

THE ARCHMAGE RETURNS AFTER 4000 YEARS

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES. I HAD NO IDEA AND JUST JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS.

IT'S FINE. DON'T SWEAT IT. I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE THOUGHT

WOULD HAVE THOUGHT
THE SAME IN YOUR
SHOES.



HEY, HOW DID
YOU END UP BECOMING

YOU END UP BECOMING
THE ROUNDER OF THE
TROWMAN RINGS?

IT JUST KIND
OF HAPPENED.

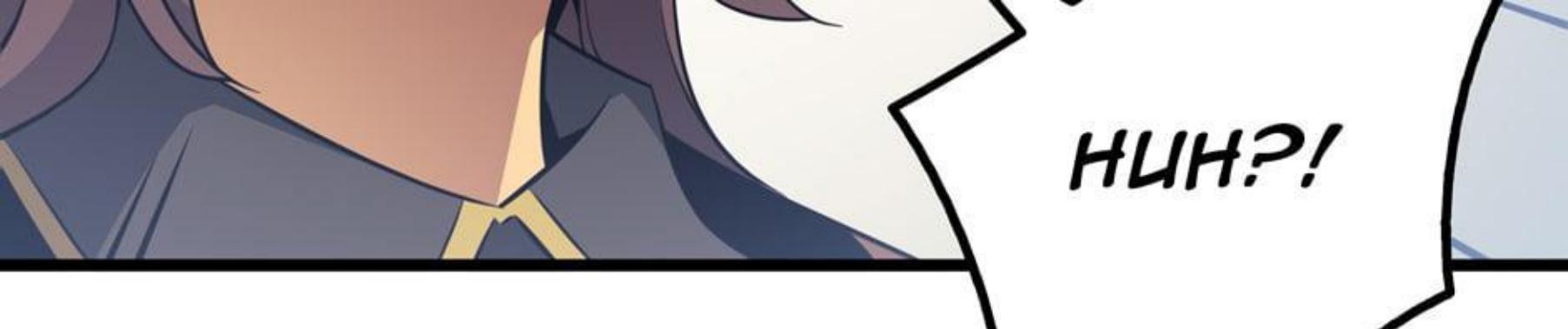


! OH, COME
TO THINK OF IT,
AREN'T YOU ALSO
A MEMBER OF THE
TROWMAN RINGS?



ADELIA?





HUH?!



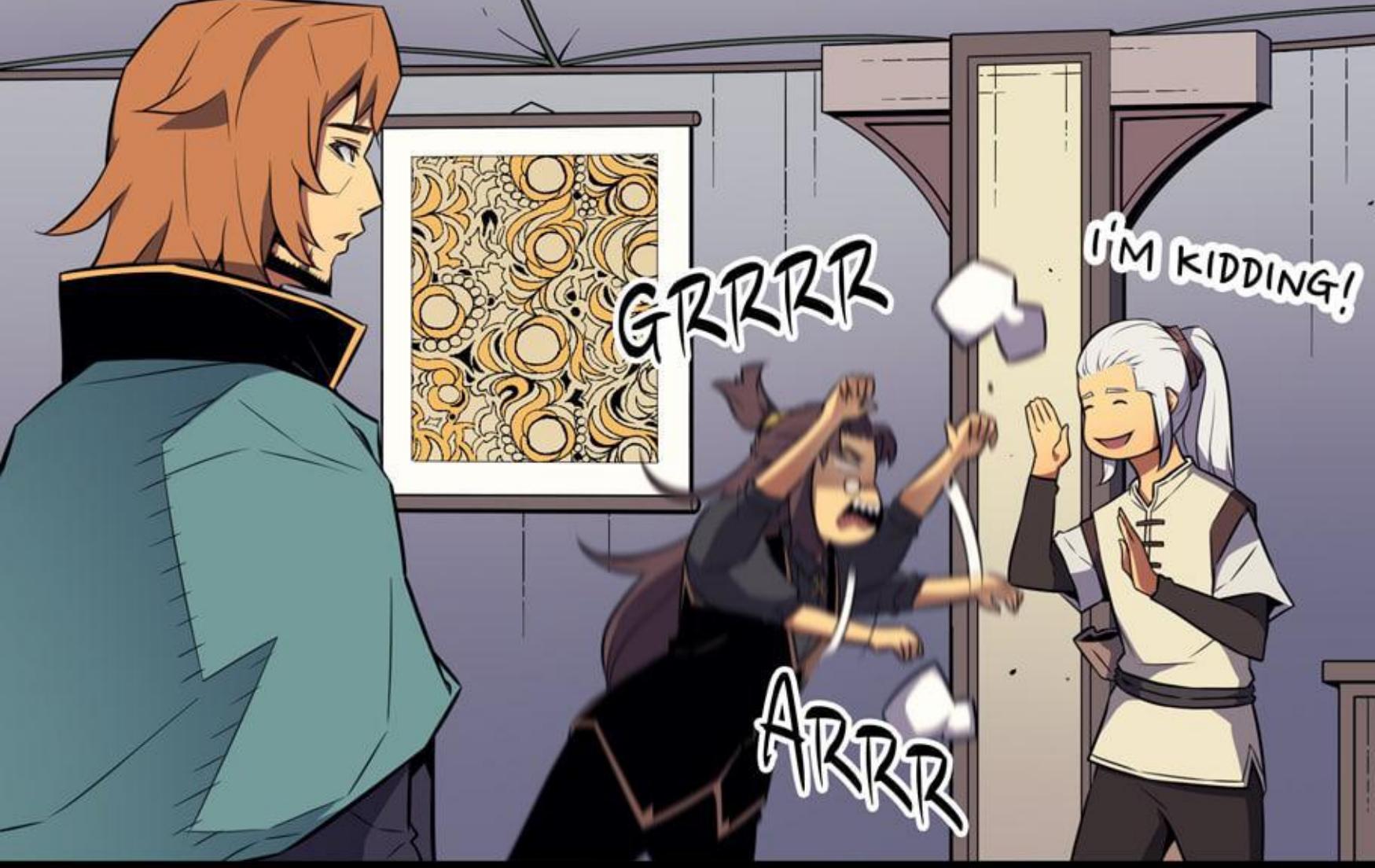
I'M YOUR
BOSS NOW. YOU
SHOULD PAY YOUR
RESPECTS.



YOU WANT
TO GET A
BEATING?!



BUT HE'S
SO YOUNG...



I LEFT TO
FOLLOW THE
TRACES OF THE
SUCCESSOR OF
THE GODFIST...



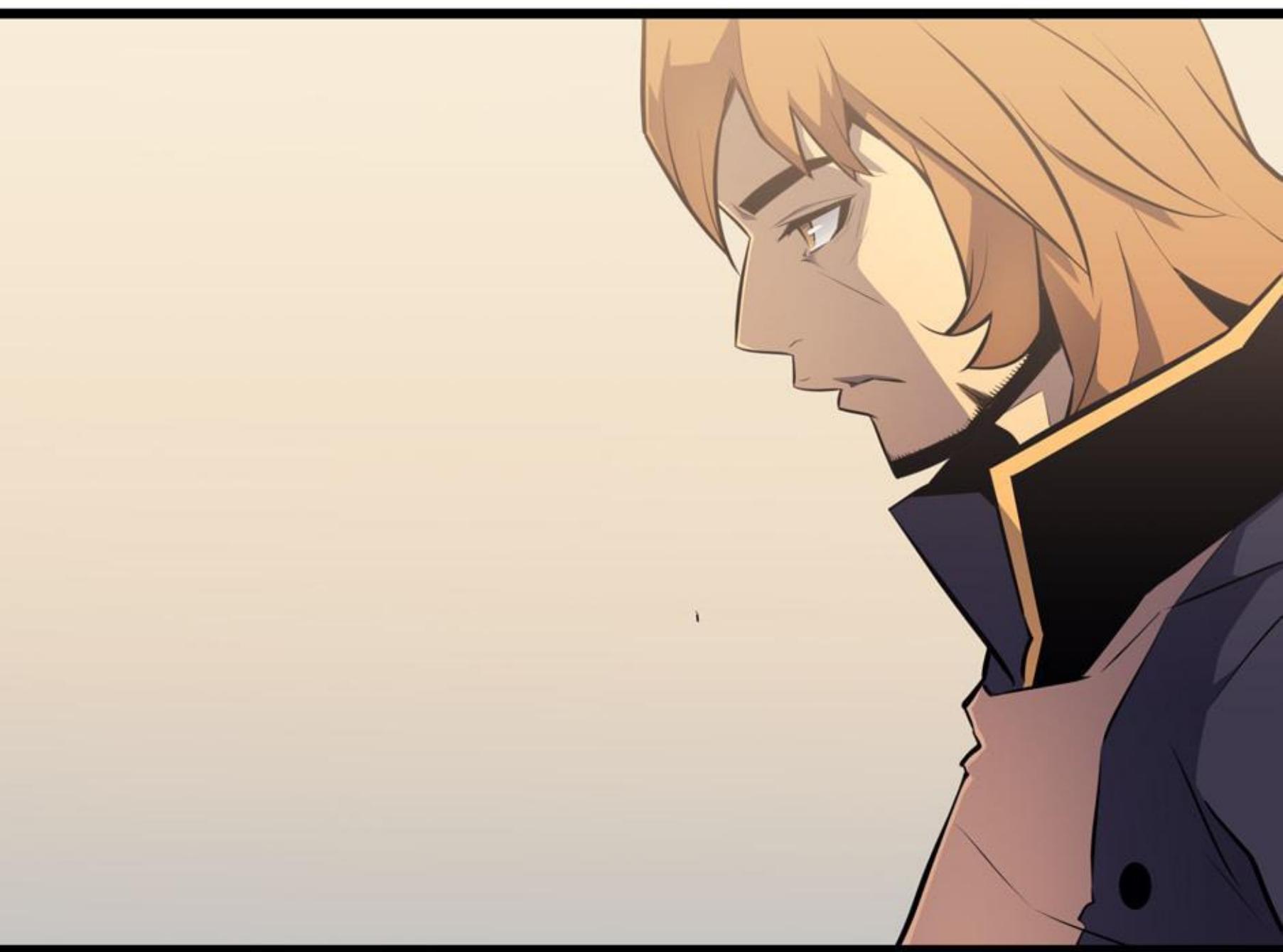
I FOUND CLUES
ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS
IN THE TERRITORY OF THE
HIGH ELVES, THE REINALS
FOREST.

