



Episode 32

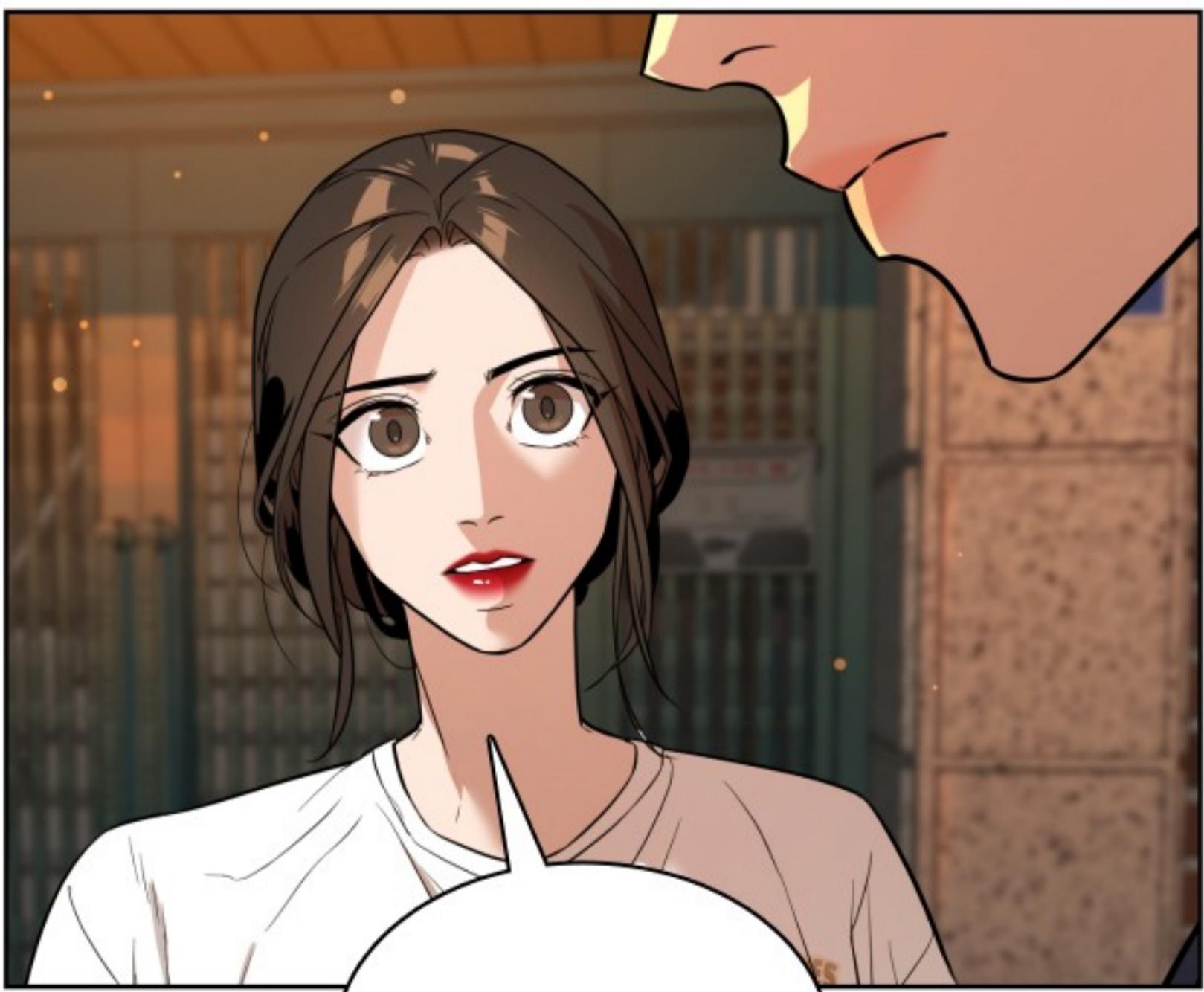




HAEUN...



...IS MY
SISTER.



WHAT?

LONG TIME
NO SEE.



A woman with long dark hair tied back in a bun, wearing an orange sleeveless dress, looks up in surprise or anger at a man in a black suit. The man's face is partially visible on the right side of the frame. A speech bubble originates from the woman.

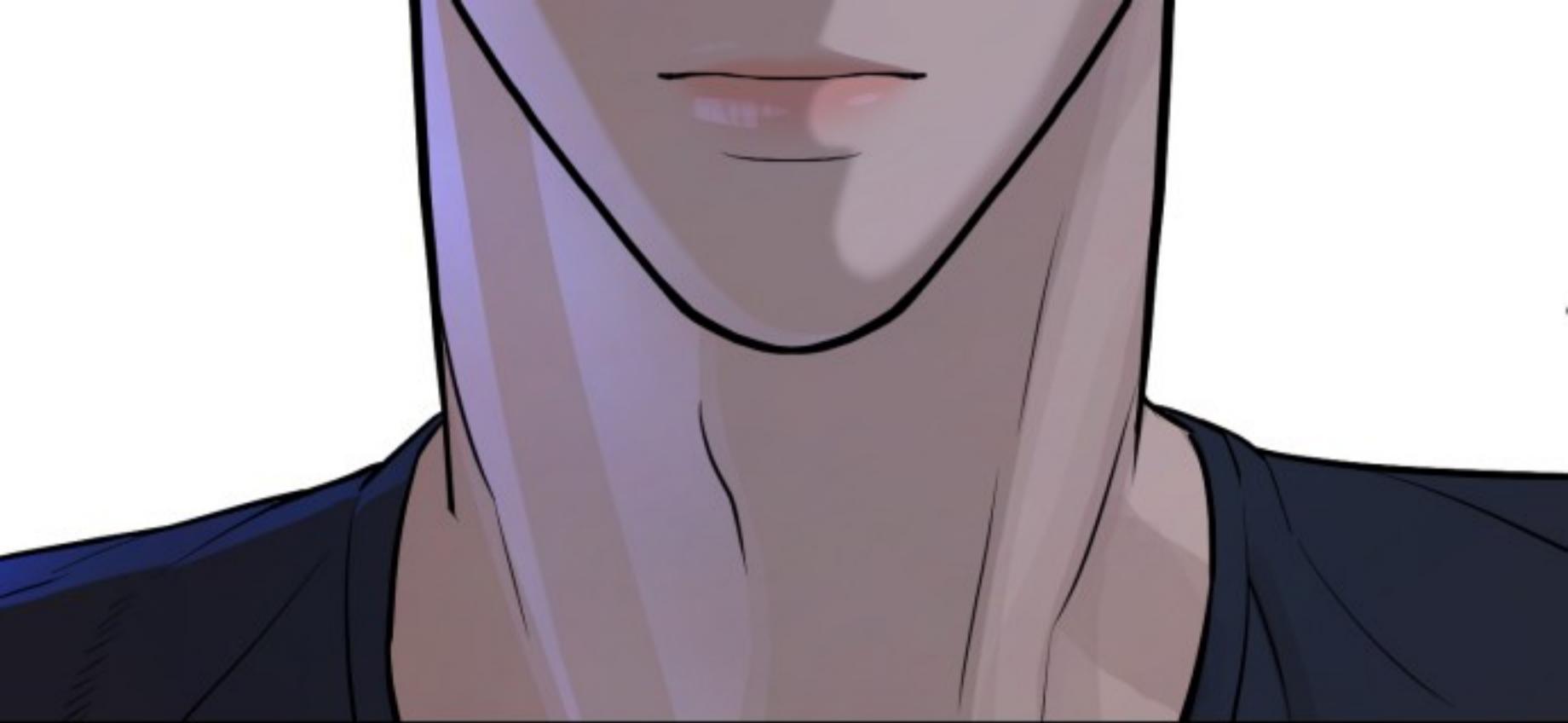
**HOW DARE
YOU SHOW UP
HERE?**





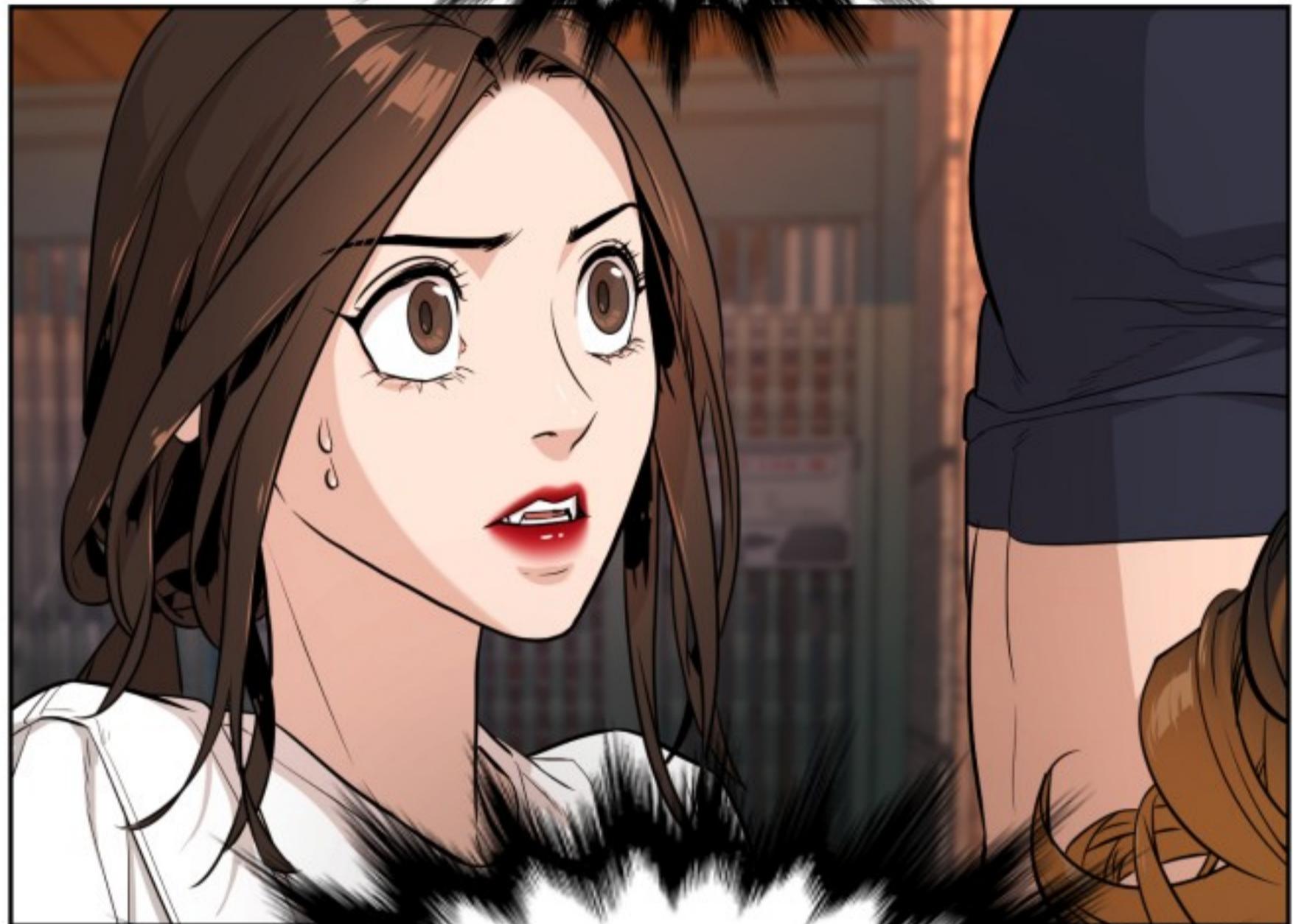
YOU
MURDERER.





WHAT'S
NEW?

GOING ON?



THE TWO OF
THEM ARE SIBLINGS?
AND WHY DID SHE CALL
HIM A MURDERER?!

WAIT,
YOU TWO KNOW
EACH OTHER?





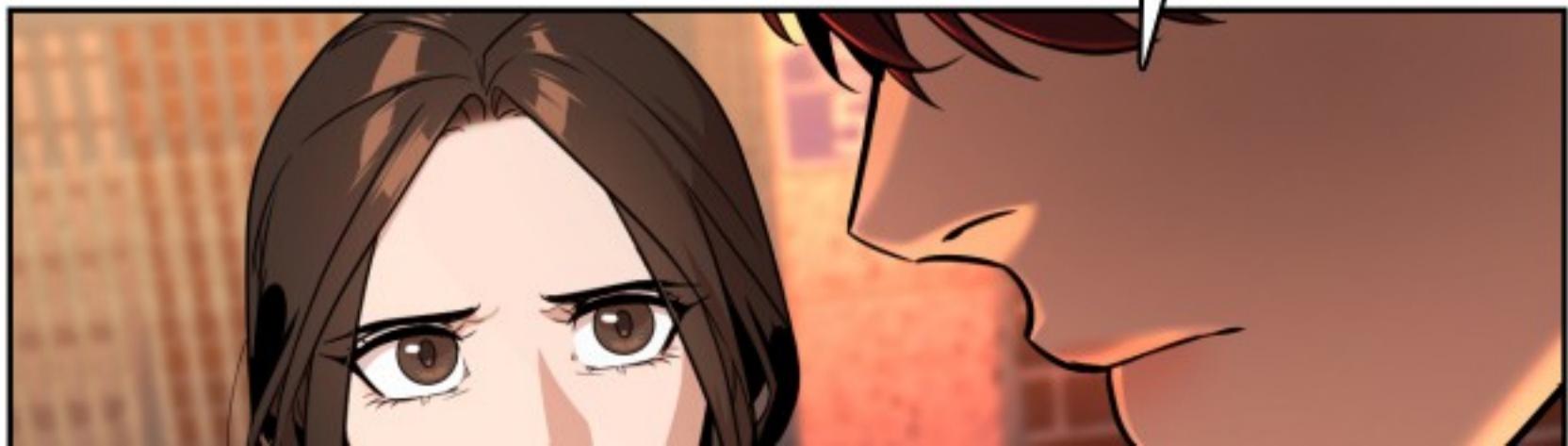
I SEE.
SO HE KEPT
YOU IN THE DARK
ABOUT ME.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU KNOW EACH
OTHER, BUT THE SOONER
YOU DITCH HIM, THE BETTER
THINGS WILL BE FOR YOU.



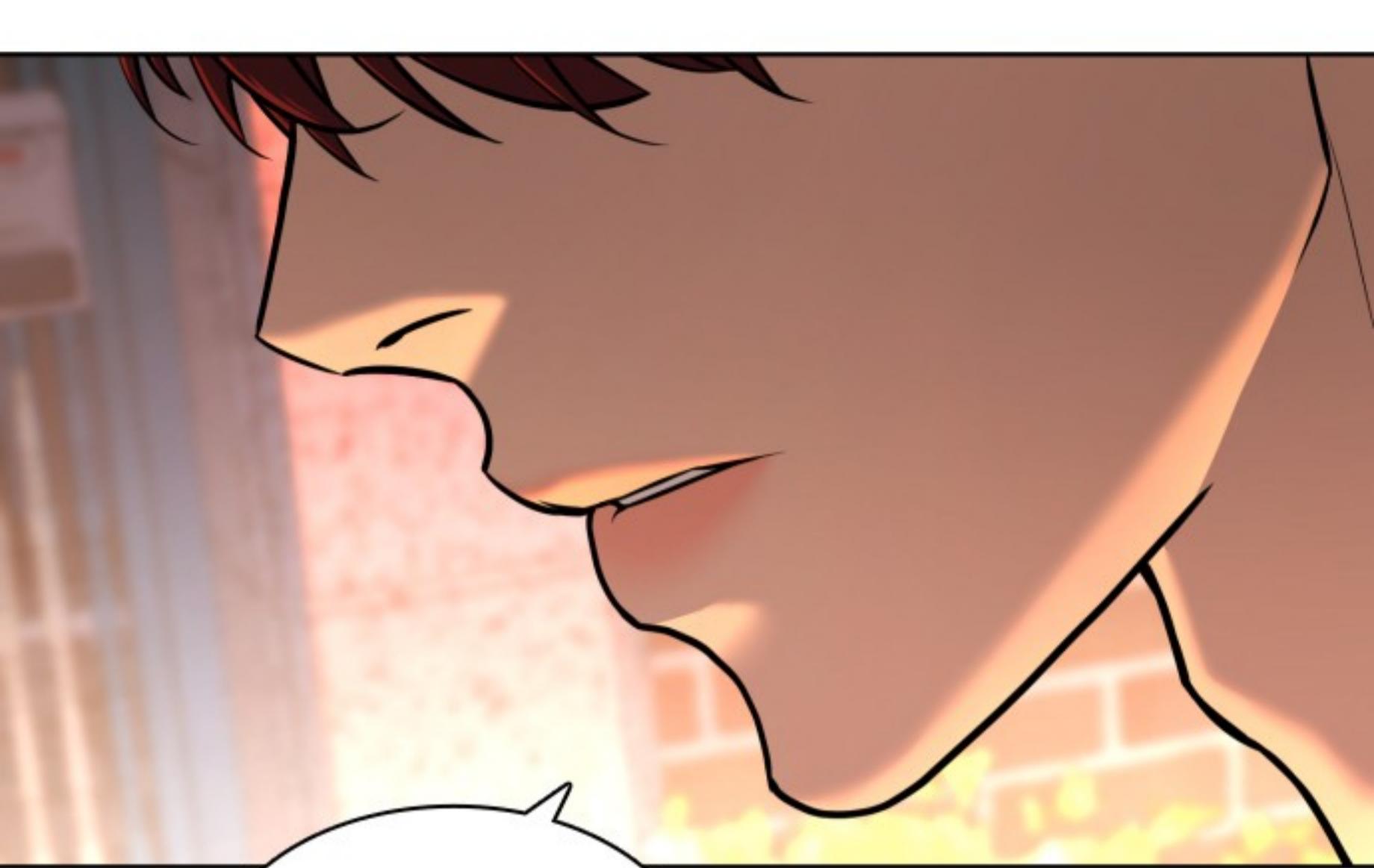
HE'S GOING
TO ABANDON YOU
ONE DAY. YOU CAN
COUNT ON IT.

