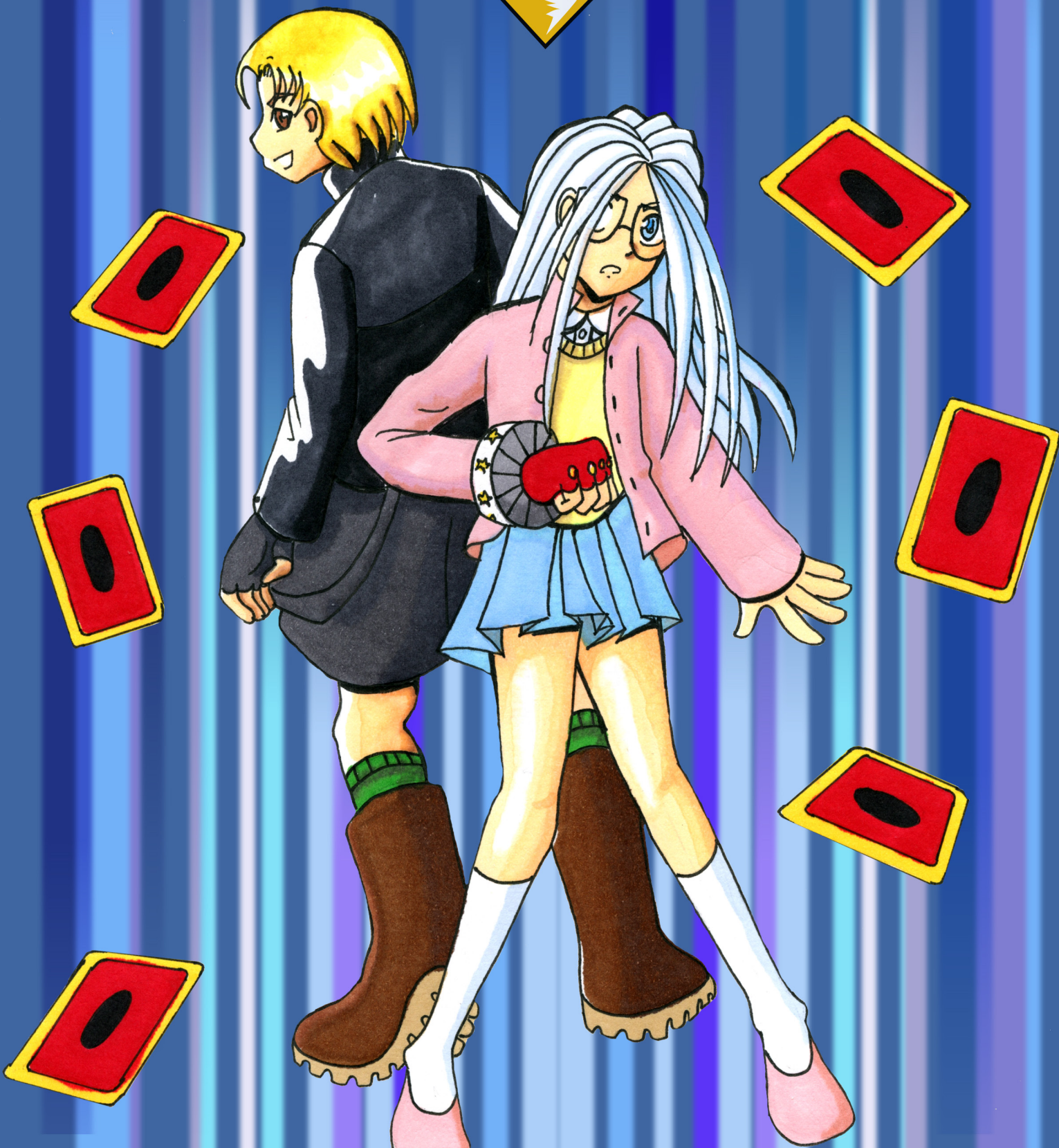
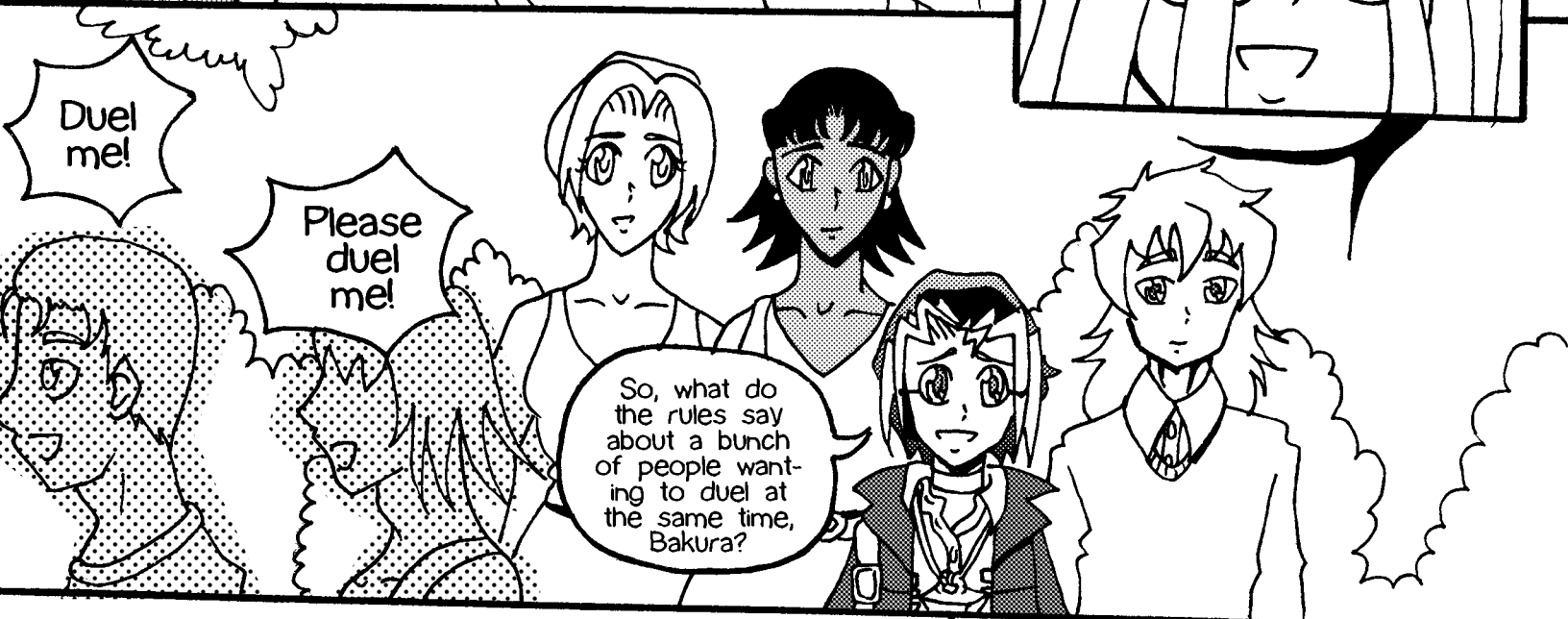


by Clowprincess223





Oh dear, I don't know who to duel next.



Duel me!

Please duel me!

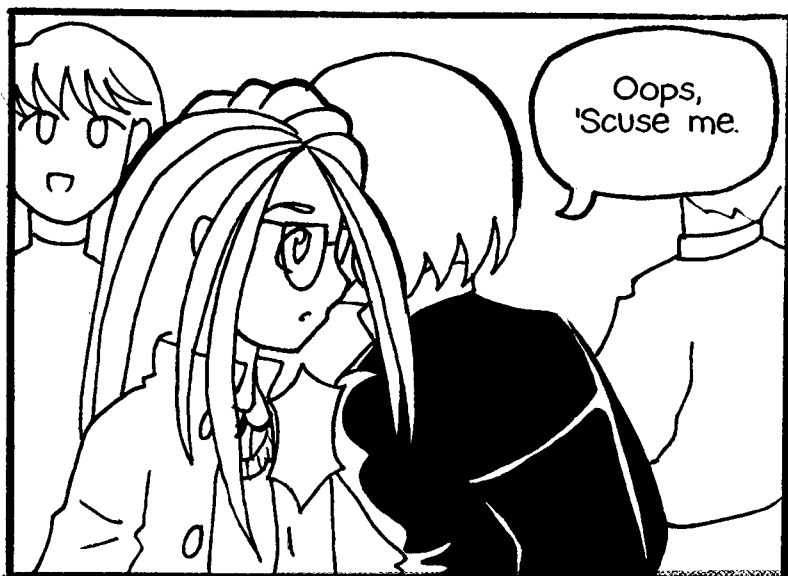
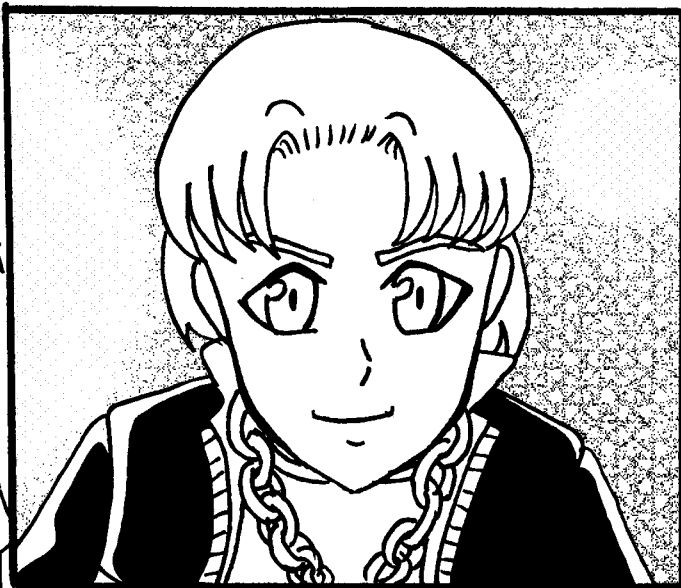
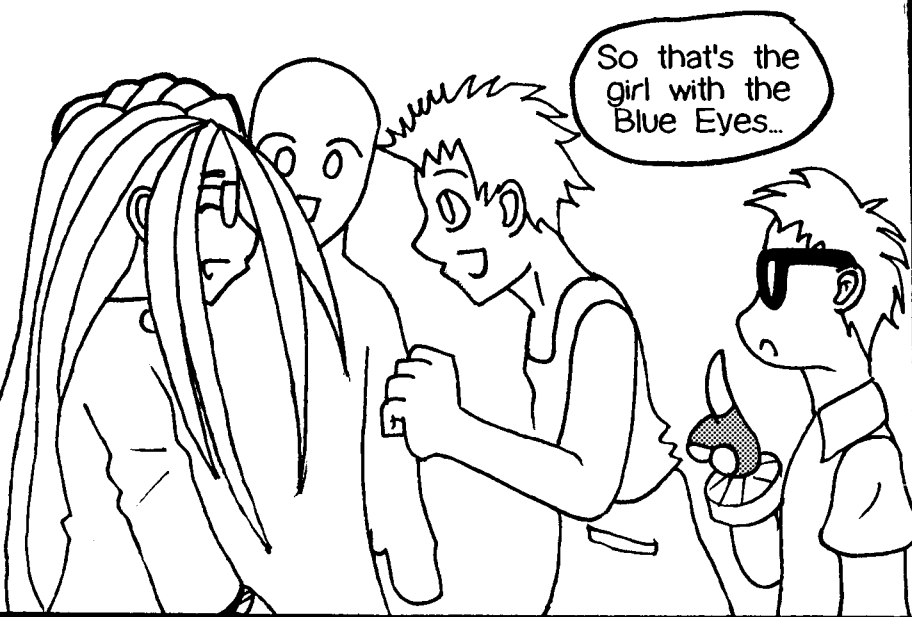
So, what do the rules say about a bunch of people wanting to duel at the same time, Bakura?



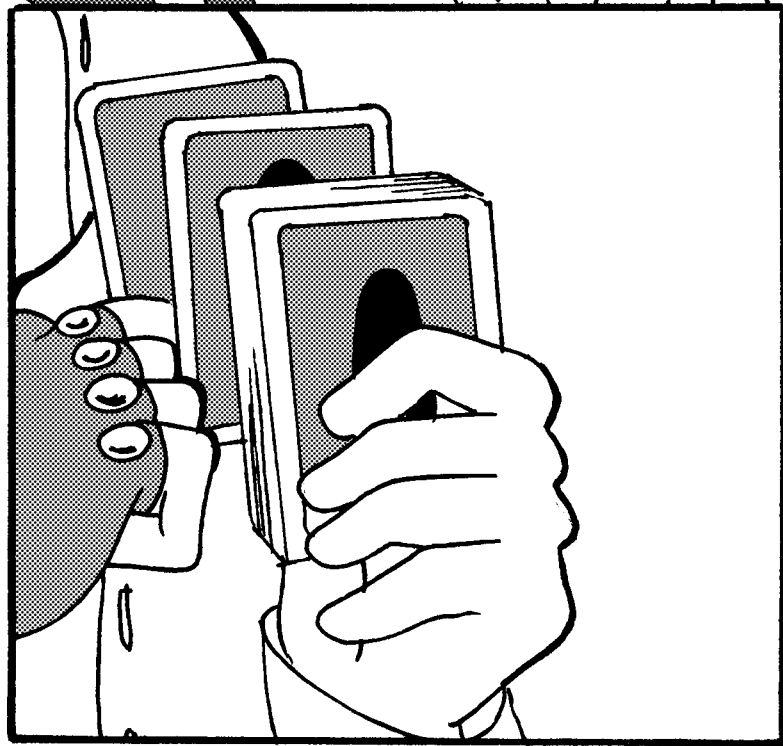
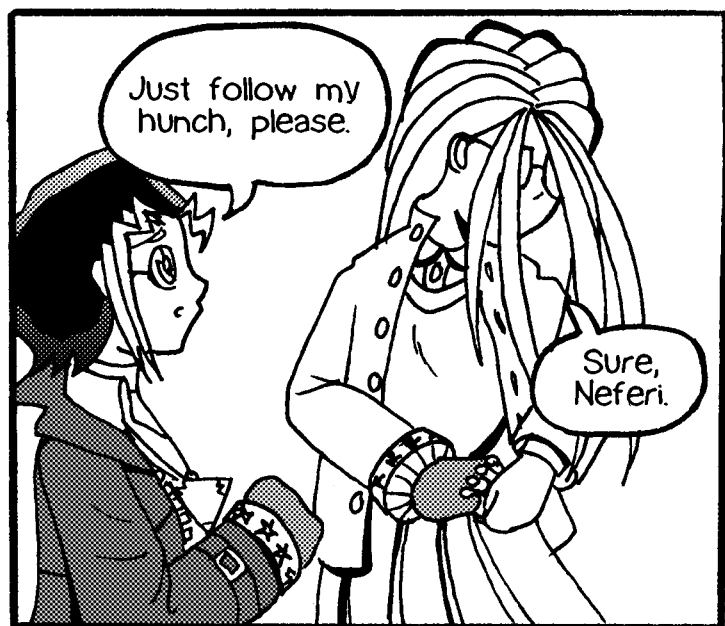
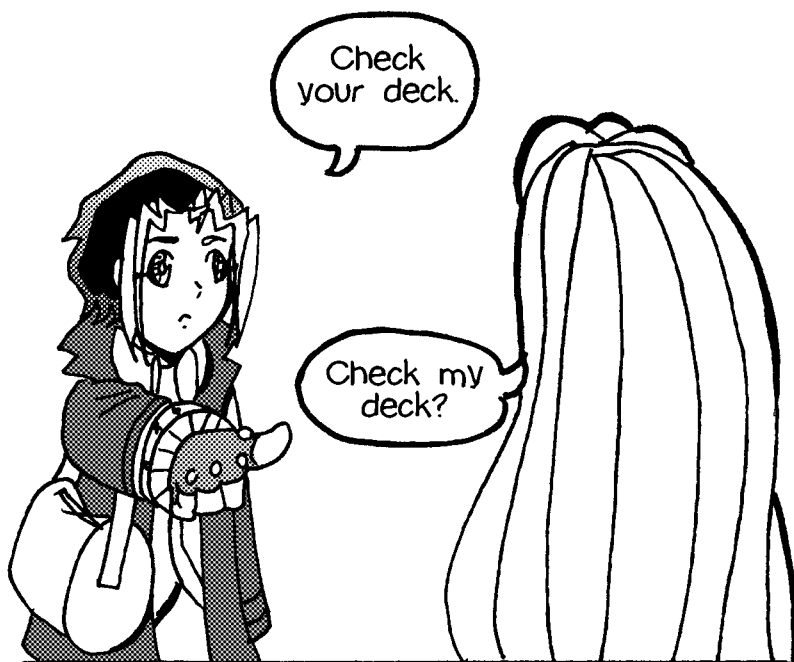
I don't think it said anything.



