

DELTORA QUEST

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NORADZ

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Thaegan

A terrifying sorceress who stole the voice of the Ralad people and turned the city of D'Or into the Lake of Tears.



Manus

A man of the Ralad race. Lief and his companions rescued him from the Grey Guards.



Ethena



Nanion



Reece

First Ra-Kachar of the city of Noradz. Abnormally obsessed with cleanliness.



Tira

A girl who lives in the city of Noradz. She is rescued by Lief when Reece is about to whip her.



Mysterious Man

A man they meet at Tom's shop. He would appear to be a member of the Resistance that fights against the Shadow Lord.



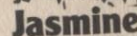
Lief

The only son of Jarred, the Hero of Deltora. He sets out on a journey to find the Seven Gems and restore peace to the Kingdom of Deltora, which has fallen into the hands of the Shadow Lord.



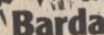
Kree

A raven who lived in the forest with Jasmine. His family was killed by Thaegan.



Jasmine

Formerly a resident of the Forests of Silence. At the request of her mother's spirit, she agrees to help Lief and Barda on their quest.



Barda

A former guard at the Palace of Del, and a master swordsman. He disguised himself as a beggar and hid in the city of Del for 16 years, in order to join Lief on his journey.

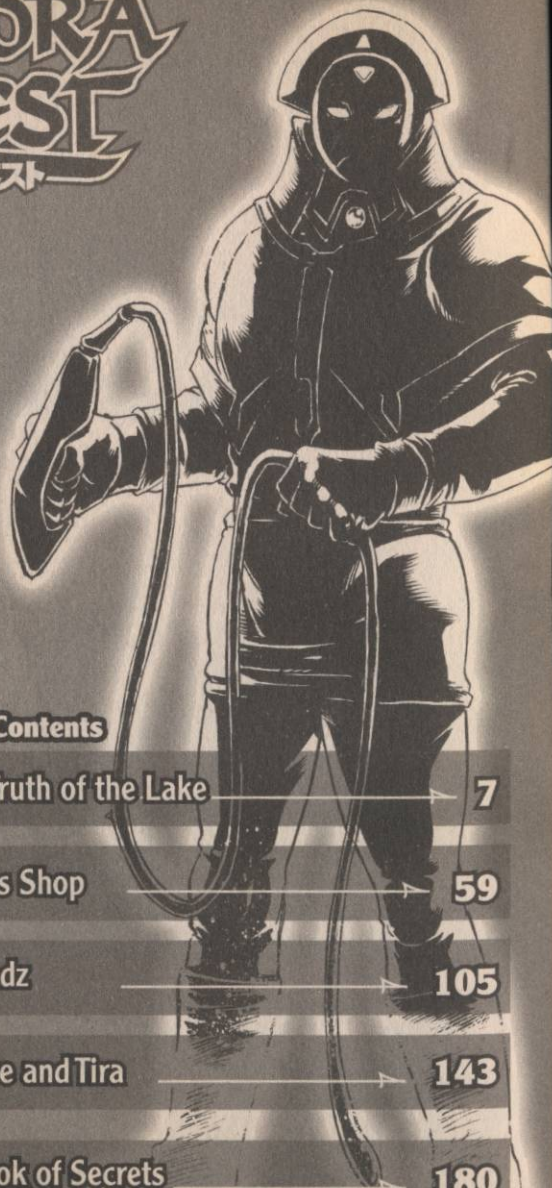


Filli

A strange creature who is always with Jasmine.

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Synopsis

Lief and Barda are on a quest to find the Seven Gems and restore peace to Deltora. With the help of Jasmine, a girl who lived in the Forests, they obtained the first gem, the topaz. The power of the topaz allows Jasmine to

meet her mother, and she makes up her mind to join Lief and Barda on their journey.

Along the way, the travelers are nearly eaten by children of the sorceress Thaegan, Jin and Jod, but Manus, a man they rescued from the Grey Guards, guides them to safety, and they successfully lure Jin and Jod into the quicksand swamp.

Off to find the next gem, the three companions set out through the sorceress Thaegan's territory to get to the Lake of Tears, where they are attacked by the lake's giant monster, Soldeen. But upon seeing the power of Lief's friendship as he tries to protect Manus, Soldeen regains his senses and tells Lief the whereabouts of the second Gem, the ruby.

The sorceress Thaegan has suffered the death of her children and the betrayal of her slave Soldeen. Completely shielded by magic, Thaegan's anger is ready to erupt!

JASMINE, YOU MUST LEAVE THE FORESTS AND HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY.

THEY ARE ON A QUEST TO FREE OUR LAND FROM THE SHADOW LORD.

LISTEN, THESE TWO MEN ARE FRIENDS.







HO
HO
HO!!



YOU MAY
BE
SHIELDED
BY
MAGIC...

BUT
JUST
ONE
STROKE
...



HRNGH
....!



NO.

JUST
ONE
DROP
OF
BLOOD!



HO
HO
HO
...

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

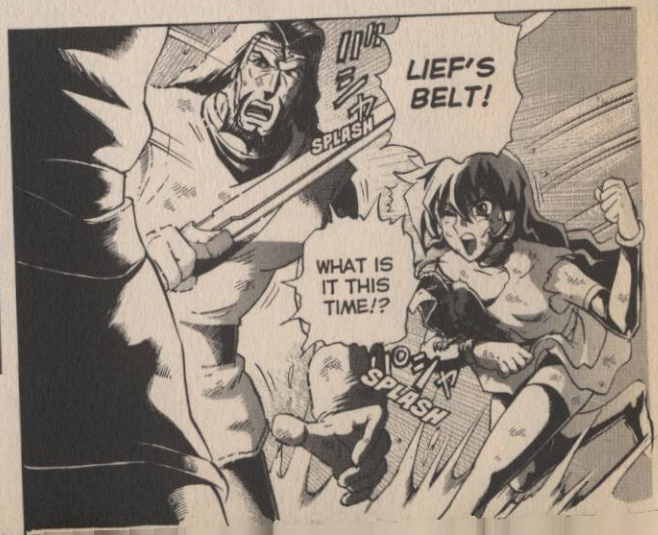
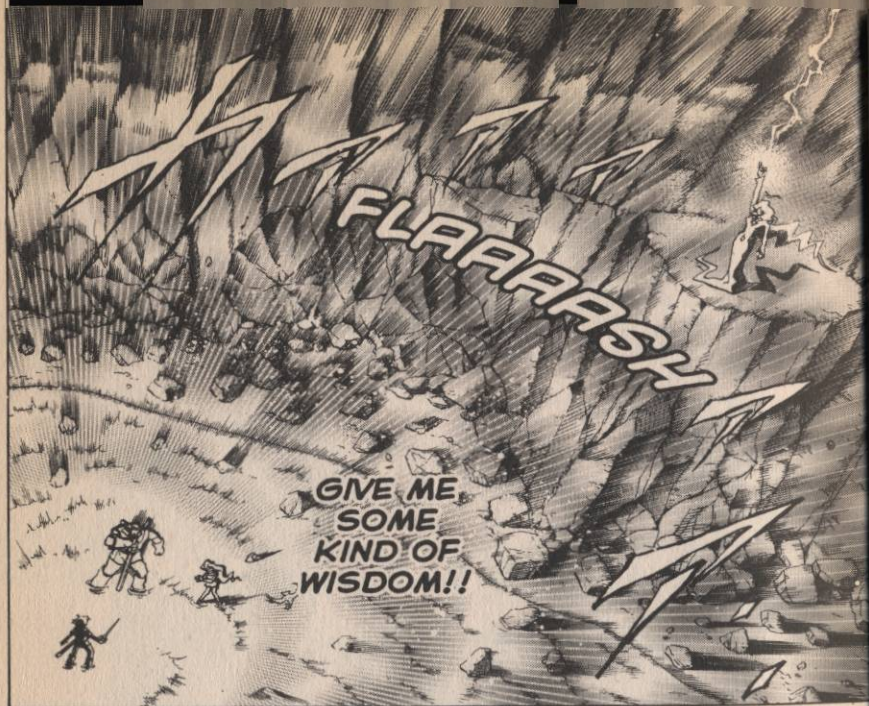


Chapter 20: The Truth of the Lake

KER-SPLASH









... OKAY!!

YOU
DON'T
KNOW
WHEN TO
GIVE UP,
DO YOU!?

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE



KREE!!



HEY
...

LIEF!?

SPLASH

SPLASH

RUMBLE

SPLASH

SPLASH

THAEGAN,
I'M OVER
HERE!!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE



I'LL
ACT AS
DECOY
!!



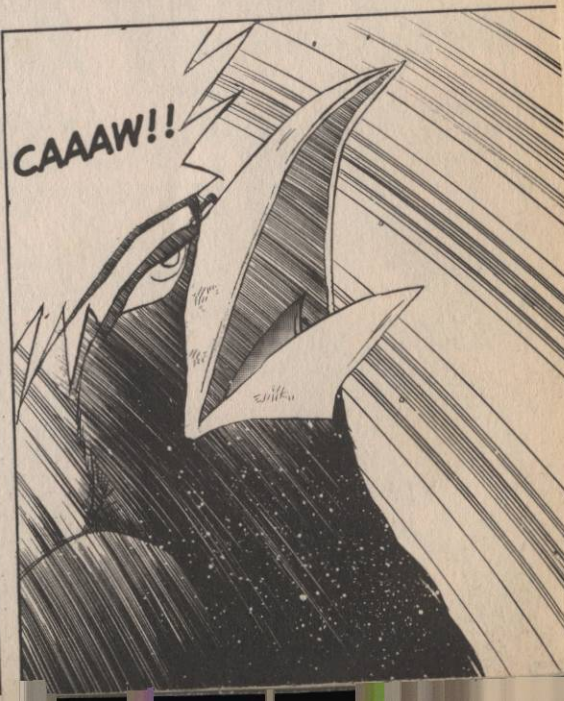
...TO
AVENGE
YOUR
FAMILY
AND
FRIENDS
!

THIS IS
YOUR
CHANCE
...



WHAT
ARE WE
HISPER-
ING
ABOUT,
I
ONDER?

MY, MY,
MY.



CAAAW!!

KA-SPLOOSH

HEH HEH!
WHAT DO
YOU
THINK
YOU ARE
DOING?

YOU WILL
NEVER
ESCAPE
ME!!

Z-BAM-BAM-BAM

LIEF!?

NOW
!!

KABOOM

BLAM



THOOMP!



KA-CRACK!!



**KREE!
GO!!**



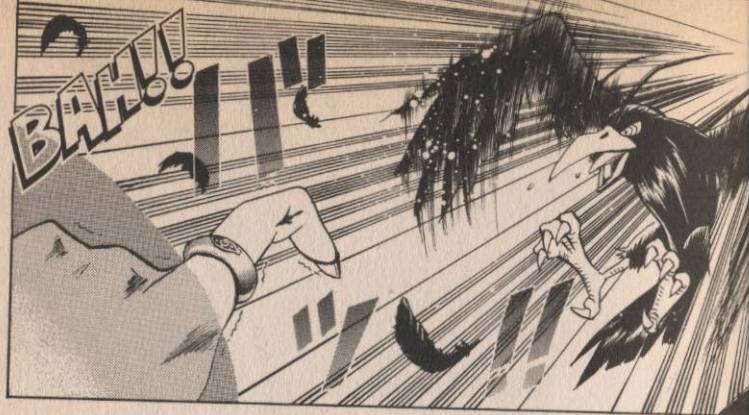
AH!?



!!



WHOOSH!



WH...
WH-
WHEN...
DID YOU
...?



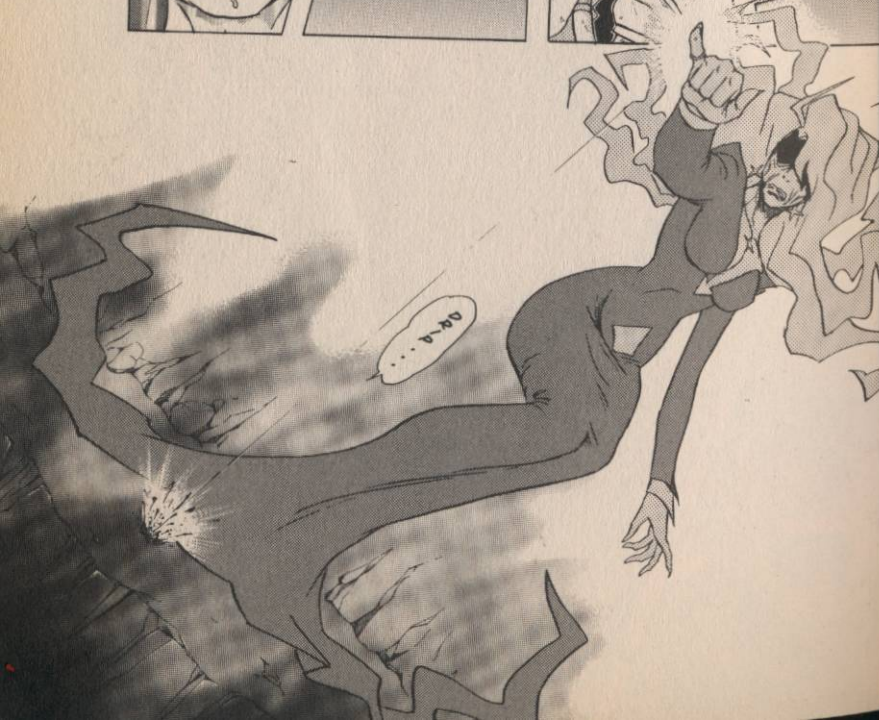
THE
INSTANT
SHE
RELEASES
HER MAGIC,
THE ARMOR
AROUND
HER
FINGER IS
DISPELLED.



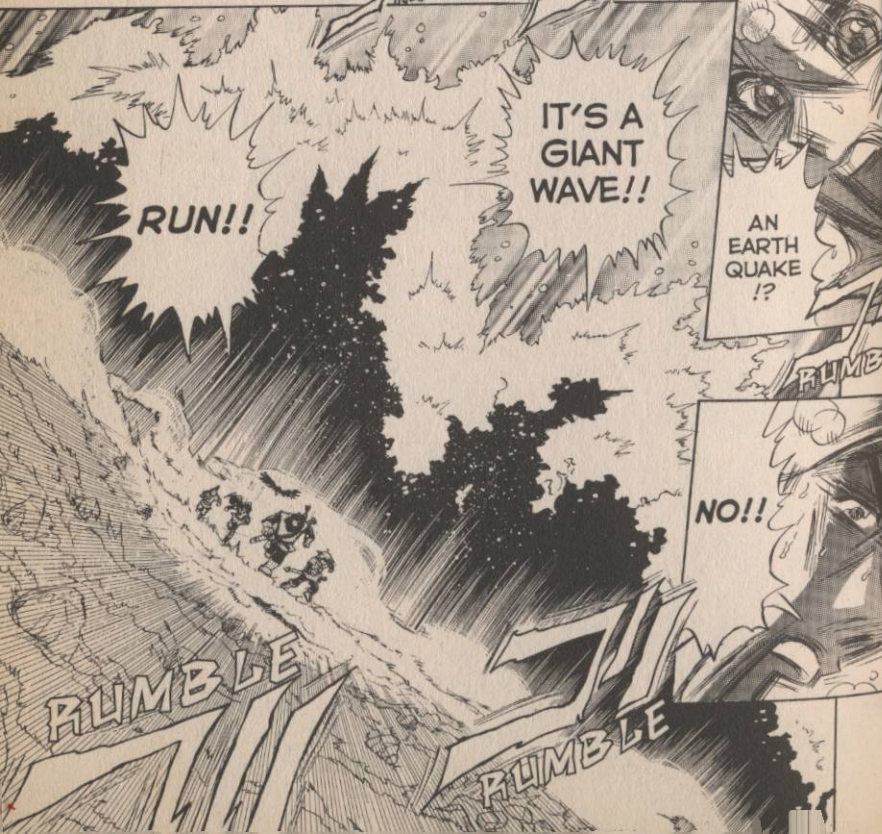
THAEGAN'S
LITTLE
FINGER IS
HER
WEAKNESS!



IS
SHE
...!?



THAT WAS
OUR ONLY
CHANCE!!





SPLAAASH

WE WON'T
MAKE IT IN
TIME! THE
WAVES WILL
CARRY US
OFF!!



MANUS
!?

MA



DON'T
BE
STUPID!

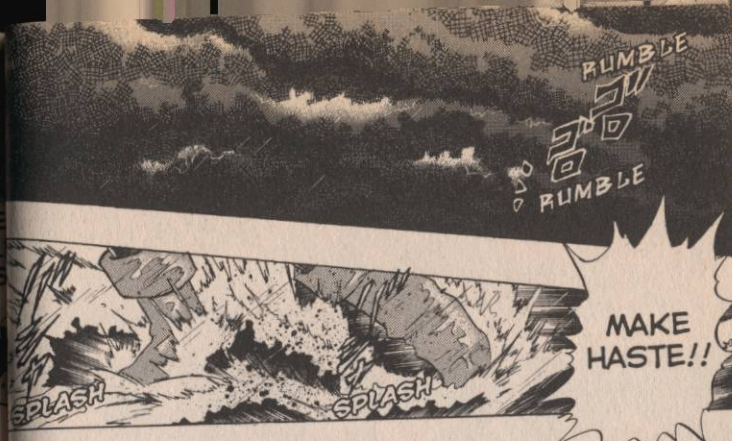
WHY
WOULD
YOU GO
BACK TO
GET OUR
THINGS!?



LOOK
...!



GRAB!



RUMBLE
SW
RUMBLE



SPLASH

SPLASH

MAKE
HASTE!!



DA-DASH
!!

MANUS!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING!?

KA-CRACK

RUSH RUSH RUSH RUSH



CLIMB
THE
ROCKS
!!

RUSH RUSH RUSH



SOLDEEN
IS
NESTLING
UP AGAINST
THE
WEEPING
ROCK!



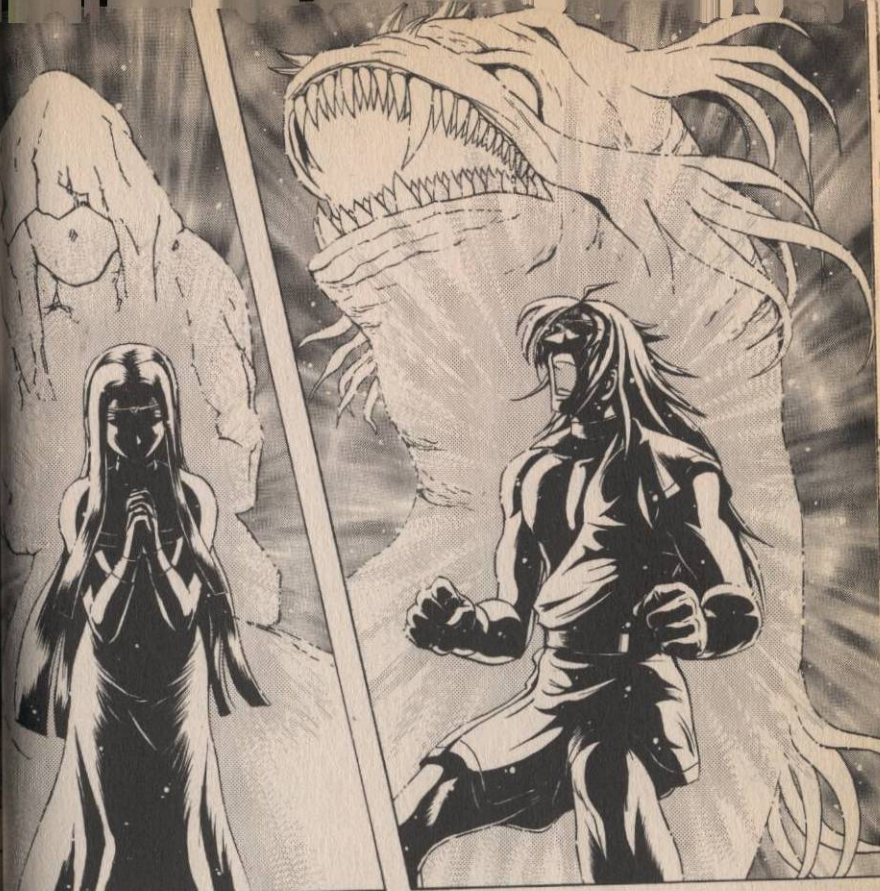


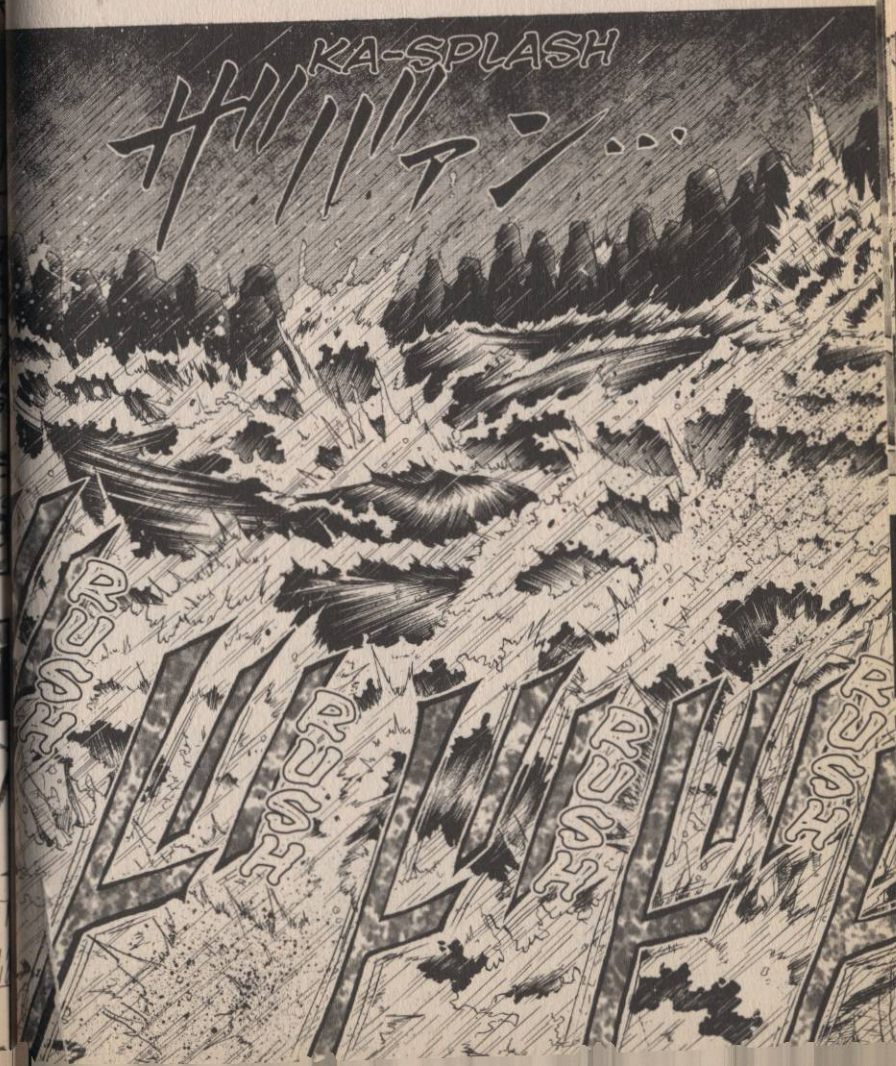
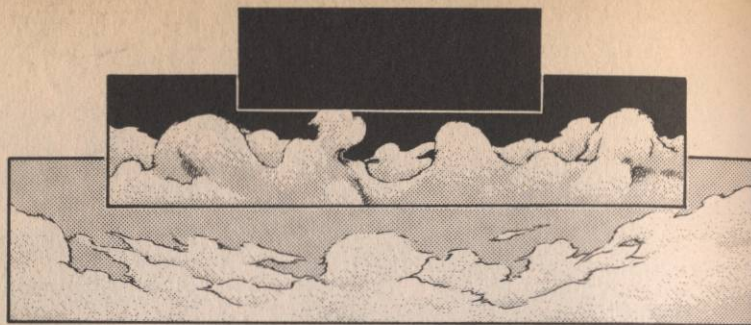
ALONG
WITH
THE
RUBY
...

