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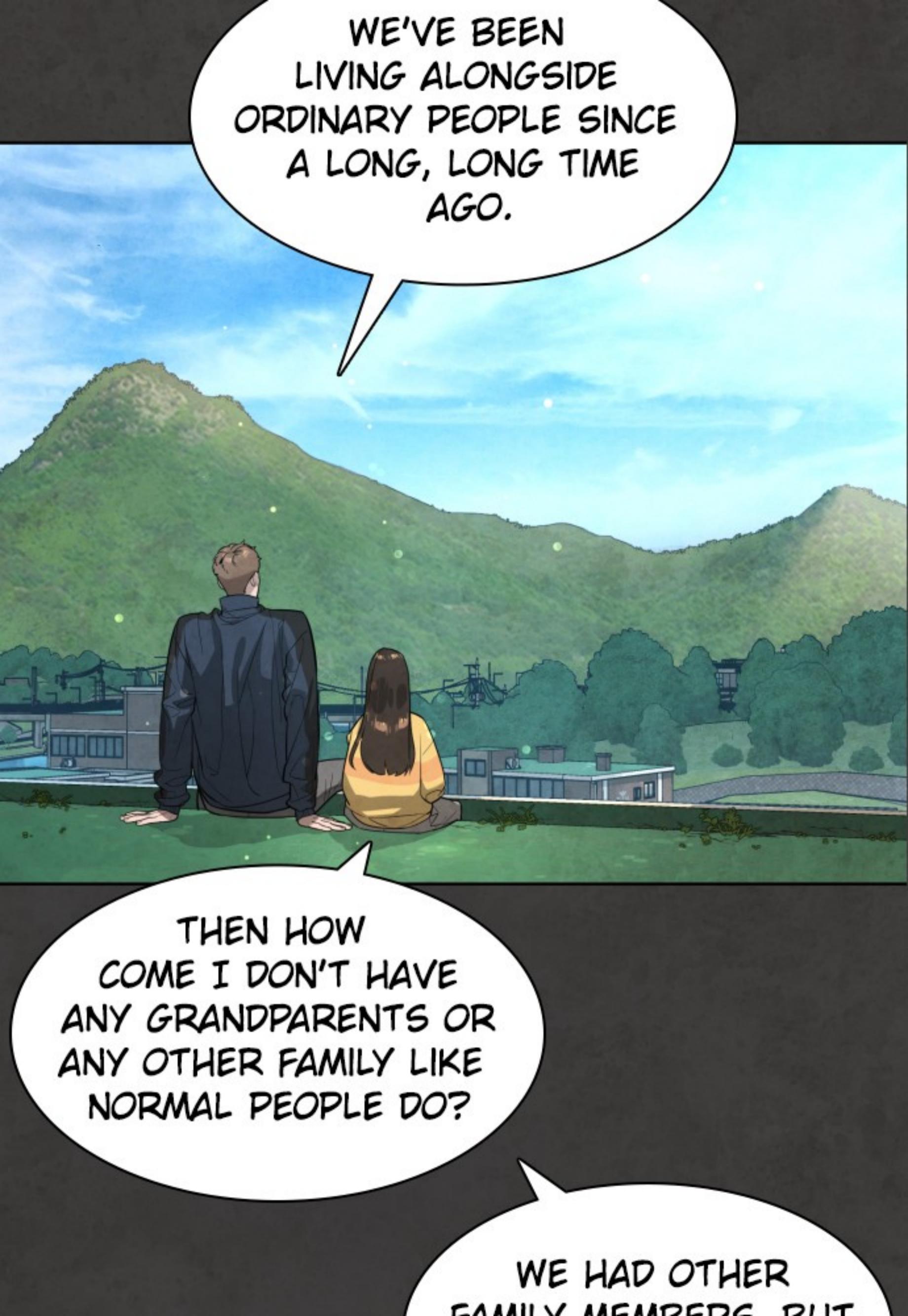


Episode 54

DADDY,
WHERE DO WE
COME FROM?

WE AREN'T
FROM ANOTHER
WORLD.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



WE'VE BEEN
LIVING ALONGSIDE
ORDINARY PEOPLE SINCE
A LONG, LONG TIME
AGO.

THEN HOW
COME I DON'T HAVE
ANY GRANDPARENTS OR
ANY OTHER FAMILY LIKE
NORMAL PEOPLE DO?

WE HAD OTHER
FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT

FAMILY MEMBERS, BUT
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES
LEFT NOW.

WHY
ARE WE SO
STRONG?

WELL, THAT'S
BECAUSE...



...THERE'S SOMETHING
WE MUST DO WITH OUR
STRENGTH.

BACK THEN, I DIDN'T REALLY
UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT.

YOU'RE BORED
BECAUSE YOU ONLY
HAVE MOMMY AND DADDY
TO PLAY WITH, AREN'T
YOU?

NO, I'M NOT!
I LIKE THINGS
JUST THE WAY
THEY ARE NOW!

EXCITED

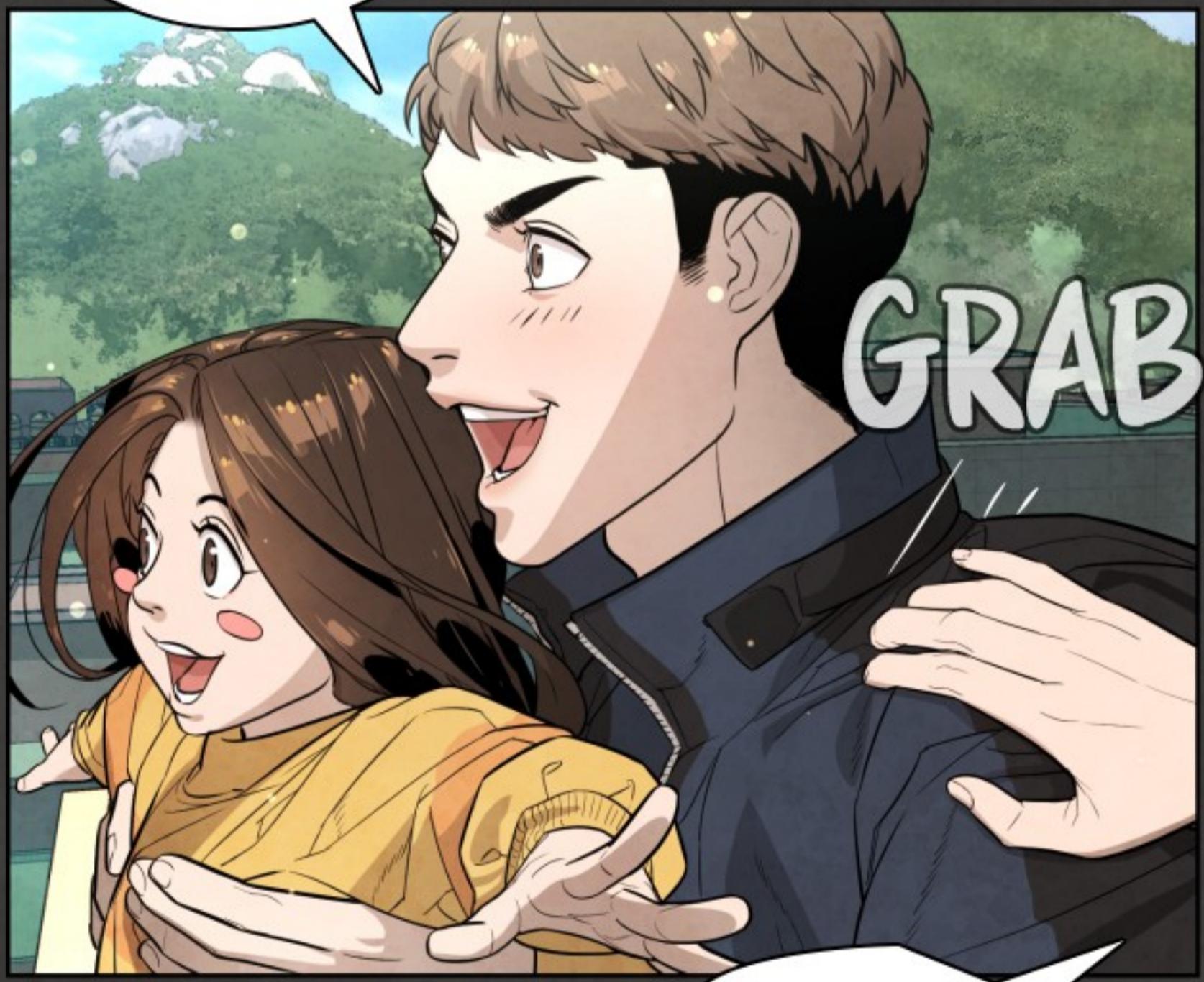
WIGGLE

YOU DO?! THEN DO
YOU WANT DADDY TO
THROW YOU UP INTO
THE AIR?!

UH-HUH!

MY PARENTS PUT IN A LOT OF
EFFORT SO THAT I COULD
HAVE A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.

HERE WE GO!



YOU CAN'T
DO MIRRORMAN

BE SERIOUS!

DIDN'T YOU SEE
THE ARTICLE ABOUT
THE NEXT TOWN
OVER?!





DON'T YOU
REALIZE HOW SCARY
THE WORLD HAS
GOTTEN?!



AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA ABOUT 1,000 FEET ABOVE A TOWN IN GANGWON PROVINCE. SOME HAVE ASSERTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST SIGN OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE SINCE THE OBJECT WAS CLEARLY IN MOTION. THIS HAS SPARKED A HEATED DEBATE AMONG RESEARCHERS...



COME ON,
I'M JUST TRYING TO
DO WHAT MY FATHER
DID WHEN I WAS
A KID.

WE'RE LIVING IN
THE 21ST CENTURY!
DON'T YOU REALIZE
THERE ARE EYES
EVERYWHERE
NOW?!



THERE ARE
CELL PHONES, SECURITY
CAMERAS, AND DASH CAMS
EVERY WHICH WAY
YOU LOOK!



I UNDERSTAND,
DEAREST. YOU NEED
NOT ELABORATE.

YOU ONLY
TALK LIKE THAT
AT TIMES LIKE
THIS!

I THOUGHT
WE AGREED THAT
YOU'D SAVE THAT
KIND OF LANGUAGE
FOR THE
BEDROOM.

HUSH,
HAYAN WILL
OVERHEAR.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

DON'T
WORRY, DARLING.
IT'S SOMETHING
ONLY ADULTS WILL
UNDERSTAND.

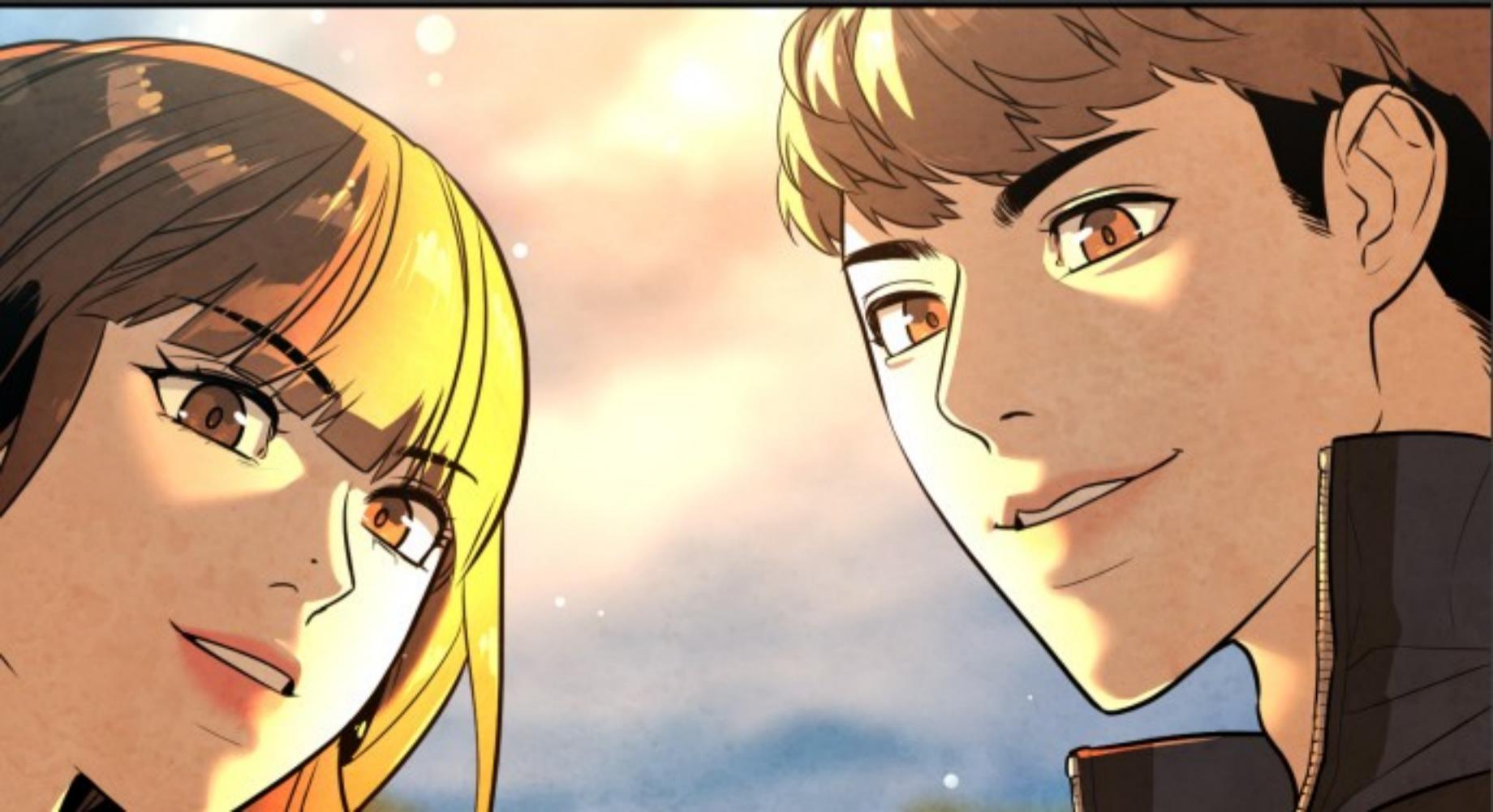
OUR FAMILY WASN'T WELL OFF, BUT WE
WERE REALLY CLOSE, AND EVERY DAY
WAS A HAPPY ONE.



OKAY, NOW THAT
I'M DONE WITH THE
REPAIRS, SHALL WE GO
AND DO WHAT WE NEED
TO DO TODAY?

ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT
THE THING YOU
SAID WE MUST
DO?

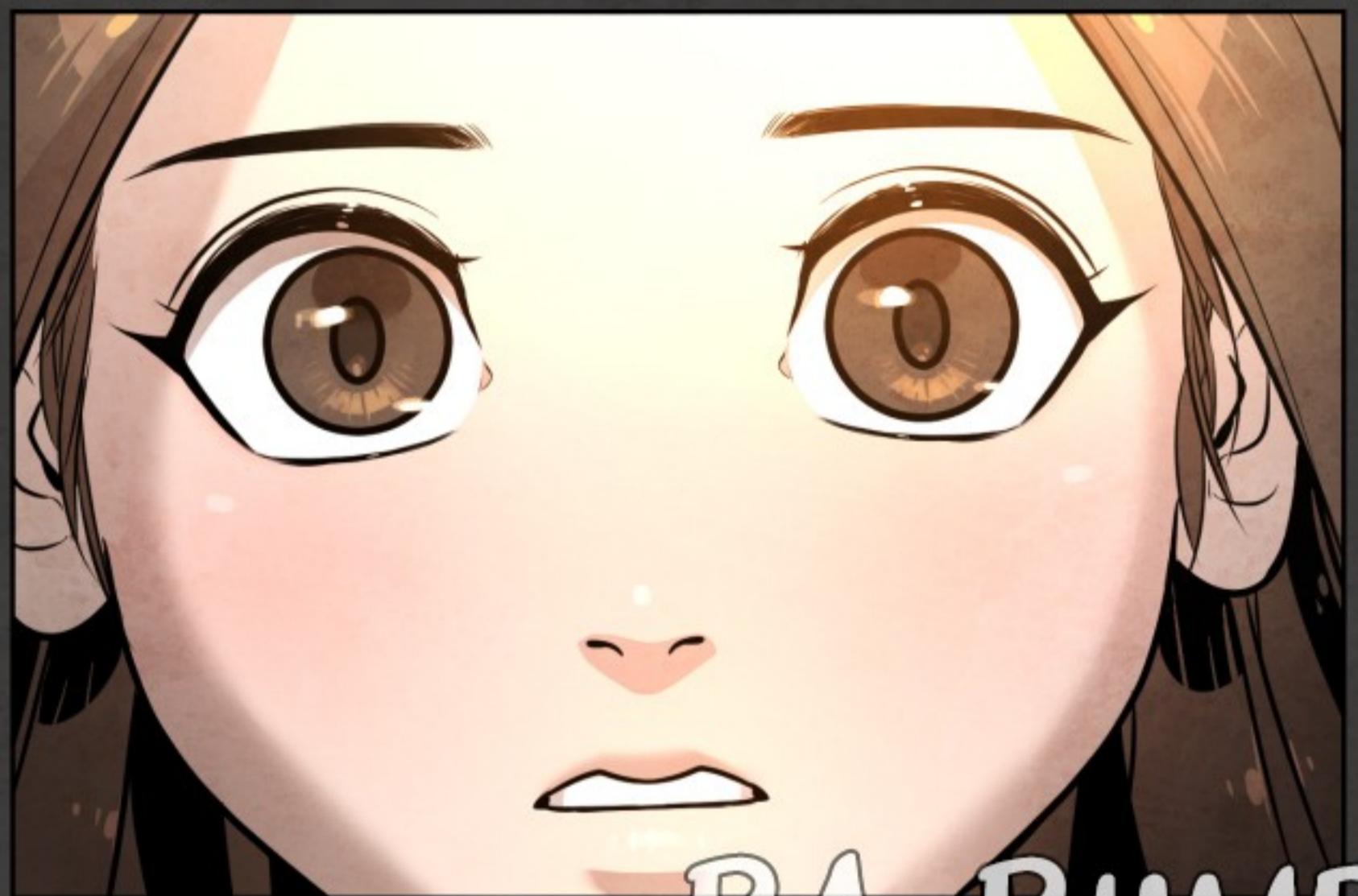
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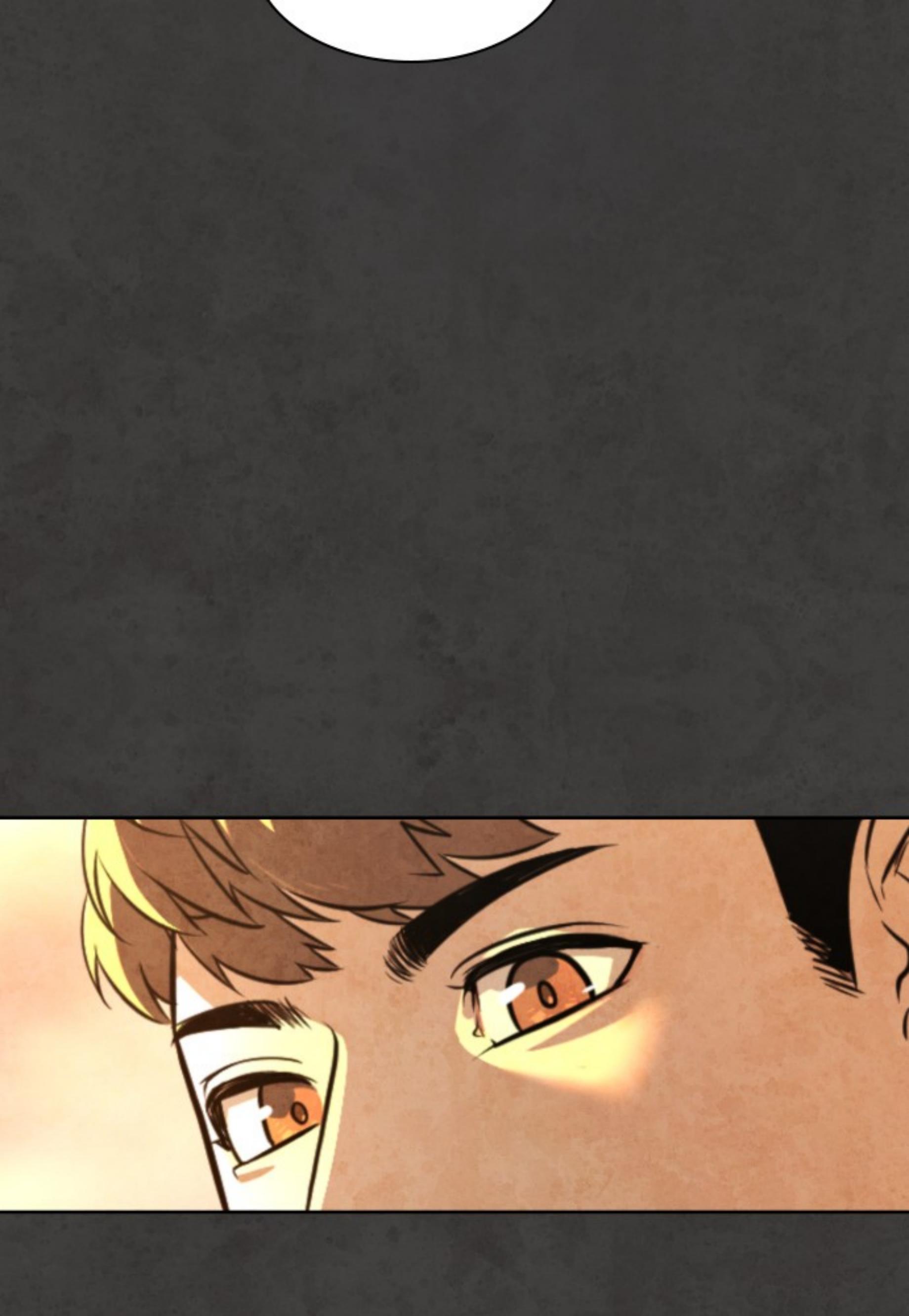
THIS IS
SOMETHING OUR
FAMILY MUST DO.

