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THOMAS AUSTIN
CECILE HALL
TUTOR IN RESIDENCE
55 YEARS OLD
30 YEARS OF
TEACHING EXPERIENCE







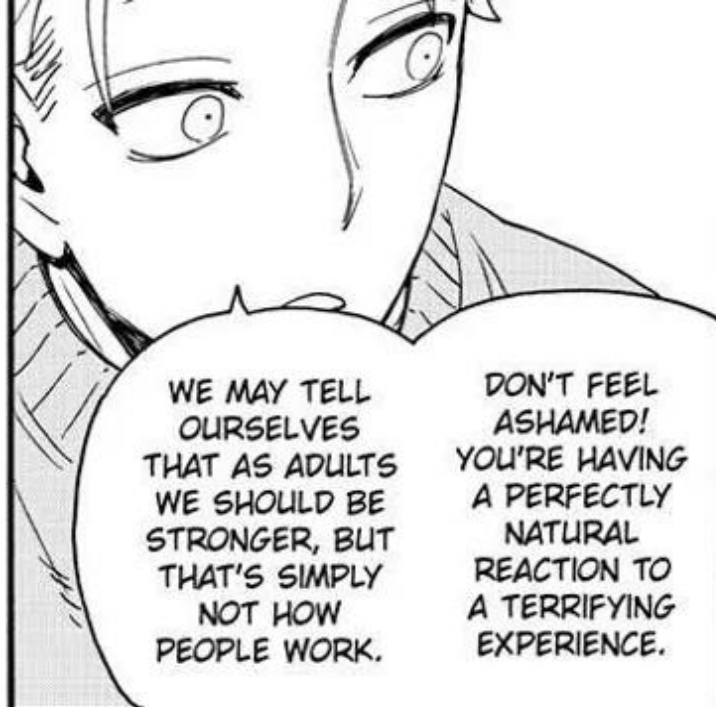
SO MR.
HENDERSON
GAVE ME
YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION,
AND, WELL...



I'M SO
GLAD
THAT YOU
DECIDED TO
COME TALK
TO ME.

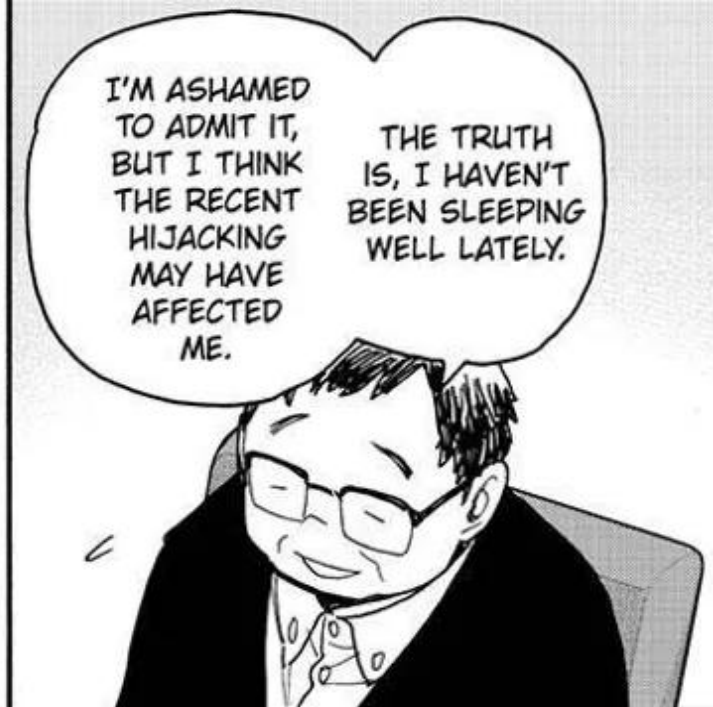
Care
for
some
tea?

IT'S VERY
NICE TO
MEET
YOU, MR.
AUSTIN.



