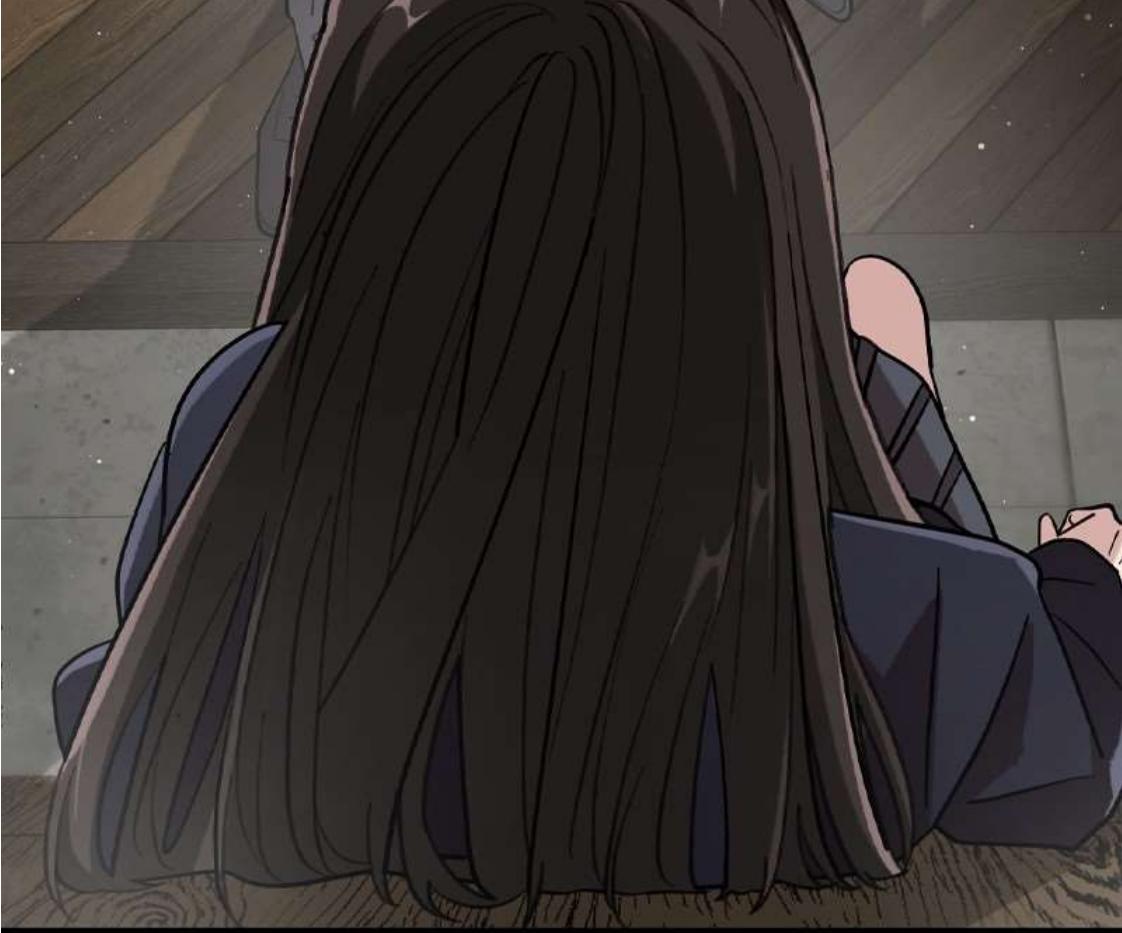
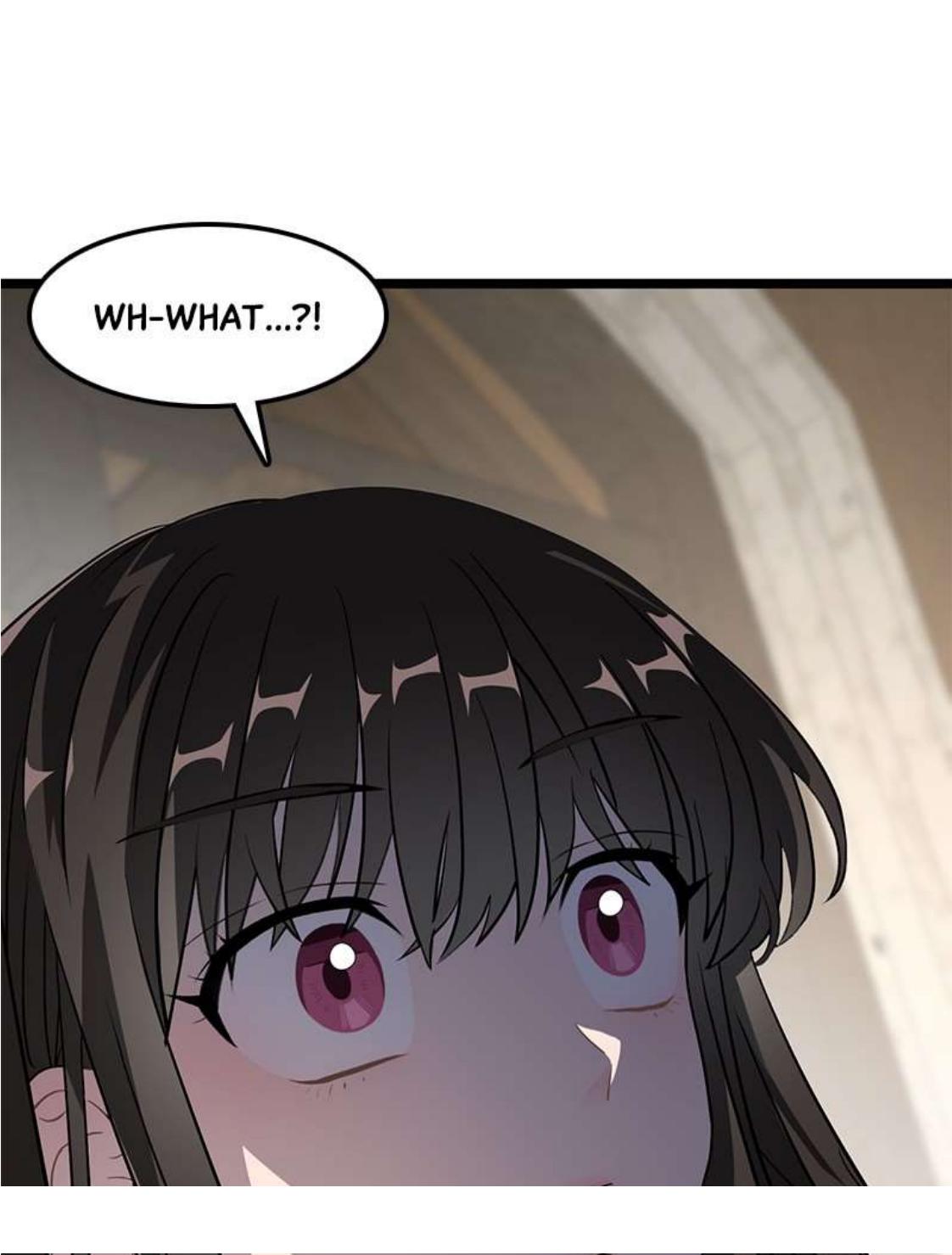


DO YOU  
EVEN KNOW  
MY NAME?







WH-WHAT...?!



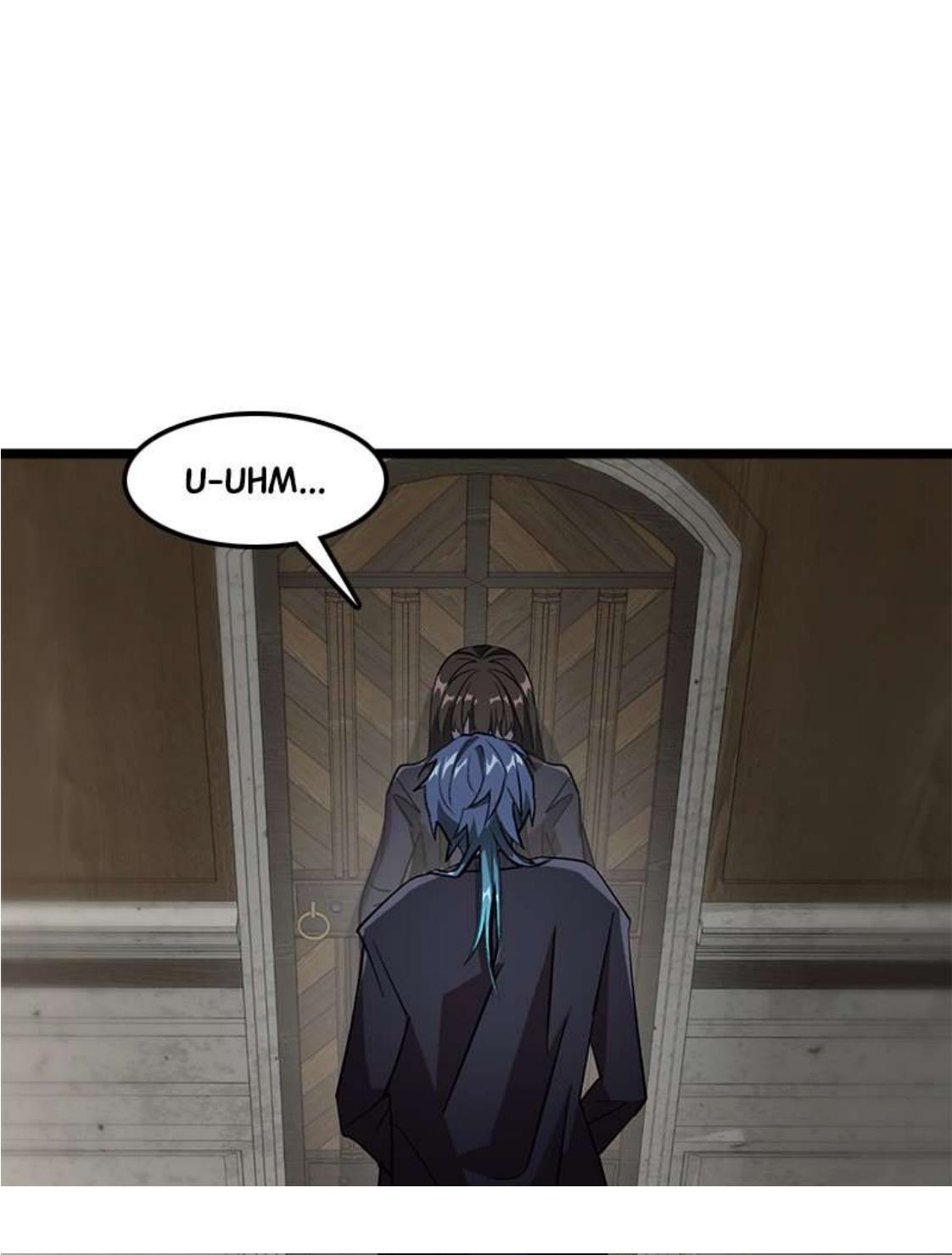


# DARK THE BLOOD ALTAR MOON

WITH ENHYPEN

Original Story

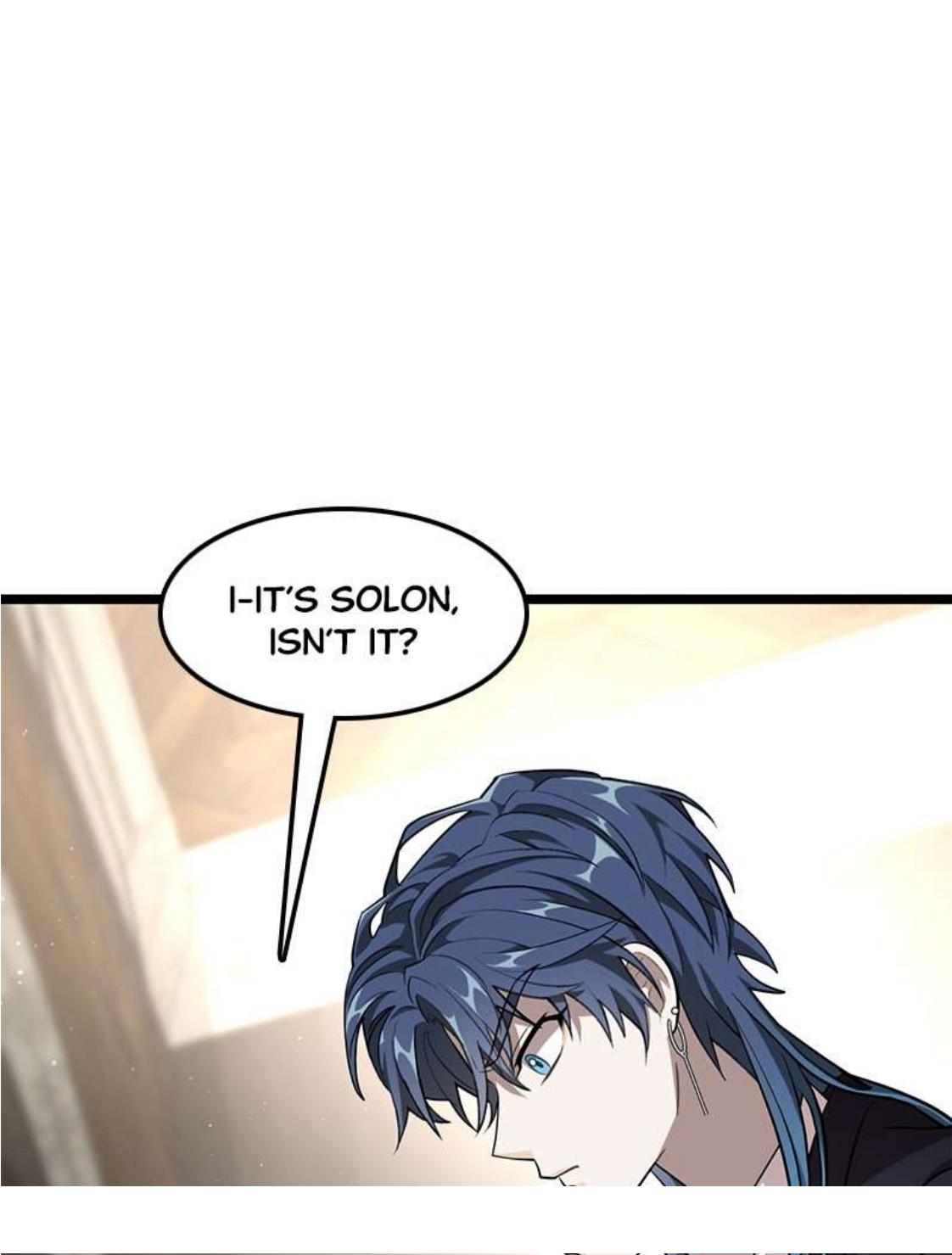
## 4. One Step Back, Two Steps Forward



U-UHM...