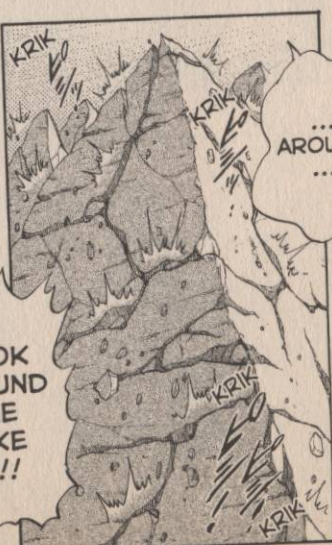
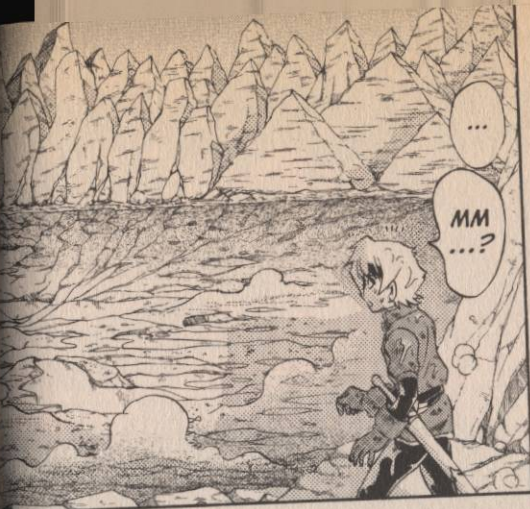
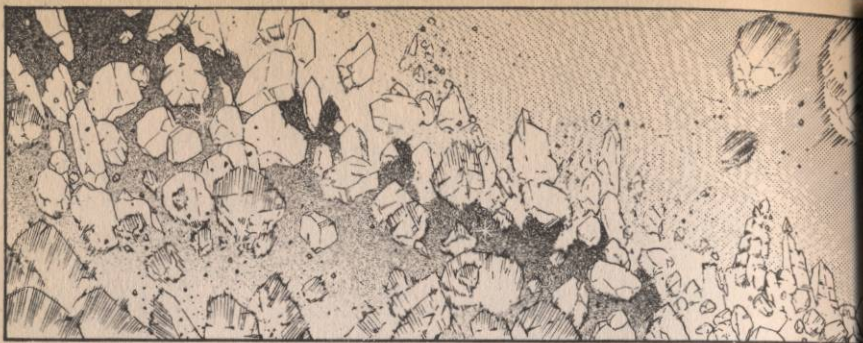
WE
FINALLY
FOUND
THE
RUBY,
AND
NOW...



THE
WAVE
ARE
SWAL
LOWIN
THEM
UP...









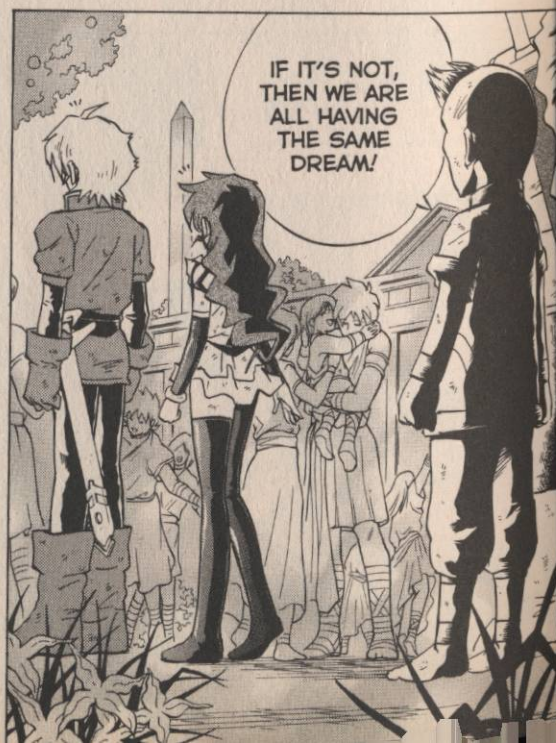
WOW!
LOOK
AT ALL
THESE
PEOPLE!



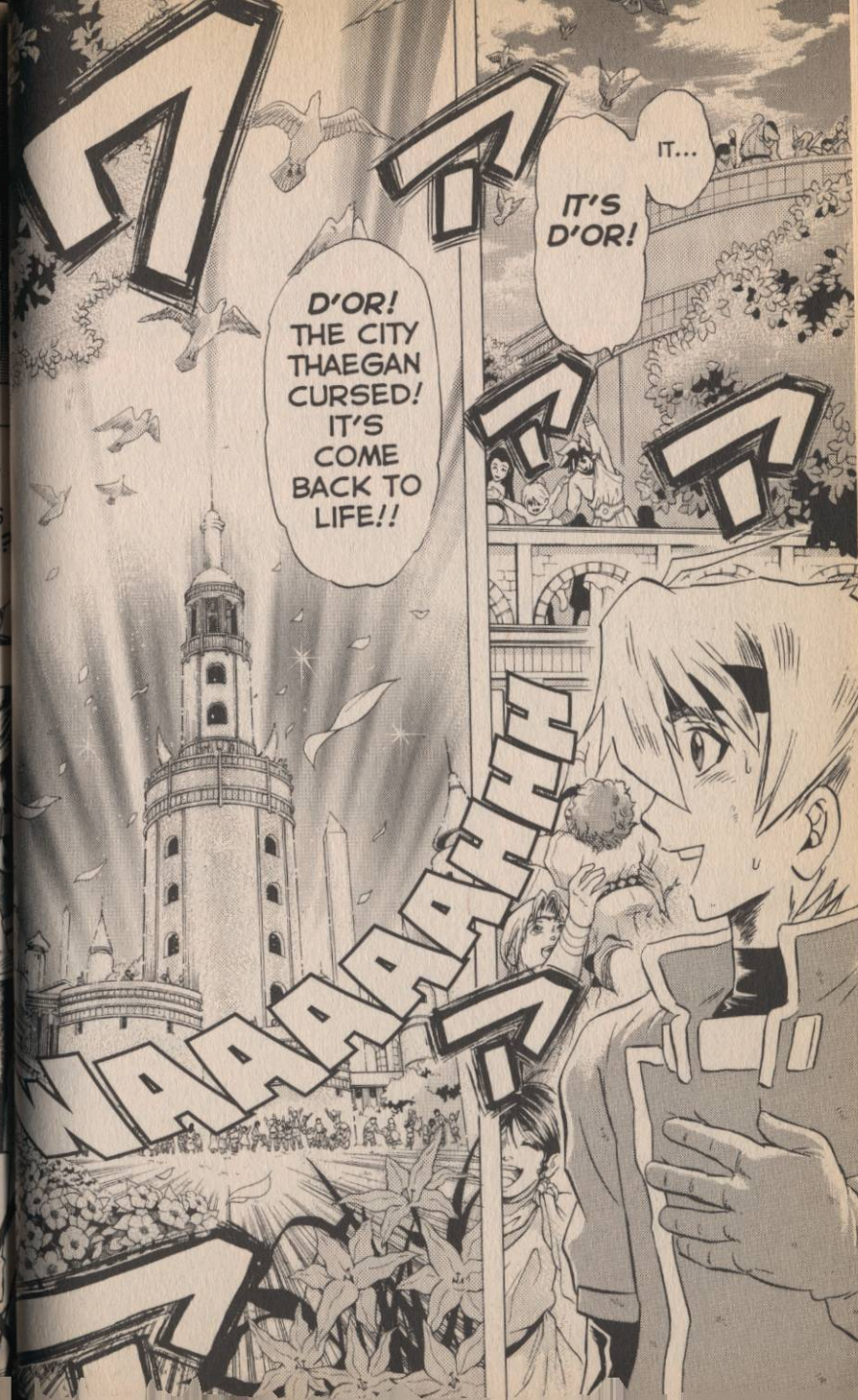
IT'S
REAL.



IS...
IS
THIS
REAL?



IF IT'S NOT,
THEN WE ARE
ALL HAVING
THE SAME
DREAM!

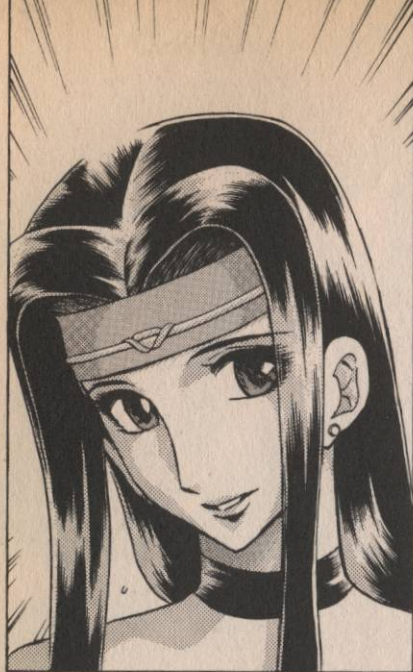


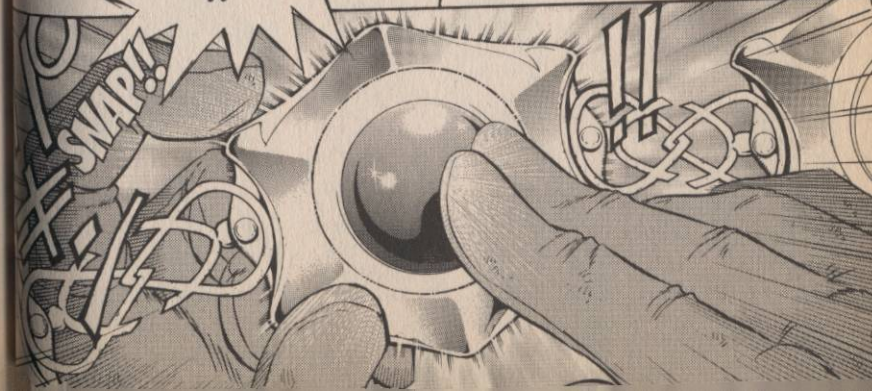
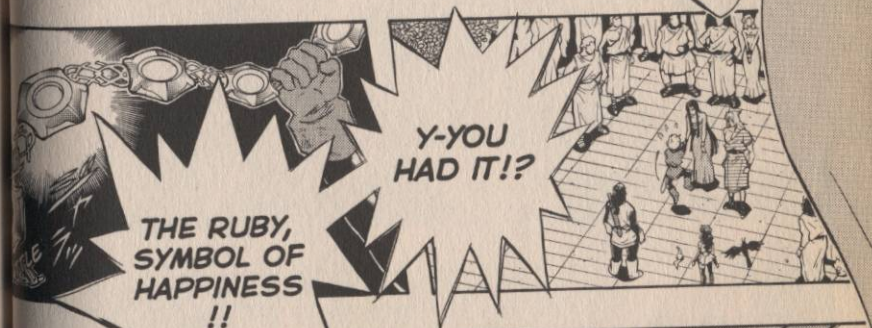
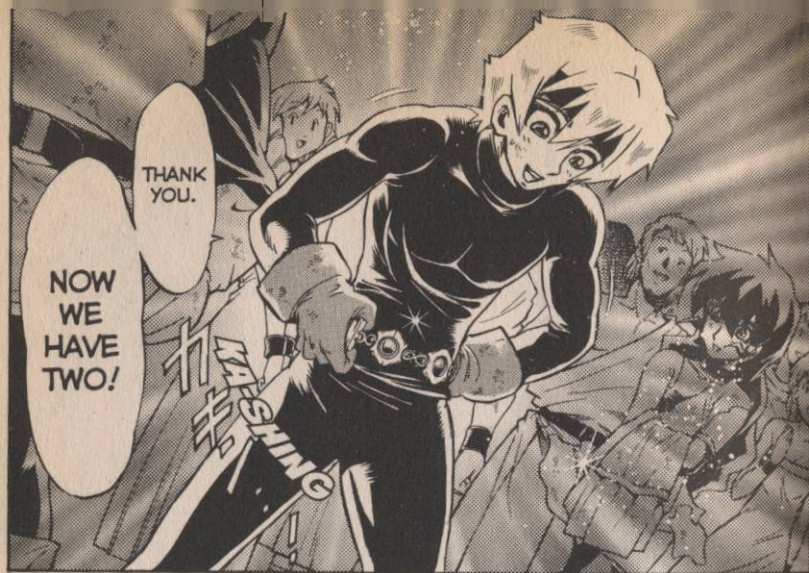
D'OR!
THE CITY
THAEGAN
CURSED!
IT'S
COME
BACK TO
LIFE!!

IT'S
D'OR!

IT...









JUST
LIKE D'OR
WAS!!

JUST
LIKE ALL
OF YOU
WERE!!



IT WILL
BE RE-
STORED
!!



IT IS
JUST
AS WE
FEARED.

BUT
...



IT
WOULD
TAKE
MORE
THAN A
LIFETIME
TO REPAY
YOU.



THE
RIGHT
WILL
PRE-
VAIL!!

AS LONG
AS THE
COURA-
GEOUS
DO NOT
LOSE
HOPE,



YOU
ARE
RIGHT.

SMILE



DELTORA
IS LOST
FOREVER."



"THIS
LAND
BELONGS
TO THE
SHADOW
LORD."



BEFORE
THAEGAN
CONSIGNED
US TO
DARKNESS,
SHE
SAID...

EH?



SHUDDER



WE
BELIEVE
THAT,
TOO!!

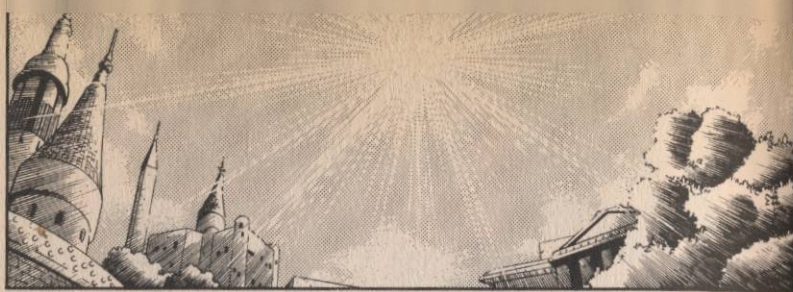


NO!

IT IS
NOT
LOST!!

FWOOSH!!





WE WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO STAY WITH US FOR A WHILE, AND GET SOME REST.



PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION!



BUT WE DON'T HAVE A MINUTE TO SPARE. WE MUST HURRY ON OUR WAY.

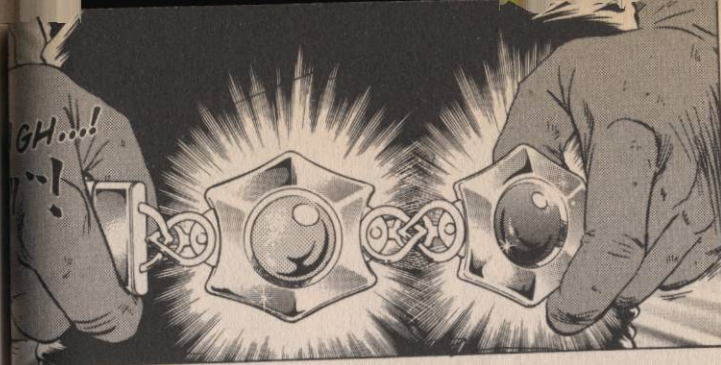


THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!



THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

MANUS.



WHAT'S THAT SOUND?



THE BELLS OF BLESSING!





WHEN
WILL
THEY
FINALLY
END!/?

BUT
THESE
BUSHES
...



FIVE
GEMS
STILL
REMAIN.

WE
MUST
MAKE
HASTE
...

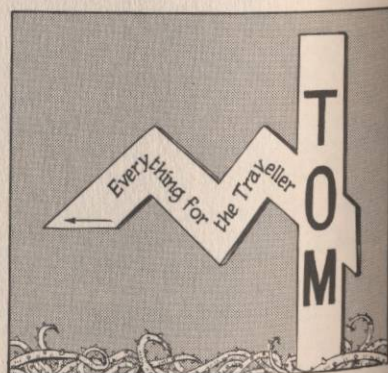


NN?

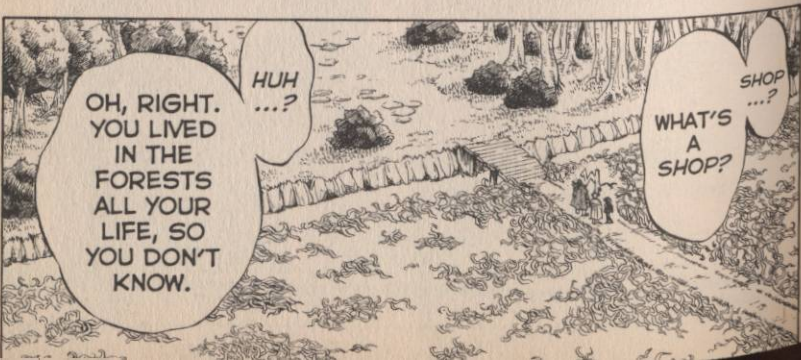


IT LOOKS LIKE
WE'LL FIND A
SHOP AS
SOON AS WE
MAKE IT OUT
OF THAEGAN'S
LAND.

OHO!



T
O
M



OH, RIGHT.
YOU LIVED
IN THE
FORESTS
ALL YOUR
LIFE, SO
YOU DON'T
KNOW.

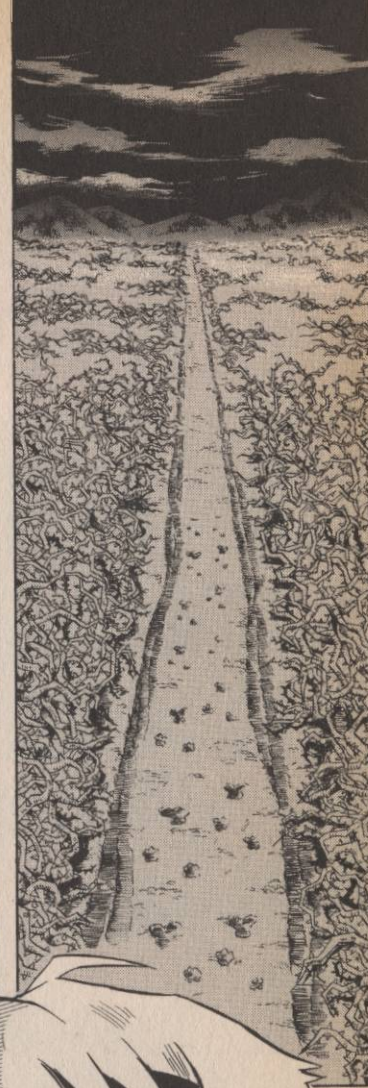
HUH
...?

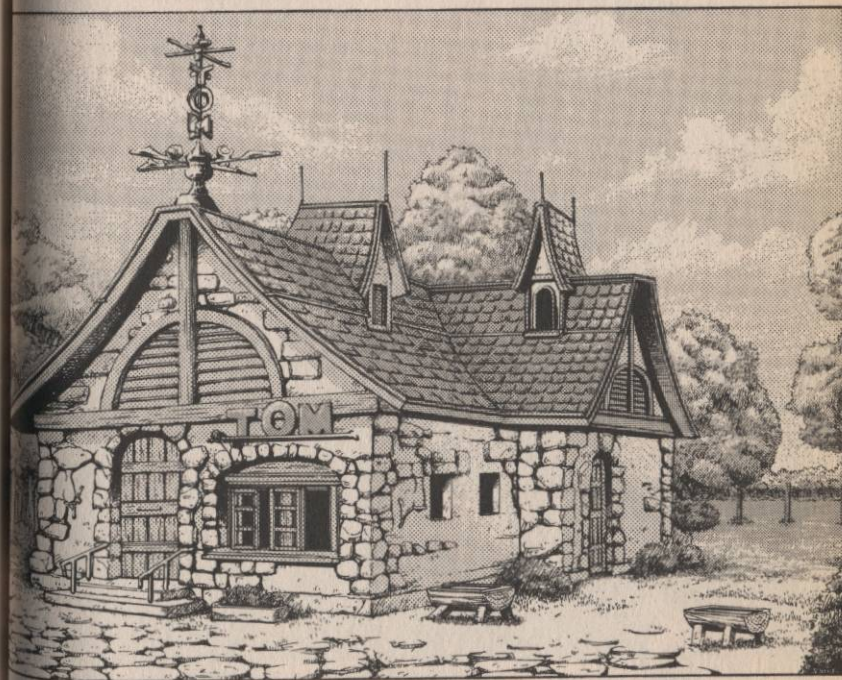
WHAT'S
A
SHOP?

