

A FEW DAYS
AFTER THE BATTLE...
IN THE CAPITAL...



MANGA
STREAM
DO NOT MIRROR

OOOOOOOH,
I'M GETTING SO
NERVOUS!!

SO I'M
HERE TO TESTIFY
ON THE TRUTH AS
A WITNESS TO
THE WAR~

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CLOVER KINGDOM - THE COURTHOUSE OF THE MAGIC CONGRESS

THOUGH
WHAT THE MAGIC
EMPEROR SAID
WASN'T EXACTLY
REASSURING...



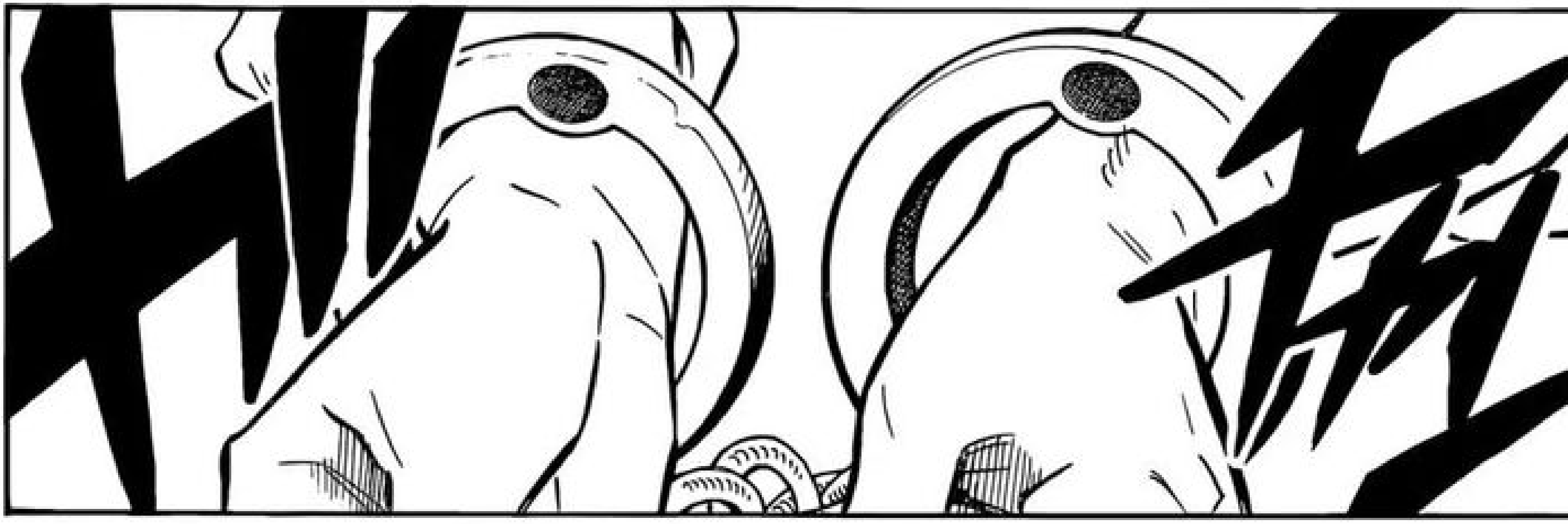
...YES, BUT YOU'RE TREADING ON VERY THIN ICE, ASTA... SO YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

WE'RE THE ONES WHO CAN BEST EXPLAIN HOW THE REINCARNATION WAS BROKEN.