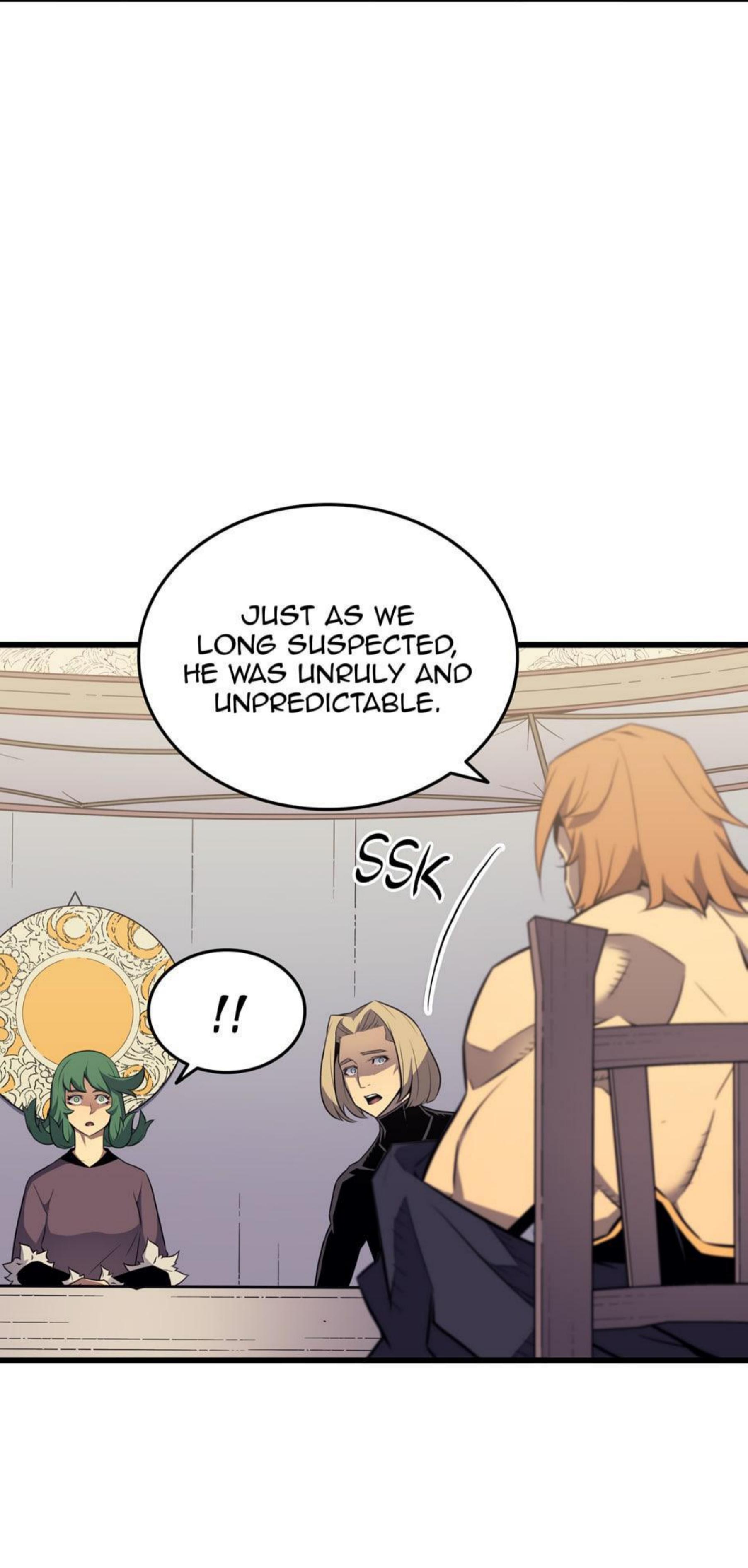
MANAGED

I MANAGED
TO TRACK HIM
DOWN AND GET
IN CONTACT
WITH HIM.

!

AND HOW
DID IT GO?





JUST AS WE
LONG SUSPECTED,
HE WAS UNRULY AND
UNPREDICTABLE.

SSK

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HE ATTACKED
ME AND CLAIMED HE
WANTED NOTHING TO
DO WITH THE 'DOGS
OF THE CORRUPT
CIRCLES.'

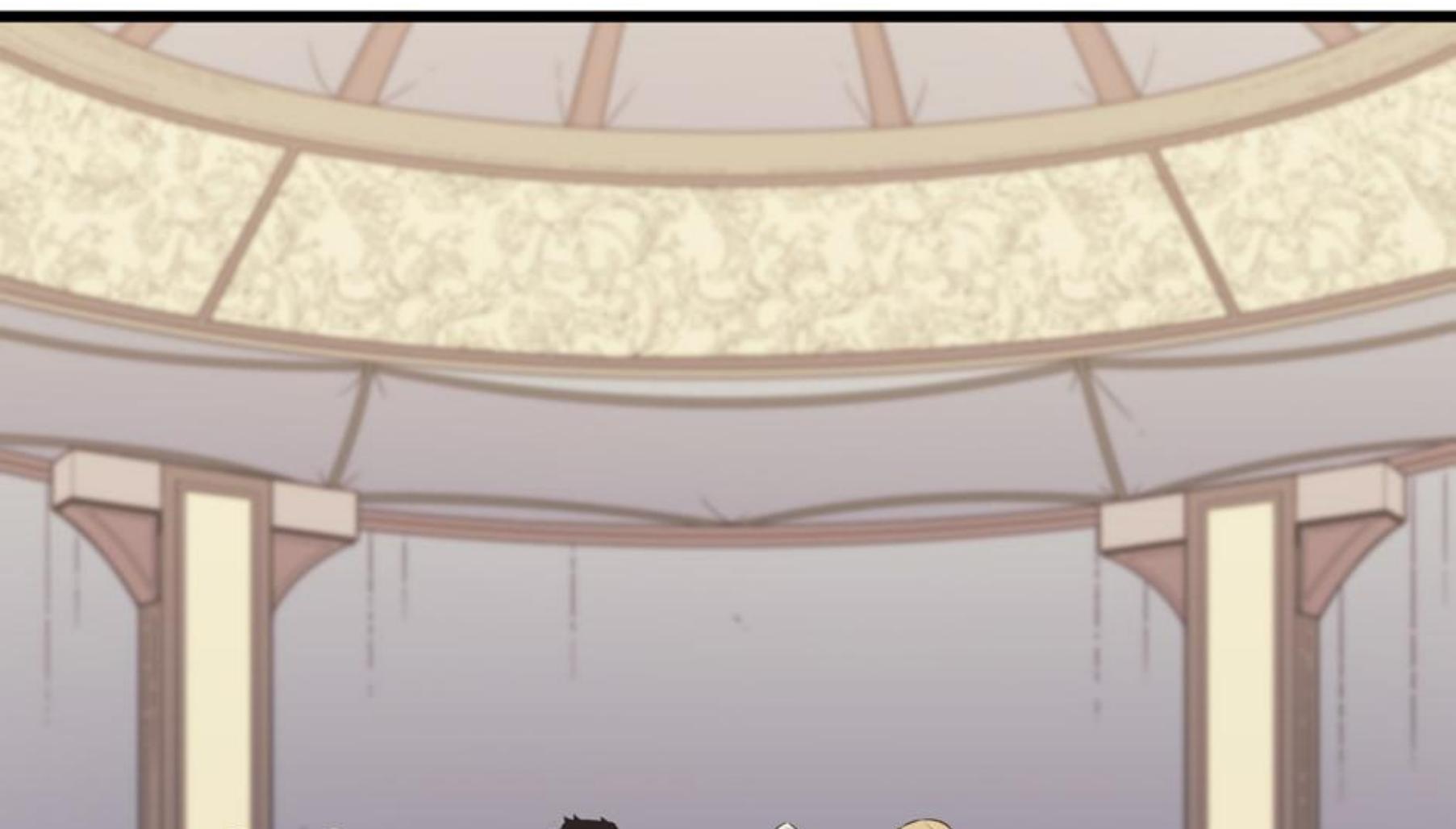
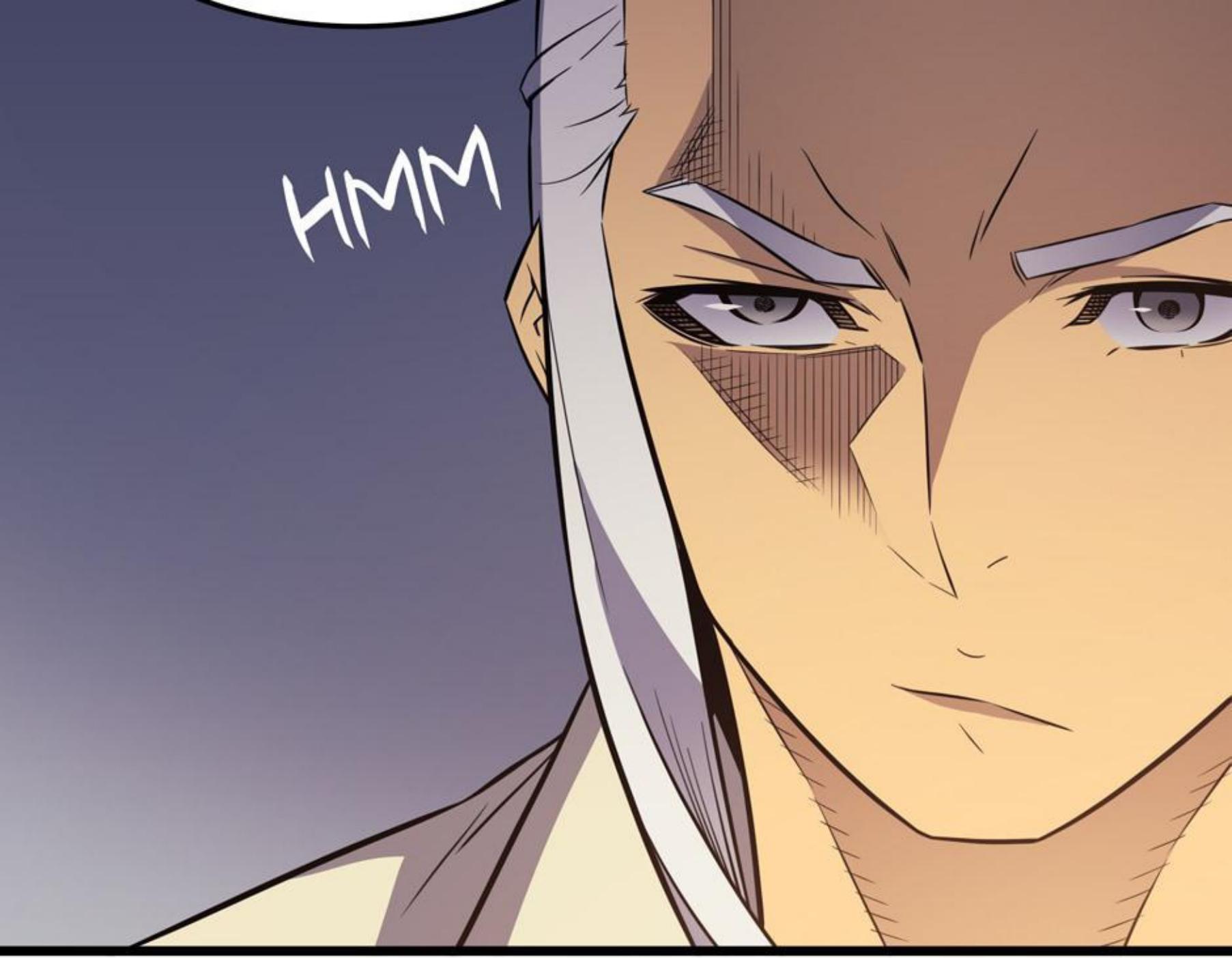
IT SEEMED LIKE
HE KNEW ABOUT

