



Episode 69

KNOCK
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VAEL.

I WANT TO
TALK TO YOU ABOUT
SOMETHING.

CREAK

WHAT IS IT, YOU
GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
BUFFOON?





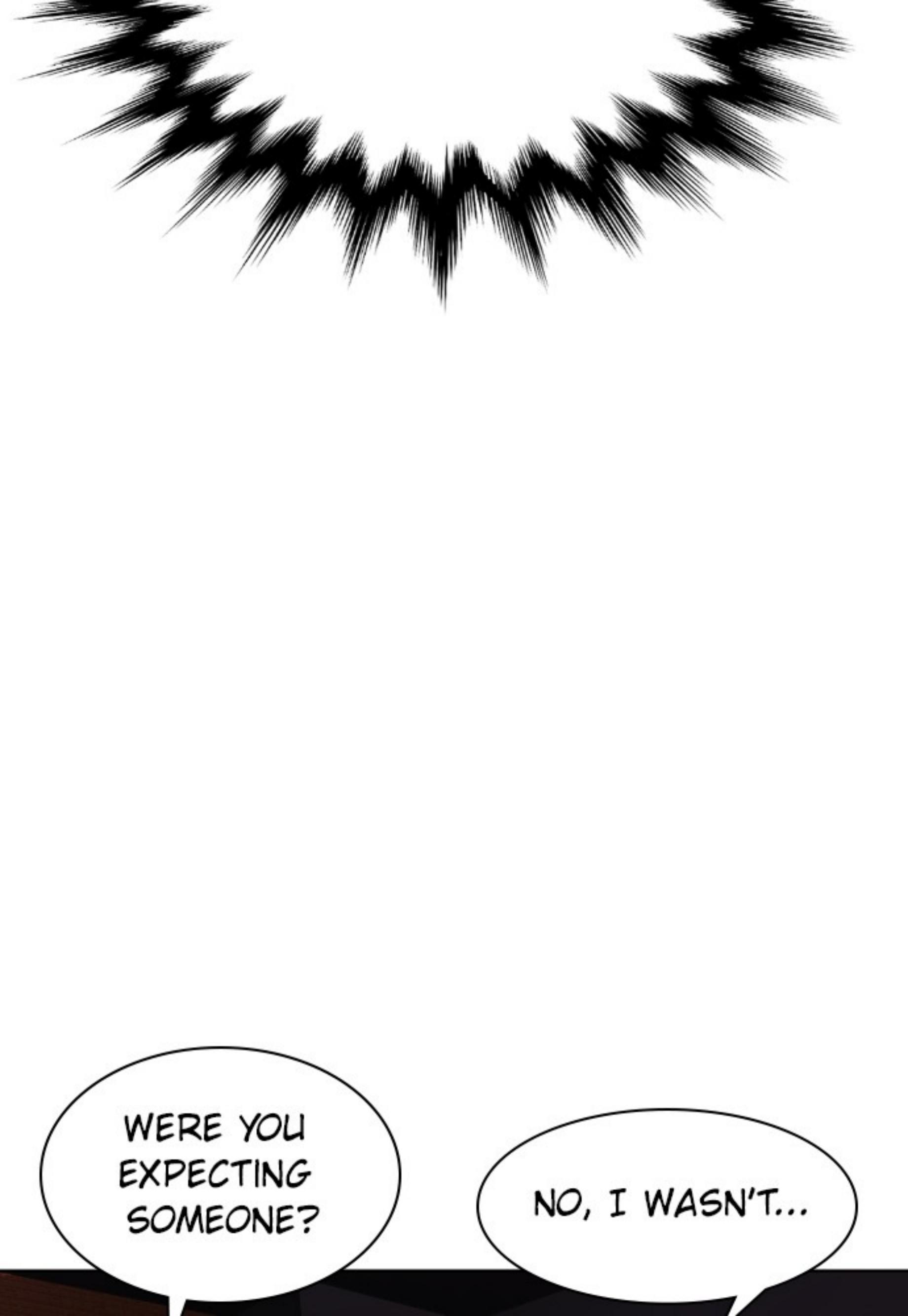
WHAT DO
YOU WANT TO TALK
ABOUT NOW?

BA BWWWD





YOHAN!



WERE YOU
EXPECTING
SOMEONE?

NO, I WASN'T...

CREAK

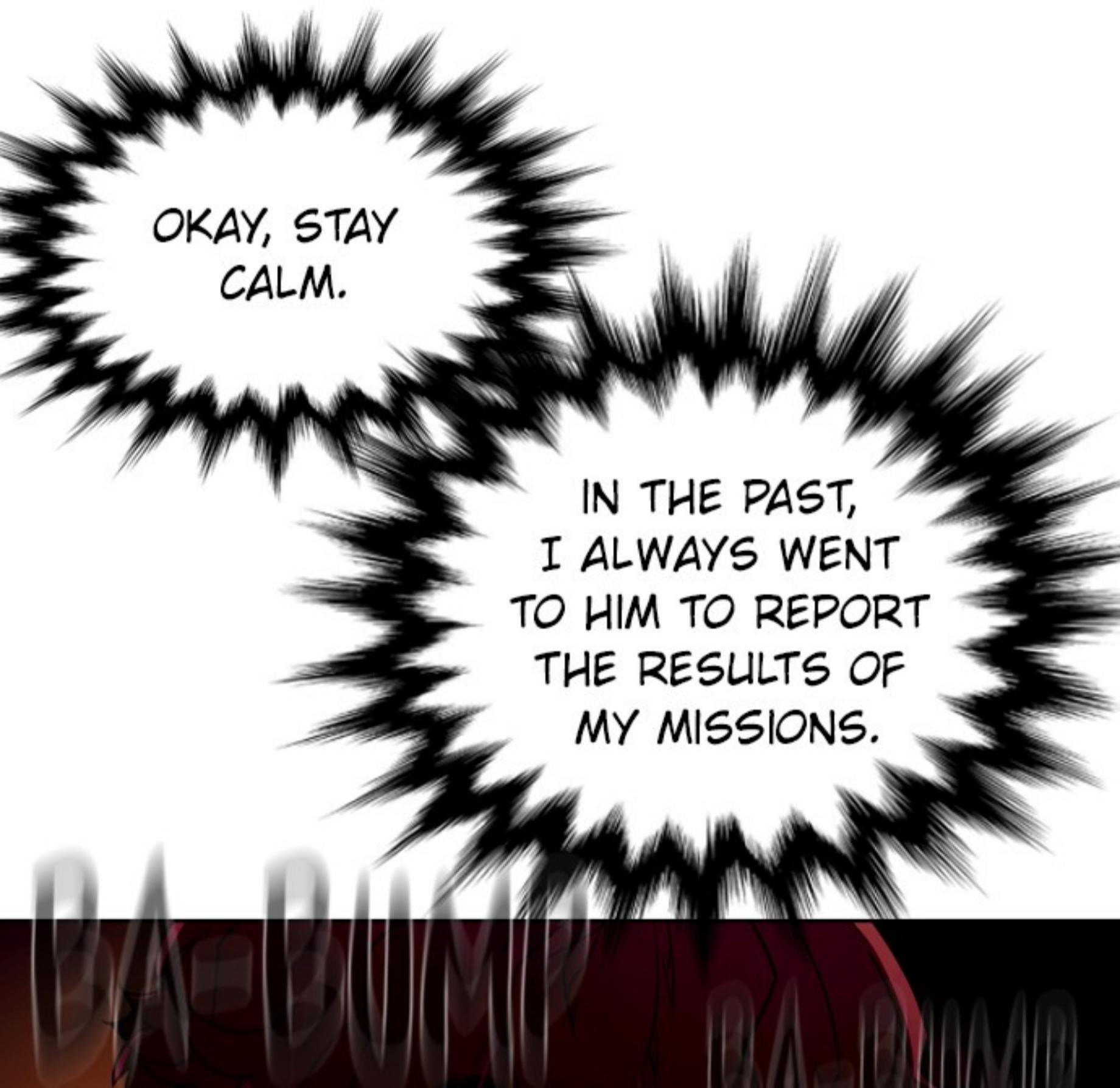


I WAS IN THE
AREA AND DECIDED
TO POP IN TO SEE YOU
AND CHECK HOW THE
MISSION WENT.

I SEE. YOU
SHOULD HAVE GIVEN
ME A HEADS UP BEFORE.
I WOULD HAVE GONE
TO PICK YOU UP.

I'LL GET YOU
SOMETHING TO
DRINK.





OKAY, STAY
CALM.

IN THE PAST,
I ALWAYS WENT
TO HIM TO REPORT
THE RESULTS OF
MY MISSIONS.



BUT THIS TIME,
HE CAME TO ME
TO CHECK HOW
IT WENT.

ONE THING
IS CLEAR.

DA-BUM





HE DOESN'T
TRUST ME.



WHEN DID
HE FIRST REALIZE
THAT SOMETHING
WAS WRONG?

NO, FIRST I
NEED TO KNOW
WHAT MADE HIM

SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH
TO COME HERE IN
PERSON.

THE BLOOD ON
YOUR CLOTHES TELLS
ME THE MISSION WAS
SUCCESSFUL.



PERHAPS
I CAME TOO
EARLY.

NO, IT'S FINE.

SHIT, I SHOULD
HAVE WASHED THE
BLOOD OFF.

I'M FUCKED
IF HE FINDS OUT
THAT THIS IS MY
BLOOD.



HMM? HOW
STRANGE.

SLOSH





WHAT IS THIS
SMELL?

IS SOMETHING
WRONG?

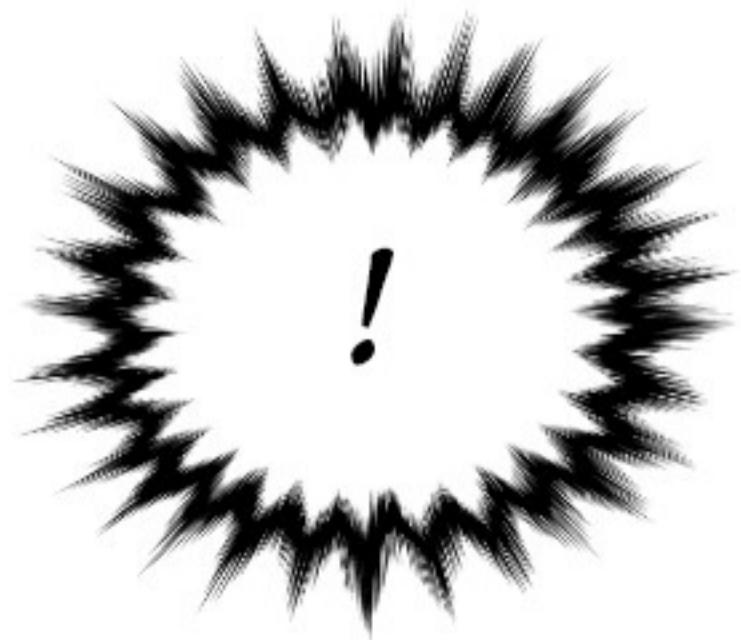
I'LL GET
YOU ANOTHER
GLASS.



HMM.

THERE'S NO
NEED TO DO
THAT.

GRAB







I THINK THE
SMELL IS COMING
FROM HERE.



I CAN'T MOVE.





HE'S TOO
STRONG!

HOW COME
I SMELL VAMPIRE
BLOOD...

