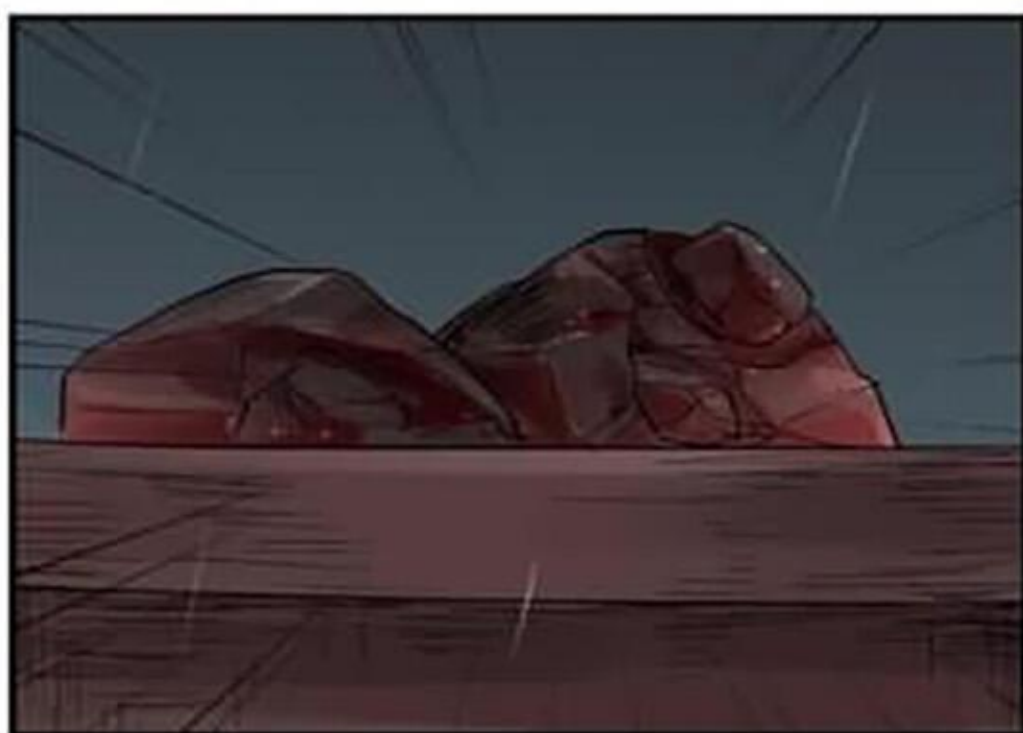


[Note: This was previously translated as "Woodland" in the novel translation, but the characters used do not imply that meaning.]





THIS IS...
SCARLET
BLOOD
CRYSTAL
ORE!



LET'S
GO
TAKE A
LOOK.



KILLING
AURA!





WHO ARE
YOU?!
WHO
GOES
THERE

CLACK

SILVER WINGS, JADE-GREEN EYES:
THIS IS THE SILVERWING TRIBE OF
THE WULAN EMPIRE.

[Note: Technically, the term used
here is gender-neutral!]

THE SILVERWING TRIBE'S
FIRST-GENERATION PATRIARCH*
TRANSPLANTED THE WINGS OF THE
SILVER-WINGED THUNDERBIRD INTO
HIS OWN BODY, AND PRODUCED A
BLOODLINE HERITAGE. WITHIN THE
SILVERWING FAMILY, ONLY THOSE
WITH THE NOBLEST BLOODLINES
ARE QUALIFIED TO POSSESS
SILVER WINGS.



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GREETINGS,
YOUR
RESPECTED
HIGHNESS.

SHE'S AT LEAST A
5-STAR GOLD RANK;
BETTER SHEATHE THE
SWORD QUICKLY.



WE ARE A
GROUP OF
TRAVELLERS
PASSING BY
WHO HAVE
UNINTENTIONALLY
TRESPASSED
HERE.
PLEASE EXCUSE
US IF WE HAVE
CAUSED ANY
OFFENSE.

YOU CAN
SPEAK THE
LANGUAGE
OF THE
WULAN
EMPIRE?
WHERE ARE
YOU FROM?



[*Note: The term here implies a certain brightness or brilliance.
"Silverbright" sounds rather lame though.]

THE WULAN
EMPIRE WAS
DESTROYED BY
DEMON BEASTS
DURING THE DARK
AGE. THEY MUST
HAVE MIGRATED
HERE BACK
THEN.

MY
ANCESTORS
WERE OF THE
SILVERLIGHT*
FAMILY.

OVER THE LONG PERIOD
OF THE DARK AGE, WE FLED
CONSTANTLY, AND FINALLY
MANAGED TO FORTUNATELY
SURVIVE. I TRESPASSED
HERE UNWITTINGLY.