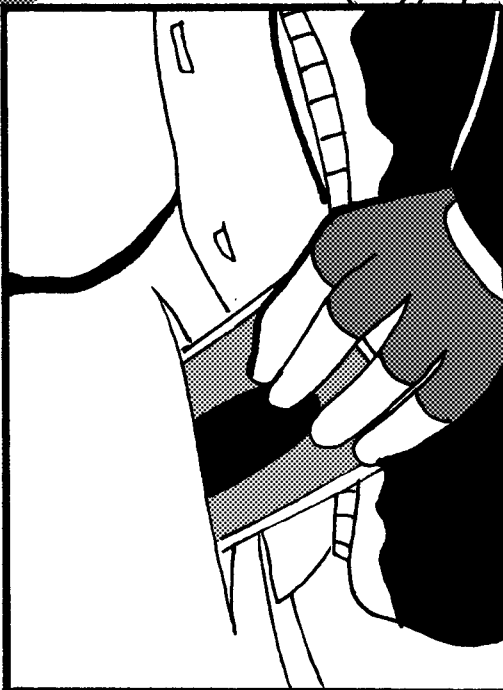
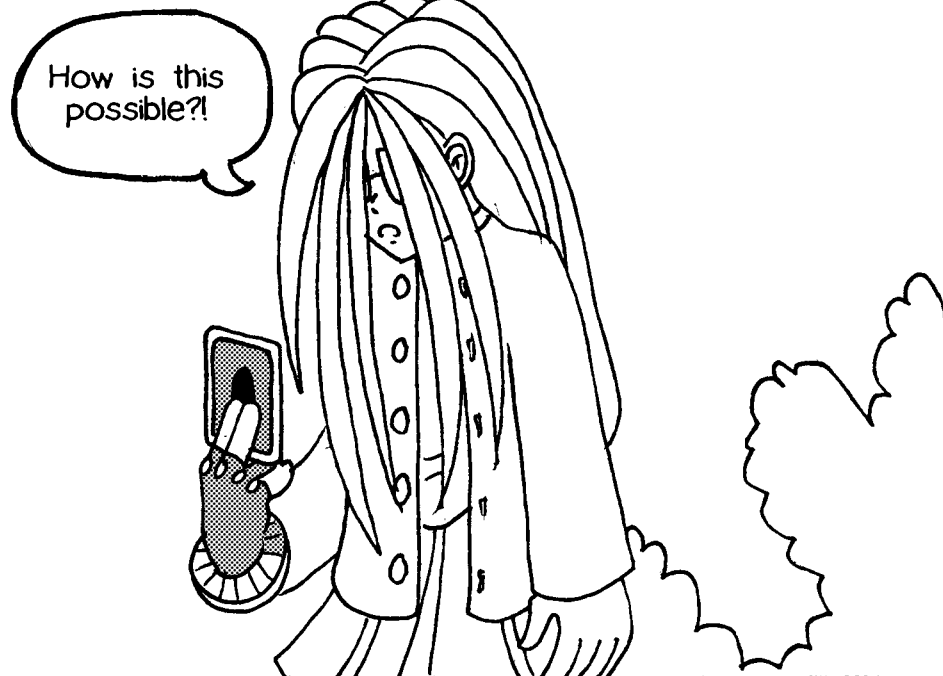
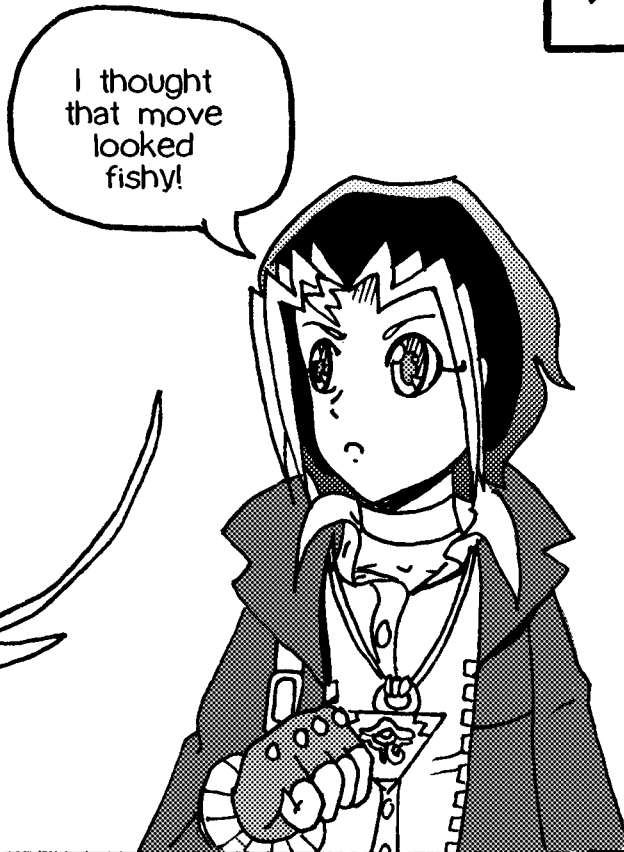
I guess that means she can duel whomever she wants.

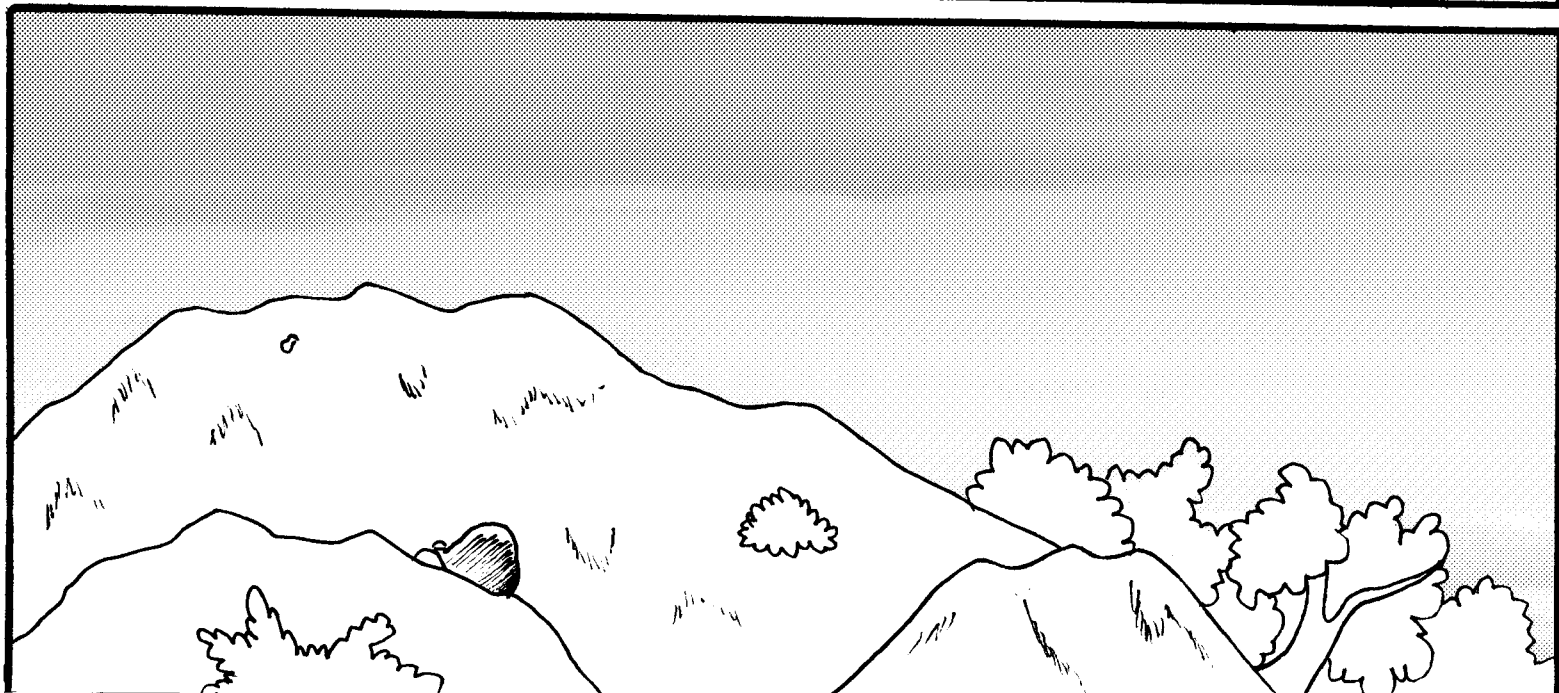
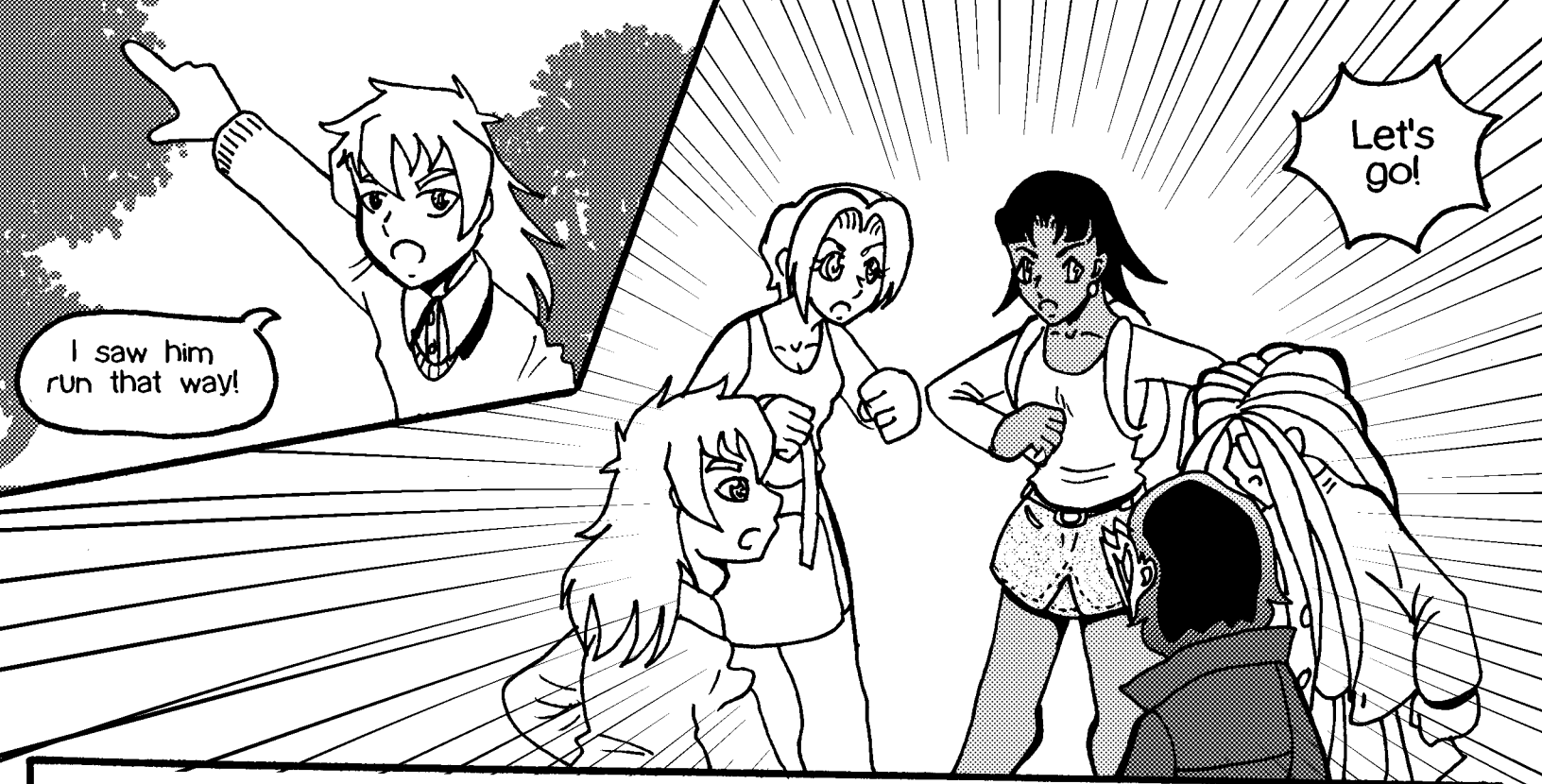


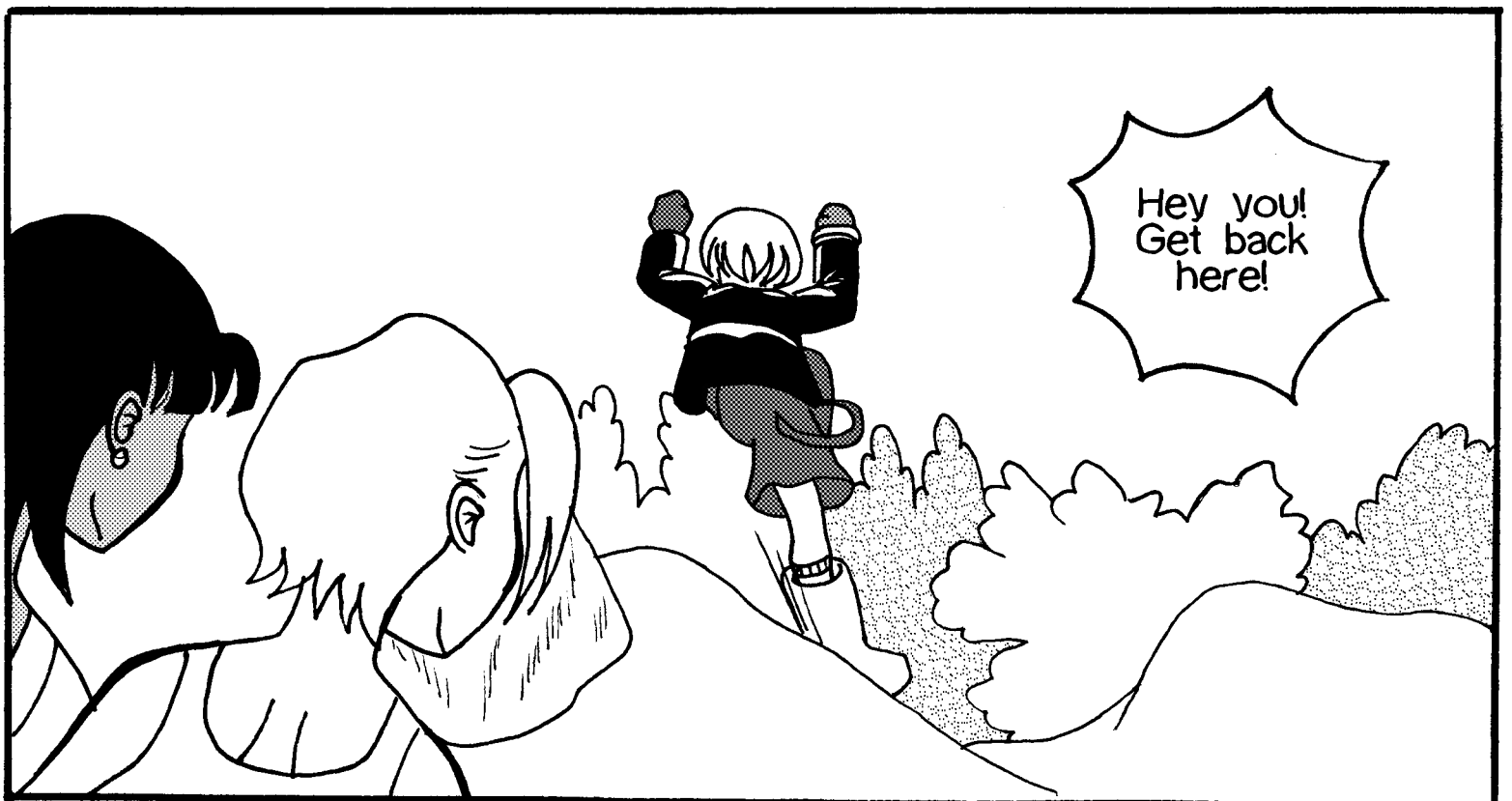
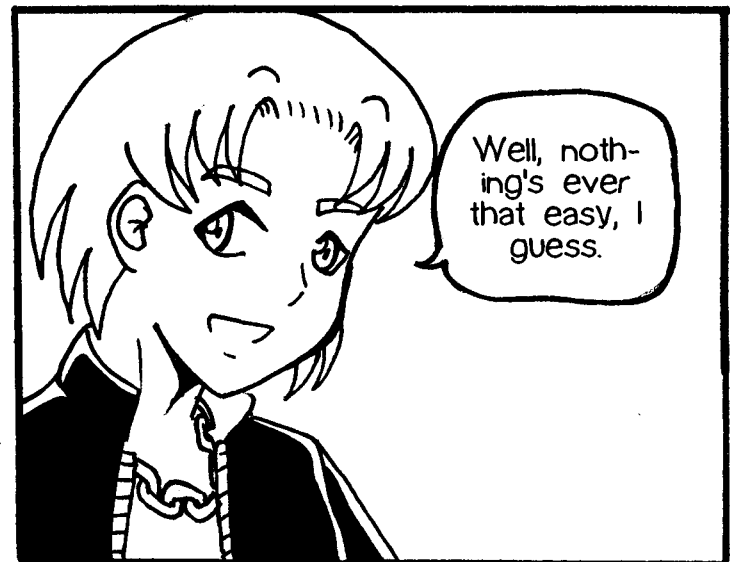
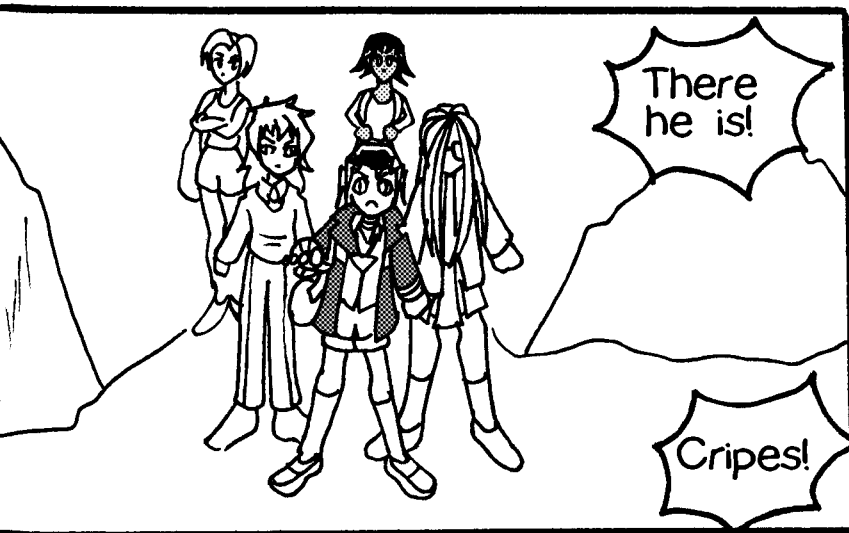
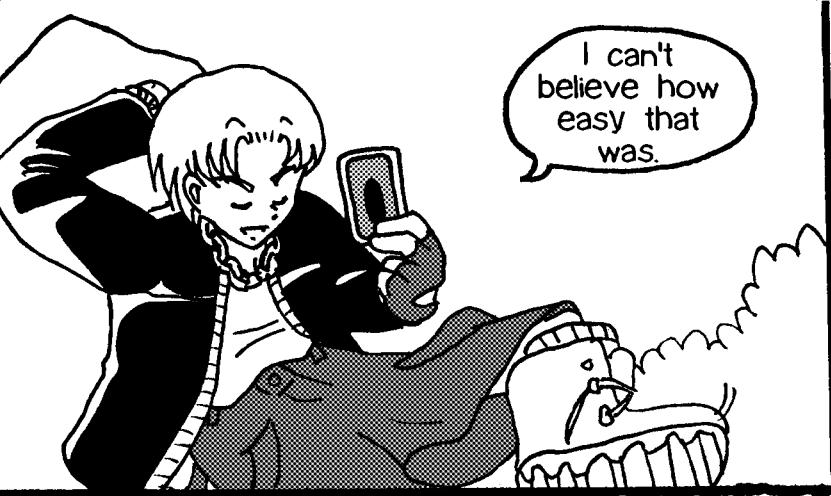