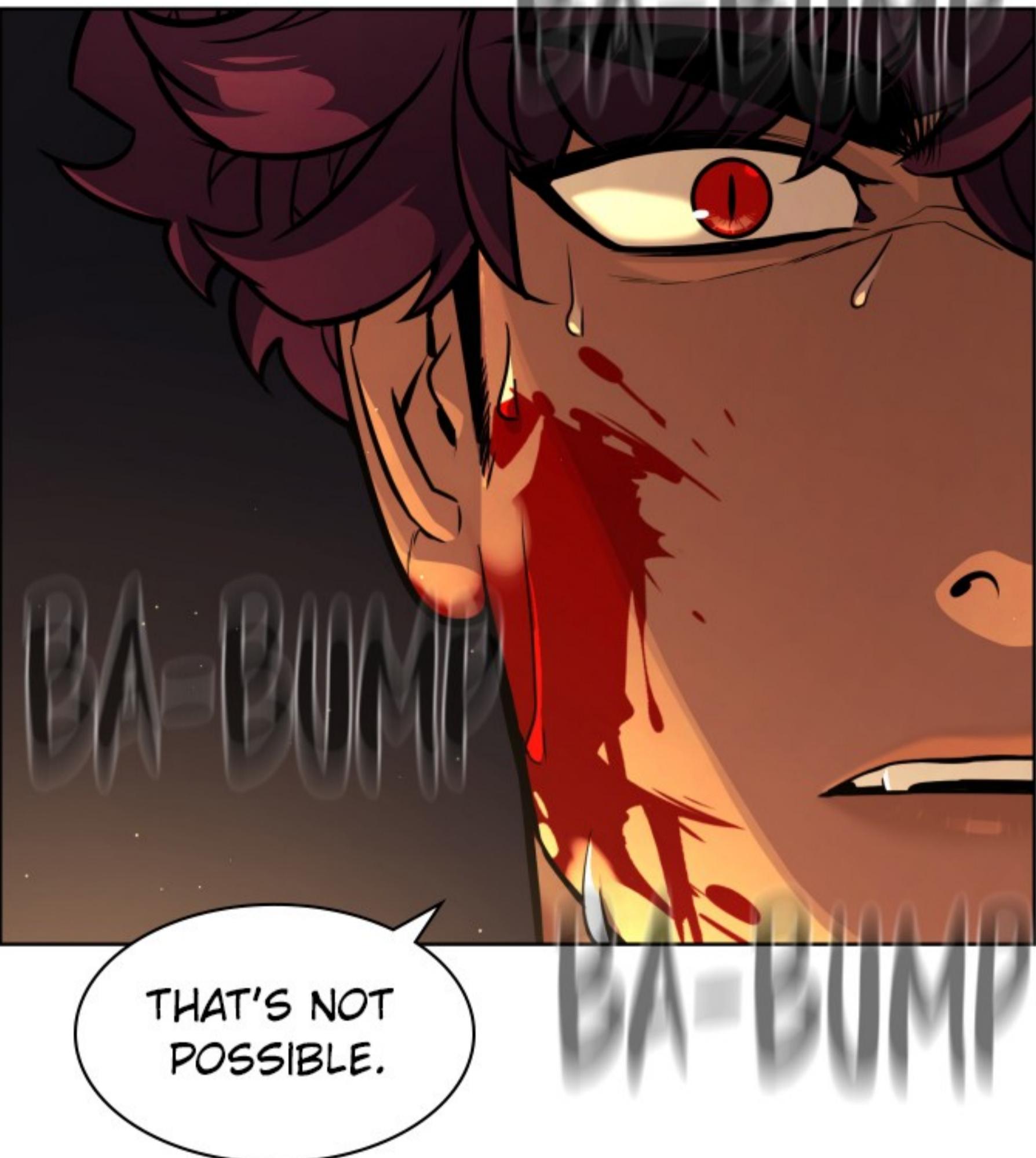


WHEN YOU KILLED

...WHEN YOU KILLED
A HUMAN?

BA-BUMP

SHIT, WHAT
DO I DO?



THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE.

IT WOULDN'T
MAKE SENSE FOR
ME TO SMELL LIKE

VAMPIRE BLOOD.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE CAN'T SAY FOR
SURE THAT THE SMELL
IS VAMPIRE
BLOOD.

EXACTLY.

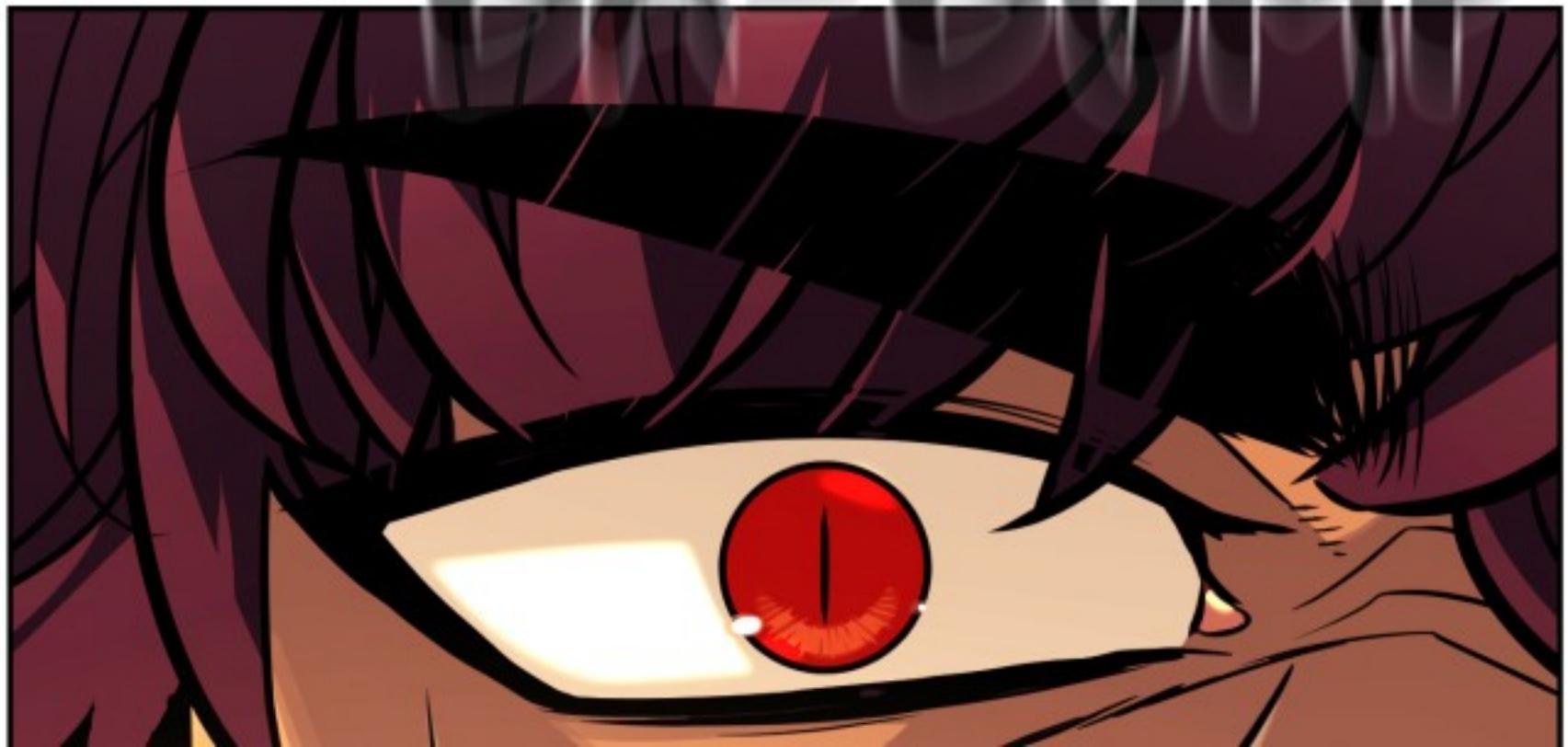


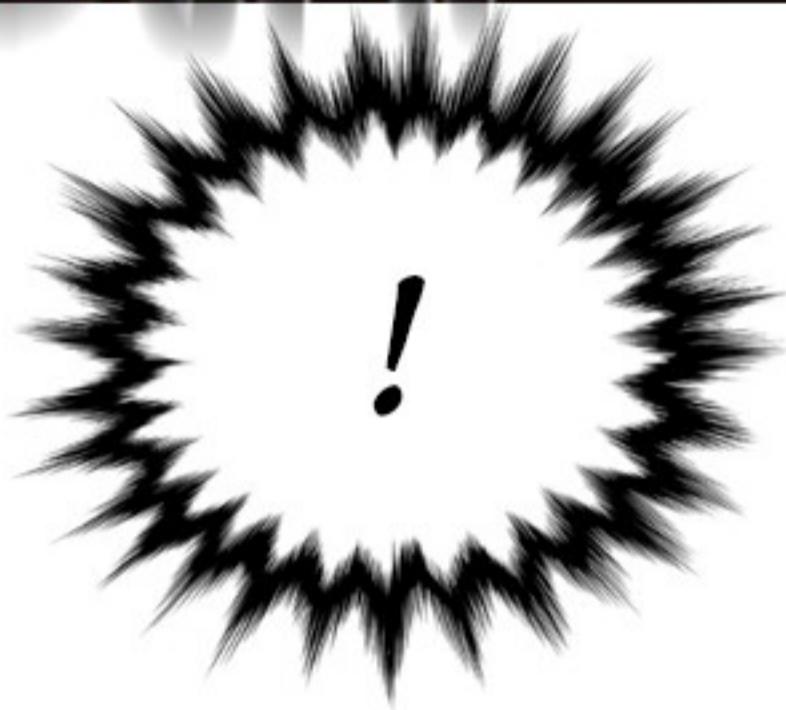
WHEW. I WAS
ABLE TO GET AWAY
WITH IT.

BUT...

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BA-BUMP





BA-BUMP





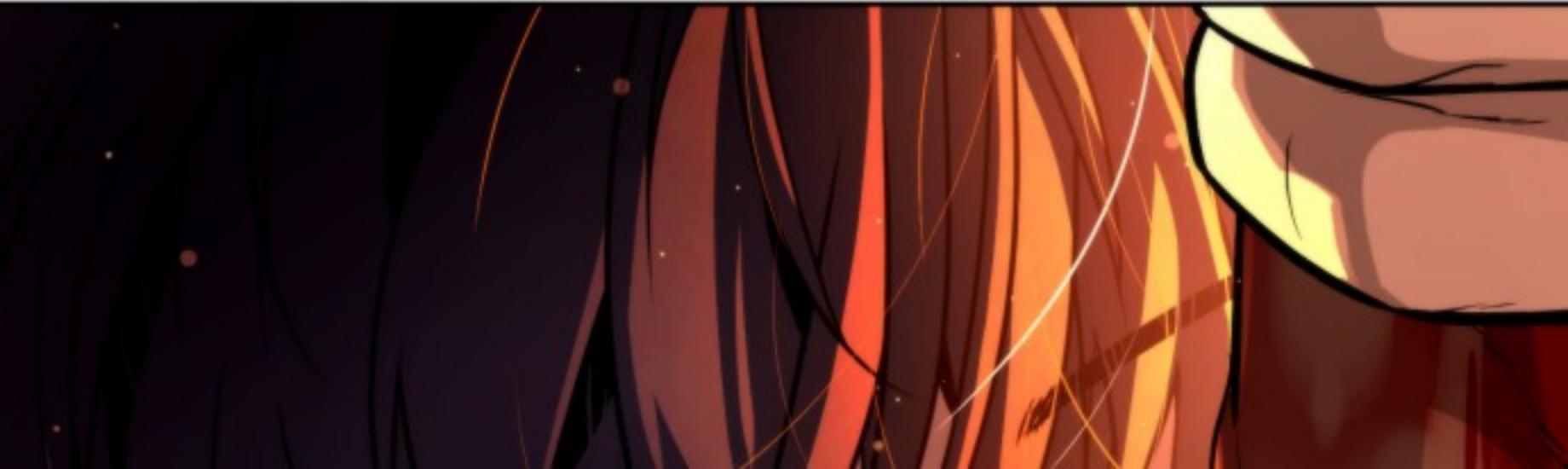
....I'LL BE ABLE
TO TELL IF I
TASTE IT.

