

WARNING

THIS EPISODE CONTAINS
DEPICTIONS OF VIOLENCE
THAT MAY BE UPSETTING
FOR SOME READERS.



Episode 78

I EXPECTED
HIM TO PUT UP
MORE OF A
FIGHT.

THE ANGELS
OF DEATH ARE GONE,



JUST LIKE THAT.

HAHA, NO ONE
ELSE COULD HAVE
BEATEN THEM SO
QUICKLY.

THANKS TO YOU,
WE MADE IT TO THE

WE MADE IT TO THE
SHIP'S BRIDGE
IN NO TIME.

BEEP
BEEP

OKAY,
THERE WE
GO.

RUMBLE

WOW, IS
THERE ANYTHING
YOU CAN'T DO?!

I PICKED UP
A FEW SKILLS
JUST IN CASE.



I'M PUTTING
IT ON AUTOPILOT.

BLADE





WE'LL ARRIVE IN
THE MORNING, SO
LET'S GET SOME
REST.

BY THE WAY,
DO YOU REMEMBER
THE FIRST TIME
WE MET?

BLADE

DEAR

STEP

STEP

OF COURSE
I DO. I EVEN HAD
LUNCH WITH YOU
AT SCHOOL.

I STILL
REMEMBER
HOW YOU FORCED
YOURSELF TO EAT
GIMBAP.

SPU
LA

WAASH

BUT THAT
WASN'T THE
FIRST TIME
WE MET.



HUH?
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN...?





CAN YOU
TELL ME HOW
TO GET TO THE

TO GET TO THE
NEAREST POLICE
STATION?



OR DO YOU
WANT TO SPEND
THE NIGHT IN THE
SLAMMER?



PULL





NOW THAT I THINK
ABOUT IT, THE DETECTIVE
WASN'T ABLE TO SEE MY
FACE THAT DAY.

I'M NOT
GONNA TELL
YOU BECAUSE IT'S
EMBARRASSING

EMBARRASSING.



AWW, DON'T
BE LIKE THAT.



I THINK IT'S
THE FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN YOU THIS
RELAXED.

WAS I
THAT TENSE
BEFORE?



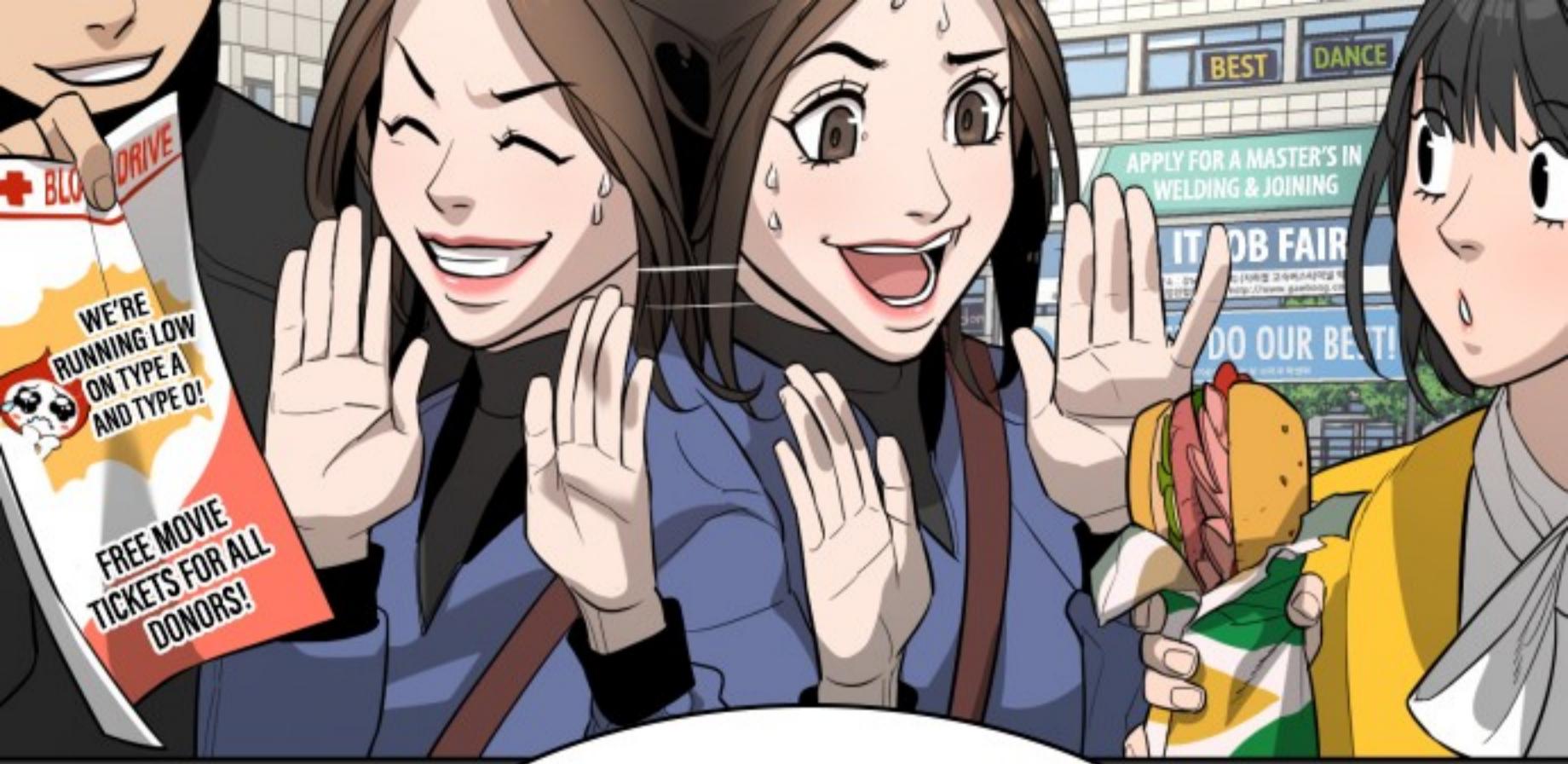
IT MAKES
TOTAL SENSE
WHY YOU FELT
THAT WAY.

I CAN IMAGINE
HOW TROUBLED AND
LONELY YOU MUST'VE
FELT BEFORE.

FWOOSH





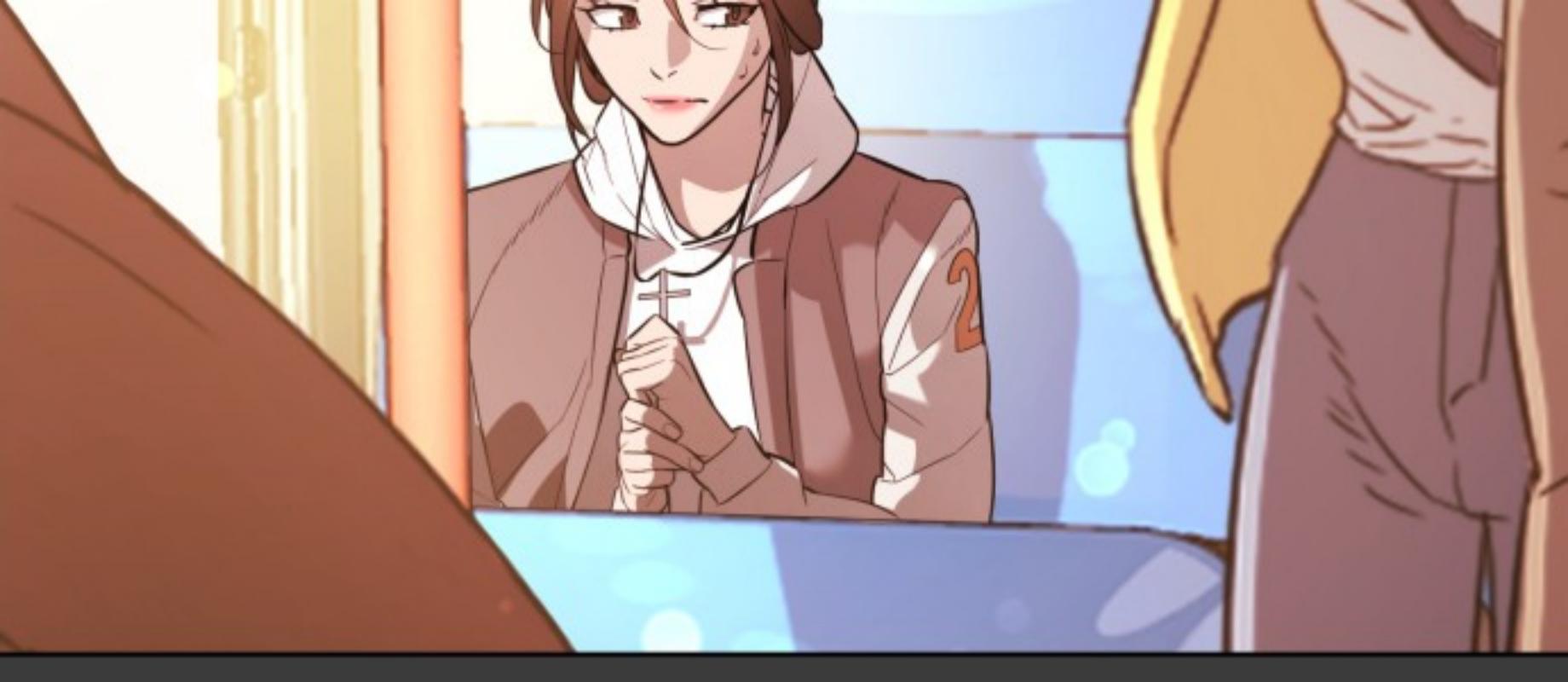


I'VE NEVER
BEEN ABLE TO JUST
BE MYSELF IN FRONT
OF OTHER
PEOPLE.



I WAS
CONSTANTLY AFRAID
THAT I'D BE DISCOVERED
AND I WAS ALWAYS
ON EDGE.





I WAS EVEN
CAREFUL IN FRONT
OF FATHER
MICHAEL.



