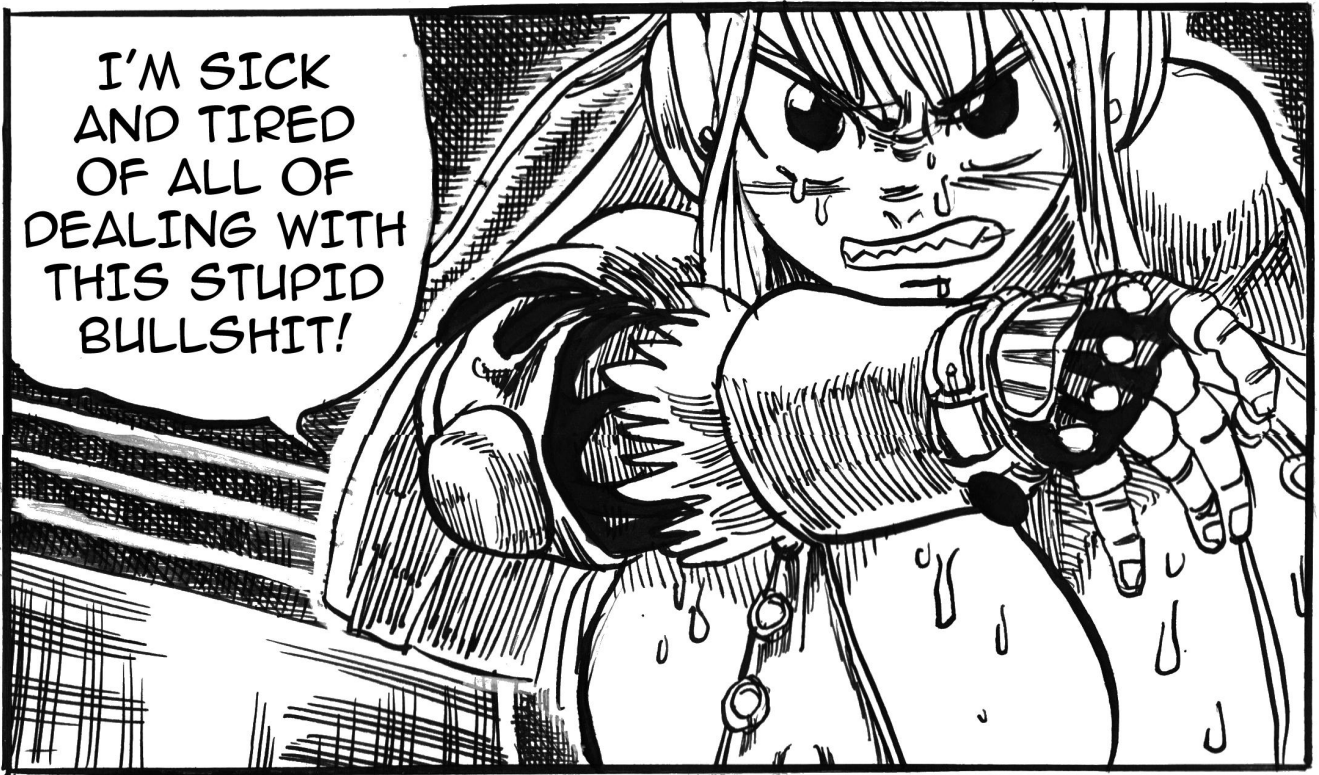
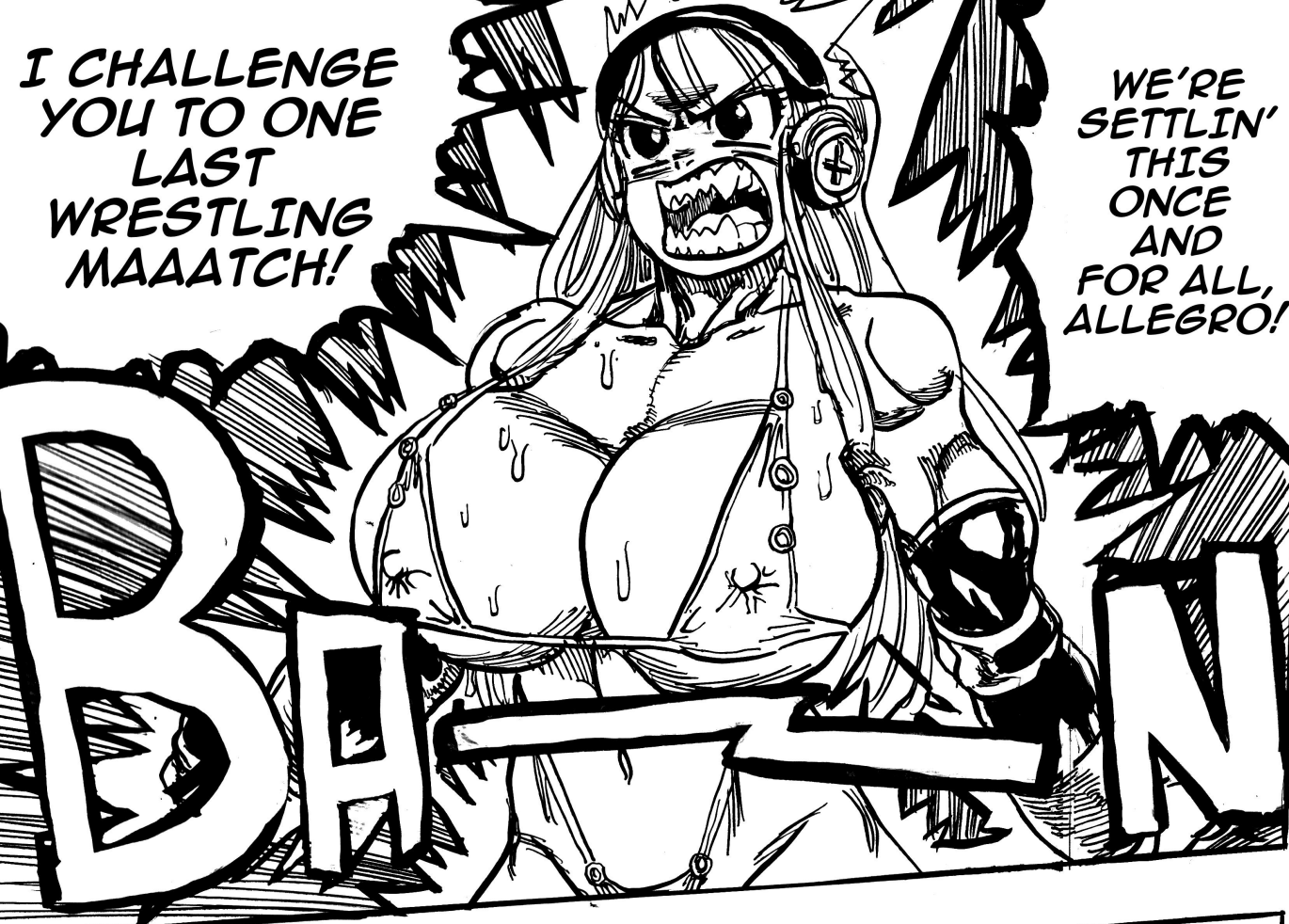


限界突破! WRESTLING!



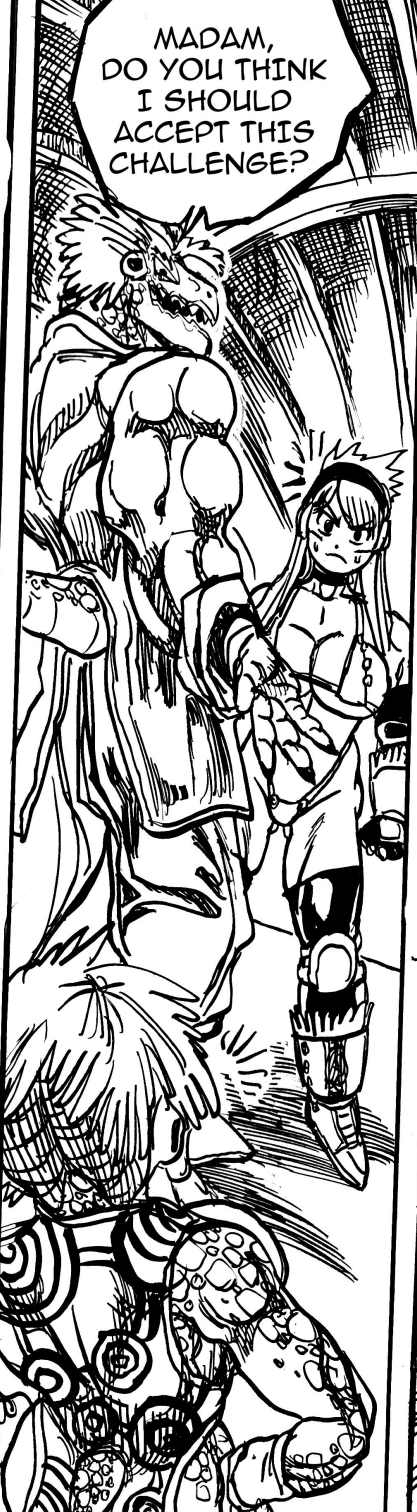
KAYFABE #2: "DO YOU THINK I'M THAT PATHETIC!?"





I CHALLENGE YOU TO ONE LAST WRESTLING MAAATCH!

WE'RE SETTLIN' THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL, ALLEGRO!

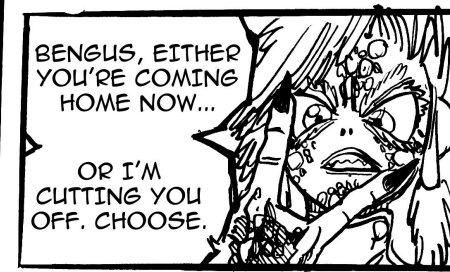


MADAM, DO YOU THINK I SHOULD ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?



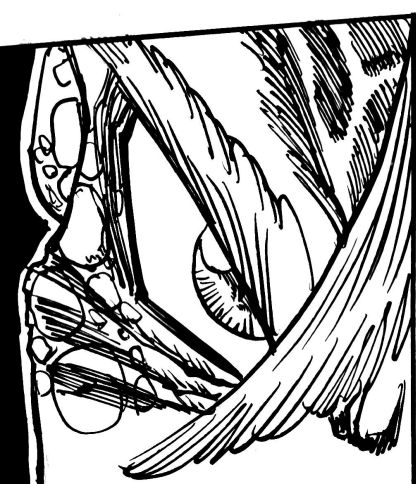
YOU HAVE A TOURNAMENT COMING UP...

YOU SHOULDN'T BE WASTING YOUR TIME WITH HER, UNDERSTAND?

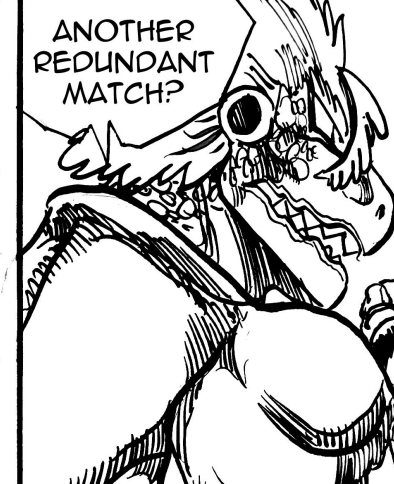


BENGUS, EITHER YOU'RE COMING HOME NOW...

OR I'M CUTTING YOU OFF. CHOOSE.



GOOD GRIEF...



ANOTHER REDUNDANT MATCH?

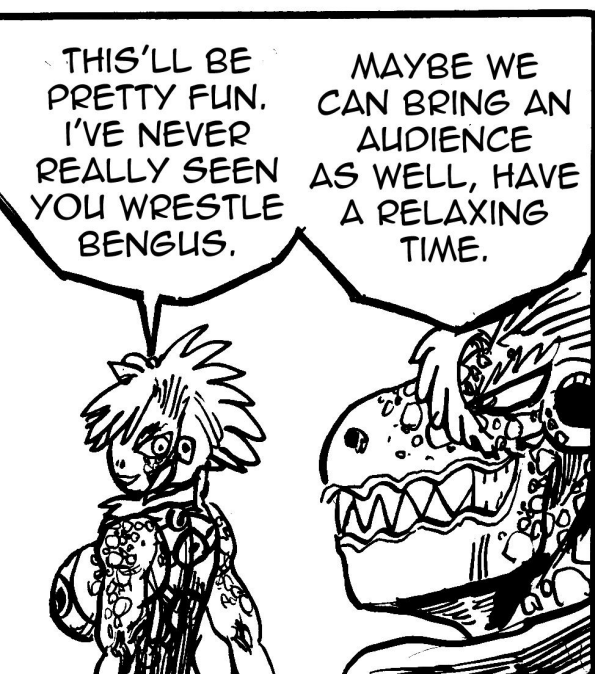
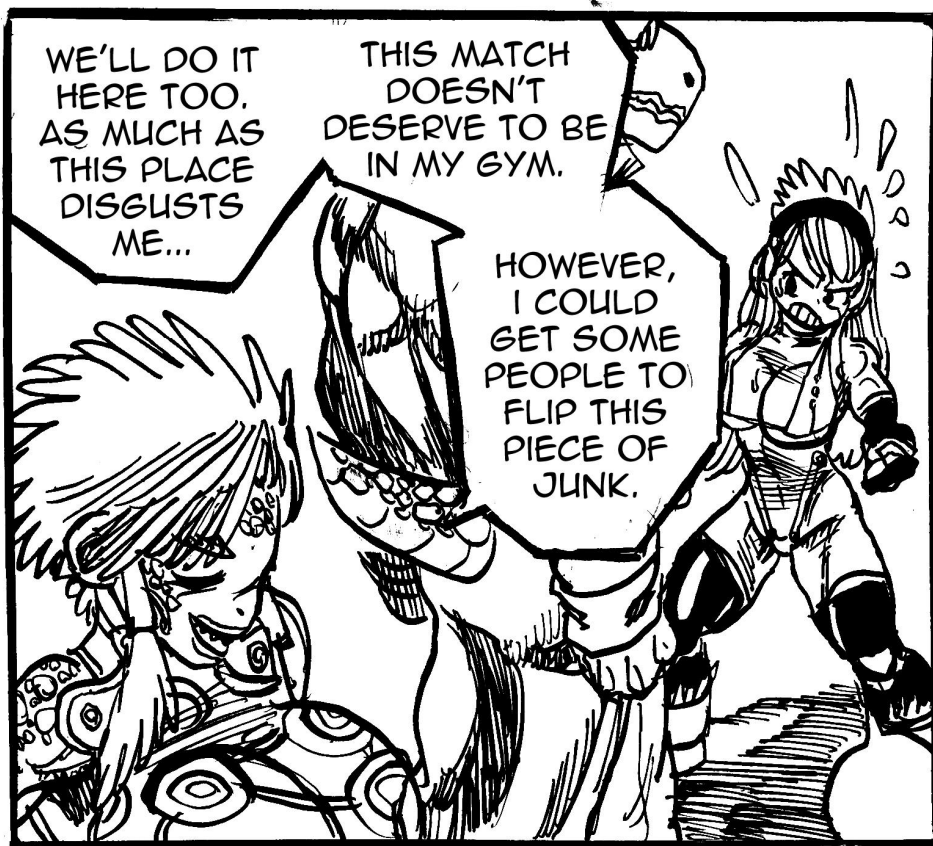
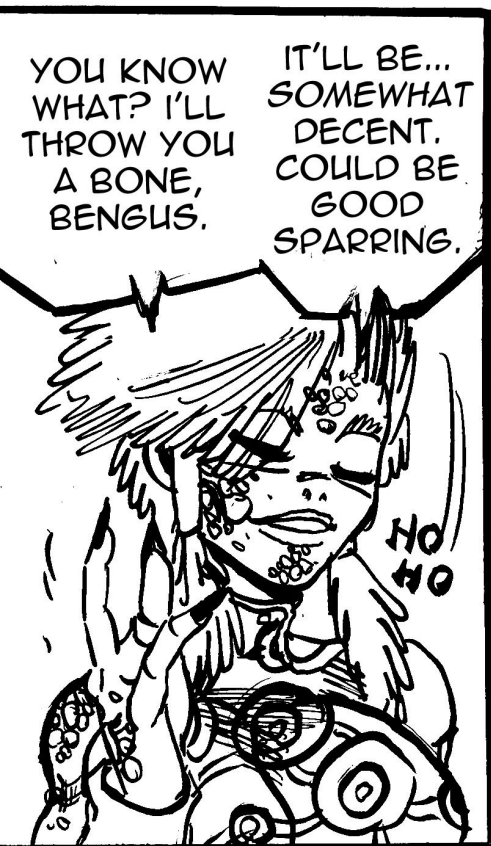


