



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE, BOY?!



TCH...

I FEEL THE
SAME WAY
ABOUT RUNNING
INTO YOU.




HOW
DARE Y -

FORGET
IT.



WHAT?!





JUST OUTSIDE
OF THE ANCIENT
CAPITAL, ABOUT
THIRTY KILOMETERS
TO THE NORTH...

A DARK
ABYSS HAS
APPEARED.



A DARK
ABYSS?!

HOW COULD
A DARK ABYSS
APPEAR SO
CLOSE TO THE
CITY?!

THIS
MUST BE A
MISTAKE,
RIGHT?

OH GOD...
DOES THAT
MEAN WE'LL
BE FACING
THE UNDEAD
PLAGUE?!

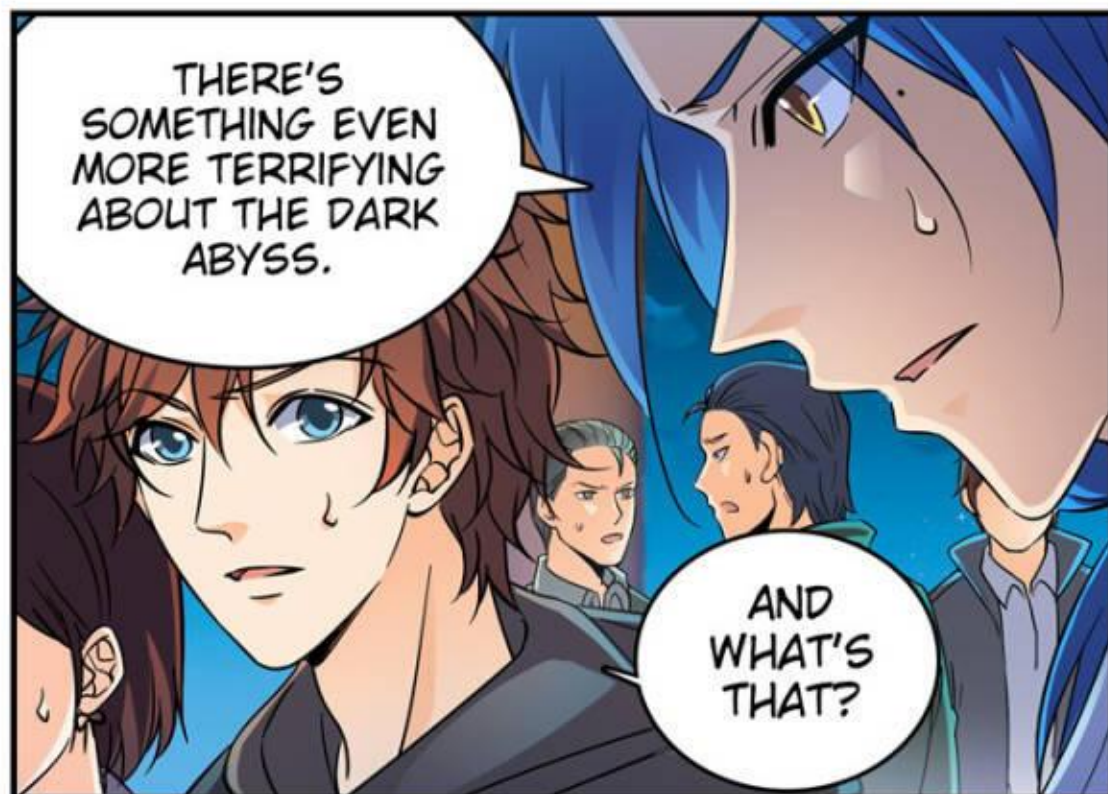


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WHAT'S
A DARK
ABYSS?

WHY DID
EVERYONE LOSE
THEIR MINDS
THE SECOND IT
CAME UP?





WHEN
EXTRAORDINARY
AMOUNTS OF
RESENTMENT ACC-
UMULATE, SPACE
DISTORTS AND
SHATTERS.

THE DARK
ABYSS EFFECT-
IVELY TRAVELS
THROUGH
SPACE.



NEARLY
EVERYONE
WHO FALLS
IN DIES.

EVEN
FORBIDDEN
MAGICIANS WOULD
FIND IT HARD TO
SURVIVE SUCH
A CALAMITOUS
THREAT.