WELL...



I-IT'S SOLON,  
ISN'T IT?





I KNOW THAT'S  
HOW EVERYONE  
CALLS YOU!





ALL RIGHT,  
THEN!

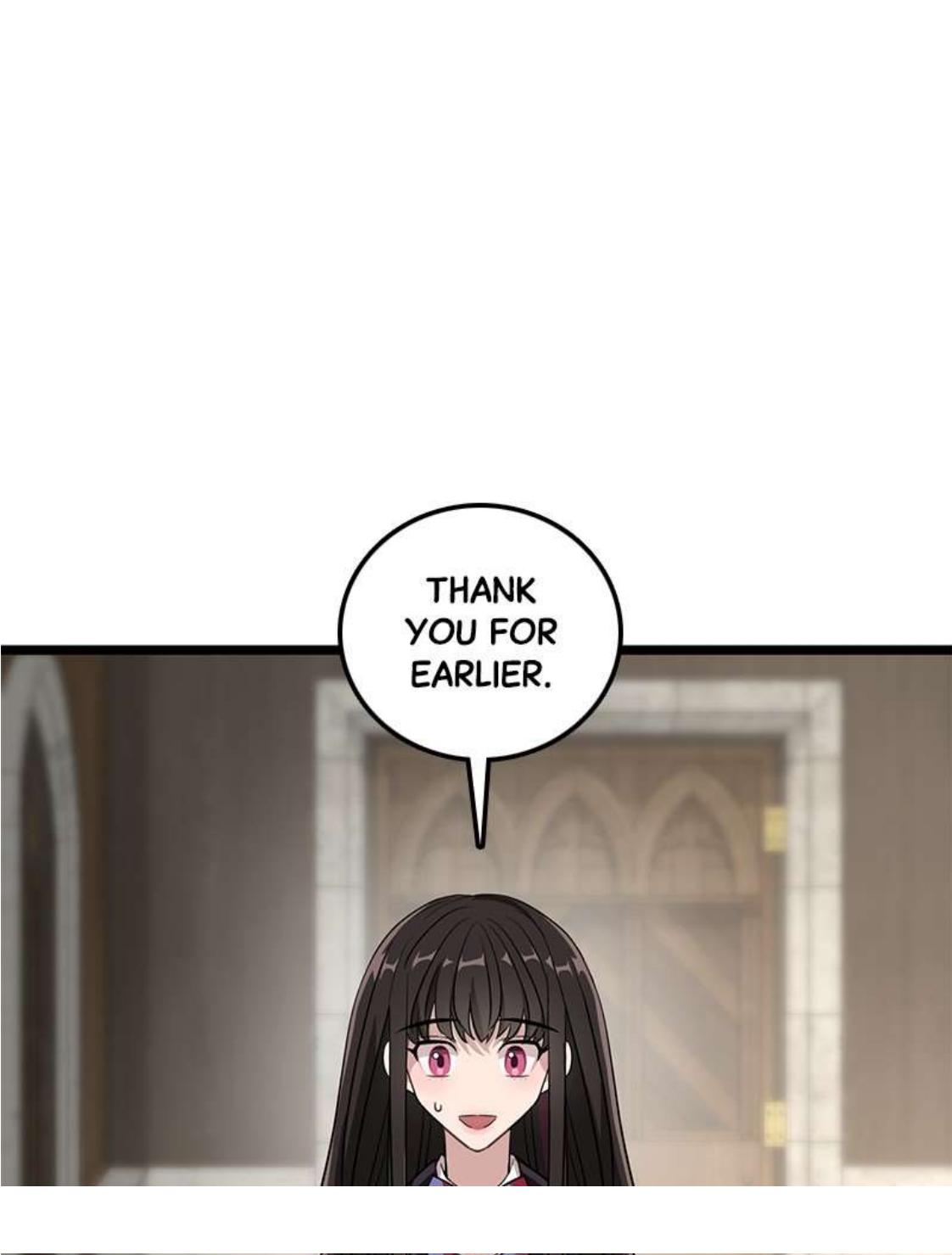
HMPH!

TURN



W-WAIT!

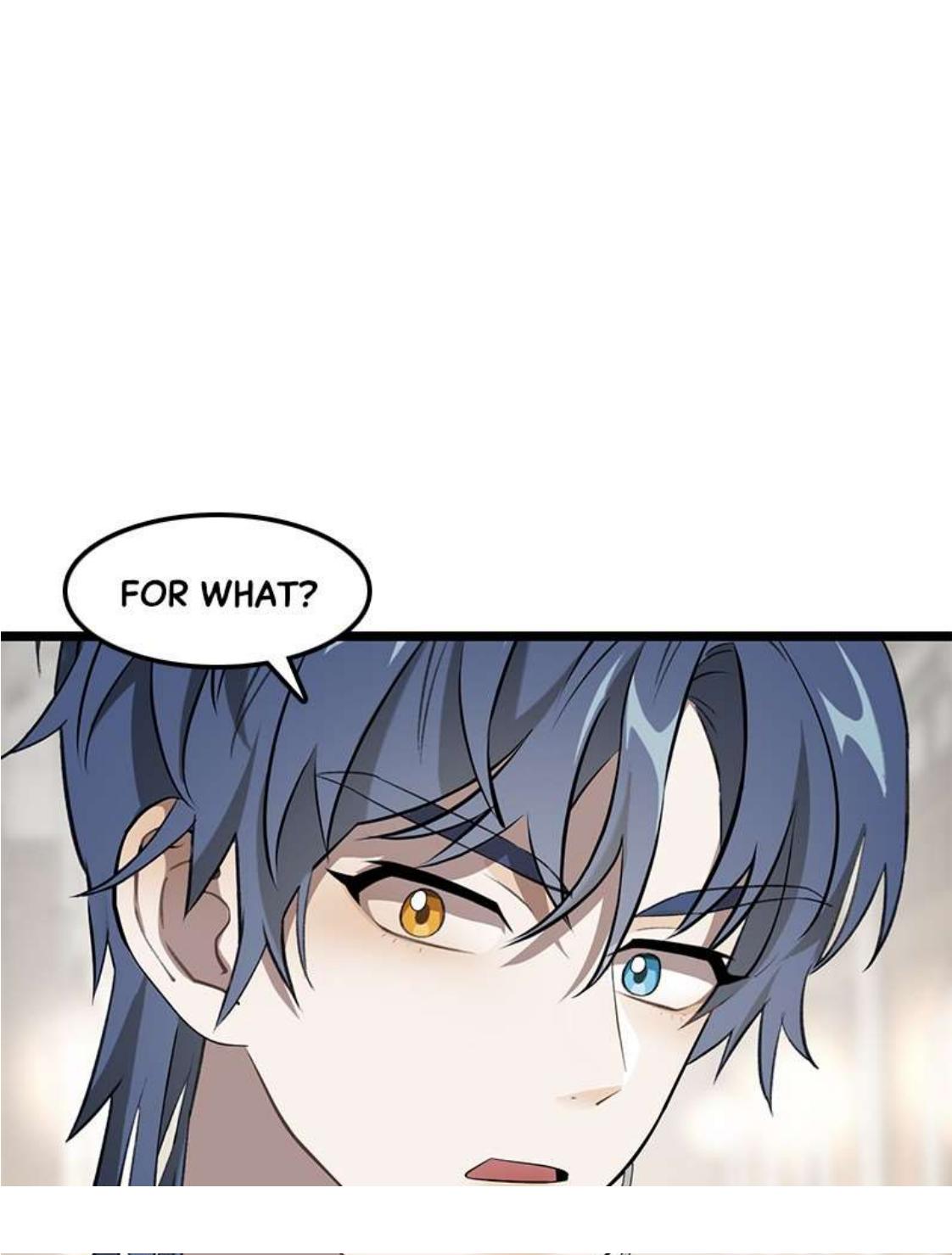




A young girl with long dark hair and pink eyes is smiling at the camera. She is positioned in front of a large, ornate wooden door with arched panels. A speech bubble originates from her mouth, containing the text "THANK YOU FOR EARLIER." The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

THANK  
YOU FOR  
EARLIER.





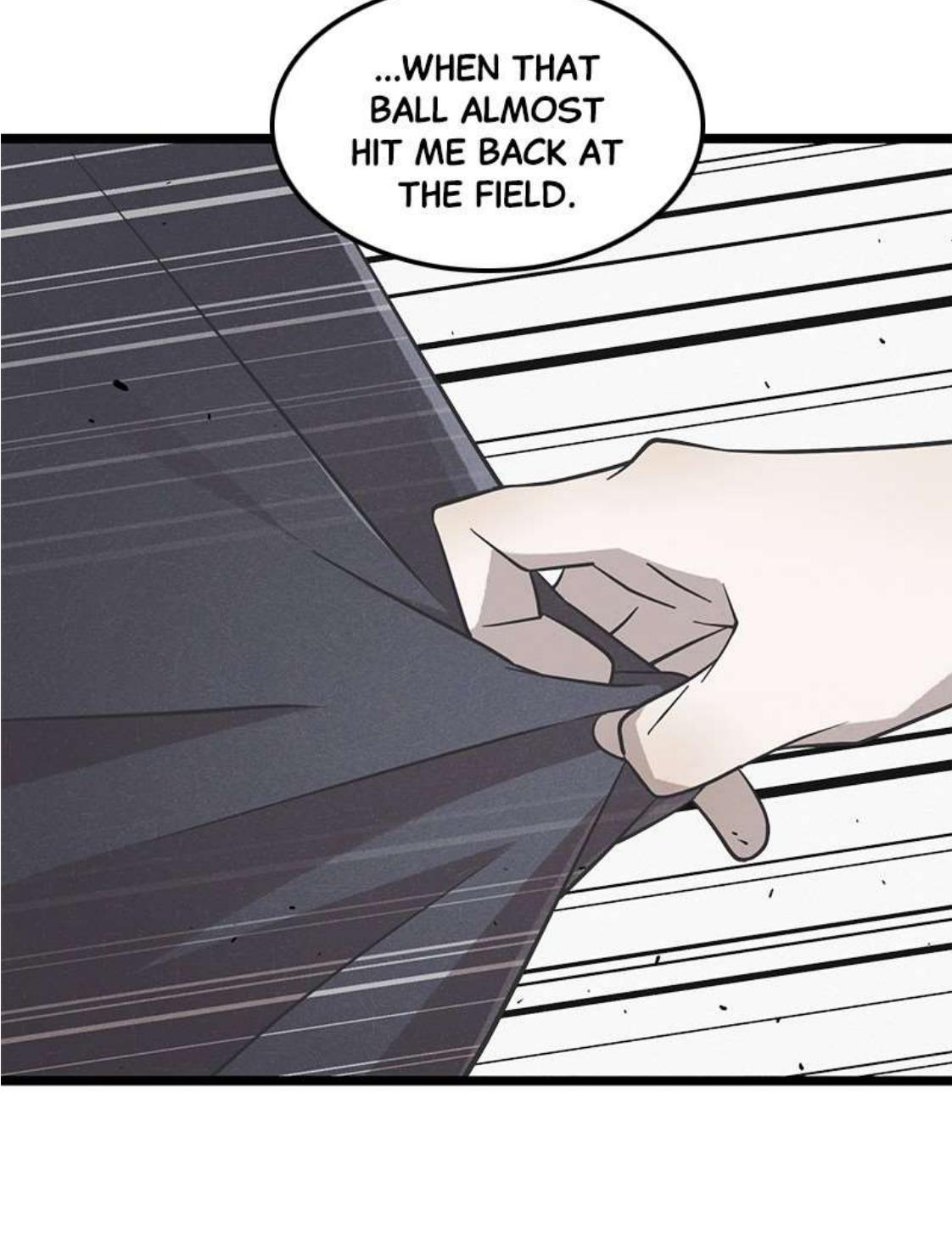
FOR WHAT?



FOR PULLING  
ME BACK...



—



...WHEN THAT  
BALL ALMOST  
HIT ME BACK AT  
THE FIELD.





I DIDN'T  
DO THAT TO  
SAVE YOU!

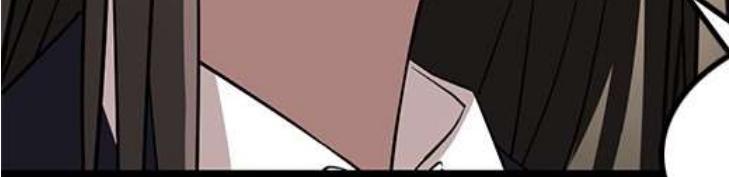
I WAS  
JUST BRUSHING  
THE DUST OFF  
YOUR JACKET!



THAT'S STILL  
SWEET...

A close-up illustration of a young girl with dark brown hair and bangs. She has large, expressive pink eyes with black pupils. Her mouth is slightly open, showing her tongue and teeth, suggesting a surprised or excited expression. A speech bubble originates from the top right, containing the text.

WELL, THANKS  
ANYWAY.



