

Solo Leveling

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GATES.

THE PORTALS THAT
CONNECT OUR WORLD
TO THE OTHER
DIMENSION.

SINCE THESE GATES
FIRST APPEARED
10 YEARS AGO...

...MANY INEXPLICABLE
EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED.

A GOOD EXAMPLE
IS THE INTRODUCTION
OF AWAKENED BEINGS
CALLED **HUNTERS**.

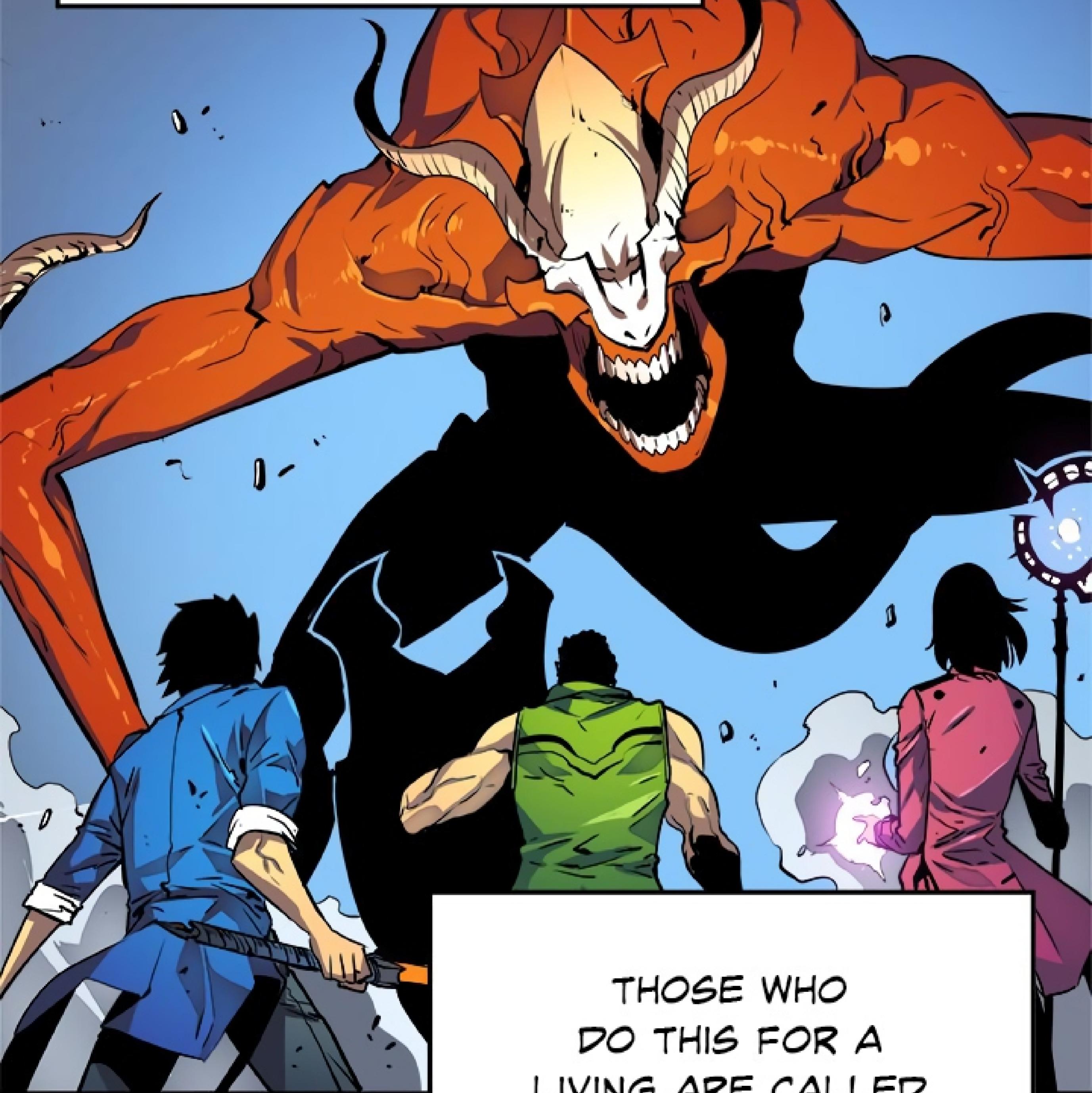


AWAKENED BEINGS
ARE ENDOWED WITH
PERMANENT POWERS
UPON AWAKENING.

