

THE ARCHMAGE

RETURNS AFTER.

4000

YEARS

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DID YOU SAY
HONOR LUKESS?!

THAT'S HIM...?!



HONOR
LUKESS WAS
THE APOSTLE?!





MIKEL, MY
OLD FRIEND...

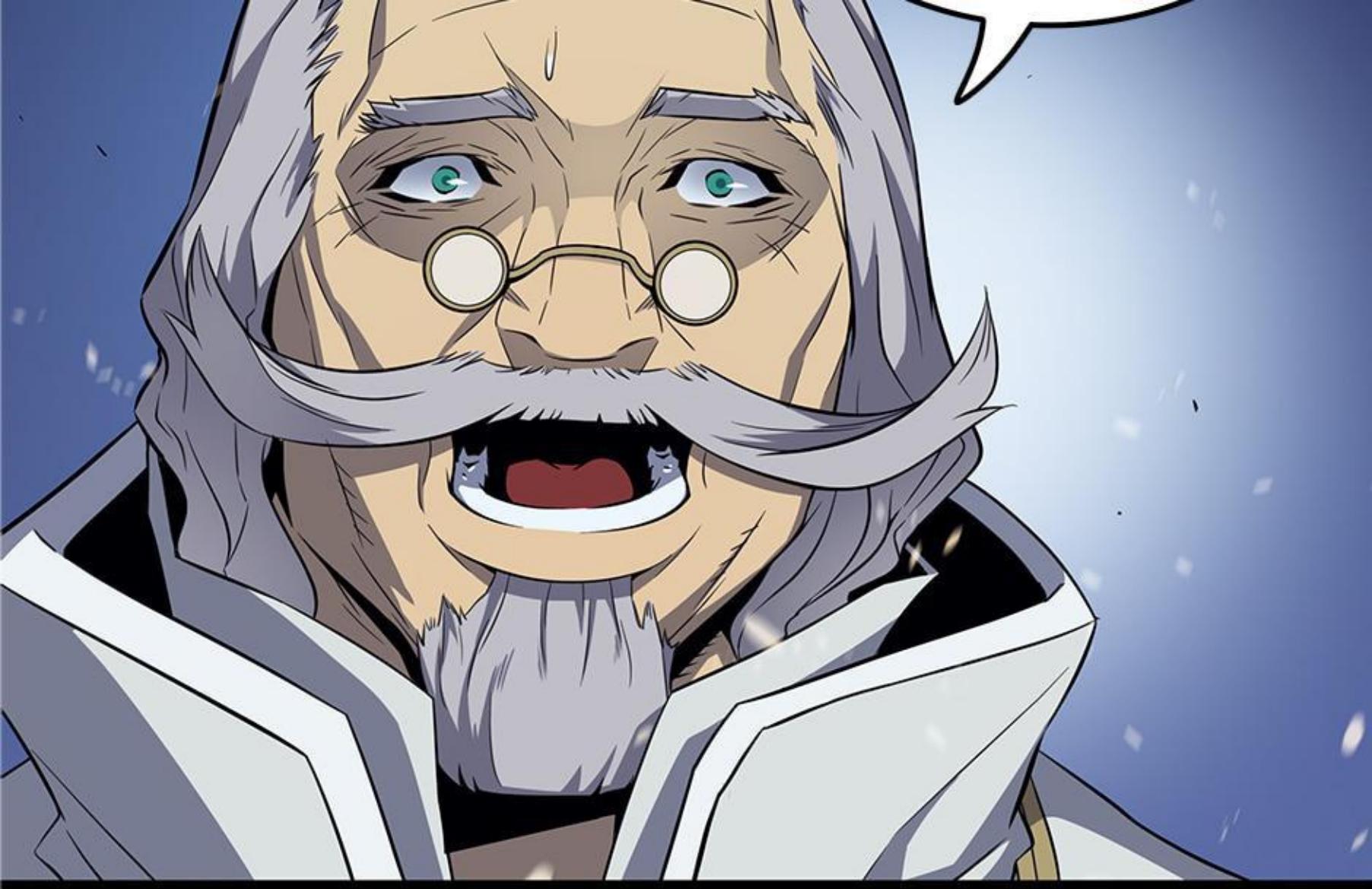
I DID WARN
YOU TO WAIT A
LITTLE LONGER,
HAD I NOT?

WHY DID
YOU IGNORE MY
WARNINGS?

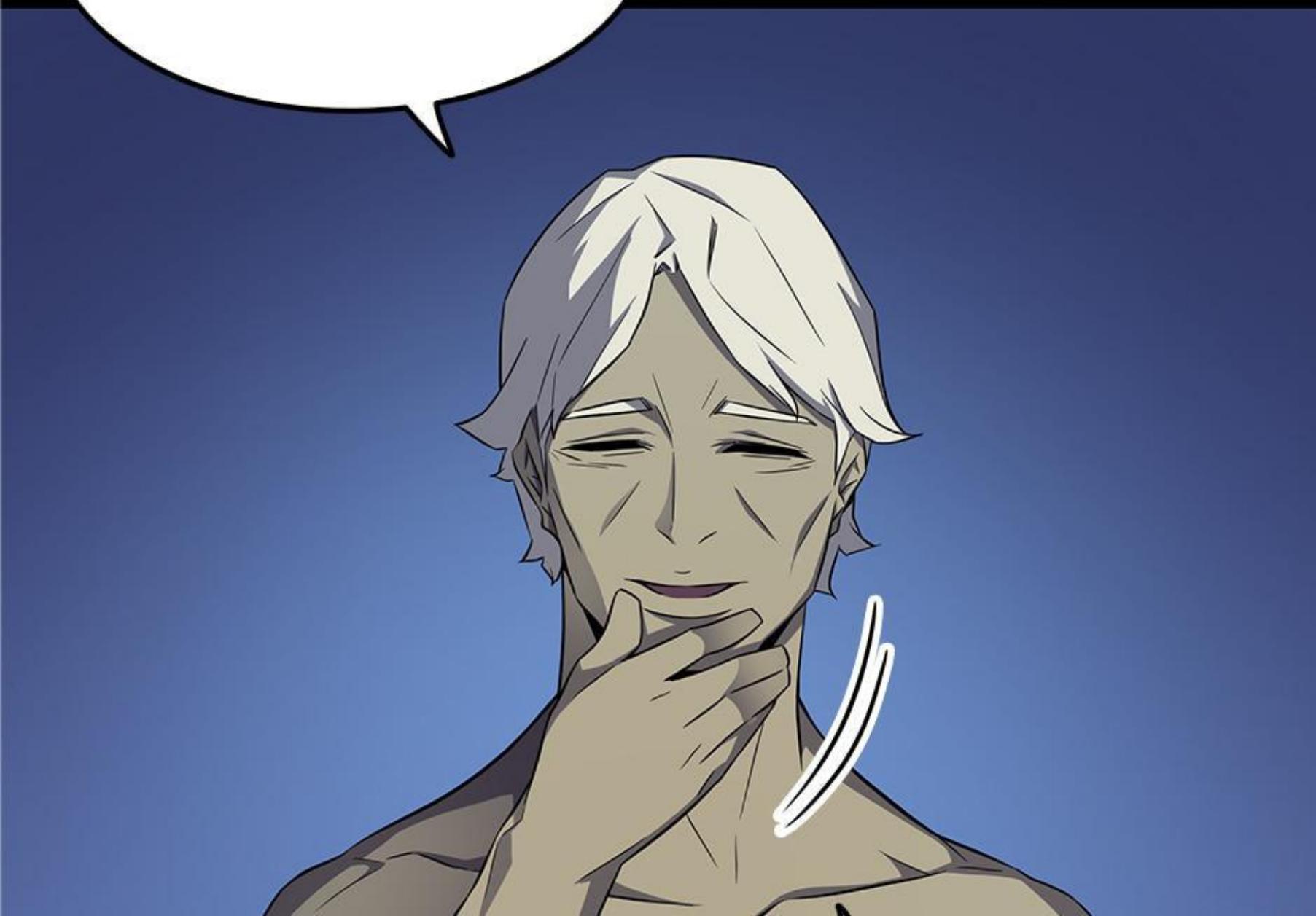
TH-THERE MUST BE
A MISUNDERSTANDING
HERE!!



