

HELL PARADE

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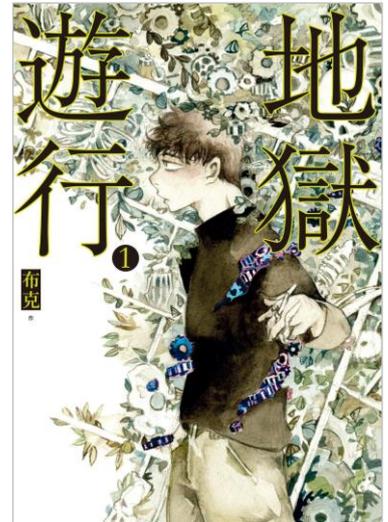
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The world is threatened by horrific monsters entering through mysterious Hellgates – and humanity’s most powerful sorcerer is a disillusioned teenager with no interest in being a hero. What will it take for this young man to finally let go of his difficult past, and realize that even a world as dark as his own is still worth saving?

In the distant future, werewolves, vampires, and sorcerers live openly in human society, and our current technologies have largely been replaced by magic. However, civilization’s dependence on magic comes at a cost, and the government must contract teams of specialists to deal with the disastrous consequences. Most prominent among these contractors is an organization of elite sorcerers known as the Sunset Squad.

Still in his teens but endowed with powerful magic, Eli is one of the youngest sorcerers to ever to join the Sunset Squad. However, most of the time this troubled youth can barely stir himself from his world-weary listlessness. Even the momentous task of saving the world elicits no more enthusiasm from him than that of a government bureaucrat considering his next pile of paperwork. And who can blame Eli when he already knows first-hand that his world is a dark place that may not be worth saving?

As the magical catastrophe worsens, Hellgates begin appearing with greater frequency, bringing horrific monsters and demonic energies into the world, and turning the far north into a region known as the Hellscape. National governments begin hiring mercenaries to defend their northern frontiers from the encroaching Hellscape, and Eli is eventually sent by the Sunset Squad to join the fight. How will his journey north, and his experiences on the frontlines of battle change him? What will it take for Eli to finally decide that even a cruel and



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unjust world might not be deserving of destruction?

Artist/writer Buke spent three years completing this sci-fi/fantasy epic. The richly conceived world and disillusioned anti-hero Eli immediately resonated with readers, earning *Hell Parade* the adoration of Taiwan's comic book community, and making it a true contemporary classic of the medium.