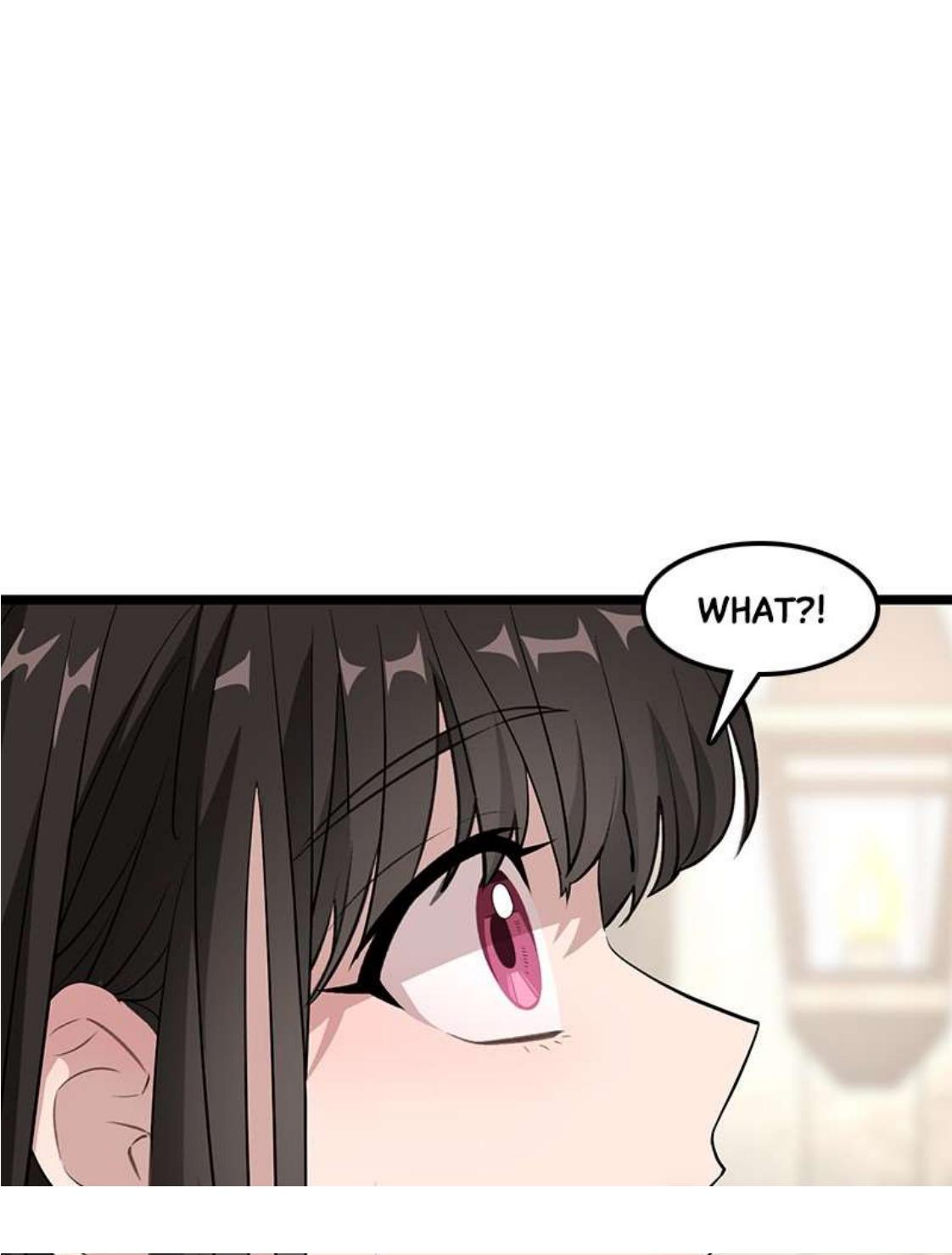
I  
HOPE WE CAN  
BE FRIENDS--



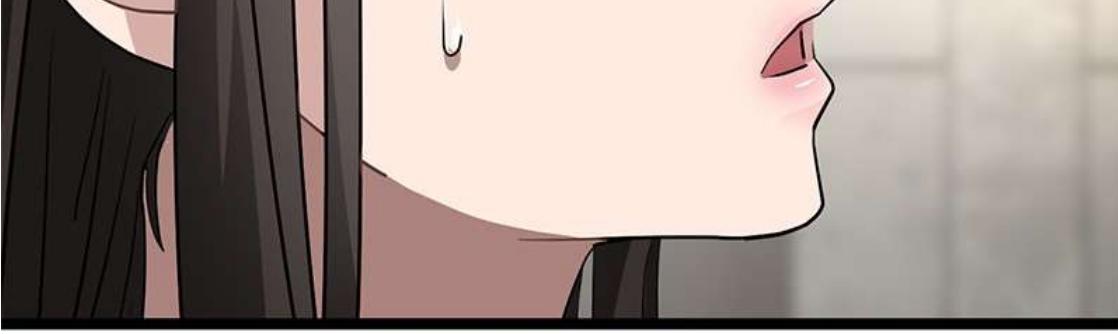
DON'T EVEN  
THINK ABOUT  
HANGING OUT  
WITH US.



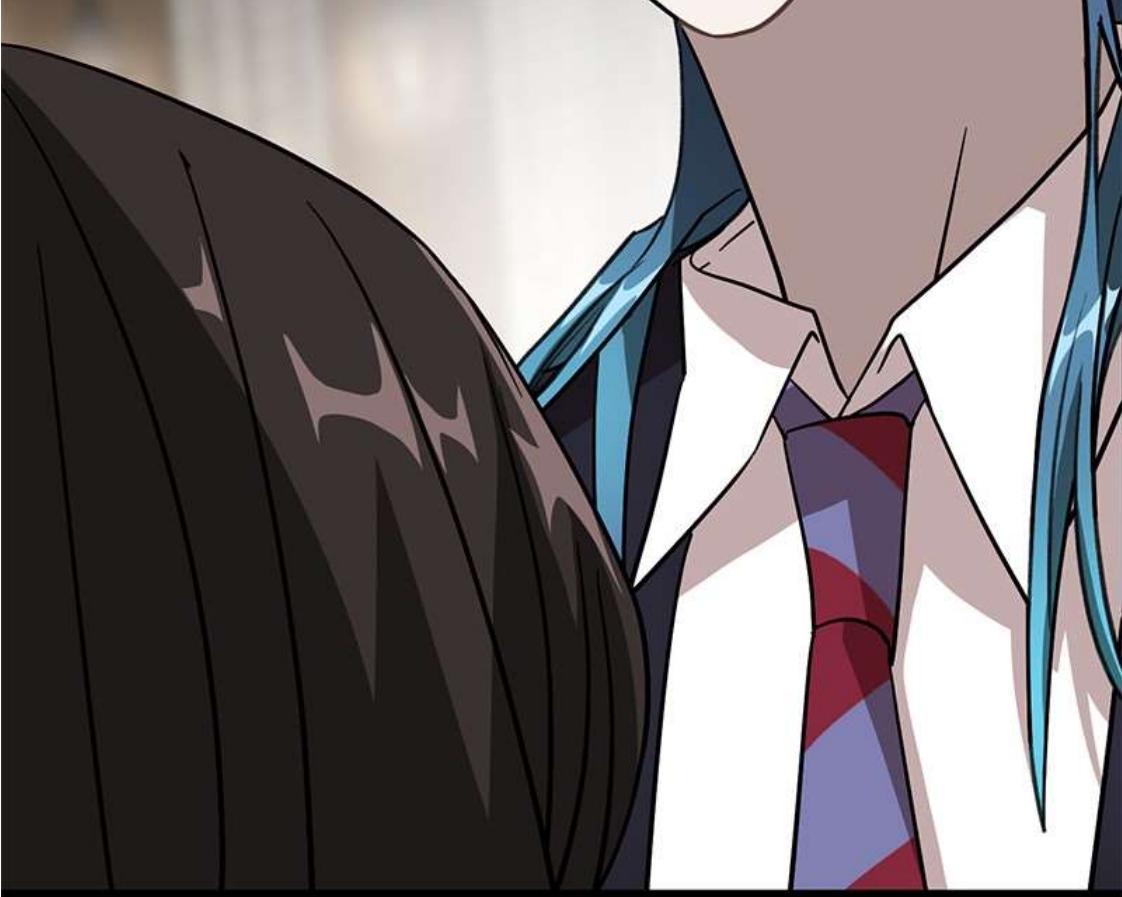




WHAT?!



WE DON'T  
HANG OUT WITH  
OTHER PEOPLE.





ESPECIALLY  
YOU.



THERE'S  
SOMETHING...  
STRANGE ABOUT  
YOU.





I FEEL A  
STRONG SENSE OF  
ATTRACTION FOR  
SOME REASON...

**TURN**





ANYWAY,  
DON'T TALK TO US  
ANYMORE!

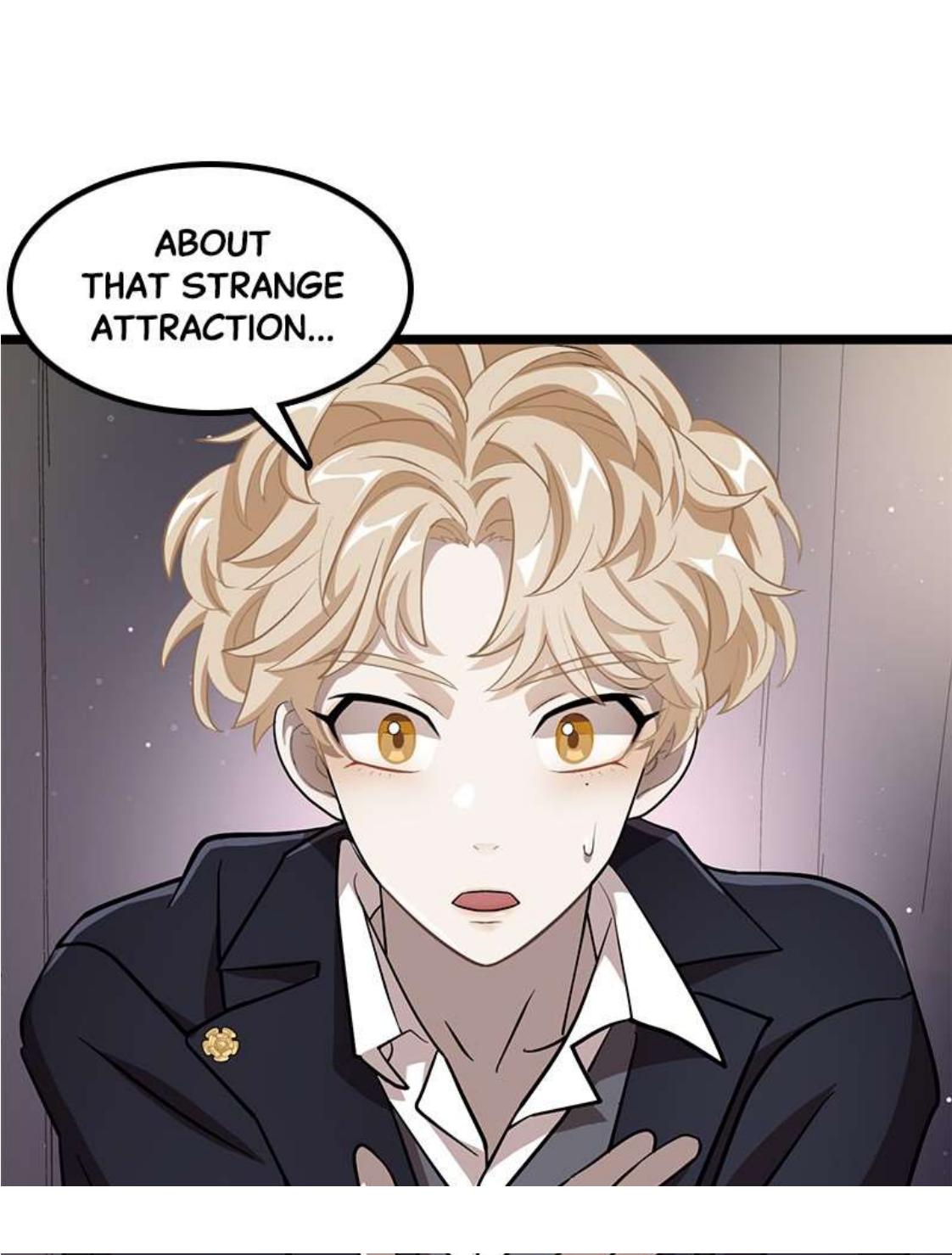






I  
GET WHAT  
HELI MEANT  
NOW.





ABOUT  
THAT STRANGE  
ATTRACTION...



A close-up illustration of a character's face. The character has vibrant red hair styled in a spiky, layered cut. Their eyes are a striking bright green, with dark eyeliner and mascara applied. The character is looking slightly to the right of the viewer. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the upper right corner of the frame, containing the text.

YEAH.  
THAT GIRL,  
SOOHA.



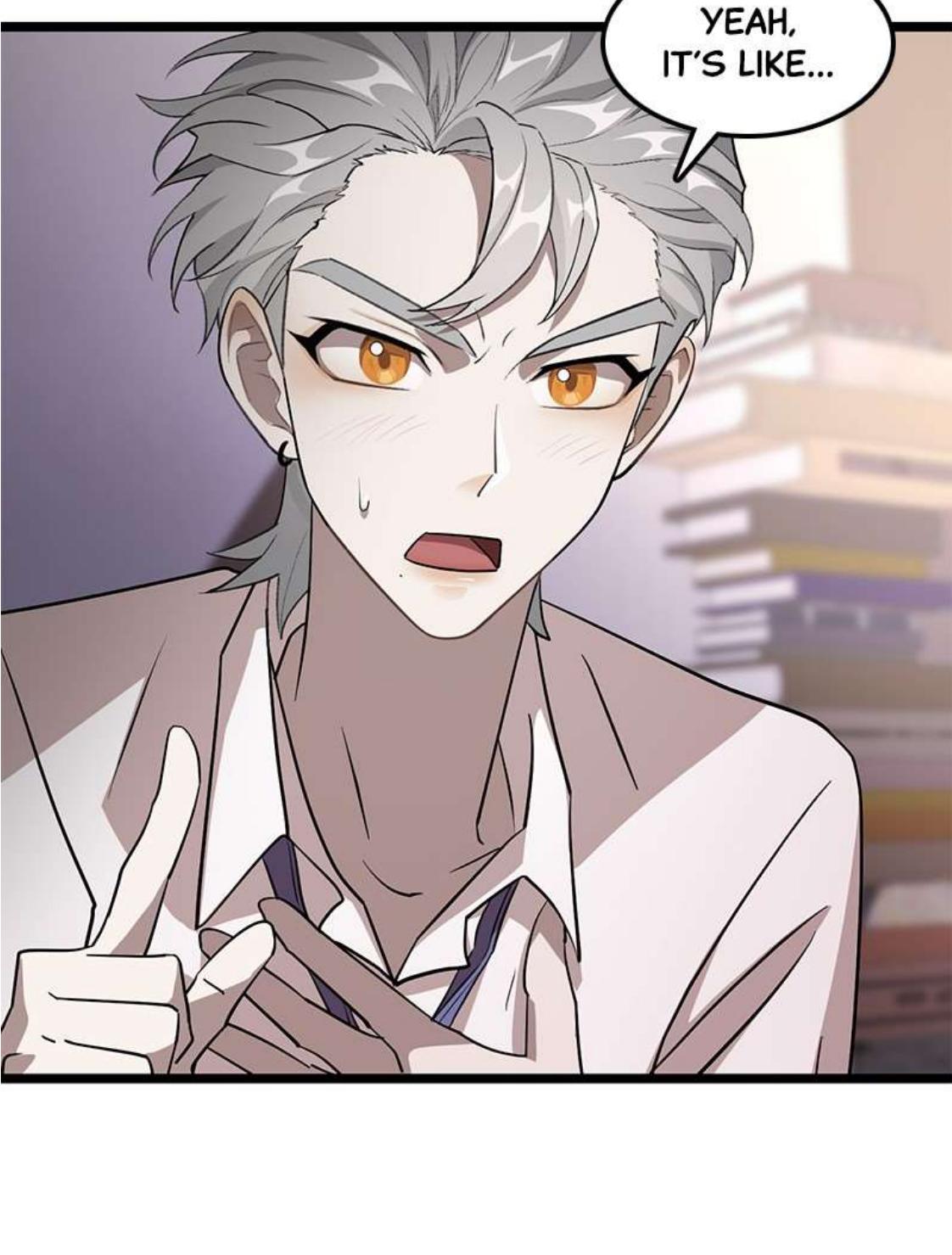
SHE'S  
DEFINITELY NOT  
OUR KIND.