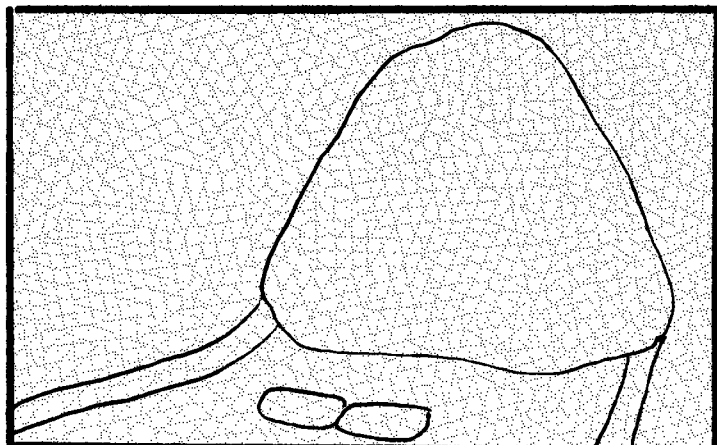
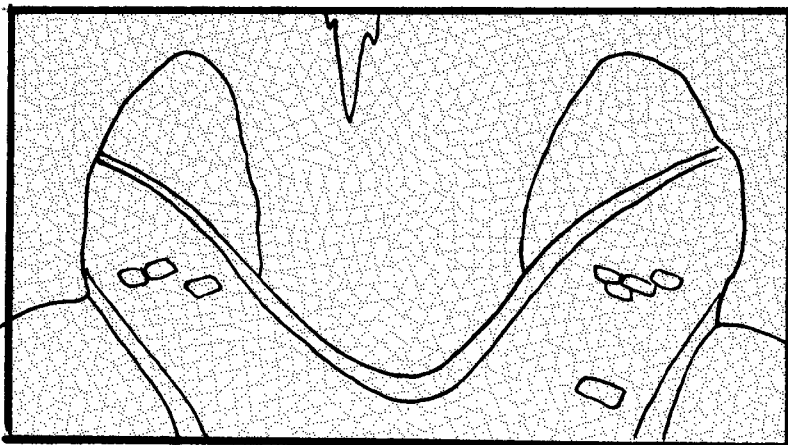
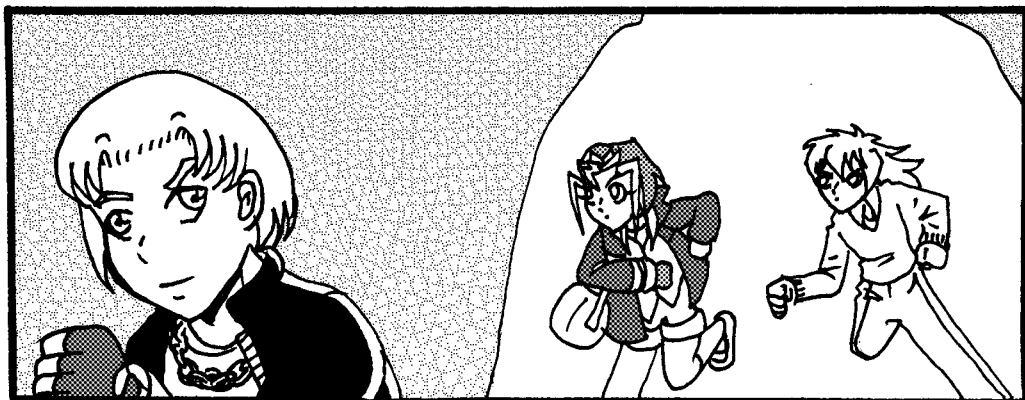
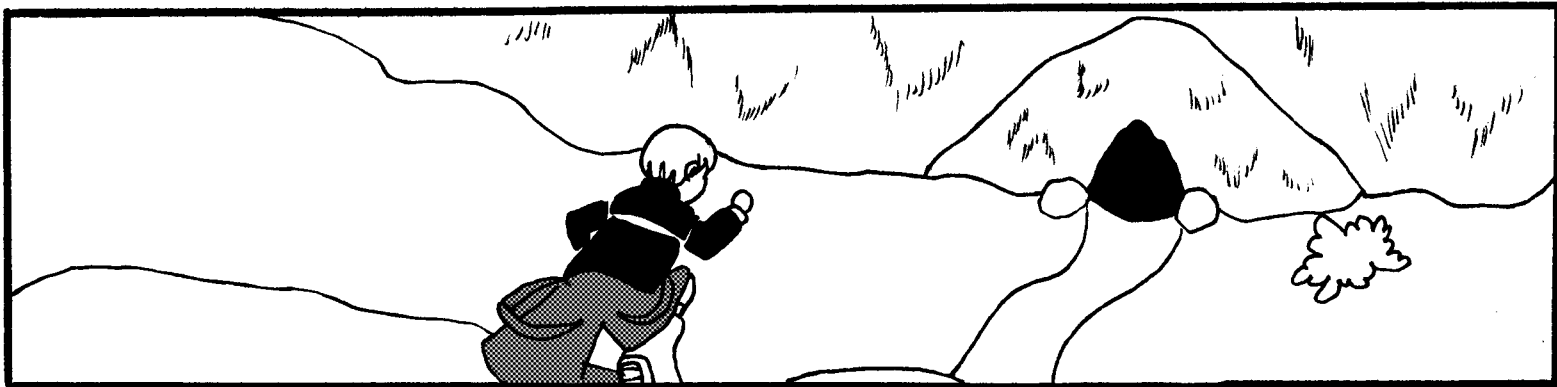




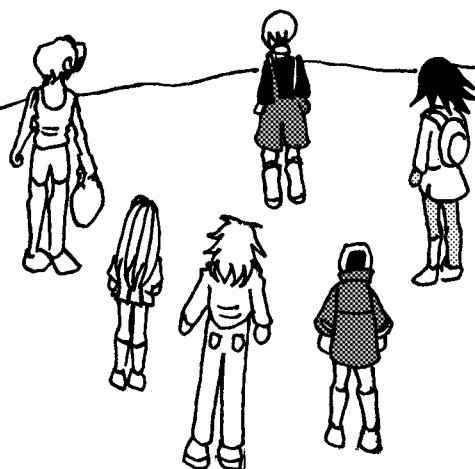






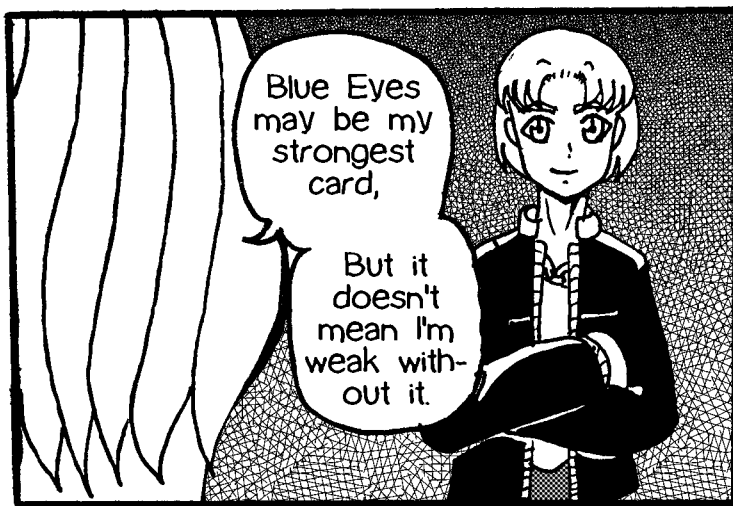
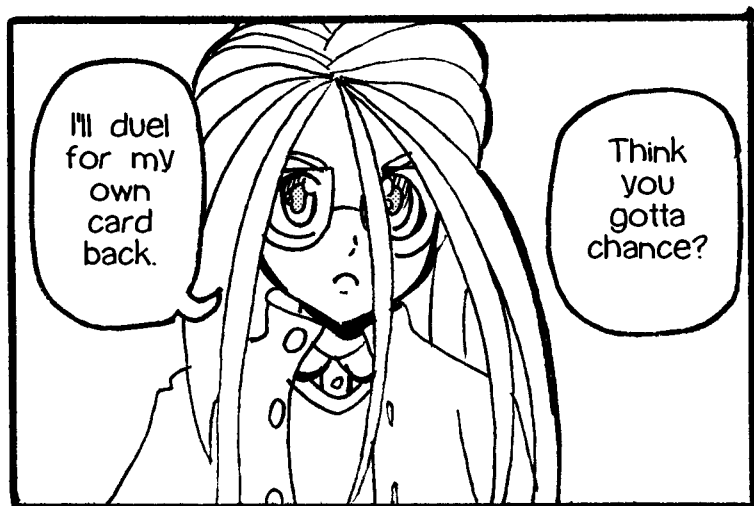
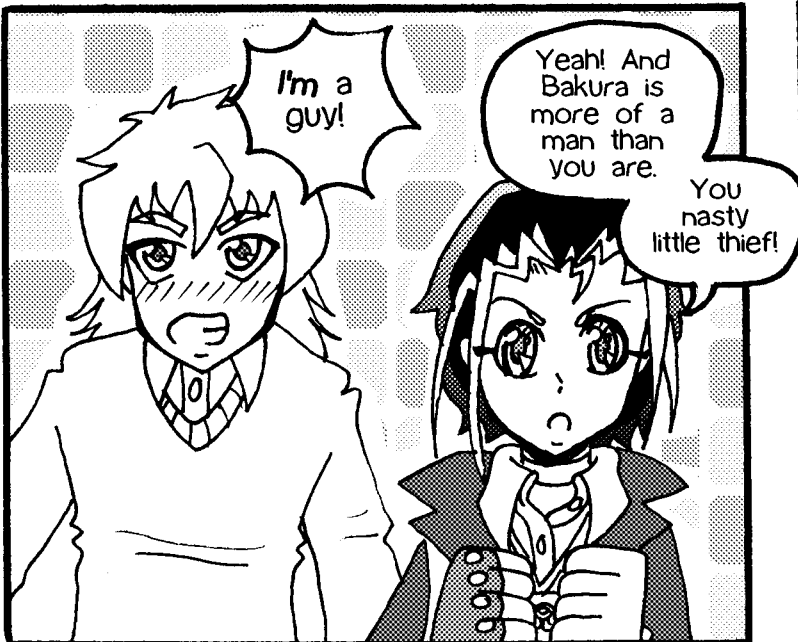


You're  
cornered!  
Now give Alita  
back her  
card.

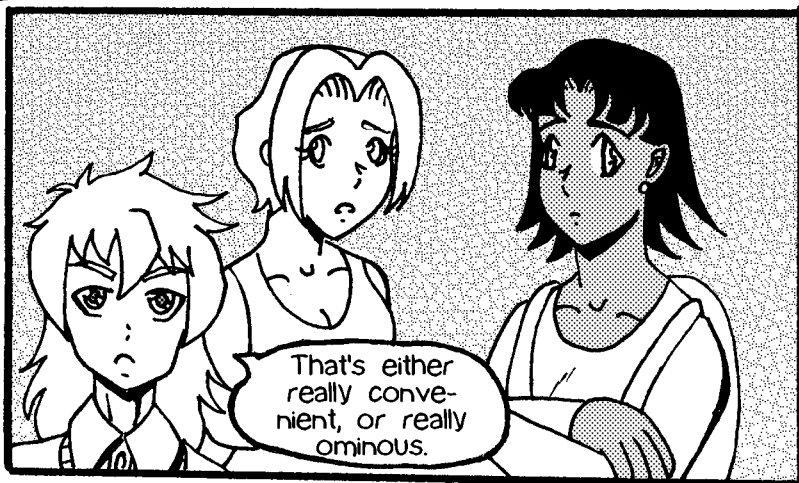


Listen babe, you're  
a bunch of chicks.  
I'm not exactly  
'cornered'.

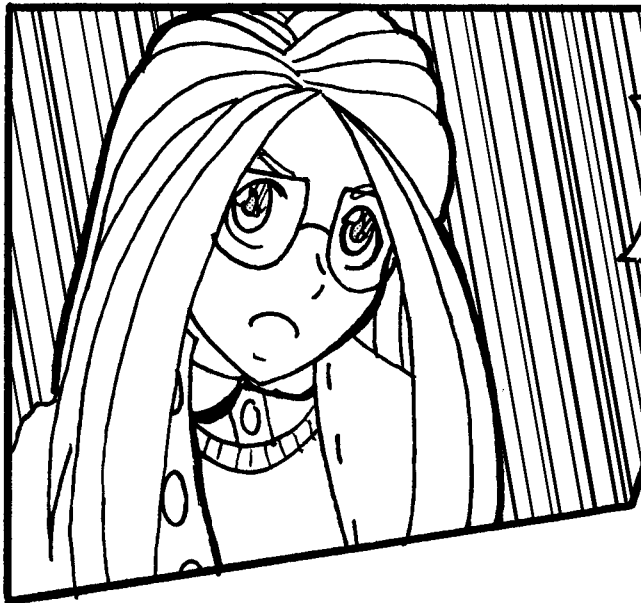




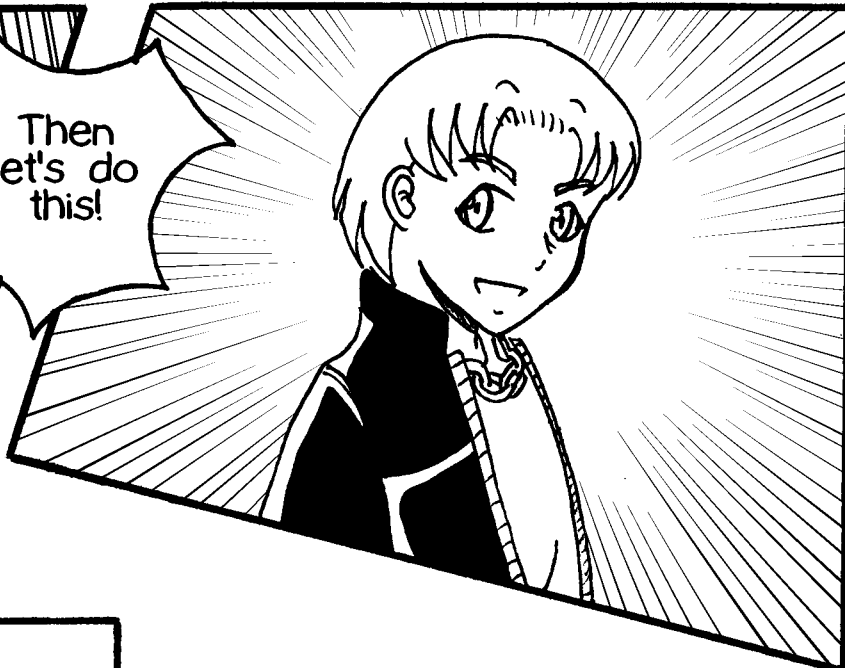
**Zyooo**



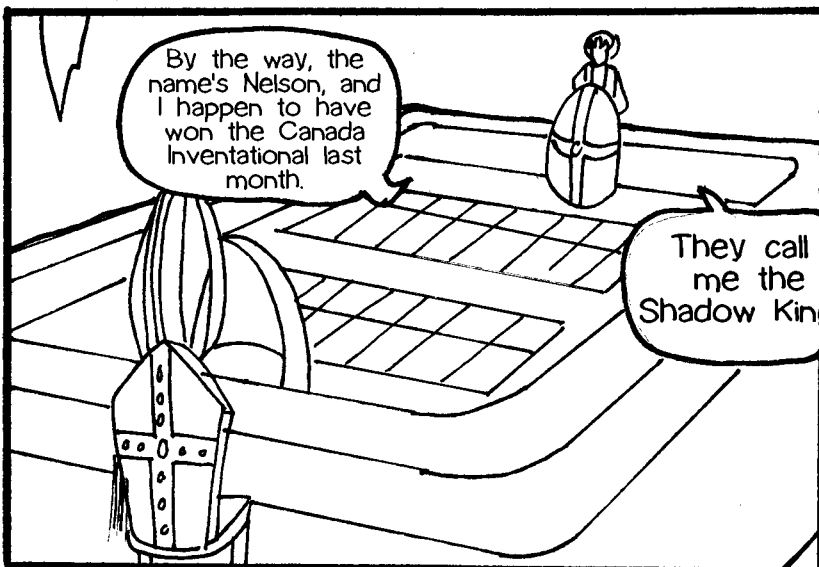




Then  
let's do  
this!

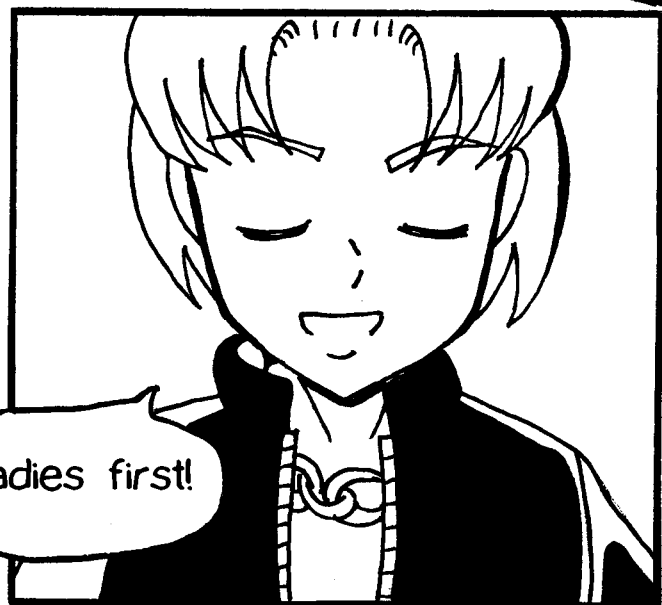


By the way, the  
name's Nelson, and  
I happen to have  
won the Canada  
Inventational last  
month.

