



A BOY AND HIS DOG EMBARK ON A NEW ADVENTURE...

SMOOTH SAILING! THE SCI-FI SAMURAI STORY WITH A FRESH NEW FEEL!

# SAMURAI 8

THE TALE OF HACHIMARU

CHAPTER 5: DEPARTURE

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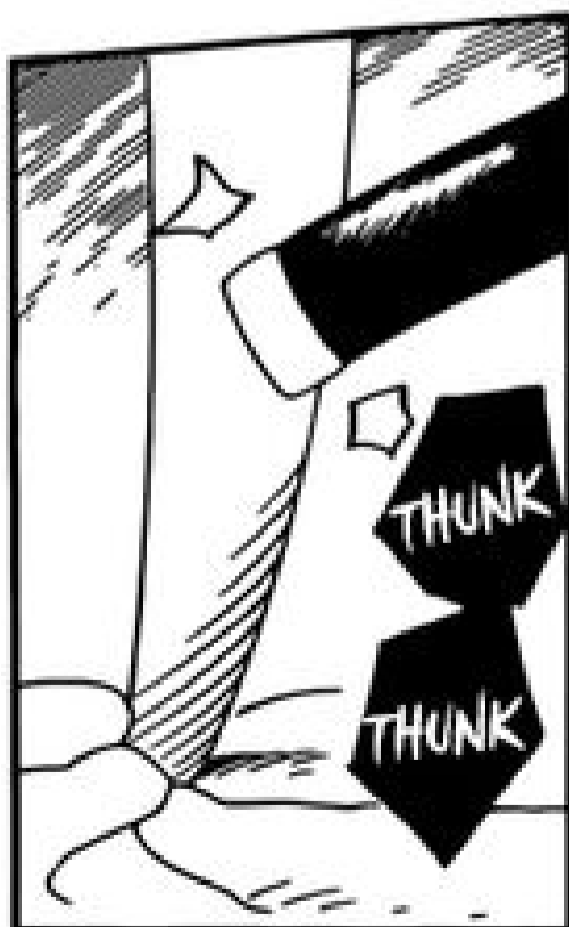
