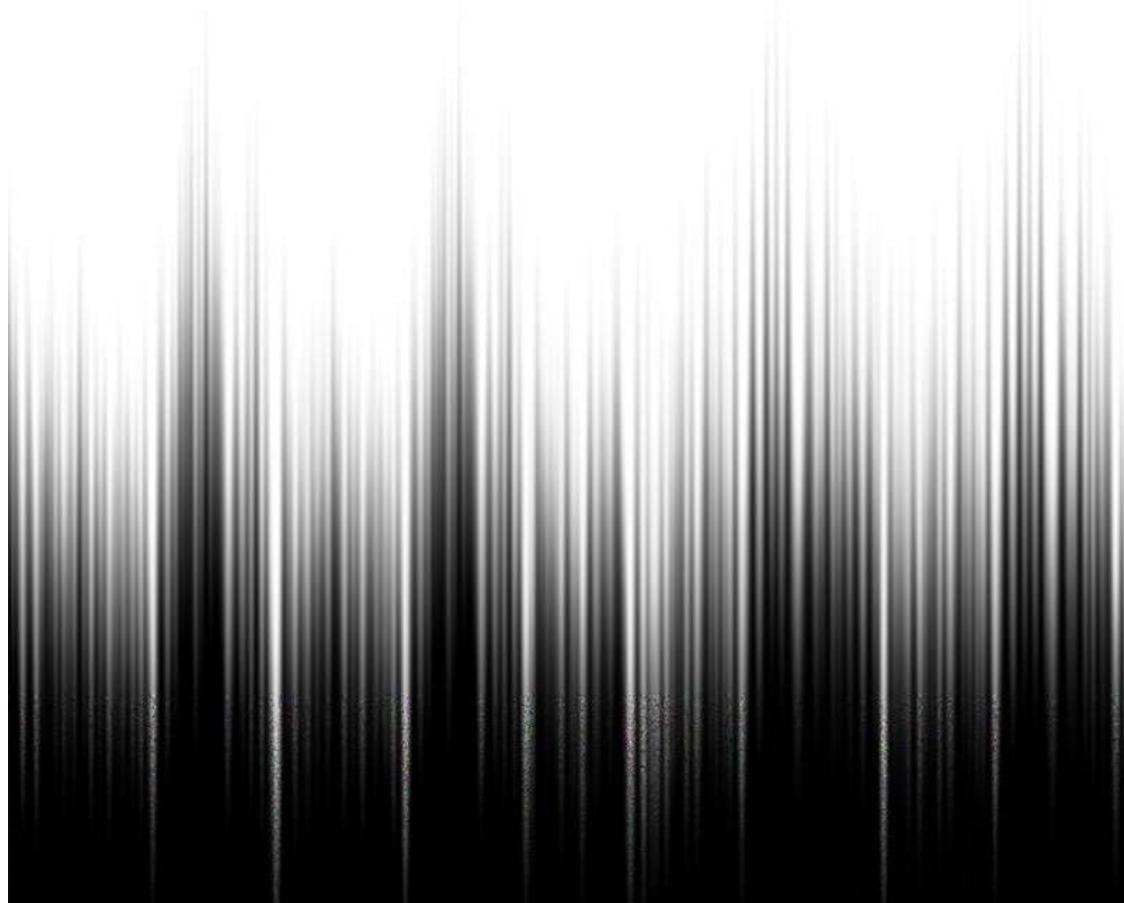
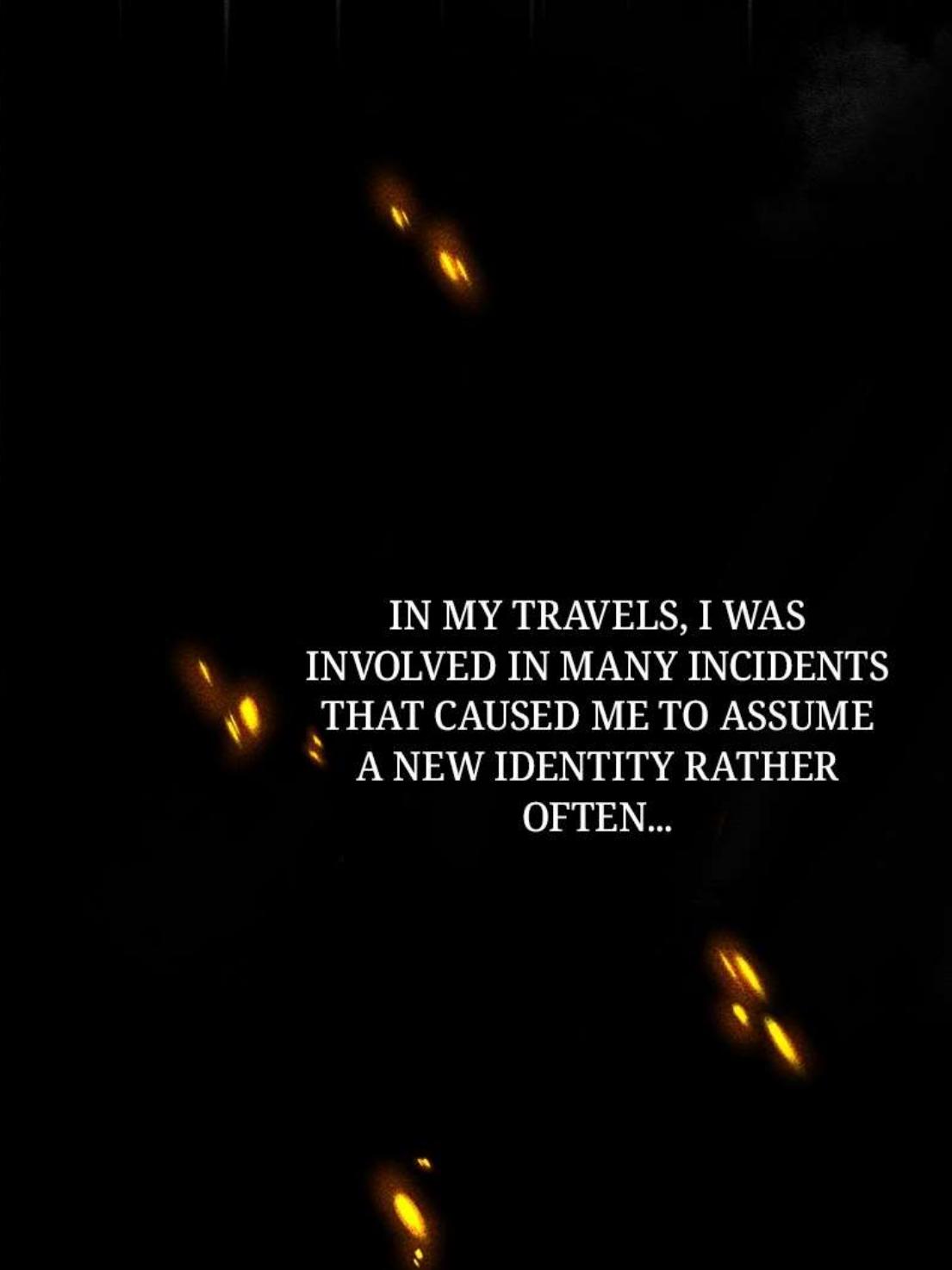


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THERE'S NO  
REAL REASON WHY  
I PICKED THE NAME  
MACHIAVELLI.

IT WAS JUST  
A FAMOUS NAME  
I REMEMBERED FROM  
MY PAST LIFE.





IN MY TRAVELS, I WAS  
INVOLVED IN MANY INCIDENTS  
THAT CAUSED ME TO ASSUME  
A NEW IDENTITY RATHER  
OFTEN...

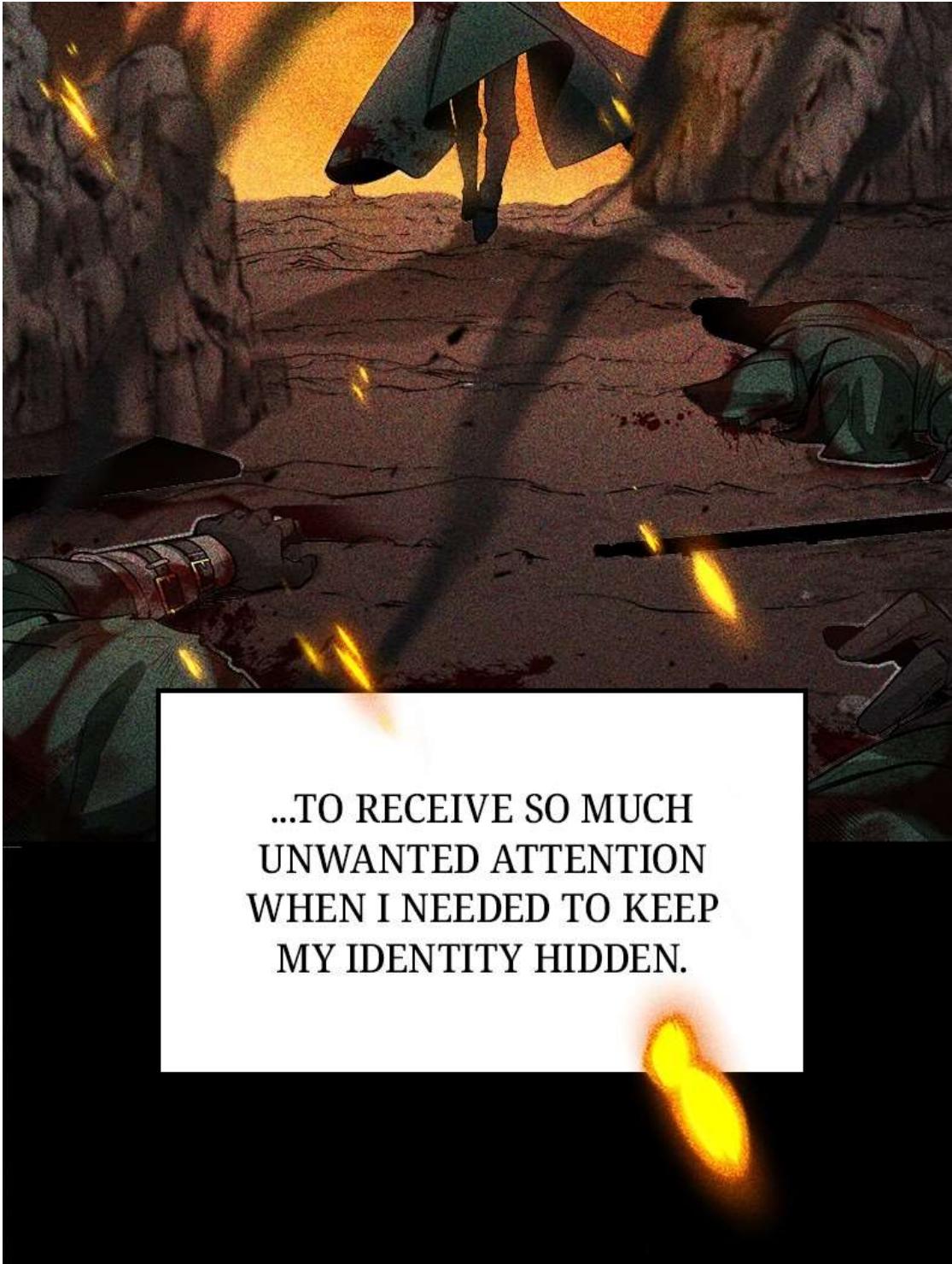


...AND MACHIAVELLI  
WAS JUST ONE OF MY  
MANY ALIASES.

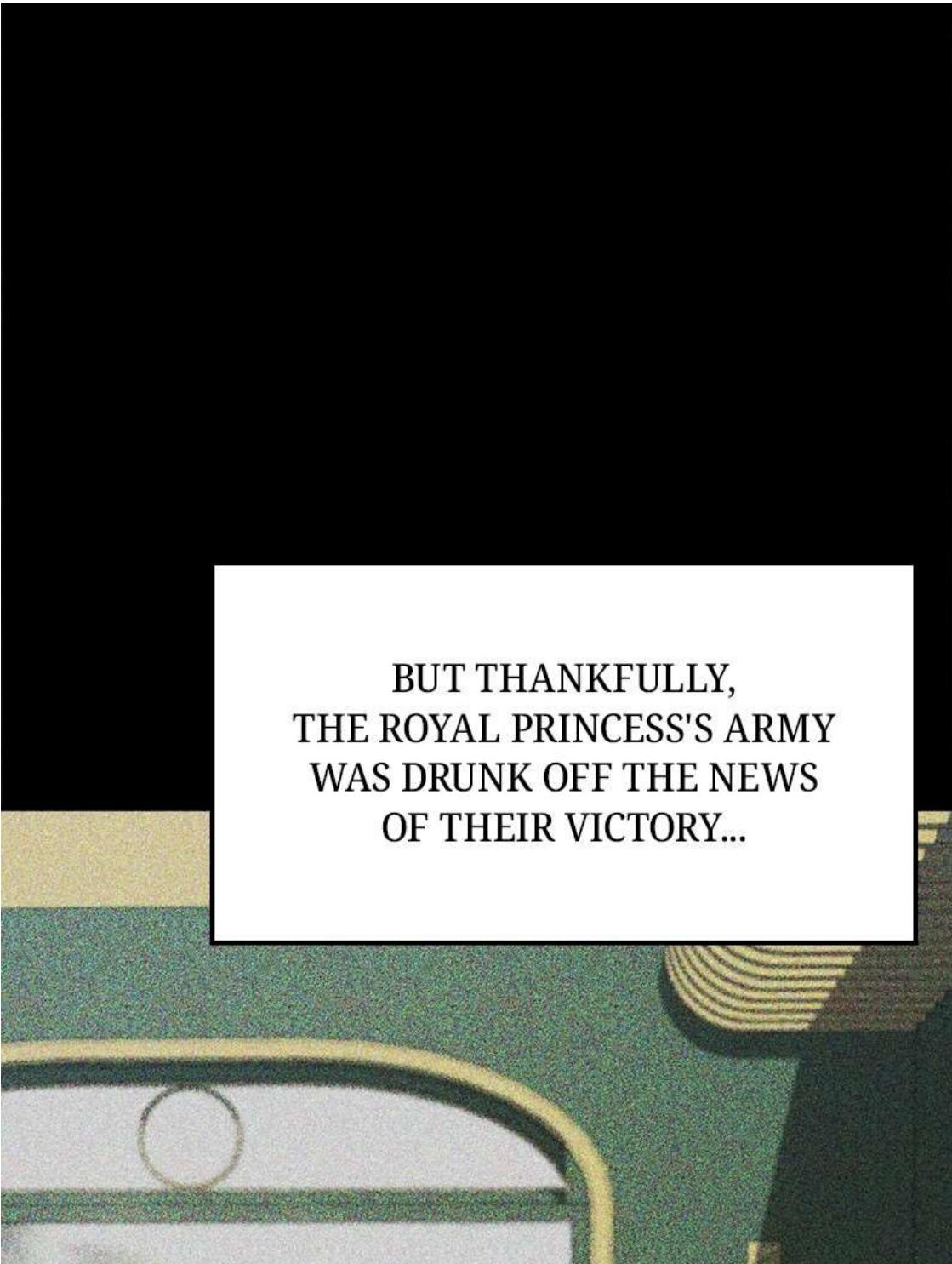


Aerith Gainsborough stands in a fiery, apocalyptic landscape, her back to the viewer. She wears her signature green coat and holds her Mako Cannon. The sky is filled with orange and red fire, and several bright yellow energy bolts streak across it. A large, dark, jagged rock formation looms in the background. In the foreground, silhouettes of bare trees are visible against the intense light.

IT WAS  
EXCRUCIATING...



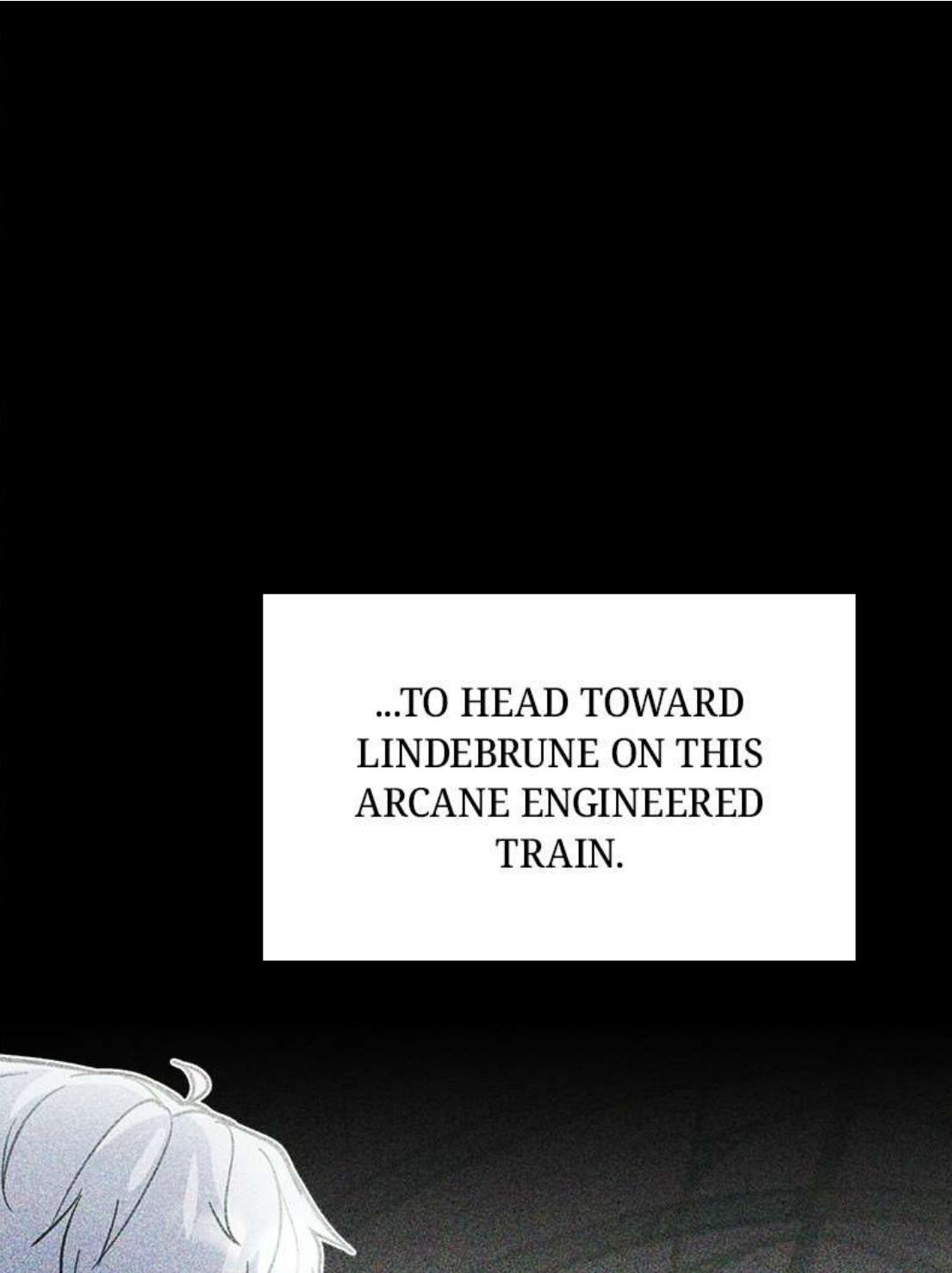
...TO RECEIVE SO MUCH  
UNWANTED ATTENTION  
WHEN I NEEDED TO KEEP  
MY IDENTITY HIDDEN.