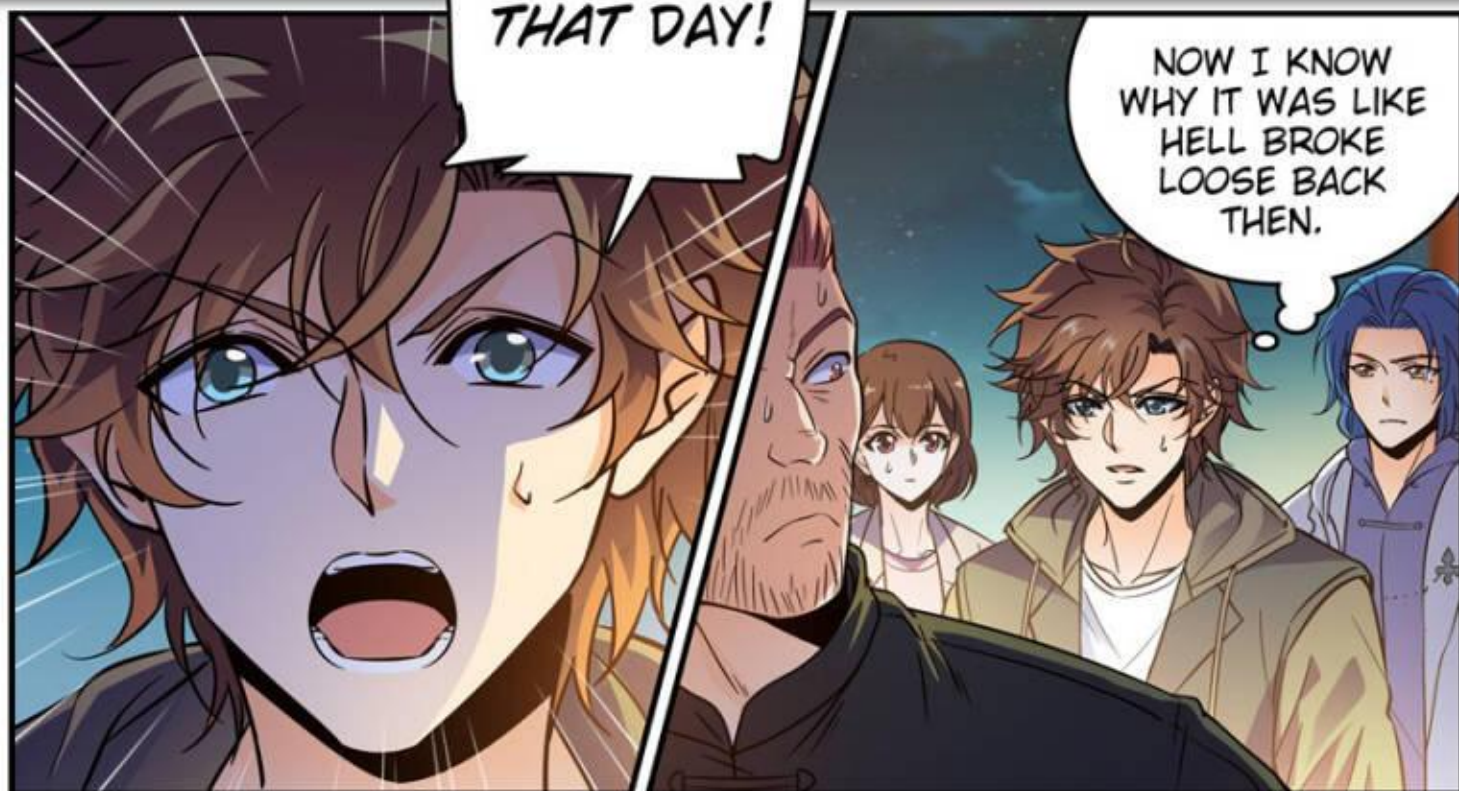
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ENERGY SO
EXCESSIVE THAT
IT WARPS SPACE
ITSELF...





IT WAS
THAT DAY!



NOW I KNOW
WHY IT WAS LIKE
HELL BROKE
LOOSE BACK
THEN.



WHEN WAS
THE LAST TIME
THE DARK ABYSS
APPEARED?