I, TOO, HAVE BEEN
AWAKENED, BUT MY
FEEBLE POWERS
MAKE ME E-RANK.

I'M SLIGHTLY
STRONGER THAN THE
AVERAGE PERSON,
BUT DEFINITELY MUCH
WEAKER THAN OTHER
EXPERIENCED HUNTERS
IN HIGHER RANKS.

AWAKENED
BEINGS PASS THROUGH
GATES INTO DUNGEONS
TO FIGHT AGAINST
MAGIC BEASTS.



THOSE WHO
DO THIS FOR A
LIVING ARE CALLED
HUNTERS.

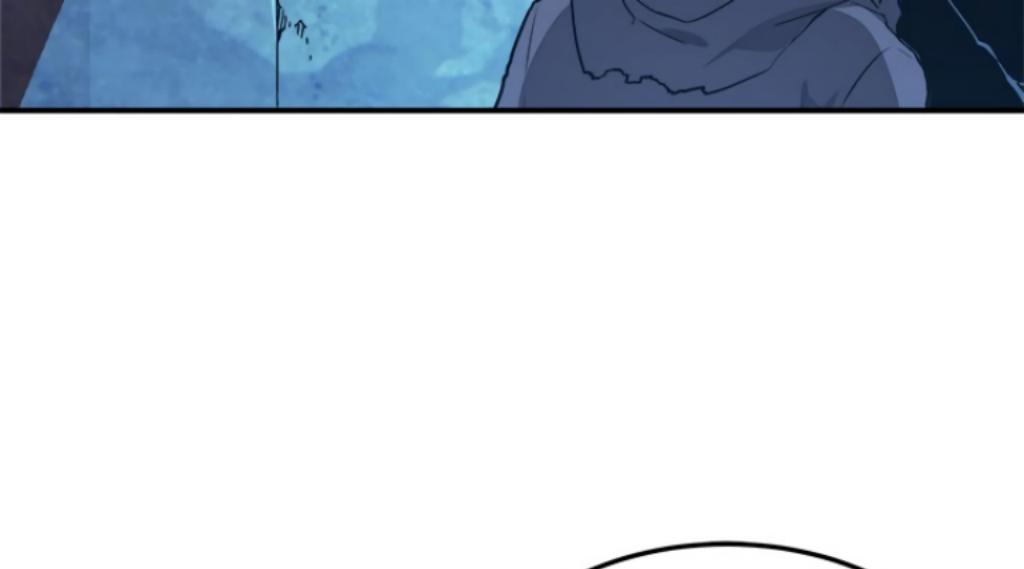


AND SOMETIMES,
BEYOND THESE
GATES...

