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Ryu... simply waiting will not do. You must sense the voices of the trees with your soul and speak to them. You will not find your path by wielding only your fists. Finding one's path... I have traded fists with many strong fighters to find my path... to reach my goal of becoming a "True Martial Artist"... Unable to see the "path", there were times when I almost gave up. There were even times when I pushed myself too hard and chose the wrong "path". I wonder what a "True Martial Artist" really is...



■ **MASAHIKO  
NAKAHIRA** ■

Ryu's quest to find the truth about martial arts is nearly over. What is he lacking?

What is a "true" martial artist? This story is your humble author's attempt to find the answers to these questions. Was I successful? I'm not sure. Maybe I'm just faking it. I'd like to thank all of the people who helped make this possible ... to be continued in the next volume.

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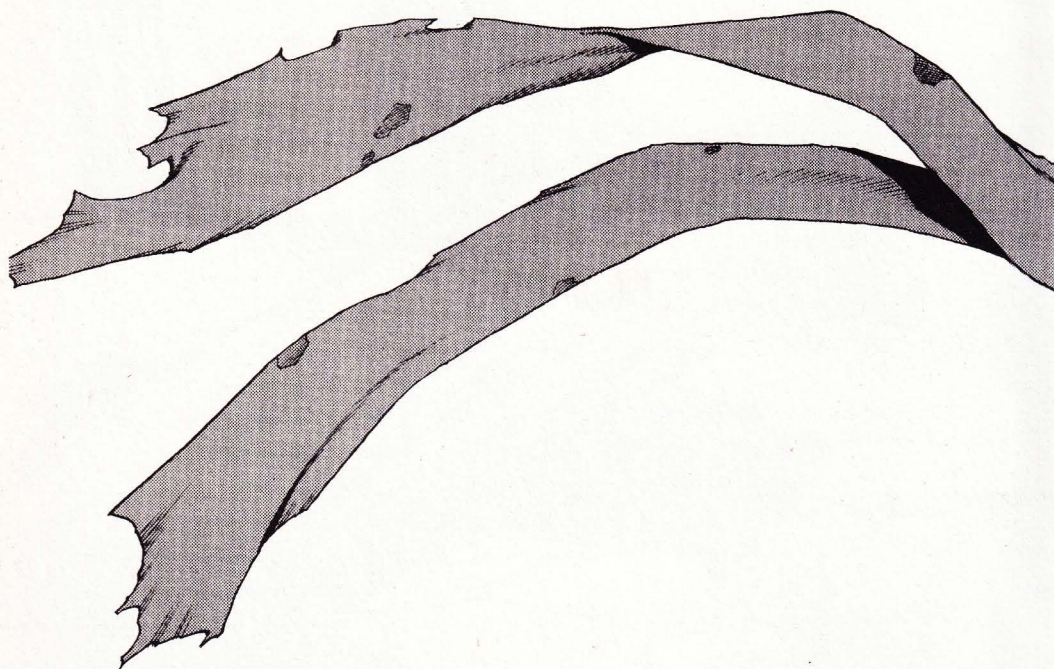
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**THE SAY  
"HE" STANDS  
THERE...**



**CHAPTER 1**

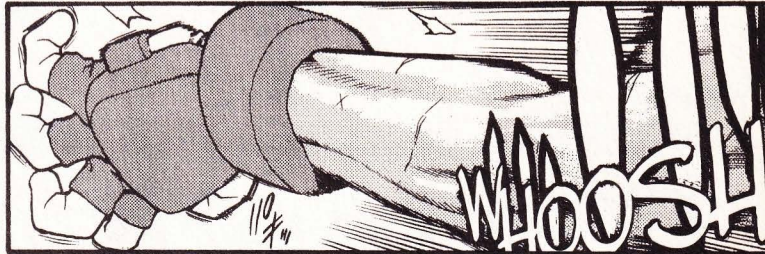
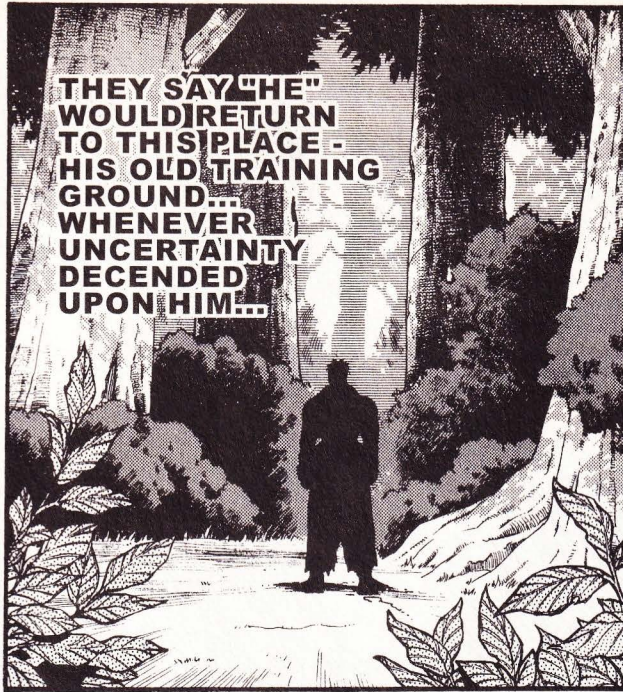


**DAUNTLESS...  
SERENE...  
THE SAY "HE"  
STANDS THERE,  
ALWAYS...**



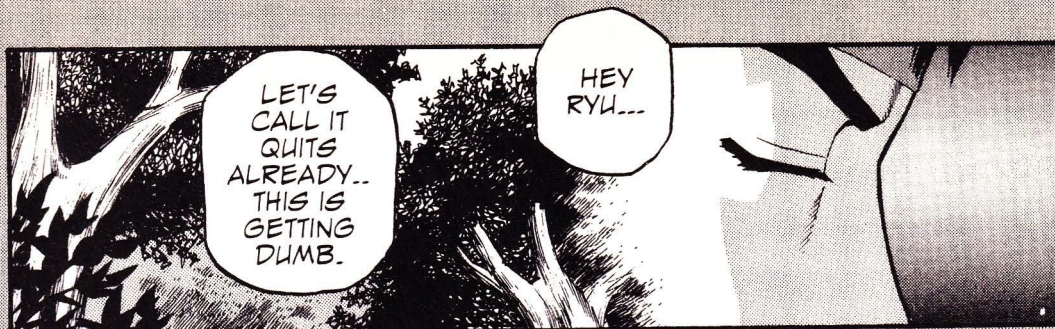
THEY SAY "HE"  
WOULD RETURN  
TO THIS PLACE -  
HIS OLD TRAINING  
GROUND...  
WHENEVER  
UNCERTAINTY  
DECENDED  
UPON HIM...

THERE WAS  
A MOUNTAIN  
PALACE  
CALLED  
"SUJYAKU"  
THERE.



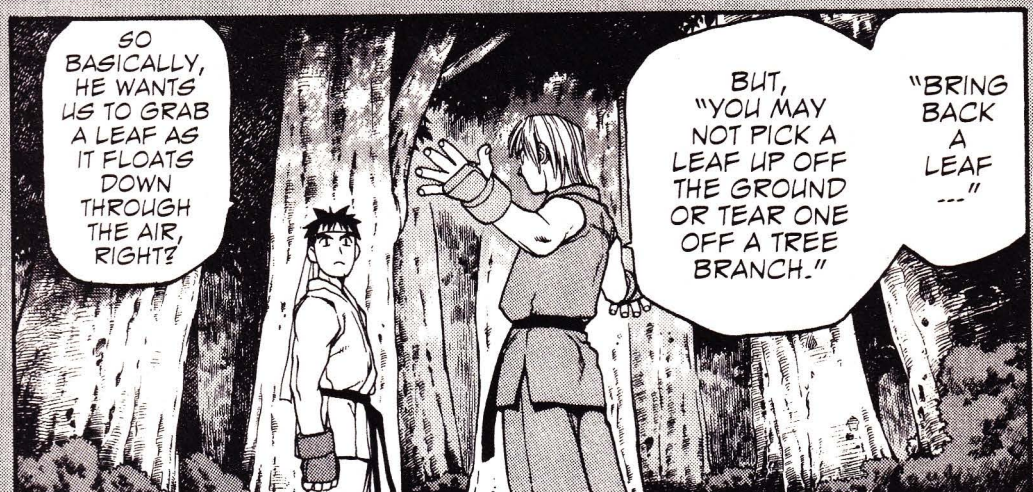






LET'S CALL IT QUITS ALREADY... THIS IS GETTING DUMB.

HEY RYU...



SO BASICALLY, HE WANTS US TO GRAB A LEAF AS IT FLOATS DOWN THROUGH THE AIR, RIGHT?

BUT, "YOU MAY NOT PICK A LEAF UP OFF THE GROUND OR TEAR ONE OFF A TREE BRANCH."

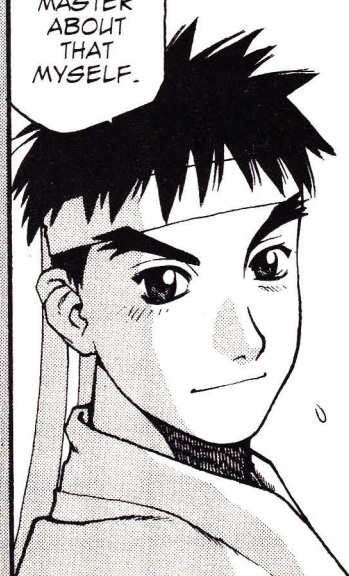
"BRING BACK A LEAF ---"



WHAT DID HE SAY?

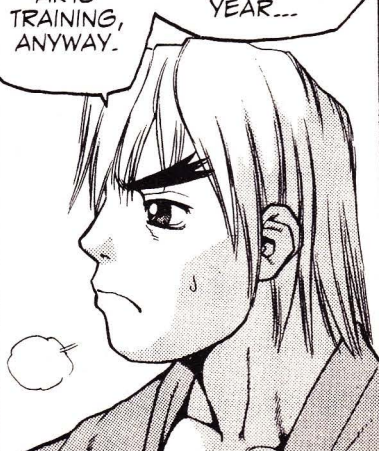
WHEN ---

...I ASKED MASTER ABOUT THAT MYSELF.



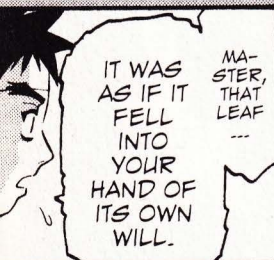
I DON'T SEE HOW THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING, ANYWAY.

MAYBE IF IT WAS AUTUMN, BUT THERE'S NO WAY A LEAF IS JUST GONNA FALL OFF A TREE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR...



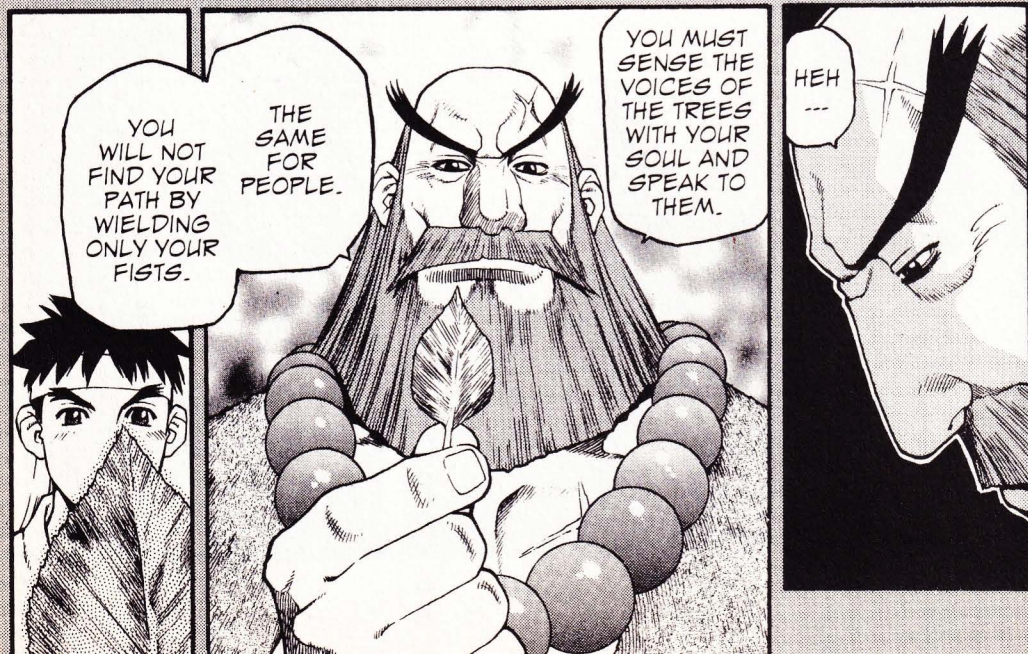


RYU...  
SIMPLY  
WAITING  
WILL NOT  
DO.



IT WAS  
AS IF IT  
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WILL.

MA-  
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THAT  
LEAF  
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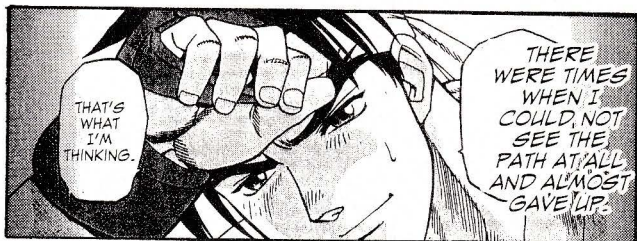
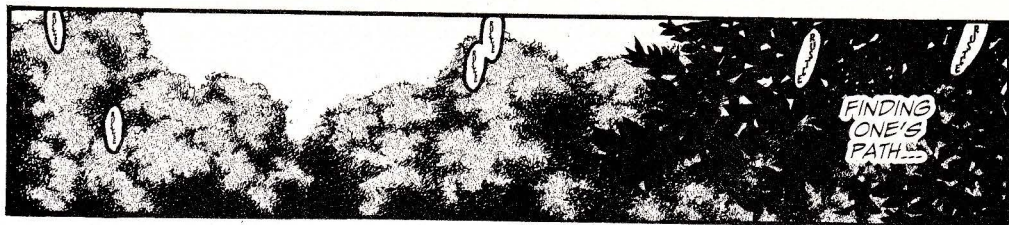
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THEM.



HEH  
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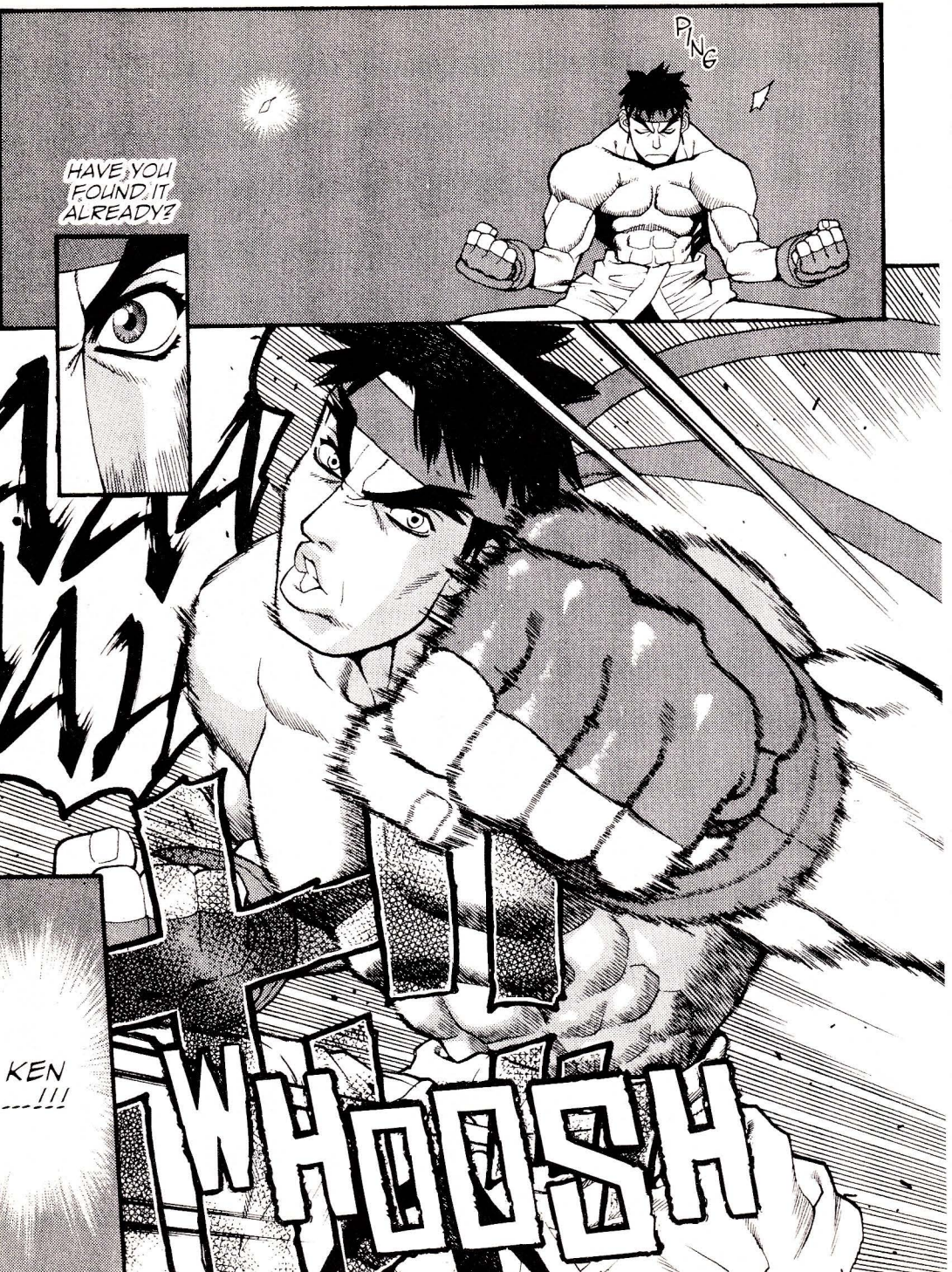


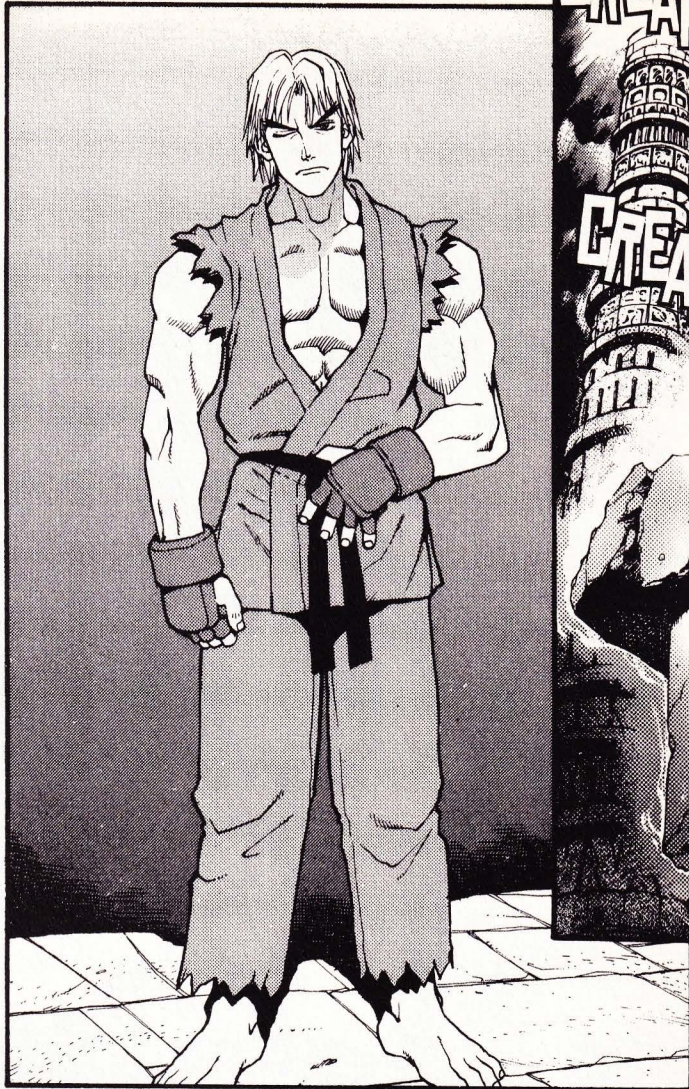
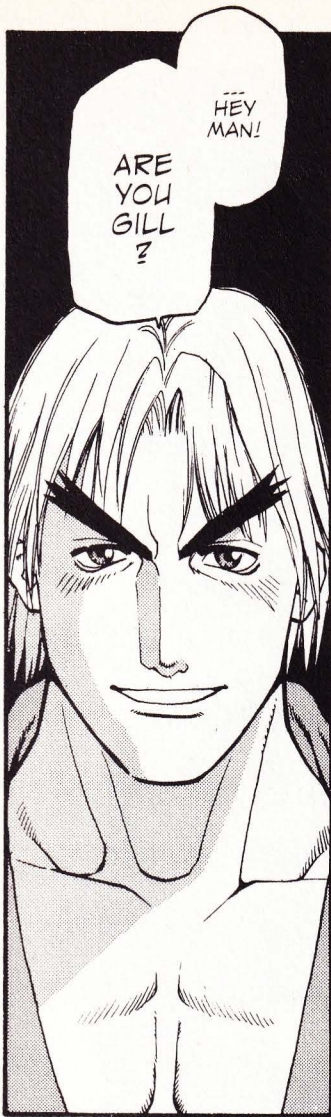
HAVE YOU FOUND IT ALREADY?

PING

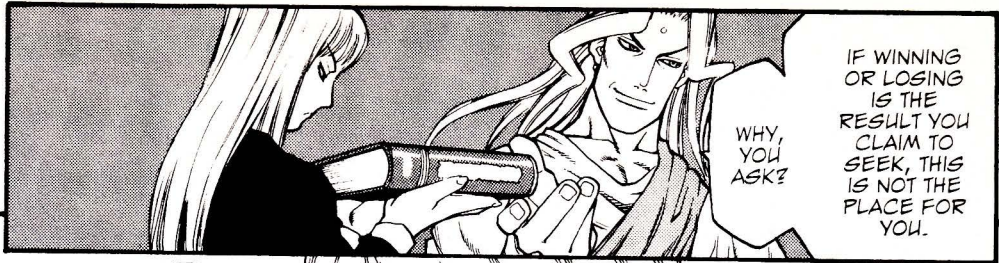
KEN !!!

WHOOOSH





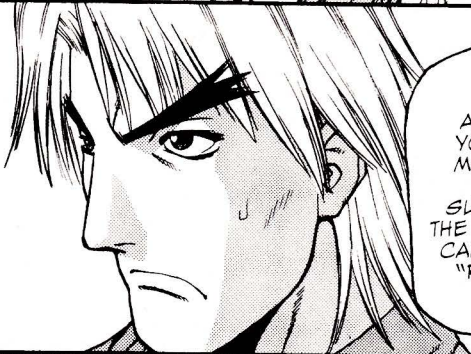




WHY, YOU ASK?

IF WINNING OR LOSING IS THE RESULT YOU CLAIM TO SEEK, THIS IS NOT THE PLACE FOR YOU.

IS THAT NOT SO? KEN MASTERS!



THE RESULT YOU TRULY SEEK --- AWAITS YOU THE MOMENT YOU SURPASS THE ONE YOU CALL YOUR "RIVAL".

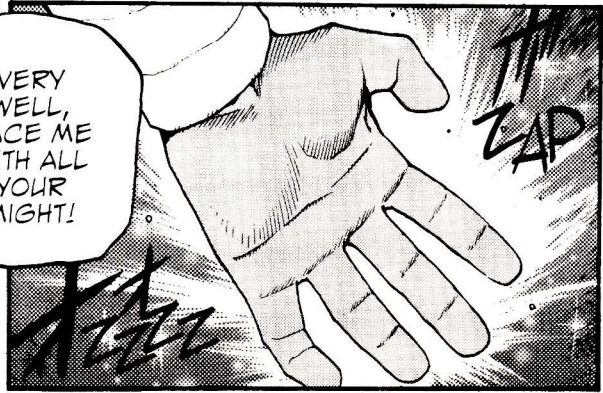


I AM ASTOUNDED BY YOUR IMPUDENCE!

YOU WISH TO USE ME AS A STEPPING STONE TOWARDS YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL.



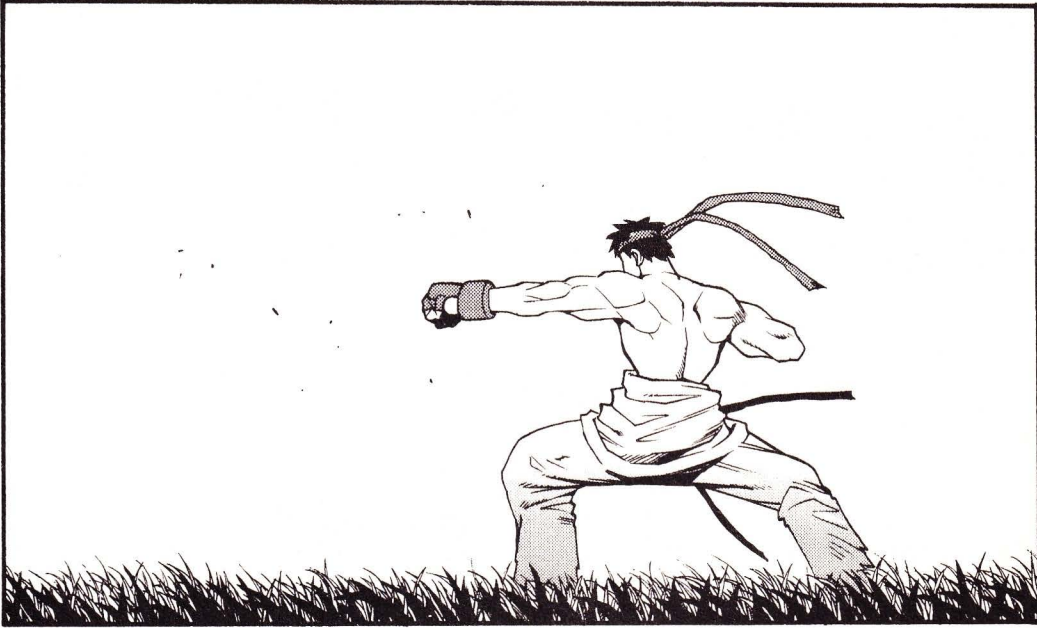
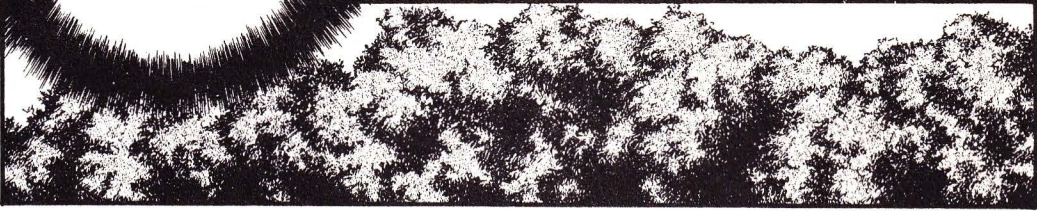
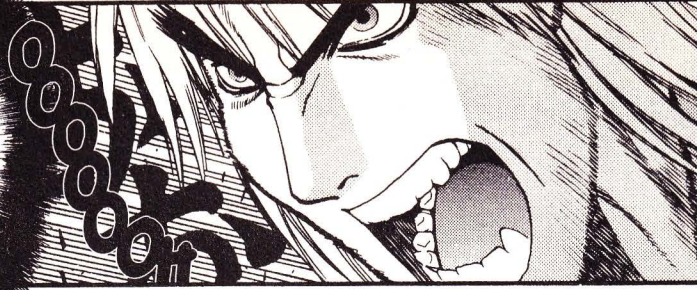
VERY WELL, FACE ME WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!







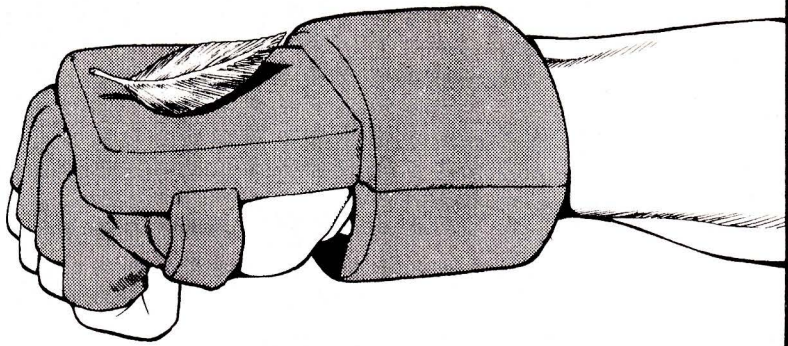
JUST  
YOU  
WAIT,  
RYU!!!



MASTER



I STILL  
CANNOT  
HEAR THE  
VOICES  
OF THE  
TREES  
VERY  
WELL



IT'S POSSIBLE  
I WILL GREET  
THE END  
WITHOUT EVER  
HAVING FOUND  
THE PATH.

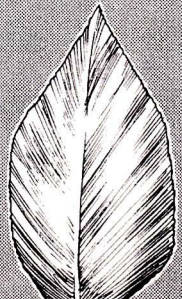


I AM STILL AN  
UNDISCIPLINED  
FLEDGLING  
WHO CAN ONLY  
WIELD... ONLY  
SPEAK WITH  
HIS FISTS.

BUT IF THE  
PATH TO  
BECOMING A  
TRUE MARTIAL  
ARTIST DOES  
OPEN ITSELF  
UP TO ME...

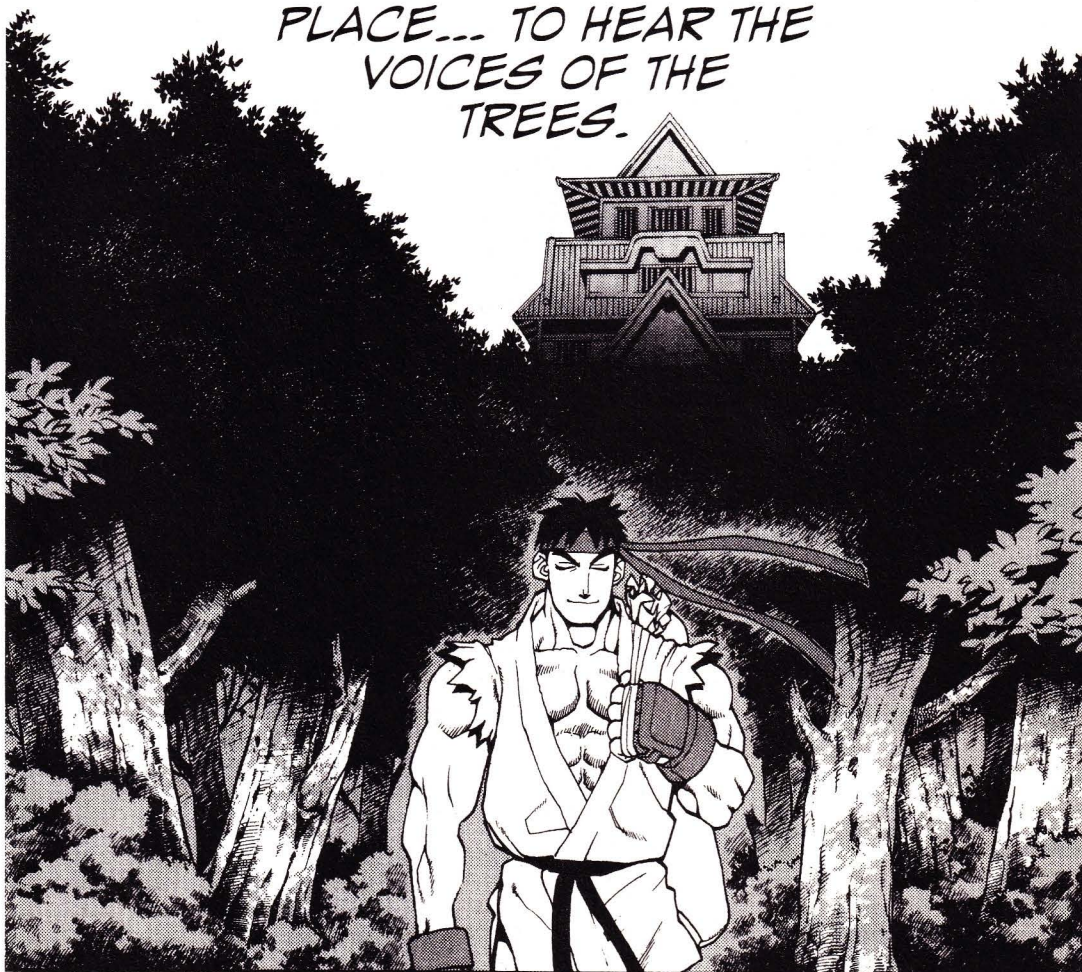


THANKS  
LITTLE  
BUDDY.  
YOU CAME TO  
ANSWER  
ME,  
DIDN'T  
YA...?

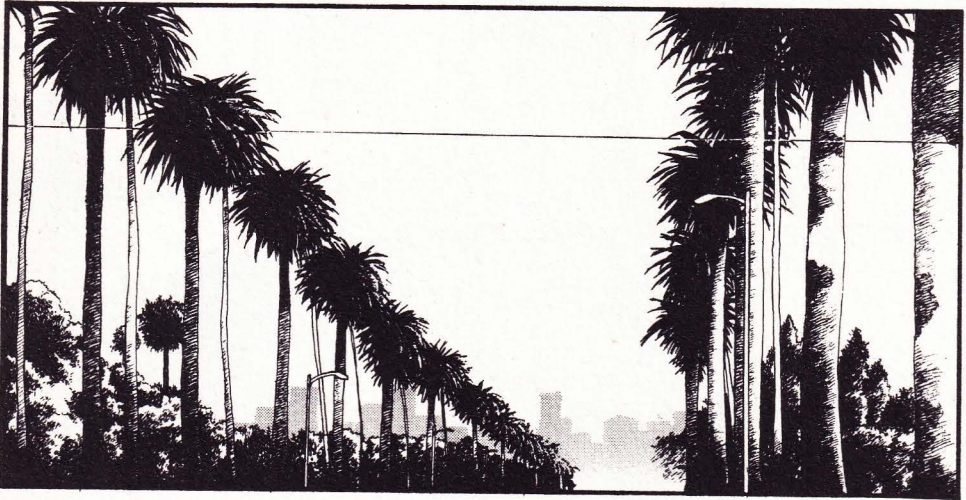


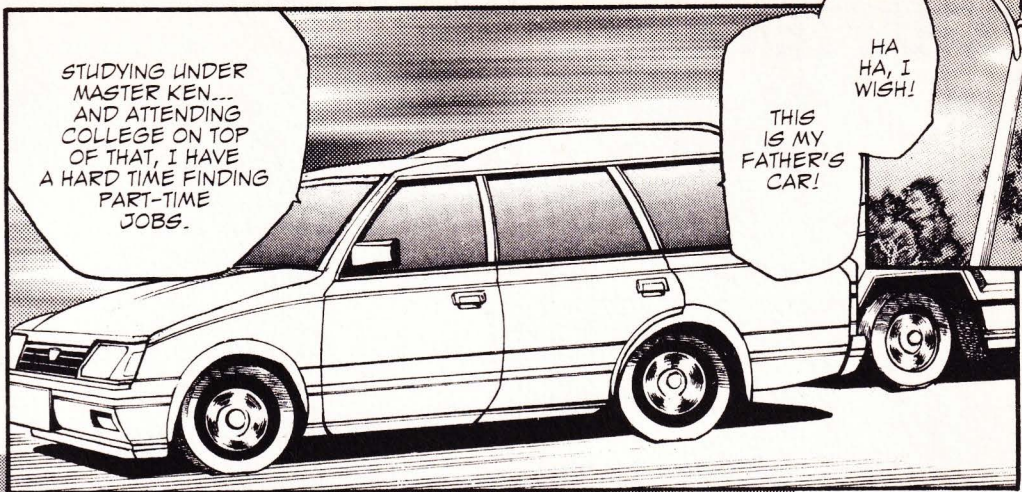


I'LL RETURN HERE  
TO THIS NOSTALGIC  
PLACE... TO HEAR THE  
VOICES OF THE  
TREES.



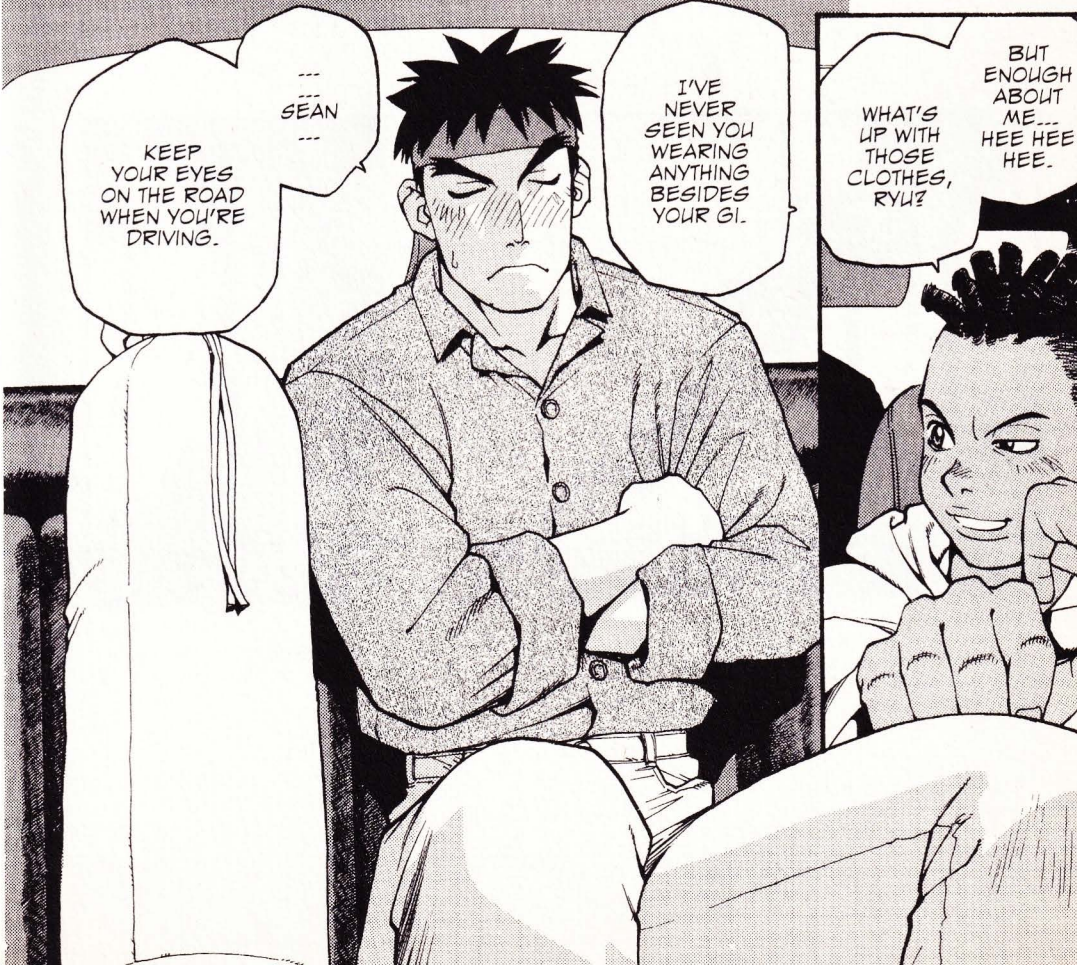
# CHAPTER 2





STUDYING UNDER  
MASTER KEN...  
AND ATTENDING  
COLLEGE ON TOP  
OF THAT, I HAVE  
A HARD TIME FINDING  
PART-TIME  
JOBS.

HA  
HA, I  
WISH!  
  
THIS  
IS MY  
FATHER'S  
CAR!



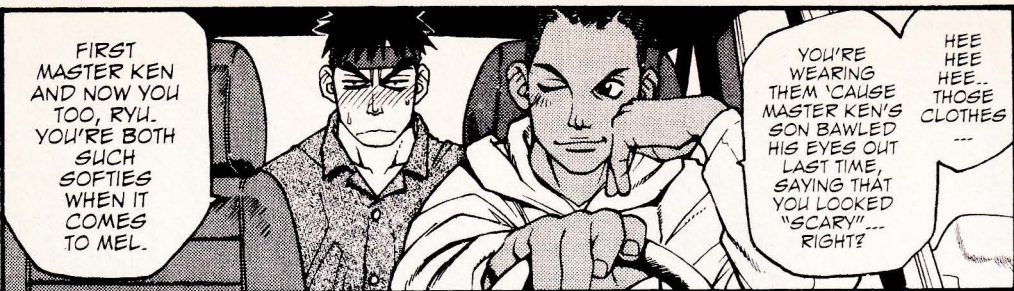
KEEP  
YOUR EYES  
ON THE ROAD  
WHEN YOU'RE  
DRIVING.

---  
SEAN  
---

I'VE  
NEVER  
SEEN YOU  
WEARING  
ANYTHING  
BESIDES  
YOUR GI.

BUT  
ENOUGH  
ABOUT  
ME...  
HEE HEE  
HEE.

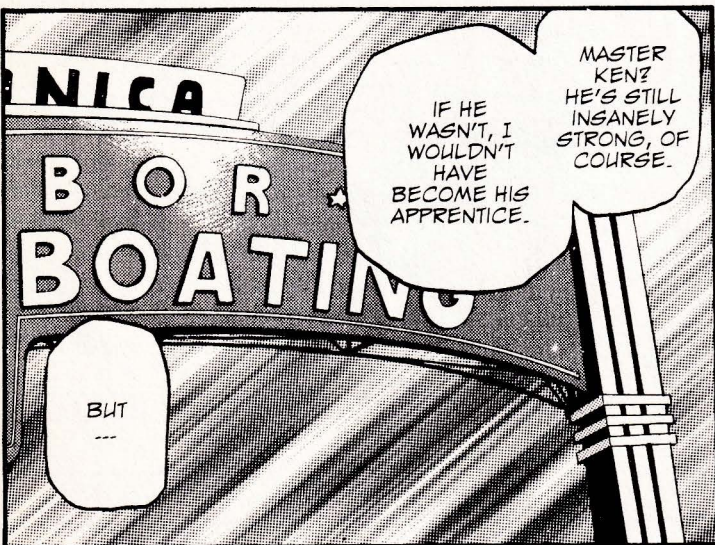
WHAT'S  
UP WITH  
THOSE  
CLOTHES,  
RYU?



FIRST MASTER KEN AND NOW YOU TOO, RYU. YOU'RE BOTH SUCH SOFTIES WHEN IT COMES TO MEL.

YOU'RE WEARING THEM 'CAUSE MASTER KEN'S SON BAWLED HIS EYES OUT LAST TIME, SAYING THAT YOU LOOKED "SCARY" --- RIGHT?

HEE  
HEE  
HEE...  
THOSE CLOTHES  
---



IF HE WASN'T, I WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME HIS APPRENTICE.

MASTER KEN? HE'S STILL INSANELY STRONG, OF COURSE.

BUT  
---



---SO HOW'S KEN BEEN?

KEN'S COCKINESS IS REALLY RUBBING OFF ON SEAN...



YOU'VE KNOWN HIM A LOT LONGER THAN I HAVE, AFTER ALL.

I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE IT WHEN WE GET THERE.

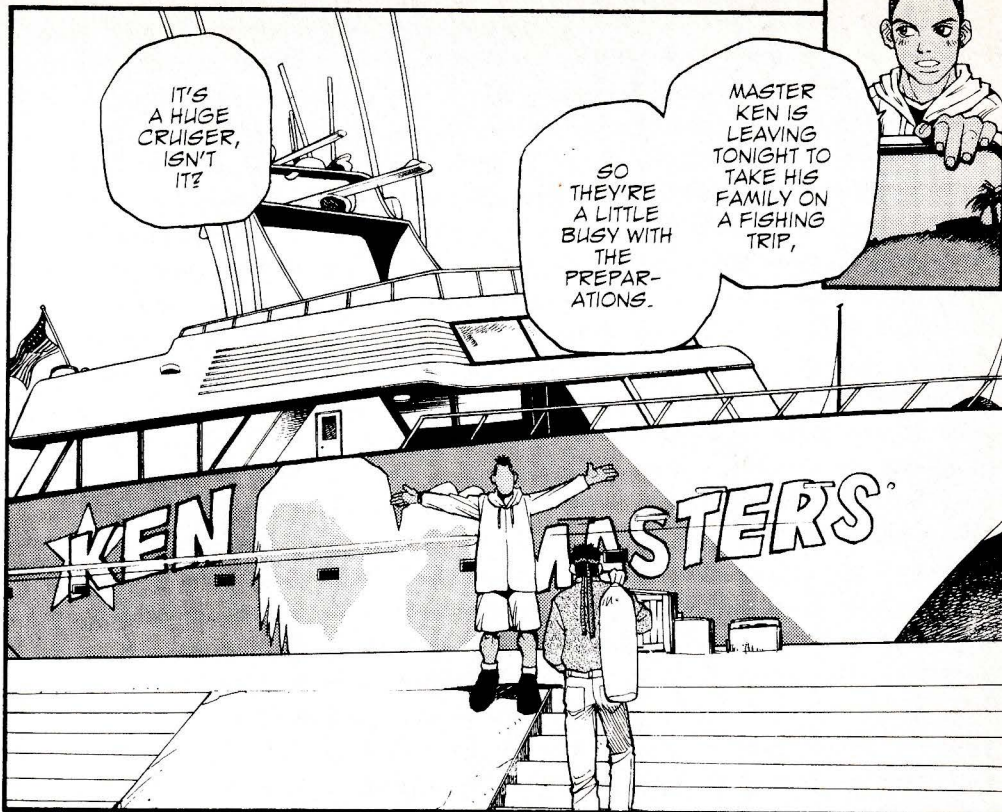
--- WELL... I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT VERY WELL.



??



"BUT"---  
BUT WHAT?



IT'S A HUGE CRUISER, ISN'T IT?

SO THEY'RE A LITTLE BUSY WITH THE PREPARATIONS.

MASTER KEN IS LEAVING TONIGHT TO TAKE HIS FAMILY ON A FISHING TRIP,

**KEN**

**MASTERS**

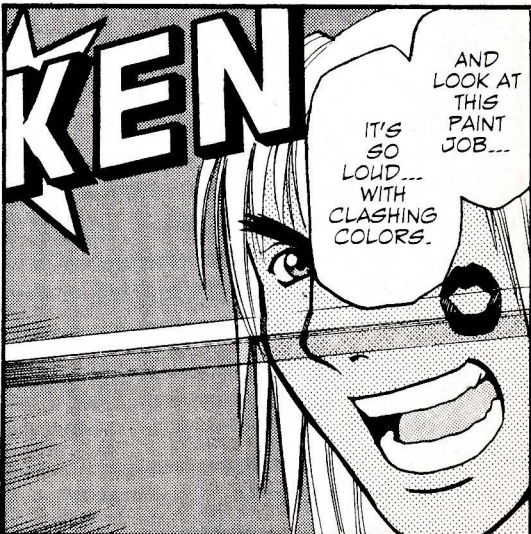


WHO DID YOU SAY WAS EMBARRASSED, SEAN?



I TELL YOU. I'M EMBARRASSED, AS HIS STUDENT.

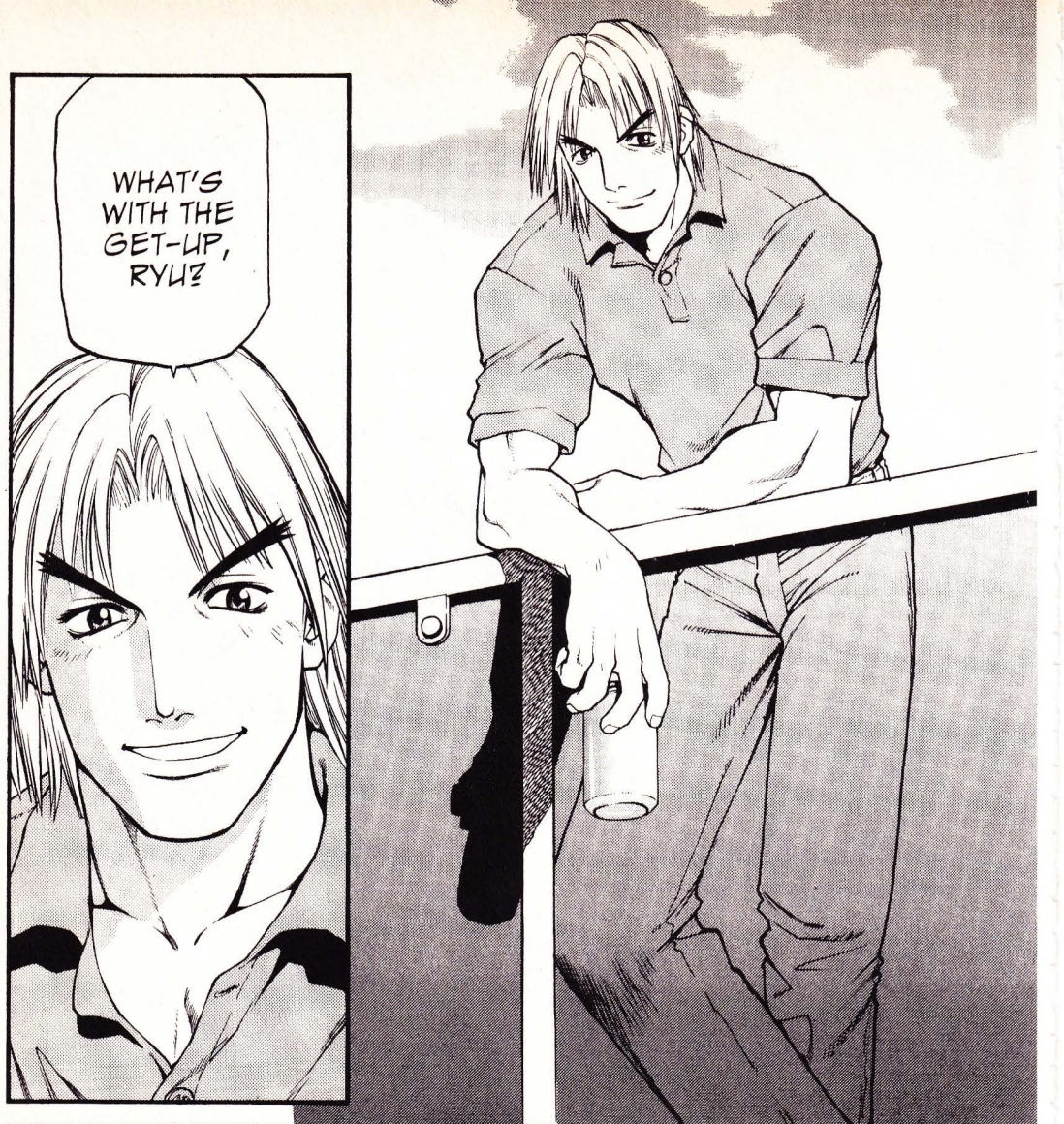
HEH HEH... IT'S VERY... "KEN".




**KEN**

AND LOOK AT THIS PAINT JOB... IT'S SO LOUD... WITH CLASHING COLORS.



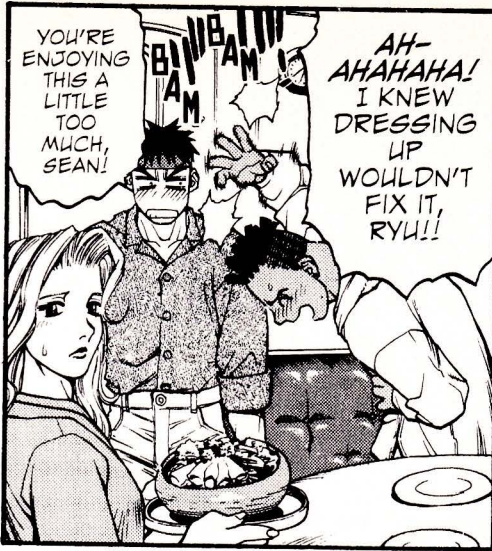


WHAT'S  
WITH THE  
GET-UP,  
RYU?



WELL HE  
SEEMS  
HIS  
NORMAL  
SELF, AT  
LEAST  
---

LONG  
TIME NO  
SEE,  
KEN.



YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS A LITTLE TOO MUCH, SEAN!

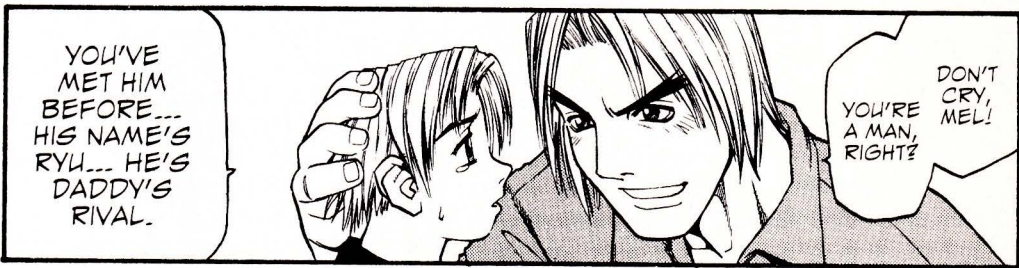
BAM!  
BAM!  
BAM!

AH-AHAHAHA!  
I KNEW DRESSING UP WOULDN'T FIX IT, RYU!!



SIGH

IT'S SO STRANGE... HE USUALLY DOESN'T CRY WHEN MEETING PEOPLE...

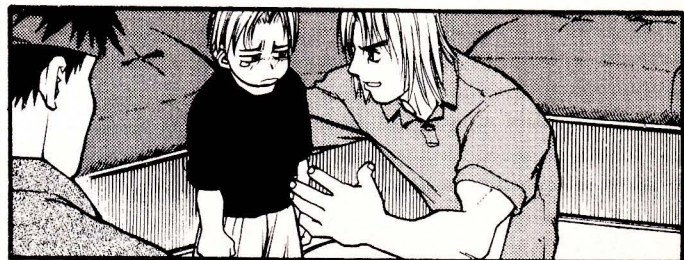


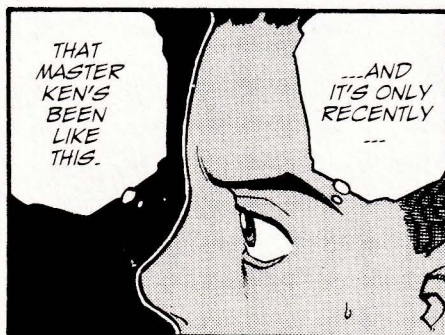
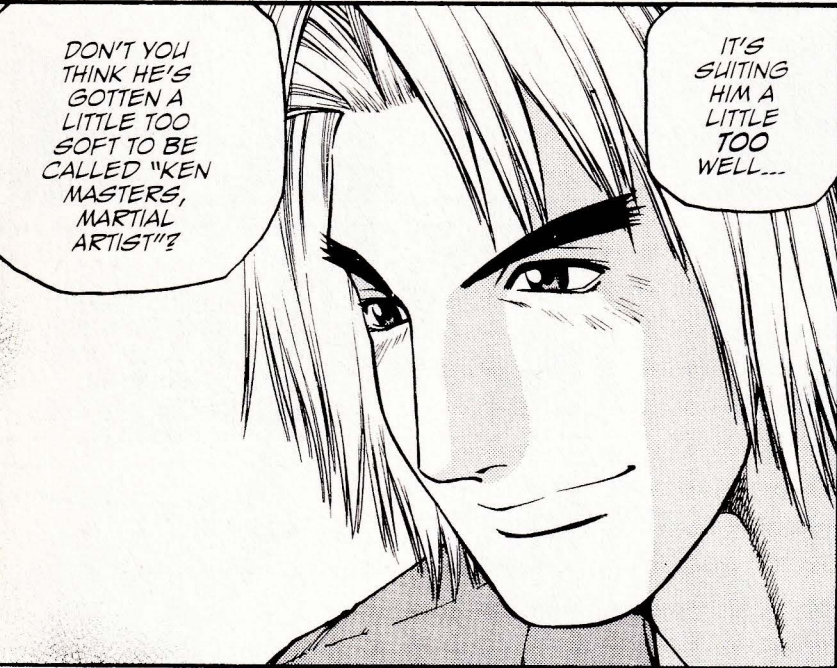
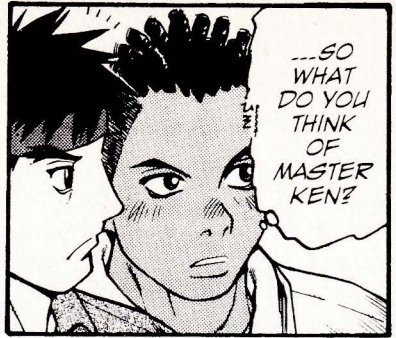
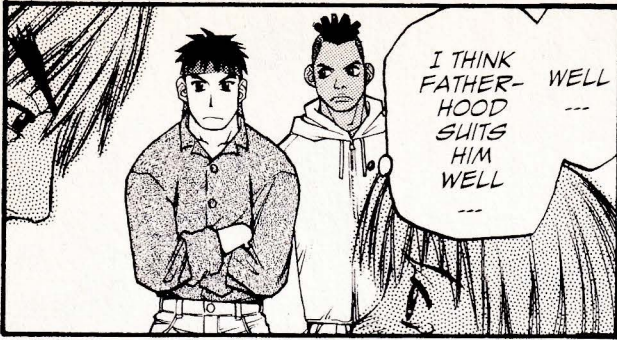
YOU'VE MET HIM BEFORE... HIS NAME'S RYU... HE'S DADDY'S RIVAL.

