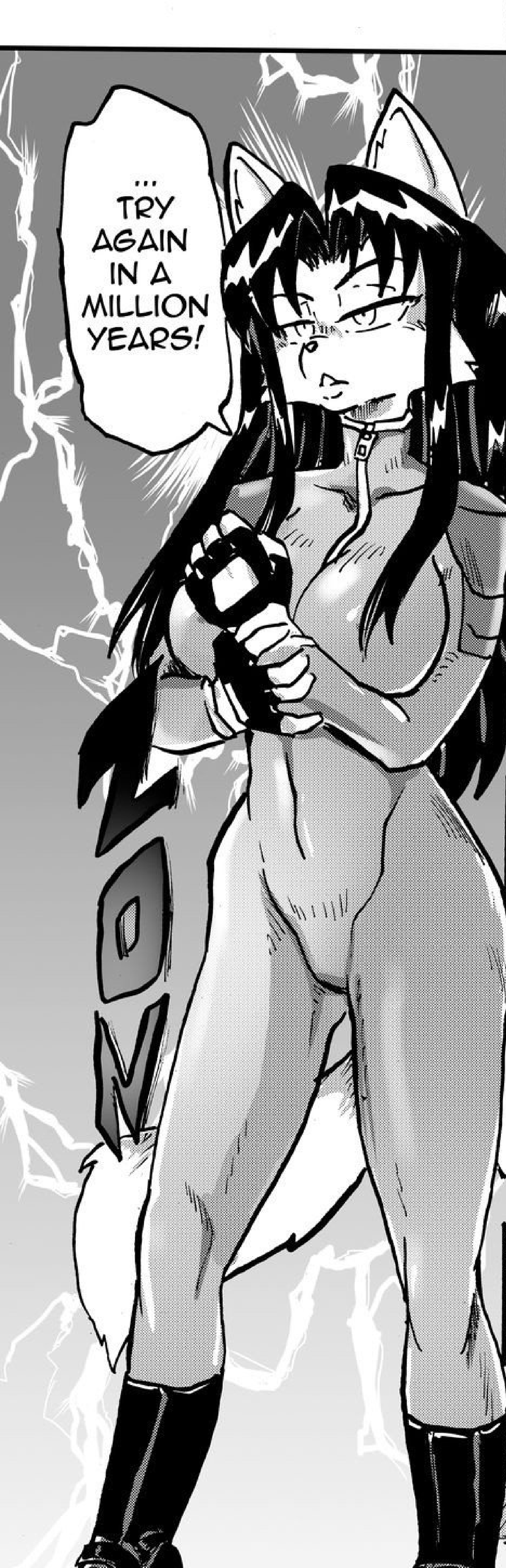












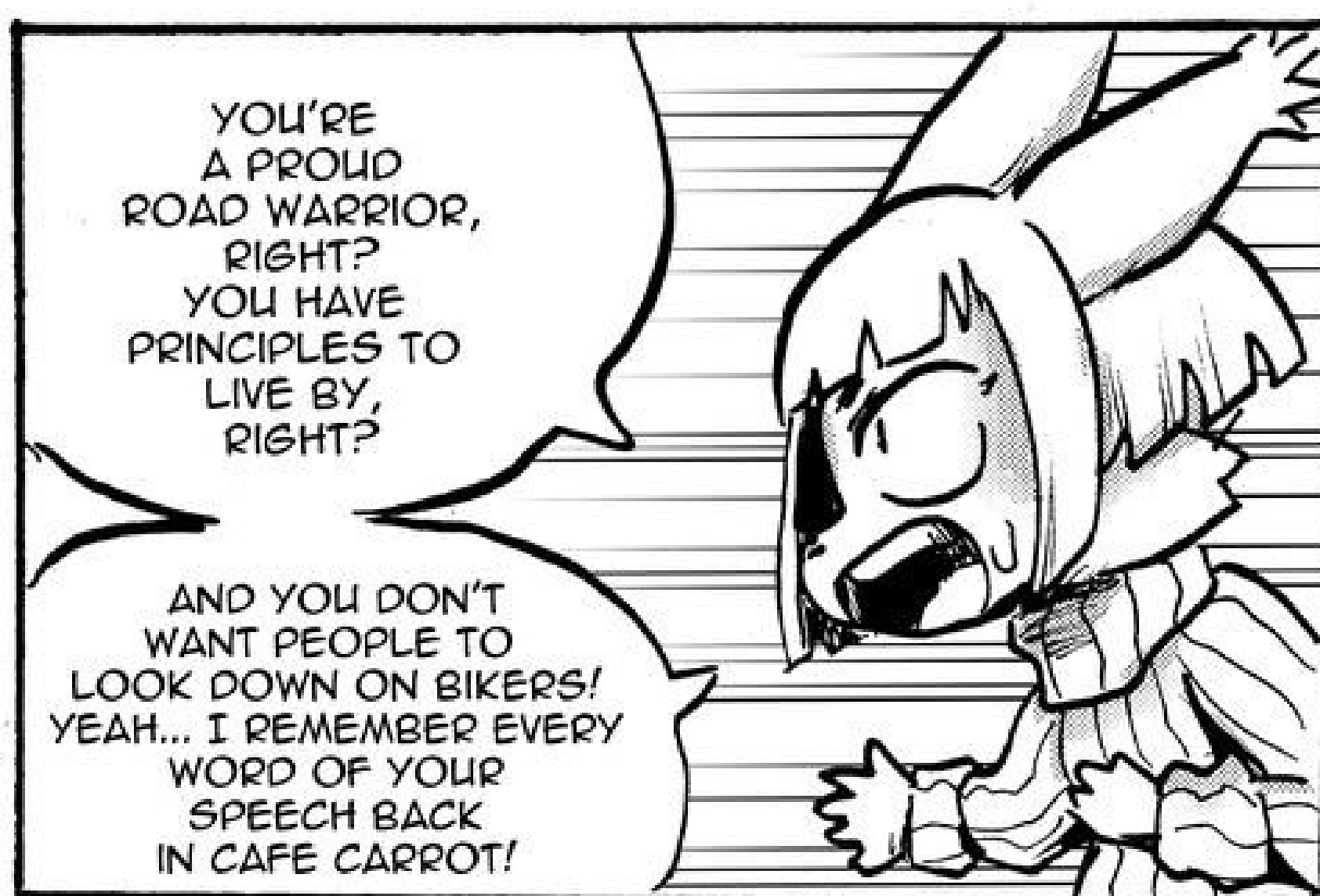
DESPITE
BEING SUCH A
DAMAGE-SPONGE
MIKO GOT
K.O.'ED BY
JUST ONE
PUNCH?
THIS MEANS...
KALITA HELD BACK
HER TRUE
POWER ALL
ALONG...?!

