

# THE ARCHMAGE

RETURNS AFTER.

# 4000

YEARS

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YOU MUST HAVE  
HEARD OF THE HEROES...

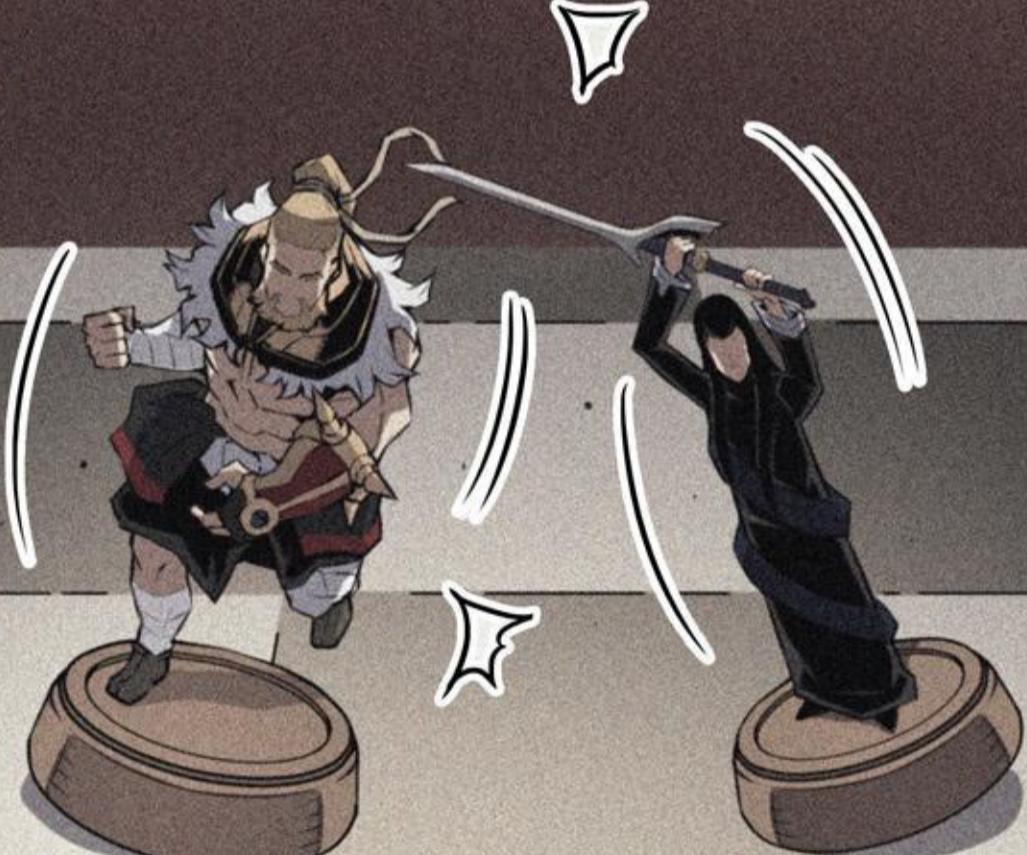
THE GREAT SAGE SCHEIZER,  
KASAJIN THE GODFIST,  
LUCID THE EMPEROR OF BLADES,  
YRIS THE WITCH OF DARKNESS,  
AND THE ARCHMAGE LUCAS...



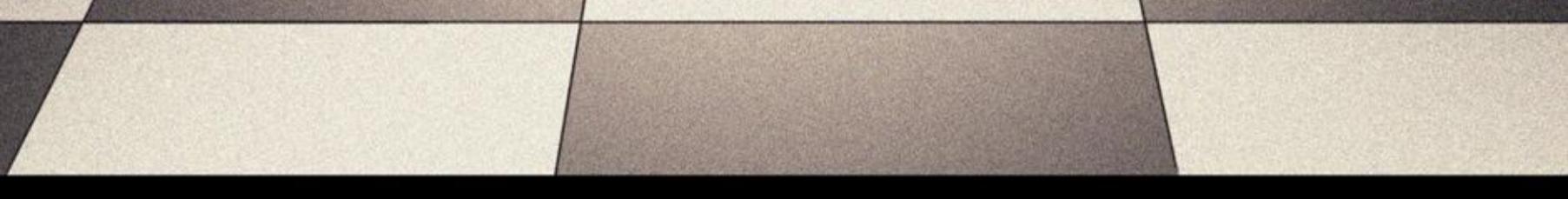
BUT AFTER THE ARCHMAGE  
VANISHED, HISTORY CHANGED.

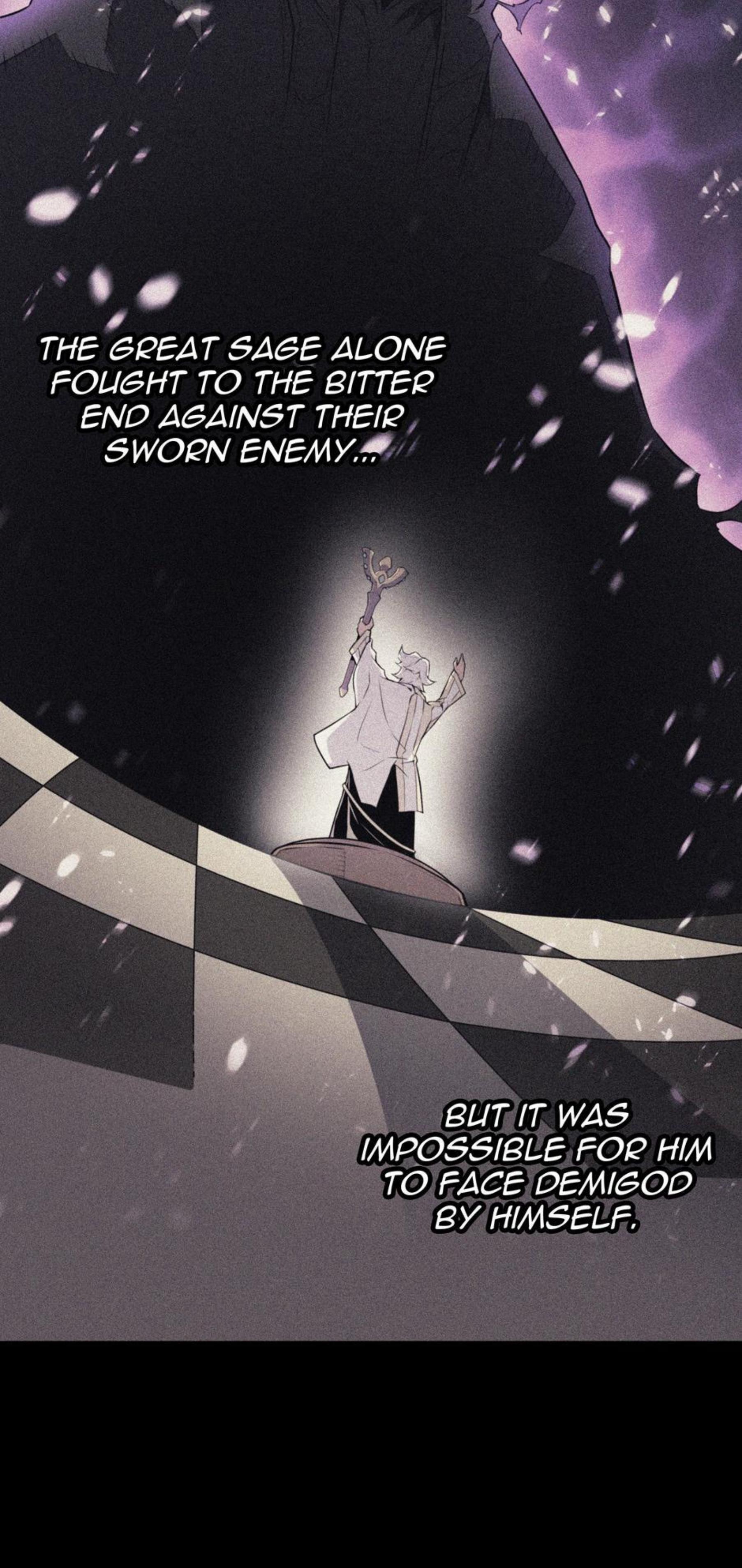


**A RIFT FORMED BETWEEN  
THE GODFIST AND THE  
EMPEROR OF BLADES,**



**THE WITCH OF DARKNESS  
ALSO VANISHED INTO THE  
ANNALS OF HISTORY.**



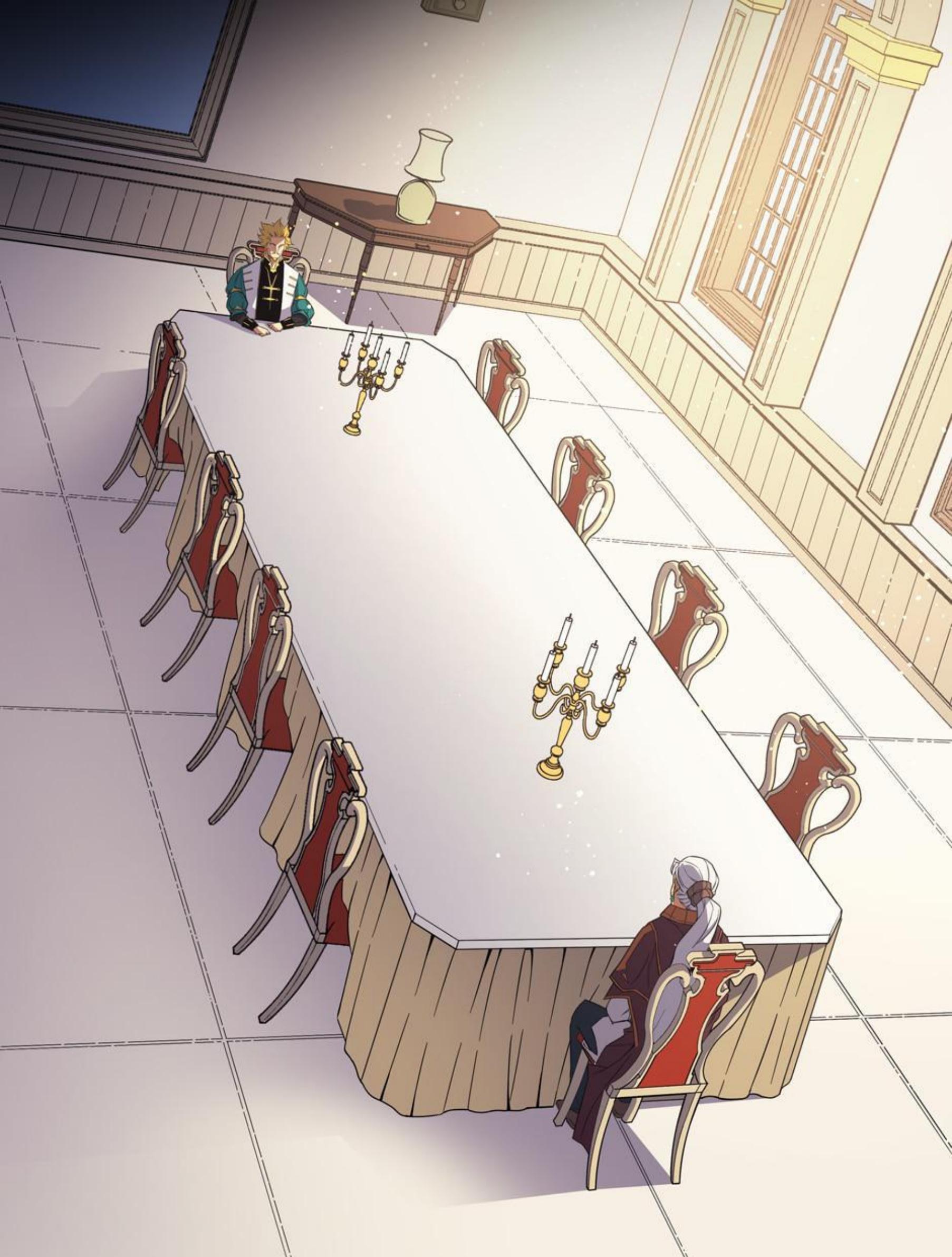


**THE GREAT SAGE ALONE  
FOUGHT TO THE BITTER  
END AGAINST THEIR  
SWORN ENEMY...**

**BUT IT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM  
TO FACE DEMIGOD  
BY HIMSELF.**

**AND JUST LIKE THAT, THEIR  
NAMES HAVE VANISHED INTO  
THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY.**

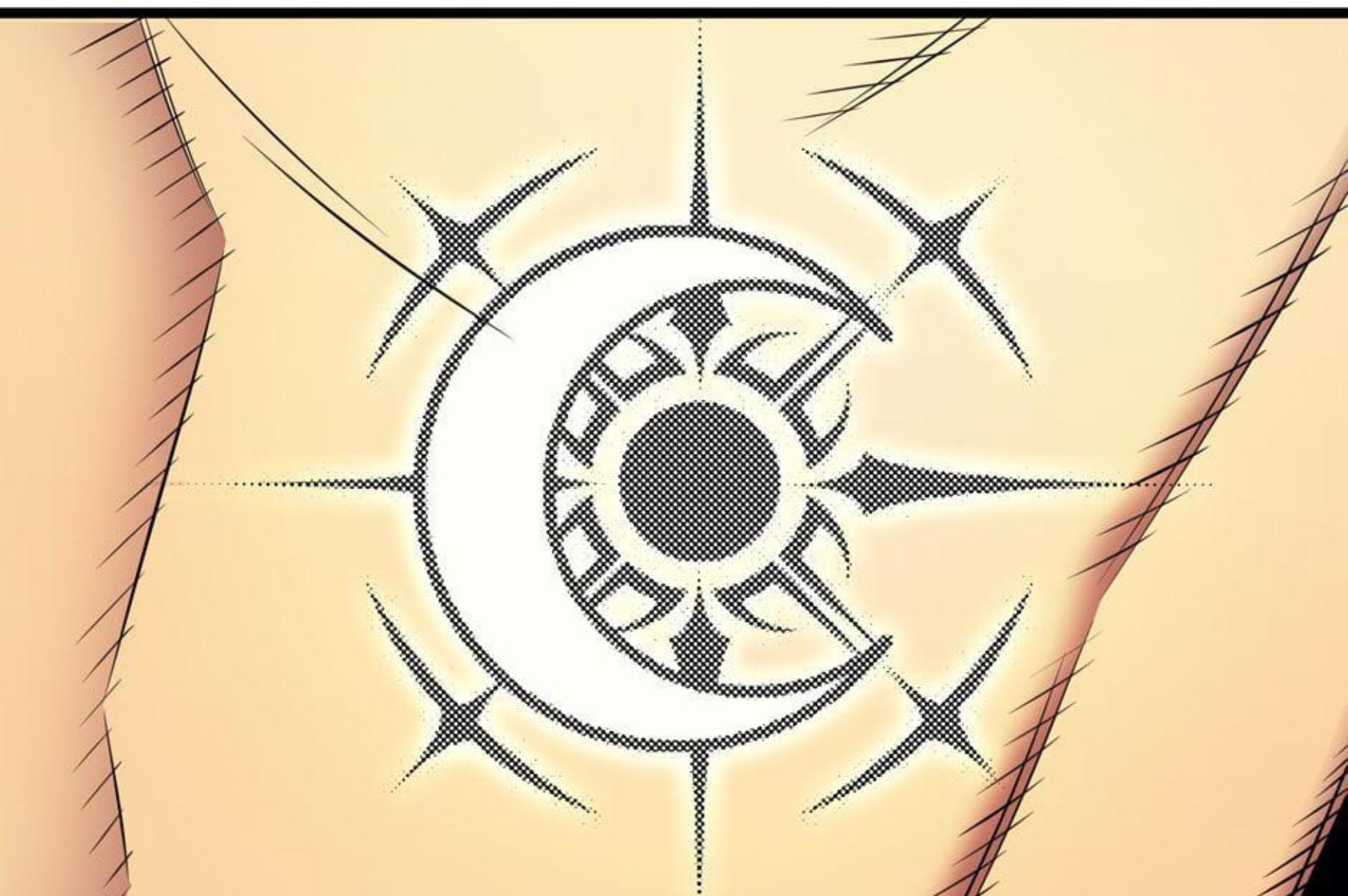




IT'S JUST AS INDICATED  
BY SCHEIZER'S DIARY...  
IT SEEMS HE KNOWS  
ABOUT THE FORGOTTEN  
HISTORY THAT HASN'T  
BEEN RECORDED IN  
CURRENT HISTORY.

