

THE ARCHMAGE RETURNS AFTER 4000 YEARS

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THIS IS THE
LAST ROOM.

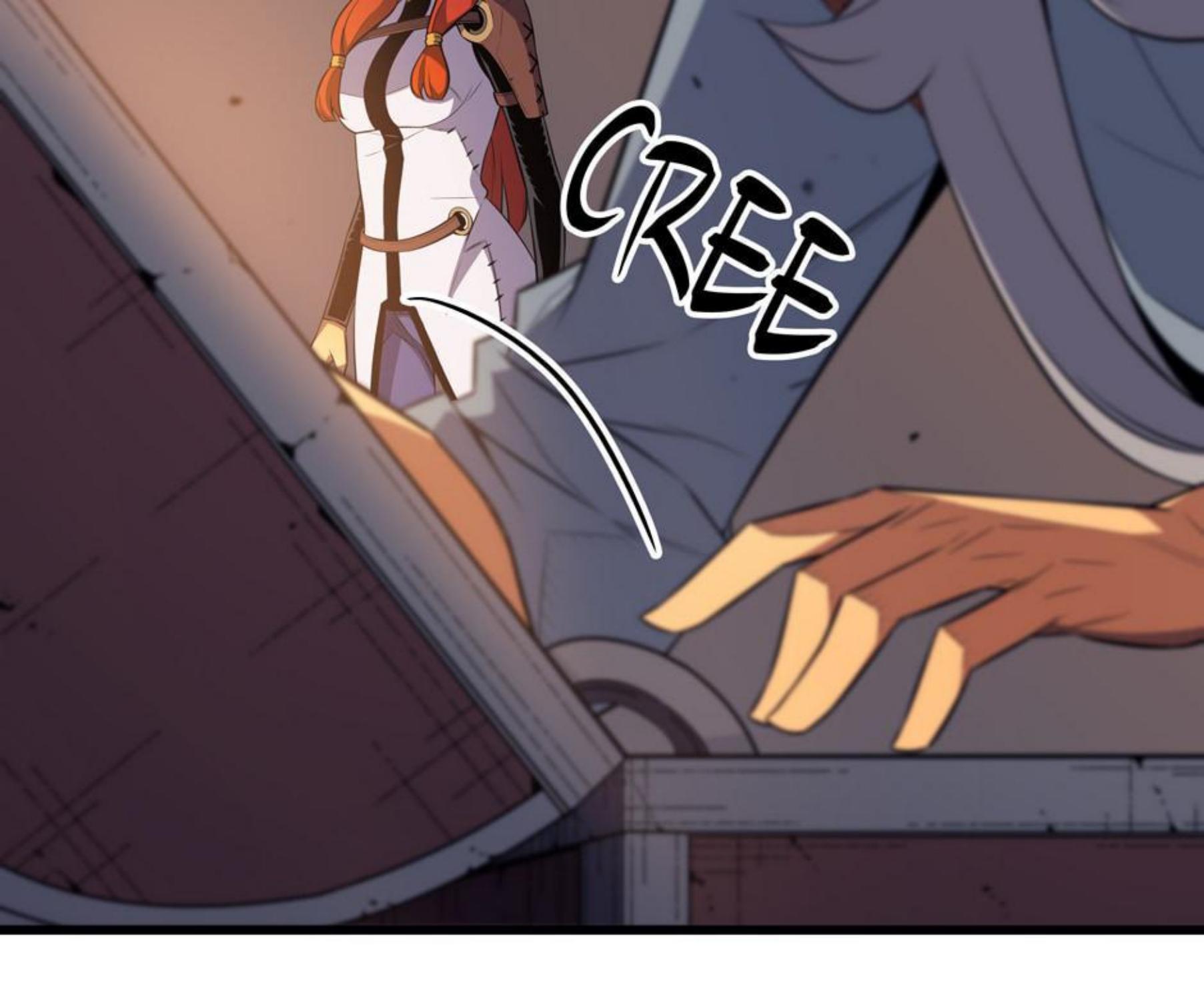


UNLIKE THE
PREVIOUS ROOMS,
THIS ONE LOOKS VERY
COSY AND WELL
LIVED IN.



FOUND IT!





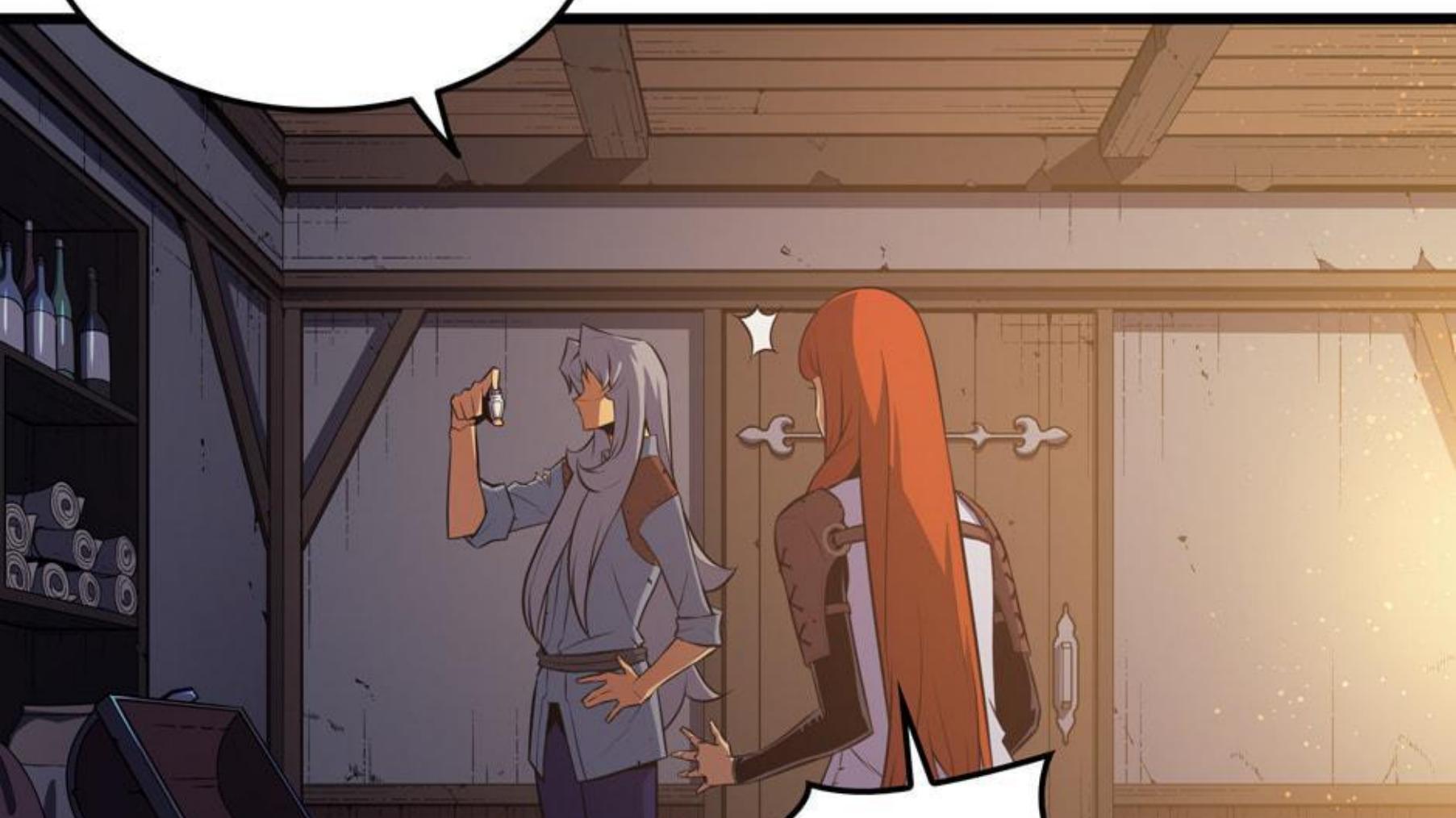
GREK

WHAT
IS THAT?





THIS IS THE
FROZEN RIVER.



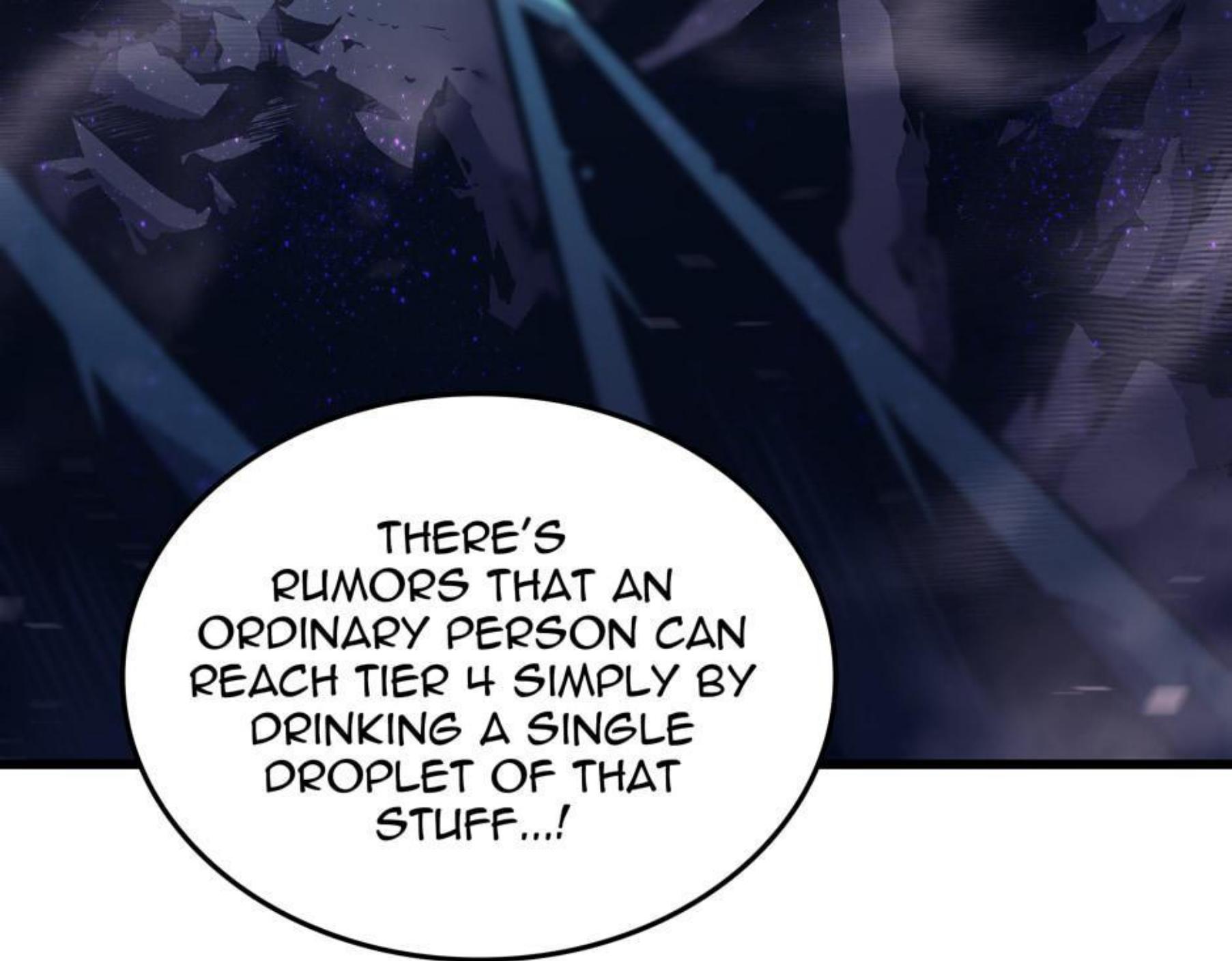
W-WAIT...