BUT THANKFULLY,  
THE ROYAL PRINCESS'S ARMY  
WAS DRUNK OFF THE NEWS  
OF THEIR VICTORY...

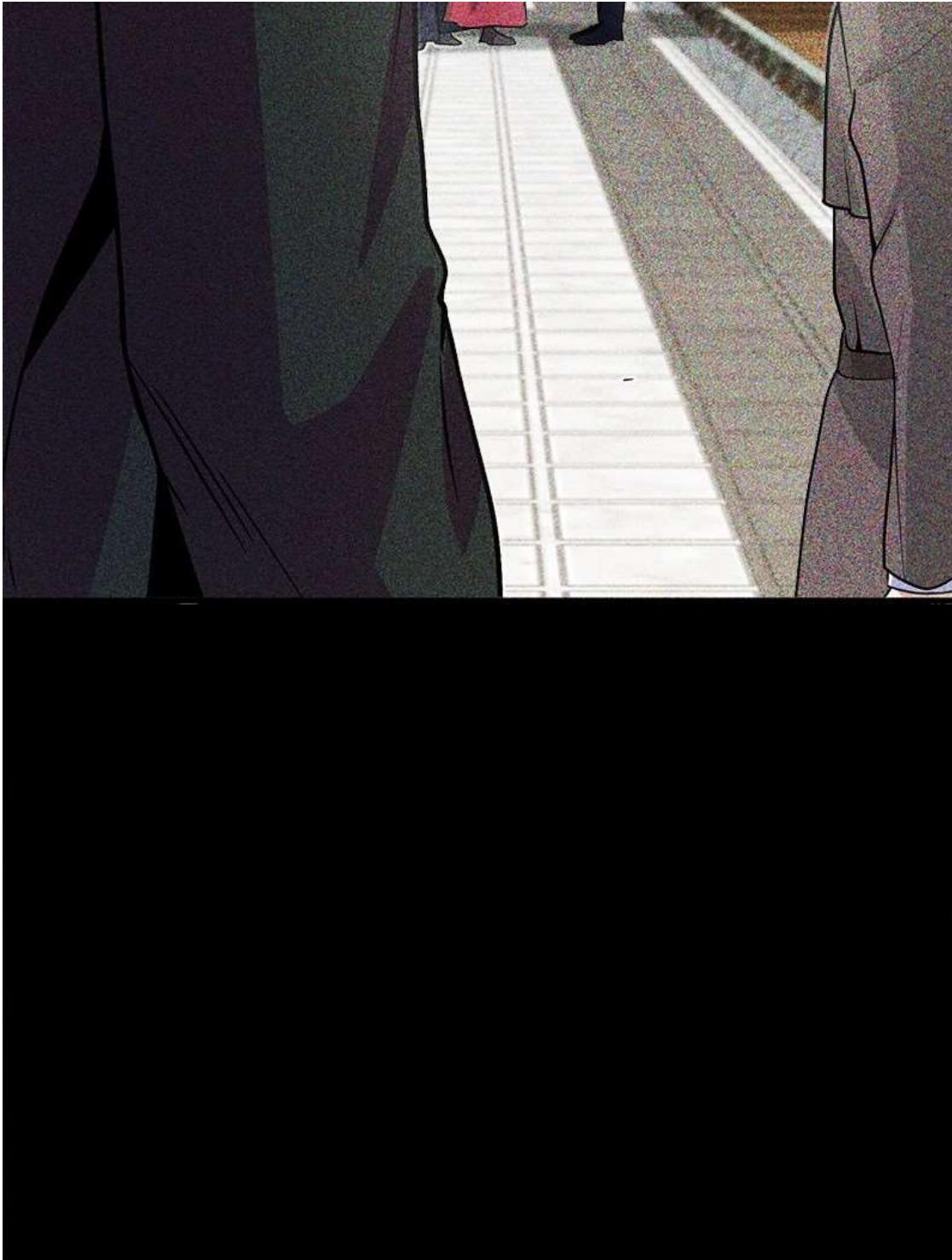


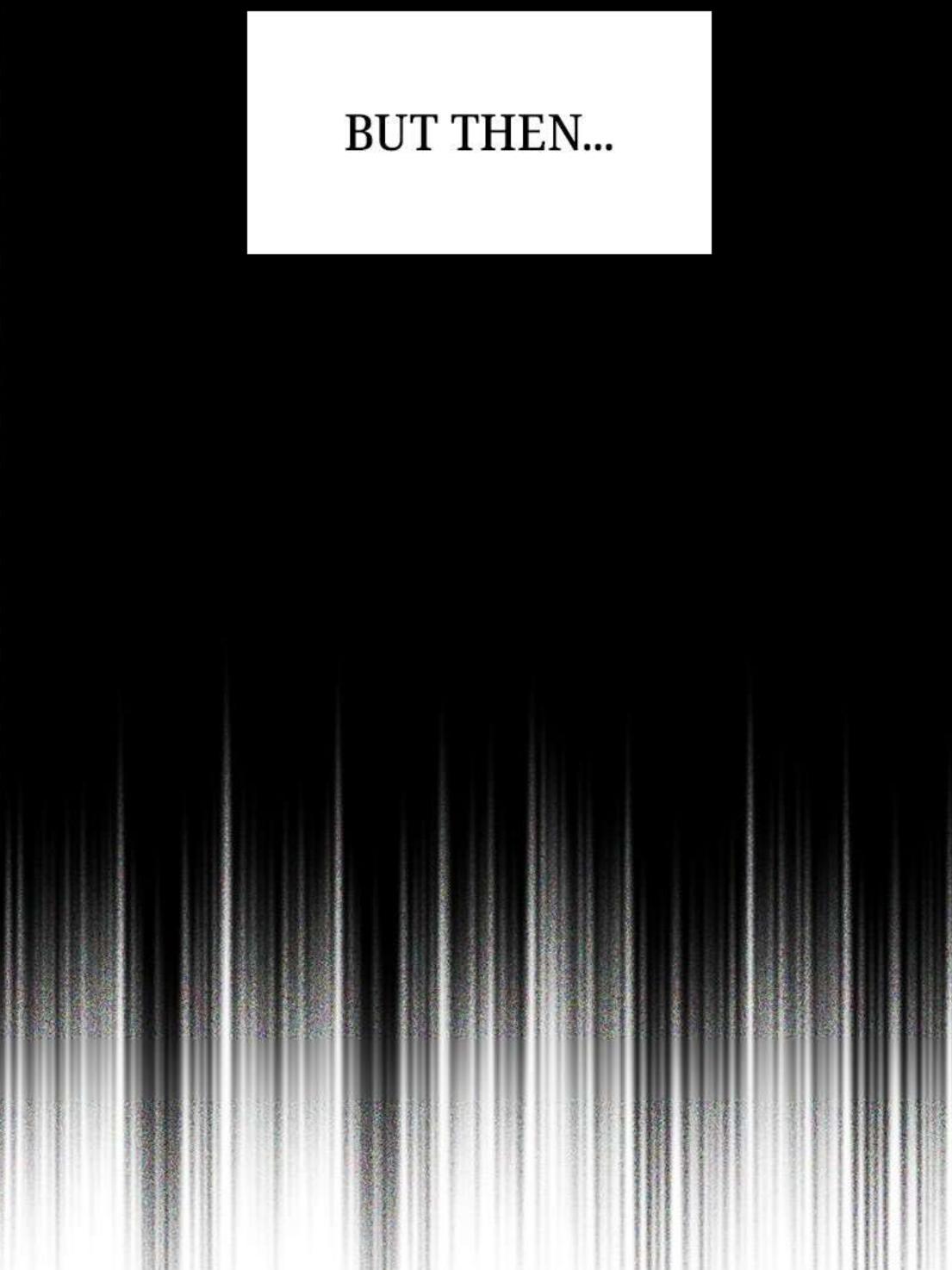
...AND I TOOK  
THAT CHANCE  
TO ASSUME A NEW  
ALIAS...



...TO HEAD TOWARD  
LINDEBRUNE ON THIS  
ARCANE ENGINEERED  
TRAIN.







BUT THEN...

SIGH





I SWEAR...



WHY DO THINGS  
KEEP HAPPENING  
WHENEVER I'M  
AROUND?

**CLUNK**







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- Original Story by sayren



COLD STEEL

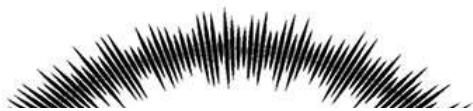
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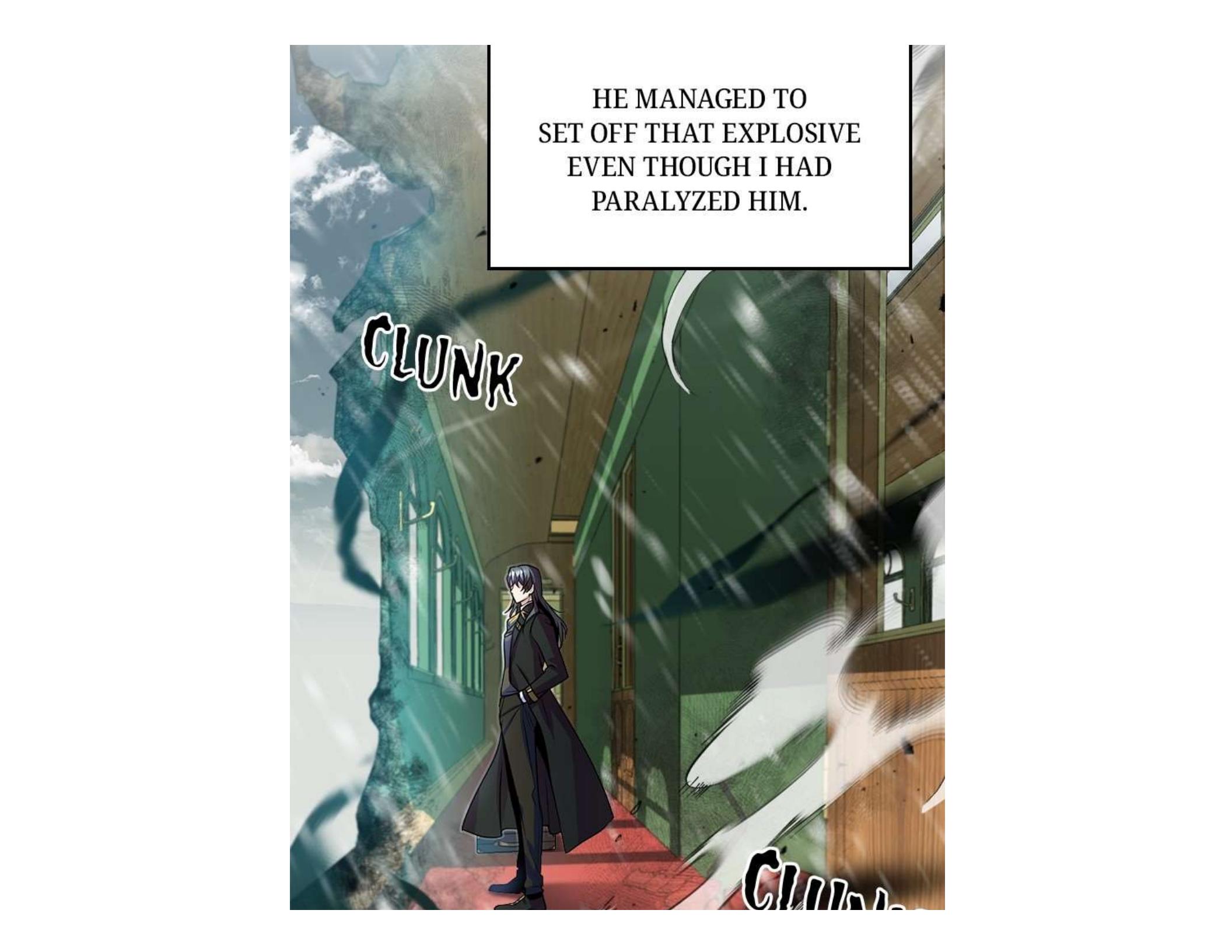


REST IN PEACE,  
LUDGER.





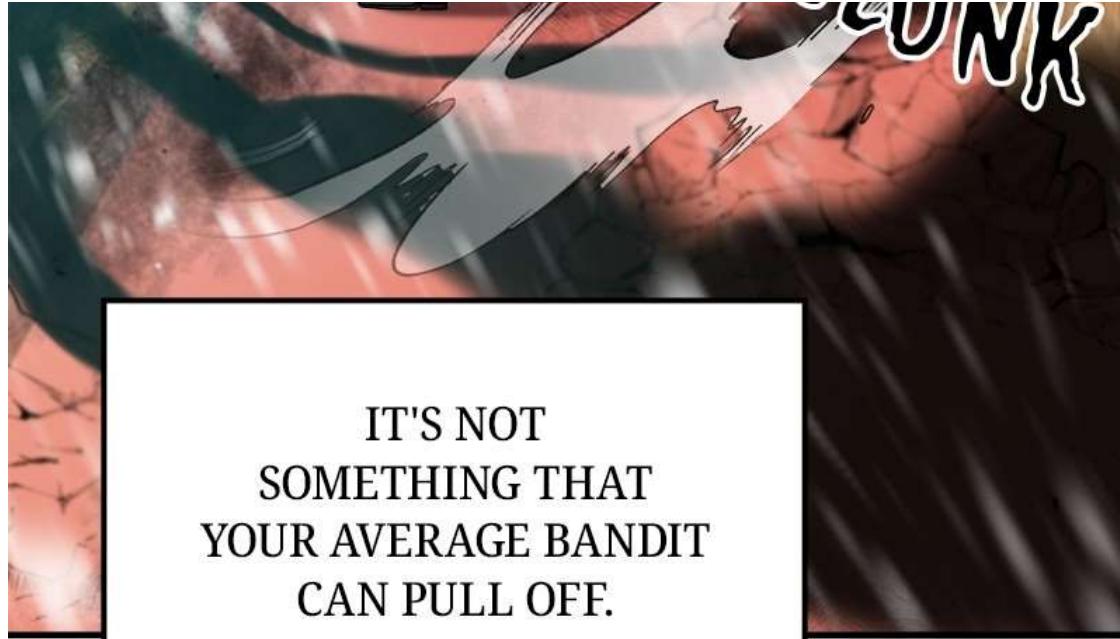
WHO KNEW  
YOU'D SUFFER AN  
ACCIDENT ON A DAY  
LIKE THIS?



HE MANAGED TO  
SET OFF THAT EXPLOSIVE  
EVEN THOUGH I HAD  
PARALYZED HIM.

CLUNK

CLUNK



IT'S MORE AKIN TO  
SOMETHING A RELIGIOUS  
FANATIC WHO HAS REACHED  
THE END OF HIS ROPES  
WOULD PULL OFF.

THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
AFTER THE TRAIN ITSELF  
AND NOT THE MONEY AND  
VALUABLES ONBOARD.

SIR,  
ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?!





CLUNK

WHAT...





WH-WHAT  
HAPPENED HERE?!



THE TRAIN

WAS ATTACKED BY  
ARMED BANDITS.





I THINK  
THEY'RE AFTER  
CAR ONE.

IT WOULD BE BEST  
IF WE HEADED TOWARD  
THE CABOOSE.

*STEP*

# STEP



YES. WE WERE IN THE  
PROCESS OF EVACUATING  
THE PASSENGERS TOWARD  
THE CABOOSE.



YOU SHOULD  
ALSO--











WHY ARE YOU  
DOING THIS--

DID YOU  
THINK I WOULD  
FALL FOR YOUR  
LITTLE ACT?

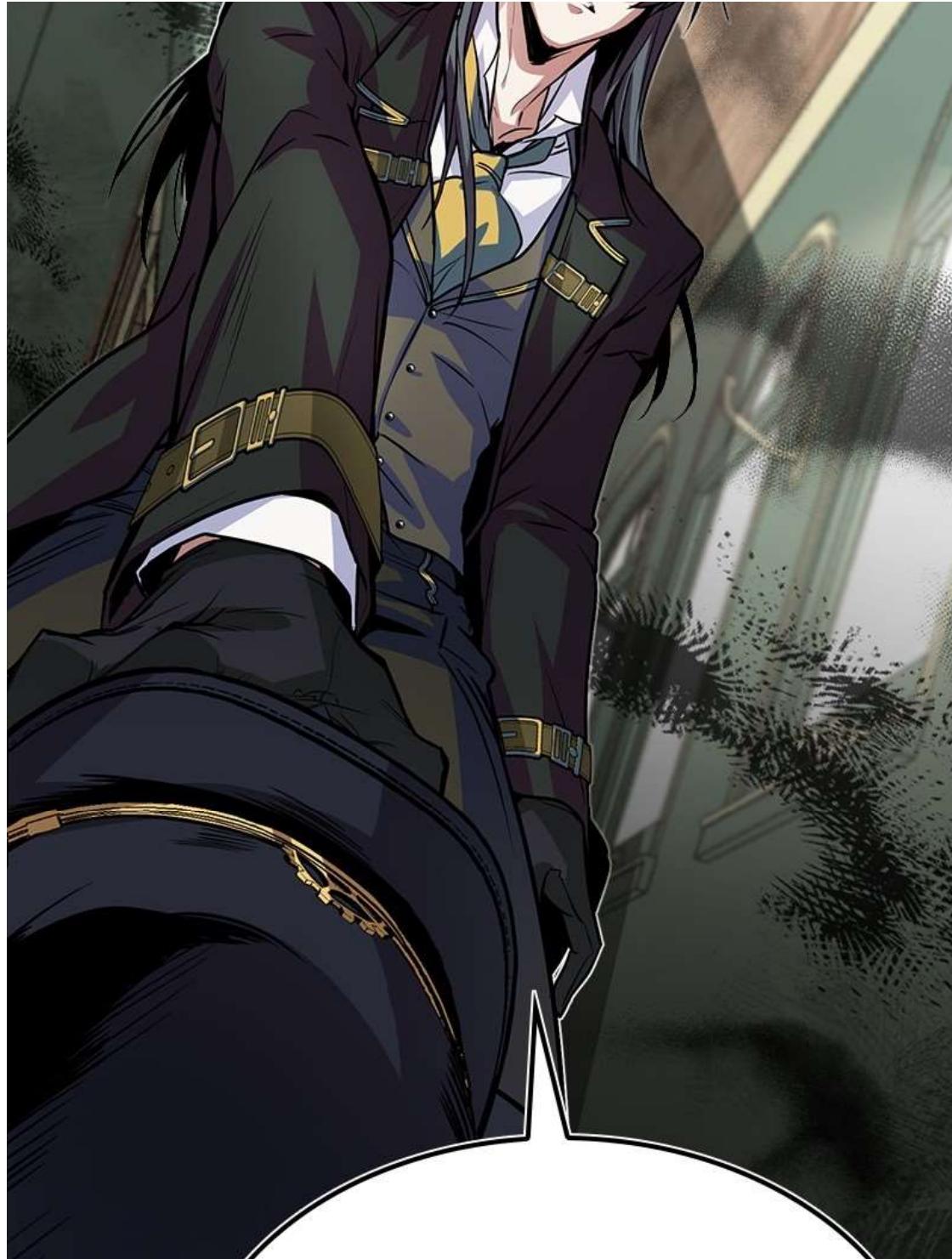






THIS TRAIN WAS  
SPEEDING THROUGH  
A ROUGH MOUNTAIN  
TERRAIN.