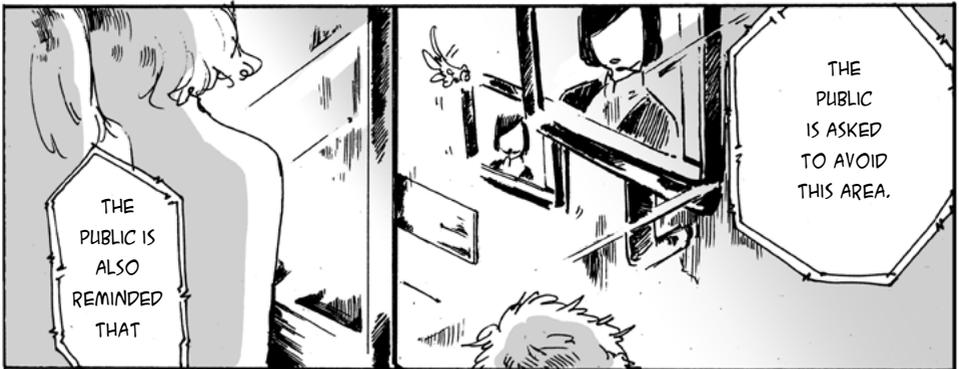
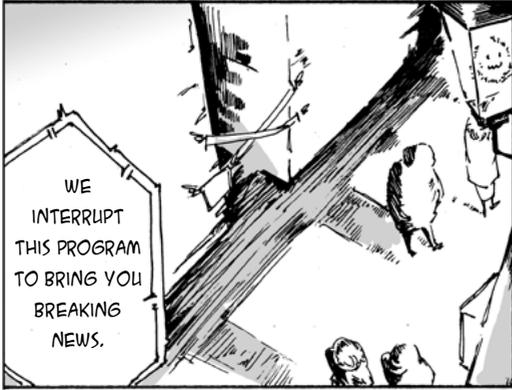
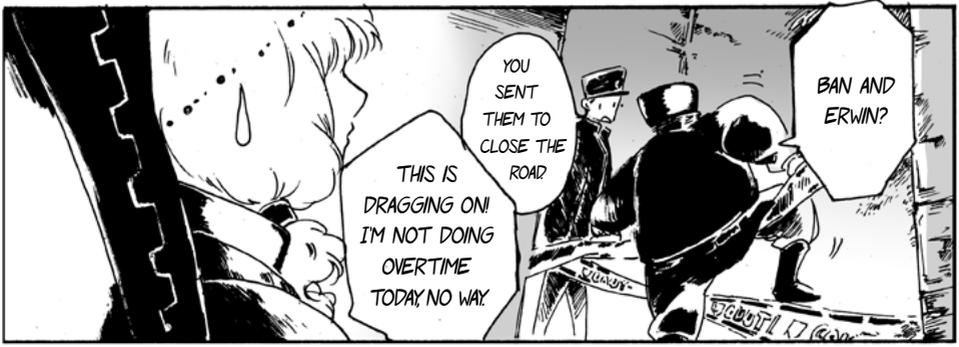
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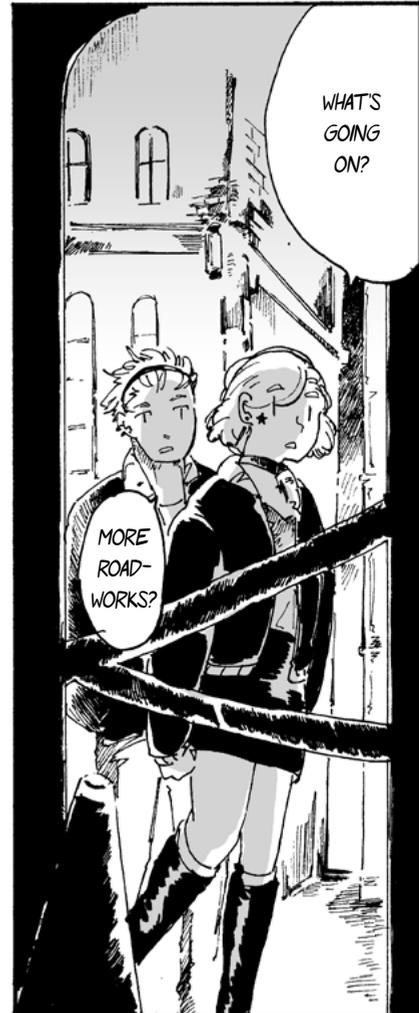
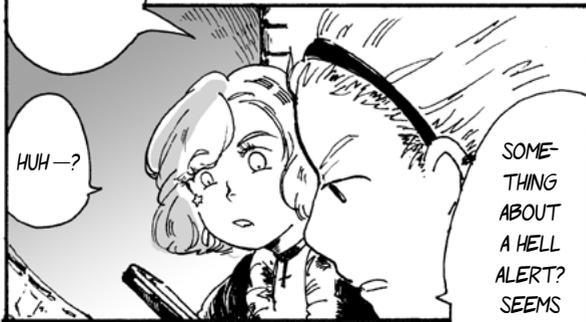
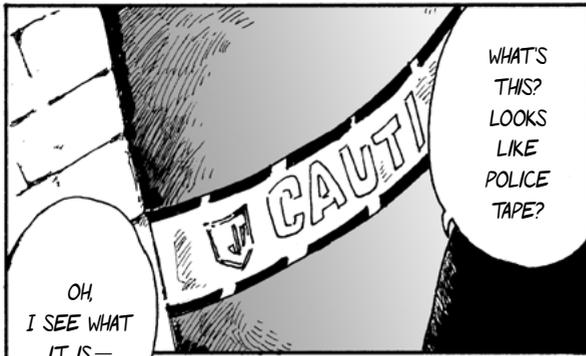
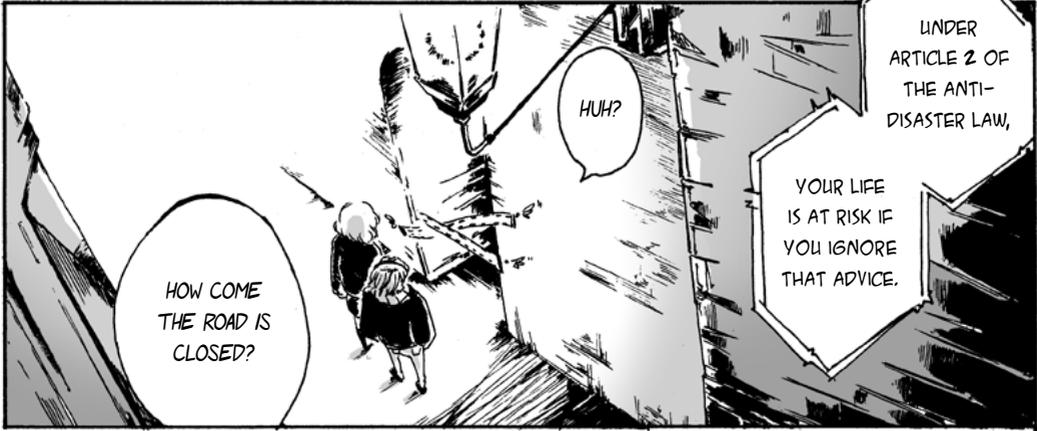
Combining uniquely free-flowing line work, carefully plotted fantasy stories, and real-world social issues, Buke's comics are always instantly recognizable and thought provoking. In 2020, she began releasing *Hell Parade* as an online serial on the Go Original Comics Base platform, and, later the same year, she published the first book in the now complete five volume series.