...





CAN YOU
EXPLAIN WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?



YOU SEE--

HAEUN!

WHAT
HAPPENED?!





OH MY GOD,
THE HOUSE!

ARE YOU
OKAY?!

WHO THE HELL
STARTED THE FIRE?!
DID THEY CATCH THE
BASTARD WHO
DID IT?

I DON'T KNOW.
I HAVE TO GO TO
THE POLICE STATION
TODAY TO GIVE MY
STATEMENT.



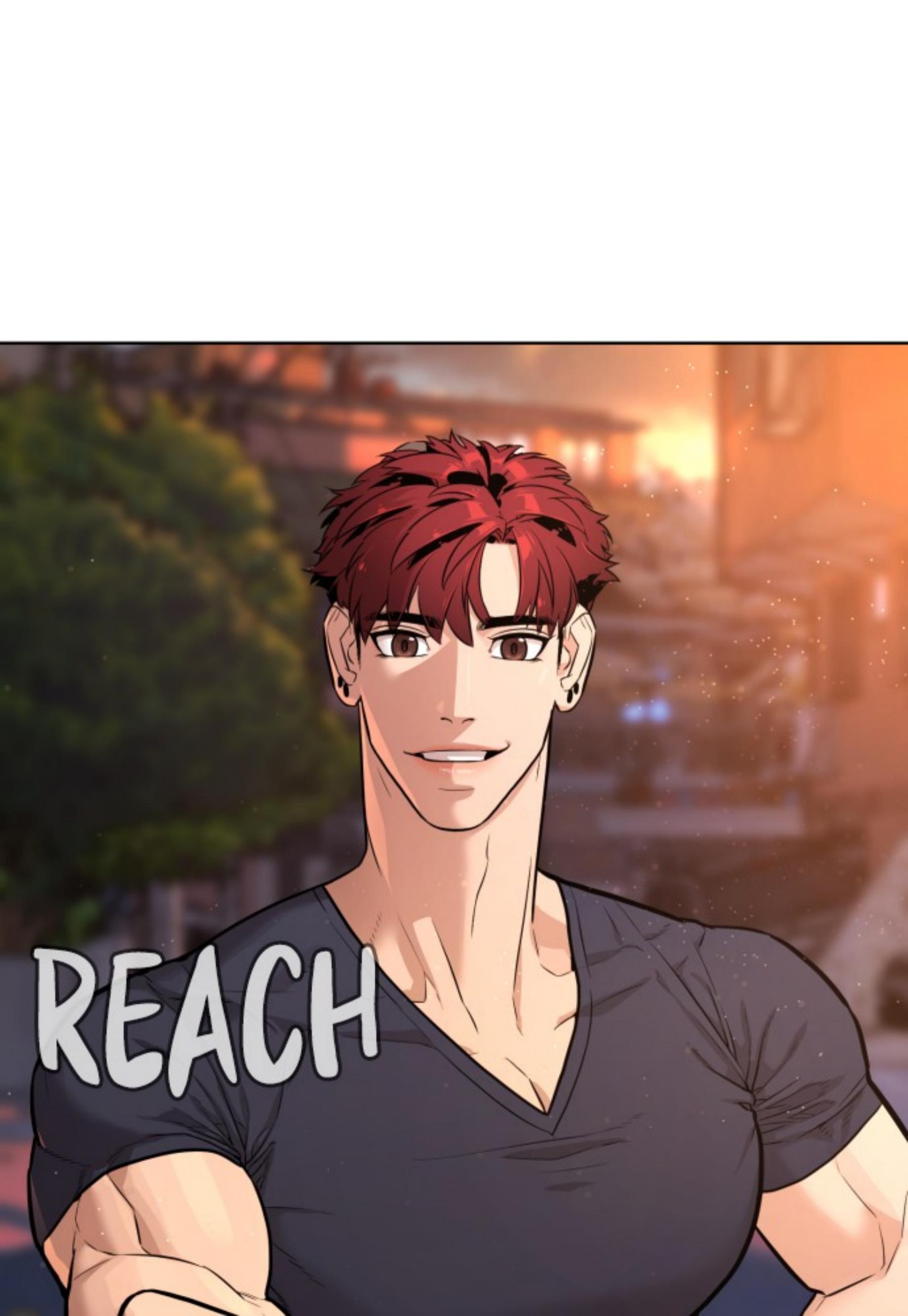
DID YOU
RUN ALL THE
WAY HERE?

YEAH, I DID.
IT WAS TAKING TOO
LONG FOR THE BUS
TO COME.



WHAT WERE
YOU THINKING?
THAT'S A REALLY
LONG DISTANCE.

I TAKE IT YOU
TWO KNOW EACH
OTHER.



REACH



I'M DETECTIVE
EUNTAE HWANG FROM
THE BUCHAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT.



OH,
YOU'RE HERE TO
INVESTIGATE THE
SCENE ALREADY?



WELL,
I GUESS SO.



ARE YOU HER
BOYFRIEND?

DO YOU
GO TO HER
SCHOOL?

GRAB



AH, YEAH I'M
HER BOYFRIEND, BUT
WE GO TO DIFFERENT
SCHOOLS.





OWWW!

WHAT SCHOOL
DO YOU GO TO
THEN?

DO YOU
LIVE IN THIS
AREA?

SQUEEZE

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU TWO
BEEN DATING?

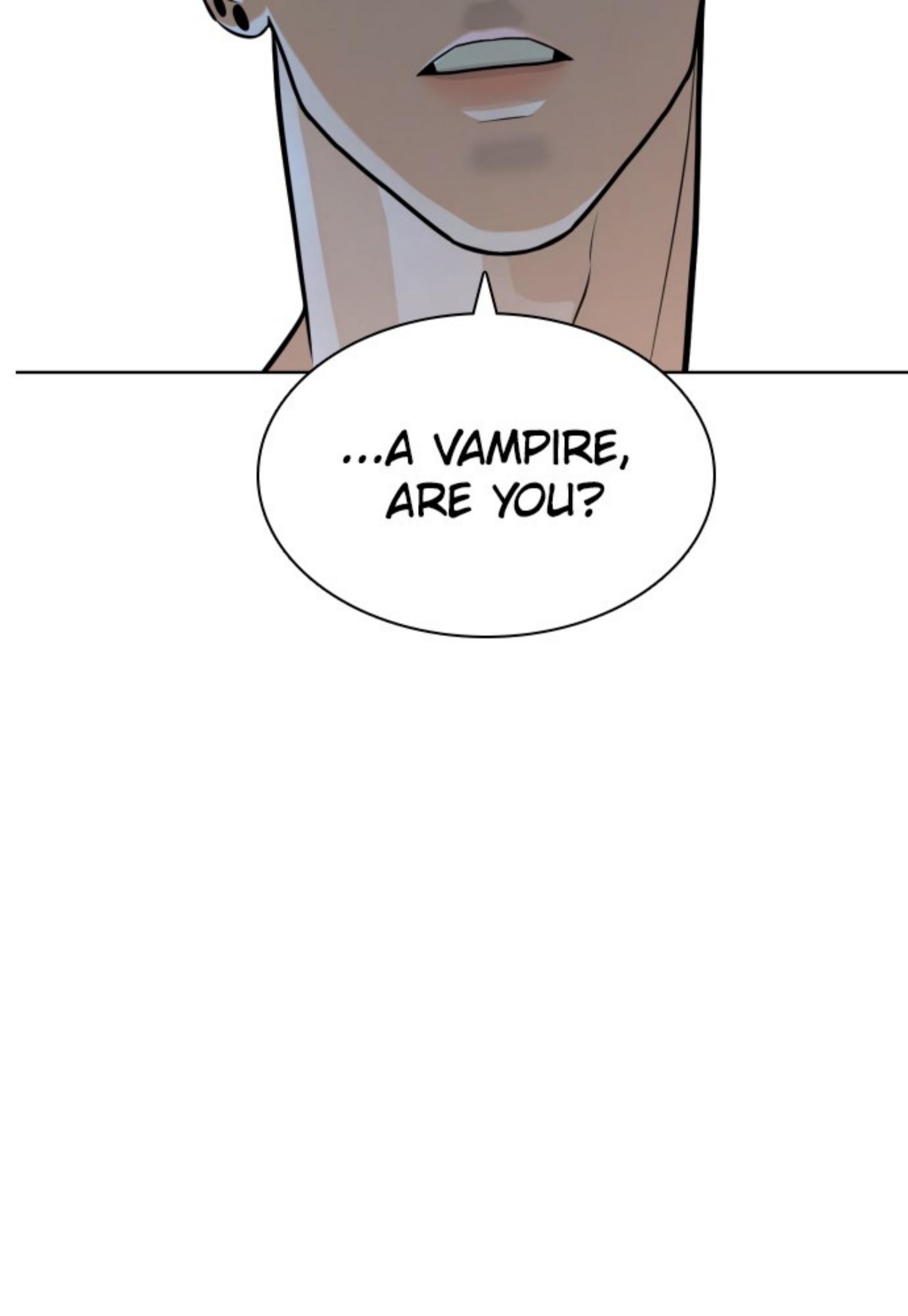
CAN YOU
LET GO OF
MY HAND?

ARE YOU
TWO THE SAME
AGE?

AH, I-I...

YOU'RE NOT...





...A VAMPIRE,
ARE YOU?



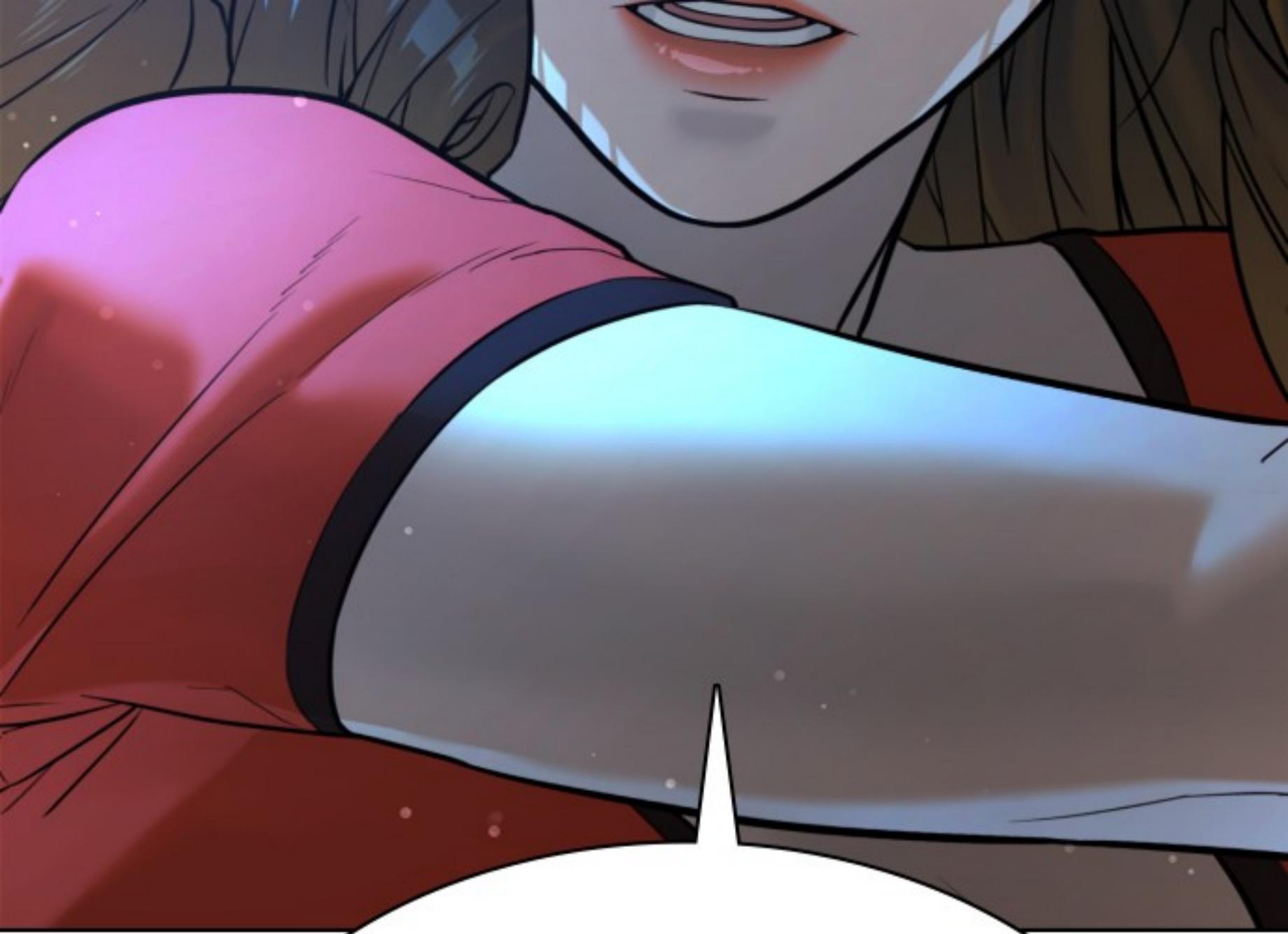






I CAN'T
BELIEVE THIS.





YOU CAN'T JUST
SUDDENLY SHOW UP
IN MY LIFE AGAIN AND
PRETEND LIKE YOU
CARE.



YOU MAKE
ME SICK.

DRIP



A dark, atmospheric scene depicting a heavy rain. In the foreground, a person's legs and feet are visible, wearing dark boots and light-colored pants, as they walk through the water. The background shows a dark, possibly metal or concrete structure with vertical streaks of rain running down it. The overall mood is somber and moody.

