

THE ARCHMAGE

RETURNS AFTER.

4000

YEARS

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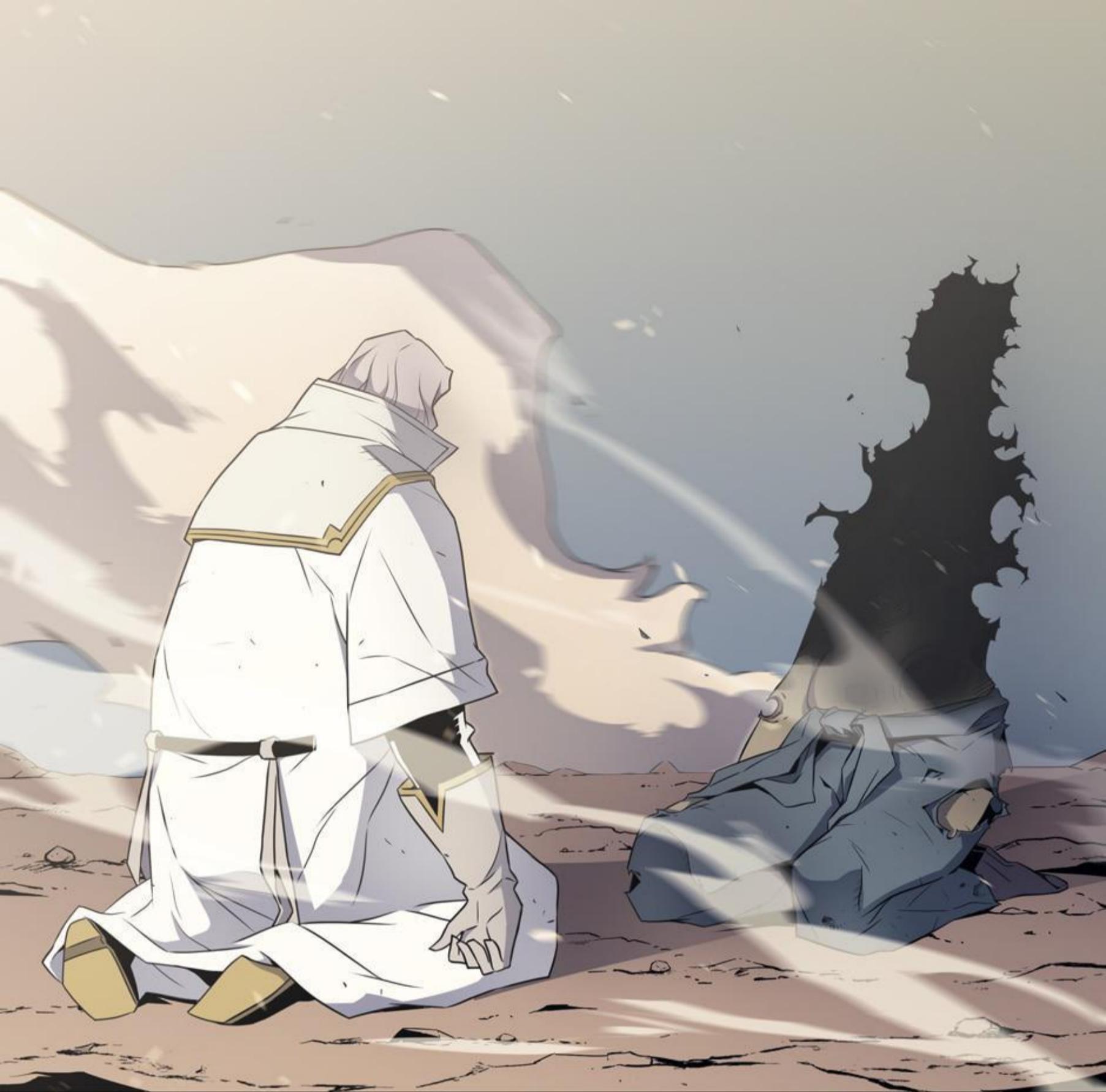
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WHY? WHY DID
YOU BETRAY US,
LORD LUKESS?!



THE DEMIGODS
HAVE ASSURED
THE SALVATION
OF HUMANITY.



HE TOLD ME...

THE DEMIGODS
WILL LIBERATE MANKIND
FROM PLAGUES AND FREE
US FROM THE SHACKLES
OF LIMITED LIFESPANS.
HE PROMISED TO ENABLE
MANKIND TO EVOLVE
IN GREATER BEINGS.



YOU FOOLS
ARE THE ONES
HOLDING BACK
HUMANITY FROM
THEIR DESTINY.



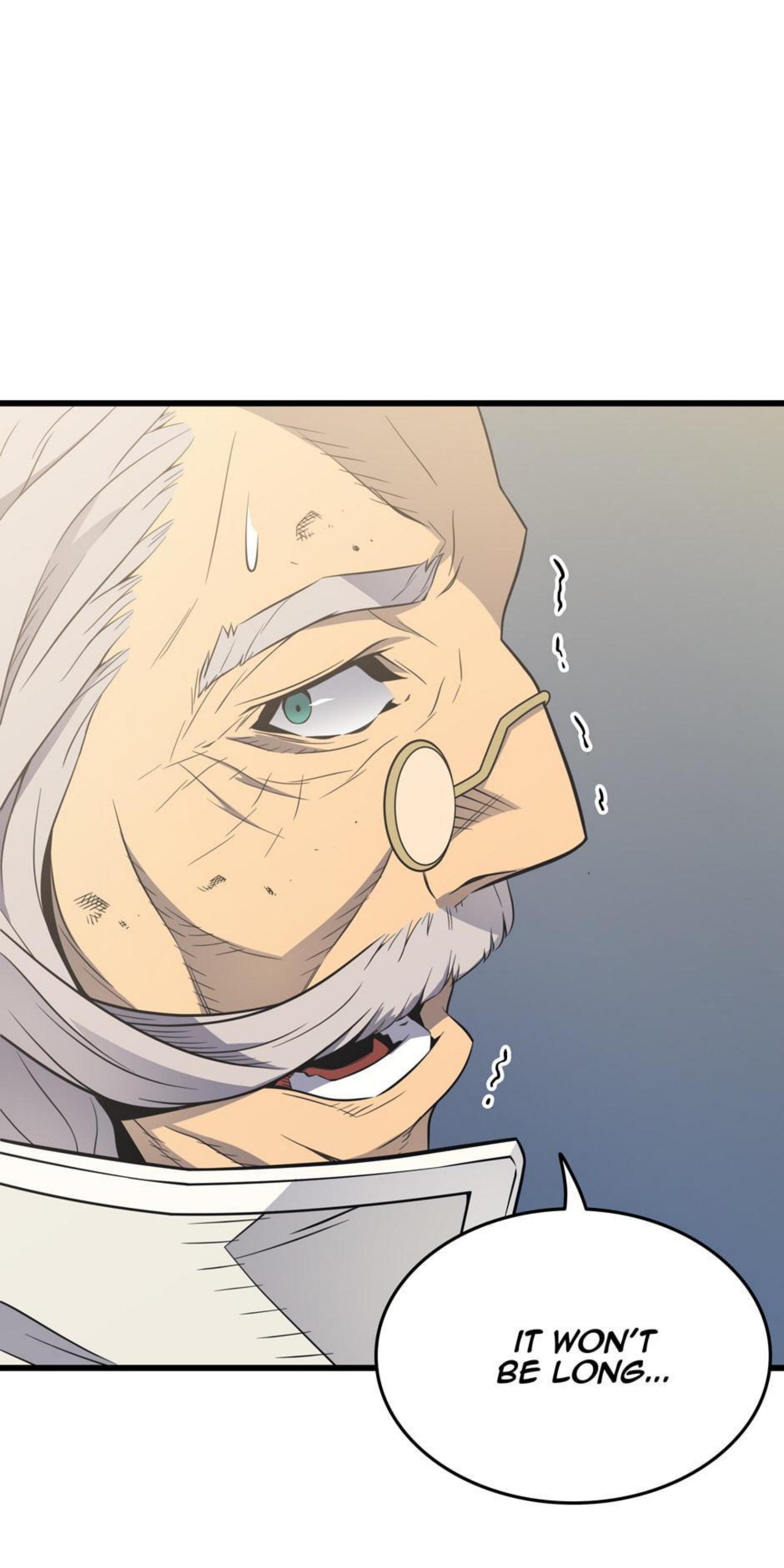
IF WE'RE DONE
LISTENING TO HIM,
LET'S END THIS.

PLEASE, WAIT
ONE MOMENT!!



WE HAVE TO
END THIS NOW.

PLEASE!!

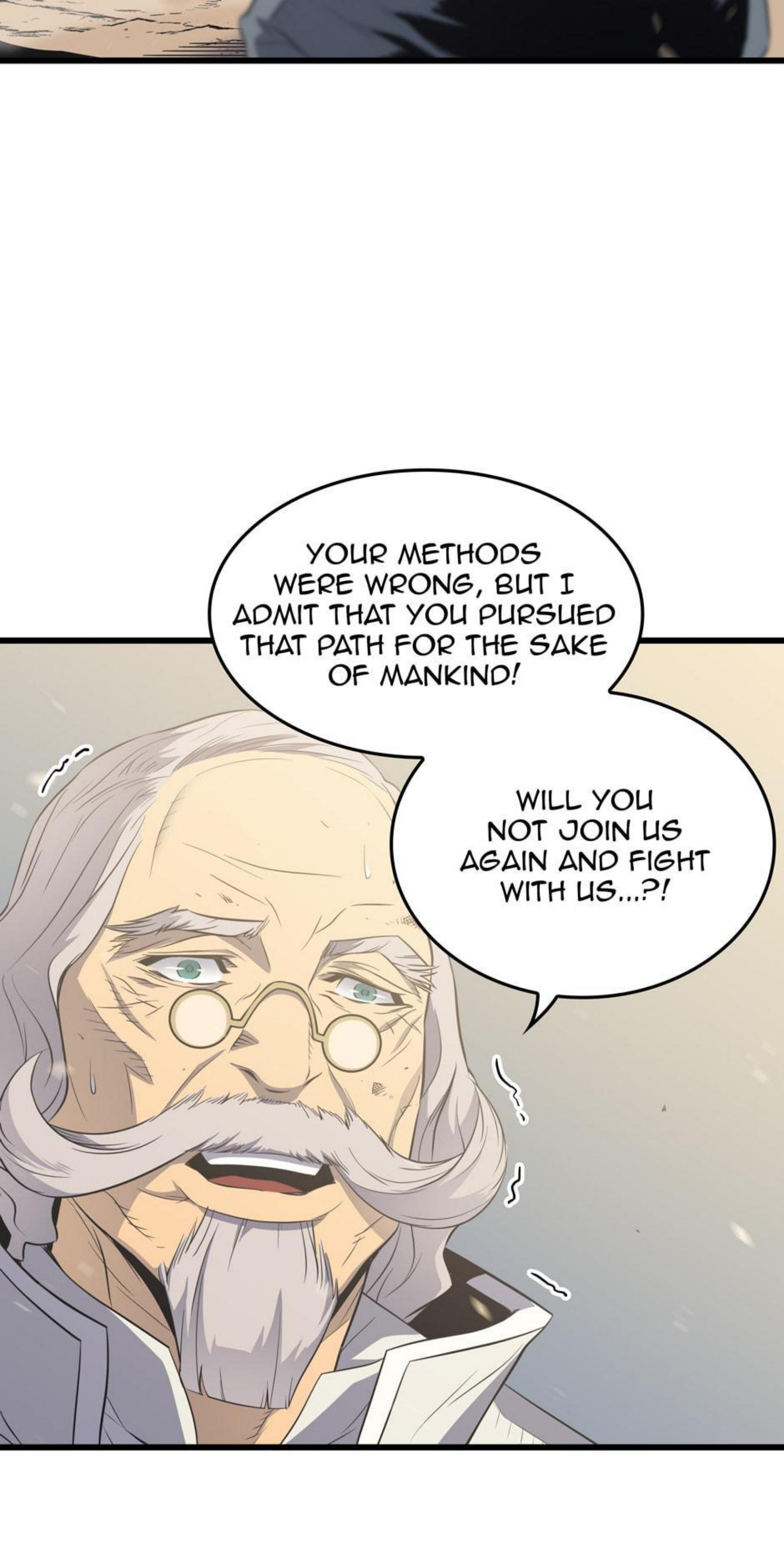


IT WON'T
BE LONG...

HONOR LUKESS...

