

THE ARCHMAGE

RETURNS AFTER.

40000

YEARS

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IT'S A SMALL
VILLAGE OF LESS THAN
500 VILLAGERS.

SINCE
THEY'RE QUITE
SELF-SUFFICIENT,
THEY HAVEN'T HAD ANY
NEED TO INTERACT
WITH SURROUNDING
SETTLEMENTS
AS MUCH.

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IT'S THE
PERFECT PLACE
FOR AN APOSTLE
TO TEST THE
WATERS...

TP

INDEED.

FREI,
I KNOW I'VE
ALREADY MENTIONED
THIS BUT THIS WILL
BECOME A VERY
DANGEROUS
MISSION.





I WON'T
COMPLAIN SINCE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO
INSISTED WE BRING HER
ALONG... BUT WILL
SHE BE OKAY?

A close-up of an elderly character with long, flowing white hair and a beard. He is wearing large, round, gold-rimmed glasses and has a concerned expression. He is looking towards the right.

I WORRY
THAT THIS MISSION
MIGHT BE A BIT TOO
MUCH FOR SOMEONE
LIKE HER...

OH...

NO NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT HER.



SHE MAY
NOT LOOK IT
BUT SHE CAN FEND
FOR HERSELF QUITE
WELL, I ASSURE
YOU.

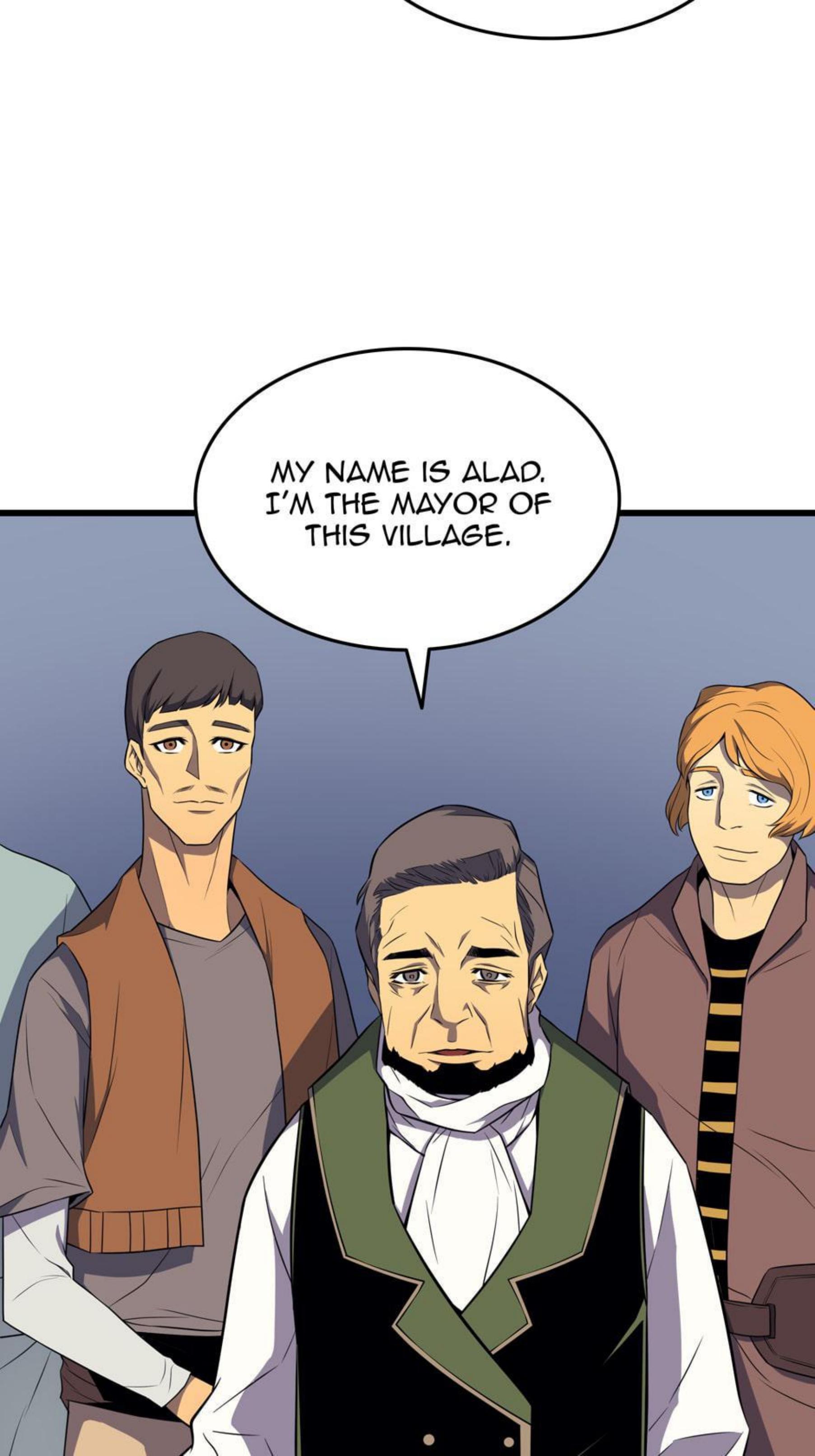


THERE ARE
SOME PEOPLE
OVER THERE.



OH MY,
IF IT ISN'T THE
LORD MAGES
FROM THE
TOWER!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO
THE COUNTRYSIDE?!



MY NAME IS ALAD.
I'M THE MAYOR OF
THIS VILLAGE.



AH.

IT'S NICE
TO MEET YOU,
MAYOR ALAD.

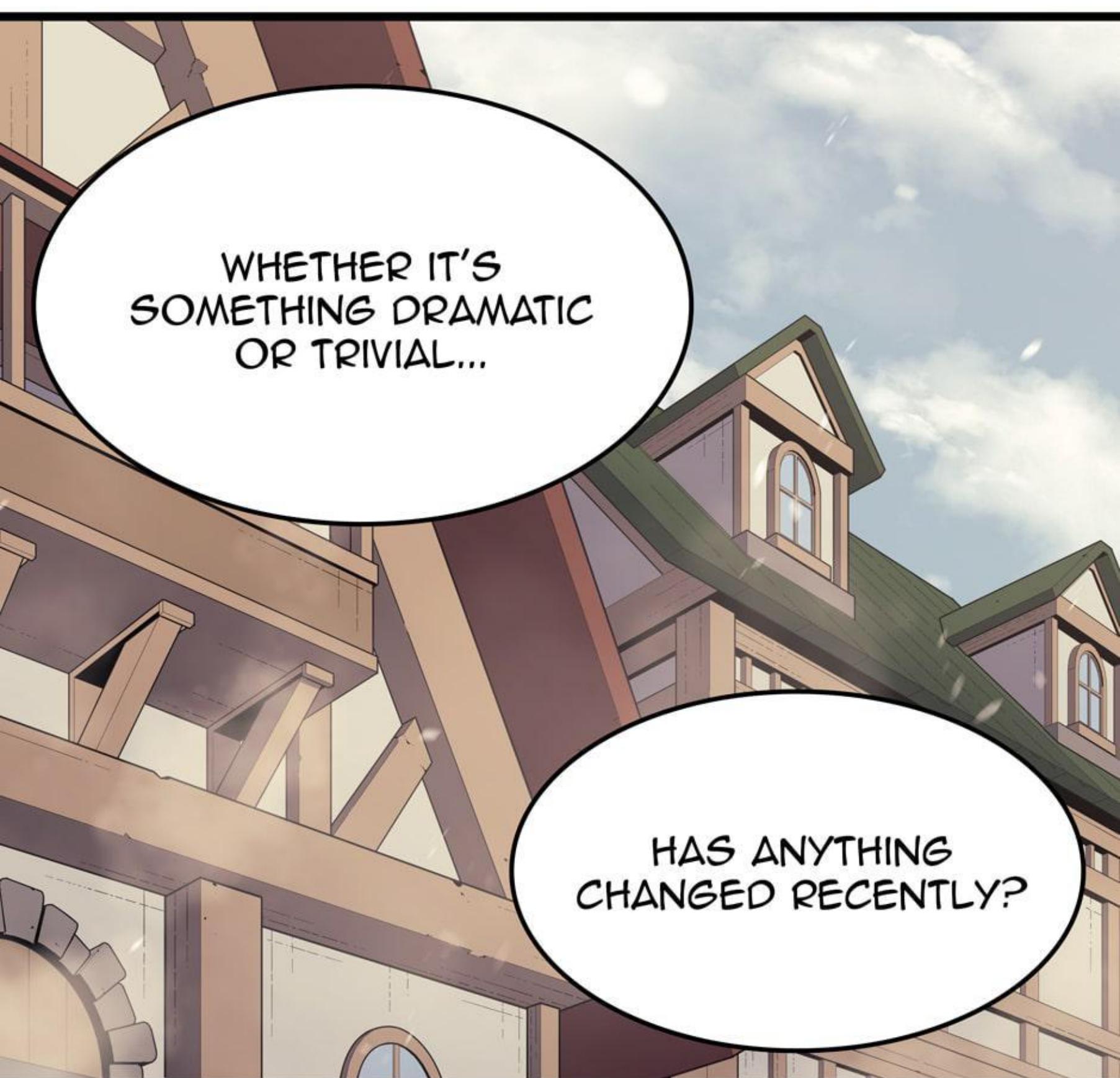
I'VE A FEW
QUESTIONS I'D
LIKE TO ASK...