DA-DUMP



WHAT?!

BA-BUMP





BA-BUMP

I CAN'T LET
HIM FIND OUT
THE TRUTH.



**IT'S ALL
OVER IF HE
DOES!**



BA-BUND

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.



BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP





IT REALLY IS
HUMAN BLOOD.



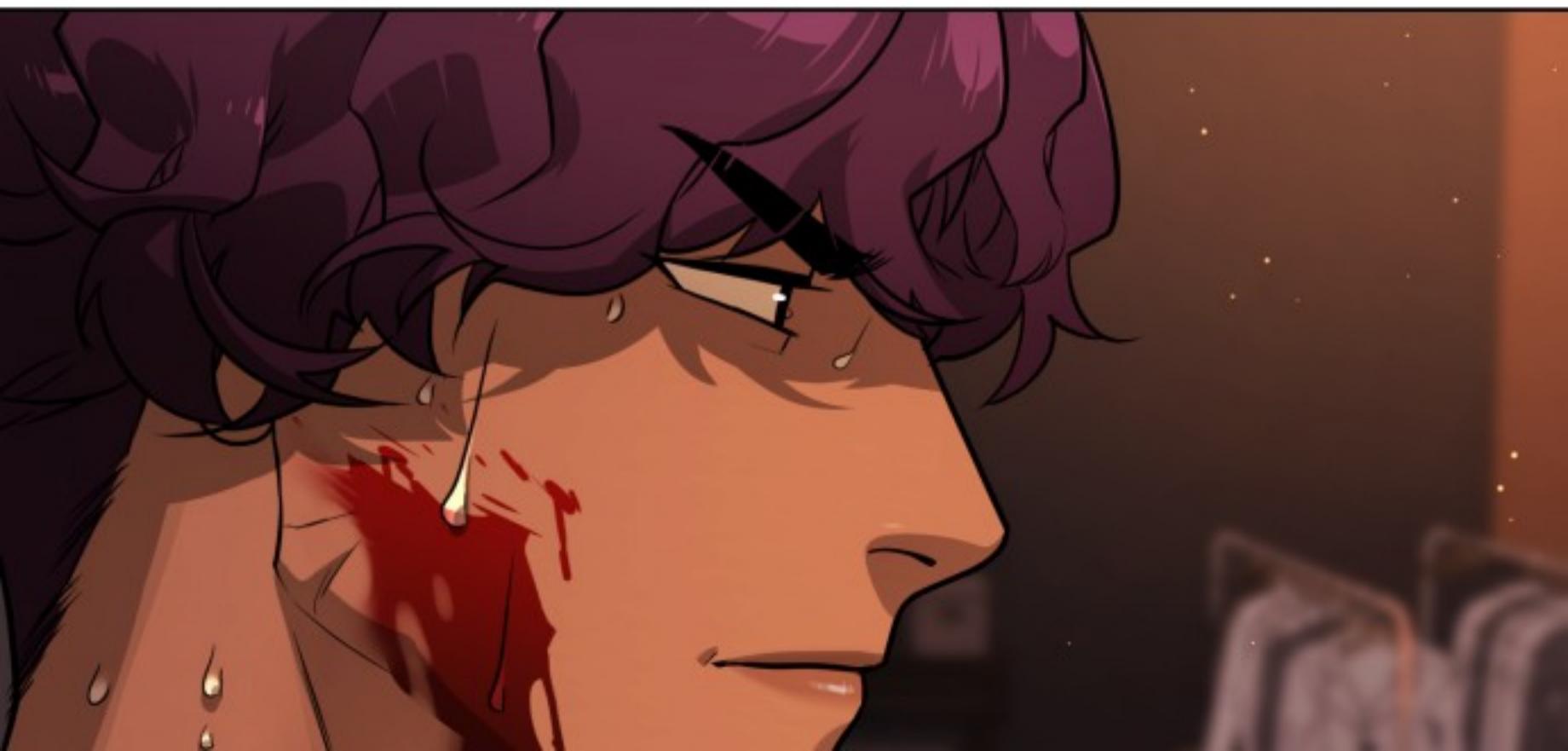
I THINK SOME
OF MY BLOOD MUST

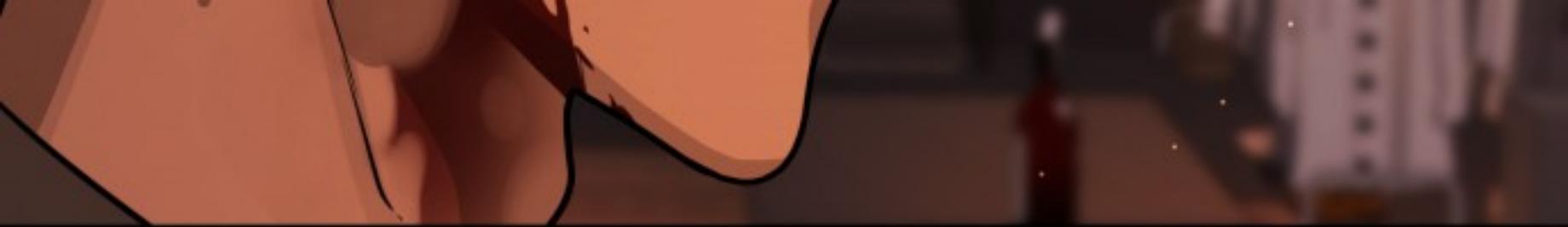
OF MY BLOOD MUST
HAVE SPLATTERED ON ME
WHEN I KILLED HER.



THAT WOULD
MAKE SENSE.

IT SMELLS
STRONGER THAN
HUMAN BLOOD.





I DIDN'T THINK HIS
PLAN WOULD WORK...

VAEL, WAIT.





I WANT TO
TALK TO YOU ABOUT
SOMETHING.

ARE YOU
GOING TO MAKE
ANOTHER TERRIBLE
JOKE ABOUT MY
PHYSIQUE?



NO, NOT
THIS TIME. THIS
IS SERIOUS.

STOP
WASTING MY
TIME AND SPIT IT
OUT ALREADY.

I'VE GOT A
BAD FEELING ABOUT
THE SITUATION
YOU'RE IN.



THERE'S NO WAY
THAT WE'RE THE ONLY
ONES WHO WERE ABLE
TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
YOU WERE UP TO.

HE LOOKS MORE SERIOUS
THAN USUAL.



WHY ARE THE CROWS AND
THIS GUY ACTING LIKE SOMETHING
BAD'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

HERE'S WHAT
WE'RE GONNA DO,
JUST IN CASE.

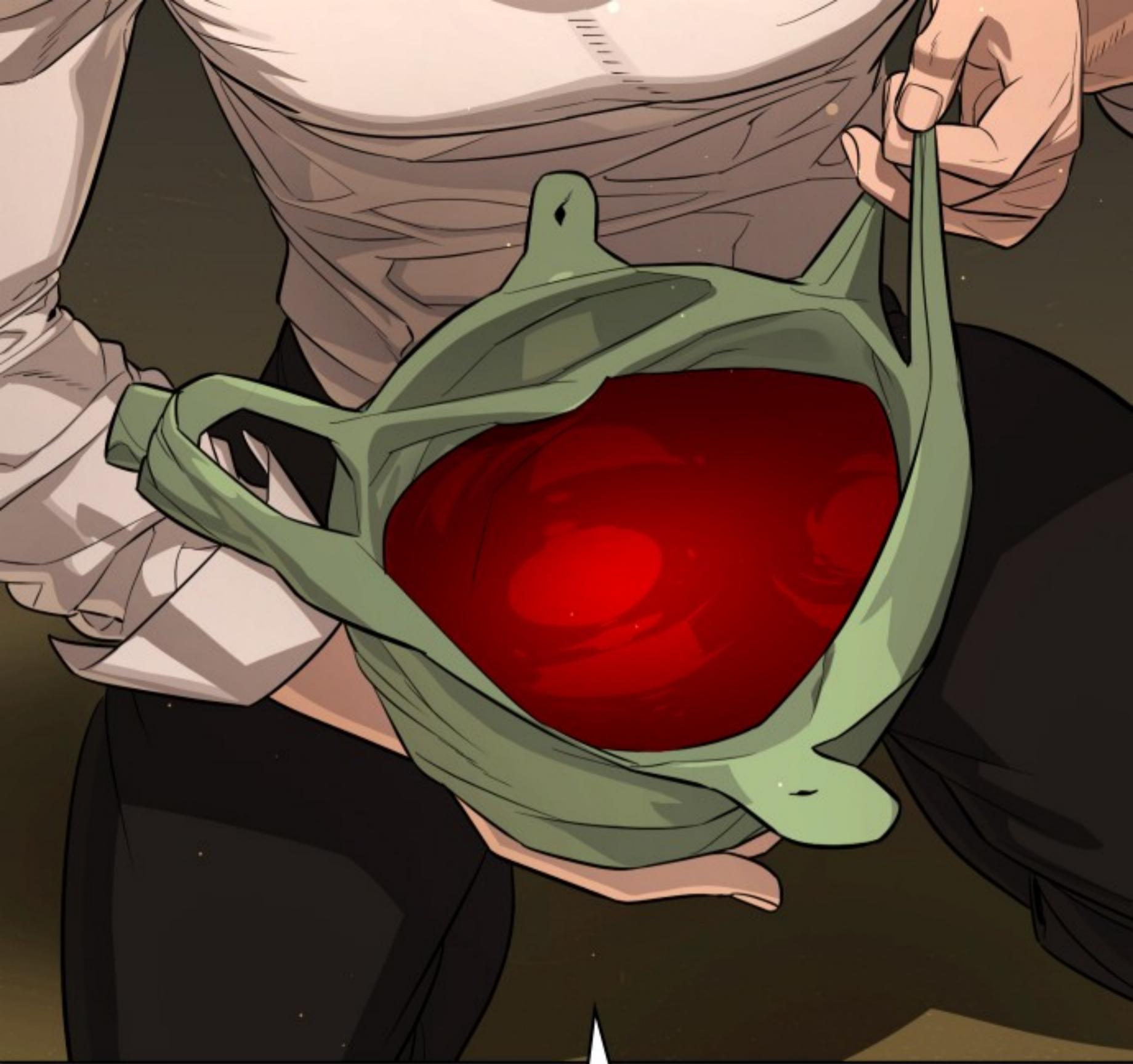
RUSTLE

WHAT
HAVE YOU GOT
THROWN

THERE?