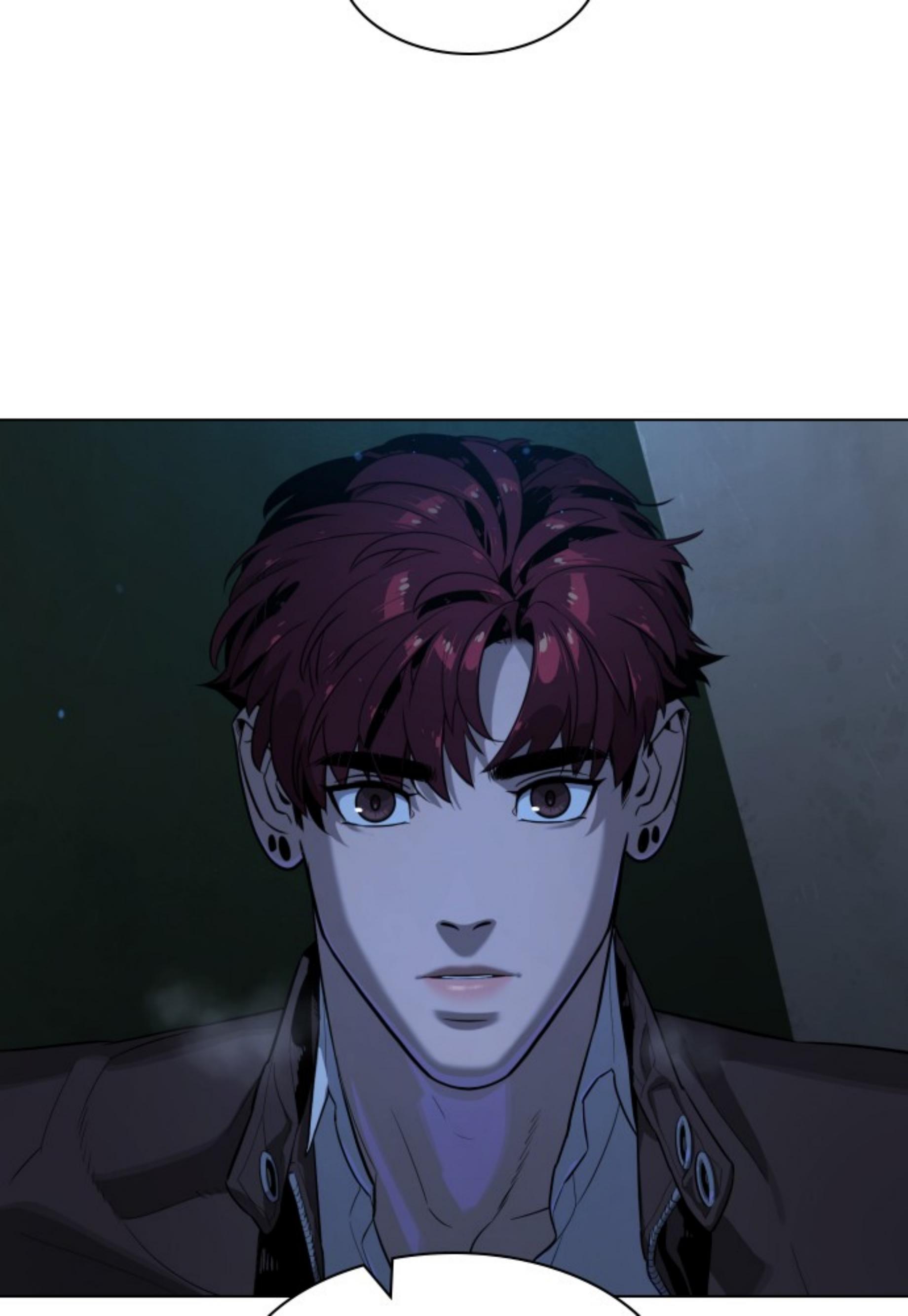


BECAUSE
I'M A VAMPIRE, I
NEVER THOUGHT I'D MEET
SOMEONE WHO COMPLETELY
UNDERSTANDS ME.



I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D BE
ABLE TO MEET ANYONE
LIKE THAT EVEN IN
THE FUTURE.

BUT...



...I DON'T
THINK THAT WAY
ANYMORE...

...BECAUSE I
MET YOU...



...AND YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME.



I THINK THIS
IS THE FIRST TIME
I'VE BEEN THIS OPEN
WITH ANYONE, EVEN
COMPARED TO HOW
I AM WITH MY
FAMILY.

IT'S LIKE
I'VE BARED IT
ALL IN FRONT
OF YOU.



YOU'VE BARED
IT... ALL?

...

AHHH!

COVER



WHAT I MEANT WAS,
YOU KNOW, I'M NOT
HIDING ANYTHING
FROM YOU!

IT'S A FIGURE
OF SPEECH!



AHHH!
CAN WE JUST
FORGET I SAID
ANYTHING?!



I GET WHAT YOU
MEANT, HAYAN. I KNOW
IT WAS A FIGURE
OF SPEECH.

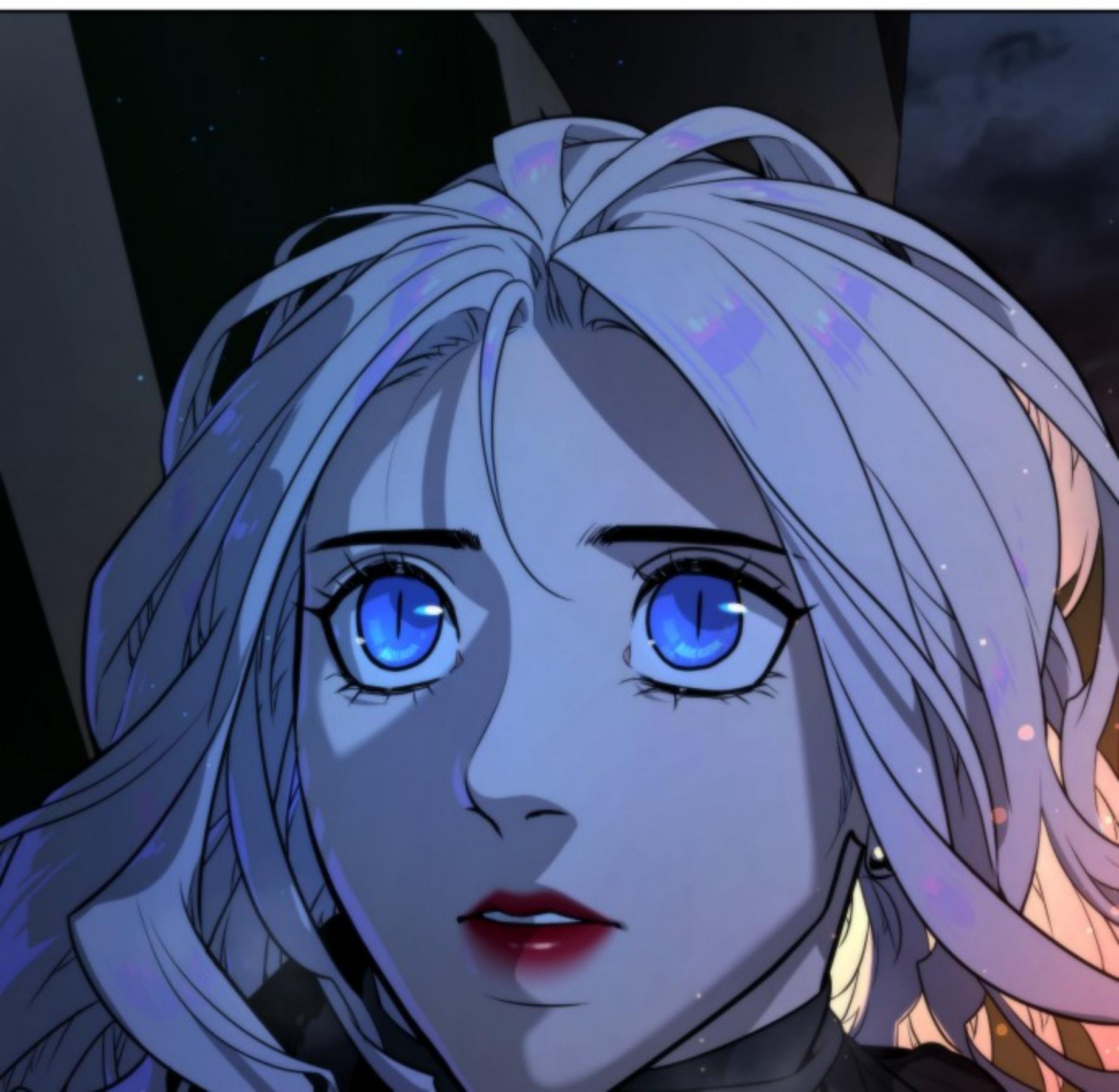


PRESS



AH.









**BECAUSE I
MET YOU...**





...AND YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME.

MY FEELINGS FOR THE
DETECTIVE KEEP GETTING
STRONGER

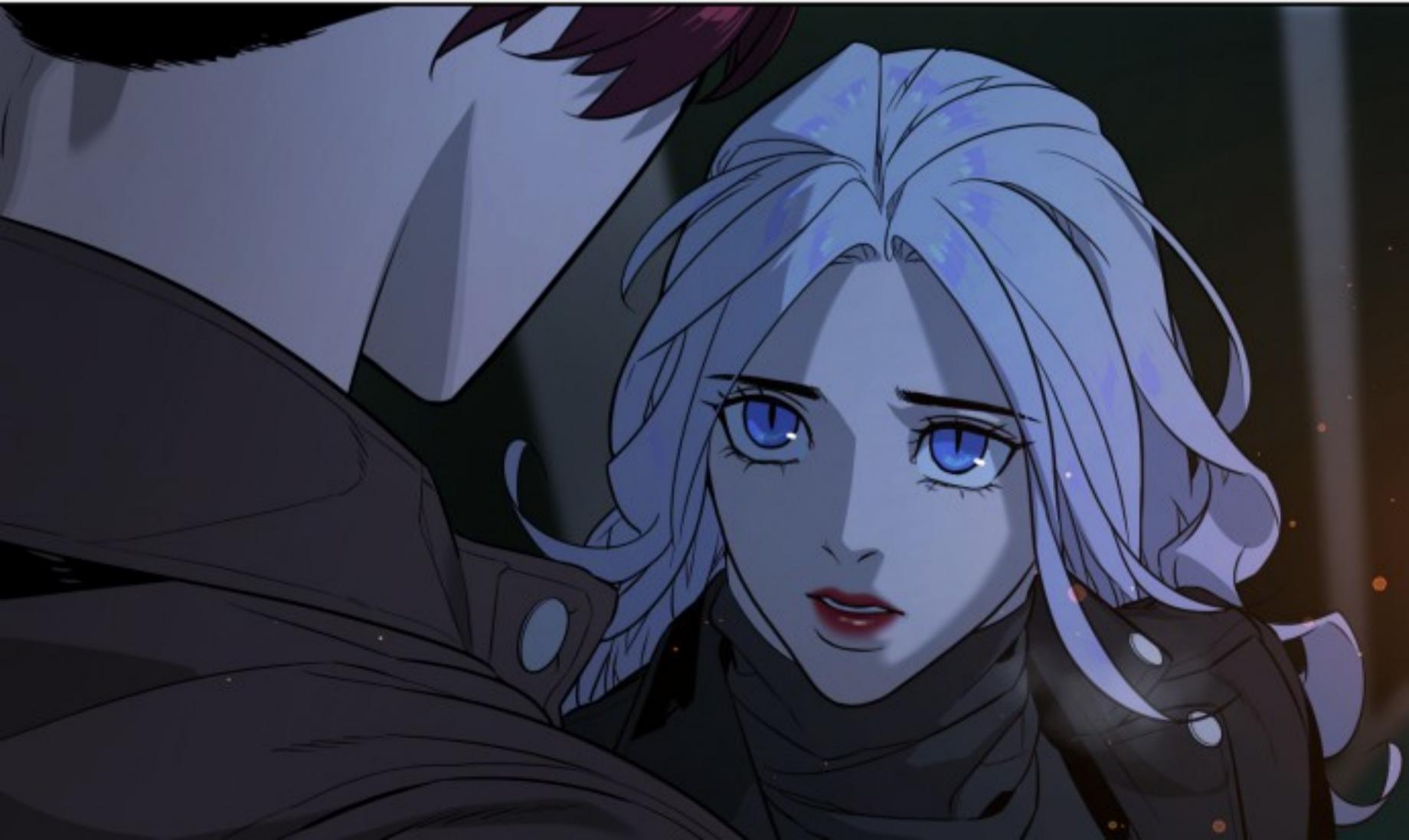
STRONGER.



BUT EVEN THOUGH I SAID
THOSE THINGS LIKE IT'S NOT
A BIG DEAL, I CAN'T LOOK
HIM IN THE EYE

HIM IN THE EYE.

I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM
UNCOMFORTABLE IF I TELL
HIM HOW I FEEL.



I HAVE TO HIDE MY
FEELINGS FOR HIM.

I HAVE TO, BUT...

HAYAN.

LEAN

LEAN



YES?





A close-up illustration of a hand gripping a dark brown wooden floor board. The hand is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt. The word "CREAK" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a black outline.