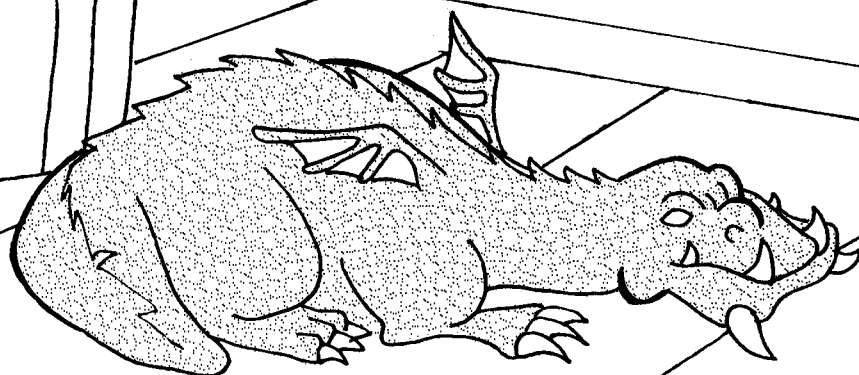
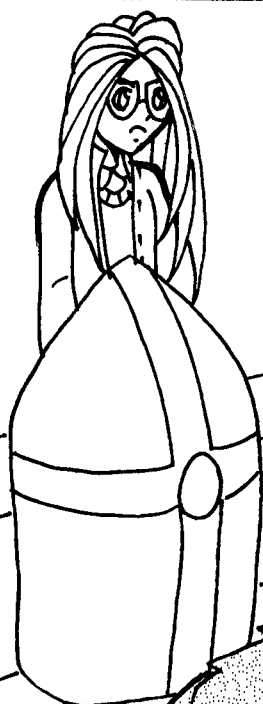


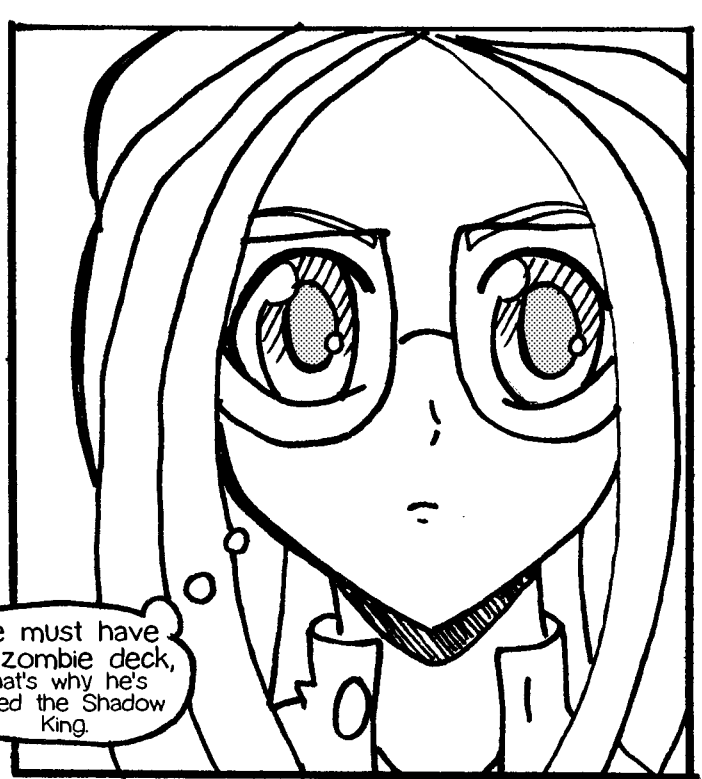
They call  
me the  
Shadow King

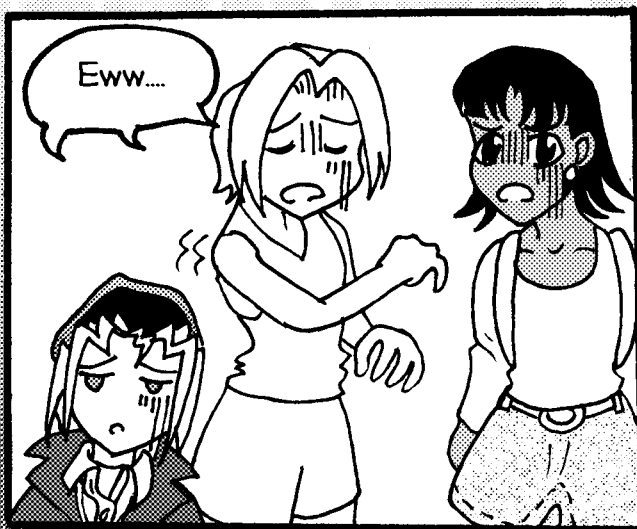
Ladies first!



I play two cards  
facedown, and  
summon Crawl-  
ing Dragon.



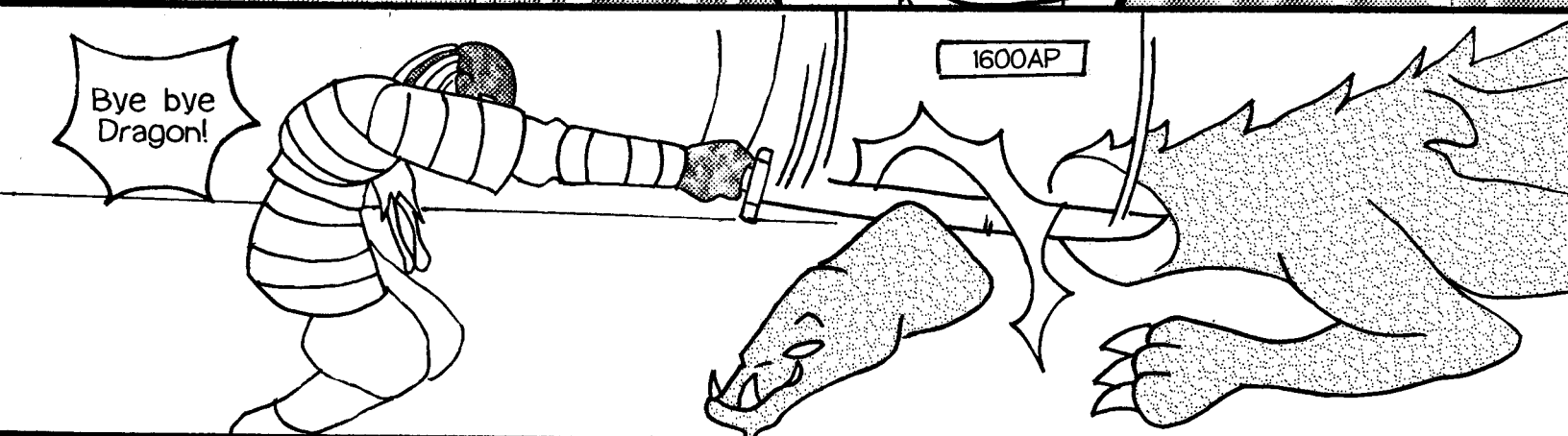




And because of my Wasteland card, my monster gets an extra boost.



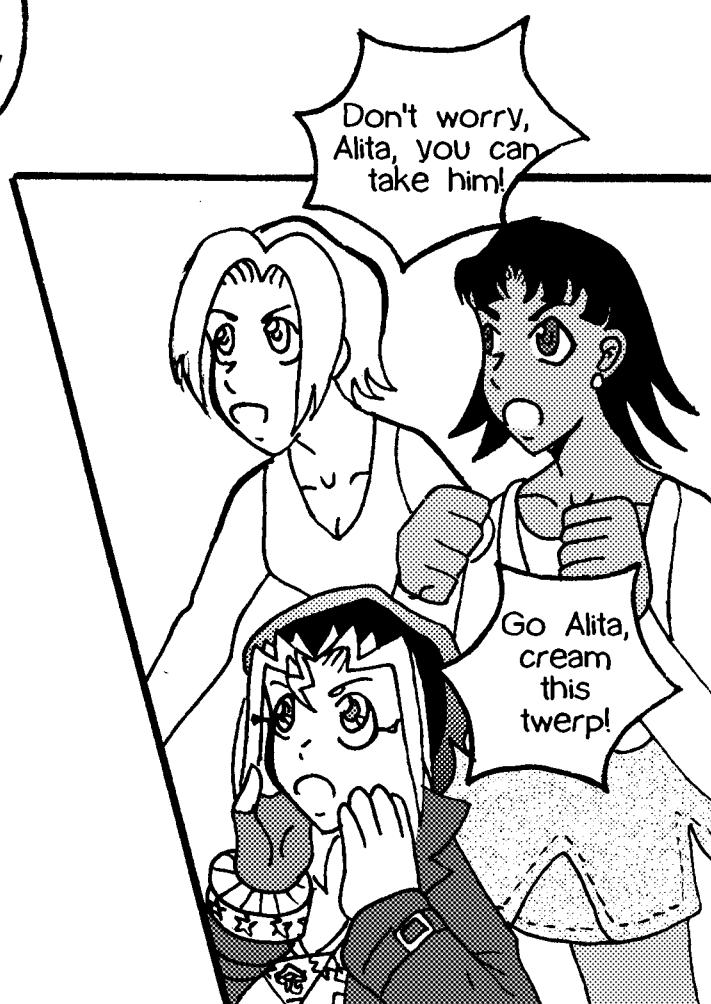
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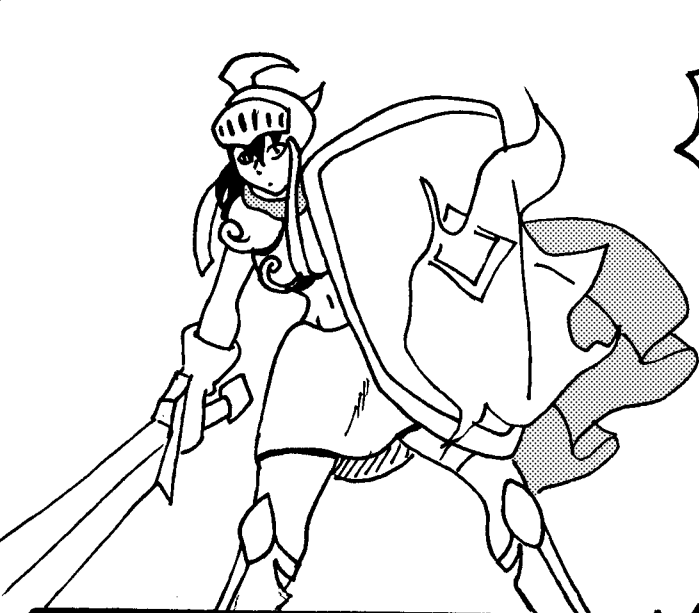
So I was right. I'll have to be careful, he's a creep, but clearly an experienced player.



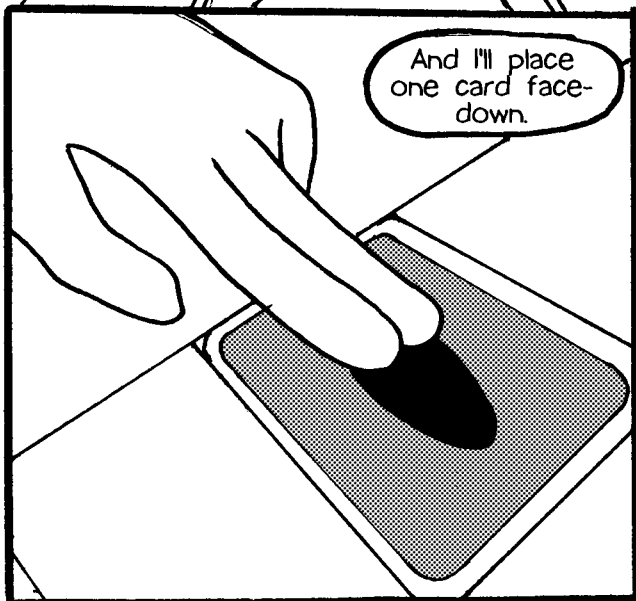
Don't worry, Alita, you can take him!

Go Alita, cream this twerp!



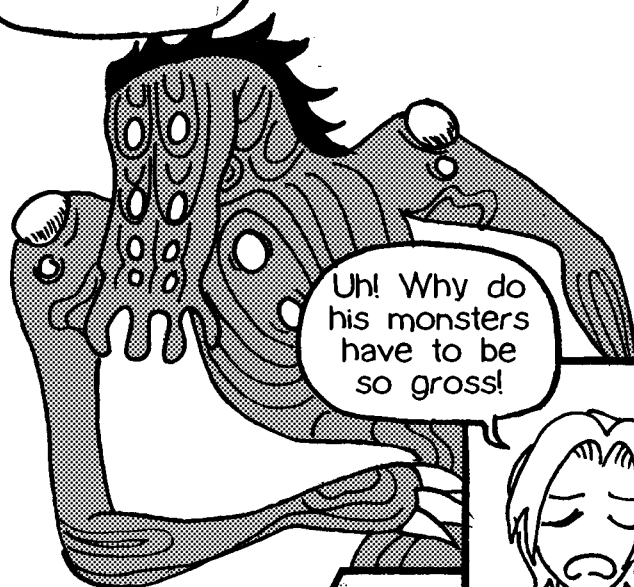


Go,  
Flame  
Champion!



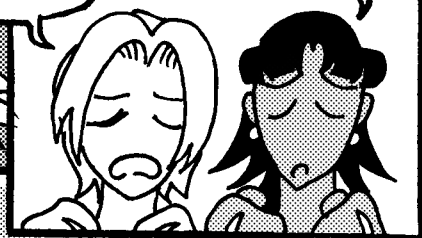
And I'll place  
one card face-  
down.

I'll play Shadow  
Ghoul.

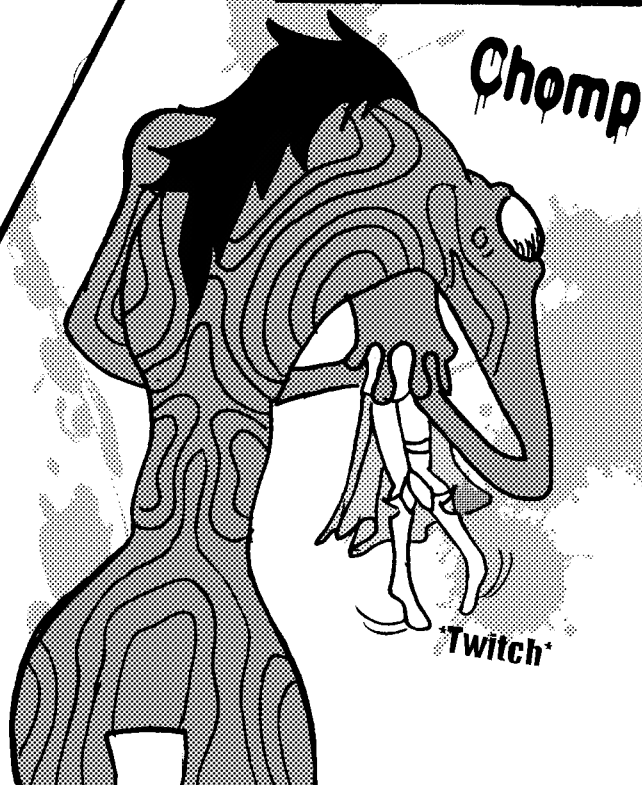


Uh! Why do  
his monsters  
have to be  
so gross!

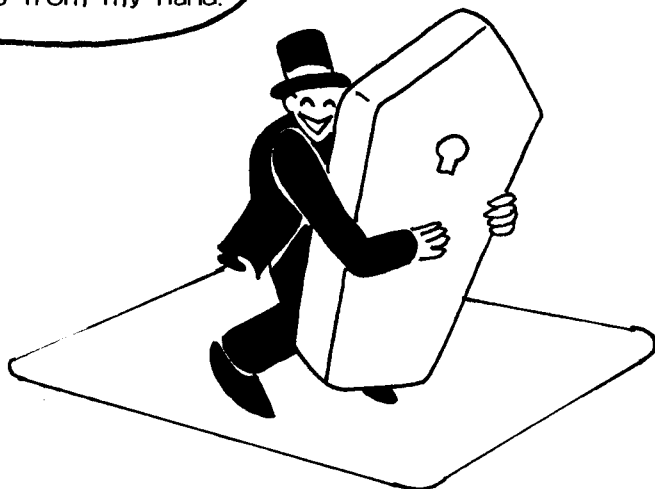
It's creepy  
enough  
down here!



Not only  
does it get  
a boost from  
Wasteland, it  
also increases  
its attack for  
every mon-  
ster in my  
Graveyard.



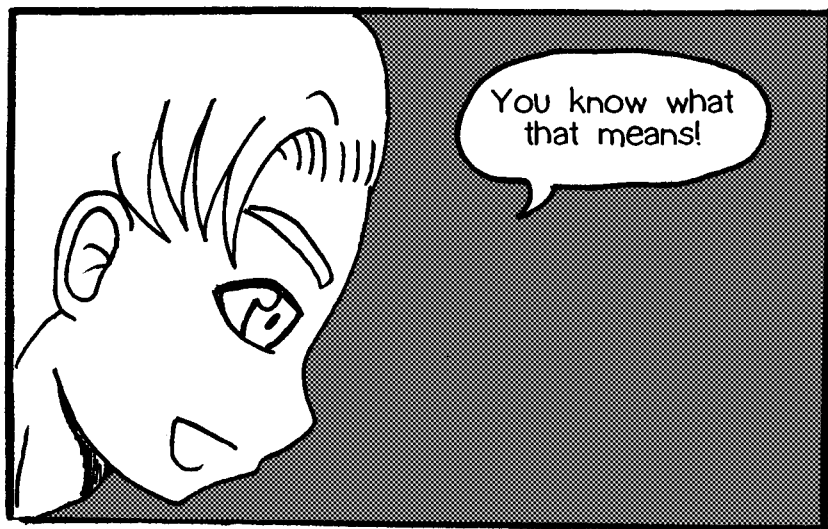
And to get my buddy here even stronger, I'll play Cheerful Coffin to get rid of three cards from my hand.



And as it just so happens, one of the monster in my hand was Witch of the Black Forest.

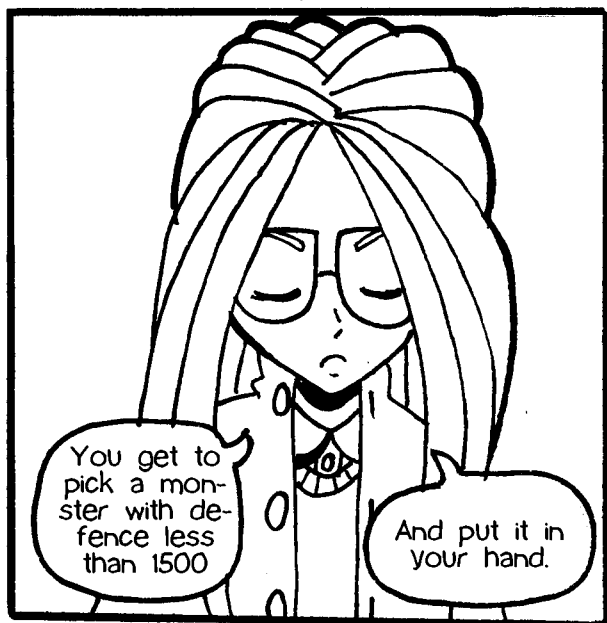


You know what that means!