WE MAY TELL OURSELVES THAT AS ADULTS WE SHOULD BE STRONGER, BUT THAT'S SIMPLY NOT HOW PEOPLE WORK.

DON'T FEEL ASHAMED! YOU'RE HAVING A PERFECTLY NATURAL REACTION TO A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE.



I'M ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, BUT I THINK THE RECENT HIJACKING MAY HAVE AFFECTED ME.

THE TRUTH IS, I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL LATELY.



WE'LL WORK TOGETHER TO RECLAIM YOUR LIFE!

MY OWN DAUGHTER WAS INVOLVED IN THE HIJACKING, SO I'M RATHER CLOSE TO THIS MYSELF.



IT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HURT TO HAVE A MAN LIKE HIM IN MY DEBT.

...AND I HOPE YOU CAN RESPECT THAT.

WITH HIS LONG TENURE, HE WOULD HAVE MADE A GREAT MANY CONTACTS.



THOMAS AUSTIN.

Yes, our team here is delighted to be of service.

I understand that some of our students are receiving counseling here as well?

HE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A NICE MAN.



AS THE TUTOR IN RESIDENCE, HE'S CLOSER TO THE STUDENTS THAN MOST FACULTY MEMBERS. THERE ARE LIKELY NUMEROUS PROMINENT EDEN ALUMNI WHO REMEMBER HIM FONDLY.

LET'S NIP THIS IN THE BUD BEFORE IT BECOMES A CHRONIC CONDITION.



...AND
SO LATELY,
I'VE BEEN
WAKING FROM
NIGHTMARES IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT.

HMM...
I'M
REALLY
NOT
SURE...

DO YOU
THINK YOU
COULD BE
FLASHING
BACK TO
WHAT
HAPPENED
ON THE
BUS?

NO, I
JUST...
I DON'T
REMEMBER.

OF
COURSE,
IF YOU FEEL
THEY'RE TOO
PAINFUL TO
RELIVE...

DO YOU
REMEM-
BER
WHAT
HAPPENS
IN THE
DREAMS?

AND
SOMETIMES I
FIND MYSELF
GETTING
AGITATED
FOR NO
REASON.

ALSO,
MY HANDS
HAVE BEEN
SHAKING, AND
I GET TIRED
DURING THE
DAY.