CERTAINLY, WHAT
WOULD YOU LIKE
TO KNOW?!

HAS ANYTHING
STRANGE HAPPENED
HERE RECENTLY?

HUH?



WHETHER IT'S
SOMETHING DRAMATIC
OR TRIVIAL...

HAS ANYTHING
CHANGED RECENTLY?



NOT AT ALL.
WE ARE A SMALL
VILLAGE SO WE
WOULD NOTICE ANY
SUCH CHANGES.

OUR LIVES
HERE ARE THE
SAME AS
ALWAYS.

OH HA HA.



IS THAT SO...?



CAN I ASK
WHERE THE REST
OF THE VILLAGERS
ARE?



HUH?

IT'S THE
MIDDLE OF THE
DAY, YET I DON'T SEE
ANY VILLAGERS
AROUND.

IT'S ALMOST
AS IF THE VILLAGE
IS DESERTED...



SO WHERE
ARE THEY?

OH...

YOU SEE,
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
THAT HAPPENED
TODAY...

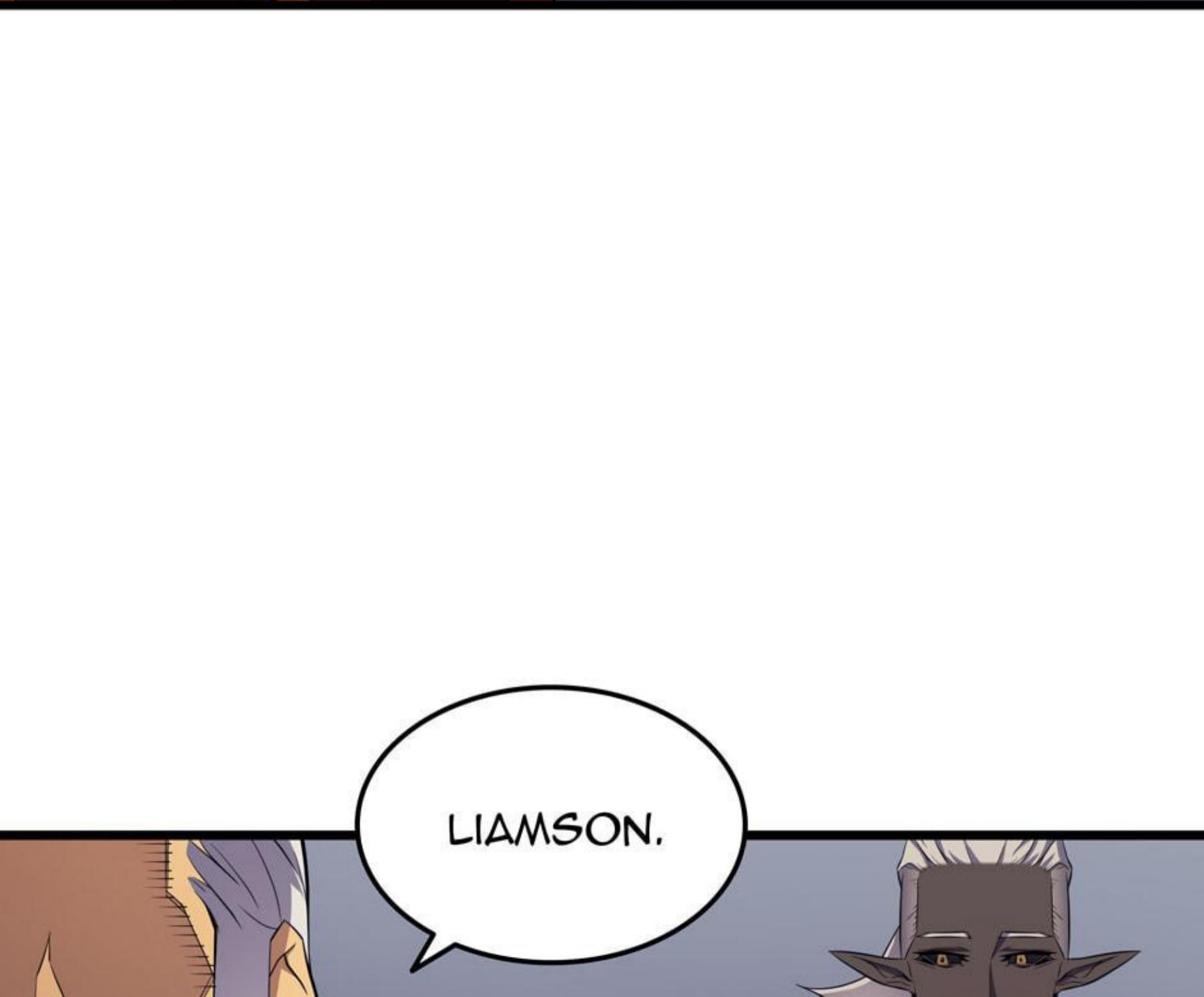


OVER IN THE FOREST NEARBY...

OH? DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY?



I MEAN...
I DID, BUT,
UHHH...



LIAMSON.





GOT IT.



THAT ARROGANT
DARK ELF IS ACTUALLY
LISTENING TO FREI'S
ORDERS...?!