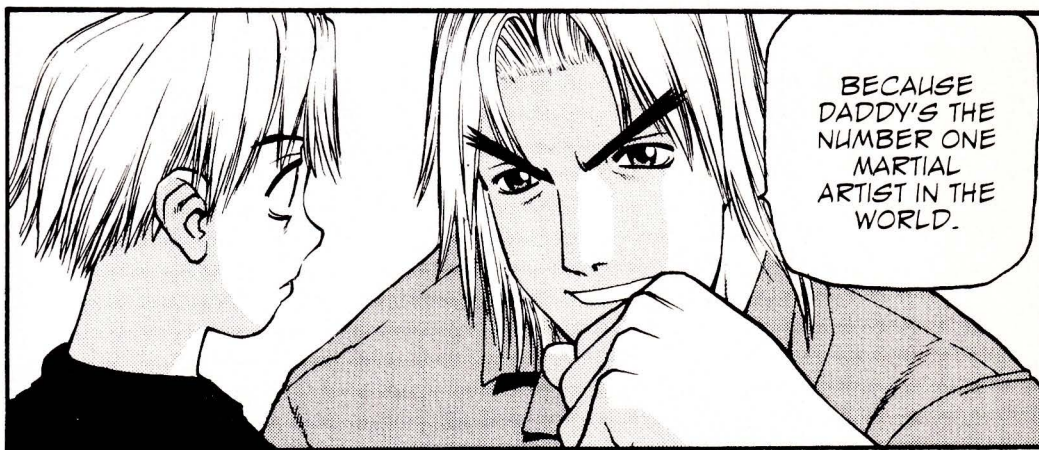
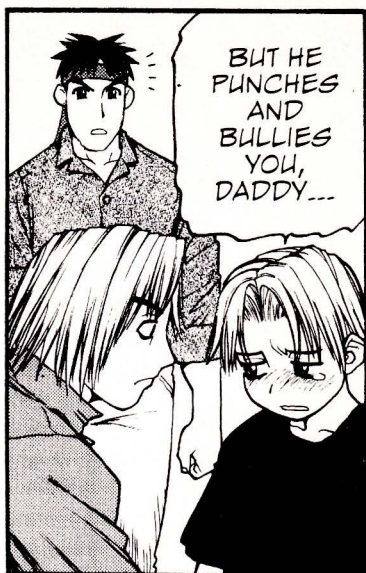
DON'T CRY, MEL!  
YOU'RE A MAN, RIGHT?



HEH HEH... TO THINK THAT THE KEN I KNEW IS NOW A FATHER









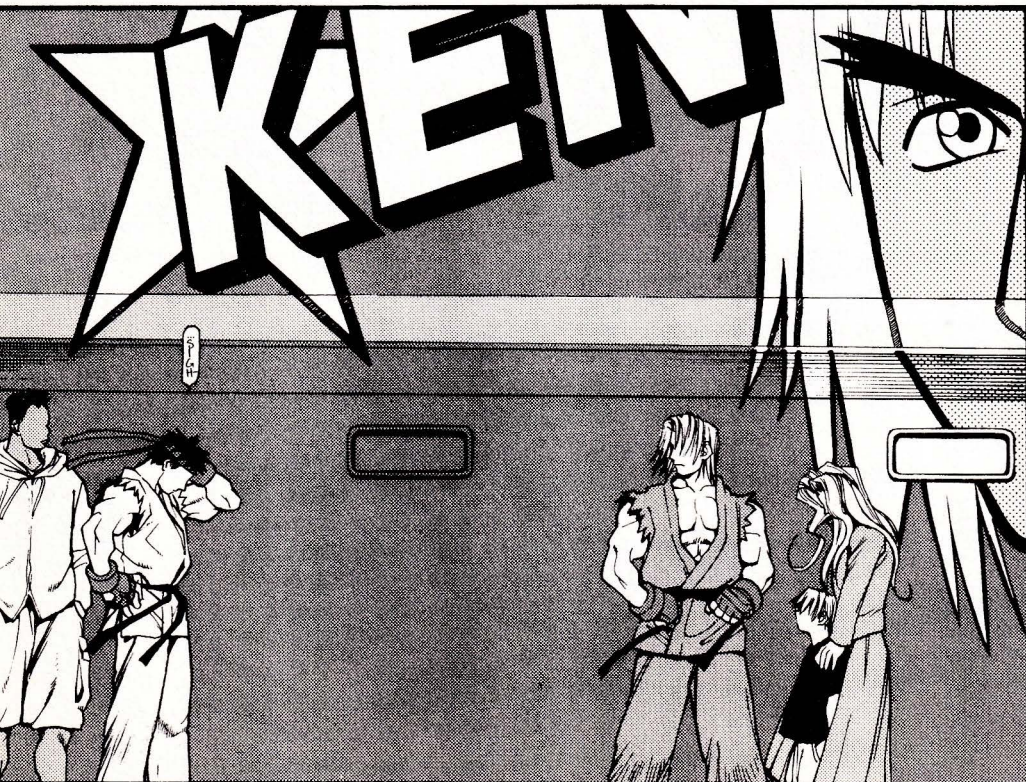
ELIZA, GET MY GI AND GLOVES!

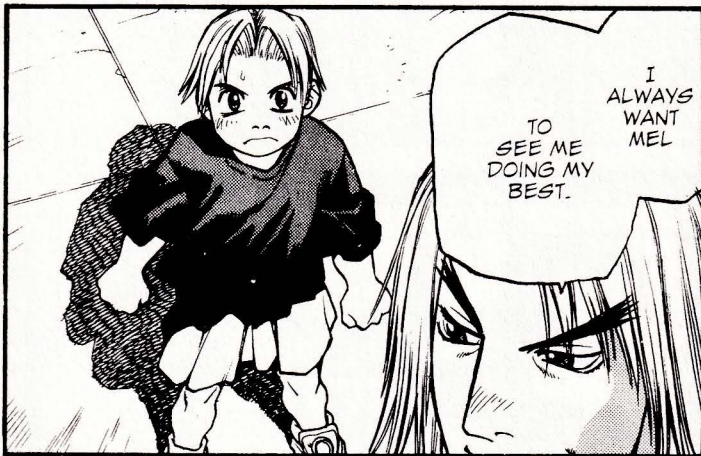
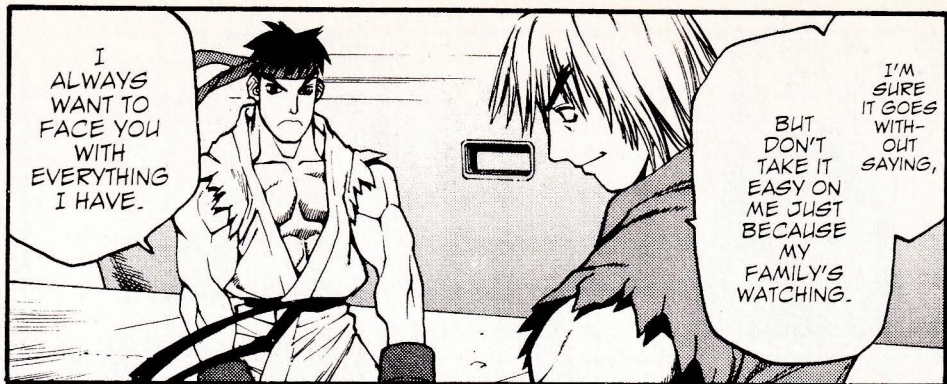


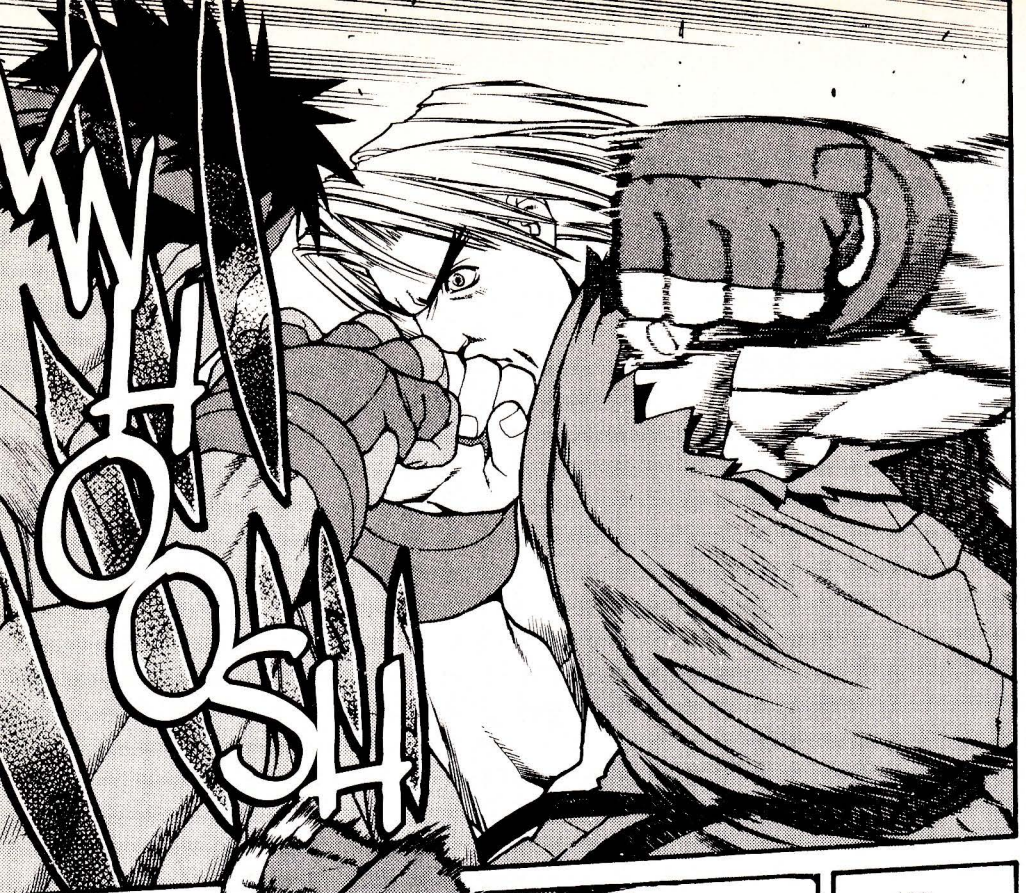
I'LL GET TO STUDY BOTH OF THEM WHILE THEY FIGHT!

HEH HEH HEH... NOT ONLY WILL THIS PUT A LITTLE KICK BACK INTO MASTER KEN...

WELL, LIH, YEAH... BUT... THIS... !!







HM...  
STARTING  
OFF WITH A  
FRONT FIST  
ATTACK IS  
PRETTY  
PRUDENT...



**DADDY !!**

HERE IT  
COMES!!  
RYU'S  
COUNTER-  
ATTACK!!

WHOA!!  
HE JUST  
BARELY  
BLOCKED  
THAT  
FIST!



BOTH THE  
ANGLE OF  
THE HIT AND  
THE SPEED  
ARE  
PERFECT...  
SAME OLD  
KEN.







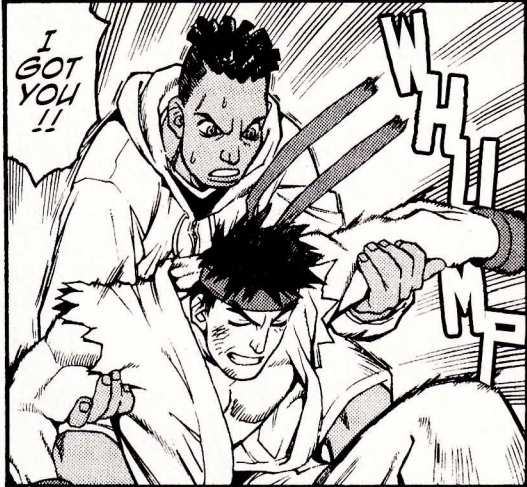


VO

OSH



WHA...  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON? YOU  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
FIGHT  
BACK.

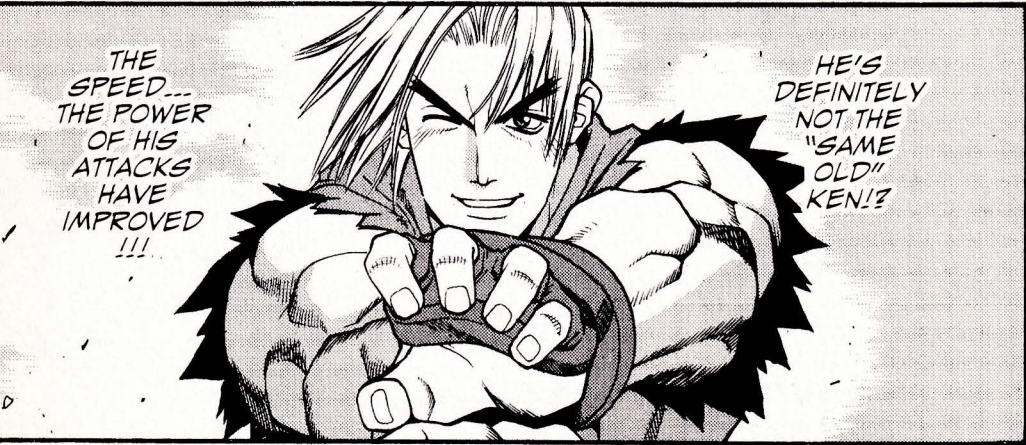


I  
GOT  
YOU  
!!

WH  
HI  
M

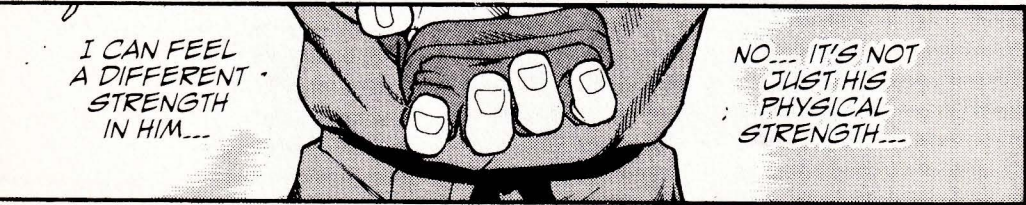


HE'S  
DIFFERENT  
!?



THE  
SPEED...  
THE POWER  
OF HIS  
ATTACKS  
HAVE  
IMPROVED  
!!!

HE'S  
DEFINITELY  
NOT THE  
"SAME  
OLD"  
KEN!?



I CAN FEEL  
A DIFFERENT  
STRENGTH  
IN HIM...

NO... IT'S NOT  
JUST HIS  
PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH...



SO...  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK,  
RYU?



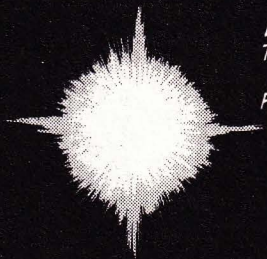
I'VE  
BECOME  
A TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST  
!!

I  
DID  
IT...



WHAT'S  
AT THE END  
OF THIS  
PATH...  
WHAT IS  
A TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST?

I MEAN,  
THAT MAY  
NOT BE WHY,  
BUT I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WONDERED  
THE SAME  
THING YOU  
HAVE.



WE  
LEARNED  
THE SAME  
MOVES  
FROM THE  
SAME  
MASTER  
---

HEY  
RYU...  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
THINK IT  
IS...

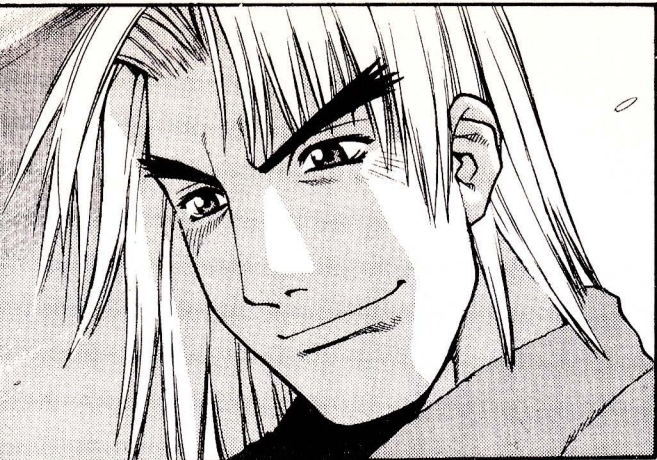
## CHAPTER 3



I'VE  
BECOME  
A TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST...

I'VE  
DONE  
IT.

HIS  
EYES ARE  
CONFIDENT  
BUT  
CALM!!

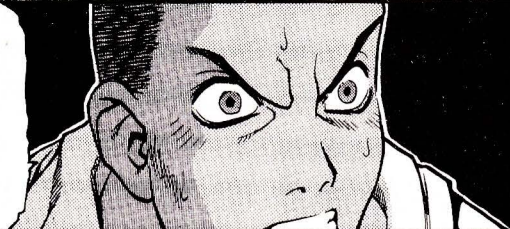


TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST  
---



KEN  
---

ARE YOU  
SAYING YOU  
FOUND IT  
FIRST,  
MASTER  
KEN...!?



THE PATH  
TO BECOMING  
A TRUE MARTIAL  
ARTIST, THE  
THING RYU'S  
ALWAYS  
TALKING  
ABOUT...



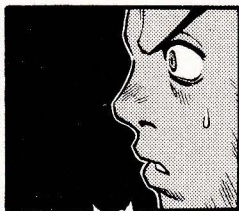
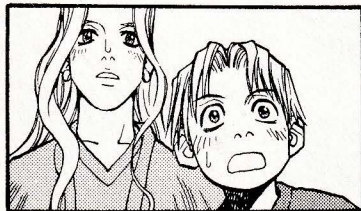
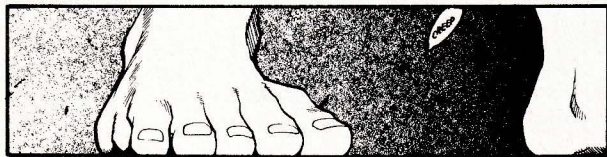
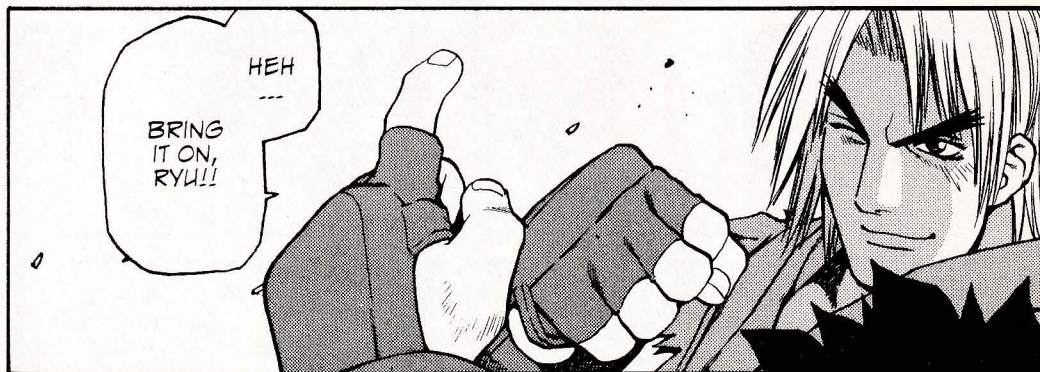
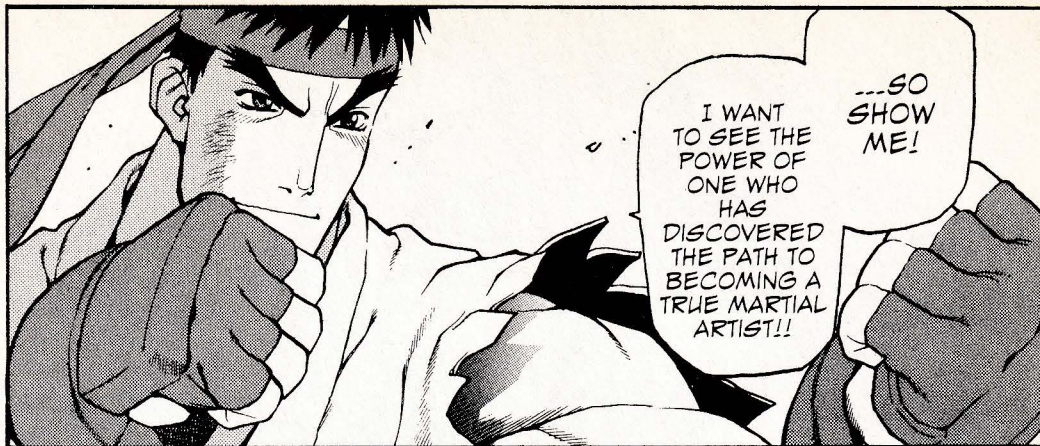
I HEARD  
YOU'D GONE  
A LITTLE SOFT  
AND I WAS  
WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU,  
BUT...



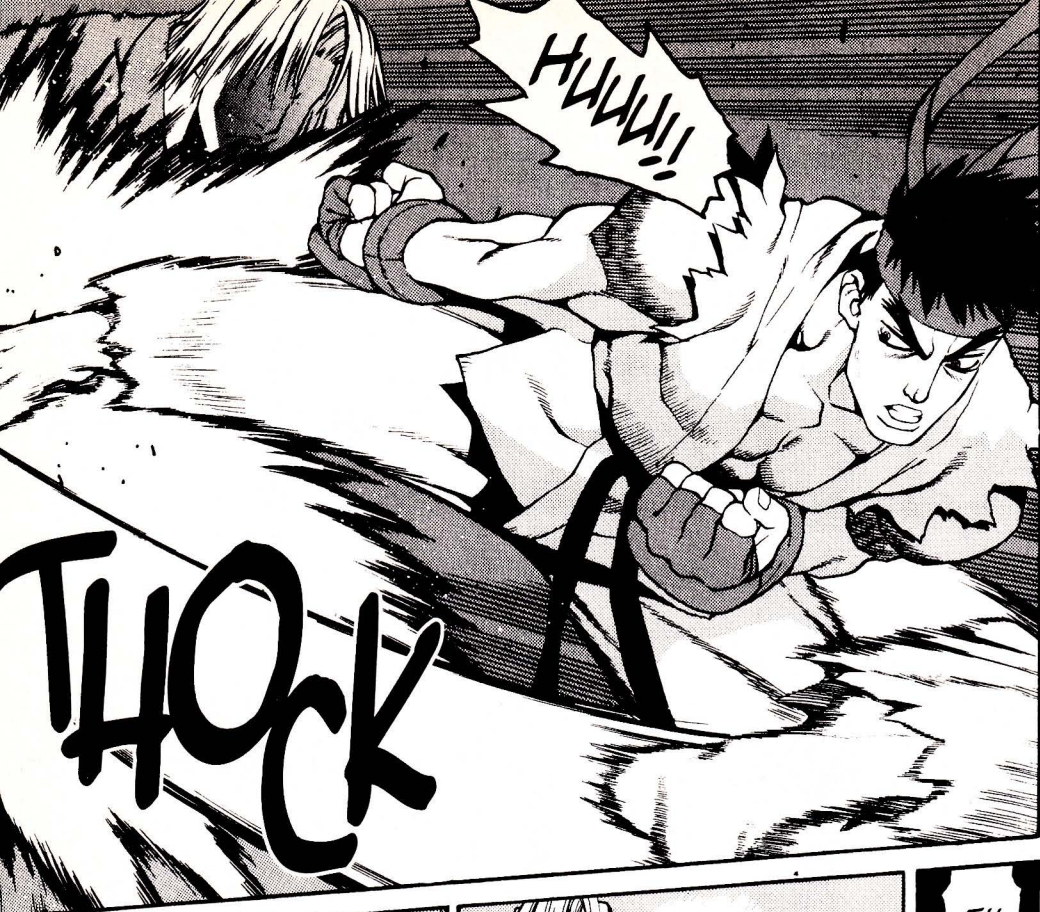
I  
SHOULD'VE  
KNOWN,  
KEN...



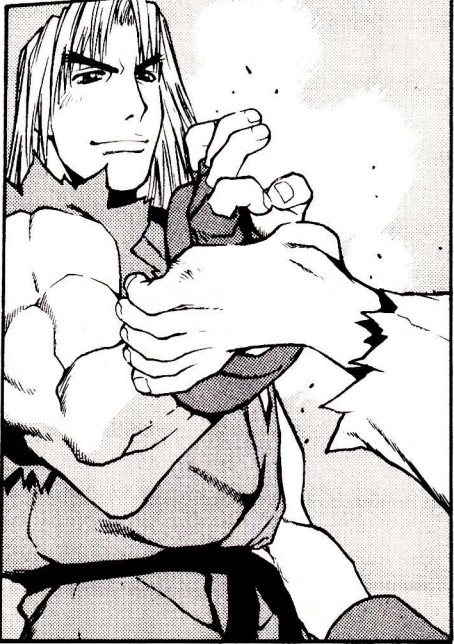
HEH  
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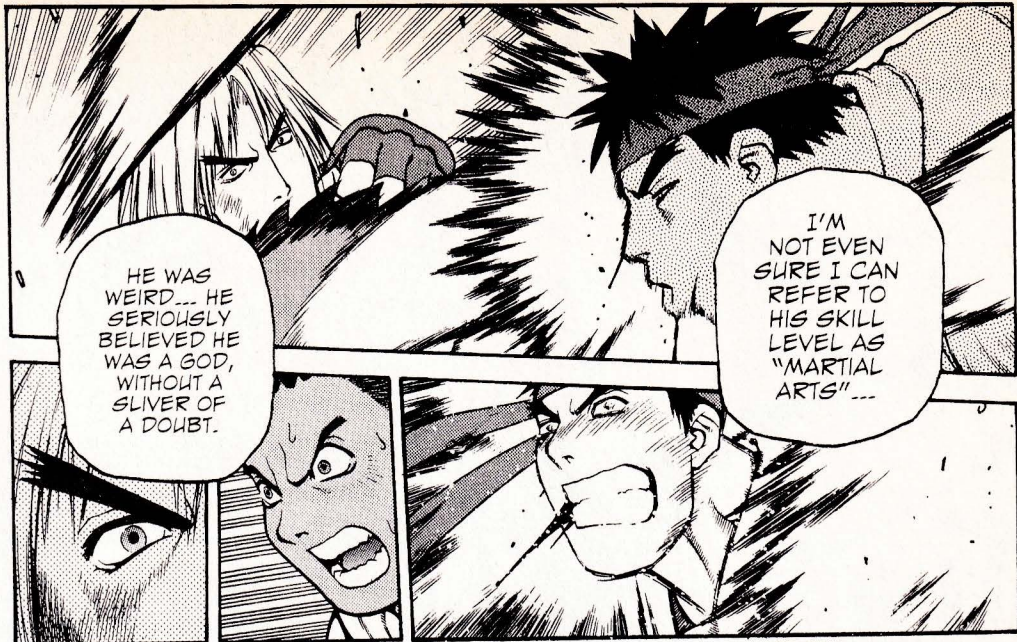






... TWO, NO, THREE MONTHS AGO...



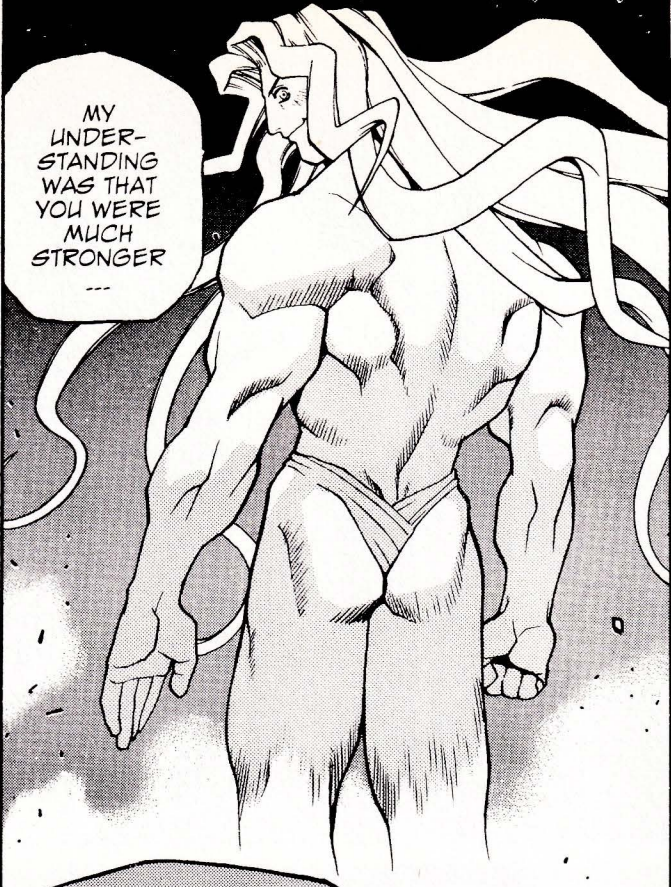


HE WAS WEIRD... HE SERIOUSLY BELIEVED HE WAS A GOD, WITHOUT A SLIVER OF A DOUBT.

I'M NOT EVEN SURE I CAN REFER TO HIS SKILL LEVEL AS "MARTIAL ARTS"...

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE CRUEL... FORGIVE ME...


KEN MASTERS  
---



MY  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
WAS THAT  
YOU WERE  
MUCH  
STRONGER  
---



HM...  
HE IS  
TAKING  
HIS LAST  
BREATH.



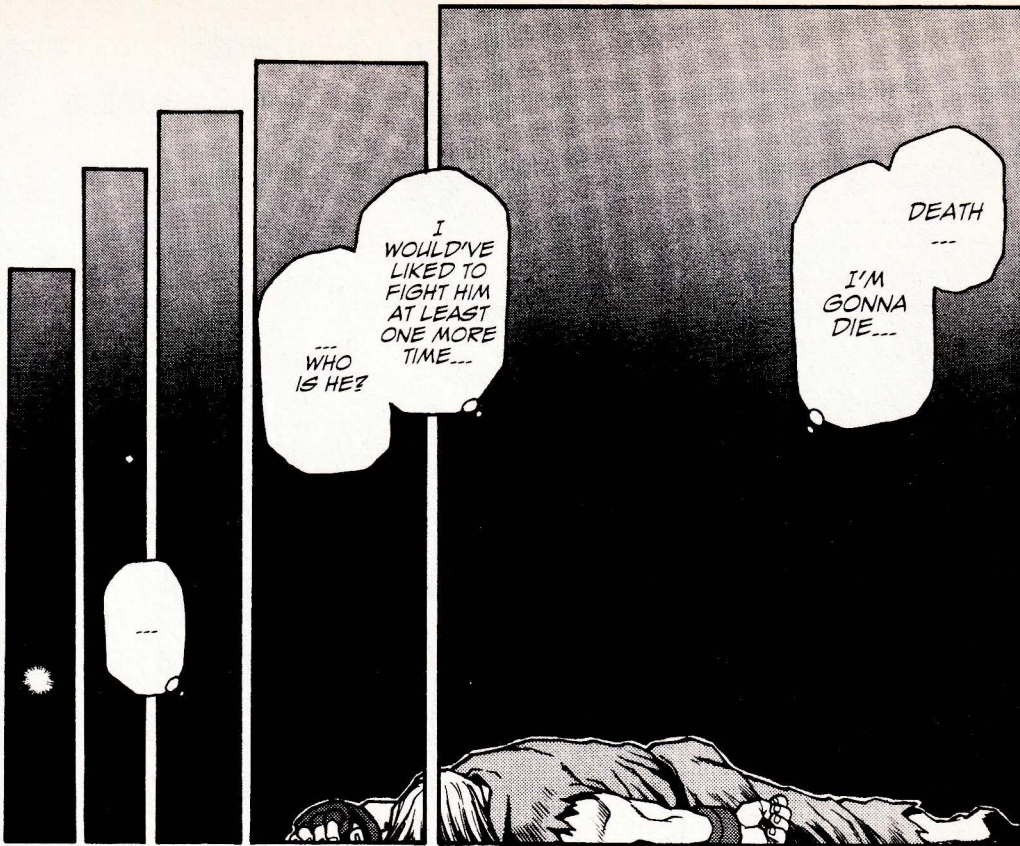
THOUGH IT  
ONLY LASTED  
A FEW  
MINUTES,  
PLEASE  
ACCEPT MY  
GRATITUDE  
FOR THE  
ENJOYABLE  
EXPERIENCE.



A  
PEACEFUL  
DEATH  
TO YOU,  
KEN  
MASTERS!



DEATH?

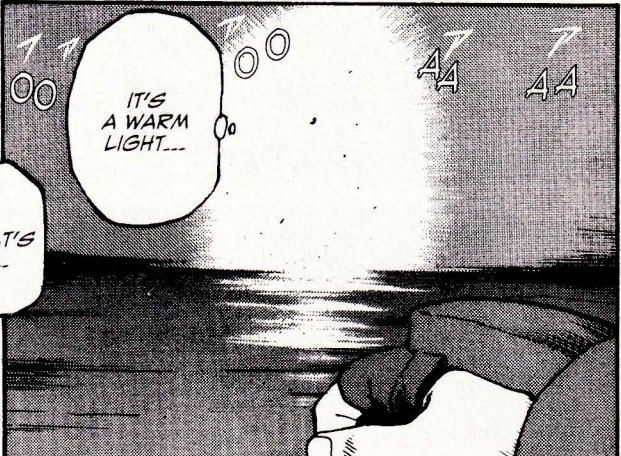


I  
WOULD'VE  
LIKED TO  
FIGHT HIM  
AT LEAST  
ONE MORE  
TIME...  
---  
WHO  
IS HE?

DEATH  
---  
I'M  
GONNA  
DIE...



THAT'S  
---

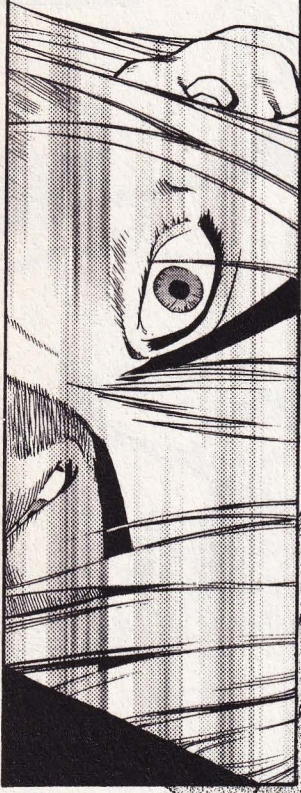
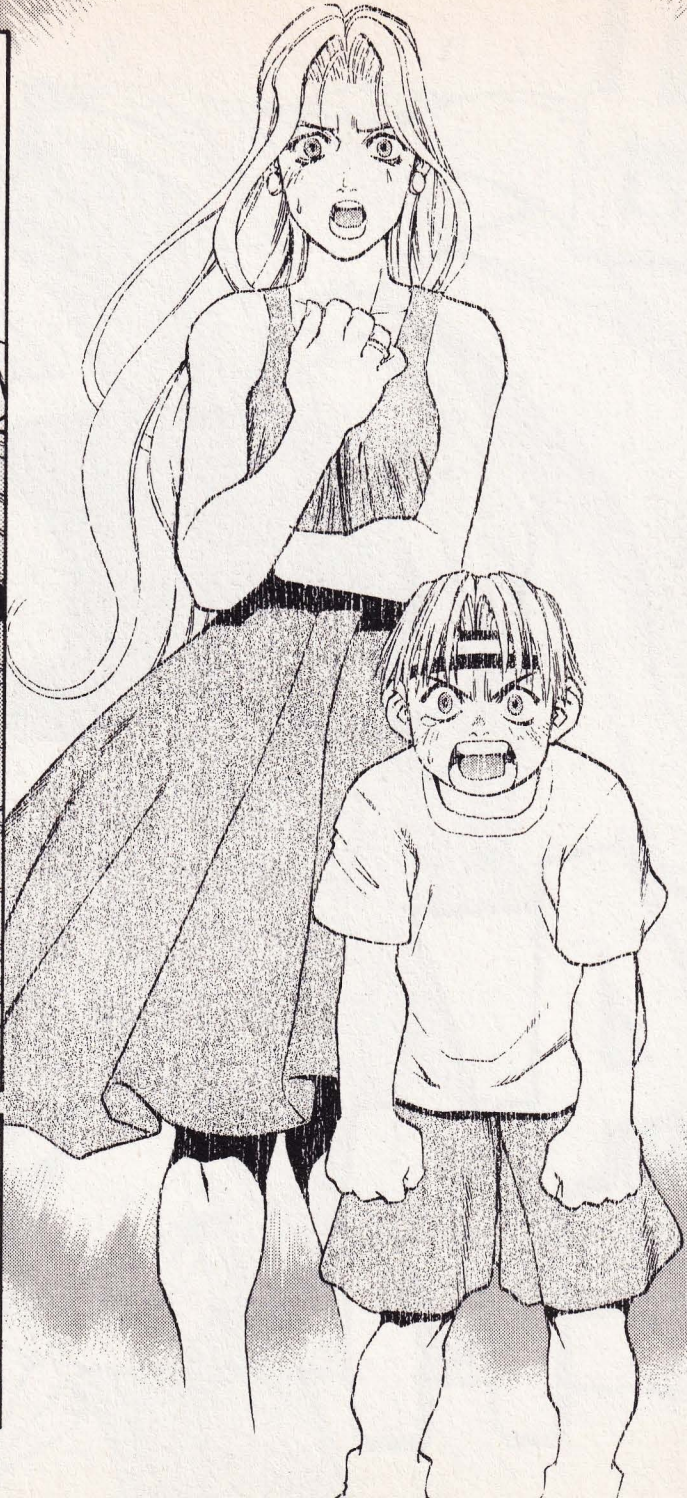


IT'S  
A WARM  
LIGHT...



??  
I  
SEE A  
LIGHT  
---

ELIZA...  
MEL...!!!





B

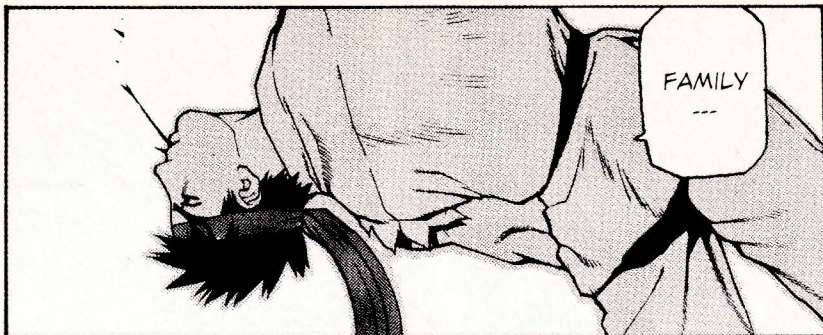
A



神  
SHIN

龍  
RYU

拳  
KEN



IT'S A STRENGTH IN MY SOUL I'D NEVER HAVE ATTAINED ON MY OWN---

THAT'S THE PATH TO TRUE MARTIAL ARTS THAT I DISCOVERED !!



I WANT TO BE A STRONG FATHER AND THEY WANT ME TO BE A STRONG FATHER... IT'S THE "SOUL" OF MY FAMILY WISHING FOR THESE THINGS GIVING ME STRENGTH!

THAT'S RIGHT, RYU---



WHUMP






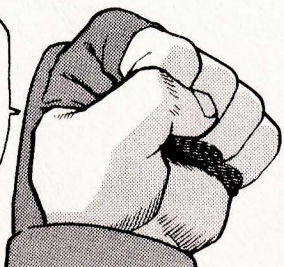
RYU,



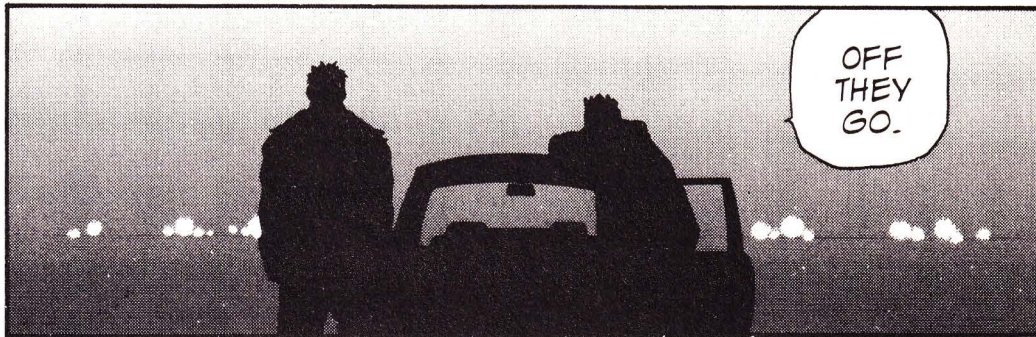
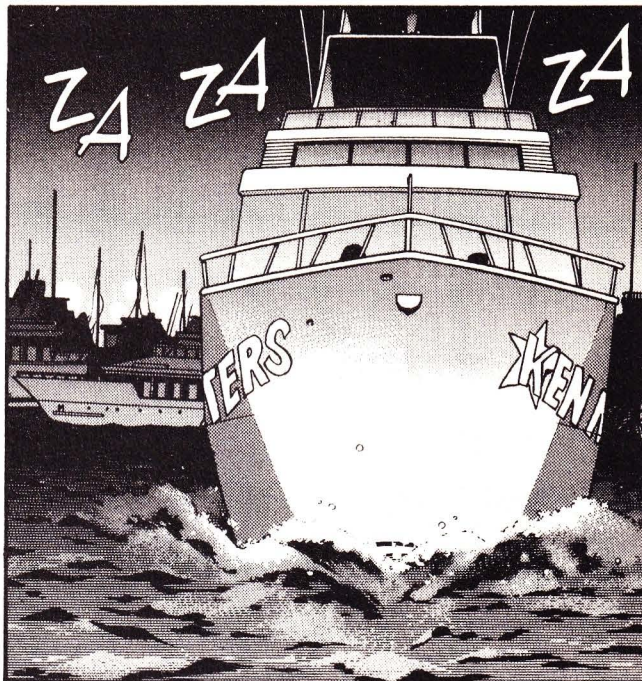
I FIGHT  
FOR MY  
FAMILY.

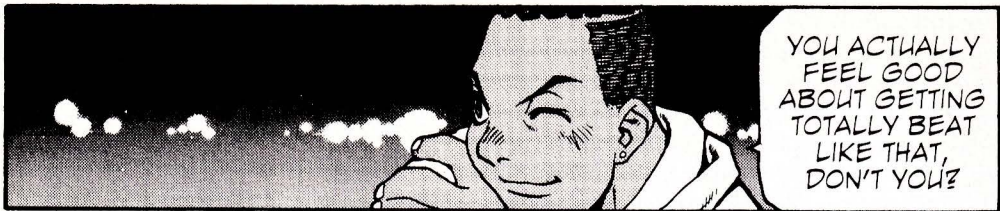


WHO  
ARE YOU  
FIGHTING  
FOR?



MY  
FIGHT  
---  
---?





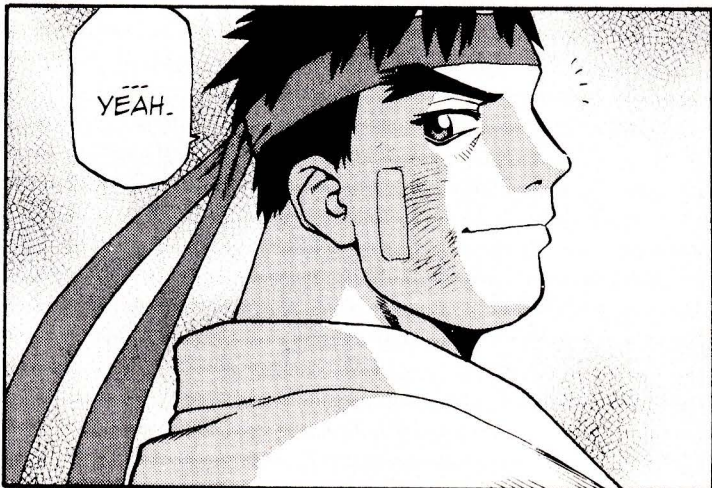
YOU ACTUALLY  
FEEL GOOD  
ABOUT GETTING  
TOTALLY BEAT  
LIKE THAT,  
DON'T YOU?



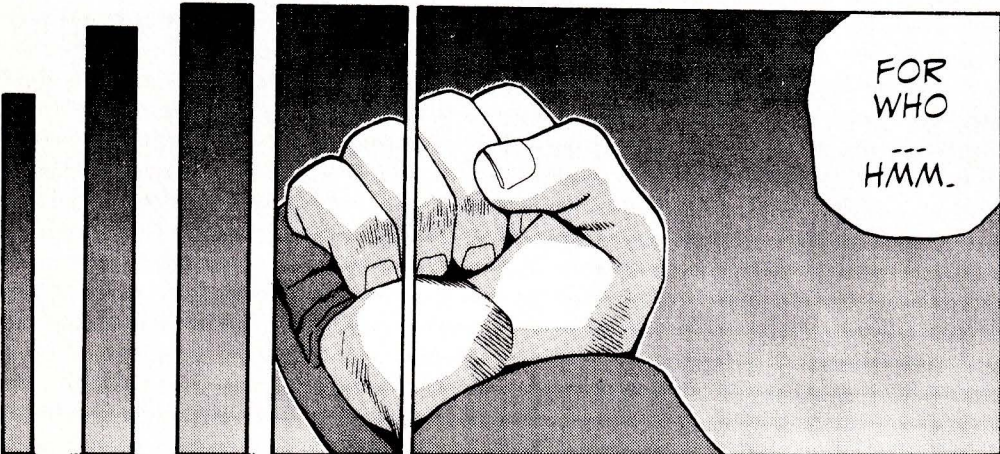
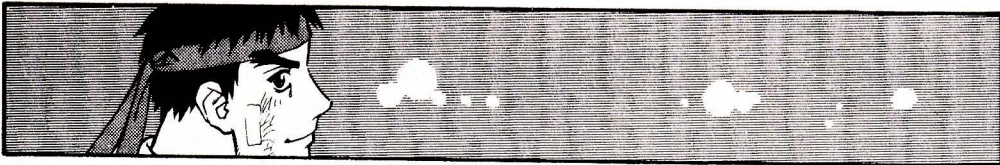
I'M ON  
A LOSING  
STREAK  
AGAINST  
MASTER  
KEN,  
AFTER  
ALL.

HEH  
HEH, I  
KNOW  
WHAT  
THAT'S  
LIKE---

'COURSE,  
THAT JUST  
MEANS  
I NEED  
TO TRAIN  
HARDER.



---  
YEAH.

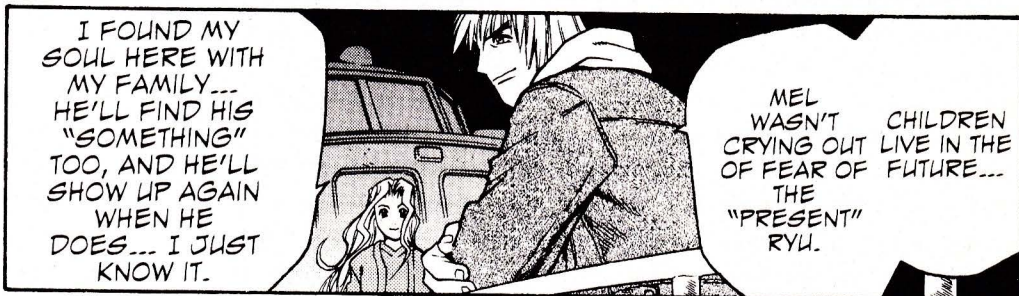
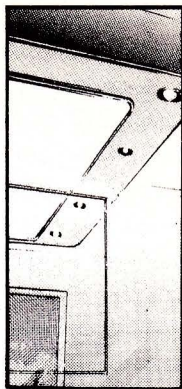


FOR  
WHO  
---  
HMM.



HE  
WOULDN'T  
STOP  
CRYING,  
EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU  
WON...

HE  
CRIED  
HIMSELF  
TO  
SLEEP  
---



I FOUND MY  
SOUL HERE WITH  
MY FAMILY...  
HE'LL FIND HIS  
"SOMETHING"  
TOO, AND HE'LL  
SHOW UP AGAIN  
WHEN HE  
DOES... I JUST  
KNOW IT.

MEL  
WASN'T  
CRYING OUT  
OF FEAR OF  
THE  
"PRESENT"  
RYU.

CHILDREN  
LIVE IN THE  
OF FUTURE...

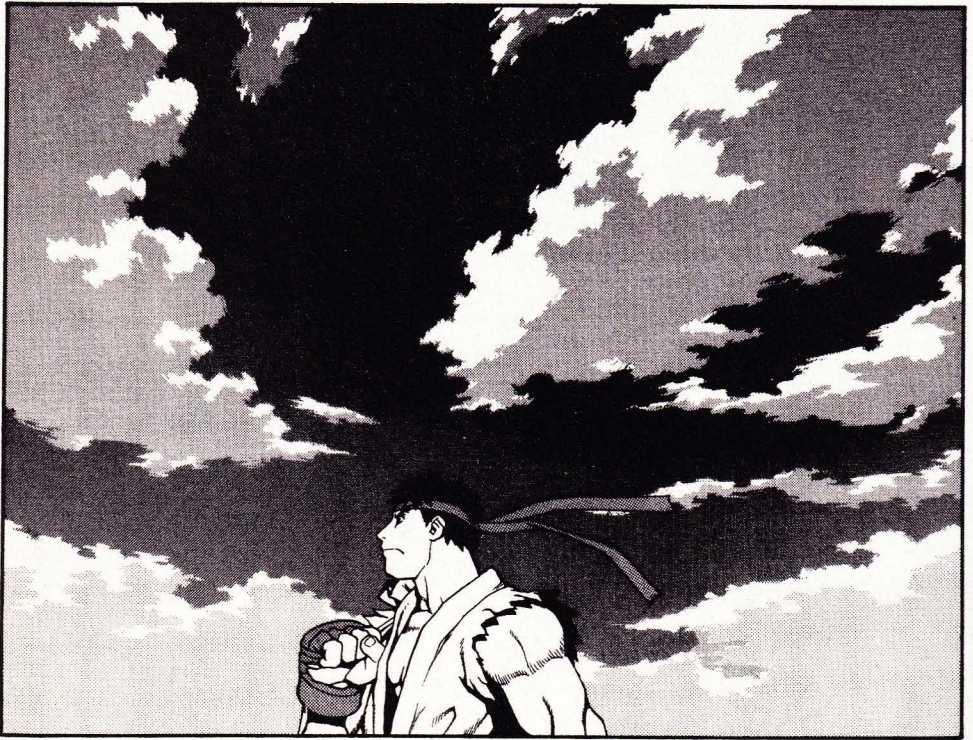


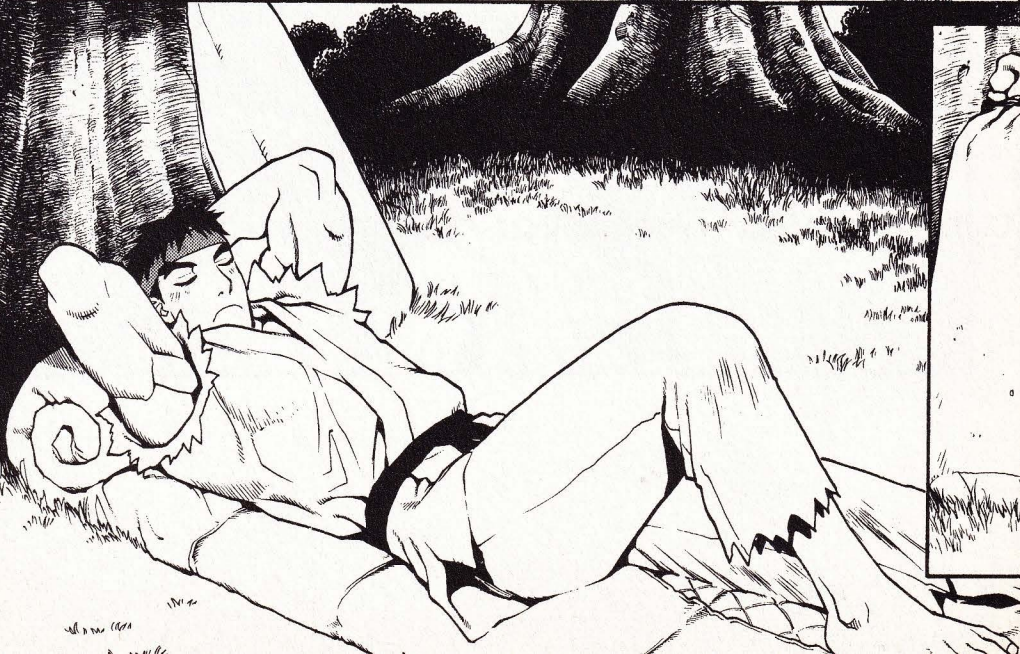
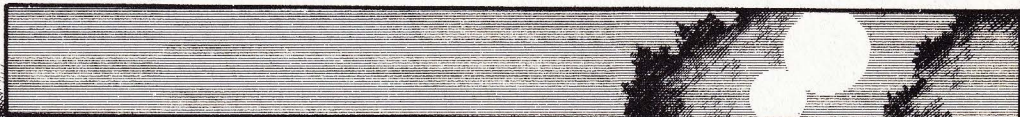
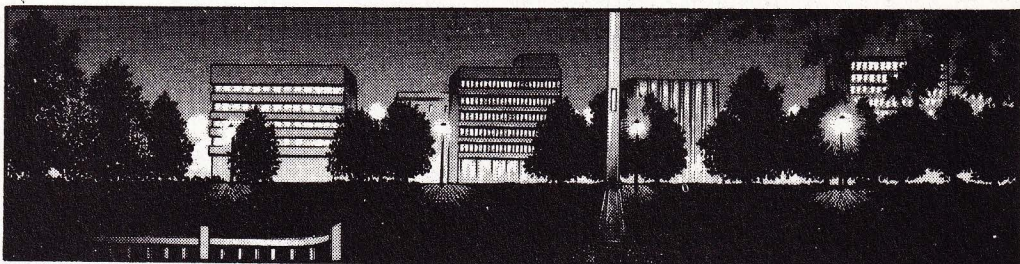
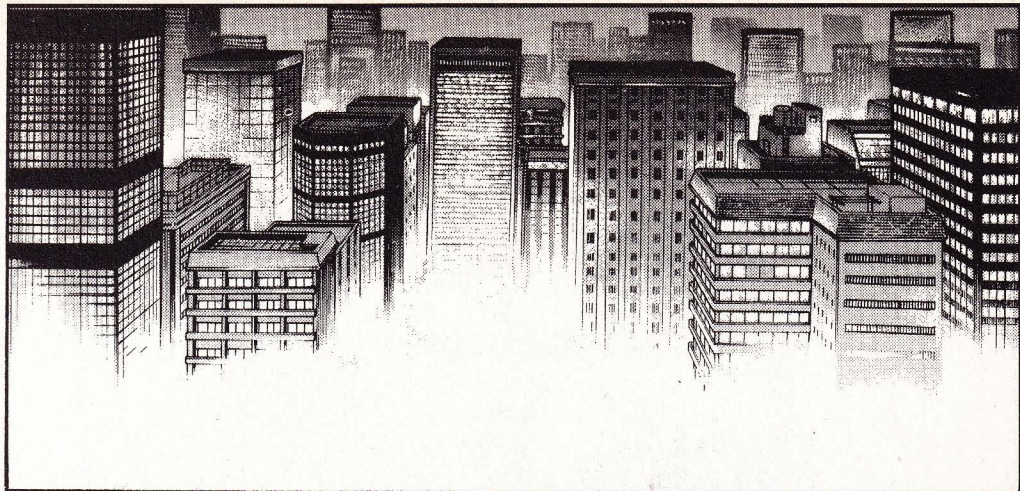
HEH  
HEH  
---



AFTER  
ALL, HE IS  
YOUR ONE  
AND ONLY  
ETERNAL  
RIVAL.

# CHAPTER 4









BUT ALL I CAN DO IS WIELD MY FISTS!

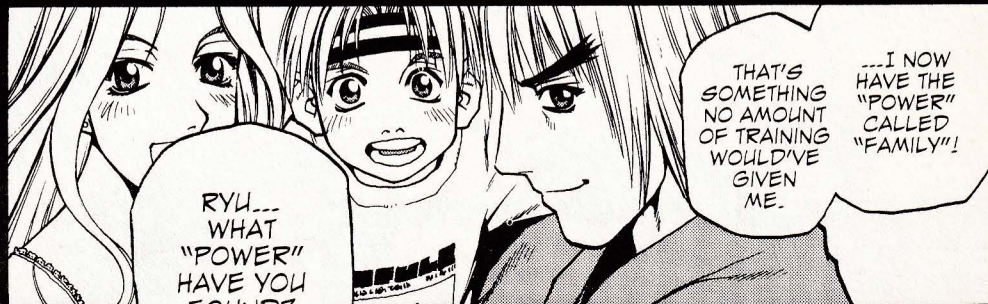
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN!



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE WORDS OF OUR MASTER, RYU?



"YOU WILL NOT FIND YOUR PATH BY WIELDING ONLY YOUR FISTS."



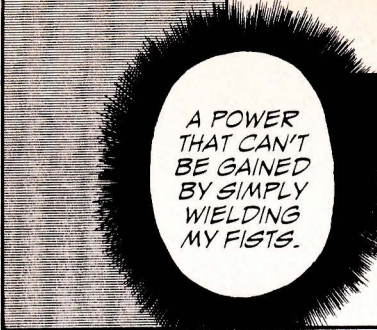
RYU... WHAT "POWER" HAVE YOU FOUND?

THAT'S SOMETHING NO AMOUNT OF TRAINING WOULD'VE GIVEN ME.

...I NOW HAVE THE "POWER" CALLED "FAMILY"!








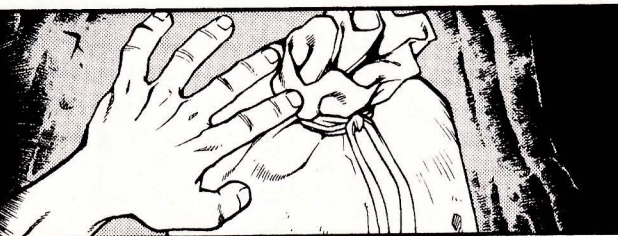
A POWER  
THAT CAN'T  
BE GAINED  
BY SIMPLY  
WIELDING  
MY FISTS.




"POWER"  
---



I NEED  
THAT POWER  
TO UNCOVER THE  
PATH TO MY GOAL  
OF BECOMING A  
TRUE MARTIAL  
ARTIST...



WILL THE DAY  
EVER COME FOR  
SOMEONE LIKE  
ME, SOMEONE  
WHO HAS FOUGHT  
ALL HIS LIFE, TO  
FIND THAT KIND OF  
"POWER" ...?



