IN ADDITION TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VICTIMS, WE HAVE OBTAINED CONVINCING FOOTAGE PROVING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE OCCURRENCES.

WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS LYING IN A HOSPITAL BED.

I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

THE FACT THAT THEY ARE STILL ALIVE IS A MIRACULOUS STROKE OF LUCK.

THE MAJORITY OF THE WITNESSES ARE ACTIVE POLICE OFFICERS.

IT WAS AN ENORMOUS SHRIMP.

YES... THAT IS CORRECT.

OVER HALF OF THE OTHER OFFICERS WHO RUSHED TO THE SCENE WERE KILLED BY THE UNKNOWN CREATURE.

WE CANNOT SHOW IT TO YOU DUE TO THE GRAPHIC NATURE OF THE CONTENT, BUT TSUKUMA-SAN'S FELLOW OFFICERS' BODIES WERE LYING AT THE CREATURE'S FEET IN AN UNSPEAKABLE STATE.

THIS IS VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE CREATURE THAT CLAIMED TSUKUMA-SAN'S RIGHT EYE AND BOTH OF HIS LEGS.
WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THESE CREATURES IS THAT THEY ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, HAVE THE ABILITY OF SPEECH, AND DO NOT FEAR THE PRESENCE OF HUMANS AT ALL.

SIMILAR INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN NUMEROUS LOCATIONS, AND VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE CREATURES IN VARYING APPEARANCES HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

THE FREELANCE REPORTER WHO INTERVIEWED HIM PATIENTLY LISTENED TO THE RANTS OF THIS LIONMAN BUT...

HE TALKED ABOUT HIS EMBARRASSINGLY IMMATURE PLANS FOR HIS KINGDOM.

HE NOT ONLY DANCED FOR THE CAMERA, BUT HE SHOWED NO QUALMS IN BEING INTERVIEWED AS WELL.

THE MOST EXPLICIT EXAMPLE WOULD BE THE LIONMAN OF NEVADA.

EVENTUALLY, SHE ASKED HIM THE QUESTION THAT EVERYONE WANTED TO HAVE ANSWERED.

CAN YOU PROVE TO US AT THIS VERY MOMENT THAT YOU REALLY ARE WHAT YOU CLAIM TO BE?

THOSE WERE HER LAST WORDS.
THAT IS SOMETHING.A MAN IN A COSTUME CANNOT POSSIBLY DO!!!

THE REPORTER'S UPPER-BODY WAS BITTEN OFF BY THE LIONMAN IN ONE BITE.

TO AVOID ANY OTHER SIMILAR CASUALTIES...

SHE WAS KILLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS.

WE ISSUE THIS WARNING TO EVERYONE!

THOSE MONSTERS ARE REAL!!

HOWEVER THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT APPEARANCES WILL EXPAND TO OTHER REGIONS, AND THE REALITY IS THAT NO METHOD TO STOP THEM HAS YET BEEN FOUND.

SO FAR, THE APPEARANCES OF THESE CREATURES HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO THE YORUPIAN CONTINENT.

NOT APPROACH THEM OUT OF CURIOSITY! GET AWAY FROM THEM AS FAST AS YOU CAN!!

DO NOT, IF ANYONE ENCOUNTERS A SIMILAR CREATURE BY CHANCE...

OK, SHALL WE GO?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
They probably became like that after mixing with humans. I know that. Apparently they're called chimera ants.
They shouldn't just be wandering around their nest. But weren't they originally ants? Since there are a lot of weird countries over there... We don't have the right to call other countries weird.

Why have they wandered all the way to a place like 1467?

I don't think it was just a coincidence.

Working backwards from the dates and locations of the eyewitness accounts and casualty reports, it looks like they may have come from the Barusa Islands.

Maybe they were attracted by the stench of garbage, or just happened to come here by chance.
So the ants were able to invade with assurance.

Whether it be nail or dust Goruto, they both hid what goes on inside their countries to the rest of the world.

It's been quite a while.

Not much has changed.
HUNTERxHUNTER

WE EVEN TRIED USING EXPLOSIVES. WE'RE STRUGGLING TO DEAL WITH THEM.

DECLARING THE ONES WHO'VE JOINED THEIR RANK, WE HAVE SUFFERED MORE THAN 300 CASUALTIES.

WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

AND ALSO, THE COUNCIL IS DIVIDED ON WHO TO CLASSIFY AS "DECEASED."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
...THE WORK OF THE ANTS?
JUST THE OTHER DAY, HE WAS STILL A NORMAL HUMAN BEING.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

BUT ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT HE'S 'DECEASED'?

THAT IS WHAT THE COUNCIL IS PRESENTLY LEANING TOWARDS AS THE DETERMINING FACTOR OF WHO IS 'DEAD.'

WETHER THERE IS A WAY TO RETURN THEM TO NORMAL OR NOT...

AFTER CHANGING INTO A BIZARRE FORM.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILLINGLY JOIN THEM ALIVE...?
HUNTER X HUNTER

They should be concerned about getting revenge, but they'd rather debate about whether their people are dead or just modified?

Go and contemplate as much as you want. Really, nothing's changed at all.

If anyone gets in our way, we'll simply get rid of them.

We'll do as we please.

This self-proclaimed "Queen."

She'll be eradicated within the day.

Don't worry.
THOSE WHO RESIST WILL BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH!!!

I AM YOUR QUEEN!!

I REPEAT, SURRENDER NOW!!

THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN WILL BE PROMISED ETERNITY IN PARADISE!!
I AM YOUR QUEEN!!

I REPEAT, SURRENDER NOW!!
THOSE WHO RESIST WILL BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH!!!

THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN WILL BE PROMISED ETERNITY IN PARADISE!!
WAS THAT SHE USED THE OLD AND INEFFICIENT METHOD OF LAYING EGGS TO RAISE HER ARMIES.

MOTHER'S GREATEST FAILURE...

WAS GIVING BIRTH TO ME...!!

MOTHER'S ONE AND ONLY SUCCESS

KILL ME!!

YOU'RE A LIVELY ONE.
YOU ARE NOW AMONG THE CHOSEN. WELCOME TO DISRAEIS.

NOW PLEDGE YOUR ETHERAL ALLEGIANCE TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS.

THE QUEEN. I AM...
WITH MY QUEEN SHOT...

I WILL RULE THE WORLD!!!

FINE WITH ME.

JUST BREAK THROUGH THE FRONT?
There's no one here—

Then I'll go this way.

We can enter as we please, huh?
YOU MUST HAVE ABILITIES THAT YOU DON'T WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT EITHER, RIGHT?

OF COURSE. IT'S A RACE TO SEE WHO CAN KILL THE QUEEN FIRST.

EVERYONE'S SCATTERING?

IF YOU CAN DEFEAT THE QUEEN, YOU CAN SERVE AS THE INTERIM-DANCHOU.

ELIMINATE ANYONE THAT GETS IN YOUR WAY.

THEN I'LL TAKE THIS WAY.

UNDERSTOOD.

START!!

THEY HAVE DISPERSED.
I can tell that these guys are no ordinary humans.

EVEN BY THE FEEL OF THE WAY THEY WALK ON MY WEB.

YES.

THEN YOU GO TOO.

ARE THEY STRONG?

I'LL BE FINE.

THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO GUARD YOUR MAJESTY.

BUT THEN...

I, PIKE, SWEAR TO GIVE ZAN-SAMA MY EVERYTHING...!!

OH! OH! OH! IT'S AN ABSOLUTE HONOR FOR ME TO HEAR THOSE WORDS.

I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, PIKE.

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME, THEN GO AND CAPTURE THE ENEMIES AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN.

I WILL BE BACK SOON!!
Was that she did not know the pleasure of battle.

Mother's greatest impotence.

Going to battle your majesty?

Now I will also...

[Image of a character in battle, with speech bubble: "Now I will also."]
I'll take you to heaven. Gehaeha... Stop resisting and let me hug you.

Holes... no...
A SMALL TRIBE THAT WAS CHASED OUT BY DEVELOPMENT.

