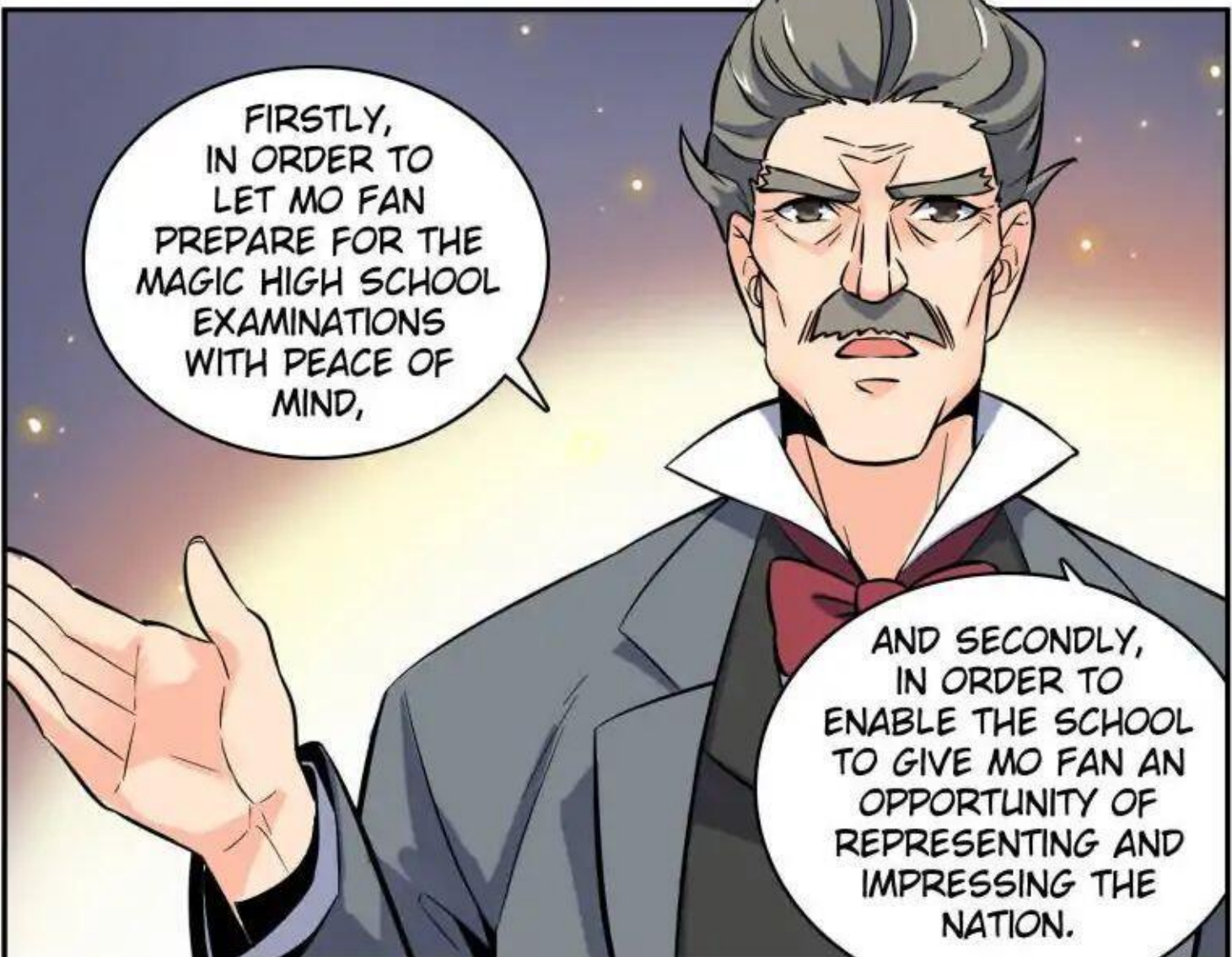




LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WISH TO ADDRESS A MATTER.

