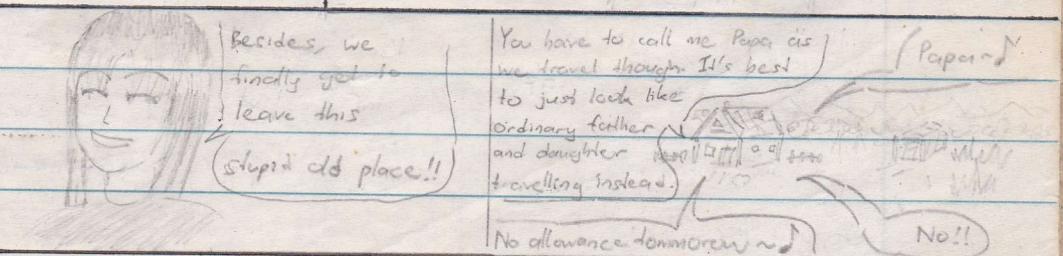
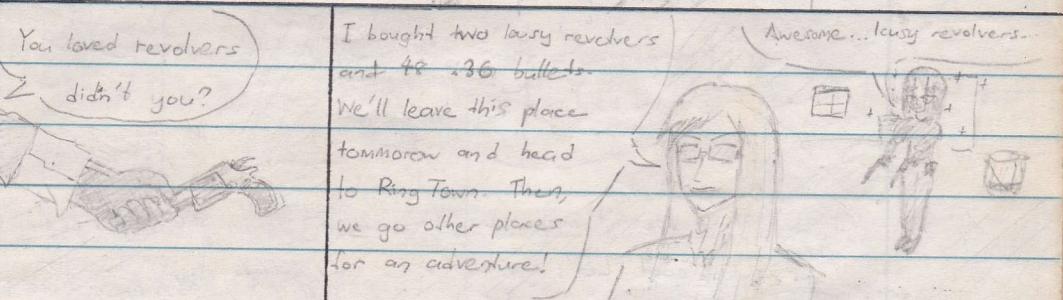
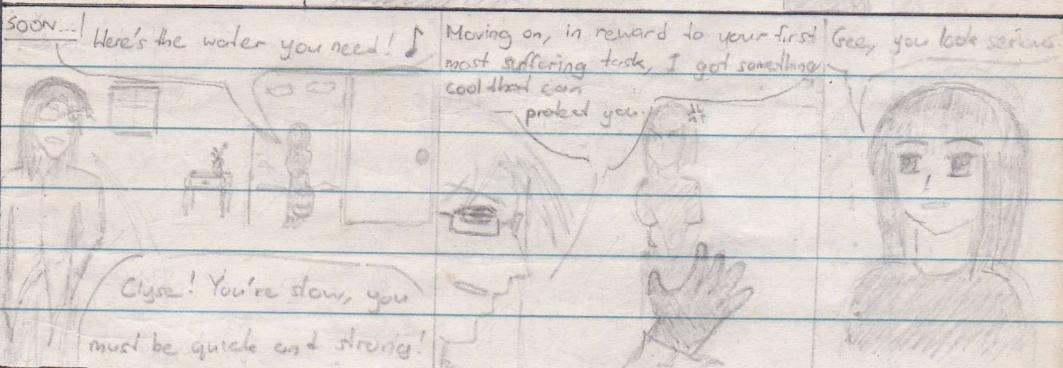
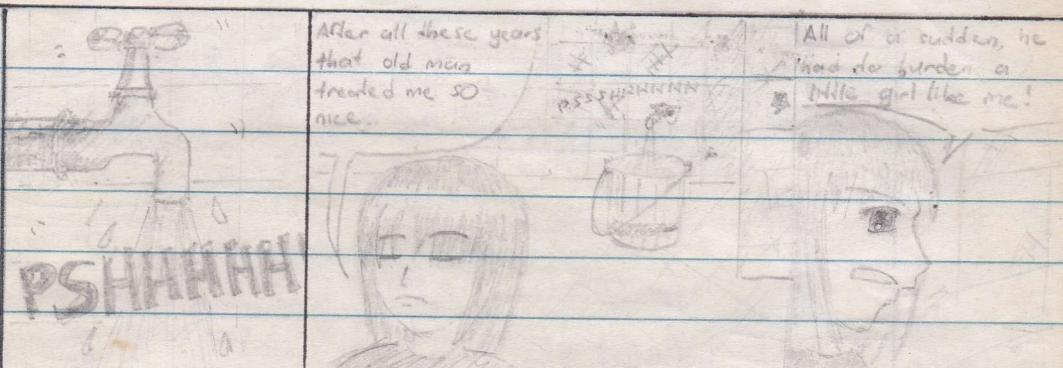
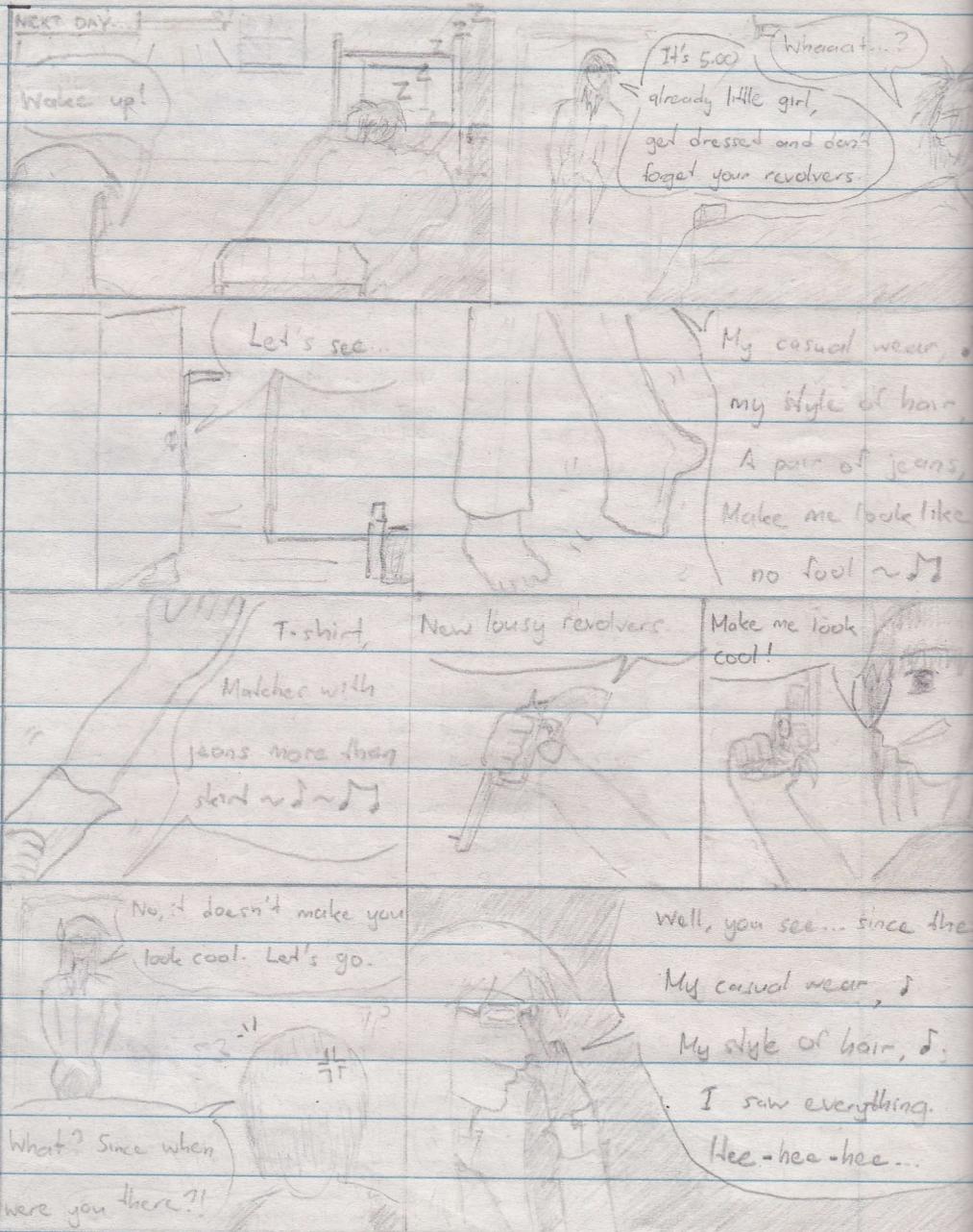


PART 1:

CLYSE AND AN OLD MAN: TO RING TOWN !!

A MYSTERIOUS SHADOW





You pervert...

Oh come on, I raised you up
since you were a baby, we're
like a family already...

Why do I have to carry all
this?!

There he is...

You need
to be
strong. Let's get
something to drink.

It's
nothing...

What's wrong?

RING TOWN BAR

Let's go in.

You know,
you look
weird.
Something wrong?

No...

Can it be...?

That's a very familiar
shadow...

TO BE CONTINUED

PART 2:
MYSTRAL V.S RAVEN
A SAGE HUNTER

I need to go
to the bathroom.
Stay here.

TRACK
CRIT

He must be
somewhere
around here...

Die.



OK



Wintertier : Vertical!



POW!

SWOOSH

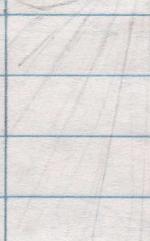
Swirling Wind!

This is

the end!

Evadeo

Raven
Attack!



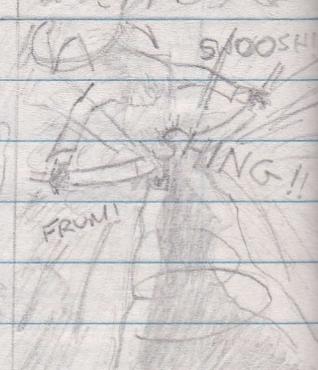
Damn, he went behind
me before I even land!

Raven claw!



ZOOM!

FRUM!!



It's been 10 years, Raven.

(I don't care... I've stopped fighting long ago.)

Your skills are still the same, Mystral.

(Look, I was ordered here to kill you. As long as you're alive, more will hunt you down.)

Shadow Union?

That's because you and I are equally strong.

Man, you guys don't give up huh?

Why are you standing there? Aren't you gonna kill me?

MEANWHILE...!

... he sure has a big bladder...

No! You cannot sit here! It's occupied!

? I don't see anyone sitting here...

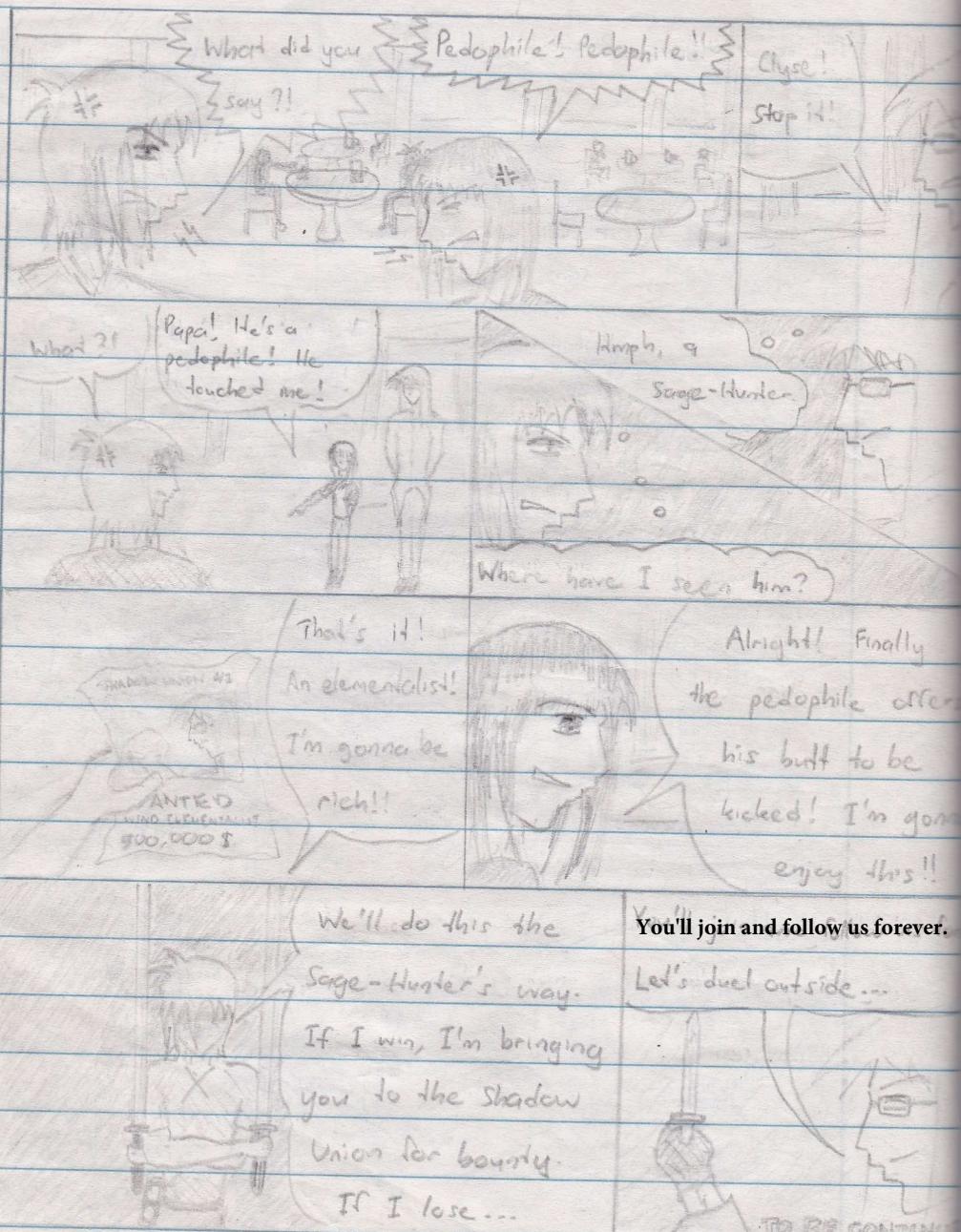
swords

Hey!!

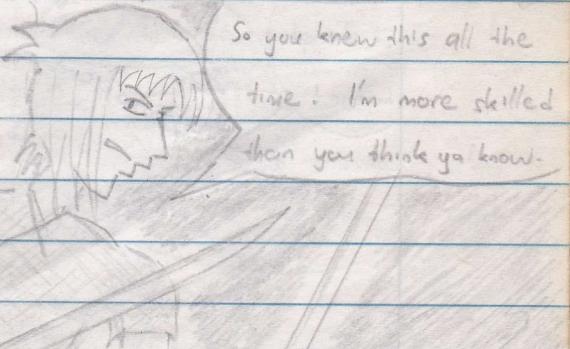
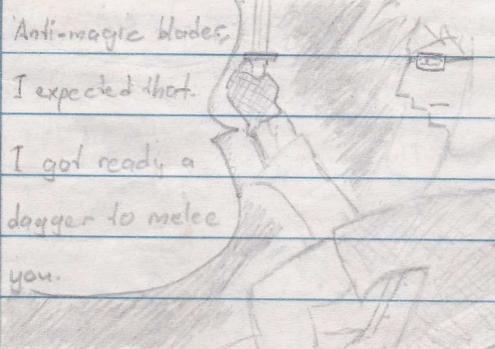
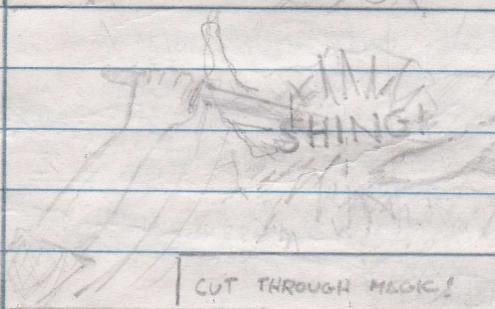
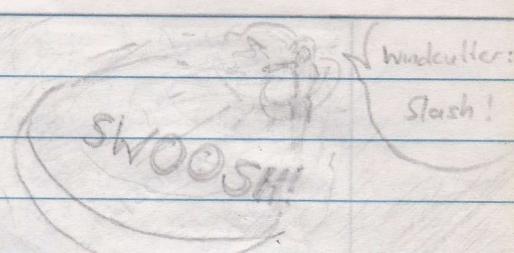
You! Get off this seat now!

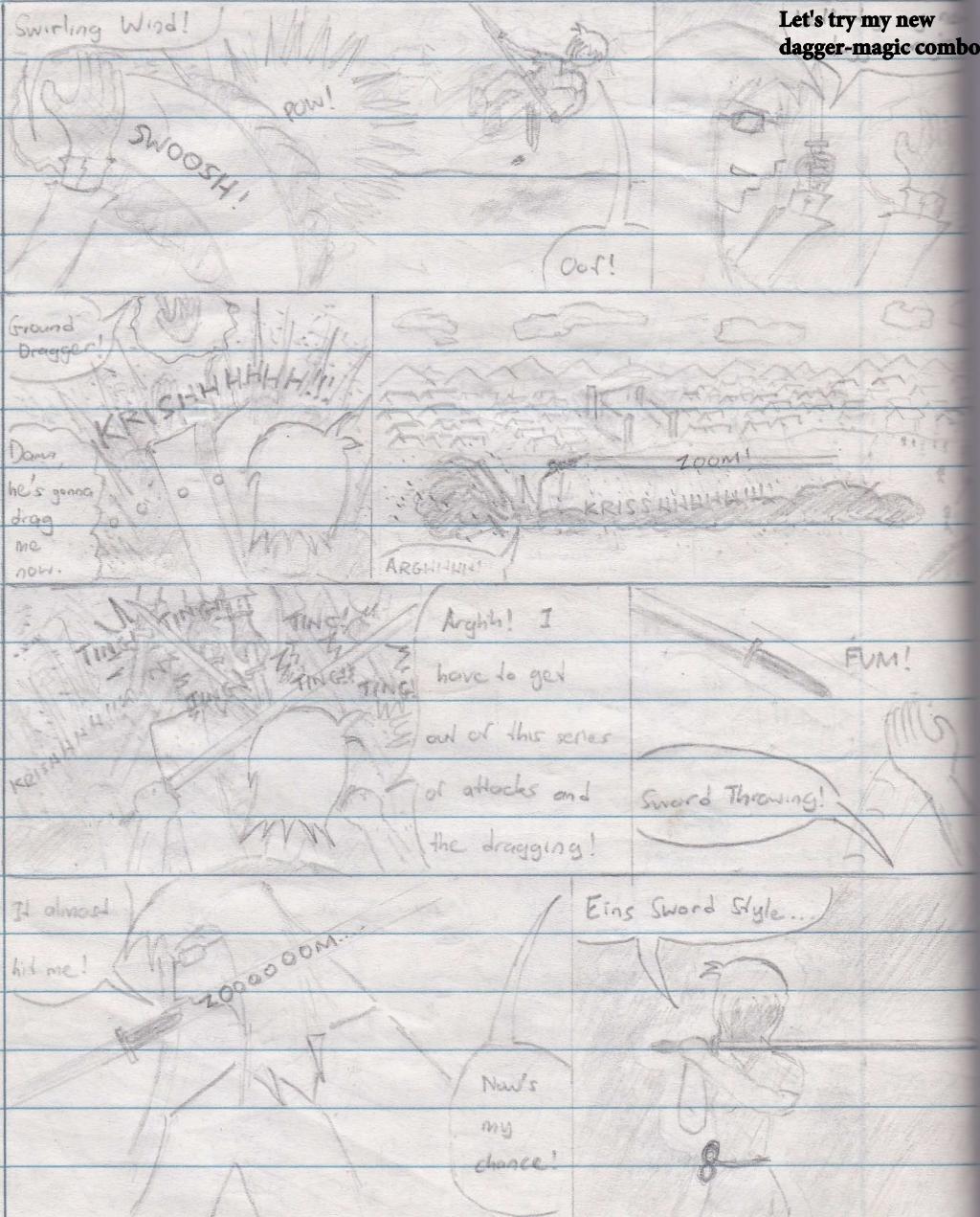
Stupid idiot! Ugly!!
Shithead!

You PEDOPHILE!!!



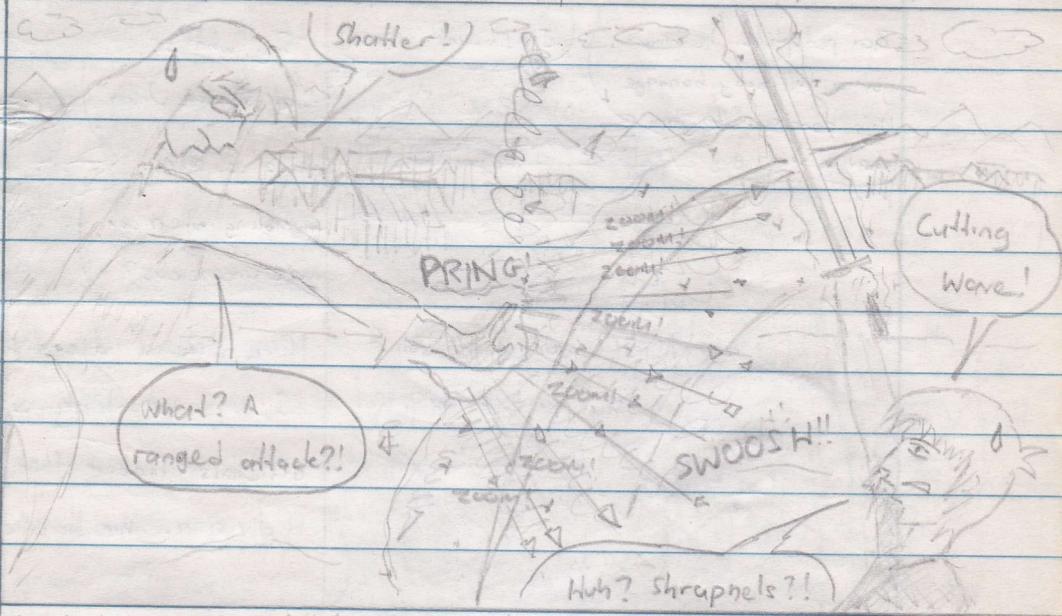
PART 3 :
MAGIC V.S 1/2 ANTI MAGIC
INJURIES





I'm wide open! I'll have to sacrifice my dagger to counter his killing technique.

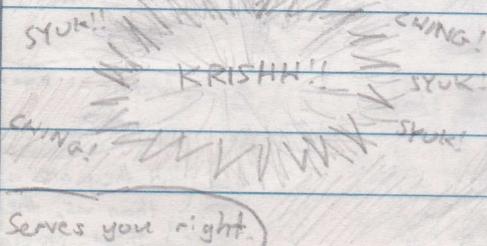
That pedophile is gonna take the full damage of the dagger from that close! Yes!



I didn't know melees can be ranged.

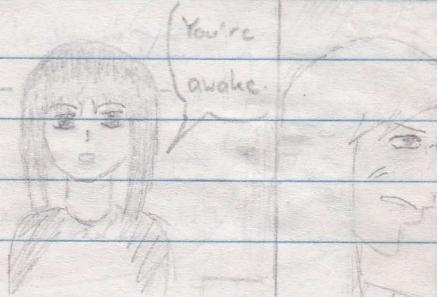
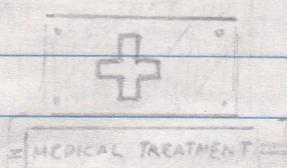
Shit, I hate this.

Gee, I kinda sympathize them.



PART 4 :
 SAGE-HUNTER JOINS THE PARTY
 THE WHOLE SHADOW UNION THING

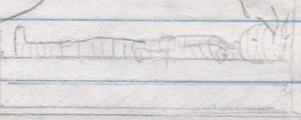
Yes... I
 know
 that.
 I'm
 more
 worried
 about
 that
 Sage-
 Hunter



That pedophile... he kinda
 got a full body bandage.
 He's conscious though.
 What a tough guy.

I... I... can't... move...

Say, what's
 that Shadow Union
 thing you were
 mumbling when you
 were unconscious?



It's something about
 my past. Let's see...

More than a decade ago,
 I was working with the
 officials under the Wisdom
 division... we had a meeting

A hidden union has been operating.

They are similar to us. But
 they seem to focus on part of
 their magic only.

We encountered them
 before, if we don't stop
 them, they will destroy
 the officials.

Another **** up
 day.

Mind your language.

But they are more powerful
 than us, they focus
 their magic.

They operate stealthily so well, they've already gathered forces. I suggest requesting help from Valor, Vigor and Faith divisions to exterminate them.

Very well.

