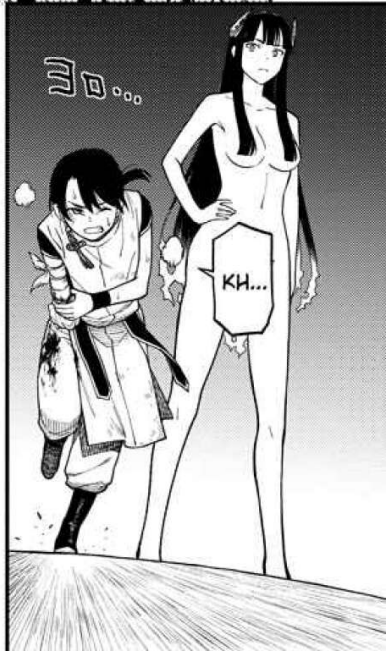


CHAPTER 2: THE STONE PEOPLE







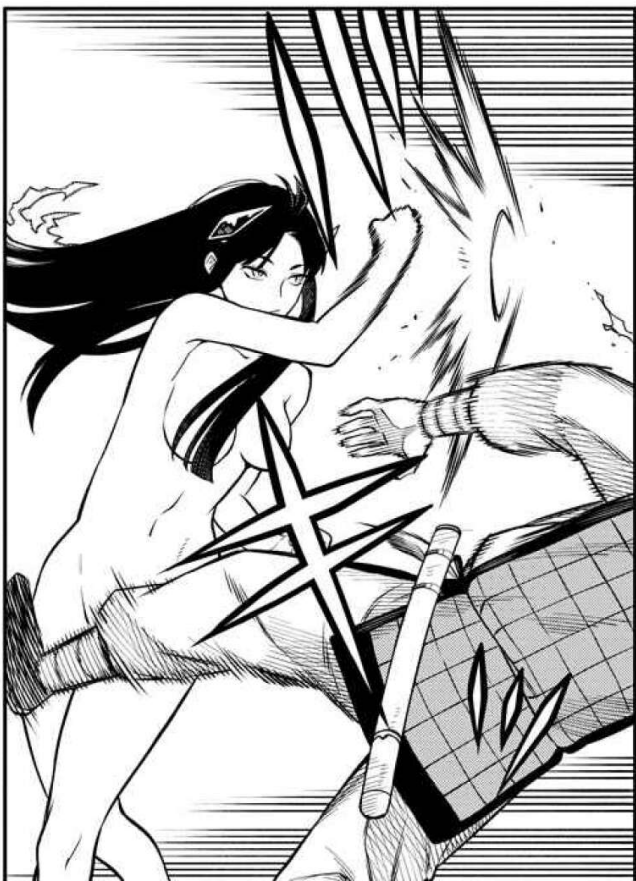
SO THESE
ARE ALSO
ENEMIES OF
THE LAD...



I SEE...







SOLID
BODIES
AND THE
ABILITY TO
CONTROL
STONE...

THE
STORIES
WERE
TRUE...



あは
WHY ARE
YOU SO
ABSENT-
MINDED?



あ...
I STOP-
PED THE
BLEEDING
IN YOUR
ARM,

YOU CAN
WALK
NOW,
RIGHT?



WE
SHOULD
GET OUT
OF HERE.
CALM
DOWN,
YOU CAN'T
EVEN
TALK TO
ME.

Y...
YEAH.



THEY
REALLY
ARE
PEOPLE
OF
STONE...



SHE IS MY
SISTER-
IN-LAW,
MIO-
DONO...

SHE'S
NOT!

IS SHE
YOUR
LOVER?
THIS GIRL
YOU'RE
KEEPING
AN EYE
ON,

THAT
MEANS...

MY BIG
BROTHER'S
WIFE.

NOW
WE'LL
HAVE TO
TRUST...

AND
RELY
ON
HER...

YES...

CAN YOU
STAND
UP?

YES...
BUT YOU,
ISAZA-
DONO...

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?