NOT ONLY  
DID MERE BANDITS  
MANAGE TO AMBLUSH  
THE SPEEDING TRAIN  
WITHOUT A HITCH...



...BUT THEY ALSO  
MANAGED TO BREACH  
THE PROTECTION SPELL  
THAT WAS CAST ON  
THE TRAIN.

THERE'S NO  
WAY SOMETHING LIKE

THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE  
UNLESS THEY HAD HELP  
FROM INSIDE THE  
TRAIN.









SWI



OH

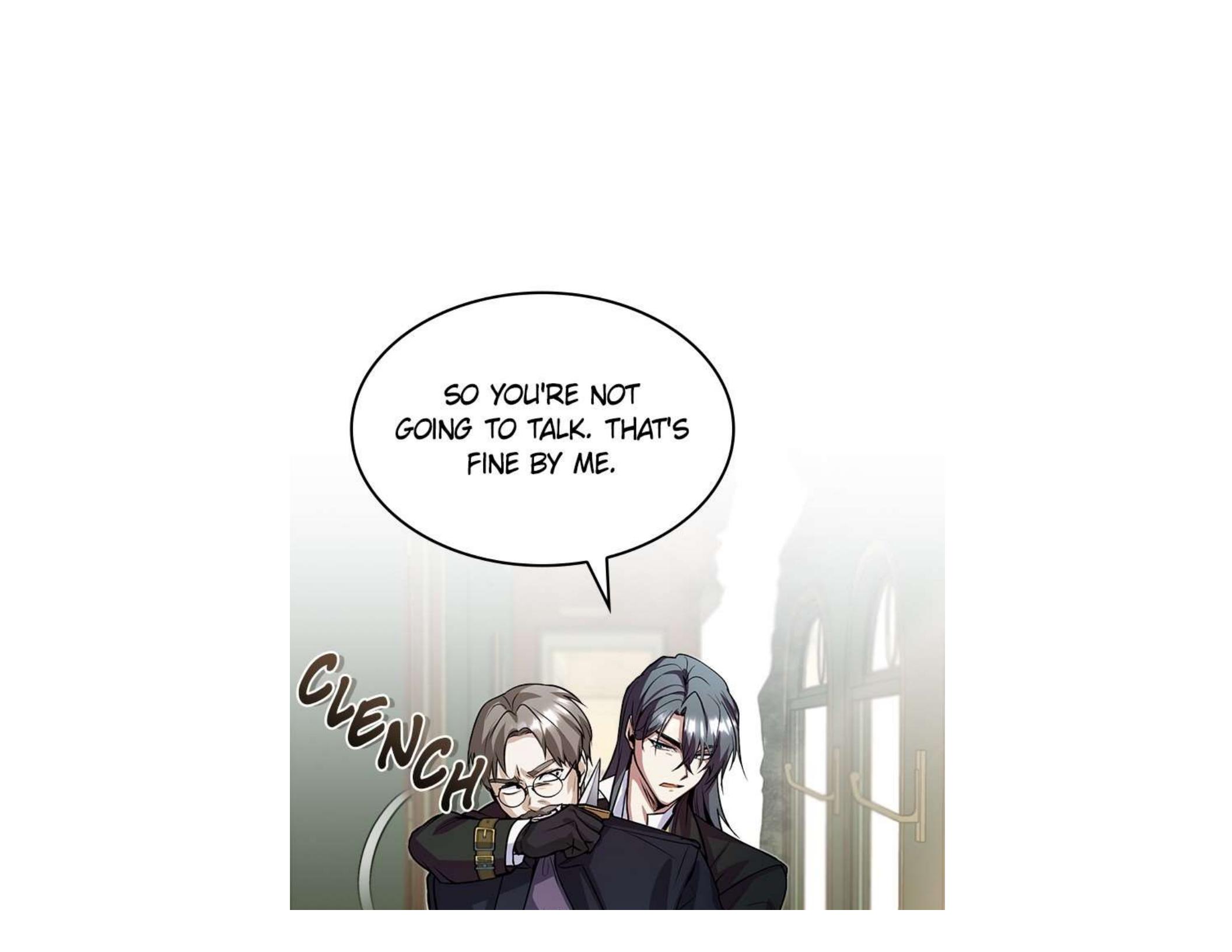
THAT'S  
ENOUGH.





YOU'RE QUICK.  
WHO ARE YOU  
PEOPLE?

WHAT ARE  
YOU AFTER?



SO YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO TALK. THAT'S  
FINE BY ME.

CLENCH



WALK.

CLACK

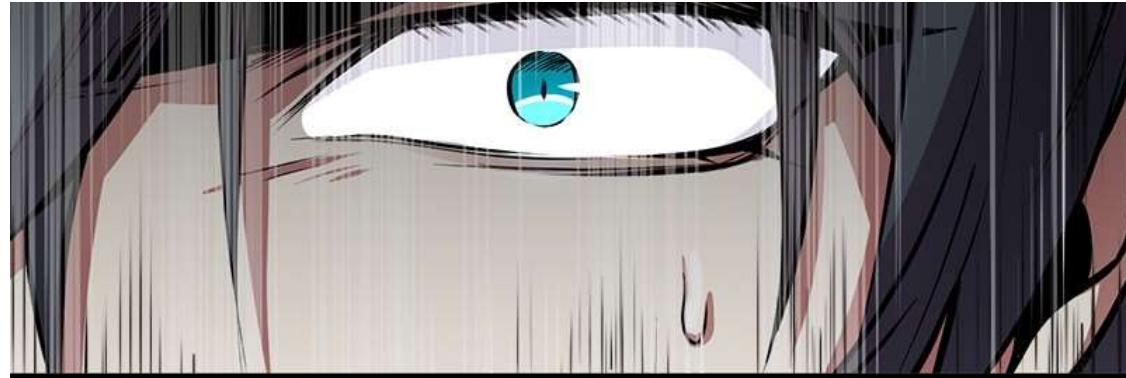
...?





WAIT...  
THAT SOUND...





COULD IT  
BE...?!

SHOVE

AGH!











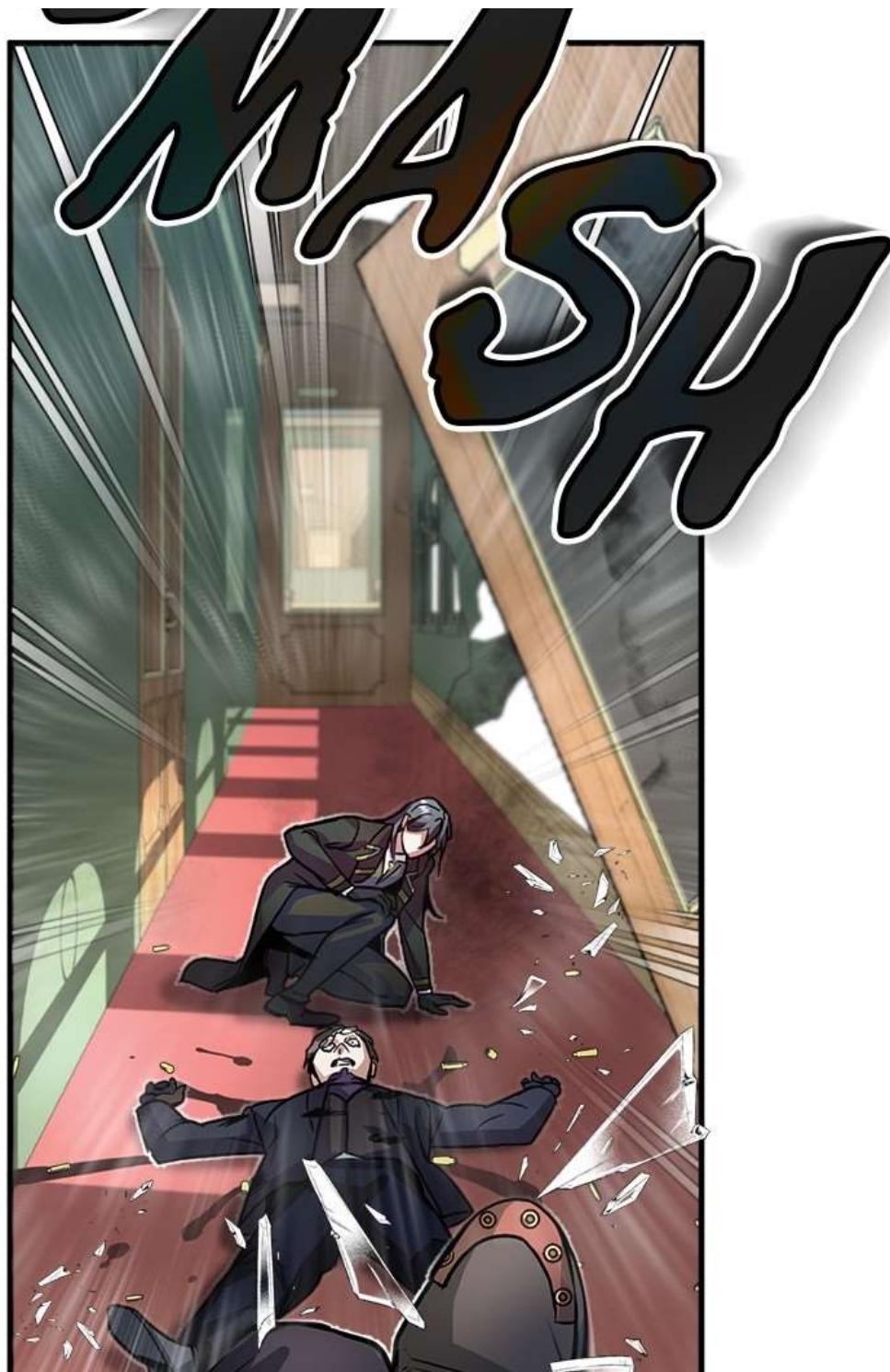
BANG

BUT I  
APPREHENDED HIM  
BEFORE HE COULD  
DO ANYTHING.



DID THEY HAVE A  
BACKUP PLAN IN CASE  
SOMETHING LIKE THIS  
HAPPENED?

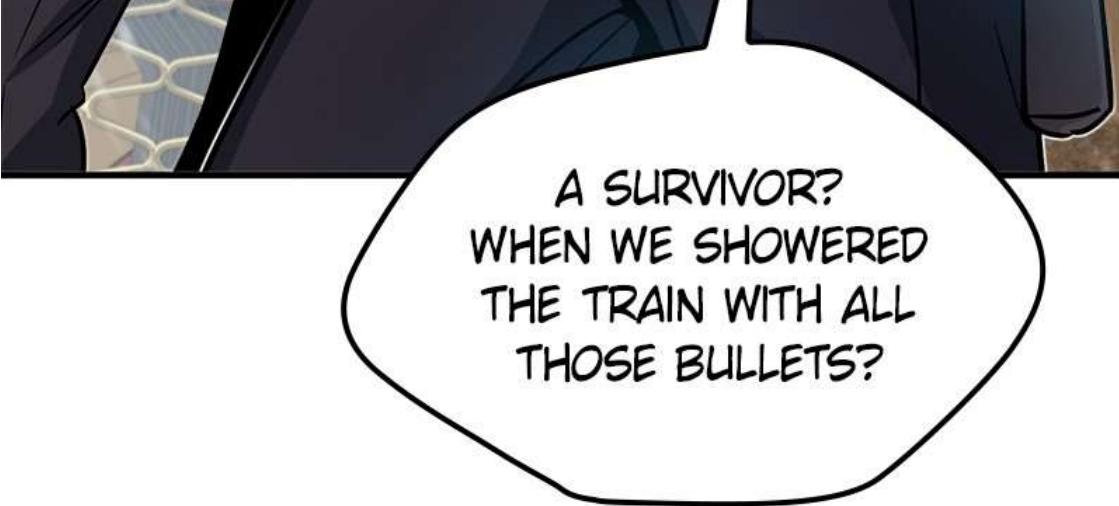






WHAT THE...?  
SOMEONE'S STILL  
ALIVE.





A SURVIVOR?  
WHEN WE SHOWERED  
THE TRAIN WITH ALL  
THOSE BULLETS?

WHAT THE  
HELL ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?

PULL





KILL HIM!





CLICK



HUH?



WH-WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH  
THIS THING?





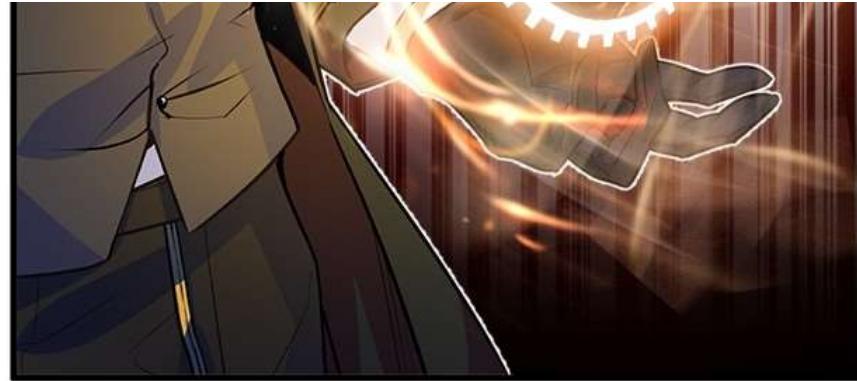
MY GUN  
ISN'T WORKING!



... THAT MAN...!

WHA





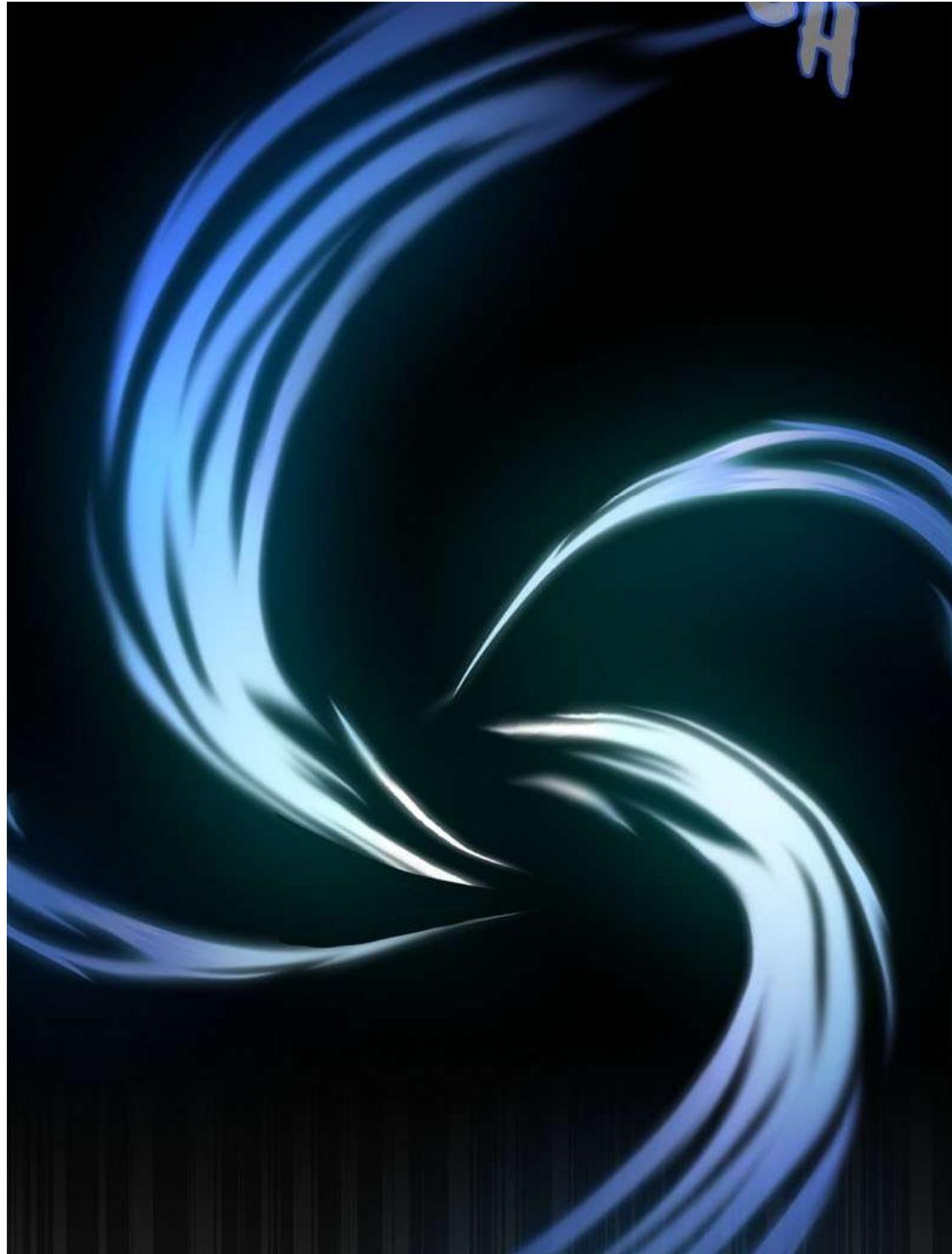
HE'S A MAGE!

