連載再開!! センターカラー
HUNTER X HUNTER
THE KING BEFORE THEIR EYES. THE MOMENT OF CONFRONTATION.
AND WHAT YOU HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION WAS SEPARATING THE ROYAL GUARDS FROM MYSELF, CORRECT?

I'VE MORE THAN REALIZED THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO FULFILL YOUR GOALS WHILE MINIMIZING AS MANY HUMAN SACRIFICES AS POSSIBLE.

IT MATTERS NOT.
The technique that had been drawn out bore no malice toward the King. The two noticed the very moment when the King himself discerned this.

The reason Zeno had not even a slightly playful attitude about him as he activated his technique...
LET'S GO.

KILLUA.

PITOU'S OVER THERE.

[Image of a boy looking determined, standing in front of a dark sky with clouds]

[Image of a boy with a thoughtful expression, looking up into the sky]

[Image of a explosion, smoke, and debris]

[Image of a boy looking towards the sky with a serious expression, standing in front of a building with a dome]

[Image of a boy with a determined expression, looking off into the distance]
Killua felt something far greater than simply realizing now was not the time.

"Which one?" -- Killua just barely managed to suppress the urge to ask such a question.

The path just a little ahead of the place people who gain experience end up.

If he let it all come out, the result...

The path just a little ahead of the place people who gain experience end up.

If he let it all come out, the result...

No way to turn back...!!

Due to the fear that he might lose something important to him.

Killua could do nothing but draw closer to that path.

there would no longer be any way to stop what was happening...!!

If he opened his mouth
Roughly 10 seconds before the dragon flew down.
The reckless charge of Shoot, who was not even afraid of his own fatal wounds.

The physical damage Yupi felt was equivalent to zero.

Just before the heavy wounds on his body should have led him to sudden death, Shoot stole a single thing:

One of the compound eyes from Yupi's shoulder.

Hotel Rafflesia.
Yup! was unable to go all-out.

Yupi's and Shoot's advantages and disadvantages were equal.

I CANNOT LET THIS GUY GET CLOSE TO THE KING!

had considerably influenced Yupi's mental state.

The strange feeling that had something had been "stolen rather than destroyed."

As expected, this development

However.

Having received another attack that he was completely unfamiliar with, Yupi took a step back.
On the other hand, Kruckle was suffering greatly.

I...can't hit him yet!!!

Bear it!!!

While strengthening his surveillance of the surrounding area, Yupa's attacks continued to gradually shave Shoo's life away.

It'd be like purposefully telling him "you have another enemy in your midst!"

If I attack right now,
As he was drenched in his own blood, Shoot continued to take Yupi’s violent attacks.

Please, bear through it!!!

Baring it!!!

Fighting on his own just to keep his breath in.

No matter how much he screamed to himself in his head.

Do your best!!!

was unable to hold back his tears.
The two who appeared from the doors.

were Zibow and Brouda.

was because he had eriffed cut an anomaly.

The reason Werefin was secretly following Flutter
IT WAS TOO FAST....!!!

Flutter and the intruder must have passed by each other in the corridor!

Which means that without a doubt,

the period of time from when the intruder finished killing the two and went back into the corridor to when Flutter appeared is too short!!!

But ignore Flutter...? So then why would he kill those two?

A TRAITOR...!? Flutter's on the intruder's side... In other words?!
THE WORK OF HAGAI?

OH? IF IT ISN'T FLUTTER! WHAT'S ALL THIS RUCKUS ABOUT??

PITO-DONO'S "EN" IS STILL GONE...

REALLY?

I JUST CAME BACK, SO...

IS HE ON HIS OWN!? OR COULD THIS BE...

WELL... IT'S HARD TO COME UP WITH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION.

THE WORK OF HAGAI?

They were destroyed in the assault back there.

Ah... what happened to those wings of yours?
OH!? IF IT ISN'T FLUTTER!! WHAT'S ALL THIS RUCKUS ABOUT?!

IS HE ON HIS OWN!? OR COULD THIS BE...
PITO-DONO'S "ENY" IS STILL GONE...

REALLY?

ALL I CAN SURmise IS THAT WE ARE BEING ATTACKED BY THE ENEMY...

I JUST CAME BACK, SO...

THE WORK OF HAGYA!?

WELL, IT'D BE HARD TO COME UP WITH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION.

THEY WERE DESTROYED IN THE ASSAULT BACK THERE.

AM, RIGHT?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE WINGS OF YOURS?
WELL... NO ONE TOLD US WE NEED TO KEEP STANDING GUARD HERE OR ANYTHING.

HA?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

YEAH...

UH

GOING DOWN?

MY NEW ABILITY.

...BUT I'D REALLY LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY, YOU KNOW...

I'VE BEEN GIVEN ORDERS FROM HAGYU SAMA.

IT'S MASSIVE!

WOAH!!
TAKE CARE!

I'LL CHECK THINGS OUT A BIT MORE.

See ya later!!!

This is gonna be fun!!

BYE.

WELL THEN, I'LL BE OFF NOW.

HAGYASA MA, HUH...?
INTEREST WILL NOW BE ADDED.

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TIME'S UP.

WHAA...

ONLY THAT?! NO WAY!

IT'S ONLY BEEN TEN SECONDS?!

HOW MUCH LONGER MUST I WITHSTAND THIS?

EVEN AFTER ALL THE UNBEARABLE CHOKING PAIN SO FAR...
YOU’VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!??

THIS IS ABSURD ...

0:00:13:06

HUNTER HUNTER

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YOU’VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!??
THIS IS ABSURD ...

!!!

0:00:13:66
As if I could stand this!!!!!
Was Mesarot's first tap.

What stopped Knuckle's violent dash?
Are you serious? There's only 10 seconds left?

This of course had nothing to do with Kruckle's thoughts.

But... could that just have saved me?!

But because Meleoron was also at his limit...
DAMMIT....!!

IT DEALT ENOUGH DAMAGE TO NULL THE INTEREST AND HALVE MY POWER AS WELL....!!

EVEN THOUGH HIS CLAW JUST BARELY TOUCHED ME...

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Yup! Failed to notice the fact that he had grazed something, nor Pocceani's proclamation of interest.