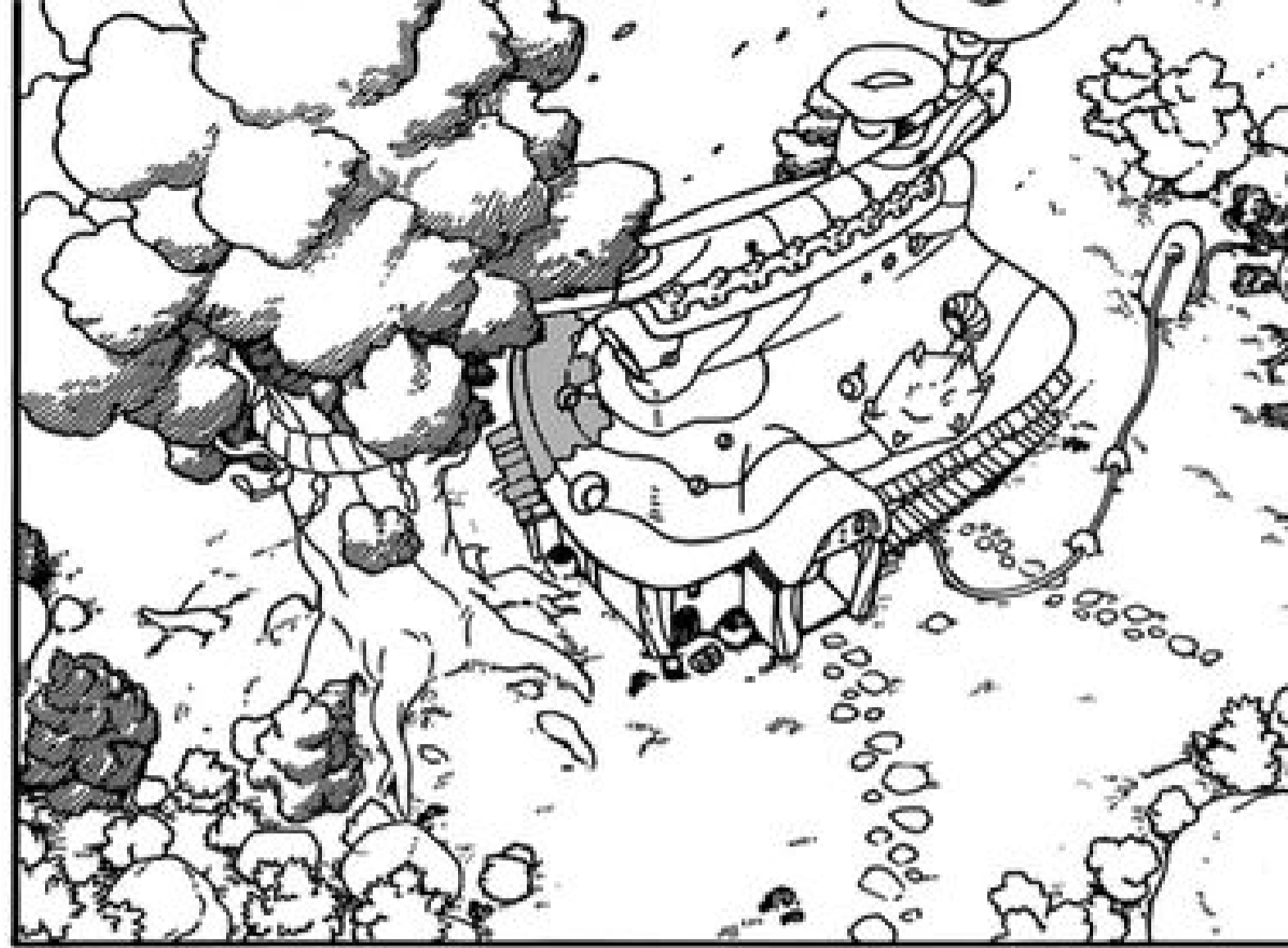
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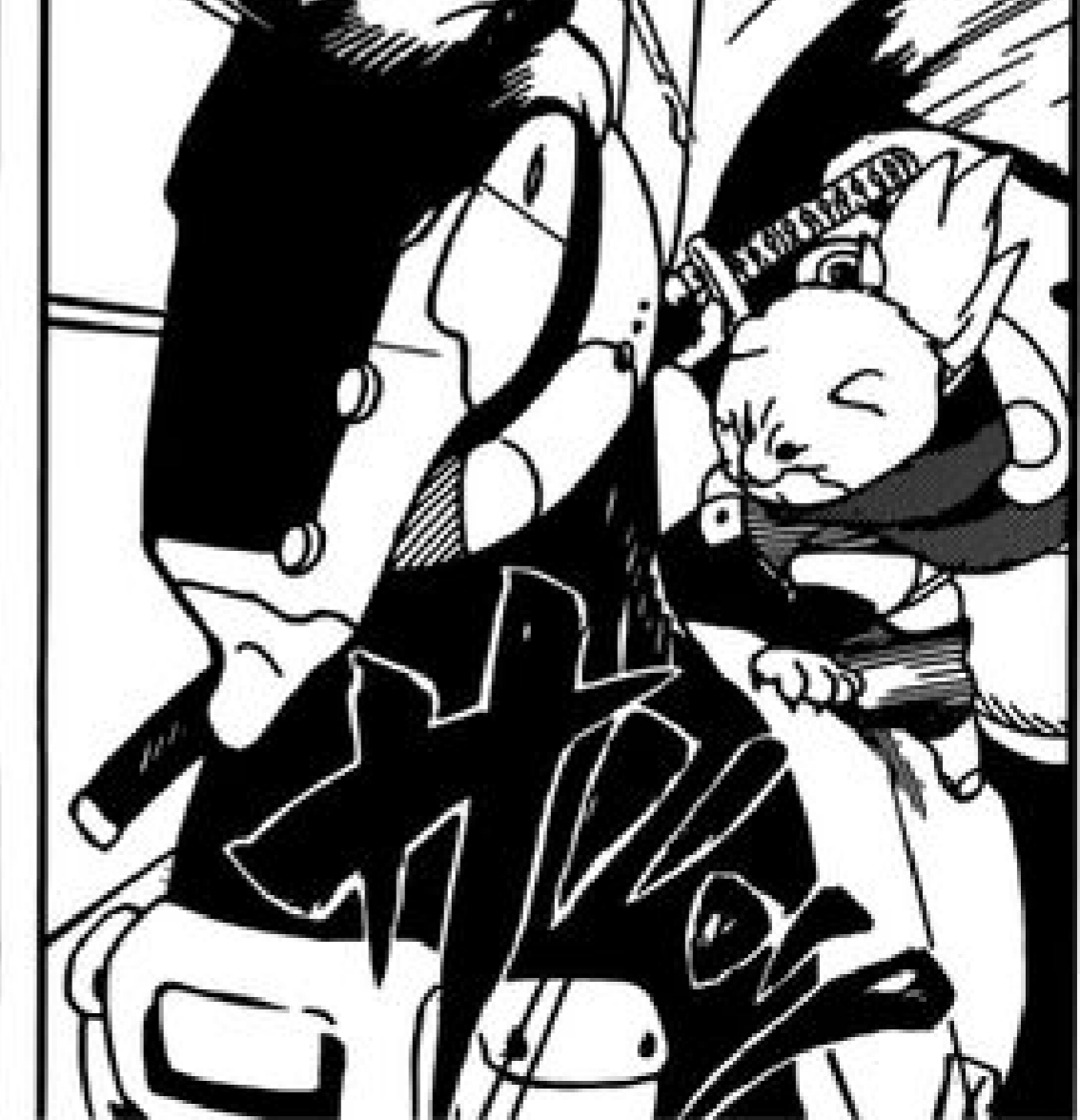
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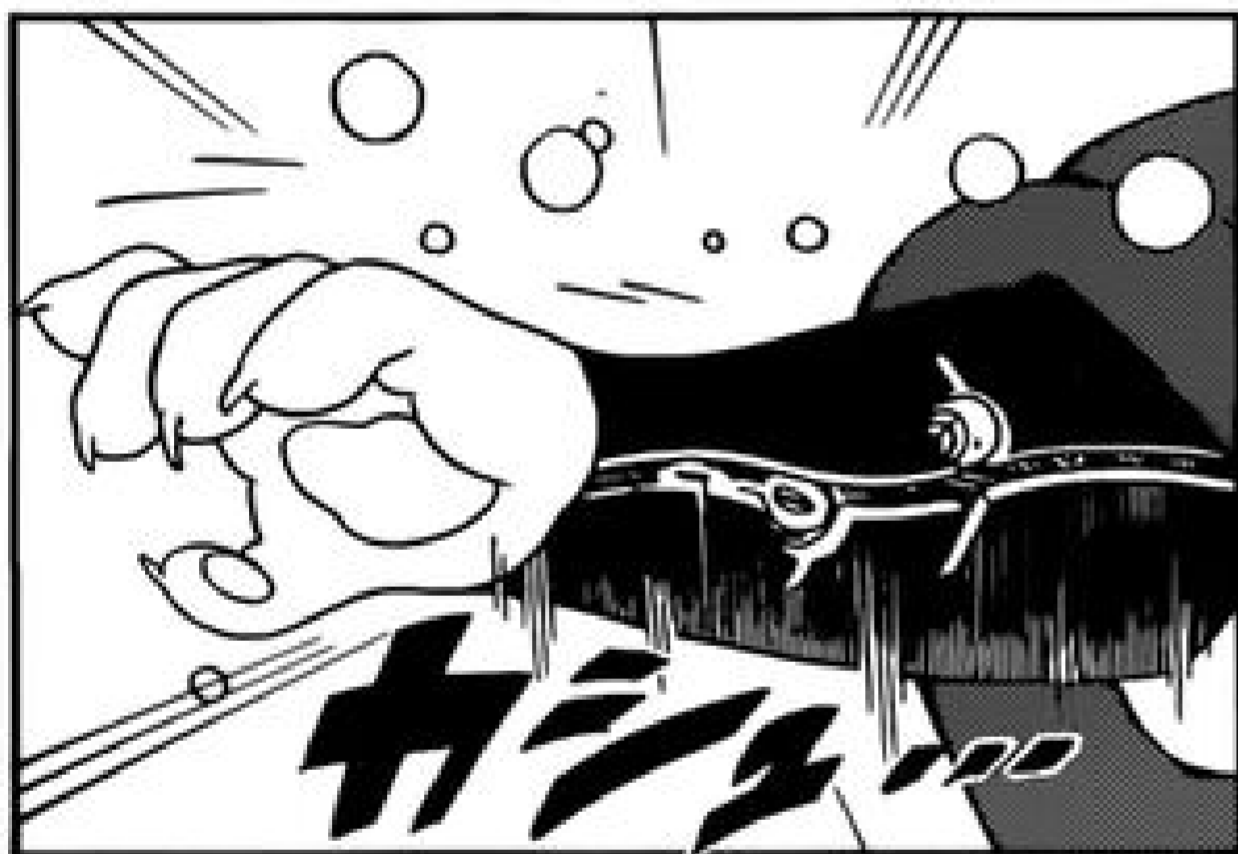