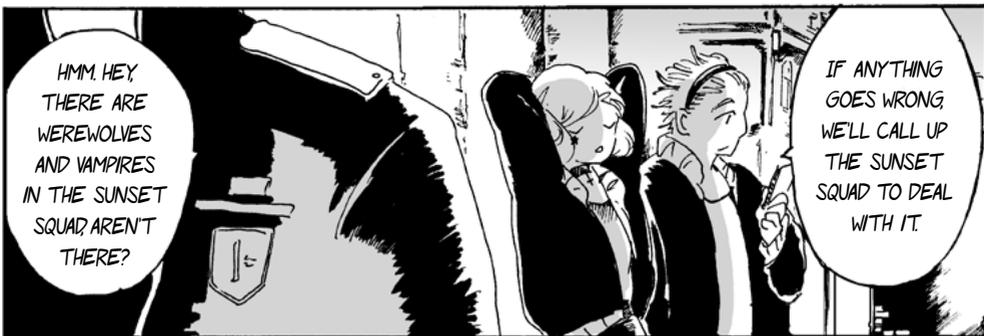
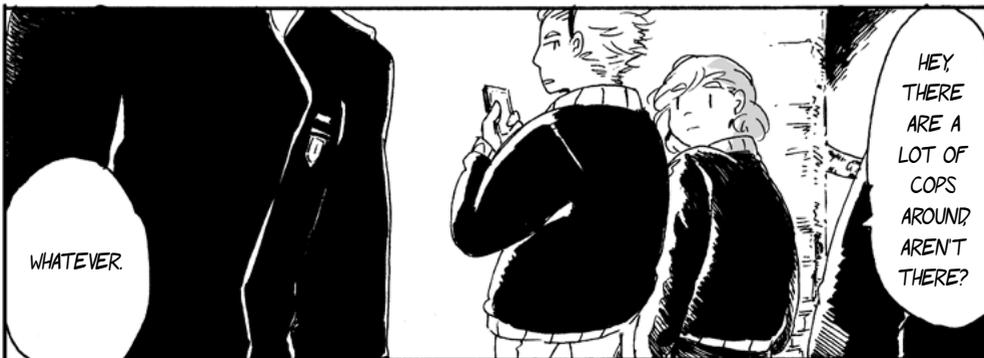


DON'T
MAKE THAT
FACE.











KIDS TODAY ARE ALL LIKE THAT.

SEX WITH A VAMPIRE? HOW IS THAT AWESOME!



HUMANS CAN'T SMELL... HEY,

YOUR FANGS ARE SHOWING.

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A VAMPIRE? THEY REEK OF BLOOD!



NOT GOOD

NOT GOOD

NOT GOOD



NOT GOOD

IN GROWN-UP LANGUAGE?



SEE FOR YOUR-SELF

THERE



GEORGE, WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

NOT GOOD



RELAX.
WHAT
19-YEAR-
OLD GIRL
WANTS TO
SPEND HER
BIRTHDAY
WITH HER
FATHER?



IT'S
MARI-
ANNE'S
19TH..



BUT THAT IS..
NOT GOOD

WHAT-
EVER.