BONORENOF IS THE DESCENDENT OF THE GYUDONDONO TRIBE.

A HIGHLY TRAINED BAPU IS CONSIDERED TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS A GOD! AND GIVEN A HIGHER AUTHORITY THAN THE ELDER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MORE BEAUTIFUL THE SOUND THEY CREATE, THE GREATER THE SPIRIT THAT DESCENDS.

Called BAPU (DANCING FIGHTER).

They are Dancing Warriors...

Gradually, the needles are replaced with increas- singly thicker sticks, and ultimately stabilize the holes with a hollow bamboo stick, wood, or stone.

When the males of the GYUDONDONO TRIBE REACH THE AGE OF THREE, ALONG WITH CIRCUMCISION, THEY INSERT NEEDLES THROUGH VARIOUS PARTS OF THEIR BODY.

Before they engage in combat with enemy tribes or wild beasts, they use their bodies to perform the song of the warrior and fight bravely.

Depending on the size and shape, as well as the degree of movement, they can create a variety of sounds from those holes...
Batte = Le Cantabile

PROLOGUE!!

TRANSFORM THE MELODY INTO BATTLE POWER!!
IN THE NAME OF THE SPIRITS AND MY TRIBE.

I WILL NOT BE DELAYED BY THE LIKES OF YOU.

I HAVE INHERITED THE BLOOD OF THE TRIBE THAT FIGHTS MOST BEAUTIFULLY IN THE WORLD.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, HEHEHE HEHE IT IS QUITE A...

THAT BLOW JUST NOW... DID YOU TRULY ATTACK ME WITH THE PRIDE OF AN ENTIRE TRIBE?

CHEAP SOUL.

IT IS THE RUBBISH OF A MERE BEAST.

IT HAS NO EFFECT ON ME.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE THAT BACK.
YOUR HEADER PUNCHES FAIL TO EVEN MEASURE UP TO A MOSQUITO BITE.

CONSIDERING YOU'RE JUST AN ANT, YOU KNOW SOME BIG WORDS.

WELL THEN I'll TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR GENEROUS OFFER.

BEFORE I SEND YOU TO YOUR DEATH, I WILL GENTLY LET YOU HIT ME ONE MORE TIME.

WHAT'S NEXT? A KICK? A WEAPON?

REALLY? YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?!

WITH A PUNCH.

? SHOULD DO IT?

15...
There will be no way to escape...

A strong web if I get tangled in it...

Oh? You're pretty strong for a girl.

Where was she hiding that vacuum cleaner?
AS LONG AS I CAN STICK THIS ON HIM, I WILL WIN...

IF IT'S A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW STRONG MY OPPONENT IS...

BUT WILL I BE ABLE TO STICK IT ON THAT—?
She is standing right before your eyes.

Fufufu, rejoice.

Where is the queen?

Ah? A joke?

Was that supposed to be a joke?

Well then, I'll take you up on your generous offer. It is the rubbish of a mere beast. Naughtly little kids like you need to be given a good spanking.

Is... should do it? Oh? You're pretty strong for a girl.

Looks like Petion's with the queen...
Hey little girl, come over here.
Hey, hey, it's just a kid.
How shall I snatch this from him?...?

Ahaha, I got rejected.

No.

In that case, maybe I'll just kidnap you...

I'm in a bit of a hurry.
AMA
HAAHAH.
THROWING
PAPER WON'T
HURT ME. IT
WON'T EVEN
TICKLE—

UGH.
Even a normal person can do something like cutting through wooden chopsticks with a business card.

Don't you think you shouldn't underestimate paper?

My fan is made out of paper.

Dance of the serpent's bite.
NEXT WILL BE YOUR RIGHT ARM.
I can stick my antenna in the gap that is exposed between his shell when he opens his body.

Pretty sharp... if I can get past it...

The chance of succeeding without injury is...

20%!!
NICE SUCCESS.

Yeah, I didn't think I could do it without getting injured!
I'm certain that I stuck the antenna in properly. I wonder why it didn't activate?

You're a manipulation type, huh?
You must also be a manipulation type, right?

That must be the condition to activate your manipulation ability. You thought you succeeded so you loosened up.

The fact that you put down your guard the moment you stuck the antenna into Pelli is proof.

DPT... This one's called Pelli?

It's already being manipulated by another user's ability.

My ability failing to activate even after I met the condition means that...

Then Boki's job is finished.

All that's left is to take you to Her Majesty.

That's right. It's first come first serve when it comes to manipulation abilities.

What, you already knew?

I don't really feel like doing this but...

Guess I have no choice...

...damn, I can't even budge.
But that's like...

You said you'd give me one hit, right?

Wait!
Ripper Cyclo-tron!!!

The power of the punch increases according to the number of times I wind up my arm.

Which way should I go...?

As usual, I'm bad at calculating.

Meh. Just half wouldn't've been enough.
OR LEFT?

I'LL LET THE COIN DECIDE.

... 

AN EMBARRASSMENT

RIGHTS

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!!
Damn, my Chanel skirt.

It's common sense to assume your opponent is hiding something if they wear something so spacious.

No different than you.

You like to hide things, don't you, little boy?

A concealed sword.
You're not going to continue to attack?

What's wrong?

You can at least prevent my performance, right?

If you do that
I'll get Pike. I can't angle him up with Pike's web to prevent him from making the sounds.

Ze—Ha—Genaha ha, don't forget this.

You flee rather quickly.

Though it's nothing compared to the speed of sound.

Ze ha! Hu! Ha!
A RATHER APPROPRIATE WAY FOR AN INSECT TO DIE, NO?

GETTING CRUSHED TO DEATH.

I SHOULD FIX THIS...

IT ENDED UP TAKING SOME TIME.

THIS BAD HABIT OF TORTURING MY PREY...
WHAT WILL BECOME OF ME NOW?

AHAAH, YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE.

IT WON'T BE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM YOUR LIFE SO FAR.

YOU WILL WORK FOR HER MAJESTY UNTIL YOU DIE.

I'D RATHER DIE THAN FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF SOMEONE I DIDN'T LIKE.

HOWEVER, THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS WHO I FOLLOW.

OH YEAH?

I CAN MOVE THE FINGERS IN BOTH MY HANDS AND MY LEFT LEG AS WELL.

THEN AGAIN, I GUESS YOUR MOUTH IS THE ONLY THING YOU CAN MOVE, EH?

HAA HAA, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY SUCH THINGS.
FOR TIMES LIKE THIS...

YOU KNOW SOMETHING? I ALWAYS CARRY TWO ANTENNAS ON ME WHENEVER I FIGHT.

IF YOU REALLY END UP DYING OR SOMETHING, I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.

I'M GOING TO STICK THIS ON YOU...

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

ON HIMSELF!!

HE STUCK THE ANTENNA...
WHAT IS THIS AURA?!
TERMINATION INITIATED.

ENEMY IDENTIFIED.

THE ANTENNA...

PELL, HIS LEG!!
HUNTERXHUNTER

POWER OFF.

AUTO MODE DEACTIVATED.

MISSION COMPLETE.

I'M NOT GOING TO MOVE MUCH FOR THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS BECAUSE OF MUSCLE PAINS.

BUT THE SIDE-EFFECTS ARE TOO EXTREME.

THAT'S WHY I HATE THIS MODE—IT MAKES ME STRONG.

AND BECAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.

JUST LIKE NOW, I DON'T FEEL ANY SENSE OF SATISFACTION.
I have to somehow create an opening.

His movements are swift and he's not covered by the shadows of arms and legs as me.

Haa, I'm strictly on the defensive.

Again, there's no doubt about it. Just when I thought it had disappeared...

That girl somehow made the vacuum disappear out of thin air again.

And she doesn't even get caught in my web.

She's quite something.

There's something deep about her power. To make an object disappear and appear freely...

This skill...

Even though it really strains this hole in my butt...

However... I cannot let her escape!!
YOU HAVE NO WHERE TO ESCAPE — LUCKY!!