DID YOU
JUST SAY
THAT'S THE
FROZEN
RIVER?!

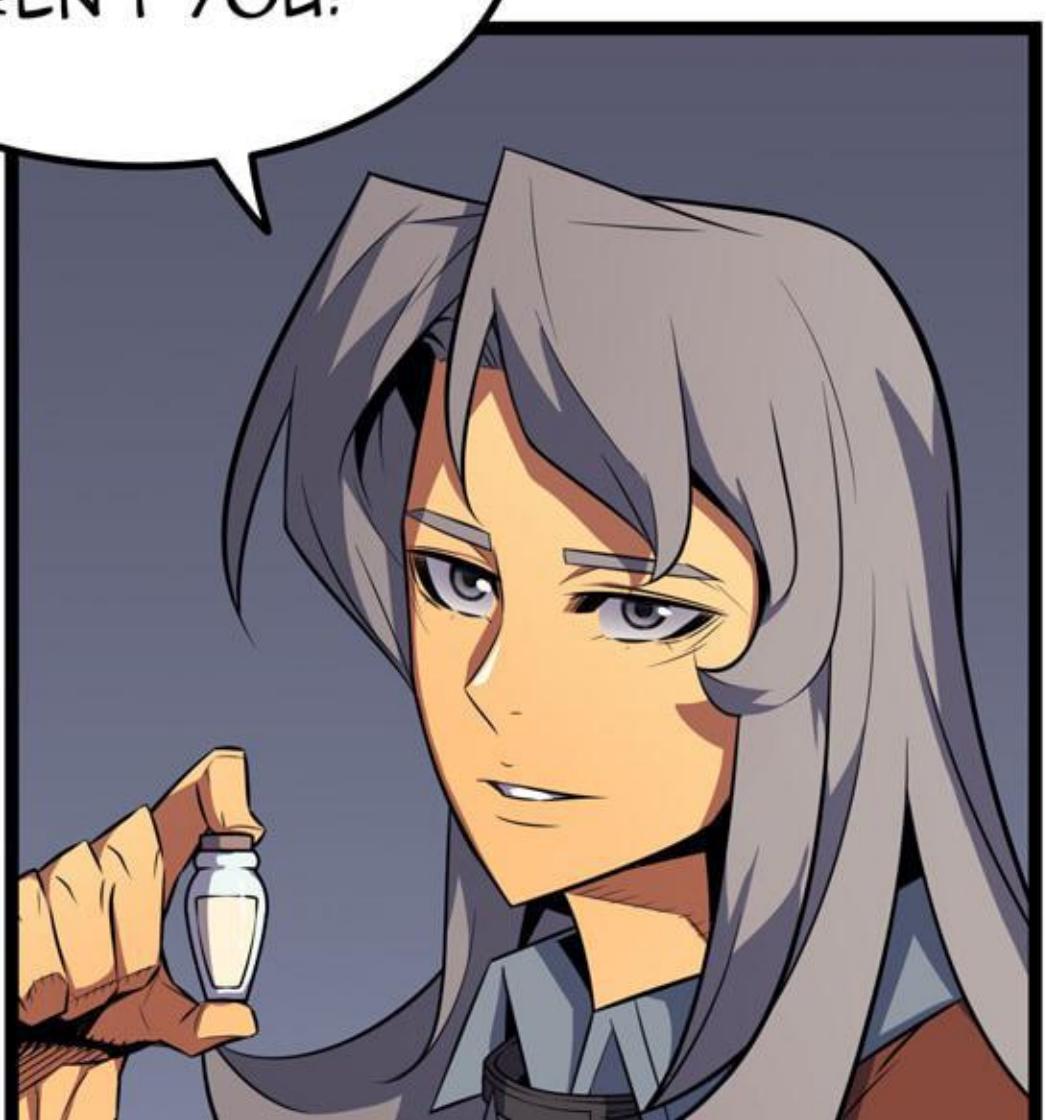


I HEARD THAT
IT'S A LEGENDARY
SOLUTION FORMED INTO
A SINGLE DROPLET EVERY
THOUSAND YEARS WHICH CAN
BE FOUND INSIDE THE
WAILING CAVERNS...

A SINGLE DROP
SAID TO EXPLOSIVELY
EXPAND ONE'S MAGICAL
CHANNELS AND DRastically
INCREASE THEIR INNER
MANA.



THERE'S
RUMORS THAT AN
ORDINARY PERSON CAN
REACH TIER 4 SIMPLY BY
DRINKING A SINGLE
DROPLET OF THAT
STUFF...!



QUITE
KNOWLEDGEABLE
AREN'T YOU?



B-BUT...

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT IT WAS
A MYTH!!



ARE YOU
TELLING ME
THIS IS THE
REAL FROZEN
QUEEN?

RIVER?!

I ABSOLUTELY
NEEDED THIS IF
I WAS TO REACH
TIER 7 IN SHORT
SPAN OF TIME.



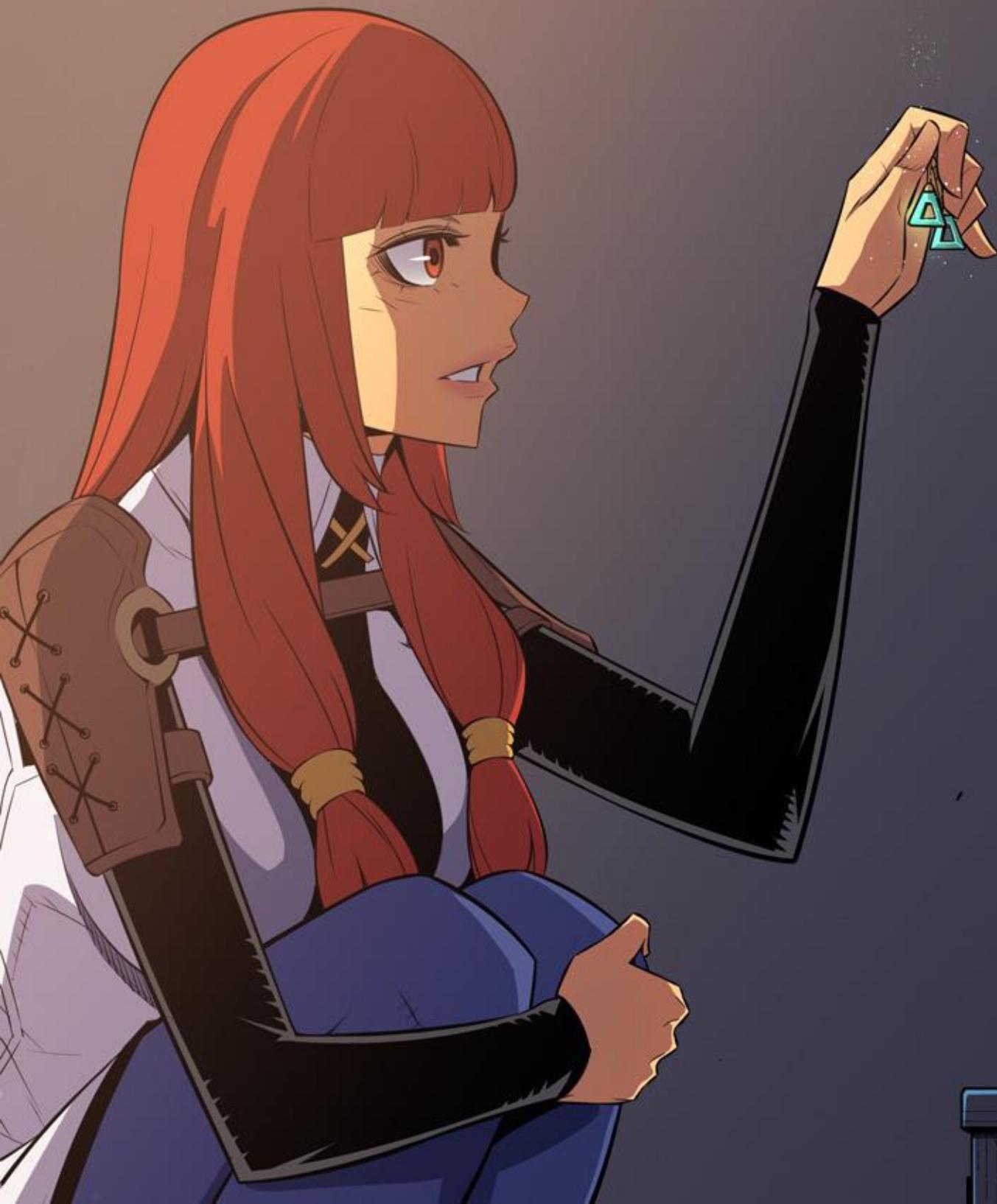


IS THAT WHY
YOU'VE COME
HERE?