DRIP

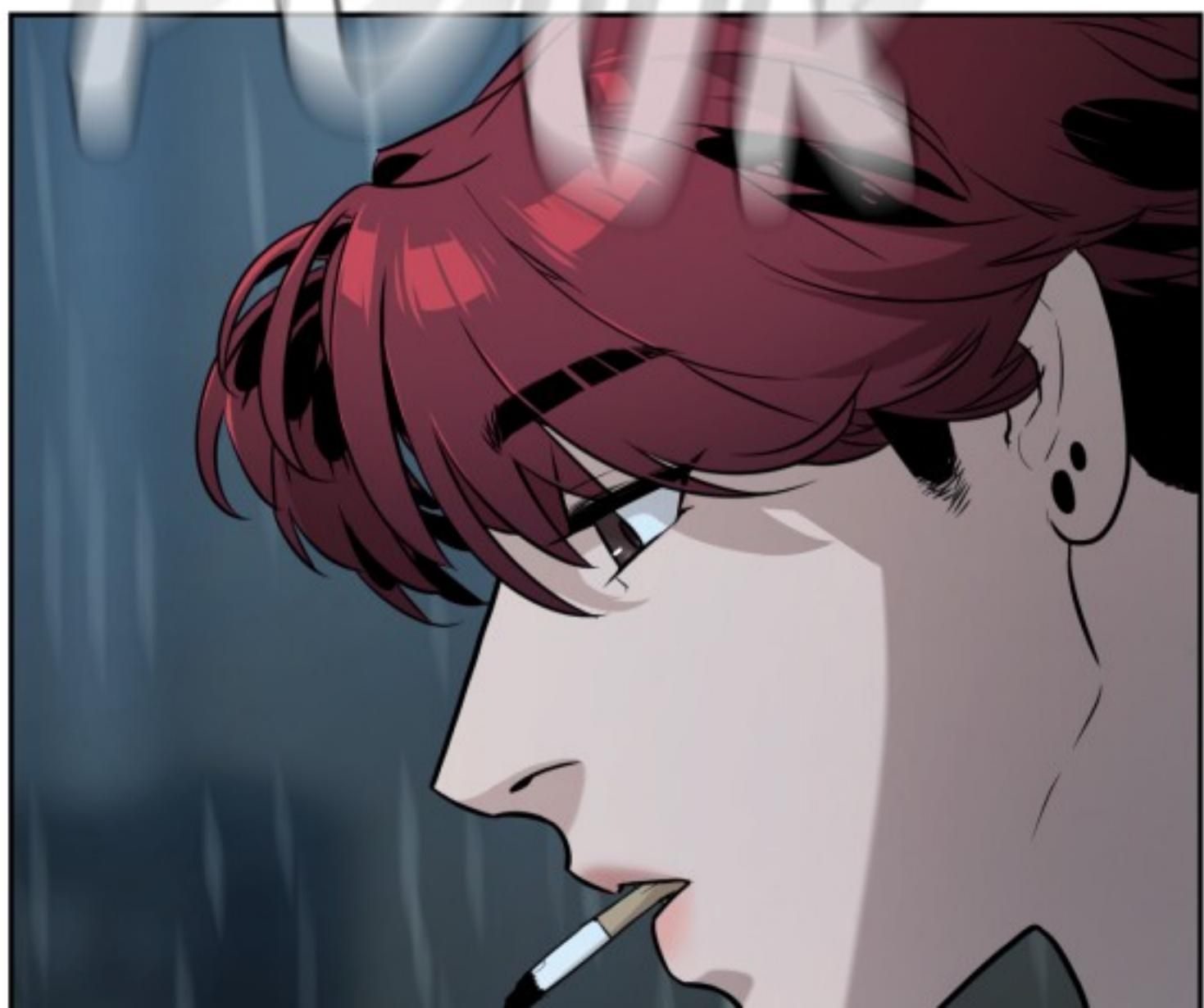




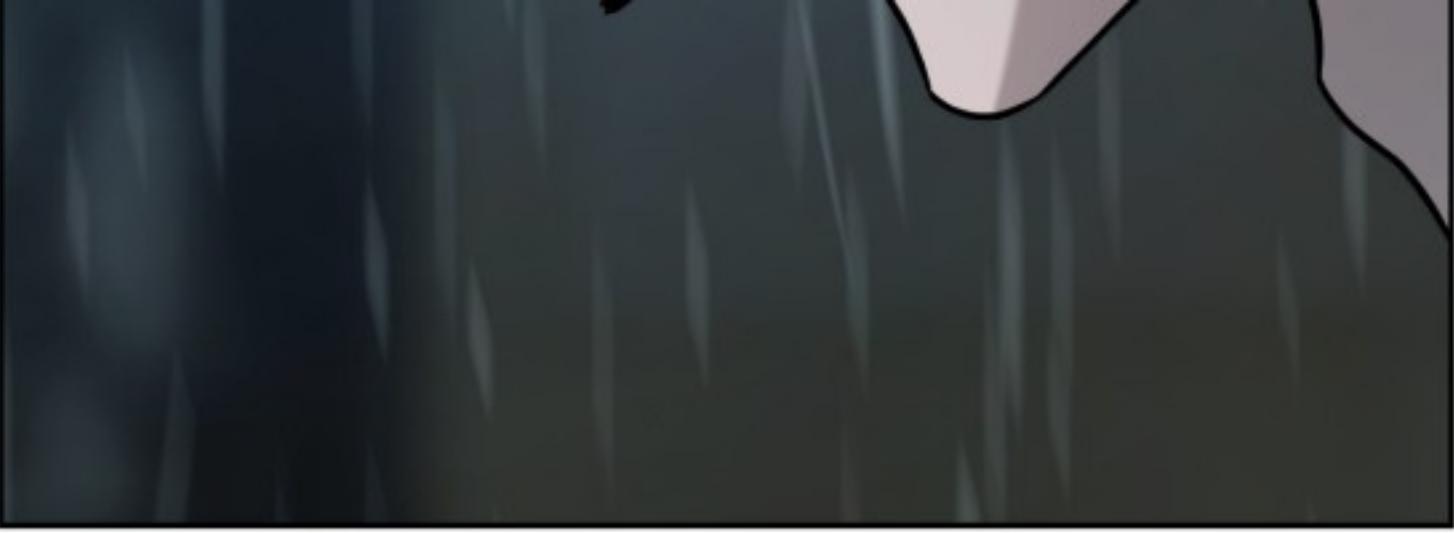


JINGLE





ROAD



DOES THAT
KEYCHAIN MEAN
A LOT TO YOU?

ROAD

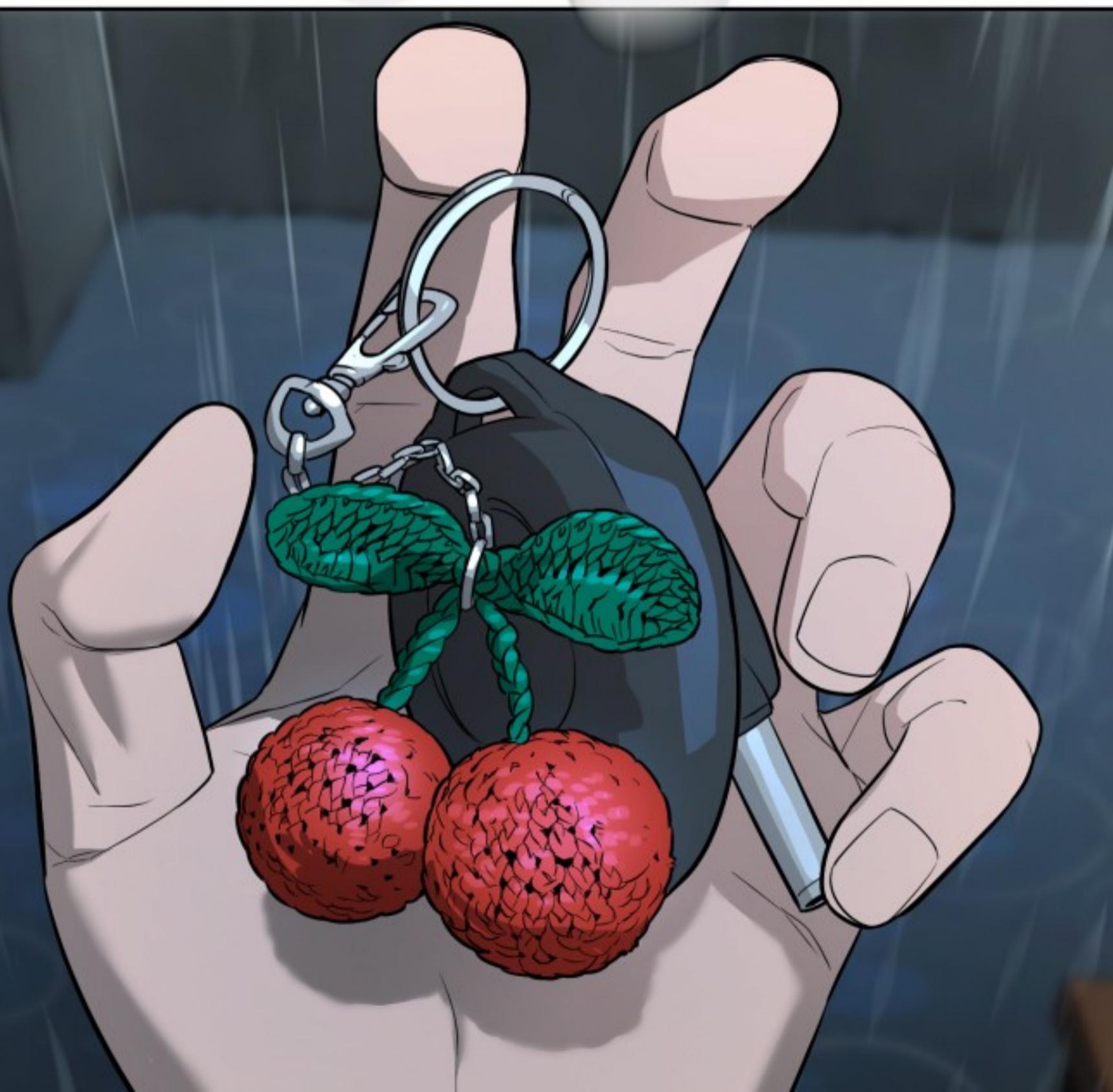


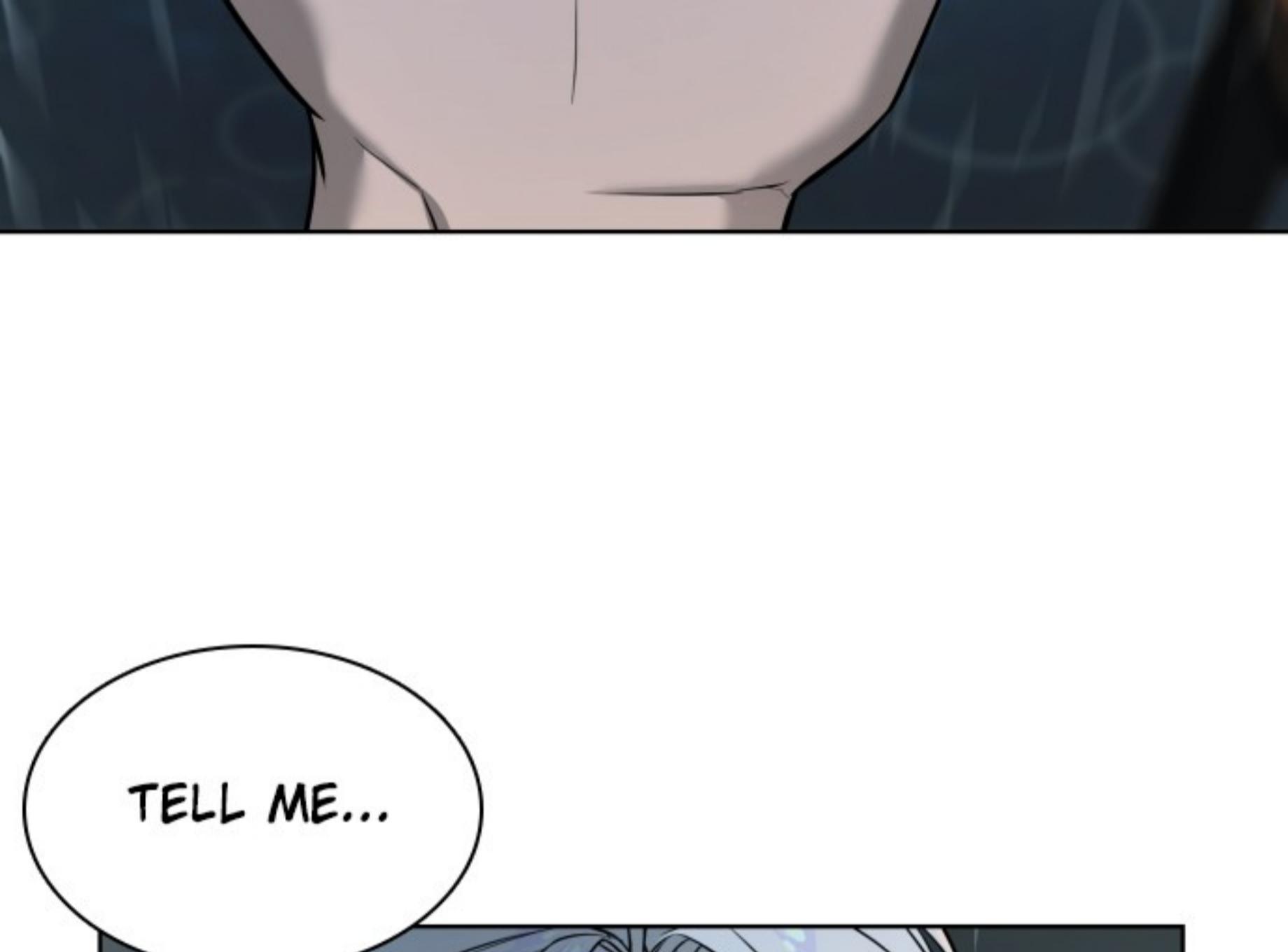




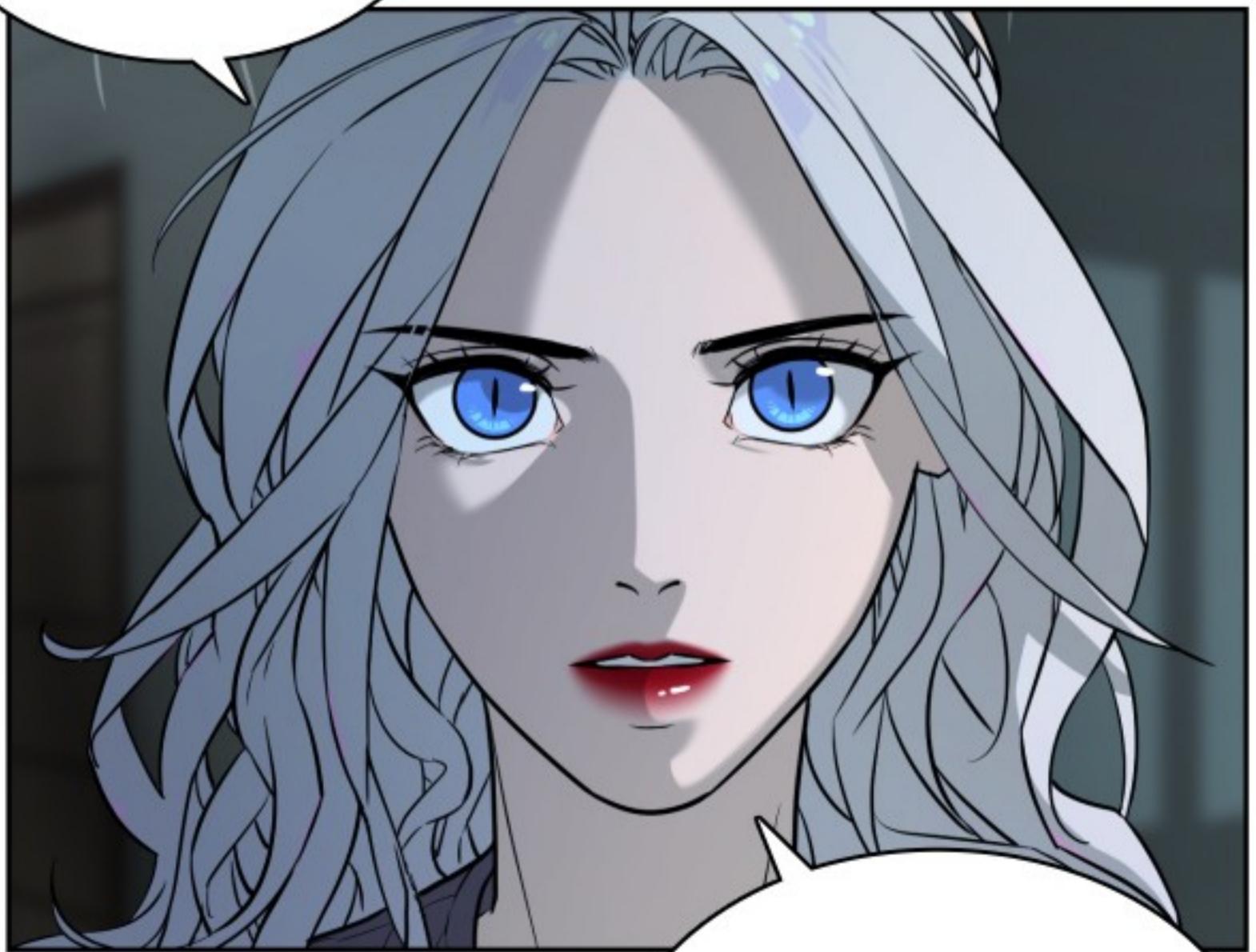
YEAH.