HE KNEW ABOUT
THE EXISTENCE OF
DEMIGODS.

BUT HE SHOWED
NO INTEREST IN
JOINING US NOR
HELPING US WITH
OUR WAR EFFORTS
AGAINST THEM.

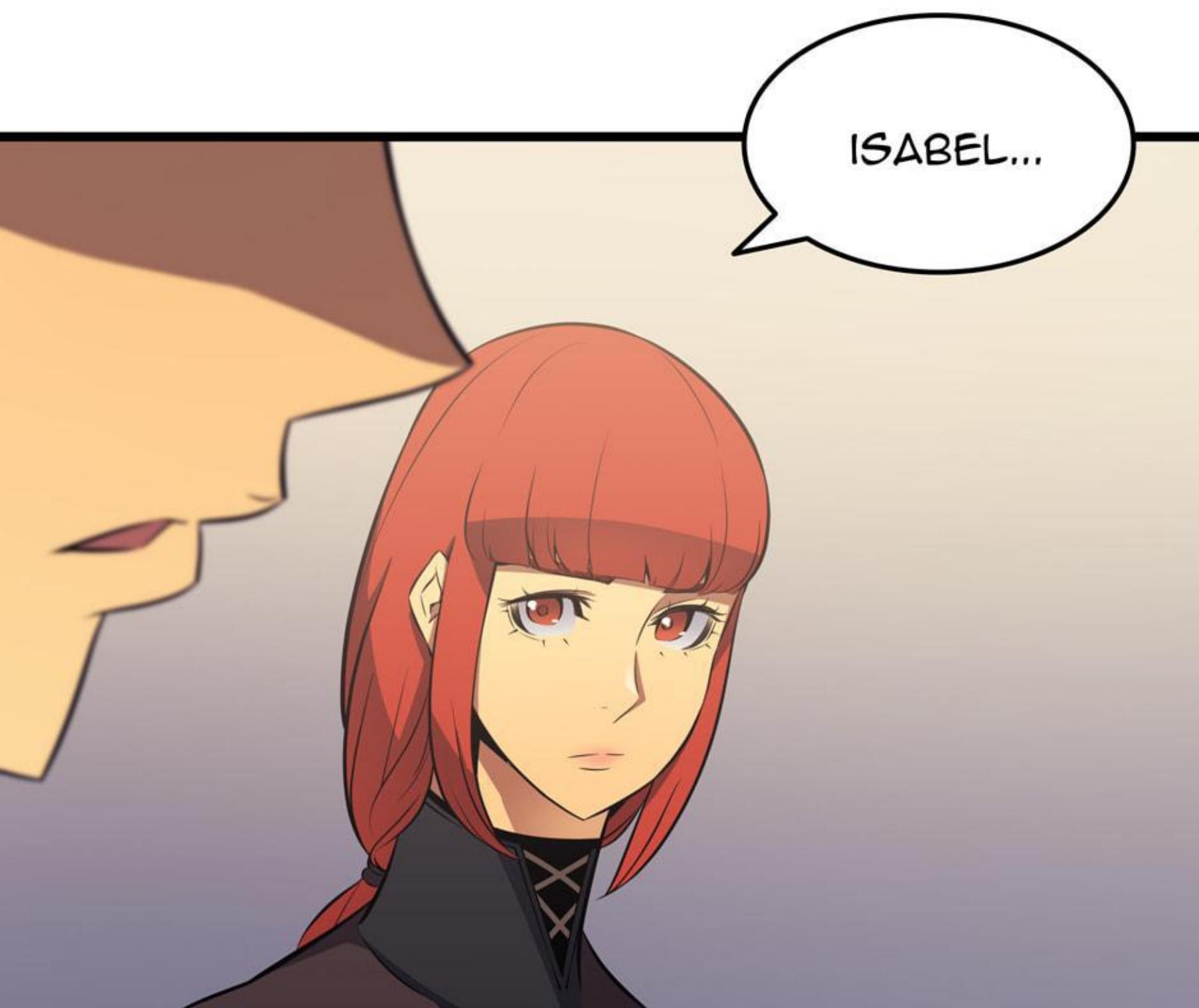
HE CLAIMED THAT
HIS ONLY OBJECTIVE
RIGHT NOW WAS TO
REACH THE PINNACLE
OF MARTIAL ARTS.

HMM





ISABEL...



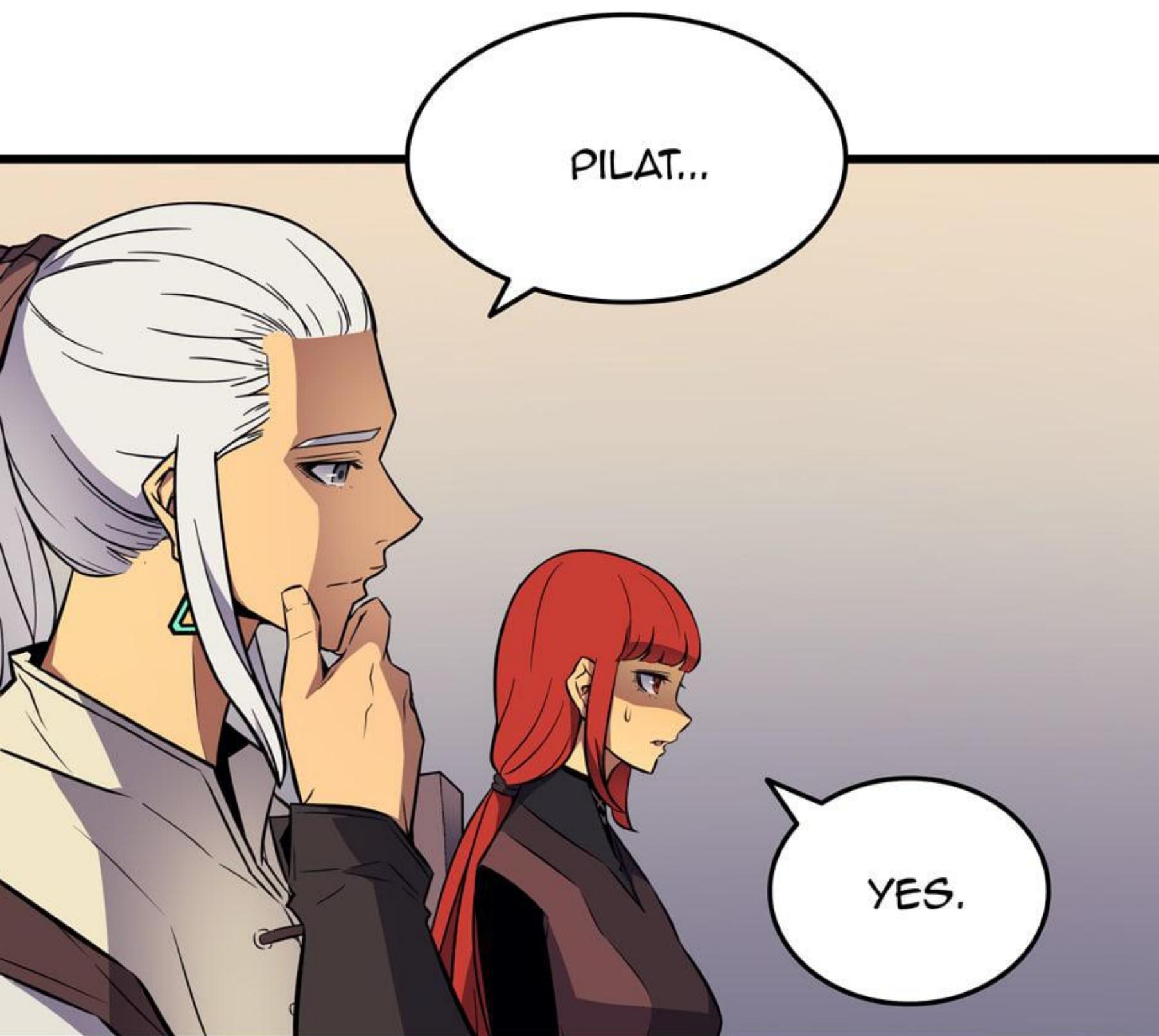


HOW LONG
WOULD IT TAKE
TO REACH REINALS
FOREST FROM
HERE?