WHY WOULD
SOMEONE LIKE
YOU...?!



NOW THEN,
WHAT TO DO
WITH YOU...?



YOU ALWAYS
HAD A HABIT OF
ALLOWING CURIOSITY
TO GET THE BETTER
OF YOU.

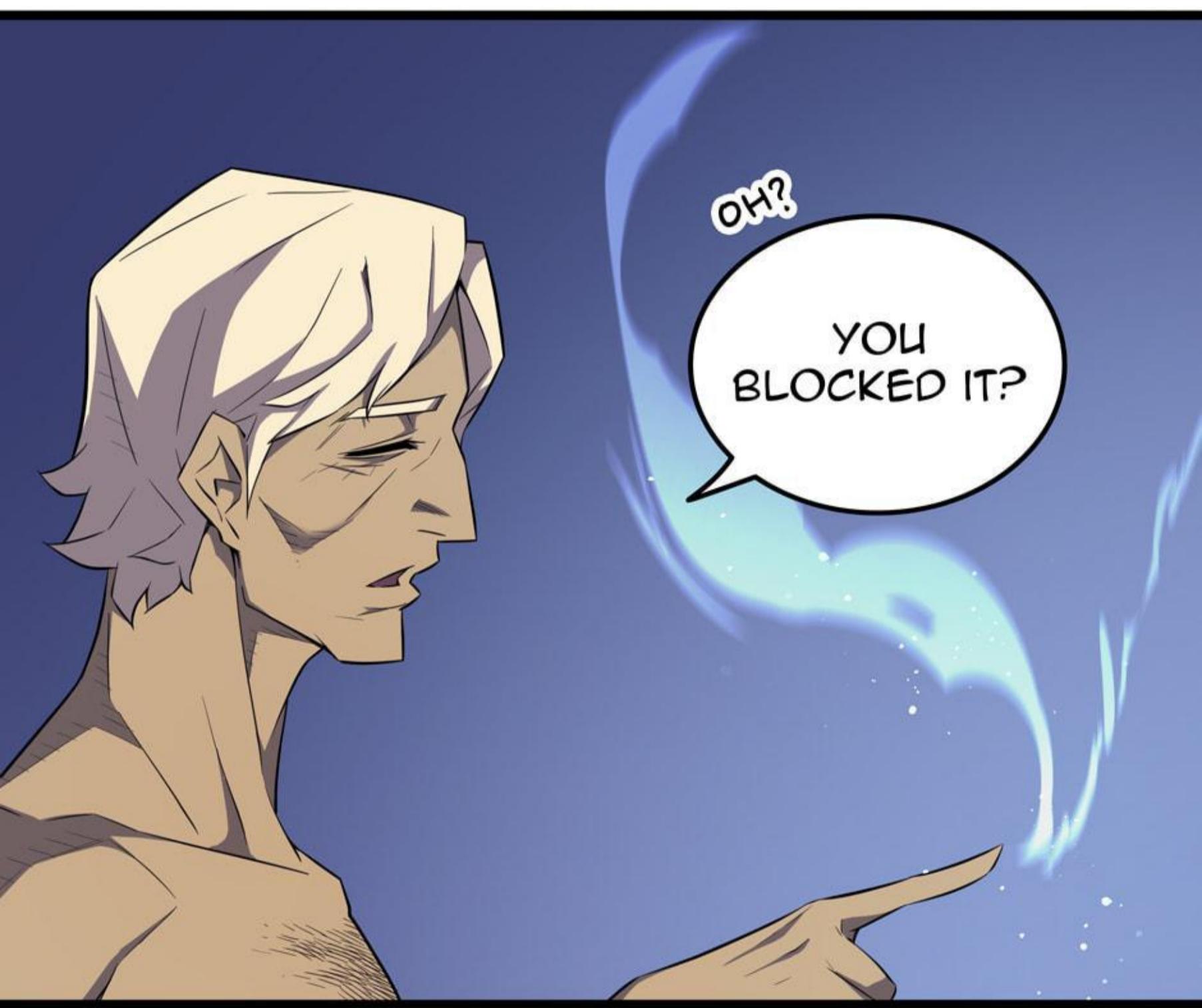


**FAREWELL,
OLD FRIEND.**













NONE OF
THIS MAKES ANY
SENSE...!

HOW COULD YOU,
A CIRCLE EXECUTIVE,
HONOR LUKESS...

YOU NEED
TO CALM DOWN
AND FACE THE

AND I ADD THE FACTS.

THAT MAN IS NO LONGER THE HONOR LUKESS YOU KNEW.

BUT I CAN TELL, HE'S NOT BEING CONTROLLED AT ALL. THAT MAN IS ACTING OF HIS OWN ACCORD.

WHY HAVE
YOU TURNED
TRAITOR?

HMM? ARE YOU
A MEMBER OF THE
CIRCLE?



HEH

SO RUDE
FOR SOMEONE
SO YOUNG.



WHAT ELSE
WAS I SUPPOSED
TO DO BEFORE
HIS ABSOLUTE
POWER?



**BEFORE
THE ALMIGHTY...**

WE HUMANS

ARE NOTHING BUT
MERE INSECTS.

BAM

A MERE MORTAL!

BOOM



YOU'RE
WRONG...



HMM?





**MORTALS
ARE NO BUGS!**



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YOU WERE
SIMPLY A WEAKLING
WHO SURRENDERED
IN THE FACE OF
MIGHT.



I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU REACT
THIS EMOTIONALLY
BEFORE...