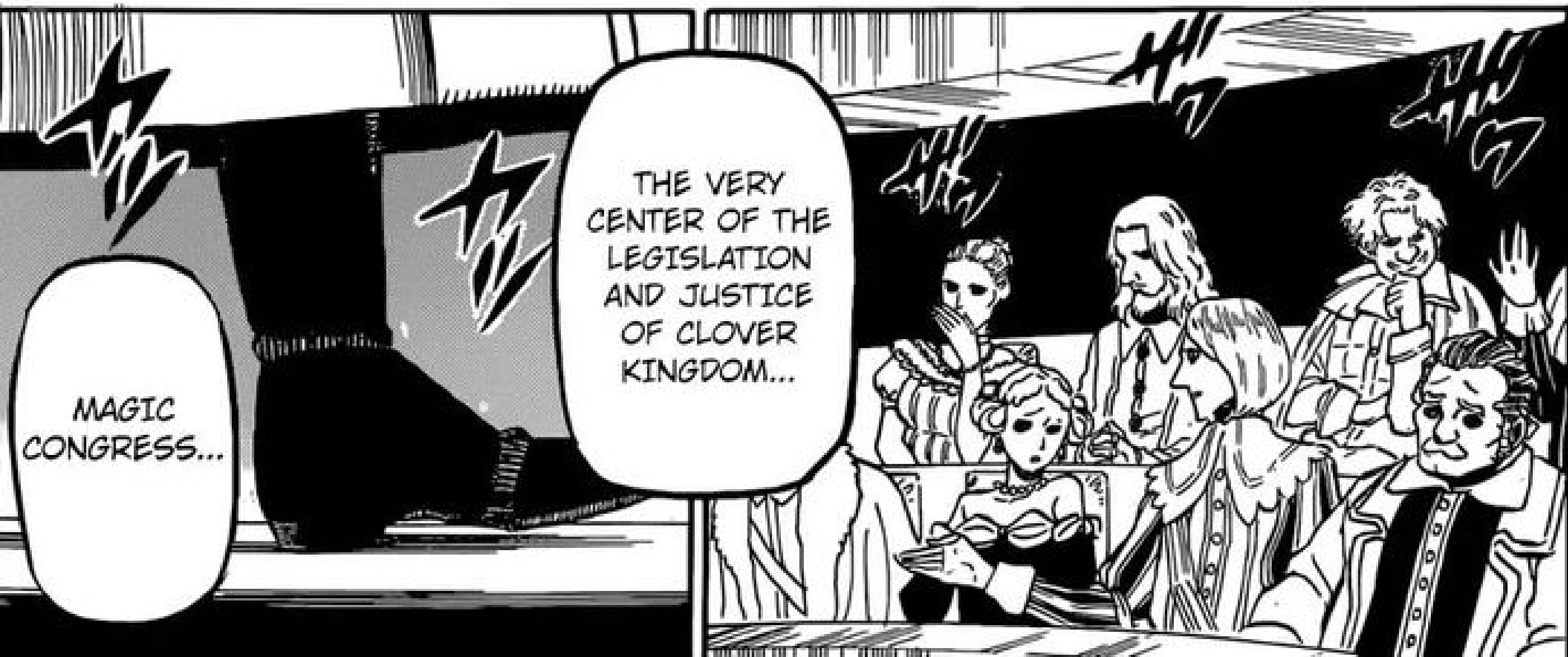
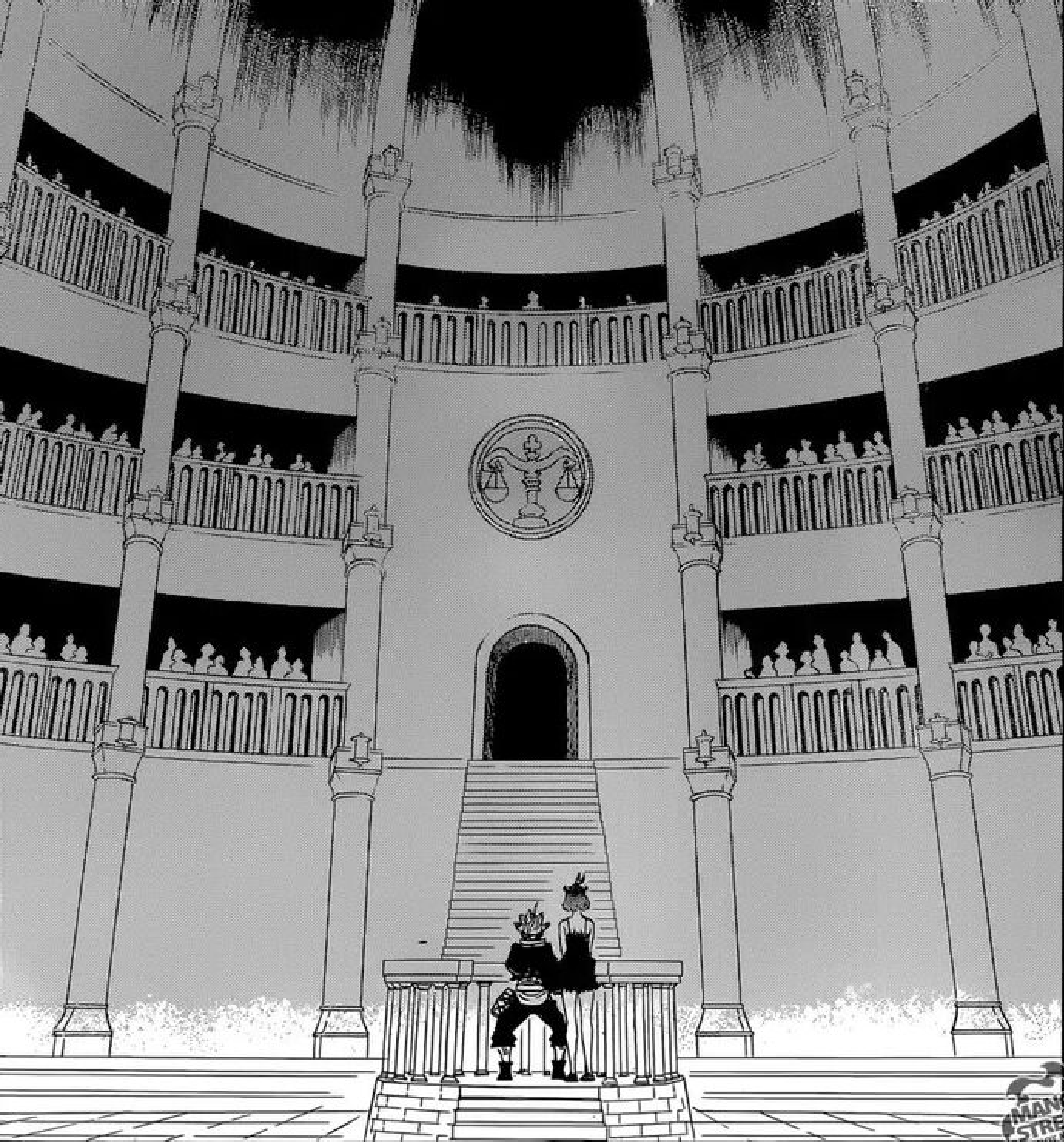
BESIDES... THERE WERE THE ELVES... AND THE DEVIL...