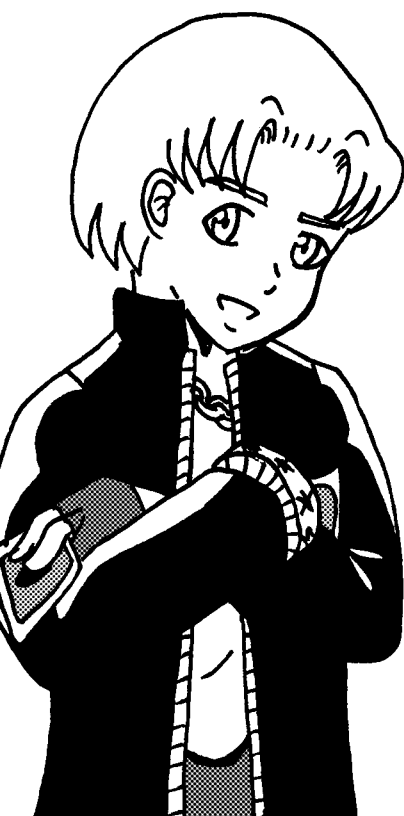


You get to pick a monster with defence less than 1500

And put it in your hand.



(In English)  
Ah, so she's not too dumb then



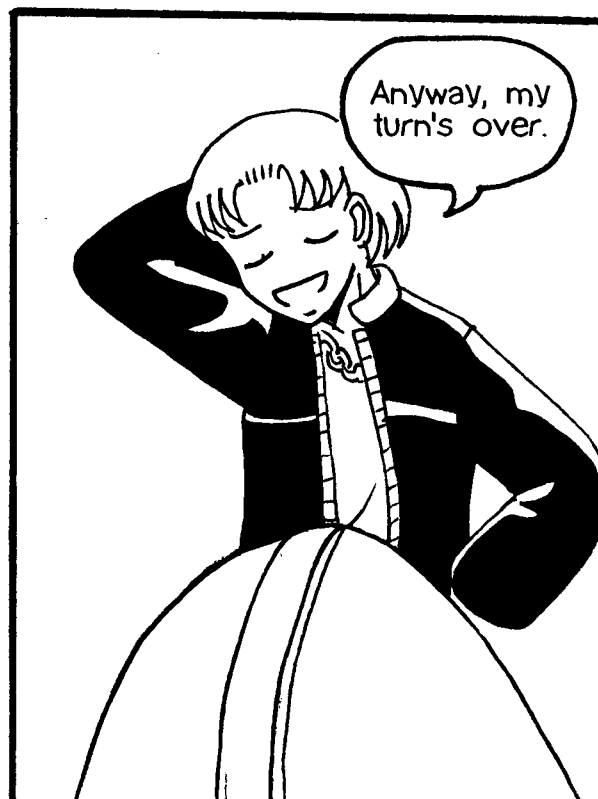
Hey, genius, the two of us can understand English

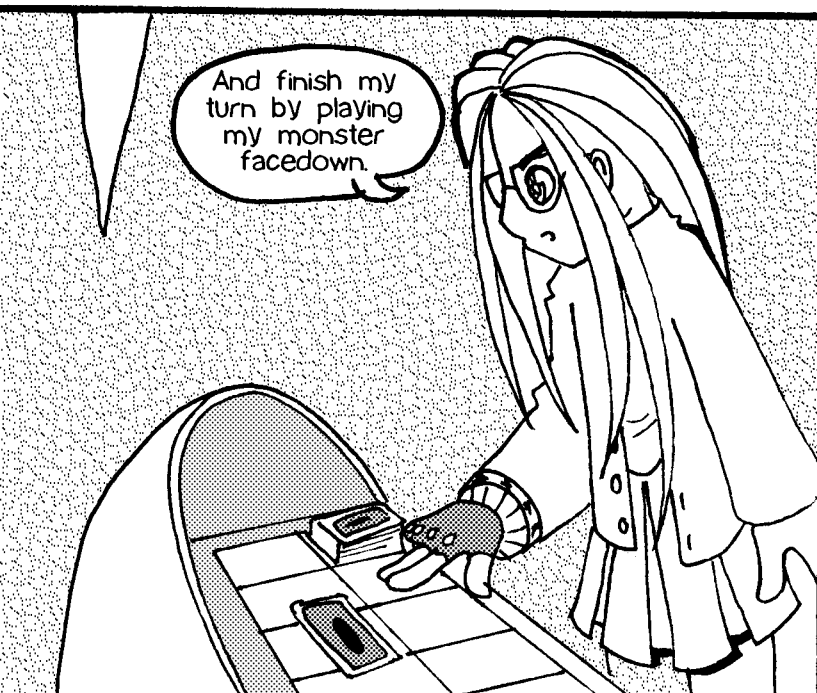
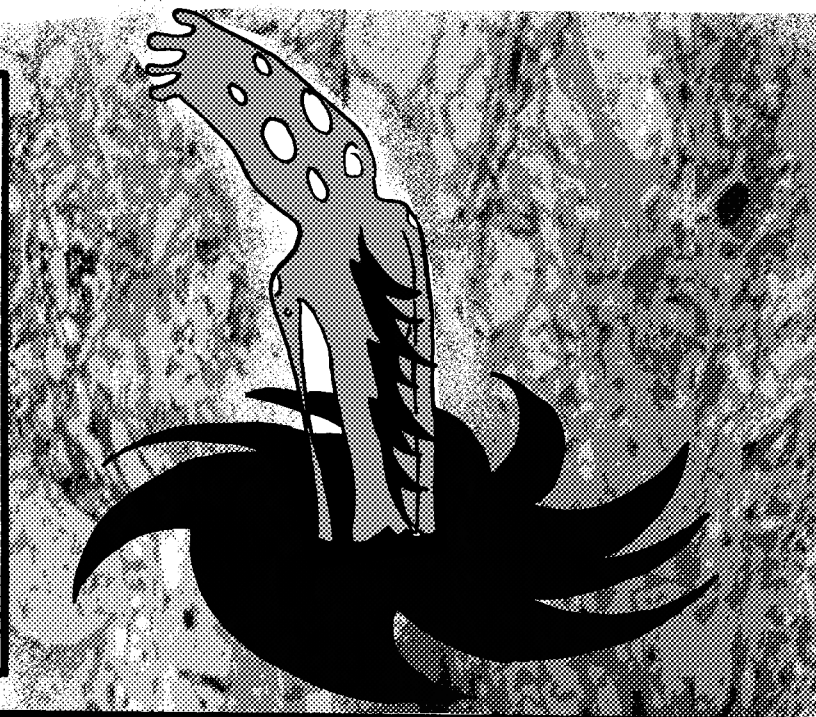
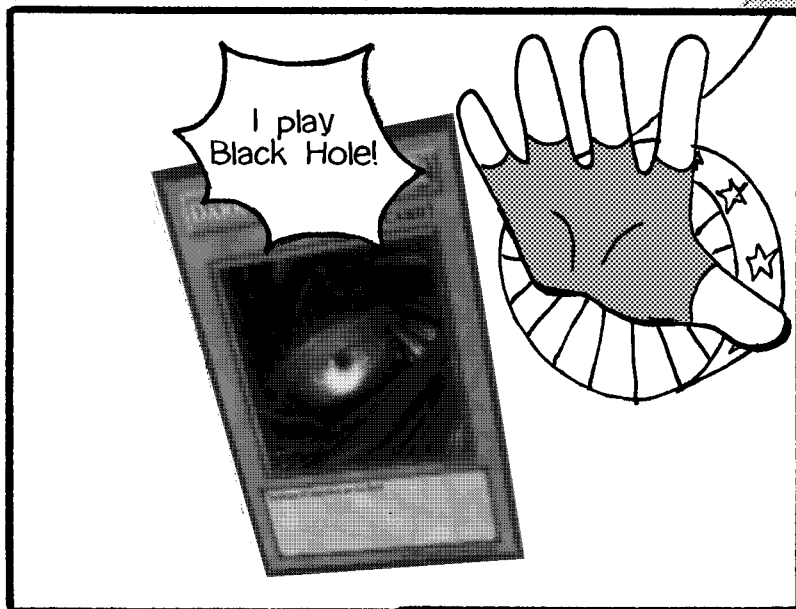
From San Francisco

Oops, my bad...

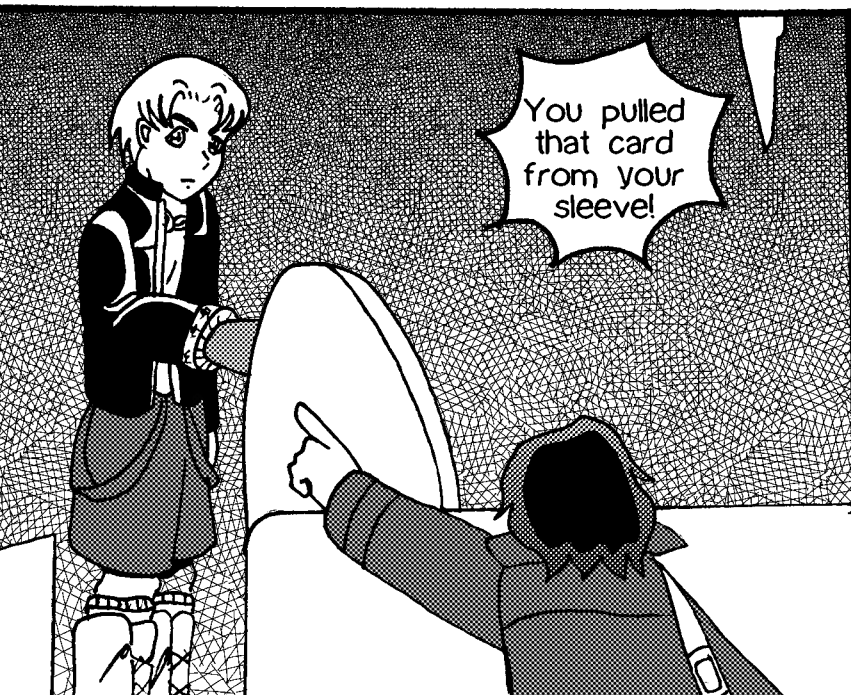
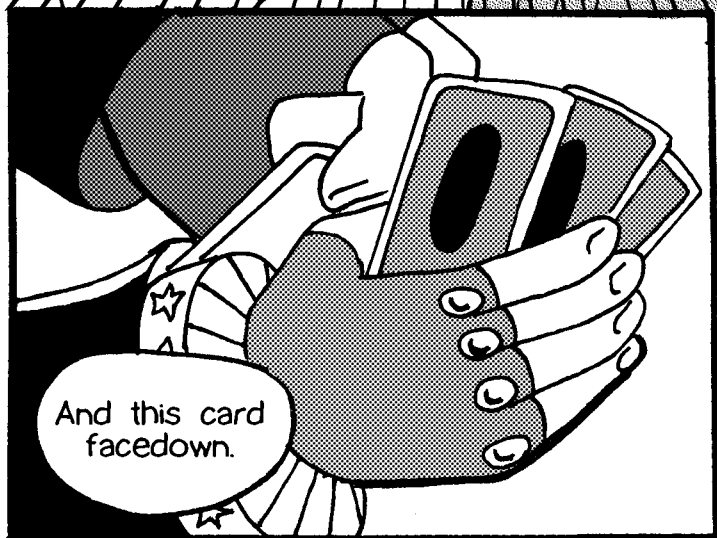


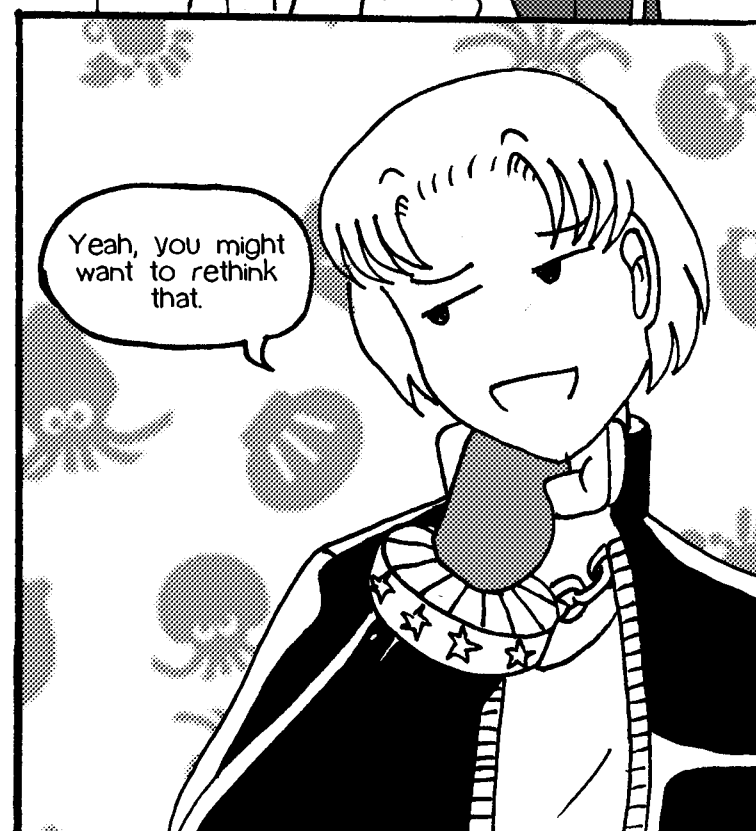
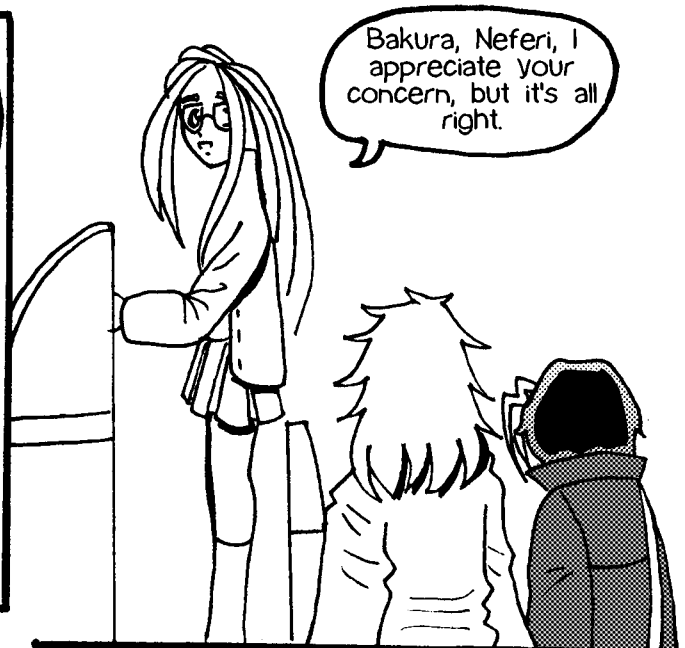
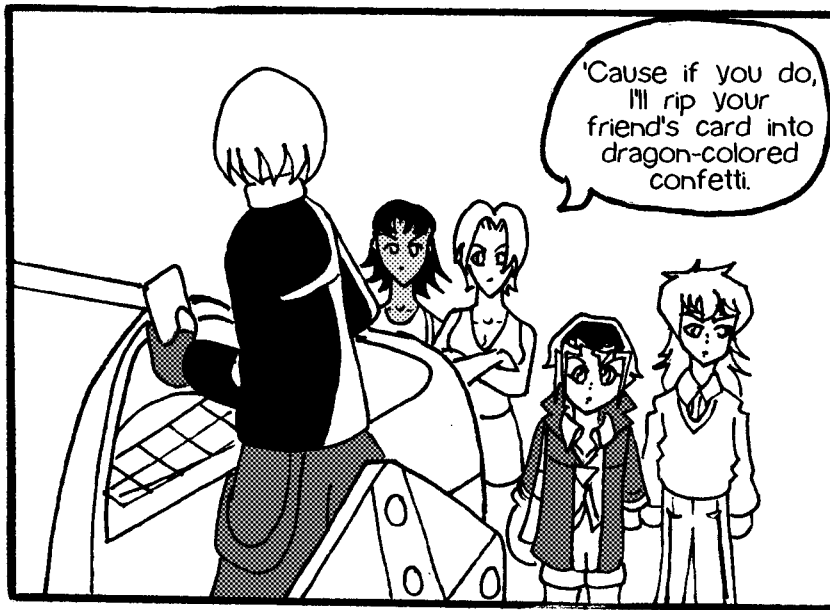
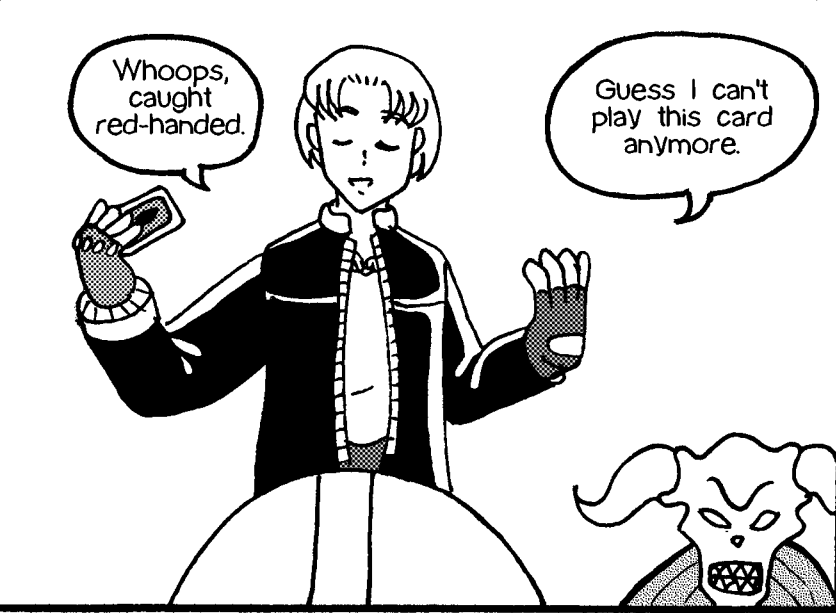
Anyway, my turn's over.

