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MANNER.

NINE YEARS AFTER
THE ANTI-CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT ACT PASSED.

ENFORCEMENT DECREE OF THE ELEMENTARY
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT
ARTICLE 31 (DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS)

AS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTES, REGULATIONS,
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BARRING THE USE OF METHODS INVOLVING INSTRUMENTS OR
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TEACHERS WERE FORBIDDEN
FROM DISCIPLINING THEIR
STUDENTS WITH CORPORAL
PUNISHMENT.

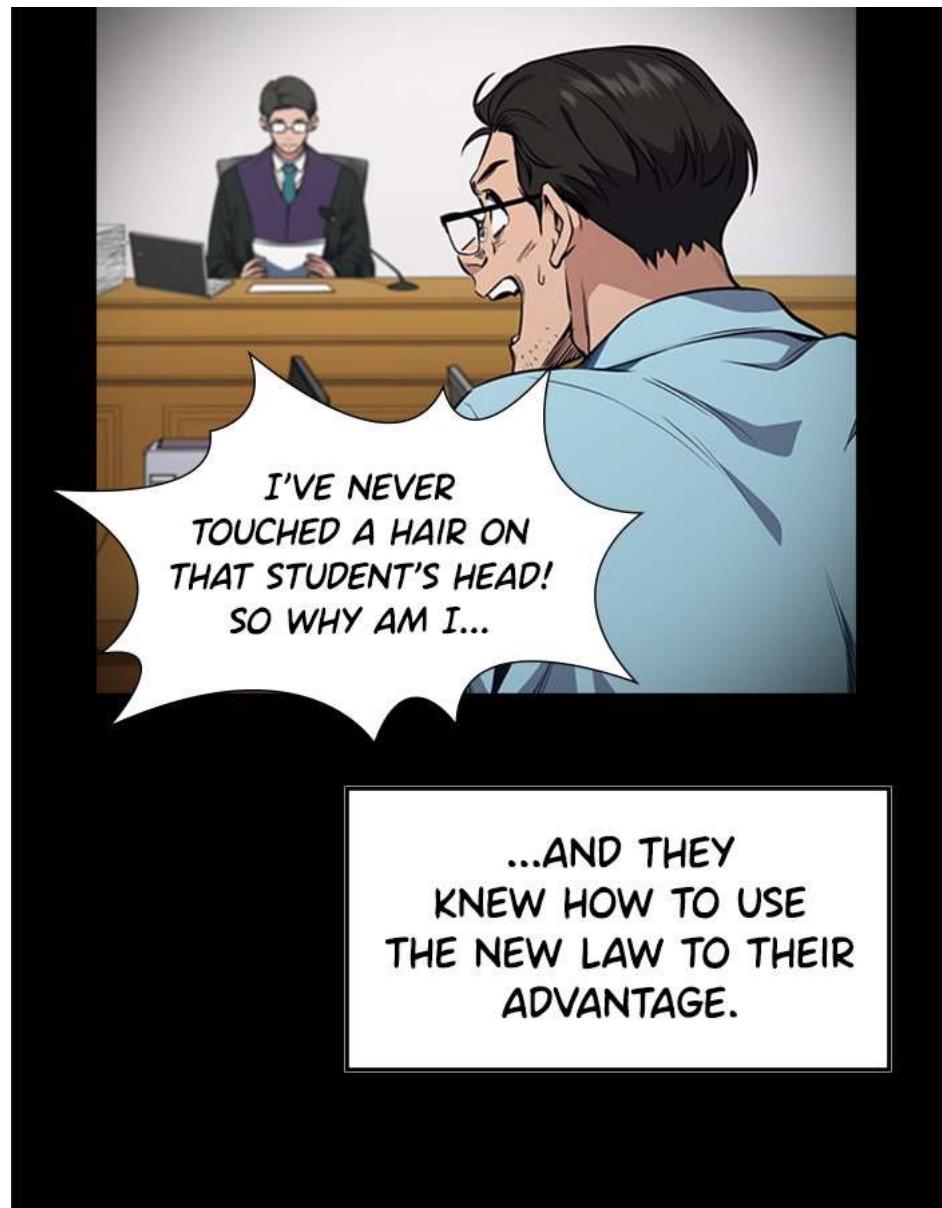
ONCE THE ANTI-CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ACT WAS ADOPTED, IT BECAME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR TEACHERS TO MANAGE THEIR STUDENTS.



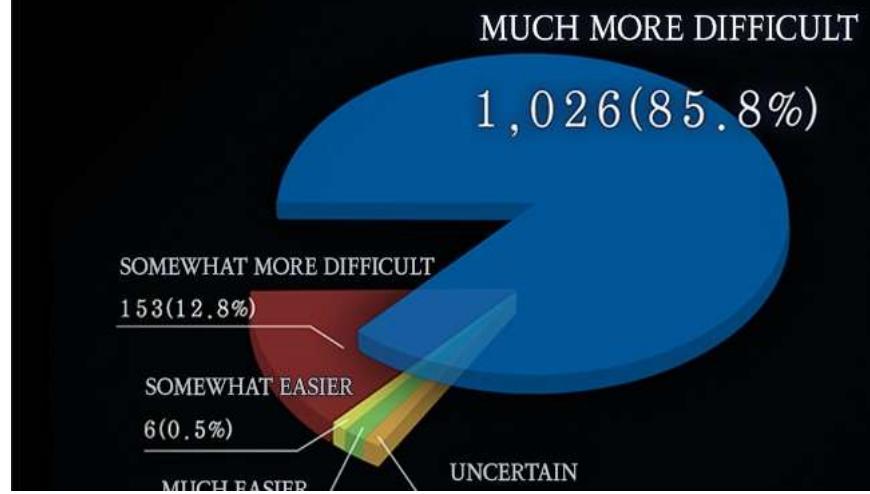


THERE WERE FEW
WAYS OF DETERRING
A STUDENT'S OPEN DEFIANCE
OF AN INSTRUCTOR'S
AUTHORITY.

STUDENTS WERE
MORE DEVIOUS
THAN ANTICIPATED...



A NATIONWIDE SURVEY
OF 1,196 TEACHERS
REVEALED...



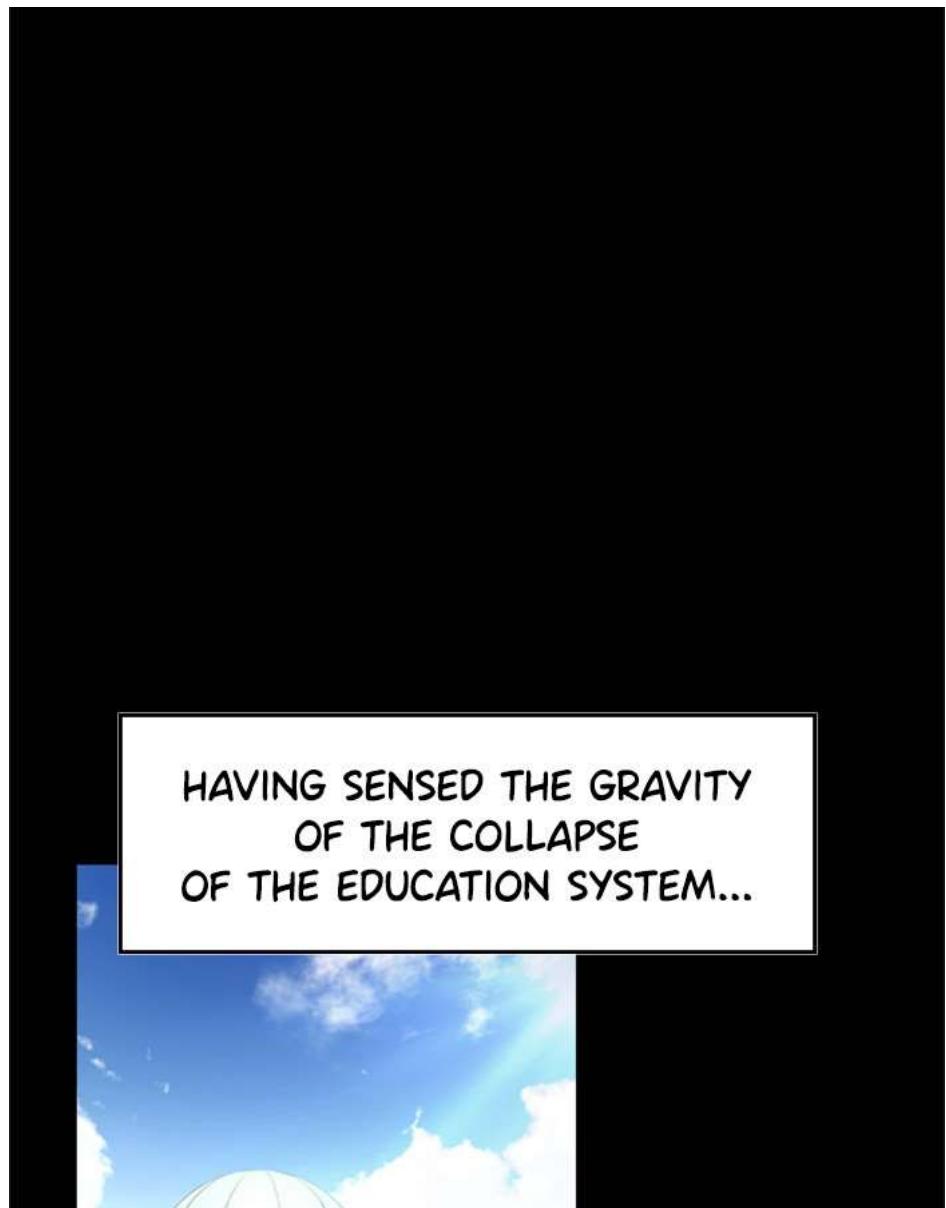
...THAT THE PROPORTION
OF TEACHERS WHO FELT THEIR JOBS
HAD BECOME MORE DIFFICULT WAS
98.6 PERCENT, WITH 85.8 PERCENT
CLAIMING IT HAD BECOME FAR
MORE DIFFICULT.