SHOP
...?



THE SHADOW
LORD IS SURE
TO HAVE
HEARD OF
THAEGAN'S
DEATH BY
NOW!



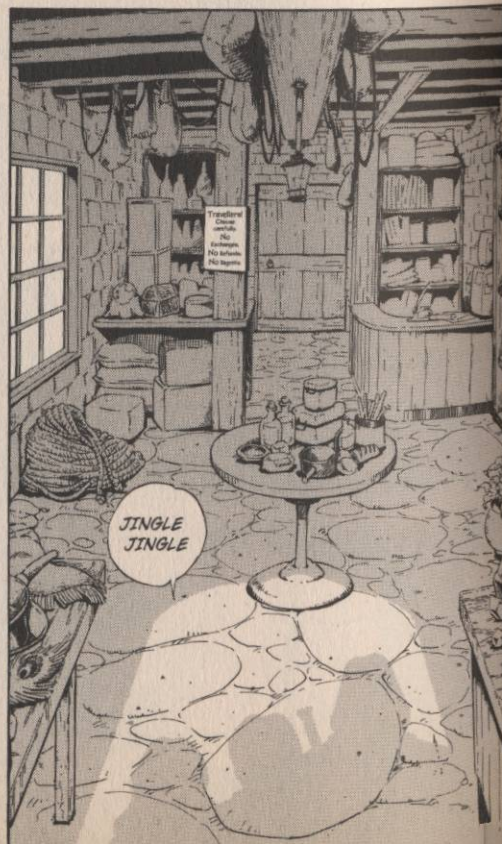
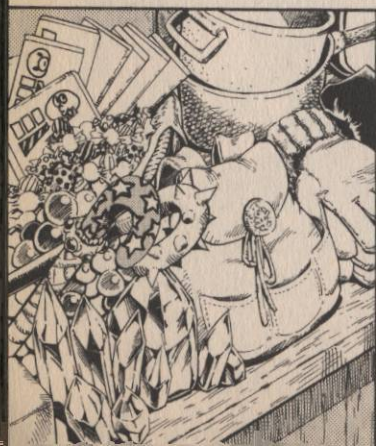


Chapter 21: Tom's Shop

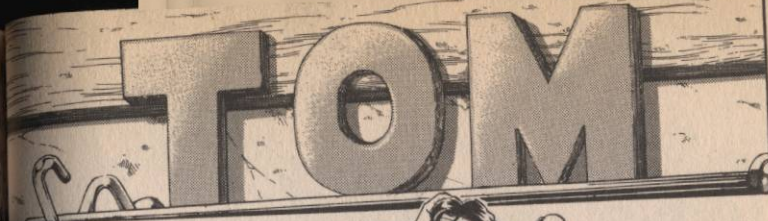




COME ON!
LET'S GO
INSIDE!



JINGLE
JINGLE



SO IT
WOULD
SEEM.

THIS
IS A...
SHOP?

SO
THIS IS
TOM'S
SHOP!



AND
THESE
MUST
BE HIS
WARES.





WE
NEED A
LONG,
STURDY
ROPE!

I
KNOW!

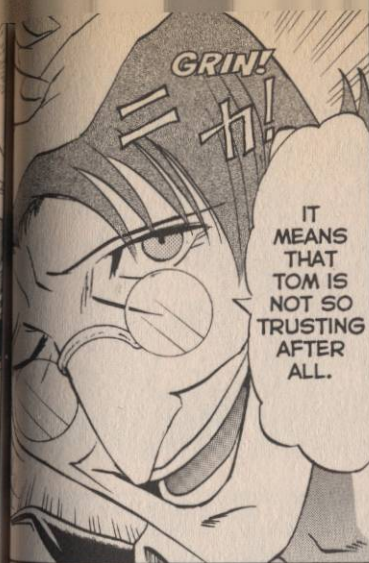


WHAT
CAN
TOM
SELL
YOU?

WRING

WRING

WRING



GRIN!

IT
MEANS
THAT
TOM
IS
NOT SO
TRUSTING
AFTER
ALL.



WHAM WHAM WHAM

WHEW

WH-WHAT
IS THE
MEANING
OF THIS!?



SS

SS

THEN HOW
ABOUT
THIS? THE
FINEST
ROPE IN
MY SHOP.



HA

HA

OW,

OW.



POP

!!



...

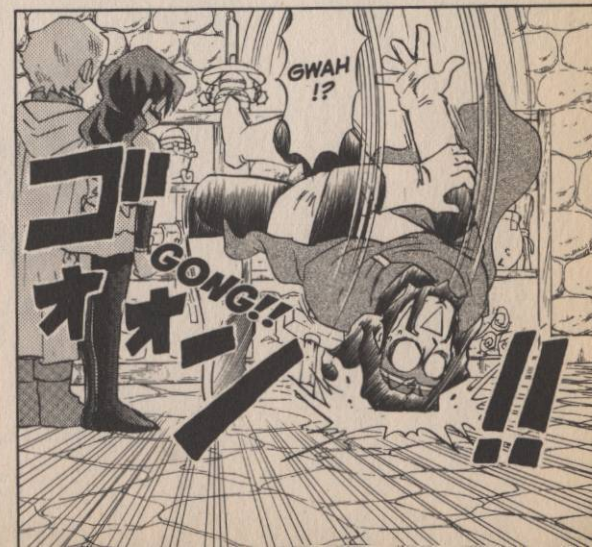


THAT'S
TOO
MUCH!!

TH-THREE
SILVER
COINS!?



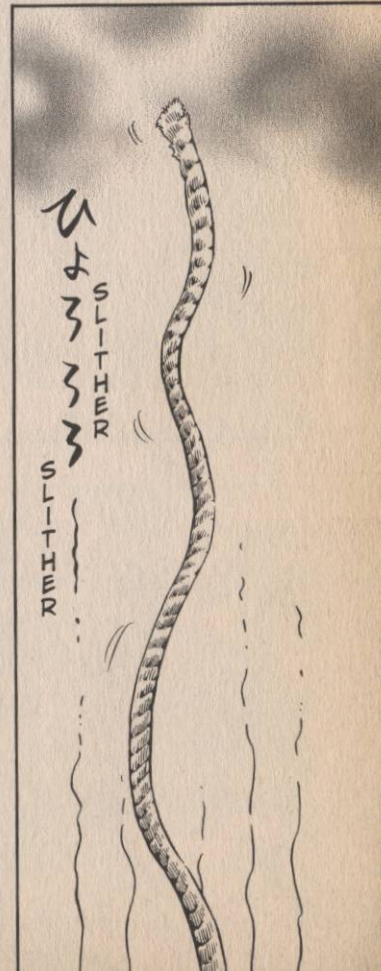
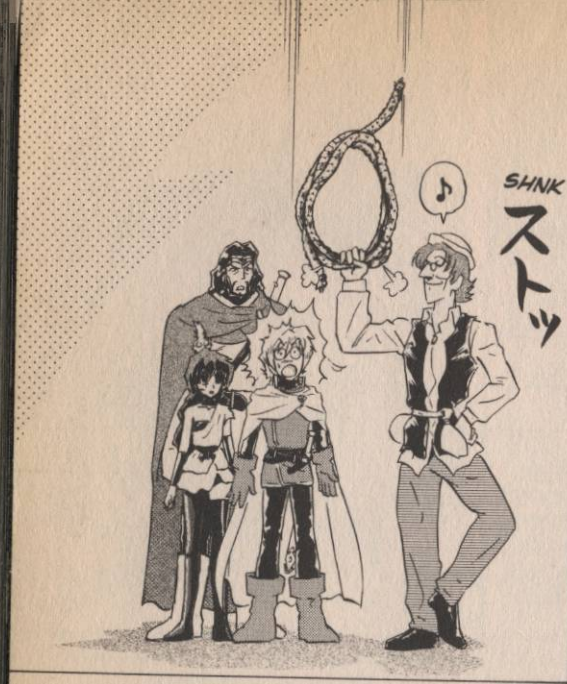
FOR
JUST
THREE
SILVER
COINS!



GWAH
!?

ゴォー

GONG!!





NO
BAKES--
JUST
ADD
WATER
TO GET A
LOAF OF
BREAD!



DISHES
THAT
CLEAN
THEM-
SELVES.



BEADS
THAT
MAKE
FIRE!



A BED-
ROLL
THAT
FLOATS
IN THE
AIR!



FLAP
CAW!



THESE
"SHOPS"
AREN'T
VERY NICE
PLACES,
KREE.



A-AND
HOW
DO YOU
PLAN
TO PAY
FOR
IT?!

BARDAAA!

I WANT IT
ALL!

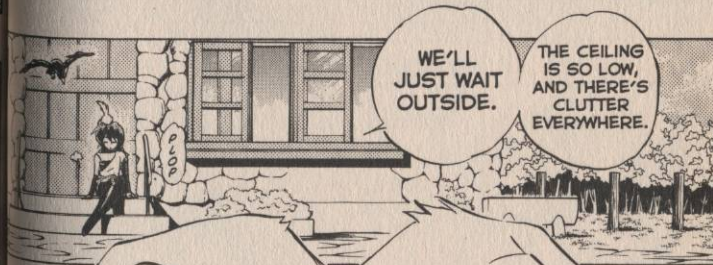
TEE HEE HEE



I WANT
IT, I
WANT
IT!

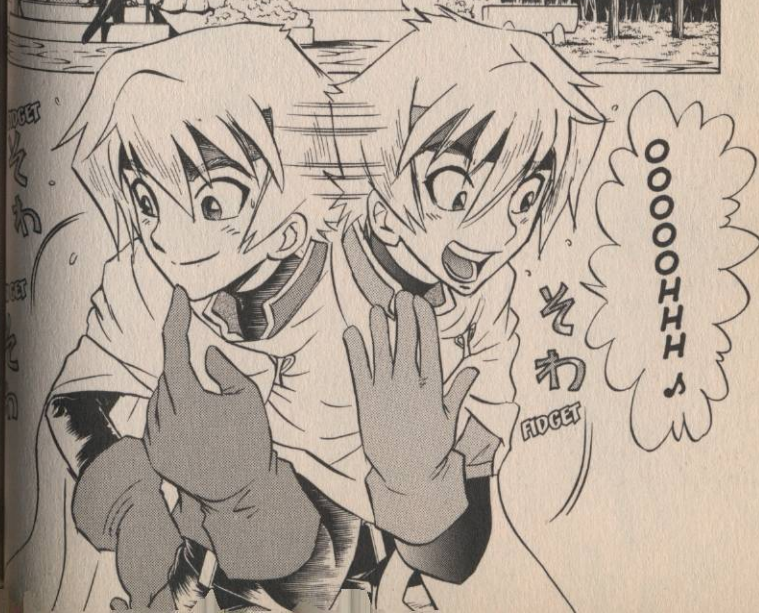
POWDER
THAT WILL
MAKE ANY
WATER
DRINKABLE!
PURE AND
CLEAR!

AND!



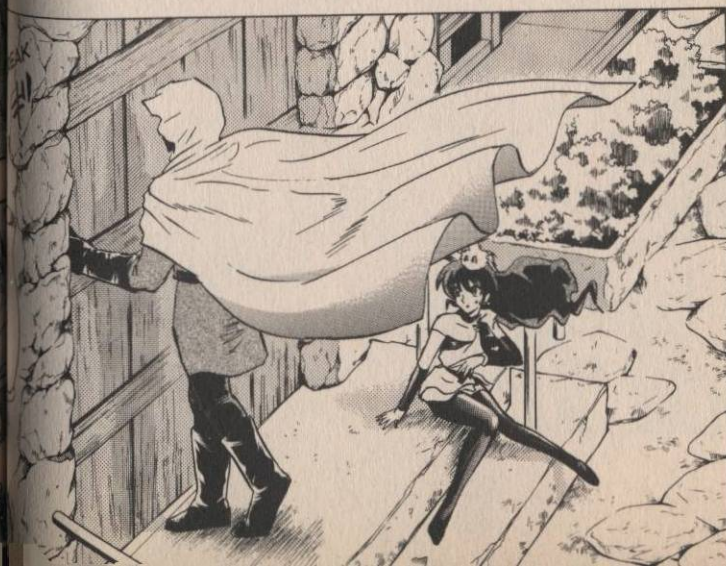
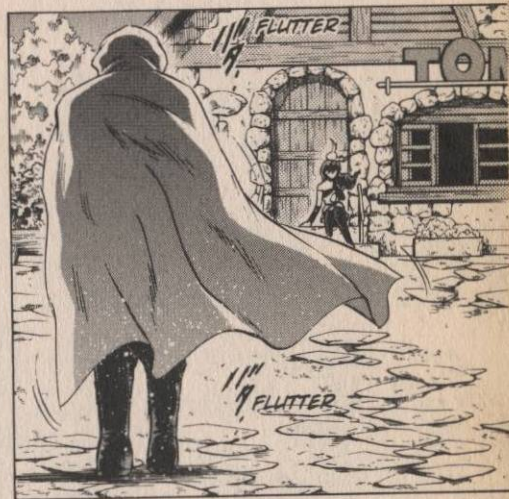
WE'LL
JUST WAIT
OUTSIDE.

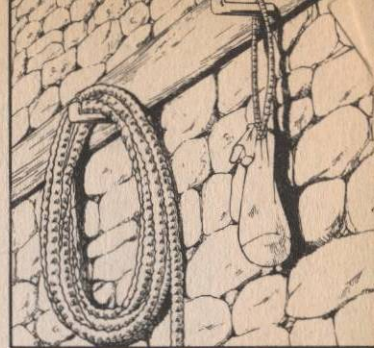
THE CEILING
IS SO LOW,
AND THERE'S
CLUTTER
EVERYWHERE.

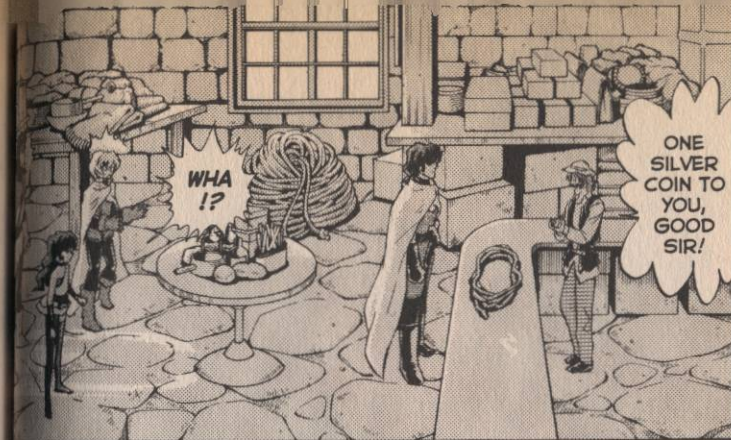
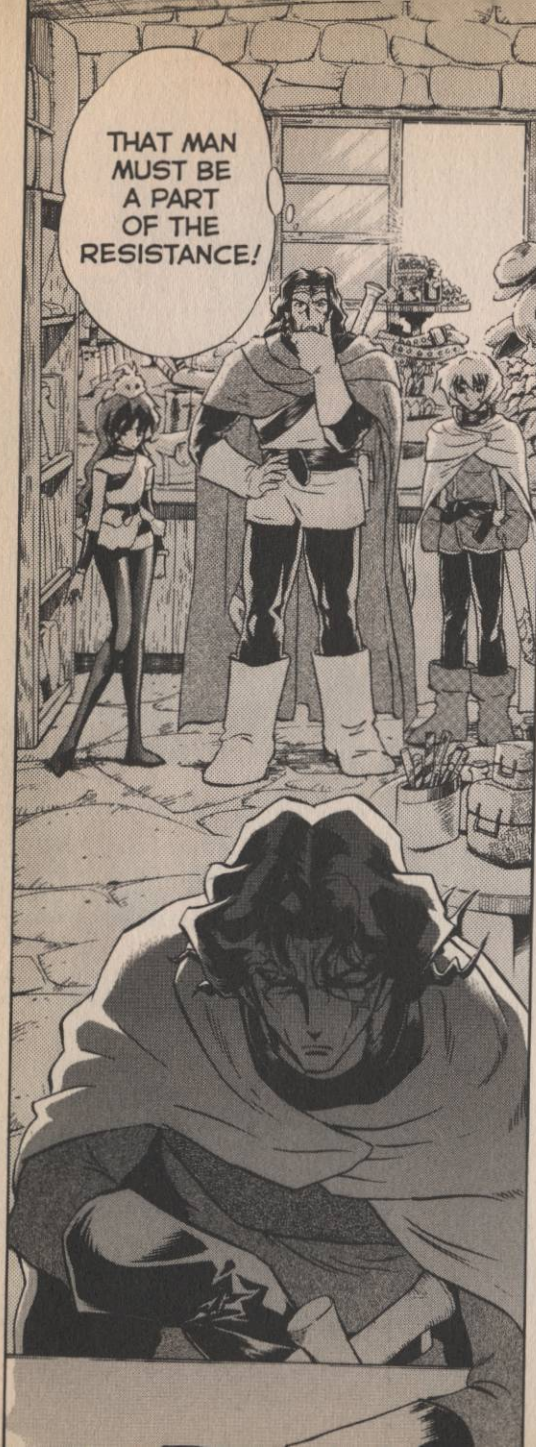


OOOOHHH

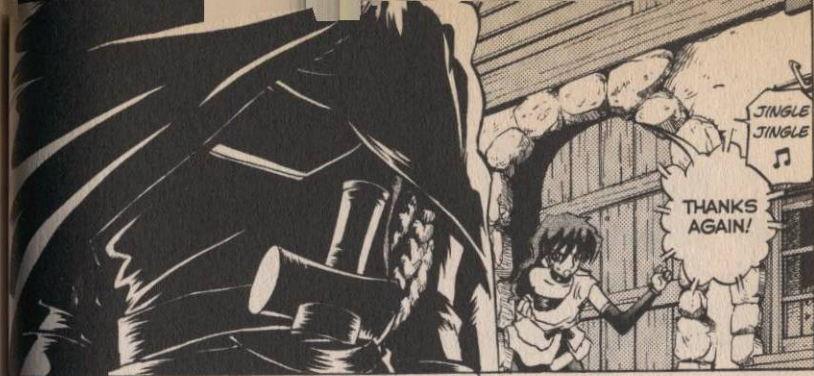
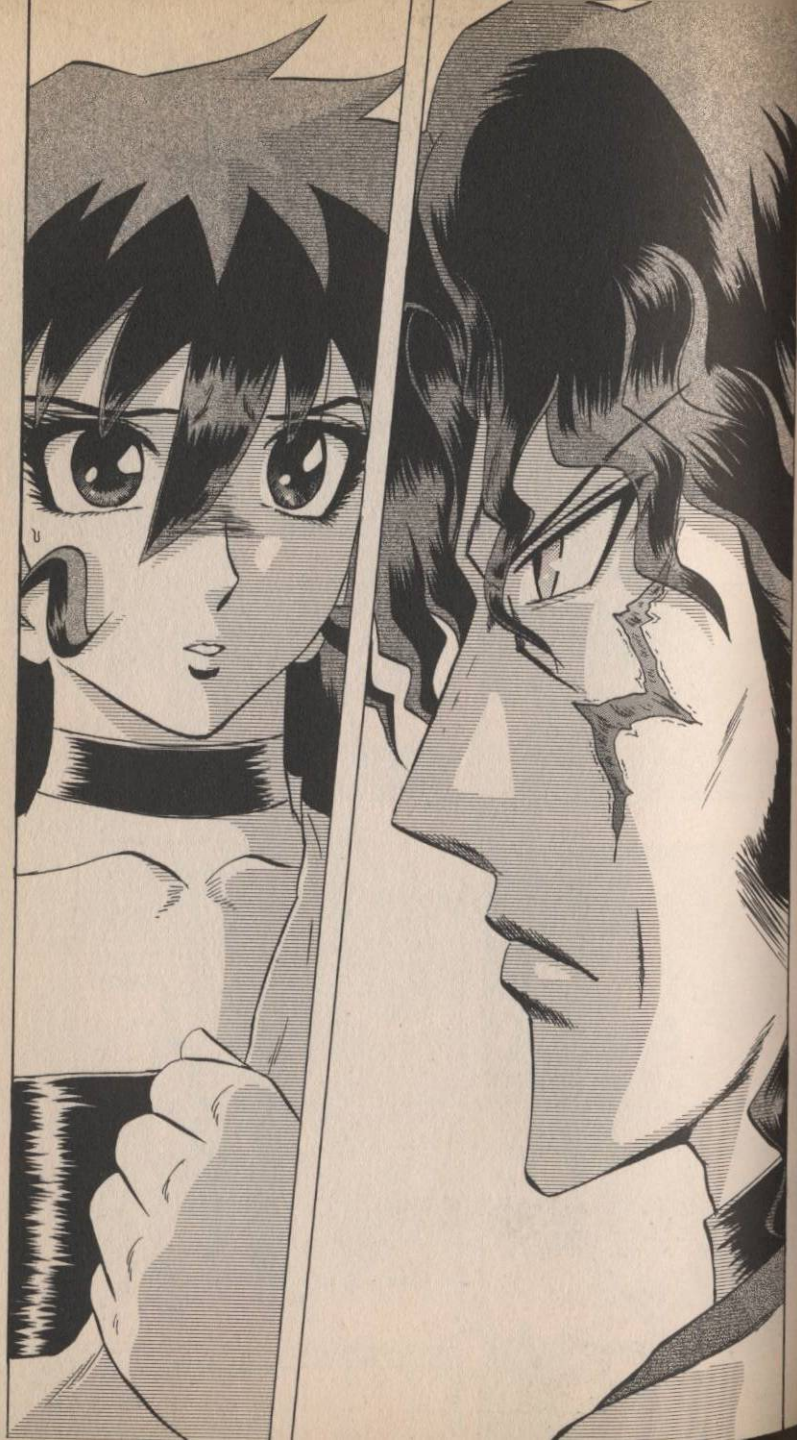
わわ
ROCKET