I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDERSTAND IF I JUST TALK TO THEM.



WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!!

WHA
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AAA?!





TH... THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY TOLD ME I WAS COMING FOR AT ALL!!

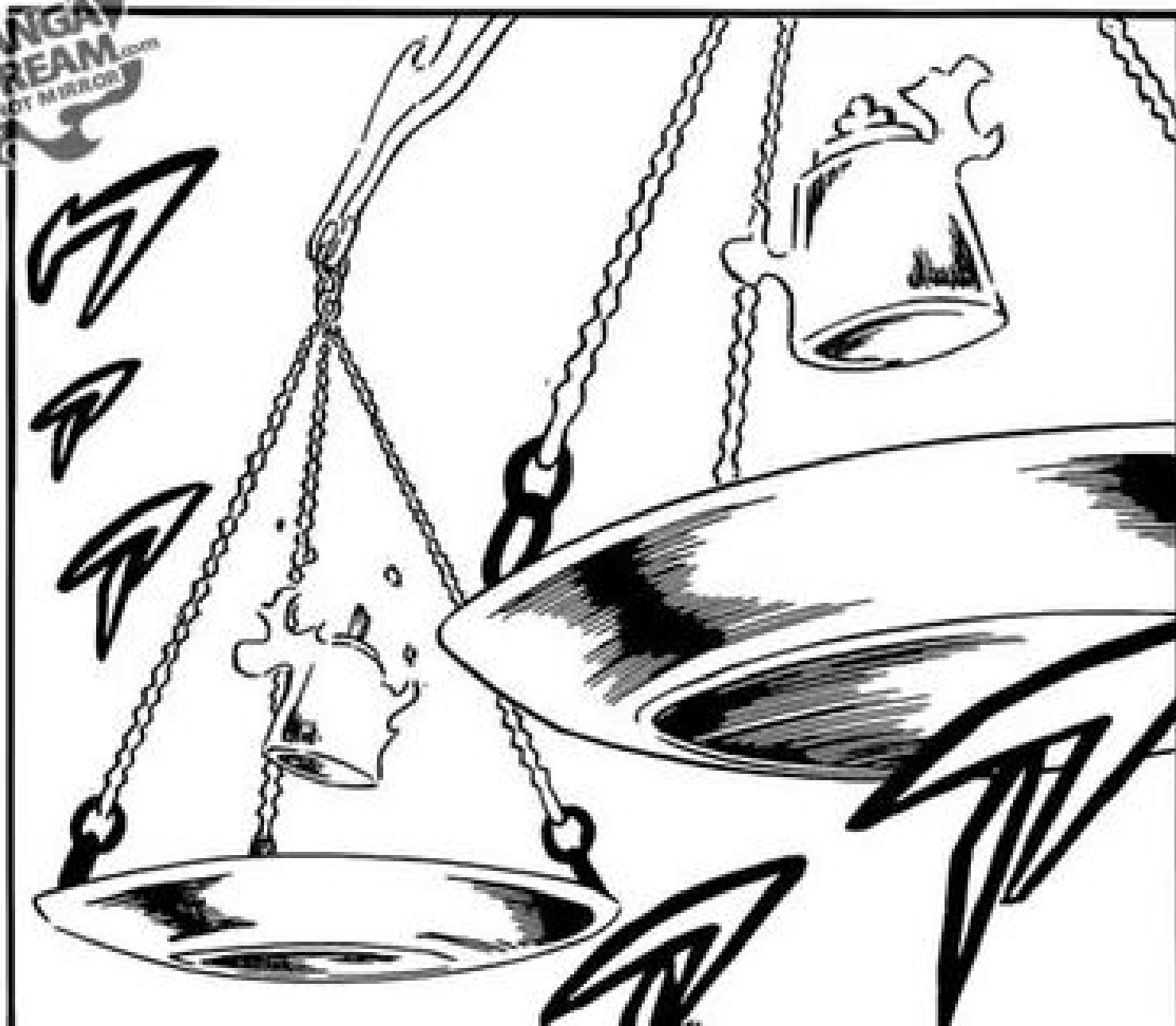
THEY'RE JUST TREATING ME LIKE A CRIMINAL OFF THE BAT?!

...LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT COMPLETELY SUCKERED WITH THE OL' BAIT AND SWITCH...



CALL THE HEARING FOR THE CRIMES OF ASTA OF THE BLACK BULLS.

I, DAMNATIO KIRA, CHAIRMAN AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE...



AND EVEN AFTER I MADE HIM A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL KNIGHTS... THAT INSOLENT LITTLE BRAT...

I KNEW THAT KID WAS NO GOOD FROM THE START...

MY EYES NEVER LIE.





SO THEN HE'S AN ORPHAN OF THE FORSAKEN REGION...?

...OH, MY...

FILTHY LOW CLASS GARBAGE...!