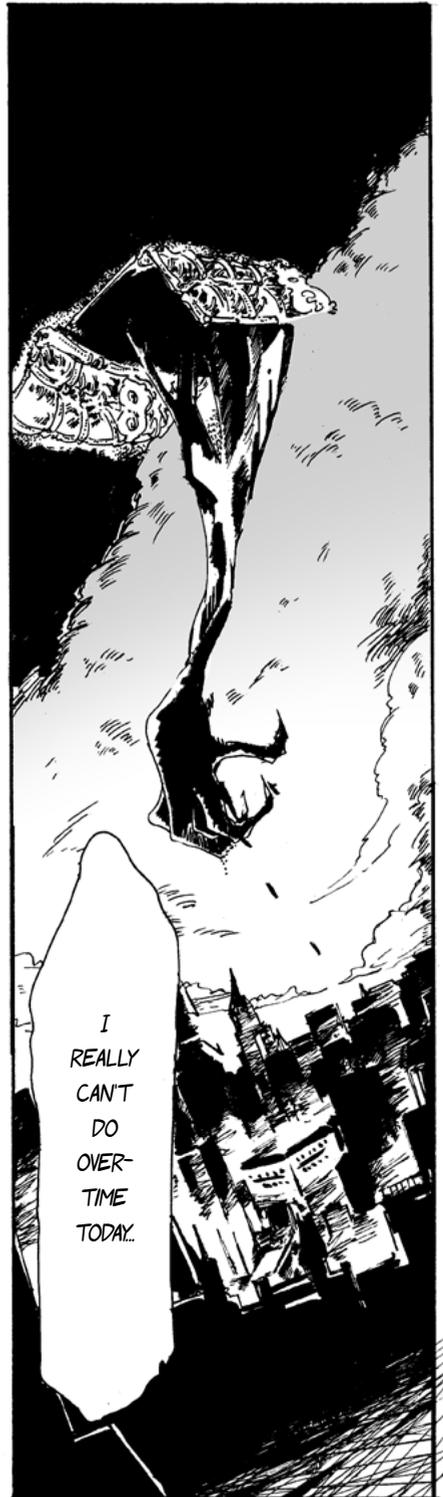
SHOWS WHAT YOU
KNOW. MARIANNE'S
A VERY GOOD
GIRL! SHE EVEN
SAID SHE'D
GET HER OWN
BIRTHDAY
CAKE!



THERE'S A
TEAM ON ITS
WAY TO THE
SCENE.

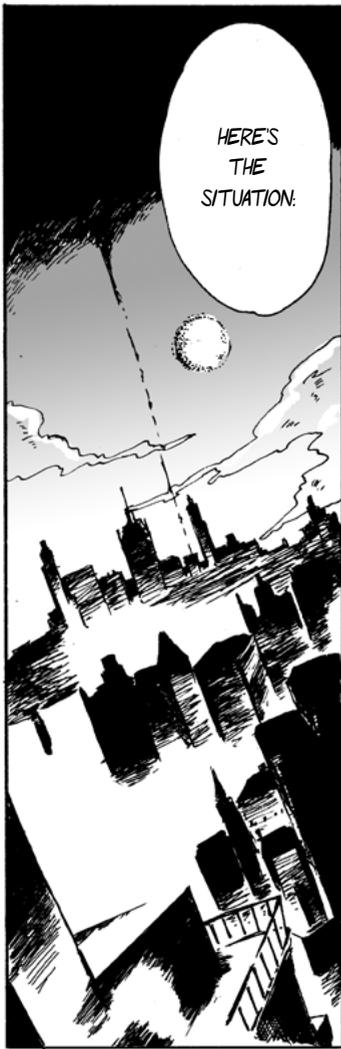
HAVE THE
SUNSET
SQUAD SENT
HELP?

BUT
LOOK:



I
REALLY
CAN'T
DO
OVER-
TIME
TODAY..





HERE'S
THE
SITUATION.



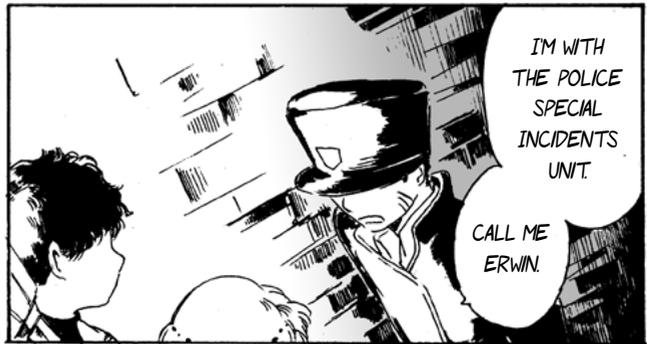
I HATE
DEALING
WITH KIDS.