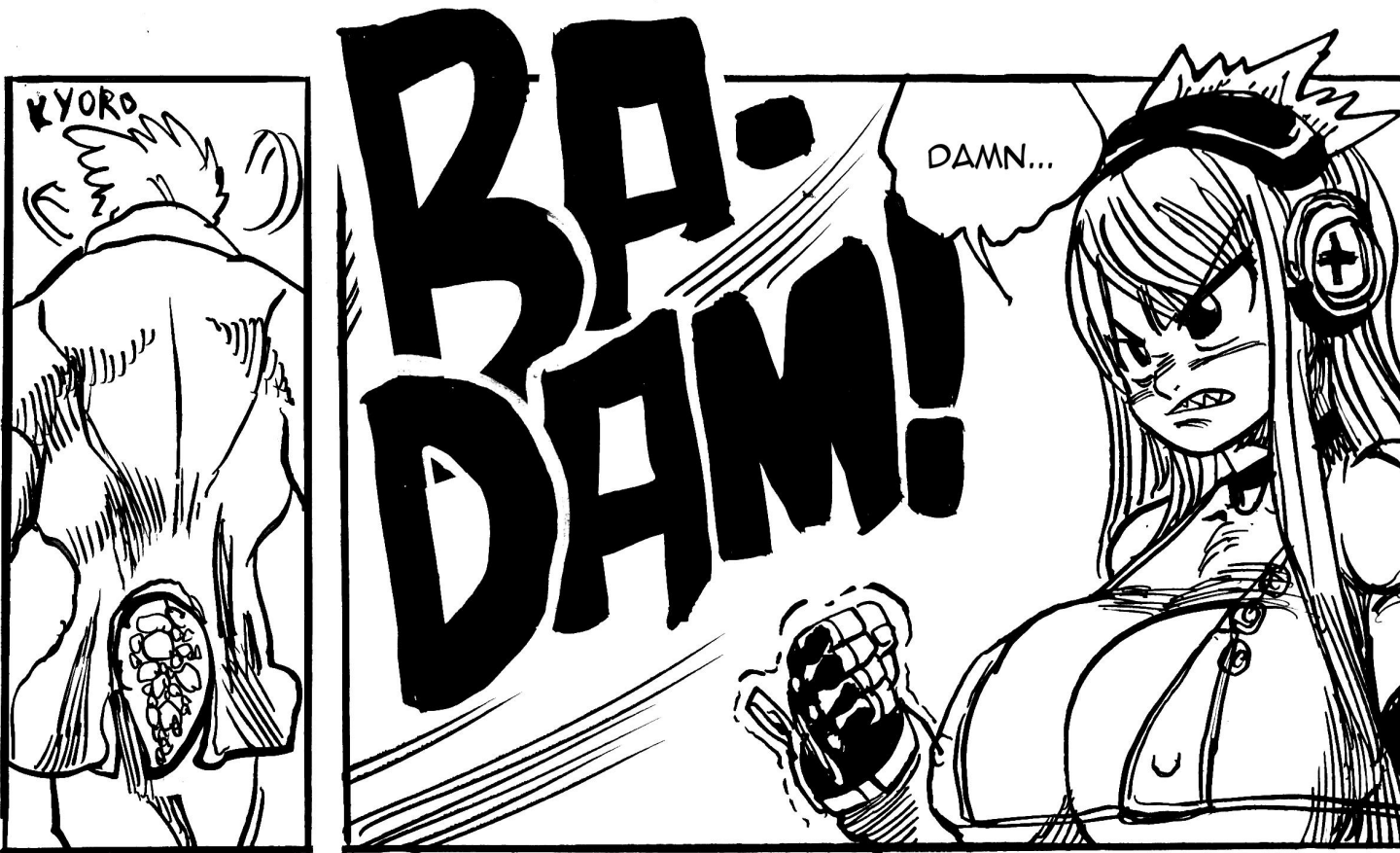
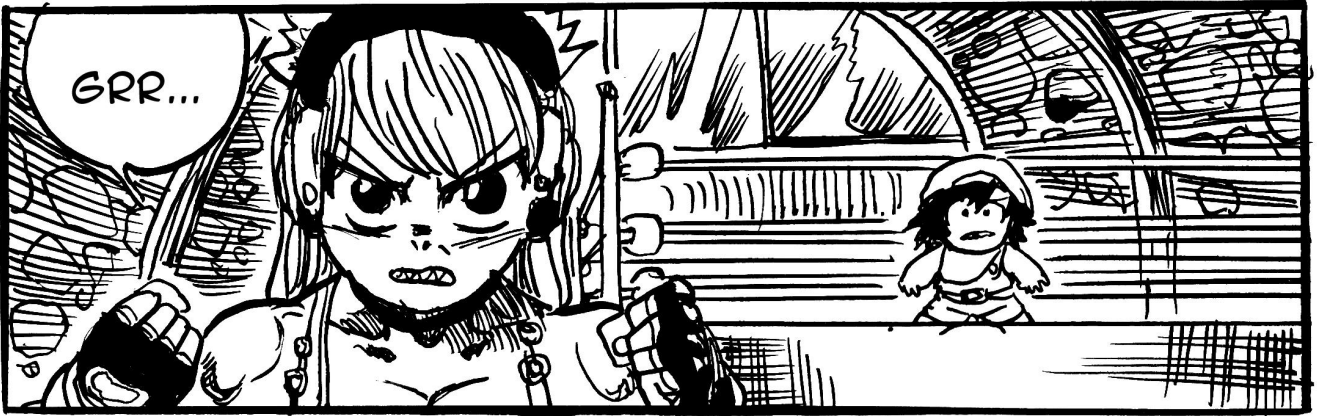
WHAT WOULD THIS BE, THE 70TH MATCH SO FAR?

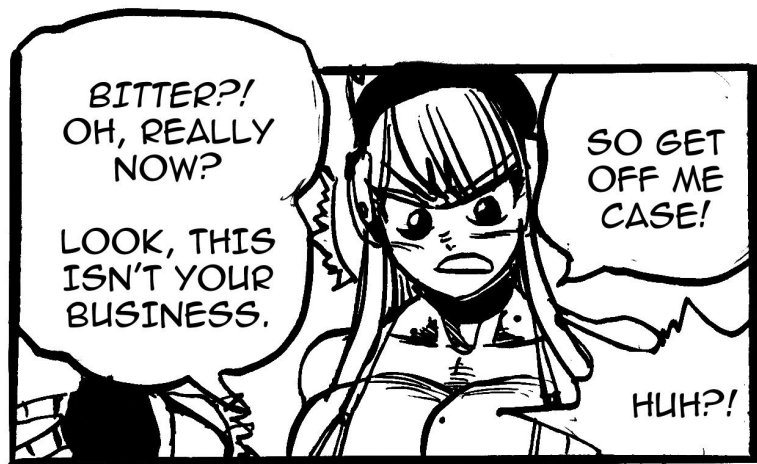
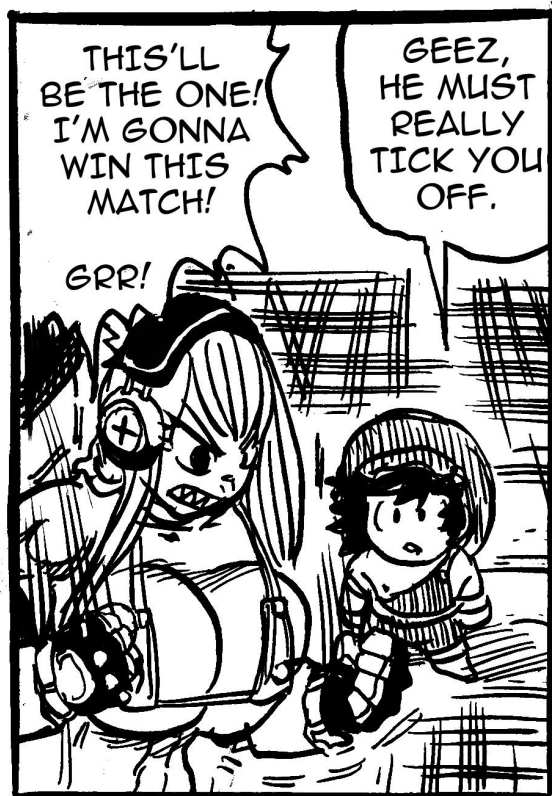
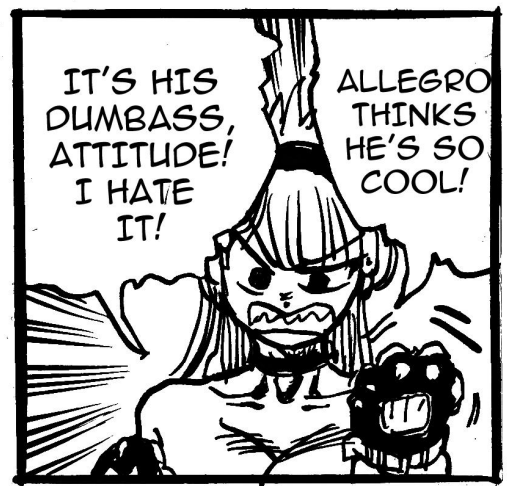
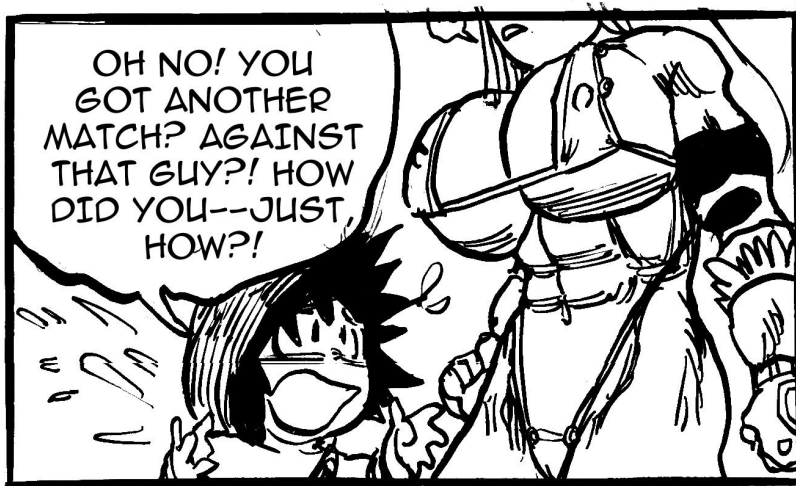
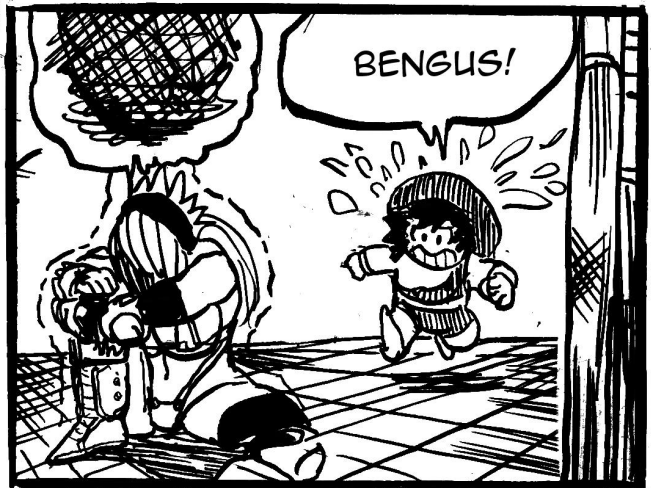
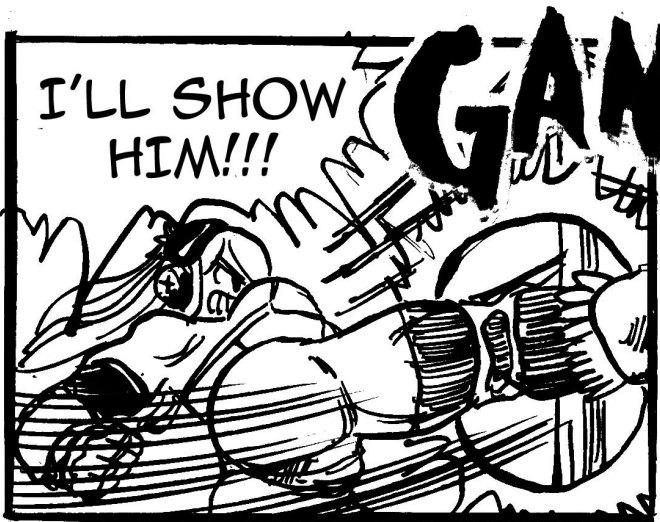


I'M GOING TO WRESTLE ALLEGRO AGAIN, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, Y' HEAR?

SO, YEAH! CUT ME OFF! I'M DOING THIS!

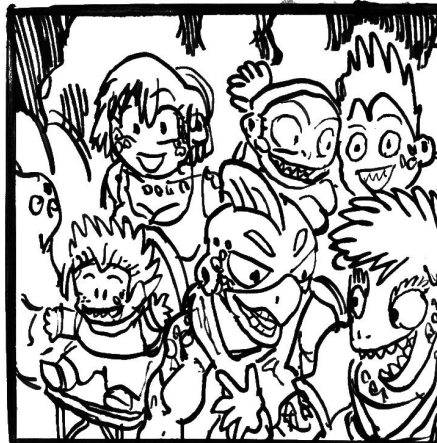
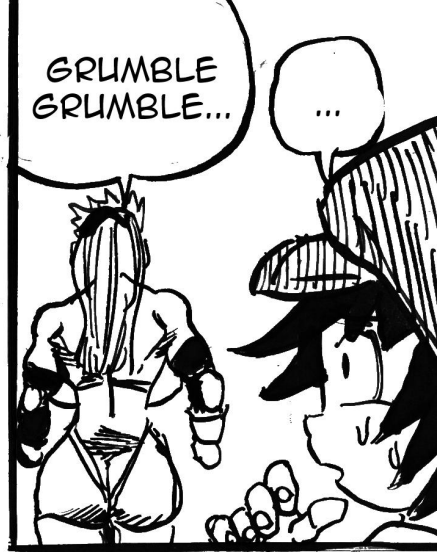
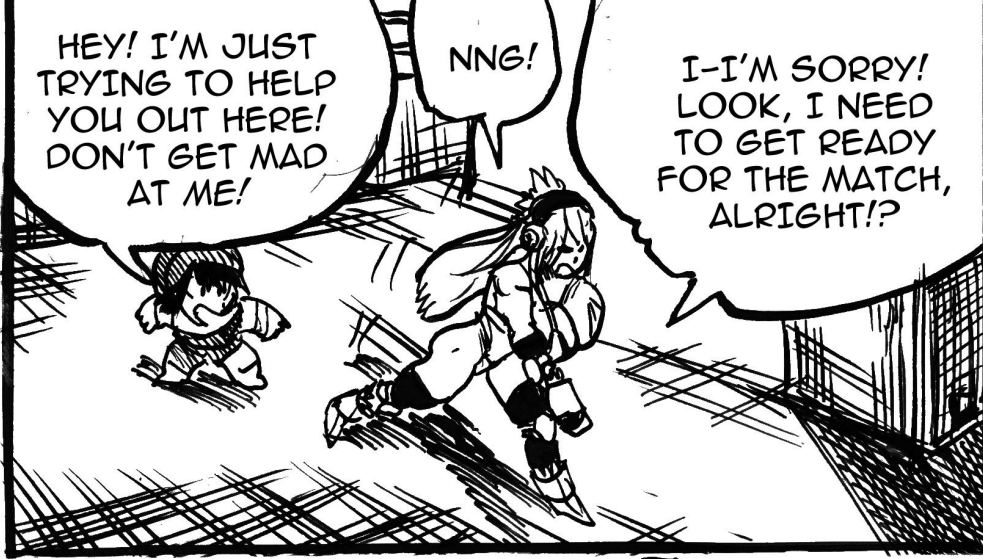


