

A cartoon illustration of a green frog with a wide, toothy grin. It wears a yellow sombrero with a red band and a red scarf. In its right hand, it holds a small red chili pepper. To its left is a large, spiky cactus. The background is a soft-focus landscape with rolling hills.

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THE WORLD OF MANGA

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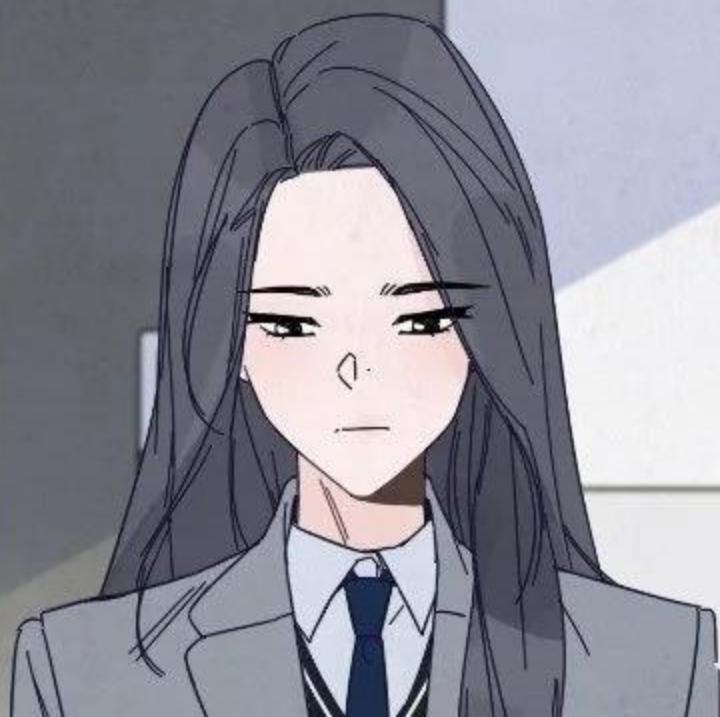


YOUR TEST
RESULTS SHOW THAT YOU
SHOW SYMPTOMS OF
SOMNAMBULISM.

CLACK

CLACK

HAVE YOU
BEEN EXPERIENCING
A LOT OF STRESS
RECENTLY?







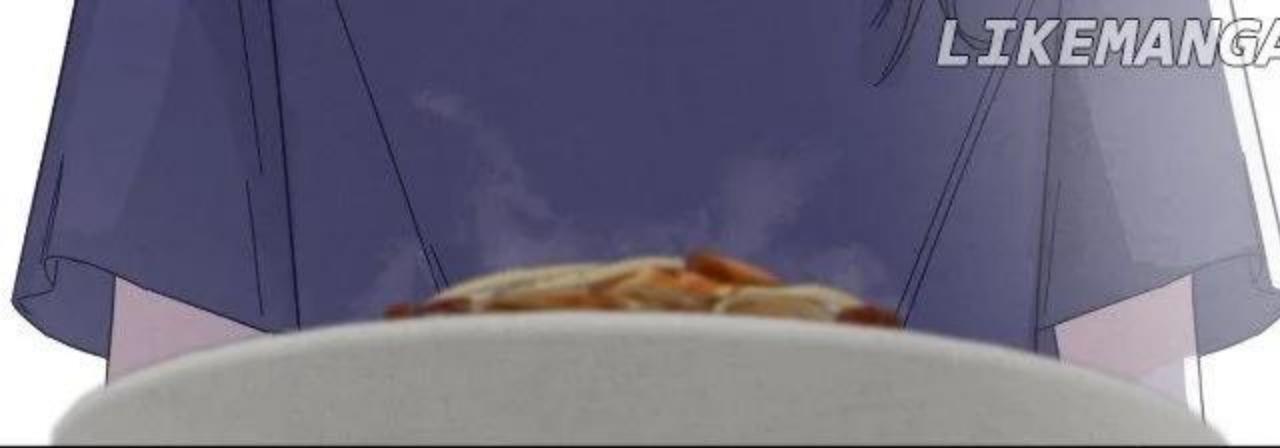
I FOLLOWED THE
RECIPE, BUT I'M NOT
SURE IF IT TURNED OUT OKAY.
YOU'RE NOT ALLERGIC TO
TOMATOES, ARE YOU?



I MADE
PLENTY, SO
FEEL FREE TO
GET MORE IF
YOU WANT.



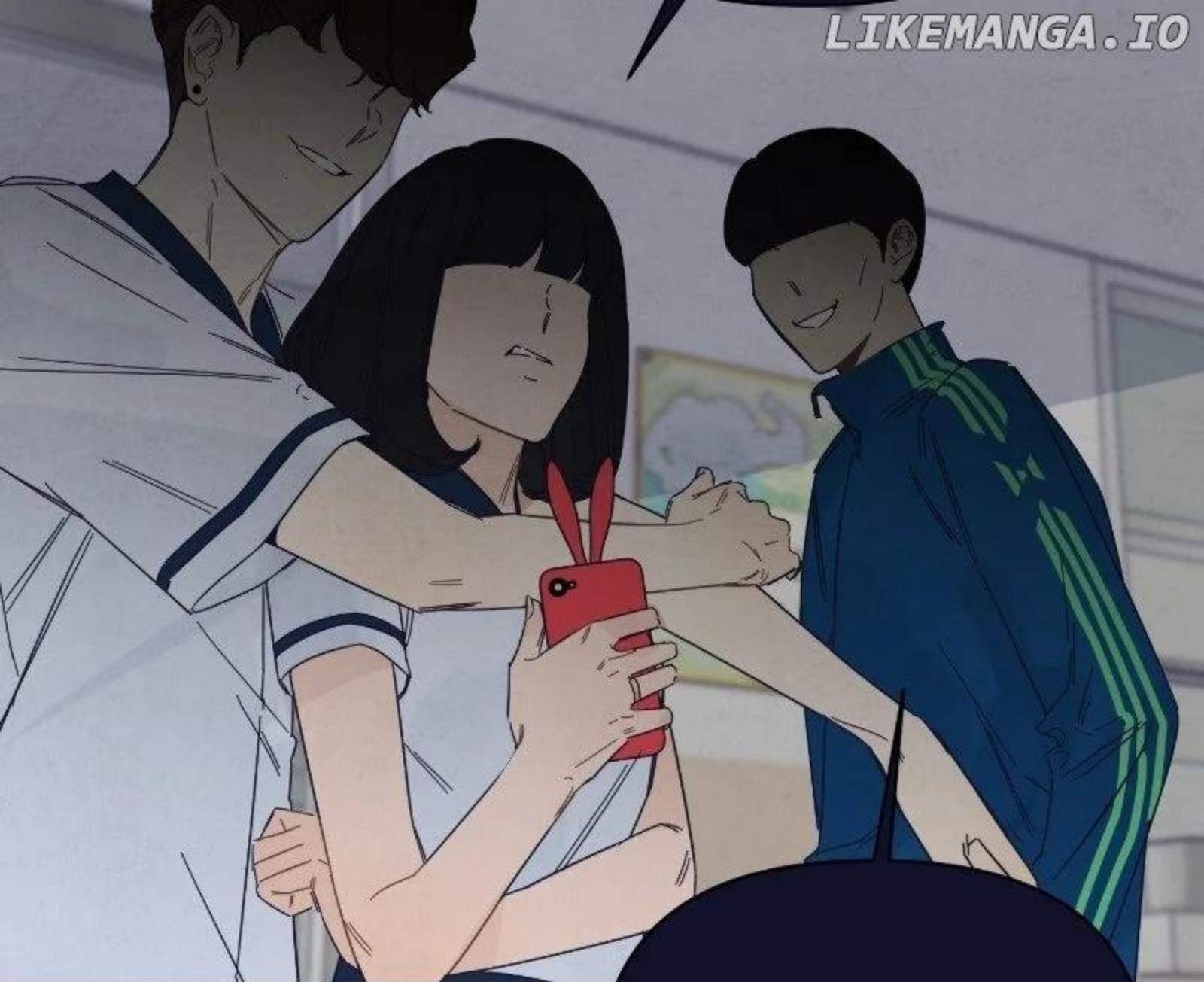




CRASH

UGH... GEEZ.

YOU'RE SUCH A
MESS! WATCH WHERE
YOU'RE WALKING,
WILL YOU?



BAHAHAHA,
THAT'S HARSH.

SNAP

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH HER?
WHY ISN'T SHE
GETTING UP?

I'D BE TOO
EMBARRASSED
TO GET UP IF I
WERE HER.

SNAP

FLASH





OH MY GOD,
HAHAHA! IS THIS
A PHOTOSHOOT OR
SOMETHING?

SNAP



YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO TRIPPED HER!





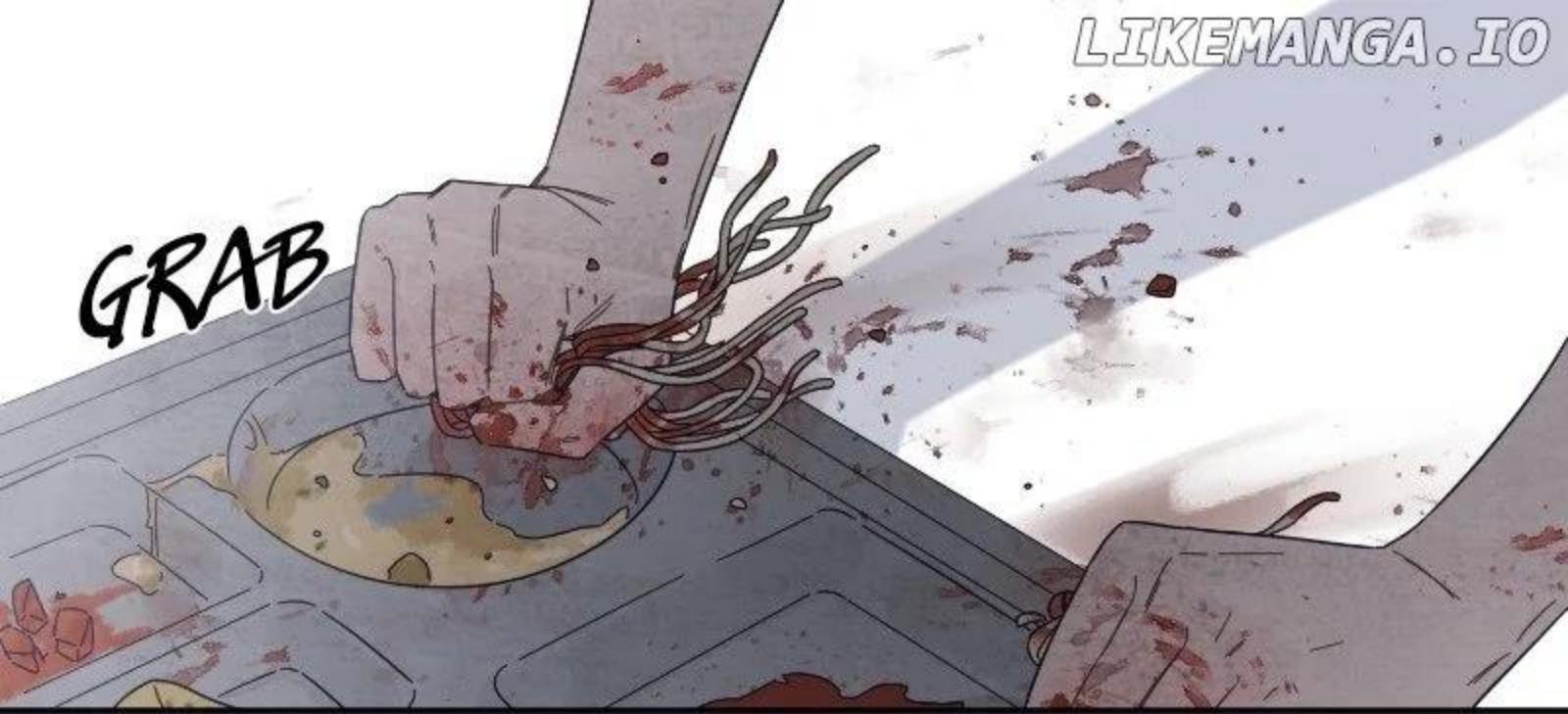
NUH-UH,
WASN'T ME.
SHE FELL ON
HER OWN.



HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

GRAB

GRAB



BAHAHAHA!





DANG... THIS
IS GONNA GET PIC
OF THE YEAR!

YO, HAVE
YOU SEEN THIS?
IT'S FREAKING EPIC,
HAHAHA!

DID YOU FINISH
THE PROJECT?





WOW... SHE'S NOT
GONNA BREAK, HUH?



MY STOMACH
DOESN'T FEEL GOOD
TODAY...



I'M GOING
TO MY ROOM.

HAH. AFTER
I COOKED FOR
YOU...?!

DID YOU GO
SEE THE DOCTOR
TODAY?

THUMP

WHAT DID
THEY SAY?

DID THE TEST
RESULTS COME
OUT NORMAL?

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP





THUMP



THUMP



THUMP



WHATEVER THE
CAUSE, IF YOU CONTINUE
EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS
LIKE THIS...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

...YOU CAN'T JUST
BRUSH THEM OFF.

IF YOU
DON'T TAKE CARE
OF THE ROOT
CAUSE...

THUMP

FLOP



THUMP

LIKEMANGA.IO

THUMP

...OF YOUR
SLEEPWALKING
SYMPTOMS...

THUMP

...THINGS COULD
GET WORSE.

THUMP



THUMP

RIGHT NOW,
YOU'RE JUST GETTING
BRUISES.



BUT EVENTUALLY...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

SEULBI!
WHY ARE YOU
MAKING SO MUCH
NOISE AT THIS
HOUR...?!

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

...YOU MIGHT
END UP WITH EVEN
MORE SERIOUS
INJURIES.

CREAK



FOR NOW, I THINK
YOU SHOULD GET RID OF
ANY KNIVES, SCISSORS AND
OTHER SHARP OBJECTS
FROM YOUR ROOM.

SWISH





...?



SEULBI,
WHY ARE YOU
STANDING
OVER...

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED,
MAKE SURE YOU LOCK YOUR DOORS AND
WINDOWS. IT MIGHT FEEL WEIRD AT FIRST,
BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A HABIT OF IT.

OTHERWISE,
YOU COULD SERIOUSLY
INJURE YOURSELF.



WHOOSH





W-WAIT, NO....!!

SEULBI!

SEULBI!!!

DARK MERMAID

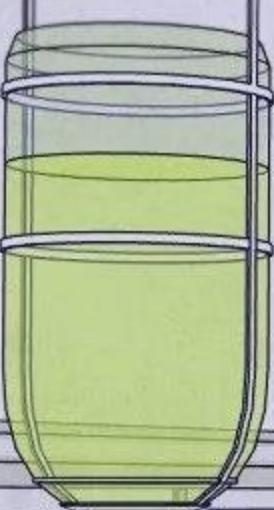
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MR. KIM!
WHAT WAS THE NAME
OF THAT HIGH SCHOOL
YOU MENTIONED
BEFORE?

YEAH... THINGS

ARE GETTING A LITTLE
OUT OF HAND.