JUST WHAT
DID YOU GO THROUGH
4,000 YEARS AGO?

1,000 YEARS AGO....

SURRENDERED
YOU SAY?

NO, I MERELY
ACKNOWLEDGED
THEIR OVERWHELMING
POWER.

HAHA





EVERYONE
FROM THE CIRCLE
KNOWS AND FEARS
THE SUPERNATURAL
POWERS OF A
DEMIGOD.

YOU THINK ALL
THOSE PEOPLE
ARE PUTTING UP
RESISTANCE BECAUSE
THEY FEEL NO FEAR?



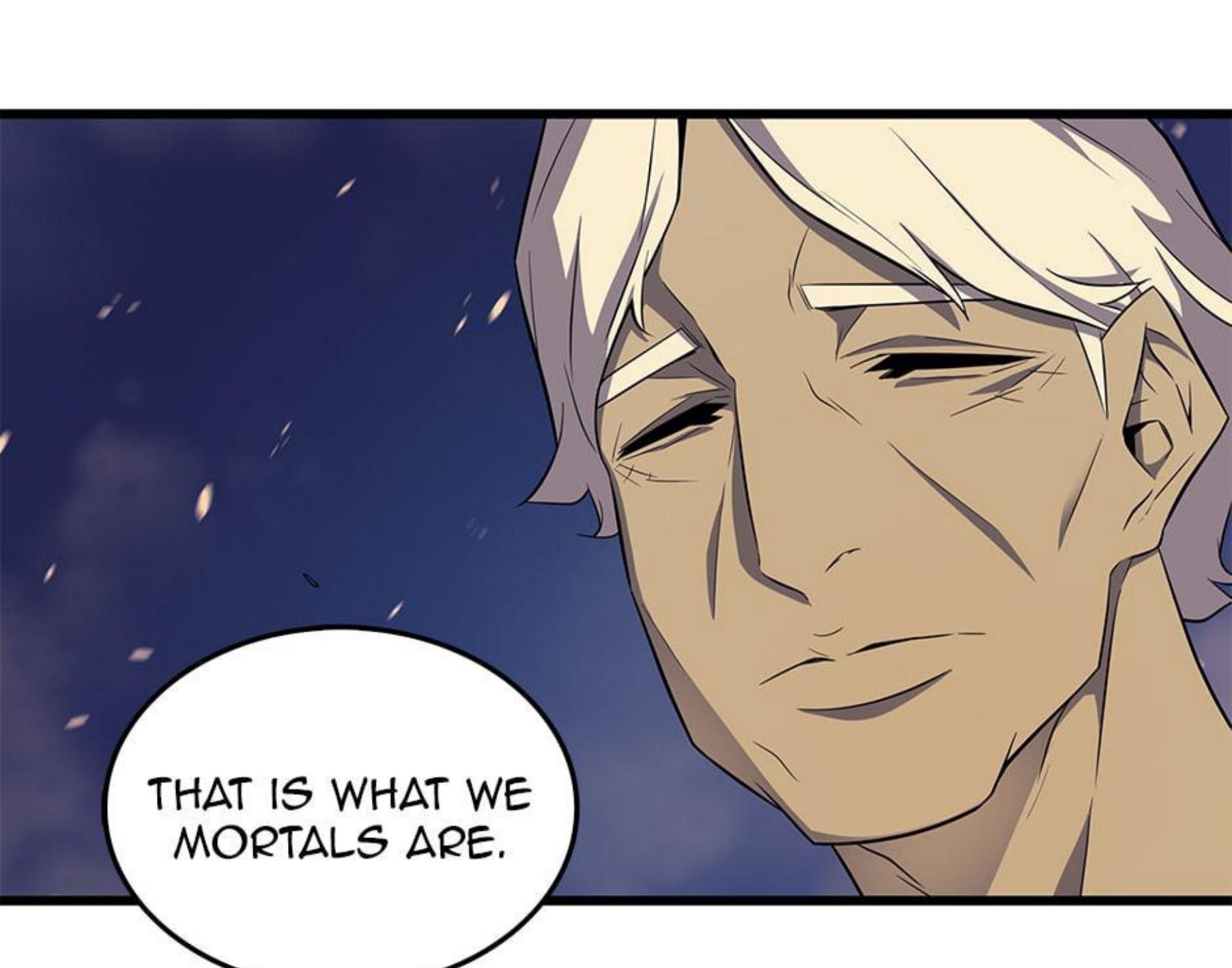
THEY'RE
DESPERATELY FORCING
EVERY FIBER OF THEIR
BEING JUST TO STAND
UP AND FIGHT AGAINST
AN OVERWHELMING FOE
DESPITE KNOWING THAT
IT MIGHT BE A HOPELESS
BATTLE!

ALL OF THEM ARE
CLENCHING THEIR
TEETH AS THEY STEP
ONE FOOT IN FRONT
OF THE OTHER,
CHARGING
FORWARD!

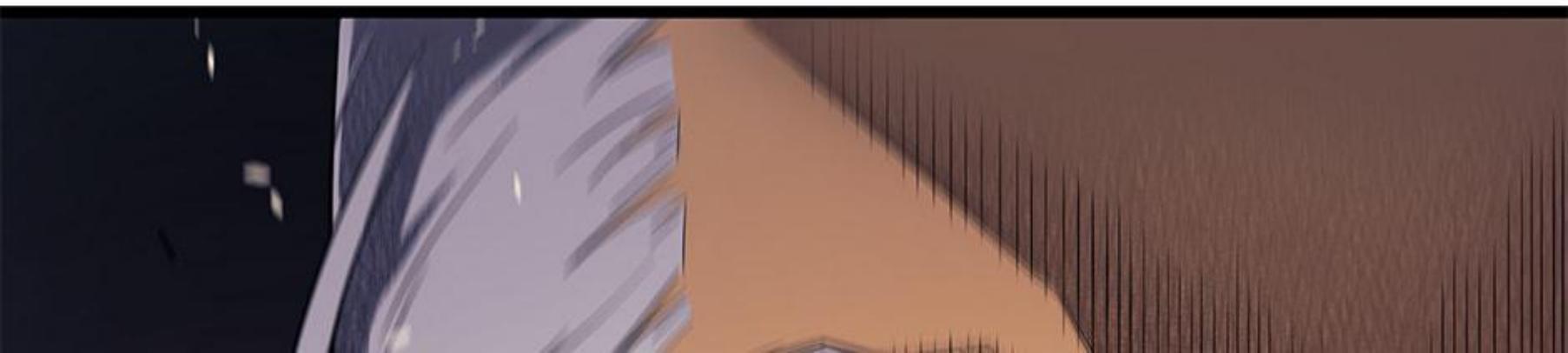
THEY'RE DOING
THAT TO RESIST
TYRANNY...



**AND TO PROTECT
THOSE THEY LOVE!**



THAT IS WHAT WE
MORTALS ARE.





