

FOR TWO
MILLENNIA,
THIS WORLD
HAS BEEN
COVERED BY
LARGE JUNGLES
THAT WERE
SAID TO HAVE
BEEN BORN
OUT OF ONE
MAN'S HATRED.
PEOPLE OF
THIS WORLD
CALL THEM DARK
FORESTS...

...THESE
FORESTS
FEED OFF
THE NEGATIVE
EMOTIONS OF
PEOPLE LIKE A
FERTILIZER. IF
ONE SPENDS
TOO MUCH TIME
SUBMERGED IN
ITS MAZE OF
TRUNKS, THE
FOREST IS SAID
TO PULL THE
HATRED IN ONE'S
SOUL TO THE
SURFACE, FEEDING
OFF IT, WHILE IN
THE PROCESS
THAT PERSON
IS MADE INTO
CREATURE
NEITHER HUMAN
NOR SPIRIT...

...THESE
CREATURES
ARE CALLED
IRAE, OR THE
FORESTS
WRATH...

...IN THIS TIME
OF CHAOS AND
INSTABILITY,
CIVILIZATION
LIVES UNDER
THE CONSTANT
THREAT OF
BEING
DESTROYED
BY THESE DARK
FORESTS...

AS TIME PASSED, AND MORE
WAS LEARNED, SOME PEOPLE
BECAME EXPERTS IN THE
DARK FORESTS...

...AND THEY CALL
THEMSELVES NATURALISTS.

Kii-ke
Kee-ki

WOAH...



THE OLD MAN SAID THAT AT LOOKING UPON THE IRAE SOME PEOPLE COLLAPSED SEEMING TO LOOSE THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS.

GETTING LOST IN THIS FOREST ONE WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE END... BETTER MAKE THIS QUICK AN HOUR OR TWO AT MOST.



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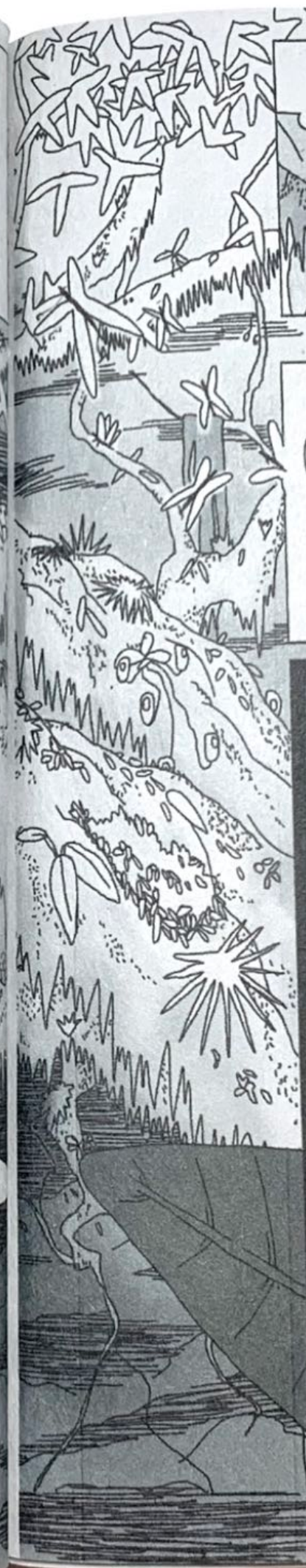
THERE ARE SPIRITS EVERYWHERE THOUGH THEY DON'T SEEM VENGEFUL.



A HAIRY ATLAS BEETLE!



OH...



SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FOREST...

FUNNY HOW SUCH A GREEN PLACE MAKES PEOPLE GO MAD.

I GUESS IN NATURE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS ARE USUALLY THE MOST DANGEROUS.