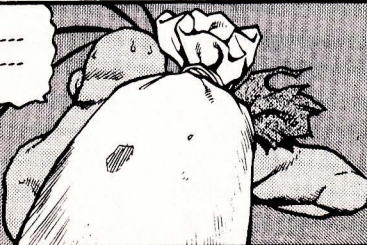
WILL  
YOU GIVE  
IT BACK,  
PLEASE?

A CHANGE OF CLOTHES  
IS ABOUT ALL YOU'LL  
FIND IN  
THERE...



THERE'S  
NOTHING  
VALUABLE  
IN THAT  
BAG.

THAT





I AM IMPRESSED!

TO HAVE SENSED MY PRESENCE, YOU ARE WELL TRAINED FOR ONE SO YOUNG.



---HOOWEE~ I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU NOTICED ME!!

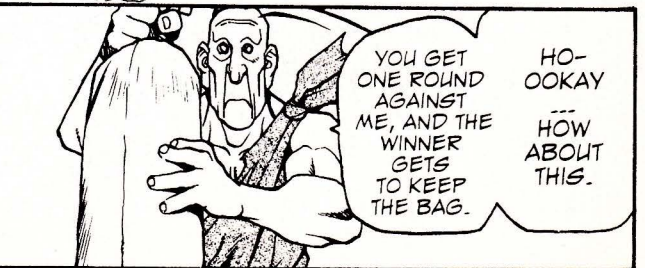


THANKS ...

UH, YEAH.

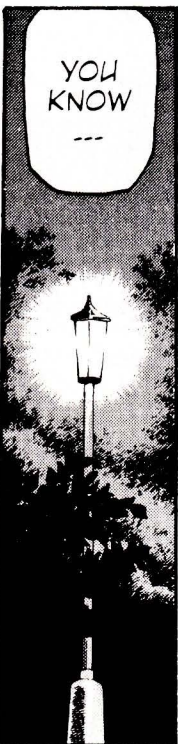


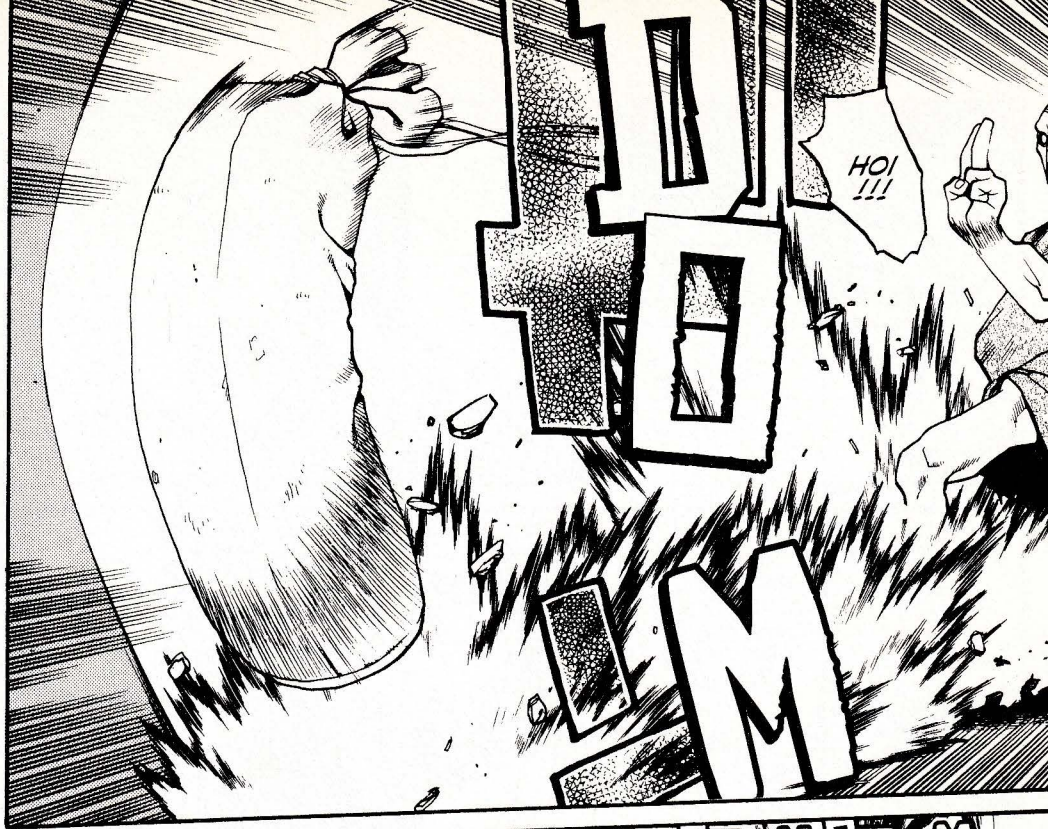
--- OLD MAN,



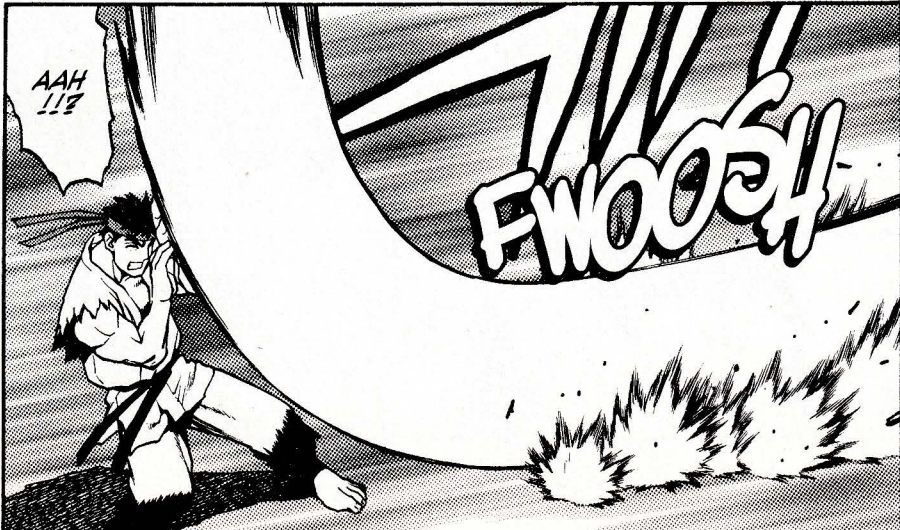
YOU GET ONE ROUND AGAINST ME, AND THE WINNER GETS TO KEEP THE BAG.

HO-OOKAY --- HOW ABOUT THIS.



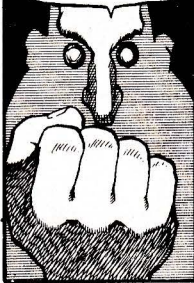


WH...  
WHAT?!!  
MY BAG'S  
MOVING  
ON ITS  
OWN...!!!





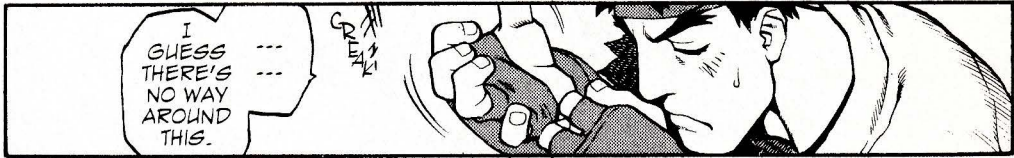
I THINK IT WOULD JUST BE MEAN TO BEAT YOU TO A PULP, SO I WILL USE ONLY MY RIGHT ARM.



HERE, I WILL ASSESS YOUR ABILITIES FOR YOU.

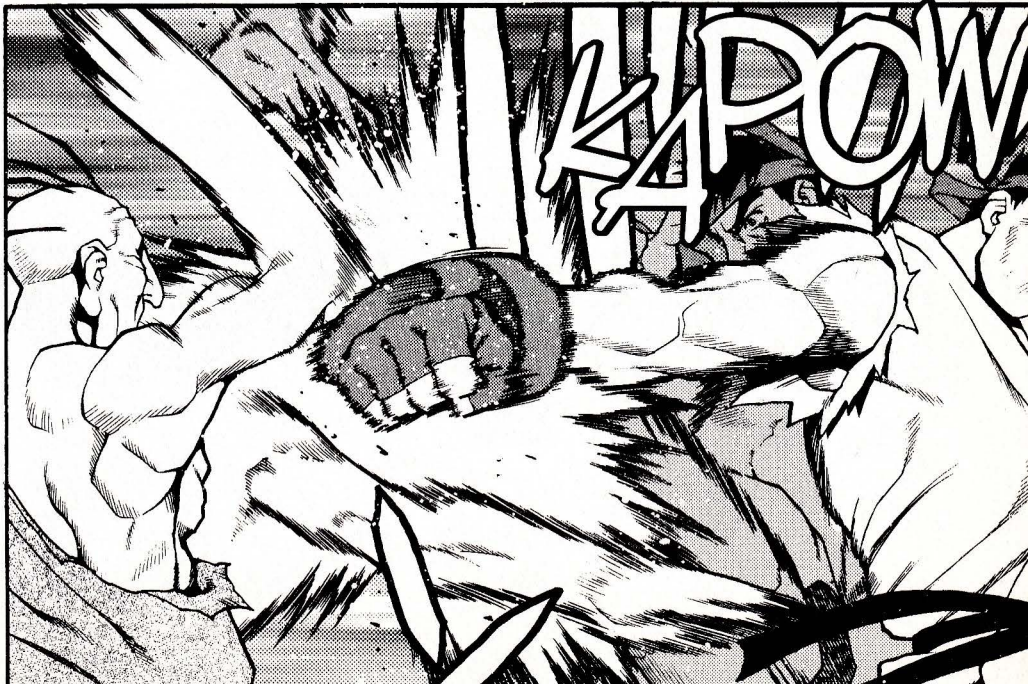
BUT I WONDER HOW YOUR "POWER OF FIST" HOLDS UP...

HMM... SUCH DEEP WORDS FOR SUCH A YOUNG WHIPPER-SNAPPER!



I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY AROUND THIS.


HAIRY  
KUN



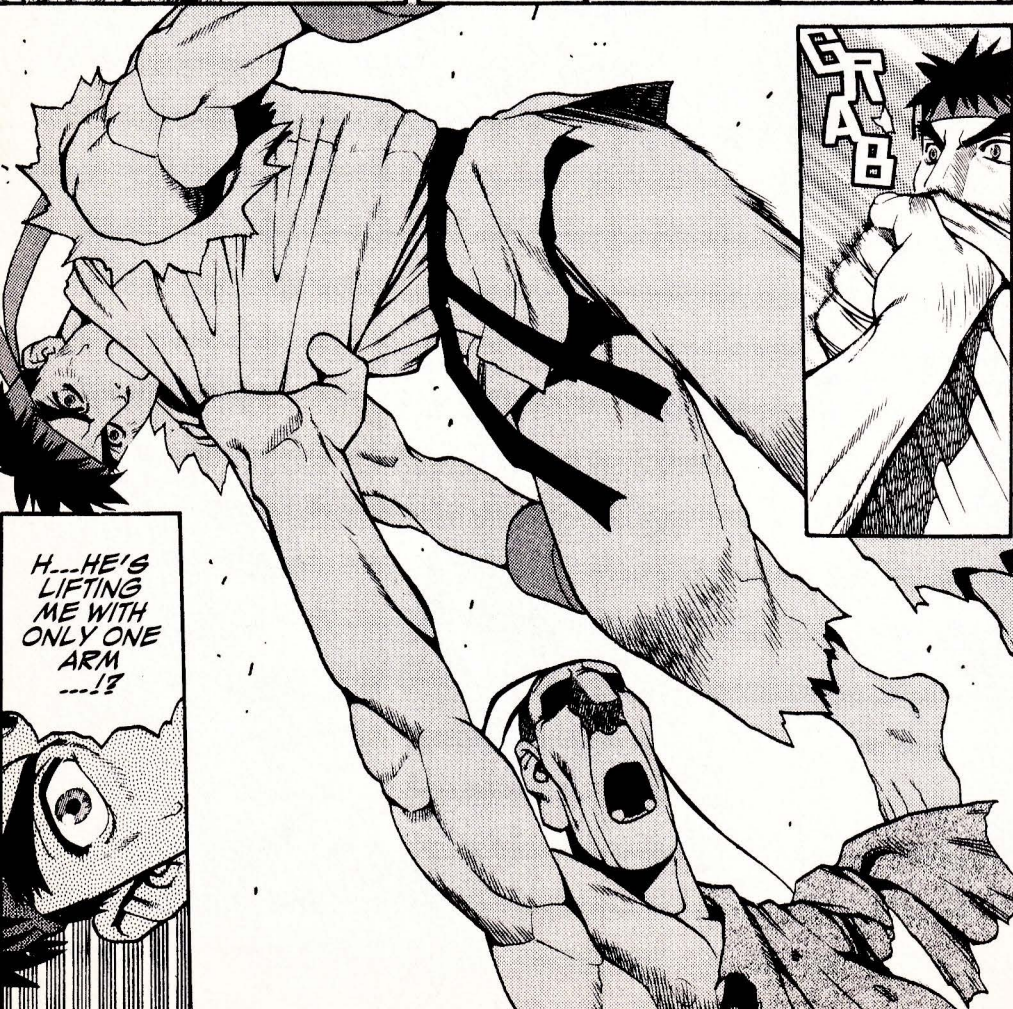


HE'S THE TYPE THAT USES LOTS OF FAST HITS TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND!

HE'S QUICK, AS EXPECTED!



IT'S BEST TO USE ONE BIG MOVE TO BRING THESE TYPES DOWN!!



H...HE'S LIFTING ME WITH ONLY ONE ARM...!?

# FWHUUU WWHUUU

URGH...  
I'M  
SUCH  
AN  
IDIOT!!

I WAS  
DECEIVED  
BY HIS  
APPEARANCE  
AND DIDN'T  
SENSE HIS  
POWER



THIS  
OLD  
MAN  
IS A  
SERIOUS  
OPPONENT.

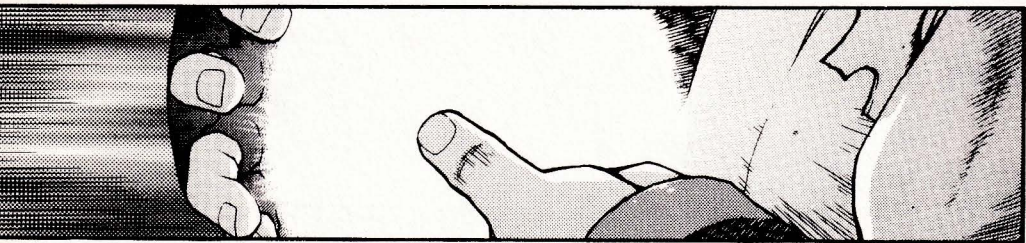
CONCENTRATE...  
THIS IS NO  
TIME FOR  
HINDSIGHT  
!!

THIS IS  
EXACTLY  
WHY I CAN  
NEVER BE  
LIKE  
KEN!!





I  
NEED  
TO FIGHT  
WITH  
ALL MY  
STRENGTH  
!!



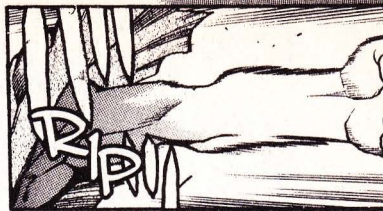
HE JUST  
HASN'T  
REALIZED  
IT YET.

HE HAS  
ALREADY  
ACQUIRED  
HIS "POWER  
OF  
SOUL"



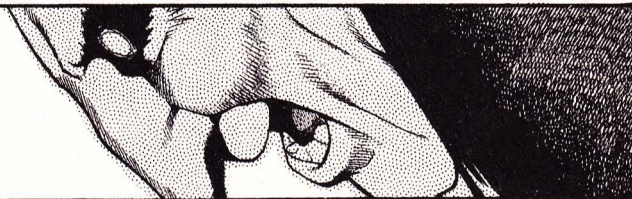
OOO...  
HE CAN  
MANIPULATE  
"CHI"!!  
HMM... THIS  
PRETENTIOUS  
LITTLE  
WHIPPER-  
SNAPPER!!

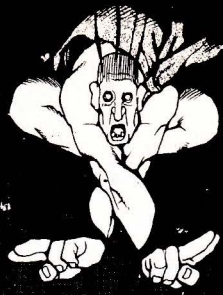
ALL YOU  
NEED TO DO  
IS IDENTIFY  
THAT POWER  
AND THEN  
REFINE IT.



WH...  
WHAT IS  
THAT GIANT  
GATHERING  
OF "CHI"!!!?

THIS IS  
TRULY AN  
INTERESTING  
YOUNG  
WHIPPER-  
SNAPPER  
I'VE MET  
HERE...





夜

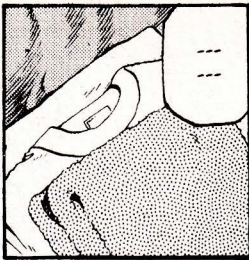
YAGYOU

行

DAMA

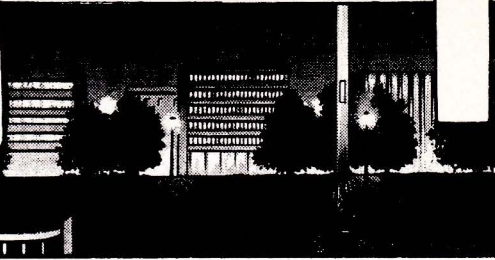
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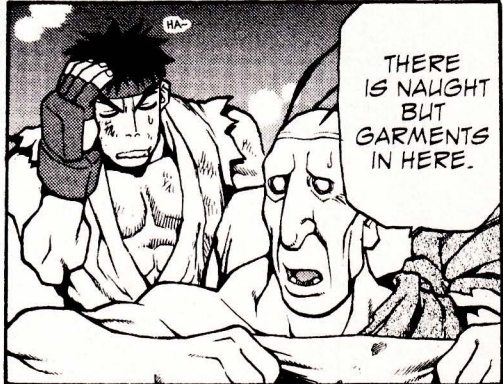
YOU CAN HAVE THE BAG, AS PROMISED.

OKAY OLD MAN, I LOSE

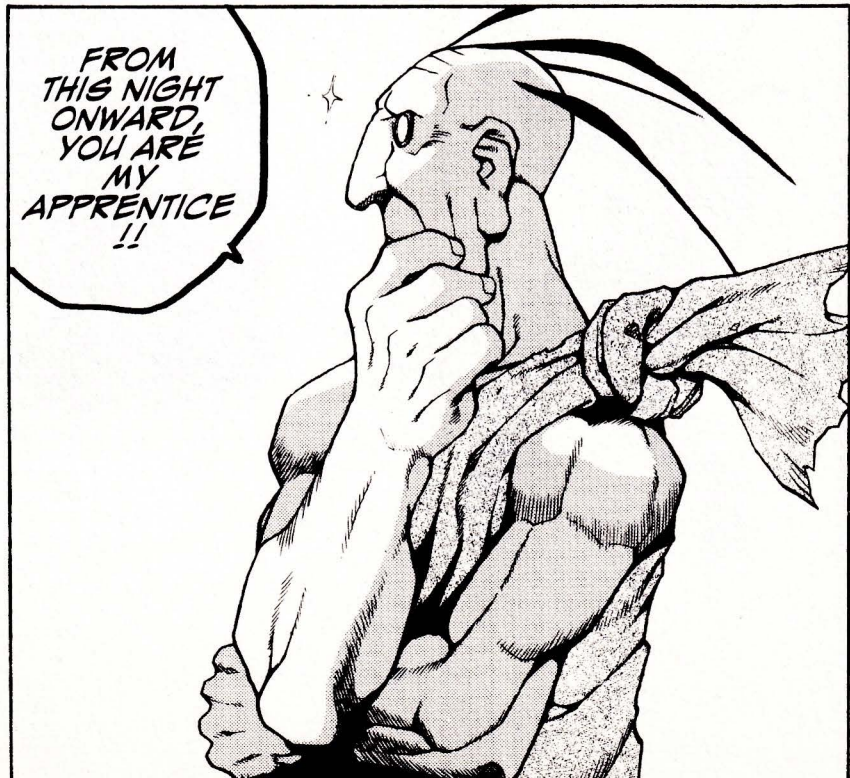


DO NOT CALL ME "OLD MAN" ANYMORE! FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL CALL ME "MASTER" !!

OLD MAN... I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU TO BEGIN WITH...



THERE IS NAUGHT BUT GARMENTS IN HERE.



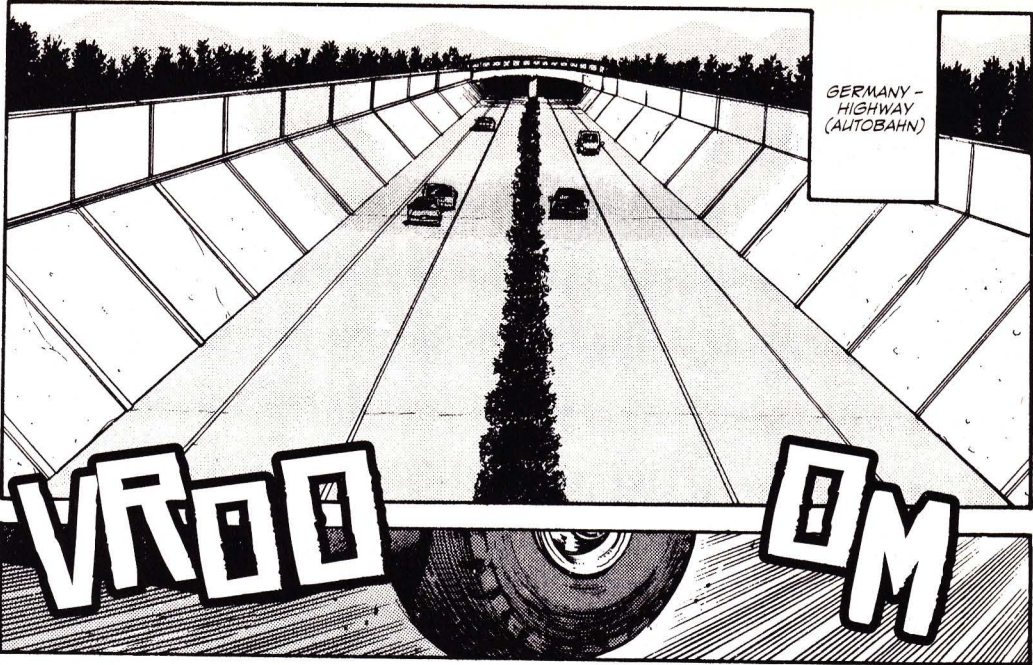
FROM THIS NIGHT ONWARD, YOU ARE MY APPRENTICE !!



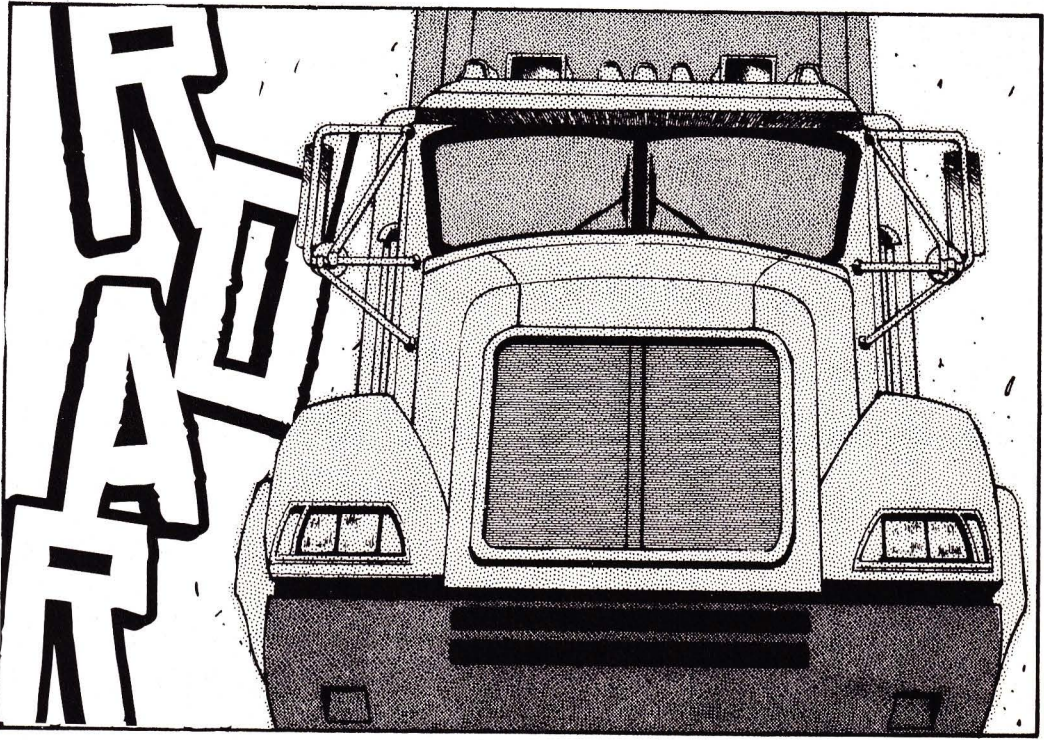
M... MASTER ?



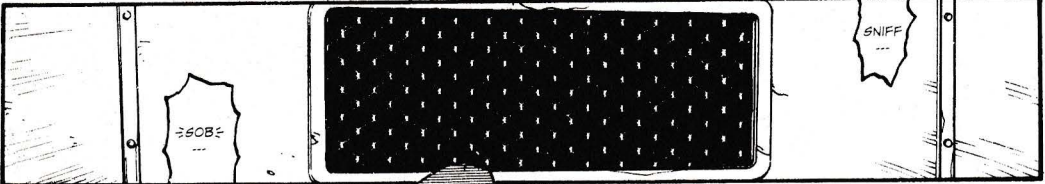
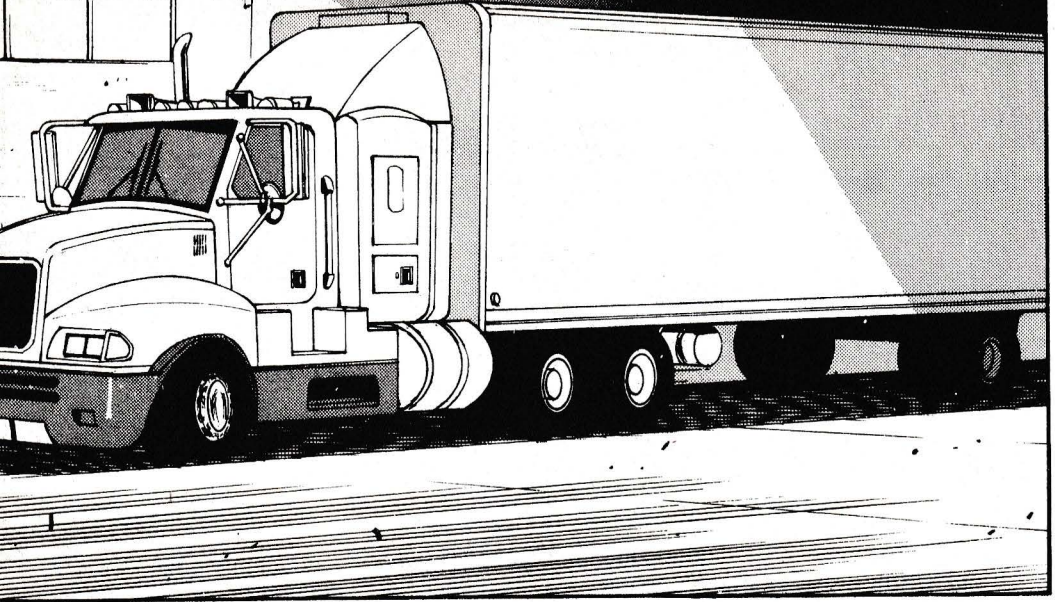
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GERMANY -  
HIGHWAY  
(AUTOBAHN)

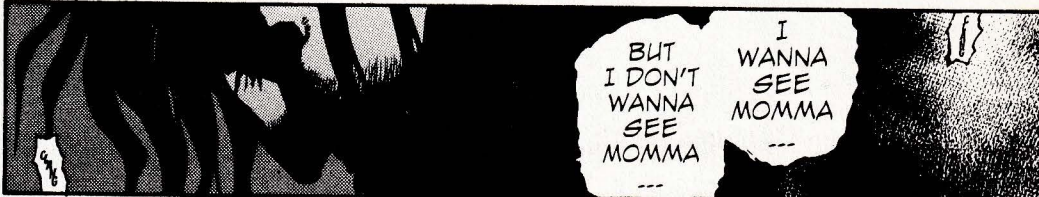


# VROOOOOM

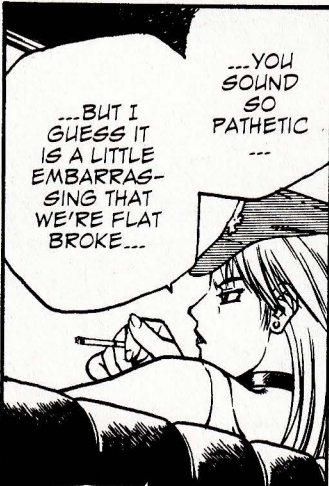




YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WANTED TO GO BACK HOME, HUGO!



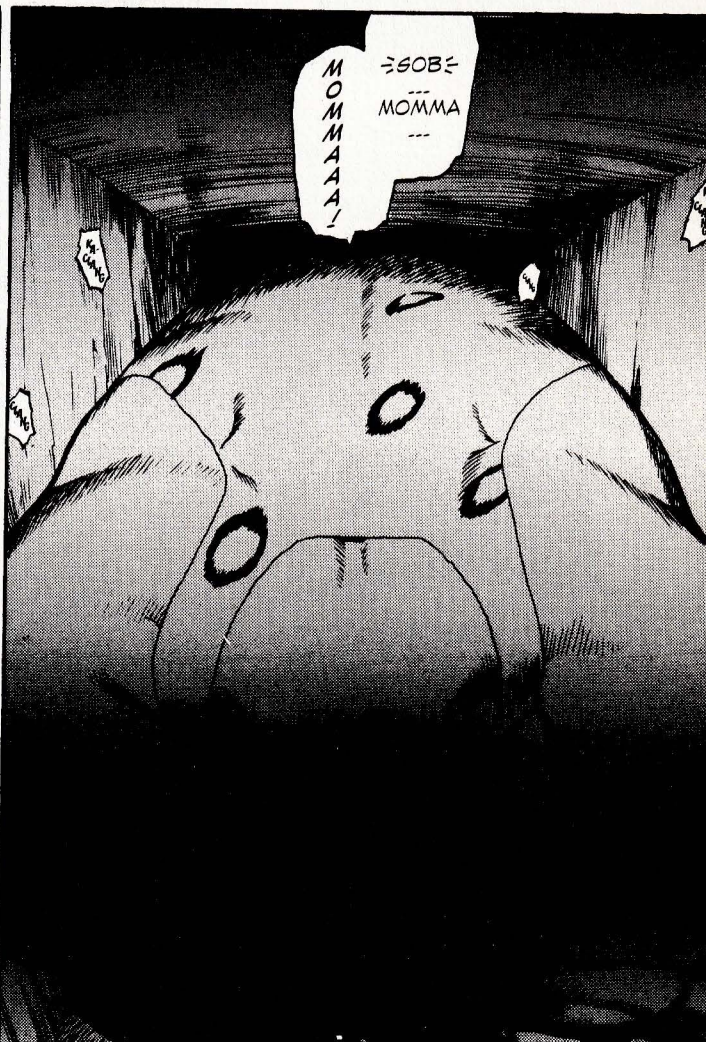
I WANNA SEE MOMMA  
---  
BUT I DON'T WANNA SEE MOMMA  
---



...YOU SOUND SO PATHETIC  
---



I DON'T THINK WE'RE EVEN GONNA HAVE ENOUGH FOR GAS TO GET YOU HOME.



SOB  
---  
MOMMAA!  
MOMMA  
---





THINK ABOUT IT:  
IF WE BRING HOME OODLES OF CASH, YOUR MUM'LL BE RIGHT PROUD OF YOU THEN!



I KNOW!  
WE'RE GONNA POP INTO THAT TOWN OVER THERE AND EARN SOME DOUGH!



UURK!!!





YOU  
OUGHT TO  
PICK UP  
THE PACE  
A LITTLE.


TSK, RYU!  
WE HAVE  
NOT MADE  
IT VERY  
EAR THIS  
MORNING.



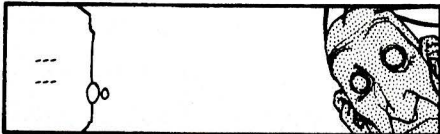
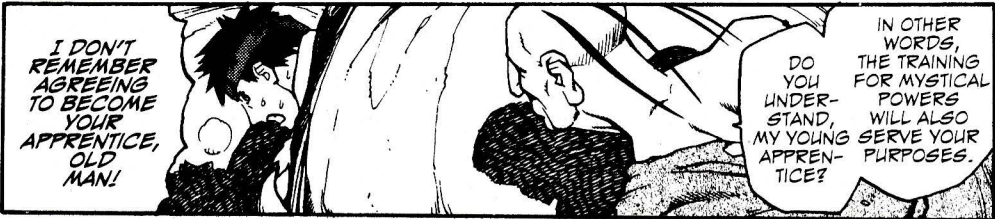
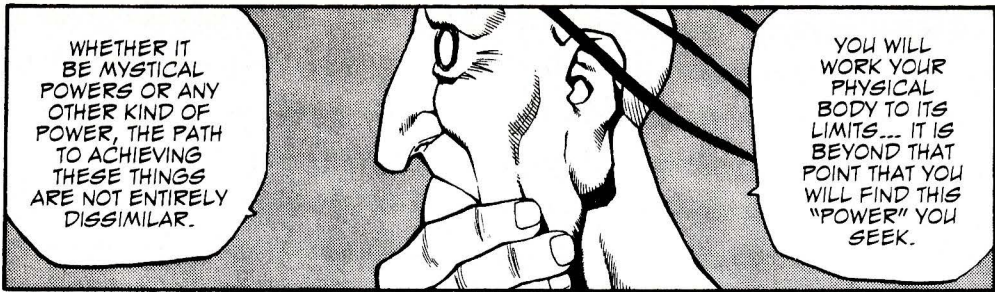
THEN  
GET THIS  
GIANT  
BOULDER  
OFF MY  
BACK  
!!

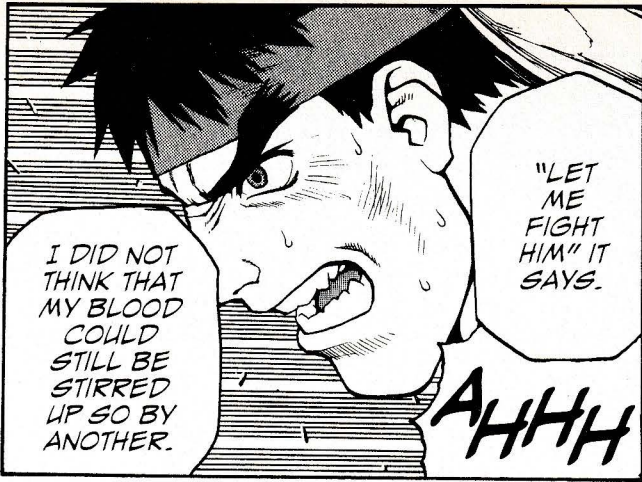


YOU  
MUST BEAR  
IT UNTIL WE  
REACH  
THE NEXT  
TOWN!



I AM USING  
MY MYSTICAL  
POWERS TO  
KEEP THIS  
BOULDER  
ATTACHED TO  
YOUR BACK.





I DID NOT THINK THAT MY BLOOD COULD STILL BE STIRRED UP SO BY ANOTHER.

"LET ME FIGHT HIM" IT SAYS.

AHHH

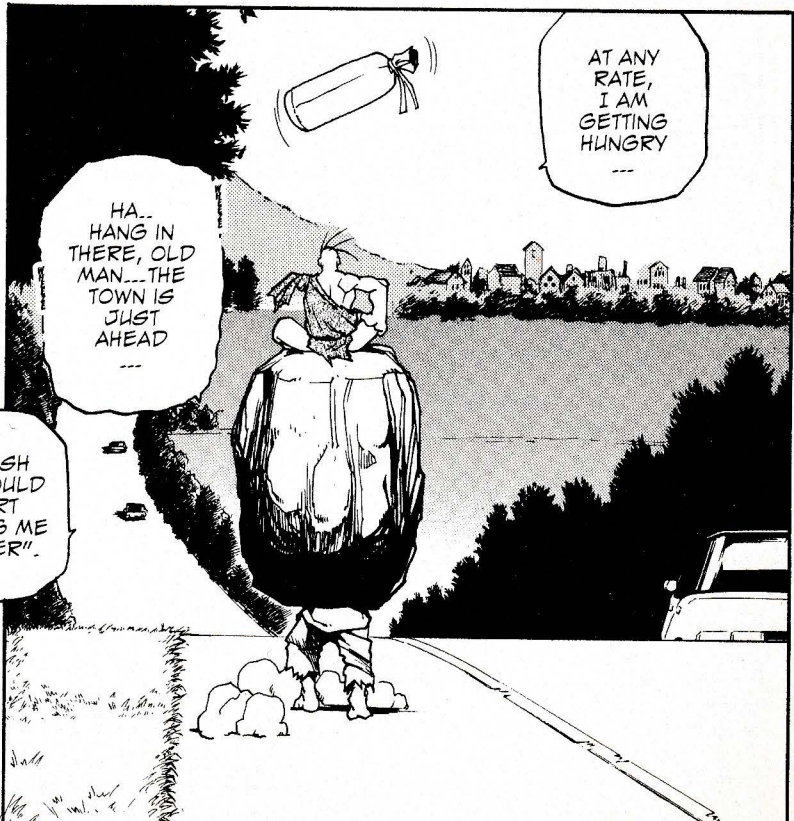
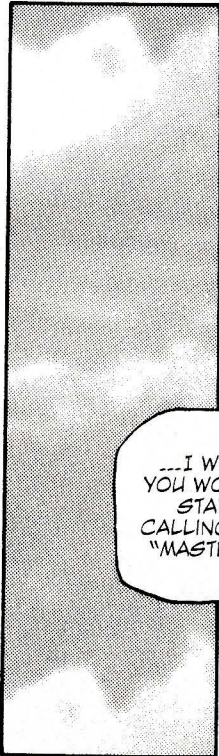


I HAVE SEALED MY LEFT ARM FOR NOW, BUT I CAN FEEL IT FIGHTING TO BE FREED...



HMM  
---

IF ONLY HE WERE A LITTLE FURTHER ALONG IN HIS TRAINING, I WOULD BE ABLE TO BATTLE TO MY HEART'S CONTENT USING BOTH ARMS.



HA... HANG IN THERE, OLD MAN... THE TOWN IS JUST AHEAD  
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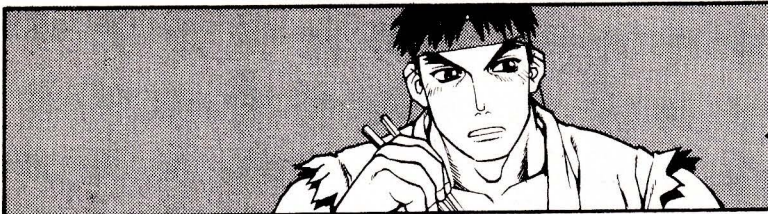
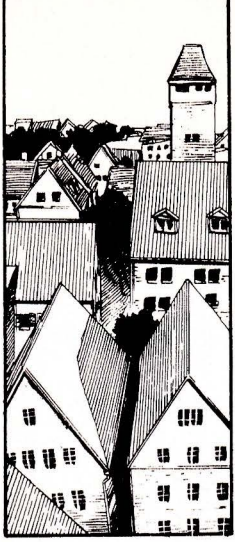
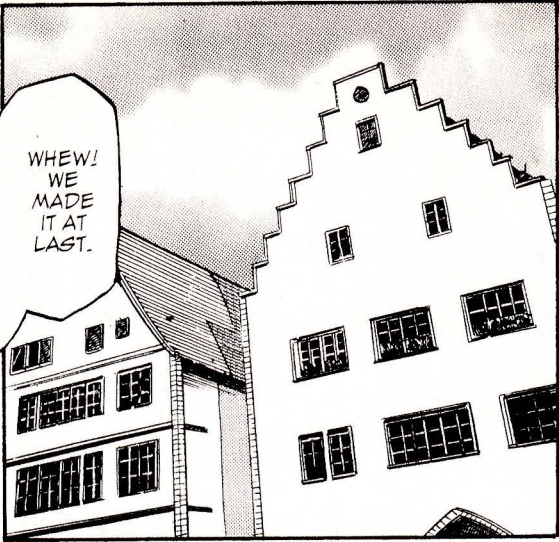
AT ANY RATE, I AM GETTING HUNGRY  
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...I WISH YOU WOULD START CALLING ME "MASTER".



THIS SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY QUAIN TOWN.

WHEW! WE MADE IT AT LAST.



OLD MAN... WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT ME TO DO HERE...?



I'M SORRY... BUT THE COST OF TRAVEL FOR TWO HAS LEFT US WITHOUT A WHOLE LOT OF CASH.

I FIND IT A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING THAT WE ARE ALL THE WAY IN GERMANY AND STILL OUR MAIN DISH IS LIMITED TO MY DRIED FISH.

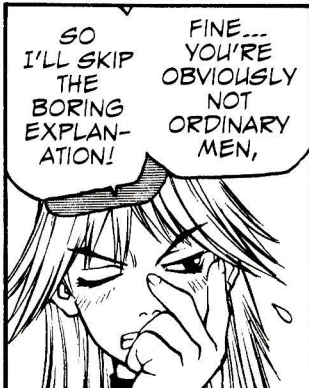
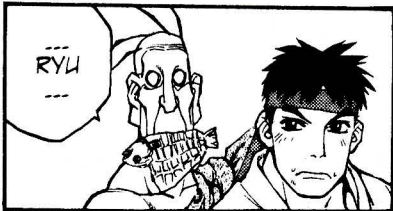
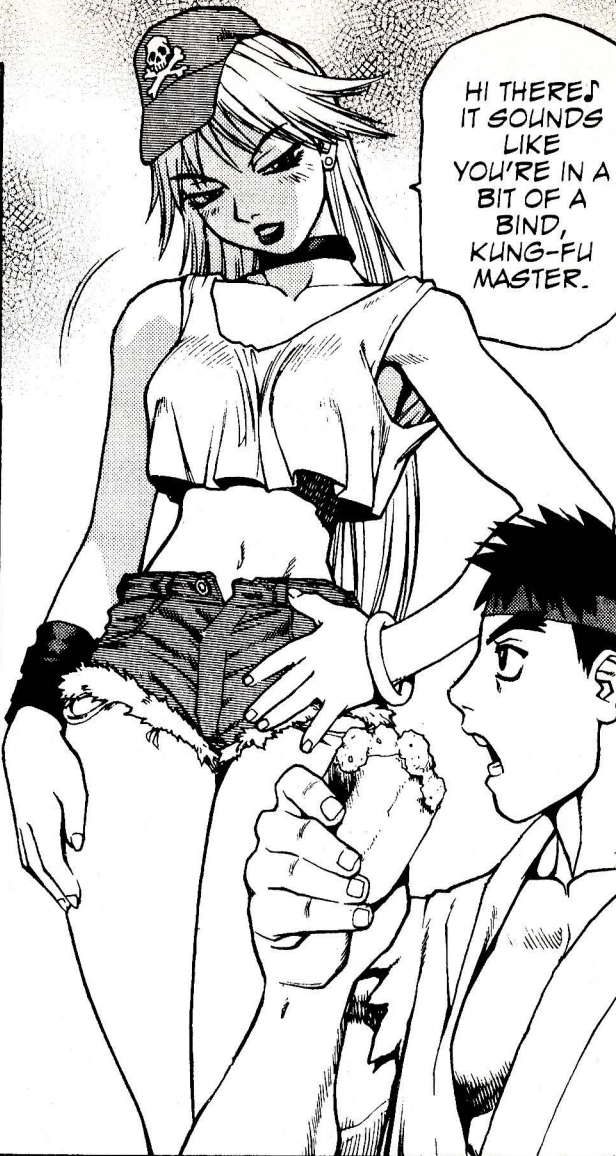


...WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

YOU MUST READ THE HEAVENS!  
YOU SHOULD NOT THINK SO LITTLE OF "INSTINCT"!

WELL...I JUST HAD A FEELING THERE MIGHT BE A WORTHY OPPONENT FOR YOU IN THIS TOWN.







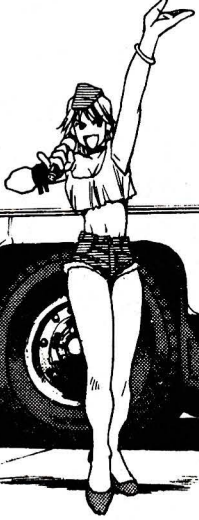
I'M A  
PRO  
WRESTLING  
MANAGER

AND I'VE  
BEEN  
HAVING  
SOME  
TROUBLE  
FINDING  
STRONG  
OPPONENTS  
---

**YAAA  
AAAY**

**PING**

LADIES  
AND  
GENTLE-  
MEN!!  
MY  
APOLOGIES  
FOR THE  
DELAY  
!!!



KUNG-FU  
MASTER...  
RYU!!!

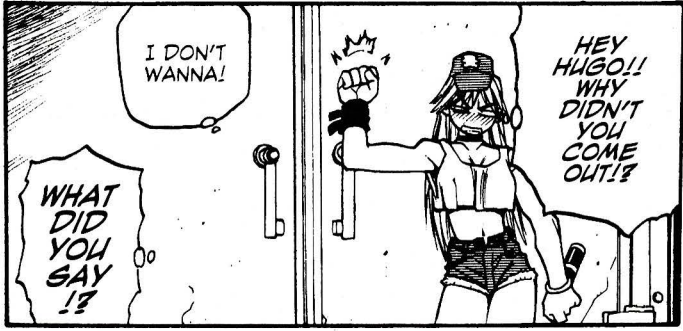
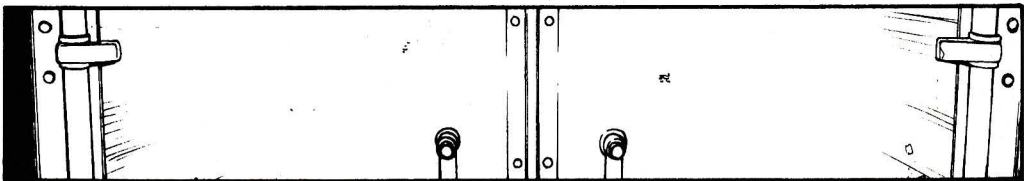
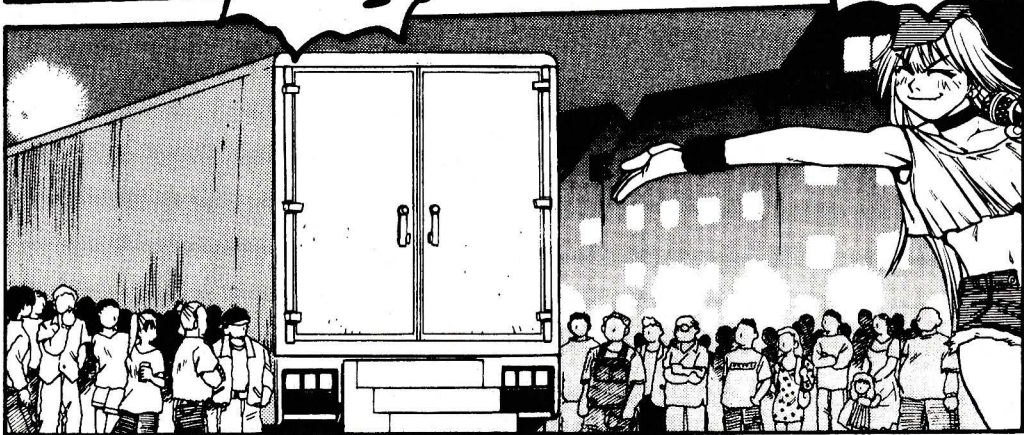
A  
SPIRITUAL  
WARRIOR  
CORNER.  
BORN  
BEYOND  
THE  
EASTERN  
SEAS!

IN THE  
RED  
CORNER.



WITHOUT  
FURTHER  
ADO,  
ALLOW  
ME TO  
INTRODUCE  
THE  
CHALLENG-  
ERS!!

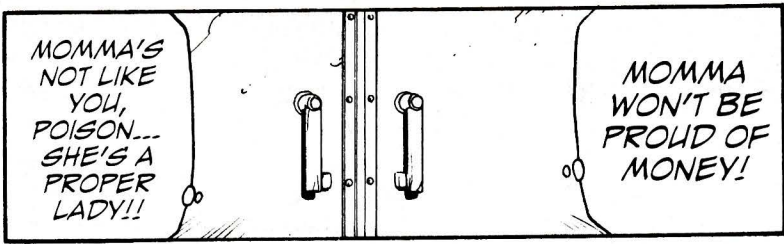
A SERIOUS  
BATTLE  
BETWEEN  
TWO MEN OF  
MEN!! COME AND  
ENJOY THE RAW  
EXCITEMENT  
OF A LIVE  
FIGHT!!







...I'M SORRY YOU THINK I'M SOME MONEY-HUNGRY SHREW, HUGO. ...EVEN THOUGH IT'S TRUE.

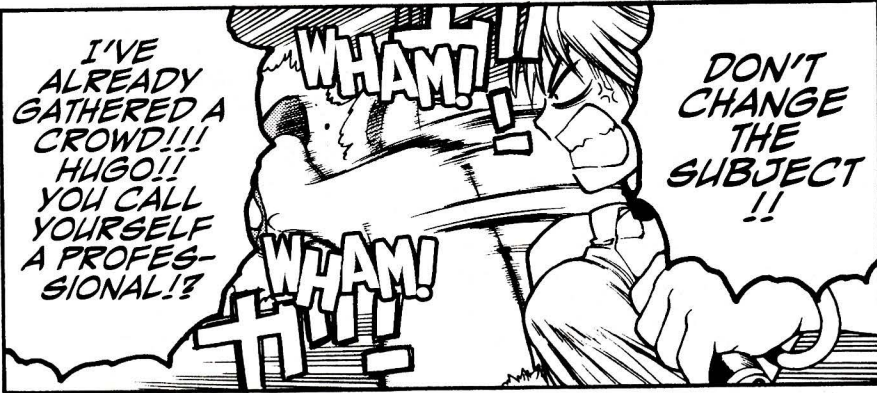


MOMMA'S NOT LIKE YOU, POISON... SHE'S A PROPER LADY!!

MOMMA WON'T BE PROUD OF MONEY!



GET OUT HERE, DAMNIT!



I'VE ALREADY GATHERED A CROWD!!! HUGO!! YOU CALL YOURSELF A PROFESSIONAL!?

WHAM!!! WHAM!!!

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT !!



DON'T YOU TRUST IN YOUR OWN POWER?!

WHAT'S THAT?!

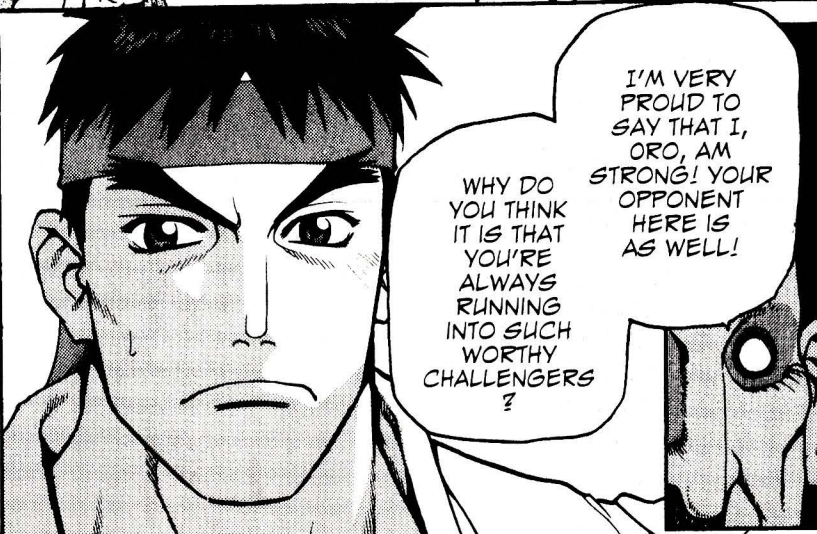


... OLD MAN, ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL BE GOOD TRAINING FOR ME?



??  
WHAT DOES THAT ...

ARGGH, THAT DOES IT!!



WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS RUNNING INTO SUCH WORTHY CHALLENGERS ?

I'M VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT I, ORO, AM STRONG! YOUR OPPONENT HERE IS AS WELL!

A MUM WHO RAISES A WIMP WHO SKIPS WORK FOR PERSONAL REASONS CAN'T BE MUCH OF A MOTHER, NEVER MIND A LADY!!



YOUR MUM, A PROPER LADY!? THAT'S A JOKE!!!



GREAK!

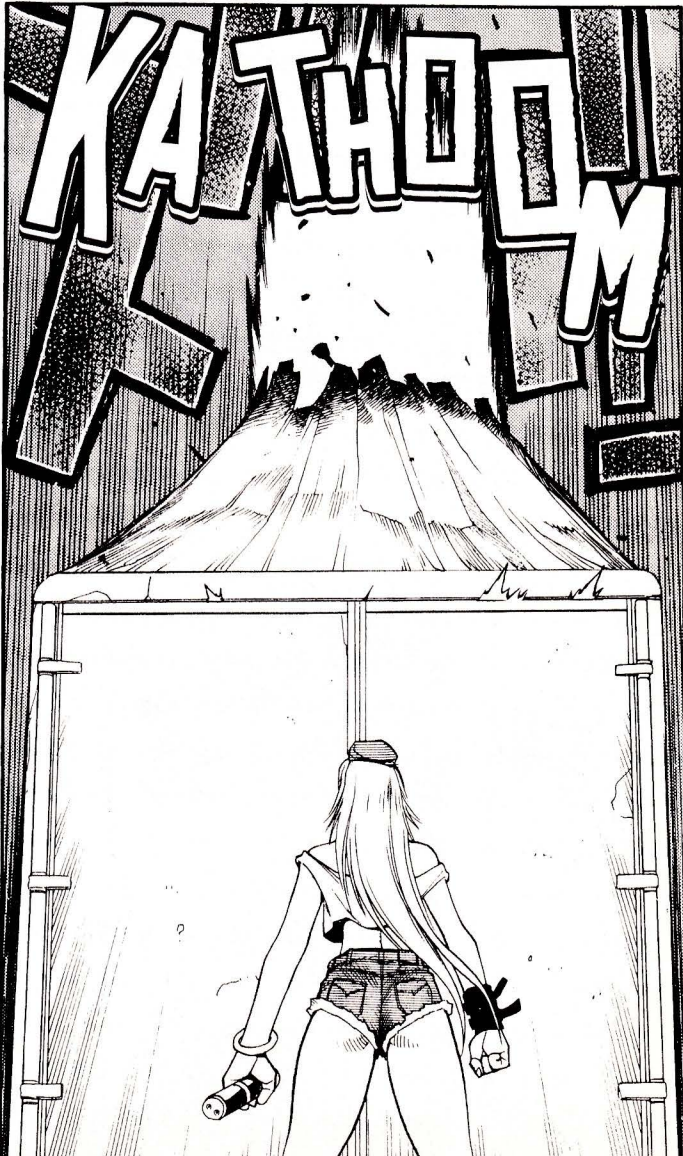


IS... IS THAT A... HAND? THAT'S HUGE!!

HOWEE



HEH... LOOKS LIKE I HIT A NERVE.



KATHOOM!



MONSTROUS  
巨人!!  
GIANT!!

