

# THE ARCHMAGE

RETURNS AFTER

# 40000

YEARS

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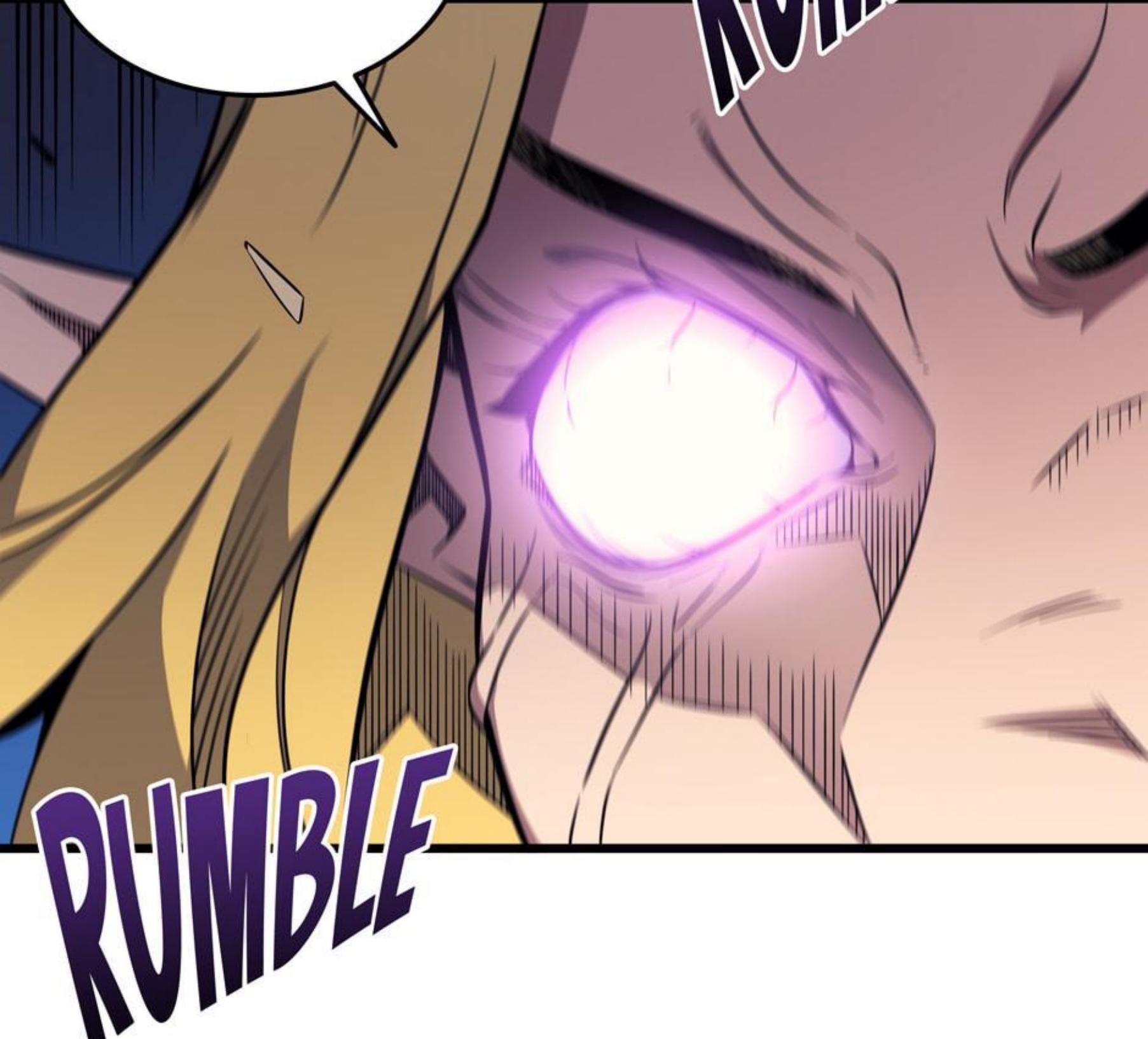
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A-ARGGGH!

DAINBLE



RUMBLE

RUMBLE

GYAAAAAAAH!!





PIUMBLE

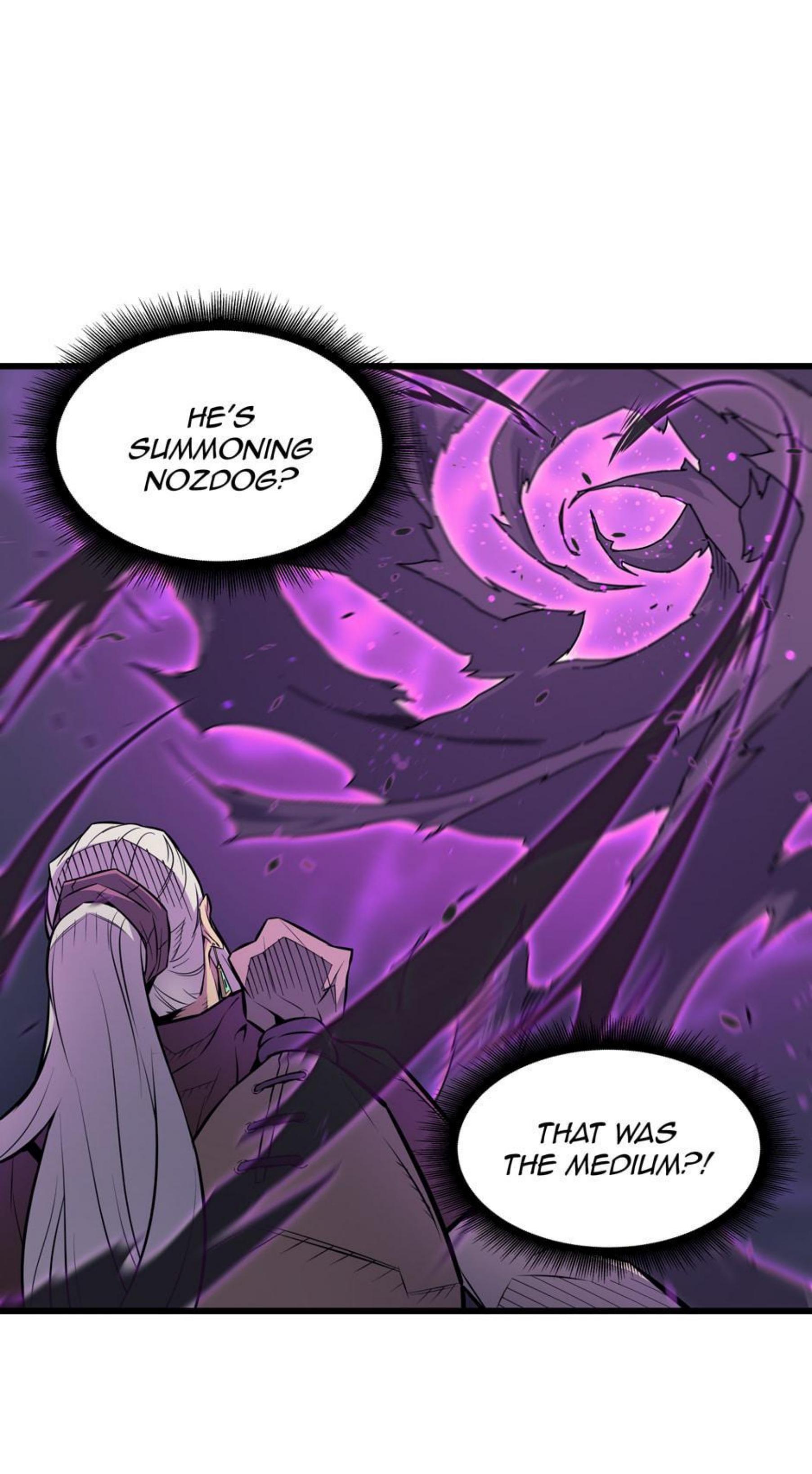
GAAAAAH!  
L-LORD NOZDOG!!

FLASH!



KONG

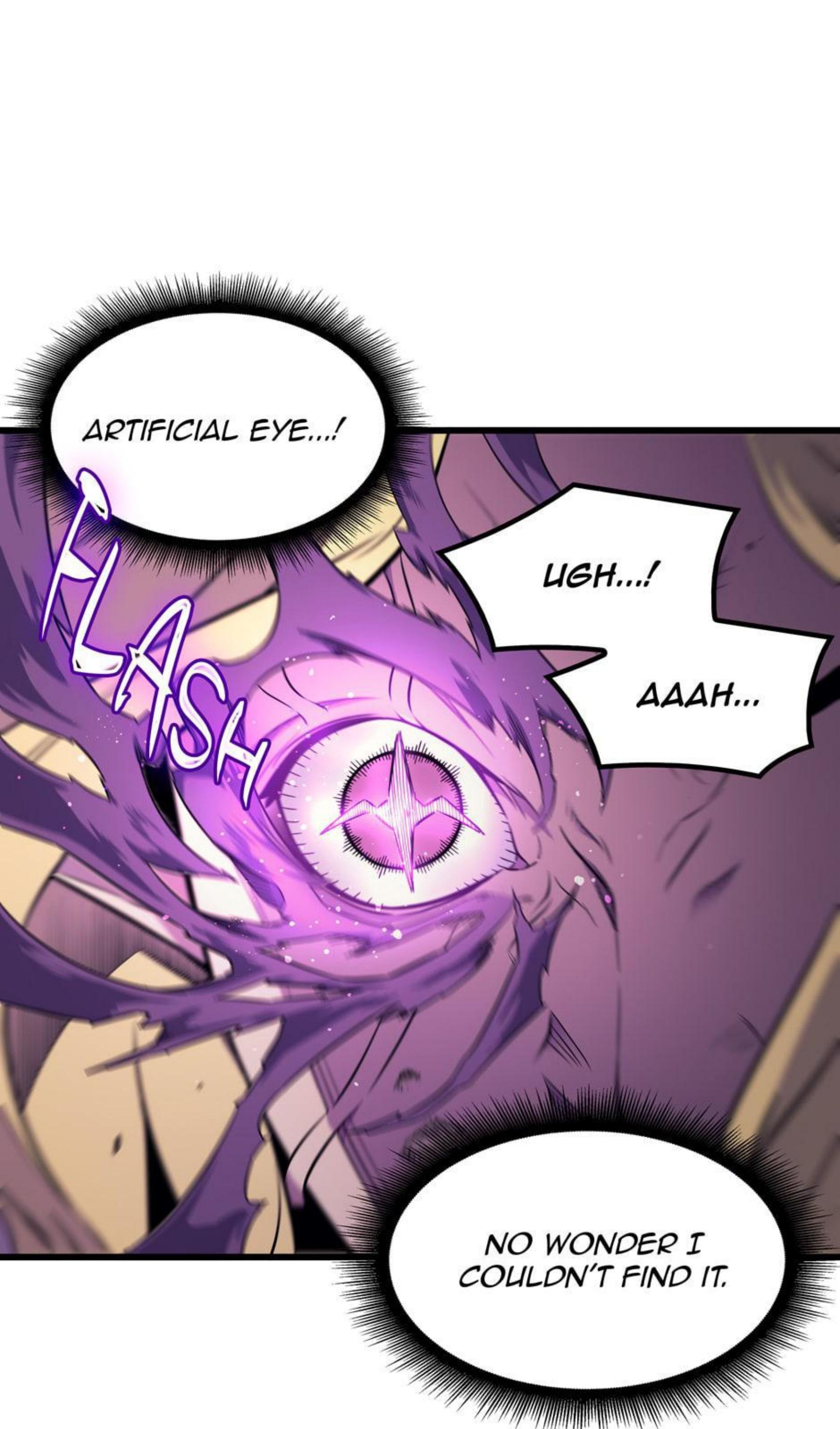




HE'S  
SUMMONING  
NOZDOG?