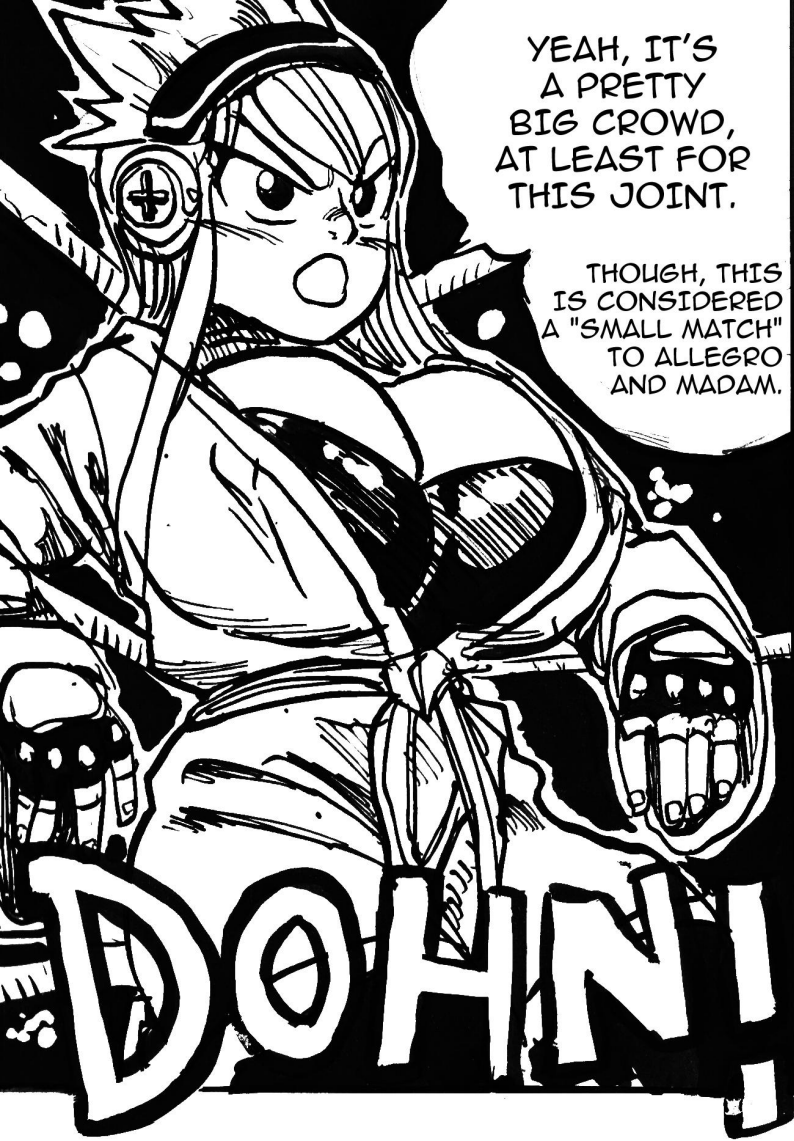




SO GET OFF ME CASE!

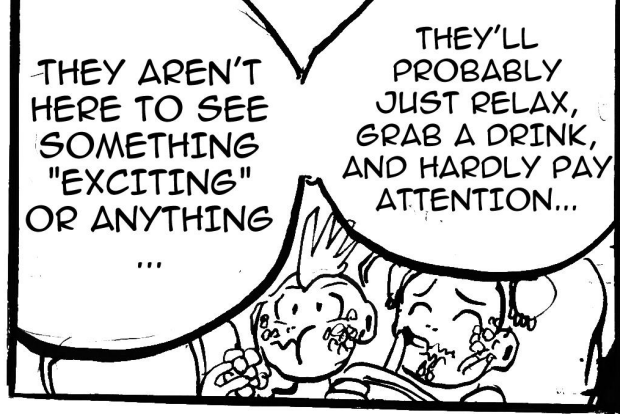
HUH?!





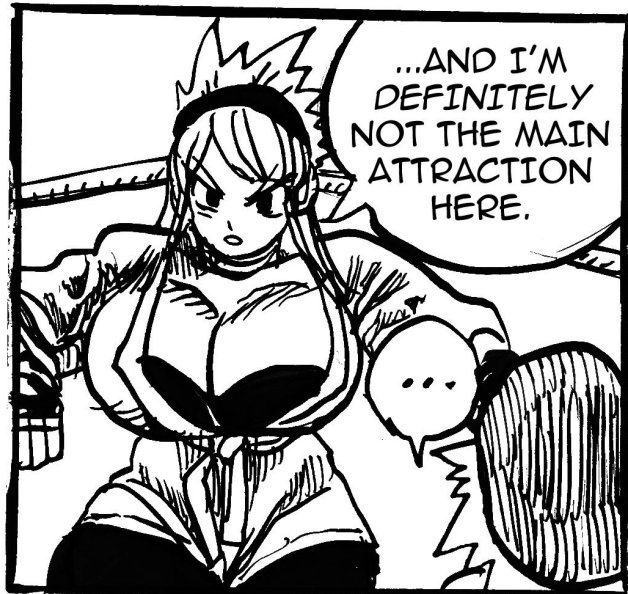
YEAH, IT'S A PRETTY BIG CROWD, AT LEAST FOR THIS JOINT.

THOUGH, THIS IS CONSIDERED A "SMALL MATCH" TO ALLEGRO AND MADAM.



THEY AREN'T HERE TO SEE SOMETHING "EXCITING" OR ANYTHING ...

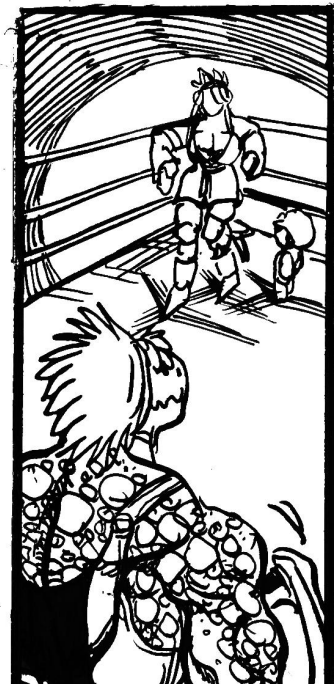
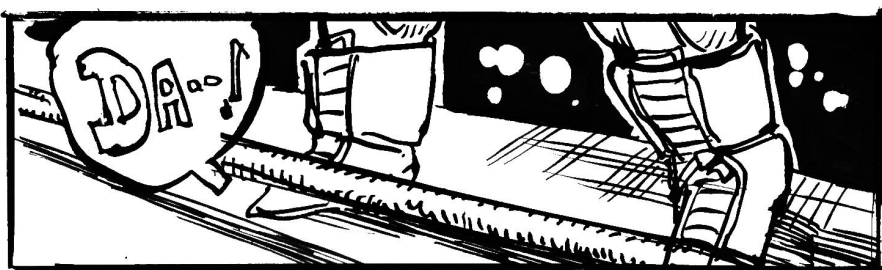
THEY'LL PROBABLY JUST RELAX, GRAB A DRINK, AND HARDLY PAY ATTENTION...

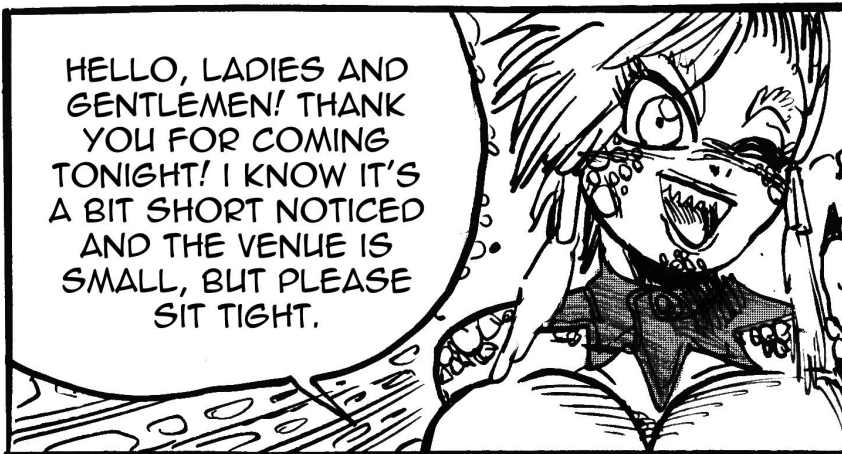
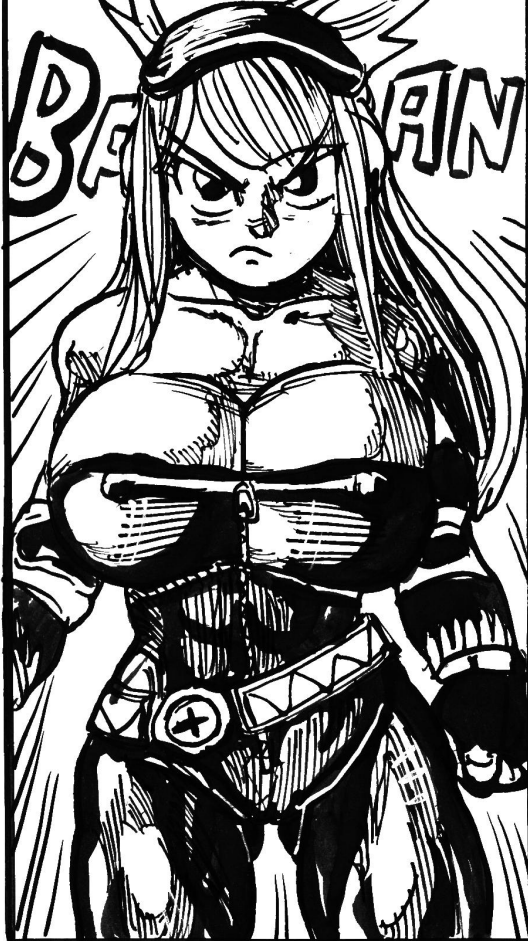


...AND I'M DEFINITELY NOT THE MAIN ATTRACTION HERE.



ALLEGRO! HERE HE COOMES! ALRIHHHT!!!!!!!

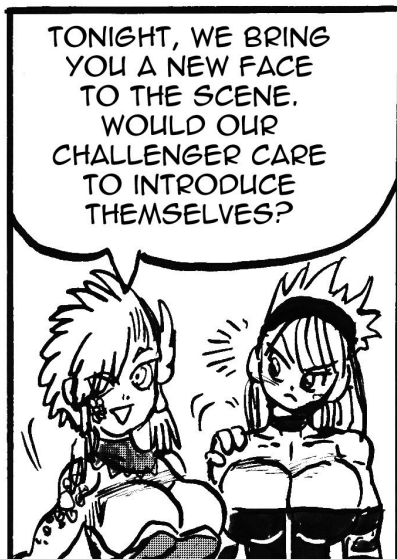




HELLO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT! I KNOW IT'S A BIT SHORT NOTICED AND THE VENUE IS SMALL, BUT PLEASE SIT TIGHT.



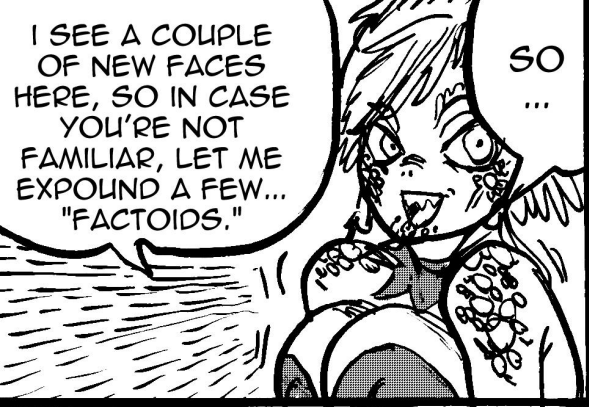
SINCE ALLEGRO WILL BE GOING OUT OF TOWN TO COMPETE IN A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, I WANTED TO GIVE OUR LOVELY FANS A TASTE OF WHAT HE'S MADE OF!



TONIGHT, WE BRING YOU A NEW FACE TO THE SCENE. WOULD OUR CHALLENGER CARE TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES?

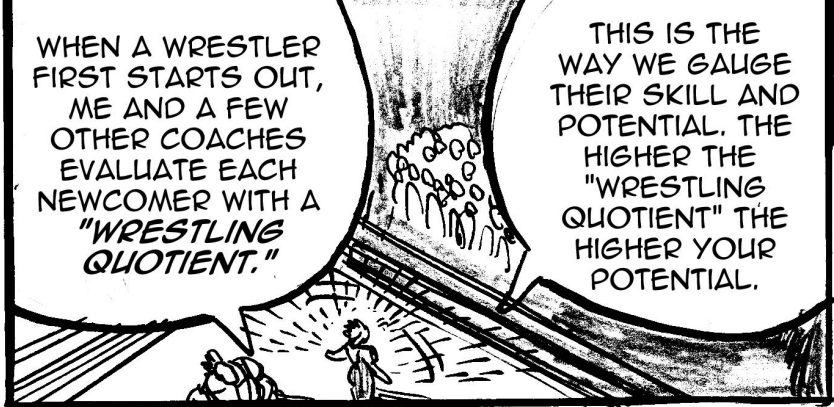


"HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS BENGUS."



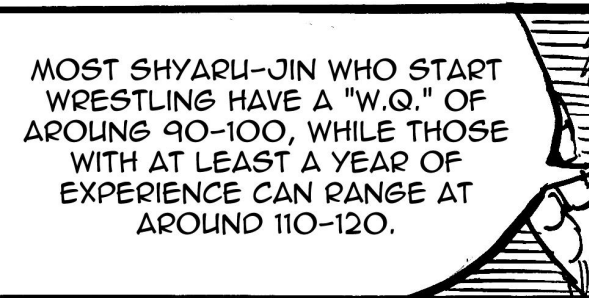
I SEE A COUPLE OF NEW FACES HERE, SO IN CASE YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR, LET ME EXPOUND A FEW... "FACTOIDS."

SO ...

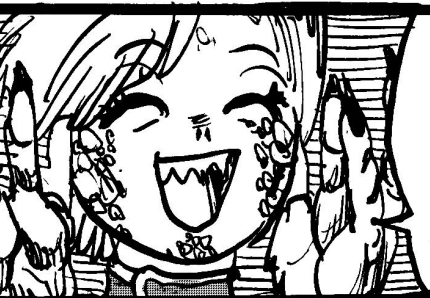


WHEN A WRESTLER FIRST STARTS OUT, ME AND A FEW OTHER COACHES EVALUATE EACH NEWCOMER WITH A "WRESTLING QUOTIENT."

THIS IS THE WAY WE GAUGE THEIR SKILL AND POTENTIAL. THE HIGHER THE "WRESTLING QUOTIENT" THE HIGHER YOUR POTENTIAL.



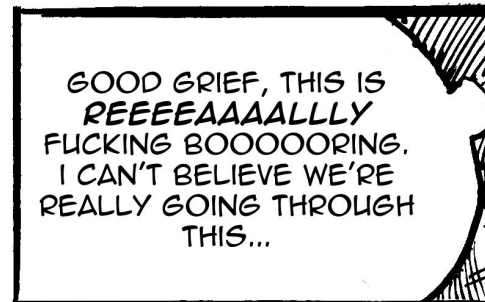
MOST SHYARU-JIN WHO START WRESTLING HAVE A "W.Q." OF AROUND 90-100, WHILE THOSE WITH AT LEAST A YEAR OF EXPERIENCE CAN RANGE AT AROUND 110-120.



AND WRESTLERS WHO SHOW EXAMPLANARY POTENTIAL, OR HAVE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE CAN BE AROUND 130-140 W.Q.