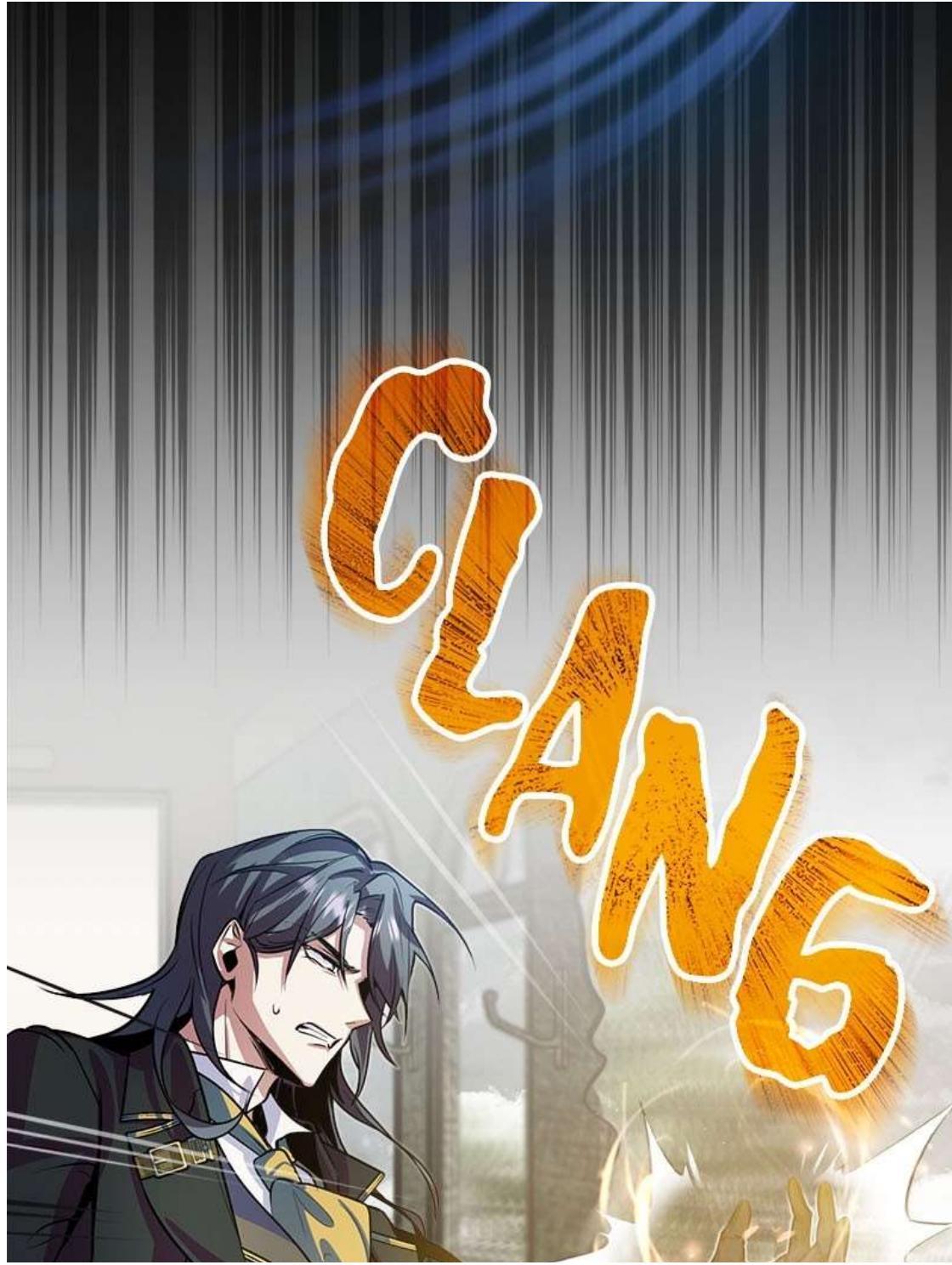


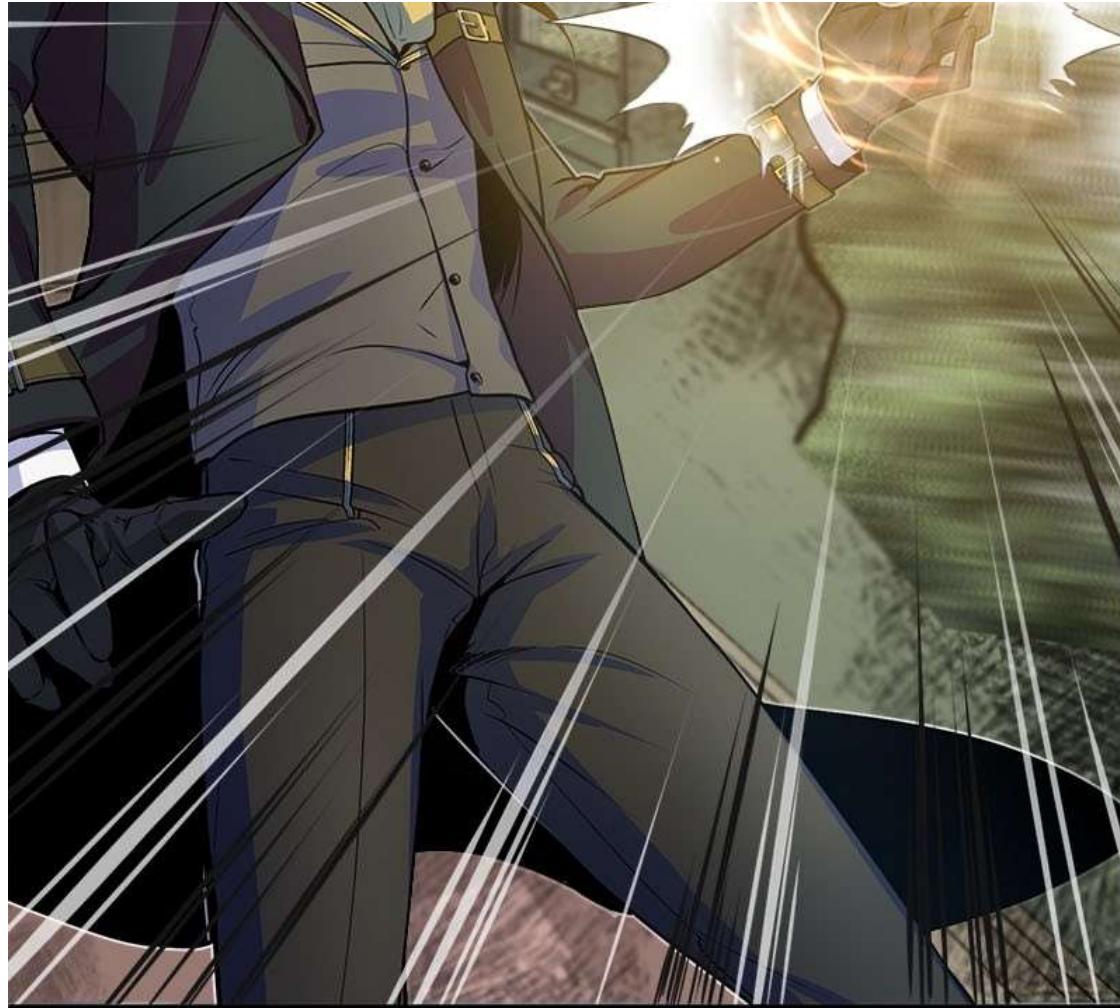


HE MUST HAVE  
CAUSED OUR GUNS  
TO MALFUNCTION  
USING MAGIC!

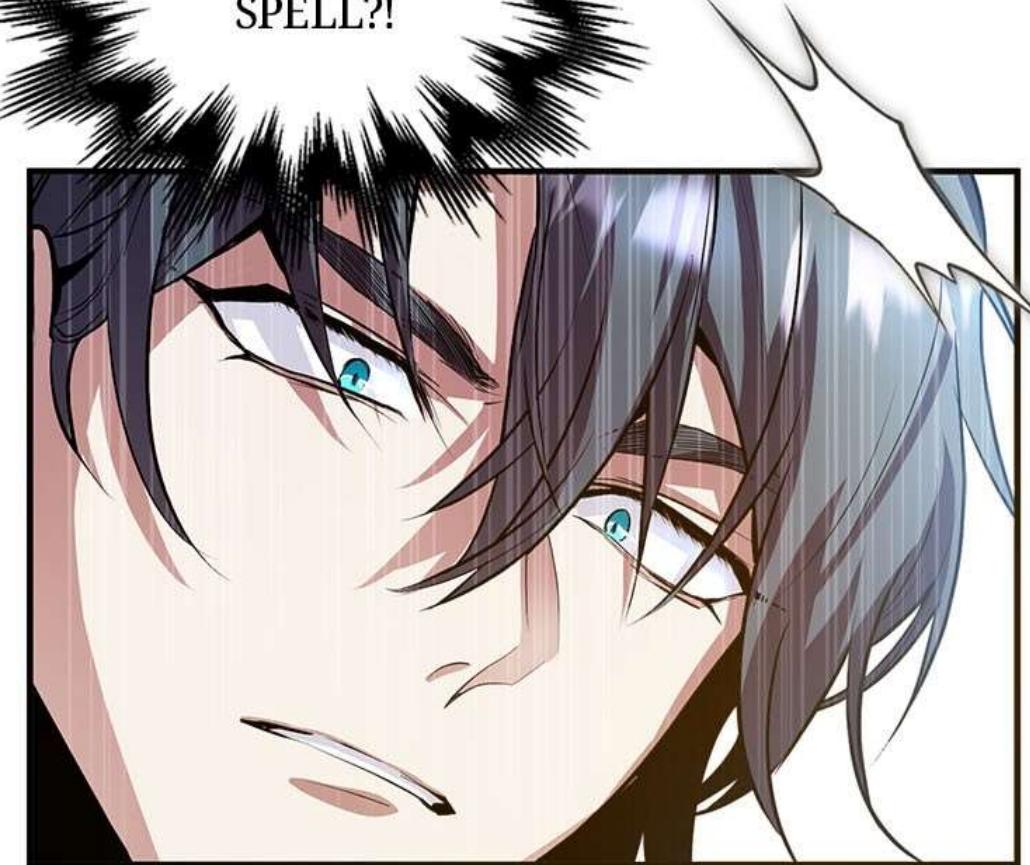








A COUNTER  
SPELL?!



WHAT A  
SURPRISE...



I NEVER WOULD  
HAVE THOUGHT THERE  
WAS ANOTHER MAGE  
ON THIS TRAIN.

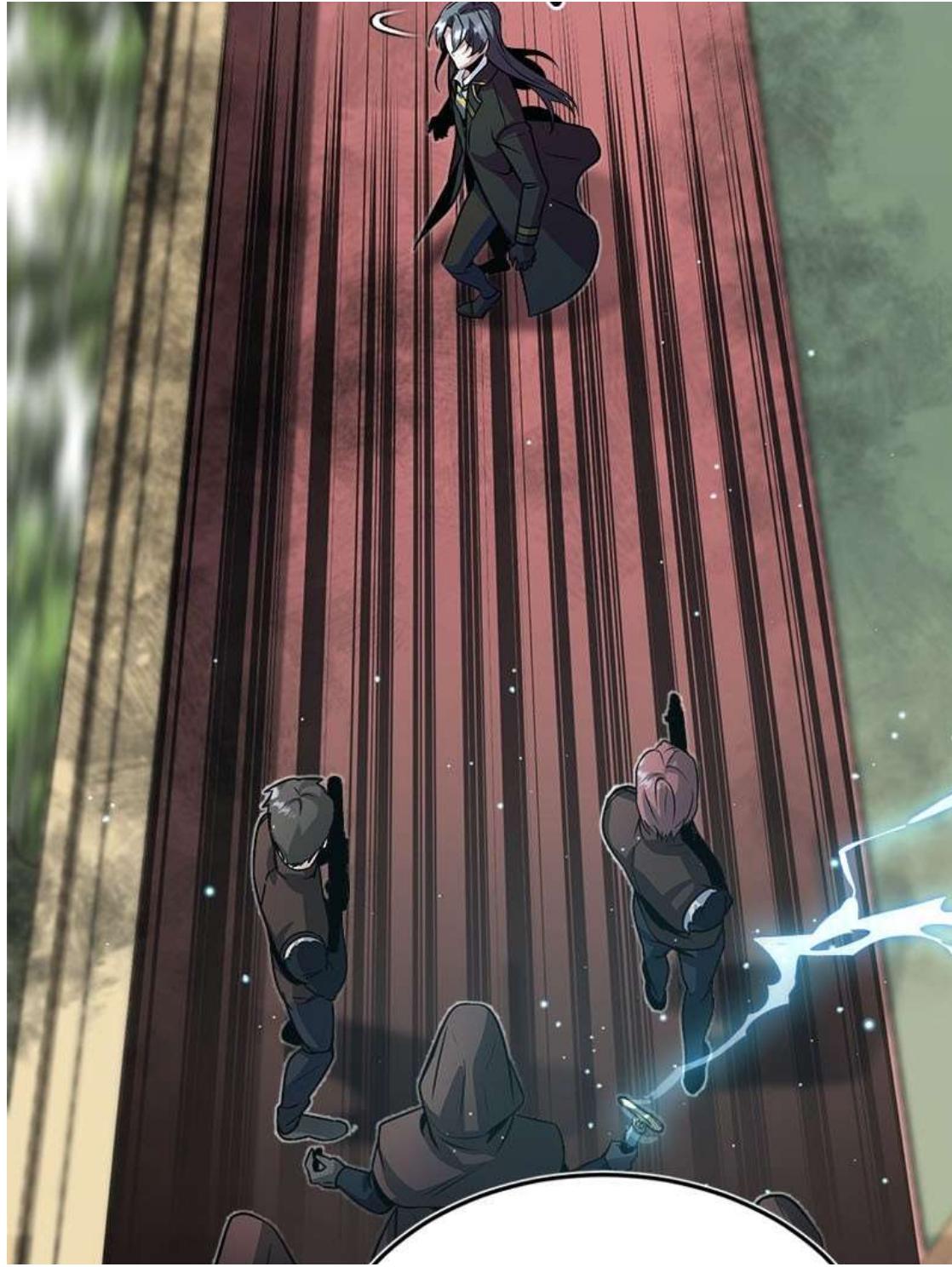






GIVE UP  
ALREADY.

TURN



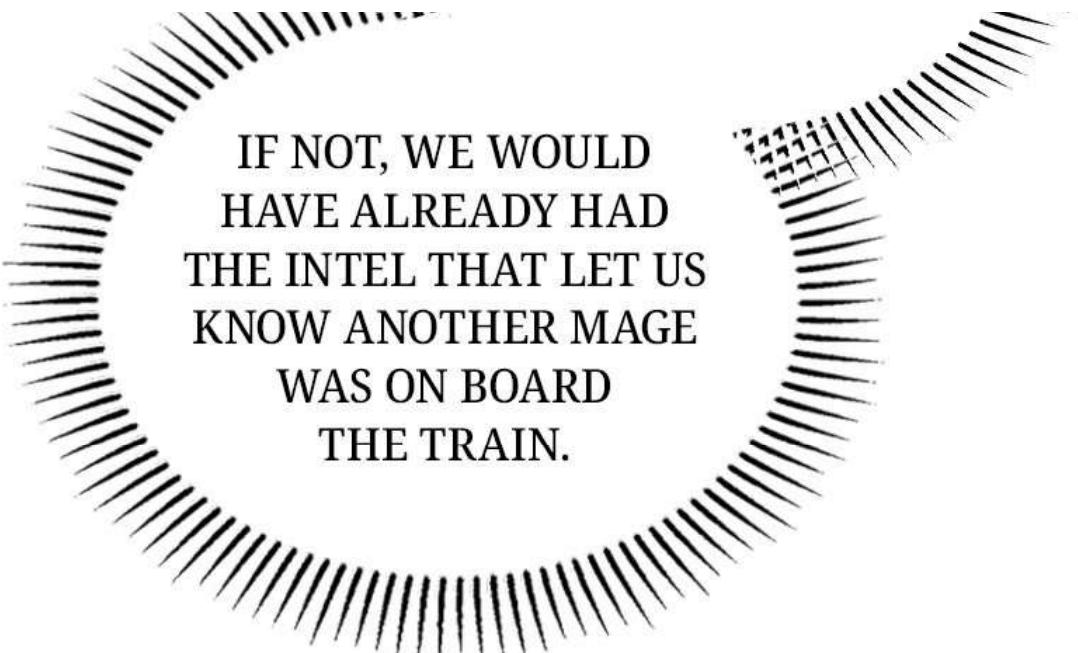


IF YOU BEHAVE,  
I'LL MAKE YOUR DEATH  
A PAINLESS ONE.

HE DOESN'T  
APPEAR TO BE JUST  
ANY ORDINARY  
MAN...



...BUT HE'S PROBABLY  
A FOURTH CIRCLE MAGE  
LIKE ME.

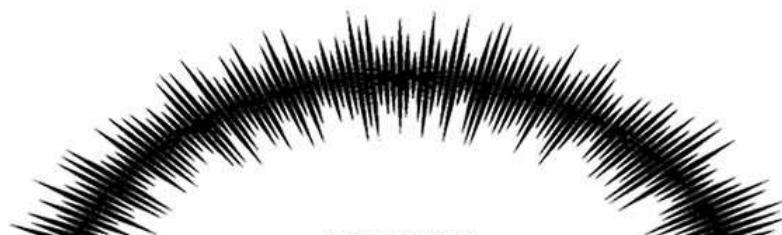


IF NOT, WE WOULD  
HAVE ALREADY HAD  
THE INTEL THAT LET US  
KNOW ANOTHER MAGE  
WAS ON BOARD  
THE TRAIN.

CLUNK



CLUNK



HAS IT  
BEEN ABOUT  
TEN MINUTES SINCE  
THE EXPLOSION?

IT WILL  
BE A WHILE FOR  
THE TRAIN TO LEAVE  
THE MOUNTAINS...



...AND  
THERE'S NO WAY  
REINFORCEMENTS  
WOULD ARRIVE

ANY TIME SOON.



IF THAT'S  
THE CASE...

JUMP





HE JUMPED?!



HANSEN!  
GO CHECK  
ON HIM!

Y-YES,  
CIDI



WHO  
OS





...DON'T SEE HIM  
ANYWHERE!

GLUNK



IT SEEMS  
THAT HE REALLY DID  
JUMP OFF!







—



H-HE'S  
ABOVE US!



HE'S ON  
THE ROOF!



B-BUT HOW?!

DID HE USE  
A LEVITATION SPELL?

IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE  
FOR SOMEONE TO KEEP UP  
WITH A SPEEDING TRAIN  
USING LEVITATION?



SHUT UP AND  
GO AFTER HIM!



WE'RE UP  
AGAINST A MAGE!  
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO  
OVERPOWER HIM WITH  
NUMBERS!





JUST A FEW OF US  
WILL REMAIN HERE TO DEAL  
WITH HIM. THE REST OF YOU,  
GO ATTACK CAR ONE!