BOM!! BOM!! BOM



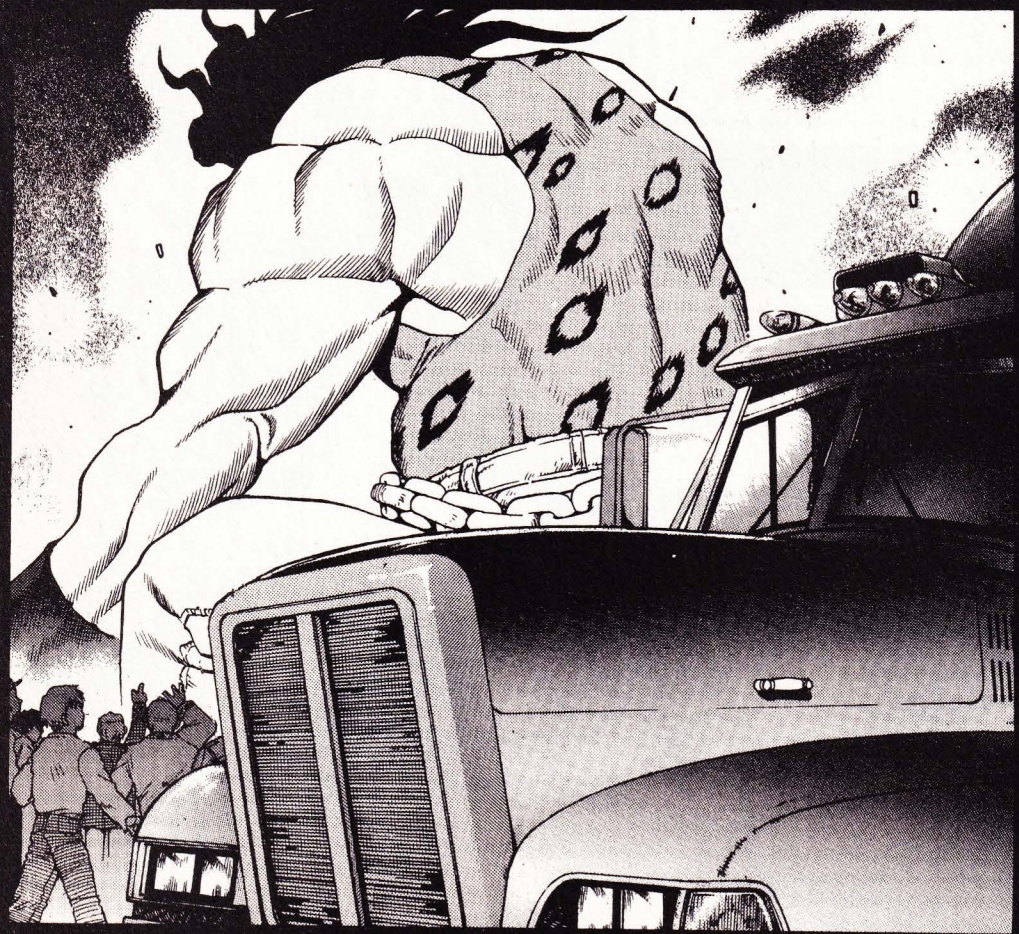
**TO BATTLE!!!**

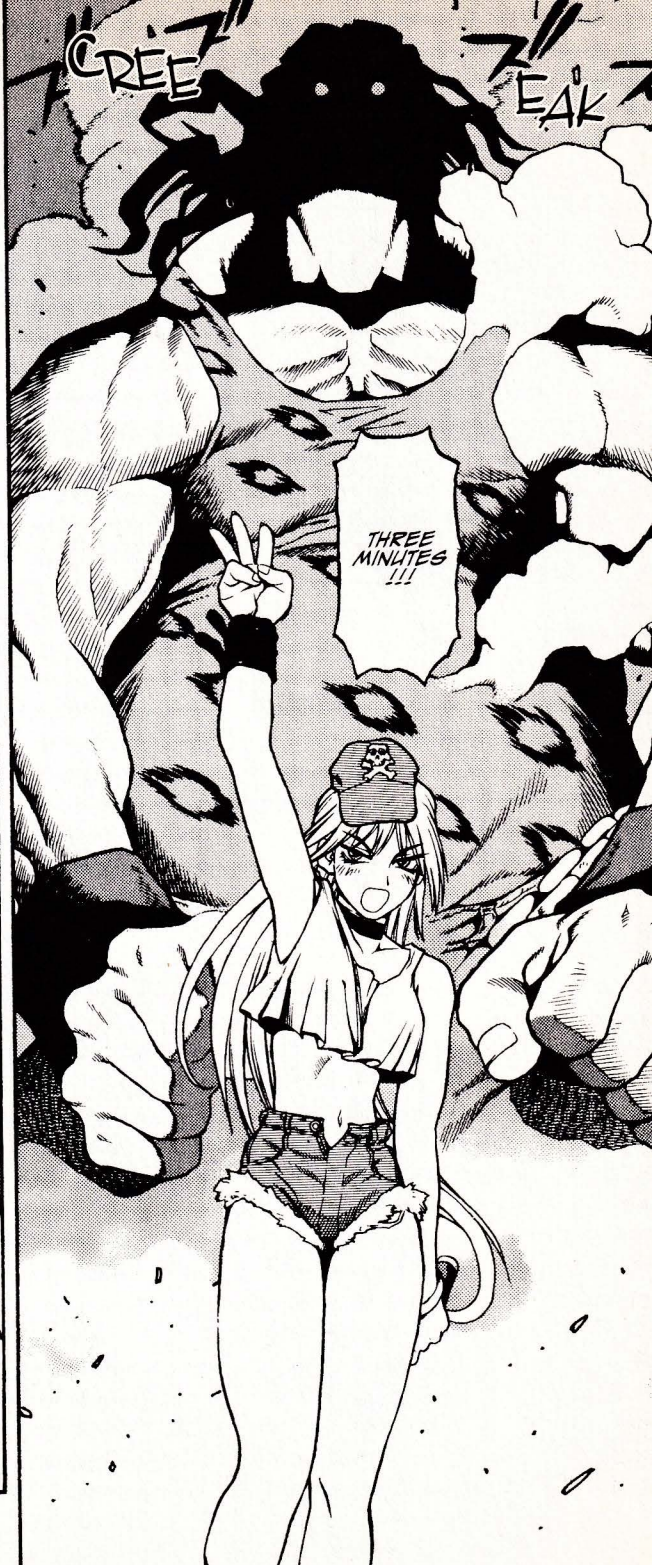
THREE  
MINUTES,  
HUGO

SPEND  
THE NEXT  
THREE  
MINUTES  
PROVING  
THAT YOU  
AND YOUR  
MUM ARE  
WORTH  
SOMETHING!



# CHAPTER 6







PEEYOO,  
WHAT  
PUTRID  
BREATH!!



GRRR!!!




**FOOM!**




**BOM**  
**BOM**  
**BOM**

LITTLE  
SHRIMPS  
LIKE THAT  
DON'T  
TAKE  
THREE  
MINUTES,  
THEY TAKE  
30  
SECONDS.  
RIGHT,  
POISON?



ALWAYS  
BRINGS ME  
STRONG  
FIGHTERS!

I KNOW!  
POISON  
ALWAYS  
DOES A  
GOOD  
JOB!



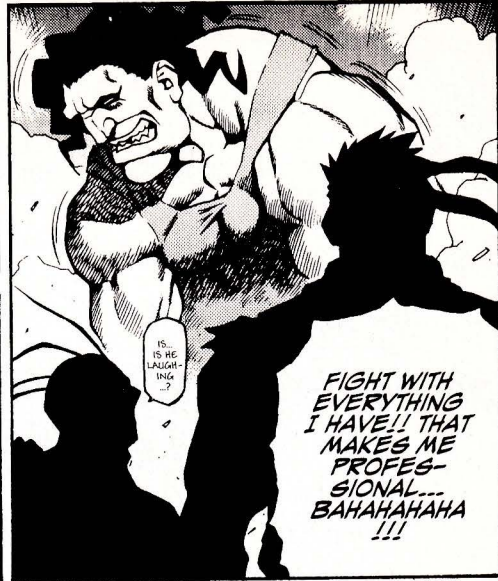
BESIDES,  
YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
JUDGE YOUR  
OPPONENT BY  
HIS SIZE!



IDIOT!  
MATCHES ARE  
BORING IF  
THEY'RE TOO  
LONG OR TOO  
SHORT...



I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE MAN! ...IN ALL OF MY 140 YEARS ...



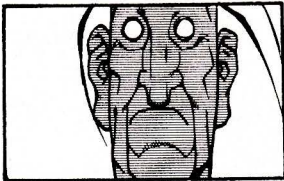
IS HE LAUGHING?

FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING I HAVE!! THAT MAKES ME PROFESSIONAL... BAHAAHAHA !!!



ARE YOU FEELING UNSURE?

I'M NOT SURE HOW TO FIGHT HIM. NEITHER HAVE I...



TO BE HONEST, I'M TERRIFIED

THERE'S NO POINT TRYING TO FOOL MYSELF.



HE CHANGED HIS FEAR INTO VALOR TOO EASILY!

THIS COULD BE BAD... HE MUST BE A SEASONED PRO!



BUT IF I WANT TO FIND OUT MY FIGHTING LIMIT, I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER OPPONENT!!





THIS PROMISES TO BE A FIGHT TO REMEMBER --- TONIGHT'S AUDIENCE HAS REALLY LUCKED OUT!!

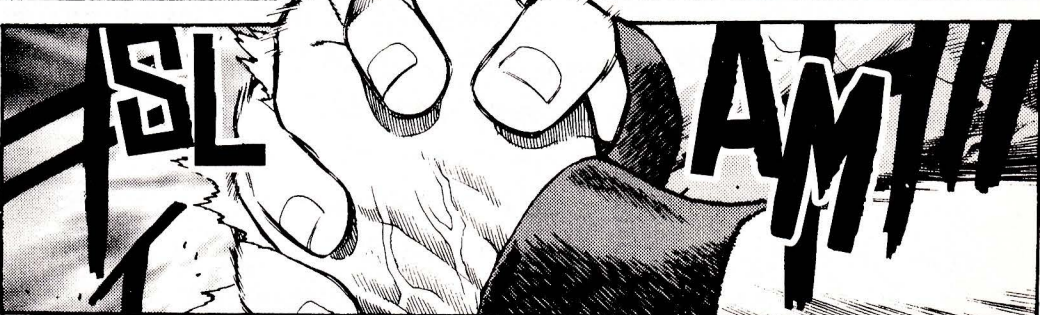


NO NEED FOR RULES!!  
THROW YOURSELVES INTO THE FIGHT AND SWING YOUR FISTS AROUND TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!

READY !!?



FIGHT !!!





RRRRRRRR!!

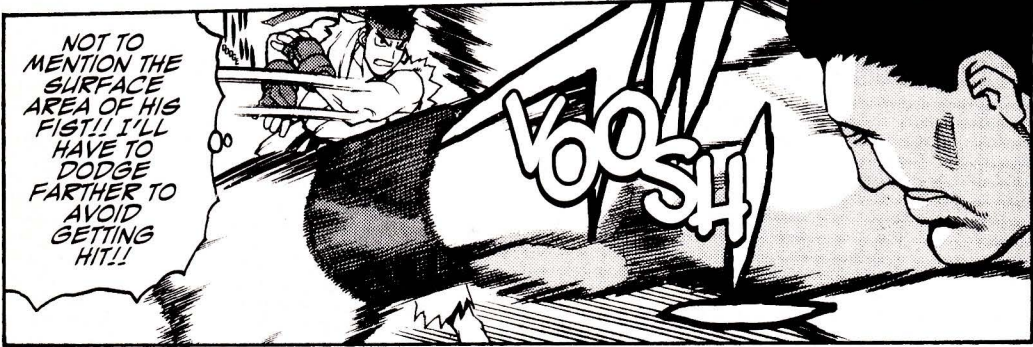


HE WAS TRYING TO GRAPPLE WITH ME!!

I SEE HIS FIGHTING STYLE IS WRESTLING.



ZIP



NOT TO MENTION THE SURFACE AREA OF HIS FIST!! I'LL HAVE TO DODGE FARTHER TO AVOID GETTING HIT!!

VOOSH



I'LL HAVE TO FIND AND TARGET THOSE AREAS TO WIN!!

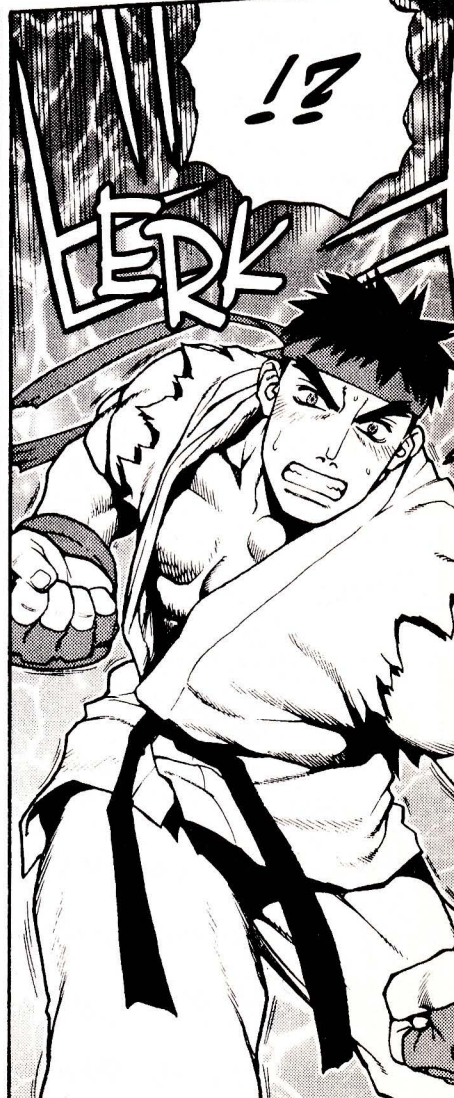
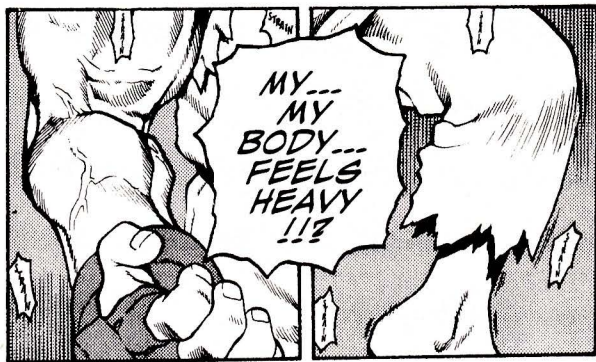
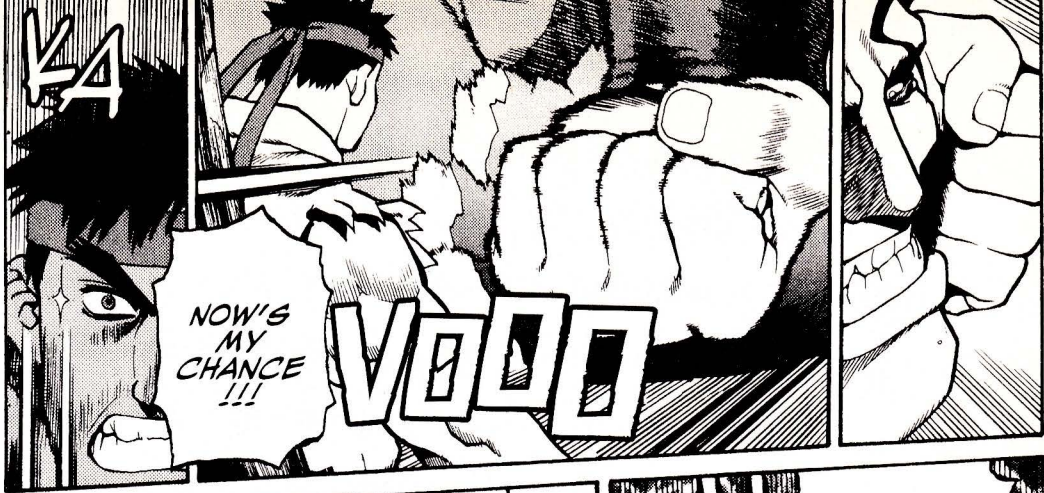
BUT HIS POWER IS HIS SIZE... WHICH MEANS HE SHOULD HAVE LARGER HOLES IN HIS DEFENSE THAN THE AVERAGE FIGHTER!!

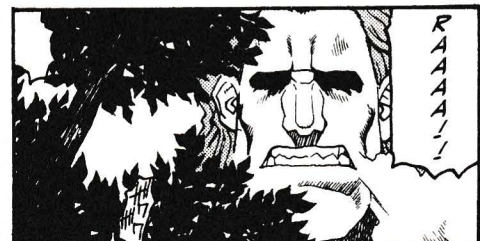
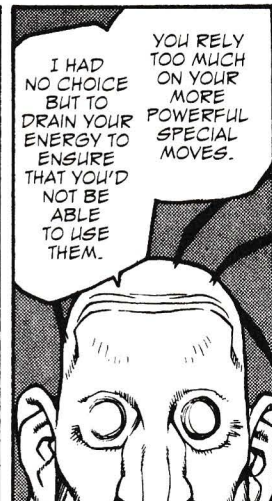
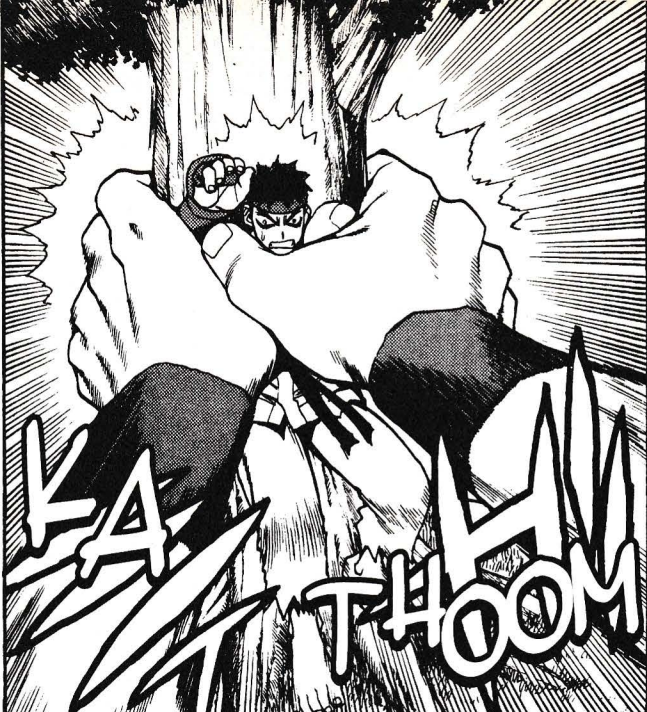


HE'S ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SCALE !!!

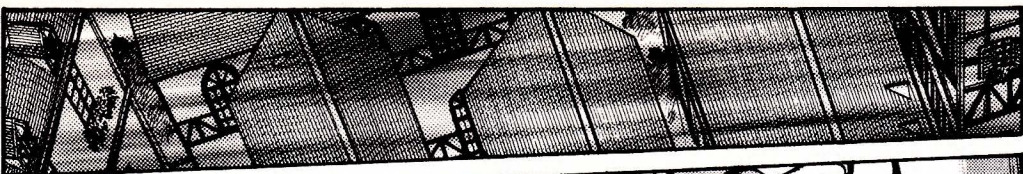
WHOOSH

VOOSH











**IMPACT!!!**  
**冲击力!!!**

**GRAAAASHH**

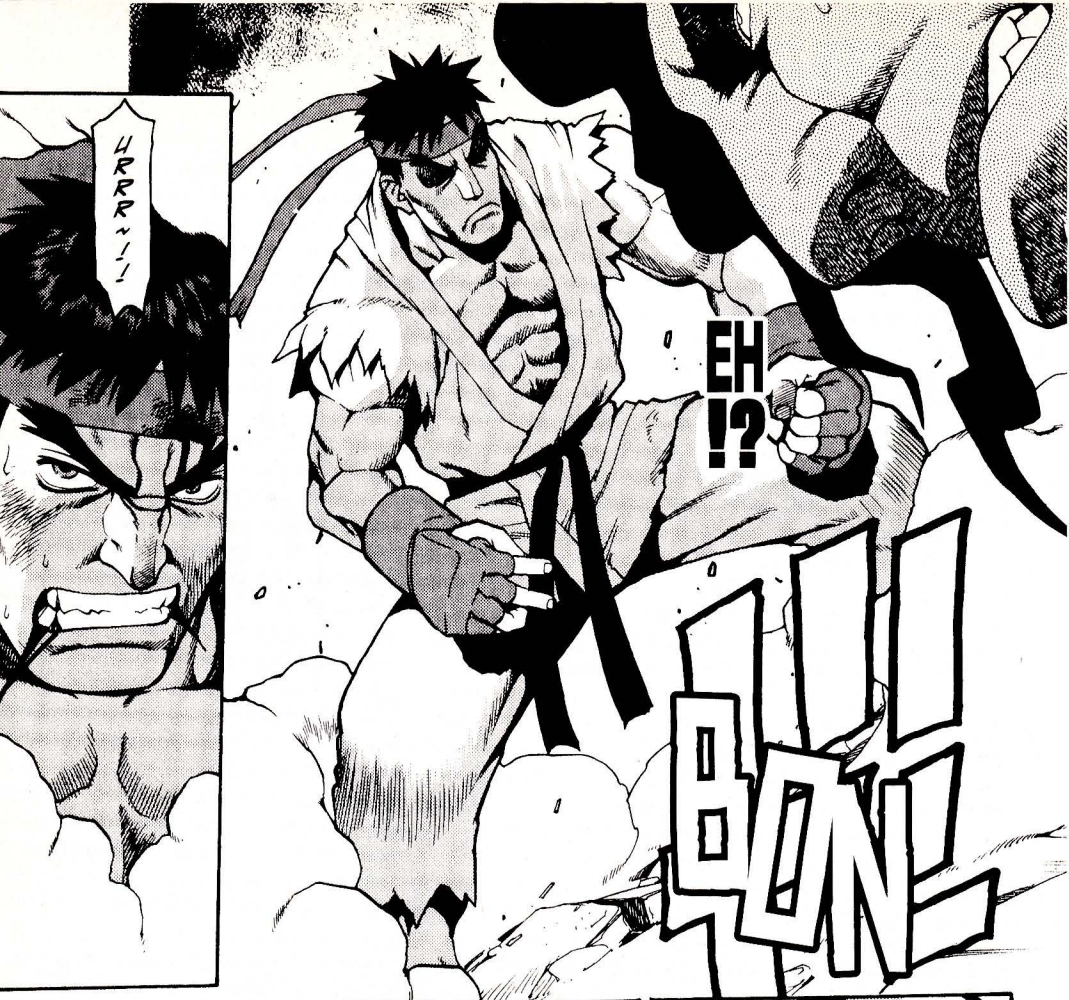


YEAH...  
K.O.  
IN 30  
SECONDS,  
JUST AS  
HUGO  
PREDICT-  
ED!!

HIS  
LETHAL  
BODY  
PRESS  
ENDED  
IT FOR  
SURE!!



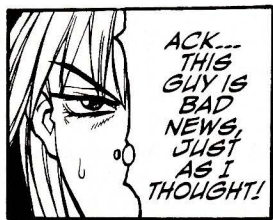




4RRR~!

EH!  
!?

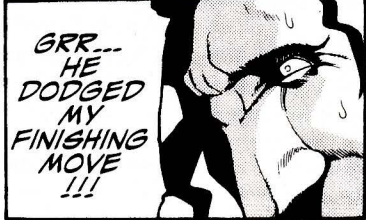
BOON!



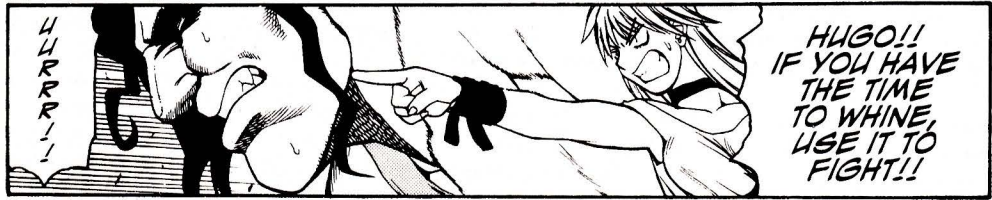
ACK...  
THIS  
GUY IS  
BAD  
NEWS,  
JUST  
AS I  
THOUGHT!



WHEW...  
IF THE  
TREE HADN'T  
TAKEN MOST  
OF THE  
PRESSURE,  
I WOULDN'T  
HAVE MADE  
IT...

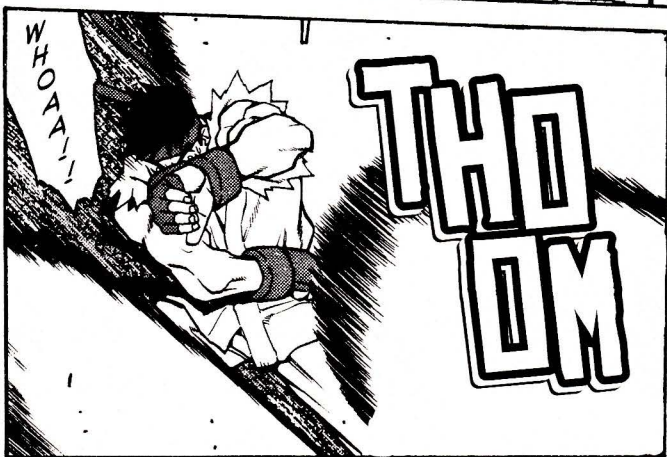
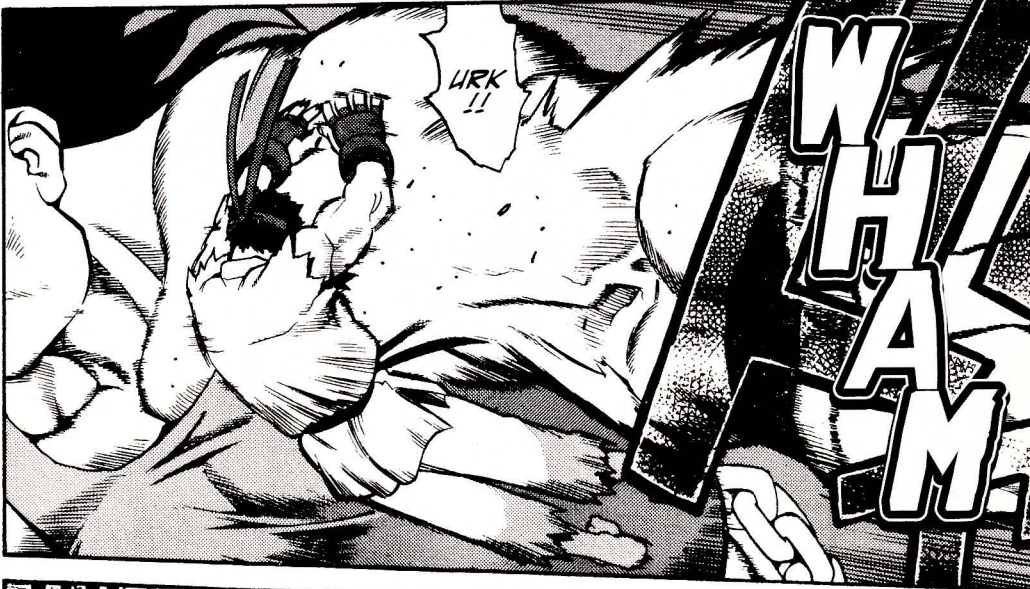


GRR...  
HE  
DODGED  
MY  
FINISHING  
MOVE  
!!!



4RRR~!

HUGO!!  
IF YOU HAVE  
THE TIME  
TO WHINE,  
USE IT TO  
FIGHT!!



I HAVE TO  
FIND THE FATAL  
WEAKNESS IN HIS  
DEFENSE, AND POUR EVERYTHING  
I HAVE INTO ONE  
FINISHING MOVE,  
LIKE THREADING  
A NEEDLE!!



**THOOM**

I ONLY  
HAVE  
ONE  
CHANCE  
AT  
WINNING  
!!

THEN  
---

RRR...  
HE JUST  
KEEPS  
DODGING  
!?

ALL  
I HAVE  
TO DO IS  
WAIT UNTIL  
I FIND THAT  
WEAKNESS  
!!

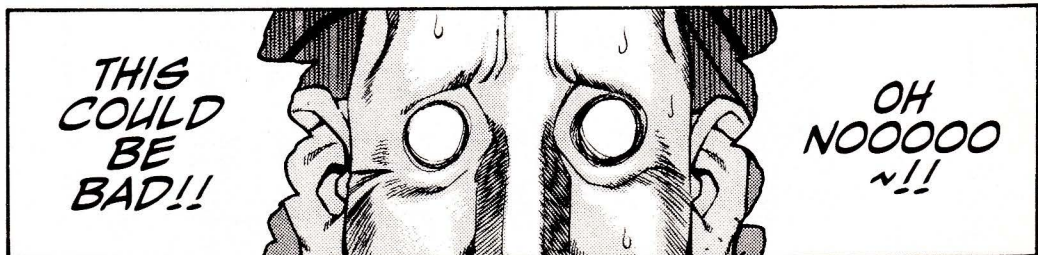
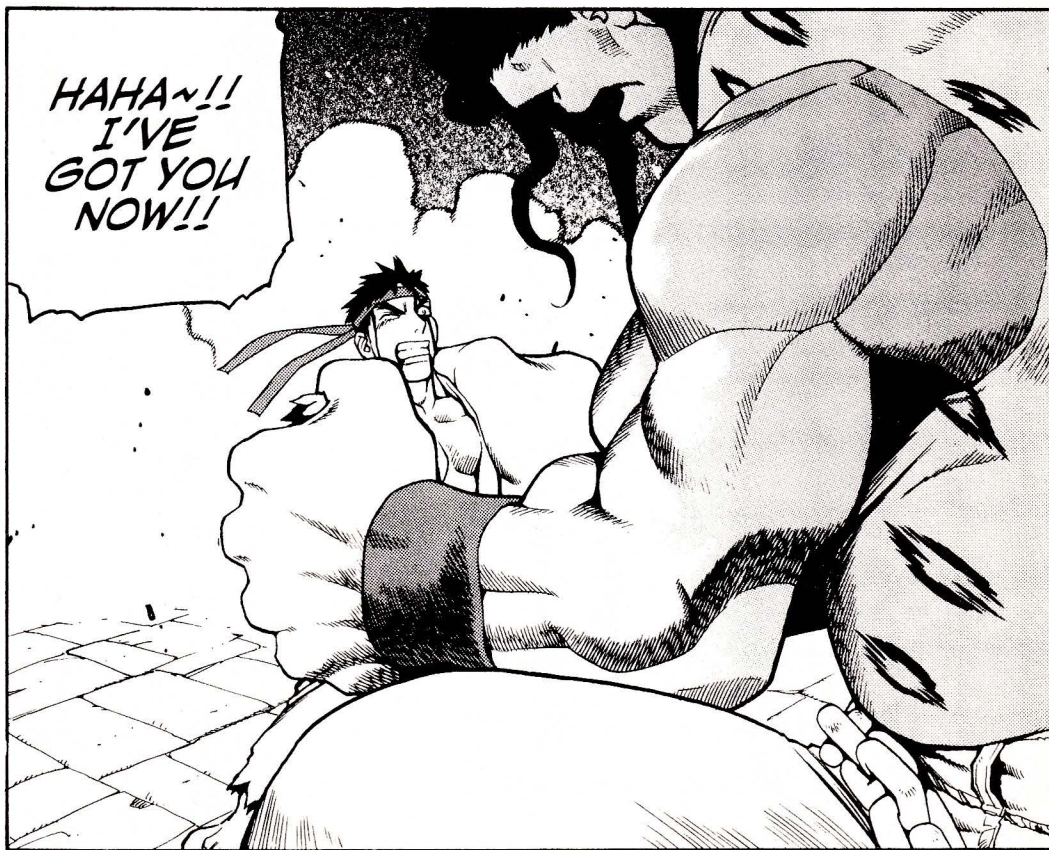
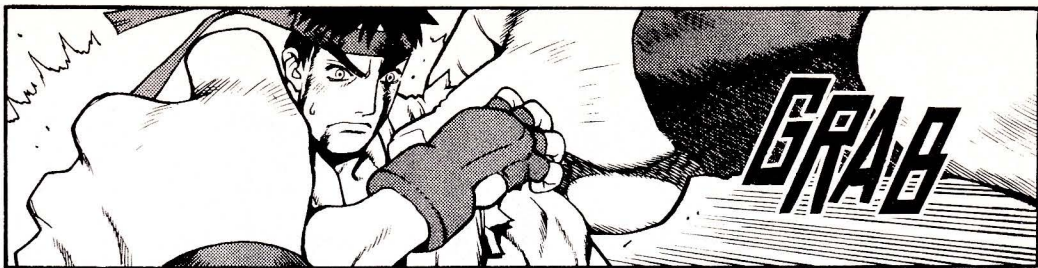


OH!!  
HOW  
CLEVER  
TO USE  
THE MANY  
SHARDS  
OF RUBBLE  
IN THAT  
WAY!!



HOW'S  
THIS!?

**KA THOOM!**

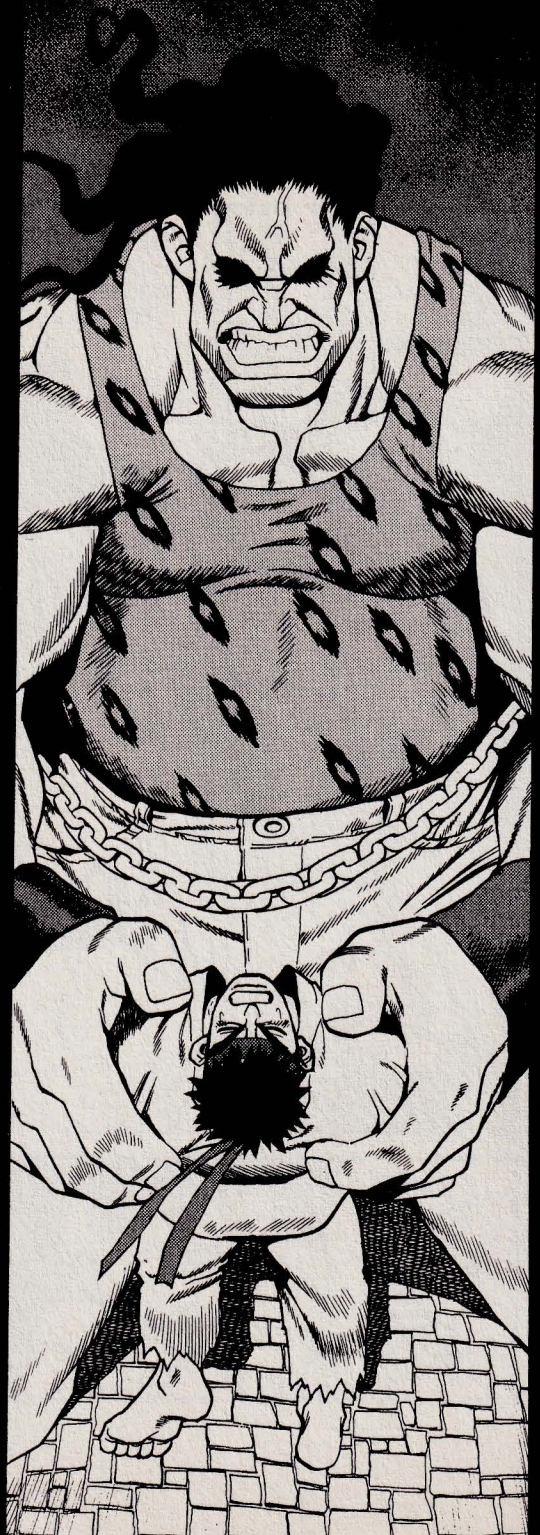




I  
GOT  
YOU  
!!

HA  
HA!

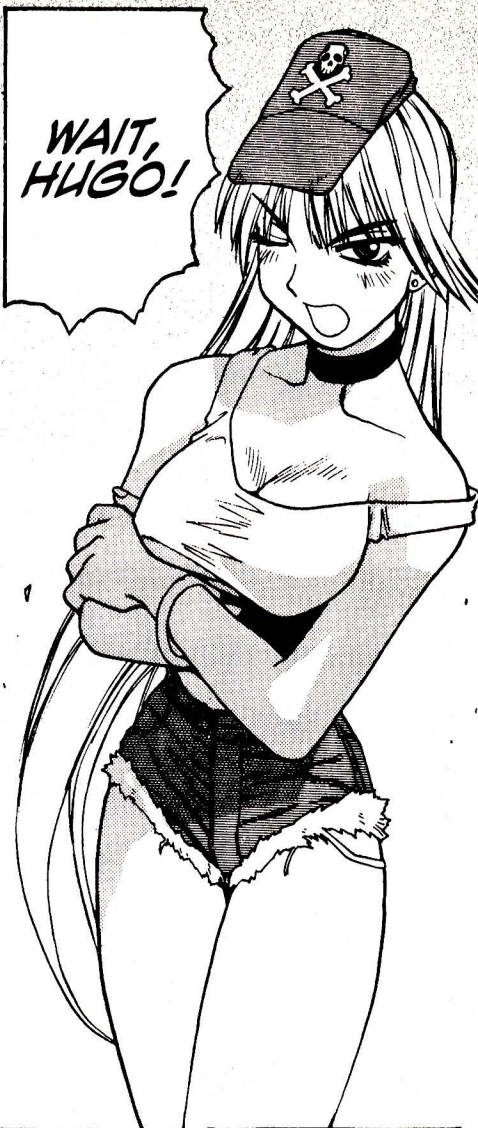
# CHAPTER 7



THIS  
TIME  
YOU'RE  
FINISHED  
FOR  
SURE  
!!!



**WAIT,  
HUGO!**



**DON'T  
SAY  
THAT,  
POISON  
!!**

**W  
H  
A  
A  
!?**



**YOUR FINISHING  
MOVE, THE  
MOONSAULT  
PRESS...**

**DON'T  
USE IT!**



**I HAVE  
TO TRY  
AGAIN  
AND GET  
IT RIGHT  
OR I  
WON'T BE  
HAPPY!!!**



**THIS GUY  
DODGED  
MY  
FINISHING  
MOVE  
ONCE!**



ARE YOU GOING TO DISOBEY ME...?

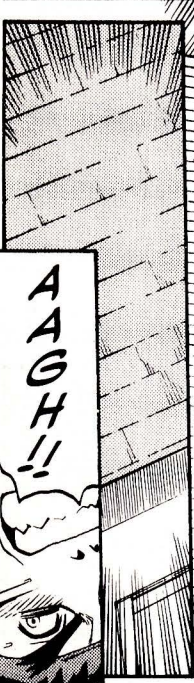
I FORBID YOU FROM USING THE MOONSAULT PRESS, UNDERSTOOD!?



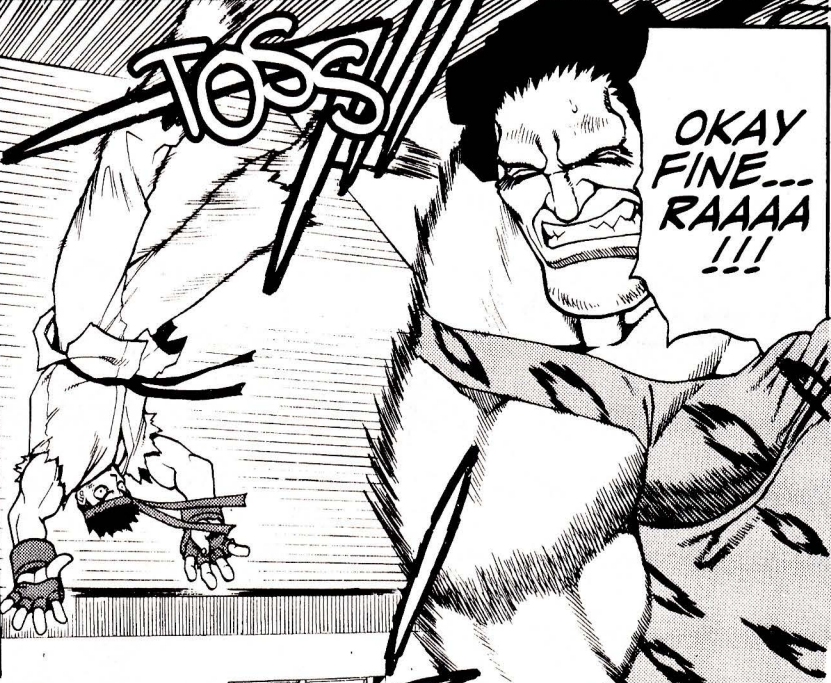
---HUGO!! I'M YOUR MANAGER AND I SAY NO, SO IT'S NO!



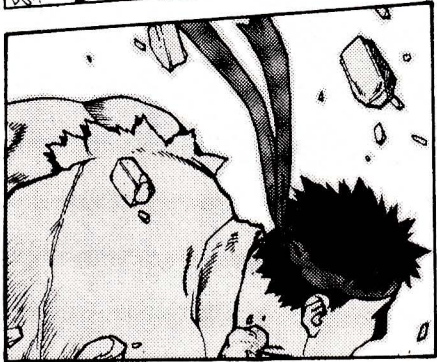
ERR!!



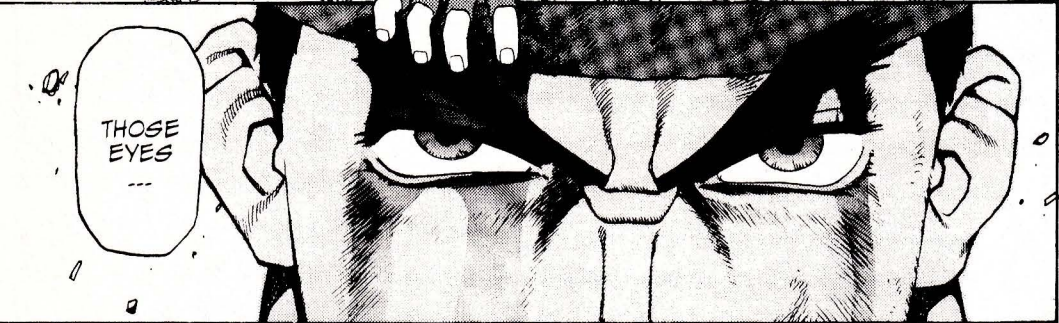
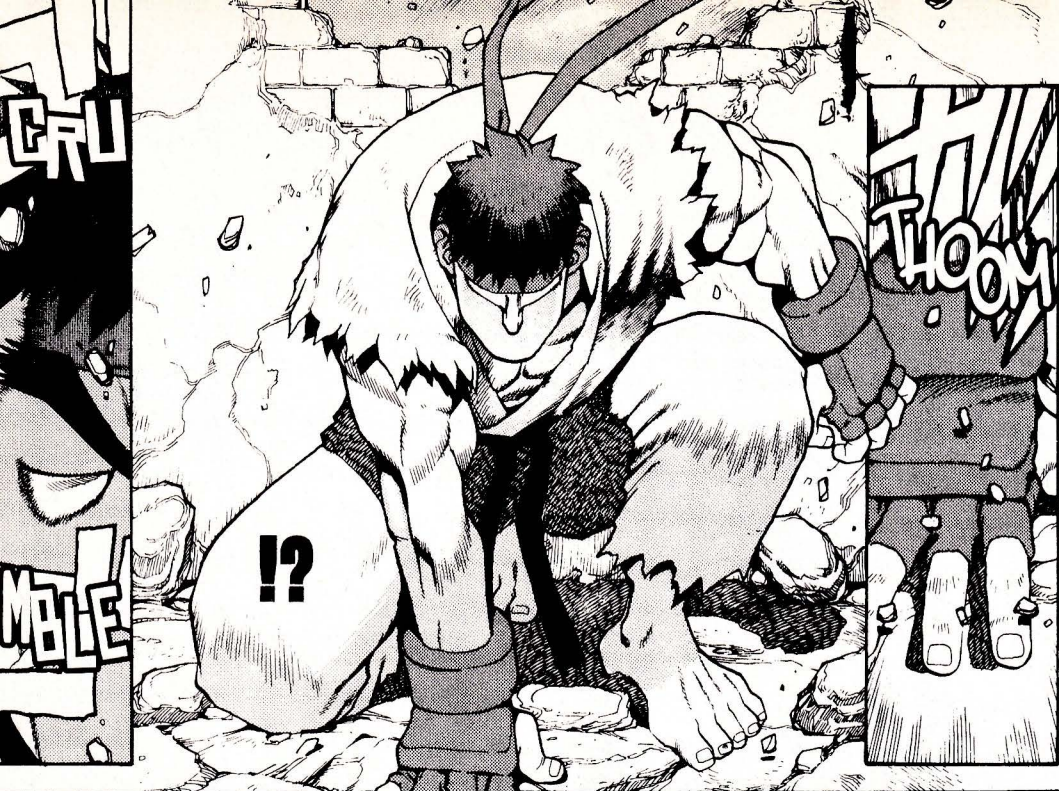
AAGH!!



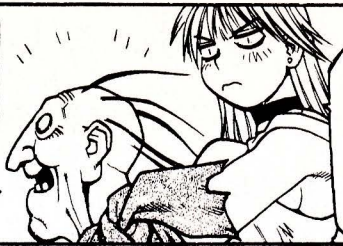
OKAY FINE... RAAAA !!!







HEH  
HEH HEH!  
IF THERE  
WAS EVER  
A TIME TO  
LAUGH,  
SURELY  
IT'S  
NOW!



NOW  
THAT YOUR  
PLAN DIDN'T  
PAN OUT,  
ISN'T IT TIME  
TO THROW  
IN THE  
TOWEL?

...YOU  
THINK  
THIS IS  
FUNNY,  
OLD  
MAN?



YOU'VE  
MADE THE  
SAME  
MISTAKE  
I MADE.

HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
!!



I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR RYU TO  
USE HIS MORE  
POWERFUL  
SPECIAL MOVES  
BY EXHAUSTING  
HIM BEFORE  
THE FIGHT...



BUT  
MY  
PLAN  
DID NOT  
WORK.



**GRU-NCH**

INSTEAD, RYU HAS NOW BET THE ENTIRE OUTCOME OF THIS BATTLE ON ONE SPECIAL MOVE!

HOW REMARKABLY STUBBORN HE IS!

**SMA**

**SH**

YOU'RE WRONG!! MY WORD IS LAW !!  
**HUGO WON'T DO IT!!**

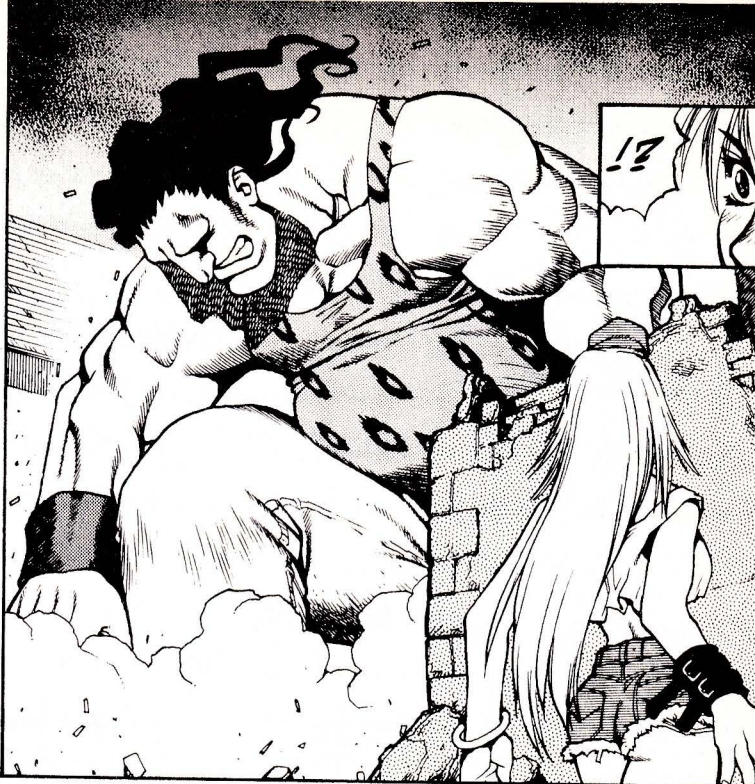
**STO**

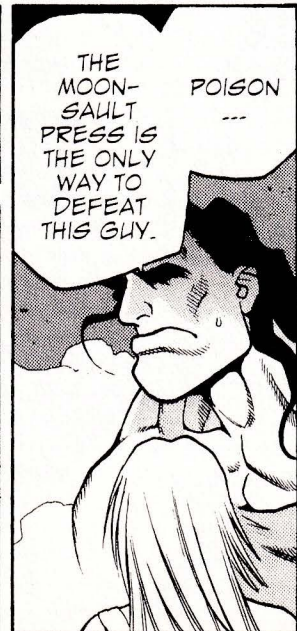
HE WILL EMPATHIZE WITH THAT STUBBORNNESS...!

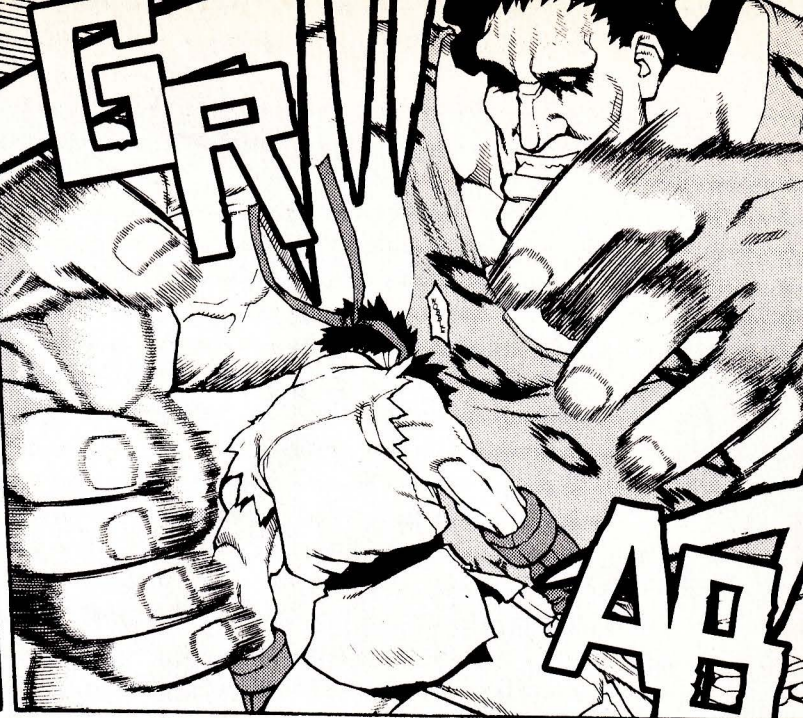
IF HUGO IS A FIGHTER TOO...

**NO GOOD!**

**MP**







HEH  
HEH!  
THINK  
ABOUT  
IT, RYU  
---!



BUT IF  
YOU  
LOSE,  
THERE'LL  
BE HELL  
TO PAY!!

THINK  
ABOUT THE  
FACT THAT  
YOU'RE  
CONSTANTLY  
RUNNING  
INTO STRONG  
FIGHTERS!

FINE,  
HAVE IT  
YOUR  
WAY!!

RRAGH!!!





D  
D  
G  
A

IT'S  
NOT FATE...  
IT'S BECAUSE  
YOU BRING  
OUT THE BEST  
IN EVERYONE  
YOU FIGHT  
THUS THEY  
BECOME  
"WORTHY  
OPPONENTS"!

FLIP

FLIP

TH  
ROW

THINK  
ABOUT  
IT,  
RYU...

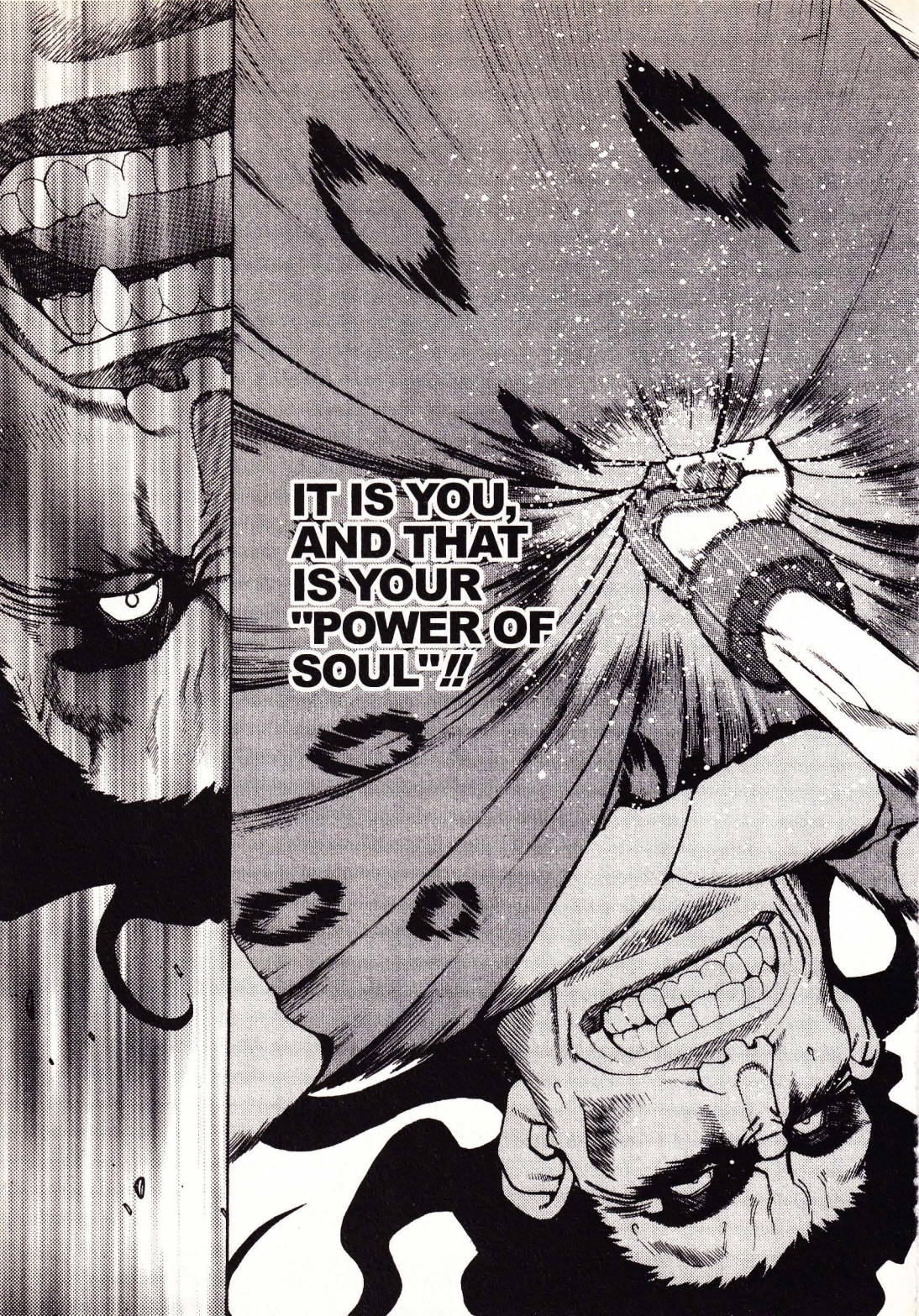
FLIP

FLIP

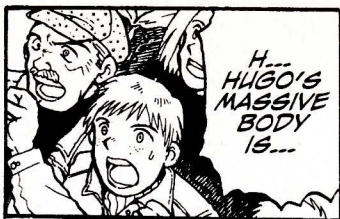
**NO ONE ELSE  
CAN PROVOKE  
SUCH CHANGE  
IN PEOPLE !!**



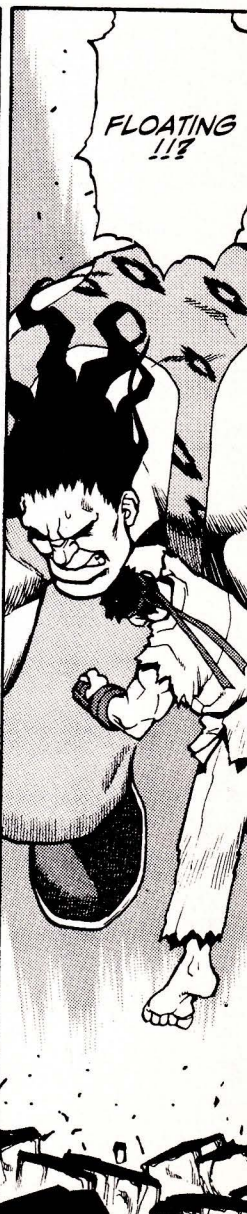
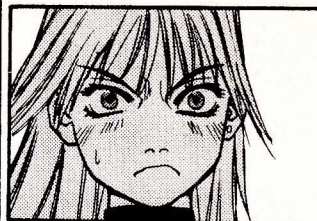




**IT IS YOU,  
AND THAT  
IS YOUR  
"POWER OF  
SOUL"!!**



H...  
HUGO'S  
MASSIVE  
BODY  
IS...

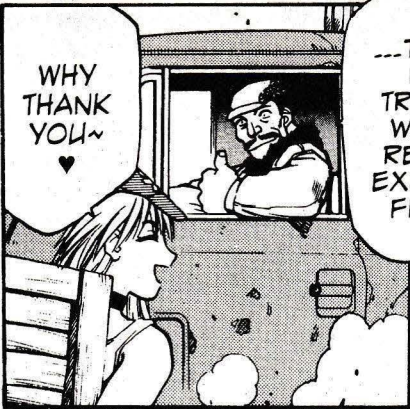


FLOATING  
!!?



OH  
MAN,  
DOUBLE  
K.O.'S  
ARE SO  
LAME  
---

RRRRRRRR



WHY  
THANK  
YOU~  
♥

...THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE, IT  
WAS A  
REALLY  
EXCITING  
FIGHT!



HEE  
HEE HEE  
YOU  
FLATTER  
ME.



WELL,  
I GUESS WE  
DID GET TO  
SEE A MORE  
MANLY SIDE  
OF YOU.

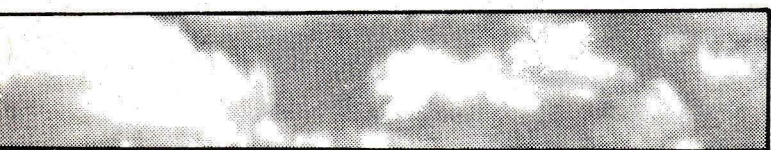


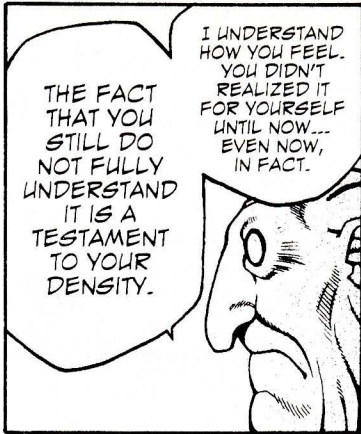
I KNOW  
SHE  
WOULDN'T!

LET'S  
GET THE  
RECONSTRUCTION  
OF THE TOWN  
DONE QUICKLY  
SO THAT WE CAN  
GO VISIT HER  
SOON!

MOMMA  
WOULDN'T BE  
DISAPPOINTED  
IN ME IF  
I WENT TO  
VISIT HER  
NOW, WOULD  
SHE?

HEY  
POISON  
---

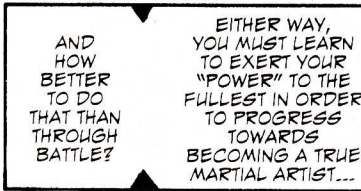




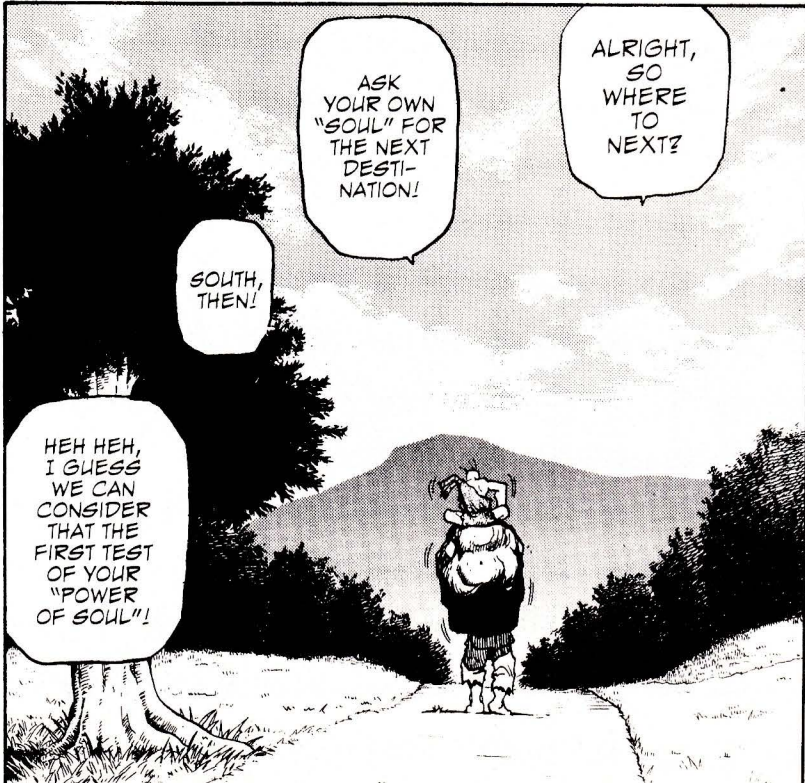
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL. YOU DIDN'T REALIZED IT FOR YOURSELF UNTIL NOW... EVEN NOW, IN FACT.