AND YET I, COMPLETELY UNSCATHERED, JUST MADE AN IDIOTIC MISTAKE!!

SHIT!!!

FOR Knuckle's now.

NO!

SHOOT'S FIGHTING WITH HIS LIFE ON THE LINE...

...OR EVERYTHING WILL BE RUINED!

CALM DOWN! YOU FOOL!!
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY WAY OF NOTICING POTCLEAN FOR AN INSTANT!!

I SUPPOSE THIS IS THE BEST RANGE I CAN GET.

AS LONG AS SHOOT IS DOING HIS BEST...

IT'S NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE SEEN, BUT IT ISN'T TOO FAR THAT I CAN'T GET CLOSE TO HIM!!

TAKE A BREATHER WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, HELLORON!!

RESCIND!!

GOD'S ACCOMPLICE
WHEN DID IT...NO.

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT??

IS IT A DELAYED EFFECT...BUT THEN THAT MEANS IT'S FROM BACK THEN...!!

OR COULD I HAVE SOMEHOW FULFILLED THE CONDITIONS TO MAKE IT SPAWN DURING BATTLE??

WAS I ATTACKED?? NO, THERE'S NO WAY...!!

IT JUST APPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN!!

THERE'S NO WAY I COULDN'T HAVE NOTICED IT!!

WHAT ARE THESE NUMBERS?? A COUNTDOWN?? A BOMB??

NO... THE NUMBERS AREN'T RISING OR FALLING!!

WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS!!!
IT JUST MEANS I HAVE TO GET RID OF THE SOURCE, RIGHT?!!

One reason:

FROM FAR AWAY!!

SOMETHING’S COMING!!

as to why yupi, despite the pride he had in his own overwhelming power, could not hit shiroto,

could be explained as a difference in true ability.
I CAN'T... GET AWAY IN TIME...!!!

FAST!!!

COMIN RIGHT UP!!!

ONE SKEWERED PIECE OF MEAT...
The response "I always win."

That was close!

Yupi's readings were more or less correct.

Eventually, he would come out on top -- that was indeed true...

It was the fact that Shoot thought "that's fine." and Yupi did not notice.

...But if there was any miscalculation.
Shoot's limit crept up on him.

I CAN STILL FLY .........!

STILL...

And yet quietly, certainty.
And yet, certainly…

I…

I can still fight!
Shoot's limit crept up on him.

STILL...
I'M OVER
HEEEEEERE, YOU
DUMBAAAAASSSS!!!
YUP!!!!!!
DAMMIT

I'M OVER
HEEEEERE, YOU DUMBAAAASSSSSS!!!
The conclusion that the cooled-down Knuckle had come to.

was to reveal himself.

EXCELLENT!!!

PURPOSEFULLY REVEAL TO THE ENEMY THAT HE HAS ANOTHER OPPONENT?
TO DISTRACT YUPI'S CONCENTRATION, AND SAVE SHOOT!!!

C'MOONNN!!! C'MOONNN!!! C'MOONNN!!! C'MOONNN!!!

C'MOOONNN!!!

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...

SO YOU'RE THE ONE OVER HERE.

...I SEE.

BUT IF there was a miscalculation...

Knuckle was more or less correct.

HUNTER×HUNTER
The Act of Confinement, to me, is truly advantageous...

Go ahead and test that theory.

Whether the act of confinement, to me, is truly advantageous...

The Quiet Hidden Battle!!
I can't get caught up in them...

His moth scales... according to Novu, they have a hypnotic effect.

Such an act... befits a respectable practitioner.

Seems like you've finished talking.

Preparation... vigilance.

A blend of 3 x 3 x 3.
Despite being in the enemy’s territory, the relief from pulling the enemy into his own battlefield outrivals all else. That is the illustration of his emotions.

I am the Shalapufu of the royal guard under direct supervision of the king.

At the very least, allow me a self-introduction.

A somewhat diluted sense of vigilance due to the manifestation of confidence. In other words, a strong personality.

Through analyzing the mixed conditions of about 30 different patterns of strong emotions that appear in the flow of the aura, the opponent’s thoughts can be predicted.

Pufu’s “Spiritual Message,” through surrounding the opponent with scales, allows the flow of their aura to be interpreted in order to understand state of mind.
WOU YOU BE SO KIND AS TO TELL ME YOUR NAME . . . ?

IT WOULD BE QUITE A SADENING MISCONCEPTION IF YOU WERE TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF ME USING THESE SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AS A WAY TO LEAD YOU INTO BEING CAUGHT UP IN MY SCALES.

THAT'S ALL.

. . . HIS SOMEWHAT-DILUTED VIGILANCE HAS BECOME A BIT STRONGER.

I'M SLIGHTLY SHOCKED.
LET'S FORGET THAT AND BECOME REBORN.

UFUFUFU. PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT...

UFUFU.

 WHETHER A DEMON OR A SERPENT COMES OUT...!!

IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO WASTE TIME, THAT'S FINE WITH ME!
but in order to go up, a pass-code must be entered.

The elevator to the palace basement... anyone can use it to go down.

Each 8-digit code differs between the user for the purpose of identification.

Repeated errors will be transmitted to the guards, resulting in the release of hypnosis gas followed by restraints and torture... in other words, death.

If even one digit is misplaced, an alarm will sound and the door will lock.
Since suspicion regarding a code will result in the unconditional punishment of its keeper, one's code is equivalent to their life.

The circumstances of the user are supervised by a computer, from which the purposes, frequency of inputs, and usage times are all relentlessly checked by Chief Bizaf.

Marcos. Just before the plane through which he was going to escape the country arrived, finally gave his code to Morau.

*Twee: Prosperity

*SATELLITONBO*
yet he quickly made a firm resolution not to leave the palace before finding her.

“Right now, Palm is risking her life” — from that quote alone, karugo respected her...

MY ALLY!!!

PALM IS MY ALLIES! ALNY!!

I’LL DEFINITELY BEING HER BACK...!!!

WHICH MEANS SHE’S MY ALLY!!!
I WANT TO SAVE HER...!! I'VE DECIDED THAT I WILL SAVE HER!!

THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF DUTY OR OBLIGATION!!
When the elevator is rising, only one person can ride. During this time, if there is a noticeable anomaly in the user data and the physical data of the user during the time of input, the alarm will immediately sound and the elevator will become a virtual prison.