INDEED, HAVING DUAL ELEMENTS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD AMAZE MANY PEOPLE,

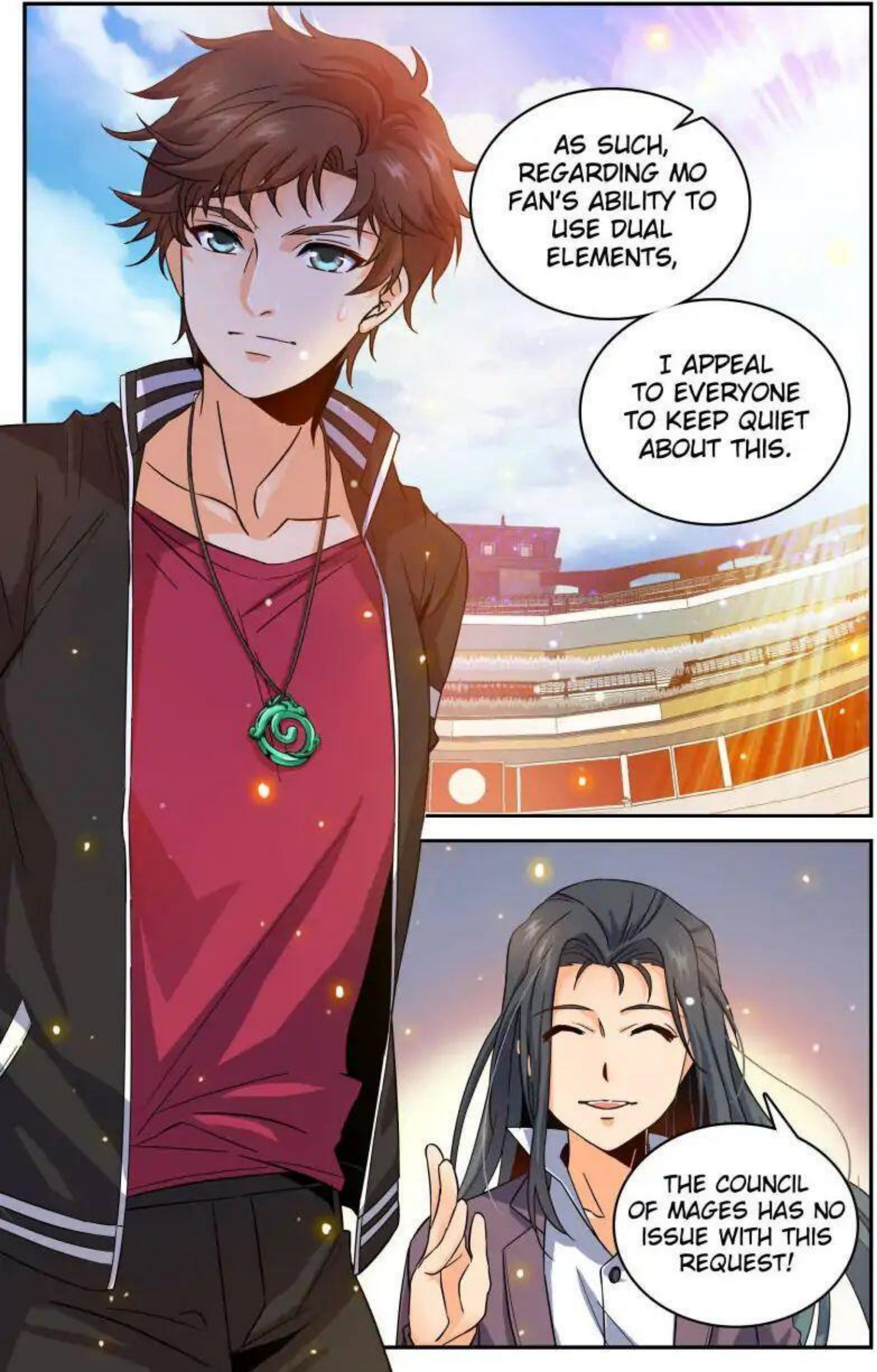
HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO EVERYONE HERE.