RUMMAGE

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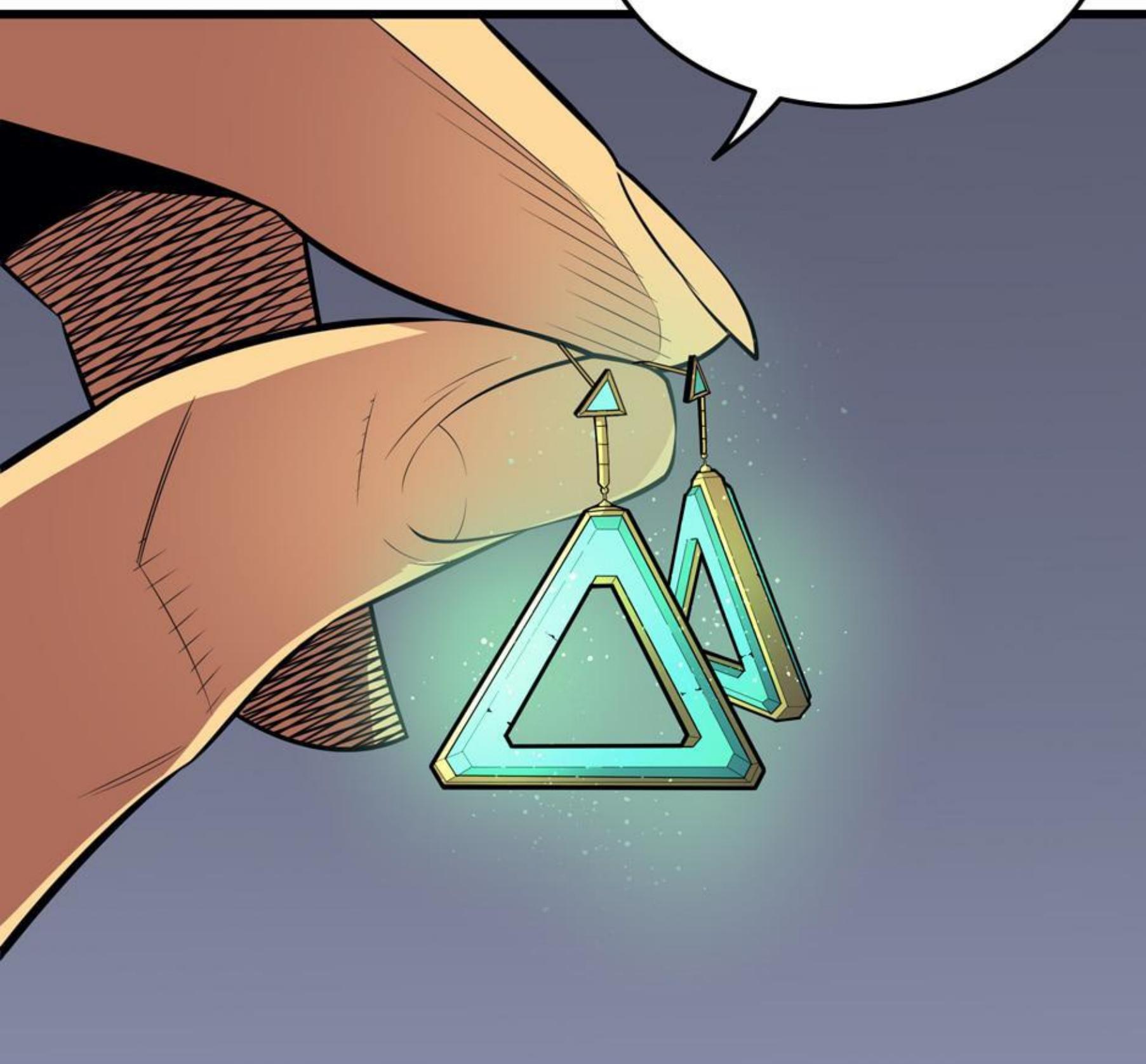
HMM,
WHAT COULD
THIS BE?





A PAIR OF
EARRINGS...?

WHAT
UNFASHIONABLE
DESIGNS...



TCH...
THAT ASSHOLE.

HE JUST HAD
TO STORE THOSE
OF ALL THINGS IN
THIS ROOM...

?

THEY'RE
TYPHOON
EARRINGS.

I CRAFTED
THOSE.

YOU DID?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
BY THAT?

HOW CAN
SOMETHING YOU'VE
CRAFTED BE FOUND
IN THE FINAL ROOM
WITHIN SCHEIZER'S
DUNGEON...?

THOSE EARRINGS
WERE MADE 4,000
YEARS AGO.





I MADE THOSE
BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING
BETTER TO DO BACK THEN,
BUT SCHEIZER REALLY LIKED
THEM SO I JUST GAVE
THEM TO HIM...

WHO WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT HE'D
STORE THEM SAFELY
ALL THIS TIME...



COULD YOU
ELABORATE ON WHAT
YOU SAID JUST NOW
FOR ME?





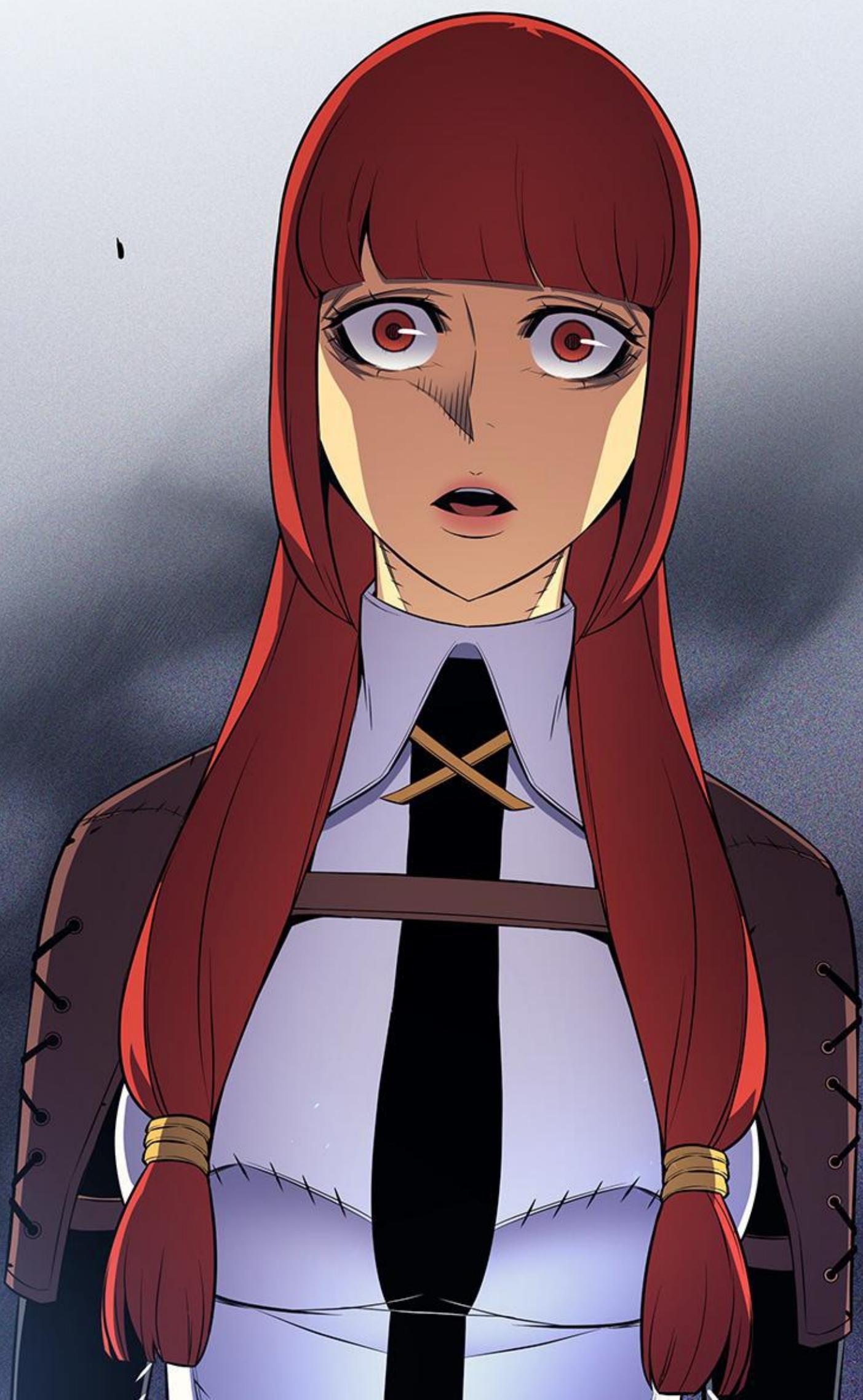
IT'S TRUE...





