

NEW SERIES: METAPHOR REFANTAZIO



THE GAME AWARDS 2024

BEST RPG
BEST ART DIRECTION
BEST NARRATIVE

THE TRIPLE AWARD-WINNING
RPG, BROUGHT TO MANGA
BY YOICHI AMANO!

THE
FIRST
PAGE
OF A
GRAND
FANTASY.

SHUT
UP...

OH,
YOU'RE
ALIVE.

METAPHOR
RE
FANTAZIO
CHAPTER 1: FANTAZIO

ORIGINAL WORK: ATLUS ART BY: YOICHI AMANO



WANNA
GET ON
MY BACK,
GALLICA?

COMPANION
FAIRY

GALLICA

FLAP FLAP
I'M O' I'H...

ARE WE
ALMOST
AT THE
CAPITAL
YET?

...I'M HUFFY
FINE. I I ? ...

HUFF
I I ? ...

TRAVELING
YOUTH

WILL

A YOUNG
MAN AND
A FAIRY...
THE
ADVENTURE
STARTS!

WHO WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT
BANDITS WOULD
AMBUSH OUR
WAGON HERE, IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE DESERT?

THIS
AREA'S TOO
DANGEROUS!

I'M JUST
HAPPY
TO STILL
HAVE MY
NECK.

PAY UP
OR WE'LL
KILL ALL
OF YOU!





HE STOOD
BETWEEN
US AND THE
BANDITS,
AND...



MAN, BUT
WASN'T HE
AMAZING!
THAT MAN
FROM THE
CLEMAR TRIBE!
THE ONE ON
THE WAGON
WITH US!



YOU GUYS
RUN WHILE
YOU CAN!

I'LL
HANDLE
THEM!



TO ME,
THAT IS
JUSTICE!

TO DIE AFTER
COMMONERS
IS A NOBLE'S
DISGRACE.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME!



I'M
GONNA
KILL
YOU!

THUD

A
NOBLE,
HUH?
YOU
BRAT...



HE WAS
ON THOSE
THUGS, LIKE
WHAM,
WHAM!

GWACHA!

THAT
WAS
SUPER
COOL!



SO,
CHIVALROUS
NOBLES LIKE
HIM STILL
EXIST...



N-NO...

OH,
THAT
FACE...
ARE YOU
POUTING?



!!

AND
WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO FAIL...

IF ANYONE
LEARNS
ABOUT THE
MISSION,
IT'S ALL
OVER.

I
UNDER-
STAND!

YOU
DIDN'T HELP
BECAUSE
IT WOULD
INTERFERE
WITH THE
MISSION,
RIGHT?

STOP
AND
HIDE!



LET'S
SNEAK
PAST
THEM. DON'T
MAKE A SOUND,
OKAY?

WHISPER

HEY,
GALLICA.



IT'S
A PACK
OF WILD
DOGS.

GRR



THOSE
DOGS AND
THE THUGS
BEFORE...
I WONDER
WHICH IS
STRONGER?

WHAT
ARE
YOU
EVEN
THINK-
ING?!



THIS ISN'T
TIME TO BE
GETTING INTO
A FIGHT...

HM?



RUN
AS FAST
AS YOU
CAN!

HE
WOULD
ABSOLUTELY
EAT US!

HM...
THIS ONE
WOULD
ABSOLUTELY
BE...

SA-

SAND-
WORM
VALMO!



AND TIME
FOR MY
SIGNATURE
MAGIC!

SOME
MUSIC
TO
CHEER
US UP!

IT'S
FINALLY
TIME FOR
OUR
MISSION...

THAT'S
OUR
TARGET...
GRAND
TRAD, THE
ROYAL
CAPITAL!

DON'T
YOU KNOW?
MUSIC WAS THE
FIRST MAGIC
EVER BORN
INTO THIS
WORLD!

LET'S
GET
GROOVIN'!

LET'S
NOT...



MORE
SAND...

PHEW...
LOOKS
LIKE WE
LOST
THEM.

THOUGHT
I WAS
GONNA
SEE.

HEY,
WILL!
LOOK!

CAN
I...
ASK
YOU
ONE
THING?