QUIET
GEORGE.
REMEMBER
YOUR
BLOOD
PRESSURE.



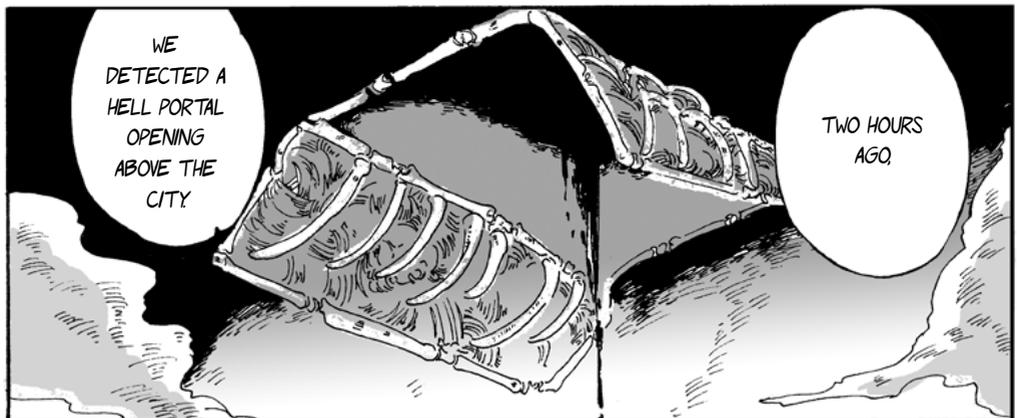
WE'RE
BASICALLY
VOLUNTEERS
AT WHAT THEY
PAY PER HOUR.
AND THEN IT'S
"DO THIS" AND
"DO THAT".

IS THAT
FAIR,
FATSO?



I'M WITH
THE POLICE
SPECIAL
INCIDENTS
UNIT.

CALL ME
ERWIN.



WE
DETECTED A
HELL PORTAL
OPENING
ABOVE THE
CITY.

TWO HOURS
AGO.

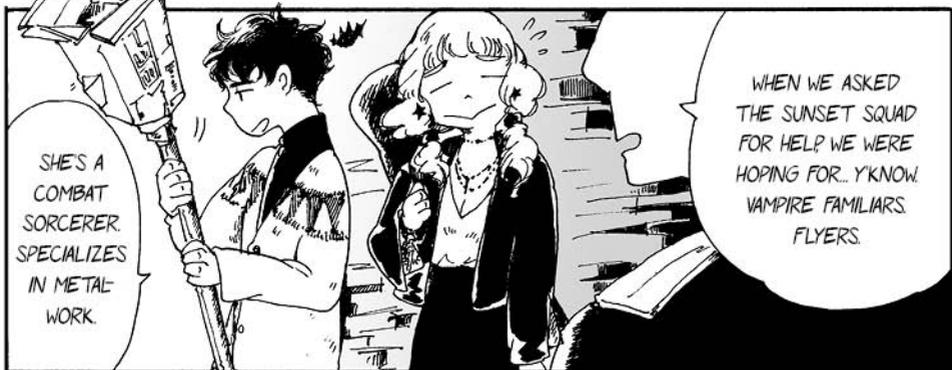


IT WAS ONLY
A BLUE-LEVEL
PORTAL,

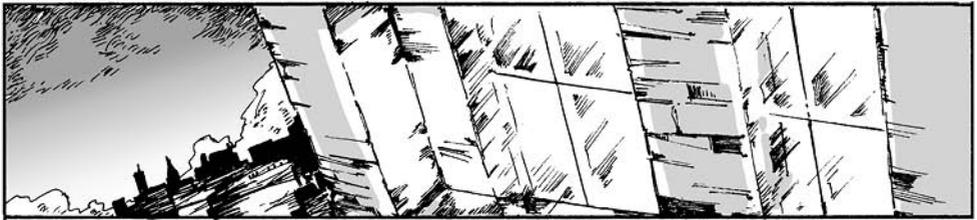
BUT IN OUR
EXPERIENCE
AERIAL
PORTALS WILL
SPAWN FLYING
MONSTERS.