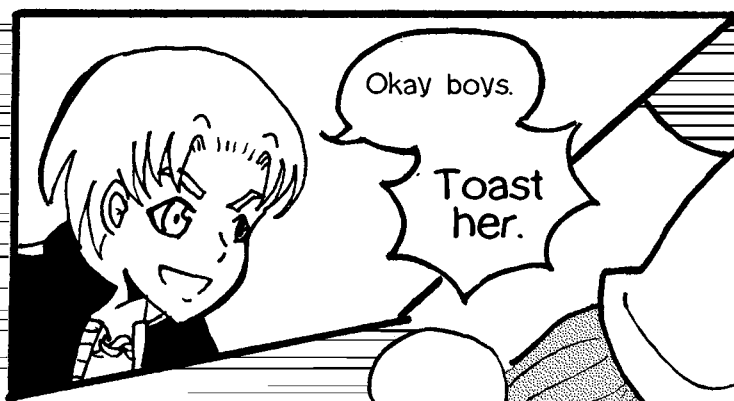
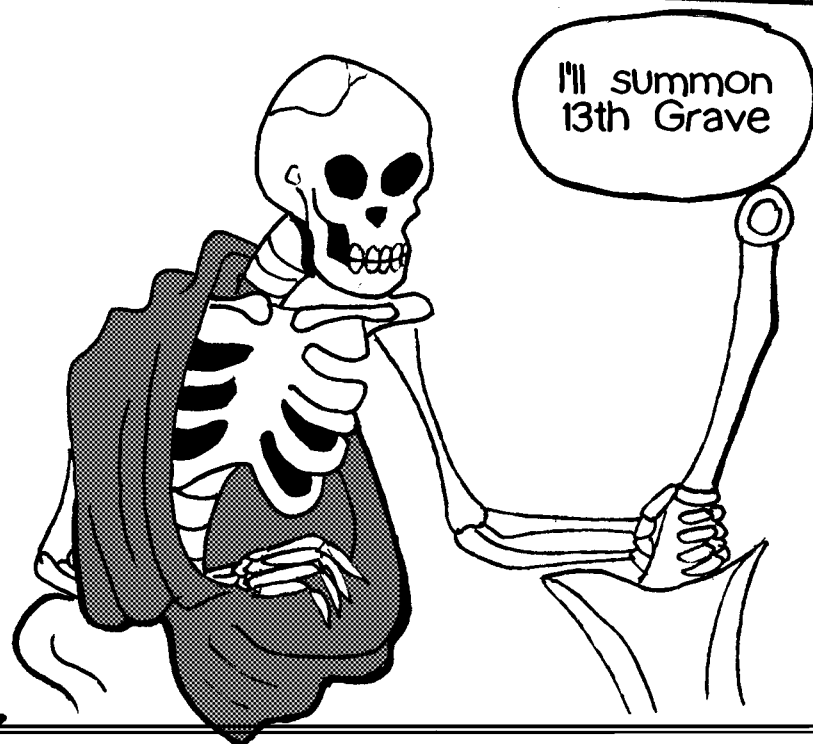
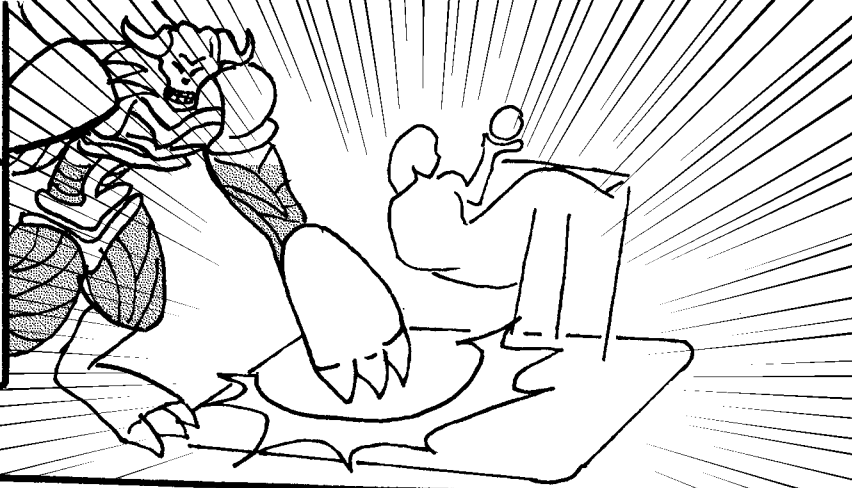
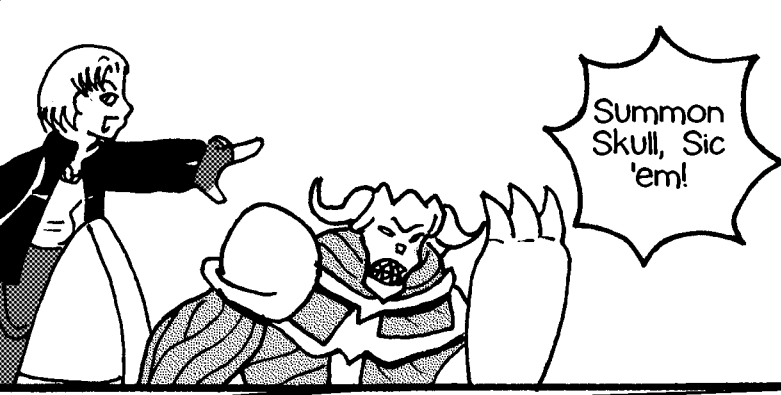












Wabaku!



Pff. A desperate move. Whatever, I can afford to wait a turn.



AH!

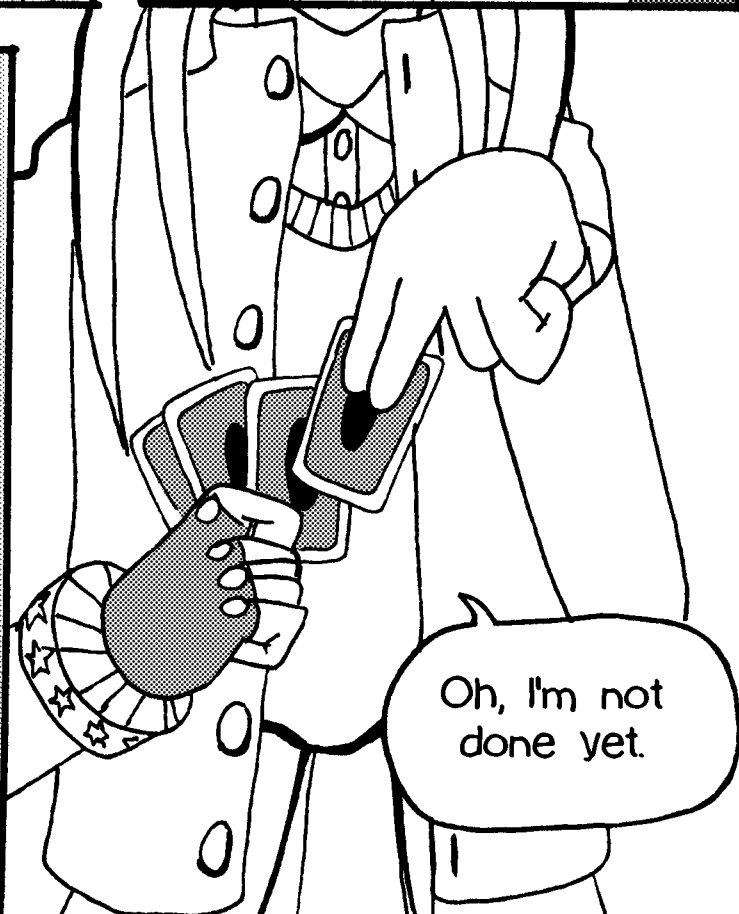
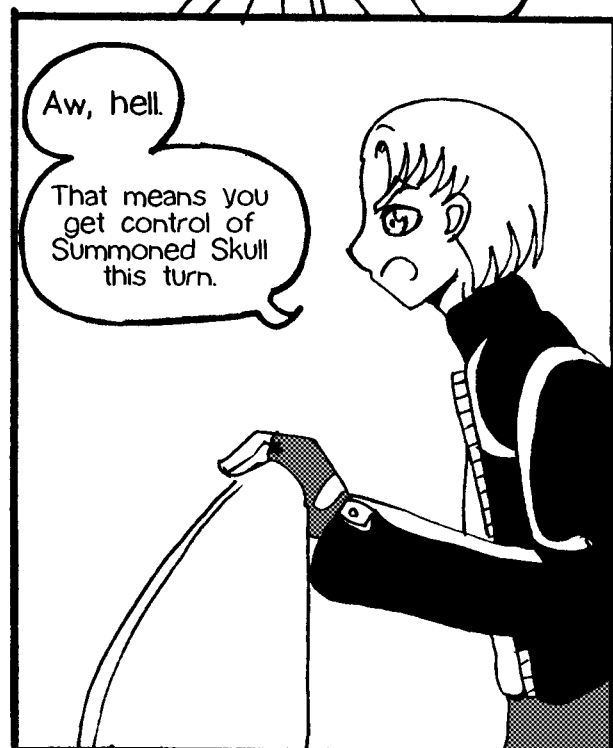
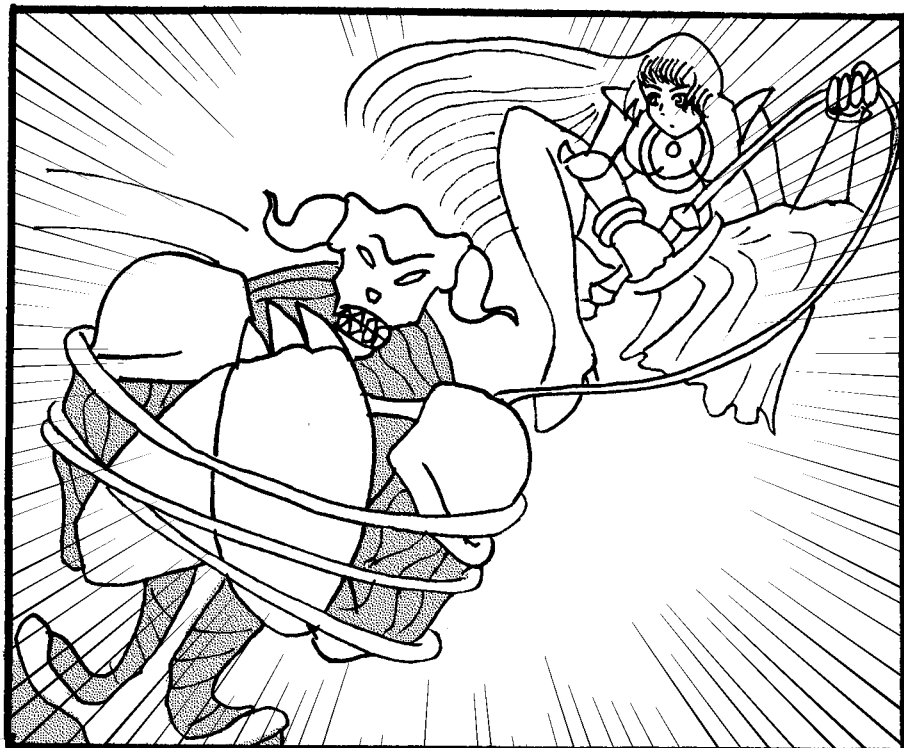
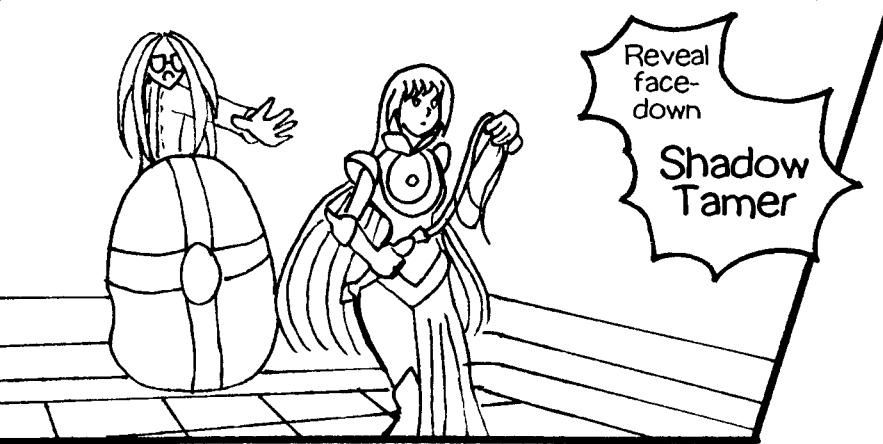
I think Alita is about to win!



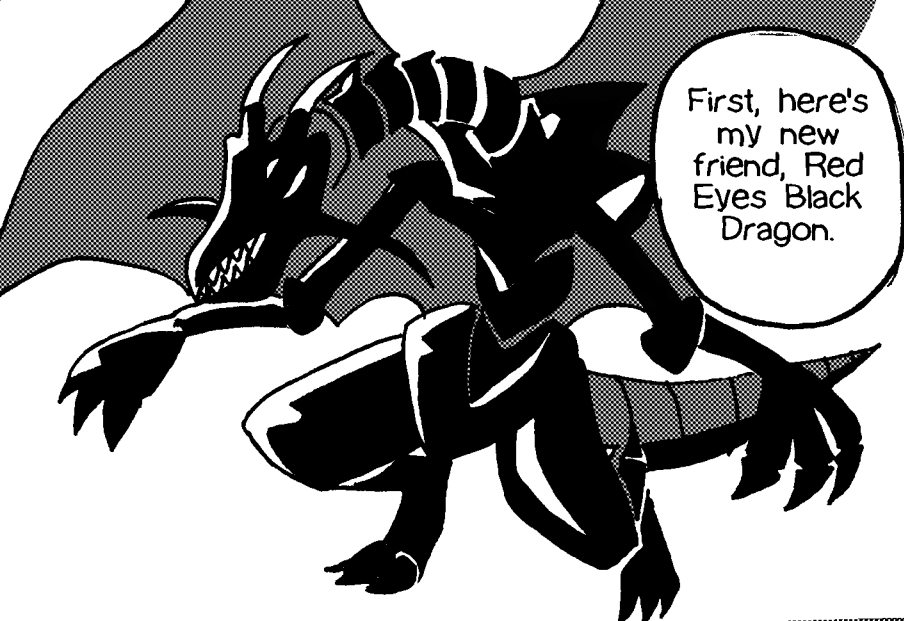
I told you from the beginning I don't need the Blue Eyes to win.

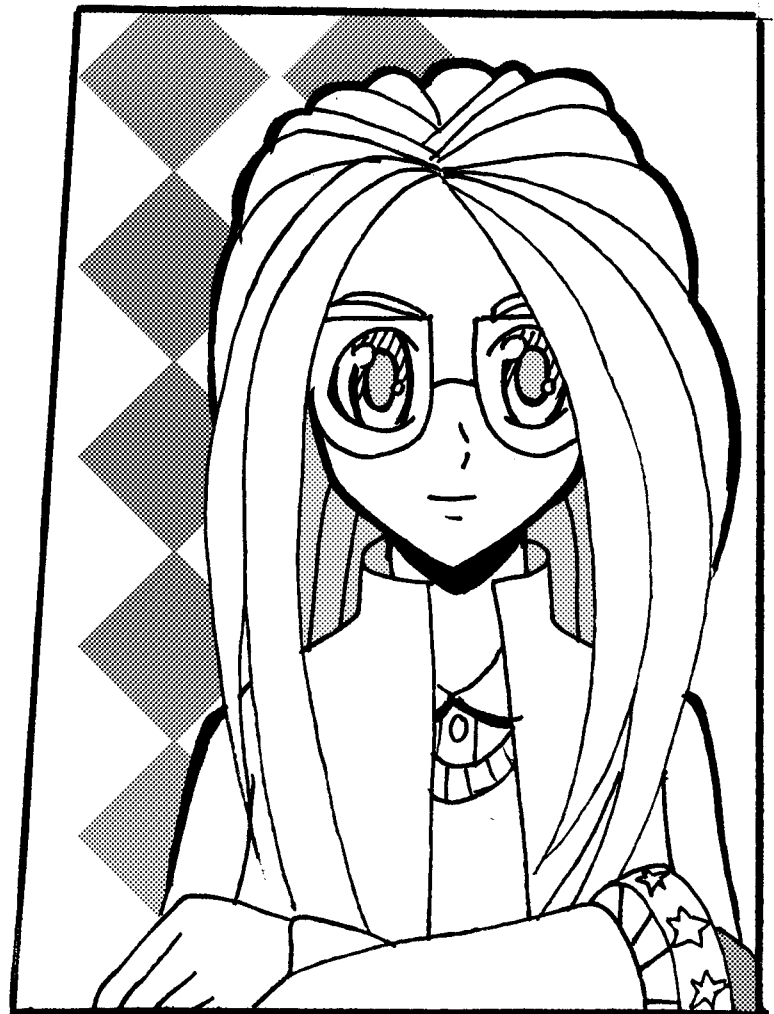
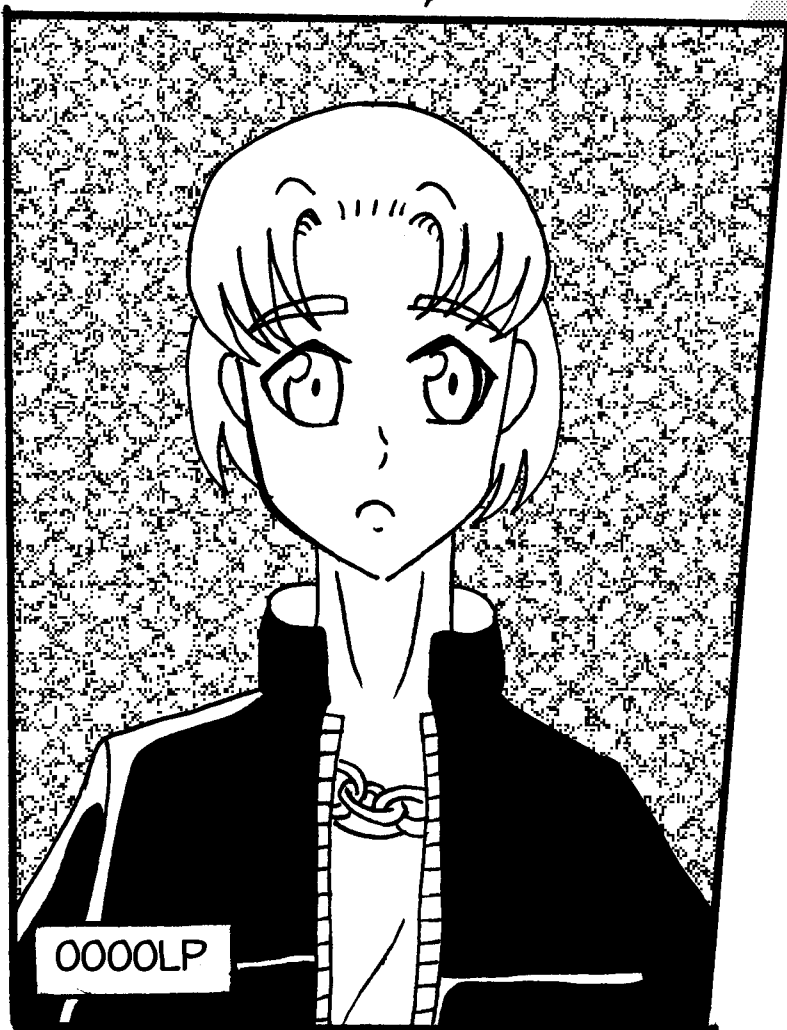
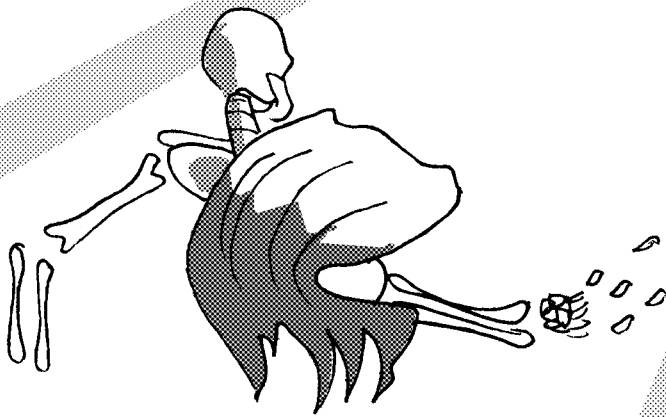
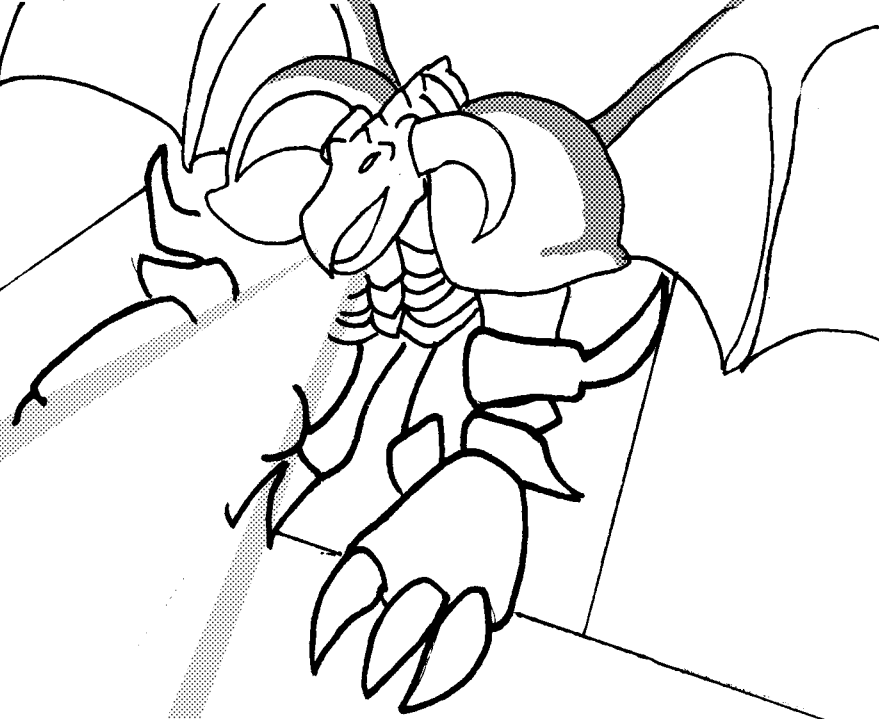