SNAP



I NEED
YOU TO
TELL ME.

YES,
YOU.

I'M
PEEKING
INTO THIS
WORLD TO
SPEAK TO
YOU...

OH,
SORRY FOR
SURPRISING
YOU.



...A KING
CHOSEN?

HOW
IS...

IN
YOUR
COUN-
TRY...



I
SEE.

...AH.



A PIPE
DREAM,
INDEED.

WHAT A
FANTASY...

SUCH A
THING IS
UNTHINK-
ABLE IN MY
COUNTRY...

...HMM.

SO,
STATES-
MEN ARE
CHOSEN
BY THE
PEOPLE.



CHIK



THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF
EUCHRONIA.

...LIVE
TOGETHER
ON THIS
LAND,
BLESSED
BY MAGIC.

EIGHT
TRIBES
AND THREE
COUN-
TRIES...



THE ROYAL
FAMILY HAS
REIGNED
SUPREME.

FOR THE
ENTIRETY
OF ITS
785-YEAR
HISTORY...



...UNTIL
NOW.

AT
LEAST...



...MURDERED
THE KING,
LEAVING THE
KINGDOM
WITH NO
HEIR.

A FEW
DAYS AGO...
OFFICER
LOUIS OF THE
CLEMAR
TRIBE...

AND I
DON'T MEAN
A MILITARY
COUP, OR A
SUCCESSION
WAR. THOSE
ARE BORING.

... THAT
WILL FINALLY
BRING SOME
CHANGES TO
THE REALM.

AND THAT
WAS THE
TRIGGER...

705...
FLAP

ALL
WILL
BE TOP-
PLED...



ROYAL CAPITAL

GRAND TRAD

王都 クラウン・トラド



PHEW...

WE'RE
FINALLY
HERE!



AND
THERE ARE SO
MANY PEOPLE
AROUND...
THIS REALLY IS
THE CAPITAL.

THOUGH I'M
SURE MANY OF
THEM ARE HERE
FOR THE KING'S
FUNERAL.



IS
THAT THE
SANCTISTS'
CATHEDRAL?

WHOA! IT'S
MASSIVE!

IT
REACHES
THE CLOUDS!









THAT IS...
A BOOK,
RIGHT?!



YEAH! MARIA
HAS NEVER
SEEN ONE
BEFORE!

ARE YOU...
INTERESTED
IN BOOKS?



SO
BOOKS
ARE LIKE
THIS!

WOW! AND
THERE ARE
LOTS OF
PICTURES!

IT'S A
RARE KIND
OF BOOK WHICH
DESCRIBES A
WORLD THAT
DOESN'T
ACTUALLY
EXIST.

THIS IS
CALLED A
FANTASY
NOVEL.

WANNA
TRY
READING
IT?

YEAH,
AND...

REALLY?!
I CAN?!



ACCEPTING ONE ANOTHER... NO PREJUDICES...

WITH JUST KNOWLEDGE AND INDUSTRY, THEY BUILT GREAT CITIES.

THEY HAD NO NEED FOR MAGIC.

EVERYONE ACCEPTED ONE ANOTHER, AND THERE IS NO PREJUDICE BASED ON BIRTH.

IN THAT WORLD, THERE IS ONLY ONE TRIBE.



YEAH.

SO IN THAT WORLD, NO ONE IS LEFT OUT?



FLAP!



...

... THAT SOUNDS NICE. I WANT TO GO THERE.



I GOTTA GO! THANK YOU, MISTER!

I FORGOT I WAS RUNNING AN ERRAND!



AH!
OH NO!



BUT THIS ISN'T REAL, RIGHT? IT'S A FANTASY.

IF ONLY IT WAS REAL...



I FEEL
BETTER
JUST
TALKING
TO HER.

WHAT
A GOOD
KID.



THE
ARMY'S
BEEN
SLACKIN'
OFF
LATELY...

NO, THIS
MONSTER'S
EVEN
WORSE!

YOU
MEAN WHEN
SANDWORM
VALMO ATE A
CARAVAN IN
THE TRADIA
DESERT?