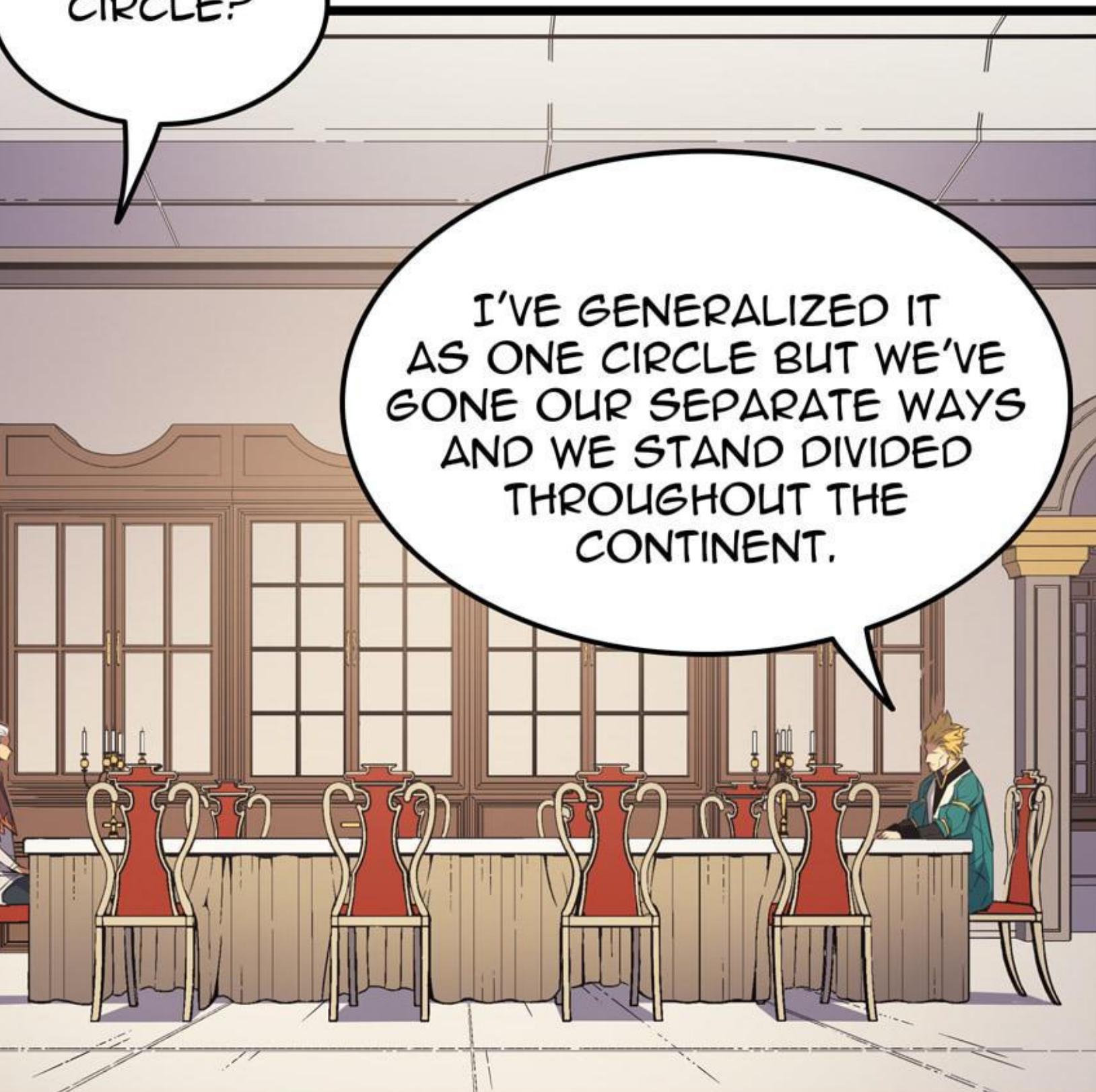
I THINK I CAN  
TRUST HIS INTEL.

OUR CIRCLE...  
WE ARE AN  
ORGANIZATION  
THAT INHERITED  
THEIR WILL.



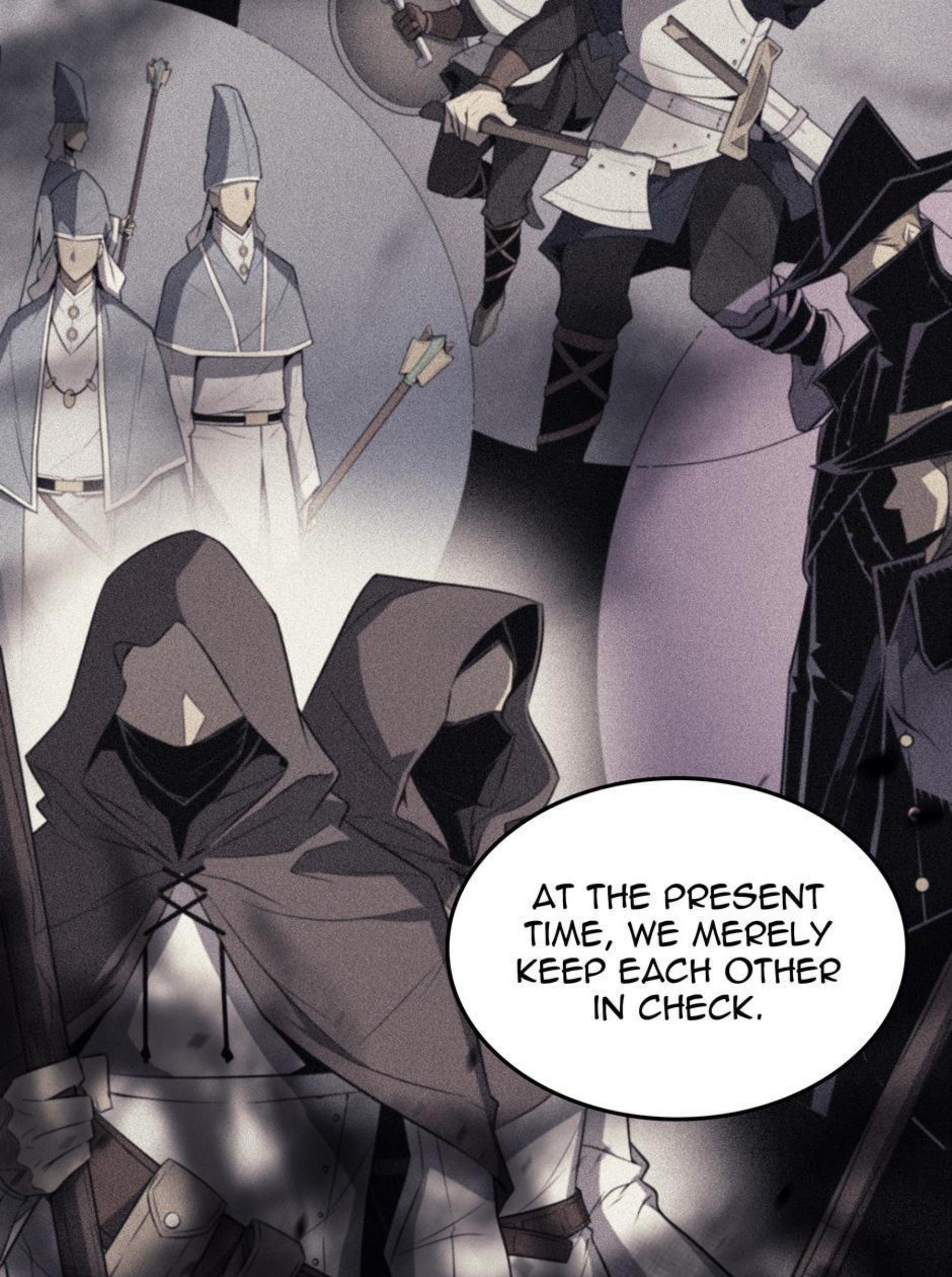
CIRCLE?

I'VE GENERALIZED IT AS ONE CIRCLE BUT WE'VE GONE OUR SEPARATE WAYS AND WE STAND DIVIDED THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT.



A LONG TIME HAS PASSED AND THE WILL WE'VE ALL INHERITED HAS SPLIT AMIDST THE RIFTS THAT FORMED BETWEEN US.





AT THE PRESENT  
TIME, WE MERELY  
KEEP EACH OTHER  
IN CHECK.

HUMANS NEVER  
CHANGE, WHEN  
THREE OR MORE  
PEOPLE GATHER  
IN ONE SPOT, IT  
SUDDENLY  
BECOMES  
POLITICAL...

SIGH

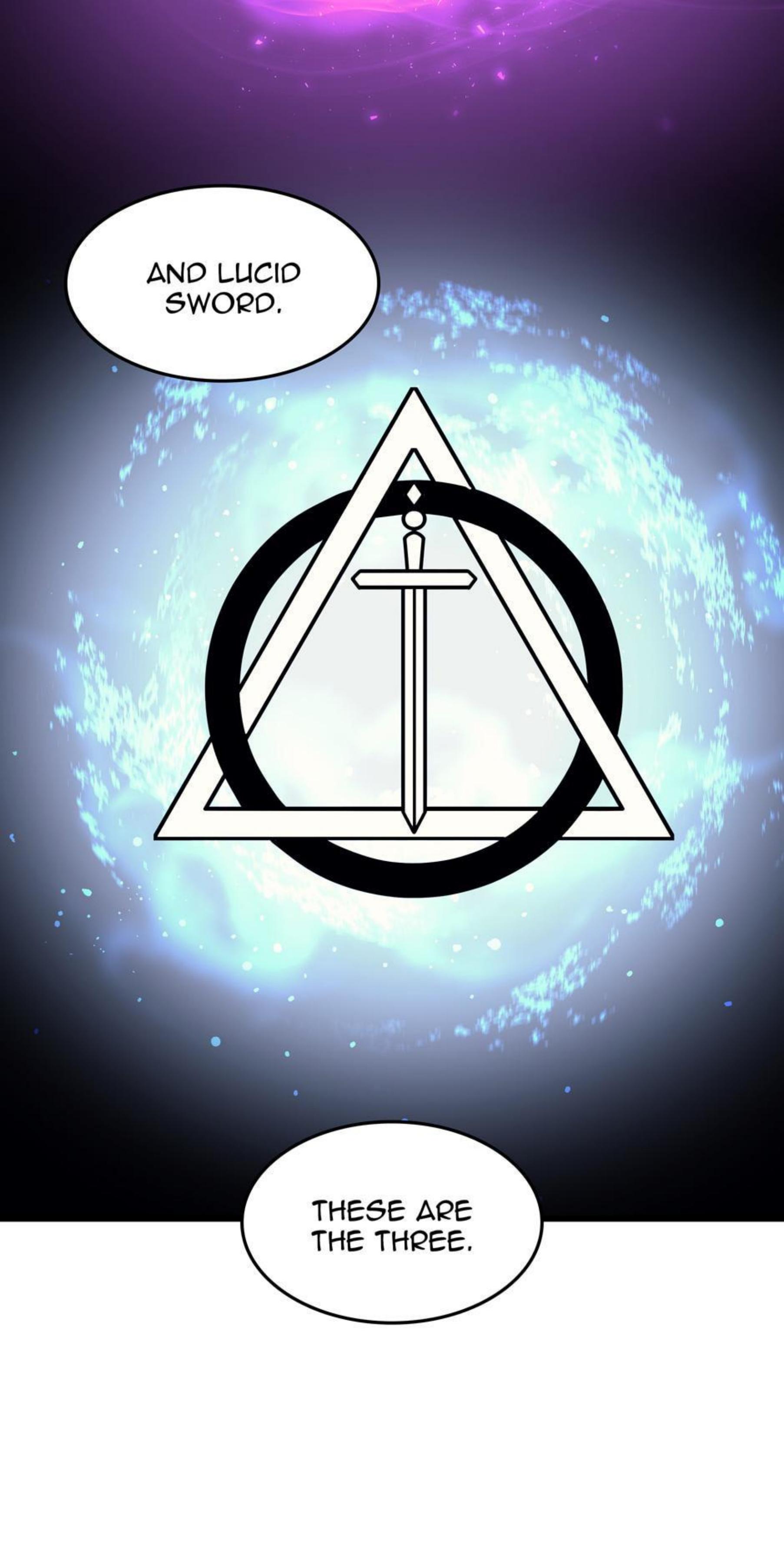
WE'VE DIVIDED  
INTO COUNTLESS  
FACTIONS BUT THE  
ONES WITH THE MOST  
INFLUENCE RIGHT  
NOW ARE...

THE STROW  
NECKLACE,



ARMLETS OF THE  
PEACEFOUNDER,





AND LUCID  
SWORD.



THESE ARE  
THE THREE.



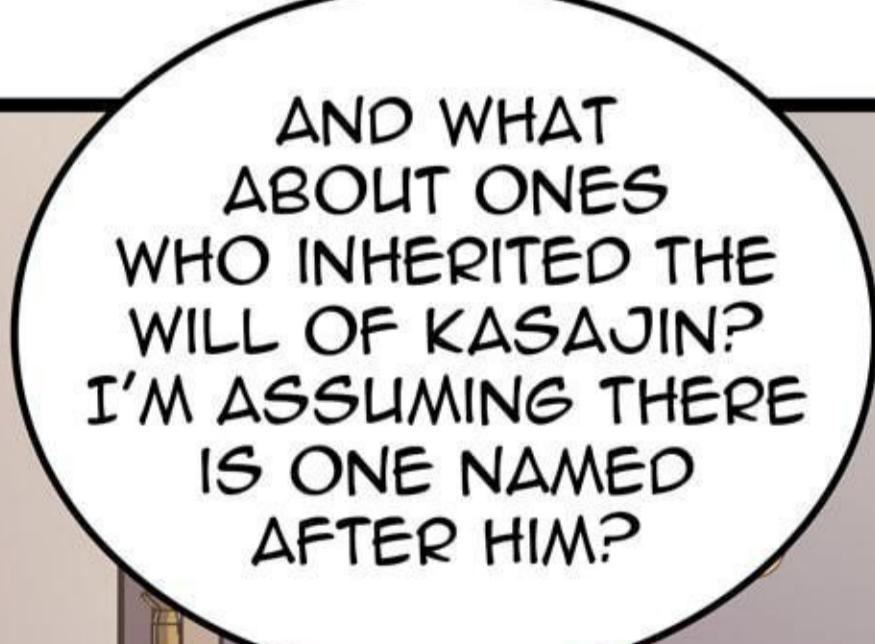
SO THESE CIRCLES HAVE INHERITED OUR NAMES...? THEN I ASSUME THERE'S ONE THAT'S NAMED AFTER ME AND KASAJIN?

I DON'T HAVE MUCH INTEL ABOUT THE OTHER SMALLER CIRCLES BUT I'VE HEARD THAT THE SITUATION OF THE TROWMAN RINGS ISN'T VERY GOOD.

