

I NEVER BELIEVED
THE PHENOMENON
PEOPLE REFERRED TO AS
THE "LIGHT AT THE END
OF THE TUNNEL."

THOSE
RARE OCCURRENCES
WHERE PEOPLE,
AFTER WAKING FROM
NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCES,
WOULD EXCLAIM,
"I SAW THE LIGHT!"
WITH COLD SWEAT
ROLLING DOWN
THE SIDES
OF THEIR FACES.

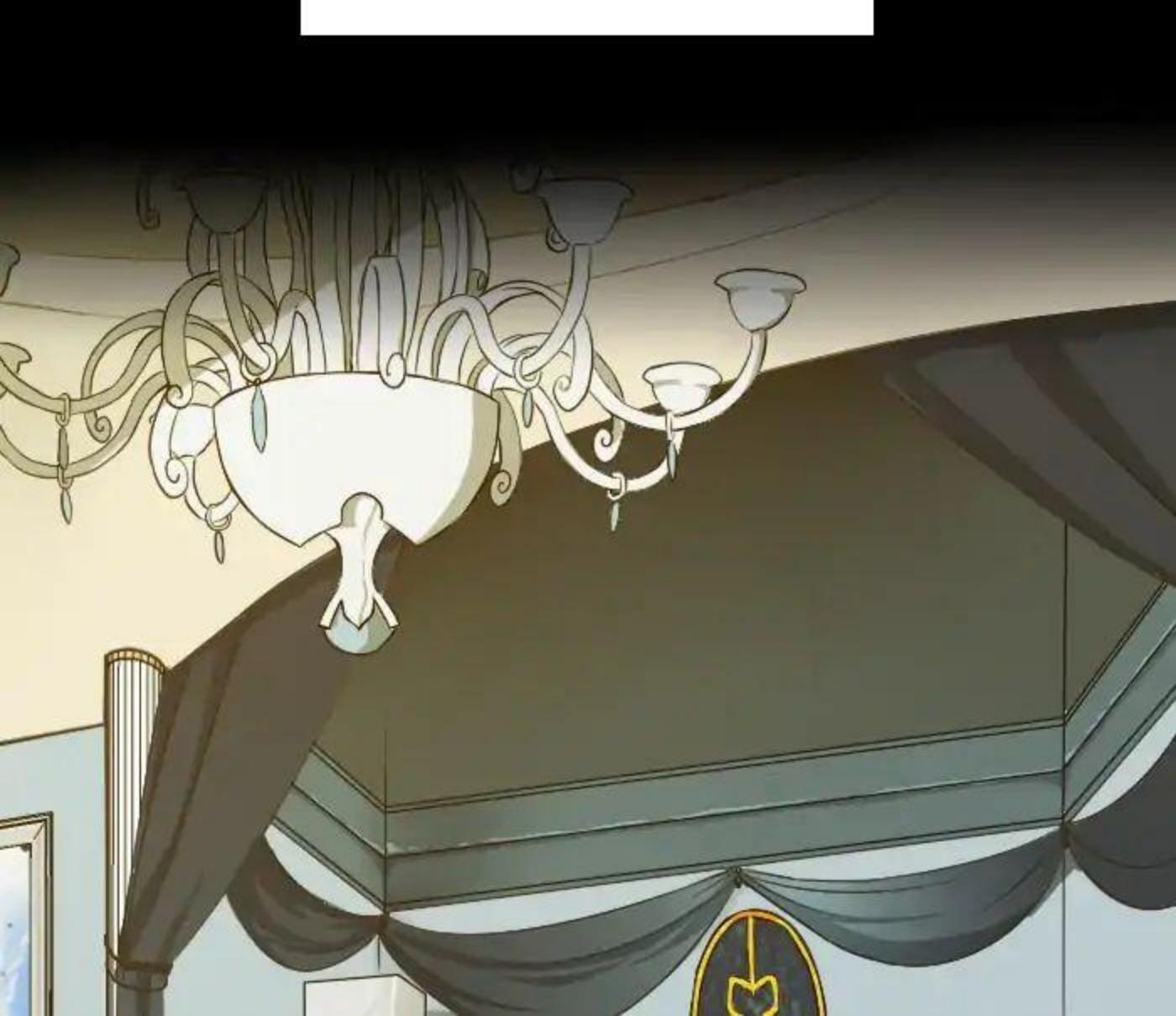
YET, HERE I AM
IN THIS SUPPOSED
"TUNNEL."

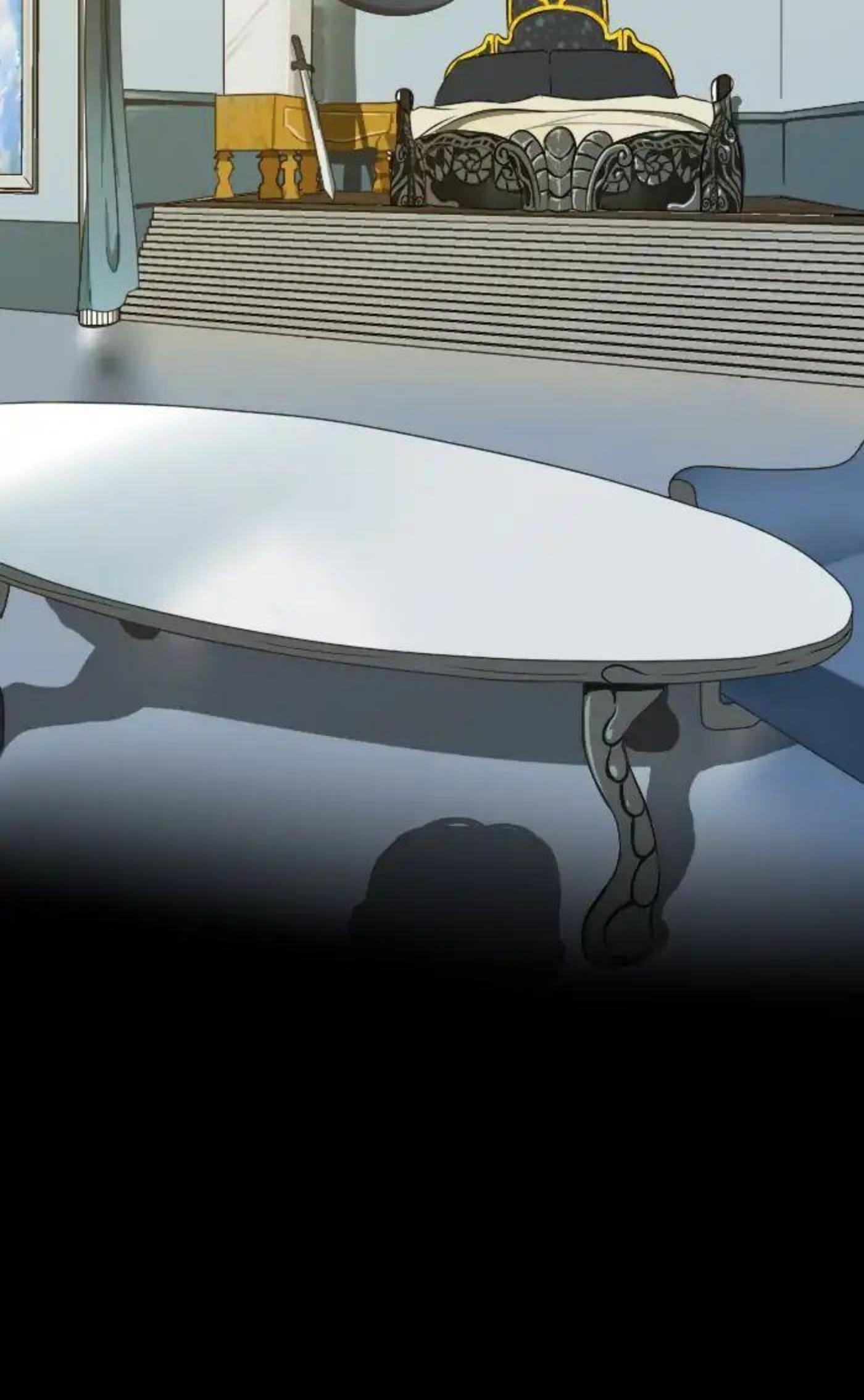
BUT HOW DID

I DIE?

THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER

I WAS
ALONE IN
MY ROOM



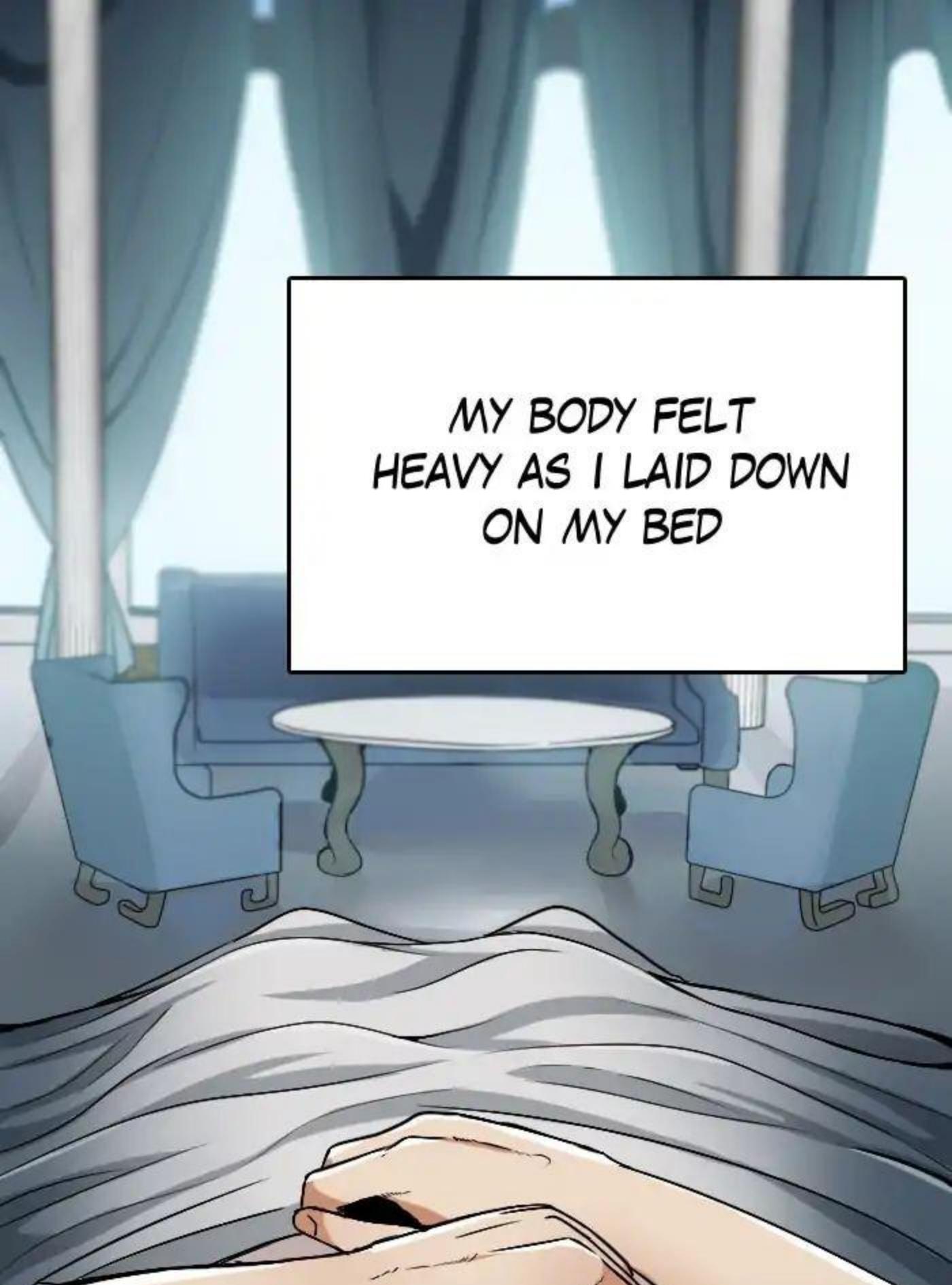


LOOKING AT
THE CITY FROM
ABOVE



AFTER THAT

MY BODY FELT
HEAVY AS I LAID DOWN
ON MY BED



WAS I
POISONED?