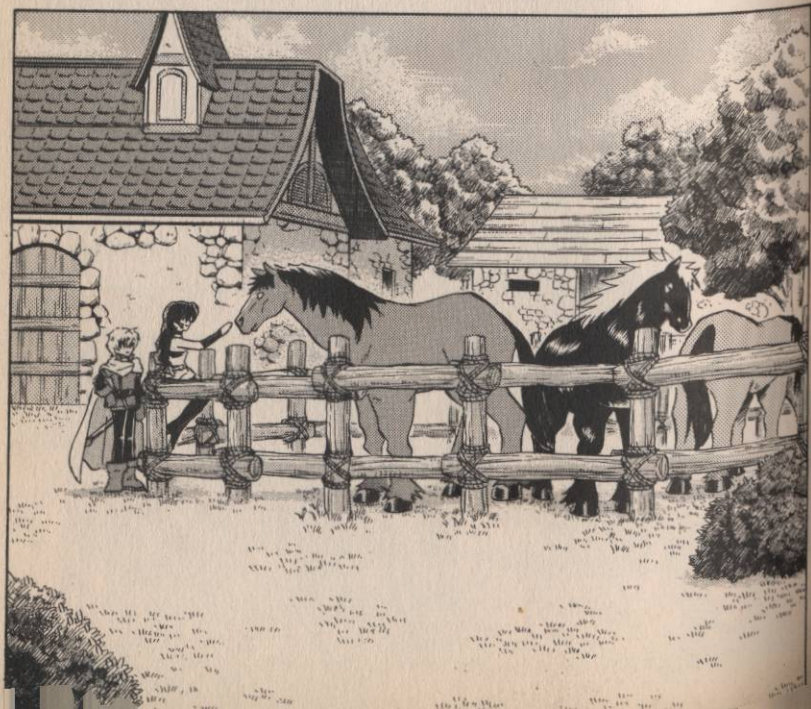


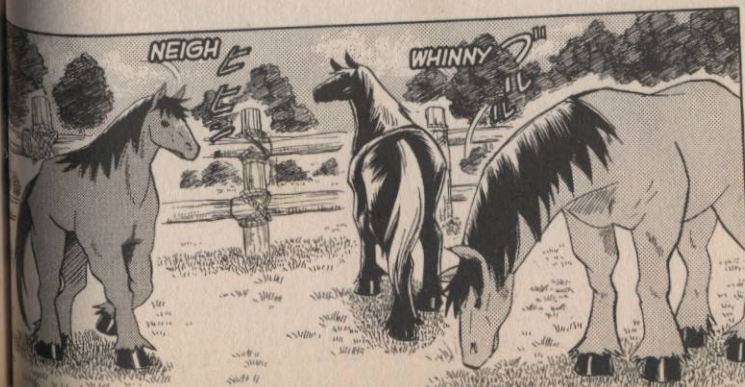
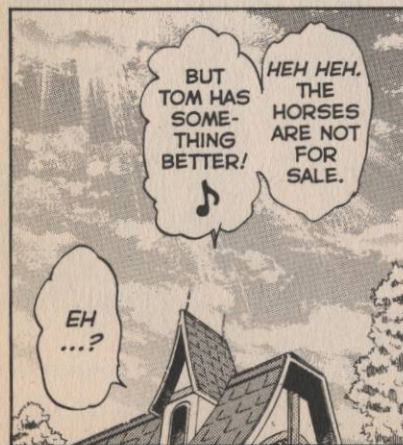


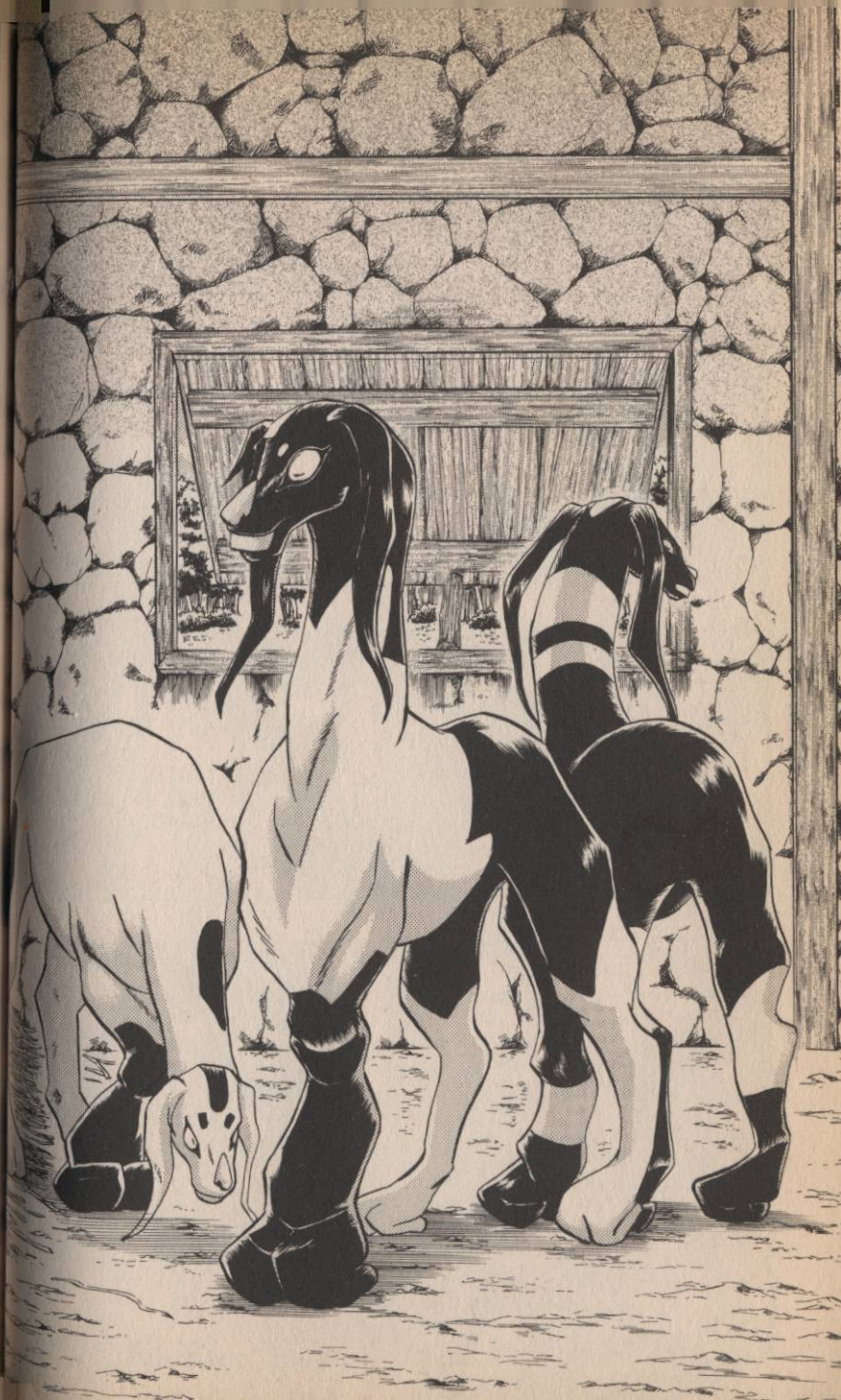












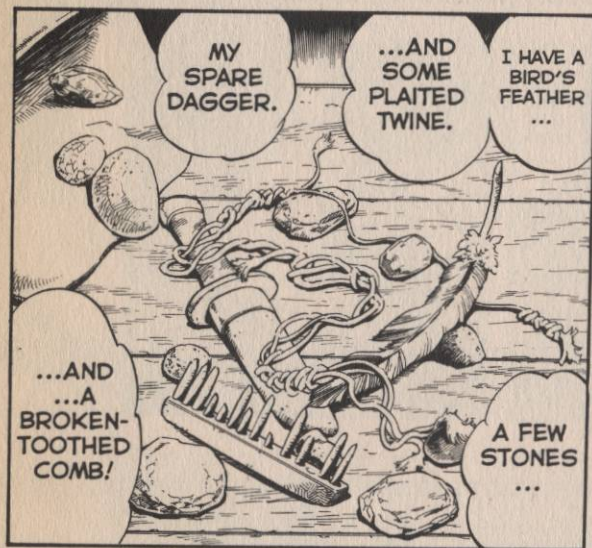


WOULD YOU MIND TRADING FOR ONE OF MY TREASURES?



CERTAINLY NOT! WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!!

YOU CAN HAVE ALL THREE FOR 21 GOLD COINS!



MY SPARE DAGGER.

...AND SOME PLAITED TWINE.

I HAVE A BIRD'S FEATHER ...

...AND ...A BROKEN-TOOTHED COMB!

A FEW STONES ...



I SEE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT.

THAT CLOAK OF YOURS.



HE'S NOT GOING TO WANT ANY OF THAT JUNK ...



HEY ...

Ho-Ho-Ho
Ho-Ho



I SEE. MORE'S THE PITY.

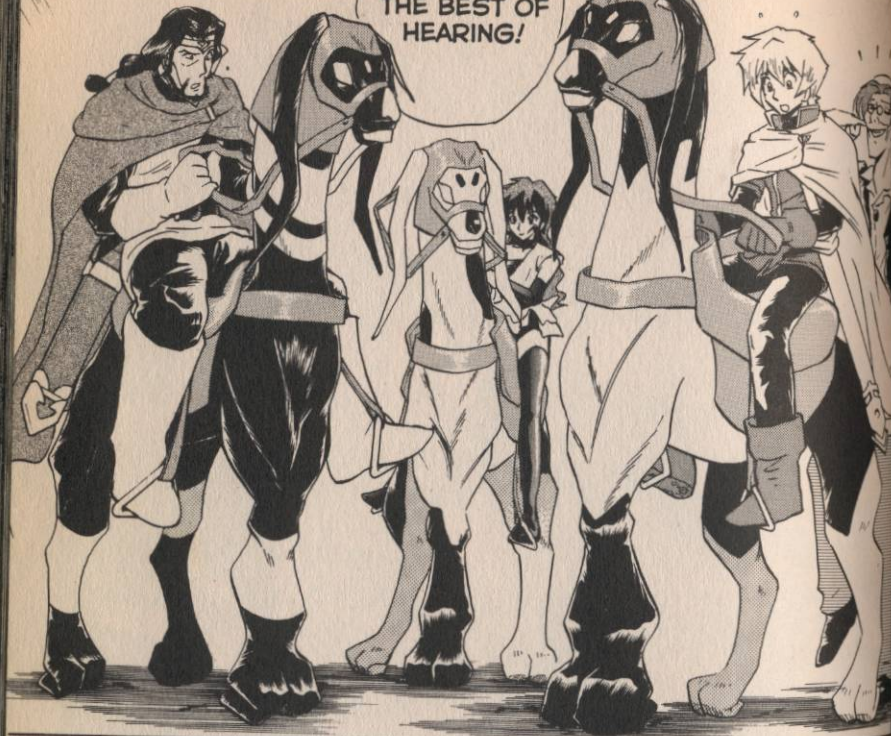
MY MOTHER GAVE IT TO ME! IT'S A TREASURE!



YOU CAN'T HAVE MY CLOAK !!

NO!

MUDDLETS
DON'T HAVE
THE BEST OF
HEARING!



BUNK

ふん!



FROM THE
GREY
GUARDS
IN THE
FORESTS
OF
SILENCE
...



Y... YOU
GOT THESE
...



TAKE
THE
LEFT
PATH,
AT ALL
COSTS!

DO NOT
TAKE
THE
PATH
ON THE
RIGHT!



I DO
NOT
KNOW
WHERE
YOU ARE
GOING,
BUT
MAKE
SURE TO
TAKE THE
LEFT
FORK.

ABOUT THIRTY
MINUTES
FROM HERE,
YOU WILL
COME TO A
FORK IN THE
ROAD.

AND
ONE
MORE
THING.

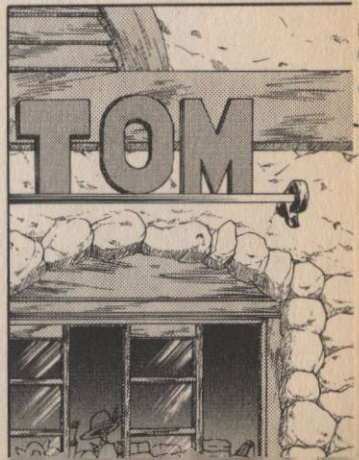


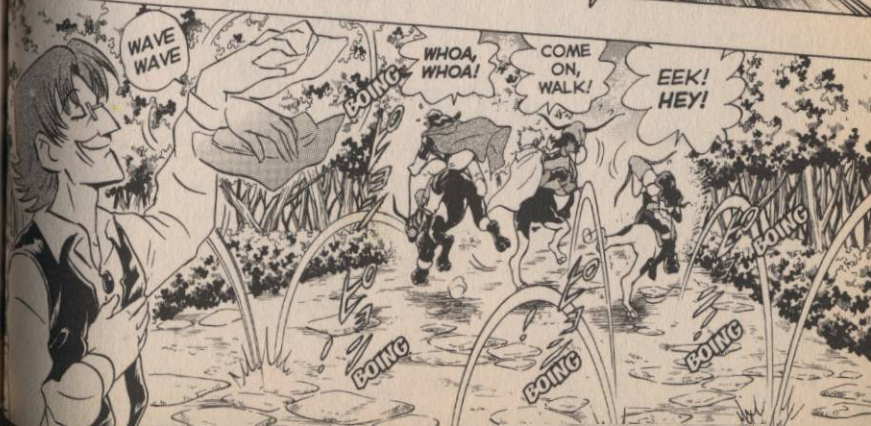
WHEN YOU
THEM TO
STOP,
CALL
"SNUFF."

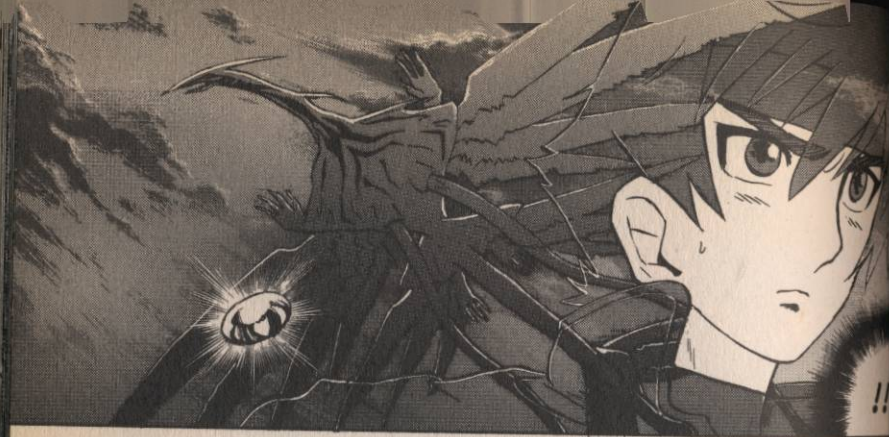
PLEASE
TO
CALL
POLY!



WHEN
YOU
WANT
THEM TO
GO, CALL
"BRIX!"







I HAVE
NO
DOUBT.

YES.



THAT
MEANS
A GEM
IS
HIDDEN
THERE!

AK-
BABA
...



IN
OTHER
WORDS
...



THE CITY
OF THE
RATS IS
KNOWN
FOR BEING
CURSED.

NO.

THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
HAVE LOOKED
UPON IT FROM
AFAR, BUT I'VE
NEVER HEARD
OF ANYONE
WHO HAS BEEN
INSIDE.

DO YOU
KNOW
WHERE
IN THE
CITY
THE GEM
IS?

AND
...

AK-
BABA
HAS BEEN
SEEN
LIVING
OVER IT
FIFTEEN
YEARS AGO.



DO YOU
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT OUR
NEXT
DESTINATION,
THE CITY
OF
THE RATS?

HEY,
BARDA.

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

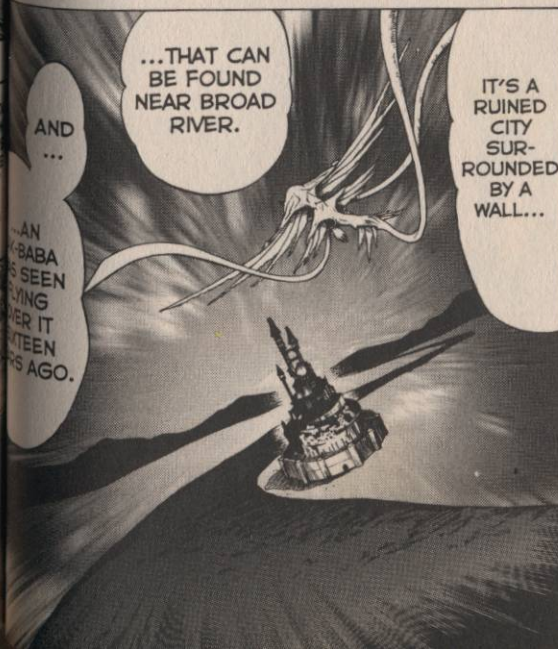


AND WE
EVEN GOT
A FREE
GIFT!

PAT!
CLOP
CLOP



...



...THAT CAN
BE FOUND
NEAR BROAD
RIVER.

IT'S A
RUINED
CITY SUR-
ROUNDED
BY A WALL...



...
THERE
ISN'T
MUCH TO
KNOW.



HE
TOLD
US NOT
TO GO
RIGHT!!



HEY!
WAIT,
LIEF!!

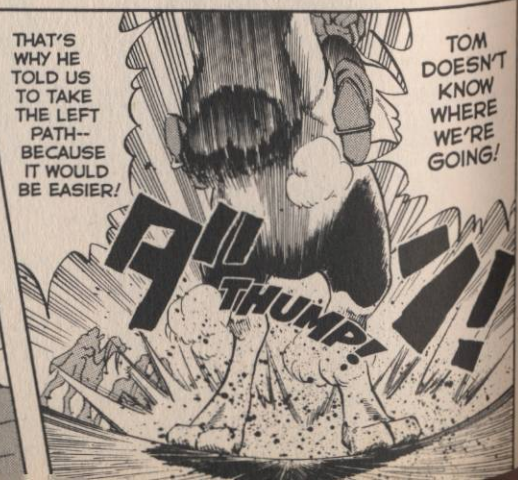


...THEN
WE HAVE
TO GO
RIGHT!

IF THE
CITY OF
THE
RATS IS
ON
BROAD
RIVER...



YAH!



THAT'S
WHY HE
TOLD US
TO TAKE
THE LEFT
PATH--
BECAUSE
IT WOULD
BE EASIER!

TOM
DOESN'T
KNOW
WHERE
WE'RE
GOING!



...



...
THERE'S
NO
COMING
OUT
ALIVE?

ONCE
INSIDE...



THIS
MUST BE
THE
PLACE
TOM WAS
TELLING
US
ABOUT.

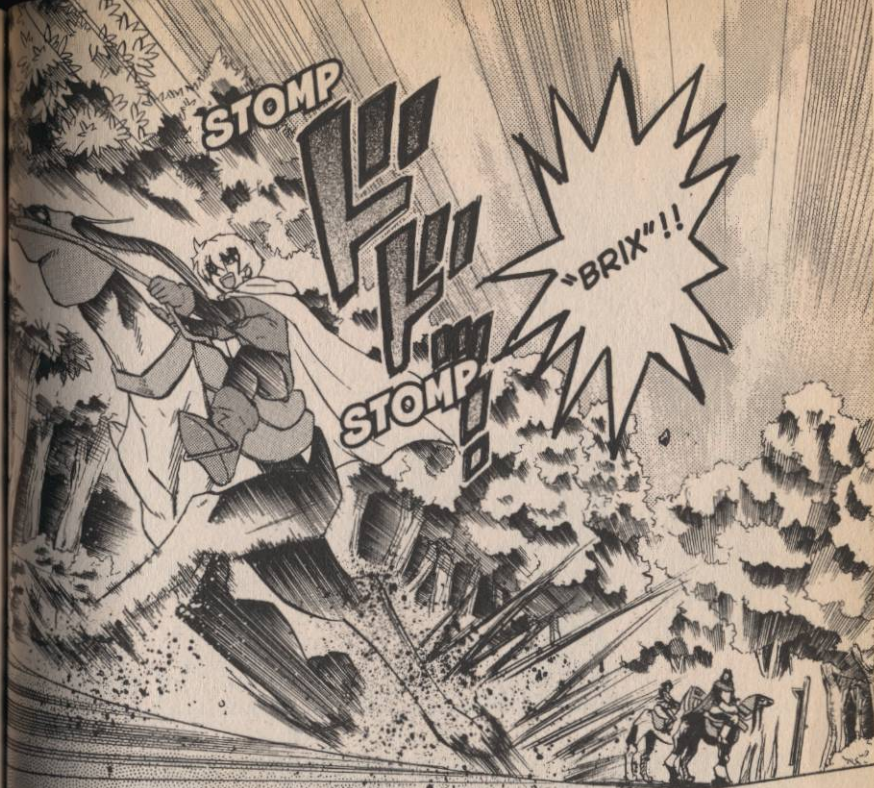
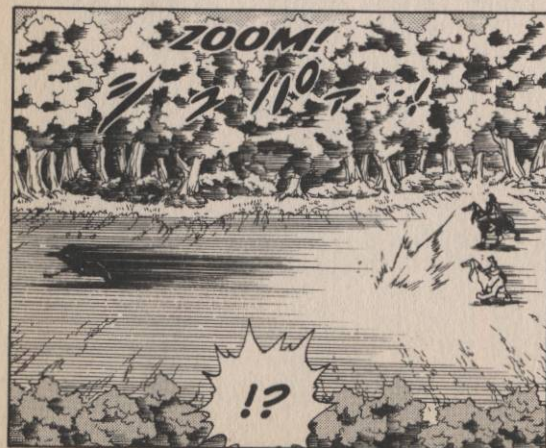
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IS THE
FORK.

