

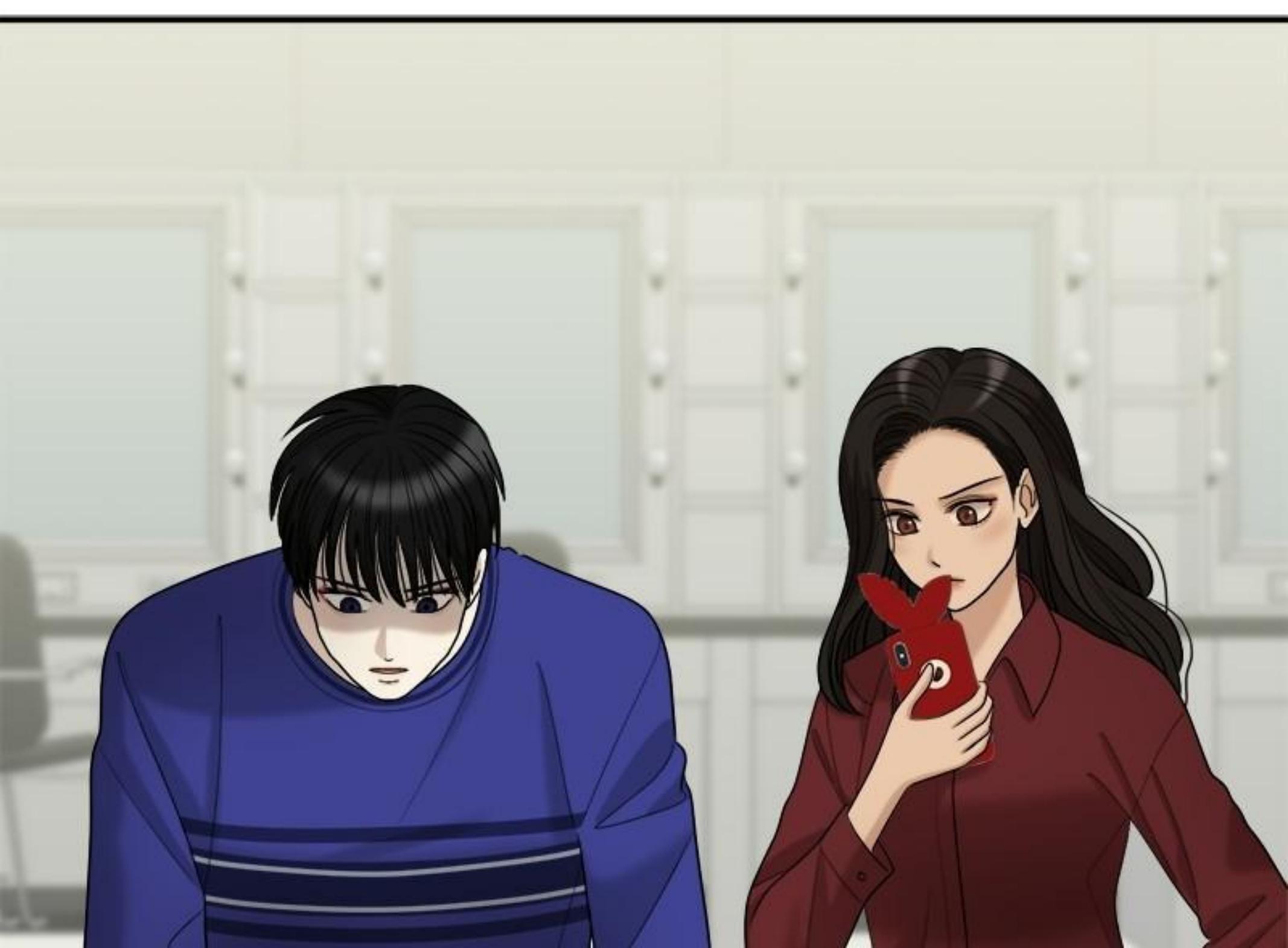


# No Longer A Heroine!

STORY AND ART BY  
**MAENGGI KI**

**SPIN-OFF EP. 2**

# THE BIRTHDAY PARTY (FINAL)





HOW DID  
THIS PERSON EVEN  
GET IN TO TAKE THIS  
PHOTO? WE WERE IN A  
RESTRICTED AREA.

OH NO...  
A DATING RUMOR  
WITH HAGYEONG...?  
IT FEELS WRONG...



BUT  
IT'S NOT TRUE...  
IT'S NOT...

DO YOU THINK  
LISA NUNA SAW IT...?  
WHAT DO WE DO...?

I  
GUESS WE'LL HAVE  
TO START DATING FOR  
REAL TO QUIET THE  
RUMORS!



WHAT...?!



THAT'S  
WAY OVER THE LINE...!  
DON'T MAKE THIS WORSE  
THAN IT ALREADY IS!



WHAT?  
TIM JUST JOKING

I'M JUST JOKING  
AROUND TO LIGHTEN  
THE MOOD!

I DON'T LIKE YOU  
EITHER, OKAY? YOU'VE  
GOT NO MONEY!

WELL...  
I HAVE SOME...!



HAH. NOBODY  
IS BETTER THAN ME AT  
GUESSING HOW MUCH WEALTH  
A GUY HAS ACCUMULATED!  
I HAVE A SIXTH SENSE  
ABOUT IT!

CONSIDERING THE  
NUMBER OF ALBUMS YOU'VE  
RELEASED SO FAR AND THE AD  
CAMPAIGNS YOU'VE DONE...  
THAT COULD ONLY  
AMOUNT TO--

HEY, BE QUIET!

HMM... IF WE  
DENY THIS OFFICIALLY,  
I THINK IT'LL DRAW MORE  
ATTENTION SINCE THIS ISN'T  
SOMETHING THAT WAS  
ACTUALLY PUBLISHED  
ANYWHERE.





WHY DID YOU HAVE  
TO MAKE A CAKE TODAY  
OF ALL DAYS?

WE HAD TO.  
THERE'S A REALLY  
IMPORTANT EVENT  
TODAY!



PEOPLE  
KNOW THEY'RE CLOSE  
ALREADY, MAYBE WE CAN  
JUST LET IT RUN ITS  
COURSE QUIETLY.

DON'T BE SO NAIVE!  
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW  
SCARY IDOL FANS CAN BE?  
THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM  
FANS OF ACTORS.

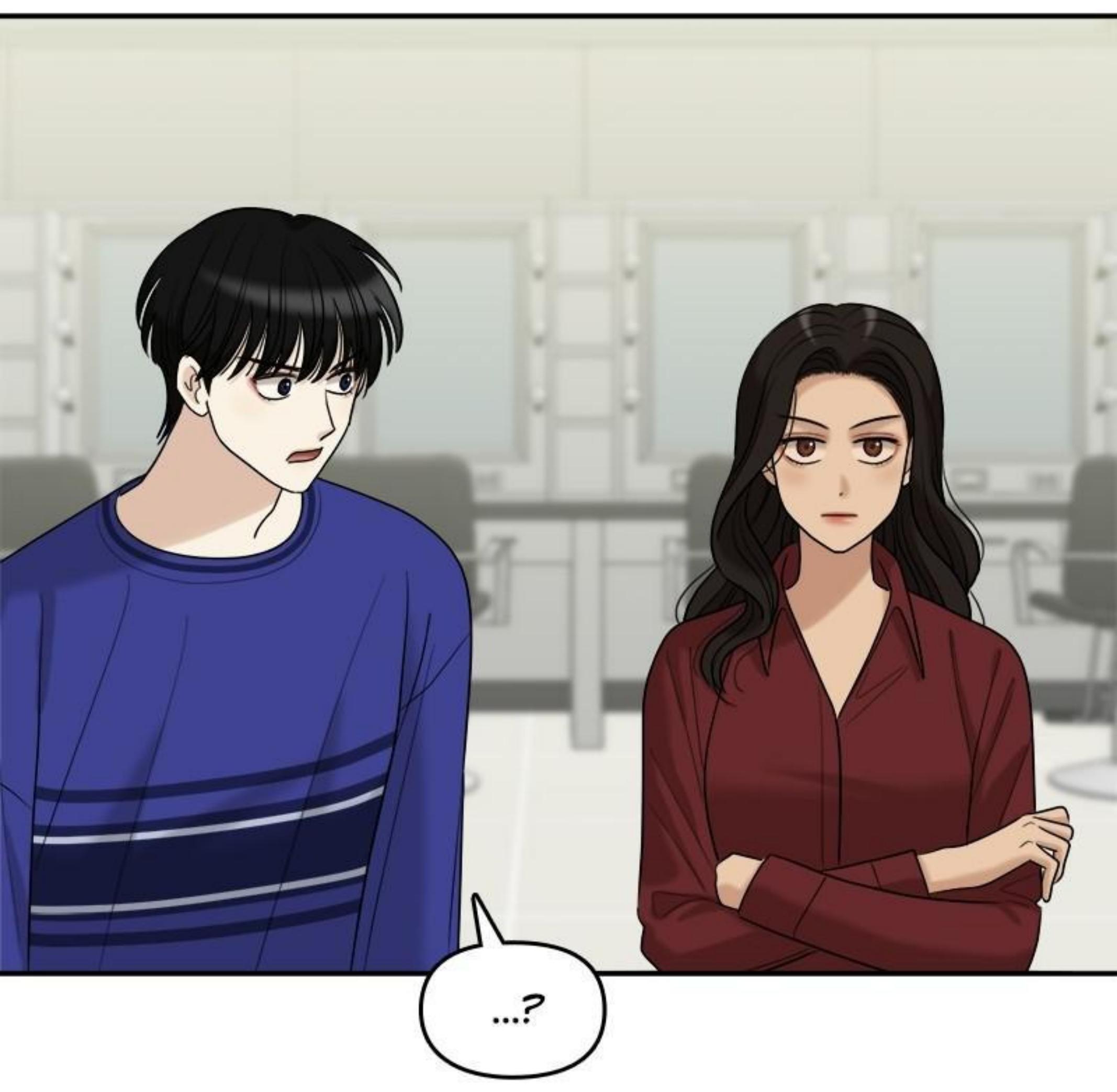
WELL, IF THEY  
MADE THE BECAUSE OF  
A SPECIFIC EVENT,

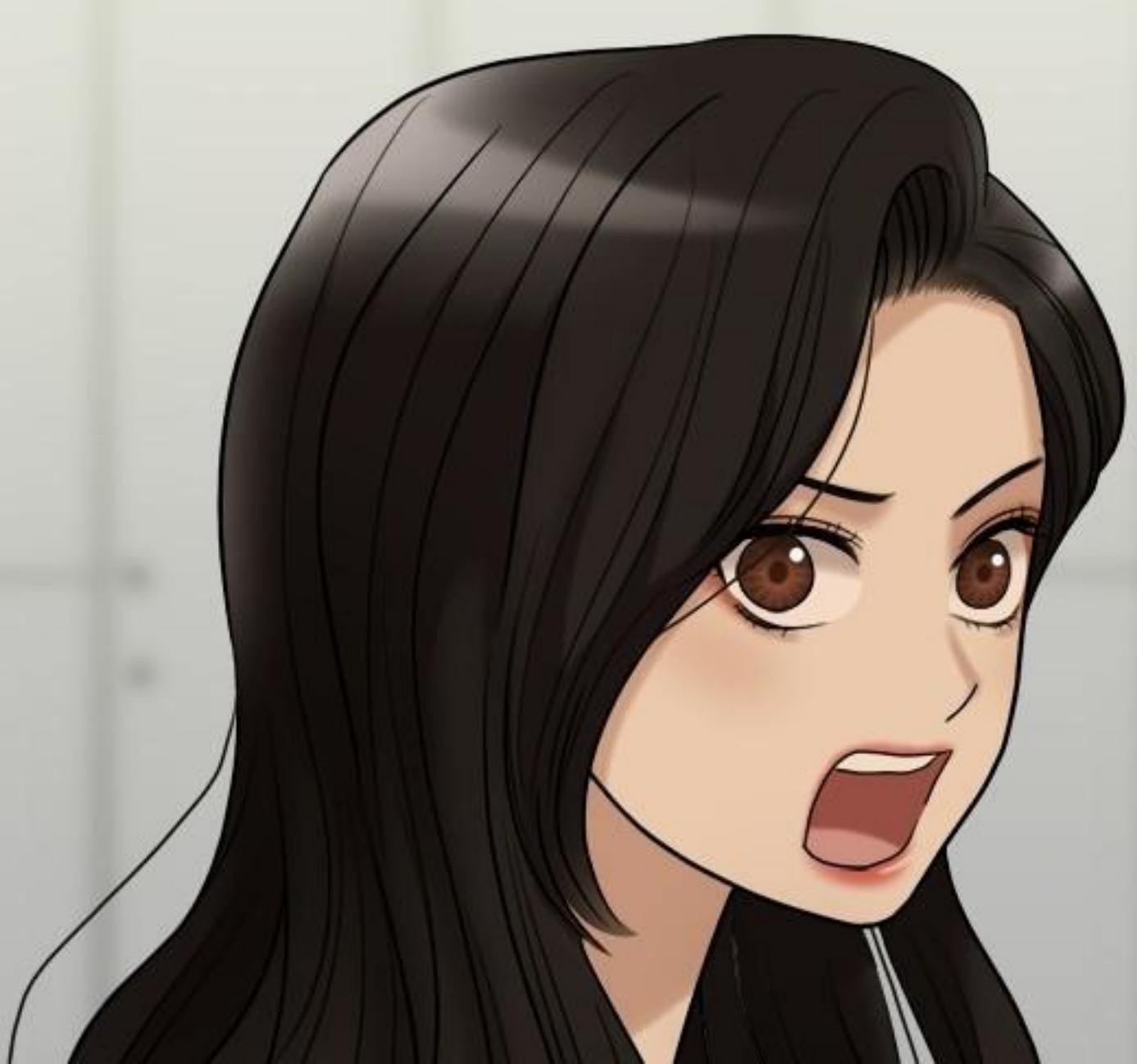
MAYBE HAGYEONG  
CAN POST SOMETHING  
EXPLAINING WHY THE TWO  
OF THEM MADE IT?



OKAY,  
THAT MIGHT WORK.  
THEN HAGYEONG  
CAN--

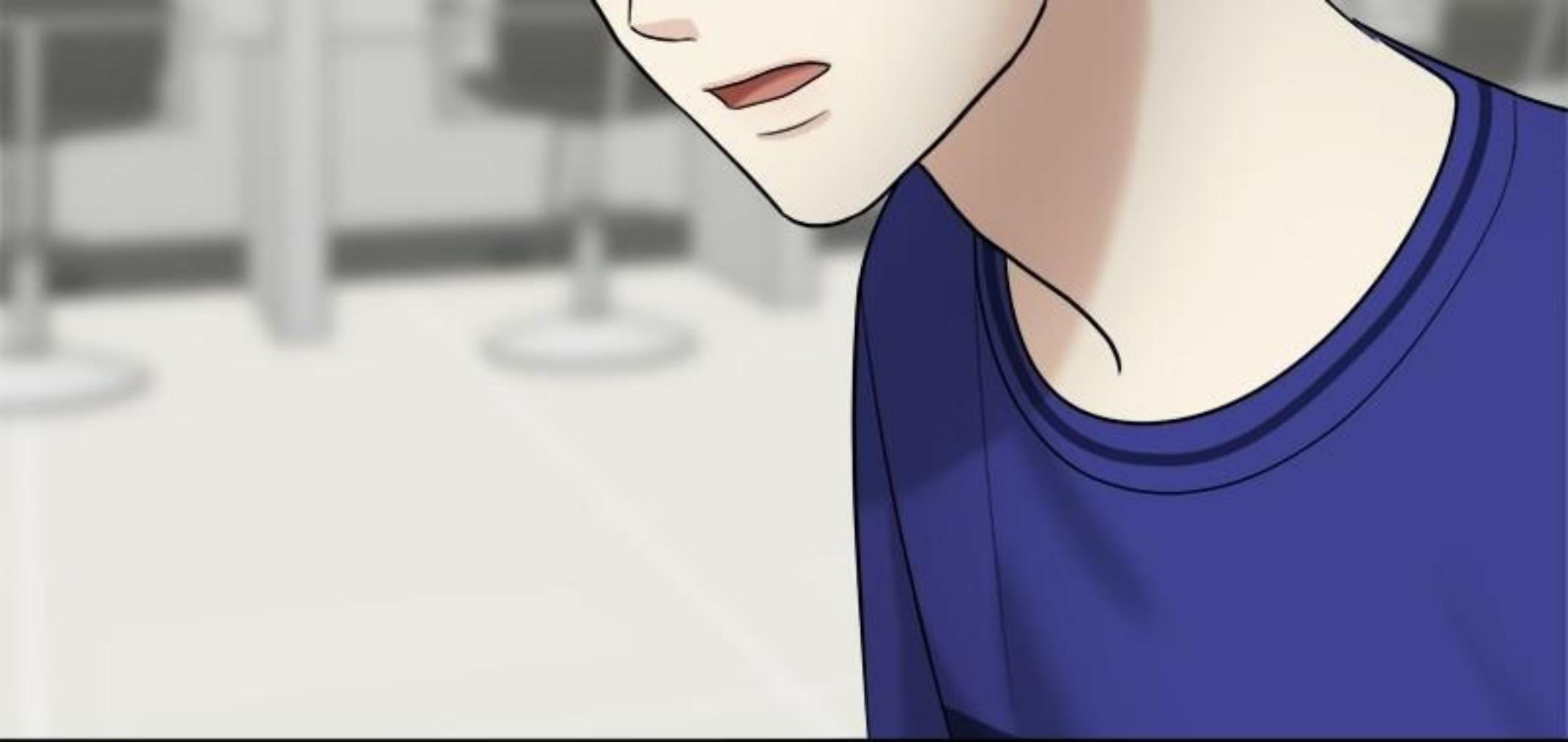
NO!