THE KATANA'S BONE HILT BACK TO ITS HOLDER.

LOOKS LIKE HE PROPERLY RETURNED...

JUST AS I THOUGHT... THAT FATHER OF HIS IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH SAMURAI.

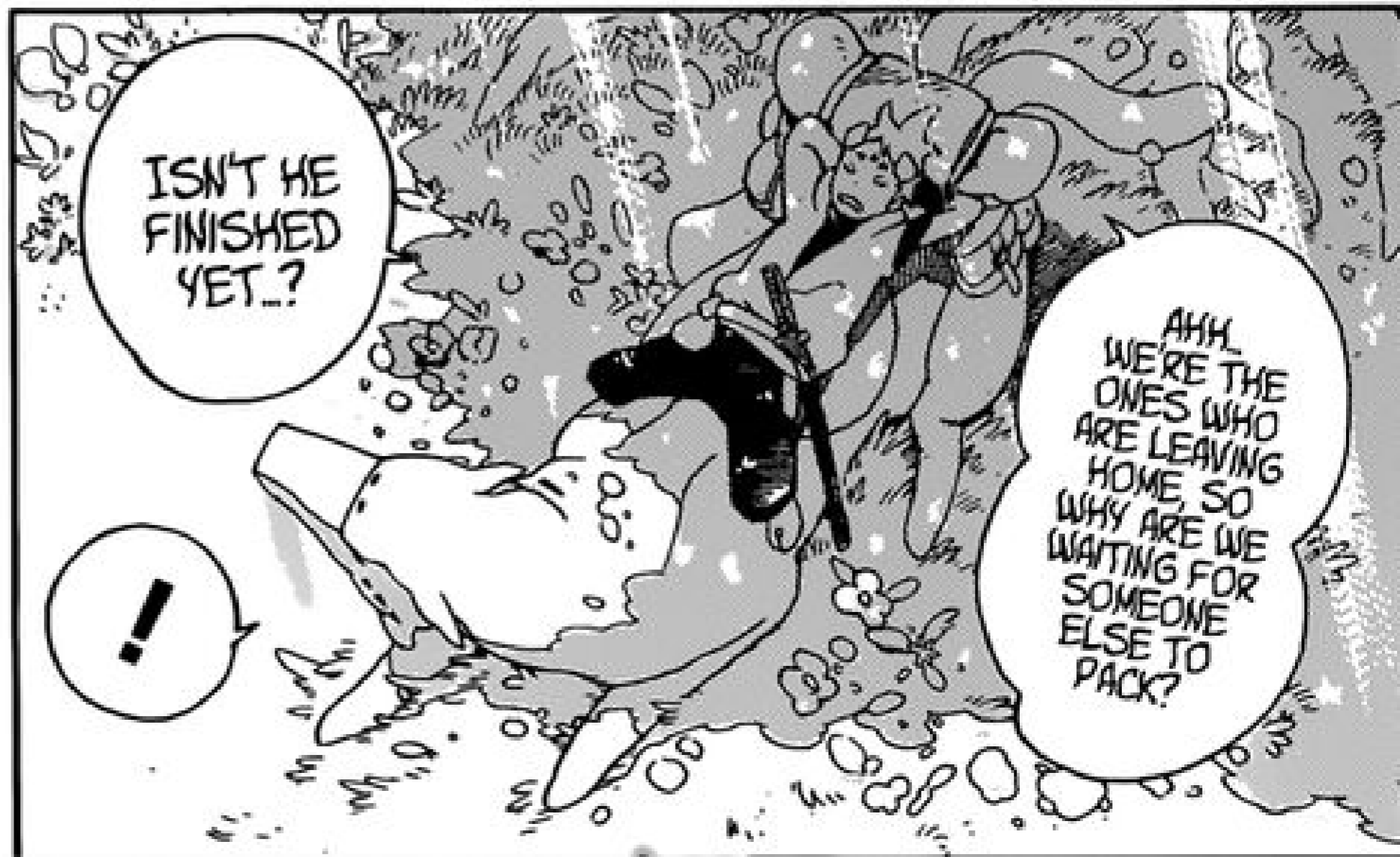
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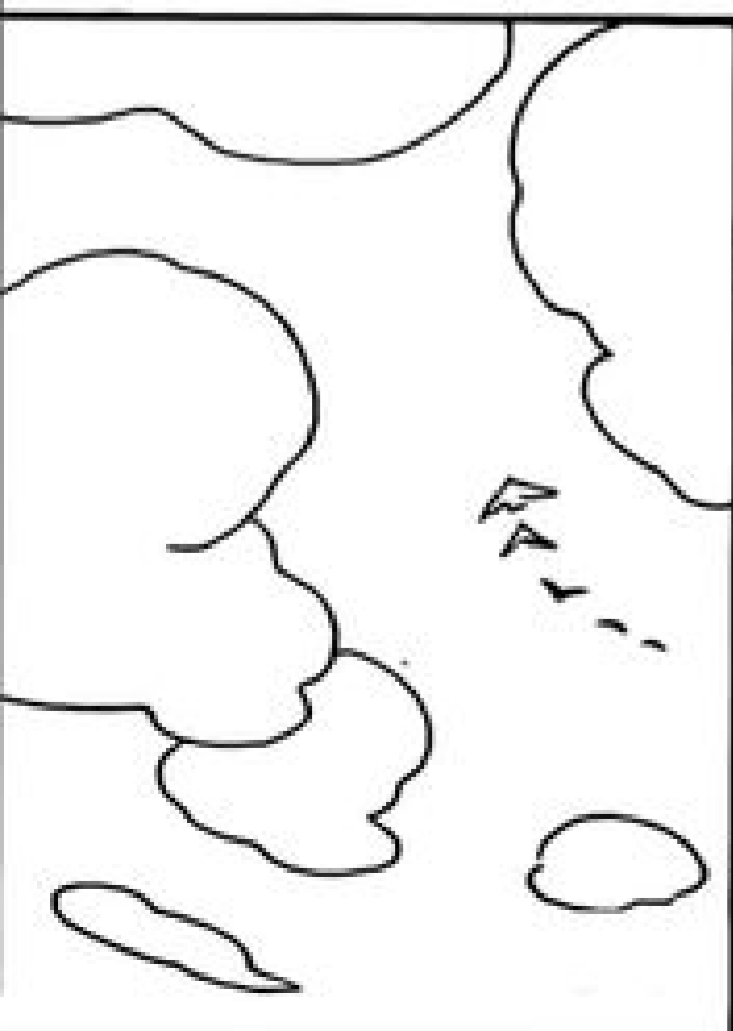
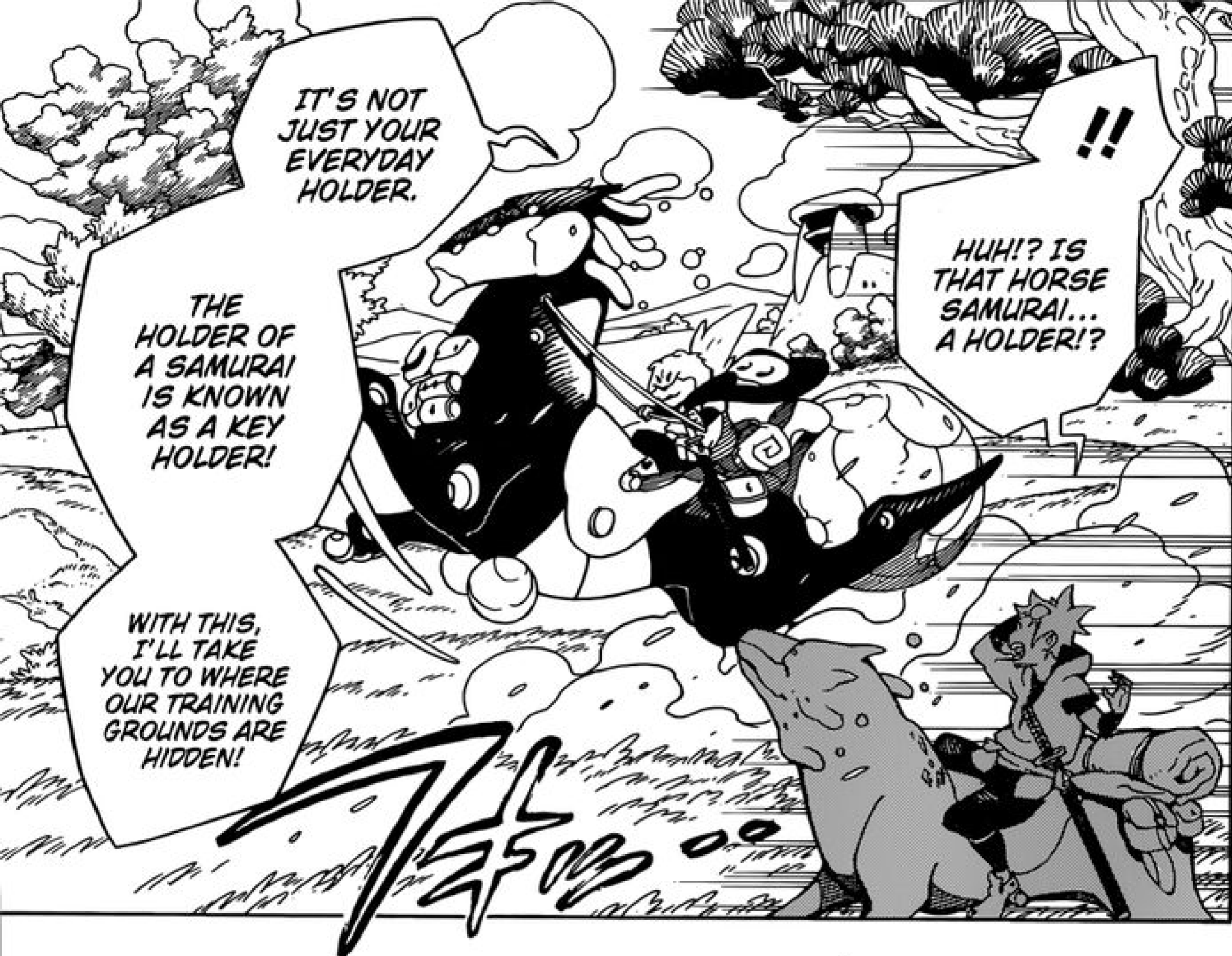