I'VE BEEN
REASSIGNED TO
THAT REGION ANYWAY,
SO I'M THINKING OF
JUST TAKING HER
WITH ME...

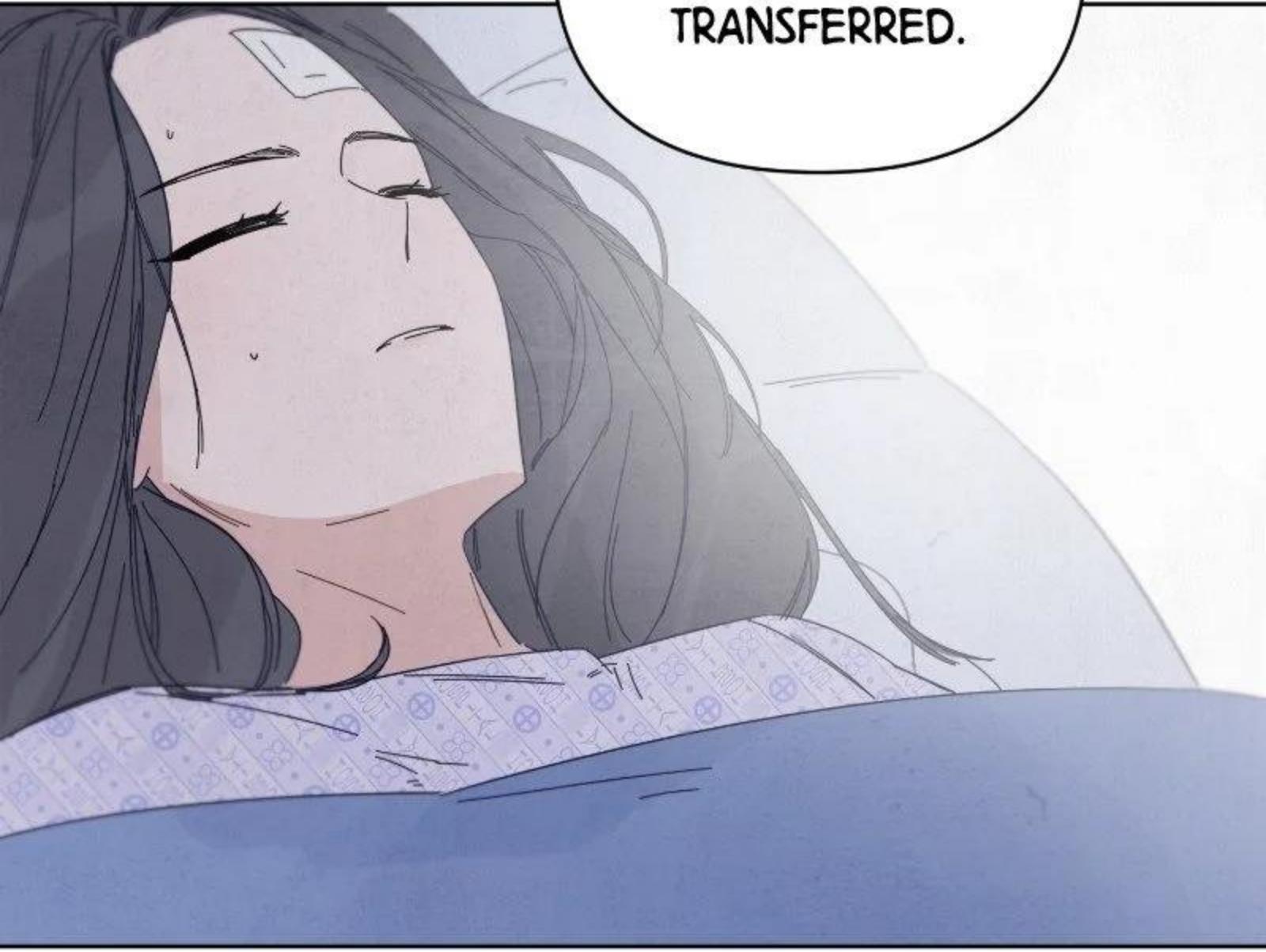


WHAT WAS
THAT AGAIN? SHIHAN
HIGH SCHOOL?



SEULBI?
SHE'S NOT HURT
TOO BADLY...

LAST NIGHT,
THOUGH... SHE
COULD HAVE GOTTEN
REALLY HURT, BUT SHE
DOESN'T REMEMBER
A THING.



YEAH...
THANKS.

I'D BETTER
START LOOKING
INTO GETTING HER
TRANSFERRED.

TRANSFERRED...



MAYBE...
THAT'S FOR THE
BETTER...







DASH

WOW... THAT
SERIES IS SO OLD. ARE
YOU STILL WATCHING
THIS?

==
LEAN





YUP. I DON'T
KNOW HOW IT
ENDS YET, SO NO
SPOILERS.



OKAY. DID
YOU FINISH YOUR
HOMEWORK?



UM... LIKE
80% OF IT...?

HUH...? YOU
EITHER DID OR
DIDN'T.



WHAT THE
HECK IS 80%?

I WAS
PLANNING TO
COPY YOURS FOR
THE LAST 20%.

SUP

BEAM



I'M SPEECHLESS.

NO SUCH THING
AS A FREE LUNCH.

IF YOU BUY
ME TTEOKBOKKI
AFTER SCHOOL, I'LL
CONSIDER IT.



HMPH!





I KNEW YOU
WOULD! THANKS!!

UGH, GYEONGMIN,
YOU'RE SUCH A LIAR.

NO, I SAW IT
WITH MY OWN EYES
AT THE TEACHERS!

AT THE TEACHERS
OFFICE!

THERE'S A NEW
KID FOR REAL.

HEY!

HI, HAE-ON!

BUT ARE YOU
SURE THE NEW
KID'S COMING TO
OUR CLASS?

ARE THEY A

ARE THEY A
GIRL OR BOY?
LTKEMANGA.IO

A GIRL. SHE
HAD REALLY LONG
HAIR, BUT I DIDN'T GET
A GOOD LOOK AT
HER FACE--

PERK



HUH? THERE'S
A NEW GIRL?





BRAND NEW?

LIKE NOT
FROM AROUND
HERE?



YEAH, SHE'S
FROM SEOUL.

WOAH...
AWESOME.

WE HAVEN'T
HAD ANYONE MOVE
HERE IN FOREVER.

ALL RIGHT,
EVERYONE, TAKE
YOUR SEATS.

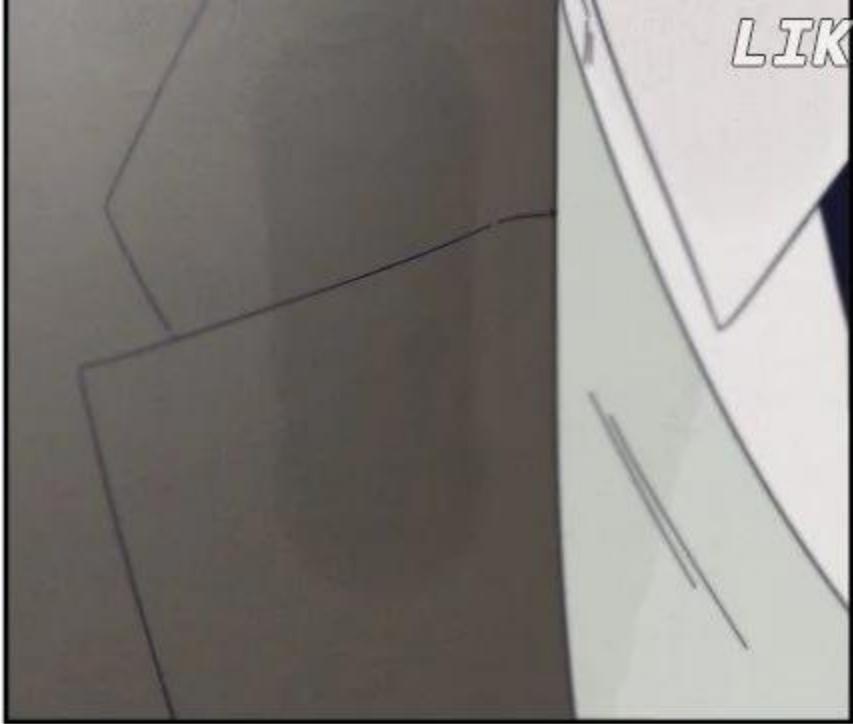
HEY, THE
TEACHER'S HERE.



FIRST OFF,
WE HAVE A NEW
STUDENT TODAY. SHE'S
FROM SEOUL.

SEULBI,
WHY DON'T
YOU INTRODUCE
YOURSELF?



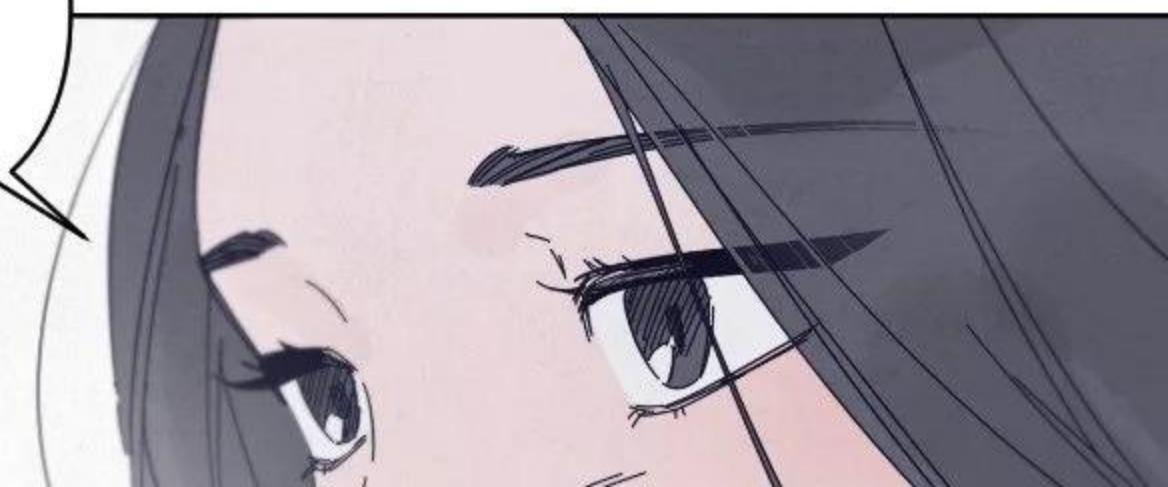


MY NAME IS
SEULBI YU.





I RECENTLY
MOVED HERE.



AND...



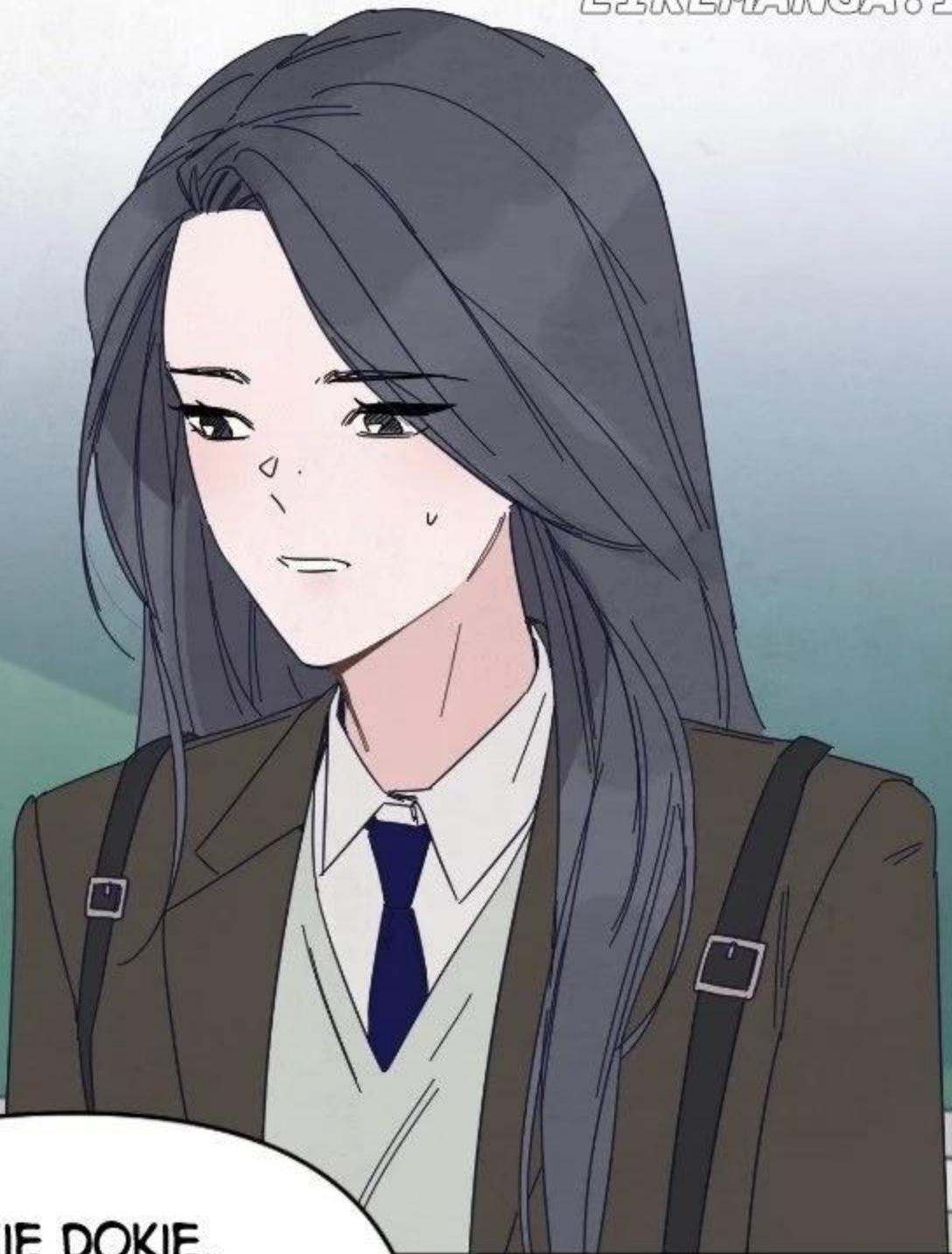
...I JUST...
WANT TO GET
THROUGH SCHOOL
QUIETLY...

HMP? WHAT

WAS THAT?



OH... NOTHING. I
JUST SAID IT'S NICE TO
MEET EVERYONE.



OKIE DOKIE.
EVERYONE, PLEASE
BE NICE TO SEULBI, AND
LET'S SEE... WHERE
SHOULD WE HAVE
YOU SIT...

HAE-ON!

MURMUR

MURMUR

Class Moto
Those bound to
fail will fail.

YES!!