FIRSTLY, IN ORDER TO LET MO FAN PREPARE FOR THE MAGIC HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS WITH PEACE OF MIND,

AND SECONDLY, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE SCHOOL TO GIVE MO FAN AN OPPORTUNITY OF REPRESENTING AND IMPRESSING THE NATION.





AS SUCH,  
REGARDING MO  
FAN'S ABILITY TO  
USE DUAL  
ELEMENTS,

I APPEAL  
TO EVERYONE  
TO KEEP QUIET  
ABOUT THIS.

THE COUNCIL  
OF MAGES HAS NO  
ISSUE WITH THIS  
REQUEST!





THE MILITARY  
WILL ALSO  
COOPERATE AND  
PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF THIS  
INFORMATION!



WOW, DO  
WE REALLY  
NEED TO GO  
TO SUCH  
LENGTHS?

DO WE  
REALLY NEED  
TO PREVENT THIS  
INFORMATION FROM  
SPREADING?


IN A  
SMALL CITY,  
WHEN THERE  
IS WORD OF A  
TALENTED  
MAGE,



AND THE  
WORD GETS OUT,  
VARIOUS PARTIES  
WILL BE CLAMOURING  
FOR HIM.

WELL,  
ISN'T THAT A  
GOOD THING?



The top panel of the comic shows three figures wearing dark, pointed hoods. They are positioned in a dark, cavernous space with jagged rock formations. The scene is heavily splattered with red blood, which is also smeared on the faces of the figures. The figure on the right has a slight, menacing smile. The overall atmosphere is dark and ominous.

SURE, BUT  
THERE ARE SOME  
SHADY GROUPS OUT  
THERE WHICH WILL  
CAUSE ENDLESS  
TROUBLE,

SUCH GROUPS  
VERY FREQUENTLY  
EMPLOY  
UNDERHANDED  
METHODS.

The bottom panel is a close-up of a young man with short brown hair and blue eyes. He has a calm, confident expression. His face is marked with blood: a large smudge on his forehead, a streak across his right eye, and a small cut on his cheek. The background is dark and filled with floating blood droplets.

AFTER ALL,  
MANAGING A  
BEGINNER-TIER MAGE  
IS NOT MUCH OF A  
CHALLENGE FOR  
THEM.





YOU'RE  
KIDDING, RIGHT?  
ARE THERE  
REALLY SUCH  
TERRIFYING  
PEOPLE?

THEN,  
ISN'T THERE  
VIRTUALLY NO  
DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN SUCH  
PEOPLE AND THE  
BLACK VATICAN?