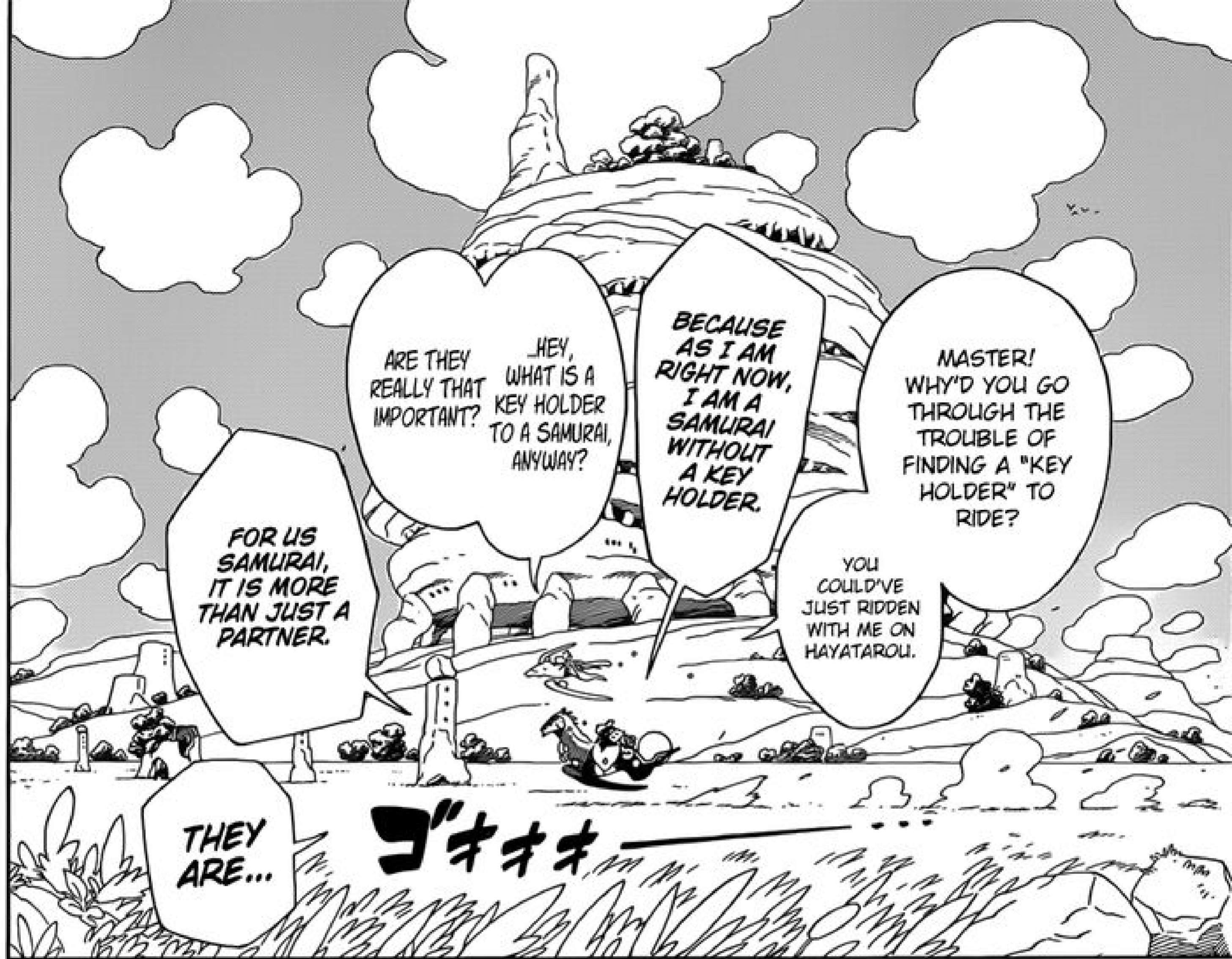
ARE YOU THERE? HACHI-MARU!



ISN'T HE FINISHED YET..?

AHH WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE LEAVING HOME, SO WHY ARE WE WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO PACK?





FOR US SAMURAI, IT IS MORE THAN JUST A PARTNER.

ARE THEY REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

HEY, WHAT IS A KEY HOLDER TO A SAMURAI, ANYWAY?

BECAUSE AS I AM RIGHT NOW, I AM A SAMURAI WITHOUT A KEY HOLDER.

MASTER! WHY'D YOU GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF FINDING A "KEY HOLDER" TO RIDE?

YOU COULD'VE JUST RIDDEN WITH ME ON HAYATAROU.

THEY ARE...

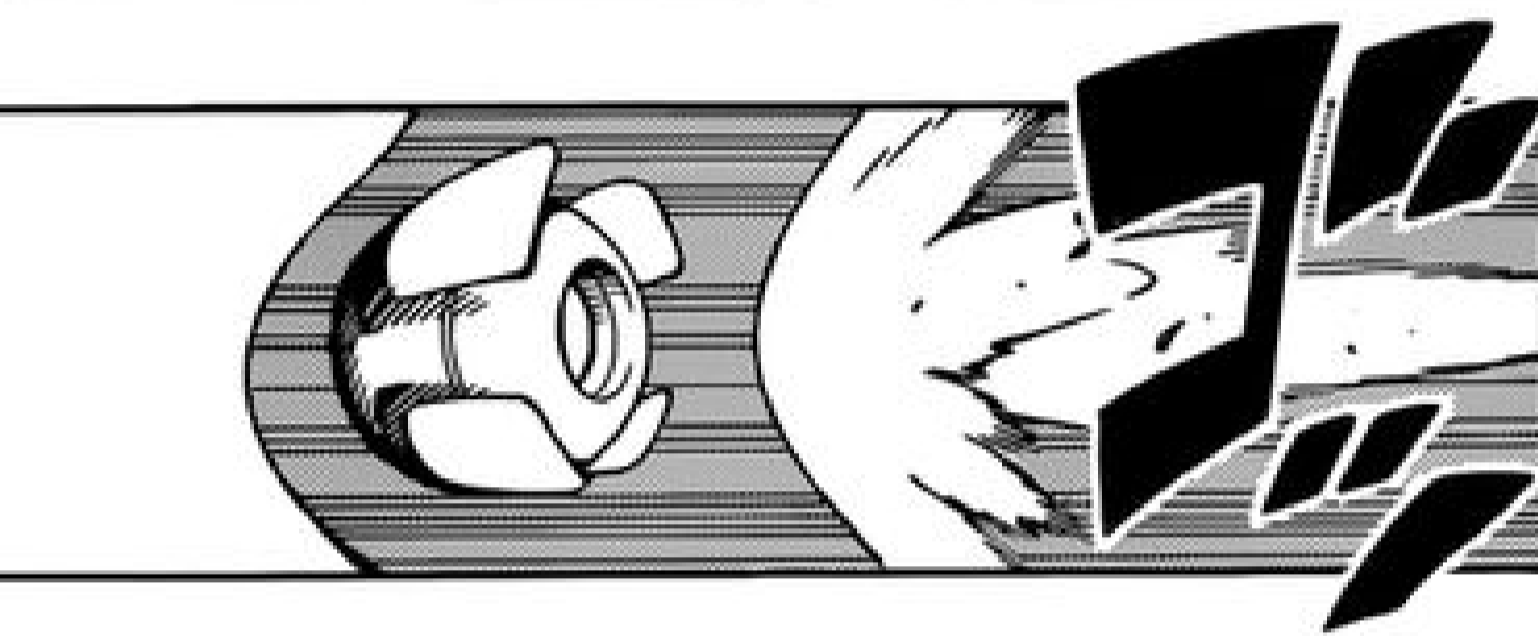
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AND OUR UNIQUE MARK OF A SAMURAI. OUR MOUNT OUR SHIELD OUR ARMOR OUR WEAPON

YES SIR!