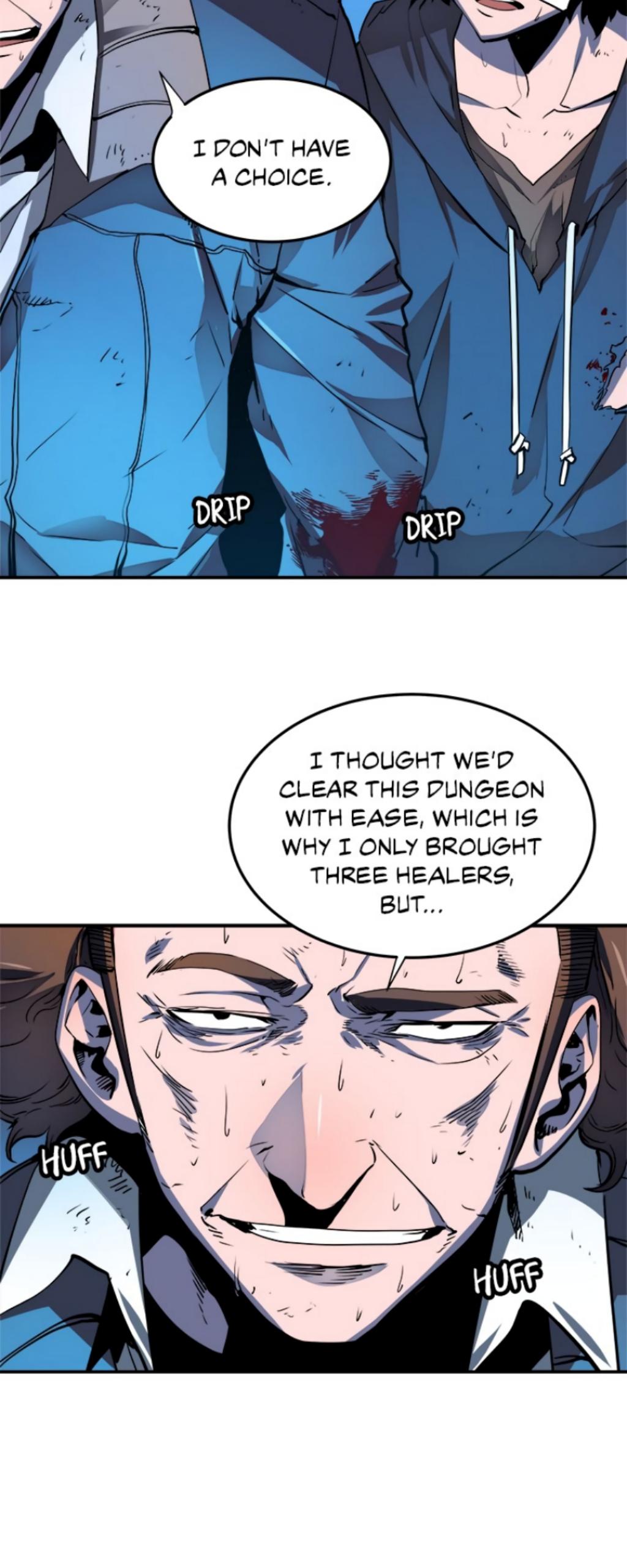
...TERRIFYING
MONSTERS...

...THAT MAKE
YOU FALL INTO
DESPAIR...

...APPEAR
BEFORE YOU.



ARE YOU GOING
TO BE OKAY? YOU
HAVEN'T STOPPED
BLEEDING YET.



I DON'T HAVE
A CHOICE.