...
TRY
AGAIN
IN A
MILLION
YEARS!

KALITA
IS
UNBELIE-
VABLE!

SO
LONG,
COOKIE.
YOU HAVE
ONE
WEEK!

WAIT!
BEFORE
YOU
GO...!





SMALL
FRY
LIKE YOU
CAN'T
SPEAK
ABOUT
ANY
BIKER-
PRINCIPLES!

BESIDES...



...
I'M
NOT A
BIKER
ANYMORE.



SAY
WHAT?!



DIG IT.
I QUIT
THAT FLUCKING
RODA KIRA
GANG.

BUT...
WEREN'T YOU
ONE OF THE
THREE
FOUNDING
MEMBERS?!



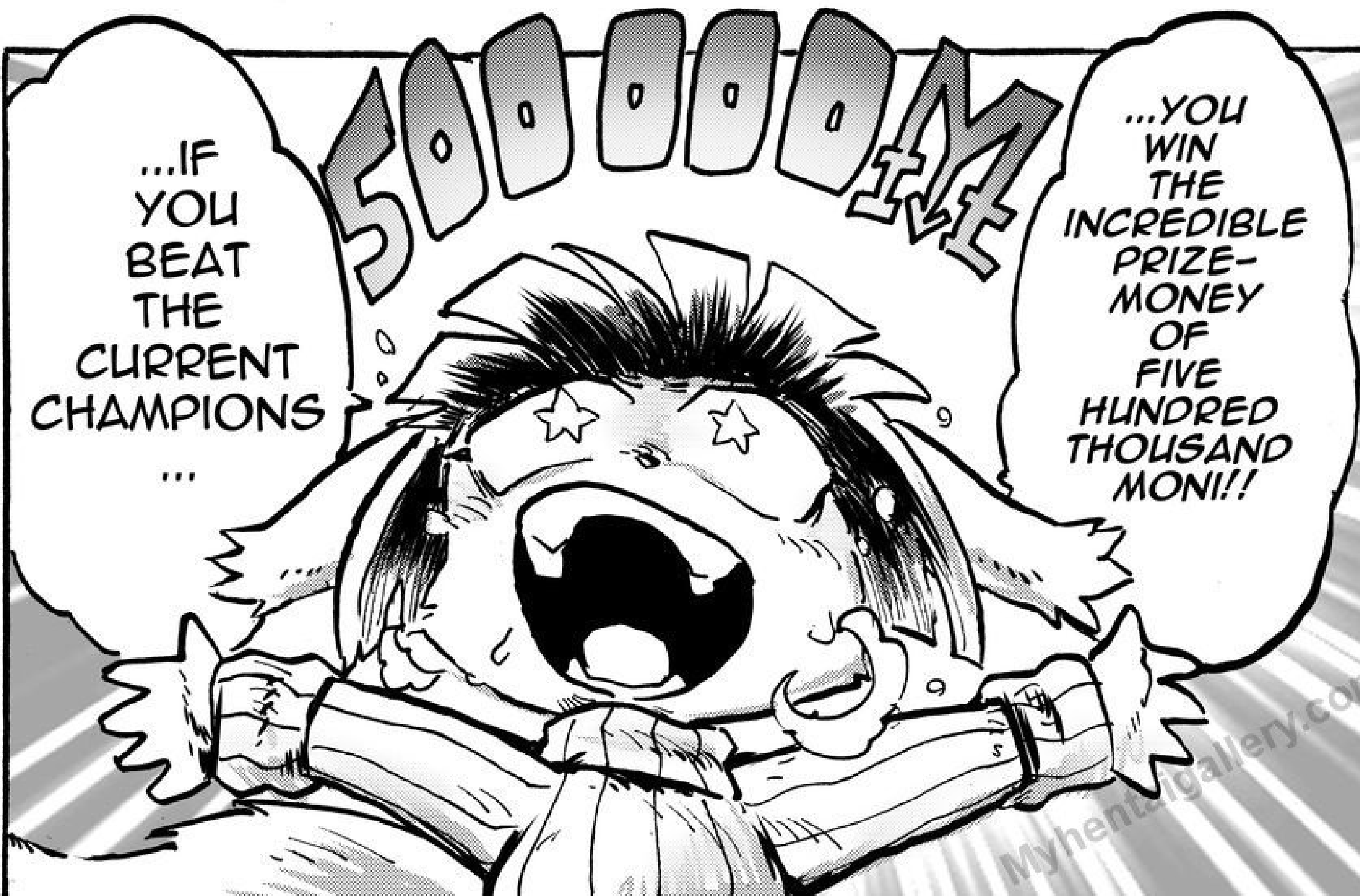
YEAH.