A LOW CLASS COMMONER WITH NEITHER PARENTS NOR EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF DETECTABLE MANA.

HAILING FROM HAGE VILLAGE, IN THE FURTHEST REACHES OF THE FORSKAEN REGION.

ASTA OF THE BLACK BULLS.



BUT THOSE HORNS ARE CLEAR PROOF THAT SHE HAS USED FORBIDDEN MAGIC ...!!

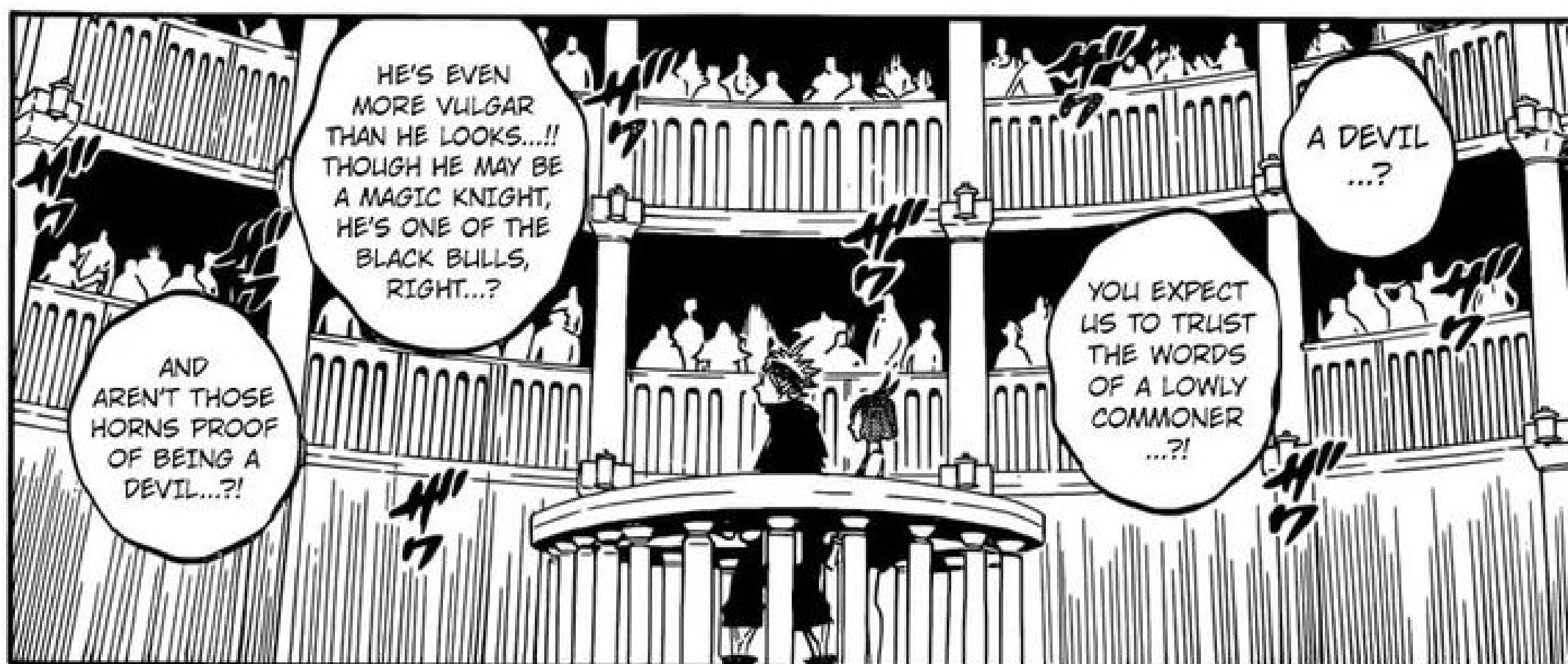
THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF HER BIRTH ANYWHERE WITHIN THE KINGDOM...



WHAT ARE THOSE HORNS ...?!

...HEY...