HEY,
DID YOU
HEAR?

THAT
THING
APPEARED
AGAIN!



IF ONLY
WE HAD A
SURVIVING
HEIR...



WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN
TO THIS
COUNTRY?

TEN YEARS
AGO, THE
PRINCE WAS
AMBUSHED BY
SOMETHING.

WHAT'S
MORE,
THE MON-
STERS ARE
RUNNING
AMOK.

AND NOW
OUR KING
WAS DIED.



YEAH.

THE
PRINCE IS
STILL
ALIVE!



THE
PEOPLE...

THEY
DON'T
KNOW.



GRIP

#

ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO



HIS
BODY IS
AT ITS
LIMIT.

EVER
SINCE THE
AMBUSH TEN
YEARS AGO,
THE PRINCE
HAS BEEN
CURSED WITH
A WASTING
SICKNESS.

EVEN NEWS
OF THE KING'S
PASSING DIDN'T
CAUSE ANY
CHANGES IN
HIS CONDITION.

ZZT





WE
HAVE
TO DO
IT.

THERE IS
NO OTHER
WAY TO
LIFT THE
CURSE.

THE
PRINCE
WOULD
NEVER
APPROVE
OF THIS
METHOD,
BUT...



...AND RELAY
AN ORDER TO
GRIUS, OUR
ALLY IN THE
ARMY!

NOW,
YOU MUST
GO TO THE
CAPITAL...

TIME TO
CARRY
OUT OUR
PLAN.



THIS
IS YOUR
MISSION!

UNDER-
STAND?







LET THE GIRL GO!

OH!
IT'S THE NOBLE-MAN FROM EARLIER!

OH!

!

RAAAAHH!



HM?

THUMP

GRR!

HE'S TRYING TO LEAVE THE CAPITAL....!



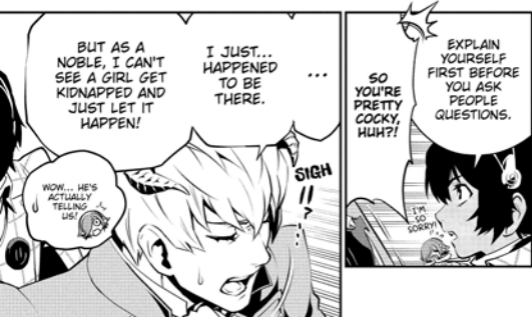
JUST WATCH THE ROAD SO WE DON'T CRASH.

WHA-?!

WHO ARE YOU?!

YOU'RE TOO RECKLESS!

BAM







WHERE NO
TRIBE IS AT
THE TOP, AND
NO TRIBE IS
"TAINTED"...

I WANNA
MAKE A
WORLD
LIKE THAT.

MY DREAM IS
TO ONE DAY SEE
THIS KINGDOM
BECOME LIKE
THE ONE IN
THE BOOK.

YEAH...



THANKS.

I'M
SURE
YOU CAN
DO IT!

NOT
AT
ALL!

IT'S FINE IF
YOU LAUGH
AT ME
BUT...



...I WOULD
RATHER DIE
THAN LOSE
THIS BOOK.

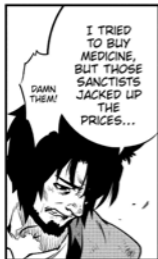
WITH YOU
AROUND, I CAN
OVERCOME
ANYTHING.











DAMN THEM!

I TRIED TO BUY MEDICINE, BUT THOSE SANCTISTS JACKED UP THE PRICES...



I COULDN'T FIND A PROPER JOB... AND MY DAUGHTER FELL ILL.



BUT HERE, US PARIPLUS ARE TREATED LIKE ANIMALS.

MY FAMILY MANAGED TO REACH THE CAPITAL.



A SHUNNED KID, NO ONE WOULD NOTICE HER GOING MISSING...

I CAN TELL, SHE'S AN ISHKIA-RHOAG MIX.



MANY RICH FOLKS HAVE... STRANGE TASTES. THEY WOULD PAY GOOD MONEY FOR CHILDREN OF MIXED BLOOD.

IT'S A VULGAR RUMOR I HEARD SOMEWHERE.