WHAT
HAPPENED?







LET'S SPLIT
THE MONEY
FAIR AND
SQUARE!
IT'LL BE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH
TO
PAY ALL
MY DEBTHS

AND YOU
MAKE MUCH
MORE
THAN
WITH THAT
DIRTY WORK
YOU'RE
CURRENTLY
STUCK IN!

THERE'S ONLY
ONE CATCH!

OF COURSE ALL SORTS OF
AGENCIES ARE AFTER
THAT PRIZE-MONEY.
HOWEVER ONLY
ONE TEAM IS ALLOWED TO
CHALLENGE THE CHAMPIONS!

ME TOO!!

SO
THERE'S A
SPECIAL WAY
TO DECIDE
WHO'S THE
LUCKY ONE!
THAT'S
A SERIES OF
EVENTS
ALMOST MORE
POPULAR
AS THE
TITLEMATCH
ITSELF BECAUSE
ALSO NON-
WRESTLING
FANS
CAN WATCH
THEM!

...THE THREE
CHALLENGES
OF THE
TENDONCHI
MASTERS!

THE MASTERS
OF
ARCADE,
GASTRONOMY,
AND
PINK
BUSINESS!

IT GETS
ALL THAT
MEDIA-
ATTRACTION
BECAUSE IT'S
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
THAN JUST
FIGHTING...!
WHAT I'M
SPEAKING
OF
IS...

EACH
YEAR THE
THREE MASTERS
THINK UP NEW
AND DIFFERENT
CHALLENGES TO
RULE OUT ALL
POTENTIAL
COMPETITORS
IN THE MOST
ENTERTAINING WAYS...
UNTIL ONLY ONE
TEAM IS LEFT WHICH
EARNS ITS
RIGHT
TO FIGHT
THE
CHAMPIONS!



DON'T SAY
YOU AS A
COMBAGAL
HAVEN'T HEARD
OF THEM?!

Hoo?
RIGHT TO FIGHT....?
TENDONCHI
MASTERS...?

I WAS
TOO BUSY
WITH THE
GRAVURE-
PART!

YOU
SOUND
LIKE
YOU'RE
PROUD
OF THAT



AS NOONE
KNOWS
WHAT AWAITS THEM
UNTIL THE DAY
OF THE CHALLENGES,
THIS IS IN
A WAY MAYBE
THE HARDEST PART
TO OVERCOME...

BUT IF YOU
MANAGE TO
TRIUMPH
OVER ALL YOUR
COMPETITORS
AND EARN YOUR
RIGHT TO FIGHT
...