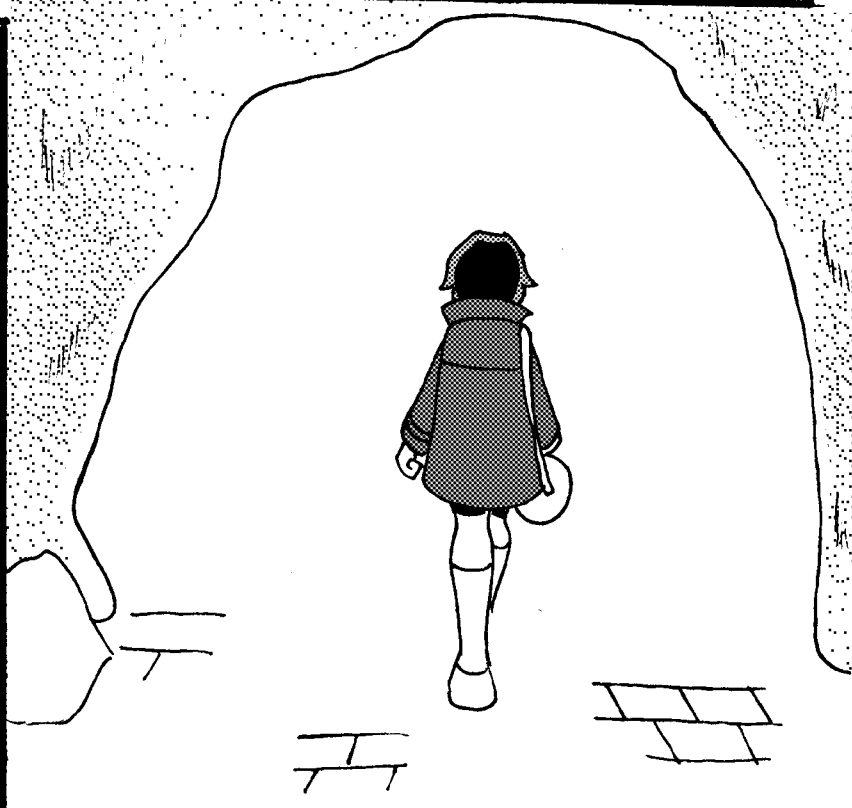
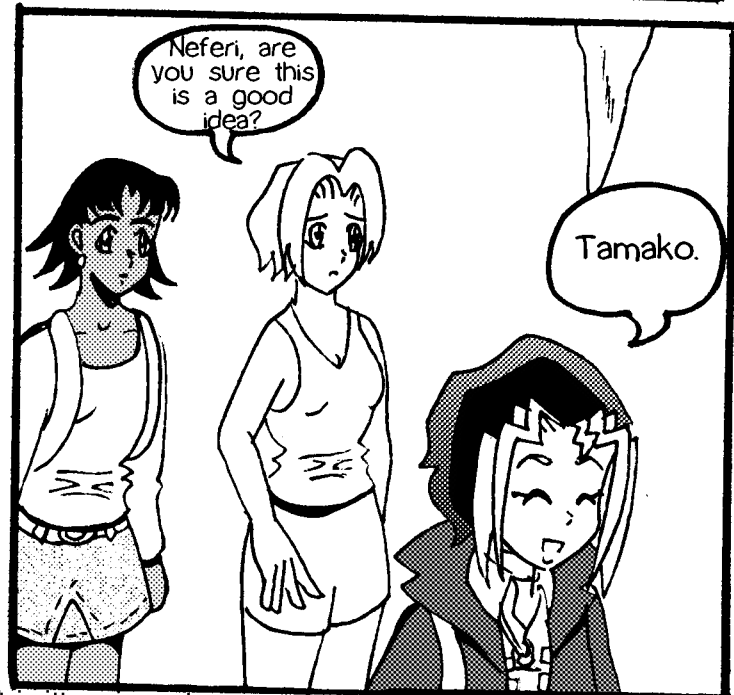
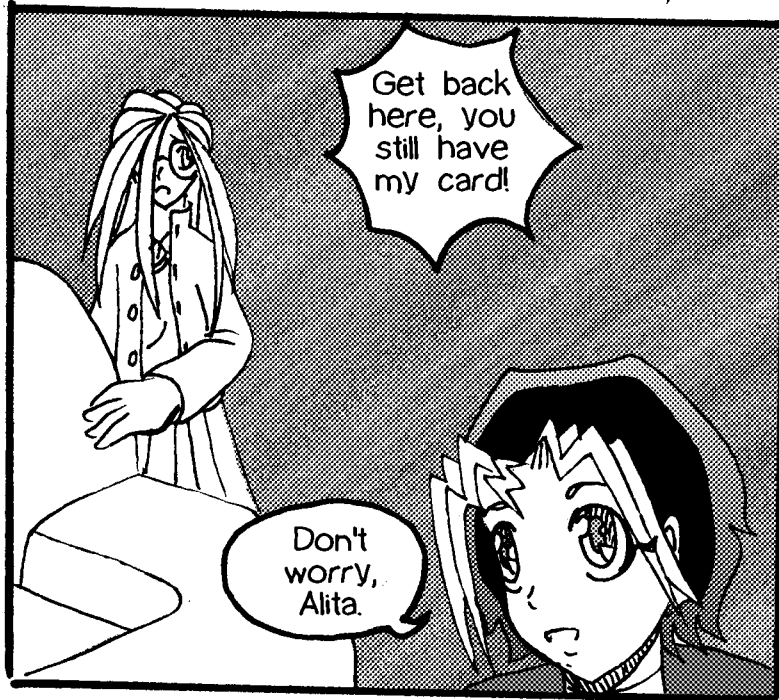
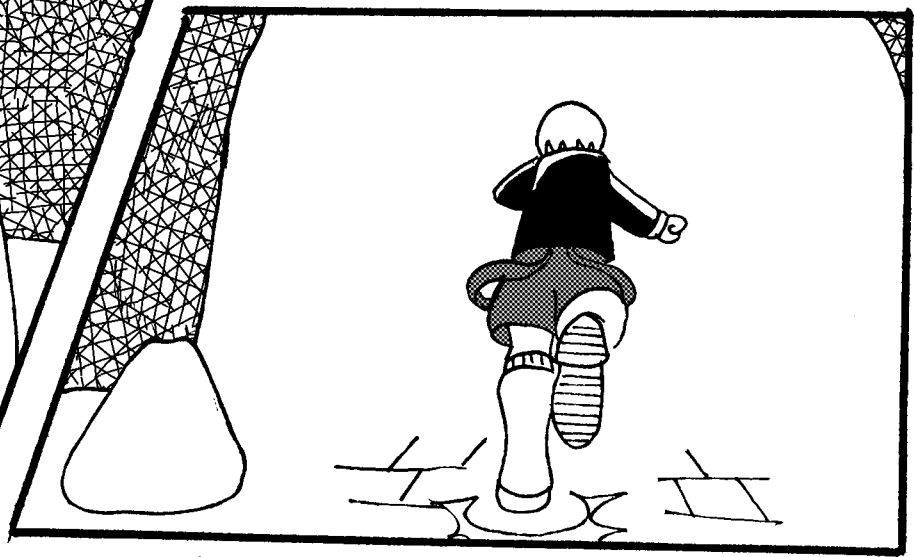
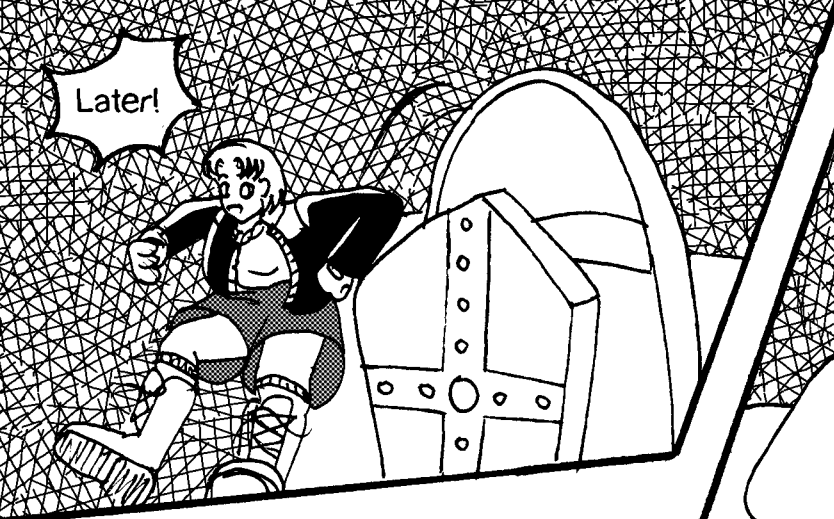
Because I am not a weak player.

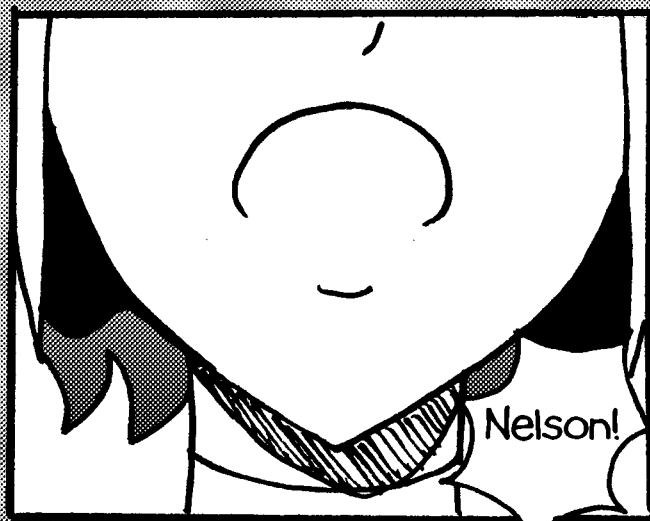
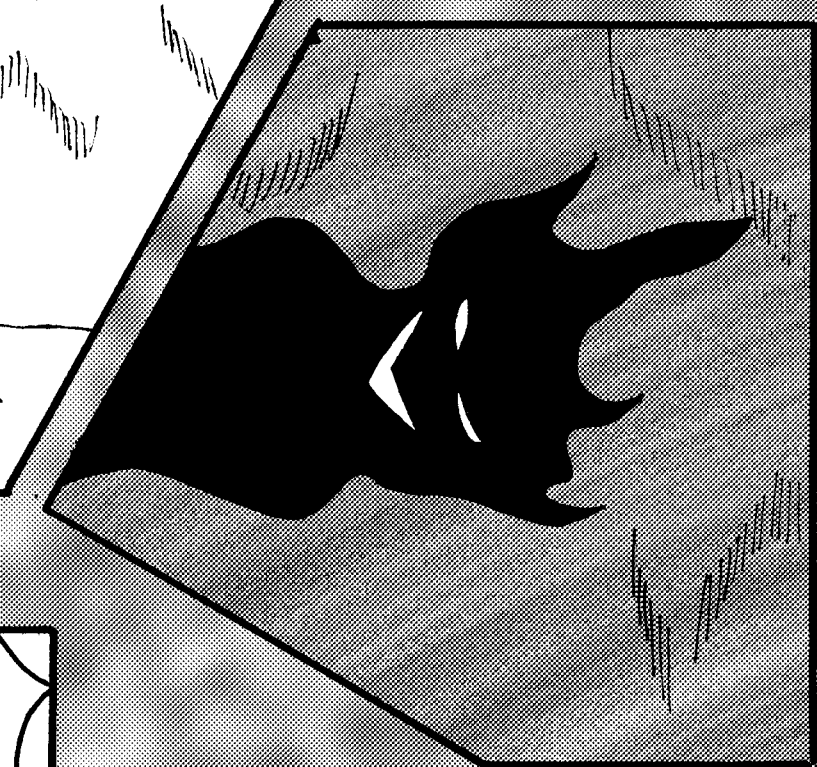













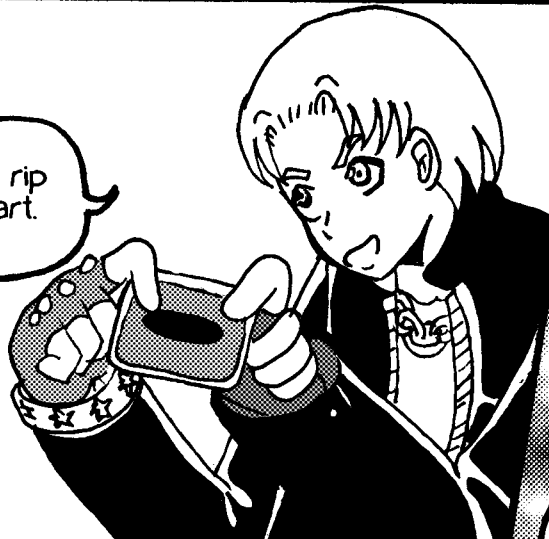




The  
Nash  
girl!




Hand over Alita's  
card, or I'll have  
the shadows you  
live so much eat  
you alive.




Stay  
away  
from  
me!

Or I'll rip  
it apart.



I don't think  
you'll be  
doing that.



What's going  
on? I can't  
move!



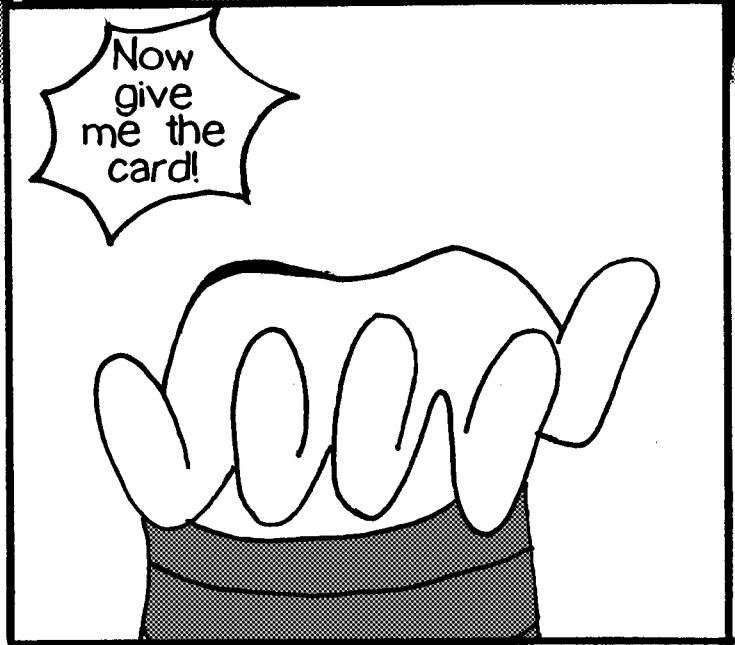


We're playing a game you can't cheat at. A game that tests my will against yours.



And because I'm helping a dear friend, my will is like tempered steel.

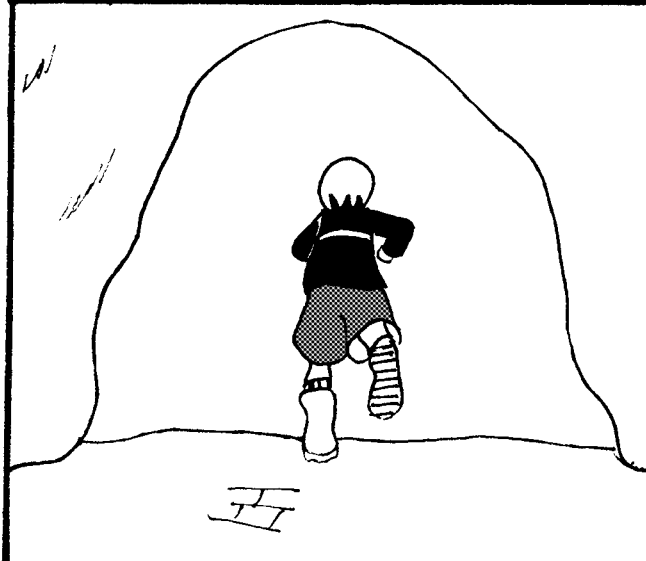
Whereas because of your weak characters yours is like paper.