SPRING

HEHE

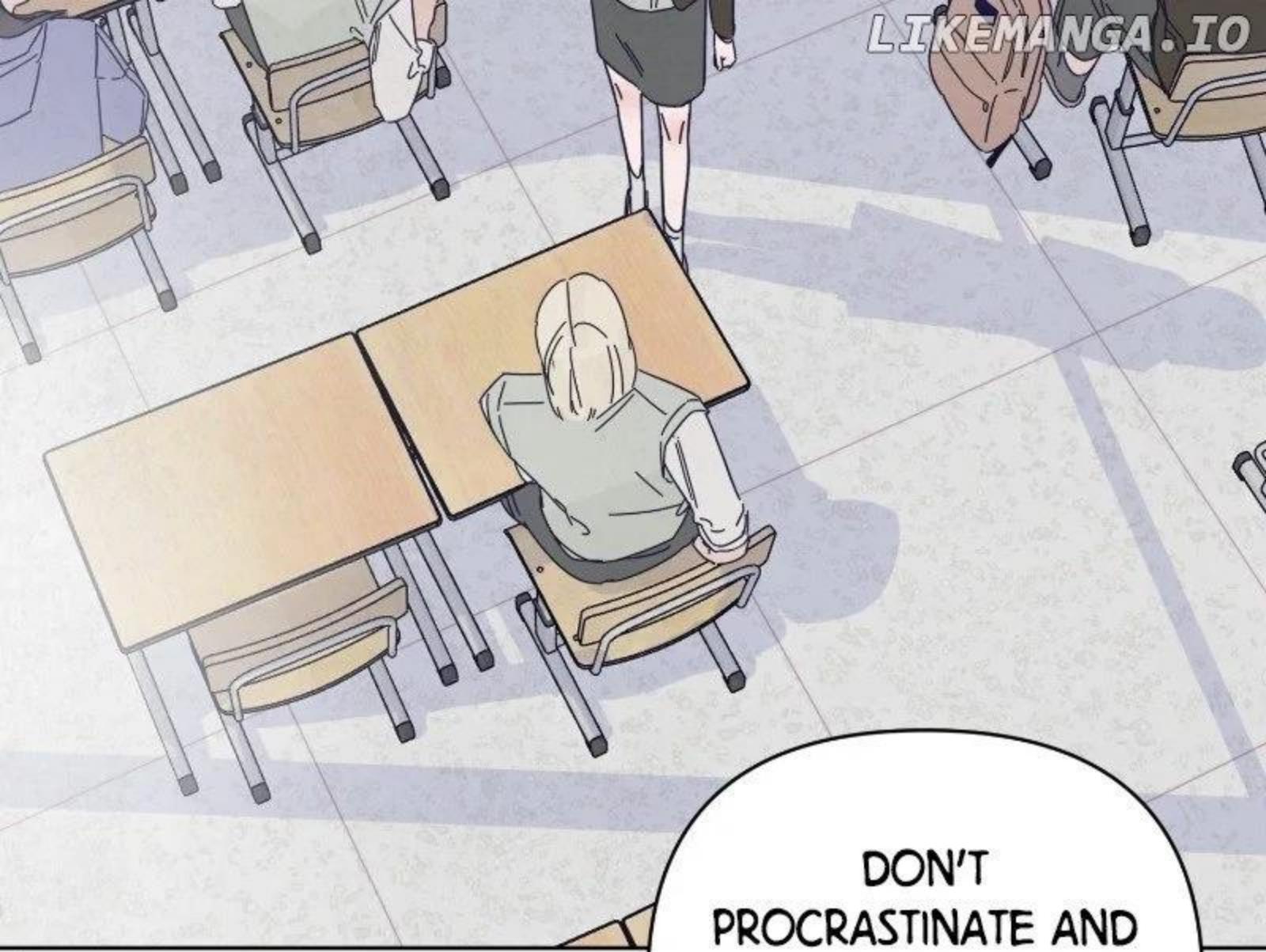
HAHA

YOU CAN GO
SIT NEXT TO HER.

AND HAE-ON!
YOU'RE THE CLASS
PRESIDENT, SO MAKE SURE
THE NEW STUDENT FEELS
WELCOME.

RIGHT THEN,
YOUR PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT* WILL BE
STARTING FROM TODAY, SO
MAKE SURE YOU'RE
ALL PREPARED.





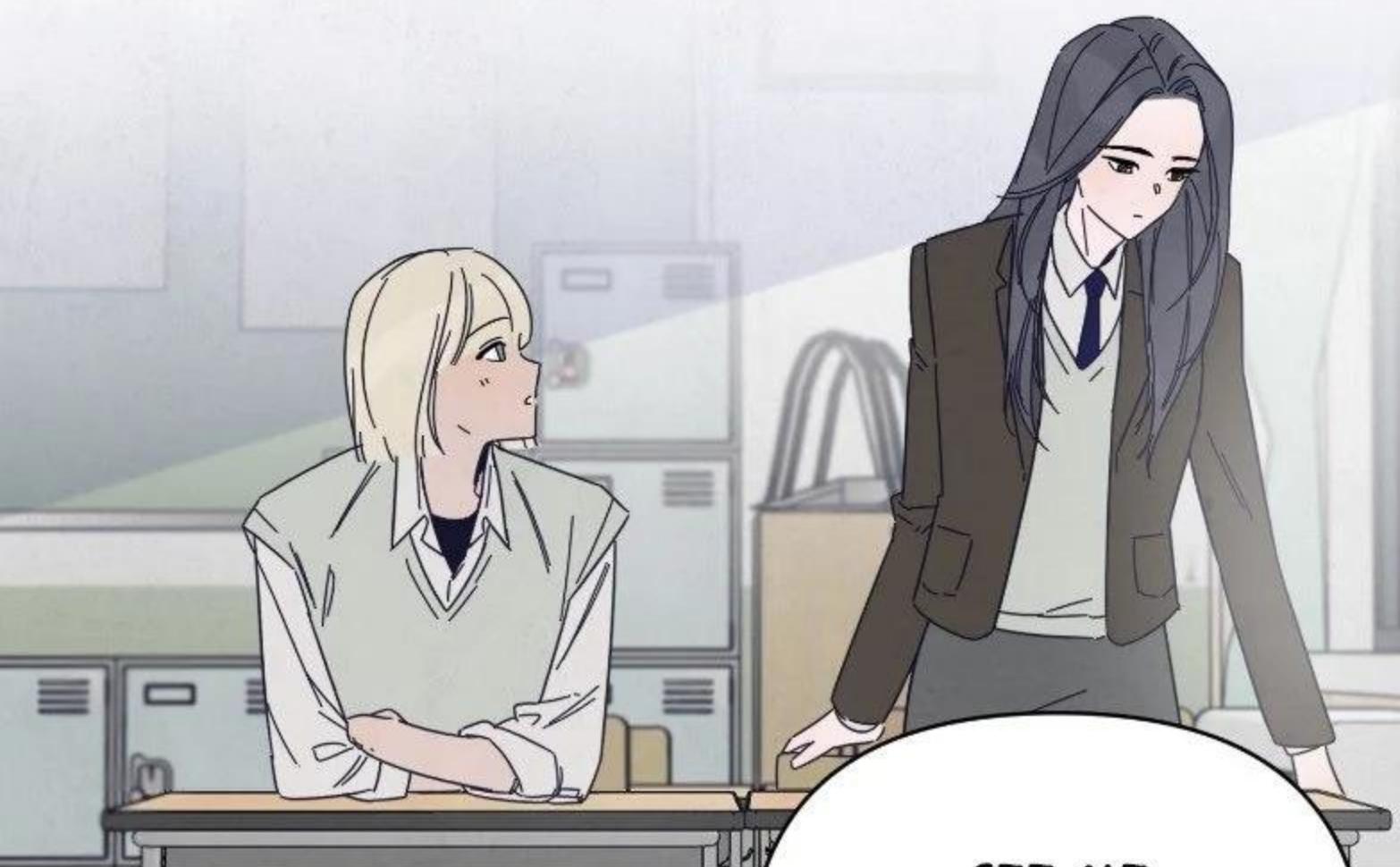
*A PROCESS EVALUATING STUDENTS' LEARNING THROUGH TESTS, PROJECTS, PORTFOLIOS, PRESENTATIONS, AND GROUP WORK.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE AND CRAM EVERYTHING IN RIGHT BEFORE THE DUE DATE!

AND WHO WAS IN CHARGE

OF CLEANING
YESTERDAY?

LIKEMANGA.IO



SEE ME
AFTER SCHOOL...
YOU CALL THAT
CLEAN?

HI.



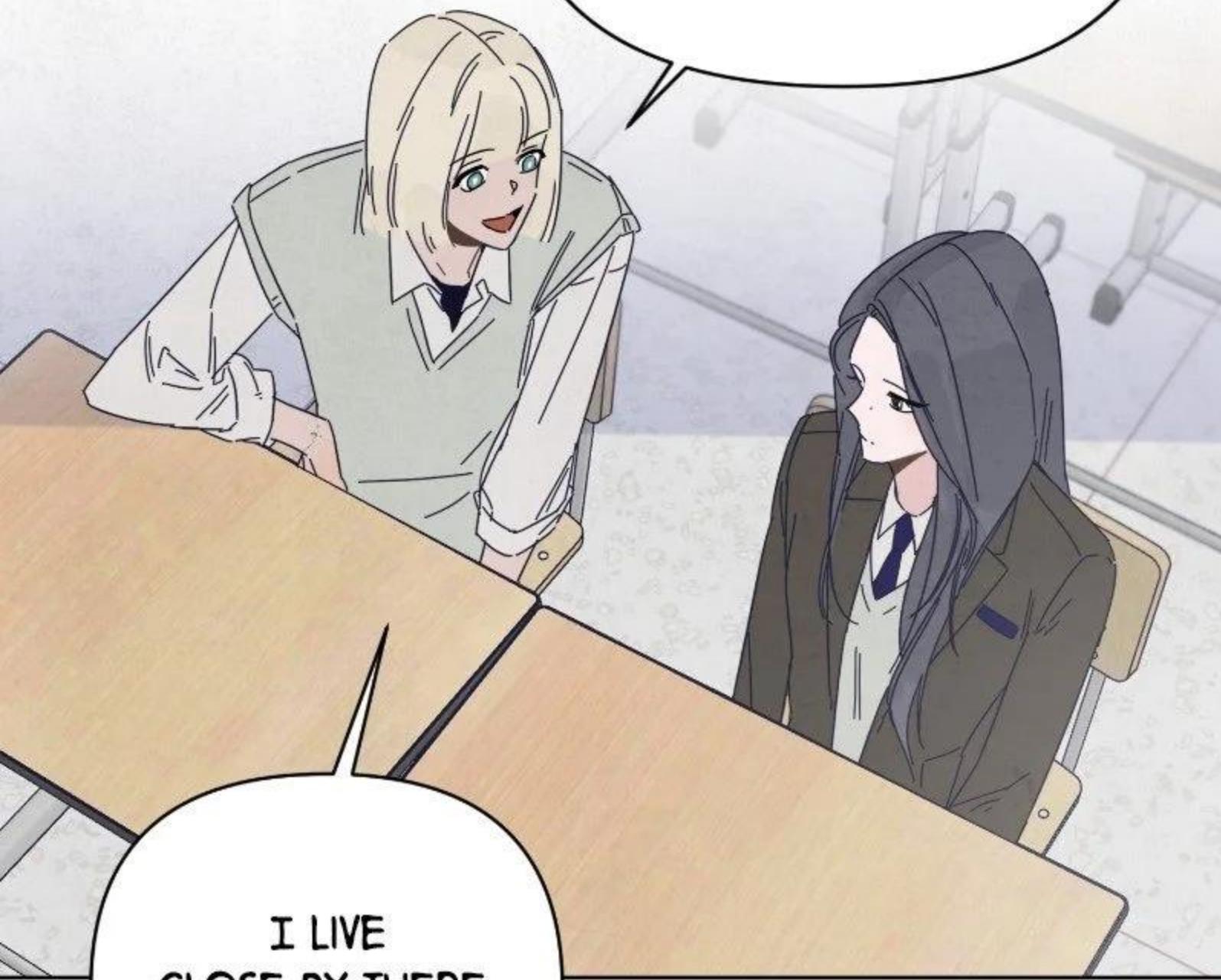


WHERE DO
YOU LIVE? NEAR
THE SCHOOL?

UH... I LIVE ON THE
OTHER SIDE OF MOUNT
CHEONGMYEONG...

WOAH... IN THAT

HOUSE?! NOKONESANGA.IO
LIVED THERE FOR A WHILE.
I WAS WONDERING WHO
WOULD MOVE IN!



I LIVE
CLOSE BY THERE,
YOU KNOW.

WANNA
START COMING
TO SCHOOL
TOGETHER?

WHAT...?

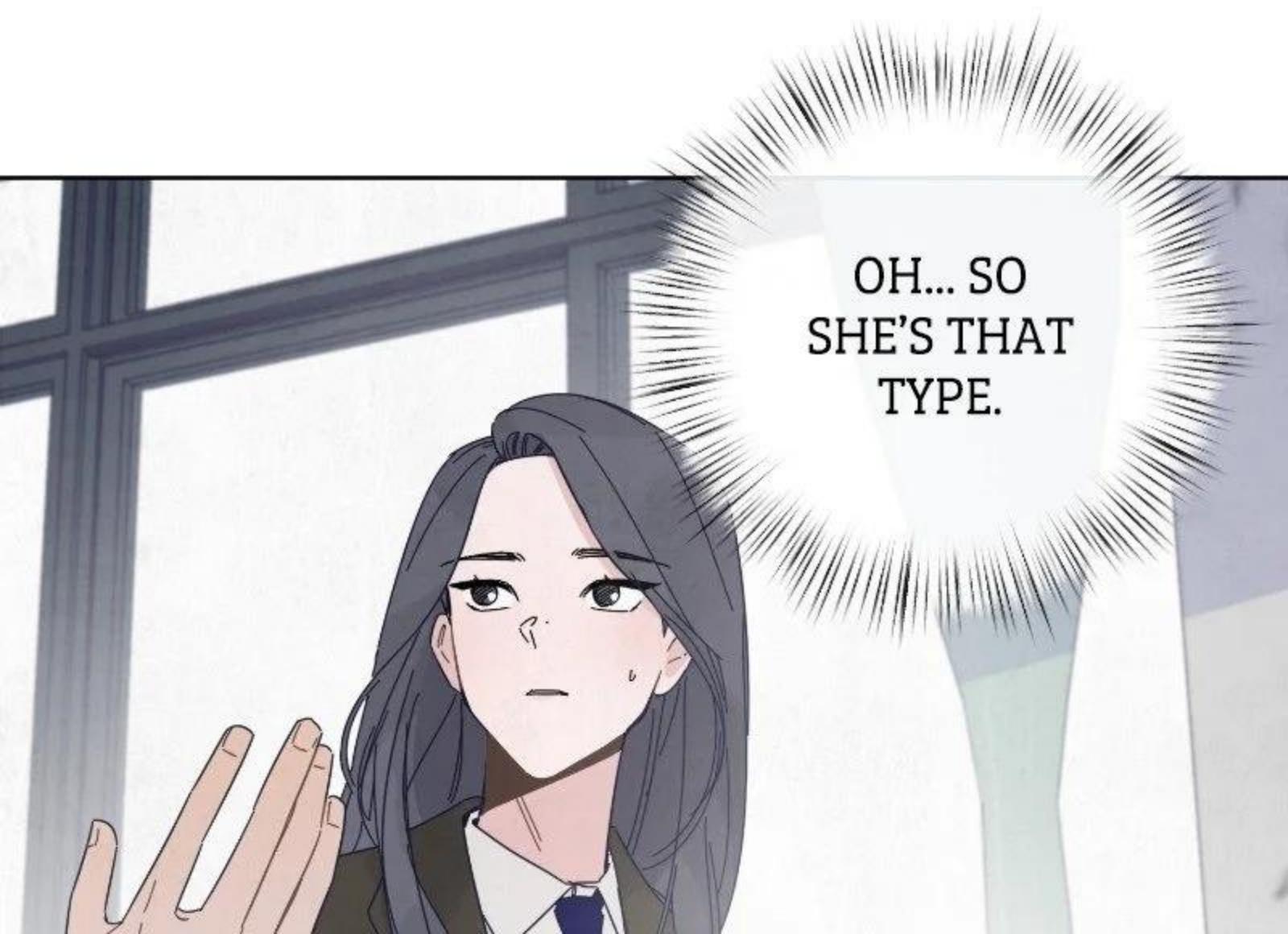
IF WE MEET
UP AROUND SEVEN
AND WALK, WE SHOULD
ARRIVE JUST IN
TIME.