DASH

DASH

DASH

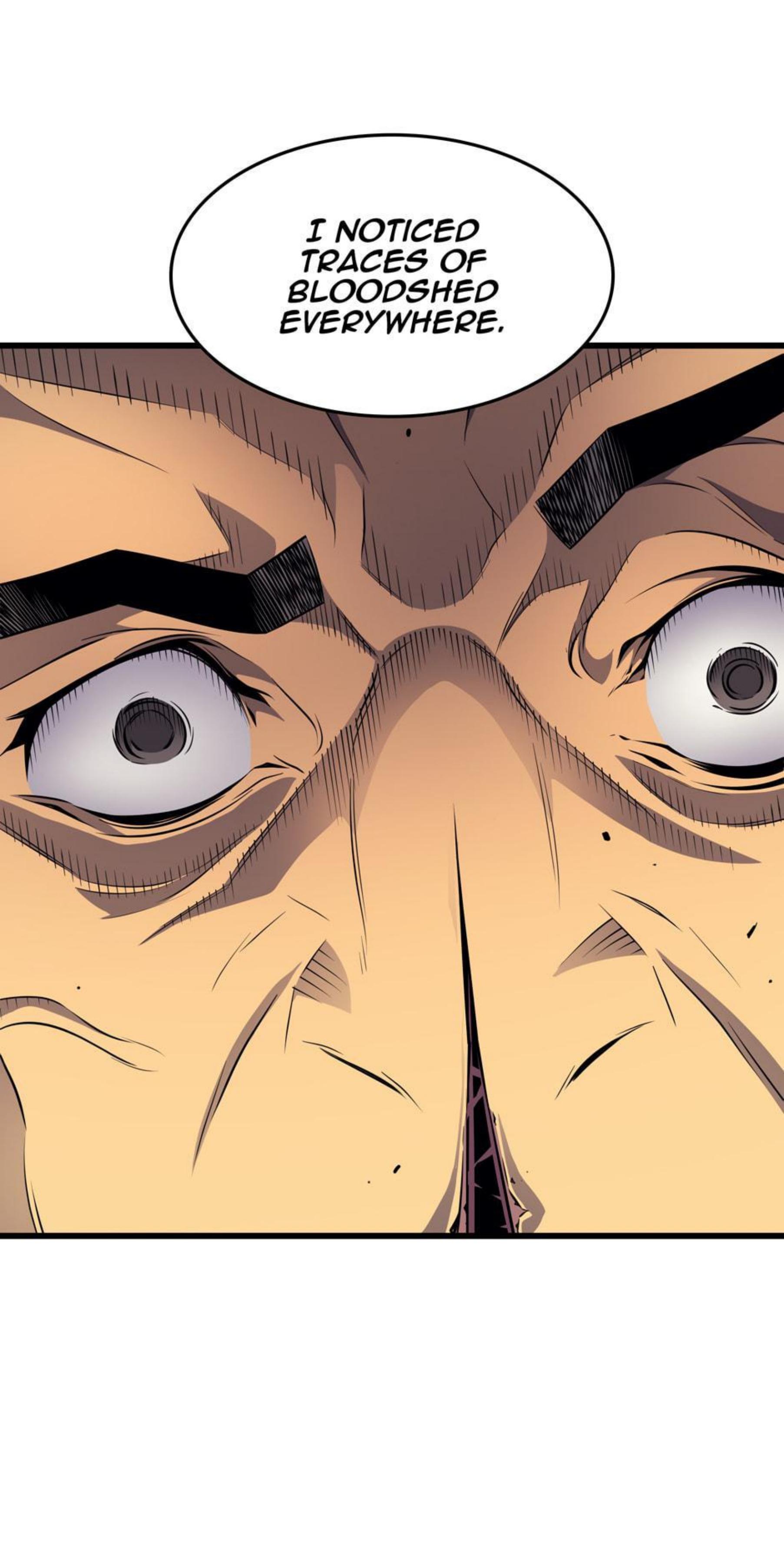


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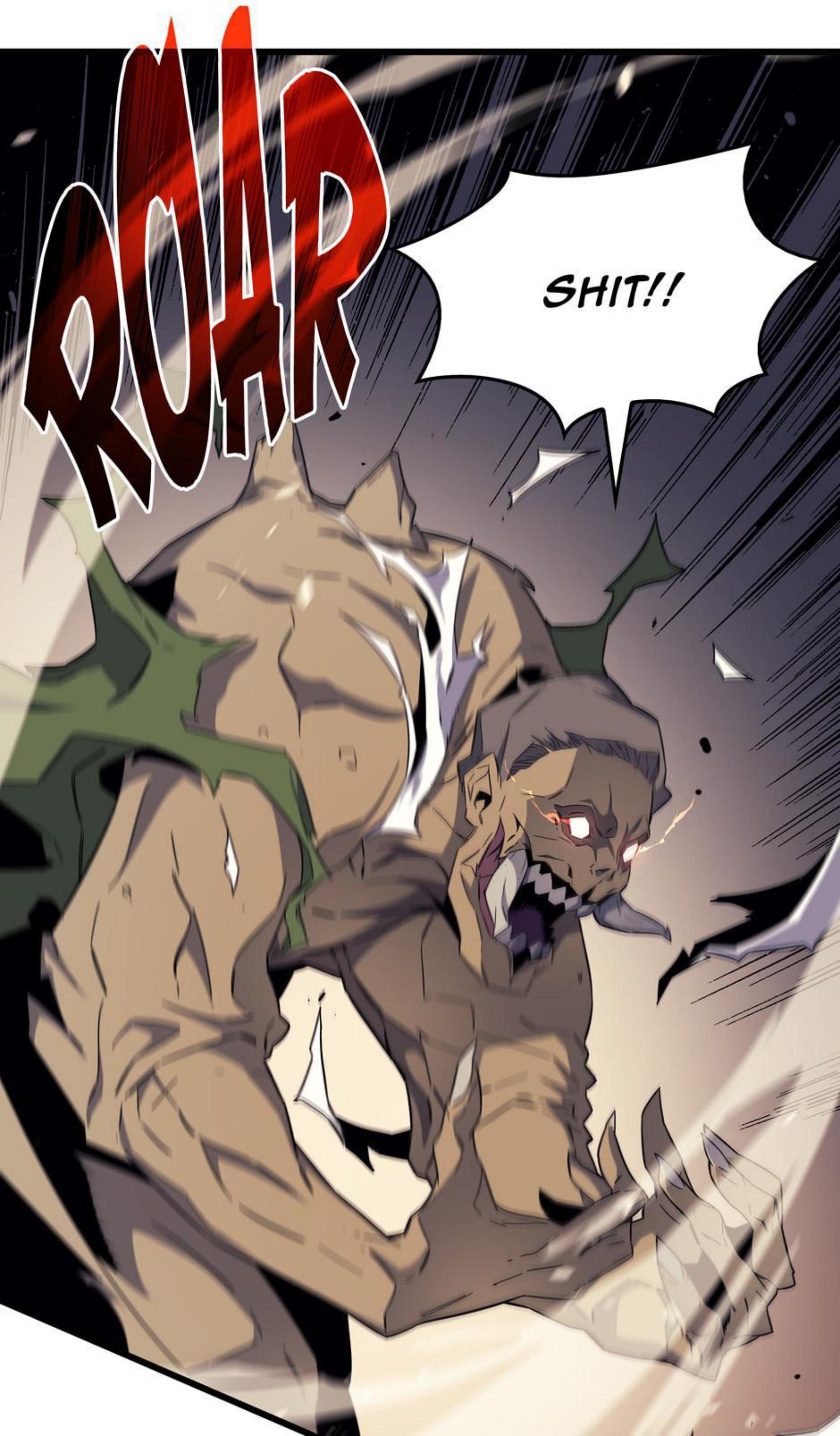


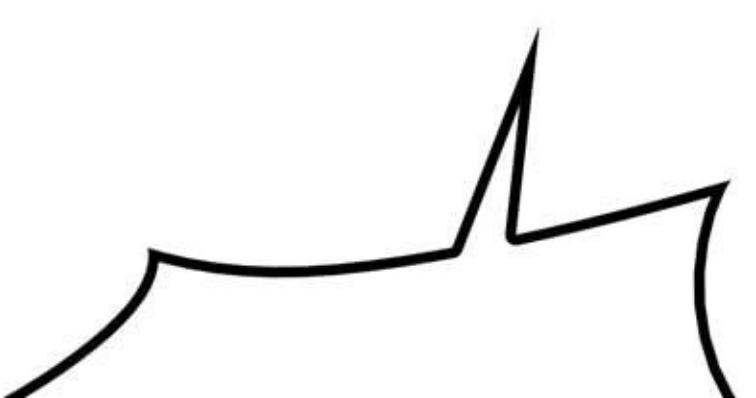
COULDN'T
SEE ANYONE...