WHAT THE IS SHE GOING ON ABOUT? IS THIS LIKE "BATTLE POWERS?"



GOOD GRIEF, THIS IS REEEEEAAAALLLY FUCKING BOOOOORING. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY GOING THROUGH THIS...



AND ENOUGH OF THE STUPID ACT ALREADY!



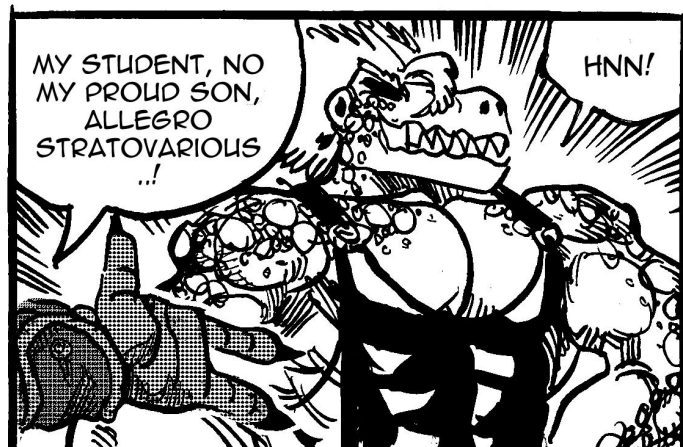
20 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS ONE WRESTLER IN PARTICULAR THAT SHOWED MORE PROMISE THAN EVEN THE MOST SEASONED VETERANS IN HIS TIME...

MY LATE HUSBAND, CELLO STRATOVARIOUS, HAD A W.Q. OF **160!**

HEY, THAT'S SOUNDS PRETTY IMPRES-SIVE!



HOLD ON, LET'S BUILD MORE TENSION. THERE'S ONE PERSON EVEN ABOVE HIM!



MY STUDENT, NO MY PROUD SON, ALLEGRO STRATOVARIOUS ...!

HNN!

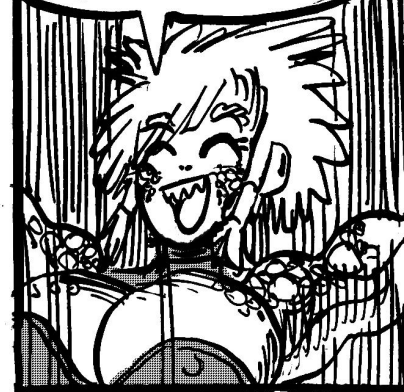
AT JUST SEVEN YEARS OLD...

HE HAD AN ASTONISHING W.Q. OF 188!

WHOA! NO WONDER HE'S THE BEST!

FOR YEARS, ALLEGRO HAS TAKEN DOWN THE MOST FORMIDABLE FOES THE STRATOVARIOUS SCHOOL HAS FACED!

NOW, HE'S GOING TO PROVE HIMSELF ON THE GRAND STAGE IN JUST A FEW DAYS IN THE BIG REGIONAL TOURNAMENT!



HOLD UP! IS THIS BENGUS' FAMILY!?"

BUT IGNORING THAT! THIS "MADAM" PERSON THINKS OF ALLEGRO SO HIGHLY, FOR HAVING A BIG "WRESTLING QUOTIENT" I GUESS..?

THE FACT THAT THEY BERATED AND BELITTLED BENGUS AT EVERY TURN...

I DON'T EVEN THINK WRESTLING REALLY MATTERS IN THE BIGGER PICTURE...

BEING SEEN AS NOTHING BUT TRASH YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY YOUR FAMILY...

THIS...

THIS IS WHAT BENGUS HAS BEEN REALLY GOING THOUGH!

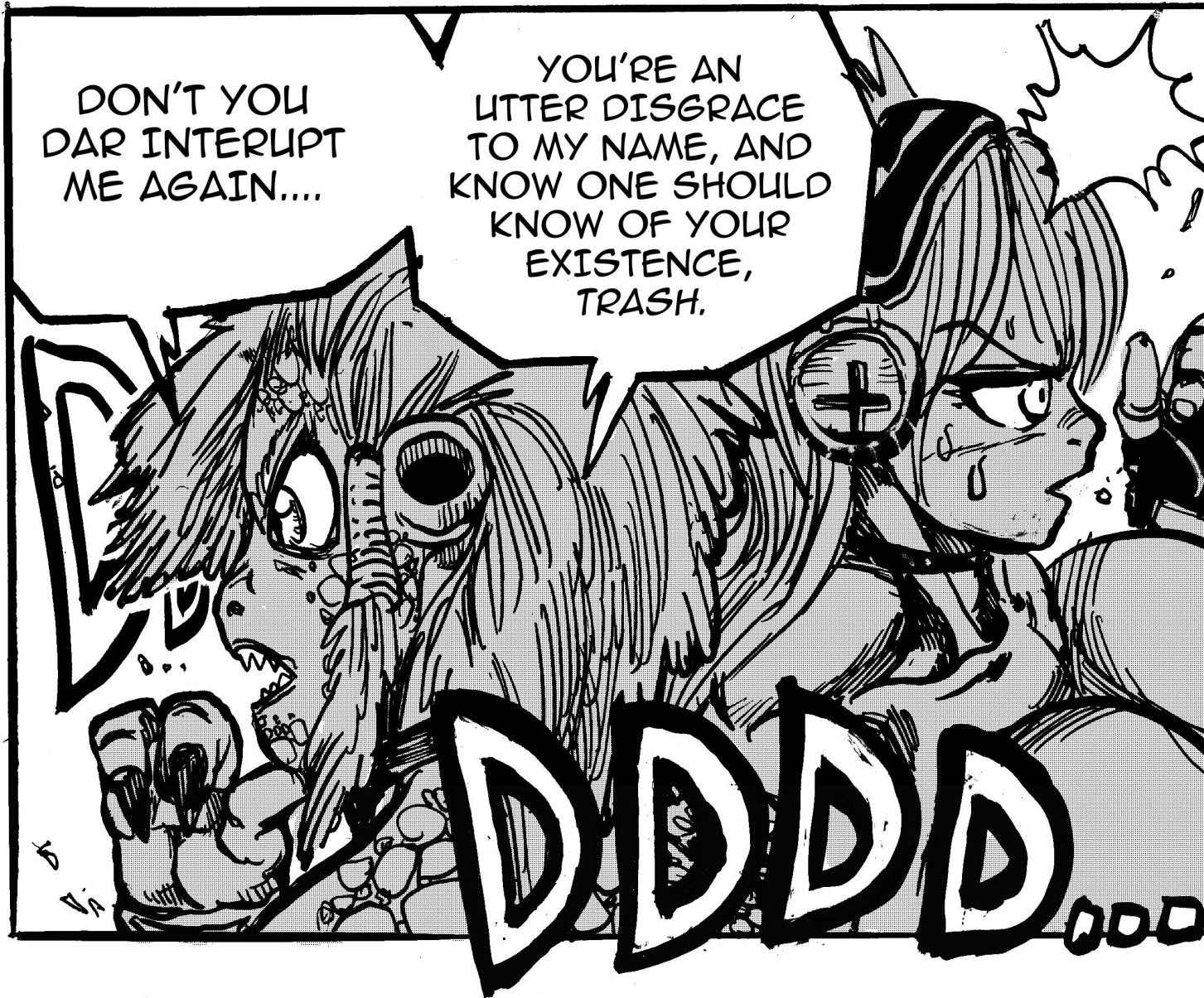
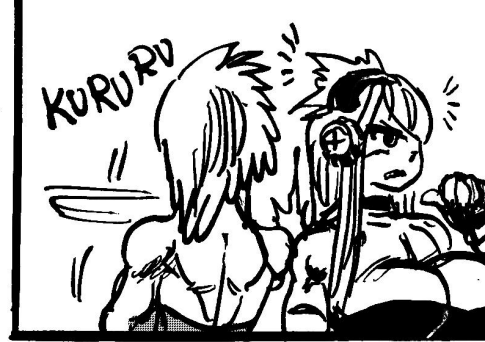
HEY!

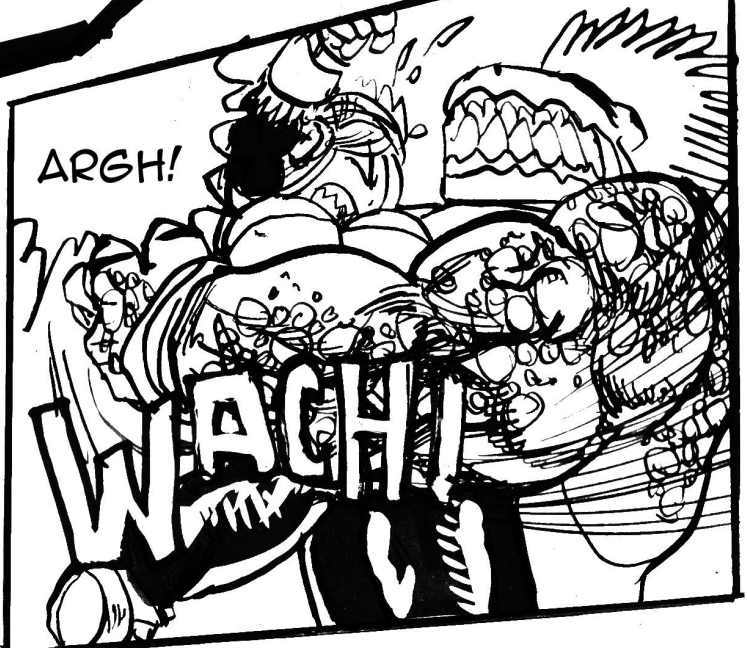
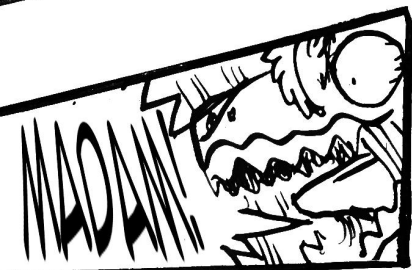
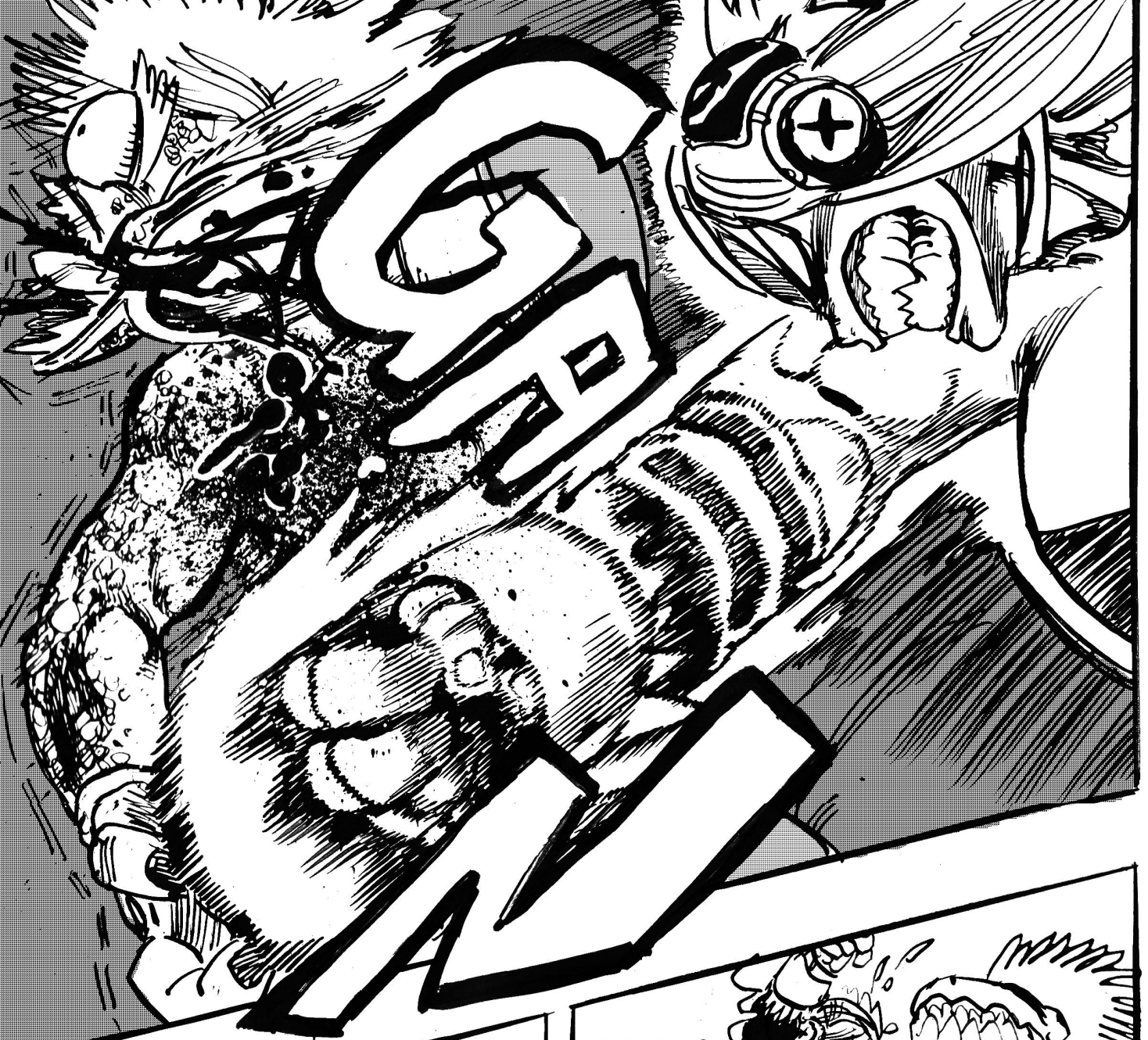


IF YOU'RE
SO FUCKING
PROUD OF
ALLEGRO...

WHAT THE
HELL DOES
THAT MAKE
ME, HUH?

SOME KIND OF...
BLIGHT!?

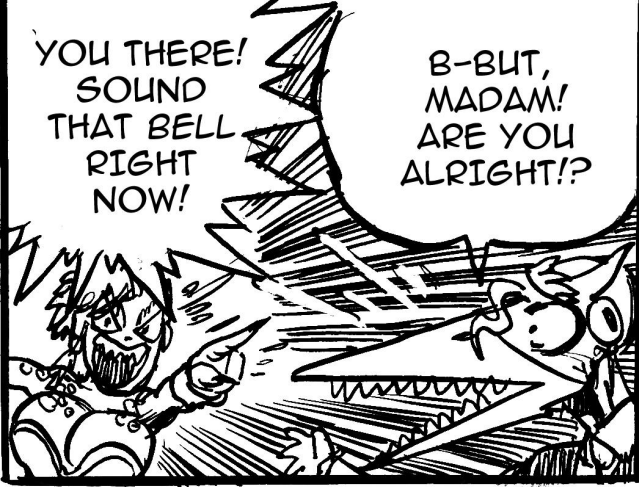




WHOA! THAT
CHICK JUST
HIT MADAM
STRATO-
VARIOUS!!!