BANG





BAM



SWOOSH



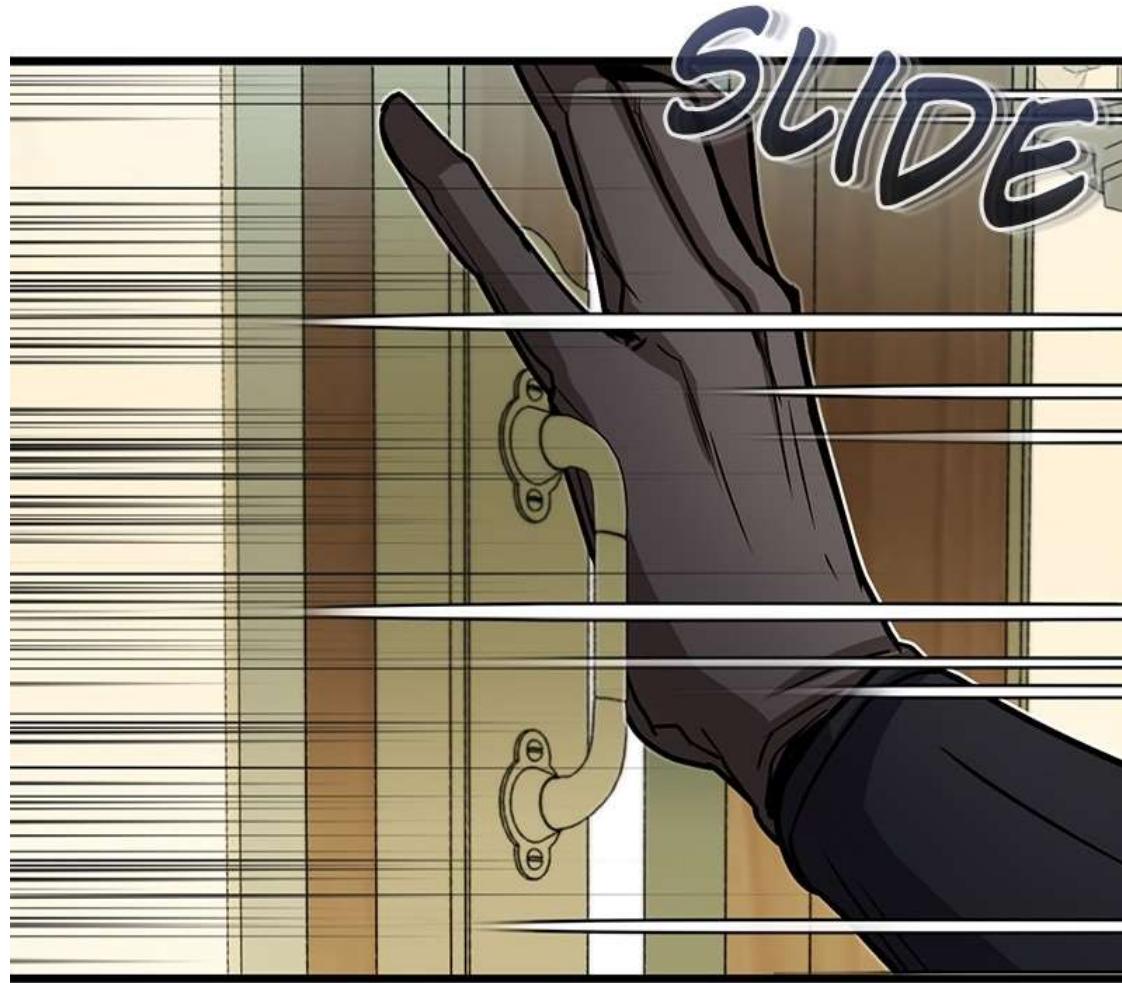




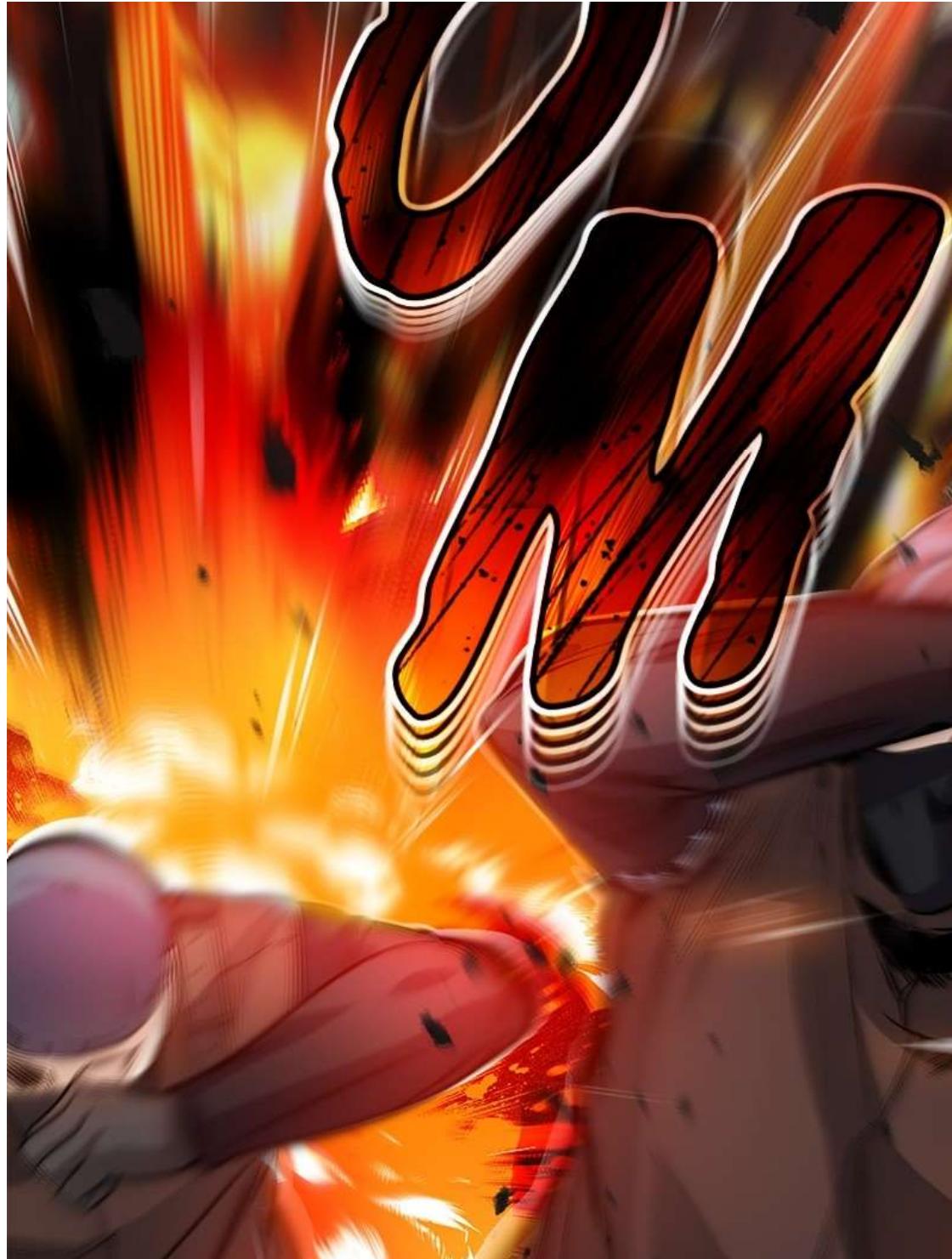
HE'S  
HEADED TOWARD  
THE CABOOSE!

DASH











ACK!



A...

A TRAP?!

THERE'S NO  
WAY HE COULD HAVE  
PREPARED THAT IN  
THIS SHORT AMOUNT  
OF TIME!



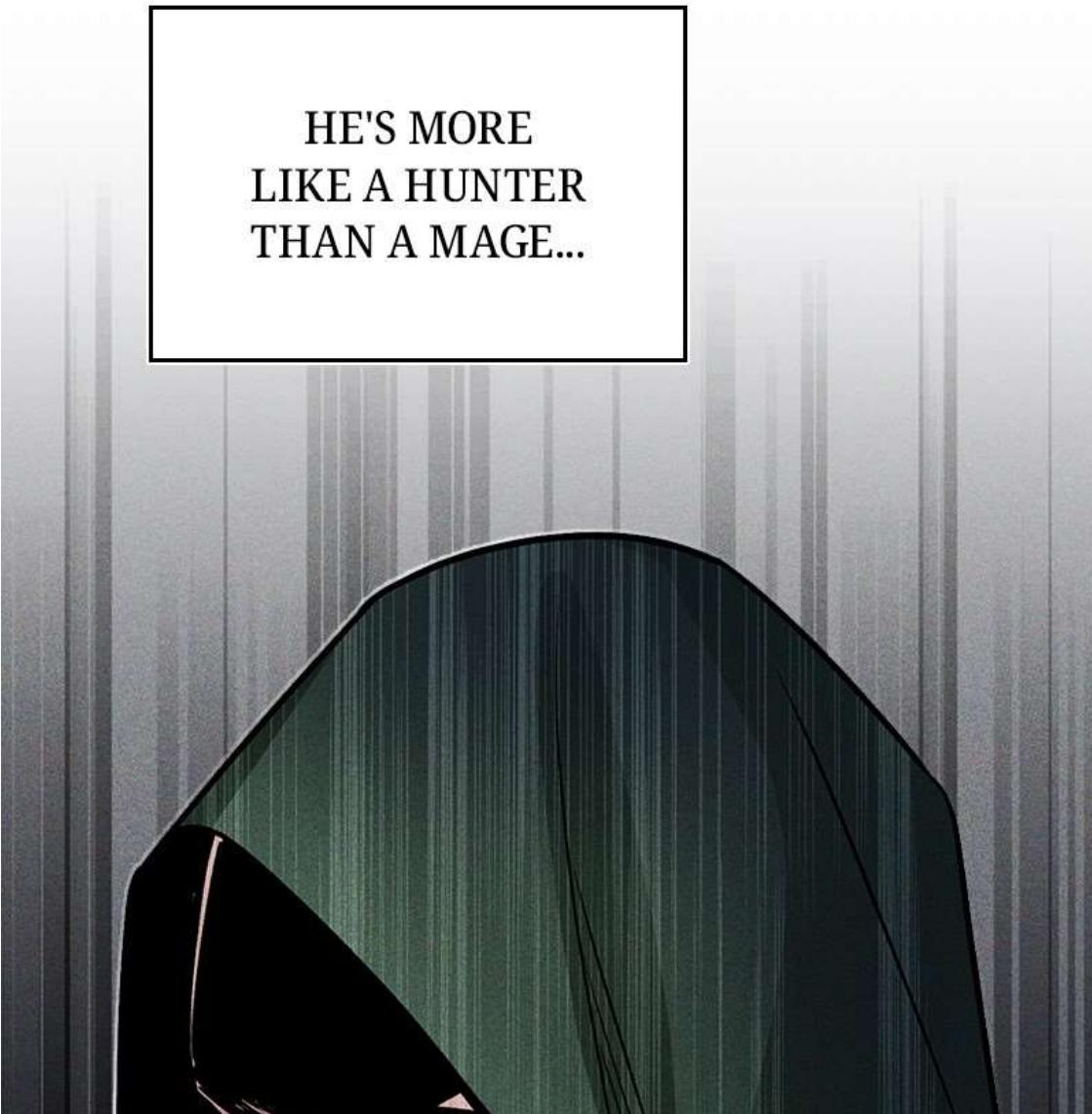


WH-WHAT?  
HE'S UNLIKE ANY  
OTHER MAGE I'VE  
COME ACROSS...!

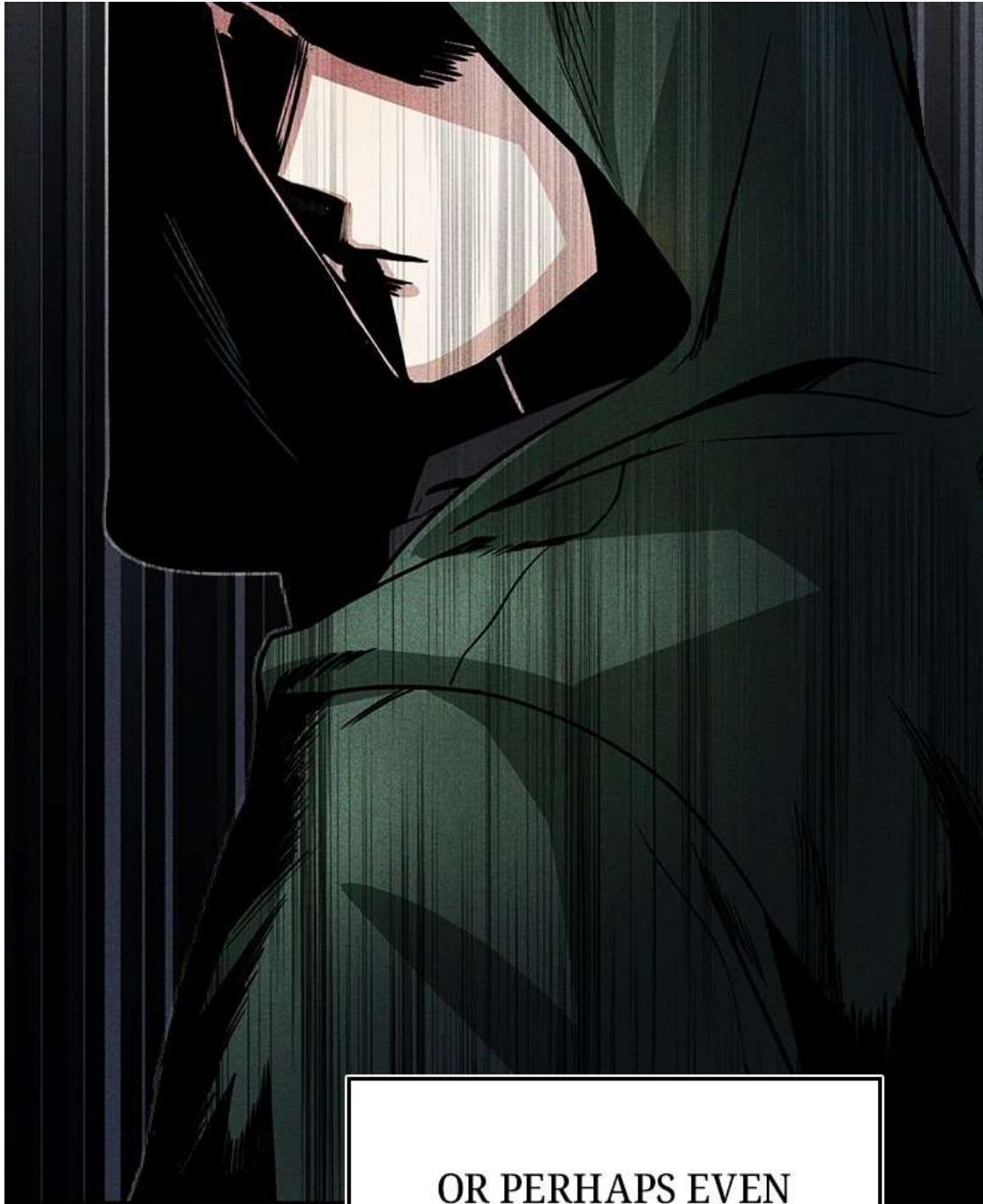




HE IS WAY  
TOO PRAGMATIC  
AND EFFECTIVE WITH  
HIS SPELLS!



HE'S MORE  
LIKE A HUNTER  
THAN A MAGE...

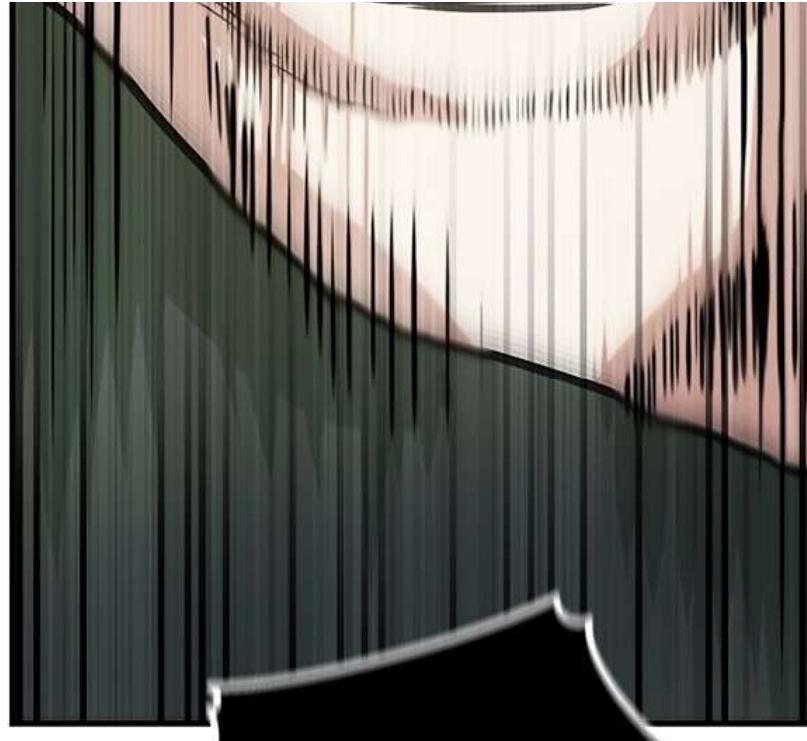


OR PERHAPS EVEN  
A MERCENARY...!