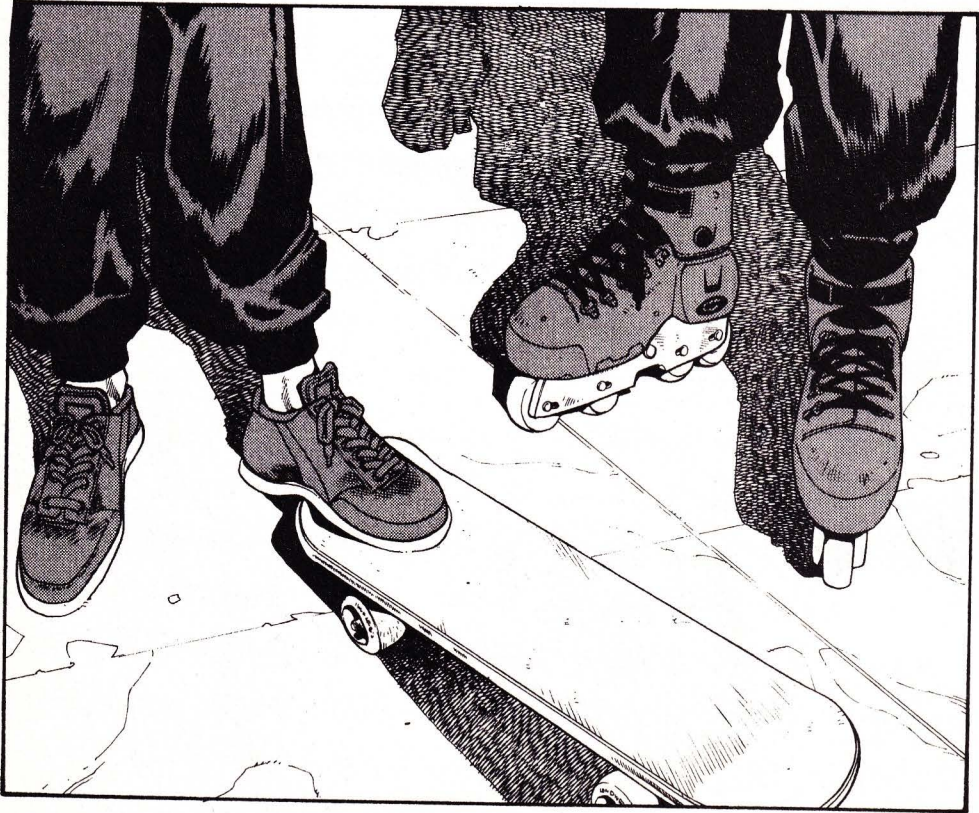
TRANSFORMING FIGHTERS INTO "WORTHY OPPONENTS" ...

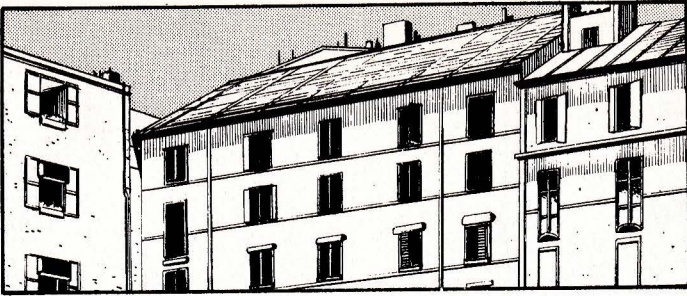


EITHER WAY, YOU MUST LEARN TO EXERT YOUR "POWER" TO THE FULLEST IN ORDER TO PROGRESS TOWARDS BECOMING A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST...

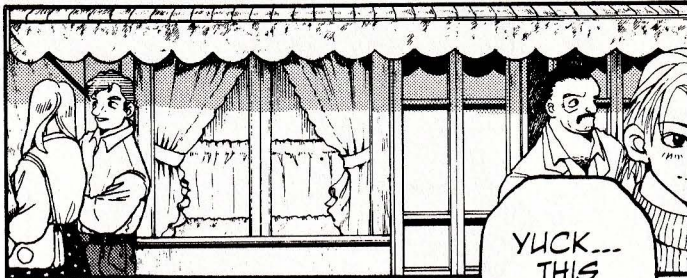
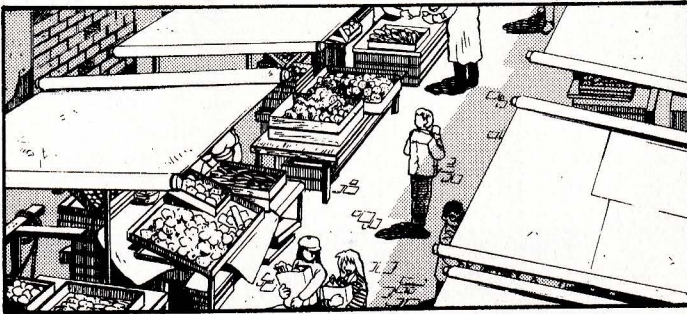


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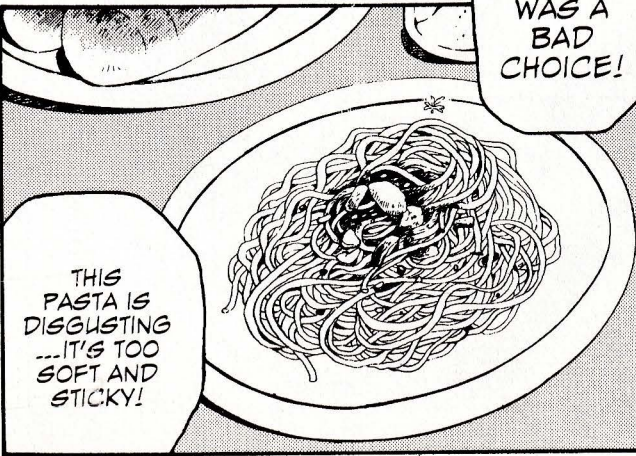




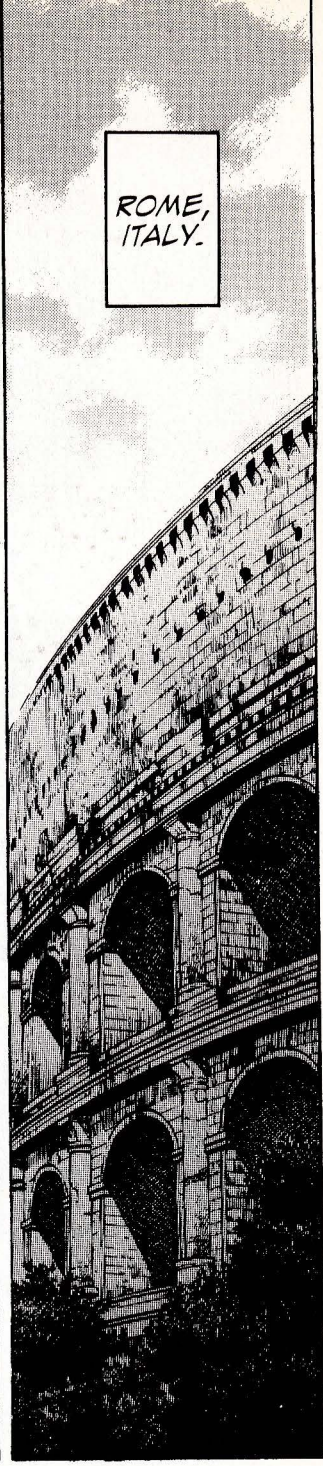
ROME,  
ITALY.



YUCK...  
THIS  
WAS A  
BAD  
CHOICE!



THIS  
PASTA IS  
DISGUSTING  
...IT'S TOO  
SOFT AND  
STICKY!





QUIT COMPLAINING AND EAT YOUR FOOD!

AAAAAA!

YOU'RE HAVING SPASMS, MAN...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO TRY THIS RESTAURANT!



NOTHING BEATS THE FLAVOR OF CHINESE CUISINE, WITH FOUR THOUSAND YEARS OF TRADITION BEHIND IT



I'M JUST SAYING, THIS FOOD IS THAT BAD.

YOU'RE JOKING ABOUT THAT TRASH, RIGHT?

FEI'S DAD'S ...?



I MISS THE CHOW MEIN FROM FEI'S PLACE

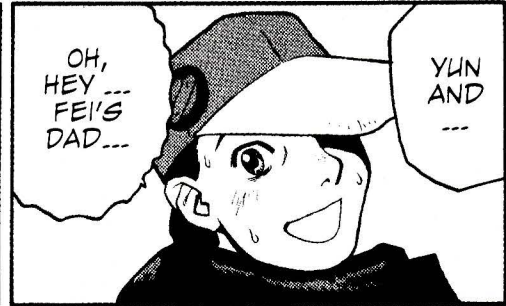
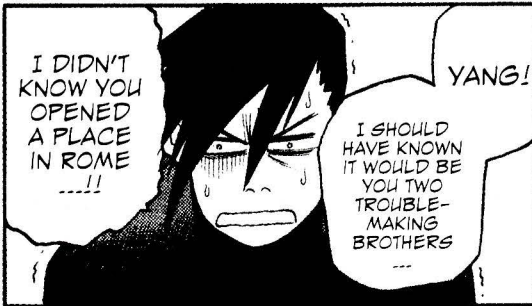


HUH?

BROTHER, BEHIND YOU.



HUH?



I'M GOING TO CHOP YOU TWO UP AND USE YOUR BITS AS PIZZA TOPPINGS!





I'LL TAKE THESE POTATOES... AND THESE ONIONS, PLEASE.

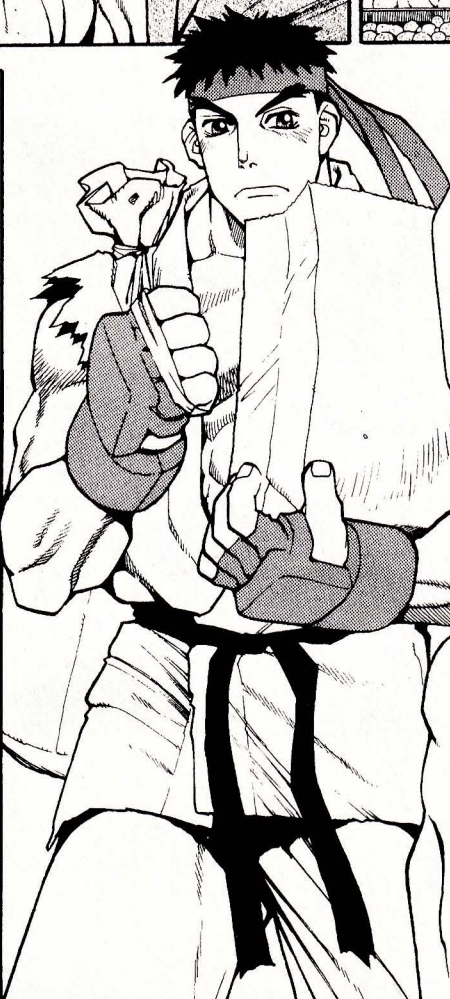
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!

SIGH

OLD MAN... I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO TRAVEL IF WE SPEND IT ON LUXURIES.



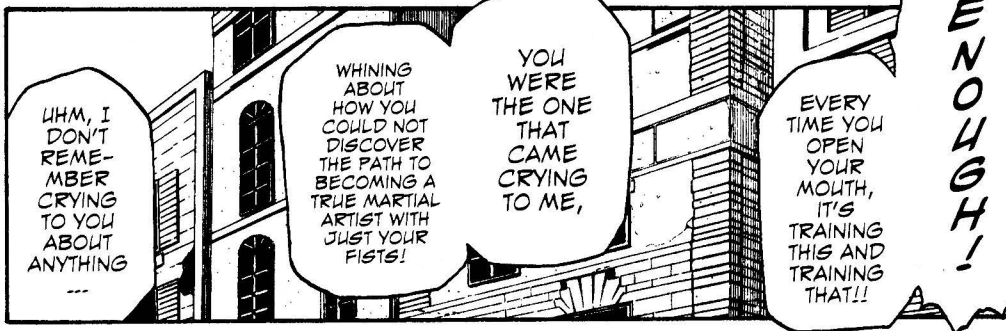
SURVIVING ON MEAGER MEALS IS PART OF TRAINING!



I WANT TO EAT SOME OF THE LOCAL CUISINE EVERY NOW AND THEN...

I TIRE OF THE MEALS YOU COOK.





UHM, I DON'T REMEMBER CRYING TO YOU ABOUT ANYTHING  
---

WHINING ABOUT HOW YOU COULD NOT DISCOVER THE PATH TO BECOMING A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST WITH JUST YOUR FISTS!

YOU WERE THE ONE THAT CAME CRYING TO ME,

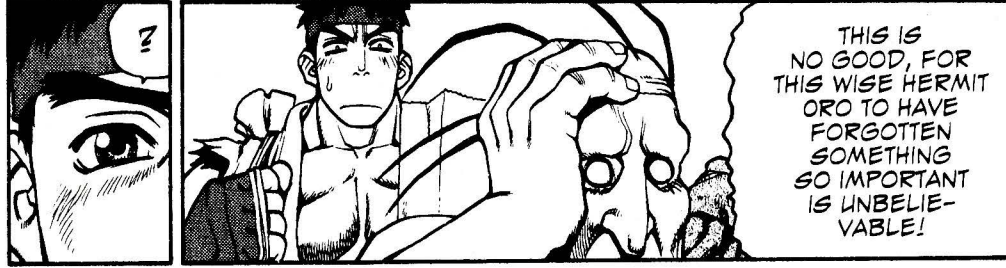
EVERY TIME YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH, IT'S TRAINING THIS AND TRAINING THAT!!

ENOUGH!



OLD MAN, YOU'RE BEING REALLY NOISY  
WHAT'S UP...?  
---

OOOHH NOOO!!!

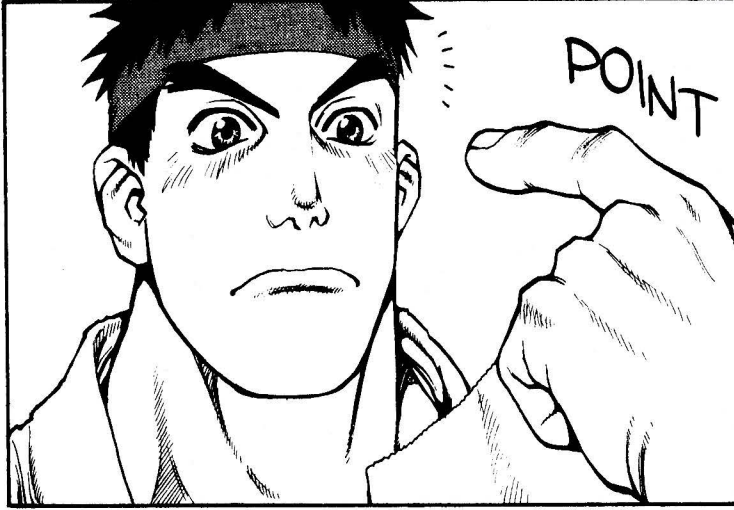


THIS IS NO GOOD, FOR THIS WISE HERMIT ORO TO HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT IS UNBELIEVABLE!



ANSWER ME!

RYU,



POINT

AND NOW, YOU RECOGNIZE THE VERY ESSENCE OF A MARTIAL ARTIST, THE "POWER OF SOUL".

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU...

THOSE THAT ARE MOTIVATED BY THIS QUESTION WILL IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS.

"WHAT IS A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST?"

...ALL THOSE WHO WALK THE PATH OF THE FIST WILL COME TO ASK THEMSELVES ONE QUESTION:

I ENVY YOU, FOR ALWAYS HAVING THE OPTION TO FIGHT WITH EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.

IF I HAD BUT HALF OF YOUR "POWER OF SOUL", I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO SEAL MY LEFT ARM.

"THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE YOU ARE ALWAYS WORTHY OPPONENTS"!

YOU SAY "HARDLY!"  
"?"

ME!?!  
HARDLY!

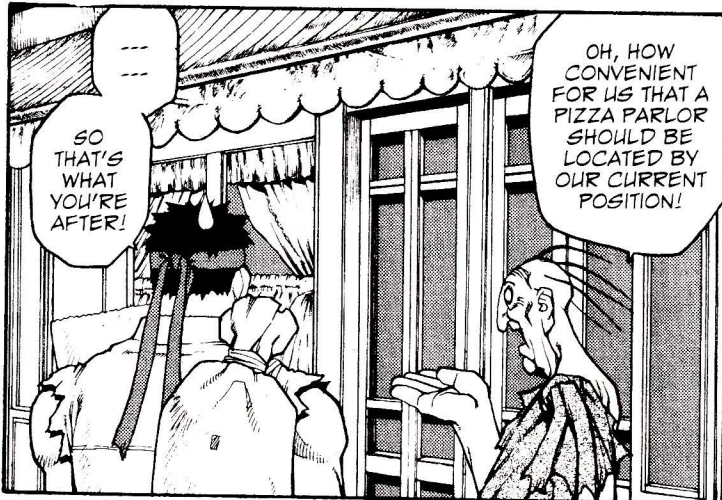
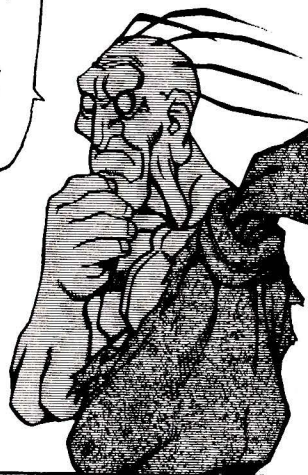
A BEING WITH SUCH A POWER... ONE SUCH AS YOURSELF IS TRULY BEFITTING OF THE TITLE OF TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST!

COMPARED TO WHOM?

EH?!

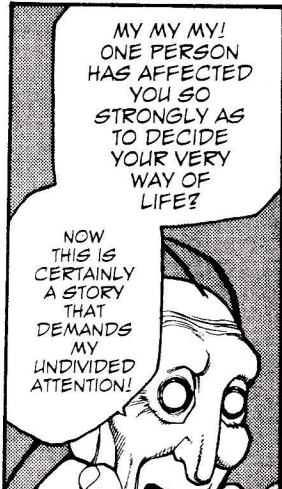


I  
SENSE  
THAT YOU  
HAVE MET  
A TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST?



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SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
AFTER!

OH, HOW  
CONVENIENT  
FOR US THAT A  
PIZZA PARLOR  
SHOULD BE  
LOCATED BY  
OUR CURRENT  
POSITION!

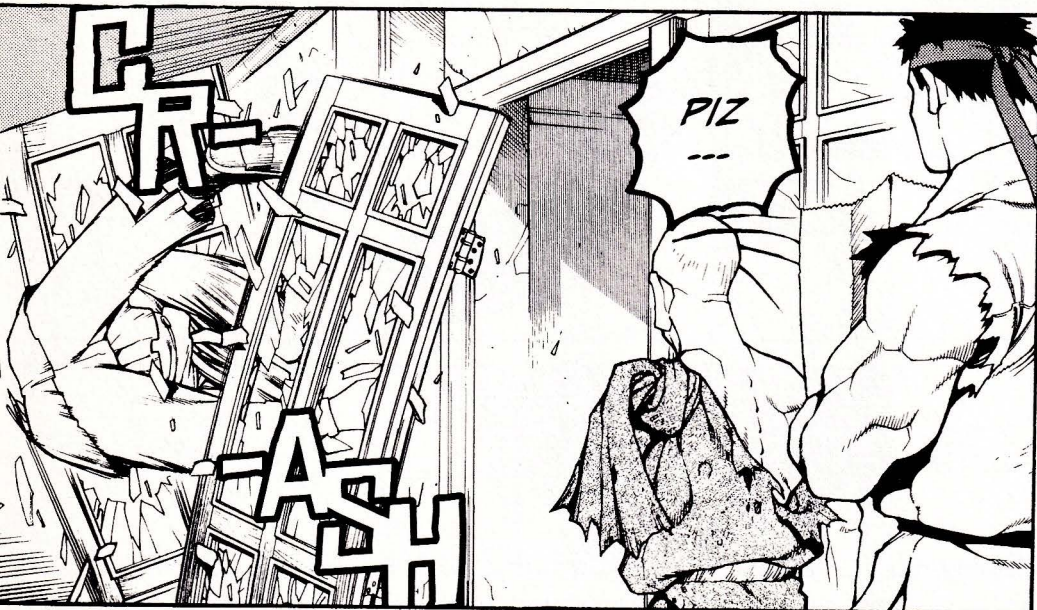


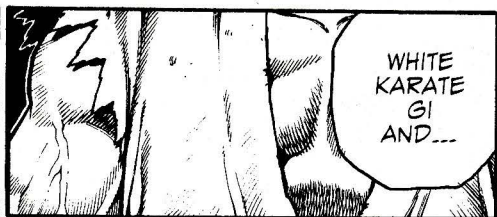
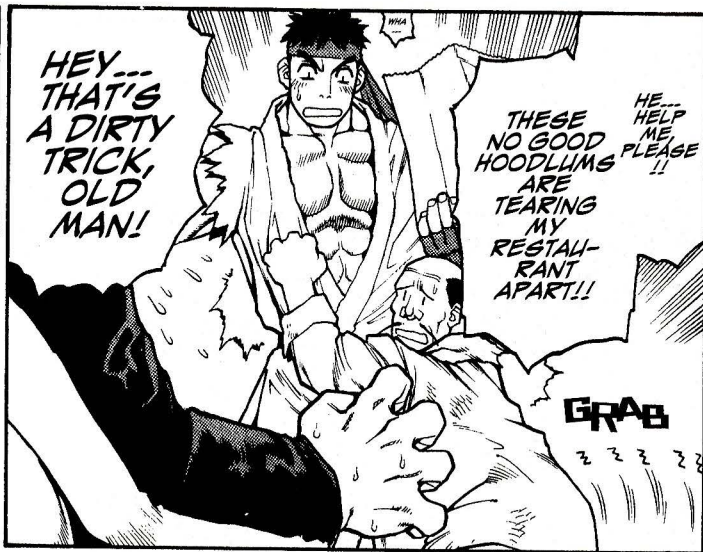
MY MY MY!  
ONE PERSON  
HAS AFFECTED  
YOU SO  
STRONGLY AS  
TO DECIDE  
YOUR VERY  
WAY OF  
LIFE?

NOW  
THIS IS  
CERTAINLY  
A STORY  
THAT  
DEMANDS  
MY  
UNDIVIDED  
ATTENTION!

THIS  
COINCIDENCE  
HAS ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHING TO DO  
WITH MY  
DESPERATE  
CRAVING FOR  
PIZZA!!

HOW DARE YOU!!  
THE PIZZA PARLOR IS  
NOTHING BUT A PLACE  
TO REST OUR BONES  
WHILE I LISTEN  
INTENTLY TO YOUR  
FASCINATING STORY!!





HOPING WE'D BE ABLE TO FIGHT YOU ONE DAY.

EVERY TIME WE HEARD A RUMOR ABOUT YOU, IT AWAKENED OUR BLOOD ---

WE'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU ALL OVER THE PLACE!

WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT... TEACH THEM BOTH A LESSON!  
(I WANT MY PIZZA)

WHAT COCKY YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPERS !!

WE'RE TRAVELING THE WORLD AS PART OF OUR TRAINING.

I'M HIS YOUNGER TWIN, YANG.

I AM YUN.

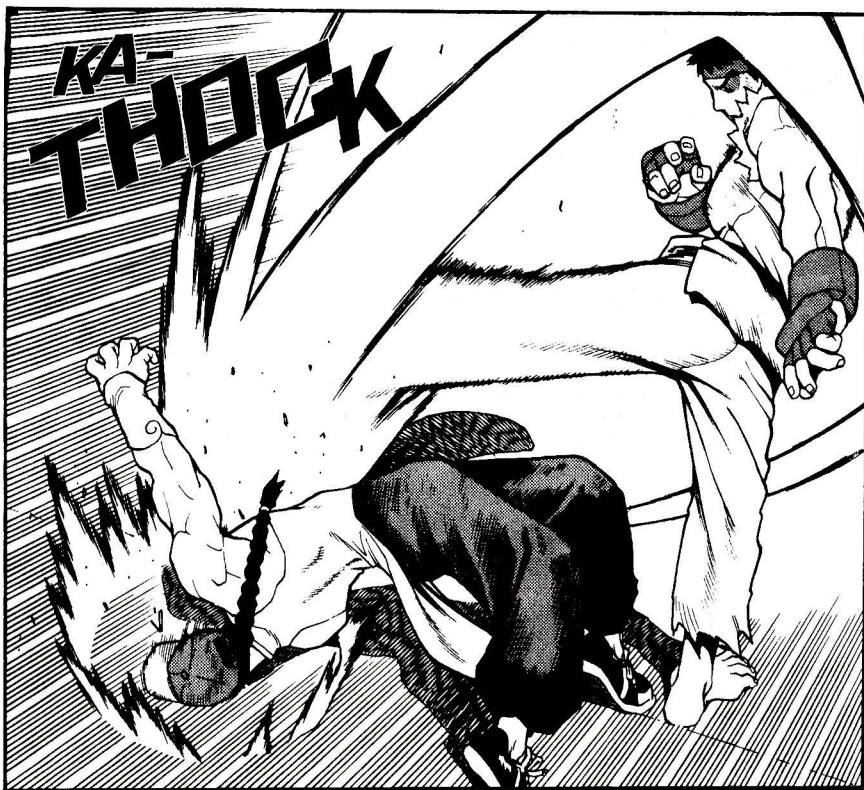
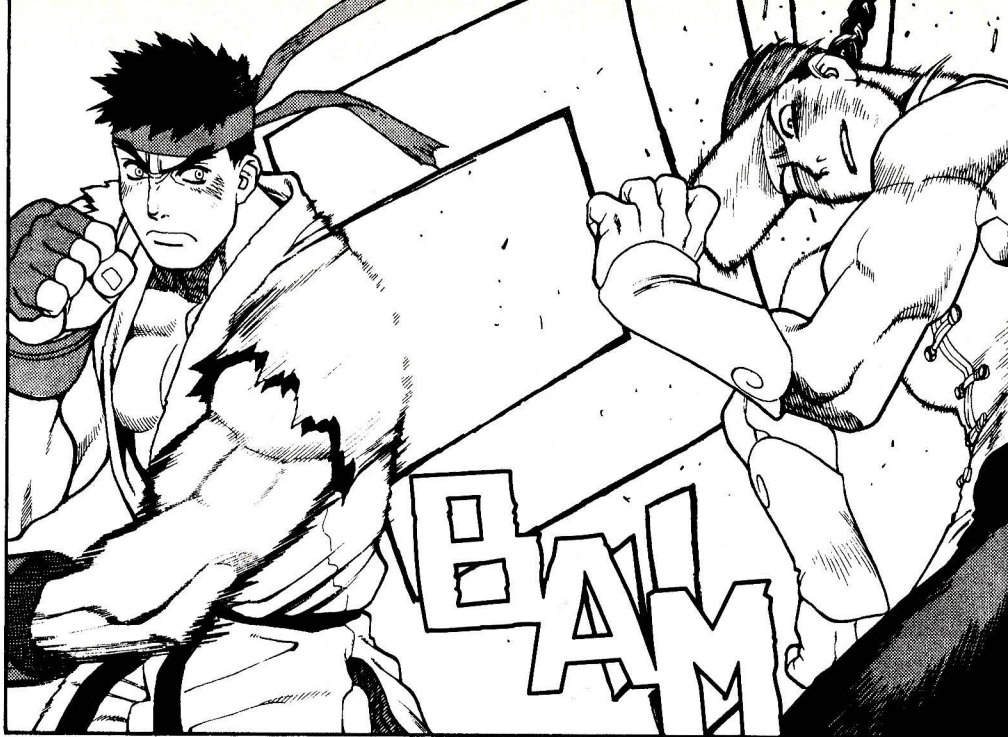
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY... I'LL GO FIRST!!

ALRIGHT ---

NO, I'LL BE FINE!

HUH?

DON'T YOU WANT TO REMOVE YOUR HAT?





YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FORESEE MY MOVES JUST BY READING THE MOVEMENT OF MY FEET!

IS IT PART OF YOUR TRAINING ?

...YOU'RE LIMITING YOUR FIELD OF VISION WITH THE BRIM OF YOUR HAT  
...I GET IT.

BUT THIS HAT HAS BECOME A SORT OF TRADE-MARK OF MINE...

HEH ...I FIGURED AS MUCH!



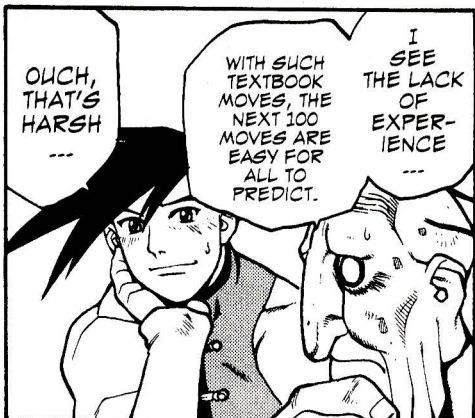
HE'S SEEING THROUGH ALL MY ATTACKS !?

DAMNIT, I'M NOT HITTING HIM!!

BAM



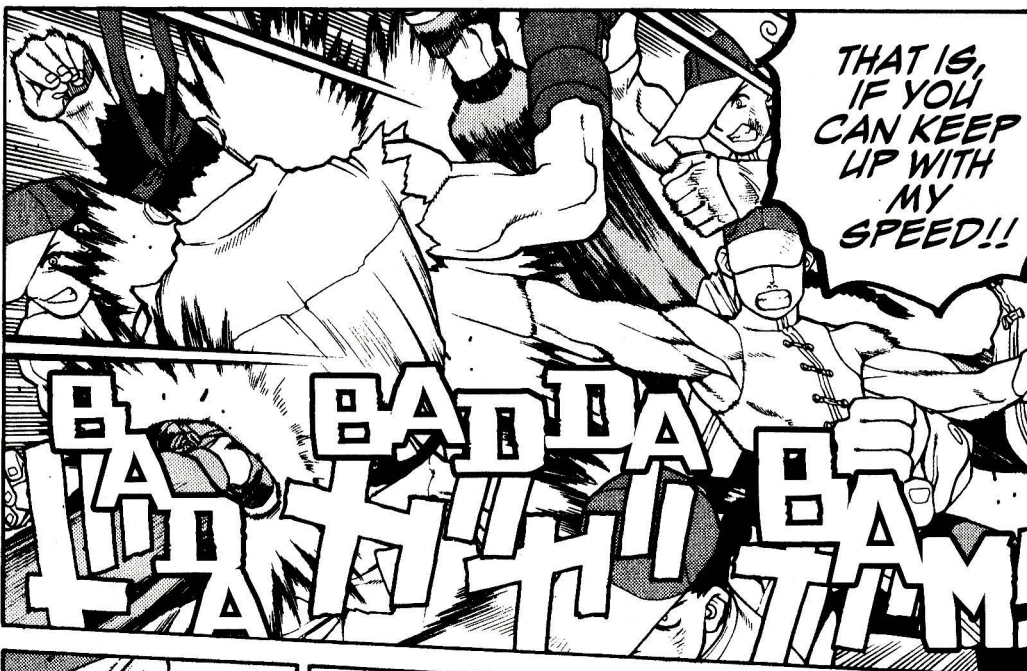
IF YOU WANT TO PREDICT MY MOVES, GO AHEAD !!!



OUCH, THAT'S HARSH  
---

WITH SUCH TEXTBOOK MOVES, THE NEXT 100 MOVES ARE EASY FOR ALL TO PREDICT.

I SEE THE LACK OF EXPERIENCE  
---



THAT IS, IF YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH MY SPEED!!



WHAT DID YOU SAY !?



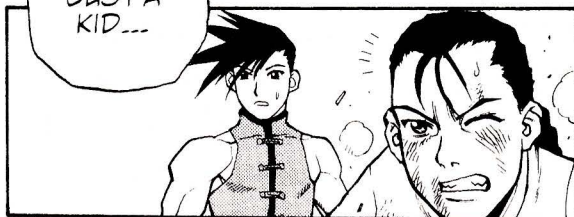
SO YOUNG  
---

BAM

HE CUT  
RIGHT  
THROUGH  
THOSE  
RAPID-  
FIRE  
ATTACKS  
!?

W  
H  
A  
---  
!?



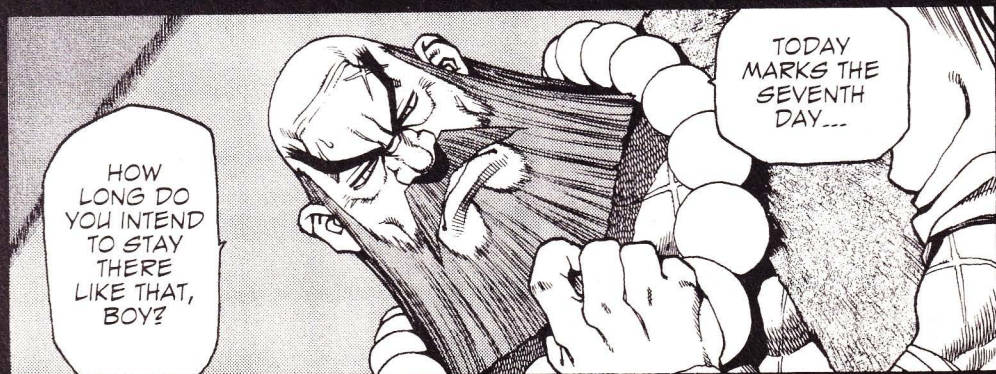
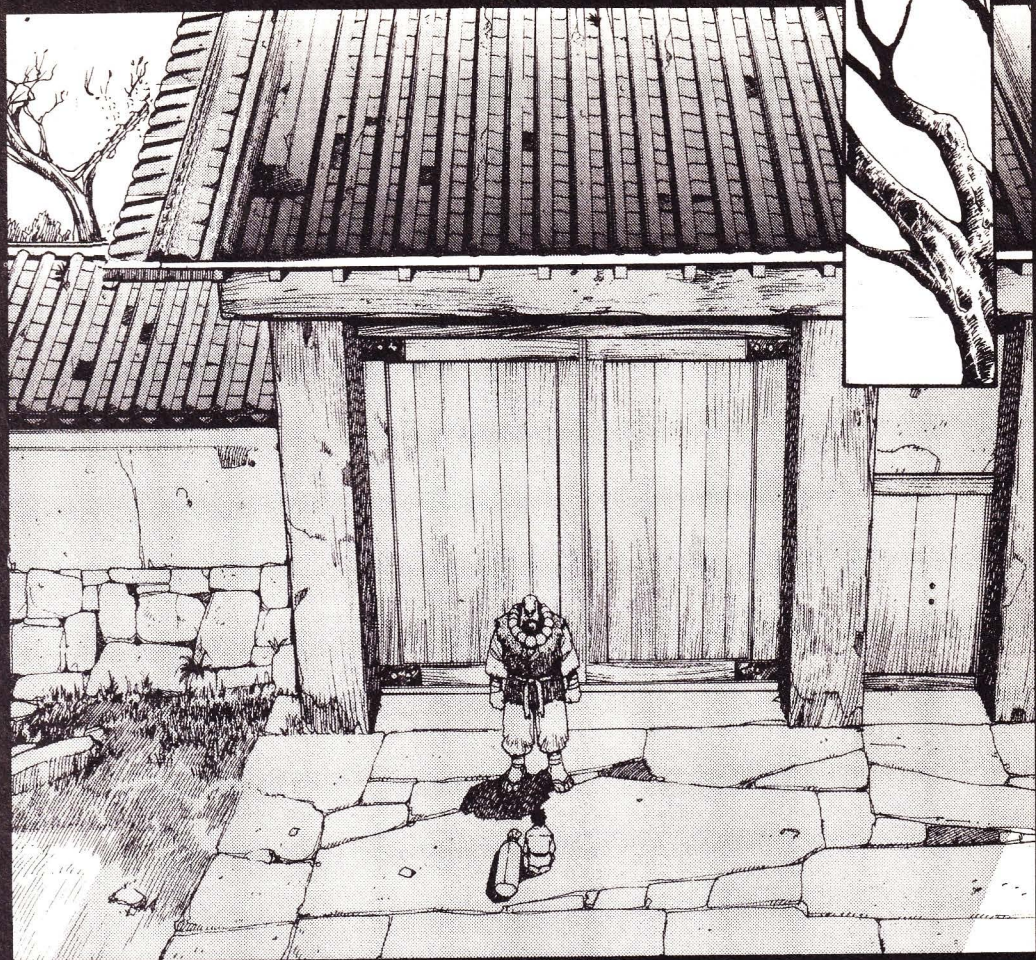


**"I WANT TO BECOME  
STRONGER."**

**- THAT'S HOW IT  
ALL BEGAN**

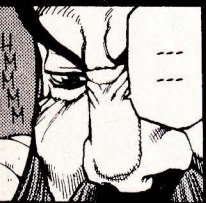


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UNTIL YOU ACCEPT ME AS YOUR APPRENTICE!



A BEAR  
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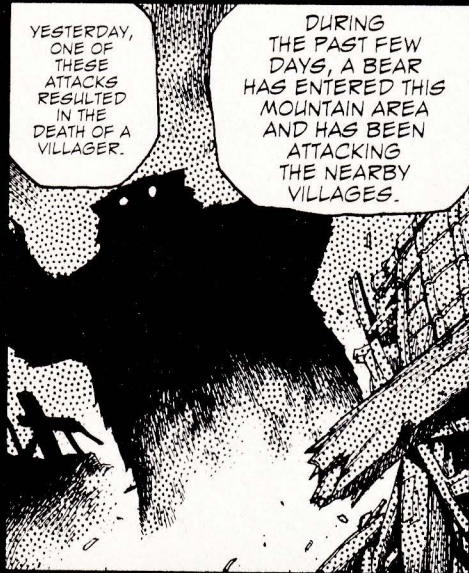
YESTERDAY, ONE OF THESE ATTACKS RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A VILLAGER.

DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, A BEAR HAS ENTERED THIS MOUNTAIN AREA AND HAS BEEN ATTACKING THE NEARBY VILLAGES.

...IF IT MUST BE SO, I OFFER YOU A QUEST.



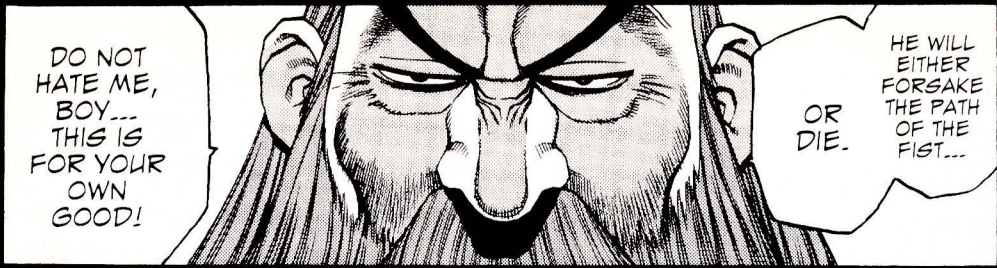
YOU MUST DEFEAT THIS BEAR BY THE END OF THE NEXT DAY!!



A QUEST  
---?

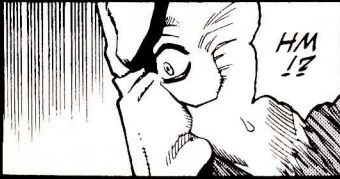






DO NOT HATE ME, BOY... THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

HE WILL EITHER FORSAKE THE PATH OF THE FIST... OR DIE.



HM !?



GRAB



HE HAS BEEN BLEEDING THIS BADLY... THE ENTIRE TIME HE HAS BEEN SITTING OUT HERE ...!?



THIS IS ...



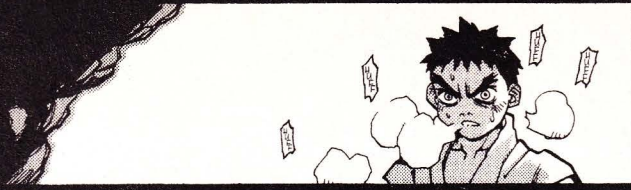
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BLOOD!?

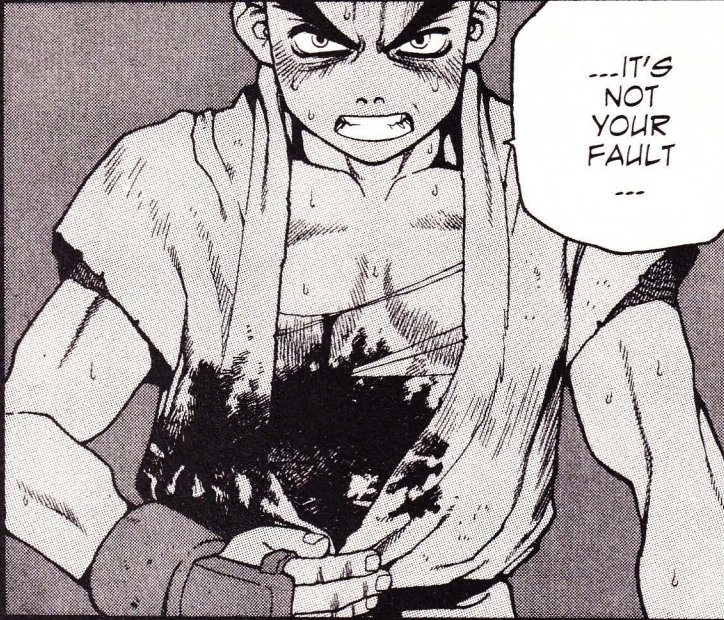


I ALREADY KNEW WHERE TO FIND THE BEAR ...

BOY ...!!!



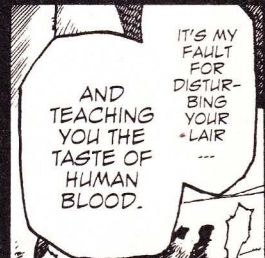
ON THE WAY TO  
GOUKEN'S  
OLD TEMPLE,  
I HAD SPENT  
A NIGHT  
WITHIN THE  
SHELTER OF  
A LARGE  
CAVE.



---IT'S  
NOT  
YOUR  
FAULT  
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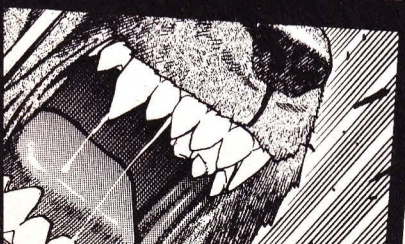
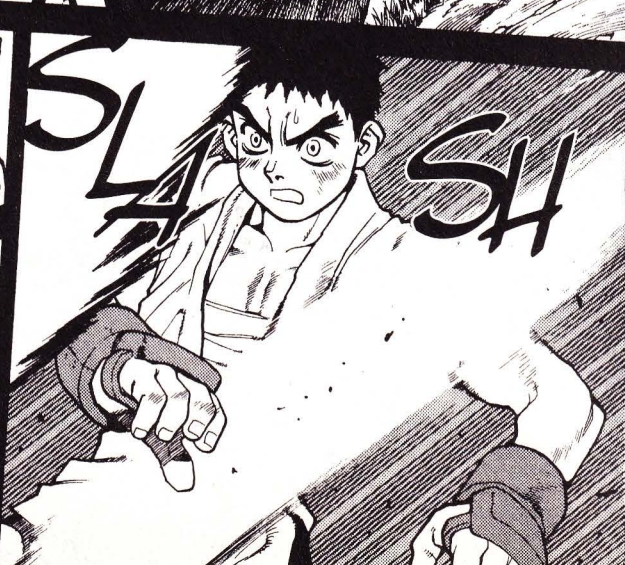
HA  
HA  
HA  
I WILL  
DEFEAT  
YOU!!  
COME  
OUT!!



IT'S MY  
FAULT  
FOR  
DISTURBING  
YOUR  
LAIR  
---  
AND  
TEACHING  
YOU THE  
TASTE OF  
HUMAN  
BLOOD.



WHAT  
STOOD BEFORE  
ME WAS NO  
LONGER A  
BEAST, BUT A  
GIANT DEMON  
THAT COULD  
REAP A HUMAN  
LIFE WITH ONE  
SWIPE OF ITS  
CLAW!



IN FACT, DEFEATING HIM HAD NEVER BEEN A POSSIBILITY!

SUCH OVERWHELMING STRENGTH! ALL I COULD DO WAS RUN AROUND TO EVADE HIS ATTACKS

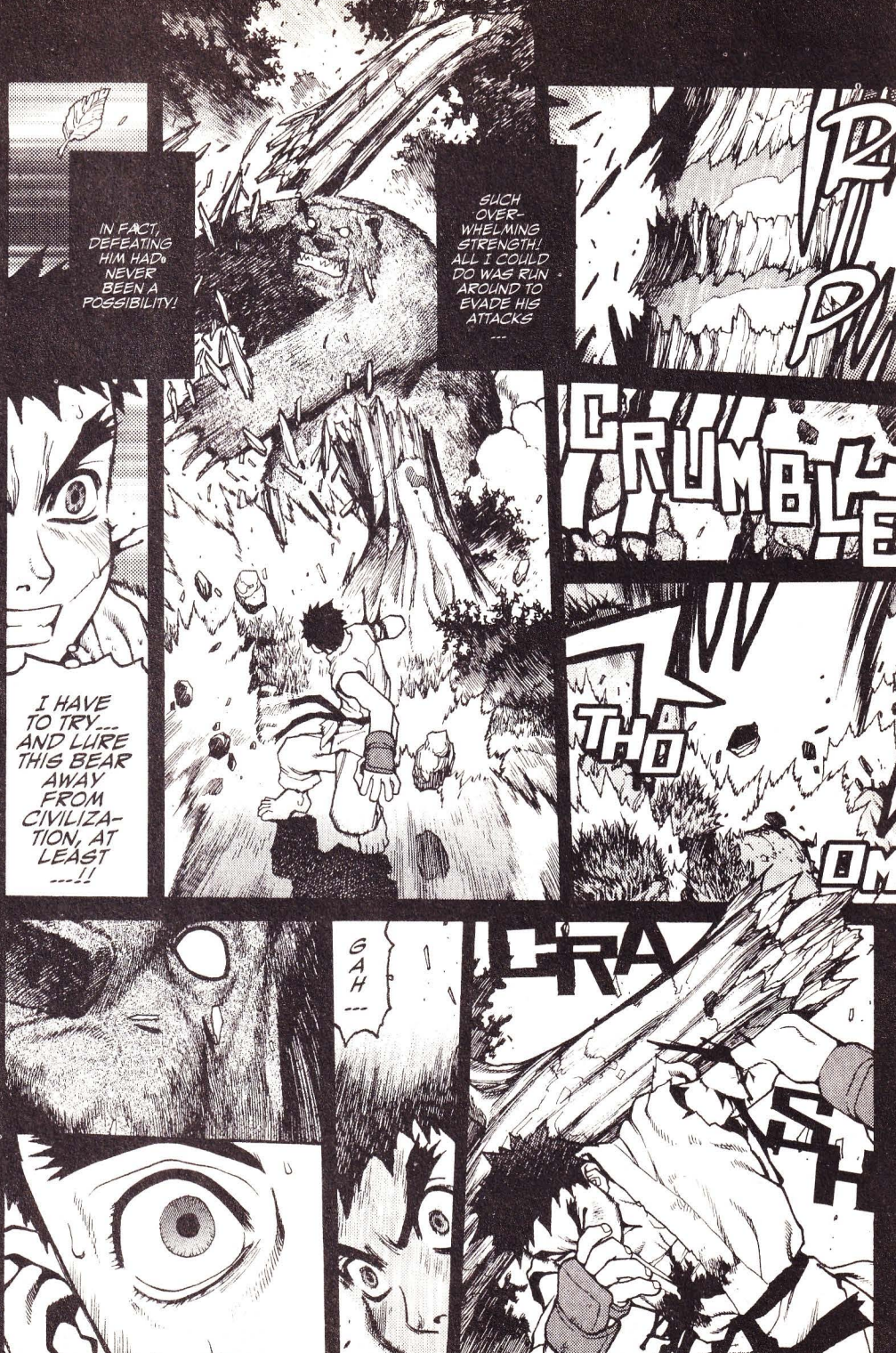
I HAVE TO TRY... AND LURE THIS BEAR AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION, AT LEAST...!!

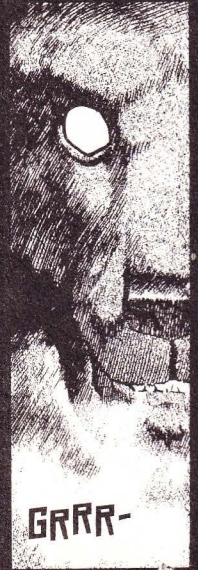
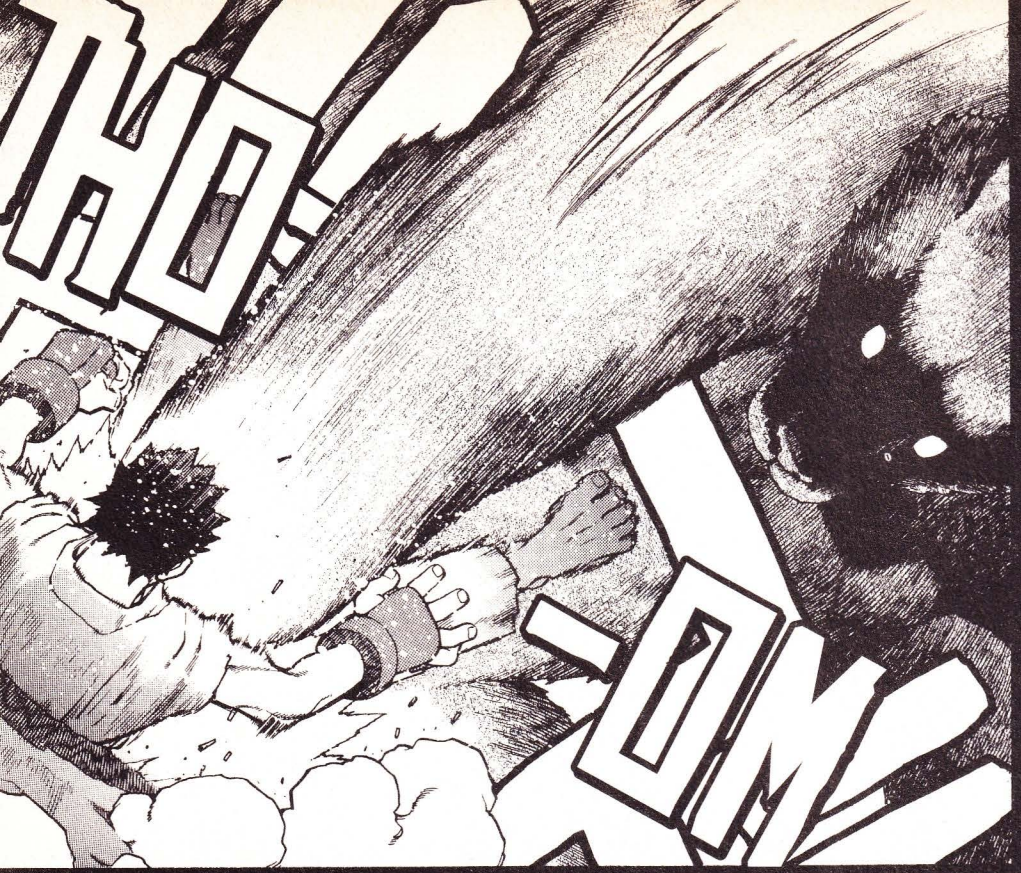
GAH

CRUMBLE

THO

GRA

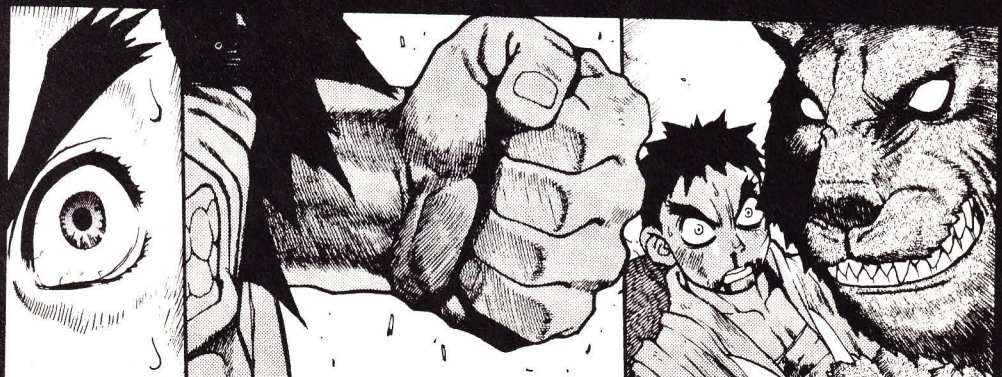






IT WAS  
AT THAT  
MOMENT !!

WHOOO





一撃必殺!!!  
FATAL STRIKE



THIS  
WAS IT,  
THE VERY  
STRENGTH  
THAT ALL WHO  
WALK THE  
PATH OF  
THE FIST  
SEEK!!

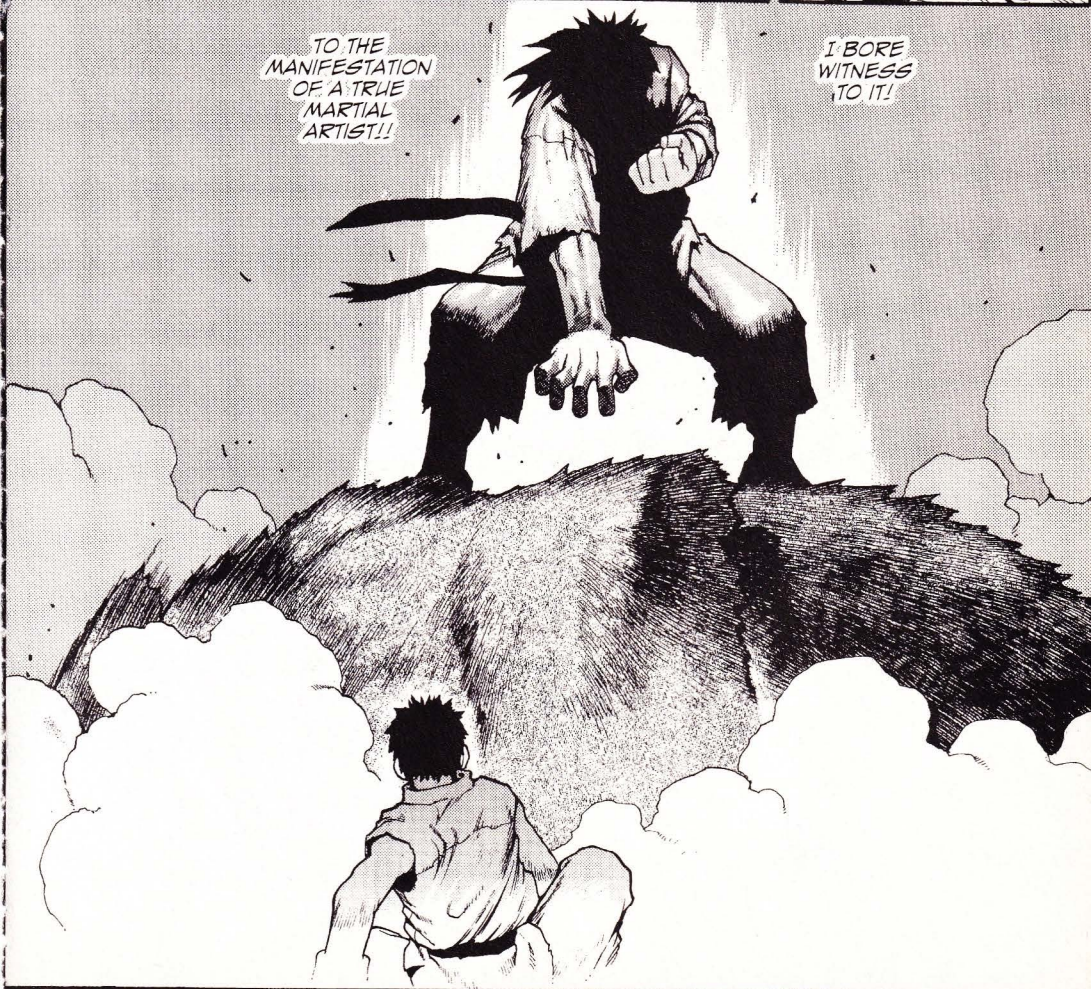


STRIKING  
STRAIGHT  
THROUGH  
EVERYTHING  
IN ITS PATH; IT  
WAS LIKE  
"A FIST OF  
STEEL!!



TO THE  
MANIFESTATION  
OF A TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST!!

I BORE  
WITNESS  
TO IT!







WHY DID YOU KILL HIM!??

--- BUT!



GOUKEN DID NOT SAY TO KILL THE BEAR.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN EASY FOR YOU TO CHASE THIS BEAR AWAY FROM THE VILLAGES.