THAT WAS  
THE MEDIUM?!



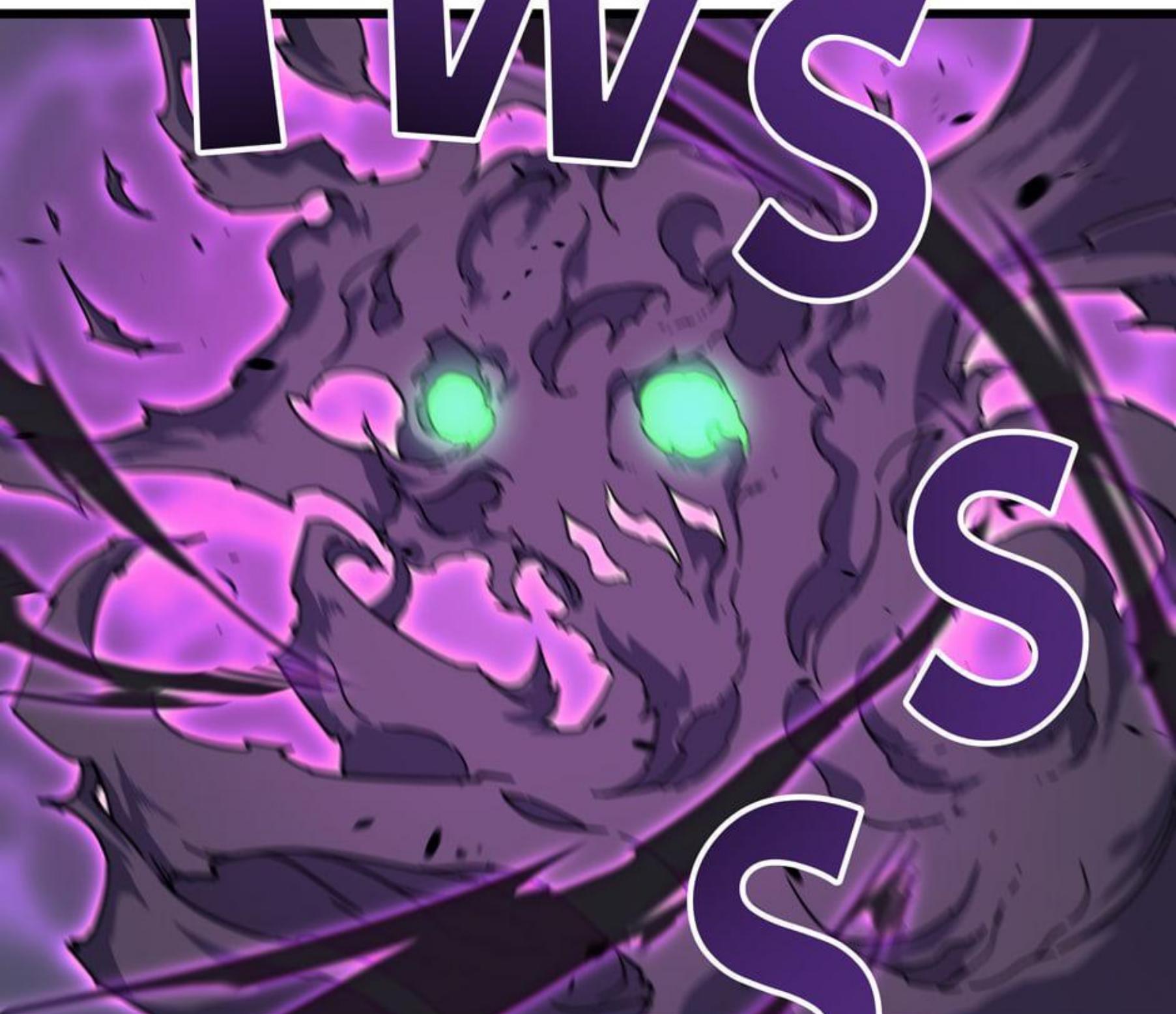
ARTIFICIAL EYE...!

UGH...!

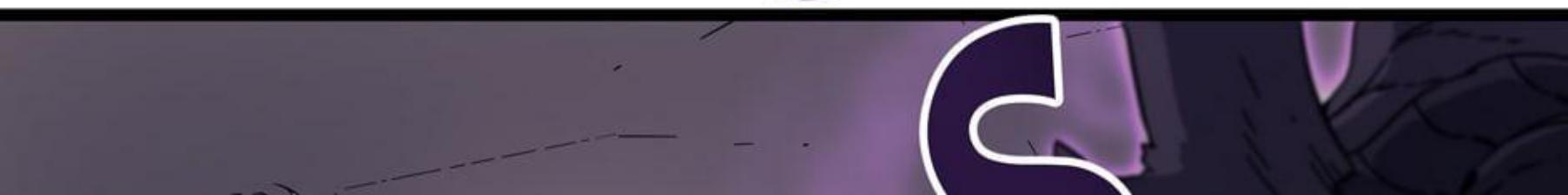
AAAHH...

NO WONDER I  
COULDN'T FIND IT.

**F**  
**M**  
**S**



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THIS  
OVERWHELMING  
PRESSURE... EVEN  
BREATHING IS  
DIFFICULT...



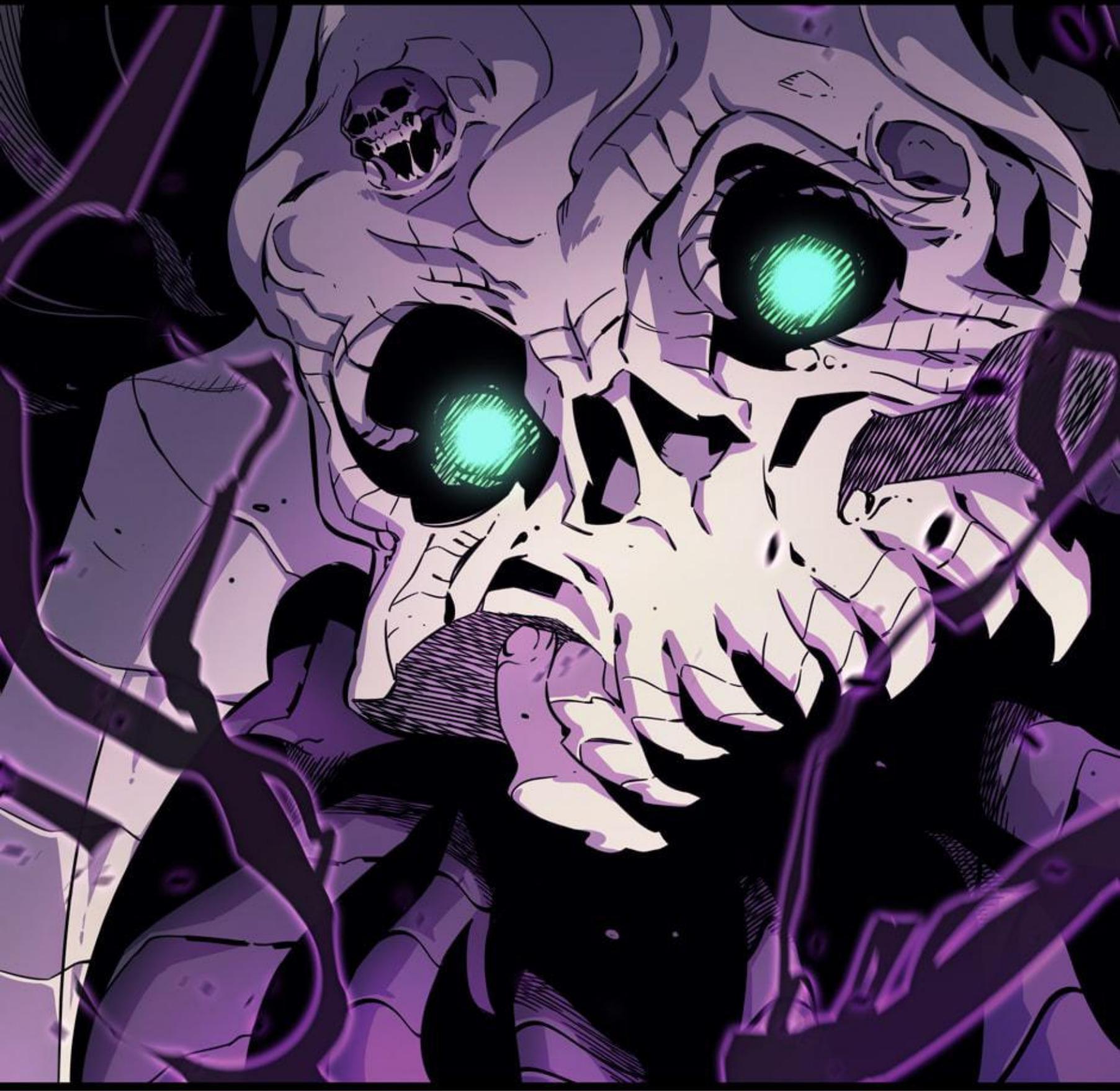
NO MISTAKE  
ABOUT IT...



THIS IS...