HAHA HAHAHA, BECAUSE I CONTINUED TO THROW MY WEB AT YOU...

I DON'T THINK I CAN AVOID THIS.

WHOA.
WOO HO—I CAUGHT HER!

EVEN BEEMORN-SAMA, THE GREATEST IN BRUTE STRENGTH, COULDN'T BREAK FREE OF MY WEB—!!

I WONDER IF JAZAN-SAMA WILL REWARD ME...

NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO PRESENT HER TO JAZAN-SAMA.

NO WA...

IT GOT LIGHTER...?
HOW DID SHE ESCAPE...!?

HOW~?!?

I SEE.

WOO-HO...

NGH!!
I see by using her clothes and that vacuum cleaner, it was possible for her to protect her body while creating a large enough gap in the web to escape. If it's her, it's possible...

You took off your clothes....!!

She could simply make her tangled vacuum cleaner disappear and escaped from the web...!!

However!!

You no longer have any clothes on so you won't be able to do that again...!!

Because I won't get close to you.

I will not get caught again...

And although I'm not gonna... I've completely figured out the speed and range of your web.

I'll say that straight back to you.

Me and Dem-chan win.
WHY DON'T YOU GO WASH YOUR FACE AND COME BACK?

OH! WHAT UNEXPECTED HONESTY

O-HO! HOHO! YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME.

I'VE FOUND SOMETHING GOOD TO PRACTICE ON.

MY SKILLS HAVE BECOME QUITE RUSTY.
YOU JUST SAID THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM ME!!

NAHA HAHA, YOU SURE ARE A STUPID GIRL —!!

I SAID I WOULDN'T GET CLOSE TO YOU...

I WILL SHOW YOU THE DIFFERENCE.

WITHOUT LEAVING A SINGLE DROP!!

SUCK HIS BLOOD...
STOP IT...H... HEY!!

YOU LITTLE-!!
I HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING SOMEHOW!!

DANGEROUS! THIS IS DANGEROUS! I'M GETTING DIZZY!!

HUNNN!!

LO 9
AH!!

FROM HERE?
AND FROM HERE TOO!!

CAN'T... CAN'T STOP IT ALL~!!

BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION OF EACH WOUND, FROM THE INFORMATION I'VE OBTAINED SO FAR.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO COVER THEM ALL WITH YOUR EIGHT ARMS AND LEGS!

As long as you don't have more.

FUHE HOHE-!!
(HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT-!!)

HOHEHA HIMAHUHE
HAHIBA-!!
(NOW YOU CAN'T SUCK MY BLOOD OUT-!!)

AH

I'M SUCKING YOUR BLOOD OUT FROM ABOUT 28 OPEN WOUNDS.

chuuuu....
CLEANING!!

DONE.

GRAPPLING

WE'RE BOTH QUITE STUPID, AREN'T WE?

IF YOU HAD WRAPPED IT AROUND YOUR ENTIRE BODY, COULDN'T YOU HAVE STOPPED THE BLEEDING?

THAT STICKY WEB OF YOURS YOU CAN EMIT THAT, RIGHT?

LMAO~
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

BUT HE'S STILL FAR FROM HIS BEST THOUGH.

IS THIS SPEED?

THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE ALREADY HERE, CASUALLY OBSERVING THE FIGHT.

NO, I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS FOOLING AROUND.

HAHA...

FIVE... NO, SEVEN...? HOW MANY FEINTS DID HE JUST USE? I MEAN, HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY ATTACK FROM THAT POSITION... WHOA, HE'S ALREADY OVER THERE.

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.
IT'S...

A DIFFERENT LEVEL...!!

GOING FOR A NEW LOOK?

WHOA

WOW - YOU'RE ALL HERE ALREADY?

AMAZING. SHE'S LIKE A LGIY MAD.

WHAT YOU'RE NOT SAYING, YOS.

I WON!

I GOT TANGLED IN THE ENEMY'S WEB.

ONLY PEITAN'S LEFT.

GUESS HE'S NOT AT HIS BEST.

BUT PEITAN'S MOVEMENTS AREN'T TOO GOOD EITHER.

HIS OPPONENT IS PRETTY STRONG.

YOU ALREADY SAID THAT IT'S BETTER ALREADY!

IT'S PROBABLY THE QUEEN

LACKING...!!

I AM STILL...
DAMMIT! WHAT USELESS IDIOTS HAVE THEY ALL BEEN KILLED?

UGH! WHAT THE HELL IS HE? HE KEEPS GETTING FASTER AND FASTER!! AND THE OTHERS ARE HERE AS WELL!
YOUR SKIN IS TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT

MAAH!

HOW DARE YOU PUT A SCRATCH ON MY FACE!!

HOW DARE YOUUU!!

NNN
NNGG!!

URG
GHH
HMM~
KILL...

I'M GONNA...

!? &

YOU PUT YOUR GUARD DOWN COMPLETELY.

"KOU"!!

I'M NOT NICE ENOUGH TO PASS THIS CHANCE UP.
THE "KOU" ATTACK HAD NO EFFECT. NO IT WAS WEAK BUT SHE THREW Aura AT HIM.

THOUGHT THE ATTACK DIDN'T HIT...
Guess she's not the Queen for nothing.

She seems to know how to use aura well...

In other words, he was defending only with his bare body. Even a rushed emission attack would be enough to cause a ton of damage.

You can't put a scratch on this body!!

If he's defeated, then the next guy can go.

We said this was a race.

Huh? Why?

Aren't you going to help him?

Oh well, just flip a coin.

You idiot. I was just waiting for your right to end that's why?

Wait a minute. Don't we get here at the same time?

Then that's me.

Whoever got here first, right?

Who's next?

TH...these guys...

Are definitely weird!!
I'm going to get my brother back.

I'm accustomed to enduring.

No matter how many years it takes...

I'm weak compared to them.

Then if Peitian gets killed, I'm next.

It's practically hopeless.

Heads.
KARLITO, YOU'LL PROBABLY DIE INSTANTLY IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN THE ONE HE'S GOING TO USE THIS TIME.

GETTING ALL COCKY.

FEH! WANNA SWITCH WITH BONO!?

Ouch, there goes his left arm.

THAT PIECE OF SHIT...

OTHERWISE WE'LL BE CAUGHT IN HIS ATTACK.

OH SHIT, RUN.

KARLITO, YOU'LL PROBABLY DIE INSTANTLY IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN THE ONE HE'S GOING TO USE THIS TIME.

His ability has a wide range and he only uses it when he's pissed off so he doesn't hold back.

I TRIED TO WATCH IT ONCE BEFORE AND ALMOST DIED.

When we snap, he releases his ability with NO REGARD FOR HIS SURROUNDINGS.

DAMN— I WANNA SEE IT.

THE ONE THIS TIME... DOES THAT MEAN HE HAS DIFFERENT TYPES?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT MATTERS... HE'S CLEARLY GOTTEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE!

I WILL RETURN THE PAIN...!
CHANGE INTO SCORCHING HEAT!!

"PAIN PACKER"!!
"RISING SUN!!"
IS IT HOT? YOUR THROAT'S BURNING. SO YOU CAN'T EVEN BREATHE, CAN YOU?

YOU CAN RUN IF YOU WANT.

WHAT'S UP NOW? WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING WITH THAT TOUGH SKIN YOU'RE SO PROUD OF?

THAT IS, IF YOU CAN EVEN MOVE AT ALL.
IMPOSSIBLE...

LIKE...TH..IS...

IN...A
PLACE...

TO THINK
THAT
I, THE
QUEEN...
The heat was pretty weak too.

Already out of fuel?

If you had damaged me a little more, you would've died a more comfortable death.

Too bad for you.

You get what you give.

Well...
THEIR BODIES WON'T RETURN TO NORMAL.

JUST AS I THOUGHT, EVEN WITH THE QUEEN DEAD.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE FREE FROM THE QUEEN'S CONTROL.
KILL ME... PL... EASE...

WE BEG YOU...

KILL US...

NO.
COME AT ME, YOU PIECES OF SHIT.