WAS I
ASSASINATED?

THINK,
GREY.



THERE WERE
TOO MANY
THAT WANTED
ME DEAD.



AFTER ALL,



I WAS A KING.



THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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WELL, AS MUCH
AS I WANT TO
FIGURE OUT MY DEATH,
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT ANYMORE.

NO CHOICE

BUT TO GO ALONG

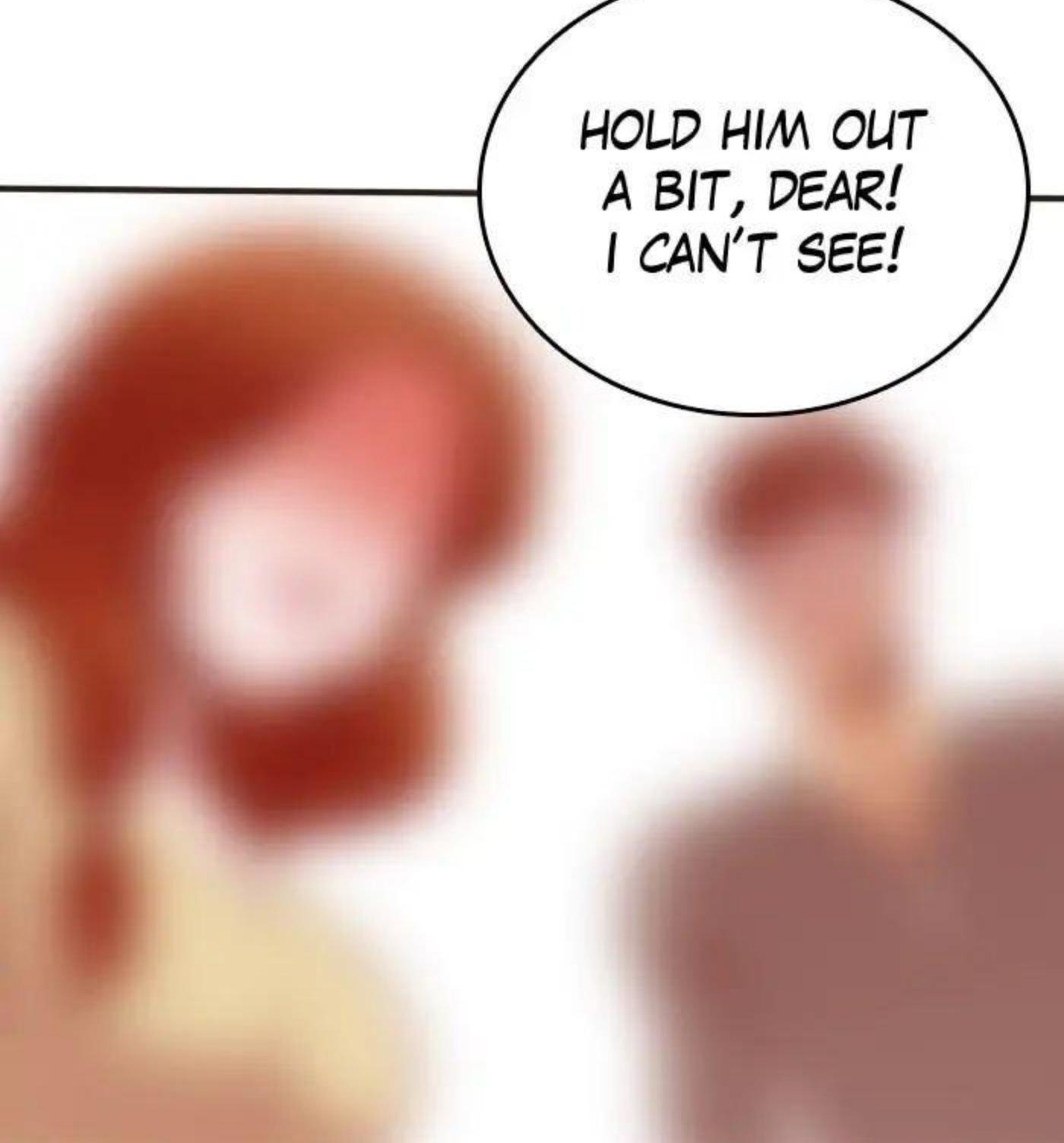
WITH IT.

THERE BETTER
NOT BE SOME
CHOIR OF BABIES
WITH WINGS
SINGING
AT THE END.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
SIR AND MADAM.
HE'S A HEALTHY BOY!**



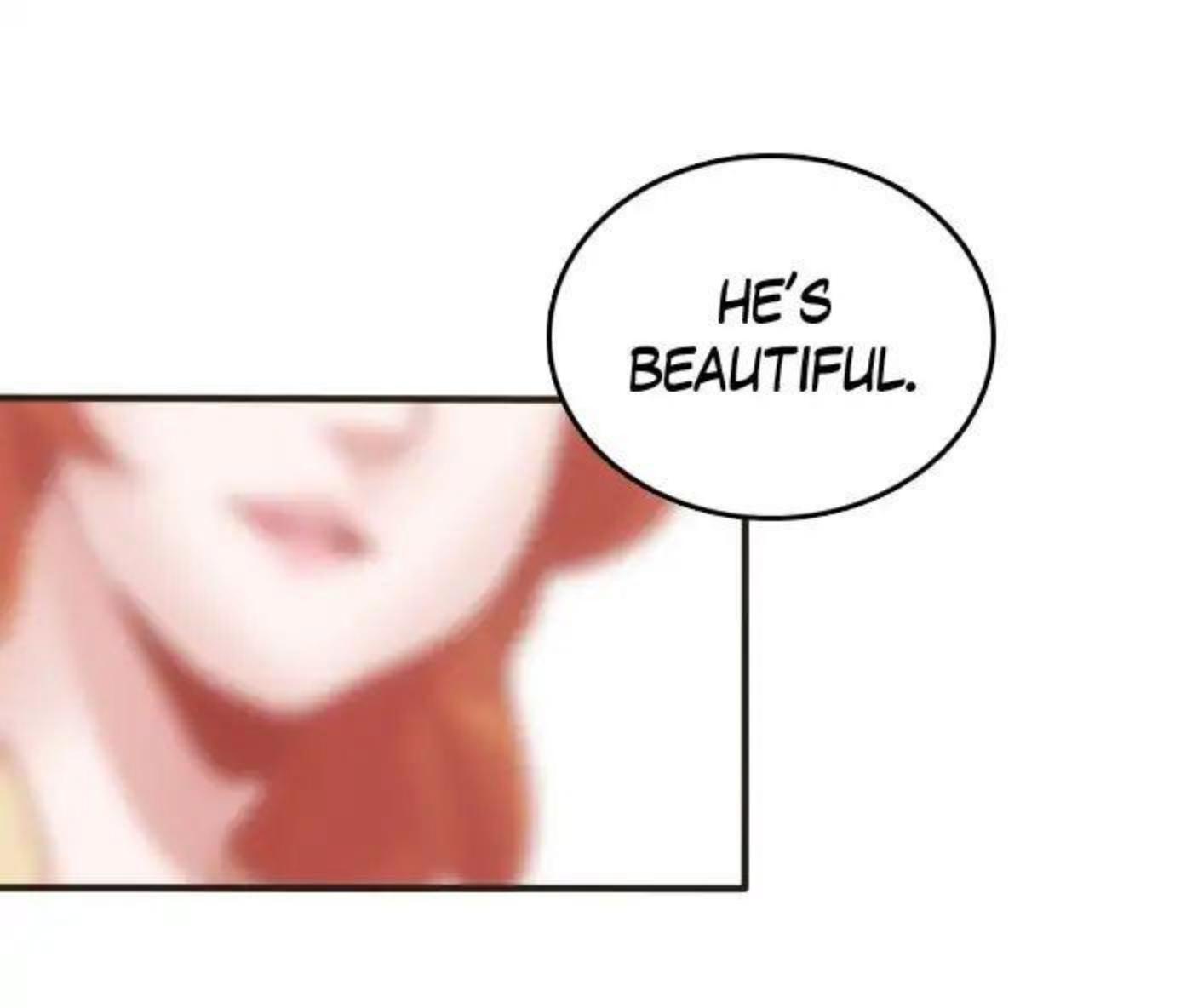
...WAS I JUST
GIVEN BIRTH TO?



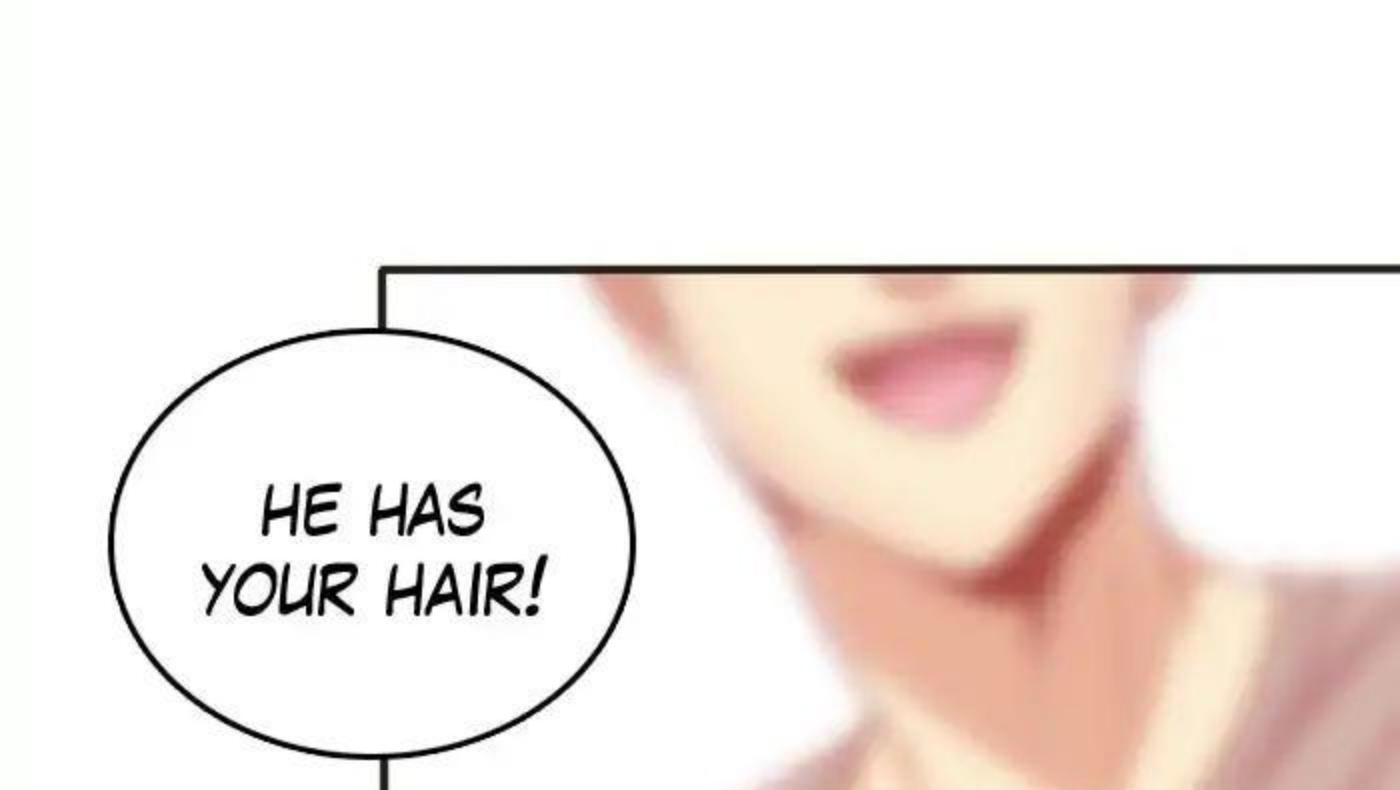
HOLD HIM OUT
A BIT, DEAR!
I CAN'T SEE!