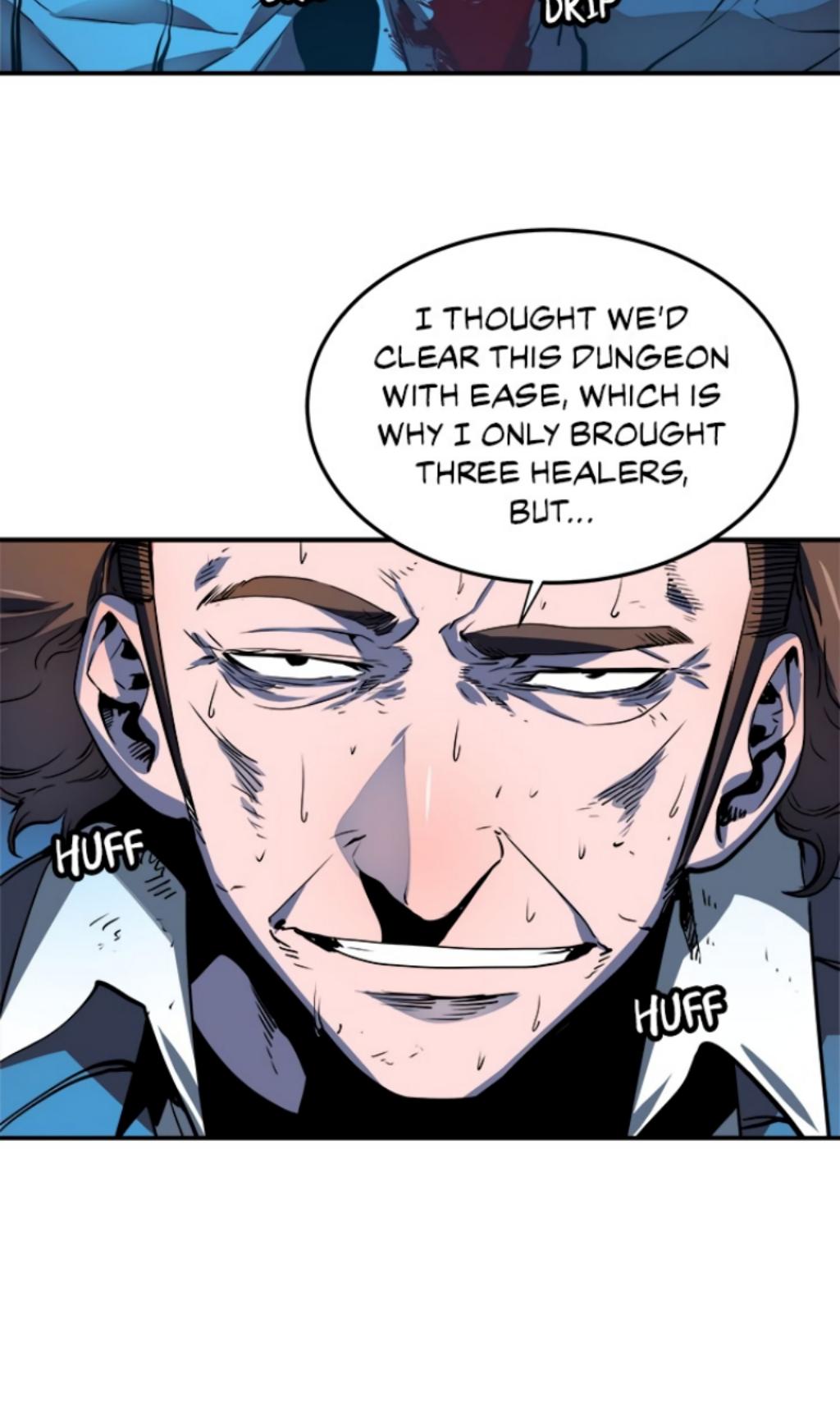
DRIP DRIP

I THOUGHT WE'D
CLEAR THIS DUNGEON
WITH EASE, WHICH IS
WHY I ONLY BROUGHT
THREE HEALERS,
BUT...



HUFF

HUFF



...THERE'S
NO TRACE LEFT OF
THE ONE THAT WAS
ATTACKED...

...ANOTHER ONE IS
SITTING OVER THERE
SCARED OUT OF
HIS MIND...



HELP...
HELP...



I WANT
TO LIVE...

...AND EVEN A
B-RANK HEALER LIKE
JOOHEE'S PROBABLY NEVER
EXPERIENCED SOMETHING
LIKE THIS BEFORE...
HAHA, SO IT'S GONNA BE
HARD TO GET ANY
HEALING.

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

WE SHOULDN'T

TRY TO DO ANYTHING
AGAINST AN OPPONENT
LIKE THAT.

ONCE THINGS HAVE
SETTLED DOWN, LET'S
JUST TRY TO FIGURE
OUT HOW TO GET
OUT OF HERE.

THOUGH
IT WON'T BE
EASY...

HNGHHH...

HOW DID WE
END UP LIKE
THIS...?

THIS IS
JUST A D-RANK
DUNGEON...

ACCORDING TO
MR. SONG, WE'LL
BE ATTACKED THE
SECOND WE
MOVE.

EVEN IF WE
WERE TO GET LUCKY
AND SOMEHOW MAKE IT
ALL THE WAY TO THE EXIT,
THERE'S ANOTHER STATUE
GUARDING THE
DOORS...

...WHICH MEANS
THEY HAD NO INTENTION
OF LETTING US LEAVE
IN THE FIRST PLACE!

I REFUSE
TO DIE LIKE
THIS.

STOMP



I JUST
SIGNED WITH A
MAJOR GUILD.

I CAN'T
DIE HERE.

HUFF

HUFF

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
DON'T
MOVE!

ALL RIGHT!
I CAN DO
THIS!



BULGE **BULGE**

NO MATTER WHO
I'M UP AGAINST, I'M
CONFIDENT I CAN
BE FASTER.