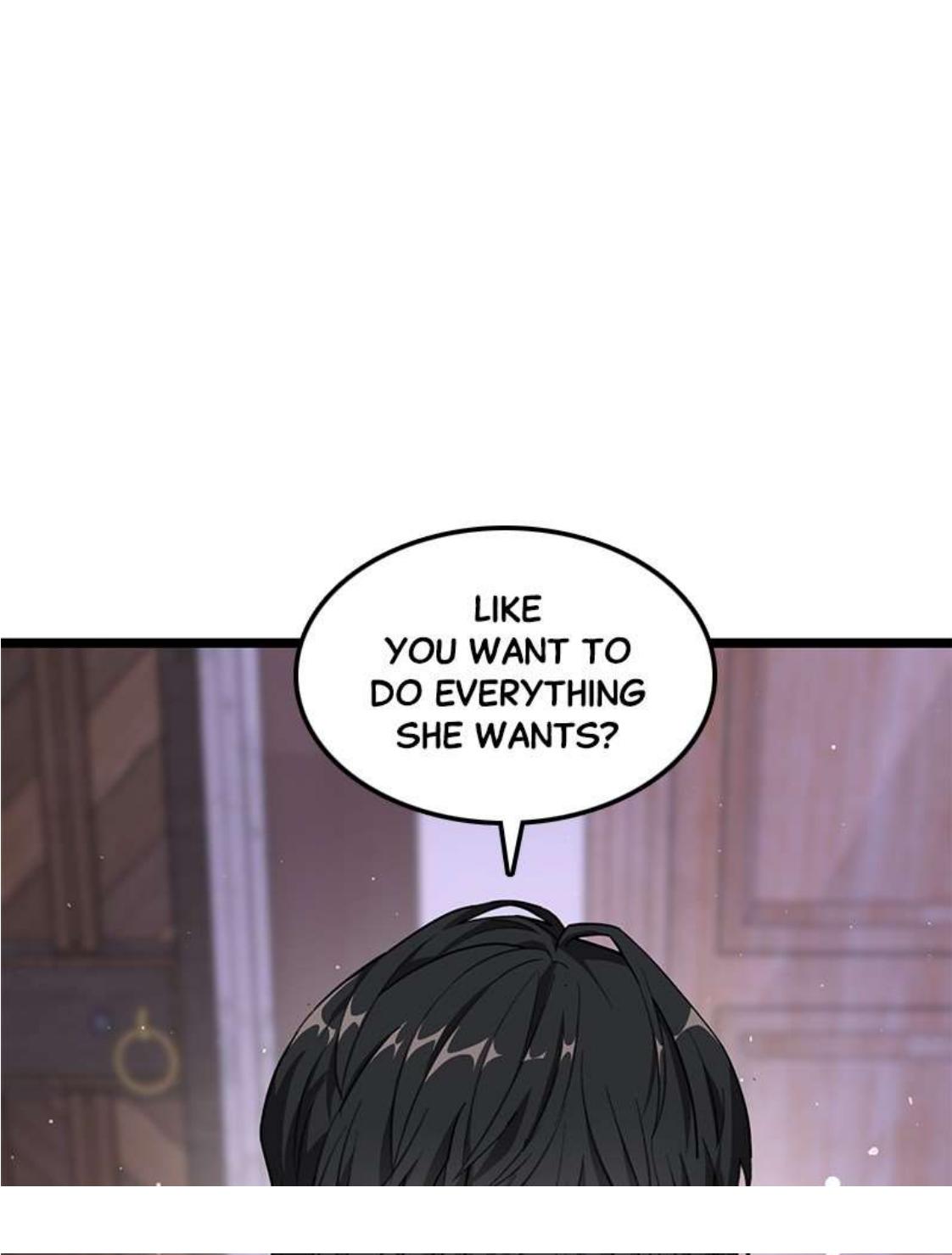
I CAN'T  
EXPLAIN IT, BUT  
I FEEL...



...AS IF SOME  
MYSTERIOUS POWER  
IS CONTROLLING MY  
EMOTIONS.



YEAH,  
IT'S LIKE...



LIKE  
YOU WANT TO  
DO EVERYTHING  
SHE WANTS?



THAT'S IT!  
THAT'S EXACTLY  
HOW IT IS!!



WHOA!  
IS THIS WHAT THEY  
CALL LOVE?

DING





DING

HAVE WE  
ALL FALLEN IN  
LOVE?!



THERE'S  
NO WAY WE  
WOULD FEEL SUCH  
AN EMOTION...



HE'S RIGHT.



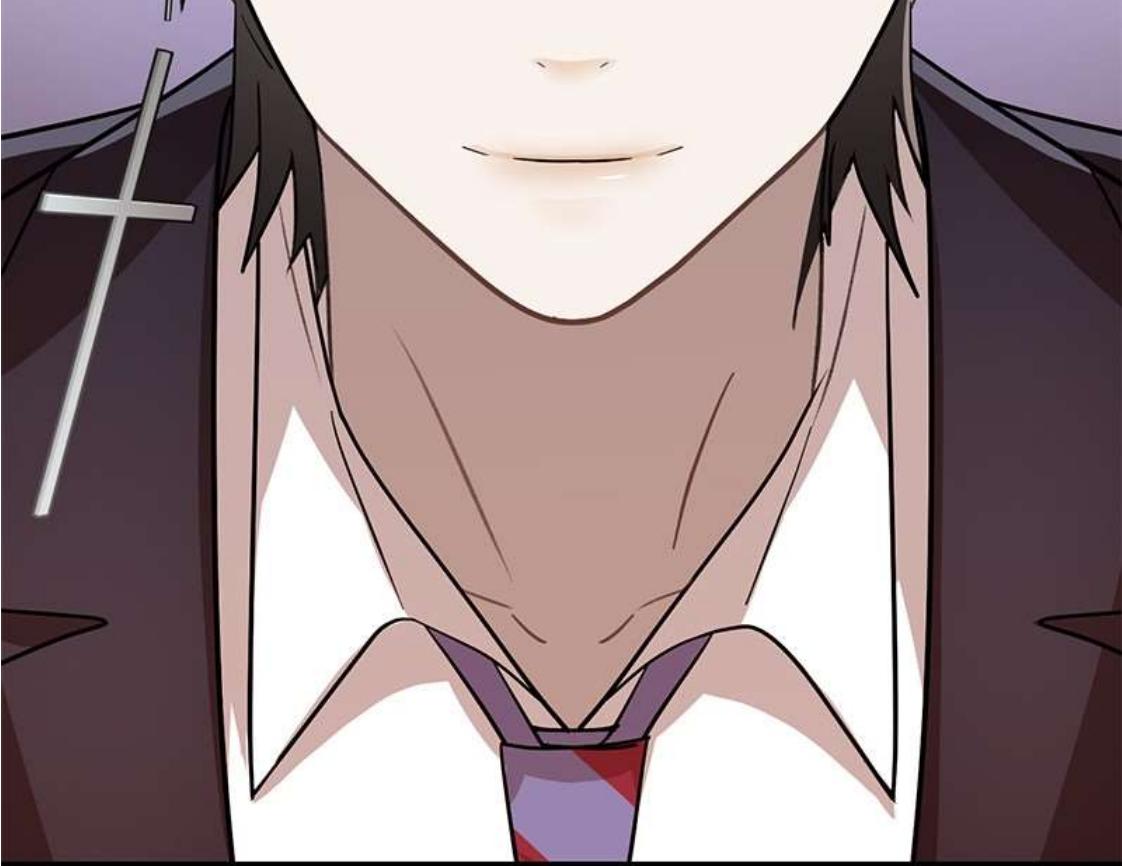
PLUS...

...IT'S  
SOMETHING MUCH  
STRONGER THAN  
THAT.









**SNIFFLE**

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**SNIFFLE**





UGH!  
WHAT'S WITH  
THAT FACE?!

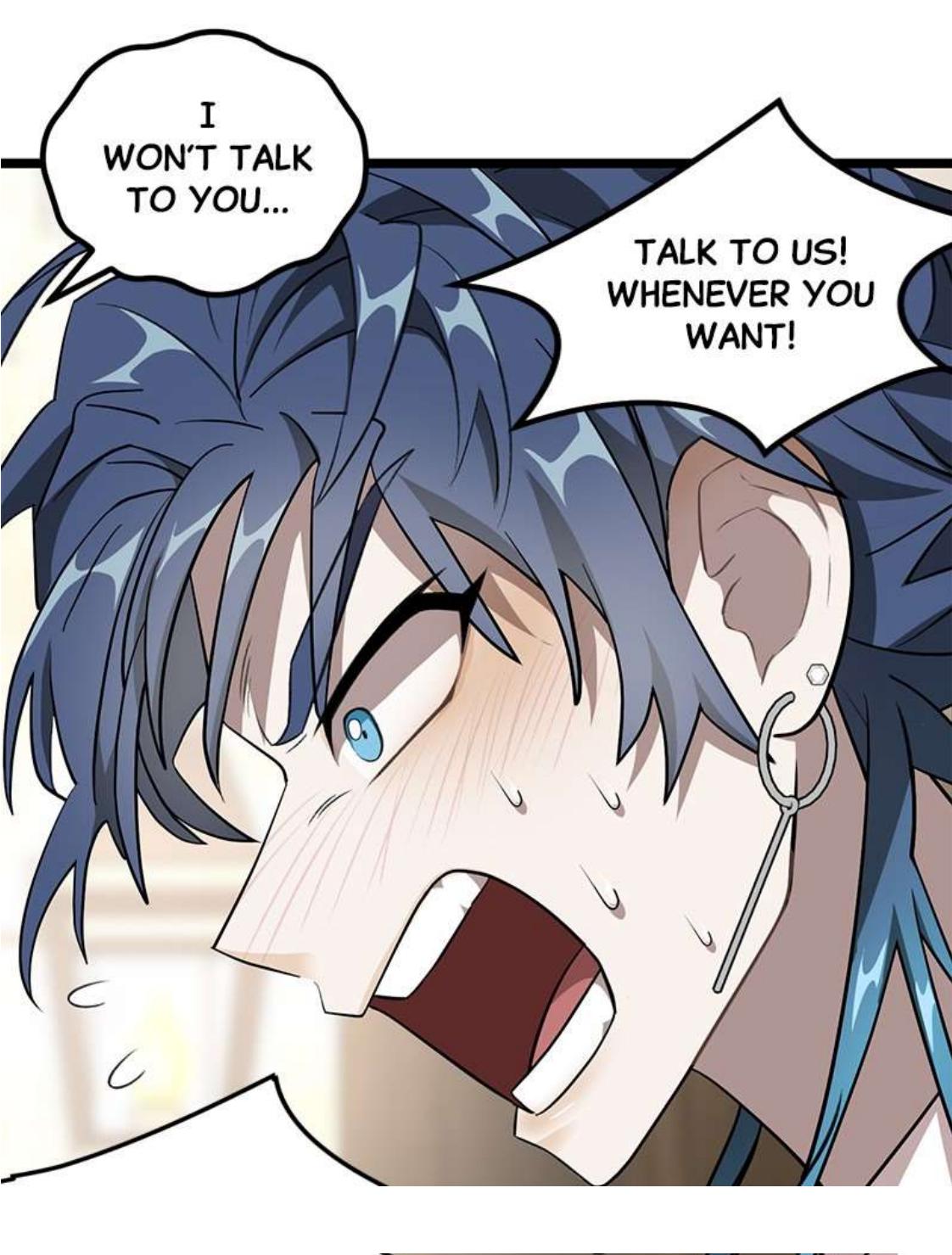






A-ALL RIGHT...  
I WON'T EVER SAY HI  
TO YOU AGAIN...

OKAY, FINE!  
DO IT! SAY HI!!



I  
WON'T TALK  
TO YOU...

TALK TO US!  
WHENEVER YOU  
WANT!

JUST DO AS  
YOU WISH!!

DON'T GET  
THE WRONG  
IDEA.





WHEN I SAID  
YOU SHOULDN'T HANG  
OUT WITH US...

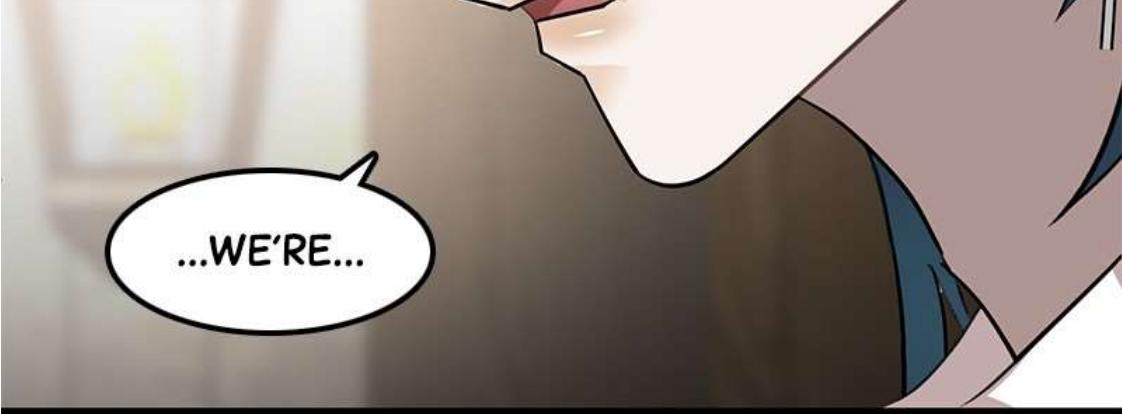


...IT'S NOT  
BECAUSE I  
HATE YOU.