DOES THAT
MEAN THAT THE LIGHT
AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL
IS THE LIGHT COMING
THROUGH A WOMAN'S...
NO!

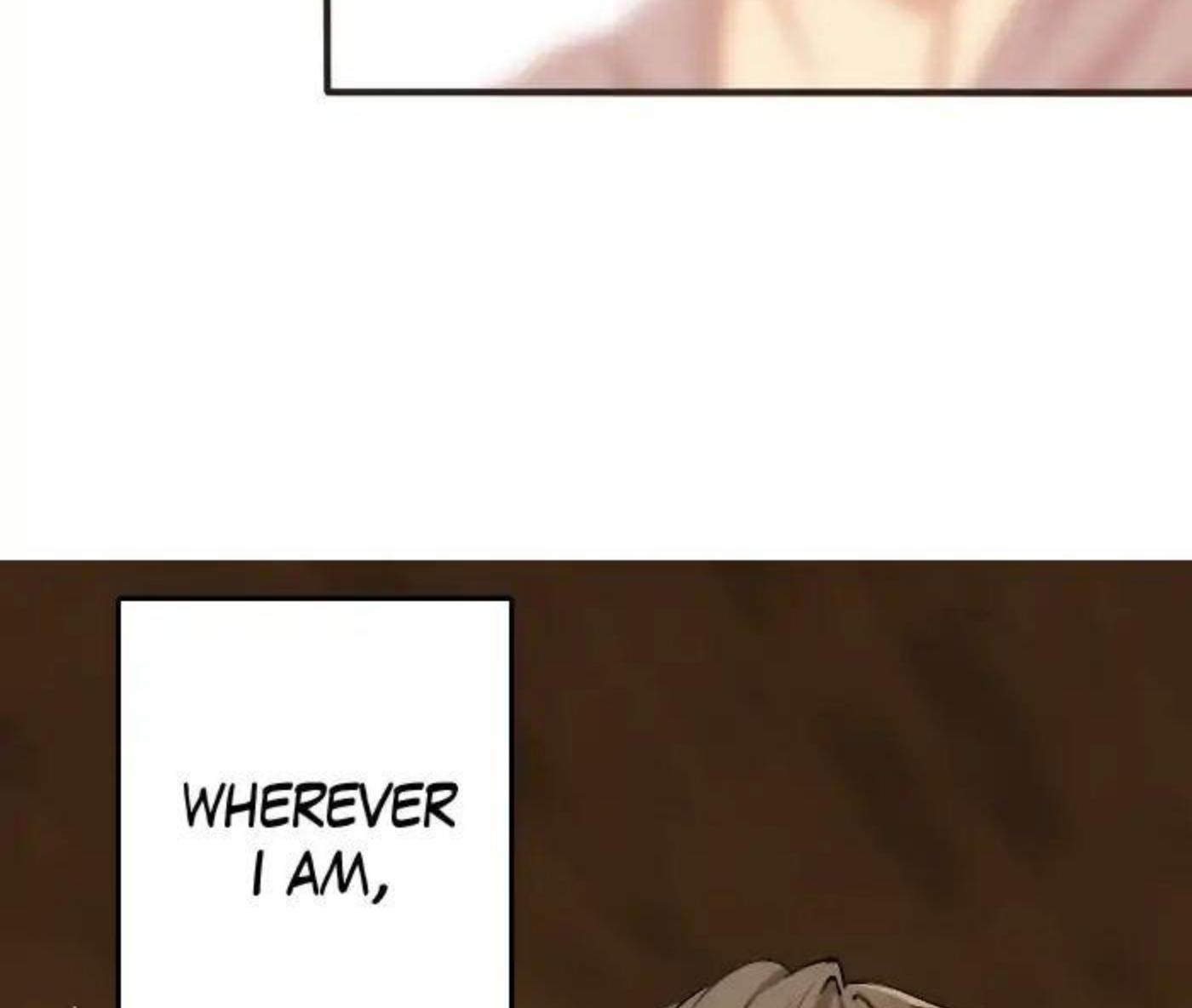
THAT'S NOT
IMPORTANT!



HE'S
BEAUTIFUL.

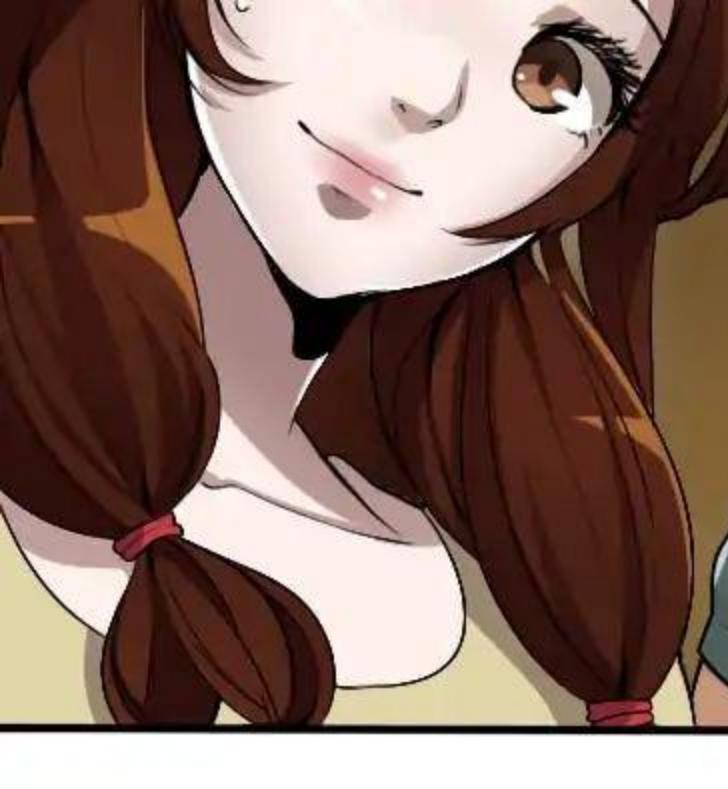


HE HAS
YOUR HAIR!



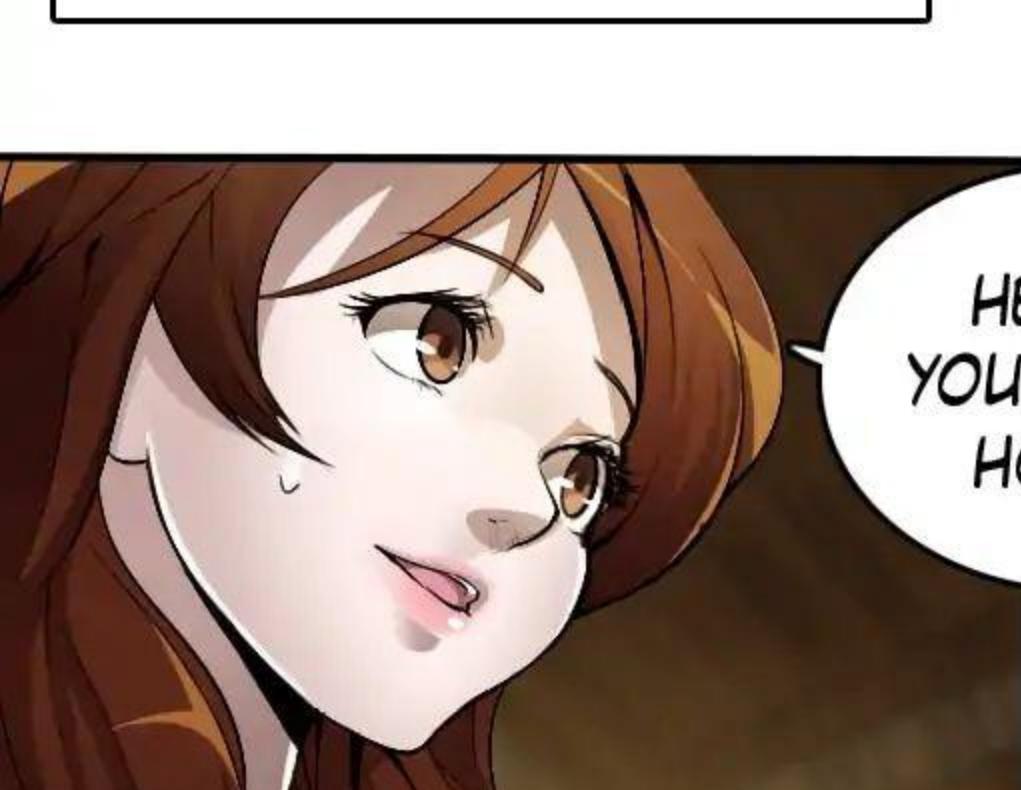
WHEREVER
I AM,





I CAN
UNDERSTAND
THE LANGUAGE.
THAT'S A GOOD
SIGN.

A BRIGHT
AND GENTLE SMILE
THAT PERMEATES
A MOTHERLY LOVE...
I CAN'T HELP BUT
THINK HOW BEAUTIFUL,
HOW CHARMING,
SHE IS.



HE HAS
YOUR EYES,
HONEY.

WITH A STRONG JAW AND
FIERCELY SHARP BROWS, I'M

SURE THIS MAN IS STRICT AND SERIOUS--

HI,
LITTLE ART!
I'M YOUR DADDY!
CAN YOU SAY
"DADA"?

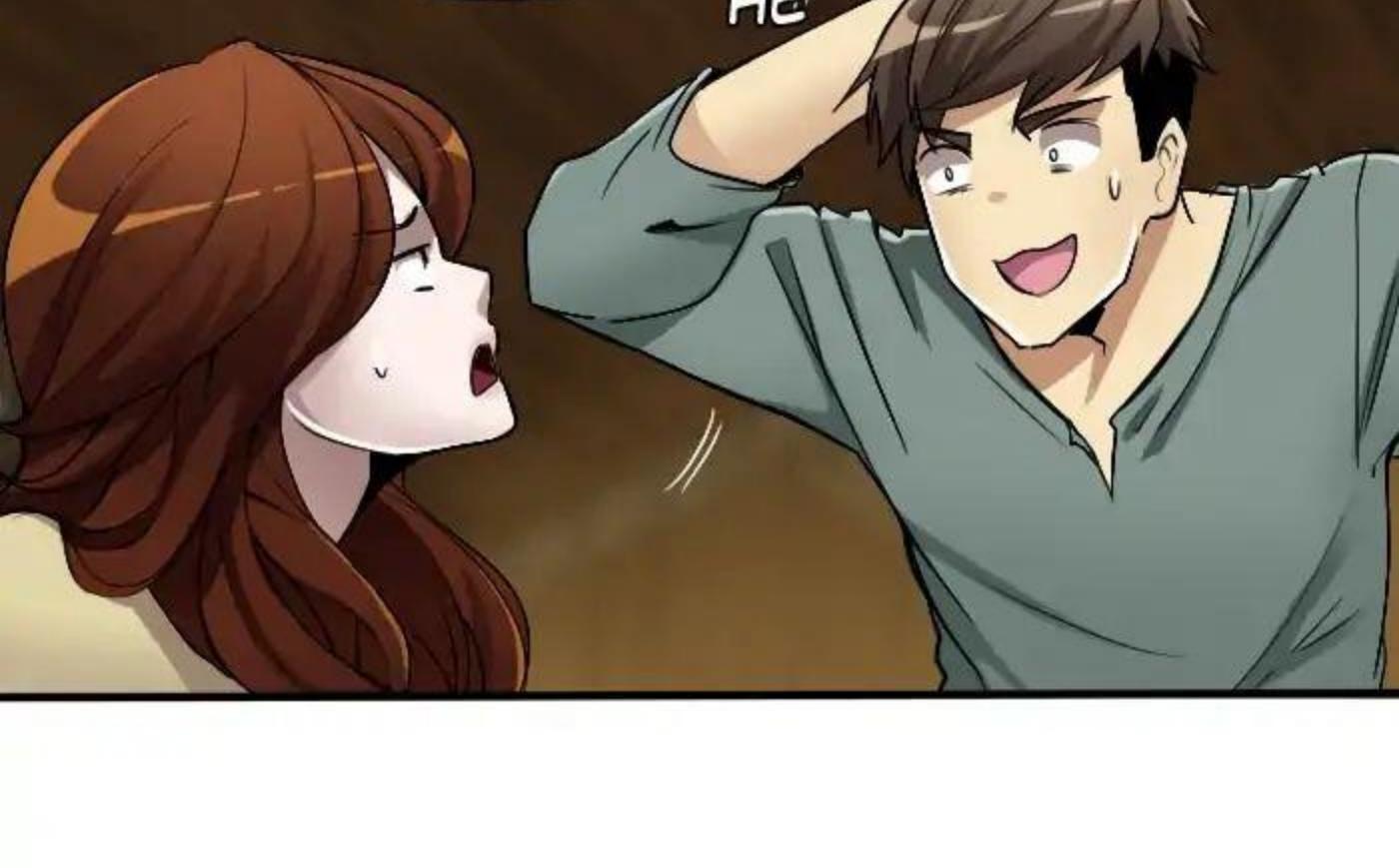


REY,

HE WAS

JUST BORN.