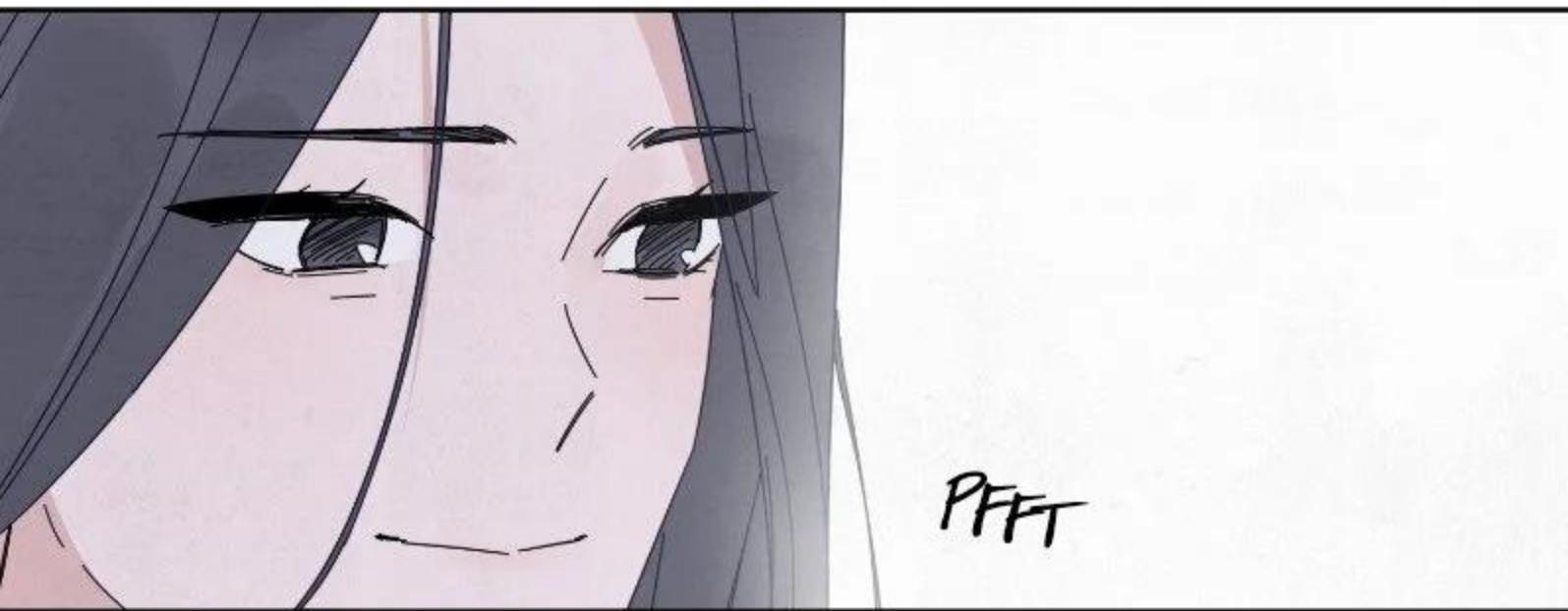
MOTOR MOUTH REVVED!

oh, and the buses around here come every, like, 40 minutes to an hour. I'm sure buses run more frequently in Seoul... Anyway, if you come out even like a minute late, you'll miss the bus! It's actually like way faster to walk than to wait an hour for the next bus. And there's nothing wrong with walking. I like the bus just fine, but I enjoy walking, too, hehe. So if we leave around 7 AM, we should get here around 8 AM. If we get here around then, there aren't any school monitors which means we won't have to let them check our uniforms. But then again, from the looks of it, you kind of look like a goody two-shoes anyway, so it might not matter to you... coming to school early and eating breakfast at the school, now that's a beautiful way to start your day off they have different kinds of



OH... SO
SHE'S THAT
TYPE.

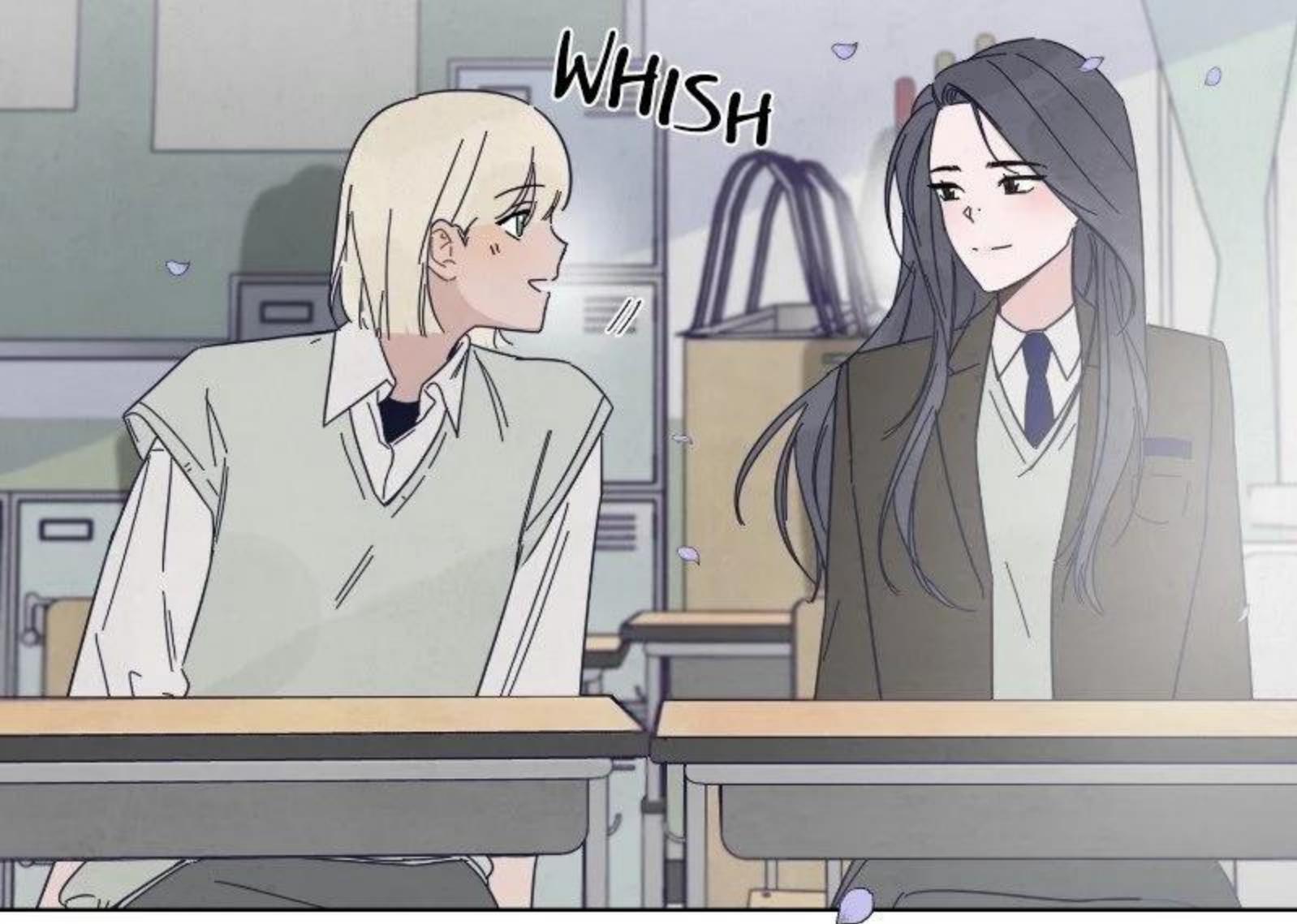




YOU HAVE A
REALLY PRETTY
SMILE.

Cave Motto:
Those bound to
fail will fail.

WHISHL



BREEZE

WHAT?

BREEZE

NO, I MEAN...

...LIKE SERIOUSLY,
I'M NOT KIDDING!
I'M TERRIBLE
AT LYING.

REACH



CLENCH



COME ON,
GET YOURSELF
TOGETHER!

ARE YOU
GONNA BANG
YOUR HEAD AGAINST
THE WINDOW
AGAIN?

THUMP

THUMP





LOOK AT HER
FACE. I DON'T THINK
SHE REMEMBERS.

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

HEY, SEULBI. I HAD
MY DOUBTS AT FIRST,
BUT DO YOU SERIOUSLY
SLEEPWALK?

GET THE
FOCUS RIGHT.

ARE YOU
GETTING ALL
THIS?

JESUS, HAHAHA!
SHE WAS REALLY
SLEEPING.

I THOUGHT
SHE WAS TOTALLY
FAKING IT.

THUMP

THUMP



SWAT

DON'T
TOUCH ME.

COLD

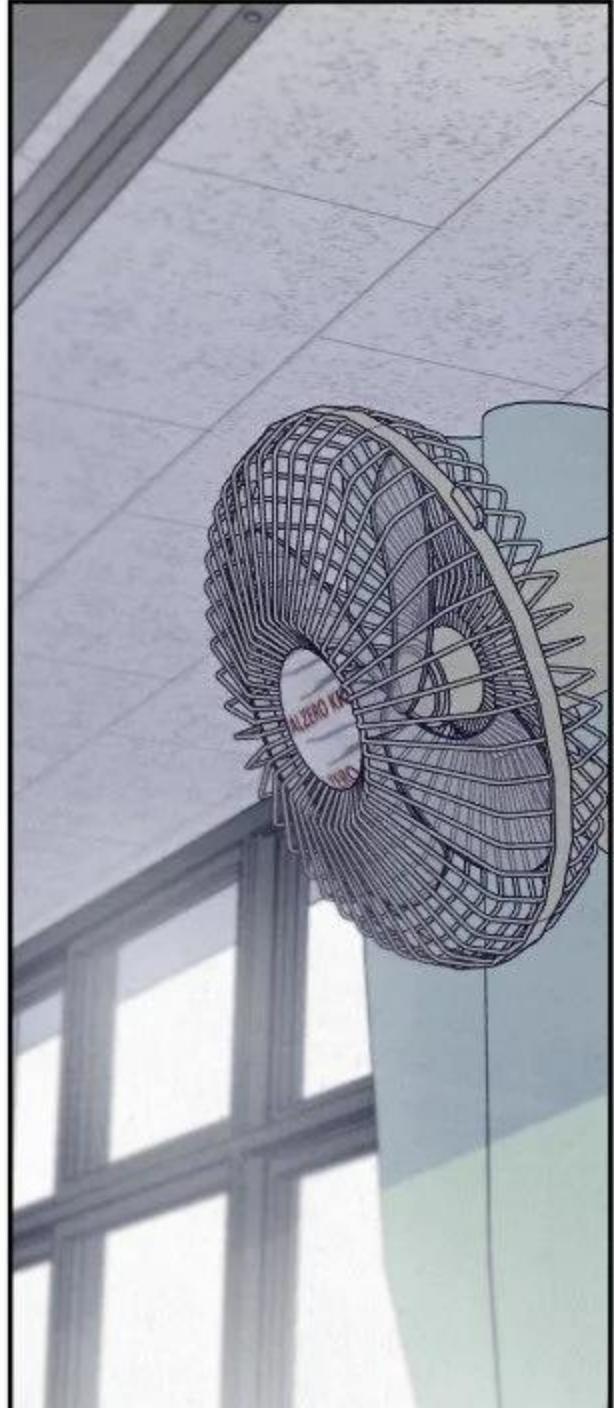


OH... SORRY.

Motto
You are not yet
prepared.

SCRATCH

YOU HAD
FLOWER PETALS
IN YOUR HAIR...



KRRRING



YO, WHAT'S
FOR LUNCH
TODAY?

EW, GROSS.

FRIED FISH.

OH... HEY...!

YOU'RE
SEULBI, RIGHT? I'M
GEONU LEE.



NOD

I'M THE
CLASS VP, SO
IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, FEEL
FREE TO ASK.



SERIOUSLY?
CLASS VICE PRESIDENT,
MY BUTT.



I DO ALL THE
WORK AROUND
HERE!

THAT'S NOT
TRUE! I DID THE

ANNOUNCEMENTS
YESTERDAY.

LIKEMANGA.IO

OKAY, TIME
TO TURN IN YOUR
PHONES.

HEY, I'M
JIHYEON.

WHERE DO
YOU LIVE?

WHERE
DID YOU
MOVE FROM?
SEOUL?

CAN I HAVE

WANNA EAT
LUNCH WITH US?

WANT ME TO
SHOW YOU AROUND
THE CAMPUS?

HEY, LEAVE
HER ALONE.





WHAT ARE
YOU INTO?

YOU THINK
YOU'RE BETTER
THAN US?

WHY DID YOU
MOVE HERE?

WHAT
A STUCK-UP
BRAT.

WHICH HIGH
SCHOOL DID YOU
GO TO BEFORE
THIS?

NO ONE CARES
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,
SO DON'T EVEN THINK
ABOUT DENYING IT.

I CAN'T STAND IT.

DO YOU GET
GOOD GRADES?

HOW FAR IN THE
CURRICULUM DID YOU GET?

DO YOU WANNA EAT
LUNCH WITH ME?

LET'S BE FRIENDS.

WANNA EXCHANGE
NUMBERS?

WHAT KIND
OF MAKEUP DO
YOU WEAR?

ARE YOU ON
SOCIAL MEDIA?

WOW, YOU'RE
REALLY PRETTY.

YOUR HAIR IS SO SOFT.

DO YOU HAVE
A BOYFRIEND?

DO YOU WANNA BE IN OUR
TEAM FOR THE ASSESSMENT?

I COULD HELP YOU IF
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

THIS IS ALL
TOO MUCH.