**THEN  
OUR SURPRISE PARTY  
WILL BE RUINED!**





LOTS OF NEW  
POTENTIAL PROJECTS  
HAVE COME IN.

FROM  
WRITER IHYEON YOO,  
DIRECTOR JINYEONG SON...  
IN FACT, THEY'RE ALL  
PRETTY GREAT.

MAYBE ALL THOSE  
SCANDALS ACTUALLY  
GAVE YOU MORE  
RECOGNITION.

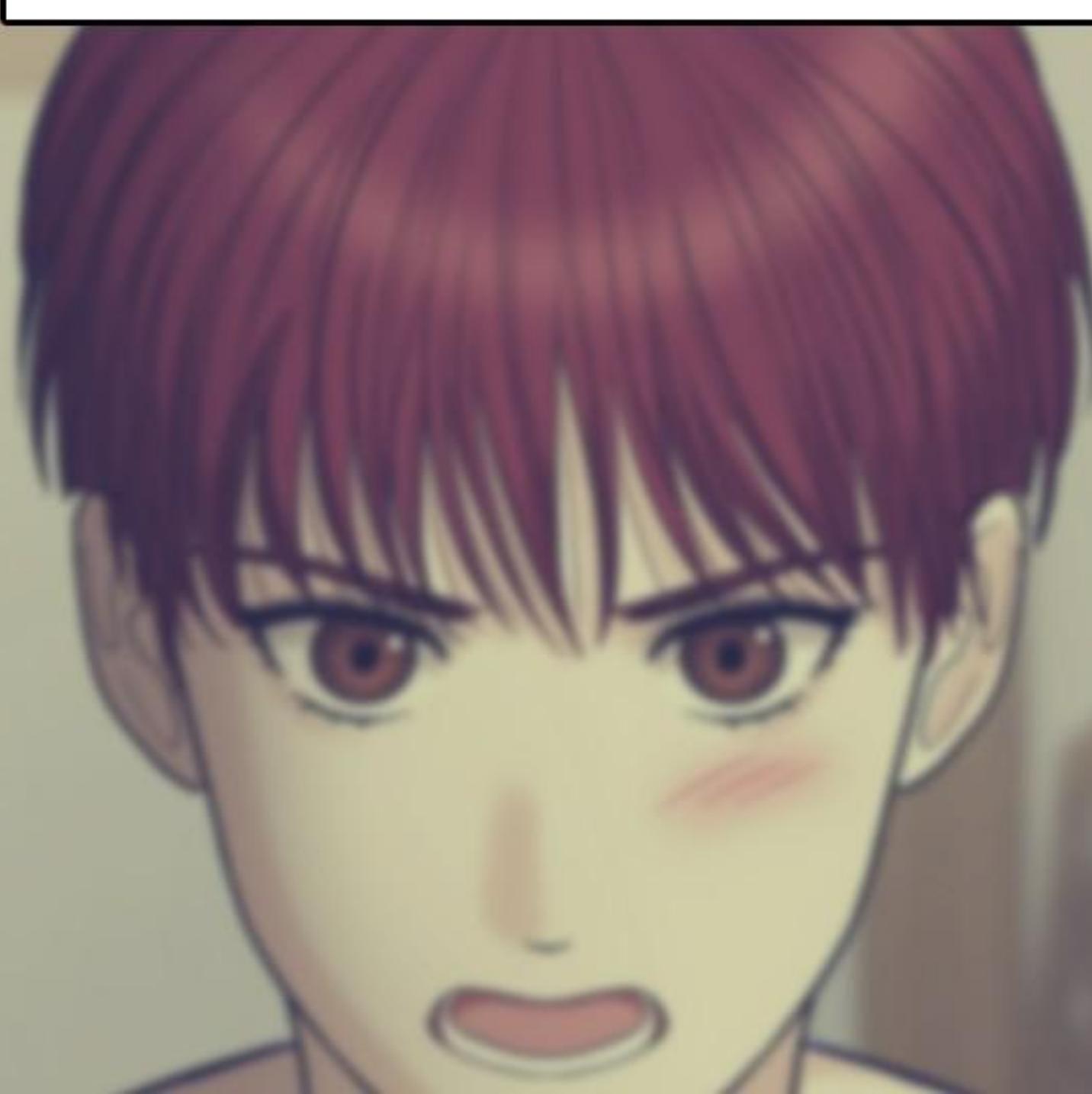


BUT THERE ARE NO  
OFFERS FOR ADS AT ALL.  
WE EXPECTED THIS,  
THOUGH.

I GUESS THIS IS A  
SIDE EFFECT WE HAVE  
TO DEAL WITH...

THEY'RE DATING...?

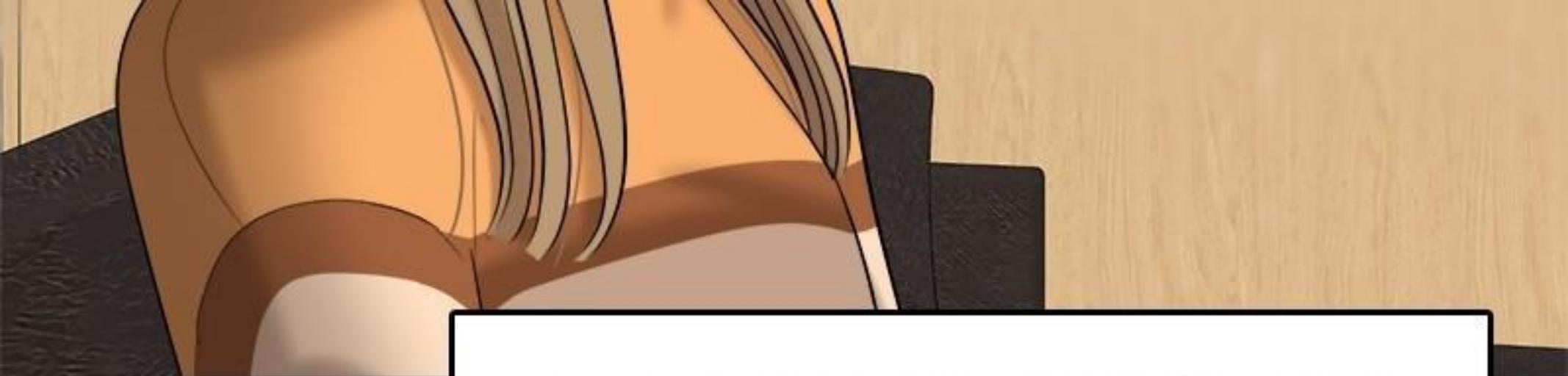
I'M SURE HE SAID HE LIKED ME...  
AND ASKED ME TO WAIT UNTIL HE  
BECAME EVEN MORE FAMOUS...



(\*HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY SAY IT LIKE THAT.)

AND WHY DOES IT  
HAVE TO BE HAGYEONG?!  
THERE'S SO MANY BETTER  
GIRLS OUT THERE...

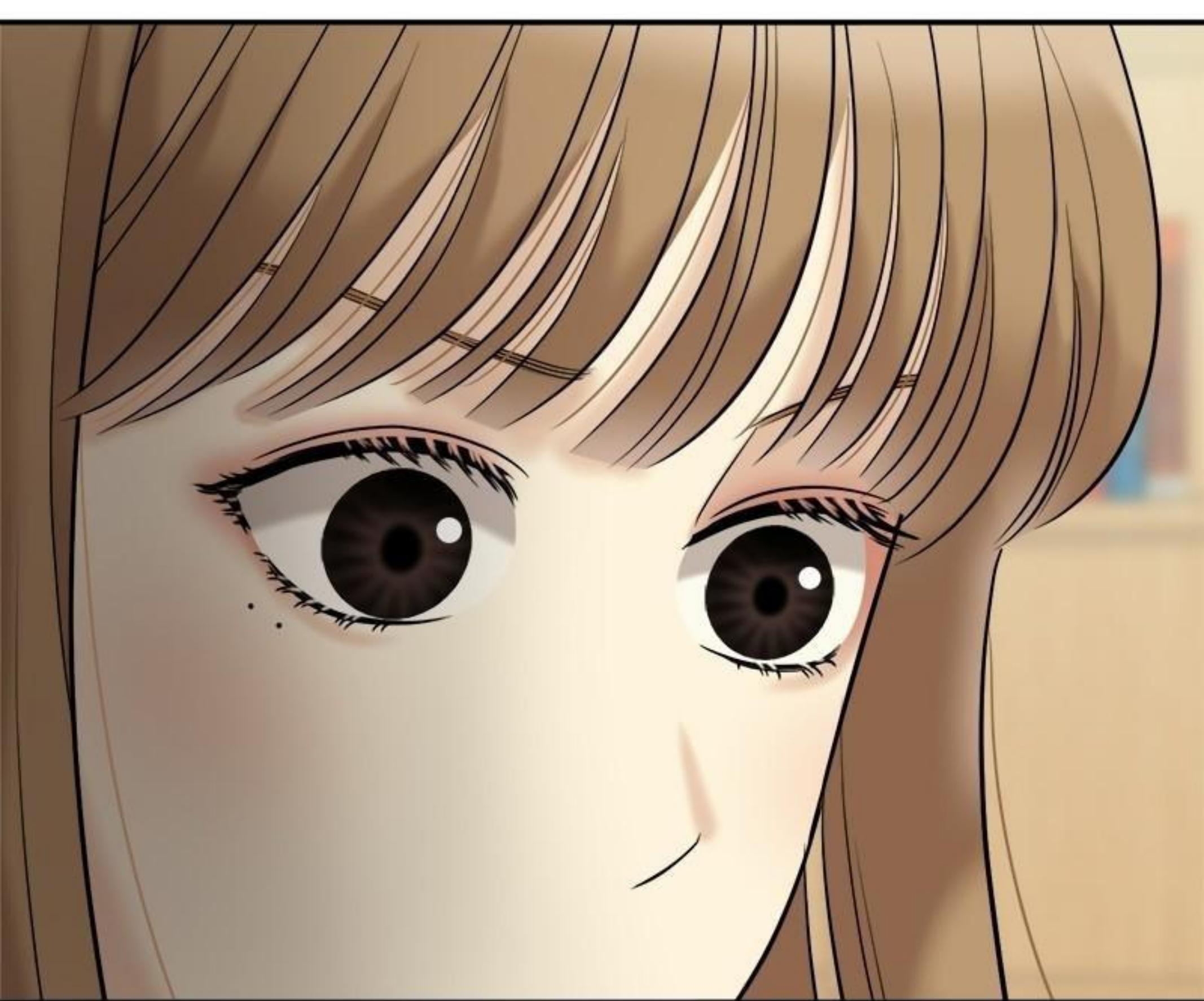




NOW THIS MAKES IT WEIRD THAT  
HE HAD FEELINGS FOR ME...

I THOUGHT HE HAD HIGHER  
STANDARDS THAN THAT...

BUT WHY DOES THIS  
BOTHER ME SO MUCH?



WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH ME,  
WHETHER THEY'RE DATING OR NOT?

I REJECTED HIM,  
SO WHAT AM I DOING?

LISA!

HIIH?

HUH.  
WHAT'S UP?

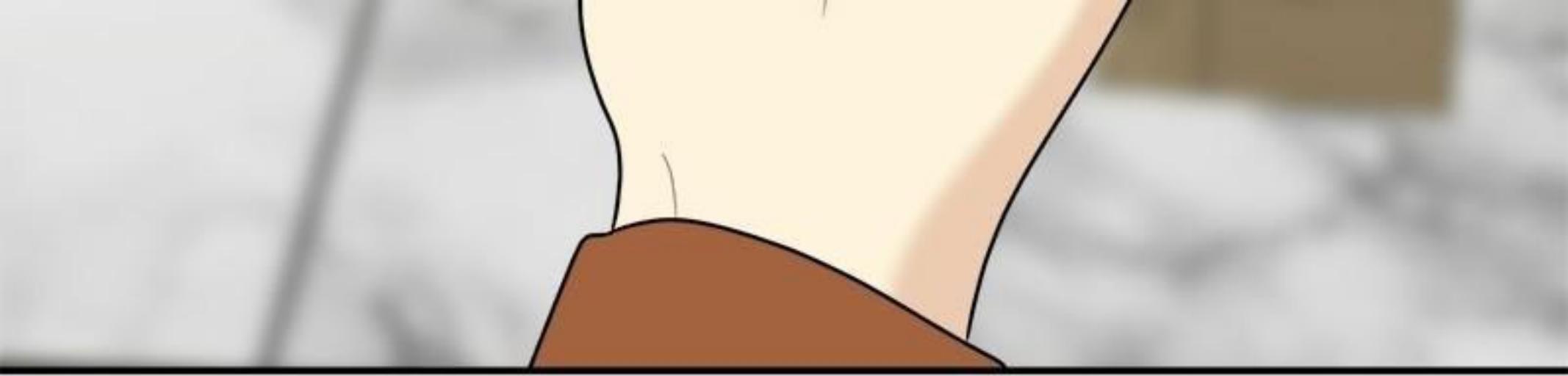
WHAT'S UP...?

HERE.



PLACE





HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

(SUPER CHILLED)

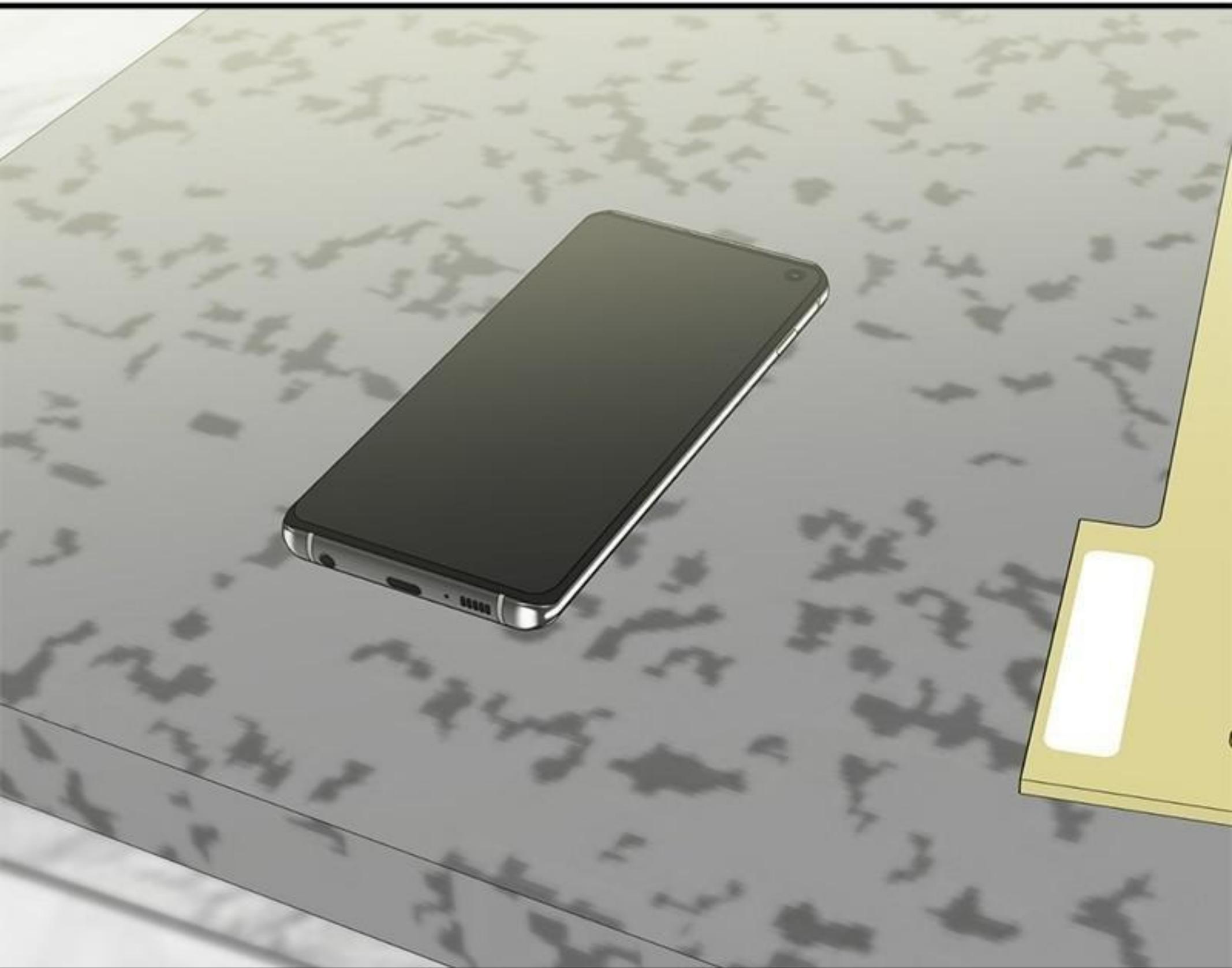




OH...