HE HE



NEVER MIND.

MY SURROUNDINGS
SEEM NORMAL
ENOUGH--



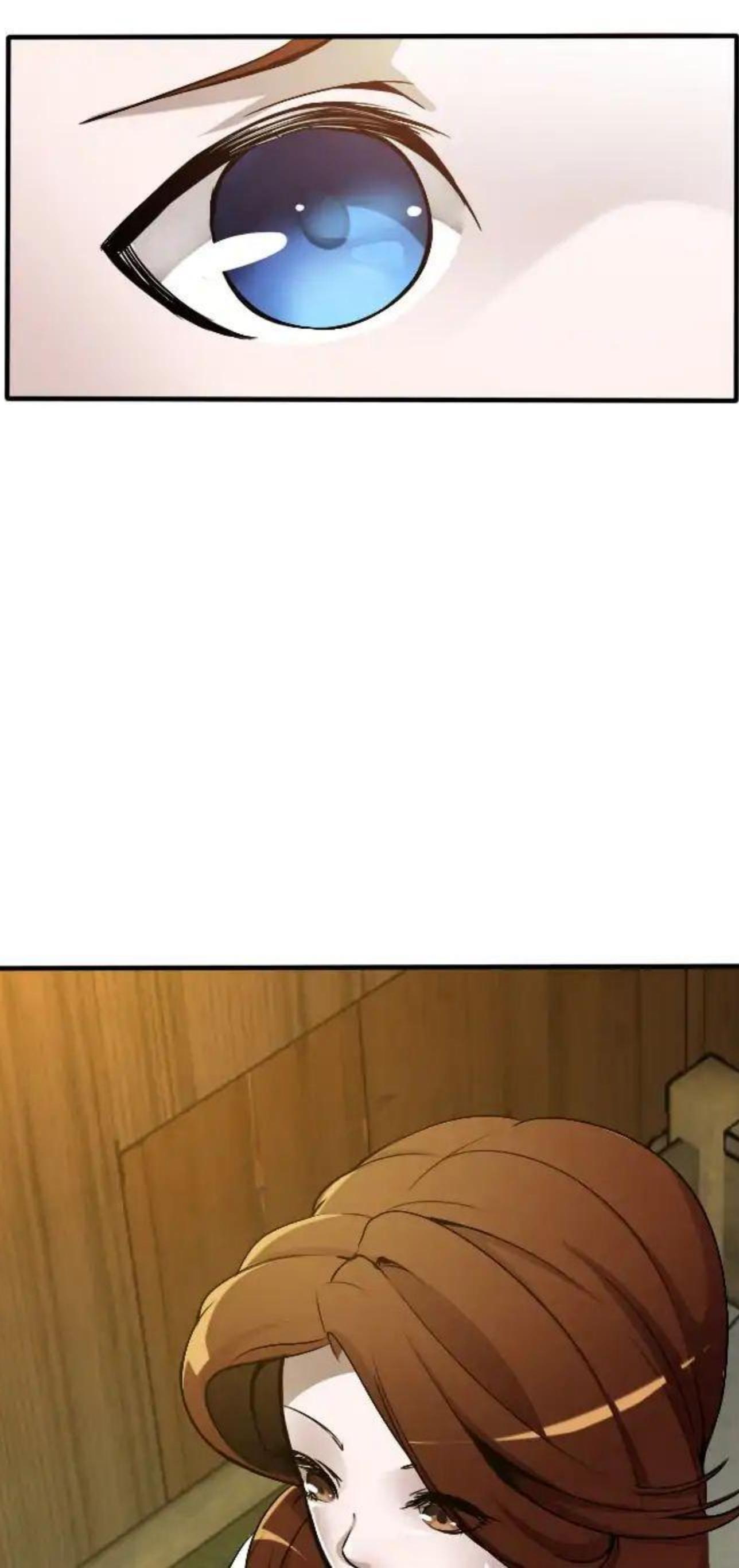


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HUH?

WHAT IN THE--





WHERE AM I?

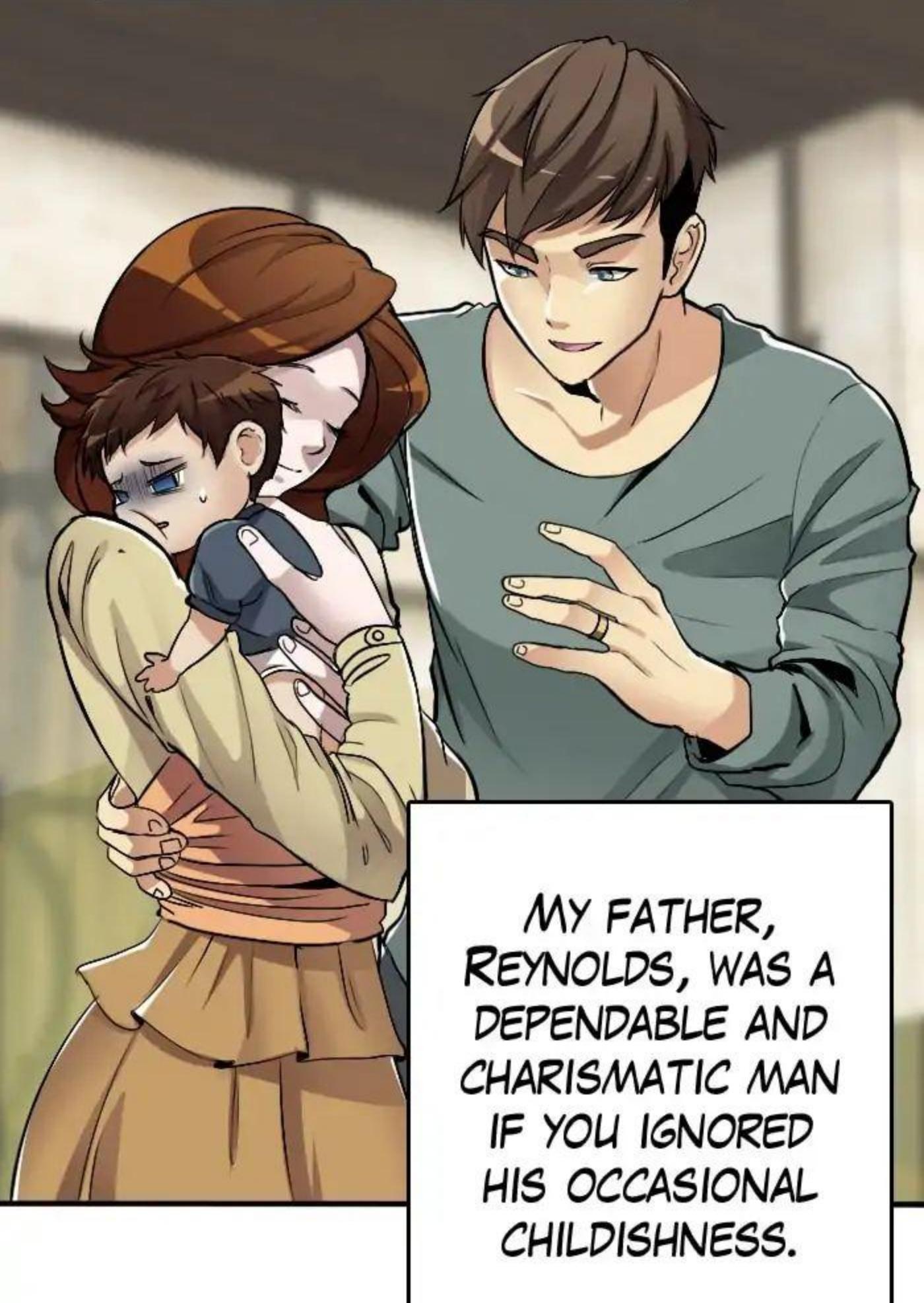






WEEKS SLOWLY
TRICKLED BY.

ALTHOUGH
MY MOTHER, ALICE,
WAS A GENTLE AND
KIND-HEARTED PERSON,
SHE HELD THE REINS
TIGHTLY IN THE FAMILY.



MY FATHER,
REYNOLDS, WAS A
DEPENDABLE AND
CHARISMATIC MAN
IF YOU IGNORED
HIS OCCASIONAL
CHILDISHNESS.

WHILE I WAS THANKFUL
I HAD BEEN BORN
TO A LOVING FAMILY,
MY LIFE WAS FILLED
WITH DIFFICULTIES
I WOULDN'T WISH
UPON EVEN MY ENEMIES.