BULGE

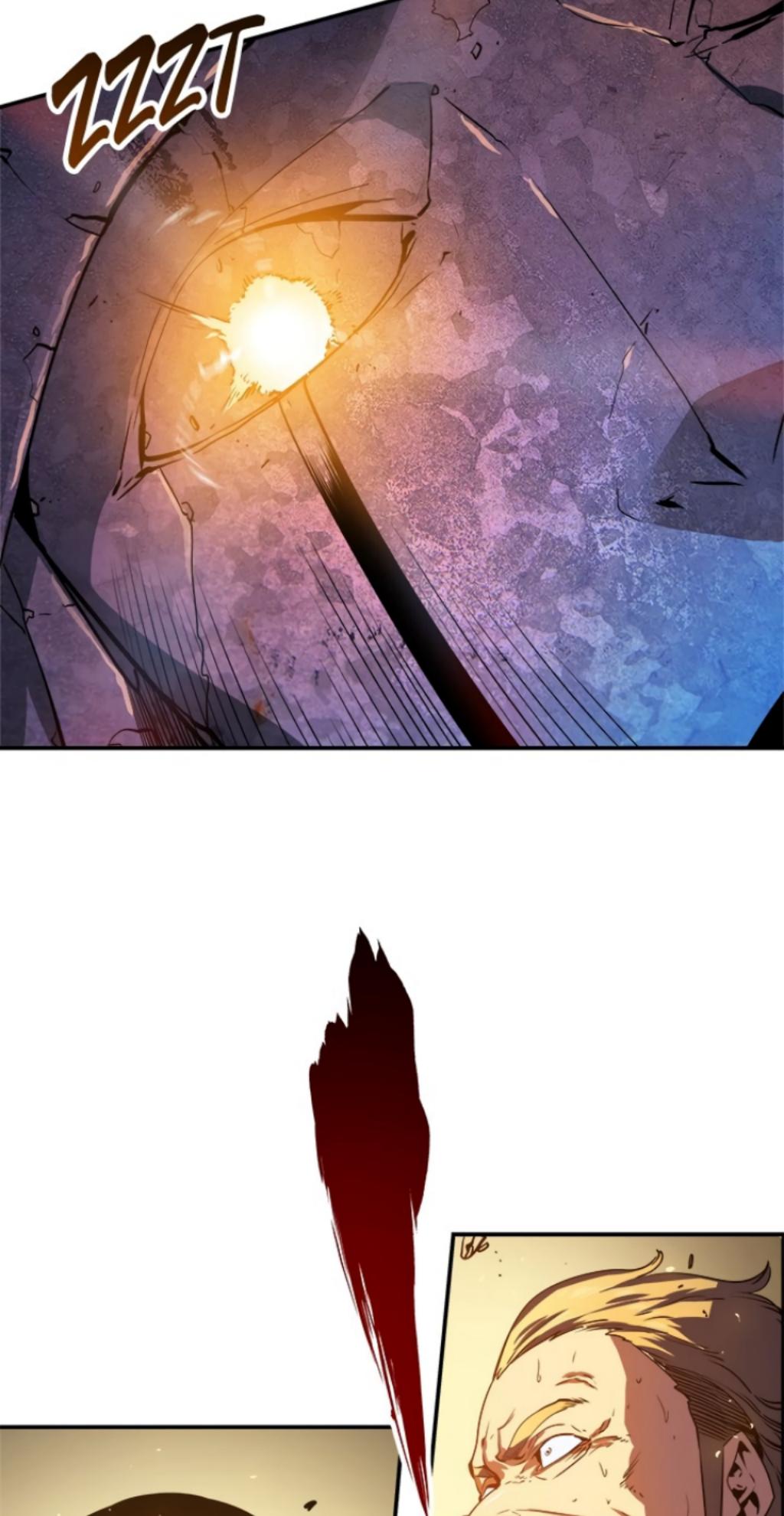
I'LL BREAK
THROUGH THE
DOOR IN ONE
GO!