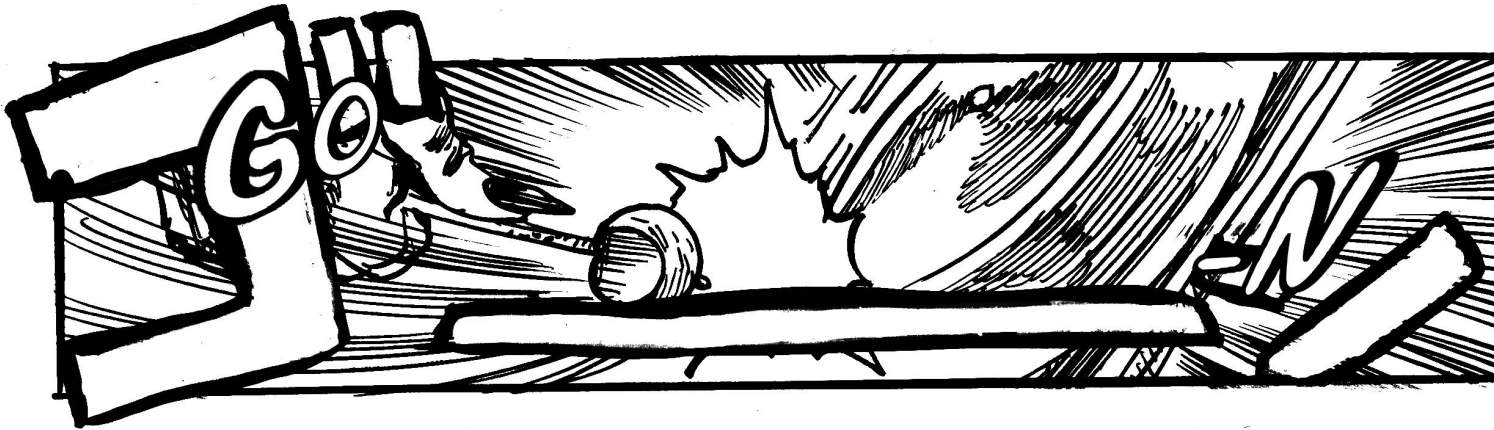


YOU THERE!
SOUND
THAT BELL
RIGHT
NOW!

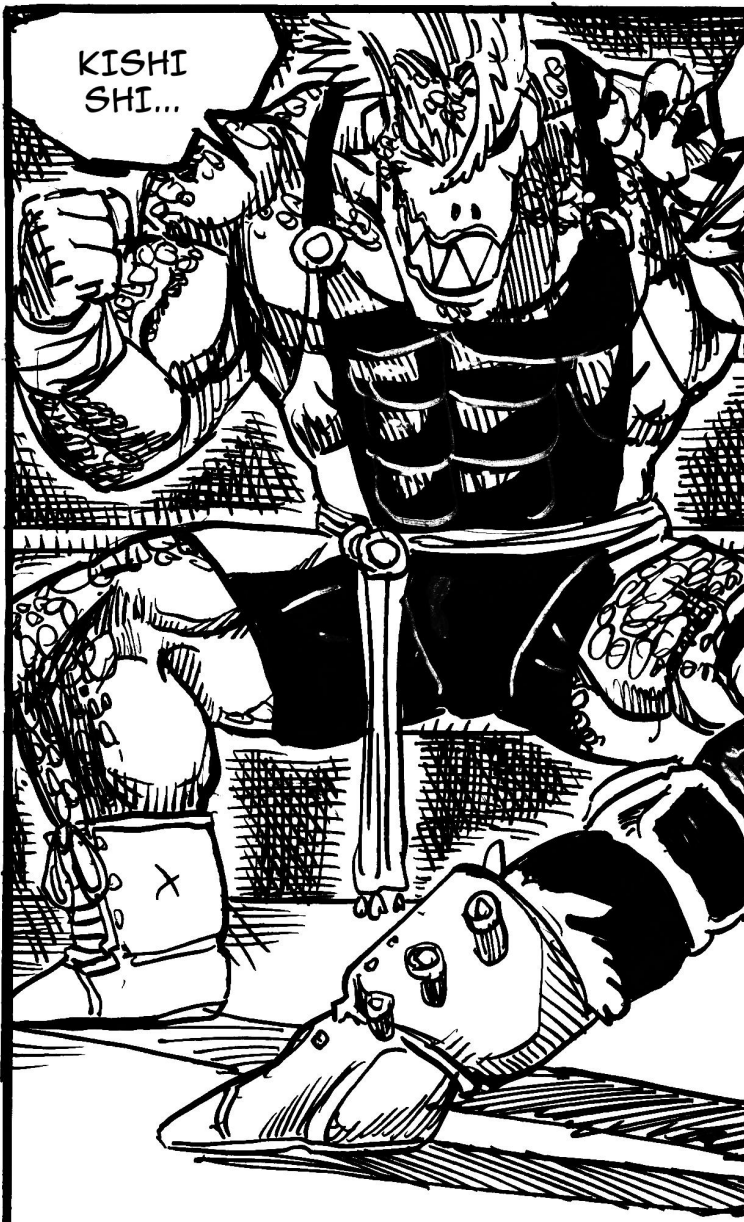


B-BUT,
MADAM!
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT!?

SOUND
THAT
BE~LL!



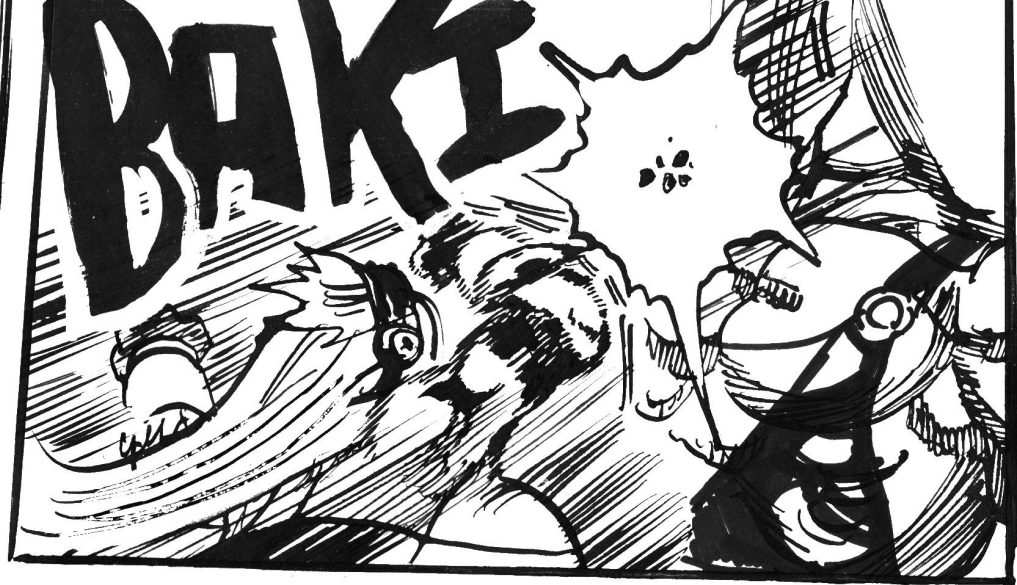
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SHI...

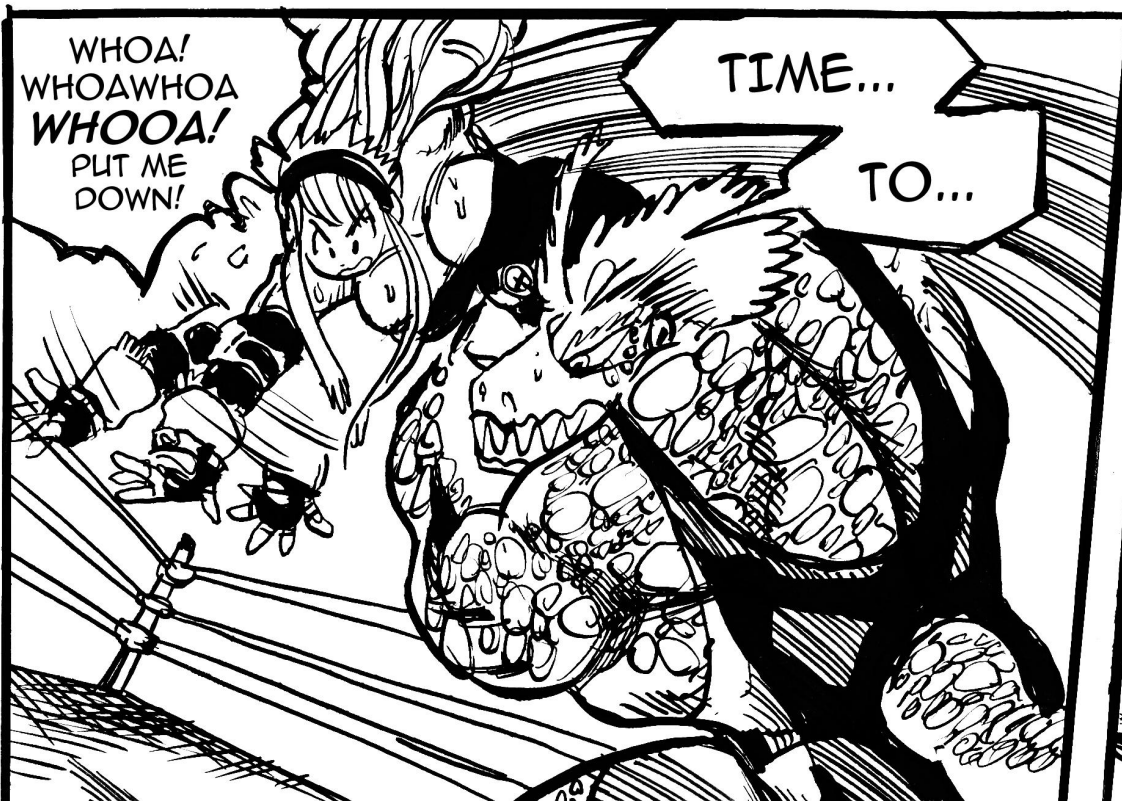
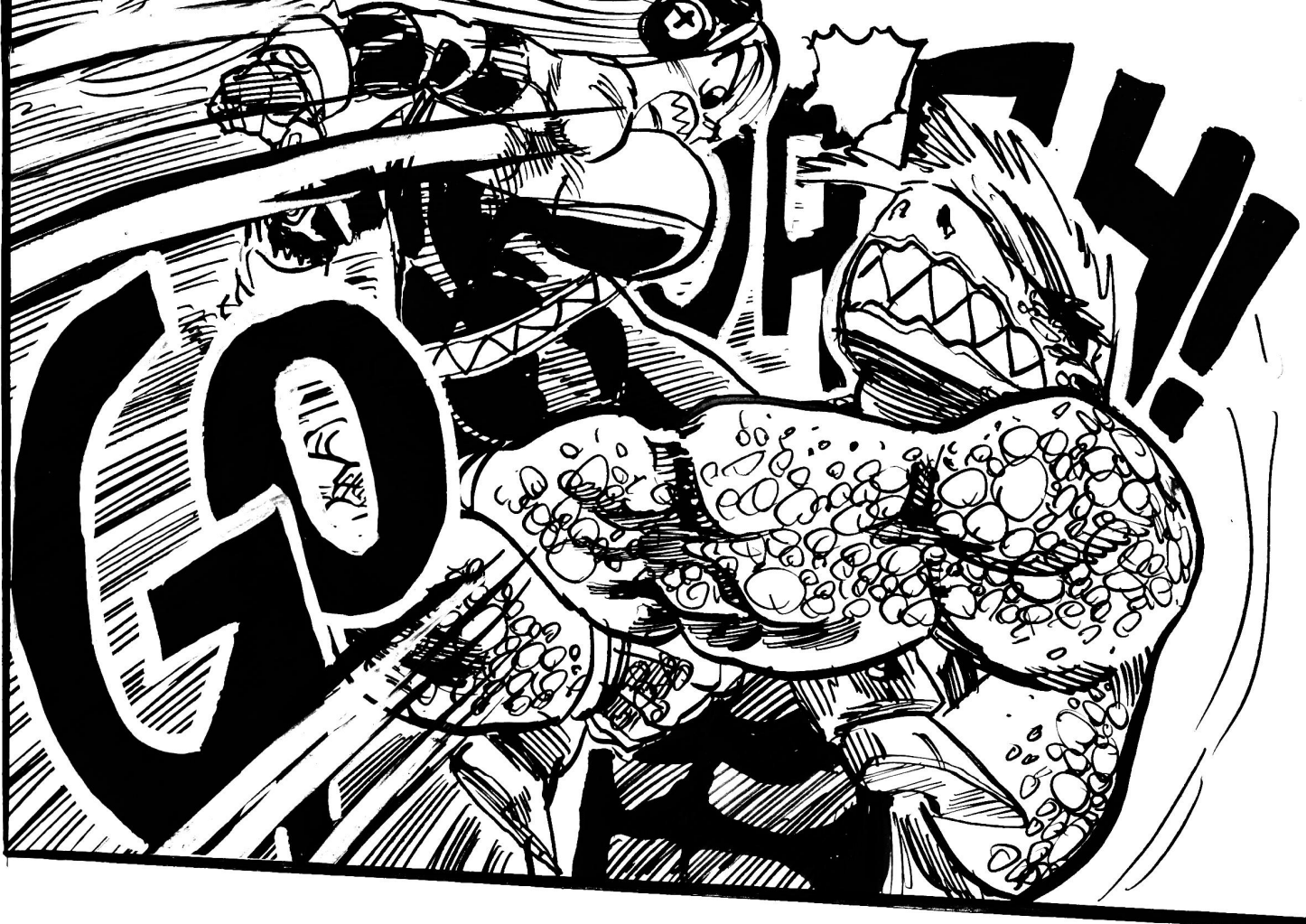


I'LL PAY YOU
BACK TENFOLD
FOR THAT!

BANK!







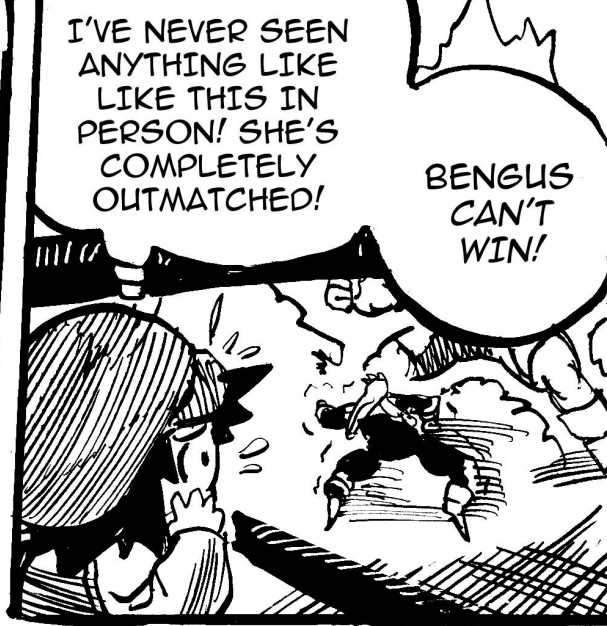




YEAH! GET'ER ALLEGRO!
SHOW THAT BITCH WHO'S BOSS!



THIS LEVEL OF SKILL ...!



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE LIKE THIS IN PERSON! SHE'S COMPLETELY OUTMATCHED!

BENGUS CAN'T WIN!



T-THAT...



THAT WAS NOTHIN'!