SHE'S MY
SISTER-
IN-LAW
NOW,
TOO?!



MAYBE
EVERY-
THING WILL
COME TRUE
SOON.

W-
WAIT,
PLEASE.



HUSBAND
AND SISTER-
IN-LAW AT
ONCE, THAT'S
A GOOD
START.

GREAT,
GREAT!

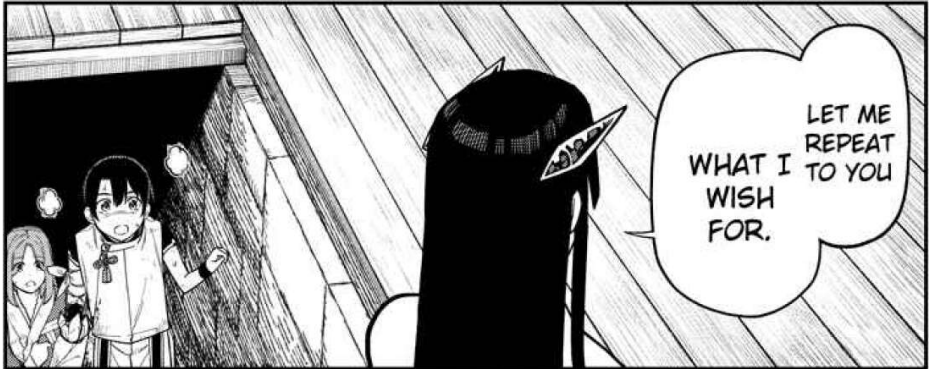


ME
AND...
WASN'T
YOUR WISH
JUST TO
CONCEIVE A
CHILD?

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"EVERY-
THING"?









D-



DON'T COME NEAR ME!



THAT'S NON-NEGOTIABLE.

BUT I'LL BE YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED WIFE,

YOU CAN HAVE AS MANY CONCUBINES AS YOU LIKE, I DON'T MIND,



OUR HOUSE SHOULD BE ON A HILL WITH A NICE VIEW.



COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT STATUE IN THE UNDERGROUND LOOKED LIKE IT WAS SEALING SOMETHING,

RATHER THAN EN-SHRINING IT.



HOW AM I EVEN SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THIS THING?!

NO ONE TOLD ME WE'D BE FACING SOMETHING LIKE THIS!



I...



AND I WANT TO HAVE ONE CAT AND ONE DOG.



WE SHOULD ALSO, HAVE A FIELD AND GROW VEGETABLES TOGETHER,



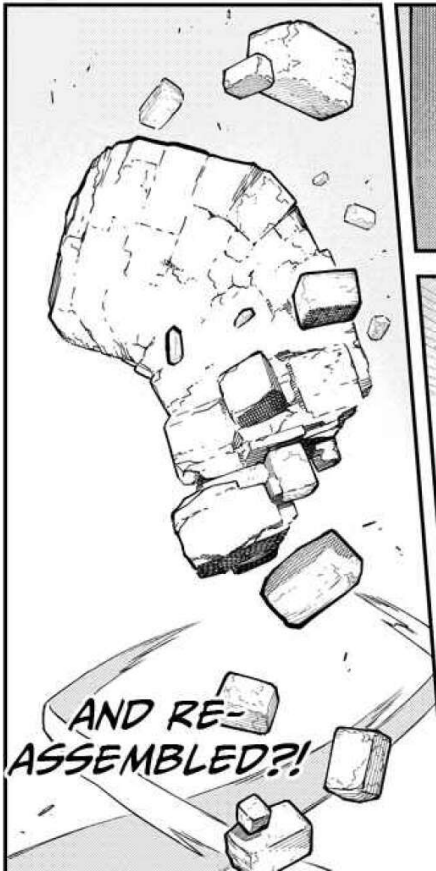




I'LL
TALK TO
HIRAGI-
SAMA
AND...

I'LL...

I'LL...



AND RE-
ASSEMBLED?!