THAT'S VERY  
UNCEREMONIOUS,  
BUT THANKS.

THAT REMINDS ME...  
IT'S MY BIRTHDAY.



I DON'T REALLY CARE THAT  
MUCH ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY,  
BUT DID I REALLY RECEIVE  
NO MESSAGES OR CALLS?



DING



Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)

what u doing?

RUB RUB



OH MY GOD..  
DID NUNA JUST TEXT  
ME FIRST...?



**SHE DID!!!**





← Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)



Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)

what u doing?

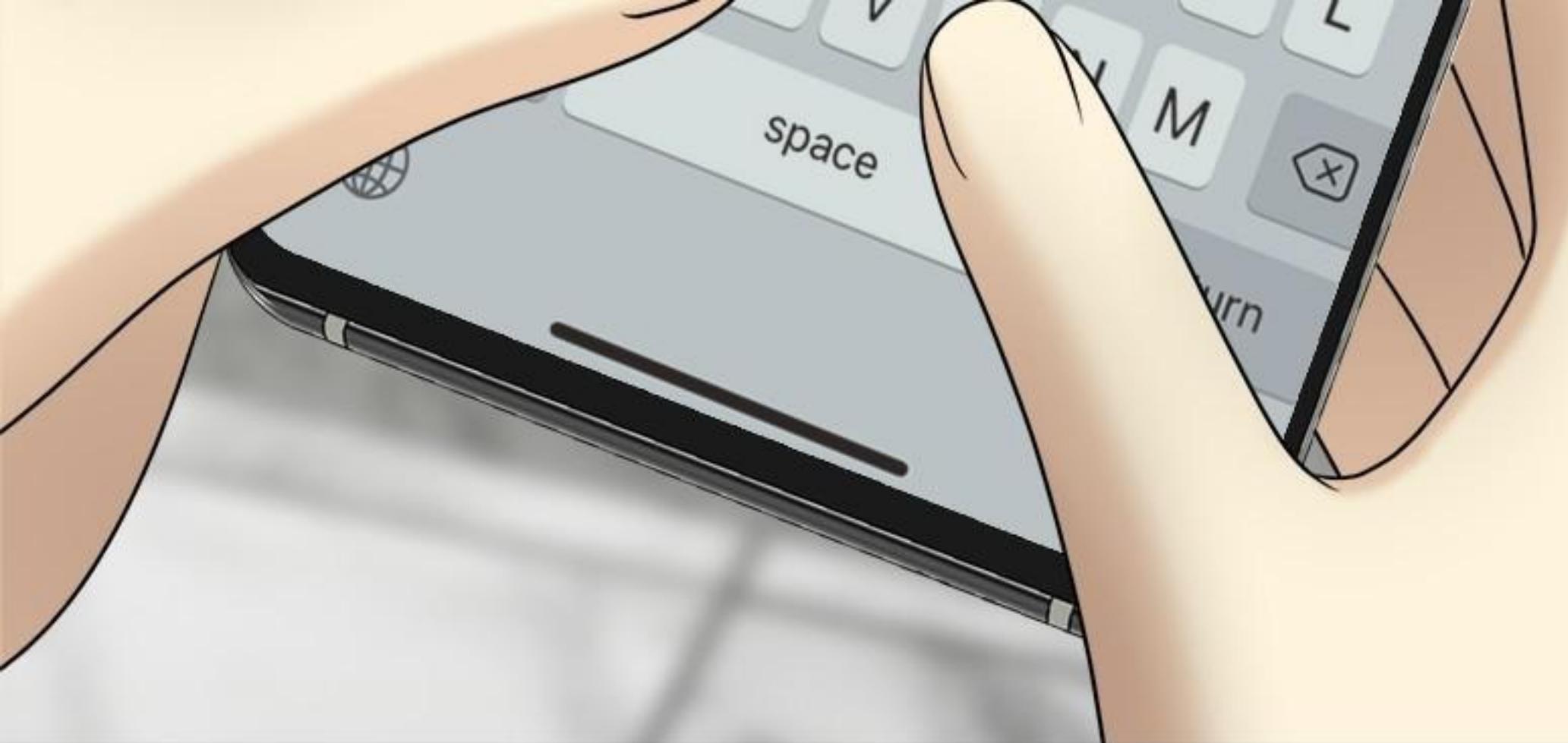
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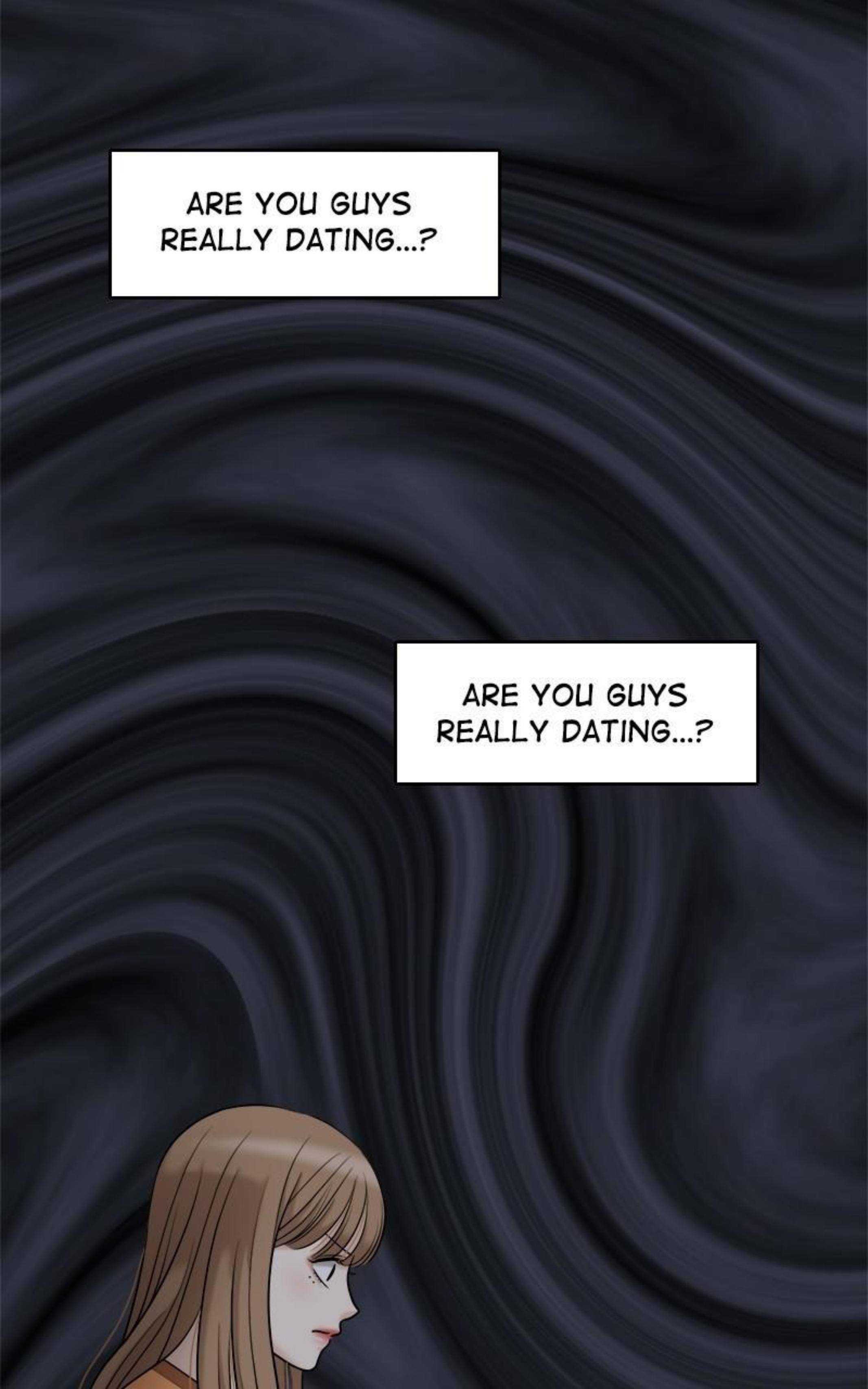
DING







ARE YOU GUYS  
REALLY DATING...?



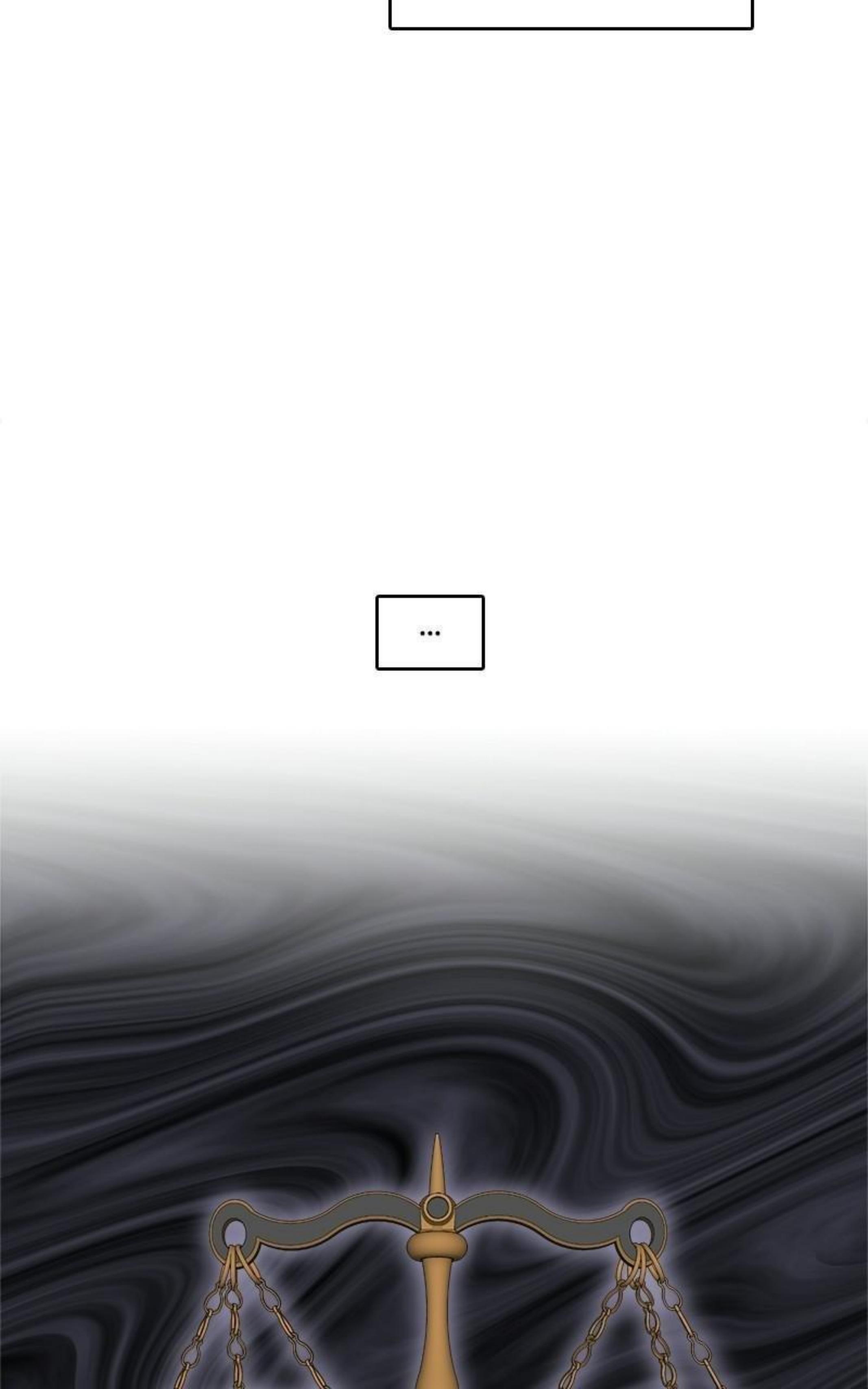
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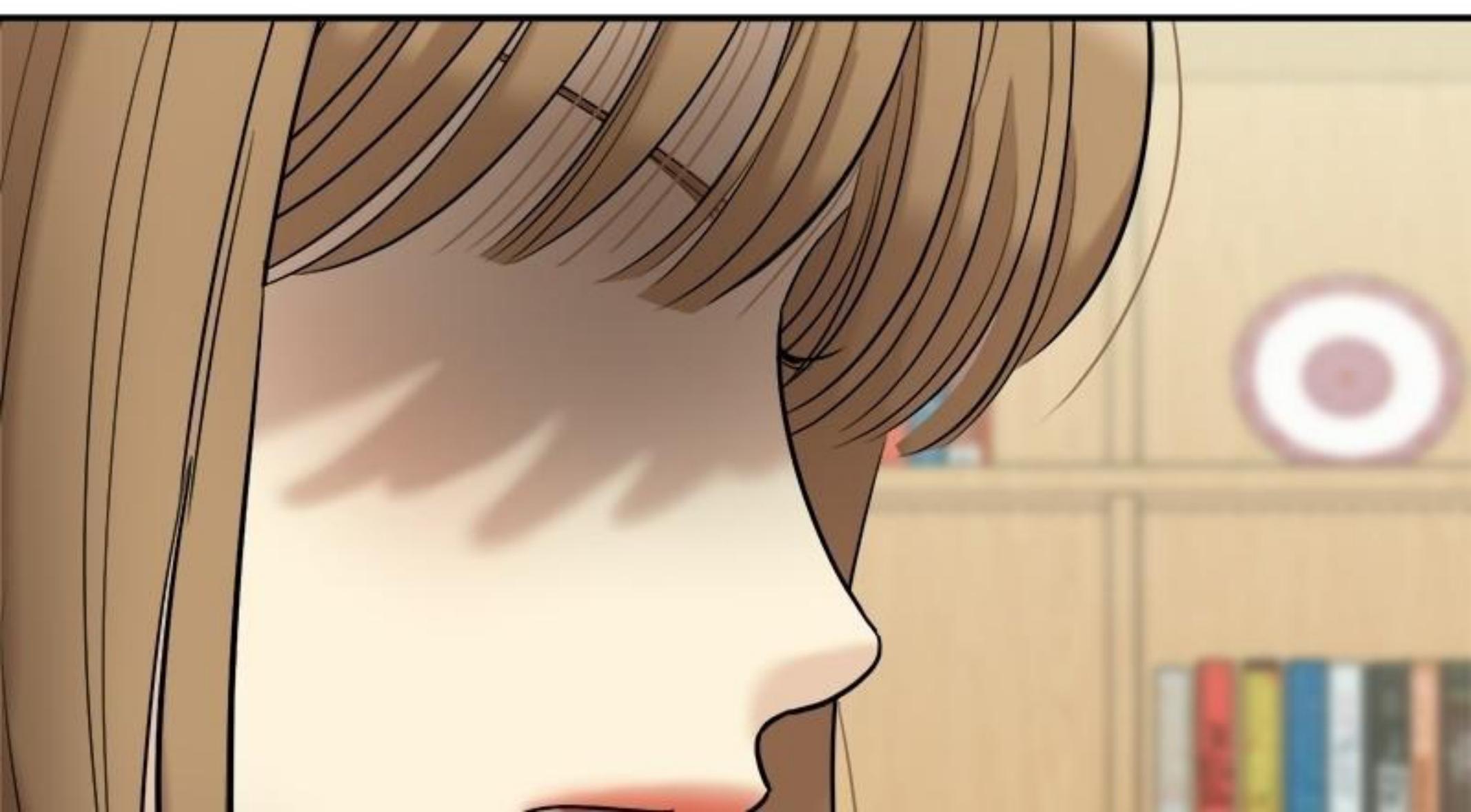
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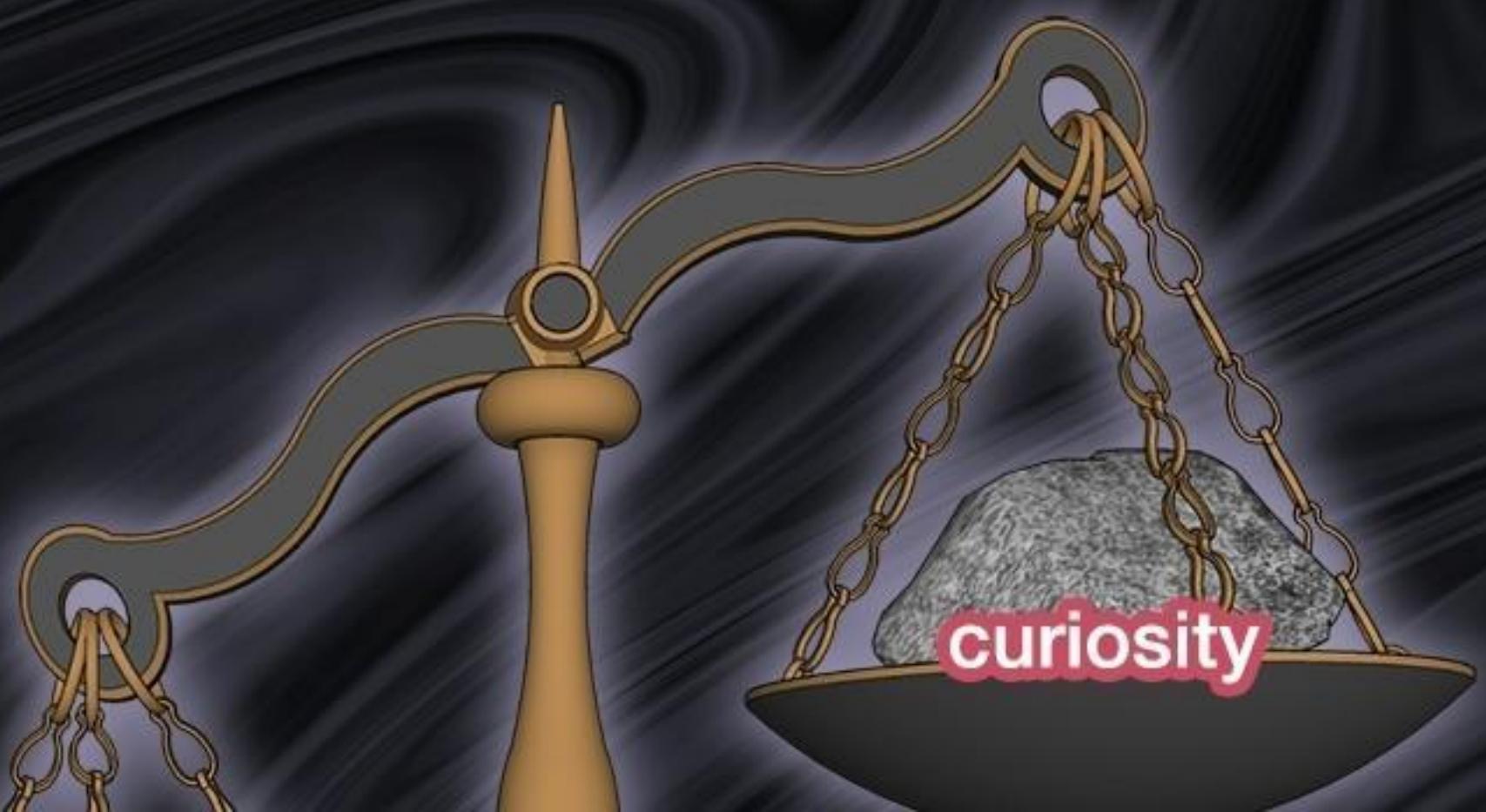
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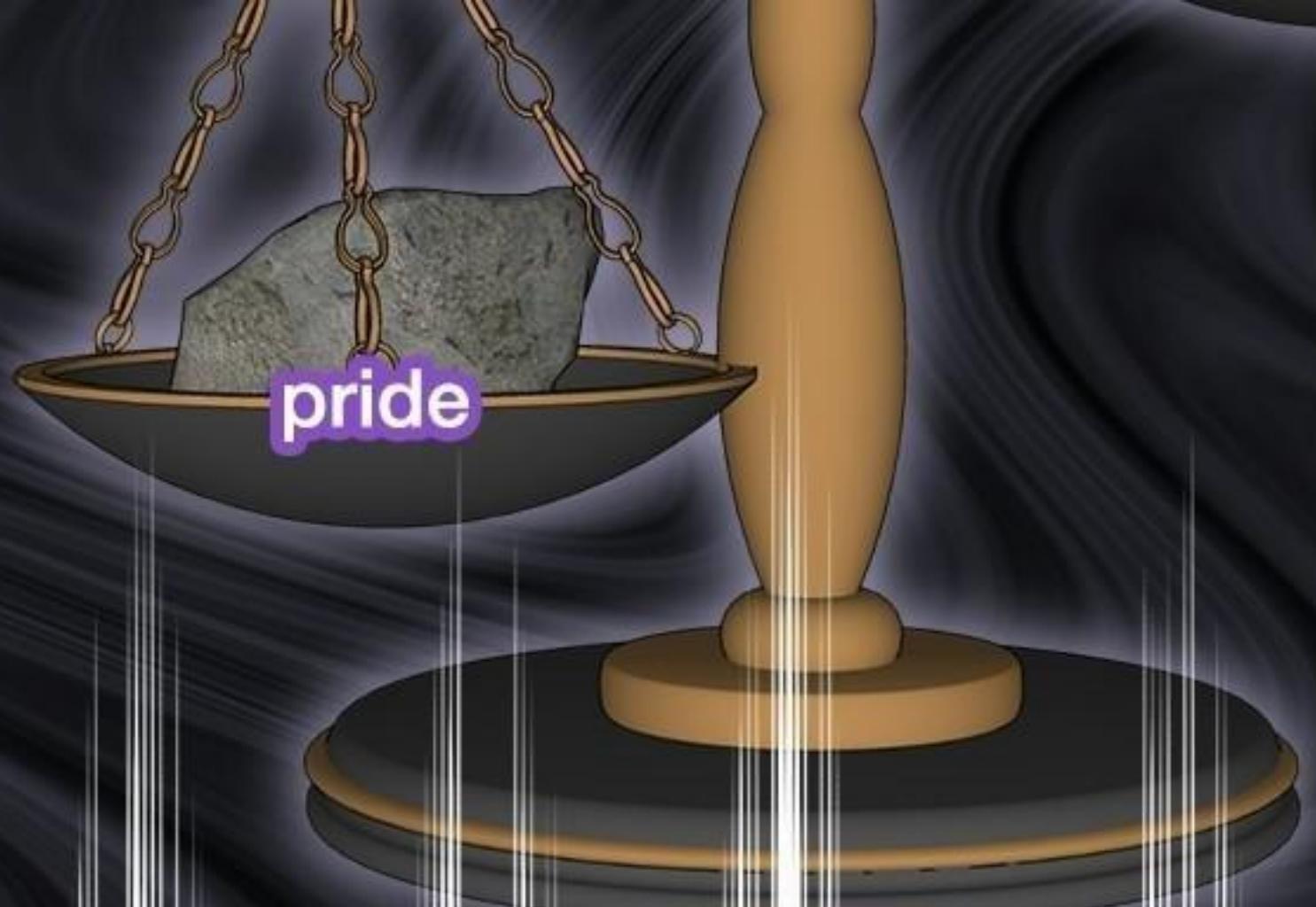
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THUD





← Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)





Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)

what u doing?

Nothing much!



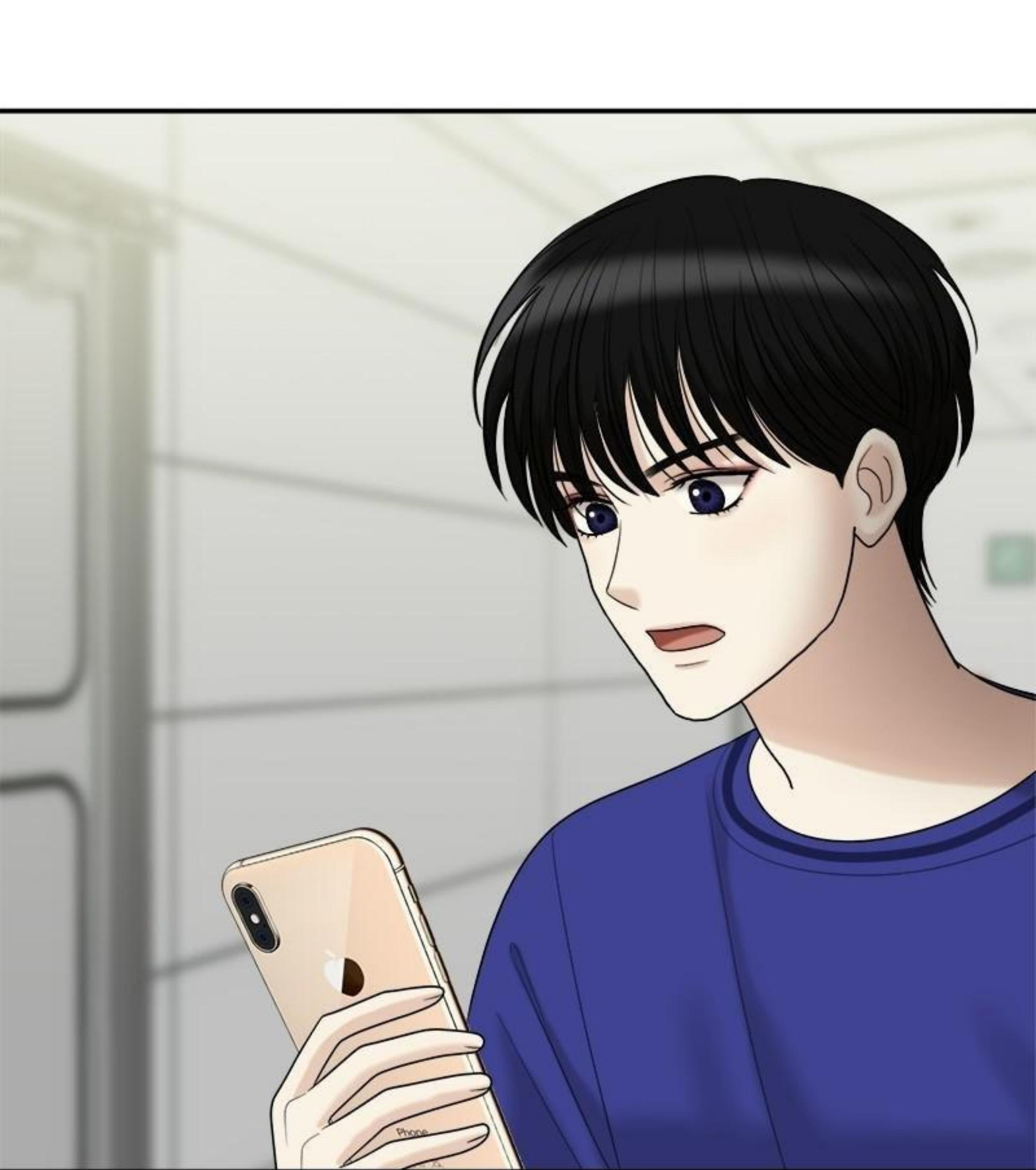
Lisa Cheon (Marigold High)

ok.

DING

bye.

DING



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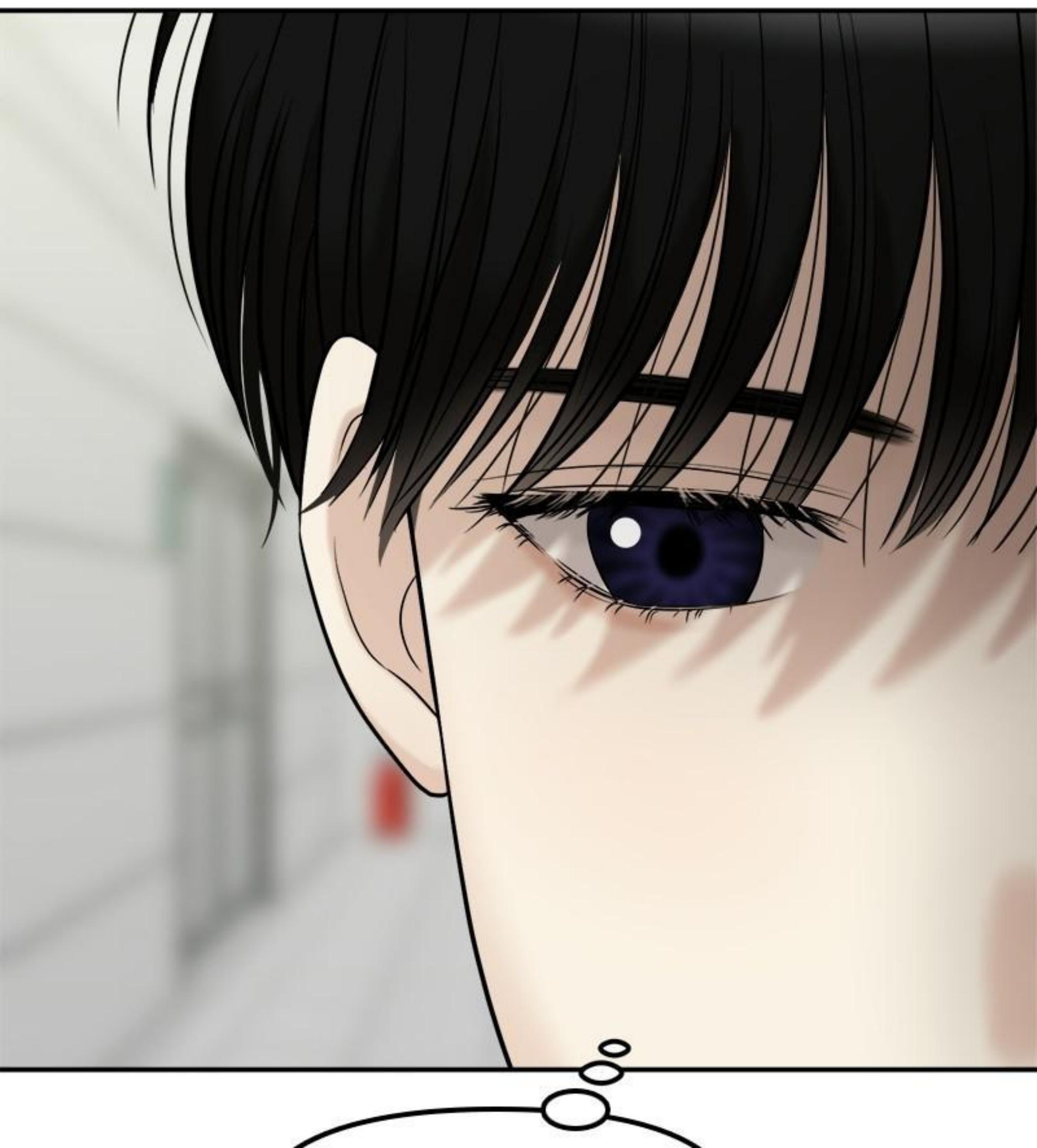


MAYBE  
SHE DIDN'T HEAR  
ABOUT THE  
RUMOR.

...

OR...





...MAYBE SHE  
DOESN'T CARE WHO  
I DATE AT ALL...

.....







WHY'S SHE CALLING?

HEY, ZEYA!



I JUST SPOKE  
TO LISA EONNI.

SOME OF  
HER COMMITMENTS  
GOT DELAYED BY A LOT  
SO SHE MIGHT NOT BE  
DONE UNTIL AFTER  
MIDNIGHT!

WHAT SHOULD  
WE DO?

WE DO!?

REALLY?

I DON'T THINK WE  
SHOULD BOTHER HER  
AT WORK...





THEN  
SHOULD WE GO BY  
AROUND MIDNIGHT  
WITH THE CAKE?

MAYBE WE CAN ASK  
HER TO STEP OUT FOR  
JUST A BIT BEFORE  
MIDNIGHT.



DID YOU SEE IT?  
THOSE TWO APPARENTLY WENT

ON A SECRET DATE TODAY.



WOW, MAYBE THEY'RE  
PLANNING TO GO PUBLIC.

HEY! I TOLD YOU  
GUYS NOT TO BE SEEN  
TOGETHER FOR THE  
TIME BEING!

ARE YOU ROMEO AND  
JULIET OR SOMETHING?!

YOU'RE THE ONES  
WHO INSISTED YOU  
CAN'T POST ANYTHING  
TO DENY IT YET!