**AND THAT IS THE
HONOR OF BEING A
MORTAL THAT YOU
SURRENDERED...!**

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THAT'S NOT
SOMETHING I'D
CONSIDER AS
HONOR.

THAT'S SIMPLY
IGNORANCE
AT BEST.





HE DIDN'T CAST ANY SPELLS,
HE MERELY POINTED WITH HIS FINGER...
SO THIS IS THE POWER OF AN APOSTLE?!

THAT'S ON A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
LEVEL...!



OBSERVE!
BEHOLD THE PURE
LIGHTNING I WIELD
THAT CAN NEVER
BE REPRODUCED

THROUGH MAGIC!

TRAINING AND
RESEARCH ARE
ALL MEANINGLESS
WHEN THEY HOLD
SUCH AN EXCELLENT
SOURCE OF
POWER!!

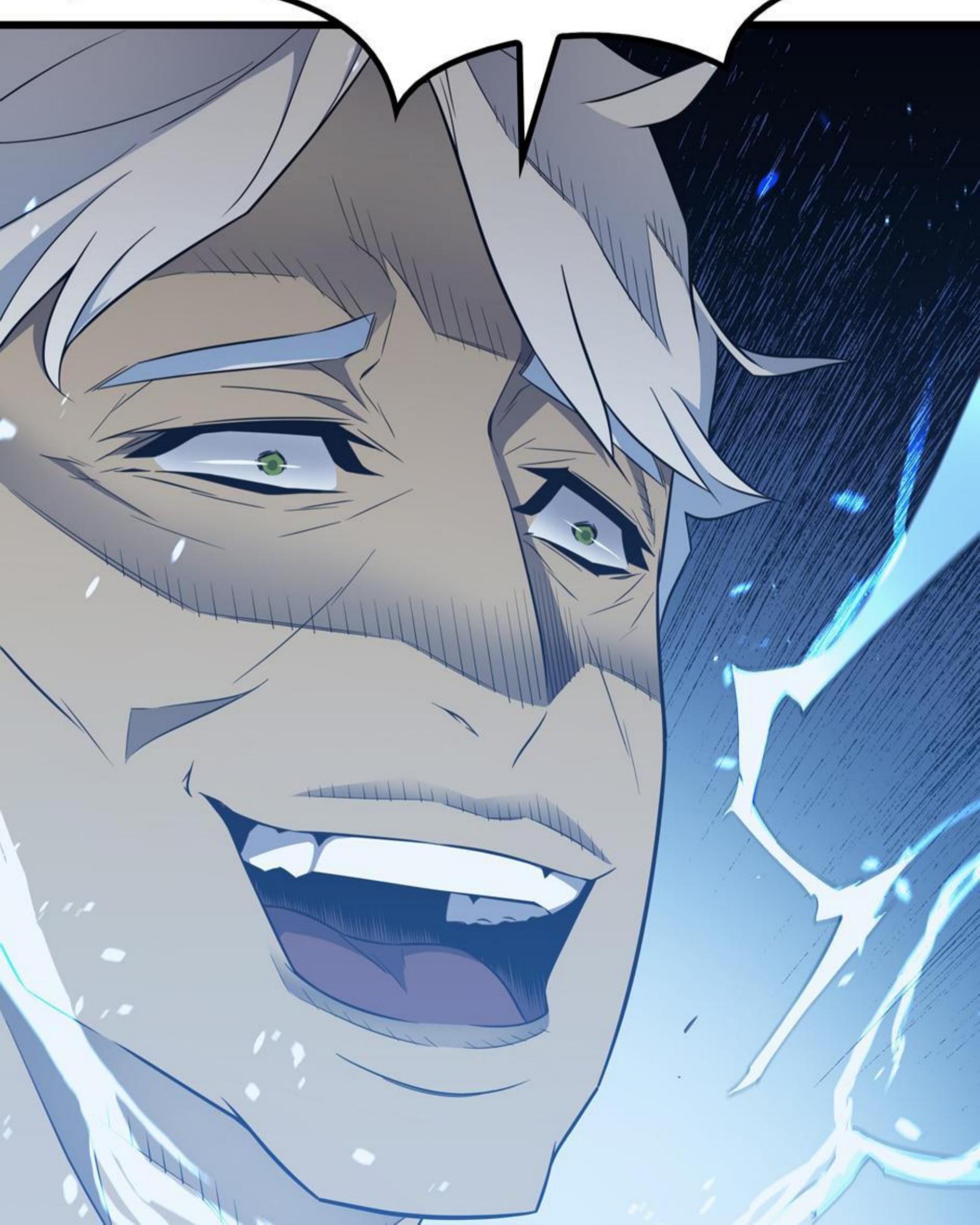
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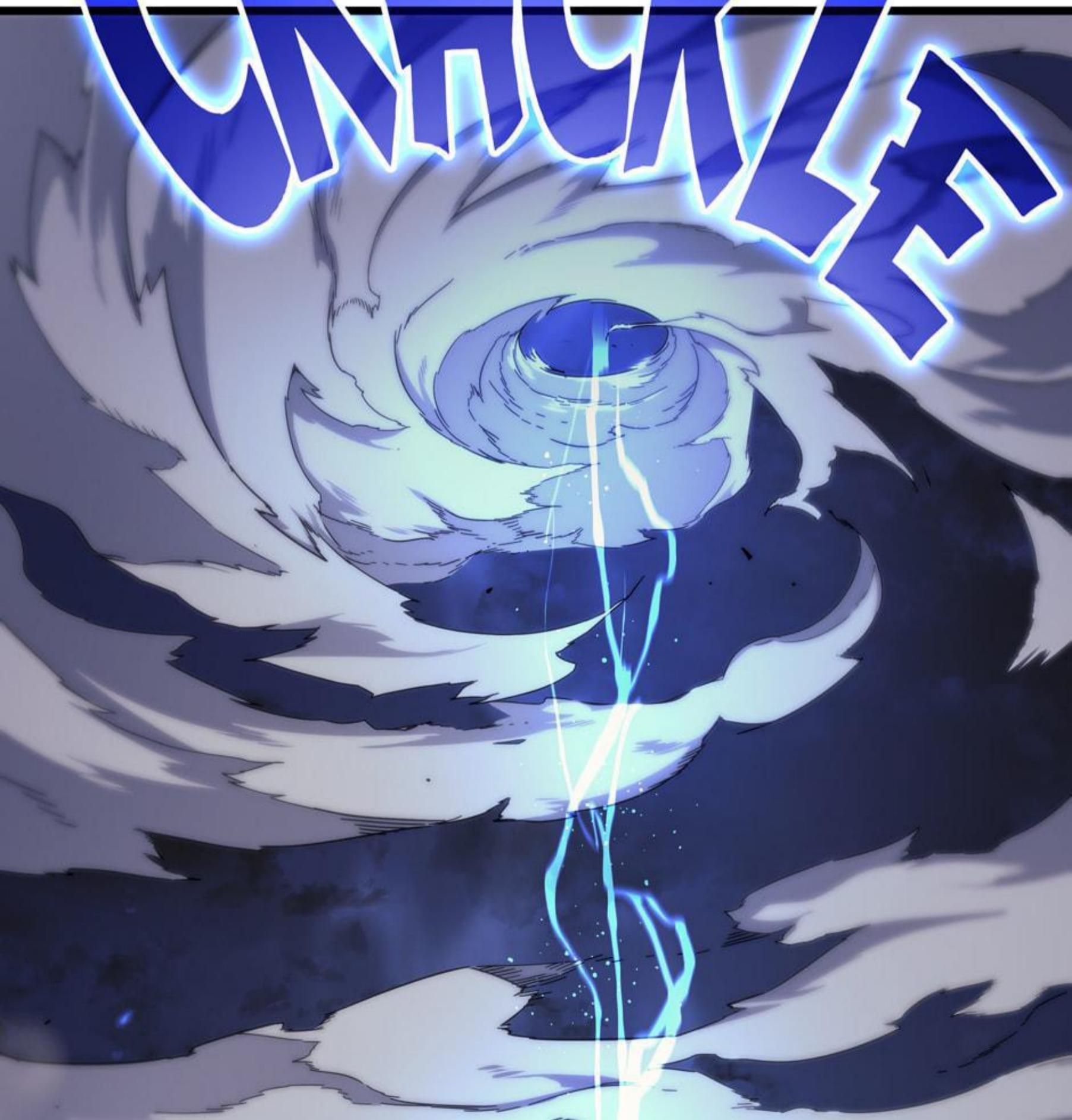
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YOU MERELY
NEED TO BECOME
THEIR SERVANT TO BE
GIFTED WITH IT!