IF WE TAKE
THE ROUTE THROUGH
THE NORTH UP TO GROAD
AND USE THE WARP
STONE TO PILAT...

I WOULD SAY,
AT MINIMUM, IT'D
BE A THREE-DAY
TRIP.



PILAT...

YES.



THAT'S
WHERE THE BLAKE
HOUSE IS...

IN OTHER WORDS,
YOUR HOMETOWN.

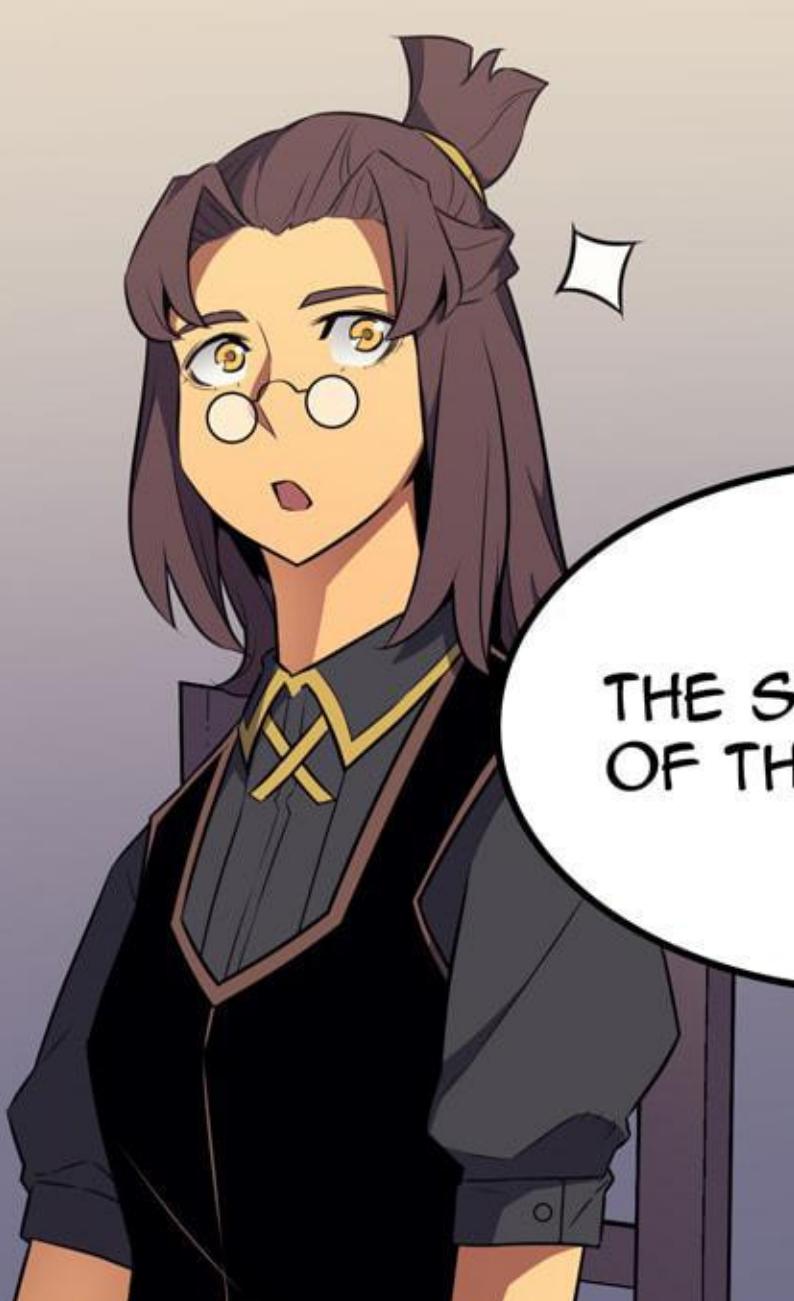
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MASTER VENIAN...



I WOULD
LIKE TO GO AND
MEET HIM...

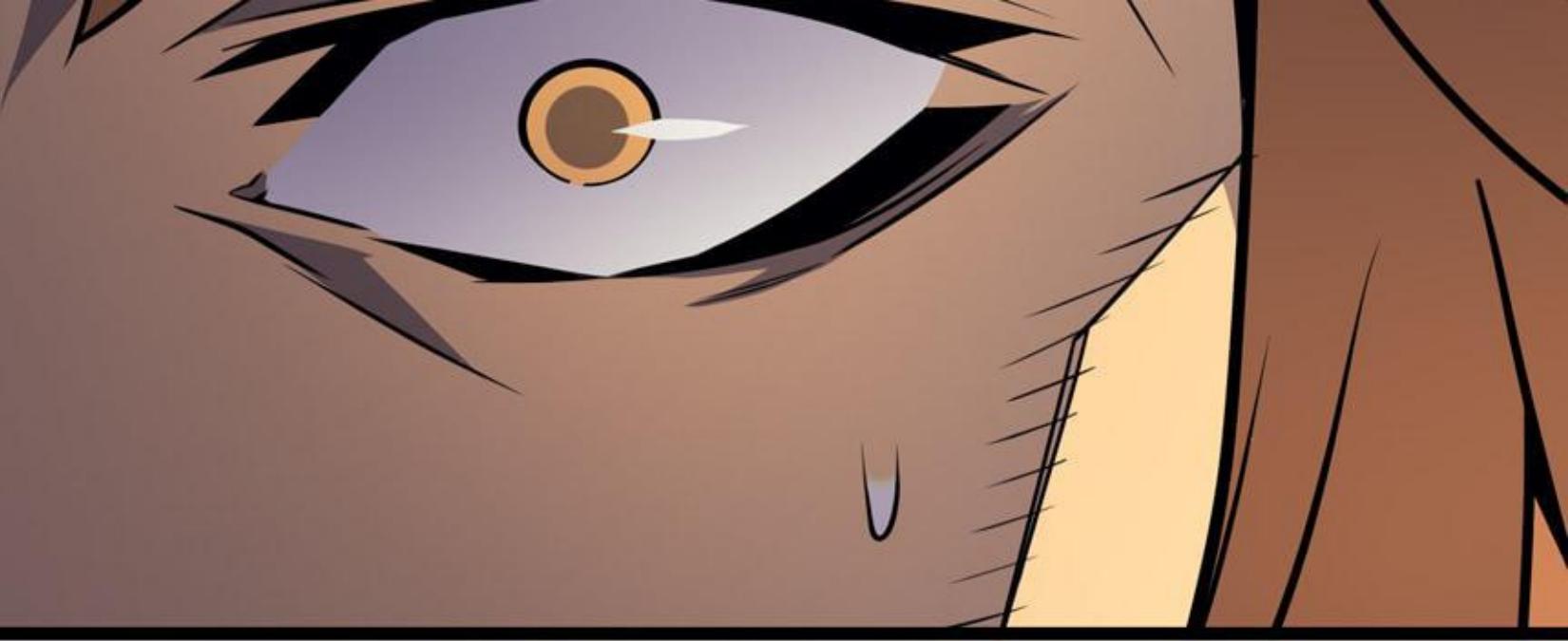


THE SUCCESSOR
OF THE GODFIST.