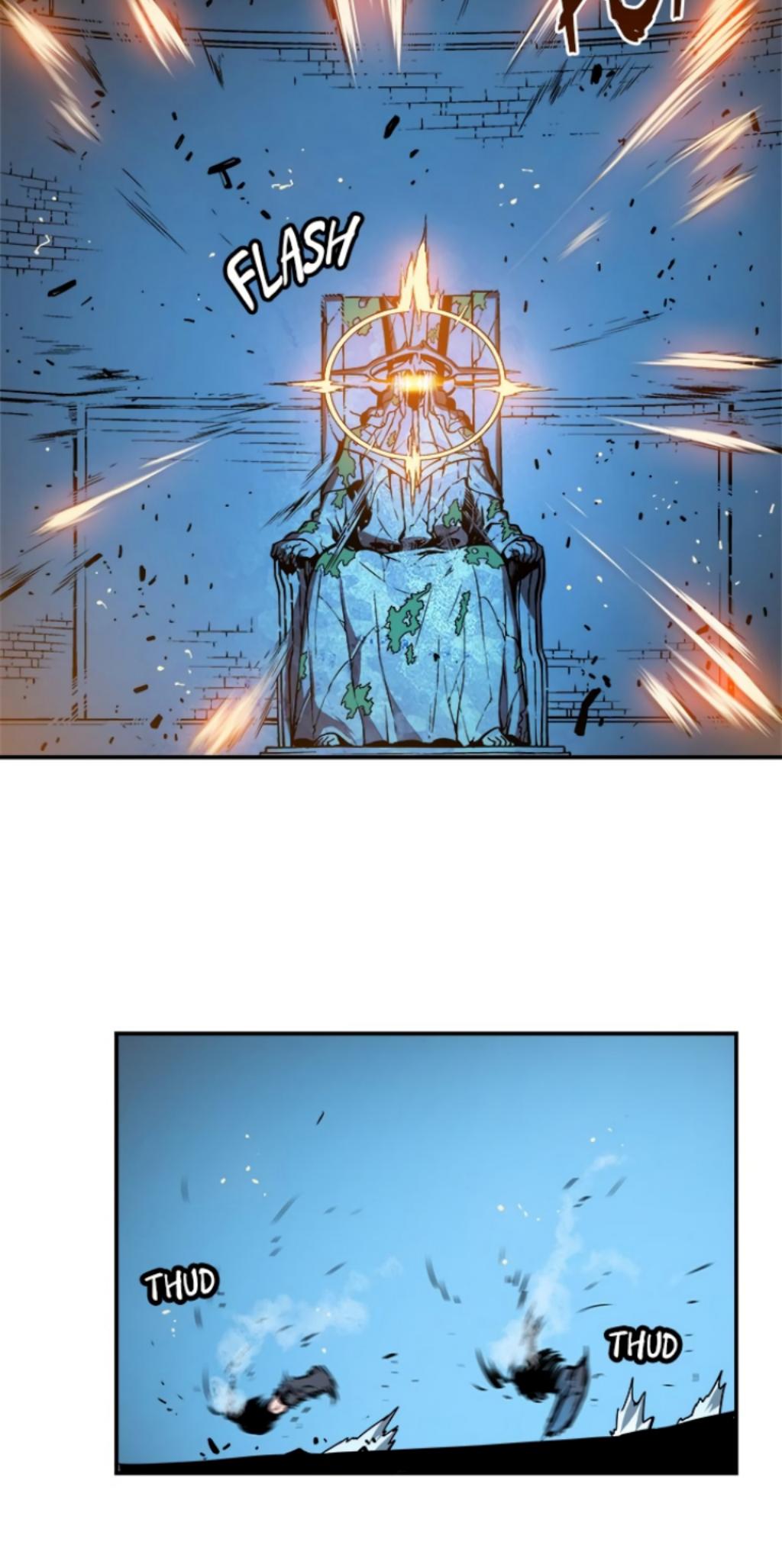
BULGE

BOOM









WHAM

DOES THIS MEAN
THESE STATUES COULD
ANNIHILATE US AT ANY
GIVEN MOMENT IF THEY
WANTED TO?

IT'LL BE
EASIER THAN
SQUASHING A
BUG, THAT'S
FOR SURE.

GOOD
QUESTION...

THEY COULD
KILL US ALL
RIGHT NOW...