**BY SIMPLY BECOMING
HIS VASSAL, I'VE OBTAINED
POWERS THAT TRANSCEND
THE LIMITS OF A
7TH TIER!!**



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THE SKIES
ARE FILLED WITH
STORM CLOUDS!!

CAN A MORTAL
CONTAIN SUCH
POWER WITHOUT
CONSEQUENCES...?!



THAT'S NOT
THE POWER OF
A MORTAL...



THAT'S THE
POWER OF A
DEMIGOD.

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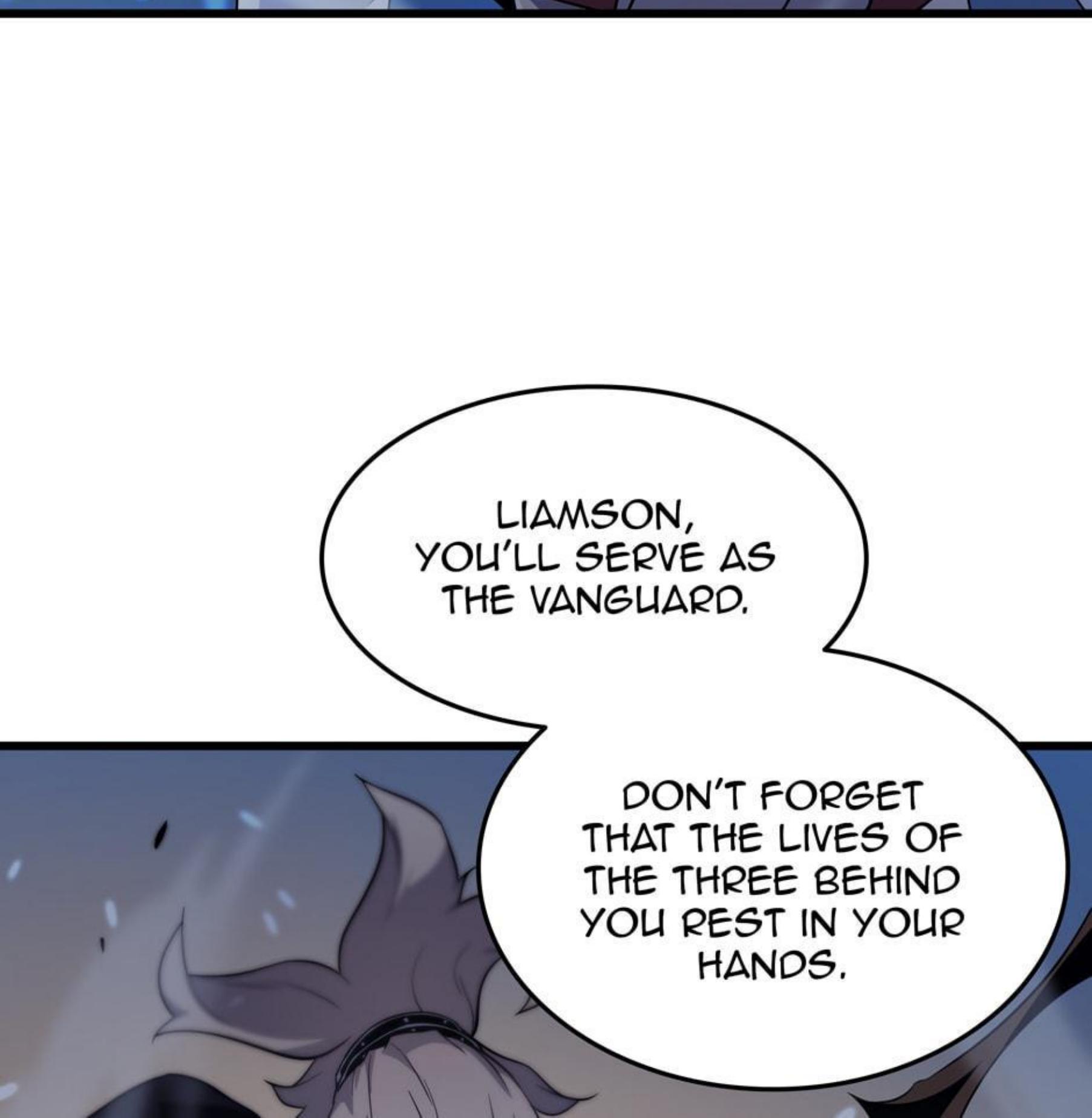




FREI,
WHAT'S OUR
PLAN?!



A FEINT
OPERATION...



LIAMSON,
YOU'LL SERVE AS
THE VANGUARD.

DON'T FORGET
THAT THE LIVES OF
THE THREE BEHIND
YOU REST IN YOUR
HANDS.



GOT IT!

CAMIL, I NEED YOU
TO PROVIDE COVER FOR
LIAMSON AND SUPPORT
HIM WITH MAGIC.

CAN I LEAVE
THAT TO YOU?



OF COURSE!