BA-BUMP



BA-BUMP

AND WHAT'S
THAT?



I HAVE A MESSAGE
FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE
OF BANGSAN MARKET!

I HAVE
COMMITTED TO
A PLEDGE THAT
I WILL DO MY
BEST TO FULFILL.

ANYONE
WHO VISITS OUR
RESTAURANT CAN
SAMPLE OUR FOOD
FOR FREE!

RABBIT HOLE

STREET
FOOD

TTEOKBOKKI*. RAMEN WITH RICE CAKES • BLOOD SAUSAGE • DUMPLINGS

CAN I EAT THE FREE
SAMPLES UNTIL
I'M FULL?



OF COURSE
YOU CAN.



PUT YOUR
TRUST IN US
AND WE'LL REPAY
YOU WITH DELICIOUS
TTEOKBOKKI!



WHAT IS UP
WITH YOUR SALES
PITCH, HONEY? ARE
YOU TRYING TO TALK
LIKE A POLITICIAN?



IT REALLY
SUCKS.



HEHE, DADDY'S
WEIRD.



WHAT'S WRONG
WITH IT? EVEN HAYAN
SEEMS TO ENJOY
IT.

I GUESS IT'S JUST MY
SENSE OF HUMOR.

FOR MANY YEARS, MY PARENTS HAD
BEEN MOVING FROM PLACE TO
PLACE WHILE WORKING FOR CHI WU AND

PLACE WHILE HIDING FROM HUMANS.
BUT THEY DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN
AT THIS MARKET IN ORDER TO
RAISE ME.

THEY MANAGED TO SET
UP A RESTAURANT WITH THE
HELP OF OUR NEIGHBORS EVEN
THOUGH IT WASN'T EASY, SINCE THEY
COULDN'T TASTE THE TTEOKBOKKI
THEMSELVES. AND THEY MADE SURE
TO PAY BACK THE GENEROSITY
THEY HAD RECEIVED.



HI THERE.

WELL, I'LL
BE! HOW IN
THE WORLD DID
YOU MANAGE TO
FIX THAT?

IS THERE
ANYTHING YOU
CAN'T DO?



THIS IS
ACTUALLY SOMETHING
I KNOW A LOT
ABOUT.

I BOUGHT ONE
WHEN THEY FIRST
CAME OUT. YOU HAVE
NO IDEA HOW MUCH I
TREASURED THAT
THING--

HOW'S THAT
POSSIBLE? THIS

POSSIBLY. THIS
BELONGED TO
MY FATHER...



OH! I MEANT, UH...
MY GRANDFATHER...
I MEAN...

HAHAHA!

THEY LIVED IN THE
AREA FOR TEN YEARS,
AND STEADILY WON OVER THE
TRUST OF THE VILLAGERS.

Hi.





YOHAN SEO

COME ON IN.

I'LL GET
YOU YOUR
USUAL.

STARTLED

AH!

THANK YOU.



WHERE ARE YOU
GOING, HAYAN?

OUR LITTLE GIRL
IS AS LIVELY AS A
FLEA ON A DOG.

AS YOU CAN SEE,
SHE TAKES AFTER ME.



WHY WOULD
YOU COMPARE HER
TO A FLEA OF ALL
THINGS?!

AND SHE TAKES
AFTER ME, OKAY?





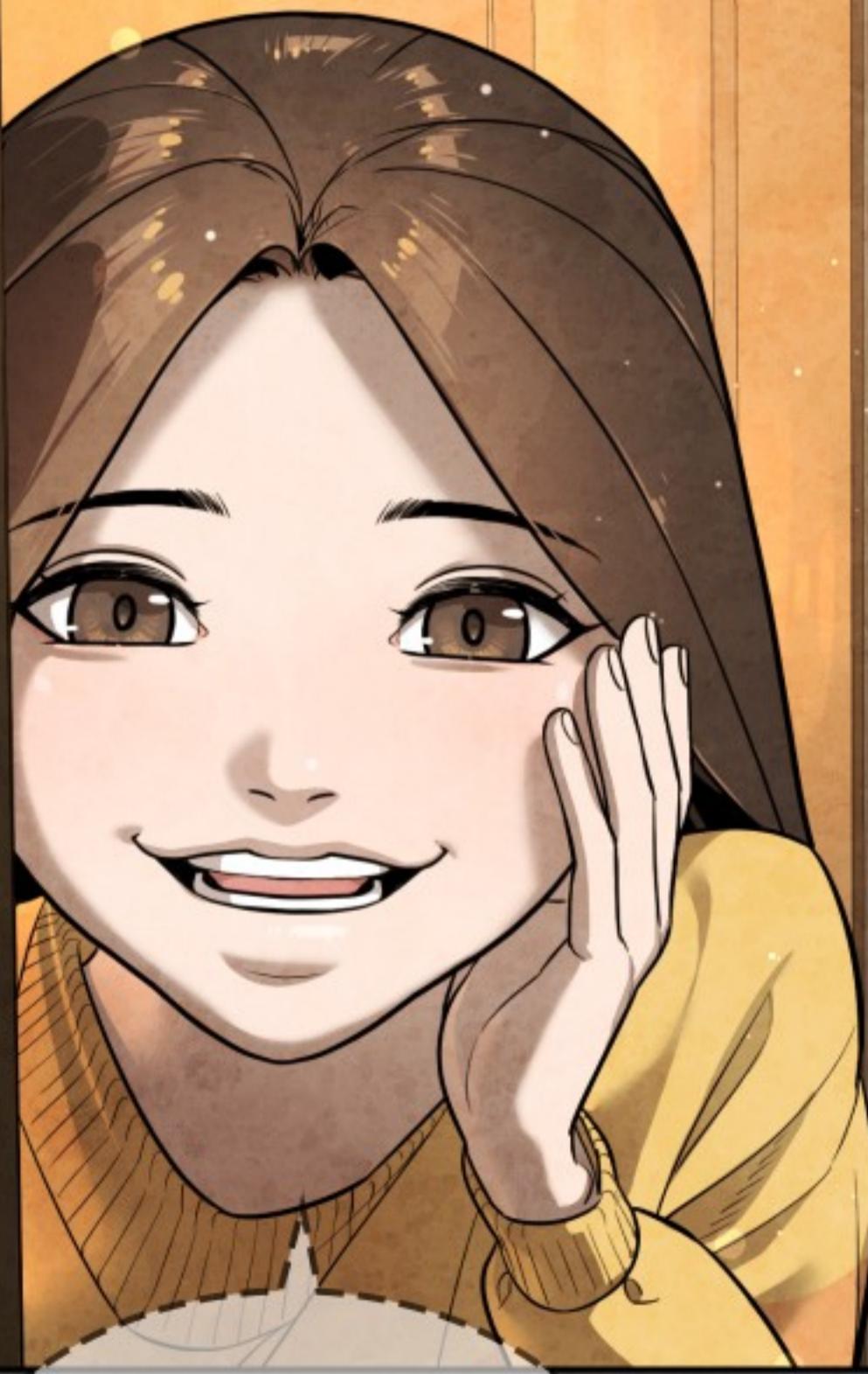
PEEK

MOM AND DAD TOLD ME I
SHOULDN'T GET CLOSE TO
OTHER PEOPLE YET.



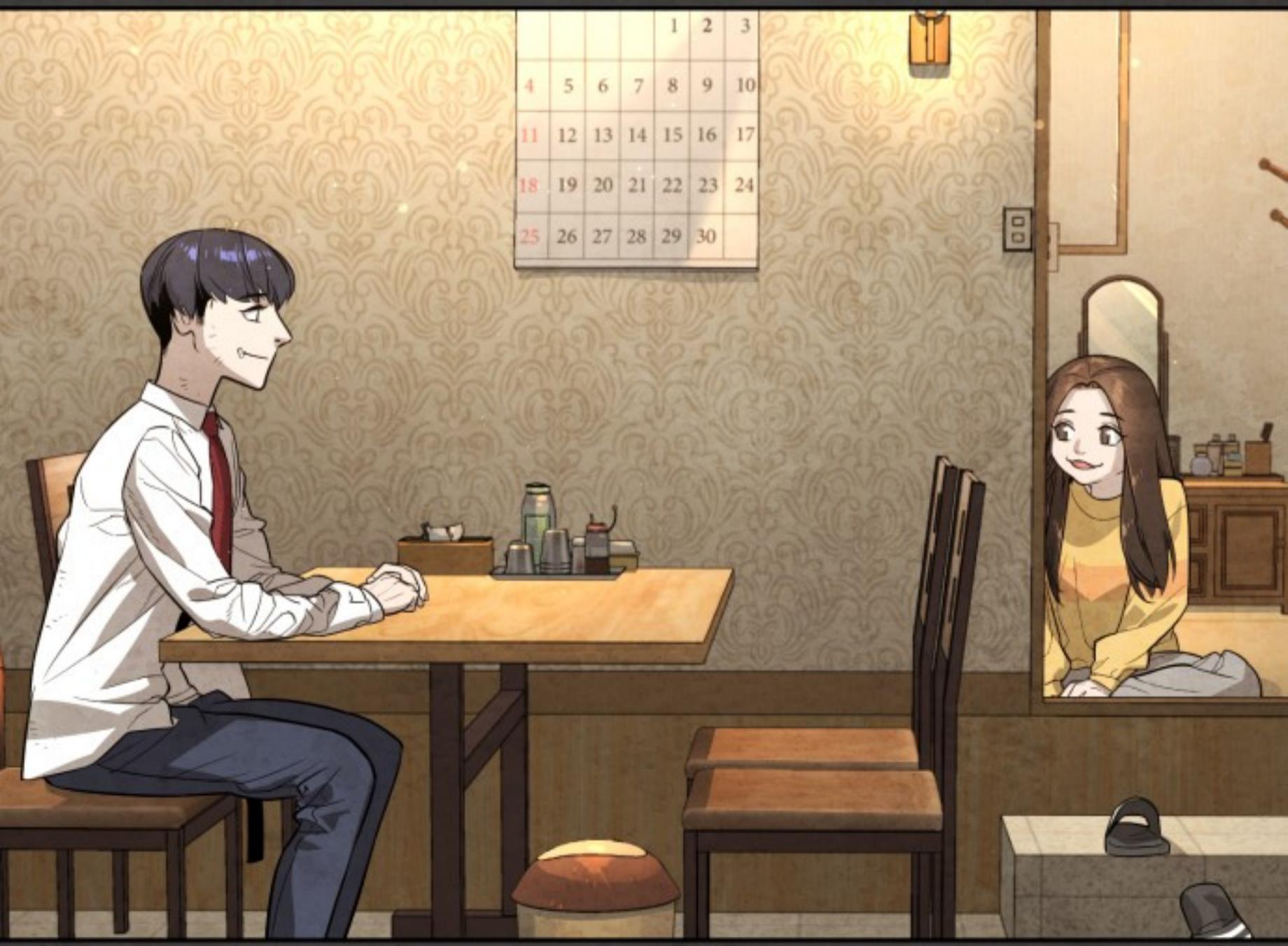
DID YOU
FINISH READING
THE BOOK?

WHISPER



YUP!
LET'S GO TO THE

LIBRARY AGAIN!



MEETING UP WITH
MY FRIEND ON THE SLY MADE
ME REALLY HAPPY.

BUT...

...MY LIFE STARTED FALLING
APART EVER SINCE THAT DAY.

DO YOU WANT
TO TAKE THIS WITH
YOU? WE HAVE SOME
LEFT OVER.





I THINK JUST
PACKING UP WHAT I
COULDN'T FINISH WILL
BE ENOUGH.

COME ON, TAKE IT.
WE'LL HAVE TO THROW
IT AWAY ANYWAY
IF YOU DON'T.



DO YOU REALLY
WANT ME TO THROW
THIS AWAY? THAT'D
BE A WASTE.





THANK YOU.



DASH

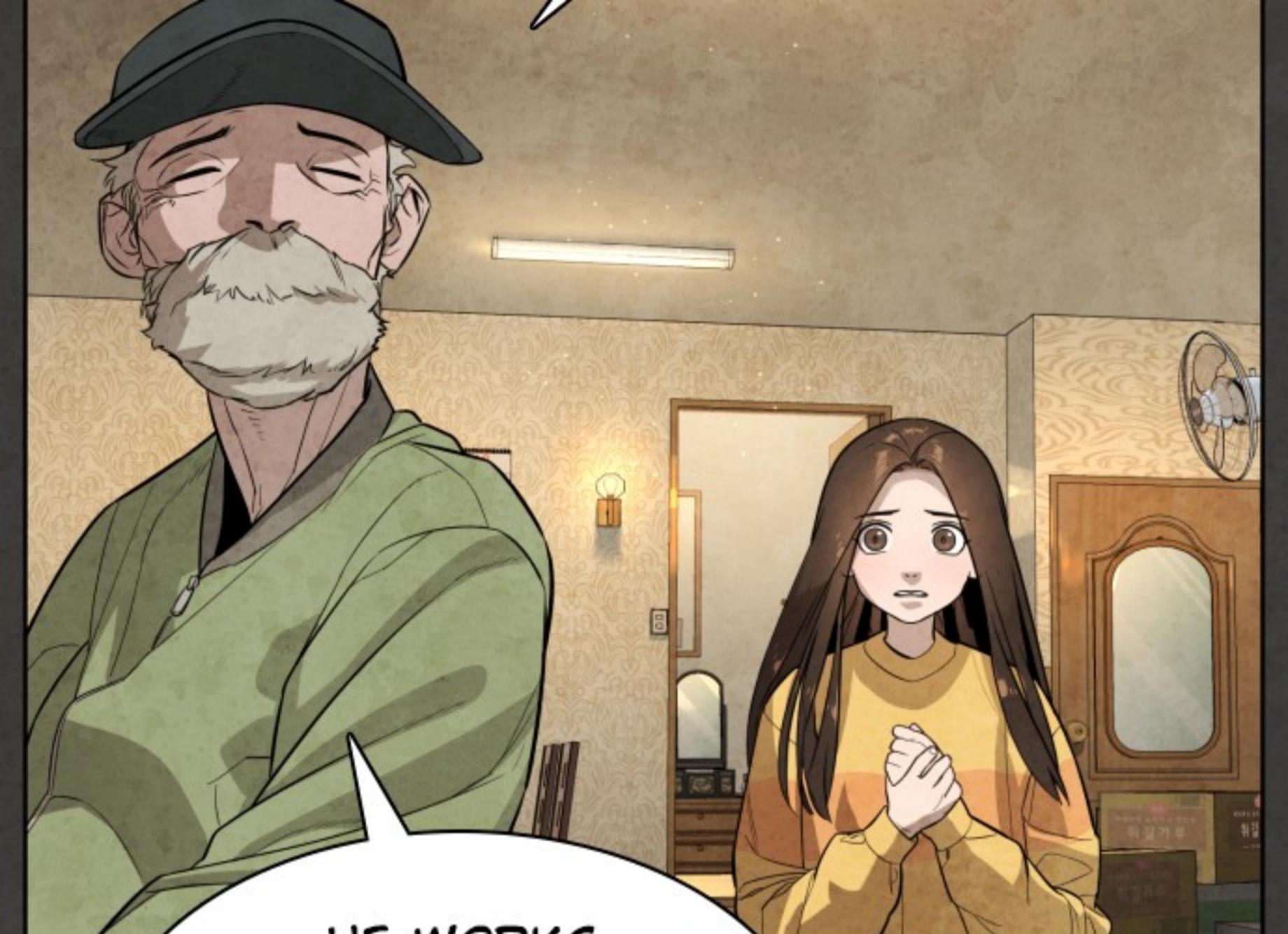


YOHAN?