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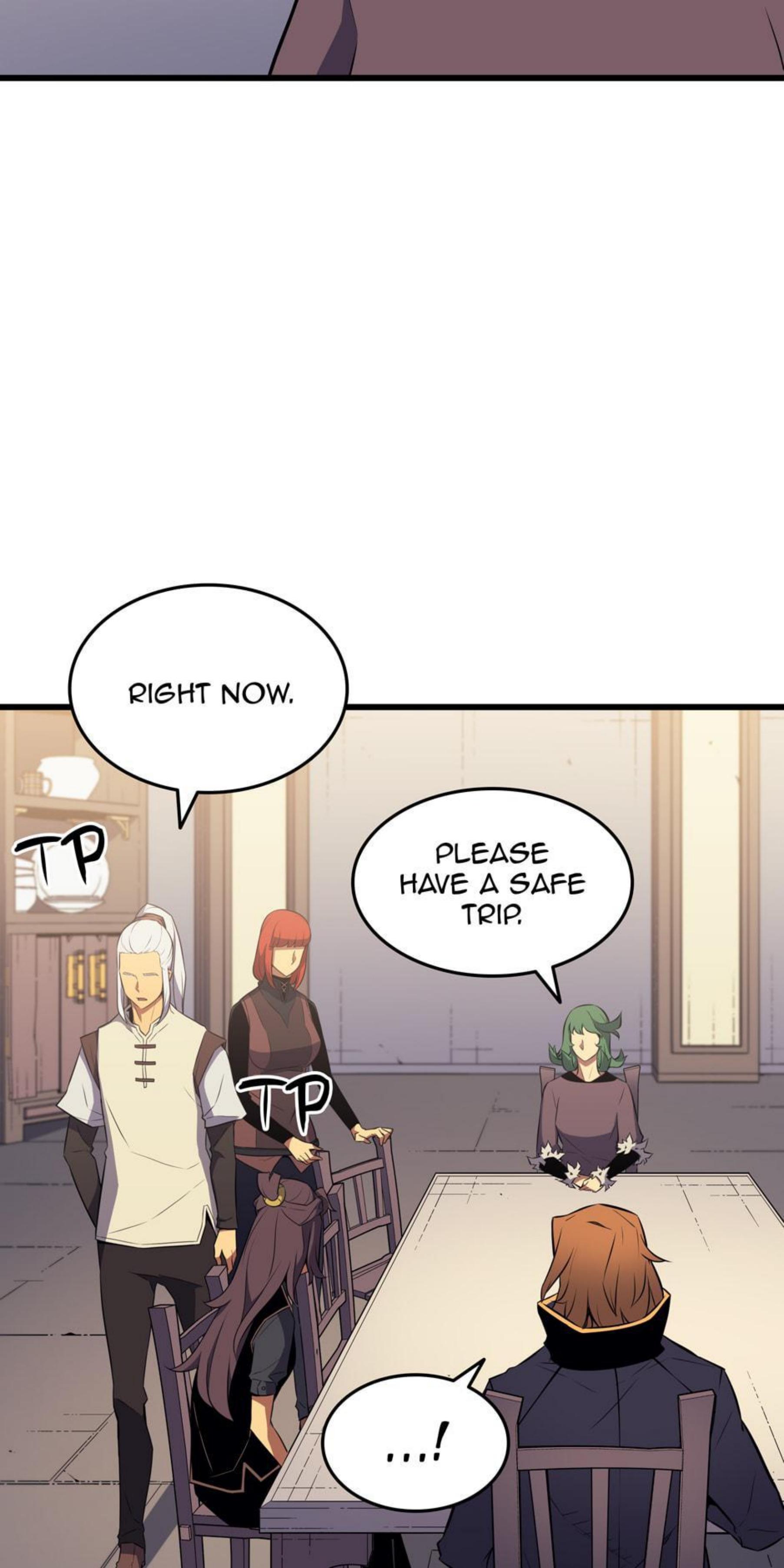
THAT'S TOO
RECKLESS! HE'S
DANGEROUS
AND...

I UNDERSTAND.



WHEN WILL
YOU BE LEAVING?





RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE
HAVE A SAFE
TRIP.

....

MASTER VENIAN
TRUSTS HIM THIS
MUCH...?

JUST WHO
IS THIS
MAN...?







ISABEL...



I KNOW.

THIS
JOURNEY...

YOU PLAN ON
GOING ALONE,
RIGHT?

THE CIRCLE IS
FINALLY PICKING UP
THEIR BROKEN PIECES
AND ITS FOUNDATIONS
ARE UNSTABLE
STILL...



THERE'S NO
GUARANTEE THAT
THERE WON'T BE ANY
DISTURBANCES WITHIN
THE CIRCLE DURING
MY ABSENCE.



DON'T WORRY.

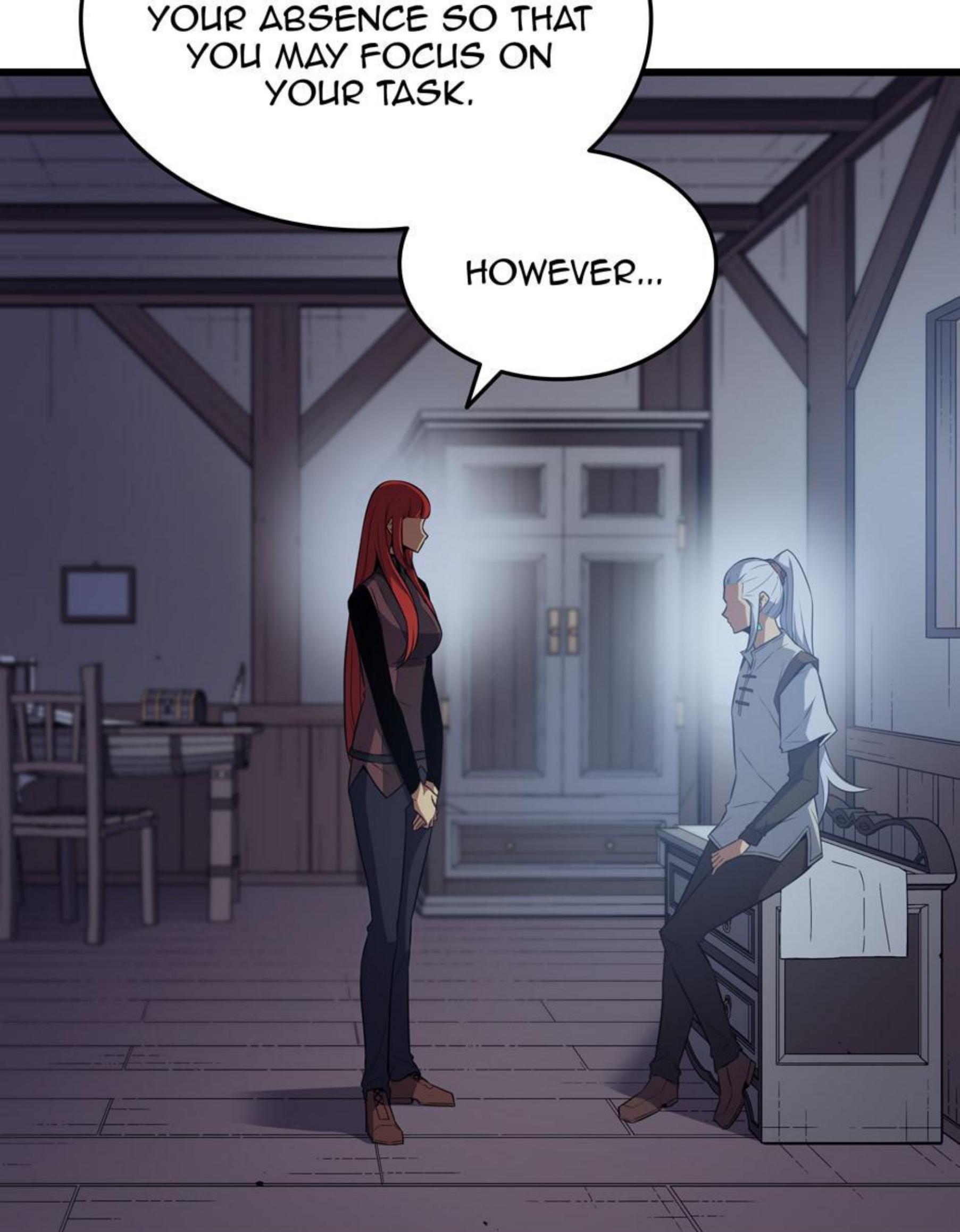
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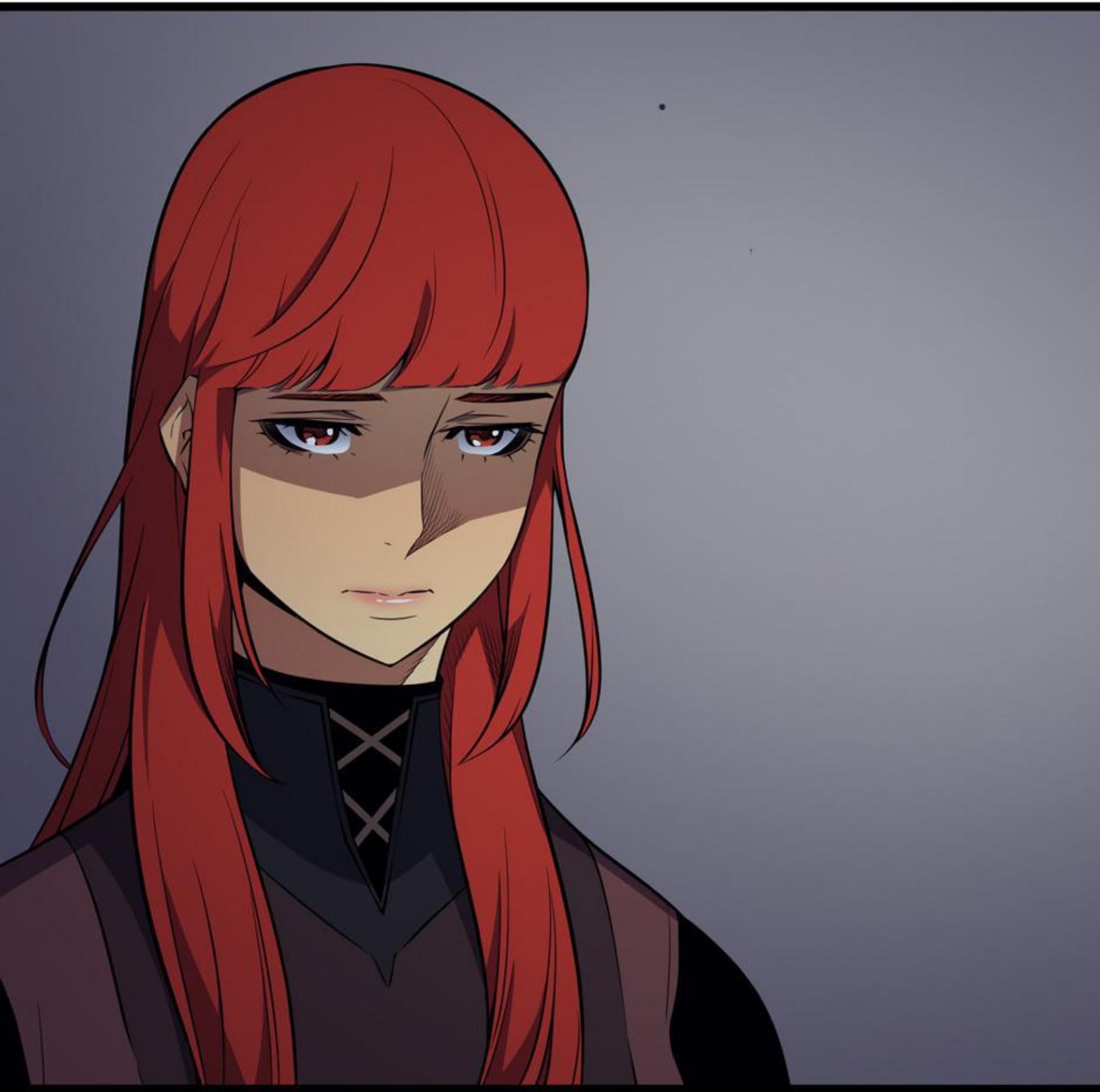


I WILL BE YOUR
SUBSTITUTE DURING

YOUR ABSENCE SO THAT
YOU MAY FOCUS ON
YOUR TASK.