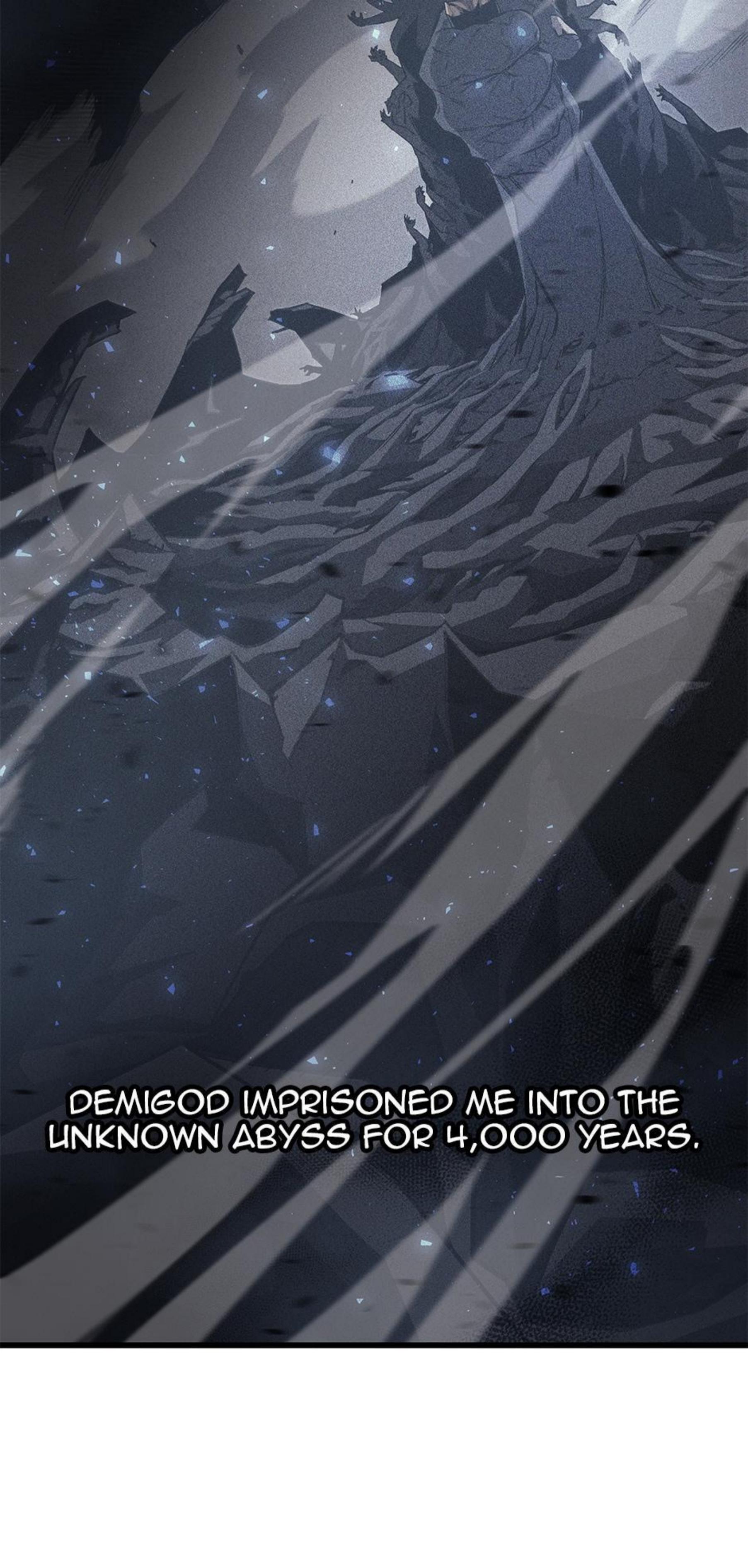


I AM LUCAS TROWMAN.





4,000 YEARS AGO,
MY FRIENDS AND I,
INCLUDING SCHEIZER,
WAGED A WAR AGAINST
THE DEMIGOD
NAMED LORD.



DEMIGOD IMPRISONED ME INTO THE UNKNOWN ABYSS FOR 4,000 YEARS.

UNTIL ONE DAY



**I HEARD A VOICE PIERCING
THROUGH THAT ENDLESS DARKNESS.**



IT WAS THE VOICE
OF FREI BLAKE.

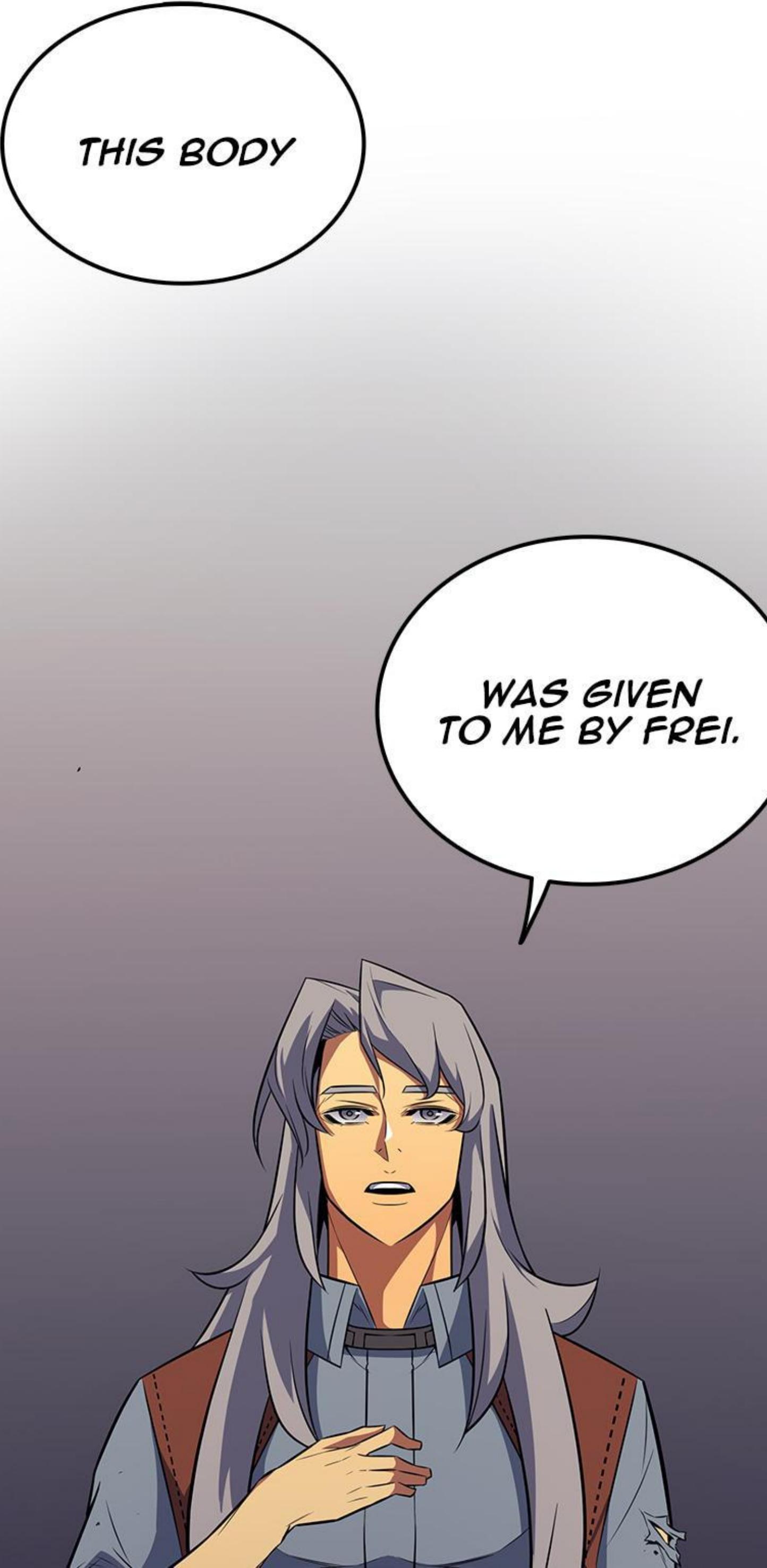
EVEN TO THIS DAY,
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE
CALLED OUT TO ME.

NOR WHY OUR MINDS
SYNCHRONIZED,

**BUT HE
CALLED OUT
TO ME.**

**AND I
ANSWERED
HIS CALL.**





THIS BODY

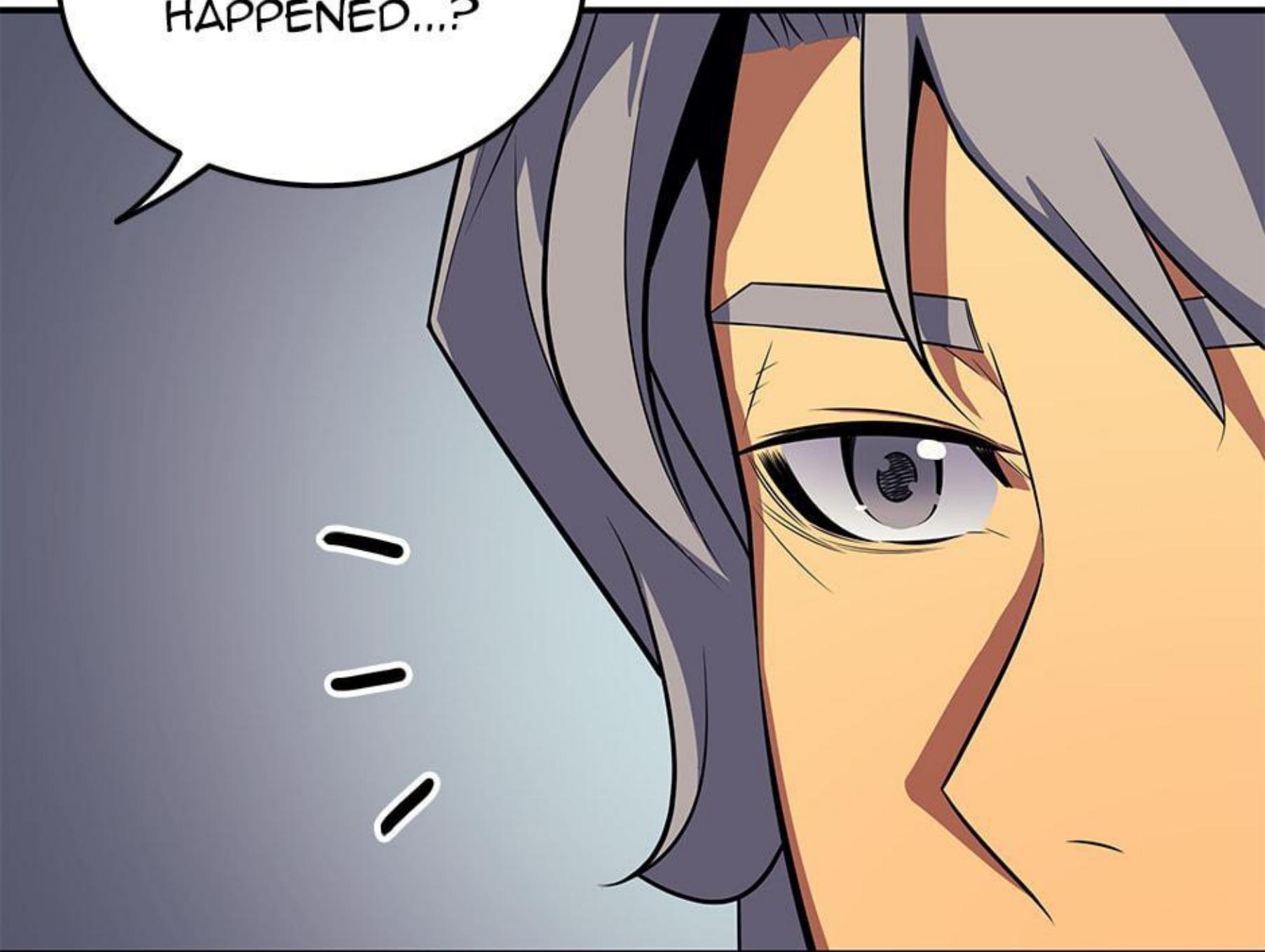
**WAS GIVEN
TO ME BY FREI.**







SO THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENED...?