TSK, TSK...

SIGH. HE CAN'T
SURVIVE BY EATING
TINY PORTIONS
LIKE THAT.

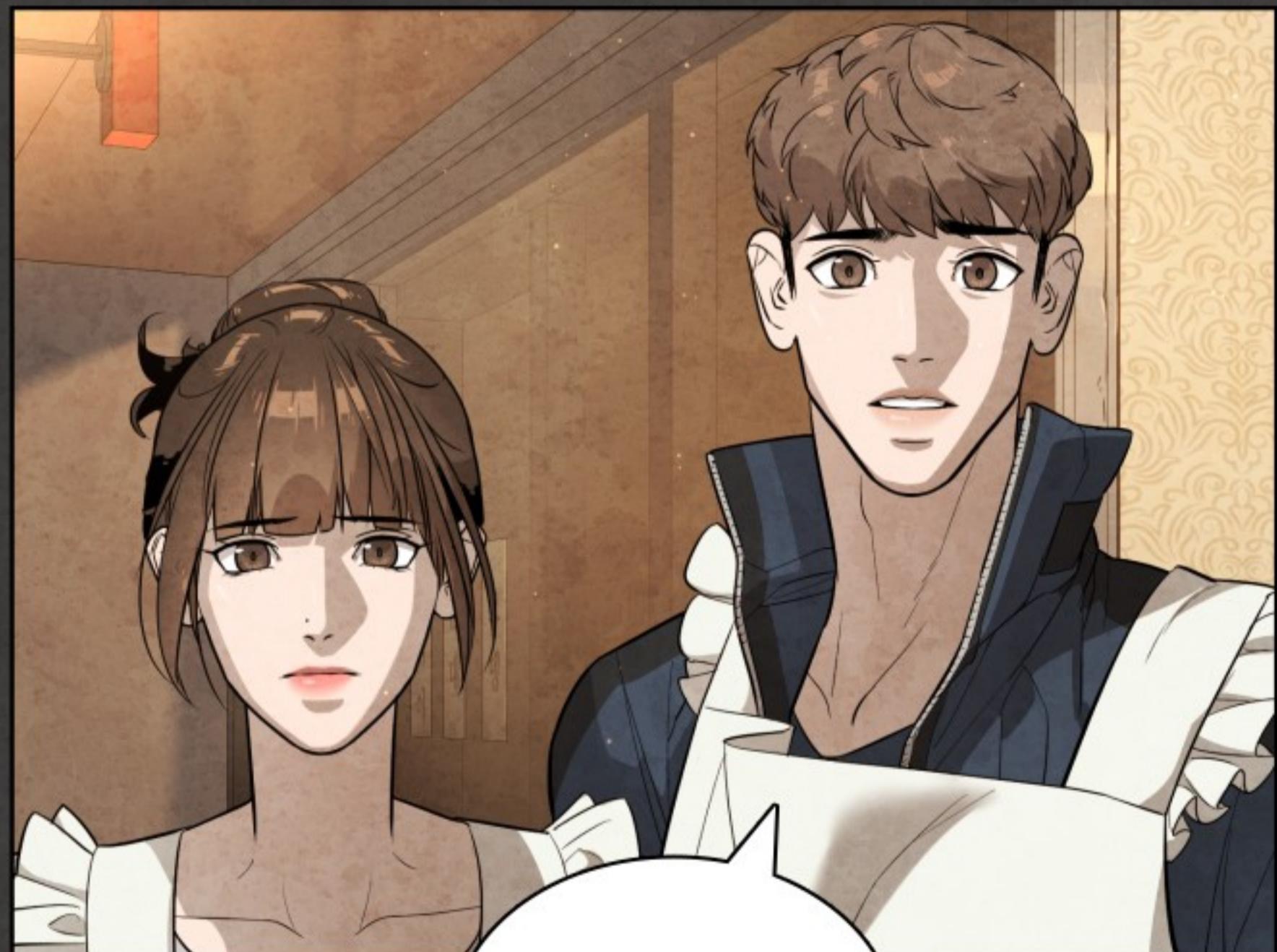
HE EVEN TOOK
SOME FOOD FOR HIS
MOM BECAUSE SHE'S THE
ONLY FAMILY HE HAS
LEFT.



A man with a long white beard and mustache, wearing a dark cap and a green striped shirt, is looking towards the right. In the background, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a yellow and orange striped sweater, looks back at him with a concerned expression. The setting appears to be a vintage-style room with patterned wallpaper, a ceiling fan, and a small lamp.

HE WORKS
SEVERAL PART-TIME
JOBS DAY AND NIGHT,
EVEN THOUGH HE'S
JUST A KID.

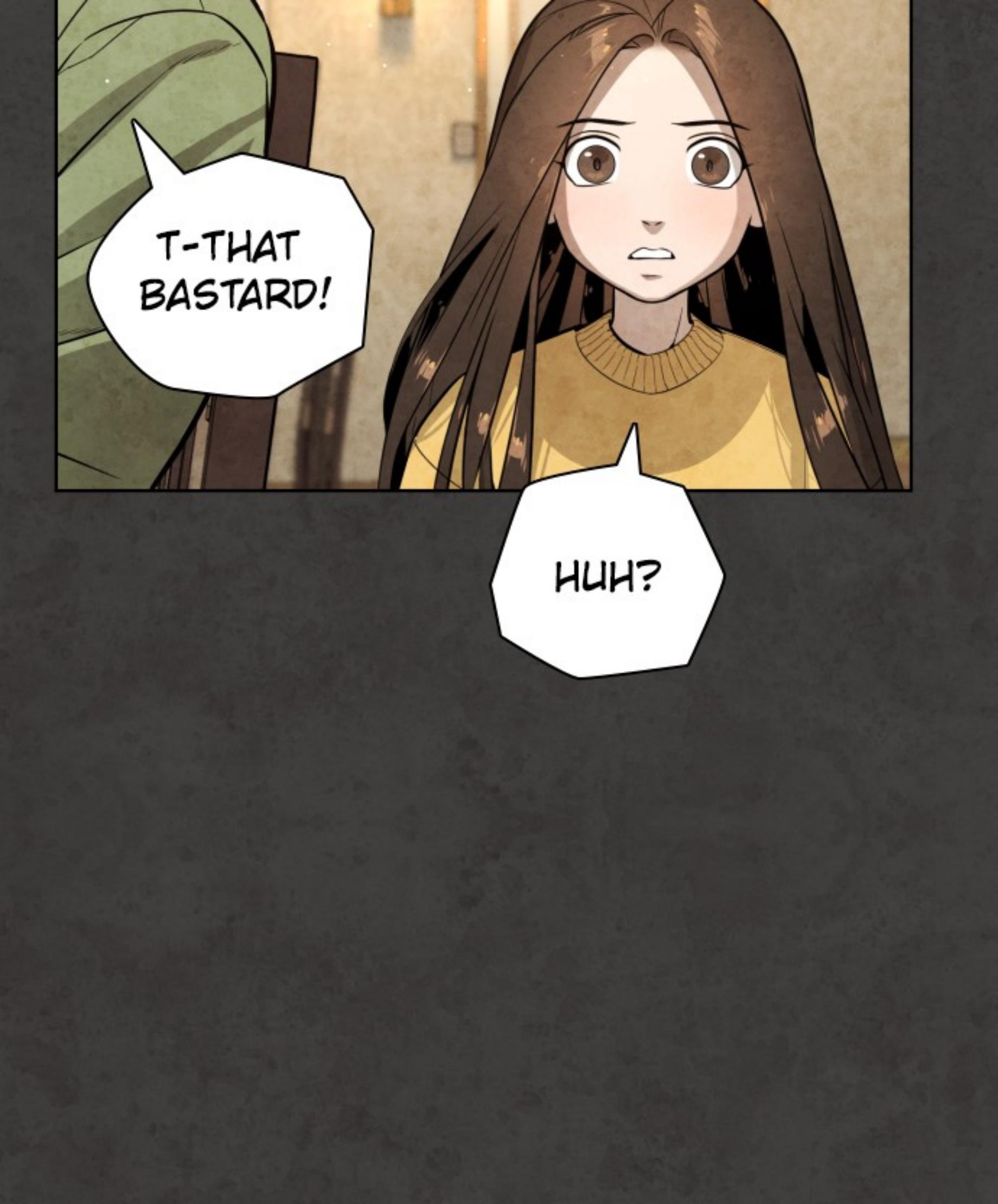
I FEEL BAD
FOR HIM BECAUSE HE
TRIES SO HARD TO
GET BY.



WE'RE ALL
TOO AWARE.

**GET OUTTA
MY WAY!**





T-THAT
BASTARD!

HUUH?



T-THAT'S WHY
HE LEFT IN SUCH
A HURRY! BECAUSE
OF THAT SON OF
A BITCH!



I PROMISE
I'LL HAVE IT FOR
YOU TOMORROW...

PAY UP
BEFORE THINGS GET
DANGEROUS FOR YOU,
ALRIGHT?

WE'RE NOT
BAD PEOPLE, SO
THERE'S NOTHING TO
LOSE BY TRUSTING
US.

MURMUR

MURMUR





THAT FELLA OVER
THERE MOVED IN WITH
THAT KID'S MOM RECENTLY
AND IS LEECHING OFF OF HER.
THE RUMORS ABOUT HIM
ARE TERRIFYING.

APPARENTLY,
HE COMPLETELY RUINED
THE NEIGHBORHOOD HE
USED TO LIVE IN.



HE DID?

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AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED

A WHILE LATER, AROUND THE TIME
THAT IT STARTED GETTING HARD
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOHAN.

I HAVE TO
RETURN THESE
BOOKS TO HIM...

MURMUR

MURMUR



WHAT DO YOU
THINK WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED TO YOU
PEOPLE IF WE HADN'T
PROTECTED YOU?

WE HELPED YOU RUN
YOUR BUSINESS WITHOUT
WORRYING ABOUT ANY
THREATS. SO DON'T YOU
THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR TO
PAY THE MAINTENANCE

PAY THE MAINTENANCE
FEE?!



DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND THE
TERMS OF OUR
AGREEMENT?!

I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT YOU CAN'T ASK US TO PAY A MAINTENANCE FEE THAT'S HIGHER THAN OUR RENT.





MY GRANDKIDS
DON'T EVEN HAVE
ENOUGH MONEY
TO BUY LUNCH. HOW AM
I SUPPOSED TO
SURVIVE AFTER
PAYING RENT AND
THE MAINTENANCE
FEE?

STREET VENDORS
LIKE US DON'T HAVE
MUCH MONEY AT
ALL.



SO I'M BEGGING
YOU TO GIVE US A
BREAK, JUST THIS
ONCE. IS THAT
ALRIGHT?

YOU
SHOULDN'T
ACT LIKE A
GANGSTER...

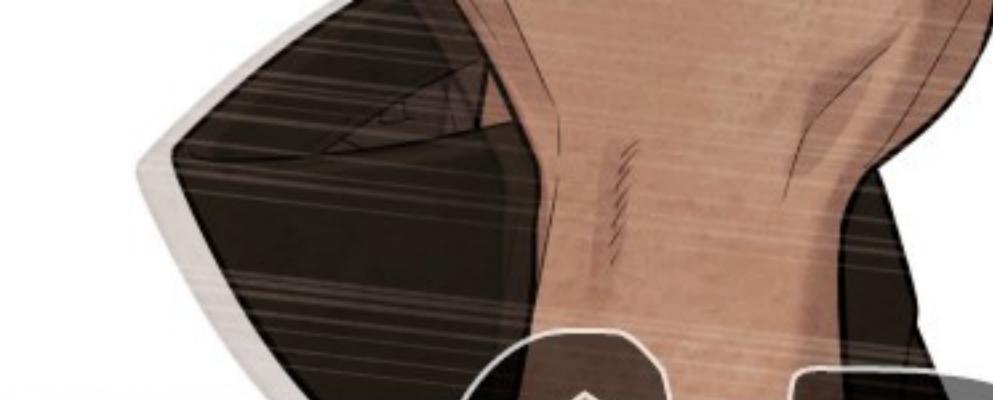
ACT LIKE A
GANGSTER? LET ME
SHOW YOU HOW A REAL
GANGSTER DEALS WITH
PEOPLE LIKE YOU!



AHHH!

NO!





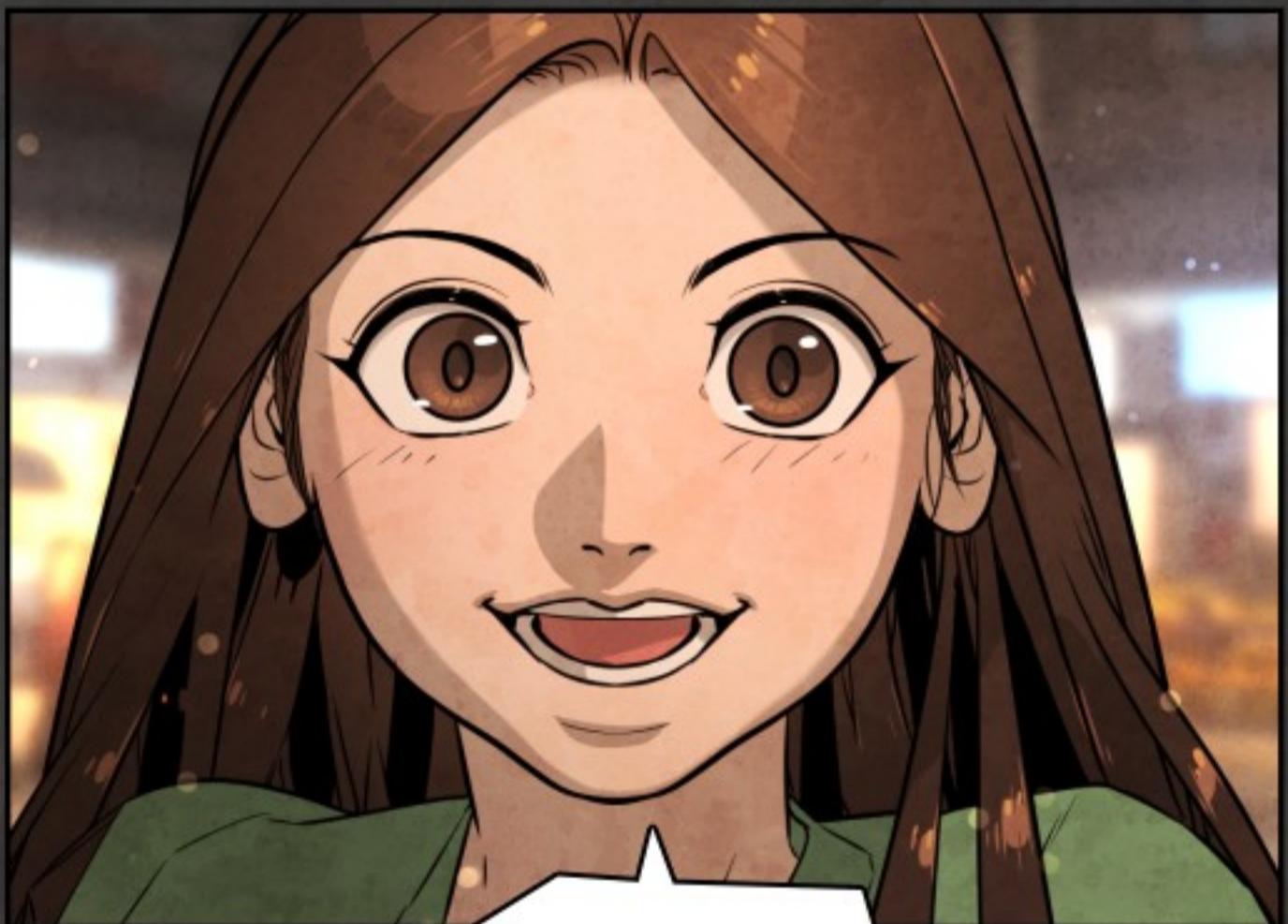
GRAB

SQUEEZE





WHO THE HELL
ARE YOU?



DADDY!

WHEN I SAW MY DAD
STEP IN LIKE THAT, I REMEMBERED
SOMETHING HE SAID TO ME
WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE.





YOU WANNA
KNOW WHO
I AM?



I'M THE
OWNER OF A
TTEOKBOKKI
RESTAURANT.



HEY, MAN.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
THAT'S NO WAY TO
TREAT THE ELDERLY,
YOU KNOW?

AND LOOK,
I'M GLAD YOU'RE
HELPING US OUT BUT
LET'S TRY AND KEEP
THINGS CIVIL,

OKAY?

DO YOU SEE
THAT RESTAURANT
OVER THERE? THAT'S
MY RESTAURANT. IT'S CALLED
"RABBIT HOLE STREET FOOD"
AND IF YOU COME VISIT, I'LL
GIVE YOU SOME DISHES
ON THE HOUSE.

THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURES ON EARTH...