SERIOUSLY?
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT
ASKING BECAUSE YOU
REALLY DON'T
KNOW.





IT'S HUMAN
BLOOD.

HOW CAN AN
ANGEL OF DEATH
NOT KNOW WHAT
HUMAN BLOOD
SMELLS LIKE?

I DIDN'T
ASK BECAUSE I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
IT IS. I WANT TO
KNOW WHY YOU
BROUGHT IT.

SLOSH



I ASKED
THE PEOPLE YOU
HID FOR HELP.

I TOLD
THEM THAT EVERY
DROP OF THEIR
BLOOD...





...WILL HELP
TO SAVE YOUR
LIFE.

PURR

PURR

LUCK

HEY, TELL
THE KITTY TO
BACK OFF.

DANIEL,
STOP IT.

BUT WHY
ARE YOU GOING
TO SUCH LENGTHS

TO SUCH LENGTHS
TO HELP ME
OUT?

IS IT BECAUSE
YOU THINK I'D BE
CAUGHT WITHOUT A
PLAN IF YOHAN FINDS
OUT?





I JUST HAVE
A HUNCH.



HE'S SUCH A TYPICAL
DETECTIVE.

BUT...



...DID YOHAN
COME HERE KNOWING
THAT I DIDN'T KILL
THOSE PEOPLE?



DOES HE
ALSO KNOW THAT
I MADE CONTACT
WITH HAYAN?





HOW MUCH
DOES HE REALLY
KNOW?



YOU SEEM
LOST IN THOUGHT.
WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND?



N-NOTHING.
YOU JUST CAUGHT
ME OFF GUARD,
THAT'S ALL...

I SUPPOSE
I DID DROP
BY WITHOUT
WARNING.

HOW'S
DANIEL?

HE'S DOING

DANIEL?

HE'S DOING
WELL, THANKS
TO YOU.



HMM... IN

THAT CASE...





...WHAT ABOUT
THE 68 PEOPLE
THAT YOU'RE
HIDING?



SMASH!!



DID YOU FORGET
WHO IT WAS THAT
MADE YOU INTO WHAT
YOU ARE NOW?



I-I CAN'T
BREATHE.

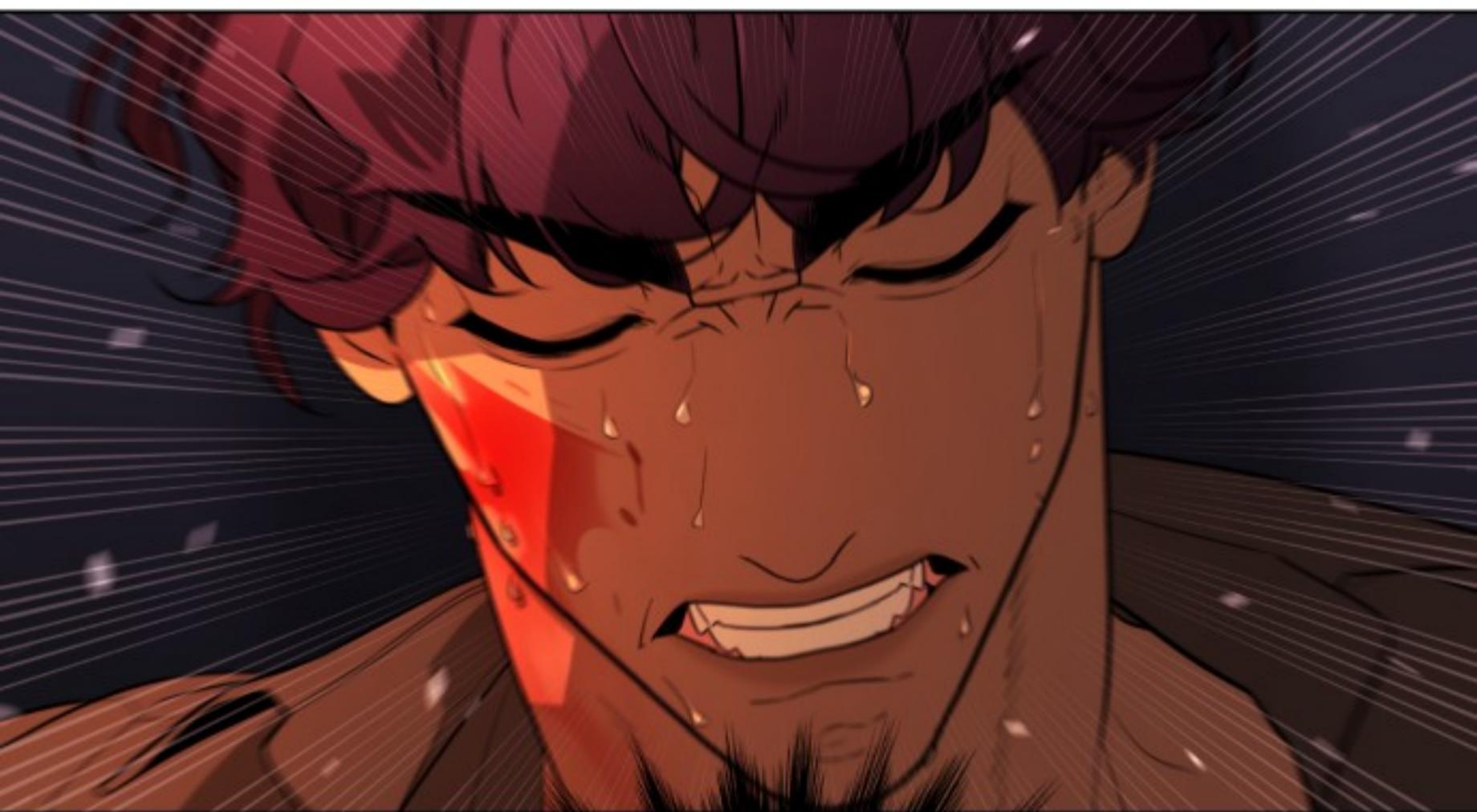
I CAN'T
MOVE!

HOW DARE
YOU BETRAY
ME?

HOW DARE
YOU...

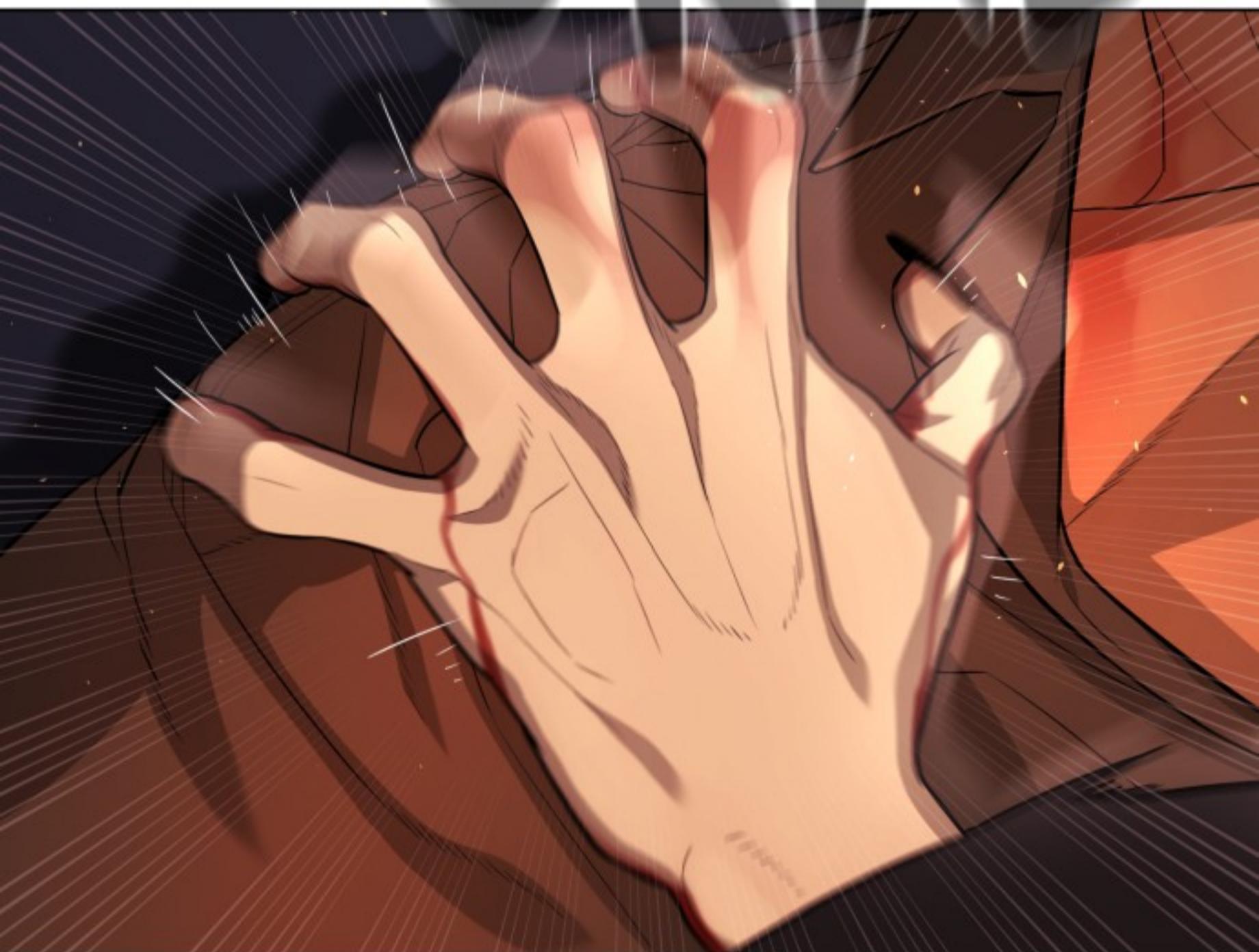


HOW DARE
YOU!



THIS IS IT.
I'M GOING
TO DIE.

GRAB







I'LL
OVERLOOK
WHAT YOU
DID.

SORRY?

AND I'LL
ALSO GRANT YOU
YOUR FREEDOM.



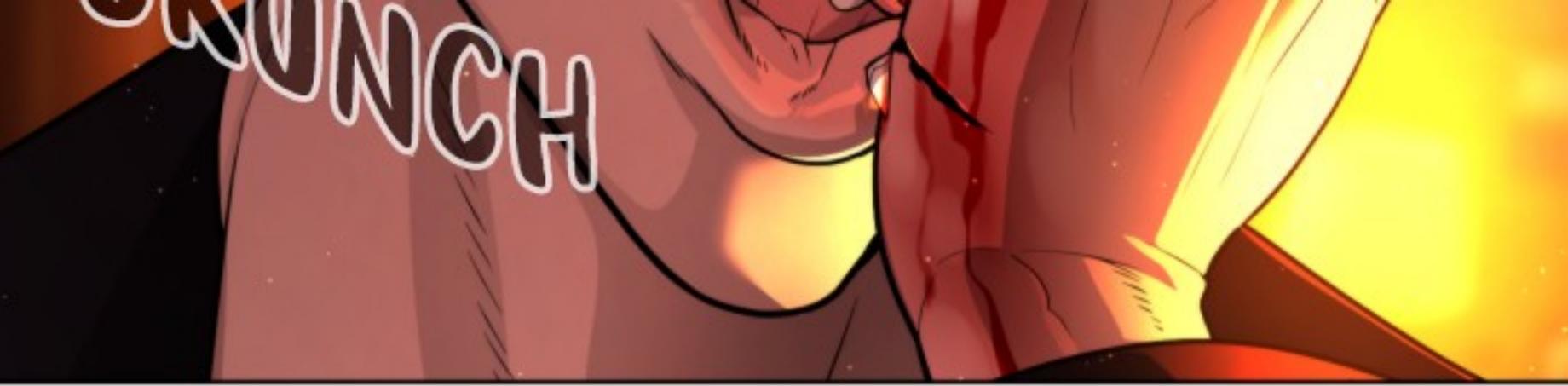


W-WHY ARE YOU
SUDDENLY...?