AND...



I NOTICED
TRACES OF
BLOODSHED
EVERYWHERE.





**DEMIGOD'S
CREATURES!!**



**SINCE IT'S
COME TO THIS,
KILL THEM
ALL!!**



KILL THE
MAGES FIRST!!

GYAH!!



SHOVE



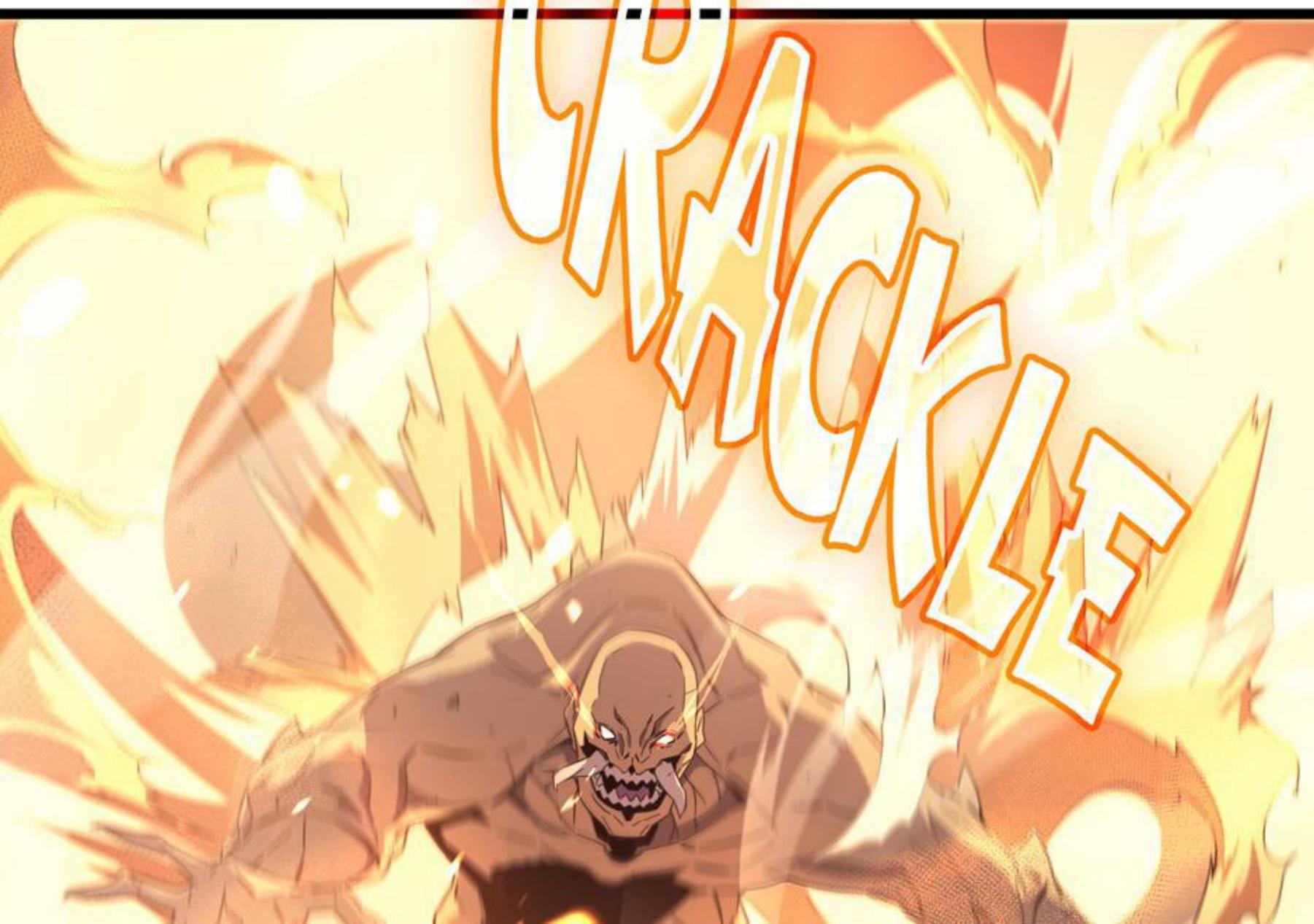
FIRE WALL!!

KABOOM!!