OH?

I DIDN'T
THINK YOU'D
BELIEVE ME
JUST LIKE
THAT.

WELL,
OF COURSE,
IT IS A TRULY
ABSURD
STORY.

BUT...

SO MANY
UNEXPLAINABLE
THINGS HAPPENED
DURING MY TIME
WITH YOU.

AND BECAUSE OF
THAT, I THINK I CAN
BELIEVE YOU.

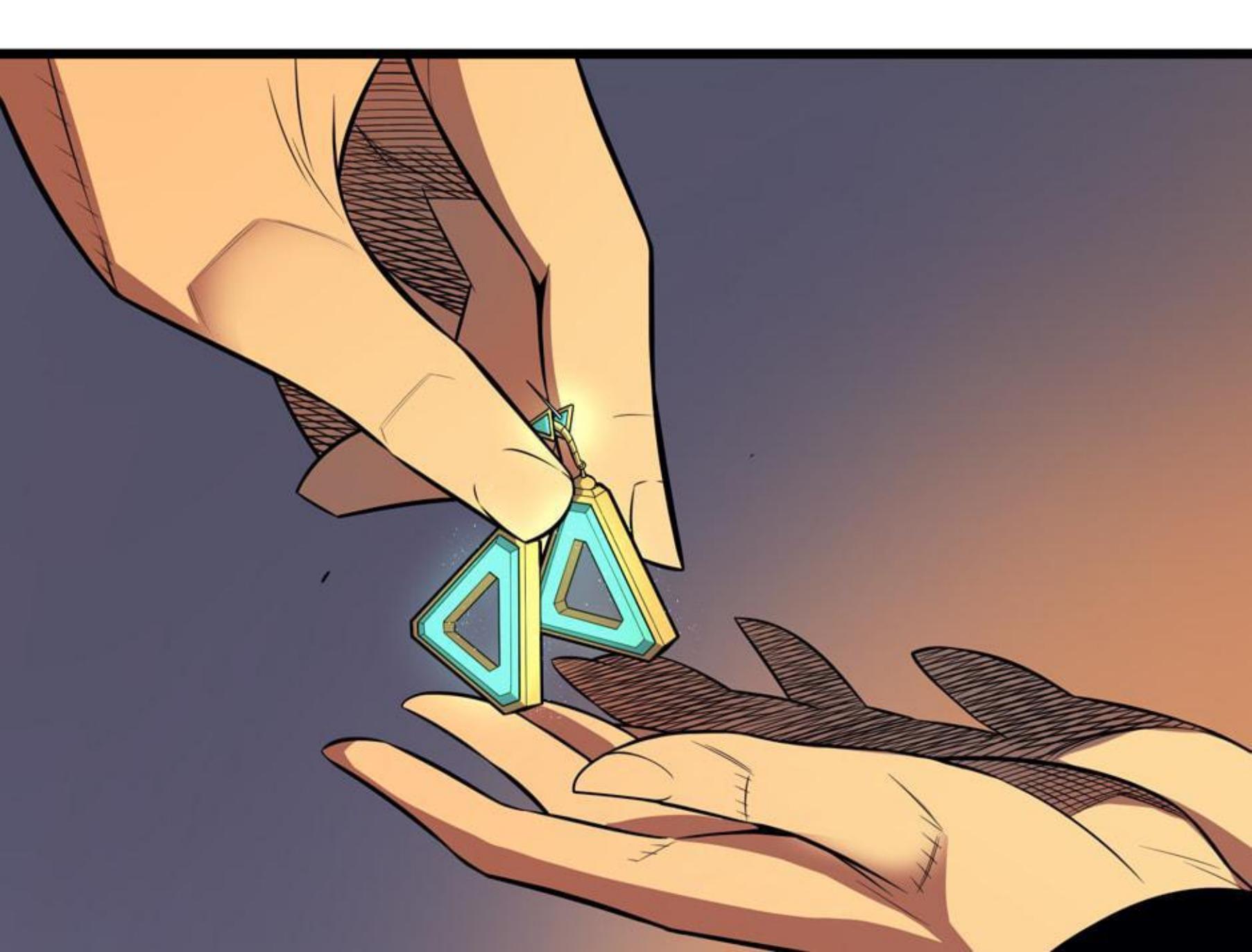
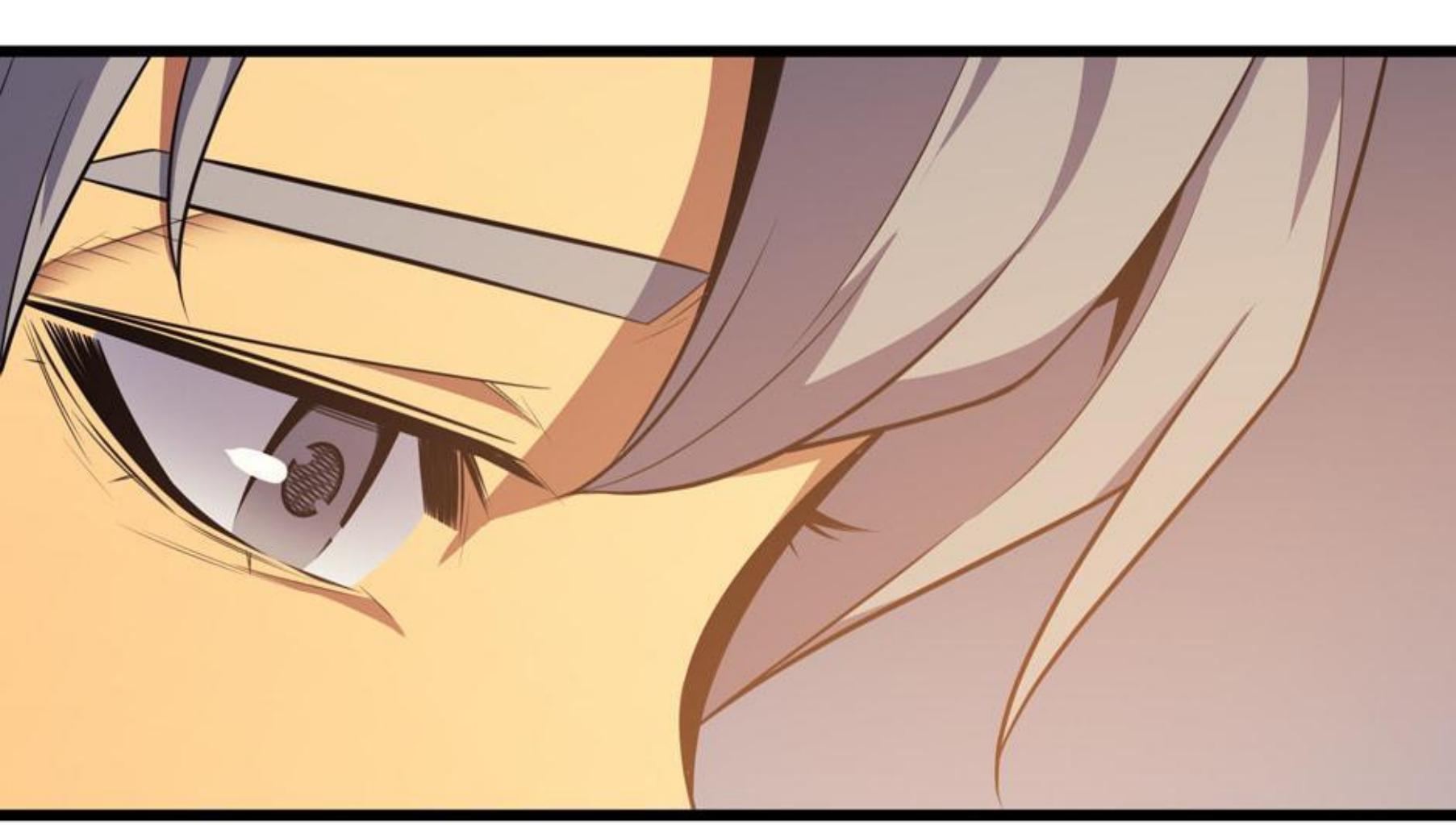


I SEE...

SO YOU
REALLY ARE LUCAS
TROWMAN...



ALLOW ME TO
PRESENT MY HEARTFELT
GREETINGS ONCE MORE,
LORD LUCAS.



JUST CALL ME
FREI, AS YOU'VE
ALWAYS DONE.