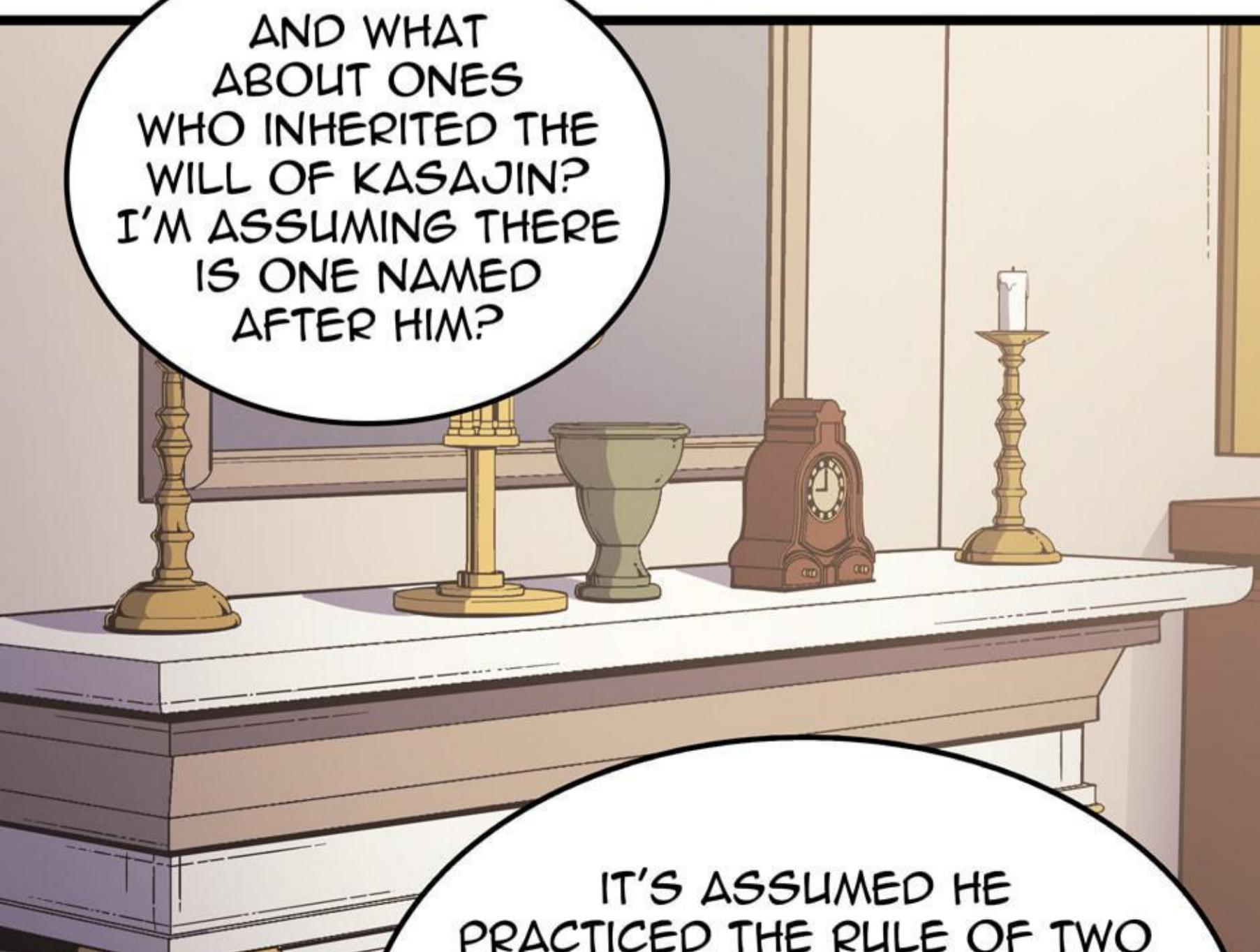
THE LAST I HEARD, THEIR CIRCLE MASTER HAS PERISHED AND HALF OF THEIR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS HAVE SPLIT AND JOINED OTHER CIRCLES.



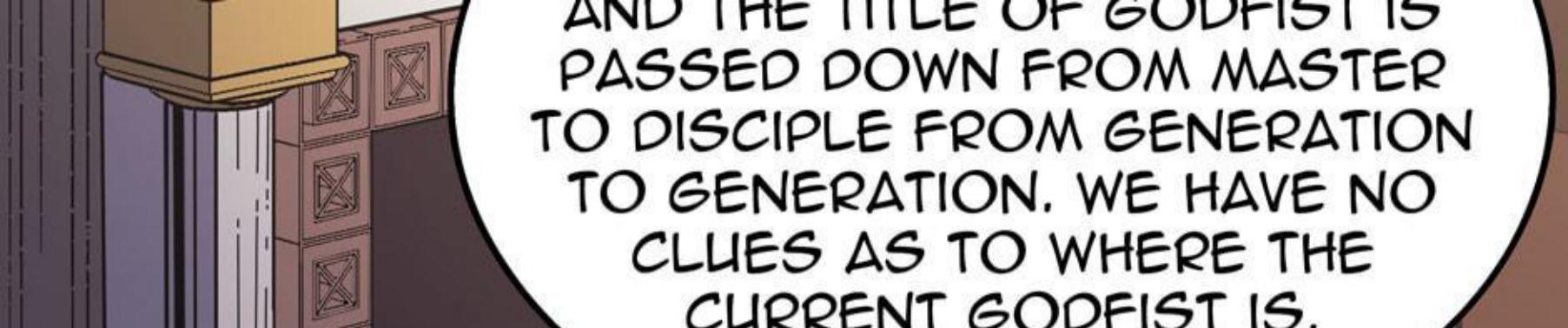
FUCKING  
POLITICS AGAIN...!



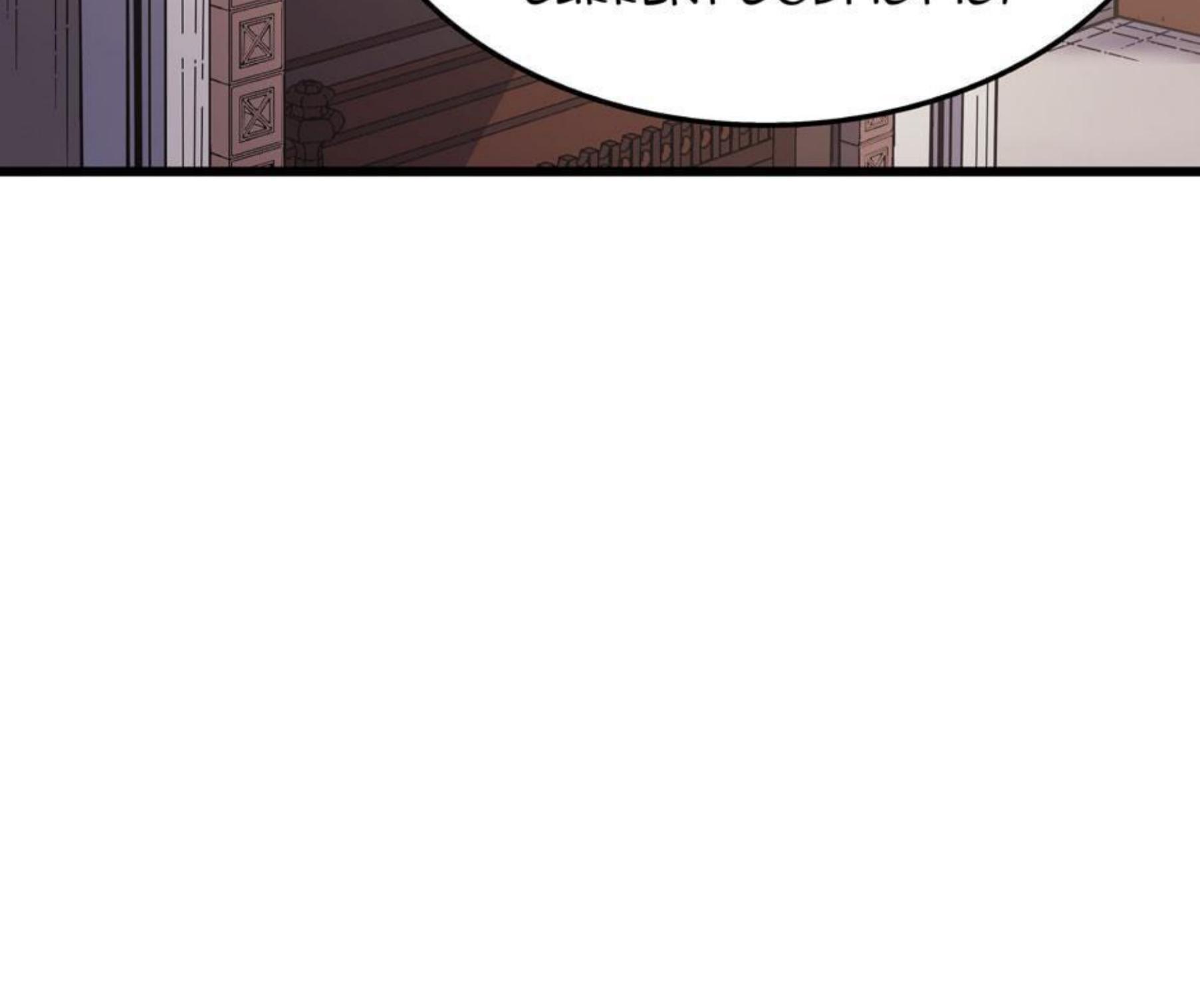
AND WHAT  
ABOUT ONES  
WHO INHERITED THE  
WILL OF KASAJIN?  
I'M ASSUMING THERE  
IS ONE NAMED  
AFTER HIM?



IT'S ASSUMED HE  
PRACTICED THE RULE OF TWO  
AND THE TITLE OF 100EIGTH IS



AND THE TITLE OF GODFIST IS  
PASSED DOWN FROM MASTER  
TO DISCIPLE FROM GENERATION  
TO GENERATION. WE HAVE NO  
CLUES AS TO WHERE THE  
CURRENT GODFIST IS.



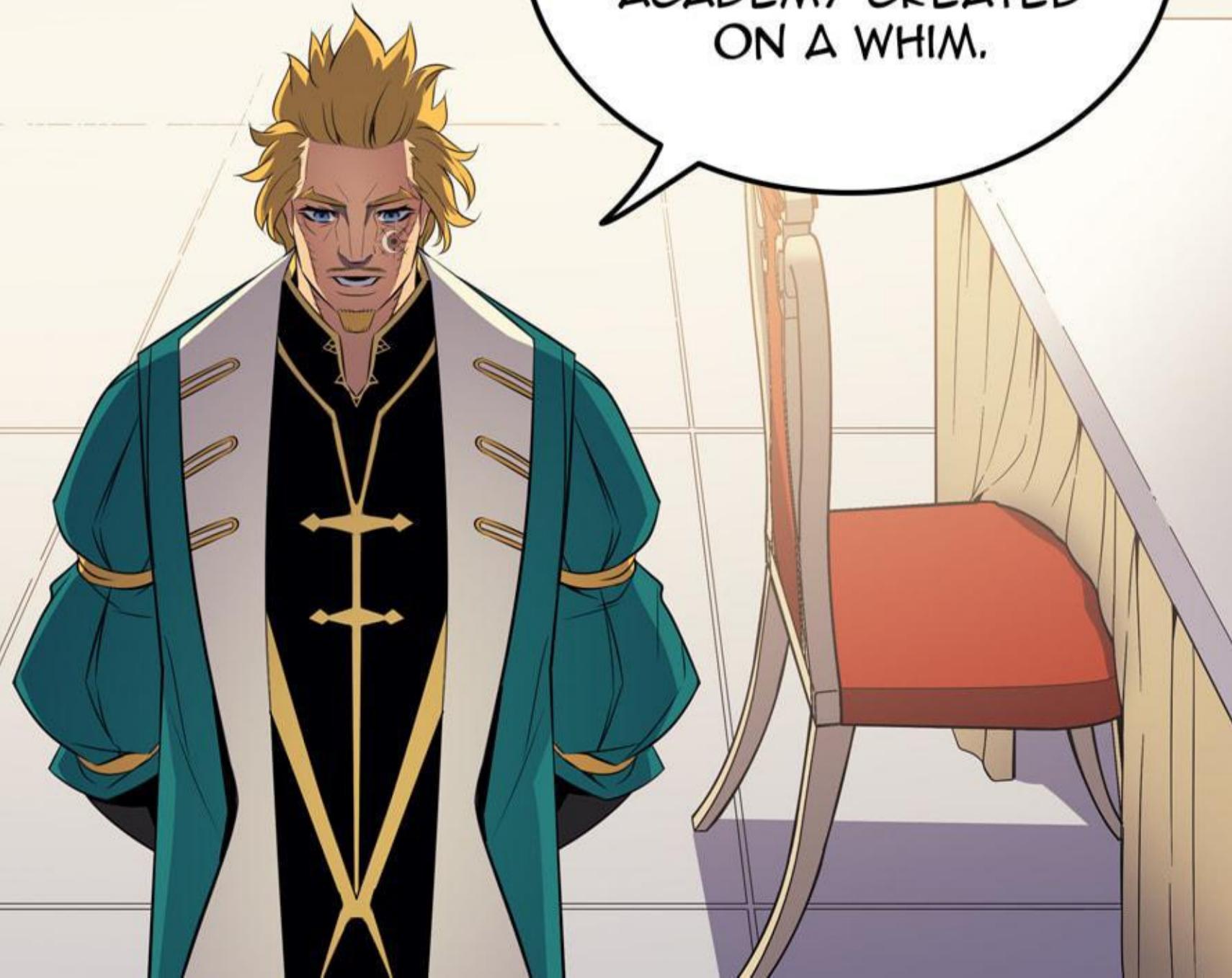
IS THE CIRCLE AT  
THE ACADEMY HAVE  
ANY ASSOCIATION  
WITH THE TROWMAN  
RINGS?

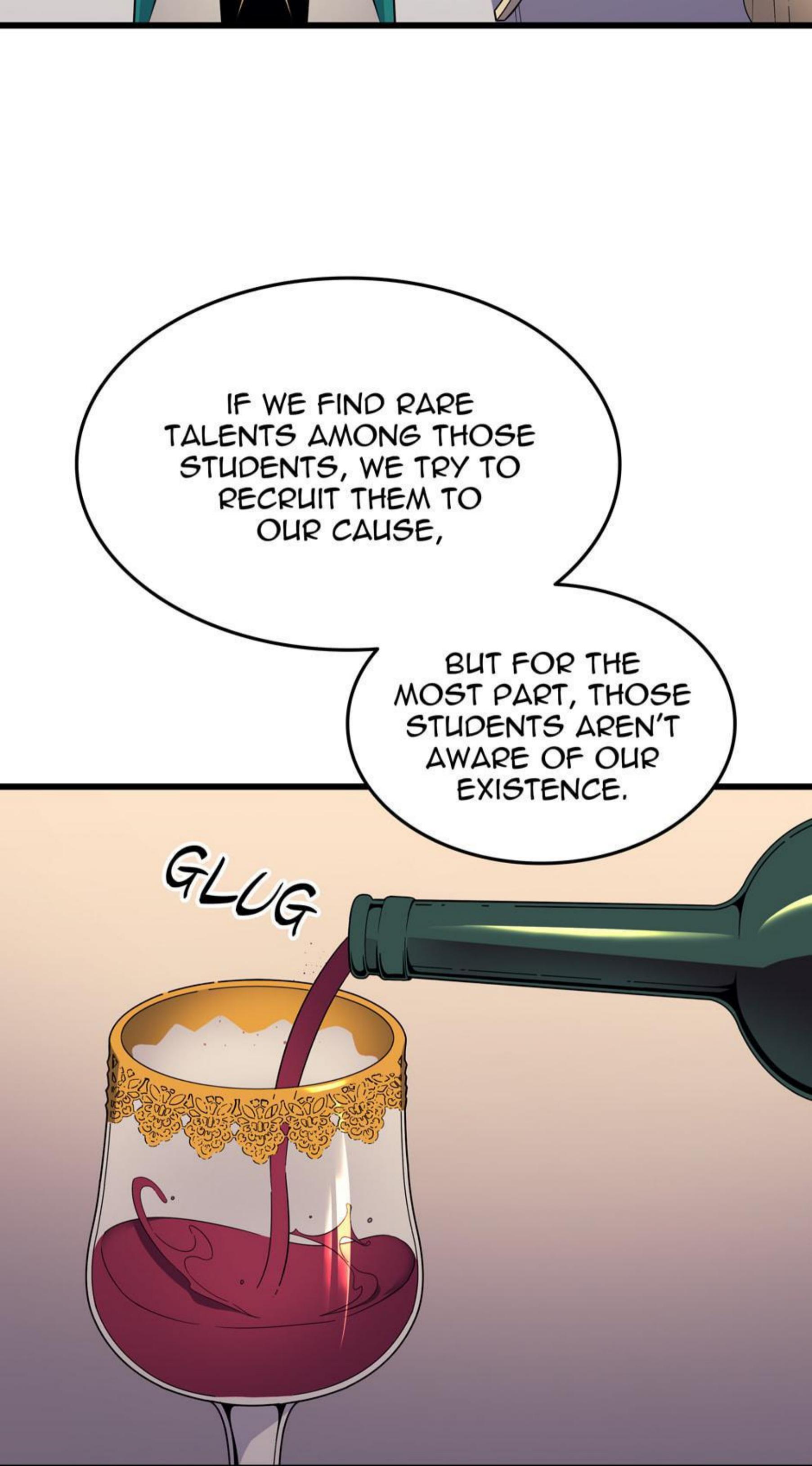
IT HAD THE  
SAME NAME.