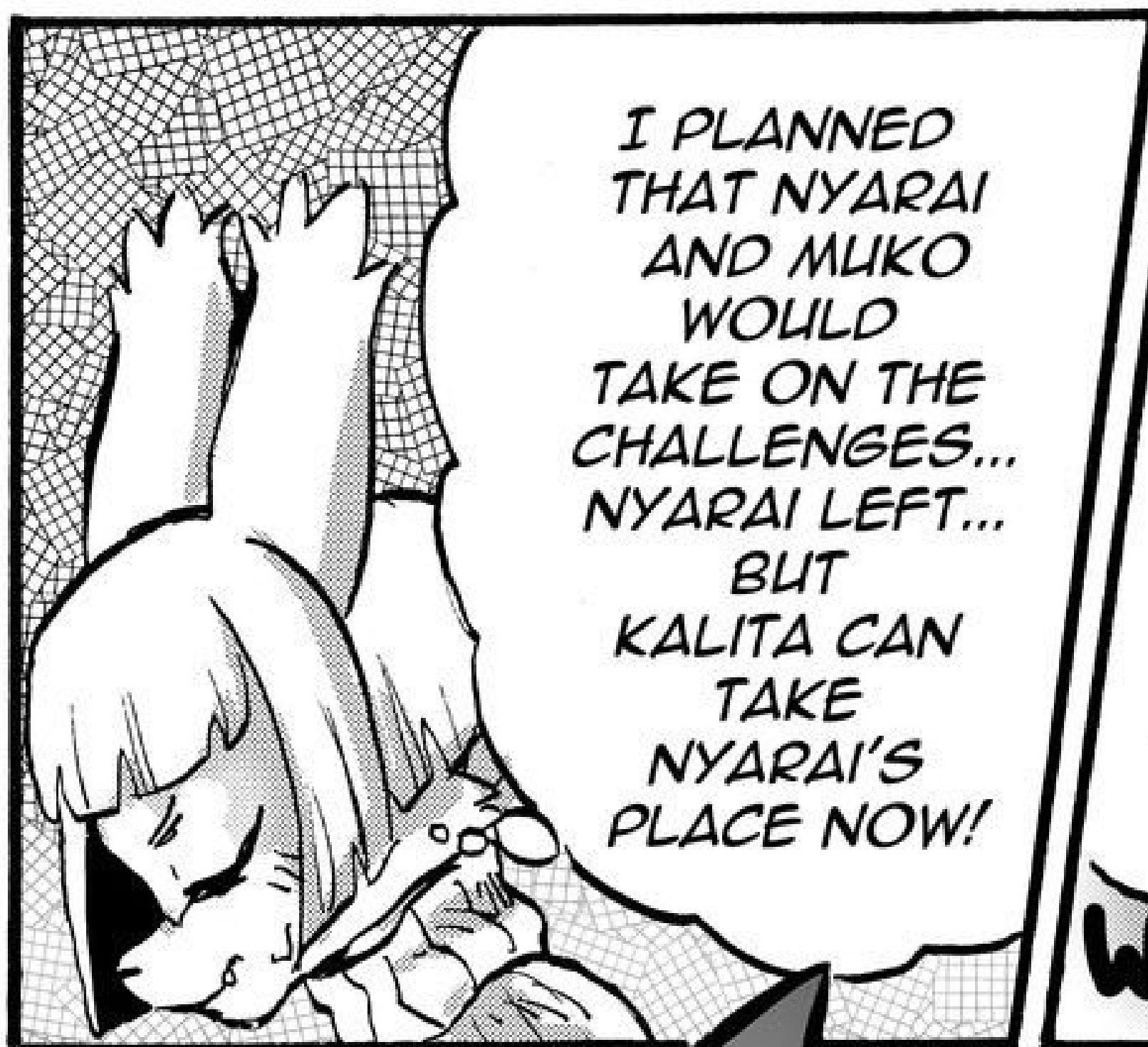


I'M SURE WITH
KALITA'S
STRENGTH,
MUKO'S CUNNING
AND MY HELP
YOU CAN WIN!

YOU TWO
CAN
BECOME
THE
NEW
TENDONCHI-
CHAMPIONS!

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I PLANNED
THAT NYARAI
AND MUKO
WOULD
TAKE ON THE
CHALLENGES...
NYARAI LEFT...
BUT
KALITA CAN
TAKE
NYARAI'S
PLACE NOW!



IF
KALITA
AND
ME CAN
BECOME
PARTNERS
...
THAT'D BE
AWESOME!

WOAH—



SO
WHAT
DO
YOU
SAY?!



CAN
YOU
FEEL
THE
HYPE
?!



DO WE
HAVE A
DEAL?!



WILL YOU
FIGHT FOR
ME?!



NO
WAY
IN
HELL.



YOU GUYS
ARE FULL OF
BULLSHIT.



NOOO
!!!



WAIT,
KALITA
!!

GRAB



THINK
AGAIN!
THIS
IS A
GOLDEN
OPPOR-
TUNITY!!



IF YOU
JOIN I
PROMISE
NEVER TO
GROPE
YOU
AGAIN!!