I HATE KILLING FOR CHARITY.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT UNTIL THE END!!!

EVEN IF YOU'VE BECOME ROTTEN, AREN'T YOU STILL RESIDENTS OF THIS PLACE??
GO OUT WITH A BANG...!
MAN, I REALLY CAN'T DEAL WITH THOSE IDIOTS.

THEY JUST SIT AROUND THEIR LITTLE TABLE, DEBATING OVER SHIT THEY CAN'T EVEN DO.

DON'T WANNA HAVE TO DO THE TYPE OF KILLING THAT LEAVES SUCH A BAD AFTERTASTE AGAIN.

IF THE ANTS COME UP AGAIN, I'M GONNA TAKE CARE OF THEM IMMEDIATELY.

DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO ANYWAY.

BUT YOU'RE STILL GOING WITH ANTHROPOMATIC, RIGHT?

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF JUST WAITING.

SHESHEH, WHAT THE HELL? WHO WOULD STUPID IDIOT!!

NOPE, IT'S NOBU-WAGA.

HE'S ASKING IF WE NEED HELP WITH THE JOB.
I DARE YOU TO SAY THAT TO ME AGAIN, YOU BASTARDS!!

WHAA!

LIKE A LITTLE GIRL.

PINK SOUNDS JUST LIKE A GIRL WITH A CRUSH.

Hey we're fused here.

Die.

EAST GORUTO

LEFT...

NINE DAYS.
It would also be dangerous to be spotted by their people, right?

Sneaking in was easy, but the real problem is how do we slip into the heart of the enemy?
AND IF THERE IS A FALSE REPORT OR A MEMBER OF THE GROUP TURNS OUT TO BE A TRAITOR, THE ENTIRE GROUP IS PUNISHED.

IF THE INFORMANT POINTS ACCURATELY TO A MEMBER OF THE GROUP, THE INFORMANT RECEIVES A REWARD.

A VERY POTENT INFORMANT SYSTEM CALLED "FINGER-PUNKING GROUP" REGulates THE INFORMATION AND CATCHING DEFECTORS IN THE ACT.

IT'S WORSE THAN IT SOUNDS.

A CARROT AND STICK SYSTEM.

IF AN ENTIRE FAMILY IS CAUGHT DEFECTING, THEY ARE EXECUTED WITHOUT QUESTIONS.

SOME EVEN SAY THAT EAST GERMANY HAS CUT OFF ALL TALKS SO THAT THEY CAN USE NEGOTIATIONS AS A BARGAINING TOOL TO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID IN THE HISTORY OF THEIR ECONOMIC SUPPORT. THERE'S ALSO TALK THAT THEY USE THIS AID TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

I'VE MANAGED TO STOP IT SOMEHOW.

HEY, DON'T BLOW IT UP ON ME! I CAN HEAR IT!!!

AND THE SYSTEM IS SET UP SO THAT THE FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ISN'T USED ON THE IMPOVERISHED, BUT INSTEAD ON CARS, JEWELS, AND MISSILES.
There's a good chance that they still use the same system.

I'm just quoting Grampa.

And he was probably quoting Grampa.

A long time ago, they came upon a similar situation during a job.

Yeah.

It's pretty small.

It's a village.

Sneak in.

What should we do?
ALTHOUGH WE'VE PREPARED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES SIMILAR TO THEIRS AND A BADGE TO INDICATE OUR RANK...

WE NEED SOME CURRENT INFORMATION ANYWAY.

YOU SURE IT'LL BE OKAY?

IT WOULD BE BETTER TO COLLECT AS MUCH DATA AS POSSIBLE.

WAIT THERE FOR A BIT.
IT'S EMPTY.

DO YOU THINK THEY'VE ALL ALREADY GONE TO PEIJING?

NO.
AND THEY TRIED TO CONCEAL IT.

SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE...

THEY DID A PRETTY CARELESS JOB THOUGH.
THE HOLE THEY DUG WAS TOO SHALLOW SO IT ATTRACTED THE WILD DOGS.

THE ENTIRE TOWN HAS PROBABLY BEEN BURIED HERE.

THIS IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL RALLY.

WHAT COULD THIS POSSIBLY MEAN?

TO CREATE A SITUATION WHERE ENTIRE TOWNS OR VILLAGES CAN DISAPPEAR WITHOUT ATTRACTING ANY SUSPICION...!
It’s easier to manage the process by village or town.

But the presence of a high priority event like the national rally wouldn’t make an extended absence during that period seem strange at all.

After all, there are around 5,000,000 citizens.

If you think about it, it’s incredibly strange to gather the entire country and conduct the “selection” all at once.

The “selection” has already begun...!!!
CELL PHONES DON'T WORK HERE SO IF YOU GET EVERYONE TO THINK THAT THEY'VE ALL GONE OUT, IT WOULD ONLY BE NATURAL TO loose CONTACT.

THE JOB WILL GO VERY SMOOTHLY.

SO IT WOULD BE BEST TO START THE "SELECTION" FROM THE FURTHEST AREAS AND MOVE IN...

THEY WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY KIND OF TROUBLE SINCE THEY'RE PREVENTING THE PEOPLE FROM BANDING TOGETHER AND POTENTIALLY IGNORING THE ORDER...

THERE WON'T BE ANY DANGER OF GROUPS BEING IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER BEFORE LEAVING EITHER.

PEILING IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN-MOST TIP OF THIS LAND...

IF THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THE DEPARTURE TIMES FOR EACH AREA JUST BEFORE AND ORDERS THEM TO HEAD TO THE CAPITAL IMMEDIATELY...

HMM?
Even if there's 10, no, nine days left...

No, I'm referring to what we talked about before.

Yeah... they're calculating that even if 1% survives, that'll still produce 50,000 soldiers.

If you think about it, they're trying to go around beating up 5,000,000 people the entire country.

Wouldn't they also need a lot of selectors to do it?

In order to put 5,000,000 people through the "selection"..."selec-

It's soo.

Er!!!

If a single Nen user puts 10,000 people through the "selection" over 10 days, they would need...

But the answer's probably simple.

That's what I think, too.

Yeah.

Are you trying to say that there's no way there are that many soldier ants capable of using Nen?

Muh? How come?

Even if the selector doesn't know how to use Nen, it doesn't really matter.
And force them to concentrate that aura into their fist and punch the target's being "selected."

Even a normal human entity's aura, so if they use that...

It can probably do simple automatic control, and like Genkuro, should be able to control large numbers of people simultaneously.

It's probably that one's ability.
If my assumption is correct, it'll be easy to stop the "selection."

But it's not all bad.

If we go around beating them up, we can easily cause a huge commotion.

If they're not real NEN users and just amateurs being controlled, it'll be easy to take them out.

They'll quickly catch on to us.

The problem is...
AND IF WE WANT TO EXECUTE THE OLD MAN'S PLAN, IT WILL DEFINITELY BE BETTER NOT TO BLOW OUR COVER.

IF WE MAKE A MOVE, WE'LL MOST LIKELY BE DETECTED RIGHT AWAY.

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?

LET'S DO IT....!

I UNDERSTAND.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO JUST STAND STILL AND KEEP QUIET.

IF THE "SELECTION" HAS ALREADY BEGIN...
DON'T FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE!

WHY!? WOULDN'T TWO PEOPLE...

YOU HIDE.

BUT I'M GONNA DO IT ALONE.

THAT'S ALL YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT.

IT'S TO DEFEAT THAT ONE, RIGHT?

I'LL STIR THE POT REAL GOOD.

LEAVE EVERYTHING ELSE TO ME.

AND I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS BUT...

IT'LL BE EASIER IF I DID THIS ALONE.
HUNTER×HUNTER

REALLY?

GEZZ... ALRIGHT

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND?

YOU WON'T MOVE!!

PROMISE ME!!

PROMISE ME!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!!

......
I'll contact you first...

Since we can still use our cell phones here.

I'm just a little agitated, that's all.

Sorry... it's nothing.
THEY'RE STRONG...?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE... BUT...