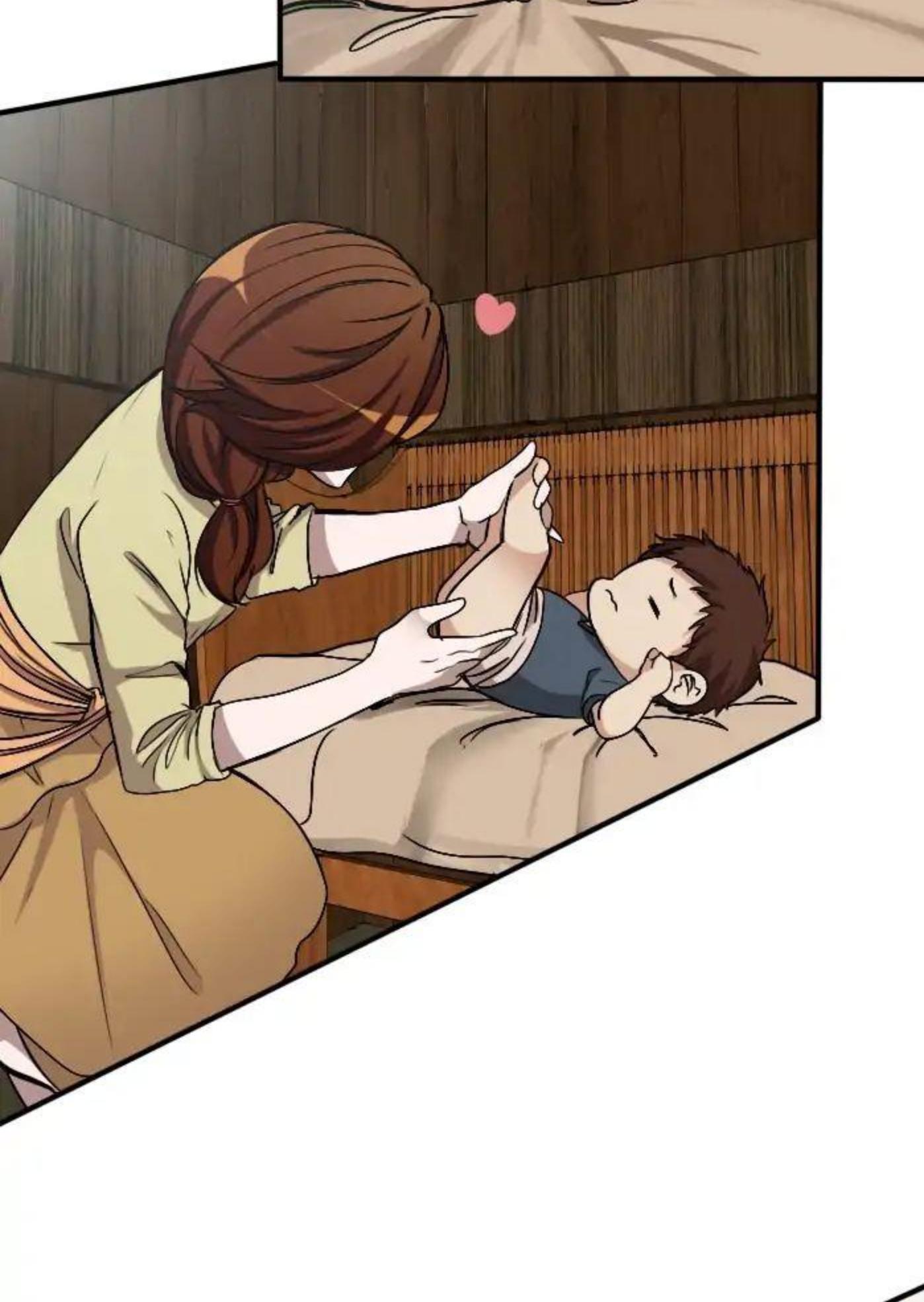


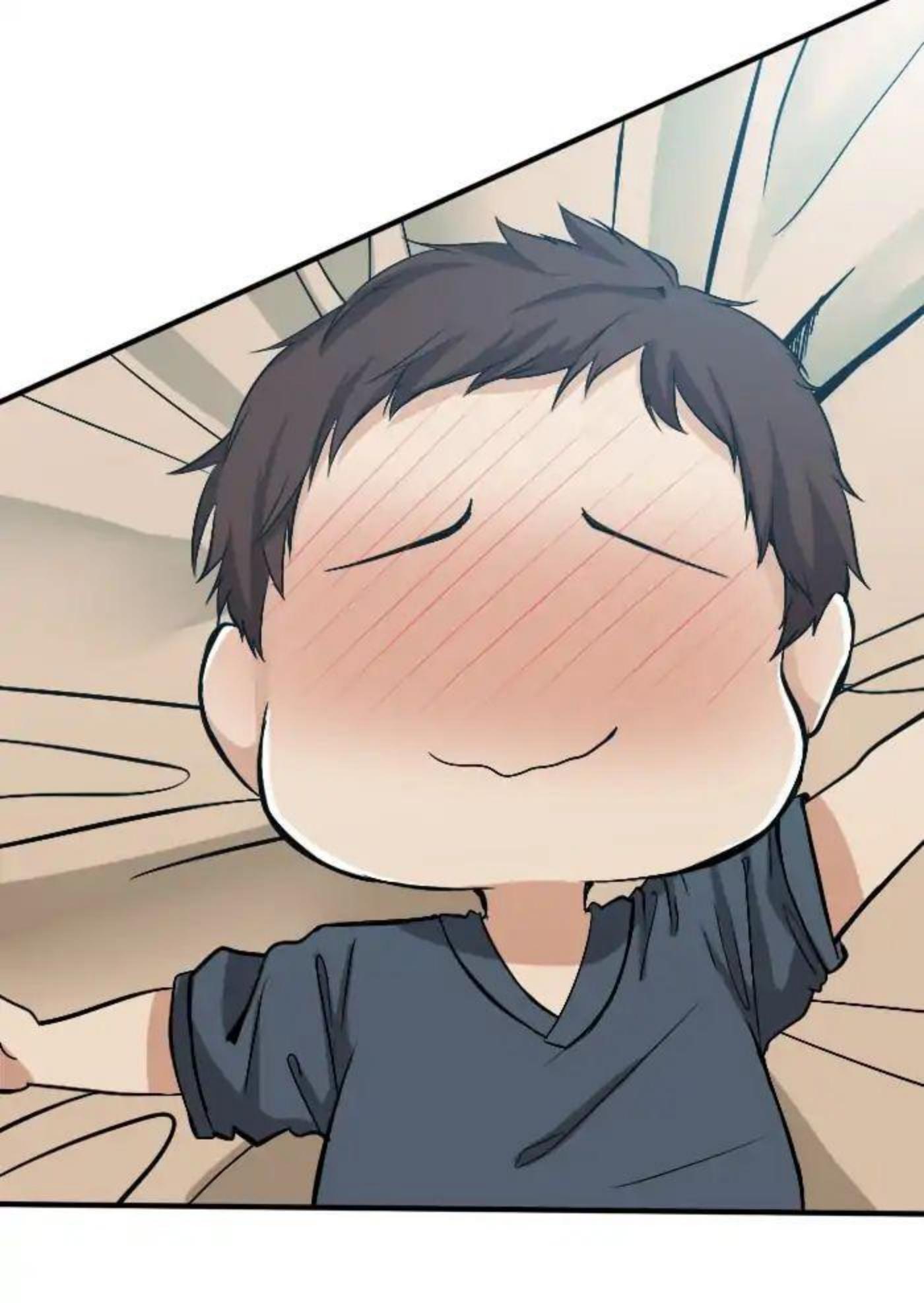
THE
LITTLE COMMAND
OVER MY LIMBS...

AND THE INABILITY
TO EVEN CONTROL
THE BODILY FUNCTIONS
THAT CAME ALONG WITH
THIS PRISON OF FLESH.



PSSS





PERHAPS YEARS OF
MENTAL FORTITUDE HONED
AS A KING, A REPRESENTATIVE
OF MY COUNTRY

AND THE EVER-FAINT HOPE
THAT THIS WAS ALL A DREAM,
WERE THE ONLY THINGS
KEEPING ME SANE.

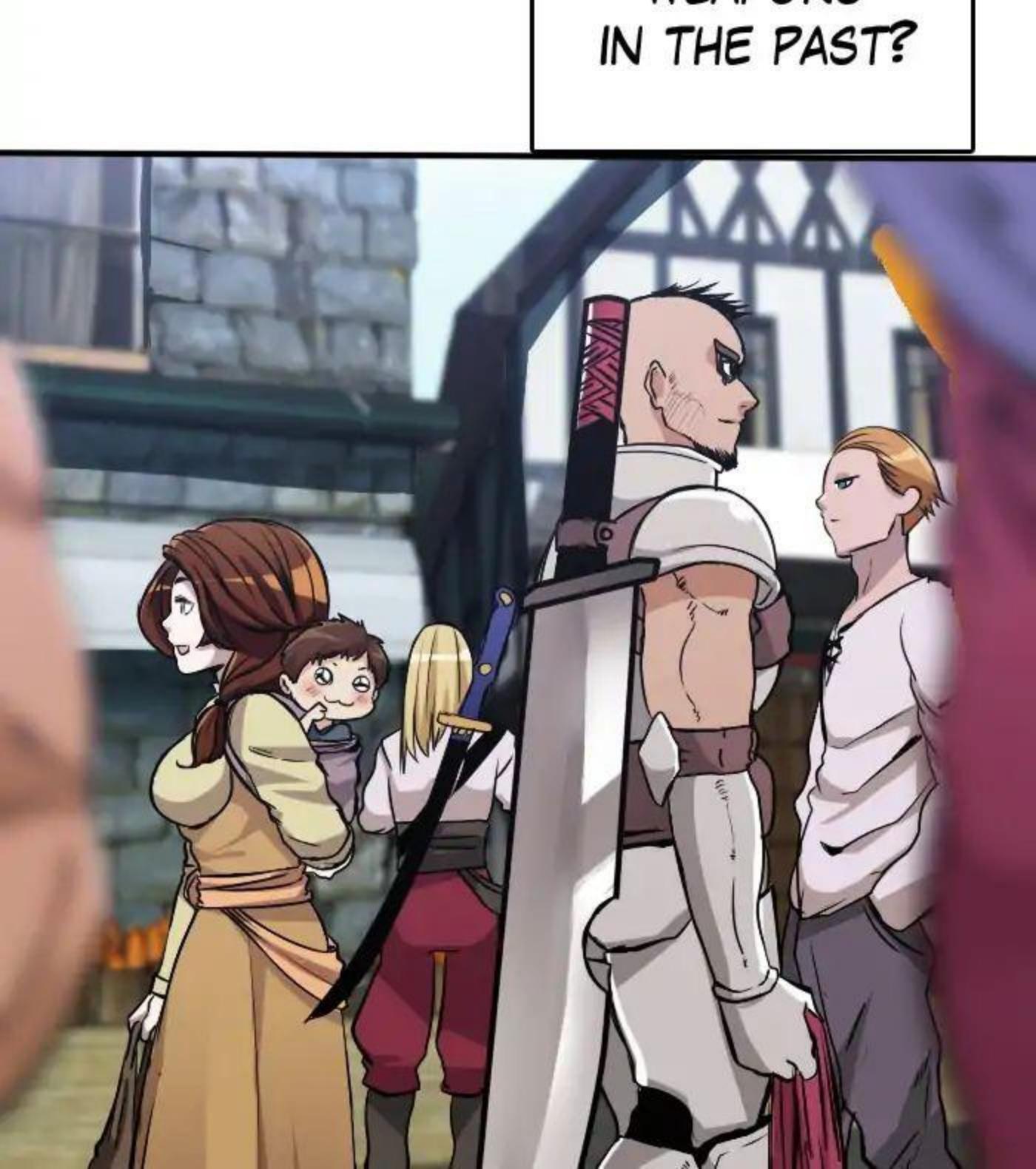


IT SEEMED THAT
I'D BEEN
TRANSPORTED
TO THE PAST
IN A MUCH MORE
ARCHAIC PERIOD

ARCHAIC PERIOD.



DID PEOPLE
USUALLY
CARRY AROUND
WEAPONS
IN THE PAST?