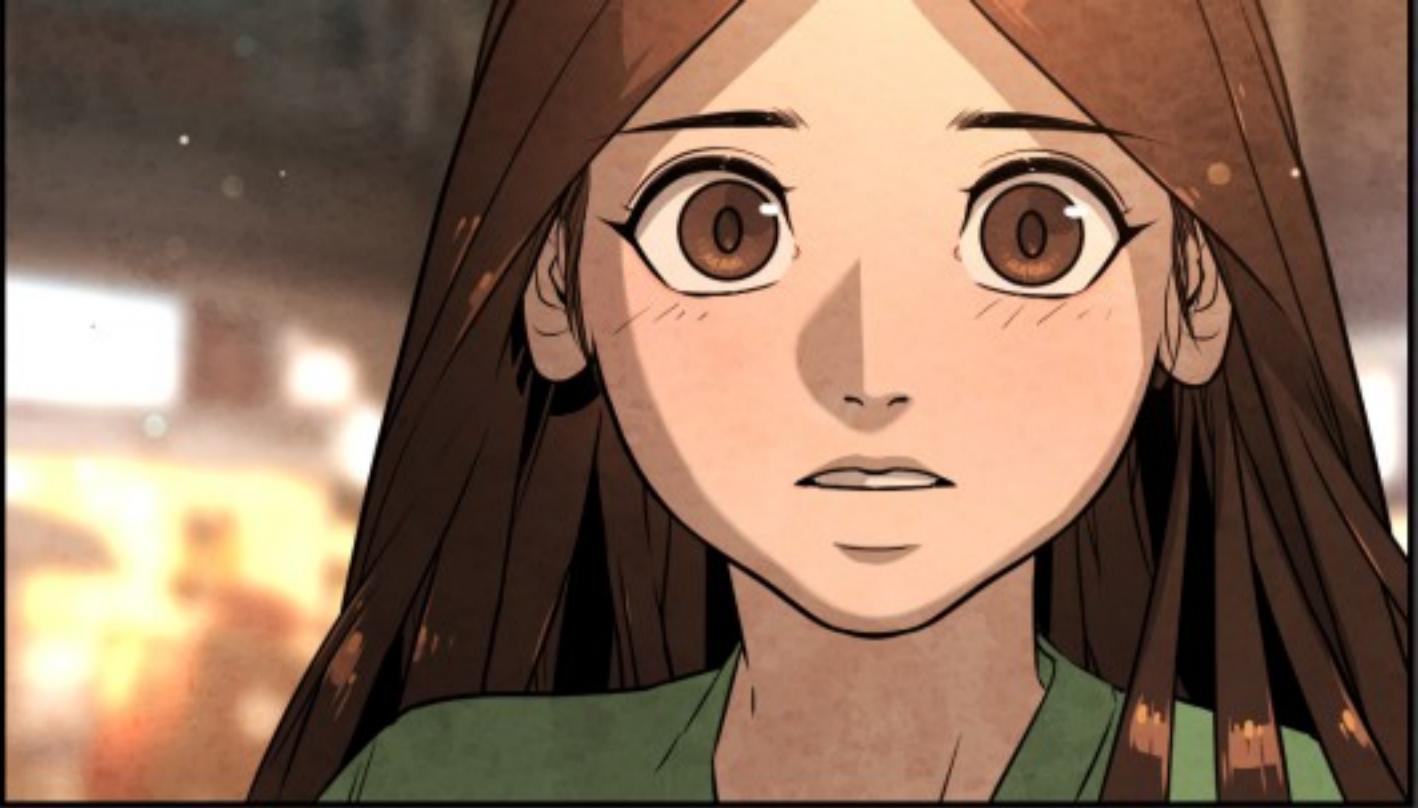
AND THIS
ISN'T MUCH,
BUT...

...I'VE GOT
SOME HERE AND
IN HERE TOO.

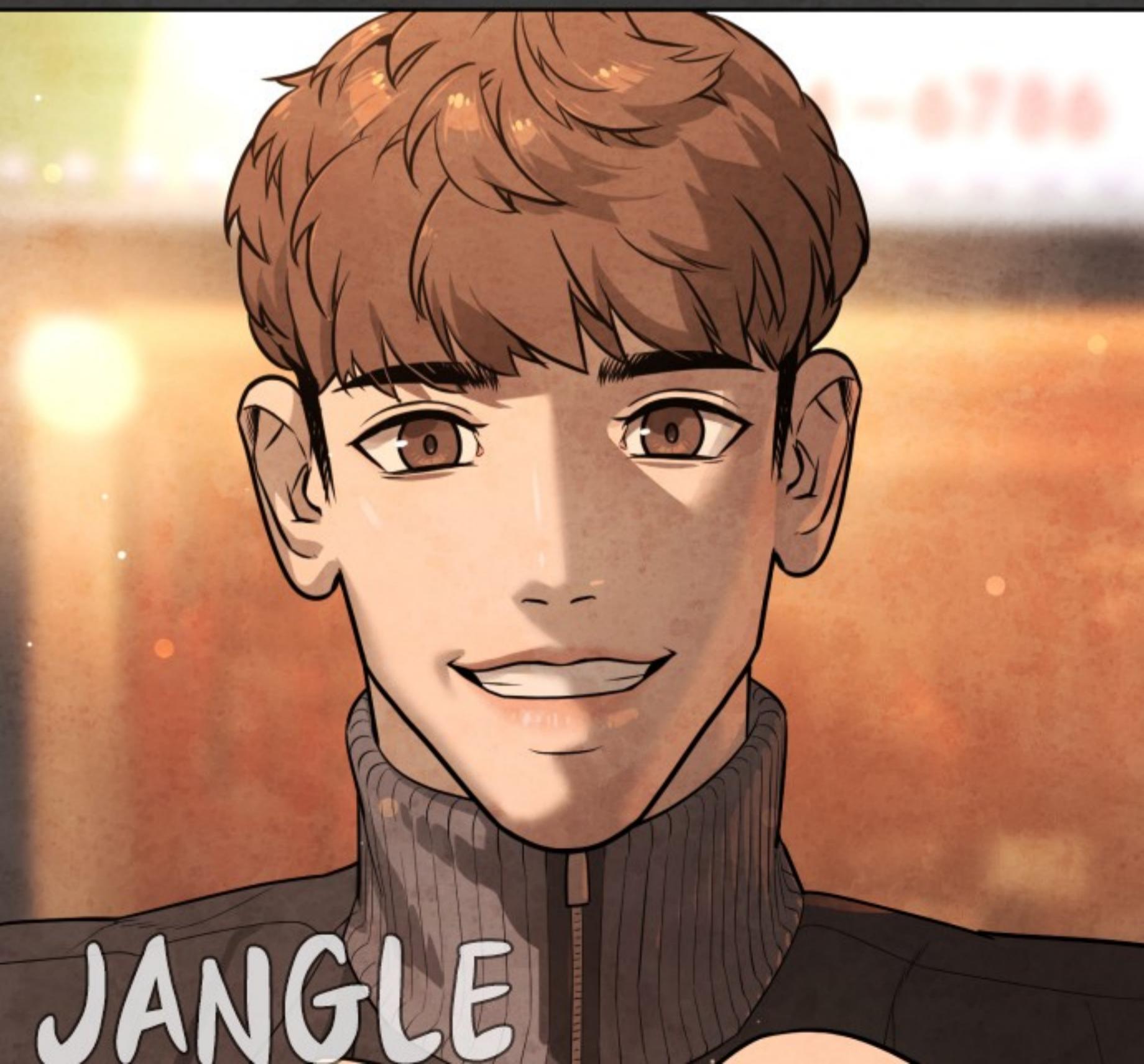
HERE, TAKE
THIS FOR NOW...

...AREN'T LIONS, ELEPHANTS,
OR HUMANS.





THEY'RE PUREBLOOD VAMPIRES.





SO CAN YOU
PLEASE LET THIS
SLIDE FOR TODAY?

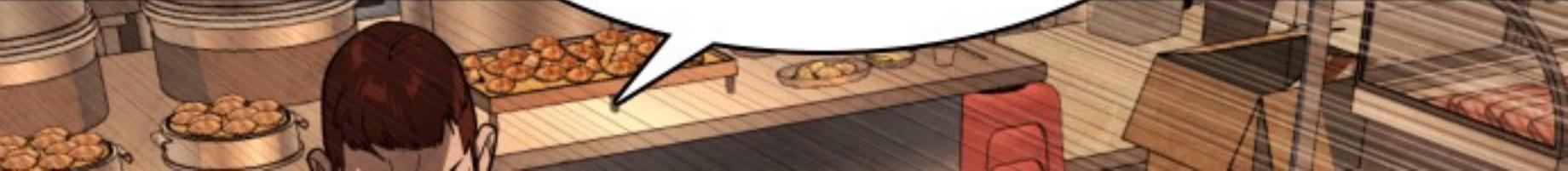
TSK, FINE.



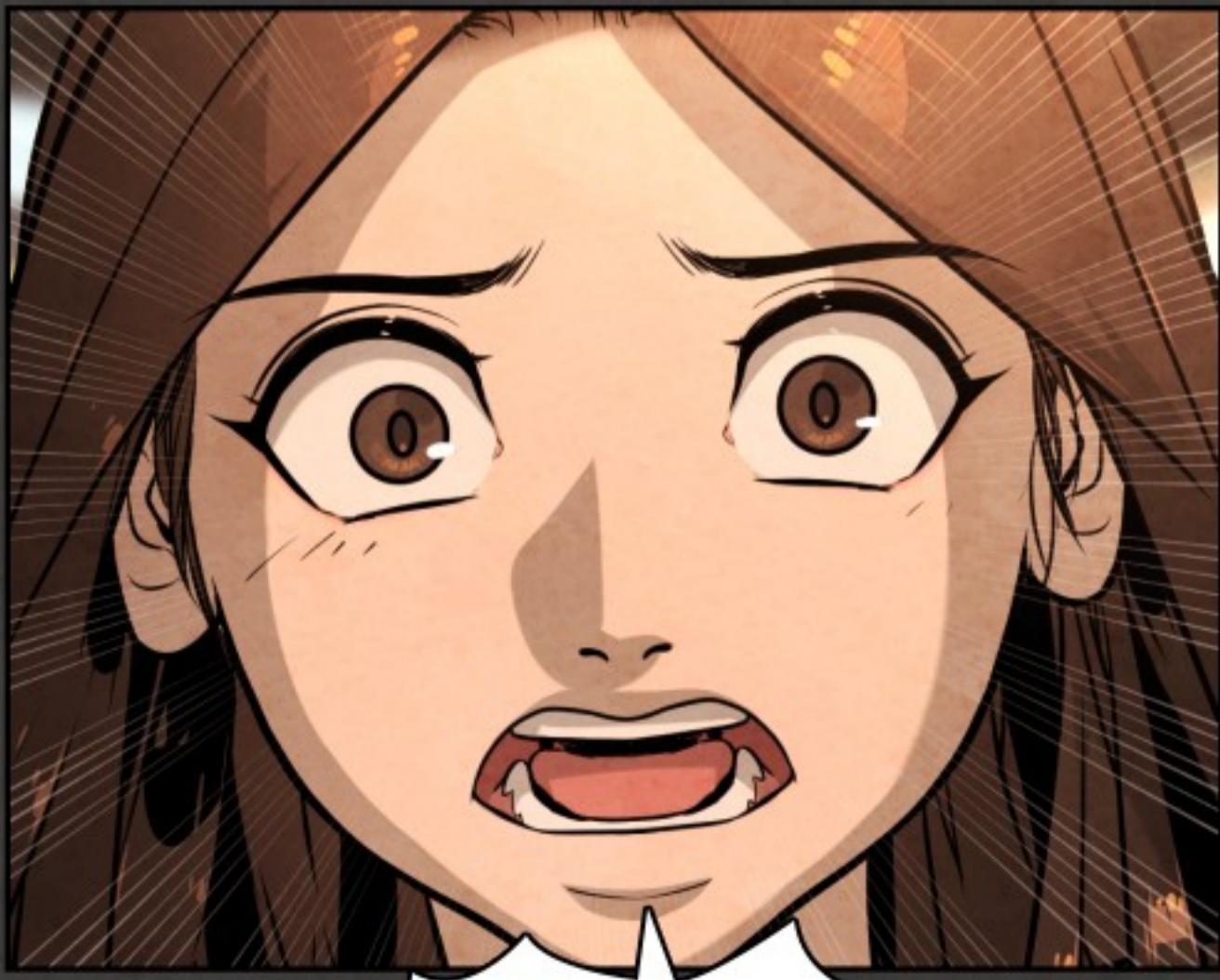
I'LL LET IT
GO FOR TODAY.



YOU CAN MAKE
UP FOR THE MISSING
AMOUNT BY GETTING
YOUR ASS BEAT.







DADDY!

...
...
...

THEN...

SLAP

...ARE YOU...

...GOING
TO PAY...

SLAP

SLAP

...HER FEE?

SLAP

YOU SEE?!
THIS IS WHAT
HAPPENS IF YOU
DON'T PAY UP!

SO WHY DON'T
YOU HELP ME OUT
BEFORE I HAVE TO
USE MY FISTS--



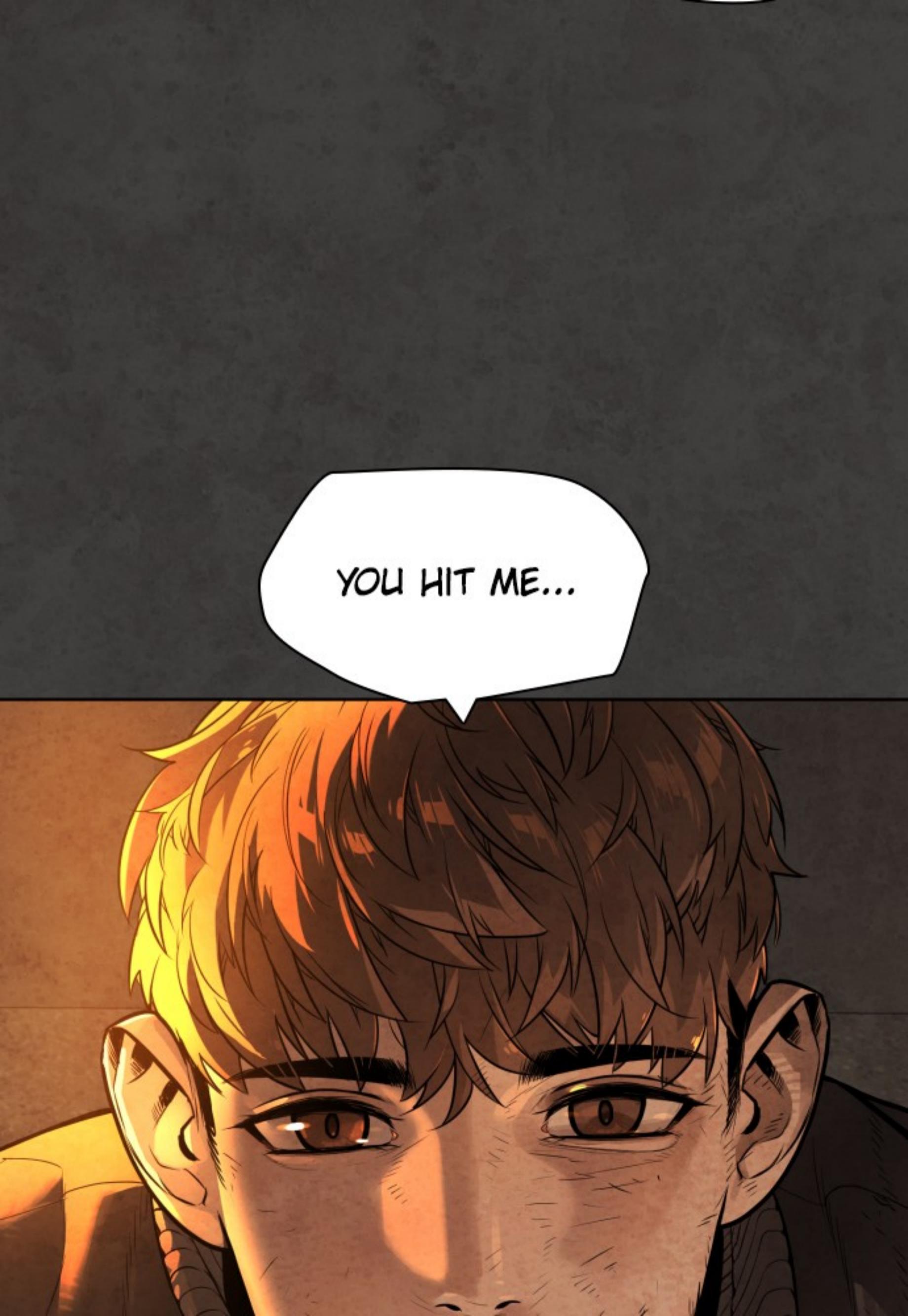
OW!



WHAT THE
HELL...?

IT'S TAKEN
CARE OF NOW,
RIGHT?

WHAT?



YOU HIT ME...



...SO HER FEE'S
TAKEN CARE OF,
RIGHT?



I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HIM.

FUCKING
DICKHEAD.
LET'S GO.

DADDY!

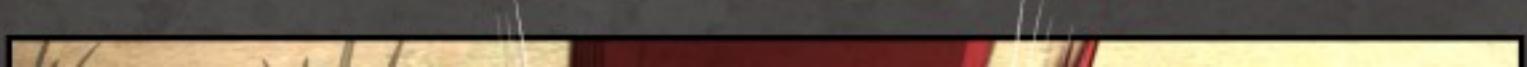


I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE
THERE.

WE HAD ALL THIS POWER,
SO I THOUGHT WE SHOULD USE
IT TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE.

I THOUGHT WHAT MY
FATHER WAS DOING WAS FOOLISH.
HE WAS IGNORING PEOPLE WHO
WERE IN NEED.

THE
CITY
OF
MILAN





DAMN IT,
WHY DO YOU ONLY
CARRY THIS KINDA
SHIT IN YOUR
BACKPACK?

YOU KNOW
WHAT I'M AFTER,
RIGHT?

MAKE SURE
YOUR BACKPACK'S
FULL OF CASH NEXT
TIME. GOT IT?



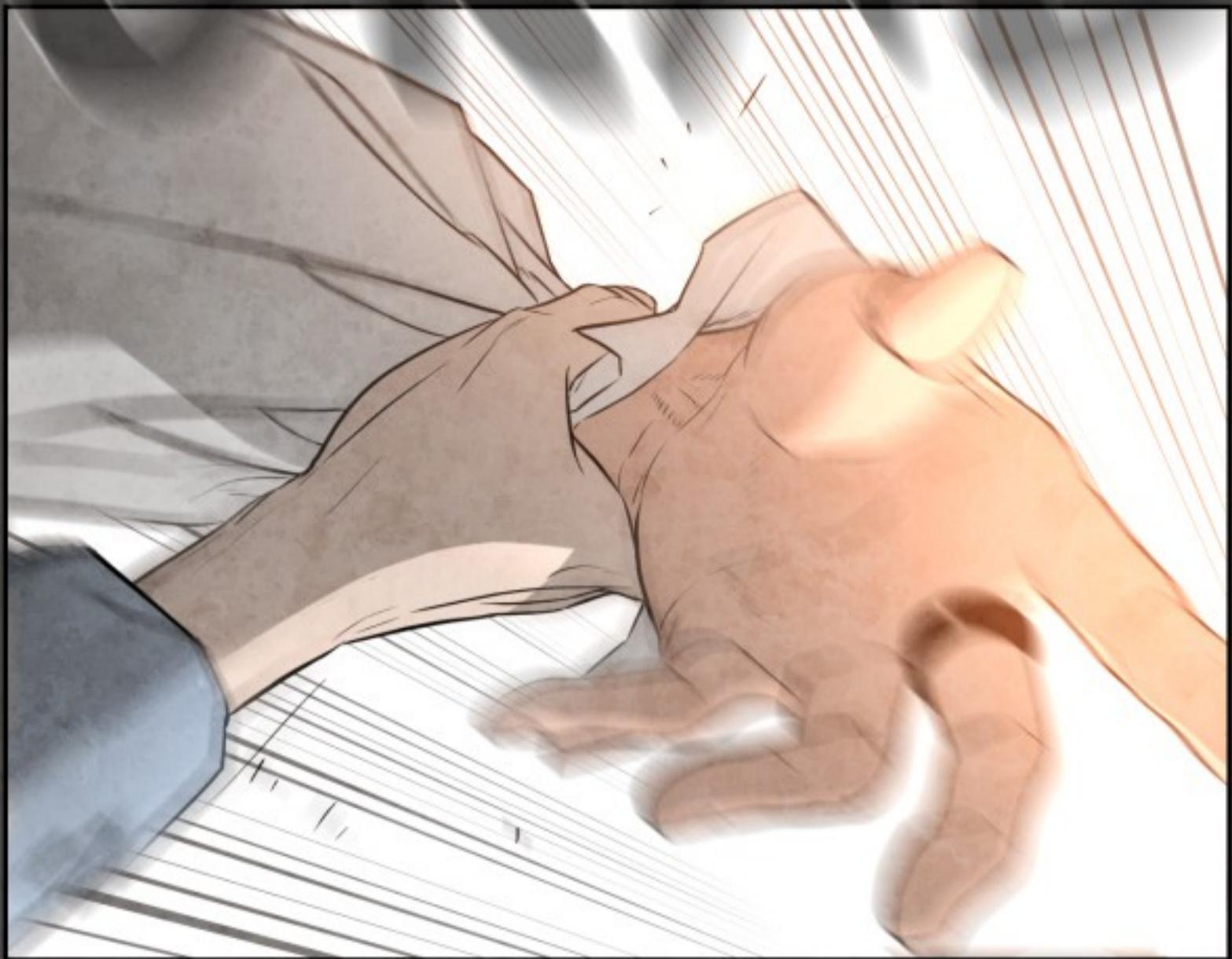
WHAT DID
YOU JUST SAY?
SPEAK UP.