IT'S  
BECAUSE...



...WE'RE...









FORGET IT!  
THERE'S NO POINT  
IN TELLING YOU NOT  
TO HANG OUT WITH  
US ANYWAY.

TURN





THE OTHER  
GUYS WON'T  
LISTEN TO ME  
ANYWAY.



SO DON'T  
WORRY ABOUT

WHAT I SAID.

SEE YOU.

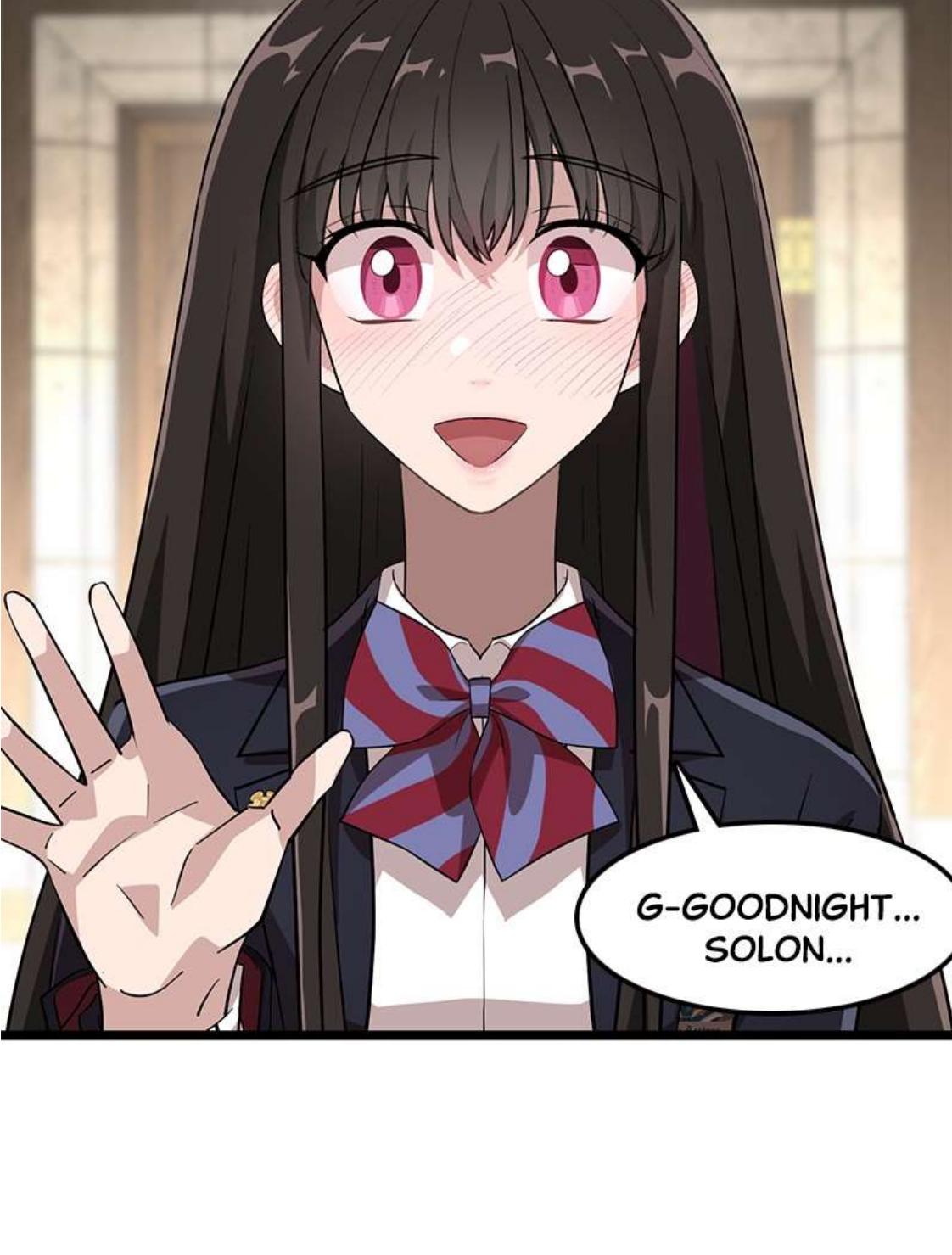


AND...  
GOODNIGHT.





HUH? OH...



G-GOODNIGHT...  
SOLON...







—



ALL RIGHT.

SWISH



FINALLY,  
THIS DAY HAS  
COME...



WHOW

A close-up illustration of a person's face, focusing on the mouth and nose area. The person has dark hair and is wearing a dark-colored garment. The word "WHOW" is written in a stylized, bubbly font across the upper portion of the image.

MY FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL AT DECELIS  
ACADEMY!

THUD



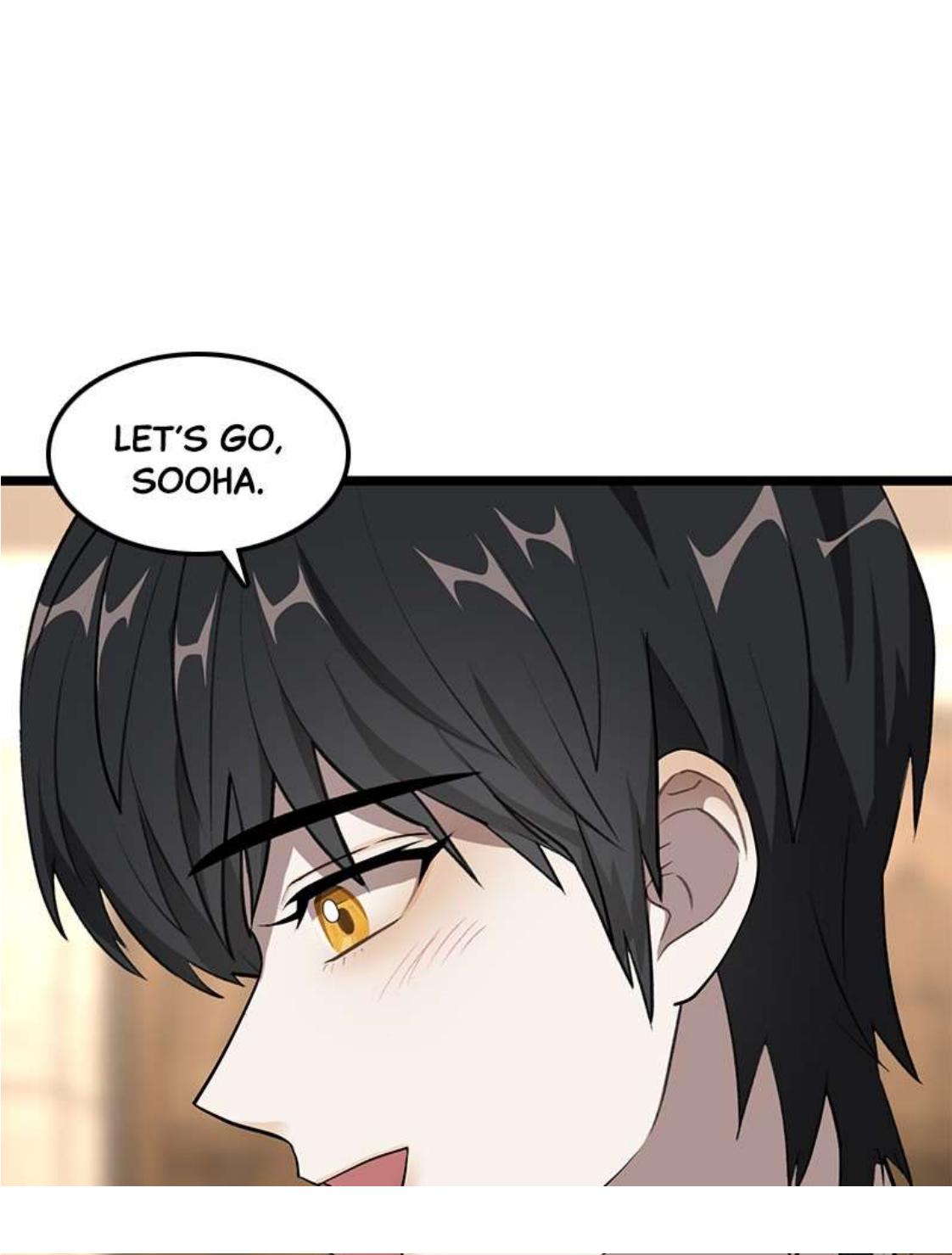




HUH?!







LET'S GO,  
SOOHA.



H-HUH?  
GO? WITH ME?  
WHERE?!



HELI?!

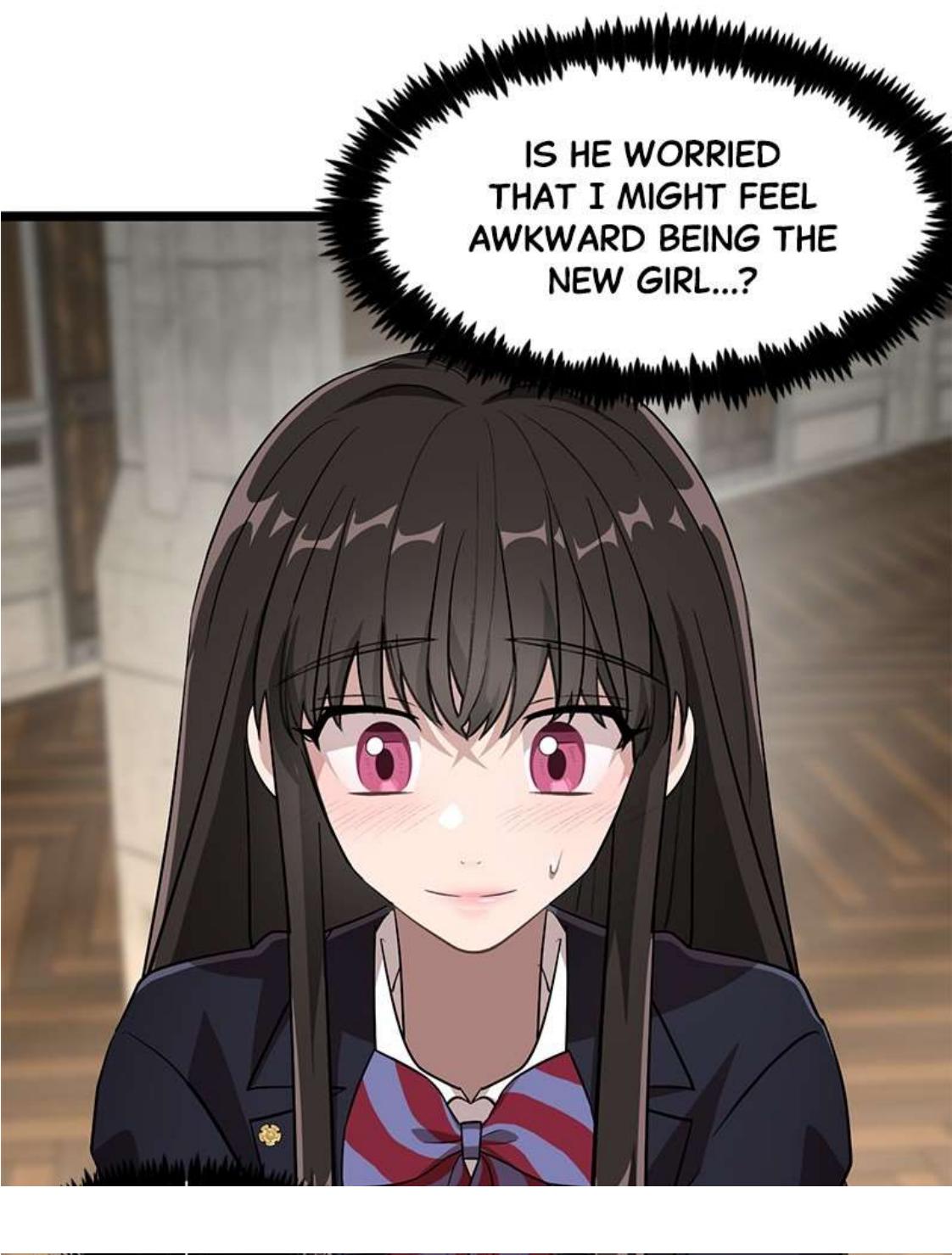


I WAITED FOR  
YOU SO WE CAN GO  
TO THE CLASSROOM  
TOGETHER.

YOU  
SAID WE CAN  
BE FRIENDS.



R-RIGHT...



IS HE WORRIED  
THAT I MIGHT FEEL  
AWKWARD BEING THE  
NEW GIRL...?



HELI'S  
SO NICE...

HELI!

HI, HELI!

HI!

HEY, HELI!

HELI, YOU'RE  
HERE!