HEH.

THAT CLUB IS  
SOMETHING YOUNG  
STUDENTS AT THE  
ACADEMY CREATED  
ON A WHIM.





IF WE FIND RARE  
TALENTS AMONG THOSE  
STUDENTS, WE TRY TO  
RECRUIT THEM TO  
OUR CAUSE,

BUT FOR THE  
MOST PART, THOSE  
STUDENTS AREN'T  
AWARE OF OUR  
EXISTENCE.

WELL...

FROM OUR  
PERSPECTIVE...

IT'S BETTER TO HAVE  
THEM MASQUERADE WITH  
THE SAME NAME SINCE THAT  
WILL MAKE IT LESS LIKELY  
TO BE DETECTED BY  
OUR ENEMIES.

AFTER ALL,

THERE'S NO TELLING  
WHERE AND WHEN THE  
DEMIGOD'S EYES MIGHT  
BE WATCHING.



I GUESS HE'S RIGHT... THERE'S  
NO TELLING IF THE DEMIGOD  
MIGHT BE LISTENING TO THIS  
CONVERSATION TOO.



THAT'S THE  
REASON WHY I'VE  
BEEN SUSPECTING  
YOU...

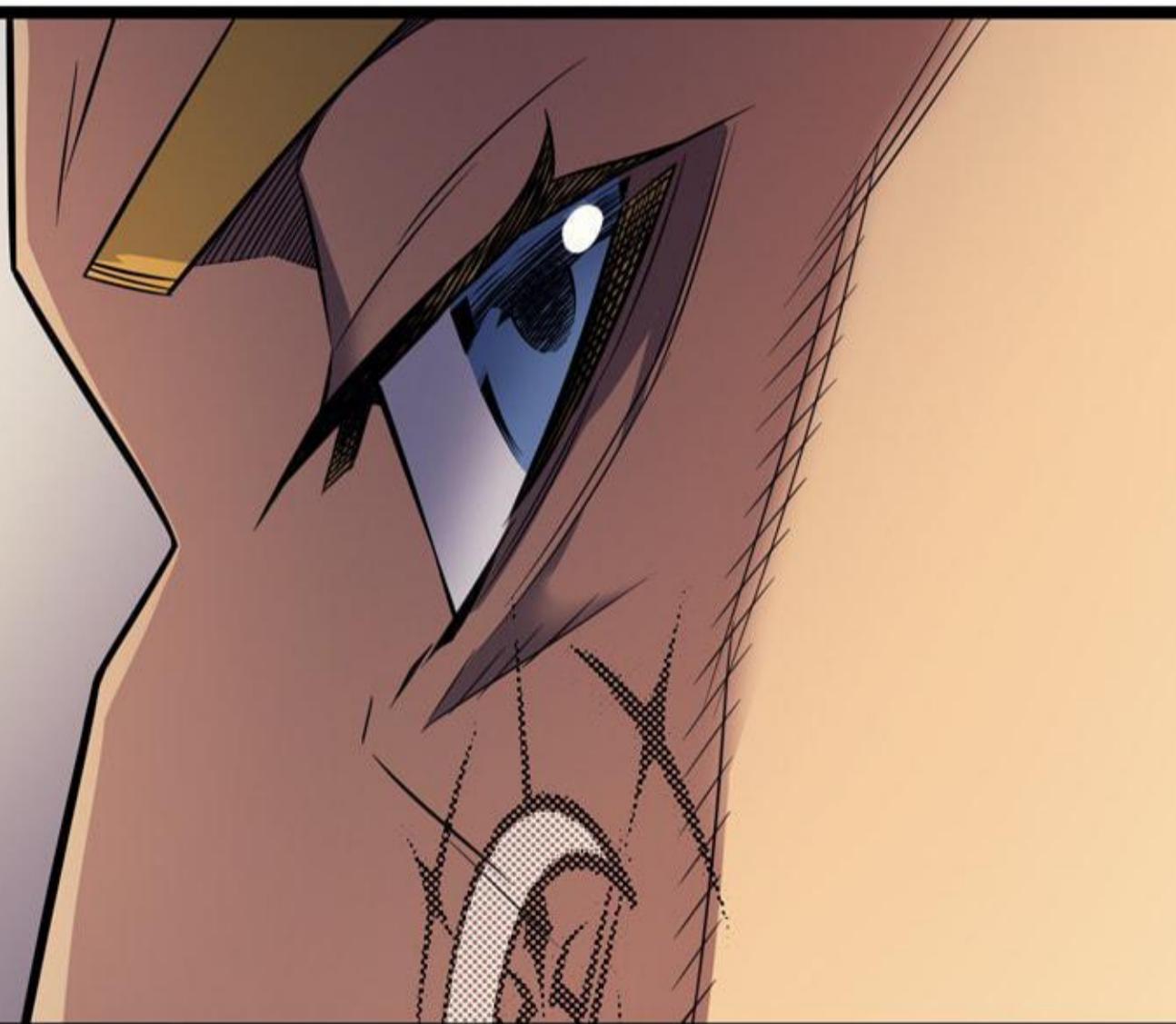
SINCE YOU  
BRAZENLY APPEARED  
BEFORE ME WEARING  
THE TYPHOON EARRINGS,  
A RELIC KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN ONCE POSSESSED  
BY THE ARCHMAGE.

I THOUGHT YOU  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN A  
MEMBER OF THE TROWMAN  
RINGS, APPROACHING TO  
DECLARE WAR UPON US.

A character with spiky orange hair and a teal hooded cloak is shown from the back. They are facing away from the viewer, looking towards the left side of the frame. A speech bubble originates from their mouth area.

THAT'S ALL  
I CAN TELL YOU  
FOR NOW.

IT'S YOUR TURN.



HOW DID YOU  
ACQUIRE THOSE  
RELICS?



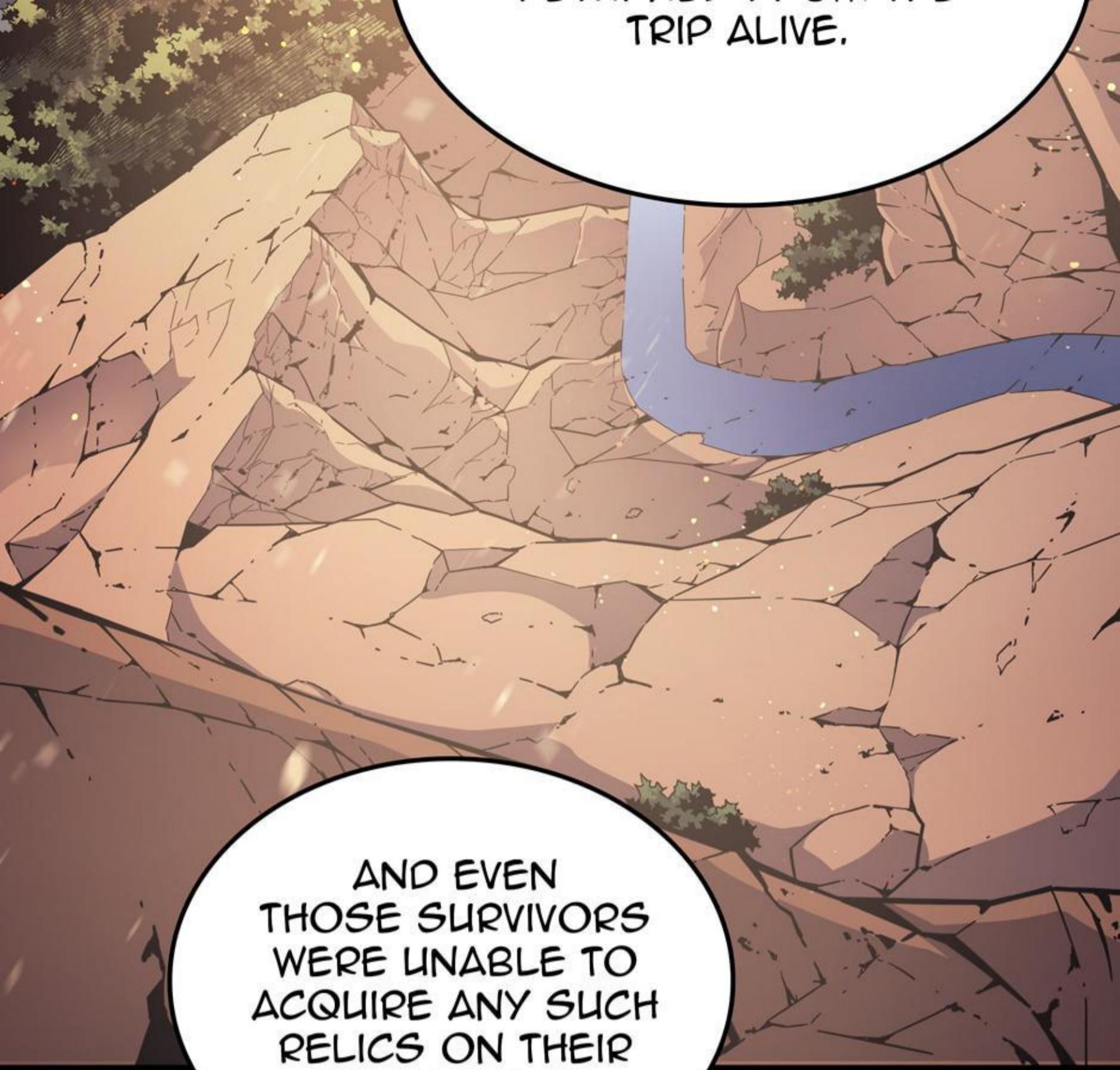
YOU MENTIONED  
THAT YOU'VE OBTAINED  
THEM ON TOP OF MOUNT  
ESPAÑIA, CORRECT?



I'VE HEARD  
SUCH RUMORS THAT  
MANY OF THE ANCIENT  
RELICS OF PAST HEROES  
CAN BE FOUND ON TOP  
OF MOUNT ESPANIA.

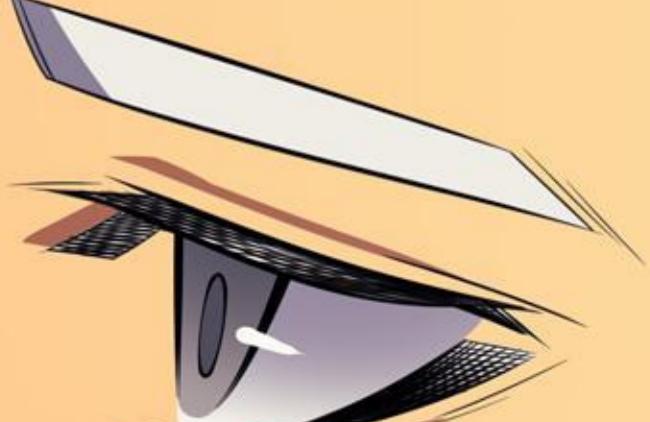
BUT ONLY A HANDFUL  
THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE  
RETURNED FROM THE

TRIP ALIVE.



AND EVEN  
THOSE SURVIVORS  
WERE UNABLE TO  
ACQUIRE ANY SUCH  
RELICS ON THEIR  
EXPEDITIONS.

THAT SOUNDS  
ABOUT RIGHT.



**NOT ONLY IS  
IT NEAR IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR THEM TO LOCATE  
THE ENTRANCE OF  
SCHEIZER'S  
DUNGEON...**

**EVEN IF THEY  
SOMEHOW MANAGED  
TO LOCATE THE DUNGEON,  
THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN GREETED  
BY TORKUNDA UPON EXITING.**



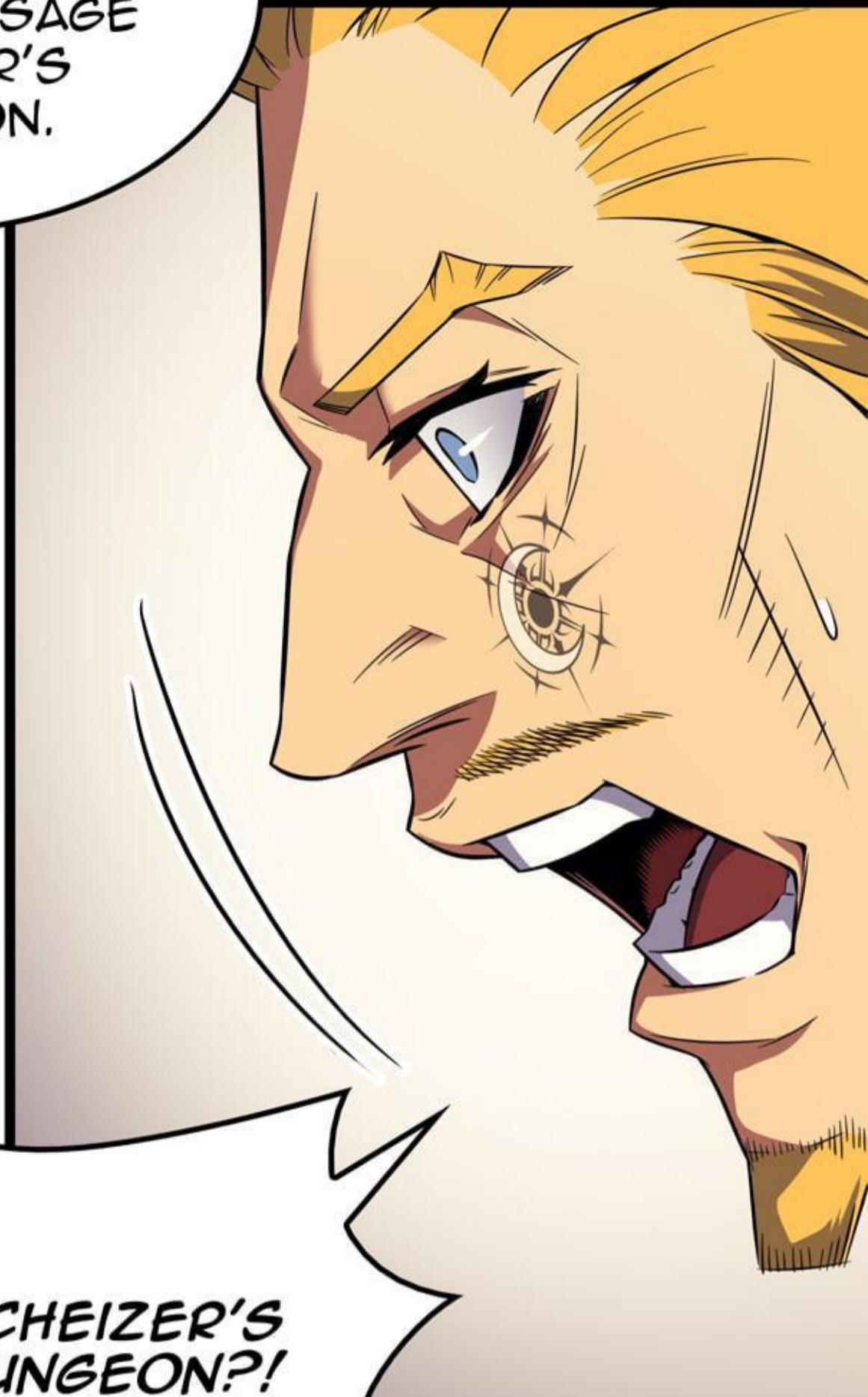


I WAS  
SIMPLY LUCKY.