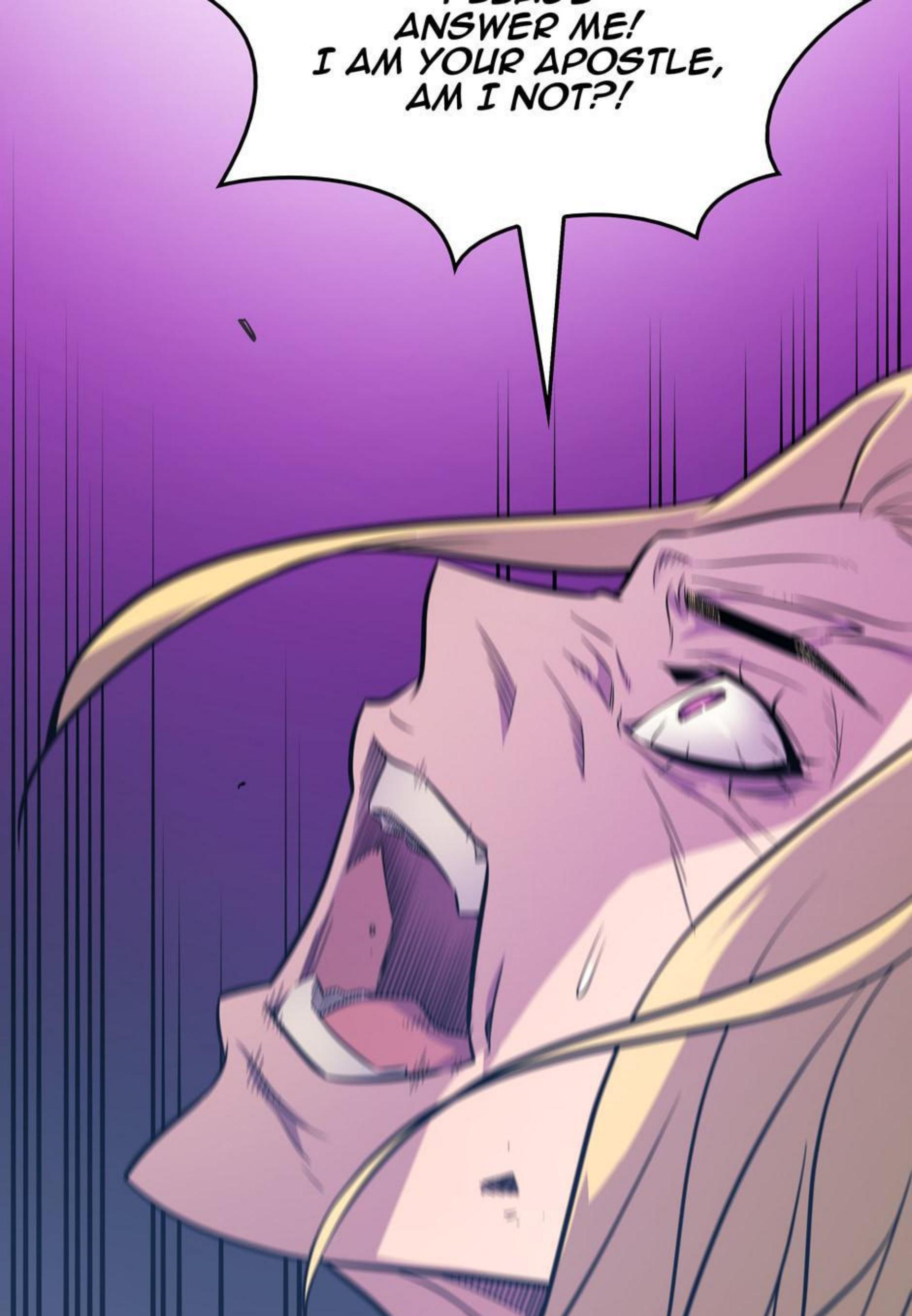
**THE DEMIGOD, NOZDOG!**



LORD NOZDOG!!

PLEASE

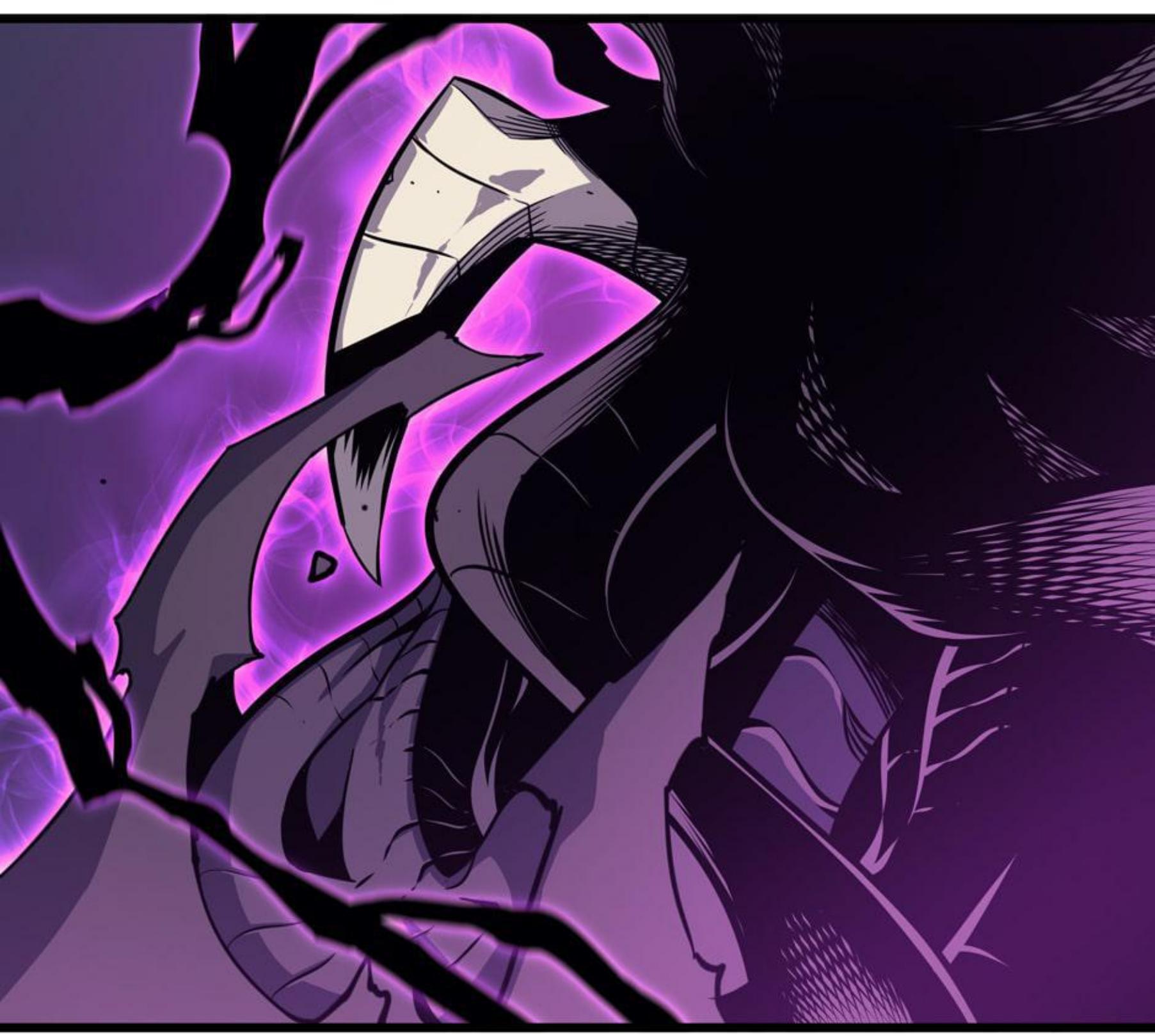
**ANSWER ME!  
I AM YOUR APOSTLE,  
AM I NOT?!**



THIS LOWLY HUMAN RIDICULED ME AND I'VE SUFFERED GREAT HUMILIATION... HE CLAIMS THAT THE POWER I WIELD IS A PATHETIC IMITATION!!

THE HUMAN BEFORE YOU CLAIMS THAT I AM FOUND TOO WEAK TO BE YOUR APOSTLE!

**I'VE SUMMONED  
YOU IN ORDER TO  
DEFEND MY HONOR  
AS YOUR APOSTLE!!**





HOW  
AMUSING...

I NEVER HAD  
MANY EXPECTATIONS  
OF THE BAIT I ACQUIRED,  
BUT TO THINK IT WOULD  
BE DISCOVERED THIS  
QUICKLY.



B-BAIT...?

LORD NOZDOG...  
WHAT ARE YOU  
SAYING?

AS I THOUGHT,  
OYDIN WASN'T THE  
APOSTLE.

THAT MEANS THAT  
THE REAL APOSTLE  
LIES ELSEWHERE...



EVEN IF  
I KILL OYDIN, IT  
WILL HAVE NO EFFECT  
ON NOZDOG.

SEEMS LIKE YOU  
FELL FOR HIS BAIT,  
RICKY.

PRAY TELL,  
MORTAL, HOW  
DID YOU FIND  
OUT?



WITH SO  
MANY TRACES OF  
DIVINE POWER ACROSS  
THE FOREST, THE REAL  
QUESTION YOU SHOULD BE  
ASKING IS HOW WOULD I

NOT HAVE FOUND OUT  
EVENTUALLY.





WELL... I DO  
THINK THERE ARE  
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
VERY SENSITIVE TO  
DETECTING DIVINE  
POWERS.



BUT EVEN SO...  
DON'T YOU AGREE  
THAT YOU'VE FOUND  
HIM FAR TOO EASILY?  
ALMOST AS IF...



SOMEONE WHO  
KNOWS OF OUR ACTIVITY  
TIPPED YOU OFF.



YOU SEE,  
MANY ODD  
INCIDENTS HAVE  
BEEN OCCURRING  
AMONGST US  
LATELY.



POWERFUL DEMIGODS  
HAVE BEEN DYING ONE BY  
ONE AS OF LATE.



SO THEY KNOW  
THERE IS A TRAITOR  
AMONGST THEIR  
RANKS.

I SEE... SO  
THAT WOULD  
EXPLAIN WHAT HE  
MEANT BY BAIT.

OYDIN WAS  
A TRAP THAT WAS  
MEANT TO DRAW OUT  
THE TRAITOR AMONGST  
THEIR RANKS.





THIS IS THE  
FIRST TIME I'VE LAID  
EYES ON A REAL  
DEMIGOD...

THANK GOODNESS  
IVAN ISN'T HERE.



YOU'RE A LOT  
DIFFERENT FROM  
WHAT I EXPECTED. ARE  
ALL DEMIGODS AS  
TALKATIVE AS YOU?

IT'LL BE ALL  
OVER FOR US IF I  
SHOW ANY TRACE  
OF EMOTION.

A VERY UNUSUAL  
HUMAN... WHO ARE  
YOU?



POOR IGNORANT  
PUPPET.





LORD NOZDOG!!



W-WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN BY  
BAIT?!!

I'VE SACRIFICED  
EVERYTHING TO  
SERVE YOU!!