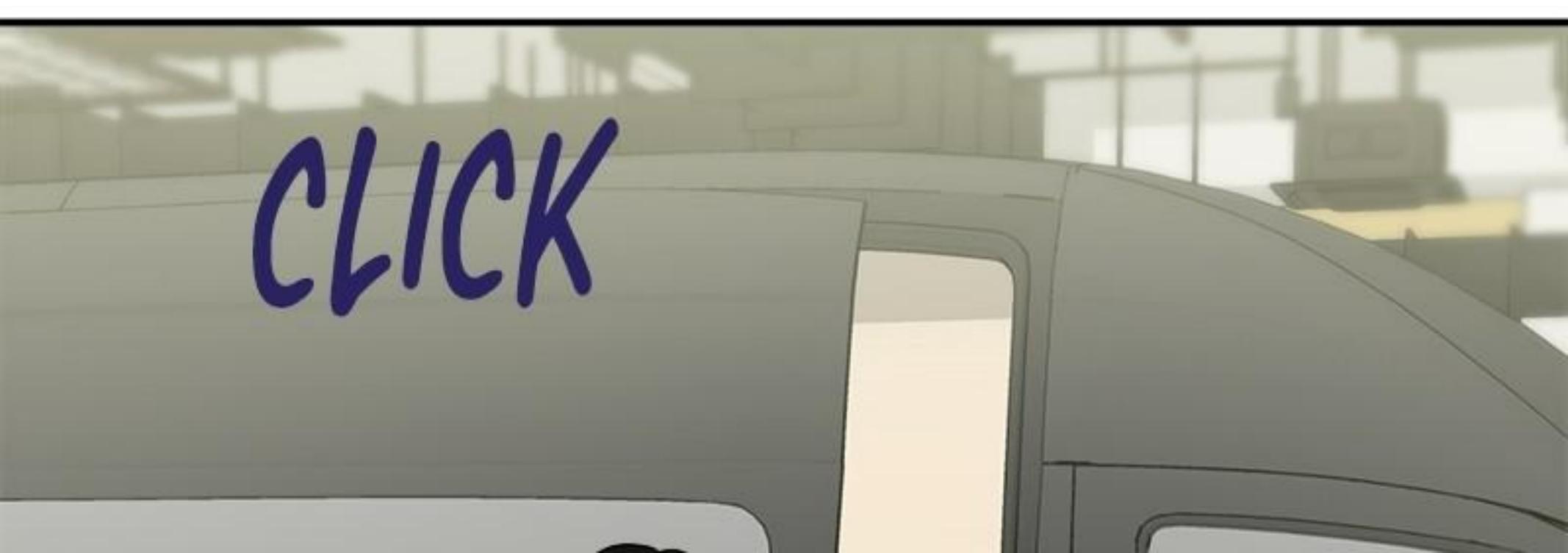
THEN YOU  
SHOULD AT LEAST STAY  
AWAY FROM EACH OTHER!  
COME ON, MAN!

I'LL TEXT  
YOU LATER. ONE OF  
US SHOULD BRING  
THE CAKE!





OKAY!



CLICK



HEH HEH...



SOMEONE'S OFF  
THE MARKET...!



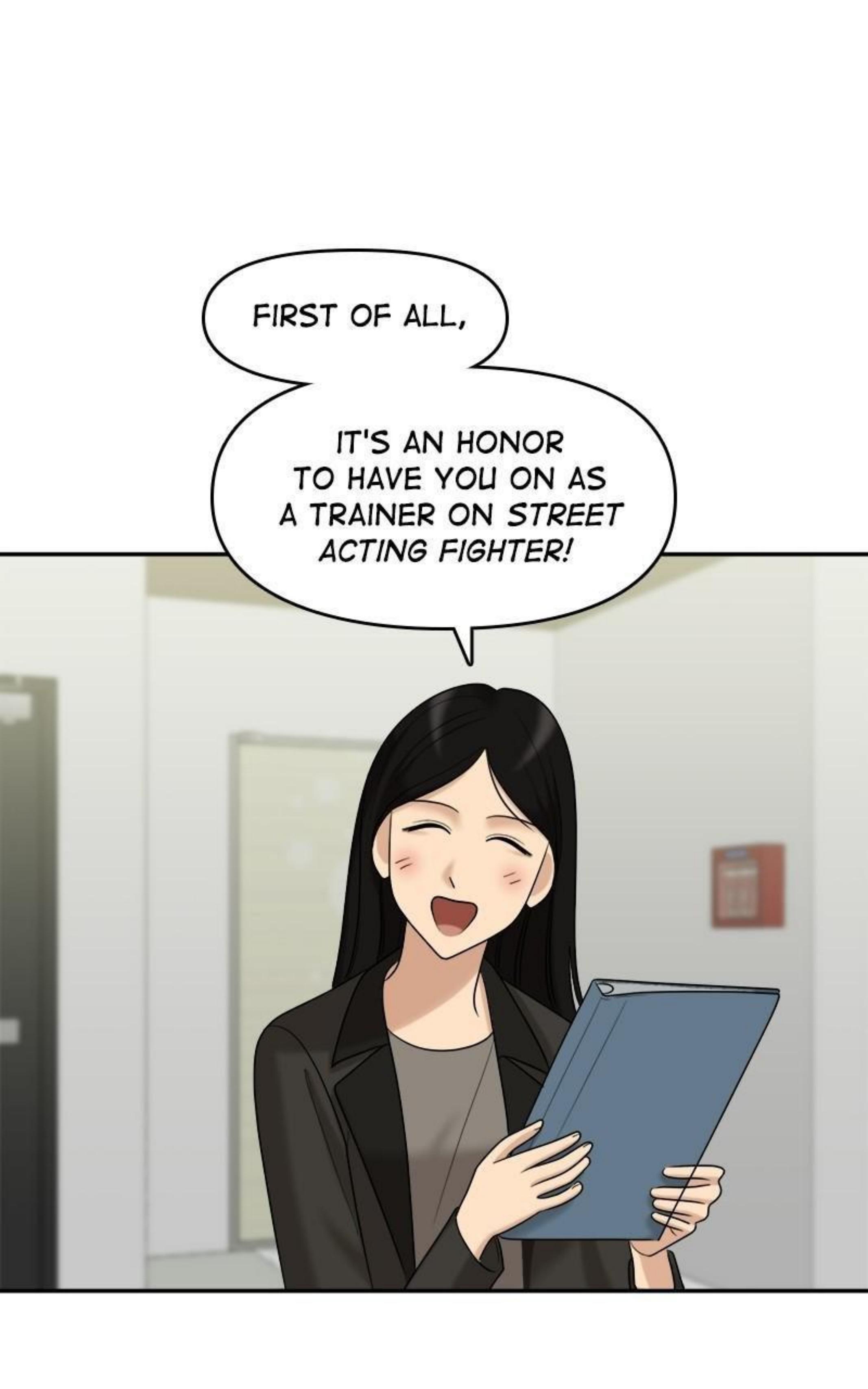


ARE YOU SURE  
YOU SHOULD BE  
WORKING TODAY?

WE SHOULD  
LET HIM GO HOME  
EARLY TODAY!

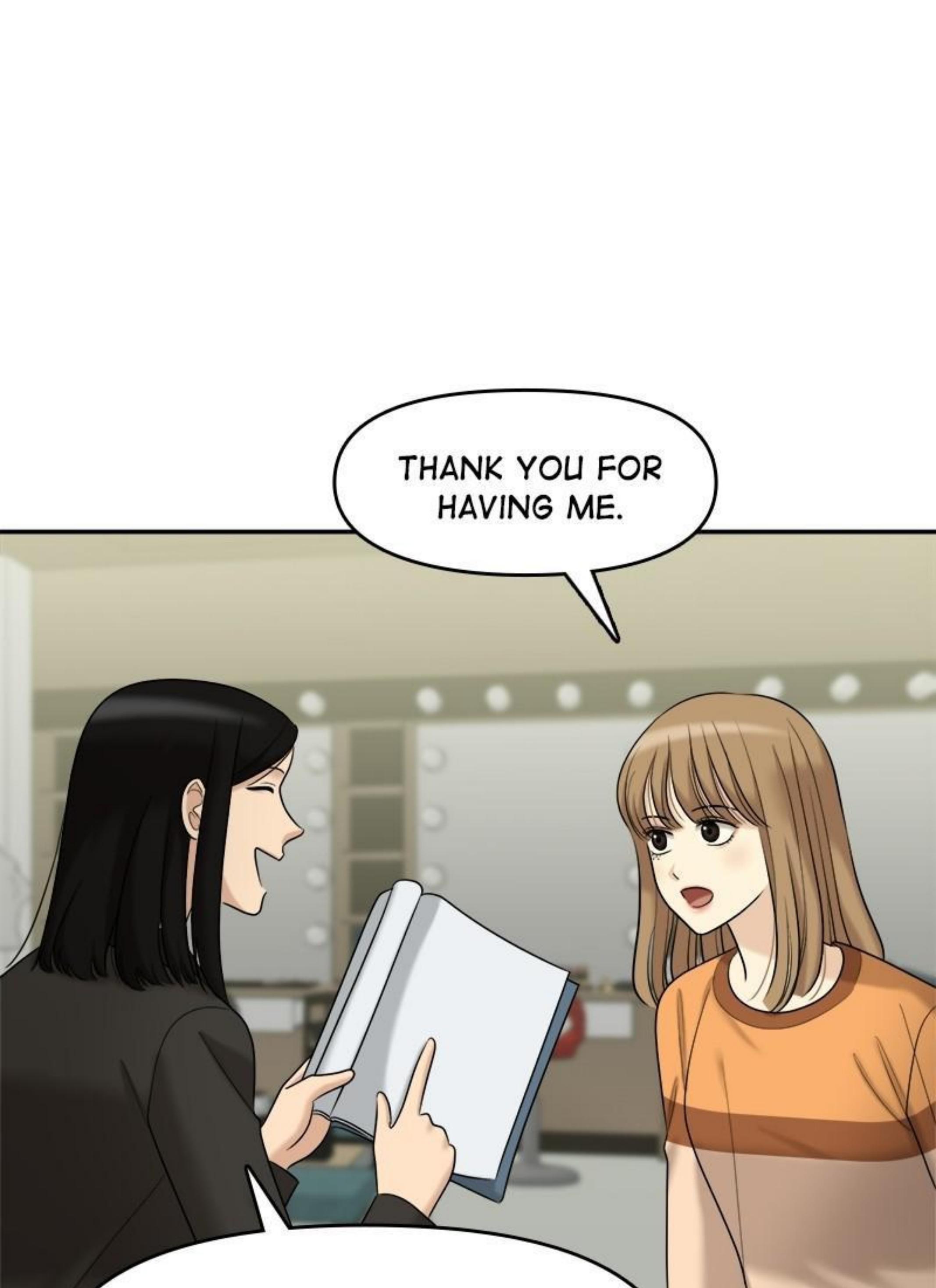
ZEYA'S GOING TO BE  
RECEIVING CHOCOLATES  
FROM JUST THE ONE  
PERSON TONIGHT! ❤





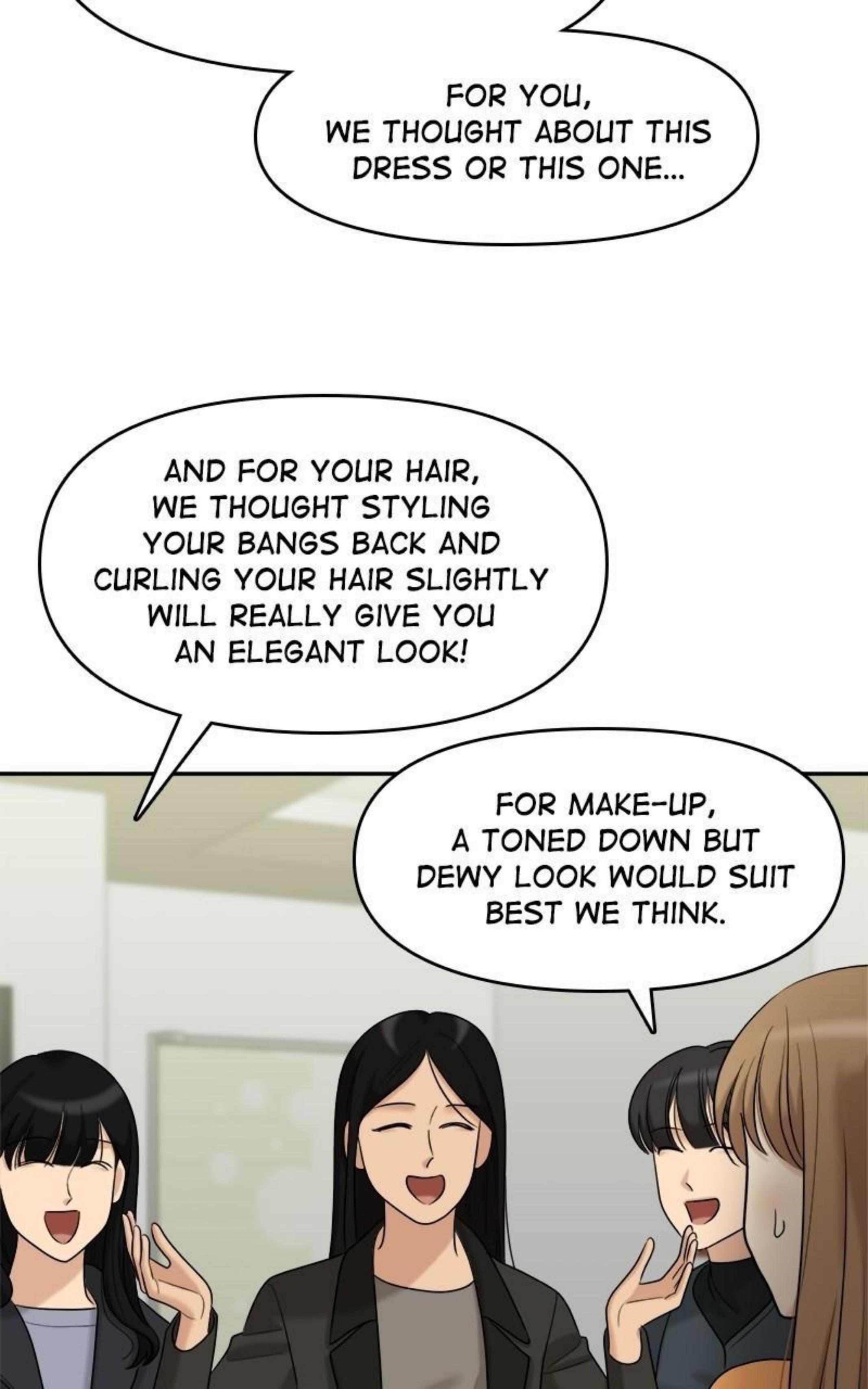
FIRST OF ALL,

IT'S AN HONOR  
TO HAVE YOU ON AS  
A TRAINER ON STREET  
ACTING FIGHTER!



THANK YOU FOR  
HAVING ME.

IN THE OPENING OF  
THE FIRST EPISODE, WE'RE  
GOING TO INTRODUCE ALL THE  
TRAINERS IN AN AWARDS  
CEREMONY-LIKE SETTING.



FOR YOU,  
WE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS  
DRESS OR THIS ONE...

AND FOR YOUR HAIR,  
WE THOUGHT STYLING  
YOUR BANGS BACK AND  
CURLING YOUR HAIR SLIGHTLY  
WILL REALLY GIVE YOU  
AN ELEGANT LOOK!

FOR MAKE-UP,  
A TONED DOWN BUT  
DEWY LOOK WOULD SUIT  
BEST WE THINK.



UM... SORRY.  
WHY IS EVERYONE  
SO EXCITED ABOUT  
THIS...?



HAHA...

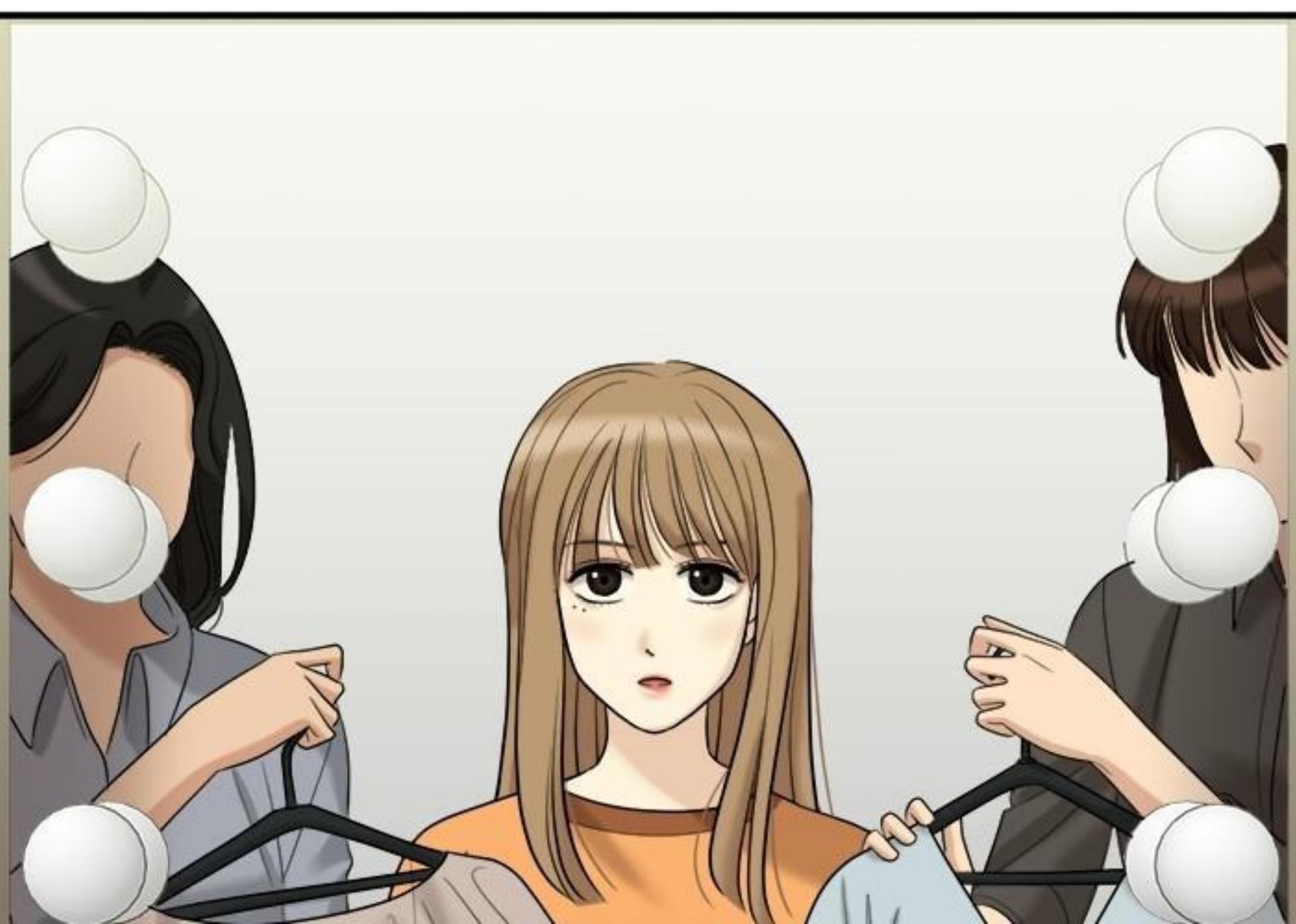


A black and white illustration of two young women. On the left, a girl with dark hair is seen from the back, wearing a dark t-shirt. On the right, another girl with long blonde hair, wearing an orange and brown striped t-shirt, looks towards the left. In the background, there's a red circular sign on a stand and shelves with various items. A speech bubble originates from the blonde girl's mouth.  
**TO BE HONEST...**