AT THE TIME,  
I HAD NO IDEA  
WHERE I WAS.

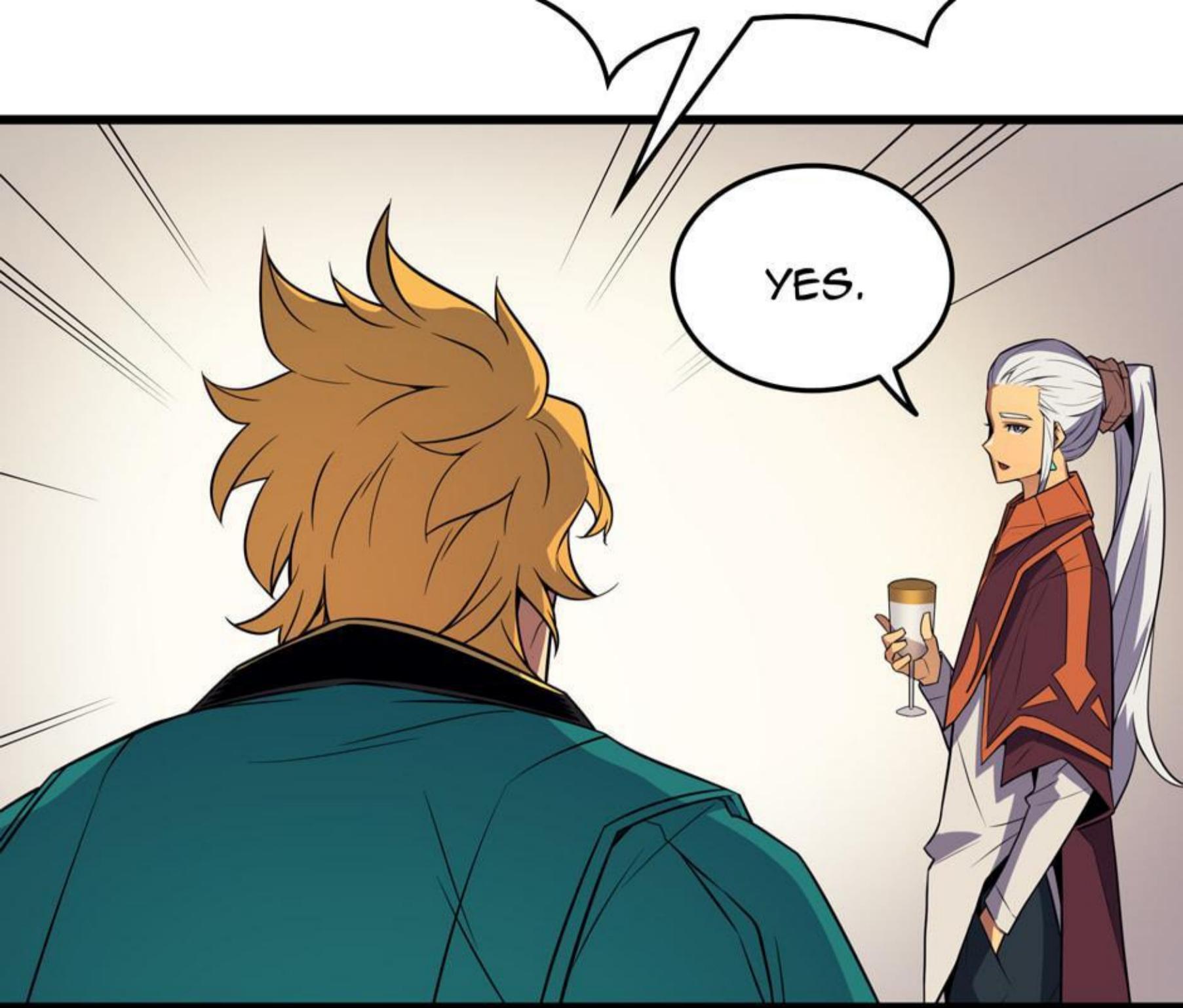
SURE SM

BUT BY  
SHEER LUCK,  
I CAME ACROSS  
THE GREAT SAGE  
SCHEIZER'S  
DUNGEON.



SCHEIZER'S  
DUNGEON?!

THEN THAT NOTE YOU  
MENTIONED READING,  
IT WAS DISCOVERED IN  
THAT DUNGEON?!



YES.



THE CONTENTS  
OF THAT DIARY LINES  
UP WITH EVERYTHING  
YOU'VE TOLD ME SO  
FAR, YOUR GRACE.



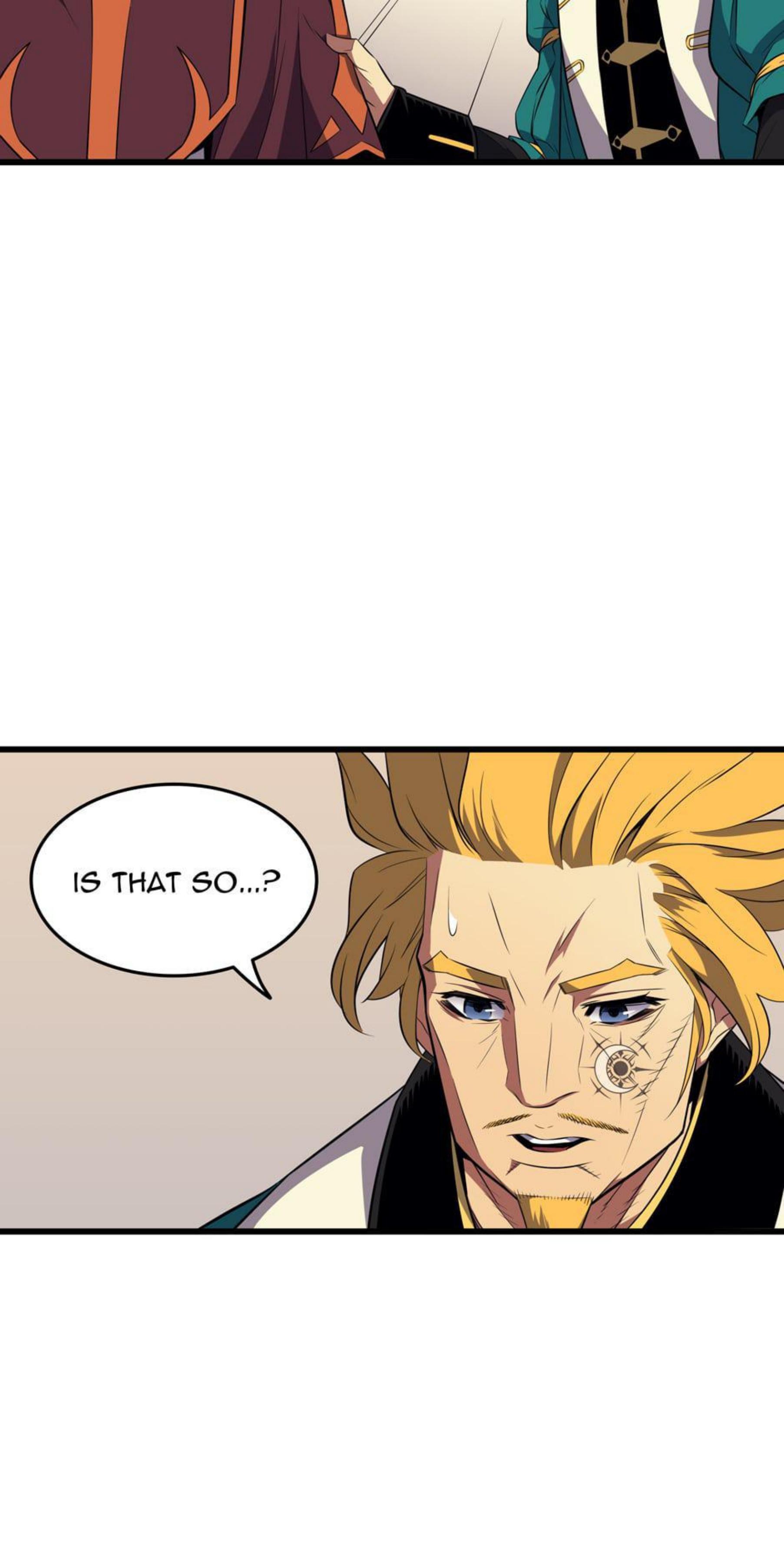
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PRAY TELL ME!  
I MUST GO THERE  
MYSELF!

MY APOLOGIES,  
I'M NOT SURE HOW  
TO GET BACK THERE,  
AS I DISCOVERED  
IT BY ACCIDENT...

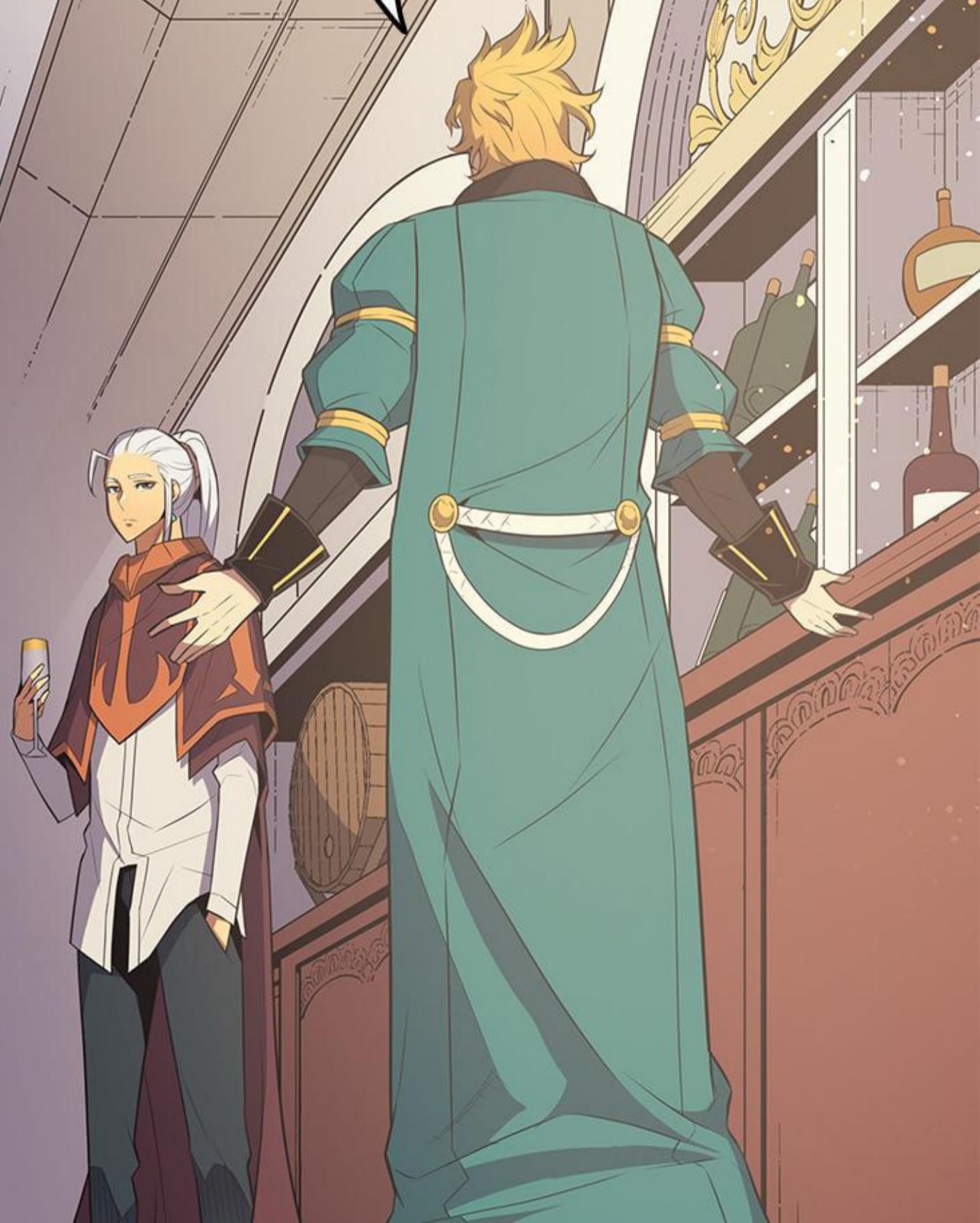




IS THAT SO...?

HONESTLY  
SPEAKING...

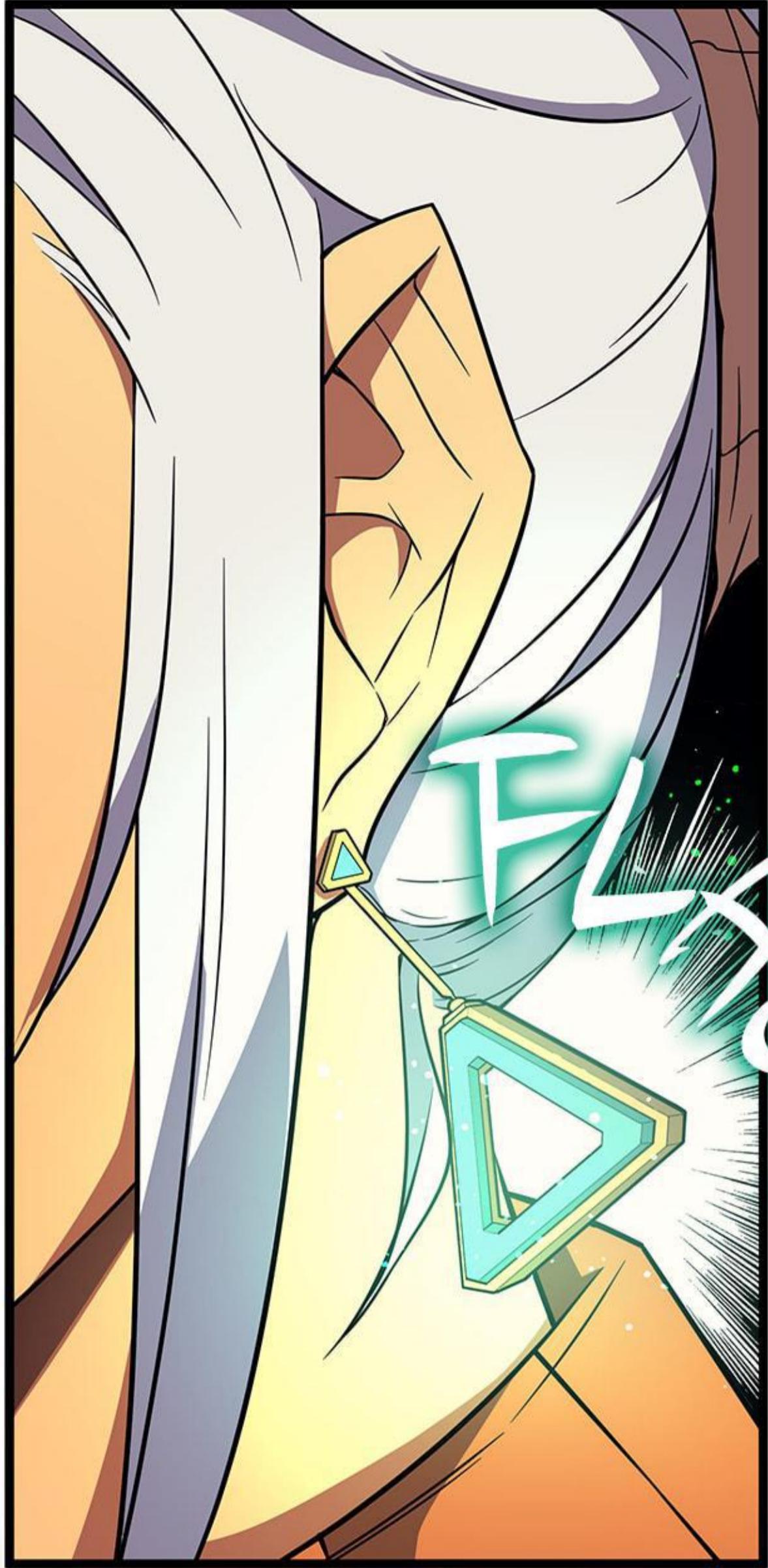
I'M UNABLE  
TO ERASE MY  
SUSPICIONS  
ABOUT YOU.