I DON'T WANT A TWO-ON-ONE SITUATION...

WHAT THE? THESE GUYS ARE NOT HUMANS OF THIS COUNTRY.

THEY'RE A BIT TOO YOUNG TO BE SPIES, BUT...

COULD THEY BE...

ASSASSINS...?!

TO KILL THE KING...!
I can see that his movements are flawless already from the way he walks. His potential is that of a division commander?

Especially the silver-haired one on the left.

Even though I've erased all signs of my presence, he still sensed something.

Just as I thought, he's not an ordinary one.

Ku ku ku ku ku ku! How convenient...
REALLY BE ALRIGHT?

WILL IT REALLY BE ALRIGHT?

YOU CAN REST ASSURED.

YOU SAID THAT MY FAMILY AND I CAN DEFECT TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

IT IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE DOCUMENTATION, BUT IF YOU DO NOT FULFILL YOUR END OF THE AGREEMENT AFTER YOU SIGN, YOU WILL CREATE A SITUATION THAT IS GREATLY UNFORTUNATE FOR BOTH PARTIES.

HOWEVER, YOUR DEFECTION IS STRICTLY DEPENDENT ON THE CONDITION OF FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL MILITARY INFORMATION.

ALL THAT IS LEFT IS FOR YOU TO SIGN THE PAPERS.

WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED WILLING CONSENT FROM A CLOSE POLITICAL, AND WE’VE EVER PREPARED THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

THAT’S A PROBLEM YOU DON’T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT. I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
EVERY ACT THAT THE BASTARD HAS COMMITTED!

YOU SHOULD BE DEPENDING ON IT AS THE DEVILISH ACTS COMMITTED NOT JUST "THE BASTARD"!

THE GLASS OF EXPENSIVE WINE YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND. THE VIEW YOU'RE ENJOYING... AREN'T THOSE ALL A RESULT OF YOU FOLLOWING "THE BASTARD" LEAD. YOU SON OF A BITCH!

"THE BASTARD," HUH? YOU TALK AS IF YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED.

PLEASE WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT OUR LIVES ARE ALSO DEPENDENT UPON IT.

AND IN TWO WEEKS, YOU'LL FIND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SIPPING ON COCKTAILS ON THE BEACH.

YOU JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE GOING ABOUT YOUR REGULAR DAILY ROUTINE.

SO MARCO-SAN...

I KNOW.
WILL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.

THAT MEANS BASICALLY 500,000 A DAY! PROBABLY ONLY ONE PERCENT WILL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.

IF 5,000,000 CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY ARE BEING "SELECTED" OVER A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS.

HOW THE HELL CAN YOU STAY SO CALM!? THAT MEANS 450,000 HUMANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED!!

BILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL END UP DYING!! BECAUSE IF WE DON'T STAY CALM...
IF THIS PLAN FAILS, EVERYONE WILL DIE.

OBVIOUSLY, THE SECURITY SURROUNDING THE KING WILL BECOME EVEN TIGHTER.

IT'S TOO GREAT A RISK IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT US BEFORE THE PLAN IS CARRIED OUT!!

THAT'S RIGHT.

ISN'T IT SELFISH FOR YOU TO ARGUE ABOUT DOING THE RIGHT THING WITHOUT EVEN HAVING A SOLUTION?!

IF IT MAKES IT ANY EASIER FOR YOU, YOU CAN BLAME IT ALL ON ME! HOWEVER...

BUT WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH... WITH NO REGARD FOR OUR OWN LIVES!

LET'S ONLY DO WHAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF DOING...!
GOTTE R REALLY

BUT IF I KEEP FOLLOWING HIM, HE WOULD'VE GOTTEN REALmäßig MAD

MAYBE IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER TO STICK TOGETHER AFTER ALL...

HE SEEMED A BIT STRANGE.

I WONDER IF KILLUA WILL BE ALRIGHT.
YOU RAN AWAY WELL.

THEN HOW ABOUT THIS??

GIRL

GIRL

H' H' H'

GIRL

GIRL

H' H' H'
KUKUKUKU
I USE MY
STRONG TAIL
LIKE A SPRING
TO MOVE IN
AND OUT OF
THE TREES!!

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO SEE
MY MOVE-
MENTS IN
THE DARK!!

I WILL
CRUSH
YOU LIKE
THIS!!

HYAHAAA
I CAUGHT
YOU!!
YOU WEREN'T SQUEEZING TIGHTLY AT ALL.

THE ONE THAT'S BEEN CAUGHT.

IS YOU!!
But if I'm dealing with snakes, guess it doesn't matter.

He sure found me quick. I will need to hide well...

He seemed to have the genes of a snake...

With these pits, snakes can locate their prey in the dark and calculate its size, shape, and distance only by sensing the body heat.

Snakes possess pits that they use to sense heat...

In the worst case, he should still be able to survive without eating for about 10 days.

But it's a bit strange that there are still soldiers in an area that has already undergone the "selection."

Maybe they're patrolling since this is close to the border.
AND A BAT!? AN OWL...

KUKUKU! THIS TIME THERE ARE TWO...

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO...?
AND A BAT...!!
NOCTURNAL HUNTERS!!
AN OWL...
BOTH USE THE DARKNESS AS THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS.
Because of the sound of the bat's flapping, I can't hear the owl at all.

The size and location of the ears of a cotton owl differ greatly on each side. The owl can detect sound three-dimensionally through the time lapse created by the difference between its two ears using this, the owl is able to locate the source of the sound.

An owl's feather, similar to an eagle's feather, has cotton-like tips which allow them to cut through the air with little to no sound at all. This is probably to allow them to approach their prey quietly and to hear the sounds made by their prey more clearly. In fact, hearing is a more important factor for hunting than sight. This is proven by the fact that owls can accurately capture their prey in complete darkness.

The sound of you stepping on leaves! The rubbing of your clothes! They all tell me your location!
A long and short-range combination attack!!

Right before the bat attacks, the owl distracts me with its feathers.

If that's the case...

What incredible aura.

But it's no use!!
THE DARKNESS IS OUR PLAYING FIELD!!

IF THE OWL IS ATTACKING TO SUPPORT...

THINK BACKWARDS!!

CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THE SOUND OF THE BAT'S WING...!!

RIGHT NOW!! AFTER THE OWL'S ATTACK...
With echolocation, bats can immediately distinguish between a prey and a pebble, and never run into other objects in the air. The extent of their hearing has not yet been determined, but bulldog bats are believed to be able to hear a reflected sound wave 1/1,000,000 the size of the original emitted wave.

Bats use an ability called "echolocation" to hunt even flying prey in complete darkness. When using echolocation, bats send out ultrasonic waves and through the reflection of these waves, they are able to accurately locate objects and prey.

*Referenced "Encyclopedia of Animal Hunting" by IMAZUMI Tadaaki, DATA HOUSE*
DAMMIT, MISSED AGAIN.

IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THERE WILL BE NO END!

HE'S READING THE TIMING OF MY ATTACKS WITH ECHOLOCATION...!!

HE'S GETTING STRONGER AND STRONGER, AND MY ATTACKS CAN'T EVEN DAMAGE HIM.

HE'S JUST A HUMAN, BUT HE HAS GOOD READING.

HAHA! HE'S COMPLETELY FUGLIDING OUT THE DIRECTION OF MY ATTACKS.

FIRST IS... ROCK-
That's probably his special technique. This is our chance!!

We will win!!

If we can figure it out...

...no.

With my echolocation...!!

Wait.

Shall I help?

I'll see through it!!
I WILL CUT YOUR ARTERY!!

THEN I WILL JUST ATTACK!!

KUKUKU YOUR HEARING IS SIMPLY HUMAN AFTER ALL.

HE'S NOT MOVING...?

TO A MINIMUM.

MOVEMENT...

UNTIL I CAN DRAW HIM IN...

TO A MAXIMUM.

THIS IS DANGEROUS!!

HE LIRED ME IN!!
However!! He's not ready yet!

It'll be less than a second from now until he punches.