I SUDDENLY SAW HER.

AS I WAS WANDERING AROUND TOWN, DEJECTED...



I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT HER ANYMORE...

I...



I KID-NAPPED A CHILD MY DAUGHTER'S AGE...

AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I HAD DONE SOMETHING TRULY STUPID!







WHY?
DO YOU
HAVE SOME
URGENT
BUSINESS?

WELL...
YEAH.

PLEASE
RETURN
MARIA TO
HER FAMILY.

ONCE
WE ARE
BACK
AT THE
CAPITAL...



...TO
ASK YOU A
FAVOR?

...SO,
CAN I
USE YOUR
PRIDE...



IT'S NOT
LIKE WE ARE
STRANGERS
ANYMORE.

LEAVE
IT TO
ME.

YOU
MUST
HAVE HAD
QUITE A
PAST.

...SORRY,
I WAS
BEING NOSY.
AN ELDA,
TRAVELING
WITH A
FAIRY?



NO,
NO! NOT
AGAIN!

WHAT
AGAIN?!



THANK
Y-

?!
RUMBLE



THIS
RUMBLING...
NO WAY!

HUH?!

EEK!
RUMBLE





... FALLING DOWN THE CLIFF!



FWOOP



KAAAAGH

DON'T...!

YOU'LL BE EATEN!



HE'S
STRONG...!





IT'S
OKAY...!



RIGHT
BACK AT
YOU!



NOW WHO
WAS IT THAT
CALLED ME
STUPID?



AND
I'M
WILL.



I'M
STROHL.



THE
HUSHED
HONEY-
BEE!

WE
NEED TO
HURRY
AND
FIND...

IT'S
GOTTEN
DARK.



THE
HUSHED
HONEY-
BEE?!

HUH?!



I GUESS THIS
IS WHERE WE
PART WAYS.
I'LL MAKE SURE
MARIA GETS
HOME SAFE.

YEAH,
THANK
YOU.



WHAT?



...



EEK!

GRIOUS!



WHY ARE YOU WITH HER... AND WHO IS THAT GUY?!

MARIA!

DAD, I'M BACK!



!!

YOU ARE... GALLICA?!

ANYWAY, WE CAN'T TALK HERE.

LET'S HEAD UP-STAIRS.



WE WERE SURPRISED TOO!

SO YOU ARE MARIA'S FATHER!

I SINCERELY THANK YOU!

YOU SAVED MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE, AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW.

OH MY...

AND OUR SPECIAL TEAM DIDN'T TURN UP ANY CLUES.

...SO THE PRINCE'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE.

...

RESISTANCE AGENT

GRIUS



I WILL ASSASSINATE LOUIS!

I HAVE RECEIVED THE ORDER!

LET'S CARRY OUT OUR PLAN. AT THE FUNERAL TOMORROW...

IT'S THE ONLY SURE WAY TO SAVE THE PRINCE.

IF THE CASTER DIES, THE SPELL WILL BE LIFTED.

TH- THAT WILL BREAK THE PRINCE'S CURSE, RIGHT?

SO THAT LOUIS GUY CAST THE CURSE?



...IN REALITY, HE WAS MURDERED BY LOUIS!

AND WHILE THE OFFICIAL STORY IS THAT THE KING DIED FROM ILLNESS...

WE COULDN'T FIND PROOF... BUT THE ARMY HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED THAT LOUIS WAS BEHIND THE AMBUSH!

RATTLE
カタカタ

LET ME HELP WITH THAT PLAN OF YOURS!

...LOUIS AS KING WOULD BE A NIGHTMARE, FOR SURE.

CHANCES ARE HIGH HE WILL TRY SOMETHING AT THE FUNERAL..

ANYONE CAN SEE THIS IS A PLOT TO SEIZE THE THRONE!

I WILL USE THE CHAOS TO STRIKE HIM DOWN!





...WHO ARE YOU?!

Y-YOU ARE, ERM...

WHO GOES THERE?!



NOPE, I DON'T KNOW HIM...

YES, YOU DO! IT'S ME!

W-WAIT!

I KNOW THESE TWO!