LORD MIKEL,
I NEED YOU TO STAY
IN THE REAR AND WORK
TOWARDS BLOCKING HIS DIVINE
POWER. BUT REMEMBER...
YOU'RE NOT TO TAKE
UNNECESSARY
RISKS.



SUPPORT US
FROM THE REAR AND
PROVIDE COVER
FOR US.

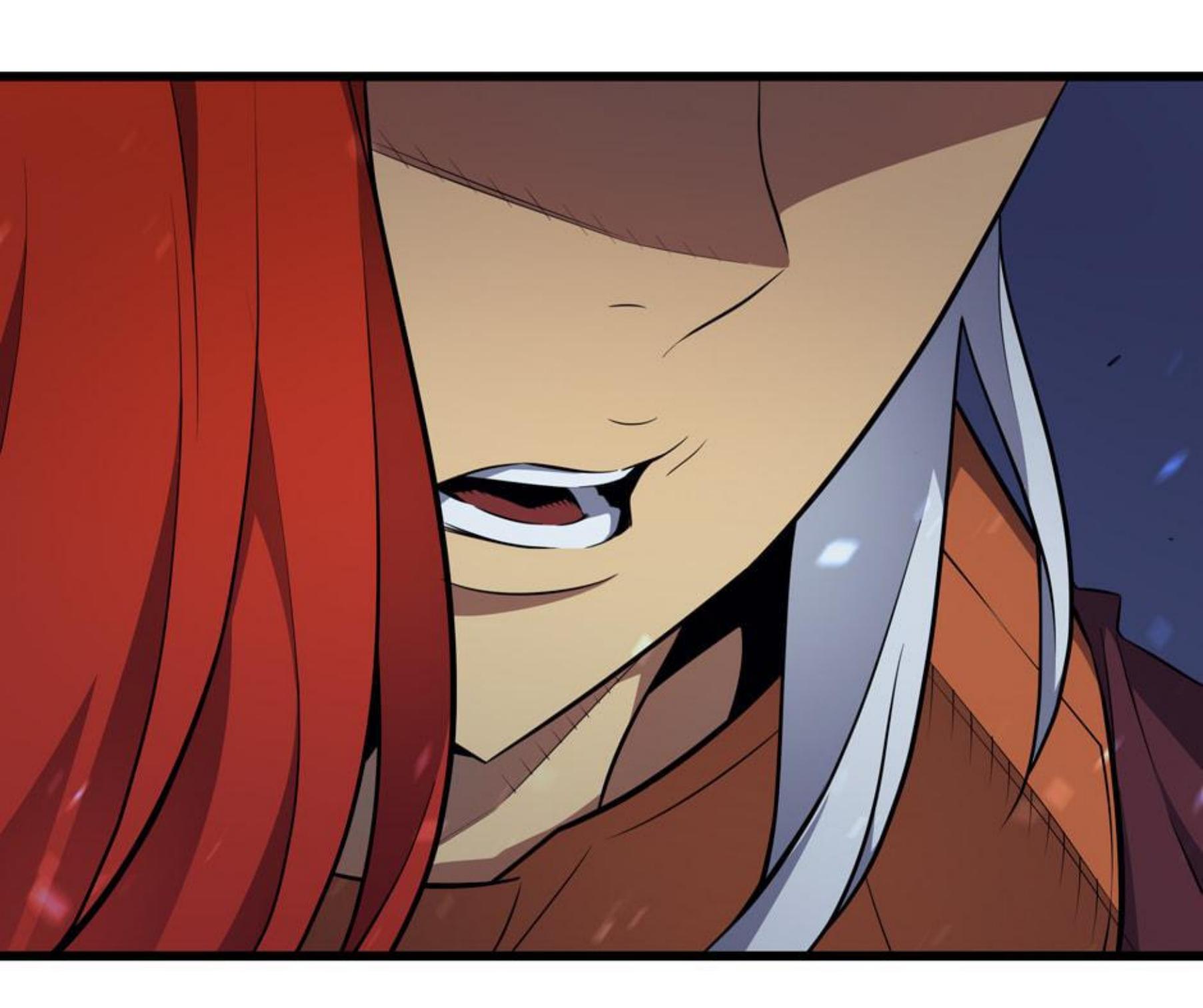
U-UNDERSTOOD...!



AND ISABEL.

YES?





НУН...?!





**WAIT...
THAT'S TOO
RISKY!!**

**WE DON'T
HAVE TIME TO
COME UP WITH
ANOTHER
PLAN!**



I SUGGEST
WE LEAVE YOUR
COMPLAINTS FOR
AFTER WE SURVIVE
THIS BATTLE!

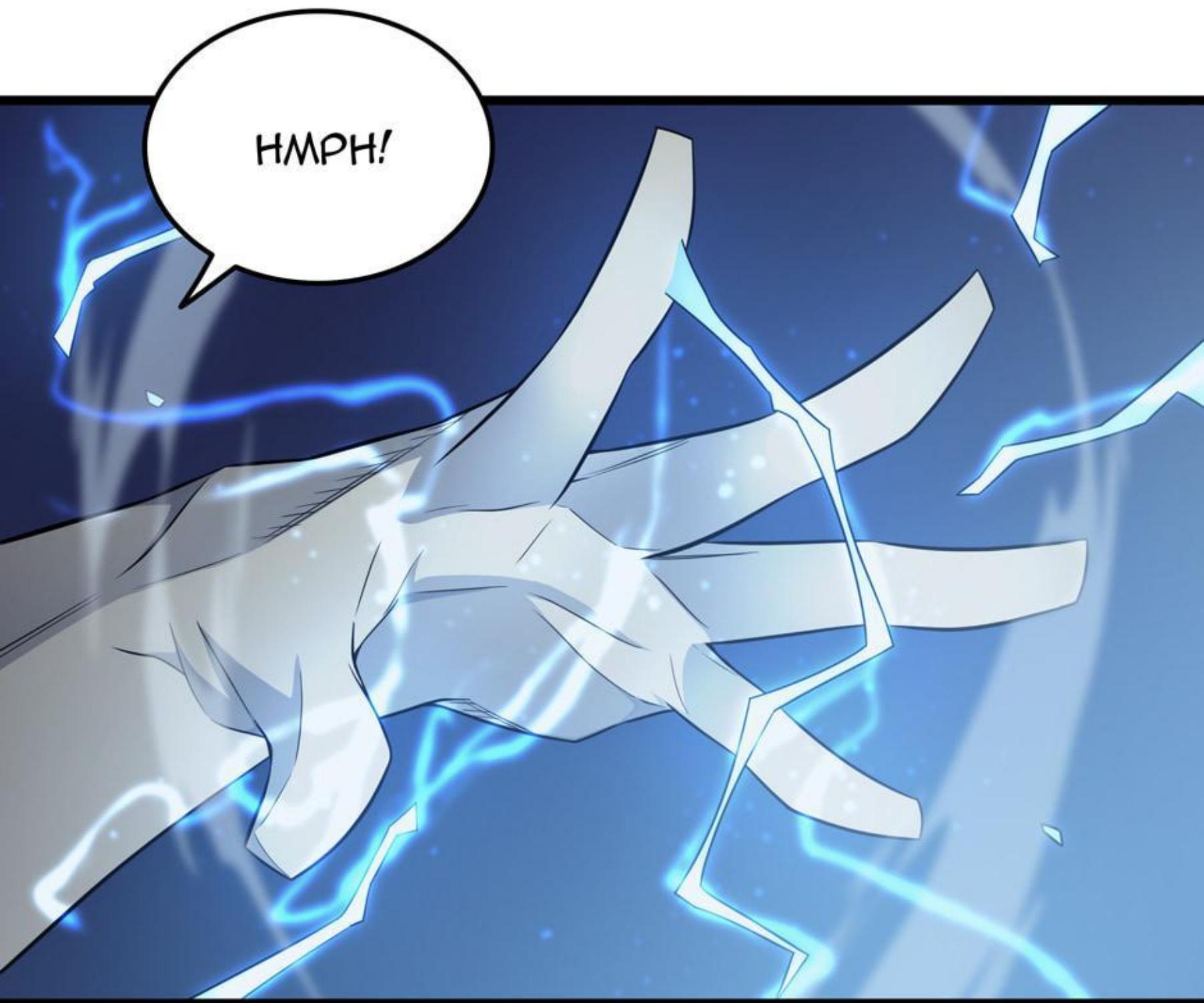
I'LL BE MORE
THAN HAPPY TO BEAR
WITH YOUR NAGGING
FOR AS LONG AS
YOU'D LIKE.