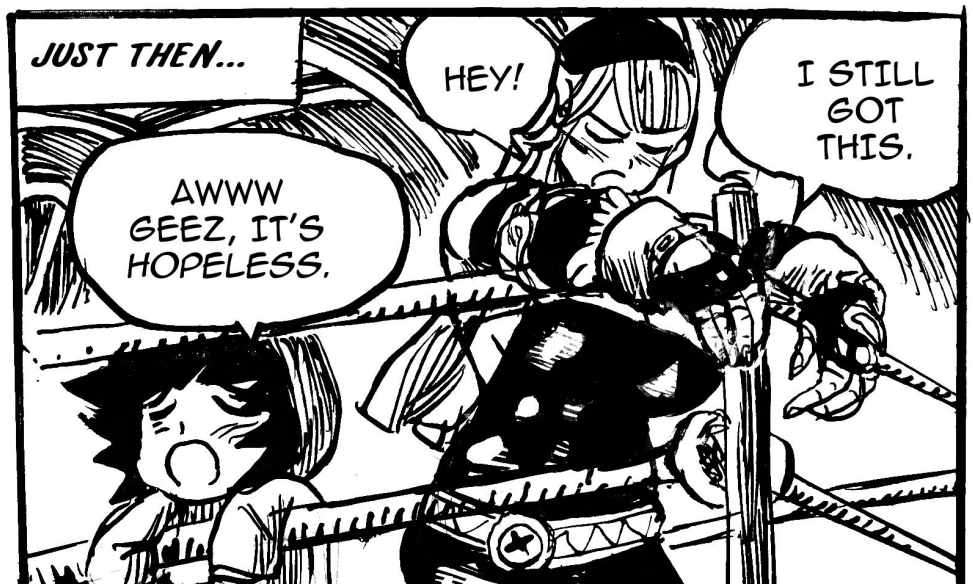
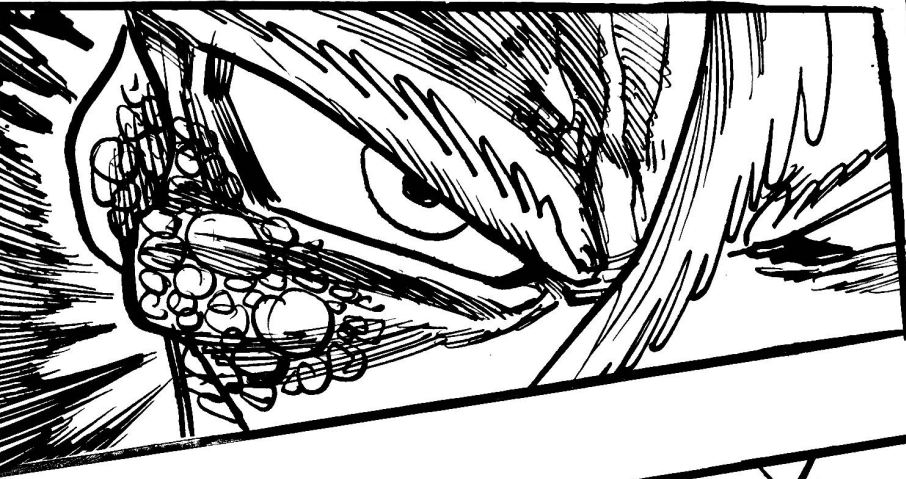
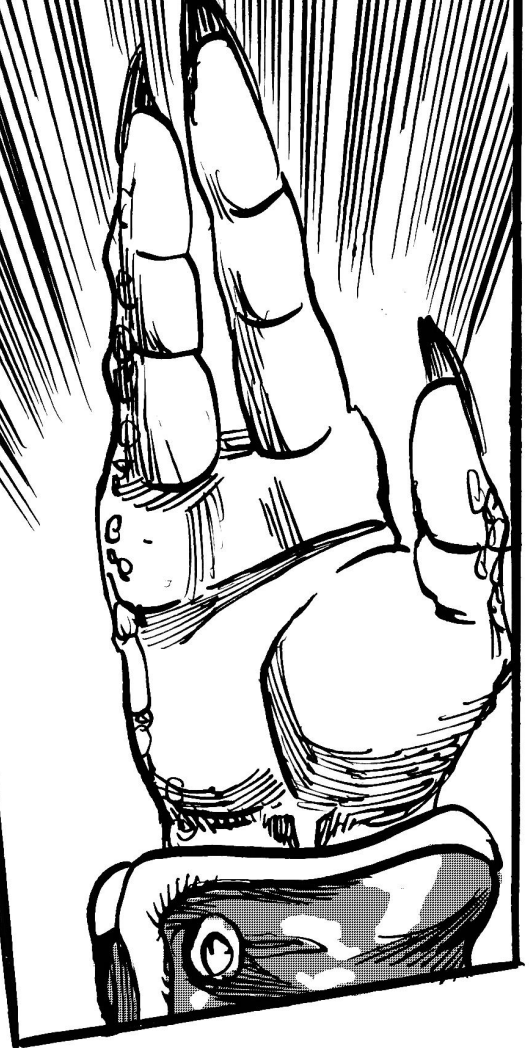
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, TRASH!

YOU GONNA RUN AWAY AND CRY?

COME AT ME!



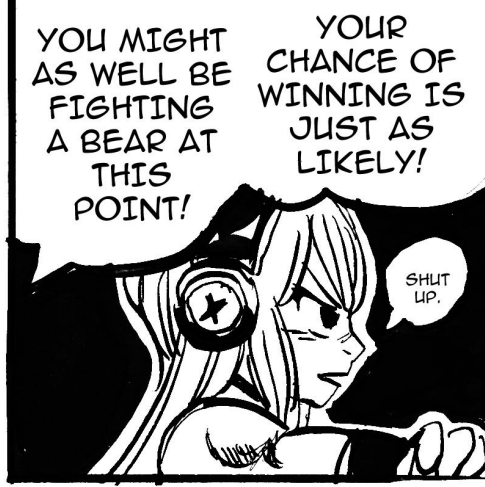
ZAH





YOU GOT THIS?
NO WAY!

HE'S TOO GOOD!



YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE FIGHTING A BEAR AT THIS POINT!

YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING IS JUST AS LIKELY!

SHUT UP.



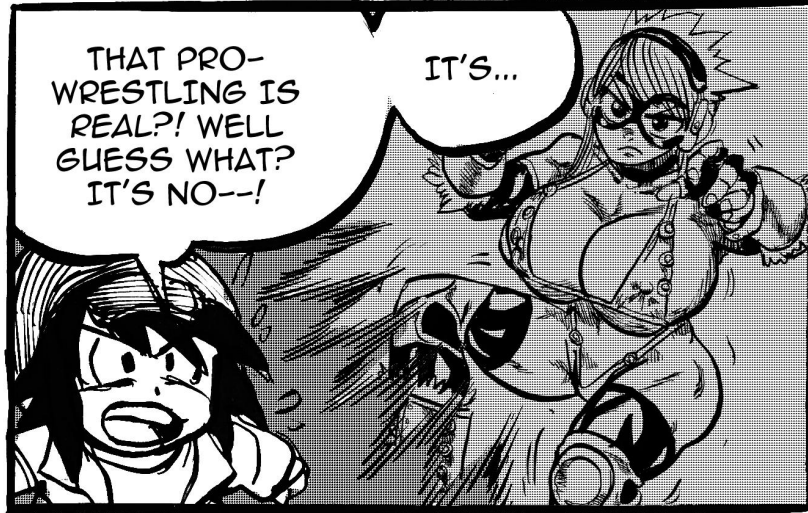
WE'RE JUST DOING THIS FAKE PLAY WRESTLING! YOU DON'T HAVE THAT SKILL!

AND YOU AGREED TO LEAVE HOME FOR THIS!

I FUCKING KNOW THAT, ANZAI, YOU IDIOT!



THEN WHAT WAS THE POINT?! WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO PROVE!?



THAT PRO-WRESTLING IS REAL?! WELL GUESS WHAT? IT'S NO--!

IT'S...



IT'S WHAT?



YOU'RE NOT USING "PRO WRESTLING," ARE YOU?

YOU'RE DOING THAT "SHYARU-JIN" STUFF, THE "STRATOVARIOUS" STYLE TO BE EXACT!

BRANN!



ZYGUN!

N-NO I'M NOT!
WHAT ARE YOU
EVEN TALKIN'
ABOUT, ANZAI?!

LIKE, C'MON,
YOU'VE NEVER
EVEN SEEN IT!

DON'T YOU
REMEMBER?
YOU SHOWED
ME THE STANCE
FOR IT,
BENGUS.

WHEN I THINK
ABOUT IT, HAVE
YOU EVER
ACTUALLY
PRACTICED THE
STRATOVARIOUS
WRESTLING?

HUUUUUUH?! YOU...!
YOU KNOW WHAT?
NO, I HAVEN'T!
NOT FOR YEARS,
OKAY?!

YOU HAPPY?!
YA FUCKIN'
UNZIPPED ME!
SO FUCKIN'
WHAT THOUGH!?

ARE YOU GONNA
LOOK DOWN ON
ME TOO?!

SHUT
UP.

PLEASE, LISTEN,
I'M NOT TRYING
TO DO THAT...

I JUST DON'T
GET WHY YOU'D
DO THAT.

IF YOU
DON'T
PRACTICE
THAT STYLE...

WHY
BOTHER?

.....
.....
I'M...

I'M TRYING TO
SHOW MY DUMBASS,
CONCEITED FAMILY
THAT THEIR STUPID
STYLE OF WRESTLING
SUCKS ASS.

THEY THINK THEY
CAN PUT ME
DOWN BECAUSE
I CAN'T DO THERE
SHIT? WELL, I'LL
SHOW THEM..!

"GOT IT?".

"GOT IT?"
BENGUS...

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT...!

FOR ONE FUCKING SECOND!

BAN BAN

ANZAI...

YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?

TIME'S UP. BENGUS, GET IN THE RING, NOW.

GADA GADA GADA

KURURU
BENGUS...

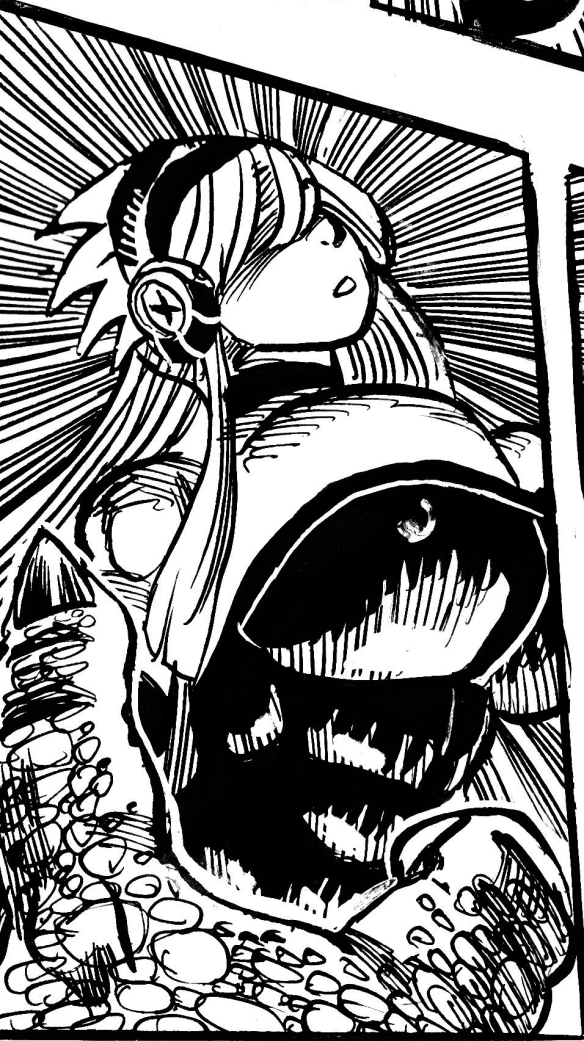
ZAAAAA

BEGIN!

BEEEEENGUS!

BOHH!

THIS IS THE PART WHEN YOU START PUSHING DAISIES!



WHAT'RE YOU WATCHIN'?



WHO? ME?

YEAH, YOU.

ON YOUR LAP-TOP.

THAT KINDA LOOKS LIKE WRESTLIN', BUT SORTA... DIFFERENT..

UHH...

WHAT IS IT?

HAVE YOU SEEN IT? THIS IS GENKAI TOPPA WRESTLING. I'M WATCHING THE TITLE MATCH.

"TITLE... MATCH?"

YEAH.

SO, THAT'S BREHT BIRD, AND THAT'S CLONOA. HE'S SUPPOSEDLY A GROUNDHOG GUY.



THAT'S SO CO~OL!
MAN, IF I
COULD DO
THAT...!

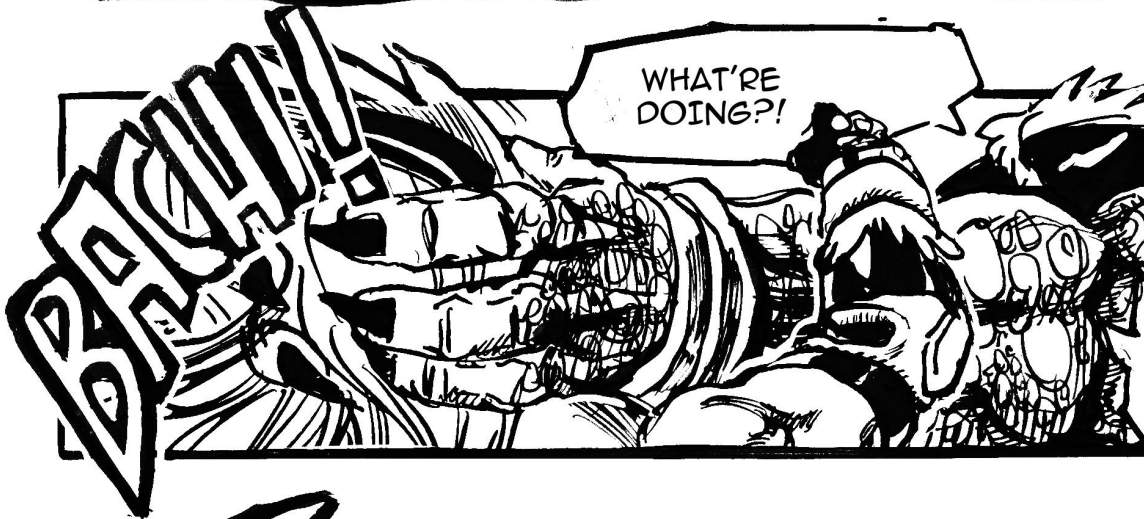
I'D BE
SUPER
STRONG,
WOULDN'T
I?

WHO
WOULDN'T
BE?



WHO AM
I KIDDIN'...

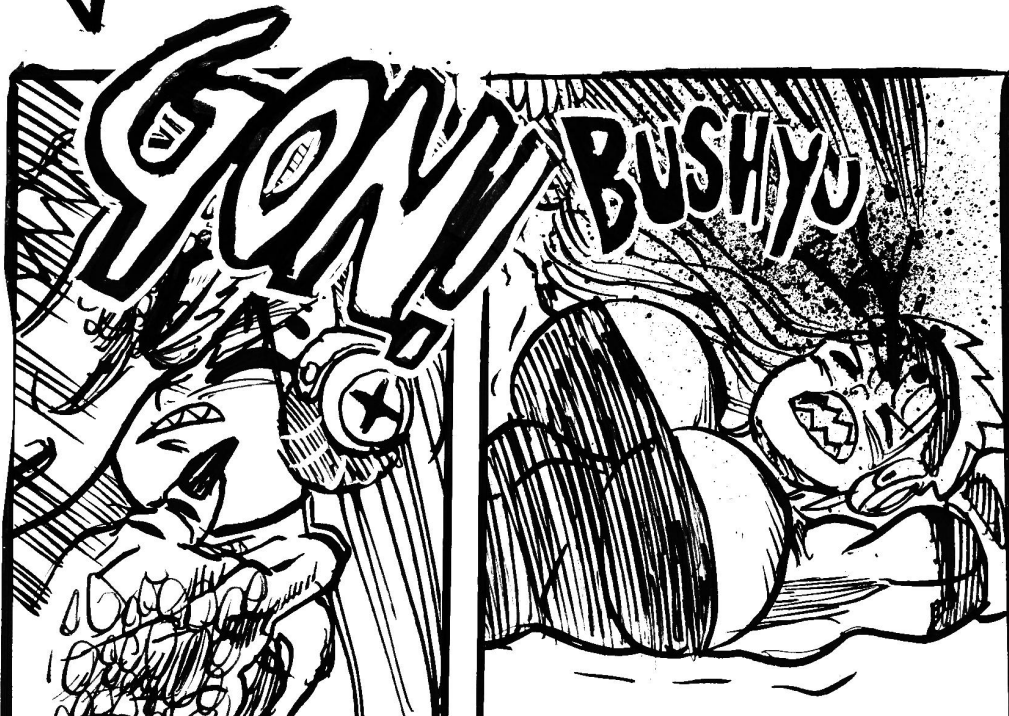
I'M NO
WRESLTER...



WHAT'RE
DOING?!