Plenty of time for me to escape into the air!!

I can't...

Hear!!?
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE...

WHO CAN LOCATE WITH SOUND!!

KEN!!

JAN!!

I HAVE TO ESCAPE FIRST!!

PAPER!!

GOT IT!!!
Gorilla Mode!!

Oho, oho! I was just in time.

Changed the direction with a rock...?

Darn! I even used my technique, but I couldn't end it!

Goro, though I can't fly in this form.
IS THIS ALSO... ULTRASONIC WAVES!?

WHAT WAS THAT? THAT SOUND WAS SO DISTURBING IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY.

BUT I'M MUCH BETTER THAN YOU IN ATTACKING WITH SOUND!!

WHAT A STUPIDLY LOUD VOICE YOU SCREAMED WITH, YOU LITTLE SHIT.

DISRUPTING WITH SOUND AND KILLING WITH STRENGTH!!

THIS IS THEIR TRUE COMBINATION....!!

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

KUKUKU!

KUKUKU!
NO, IT'S AURA.

ARE YOU LEANING ON SOUND AND CONCENTRATE ON SIGHT?

HIS EYES ARE SHINING.

IN THIS DARKNESS, MY REACTION WILL SLOW DOWN TOO MUCH WITHOUT MY HEARING...!

"6YO"!!

THAT'S RIGHT!

IN RETURN, I'LL GIVE YOU A NICE SOUND AS A PRESENT.

COVER MY EARS. NO, I CAN'T.
"SECRET NOISE"!!!
OAMPENS THE ENERGY OF SOUND WAVES!

WATER DAMPENS THE ENERGY OF SOUND WAVES!

YOU THOUGHT OF USING WET CLOTH AS EAR PLUGS, HUH?

THIS SHOULD MAKE IT BETTER.

ALL RIGHT!! MUCH BETTER!!
HE’S COMING!!

AND I KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE OWL...

THROUGH HIS ALARMA!

A FEATHER!
SO THEY'RE CREATURES FROM THE WILD!

“ZETSU!!”

IT'S NATURAL FOR THEM TO HIDE THEIR PRESENCE WHEN APPROACHING THEIR PREY!

IF I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON 'BYO,' THEN I'LL KEEP GETTING ATTACKED WITHOUT EVEN CATCHING A GLIMPSE OF THEM!

I CAN ENDURE THE HITS, BUT THE ULTRASONIC ATTACKS ARE TOUGH!

THIS FORMIDABLE COMBINATION...

IF I CAN'T BREAK IT...

BUT NO MATTER HOW HIGH HIS BASIC LEVELS ARE...

HE'S HELPLESS IF HIS BATTLE STRATEGY IS WEAK.

THE AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL AURA OF THE LITTLE ONE IS OVERWHELMING.

HE'S BEEN ATTACKED A BIT, BUT HE RECEIVED PRACTICALLY NO DAMAGE AT ALL.
I see he thinks if he gets close to me, we won't be able to use the ultrasonic wave attacks.

Nice try.

There's a good chance that the bat will let the others know if it gets away.

I can defeat this one if I use rock... but.
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT COMpletely DARK, I CAN SEE YOU CLEARLY WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO USE MY HEARING.

SO I AM ABLE TO COVER MY EARS.

AND I CAN EMIT ULTRASONIC WAVES AT WILL!!

IN ORDER TO AVOID DAMAGE, THE KID IS COVERING HIS ENTIRE BODY WITH AN Aura.

EVEN THOUGH THE ONS ATTACKS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED, HE CAN'T SEEM TO BREAK THROUGH THE DEFENSE-ORIENTED BLOWS.

AT THIS RATE, HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THOSE TWO.

THEIR WEAKNESS!! IT'S...
A PERFECTLY CONTAINING...

COMBINATION!!

HERE!!
IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING TARGETED SIMULTANEOUSLY...

THE BAT IS

RIGHT BEHIND ME!!
A MASSIVE WALL!!?
BEHIND ME IS A REAL...

HE LIRED ME INTO FIGHTING HIM IN ORDER TO POSITION THE CLIFF BEHIND THE BAT...

HE USED THE DESIGN OF OUR COMBINATION TO HIS ADVANTAGE!!
WITH AN UNAVOIDABLE BLAST OF WIND...

HE THEN SMASHED THE BAT AGAINST THE WALL....

GRRR.

IF IT'S ONLY ONE...

HE'S DOMINANT AND ONLY THINGS GO ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN.

I CAN SIMPLY FOCUS ON ATTACKING.
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO BACK TO OWL MODE!!

I NEED TO RUN AWAY AND BUY MYSELF SOME TIME...

SHIT, I CAN'T!!

KEN!!!

KUON!!!
WAS HIS MAIN ATTACK AFTER ALL?

ROCK-!!!!

I'VE ALREADY CALCULATED THAT DIRECTION TO BE WEST!

WHAT AMAZING FORCE?

FLY ALL THE WAY TO NGL!!

SO THAT WAS HIS MAIN ATTACK AFTER ALL?

WHOA!?
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID EARLIER...

THE PROBLEM IS... HOW DO I...

WE MUST INFORM THE PEOPLE IN THE OTHER REGIONS IMMEDIATELY!

BRAINWASHED SOLDIERS ARE GOING AROUND AND KILLING THE CITIZENS IN THE OTHER VILLAGES AND TOWNS AS WELL!!

IF YOU DON'T HURRY, ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL BE KILLED!!

NYAH, WHO COULD IT BE?

SOMEONE'S INTERESTING.
So elusive. It's making sure its movements can't be read.

This has to be southeast. The whole movement has been scaled fast.

I wanna get rid of it, nyah~

How annoying, nyah~

Yeah.

It's working alone.

But...

That is all...

It's trying to bait us.
I can only think that it's moving carefully to avoid being detected by me.

But its movements don't seem to be the kind that's trying to lure us out. *yam.

You think so too?

You must not go.

Ham...

That is all.

It is the sweet trap of thought.

Perhaps it's trying to make you think that deliberately, but maybe I'm thinking too hard.

Our duty is to protect the king.

The solution is simple.

Anything beyond that we can leave it to the others and that is all.

I want to remain drunk in this state of being tortured by a problem without a solution.
It is now time for us to repay your generosity!!

We owe you a debt for taking us in and healing us when we were being chased and severely wounded by hunters, and even instructing us on our abilities.

Since we don't use telepathy.

Take this cell phone...

Can you kill it?

There's someone going around and stopping my "dolls."

Roger.

I'll update you on its current location as I find out through that.

Leave it to us.
They'll risk their lives to complete our orders.

But they want to gain our trust...

Mmmm, I don't trust them at all, nyah.

Is it okay to trust those guys?

We'll just deal with them appropriately and that is all.

If things go well, they'll constantly look for a chance to stab us in the back hard, if that happens.
SO THAT WON'T BE SPOTTED!

CAUTIOUSLY

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SKIP THEM ALL AND GO 40 KILOMETERS TO TARA CITY?

THE NEAREST TOWN FROM HERE IS IN THE TWO O'CLOCK DIRECTION. THE NEXT IS EIGHT O'CLOCK TO O'CLOCK.
SUCCEEDING HUNTER FAILED TO CATCH HIM, ZITOH IS HEADED HERE AT GREAT SPEED. CARE OF HIM MYSELF. I KNEW I SHOUL...I'VE JUST TAKEN CARE OF HIM MYSELF.

GOD DAMMIT.

LOOKS LIKE THE SUCCEEDING HUNTER FAILED TO CATCH HIM. A GUY NAMED ZITOH IS HEADED HERE AT GREAT SPEED.

AT THIS RATE, HE'LL PASS THROUGH WAY SOUTH. NO. IS HE HEADED TOWARDS US?

WHAT'S WRONG?
YESTERDAY, THE NUMBER OF ANTS
BUT AFTER EXAMINING THEM, KORUTO VERIFIED 'THAT THERE WASN'T A SINGLE DIVISION COMMANDER AMONGST THEM.