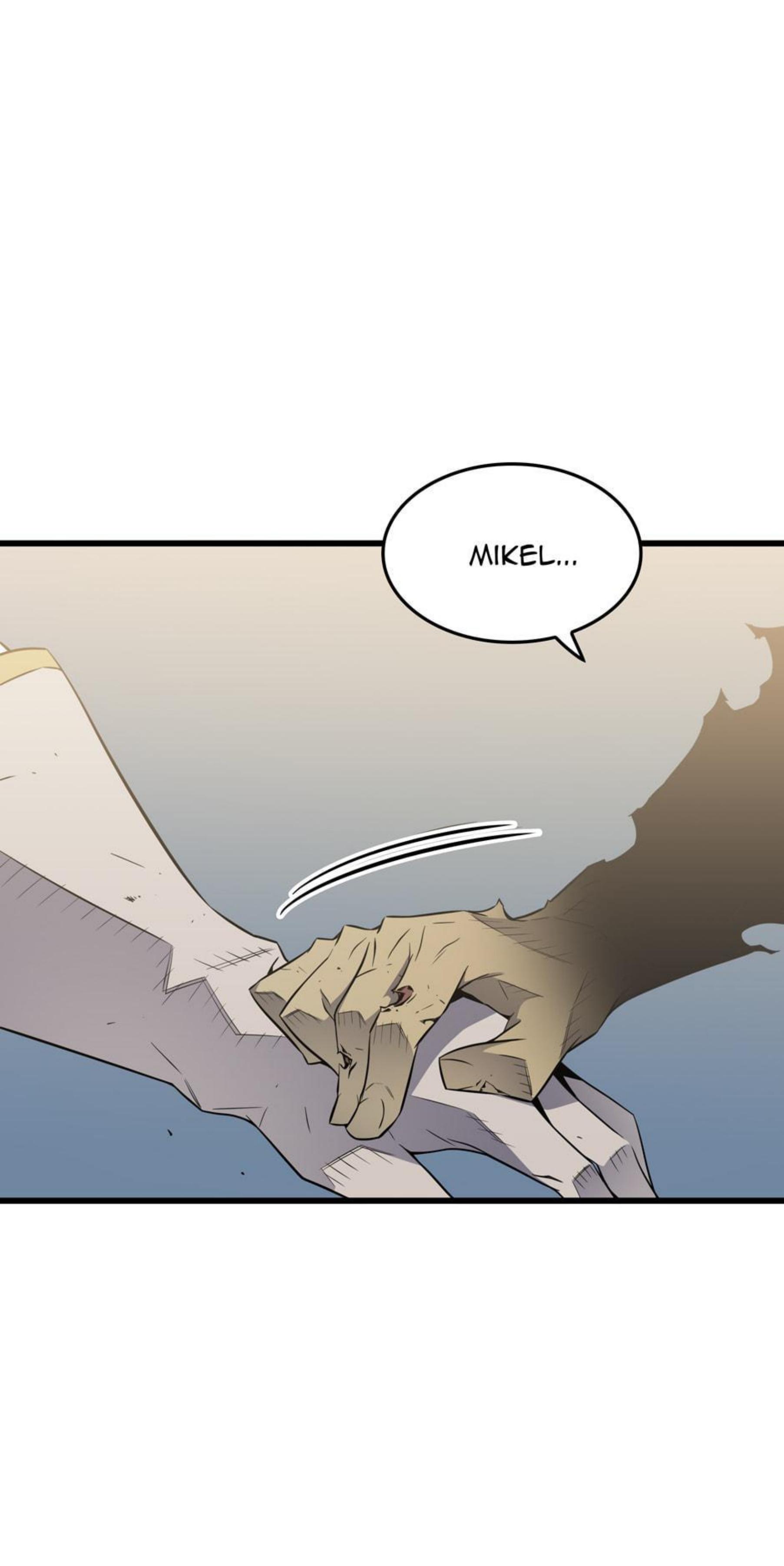
IS IT TOO LATE
FOR YOU TO CHANGE
YOUR MIND...?!

MIKEL... ARE YOU
SHOWING SYMPATHY
FOR ME...?

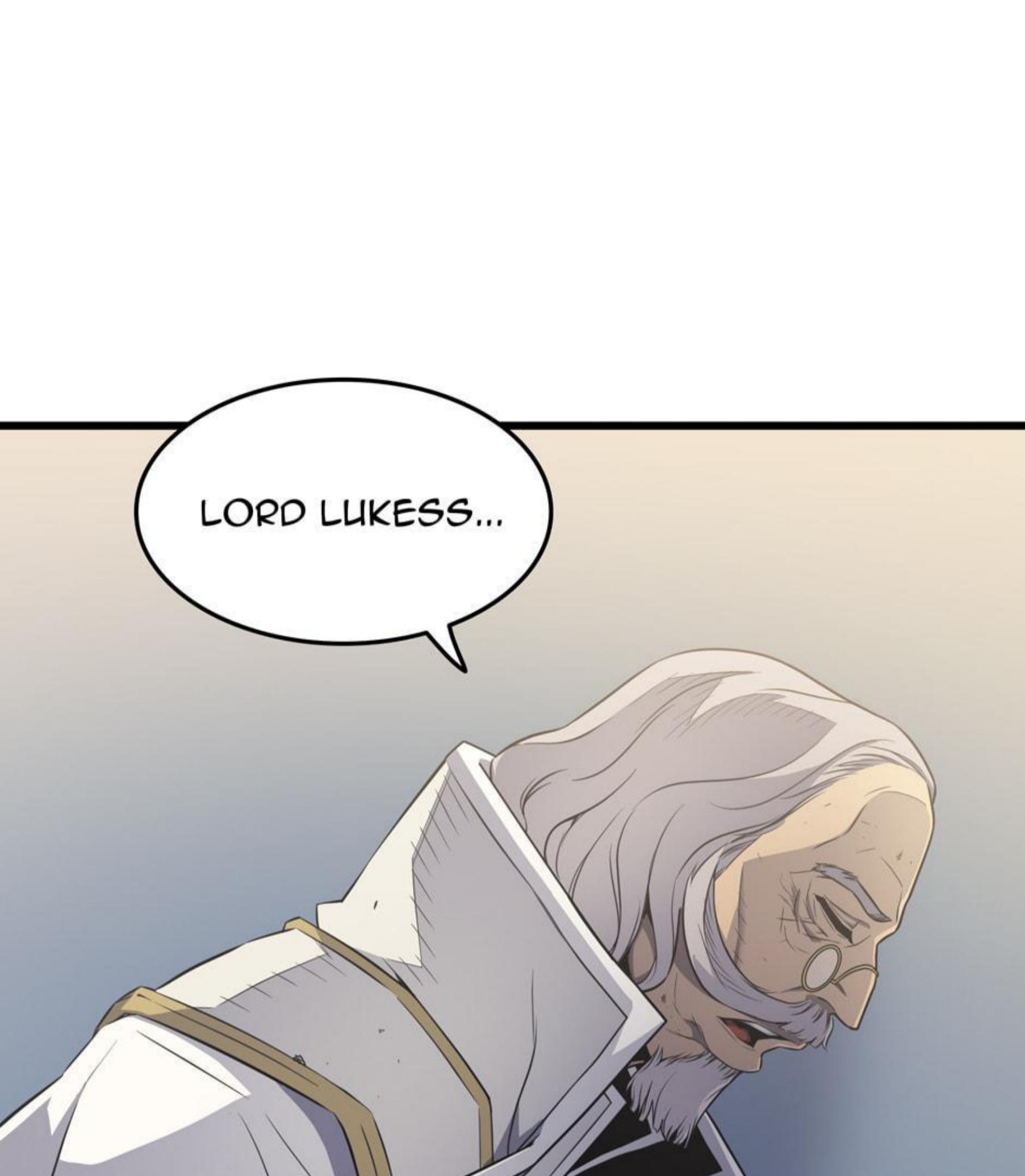


YOUR METHODS
WERE WRONG, BUT I
ADMIT THAT YOU PURSUED
THAT PATH FOR THE SAKE
OF MANKIND!

WILL YOU
NOT JOIN US
AGAIN AND FIGHT
WITH US...?!



MIKEL...



LORD LUKESS...



SQUEEE



AHH!!



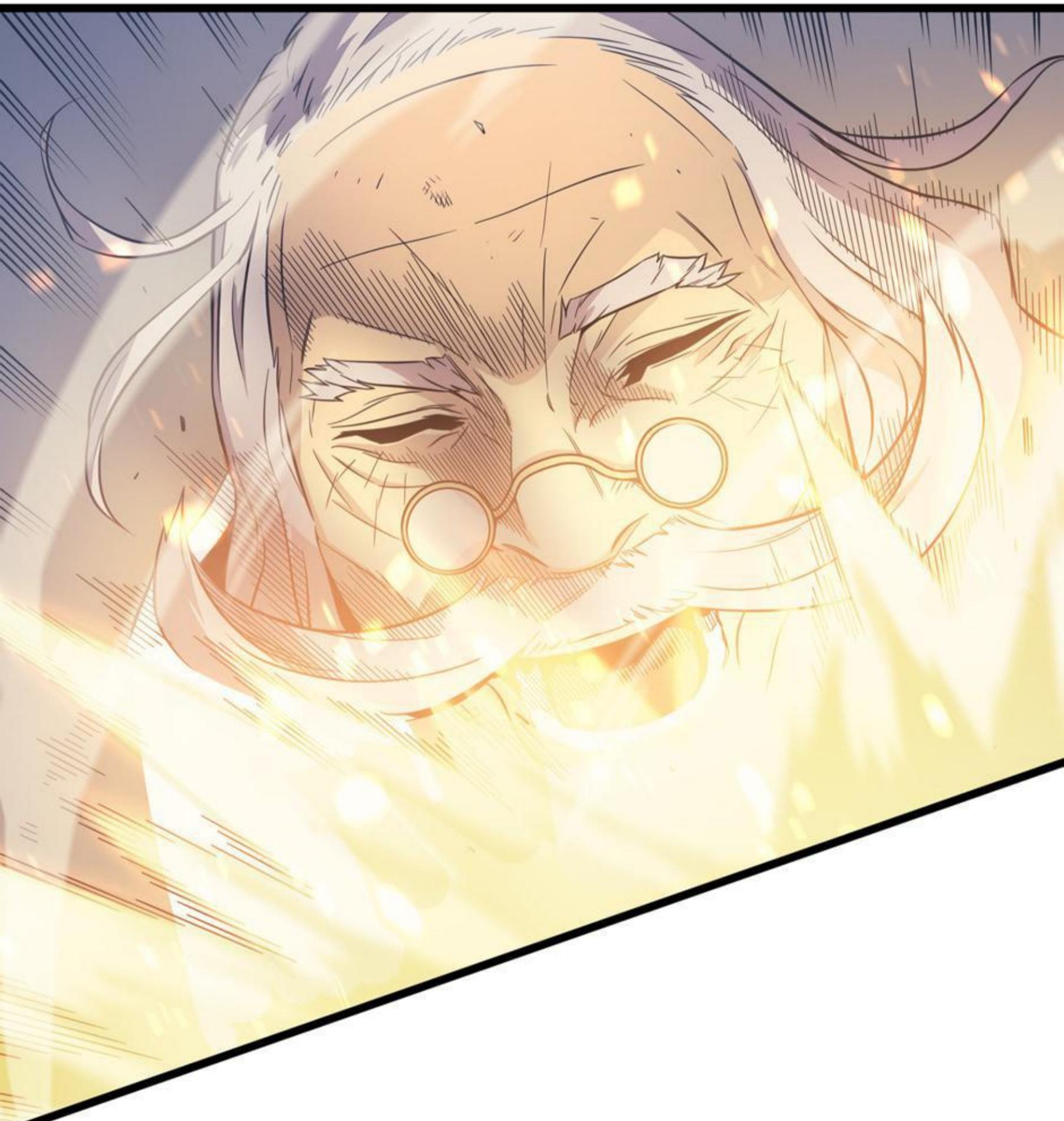
I'M SORRY.

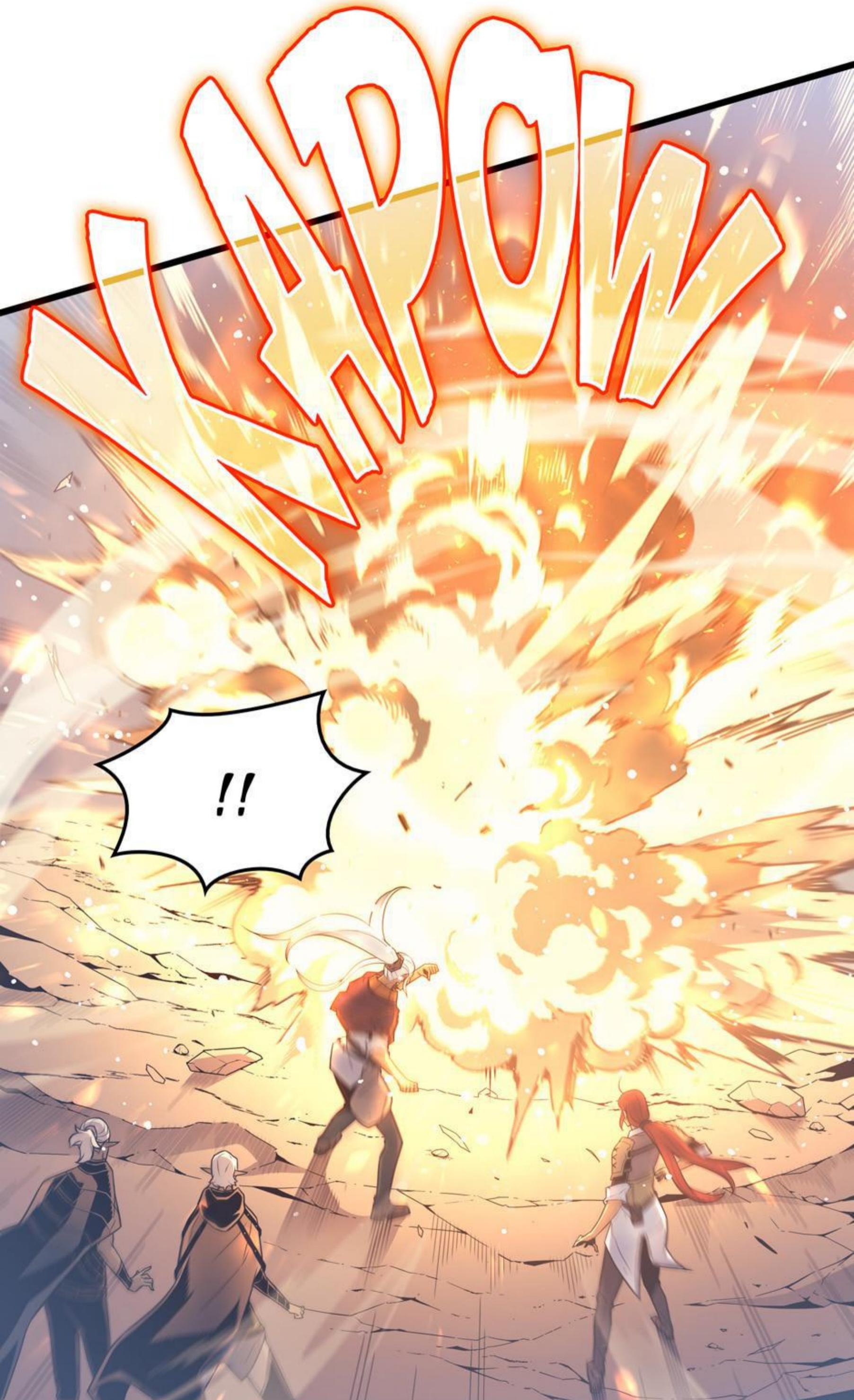
I'VE COME
TOO FAR TO GO
BACK NOW.



**GET AWAY
FROM HIM,
LORD MIKEL!**

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TSSS



WHHHSSSH



DAMN IT...!



HE
DRAGGED
LORD MIKEL
DOWN WITH
HIM...!!



LORD MIKEL!!
WHY...?!



HOW COULD
THIS HAPPEN?!