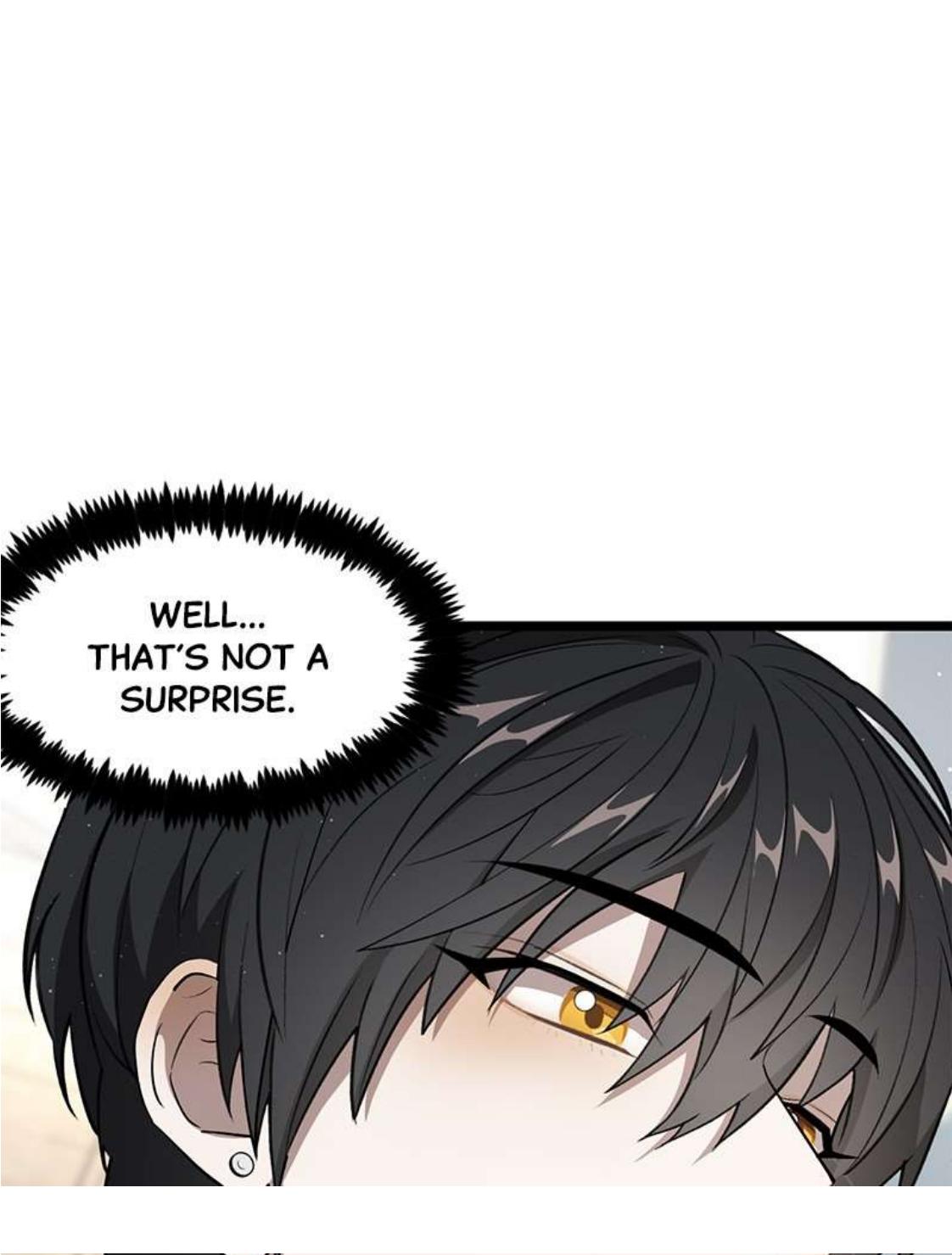


HELI!



WHOA...

HELI'S REALLY  
POPULAR.



WELL...  
THAT'S NOT A  
SURPRISE.

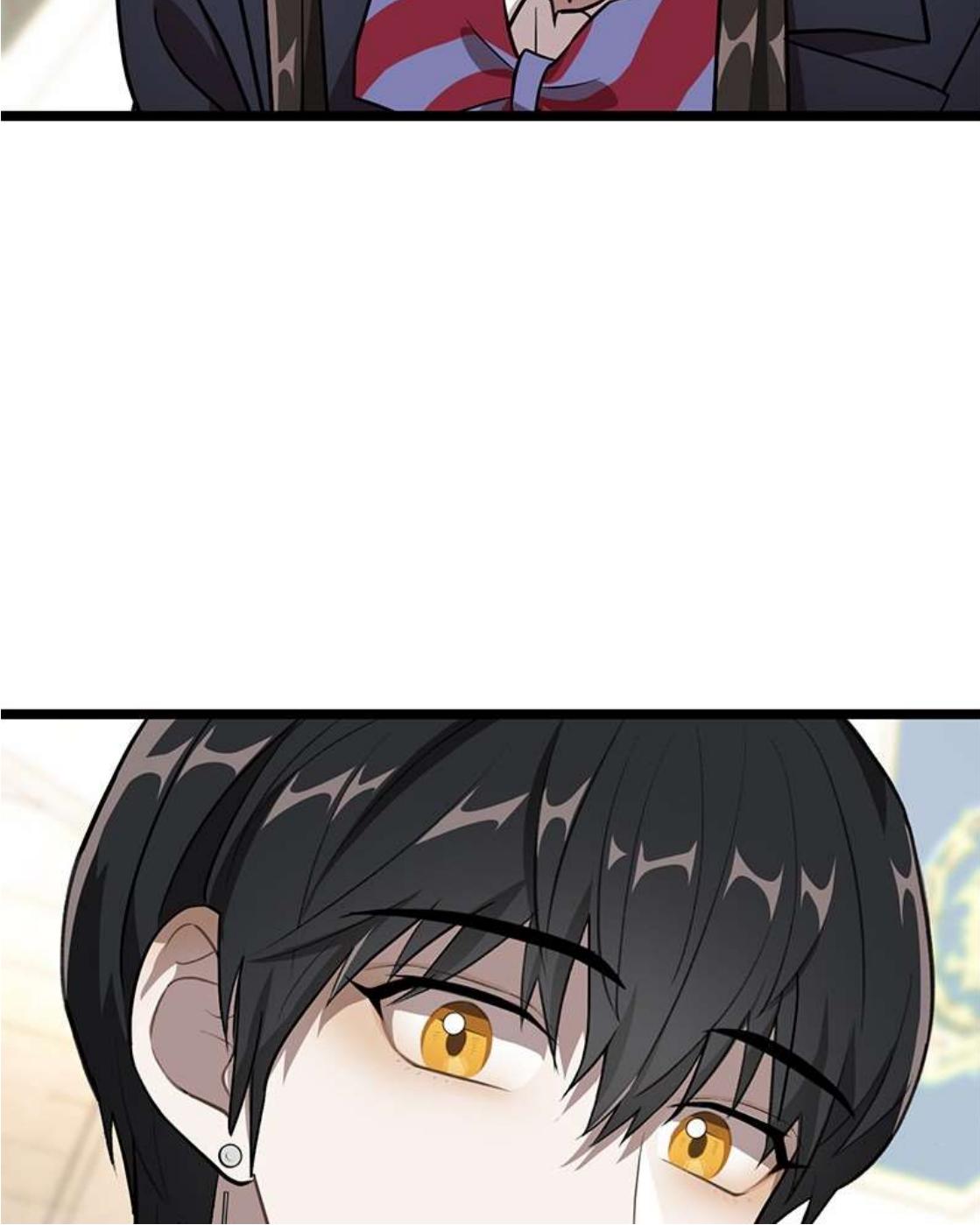


HE'S SO  
HANDSOME AND  
SWEET...





I GUESS  
HE'S NICE TO  
EVERYONE...







HUH?  
Y-YEAH?



AM I MAKING YOU  
UNCOMFORTABLE?





WHAT?! NO!  
NO, NO, NO!!



THAT'S NOT IT!  
IT'S NOT YOU!!

I-IT'S QUITE  
THE OPPOSITE...





I FEEL  
LIKE I'M MAKING YOU  
UNCOMFORTABLE...

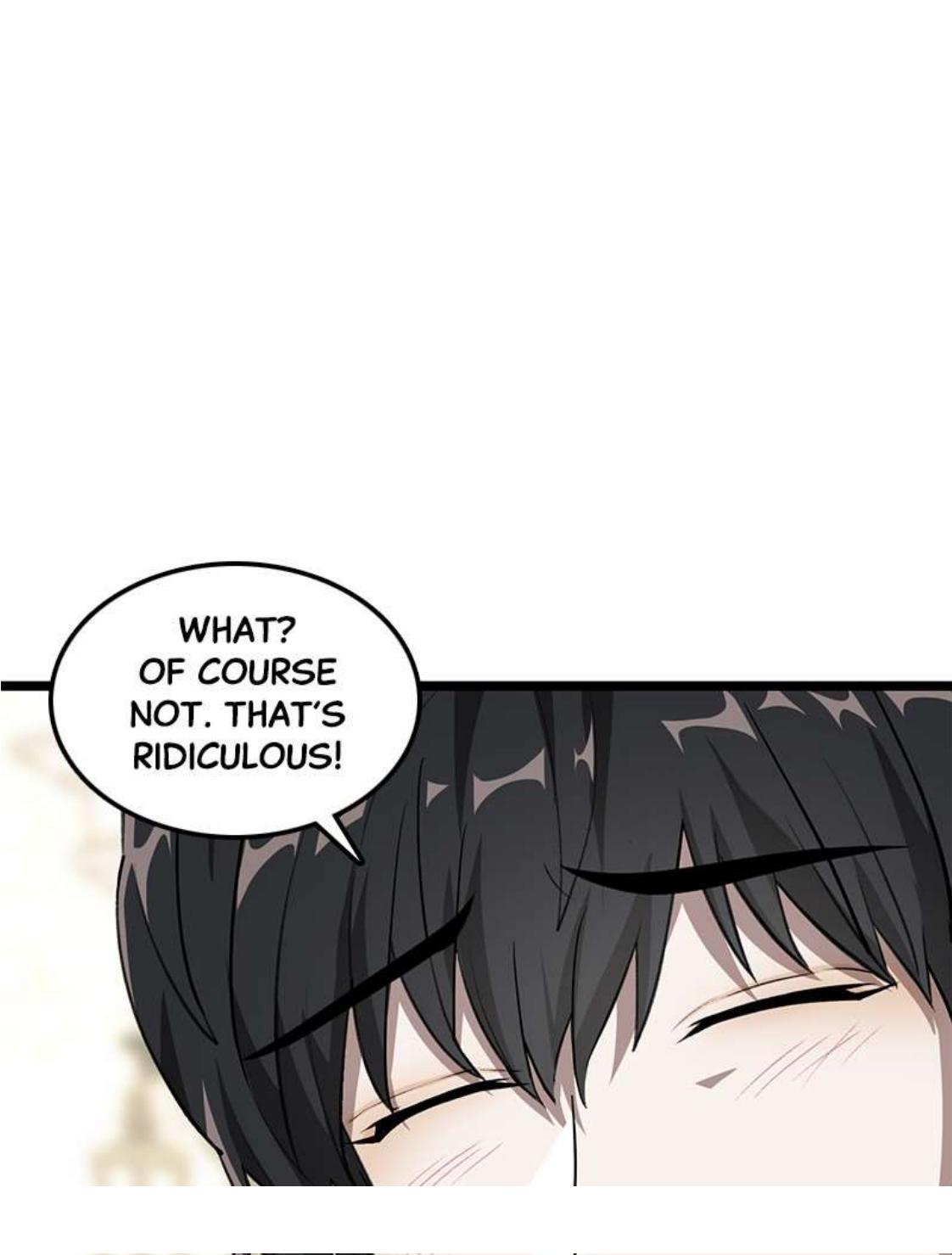


YOU'VE ALL BEEN  
CLOSE SINCE YOU  
WERE LITTLE.





I BET  
YOU DON'T LIKE  
SOMEONE SUDDENLY  
BUTTING IN...



WHAT?  
OF COURSE  
NOT. THAT'S  
RIDICULOUS!



DID SOLON  
SAY THAT?





N-NO!!

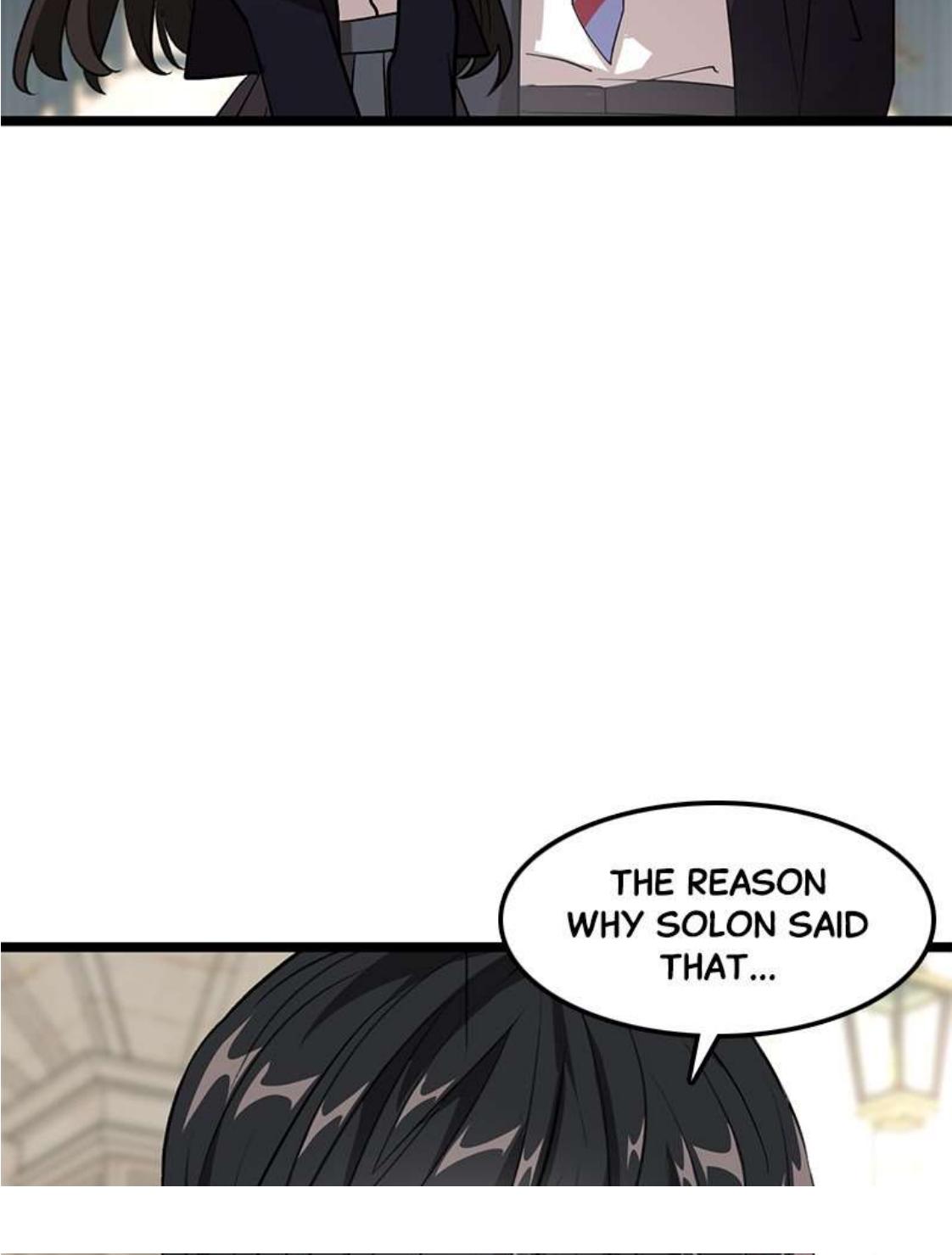
WOAH!  
HOW DID HE  
KNOW?!