**THIS IS  
PREPOSTEROUS!**

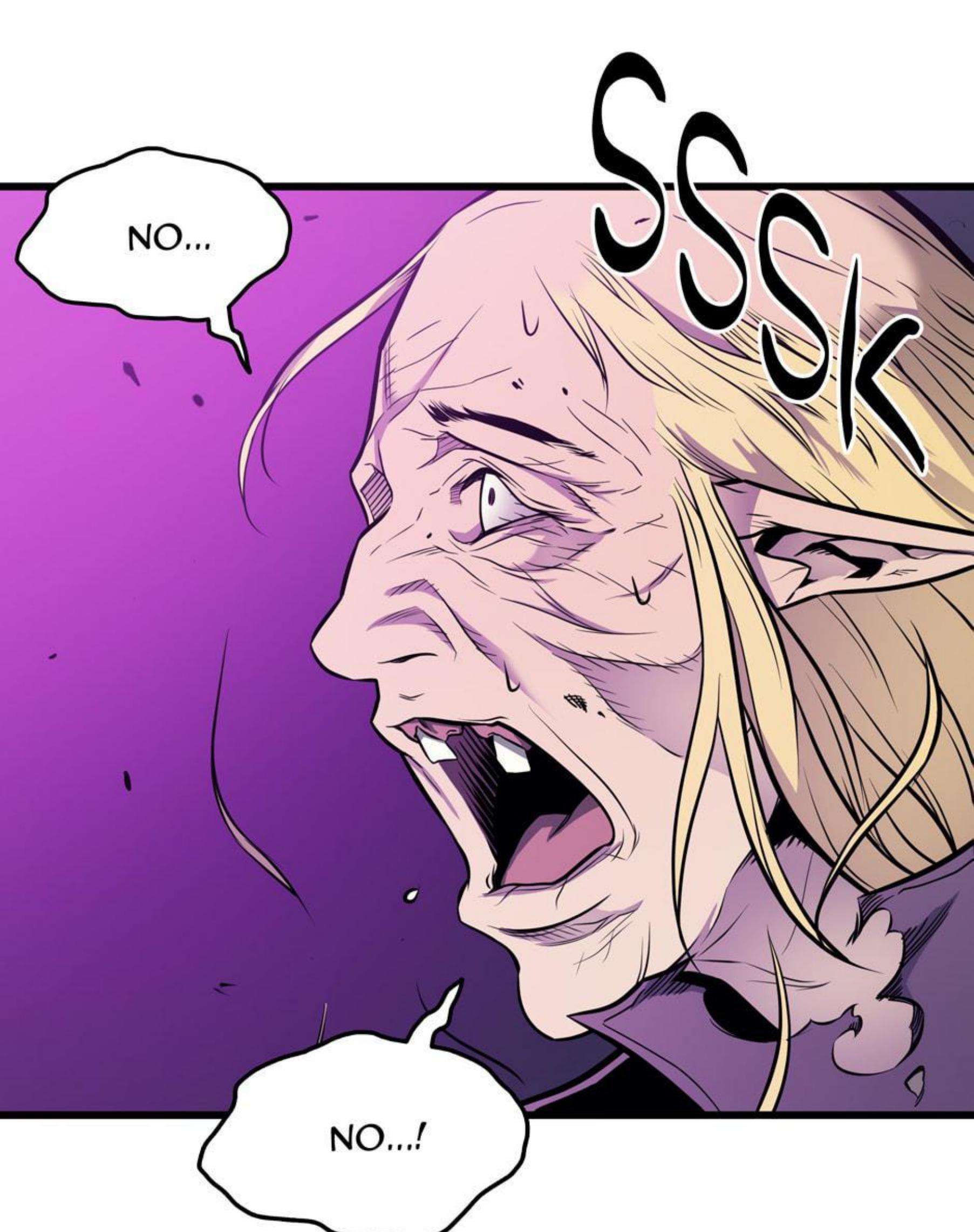




YOU ARE  
DISTURBING MY  
THOUGHTS.









MERCY...!