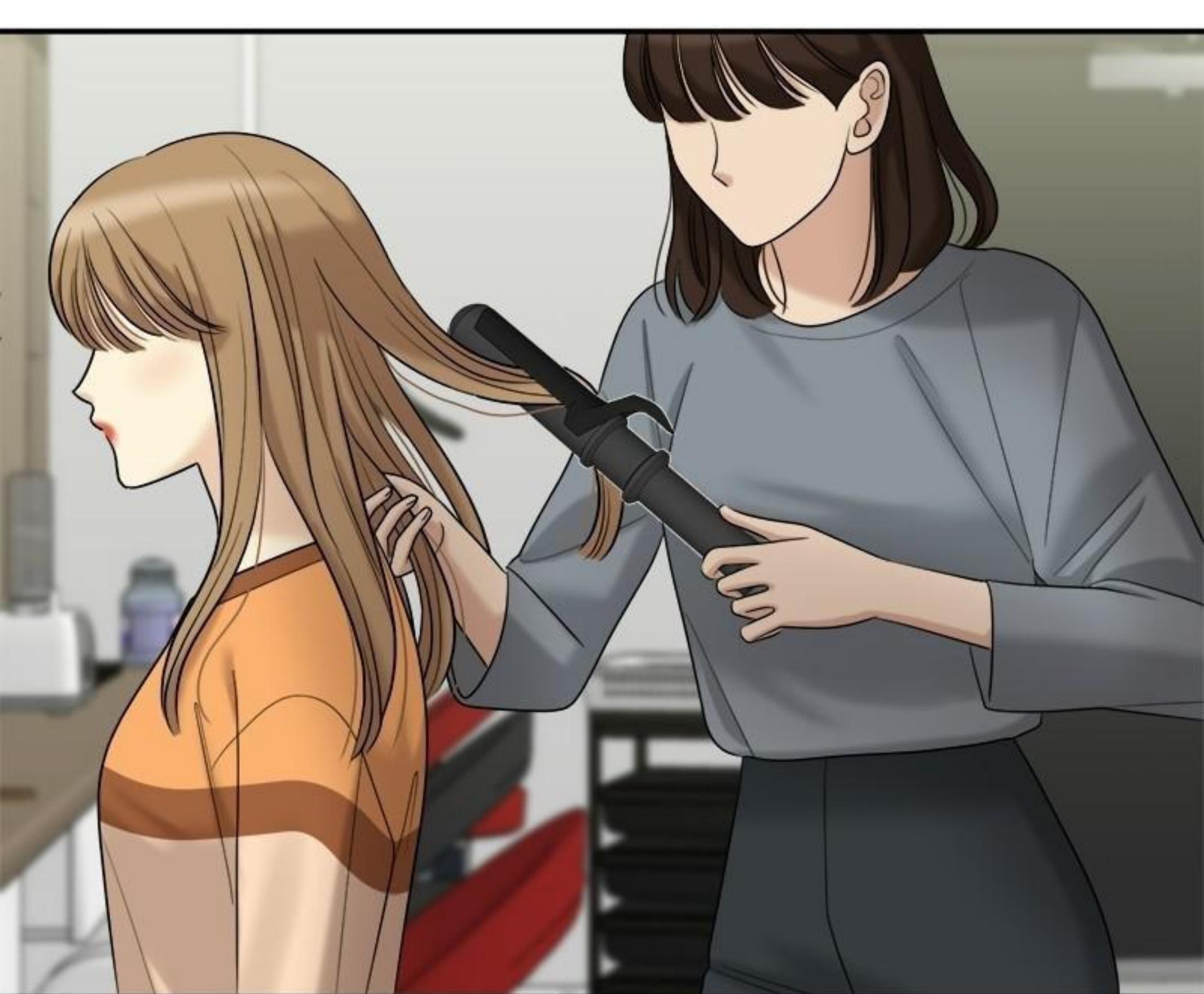


"...YOU ATTENDING THE BAEKHA AWARDS IN THE CASUAL STYLE WAS REALLY COOL IN ITSELF..."





"...BUT WE STILL WANTED TO SEE  
YOU ALL DRESSED UP IN FULL GOWN  
MODE UP FOR THE CEREMONY."



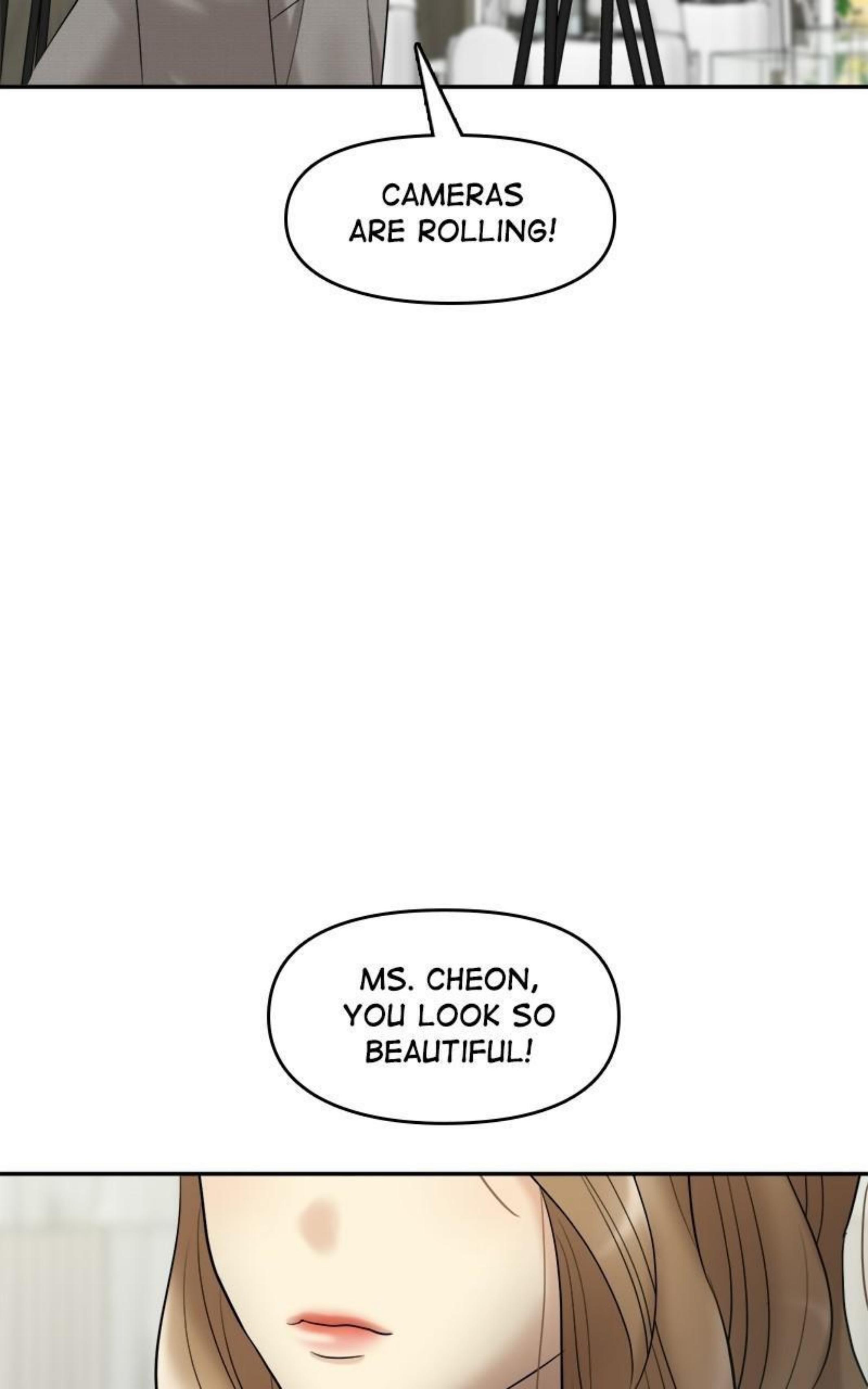
"IT'S NOT ONLY US,  
I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE  
WANTED TO SEE THAT  
AS WELL."



"THAT'S WHY WE PLANNED  
THIS AWARDS CEREMONY CONCEPT  
FOR THE OPENING EPISODE."

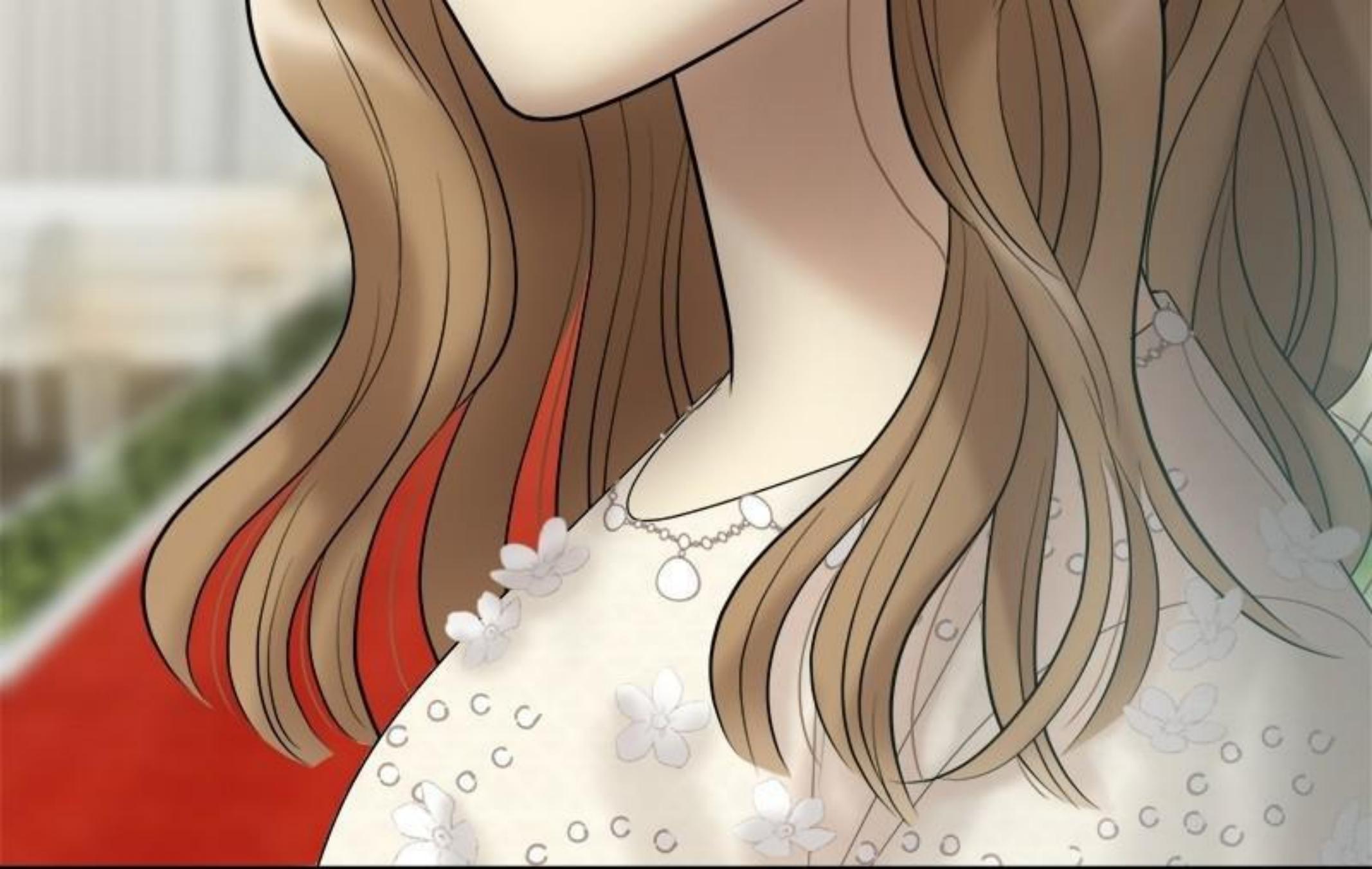
ALRIGHT.





CAMERAS  
ARE ROLLING!

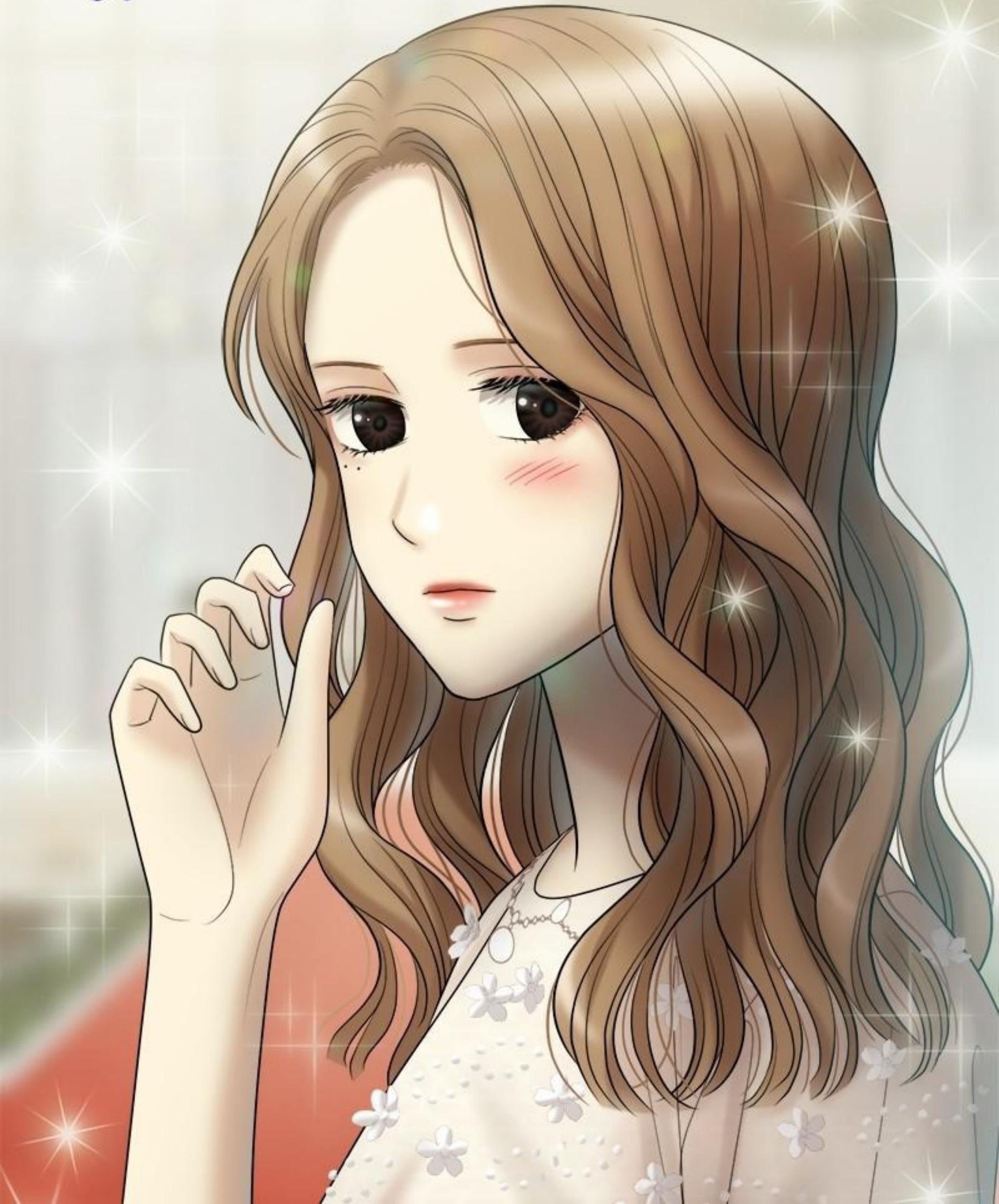
MS. CHEON,  
YOU LOOK SO  
BEAUTIFUL!