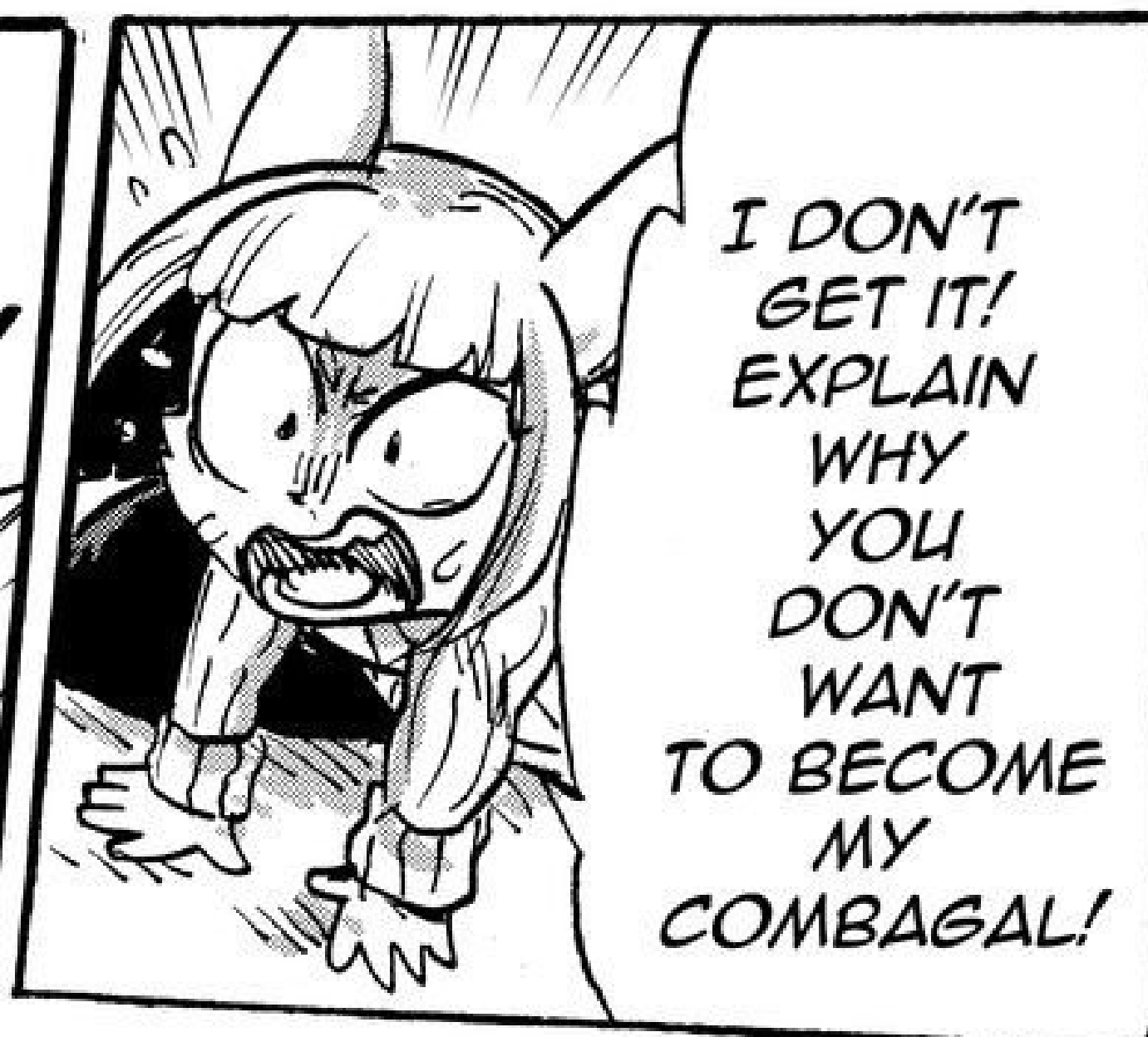


SO
ANNOYING!



FLUCK
OFF,
FREAKS!!

SHAKE OFF



I DON'T
GET IT!
EXPLAIN
WHY
YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO BECOME
MY
COMBAGAL!



TCH!