**THIS CAN'T
BE TRUE!**

**WHY DID SOMEONE
WITH SUCH A KIND HEART**

WITH SUCH A KIND HEART
DIE WITHOUT REASON?!!
THIS IS WRONG!!

YEAH...

IT IS WRONG.

**THIS WHOLE
WORLD IS WRONG.**

**THAT'S WHY IT
FALLS ON US TO
FIX THIS BROKEN**

FIX THIS BROKEN
WORLD.

REMEMBER,

THIS MIGHT
BECOME YOUR
FATE IN THE
FUTURE,

OR IT
MIGHT BE ME
NEXT TIME.

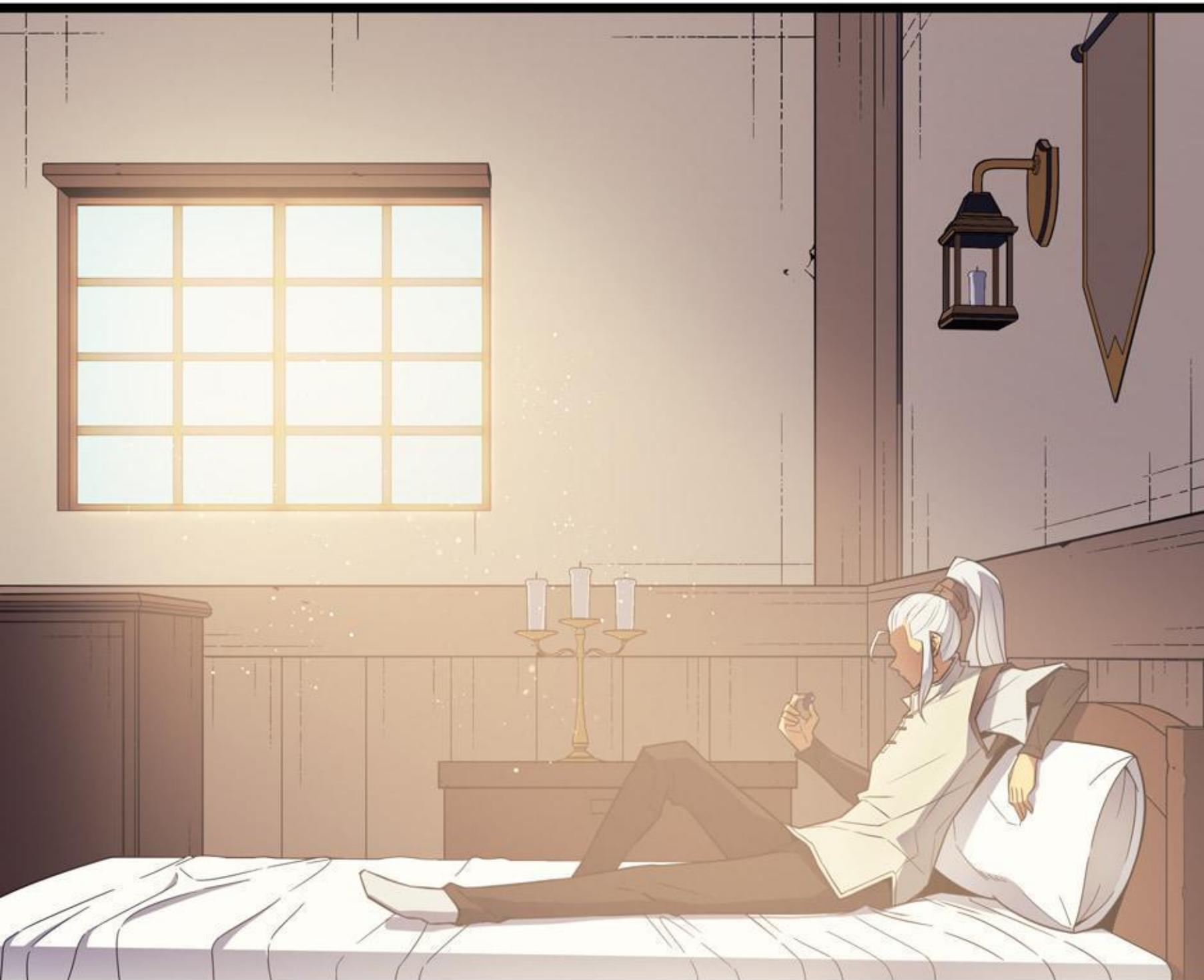
BUT WE MUST
PRESS ON.





EVEN IF IT MEANS WE'RE
CHISELED AWAY DOWN TO
THE LAST MAN...





CRE



LADY CAMIL LEFT
JUST NOW TO VISIT
THE PEACEFOUNDER
ARMLETS.



I SEE...

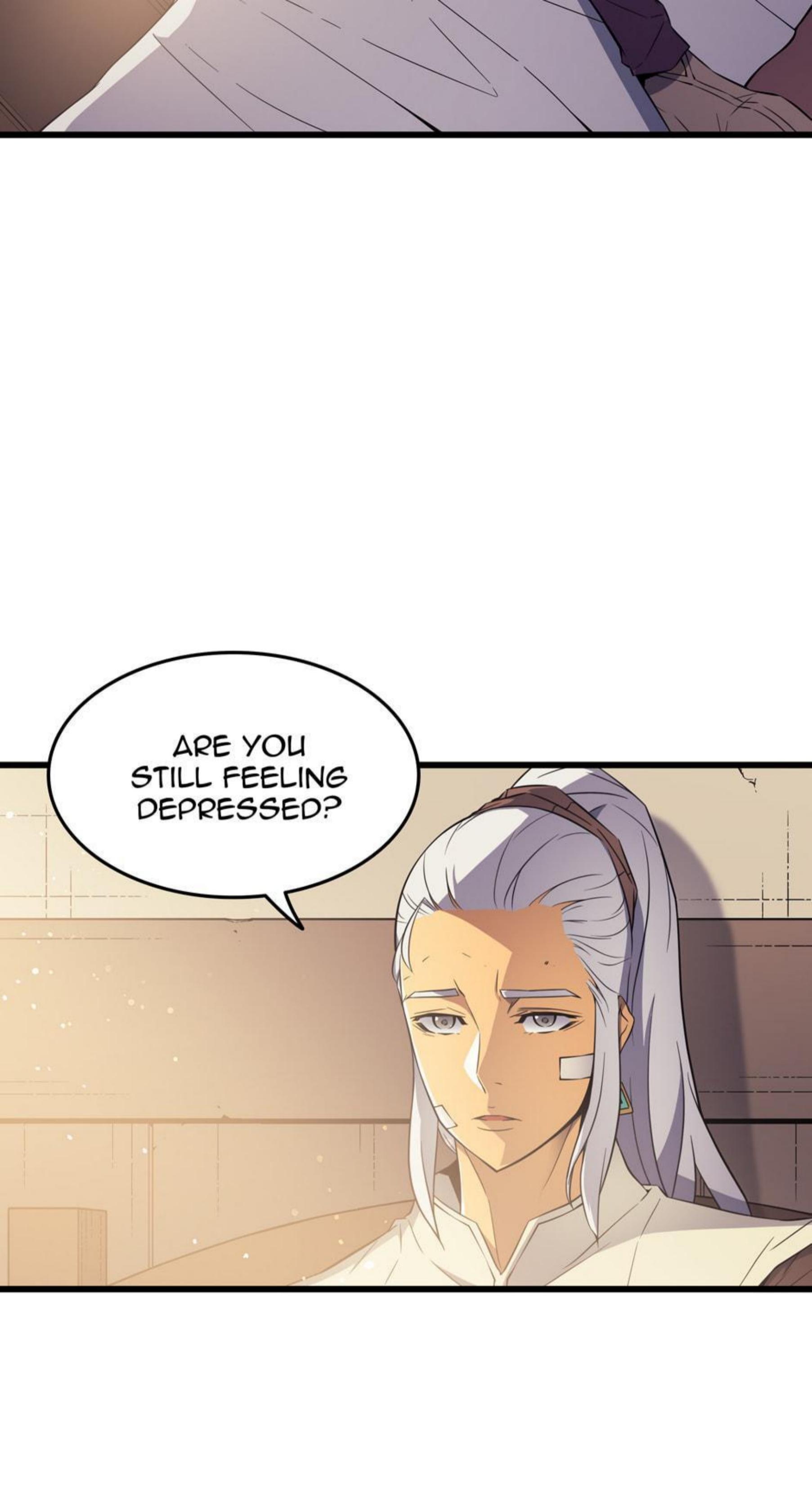
WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S A CRYSTAL

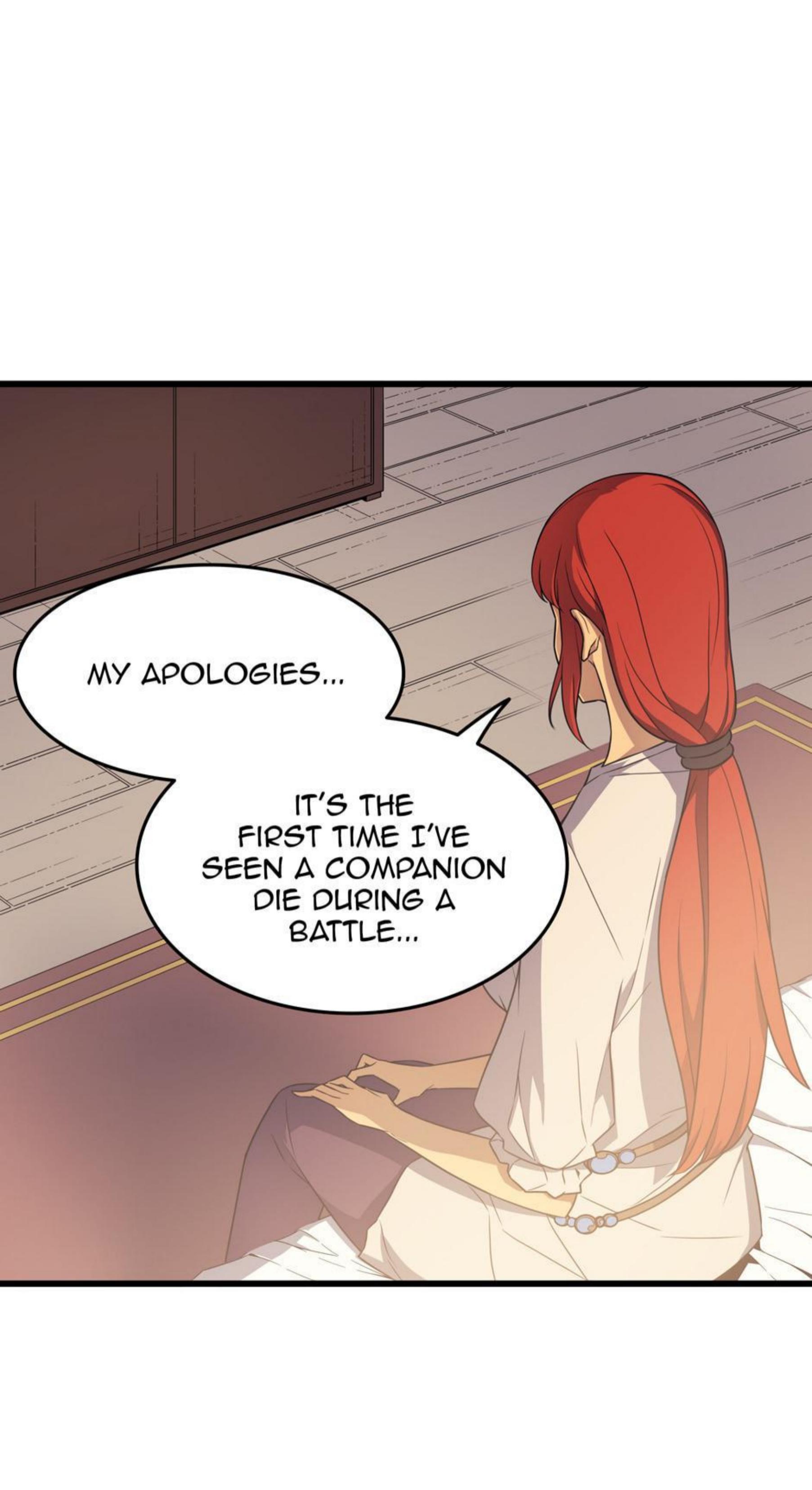
THAT WAS FOUND IN THE
REMAINS OF THE APOSTLE...
DEPENDING ON HOW WE USE
THIS, IT MIGHT BECOME A
POWERFUL WEAPON.

I PLAN TO
SHOW THIS TO
PROFESSOR ADELIA
TO SEE WHAT WE
CAN MAKE
OF IT.





ARE YOU
STILL FEELING
DEPRESSED?