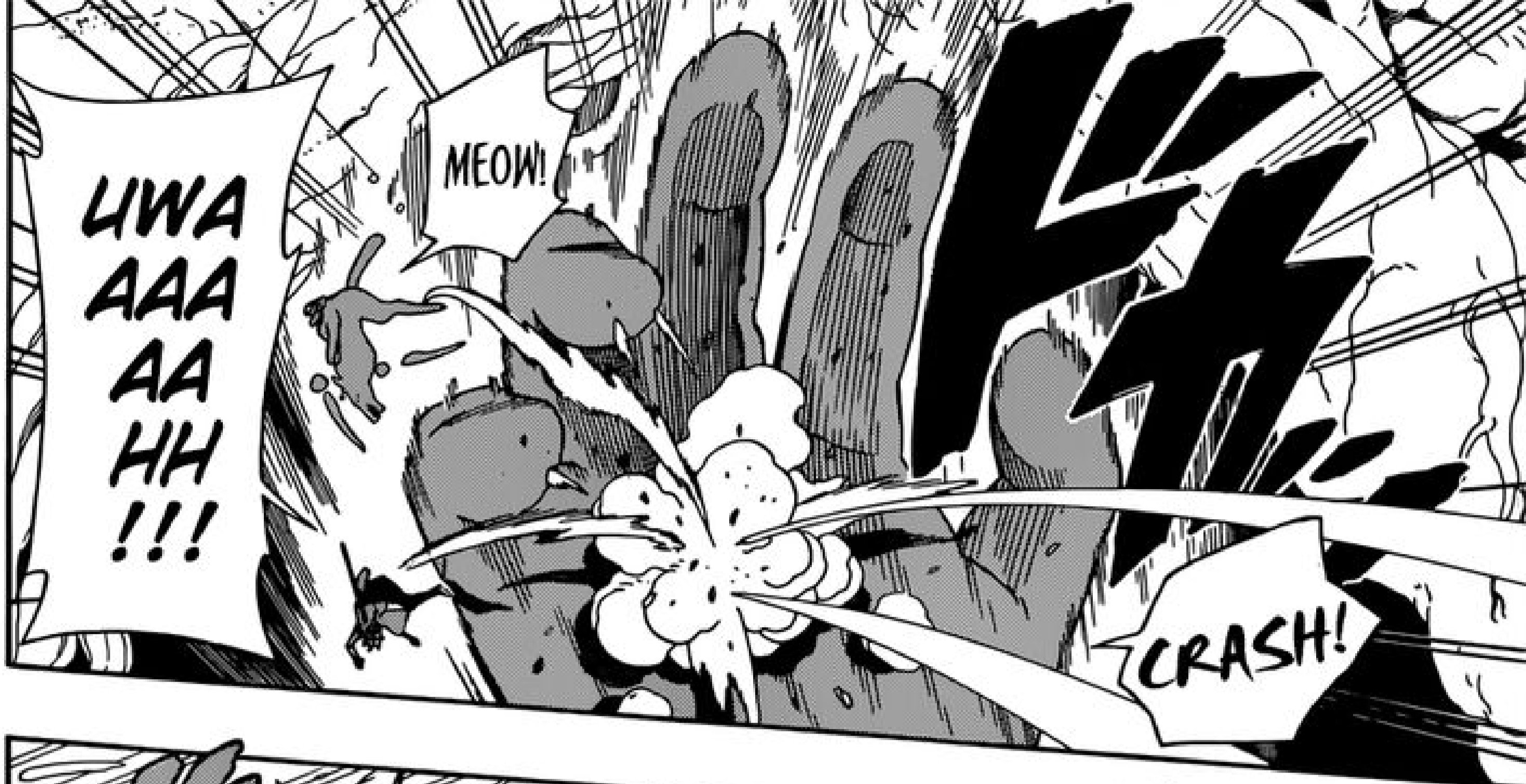
I'LL TELL YOU MORE ONCE WE ARRIVE AT THE HIDEOUT...



DO YOU SEE THOSE TWO STATUES? IT IS IN THE FAR BACK OF THE CAVE BETWEEN THEM.

WHOA!!! WHAT IS THIS PLACE!? IS THIS THE HIDEOUT!?







FORGET MASTER DARUMA. FROM NOW ON, I'M CALLING YOU MASTER DEAD-WEIGHT !!!

STOP FALLING ASLEEP AT THE MOST CRUCIAL TIMES! I'M GETTING REAL TIRED OF THIS!!!

ARE YOU REALLY S'POSED TO BE STRONG!?



ZZZZZZZZZZZ

ZZZZZZZZZ



THAT THESE GUYS ARE HOLDERS!?



EVEN WITHOUT TRAINING, A SAMURAI'S A SAMURAI.

IN ANY CASE, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS OURSELVES, HAYATAROU!

SFX: KACHAK



KRKKK

ME-MEOW! OW!

WHAT!? WHAT IS IT, HAYATAROU!?

ARE YOU SAYING ...



SWSSSH



KACHK



AMATEUR OR NOT, I'M STILL A SAMURAI!!!



THE CAKE TANK WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO THIS!

WHAT THE HECK IS IT MADE OF!?



SO HARD!



MASTER  
DEADWEIGHT  
!!!



KONGOU  
YASHA-STYLE

BLADE  
ARM!!!

DON'T  
GO CHAN-  
GING MY  
NAME ON  
YOUR OWN.  
KID!



SHUT UP  
AND WATCH  
CLOSELY.

KCHINK

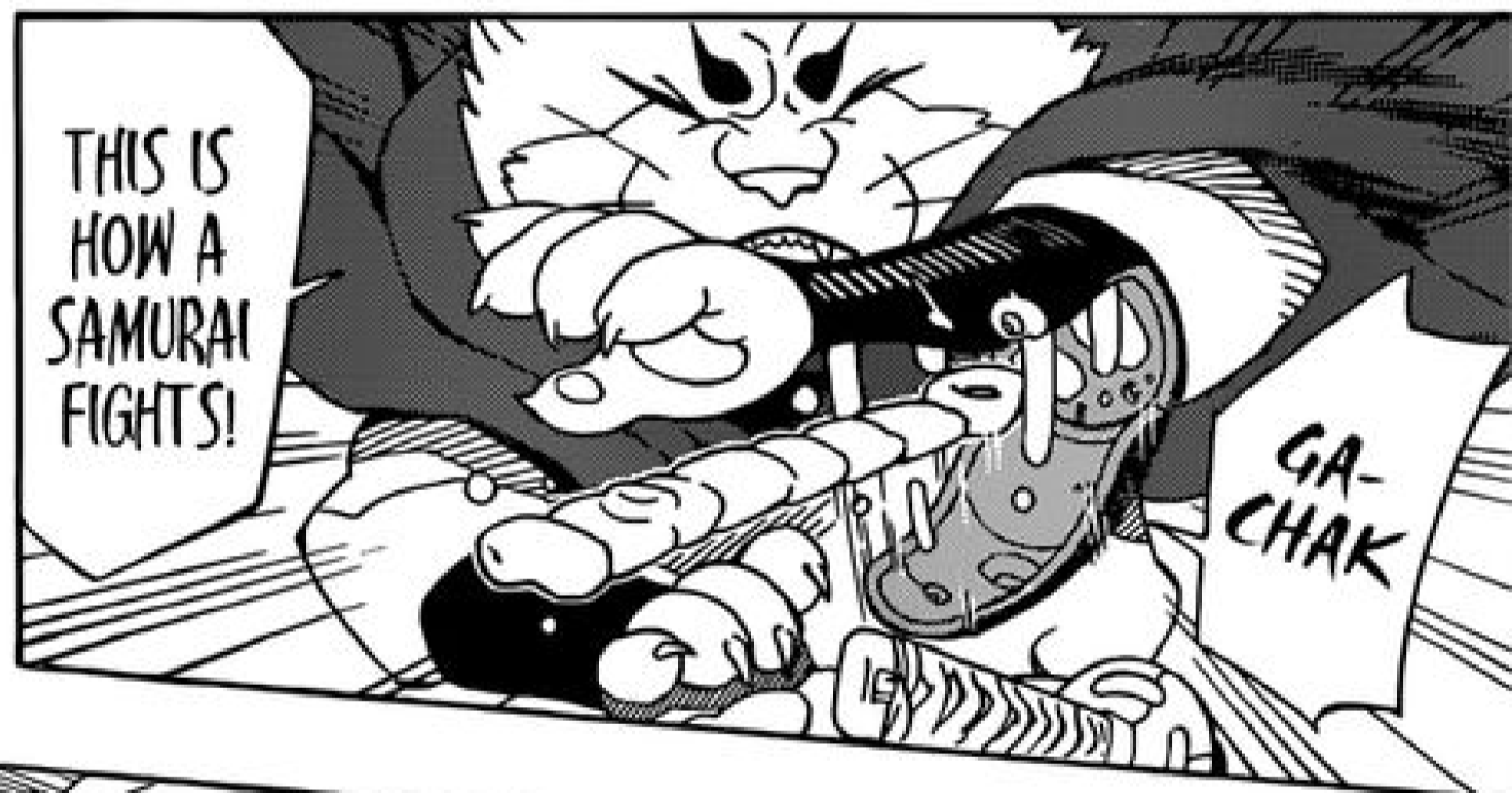
BEHIND  
YOU!  
BEHIND  
YOU!!!