Including the humans, there are various "classified things" that are transported through the palace, so compared to the vehicular entrances and exits, this way of transport is the more convenient one.

The only two people who have codes and can utilize the elevator without those constraints are Bitaf and Marcos.
Is Flutter living in a morgue or something?

What is this stench...?!

Shit it's indistinct, but it's there...

Other than that... the only other strong scent is that of Broul, who went down before me...

The rotten smell of Flutter, who had been dead for several days, was blunting Werarin's nose.

Brovia's with him? Or could it be...

That he also must have noticed when Flutter said "Nagya-sama?"

The fact that Broul went down after Flutter means...

When I was watching for the intruder... Brovia

Was watching me from behind?

Which would mean...
Flutter is obviously acting suspicious...

This should be my chance!

If I can set him up as the perpetrator who set up the bomb plan...

Bizef's trust in me will be resolved!

This is bad if he dies in the assault...

WHERE'S BIZEF?!

THIS WHOLE PLAN WILL BECOME MEANINGLESS.

If I don't find Bizef first...
Gramps...

Just do what's happening inside for yourselves.

What happens afterwards is of no concern to me.

My job is finished here.

Strange.
Zero slipped into the darkness.

Gulping down all he wanted to say.
IN ORDER TO BRING BACK KAITO,

I AM GON FREECS!!!

I’VE COME TO YOU!!!!

GOING ALL-OUT IN AN INSTANT!!!!

REMEMBER ME...?

DO YOU
REMEMBER ME...?

DO YOU
IN ORDER TO BRING BACK KAITO,

I AM GON FREECS!!!

I'VE COME TO YOU!!!!

GOING ALL-OUT IN AN INSTANT!!!
How to overcome this situation as well as follow the King's orders.

All of the cells within Pitou's head were devoted to figuring out...
PROTECT KOMUGI.

NO MATTER WHAT...!!!
NO MATTER WHAT...!!!

PROTECT KOMUGI.
Isn't she in a stance prepared to fight?

Kilulu, who was a soap behind Gon, noticed the abnormality.

Why, despite being right in front of us,

Without even relying on her aura...

Does she really think she can win...?

Virtually naked!

Protected only by a thin aura...

The aura swelling from Gon is different than before!!

No!! That can't be.

In other words, completely defenseless!!
SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT AGAINST THAT WHILE BEING COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS!

...NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL PITEO IS.

THE SPACE IN-BETWEEN?

WHICH MEANS...

I'M CONFIDENT THAT THE INVOCATION OF ENOUGH NINJU WOULD STILL ALLOW FOR A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE....

BUT AT RANGE LIKE THAT, EVEN IF THE OPPONENT HAD SOME TRICK PREPARED.

YES, THAT STANCE IS JUST LIKE...

BUT... THAT'S IT...

BUT... WHY?? I CAN'T SEE THAT AT ALL....!!

BUT... THAT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING.
A MOTHER'S
......!!!

JUST LIKE! SHE'S VOLUNTEERING HER BODY OUT TO PROTECT SOMETHING WEAKE...!!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SHE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON!
While Killua was desperately arguing with his own intuition.

The figure of the girl lying down.

In Gon's eyes.

Mere overlapped.

And the broken body of Kaibo.
I said, get yourself and that monster away from her, right now!!!
Hiya! I knew that.

Please wait... I beg you.

Weren't all gestures made with all her might to show that she bore no malice.

Her open palms
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO WAIT FOR?!?!

GET SERIOUS!!!

STAND!!!!

LET'S GO OUTSIDE!!!!

Killua was in the process of grasping the situation -- which was...

Meanwhile...

Pitou's unthinkable lack of resistance left Gon lacking any means by which to strike the hammer of his emotions.
THAT MEANS THERE WERE CONDITIONS HE WASN'T INFORMED OF!

GRANDPA SENT DOWN THE DRAGON WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING!!!

WAS THAT SHE WAS HERE.

WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW...

THIRD BEING!

NO... I BET THIS GIRL IS...

THAT'S BECAUSE THE KING SHE IS...

SHE ISN'T BEING TAKEN APART...

RIGHT NOW!

THIS IS JUST A MISTAKE BUT SHE WAS THE REASON THE KING HURT HIMSELF!!!

WHY WOULD HE DO SUCH AN IRRATIONAL THING?!!
By the orders of the King...!!

She's being healed.

Pitou's healing ability doesn't only keep her from using "El."

It also requires her to concentrate all of her aura onto the target.

To Gori what could only be interpreted as a negative outcome.

What should I say...!? What should I do?!
I’LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!!

PLEASE WAIT.
I ABSOLUTELY MUST...

SAVE THIS HUMAN!!!

SAVE... WHAT?

SAVE...?
And so, in this atmosphere, strained to its utmost limits, she didn't know exactly what to say...

the answer Picou chose was...

Korugi's life depended on her next answer...
The one who is of importance to me.

If this human dies, his majesty will...

Since this human has been here, his majesty...

Then so be it...

If I must save her...

It's to that extent... therefore,

No longer be his majesty.
AFTER I FINISH HEALING HER,

I WILL DO AS YOU SAY...!!

PLEASE WAIT...

SO...

TO SAVE HER...?

YOU WANT

MEANS SHE IS SAVING HER?

MUST SAVE HER...?

HAA...

HAAH.
AND HIMSELF...

WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.

WHAT HE COULD ONLY SEE AS ONE WITH WHICH TO FIGHT,

SUCH A SELFISH THING...

SO SELFISH......!!!

HOW CAN YOU SAY...

DAMNIT......!!!
WHO...

DAMMIT...

TO WHAT YOU GUYS SAY...

WHO WOULD LISTEN...

GON!

WAIT A MINUTE...
THE PARTY THAT INJURED THAT GIRL...

MIGHT BE THE TRUTH.

AND PITOU SAYING SHE'S HEALING THE GIRL RIGHT NOW

AND?

SO WHAT?

SOMETHING PROBABLY MIGHT BE, SO WE JUST WAIT?

PROBABLY? MIGHT BE?

UNTIL THE HEALING IS FINISHED.