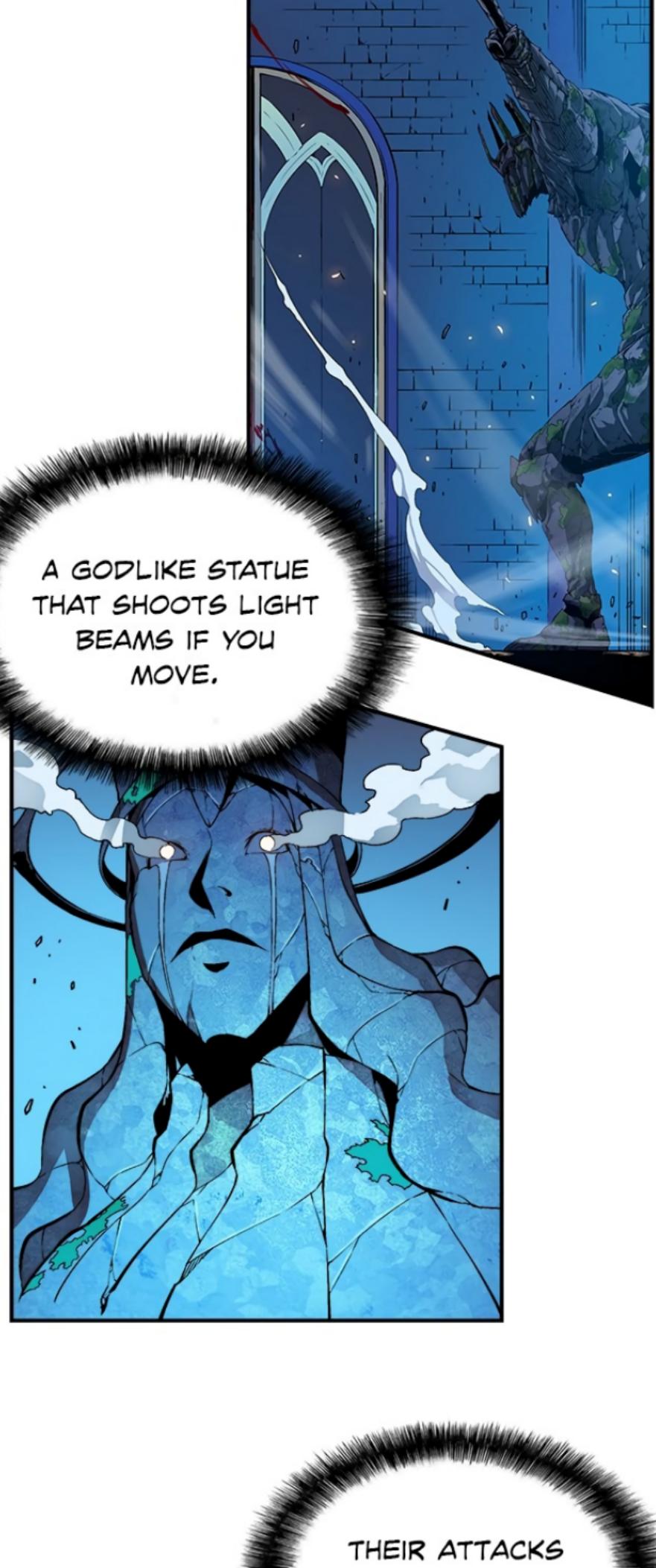
...SO WHY
HAVEN'T
THEY?

THEY HAVE
THE POWER TO
KILL US, YET
THEY HAVEN'T.



THEY'RE
DIFFERENT FROM
THE MAGIC BEASTS
THAT ATTACK THE
SECOND THEY SET
THEIR SIGHTS ON
A HUNTER.

A GUARD THAT
ATTACKS WHEN YOU
APPROACH THE
DOORS.



A GODLIKE STATUE
THAT SHOOTS LIGHT
BEAMS IF YOU
MOVE.



THEIR ATTACKS
ARE BASED ON A
SET OF RULES!



RULES?



COULD IT
BE THAT...

A close-up photograph of a fly's head, viewed from above. The image highlights the two large, faceted compound eyes, the small ocellus, and the complex mouthparts at the front. The dark, textured surface of the head is visible against a lighter background.



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MR. SONG! WHAT
WAS THE FIRST
COMMANDMENT
AGAIN?

COMMANDMENT?

I THINK
THE FIRST ONE
WAS...

... "THOU SHALL
WORSHIP GOD."

GOD...

MR. SONG...

THIS DUNGEON

THIS DUNGEON
HAS RULES.