I'M  
SURE HE DIDN'T  
MEAN ANY HARM.  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT.

YEAH.  
I KNOW.



THE REASON  
WHY SOLON SAID  
THAT...



...ISN'T  
BECAUSE OF  
YOU.



IT'S  
BECAUSE...



...WE'RE...

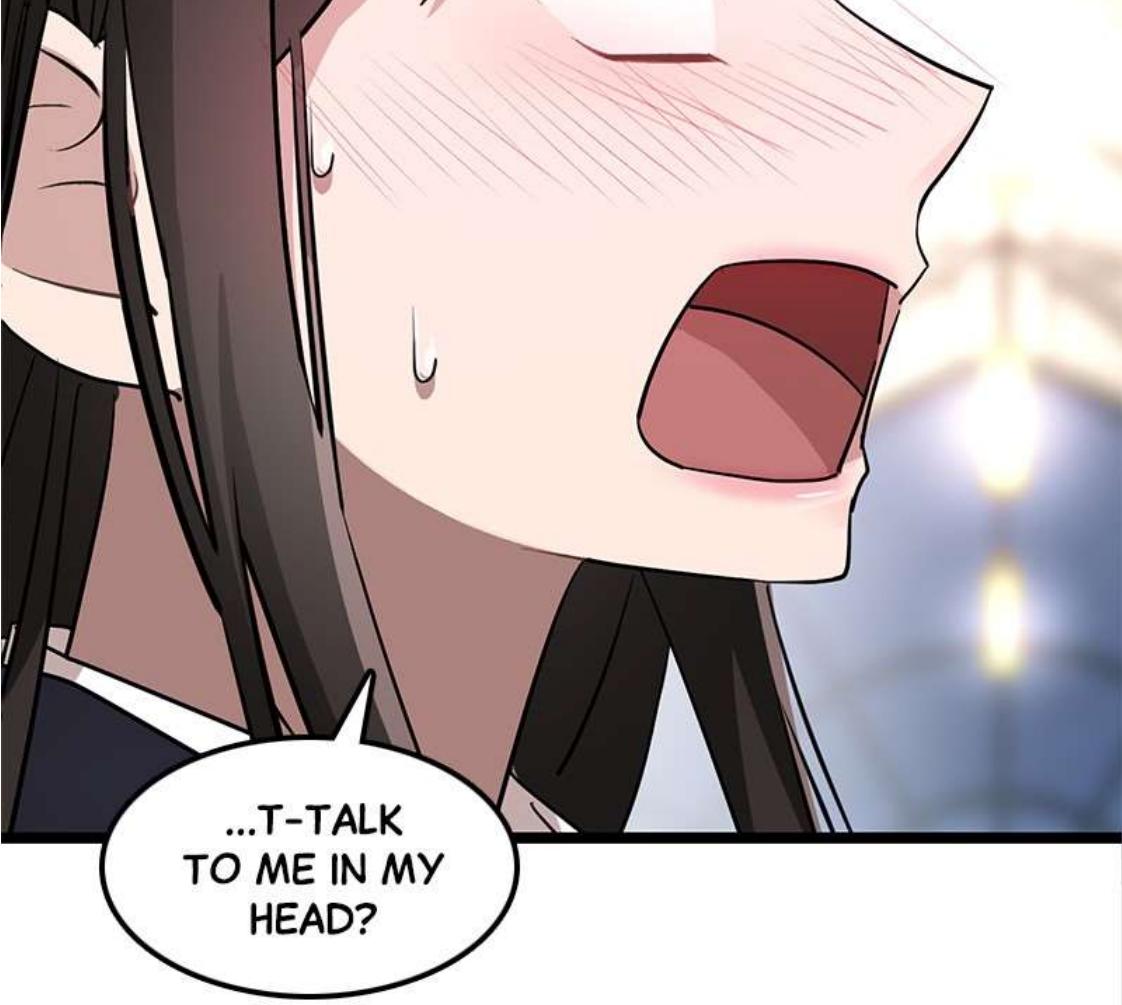
IT'S  
BECAUSE WE HAVE  
A SECRET.



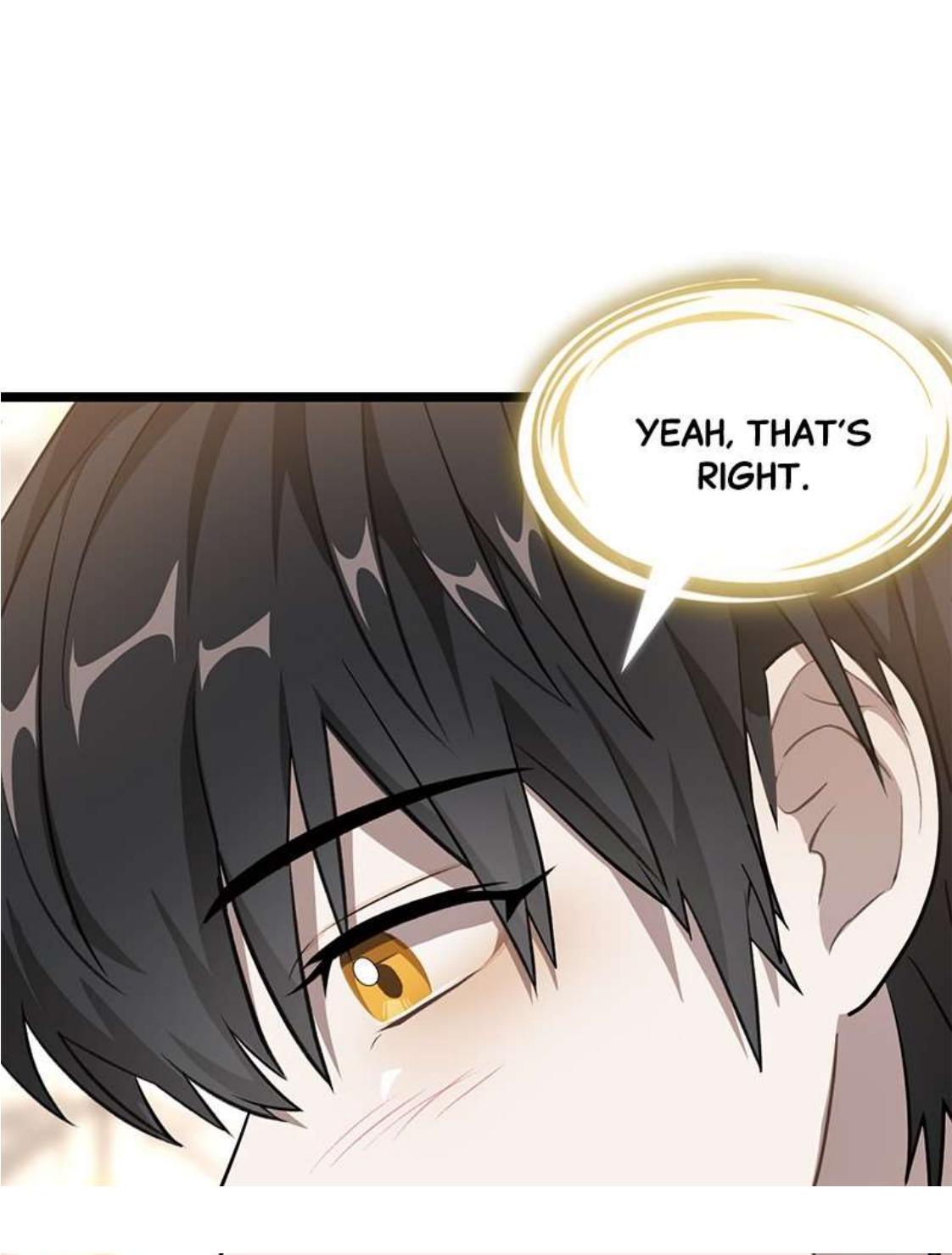


A close-up illustration of a character with dark brown hair and bangs. Their eyes are wide open, looking upwards and to the right with a shocked or surprised expression. A small portion of their pink ear is visible on the right side.

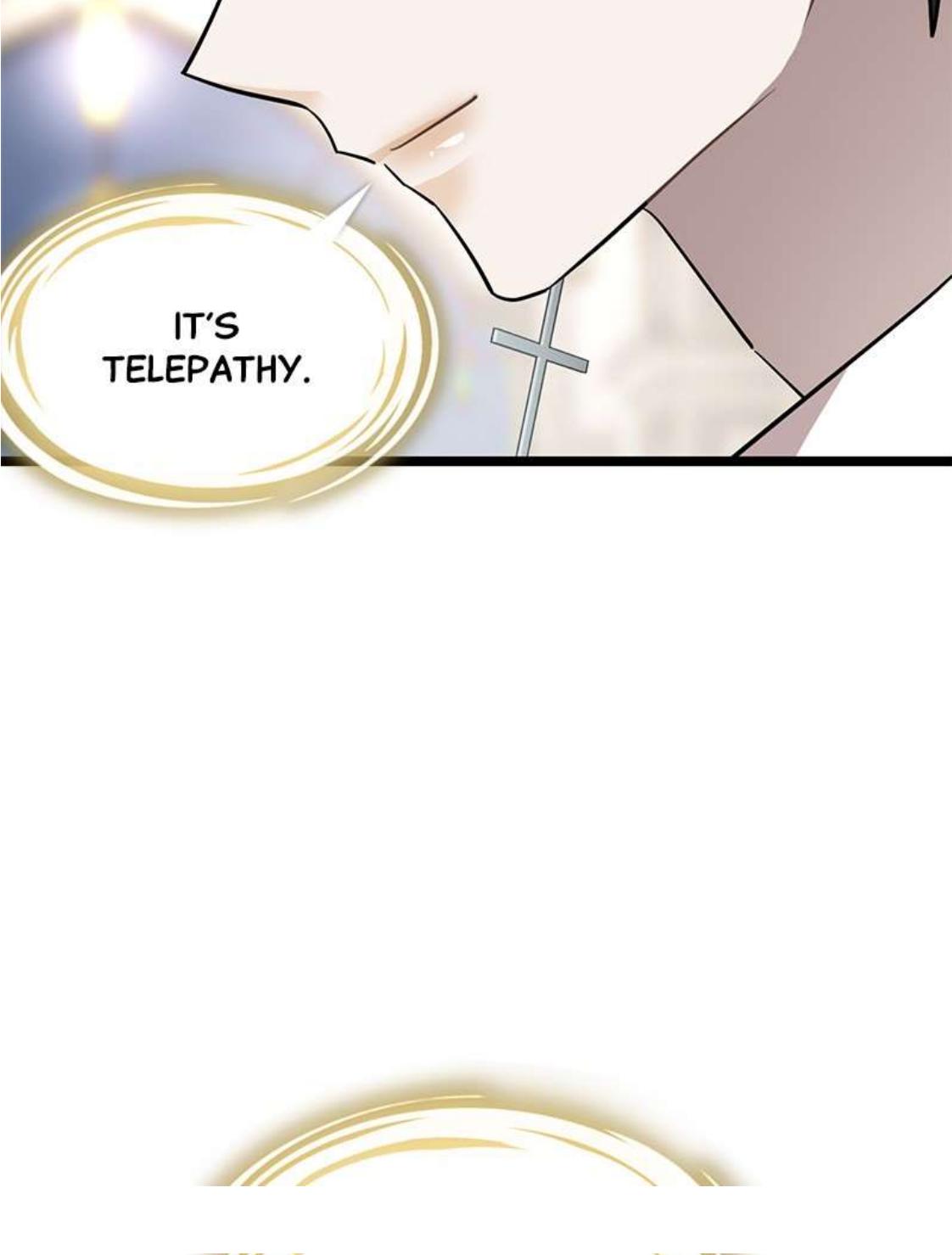
W-WAIT  
A MINUTE!! DID  
YOU JUST...



...T-TALK  
TO ME IN MY  
HEAD?

A close-up illustration of a character's face, focusing on one eye and hair. The character has dark, spiky hair and a single visible eye with a yellow iris and black pupils. A thick black horizontal line cuts across the top of the frame. A white speech bubble with a gold outline is positioned in the upper right corner, containing the text.

YEAH, THAT'S  
RIGHT.



IT'S  
TELEPATHY.

I'M ONLY  
TELLING YOU...