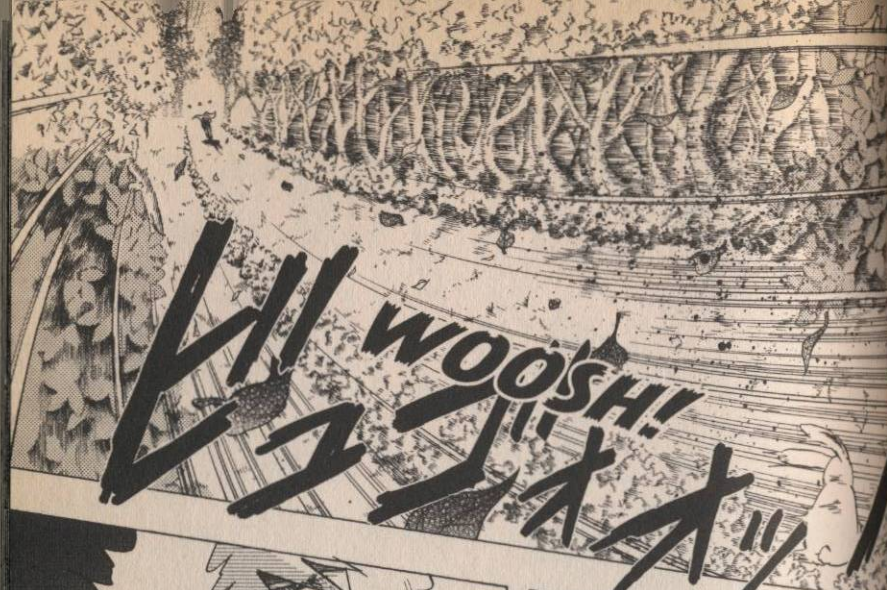


WHAT
!?

ALRIGHT,
LET'S GO
RIGHT!







"BRIX!"

B--



UMM...
HOW
DO I
STOP
HIM
AGAIN?

STOP



"SNUFF!"

OH
YEAH!



THEY
CAN'T
HEAR
US!

IGNORE!



WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
HIS
MUDDLET
!?

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD...



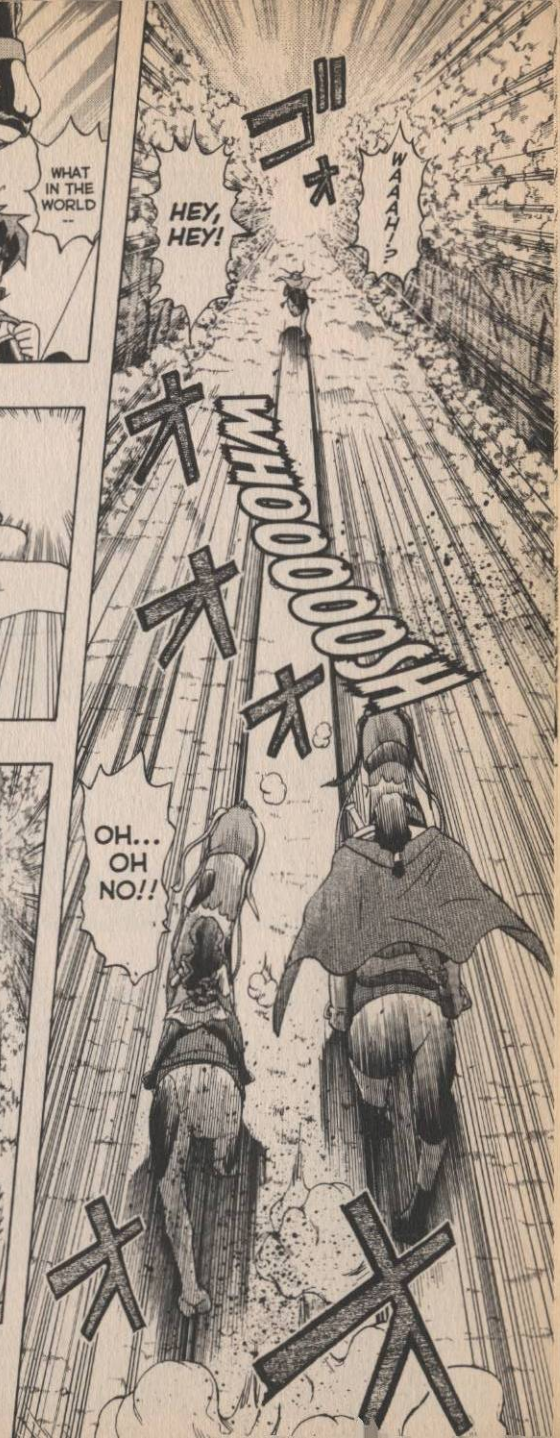
UMA-WA-WA-WA-WA...



KLIP KLOP

KLIP KLOP

DON'T
BE
STUPID!
IT'S
"SNUFF!"



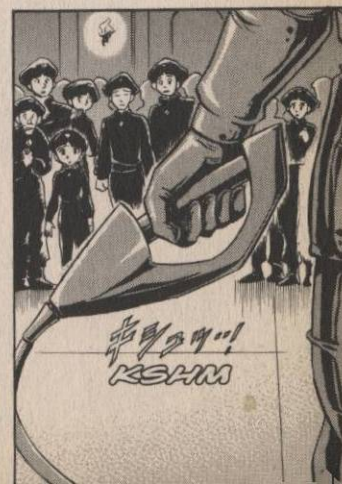
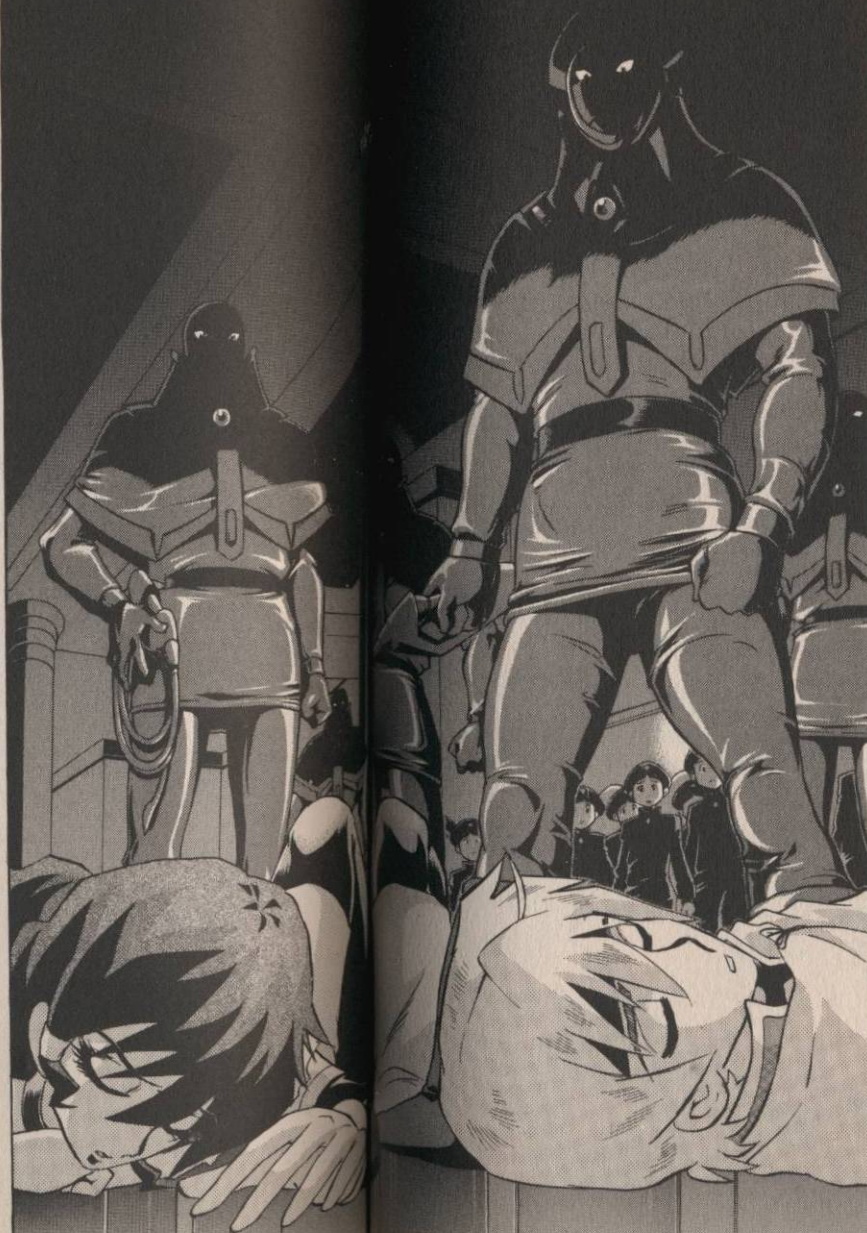
HEY,
HEY!

WAAH?

WHOOOOOSH

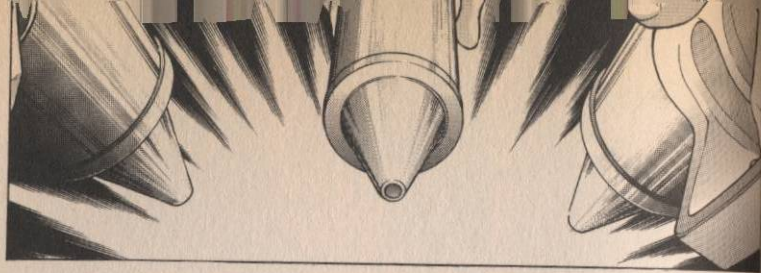
OH...
OH
NO!!

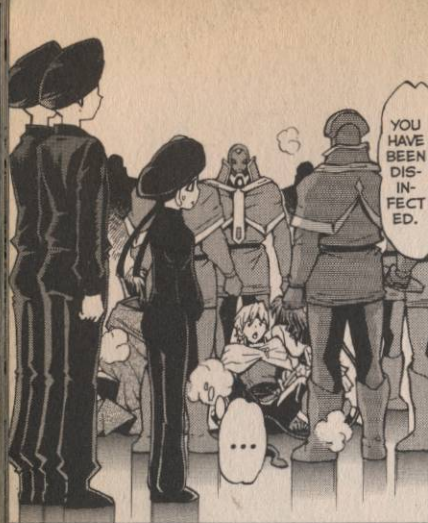
OUTSIDERS ...
...ARE
NOT
WELCOME
HERE.



Chapter 22: Noradz







YOU
HAVE
BEEN
DIS-
INFECTED.

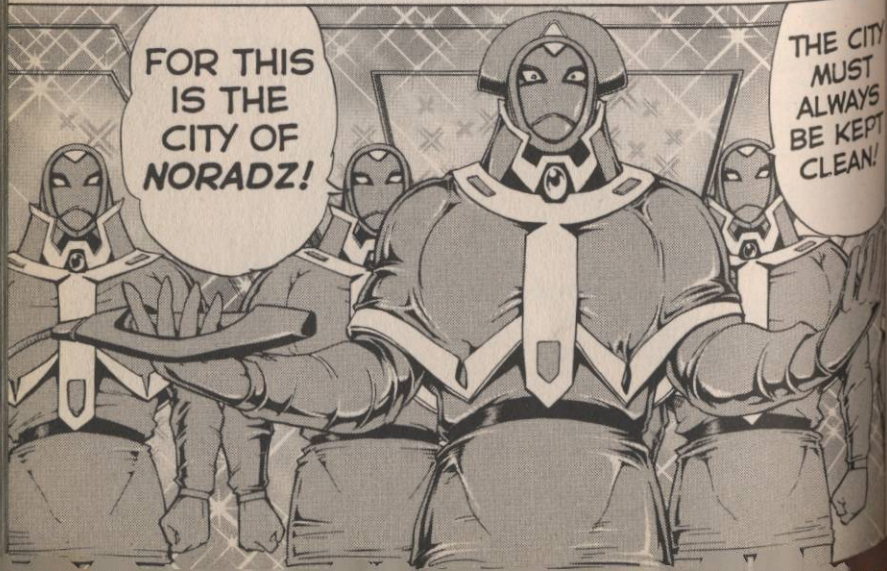


WH-
WHO
ARE
YOU?

WHAT
DID YOU
JUST
...!?



DISIN-
FECTED
...?



FOR THIS
IS THE
CITY OF
NORADZ!

THE CITY
MUST
ALWAYS
BE KEPT
CLEAN!



!?





THERE
WERE NO
MUDDLETS
!

WE
FOUND
YOU
LYING
OUTSIDE
OUR
GATES.



NN?



JAS-
MINE,
STOP
...



THEY
RAN
AWAY!!



ALL WE
KNOW IS
THAT WE
HIT THE
WALL
REALLY
HARD AND
GOT
KNOCKED
OUT!!

LOOK, WE
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED,
EITHER!!



YOU CALL
THIS
PLACE
NORADZ?



YOU ARE
NOT
WELCOME
HERE.



NORADZ
?

WHAT
ARE
THESE
PEOPLE
WEARING
?



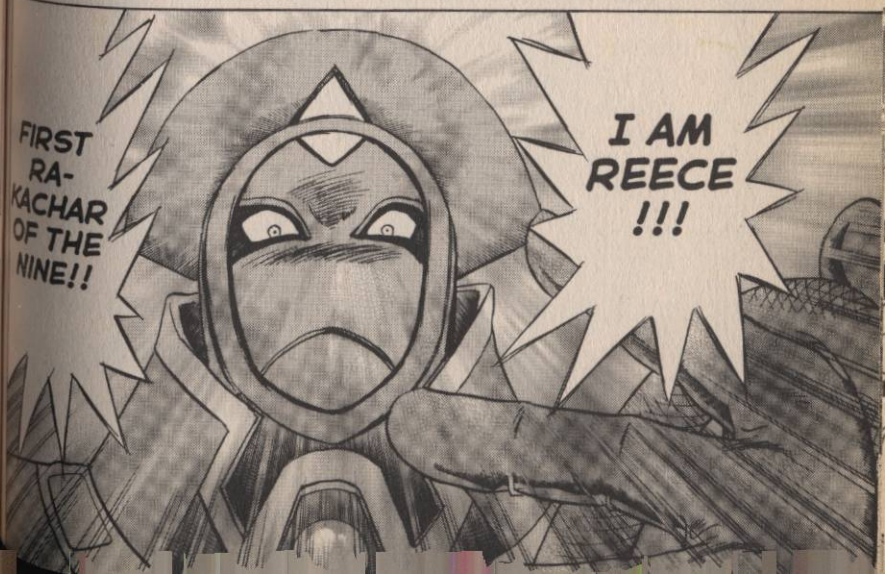
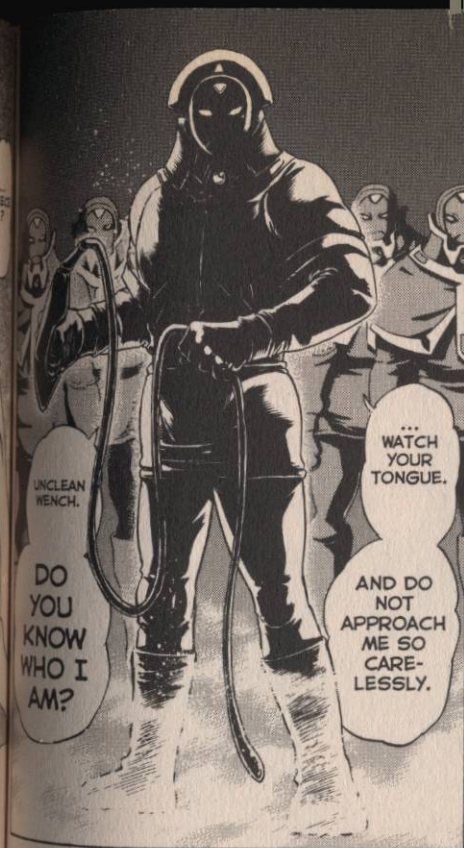
THE
MUDDLETS
WE WERE
RIDING
BOLTED.
THEY LEFT
THE PATH
AND
DROPPED
US HERE!

WE
DIDN'T
MEAN TO
COME
HERE!

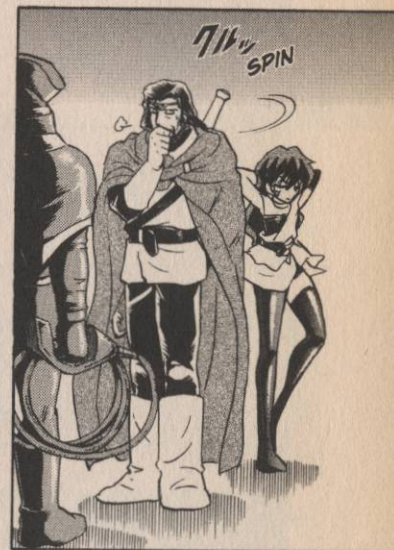
AND
YET
HERE
YOU
ARE.
WHY?



RA-KACHAR ...?



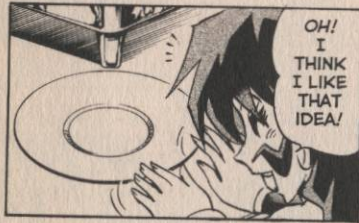




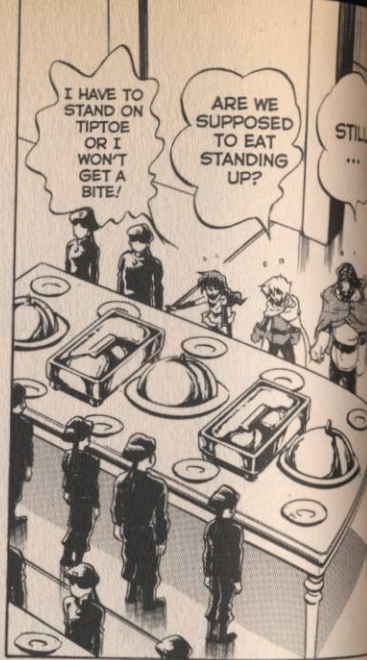


POP!
NO!

AND THERE ARE NO UTENSILS.
SO... WE EAT WITH OUR HANDS?



OH!
I THINK I LIKE THAT IDEA!



I HAVE TO STAND ON TIPTOE OR I WON'T GET A BITE!

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO EAT STANDING UP?

STILL ...



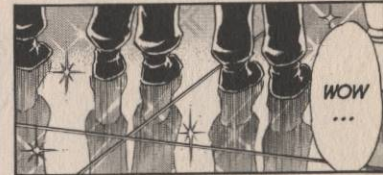
GOOONG!



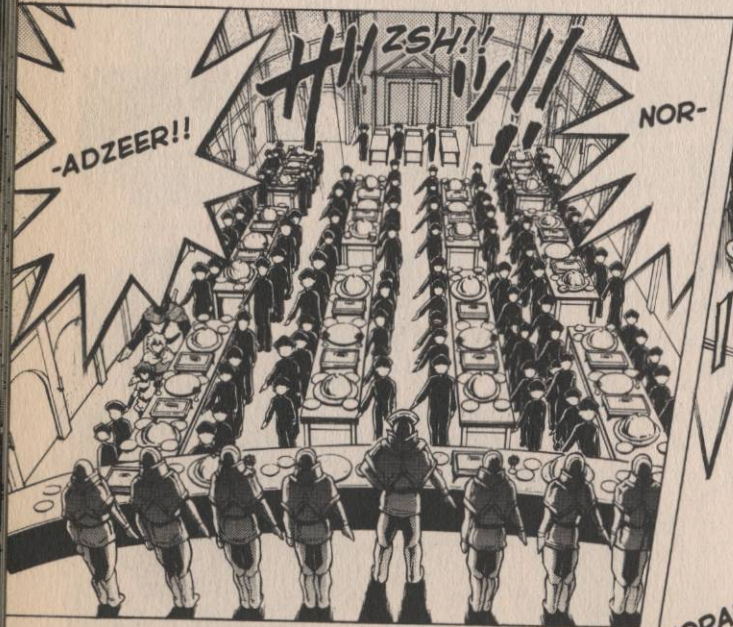
CRRRRBREAK



THIS ROOM IS SPARKLING.



WOW ...



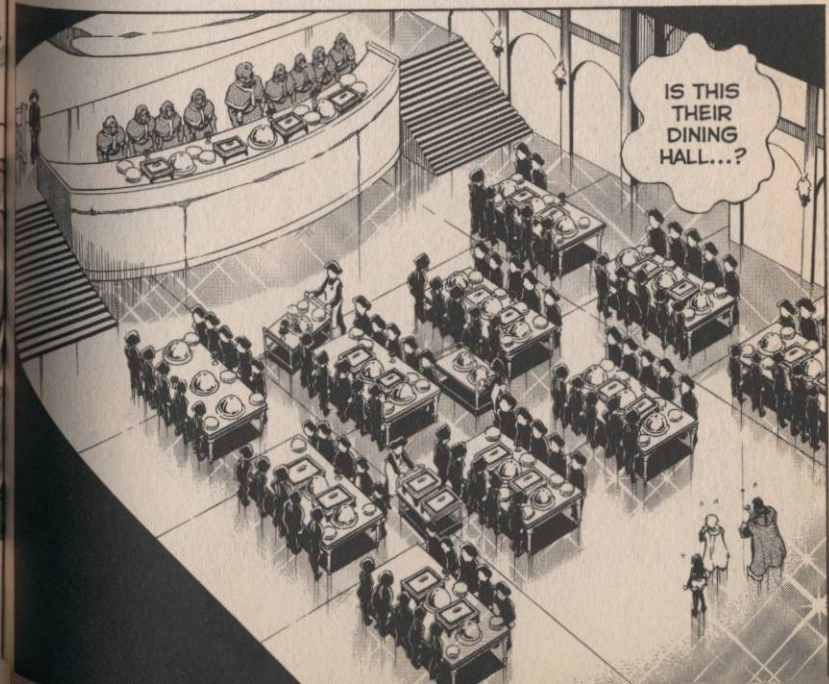
-ADZEER!!

NOR-

SHOOM!