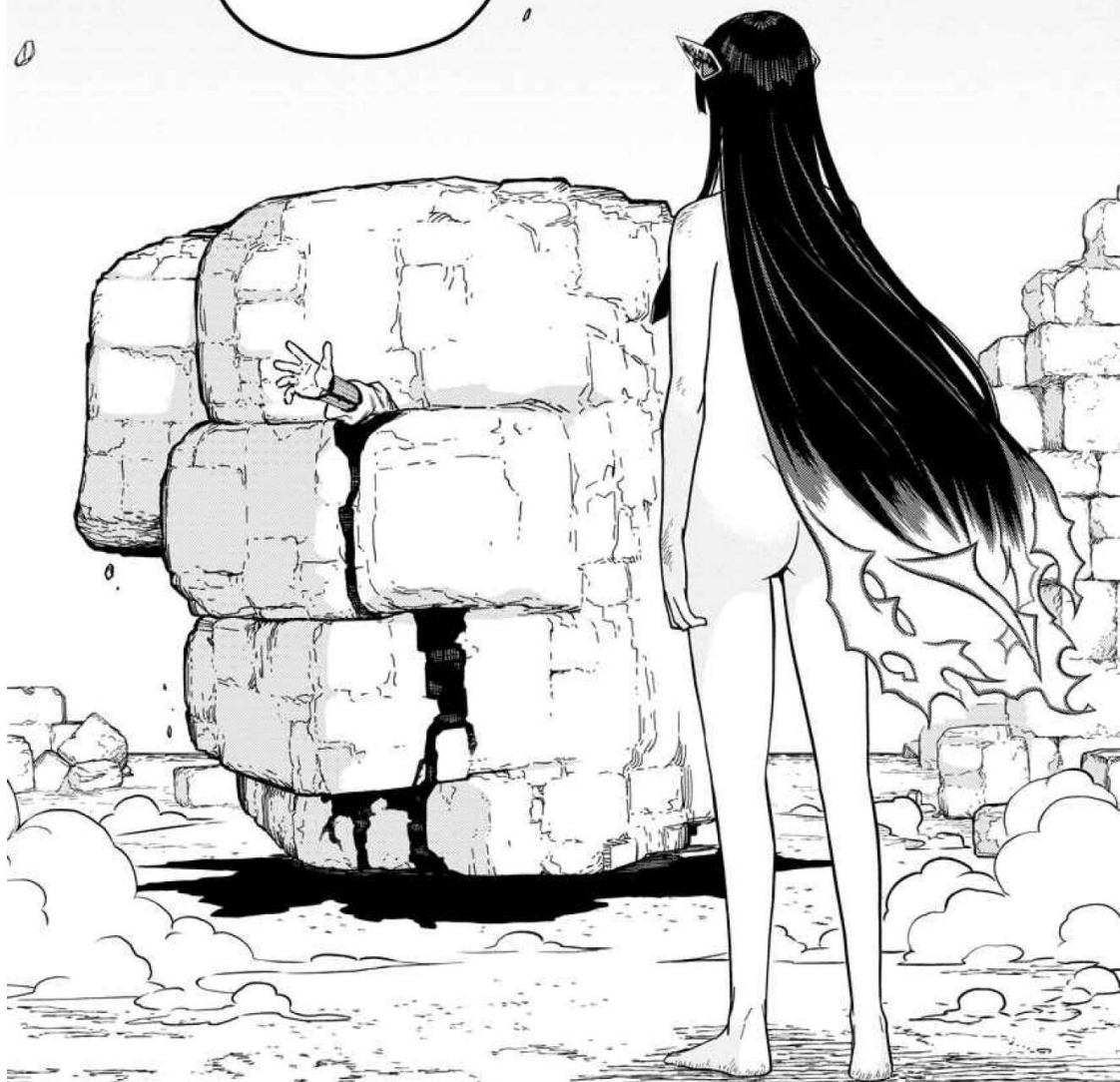
THE STONE
WALL
COLLAPSED...