...THAT'S HAYAN'S
BOOK...

UGH, THIS
PENNILESS PIECE
OF SHIT.





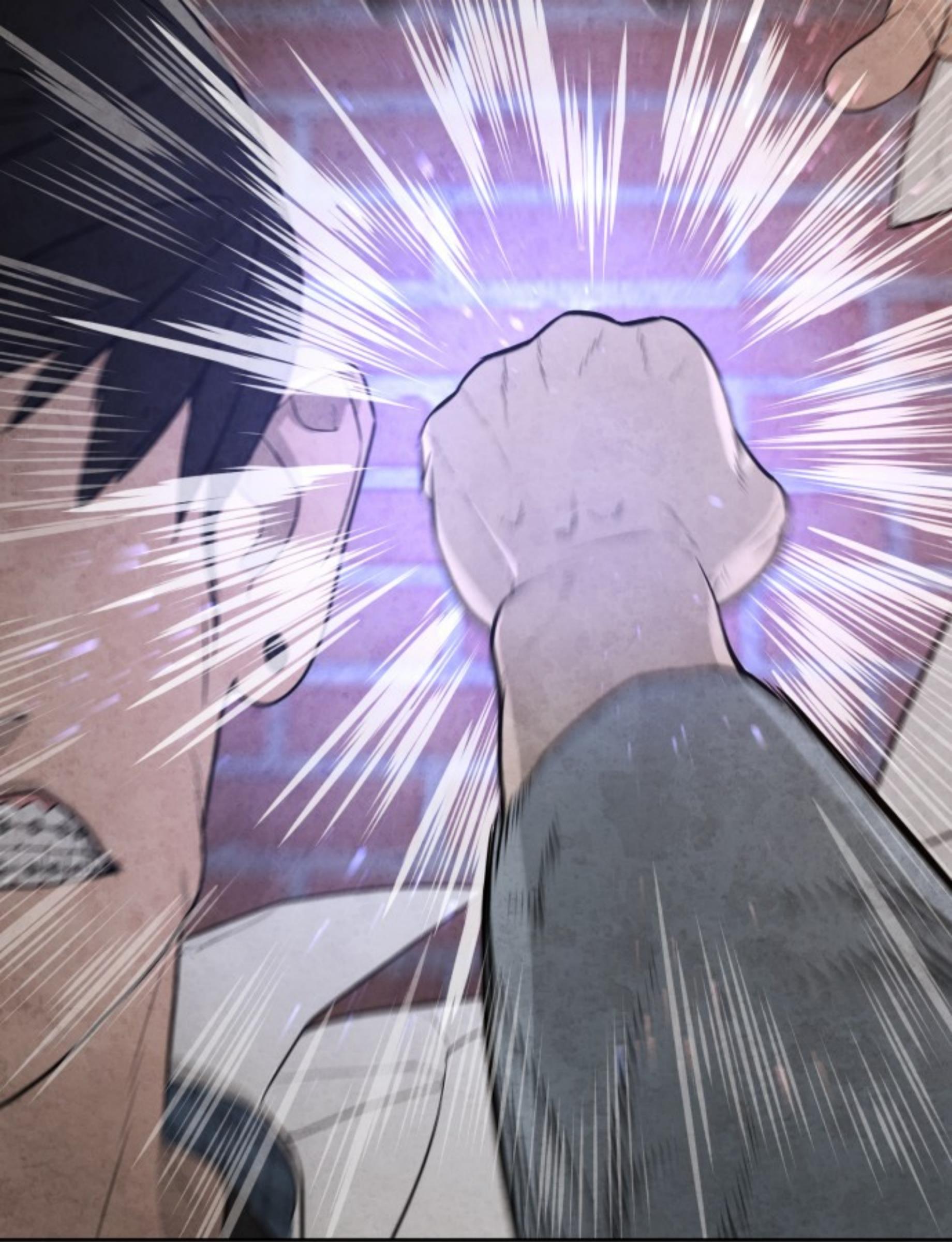




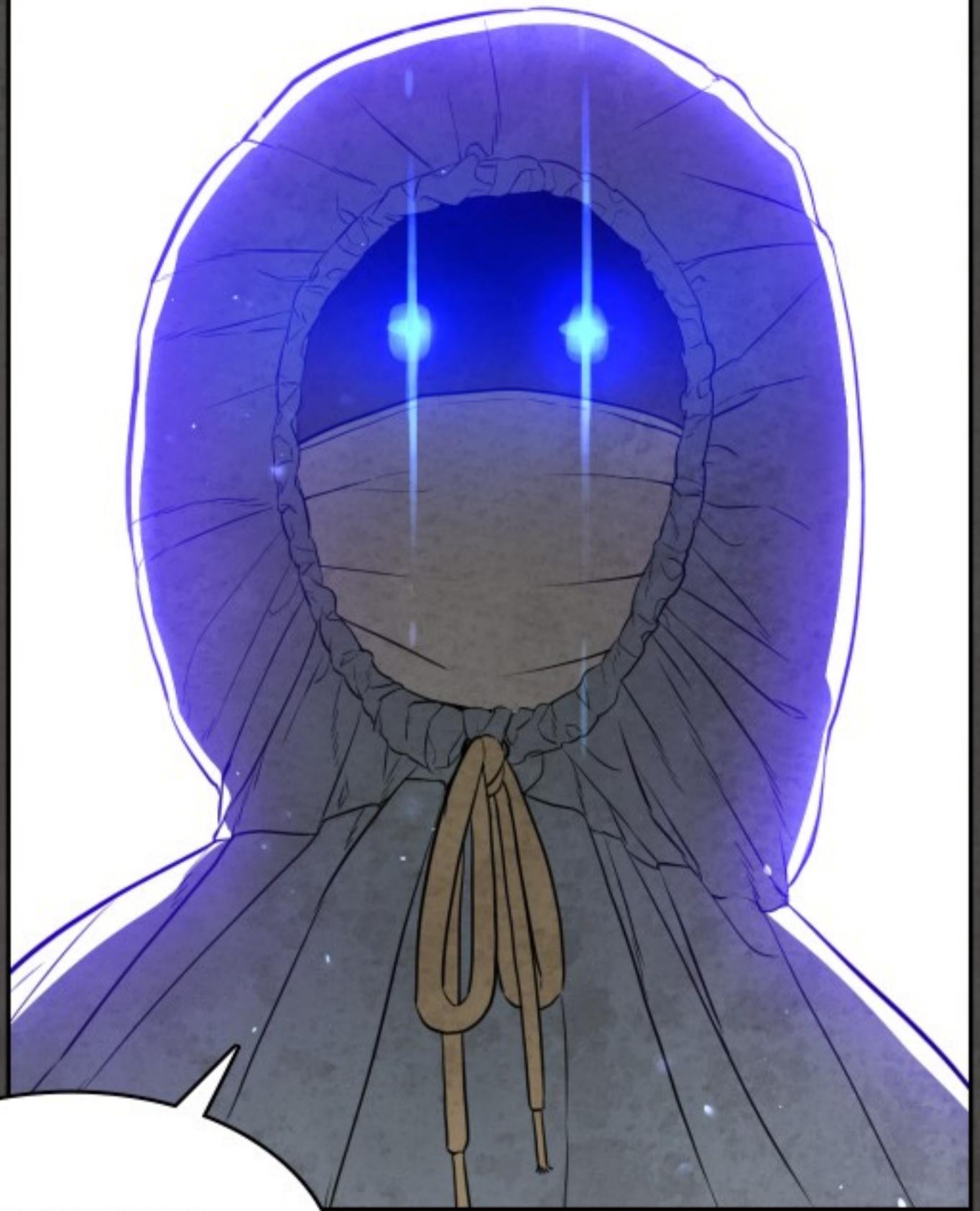


THE
FUCK?!









LEAVE HIM
ALONE.





AAAHHH!!

FUCK, RUN
FOR IT!!

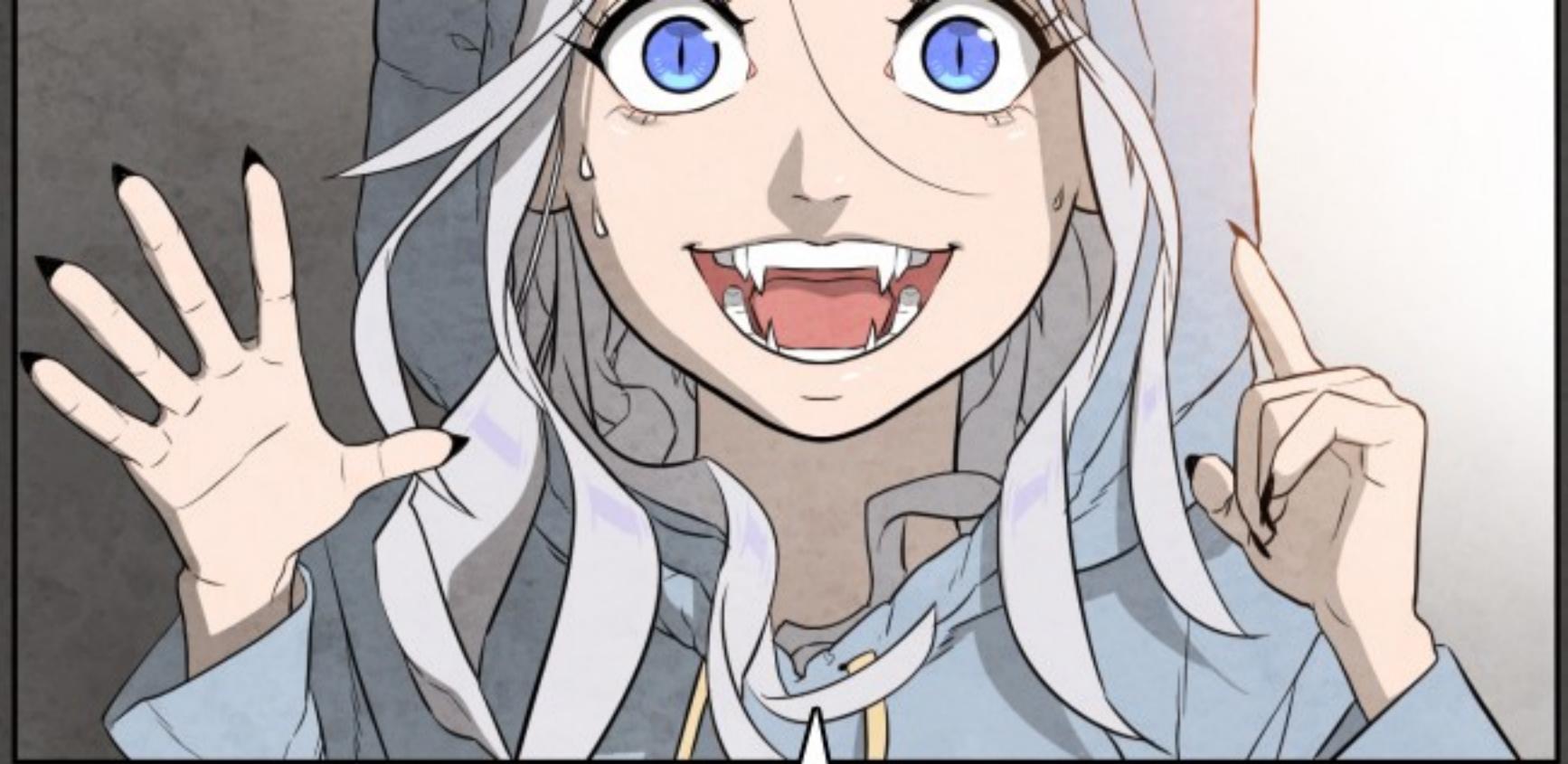
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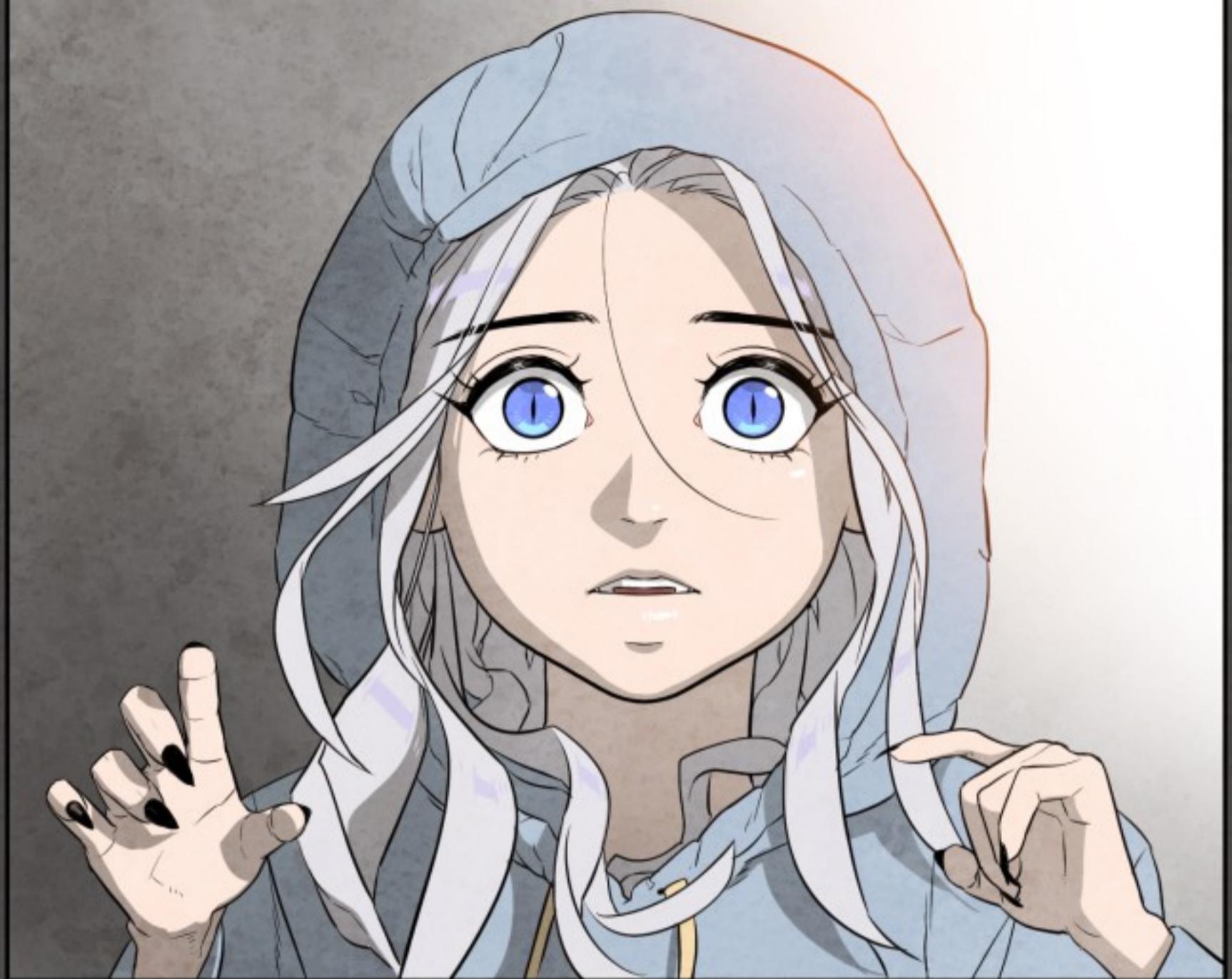
ARE YOU
OKAY?

OH!
THIS IS...

UM... WELL...
LET ME EXPLAIN.



SO THIS IS...