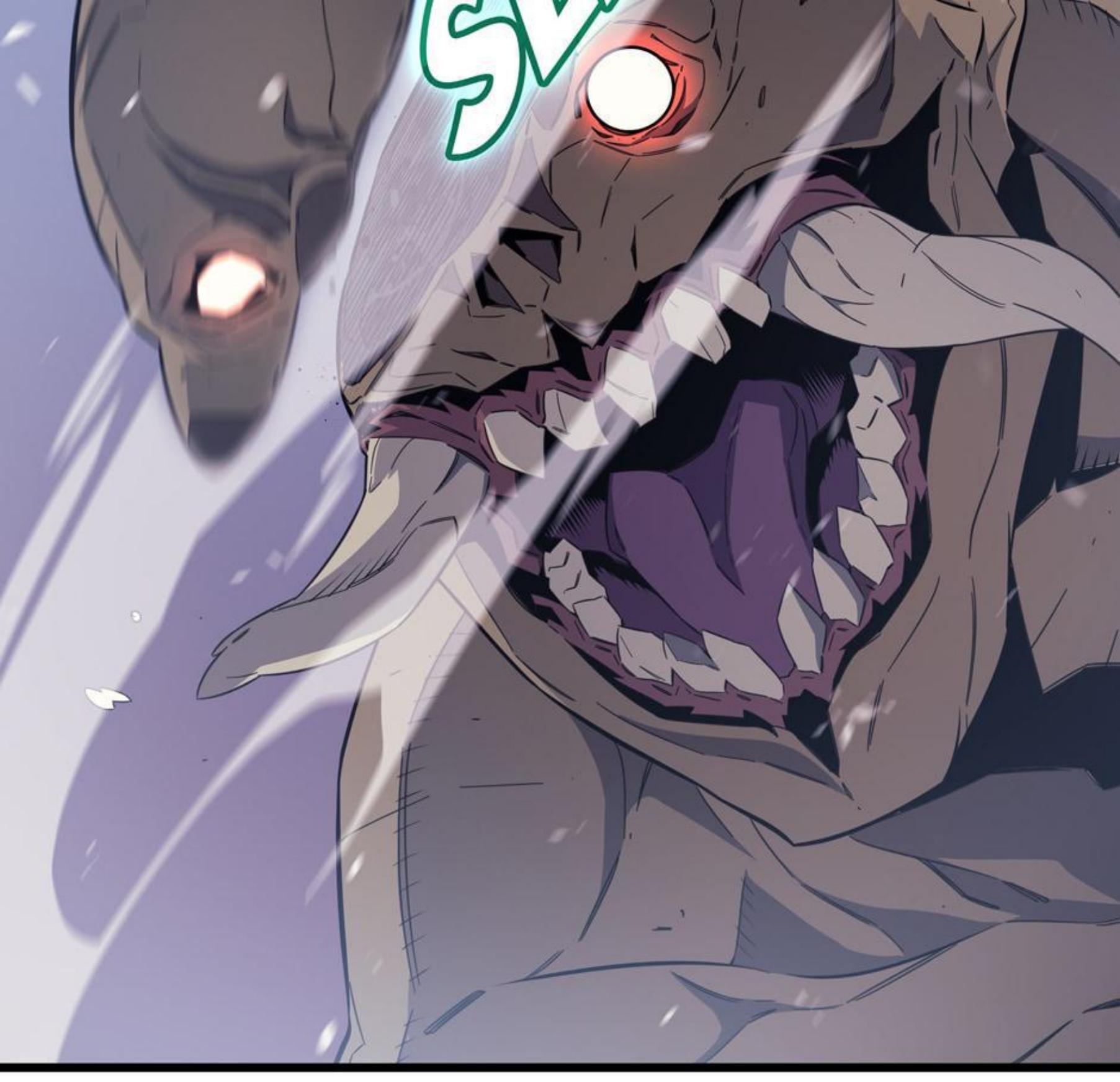




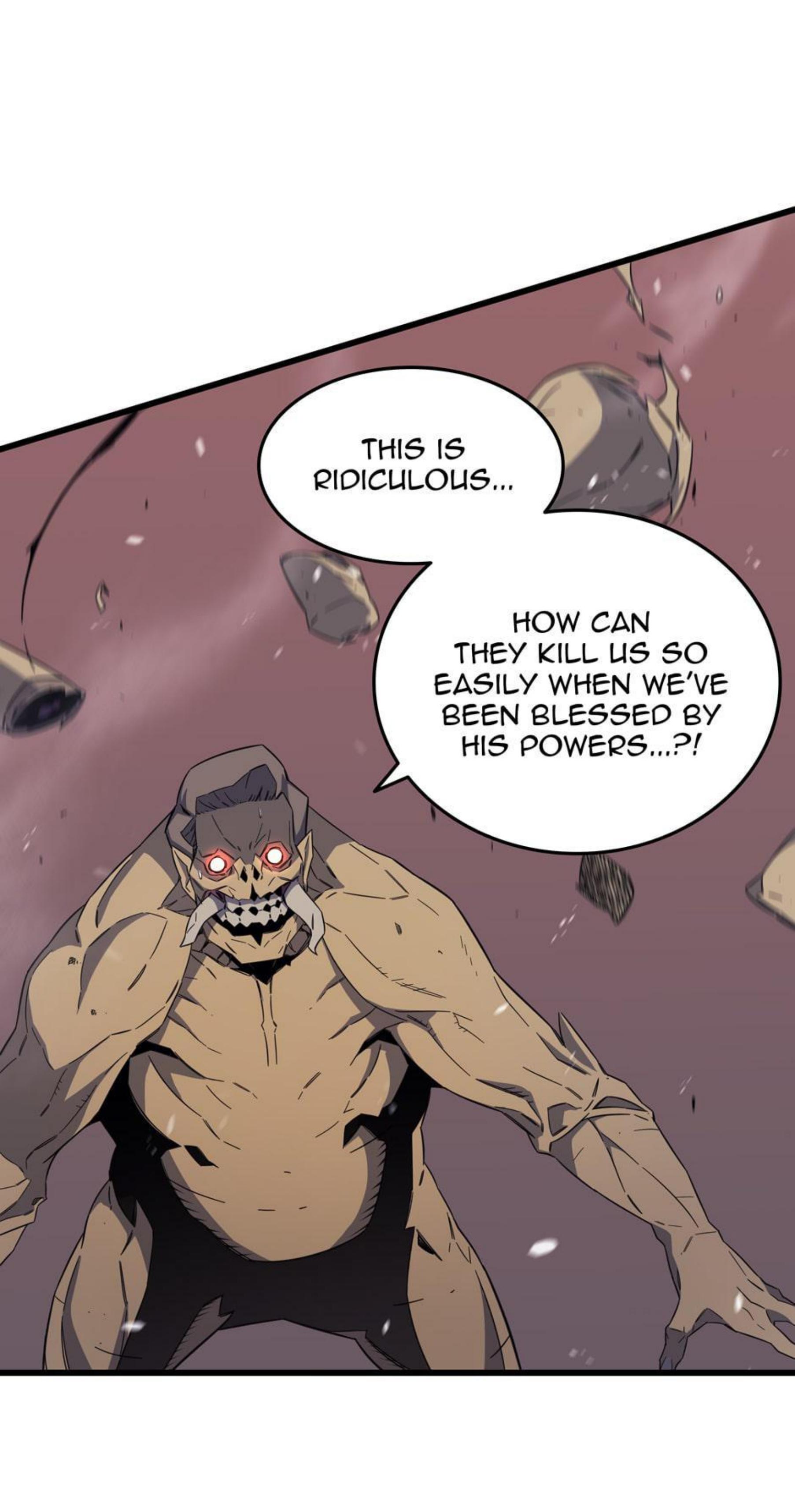


WIND CUTTER.









THIS IS
RIDICULOUS...

HOW CAN
THEY KILL US SO
EASILY WHEN WE'VE
BEEN BLESSED BY
HIS POWERS...?!

DAMN IT!!

TAKA
TAKA





SLICE

GAH!!

CD

CRASH





SIM

URM

UGH!!

NOW THEN,
IT'S TIME FOR
YOU TO SPILL
THE BEANS.

TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW!



I-I REALLY
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING!!





TSK...

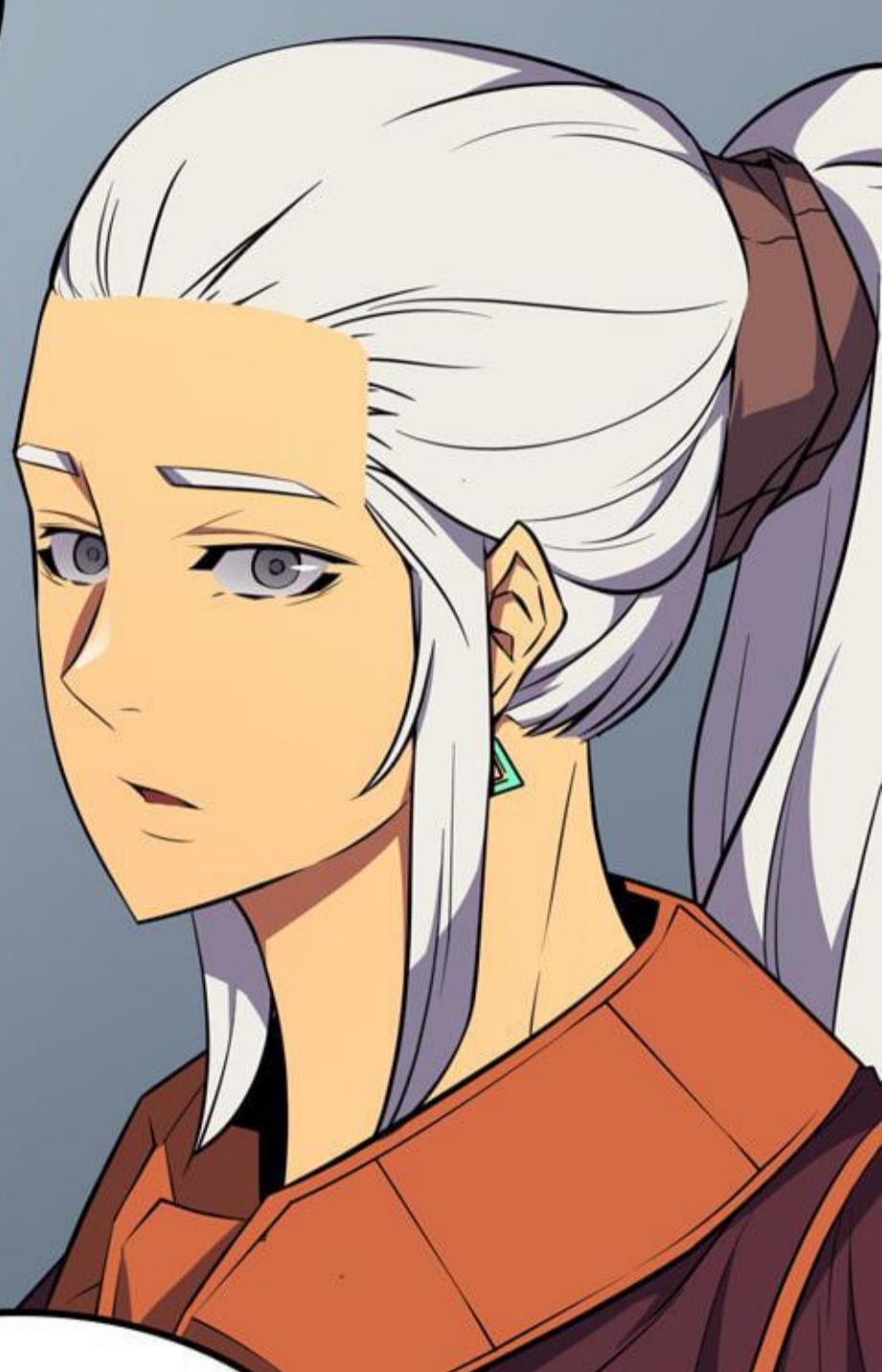
AND HERE
I THOUGHT WE
WOULDN'T NEED
TO WASTE
TIME...