*Elixirs great for
endurance, just
two
coppers!*

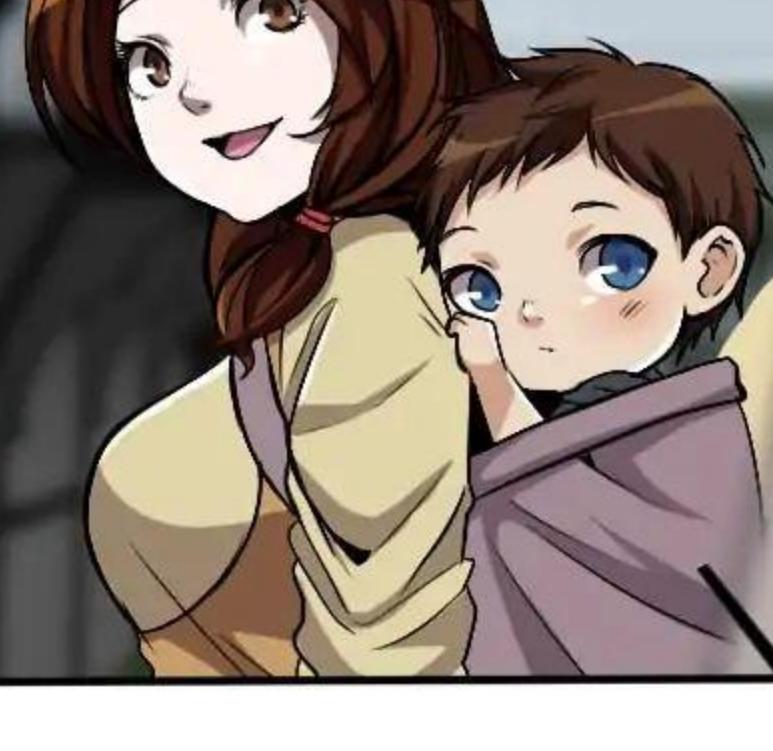
fruits

Elixir



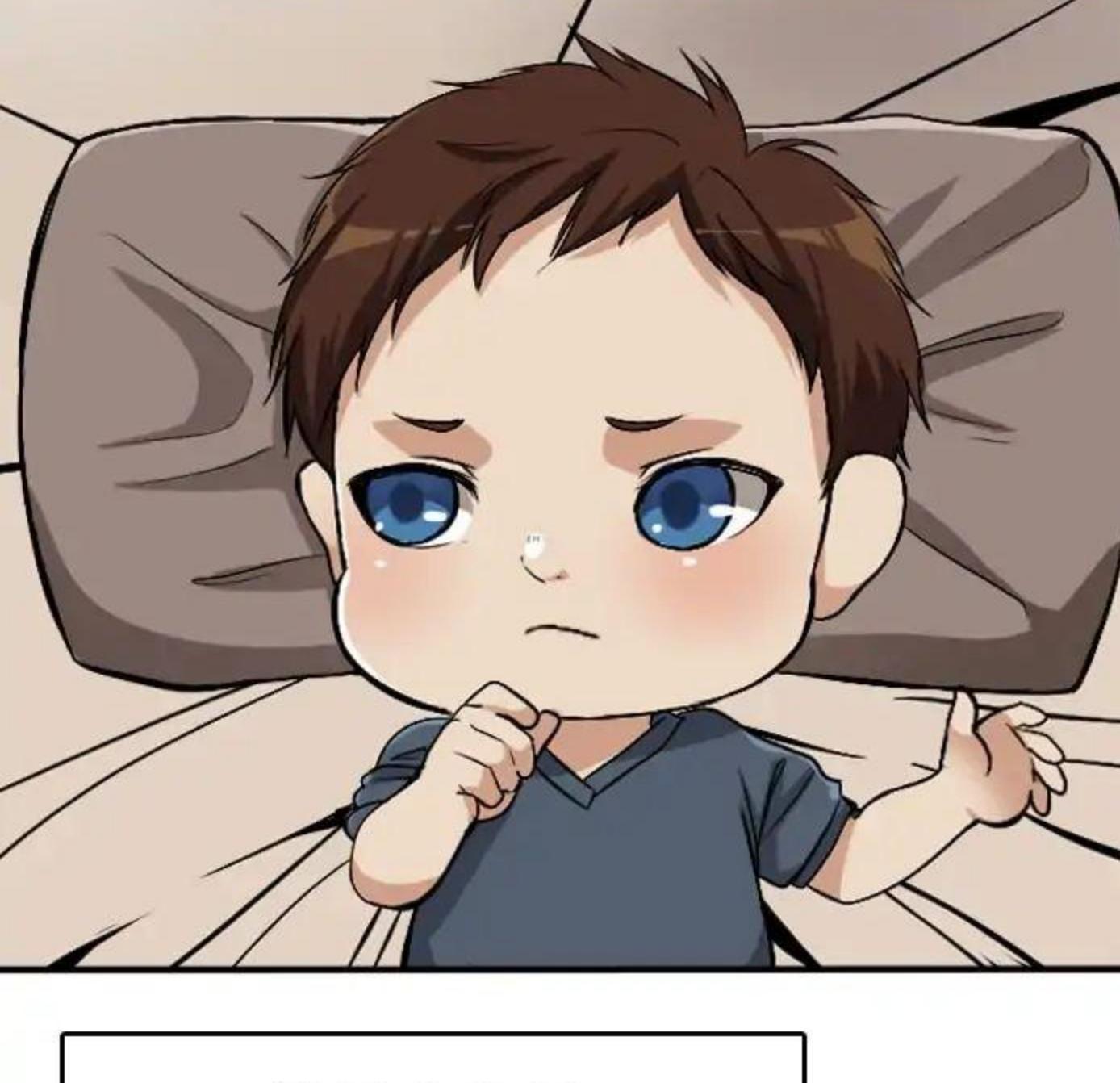
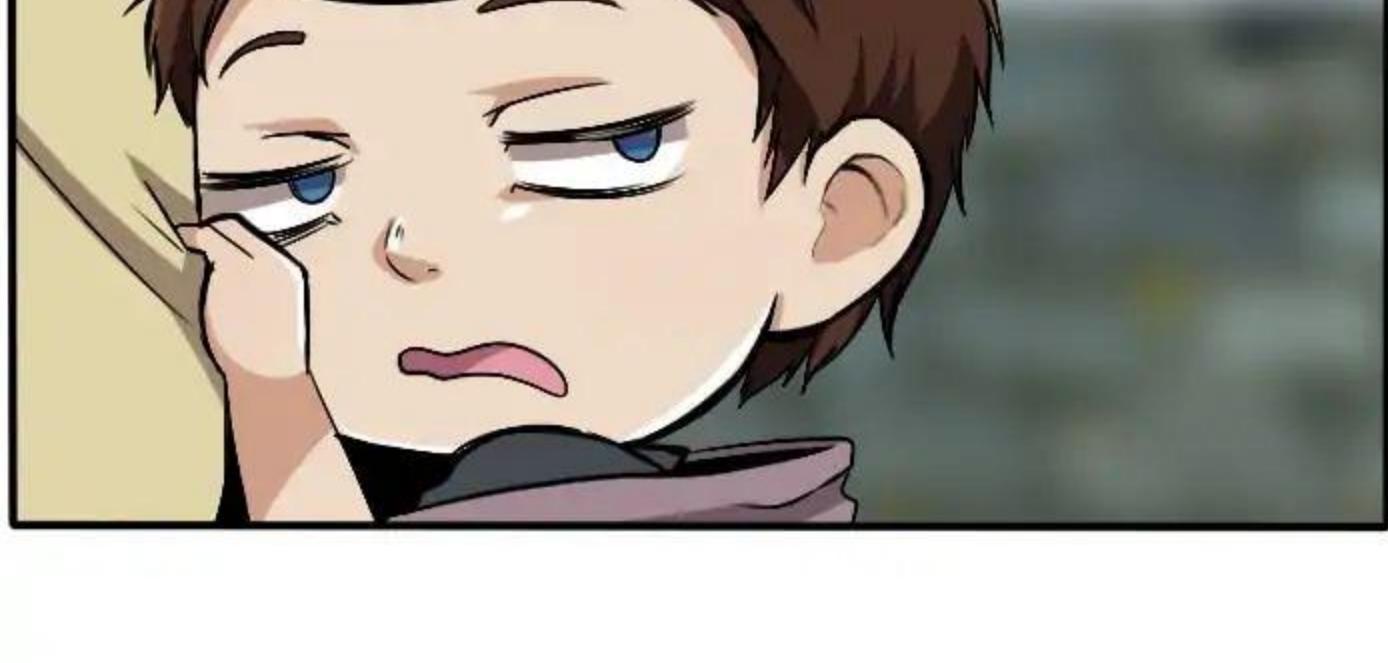
I GUESS I'M SUPPOSED TO
ASSUME THESE VIALS OF
SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING LIQUIDS
THEY'RE PASSING OFF AS
"MEDICINE" ARE BEING SOLD
LEGALLY...

MY LITTLE
ART
MUST BE
TIRED.



HOW ABOUT WE
GO HEAD BACK
HOME NOW?

i'll take three
elixirs for my
husband!



KNOWLEDGE
IS STRENGTH.
I'VE ASSESSED

MY SURROUNDINGS
OVER THE PAST WEEKS,

AND I'M CONFIDENT

THAT I NOW HAVE

A FIRM GRASP ON

WHAT TO EXPECT.



DADDY'S HOME!
HOW'S MY LITTLE
MAN DOING?

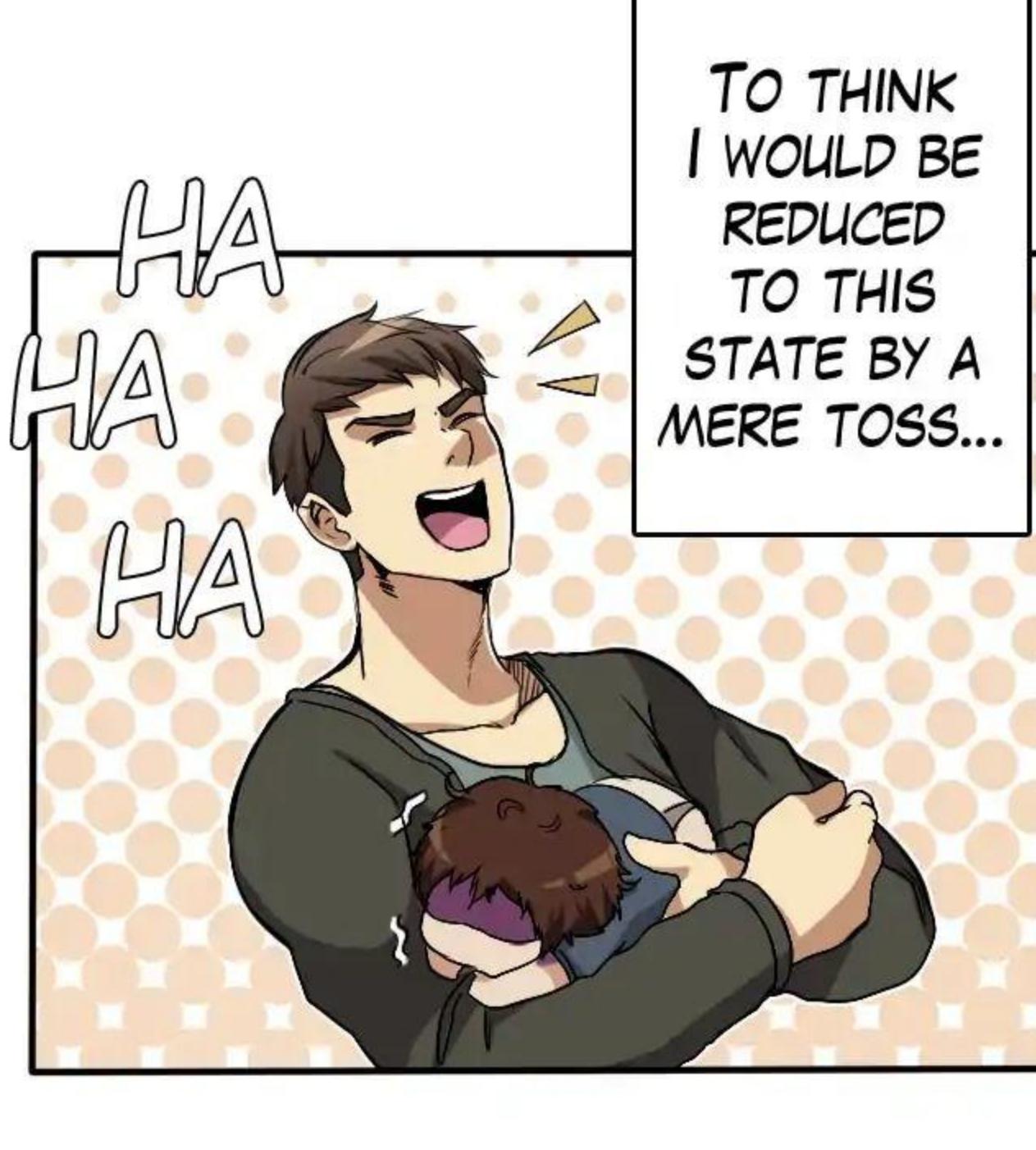




REY!
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO
IF YOU
DROP
HIM?!

A-AS EXPECTED
OF SUCH A FRAGILE
BODY.