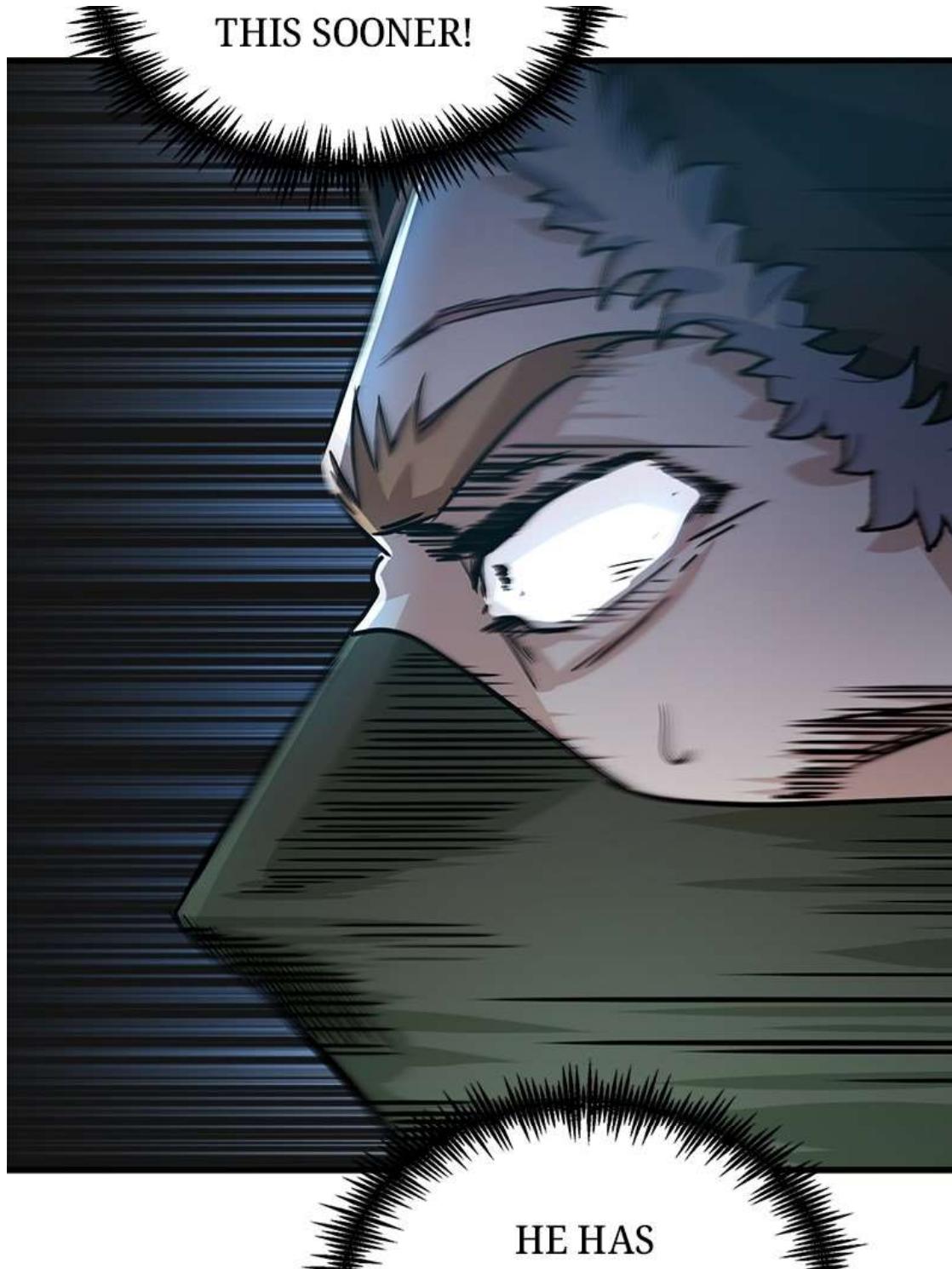
CRAP!



HE'S  
DISCONNECTING  
THE CARS TO  
ESCAPE!

I SHOULD  
HAVE REALIZED

THIS SOONER!



HE HAS

NO REASON TO  
FIGHT US!





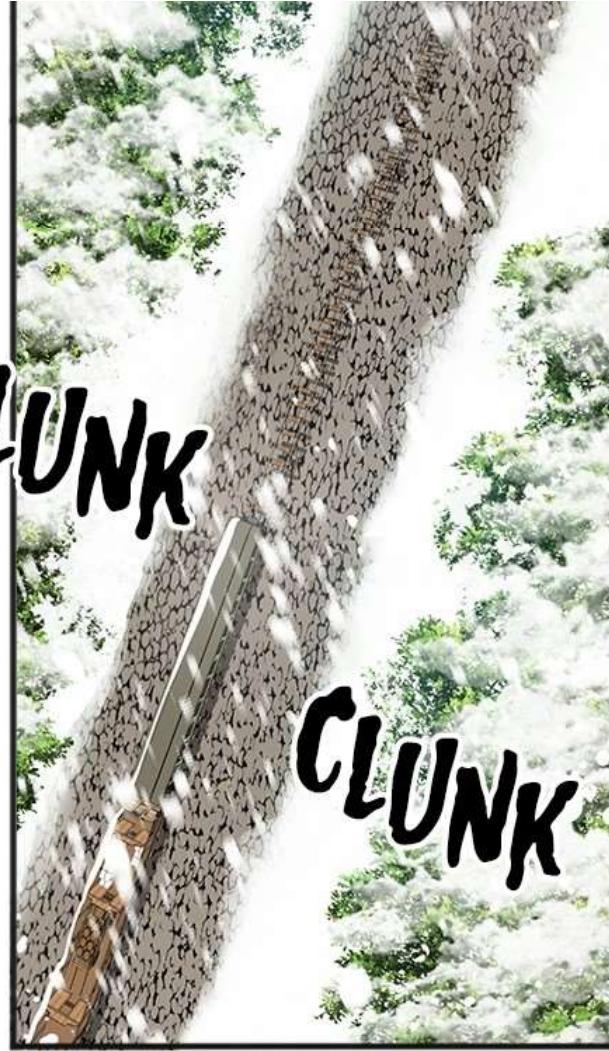




















I'VE MEMORIZED  
HIS FACE.



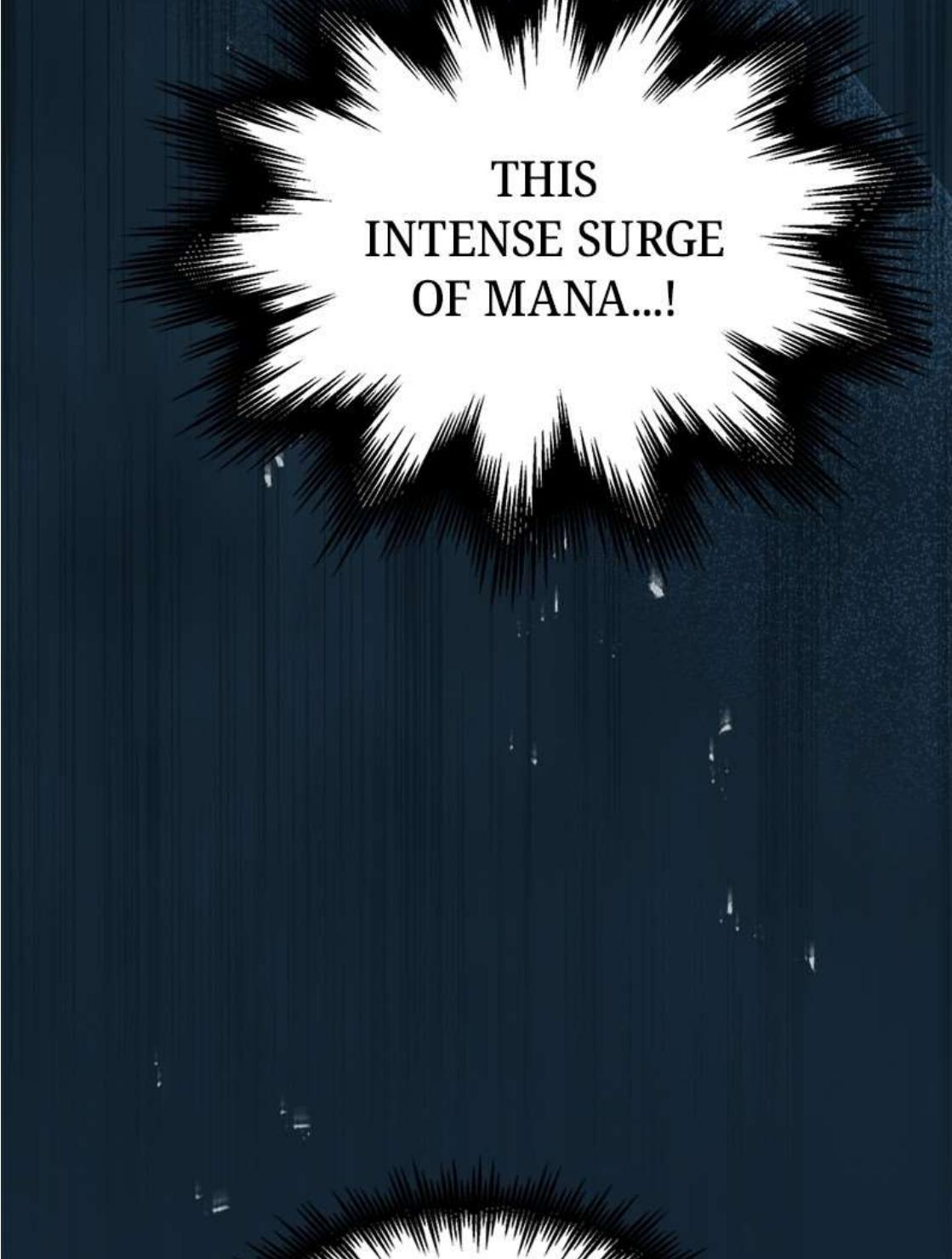
I WILL FIND HIM  
AND KILL--

SHHH





WH-WHAT  
WAS THAT?



THIS  
INTENSE SURGE  
OF MANA...!

WHERE IS IT  
COMING FROM?!

TURN



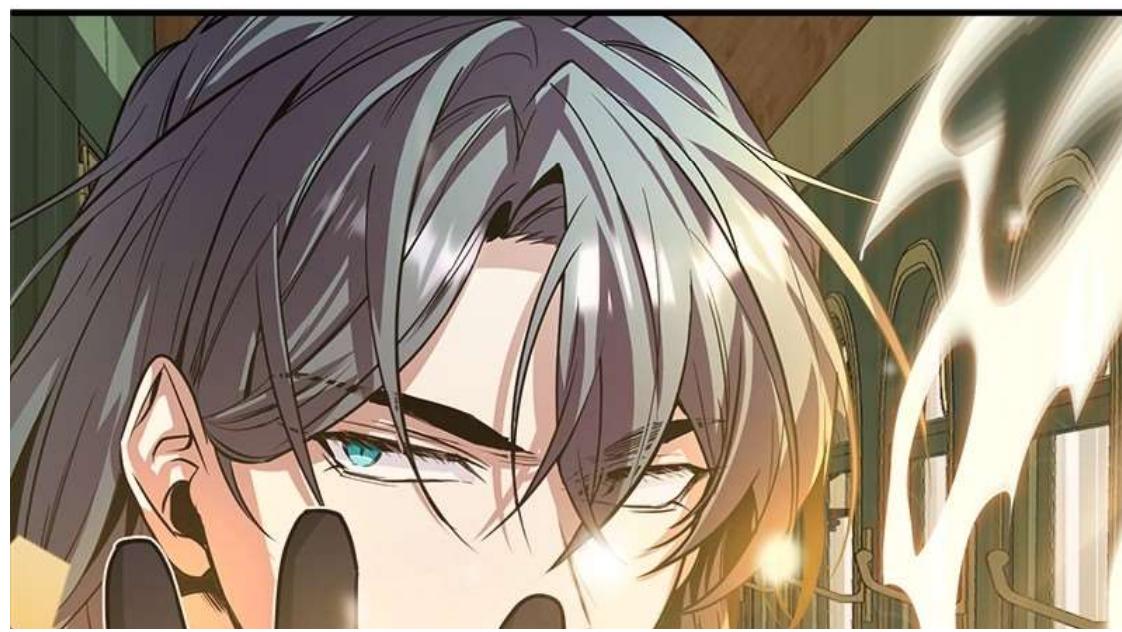


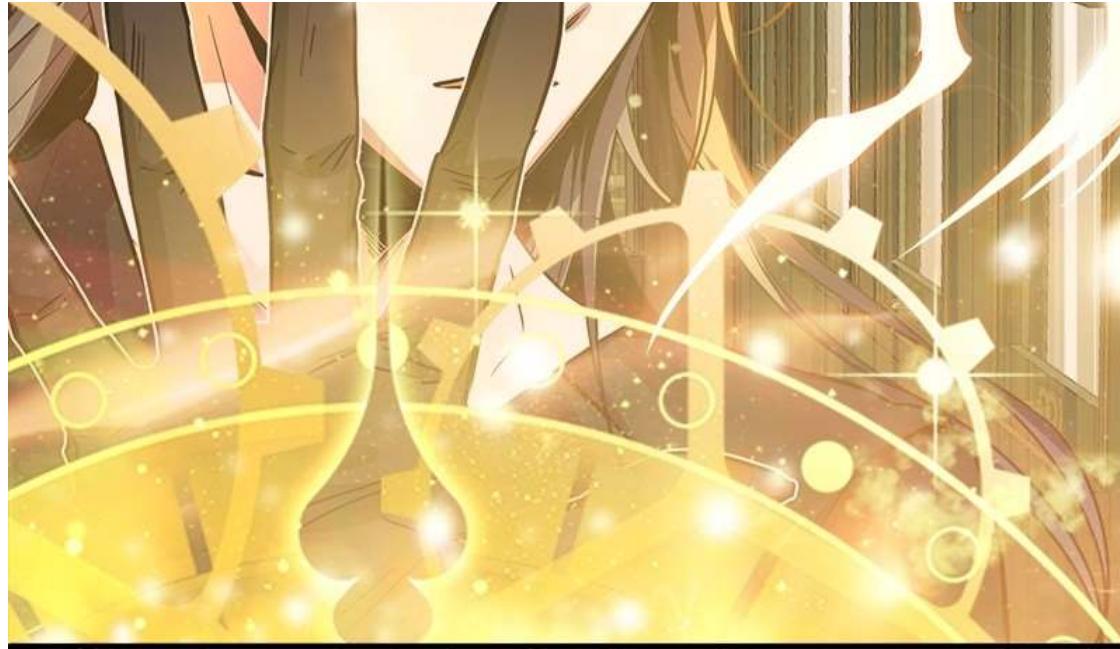


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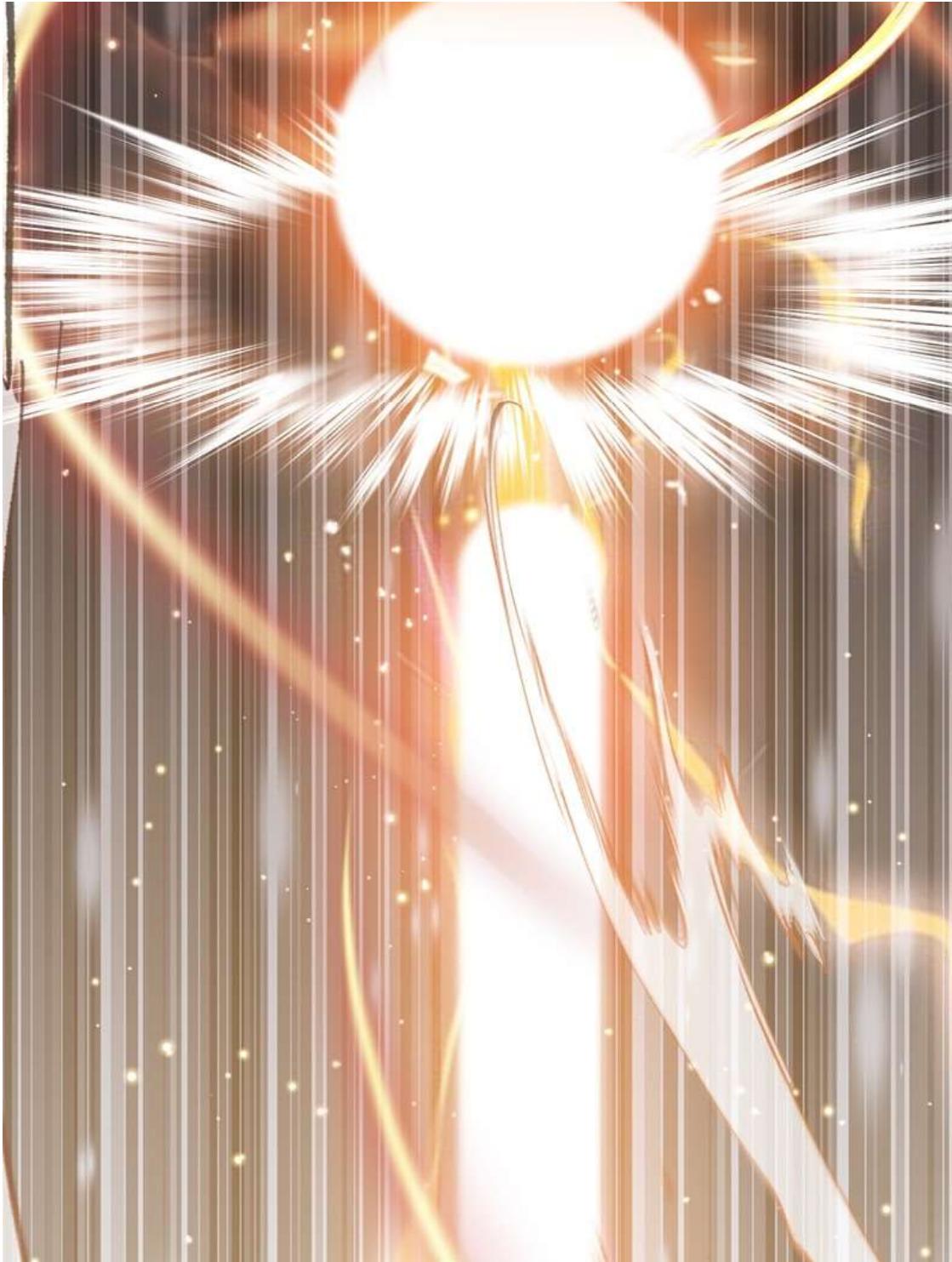


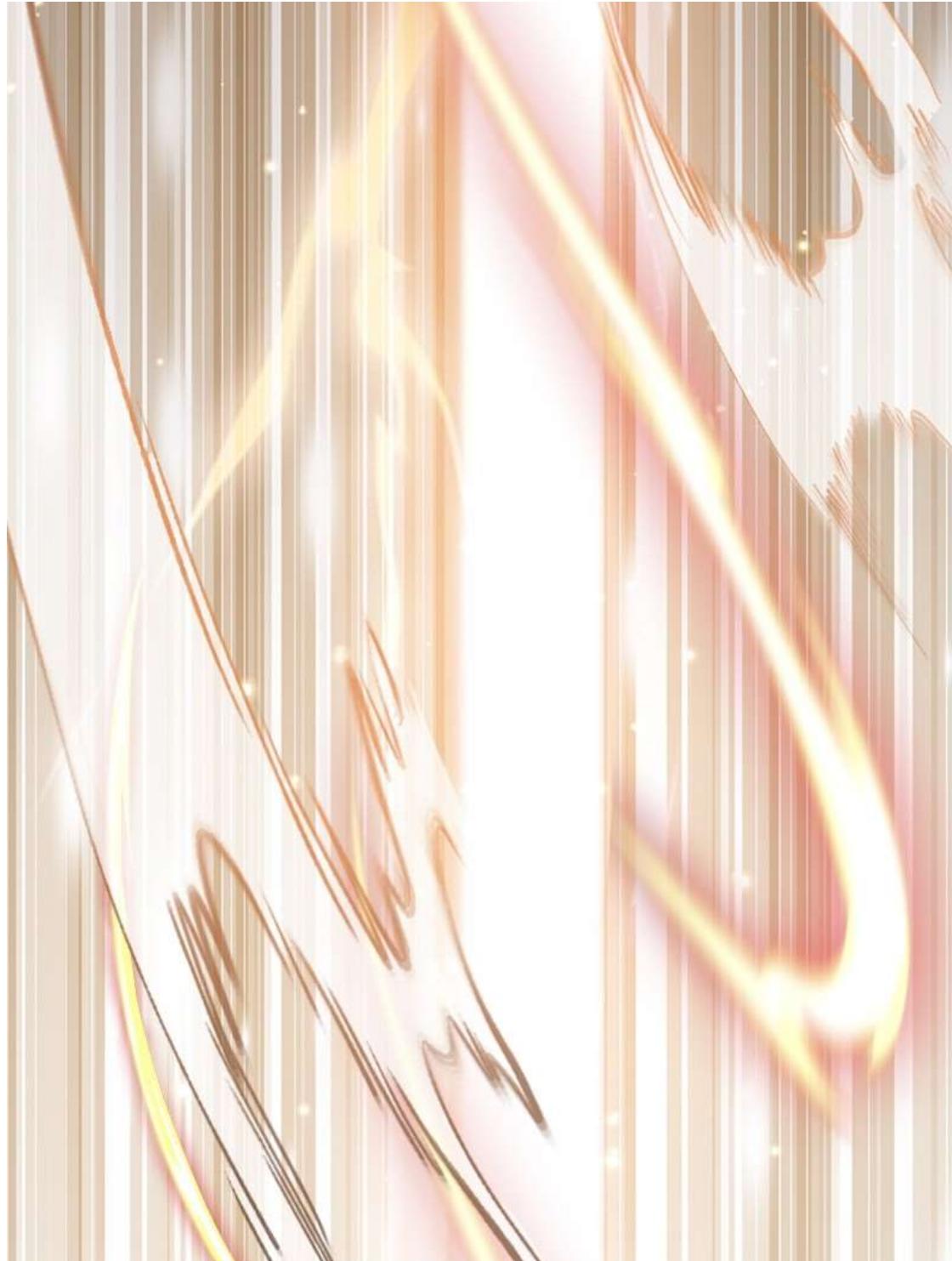
HOW DID HE  
GET THERE?