Alright, Commanders of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wisdom division; Raven, Mystral and Bryant. You know what to do...

I knew something was wrong. It lead to grief and sorrow...

So, the Shadow Union are like terrorists, trying to destroy and dominate the world? And what... grief and sorrow?

I don't wanna talk about it. (Hmph, another one of your secrets.)

During the war against the Shadow Union, we managed to eliminate their forces. A tragedy has happened, causing the Wisdom division to break apart. Now, the Shadow Union returned with wanted posters to hunt down remaining elementalists.

The Sage-Hunter faction then formed,
they only want the bounty, they did
not have any relation to the
Shadow Union...

Why did

the Shadow

Union wanna

hunt down the

remaining ones?

There are some secrets that the Wisdom division never divulged. The government is not trustworthy enough to know. The Shadow Union wanted to know about this secret. Besides they have to kill the remaining ones since only elementalists can match their focused magic power.

F-f... focused magic.

Anti-ma-magic, b-b..

blades useless...

Powerful indeed

My objective now is to look for my remaining comrades, old friends and new forces. They would be happy to fight the Shadow Union me again. I know where they are. That

Sage-Hunter will be joining us. It's the Sage-Hunter's

way.

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PART 5:
RESCUE A LOST BOY
CAVERNS

ONE WEEK LATER...



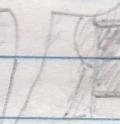
At least they're
still okay...
Linear and
Pure....

Hey pedophile!

SLAM!!

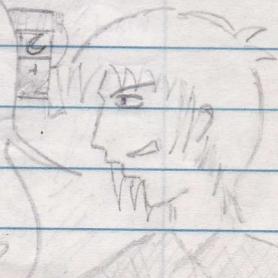
We should go now...

I just recovered...



You're mean. By the
way, I have a name.

I'm Leon, what about
you, Mystal's daughter?



Umm... Clyse...



I don't feel
comfortable with
that title...

Your father's
dating a girl...

Your mother should
be angry...

Shut up...

Alright you two. We have to recover
a boy that is lost. His mother said
he was lost somewhere near the caverns
and doesn't dare to look for him alone.
We should help find the boy. Besides, we'll
get rewarded with lots of money.

Hey there!

I suppose we
are comrades
now. How's
your wounds?

I'm fine. A deal is a
deal anyway... it's the
Sage-Hunter's way.

I'm Leon.

What about our luggage?

I left it at the inn.
It should be safe there.
We should move out
now. Just so you know,
it's night now, Clyse... ha...

Hmph... nah, it's
just mice, bats
and the dark.
I can conquer
my fears.

Hah! Just
like a pampered
little girl! You're
gonna cry in
the caverns!

Hey!!

(Crybaby.)

She came
to me

crying

last
time.

Here we are...

Let's go!

Look's
nice...

(But it's kinda
creepy inside) There'd surely be monsters
or ghosts inside
here...

Stop scaring me!

Wait... Leon,
you're right.

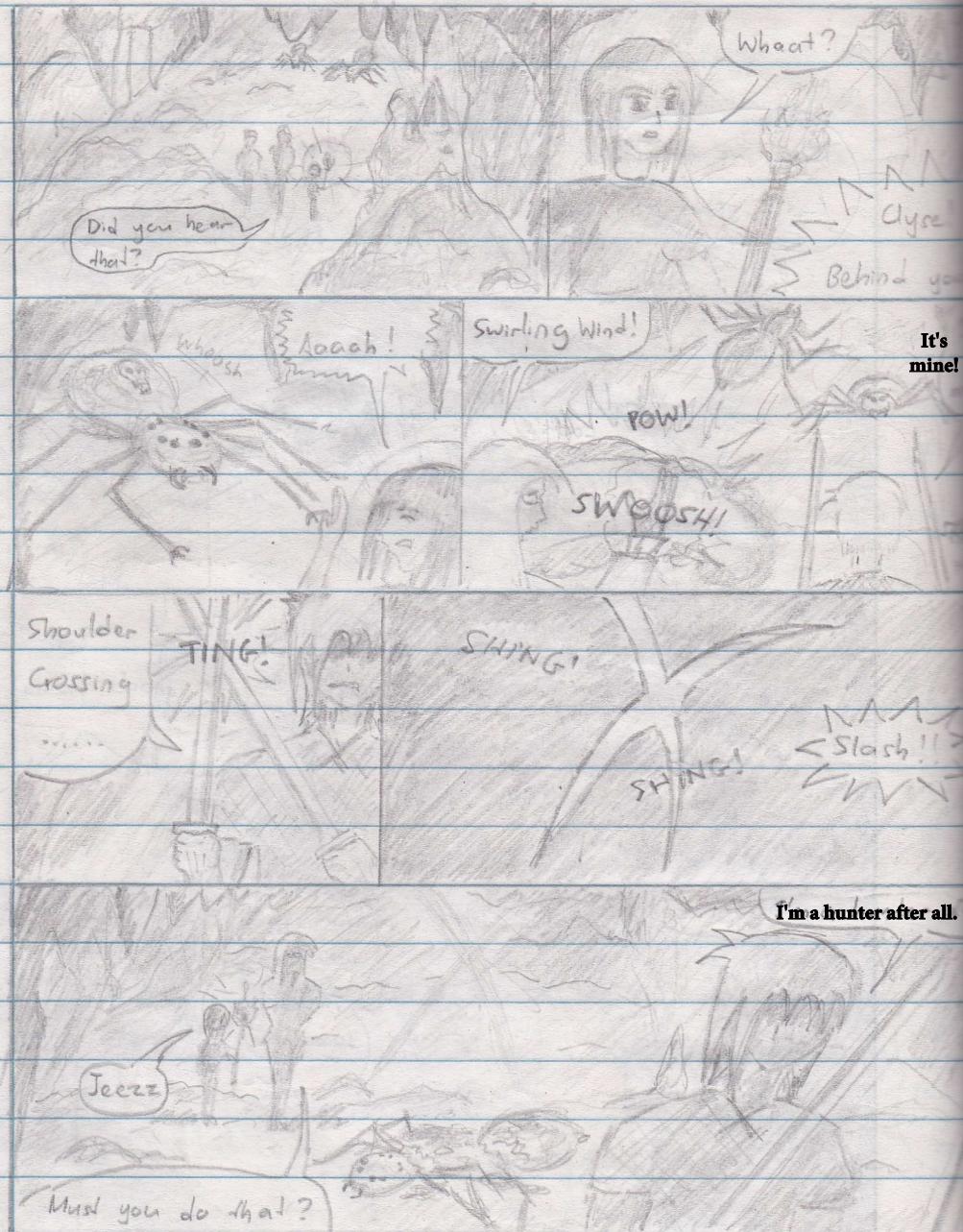
There's
something
here.

What?
Really?

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PART 6 : DANGEROUS CREATURES

SWARM OF THE VENOMOUS SPIDERS!



This species...!



Hmm... these are the legendary magic spiders. Judging from the skull on it's back, this should be the Venamasa Tricula.

The nesting area should be further up ahead.

The one we killed is a spiderling - The older it is, the larger the size...

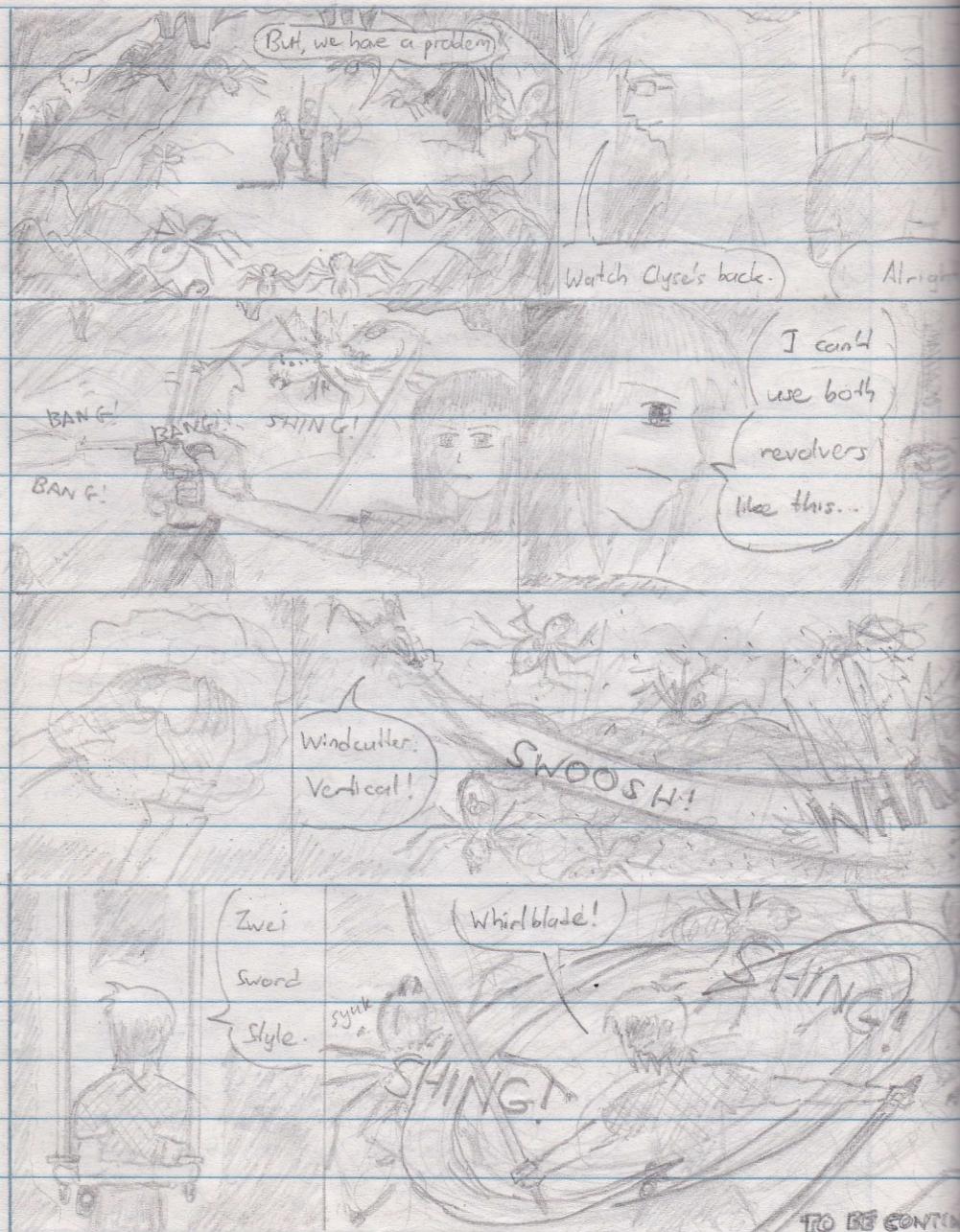
Larger?! It's already huge! This is starting to scare me out.

Look! So many webs!

I'll cut it down! Leon, wait!

The webs have venom on it! It will splash on you!

You can't destroy the webs, physically or magically. The only way is to kill the spider that built it - I'm worried about that boy... with these spiders, it's unlikely for him to survive. We should proceed our search and rescue. Let's move!



PART 7:

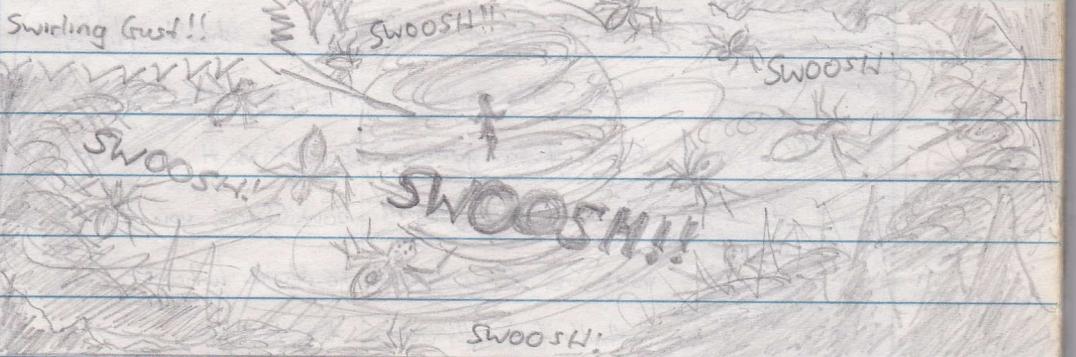
WHERE'S CLYSE?!

SPLITTING UP...

There's too many
of them! I
need some time
to reload!



I hate
reloading.



parts
With...

Mystral! Clyse

is gone! What
should we
do?!

parts What do
you mean Clyse is
gone? She's
still...

Oh...

Damn, why does she have
to disappear at this
moment? I'm sure she's
still alive. We just
have to find her.

**If seems there is a
fork ahead of us.**

We could split up, but

Yes, we should split up.

there's only one

Finding Clyse and the

torch. I can go alone
with a temporary light

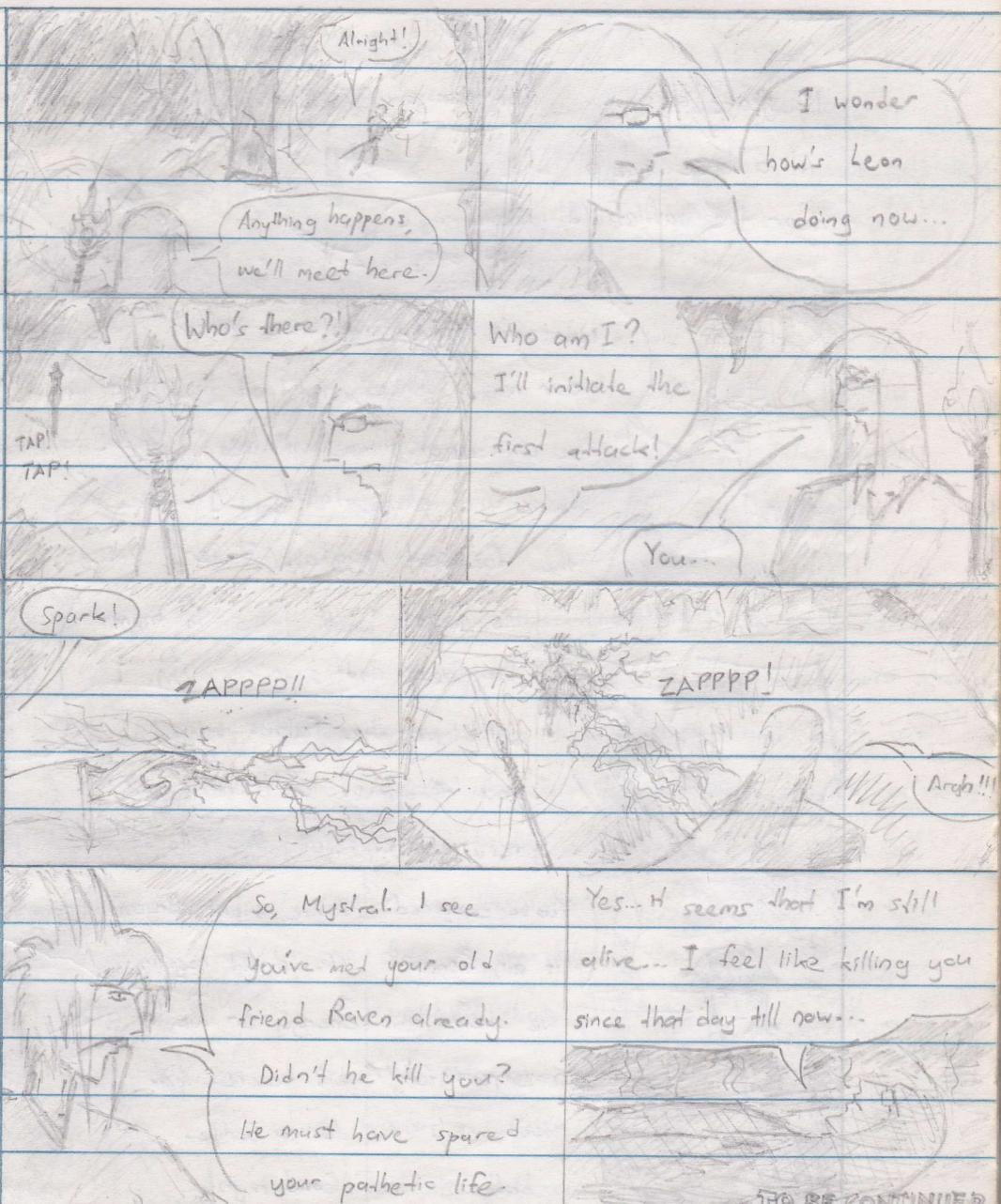
boy is most important

using one of my sleeves.

now. Sure, you can

If that's fine with you.

go alone without
the torch.



PART 8:

MYSTRAL'S PAST

WAR BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE AND SHADOW UNION

10 years ago...

We should be all set and ready for tomorrow.

At a base camp near the battlefield...

Focused magic isn't easy to oppose.

Do you think we'll succeed?

Nonsense, Ravens. We have Valors, the fighters as our main force, right at the front line. Viger, the anti-magic force will be supporting them if there are elementalists. I hope they can withstand the focused magic... it isn't easy.

They won't hold long...

Moving on, we'll jump in from the West and support them. I will lead the Faiths behind you Wisdoms. We'll heal and resurrect especially the Valors.

You've explained

You're right, Bryan.

it all, Crystal.

We should regain

We should get

energy or we

some rest for

will become weak

tomorrow's

during battle.

battle.

Good night..

LATER...

They're all asleep

now... I can report

to the Shadow

Union

Gooood... I will

plan everything at

once...

Next day,

let battle
begin...

Master, I am

here to report

about our enemies

Vigors! Vigors!! This is the time for us
to fight! We need to pick out those strong
melee dudes first! Wisdom and Faith are
weak if there's lots of melee physical attackers!
Fight to the death!! Don't fool around !!

Don't worry. We'll shield

you from the elementalists.

Just pick off those

who may pose a threat

to Wisdom and Faith.

They will come and help us.

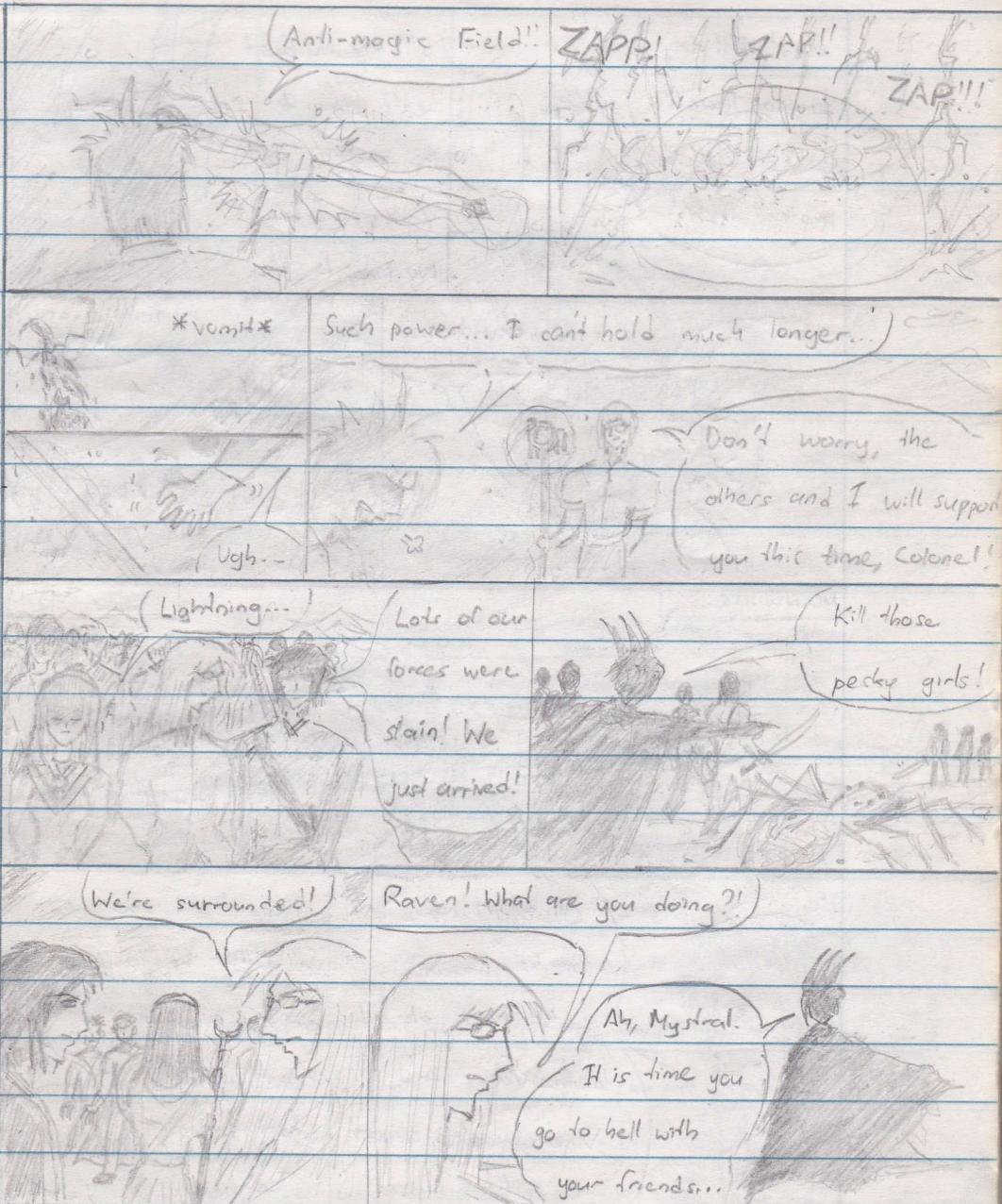
Here

they

come!



PART 9:
MYSTRAL'S PAST II
AMBUSH: RAVEN'S BETRAYAL



Run! I'll try
to stop Raven's
forces! Bryan,
protect them!

I'll try my best.

Let's hurry to
the Volors and
Vigors, Crystal.
No time to lose.

Rio

Windcutter...
vertical!

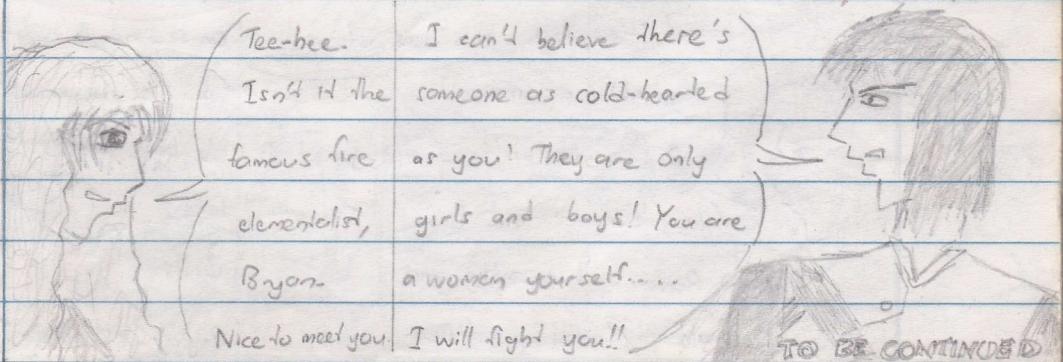
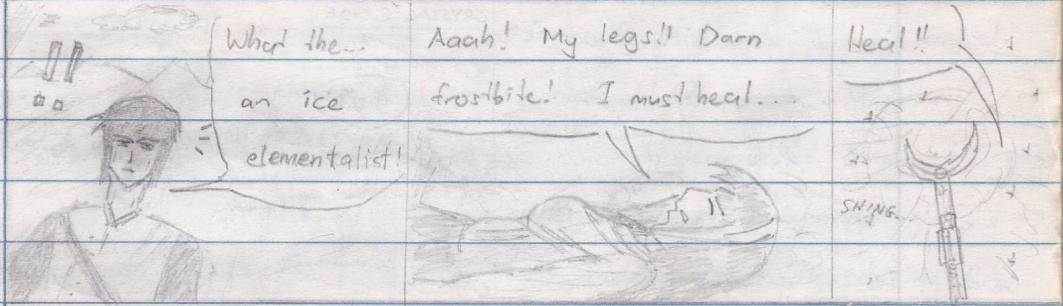
This is easy to
evade!

MEANWHILE...

Heat Lance!