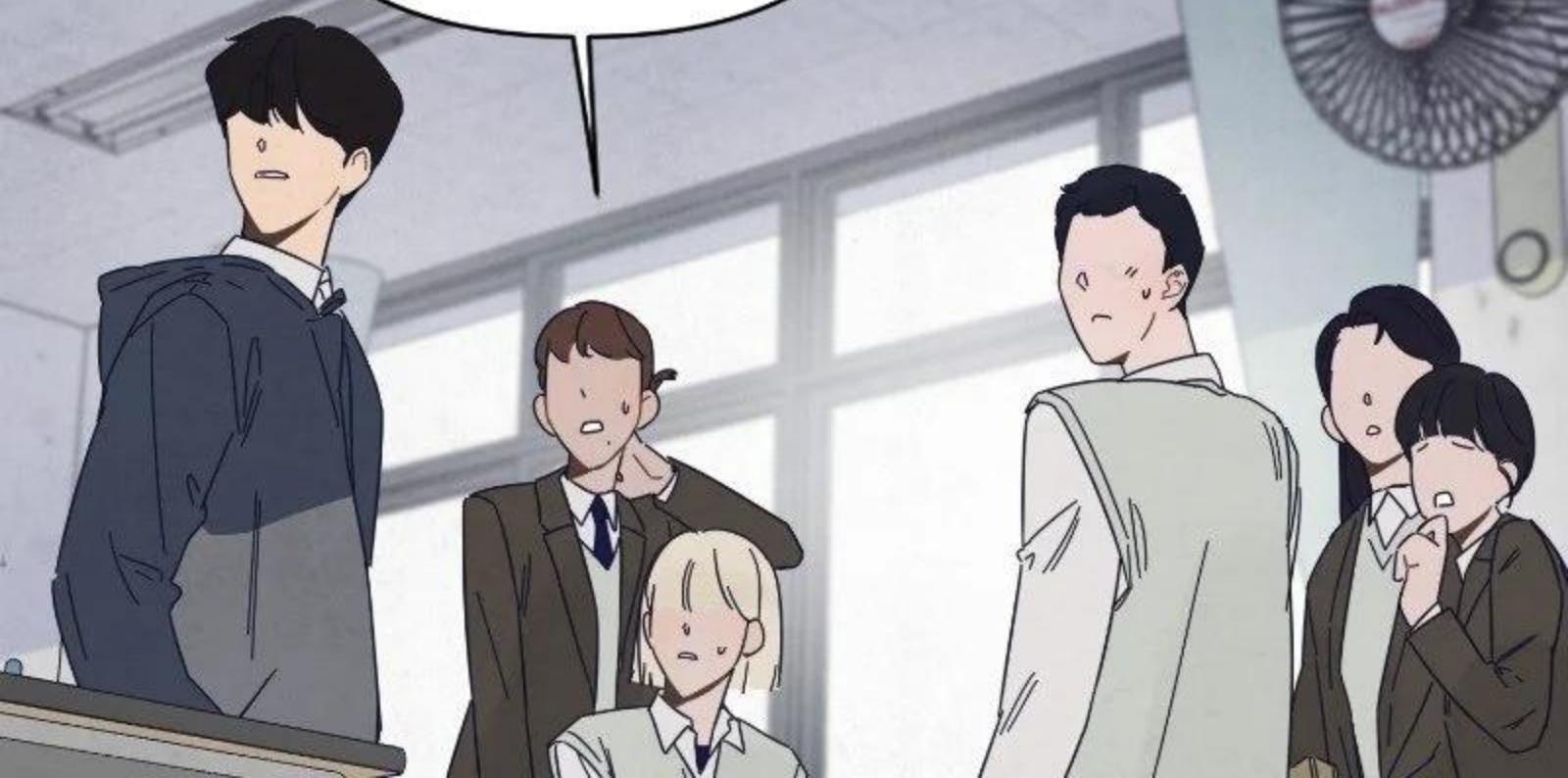
SLAM

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WHAT'S UP
WITH HER...? SHE
JUST LEFT WITHOUT
EVEN SAYING
ANYTHING.



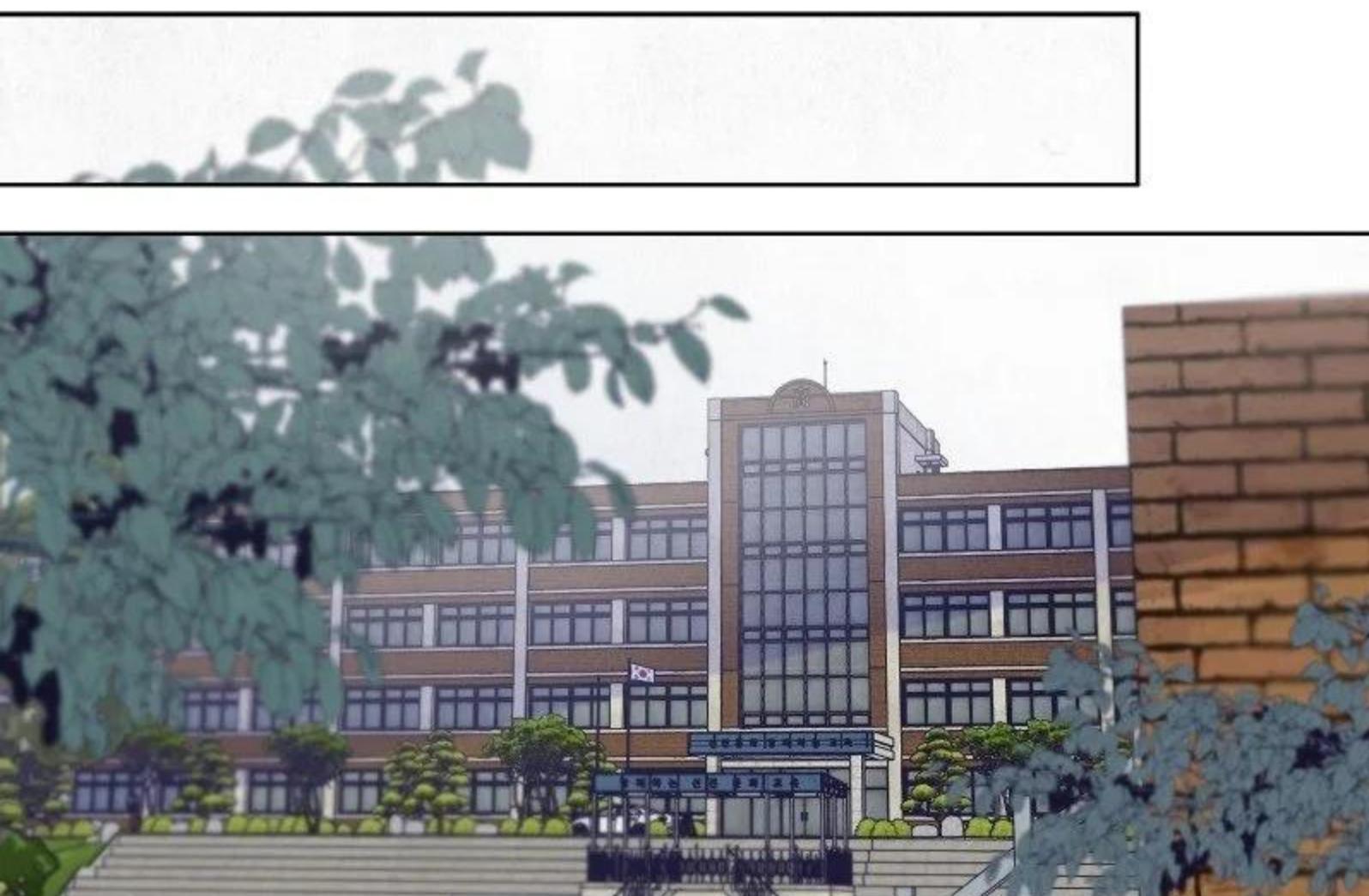
DID WE
GET IN HER FACE
A LITTLE TOO
MUCH?

HM... DOES
SHE NOT WANT TO
TALK TO US??

NAH... THAT
CAN'T BE IT.



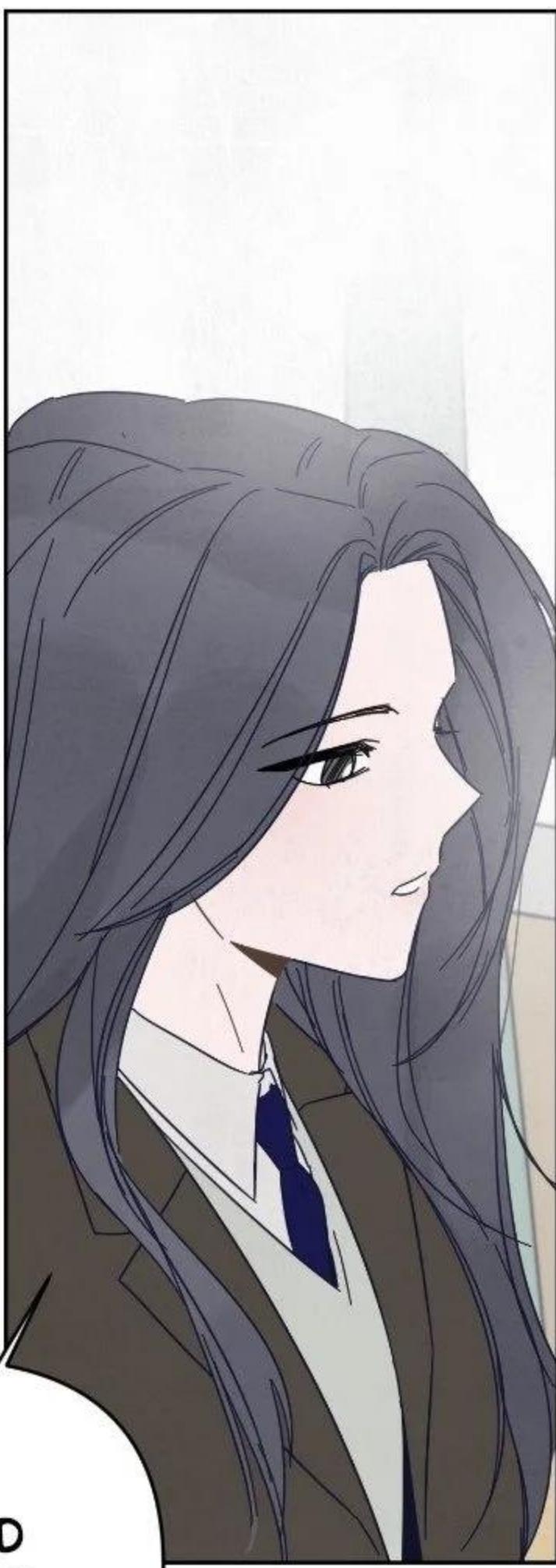
HMM





! THUNK

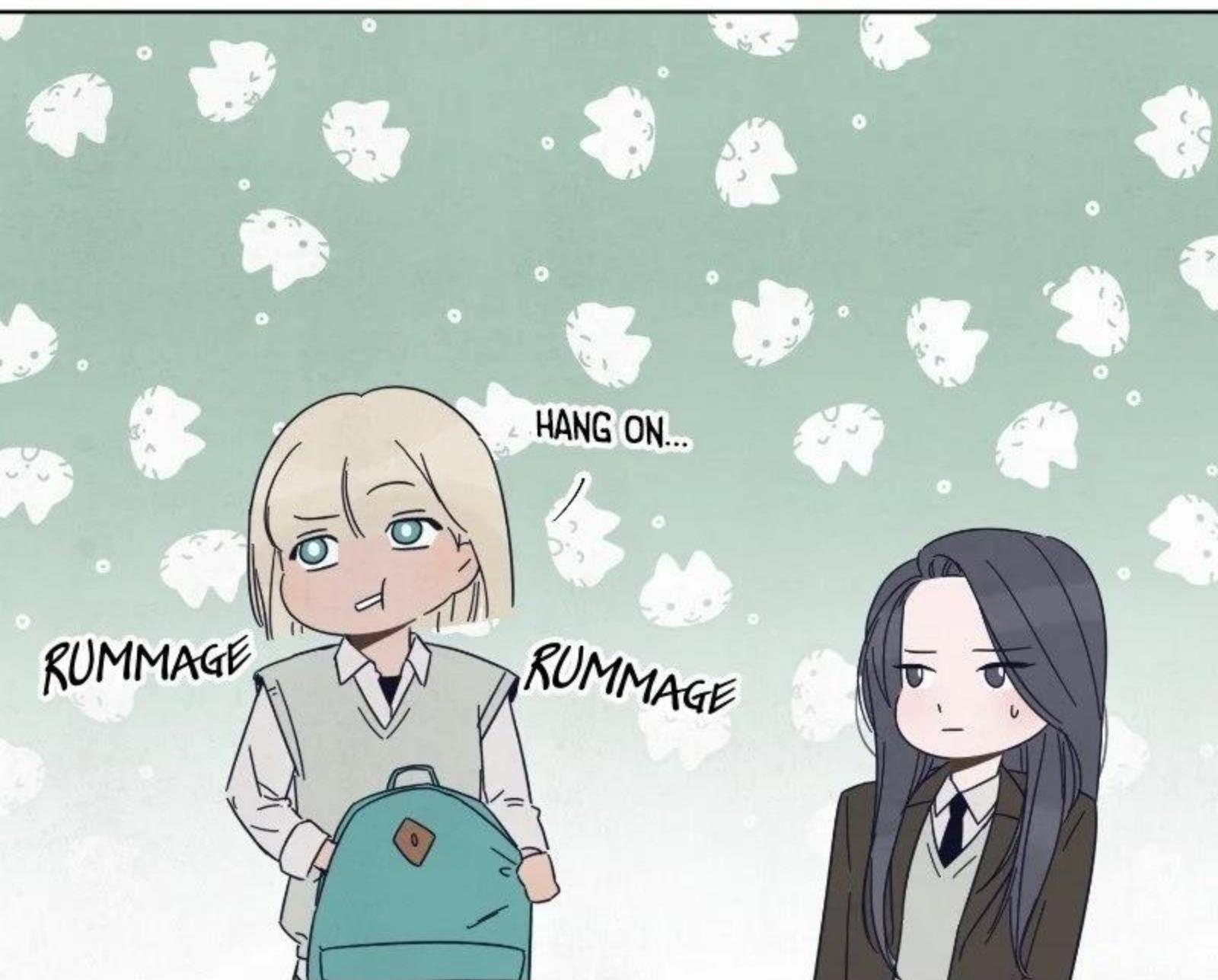
YOU GOT HERE
REALLY EARLY. DID
YOU TAKE THE BUS? I
DIDN'T SEE YOU,
THOUGH.