WITH YOUR STRENGTH ---

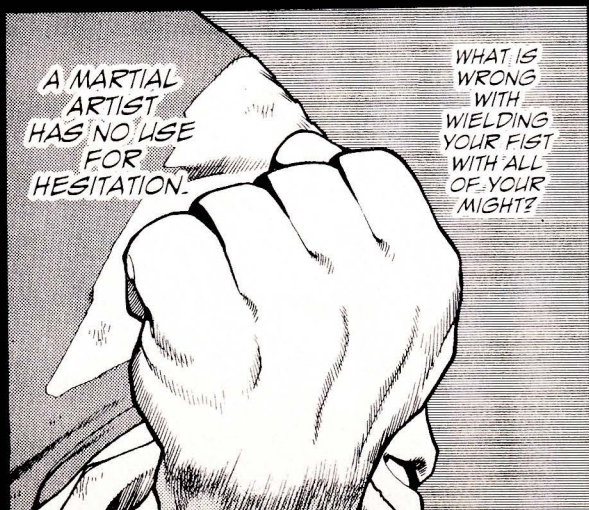


FOOLISH.



--- BUT YOU'RE WRONG !!

--- YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT'S TRUE!

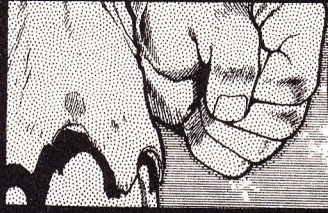
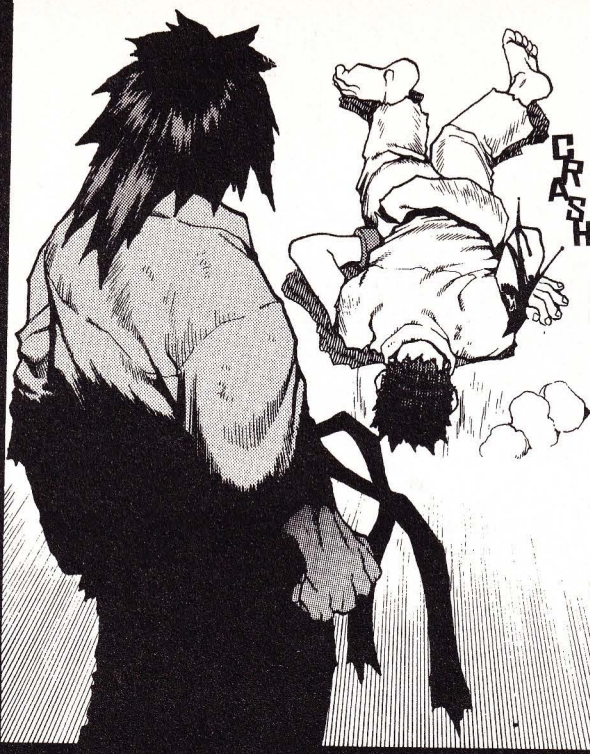


A MARTIAL ARTIST HAS NO USE FOR HESITATION.

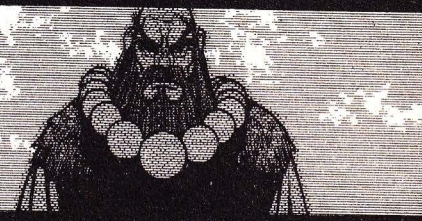
WHAT IS WRONG WITH WIELDING YOUR FIST WITH ALL OF YOUR MIGHT?

THUS MY SEED OF INNER CONFLICT  
WAS BORN WITHIN!

A  
HALF-DEAD  
CHILD  
CHASTISES  
YOU...



THAT IS  
THE GREAT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
OF THE FIST  
THAT YOU  
WIELD...



HEH  
---



---  
L E A V E !

I  
LEAVE  
THIS  
BOY TO  
YOU.



YOU  
STILL  
SEEK THE  
PATH OF  
THE  
FIST!?

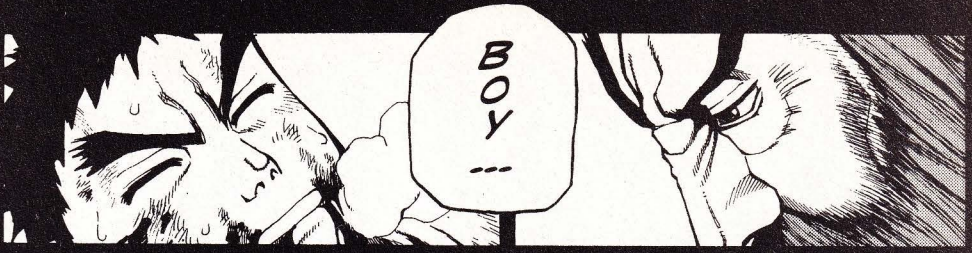
HAVING  
ALREADY  
SUFFERED  
SUCH  
DEEP  
WOUNDS,

...THAT  
GOES  
FOR  
YOU AS  
WELL,  
BOY.

POOR  
SOUL  
---

YOU  
CANNOT  
REMAIN  
A NORMAL  
CHILD... IS  
THAT WHAT  
YOUR BLOOD  
TELLS  
YOU!?

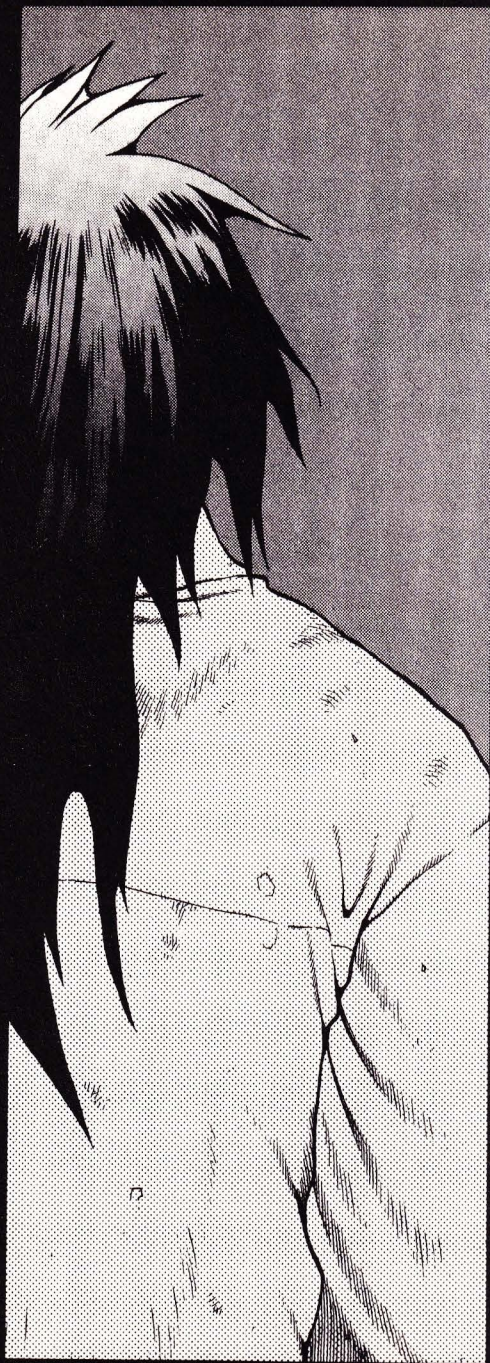




**WOO OSH**

**THE PATH  
BEFORE  
YOU WILL  
BE THE  
HARDEST  
OF ALL...!!**

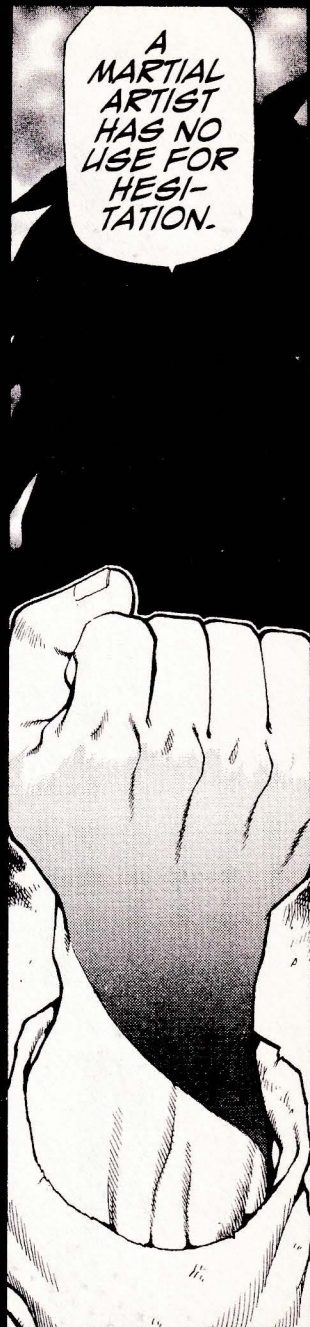
# CHAPTER 10



DESTROYING  
EVERYTHING WITH  
ONE PUNCH... IT  
BRINGS THE END  
WITH IT, THAT IS  
THE "KILLING  
STRIKE"!

## A CONFLICT !!!

BUT AT THE  
SAME TIME, IT'S  
A "MERCILESS  
STRIKE", CARRYING  
DEATH AND  
DESTRUCTION... IS  
THE VERY THING WE  
MARTIAL ARTISTS  
YEARN FOR THE  
ONE THING WE  
SHOULD NEVER  
OBTAIN?



RIGHT  
IN FRONT  
OF MY  
FACE...

THAT MAN  
USED A KILLING  
STRIKE.  
SOMETHING NO  
TRUE MARTIAL  
ARTIST SHOULD  
EVER USE...

...WAS  
HE  
CHALL-  
ENGING  
YOU  
...?

HE WAS  
SAYING:  
SPEND  
YOUR LIFE  
OVERCOMING  
THIS KILLING  
STRIKE!  
END  
THE  
CONFLICT  
!!

IT WAS A  
CHALLENGE  
... BUT I  
THINK IT WAS  
ALSO A  
REQUEST!

...  
EVEN  
SO,

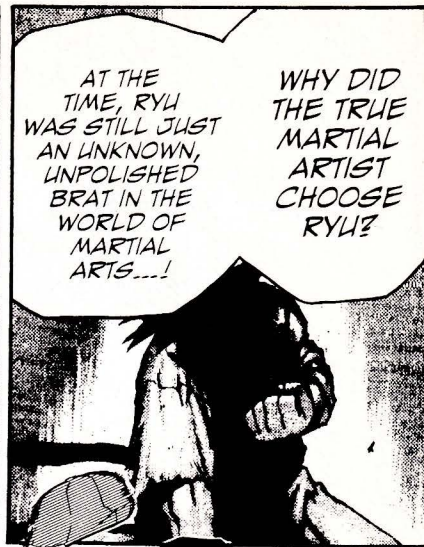
I SEE  
NOW THAT  
I STILL  
HAVE A  
LOT TO  
LEARN.

...HIS  
FIST  
CARRIES  
SUCH A  
BURDEN!



TO ME,  
IT FEELS  
MORE  
LIKE  
"HOPE"!

...IT  
WASN'T A  
CHALLENGE  
OR A  
REQUEST!



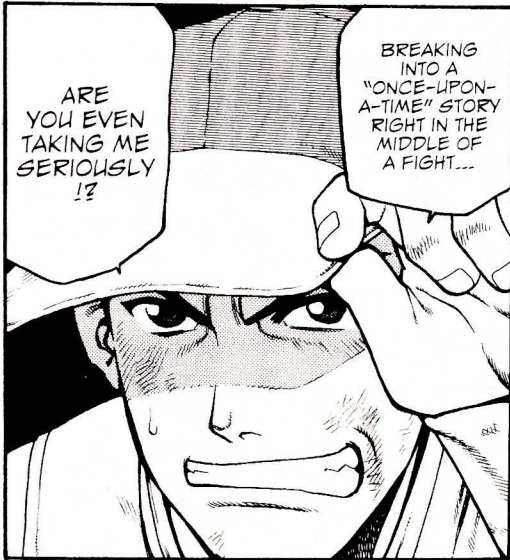
AT THE  
TIME, RYU  
WAS STILL JUST  
AN UNKNOWN,  
UNPOLISHED  
BRAT IN THE  
WORLD OF  
MARTIAL  
ARTS...!

WHY DID  
THE TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST  
CHOOSE  
RYU?



WHAT-  
EVER  
!!

SPARE  
US YOUR  
COMPLICATED  
RAMBLINGS!



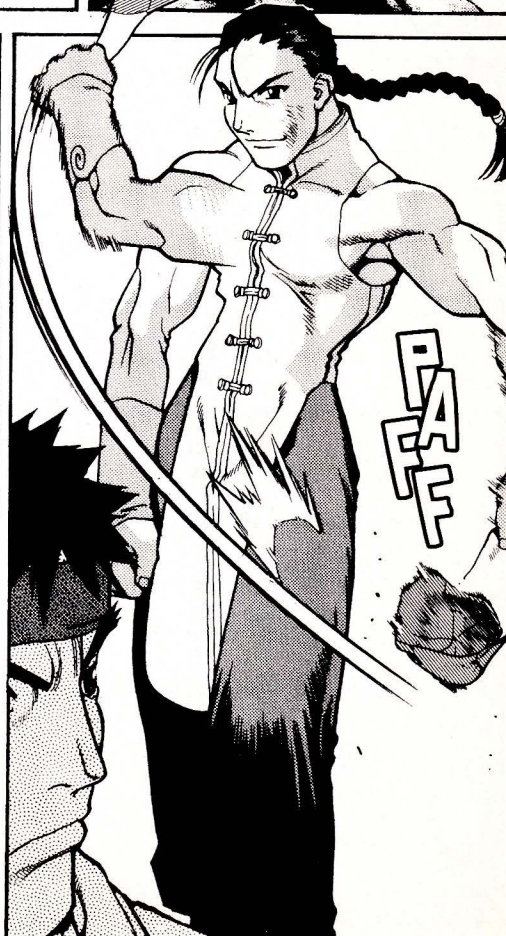
ARE  
YOU EVEN  
TAKING ME  
SERIOUSLY  
!?

BREAKING  
INTO A  
"ONCE-UPON-  
A-TIME" STORY  
RIGHT IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
A FIGHT...



WHAT  
!?

BROTHER  
...

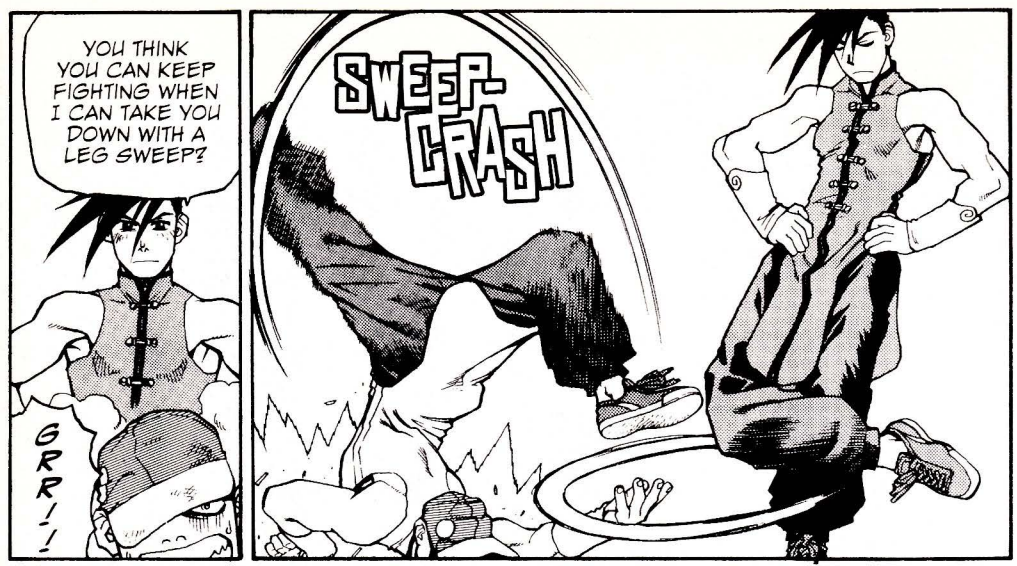




YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP FIGHTING WHEN I CAN TAKE YOU DOWN WITH A LEG SWEEP?

GRR!!

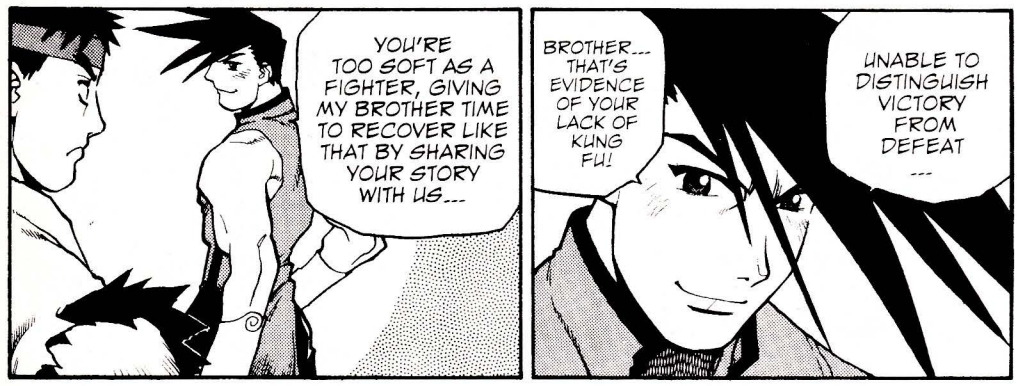
**SWEEP CRASH**



YOU'RE TOO SOFT AS A FIGHTER, GIVING MY BROTHER TIME TO RECOVER LIKE THAT BY SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US...

BROTHER... THAT'S EVIDENCE OF YOUR LACK OF KUNG FU!

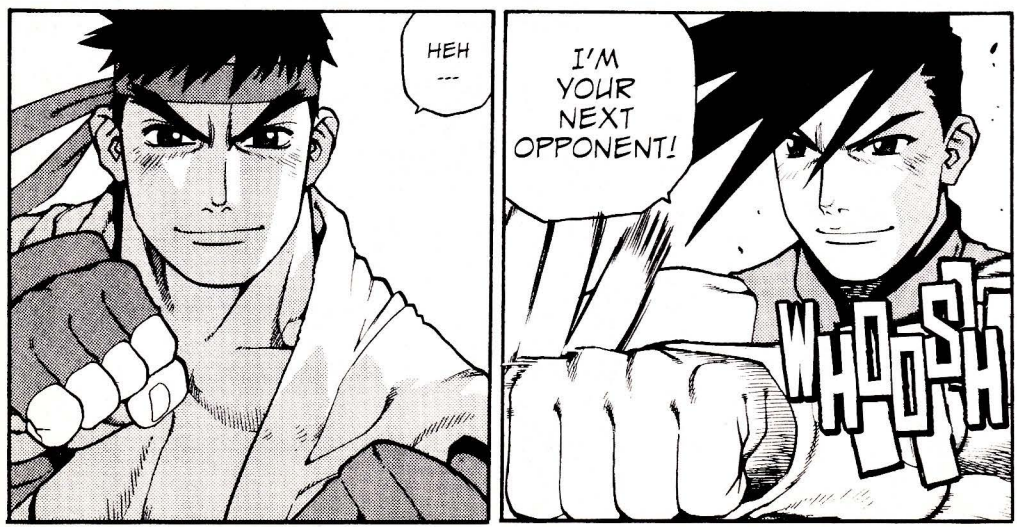
UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH VICTORY FROM DEFEAT...

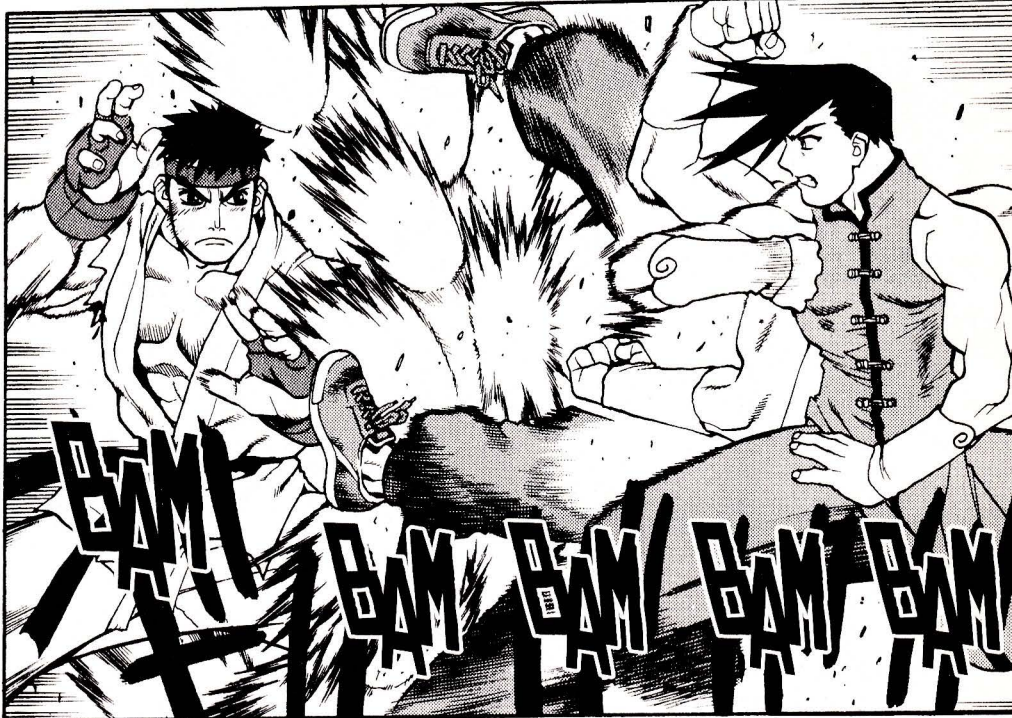
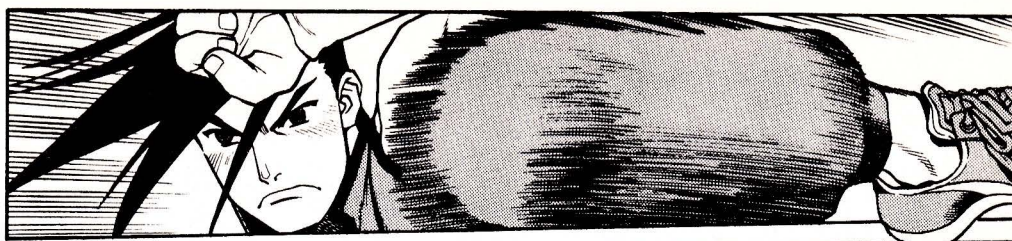


HEH...

I'M YOUR NEXT OPPONENT!

**WHOOSH**





IF HIS  
TECHNIQUE  
IS SIMILAR  
TO HIS  
BROTHER'S,  
THE RESULT  
WILL BE  
SIMILAR...

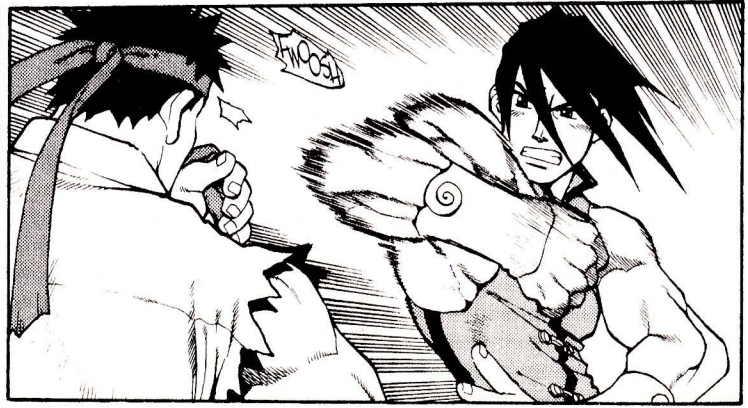
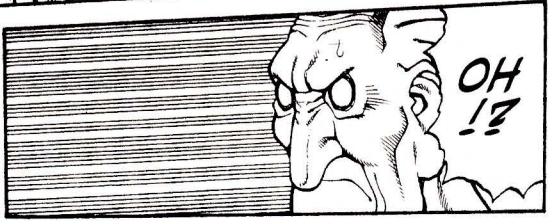


YOUR  
TECHNIQUES  
ARE LIKE A  
MIRROR  
IMAGE...

BROTHERS  
INDEED!



AS I  
EXPECTED...!!  
HE HAS A  
THOROUGH  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF CHINESE  
FIGHTING  
STYLES...!!





THIS IS...  
CHAKU-  
RIKI !!\*



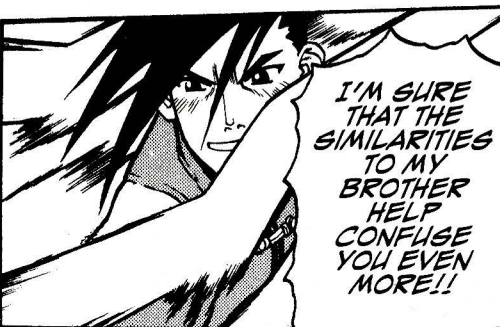
THAT'S  
RIGHT !!



BYU



WH  
OO  
MP



I'M SURE  
THAT THE  
SIMILARITIES  
TO MY  
BROTHER  
HELP  
CONFUSE  
YOU EVEN  
MORE!!



HEH HEH...  
ALL I HAD  
TO DO WAS  
ALTER THE  
COURSE  
OF MY  
STRIKES!!

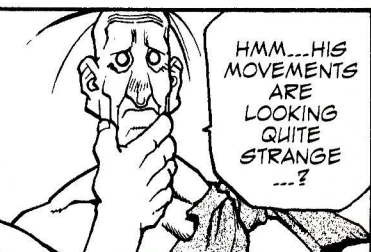
BAM BAM BAM



FWOSH



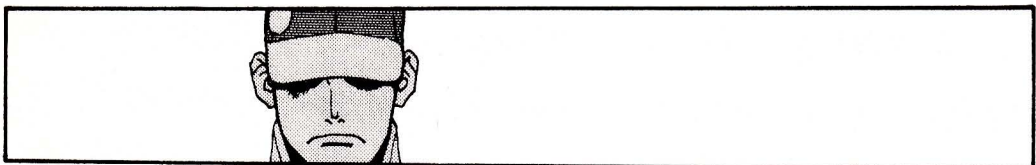
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HMM...HIS  
MOVEMENTS  
ARE  
LOOKING  
QUITE  
STRANGE  
...?



THIS  
FIGHT  
IS  
MINE  
!!!



HOW  
COULD I  
POSSIBLY  
LOSE  
LIKE  
THIS...

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
!?

HA  
HA  
HA  
!!

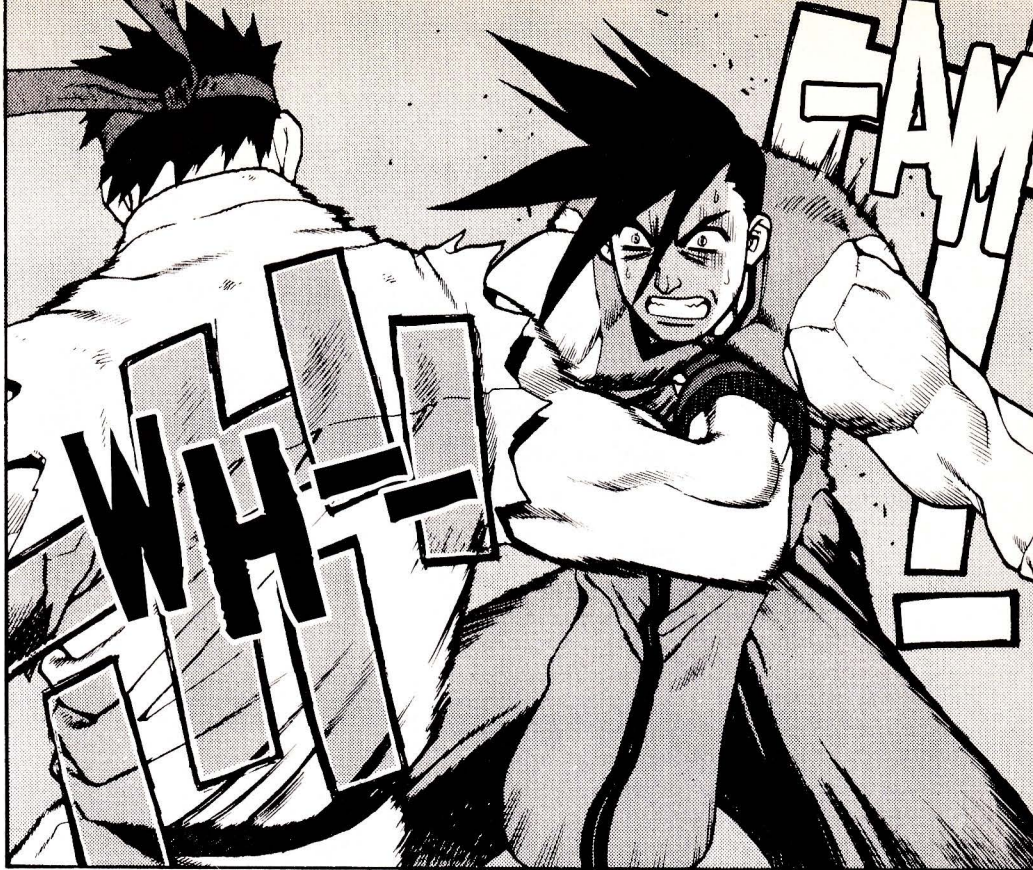


IDIOT...  
YOU'VE  
LOST,  
YANG!



GRRRRR

HHA



I  
HIT HIM  
SO MANY  
TIMES  
...!?

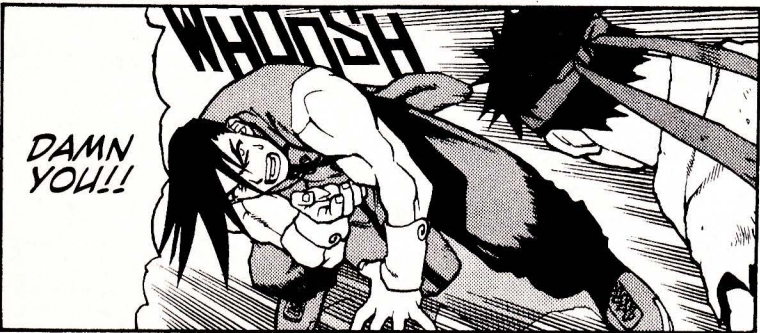
NO...  
IM...  
POS-  
SIBLE  
!!



WITH A  
WEAK FIST  
LIKE THAT,  
YOU  
COULDN'T  
DEFEAT A  
BABY...!

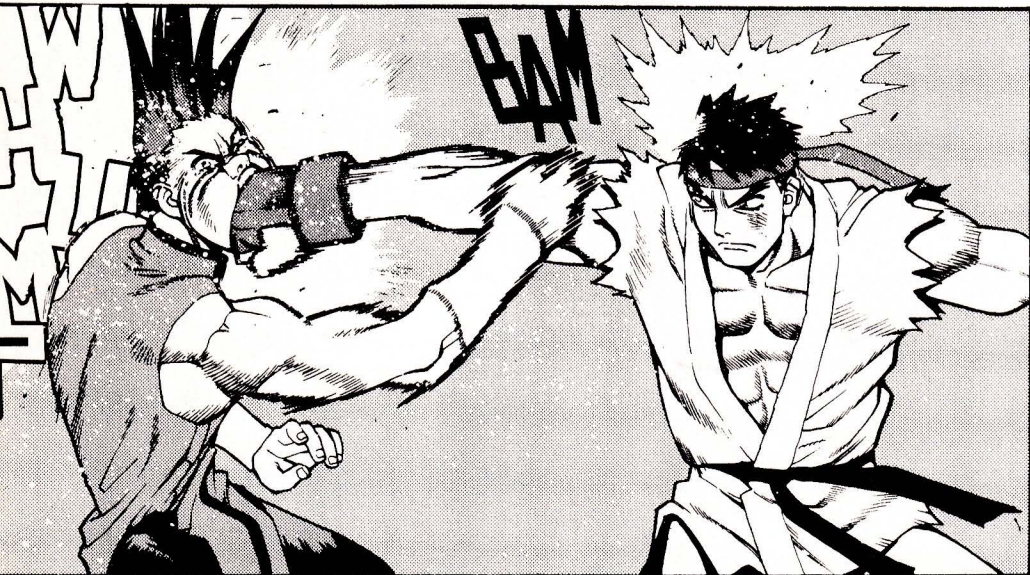
BY  
FORCING  
YOUR STRIKES  
ALONG  
UNNATURAL  
PATHS, YOU  
WERE UNABLE  
TO PUT YOUR  
WEIGHT  
BEHIND EACH  
HIT!

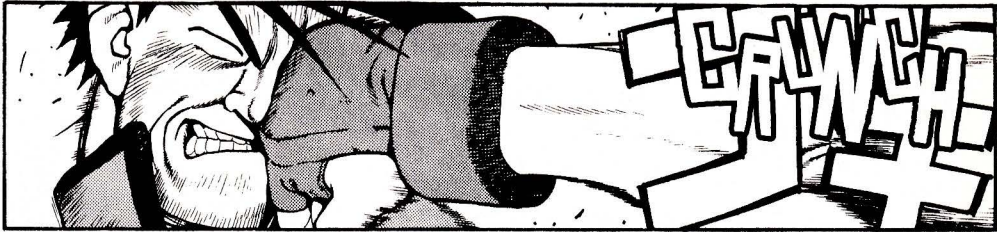




WITH YOUR STUPID TRICKS, YOU'VE DISHONORED THE VERY STYLE WE WORKED SO HARD TO TRAIN!!

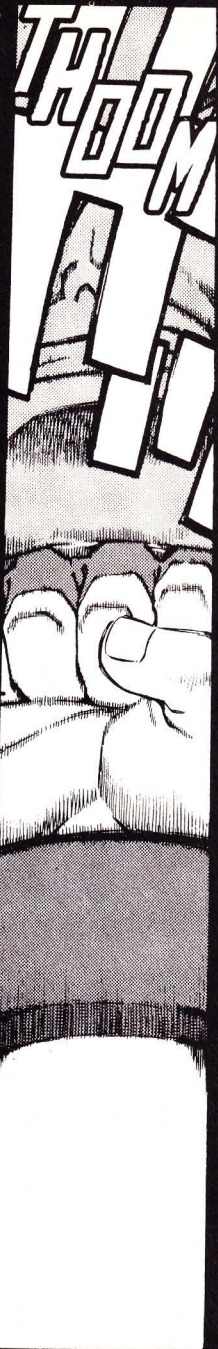
YANG... YOU'RE THE ONE LACKING KUNG FU!!

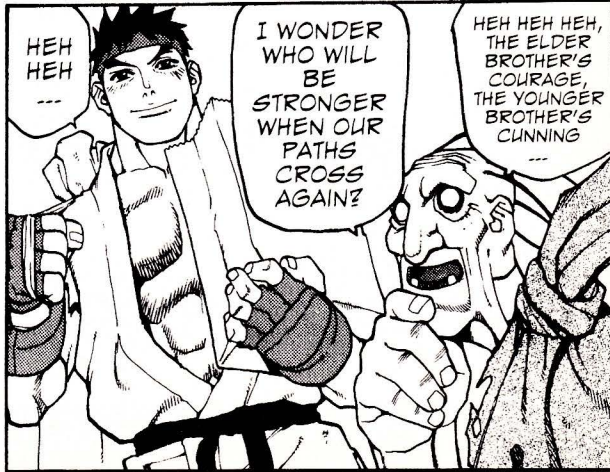
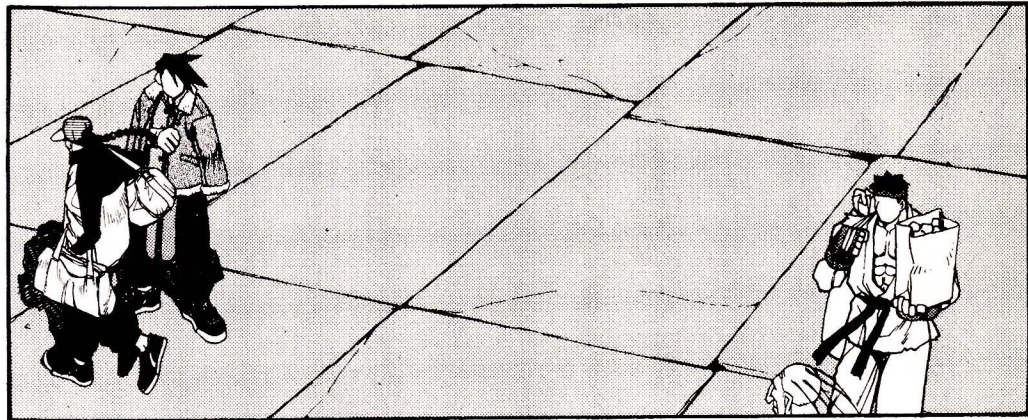
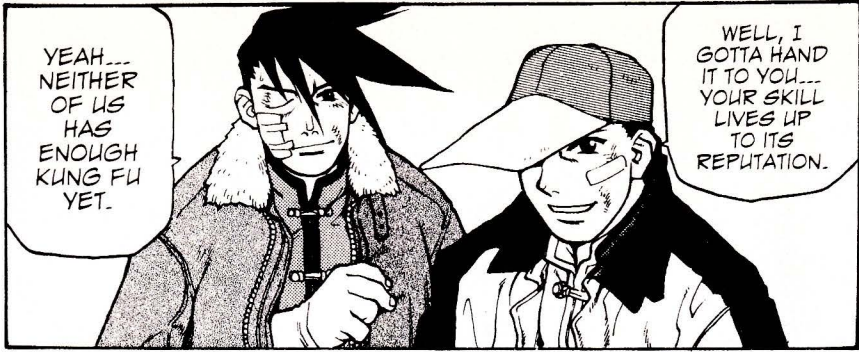






THAT  
MUST BE  
THE KIND OF  
FIST... THAT  
CARRIES  
WITHIN IT THE  
"KILLING  
STRIKE".





YEAH?

...HEY  
BRO...

YOU MEAN  
LIKE RYU  
AND THE  
TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST  
WILL...?

EVEN AS  
BROTHERS,  
THERE WILL  
COME A DAY  
WHEN WE'LL  
HAVE TO  
DETERMINE  
WHO IS  
BETTER...

REEAAAALLY,  
WELL I LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO THAT!

SO LET'S  
HAVE OUR  
FIGHT 101  
YEARS  
FROM NOW,  
AND I'LL  
WIN!

DREAM ON.  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO TRAIN FOR  
ANOTHER 100  
YEARS  
BEFORE YOU  
CAN BEAT  
ME!

ME  
TOO!

THWIP!!



A  
TRUE  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST

...

I LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO IT...!



# CHAPTER 11





NO!

HEY RYU,  
LET'S GO BACK NOW?

OH MAN  
---  
NOW IT'S RAINING!



TREES DON'T JUST GO HOME WHEN IT RAINS.

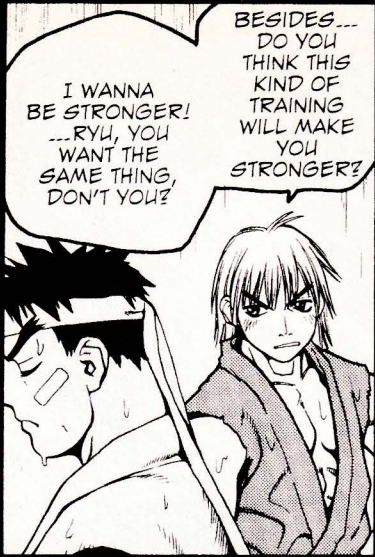
THE POINT OF THIS EXERCISE IS TO BECOME A TREE, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE "SOUL" OF A TREE...



YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE THAT TREES HAVE "SOULS", DO YOU?

HA... C'MON, RYU!





I WANNA BE STRONGER!  
...RYU, YOU WANT THE SAME THING, DON'T YOU?

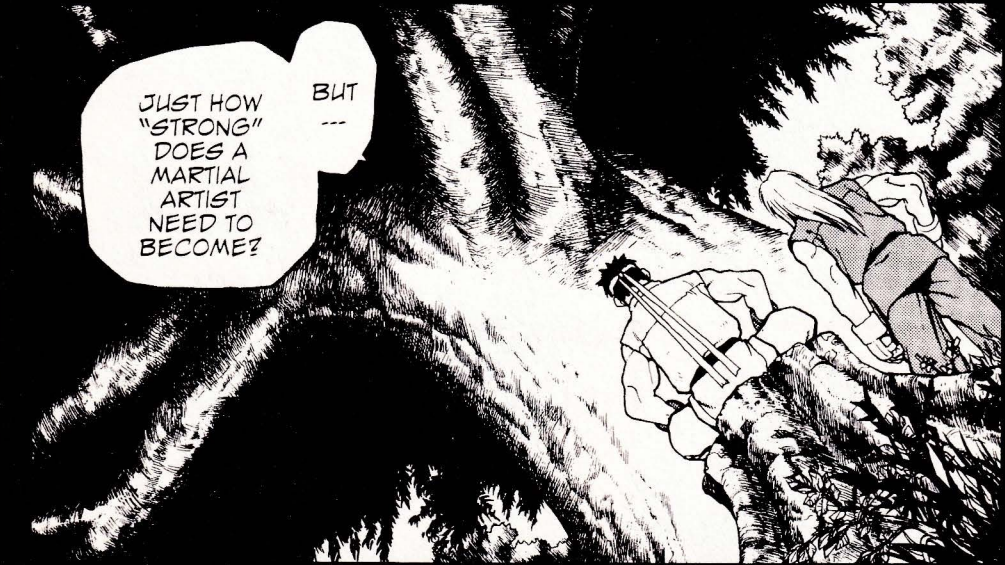
BESIDES... DO YOU THINK THIS KIND OF TRAINING WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER?!



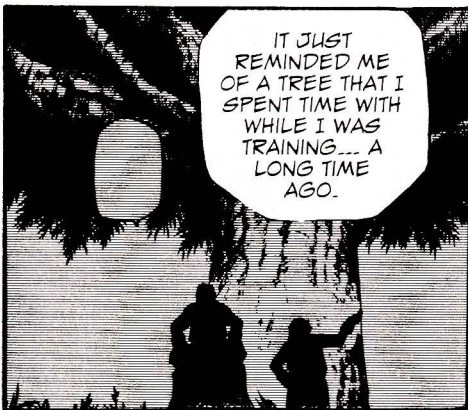
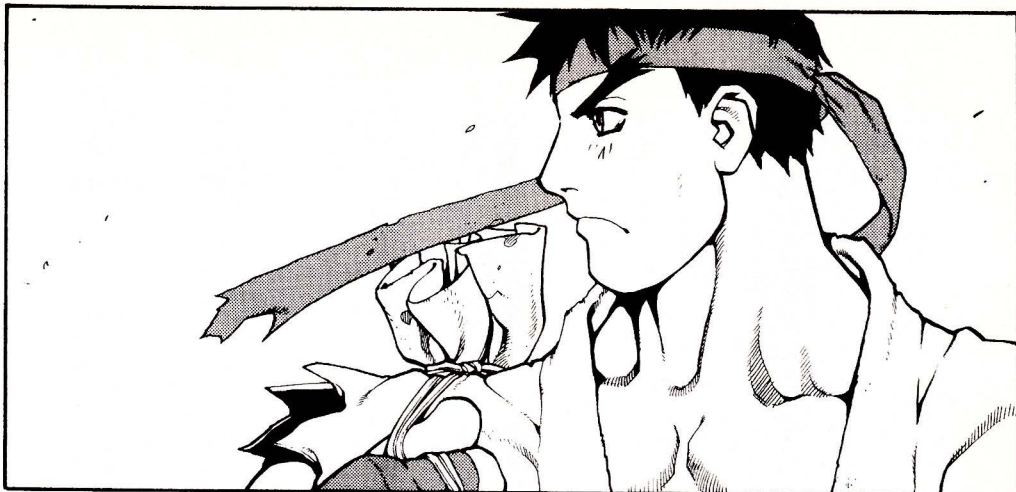
WE MARTIAL ARTISTS STRIVE TO ACHIEVE "STRENGTH".



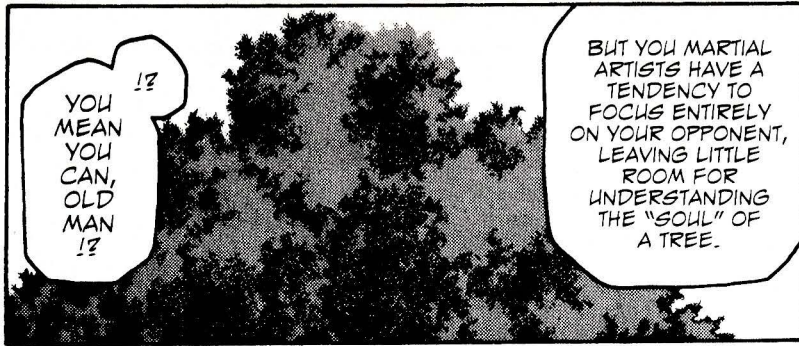
WHILE THE TREES STRIVE TO ACHIEVE HEIGHT...



JUST HOW "STRONG" DOES A MARTIAL ARTIST NEED TO BECOME?  
BUT ---





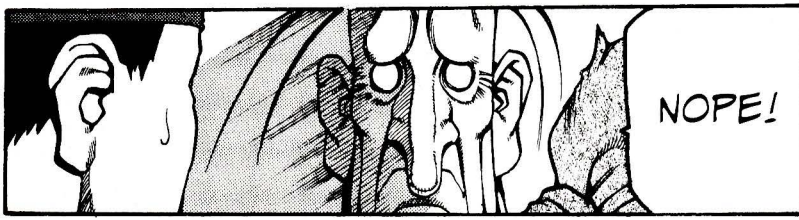


!?  
YOU MEAN YOU CAN, OLD MAN !?

BUT YOU MARTIAL ARTISTS HAVE A TENDENCY TO FOCUS ENTIRELY ON YOUR OPPONENT, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR UNDERSTANDING THE "SOUL" OF A TREE.



SPENDING TIME WITH A TREE... SOUNDS LIKE INTERESTING TRAINING.



NOPE!



IT'S ABOUT READING THE SIGNS OF THE HEAVENS AND KNOWING THE EARTH ASPECT!!

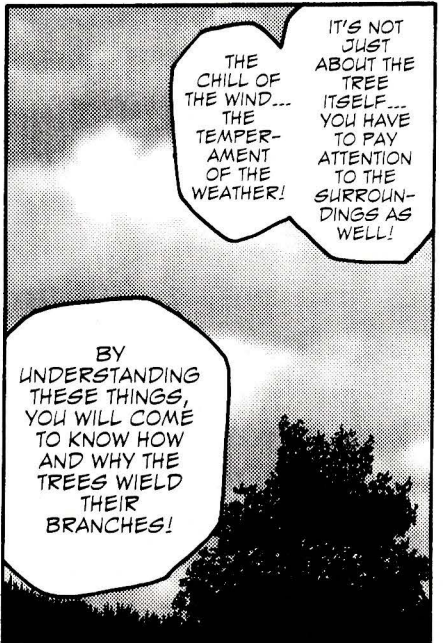
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO READ THEIR "SOULS", BUT I CAN AT LEAST DETECT THEM.

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!

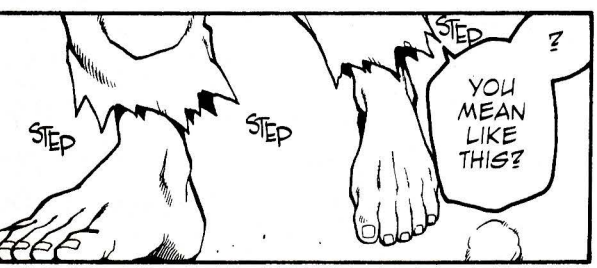


FOR EXAMPLE, RYU, TAKE THREE STEPS FORWARD.

OF COURSE, THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST TREES.

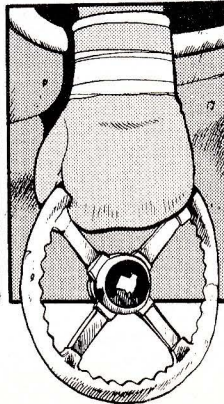
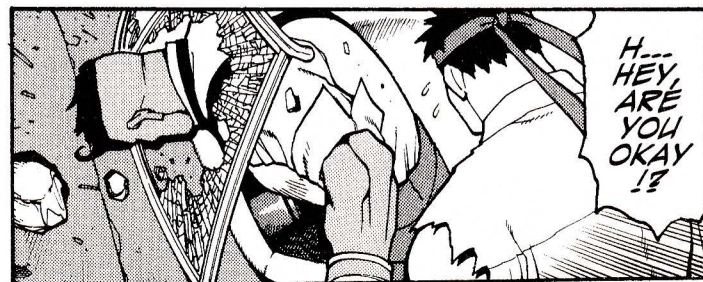
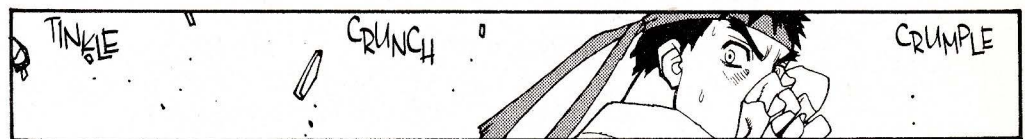


IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE TREE ITSELF... YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE SURROUNDINGS AS WELL!  
THE CHILL OF THE WIND... THE TEMPERAMENT OF THE WEATHER!



STEP  
STEP  
STEP  
? YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?

BY UNDERSTANDING THESE THINGS, YOU WILL COME TO KNOW HOW AND WHY THE TREES WIELD THEIR BRANCHES!

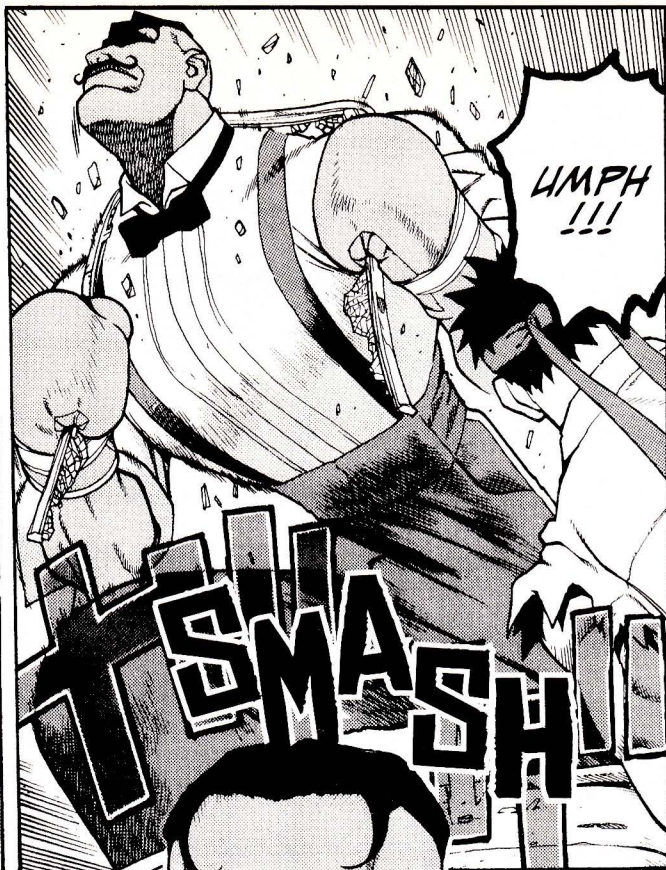
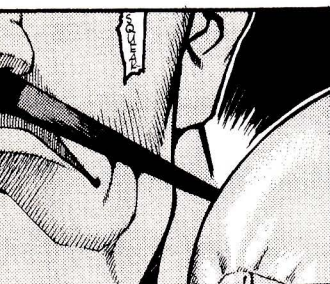
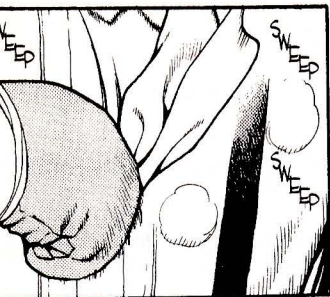


YOU SEE, SUCH SKILLS CAN BE USED TO AVOID DANGER AS WELL! HAHA!

IS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT TIME TO BRAG?!

BOXING GLOVES ...?

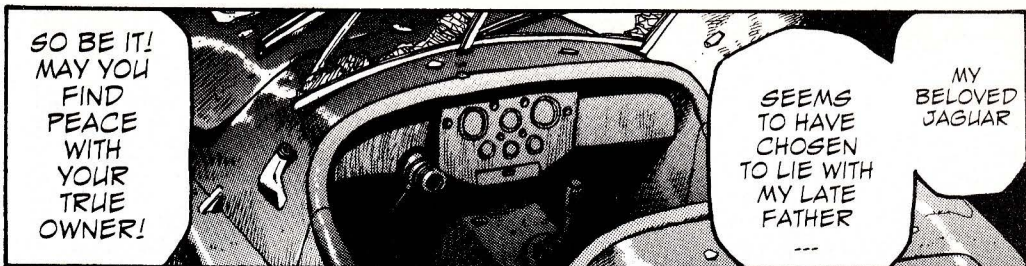
H... HEY ARE YOU OKAY!?



ARE EITHER OF YOU CHAPS INJURED?

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME!





SO BE IT!  
MAY YOU  
FIND  
PEACE  
WITH  
YOUR  
TRUE  
OWNER!

SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
CHOSEN  
TO LIE WITH  
MY LATE  
FATHER  
---

MY  
BELOVED  
JAGUAR



BEING A  
TRUE  
GENTLEMAN  
MEANS I  
MUST BE  
PREPARED  
FOR BATTLE  
AT ANY  
TIME!  
HEH HEH  
HEH

THEY SAY  
THAT SEVEN  
ENEMIES  
AWAIT ANY  
MAN WHO  
STEPS  
OUTSIDE!



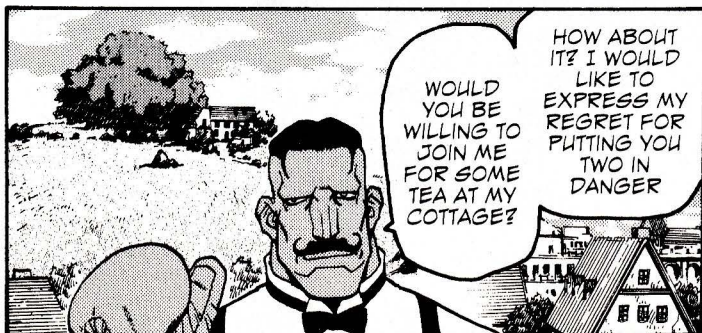
DRIVING WITH  
YOUR BOXING  
GLOVES ON IS A  
HAZARD, IT'S  
NO WONDER  
YOU CAUSED AN  
ACCIDENT!

I  
AGREE!



HEH HEH  
HEH ... I DO  
BELIEVE  
YOU AND I  
WOULD GET  
ALONG  
WELL.

HAHAHA,  
WELL I  
GUESS  
YOU GOT  
ME  
THERE.



WOULD  
YOU BE  
WILLING TO  
JOIN ME  
FOR SOME  
TEA AT MY  
COTTAGE?

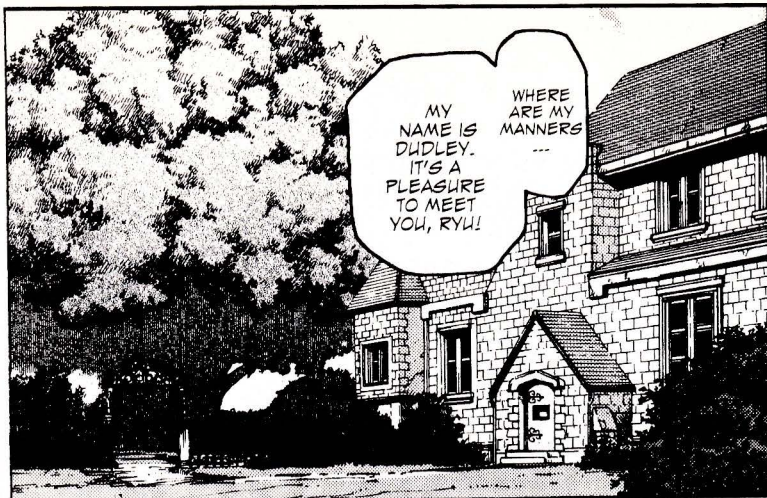
HOW ABOUT  
IT? I WOULD  
LIKE TO  
EXPRESS MY  
REGRET FOR  
PUTTING YOU  
TWO IN  
DANGER



! BESIDES,  
I HARDLY  
THINK  
YOU'RE IN  
A POSITION  
TO SPEAK.

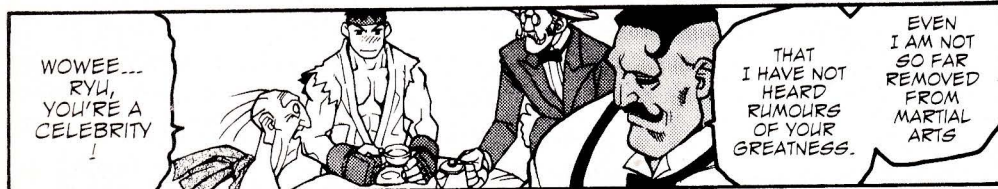


HEH HEH  
HEH...  
SURELY  
YOU ARE  
NOT  
SURPRISED  
?



MY  
NAME IS  
DUDLEY.  
IT'S A  
PLEASURE  
TO MEET  
YOU, RYU!

WHERE  
ARE MY  
MANNERS  
...



WOWEE...  
RYU,  
YOU'RE A  
CELEBRITY  
!

THAT  
I HAVE NOT  
HEARD  
RUMOURS  
OF YOUR  
GREATNESS.