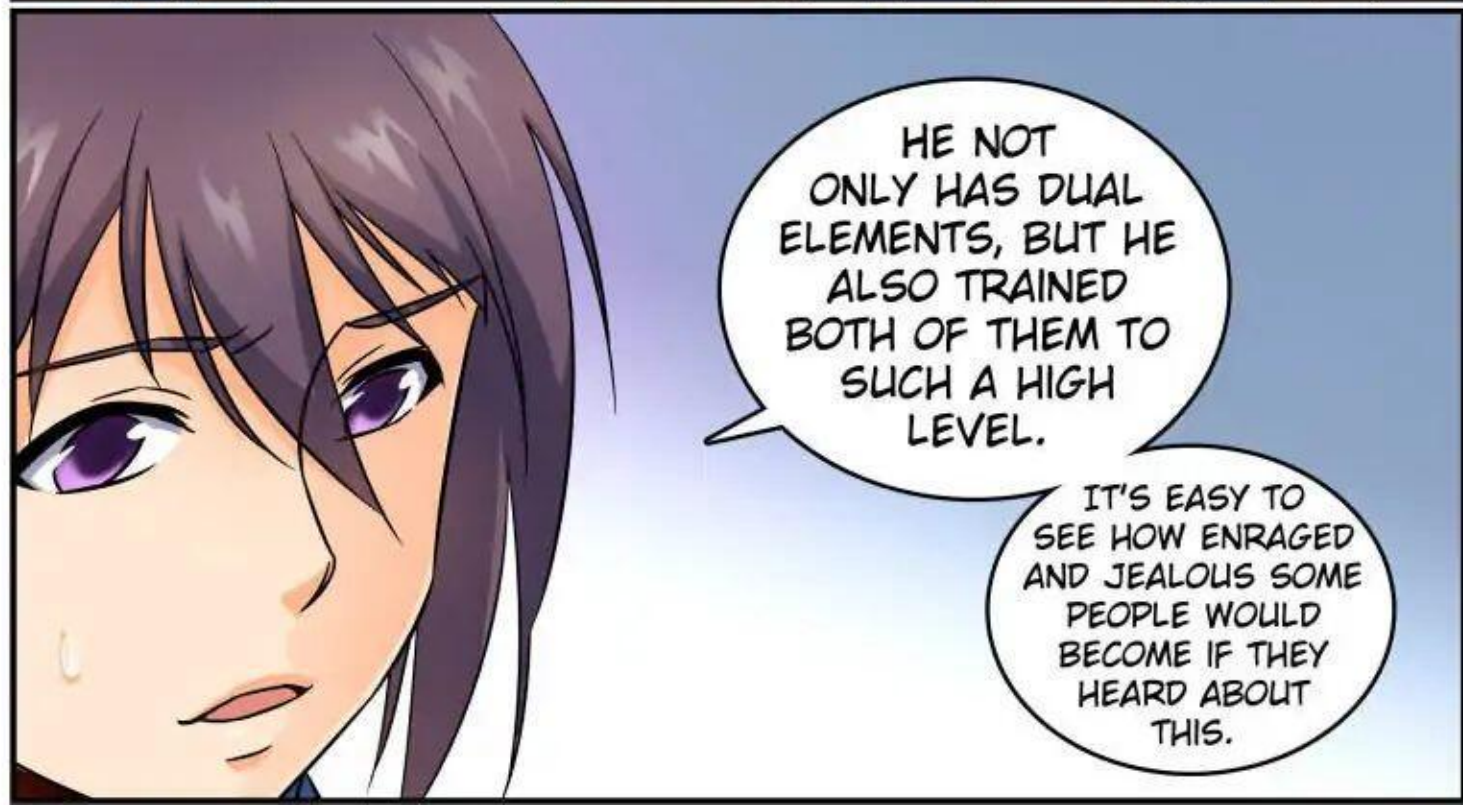
THAT'S  
WHY WE HAVE  
TO REMAIN CAUTIOUS  
AND KEEP THE NEWS OF  
MO FAN'S DUAL ELEMENTS  
LOW PROFILE. AS SUCH,  
PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF  
INFORMATION IS ACTUALLY  
A GOOD THING.



BROTHER FAN  
IS JUST TOO GOOD.  
HE'LL REALLY  
IMPRESS THE CITY  
THIS TIME!

Being unable to spread  
the news is killing me!