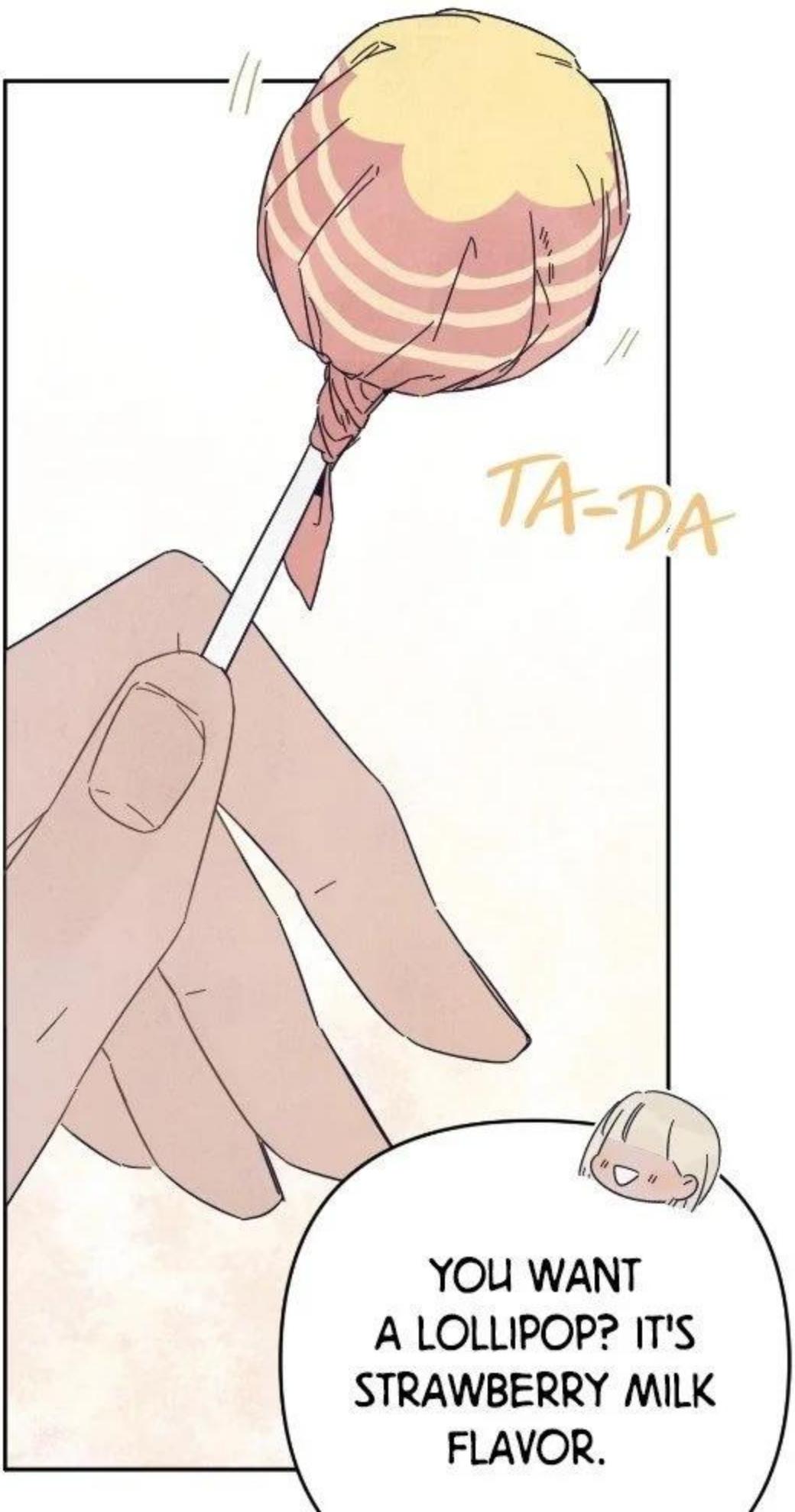


MY DAD
DROVE ME

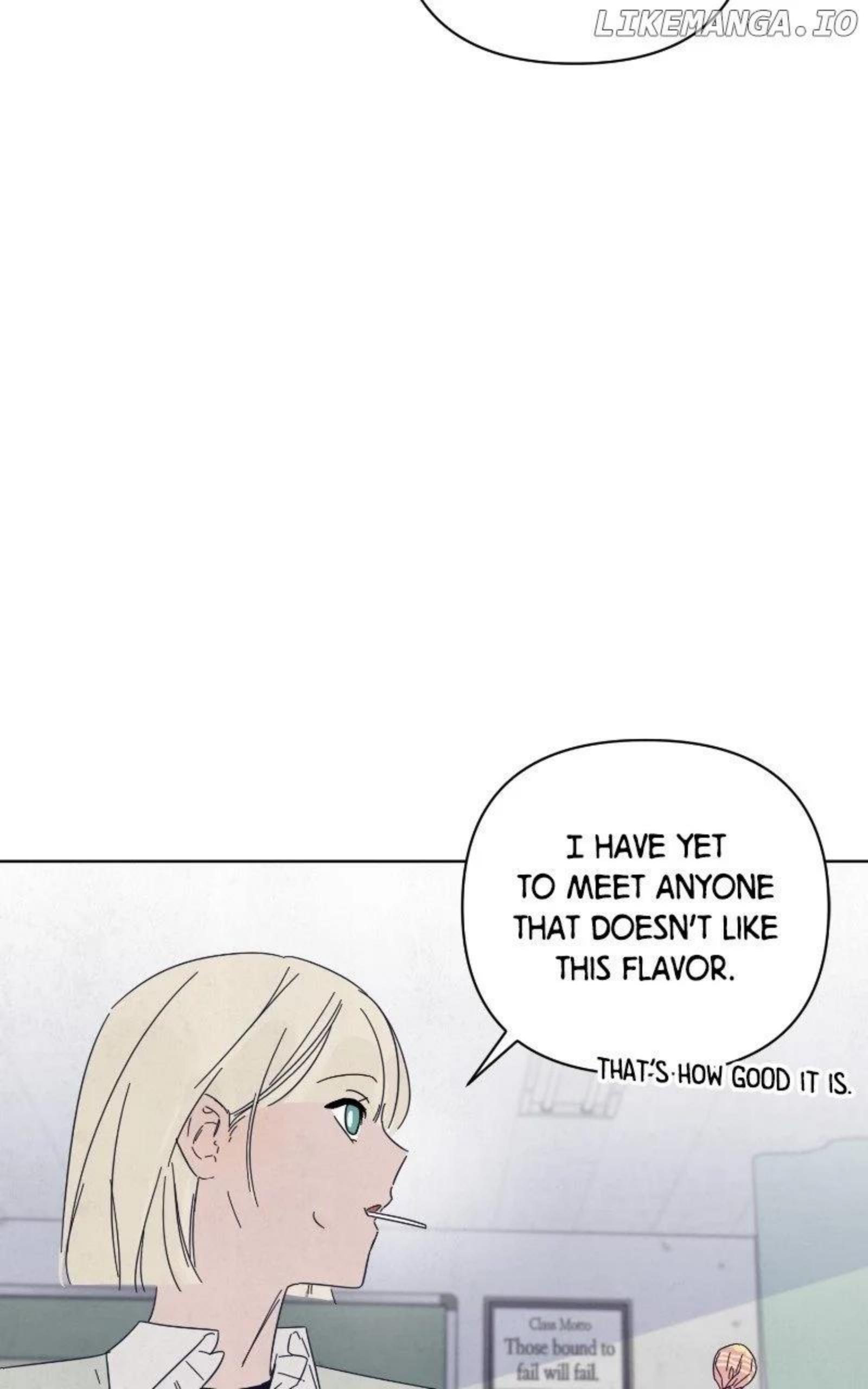
DROVE ME.

LIKEMANGA.IO





YOU WANT
A LOLLIPOP? IT'S
STRAWBERRY MILK
FLAVOR.



I HAVE YET
TO MEET ANYONE
THAT DOESN'T LIKE
THIS FLAVOR.

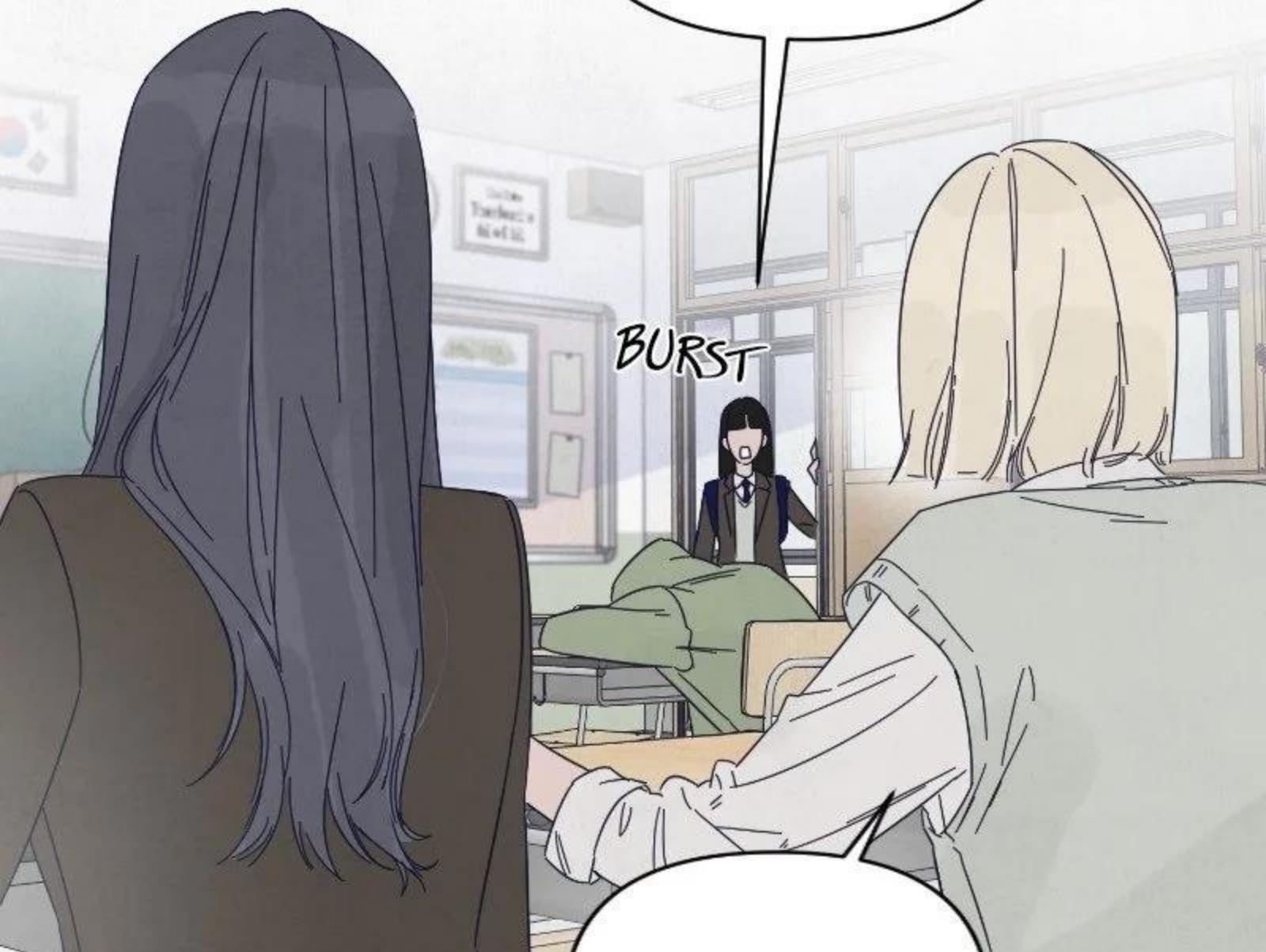
THAT'S HOW GOOD IT IS.

Class Moto
Those bound to
fail will fail.

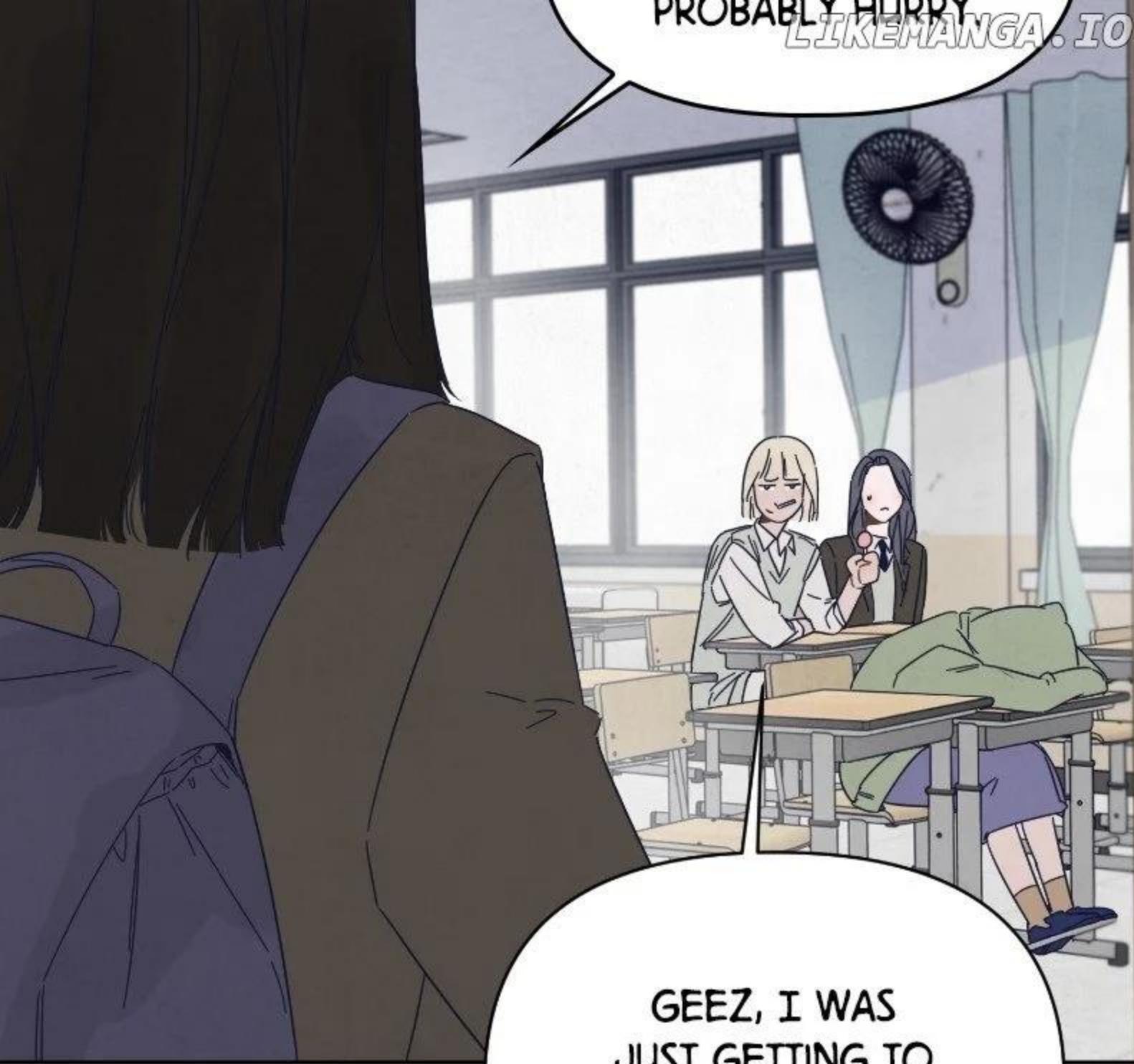
IS SHE NOT
UPSET ABOUT
YESTERDAY...?



HAE-ON,
THE HOMEROOM
TEACHER'S LOOKING
FOR YOU.



YEAH,
YOU. IT SOUNDED
URGENT. YOU SHOULD
PROBABLY HURRY.