POOR



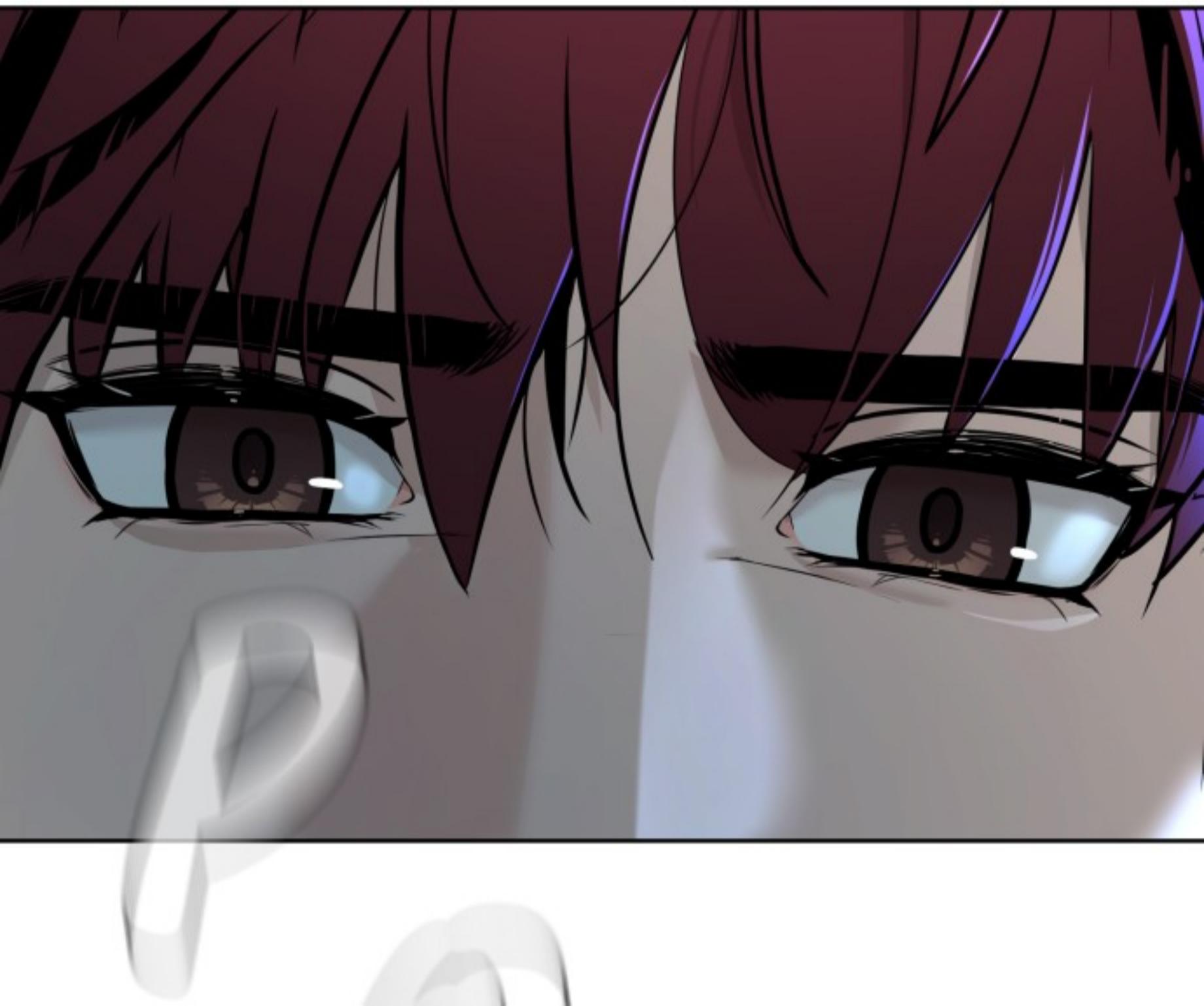


TELL ME...



...WHAT YOUR

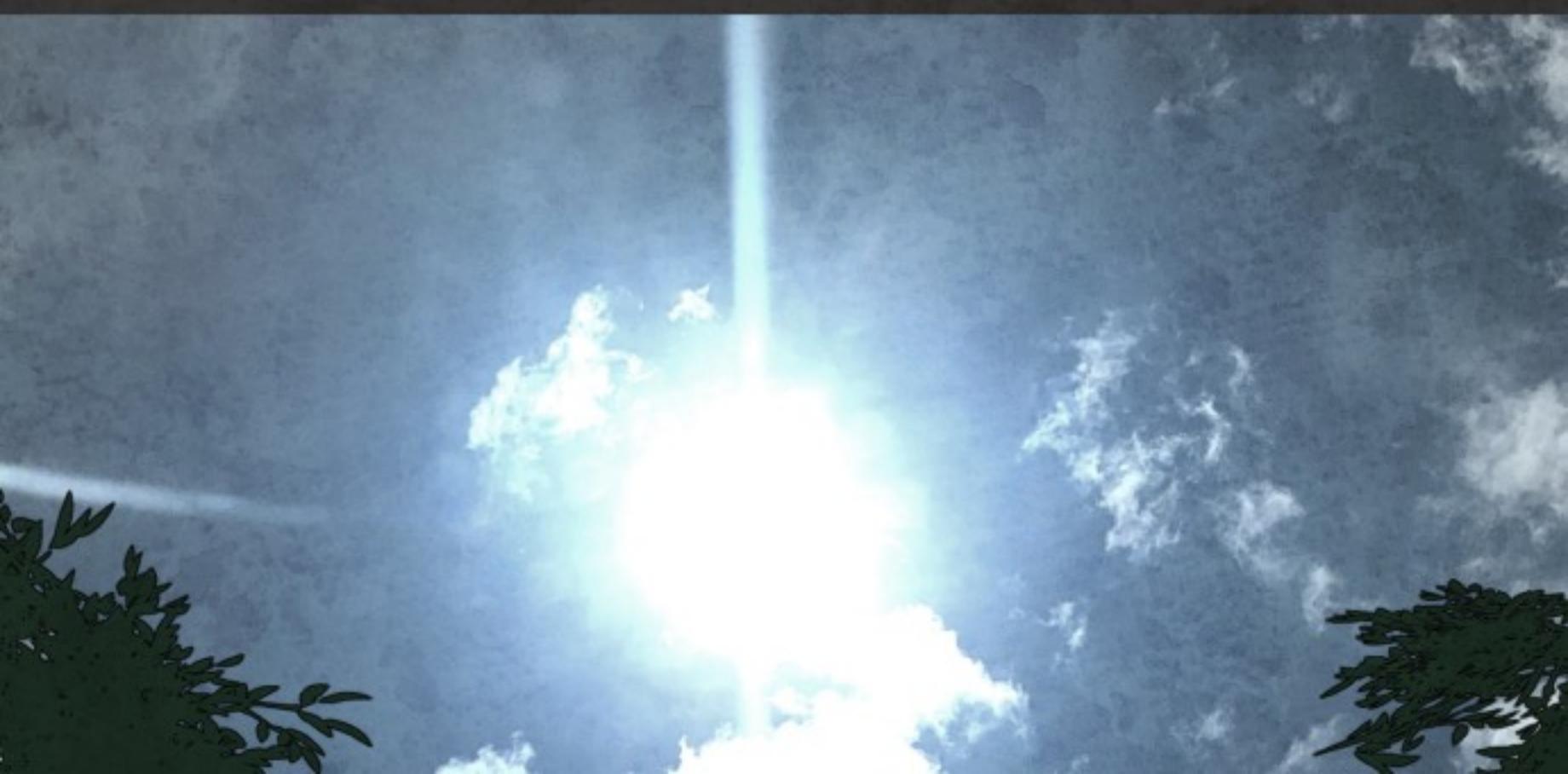
DEAL IS.





POUR

IT HAPPENED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER,
ABOUT FIVE YEARS AFTER THE
VAMPIRES FIRST STARTED
APPEARING.



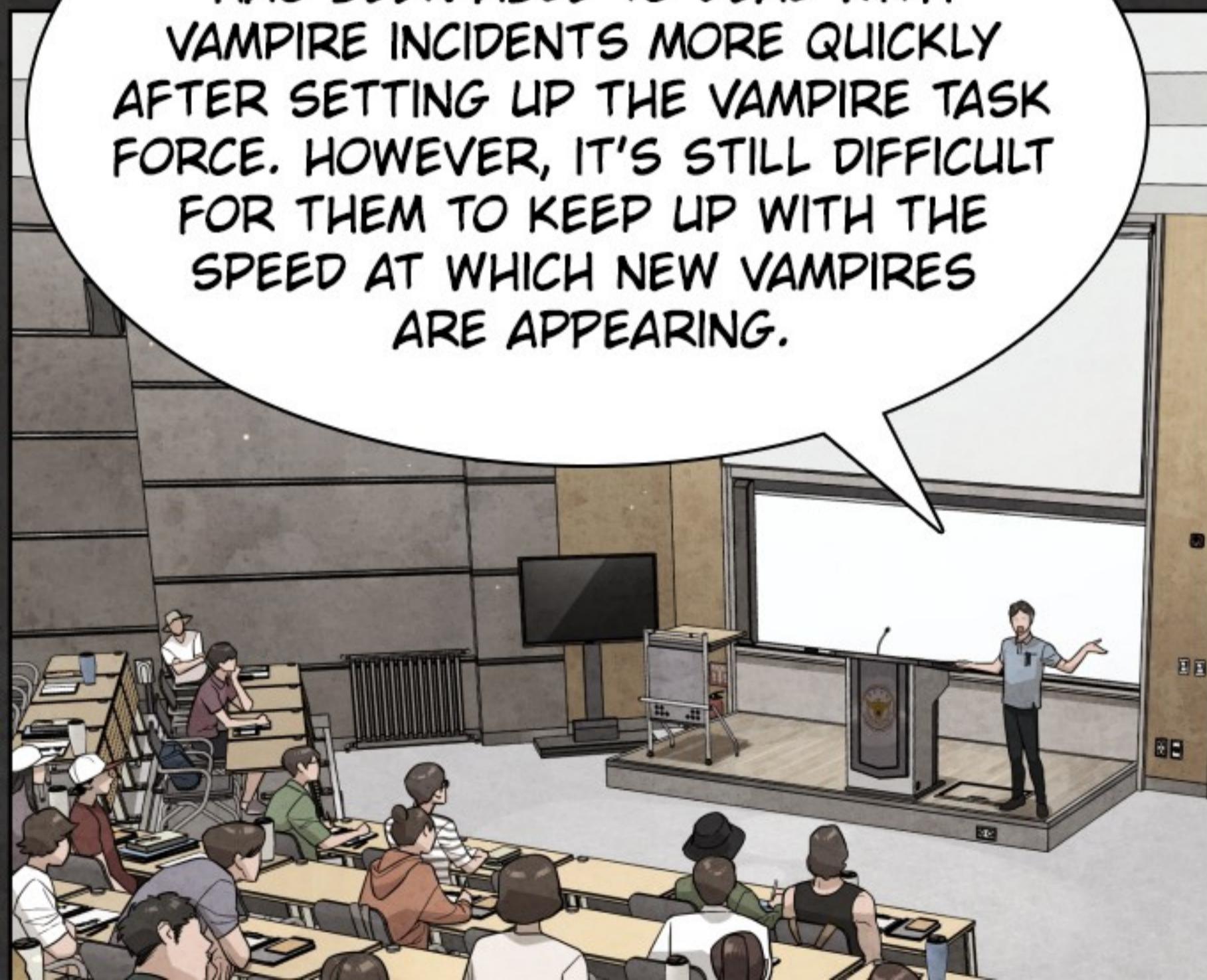


SENSELESS
CRIMES COMMITTED BY
VAMPIRES ARE PRETTY
MUCH NON-EXISTENT
NOW...

BUT WE'VE
RECENTLY SEEN THEM
ACT IN ORGANIZED

GROUPS.

THE POLICE FORCE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH VAMPIRE INCIDENTS MORE QUICKLY AFTER SETTING UP THE VAMPIRE TASK FORCE. HOWEVER, IT'S STILL DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO KEEP UP WITH THE SPEED AT WHICH NEW VAMPIRES ARE APPEARING.





A LOT OF PEOPLE
COMPARE THEM TO THE MAFIA,
AND I AGREE WITH THEM TO A
CERTAIN EXTENT. BUT THEY'RE
MUCH WORSE THAN
THE MAFIA.

MEMBERS OF
THE MAFIA CAN BE

THE MAFIA CAN BE
REHABILITATED
INTO SOCIETY...



...BUT VAMPIRES?
THEY'RE NO LONGER
HUMAN.



YO, EUNTAE.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO
IF I WAS ACTLUALLY
A VAMPIRE?



I DUNNO. I'VE
NEVER THOUGHT
ABOUT IT BEFORE.
WHAT SHOULD
I DO?

THIS SOUNDS
LIKE A PROBLEM TO
CONSIDER OVER A FEW
DRINKS. WANNA GET
WASTED UNTIL THE
SIRENS GO OFF?

I'M SURE
ALL OF YOU KNOW
THAT YOU HAVE TO
BE VIGILANT IN
THESE TIMES.

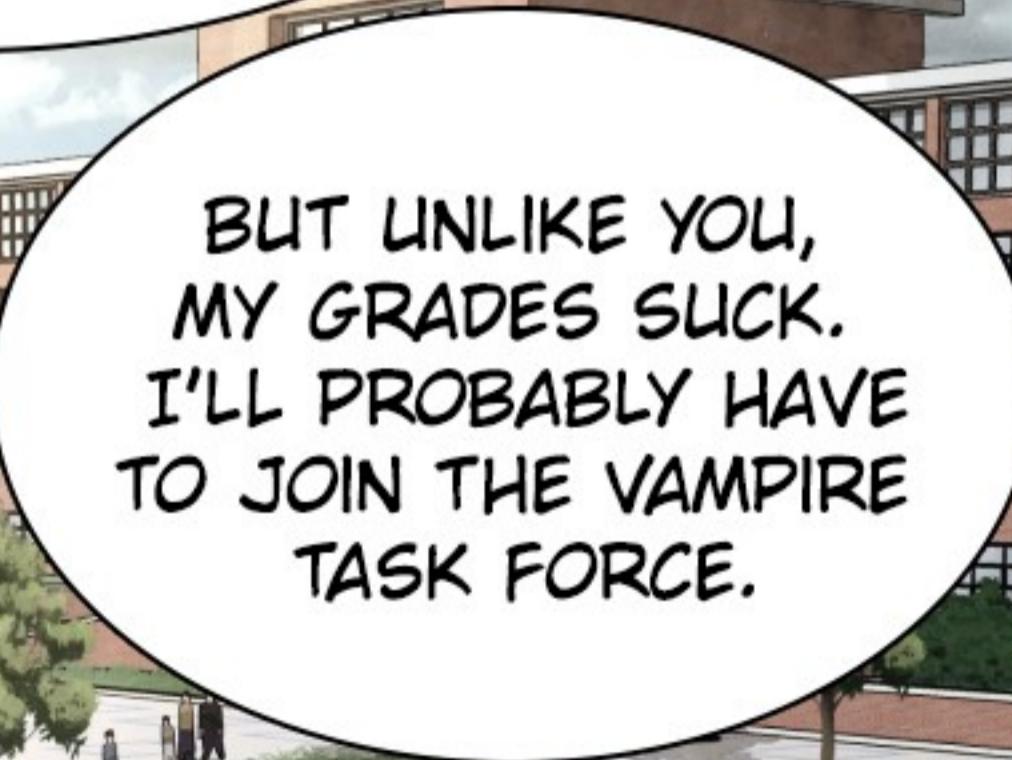
SOUNDS
GOOD

GOOO.