HOWEVER...





I WOULD
LIKE IT IF YOU CAN
STAY IN FREQUENT

CONTACT WITH ME.

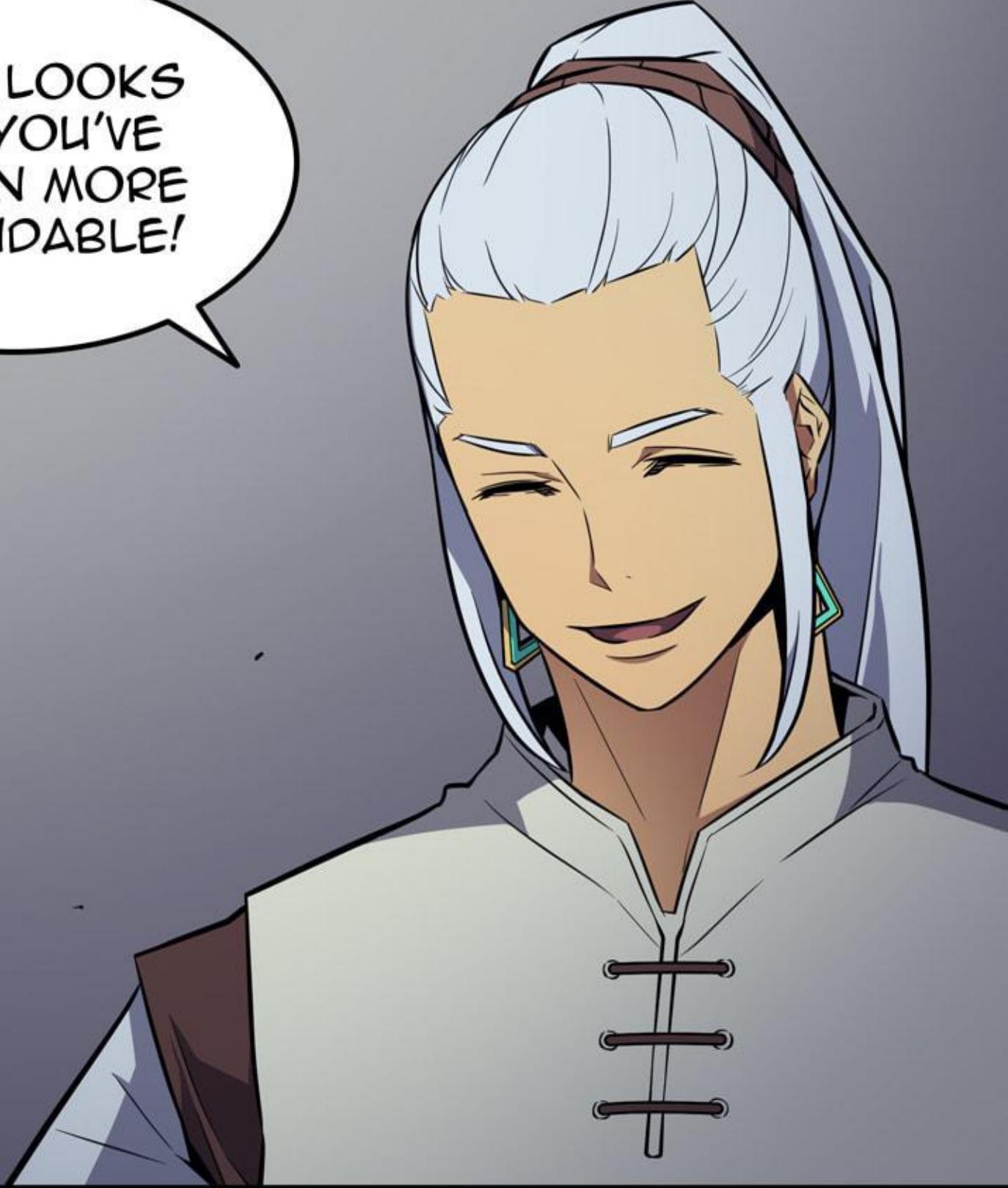




AND IF
SOMETHING
WERE TO HAPPEN
TO YOU...

I WILL
IMMEDIATELY RUSH
TO YOUR SIDE.

HAHA, LOOKS
LIKE YOU'VE
GROWN MORE
DEPENDABLE!







THANKS, I
APPRECIATE IT.



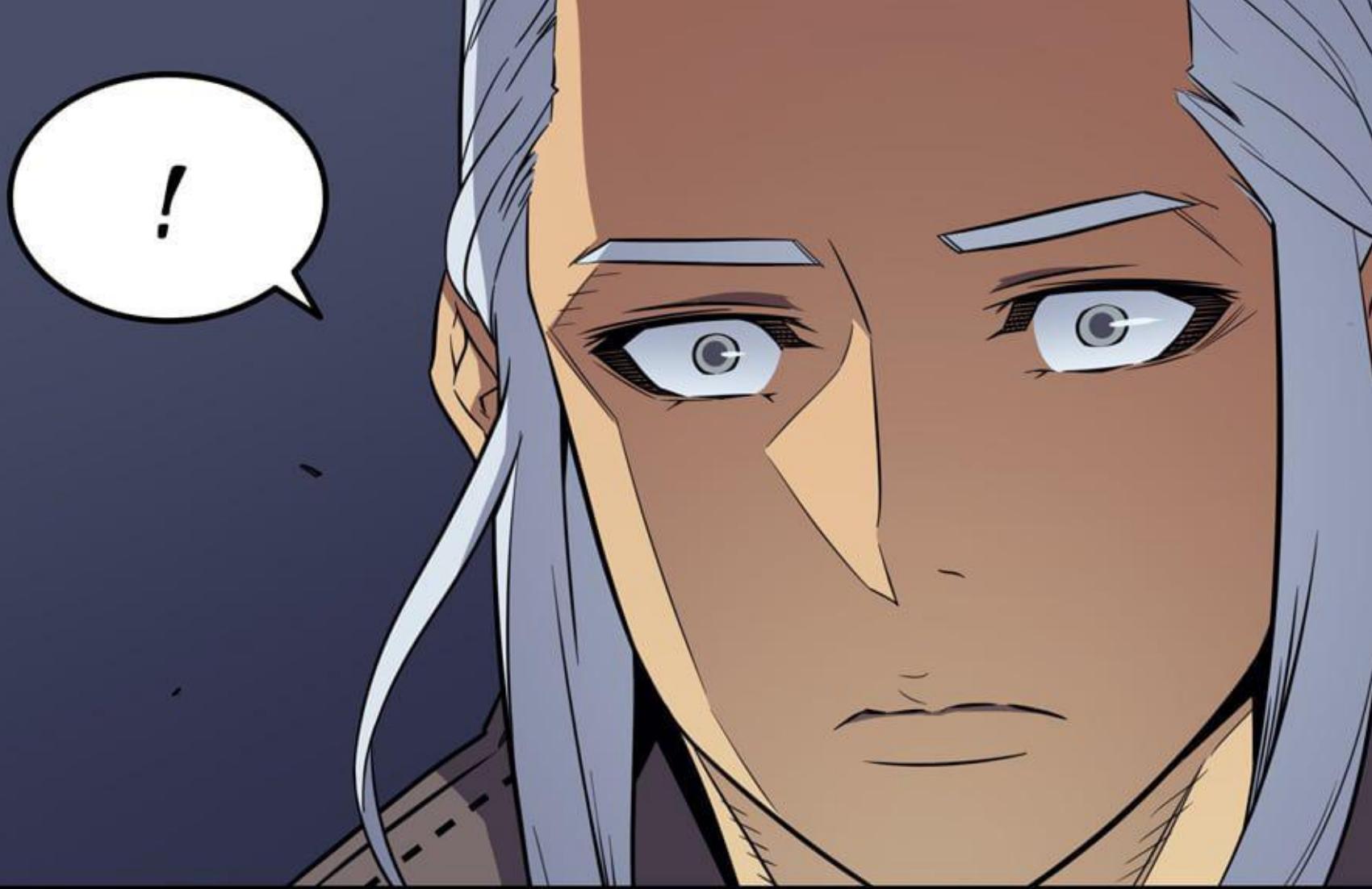
MASTER VENIAN,
I'LL TAKE MY
LEAVE NOW.



PLEASE BE
CAREFUL.

CREEEAK









ROUNDER
FREI!