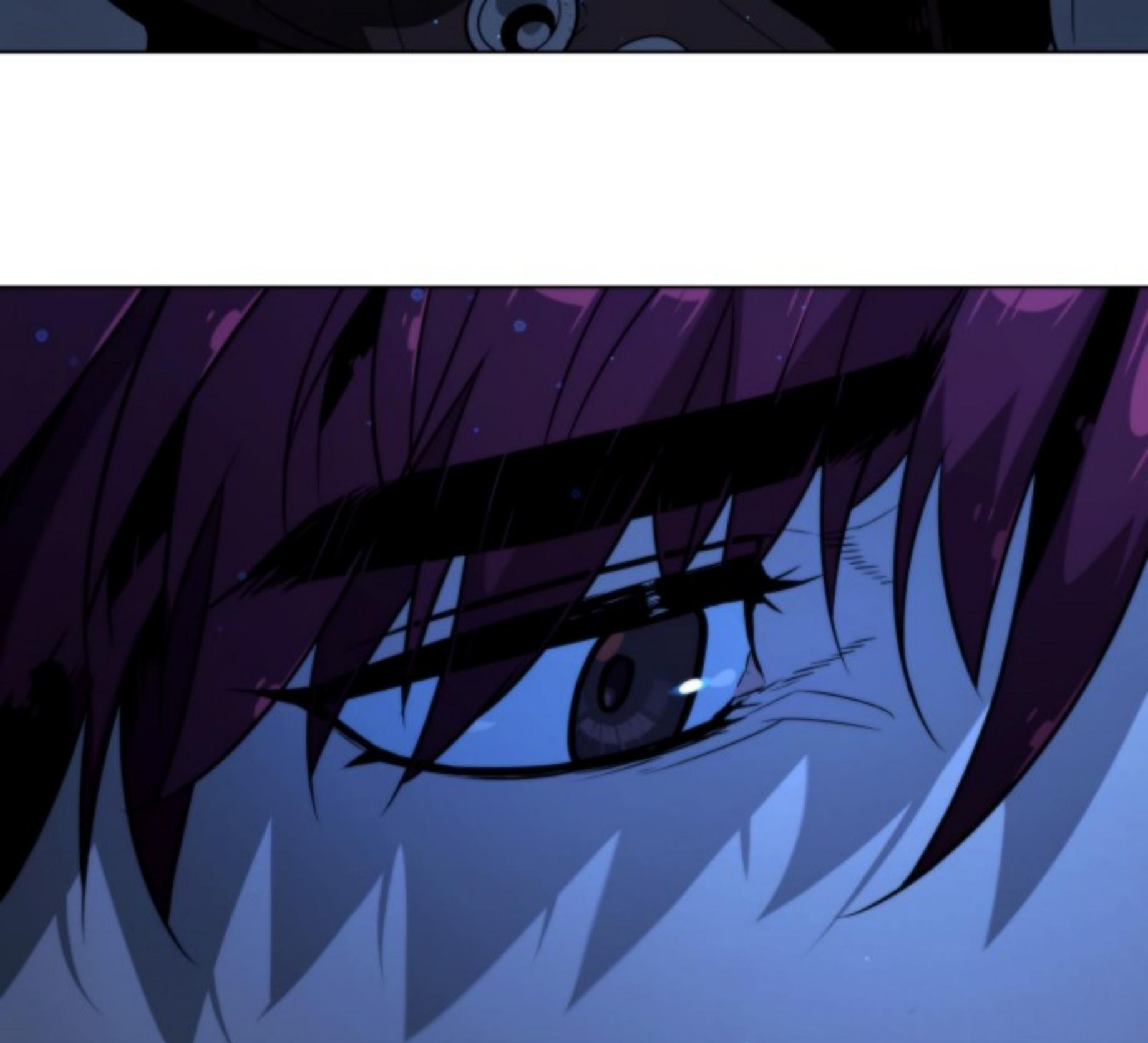
CREAK





**...I CAN'T HIDE
HOW I FEEL.**







SHUT

FOAP







YOU MUST
BE SOAKED
BECAUSE OF
THE RAIN.

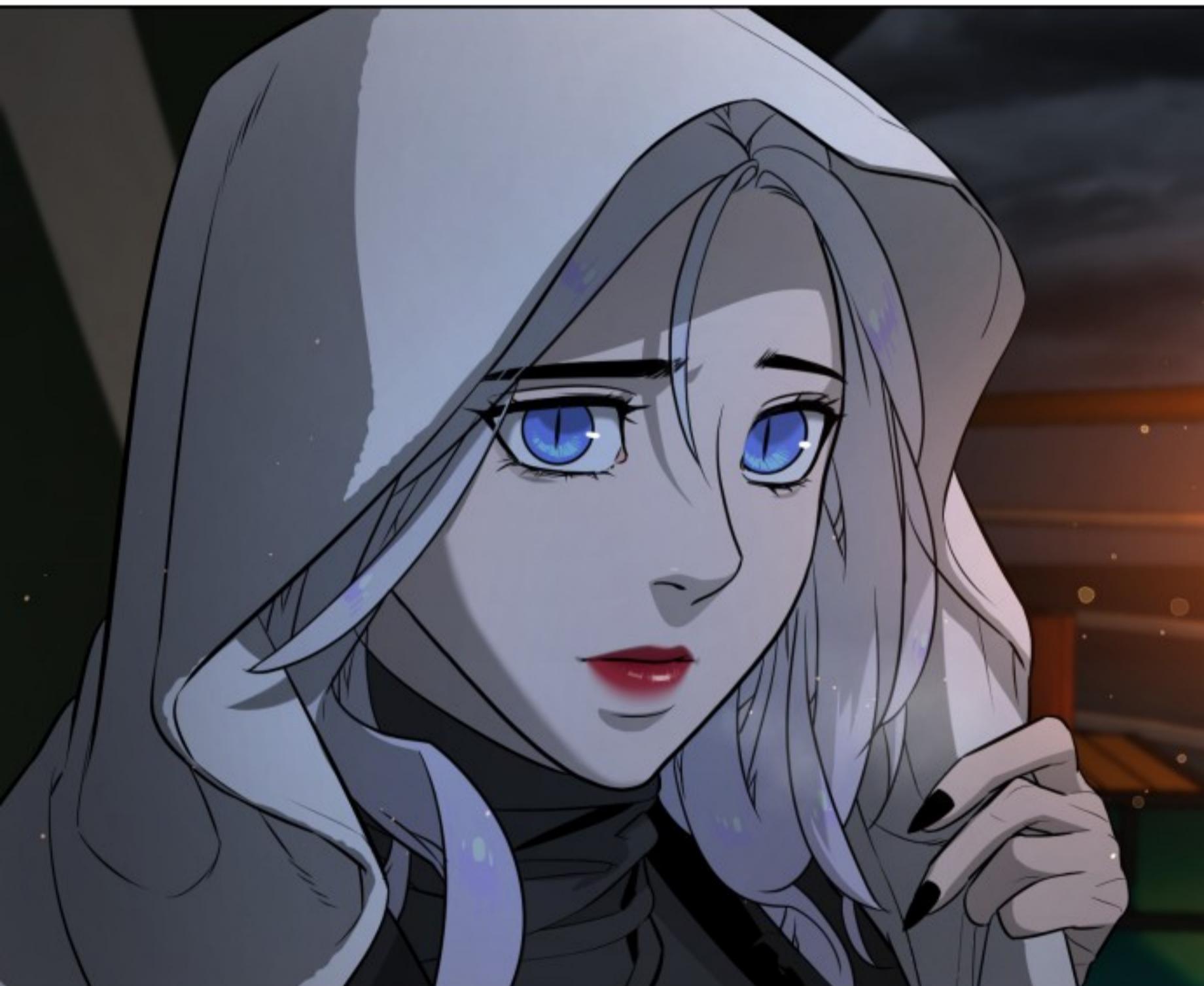
IT'S THE MIDDLE
OF WINTER AND
IT'S FREEZING, SO BE
SURE TO DRY YOUR
HAIR PROPERLY.



BUT I'M
FINE EVEN
IF IT'S--

I KNOW. YOU
WON'T CATCH A
COLD EVEN IF IT'S
-50 DEGREES
OUTSIDE.

IT'S JUST A
HABIT FROM WHEN
I WAS HUMAN.



I HAVE TO HIDE
HOW I FEEL.

I CAN'T PRIORITIZE MY
FEELINGS IN A SITUATION
LIKE THIS.



SQUEEZE



DETECTIVE.

JUST GIVE ME SOME TIME.



I'LL FIND A WAY TO
SAVE YOUR LIVES

SAVE YOUR LIFE.

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY NOT
GOING TO TELL ME
WHEN WE FIRST
MET?

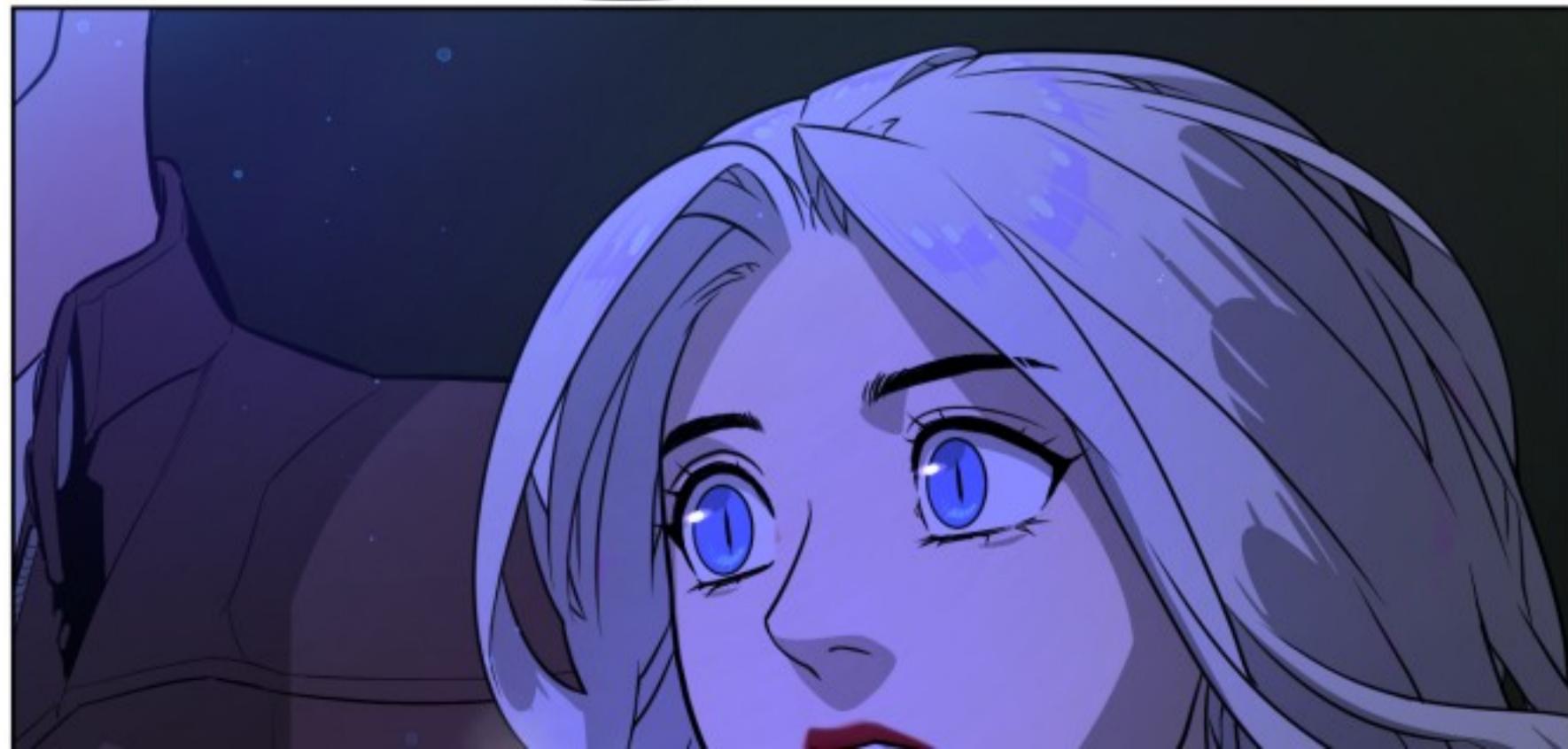
I JUST FEEL
LIKE IT'D BE MORE
FUN IF I KEPT IT
TO MYSELF.



I DON'T THINK
I'VE MENTIONED THIS,
BUT MY INTERROGATION
SKILLS ARE THE
BEST IN THIS
COUNTRY.