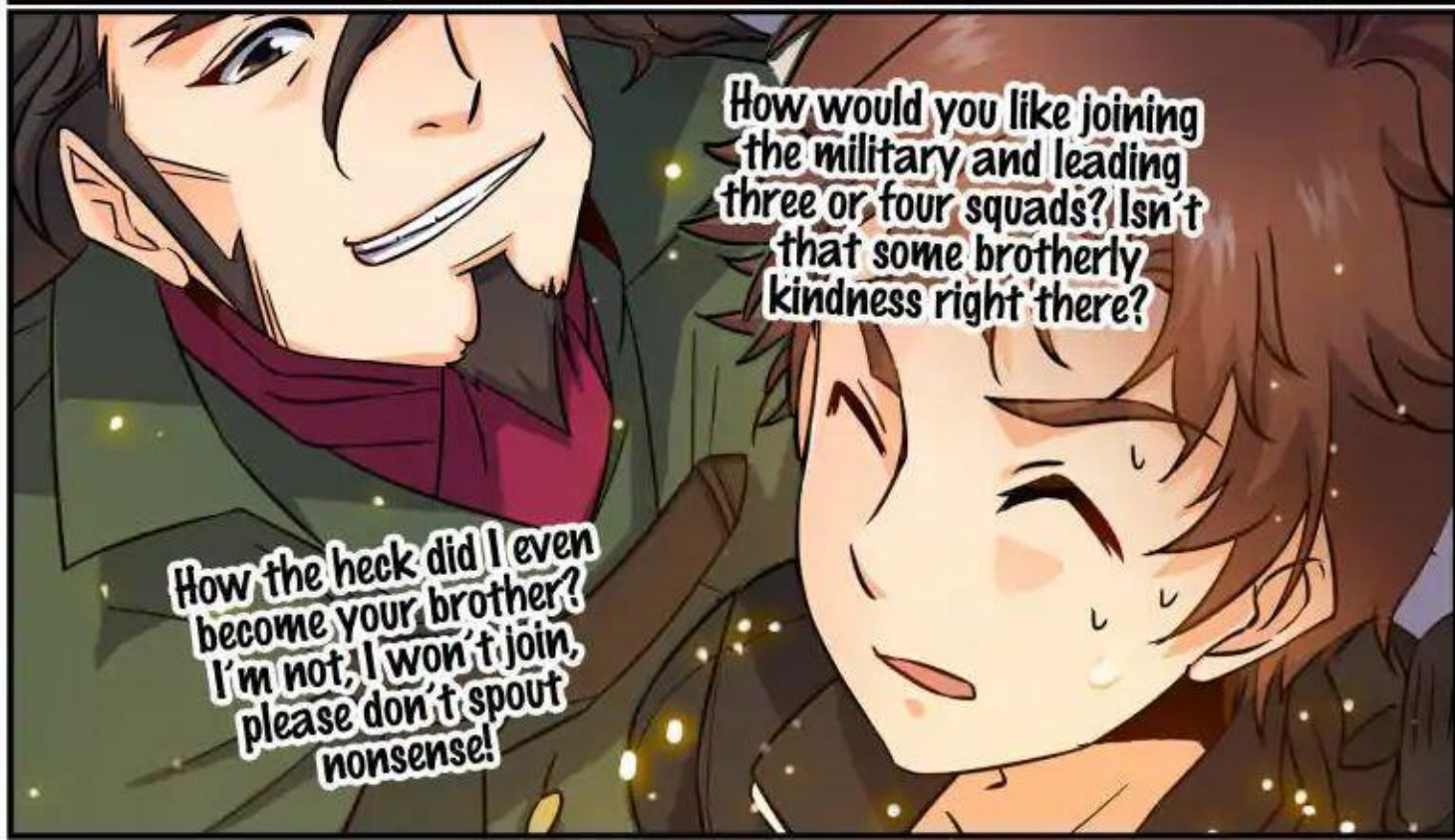
Ehh, you're missing  
the point, aren't  
you?



HE NOT  
ONLY HAS DUAL  
ELEMENTS, BUT HE  
ALSO TRAINED  
BOTH OF THEM TO  
SUCH A HIGH  
LEVEL.

IT'S EASY TO  
SEE HOW ENRAGED  
AND JEALOUS SOME  
PEOPLE WOULD  
BECOME IF THEY  
HEARD ABOUT  
THIS.







THIS LAD  
NATURALLY HAS DUAL  
ELEMENTS AND, FOR  
THE RECORD, THE TWO  
STRONGEST ELEMENTS  
- LIGHTNING AND  
FIRE.

ALSO, IT WAS  
SMART ON HIS  
PART TO CONCEAL  
HIS ABILITY TO  
USE DUAL  
ELEMENTS.



FURTHERMORE, WITH  
ZHAN KONG AFTER  
HIM, HE'S PRETTY  
MUCH GUARANTEED A  
BRIGHT FUTURE.