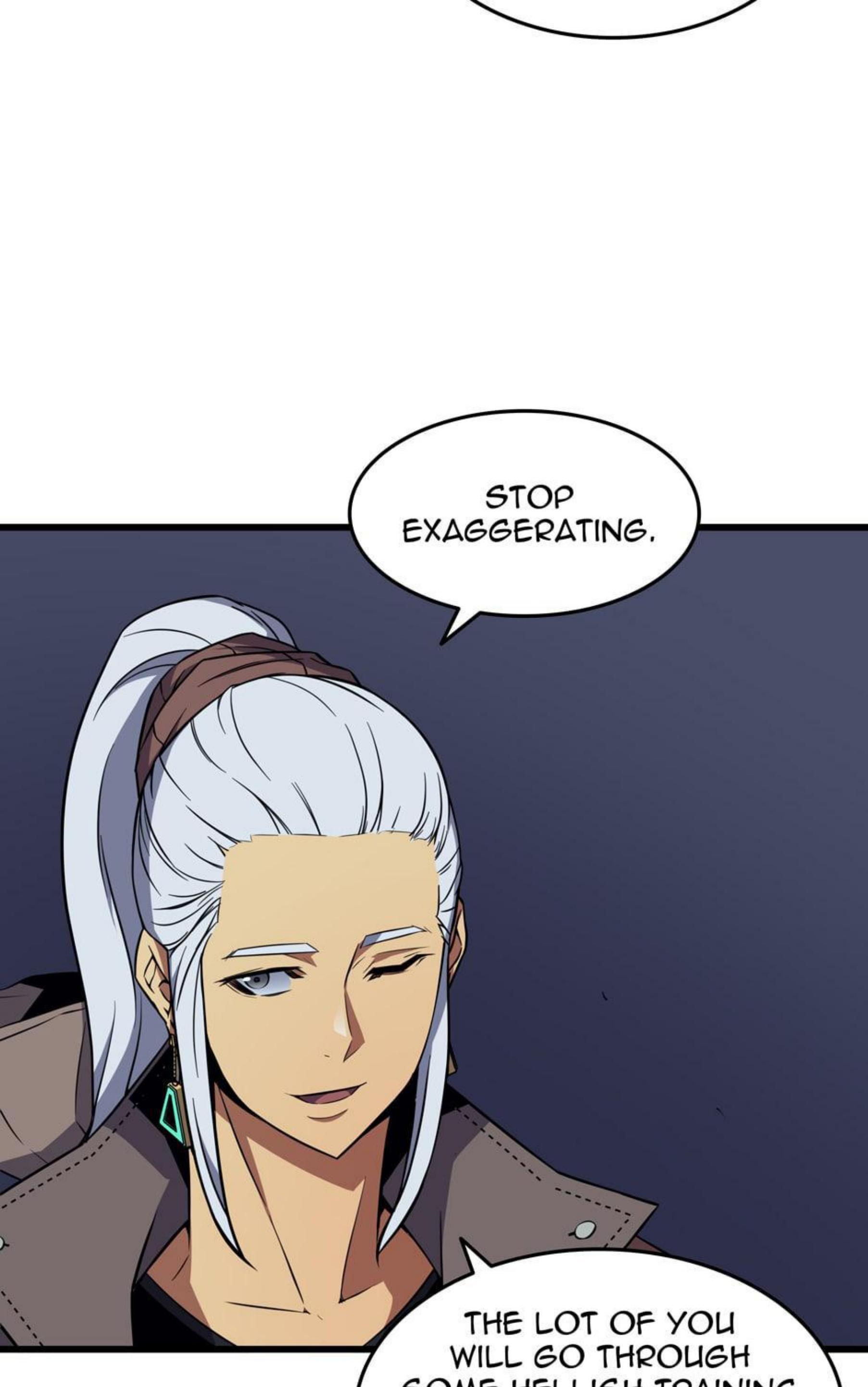
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ROUNDER...!

MUST YOU
LEAVE US SO
SOON?

WHAT WILL WE
EVER DO WITHOUT
YOU...?!



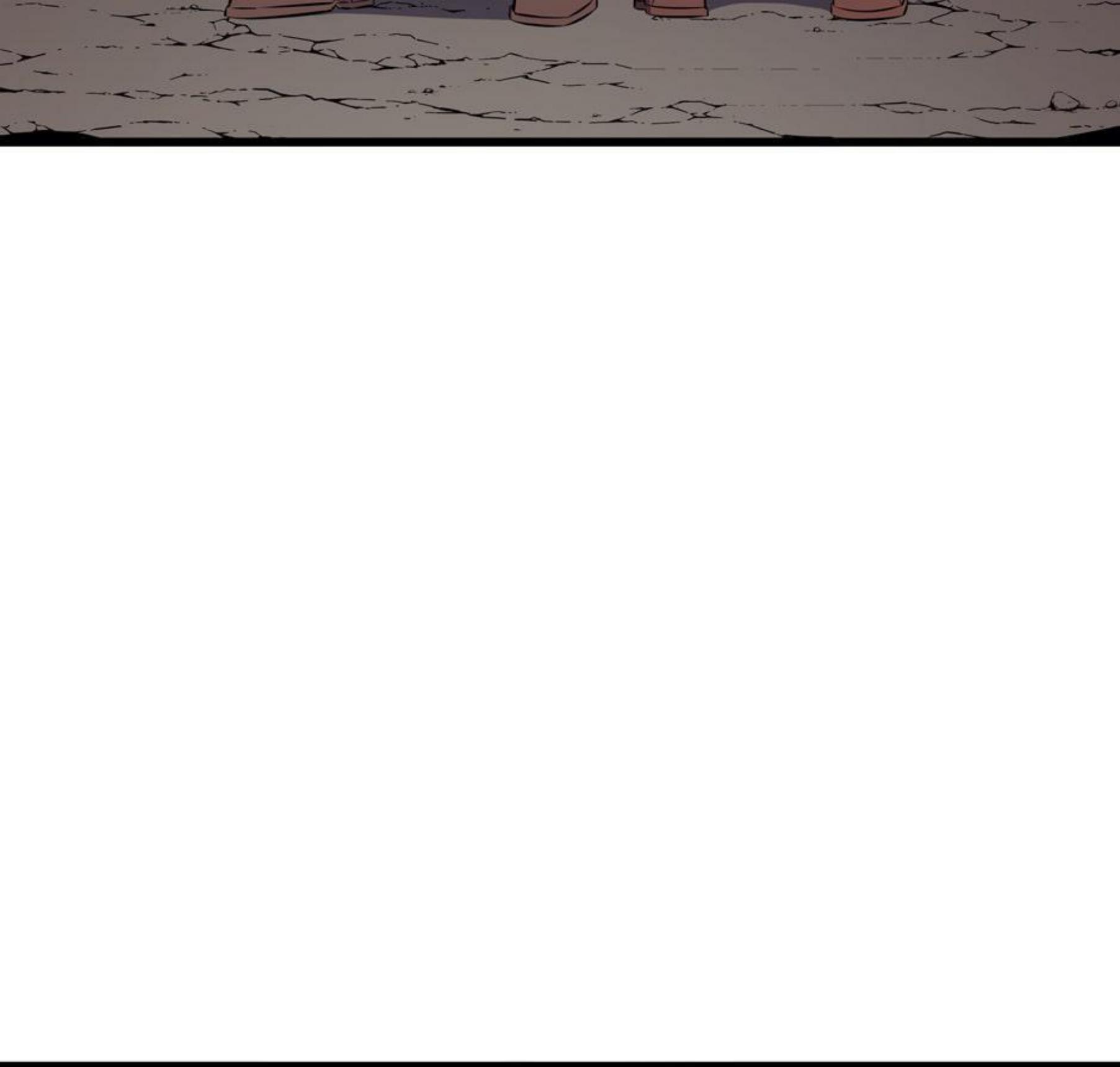
STOP
EXAGGERATING.

THE LOT OF YOU
WILL GO THROUGH
SOME HELLISH TRAINING
WHILE I'M GONE. YOU'LL
BE TOO EXHAUSTED
TO EVEN NOTICE
I'M GONE.

YOU MIGHT
THINK SHE'LL GO
SOFT ON YOU, BUT THIS
GIRL CAN REALLY BECOME
A DEMON WHEN
SHE'S MAD!

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**WHAT DO
WE HAVE IN
THE NEXT
MONTH?!**