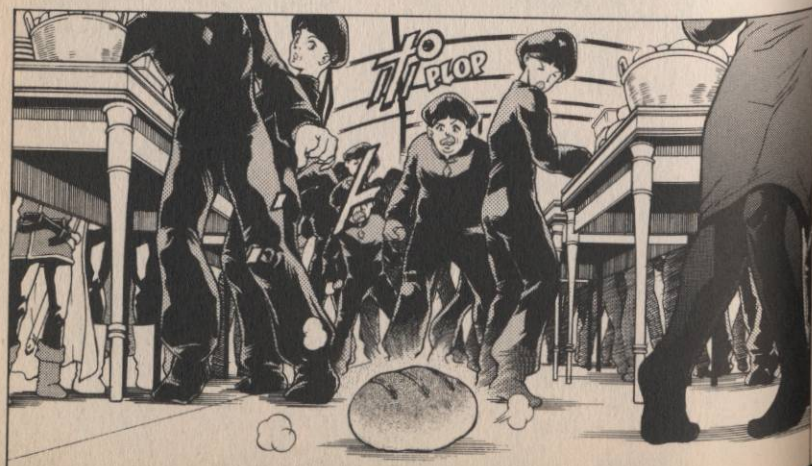
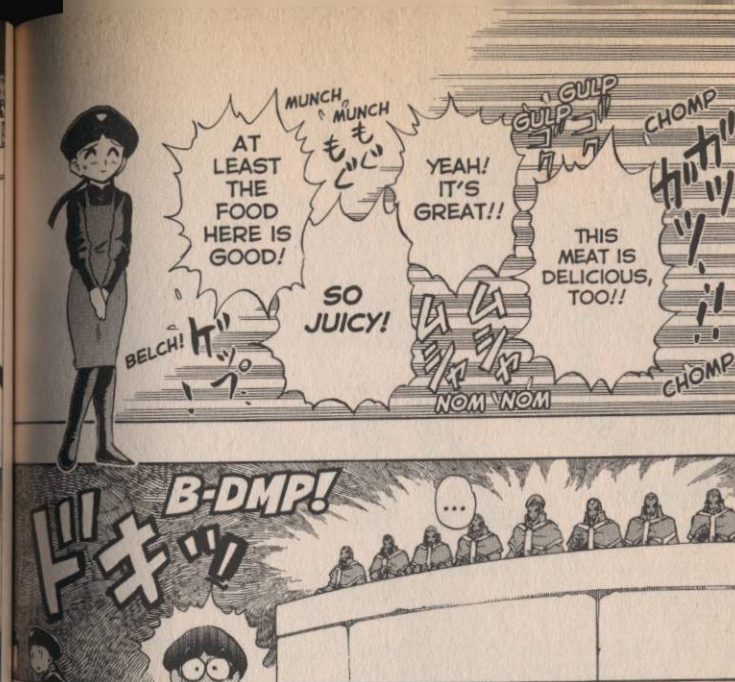
NORADZEER !!

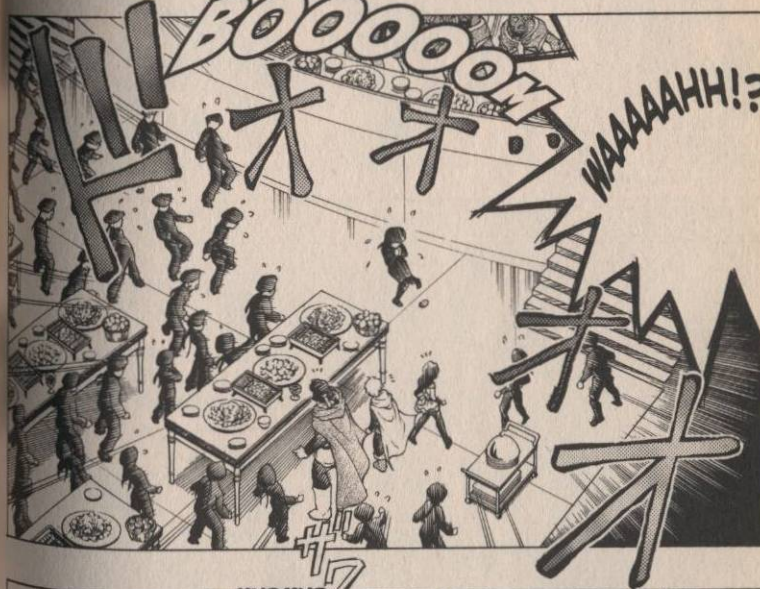
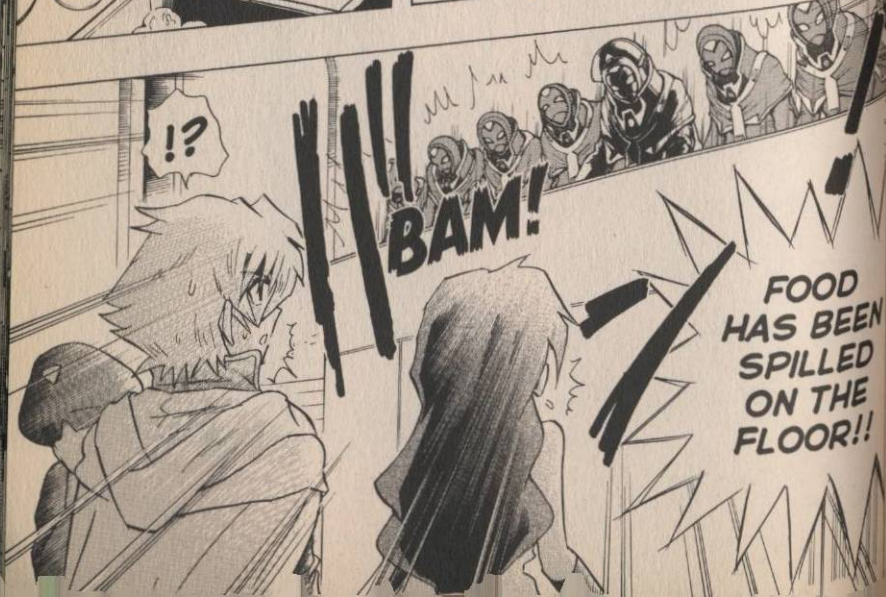
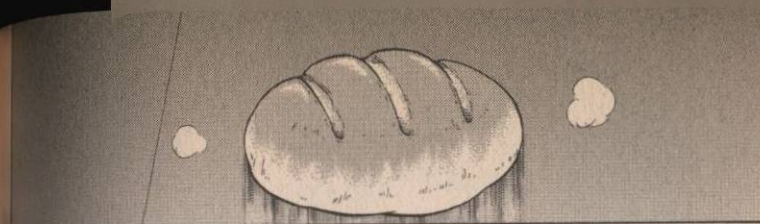
LET THE MEAL BEGIN.



IS THIS THEIR DINING HALL...?









YOUR
NAME?

TIRA,
LORD
REECE



APPAR-
ENTLY
THIS IS
VERY
SERIOUS!



SEIZE
THE
OFFENDER!



PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.

TO
SPILL
FOOD
IS AN
EVIL
ACT.

I'M
TERRIBLY
...
TERRIBLY
SORRY
...

YOU
HAVE
DONE
WRONG
TIRA

LORD
REECE





NORADNER!!

DUN!



THE EVIL
MUST BE
DRIVEN OUT
BY ONE
HUNDRED
STROKES OF
THE WHIP!!

THE
WRONG
WILL BE
RIGHTED
!!



TIRA
!!



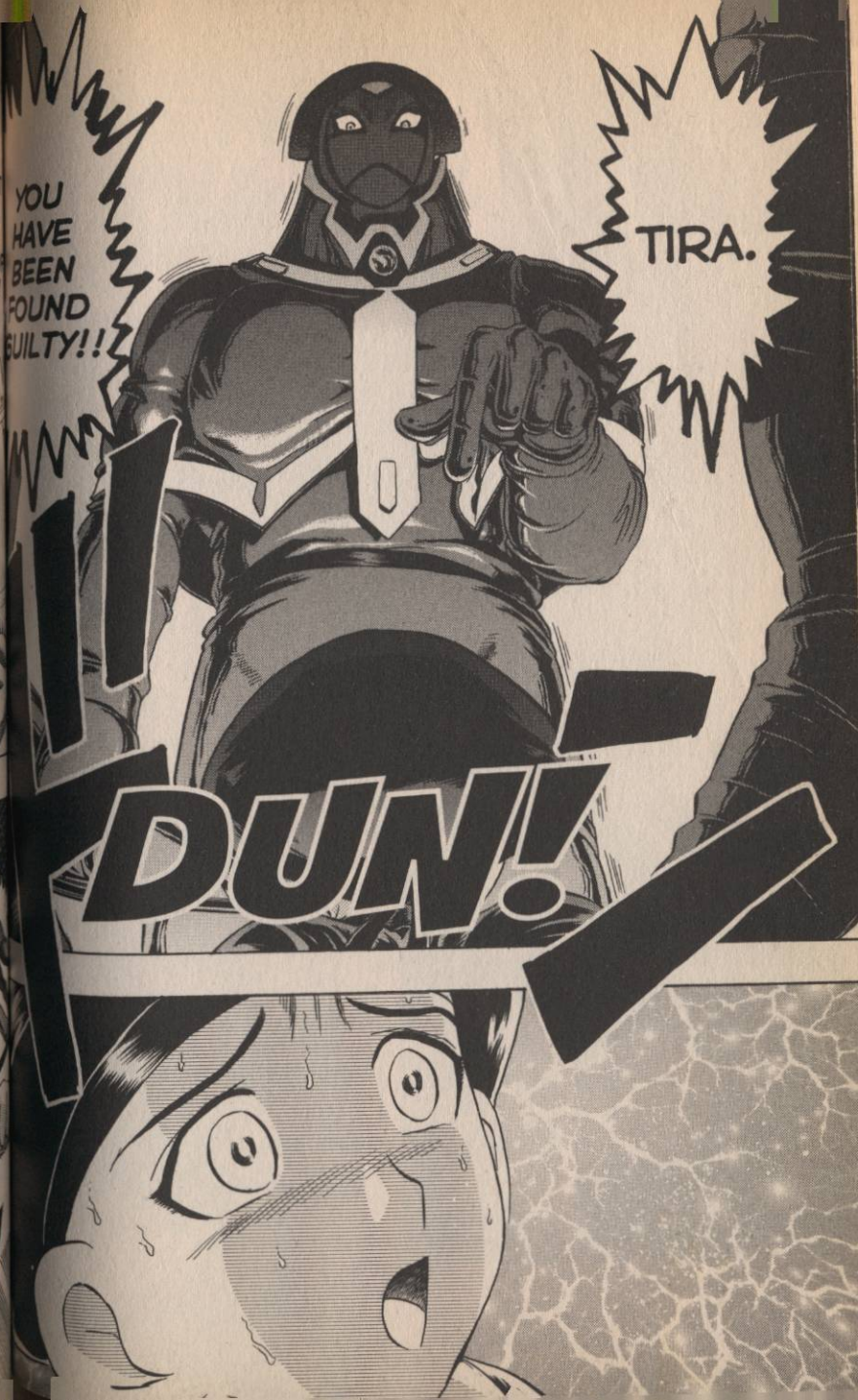
THAT'S
GOING
TOO
FAR!!

SUCH
CRUELTY
...!



EEK!

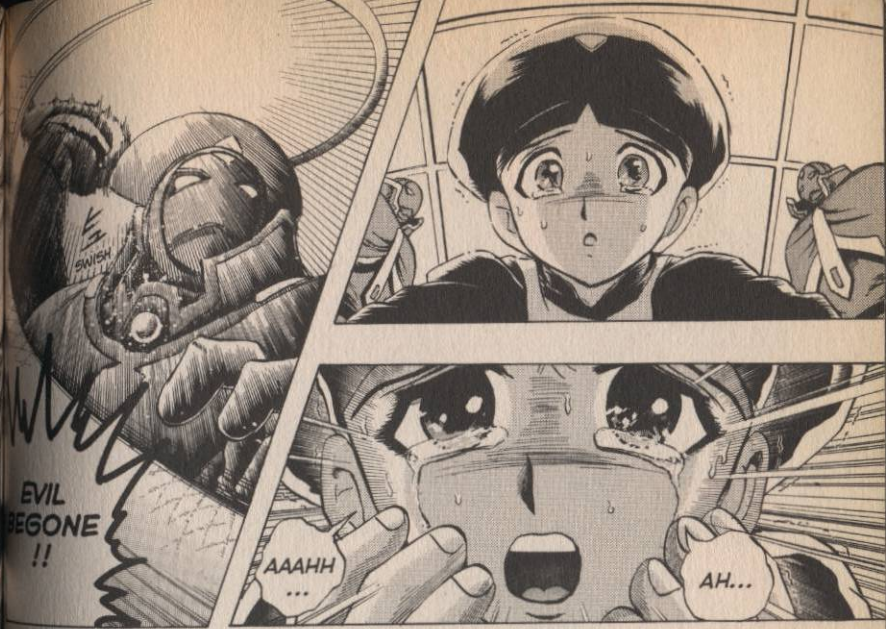
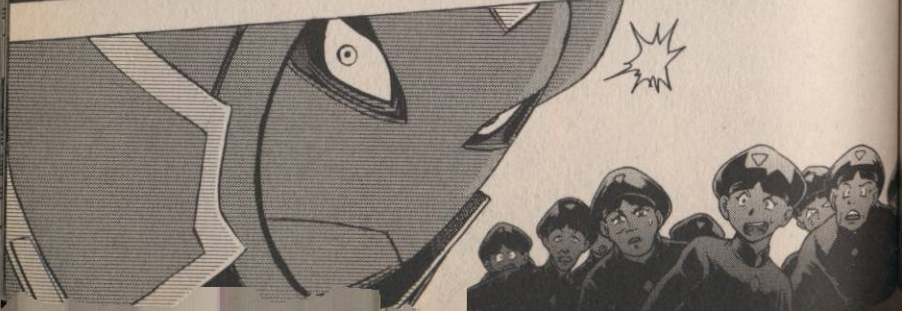
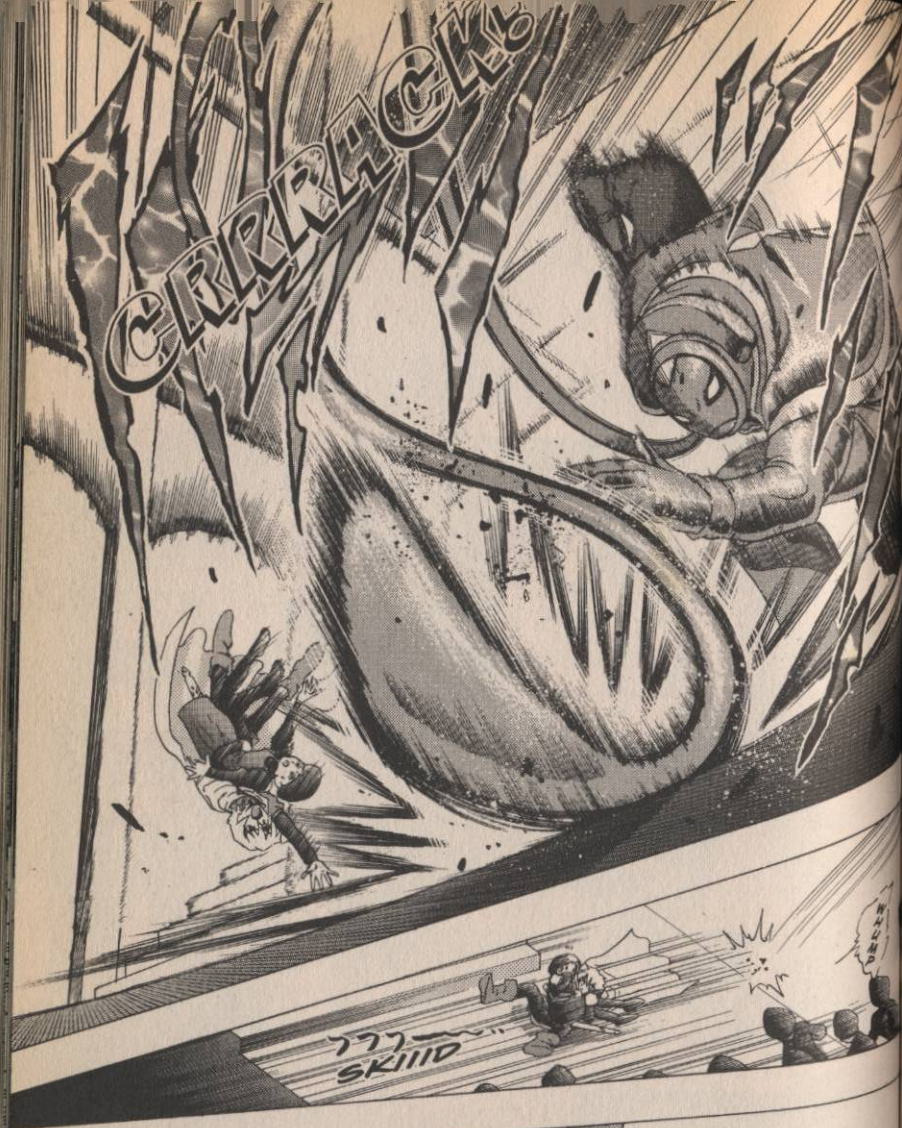
THUD!



YOU
HAVE
BEEN
FOUND
GUILTY!!!

TIRA.

DUN!





WHISPER
WHISPER

LIEF
...

SHE WAS
ONLY
TRYING TO
TELL US
PROPER
MANNERS
...

ZSH!



IT-IT
WAS MY
FAULT!!



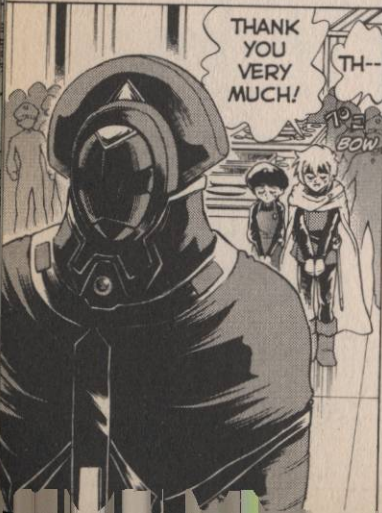
HOW-
EVER
...

FOR
BETTER
OR
WORSE,
YOU DO
NOT
KNOW
OUR
CUSTOMS.

YOU ARE
OUT-
SIDERS
AND
UNCLEAN!



ZNN



THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!

TH--
BOW



WHEW



ERGO, THE
RA-KACHARS
HAVE
DECIDED TO
PARDON
YOU!



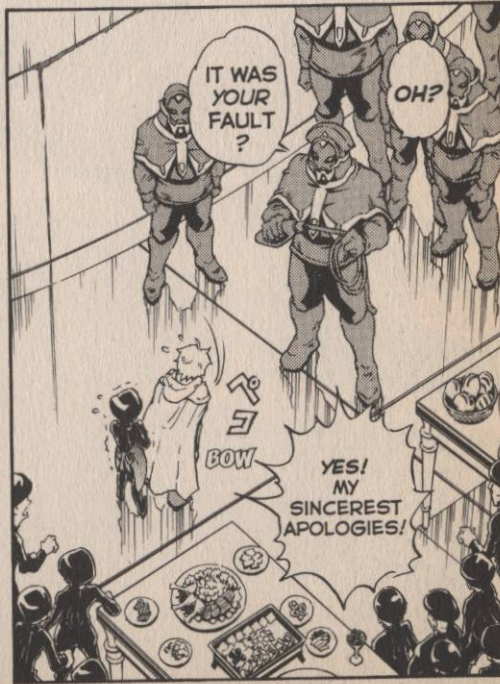
SNAP!

パン!



WHISPER
...

WHISPER
...