MASTER  
DEA-  
ER....  
MASTER  
DARUMA!

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SWSH



THIS IS  
HOW A  
SAMURAI  
FIGHTS!

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CHAK

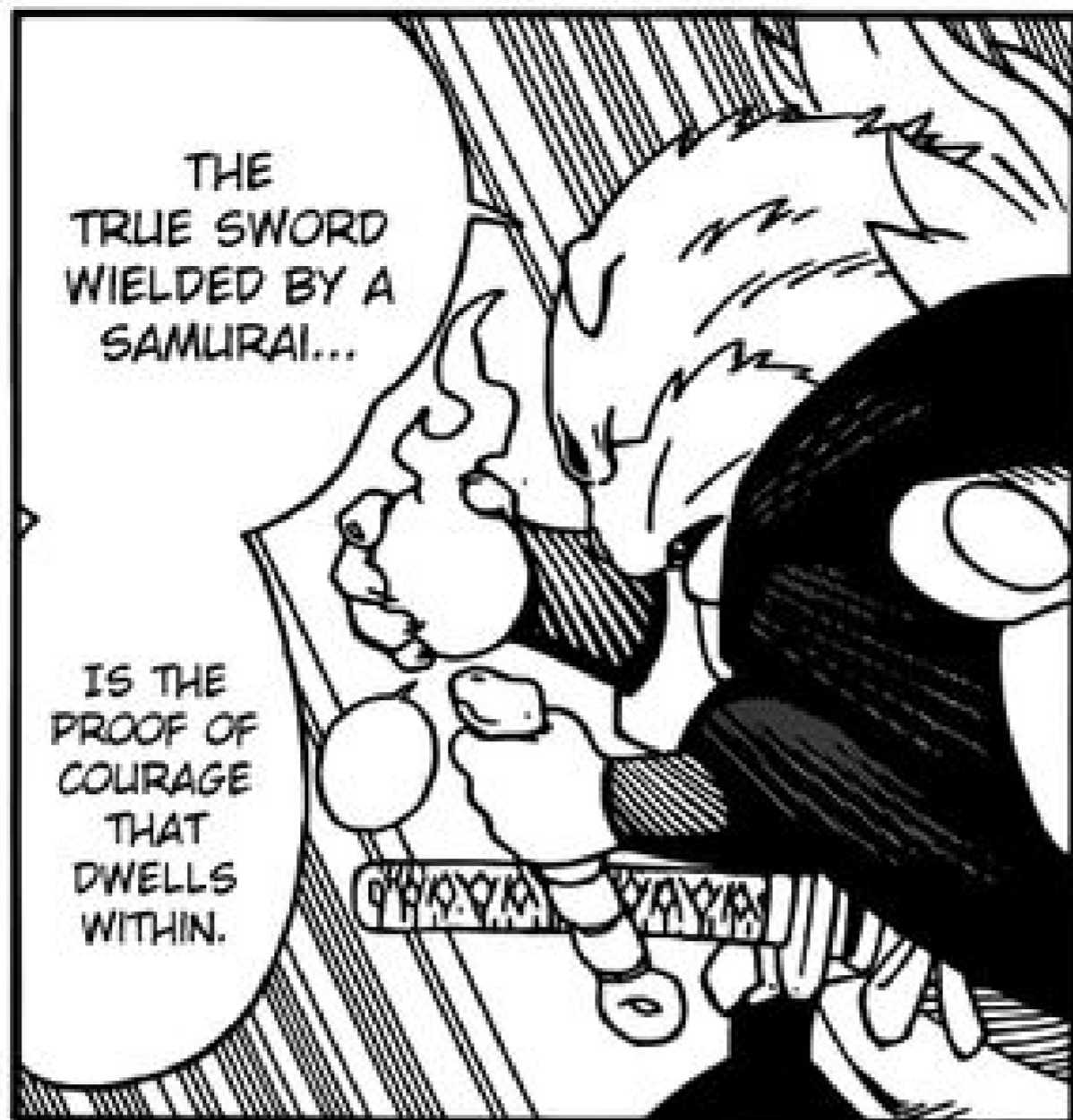


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PACHK

GA-  
CHAK

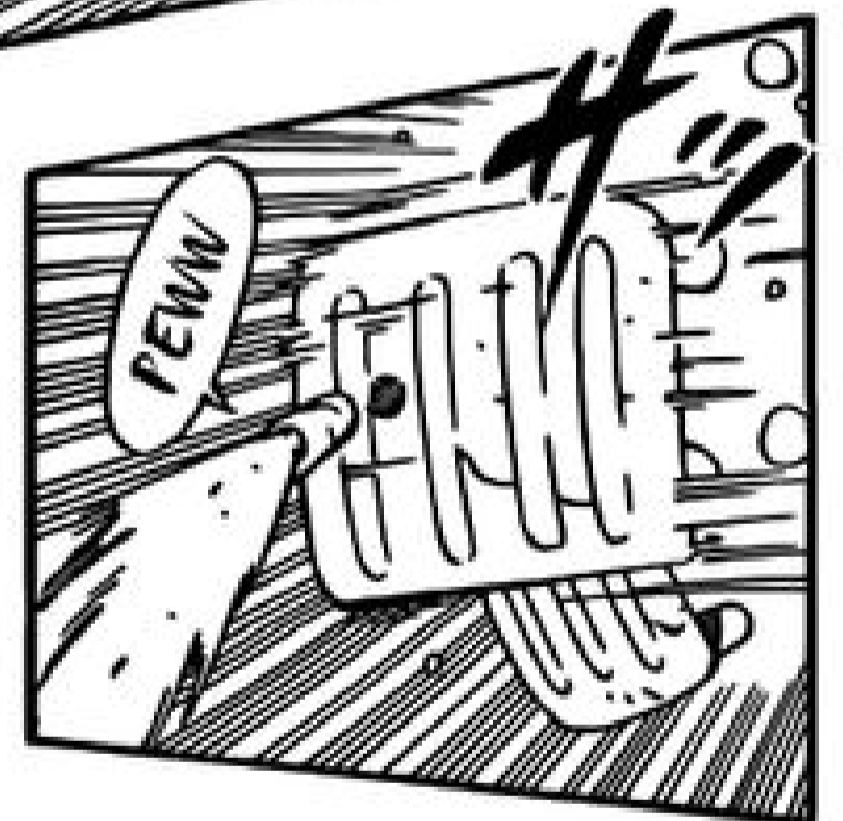