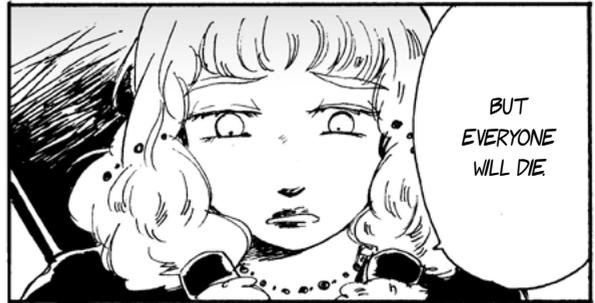
THOSE
CAN DO
WIDESPREAD
DAMAGE, EVEN
IF THEY'RE
NOT VERY
POWERFUL.

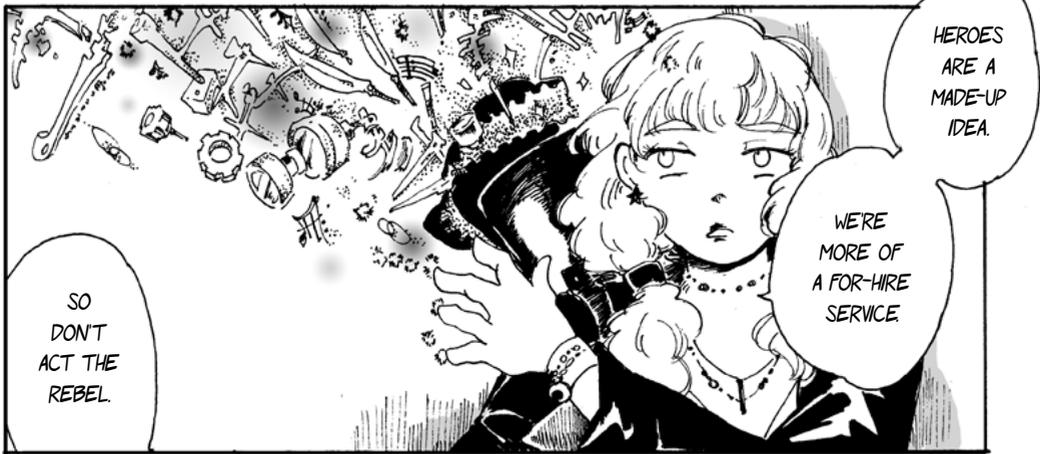












SO
DON'T
ACT THE
REBEL

WE'RE
MORE OF
A FOR-HIRE
SERVICE

HEROES
ARE A
MADE-UP
IDEA.



DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU
LIVED WITH
A VAMPIRE?

MY
ROOMMATE'S
I DON'T KNOW
WHY IT'S
FOLLOWING
ME

OH YEAH.
WHOS THAT
BAT? A NEW
FRIEND?



BUT HE'S
ONLY EVER
DATED
GIRLS

A VAMPIRE'S
FAMILIAR WILL
ONLY APPROACH
PEOPLE ITS
MASTER
LIKES.



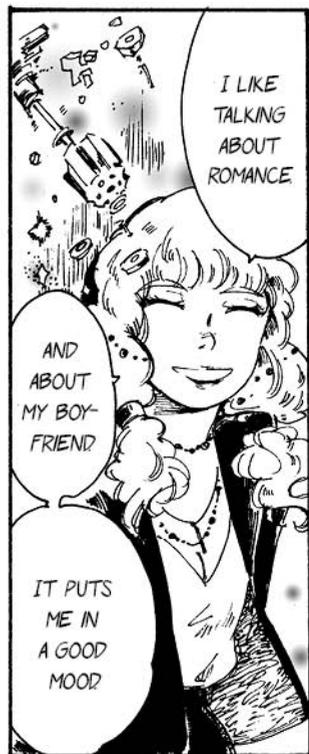
OKAY
ENOUGH

OH I
DON'T THINK
VAMPIRES
WORRY TOO
MUCH ABOUT
GENDER.



MAYBE
HE LIKES
YOU?

HUH?
WHY?