SPLAT



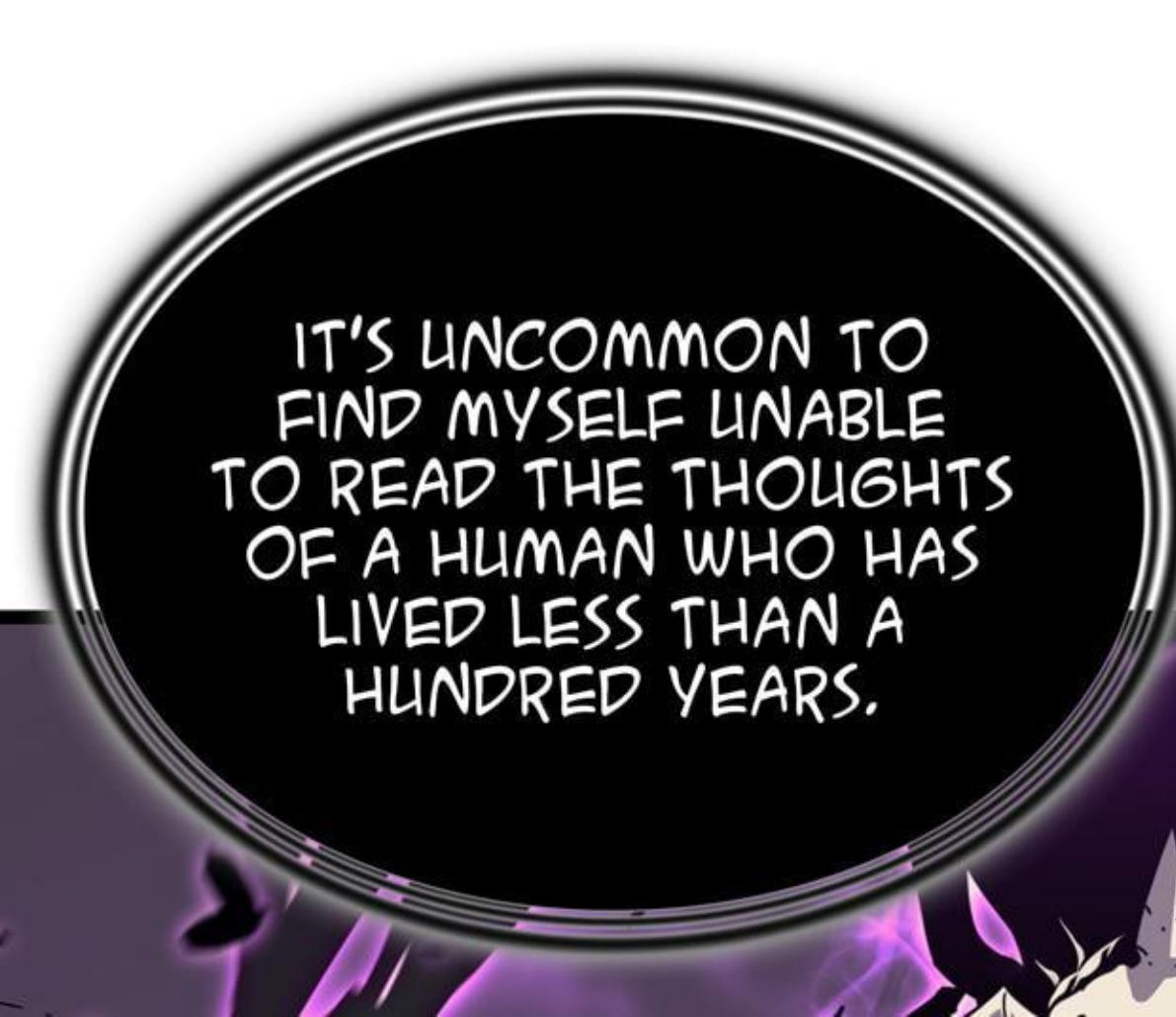


ROLL

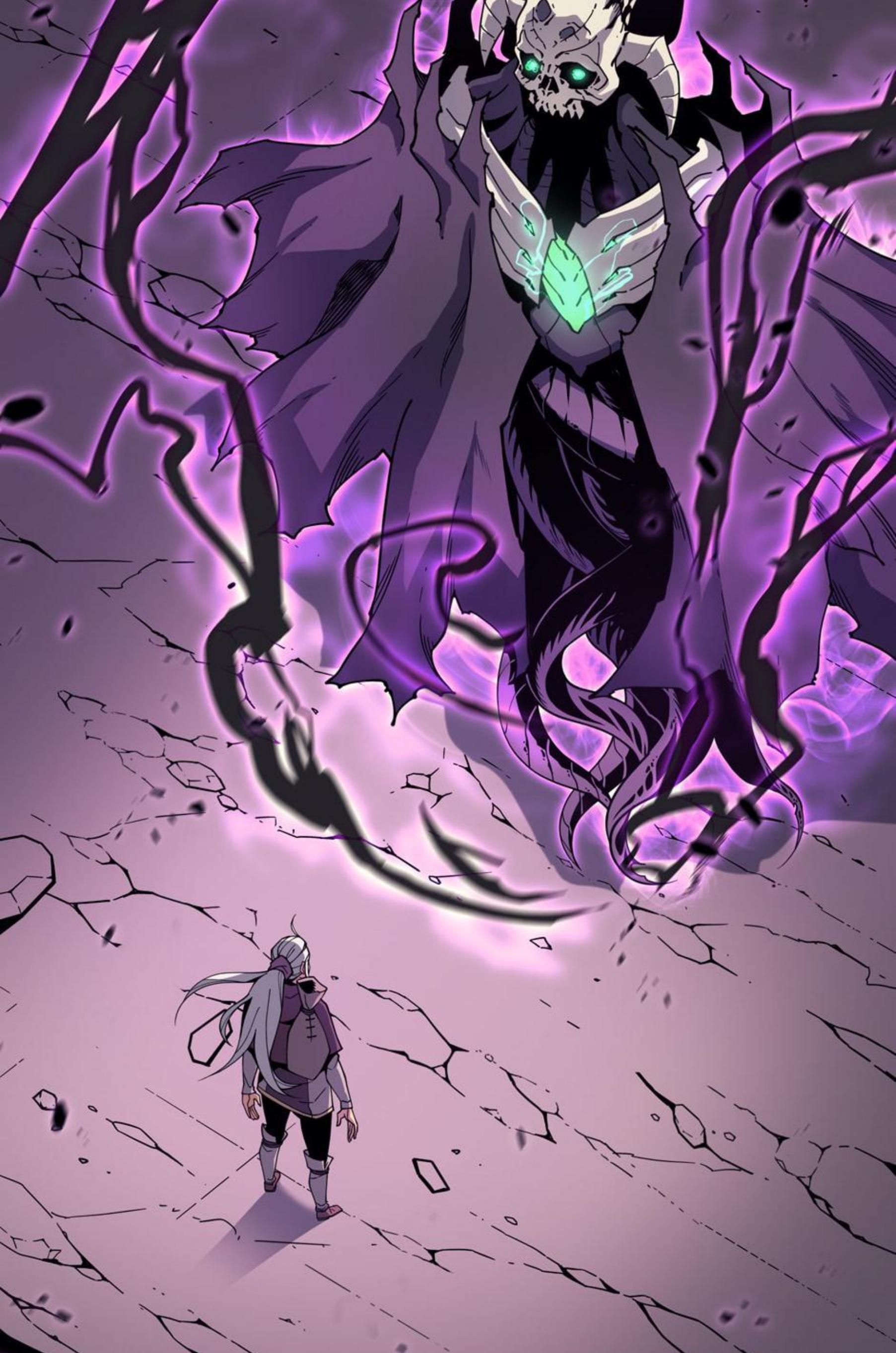


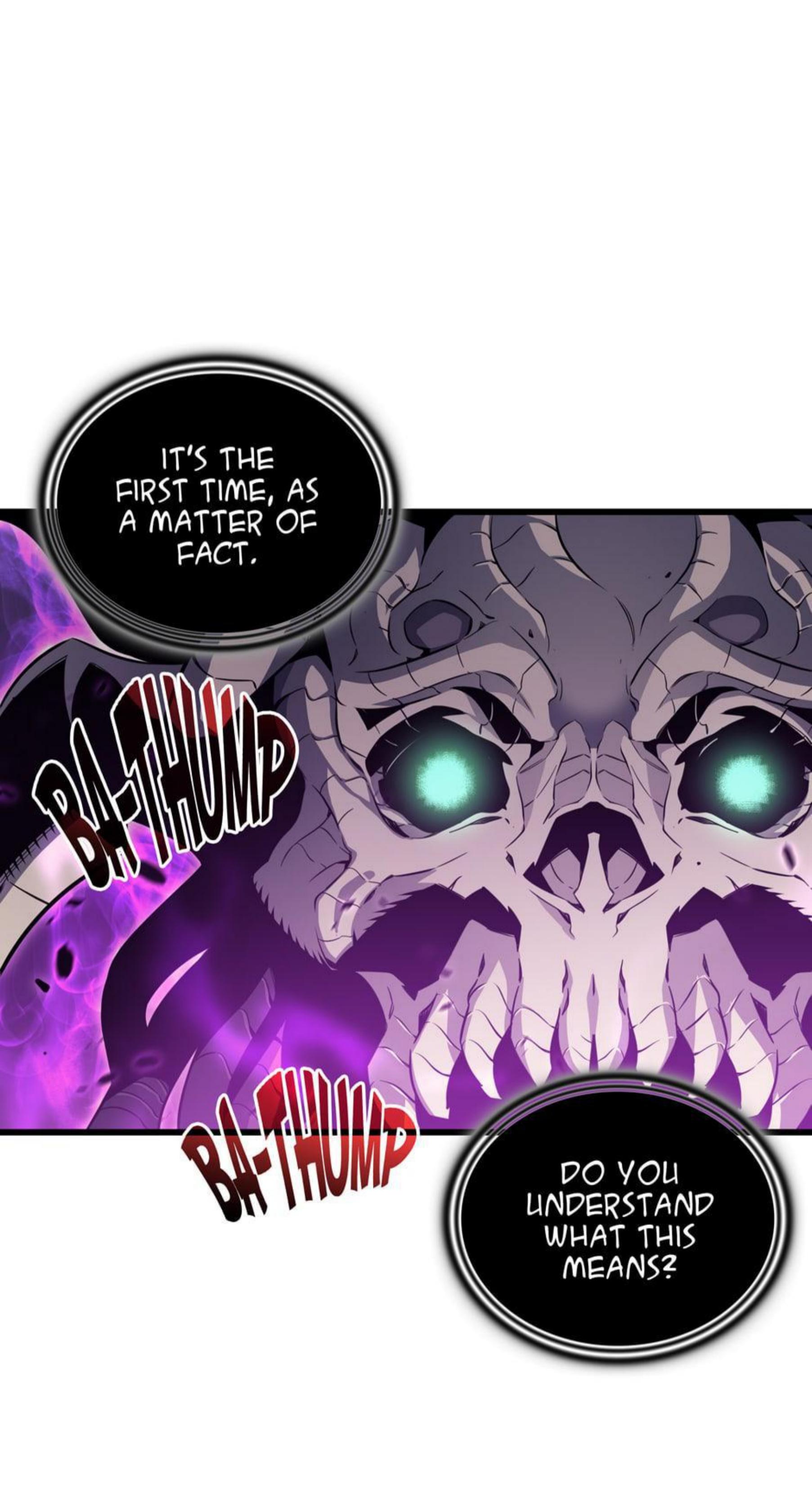


YOU ARE QUITE  
THE MYSTERY.



IT'S UNCOMMON TO  
FIND MYSELF UNABLE  
TO READ THE THOUGHTS  
OF A HUMAN WHO HAS  
LIVED LESS THAN A  
HUNDRED YEARS.





IT'S THE  
FIRST TIME, AS  
A MATTER OF  
FACT.

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT THIS  
MEANS?

BA-THUMP

THIS IS MORE  
THAN ENOUGH  
REASON FOR ME  
TO BE SUSPICIOUS  
OF YOU.

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP





I WILL...

BAATHUMP

KEEP A  
CLOSE EYE  
ON YOU.

BAATHUMP

BA-THUMP



BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

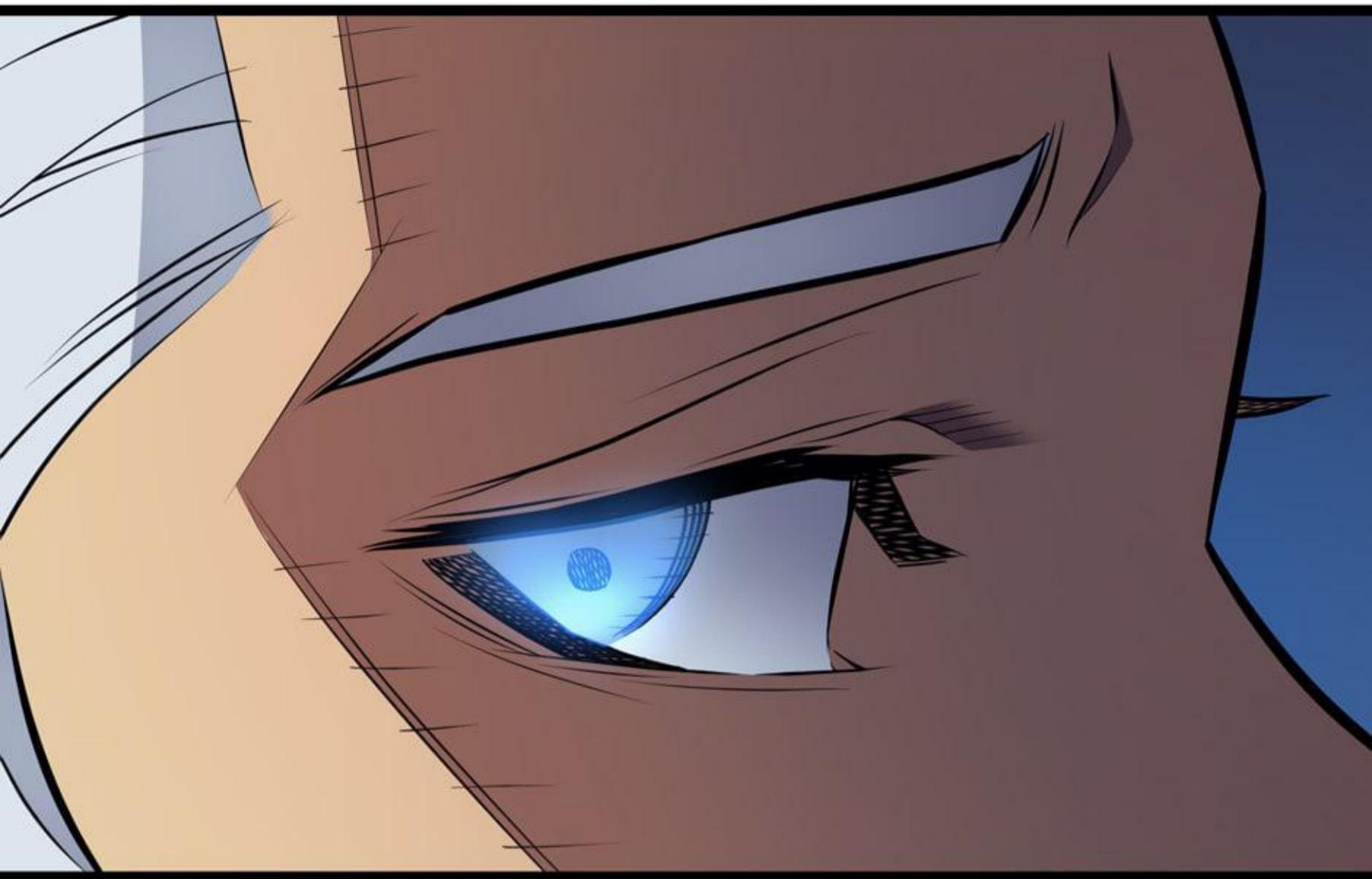
BA-THUMP

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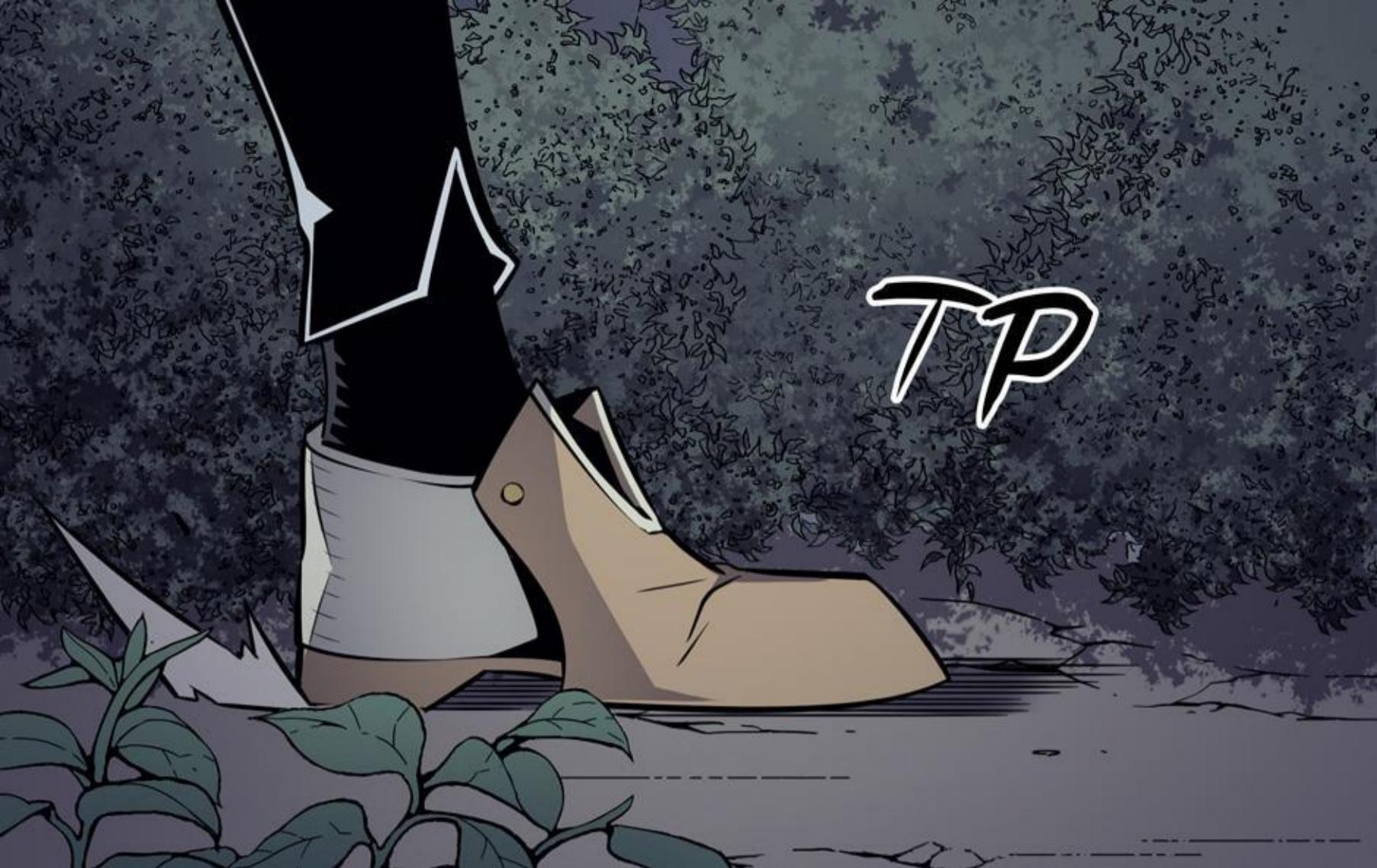
BA-THUMP







HOW LONG  
DO YOU PLAN ON  
HIDING BACK  
THERE?