GRAB



LET'S MOVE!!



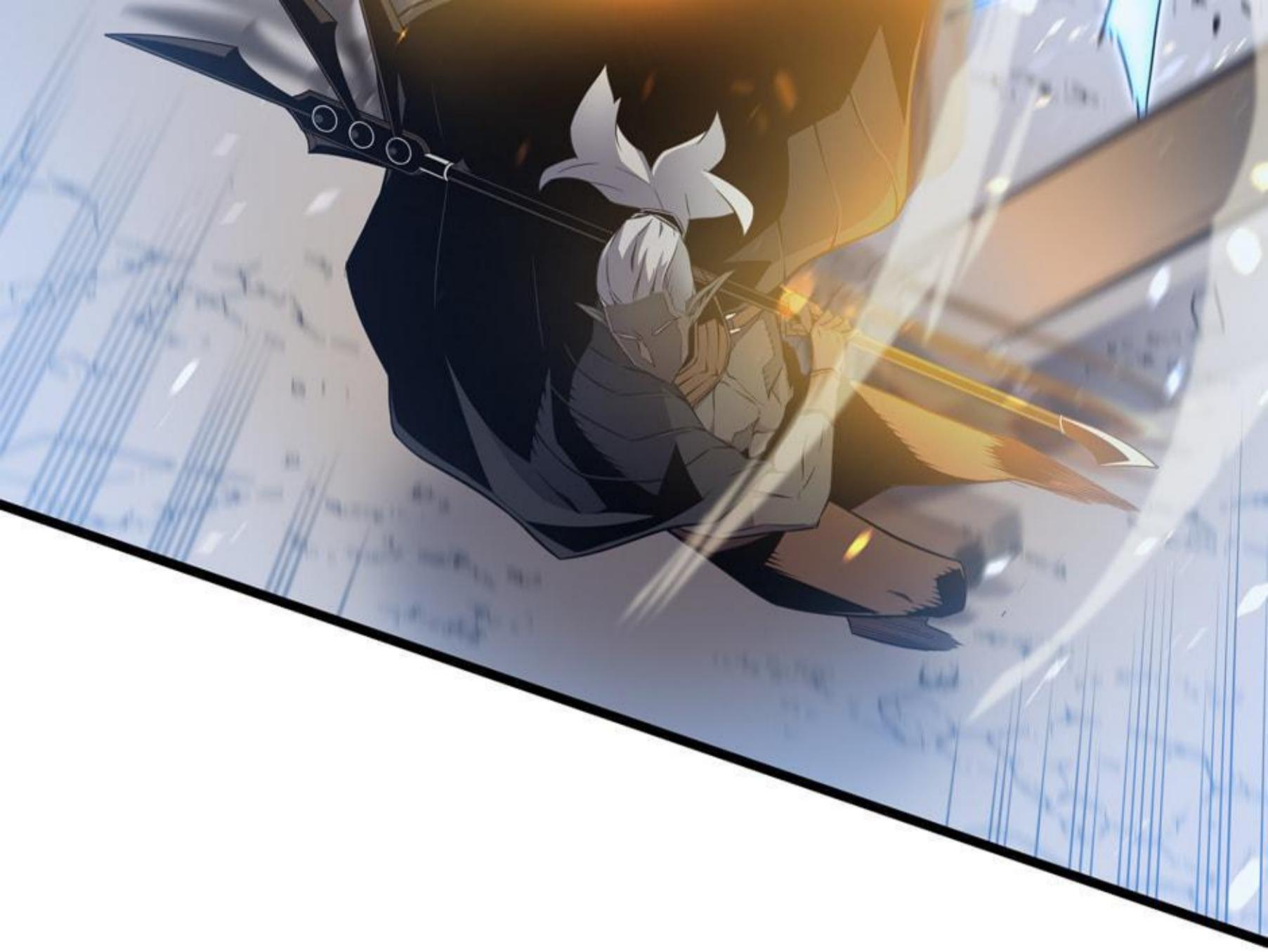


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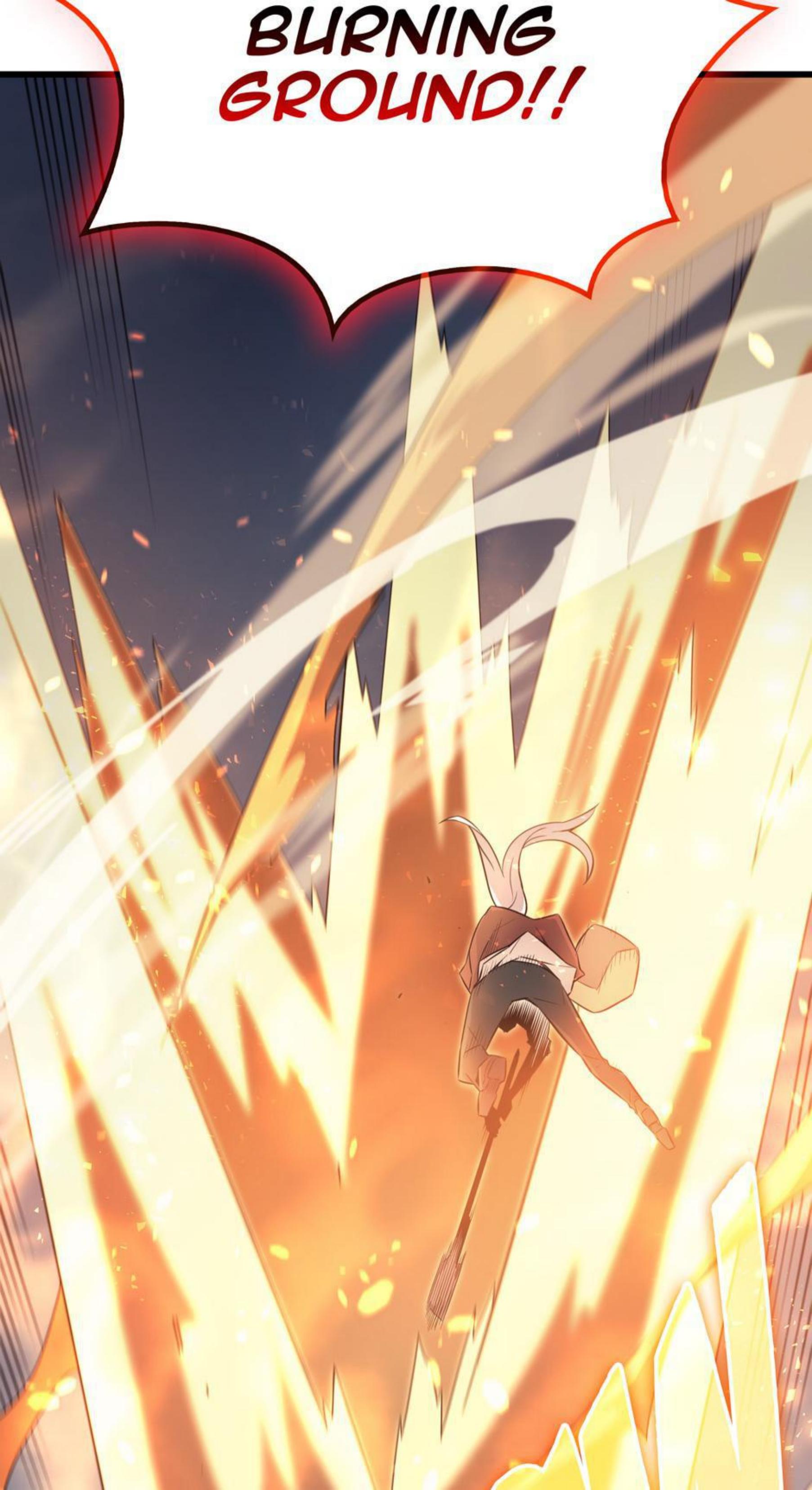
DASH







**BURNING
GROUND!!**



POW



AH...!

FWSSSSHH



THE EARTH IS SHAKING VIOLENTLY...