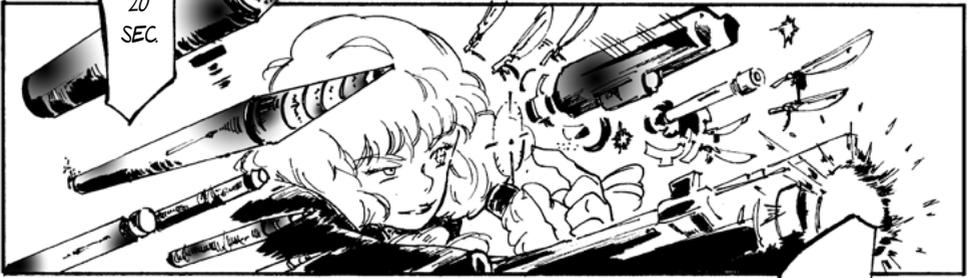


COOL.
I'LL CLEAR
A PATH.

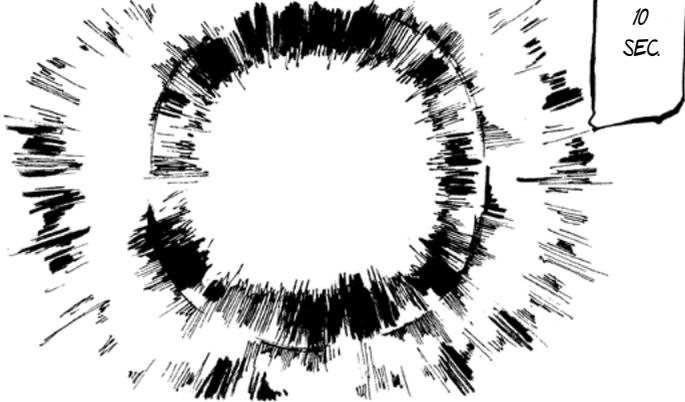
PORTAL
OPENING
IN.



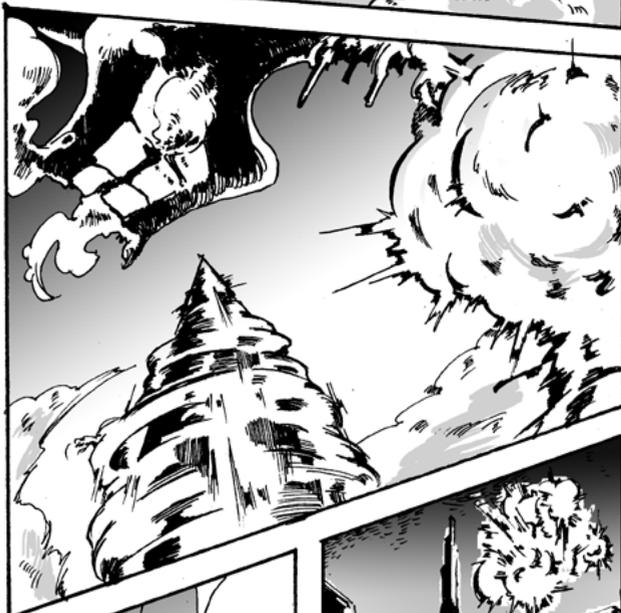
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SEC.