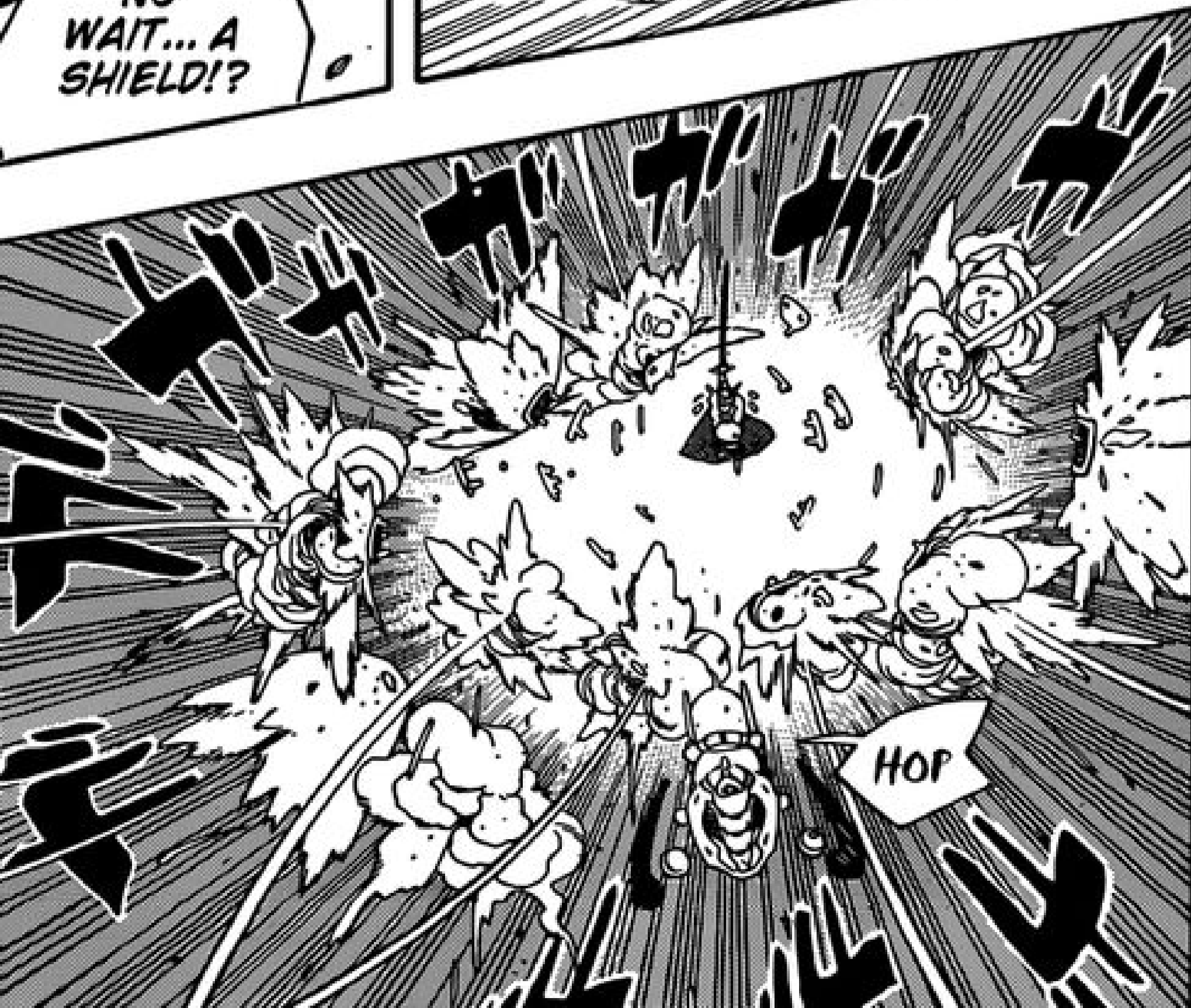








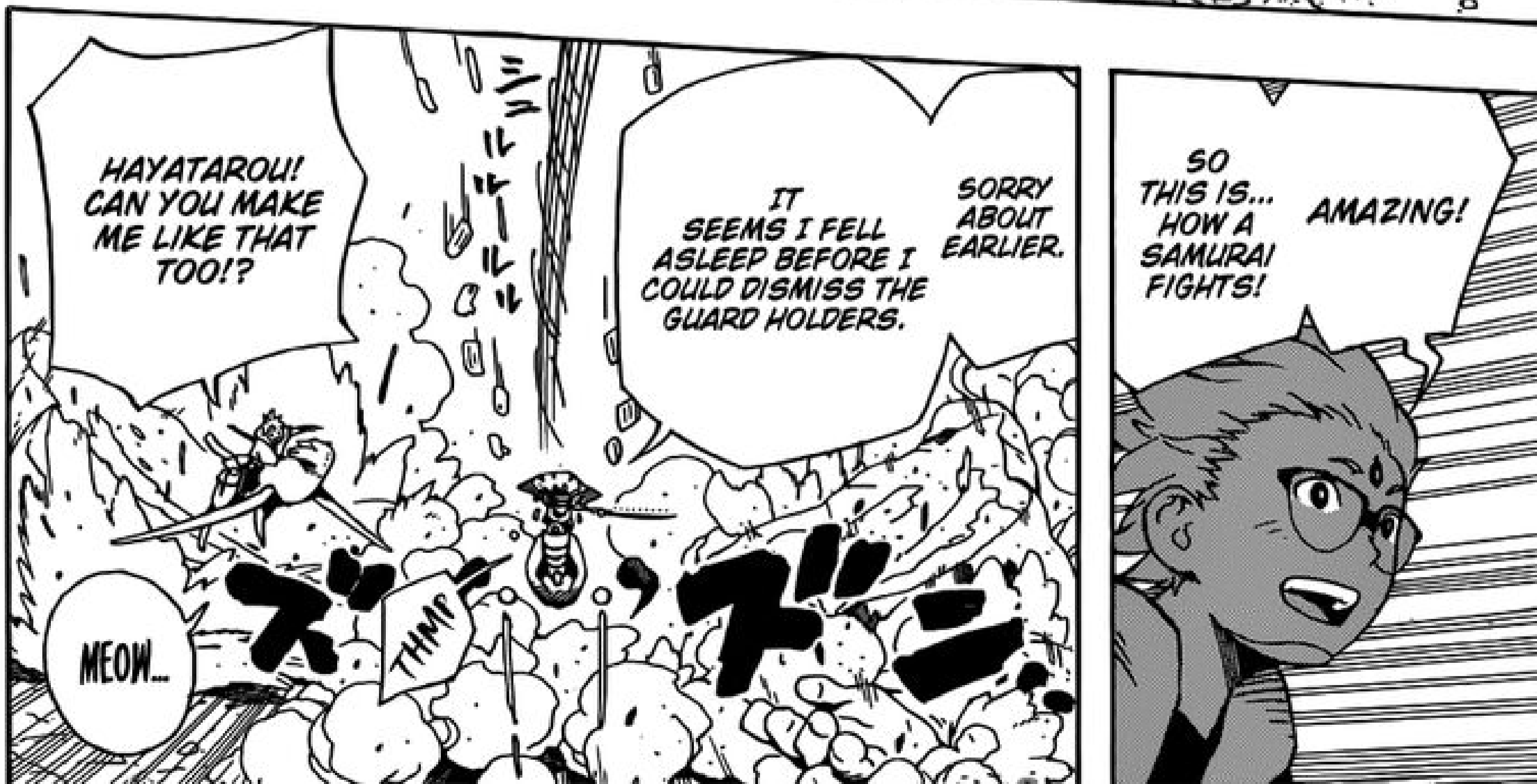






**KONGOU  
YASHA-  
STYLE:**

**EYE OF  
THE BLADE  
WHEEL!!!**



HAYATAROU!  
CAN YOU MAKE  
ME LIKE THAT  
TOO!?

MEOW...

IT  
SEEMS I FELL  
ASLEEP BEFORE I  
COULD DISMISS THE  
GUARD HOLDERS.

SORRY  
ABOUT  
EARLIER.