**AWKWARD**





I'VE WORN DRESSES  
NUMEROUS TIMES IN MY LIFE..



...AND ATTENDED DOZENS  
OF AWARD CEREMONIES...

**...BUT WHY DOES THIS ALL  
FEEL SO AWKWARD?**

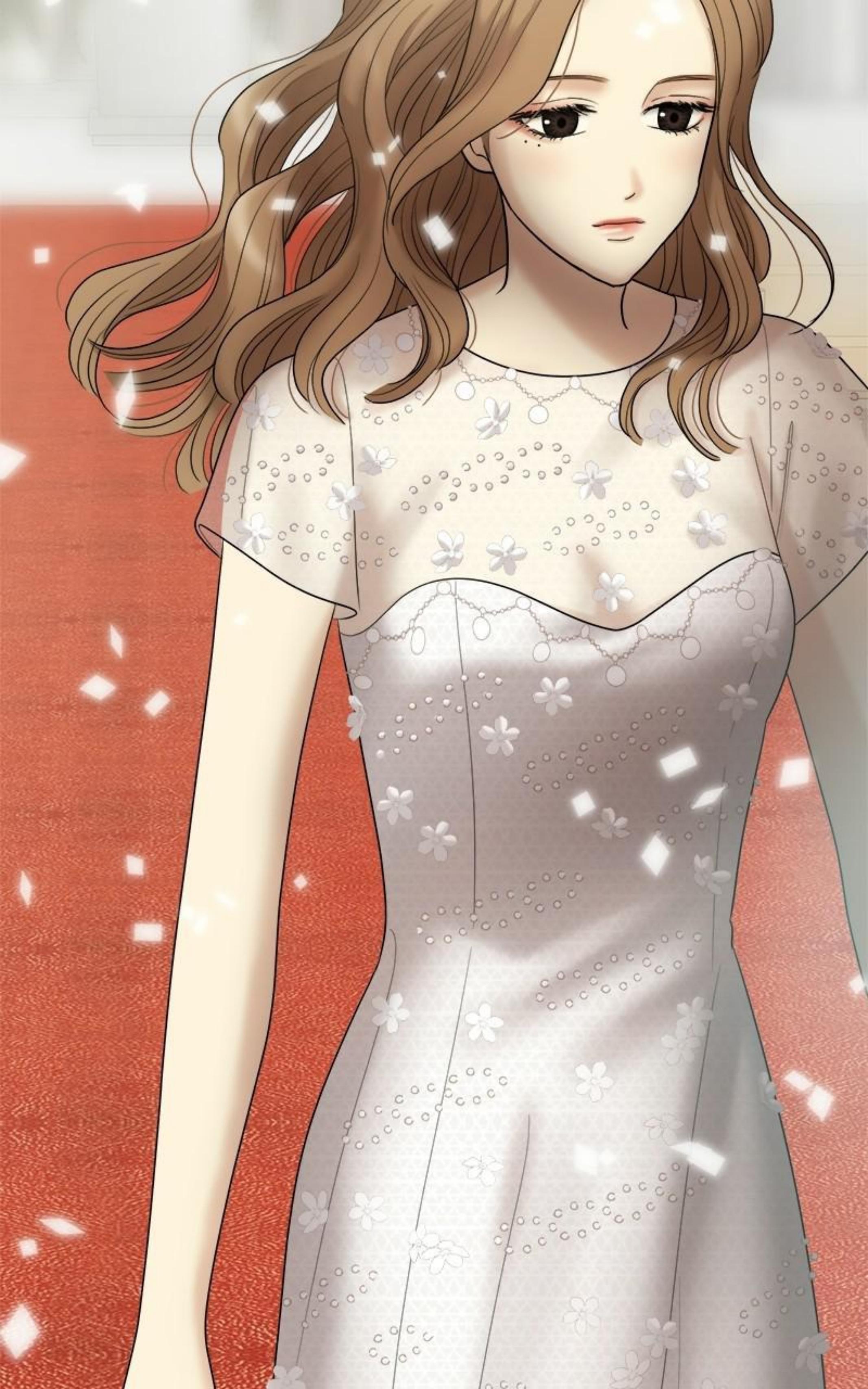


MAYBE THAT DAY AFFECTED  
ME MORE THAN I THOUGHT...

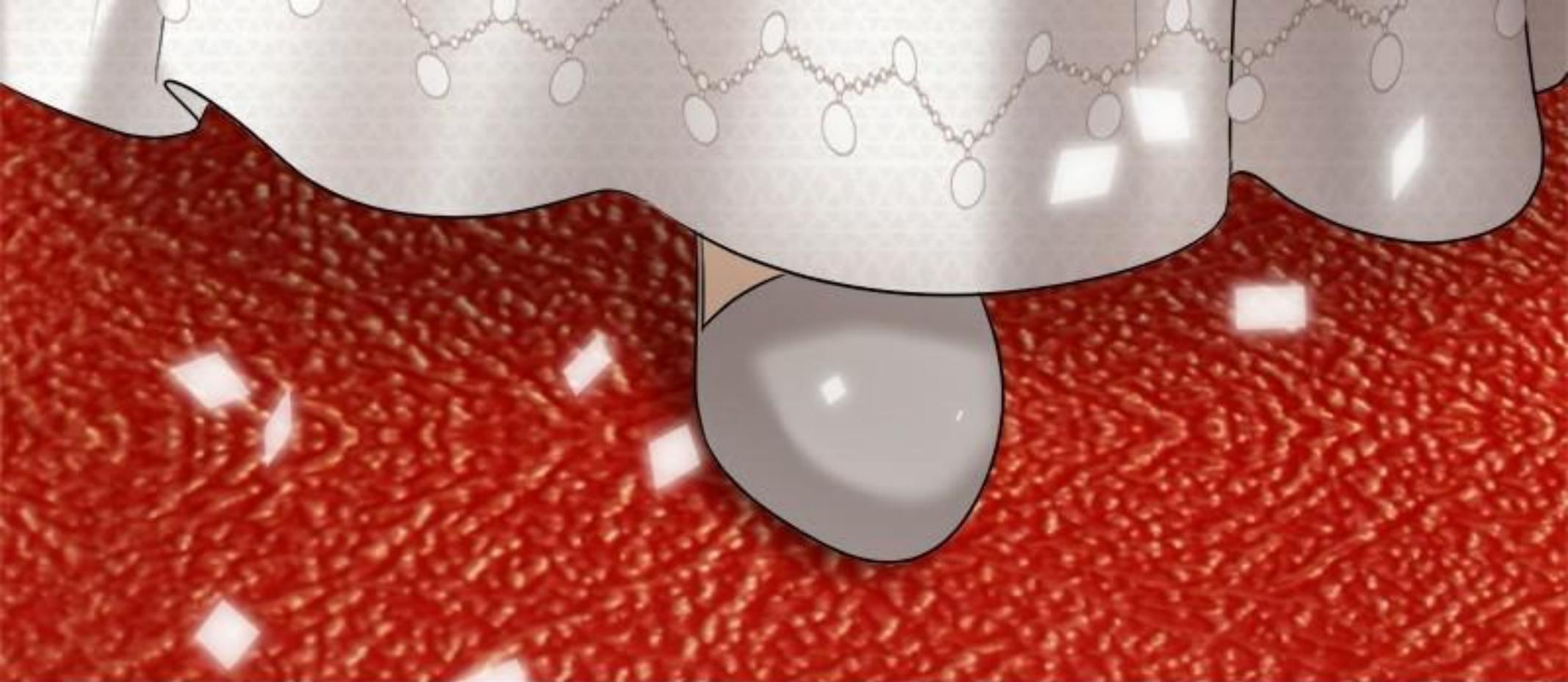


**STILL...**











**...THIS DOESN'T FEEL BAD AT ALL.**





THAT'S A WRAP,  
EVERYONE!

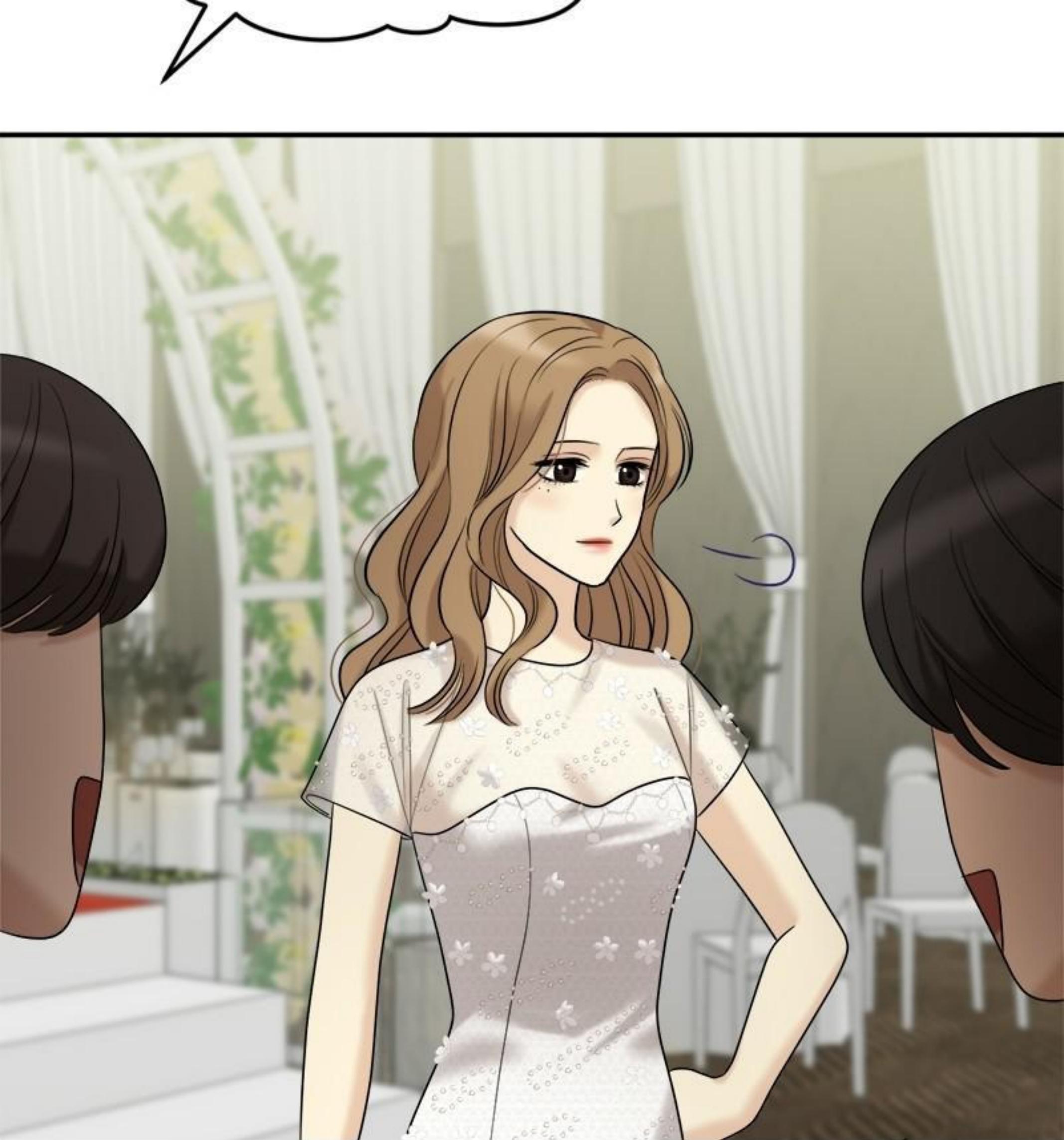
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP





CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

YOU  
WERE AMAZING!



I THINK PEOPLE ARE  
GOING TO LOVE THIS!

IT'S ALMOST  
MIDNIGHT.

WELL...  
I GUESS I HAD AN  
OKAY BIRTHDAY.

DING

DING



HMM?

← Director Gong

Q ≡



Director Gong



500,000 won\* has been sent.

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Have a good birthday.

\*ABOUT 420 USD

SHEESH...

CHUCKLE



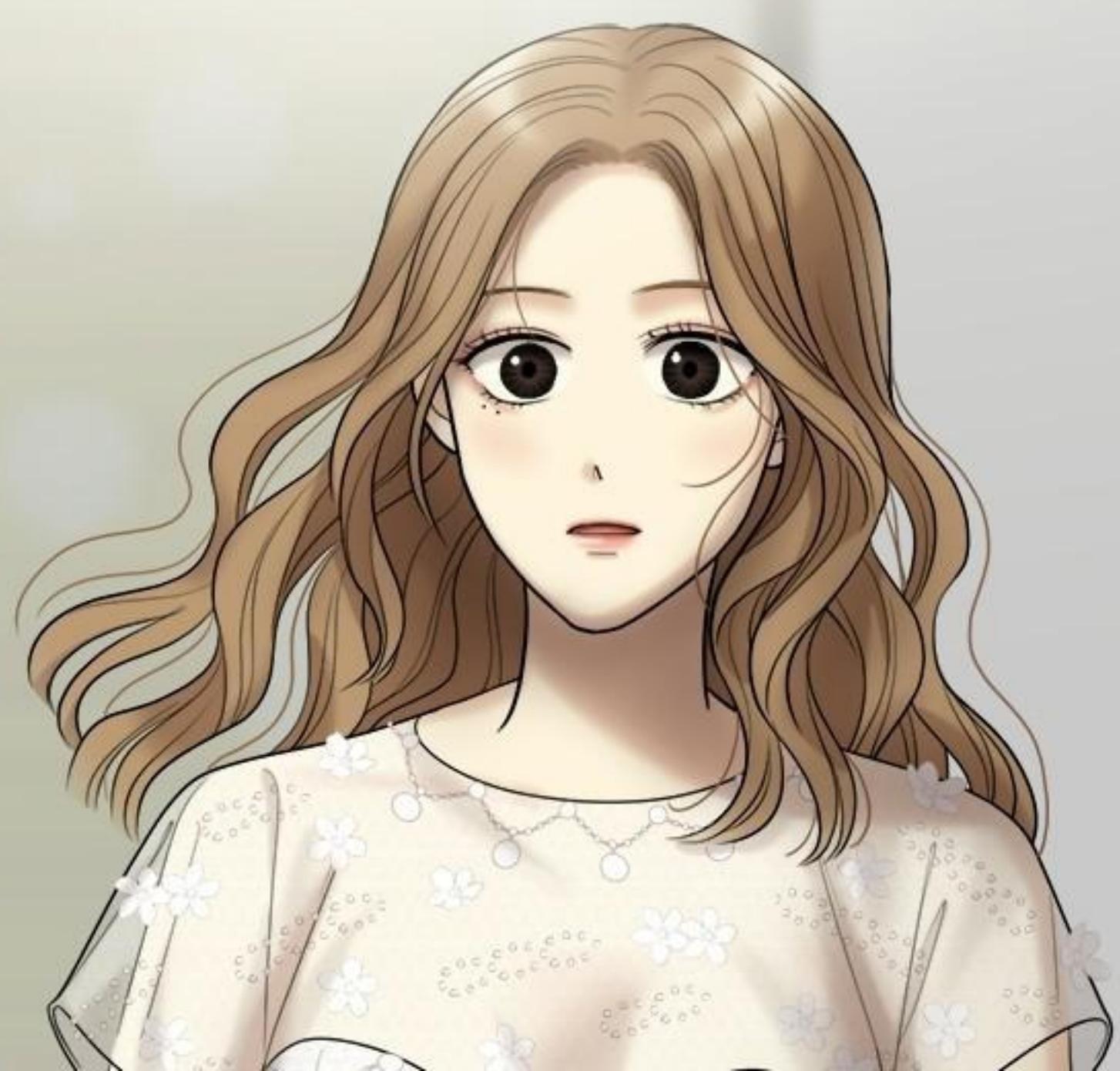
MY BIRTHDAY'S  
NEARLY OVER ALREADY...

CLICK





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!





HAPPY...



CHENAL

...BIRTHDAY, NUNA!

...BIRTHDAY, EONNI!!

HUH?!





IT'S  
STILL TECHNICALLY  
YOUR BIRTHDAY!