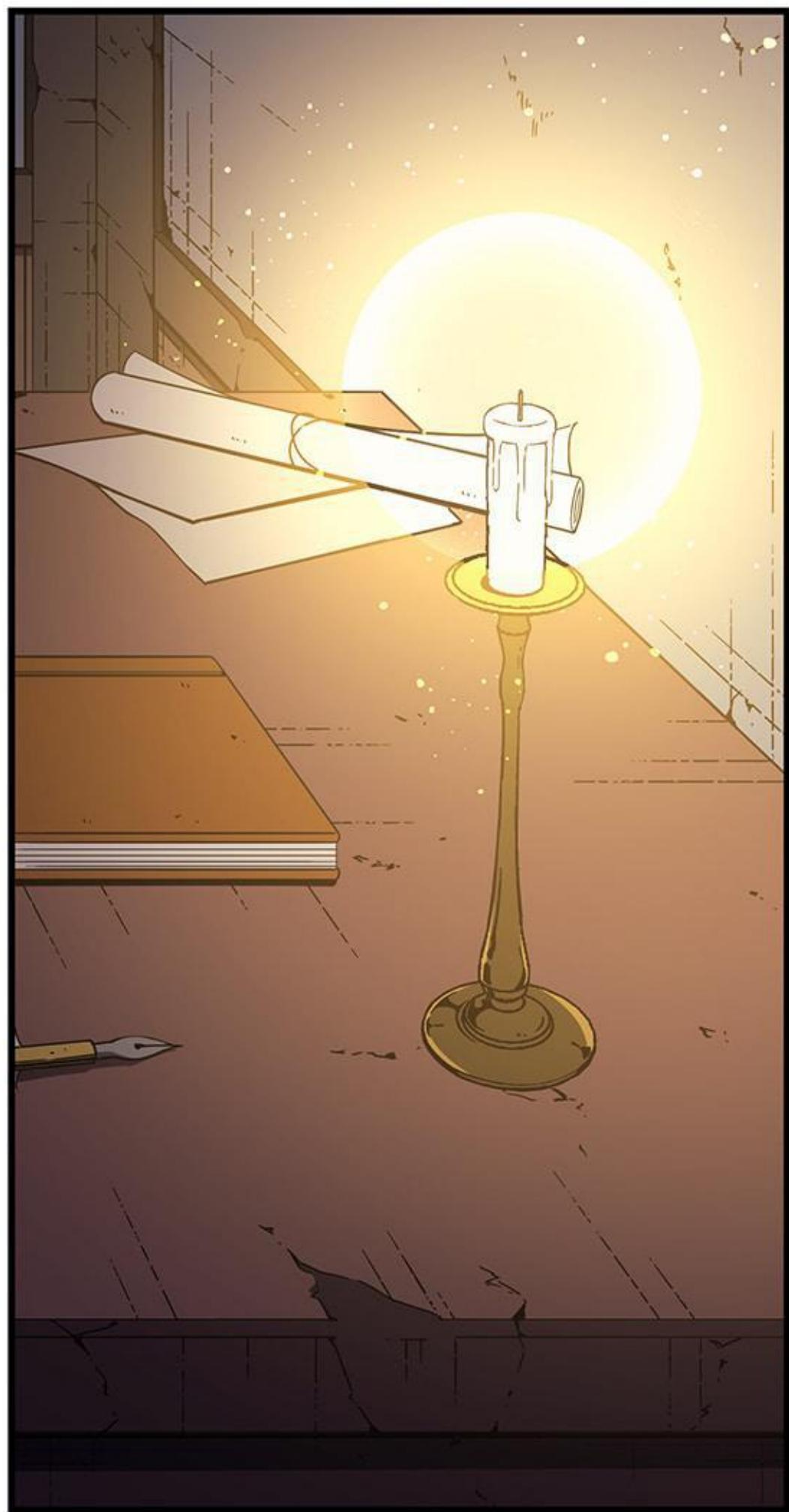
I'M SURE IT
WILL HELP IN THE
LONG RUN IF I WANT
TO SUCCEED IN
MY GOAL.

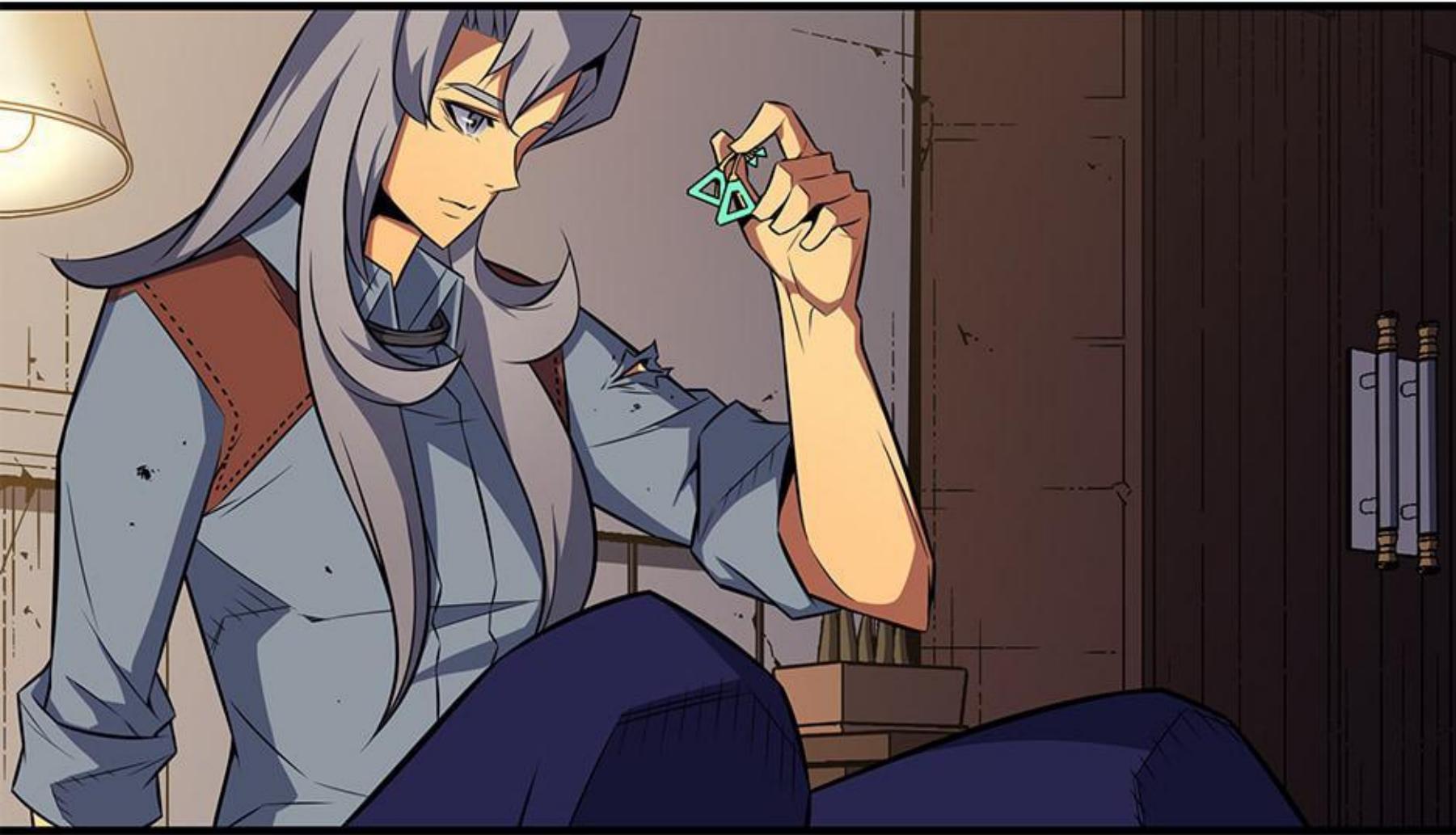
OH...
UNDERSTOOD.

AND
ONE MORE
THING...

JUST ACT
NORMAL, LIKE
NOTHING HAS
CHANGED.

BECAUSE YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY GIVING
ME GOOSEBUMPS
RIGHT NOW.





WAIT A SECOND,
WHAT DID YOU SAY
EARLIER?

THAT I HAVE
UNFASHIONABLE
DESIGN?!

W-WOW! WHAT
A FASHIONABLE
TRINKET...!

WAS THIS ALSO
CRAFTED BY
YOUR HANDS?



NO, SCHEIZER
MADE THOSE...

THE STAFF
OF THE GREAT
SAGE...

HE USED
IT LIKE IT WAS AN
EXTENSION OF
HIS BODY.

STAFF?

ISN'T THIS A
BRACELET...?

GIVE IT
HERE.

IF YOU
WEAR THAT,
IT'S GOING TO SUCK
YOUR MANA DRY UNTIL
THE DEPRIVATION
KILLS YOU.