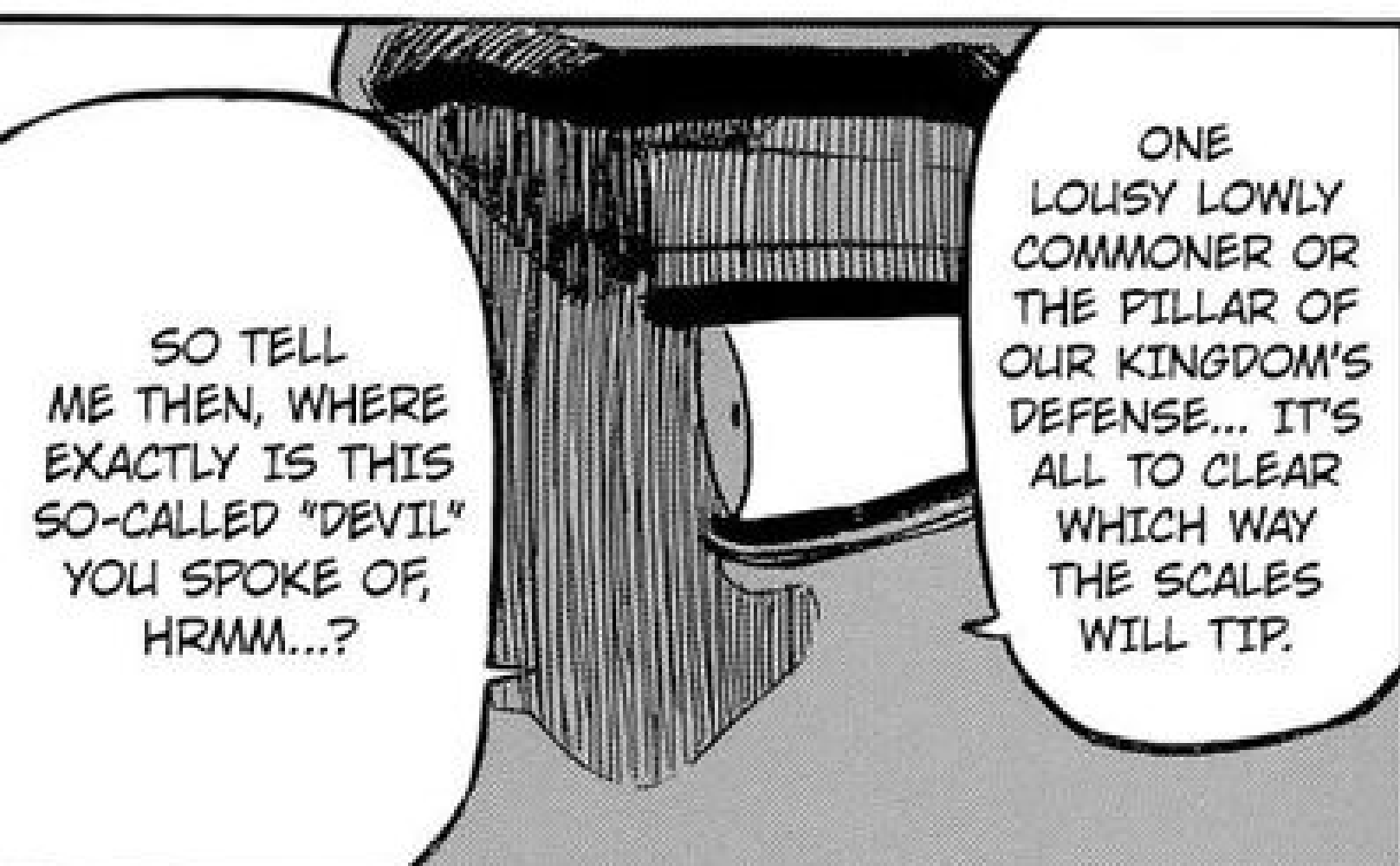
AND AS FOR THAT YOUNG GIRL OVER THERE...





OR IT WOULD BE THE MAGIC KNIGHTS SHOULDERING THE DISHONOR OF THIS CRIME.

HAD ONE OF TWO OUTCOMES... EITHER YOU WOULD BE JUDGED AS A DEVIL...



SO TELL ME THEN, WHERE EXACTLY IS THIS SO-CALLED "DEVIL" YOU SPOKE OF, HRMM...?

ONE LOUSY LOWLY COMMONER OR THE PILLAR OF OUR KINGDOM'S DEFENSE... IT'S ALL TO CLEAR WHICH WAY THE SCALES WILL TIP.



AND YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY THROW OTHERS TO THE WOLVES...

