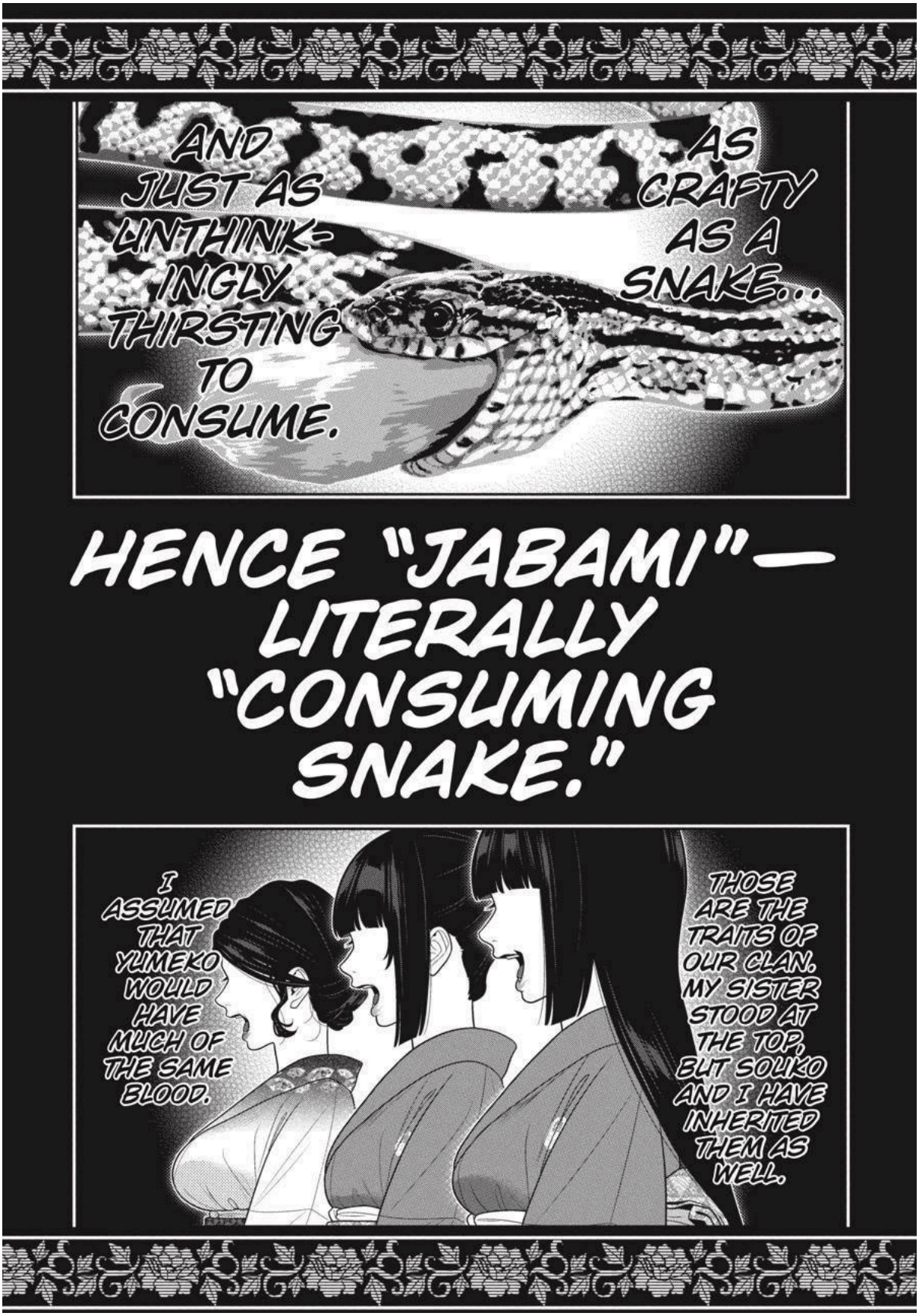

AND JUST AS UNTHINK-INGLY THIRSTING TO CONSUME.
AS CRAFTY AS A SNAKE...
HENCE "JABAMI"— LITERALLY "CONSUMING SNAKE."
I ASSUMED THAT YUMEKO WOULD HAVE MUCH OF THE SAME BLOOD.
THOSE ARE THE TRAITS OF OUR CLAN. MY SISTER STOOD AT THE TOP, BUT SOUKO AND I HAVE INHERITED THEM AS WELL.


ALMOST LIKE...
...A SNAKE AFTER A GREEDY MEAL, RAISING ITS HEAD UP YET AGAIN...
EVERYTHING IN YUMEKO'S LIFE IS LURING HER TOWARD HER ULTIMATE DOOM.
BUT THIS CHILD DOES MORE THAN SIMPLY ENJOY THE RISK...
SHE SPREADS IT AROUND TO OTHERS.


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
A BROKEN CHILD...?
AND EVEN IF THERE IS, I CAN SHOW HER THE RIGHT PATH...!
THERE'S NOTHING "BROKEN" ABOUT YUMEKO.
WELL, THAT'S THE THING.
YUMEKO JABAMI WAS BORN A BROKEN CHILD FROM THE START.
IT'S SOMETHIN' WAY BEYOND HAVIN' THAT "JABAMI BLOOD" IN HER.


SO...
...WE'RE NEVER GONNA LET YUMEKO AND SOUKO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
AND THAT WAY, I'M SURE YUMEKO WILL GROW...
...INTO SOMETHING THAT COULD SWALLOW THE MOMOBAMI FAMILY ITSELF.


HOW-EVER...
...I'M SURE THE WORLD LOOKS SO WONDERFULLY INTERESTING IN THAT CHILD'S EYES.
THAT'S ALL I WAS THINKING ABOUT.
YEAH...
YOU'RE DARN RIGHT.
AND I'M SURE...
...IT'S GONNA GET EVEN MORE SO...