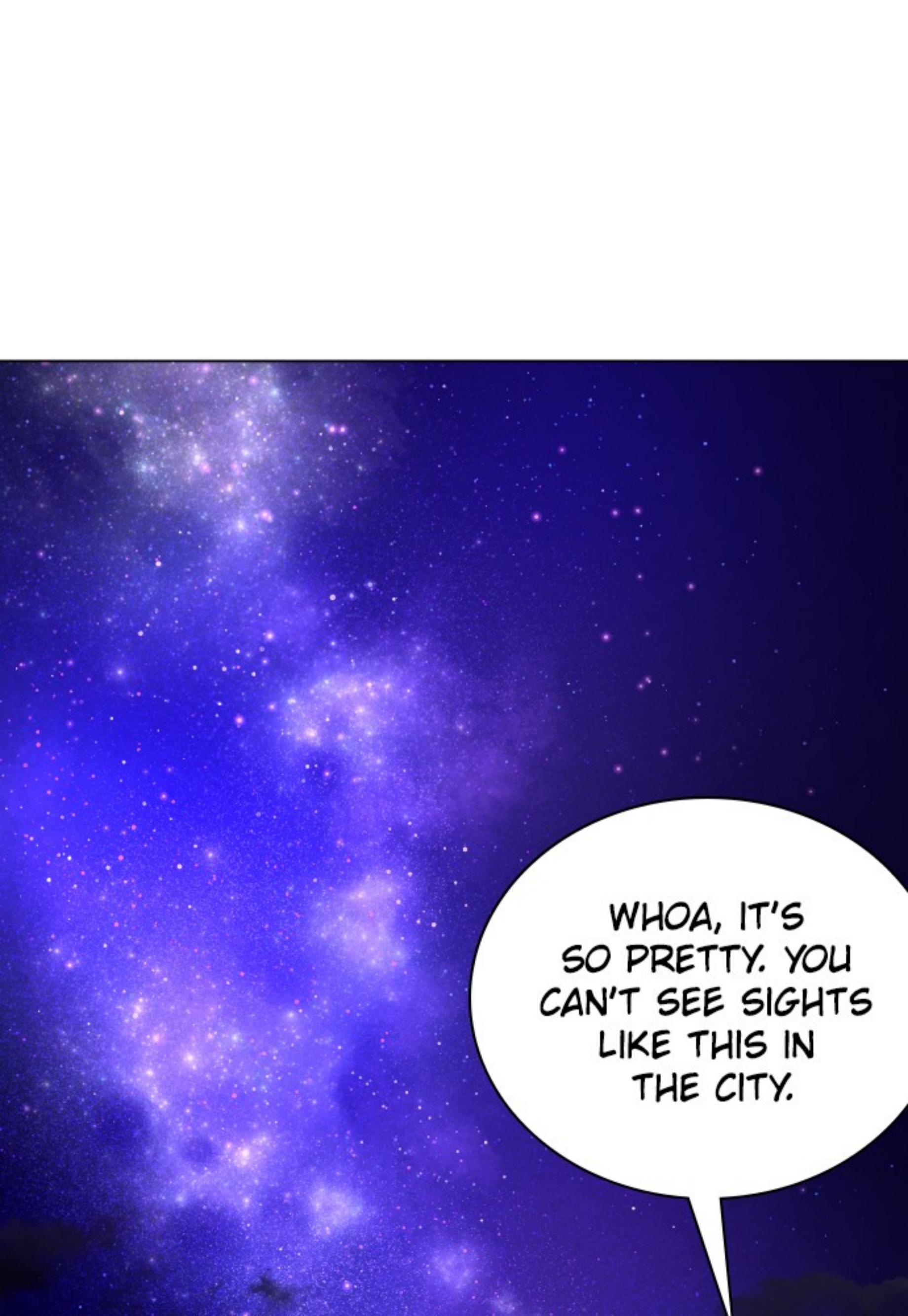
YOU ALWAYS
KNOW HOW TO
RUIN A MOMENT.

HAYAN, CHECK
IT OUT.





WOW!

The background of the image is a vibrant, purple-hued space filled with numerous small, white and yellow stars of varying sizes, creating a sense of depth and a star-filled night sky.

WHOA, IT'S
SO PRETTY. YOU
CAN'T SEE SIGHTS
LIKE THIS IN
THE CITY.



IT'S LIKE THE
SHIP IS FLOATING

IN THE SKY.

BUT IT'S
SUCH A SHAME.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

I ALWAYS WISH
THAT I COULD LOOK
UP AT A SKY FULL

UP AT A SKY FULL
OF STARS...



...TOGETHER WITH
MY LITTLE BROTHER,
LITTLE SISTER, AND
HAEUN.

A close-up illustration of a character's face, looking upwards with a hopeful expression. The character has dark hair and is set against a dark, star-filled background.

YEAH.

I HOPE WE'LL
ALL BE ABLE TO
LOOK UP AT THE
STARS TOGETHER
ONE DAY.



WE'LL PROBABLY
BE ABLE TO RELAX
AS WE LOOK UP
AT THE NIGHT
SKY...

WHEN THAT
DAY COMES,
RIGHT?



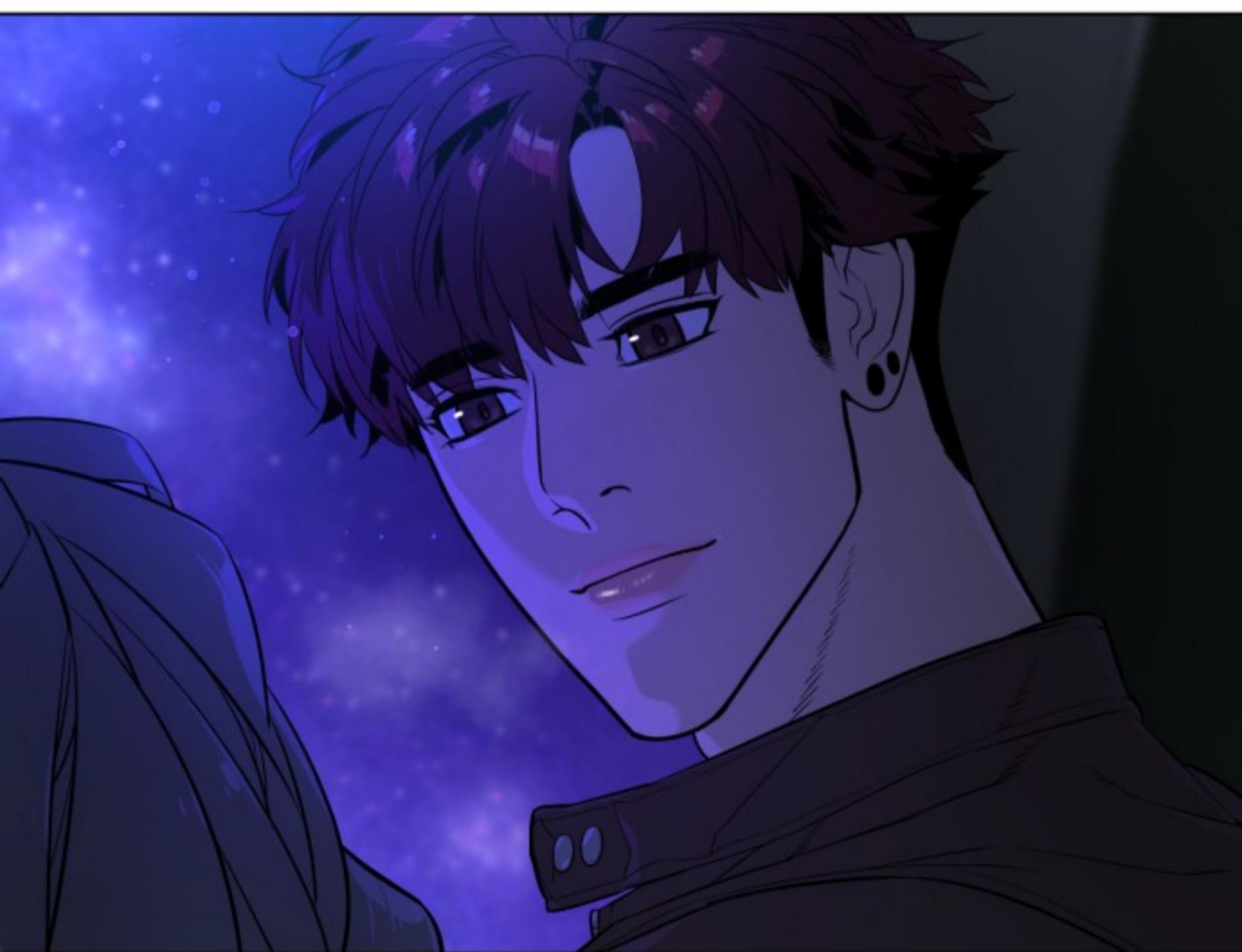


YOU MUST HAVE BEEN
REALLY TIRED.

YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T
RELAX EVEN FOR A SINGLE
MOMENT.



I'M GLAD THAT YOU CAN
RELY ON ME A LITTLE.



IT'S ALREADY BEEN A

LONG TIME SINCE I FIRST
STARTED MY JOB AS
A DETECTIVE.

I WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON
BEFORE I MET YOU.



P-PLEASE
DON'T KILL
ME!



PLEASE!



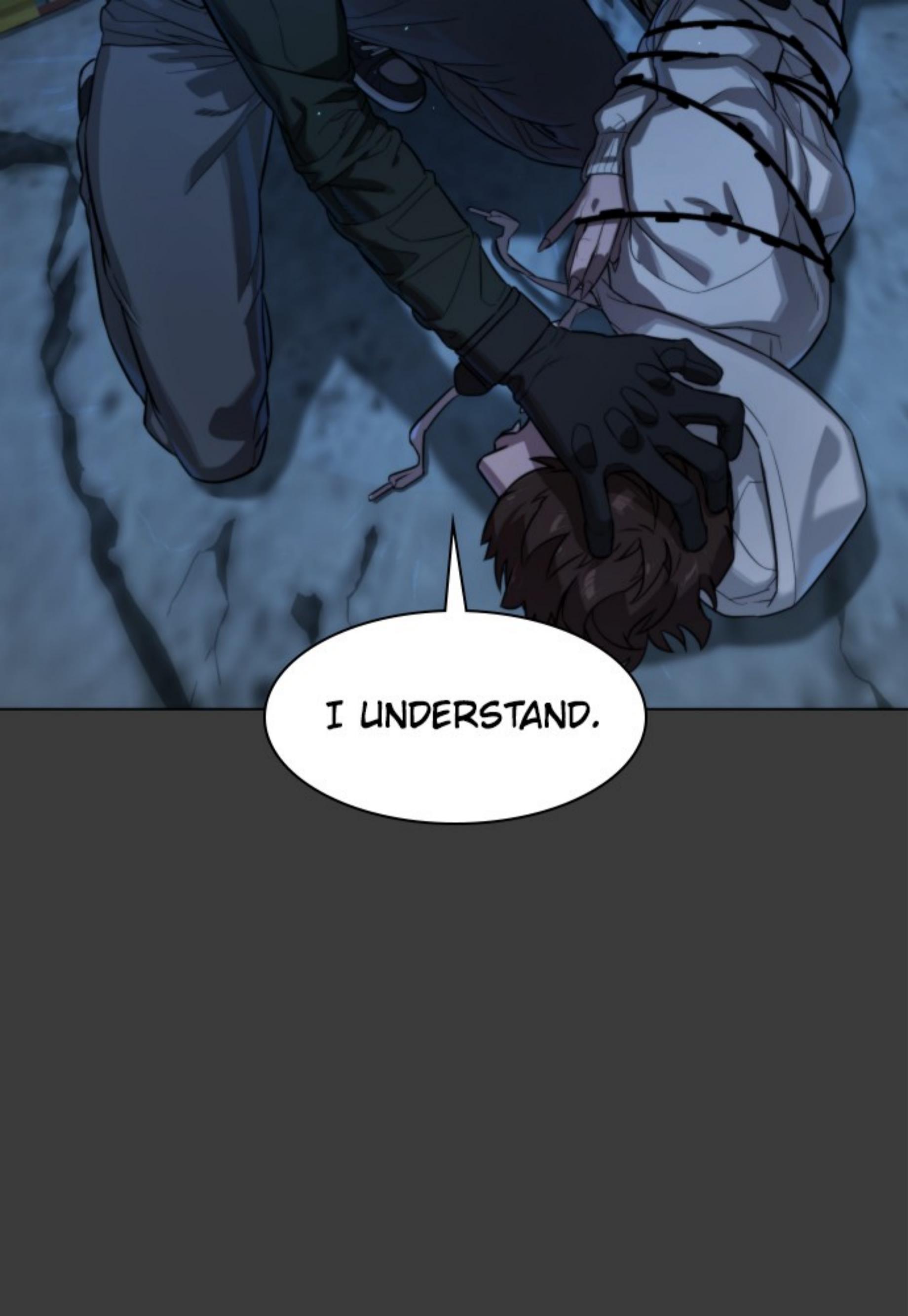
YOU'RE A DEMON
WHEN IT COMES TO
HUNTING VAMPIRES
ALRIGHT.