EVEN  
I AM NOT  
SO FAR  
REMOVED  
FROM  
MARTIAL  
ARTS



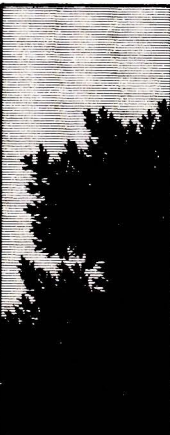
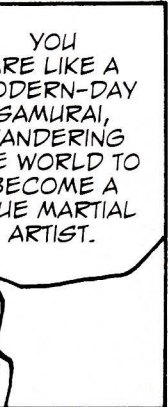
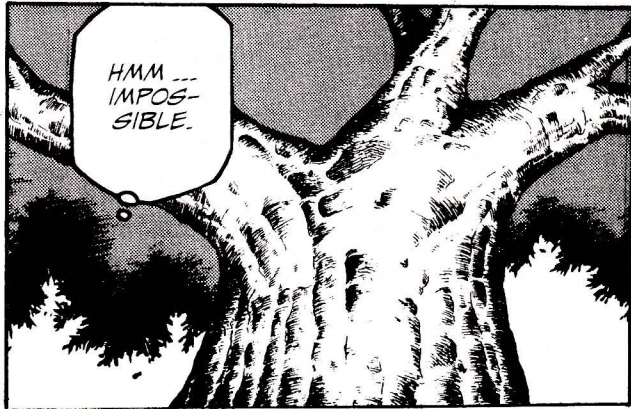
HEE  
HEE  
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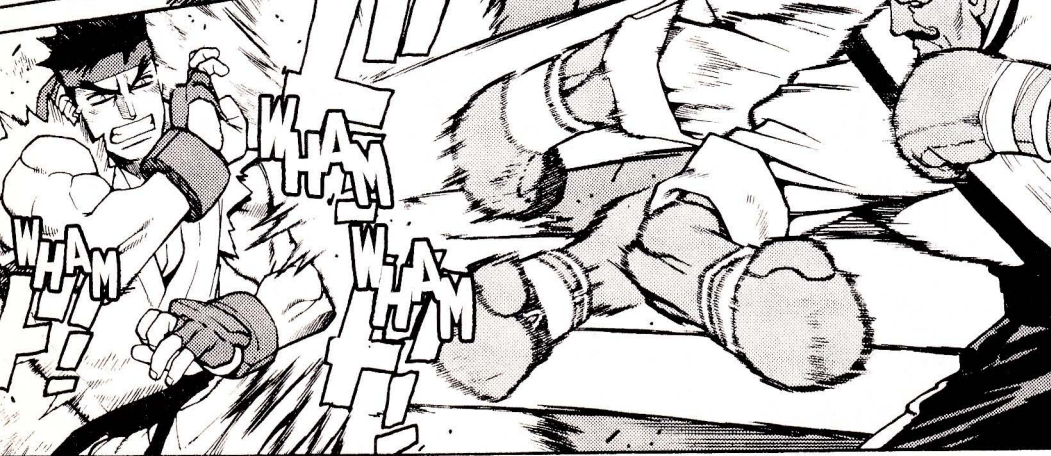
TEE  
HEE  
HEE  
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!?

HEE  
HEE  
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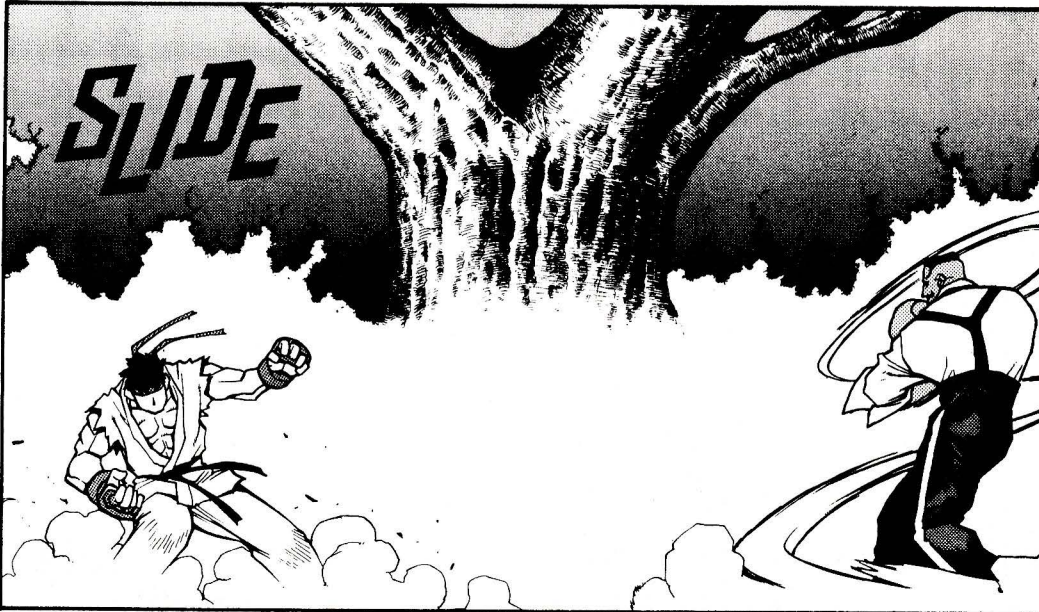


BOXING IS THE REFINED MARTIAL ART OF A TRUE GENTLEMAN!!



I HAVE NO NEED FOR KICKING, AS IT ONLY SERVES TO UNBALANCE MY STANCE!

I SEE... HE FIGHTS WITH ONLY HIS FISTS...



BUT HIS EXPERTISE SURPASSES ALL OTHERS!! HE'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH OPPONENT !!



ACCURATE STRIKES!! RAPID HITS WITHOUT ANY PAUSE!! I ALWAYS HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY WITH BOXERS...

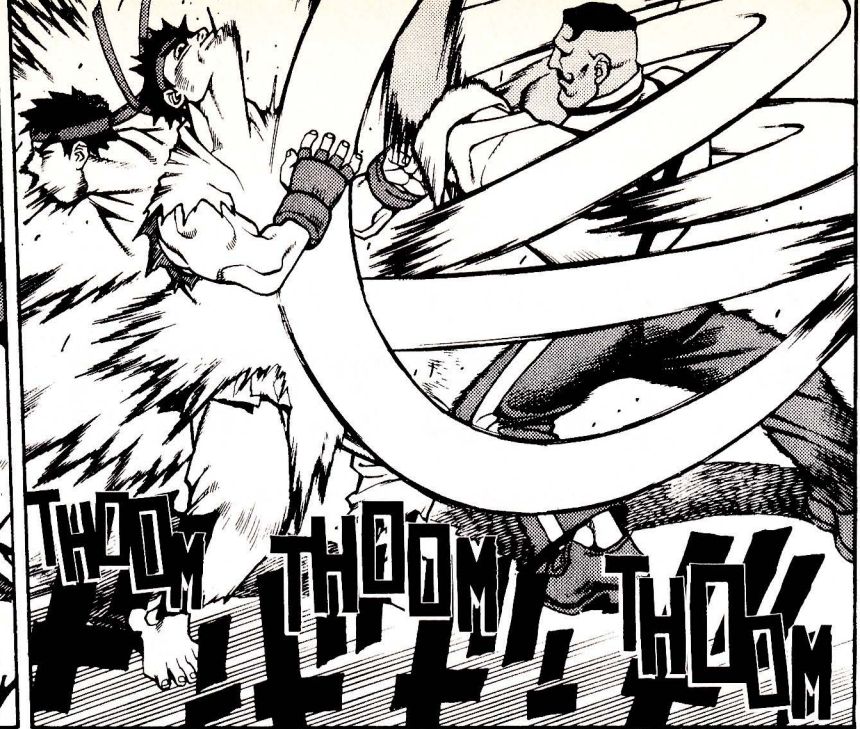
UGH !!



GAH --!

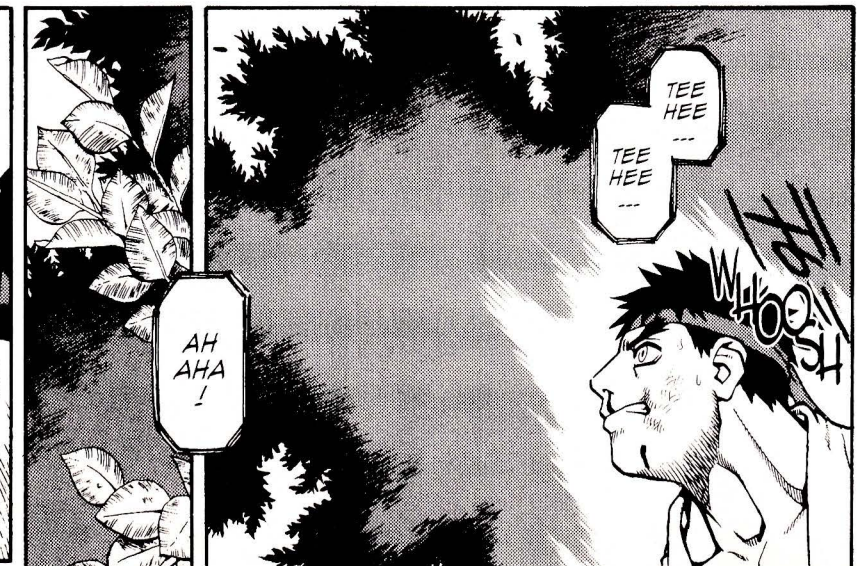
HE'S GOT A CLEAR UP CLOSE ADVANTAGE!!

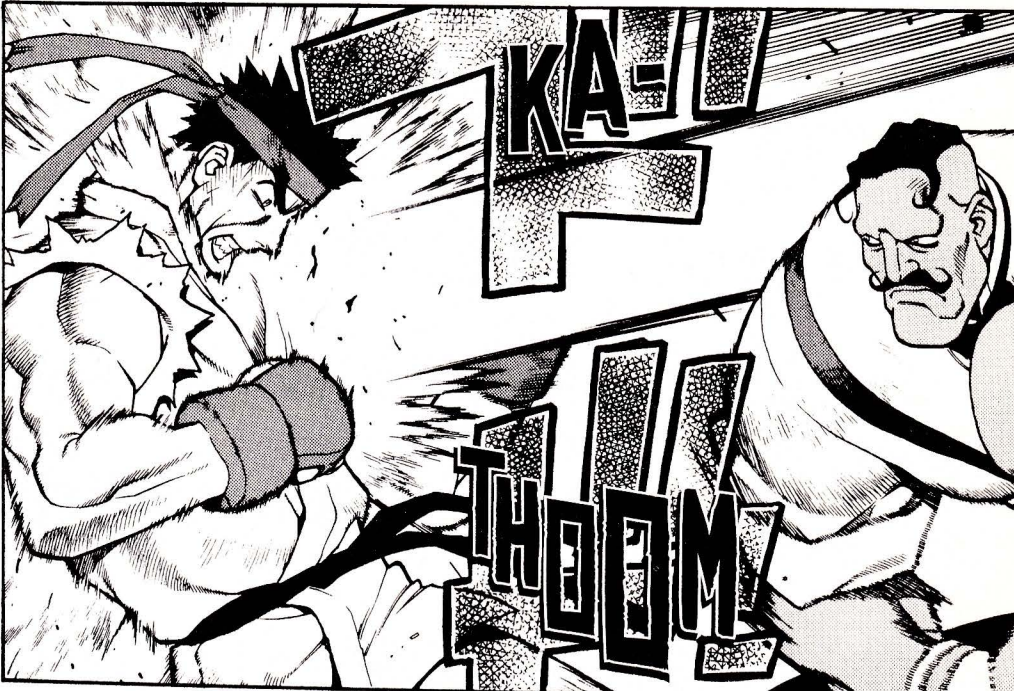
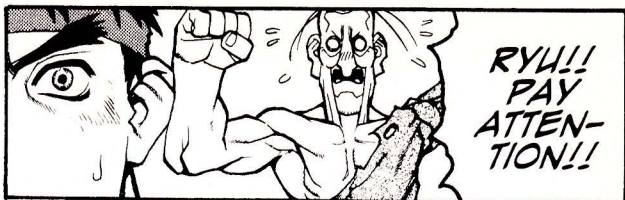
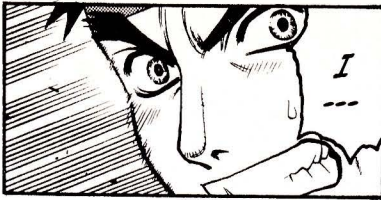
I'LL HAVE TO GET ENOUGH DISTANCE BETWEEN US TO USE MY HADOKEN

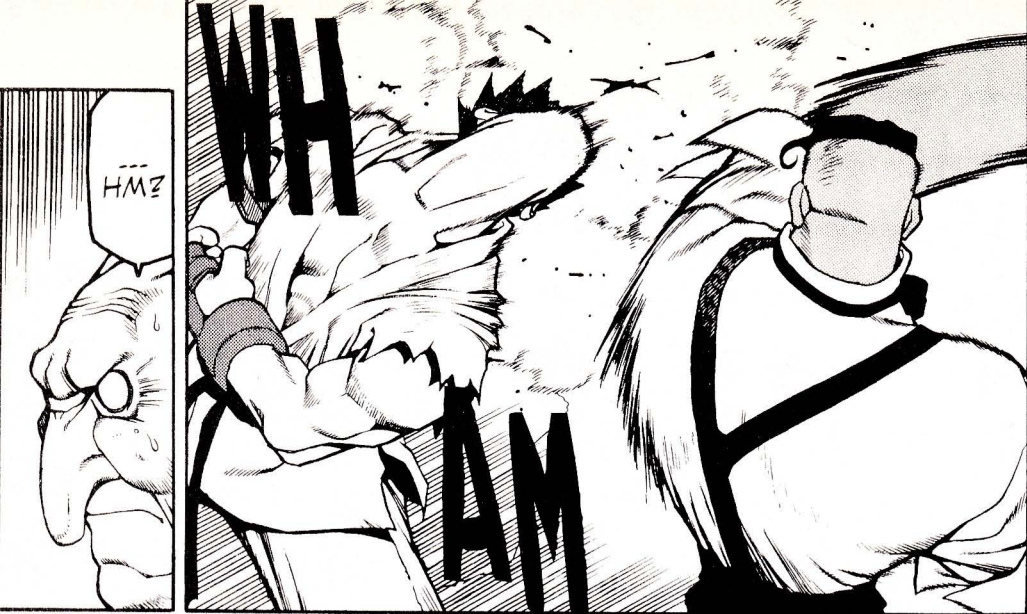


I HEARD THAT LAUGH AGAIN

WHERE'S IT COMING FROM!?

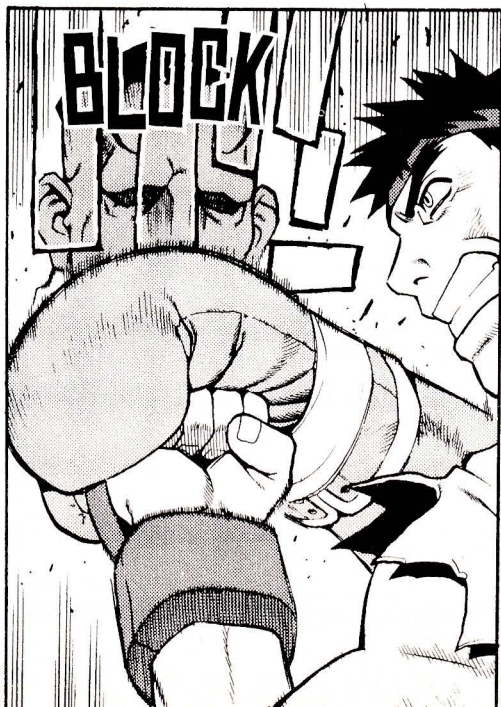


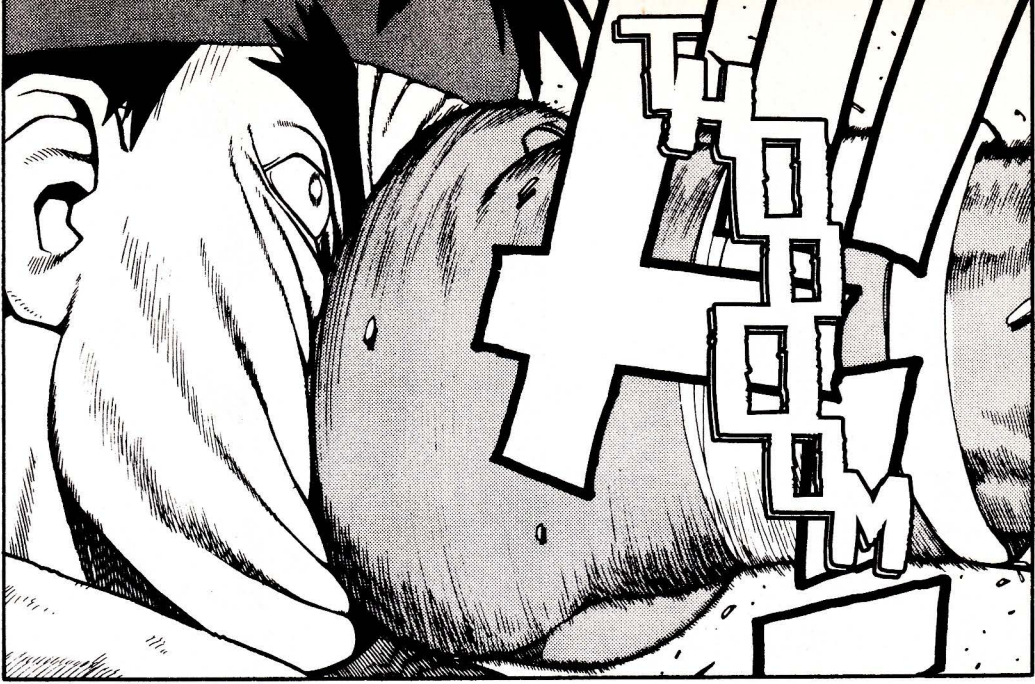




RYU IS  
NOT HIS  
USUAL  
SELF!?

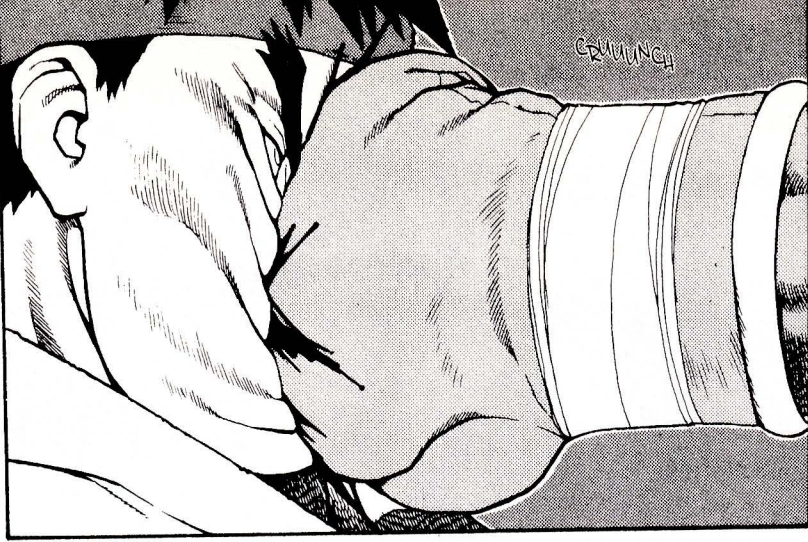
STRANGE  
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# CHAPTER 12



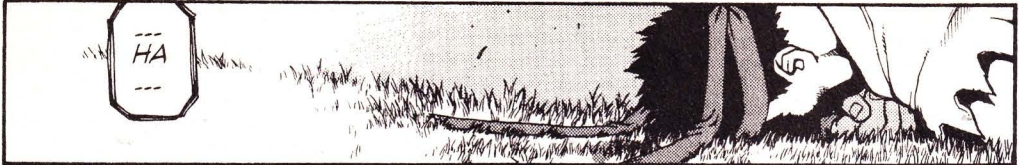


I AM TRULY DISAPPOINTED, RYU!



THE SAMURAI'S POTENTIAL... WAS NOT WHAT I BELIEVED IT COULD BE.



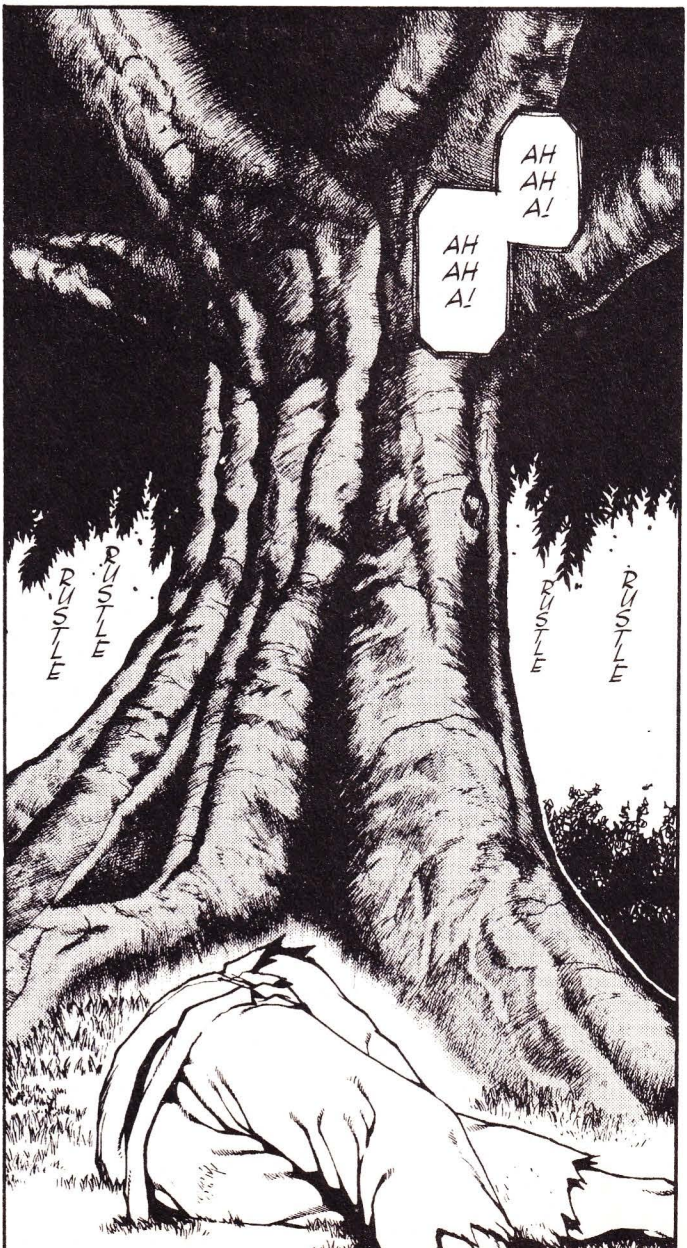


HA



AH  
AH  
AH  
A!

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AH  
AH  
A!

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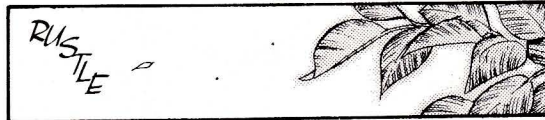
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THAT  
LAUGHTER  
AGAIN  
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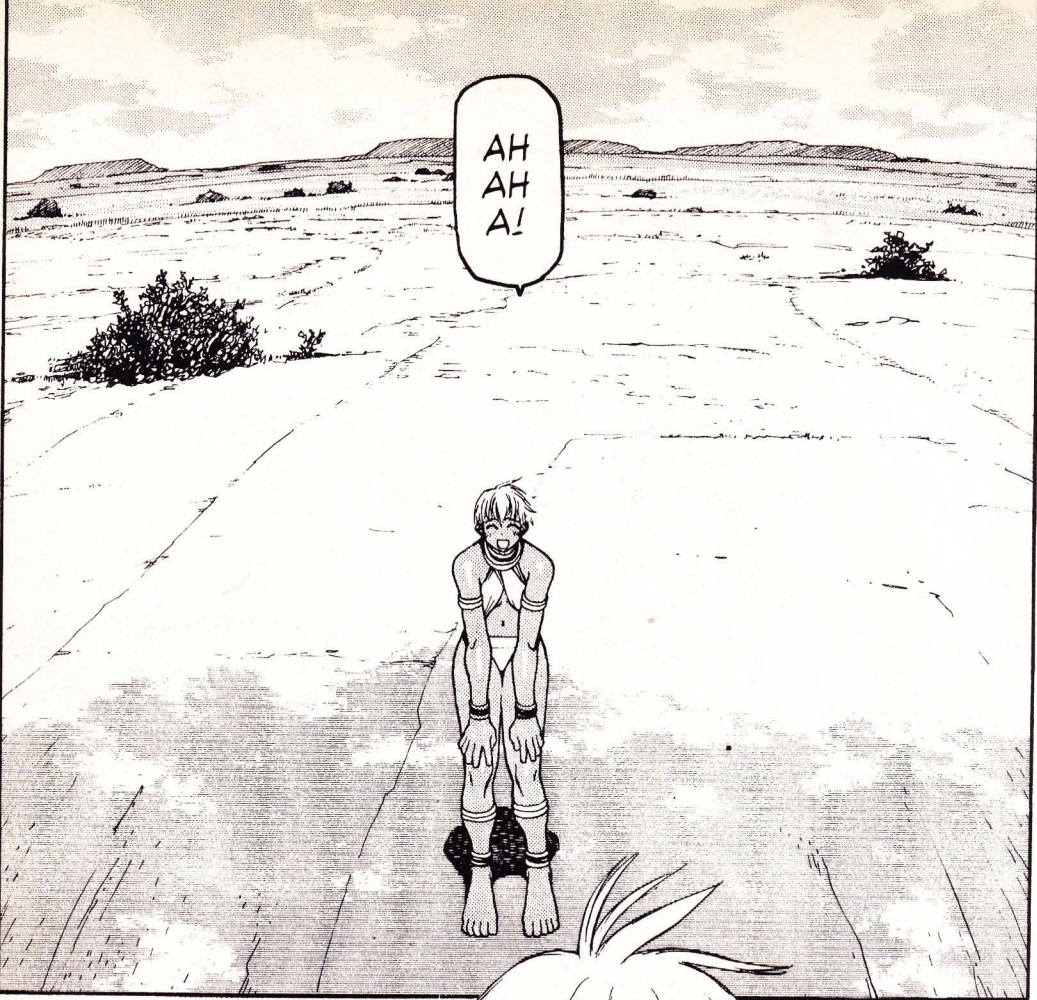
KNOW THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND...  
KNOW THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SUN! THEN WILL IT BE EASY FOR YOU TO SENSE THE "SOUL OF THE TREE".



EMPTY YOUR SOUL AND LEND YOUR EARS TO THE VOICES OF THE TREES.



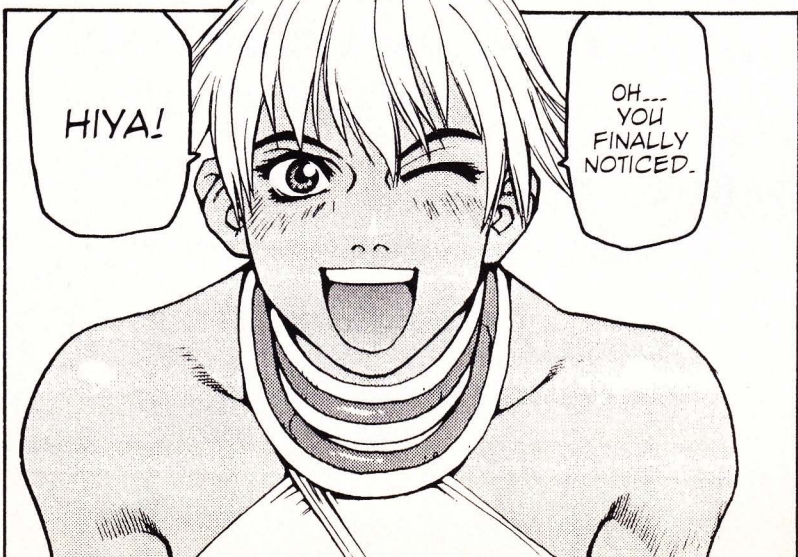




AH  
AH  
A!



---SO  
THE  
LAUGHTER  
I HEARD  
BELONGS  
TO YOU  
---  
I  
THOUGHT  
IT WAS  
THE VOICE  
OF THE  
TREES  
---



HIYA!

OH...  
YOU  
FINALLY  
NOTICED.



YOU'RE WEIRD!

A  
H  
A  
H  
A!

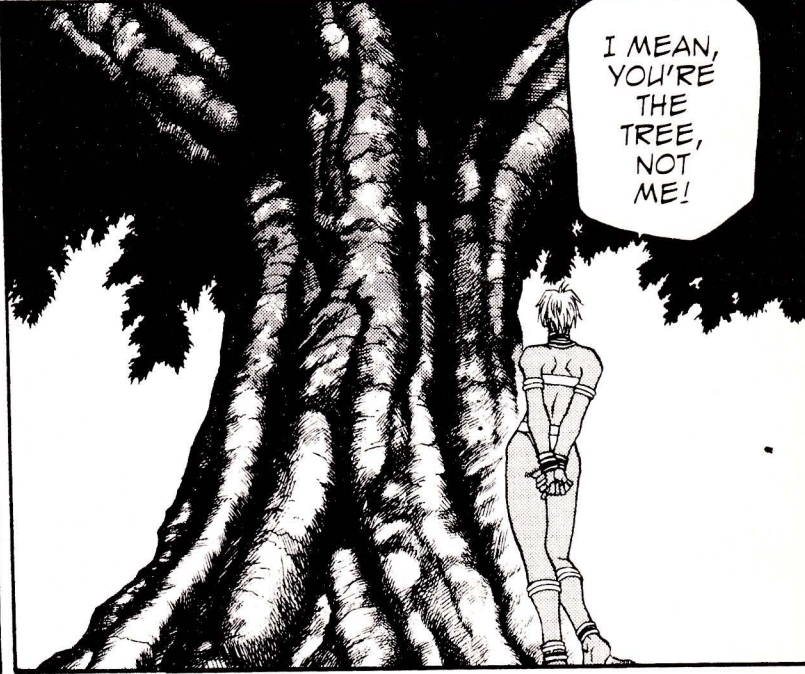


UH... NOTHING. NEVER-MIND.

THE VOICE OF THE TREE...??



...!? ME... A TREE...??



I MEAN, YOU'RE THE TREE, NOT ME!



YOU'RE THE STRANGE TREE THAT INSISTS ON KEEPING ITS LEAVES A HEALTHY GREEN DURING THE DRIEST SEASON OF THE SAVANNAH!

YEAH... AND NOT JUST ANY TREE.



HEE  
HEE  
HEE!

A  
SAVANNAH...  
NO WONDER  
I'M SO  
THIRSTY, AND  
MY HEAD IS  
FEVERISH.

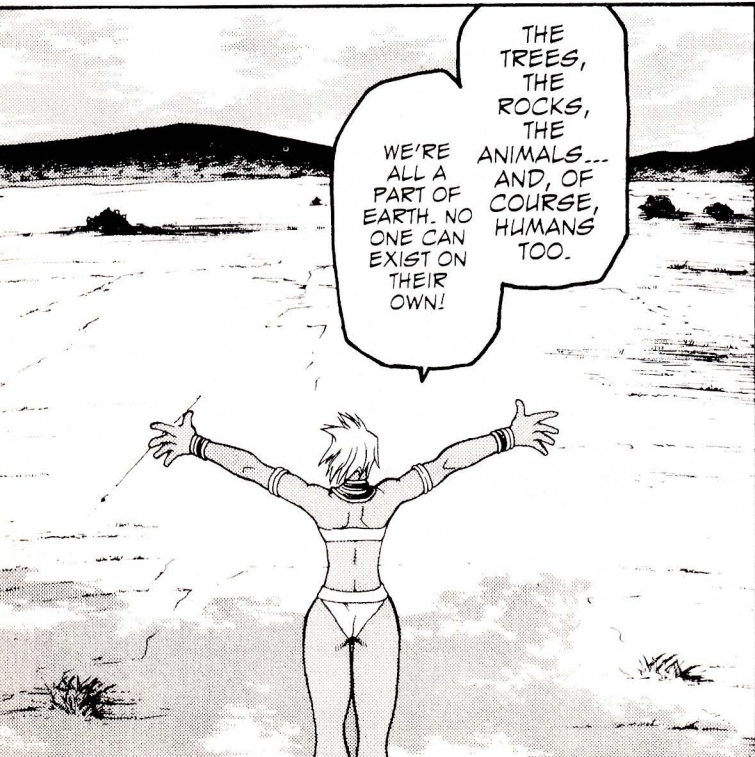


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I KNOW  
THE  
SAVANNAH  
SEEMS  
LIKE A  
CRUEL  
PLACE  
TO YOU.



THERE  
ARE MANY  
THAT  
DEPEND  
ON THIS  
PLACE!



WE'RE  
ALL A  
PART OF  
EARTH. NO  
ONE CAN  
EXIST ON  
THEIR  
OWN!

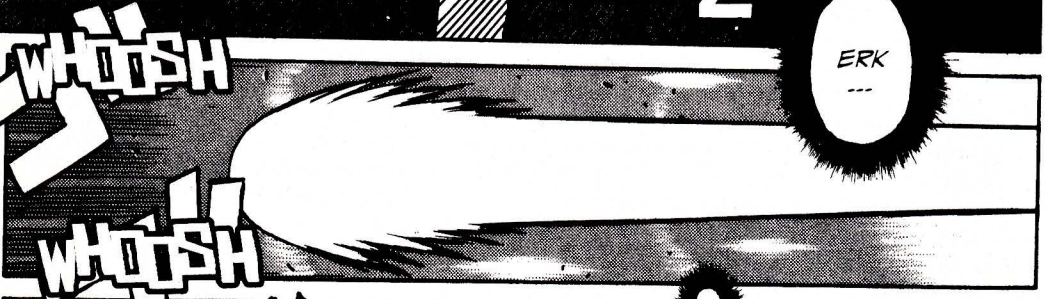
THE  
TREES,  
THE  
ROCKS,  
THE  
ANIMALS...  
AND, OF  
COURSE,  
HUMANS  
TOO.



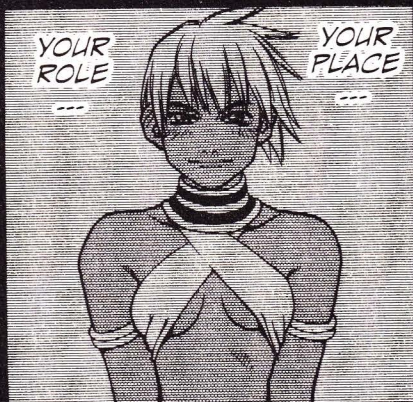
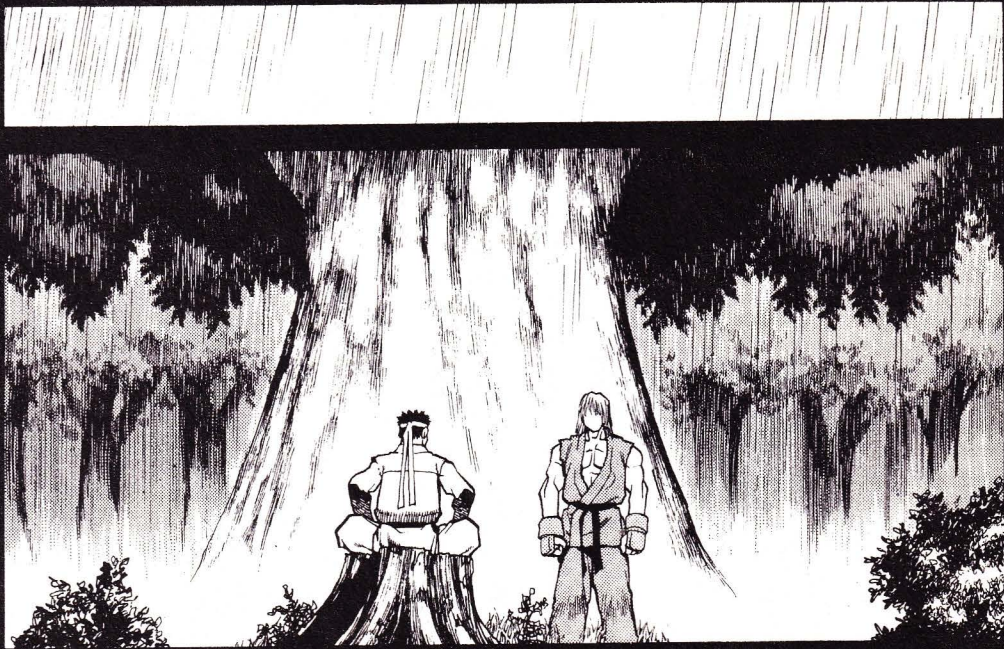
JUST AS  
TREES NEED  
WATER,  
ANIMALS  
NEED THE  
FRUIT  
FROM THE  
TREES...

BY  
SHARING  
OF OUR  
INDIVIDUAL  
NEEDS,  
THE EARTH  
CONTINUES.



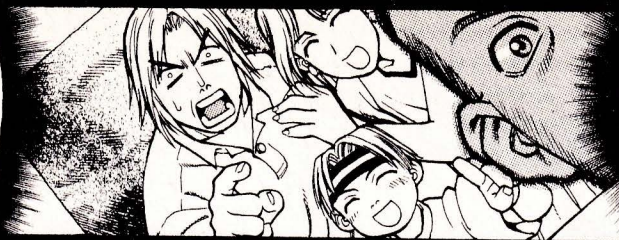


# ZING!



A STRONG FATHER"

--- KEN,  
THAT'S  
YOUR  
ROLE...



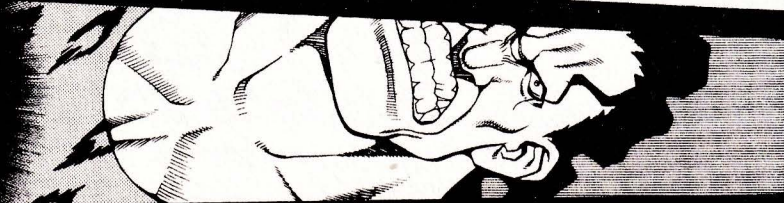
--- YOU  
HAVE FOUND  
A PLACE  
CALLED  
"FAMILY"

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ORO...  
HIS ROLE  
IS GUIDING  
ME DOWN  
THE PATH TO  
BECOMING A  
TRUE MARTIAL  
ARTIST.

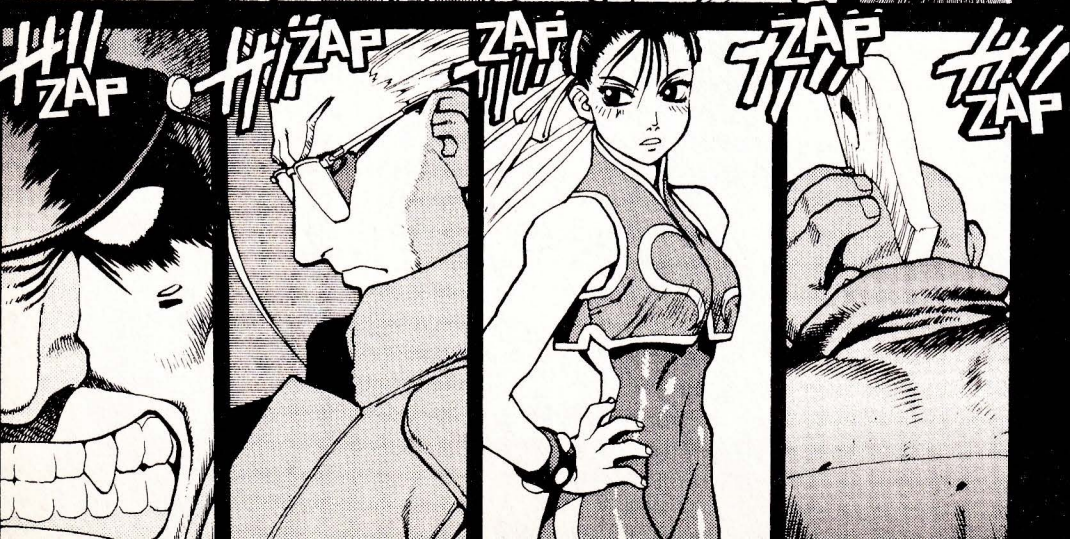
HUGO... IS  
WORKING TO  
BE WORTHY  
WHEN HE  
REUNITES  
WITH HIS  
MOTHER.



THEY REMIND  
ME OF MY  
YOUNGER  
DAYS... SO  
PURE IN THEIR  
PURSUIT OF  
"STRENGTH"...



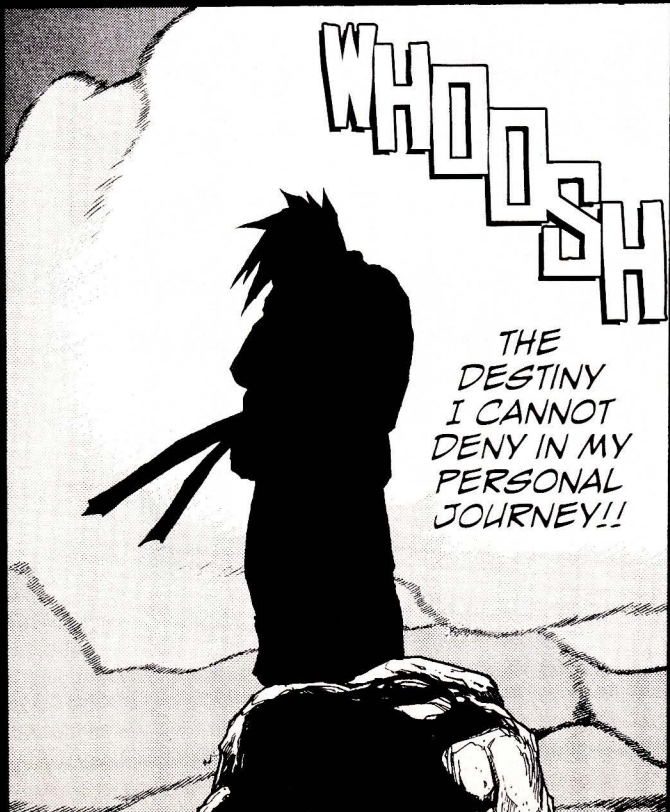
YUN AND  
YANG,  
MARTIAL  
ARTIST  
BROTHERS.





WHERE IS MY PLACE IN THIS WORLD!?

THEN WHERE IS THE ONE WHO NEEDS ME!?



WHOOSH

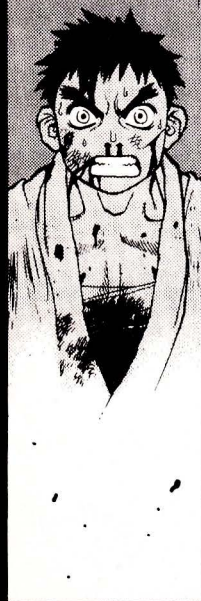
THE DESTINY I CANNOT DENY IN MY PERSONAL JOURNEY!!



EACH HAD THEIR OWN ROLE!!



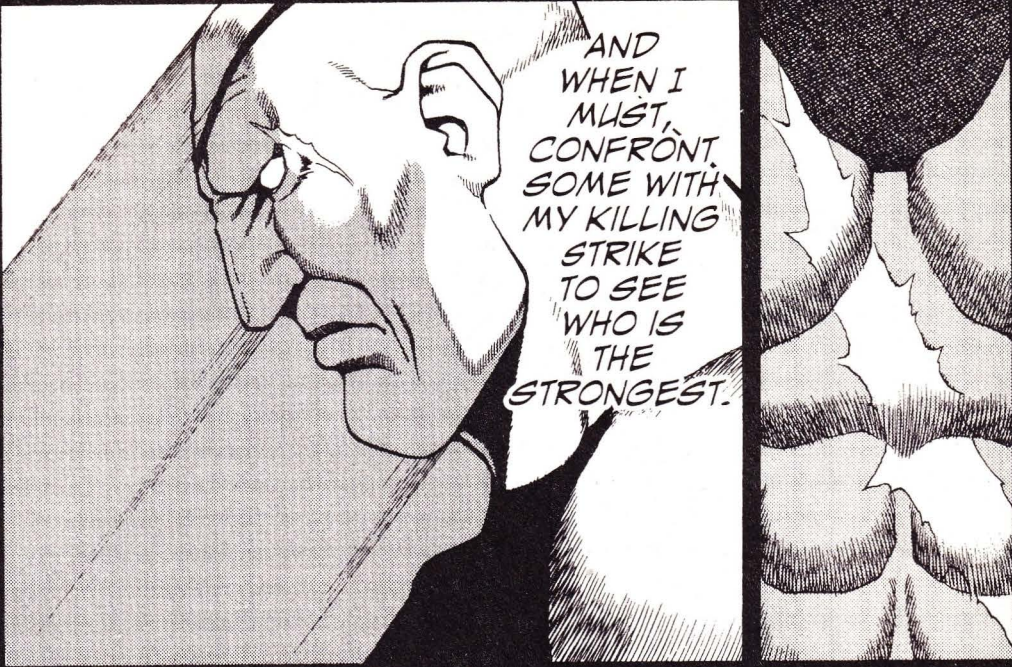
YES



**SURPASS THE FIGHT  
AND BECOME A TRUE  
MARTIAL ARTIST!!  
THAT IS YOUR ROLE!!**

AND...

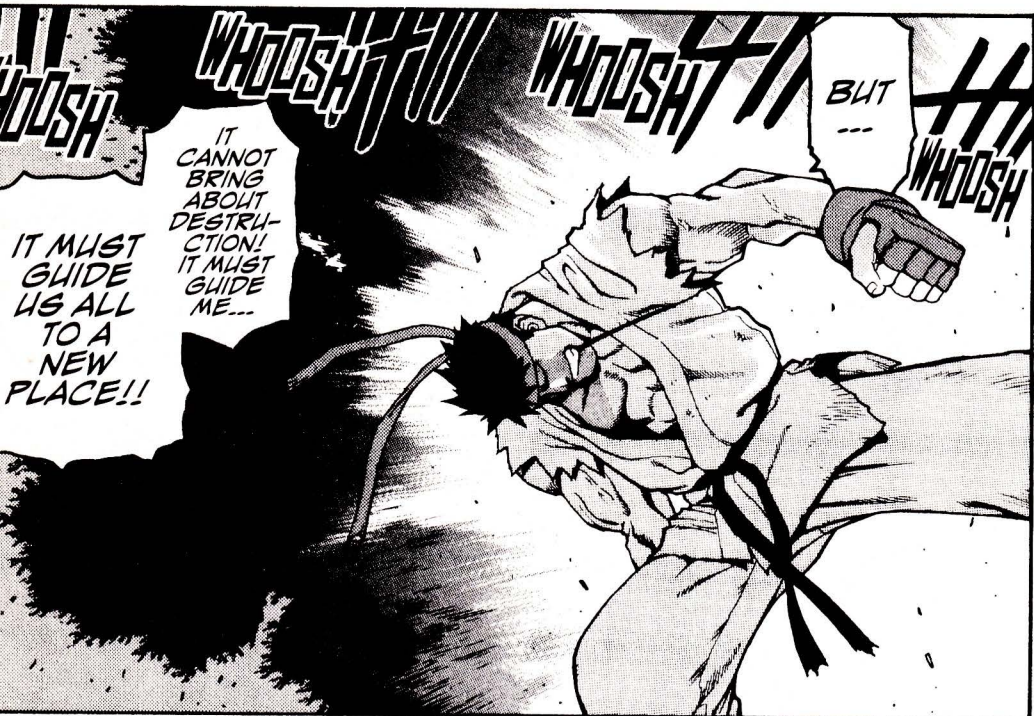
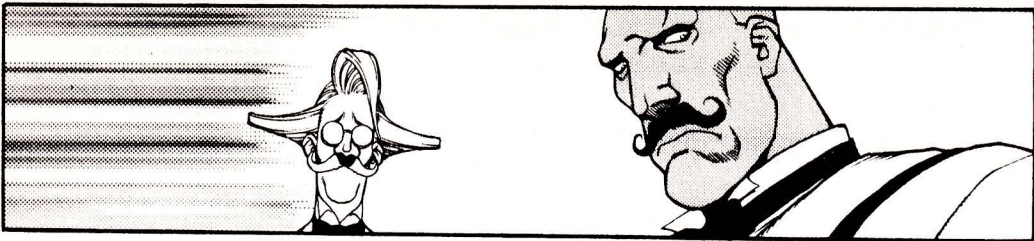


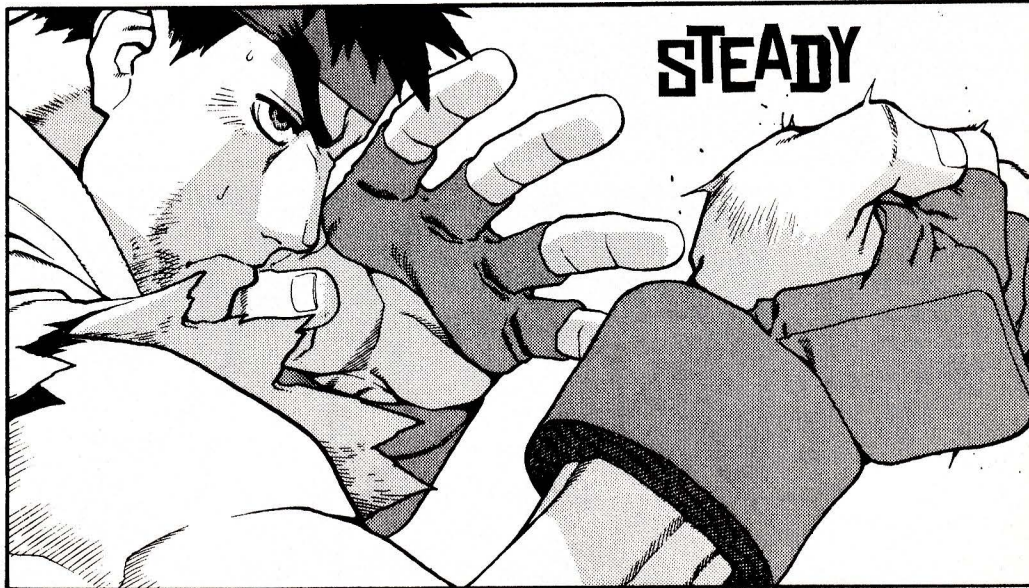
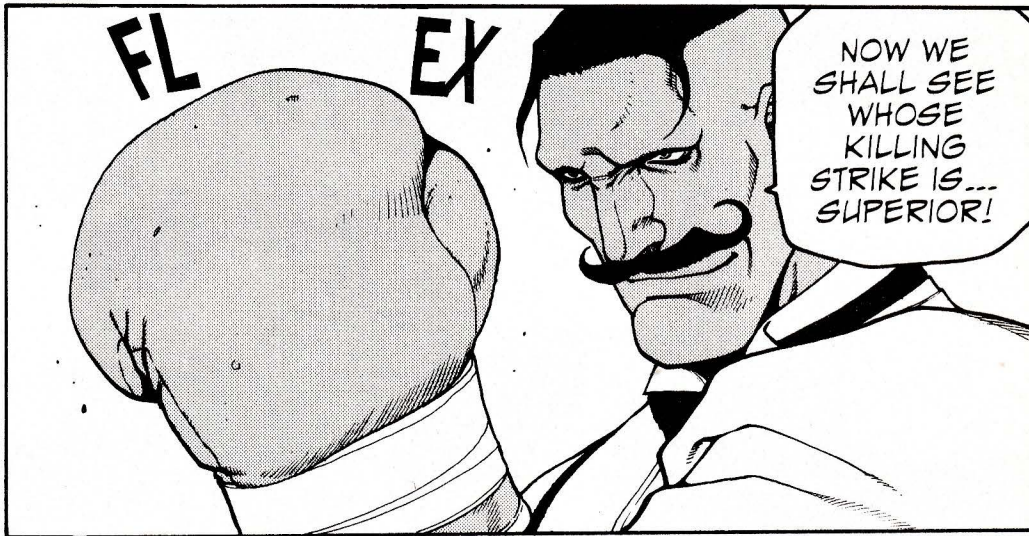


AND  
WHEN I  
MUST,  
CONFRONT  
SOME WITH  
MY KILLING  
STRIKE  
TO SEE  
WHO IS  
THE  
STRONGEST.

THO-

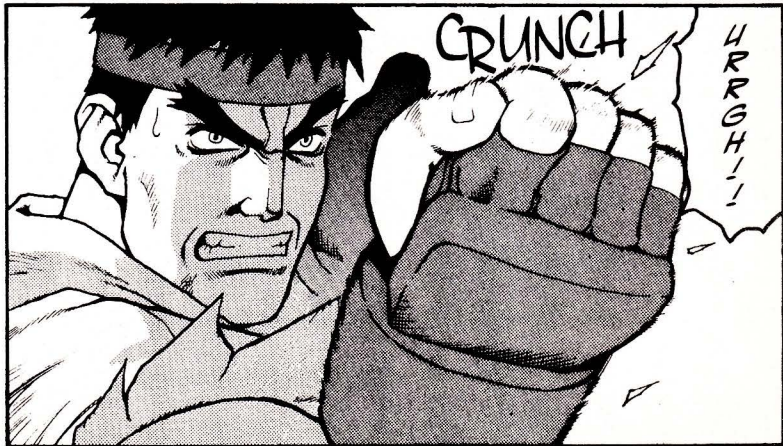
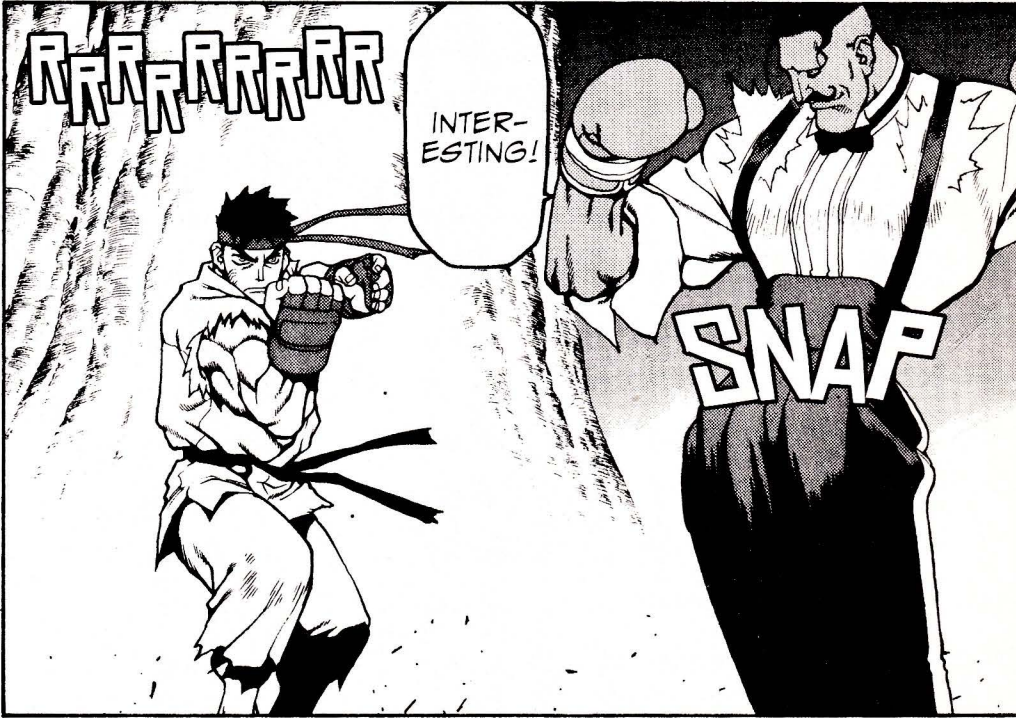
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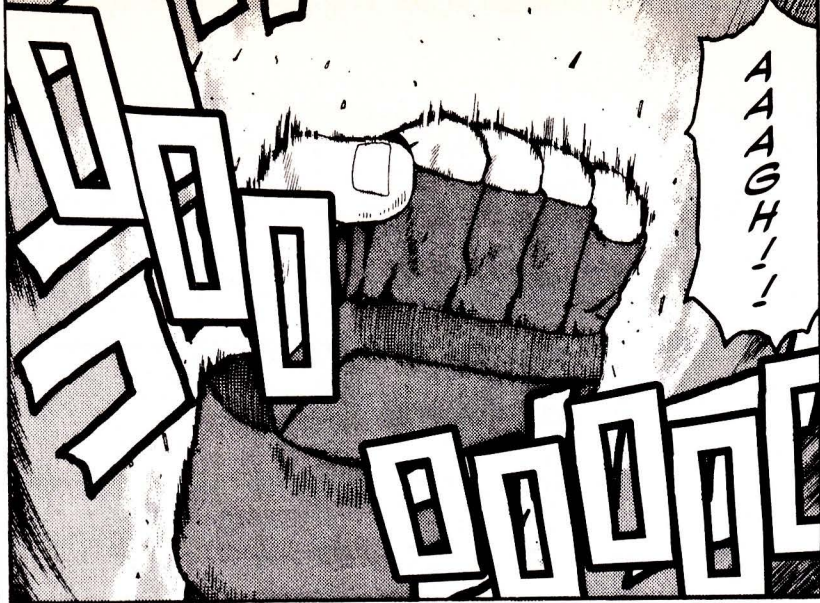




OH! I CAN FEEL ALL THE ENERGY GATHERING IN HIS FIST...



THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT COULD STOP THE FORCE OF THAT FIST.

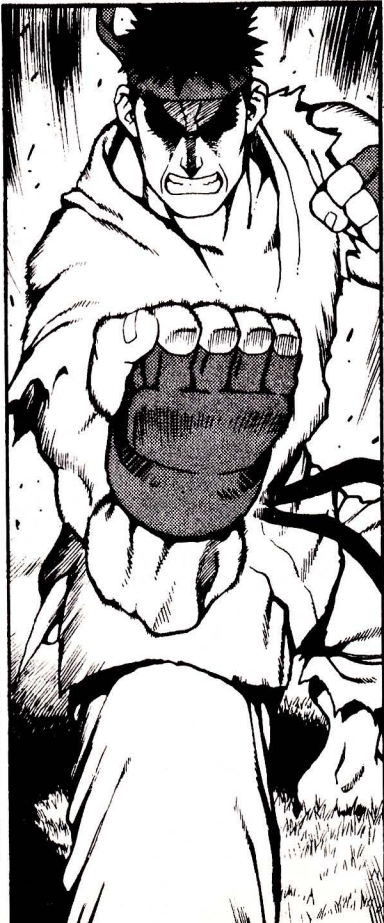
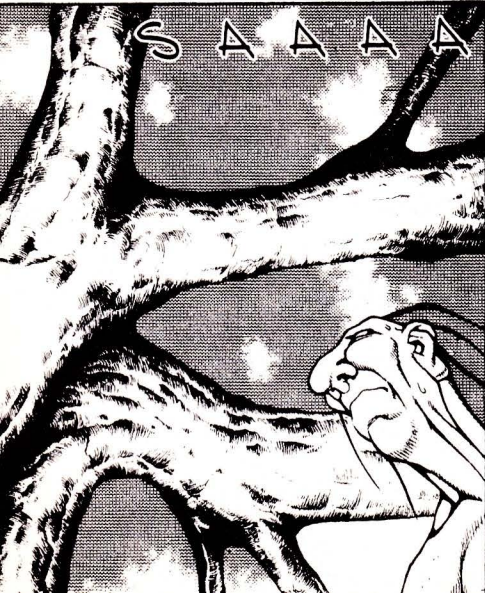


AAAGH!