I DO NOT
WANT ANY
OF THAT.

TO
HAVE A
FAMILY.

I
WANT





BUT,

I HAVE YET
TO KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT HER
OR THE
STONE
PEOPLE.

AND TO
TELL THE
TRUTH,
I'M A
LITTLE
SCARED.



I FEEL
THAT THIS
DESIRE
OF HERS
TO HAVE A
FAMILY IS
NOT A LIE.

FOR
SOME
REASON,

IF
YOU'RE
OKAY
WITH
ME...





AND I
PROMISE TO
FULFIL ALL
YOUR
WISHES.



I WILL BE
YOUR
HUSBAND
FROM NOW
ON,



レ
?



NOW WE
ARE A
PROPER
COUPLE.

YACHIHO.

MY
NAME
IS

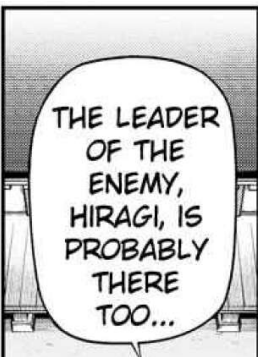


SO,
ISAZA,
WHAT DO WE
DO
NOW?

MY NAME
IS LIKANO
ISAZA.



WAIT,
PLEASE...



THE LEADER
OF THE
ENEMY,
HIRAGI, IS
PROBABLY
THERE
TOO...



THE
SHRINE...



YACHIHO-
DONO!

AND ISAZA-
DONO'S
OLDER
BROTHER IS
FIGHTING
THERE, TOO!

PLEASE
HELP
THEM!

OUR
PEOPLE
ARE IN
THE
SHRINE
NOW!





WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP MY BROTHER,

WITH YACHIHO-SAN'S STRENGTH,

!?



WE HAVE TO ESCAPE.



PROTECT MIO-DONO!



BUT IF WE GO BACK TO THE BATTLE-FIELD,



I DON'T MIND...!

NO.

SISTER-IN-LAW WILL BE ENDANGERED AGAIN.



I MADE MY BROTHER A PROMISE,



AND KILL THE ONE NAMED HIRAGI, RIGHT?

I JUST HAVE TO GO IN THERE ALONE,



THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD LOSE TO THE LIKES OF THEM...

BESIDES,

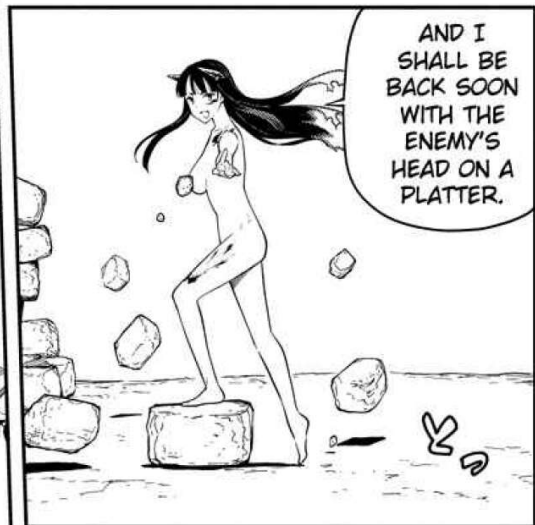


AND NOW...



ISN'T IT SIMPLE?

OH,











...EH?!

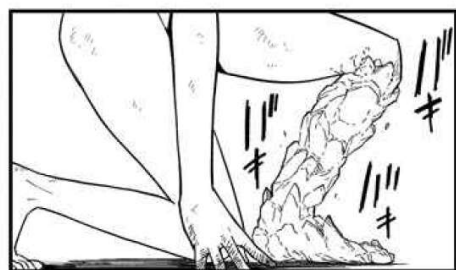
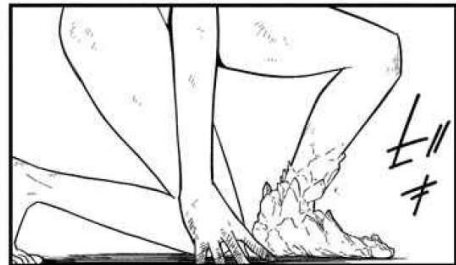


ISAZA,



STAND STILL FOR A MOMENT.