LET'S SAY
WE CAPTURED THIS
VAMPIRE TOGETHER,
OKAY?



YOU'RE A NEWBIE,
SO YOU HAVE TO
LEARN TO ACCEPT
THINGS LIKE THIS.



A close-up illustration of a character's face, likely a woman, with long dark hair and bangs. She has a serious expression and is wearing glasses. A white speech bubble is positioned in front of her mouth, containing the text "I UNDERSTAND.".

I UNDERSTAND.

BY THE WAY,
WHY DID YOU
APPLY FOR THE
VAMPIRE TASK
FORCE?

YOU GRADUATED
AS VALEDICTORIAN FROM
THE POLICE ACADEMY. YOU
COULD HAVE PICKED A
CUSHY DIVISION. WHY DID
YOU CHOOSE TO JOIN
THE FRONT LINES?

USE MINE.

THANKS.

DO YOU HAVE
SOME FANCY REASON
FOR JOINING US? DO
YOU WANT TO SAVE
THE WORLD OR
SOMETHING?

A LOT OF
PEOPLE COME TO
OUR TASK FORCE WITH
A STRONG SENSE OF
JUSTICE. ARE YOU
LIKE THAT TOO?

THEY
DISGUST
ME.



WHAT?

WE CAN'T
SURVIVE WITHOUT
BLOOD.



YOU UNDERSTAND
US, DON'T YOU,
ELINTAE?





HELP ME,
EUNTAE.





HELP ME!





VAMPIRES
DISGUST
ME.

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THE ANNIHILATION OF ALL VAMPIRES.

THAT WAS WHAT I WANTED
TO ACHIEVE WITH THE REST
OF MY LIFE.

I JUST LIVED WITH THAT
ONE GOAL IN MIND, FORGETTING
WHAT MADE ME HAPPY
IN THE PAST.

BUT AS I CONTINUED CHASING
THEM DOWN, THEIR POWER ONLY
GREW BEYOND MY REACH.

I FELT LIKE I HAD HIT
A WALL. I REALIZED I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO WIPE THEM ALL
OUT ON MY OWN.

BUT THAT DAY,
EVERYTHING CHANGED.

I'VE SPOTTED
SOMETHING
STRANGE.

VAMPIRE TASK FORCE



I DEFINITELY
SAW IT. I SAW
IT, BUT...

AH, THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD.
I'VE BEEN THINKING
THAT PLACE WAS
SUSPICIOUS FOR
A WHILE NOW.

THERE ARE
DEFINITELY SIGNS OF AN
ACTIVE VAMPIRE IN THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THE
PEOPLE LIVING THERE

WON'T SAY A WORD.

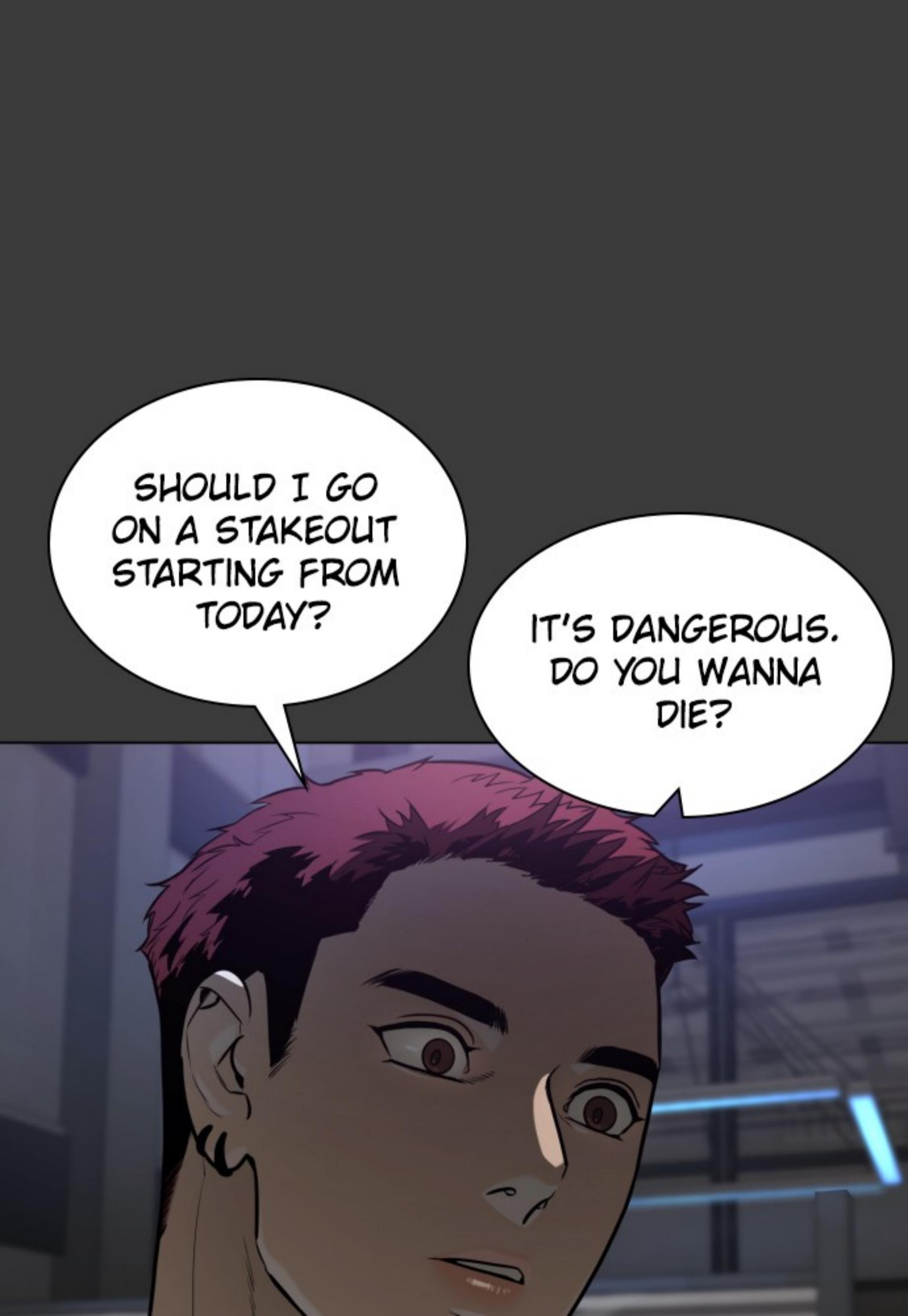
I FIGURED
IT OUT.

AND?

THE GROUND
WAS COVERED IN
BLOOD. THERE
WAS NOTHING
THERE.



THEY'RE BEING
THREATENED.



SHOULD I GO
ON A STAKEOUT
STARTING FROM
TODAY?

IT'S DANGEROUS.
DO YOU WANNA
DIE?



THIS SITUATION
IS TOO BIG FOR
US TO HANDLE.

DON'T DO
ANYTHING UNTIL
WE GET ORDERS
FROM THE TOP.

I'LL GET
THAT VAMPIRE
NO MATTER
WHAT.

dash





DASH

I WAS HELL-BENT ON CATCHING VAMPIRES, EVEN IF IT JUST MEANT TRACKING DOWN ONE OF THEM. I WENT AFTER THEM IN A FRENZY.

THEY HAVE TO
BE AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE...





I'VE SEARCHED
EVERY INCH OF THIS
PLACE, BUT I CAN'T
SEE ANY SIGNS
OF THEM.

THEY'RE NO
ORDINARY
VAMPIRE.

THERE THEY
ARE!





THAT'S THE
ONE I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR!

I THINK
I'VE FOUND
THAT VAMPIRE!



WHAT?
WHERE ARE YOU
RIGHT NOW?!

I'M IN
BUCHAN
DISTRICT--



WAIT A
MINUTE...

BUT IT WAS
WEIRD.

I LOST SIGHT
OF THEM!





THIS ISN'T
A HUMAN!

WHY WOULD A

WHY WOULD A VAMPIRE KILL ANOTHER VAMPIRE?





THERE THEY
ARE!

I'M GONNA
GET THEM.



I'LL
GET THEM
NO MATTER
WHAT!



I HAVE TO
EXTERMINATE
EVERY SINGLE
ONE OF THESE
MONSTERS!

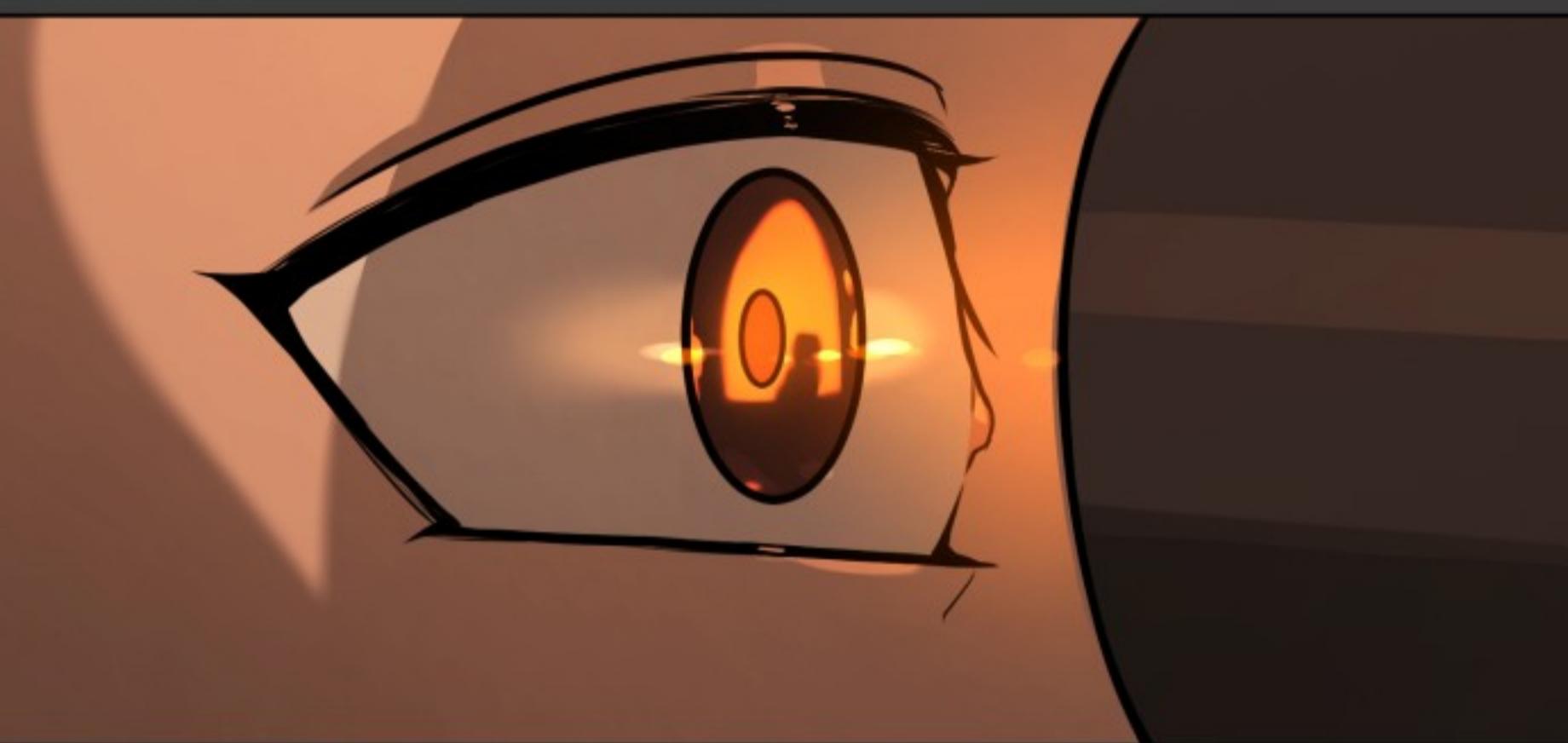


PLEASE
WAKE UP...