... LET'S WAIT.

PROBABLY!!! MAYBE!!!! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!?!!?

AND AFTER WE WAIT, WHETHER OR NOT SHE DOES WHAT I SAY IS ANOTHER PROBABLY, ISN'T IT??!!
BELIEVE THE WORDS OF A THING

There's no way we could...
YOU MAY ALSO HAVE MY RIGHT ARM. IF YOU SO DESIRE...

I DON'T EVEN MIND IF YOU DESTROY ME...!

AS LONG... AS IT DOES NOT IMPede HER HEALING...

YOU FEEL THAT I AM ACTING EVEN SLIGHTLY SUSPICIOUS, IF AFTER THE HEALING IS FINISHED...
I'M BEGGING YOU, THOUGH...

PLEASE LET ME SAVE HER....!!!
THAT ISN'T FAIR, DAMMIT!!!

THAT ISN'T FAIR!!!

AFTER DOING SUCH A HORRIBLE THING TO KAITO!!!

WHY ARE YOU ONLY THINKING OF HER?!!

WHY, DAMMIT?!!

SON!!
DON'T MESS AROUND WITH ME ...

GON!!

FIRST IS...
MUST BE NICE

KILLUA ...

TO BE SO COOL LIKE THAT.

IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU.

SINCE THIS
GET AHOLOD OF YOURSELF, DUMBASS!!!

YOU'RE GOING TO BRING BACK KAITO!!!

BUT HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU SAID ORIGINALLY?

I KNOW THIS IS JUST YOUR TEMPER TALKING RIGHT NOW,
I'm alright now...

Yeah.
I can't wait...

That's no good.

I expect it will take 3-4 hours.

In order to fully restore her...

I can heal her most critical wounds.

If I have... one hour...
I beg you...

PLEASE...

After one hour, you're coming with me to Peijing...

Then you're going to bring Kaito back.

I promise...

Certainly...

Can you promise me that??
FOR ONE HOUR!!!

I’LL WAIT HERE
I’LL WAIT HERE
FOR ONE HOUR!!!
THE PAST THAT EVEN NOW HASN'T ENDED...
EVERYTHING IS FOR THE SAKE OF HIS FRIEND!!!
THE NUMBER WENT UP?

!?

THE INTEREST WILL NOW BE ADDED

TIME'S UP!

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WHAT IS THIS THING?!

MY ATTACKS DON'T AFFECT IT!

ANSWER ME!!!

OH NO, YOU DON'T!!

WHAT IS THIS THING?!!

リーシャ!!

ギャ!!
YOU WANNA KNOW, YOU GOTTACATCH ME FIRST!!

YEAH, LIKE I'D TELL YOU THAT. DUMBASS ...!!!
LIKE YEAH, THAT, DUMBA**\voll!

YEAH. LIKE I’D TELL YOU THAT. DUMBA**....!!!
YOU WANNA KNOW, YOU GONNA CATCH ME FIRST!!
And with those lethal blades flailing around, I can't possibly reach him...!!!

He's actually trying to take him on alone, the idiot!!

Making sure I use my air as efficiently as possible!!!

Not too slow, not too fast...
I can't allow myself to lose consciousness...

Even if I... If I can wound him just a little, it has to be worth something...!!

I... If I pass out, "Hotel Rafflesia" will be deactivated....

I... can... do this...!!

I... can... still...
I can't ask Shoot to do any more than this...!!!
IT ISN'T SAVING SHOOT...!!

WHAT I HAVE TO DO RIGHT NOW...!!

..TO HELP THEM COMPLETE THIS MISSION EVEN A SINGLE SECOND SOONER!!!!

I HAVE TO USE MY ABILITY TO HELP THE OTHER MEMBERS...

DON'T DIE!!!!!!

KEEP IT UP!! SHOOT!!!
Depending on who I’m trying to fool, they might see straight through me...!!

Even if I do by some horrible accident get found, I can pass as one of them...!

"Perfect plan, release!!"

I must not rush. I have to look around carefully.

Activate!!

Okay!!

Nobody here...!!
MORAL'S PRISON LOCK...!! THAT MEANS...

WHERE ARE GON AND KILLUA?!
WHERE ARE THEY?!
...IS GON AND KILLUA.

IN WHICH CASE, ALL THAT'S LEFT....

WHICH WAY DID THEY...
WELFIN!!!

Not good!!

Or do I wait for him to leave? Will my breath hold??

If he were to move in the same direction...

If he doubts me in the slightest, that's it!! He'll suspect me to the end!!

Of all the commanders, he's the biggest skeptic!!

Which wait??

I can't hold my breath much longer... Do I run??

He's dangerous!!
I'm at my limit!

It's no good!!!
I can't hold it!!

...and suck it back in as fast as I can!!

I'm just going to have to breathe out as hard as possible...
AND SLICK!!

"PERFECT PLAN, RELEASE!!"

ACTIVATE!!

I SENSED A PRESENCE....?

JUST NOW FOR A MOMENT...
Walfin's ability was a powerful projection of his character...

AN ENEMY!!!

MISSILE-MAN!!!

...giving him a deeply mistrustful and sly power.
You, hiding behind the building!!

If you're there, you have until 3 to show yourself and surrender!!

If you do not, I will attack immediately!!

FIRE!!!
Welfin's "Missleman" has three stages:

1) Establish a target.
2) Load a "bullet" in the form of a question or order. If the target lies, or refuses to obey, then...
3) The attack commences.

The moment Welfin sensed his presence, Meleoron had moved from his position.

Once Missleman is successfully activated, it will continue the pursuit until it hits its mark.

\[\text{SOMEBODY WAS HERE...!} \]

\[\text{IF MELEORON HAD STAYED IN HIS POSITION, BEHIND THE BUILDING, THEN DESPITE THE FACT THAT WELFIN COULD NOT SENSE HIM, THE ATTACK WOULD HAVE PROCEEDED REGARDLESS. HOWEVER, SINCE THE "TARGET" HAD BEEN INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED, A MISFIRE WAS ALL THAT RESULTED...}\]
But Welfin did not believe that his own weapon was invincible.

And it's somebody I know?

What's with all these damn people?!!

Isn't there no doubt about it? We have a traitor amongst the enemy!! If he's using deodorant like that, he must be watching out for me...