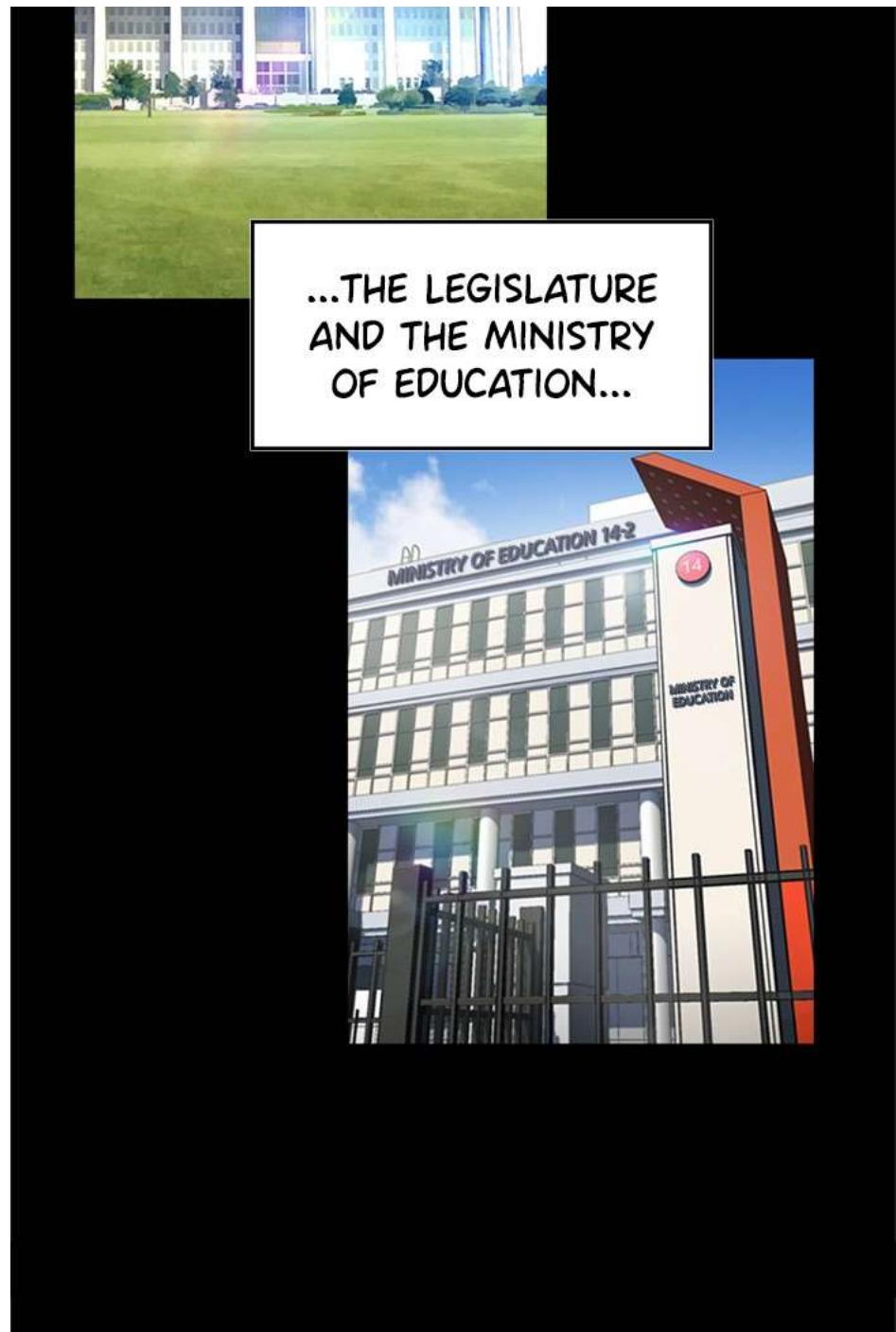
CRITICISMS OVER THE

AUTHORITY AND ITS EFFECTS
ON THE CLASSROOM CONTINUED.
UNTIL ONE DAY...

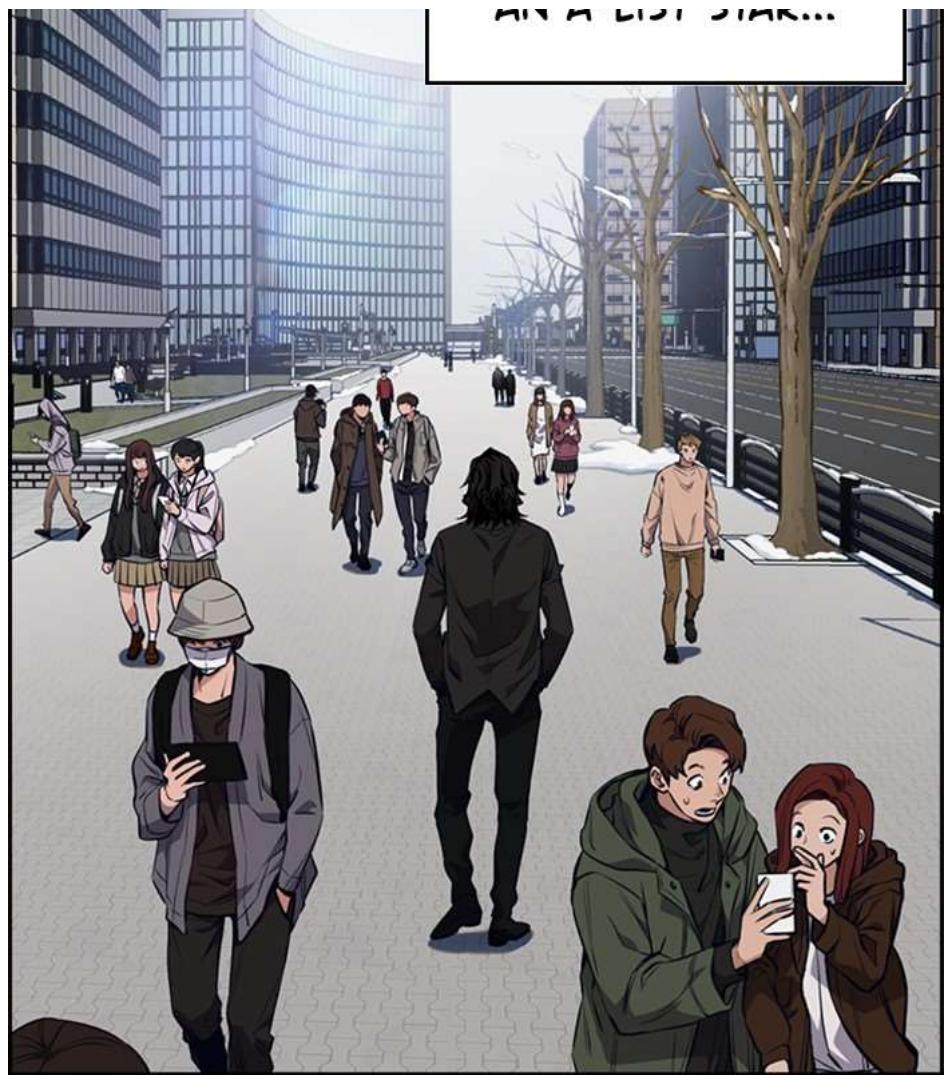


...THE STORY OF A TEACHER THAT
WAS BEATEN TO DEATH
BY ONE OF THEIR OWN STUDENTS
SWEPT THE NATION.







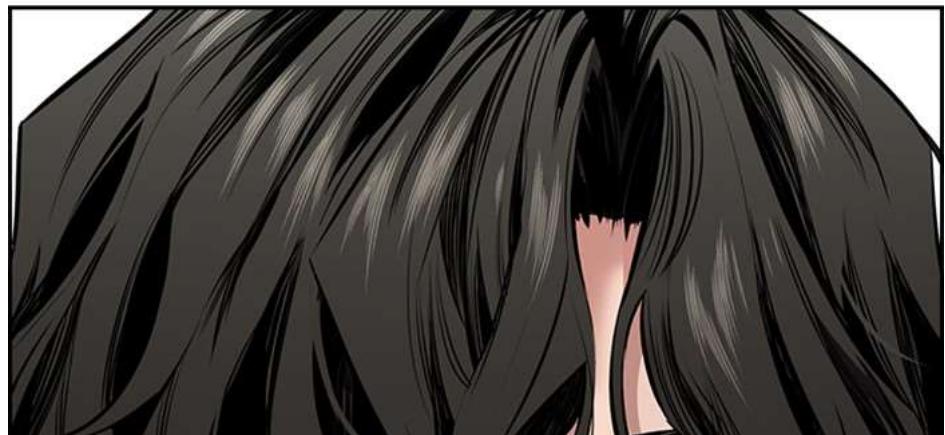


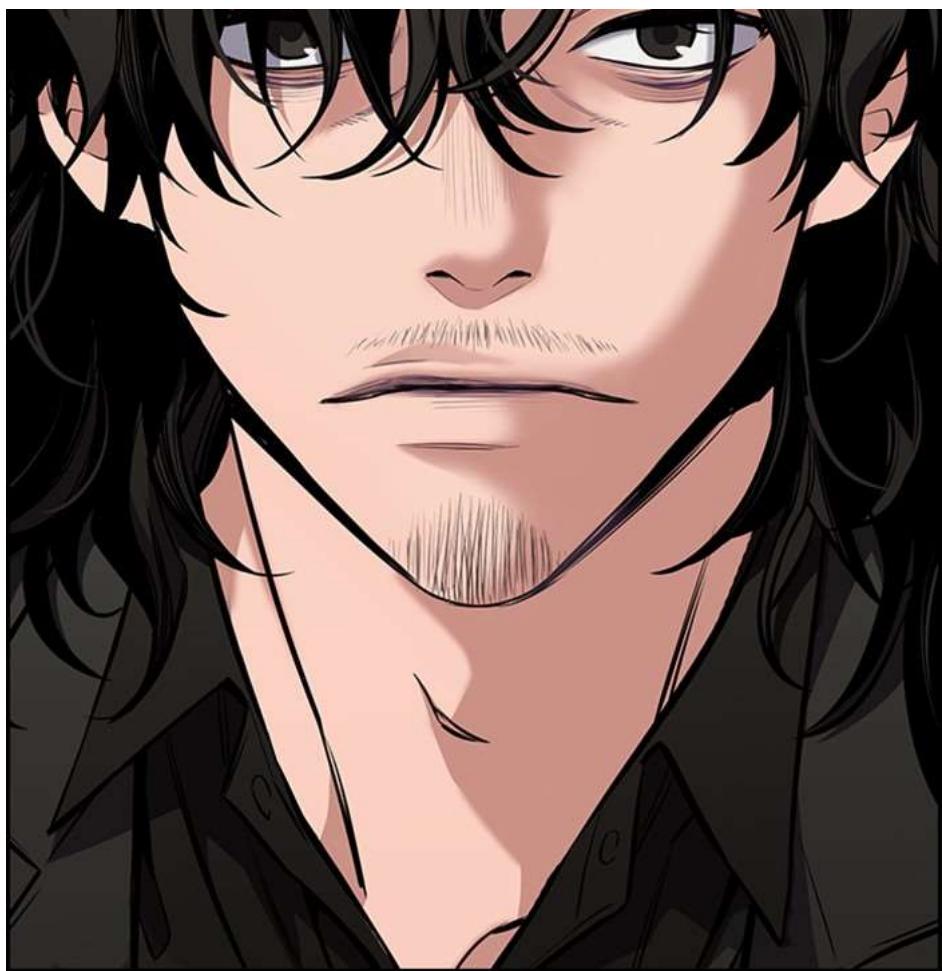
...TO PASS A REVISED
VERSION OF THE TEACHERS'
PROTECTION ACT...





...TO WHICH THE PUBLIC
MAY NOT HAVE
RESPONDED TO WELL





NOW,
TWO YEARS
LATER...