YOU KNOW OUR PLAN. NOW YOU MUST DIE!



SLIDE >...

DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVESDROP ON YOU GUYS.

SO I GOT IT BACK FOR YOU.

YOU SAID YOU WOULD RATHER DIE THAN LOSE THIS.



THAT'S MY FAVORITE THING TO HEAR, AS A NOBLE!

HA HA HA!

I'M FOREVER GRATEFUL.

HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE.

YOU WENT INTO THE SANDWORMS' LAIR AT NIGHT, TO GET A BOOK BACK?



WAIT... COULD IT BE YOU ARE...

STROHL?!

SMILE



I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE NOT IN THE ORGANIZATION.

WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO HELP US?



BUT WHY DID YOU COME IN FROM THE WINDOW?

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?!

I TRIED THE FRONT DOOR, BUT THE INNKEEPER KICKED ME OUT...!

AH...



I ALSO HAVE A GRUDGE WITH LOUIS...!



STROHL IS JUST THAT KIND OF GUY.

YOU SHOULD GIVE UP, GRIUS!

...



I WILL HELP YOU, NO MATTER WHAT. ...IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANT IT, JUST STRIKE ME DOWN RIGHT HERE.

NOW THAT I KNOW YOUR STORY, I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU BE, IS WHAT I BELIEVE IS JUST, AS A NOBLE.

...OH, IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE.



THE FUNERAL OF
THE LATE KING
HYTHLODAEUS
V HAS BEGUN!



I'VE
GOTTEN
TOO OLD
FOR
THIS...



WE'LL
DISCUSS
THE PLAN
LATER.

LET'S
GET
DINNER
FIRST...!

THAT
MEANS...!



...UNTIL THEY
ARRIVED AT
THE KING'S
FINAL RESTING
PLACE.

THE SOLDIERS,
CARRYING THE
KING'S CASKET,
MARCHED FOR
HALF A DAY...

AMONGST THE
SOLEMN
SOUNDS OF
THE FUNERAL
MARCH...



AN ALTAR
IN THE
CATHEDRAL.



I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE PLAN!

IT'S UP TO US NOW.

SEEMS GRUIS ISN'T HAVING ANY PROBLEMS.

YOU WILL BLEND IN WITH THE GUARDS IN THE CATHEDRAL.

LET'S SEE...



SLASH HIS NECK WITH THIS!

BUT LOUIS ISN'T HERE YE-

!

THEN YOU MUST CAUSE A RUCKUS TO LURE LOUIS OUT!

I WILL SNEAK BEHIND HIM, AND...



WH-



STEP

HOW DARE YOU?!

GET YOUR FILTHY FEET OFF THE CASKET, NOW!

LOUIS!

THE FOOLISH KING IS DEAD!

ROYAL ARMY OFFICER

LOUIS GUIABERN



THE KING IS DEAD, WITH NO SURVIVING HEIR. TREASON AGAINST WHOM, EXACTLY?

DO YOU PLAN TO COMMIT TREASON RIGHT HERE...?

DAMN YOU!

TREASON?



...AM THE NEW KING OF EUCHRONIA!

ALLOW ME TO PROCLAIM RIGHT HERE!
I, LOUIS GUIA-BERN...



HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?

WAK...



HEY, LET'S GO, WILL...

BAS-TARD!

?!
ガウガウ





...BE ABLE
TO TURN
FANTASY
INTO
REALITY?

WILL THIS
COUNTRY...


LIKE A
GROAN
FROM THE
WORLD
ITSELF...

THE
EARTH
SHAKES.

IT HAS
BEGUN.

WE
MUST
WATCH
THIS,
FROM
BEGIN-
NING TO
END...!





ON THAT
DAY, THE
ONE WHO
HAS EARNED
THE TRUST
OF THE
PEOPLE...

...WILL
BECOME
THE NEW
KING!

THE
KING WAS
REVIVED AS
A STONE
GIANT!

I HEREBY
DEGREE FOUR
MONTHS
FROM NOW
TO BE THE
DAY OF THE
HERO.

MY
NAME IS
HYTHLO-
DAEUS V.