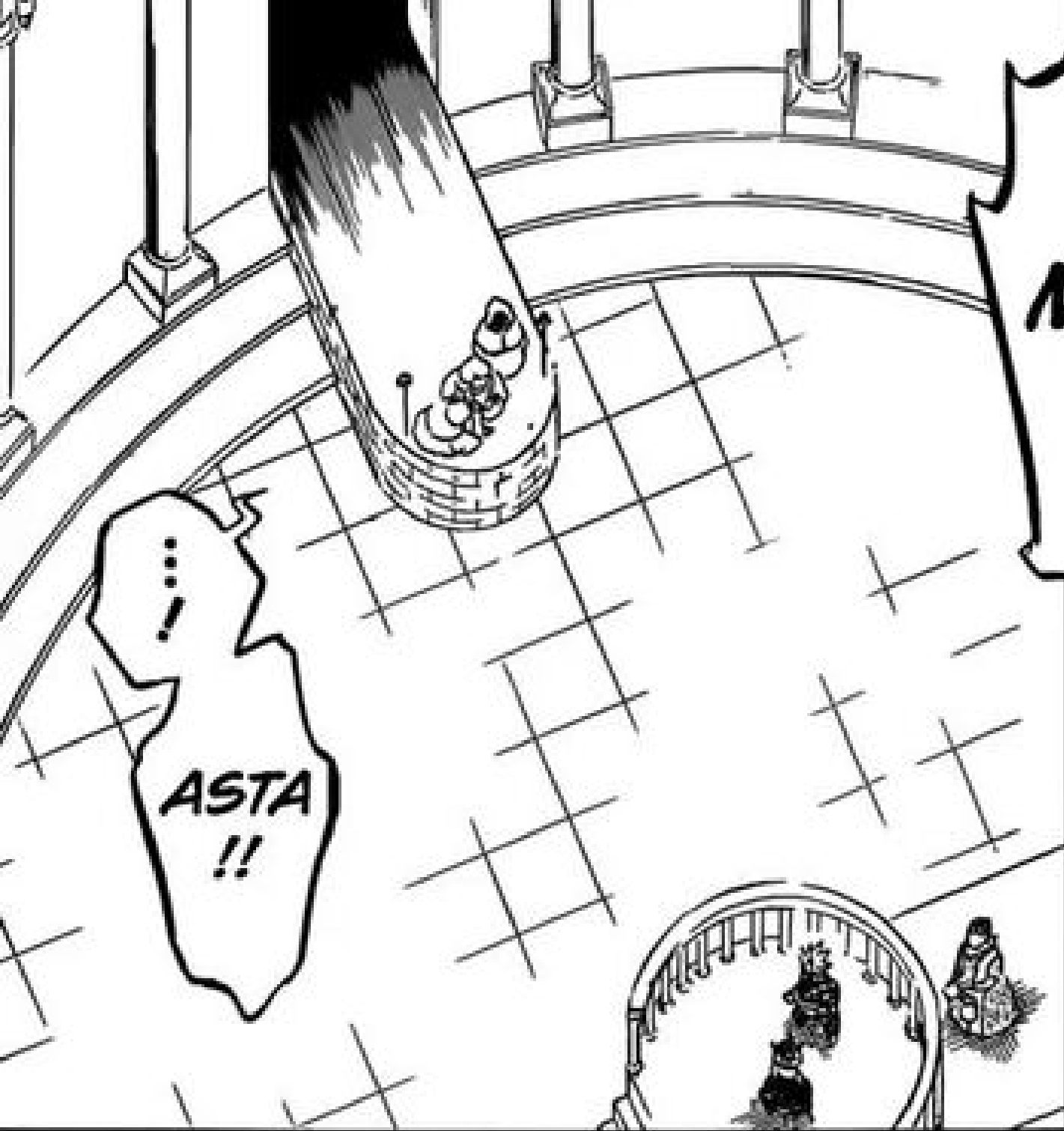
THAT KIND OF DISPOSITION IS ALL REFLECTED IN THE SCALES... PURE, NAIVE, IMPULSIVE, AND EASY TO MANIPULATE...



I TOLD YOU ALREADY... WE DEFEATED IT!!

AND JUST TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, NERO DESPERATELY GAVE HER ALL WORKING FOR A LONG, LOOOOONG TIME...





ASTA !!

MARIE ?!



HER OLDER BROTHER IS A FORMER CONVICT...!

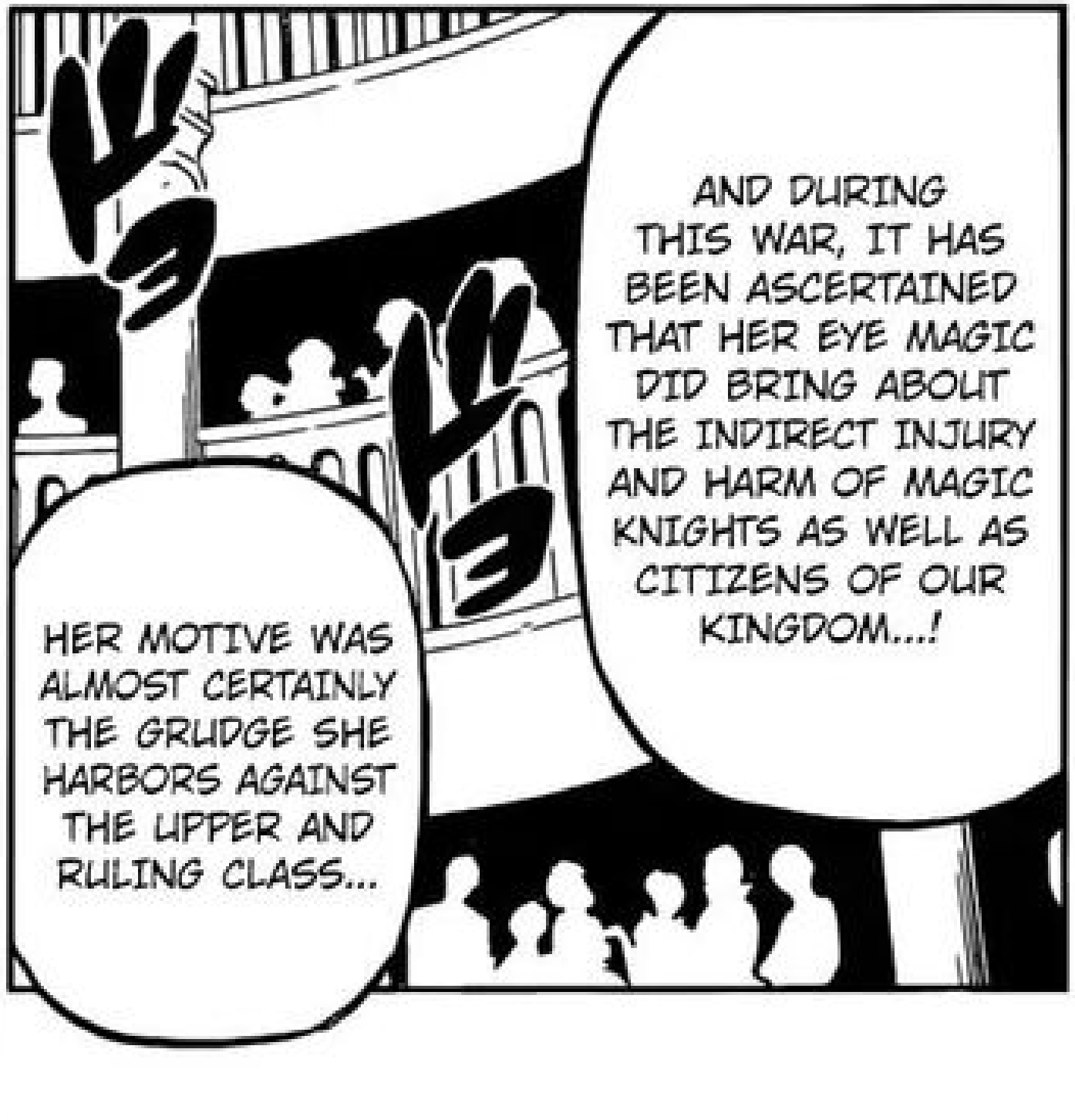
SHE WAS ONCE THE DAUGHTER OF THE HOUSE OF ADLAI, BUT PRESENTLY SHE IS BUT A FALLEN NOBLE LIVING AMONGST ORPHANS AT THE CHURCH...