**YOU
MAKE IT
SOUND
SO EASY!
AS IF
IN FURRY
FIGHTING
THE BEST
COMBAGAL
WINS!**



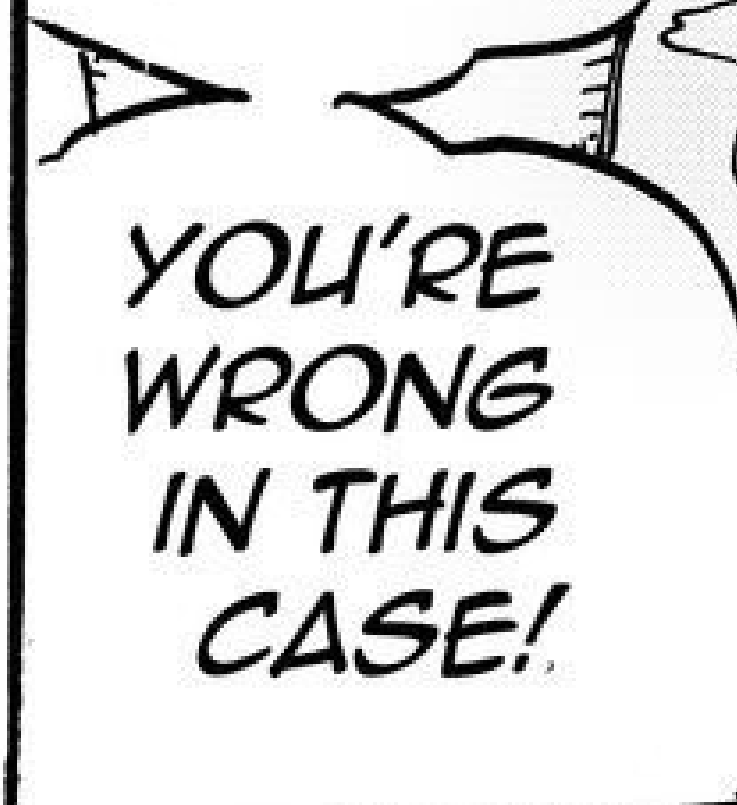
**BUT THERE
IS NO COMPETITION
IN WRESTLING!
EVERYTHING IS
FUCKING
PREDETERMINED!**