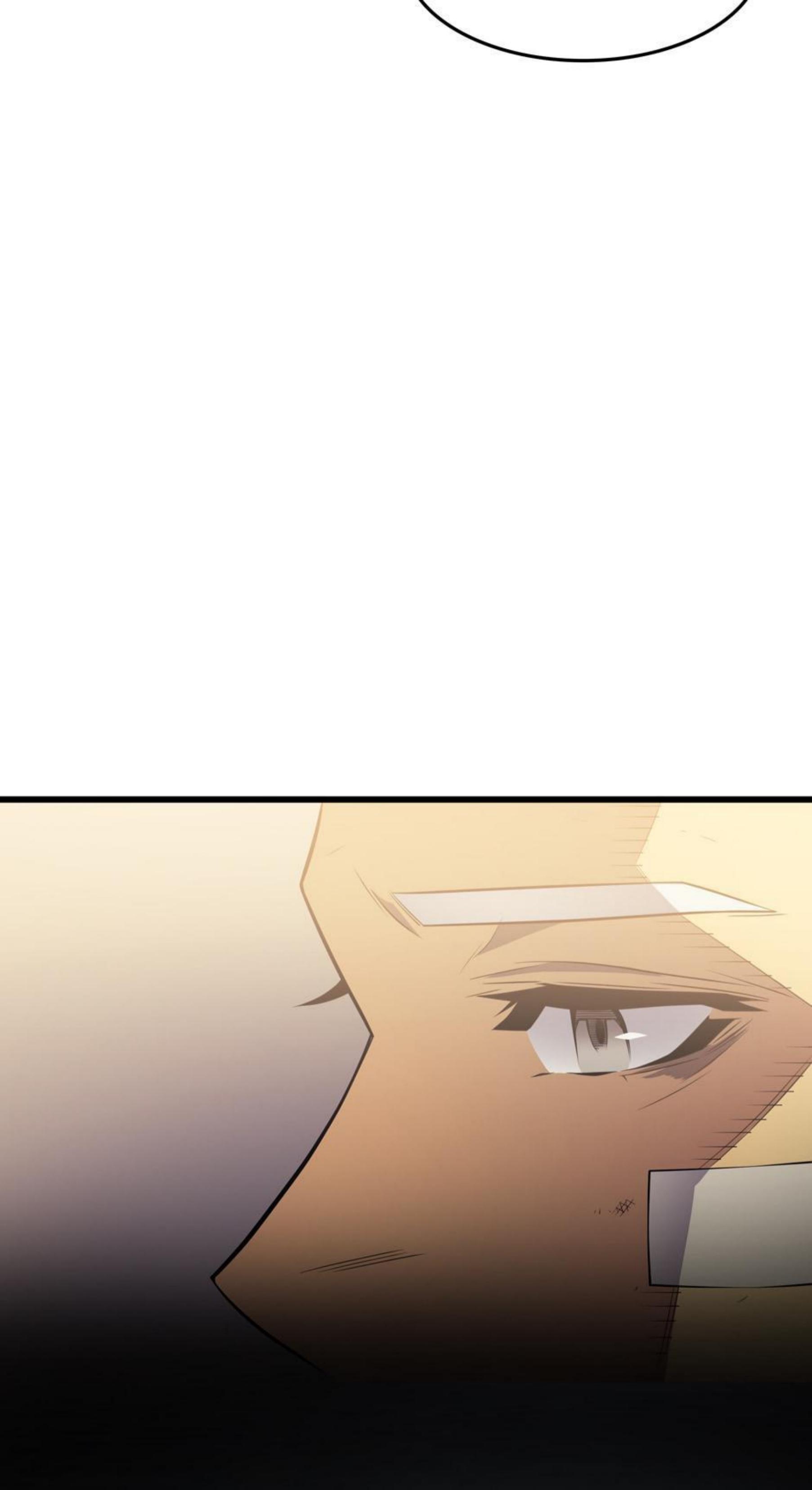
MY APOLOGIES...

IT'S THE
FIRST TIME I'VE
SEEN A COMPANION
DIE DURING A
BATTLE...

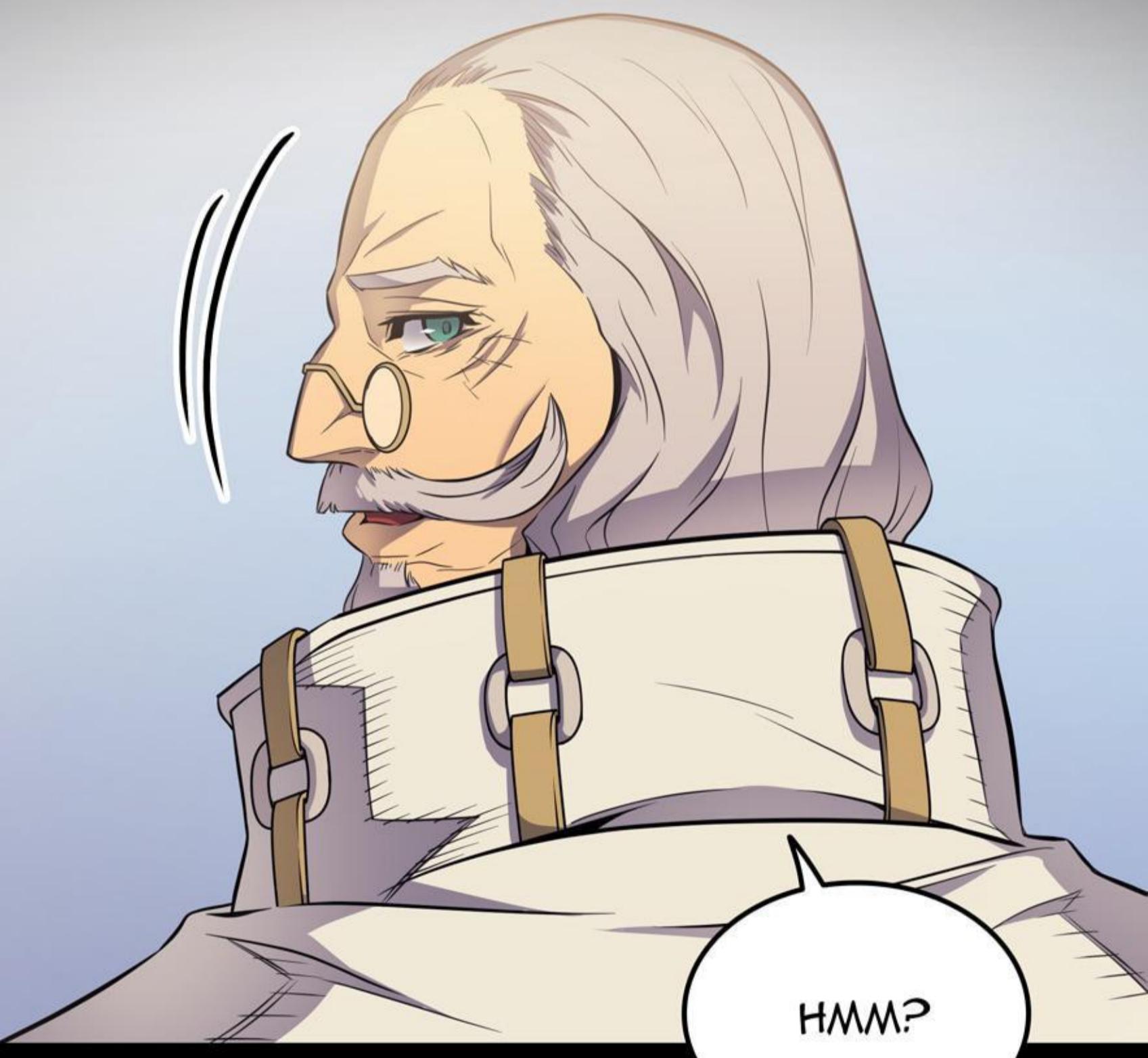
I HEARD THAT
LORD MIKEL WAS
A MEMBER OF THE
PEACEFOUNDER
ARMLET...

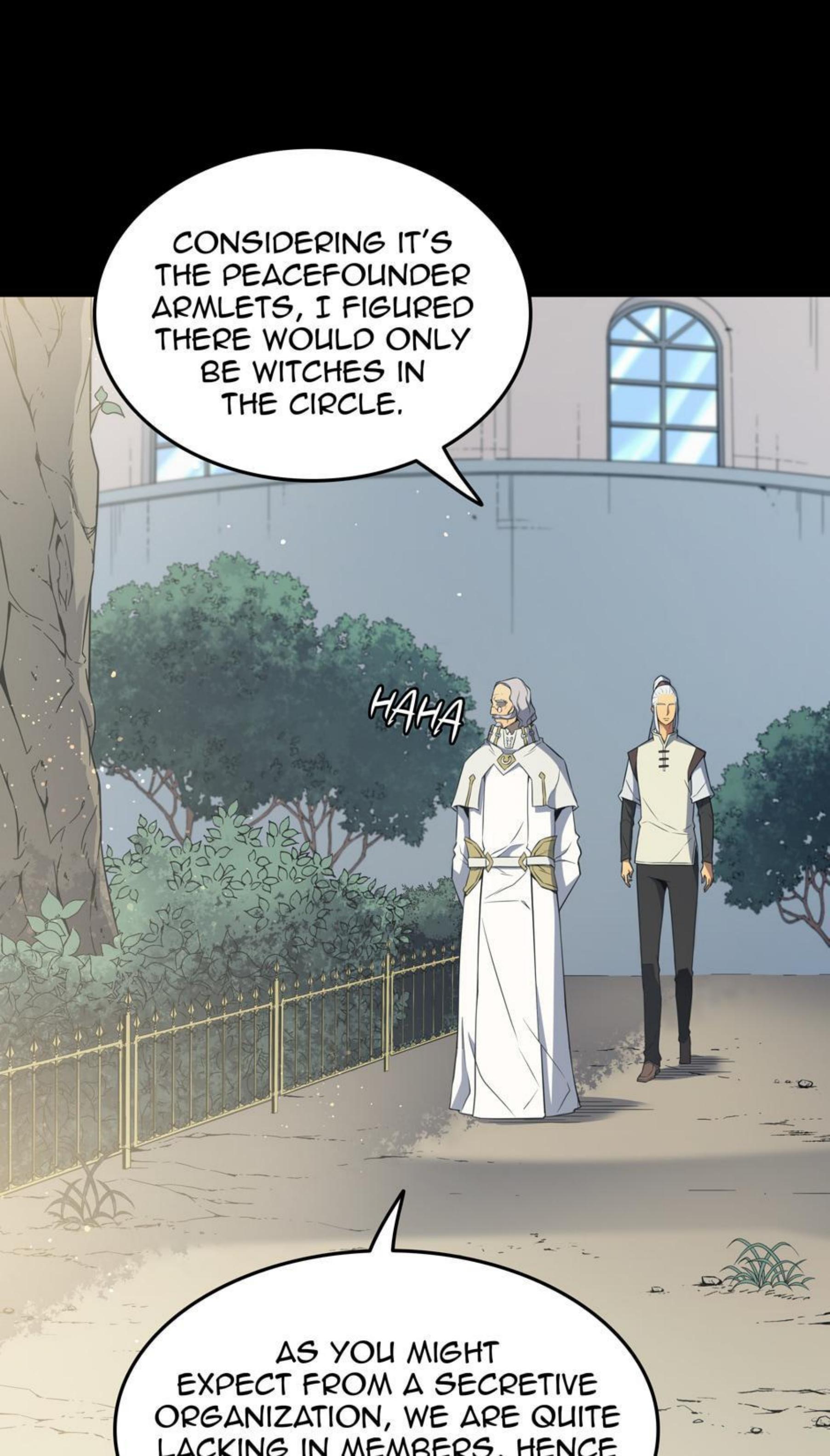
IT SEEMS THAT NOT
ALL THEIR MEMBERS
ARE WITCHES.

YOU'RE RIGHT.



I'M QUITE
SURPRISED TO LEARN
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE
PEACEFOUNDER ARMLET,
LORD MIKEL.





CONSIDERING IT'S
THE PEACEFOUNDER
ARMLETS, I FIGURED
THERE WOULD ONLY
BE WITCHES IN
THE CIRCLE.