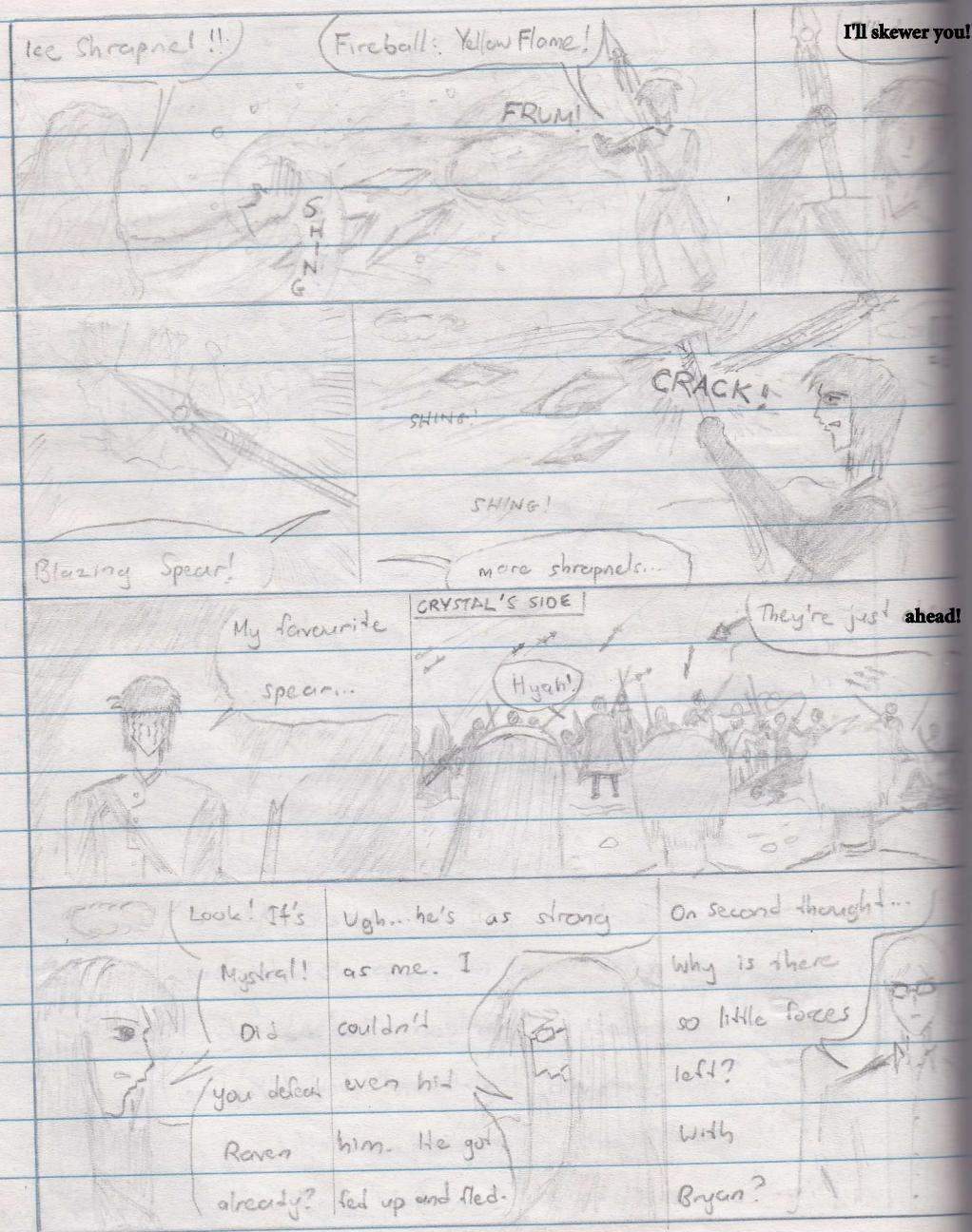
All clear now,
thanks Bryan!
Let's rush ahead
to the Volors and
Vigors, we're almost
there!!

I'm afraid you
will either be delayed
or never ever
reach your
destination.
Tee-hee.



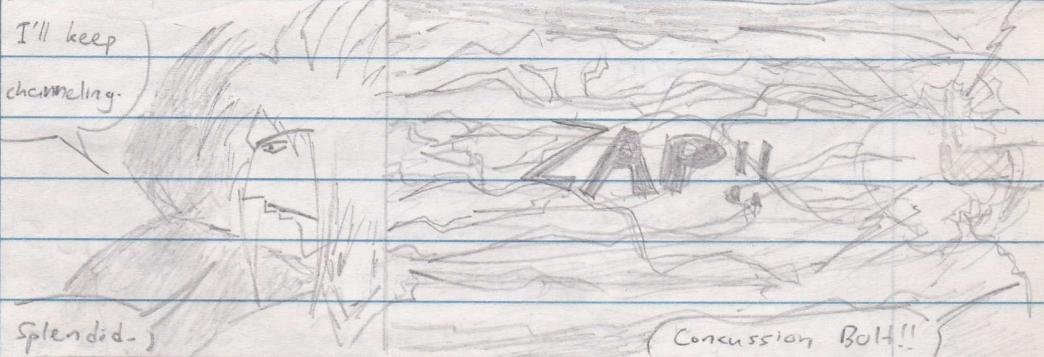
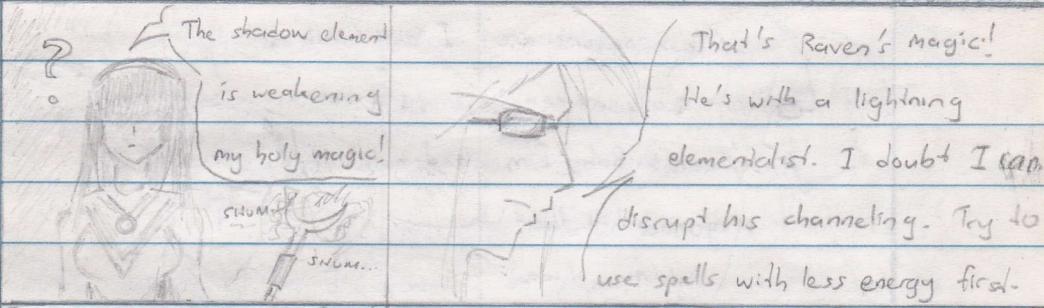
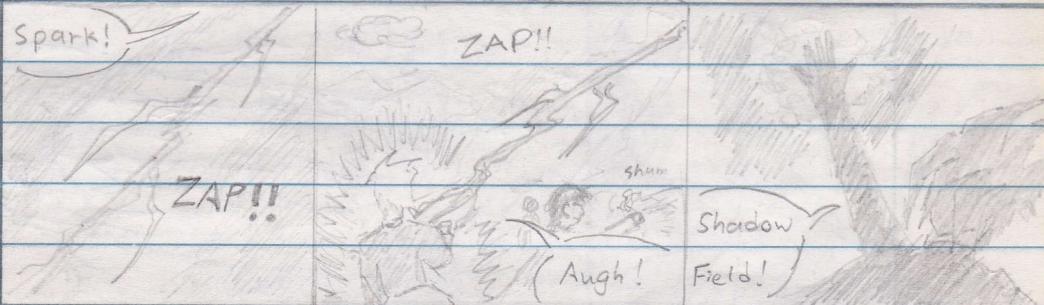
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PART 10:
MYSTRAL'S PAST III
WISDOM AND FAITH RECEIVING PRESSURE!





They were completely frozen. Their cells are completely dead. We couldn't revive them.
Darn it.



O' holy spirit...

Guardian! ?

Wait... HUH?! No Shield!!



I'm protected!

Aaahh!!

SHING!!

ZAP!!



Your powers are
really weakened
fallot. Bah, I'm
gonna kill that
lightning dude!

I call forth the
violent winds
and gale...



Cyclone
Tempest!

SWOOSH!!!

SWOOSH!!

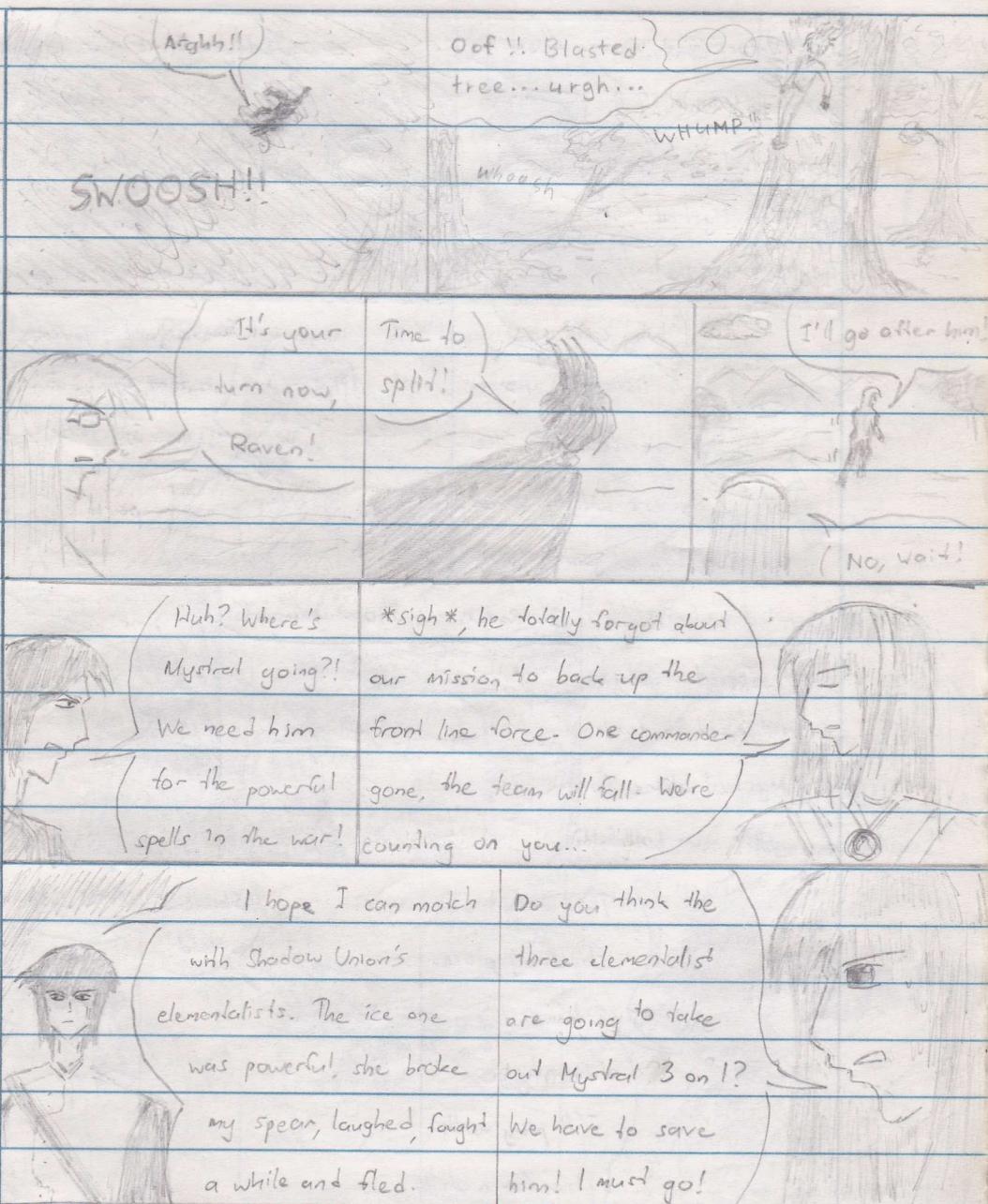
SWOOSH!!

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PART 10:

MYSTRAL'S PAST IV

CRYSTAL'S DEATH



But Valors and Vigors need
our help! What if the
clementatists are there,
not with Mystral?
They're gonna die!

Why can't you
listen?! To
sacrifice him, the
others will be saved!!
Bob, I'm not gonna argue!

Crystal and Bryan
went separate ways.
Crystal went to look
for Mystral alone in
the woods near battlefield.

This is a
shadowy place.
I have the
advantage -
I'll play with
him for a while

Mystral is our friend! We can't
just leave him to die out
there!! Why can't you help
him? I don't care!
I'm going!

(You're just the same
as him, forgot about
our mission.
We shall
part
ways.)

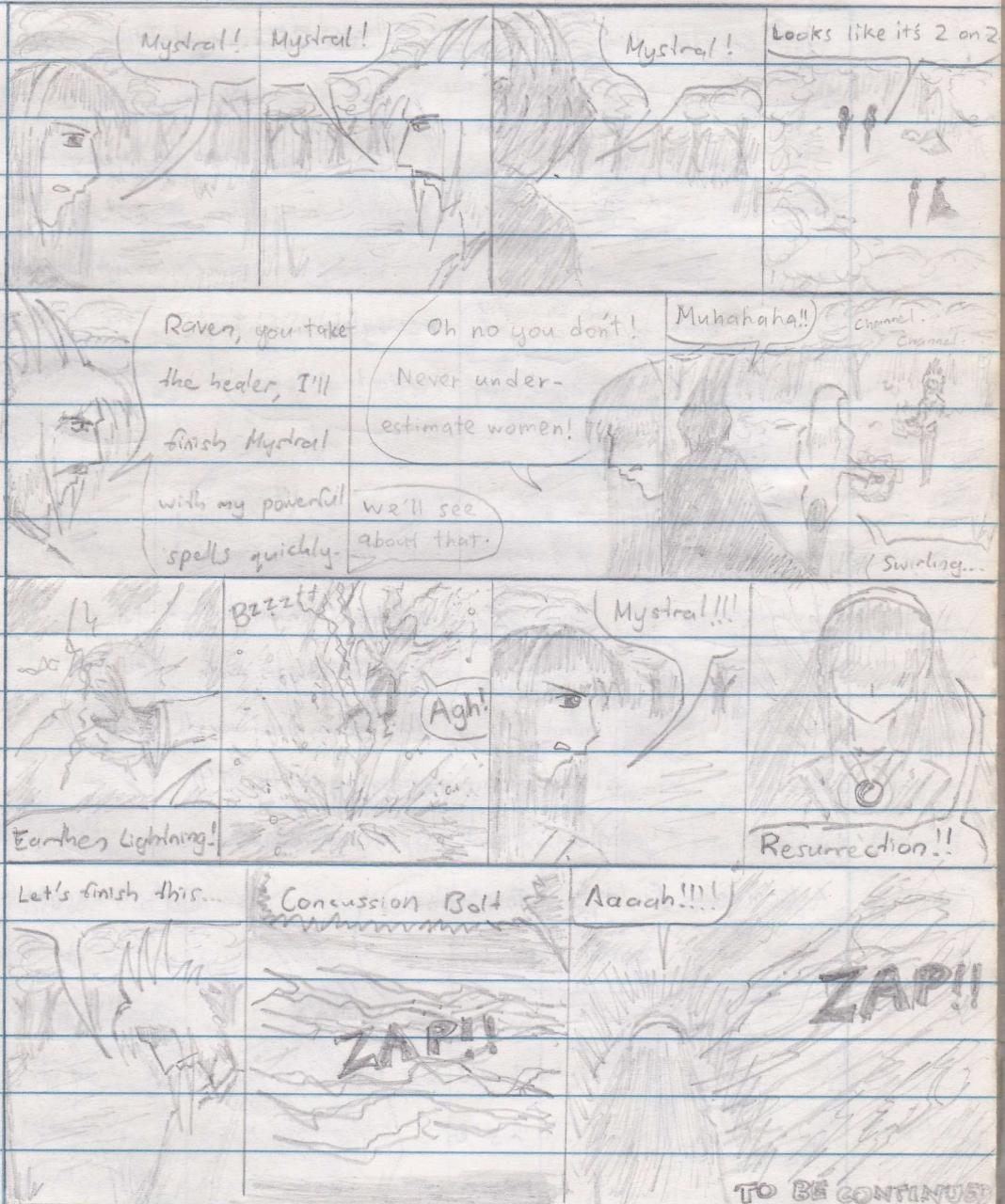
Fool...

leaving his
comrades
just to chase
me.

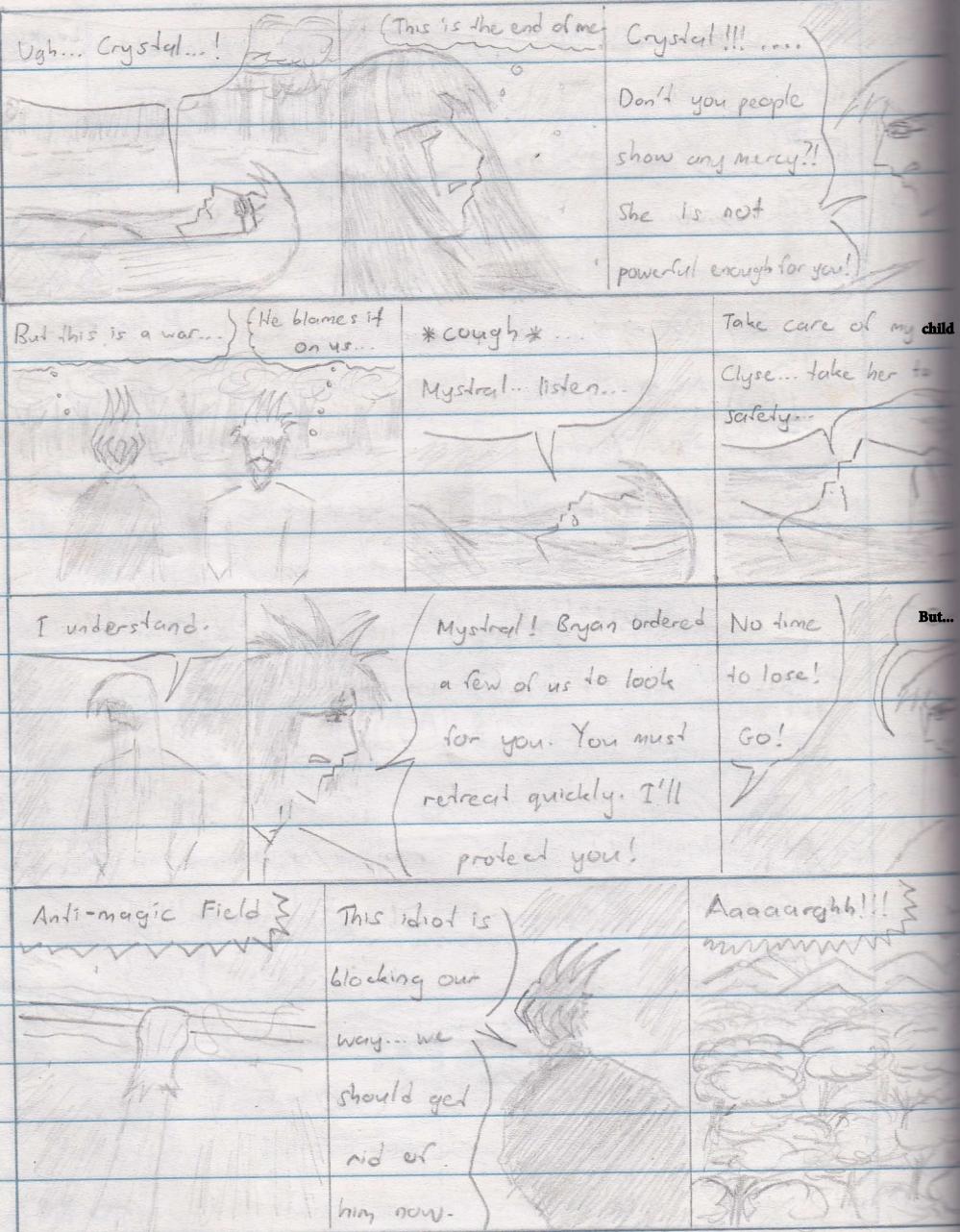
Are you using Shadow?

Meld, Raven?

He knows...



PART 12:
MYSTRAL'S PAST ✓
END OF WAR: HATRED, SORROW, RESIGNATION.



Most Shadow Union forces were slain, they discontinued the attack. Mystral went back to the base camp. The Alliance failed in their extermination.



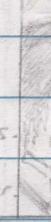
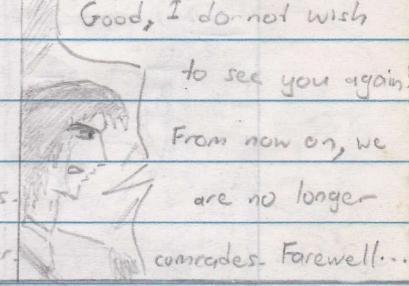
What?!! Crystal...
...You idiot!! As a commander, you should think of your comrades!!



God... I don't know how I could bear with someone like you. You shouldn't even chase Raven. Now look at what you've done.



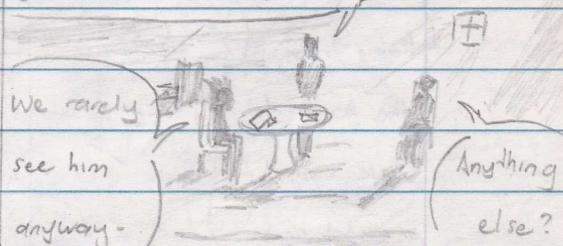
I know you won't forgive me...
I'll resign. I'll leave this place and head to Ring Town. I have to take responsibility for my deeds.
I will take care of Crystal's daughter.



Good, I do not wish to see you again!
From now on, we are no longer comrades. Farewell...

Bryan disliked and hated Mystral for being irresponsible and very inconsiderate. It costed the lives of many people including Crystal. Meanwhile, there's a council at the Shadow Union's hidden lair.

Master left a message saying he'll be gathering forces again.



"Raven shall be appointed
as the leader. Teach
him focused magic and
he shall be very powerful,"
he said. So...

Tee-hee, as expected.

Don't worry Raven,
it wouldn't be long
for you to be supreme.
We'll teach you.

I have no worries,
Eurydice. It would
be a pleasure for you
two to teach me. I
will maximize my potential.

A WEEK LATER.

Hmm... a house
somewhere near
the entrance of
Ring Town. Is it
this one?

Hello?)

Her husband

A letter...

She quitted today.

died two years

ago.. a nanny

should be here.

Hello? Anybody?

I have to

claim the

baby from

the hospital.

Clyse... what

a good name.

I gotta learn cooking,

cleaning and taking care

of babies...

Then, Mystral spent

the rest of the

time, taking care

of Clyse...

until now.

TO BE CONTINUE

PART 1B:
PRESENT TIMES
LEON IN TROUBLE

Looking back at those days (However...you) Gotta go!
reminds me of so many can't live
things... to remember
it... now die.

MEANWHILE... This is tiring.

I'm
gonna
rest
a while.

Huh?

SWOOSH!

A saber...

Who are you?

A surprise
attack isn't
very pleasant
you know.

I am here...

Argh!

to kill you.

Wow

Your death

rude!!

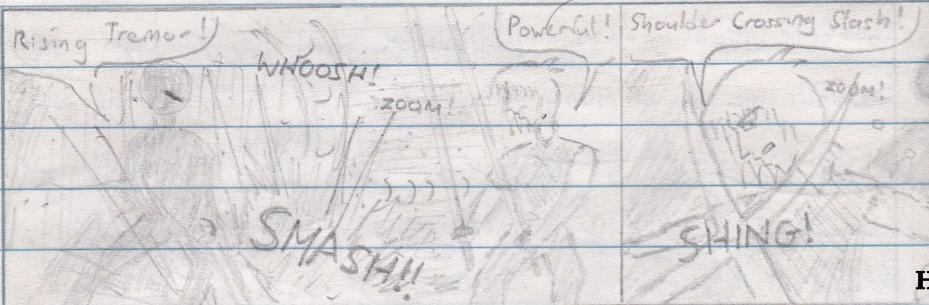
is near, you

don't need to

know my name.

Hyah...!