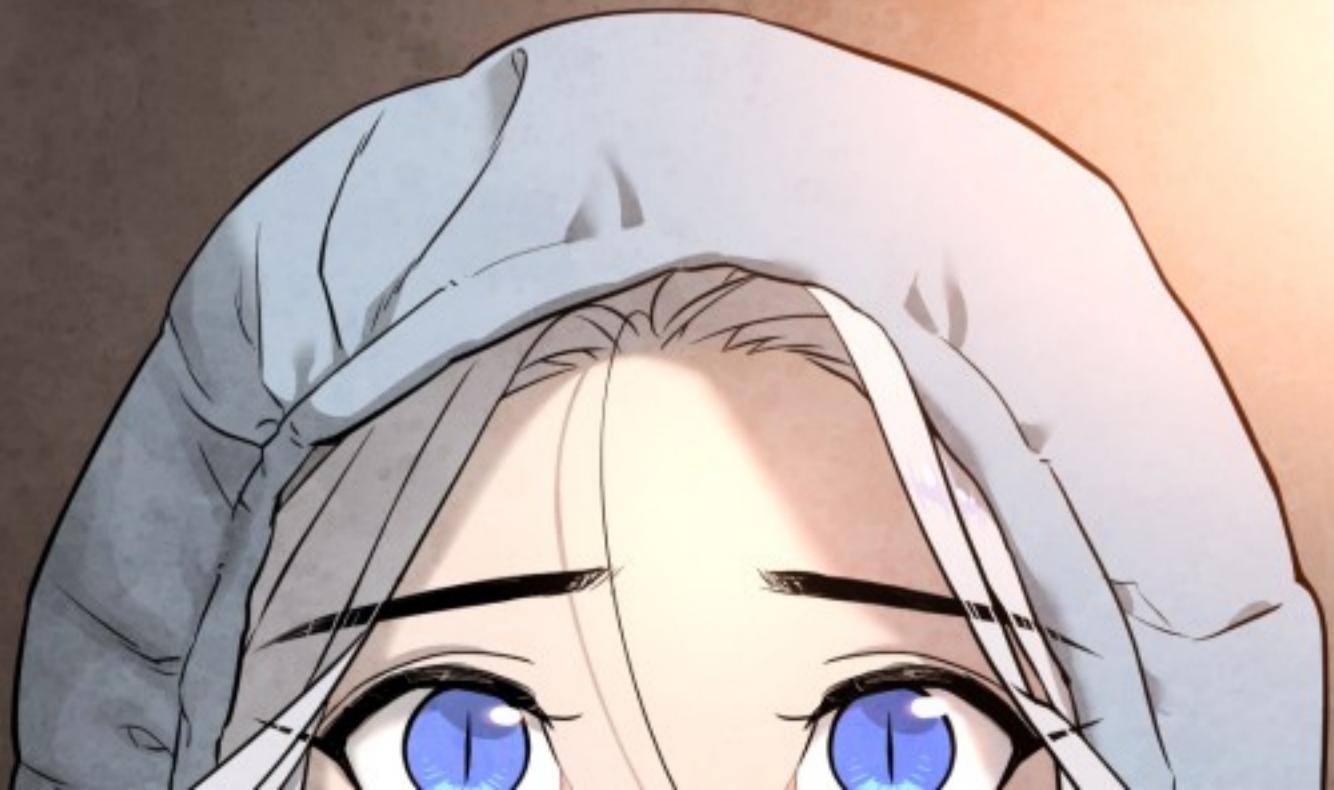


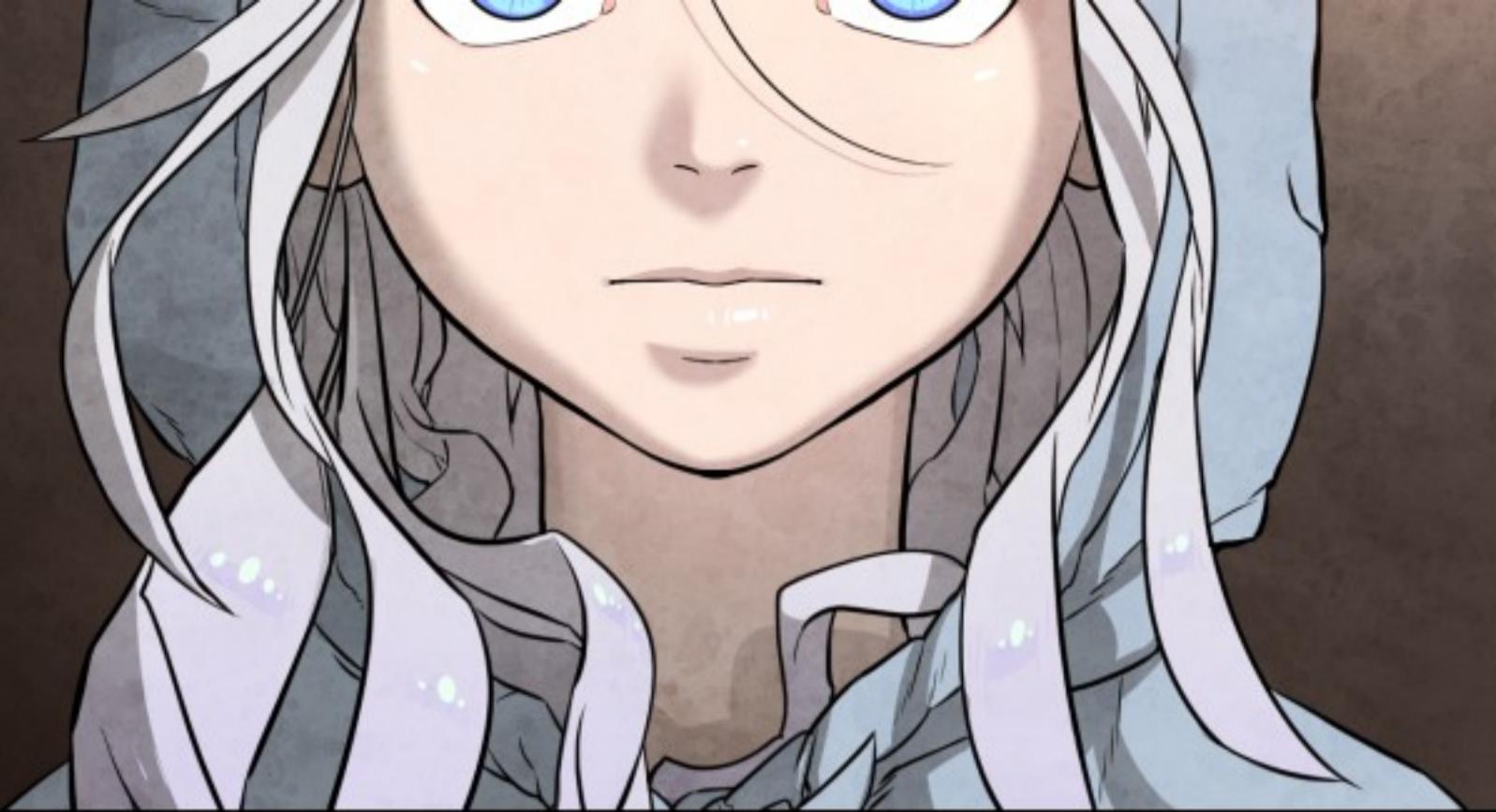
P-PLEASE...

PLEASE DON'T
KILL ME...



PLEASE!!





MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS
TOO YOUNG TO KNOW ANY BETTER.

I WANTED TO USE MY POWER
TO HELP SOMEBODY ELSE...

...BUT I ONLY ENDED UP
TRAUMATIZING HIM.



OH MY GOODNESS,
WE'RE ALL GOING TO
DIE AT THIS RATE.



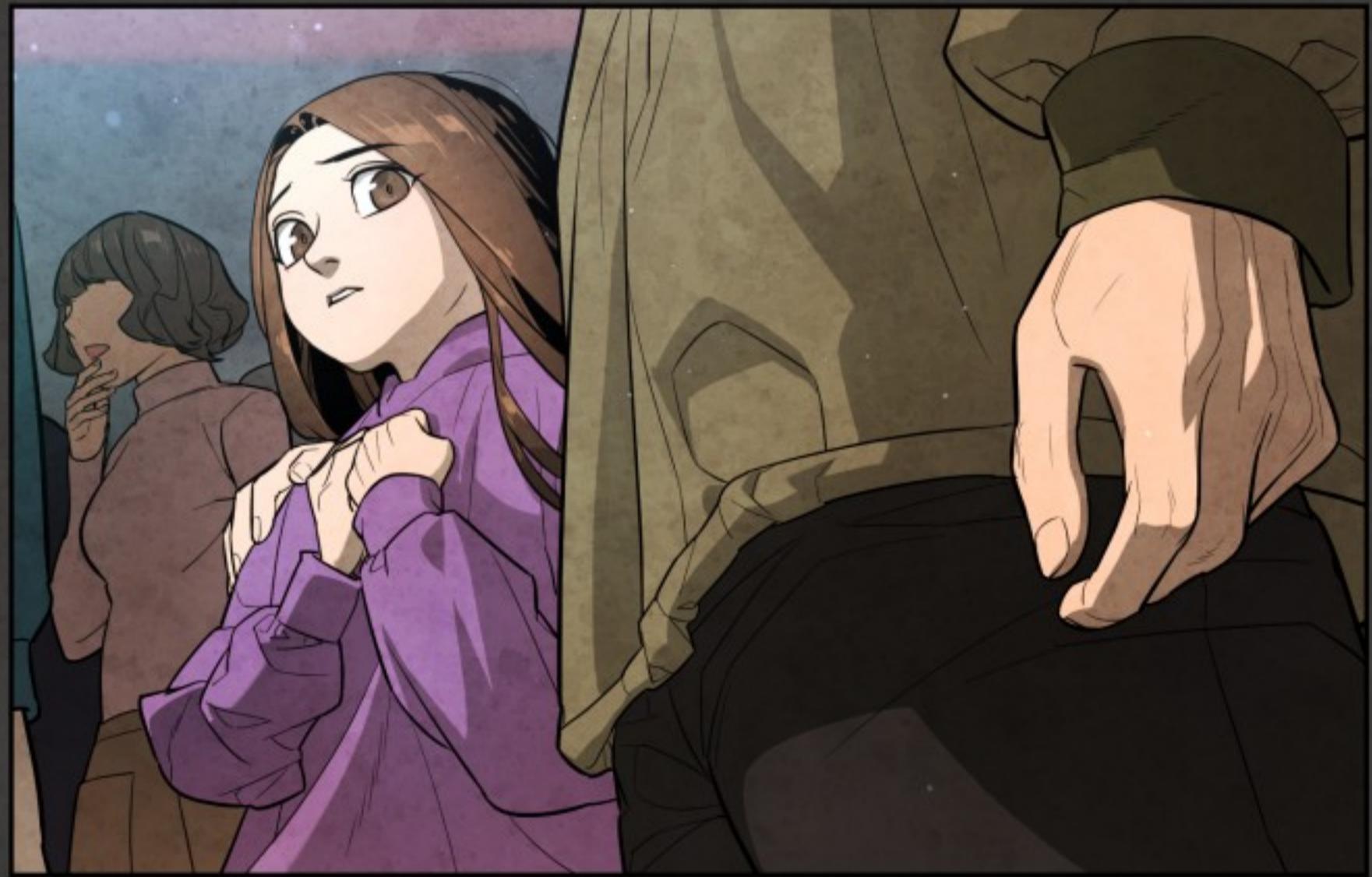
YOU KNOW MS. LEE,
THE OWNER OF THE
LINGERIE STORE OVER
THERE? SHE TRIED
TO KILL HERSELF.





SIGH. THE POLICE
WON'T DO ANYTHING...
THEY'RE TOO BUSY TRYING
TO COVER IT UP BECAUSE
THIS IS A SMALL
VILLAGE...

THIS IS AWFUL.
WE'RE BEING TERRORIZED
BY THESE MEN WHO ARE
LIKE A PACK OF WOLVES.



A PACK OF
WOLVES? THAT'S

WOLVES? THAT'S
NOT A GOOD
COMPARISON.

BECAUSE PEOPLE
ARE SCARIER THAN
ANY WILD ANIMAL.



THEIR VIOLENCE ONLY GOT
WORSE OVER TIME AND THE
VILLAGERS WERE POWERLESS
AGAINST THEM.

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE







G-GIVE ME ALL
YOUR MONEY.

YOHAN...?



WHOA, YOHAN,
TAKE IT EASY.
ALRIGHT?

WHY DON'T YOU
PUT THE KNIFE DOWN
FOR A MINUTE AND WE'LL
TALK THIS OUT?

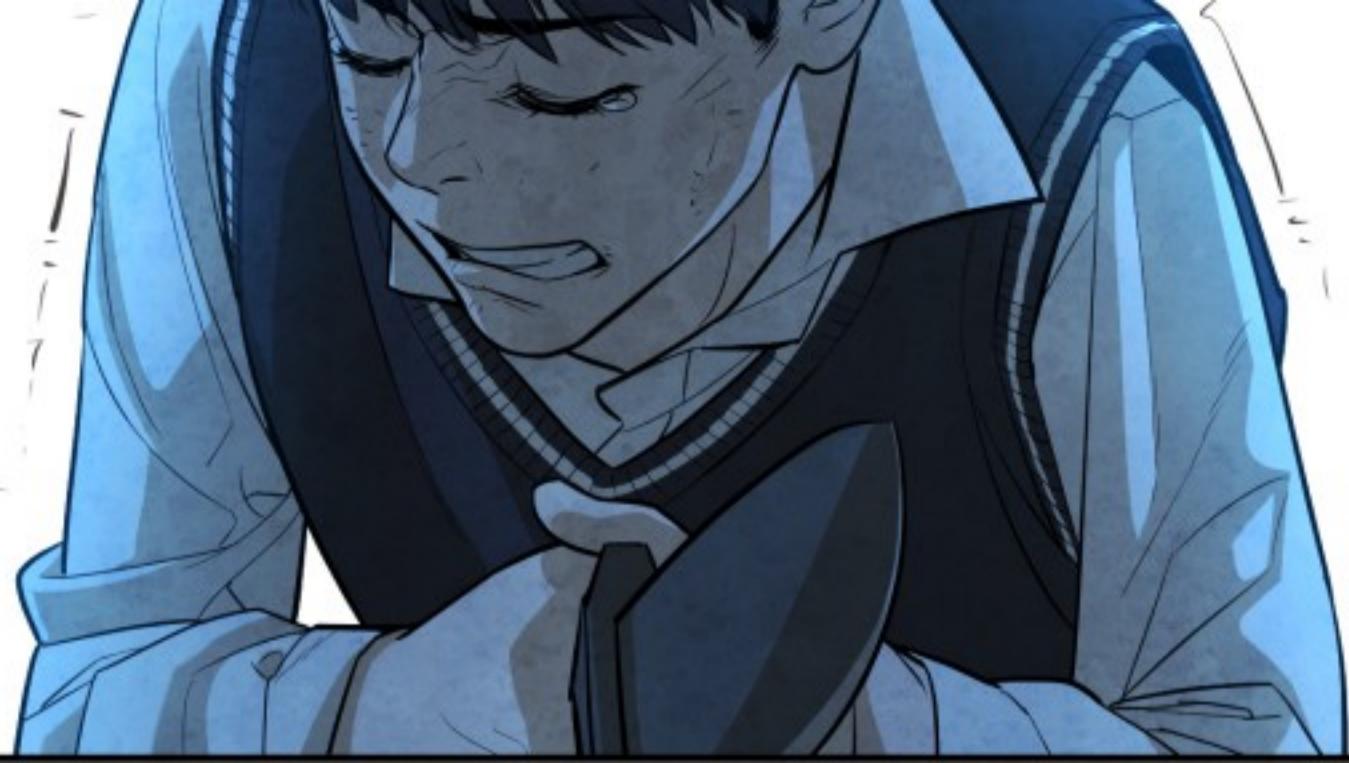




I DIDN'T KNOW WHY, BUT
YOHAN WAS BEING HARASSED
EVERY DAY BY THE MEMBERS OF
HIS NEW STEPFATHER'S GANG.

GASP

SOB



CHOKE

I HADN'T SEEN YOHAN IN A
LONG WHILE, BUT IT WAS HORRIFYING
AND SAD TO SEE HIM THIS WAY.





AAAAAHH!

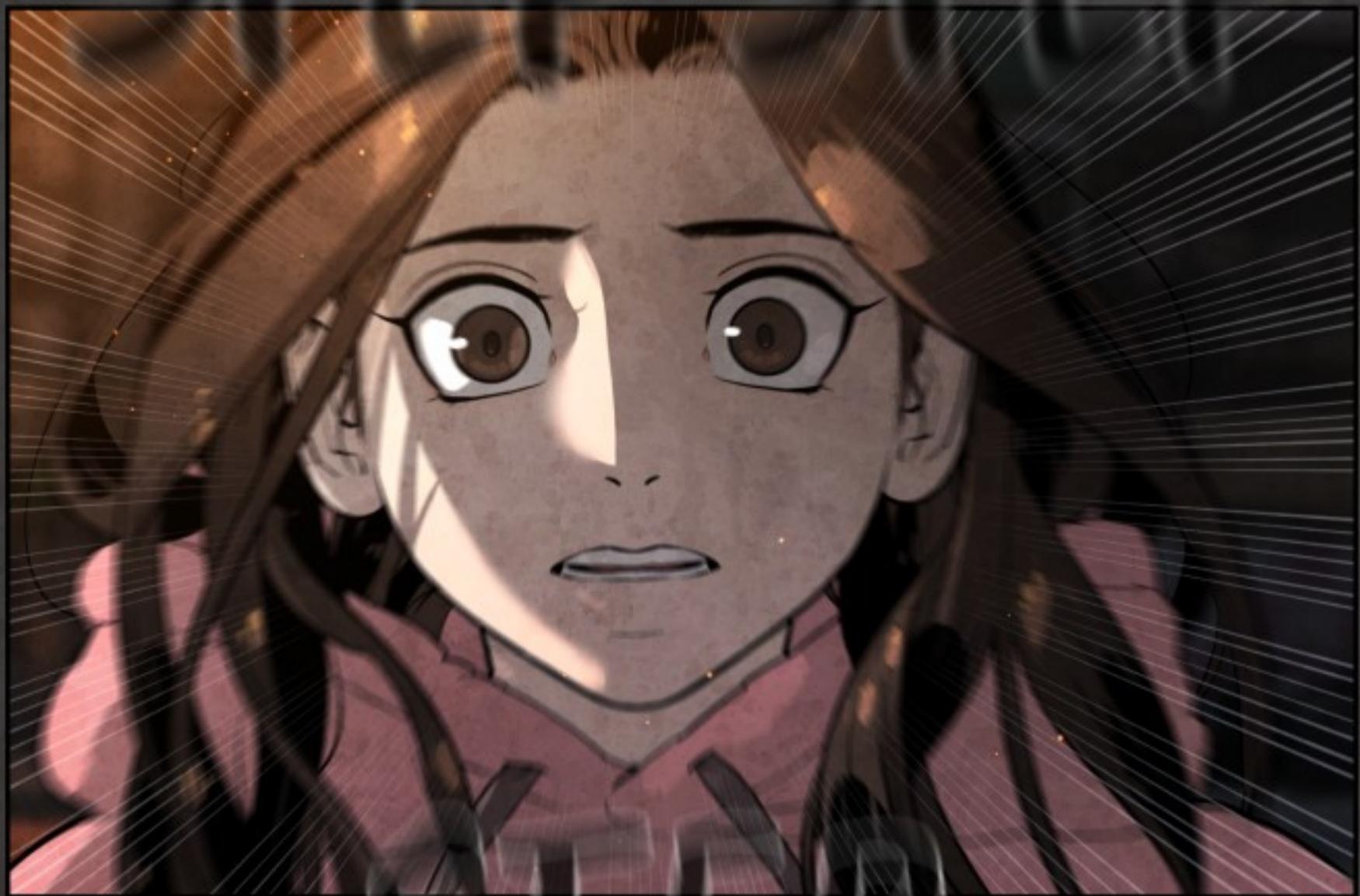
MY HEAD WAS FILLED WITH
DIFFICULT THOUGHTS LIKE WHAT
MADE YOHAN ACT THIS WAY...