**YOU GUYS
ARE JUST
PLAYING
THEATER!
IT'S ALL FAKE!**



**GENERALLY
I'D AGREE,
ALTHOUGH IT
ALSO TAKES
SKILL TO
PROVIDE A
GREAT SHOW!
HOWEVER...**

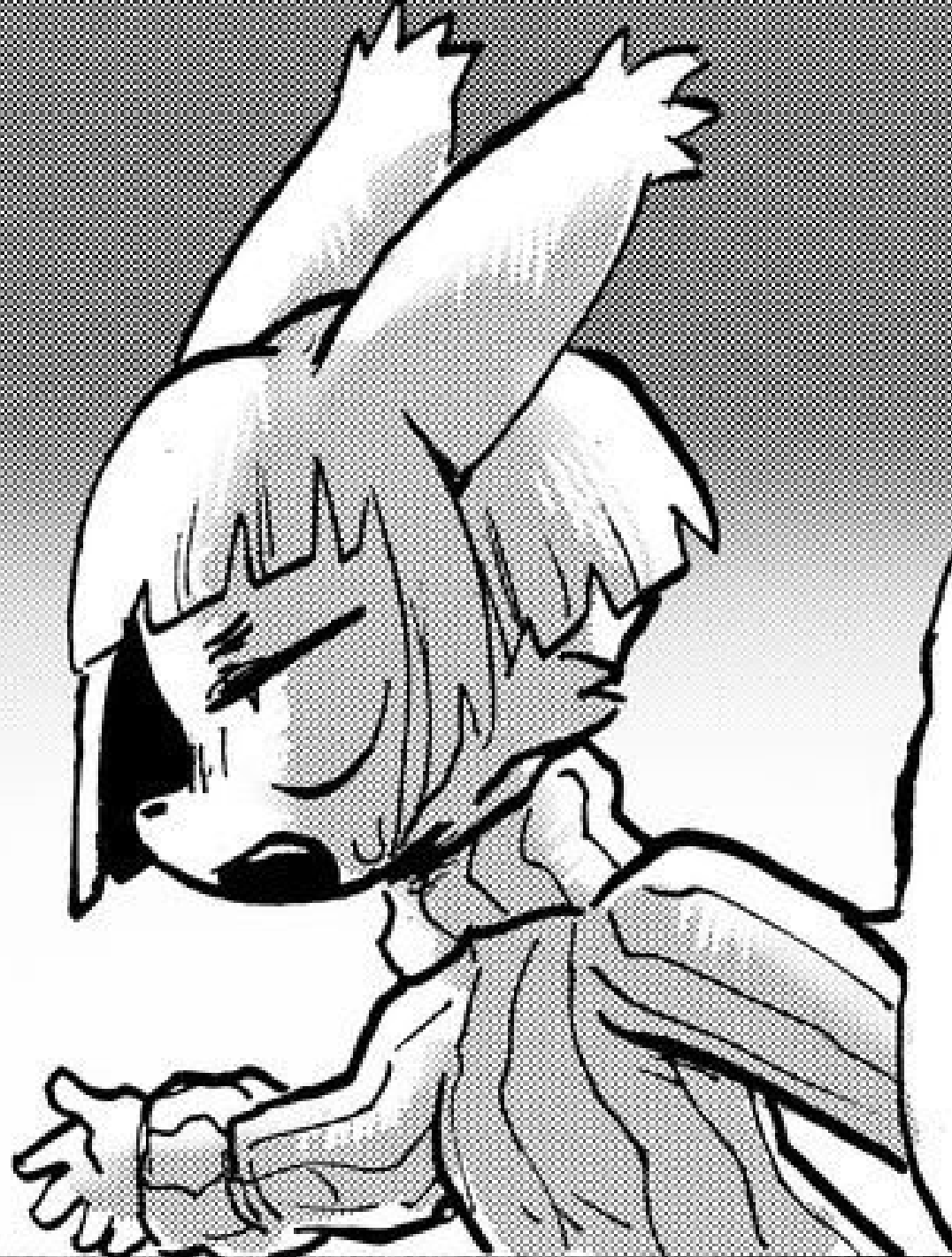


**YOU'RE
WRONG
IN THIS
CASE!**



**BECAUSE
WITH
THE
TENDONCHI-
CHAMPIONS
IT'S
DIFFERENT!**

THE
CURRENT
CHAMPIONS
ARE
INFAMOUS FOR
THEIR
SHOOT-
STYLE
MATCHES!



THAT
MEANS
THEY
FIGHT
FOR REAL!
AND THEY
HURT
FOR REAL!

YOU CAN
ONLY BEAT
THEM WITH
PURE SKILL!
AND SO
FAR NOONE
MANAGED
TO DO THAT!
THEY'RE
UNDEFEATED
FOR OVER
A YEAR NOW!

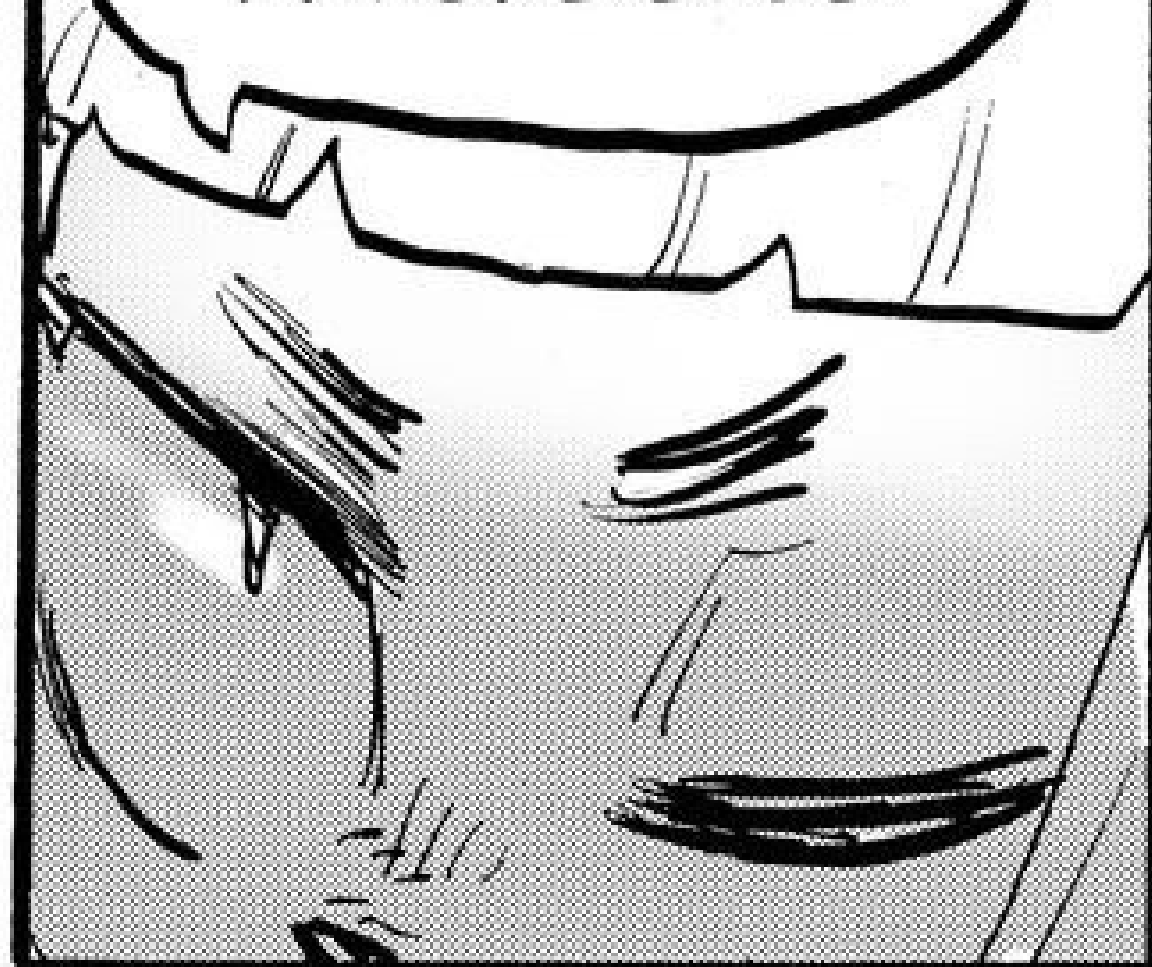
BECAUSE ONLY
I KNOW
WHAT'S KEY
TO DEFEAT
THEM!