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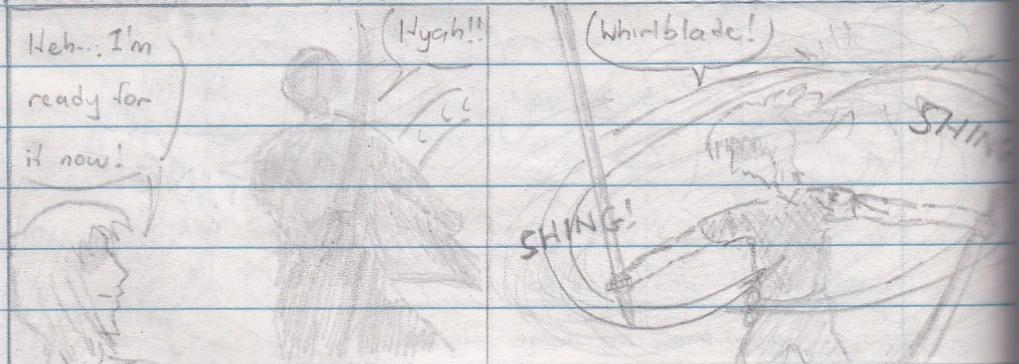
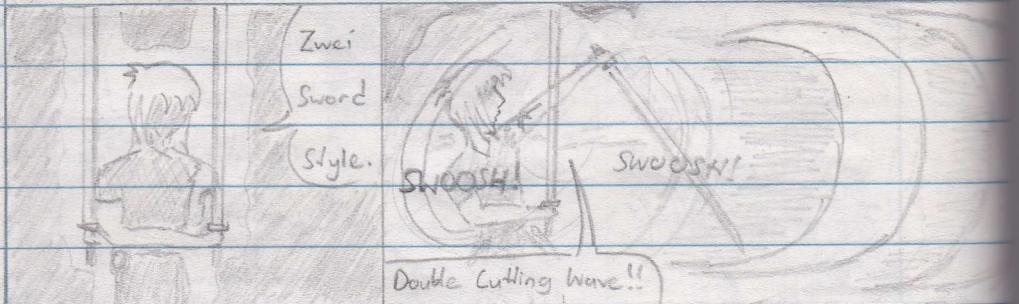


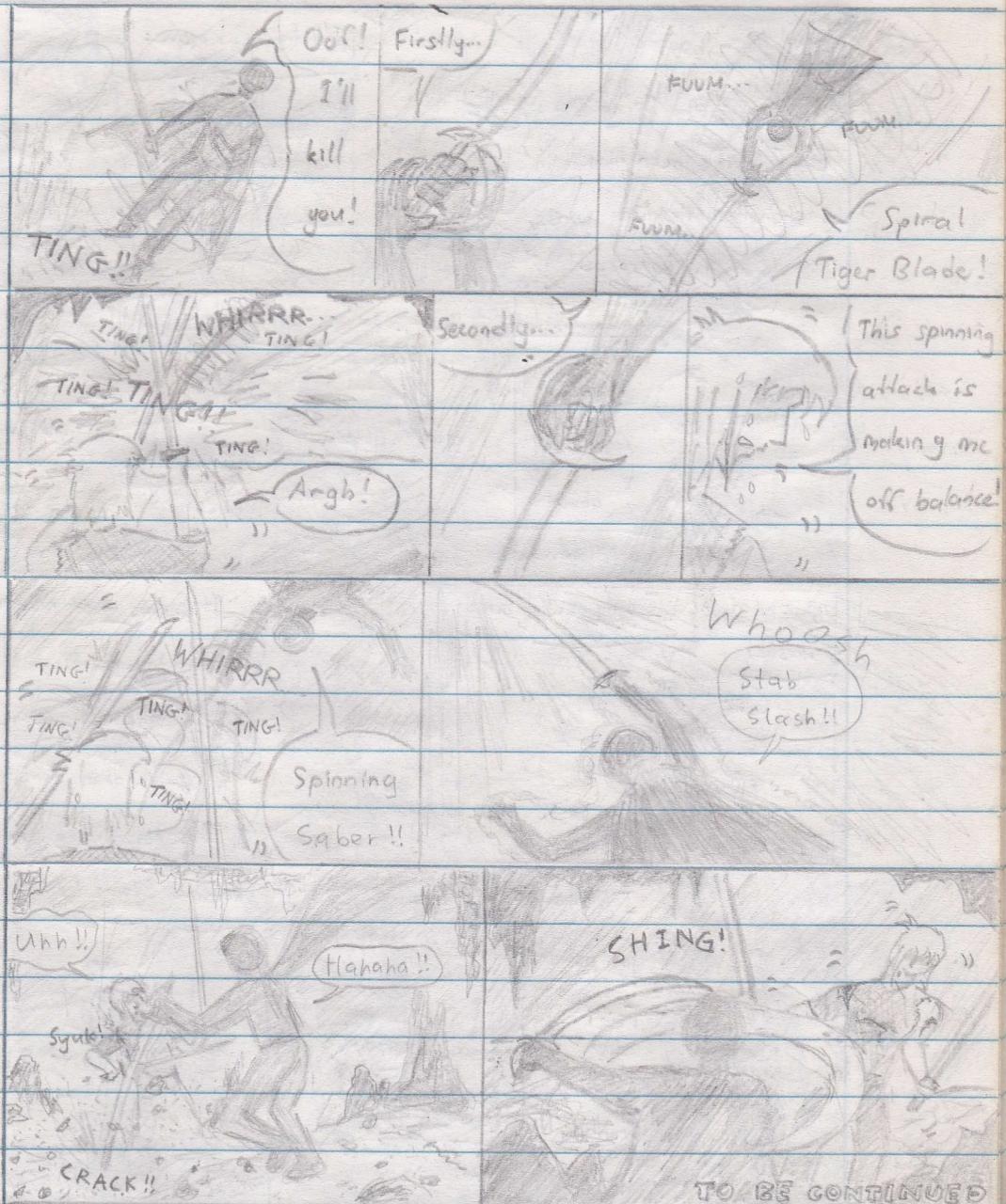
Powerful! Shoulder Crossing Slash!!

ZOOM!

SHING!

He's fast!





PART 14:

LEON MEETS MYSTRAL

A LIGHT AHEAD

Gah! More wounds!!

I can't go on like this...

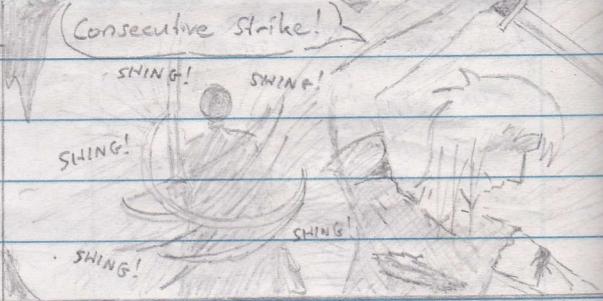
Hm... I can't beat him

by strength with two swords,

I'll beat him by speed!

I'll try new moves!

It is futile!

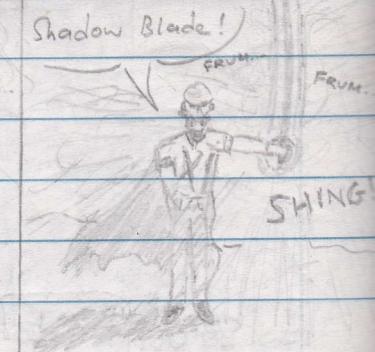
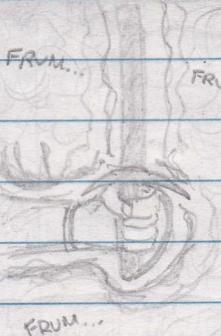
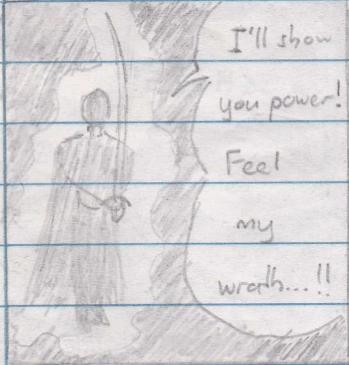


Ugh... What the... I only saw 3 out of
5 slashes...



It seems that he's using two
anti-magic blades. It's wearing
off the shadow magic
disguise that Raven gave me.

I'll have to kill him quickly.



Focused
magic!
It can break
my swords...
I must evade.

Lunge!

Yikes!

zoom!

It is
time
to
sheath my
swords and...

(Run! Run! Run!!)

Come
back
here!!

MEANWHILE...

Mystral!

It's dark

and he
can still
see me.

Stop
chasing
(me!)

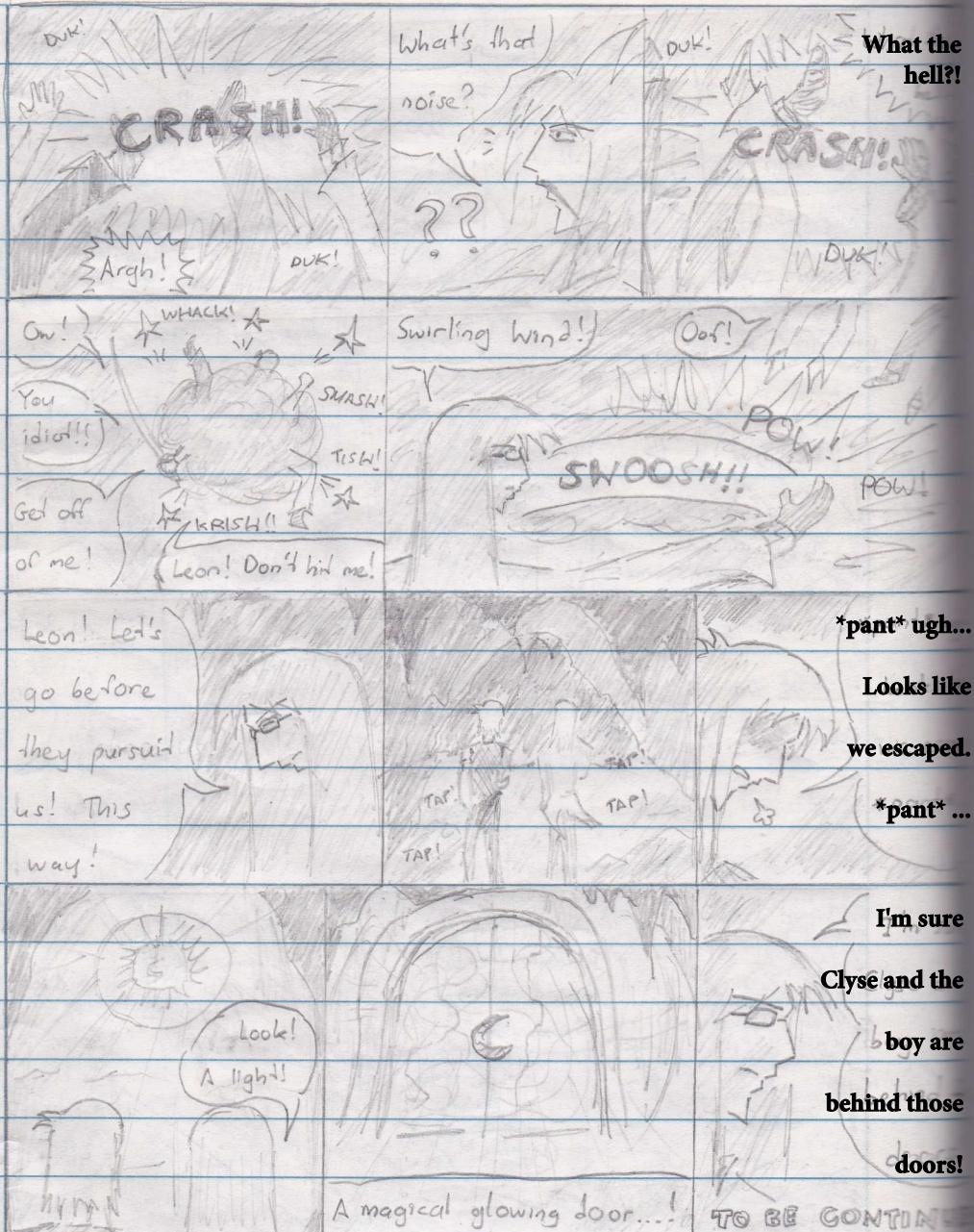
I think there's
something in
front...

zoom...

Mystral!

!?

!?

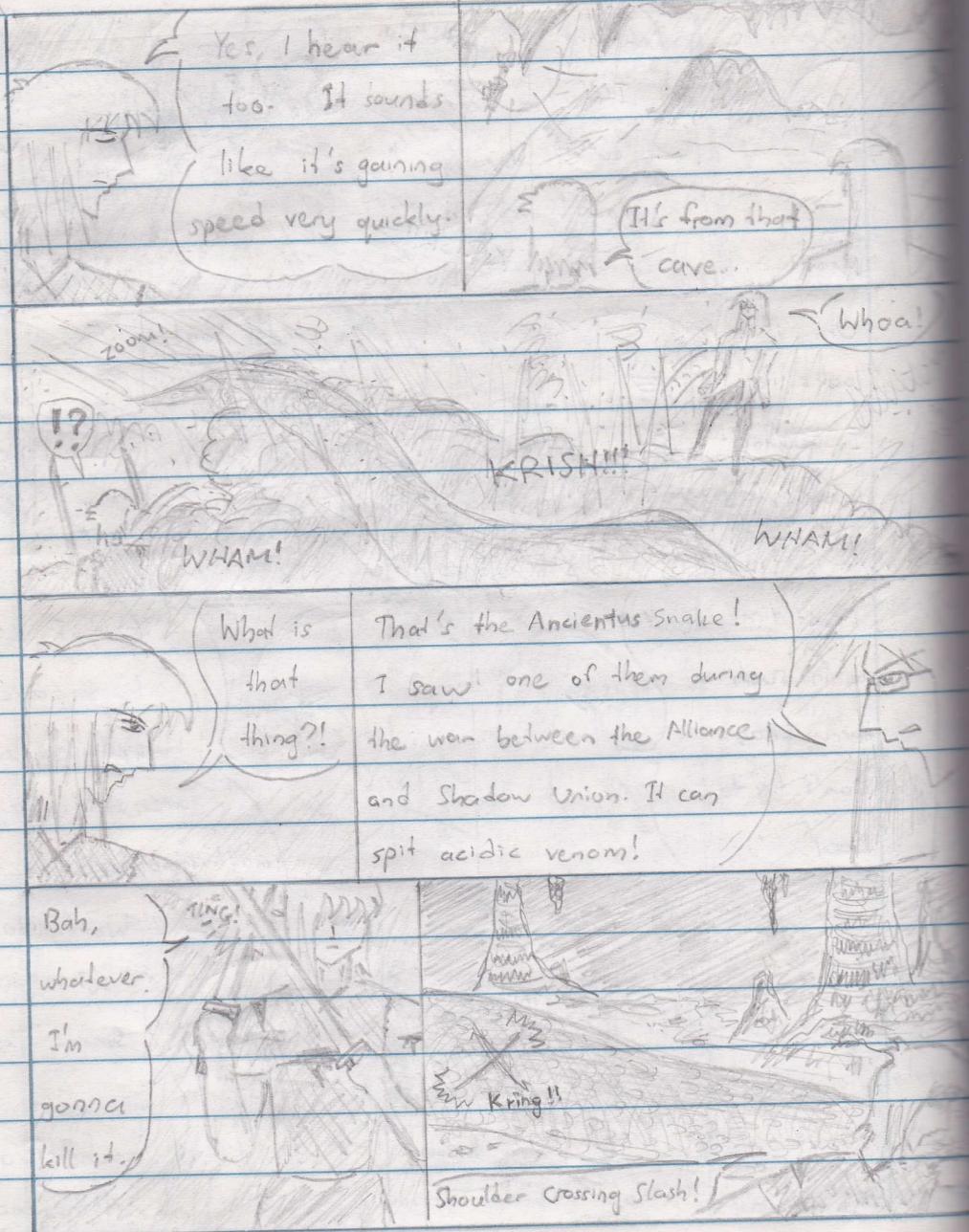


PART 15:

A HUGE SNAKE

THE ANCIENTUS SPECIES

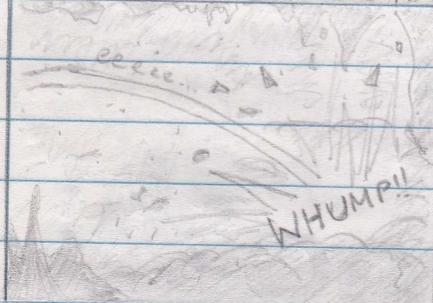




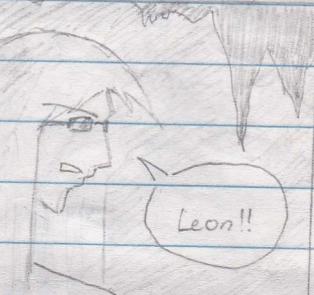
What? My
slash didn't
affect it!
It's
strong...

"WHACK!"

"Aaargh!!"



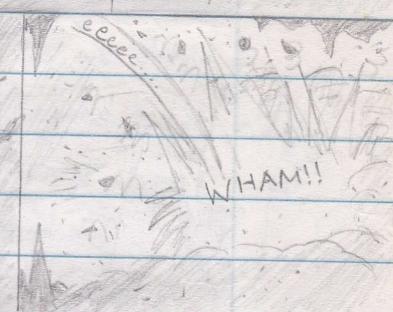
"WHUMP!!"



(Windcutter...)



!
Evaded,
but....



Damn, big wound
on my left
arm. I have
to bear with
the
pain.

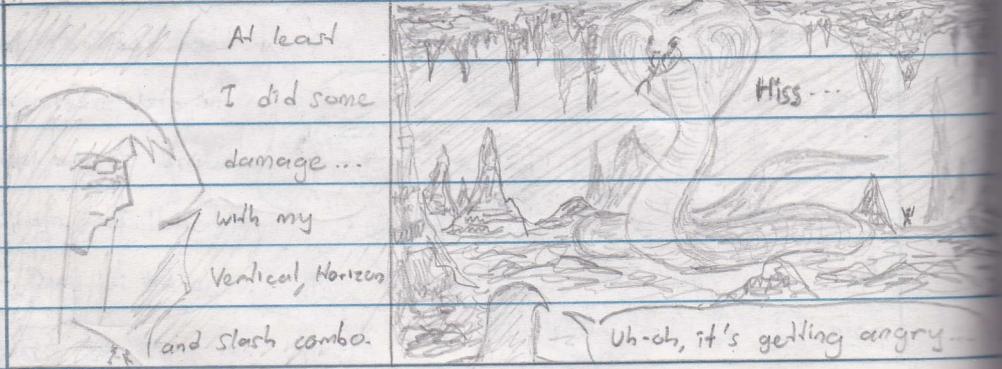
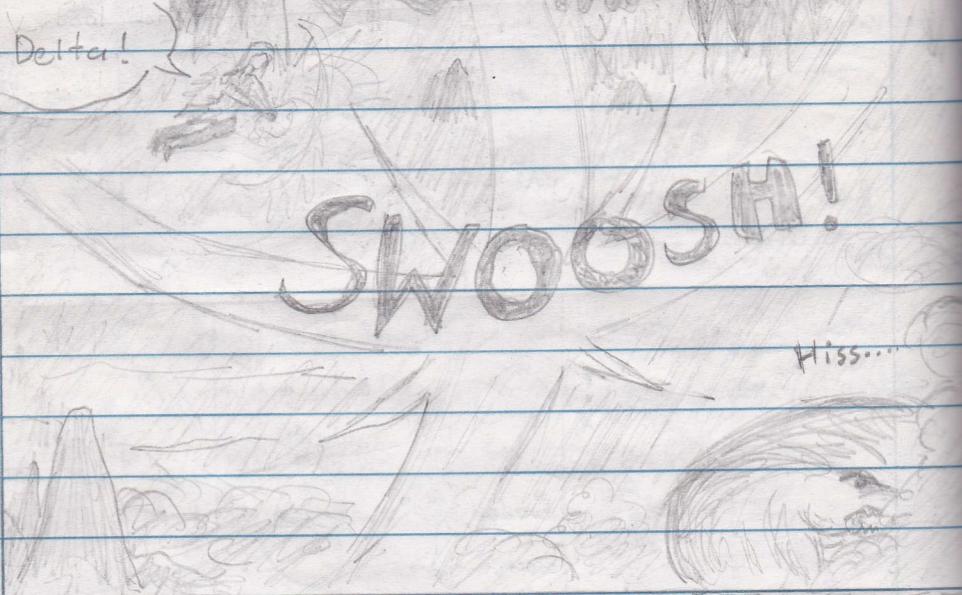
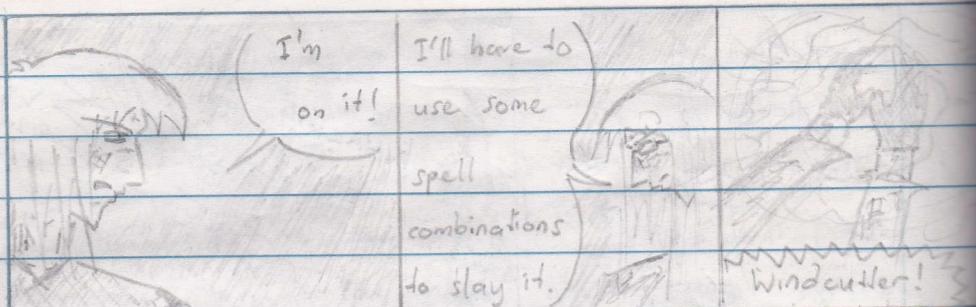
Leon!! I'll distract it from
the front! Then you run
behind it and aim for the
head! That should be able
to kill it! Don't give up!

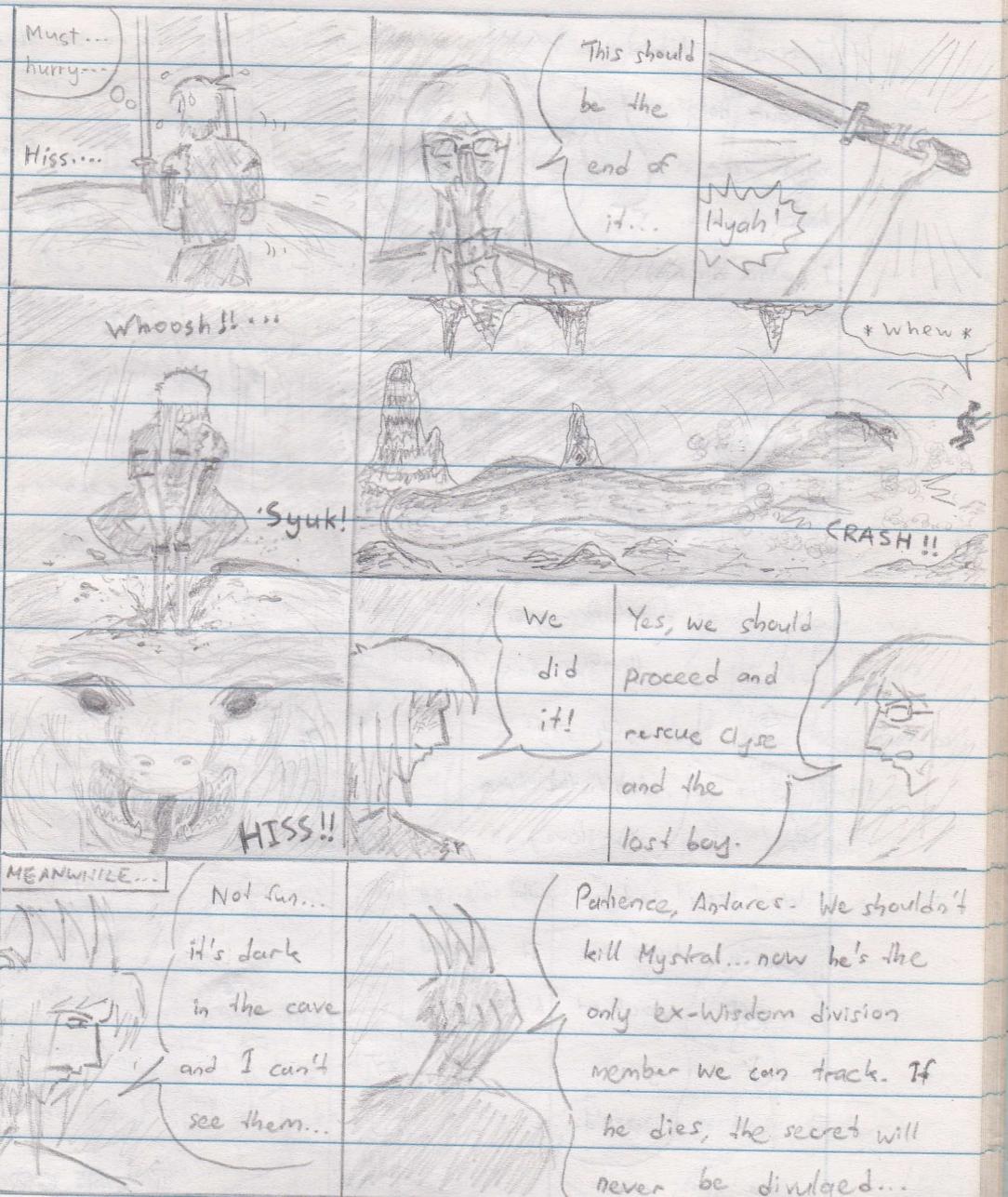
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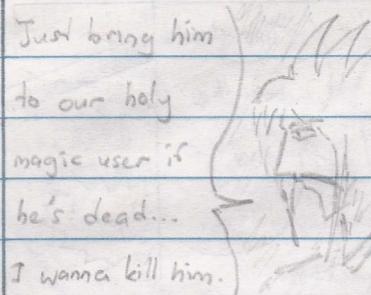
SLAY THE SNAKE

A WOUND





Just bring him
to our holy
magic user if
he's dead...
I wanna kill him.