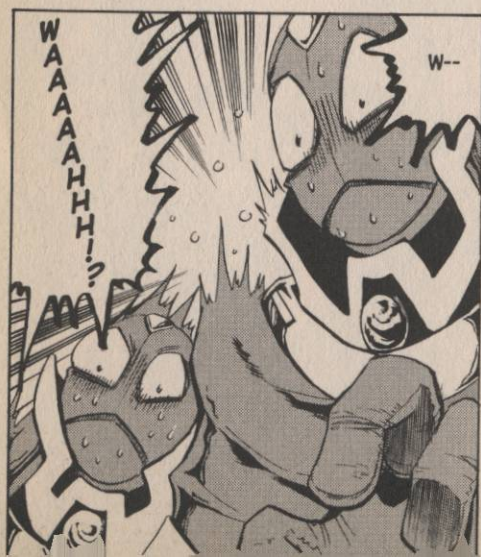
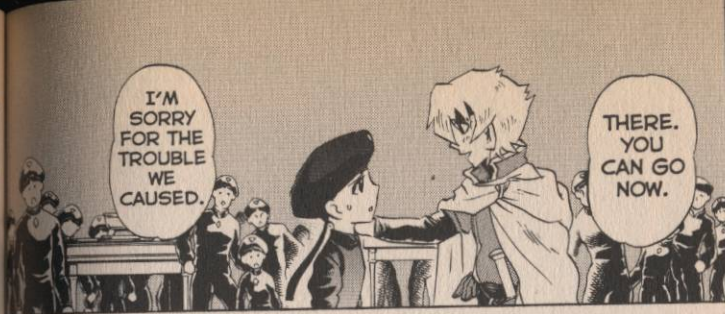
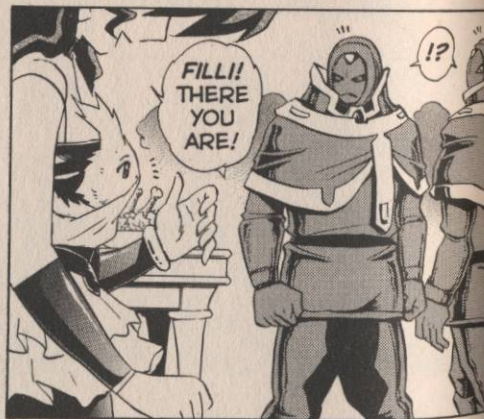


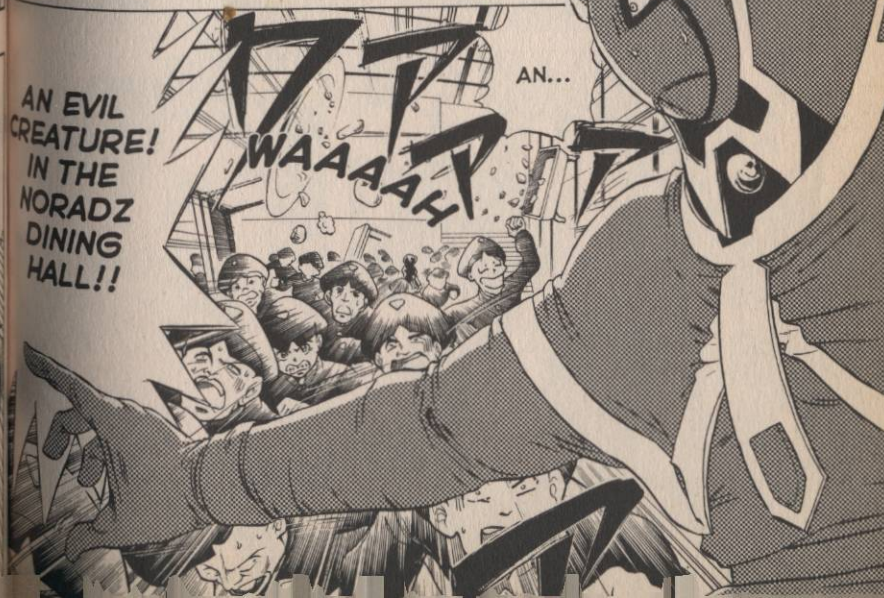
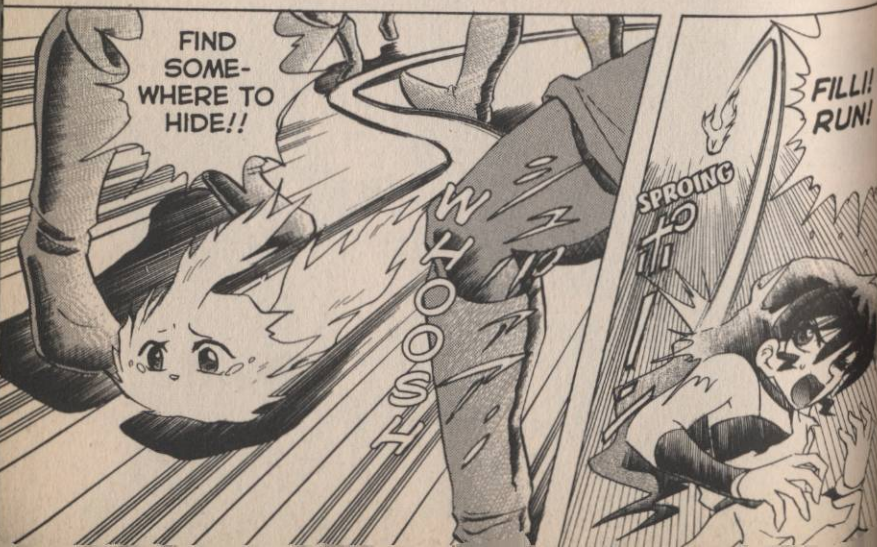
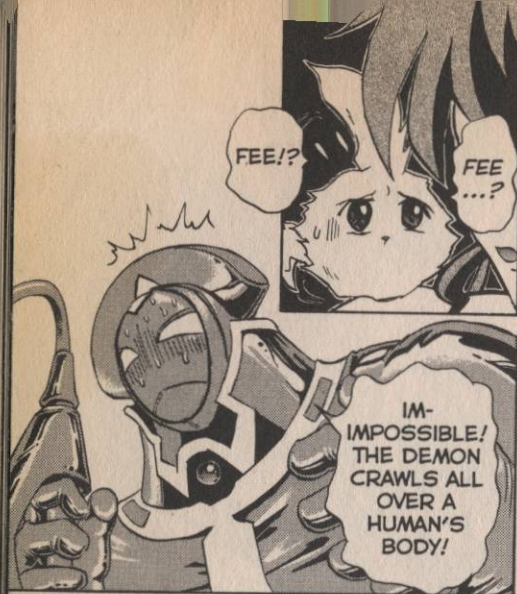
IT WAS
YOUR
FAULT
?

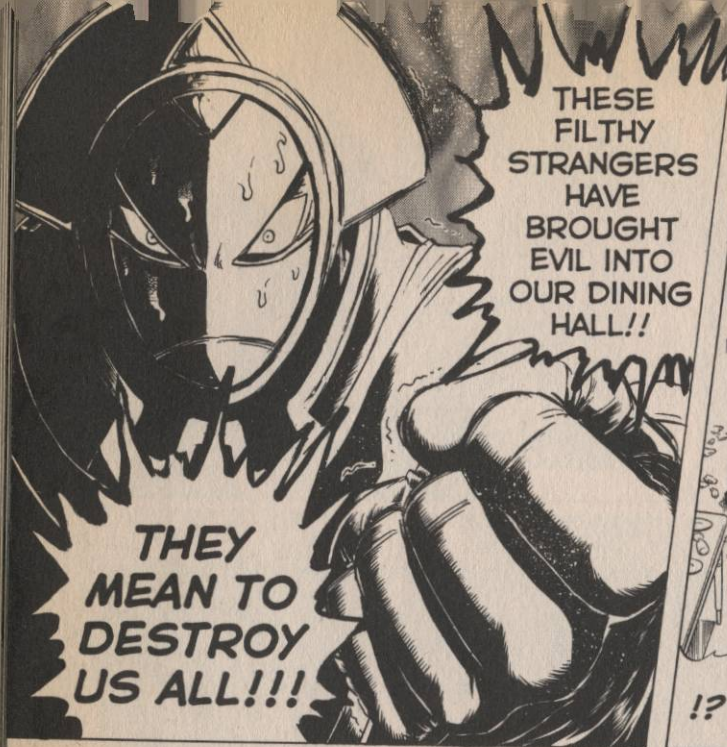
OH?

BOW

YES!
MY
SINCEREST
APOLOGIES!







THESE
FILTHY
STRANGERS
HAVE
BROUGHT
EVIL INTO
OUR DINING
HALL!!

THEY
MEAN TO
DESTROY
US ALL!!!



SEIZE
THEM!!

!?



NO!
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T,
I CAN'T!!



GIVE ME
BACK MY
SWORD!!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING!?

THE
THING
DOESN'T
MAKE
ANY
SENSE



LET
GO!!

LET
US
GO!!

TAKE
THEM
AWAY!!



YOU
HAVE
DONE
THE
UNTHINK-
ABLE!

YOU
...!

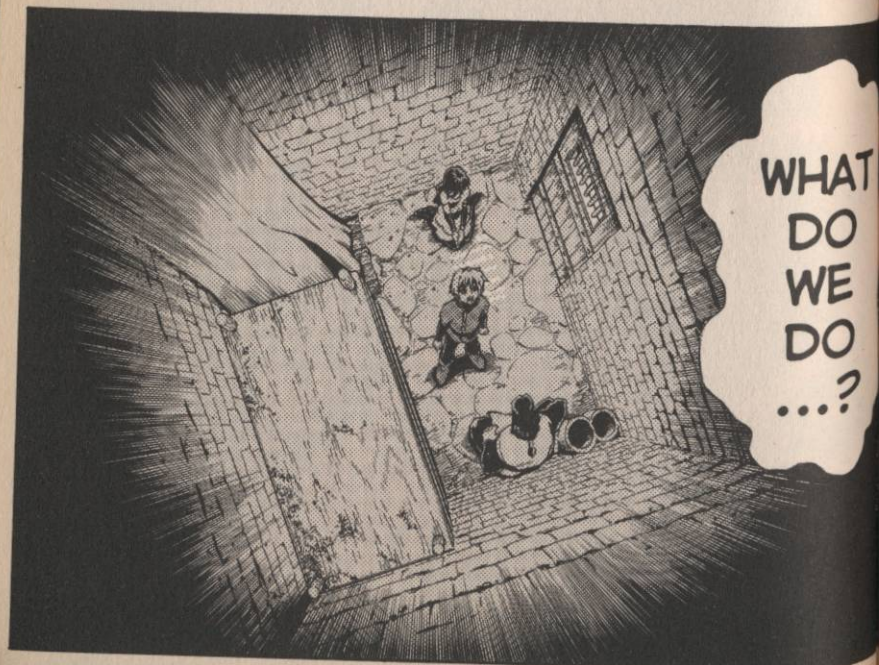


CLENCH
CLENCH



IT'S
OKAY. I
THINK
HE GOT
AWAY.

FILL!
...





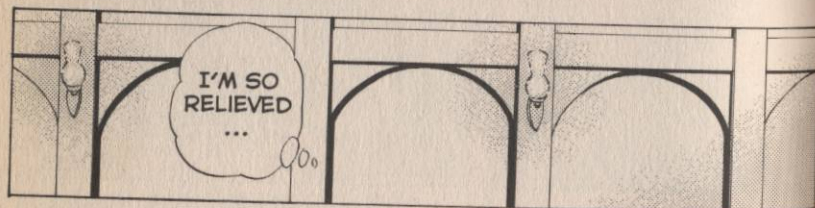
B-DMP
B-DMP

ARE...
ARE WE
GOING TO
FEED THE
PRISONERS?

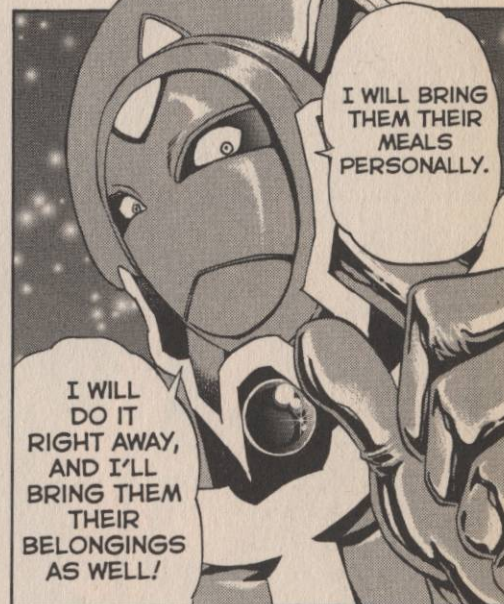
UM...
LORD
REECE
...

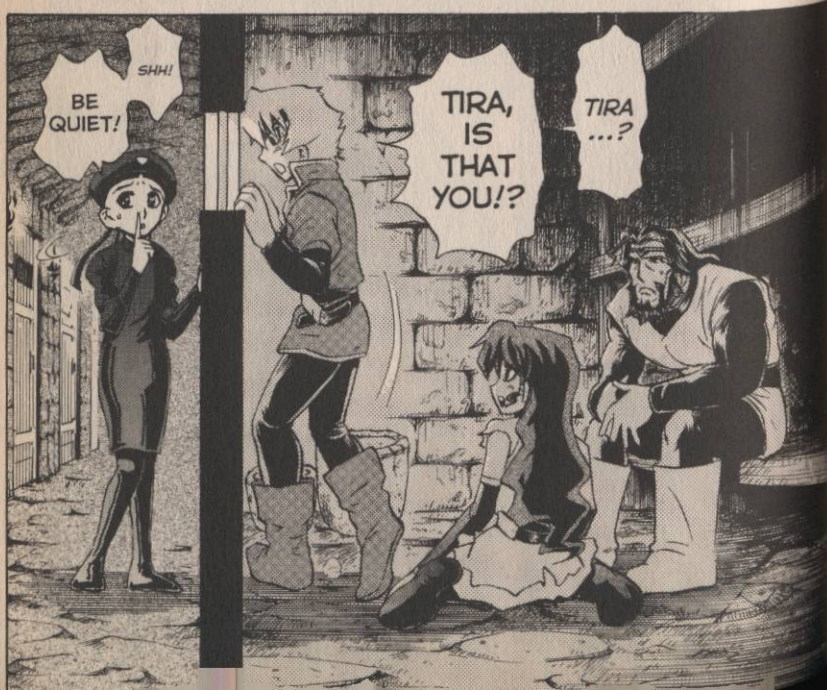
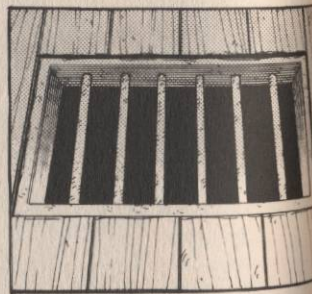
TIRA.

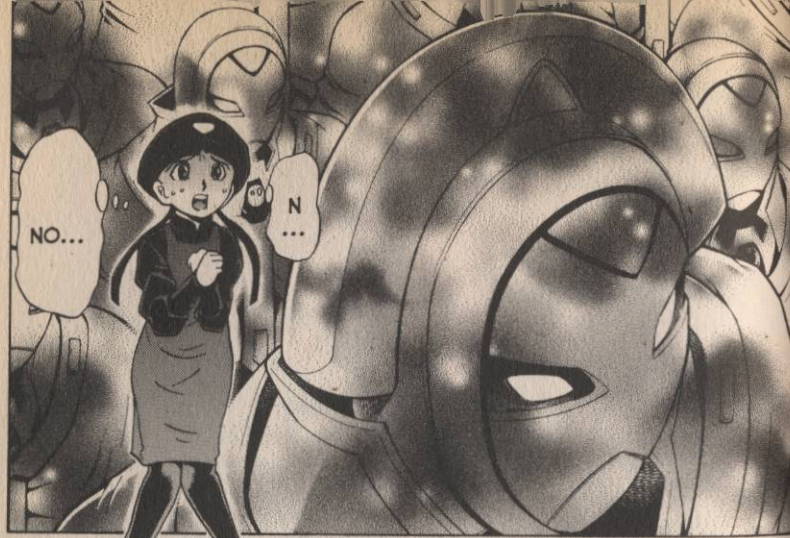
Chapter 23: Reece and Tira



I AM GRATEFUL TO LORD REECE
...







NO...

N...



HELP US
LEAVE
THE CITY!

PLEASE!
OPEN
THE
DOOR!

BAM
BAM
BAM



ALL OF MY
PEOPLE
ARE
TREMBLING
IN FEAR!

YOU
BROUGHT
EVIL AND
DREAD
INSIDE OF
NORADZ...



DUN

... I-
I CAN'T!

WHY
NOT!?



HE'S
SUP-
POSED
TO
BRING
US
FOOD?

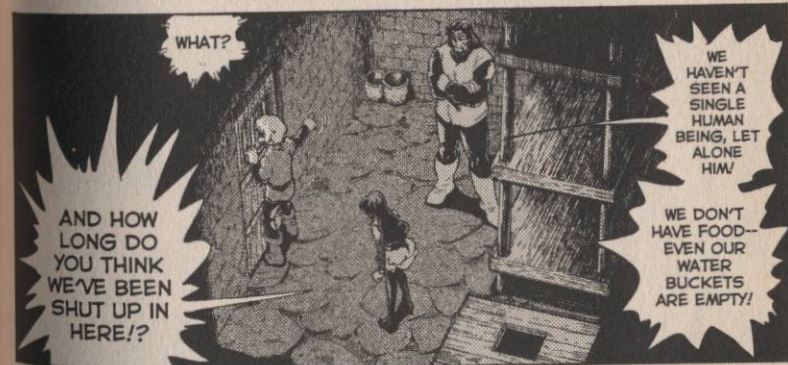
YEAH,
RIGHT!

mmmm



DID YOU
SEE
LORD
REECE?

HAVE
YOU
BEEN
FED?



WHAT?

AND HOW
LONG DO
YOU THINK
WE'VE BEEN
SHUT UP IN
HERE!?

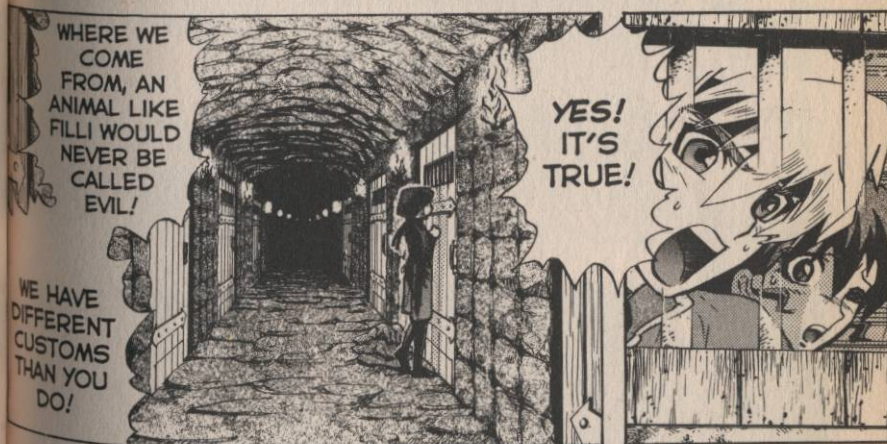
WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN A
SINGLE
HUMAN
BEING, LET
ALONE
HIM!

WE DON'T
HAVE FOOD--
EVEN OUR
WATER
BUCKETS
ARE EMPTY!



HE DIDN'T
JUST
FORGET!

HE WANTS
US TO
STARVE TO
DEATH!!





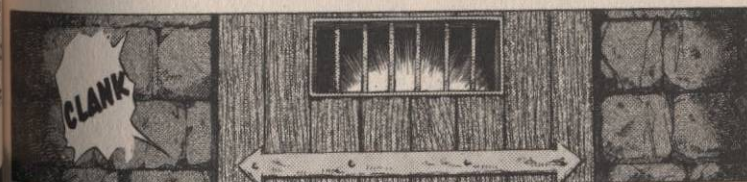
SOMEONE
HAD
HIDDEN
THEM...!



AND HE
CALLS
US
DIRTY!

THAT'S
JUST
HOW
HE IS!

LORD
REECE
SAID HE
WOULD
BRING
THEM TO
YOU
HIMSELF



CLANK



Y...
YOU'VE
GOT TO
BE
KIDDING!

THEY ARE
BY THE
FURNACE
NOW...

...THEY
ARE
GOING TO
BE
MELTED
DOWN AND
MADE INTO
KITCHEN
UTENSILS.
...



HUH?



WHERE
ARE OUR
SWORDS?



TIRA...





BAH

YOU UNDER-
STAND,
DON'T
YOU, LIEF?



YOU
CAN'T
!!



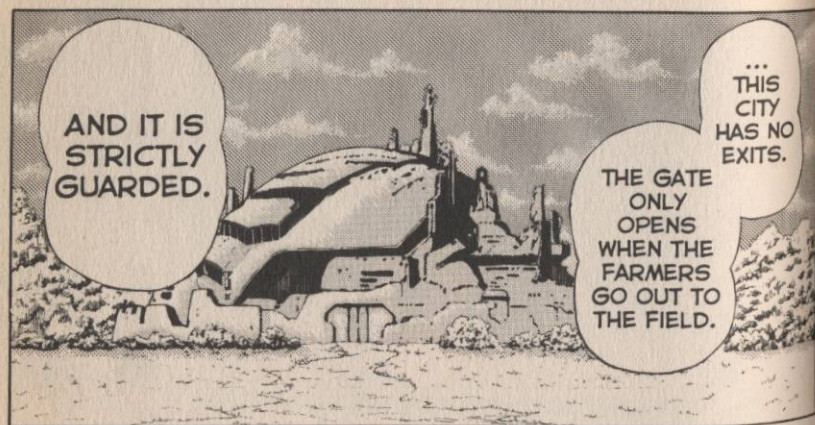
EVERYONE
IS STILL
OUT
SEARCHING
FOR THAT
CREATURE.

THEY'RE
SURE
TO FIND
YOU!!



I HAVE TO
GET IT BACK!
NO MATTER
WHAT!!

MY
FATHER
MADE
THAT
SWORD
FOR ME,
ON OUR
OWN
FORGE!



AND IT IS
STRICTLY
GUARDED.

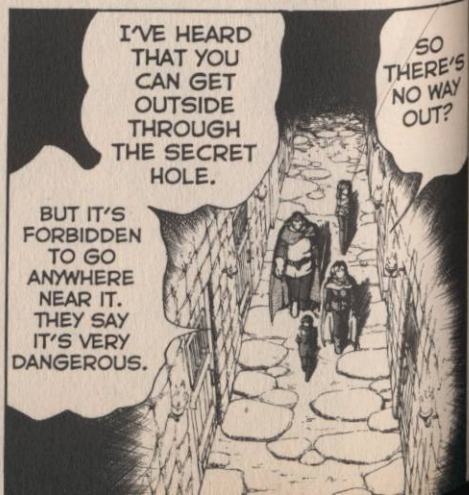
THE GATE
ONLY
OPENS
WHEN THE
FARMERS
GO OUT TO
THE FIELD.

...
THIS
CITY
HAS NO
EXITS.



WE
DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
THE
DANGER.
TAKE
US
THERE,
TIRA!

THE
HOLE
IT IS!



I'VE HEARD
THAT YOU
CAN GET
OUTSIDE
THROUGH
THE SECRET
HOLE.

BUT IT'S
FORBIDDEN
TO GO
ANYWHERE
NEAR IT.
THEY SAY
IT'S VERY
DANGEROUS.

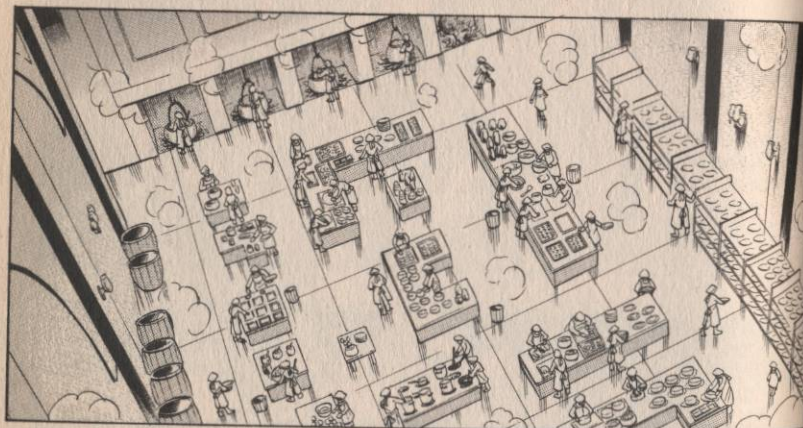
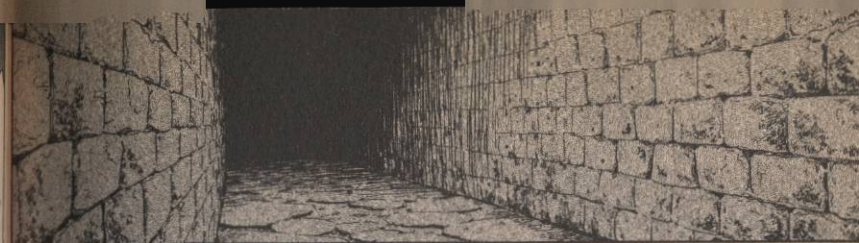
SO
THERE'S
NO WAY
OUT?