I'M POSITIVE THAT HE'S RETURNING TO THE KING TO OBTAIN A STRONGER POWER!

IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE THAT ZITOK IS COMING TO EAST GORUTO! HE'S COMING HERE BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE KING IS HERE!!

FOUR OF THEM WERE CONFRONTED BY HUNTERS, BUT STILL MANAGED TO ESCAPE.

ACCORDING TO KORUTO, THERE ARE EIGHT HOSTILE DIVISION COMMANDERS REMAINING!

BUT IF WE loose him and he obtains a more powerful ability, I have no clue what the outcome might be!!

MY ABILITY IS STILL IN EFFECT, AND I'M STILL STRONGER!!

SHOULD I DEAL WITH YOU FIRST?

ARE YOU STILL GONNA STOP ME? HUH, PUNK?

TRYING TO SEPARATE THE ROYAL GUARDS FROM THE KING WON'T BE THE ONLY PROBLEM WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH!!

IMAGINE A BUNCH OF THEM JOINING WITH THE KING, PUNK!!
In the unlikely chance that we don't come back, we'll need for him to find replacements for us...

Let's contact Moraw-san first.

It'll raise the chances of capturing him a little, right?

I'll go with you.

Then... uh... huh? Hello!? Hello...

Yes, that's right. I think so... yes.

Something came up.

It's knuckle.
IT IS FREQUENTLY BECOMING THE CASE THAT THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION COMMISSIONS HUNTERS REGISTERED IN THE ASSOCIATION TO PERFORM JOBS REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENTS OR CORPORATIONS. IN SUCH SITUATIONS, THE HUNTER IS GUARANTEED A SET AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION BASED ON THE LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY OR DANGER OF THE JOB, REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE. FOR THIS REASON, SOME HUNTERS SPECIFICALLY CHOOSE THESE JOBS AND ARE derogatorily referred to by OTHER HUNTERS AS "KYOUSEN" HUNTERS BECAUSE THEY ONLY TAKE ASSOCIATION KYOUKAID ARRANGED JOBS. FOR SOME JOBS, THERE ARE AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS. IN THAT CASE, THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE EVALUATES THE HUNTER'S CAPACITY AND APITUDE AND SELECTS THE ONE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE JOB.
THE DIVISION COMMANDERS CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. THEY'LL REGRET IT.

OH, DON'T JUST EXPRESS EMOTION ALL AT ONCE NOW!!

THEM ONLY MENTION WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST AND HOW MUCH THE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ASSOCIATION!

BUT THOSE FOOLS HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT GOES ON IN THE FIELD!!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE DIDN'T KNOW THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE OBSTINATE INCOMPETENTS.

THAT ALSO MEANS THAT THEY POSSESS THE TALENT TO OBTAIN THE MOST NECESSARY OF ABILITIES IN A SHORT PERIOD.

THEY'RE STRONG, RIGHT? BEYOND ANYTHING ELSE, THEY'RE TRUE TO THEIR DESIRES.

SO THEY ONLY GIVE JOBS TO THE HUNTERS WHO AGREE TO VOTE FOR THE VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THE NEXT CHAIRMAN ELECTION...?

COULD YOU BE REFERRING TO THE RUMOR THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN'S FACTION ARE TRYING TO WIN THE COMMITTEE OVER?

THEN AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT THEY MIGHT WANT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IF WE LEAVE THEM TO THE COMMITTEE OR THE KYOUSHI'S WHO SIMPLY LOOK TO PAD THEIR OWN POCKETS, IT'LL ALL GO TO HELL!!
FOR THAT REASON, THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO MESS THINGS UP.

IF THIS CASE DOESN'T GET RESOLVED PROPERLY, THE CHAIRMAN WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE FALL...!

HAHAH!! LIKE THEY'LL LEAVE ANY TRACES!

FOR THAT REASON, THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO MESS THINGS UP.

THOSE SONS OF BITCHES ARE JUST SITTING AROUND AND TWIRLING THEIR PENS...!!

THE MORE CASUALTIES THERE ARE, THE LOUDER THEIR DEMAND FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S RESIGNATION WILL GET.

JUST LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW!! THE FACT THAT THEY FAILED TO CATCH ANY OF THE VITAL DIVISION COMMANDERS IS PROOF ENOUGH!!

WE ALREADY KNOW THAT. THE CHAIRMAN IS ALSO PREPARED FOR IT.

EVEN IF THE KING IS TAKEN OUT, IT'S ALREADY A FAILURE IF THERE ARE 5,000,000 DEAD!!

THE NECESSARY TIME TO DEFEAT THE KING WITH CERTAINTY, AND THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES DURING THAT TIME WILL BE 5,000,000 MINIMAL.

THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF WAS TAKEN EVERYTHING INTO CONSIDERATION AND CAME TO A CONCLUSIVE ESTIMATE!!

THAT'S STILL TOO MANY...!!

EVEN SO...
YOU SHOULD ONLY CONTACT ME IF IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. WHAT?

VARCO-SAN, YOU CAN'T BE CALLING ME LIKE THIS.

IS THAT TRUE?

IT SEEMS TO BE FROM WHERE THE RUMOR OF A COUP D'ETAT IS SPREADING FROM!

THE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CALLING FROM A LITTLE WHILE AGO TOO.

NO, WE DON'T! WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS?!

SIMULTANEOUSLY, MASS KILLINGS ARE BEING DISCOVERED EVERYWHERE!! IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING AND NOT JUST A RUMOR?!

GO BACK TO YOUR WORK BEFORE ANYONE GETS SUSPICIOUS!!
Maximize the volume of all PA speakers in each district in order for all citizens to be able to listen to the divine words of our great leader!!

OUR GREAT LEADER DIEGO WILL BE MAKING AN EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Please turn on all television and radio sets to maximum volume!!

IN ORDER FOR ALL CITIZENS TO LISTEN TO THE DIVINE WORDS OF OUR GREAT LEADER!!

OUR GREAT LEADER DIEGO WILL BE MAKING AN EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT!!

REPEAT!!
GOOD EVENING, MY BELOVED COMRADES. THIS IS YOUR LEADER, DIEGO!!

I WILL NOW PLACE ALL OF EAST GORUTO UNDER MARTIAL LAW!!

MY BELOVED COMRADES, YOU ARE NOW PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING YOUR HOMES AND STRICTLY ORDERED TO LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS!!

YOUR LEADER DOES NOT EXPECT HIS COMRADES TO FALL FOR THE FALSE RUMORS THAT ARE BEING SPREAD BY THE ENEMY!! FOLLOW MY LEAD!!

ACTS OF TREACHERY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AND THERE IS ONE WHO IS INSTIGATING THOSE ACTIONS!!

ANYBODY FOUND OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES WILL BE CONSIDERED TRAITORS AND DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY!!
ASIDE FROM THAT, EVERYONE IS PROHIBITED FROM OPENING THEIR DOORS!!

ALSO, THE STRONG AND PROUD DIEGO SPECIAL FORCES WILL BE VISITING YOUR HOMES IN SEARCH OF TRAITORS!!

IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO THINK THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THE "SELECTION" PROCESS TO GO UNNOTICED BY THE CITIZENS, THEY HAD A BACKUP PLAN IN CASE IT WAS FOUND OUT.

...HOWEVER, THIS IS PROBABLY A PART OF THE ENTIRE PLAN. OTHERWISE THEY'RE BEING UNBELIEVABLY CAUTIOUS...

...KILLUA AND KON, I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE JUST ACTING ON THEIR OWN...!

JUST WHAT I WANTED

UNDER THE NAME OF MARTIAL LAW, THEY CAN ISOLATE THE ENTIRE NATION OF EAST GORUTO FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD AND PERFORM THE "SELECTION"...

AND NOW THEY EVEN HAVE AN EXCUSE TO MOBILIZE THE MILITARY.

I’LL STOP YOU ALL.

TANKS, FIGHTER JETS...
WE'LL RUN INTO HIM HERE IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES.

IF HE'S COMING ALONG THE ROAD AT THIS RATE

HE'S CLOSE

OKAY.