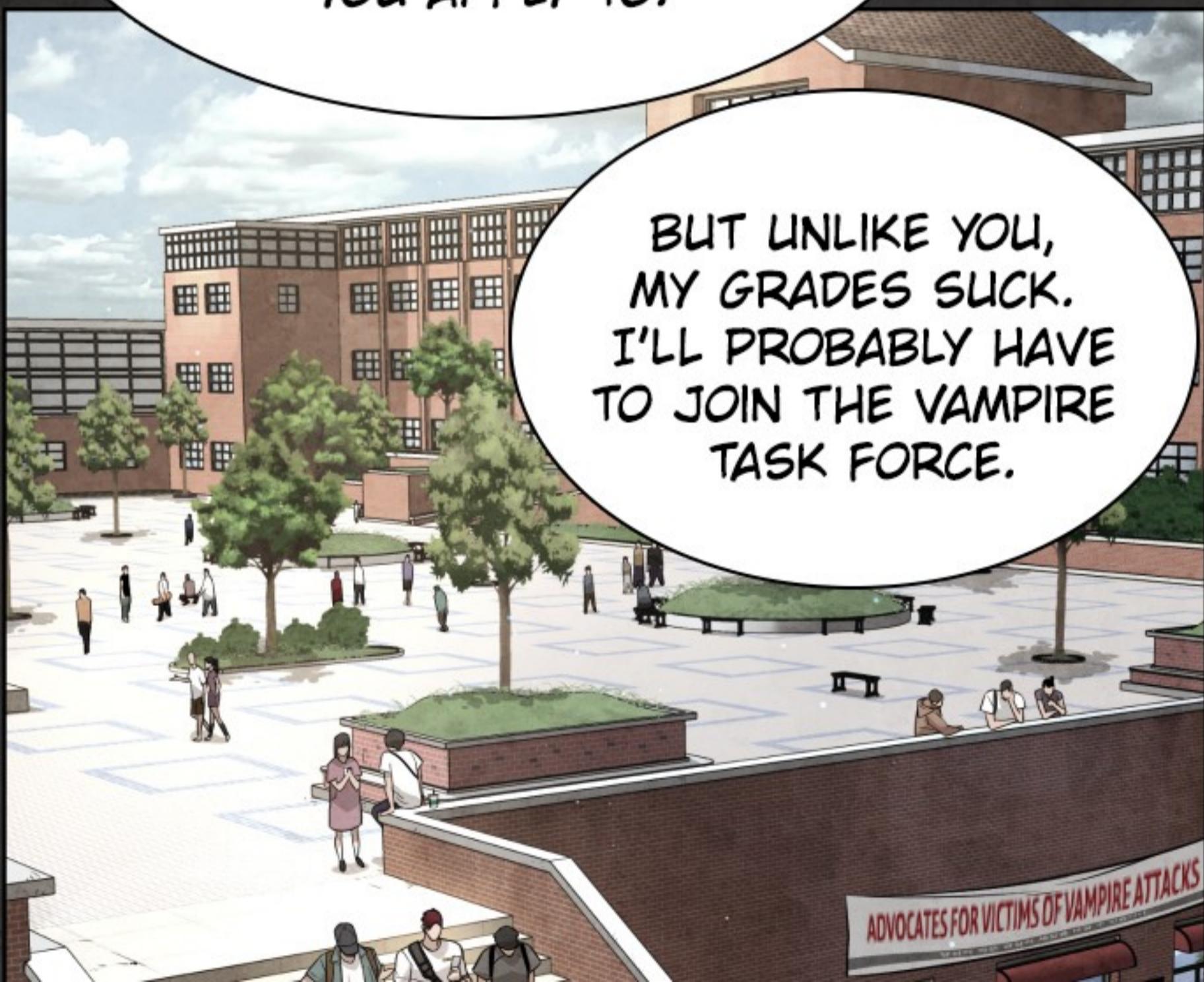
I'M SO
JEALOUS OF YOU,
ELINTAE.

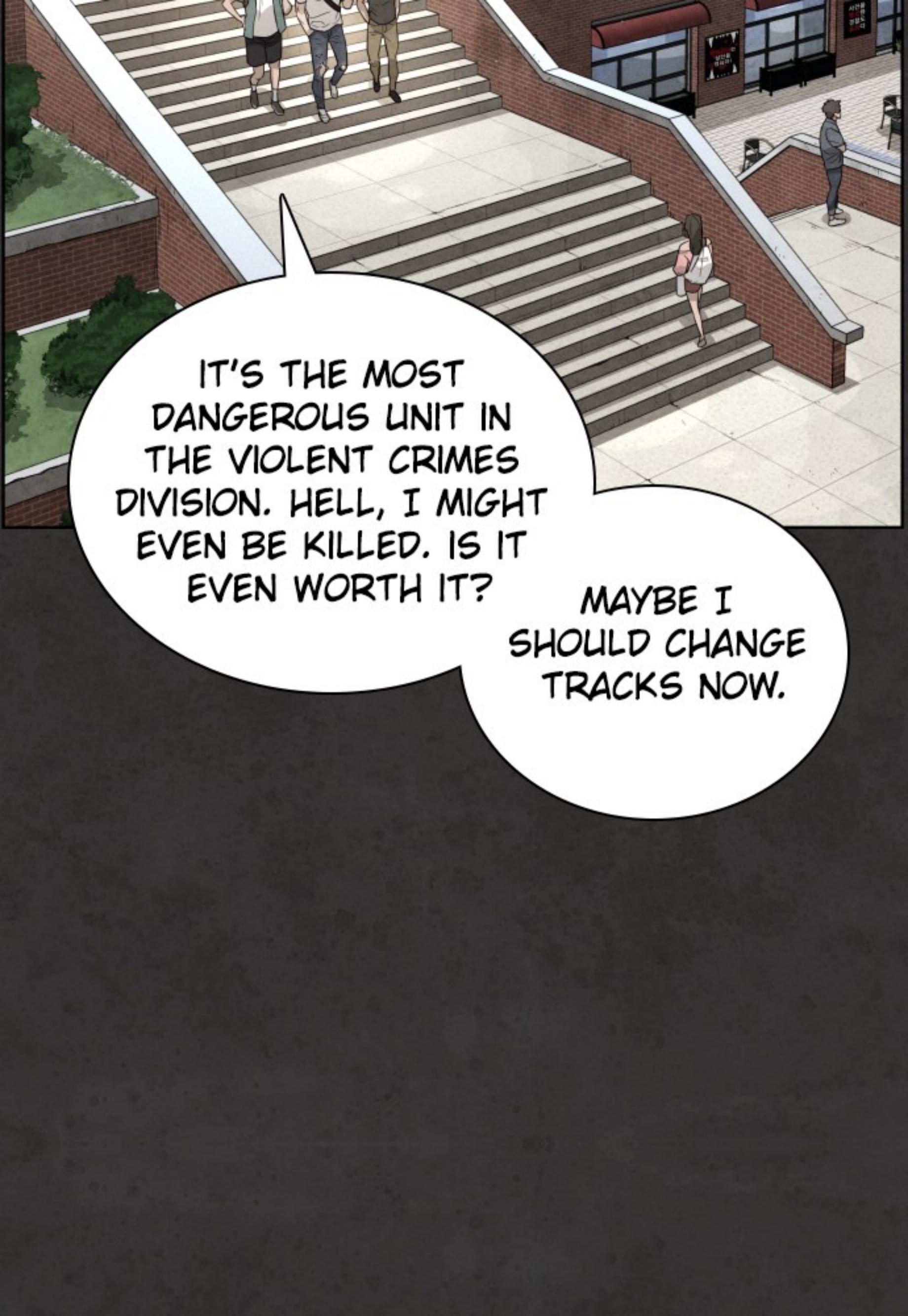


IT'S ALMOST
A GIVEN THAT YOU'RE GOING
TO GRADUATE AT THE TOP OF
OUR CLASS. YOU'LL BE A
SHOO-IN AT ANY DIVISION
YOU APPLY TO.



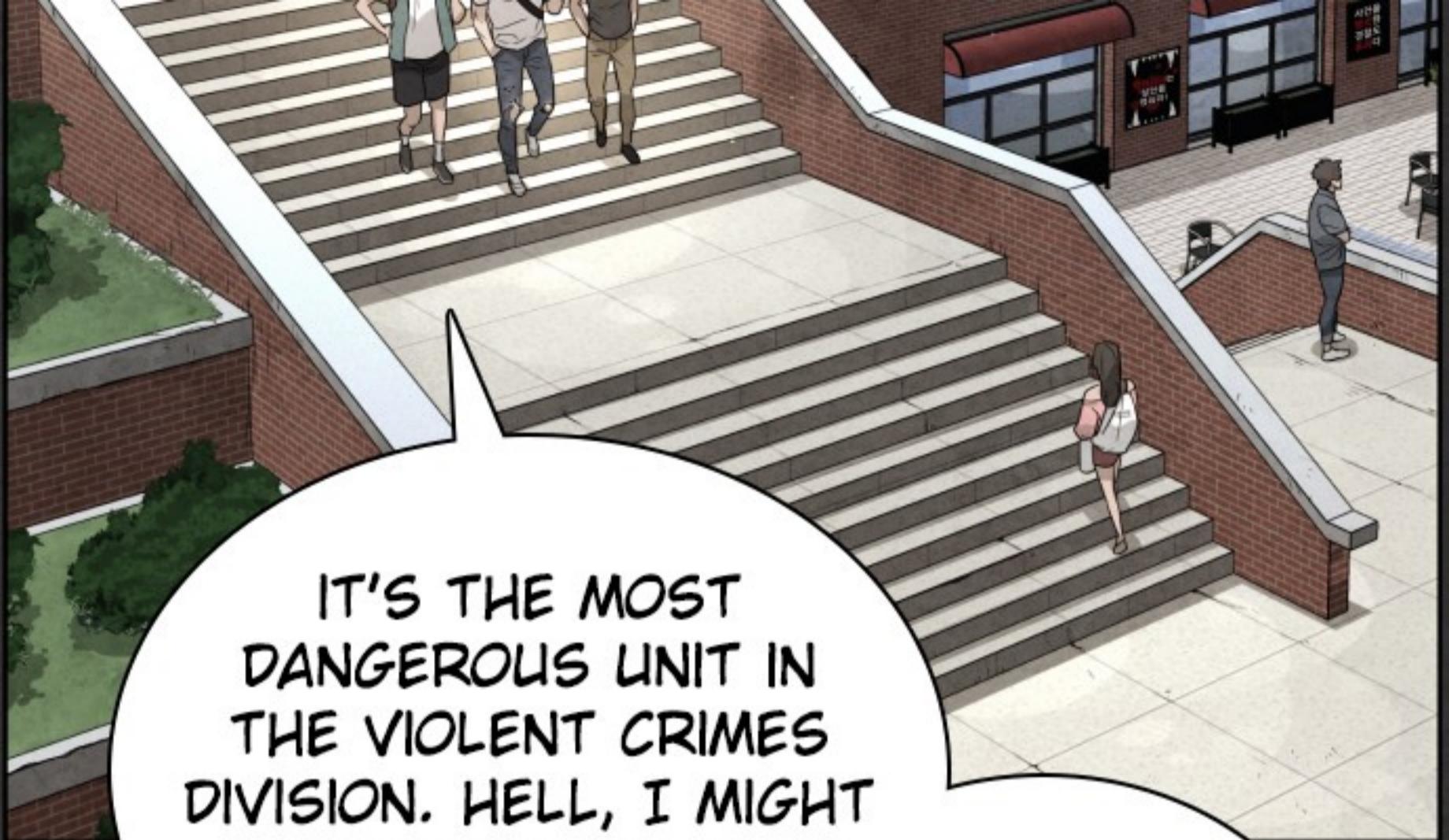
BUT UNLIKE YOU,
MY GRADES SUCK.
I'LL PROBABLY HAVE
TO JOIN THE VAMPIRE
TASK FORCE.





IT'S THE MOST
DANGEROUS UNIT IN
THE VIOLENT CRIMES
DIVISION. HELL, I MIGHT
EVEN BE KILLED. IS IT
EVEN WORTH IT?

MAYBE I
SHOULD CHANGE
TRACKS NOW.



WHO KNOWS?
I MIGHT NOT GET
INTO THE DEPARTMENT
I WANT. THEY LOOK AT
MORE THAN JUST
GRADES.



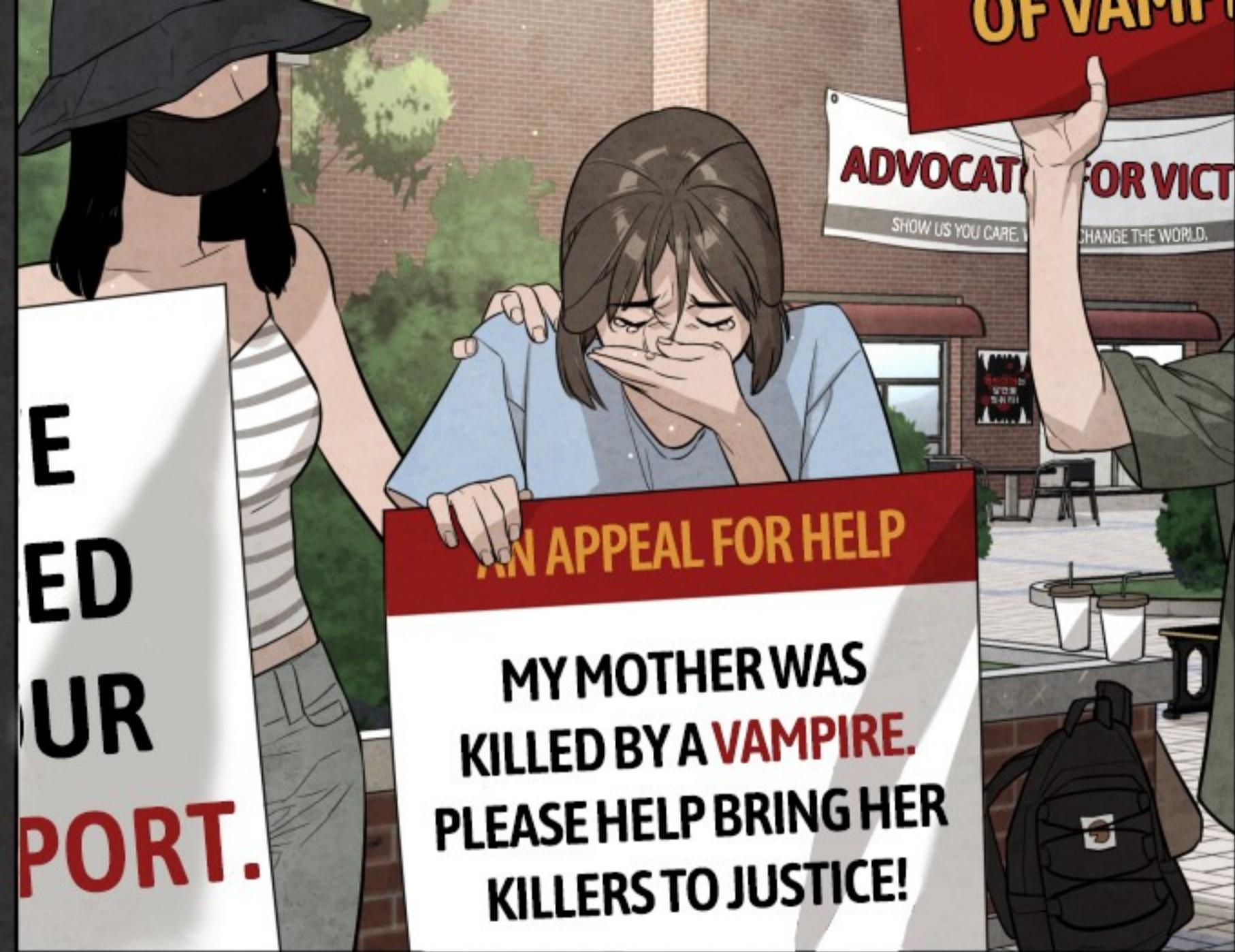
MAN, I CAN'T
HELP BUT HATE YOU

HELP BUT HATE YOU
FOR BEING GOOD AT
EVERYTHING.

THE WORLD HAD CHANGED
COMPLETELY AND CLASSES AT
THE ACADEMY HAD CHANGED
ALONG WITH IT.



ADVOCATES
OF VAMPI



E
ED
UR
PORT.

SORRY GUYS,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE
A RAIN CHECK.

HUH?
HOW COME,
DUDE?

SOMETHING



CAME UP.

BUT DESPITE ALL
THOSE CHANGES, I DIDN'T
FEEL THE WEIGHT OF THE
BADGE YET.

GIRLS
HYEON
MIDDLE
PARK





SCHOOL

WOW, WHO
IS THAT?

HE'S SUPER
GOOD LOOKING.





**HEY,
DOOFUS!**

DASIL





!

YOU'RE
LATE.

SQUEEZE



HARDEVDS

DOOFUS?
IS THAT ANY WAY
TO TALK TO YOUR
BROTHER?