THIS IS MARIE ADLAI



BESIDES, NONE OF THAT WAS OF MARIE'S OWN WILL...!!

DON'T GO JUST SPOUTING OFF WHATEVER YOU FEEL LIKE!!



HER MOTIVE WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE GRUDGE SHE HARBORS AGAINST THE UPPER AND RULING CLASS...

AND DURING THIS WAR, IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT HER EYE MAGIC DID BRING ABOUT THE INDIRECT INJURY AND HARM OF MAGIC KNIGHTS AS WELL AS CITIZENS OF OUR KINGDOM...!

BUT IF THAT
CANNOT BE
PROVEN...

THAT'S
RIGHT...

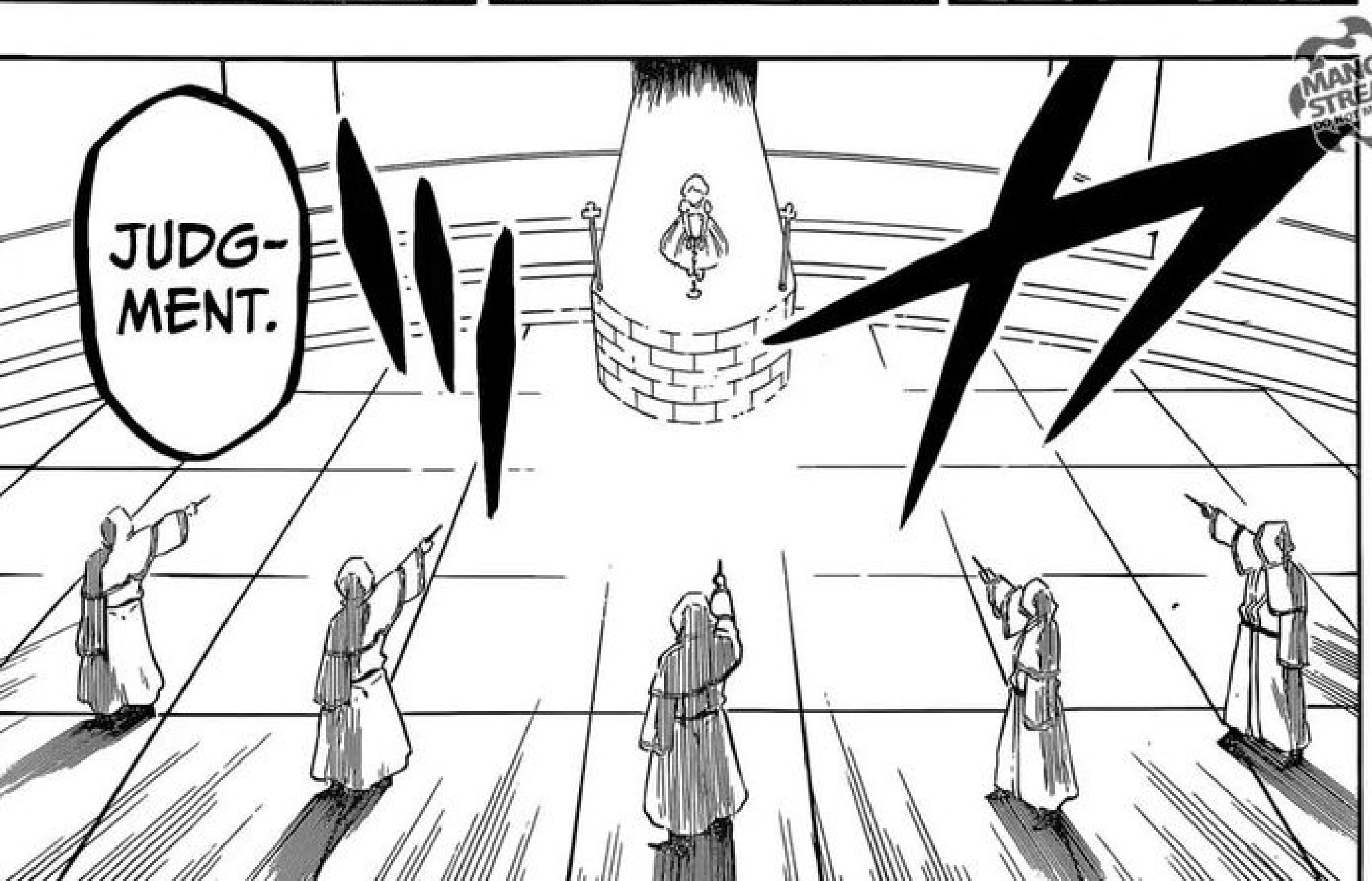
ALL WE
HAVE IS THE
CLEAR CRIME
WHICH SHE HAS
COMMITTED,
THEREFORE...