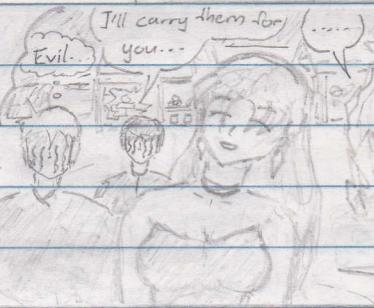
...where's Eurydice?



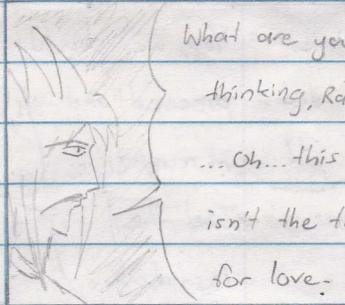
She should be shopping or

walking around
at Ring Town.

She's fond of
cute stuff.



Tee-hee! If you
don't give me your
teddy bears and cute
accessories, I'll
freeze you!



What are you
thinking, Raven?
... Oh... this
isn't the time
for love...

Like hell I thought
about it!!

(My apologies.)



Wait, Leon! Let me

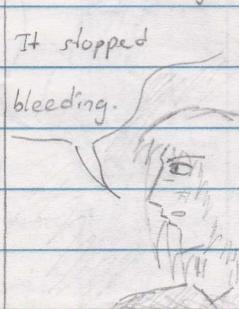
Oh, it's nothing.

That's a laceration,



take a
look at
your
wound.

It stopped
bleeding.



an open wound!

You'll get an

infection soon if

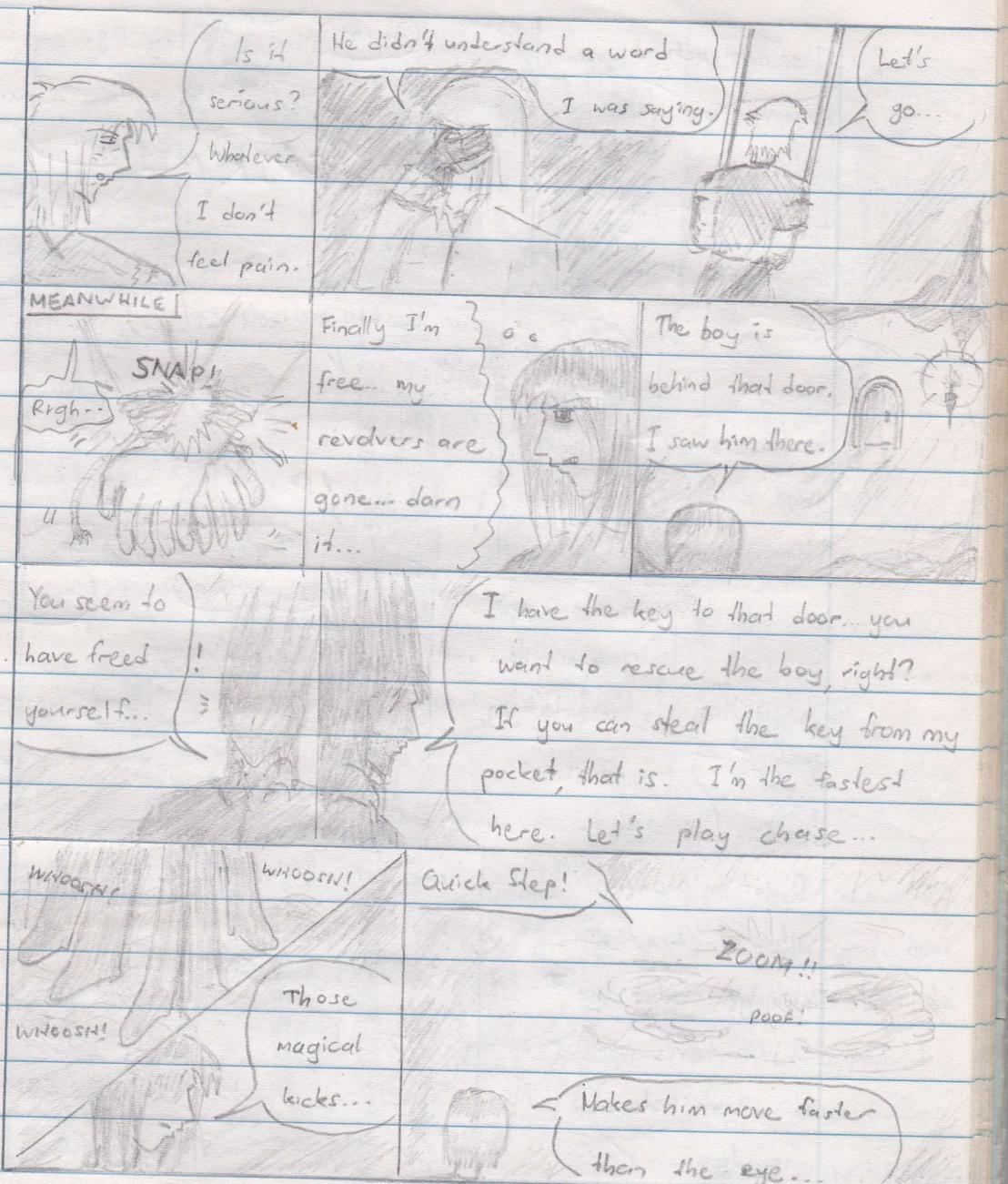
you don't get treated.

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PART 17

CLYSE AND THE LOST BOY

A FIGHT FOR THE KEY



I'm right behind you...

(Aaah!)

His legs are fast..! I

zoom!

zoom...

WHOOSH!

WHACK!

can see it but can't

evoke it...

Aw... my
stomach hurts
because of
that kick...

Hmm...

Nonsense... you
don't know how and
it's incantation.
You don't even
specialise in magic!

What the hell are you doing?!

??

!?

(Trying Quick Step!

Quick Step!

(Not again

zoom!

POOF...

I got to predict

where he

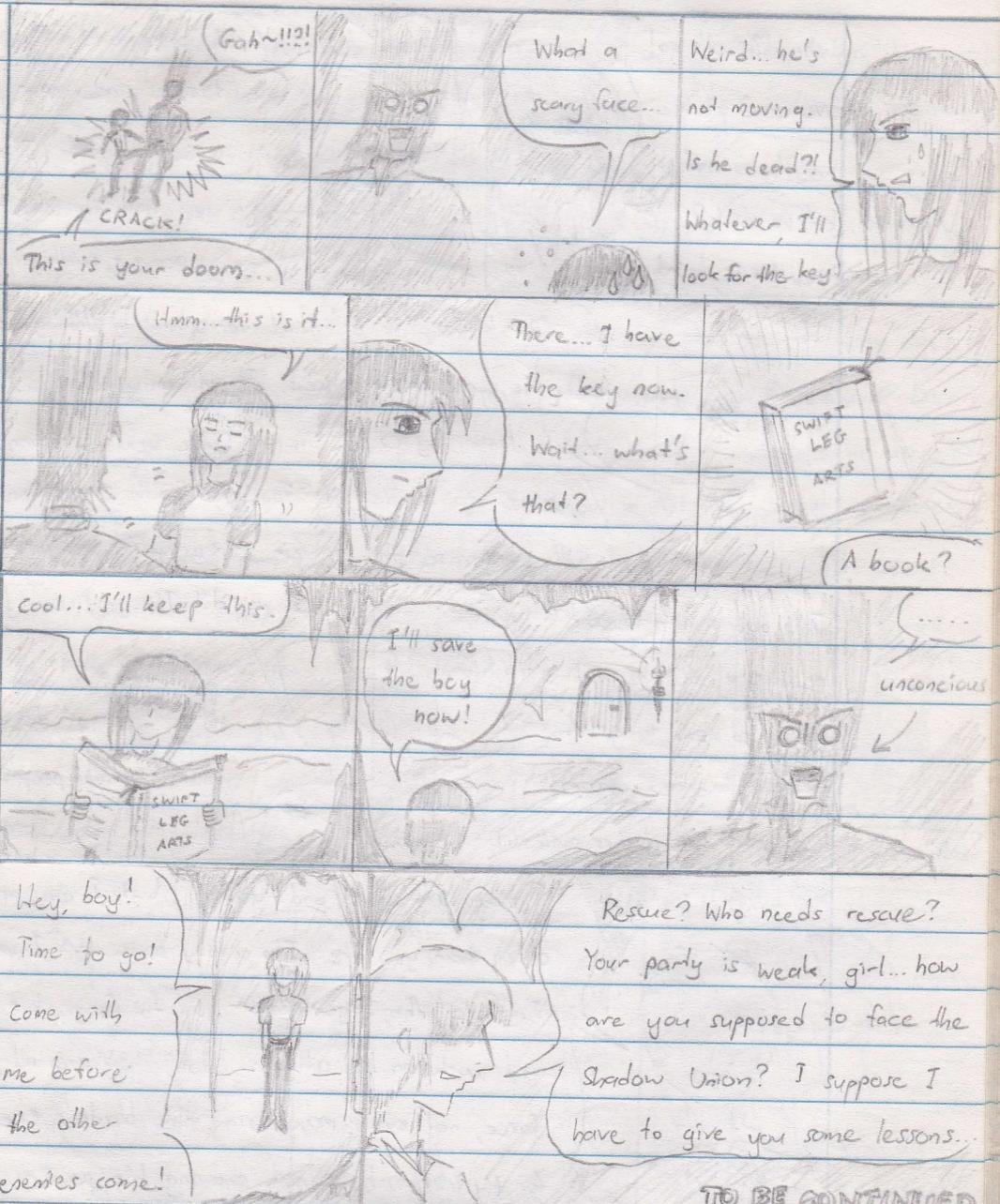
will go next.

I just have
to kick before
he does...

Here...)

Huh?)

zoom!



PART 18:

UNKNOWN BOY

LEARNING QUICK STEP

What? Let's go!

We came all the
way here and you
call us weak?

Wait, this is weird...



As a reward for this rescue
task... since your **party** is
a weak team... I will **teach**
you how to **maximise** the
power within you.



Quick Step is essential for you... I will give you
the enchanted shoes. It will only help you **a bit**
in learning Quick Step. Once you've learned, **be**
sure to master it. Together with the shoes, it
will maximise the power... then you'll be powerful!

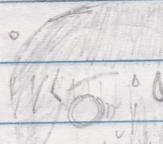
This boy didn't need

rescue at all... he

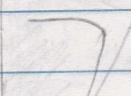
knows so many things!

He must be the wrong one!

He's weird! He always smiles!



I'm not weird!! I'm just cool!)



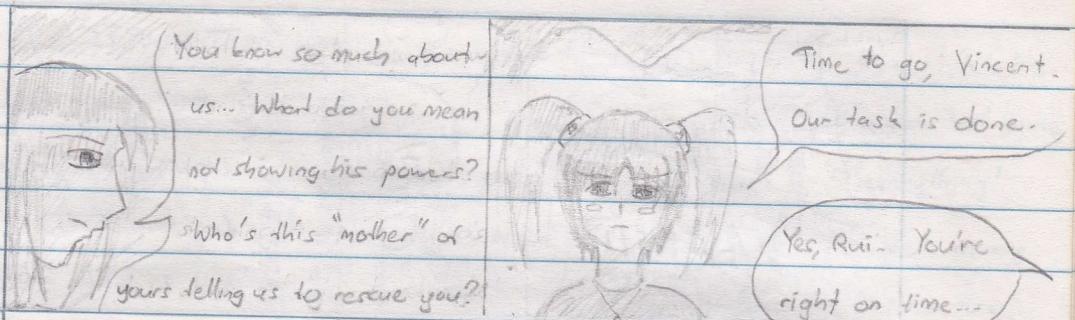
He reads
people's **minds**

too!!

I may look short and young... but I am **actually much**
older than you are. I'm a boy now... but I was **an adult**.

Just tell the Sage-Hunter guy to forge his **blades**
and work on his attacks. God, they are all just **brute**
force, not even maximising the blade's energy... Well,
for Mystral... he's not showing his powers...





Time to go, Vincent.
Our task is done.

Yes, Rui. You're right on time...

Where did that girl....



We'll disappear now.

Weird...weird...weird!! Why does a boy like him need rescue? Damn that "mother" woman! He seem to know a lot... anyways, his advice may be good for me and Leon.

Umm... what's his name... Vincent.

The little girl's name is...

Mui... no.. Rui. Both

little kids who have knowledge of magic.

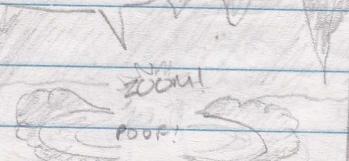
Oh, he left me the shoes.

There... I wore them.

Let's see...



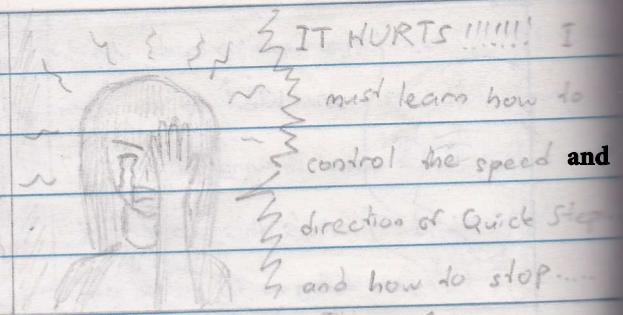
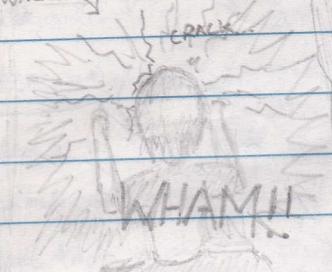
Quick Step!



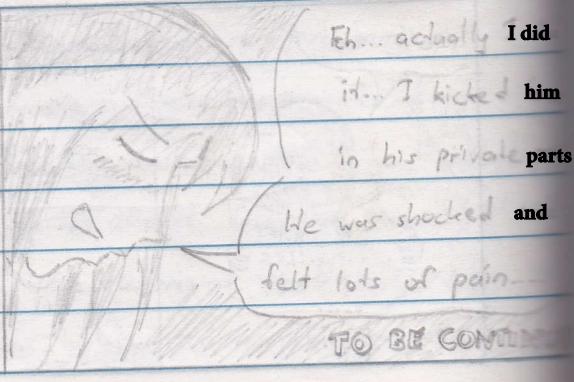
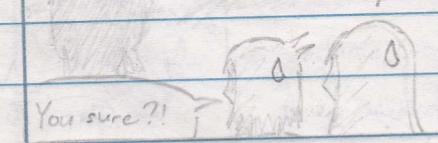
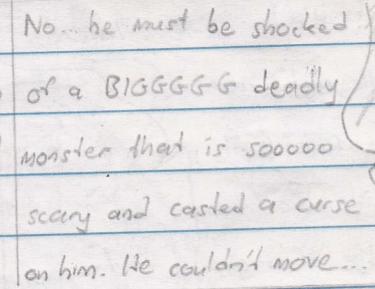
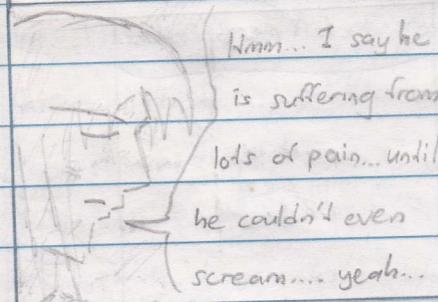
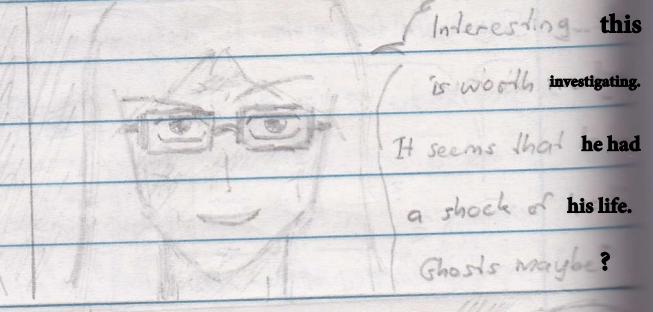
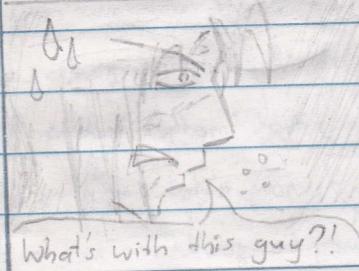
WHOOOSH!

Damn, this is fast!

WALL



MEANWHILE...



PART 19: BACK TO THE INN

TRAINING

Who the hell is that!
Really! He's like...
a kid that knows
everything!

kid judging my
fighting style!
He hasn't seen
my attacks!

He gets on my
nerves too!

(A little kid who knows
everything... amazing... by
the way, your attacks... er... yeah.)

Mystraf is trying to say
that you suck!

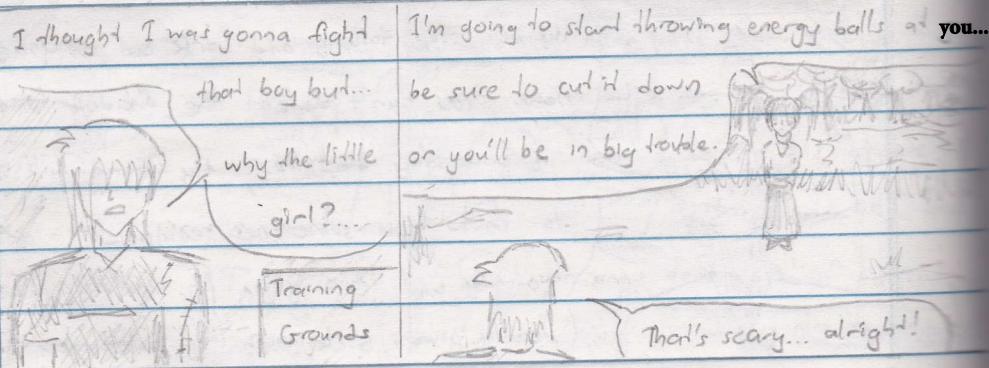
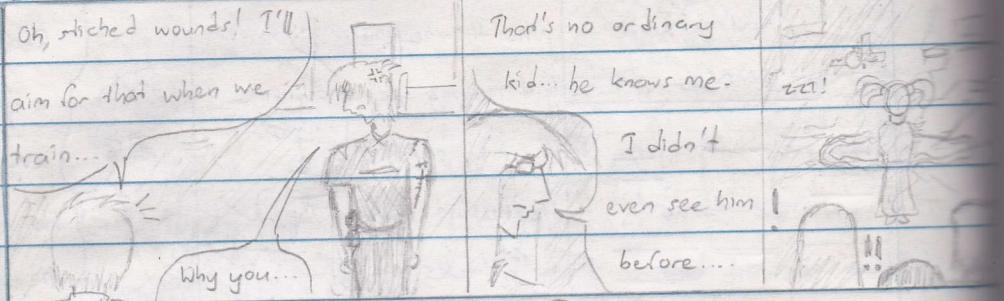
The boy said I must
forge my blades
and work on my
attacks right?

Now?

I observed your attacks. They were
all normal sword attacks. You
need to concentrate the anti-magic
energy in your blades, like how
you did Eins and Zwei skills.

Magical blades become
very powerful if you
know how to use it.
Concentrate... and the
power will unleash.

My, my... stop talking and work out on your attacks
now. You can't defeat the Shadow Union forever
if you stay like this. My friend will be here soon
to show you some new equipments and both
of us will train you. Ah, Mystraf... I know your
deadly powers back then. They called you "The Tempest."



Photon Ball!



PSWINGG...

Focused magic... I have

to concentrate

the blade's

energy. This is

only a small ball...

eee..

eee..

FRUM!

SWING!!

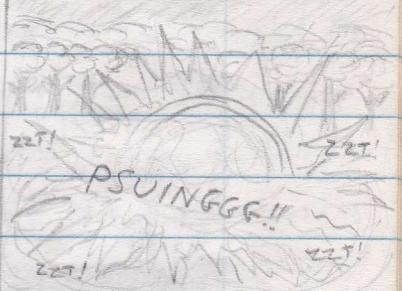
The energy concentrated

is not enough to stop

the ball!

SHING!!

SWOOSH!!

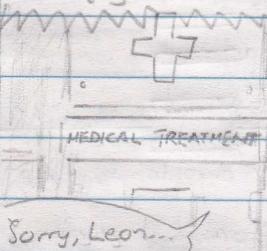


PSWINGGG!!

ZZT!

ZZT!

You trying to kill me???



MEDICAL TREATMENT

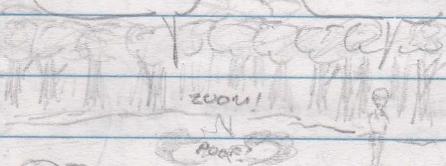
Sorry, Leon...

MEANWHILE...

Wahahaha!!! If you don't do a
good Quick Step and shoot me,
I will punish you by sending
you 10 feet in the air!! Don't
falter, or pay! Wahaha!!

Quick Step!

Wahaha!!



VROOO

It seems that Clyse
can do the Quick Step.

Everyone is getting stronger
thanks to those two... who
are they...? Hmm... I will go
and train on my killing spells
now... it will be more powerful.

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PART 20:

NICO THE PIRATE

THE NEXT DESTINATION

After days of "if-you-don't-do-well-you-will-get-in-trouble" training, Mystrel decides to go to their next destination.

Well, I wish you all **good**

luck. My friend will **be**

waiting for you at the

port. She might be **just the**

right girl for you, Leo!

No joke man...

I'm not gonna fall for any girl.

Let's go to the port.

THE PORT...



There, that must be

the ship. It

has a

unicorn

figurehead.

Here! Climb up

this ladder!

Right, now we're

on the ship.

How long do we

have to wait for

the Captain?

I'm bored...

Welcome guys! I'm the ship's

captain... to tell you the

truth, I just became the

Captain months ago! I'm

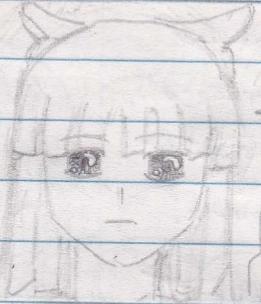
not very familiar with

all the ship stuff...

If so... who was the captain before you?



Why isn't he or she here?



Well... my brother was the Captain of this pirate ship. His name is Fel, I didn't see him for such a long time already. Now, I take over his ship.



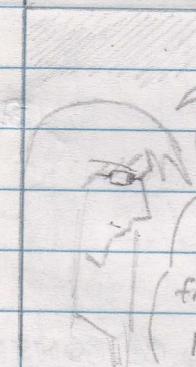
This is a pirate ship?

It means we'll get attacked by the Navy anytime.



My crew and I repainted the sails. It looks like a normal sailing ship now, the Navy won't recognise it as a pirate ship. I'm trying to learn pirates talk too yarr?

Seems like a tough job for a polite girl like you. We're so busy chatting, we forgot to introduce ourselves. I'm Leon.

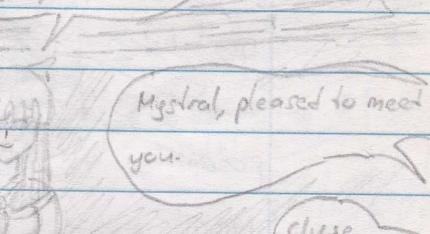


Our next destination is Symphony.

There's an old friend of mine living there.



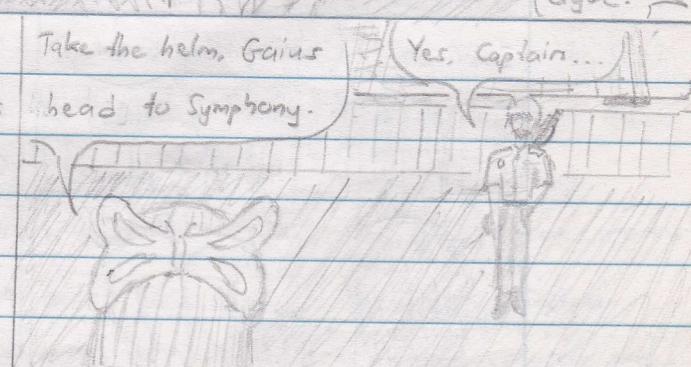
Hee... yarr, I'm Nico.)