WE'LL BE AT
THE HOSPITAL
SOON... PLEASE...
PLEASE...

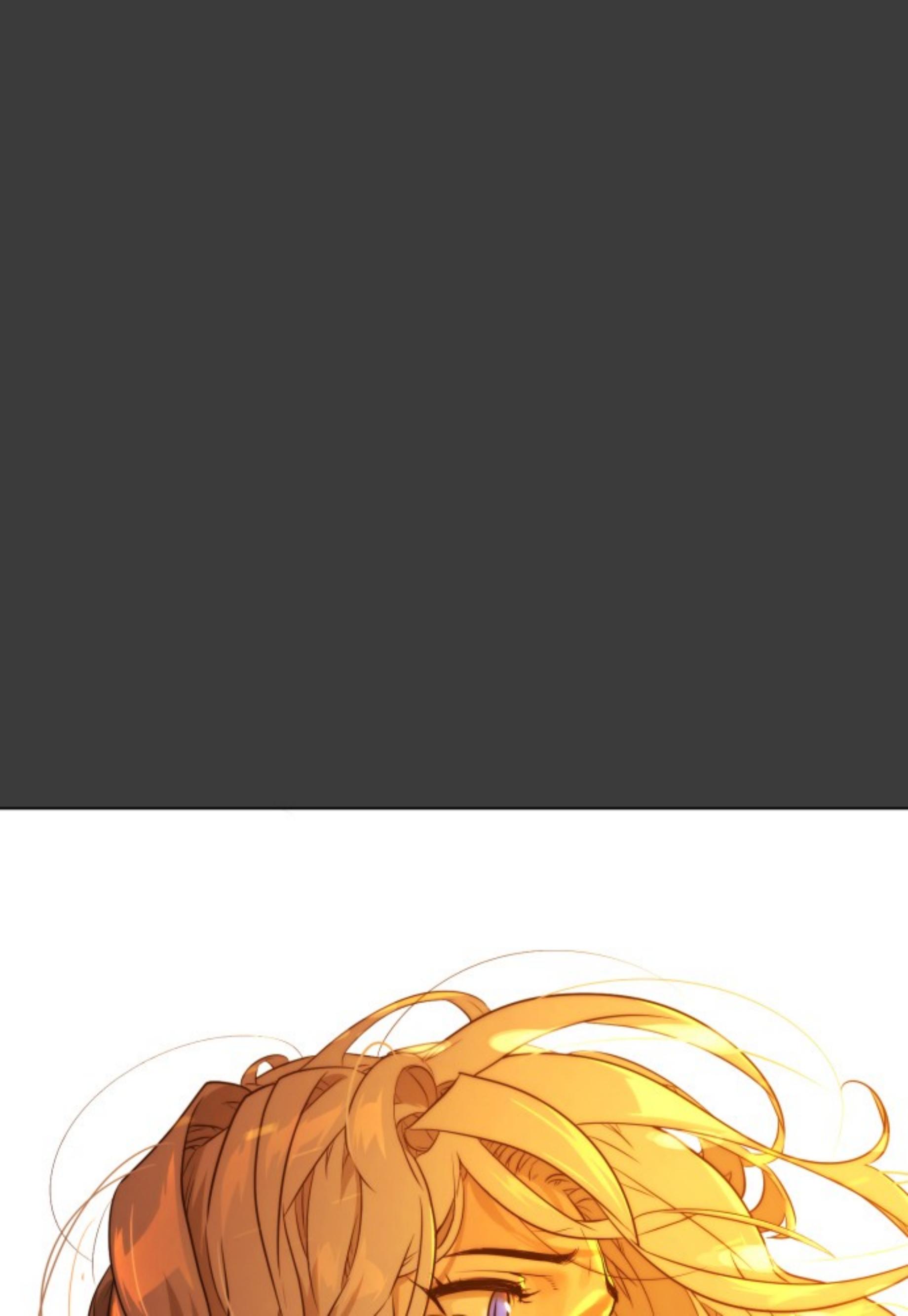
...I'M SORRY.



I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

Twoosum





I'M SORRY
I COULDN'T
PROTECT
YOU.



HELLO?
EUNTAE!



WHERE THE
HELL ARE
YOU?!

UNTIL THAT POINT,
I HAD BELIEVED VAMPIRES
WERE THE SOURCE OF ALL
EVIL, BUT NOW I SAW ONE
OF THEM CRYING

OF THEM CRAYING.

SO THE VAMPIRE
THAT KILLED HER IS
THE VAMPIRE THAT DIED.
AND THE VAMPIRE THAT
KILLED HIM IS...

AH, SORRY.



I THINK I WAS
MISTAKEN.

THAT UNFORGETTABLE
MOMENT WAS THE FIRST
TIME I CAUGHT SIGHT
OF YOU.



A MURDER
COMMITTED BY A VAMPIRE
OCCURRED YESTERDAY AT
5 PM NEAR SEOUL
STATION.

THIS IS
TERRIBLE. THAT'S
THE SON OF MR. KIM
WHO LIVES
NEARBY.





HOW CAN WE
LIVE WITH THIS
FEAR HANGING
OVER US...?



THEY NEED TO
HURRY UP AND
KILL ALL THOSE
MONSTERS!

VAMPIRES ARE
ALL SCUM. DON'T
YOU AGREE?



YOU'VE

YOU'VE
BEEN BEHAVING
SUSPICIOUSLY
THESE DAYS.

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN, SIR?

UP UNTIL
RECENTLY, YOU'VE
BEEN OBSESSED
WITH KILLING ALL
VAMPIRES. BUT NOW
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE
A DIFFERENT
PERSON.

DID YOU
GET A VAMPIRE
GIRLFRIEND OR

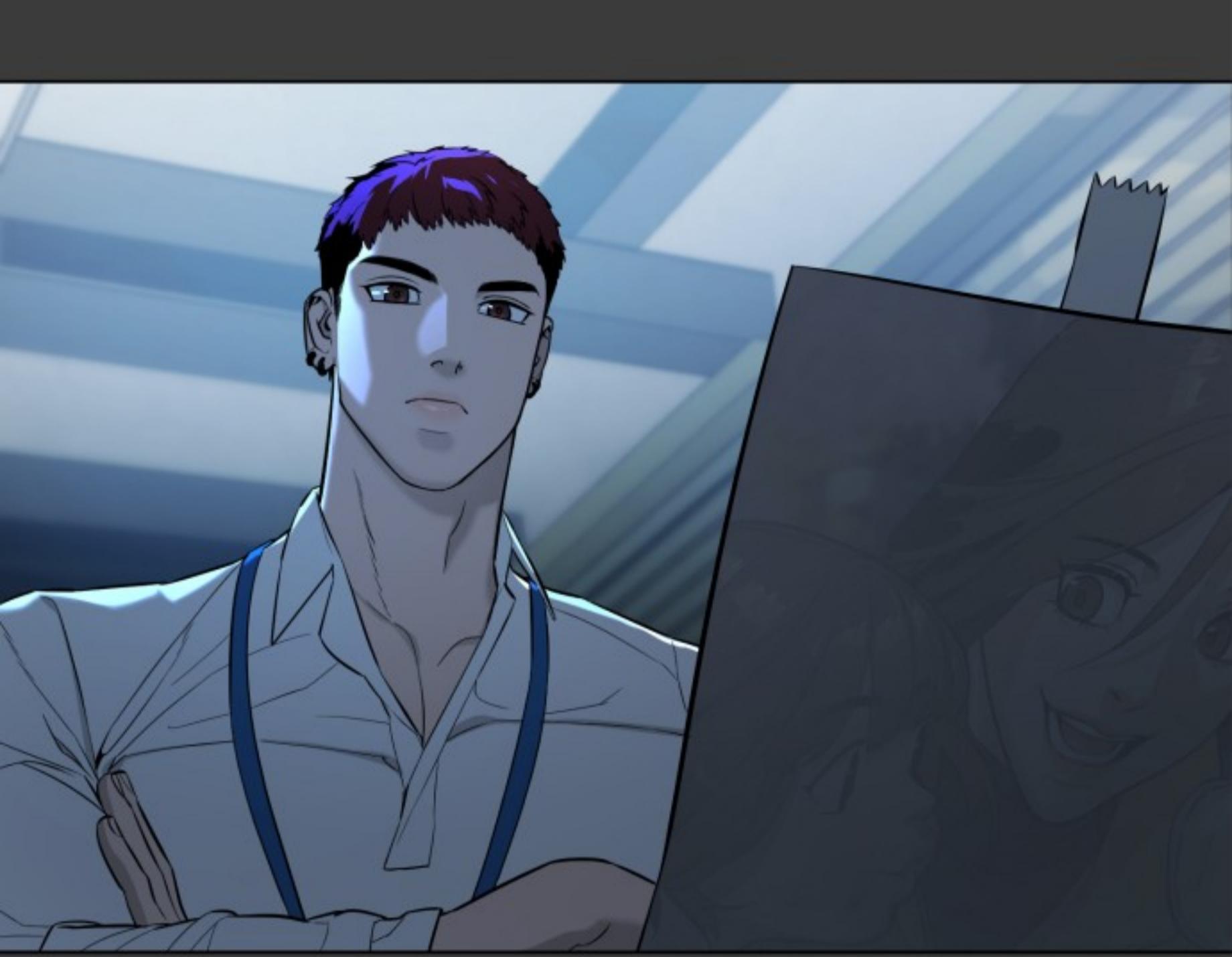
SOMETHING?

N-NO!

I THINK
I'M JUST...
TIRED THESE
DAYS.