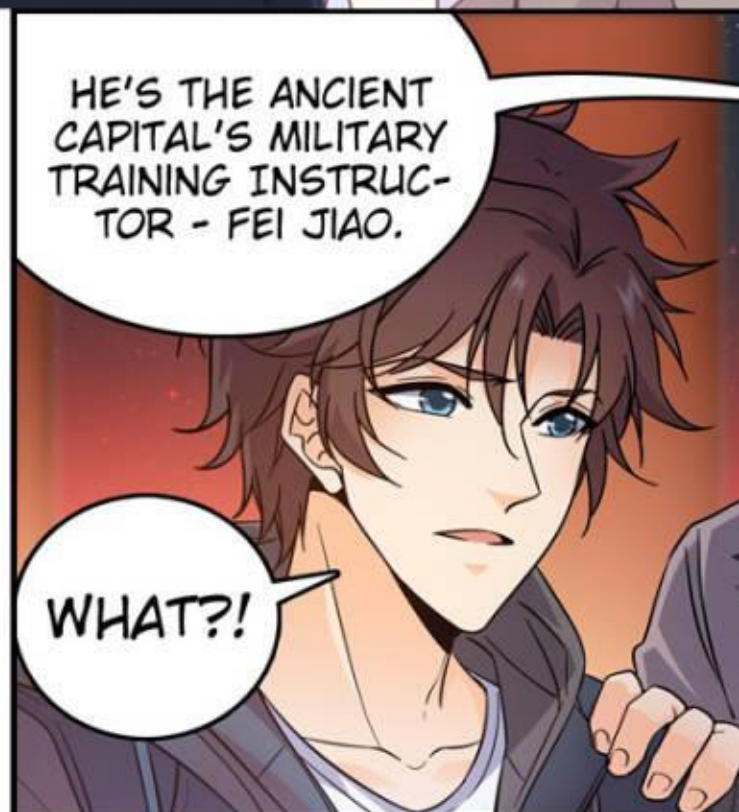


THREE
MONTHS AGO,
AT XIANCHI.

MY STUDENTS
WERE UNFOR-
TUNATELY THERE
AT THE TIME.




WHO
ARE
YOU?



HE'S THE ANCIENT
CAPITAL'S MILITARY
TRAINING INSTRU-
CTOR - FEI JIAO.

WHAT?!



HOW COULD
YOU NOT
RECOGNIZE
HIM?

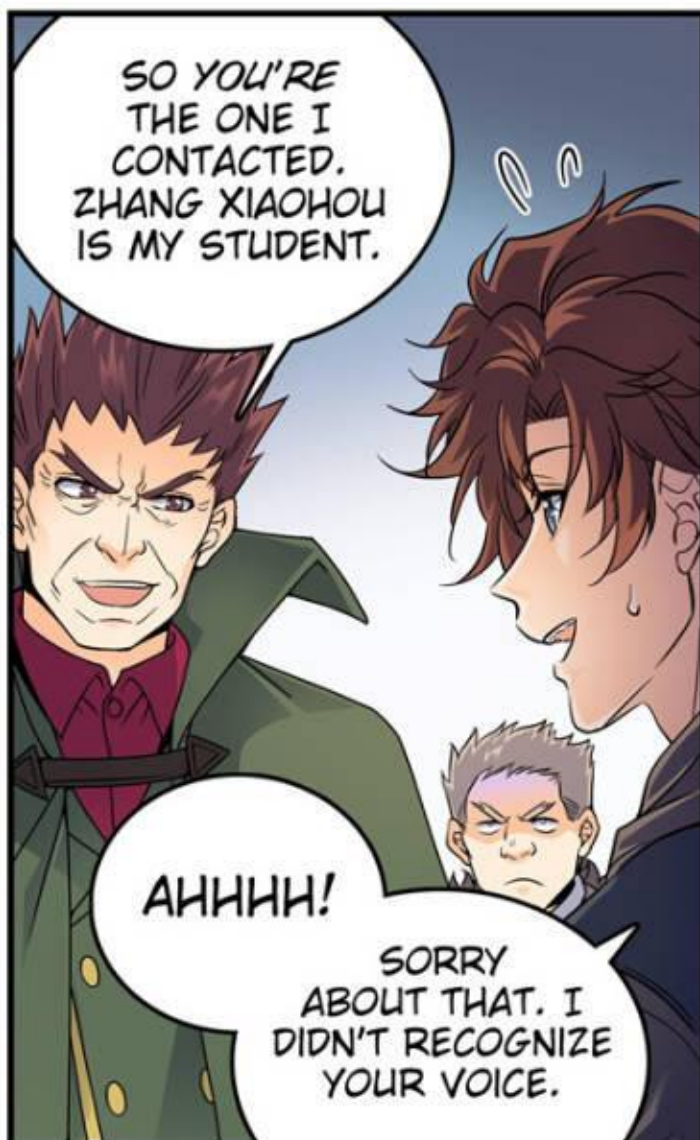


INSTRUC-
TOR!



COMPLETELY
IGNORED

...



SO YOU'RE
THE ONE I
CONTACTED.
ZHANG XIAOHOU
IS MY STUDENT.

AHHHH!

SORRY
ABOUT THAT. I
DIDN'T RECOGNIZE
YOUR VOICE.



IT'S FINE. I
HAVE GREAT
ADMIRATION
FOR YOU.

YOU
SEARCHED FOR
HIM WITHOUT ANY
FEAR OF THE
DARK ABYSS.



YOU
PROBABLY
WON'T BELI-
EVE THIS,

BUT THAT'S
BECAUSE I DIDN'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT THE DARK
ABYSS! I'M NOT
FROM AROUND
HERE...





ARE...

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT
IT'S...

IT'S
GETTING
CLOSER AND
CLOSER,
ISN'T IT?!!!