IF IT'S OKAY  
WITH YOU, WON'T YOU  
SHOW ME THE POWER  
OF THE TYPHOON  
EARRINGS?



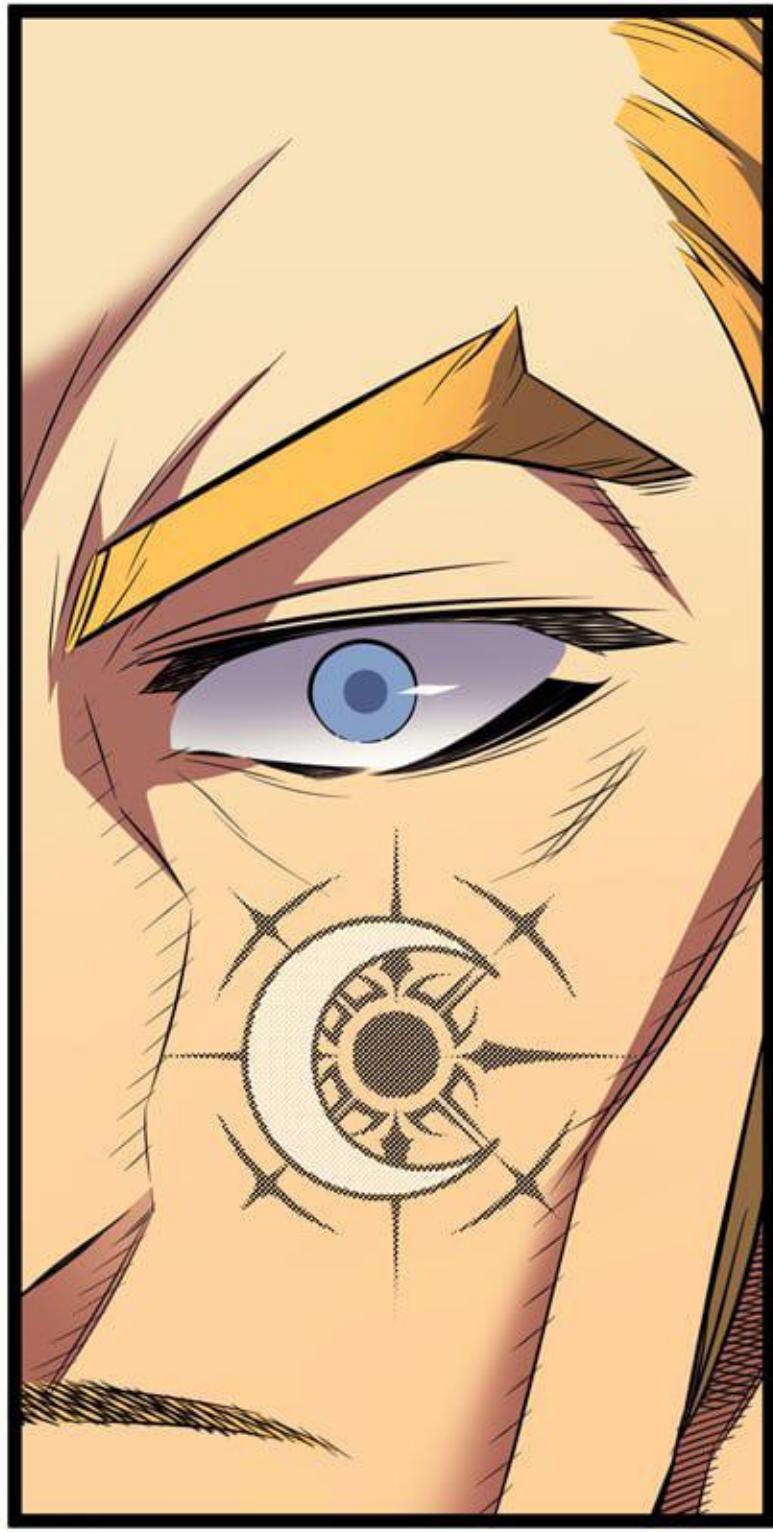


FLASH





WILL THIS DO?





I SEE...

SO THIS ISN'T  
THE WORST  
POSSIBLE  
SCENARIO  
AFTER ALL.



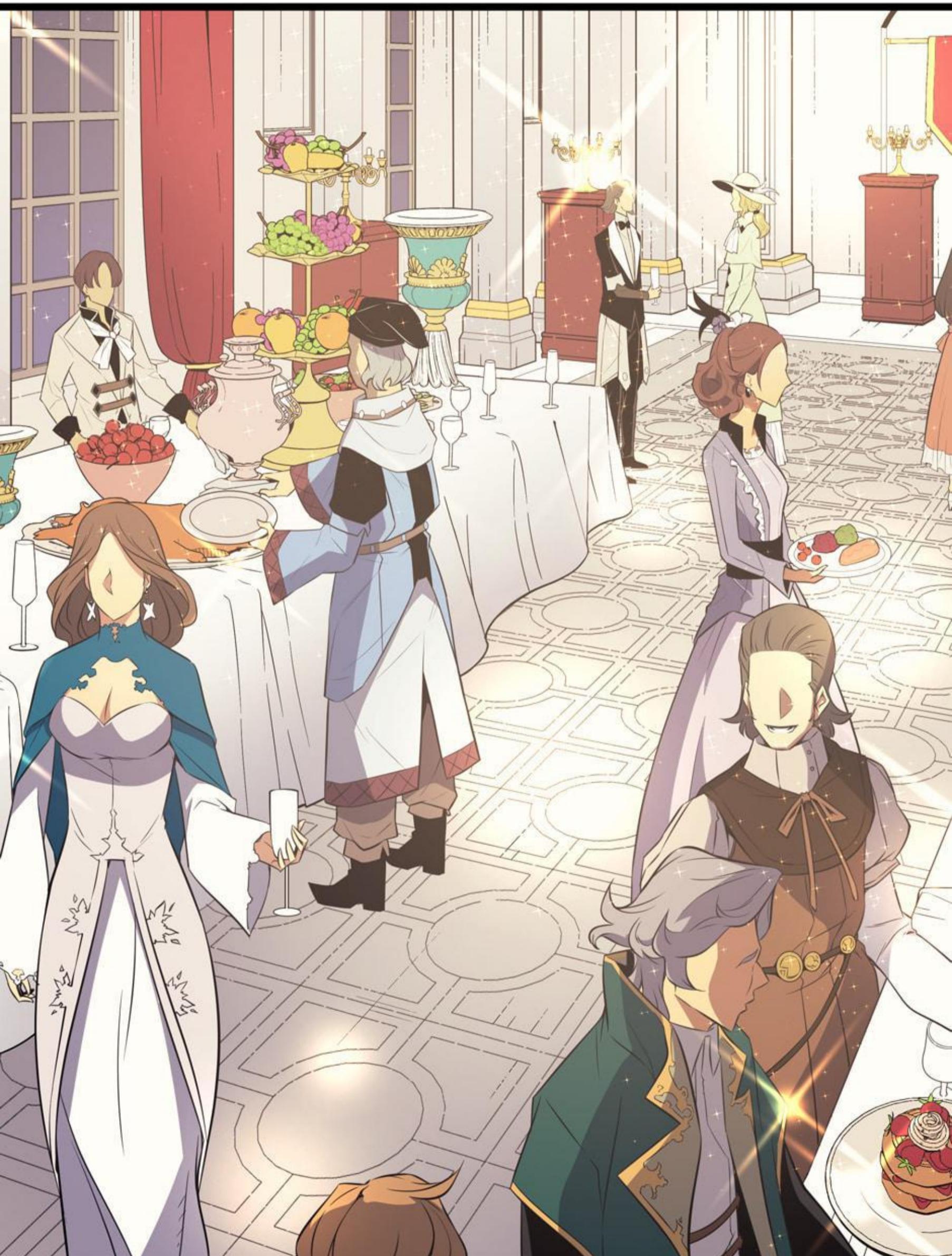
THE REASON I  
WAS SUSPICIOUS  
OF YOU...