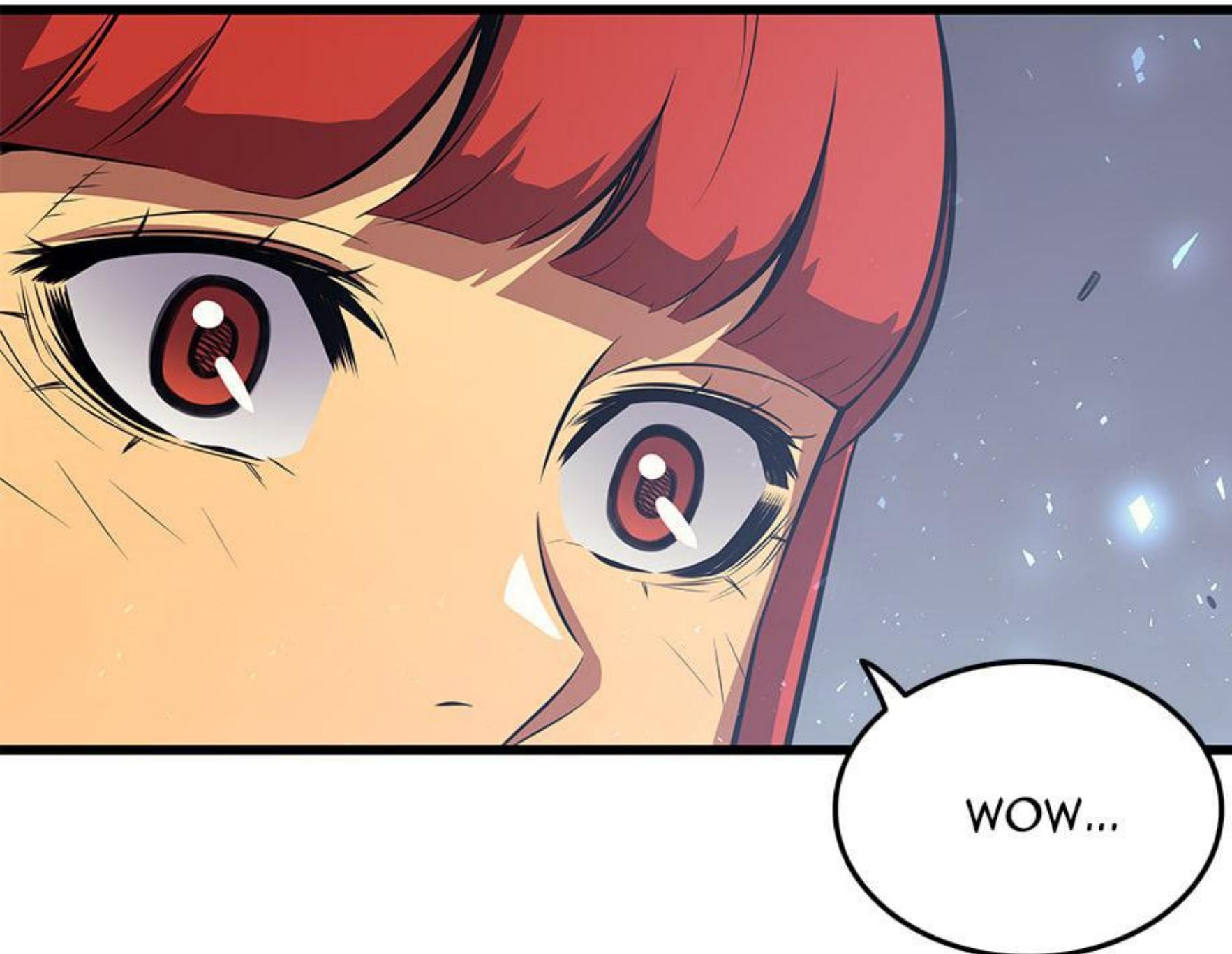
GRAB

AH... OKAY.









TH-THAT'S
AN AMAZING
INCREASE OF
MANA, LUC—
...REI!!



WHO IS
'LUCREI'...?

IT'S NOT MY
STYLE TO RELY
SO HEAVILY ON
MAGIC TOOLS...

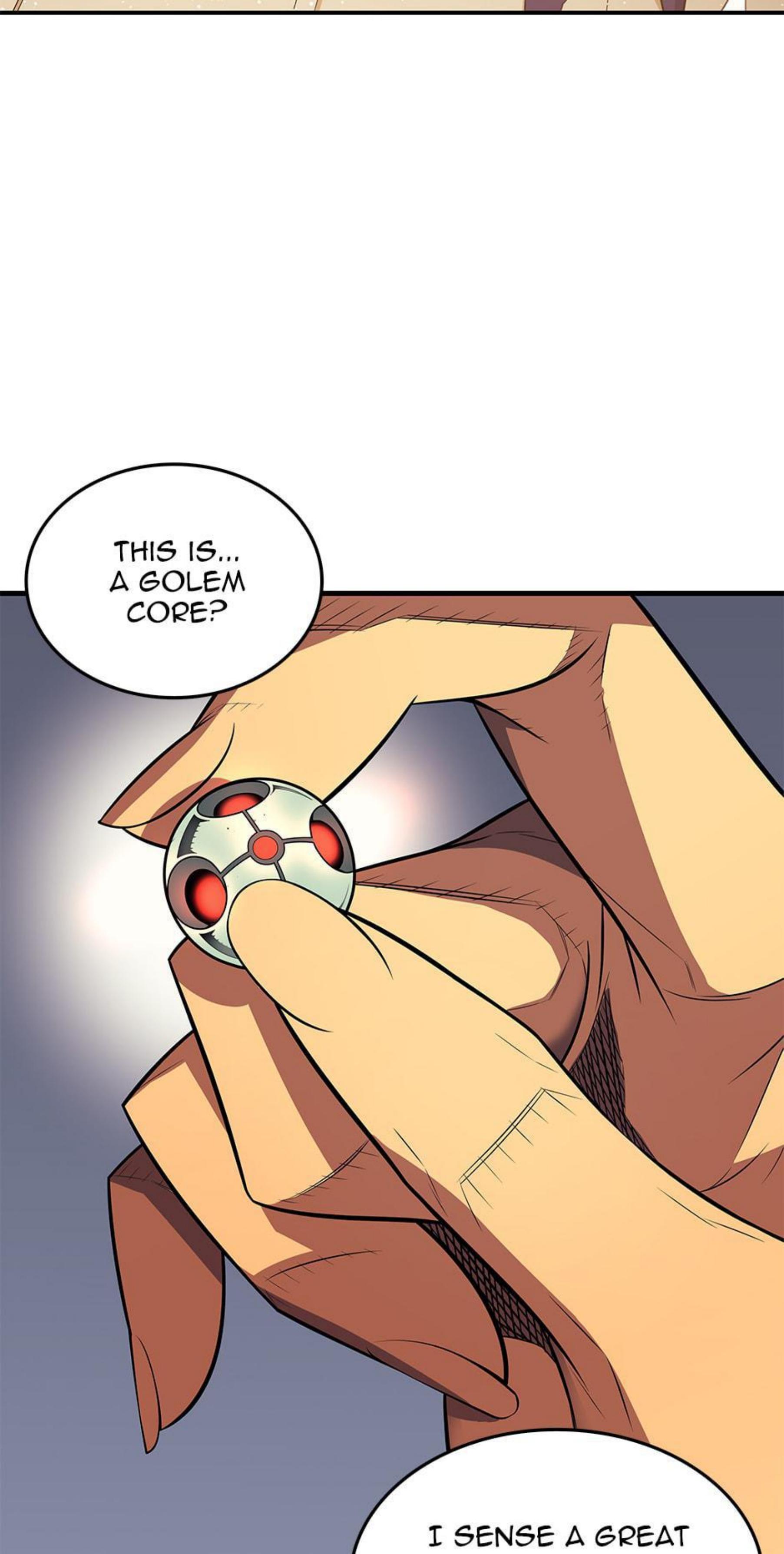




BUT, OH, WELL...
IT'S A FRIEND'S
KEEPSAKE.



WHAT'S THIS?



THIS IS...
A GOLEM
CORE?

I SENSE A GREAT

MANA SIGNAL FROM
WITHIN SO I THINK IT'S
A RARE ARTIFACT.

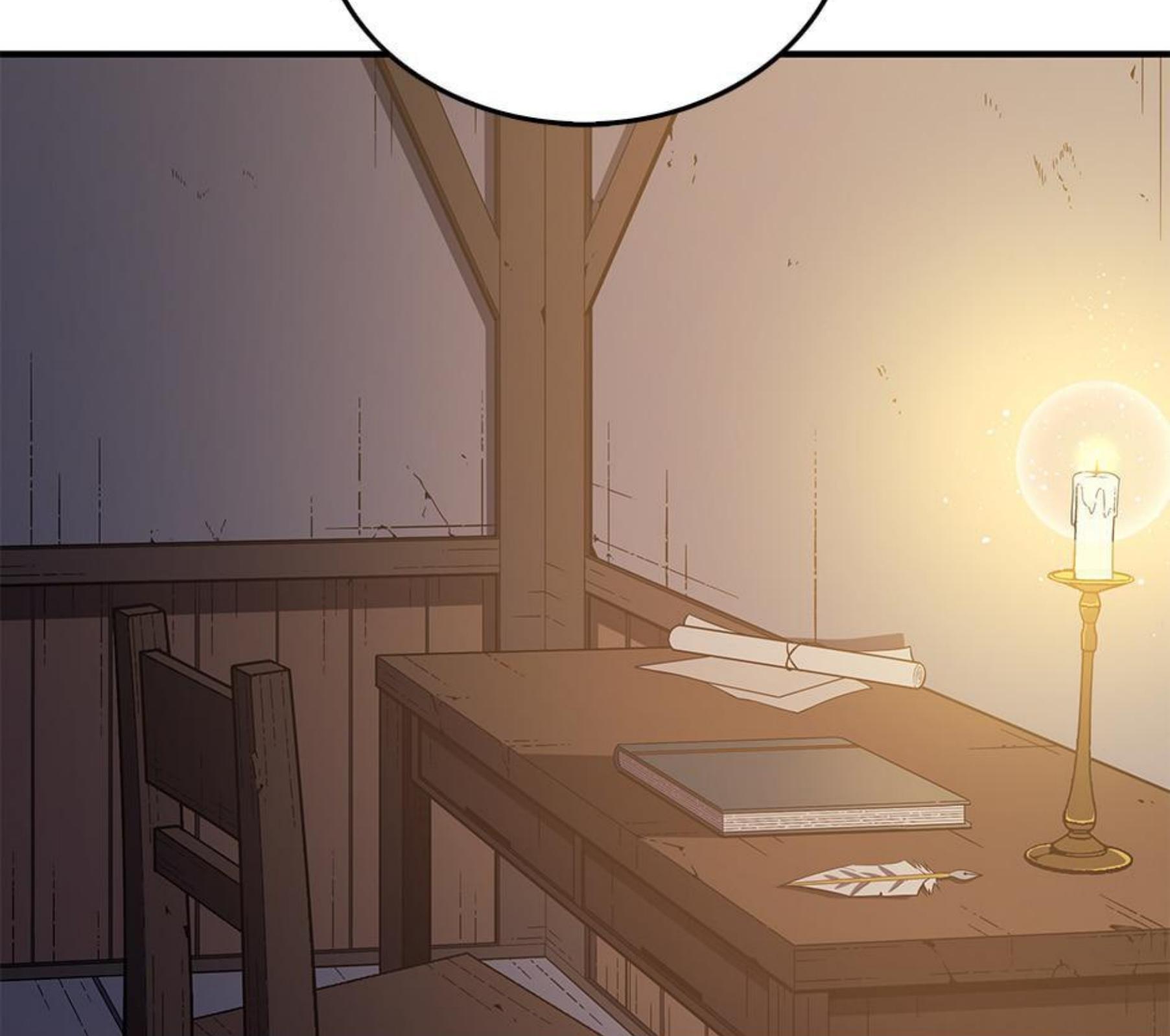
LET'S PACK IT
UP FOR NOW.