STORY BY YONGTAEK CHAE
ART BY GARAM HAN

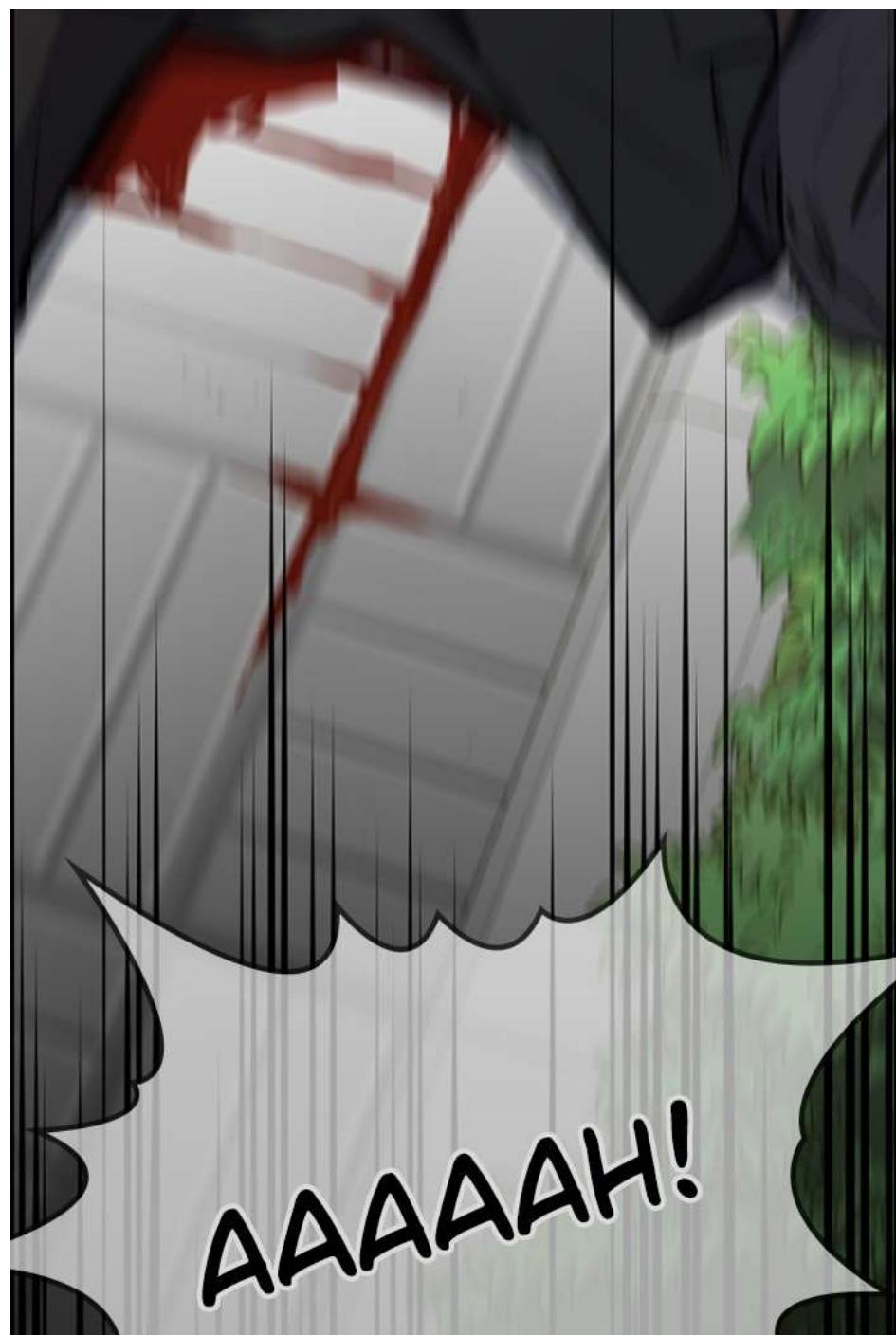


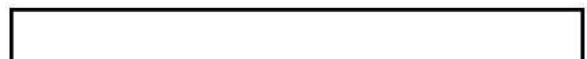
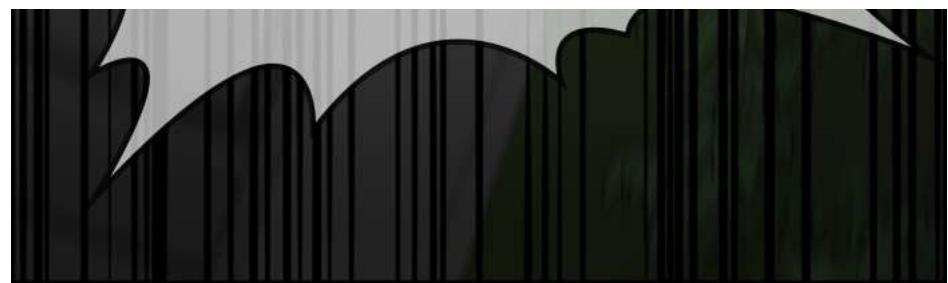














JUST BEFORE SCHOOL...

...A BOY IN THE GRADE
ABOVE ME

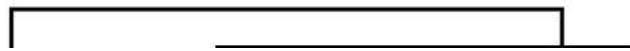


HIS NAME WAS
DAESEOK PARK.





WE'D NEVER
SPOKEN A WORD
TO ONE ANOTHER,
BUT EVERYONE WHO WENT
TO OUR SCHOOL KNEW
WHO HE WAS.

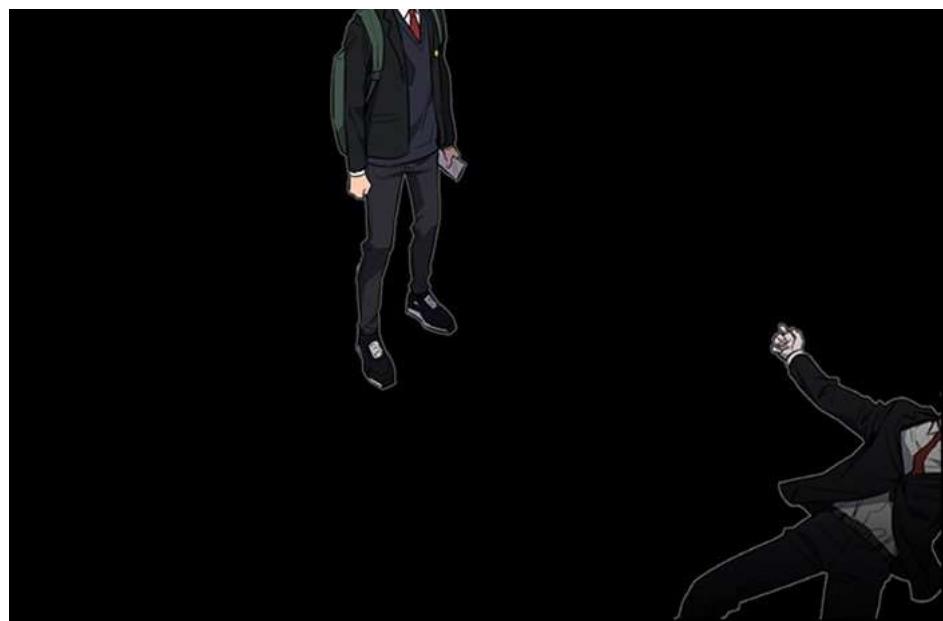


THAT'S BECAUSE
HE WAS KNOWN
AS DAE-SUCKS.



THAT NICKNAME MEANT
HE WAS A KNOWN *LOSER*,
THE MOST BULLIED AMONGST
ALL THE STUDENTS AT
SCHOOL.

THAT NICKNAME
ALONE...



...MADE IT EASY
ENOUGH TO GUESS WHY
HE KILLED HIMSELF.

AS FOR ME,
THE PERSON WHO SAW HIS
BODY BEFORE ANYONE ELSE,
I'M KYEONGMIN KIM,
A FIRST YEAR.



AND THE MOMENT
I SAW HIS BLOODYED
CORPSE

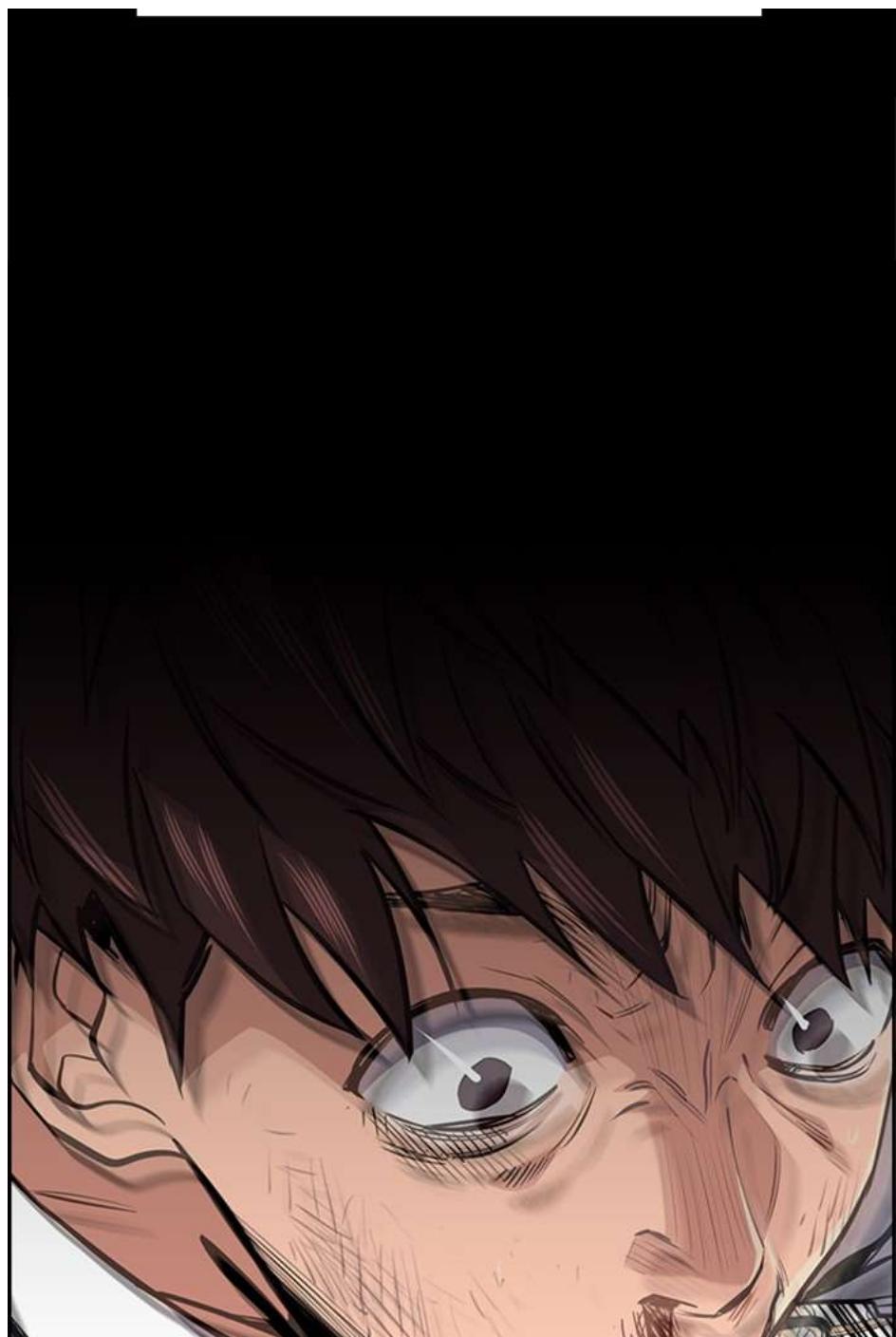




...I LAUGHED.

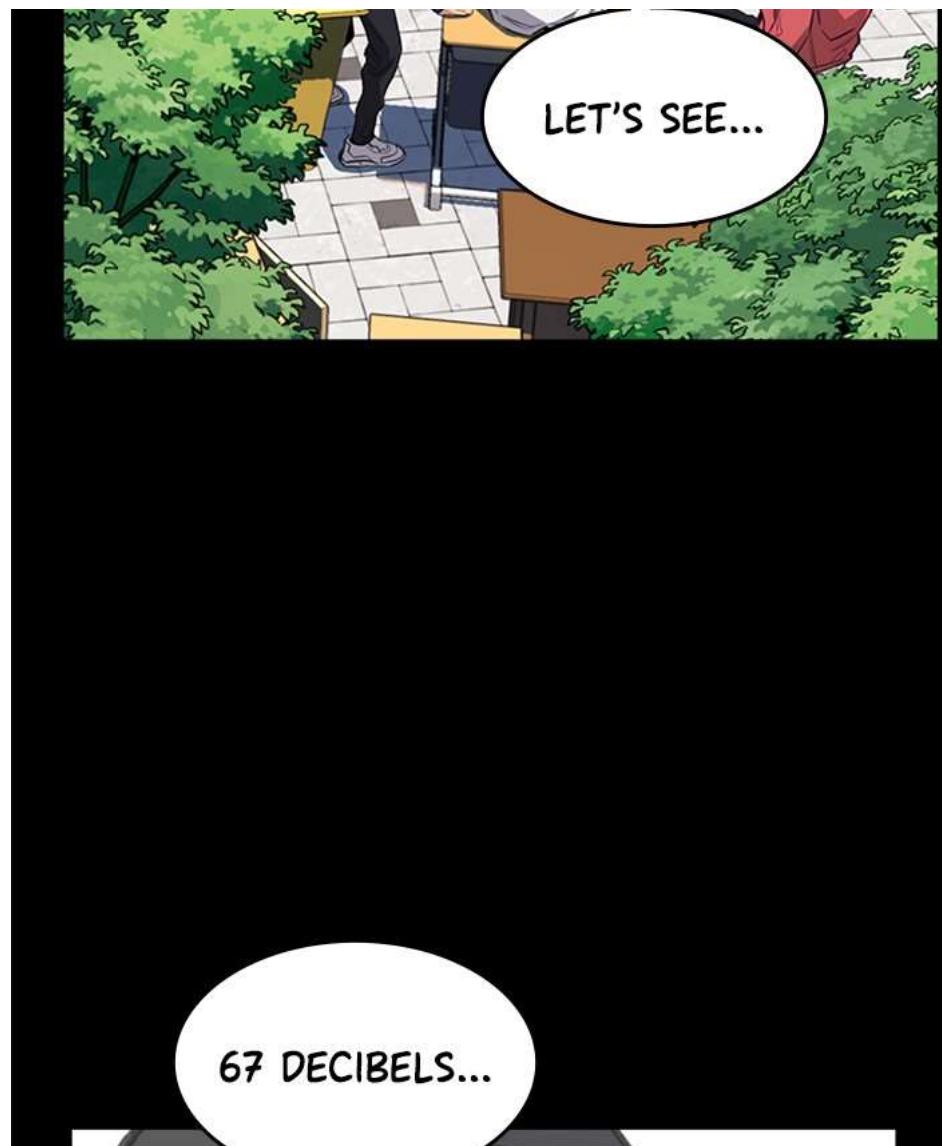


IS THERE
SOMETHING WRONG
WITH ME?