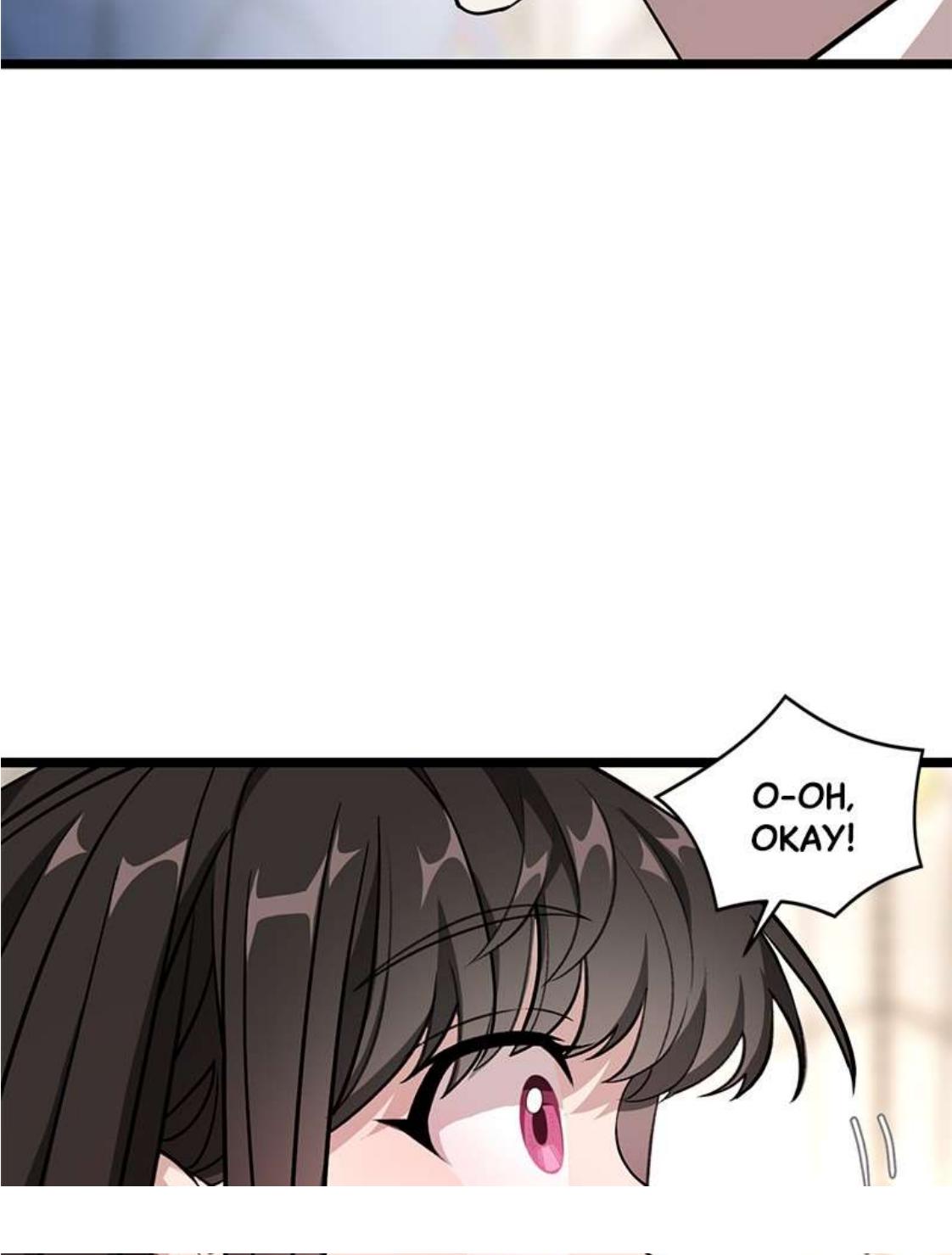
...BECAUSE  
I TRUST YOU.



Decelis Academy



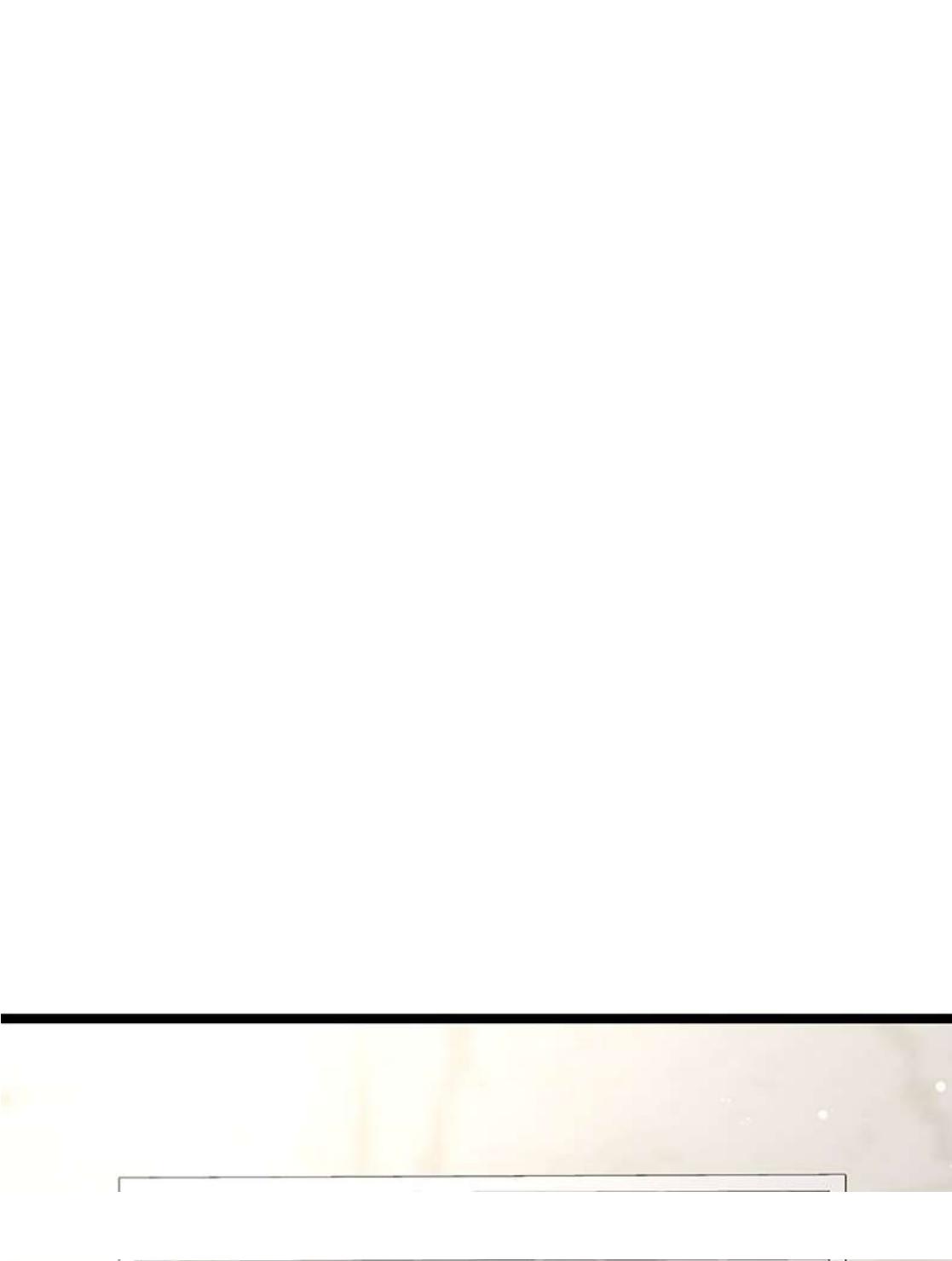
GOOD  
LUCK IN CLASS,  
SOOHA.



O-OH,  
OKAY!



Y-YOU TOO!!!



Room  
101

SOOHA!!! WE'RE  
IN THE SAME CLASS!!!  
I'M SO EXCITED!!!

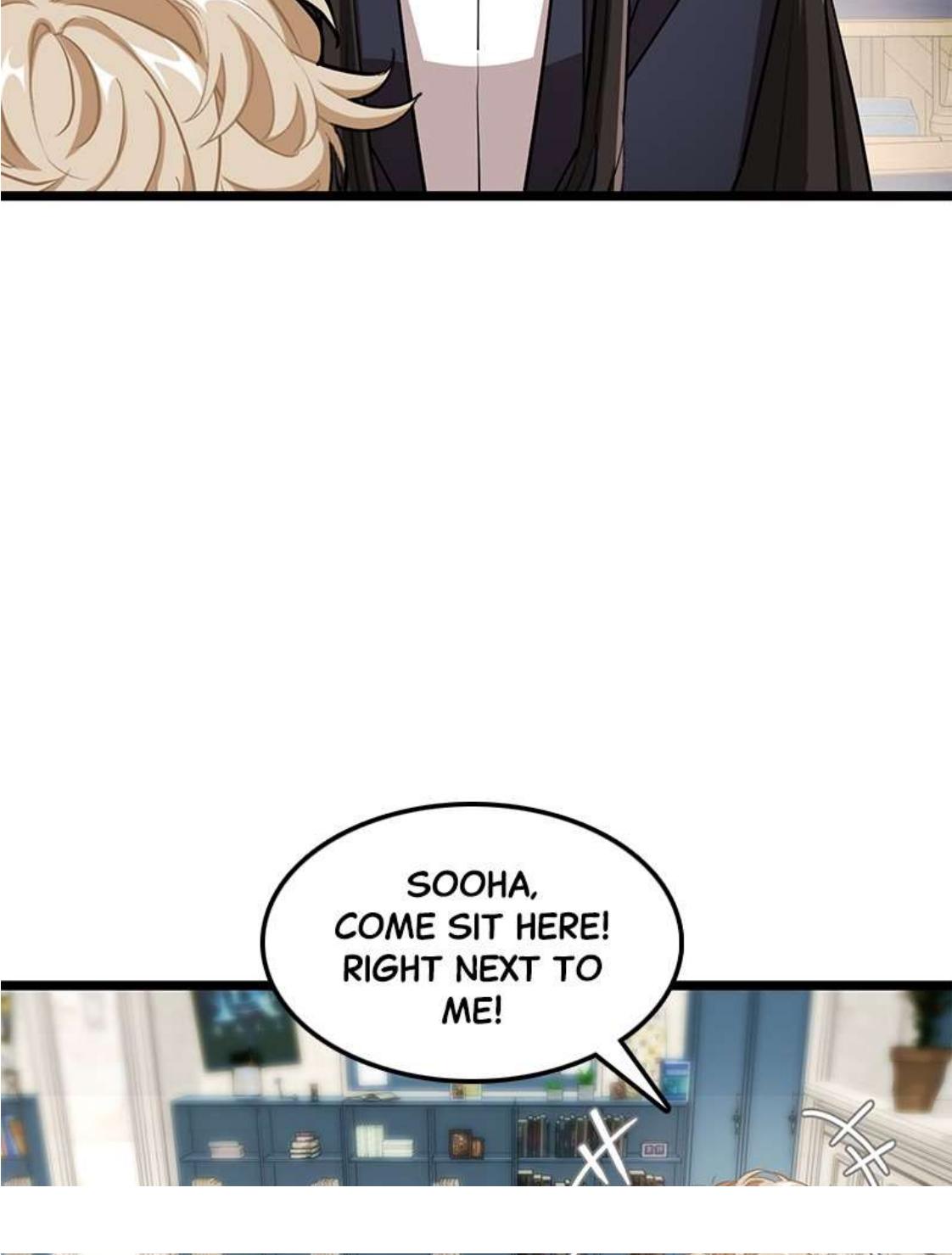




M-ME TOO...

WHAT A RELIEF  
I HAVE SHION IN THE  
SAME CLASS!

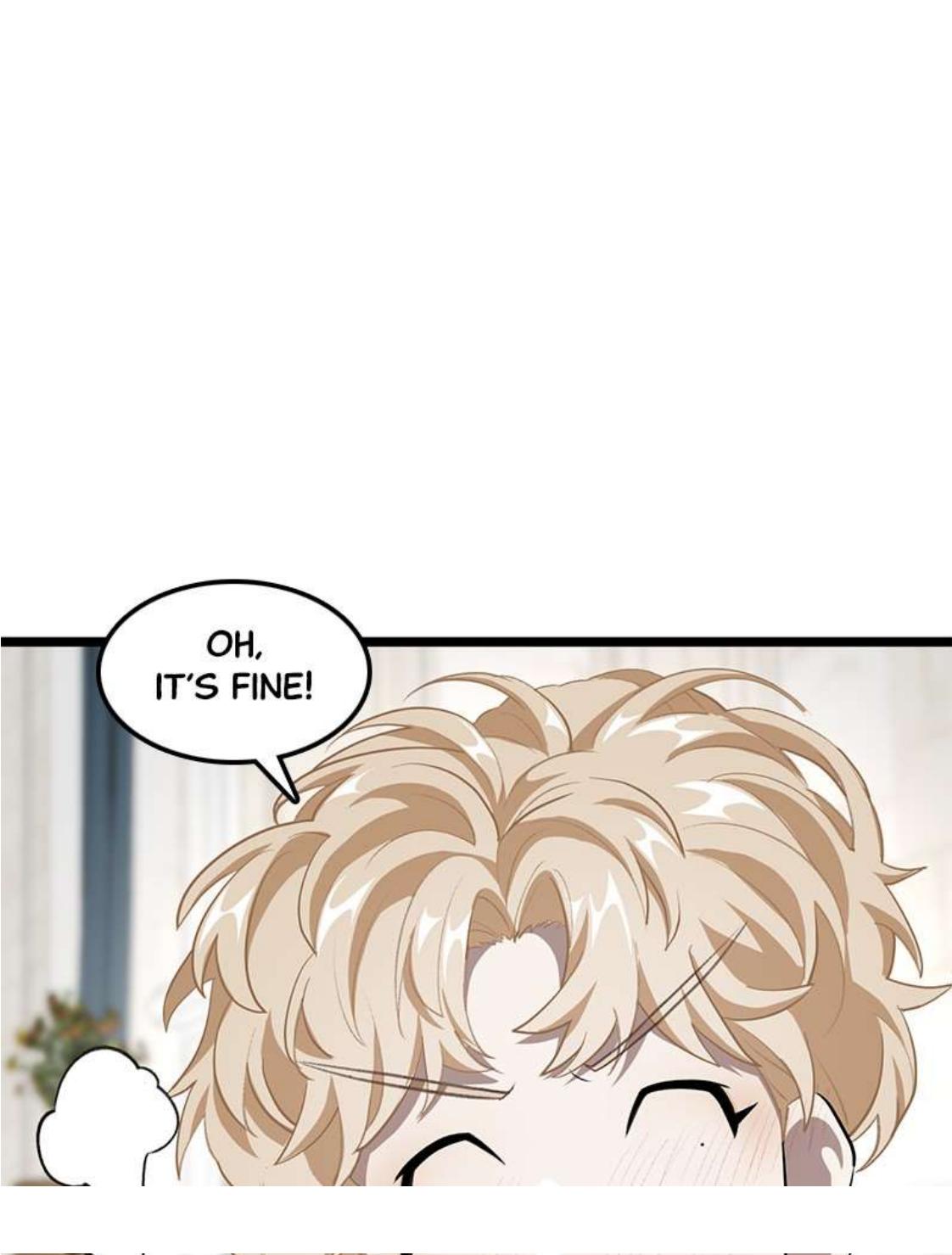




**SOOHA,  
COME SIT HERE!  
RIGHT NEXT TO  
ME!**



BUT...  
IT'S TAKEN...



OH,  
IT'S FINE!





I CAN TELL  
SOLON TO SIT  
SOMEWHERE  
ELSE.



WHAT...?

TURN



...



Co-planning