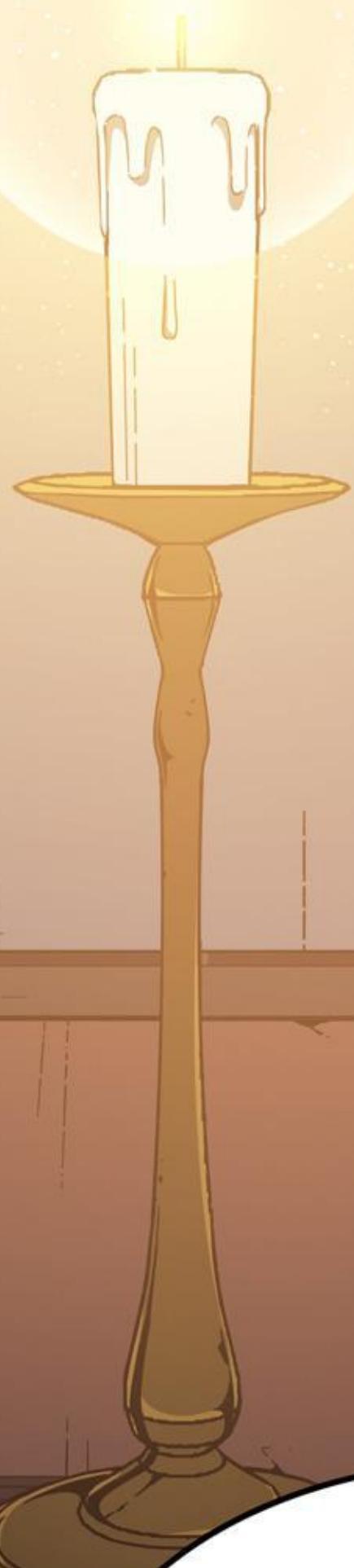
AND THE

ONLY THING
LEFT IS...

SCHEIZER'S
DESK.

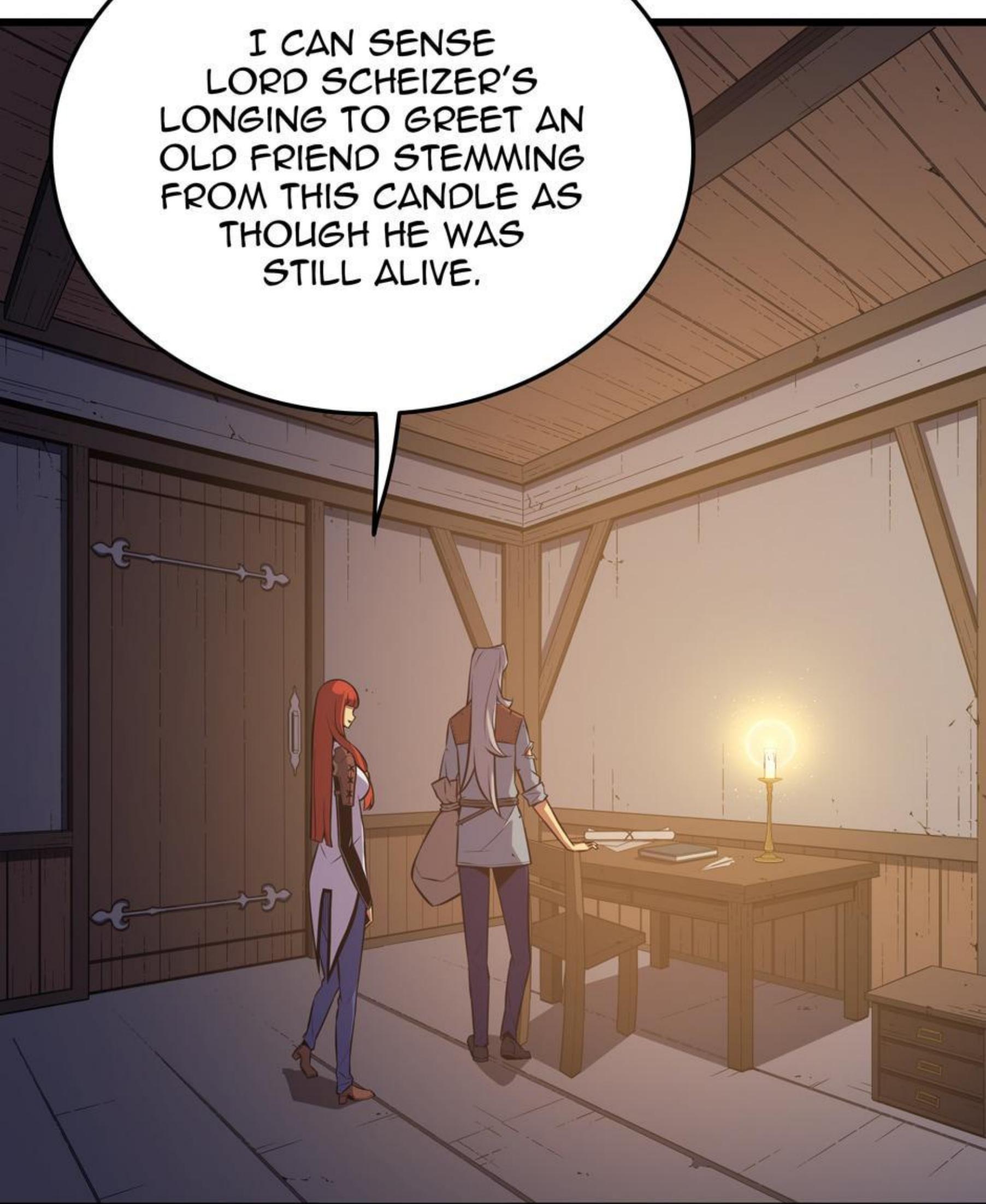


A CANDLE
INJECTED WITH
HIS MANA THAT
BURNS FOR ALL
ETERNITY...



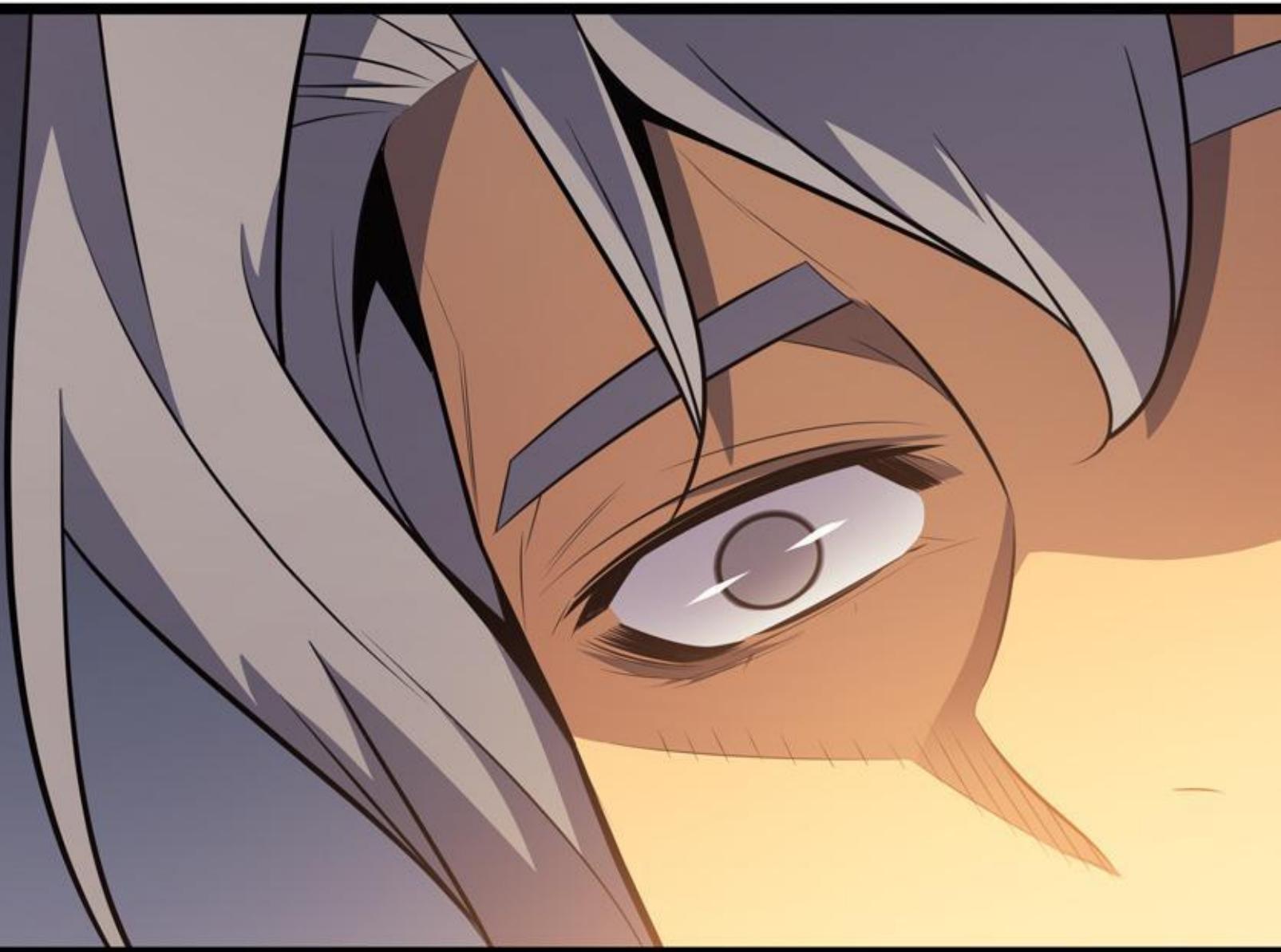
HE'S ALWAYS HAD
STRANGE FASCINATIONS
WHEN IT CAME TO FLASHY
CREATIONS LIKE THIS.

I CAN SENSE
LORD SCHEIZER'S
LONGING TO GREET AN
OLD FRIEND STEMMING
FROM THIS CANDLE AS
THOUGH HE WAS
STILL ALIVE.



SSK





Lucas is back
in town again.

LUCAS DISAPPEARED.