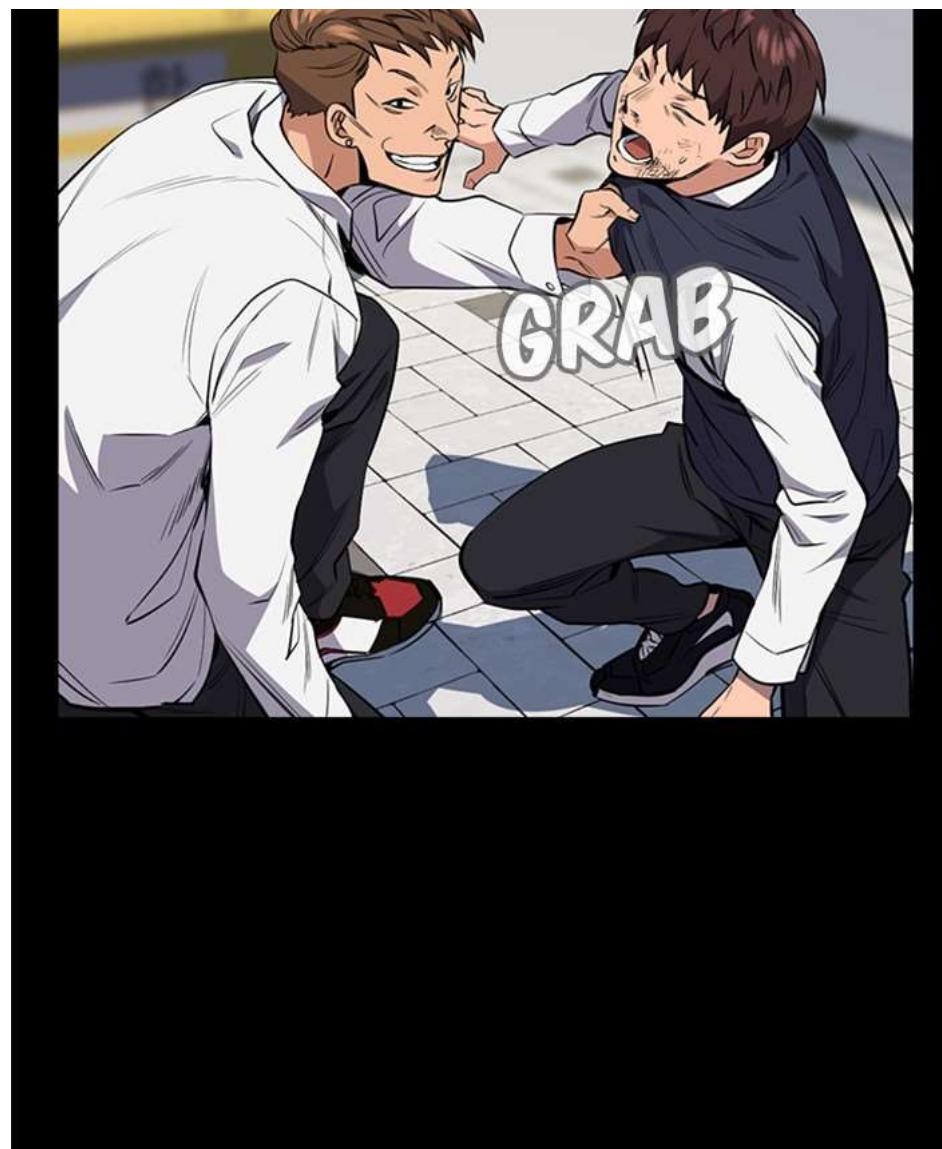






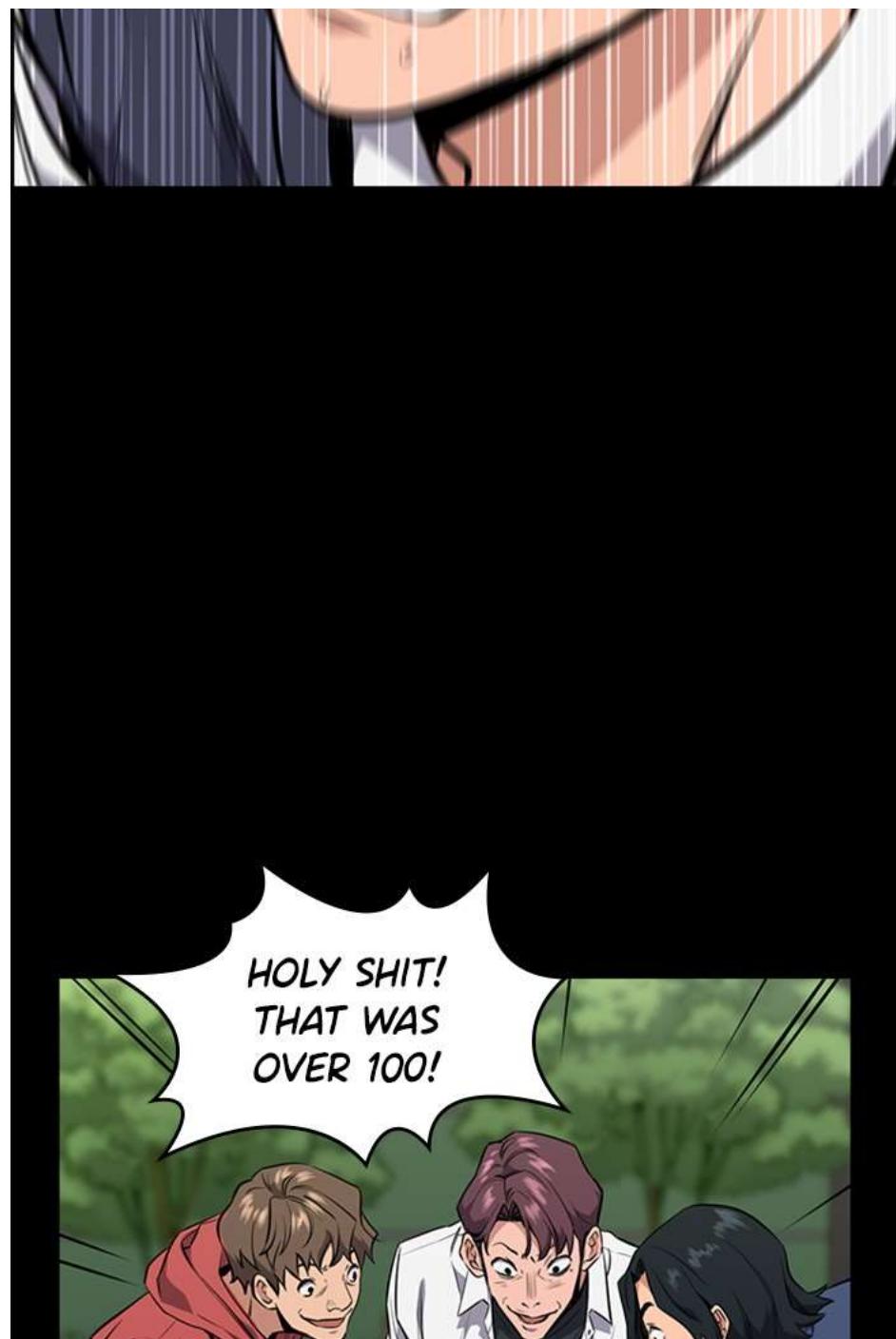






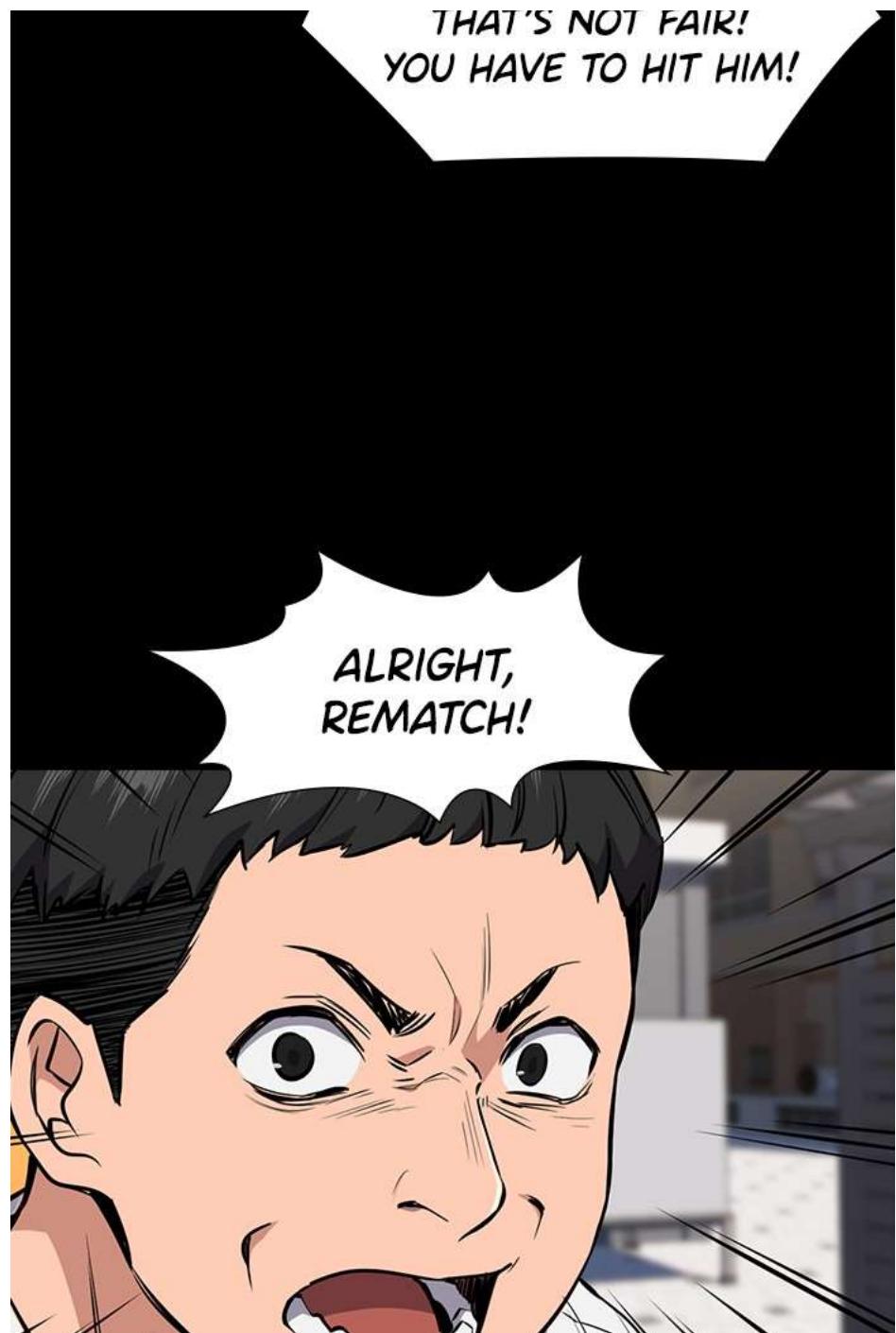


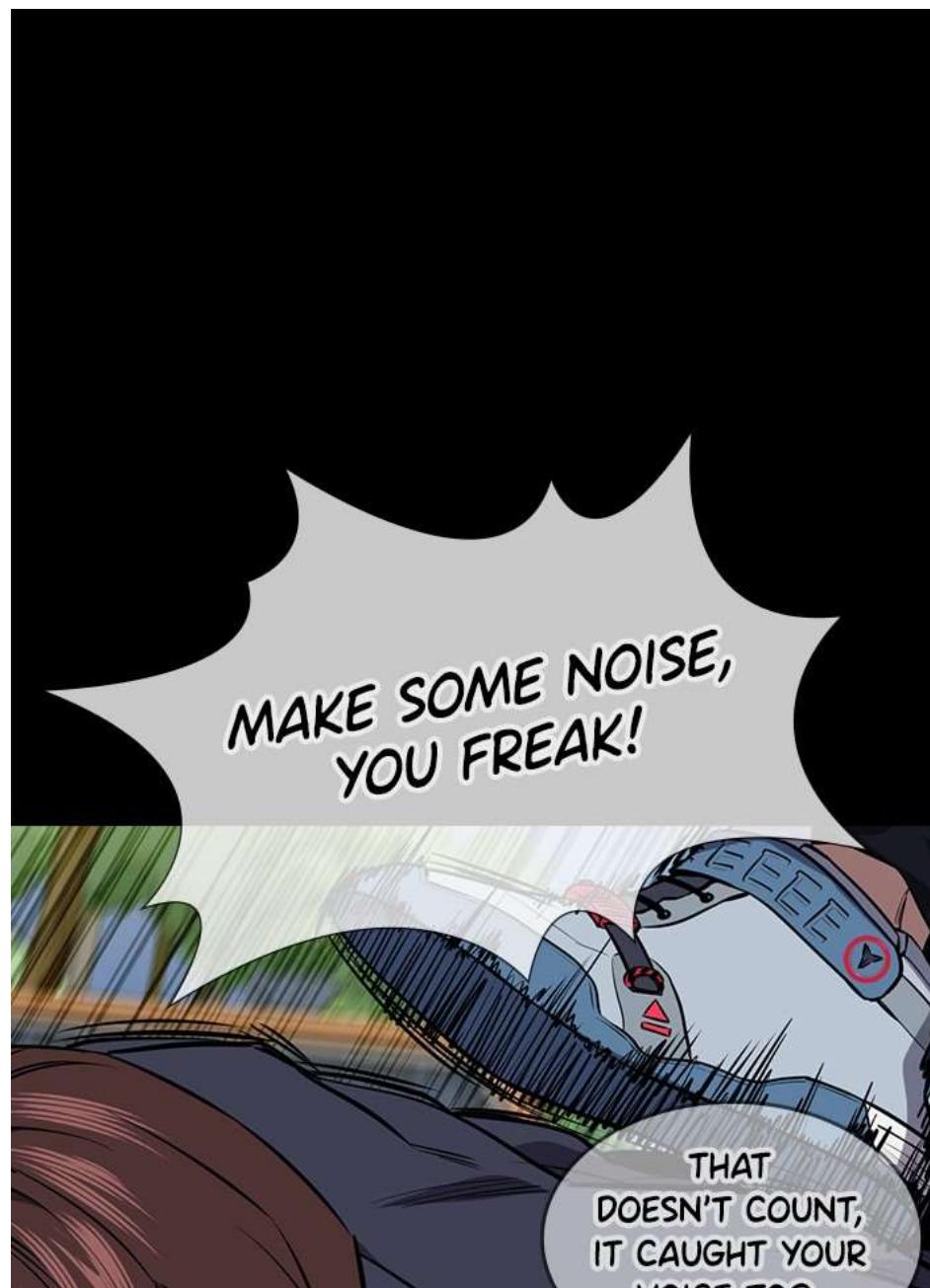














IF DAESEOK WAS
THE NUMBER ONE LOSER
OF THE SECOND YEARS,
THEN I WAS FOR THE
FIRST YEARS.



OF COURSE,
I DIDN'T JUST SIT BACK
AND TAKE IT AT FIRST.



I WENT TO
MY HOMEROOM TEACHER,
I THOUGHT HE WOULD
UNDERSTAND...

I'M GLAD