LET ME
HANDLE THIS,
FREI.

CAMIL?

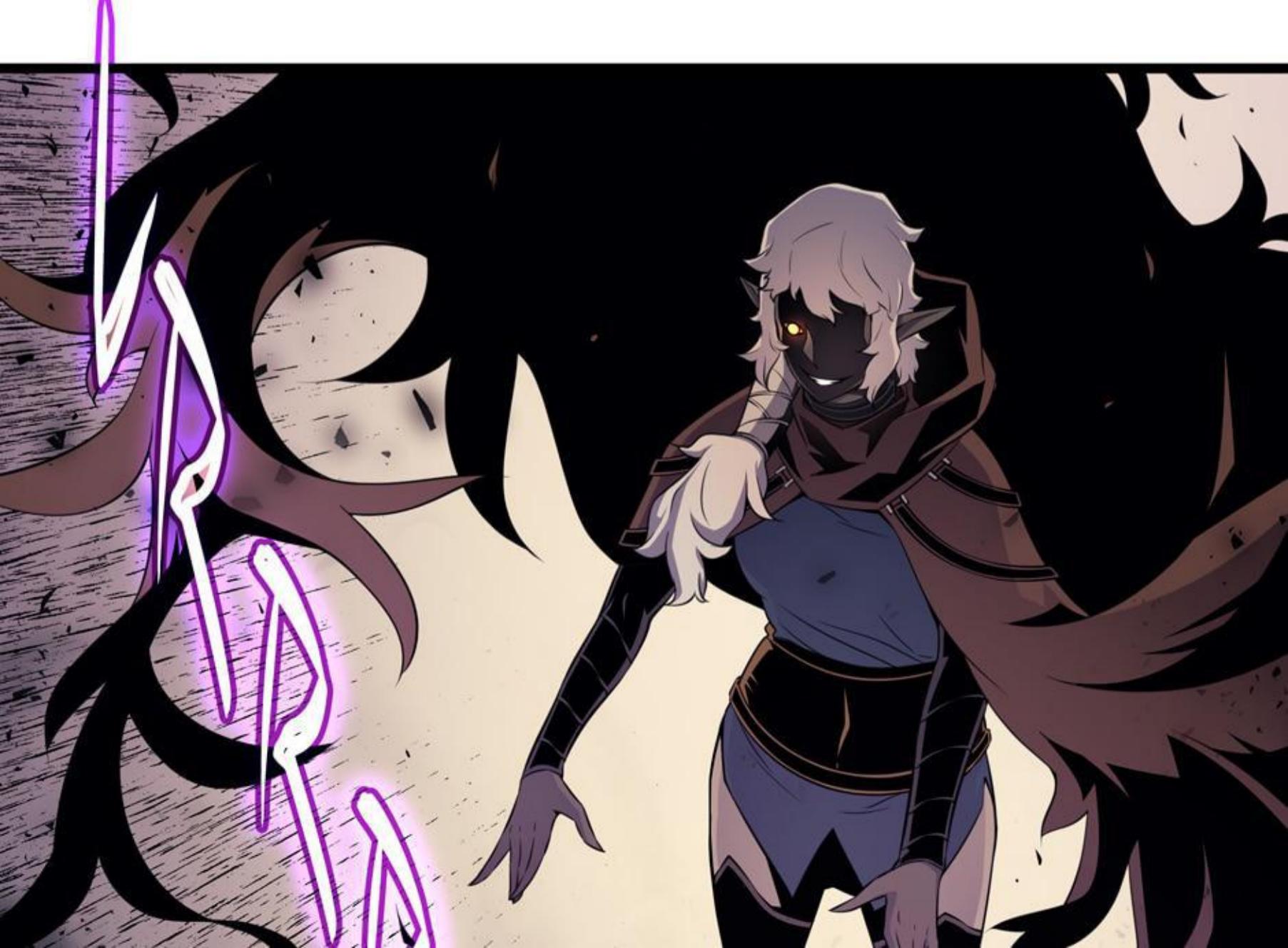
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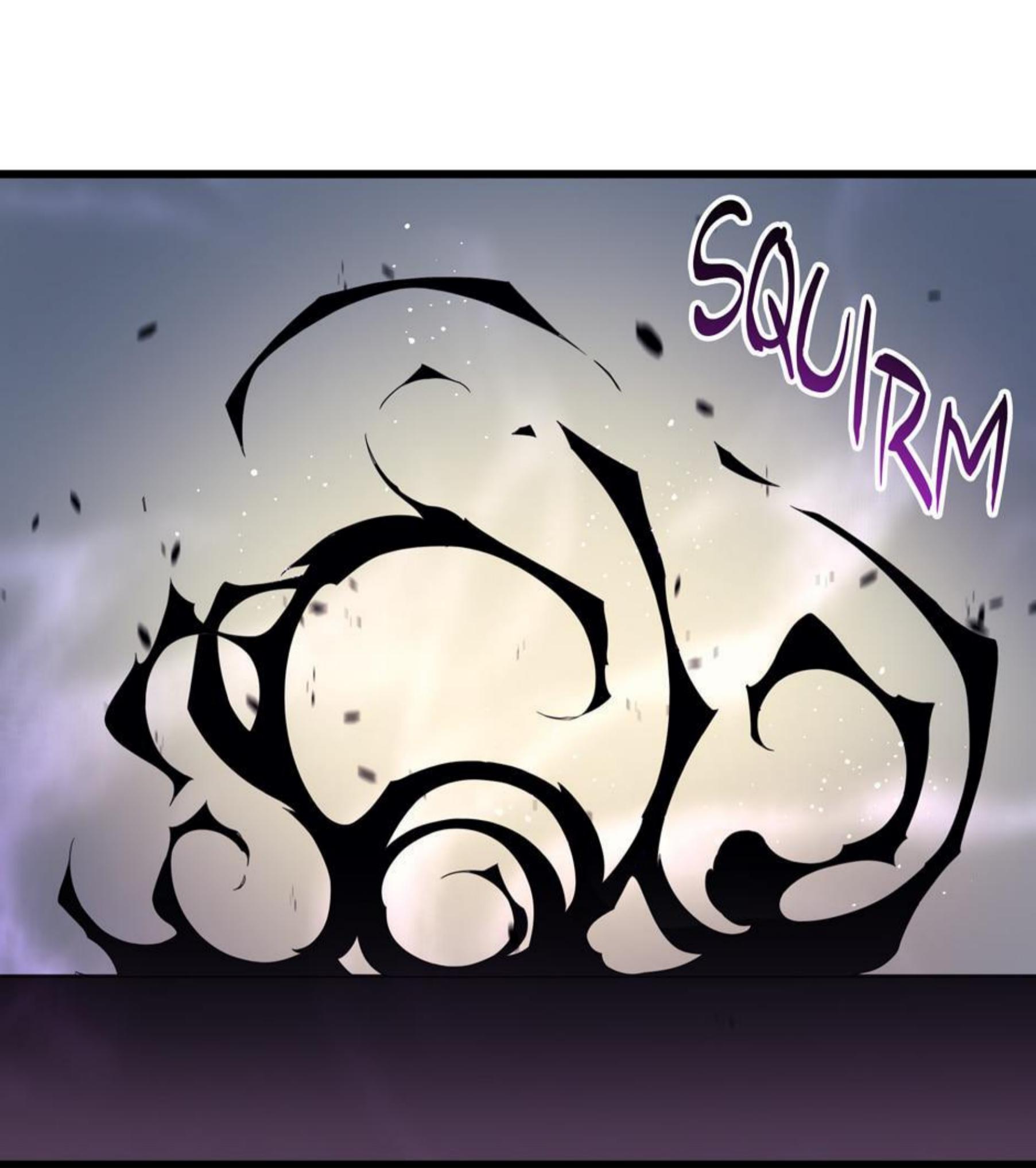
IT'S A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY TO
SHOW YOU THIS.