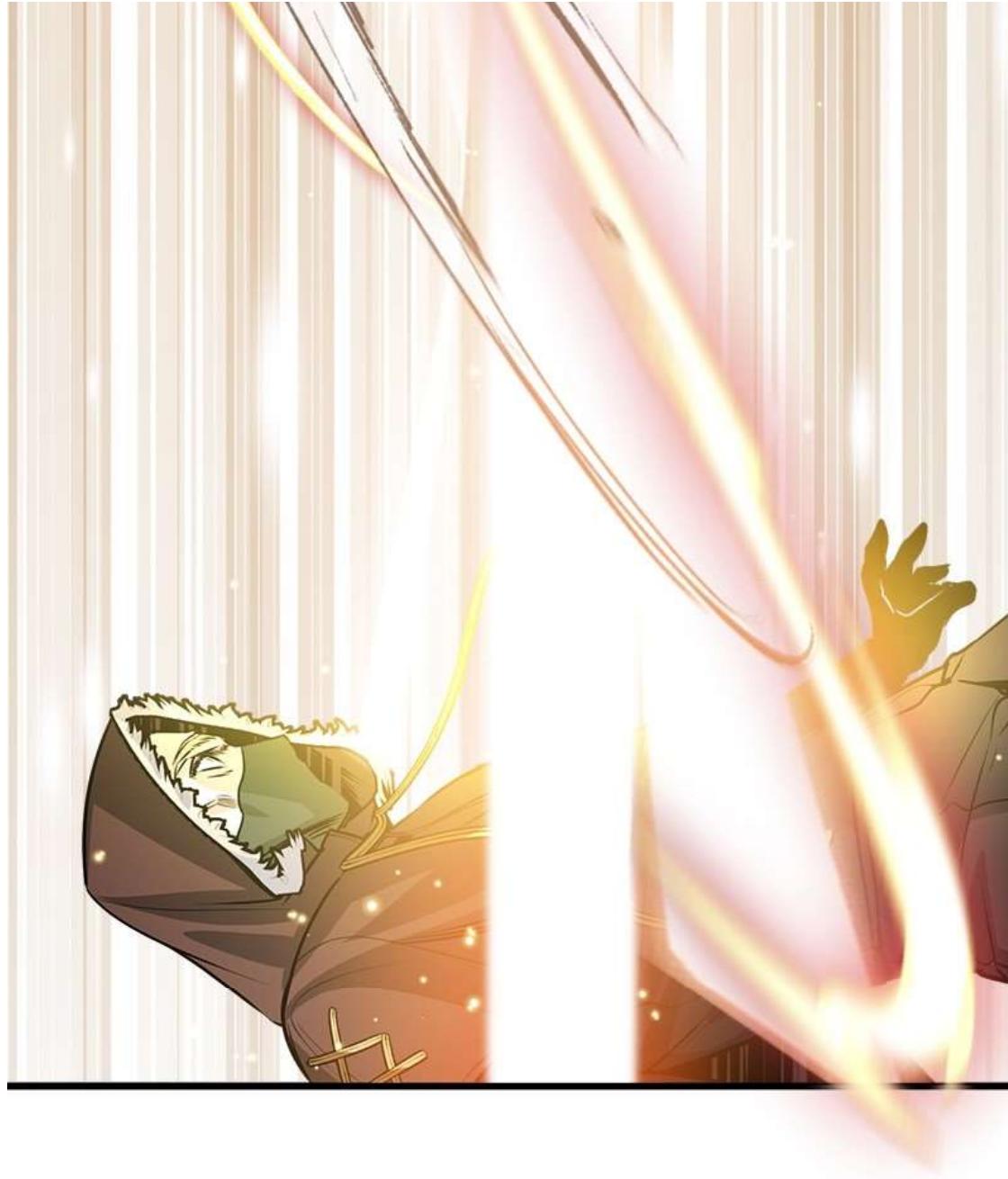


**WAS THIS  
A TRAP TOO?!**

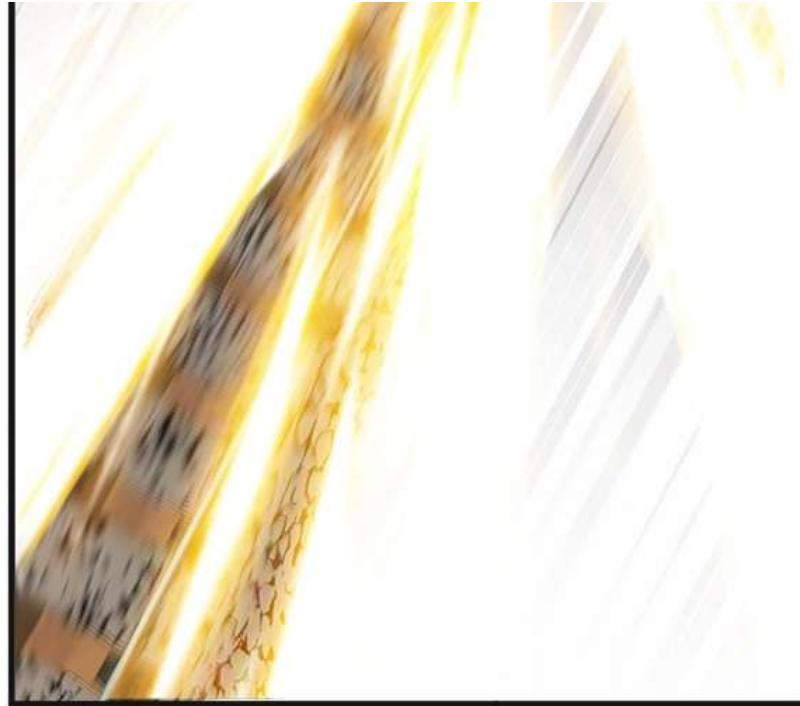






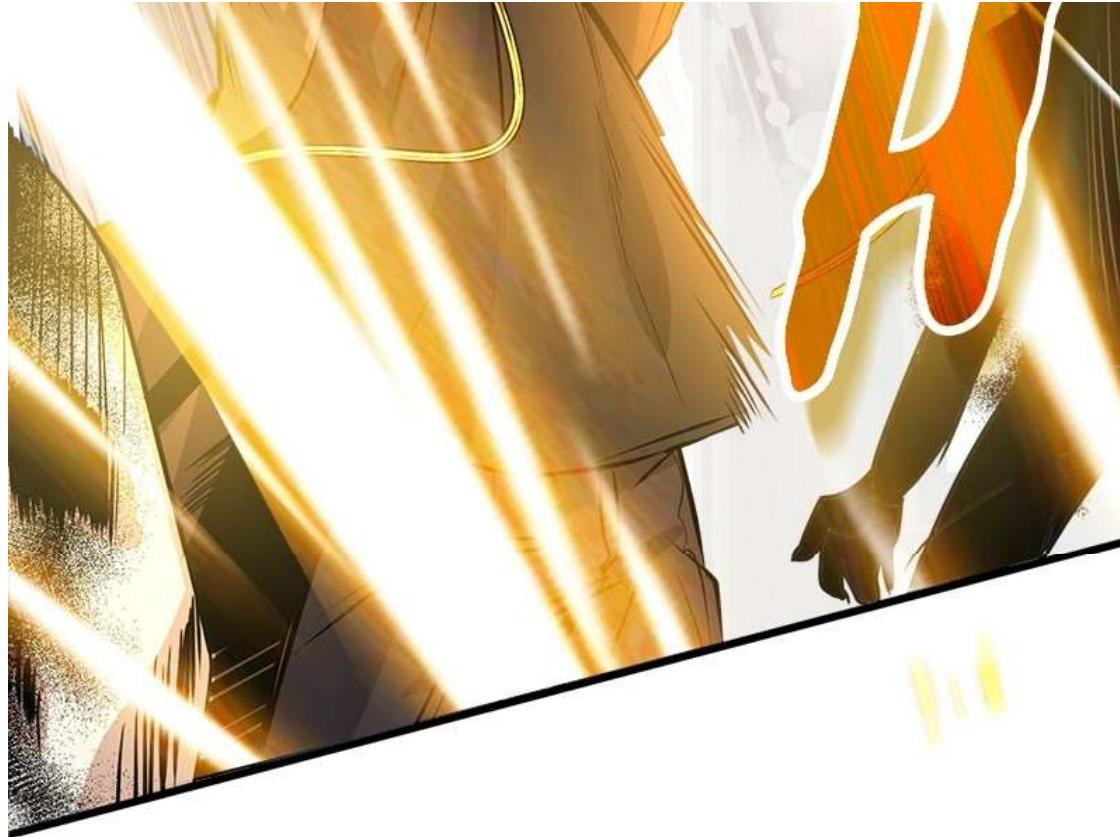








WE...



...HAVE  
TO RUN--







S...

WISH



W.H. Woods, Jr.







IS IT OVER?





I'M IMPRESSED  
YOU MANAGED TO  
SURVIVE.

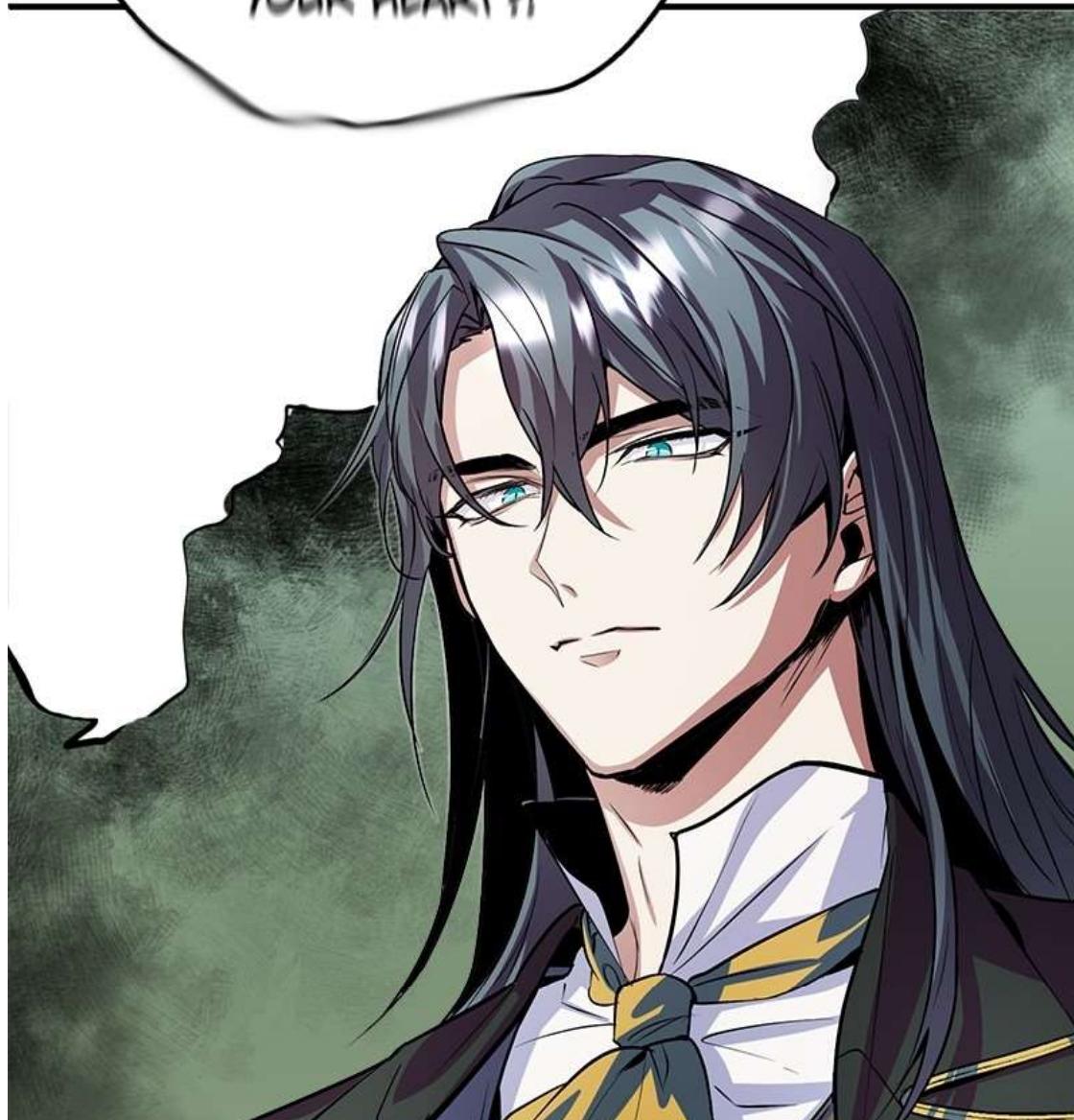
YOU...



WHY...

WHY DID YOU  
KILL US?!

DON'T YOU HAVE  
EVEN AN OUNCE  
OF CONSCIENCE IN  
YOUR HEART?!



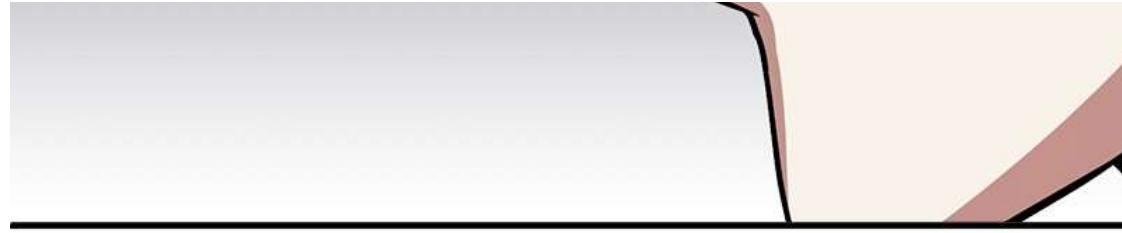


MY COMRADES  
WHO HAVE GIVEN  
THEIR LIFE TO CHANGING  
THE WORLD...

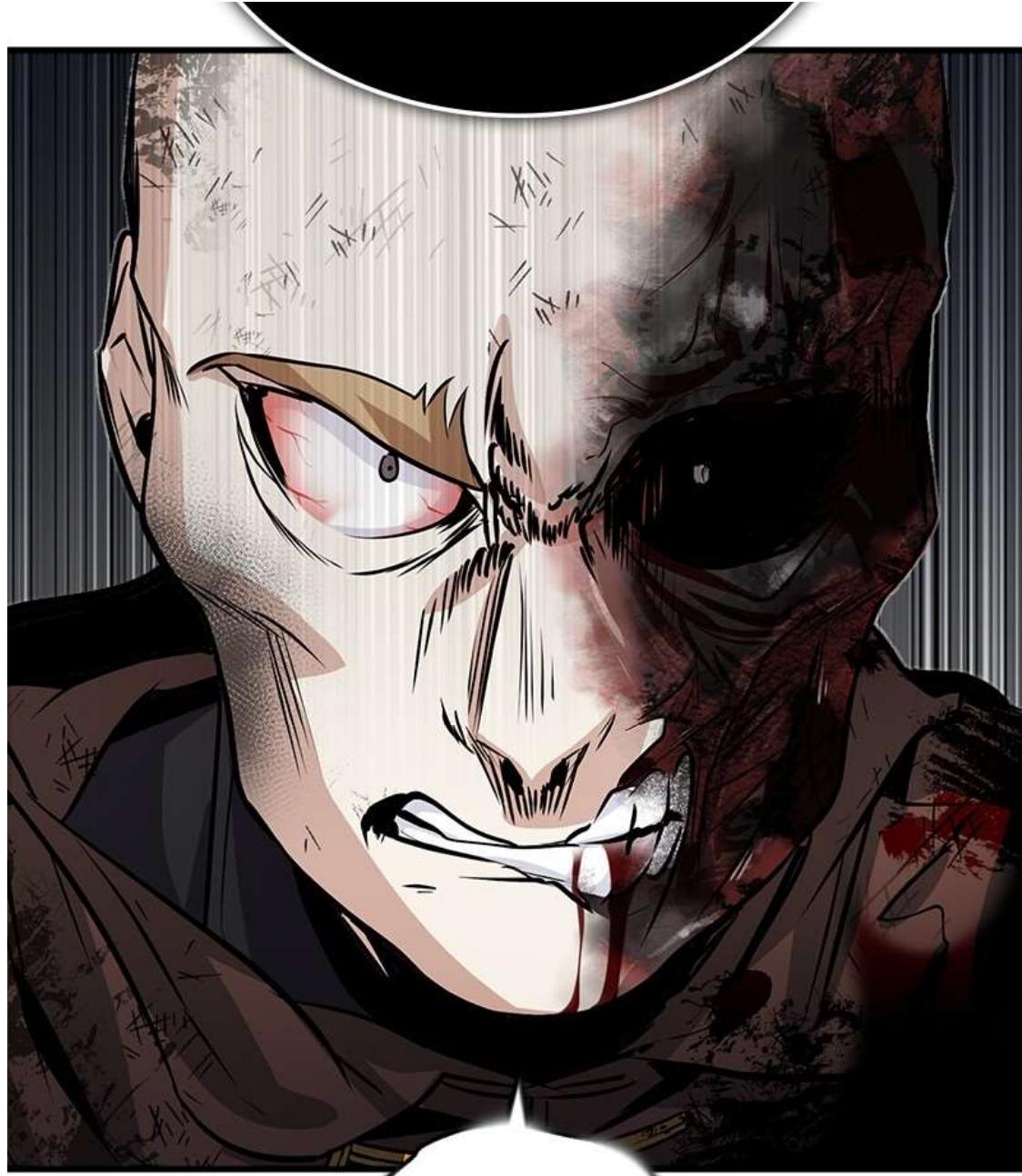


THIS IS  
JUST GREAT.