YOU CAME TO ME.
I'LL HAVE A TALK
WITH THOSE GUYS.

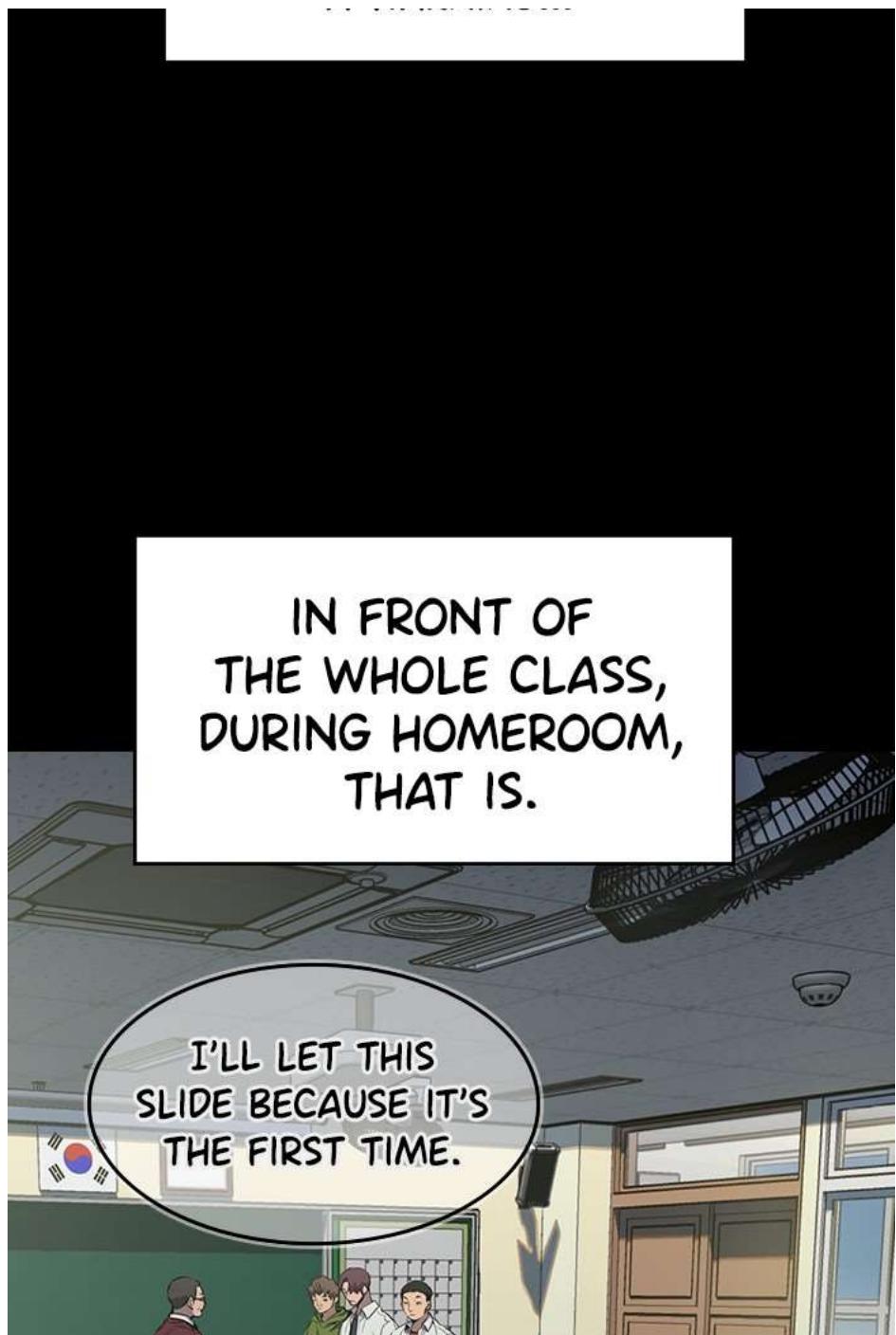


ME THAT HE WOULD
SORT THINGS OUT
ON MY BEHALF.

YOU ALL NEED
TO GET ALONG
AS A CLASS.



HE DID WHAT
HE SAID HE WOULD DO,
AND GAVE THEM





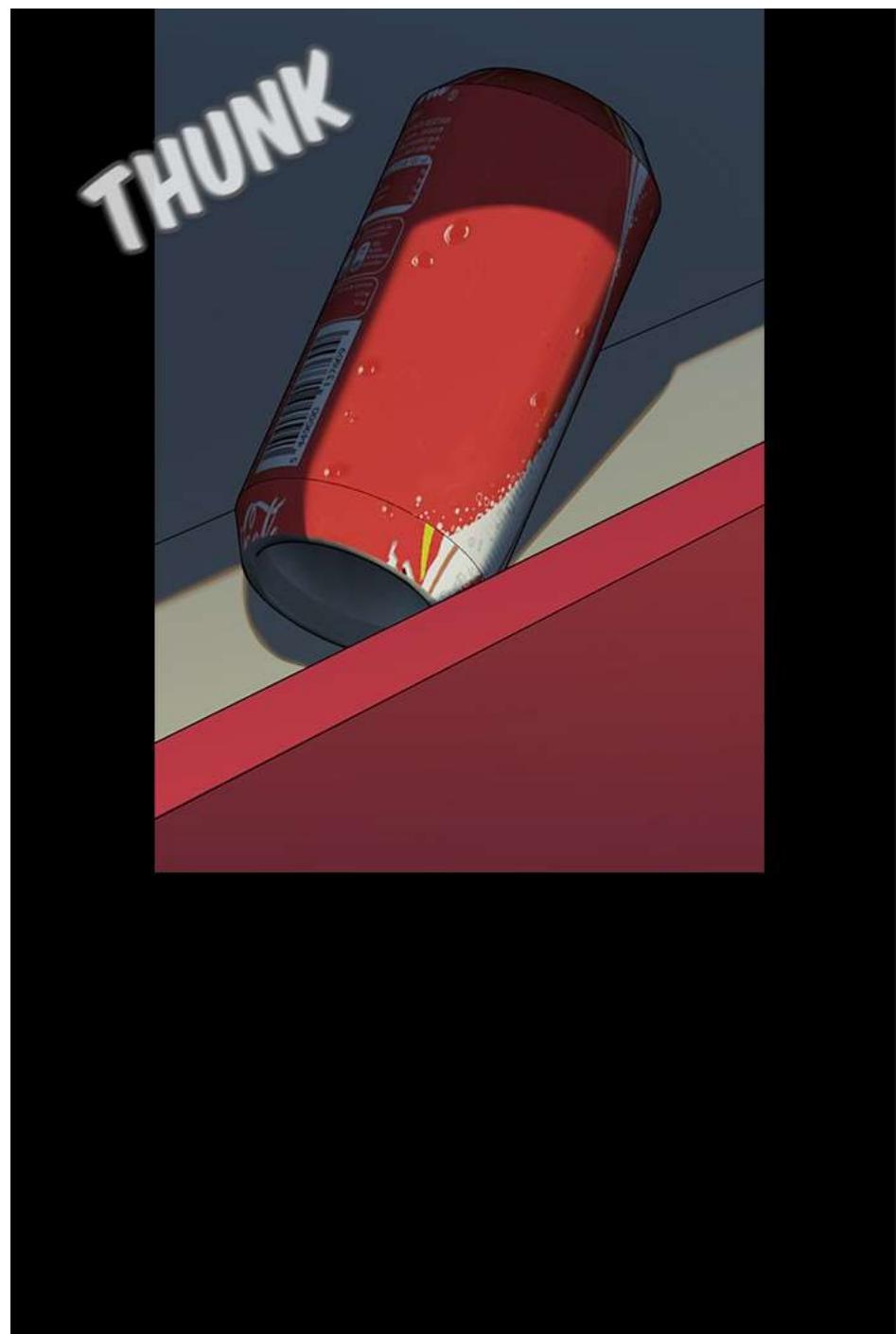






WHY DID MY HOMEROOM
TEACHER DO WHAT HE DID
EVEN WHEN HE KNEW
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

I FIGURED IT
OUT SOON ENOUGH.