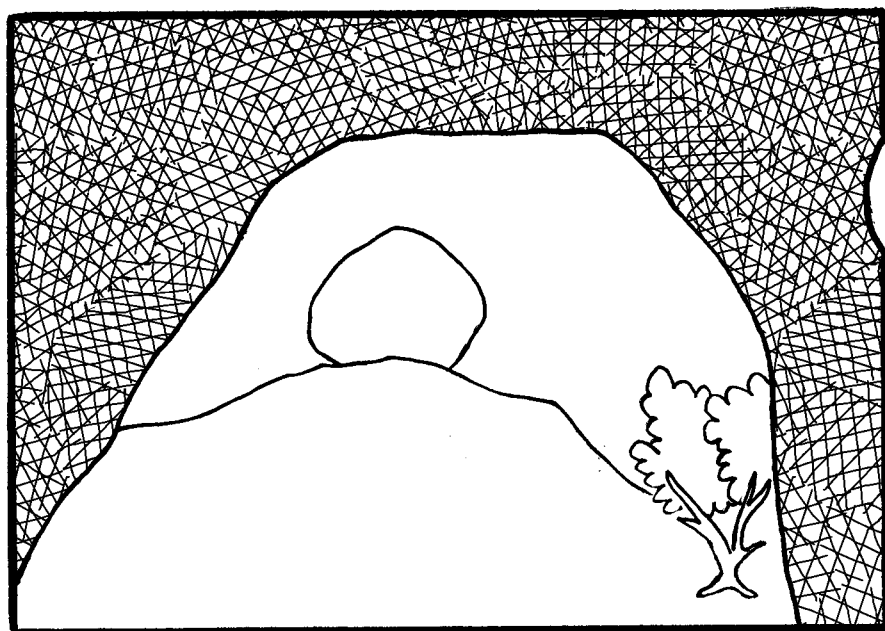
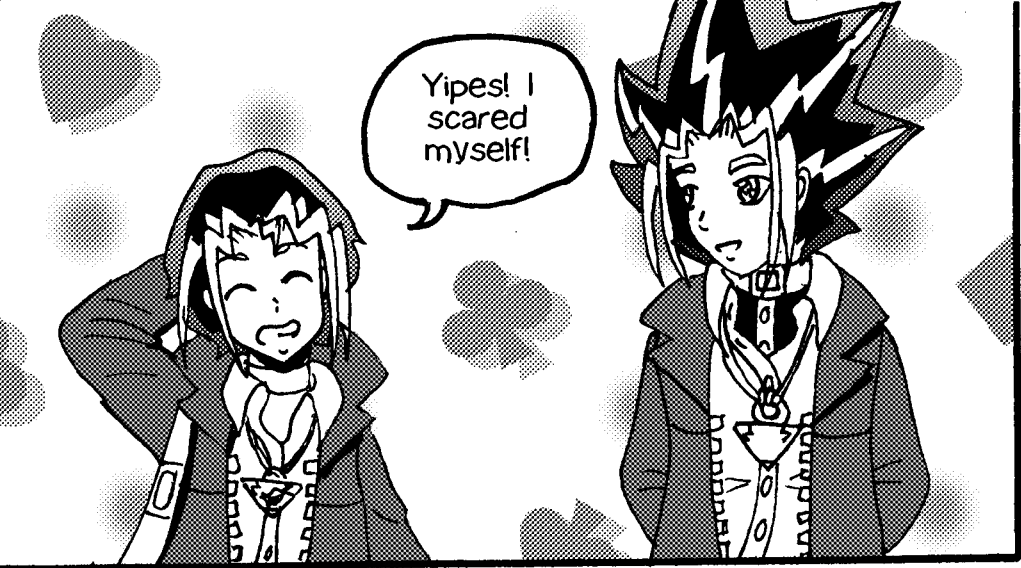


Now give me the card!

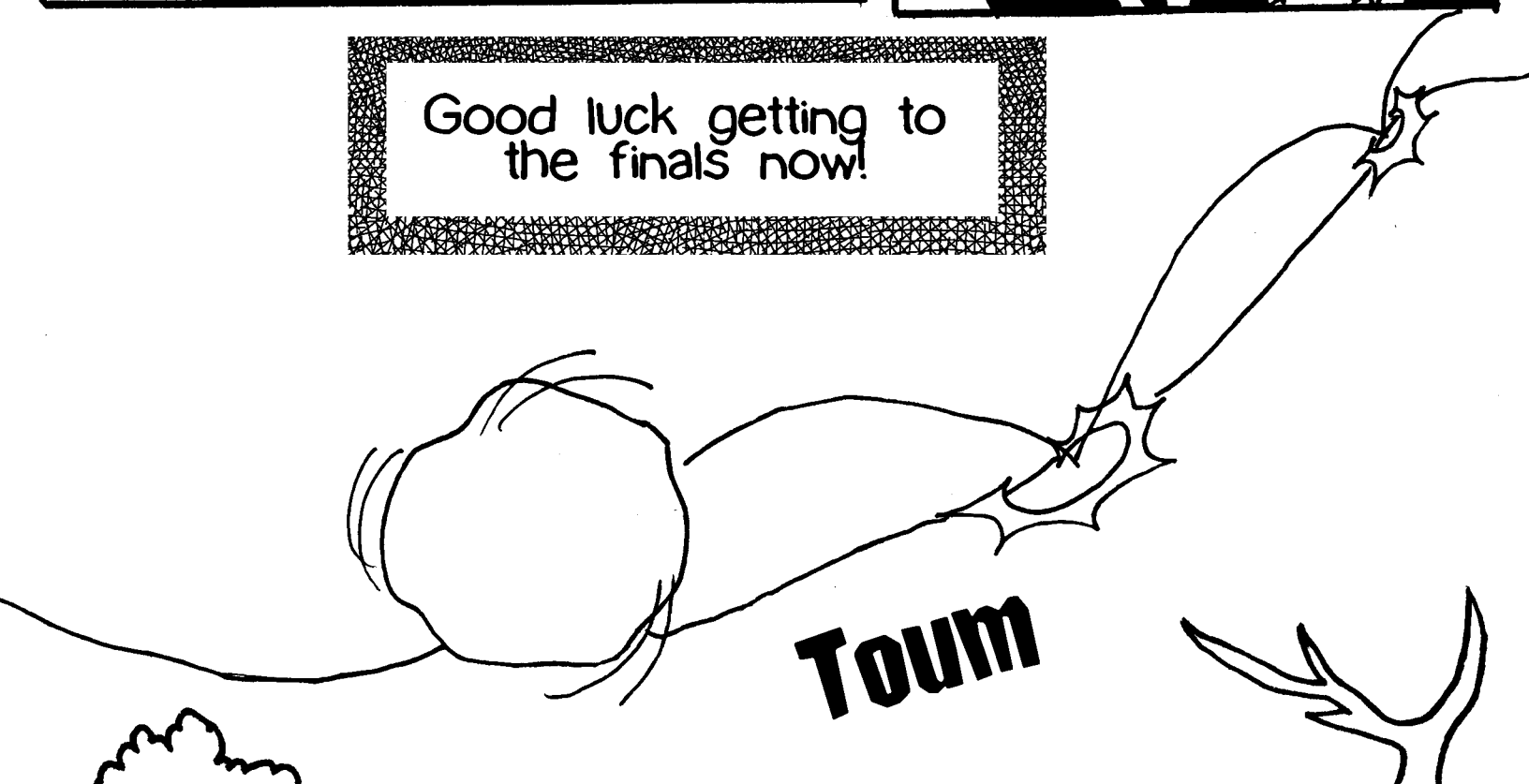


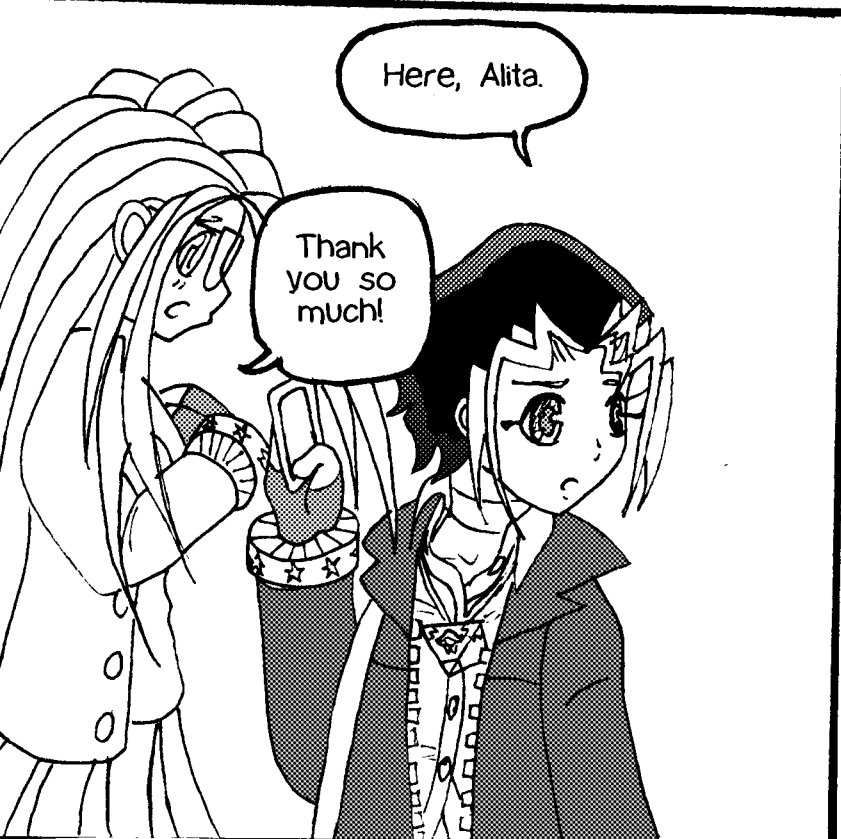
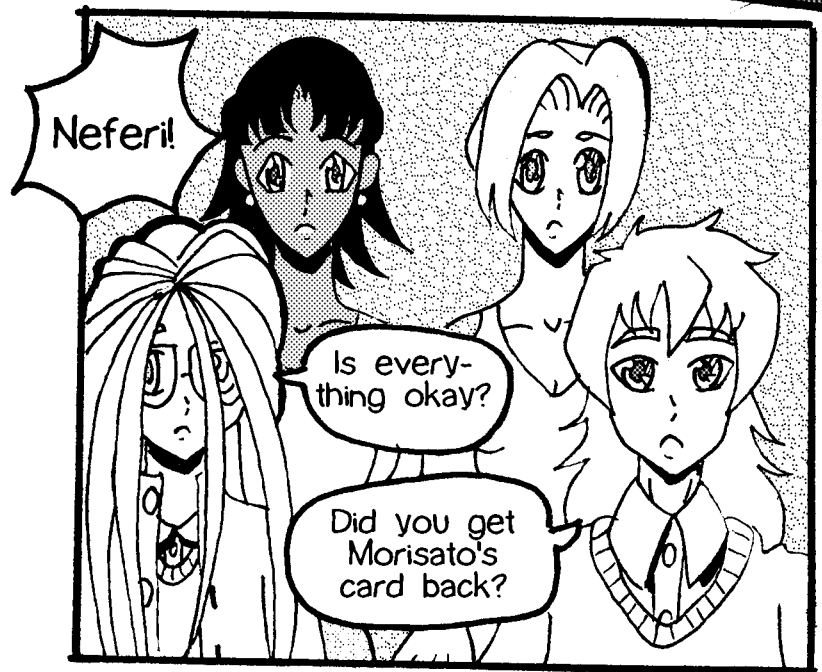
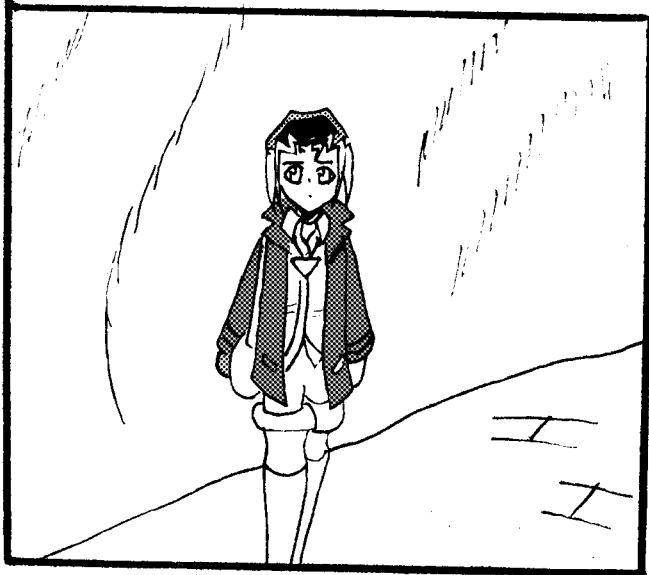
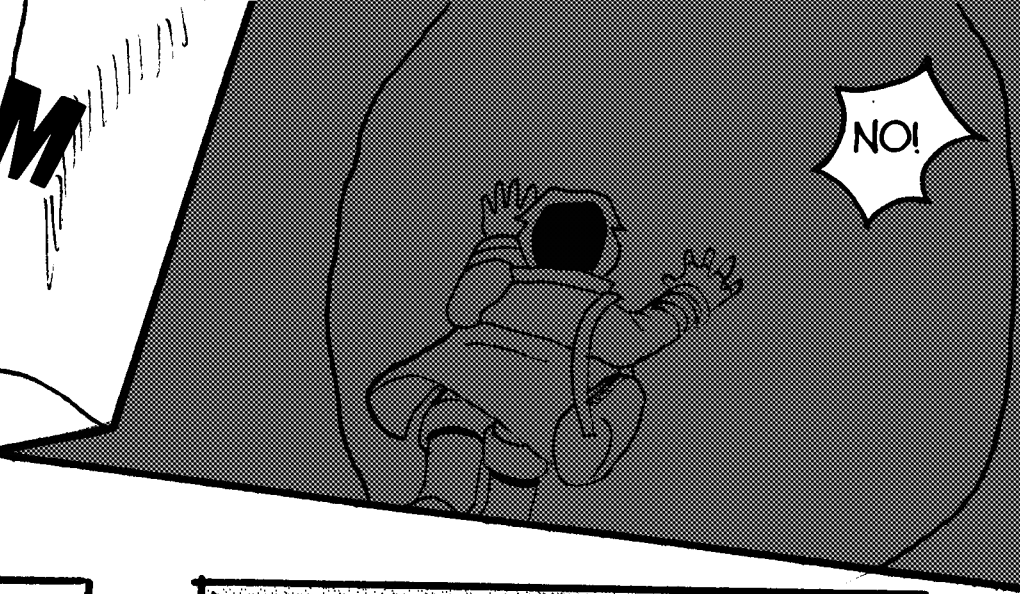
Take it, you crazy bitch!





Good luck getting to the finals now!







Nelson planned this duel from the moment before he stole your card.

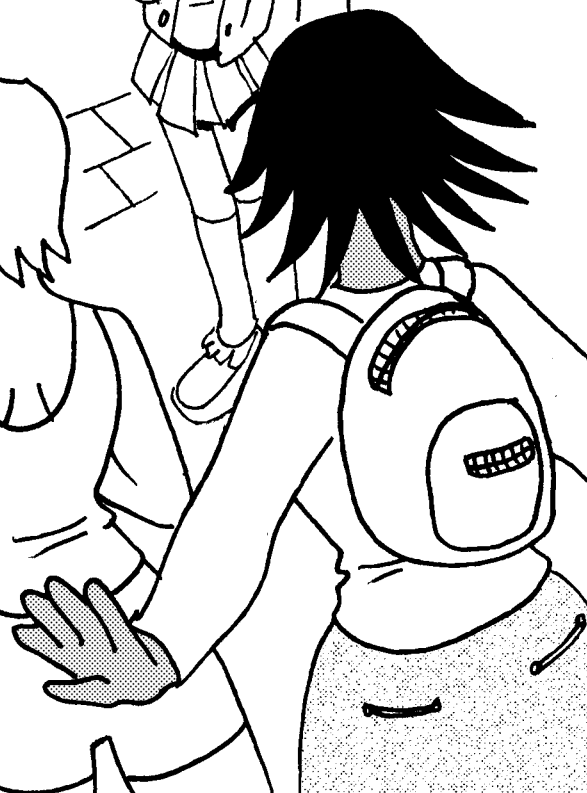
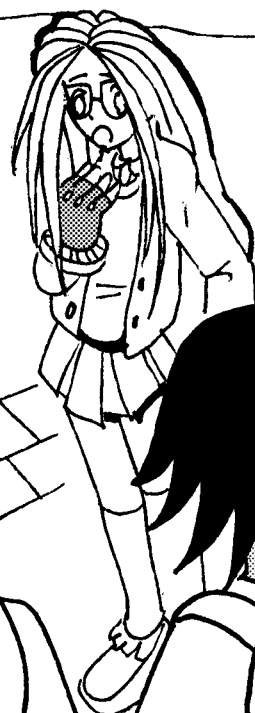
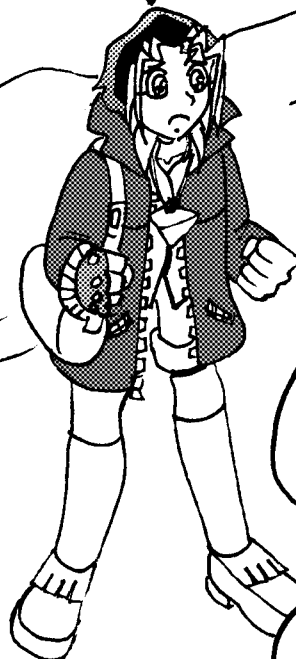


He knew about the arena down here.

He probably wanted your Star Chips in addition to your dragon.



He trapped us down here!





# THE QUEEN OF GAMES

## SECRET SCROLLS

Welcome back to Secret Scrolls. Once again it is time to introduce a new character. He's another one of my slightly-less-obnoxious-but-still-annoying replacement villains I created.



Name: Nelson

Name Origin: After Nelson Muntz, the bully from 'The Simpsons'.

As you can tell, Nelson takes the place of the story arc involving Bandit Keith and his minions, so why create him if you intended to include Bandit Keith anyway? Well, that's actually kind of a hard question to answer. I like Bandit Keith, but I really can't stand his minions.

I think the main reason was that Bandit Keith had a lot of back-story involving Pegasus, and the way I'm writing the plot, there just wouldn't be any room for his history. Hey, it could be worse, I could have killed him off like Takahashi did in the manga.

So how did I create Nelson? Well, his character isn't that complex. He's an annoying punk who has no qualms about cheating or screwing people over. But we're not done with him yet. He's going to pop up a few more times.

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