









EMPTY STIRRUPS.
THE ULTIMATE
COURTESY, THE
HIGHEST SIGN OF
RESPECT.

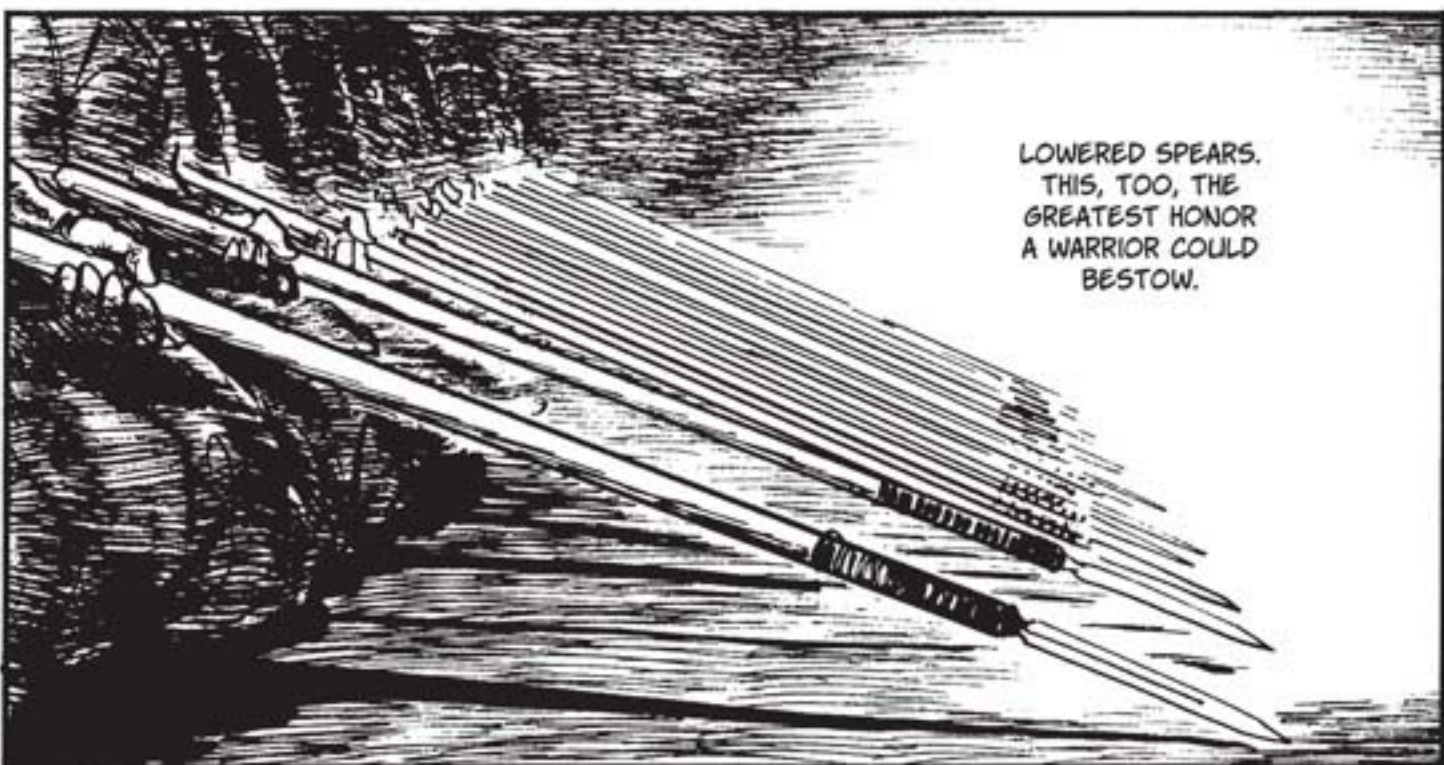


AT SOME MOMENT,
THE SHŌGUN HAD LET
HIS STIRRUPS HANG.
HE, FOR WHOM ALL THE
WARRIORS OF JAPAN SAT
WITH EMPTY STIRRUPS.
SEI-I TAI-SHŌGUN,
THE "BARBARIAN-SUBDUING
GENERAL" HIMSELF...

THE *DAIMYŌ* DISMOUNTED.
THE WARRIORS LOWERED
THEIR SPEARS AND BATTLE
FLAGS, AND KNELT ON
THE EARTH.



LOWERED SPEARS.
THIS, TOO, THE
GREATEST HONOR
A WARRIOR COULD
BESTOW.



THEY COULD NOT
DO OTHERWISE,
SO AWESOME WAS
THIS BATTLE TO
THE DEATH.