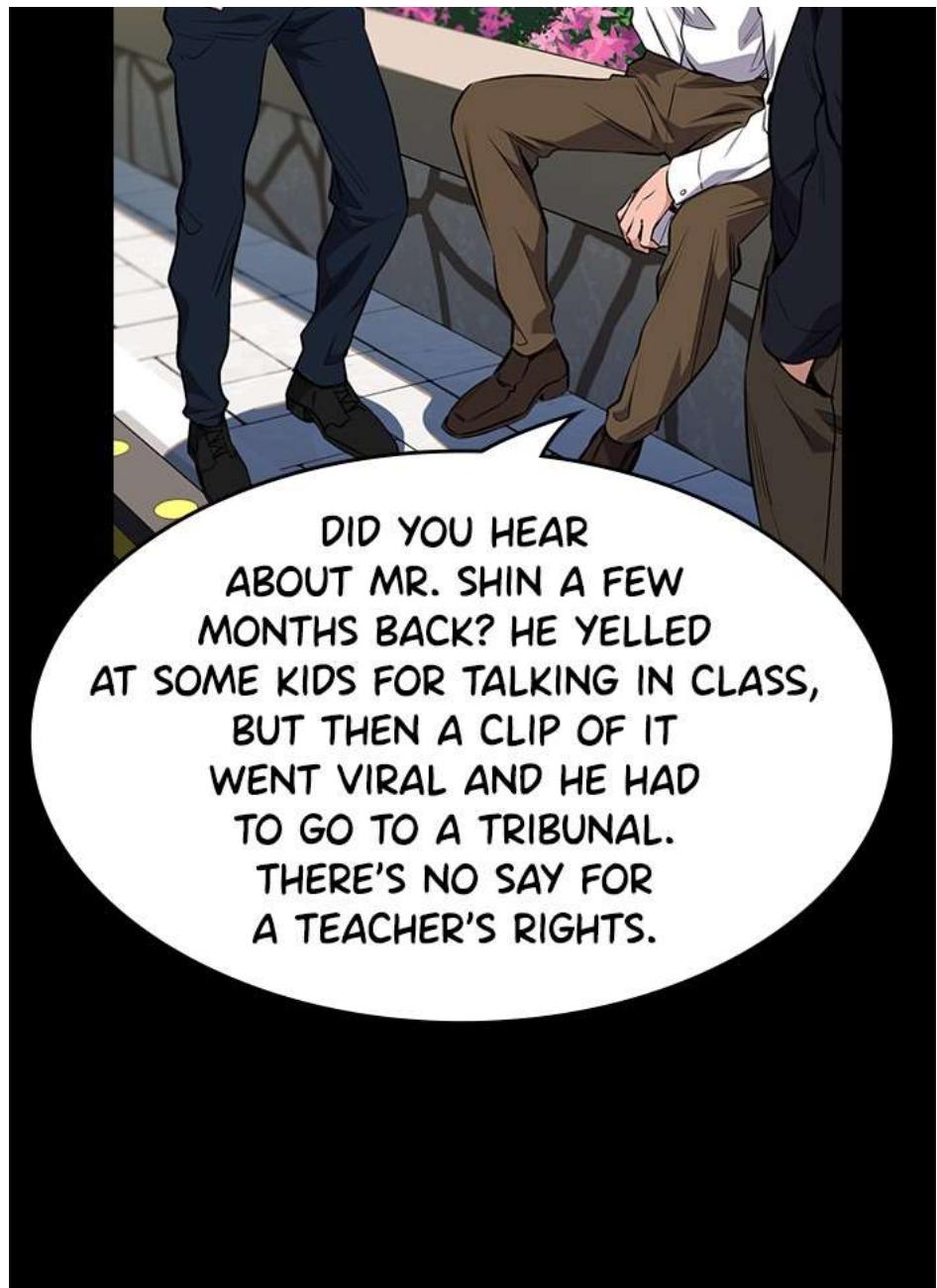
WHAT'S THE WORLD
COME TO THESE DAYS...
WE'RE STUCK HIDING OUT LIKE
A BUNCH OF TEENAGE
PUNKS...

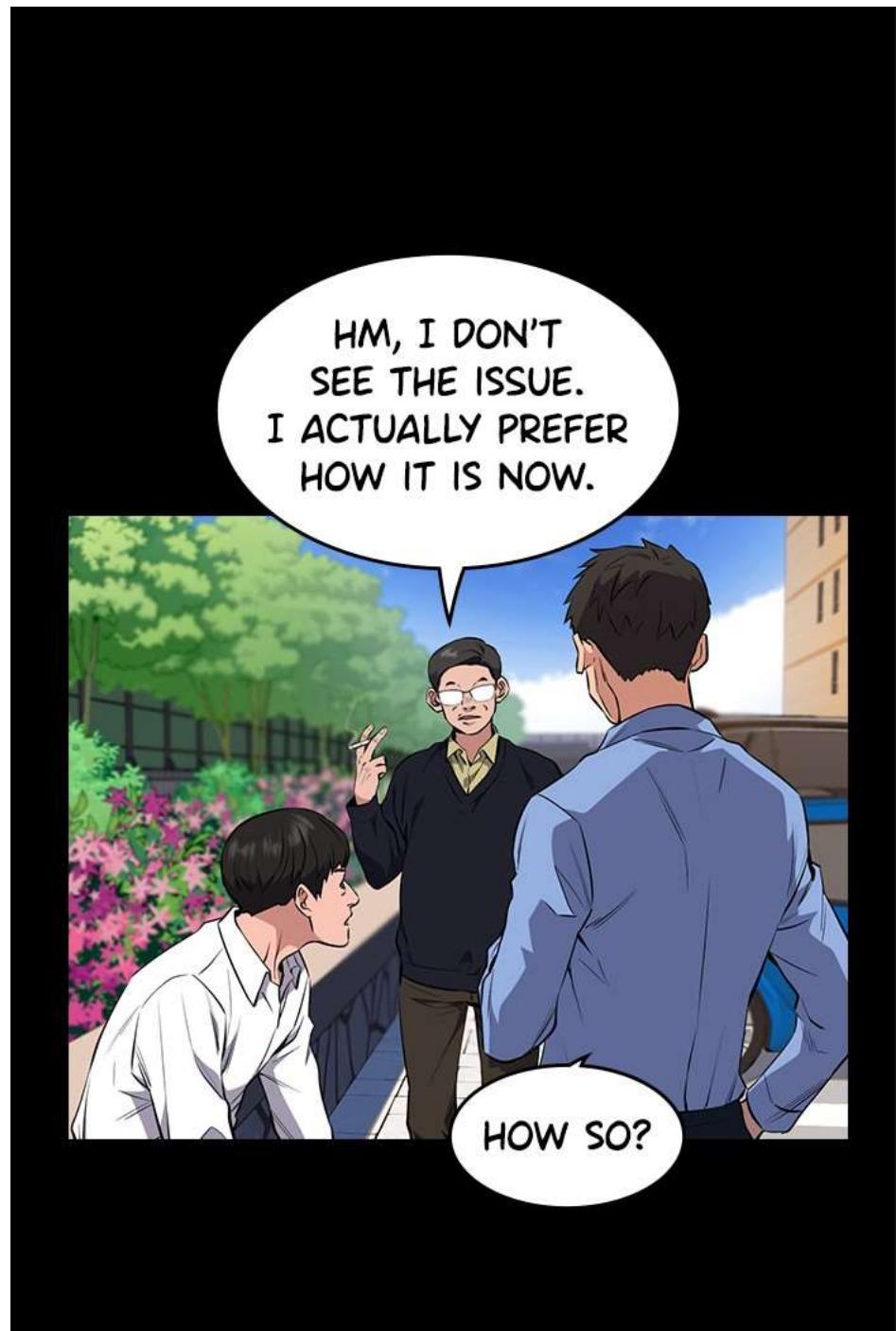
I HEAR YOU.

MAKE A SMOKING ROOM
FOR US TEACHERS...

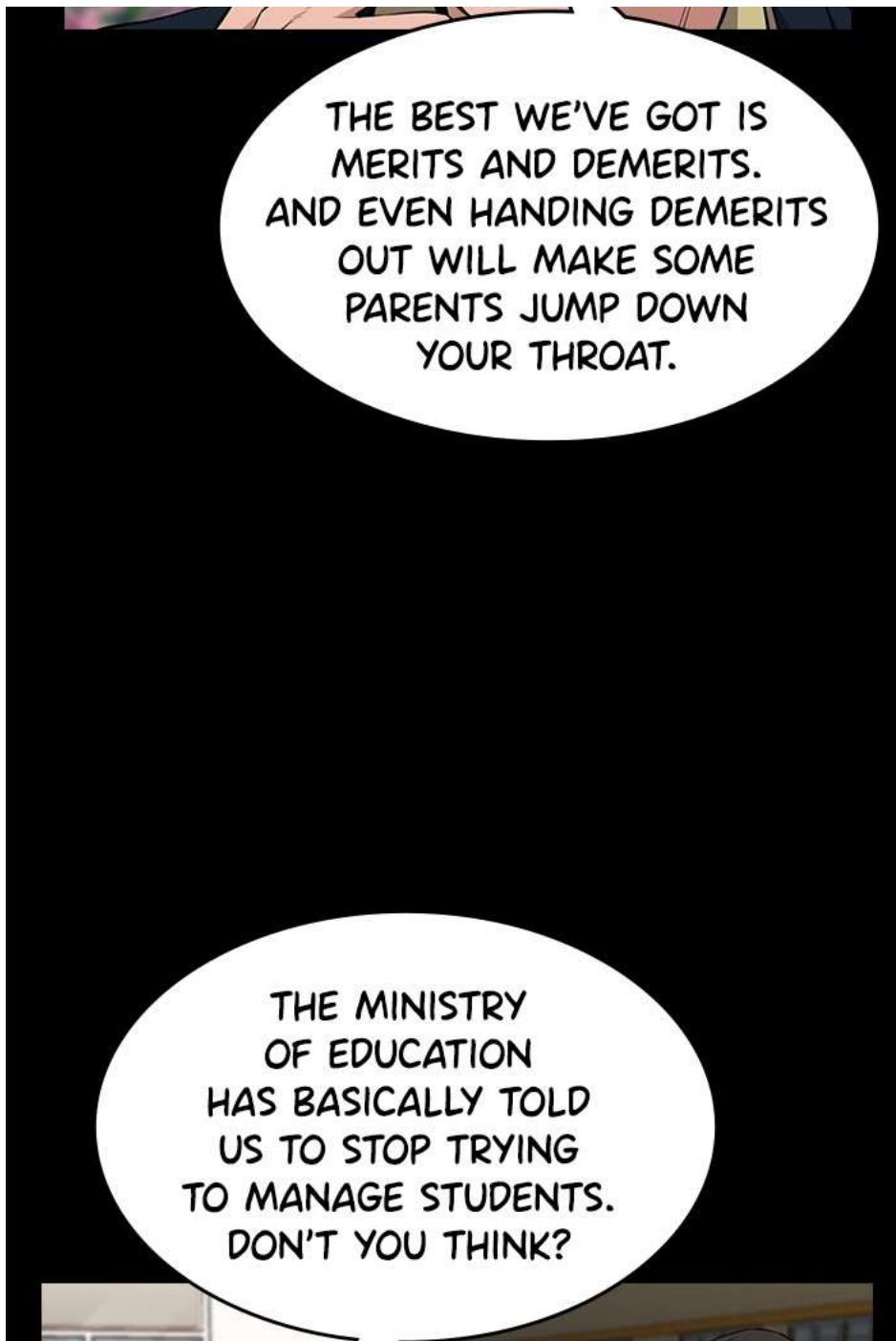
FIRST THEY TELL
US WE CAN'T SMOKE,
THEN THEY SAY NOT TO LAY
A FINGER ON THE STUDENTS...
I'M TELLING YOU,
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR
TEACHERS THESE DAYS.