EH...









THE MORE
I TURN
BACK TO
STONE.

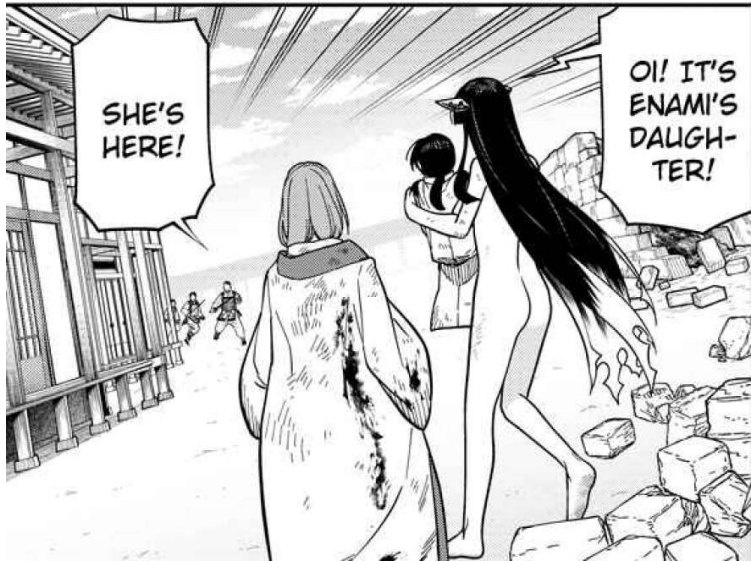
BUT IT SEEMS
LIKE THE
GREATER THE
DISTANCE
SEPARATING
US,



WHAT
THE
HELL
WAS
THAT?



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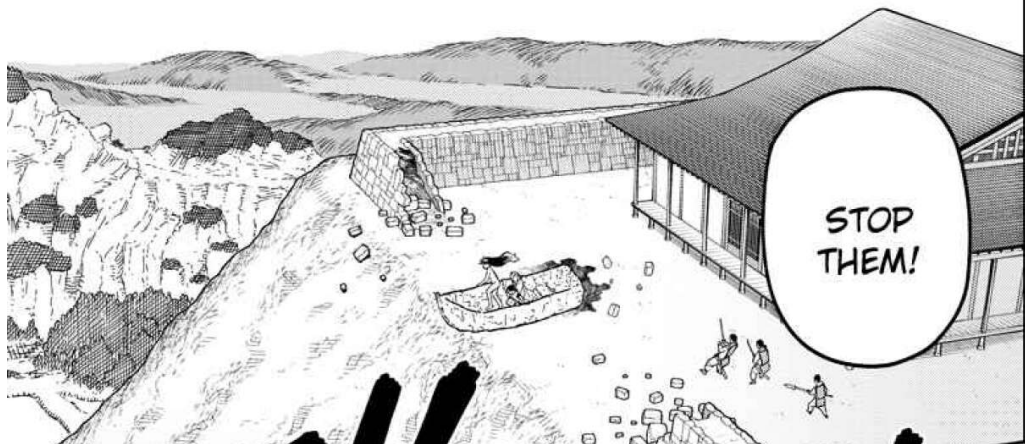


SHE'S
HERE!

OI! IT'S
ENAMI'S
DAUGHTER!









THE
SHRINE IS
ABLAZE...!