YOU'RE
GETTING SASSIER
BY THE DAY.



WHATEVER.
ANYWAY, CHECK
THIS OUT! ISN'T
IT CUTE?

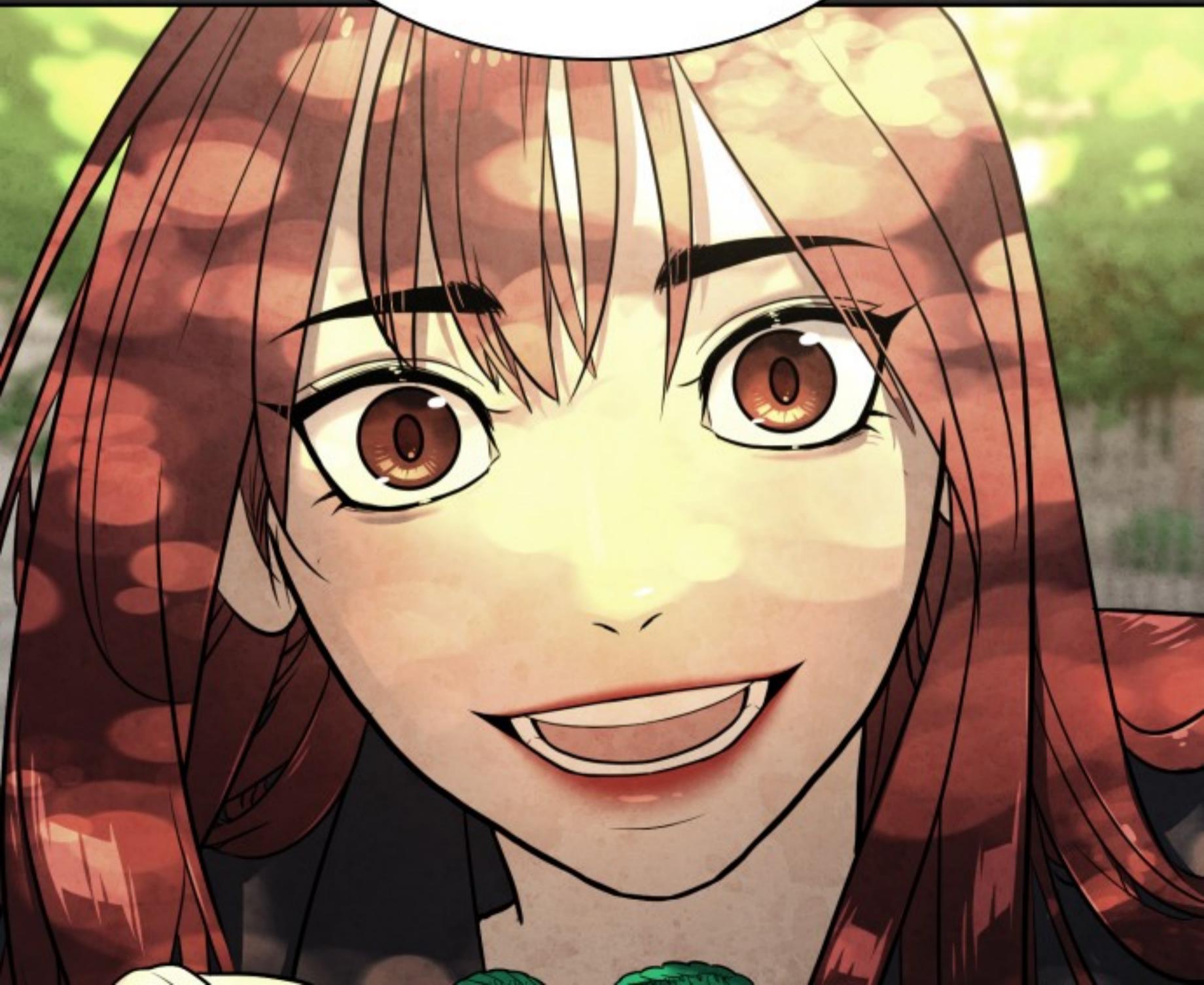
HOW MUCH DID
YOU SPEND ON THIS?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU
GOT RIPPED OFF.



I MADE IT.

I KNEW IT
LOOKED HIGH
QUALITY.

I REALLY
ENJOYED MAKING
THIS.





I'VE DECIDED.
THIS IS WHAT I
WANT TO DO FOR
A LIVING!

EVER SINCE OUR FAMILY SPLIT,
MY SISTER HAD LIVED A HARD LIFE.
THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE HAD
MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT
SHE WANTED TO DO.



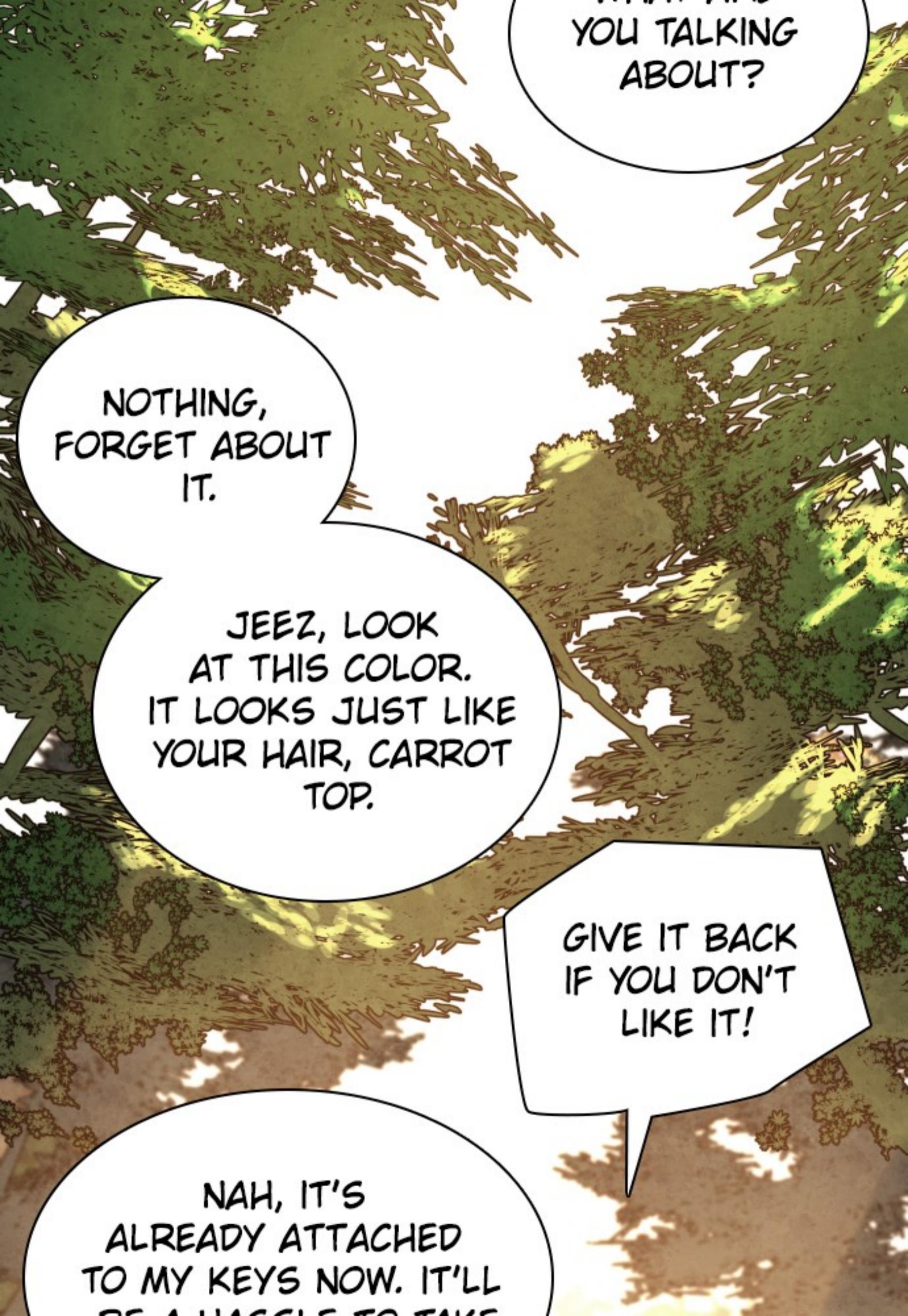
WHY AREN'T
YOU SAYING
ANYTHING?

YOUR FACE
LOOKS DUMB RIGHT
NOW, HAHA.

I WANTED TO HELP
HER PURSUE HER DREAM.

THAT'S WHY
I'M GOING TO BE
A DETECTIVE.

WHAT ARE



YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

NOTHING,
FORGET ABOUT
IT.

JEEZ, LOOK
AT THIS COLOR.
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE
YOUR HAIR, CARROT
TOP.

GIVE IT BACK
IF YOU DON'T
LIKE IT!

NAH, IT'S
ALREADY ATTACHED
TO MY KEYS NOW. IT'LL
BE A MESSLE TO TAKE

BE A HASSLE TO TAKE
IT BACK OFF.



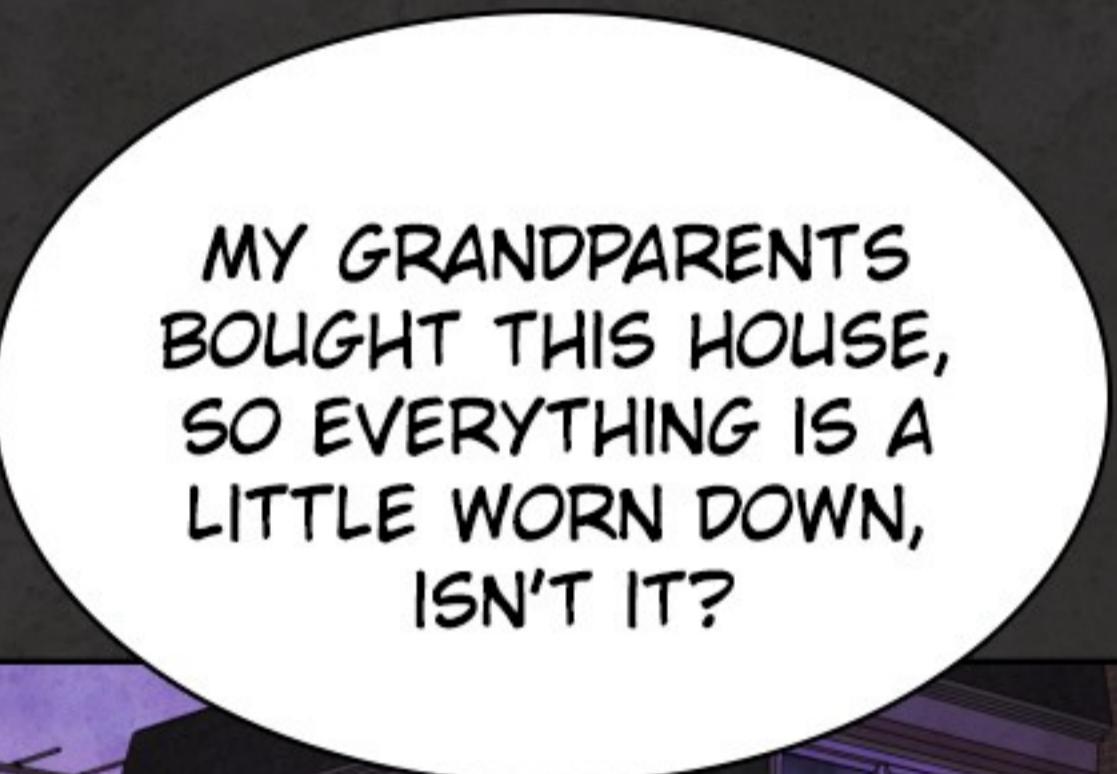
AND DON'T CALL
ME CARROT TOP,
DORK. YOUR HAIR
IS RED, TOO.

HEY, DID YOU
JUST CALL ME
A DORK?

CREAK



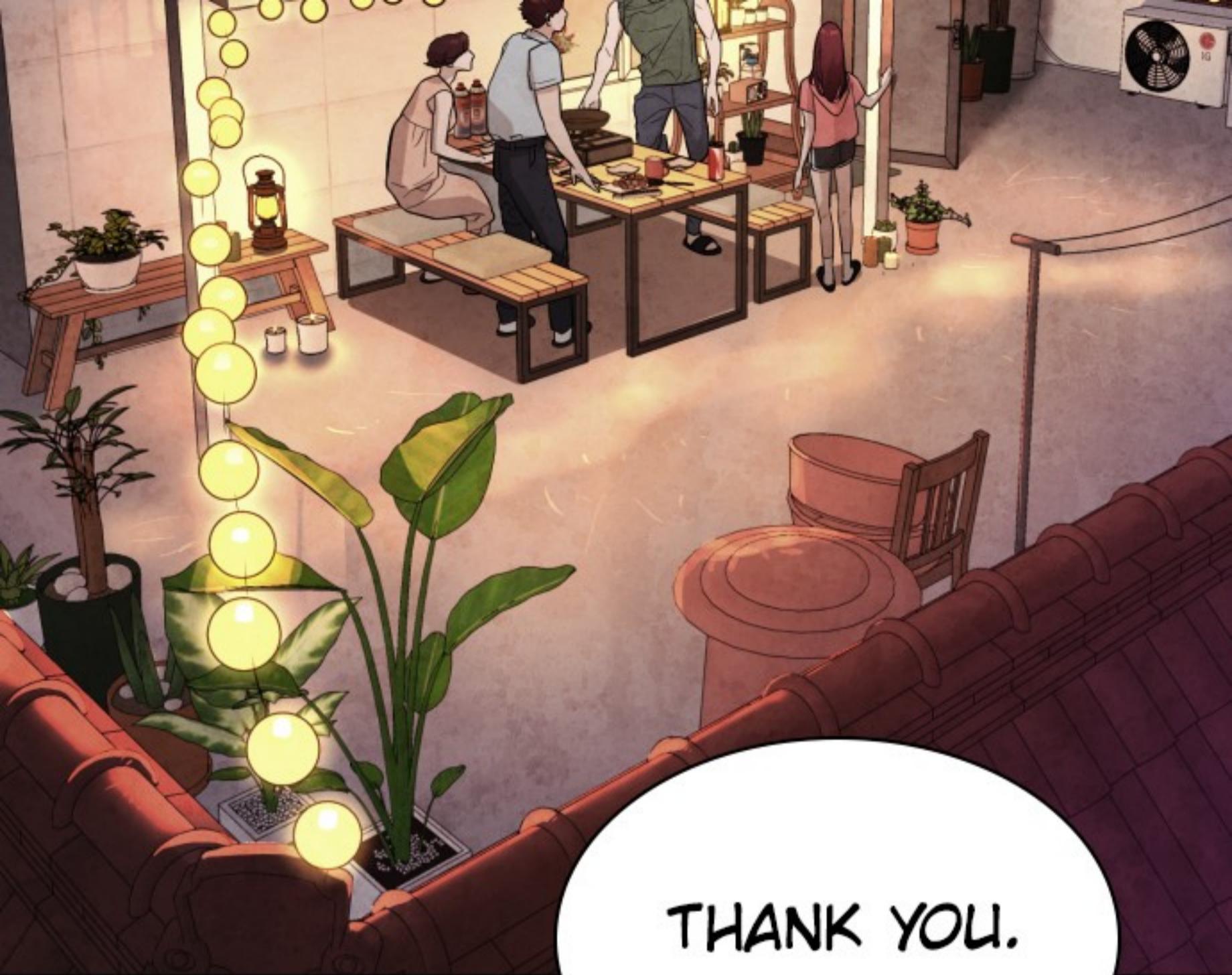
I'M DONE
WITH THE REPAIRS.
I'LL GET GOING
NOW.



MY GRANDPARENTS
BOUGHT THIS HOUSE,
SO EVERYTHING IS A
LITTLE WORN DOWN,
ISN'T IT?



HAVE A
GOOD NIGHT.



THANK YOU.

SIZZLE



HOW LONG HAS IT
BEEN SINCE WE LAST
ATE TOGETHER AS
A FAMILY?



IT MUST
HAVE BEEN ABOUT
FOUR YEARS?



YEAH,
THAT SOUNDS
ABOUT RIGHT

ABOUT RIGHT.

SOB

ELINTAE,
HAEUN...



I'M SORRY
I WAS SUCH A
BAD FATHER TO
YOU. SOB.