WHAT'S HE PLANNING?

BUT OF
COURSE, NOTHING IN
LIFE COMES FOR
FREE...





...AND YOU'LL
NEED TO PAY A HIGH
PRICE FOR SUCH A
RICH REWARD.

ONE THING'S FOR
SURE.

BA-BUMP

IF I DEFY HIM NOW...



BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

...I WON'T GET
ANOTHER CHANCE.

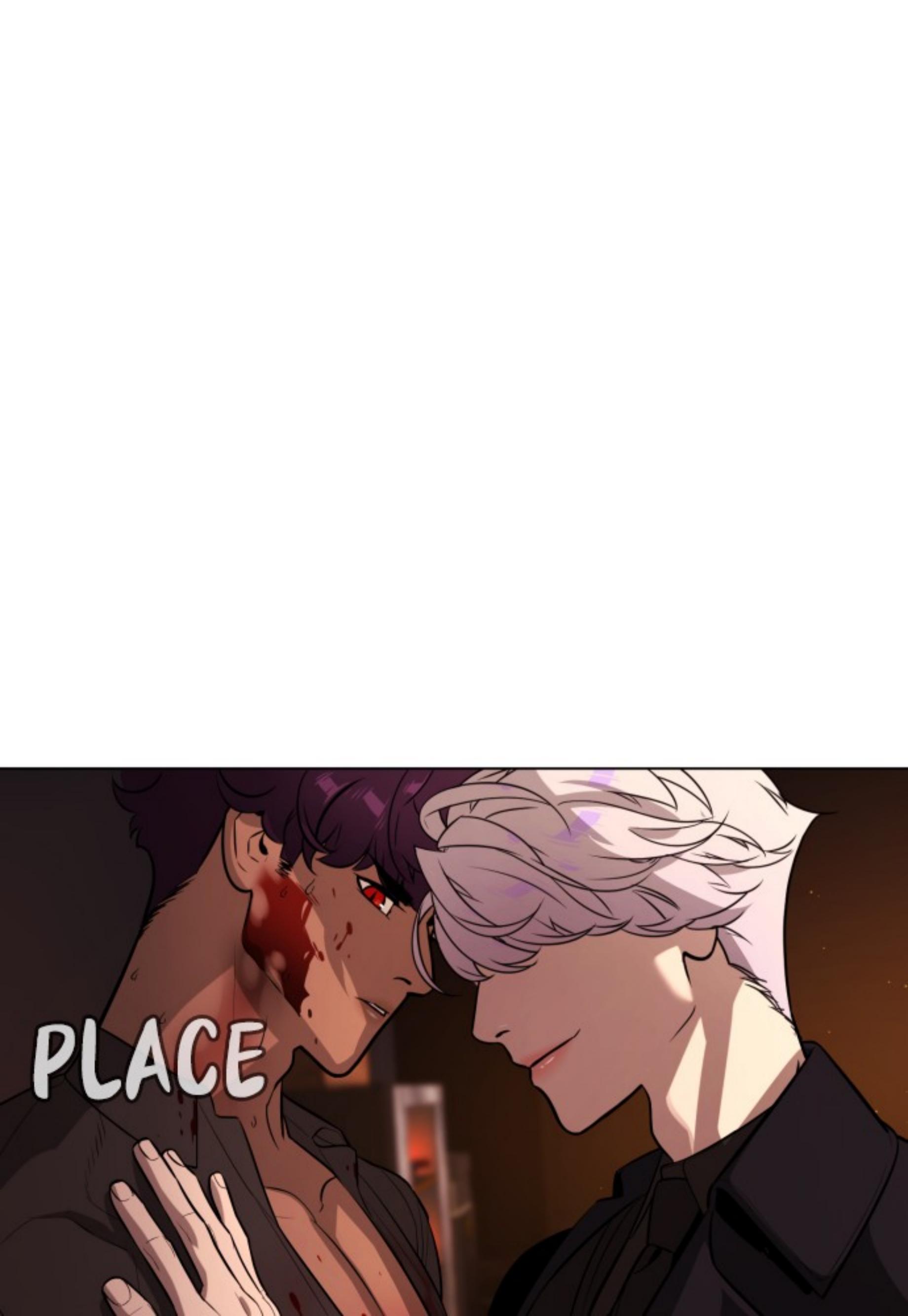
WHAT... DO

I NEED TO DO?

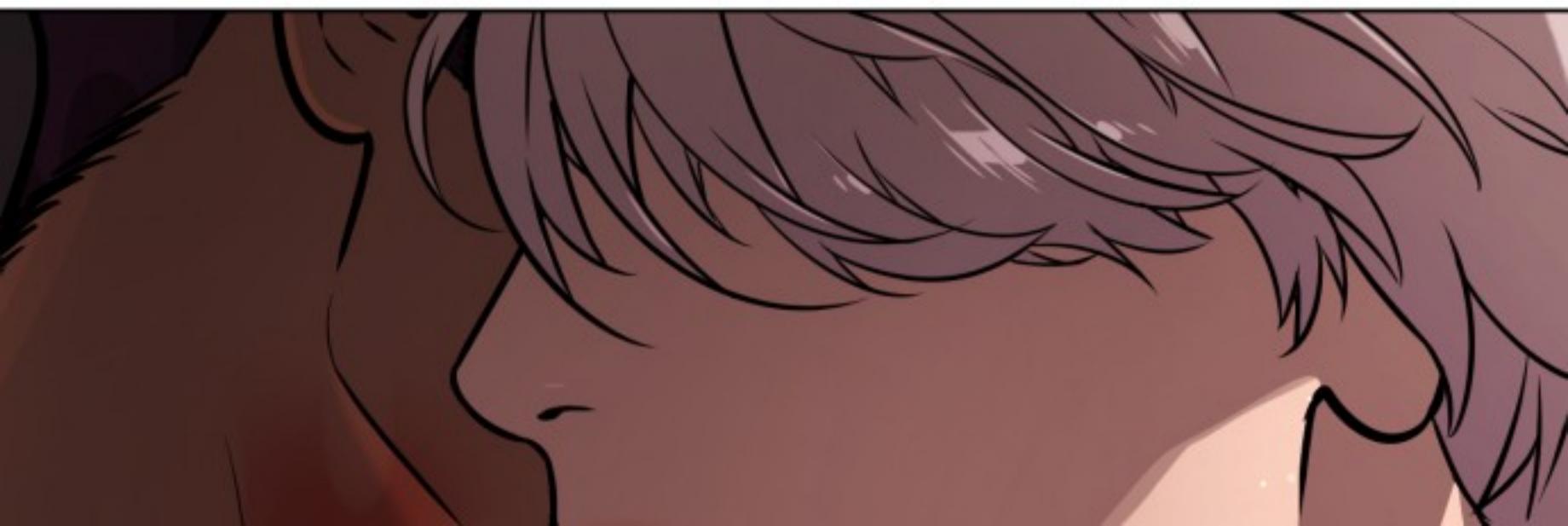
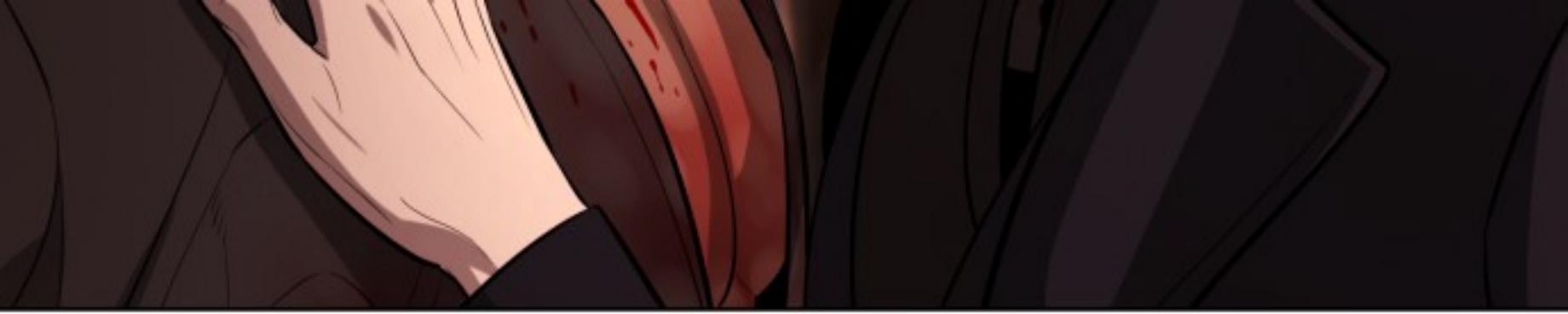
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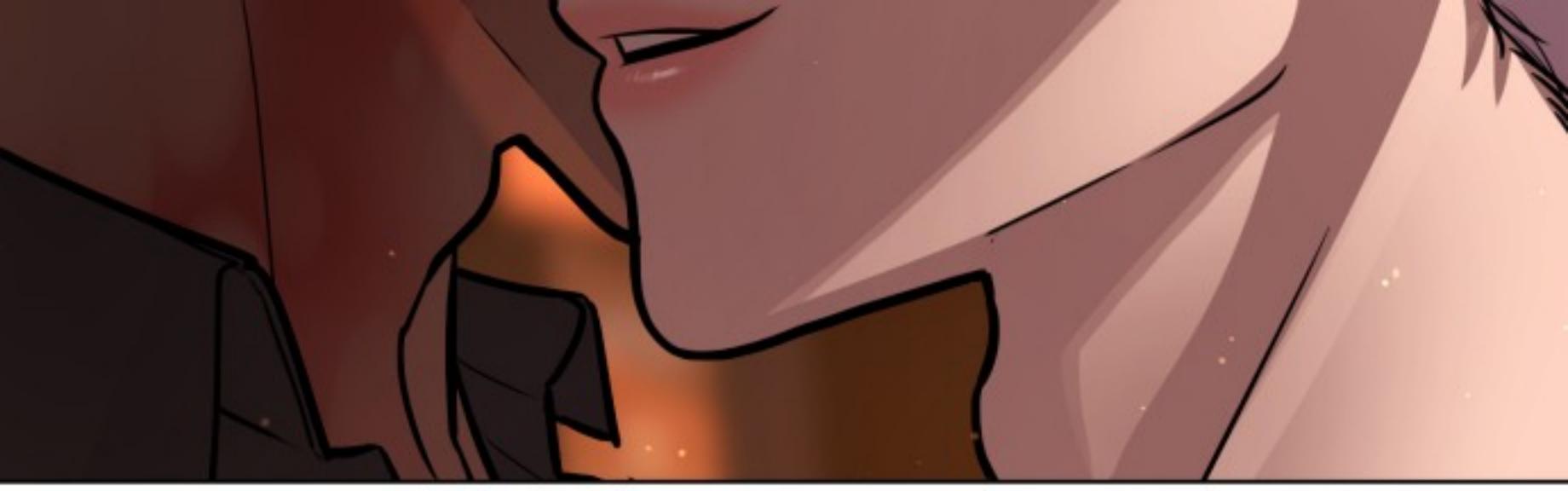


GLANCE



PLACE







Fwoosh!





WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND,
HAYAN?



OH, NOTHING
MUCH.



I WAS
JUST THINKING
ABOUT...



...HOW I WISH
I COULD BARGE IN
AND KILL YOHAN
RIGHT NOW.



I-I SEE.

I'M SORRY.
BUT I HAD TO
STOP YOU FROM
KILLING HIM
TODAY.



IT COULDN'T
BE HELPED.

IF I ATTACK
HIM NOW, HE'LL KILL
THOSE PEOPLE WHO
ARE HIDING.

THANK YOU.



FOR WHAT?

MOST PEOPLE
WOULD HAVE TRIED
TO KILL YOHAN IF
THEY WERE IN YOUR
POSITION.

CHIRP

CHIRP

THEY WOULDN'T
CARE WHETHER SOME
STRANGERS DIED AS A
RESULT OF THEIR
ACTIONS,

Z WHEN THEIR

WHEN THEIR
SWORN ENEMY IS
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF THEM.

I WANTED
TO THANK
YOU...





...BECAUSE YOU'RE
NOT LIKE MOST
PEOPLE.



DETECTIVE...

YOU'VE PROBABLY
GOT A LOT OF STUFF ON
YOUR MIND, TOO.



BUT WHY ARE YOU
PRETENDING LIKE EVERYTHING

PRETENDING LIKE EVERYTHING
IS ALRIGHT?



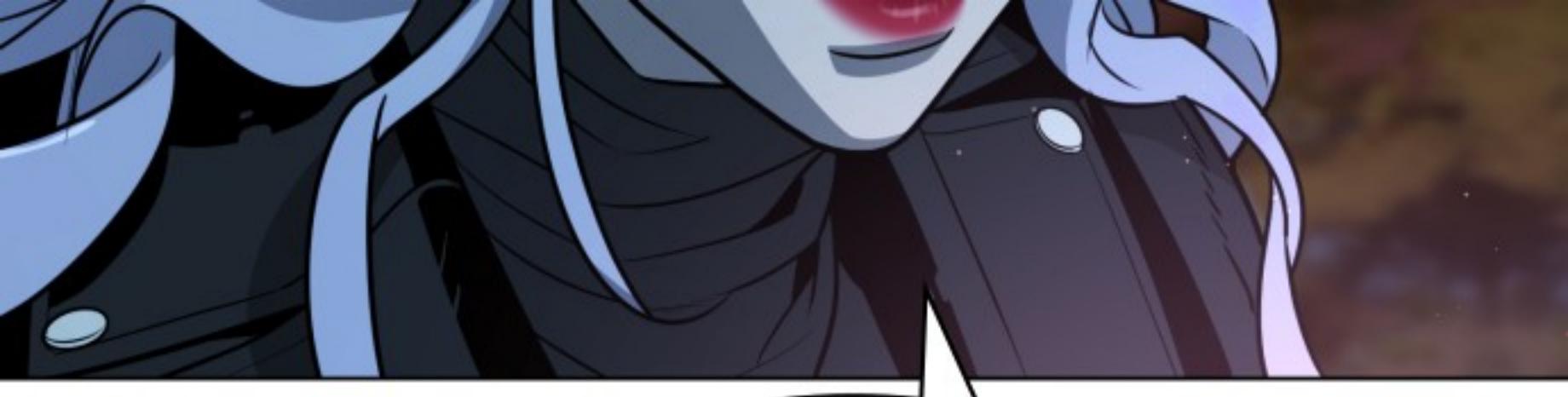
IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU
IF YOU SHOWED HOW MUCH
YOU'RE STRUGGLING.

CHIRP

CHIRP

BY THE WAY,
DETECTIVE, THERE'S
SOMETHING THAT
DOESN'T QUITE
ADD UP.





WHAT IS YOHAN
THINKING?

IF HE KILLS
THOSE PEOPLE

THOSE PEOPLE...

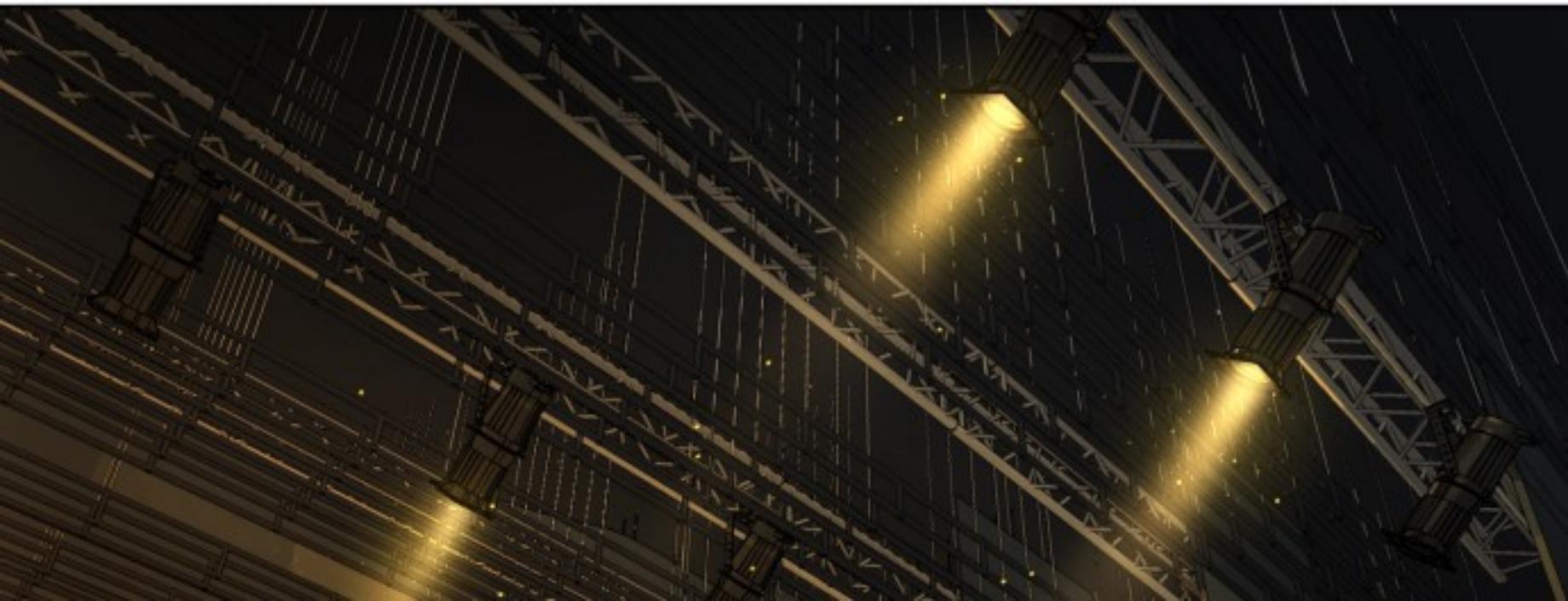


...HE'LL MAKE
HIMSELF INTO A
TARGET.



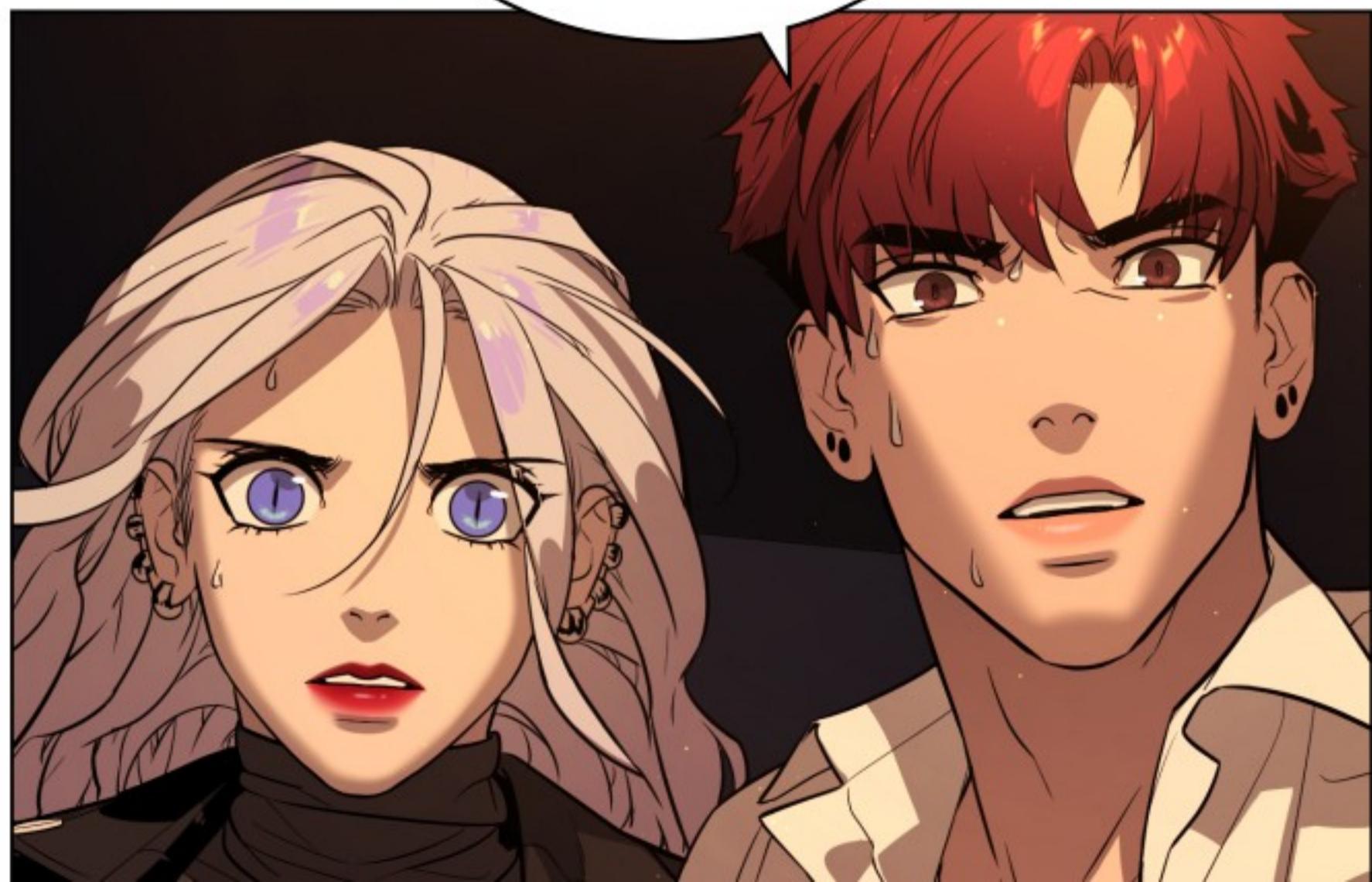


THAT'S TRUE...





ARE YOU FOR
REAL, VAELE?





ARE YOU
SERIOUS?



YEAH.