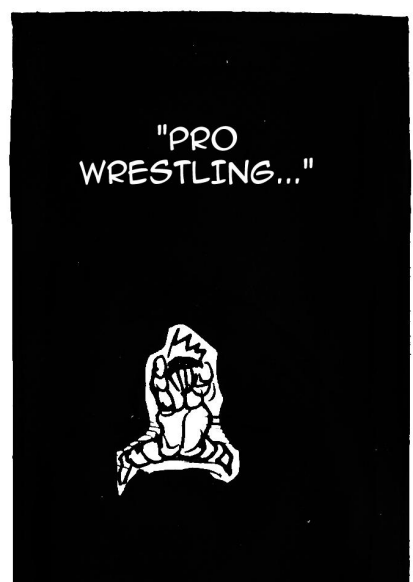
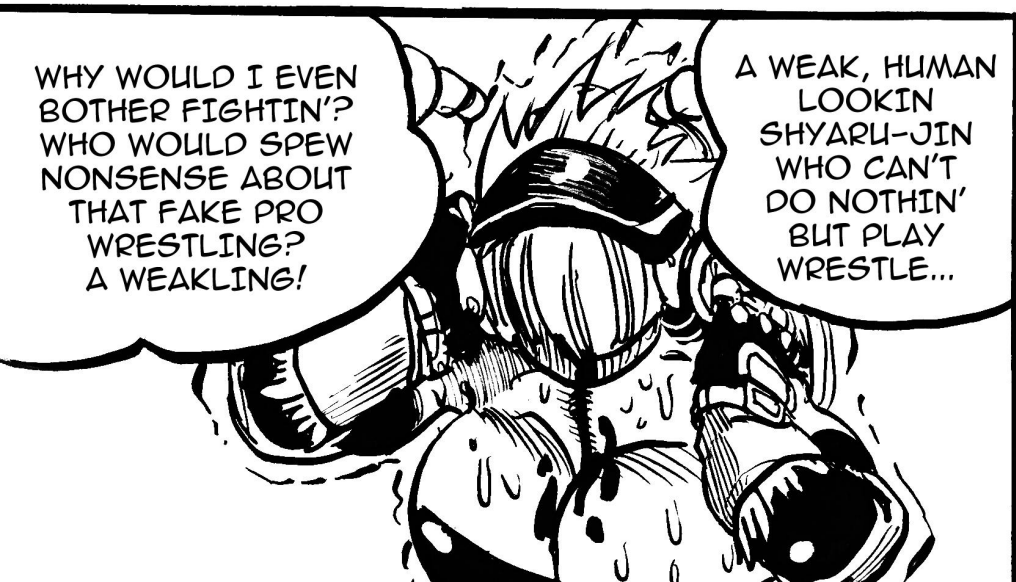
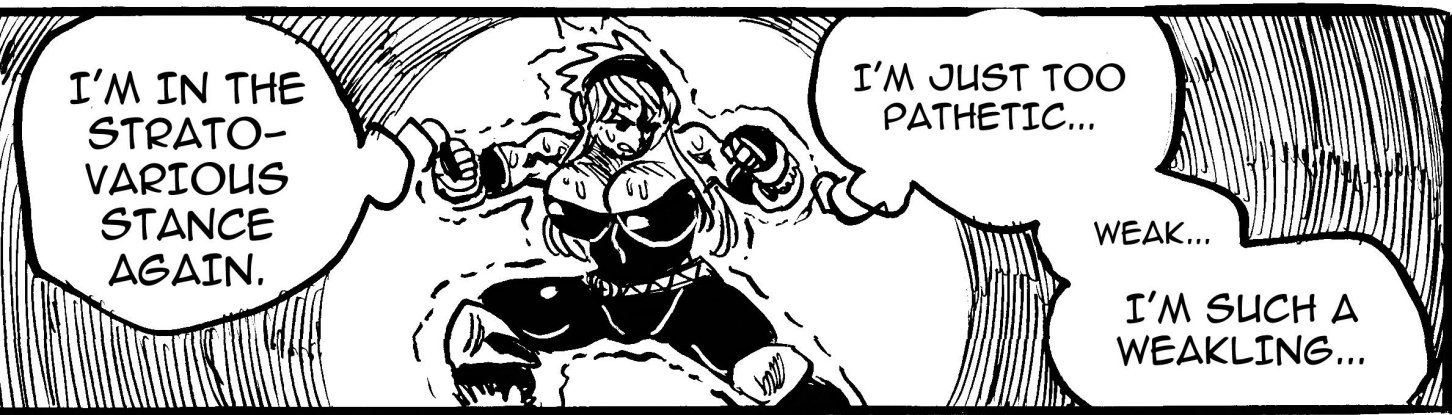
FIGHT BACK,
YOU PIECE
OF TRASH!

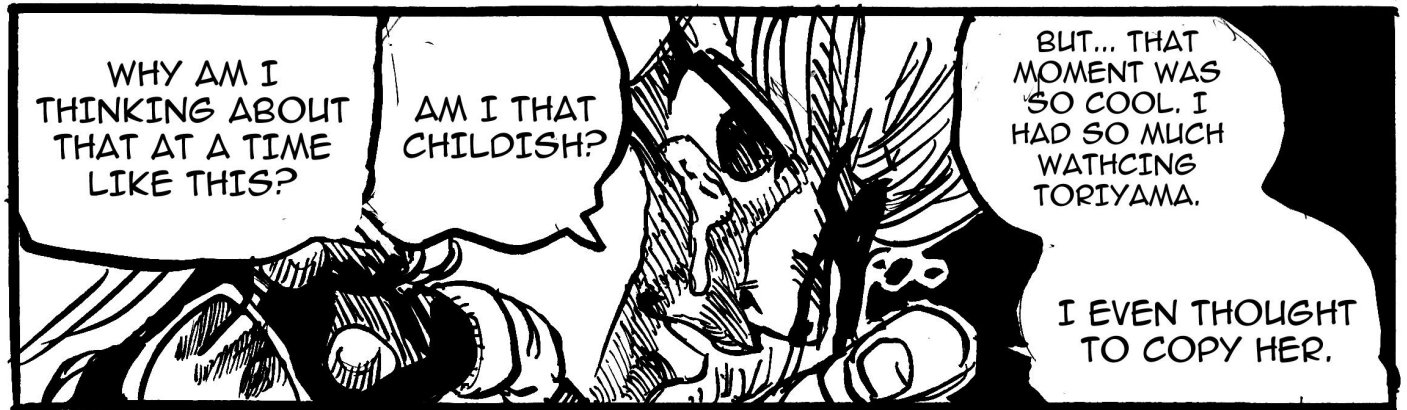
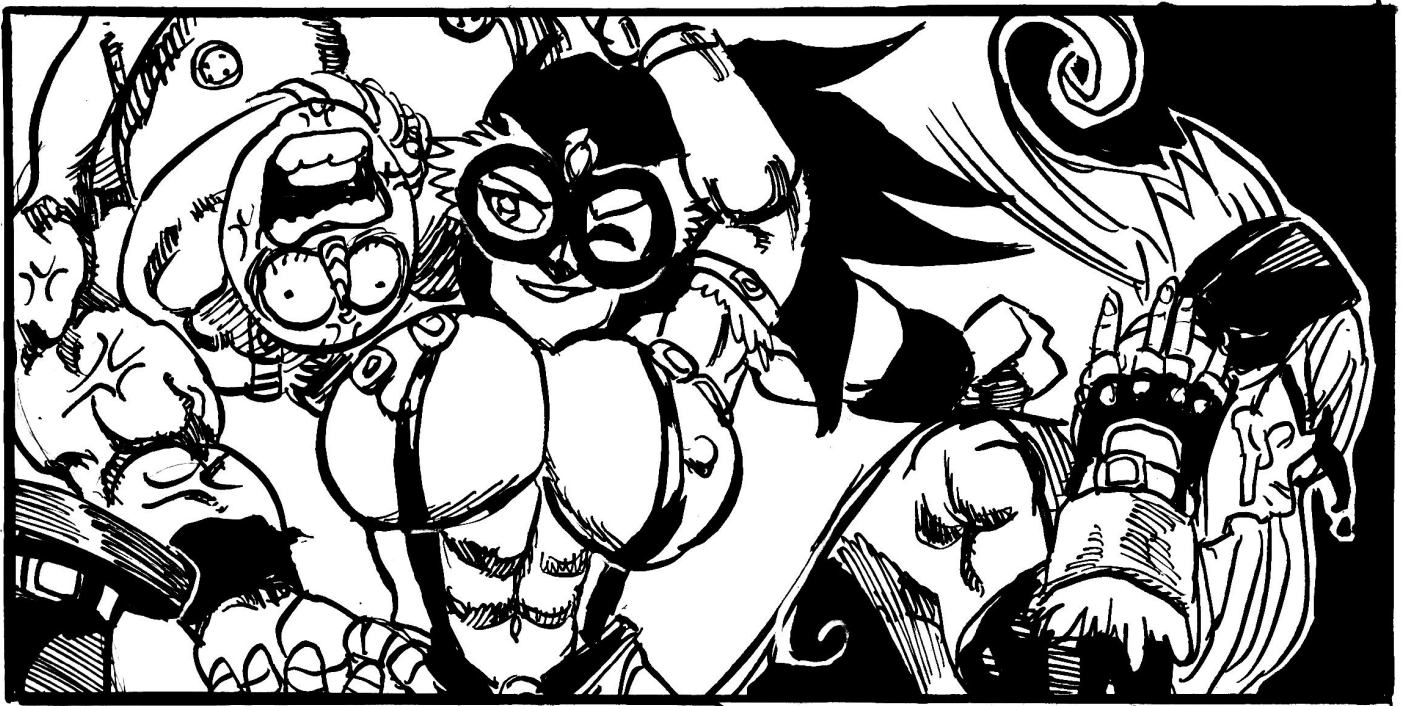
I DON'T LIKE
BEATING ON A
LIMP PUNCHING
BAG!



THAT'S PRETTY
BRUTAL! ARE
HEADBUTTS EVEN
ALLOWED?!

THERE
ARE NO
RULES
AGAINST
THEM.





WHY AM I THINKING ABOUT THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

AM I THAT CHILDISH?

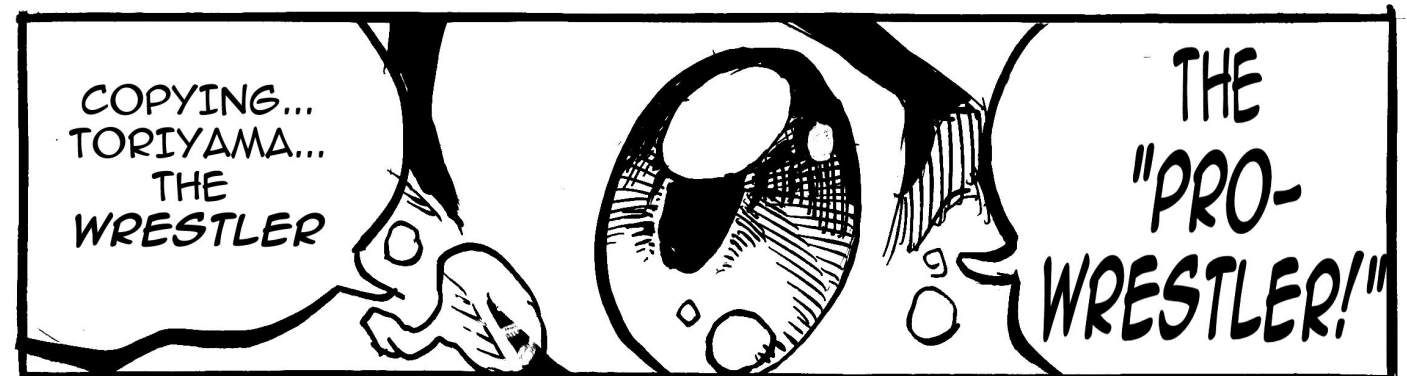
BUT... THAT MOMENT WAS SO COOL. I HAD SO MUCH WATCHING TORIYAMA.

I EVEN THOUGHT TO COPY HER.



I'D WATCH HER EVERYDAY, LOOKING UP VIDEOS, MIMICING HER MOVES...

TORIYAMA, THE ACTUAL WRESTLER... I'M JUST AN FANGIRL.



COPYING... TORIYAMA... THE WRESTLER

THE "PRO-WRESTLER!"

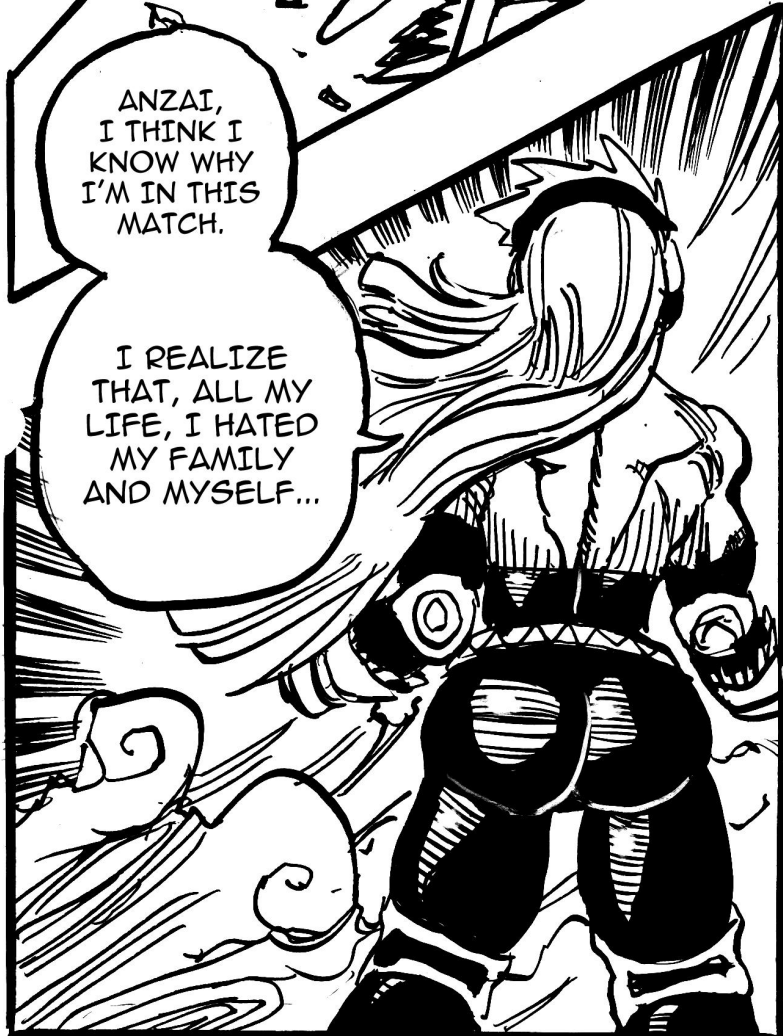
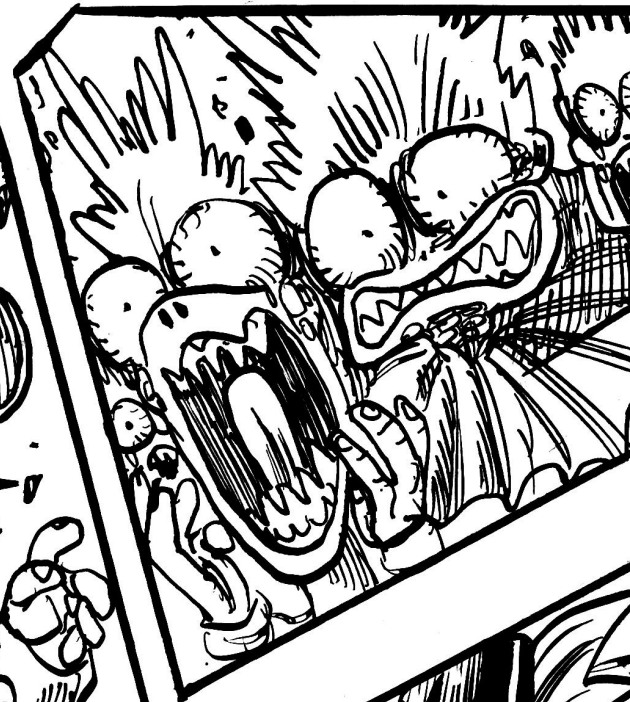
QUIT MUMBLING TO YOURSELF AND FIGHT MEEE!

DOGGAN

GUHA BAAGH!