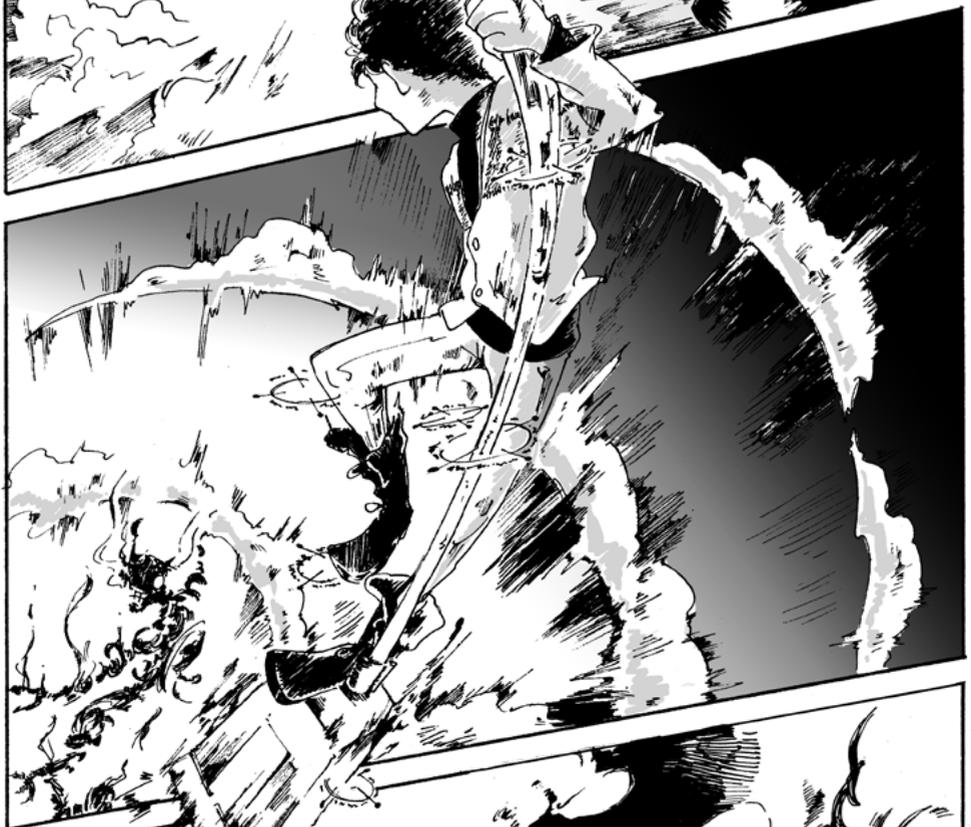
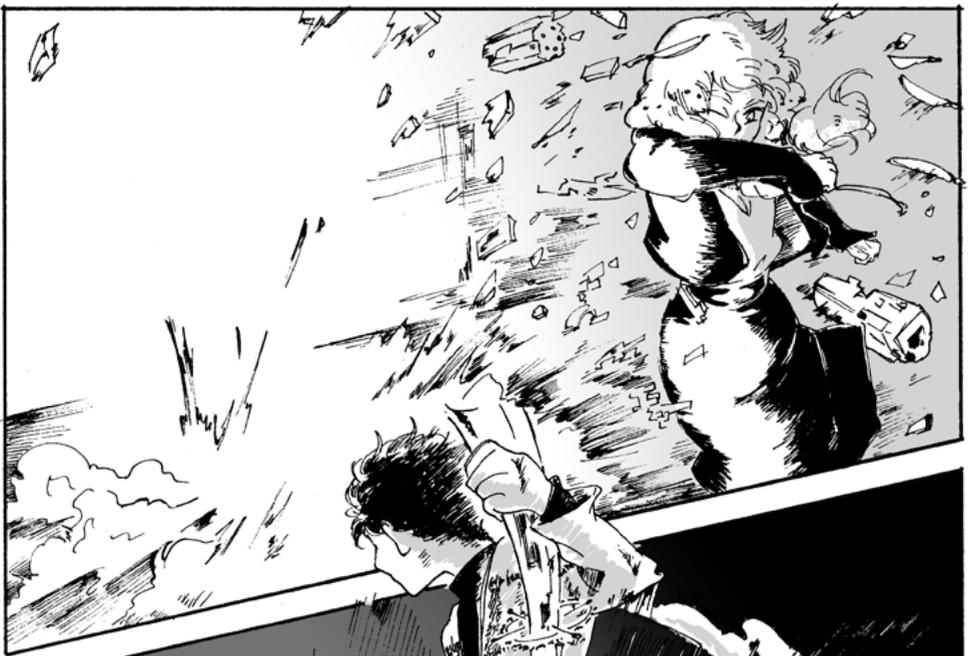


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SEC.



10
SEC.







Y'KNOW,
CLOSER
UP.

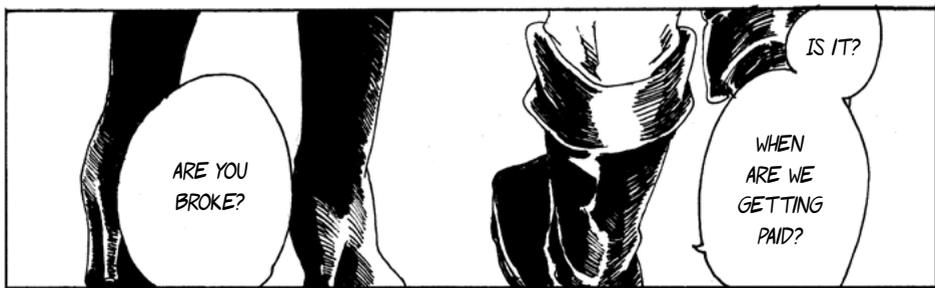


YOU
DON'T
SEEM SO
HAPPY











COULD YOU COME TO THE STORE WITH ME? I HAVE A FITTING

I WANT TO PLAY BAT CHESS, IF IT'S ON THE WAY.

IT IS!
LET'S GO.