"AHH? HOW
SO?"
YOU MIGHT
ASK!



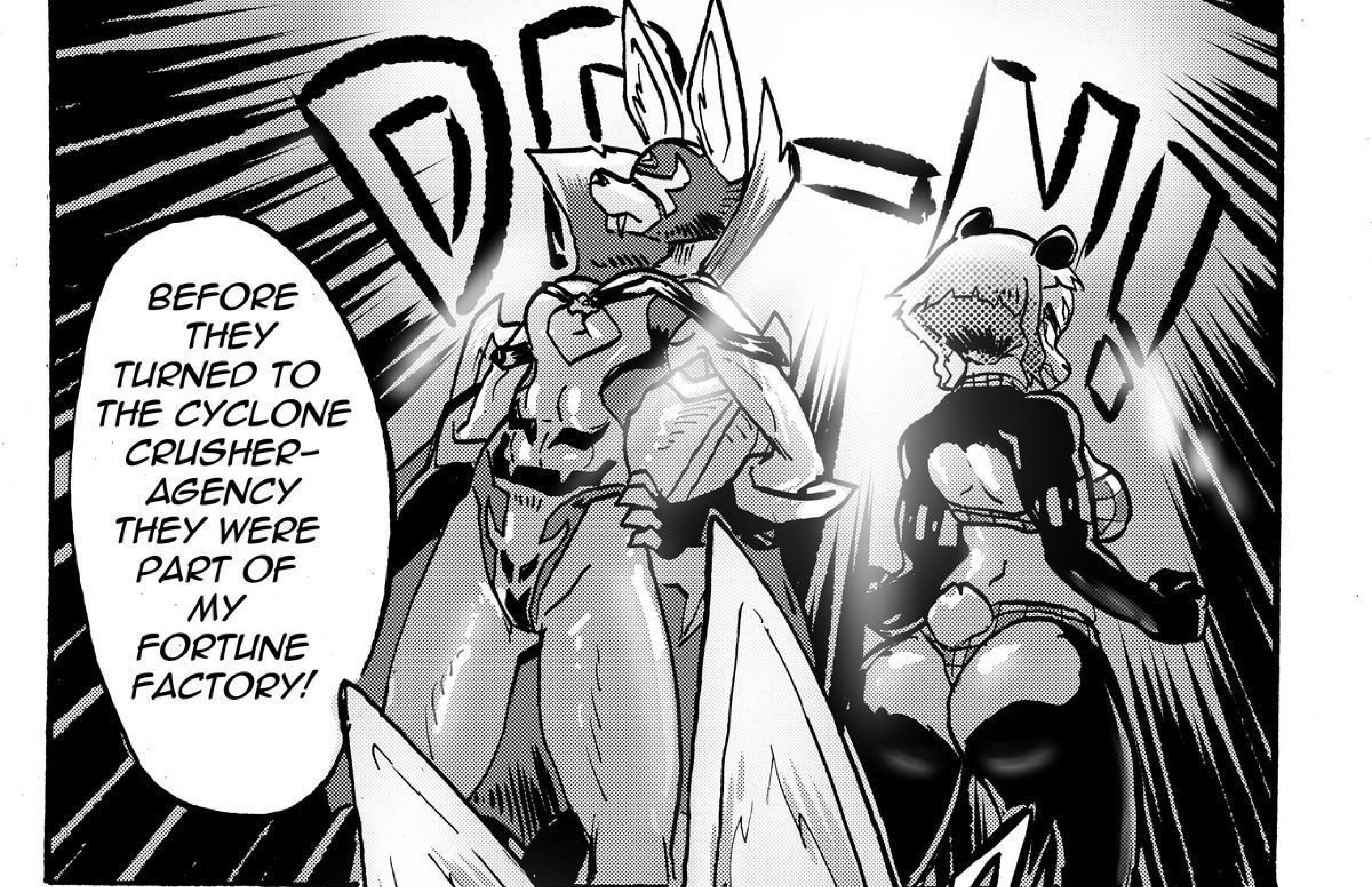
WELL, I KNOW
THE TWO BETTER
THAN
ANYONE ELSE!



YOU COULD
JOIN ANY OTHER
AGENCY
AND STILL
FAIL, DESPITE
ALL OF
YOUR POWER.
BECAUSE YOU
NEED TO
PUT IT TO IT'S
RIGHT USE!
THAT'S WHERE
YOU NEED ME!

BECAUSE...





BEFORE
THEY
TURNED TO
THE CYCLONE
CRUSHER-
AGENCY
THEY WERE
PART OF
MY
FORTUNE
FACTORY!



IT'S
ME
WHO
MADE
THEM BIG....
I WAS
BOLOUMAS'
AND
SKULLIE'S
FIRST
MANAGER!