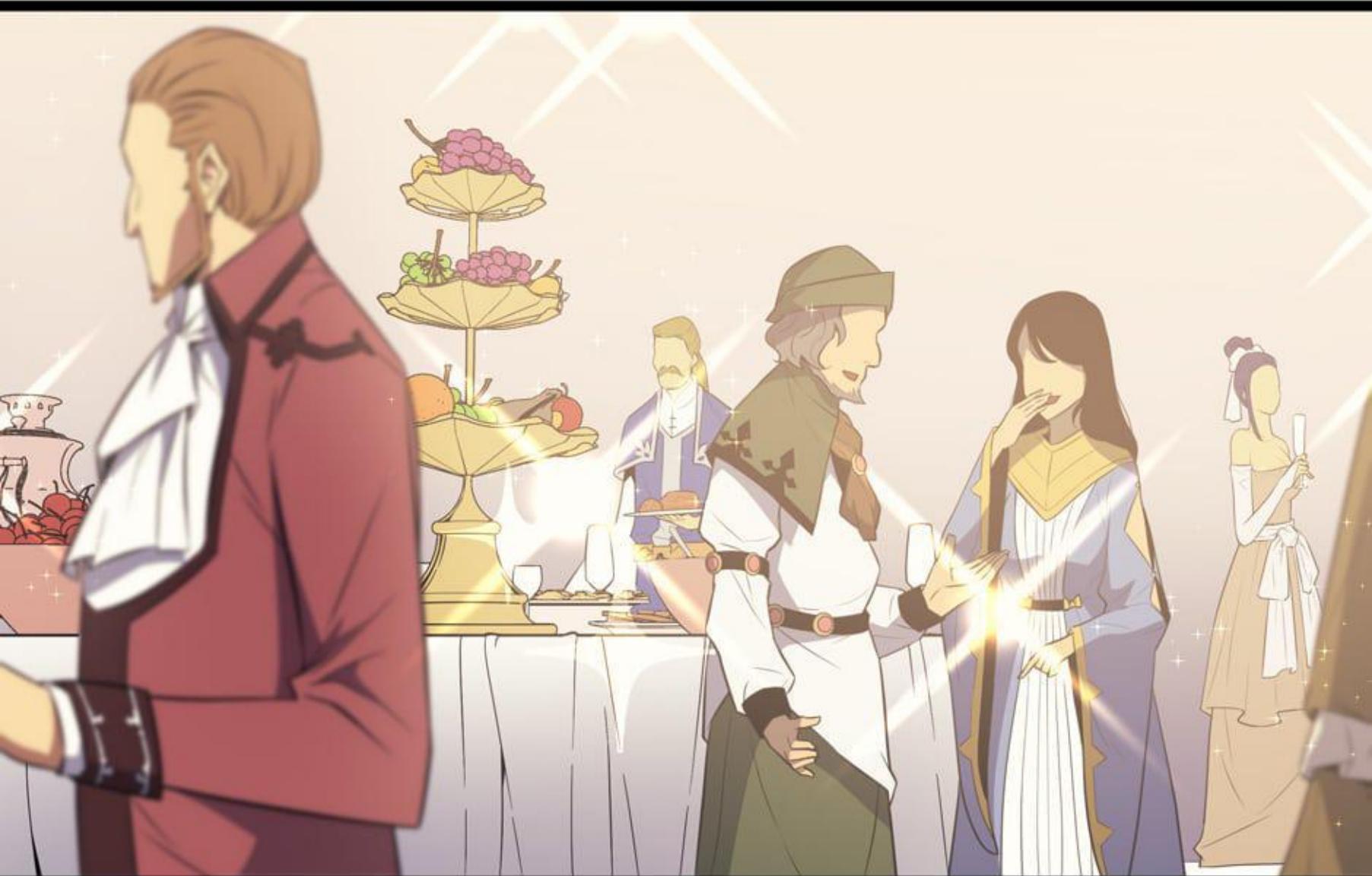


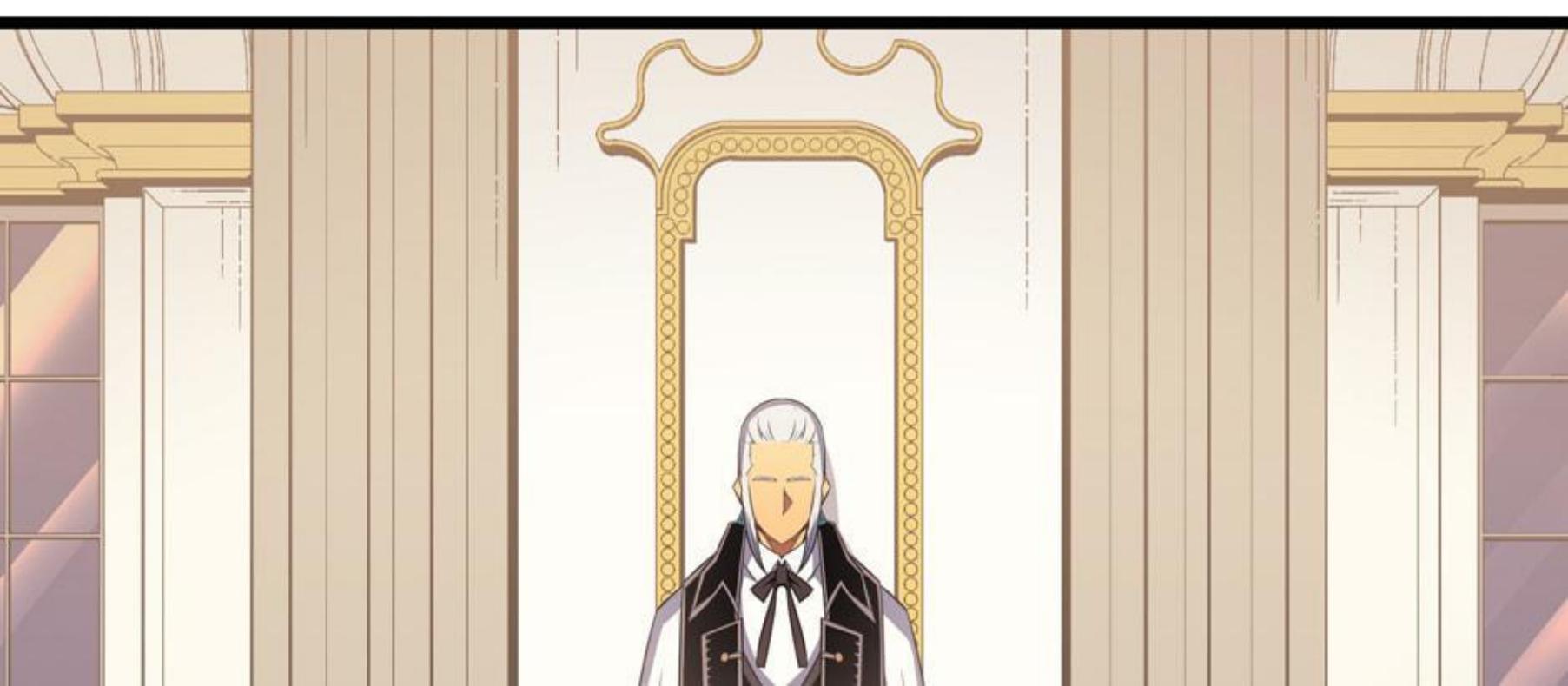
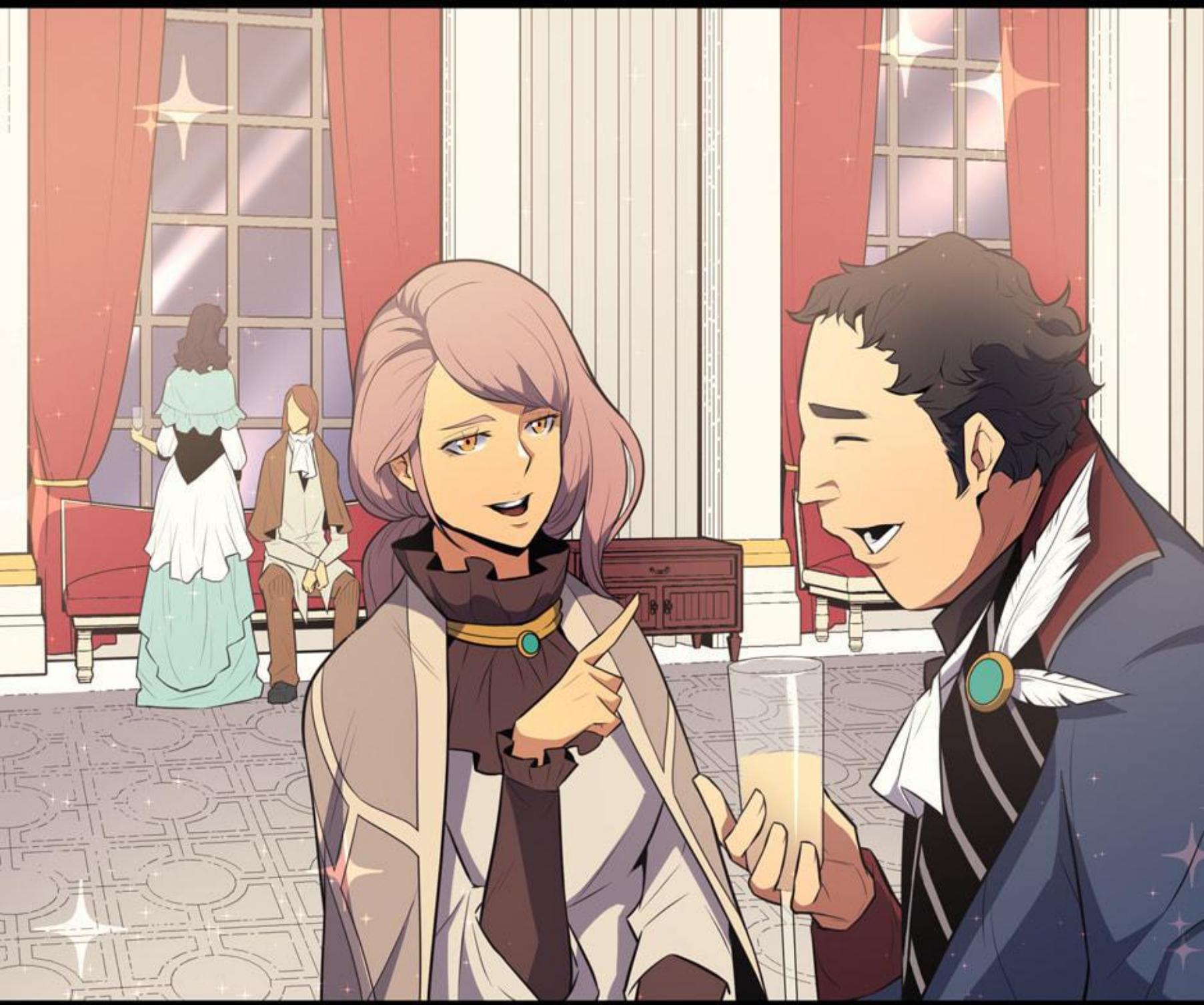
...WASN'T SIMPLY  
BECAUSE I THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN  
A MEMBER OF THE  
TROWMAN RINGS.

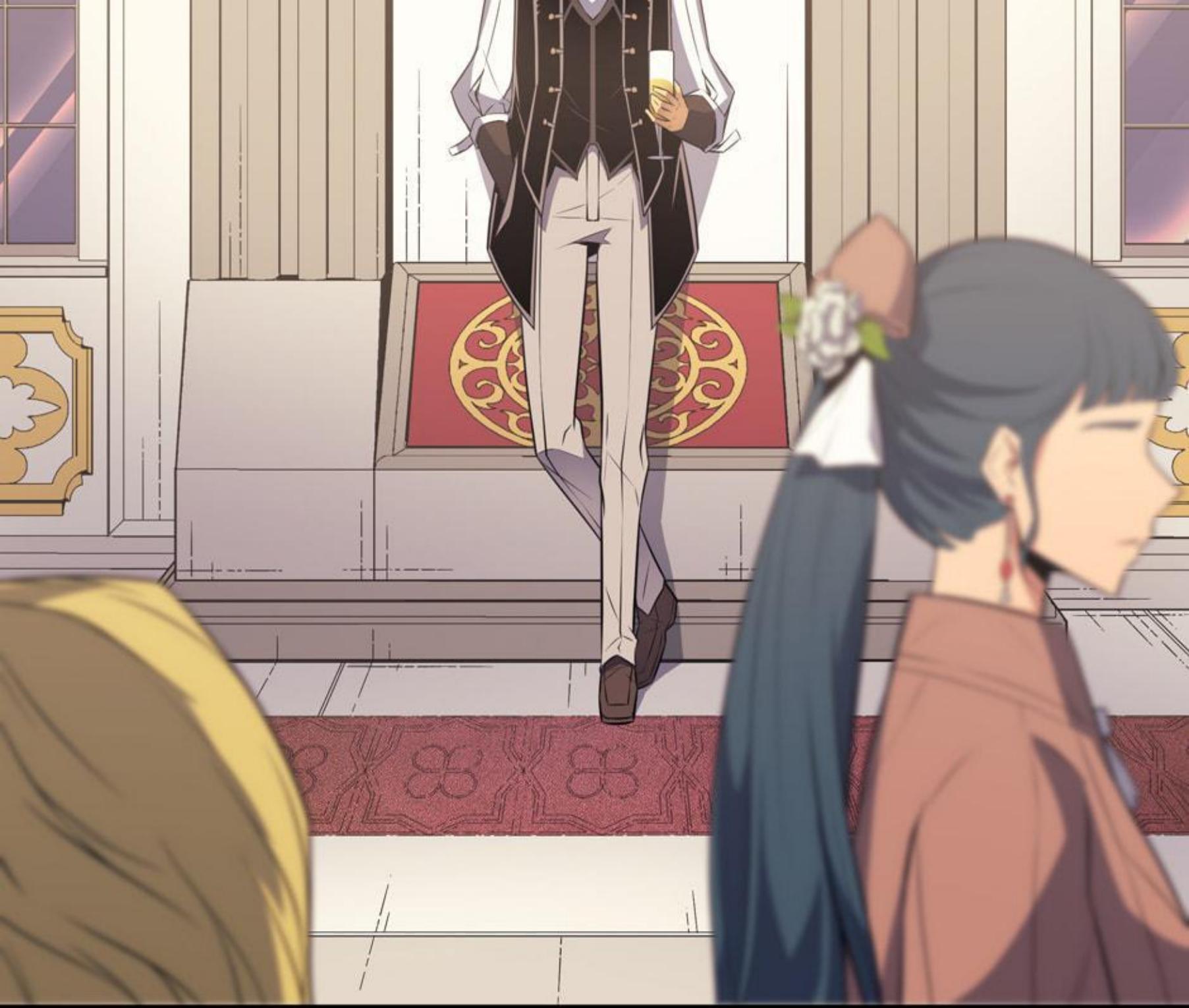
THERE WAS  
ANOTHER REASON.









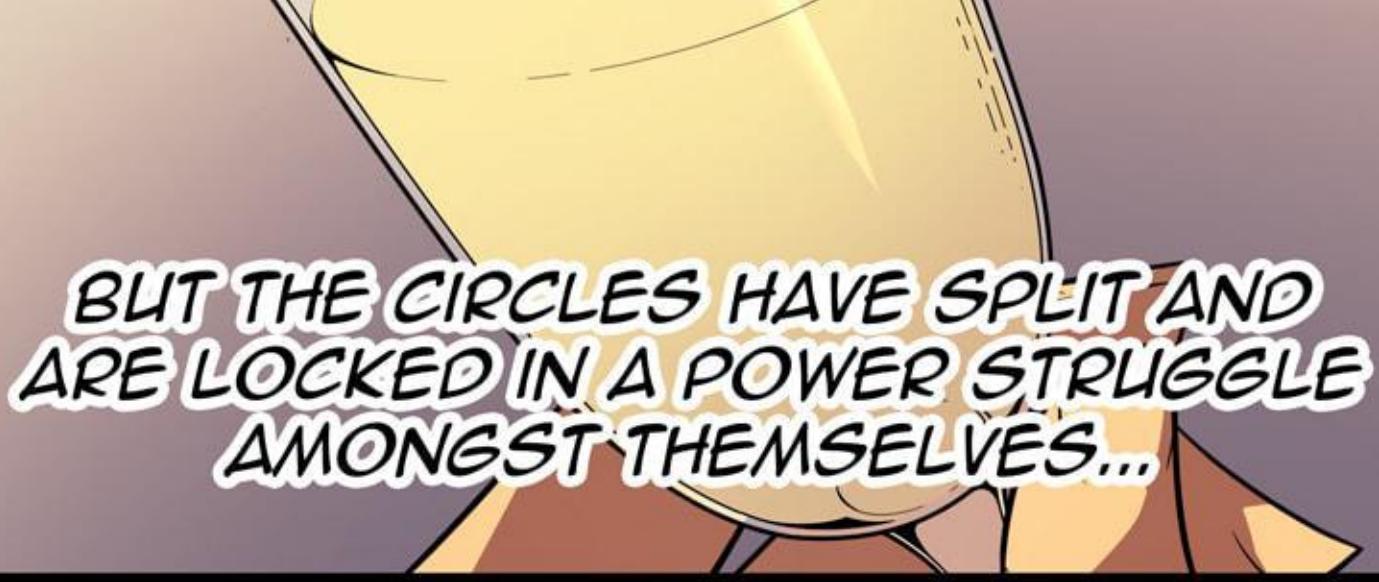


I'VE FINALLY  
FOUND INDIVIDUALS WHO  
MIGHT KNOW ABOUT THE  
DEMIGOD... BUT THINGS  
HAVE GOTTEN QUITE  
COMPLICATED.

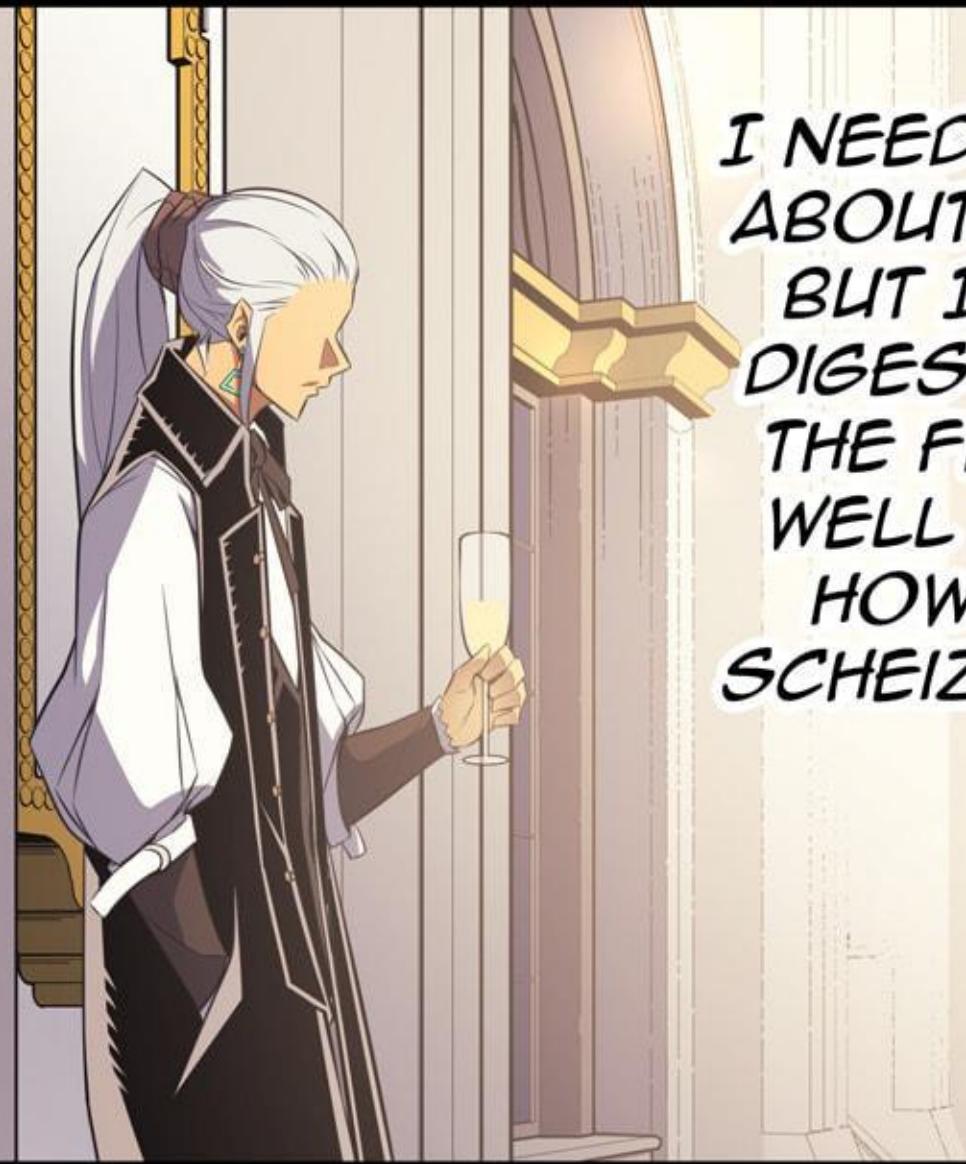


I'M HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE CIRCLES OUT THERE THAT HAVE INHERITED OUR NAMES-AND OUR RESOLVES,





BUT THE CIRCLES HAVE SPLIT AND  
ARE LOCKED IN A POWER STRUGGLE  
AMONGST THEMSELVES...



I NEED TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT THESE CIRCLES,  
BUT I ALSO HAVE TO  
DIGEST THE POWER OF  
THE FROZEN RIVER AS  
WELL AS INVESTIGATE  
HOW TO COMPLETE  
SCHEIZER'S ANASTASIA.

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THERE ARE JUST  
SO MANY THINGS  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT.

UGH!

I ALSO CAN'T RULE  
OUT THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT IT MIGHT BE A CHANCE

THAT IT WASN'T A SIMPLE COINCIDENCE THAT I'VE SYNCHRONIZED WITH FREI IN THE FIRST PLACE...



YOU SEEM LOST IN THOUGHT.



WELL?  
HOW DO I  
LOOK?



THIS IS A  
DRESS SPECIALLY  
PREPARED FOR ME  
BY LADY RYLIA.

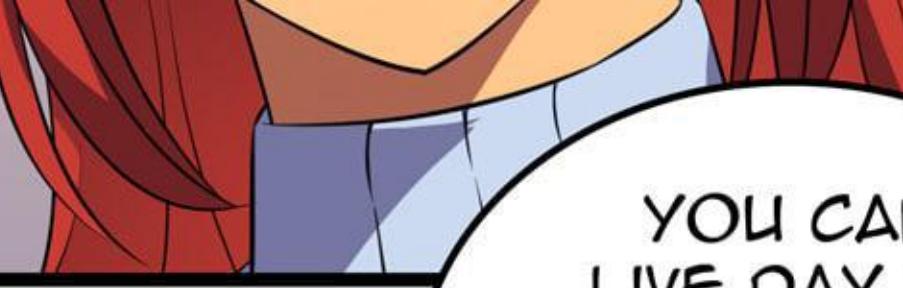




MUST BE NICE  
FOR YOU...