THE BEST WE'VE GOT IS MERITS AND DEMERITS. AND EVEN HANDING DEMERITS OUT WILL MAKE SOME PARENTS JUMP DOWN YOUR THROAT.

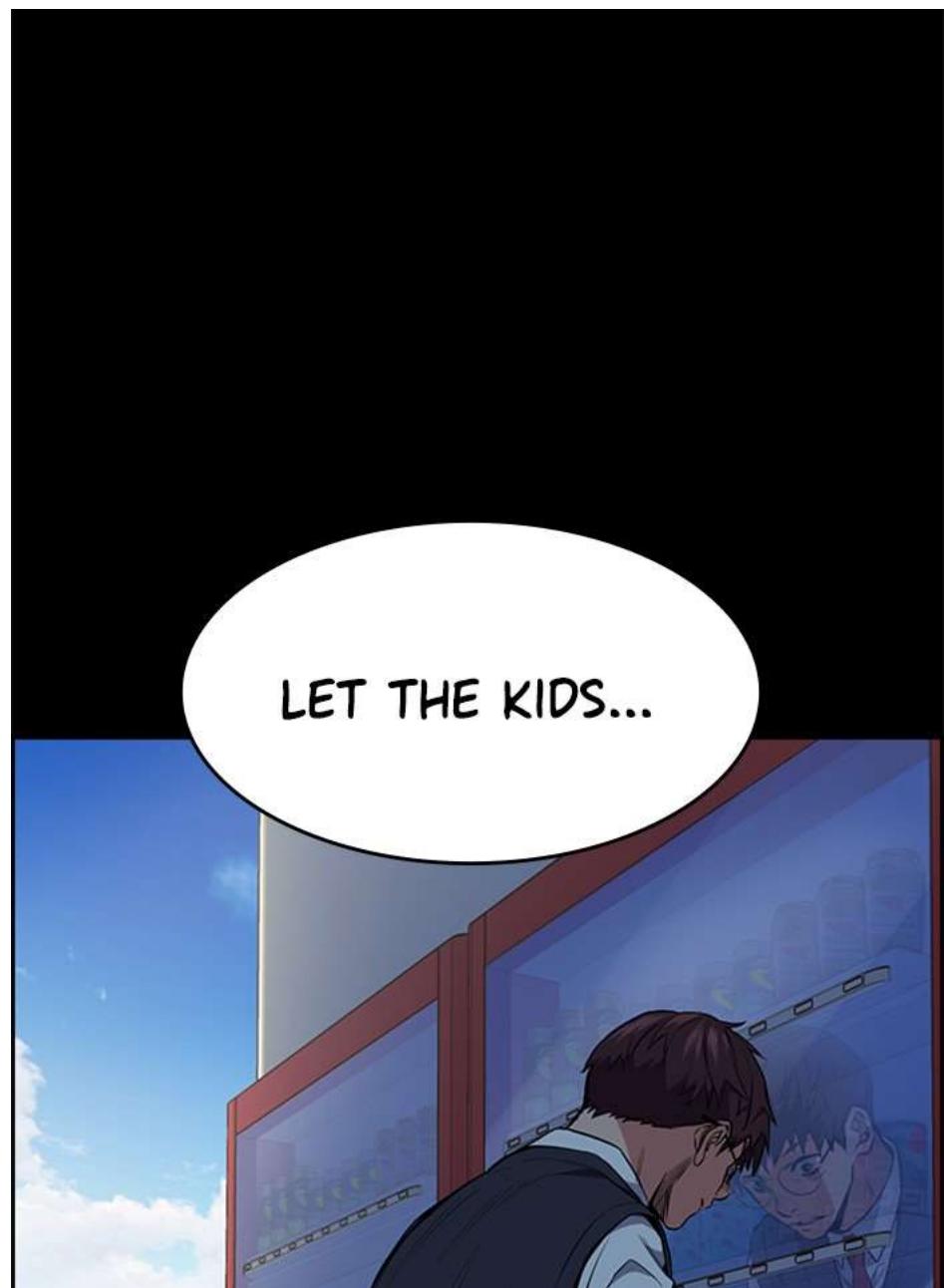
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS BASICALLY TOLD US TO STOP TRYING TO MANAGE STUDENTS. DON'T YOU THINK?





DON'T BOTHER TRYING
TO CONTROL OR GUIDE THEM,
JUST TEACH THEM
THE COURSE MATERIALS.







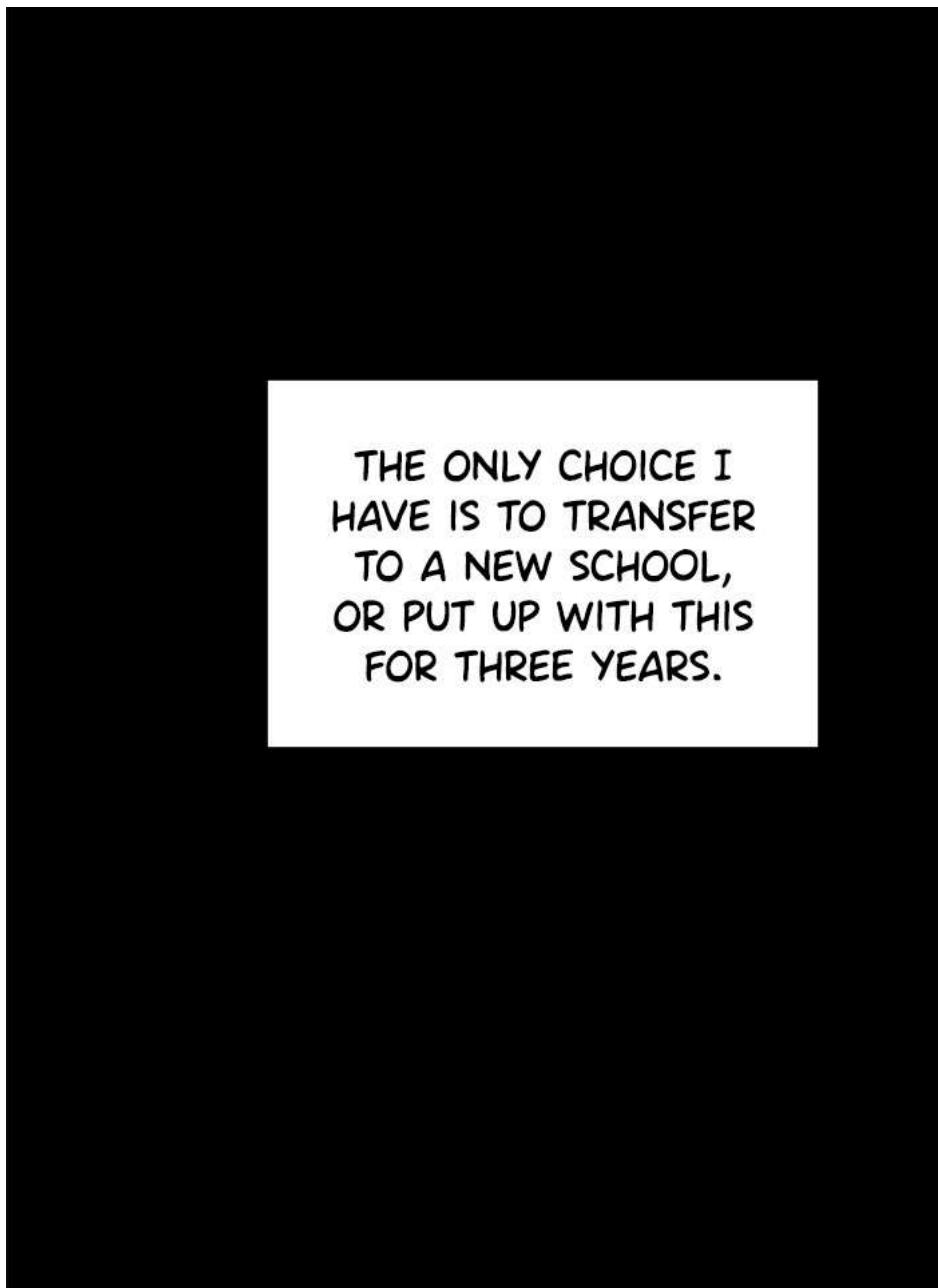
NOW IT WAS CLEAR.
WHAT HE DID THAT DAY
DURING HOMEROOM
WAS JUST FOR SHOW...





...A MESSAGE TO STUDENTS,
TELLING US NOT
TO COME TO HIM WITH
OUR PETTY BULLSHIT.

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE
PERSON WHO WILL
STAND UP FOR ME.

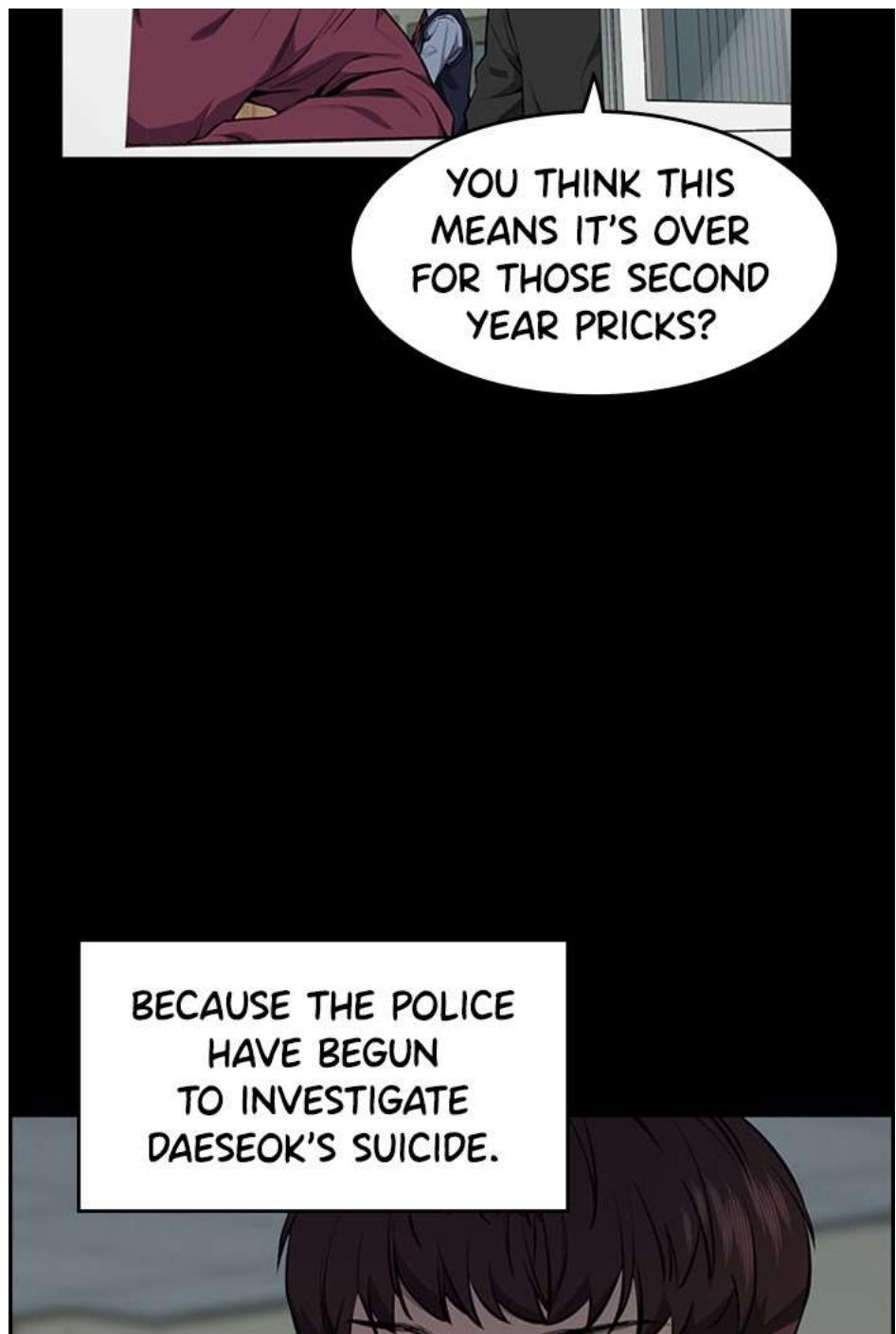


THE ONLY CHOICE I
HAVE IS TO TRANSFER
TO A NEW SCHOOL,
OR PUT UP WITH THIS
FOR THREE YEARS.