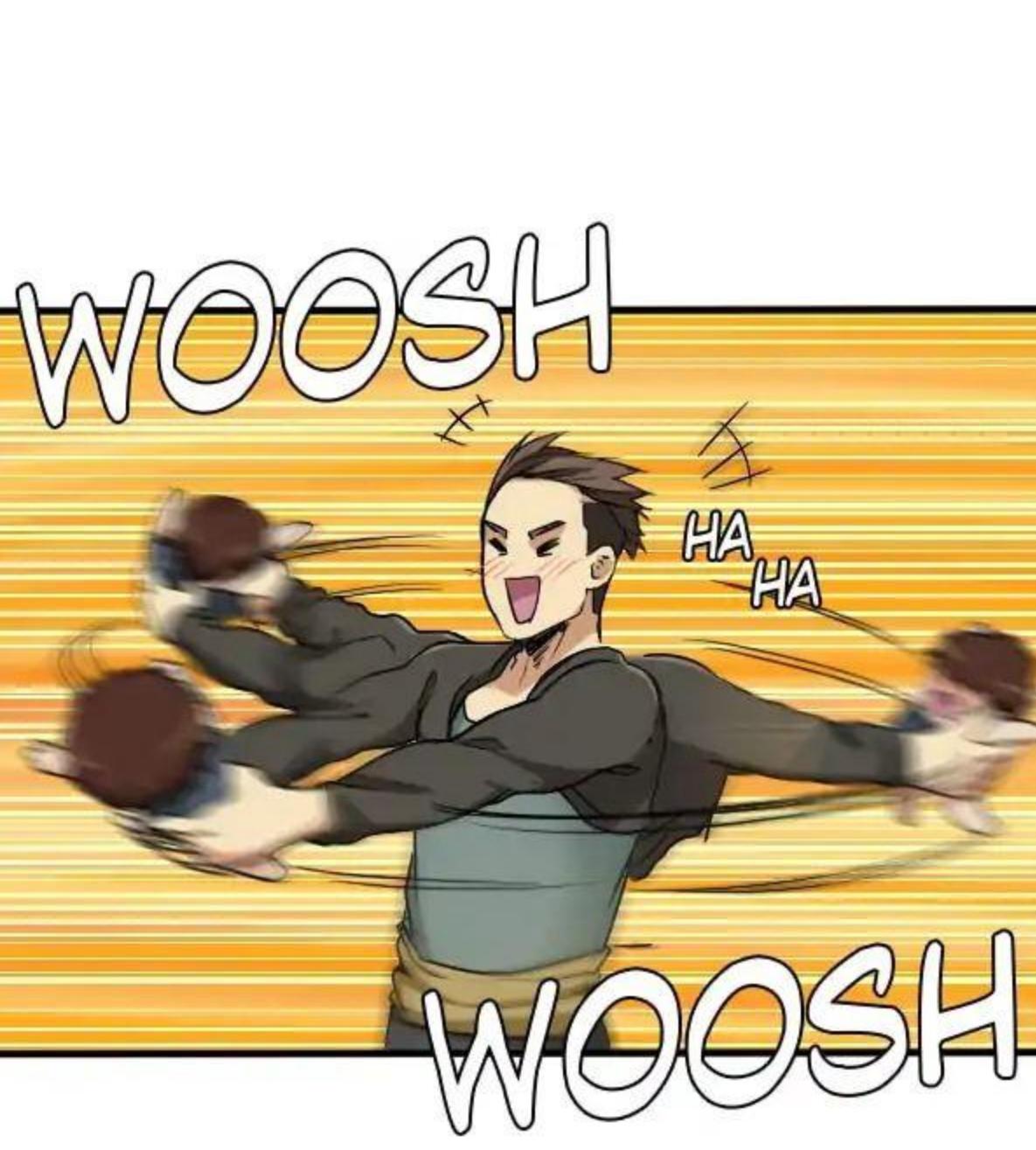




HAHA!
MY FATHER
DID THIS
WHEN I WAS
YOUNGER!

SET

LOOK, DEAR,
I THINK OUR
LITTLE BOY
IS HAVING
FUN!





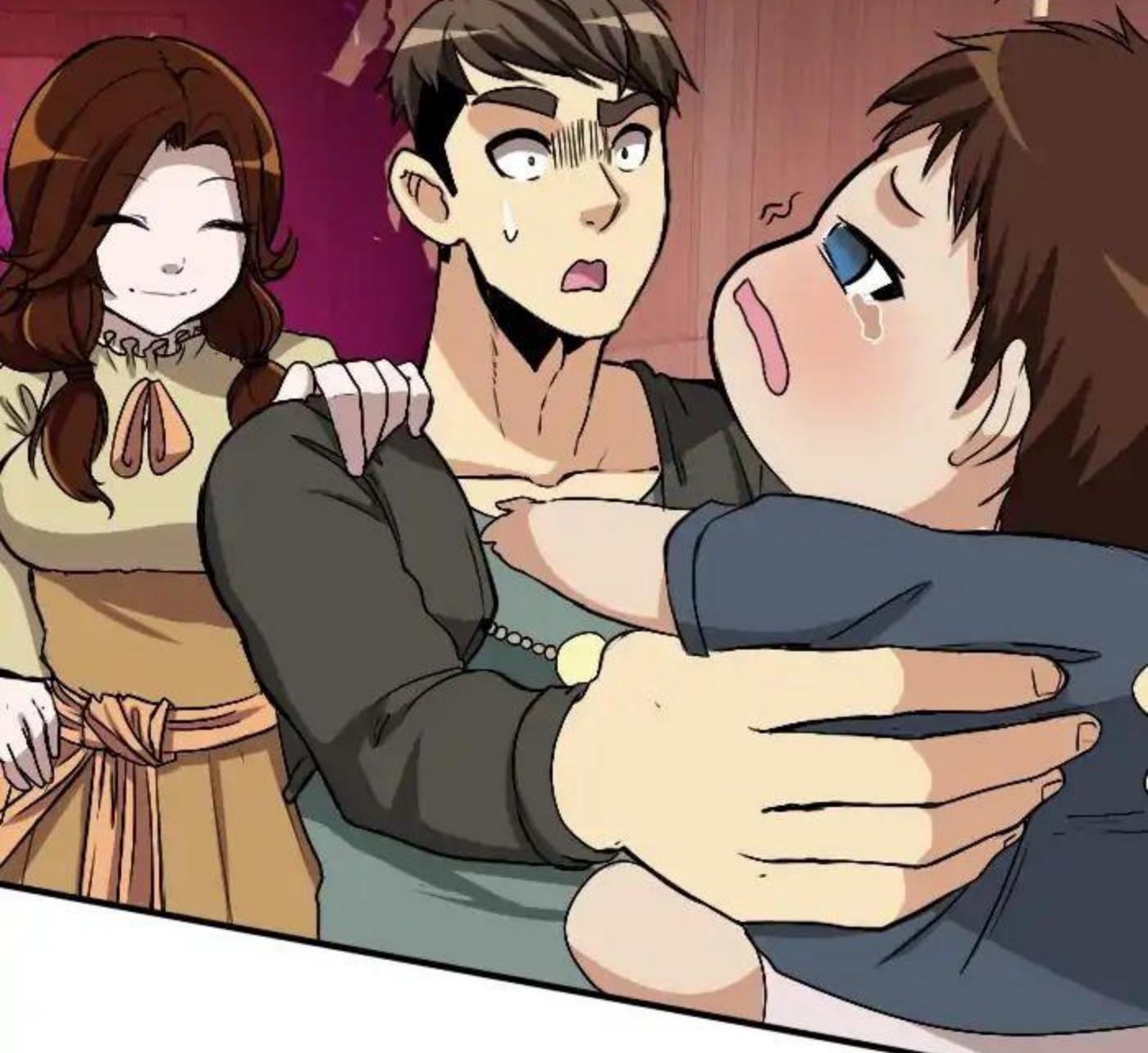
HURGH-



THUCK



GROAA



UWAAAAAH!!

FU-\$!!#@!

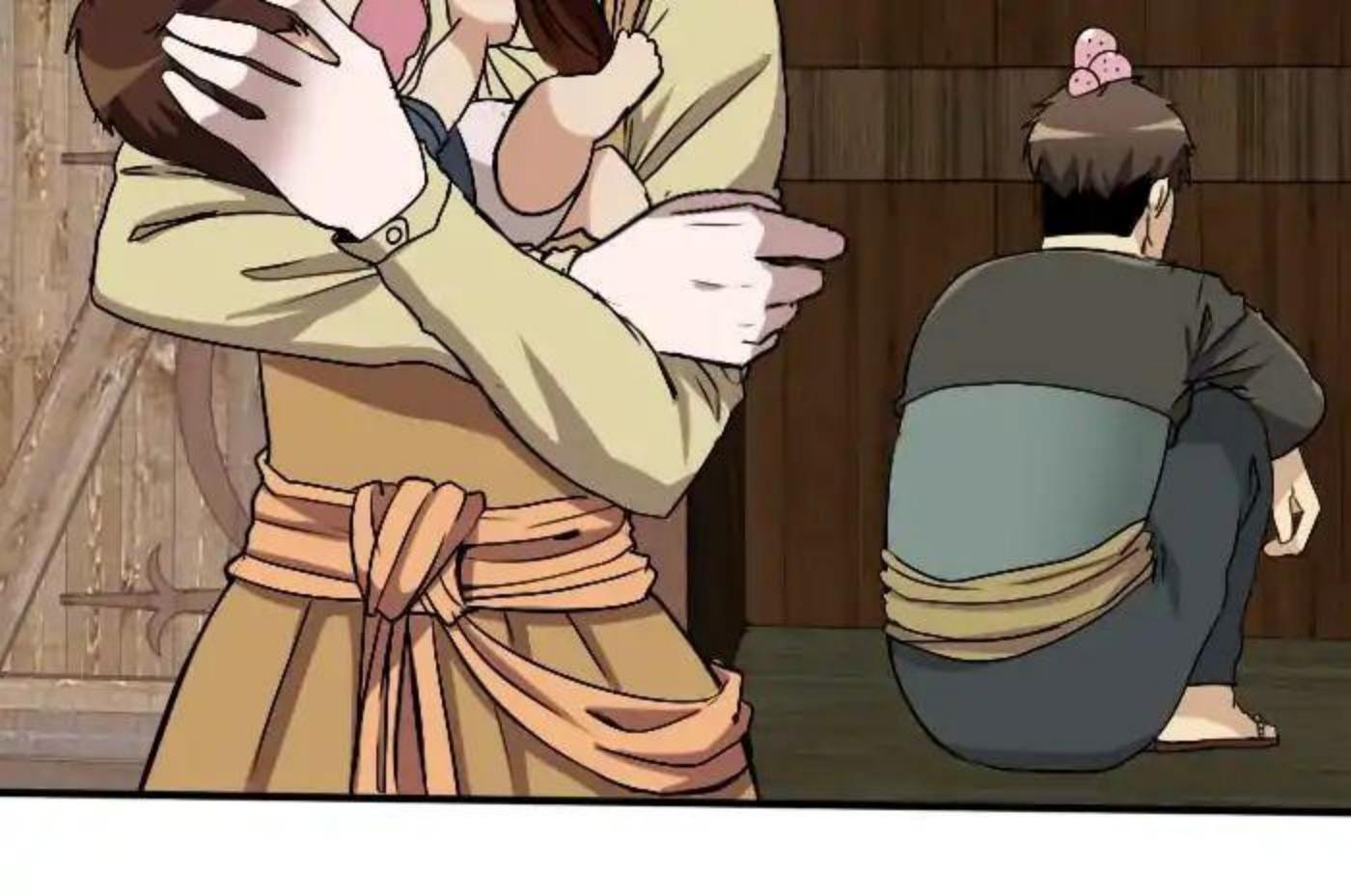




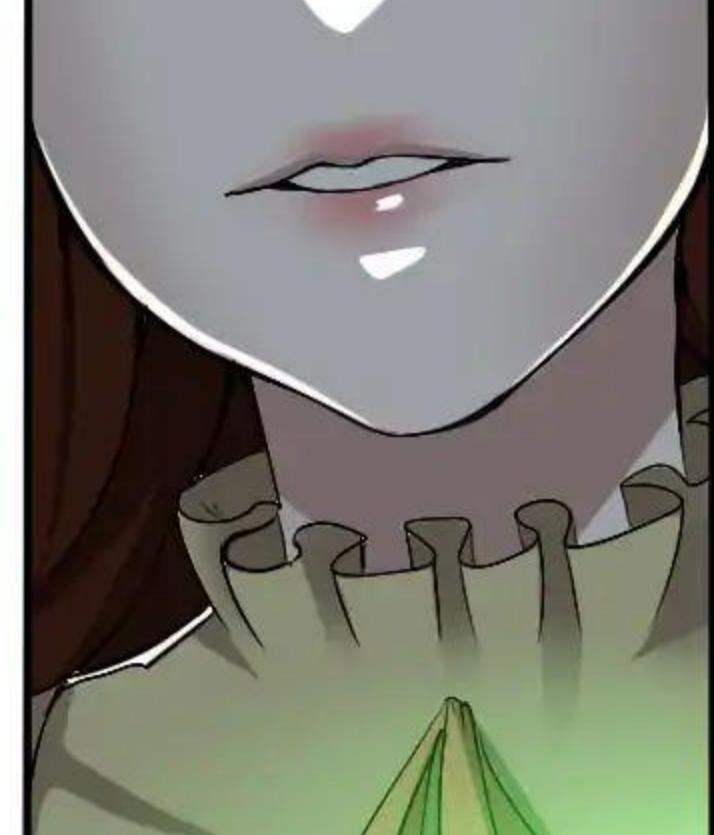
YOU'RE OKAY,
MY LITTLE
BABY.