MY ELEMENTAL
SUMMONING.

بَلْ وَلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
وَلِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
أَنْ يَسْتَعْفِفْنَ







SQWIRRM



TWITCH



TWITCH



WHAT
IS THAT...?



IT'S A DARK
ELEMENTAL
KNOWN AS
DARK GORUN.

THERE'S NOTHING
BETTER THAN EMPLOYING
THE POWERS OF THE DARK
GORUN WHEN YOU NEED
TO EXTRACT INTEL
FROM AN ENEMY.

DARK
GORUN.

KRRR?!

KRRR!



**TAKE OVER
HIS MIND!**



GYAAAHH!!



GET AWAY!!

YOSHKA

ARGGHH!!

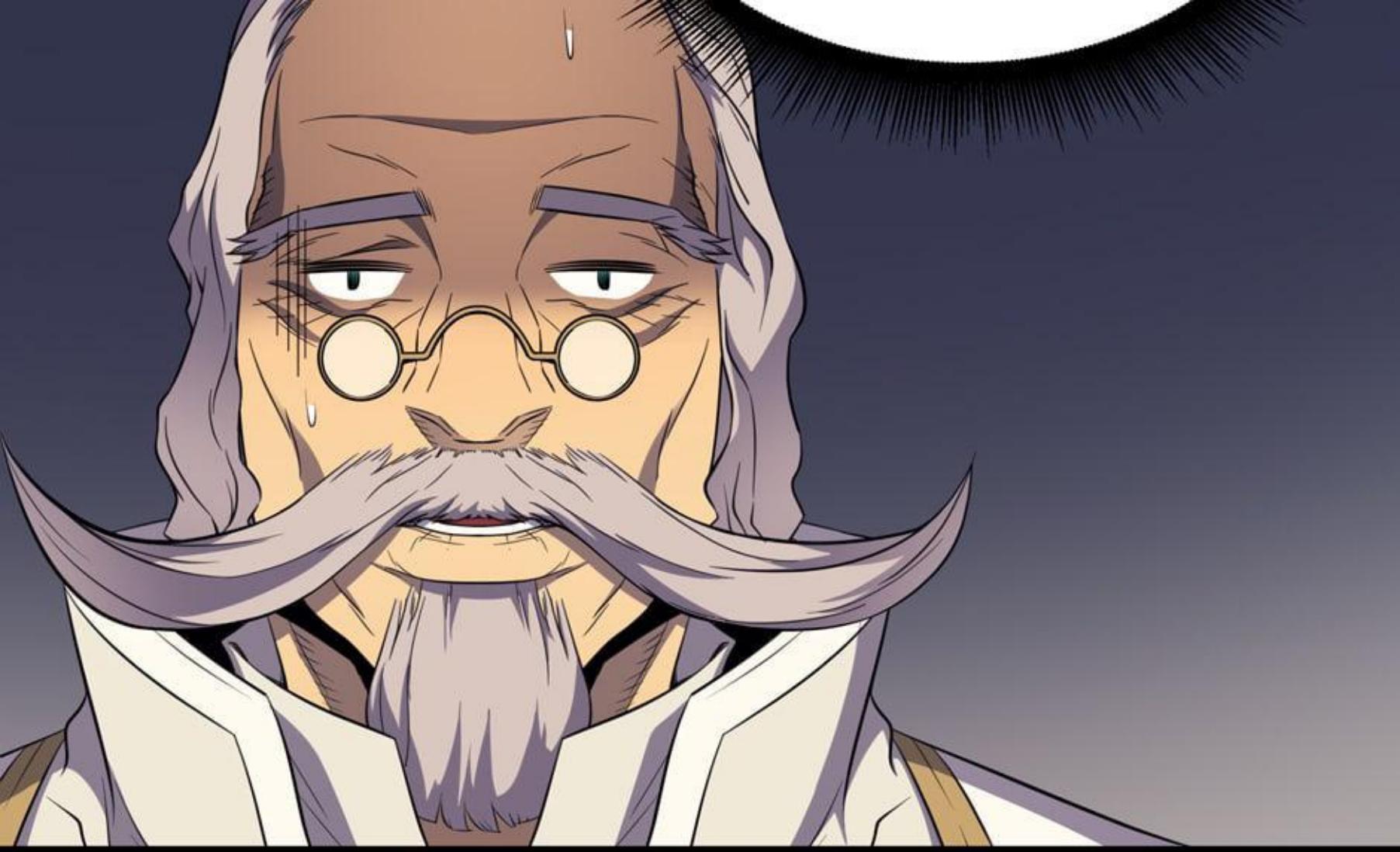
GYAAAHH!!

OH SHIT...

I THINK
REGULAR TORTURE
TECHNIQUES WOULD
BE LESS BARBARIC
THAN THIS...

BLEAUURRRGH!!
GEH...!!





NOW THEN,
SPEAK.



WHERE ARE
THE REST OF THE
VILLAGERS?



THEY'RE...

ALL DEAD...