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TINK
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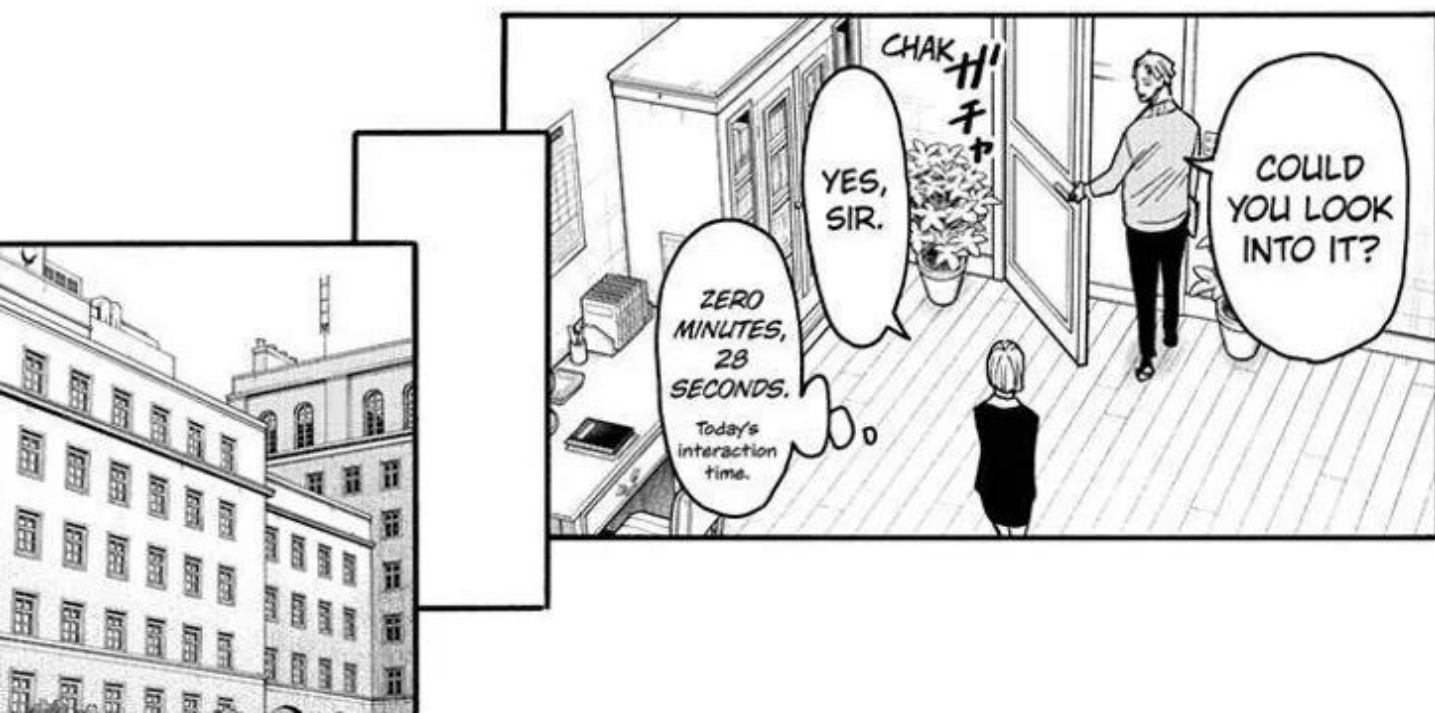
IN COMPARING
THE CONTENT OF
HIS REMARKS
WITH THE
MOVEMENT OF
HIS EYES, HIS
VOCAL PITCH,
AND OTHER
INVOLUNTARY
PHYSICAL
GESTURES...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

I-I
THINK
SO.

AND THESE
SYMPTOMS
STARTED RIGHT
AFTER THE
INCIDENT?







JUST LAST NIGHT I WAS TOSSING AND TURNING SO MUCH THAT MY WIFE YELLED AT ME TO STOP...
Ha ha...

NO, I... I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTEN ANY BETTER...



LONG?

OH, YES. GOING ON ABOUT 20 YEARS NOW.

HAVE YOU AND YOUR WIFE BEEN MARRIED LONG?



HAVE YOU TOLD HER YOU'RE SEEKING HELP FOR IT?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT TALKING TO MY WIFE HAS TO DO WITH MY CONDITION.



HUH? LIKE I SAID, SHE TELLS ME TO PIPE DOWN ...



WHAT SORTS OF THINGS HAVE YOU AND YOUR WIFE TALKED ABOUT LATELY?



WHY NOT?

WELL... BECAUSE ...

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY TELL HER THAT!

NO, OF COURSE NOT!



THAT'S NOT WHAT I WOULD CALL TALKING ...

I'M
TOO
SCARED
!!

I...

N-NEVER MIND
ABOUT HER!
GETTING BACK TO
MY SYMPTOMS,
I WAS HOPING
THERE WAS
MORE YOU
COULD DO...

WORTH-
LESS?
YOU'RE
A HIGHLY
RE-
SPECTED
EDUCA-
TOR.

IF SHE
SAW ME
AS BEING
EVEN MORE
WORTHLESS,
I CAN'T
IMAGINE
WHAT SHE'D
SAY...

I
MEAN
...

SCARED?
WHY IS
THAT?

?

I APOLOGIZE
FOR THIS, MR.
AUSTIN, BUT OVER
THE LAST WEEK
I'VE SPOKEN TO
SEVERAL PEOPLE
CLOSE TO YOU.



"Anything's fine" for dinner, huh? Then how about I grind you up into a hamburger steak?