RISE

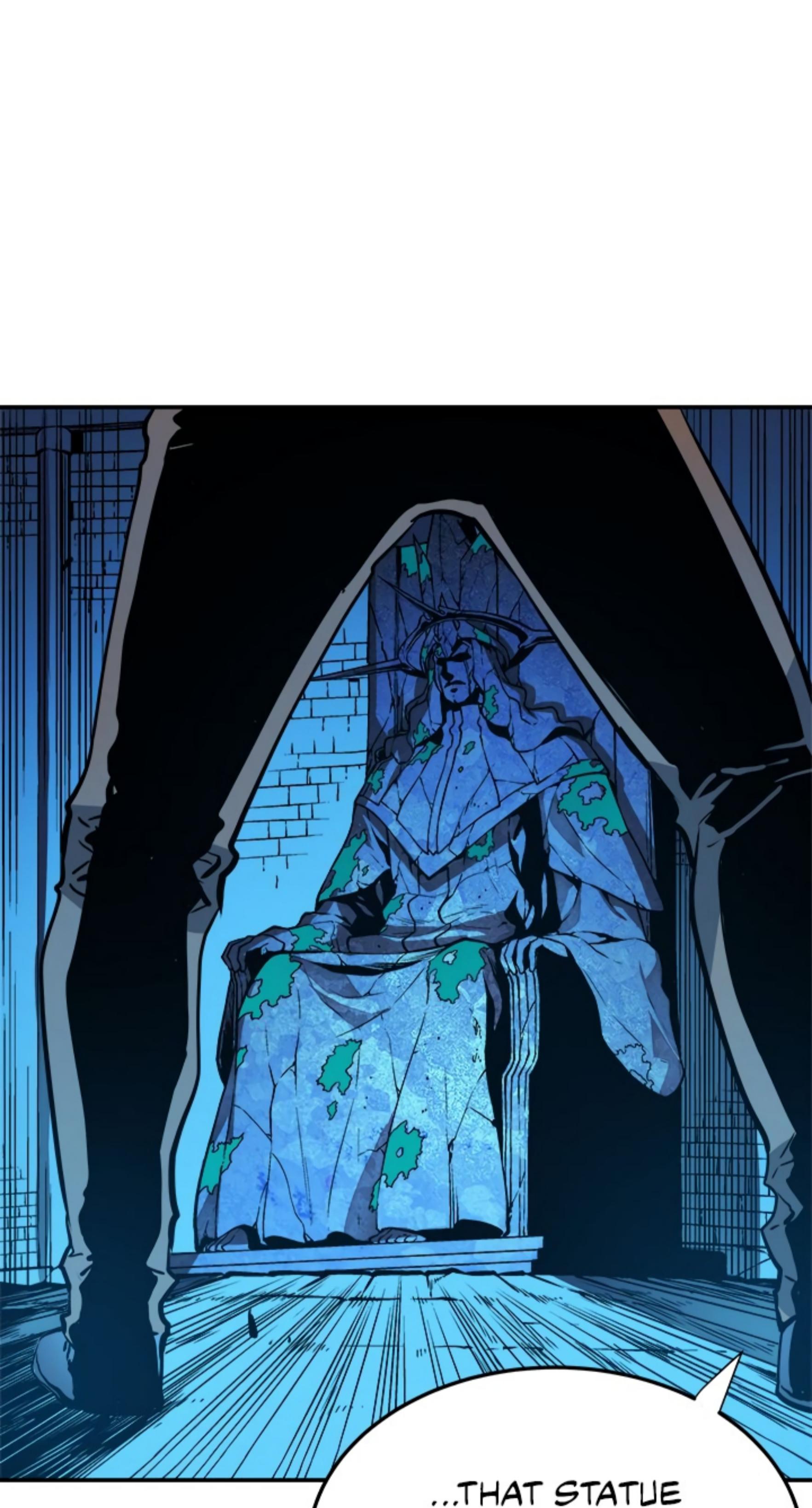
WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?!

IF WHAT I'M
THINKING IS
TRUE...

ARE YOU
CRAZY?!

YOUR EYES TELL
ME YOU HAVEN'T
GIVEN UP ON
HOPE YET.





...THAT STATUE
DOESN'T ATTACK
ALL MOVING
BEINGS.

To Be Continued...



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