IF A DEVIL DID
EXIST... THEN SHE
WOULD HAVE BEEN
ACTING UNDER
MANIPULATION.

!!?

SHE
MUST BE
JUDGED.

IN THE
NAME OF
JUSTICE
....!!

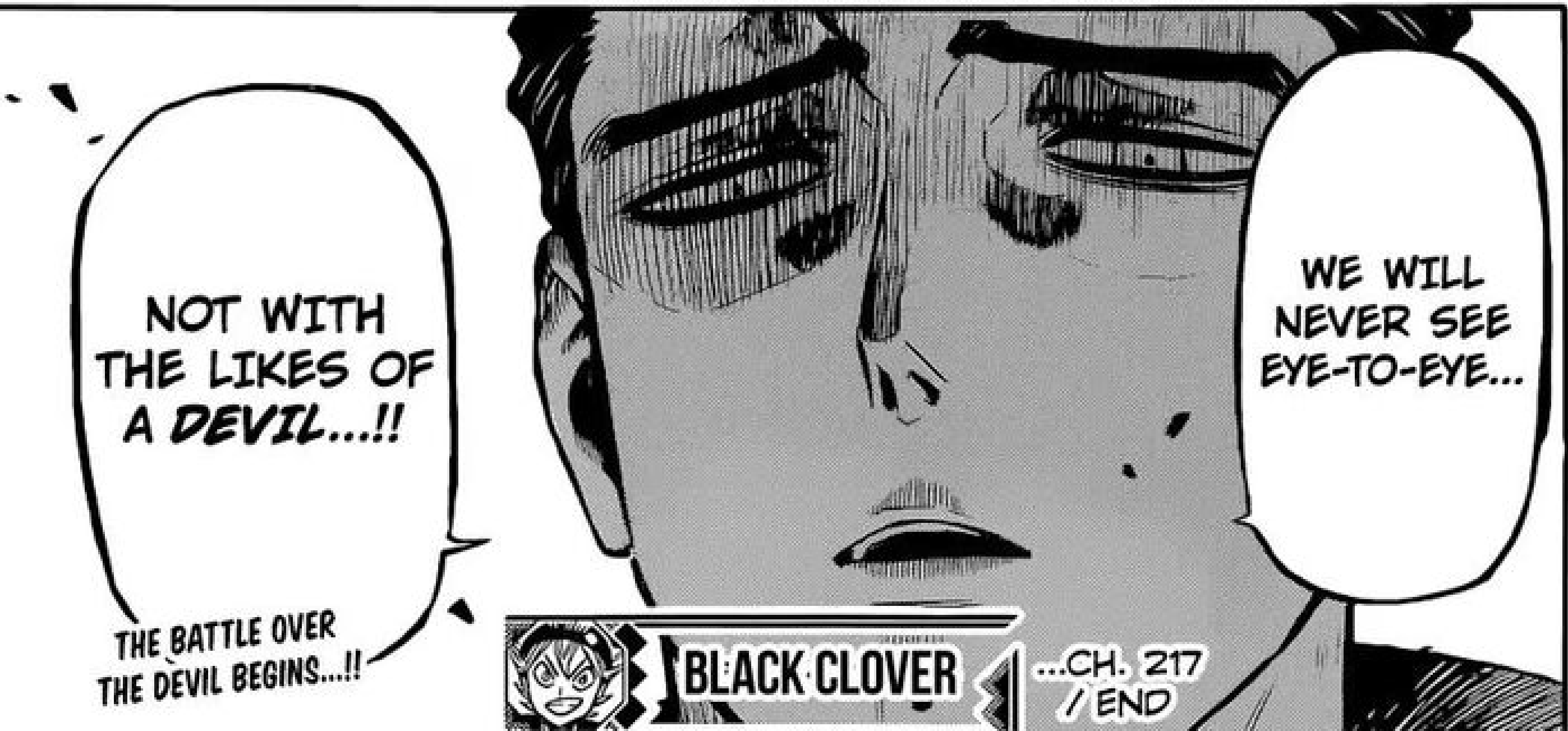






YOUR
"JUSTICE"
...!!!

AND
I DON'T
ACKNOWLEDGE...



NOT WITH
THE LIKES OF
A DEVIL...!!

WE WILL
NEVER SEE
EYE-TO-EYE...

THE BATTLE OVER
THE DEVIL BEGINS...!!



BLACK CLOVER

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