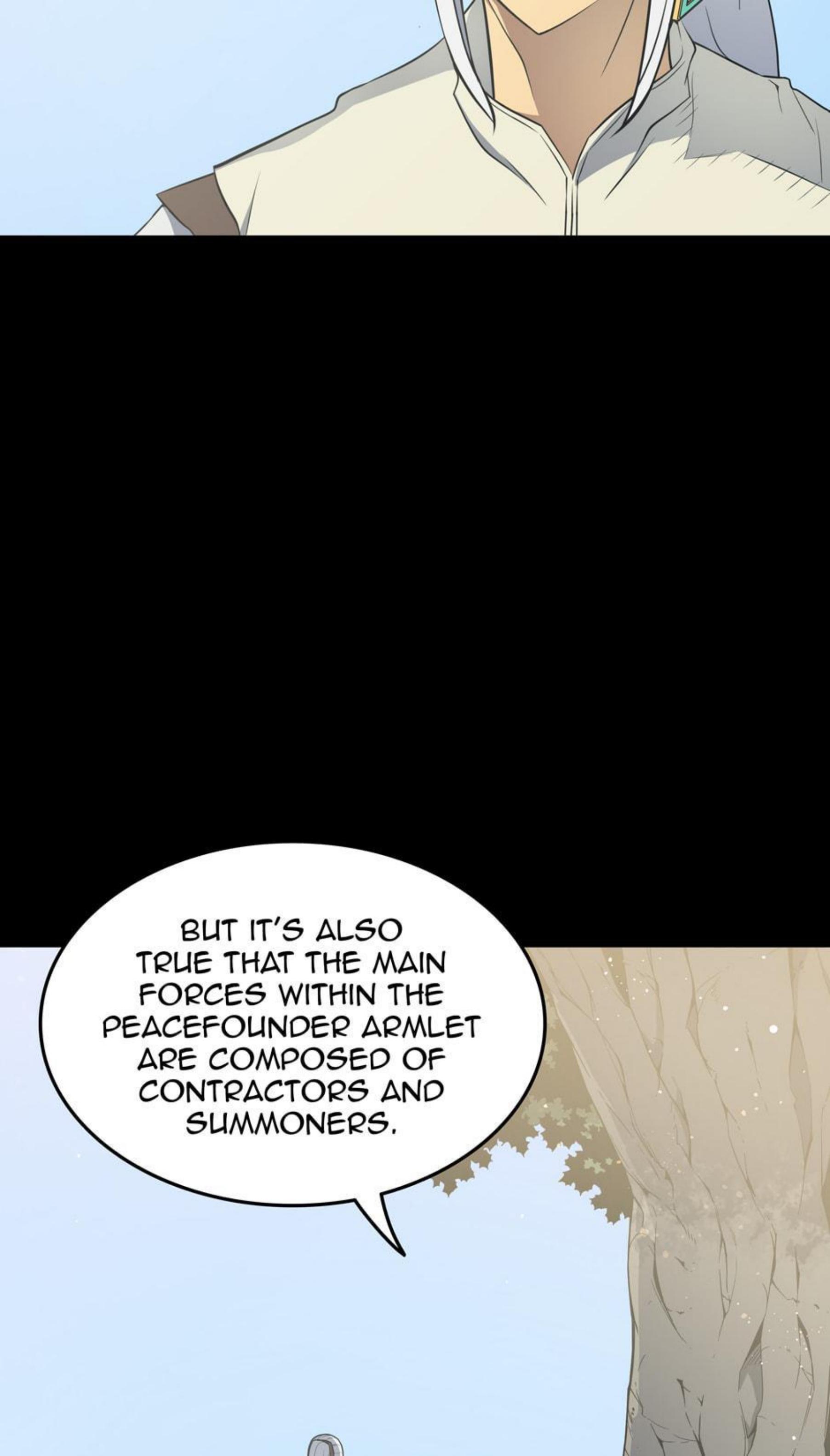
HAHA

AS YOU MIGHT
EXPECT FROM A SECRETIVE
ORGANIZATION, WE ARE QUITE
LACKING IN MEMBERS. HENCE

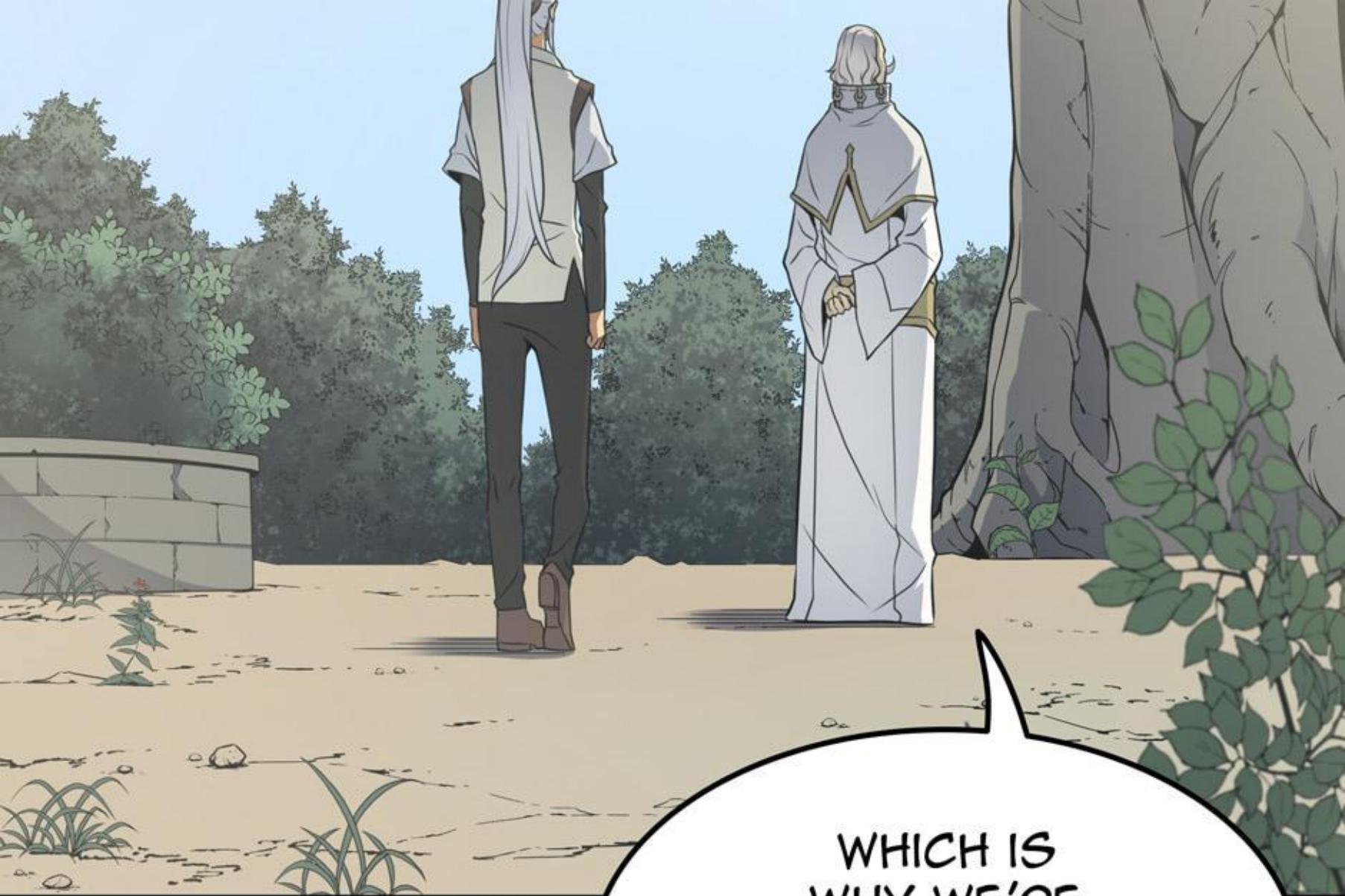
LAUGHING AT MEMBERS, FRIENDS
WHY ANYONE WITH TALENT
CAN BE RECRUITED.

AND BELIEVE
ME, THEY WOULD
WELCOME YOU WITH
OPEN ARMS.





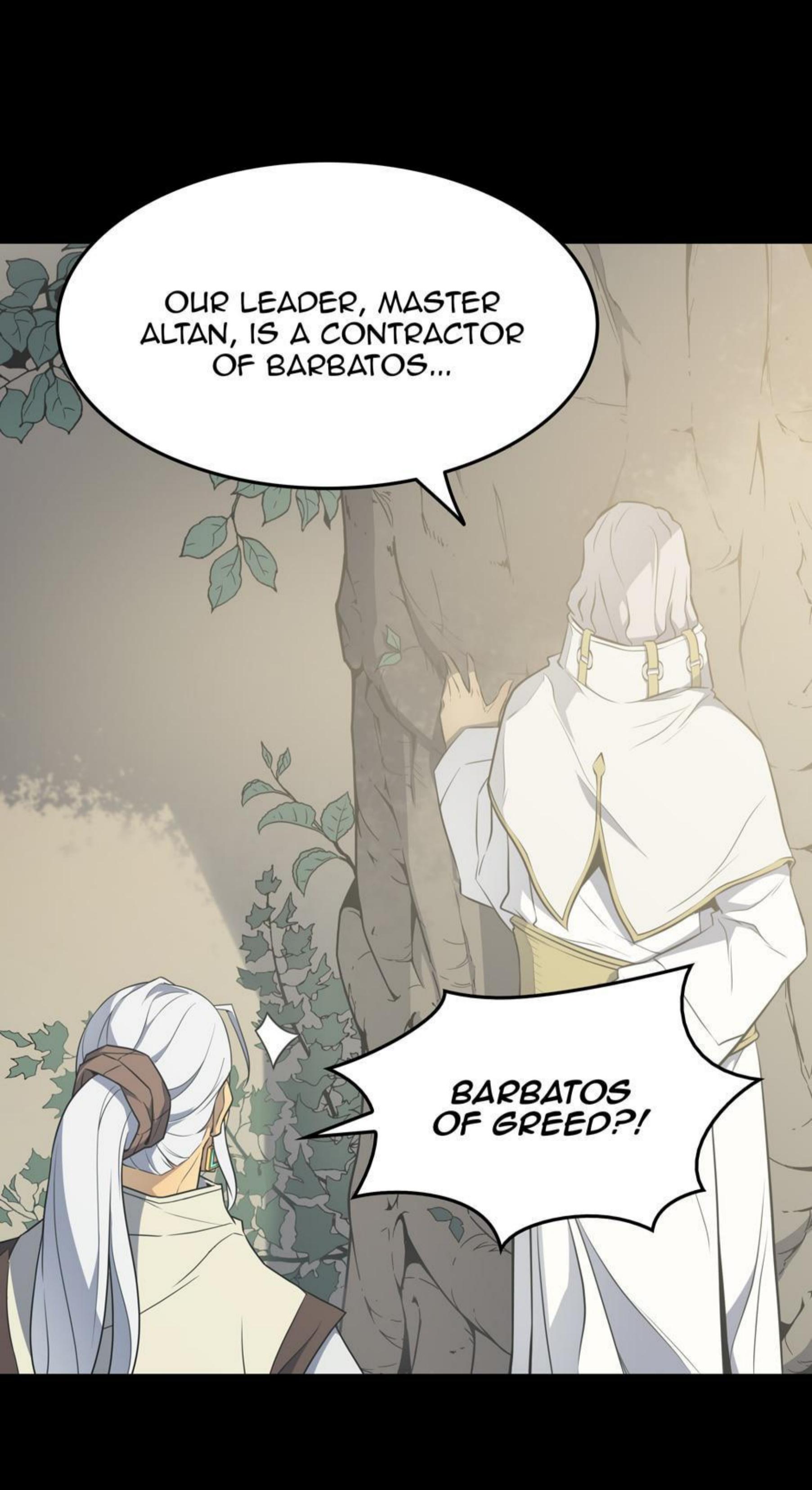
BUT IT'S ALSO
TRUE THAT THE MAIN
FORCES WITHIN THE
PEACEFOUNDER ARMLET
ARE COMPOSED OF
CONTRACTORS AND
SUMMONERS.



WHICH IS
WHY WE'RE
A LOT SMALLER
THAN THE OTHER
CIRCLES.

WE ARE SMALL
BUT OUR INFLUENCE
IS VAST.





OUR LEADER, MASTER
ALTAN, IS A CONTRACTOR
OF BARBATOS...

BARBATOS
OF GREED?!

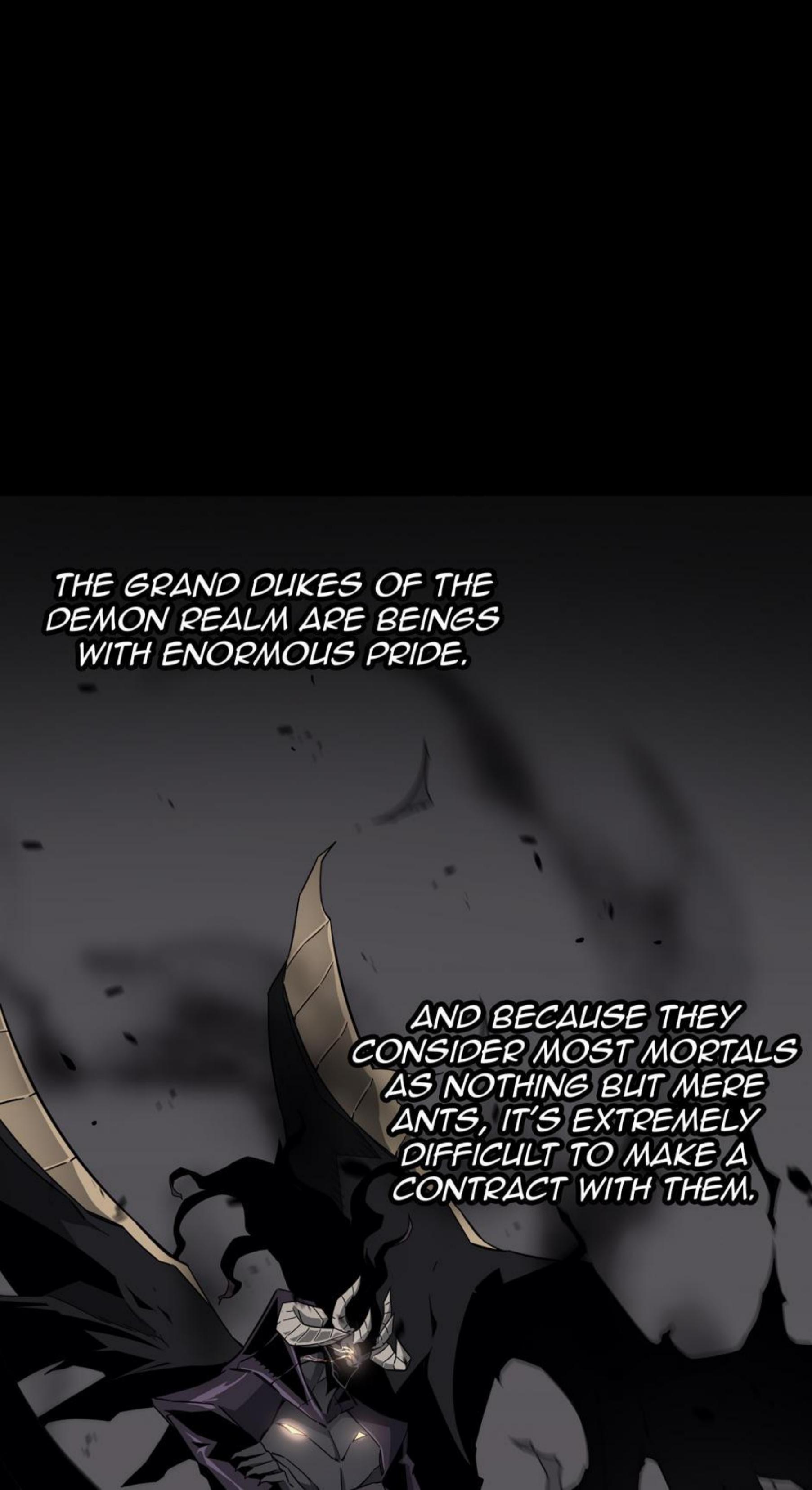


ISN'T HE
THE GRAND DUKE
OF THE DEMON
REALM...?



OH?

SEEMS LIKE
YOU HAVE A KEEN
INTEREST IN DEMONS
AS WELL, HUH?