And nobody has survived taking one of those hits.

I...?!

I...

Could he do it at any time then?

Whoo?

That's why he made sure to eliminate his scent...!

And it's somebody I know!!

Why, even his aim to become a "shadow king" was merely because becoming the "true king" would increase the number of people he had to suspect beyond what even he could allow.

Should I really stick with the chimera?

Mistillemar should only ever be one of my tools of negotiation. Even Welfin's own ability was not exempt from his suspicions.

At this rate...

As Welfin, at the main entrance to the Great Staircase, began to doubt even that the King truly was the "King"...
WHAT SCENE IS ABOUT TO MEET MELEORON'S DETERMINED EYES?

was showing Meleoron the way...

Gon's cry...

HUNTER X HUNTER
NEXT ISSUE
A CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GON AND PITOU. ??
ALSO, KNUCKLE'S DEADLY BATTLE!!
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END
AMIDST THE TERROR AND CRUSHING PRESSURE:

GOD'S ACCOMPLICE, RELEASE!!

FILL ME IN ON THE SITUATION.

ALL RIGHT, WE SHOULD BE OKAY HERE.

IT LOOKS LIKE KNUCKLE'S TRYING TO BUY TIME BY JUST RUNNING FROM YUPI'S ATTACKS... IT'S CRAZY!!

YOU HAVE TO HELP THEM!

SHOOT IS OUT FOR THE COUNT, AND KNUCKLE IS TRYING TO TAKE ON YUPI ALONE.

HOW LONG CAN YOU BE SURE OF HOLDING "GOD'S ACCOMPLICE" FOR?

OKAY...

FINE. THEN I'D LIKE YOU TO LEND ME THAT POWER ONE MORE TIME.

IF I DON'T HAVE TO MOVE AROUND, I'M SURE I COULD MAKE A MINUTE AT LEAST!

THE FIRST TIME, I SCREWED UP AND ENDED UP TAPPING AFTER TEN SECONDS, BUT I'VE CALMED DOWN SINCE THEN.
Knuckle was in midair.

About three minutes and five seconds before Kiila raised his index finger...

If there was one thing in which Knuckle had confidence...

—it was his ability to run.
He's a "Gangster Type".

His stamina and capacity to maintain his top running speed for as long as he needs to far exceeded that of a criminal.

His decision to show himself in order to distract the enemy from Shoot, using a no-anchor committee strategy is...

...well, in general, a good idea.
HE'S NOT COMING AFTER ME...?
To Shoot and Knuckle, Yuji represented a major, important target, but to Yuji, Knuckle and Shoot represented nothing of the sort.

and believed that while he himself had been assigned to watch over the Great Staircase, both Prou and Pulu were guarding the King himself.

Yuji was still under the impression that the King was in the Throne Room.

The job of the Royal Guards was to protect the King; Yuji’s priority was to ensure that nobody managed to approach the King.

As such, as far as Yuji was concerned, the most important thing was to prevent the enemies from approaching the throne room.

Enemies who ran away, and enemies who had been thoroughly disabled, were no longer worthy of his attention.

With the number of intruders currently unknown, the abilities of the enemies that appeared before him were but a secondary concern.
It was evident that Yui's eyes must have pissed over him as he made his way back.

...is that all we are to you, assholes...

WHAT, YOU'RE JUST SAVAGING US ASIDE...?

This was a greater humiliation than either of the two of them had ever before experienced.

In other words, Yui could not care less whether Shoot lived or died.

...JUST FLIES TO BE SWATTED?!

ARE SHOOT AND...
WE’LL SEE JUST WHAT YOU THINK OF THIS FLY’S ATTACK IN TEN MINUTES OR SO....!!!

FINE. THEN... YOU’LL REGRET LOOKING AT US THAT WAY!!

...which means that he’s going one-on-one with Fufu!! That can’t be where the King is...!!

Boss is using “Shocker Jail” in the throne room right now.

Hey! You in there, Mokkii!!

HAHA HAH...

Protecting the room, the King’s left behind...!!

That idiot...

But once Knuckle noticed this miscalculation...

...over to the other side, and get a decent overview of things!!

I can take shot...

...a new miscalculation was born.

Damn it... all...
THAT’S THE KIND OF BATTLE THIS WAS MEANT TO BE!!

SHOOTMET YUPI’S EYES HEAD ON...!
FROM THAT MOMENT, SHOOT WAS PREPARED TO DIE IN BATTLE...

...were boiling over with the most profound fury he had ever felt in his life.

...and recognised the new miscalculation that he had made.

...entirely contrary to the calm, reasoned words he had just thought to himself, Knuckle’s insides...

He imagined Yopi’s face, giving Shoot only the slightest of glances as he made his way up to the third floor...

HOW CAN I JUST STAND BY?! FOR WHAT PURPOSE?!

...BAMNHT ALL...

THAT GUY SLIGHTED THE HONOUR OF MY COMRADE-IN-ARMS...
...Will I be able to shake hands?

But then, once this mission is complete...

...to smile and laugh together about this afterwards?!

WILL WE BE ABLE...

...that I just let this bastard insult my friend like this...

KNOWING ALL THE WHILE...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

NOT A CHANCE IN HELL!!!
...AND PLACED MY FIST STRAIGHT IN HIS IDIOT FACE.

...CAUSE I STILL HAVEN'T LOOKED AT THAT GUY IN THE EYE....

...BUT COULD YOU JUST HANG ON IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER?

I'M REAL SORRY ABOUT THIS...

I'M GONNA SMASH THIS BASTARD UP FOR SURE!!

NOW...FOR YOUR SAKE, TOO....!!

THAT'S... MY...!!

BUT SERIOUSLY?! THAT'S CRAZY!! HOW CAN I JUST LIE HERE AND BUY TIME LIKE THAT...?!

...THIS IS WHERE I OUGHT TO KEEP CALM, AND STOP KNUCKLE DOING ANYTHING STUPID....
PLEASE... KNUCKLE!!

DAMMIT ALL!! THAT BASTARD...

HE JUST... HE LOOKED AT ME... LIKE A PIECE OF TRASH....

YOU SMASH THAT BASTARD...