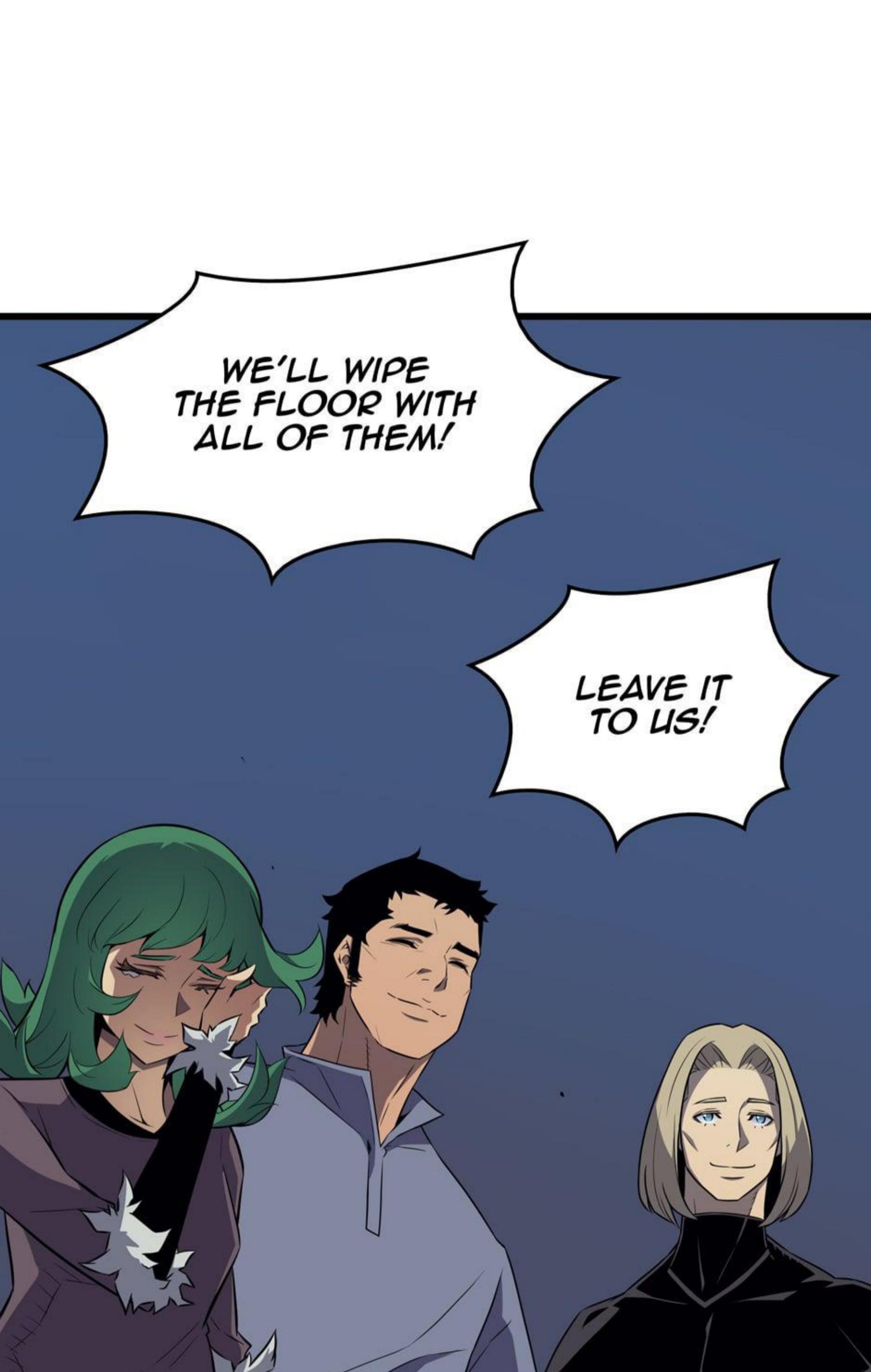


**THE FRIENDLY
COMPETITION WITH
THE NEARBY
CIRCLES!**



IF ANY OF
YOU FOOLS LOSE
A MATCH...

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S COMING,
RIGHT?



**WE'LL WIPE
THE FLOOR WITH
ALL OF THEM!**

**LEAVE IT
TO US!**





I LOOK
FORWARD TO
OUR REUNION!

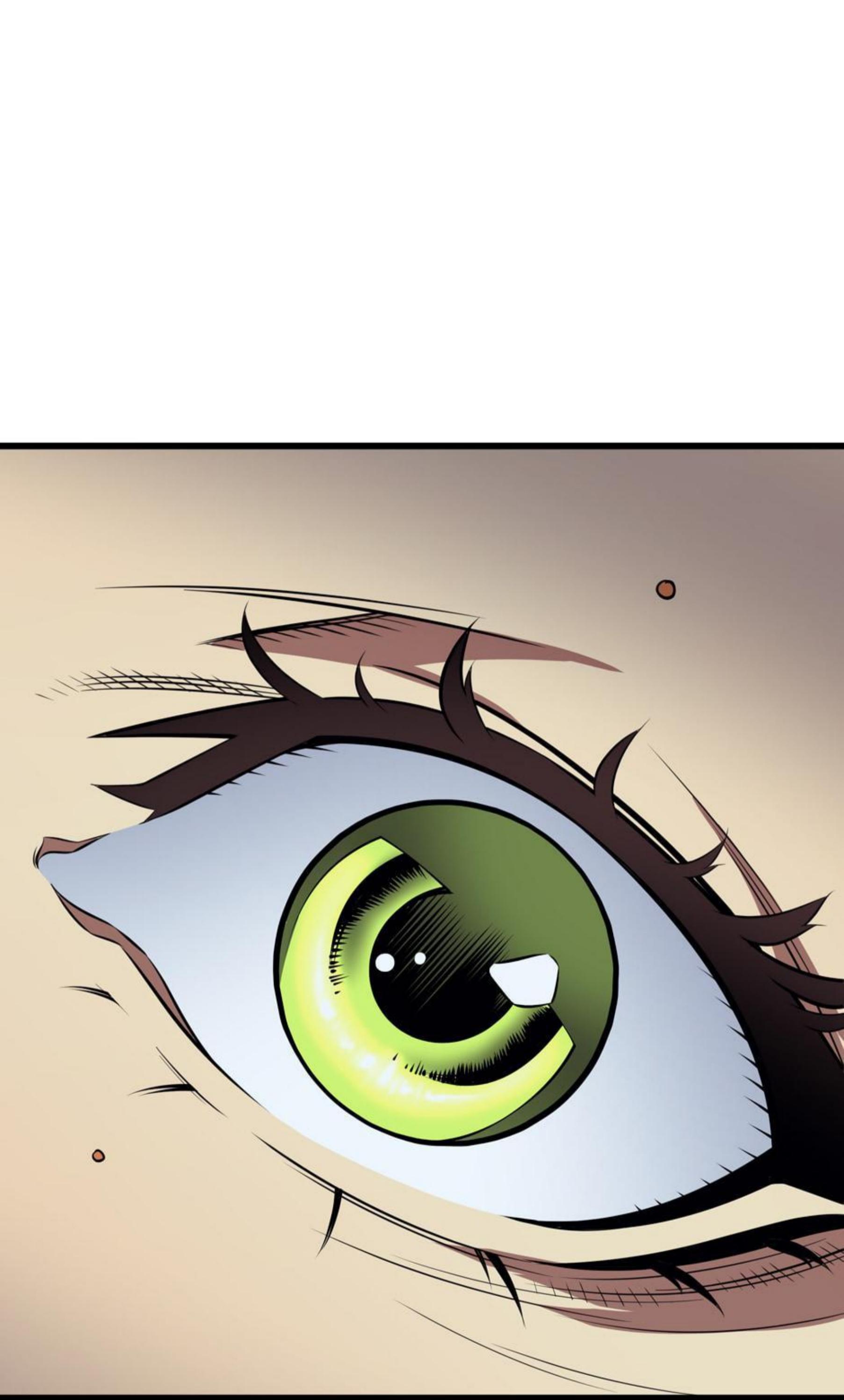


*I LOOK FORWARD
TO OUR REUNION.*













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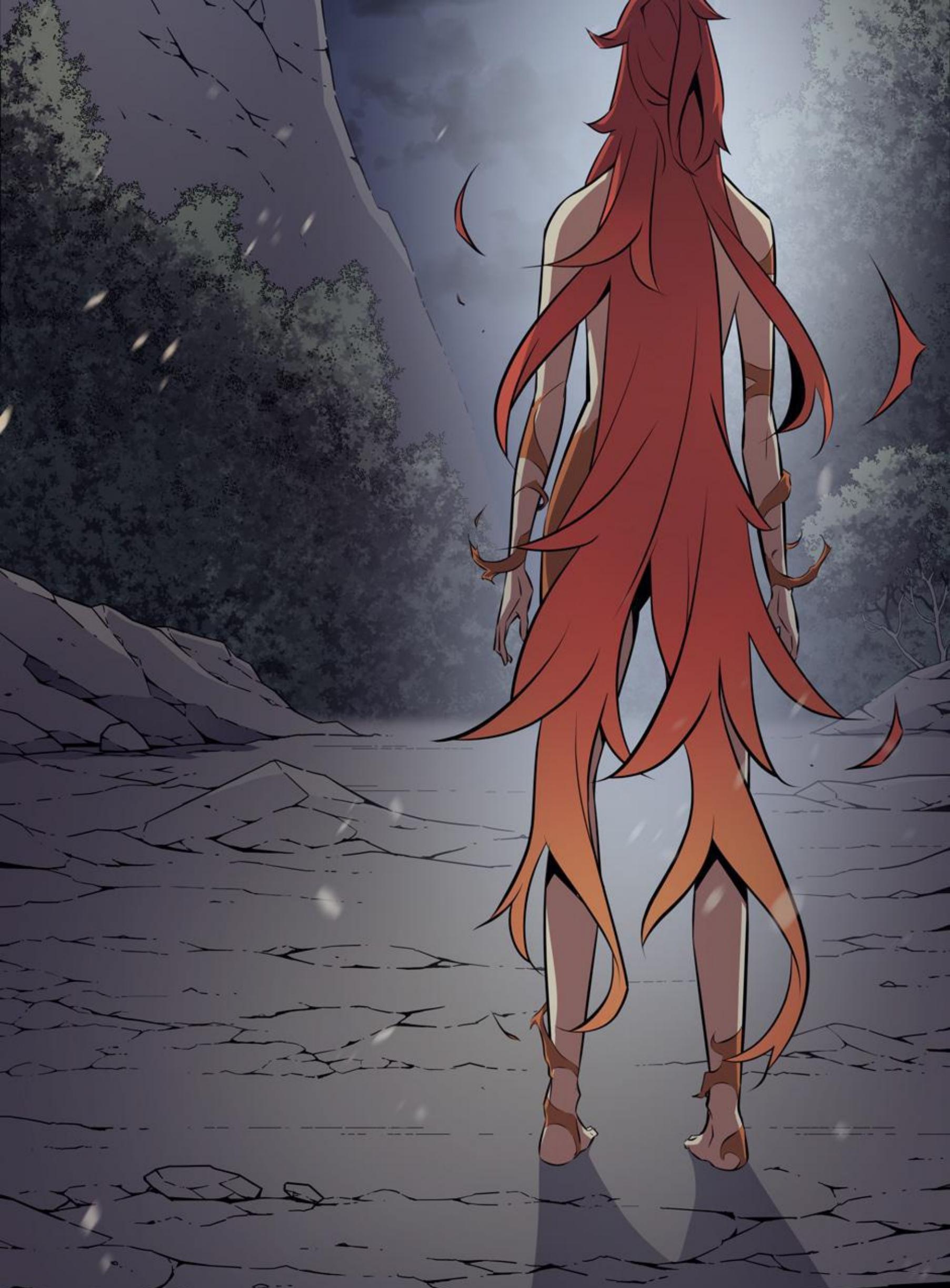






**YOU WILL RULE
THESE LANDS, PHOENIX.**







BECOME THE NEXT RULER
OF THESE LANDS SO THAT MY FRIEND'S
PRECIOUS DUNGEON DOESN'T BECOME
DEFILED BY A SECOND OR THIRD COMING
OF TORKUNDA'S SUCCESSORS.

BECOME THE MASTER
OF THESE MOUNTAINS.





WHOOOSH