CHARGE



...WHY PEOPLE WITH POWER
ABUSE IT...

SUPER STUPID



STUPID

...AND WHETHER IT REALLY WASN'T
POSSIBLE TO HELP YOHAN WITH MY
POWER AT ALL.



STOP

SO I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.

FREEZE





I...

I CAN'T DO IT.
I JUST CAN'T.

REMBLE

TREMBLE

YOHAN...

WHACK





ARGH!

YOU DESERVE
TO HAVE YOUR
ASS KICKED UNTIL
YOU DIE.

I WAS NICE
ENOUGH TO STEP IN
AND ACCEPT YOU AS MY
SON, AND NOW YOU'RE
TALKING BACK TO ME
JUST LIKE YOUR
MOM.



GRAB

BOLTS - NUTS
MANUFACTURING

CISION

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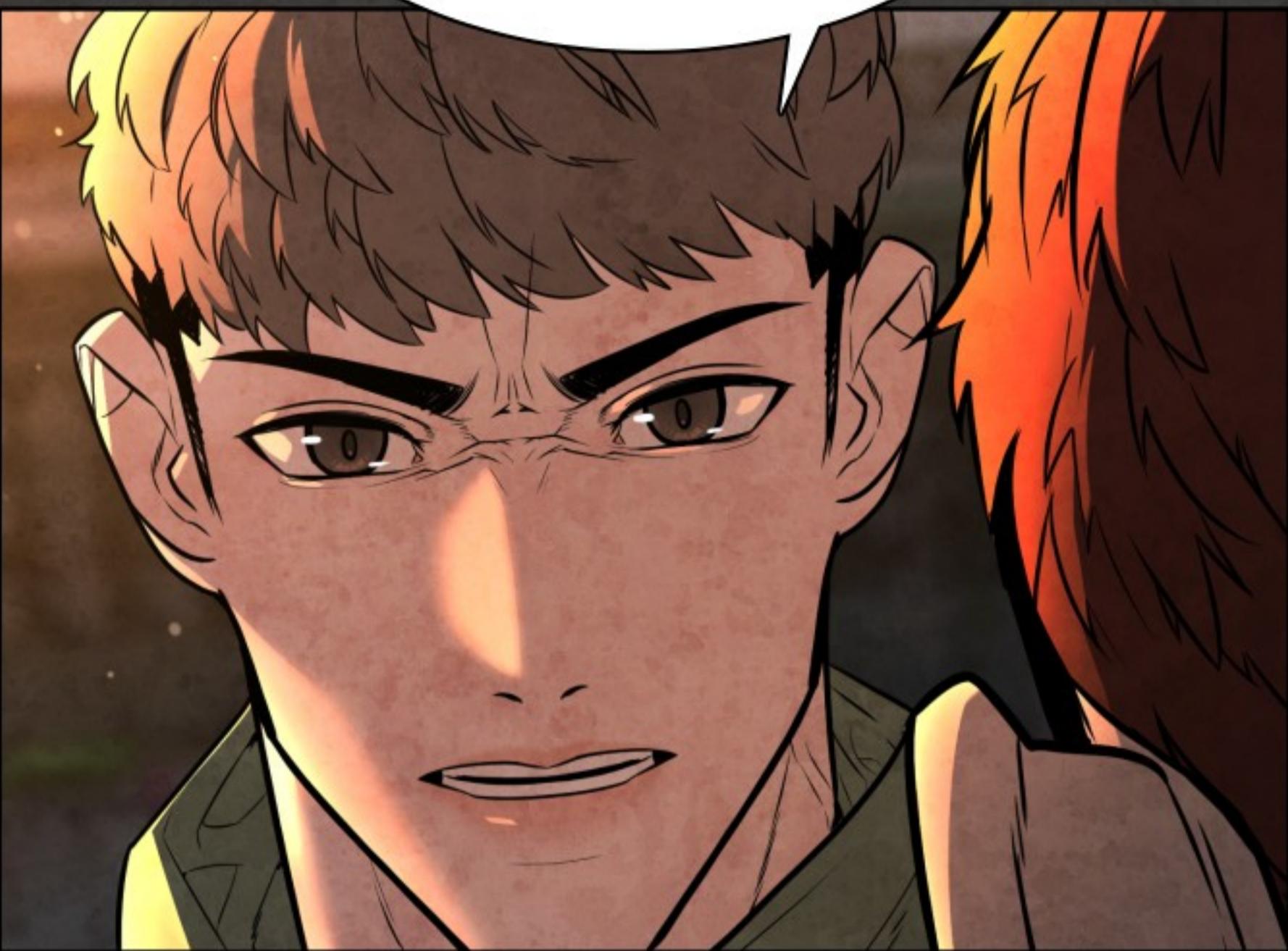


HONEY.

DO YOU
HAVE TO DO
THIS?

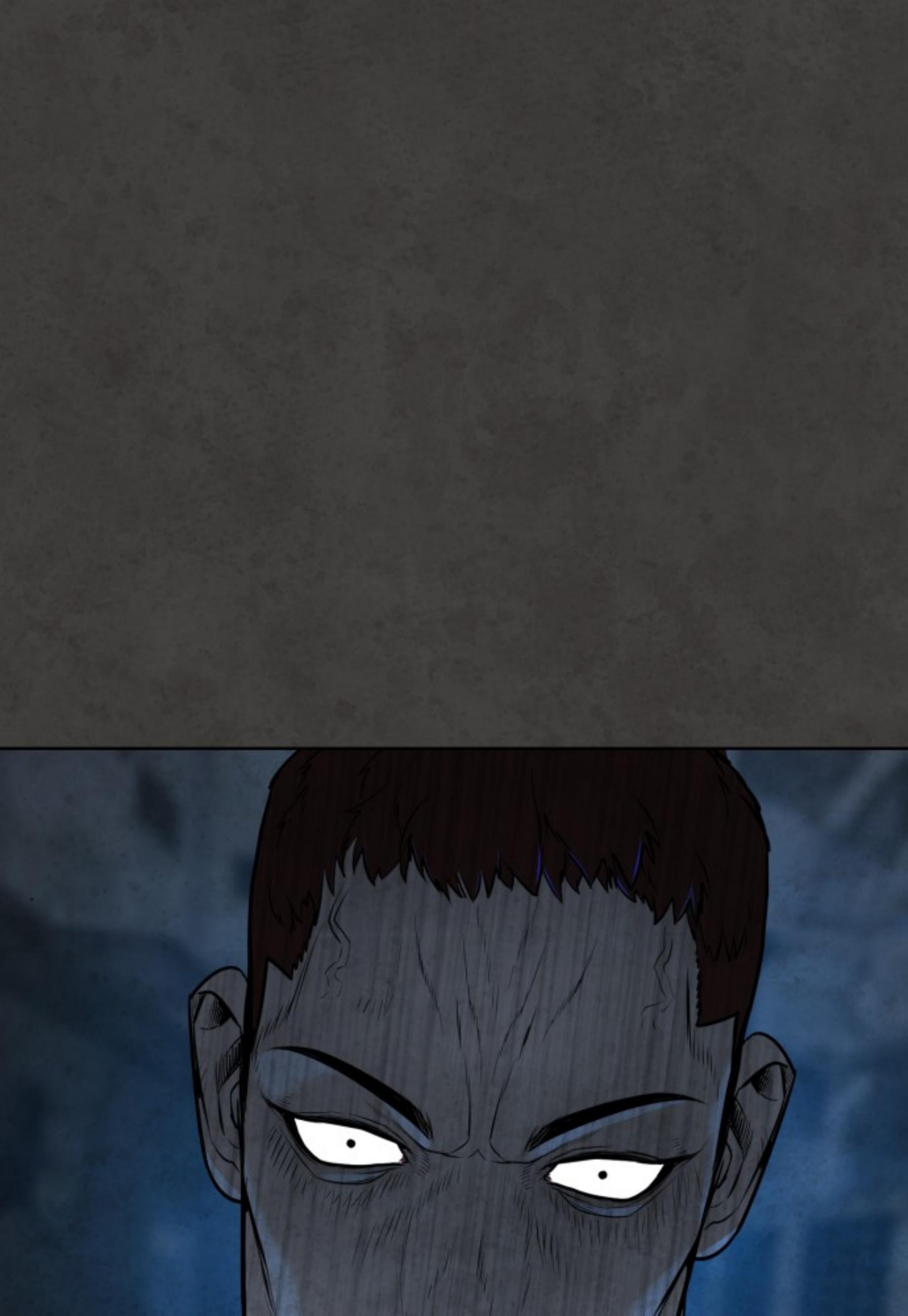
DO YOU HAVE TO
MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT
FOR THE PEOPLE HERE,
WHEN WE WERE LIVING IN
PEACE BEFORE YOU
CAME?

CAME:



CAN'T YOU
JUST STOP
NOW?

I'LL STOP...





...ONCE YOU'RE
DEAD.



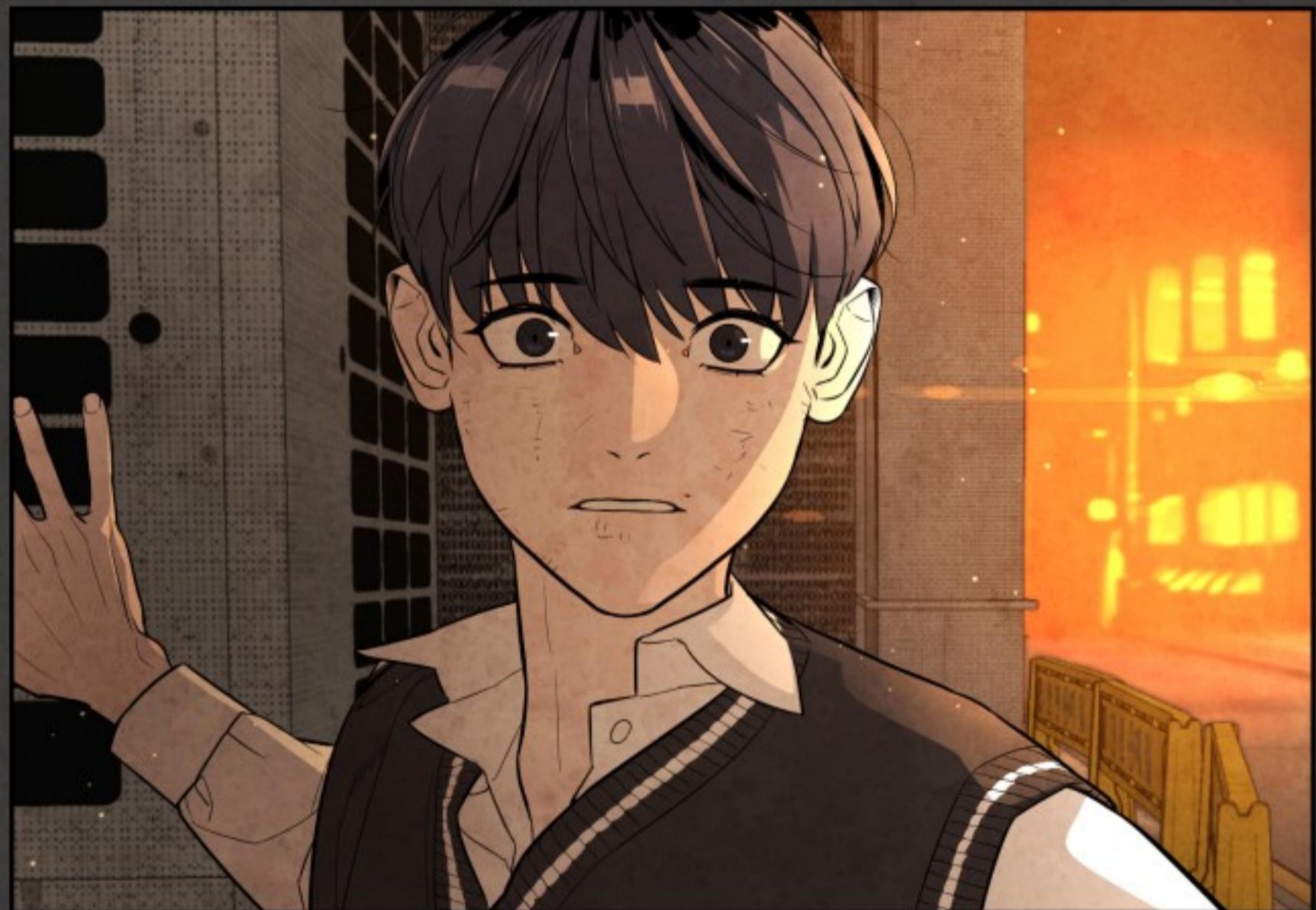




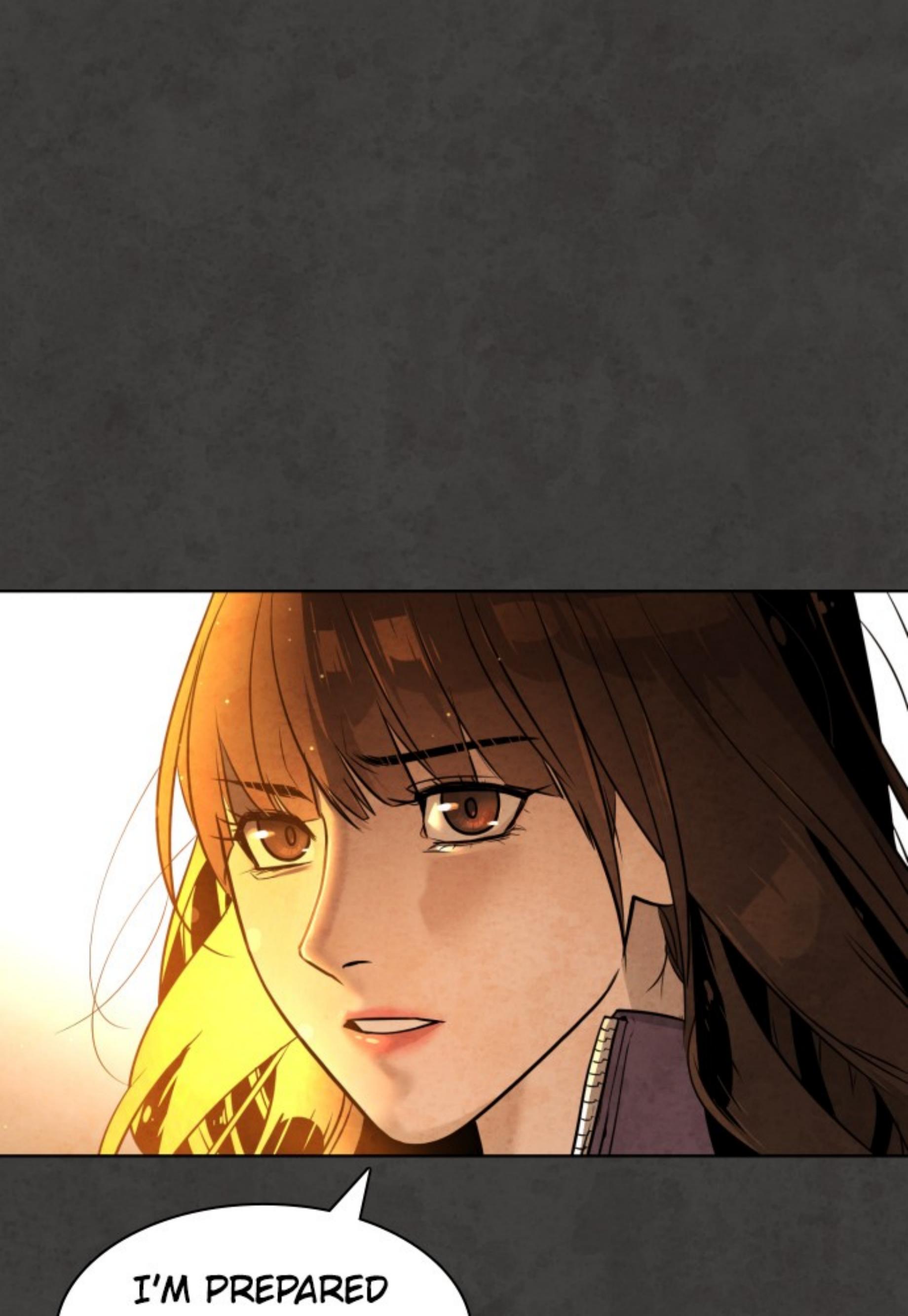
SIGH



HAYAN, YOHAN...



...ESPECIALLY YOU,
YOHAN. STAY OUT OF
THE WAY AND TRY NOT
TO GET TOO SCARED.



I'M PREPARED

TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.



THAT'S
THE WOMAN I
MARRIED.

WE DID LIVE
IN THIS VILLAGE
FOR A LONG
TIME.