...FOR ME, TOO....!!!
THERE ARE SOME THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE WORLD!!

The importance of precious things.

He had miscalculated...
EVEN MY ATTACKS CAN'T PENETRATE THIS SMOKE!

YOUR NAUGHTY!!

THE TWO OF THEM COULDN'T HAVE BEEN... DEFEATED...

IS THAT YUPI...?!

YOU IN THERE?!! HEY!!

I SURE HOPE THE OLD GUY'S DOING ALL RIGHT...

HEYYYY!!

PITOUU!! PUFU!!
That's very strange... How can he just sit there so casually in his shell?

Something we've misunderstood about the royal guards...? Is there... something...
Surely he should be panicking a little and trying to get to the king...

That's very strange... I wonder if he just sits there so casually in his shell?

Proceeding as it should...?

I must concentrate on completing my mission!
I must not hesitate...

Is this operation really...

The mind of a truly excellent warrior... I am sincerely impressed.

Doubt, insecurity, uncertainty, even as these negative sensations sweep through your body, the part of your mind concentrating on your true goal does not waver...

However, that itself will serve as the shackles that dull your resolve...
AM I THE ONLY ONE LEFT HERE...?

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHY THE HELL CAN'T I FEEL PILOTU'S "BA"?!

HAVE THE KING, PILOTU, AND FUJU ALL DISAPPEARED OFF SOMEWHERE?

SHADDUP!!!
DISINTEREST.
SCORN...
SLIGHTED BY
THE ENEMY!!

NOW RAGE.
GRIND, FIGHT.
KNUCKLE!!!!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH EVERYONE AROUND HEEEEEEEERE ?!!!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON WITH EVERYONE AROUND HEEEEERE ?!!!!
DISINTEREST. SCORN... SLIGHTED BY THE ENEMY!!

NOW RAGE. GRIND. FIGHT. KNUCKLE!!!!
...Yupi changed his form.

With a piercing roar...

Yupi at his boiling point!!!

This change...

...and switch his stance to a defensive form.

...was sufficient that Knuckle was forced to prepare for the worst...

...and it was clear...

It was as though Yupi had become an embodiment of evil.
all too clear...

...that its focus was destruction alone.
...all too clear...

...that its focus was destruction alone.
HOLD ON!!

NGH

NOT YET... DAMN... ALL!

DID YOU SMASH HIM FOR ME...?

HUN??!

DID YOU... GET HIM?

BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU DYING ON ME BEFORE THEN, SO WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE...

I'LL GET IT IN IN THE END, JUST YOU WAIT!
...through this sensation of overwhelming mental clarity, which he had never experienced before.

came to an understanding of the ability he possessed.
Through this sensation of overwhelming mental stress, which he had never experienced before.

came to an understanding of the ability he possessed.
...it could feed upon his violent wrath, increasing both his physical size and the magnitude of his aura at an astonishing rate.

But immediately thereafter, he was overcome by a sudden reduction in physical size, and a profound sense of loss.

There was a pure ecstasy in this "destruction".
Knuckle, with his vast experience, was able to analyze Yuki's condition with almost complete precision.

...was Ridiculously immense!!!

But in taking that risk, the power he managed to gain in return...

...stupidly thinking that he could draw out a power like that without causing damage to Rude...!!

Such ridiculous destructive power.....!!! Did he just push himself far too hard...

And that moment of weakness is just what I need to get in my single attack...

"Literally exploding when angered".....!!

The plan that Knuckle came up with in an instant, considering Yuki's near trance-like state, was, one might say, almost perfect.

But the sheer consumption of aura necessary for such an explosion should leave him open for a decent interval!!
What might be called the drag of his "self", pondered this selfish ability.

Caught in the void between that lingering sense of ecstasy and a profound despondency.

Just how this power could be used to aid the King.

and devoted themselves to ascertainment.

SELFINESS
...were still able to function calmly and clearly even after uncovering this overwhelming wrath.

...it is my duty to the king.

I must find a way to advantageously control this new anger-fueled ability...

I must not be distracted by my emotions...

Facing a Yuki who had simultaneously obtained both calmness and passion...

The instincts of an ant and the nature of a monster...

...was extremely high.

...the risk that Knuckle now bore.

...and the obvious first step is to eliminate these irritating intruders!!
I think I'll respectfully decline.

I'm really not in the mood.

What you should be doing is regretting you ever ran into me!!

Come, now, don't say that!

You can be the first test subject!

...New technique!

For me...
IF YOU WANT HIM, WHY DON'T YOU LOOK FOR HIM?

TO TELL THE TRUTH, YOU'RE NOT THE GUY I REALLY WANT TO BE FIGHTING, EITHER.

OH, C'MON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME THAT LOOK.

THAT GUY WITH THE BIG PIPE AND THE SUNGLASSES... HE'S YOUR NAKAMA, RIGHT?

BUT THEN OF COURSE, I BUMPED INTO YOU UP HERE!

I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD GET IN FROM ABOVE, SO I HEADED UP TO THE ROOF...

GUY USES SMOKE. I SEE-HE SHUT HIMSELF UP IN THIS WEIRD SMOKE SCREEN...

AND I TRIED AGAIN, BUT I COULDN'T GET THROUGH!

DING-DING!!

YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME AS A WARM-UP TO THE MAIN EVENT?

WHAT A TERRIBLE DAY...

SO...
I'm gonna let you have a taste of it pretty soon, but don't be too amazed!

Well, I can say that all I like, but I guess you'll be amazed anyway, hun?

Hey, hey!! My technique, right? It's amazing!!

The thing is... I think I may have accidentally killed an innocent bystander for the first time since I inherited this profession...

Would you listen to me for a bit?

DING-DING-DING-DING-DING!

So, you're not going to just let me go in peace no matter what I say?

You're not a very good listener, are you?

*Sigh*

You might want to look out behind you.

I think...

?...

...you never take your eyes off the enemy in the heat of... It was your hakama who taught me a valuable lesson...

Like I'd fall for the oldest trick in the book!!

Hahaha!! Yeah, right!!
I suppose it made little difference whether you looked or not.
I don't mind.

Mmm...