Mystral, pleased to meet you.

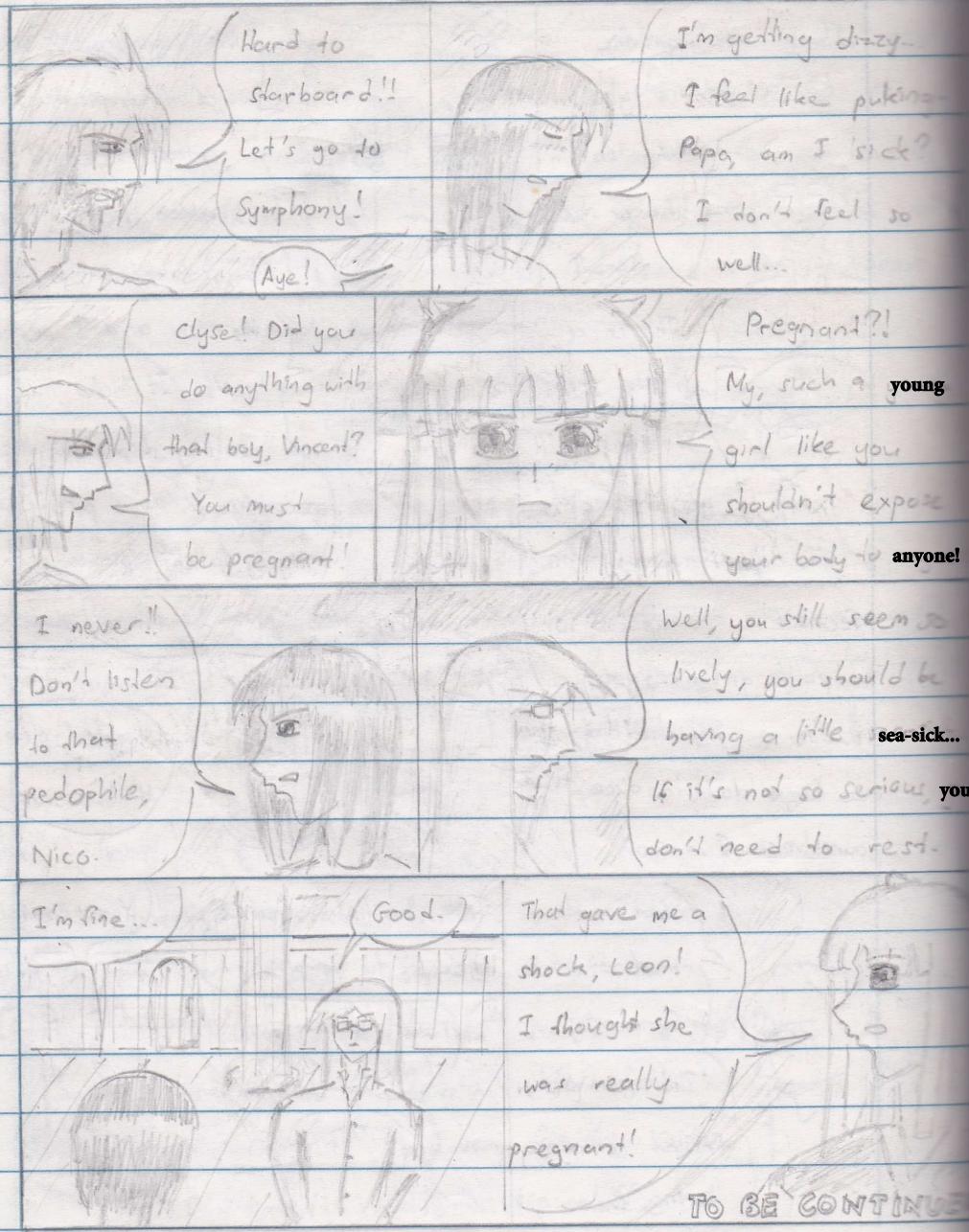
Clyde.

Take the helm, Gaius head to Symphony.



Yes, Captain...

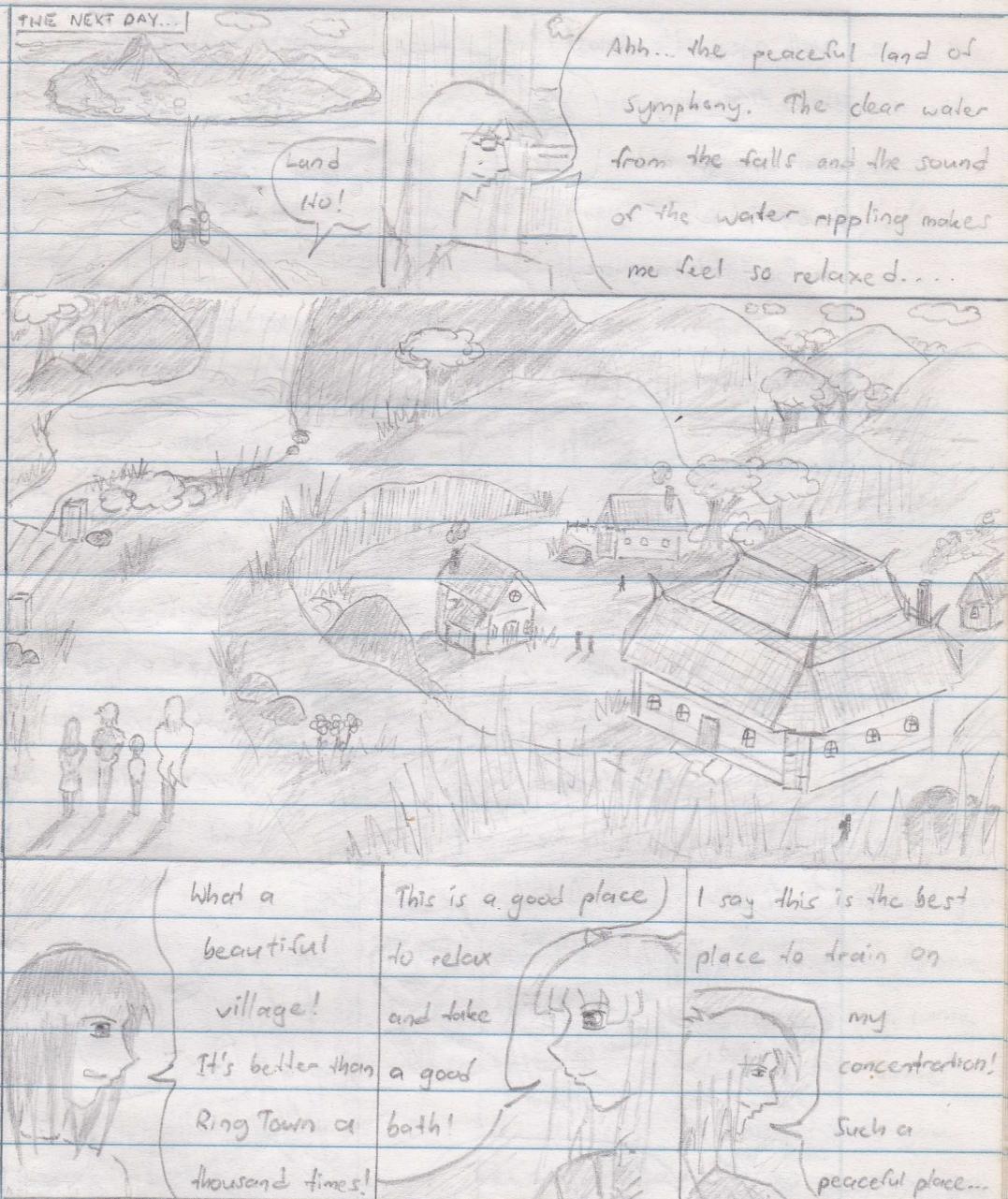




PART 21:

SYMPHONY

MEETING BRYAN



Well, since it's almost
lunch time, why
don't we go, and
have our lunch? I know
the finest restaurants here.

We get to eat in a
private room.

Le longtemps aucun voient, monsieur!

Same old food?

Haha,
yeah,
Ansside.

This is a
french
restaurant?

Doesn't seem like
one to me.

It isn't. Ansside is an old
friend of mine who just
works here. This restaurant
serves different kinds of
food. You should try it.

I'M NOT

Dish is served...

Is this
even
edible?
It looks like
crap to
me!

This is one of the all-time favourites...



This dish of meat is...
deep-fried, in addition with
various types of spices.

It's beef. Trust me, it's
very tasty.

(We'll try...)



Mmm...this is good!

(Agreed.)

munch



munch

I'll order something
better and more
common food than
this... unknown spicy
beef crap...

better and more
common food than
this... unknown spicy
beef crap...

better and more
common food than
this... unknown spicy
beef crap...

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beef crap...

Long time no
see, Mystral.

I see you've
brought friends
to visit me.

Bryan... I thought you
would never forgive
me. I have come
here for some
business with you.

TO BE CONTINUED

PART 22

FIONA, THE CAT-GIRL

A POSSESSED CAT



I received news that the Shadow Union is back again. In fact, they seem to be gathering more and various species of animals to aid in their battle. I am **not**

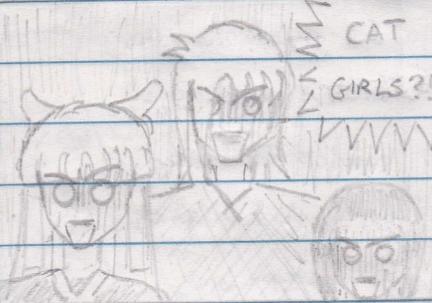
in the Wisdom division anymore, so I came for you.

You're right. I saw this mysterious person wandering around the alleys, forests and the village.



He should be from the Shadow Union, his intention is to go

the cat-girls to aid their **battle**.



CAT

GIRLS?!

They are half-cat,

humans. They look cute but they are very fierce and strong when it comes to fighting.



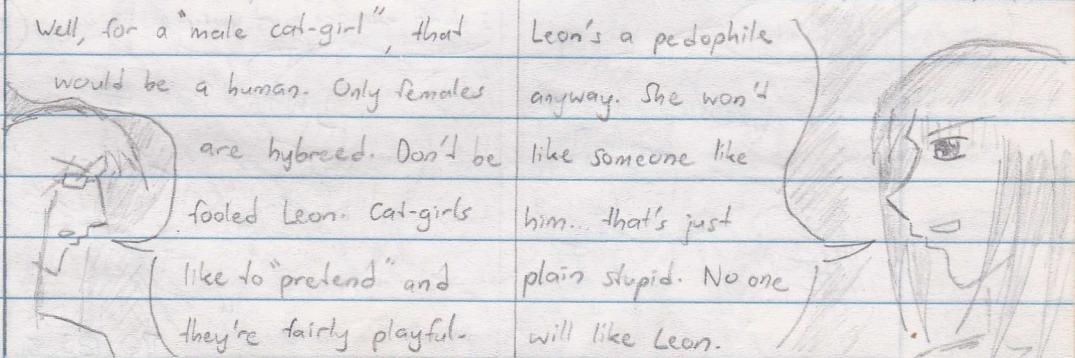
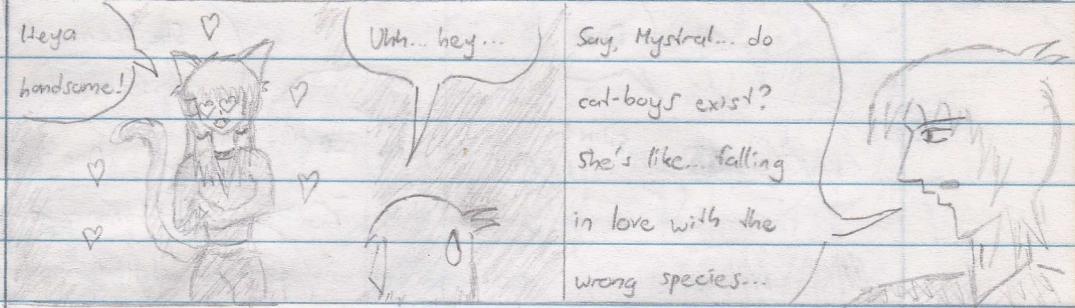
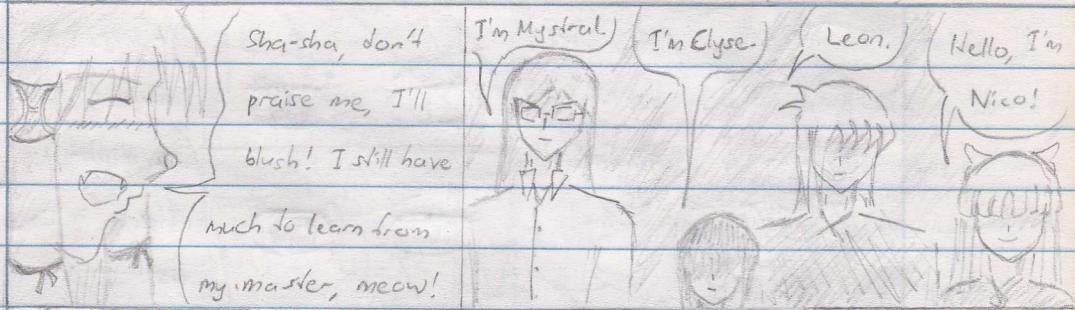
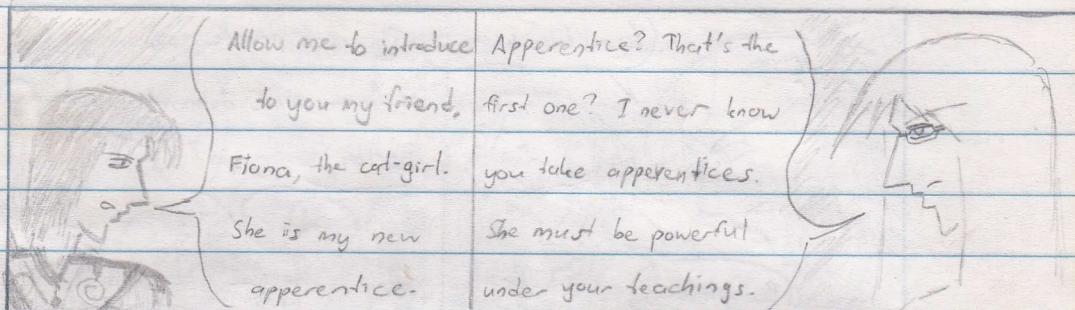
Speaking of cats,

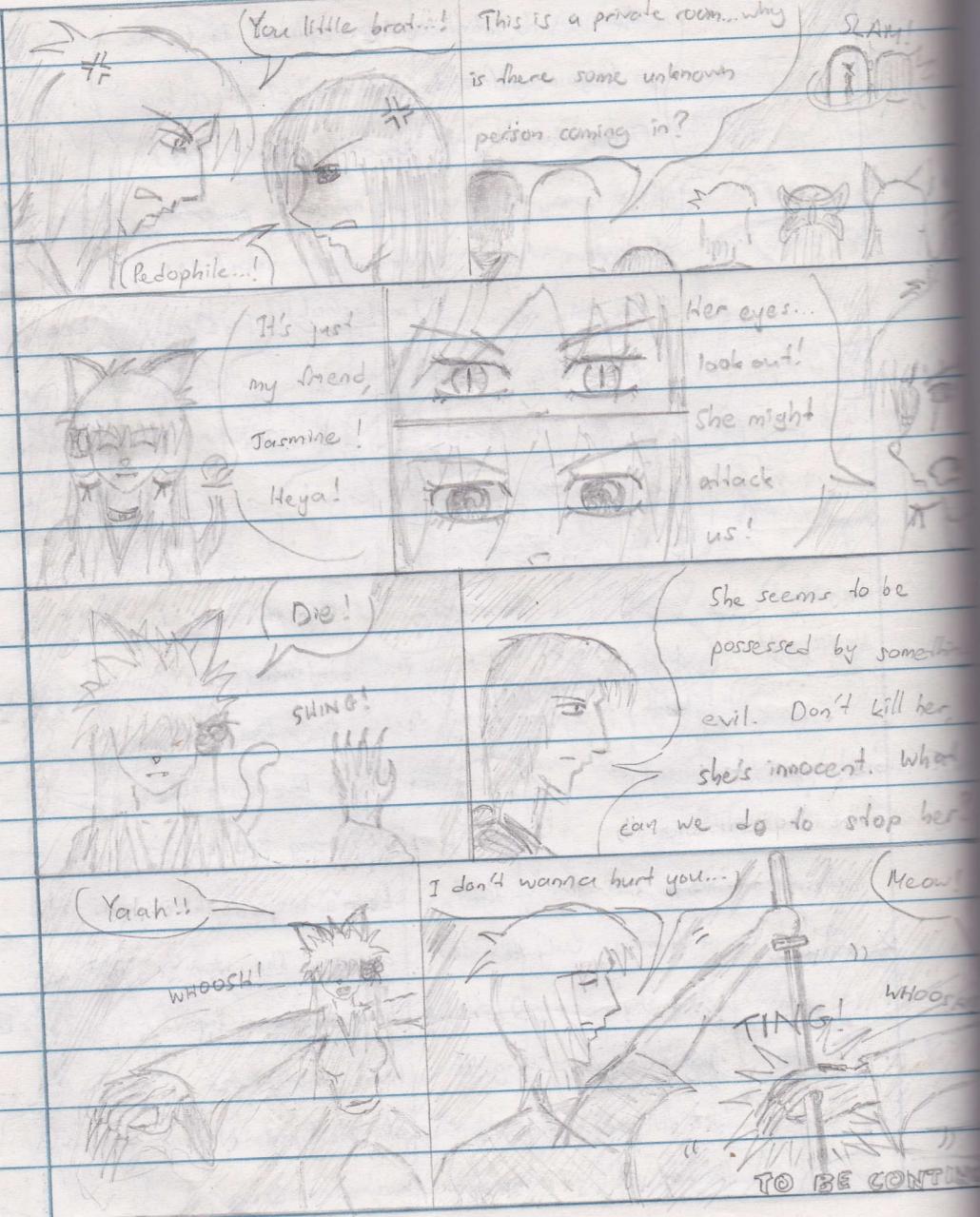
I have a friend of mine who is a cat-girl. I knew her

when I was investigating that mysterious person.



Meow!
Heya!

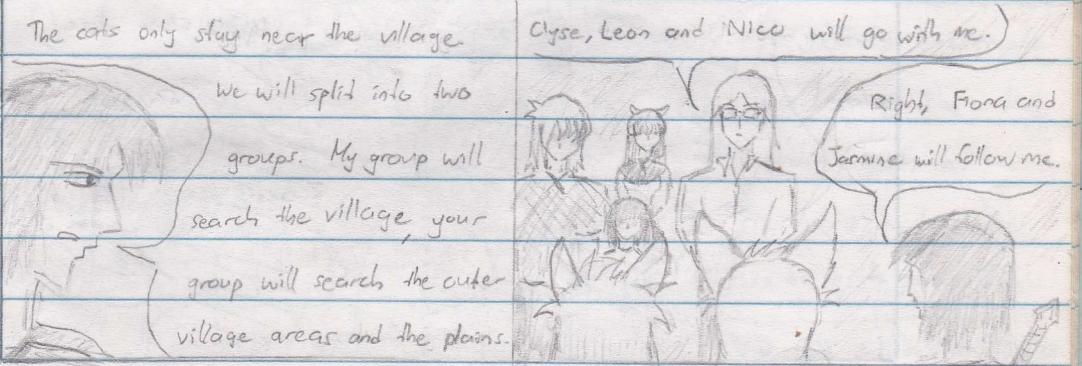
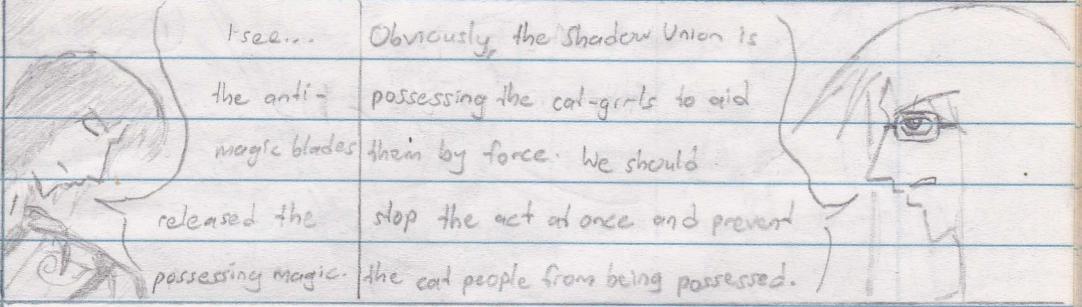
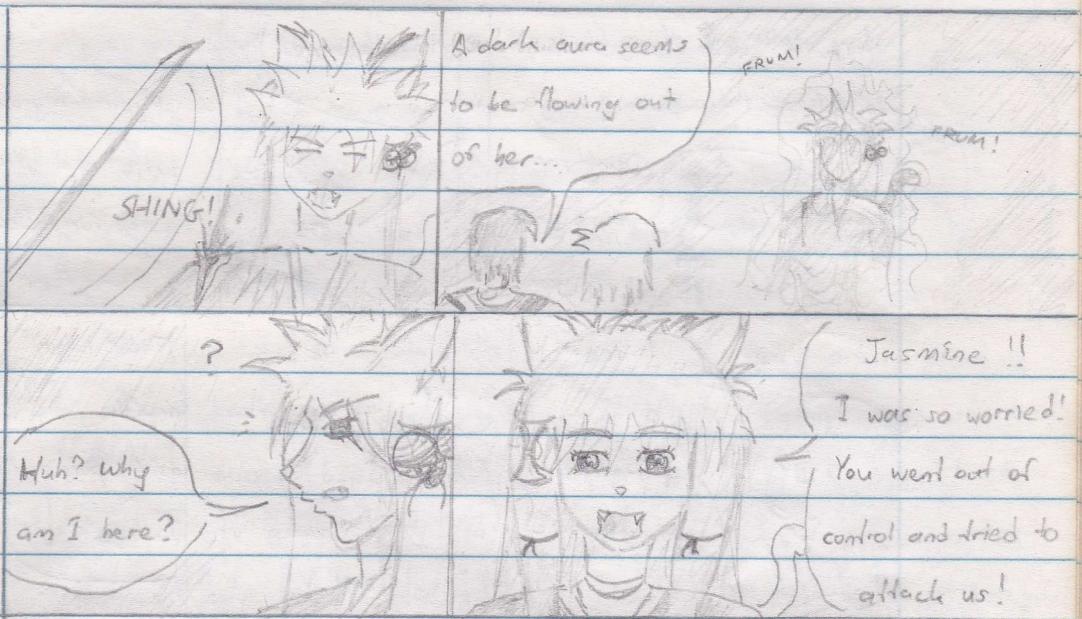




PART 23:

IN SEARCH FOR THE POSSESSED CATS

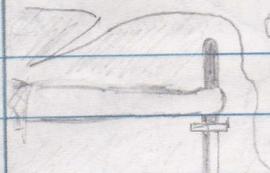
THREE STRONG CATS



Here, take one of my blades
to release the possessing magic.

Right, let's move

out.



Don't lose
this or I'll
kill you!



Mystral's group were
out of the village in
search for possessed cat-

I see
a few
cat-girls
coming towards
us!



Their eyes
are the same
as the possessed
Jasmine's eyes!

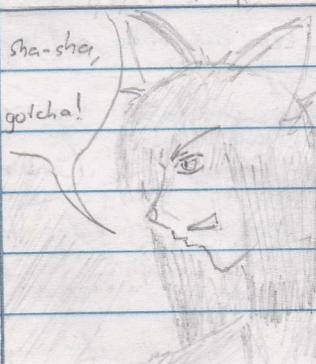


Why do
they always
target me...



Sha-sha,

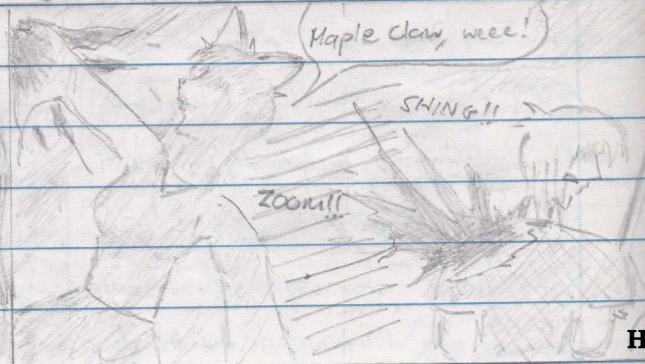
gatcha!