GEEZ, I WAS
JUST GETTING TO
KNOW SEULBI
HERE.

SURE YOU
WERE, HAHA.

SIGH, WELL,
I GOTTA GO SEE
THE TEACHER.

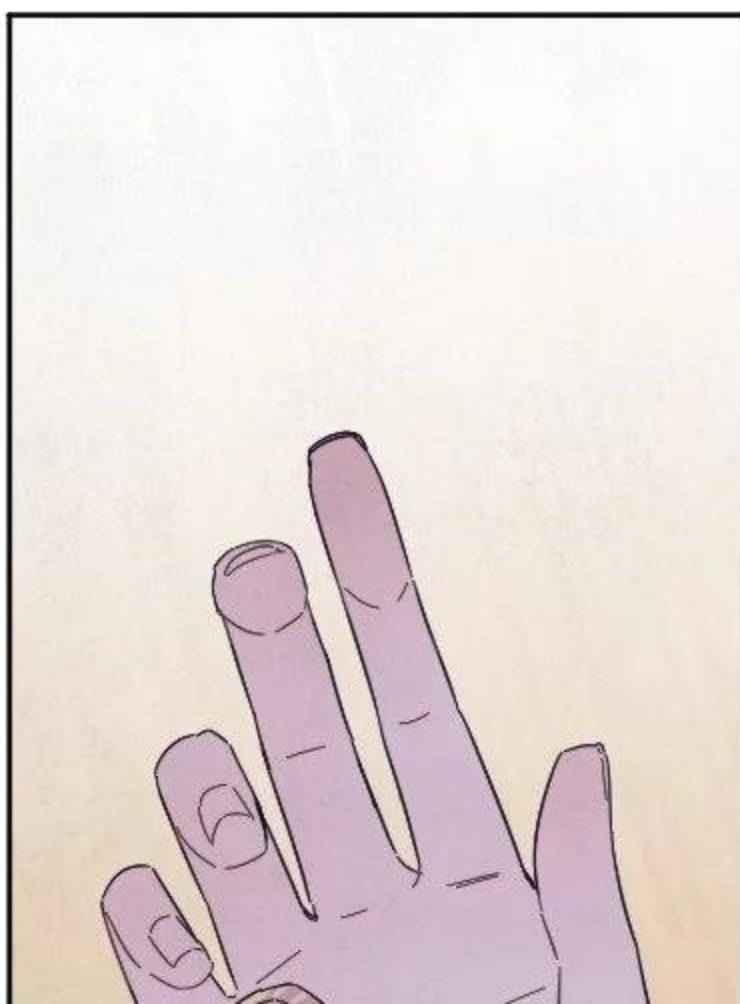
I'LL KEEP WORKING
YOU WHEN I GET BACK.



GIVE ME YOUR HAND.

WHILE I'M
GONE, TRY THIS.

PLOP





IF I DON'T
REACT...



SQUEEZE

...TO THIS KIND
OF KINDNESS...



...SHE'LL PROBABLY
STOP AFTER A WHILE.

LET'S
TAKE THE BUS
TOGETHER
TODAY!

WANNA
BE ON MY
TEAM?!

THIS SORT
OF LOOKS LIKE
YOU, HAHA!

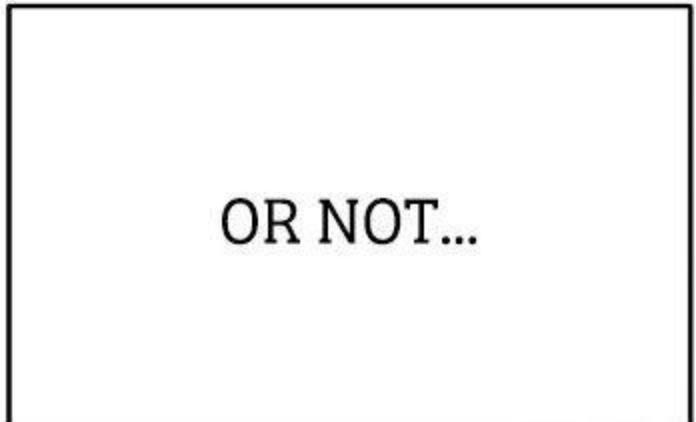




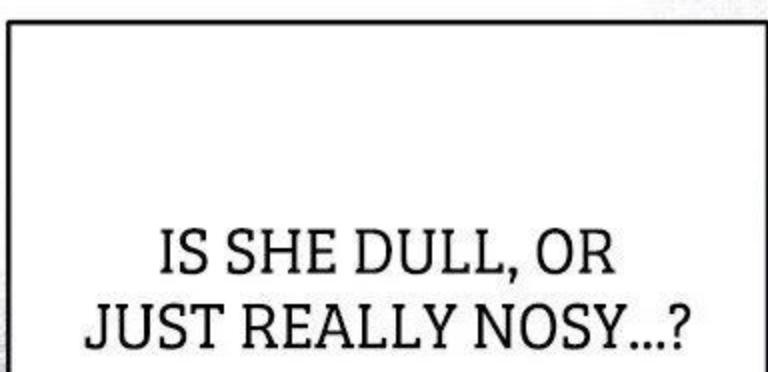
OH... NO,
MY DAD'S
HERE.

I DON'T
FEEL WELL...

...



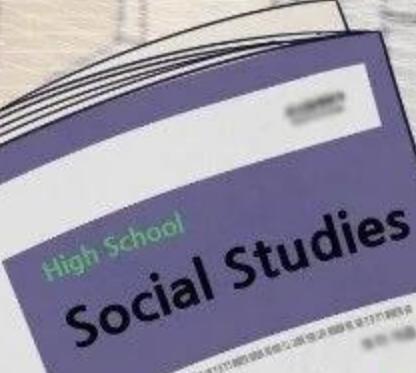
OR NOT...

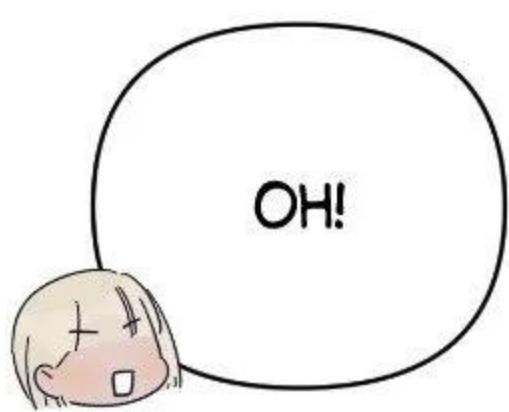


IS SHE DULL, OR
JUST REALLY NOSY...?



SERIOUSLY, THIS TOTALLY
LOOKS LIKE YOU.





HEY, I BET YOU
HAVEN'T REALLY
HAD THE CHANCE TO
LOOK AROUND THE
VILLAGE YET.

IT'S NO
SEOUL, BUT WE
HAVE EVERYTHING
YOU NEED.

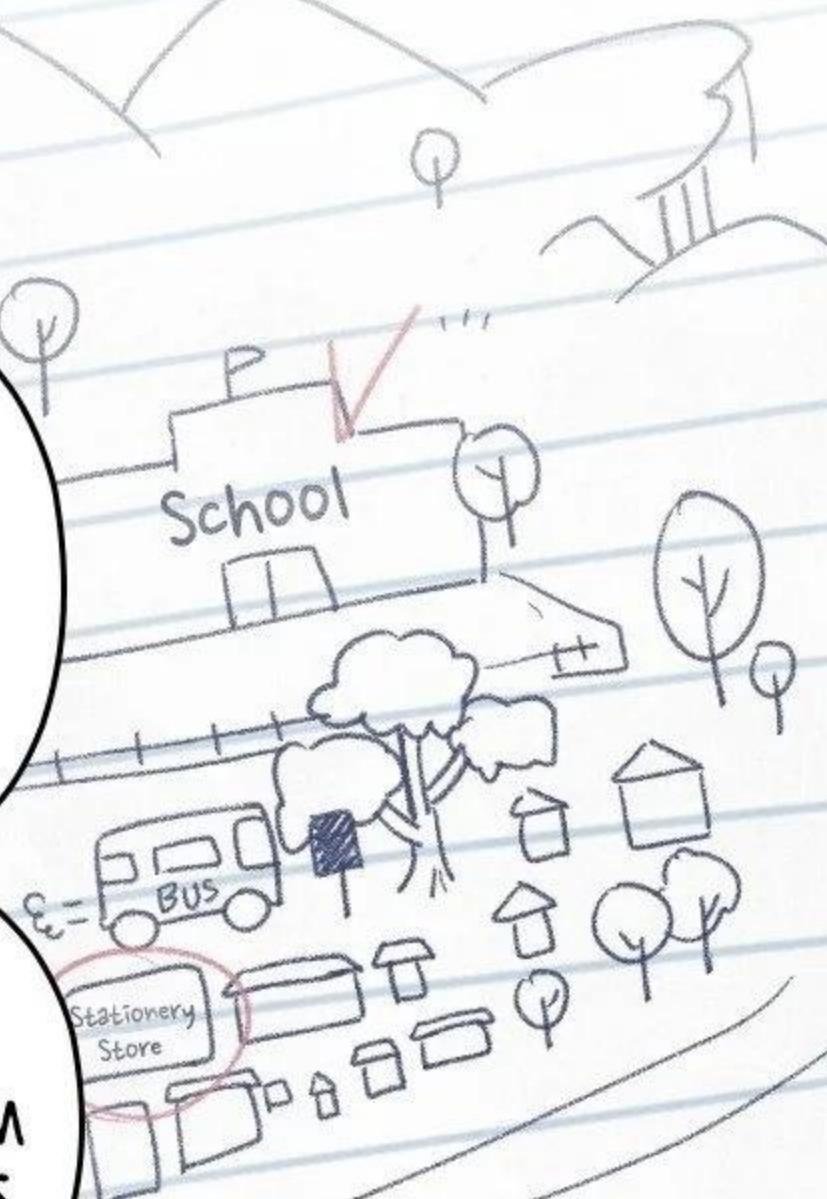
RIP

HERE, LET
ME DRAW YOU
A LITTLE MAP.

AS YOU
KNOW, THIS IS
OUR SCHOOL.

THIS IS
THE STATIONERY
STORE. I'M TIGHT
WITH THE OWNER, SO
HE GIVES ME FREE
ICE CREAM FROM
TIME TO TIME.

THIS IS
AUNTIE SUNDEOK'S
SANDWICH SHOP. HER HAM
AND CHEESE SANDWICHES
ARE TO DIE FOR.



ARE TO DIE FOR.

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HERE'S THE
HOSPITAL AND
PHARMACY...

TAP

TAP

OH! AND THIS IS
OUR FAMOUS LAKE
MYEONGWOL!

IT'S A
PERFECT PLACE TO
TAKE A WALK ON
A COOL DAY.

IT'S SO
PRETTY WHEN THE
CHERRY BLOSSOMS
ARE IN FULL
BLOOM.

BUT YOU SHOULDN'T
GO WHEN IT RAINS.

ANYONE WHO
GOES THERE ON
A RAINY DAY GOES
MISSING.

WELL, I
MEAN, IT HAPPENED
TEN YEARS AGO,
BUT STILL...



IT'S SORT OF
A VILLAGE URBAN
LEGEND.

OKAY
THEN... THIS MAP
I WORKED SO
HARD ON...



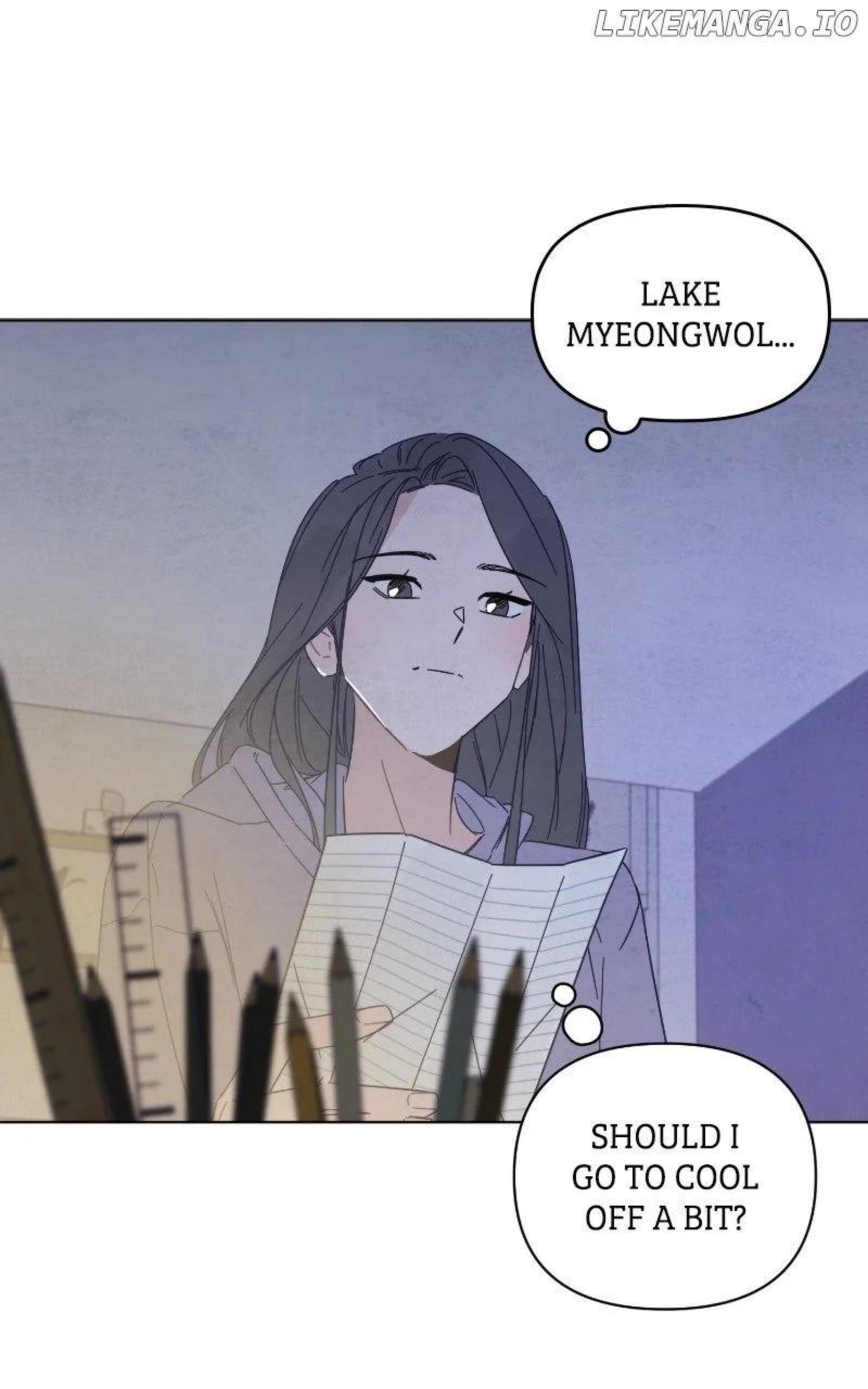


A stack of books is visible on a shelf in the background, with spines showing various colors like brown, blue, and white.