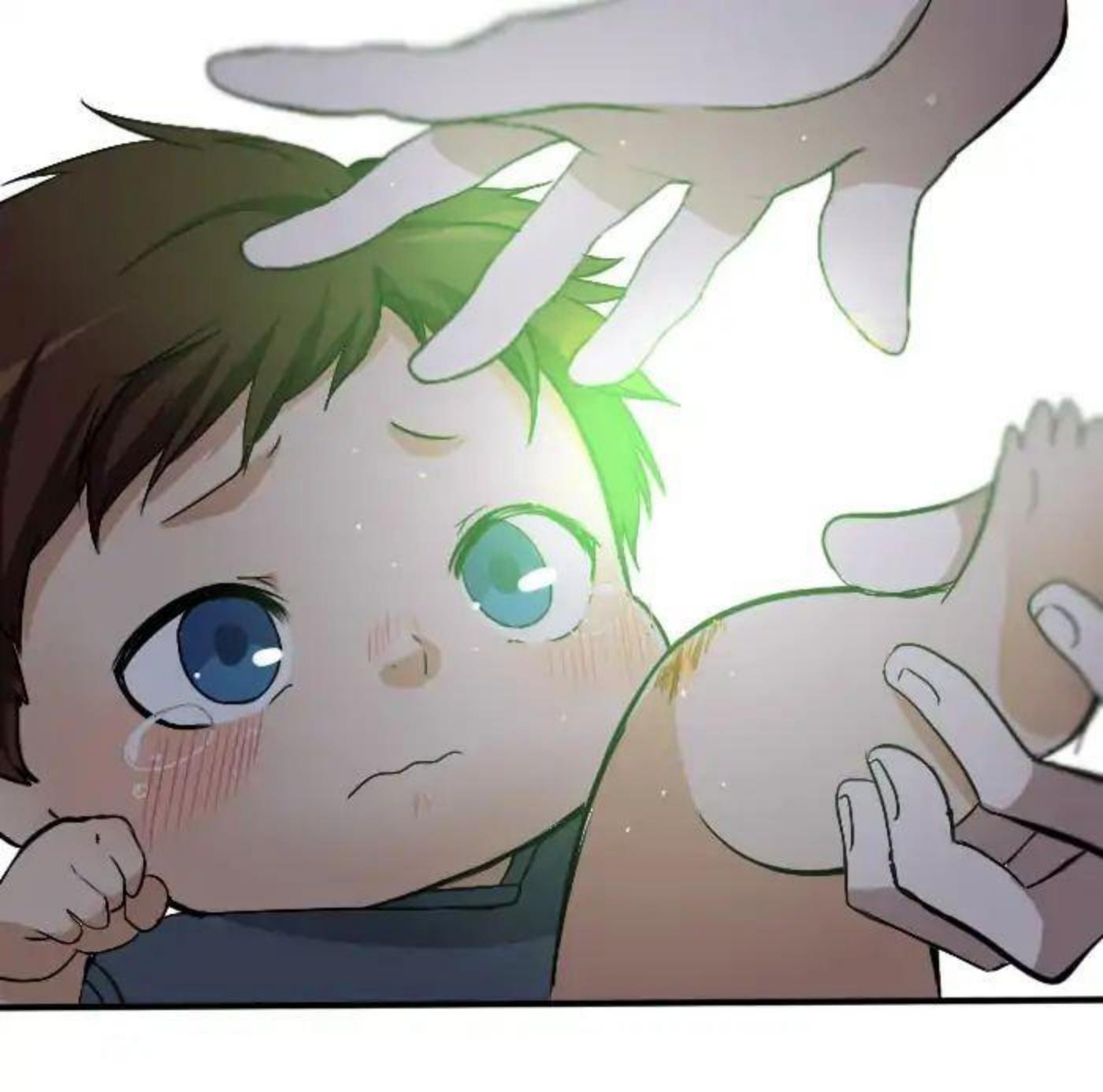
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PSSS



LET MOMMY
FIX YOU UP.

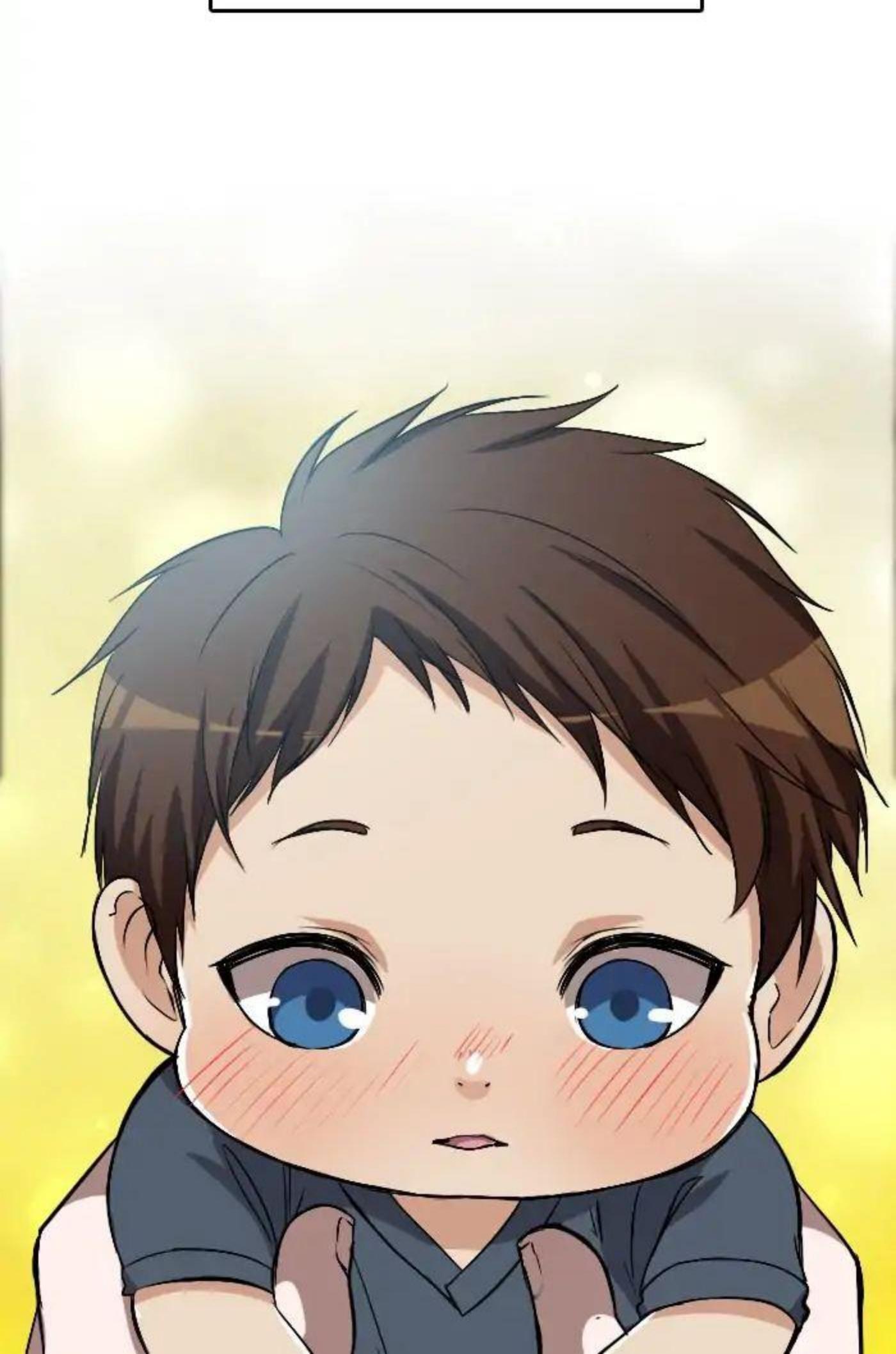


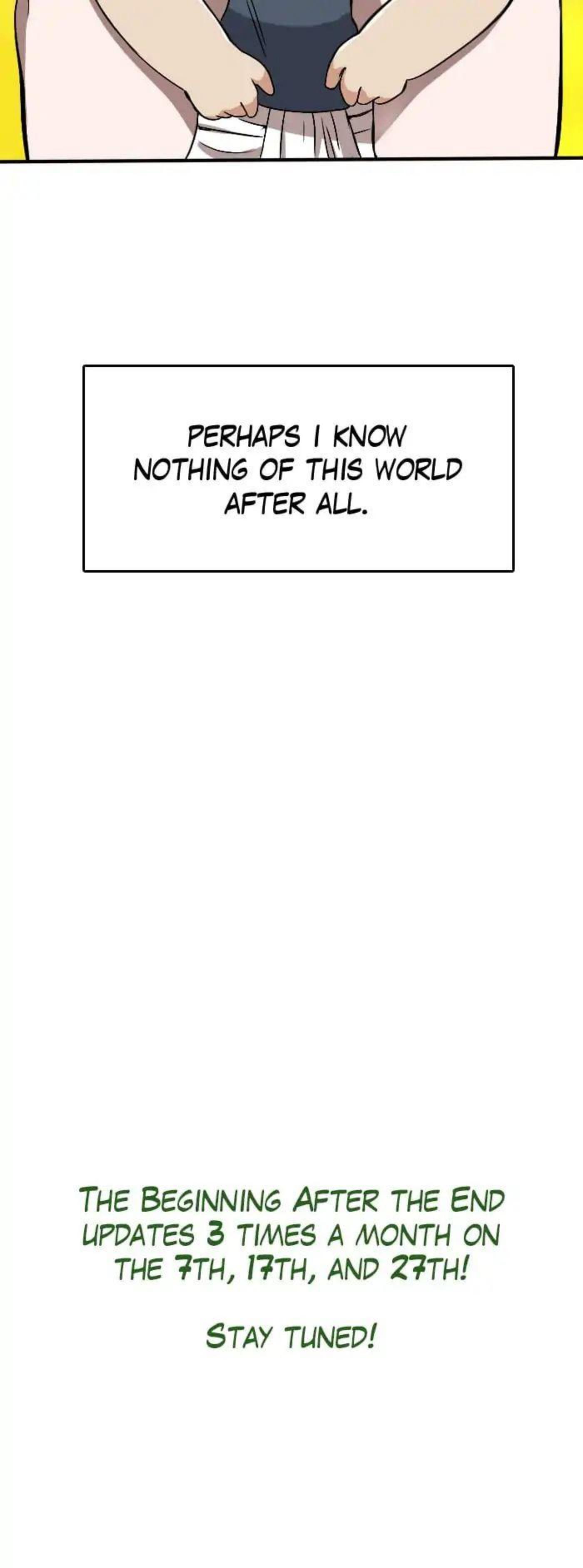


THERE! ALL BETTER!



I THINK I SPOKE
TOO SOON.





PERHAPS I KNOW

NOTHING OF THIS WORLD

AFTER ALL.

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END
UPDATES 3 TIMES A MONTH ON

THE 7TH, 17TH, AND 27TH!

STAY TUNED!