HEAP





**YOU WANT US
TO EAT ALL THIS
CONGEALED OX
BLOOD?!**

THIS IS SO
OUT OF THE
BLUE.

DID YOHAN PUT
YOU UP TO THIS?
WHY ARE YOU BEING
SO NICE TO US ALL
OF A SUDDEN?

TUSS



THERE'S NO
NEED TO WORRY. I
JUST HAD A TON OF OX
BLOOD LYING AROUND AND
I NEED TO GET RID OF IT.
HURRY UP AND EAT UP,
THEN GET OUTTA
HERE.

AND THIS IS
FOR YOU, DIRTBAG.
PUT IT ON. I DON'T
WANT TO SEE YOU
WALKING AROUND WITH
JUST A SHIRT ON.



IS THIS YOUR
JACKET?! THERE'S NO
WAY I'M PUTTING
IT ON!



YOU'RE GOING
TO DRAW ATTENTION
TO YOURSELF IF YOU GO
AROUND DRESSED LIKE THAT.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GIVE ME
BACK ALL THE CLOTHES I
LENT YOU.

AREN'T YOU
GONNA PUT ON
A DISGUISE? WHAT
KIND OF DETECTIVE
ARE YOU?



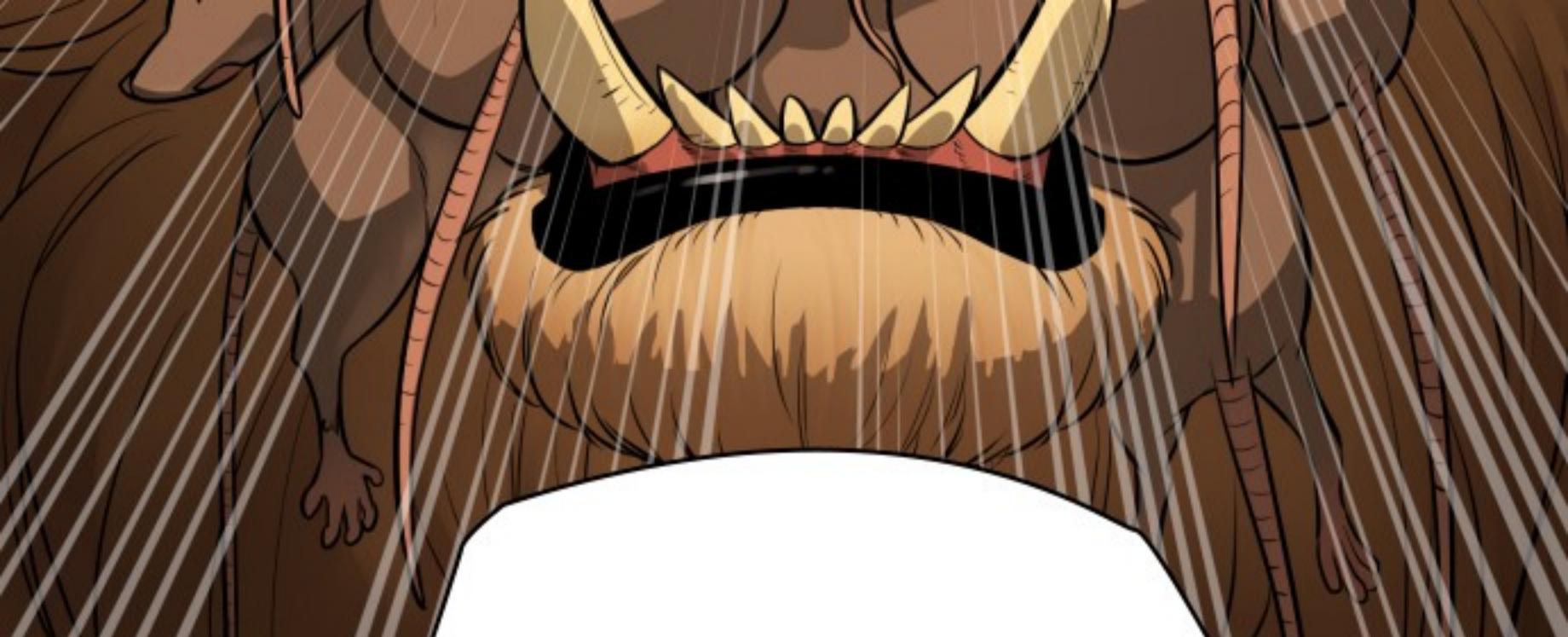
TAP

HUH?
DANIEL?

PURR

PURR





AHHHH!
A-ARE THOSE
RATS?!

DANIEL,
I KNOW YOU MEAN
WELL, BUT THEY
DON'T EAT RATS.

ALTHOUGH

THEY DO DRINK
HUMAN BLOOD.



WE'VE
NEVER HAD
HUMAN BLOOD.

WELL, THAT'S
NOT WHAT I WAS
EXPECTING TO HEAR.
I'VE NEVER SEEN
VAMPIRES LIKE YOU
BEFORE.



ANYWAY,
YOU SHOULD
BE THANKING
ME.

YOHAN WOULD
HAVE TORN YOU
TO PIECES IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
ME.

EVEN YOUR
LION IS SAYING

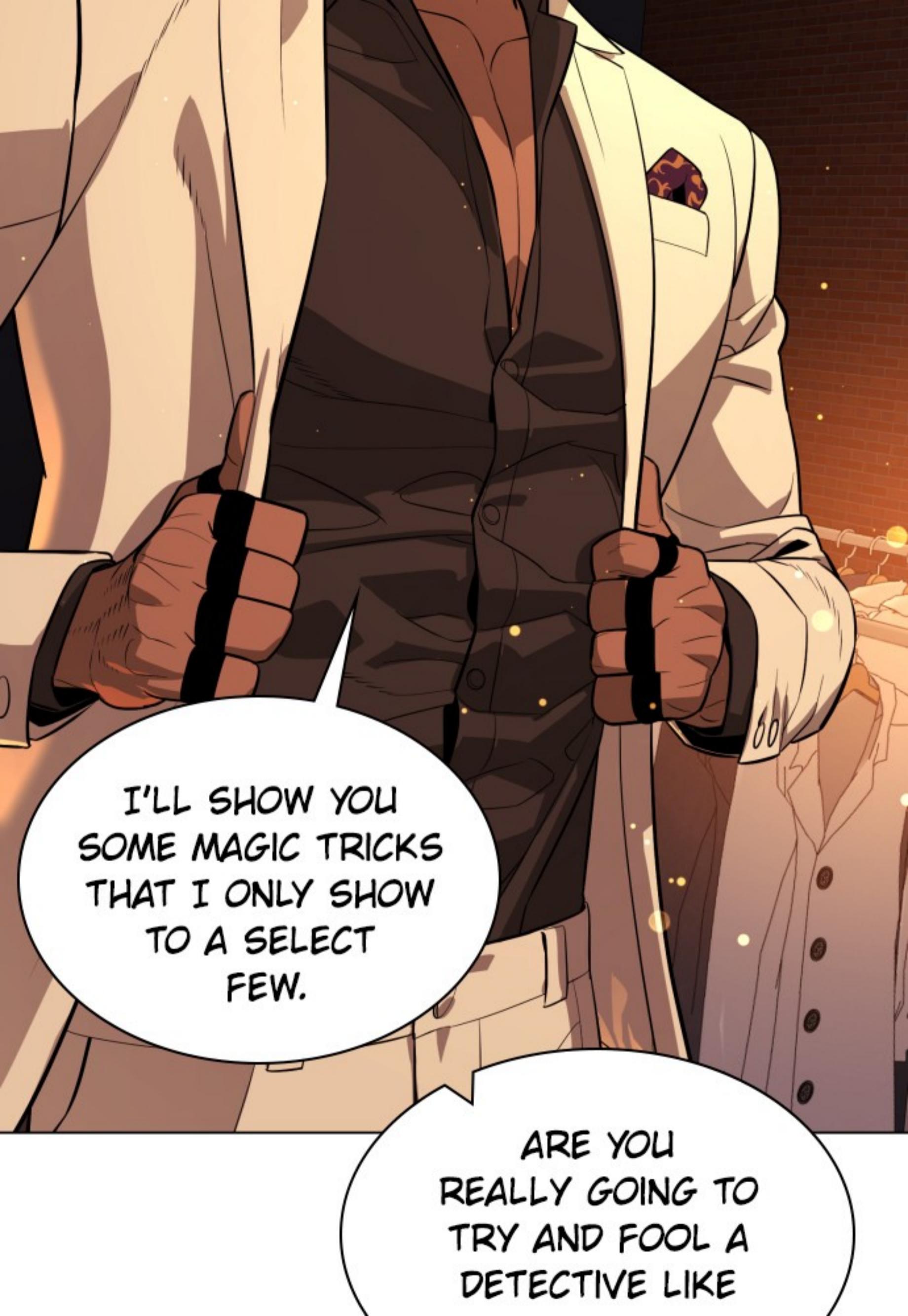
...

HOW THANKFUL
HE IS.

YOU SHOULD
BE GRATEFUL
TO ME FOR THE
REST OF YOUR
LIFE.

FINE.





I'LL SHOW YOU
SOME MAGIC TRICKS
THAT I ONLY SHOW
TO A SELECT
FEW.

ARE YOU
REALLY GOING TO
TRY AND FOOL A
DETECTIVE LIKE

ME?

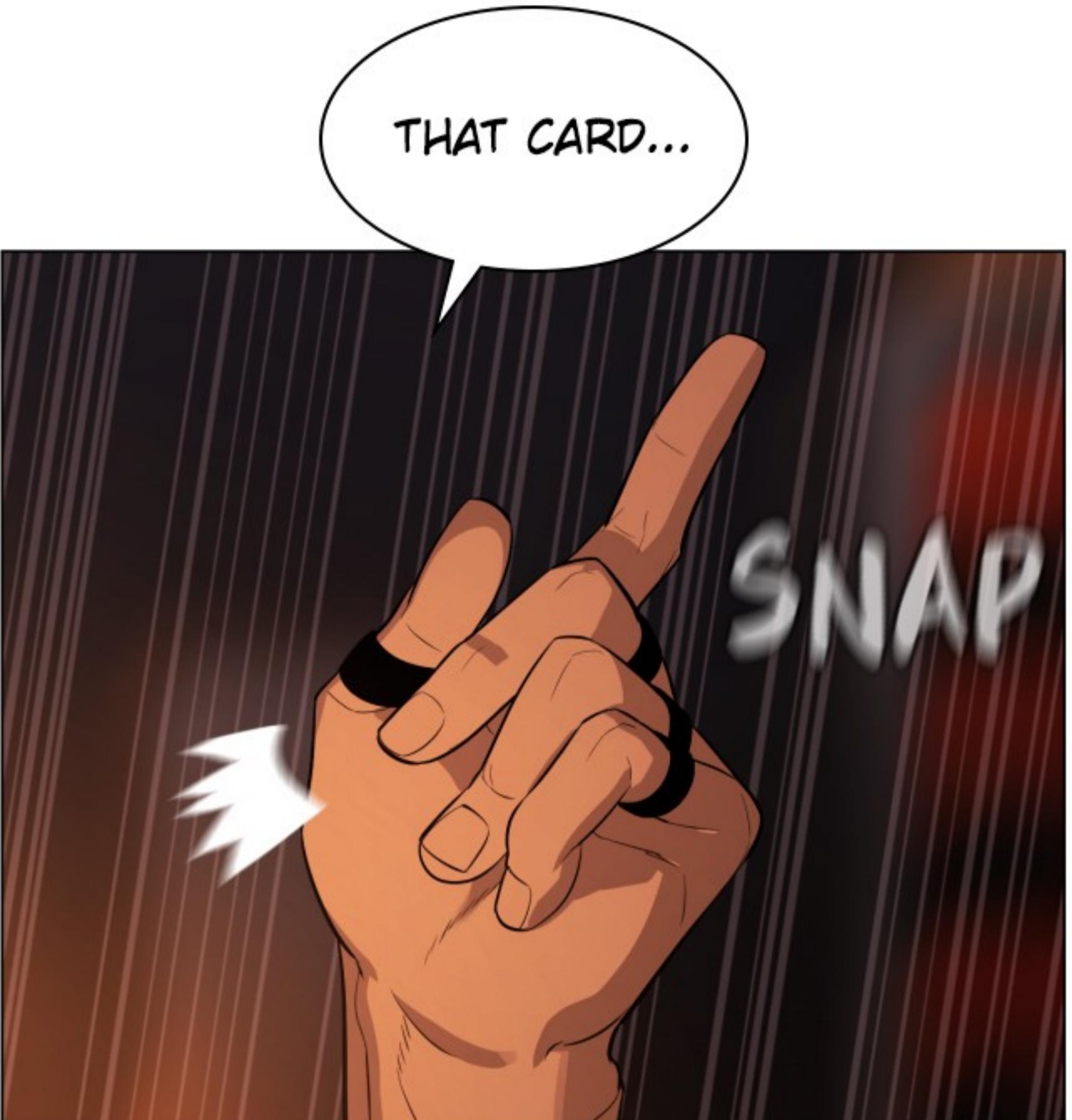
THE CARD
I JUST PICKED WILL
APPEAR SOMEWHERE
YOU WOULD NEVER
HAVE EVER
GUESSED.