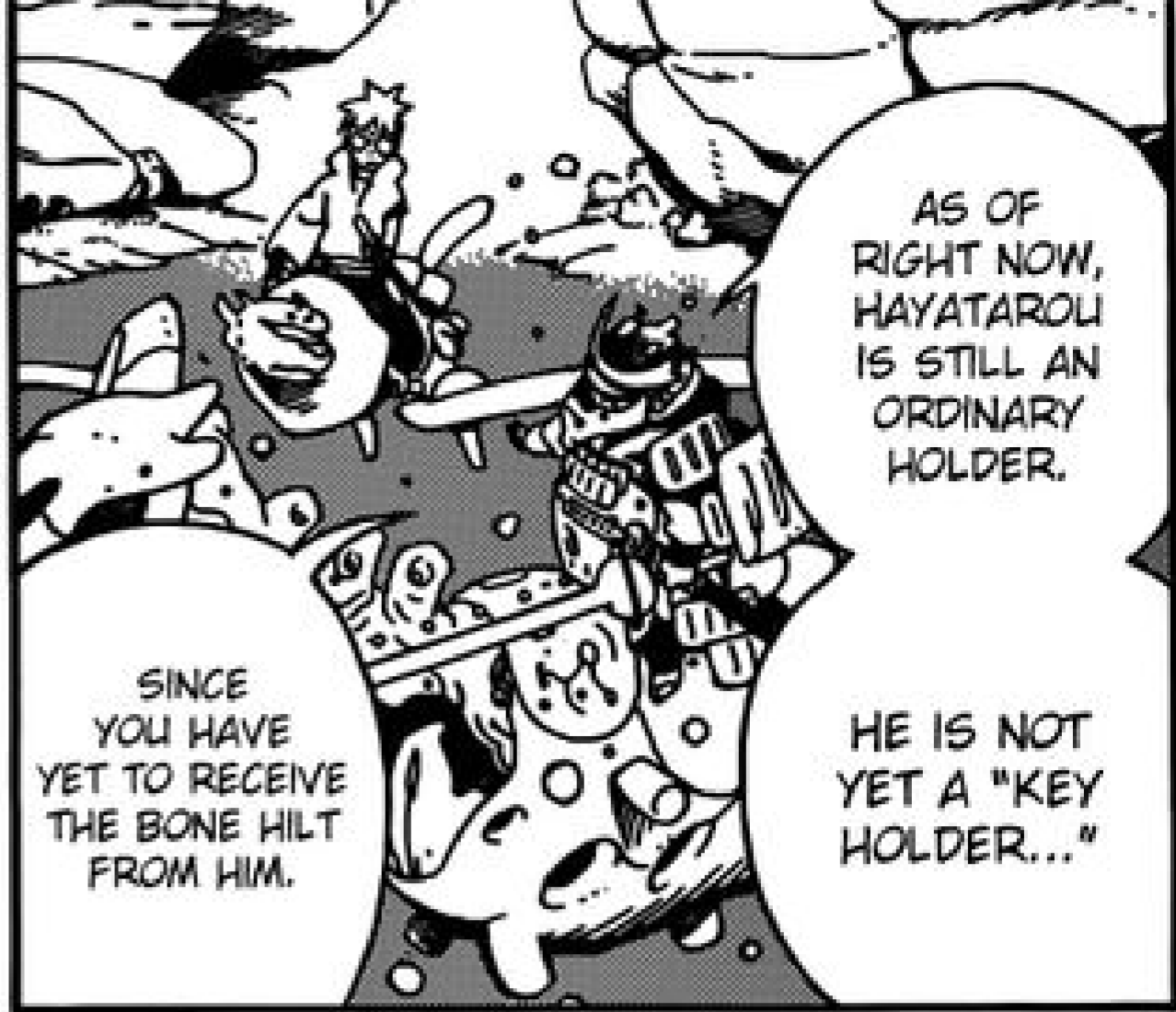
SO  
THIS IS...  
HOW A  
SAMURAI  
FIGHTS!  
AMAZING!



PULL THIS OUT, HACHIMARU.

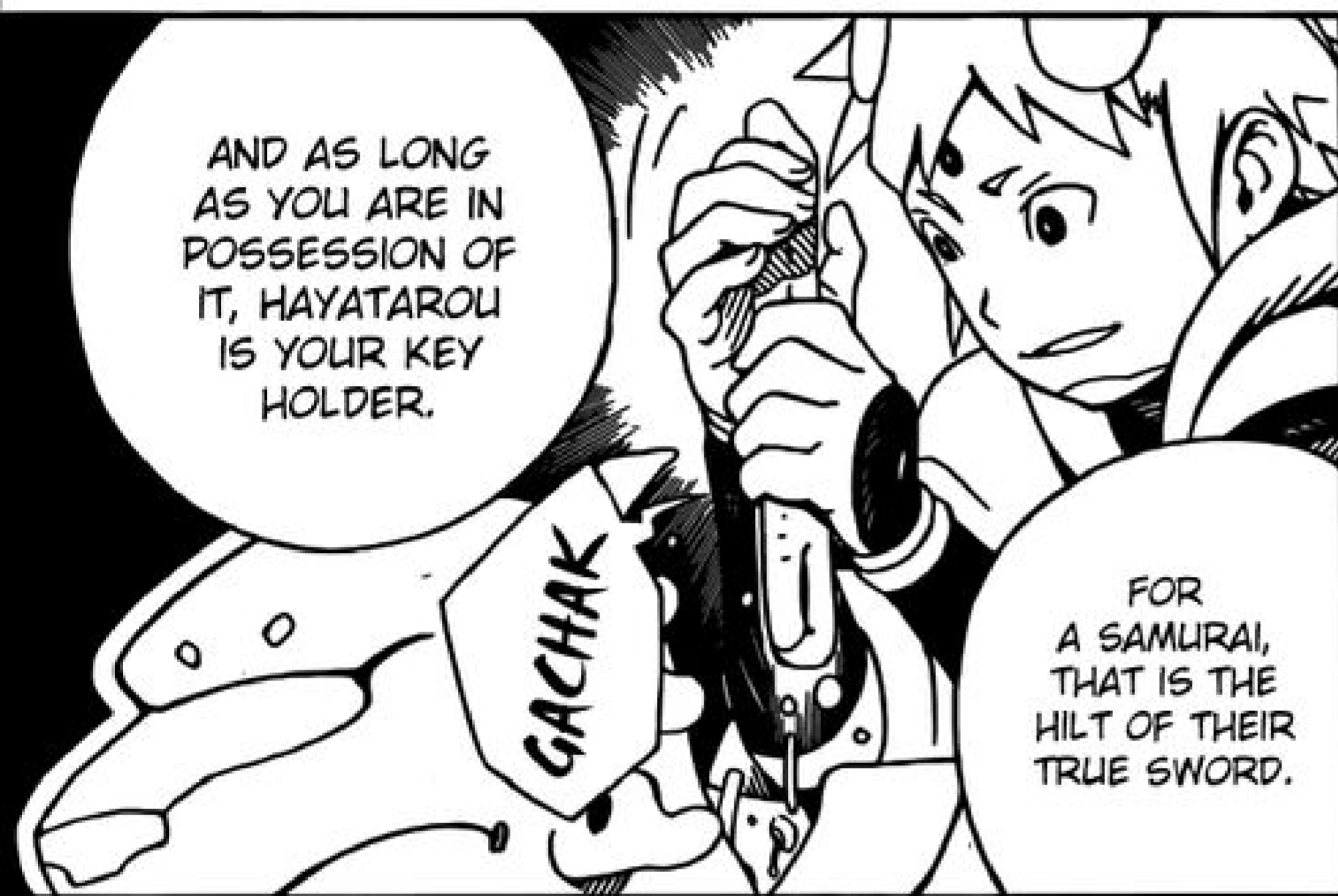


BONE HILT?



AS OF RIGHT NOW, HAYATAROU IS STILL AN ORDINARY HOLDER.

HE IS NOT YET A "KEY HOLDER..."



AND AS LONG AS YOU ARE IN POSSESSION OF IT, HAYATAROU IS YOUR KEY HOLDER.

GACHAK

FOR A SAMURAI, THAT IS THE HILT OF THEIR TRUE SWORD.



DO YOU SEE THAT? THAT'S THE BONE HILT.



ONWARDS!

LET THE LESSONS BEGIN!

WITH THIS, I CAN FINALLY BEGIN MY TRAINING AS A SAMURAI!

LET'S GET STARTED ALREADY!



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...CHAPTER 5 / END.