(Maple Claw, weee!)

SWING!!

ZOOM!!



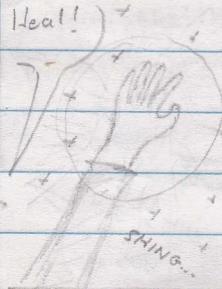
Huh?

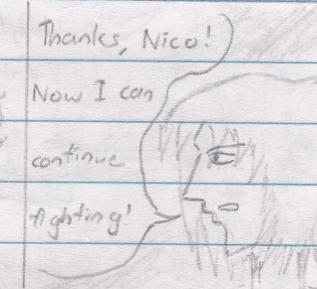

What the... she went
beside me in a
second and shred
my shoulder... that
was fast...

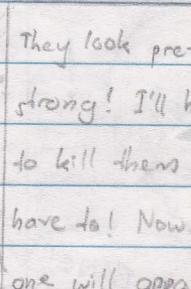

Don't underestimate them! Now,
there are 3 of them, Clyse,
Leon and I will fight. Nico,
what do you know? How do
you fight? Magic?

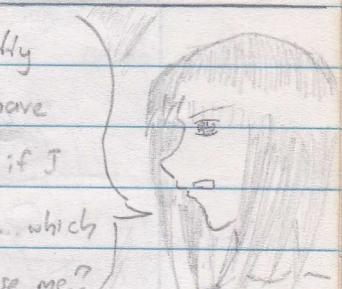

I know some simple
healing magic... I use
energy butterflies
to attack. They also
help with the healing.

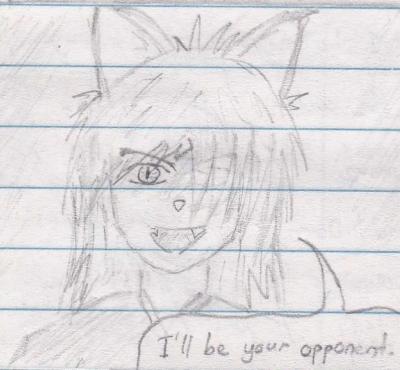

You'll attack from a
further range and heal
us if we get hurt.
You just keep supporting
us, we'll try to protect you.




Thanks, Nico!
Now I can
continue
fighting!


They look pretty
strong! I'll have
to kill others if I
have to! Now, which
one will oppose me?


Don't underestimate
me because I'm a kid,
lady. With my
revolvers and magic,
I could be quite powerful.

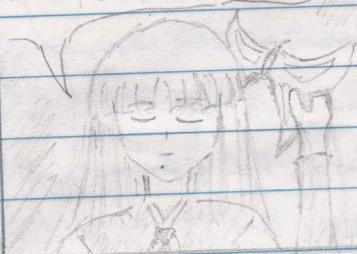


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PART 24!

CLYSE'S SWIFT LEG + REVOLVER COMBO
SHADOW UNION'S INTENTIONS

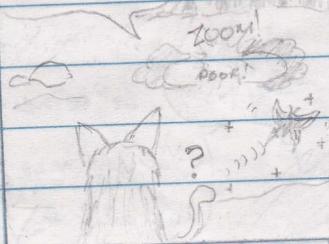
Butterfly Hairclip, Morph!



It's useless,
we'll kill all
of you before

you could even
Butterfly of Healing!! heh! sha-sha!

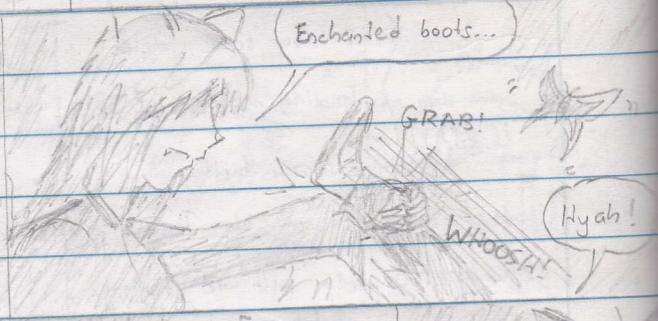
Quick Step!



(Enchanted boots...)

GRAB!

Wooah!



SURK!

Aahhhh!!

Why
you...)

BANG!!!

Ow!! I shot her)

and she could
still move

around! Damn,
this wound is

quite deep...

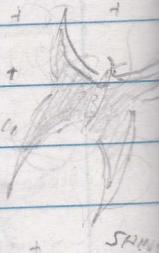
Meow!!

Aaah!

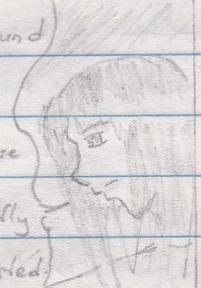
SWIPE!

WHOOSH!

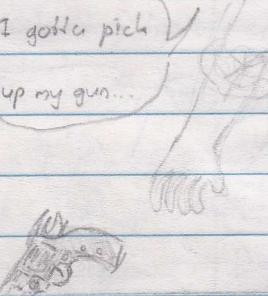
I'M NOT
IN PAIN



Oh... the wound
is slowly
healing because
of the butterfly
that Nico raised



I gotta pick
up my gun...



Brisk Fire!)



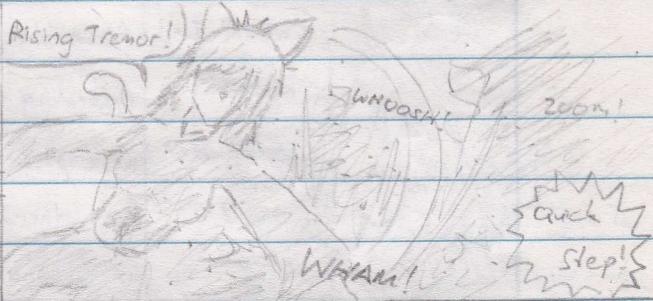
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
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ZOOM!

Wa-cha, I dodged it all!

Crescent Kick!



Rising Tremor!



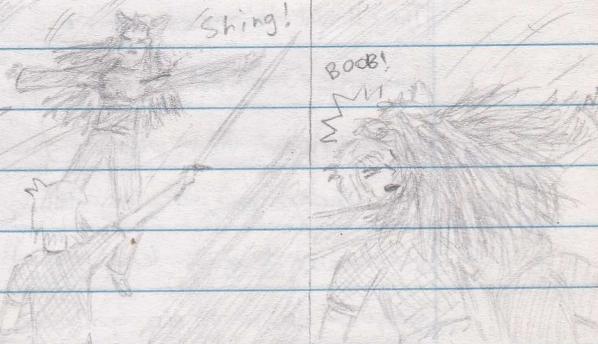
BANG!

Dodge this...

Sha-sha! Back flip!



String!



Aaah!
Take
that!!

I can't watch...

Leon already recovered!

No! No!!

the other two cat-

girls. That is the

last one... oh, it seems

there's something going on.

What? I

Alice! You're... alright!

kissed... no,

According to them, we

what is this?

were possessed by a person

Why am I

from the Shadow Union... what

here??

is the Shadow Union anyway?

Wait... hey!

Heal!

I'm gonna

bleed to death!

Oh, sorry. I'll

heal you now.)

The Shadow Union is

a hidden union trying

to dominate the

world. They want to

take control of everything.

They tried to possess you and the other

cat-girls to aid them. It's

obvious what their plan is

now. Declare war, take over all

government headquarters... they

conquer everything else from there.

Everyone will tremble in fear... they

possess more powerful creatures and

when they gain control of that special

thing that the Wisdoms never divulged,

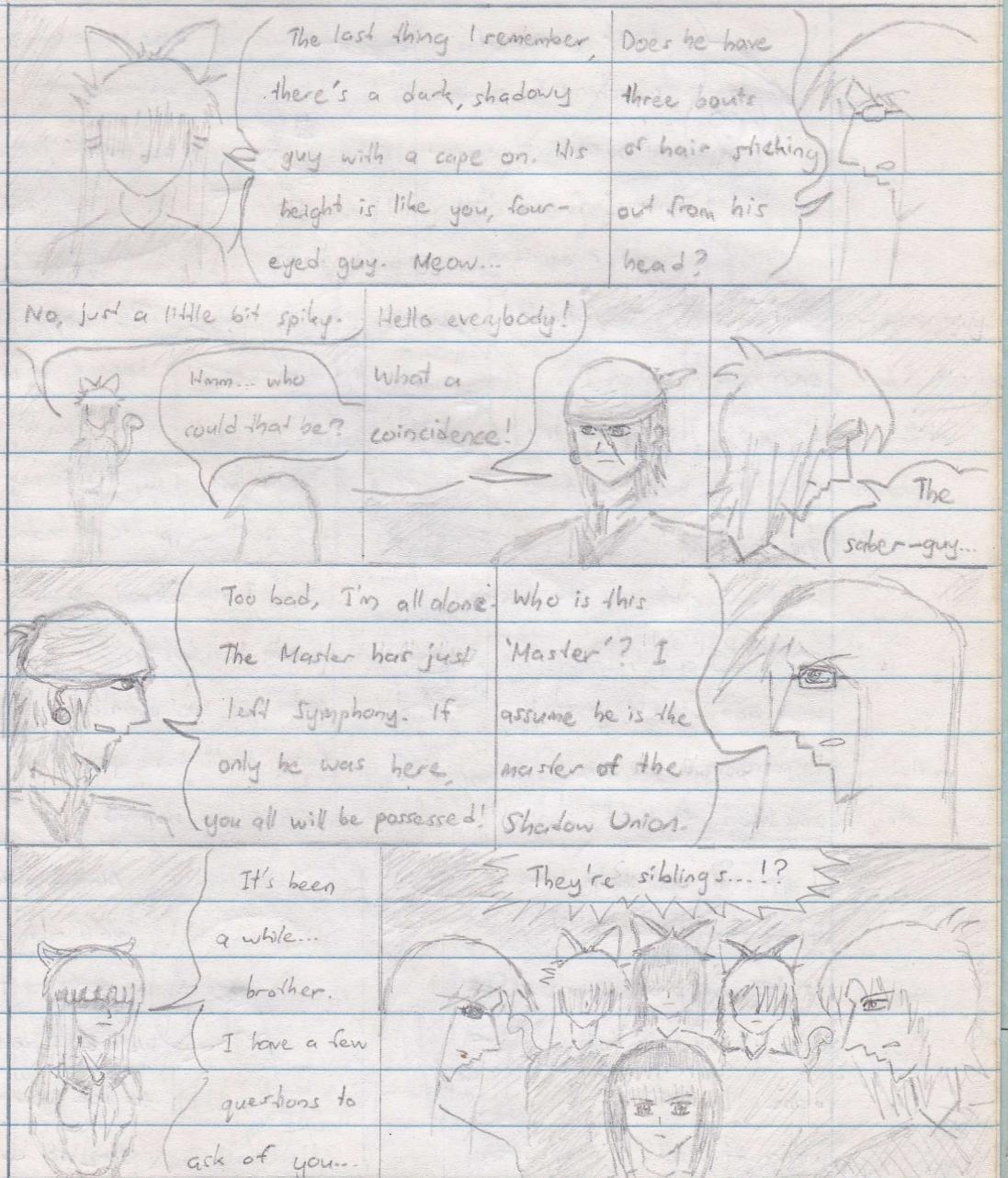
not even one person will live in peace.

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PART 25:

SIBLINGS

BUTTERFLY OF DEATH



After years of
searching for evidence
at home... it seems
that I found this
familiar earring...

Shut up, Nico! They didn't
ever help me when I'm
in need! They gave you
everything, but they gave
me nothing!

What else can you do besides
navigating? You're
weak and useless, you're
so pampered you can
only steal to live!

I appreciate your help, however this
is my family business. It
is MY own problem to
solve! I will fight him
alone. Do NOT
interrupt us!!

Was it you?! Why would
you do that?! Mom
and Dad treated us
so well! Why...?

That's because you
became a pirate!
Then you killed them!
I was forced to
be a pirate to make a living!

Look, I don't know what
family business you
have but we're in a
hurry. We'll take you
down if you stop us.

Alright, take care.
We'll regroup at the
restaurant by night.
We'll be looking forward
to see you there. Be
sure to come.

She's extremely furious...



I'm coming!

Be prepared!!



ZOOM..

Good... at least you can dodge now...



Swoosh!!

miss!



Don't

underestimate

me... Butterfly

Hairclip,
Morph!!!



What

the...

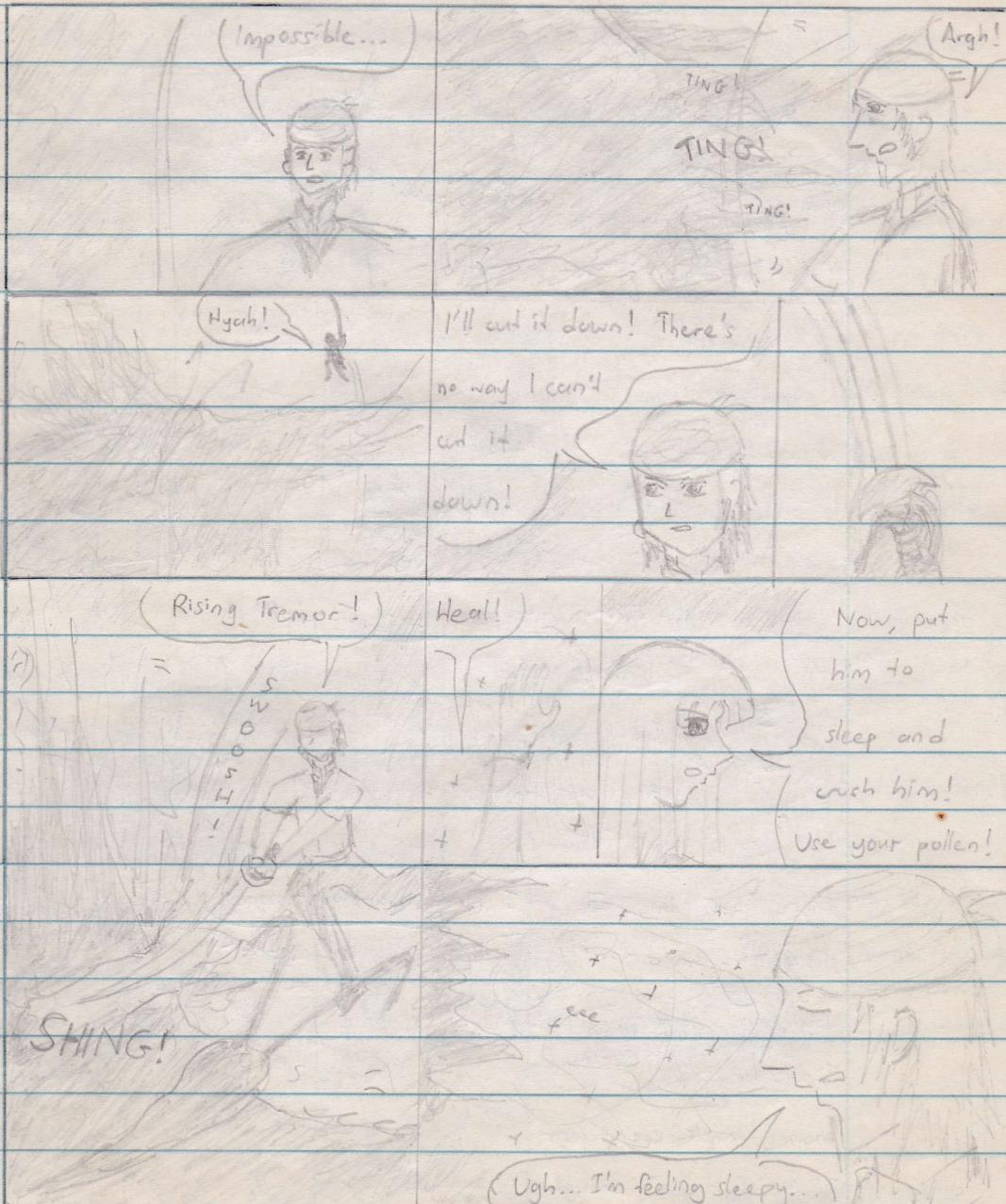
Butterfly or Death!!

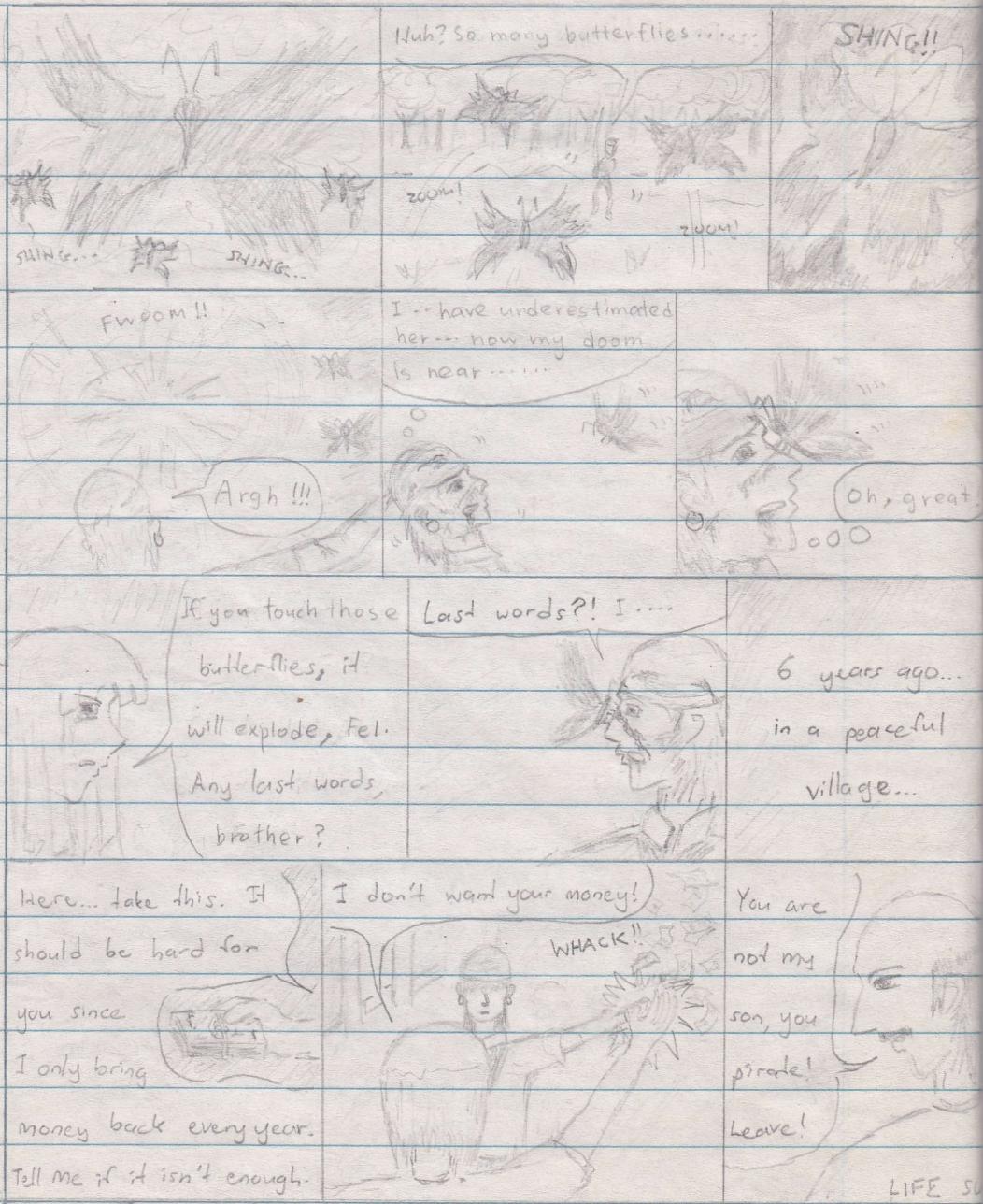
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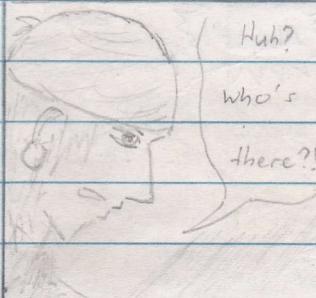
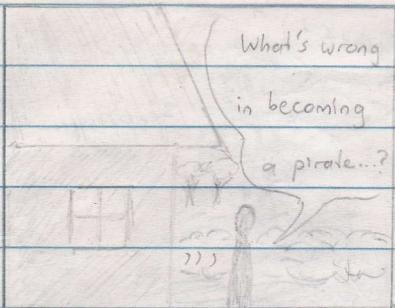
PART 26:

A FIGHT FOR VENGEANCE

FEL'S PATH TO DARKNESS, THE PAST.



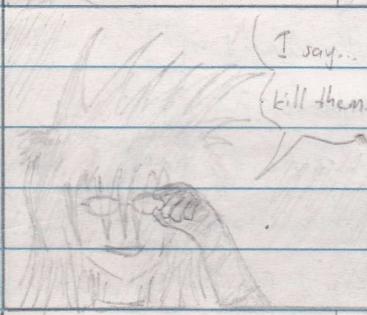




Huh?
Who's
there?!



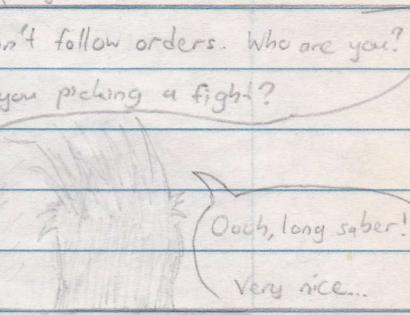
I agree with what you have mumbled to yourself. They did not treat you as a family member... why should you treat them as one?



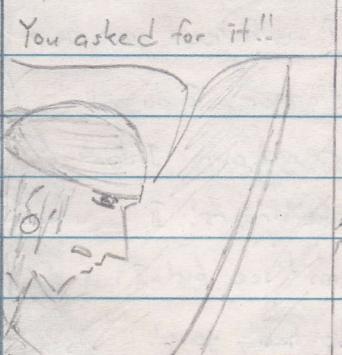
(I say...
kill them.)



I don't follow orders. Who are you?
Are you picking a fight?



Ouch, long saber!
Very nice...

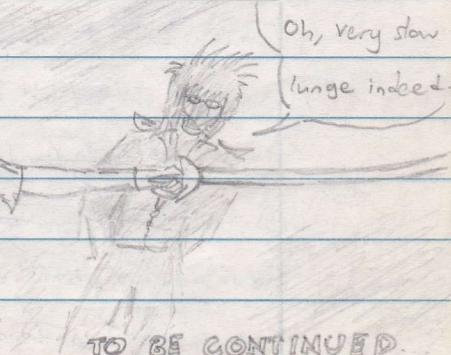


You asked for it!!



Nyah!

Zoom!!



Oh, very slow

lunge indeed

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PART 27:

A FIGHT WITH DARKNESS

PASSING THE TEST

Hmph, I can take you out in a second! since you are that slow and clumsy. Who taught you swordfighting?

Myself!

SHOOOSH!

No wonder.

Let's do this...

Huh?... Darkness?

FRUM!

FRUM!