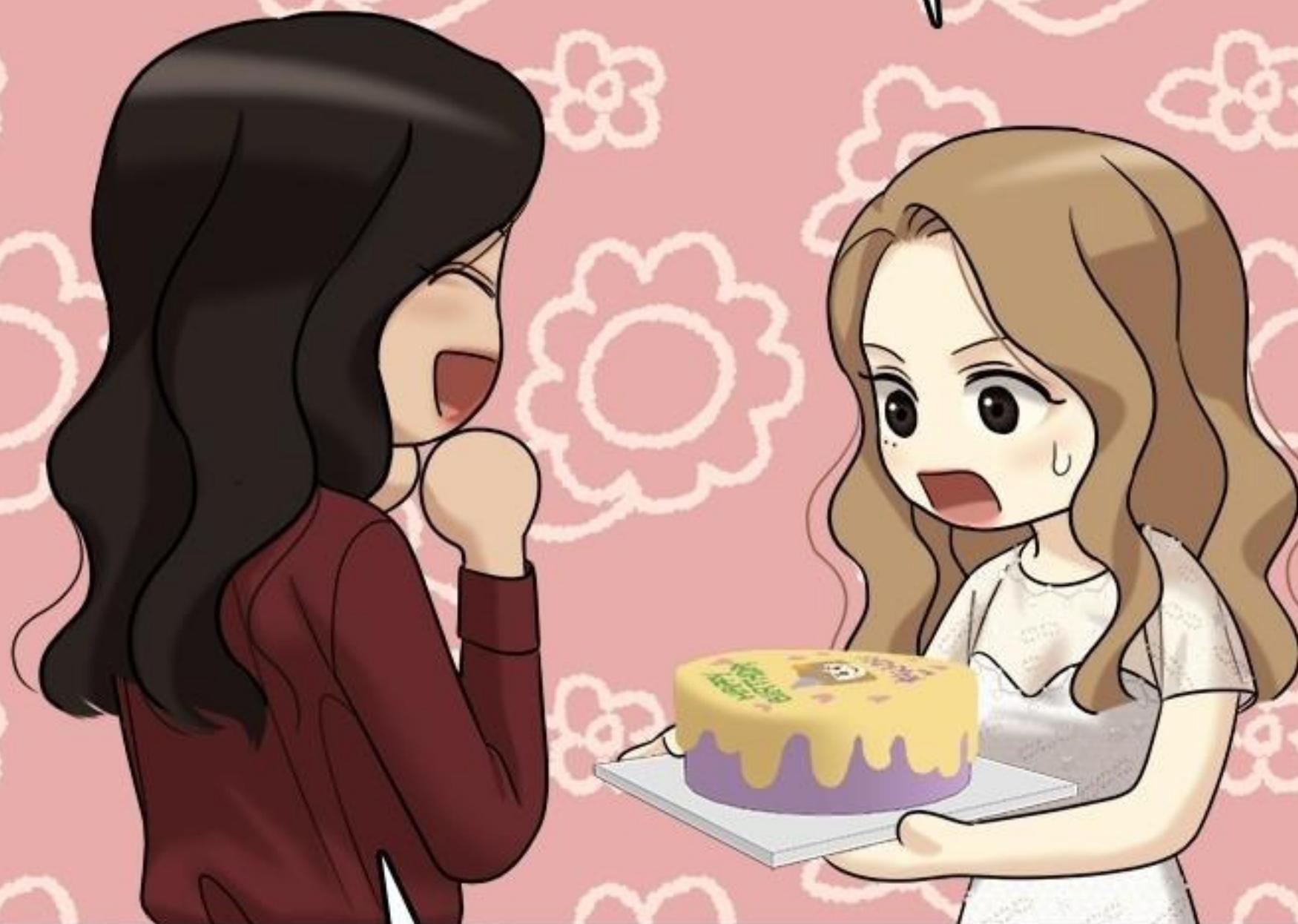
W-WHAT ARE  
YOU GUYS DOING HERE?  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN  
WAITING FOR...?



THAT WAS A REALLY  
LONG SHOOT YOU WERE IN.  
WE WAITED 30 MINUTES!

OH, THIS CAKE...  
IS THIS THE ONE YOU GUYS  
MADE TOGETHER?

SO YOU'RE  
NOT DATING?



HUH? DID YOU  
HEAR ABOUT THAT  
TOO, EONNI?

WE MADE IT FOR YOU,  
BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE WE'RE  
DATING.

HEY!  
STOP THAT!  
MY GOD...!

IT'S ABSOLUTELY  
NOT TRUE, NUNA.



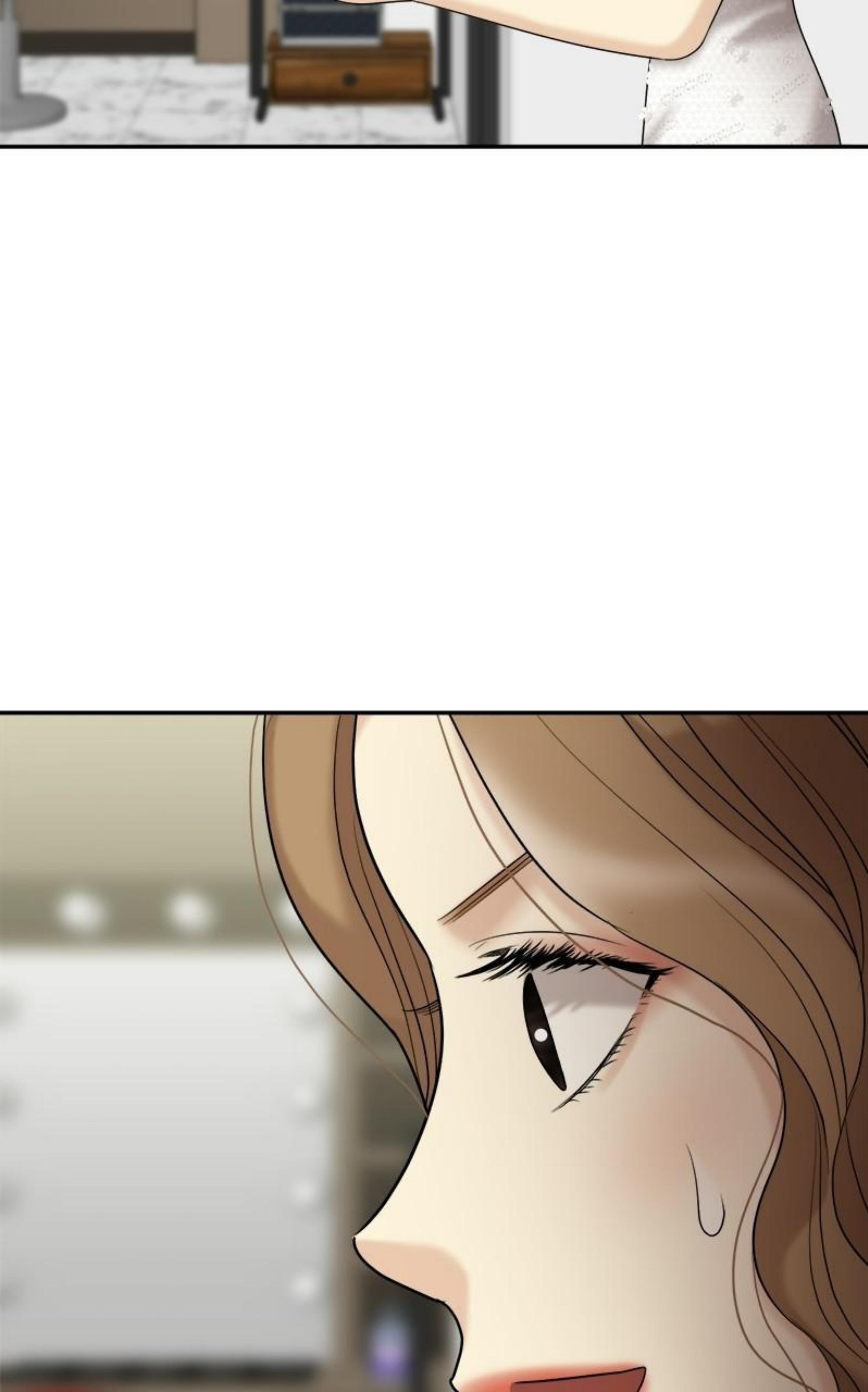
WE MET UP

BECAUSE WE WANTED TO  
MAKE YOU A SPECIAL CAKE  
FROM SCRATCH!

OH, I SEE.

PHEW...





WAIT...

DID I JUST SIGH IN RELIEF?

A-ANYWAYS

YOU GUYS ARE TOO CLUMSY.  
YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE  
CAREFUL.

WE WERE...

BUT NUNA...  
WERE YOU WORRIED?



WHAT?

THAT WE MIGHT BE  
ACTUALLY DATING...

WHY DIDN'T  
YOU CALL US WHEN YOU  
HEARD THE RUMOR?



I WASN'T  
WORRIED!

I DIDN'T  
SAY ANYTHING  
BECAUSE IT'S NONE  
OF MY BUSINESS!





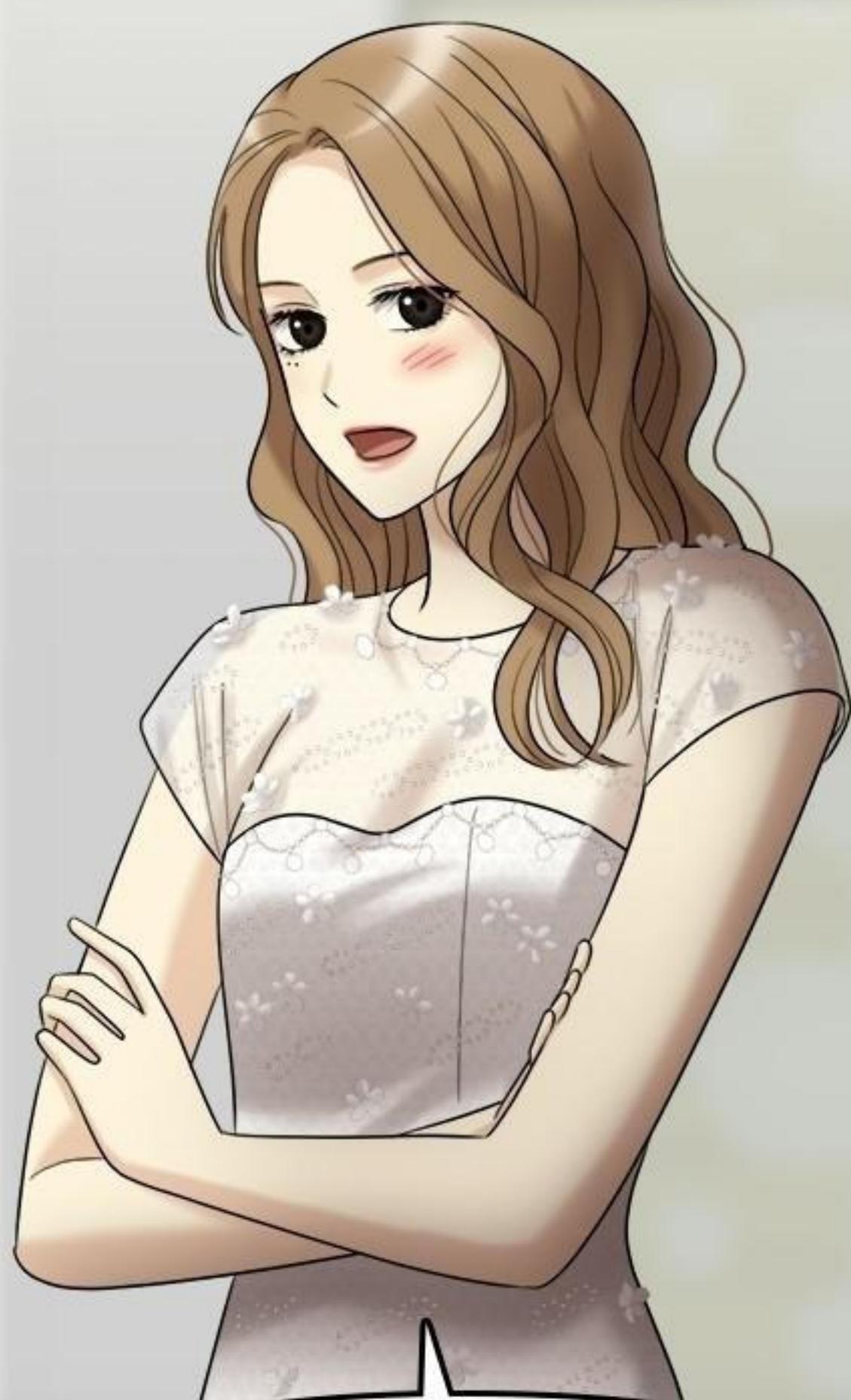
HMM, I DON'T BUY IT...

WHAT? SHUT UP!

ANYWAYS...  
THANK YOU FOR THE CAKE,  
BOTH OF YOU.



DO YOU  
HAVE TIME?



IF YOU DO,  
WHY DON'T YOU COME BY  
MY PLACE FOR A BITE?

MY PLACE FOR A DATE:

OKAY!!!



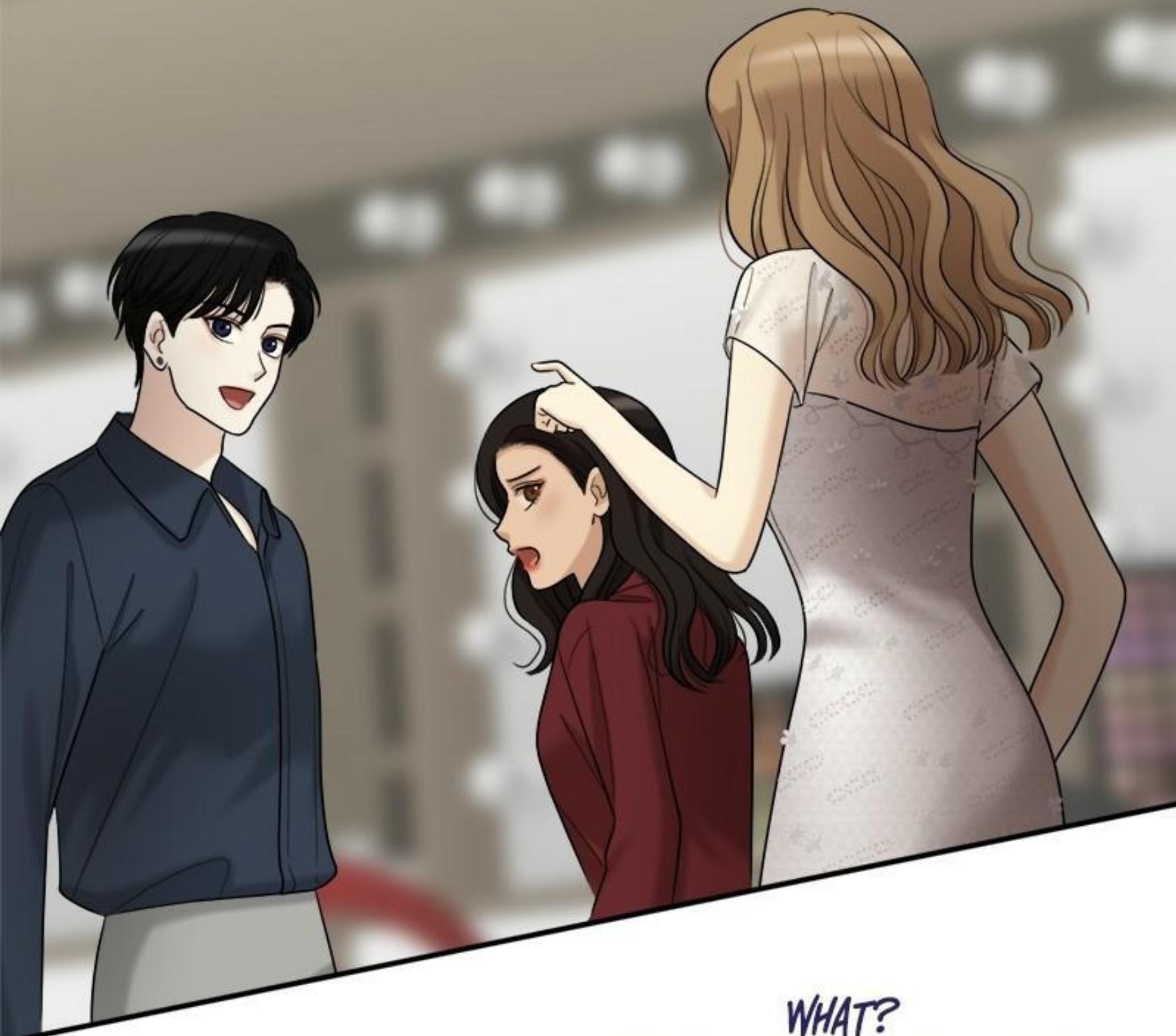


SURE!

BUT JUST TO WARN YOU,  
MY HOUSE IS A COMPLETE MESS.

IT'S OKAY! IT'S NOT LIKE WE DIDN'T

IT'S OKAY! IT'S NOT LIKE WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WEREN'T SUPER CLEAN.



WHAT?  
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

OH, IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT NOW! DOES THAT MEAN IT'S TOO LATE TO LIGHT THE CANDLES?



instlargam



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• • •



338,551 Likes

love\*\*maha The cake 🎂 Zeya and I made for Lisa eonni's birthday! It was a cose call, but we managed to surprise her 20 minutes before midnight! Nobody loves you like we do, eonni! 😊 ❤

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lisa\*\*1234 cose call -> close call

love\*\*maha @lisa\*\*1234 It's a typo! 😠

**alltime\*\*official Congratulations!**  
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End of Spin-Off Episode 2