HONEY,
NO MORE
TEARS!

I KNOW IT MUST
HAVE BEEN REALLY
TOUGH ON YOU. I'LL
MAKE IT UP TO YOU
FROM NOW ON.

STOP. YOU'RE

STOP, YOU'RE
GOING TO MAKE ME
CRY, TOO.

IT JUST
OCCURRED TO ME
THAT I'LL BE HEARING
MOM AND DAD NAG
AT ME AGAIN.

BOY, DO I FEEL
SORRY FOR MOM AND
DAD. THEY'LL GET TO
EXPERIENCE WHAT A
HANDFUL YOU ARE.

HEY,
SHUT IT!



THAT'S
NO WAY TO TALK
TO YOUR BROTHER,
HAEWIN.

I'M PUTTING
10,000 WON* ON
HAEWIN WINNING THIS
ARGUMENT!

*ABOUT 9 USD.

AH, WE
RAN OUT OF
VEGGIES.



I'LL GO
AND GET SOME
MORE.

CAN YOU GET
SOME MORE CHILI
PEPPERS TOO WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT?





SURE.

MY DAD USED TO
RUN A BED AND BREAKFAST,
BUT THAT WENT BUST AFTER
THE VAMPIRES STARTED TO
WREAK HAVOC ON SOCIETY.

OUR FAMILY WAS IN
A LOT OF DEBT. BECAUSE
OF THAT, WE HAD TO
LIVE APART.





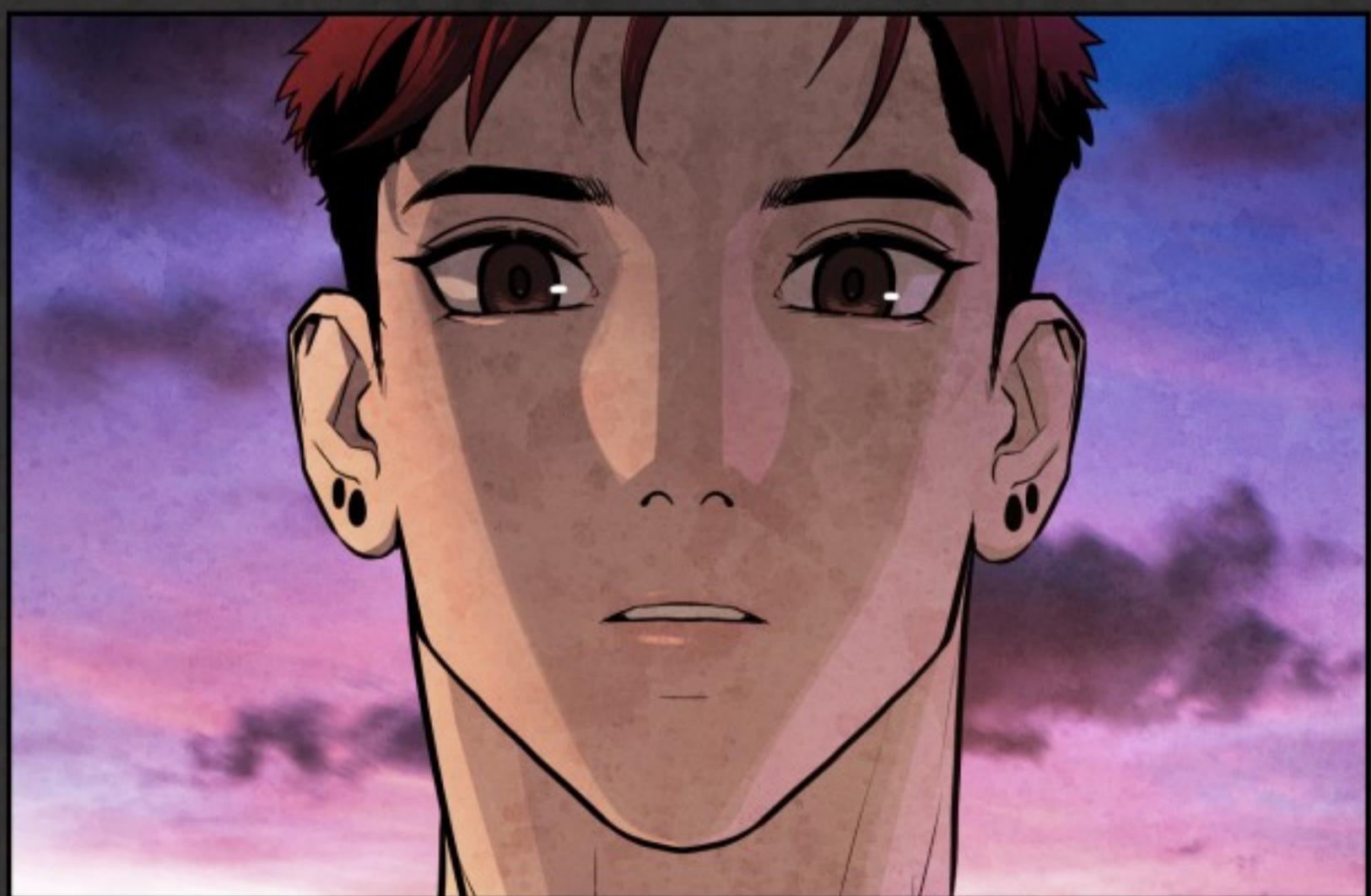
I HAD TO TAKE
CARE OF HAEUN, WHO ONLY
HAD ME TO RELY ON.



SO WE GREW CLOSER
AS A RESULT.

HAUT

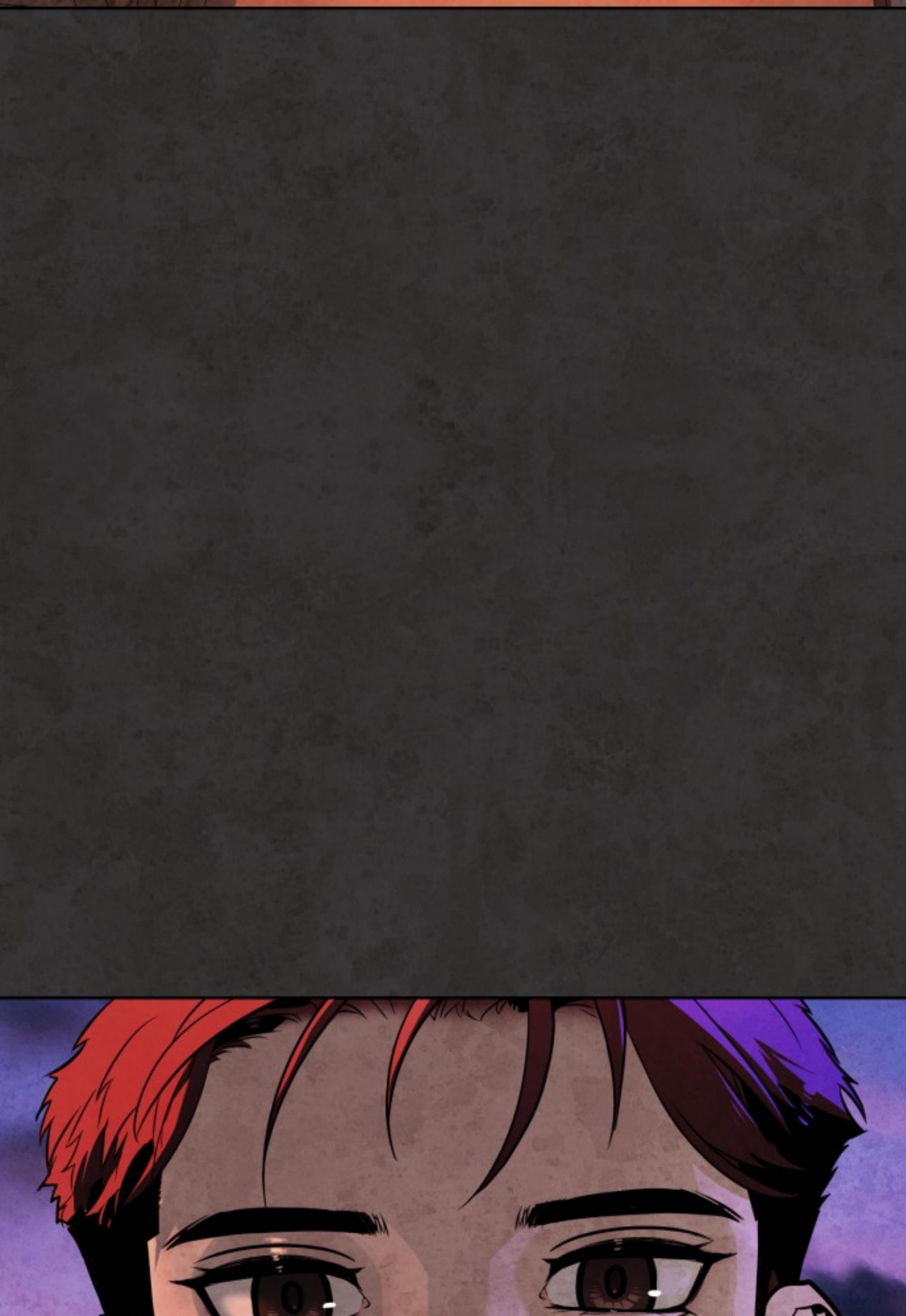






SOB

SOB







EUNTAE.

YEAH?

WE'LL BE
HAPPY FROM NOW
ON, RIGHT?

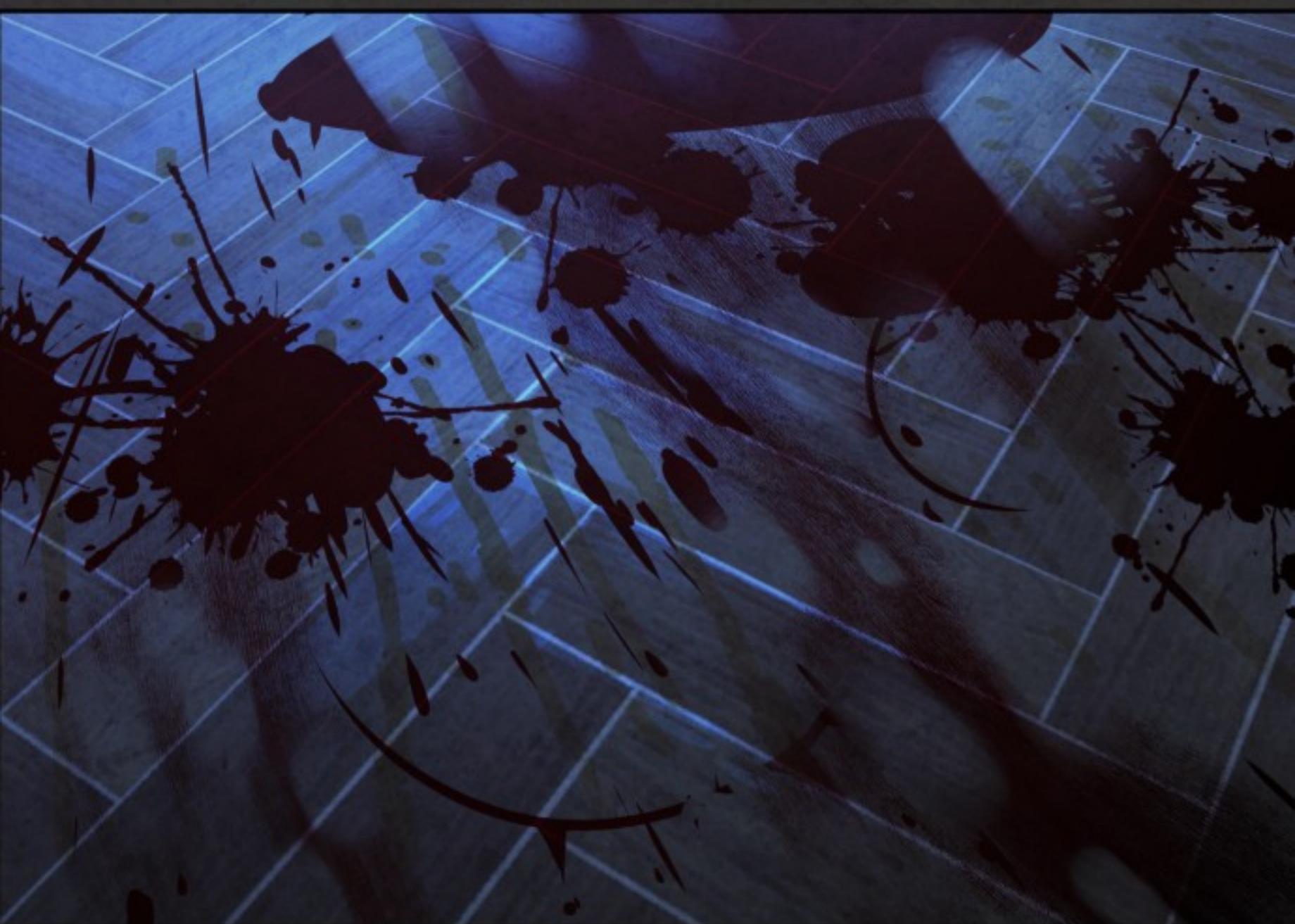
OF COURSE.



THAT WAS THE DAY
I REALIZED THAT PEOPLE
CAN ALSO CRY WHEN
THEY'RE HAPPY.

I THOUGHT THAT
OUR STRUGGLES WERE
FINALLY OVER AFTER GOING
THROUGH SO MUCH, EVER SINCE
VAMPIRES HAD TURNED THE
WORLD INTO A WAKING
NIGHTMARE.

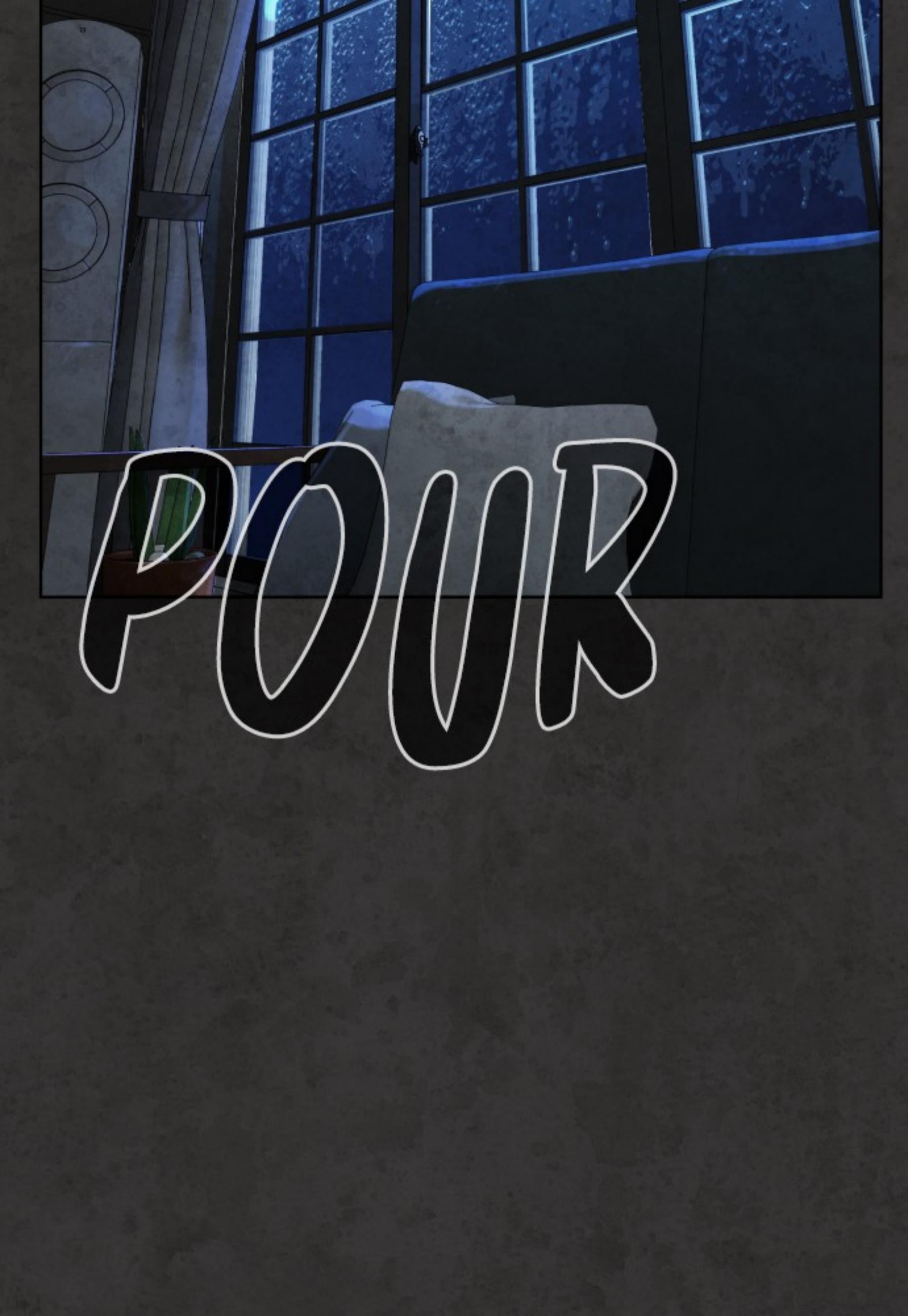
BUT THAT ALL
CHANGED ONE NIGHT.