Would you have preferred I leave him alive?
NEXT WEEK: KNUCKLE VS. YUPI, A MIGHTY BRAWL!!
AND THEN, GON...!!
being protected by Morau's Smoke Unit managed to avoid being damaged. However, it was blasted off a little to the left of its original position... 

...and it was only through a precarious balance that it somehow managed to retain the shape of a building...

Meanwhile, in the centre of the ruins of the central tower's substructure, all that was left of it now recalling some kind of ancient fighting arena...

...stood Yugi.
I'll smash this place apart until I find you, so get out here!!

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU HIDING, LITTLE MICE?!

THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO THINK...

I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A FOOLISH SERVANT OF THE KING, ROAMING ABOUT IN SEARCH OF PREY...

I'VE ABANDONED MY REASON FOR PURE ANGER...

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READY TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE JUST BEFORE I "EXPLODE"...!!

IT'S TIME.

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SHADDAAAAAAH-YYYYYPPP!!!

As he was screaming his heart out in an attempt to draw out Kruckle...

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Yup! thrust his body into a false fury.
...tiny creatures, small enough even to slip through the gaps between the individual particles of smoke...

I WILL KEEP THIS GUY TRAPPED!!

THAT HAS TO BE ENOUGH....!!

NO MATTER WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE...

Approximately one hundred billion...
...slowly but surely...

With the tiniest of sensations, that their opponent Morau could never hope to sense...

...began to make their escape from within the "Smoke Jail".
At the very tip of the D-Area, "wing" lies a storage area that Bizef has secretly appropriated for his own use in housing his women.

To the north of the palace lies a huge underground storage facility whose shape resembles that of a dragonfly.

He used a truck to advance down the five-kilometer straight road at speed.

Having ascertained the location thanks to Marcos' information, Ikarugo headed towards this destination.
At the same time, as he reached the junction leading off to Areas A and B.

His Satellitombo reached the storage area itself.

Whatever the reason, this was to be quicker and lower-risk for me than having to use the weapons in the area to blast down the door myself.

Chances are good that Bizeb rushed out of the door forgetting to lock it as he chased after her.

Palm put Bizeb to sleep and headed for the palace!!

The door is open!! This is a good sign!!
Bryuda walked around fifty meters down the path to Area E... and then stopped in his tracks.

Satelliteonbo stationed in the soldiers' area spotted Bryuda.

To Kengo, this meant...
...that a confrontation with Browda was now inevitable.

THINK CAREFULLY AND WORK OUT WHAT HE COULD HAVE AND COULDN'T HAVE NOTICED .......

CALM DOWN...!!

WHY...?!
WHAT DID I DO WRONG...?!

BROWDA HAS HIS SUSPICIONS ABOUT ME...
OTHERWISE, YOU WON'T SURVIVE...!!

MY EXCUSE THAT I WAS GOING DOWN HERE UNDER ORDERS FROM HAYA COULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN SEEN AS UNNATURAL...

WAS THERE SOMETHING UNNATURAL IN MY EXCUSE THAT TAWAS GOING DOWN HERE UNDER ORDERS FROM HAYA COULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN SEEN AS UNNATURAL...

DO I DO SOMETHING DURING OUR EXCHANGE BACK THERE TO MAKE HIM SUSPICIOUS?

... BUT RATHER, IT SIMPLY CAST A SOFT SHADOW IN SOME SMALL CORNER OF BROVIDA'S HEART...

... BUT RATHER, IT SIMPLY CAST A SOFT SHADOW IN SOME SMALL CORNER OF BROVIDA'S HEART...

... BUT THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T CALL ME OUT ON IT STRAIGHT AWAY BACK THERE MEANS..... THAT IT WASN'T A FATAL MISTAKE...

... WAS IT A GRAVE MISTAKE, AND ALL HE WANTS IS THAT FINAL CONFIRMATION OF HIS SUSPICIONS...?

WAS IT A GRAVE MISTAKE, AND ALL HE WANTS IS THAT FINAL CONFIRMATION OF HIS SUSPICIONS...?

OR ELSE...

OR ELSE...

BROVIDA'S WAITING FOR ME THERE...!

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AND IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE TRUE NATURE OF THAT SHADOW...
I have to go in there with the assumption that I'm going to be attacked.

Depending on the answer... no... "I can't take any chances.

I have to assume it was a major mistake!!

I can't afford to hope for the best...!!

I'm an envoy of the secretary!

Is anybody here?!!

I'm an envoy of the secretary!! I'm here under orders from the secretary!!

Shinka Bell!! If you're here, you need to come with me, quickly!!

"Fame's codename

This was a predetermined signal to determine that Fain was an ally...

There was no way that an actual envoy would come out calling at Bizef's storage area..."
...AND I'M FORBIDDEN FROM HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH ANYBODY OTHER THAN HIM, SO...

SECRETARY BIZZ-DONO SAYS... I MUSTN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE...

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE HERE?

......IF YOU WERE IN HERE, THEN WHY DID YOU NOT RESPOND?

The woman, for her part, thought that this must be a test of loyalty organized by the Secretary.

I WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THAT.

The other four women reacted similarly.

Thinking that the arrival of such a strange person meant that they were being tested to see if they could "stick to their orders calmly even when faced with an unusual situation", they all refused to converse with Ikarugo at any length.

The source of their doubts was that "It's odd for an envoy to come here when there's a private phone line straight to Bize?"

Besides, Ikarugo did not have the time to spare worrying about the lives of others, never mind trying to protect them.

And that suited Ikarugo perfectly fine.

He was aware that their chances of survival would be far higher if they stayed right where they were.
YOU MUST ACT UNDER THE PREMISE THAT I HAVE DIED.

This writing, inscribed using aura alone, could only be read through the use of Gyou.

This far reduced the risk of it being discovered by Biza, compared to leaving a message on paper or a recording device.

CONTACTED YOU BY THE TIME OF THE ATTACK ON THE PALACE

IF I HAVE NOT...

YOU MUST ACT UNDER THE PREMISE THAT I HAVE DIED.
Over five minutes had now passed since the initial invasion of the palace; Palm’s part in this mission was long since over...

He had been prepared for this outcome, but still, the pain Ikarugo felt was as though he had lost a part of his own body.

Mixing truth with lies in order to confuse the enemy is an important mission... It's up to you!