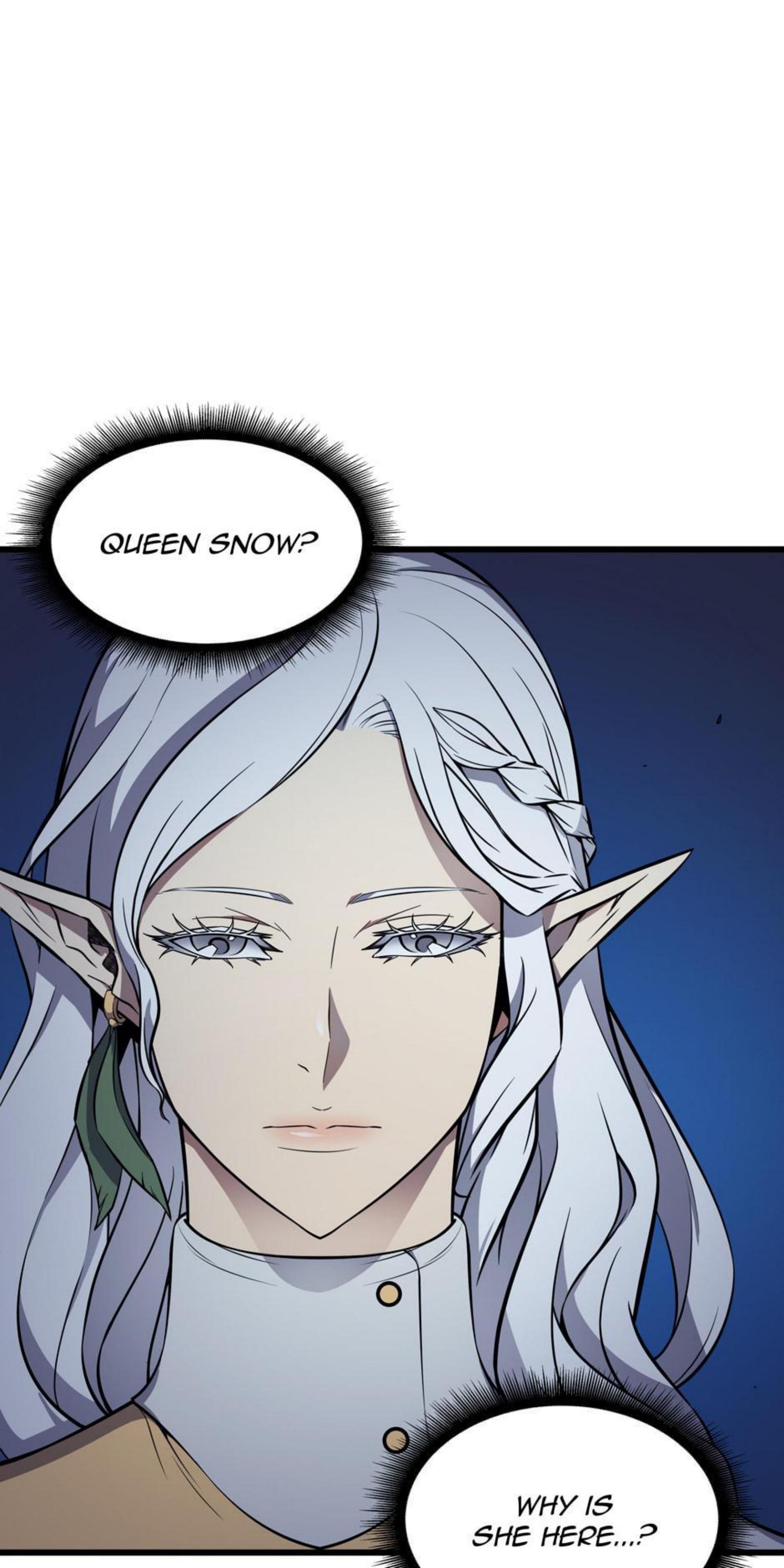


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SO YOU KNEW.



QUEEN SNOW?

WHY IS  
SHE HERE...?



HMPH

YOU'VE REVEALED  
YOUR PRESENCE  
ON PURPOSE.

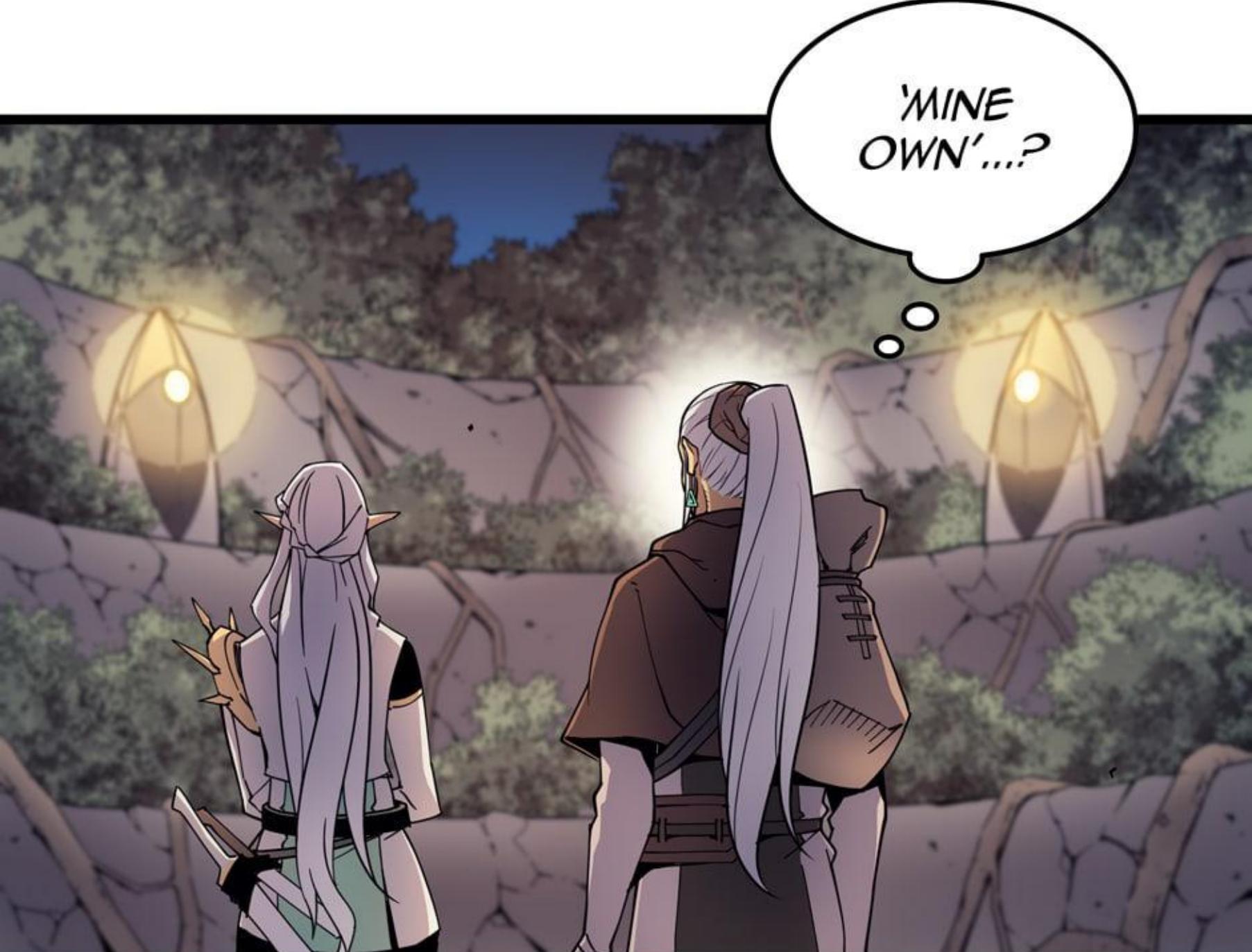




I SEE  
THOU HAST  
GIVEN MERCIFUL  
DEATH TO MINE OWN  
DESPICABLE  
BROTHER.



'MINE  
OWN'...?