I'M GONNA
PUT THIS
IN HAYAN'S
POCKET.



WHERE'S
IT GOING TO
APPEAR?

YOU BETTER
KEEP YOUR HANDS
TO YOURSELF!



THAT CARD...

SNAP



...HAS NOW
MOVED SOMEWHERE
ELSE.



BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP



IT'S NOW
IN...

...DANIEL'S
MOUTH.

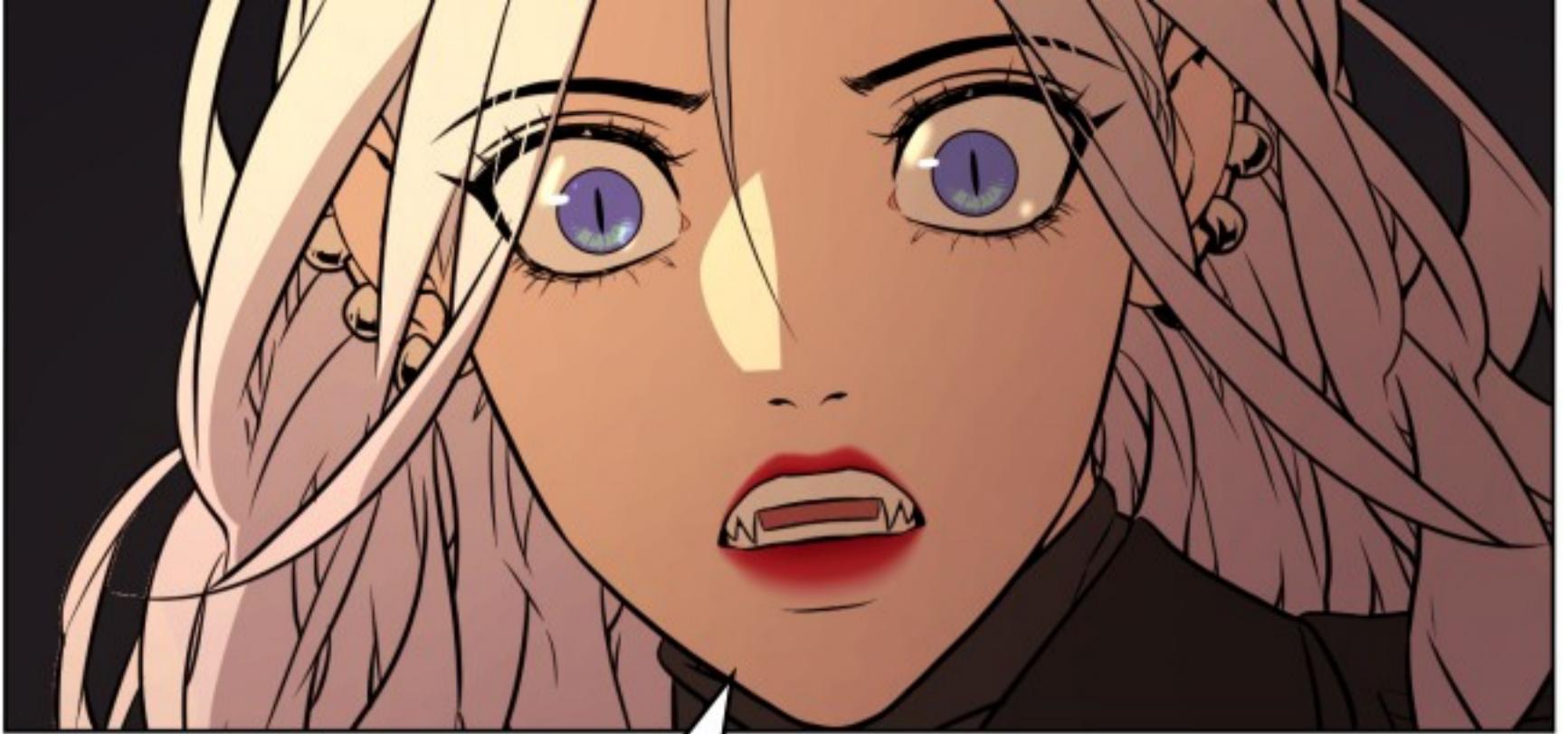




WHAT A CHEAP
TRICK! YOU PROBABLY
PUT THE SAME CARD
IN HIS MOUTH IN
ADVANCE!



DON'T WORRY.
I'M NOT DONE
YET.



HUH?
D-DETECTIVE?!

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H
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OH MY GOD!
WHERE DID ALL
OF THESE COME
FROM?!

ROSES? REALLY?!
ARE YOU TRYING
TO MAKE A MOVE
ON HER OR
SOMETHING?!

AND HOW
COME THERE'S
NOTHING FOR ME?!
I'M THE ONE WHO
HELPED YOU!!

HELPED YOU!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN, THERE'S
NOTHING FOR YOU?
DANIEL GAVE YOU
SOME RATS.

YOU TAKE
THEM IF YOU
THINK THEY'RE
SO SPECIAL!

HAHAHA,
THANKS, DANIEL.





DID YOU
HAVE FUN,
DANIEL?

DID IT REMIND
YOU OF OLD
TIMES?

PURR

PURR





I KNOW
WE CAN'T GET
TOO CLOSE TO
THEM...

...BUT I HAD
FUN TONIGHT,
TOO.



REMEMBER THIS
DAY WELL...

...BECAUSE...

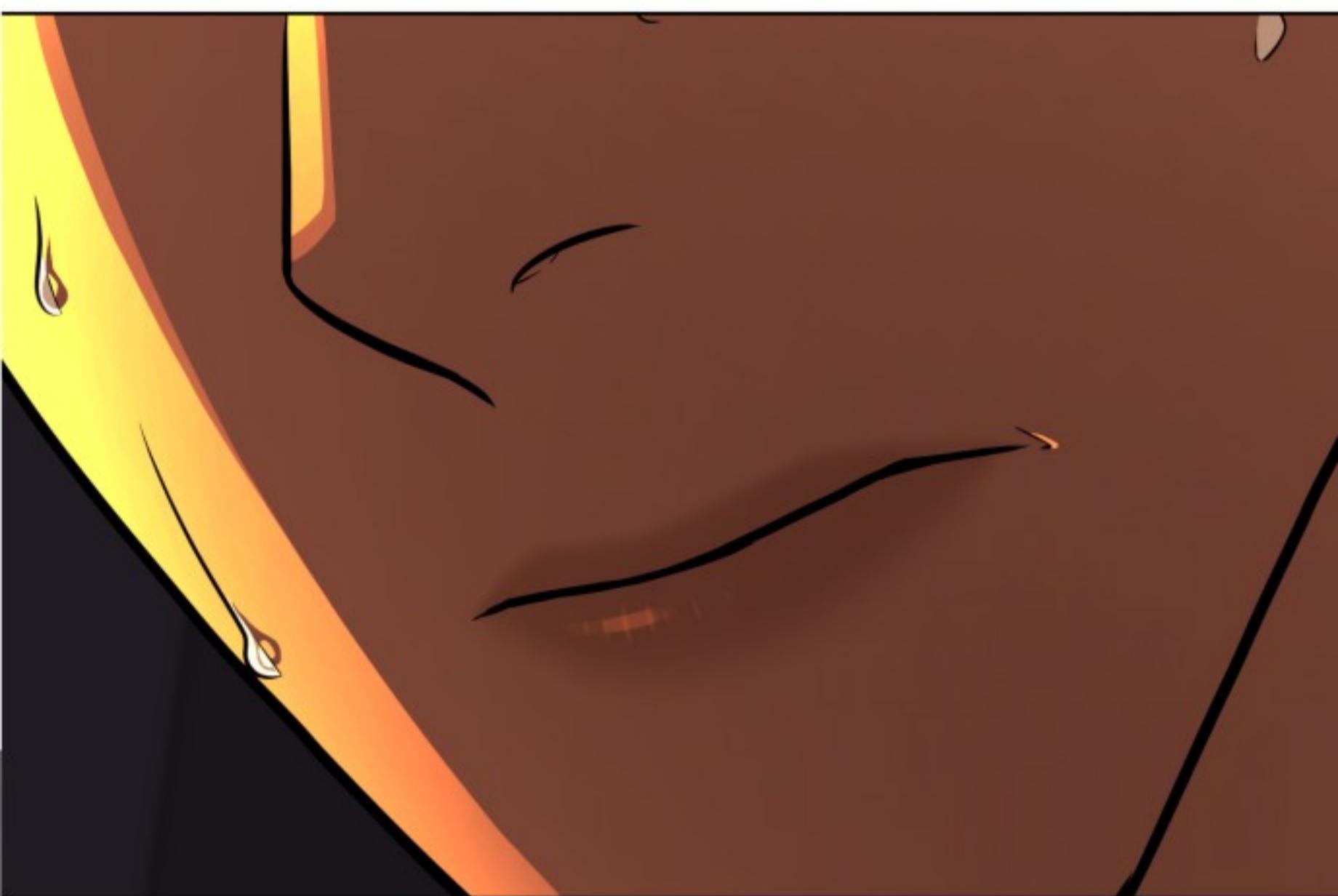




...YOU'LL NEVER
SEE ANOTHER ONE
LIKE IT.

CLENCH







DANIEL,
YOU'LL FOLLOW
ME...



...NO MATTER
WHAT I CHOOSE
TO DO, RIGHT?

DANIEL...







...I'M SORRY.



UNHOLY BLOOD

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