RUMBLE

BOOM





POOR

UGH, I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
DRANK THAT CUP
OF WATER BEFORE
GOING TO BED.

I SHOULD
CHANGE MY
BEDTIME
ROUTINE.



BOOM



STEP



STEP



НУН?



SOB

SOB

BOOM





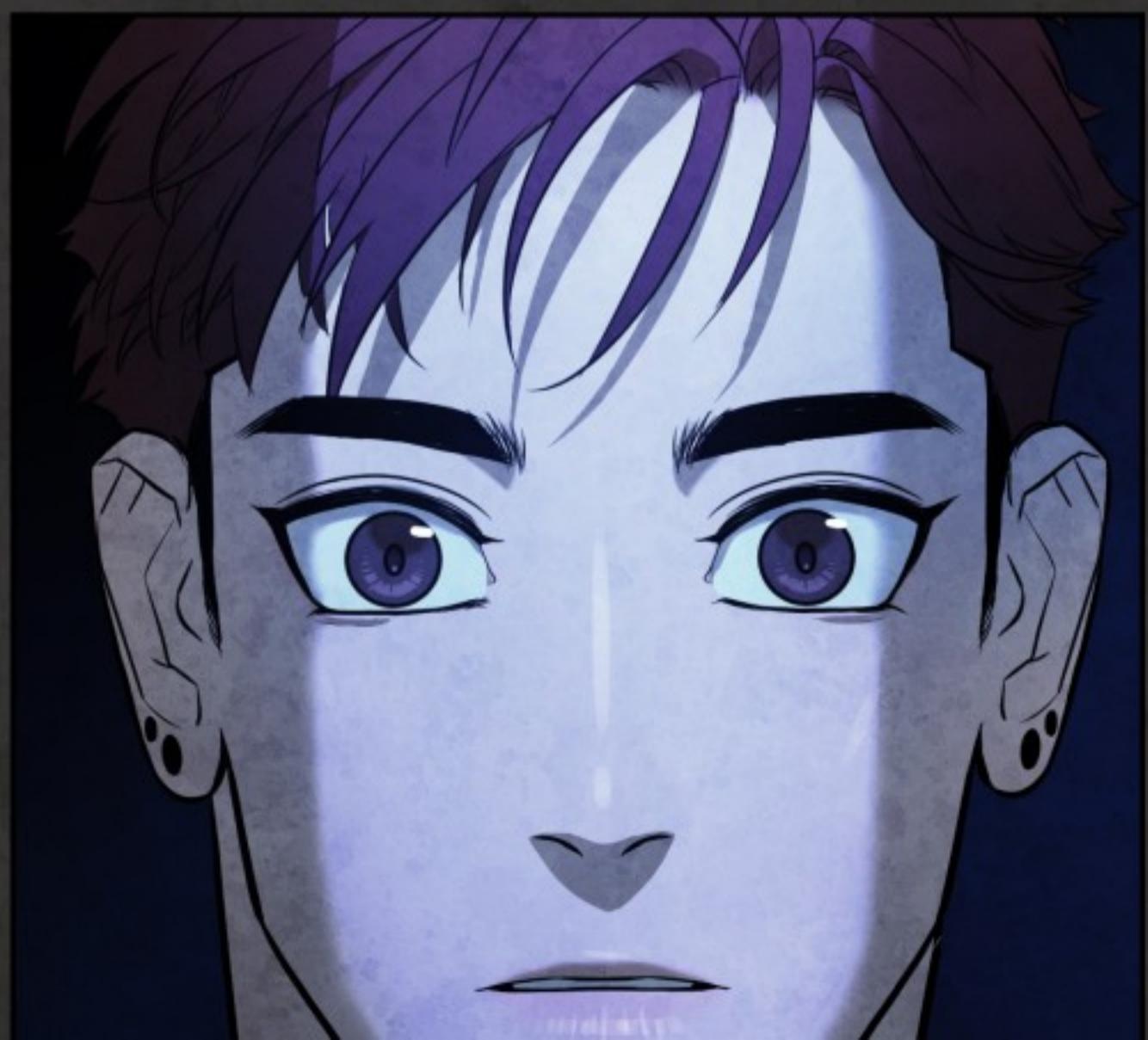
MOM AND
DAD ARE STILL
AWAKE?



SOUNDS LIKE
DAD'S CRYING
AGAIN.



REACH





НУН?



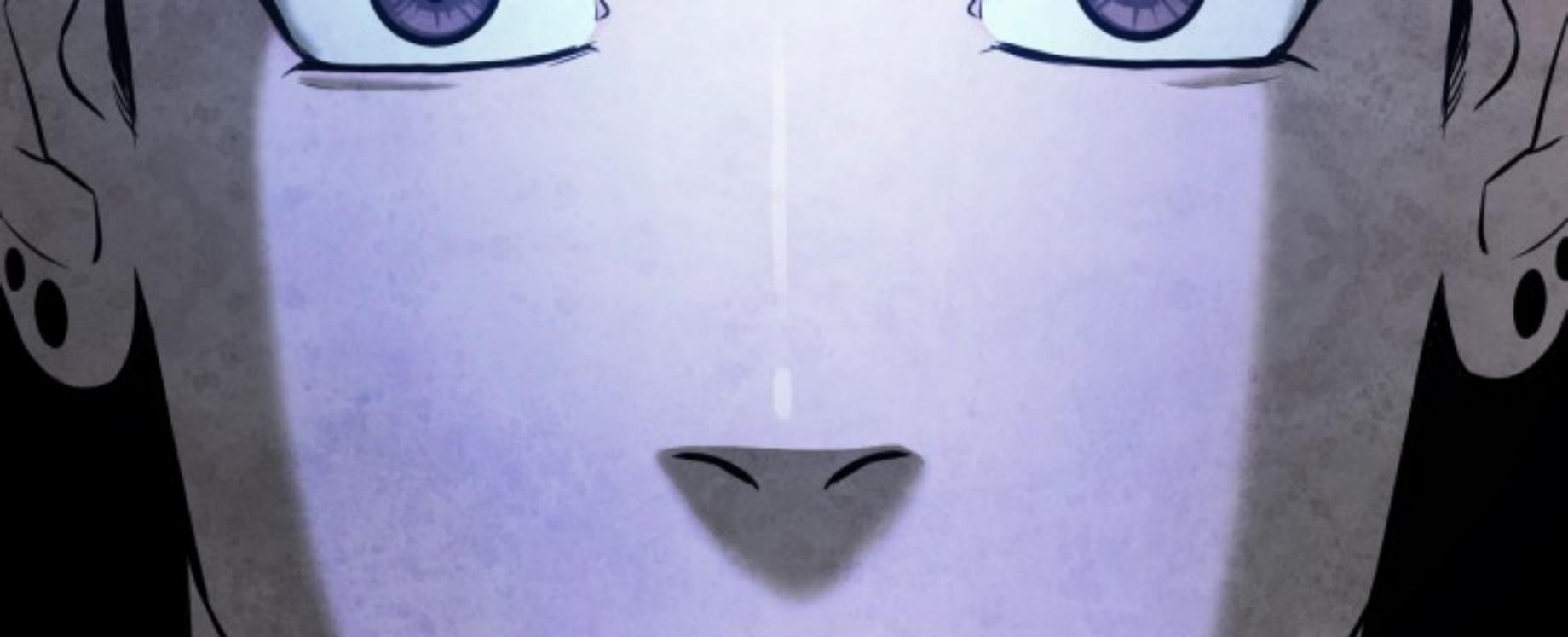


FLASH

I COULDN'T
BELIEVE MY EYES.

I THOUGHT I WAS
SEEING THINGS.





BA-BUMP

POW!





MAFIA
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REHABILITATED INTO
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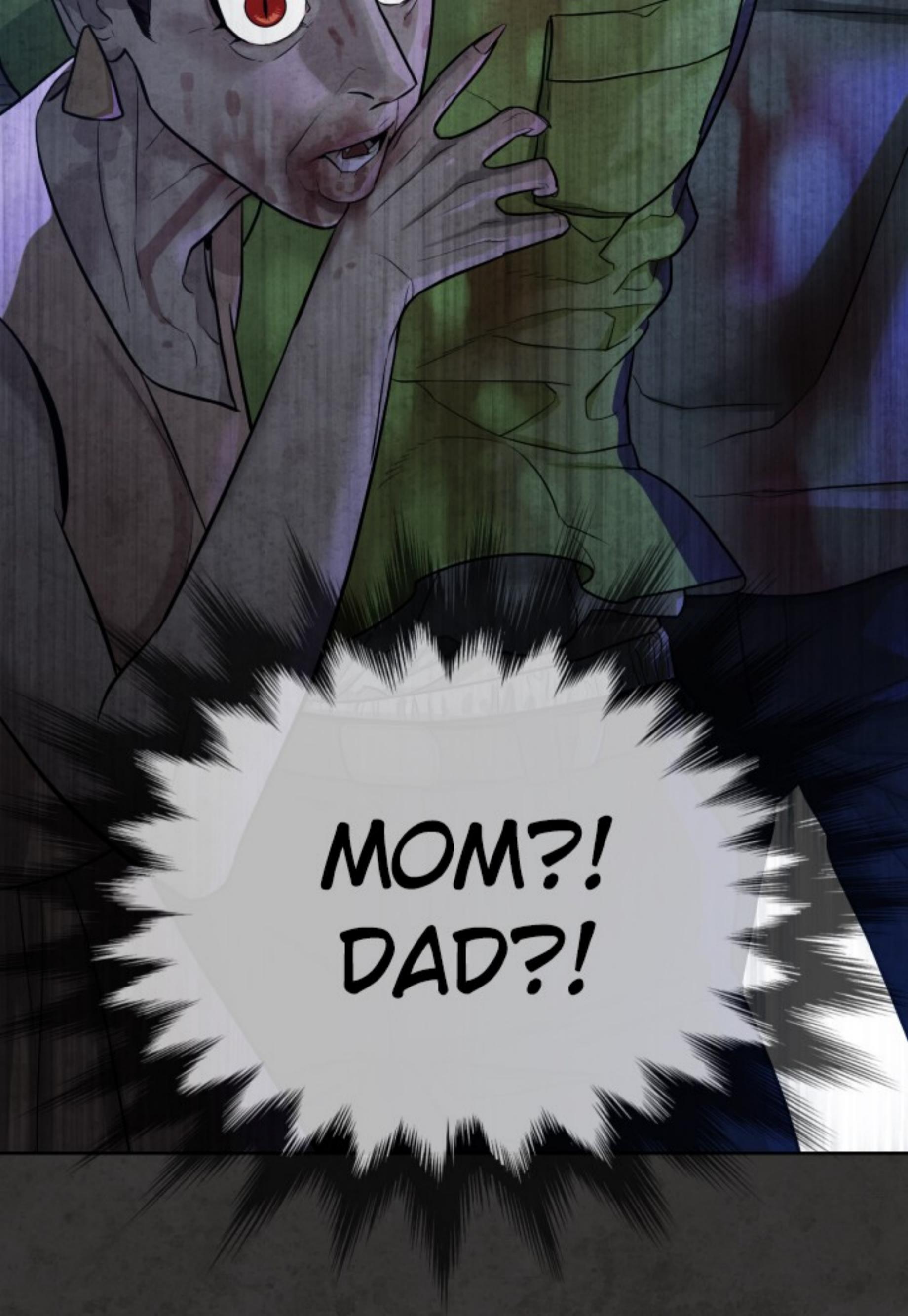


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MOM?!
DAD?!

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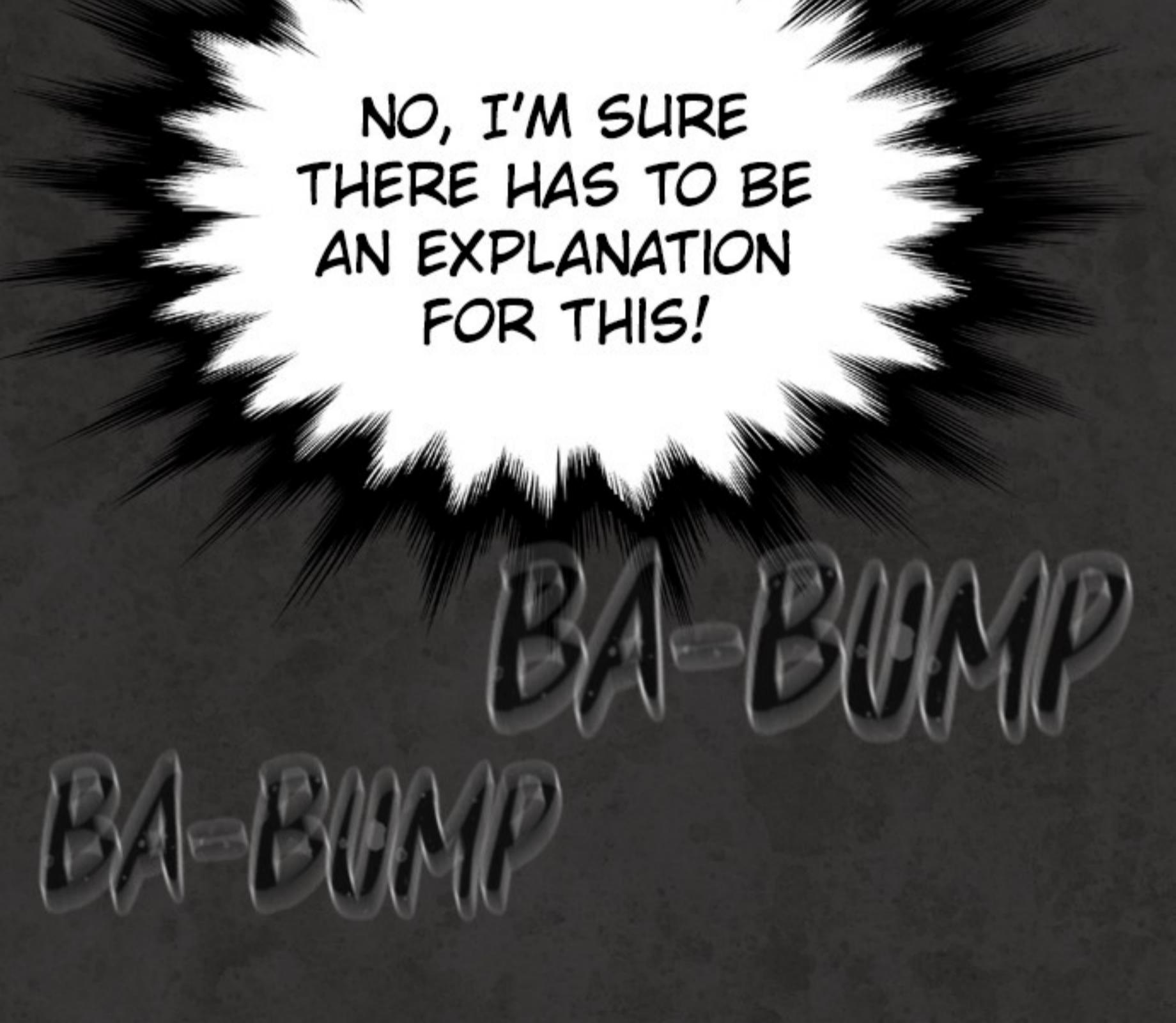
BA-BUMP

ARE THEY
DOING WHAT I
THINK THEY'RE
DOING?

BA-BUMP



NO, I'M SURE
THERE HAS TO BE
AN EXPLANATION
FOR THIS!





TURN



FREEZE



IS SOMEONE
THERE?

UNHOLY
BLOOD

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