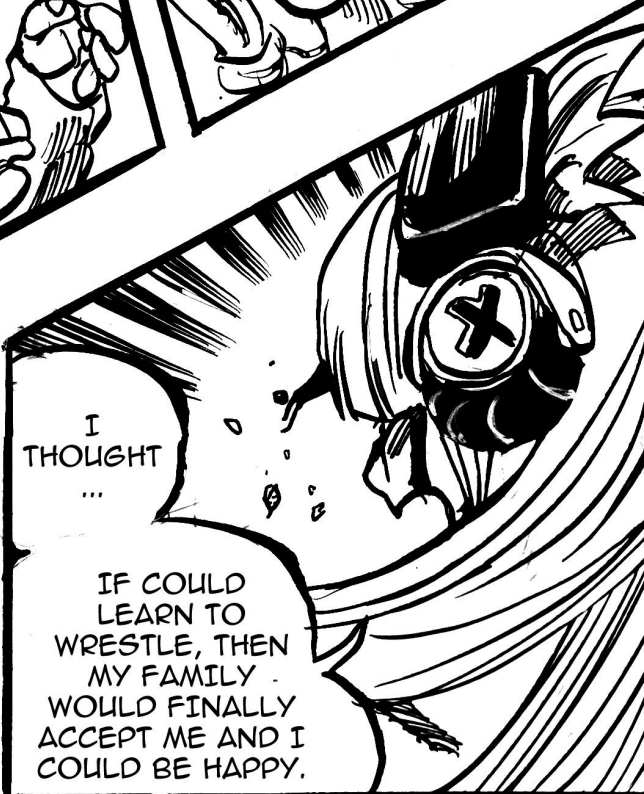


ZUUN!



ANZAI,
I THINK I
KNOW WHY
I'M IN THIS
MATCH.

I REALIZE
THAT, ALL MY
LIFE, I HATED
MY FAMILY
AND MYSELF...



I
THOUGHT
...

IF I COULD
LEARN TO
WRESTLE, THEN
MY FAMILY
WOULD FINALLY
ACCEPT ME AND I
COULD BE HAPPY.

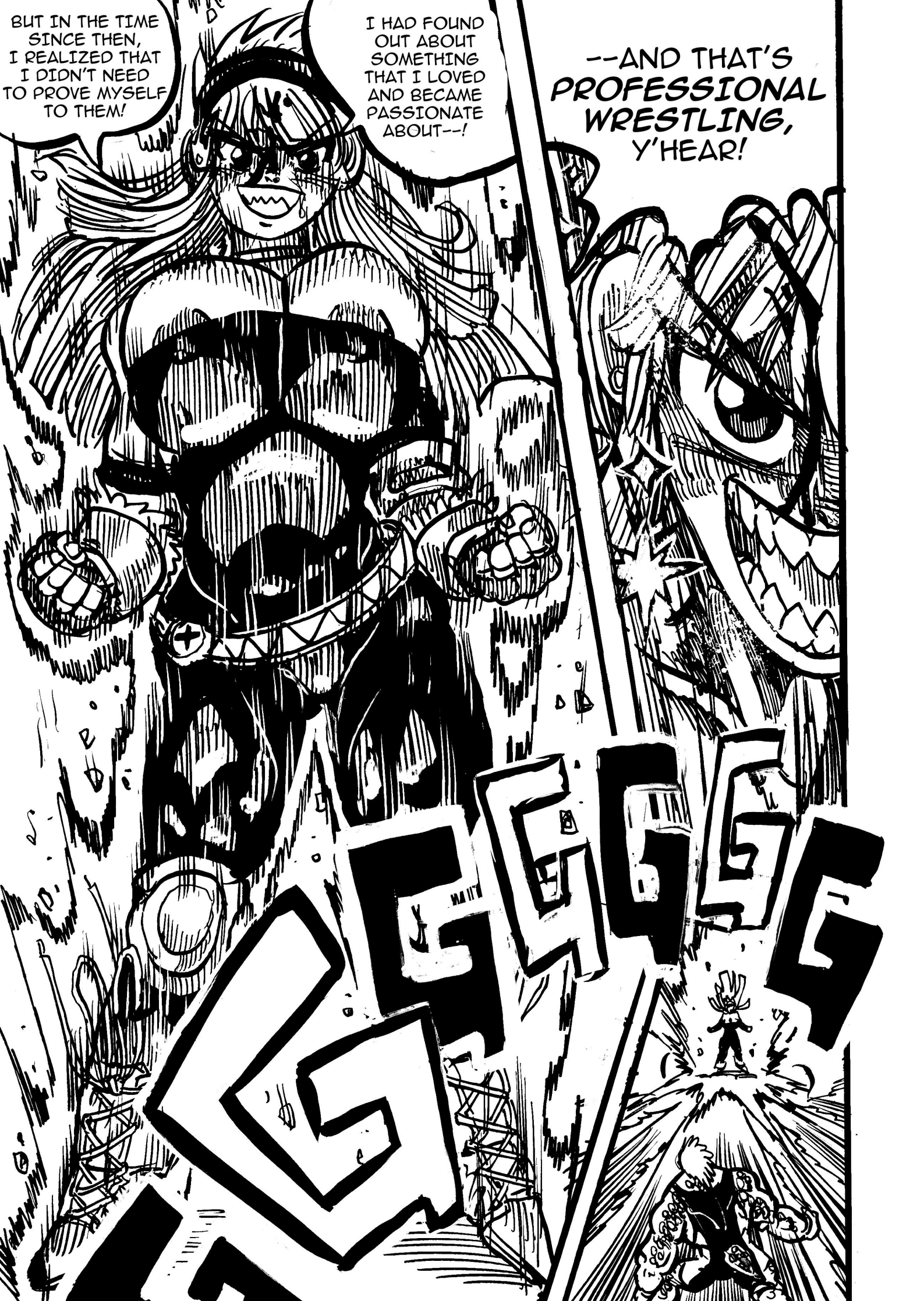


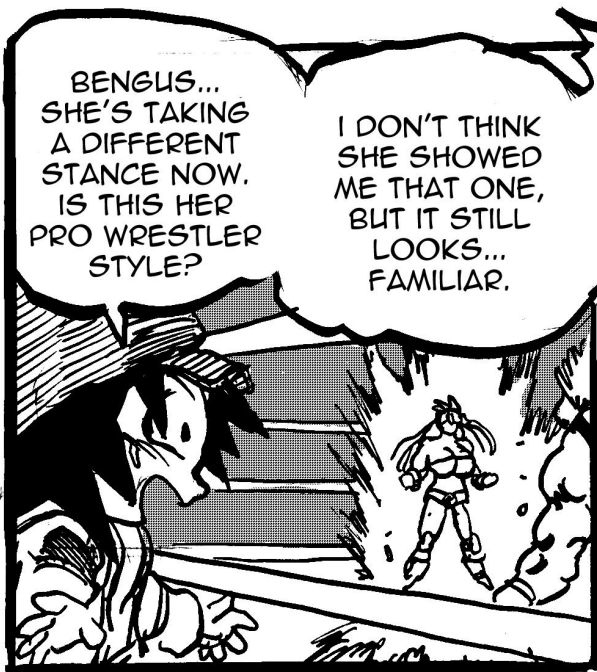
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BUT IN THE TIME SINCE THEN, I REALIZED THAT I DIDN'T NEED TO PROVE MYSELF TO THEM!

I HAD FOUND OUT ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I LOVED AND BECAME PASSIONATE ABOUT--!

--AND THAT'S PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING, Y'HEAR!





BENGUS... SHE'S TAKING A DIFFERENT STANCE NOW. IS THIS HER PRO WRESTLER STYLE?

I DON'T THINK SHE SHOWED ME THAT ONE, BUT IT STILL LOOKS... FAMILIAR.

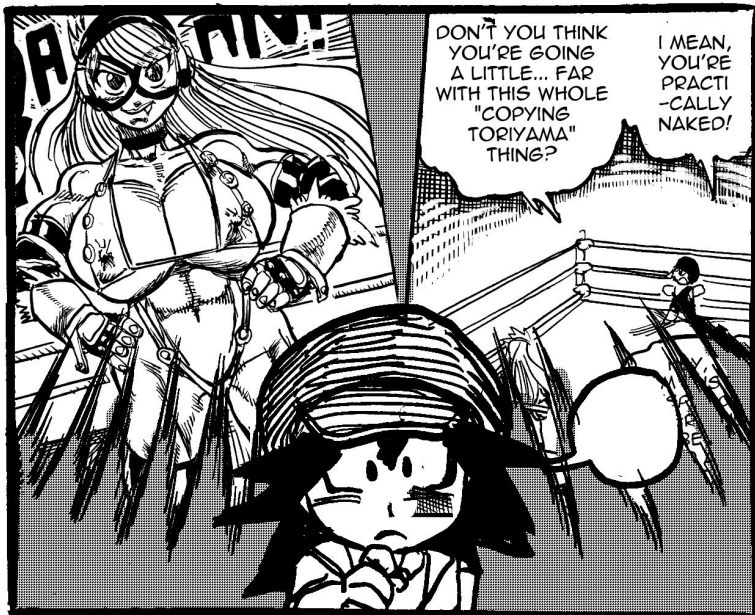
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I SEE IT NOW!

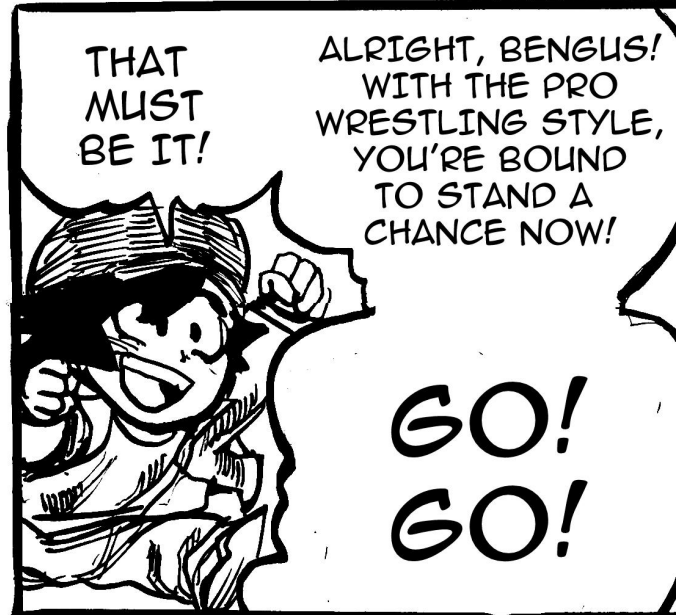
THAT'S TORIYAMA'S STANCE! BENGUS IS PLANNING TO FIGHT LIKE TORIYAMA!

BUT WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO DO THAT. IT SEEMS TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL. HONESTLY, IT'S PRETTY PLAIN AND DUMB LOOKING.



DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING A LITTLE... FAR WITH THIS WHOLE "COPYING TORIYAMA" THING?

I MEAN, YOU'RE PRACTI-CALLY NAKED!



THAT MUST BE IT!

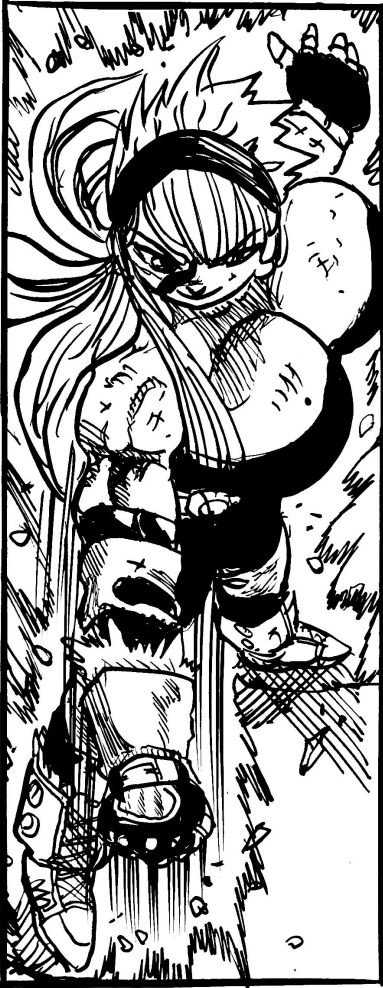
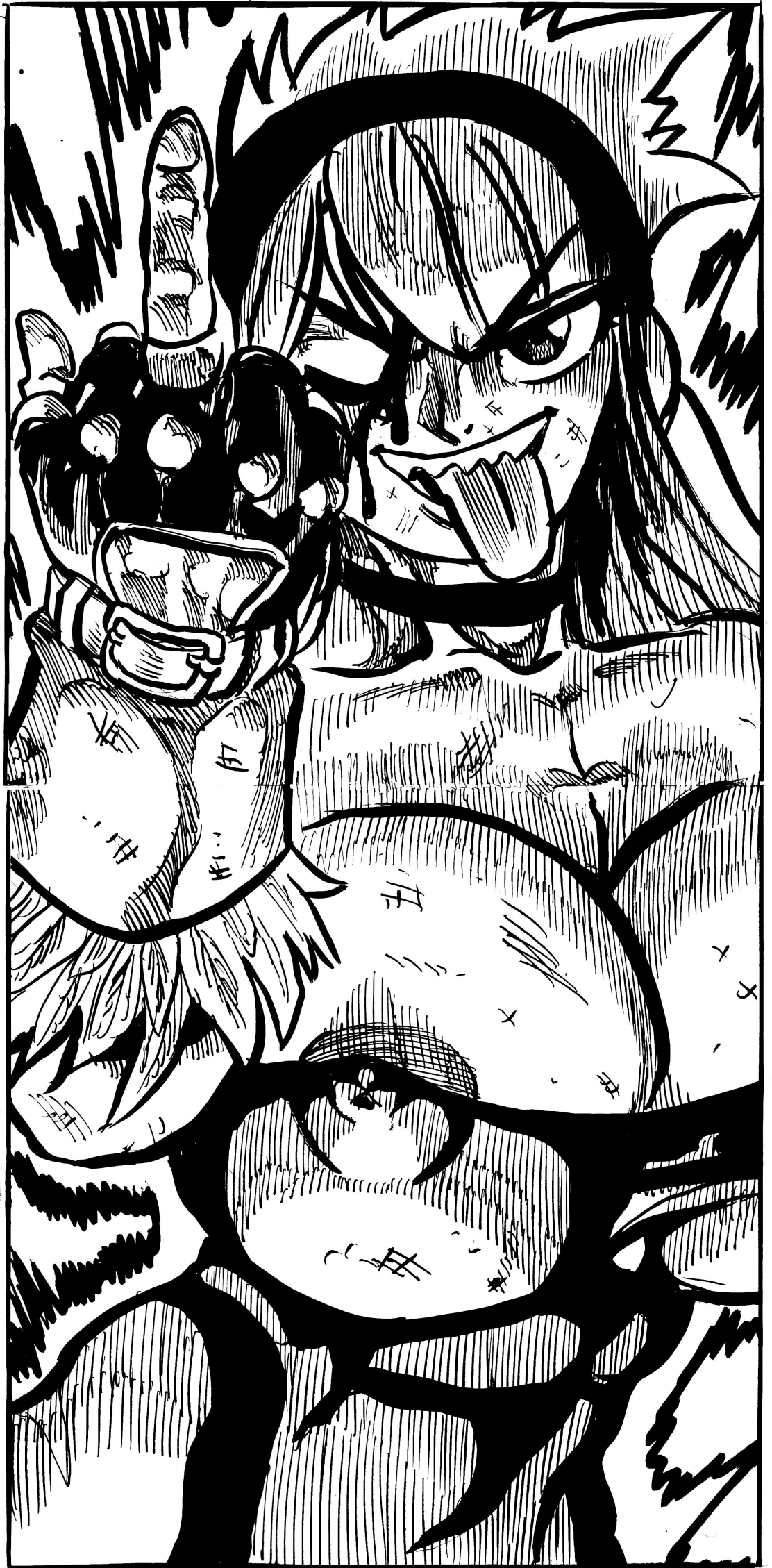
ALRIGHT, BENGUS! WITH THE PRO WRESTLING STYLE, YOU'RE BOUND TO STAND A CHANCE NOW!

GO!
GO!



SOMETHING'S...

DIFFERENT.



TO BE CONTINUED...