**WHAT THE
FUCK?!**





W

SNAP





SNAP

BOOM

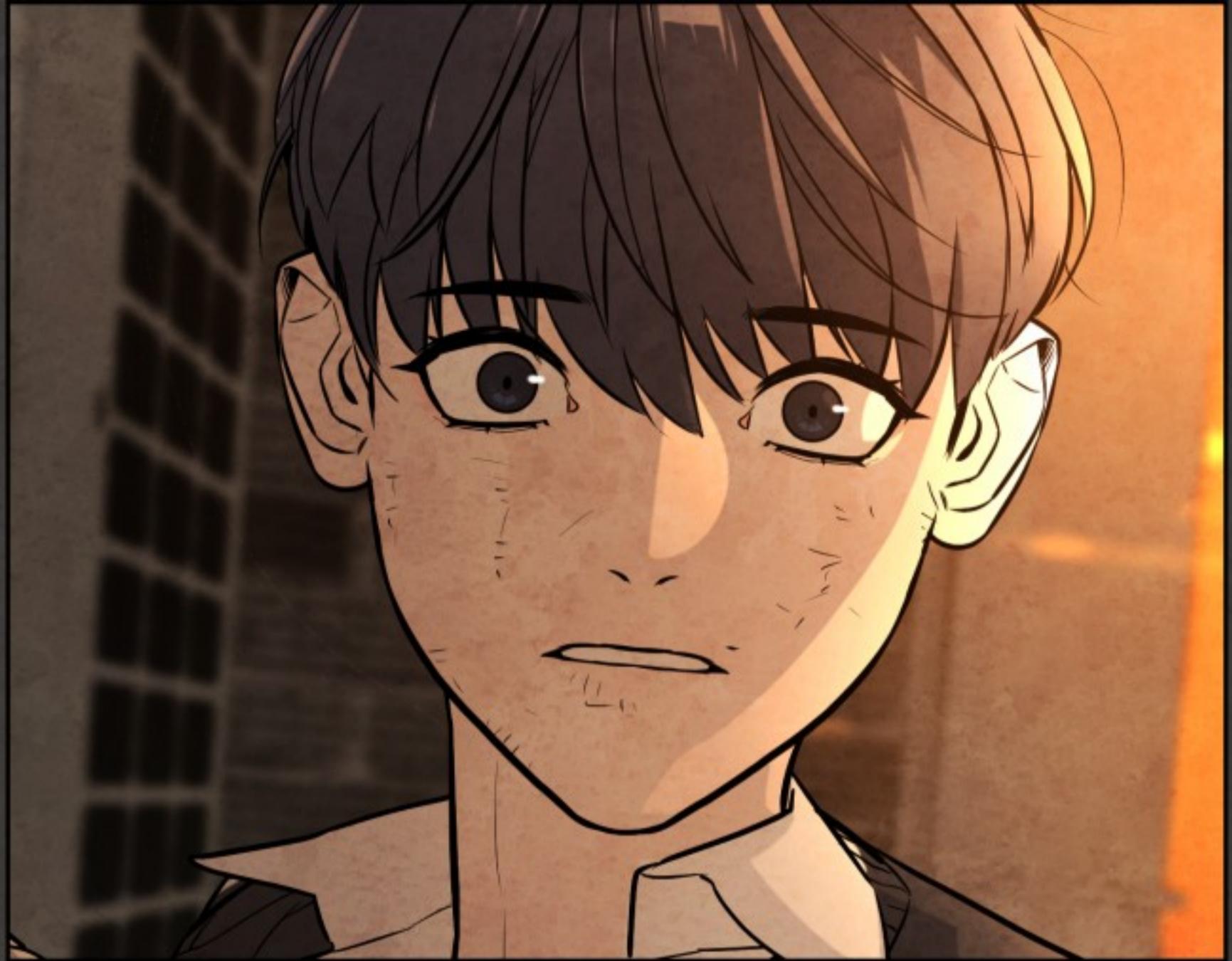


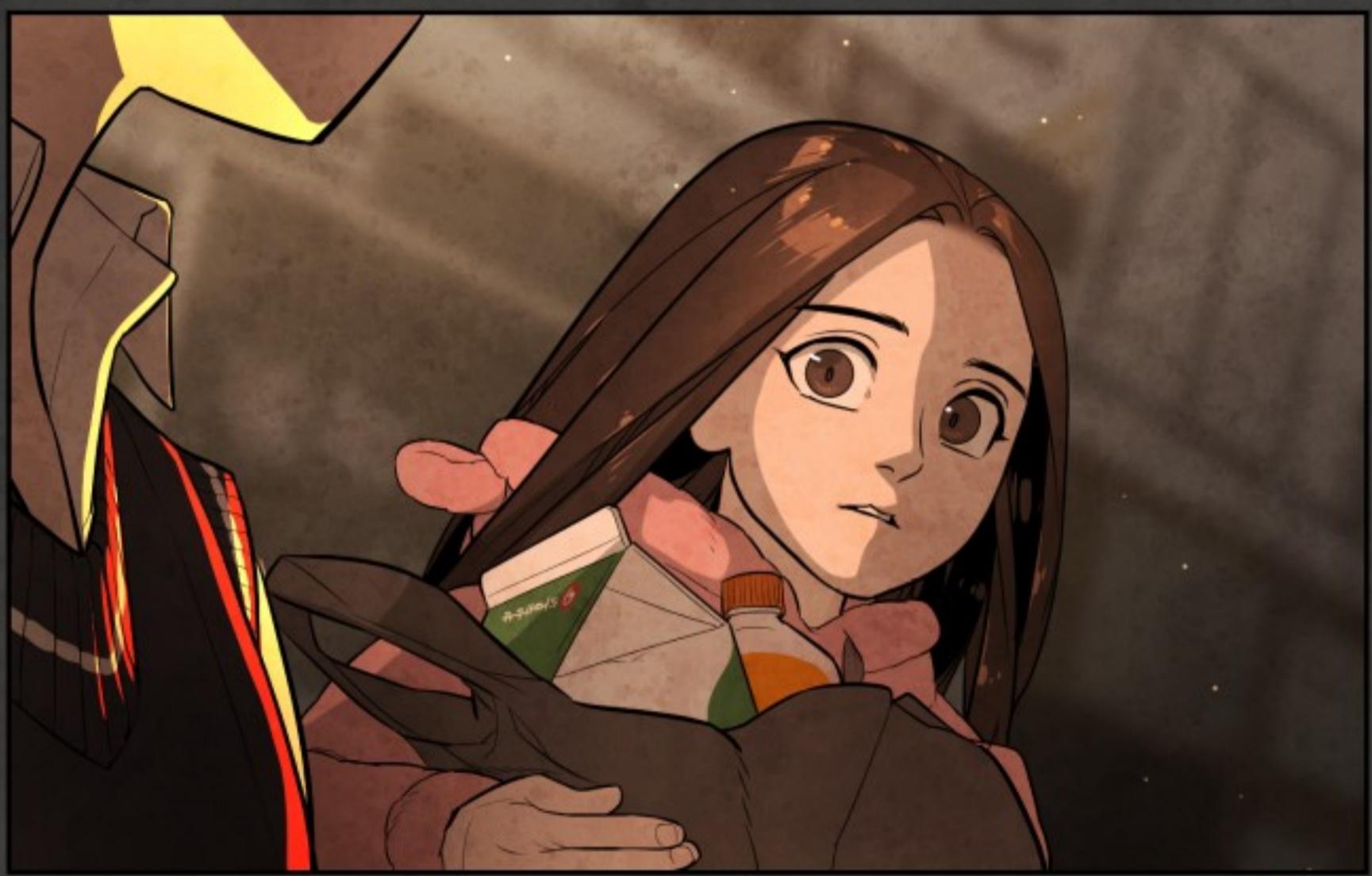












THE GANG STOPPED TERRORIZING
THE MARKET AFTER THAT, BUT
WE IMMEDIATELY PAID THE PRICE.

MOMMY, DADDY!
WE WEREN'T IN
THE WRONG!

CAN'T WE
JUST STAY?

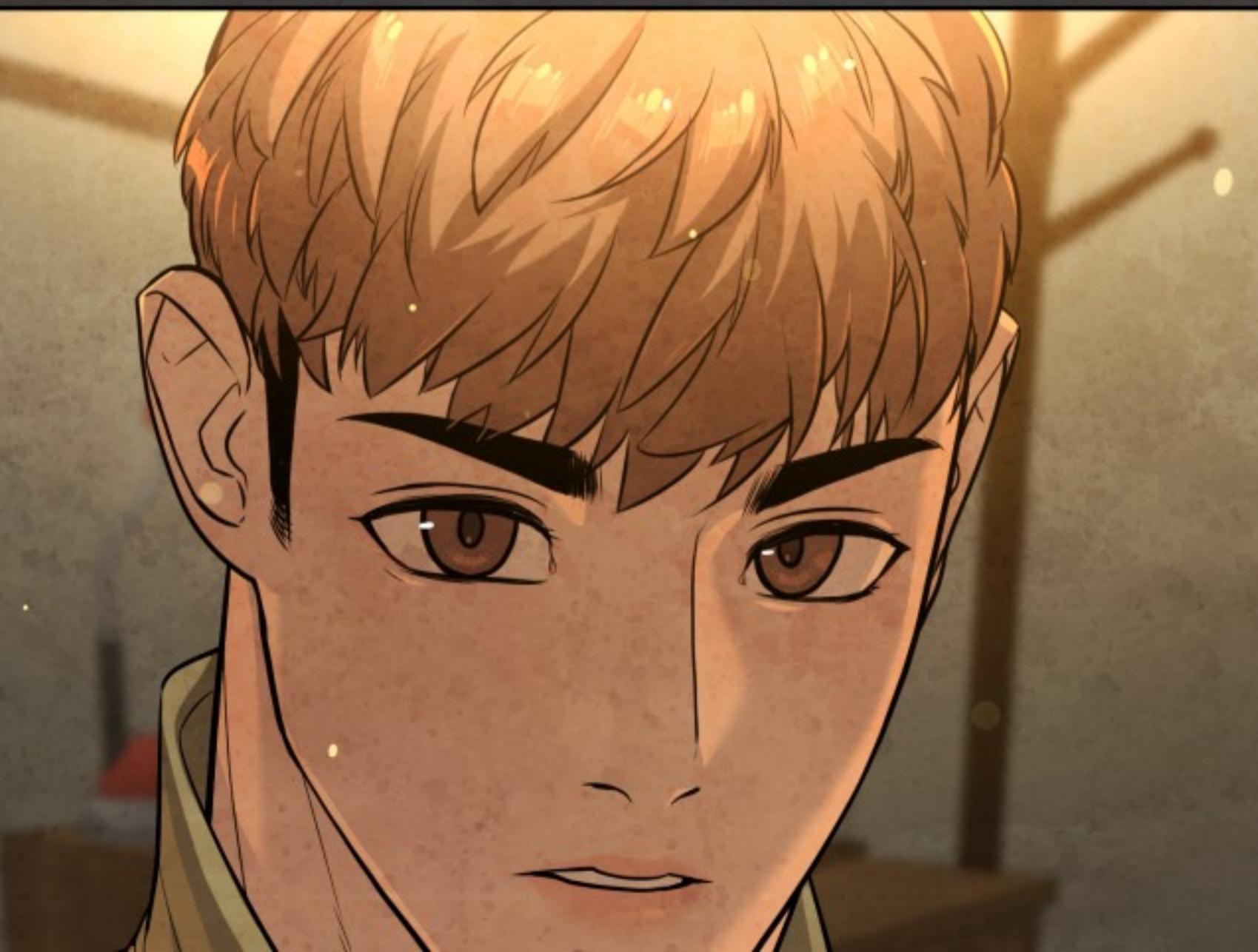


HAYAN, YOU
ASKED ME BEFORE
WHY WE'RE SO
STRONG.

WE'RE STRONG
BECAUSE WE HAVE
TO PROTECT THE
BALANCE OF
THIS WORLD.

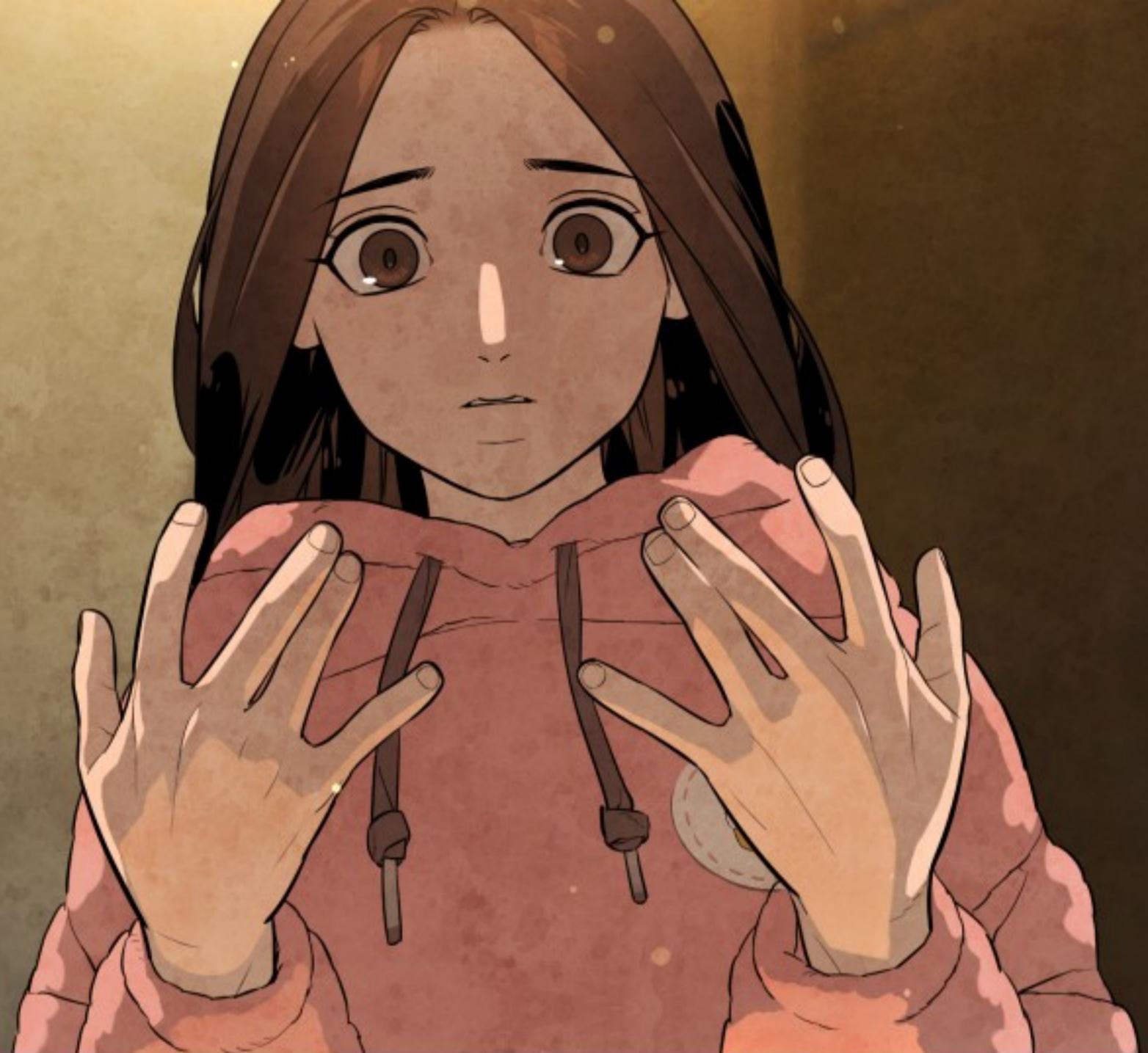
THEN YOU
DID WHAT YOU
WERE--

YOU PROBABLY
DON'T KNOW THIS
YET BECAUSE YOU'RE
TOO YOUNG...





...BUT HAVING
GREAT STRENGTH MEANS
YOU'RE CARRYING A BIG
RESPONSIBILITY.



MY DAD'S WORDS MADE
ME SEE MY RASH ACTIONS
IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.

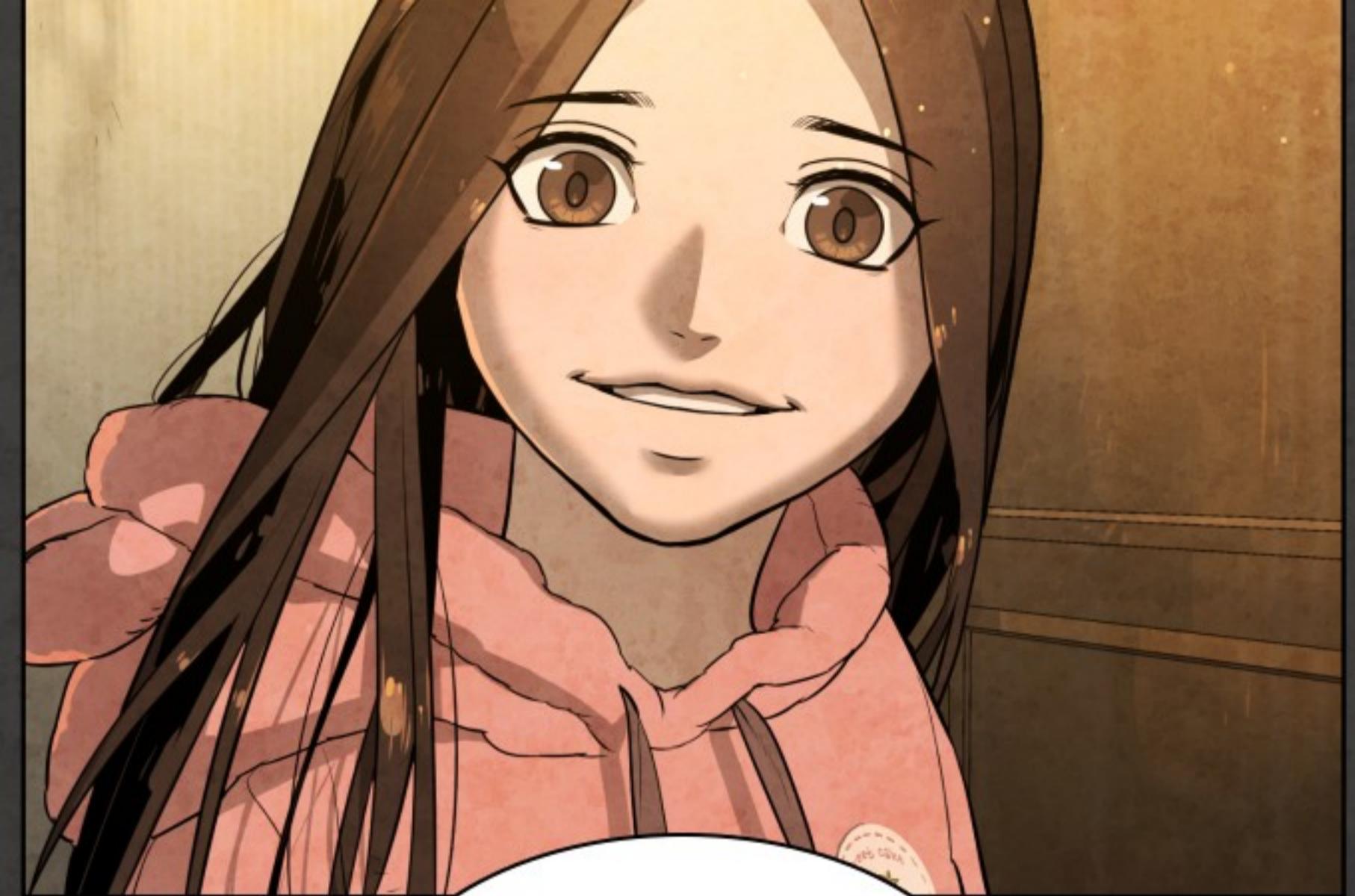
**STEP
STEP**



**WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?**

I FOUND OUT MUCH TOO LATE
THAT MY POWER COULD BE
TERRIFYING TO OTHERS.





I'M JUST
GONNA GO SAY
BYE TO YOHAN.

BUT I STILL WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE TO YOHAN.

BUT...

...I WASN'T ABLE TO SAY
I WAS SORRY.

WHAT'S TAKING

WHAT'S TAKING
HAYAN SO LONG?



BANG



!

DADDY!

MOMMY!

HELP!

BANG

HAYAN!

I NEED YOUR
HELP RIGHT
NOW!

!

HAYAN!!!



HURRY!!



YOHAN
IS...

YOHAN
IS...

UNHOLY
BLOOD

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