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YOU CAN  
LIVE DAY TO  
DAY WITHOUT ANY  
REAL WORRIES  
ABOUT THE  
FUTURE.



WHA-WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN  
BY THAT?!



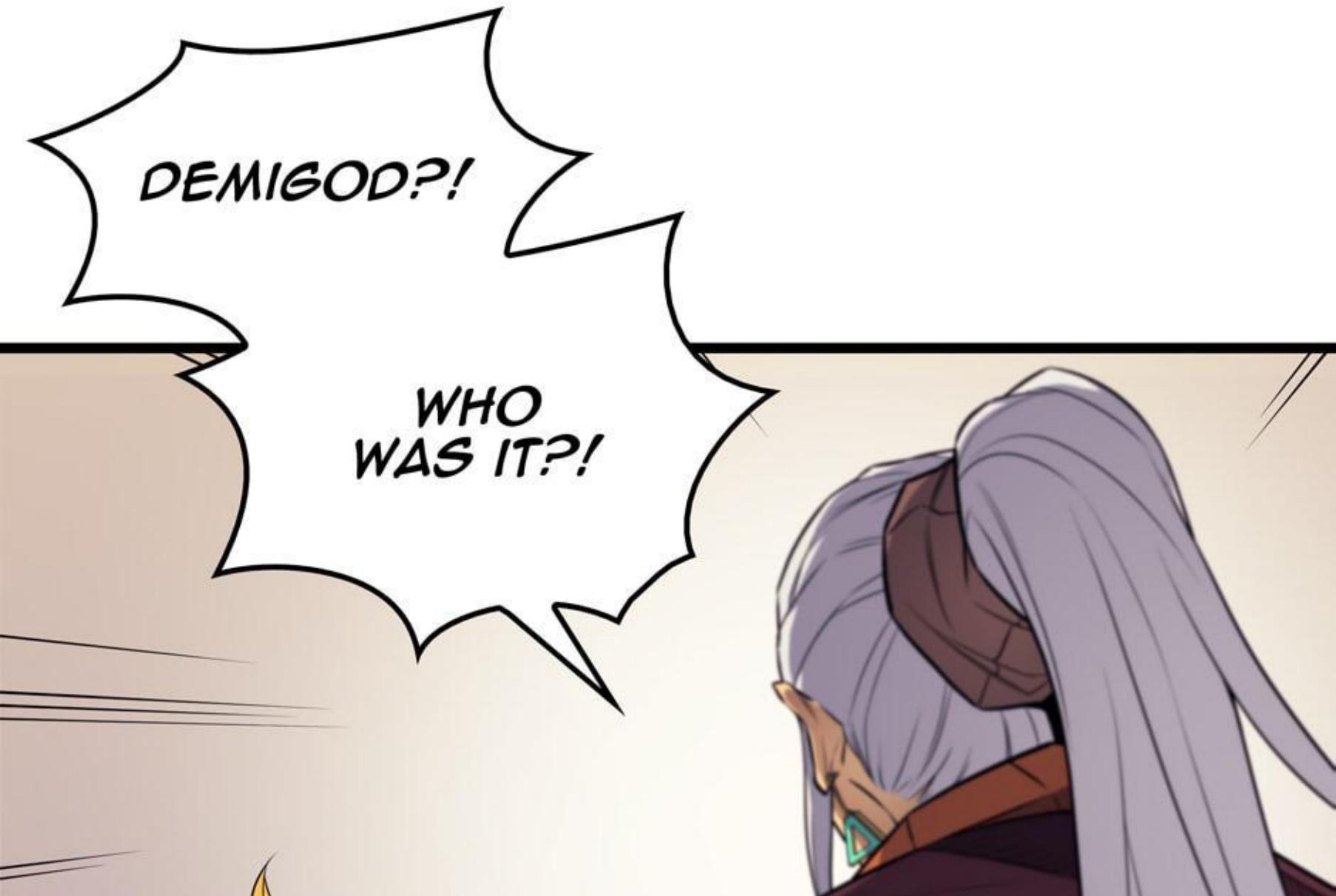
WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?  
WHAT'S THE OTHER  
REASON YOU'VE  
SUSPECTED ME?



A MONTH AGO,  
I HEARD A DISTURBING

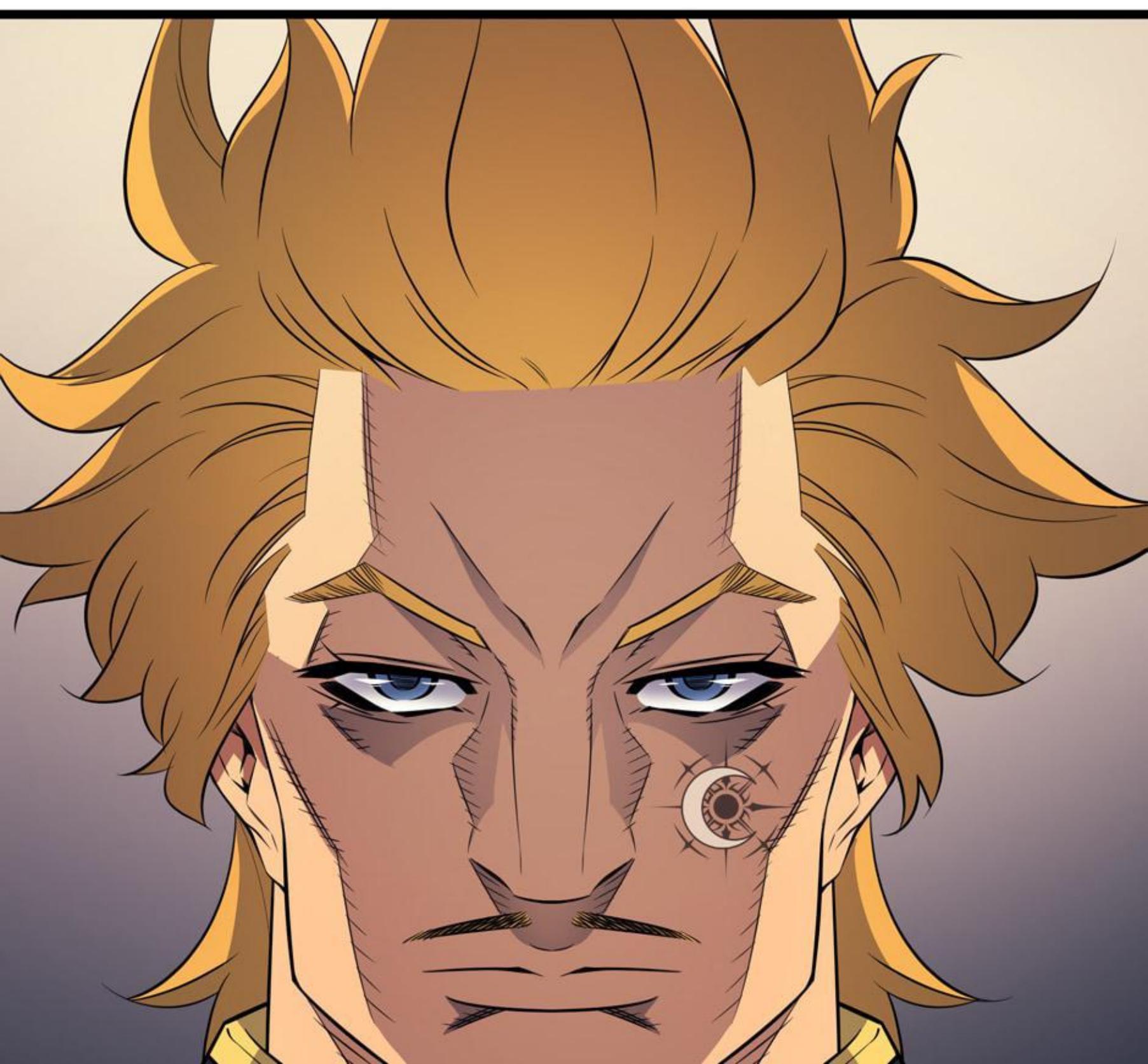


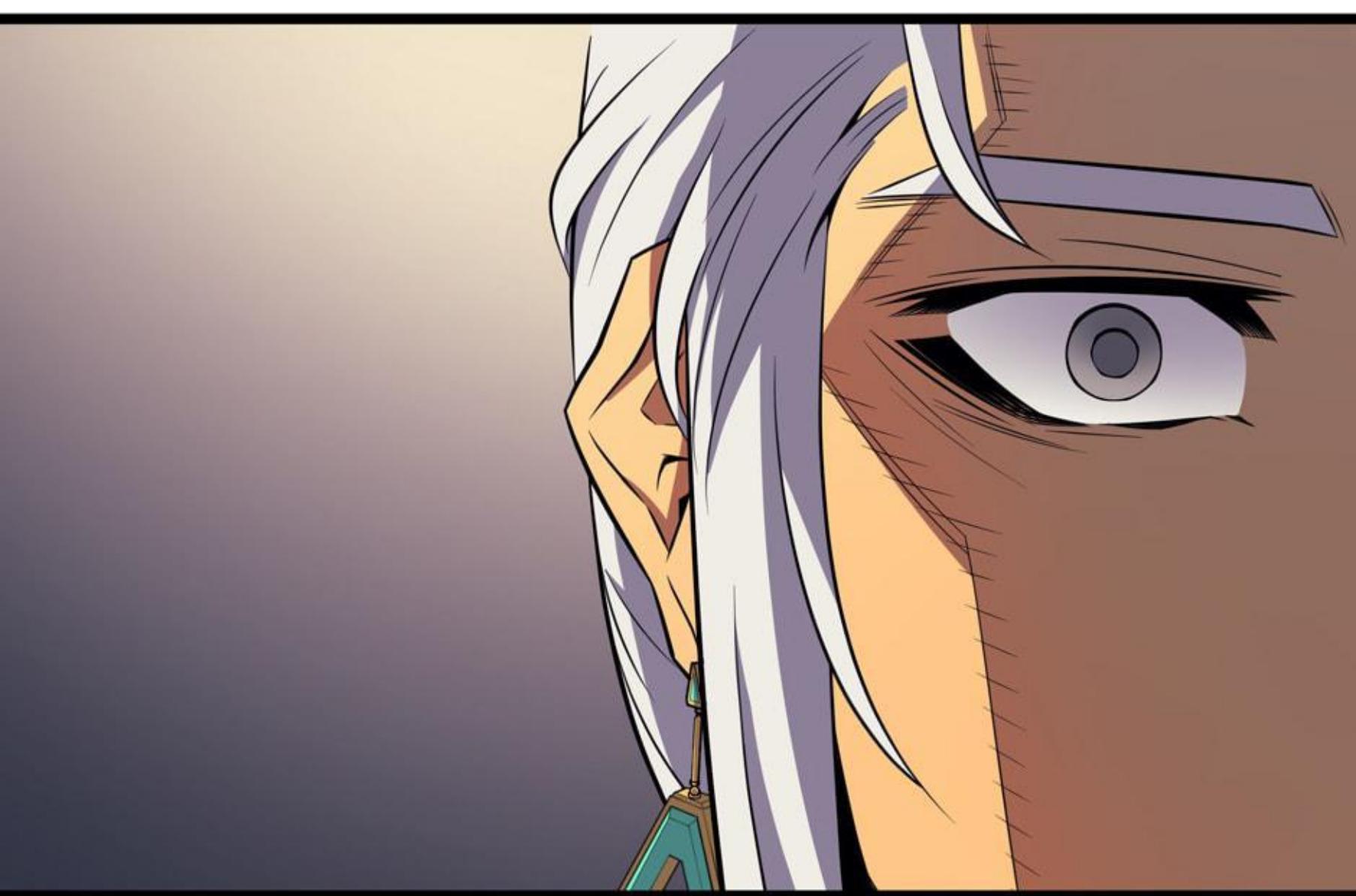
REPORT THAT THERE WAS  
AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY  
HAVE GOTTEN IN CONTACT  
WITH THE DEMIGOD.



DEMIGOD?!

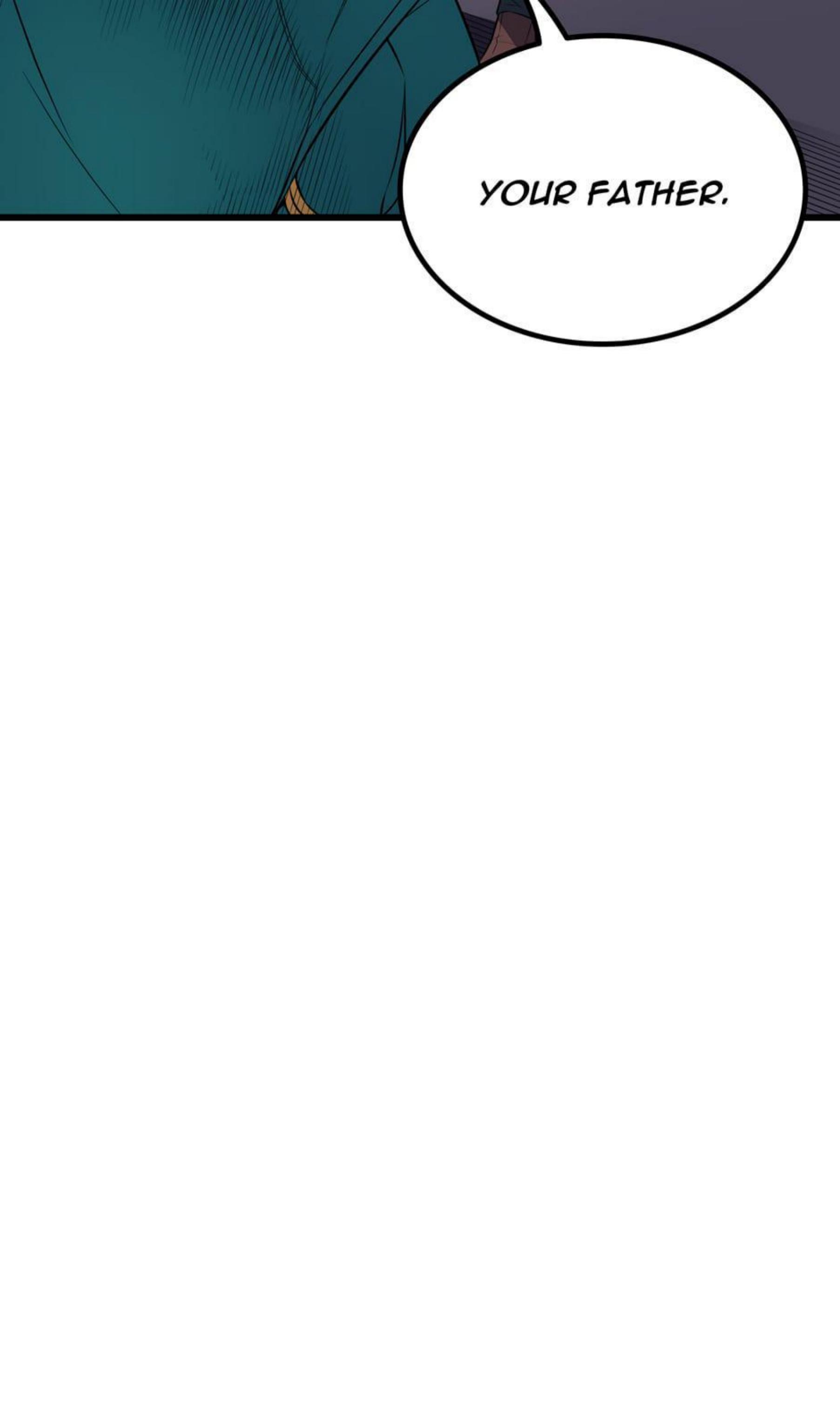
WHO  
WAS IT?!





LORD ISAKA BLAKE.



A close-up of a character's face, showing dark hair and skin. A white speech bubble is positioned to the right of the character's mouth. The text "YOUR FATHER." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**YOUR FATHER.**