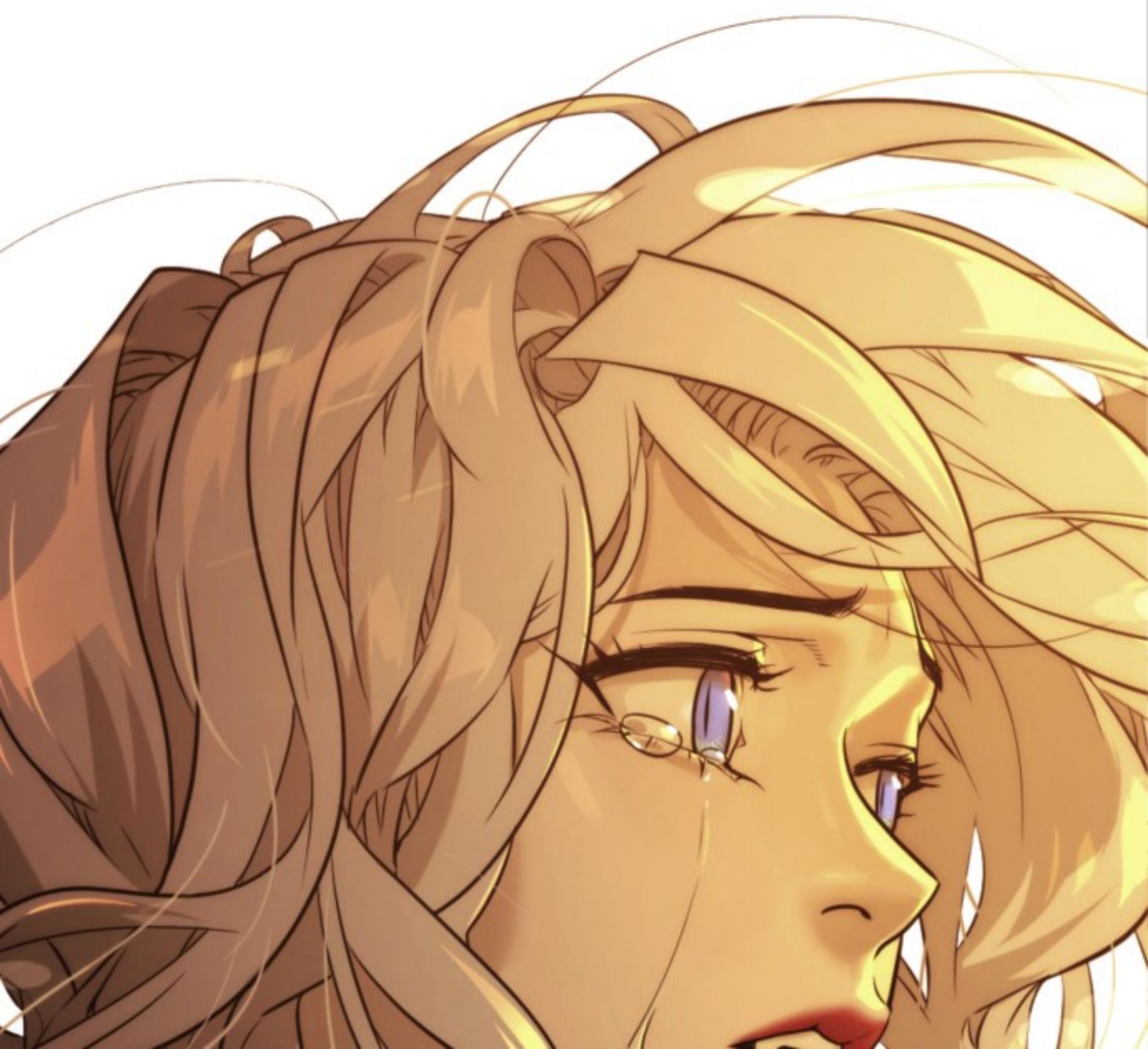


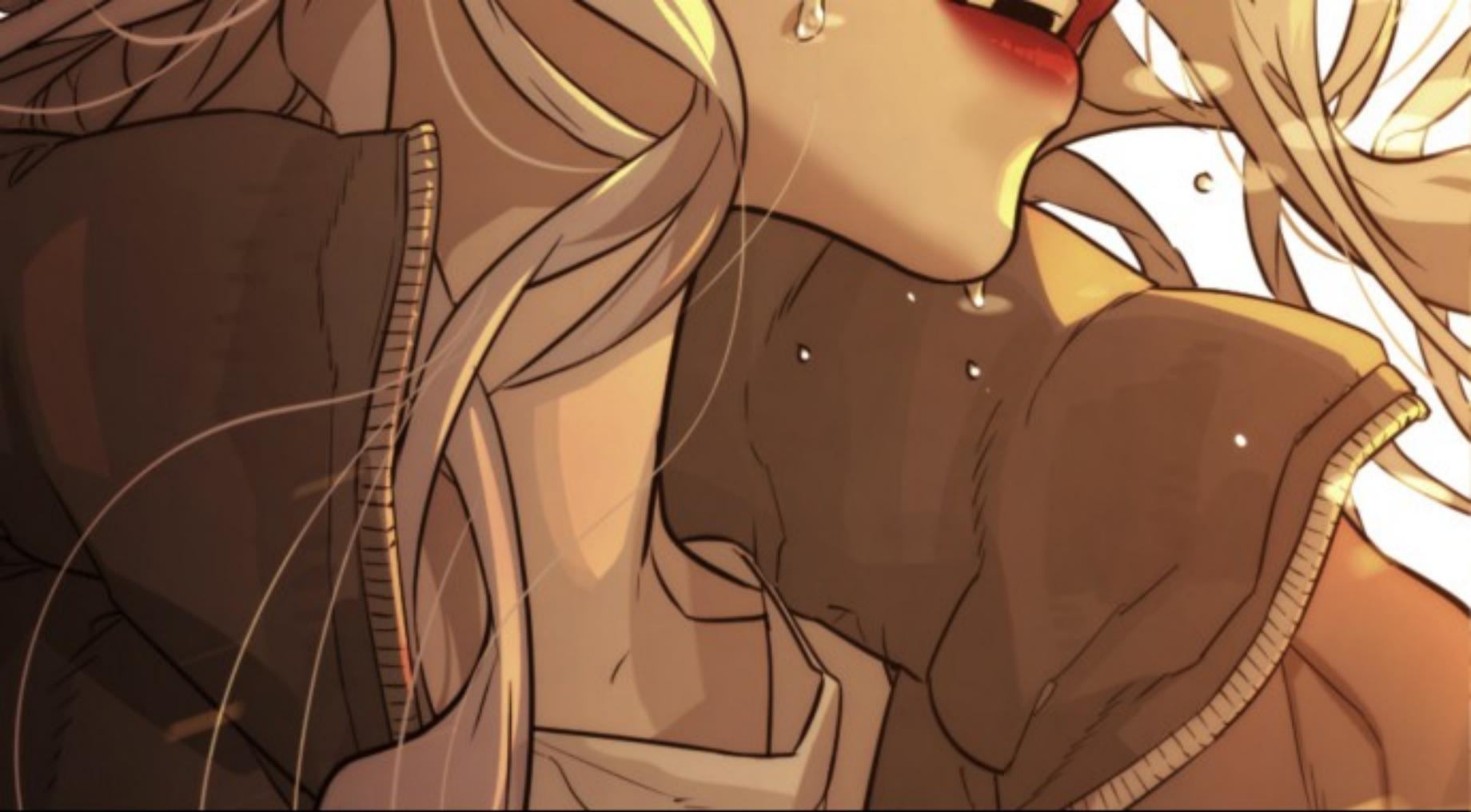






THEY NEED
TO HURRY UP
AND KILL ALL THOSE
MONSTERS!



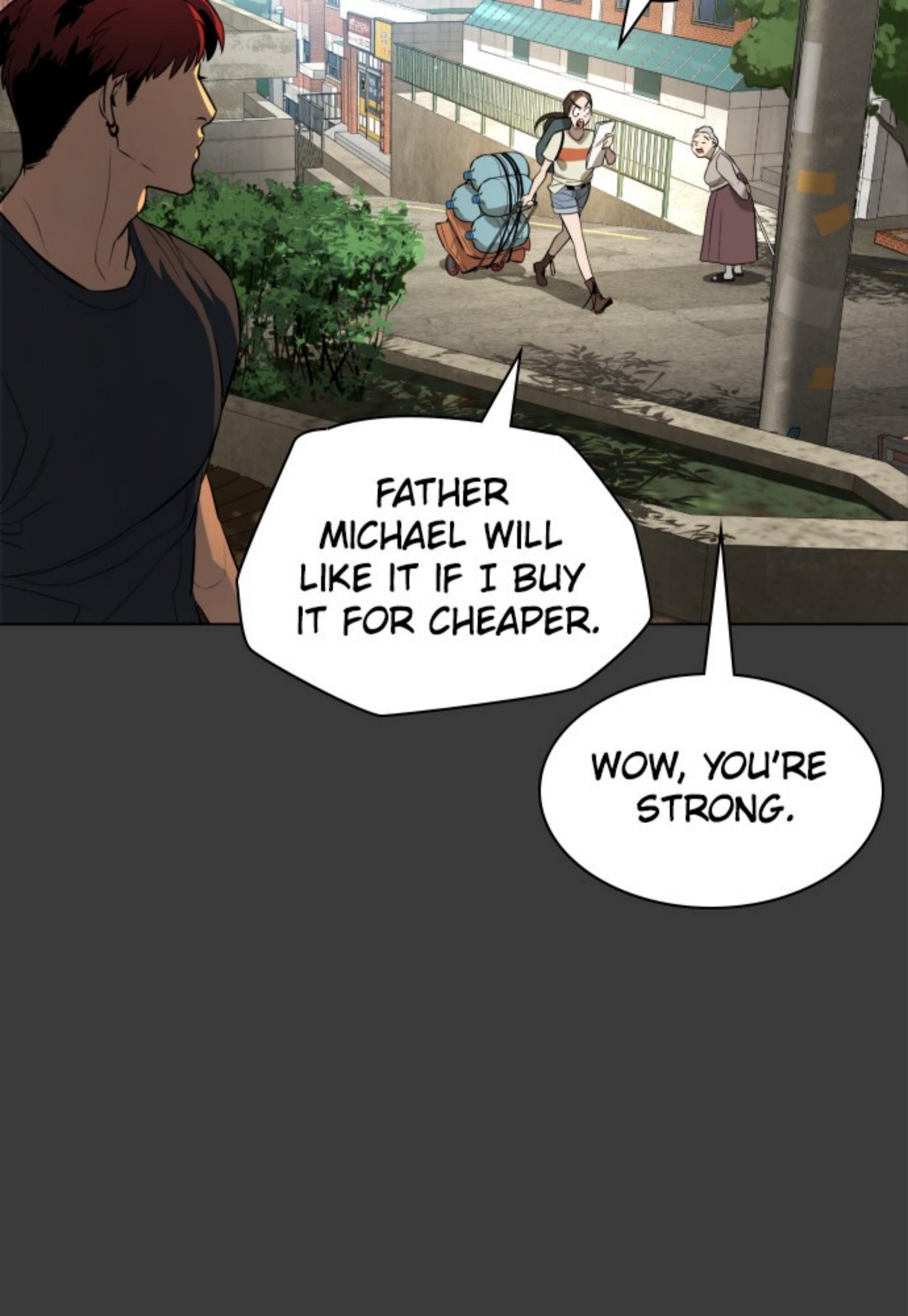




WHAT THE
HECK? NARI MART
IS 2,000 WON*
CHEAPER!

SHOULD I
RETURN THIS?
UGH, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

*ABOUT 1.80 USD.

A woman with dark hair tied back is pushing a handcart loaded with several large blue barrels. She is wearing a striped t-shirt and shorts. In the background, there are buildings, a green hedge, and another person walking away.

FATHER
MICHAEL WILL
LIKE IT IF I BUY
IT FOR CHEAPER.

WOW, YOU'RE
STRONG.

OH MY GOD!
SO THIS IS THE
SCHOOL I'LL BE
ATTENDING!

IT'S
SO AMAZING! I
COULD GET USED
TO STUDYING IN
A PLACE LIKE
THIS!



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HOP

HOP

AH, WHAT
IF SOMEONE ASKS
ME FOR MY NUMBER
WHILE I'M STUDYING
AT THE LIBRARY?

SHOULD I
LET THEM DOWN
GENTLY? HEHE, THIS

IS SUCH AN EXCITING
THING TO THINK
ABOUT.

STOOD
ATTA





**WHO THE HELL
DO YOU THINK YOU
ARE? YOU BETTER
SHUT YOUR FACES
UP AND SCRAM...**

**...BEFORE I
TEAR YOU A
NEW ONE!**



I BECAME
CERTAIN THE MORE I GOT
TO KNOW YOU...



...THAT A VAMPIRE WHO
WAS MORE HUMAN THAN
OTHER PEOPLE...





...WOULD CHANGE
THE WORLD.

I ACTUALLY
CAME ACROSS YOU
LONG BEFORE WE
FIRST MET.