I'm covered in

darkness... I

can't see a thing... how

can I fight?... You don't need to fight

I could've killed you instantly,

I don't need your help,

but I understand you...

stranger. I do well

You desire power so

on my own. I don't

you won't go through those

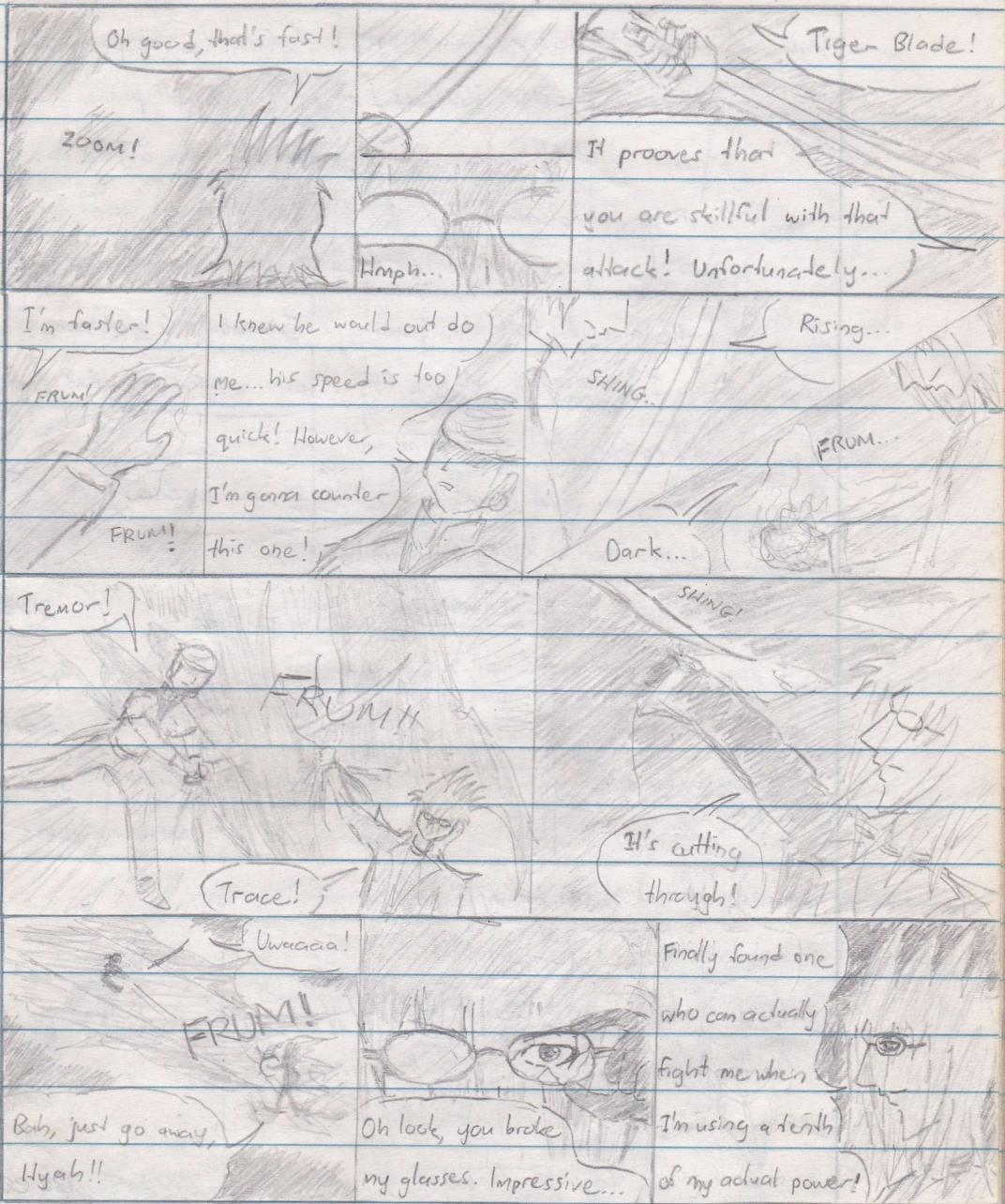
take orders! I

painful days ever again.

can't see but I

I can train you to perfection...

can hear you!



Ugh..... ah....)

He's unconscious now,

Master. It seems
that he has
potential.

Yes, he passed the test.)

I will persuade

him a little and

he will want to
join us.

He already felt like joining,
I can feel his desire for
power. After that, he will
obey me and complete his first
taste. That is, killing his family...

Er, should I get some
new glasses for you?

Oh, yes please.

1 day later,
during twilight
in the village...

(I'm home...)



Oh, son! quickly
go to your room
before your dad
sees you and
chase you away!

Hmph...)

(What are you doing?)

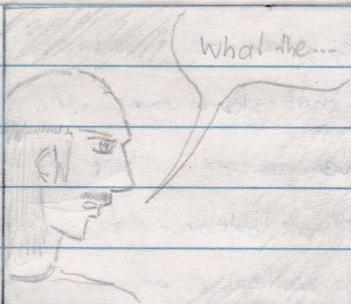
SAAAAHHHHH!!
WAAAHHHHH!!

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PART 28:

A DUEL BETWEEN FATHER AND SON.

PARENTS SLAIN



What the...

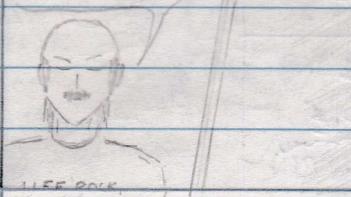
I have come to wipe you

off the face of the Earth!!

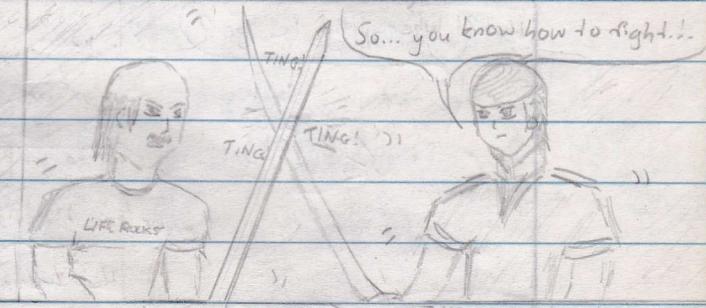
You will regret for the lack
of trust and love you have
given to me... you only
like Nico!! But not me..



I'm glad Nico isn't here... I
will fight you!



EE ROCK
The reason why I didn't
let you know or teach
you is so that you
won't suffer like the
other swordsmen!



Now you've done

something wrong...

die!



Humph...

That was quick...!

Yah!

SHING!!

SWOOSH!!

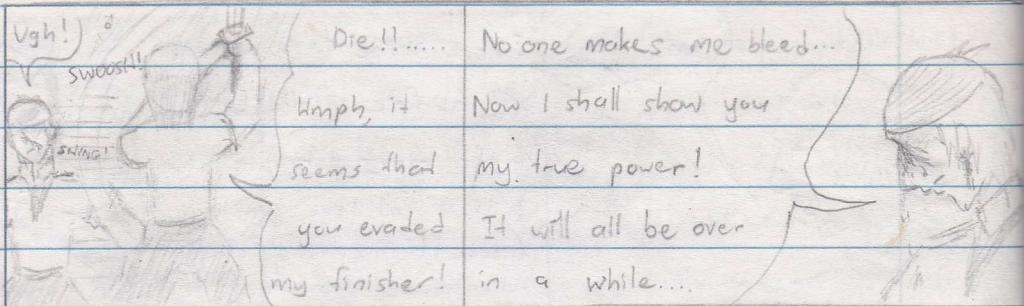
WHOOOSH!!

TO

your jaw to your head...

TO

your head...



Huh?! Where did he go?)



Syuk!!

Urgh..!

I...have failed...

An earring was left behind...



La, la, la~

I just bought

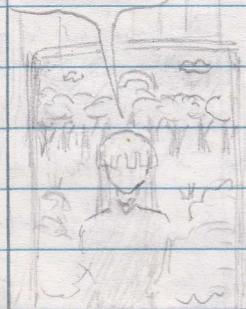
the supplements
that Mom
needed...

I'm home!)

What..... I....

Mom! Dad!

Who...



Villagers helped Nico
in her parents' burial.
She couldn't stop crying.
She wonder who did this.
It was harsh for her.

NEXT DAY...!

Forgive me...

if I done
anything that
hurt your
feelings before...

No worries, I shall
accompany
both of
you soon...

I just have to
survive this
cliff...

Nico! What
are you
doing?!

Erm...you are....
oh! You are
my brother's
childhood
friend, Gaius.

Yeah. The crew and I received
news about your parents. We
feel very sorry for you. Not
to mention, your brother was here
and gone missing since yesterday.

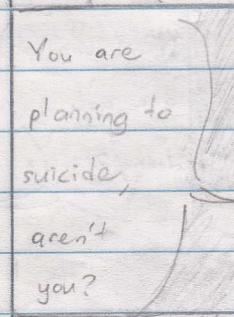
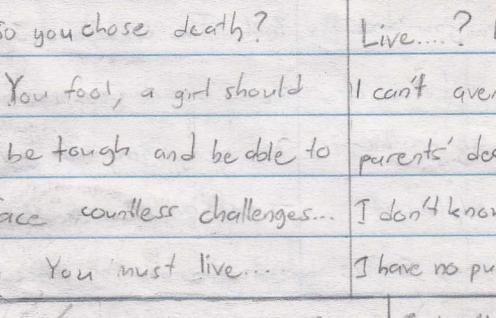
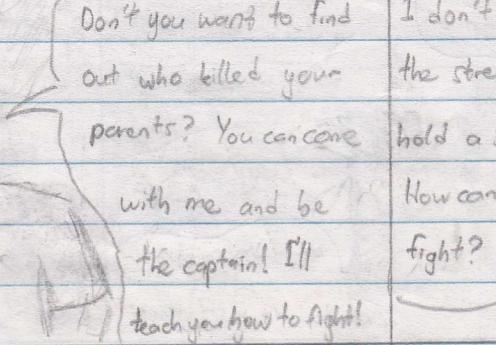
My brother was here?
There was no sign of
him.

Hmm...he said he
wanted to visit you...

Are you
assuming that
my brother is
the murderer?
I don't believe it.

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PART 29:
THE BUTTERFLY HAIRCLIP
SOURCE OF NICO'S POWER

	<p>Er, no... I was just concerned about him. He wouldn't do that anyway. I know him well.</p>		<p>Well, now I would like to ask you to leave this area.</p>
	<p>You are planning to suicide, aren't you?</p>		<p>There is no meaning for me to live in this world anymore. I have nothing left to do in this world...</p>
	<p>So you chose death? You fool, a girl should be tough and be able to face countless challenges... You must live...</p>		<p>Live....? I wish... I can't avenge my parents' death if I don't know how to fight! I have no purpose to live!</p>
	<p>Don't you want to find out who killed your parents? You can come with me and be the captain! I'll teach you how to fight!</p>		<p>I don't even have the strength to hold a sword... How can I fight?</p>

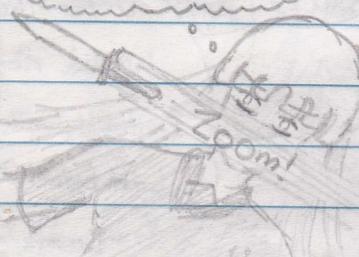
Here, take this butterfly hairclip.



And am I
worthy?



gasp that was close!

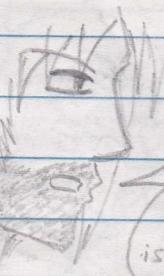


What? He parried
my attack! He's
fast!

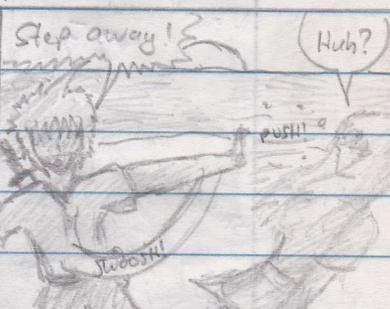
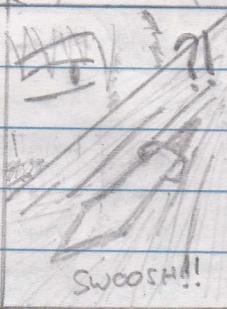


YAH!

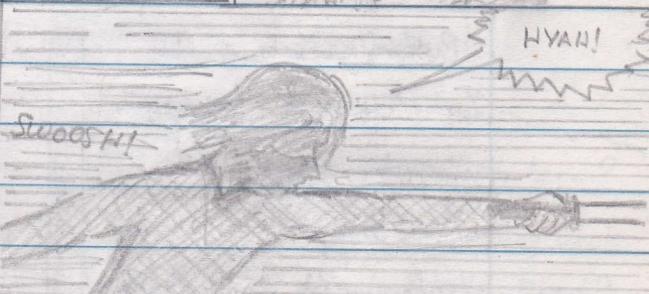
TING!



It has an ability to grow or shrink, and morph into various kinds of butterflies based on magical elements. Only one who is pure in heart can use this.

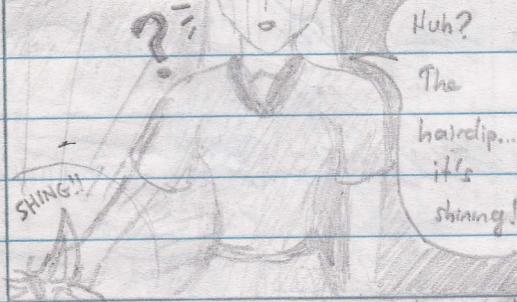


HYAH!



Enff!!

This guy's
strong!

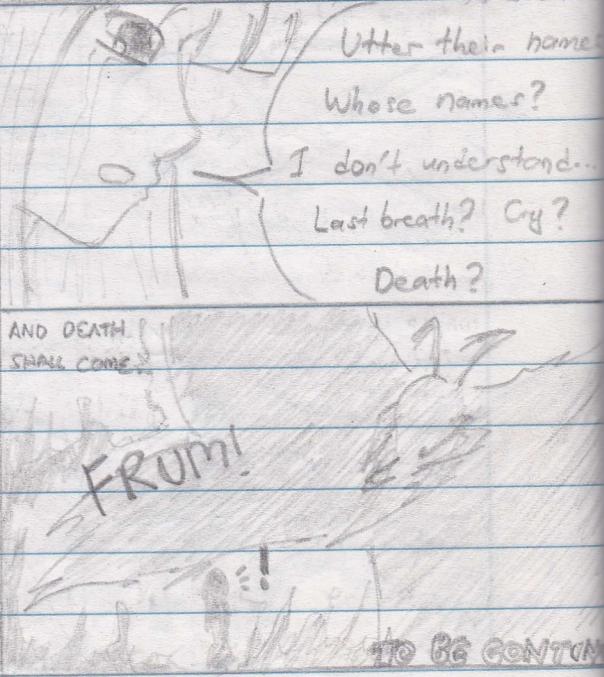


Butterflies summoned by,
You won't be at your last breath,
When you enrage and cry,
You bring death,
When your friends need aid,
You bring life,
When you are afraid,
These insects free your strife,
When there is a need to fulfill,
Utter our names with
utmost purity....

Gaius! Damn...

I need to help
him out... but
how?...

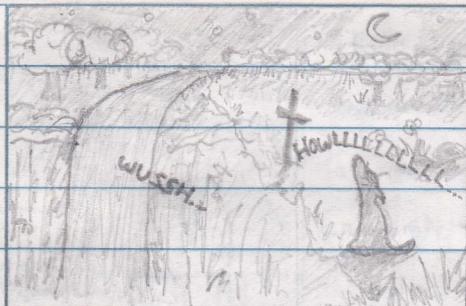
The butterfly
is speaking
in my
mind!



PART 30:

KNOWING A NEW ENEMY

THE BEGINNING OF A PLAN TO CONQUER THE WORLD



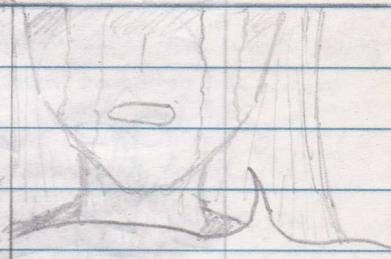
AT THE RESTAURANT

It's been a long day
and we have recovered all
possessed cat-girls.

However, we are all regrouped
here except for Nico.



What took
you so
long?



Burying someone I guess...

It's been a long
day, Nico.
Clyse, get her
to the Inn and
let her rest.



Yes, papa!
... What's with her...?
She's been crying whole
day. Isn't she tired?



Ok, let's report in. I studied that the Shadow
Union can only possess creatures like cat-girls,
spiders and so on. Humans are not affected.

While we were recovering the others,
Bryan found an important document.
It seems to be from the Shadow Union.

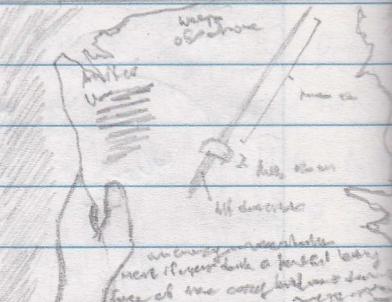


Yes, it seems that they have recruited a new member.

His name is Agidius.
Here, take a look.

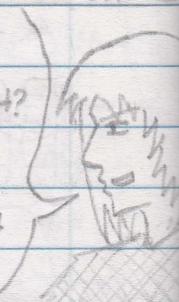


Hmm... this is a lightning enchanted rapier. If he were to fight with us, he would be a powerful force to be reckoned with.

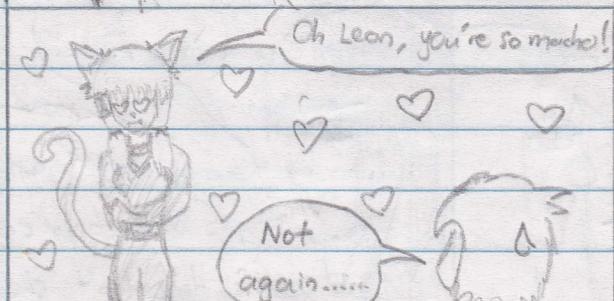


Swordfighting?

Magical enchantment?



Wah! Then I would be his worst nightmare!



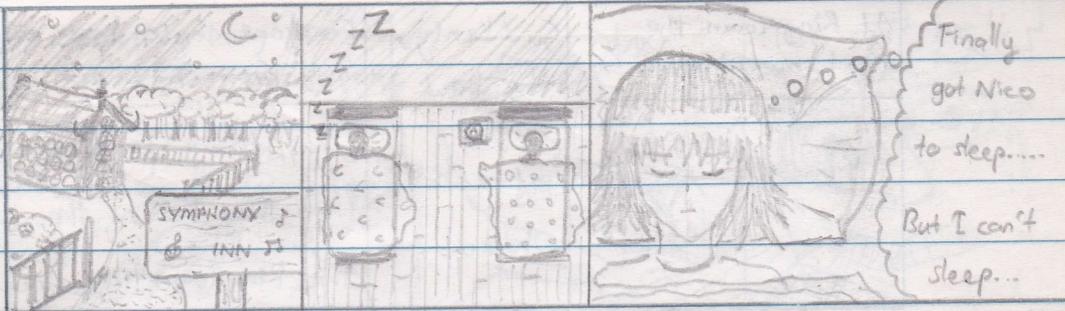
We really need

to start.

What's your plan
on stopping the
Shadow Union?

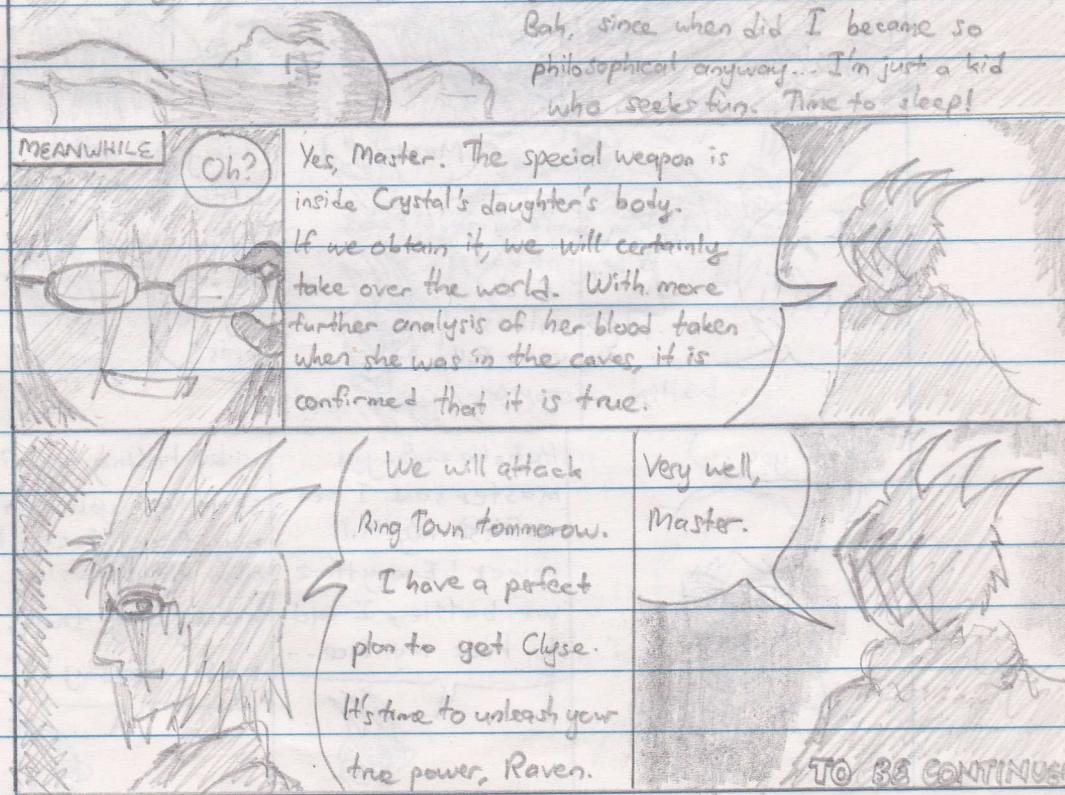


I was thinking that you could warn the officials to search for the Shadow Union. If they are not stopped, a war will break out in a much larger scale. We might even lose. You need to warn everyone to look out for suspicious people who might be part of the Shadow Union.



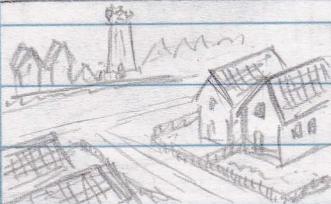
Stupid old man... bringing me for an adventure without telling me what's going on... now came this Shadow Union thing. It's been bothering me since I was in Ring Town. Somehow I feel that they will attack Ring Town soon enough. What will happen if they actually took over the world?

Bah, since when did I became so philosophical anyway... I'm just a kid who seeks fun. Time to sleep!



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At Ring Town the next morning...



Suddenly,
the bad
guys
attacked!
Oh no!

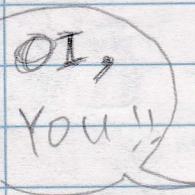
Everyone could hear a dumb guy from nowhere saying "Our town is under siege!" Then they heard the bells of the Ring Town Hall sounding!!!

What?! We're under attack by the bad guys!

To arms!

Ding
Dong
Ding

Kill them all!!
Except Clyse lah!



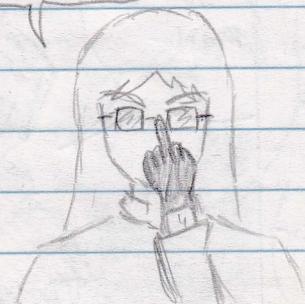
Yes, go ahead and unleash your full power!

(Master?)

Today, I will defeat you. And you will die, so any last words?



F***k you...



Hehehe-- my master said I can unleash my full power! Everytime we battle, I had to hide my face--

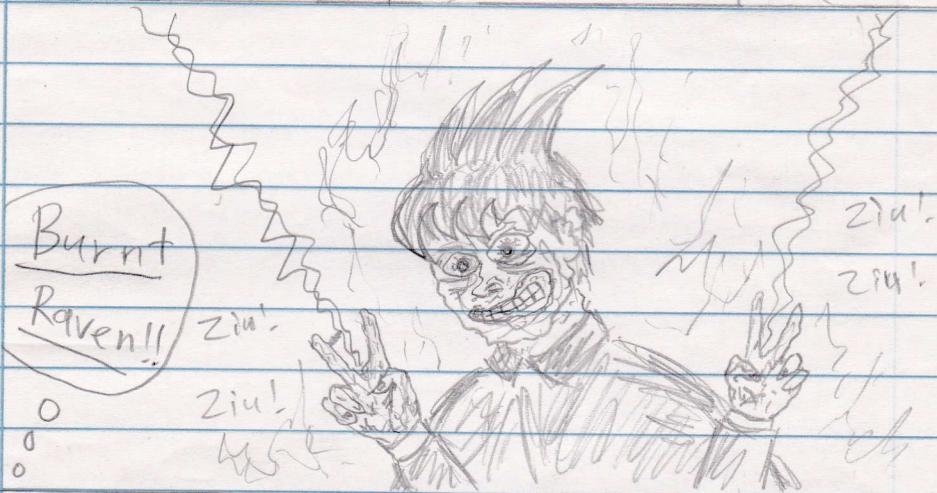
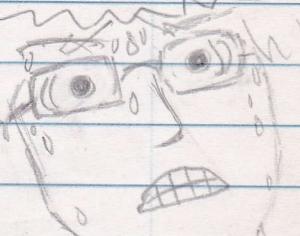
...by hiding my face in shadow, you can't see my true face. And it also weakens me to keep hiding my face, but not today!!



* Cackling laughter
like Emperor Palpatine*



This can't be!! ↴



... And they all were killed
by Burnt Raven.

THE END