If you got reported to the SSS for being such a slacker, I wonder if they'd get rid of you for me?

Z
A
A
A
A
A
A

N-NO! THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED ...

While you're doing the laundry, go ahead and give that brain of yours a good cleaning too!

N-NO... IT'S ME. THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

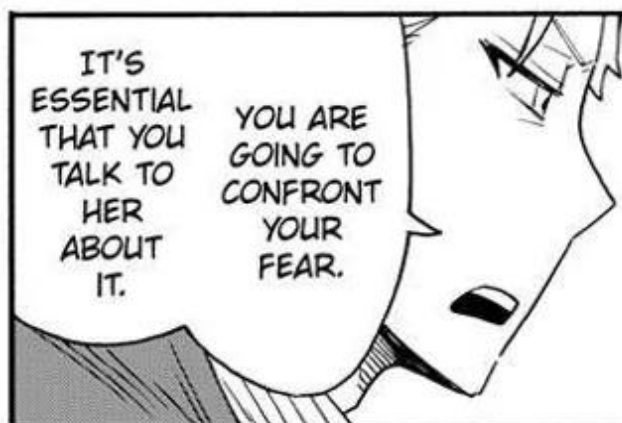


Now that you're not here grinding your teeth all night, I'm finally getting a good night's sleep. Maybe I should leave you in the hospital forever!

On your dime, of course.

SOME-THING THAT SCARES YOU EVEN MORE THAN THE HIJACKING!





WELL, I-I DO
TRY TO BE
AWARE OF
MY WIFE'S
EXPRESSIONS
...



SO I ALWAYS
TRY TO PAY CLOSE
ATTENTION TO
HOW MY PARTNER
REACTS TO THINGS
AT HOME.

(AFTER ALL, MY TRUE
IDENTITY BEING DISCOVERED
OR MY MARRIAGE ENDING
COULD LITERALLY BE A
MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.)

CERTAINLY,
MAINTAINING
RELATION-
SHIPS CAN
BE QUITE
DIFFICULT.



OH,
TWILIGHT,
NO CIVILIAN
WOULD BE
ABLE TO DO
ALL THAT.



OH MY, YOU...
YOU STUDY
THINGS THAT
CAREFULLY,
HUH?



NOT TO
MENTION THEIR
HEART RATE,
HOW OFTEN
THEY BLINK,
THE SOUND
OF THEIR
FOOTSTEPS...

IT'S MORE
THAN JUST
EXPRESSIONS.
YOU CAN GAIN
CLUES ABOUT
YOUR PARTNER'S
FEELINGS FROM
THINGS LIKE THEIR
TONE OF VOICE,
RIGHT?



BY FACING
YOUR FEARS,
YOU CAN START
GETTING
THOSE
FEELINGS
OF TERROR
UNDER
CONTROL.

CONFRONTING
ONE'S FEARS
IS A PAINFUL
PROCESS,
BUT CON-
TINUING TO
RUN AWAY
WILL ONLY
HINDER YOUR
RECOVERY.

I CAN'T.
I JUST
CAN'T.



IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT
TO PROPERLY EXPRESS
GRATITUDE TO YOUR
PARTNER. AS WELL AS TO
CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGE
YOUR ROLE IN THE
HOUSEHOLD, AND DO ALL
YOU CAN TO—



YOU'LL
BE FINE.
WE'LL GET
THROUGH
THIS
TOGETHER!

BUT
AM I
CAPABLE
OF
THAT?

WE'LL NEED
TO BEGIN BY
TRYING TO
EASE YOUR
TRAUMA
THROUGH
TALK
THERAPY.

JUST HOW
AFRAID OF
YOUR WIFE
ARE YOU?



I'M TRYING HARD
TO IMPROVE, BUT
WHEN I TALK TO
HER, THE WORDS
WON'T COME OUT.
OR MY HAND
STARTS SHAKING,
AND THEN THINGS
GO WRONG.