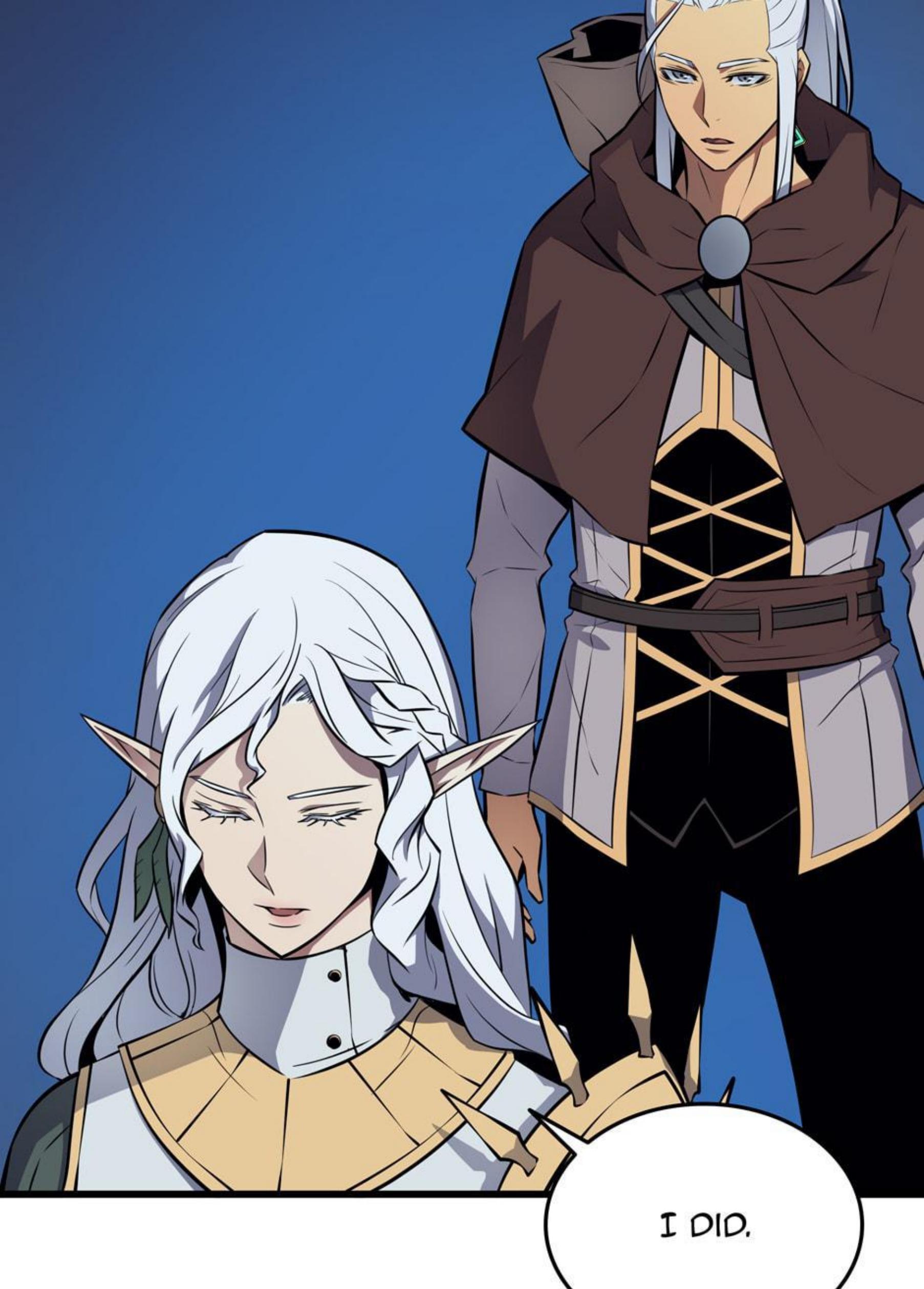




HIS EXECUTION  
SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN MINE OWN  
RESPONSIBILITY.

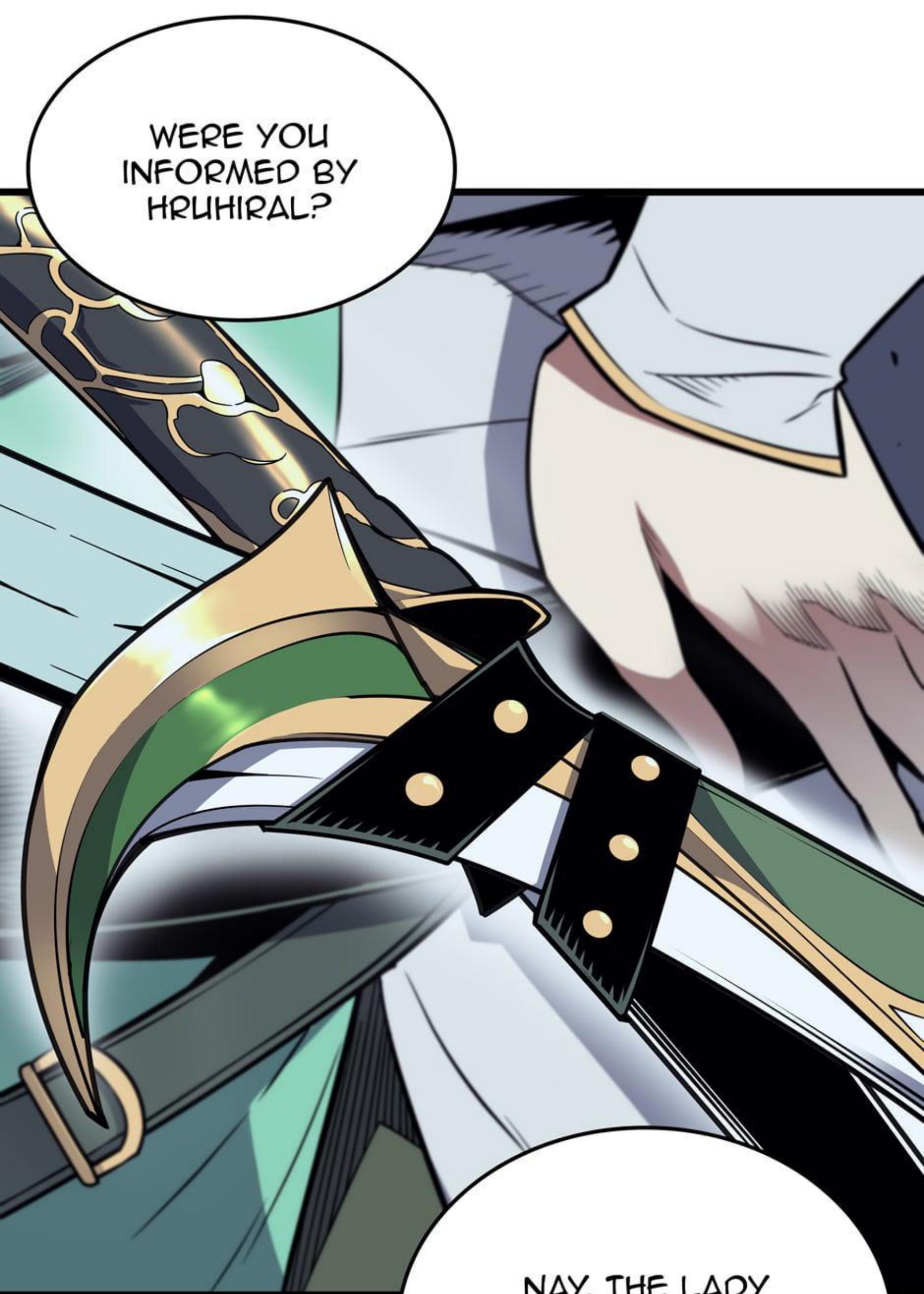
I EXPRESS  
MY GRATITUDE  
FOR THY  
SERVICE.

YOU... KNEW HE  
WAS ALLYING WITH  
THE DEMIGOD...?



I KNEW ALL ALONG.





WERE YOU  
INFORMED BY  
HRIHIRAL?

NAY, THE LADY  
IS NOT FREE FROM  
THE DEMIGOD'S  
INFLUENCE...



THEN...?



I LEARNED  
THIS TRUTH FROM  
THE SAME PERSON  
WHO TOLD THEE  
ABOUT MINE OWN  
BROTHER'S

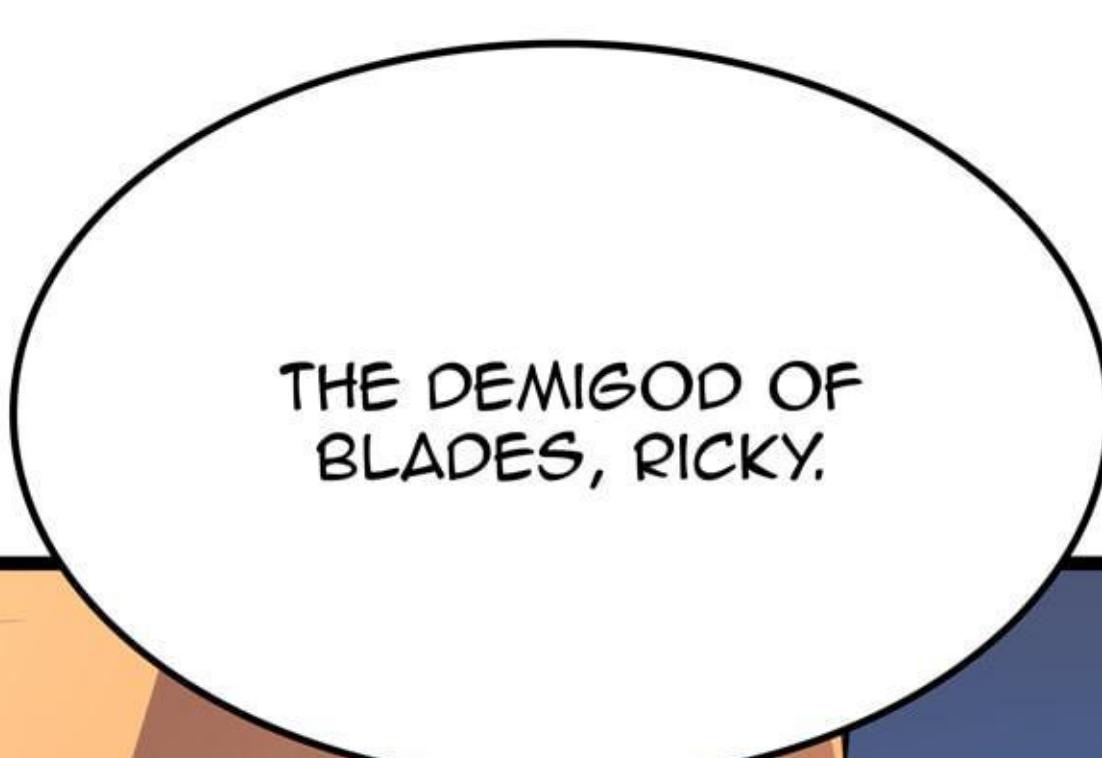
BROTHER'S  
SCHEMES.