KAFOOSH

SO THIS IS FREI'S TRUE POWER...?!

JUST WHO IS HE...?



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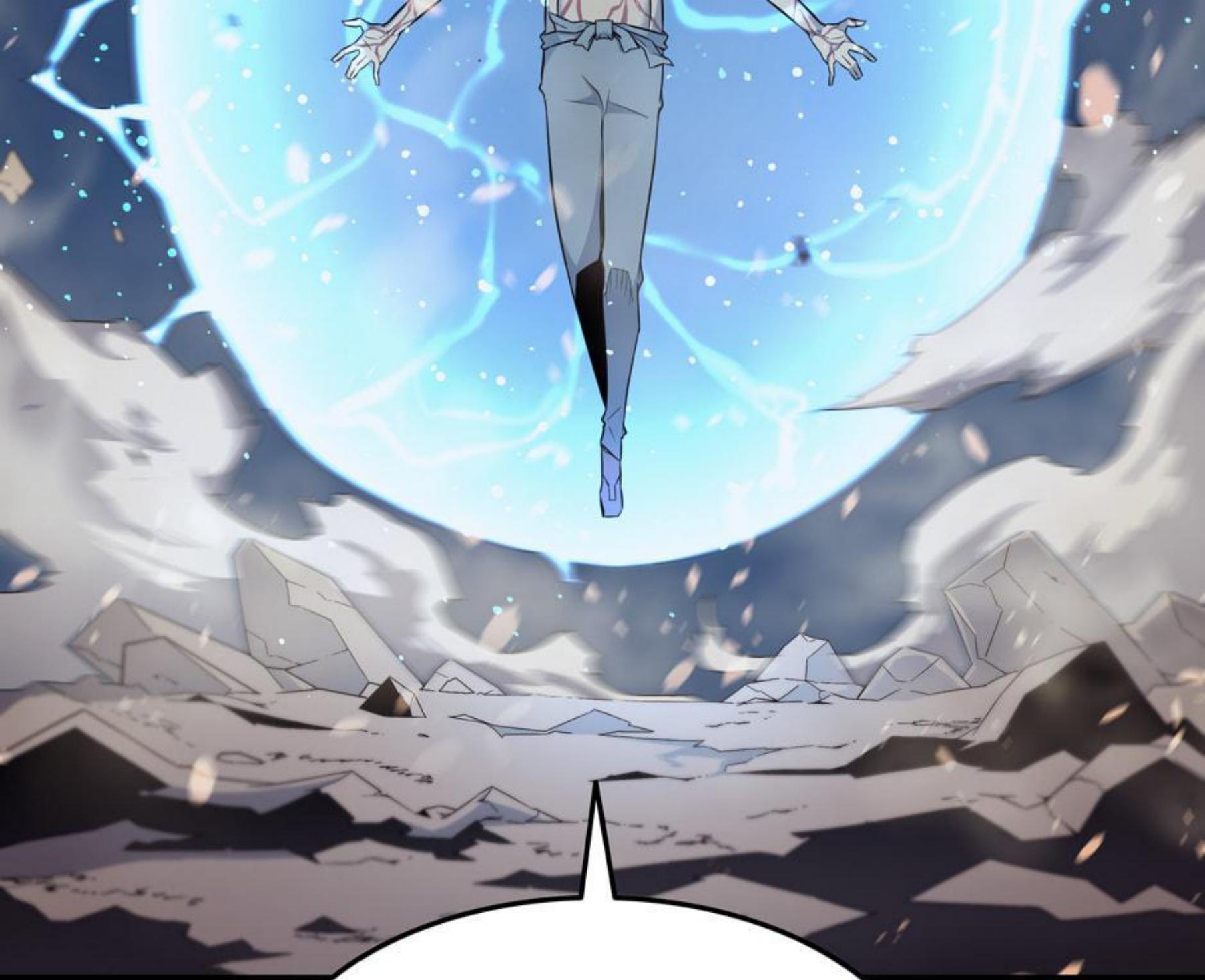








YOUNG MAN...



NO NEED TO
WASTE YOUR ENERGY
UNNECESSARILY.