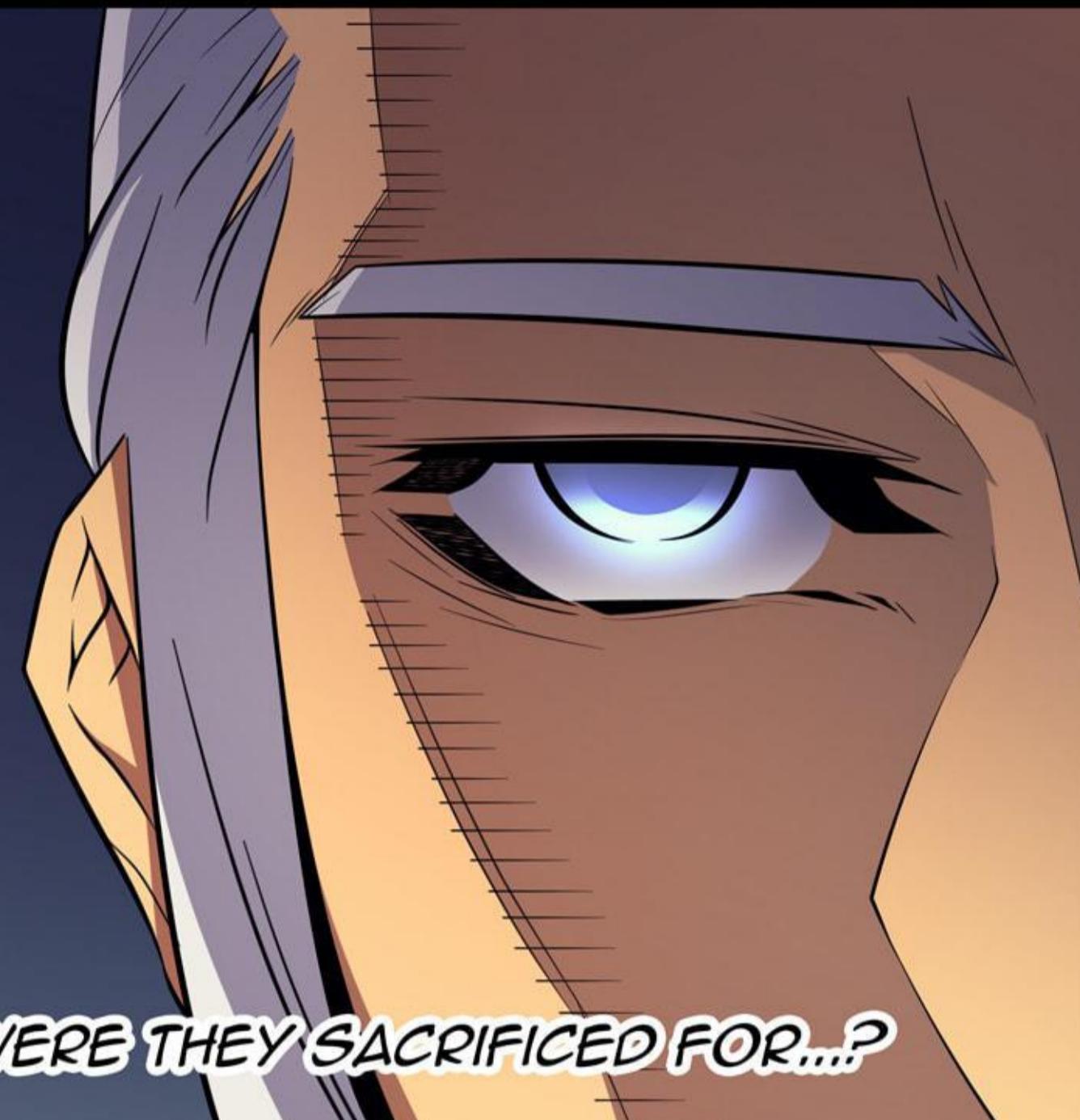


WHAT
HAPPENED?



THEY WERE
USED... AS HUMAN
SACRIFICES.

SACRIFICES?!

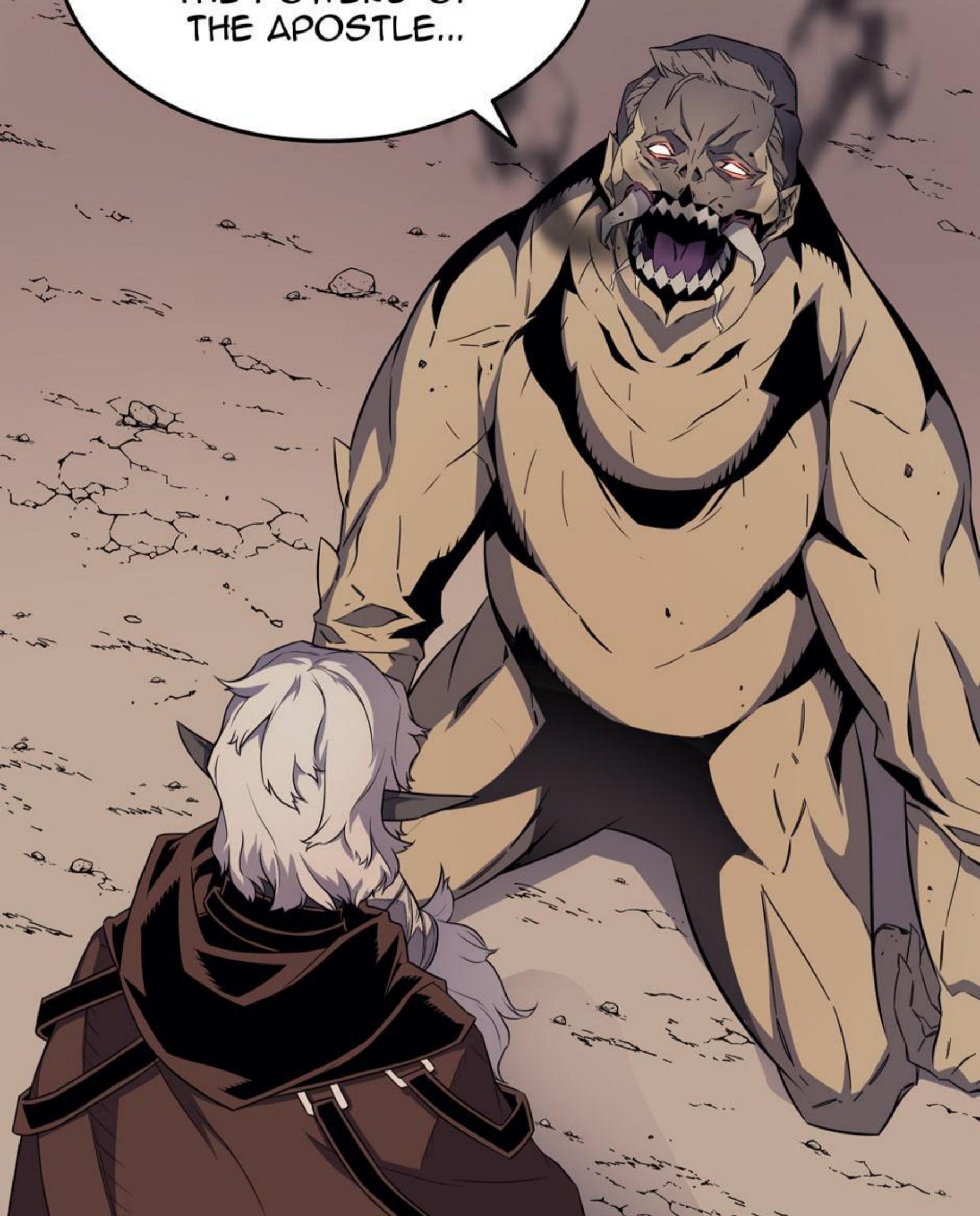


WHAT WERE THEY SACRIFICED FOR...?



TO MAKE
CREATURES LIKE
US AND... TO LIBERATE
THE POWERS OF

THE FURY OF
THE APOSTLE...





UGH!

FLINCH

GAH...!

UGH...!

EVERYONE!!

TAKE COVER...!