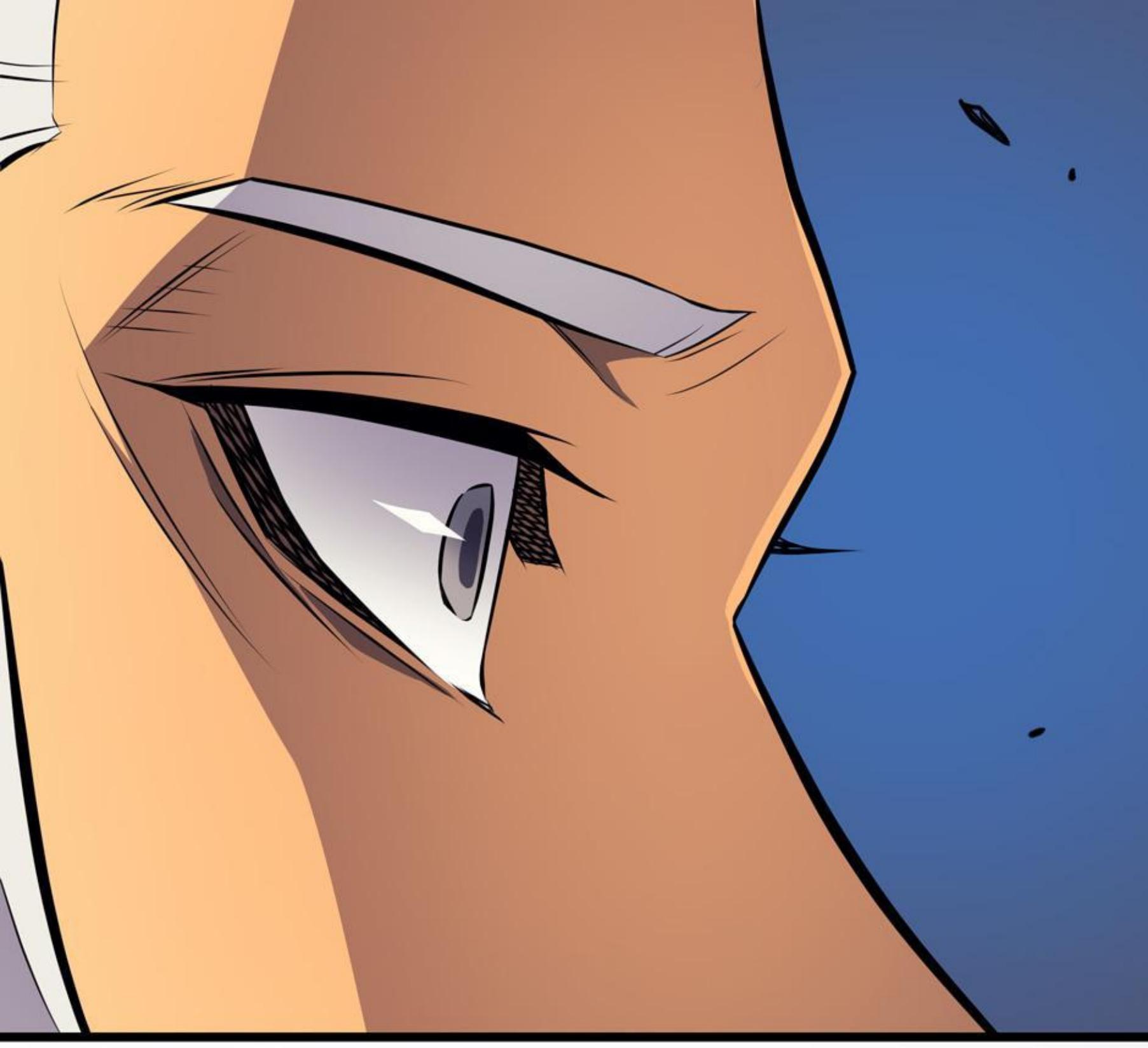


HEH

YOU'RE BEING  
TOO OBVIOUS IF  
YOU'RE TRYING TO  
GET INFORMATION  
OUT OF ME.



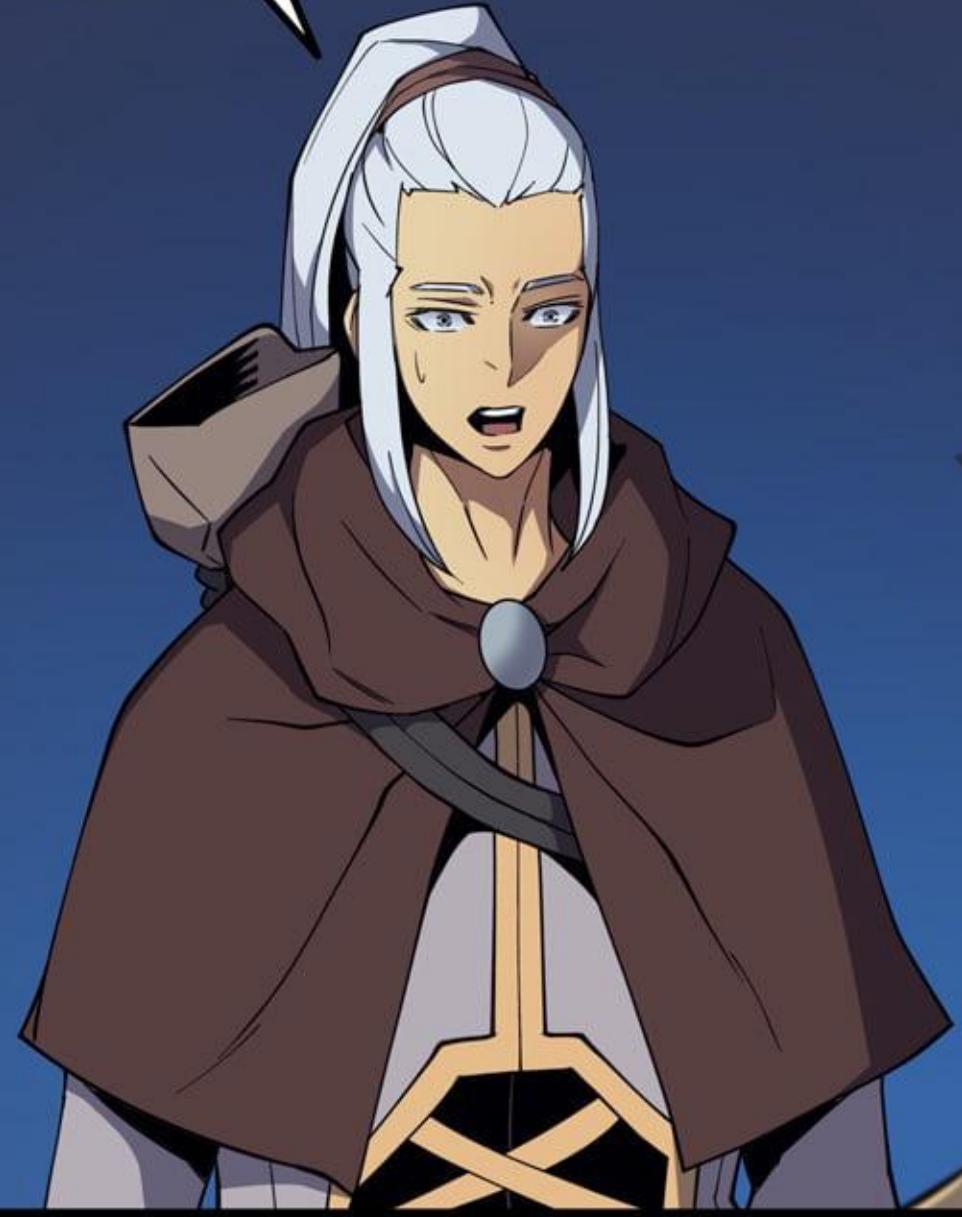
THE DEMIGOD OF  
BLADES, RICKY.



DO NOT  
BE ALARMED,  
MAGE FREI.

I AM THY  
COMRADE IN  
ARMS.

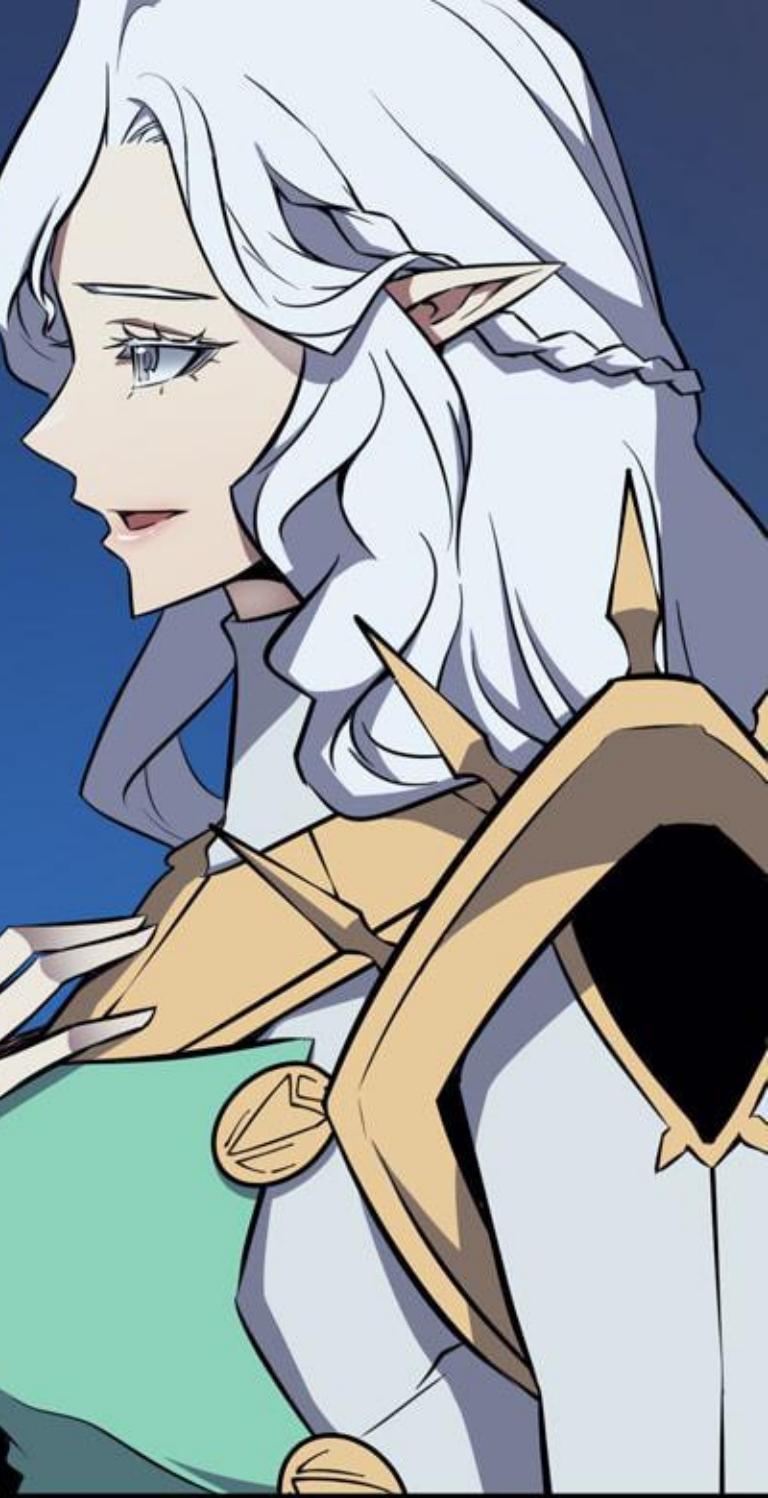
W-WHO  
ARE YOU...?



I'M THE  
BENIGNANT AND

BENVOLENT AND  
BEAUTIFUL QUEEN  
OF THE ELVES,  
AM I NOT?

DON'T FUCK  
WITH ME.



RUMBLE

THAT'S NOT WHAT  
I'M ASKING AND YOU  
KNOW IT...





RUMBLE

?!

RUMBLE



T-THE GROUND IS  
SHAKING? IS IT AN  
EARTHQUAKE?!



# RUMBLE

IT'S COMING  
FROM BELOW US.

# RUMBLE

....



WHAT...?

**RUMBLE**

# RUMBA

WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
HERE?!



# RUMBLE



WHAT'S WITH THAT  
RIDICULOUSLY LARGE  
MAGIC CIRCLE?!