IT'LL COME
IN HANDY.



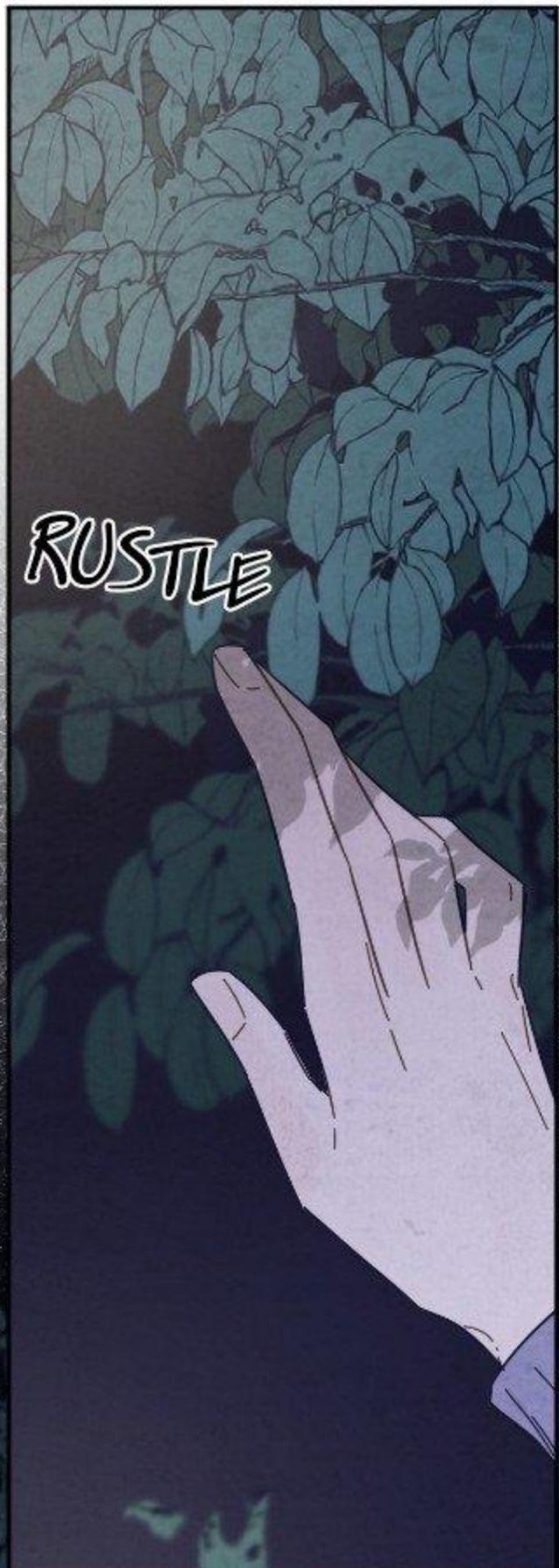




LAKE
MYEONGWOL...

SHOULD I
GO TO COOL
OFF A BIT?

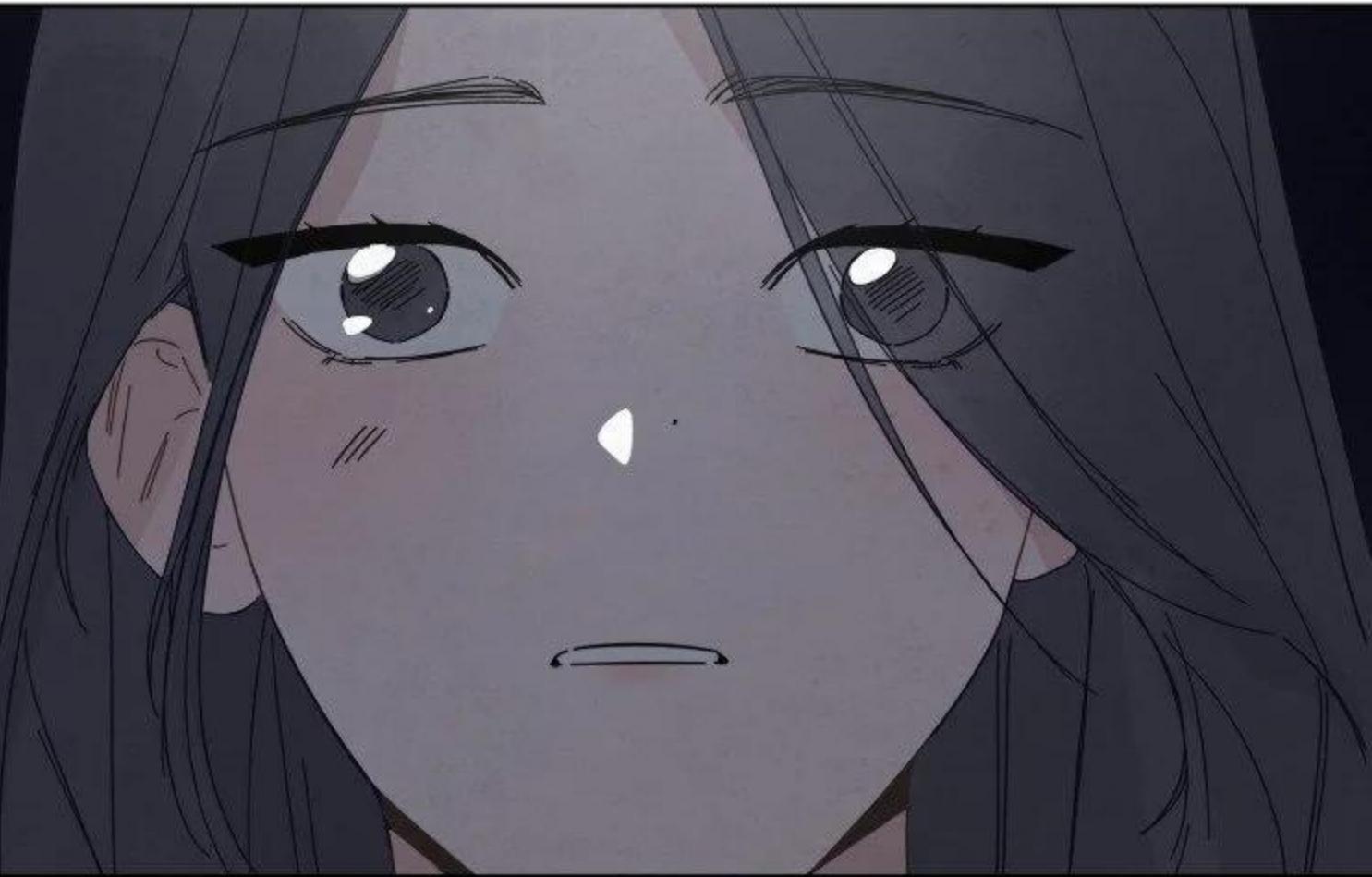






WHAT THE...

IT'S...



...ACTUALLY
NICE.



I'M GLAD
I CAME OUT.

CHIRP

THE SCENT
OF GRASS MIXED
IN WITH THE NIGHT
AIR FEELS REALLY
REFRESHING.

CHIRP



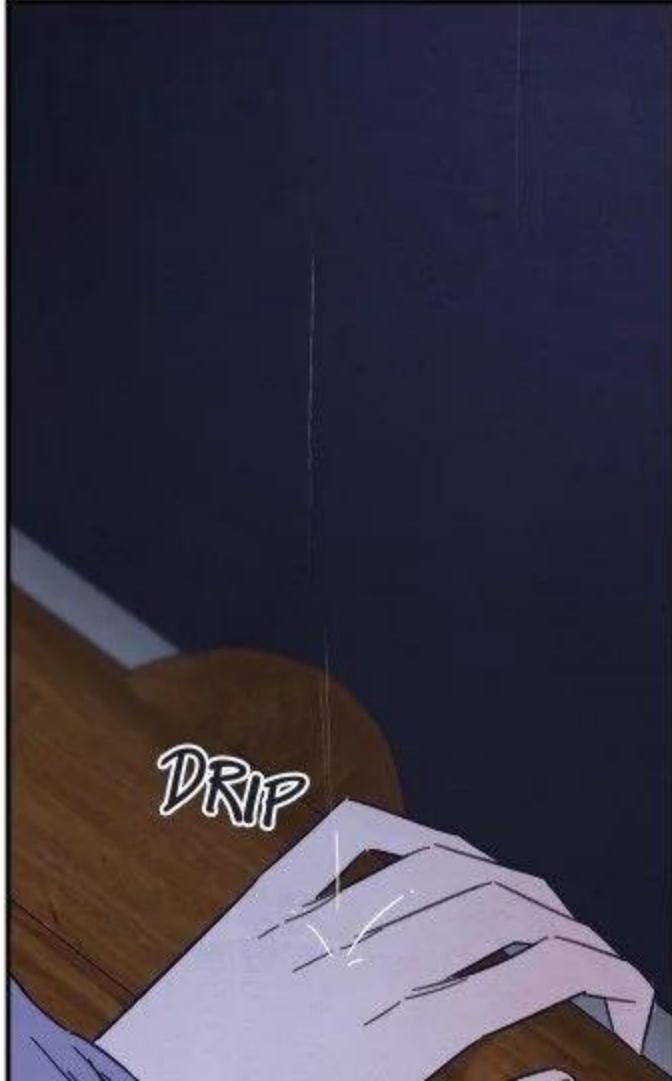


I CAN'T
BELIEVE THERE'S
A PLACE LIKE THIS
OUT HERE...





HAS THE
NIGHT AIR ALWAYS
FELT THIS GOOD?



DRIP



IS IT
RAINING?



IT WASN'T IN
THE FORECAST...

PLOP

OH, IT'S
RAINING. LET'S
HEAD BACK
HOME.

OKAY.

SHOULD I
GO HOME...?

BUT I JUST
GOT HERE...

IT'S JUST A
LITTLE DRIZZLE,
SO I'M SURE IT'LL

STOP SOON!



I'LL JUST
DO A QUICK LAP
AND GO.

THIS IS NOTHING.

DRIP

FLOP



SWAAA

NO ONE SAID IT WOULD
RAIN THIS MUCH...



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple hoodie, sits alone in the rain. She has a somber expression and her arms are crossed. A large white speech bubble is positioned above her head, containing the text.

THERE'S
NOWHERE
FOR ME TO EVEN
WAIT OUT THE
RAIN.



IF I'D
KNOWN, I WOULD
HAVE STAYED
HOME.



AND THERE'S
NO SERVICE.

10:30

Wednesday, Mar

SIGH

I SHOULD
HAVE JUST LEFT
EARLIER...

RUSTLE

SPLOSH

SPLOSH

SLOSH



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SLOSH

RUSTLE

SPLOSH



IS IT AN
ANIMAL?

SPASH

A DEER?

SPLASH



WELL, I GUESS
SINCE THIS IS THE
COUNTRYSIDE...

DID IT

DID IT
FALL INTO THE
LAKE?

FLASH



BUT IF IT
STAYS IN THERE...





...IT MIGHT...





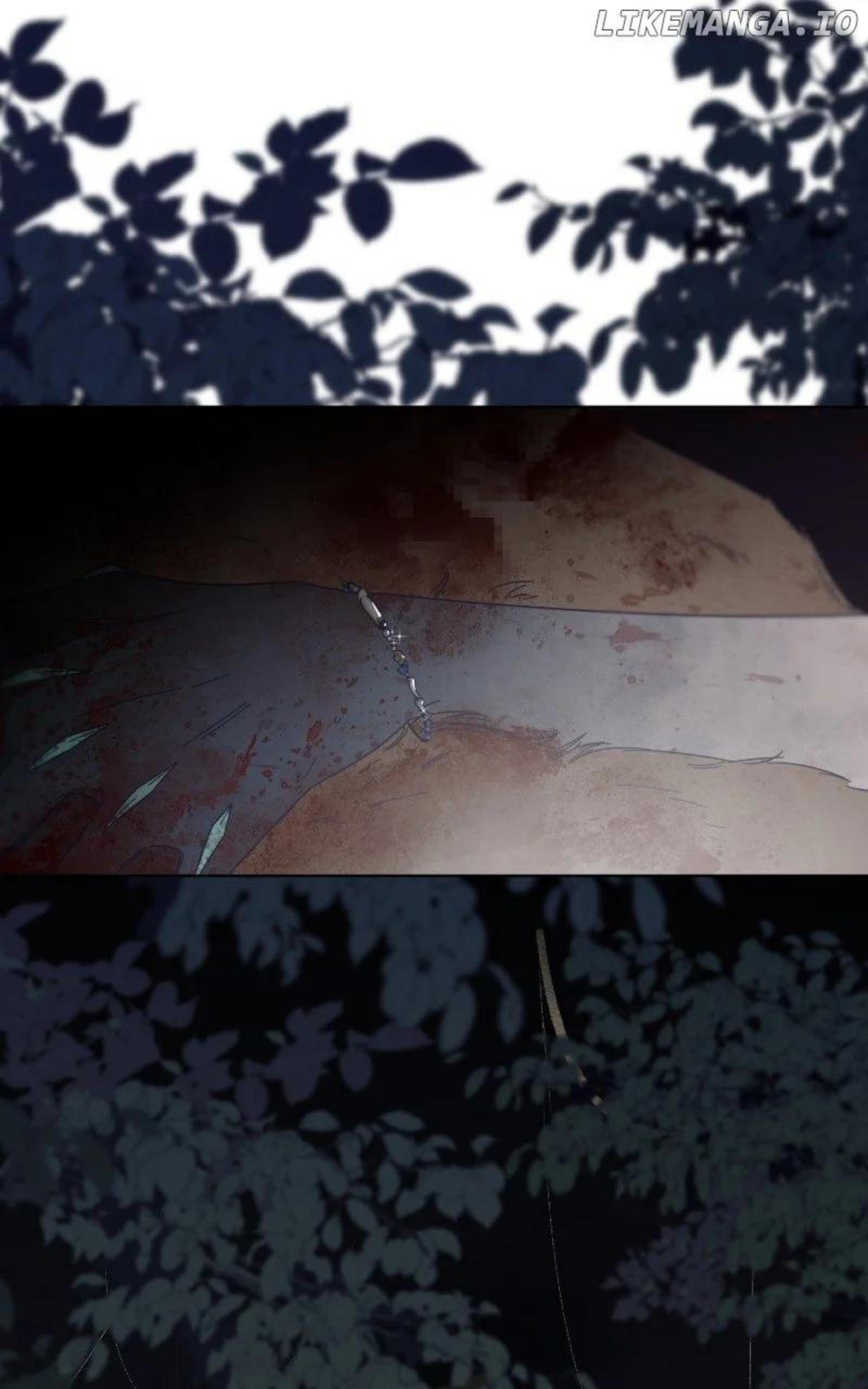
...DROWN OR
SOMETHING...

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CHOMP

A close-up illustration of a mouth, likely belonging to a shark or a similar predatory creature. The mouth is wide open, showing rows of sharp, white, serrated teeth. Blood is splattered across the interior of the mouth and onto the surrounding skin. The skin is dark grey with some lighter, textured areas. The word "CHOMP" is written in a stylized, red font at the top left and bottom right of the image.

CHOMP





HAE-ON...?

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