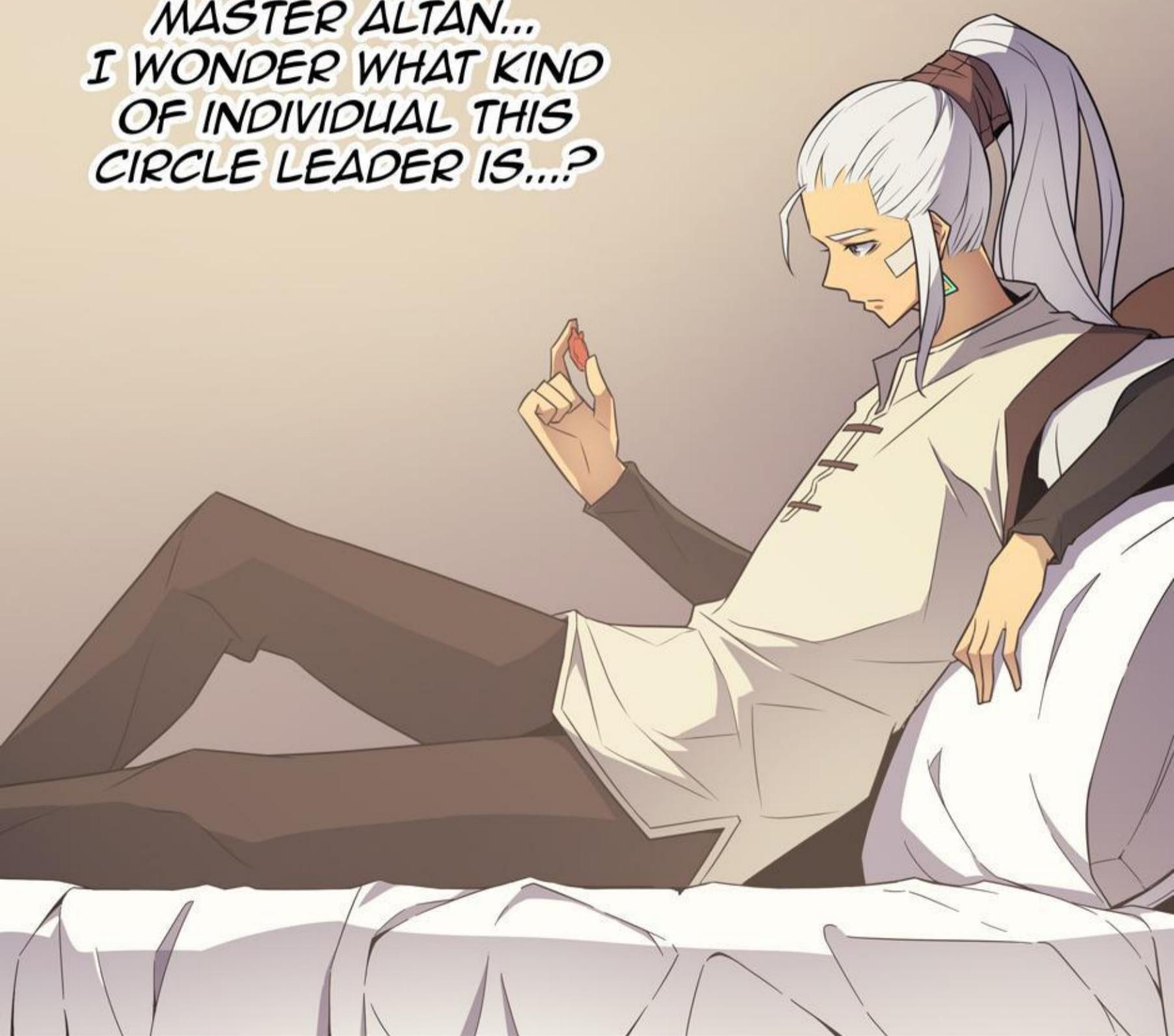
**THE GRAND DUKES OF THE
DEMON REALM ARE BEINGS
WITH ENORMOUS PRIDE.**

**AND BECAUSE THEY
CONSIDER MOST MORTALS
AS NOTHING BUT MERE
ANTS, IT'S EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT TO MAKE A
CONTRACT WITH THEM.**



AS FOR PEOPLE
WHO MANAGED TO
SUCCESSFULLY MAKE A
CONTRACT WITH SUCH BEINGS...
I HAVEN'T MET ANY ASIDE
FROM YRIS.

**MASTER ALTAN...
I WONDER WHAT KIND
OF INDIVIDUAL THIS
CIRCLE LEADER IS...?**

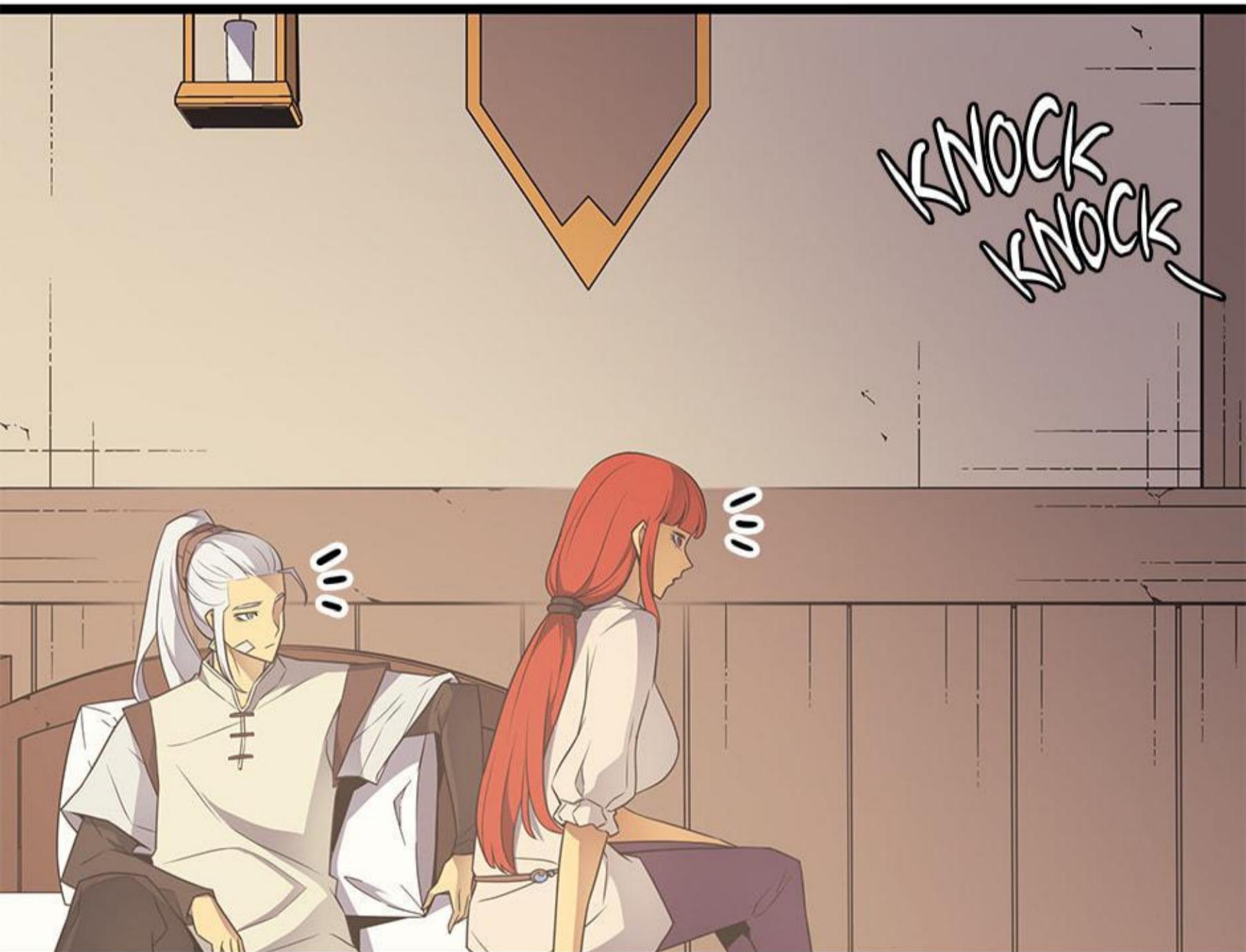


PEACEFOUNDER
ARMLETS...

IT SEEMS I'LL
NEED TO LOOK
INTO THEM.



KNOCK
KNOCK

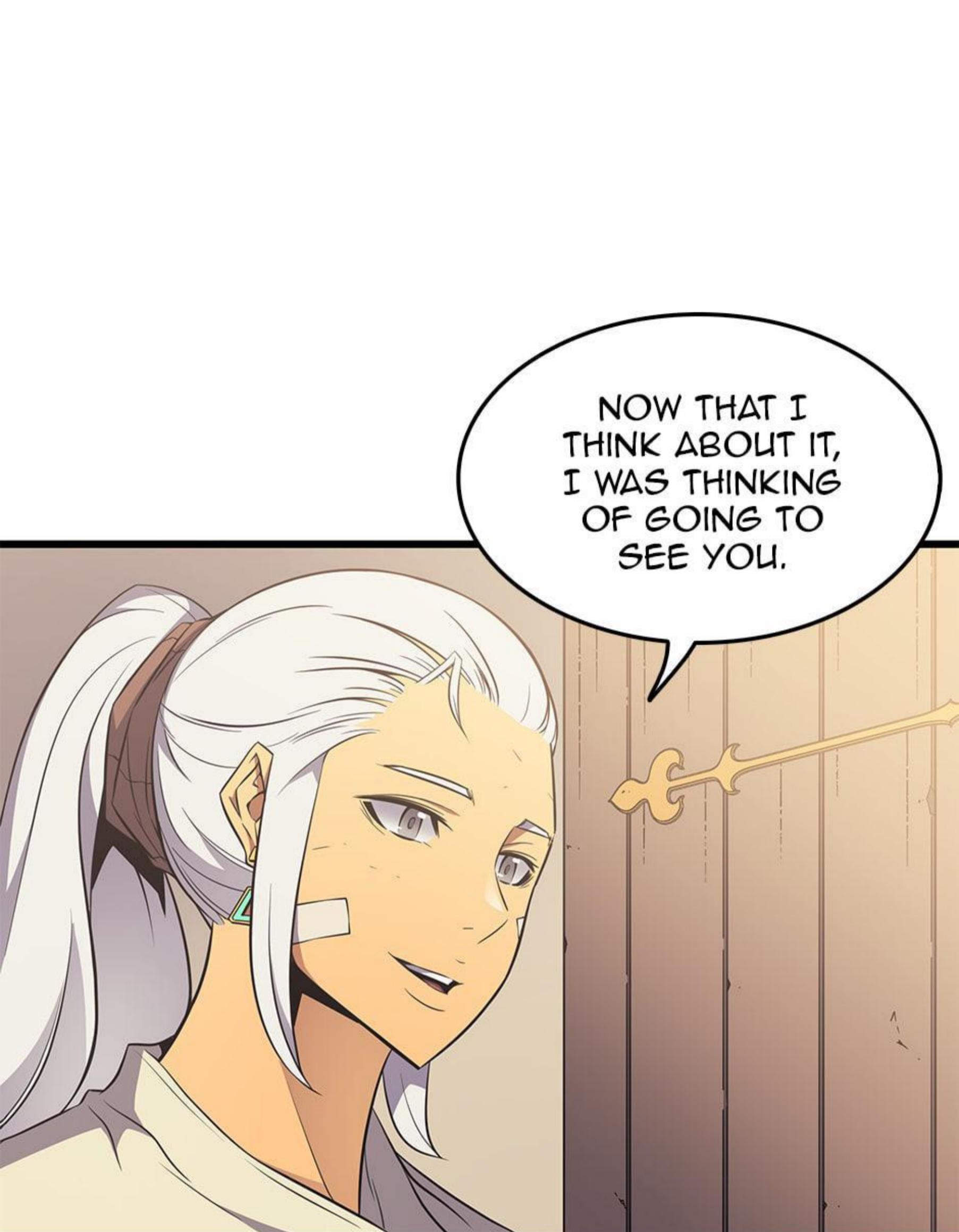


CREAK

YES?

OH...
PROFESSOR ADELIA!

UH, SUP.



NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT IT,
I WAS THINKING
OF GOING TO
SEE YOU.

HUH? YOU
HAD A GUEST
OVER?



OH,
PROFESSOR
ADELIA?

HUH?

WHAT, HER?
SHE'S NOT A
GUEST.

OLD MAN
YULIAN HAS
BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU.



OLD MAN...
YULIAN? WHO IS
THAT SUPPOSED
TO BE?

THE MASTER
OF THIS MAGIC
TOWER.

OH... THE
TOWER MASTER,
HUH?

I SUPPOSE
THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME WE'VE MET
FACE TO FACE.



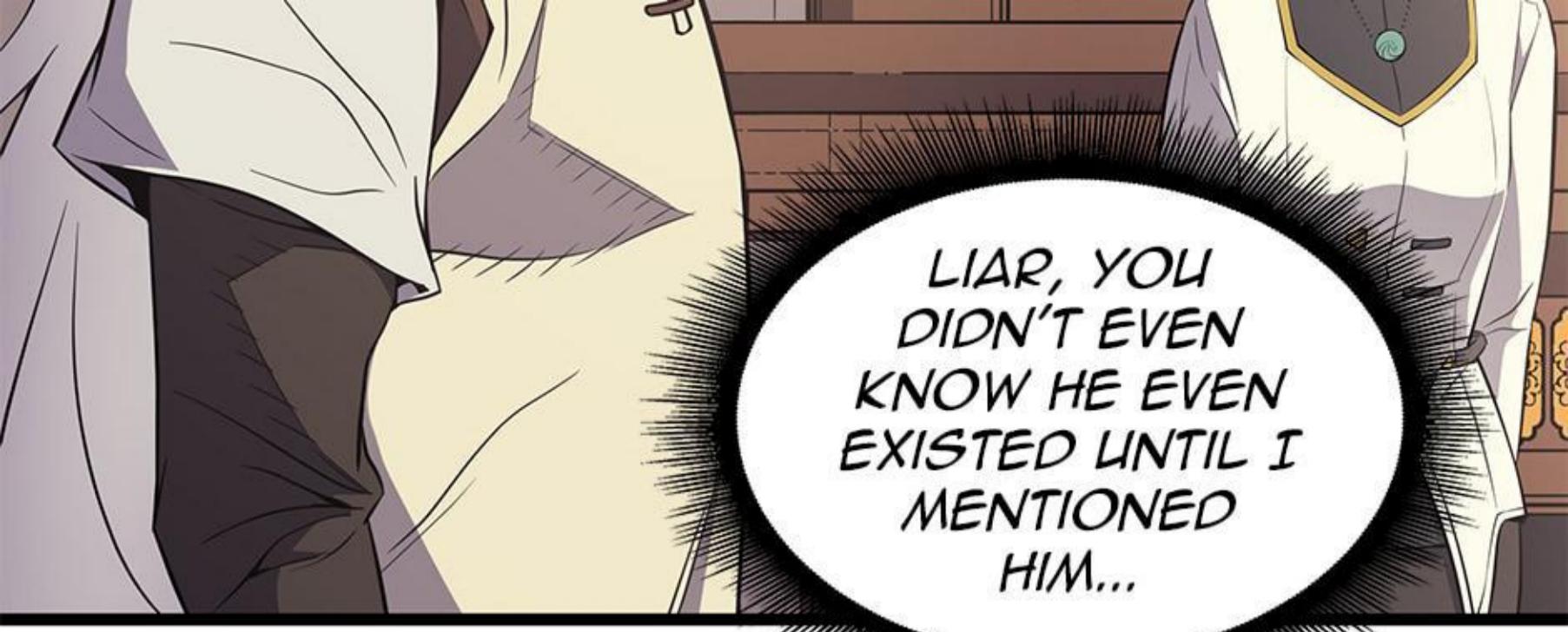
I'VE HEARD
SO MUCH ABOUT
YOU ALREADY,
FREI.