BUT NOW THINGS
HAVE CHANGED.









ANYONE AT THIS SCHOOL
COULD TELL YOU
THAT HE WAS BULLIED
MERCILESSLY...

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE
THE TRUTH ABOUT ALL
THE BULLYING AT THIS

...AND THE ONES
WHO BULLIED DAESEOK
WILL ALL GET ARRESTED.

THE VIOLENCE WILL DIE DOWN,
AND ALL THOSE WHO

LIKE ME WILL BE ABLE
TO GET BACK TO REGULAR
HIGH SCHOOL LIFE.

...OR SO
I THOUGHT.

HEY, REMEMBER THAT
SECOND YEAR LOSER?
THE COPS CONCLUDED
THAT HE KILLED HIMSELF
BECAUSE OF TOO MUCH STRESS



REMEMBER WHEN
THE COPS WERE
HERE EVERY DAY?
APPARENTLY,
THEY QUESTIONED
EVERY SECOND YEAR
STUDENT...



...AND NOT A SINGLE
ONE OF THEM SNITCHED
AND TOLD THEM THAT
THE LOSER WAS BEING
BULLIED.



PLOP



IT DOESN'T
MAKE ANY SENSE...
NO SENSE AT ALL...



THAT'S RIGHT!
IT DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE,
DOES IT?!





YOU CAN'T EVEN LAST
FOR AS LONG AS
I NEED TO SMOKE
A CIGARETTE?!



OUR WORLD IS
UNTOUCHABLE
FOR THE REASON
THAT WE ARE
STUDENTS...

...AND I DON'T HAVE
THE POWER TO CHANGE
THINGS MY OWN.







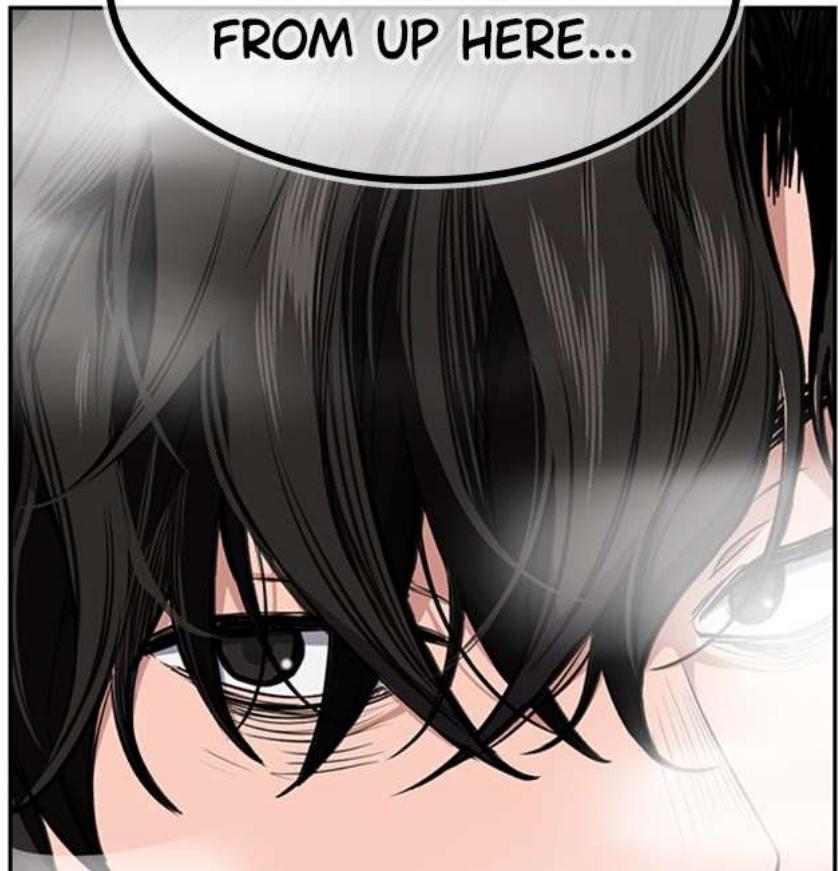


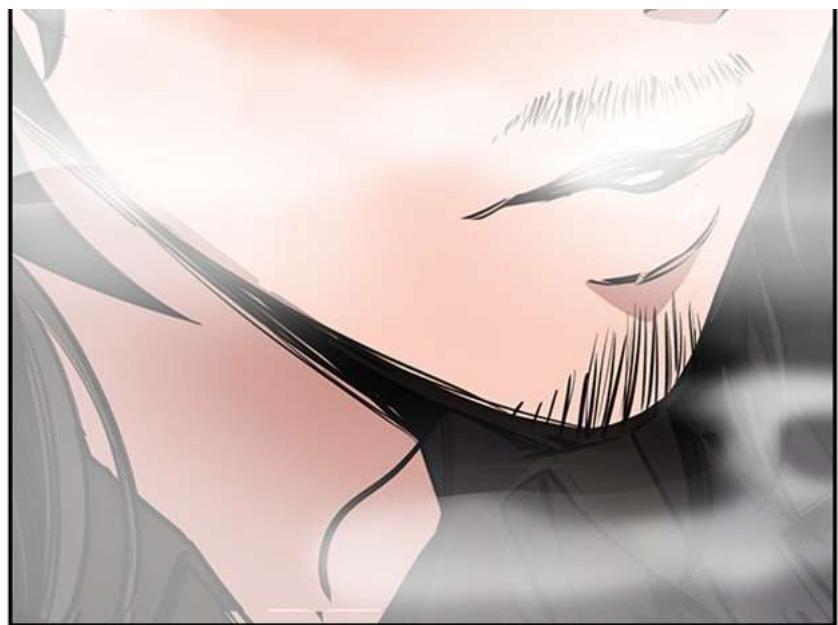


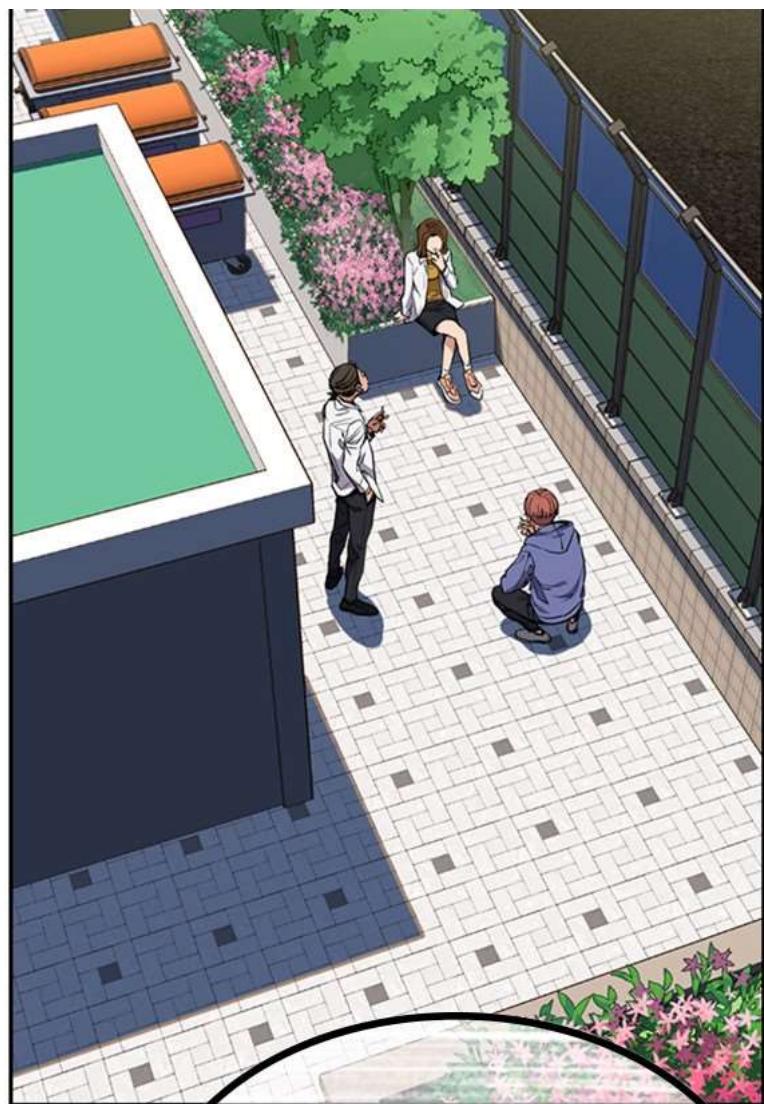
BUT WHY
WOULD A TEACHER



I'VE GOT
A NICE VIEW
FROM UP HERE...

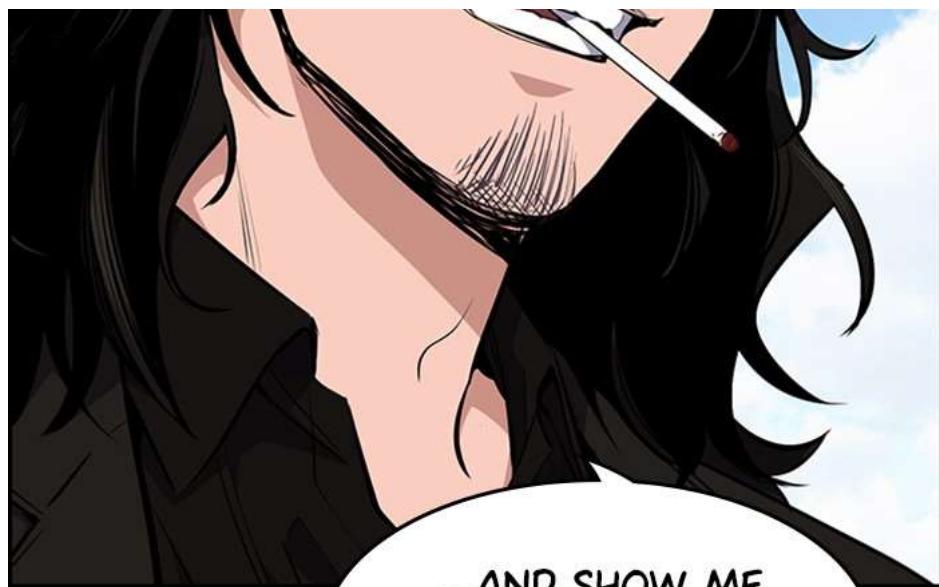






...I CAN SEE WHAT
KIND OF MISERABLE
STATE THIS
SCHOOL IS IN.





...AND SHOW ME
WHERE THE TEACHERS'
ROOM IS?







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