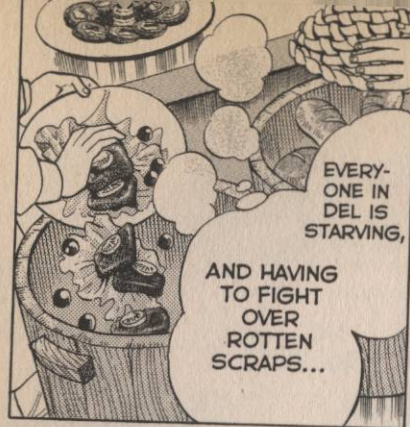


WE'LL
HAVE TO
GO
WITHOUT
OUR
SWORDS.

OUR
FIRST
PRIORITY
IS TO
GET OUT
OF THE
CITY.

WE
HAVE
NO
CHOICE.





EVERY-
ONE IN
DEL IS
STARVING,

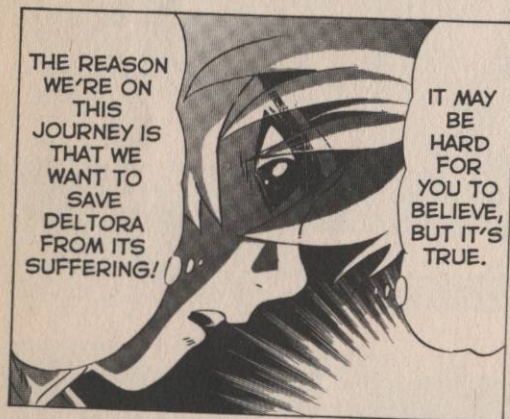
AND HAVING
TO FIGHT
OVER
ROTTEN
SCRAPS...



SCRITCH
SCRITCH



EH?



THE REASON
WE'RE ON
THIS
JOURNEY IS
THAT WE
WANT TO
SAVE
DELTORA
FROM ITS
SUFFERING!

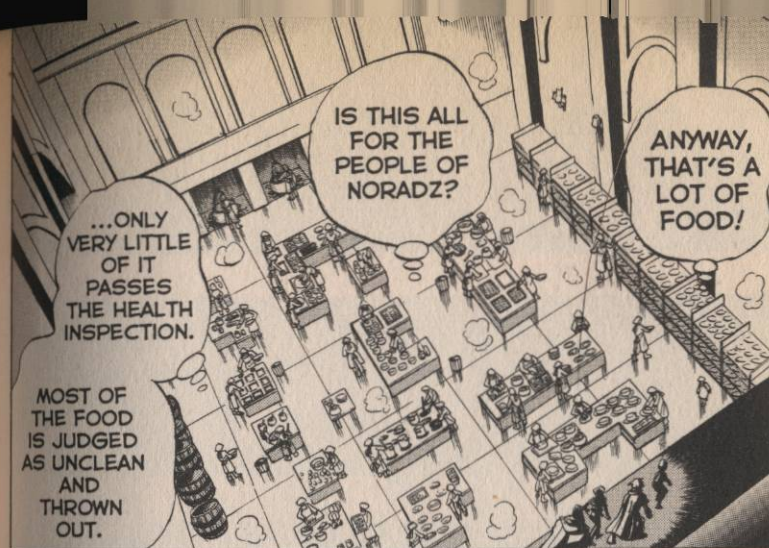
IT MAY
BE
HARD
FOR YOU TO
BELIEVE,
BUT IT'S
TRUE.



NO
...!



THANK
YOU,
TIRA!



IS THIS ALL
FOR THE
PEOPLE OF
NORADZ?

ANYWAY,
THAT'S A
LOT OF
FOOD!

...ONLY
VERY LITTLE
OF IT
PASSES
THE HEALTH
INSPECTION.

MOST OF THE
FOOD IS
JUDGED
AS UNCLEAN
AND
THROWN
OUT.



SS
YES.

THROUGH
THE HOLE.
IT'S IN
THAT
ROOM.



IT'S
ALL
...

THROWN
OUT?



THAT IS
WHY THEY
INSPECT
THE
FOOD--TO
PROTECT
US FROM
ILLNESS!

THE
RA-KACHARZ
CAN TELL
WHEN FOOD
IS UNCLEAN.





GWAAH!!

BAAAAM

YOU WERE
GIVEN A
LIFE
SENTENCE
BUT YOU
HAVE
ADDED TO
YOUR
CRIMES!

SWOOSH!

NOW YOU
MUST BE
EXECUTED
!!

CRACK

I WILL
CARRY OUT
YOUR
SENTENCE
IMMEDIATELY
!!

CRACK

CRACK!!

YOU'VE LED
THE EVIL
CREATURE
TO OUR
KITCHENS!
I'M SURE
OF IT!

I SHALL
GIVE YOU
THE DEATH
MOST
FITTING OF
FILTH LIKE
YOU!!

BWOH

SWISH

OTHERS
OF THE
NINE ARE
ON THEIR
WAY HERE,
BUT I
DON'T
NEED
THEIR
COUNSEL!

NOW YOUR
EVIL HAS
BEEN
PROVEN!

NOOSH

HMPH.
NO
MATTER!

NOOSH

HE'LL DO
ANYTHING
TO MAKE
CRIMINALS
OUT OF
US!

BY MY OWN
JUDGMENT, I
HAVE
DETERMINED
THAT YOU SHALL
NOT ENJOY AN
EASY DEATH IN
YOUR CELL!

YOU'RE
REALLY
TICKING ME
OFF!!

NORADZ,
NORADZ
...

LIEF!

BARDA!

GUHAH
...!

KERTHUD!!

THWACK!!

NOW!
BEGONE,
VERMIN!!

STAGGER

JASMINE!!

IF YOU
INSIST...
YOU
SHALL
DIE
NOW!!

FOOL-
ISH
GIRL.

NGAH
...!

STRANGLE!!

NORAD-
ZEER!

YOU WHO
BRING
EVIL
INTO
OUR
CITY!!

NORAD-
ZEER!



I COULD
SNAP
THEM
BOTH IN
AN
INSTANT!!



NGH...
COUGH...



YOU
CHILDREN
HAVE SUCH
SLENDER
NECKS.



DON'T
MOVE!!

LIEF ...

STAGGER



BACK,
BACK!

BACK
AWAY...



AND
YOU
KNOW
WHAT
I'LL
DO!

ONE
MORE
STEP...



LET
JASMINE
GO!!

WHAM!!



TOSS

...
HOW-
EVER.

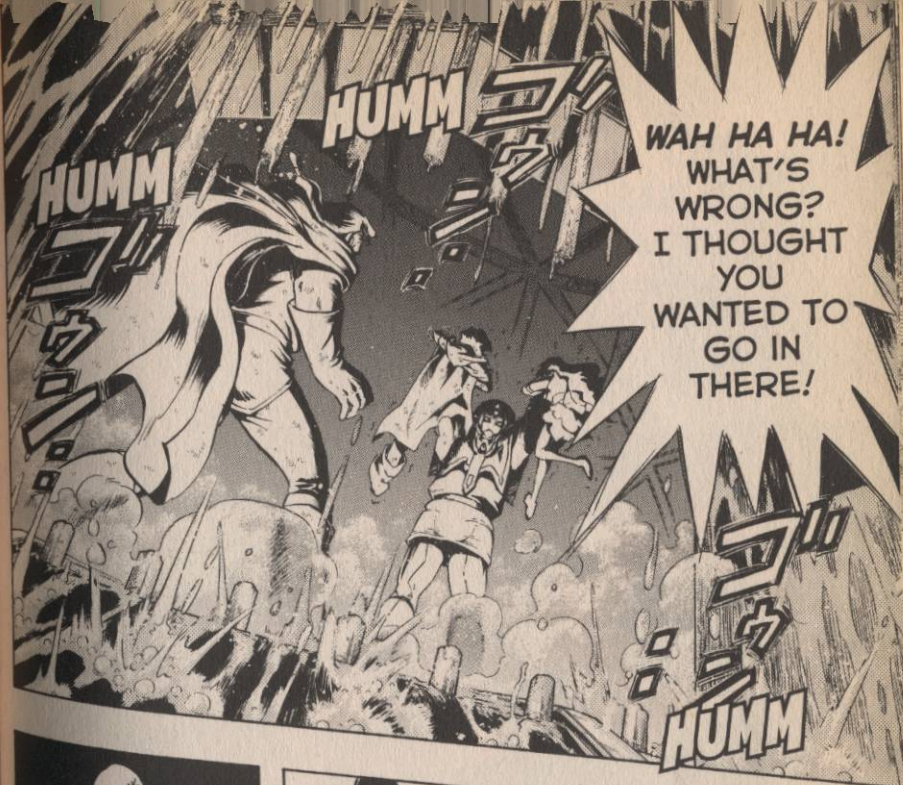


TENACITY
IS THE
ONE
THING
YOU
FILTHY
CREA-
TURES
HAVE IN
ABUN-
DANCE!

THWACK!



RRRRRAAGH!!





WHY
YOU--!!

WHAT
...!?

YOU WON'T
LEAVE HERE
ALIVE!!!

TROMP

LORD
REECE

TROMP

LORD
REECE!!

OUR
SWORDS!
THANK
YOU!

SO
I...

YOU...
HELPED
ME...

WE'RE
LEAVING!!
NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES!!

BLAST IT!
THEY'RE
HERE!

SLRRP!

I-I
WILL...

TAKE
THE
BACK
DOOR
AND
RUN.

BUT YOU
CAN'T
STAY
HERE.

THANKS,
TIRA...

WE ARE
DEEPLY
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
COURAGE!

TROMP
TROMP

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ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH

ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH ZH

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP



AAAHH ...

Next Volume:
City of the
Rats!
Coming Soon!



THERE ARE
THOUSANDS
OF THEM!!

An army
of rats
approaches!
Terror lurks in
a new dread
land!!



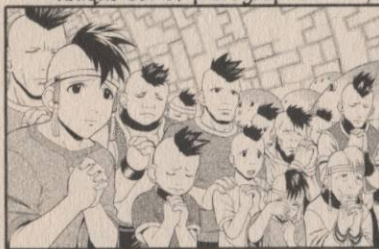
THEY'RE
RATS!!



They were all cursed for opposing the sorceress Thaegan. ▲



Because their voices were stolen by the curse, they communicate with a unique set of pictographs.



They all pray that Lief and his companions will restore peace to their world. ▲

The Ralad Tribe

A tribe of skilled engineers, able to build strong, clever buildings. Because of their abilities, the Shadow Lord tried to make them his slaves, so he could use their skills. To escape his evil clutches, the Ralads have built a city under Raladin, and are living in hiding.



What is the Army of the Shadow Lord?!

The Army of the Shadow Lord is shrouded in mystery; no one even knows where they came from. The Grey Guards who serve the Shadow Lord appear to be members of the Del tribe but are actually a different race entirely. They look human, but it is possible that they are different creatures in disguise.



Deltora Quest

BOOK OF SECRETS

We have loads of trivia that will help you enjoy the world of Deltora even more! If you read this, it will make the story even more fun!!

The Seven Tribes of Deltora gathered under Adin, and expelled the Shadow Lord's army from the land!!



The seven tribes once combined their powers to bring peace to the land. Will the day ever come when ▲ they join forces again?!

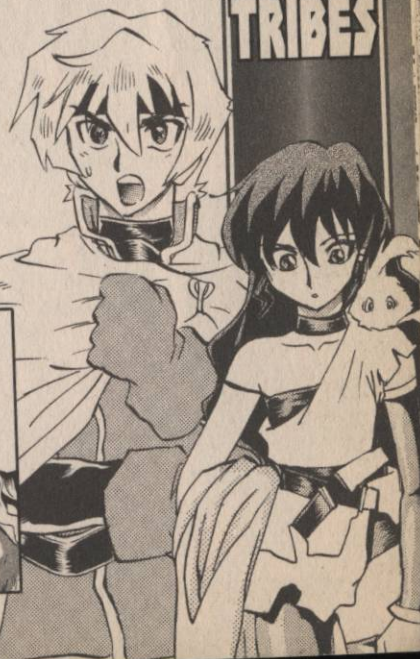
It is said that seven tribes lived in the land of Deltora since ancient times. Adin, the first king of Deltora, was able to drive out the Army of the Shadow Lord with the help of these seven tribes.

SECRETS OF THE SEVEN TRIBES

The Del Tribe

The tribe from which came the first king of Deltora, Adin. Lief, Barda, and Jasmine all come from this tribe. Their fashion hasn't changed much over the centuries.

Chief Advisor Prandine was thought to be of the Del tribe, but in reality, he was a servant of the Shadow Lord. ▶



I HOPE
THEY
WILL
ALL BE
WILLING
TO HELP
US...



▲ Hopefully they will all be as cooperative as the Ralads...

Having grown up in the City of Del, Lief has only met the tribes he encountered on his quest. You won't want to miss seeing how he gets along with the other tribes in his future adventures.

WHAT
TRIBE
HAVE
WE
YET
TO
SEE?

The Jalis Tribe

A tribe with many skilled warriors, though their tempers are quite volatile.

The Mere Tribe

A tribe that loves friendly competition. They might be kind of fun?

The Tora Tribe

Said to be the greatest of the seven tribes. Where are they now...?

The Dread Gnomes

A tribe of dwarfs that lives with the animals. This tribe is set apart by their foul mouths.

The D'Or Tribe

One theory is that this tribe came from across the ocean. Their chief, Nartion, was changed into a monster by Thaeagan's curse.



Many other tribes have come to the land of Deltora, aside from the D'Or tribe. Maybe some of them will help our heroes!?

There's an eighth tribe!

The D'Or tribe Lief met at the Lake of Tears is not included in the Seven Tribes. They arrived after Adin built up the kingdom of Deltora.

Ra-Kacharz

The nine purifiers who rule Noradz.

Their responsibilities include punishing all who disrupt order in their city.



The Plains Tribe

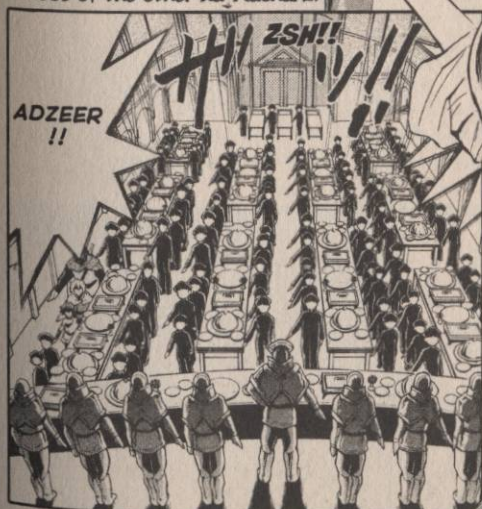
A tribe that lives in the city of Noradz and avoids all contact with other tribes. They once lived in the City of the Rats, but relocated after a certain incident.

FIRST
RA-
KACHAR
OF THE
NINE!!



▲ Noradz is a city filled with an abundance of food.

▲ Reece, First of the Ra-Kacharz. His mask is shaped differently than those of the other Ra-Kacharz.



▲ Fearing punishment, the citizens live like slaves to the Ra-Kacharz.



It warned of Thaegan's arrival at the Lake of Tears.



A red jewel, known as the symbol of happiness. It has the power to sense the presence of evil monsters, and its color fades to warn when danger is near. Our heroes found it in the Lake of Tears.

It loses its luster when evil is near.



THE
RUB



SEVEN GEMS
ARE
EMBEDDED
IN THE
SEVEN
MEDALLIONS
...

IT'S AS
THOUGH
EACH ONE
POSSESSES
A WILL OF ITS
OWN!

The Gems were inlaid in the Belt of Deltora. They each hold their own hidden magic, and it is said that they can demonstrate that magic to its fullest potential when they are attached to the Belt of Deltora.

THE SECRETS OF THE SEVEN GEMS

A jewel that glitters in all the colors of the rainbow. It is called the Gem of Hope, and has the power to reveal the future.

O
p
a
l

A green jewel. Its color fades to warn when a promise has been broken.

E
m
e
r
a
l
d

A jewel that governs truth. The color of violets, it can foresee illness.

A
m
e
t
h
y
s
t

A jewel blue as the night sky. It is said to have divine powers that work as a powerful amulet to ward off evil.

L
a
p
i
s
L
a
z
u
l
i

A clear jewel, symbol of purity and power. It gives courage and strength to the righteous.

D
i
a
m
o
n
d

The Seven Gems were initially offered to Adin in token of the Seven Tribes' pledge to join together in unity. You may think that all they need to do is get new gems from each tribe, but these Gems are all one-of-a-kind jewels, dug up from deep in the earth by each tribe. There are no other gems like them, so the only way to defeat the powers of evil is to risk life and limb to find them.

THE
SEVEN
GEMS
AND THE
SEVEN
TRIBES

The Seven Gems were carried off by seven Ak-Baba.



The Army of the Shadow Lord mounted an assault on the Palace of Del to get the Gems.



The Gem is the key to unlocking the door to the spirit world. It is said that its power is greatest on the night of a full moon.



IT CAN'T
BE THAT
VALUABLE.

A golden jewel with the power to connect the world of the living with the spirit world. It had been in the possession of the golden knight, Gori, deep in the Forests of Silence, but, with Jasmine's help, Lief and Barda succeeded in taking it back.

THE
TOPAZ



The power of the topaz reunited Jasmine with her late mother.



Symbol of faithfulness, it also has the power to see through evil's disguise.

4

The Shifting Sands

Dunes of red sand, said to be inhabited by swarms of dreadful monsters. It is constantly plagued by powerful sandstorms.

5

Dread Mountain

An enormous black mountain, whose peak is shrouded in clouds. Its slopes are covered in sharp, jagged rocks.

6

Maze of the Beast

As its name suggests, it is a labyrinth that houses a monstrous beast. No one has come out of the maze alive, so no one knows what the beast truly is.

7

The Valley of the Lost

A valley that is hidden by thick fog all year round. The thick grey mist swirls at its bottom, making it impossible to sense any kind of life.

Tom's shop sells all manner of mysterious items. Rumor has it, he doesn't only sell to travelers and members of the Resistance-- Grey Guards stop in to shop as well.



THE
SECRETS
OF
TOM'S
SHOP



THE
PALACE
OF DEL

The Palace of Del was built during the reign of King Brandon, and could be called the symbol of the land of Deltora. The palace was built by the skilled builders, the Ralads.

THE
SECRETS
OF THE
PALACE
OF DEL



The people of the City of the Rats evacuated to Noradz.

3

City of the Rats

The city where it is said the ancestors of the people of Noradz once dwelled. Apparently it is now ruled by thousands of rats!



The curse turned chief of D'Or into a monster, and he attacked all who approached.

2

The Lake of Tears

The lake in which lurked the giant monster Soldeen. It was once a beautiful city, but it was transformed into the lake by Thaegan's curse.

The Forests of Silence

The three forests to the east of the city of Del are known collectively as the Forests of Silence. They are said to be the most frightening of the seven dread places, and even the Grey Guards refuse to go near them. The forest in the center is also called "The Dark."

Gorl was guarding the Lilies of Life in The Dark.



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There are seven dread places in the land of Deltora, and no one knows when they became such. People don't get near these places for fear of the evil that lurks within them, so only a very few know much about them.

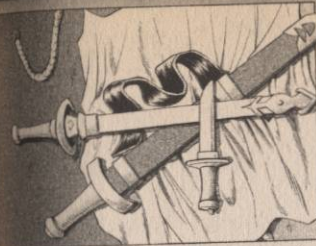


THE SECRETS OF THE SEVEN DREAD PLACES



THE SECRETS OF THEIR EQUIPMENT

It is impossible to guess how long our heroes' travels to find the Seven Gems will go on. And so, at the start of their journey, they prepared blankets, canteens-- all kinds of items one would need for a long quest. After all, in their world, they can't just buy whatever they need anytime!



▲ Even the items Lief and his companion carry every day have secrets about them.

His Mother's Cloak

A cloak Lief's mother wove for him. It's light and extremely soft, so it doesn't get in his way when he wears it.

► It's big enough to use for hiding.



Jarred's Sword

A sword forged by his father Jarred. It's a slender sword, but still quite heavy.

IT... IT'S HEAVY!

CLANK!!



Lief

Aside from his sword and cloak, he also carries a rope, candles-- even a kettle and a small shovel.

The Belt of Deltora

The Belt that was handed down through generations of kings. When equipped with the Seven Gems, it has the power to banish evil.

Jasmine

Jasmine lost her parents when she was small, so there was no one around to provide for her. Everything she owns is something she found for herself. Fitting of her feminine nature, she walks around with a broken-toothed comb.

Stolen Goods from the Grey Guards

Most of Jasmine's belongings were stolen from the Grey Guards. She would take them when their guard was down, like when they were asleep.

► She met Lief and Barda, too, when she was stealing from them.



HMM, WHAT A PRETTY CLOAK.

Equipment from when he was a Palace Guard?

Most of his clothes and his cloak were articles he used when he was a Palace Guard. He and Lief set out on their quest together, so his other belongings-- like a canteen and blanket-- were provided by Jarred and his wife.

BARDA USED TO BE A PALACE GUARD.

IT'S A DISGUISE



Barda

In battle, Barda uses a greatsword, heavy enough to be very difficult for anyone else to wield. No one knows for sure, but it's possible that it isn't the one he used as a guard, but one that Jarred made for him!

ONE DROP

Soldeen has finally agreed to give Lief and his companions the ruby, but before they can claim it, the sorceress Thaegan arrives to avenge her children. To defeat her, all our heroes must do is shed one drop of her blood, but it's not as easy as it seems.

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