I AM YULIAN
MONTOLIVO, THE
MASTER OF THE 3RD
MAGIC TOWER.



IT'S AN HONOR
TO MEET YOU, SIR.
I'VE HEARD MUCH
ABOUT YOU AS
WELL.





LIAR, YOU
DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW HE EVEN
EXISTED UNTIL I
MENTIONED
HIM...

YOU SLY RAT...

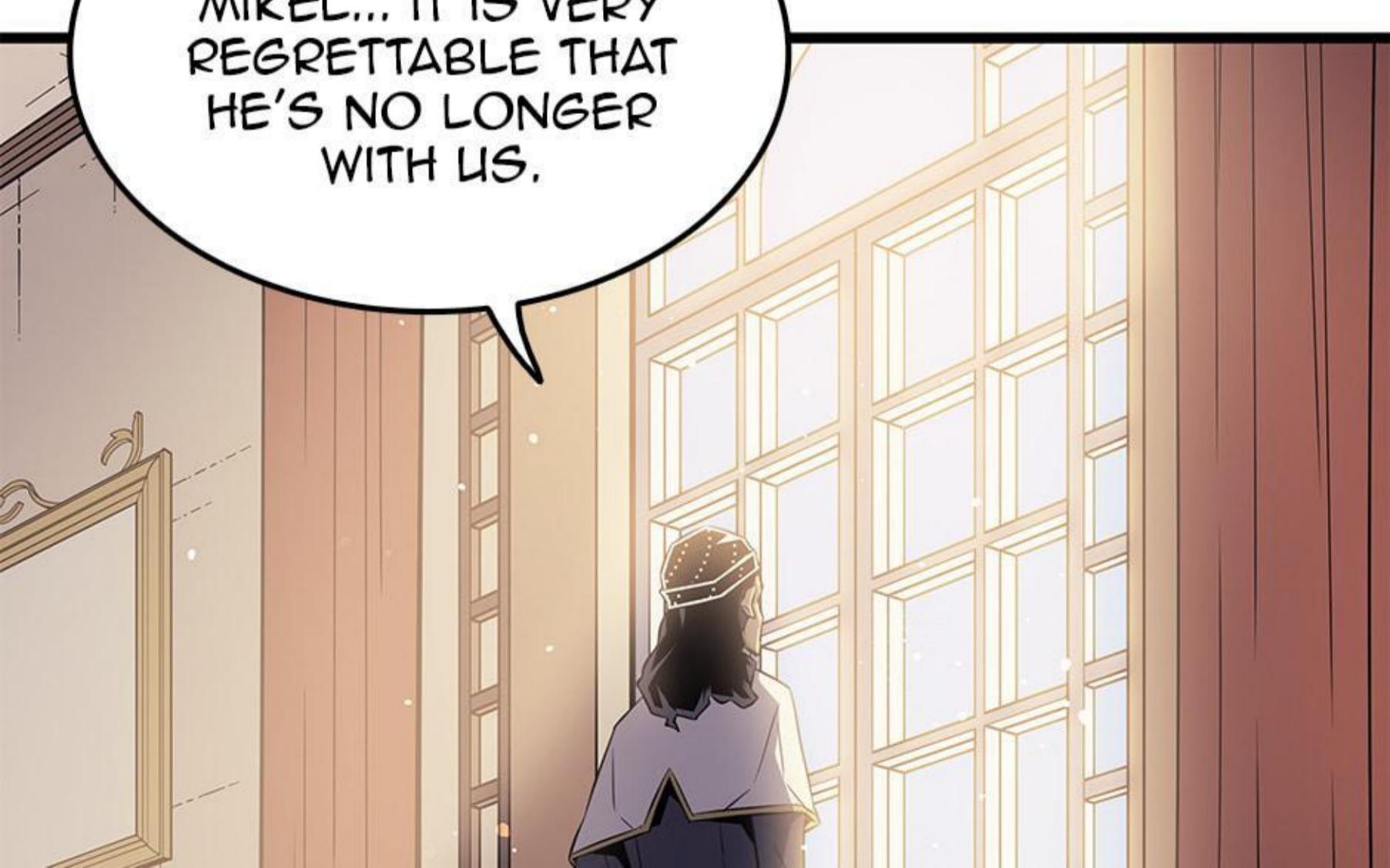


I'VE READ
THROUGH THE
REPORT OF YOUR
EXPEDITION FOUR
DAYS AGO.

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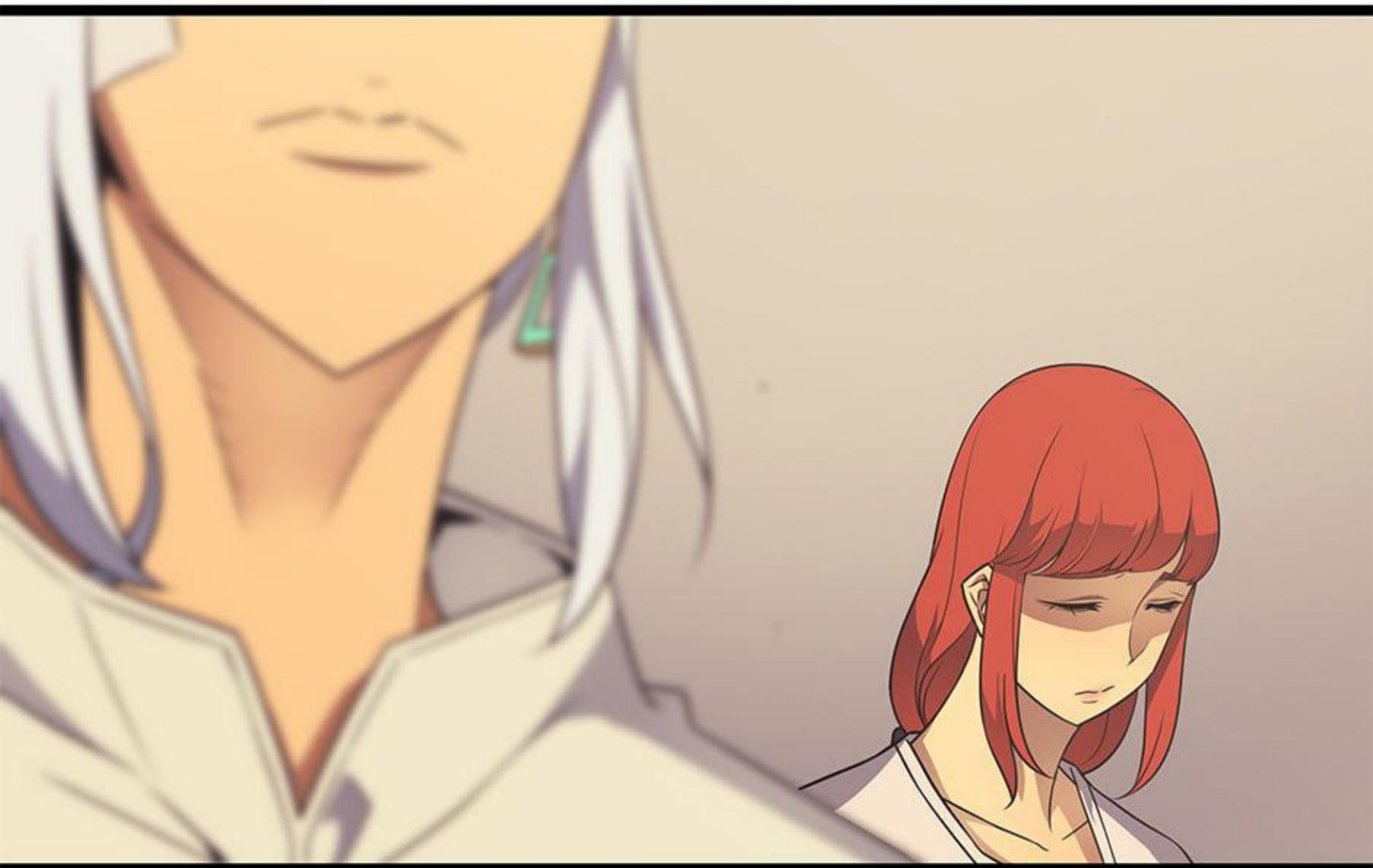
IT WAS A
VERY DETAILED
REPORT, I MUST SAY.
YOU'VE RECORDED THE
APOSTLE'S POWER AND
ABILITIES IN GREAT
DETAIL.



AS FOR LORD
MIKEL... IT IS VERY
REGRETTABLE THAT
HE'S NO LONGER
WITH US.



MIKEL WAS
A LOYAL AND
DEVOTED MAN...





THE REPORT DIDN'T
MENTION THE IDENTITY
OF THE APOSTLE. I TAKE IT
THAT IT WASN'T ANYONE
WE KNEW?

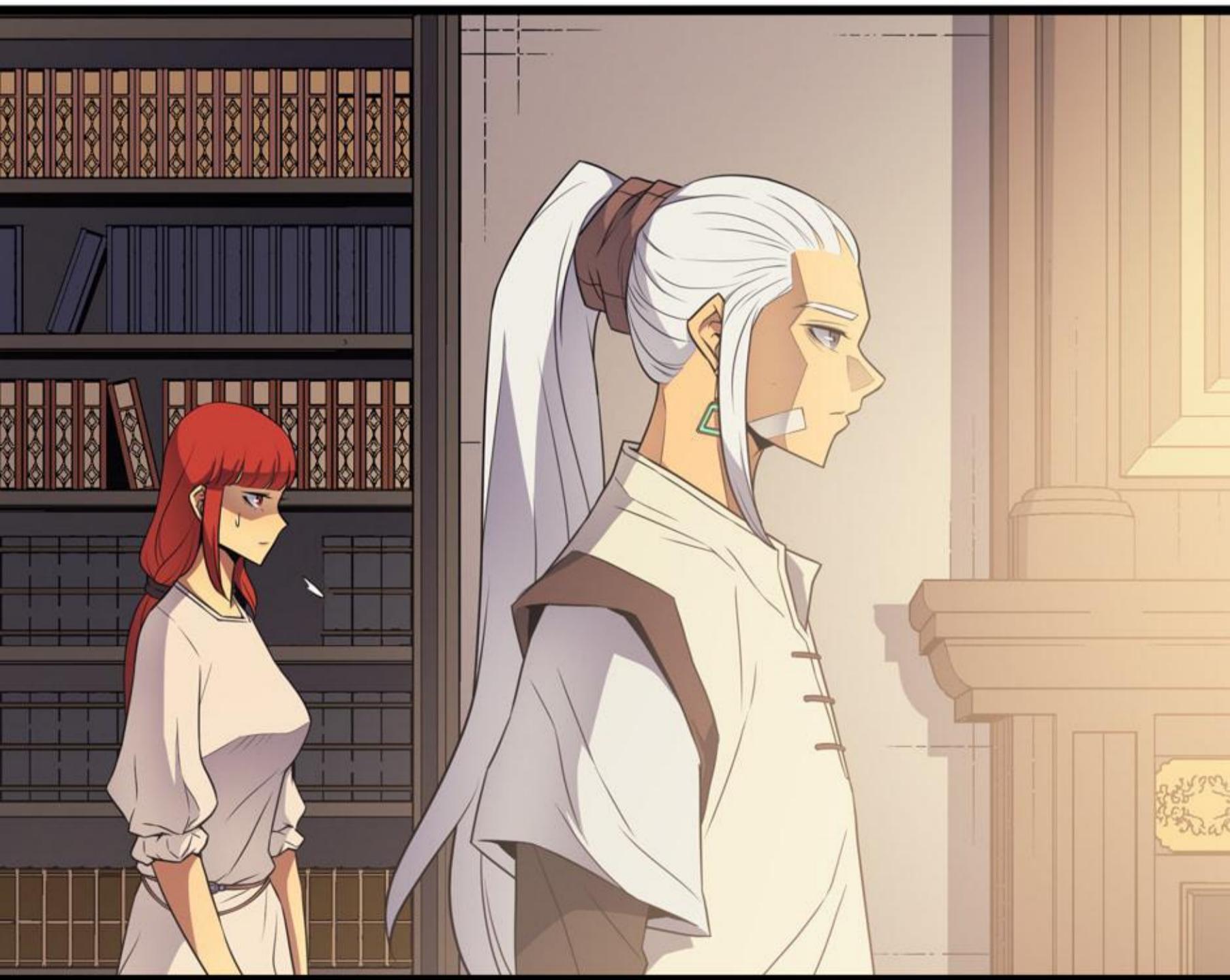


YES, SIR...