You should pretend to be contacting your commander whilst actually informing Meleoron of the situation!!!

You are to use your satelliteombo and the radio contact to support your comrades in any way you can.

If by any chance Palm is dead, or a similar situation arises...

Broulida, who lies ahead of me, with clear doubts forming in his mind...

In other words...

And this is all dependent upon the fact that Meleoron's existence and my own betrayal remain a secret!

...at the same time strongly resonated with the side of himself that refused to give up on rescuing Palm.

No matter what!!!

MUST BE ELIMINATED !!!!

Ikarugo, whilst trying to concentrate on his mission...
WELL, PRETTY MUCH.

Yeah.

Hey.

YOU FINISHED THAT MISSION FOR HAGYA?

HAGYA ....EH?
HE'D GET MAD IF YOU CALLED HIM THAT, YOU KNOW?
ONE FAKE, ELIMINATED.

RIGHT.
I'll just have to ask Hagya.

EH, whatever.

This way, the suspect is dead...!
THAT'S PROOF THAT ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T KNOW HAGYA'S NEW NAME IS GOING TO BE TREATED AS AN "ENEMY"!!

NOW, IF BROVLUDA JUST MAKES SURE THE OTHERS KNOW ABOUT THIS.

BROVLUDA FIRED WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION BACK THERE!!

THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR WHEN I GO BACK UP THERE!!

IF IM DISCOVERED, THAT'LL MEAN BATTLE!!
Please enter the numerical code.

The octopus gleams!!!

He came down here not even knowing about the identification numbers?

Don't tell me...

The elevator isn't going up......?

The perfect either-or choice!!

This is my change!!
I WILL NEVER GIVE UP!!

NO. 280 - DIRECT HIT

IT'S TIME FOR THE KILLING!!
Bur there's that means just waiting around and doing

I have to get him to do another one of those explosions...!!!
HE'LL DIE!!!

BEFORE I'VE EVEN SETTLED THIS FIGHT...

LITTLE MONSTER

LIVELY, AREN'T YA...
LITTLE COCKROACH

OH, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...

MY FAKE ANGER... DREW HIM OUT......!!

HE FELL FOR IT....!!
MY TRAP HAS BEEN SPRINGING ......!!!

GUAAAHH SHUT THE F**K UP ALREADY!!!

IT'S TIME. NOW ADDING INTEREST.

THIS THING'S BEEN PISSING ME OFF, AND I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WERE...

I THINK IT'S TIME I SWATTED YOU, ANNOYING FLY!!

HAAHAHA, THOUGH IN TRUTH, I'LL ONLY BE PRETENDING TO EXPLODE.

NOW... IF IT'S AN EXPLOSION YOU WANT, THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET!!

HOWEVER, IF I KEEP CALM AND COMPOSED EVEN AS I RELEASE THIS ANGER, I KNOW I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE EXPANSION!!

THE BUILD-UP JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION OCCURS. HE'LL BE SURE TO TRY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT MOMENT OF WEAKNESS.
I'll smash up every single one of you pieces of trash until there's nothing left!!!

You're the one who's going to go to his death, groveling on the floor.

The next one...!!!

The next interest announcement is the signal...!!!
THEN WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS THE COCKROACH.
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...NO, TWO HITS!!!
I CAN SMASH THIS IDIOT'S FACE IN WITH ALL MY MIGHT AND STILL GET AWAY BEFORE HE EXPLODES!!!

I CAN DO THIS!!!
THE TIMING'S ALL RIGHT... I CAN GET IN ONE...

THE FIRST ONE'S FOR SHOOT!!! AND THE SECOND IS FOR SHOOT AS WELL!!!

TAKE THIS, YOU STUPID PIG!!!

WELL, I SAY 'AVENGER', BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S ACTUALLY DEAD YET (PROBABLY)... AN, WELL, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH LIFE-AND-DEATH SITUATIONS TOGETHER... WHEN YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE TOGETHER WITH A GUY, I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU END UP WITH A POWERFUL BOND, AND THIS ABSOLUTE ASSHOLE... STAMPING ALL OVER SHORT'S RESOLVE... SHOOT, CANE AT HIM PERFECTLY READY TO KILL OR BE KILLED, AND THIS LOWLIFE IGNORES HIM...?!!

BUT MAN, HOW DID I END UP LIKE THIS...? I DON'T REMEMBER EVERlikING THE GUY ALL THAT MUCH... WELL, TO BE HONEST, I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS KIND OF CREEPY... WHEN DID HE SOMEHOW MANAGE TO BECOME SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND THAT I'D GO ALL THIS WAY JUST TO AVENGE HIM...?
YOU STUPID ANT!!!

DON'T YOU EVEN CARE ABOUT A WARRIOR'S PRIDE!!!

AM I STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF PULLING BACK MY FIST...? HELL, I MUST'VE THOUGHT TWO OR THREE HUNDRED WORDS ALREADY...?! 

BUT MAN, THIS IS CRAZY... I'VE GOTTA BE THINKING FASTER THAN I HAVE IN MY WHOLE LIFE...

I'M GONNA PUT ALL MY ANGER INTO THIS PUNCH AND ALL!!!

AGH... THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HIM, THE MORE PISSED-OFF I GET!!

AND EVERYTHING SEEMS TO MOVE AT A CRAWL...

COULD THIS BE... THAT? THEY SAY TIME SLOWS DOWN...

...THE MOMENT BEFORE YOU DIE...
THE EXPANSION...

HE SUDDENLY...

STOPPED IT......?!
HE WAS TOTALLY CALM... ALL ALONG!!

HE GOT ME...

SHOOT...!! I'M SORRY... I'VE FAILED YOU...!! I CAN'T...... STOP HIM...!!
This......isn't just going to wipe out the interest...

IT'S OVER!!!

BOSS...

SHOOT...
EVERYONE...

IT'S UP......
TO YOU NOW......!!!
NARUKAMI!!!!
NARUKAMI!!!!
STARTING FROM NEXT ISSUE, THIS SERIES WILL BE ON HIATUS.
WE HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON
AS THE CONTINUATION IS SCHEDULED.

TIME FOR THE BEAST TO DIE!!!
TIME FOR THE BEAST TO DIE!!!