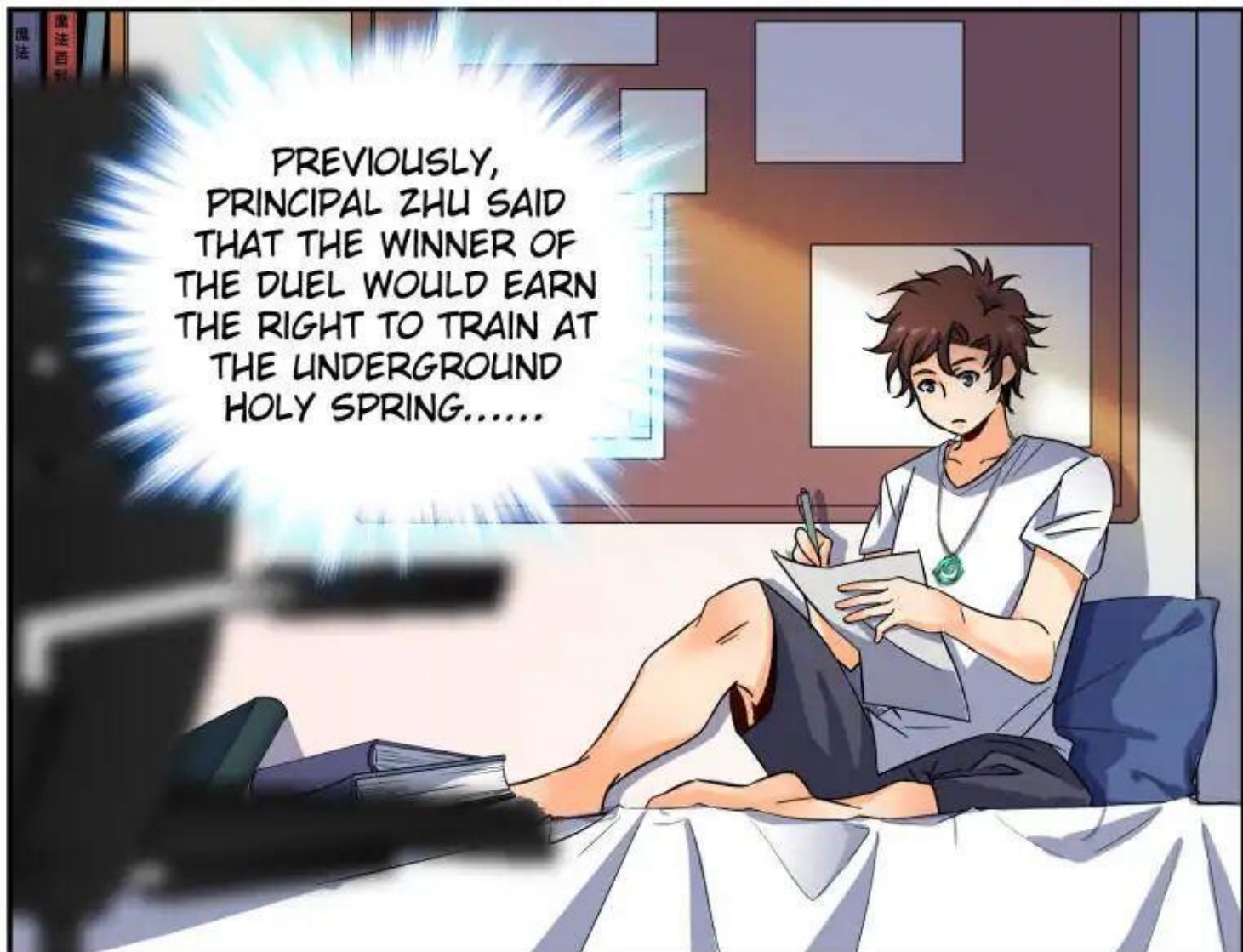


WITH THAT  
SAID, HOW FAR  
CAN YOU GO?

THE SECOND  
DAY



PREVIOUSLY,  
PRINCIPAL ZHU SAID  
THAT THE WINNER OF  
THE DUEL WOULD EARN  
THE RIGHT TO TRAIN AT  
THE UNDERGROUND  
HOLY SPRING.....







UNDERGROUND  
HOLY  
SPRING.....

JUST HOW  
EXACTLY IS IT A  
SPECIAL TRAINING  
GROUND?



I SO LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
IT!