THE PEOPLE  
YOU KILLED--



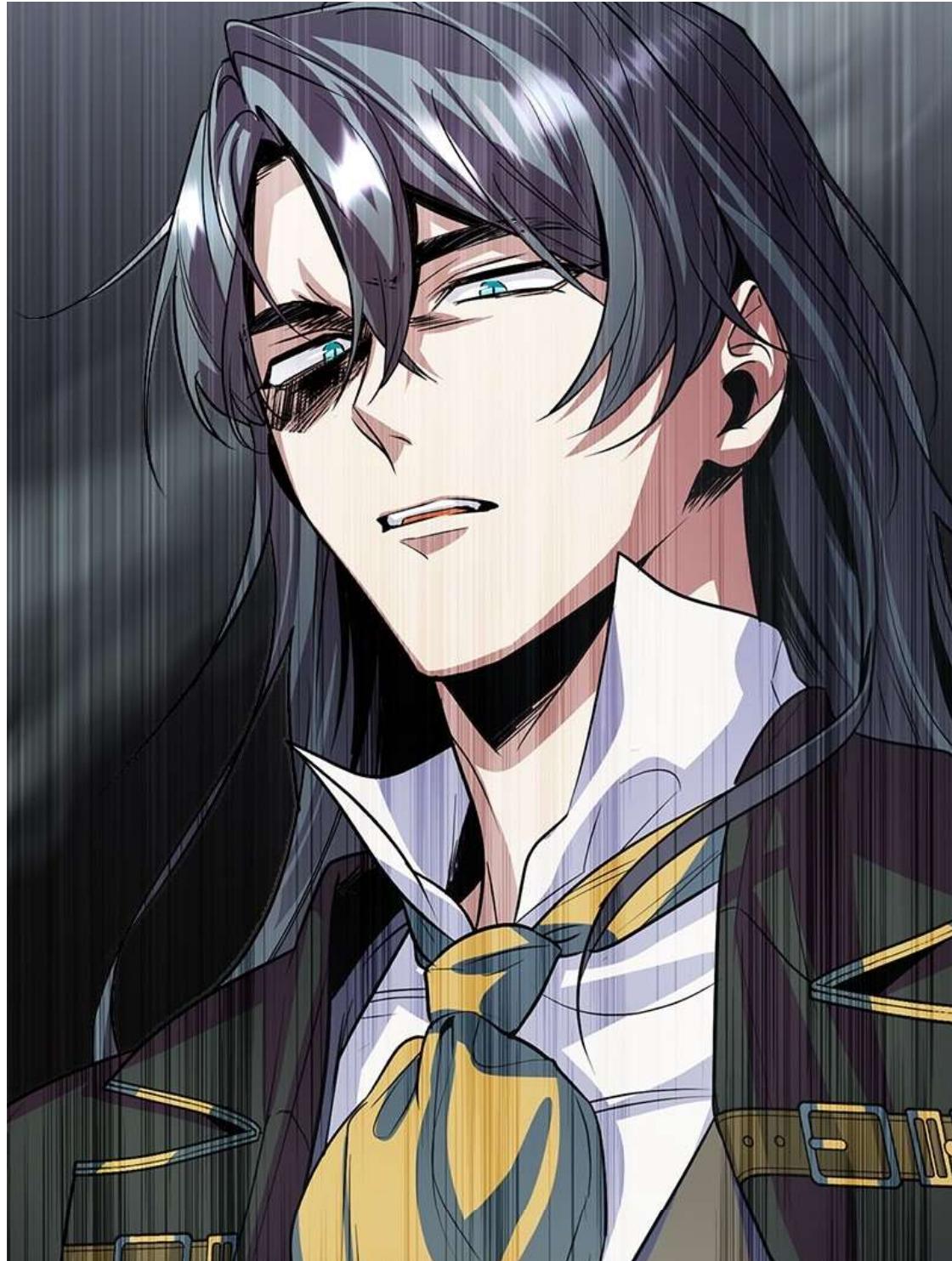
YOU WERE  
ACTUALLY EVEN  
MADDER THAN  
I EXPECTED.



WHAT?!



WEREN'T YOU  
THE ONES WHO TRIED  
TO KILL ME FIRST?





WHAT RIGHT  
DO YOU HAVE TO BE  
PREACHING ME ABOUT  
CONSCIENCE AND MAKING  
THE WORLD A BETTER  
PLACE?

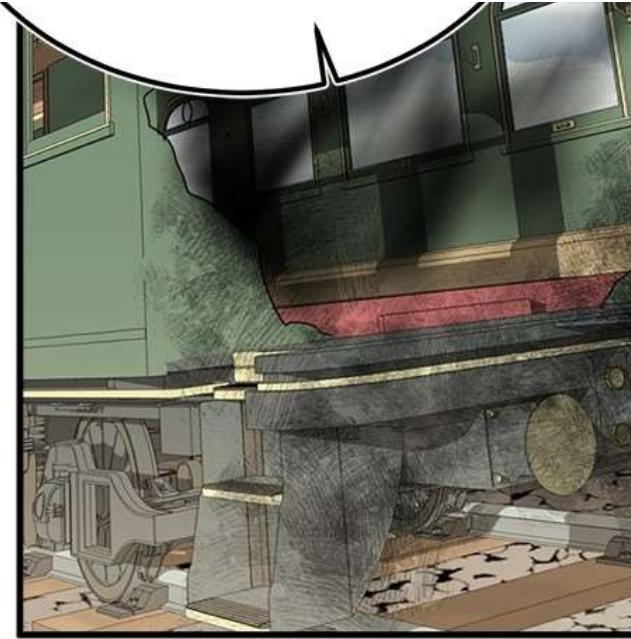


WHAT ABOUT ALL  
THE PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED?  
IS THAT WHAT YOU'LL  
TELL THEM TOO?



I SEEM  
TO REMEMBER YOU  
SWEARING THAT YOU  
WILL FIND ME AND  
KILL ME.

WHO ARE YOU  
TO DARE POINT YOUR  
FINGER AT ME?



AND YES...  
AT FIRST, MY PLAN  
WAS TO DISAPPEAR  
QUIETLY.





BUT THAT WAS  
ONLY IF YOU HADN'T  
SEEN MY FACE.

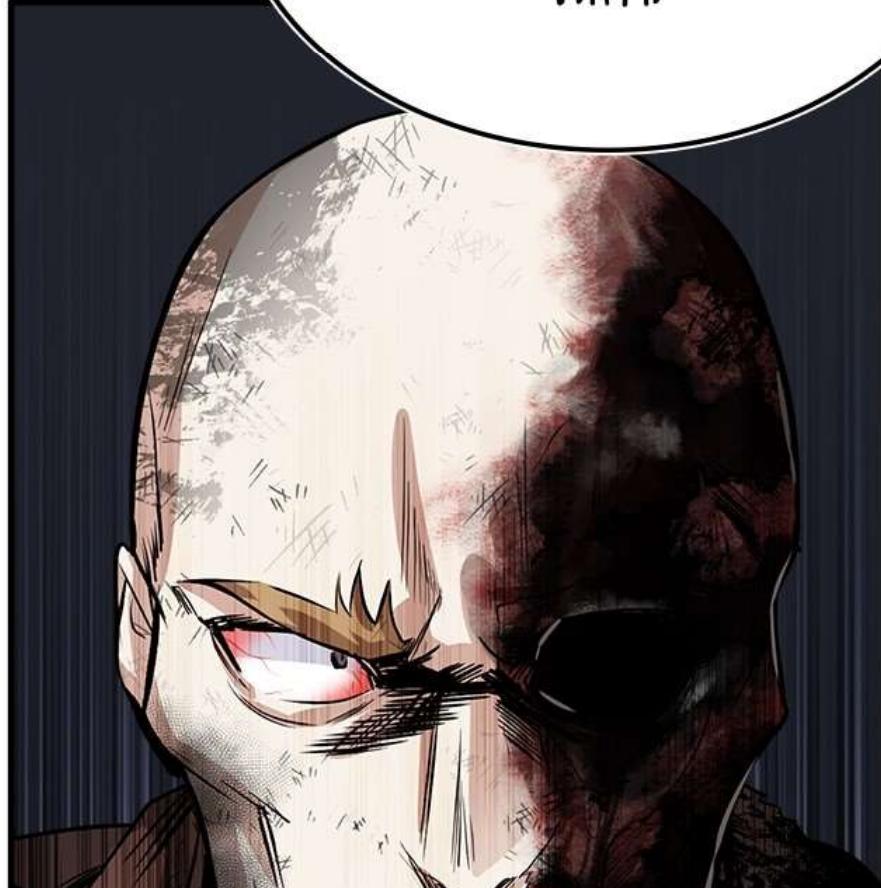




AND SEEING

HOW YOU WERE GOING  
TO COME AFTER ME  
EVEN IF I HAD RAN,

I'D SLEEP  
MUCH EASIER AT NIGHT  
KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN DEALT  
WITH.

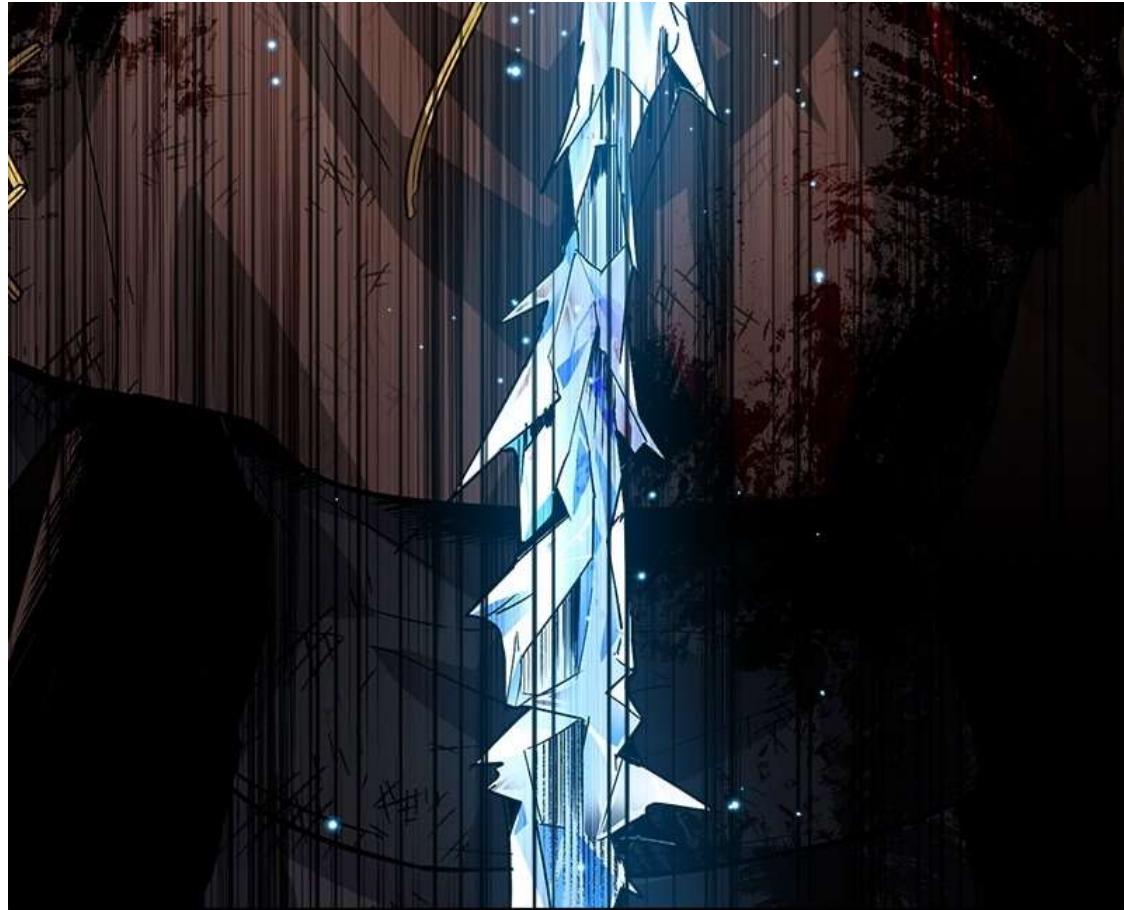




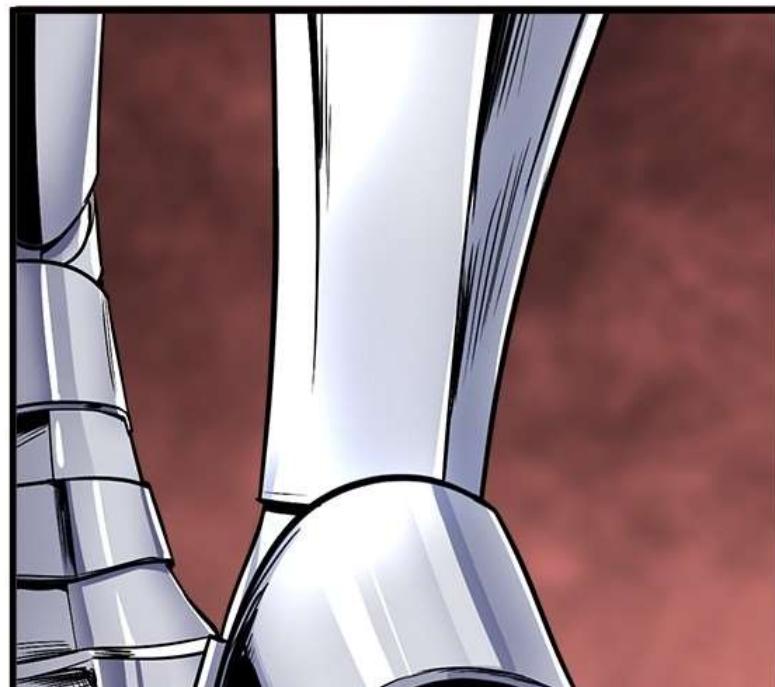
WHO  
THE HELL--

CPA











THUD











ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?





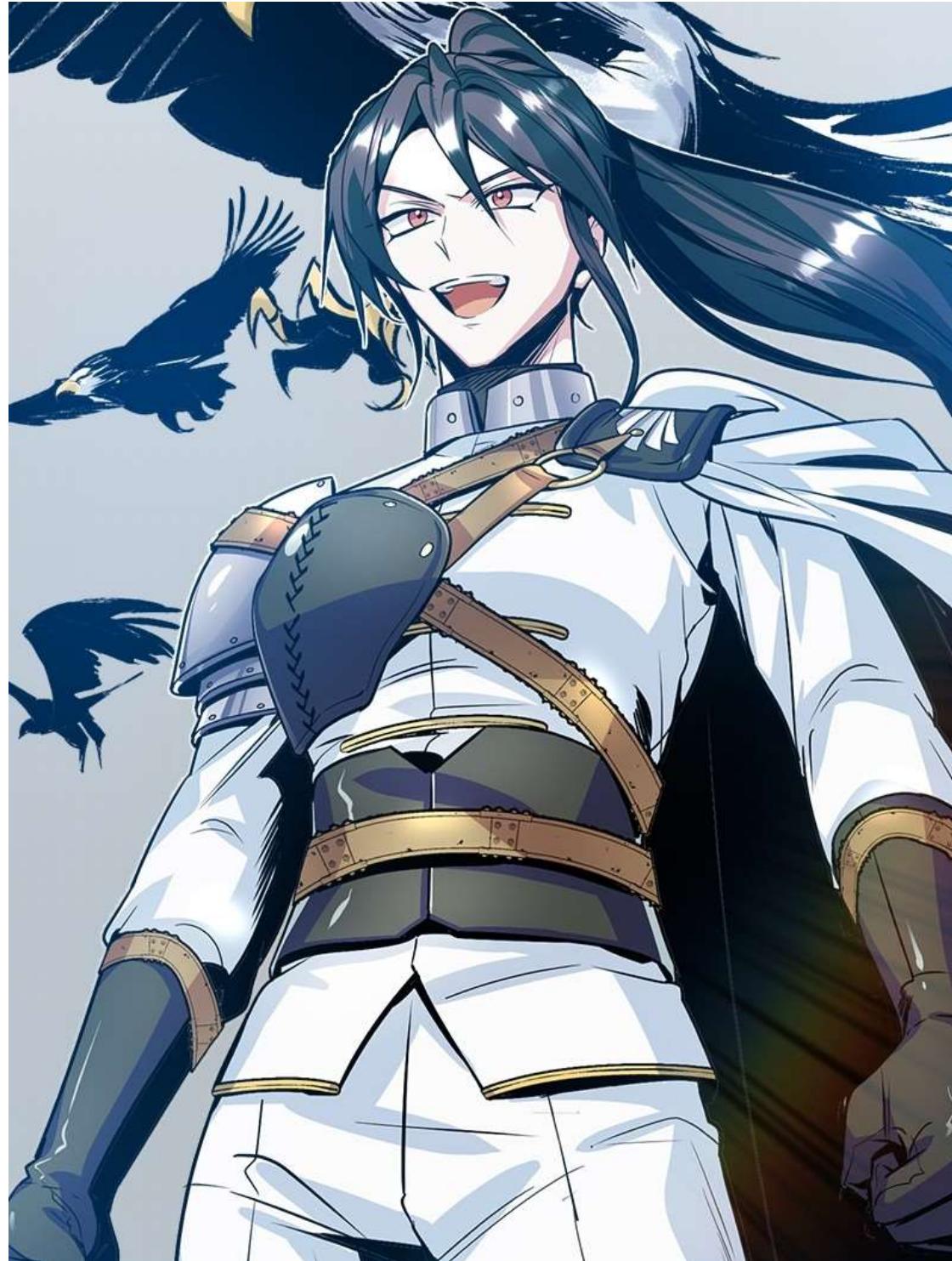
YOU MUST HAVE  
BEEN STARTLED,

BUT  
WORRY NOT...





...FOR THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLD STEEL  
HAVE ARRIVED.







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