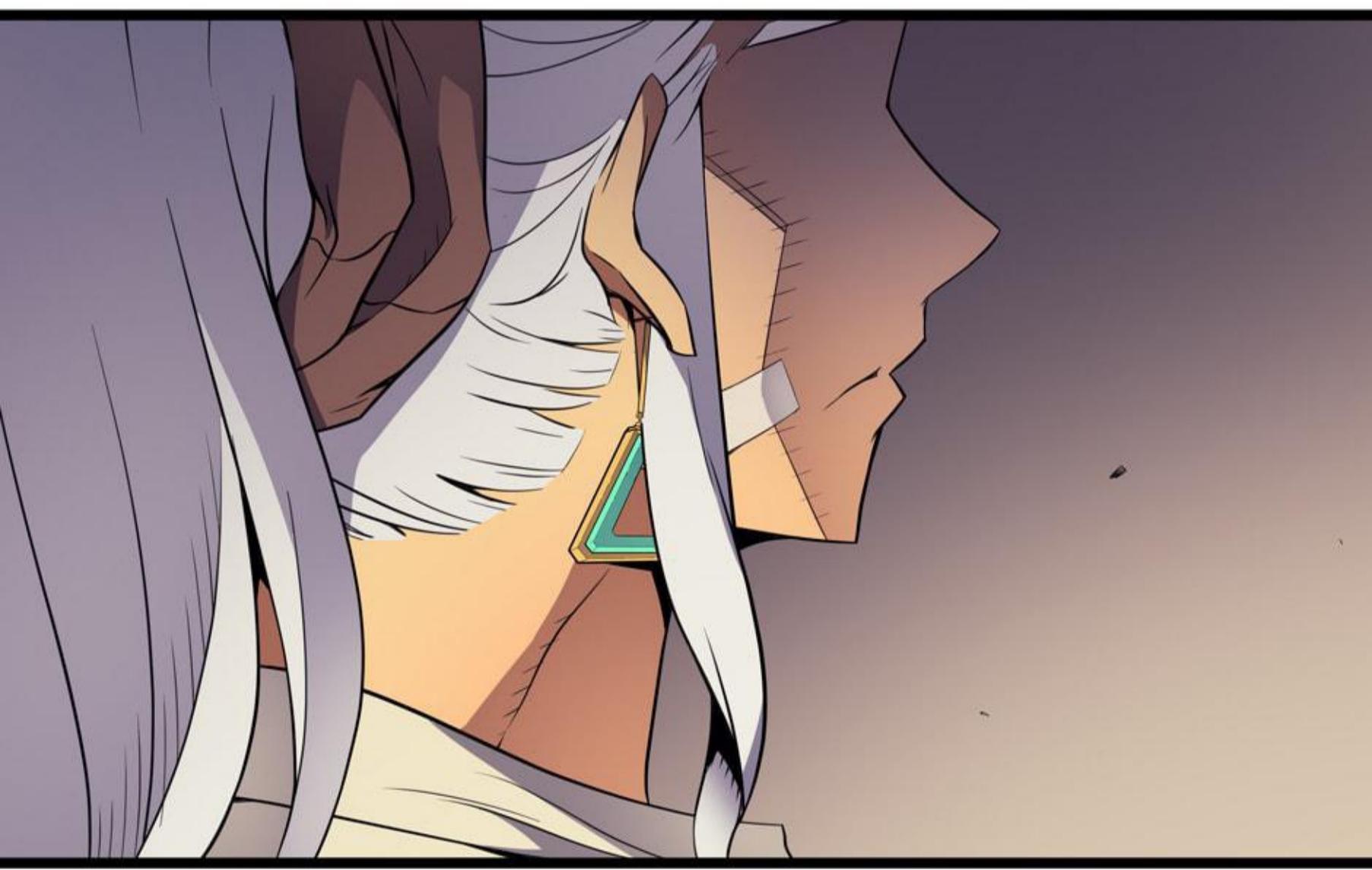
I THINK IT WAS
A LITTLE TOO
RECKLESS.

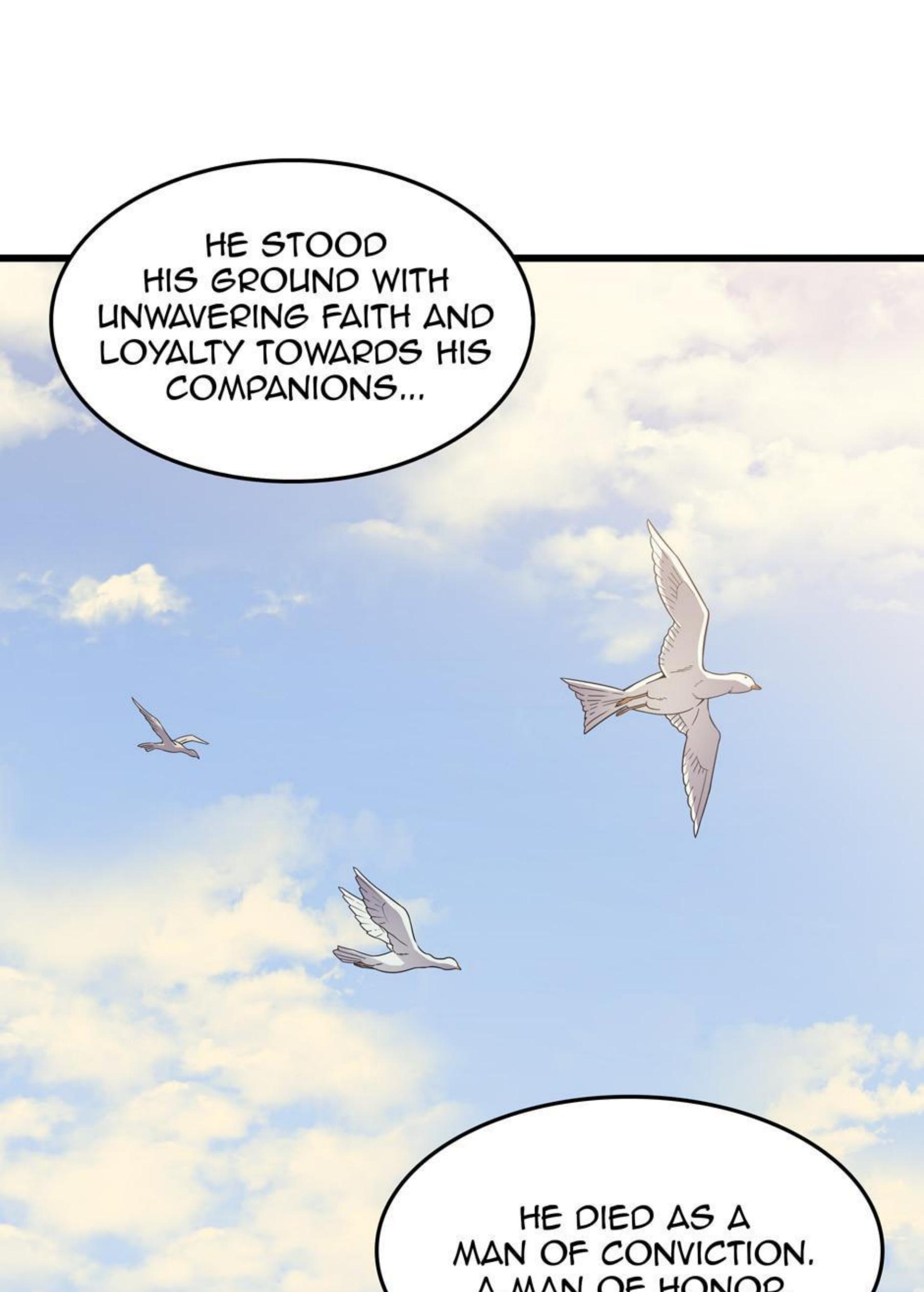
YOU REALLY
SHOULD HAVE
RETREATED AND WAITED
FOR REINFORCEMENTS
FROM HONOR
LUKESS.



AND HOW WERE
MIKEL'S FINAL
MOMENTS?

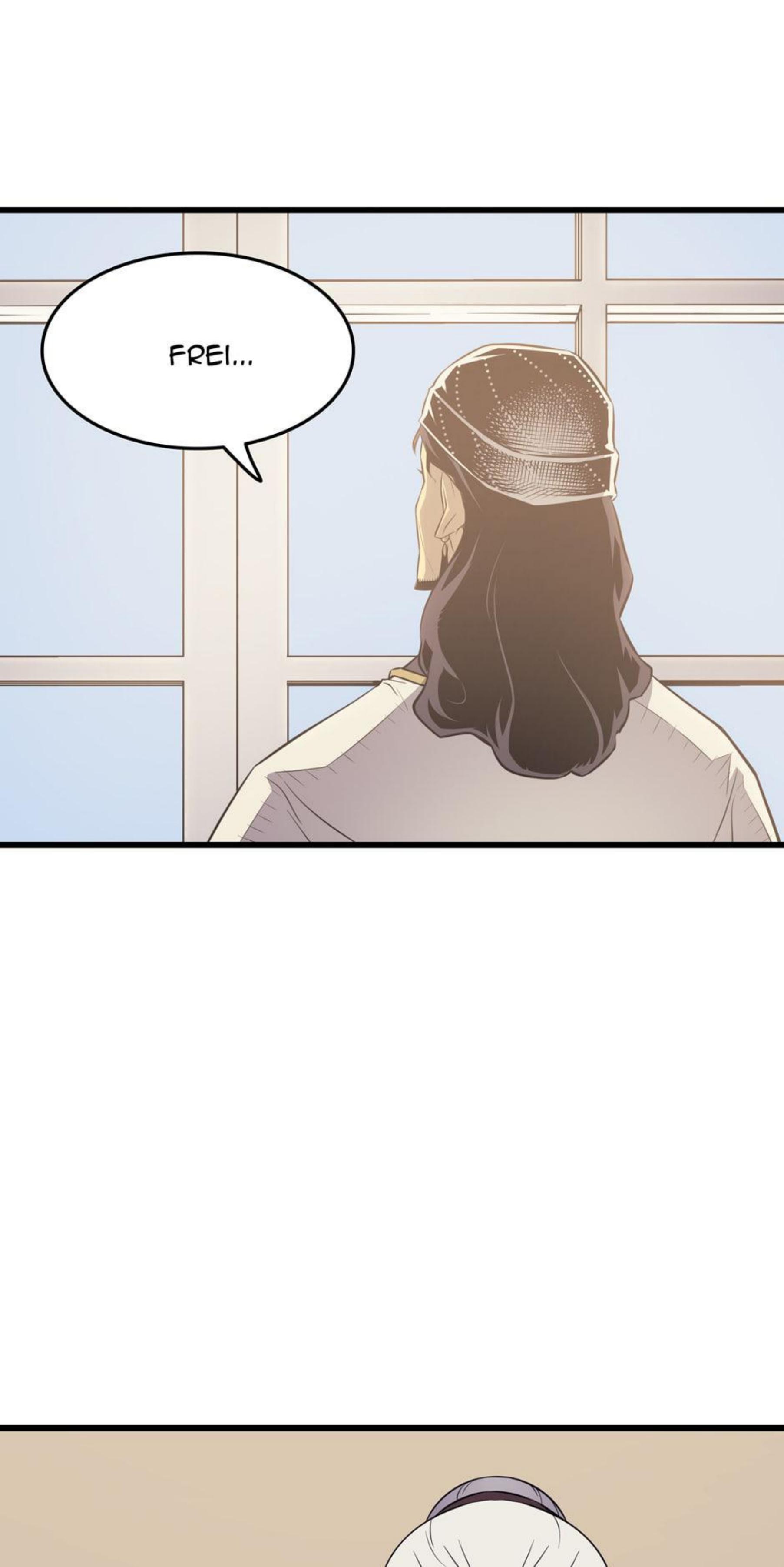




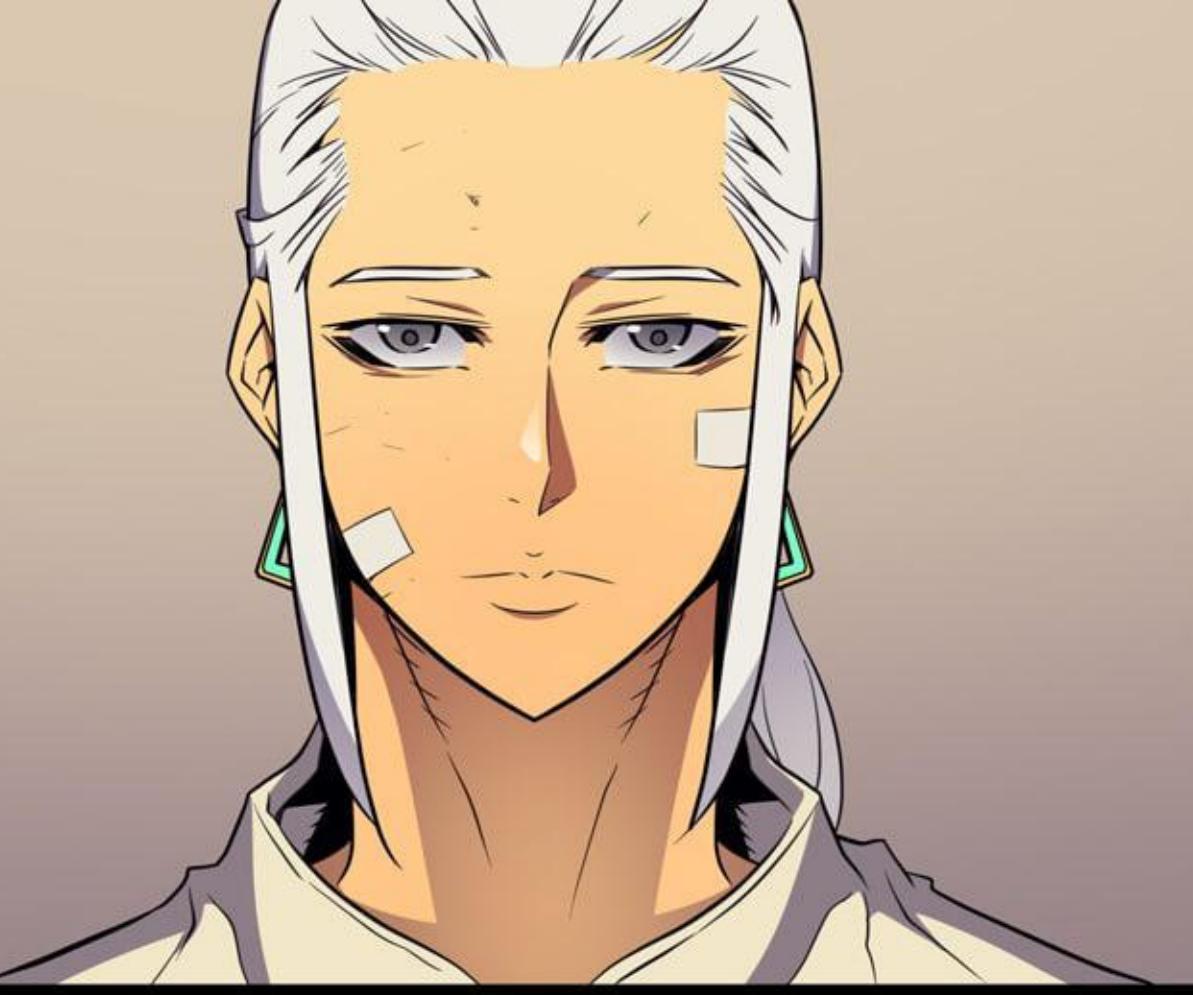


HE STOOD
HIS GROUND WITH
UNWAVERING FAITH AND
LOYALTY TOWARDS HIS
COMPANIONS...

HE DIED AS A
MAN OF CONVICTION.
A MAN OF HONOR.



FREI...



I WOULD LIKE TO
OFFER YOU THE CHANCE
TO INHERIT LORD MIKEL'S
POST AS HIS SUCCESSOR
AND BECOME A FLOOR
MASTER HERE.