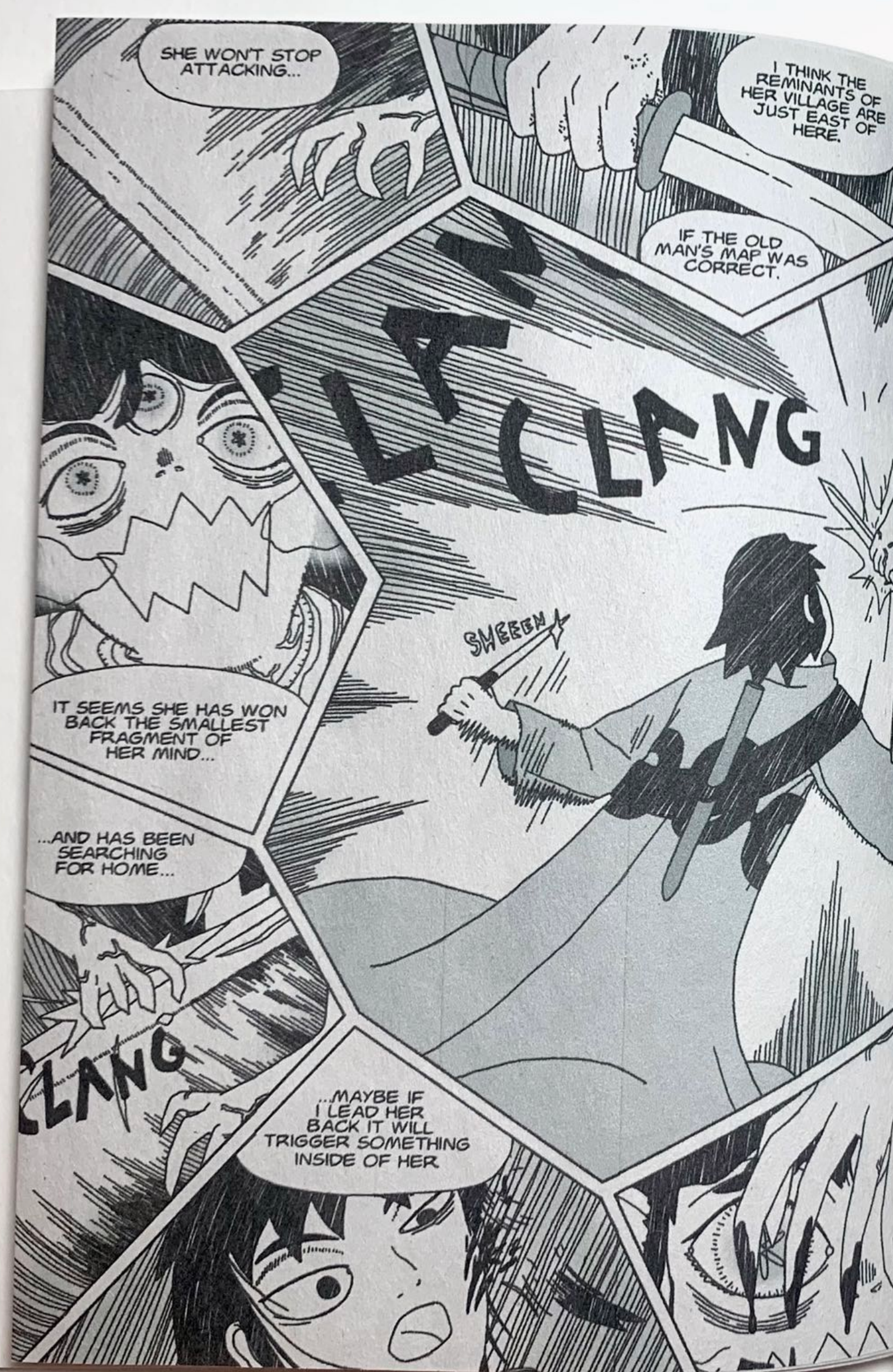
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HUH? HELLO?

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?



SHE WON'T STOP
ATTACKING...

I THINK THE
REMINANTS OF
HER VILLAGE ARE
JUST EAST OF
HERE.

IF THE OLD
MAN'S MAP WAS
CORRECT.

CLANG

SHEEN

IT SEEMS SHE HAS WON
BACK THE SMALLEST
FRAGMENT OF
HER MIND...

...AND HAS BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR HOME...

CLANG

MAYBE IF
I LEAD HER
BACK IT WILL
TRIGGER SOMETHING
INSIDE OF HER



NOW'S MY
CHANCE!

CLANG

CLANG