DRIZZLING

THE
SILVERLIGHT
FAMILY!

BACK THEN THE
SILVERLIGHT FAMILY
WAS ONE OF THE
FAMILIES ALLIED TO
THE SILVERWING
FAMILY, WITH MANY
TIES OF MARRIAGE.

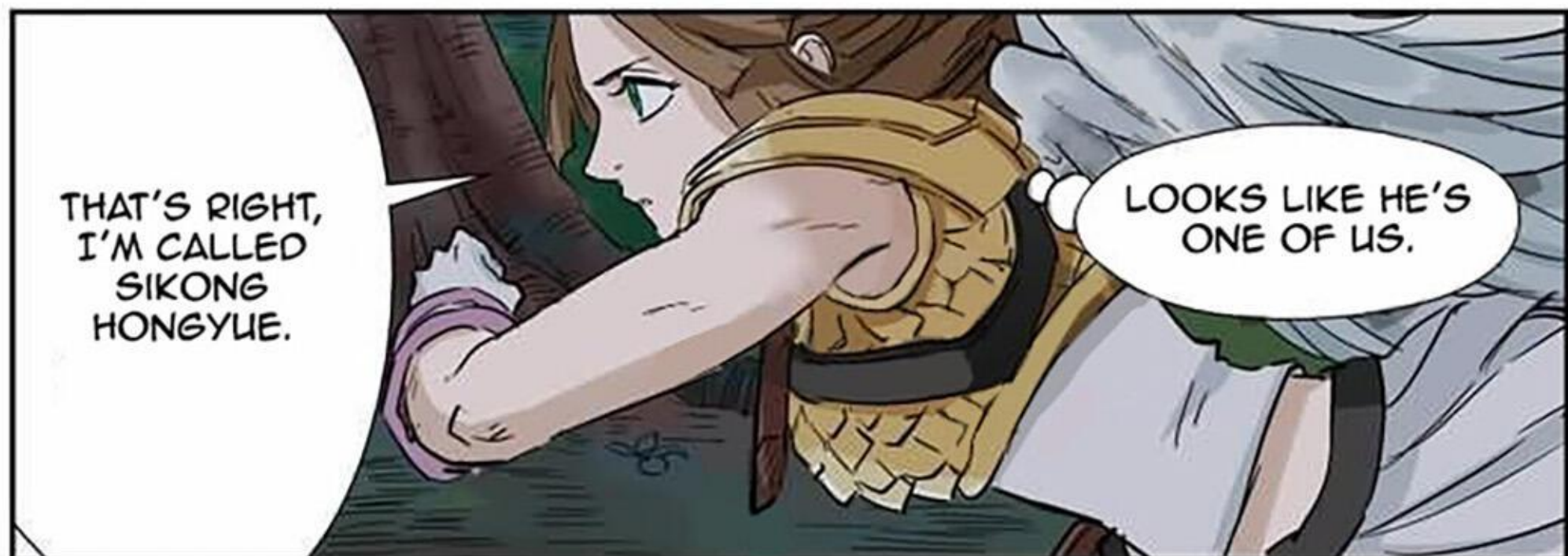
ONE COULD SAY
THAT THEY ARE
BLOOD RELATIVES.

EVER SINCE OUR
ANCESTORS ARRIVED
HERE MILLENNIA AGO,
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY
CONTACT WITH THE
OUTSIDE WORLD.

WELCOME
TO THIS
DARK
WORLD.

I SHALL
REPORT THIS TO
MY FATHER THE
KING, COME
WITH ME.







LOOKING AT HER,
SHE DOESN'T
SEEM TO HAVE
COME OF AGE
YET, BUT SHE
ALREADY HAS
SUCH POWERFUL
SOUL ENERGY.



HER
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH
IS QUITE
FORMIDA-
BLE AS
WELL.



LUCKILY, THE AREA
YOU ARRIVED IN IS
THE TERRITORY OF
OUR SILVERWING
FAMILY. WITHIN
THESE HILLS,
THERE ARE
THIRTEEN
FAMILIES, ALL
FROM VARIOUS
EMPIRES WHICH
FELL DURING THE
DARK AGE.

OF THOSE, FIVE ARE OUR
ENEMIES. IF YOU HAD MET THEM,
YOU WOULD BE DEAD.



OH, SO THAT'S
HOW IT IS.

THERE ARE ACTUALLY
SO MANY SURVIVORS
FROM THE DARK
AGE...STILL, IF I HAD
MET OTHER TRIBES, I
WOULD HAVE JUST SAID
SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