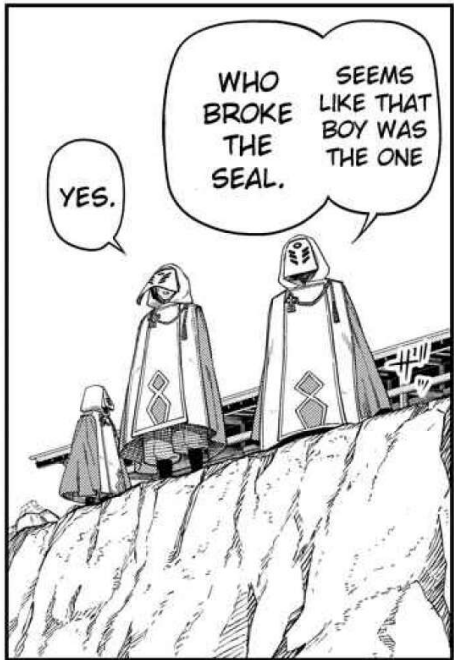


BIG BRO-
THER...!



ISN'T THAT THE STONE MAN THE LEADER SPOKE OF?

IS IT OKAY TO JUST STAND THERE AND WATCH?



YES.

WHO BROKE THE SEAL.

SEEMS LIKE THAT BOY WAS THE ONE



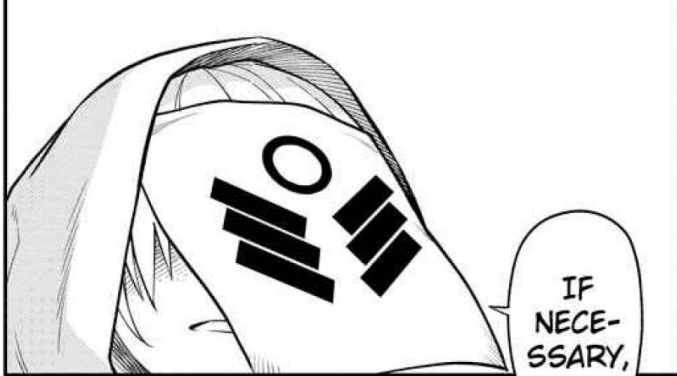
I HOPE THAT PERSON WILL GO ALONG WITH US AMICABLY, OTHERWISE WE'LL HAVE TO RESORT TO FORCE.

BUT THE SITUATION CAME UP IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE'D JUST TOOK THE STATUE WITH US,



WE CANNOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.



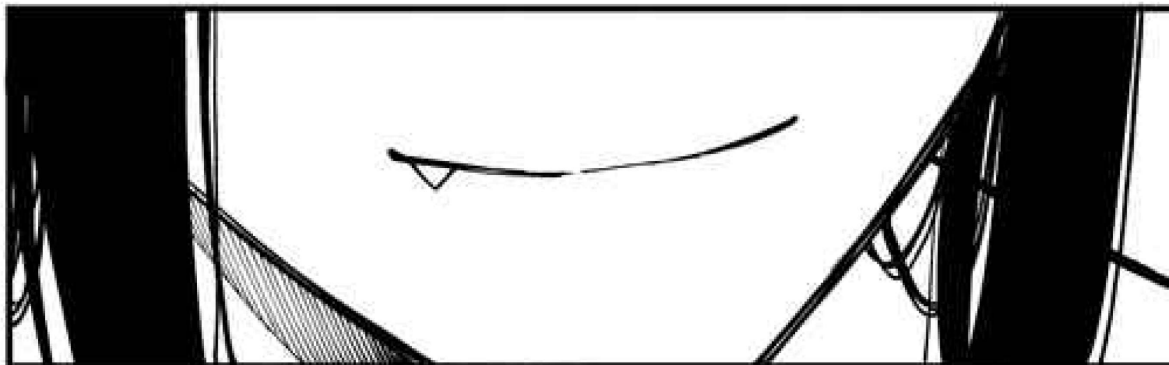
IF NECESSARY,



WE WILL TAKE THE BOY WITH US TOO.



SEND THE BIRDS AFTER THEM.



HELLO, IT'S ME AGAIN. POSTING THE SECOND
CHAPTER JUST TO BE SURE, YOU KNOW. THIS
IS DEFINITELY THE LAST ONE.
(NO NEW CHAPTERS YET ANYWAY)