HE'LL PROBABLY BECOME AWARE OF MY PRESENCE JUST BEFORE NO.

DO YOU THINK HE'LL COME WITHOUT NOTicing US?

WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM JUST BEFORE POTCLEAN ANNOUNCES THE INTEREST RAISE...!!

BUT... AT THIS SPEED...

POTCLEAN'S INTEREST ACCUMULATION WILL RESUME COUNT AGAIN...

IF HE COMES WITHIN A 100 METER RADIUS OF ME...
KNUCKLE'S ABILITY, "HAKOWAPE," RAISES THE INTEREST EVERY 10 SECONDS AFTER POTCLEAN IS ATTACHED TO THE ENEMY. WHEN THE ENEMY MOVES BEYOND A 100 METER RADIUS FROM KNUCKLE, THE COUNT FOR THE INTEREST RAISE IS INTERRUPTED.

HE'S APPROACHING AT AROUND 160 TO 180 KILOMETERS PER HOUR. IF THERE'S STILL AT LEAST THREE SECONDS REMAINING TILL THE NEXT INTEREST RAISE,...

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT WE CAN ATTACK HIM BEFORE HE NOTICES!!

AT THAT POINT, THE REMAINING TIME FOR THE NEXT INTEREST RAISE IS MEMORIZED BY POTCLEAN, AND THE MOMENT THE ENEMY COMES WITHIN A 100 METER RADIUS OF KNUCKLE AGAIN, THE COUNT RESUMES.
HE CAN'T DEAL WITH "ZETSUI!"

HE CAN'T DEAL WITH "ZETSUI!"

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WE WON'T MAKE IT

WE'RE FACING THE WIND... THE WIND WASN'T BLOWING AWAY FROM US. THE DIRECTION IS THE SAME AS WELL!!

IT WASN'T THE SMELL....!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT??

I'VE SPOTTED A SUSPICIOUS GROUP OF TWO.

GOT IT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO DO MORE THAN WHAT'S NECESSARY.

OH? HE'S HERE TOO?

LET THEM BE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THEY'RE NOT OUR TARGET.

THEY SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO AVENGE ZITOK-SAMA.
HE'S NOW INDEBTED TO ME.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ZITOH?

WAS I OUT OF LINE TO LET ZITOH-SAMA KNOW JUST BEFORE HE FELL INTO THE AMBUSH?

DID HE? YOU'VE DONE WELL.

HE TOLD ME TO THANK YOU, ZITOH-SAMA.

HE TOOK A DETOUR AND IS NOW HEADED TOWARDS THE CAPITAL.

THE TARGET IS BEING ENGAGED BY INFANTRY UNITS AT LUCINTON CITY.

THIS IS LEO.

WELL THEY WERE ONLY TO BUY SOME TIME ANYWAY.

THE MILITARY CAN'T SEEM TO HANDLE HIM.

ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST MY INTUITION.

GO AHEAD NORTH AND WAIT FOR HIM THERE.

ROGER.

HE'S DEFINITELY STALLING LONGER IN ONE SPOT, NYAH.

EITHER WAY, THIS GUY'S BEEN MOVING AROUND FOR MORE THAN 90 HOURS STRAIGHT.
DEFINITELY AT A DISADVANTAGE!!

YOU LYING TRAITOR!!

IF YOU LOOK YOURSELVES UP IN YOUR HOMES LIKE THIS, YOU WILL ALL BE KILLED!!

I'M DEFINITELY AT A DISADVANTAGE!!

DAMNIT... SINCE DIEGO HIMSELF IS APPEALING TO THE PEOPLE ON TV THAT HE'S WELL AND SAFE, ALTHOUGH IT'S JUST A DOLL

I'LL JUST TAKE OUT THE DOLLS AND MILITARY AS I COME ACROSS THEM!

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STOP INSTIGATING!!
SOMETHING!
SOMEONE'S STILL...
If you have any business with me, come out!!

Who's there??
He could just be tailing me until more of his companions show up!

He completely erased his presence.

I never lose in a battle of endurance!!

I'll shake him off no matter what!!
FURATTA’S WARNING SAVED ME.

PARDON ME FOR STOPPING YOU.

THE KING IS BEYOND HERE, RIGHT?

NAAH IT WAS ON THE WAY.

HE DID WELL THEN.

I’D RATHER NOT GET INVOLVED IN A FIGHT RIGHT NOW.

FURATTA’S WARNING SAVED ME.

IT FOLLOWS ME NO MATTER HOW I RUN, I GAVE UP.

A HUNTER PUT THIS THING ON ME.

HISWT WEL.

ANYWAY, WHAT’S THAT?
YOU'RE QUICK TO CATCH ON.

THAT THING.

WANNA GET RID OF IT?

AND BEYOND, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING NOW ANYWAY.

PROBABLY.

YOU CAN DO THAT?

LEOL-SAMA!

IF YOU CAN LEND ME A HAND...

BUT NOT FOR FREE, RIGHT?

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF TAKING CARE OF A JOB THE ROYAL GUARDS HAVE GIVEN US.
I'VE LOCATED THE TARGET!!

HE'S HEADED NORTH IN THE FOREST ALONG THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY NORTH OF LIONTOWN CITY!!

GOT IT.

DEPLOY ALL OUR MEN TO TRAP HIM!!

NO MATTER WHAT, DO NOT LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT.

NEPHELITOH DON'TO'S INTUITION WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY.

THOSE GUYS ARE A PAIN IN THE ASS —

A HUNTER, HUH?

SO YOU WANT ME TO HELP HUNT HIM DOWN —

HE'S PROBABLY A HUNTER.

WE'RE CHASING AFTER THIS ONE HUMAN.

AND YOU CAN ALSO OBTAIN A NEW POWER IF YOU GO TO THE CASTLE.

OF COURSE, WE'LL GET RID OF THAT THING FIRST.
HE WILL ALSO TEACH YOU HOW TO LEARN IT.

SHAAAPU-DONO WILL PERSONALLY SEE THAT YOU FIND A POWER BEST SUITED FOR YOU.

IN RETURN, DO WE OFFER THE KING OUR LOYALTY?

SOUNDS REEEEE EEEAALY TASTY—

ALTHOUGH SINCE I'M A SLOW LEARNER, IT TOOK ME AROUND THREE DAYS.

IF YOU'RE FAST, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET IT IN JUST ONE DAY.

SIMPLE, RIGHT?

EXACTLY.

UNTIL THEN, I'LL HAVE MY MEN FIGURE OUT WHAT THE PREY'S POWERS ARE.

IF YOU AGREE TO IT, GO TO THE CASTLE FIRST, MASTER YOUR POWER, AND THEN CONTACT ME.

YOU REALLY ARE QUICK TO CATCH ON.

I JUST HAVE TO SAY 'YES' TO ANYTHING THEY SAY.

EITHER WAY, YOU SEEM TO BE TAKING THE TASTIEST PARTS FOR YOURSELF AS ALWAYS—

WELL, I OWE YOU ONE SO I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO RECLAIM THAT TITLE—

I MAY BE LIKE THIS NOW, BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE KING OF BEASTS.
IF I DON'T
LOSE HIM
OR DEFEAT
HIM SOON,
I'LL BE IN
DANGER....!!

THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
REACH THAT
DISTANCE
WITH MY YO-
YO EITHER.

HE'S GOT
ME COM-
PLETLY
MARKED.

WHEN HE
HOVERS
LOW, I'LL
INTERCEPT
HIM
WITH MY
YO-YO!!

WITH
ALL THESE
LAYERS IN
BETWEEN, I
WON'T BE
VISIBLE AT
ALL FROM
THE SKY....!!

THERE'S A
JUNKPILE!!
...he's not coming? Did I lose him?

But if he lost me, he'll be circling the surrounding area!

If you're gonna come at me, come soon!!

Shit... I don't have time for this!!

No matter where you hide, I can "observe" you.

I see you, I see you!

Capture any prey you find!!

GO!! LEOL ARMY!!