EVEN AS A CHILD, YOU SENSED THE EVIL OF ITS EXISTENCE... AND YET YOU WOULD RECREATE THE SAME FIST NOW...?



...NONE-THELESS... THAT'S THE VERY FIST USED BY THE ONE YOU CALL THE TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST, IT IS THAT "KILLING STRIKE".



WHAT DID YOU... BESTOW UPON RYU...?

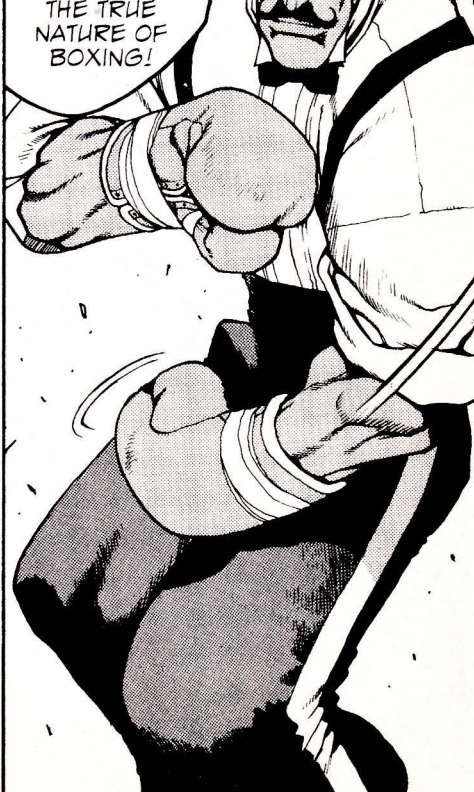
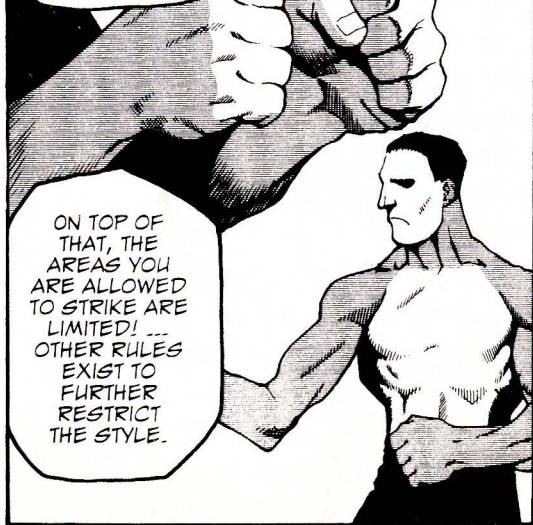
# R U S T L E

FOR A MOMENT, I FELT THIS GREAT TREE'S "SOUL" MERGE WITH RYU'S...



KICKING, THROWING, SLAPPING, ELBOWING, CROUCHING, STRIKING THROUGH A SPIN - ALL SUCH MOVES ARE FORBIDDEN!

BOXING... THE ART OF FIGHTING WITH THE KNUCKLE PORTION OF BOTH HANDS.

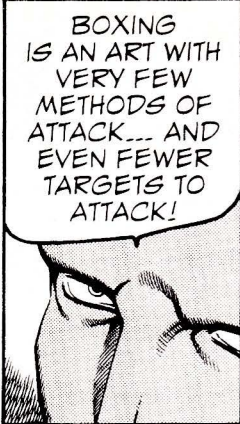







ITS HISTORY GOES AS FAR BACK AS THE ROMAN EMPIRE... WHEN BOXERS WERE KNOWN AS GLADIATORS!

WITHIN THESE RESTRICTIONS, BOXERS HAVE PROGRESSED, THINKING ONLY OF HOW TO BEST THEIR OPPONENTS EFFICIENTLY.



BOXING IS AN ART WITH VERY FEW METHODS OF ATTACK... AND EVEN FEWER TARGETS TO ATTACK!



IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT NO OTHER ART IN THIS FIELD CAN COMPARE ITSELF TO BOXING WHEN IT COMES TO WIELDING THE "KILLING STRIKE"!

THE HISTORY OF BOXING... ONE COULD CONSIDER IT THE VERY HISTORY OF MAN'S PURSUIT OF THE "KILLING STRIKE"!



WHAT !?



THE WIND ?



WHOOOSH

THE FIST IS LIKE THE WIND...

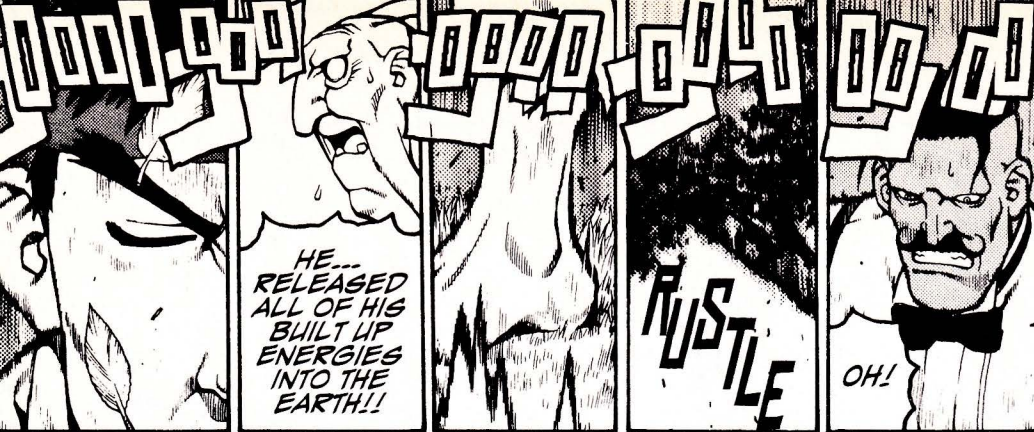
DOES IT  
NEED TO  
BLOW APART  
HOUSES... TO  
BLOW APART  
EVERYTHING  
IN ITS PATH?

THE  
WIND HAS  
NO COLOR,  
NO SHAPE...  
HOW CAN WE  
CONFIRM ITS  
EXISTENCE?

THERE'S  
NO  
NEED  
FOR  
THAT  
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F  
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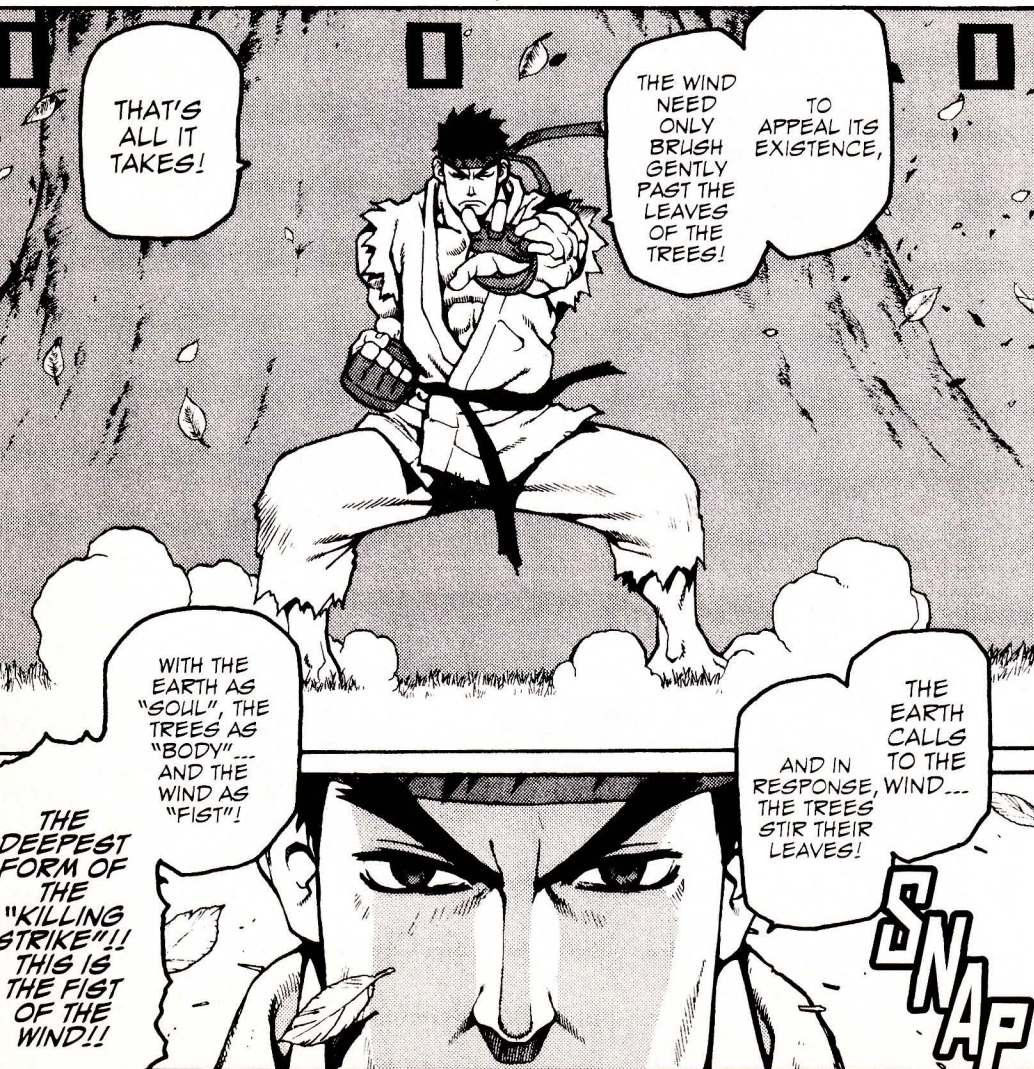




HE...  
RELEASED  
ALL OF HIS  
BUILT UP  
ENERGIES  
INTO THE  
EARTH!!

RUSTLE

OH!



THAT'S  
ALL IT  
TAKES!

THE WIND  
NEED  
ONLY  
BRUSH  
GENTLY  
PAST THE  
LEAVES  
OF THE  
TREES!

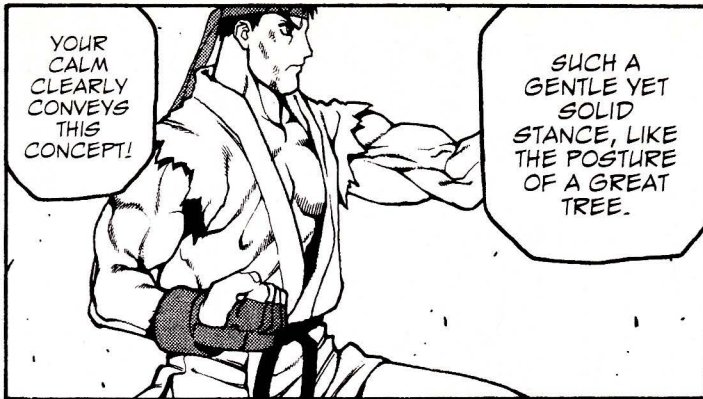
TO  
APPEAL ITS  
EXISTENCE,

WITH THE  
EARTH AS  
"SOUL", THE  
TREES AS  
"BODY"...  
AND THE  
WIND AS  
"FIST"!

THE  
EARTH  
CALLS  
TO THE  
WIND...  
AND IN  
RESPONSE, WIND...  
THE TREES  
STIR THEIR  
LEAVES!

THE  
DEEPEST  
FORM OF  
THE  
"KILLING  
STRIKE"!!  
THIS IS  
THE FIST  
OF THE  
WIND!!

SNAP



YOUR CALM CLEARLY CONVEYS THIS CONCEPT!

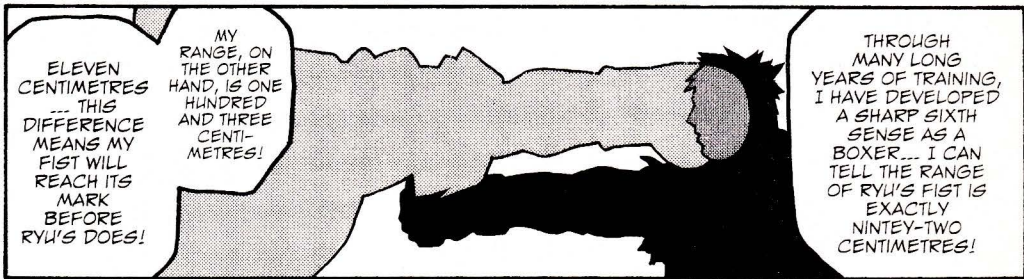
SUCH A GENTLE YET SOLID STANCE, LIKE THE POSTURE OF A GREAT TREE.



WIND... SOUNDS LIKE A TIMELESS CONCEPT OF THE EASTERN WORLD... THE IDEA WOULD BE... TO INCAPACITATE ONE'S OPPONENT WITHOUT DESTROYING THE PHYSICAL BODY!



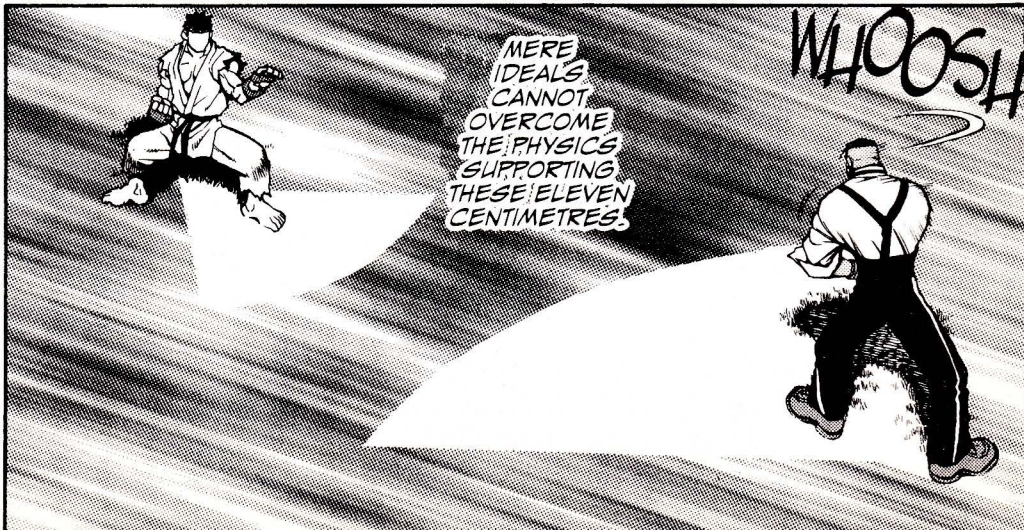
UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT GET TO SEE THE POWER OF THIS FIST OF YOURS.



ELEVEN CENTIMETRES ... THIS DIFFERENCE MEANS MY FIST WILL REACH ITS MARK BEFORE RYU'S DOES!

MY RANGE, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ONE HUNDRED AND THREE CENTIMETRES!

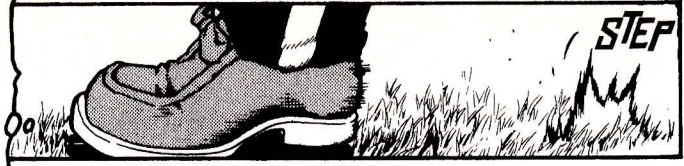
THROUGH MANY LONG YEARS OF TRAINING, I HAVE DEVELOPED A SHARP SIXTH SENSE AS A BOXER... I CAN TELL THE RANGE OF RYU'S FIST IS EXACTLY NINETY-TWO CENTIMETRES!



MERE IDEALS CANNOT OVERCOME THE PHYSICS SUPPORTING THESE ELEVEN CENTIMETRES!

WHOOSH!

AS SOON  
AS HE IS WITHIN  
RANGE, I WILL  
RELEASE MY  
"KILLING  
STRIKE", THE  
CORKSCREW  
BLOW!



STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP STEP

I SHALL  
BE  
VICTOR-  
IOUS!!



ZA



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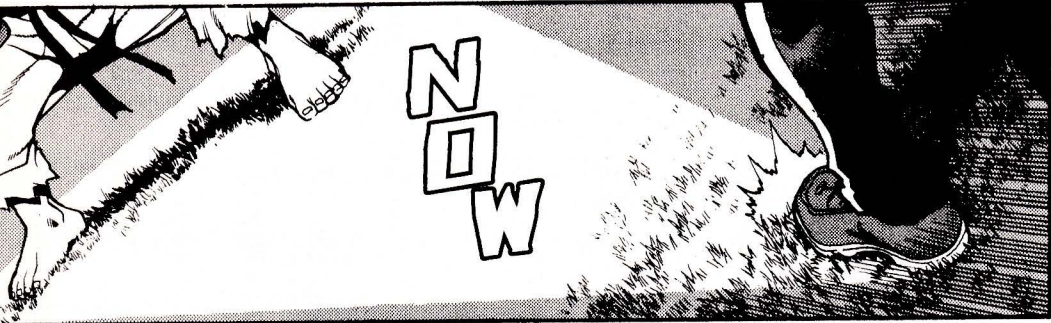
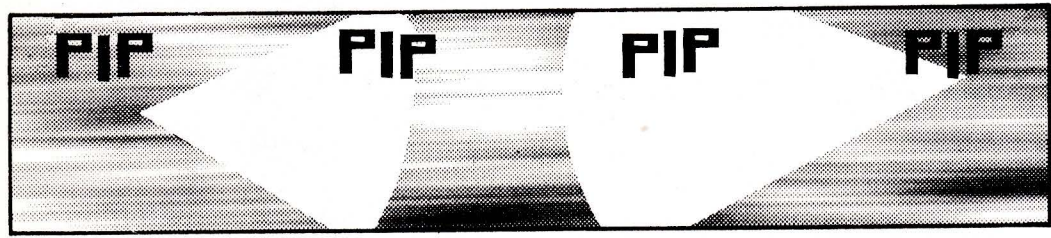
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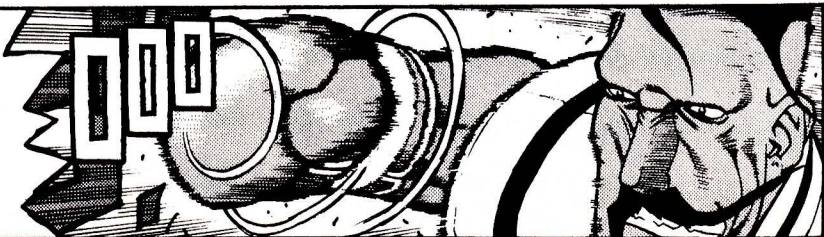
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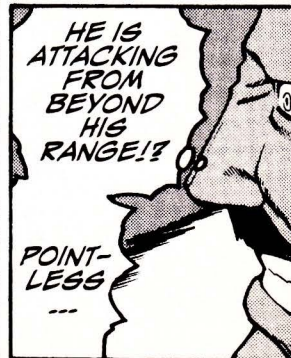
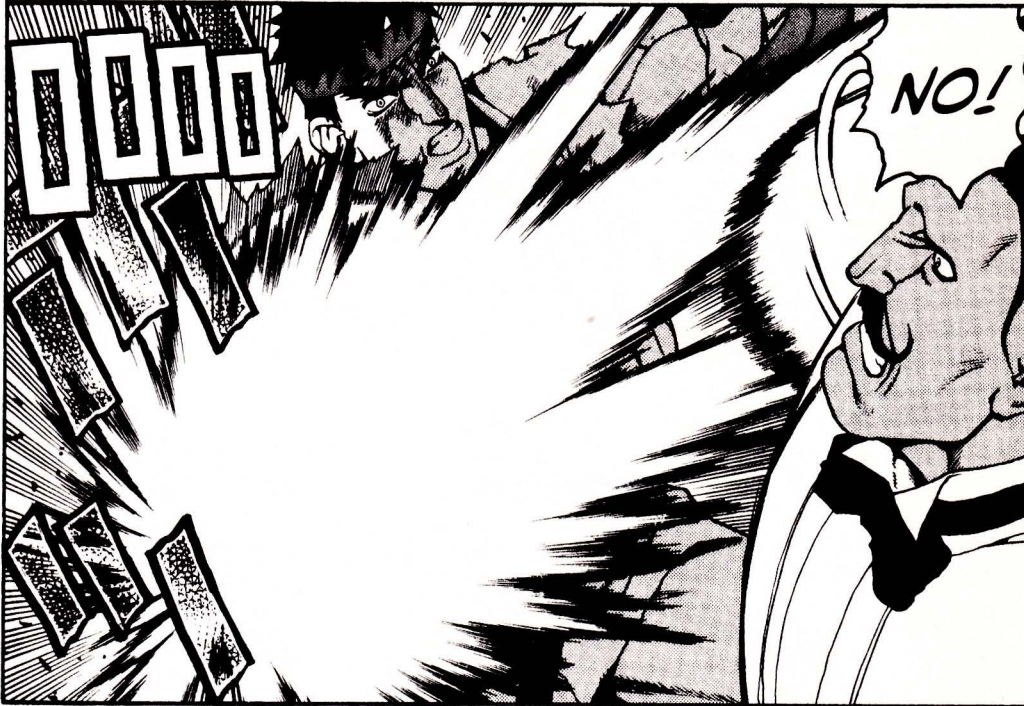


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THIS  
IS THE  
END!!



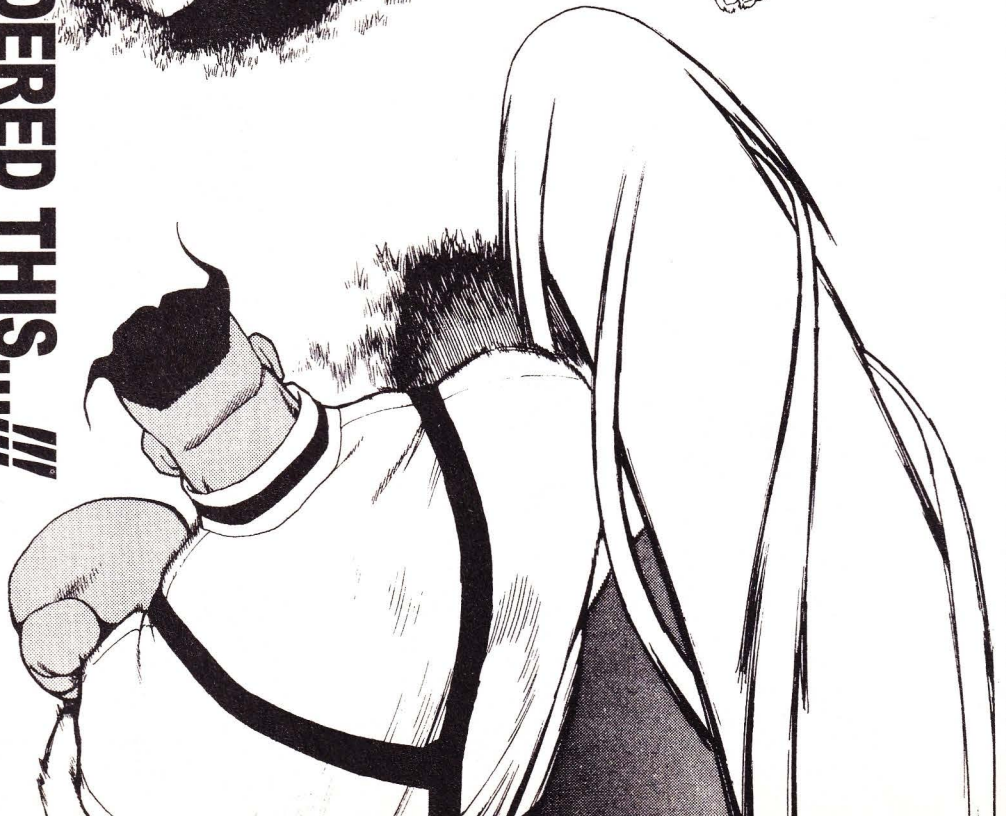
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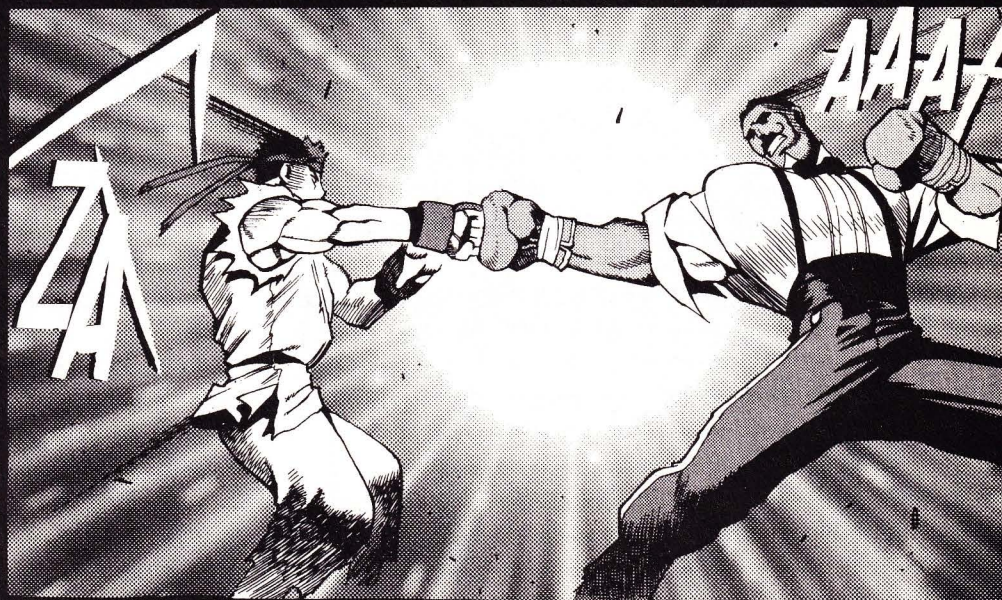
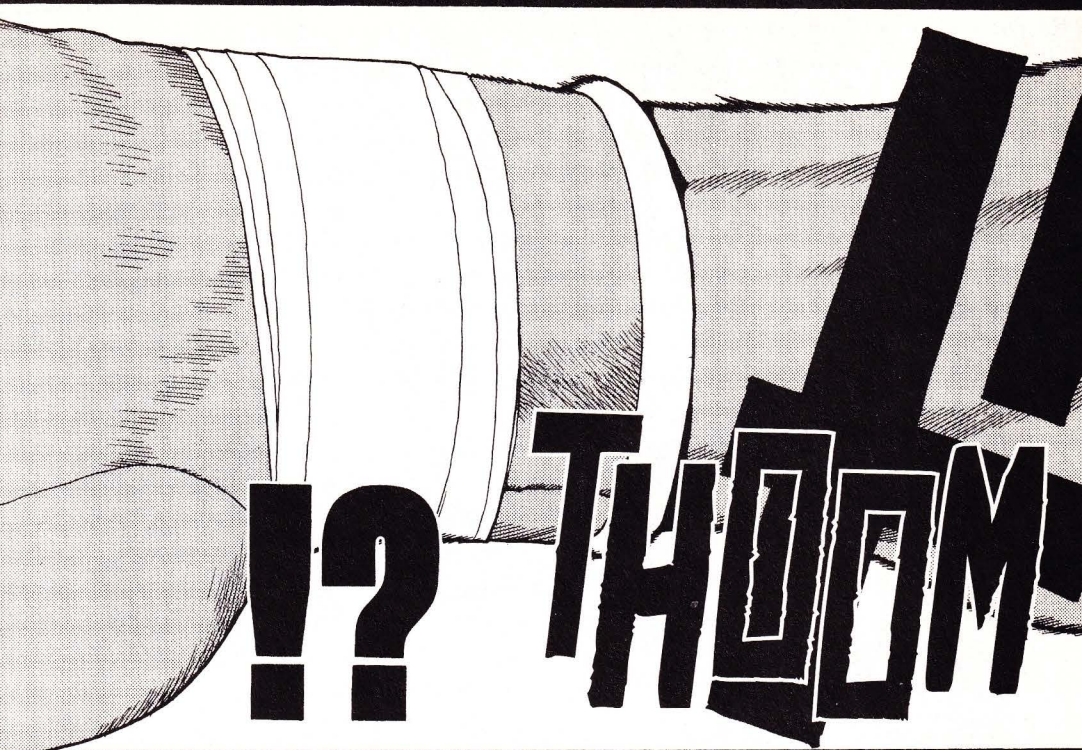


**OH NO...!!!**

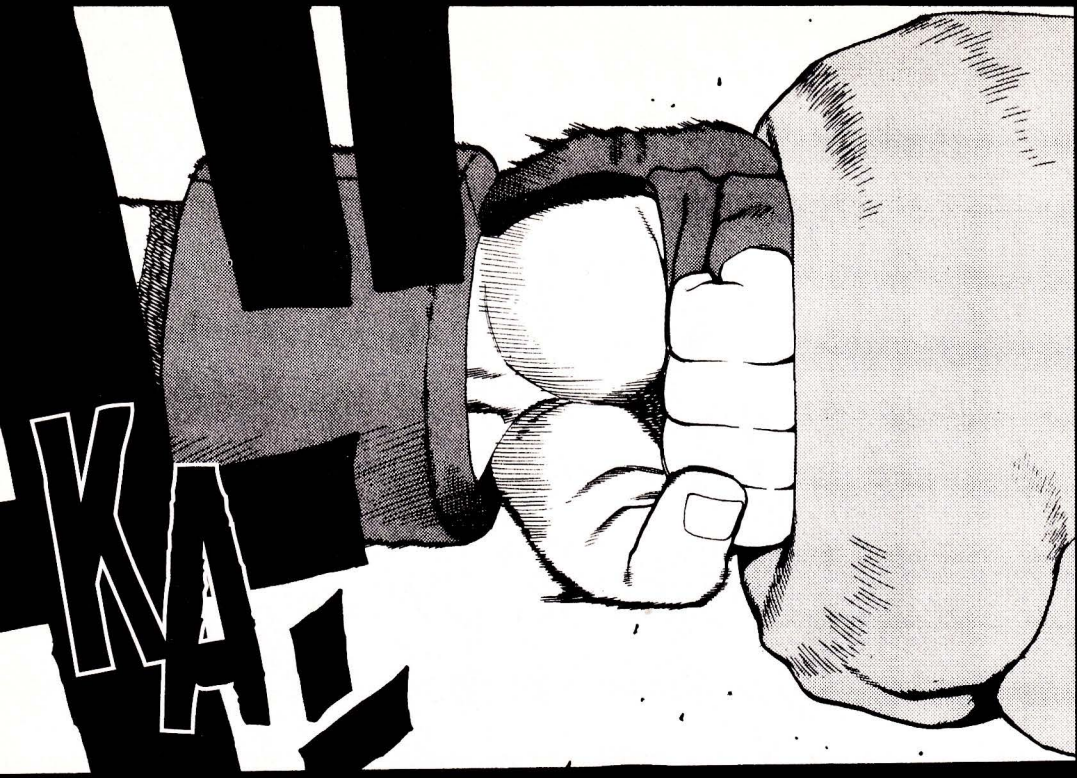


**I HAD NOT CONSIDERED THIS...!!!**



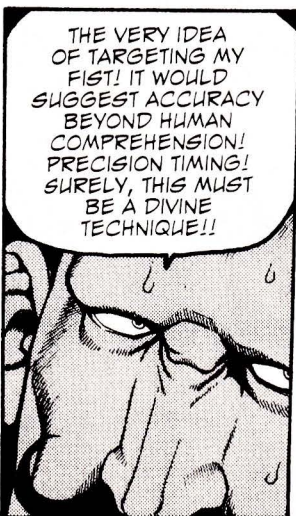
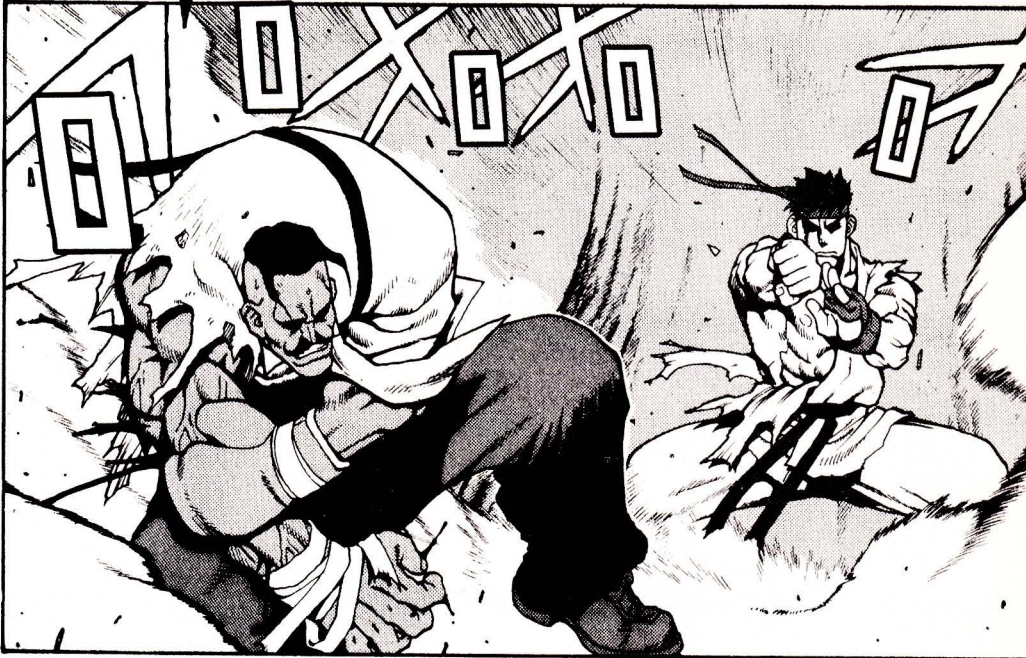
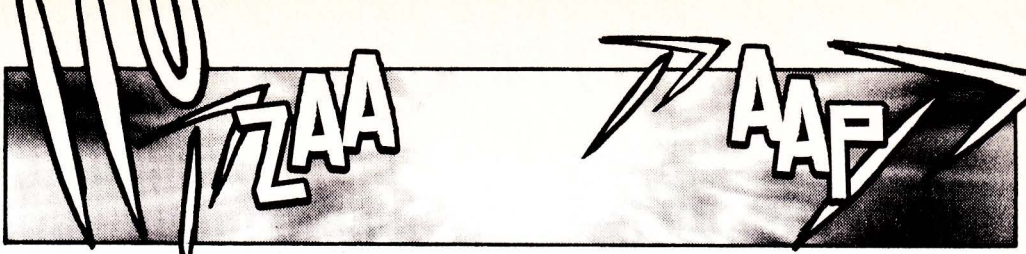






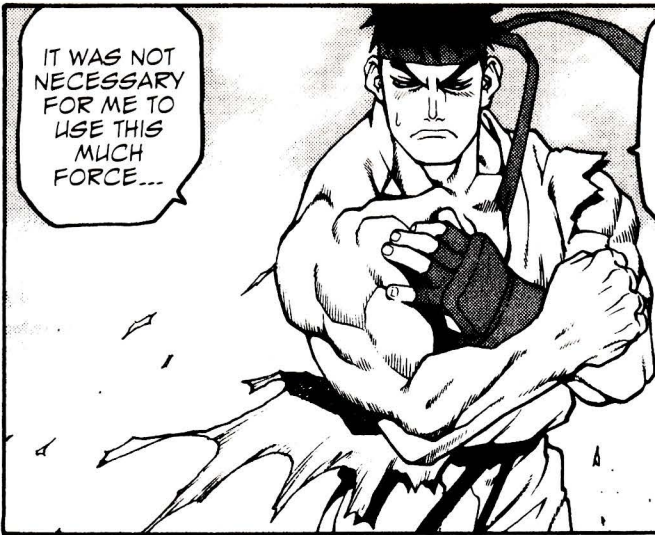
SO...  
RYU  
TARGETED  
HIS FIST  
THE  
ENTIRE  
TIME....!!







IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO USE THIS MUCH FORCE....



FORGIVE ME... THE RESULT WAS DUE TO MY LACK OF TRAINING...

I FELT YOUR STRONG DESIRE TO SURPASS NOT MY PHYSICAL PROWESS, BUT RATHER MY "KILLING STRIKE" ITSELF!



BUT I DID FEEL IT! THE SLIGHT MOVEMENT OF THE LEAVES!

HEH INDEED YOU WENT WELL BEYOND SWAYING THE LEAVES, RIGHT TO BREAKING THE BRANCH.



ONE KILLING STRIKE IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING INTO ANOTHER KILLING STRIKE... AS DO TIMES, PLACES, AND PEOPLE!



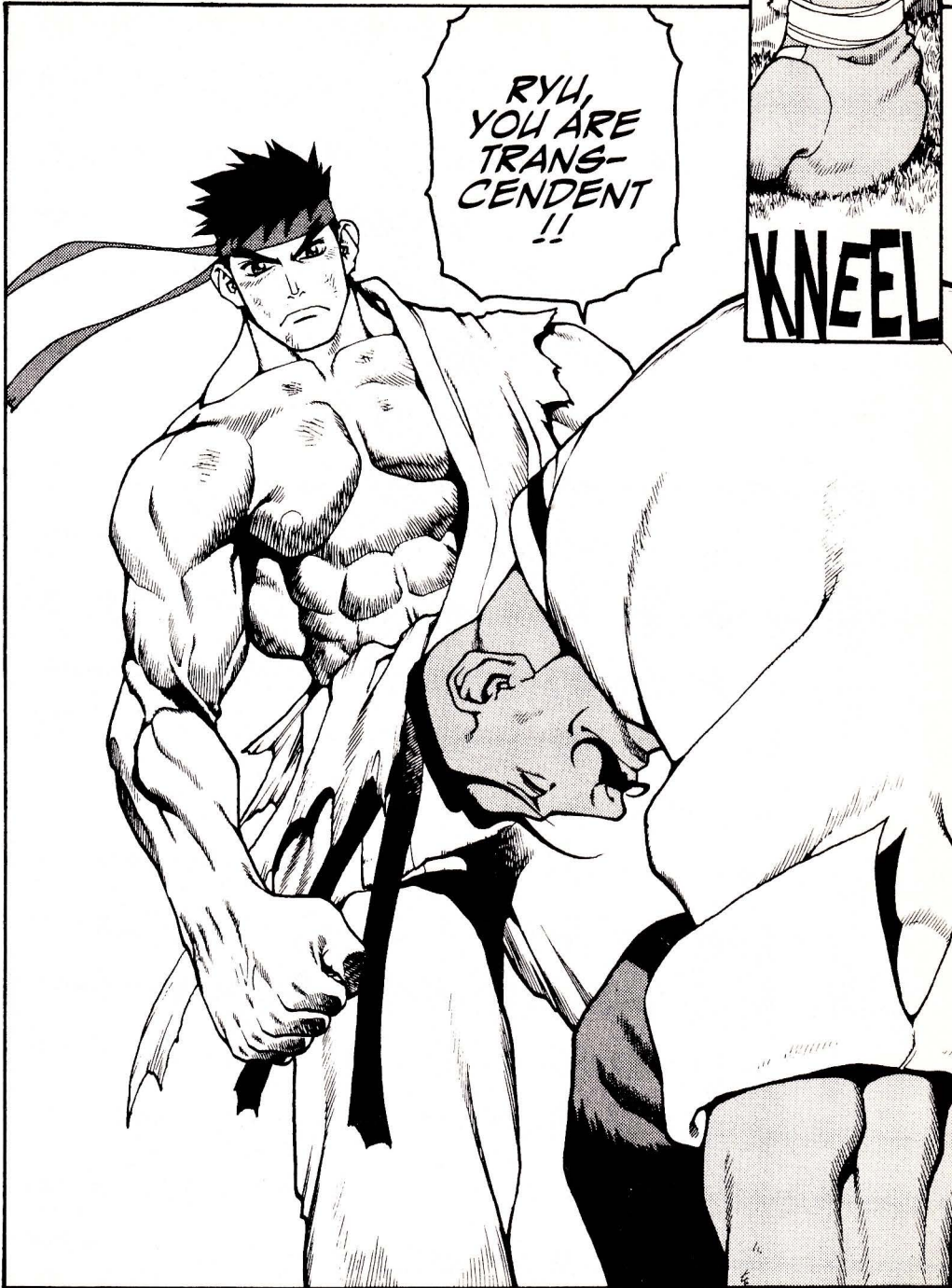
AS A GENTLEMAN OF PRIDE, I WISH TO SAY ONE THING TO YOU!

I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO WITNESS THIS LIFE-ALTERING MOMENT!

THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE.

A KILLING STRIKE IS TRULY LIKE THE WIND ITSELF!





RYU,  
YOU ARE  
TRANSCENDENT  
!!

**KNEEL**

**BOOK OF HEAVEN - END**

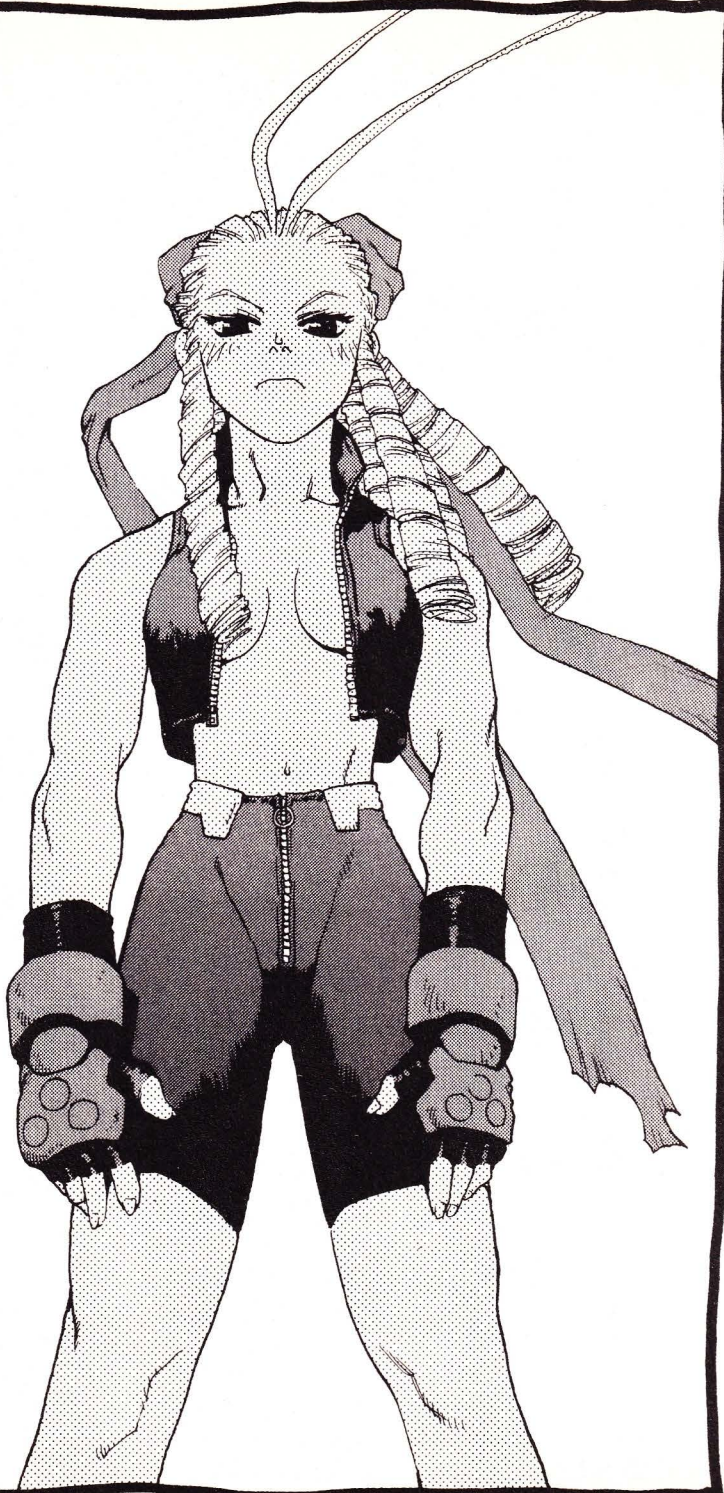


● A MESSAGE FROM CAPCOM!

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK, NAKAHIRA SENSEI.  
 WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF YOUR GREAT WORKS,  
 SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

SINCERELY, CAPCOM DESIGN TEAM

# BONUS



I REGRET  
TO INFORM  
YOU THAT  
MISS KARIN  
IS ATTENDING  
A PARTY  
HOSTED BY  
A FOREIGN  
EMBASSY.



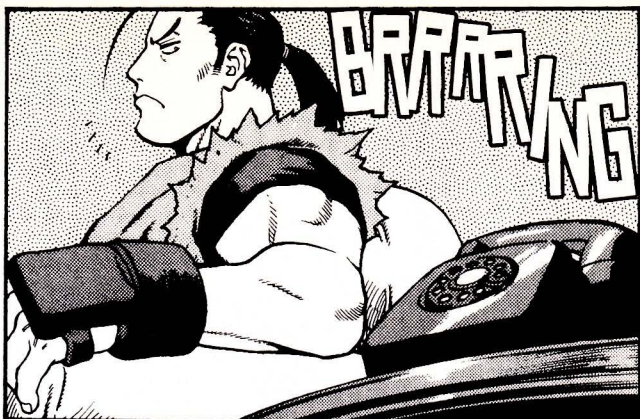
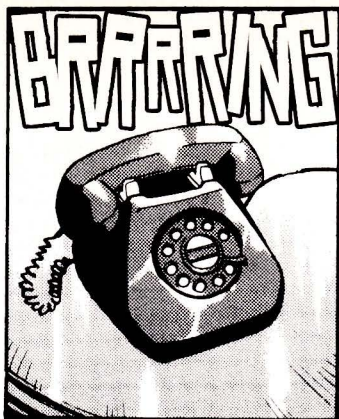
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# THE KANZUKI

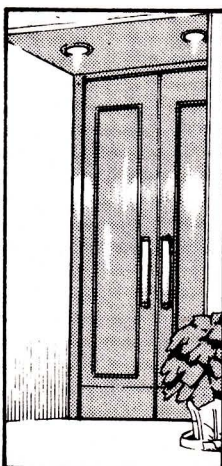
~In All Things, Be Victorious~

**PROLOGUE**

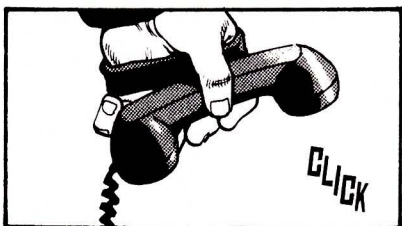




FINE...  
I'LL  
GET  
IT...



HEY, THE  
PHONE'S  
RINGING.



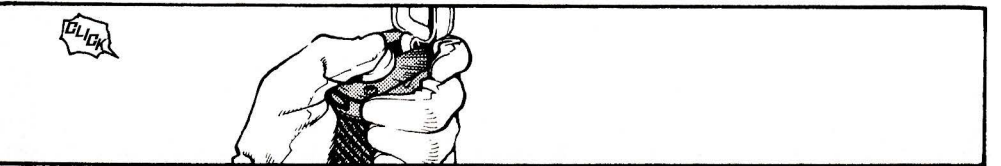
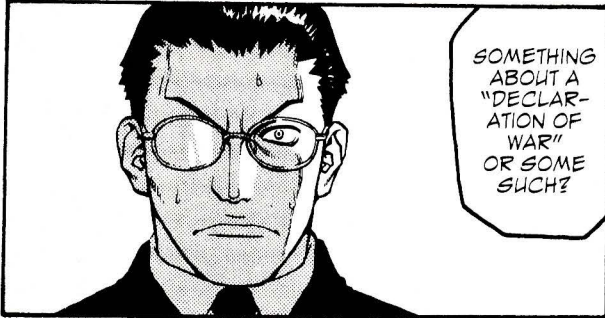
CLICK



IN  
ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE LAWS  
OF THE HOUSE  
OF KANZUKI, WE  
HEREBY  
ANNOUNCE A  
"DECLARATION  
OF WAR" ...

YES,  
HELLO  
---







PRECEDING THESE EVENTS IS A "DECLARATION OF WAR".

SHOULD ANOTHER HOUSE OF THE SAME NAME, OR A DIFFERENT BRANCH OF THE FAMILY REVEAL ITSELF, ONE MUST DESTROY THE OTHER TO EARN THE TITLE "HOUSE OF KANZUKI!".

THIS UNIVERSE NEEDS ONLY ONE HOUSE TO CARRY THE NAME OF KANZUKI!



YES, I DO REGRET THE LACK OF ELEGANCE WITH THE EXPLOSION.

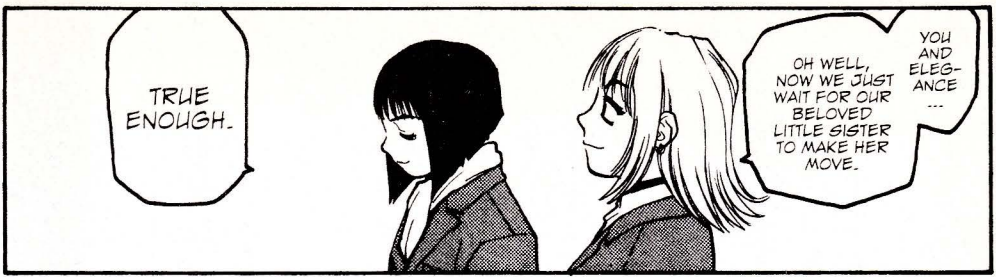
I DO BELIEVE WE UTILIZED AN EXCESS AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVE COMPONENTS.

C'MON SIS!

THIS IS SO WILD... MY KANZUKI BLOOD IS RAGING!

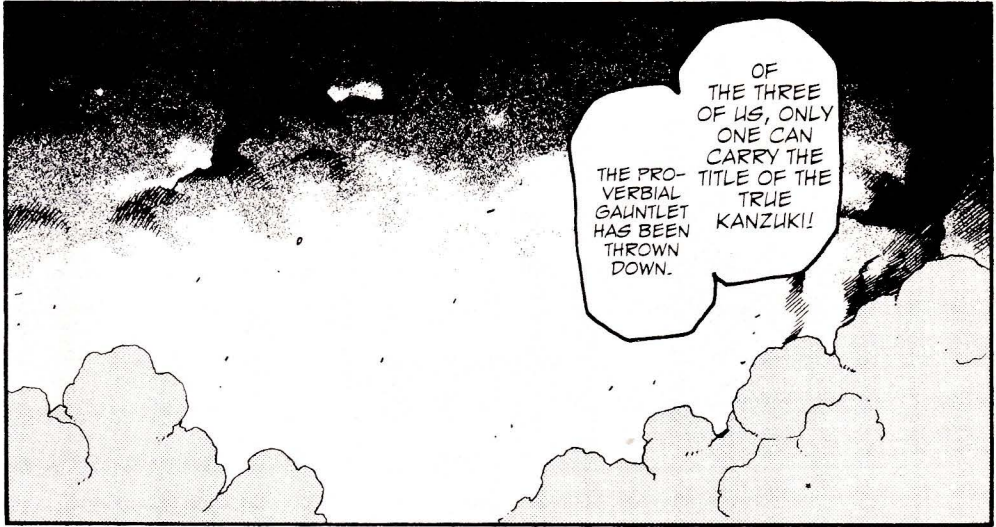
ELDEST DAUGHTER  
REN KANZUKI, AGE 17

SECOND DAUGHTER  
RAN KANZUKI, AGE 17

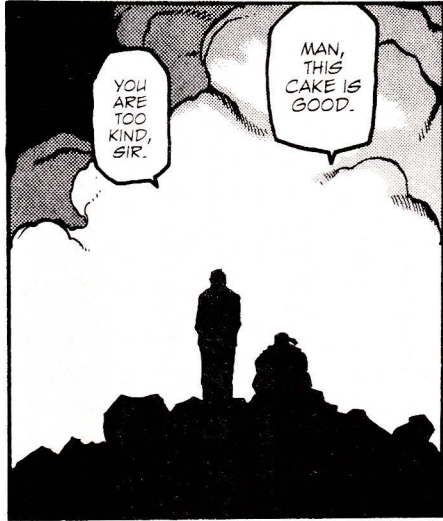


TRUE ENOUGH.

OH WELL, NOW WE JUST WAIT FOR OUR BELOVED LITTLE SISTER TO MAKE HER MOVE.  
YOU AND ELEGANCE ...



OF THE THREE OF US, ONLY ONE CAN CARRY THE TITLE OF THE TRUE KANZUKI!  
THE PROVERBIAL GAUNTLET HAS BEEN THROWN DOWN.



YOU ARE TOO KIND, SIR.

MAN, THIS CAKE IS GOOD.

I GUESS EVEN BEING A RICH LITTLE MISS HAS ITS TROUBLES ...



SO THIS IS ONE OF THEM WARRING-TYPE HOUSES ...

HOW COULD THIS BE... MISS KARIN HAS TWO ELDER SISTERS!!

**TO BE CONTINUED.**

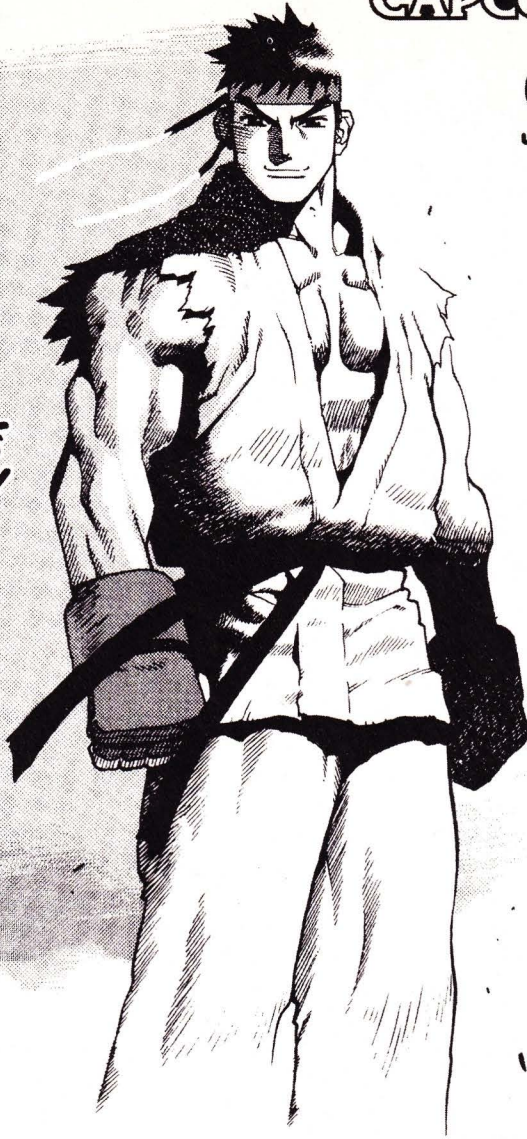
**NEXT VOLUME!  
ANOTHER  
BONUS EPISODE  
IN THE  
"BOOK OF EARTH"!  
CHAOTIC,  
YET DIVINE!?  
THE THRILLING  
LEGACY OF  
THE HOUSE  
OF KANZUKI  
IS REVEALED!**



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**KEN...  
I'LL BE  
BACK!!**



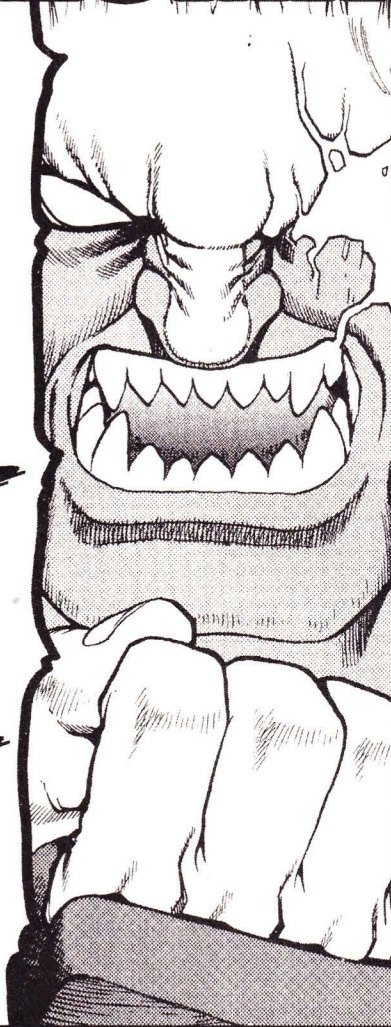
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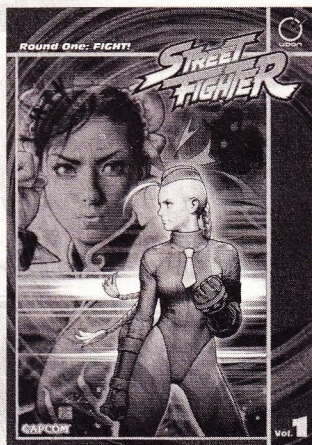
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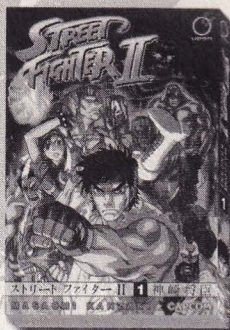
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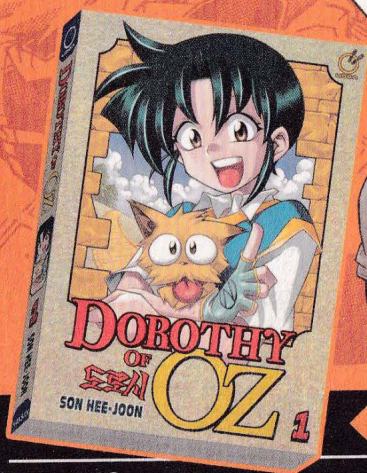
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