BUT I'M NOT
GOING TO TELL
YOU.

I FEEL LIKE
IT'D BE MORE
FUN IF I KEPT
IT TO MYSELF.



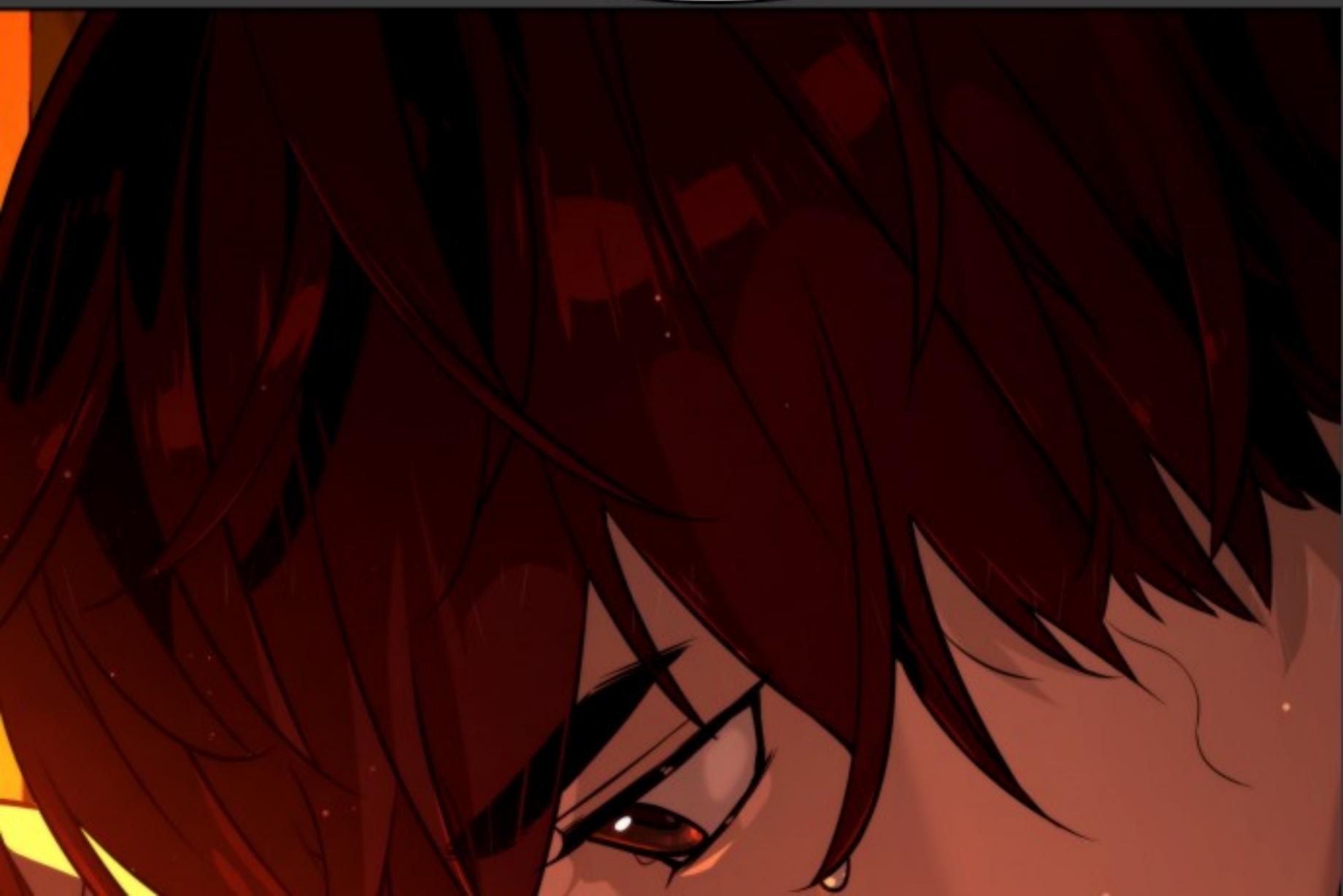
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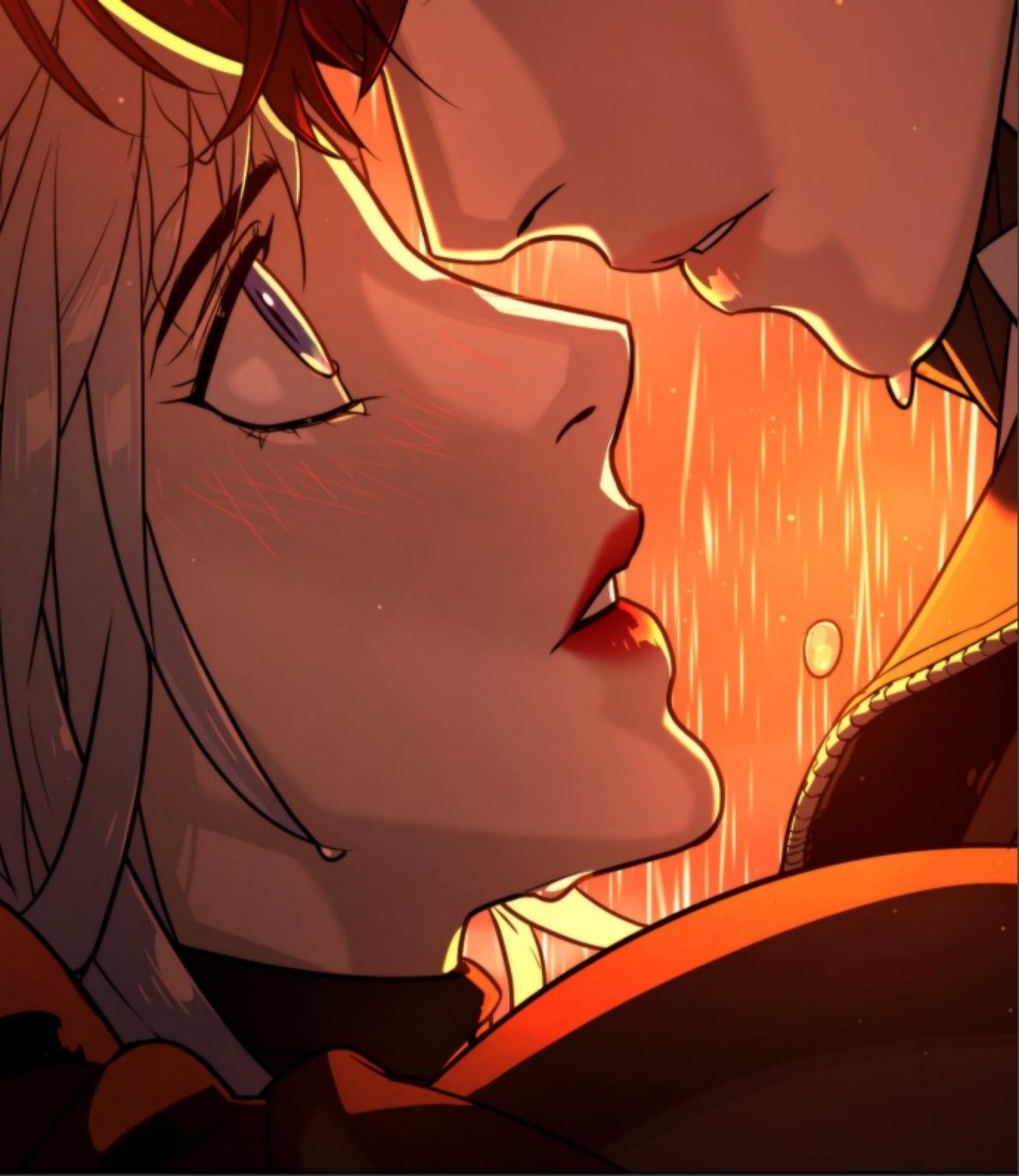


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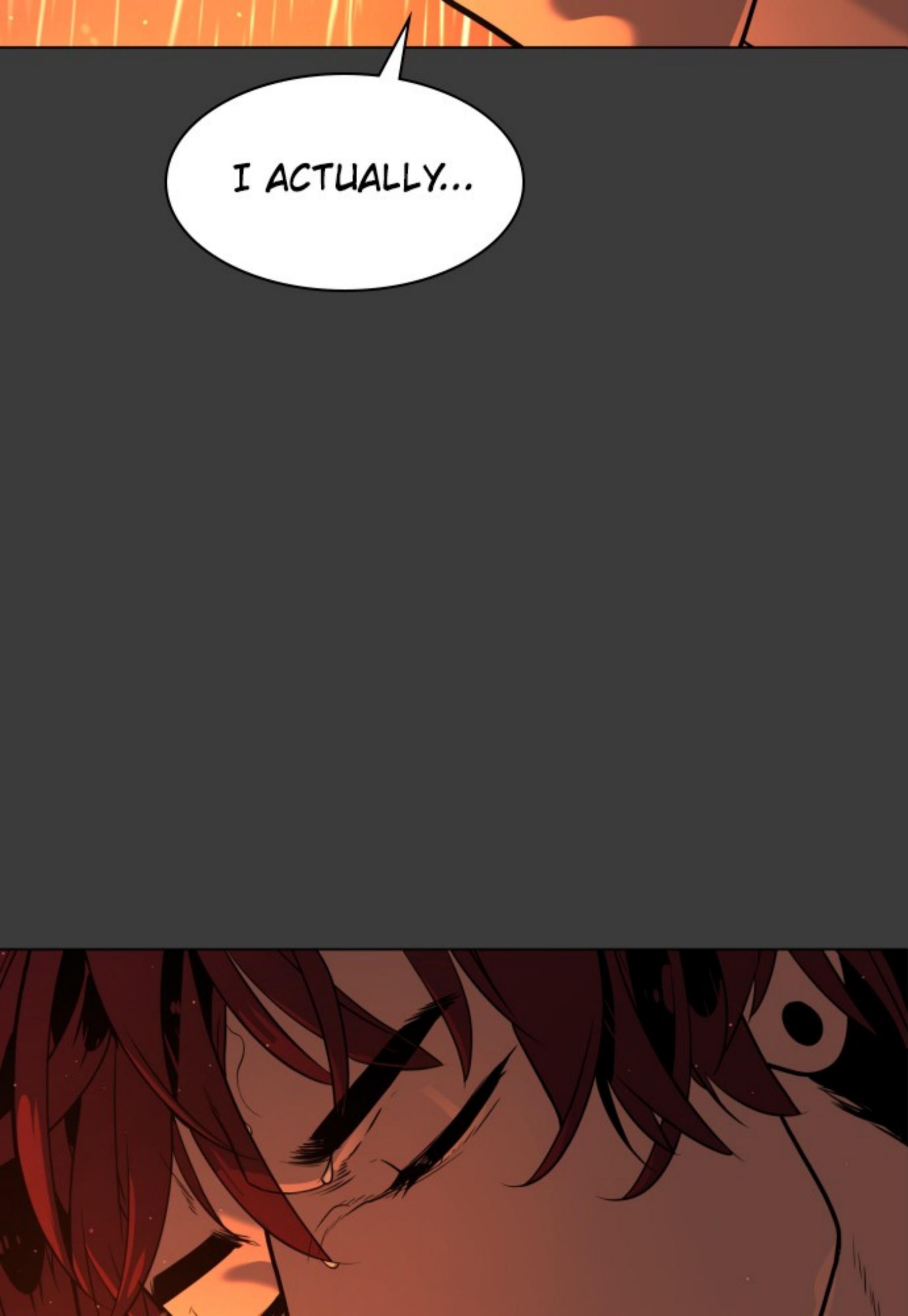


IS THERE
SOMEONE YOU
LIKE?









I ACTUALLY...



PRESS





YOU ASKED ME
IF THERE WAS
SOMEONE I
LIKED.



A dark, star-filled space background featuring a large satellite dish antenna on the right side. The dish is black with a grid-like support structure. In the lower-left foreground, there's a curved metal railing, possibly from a ship or platform.

THERE
WAS.

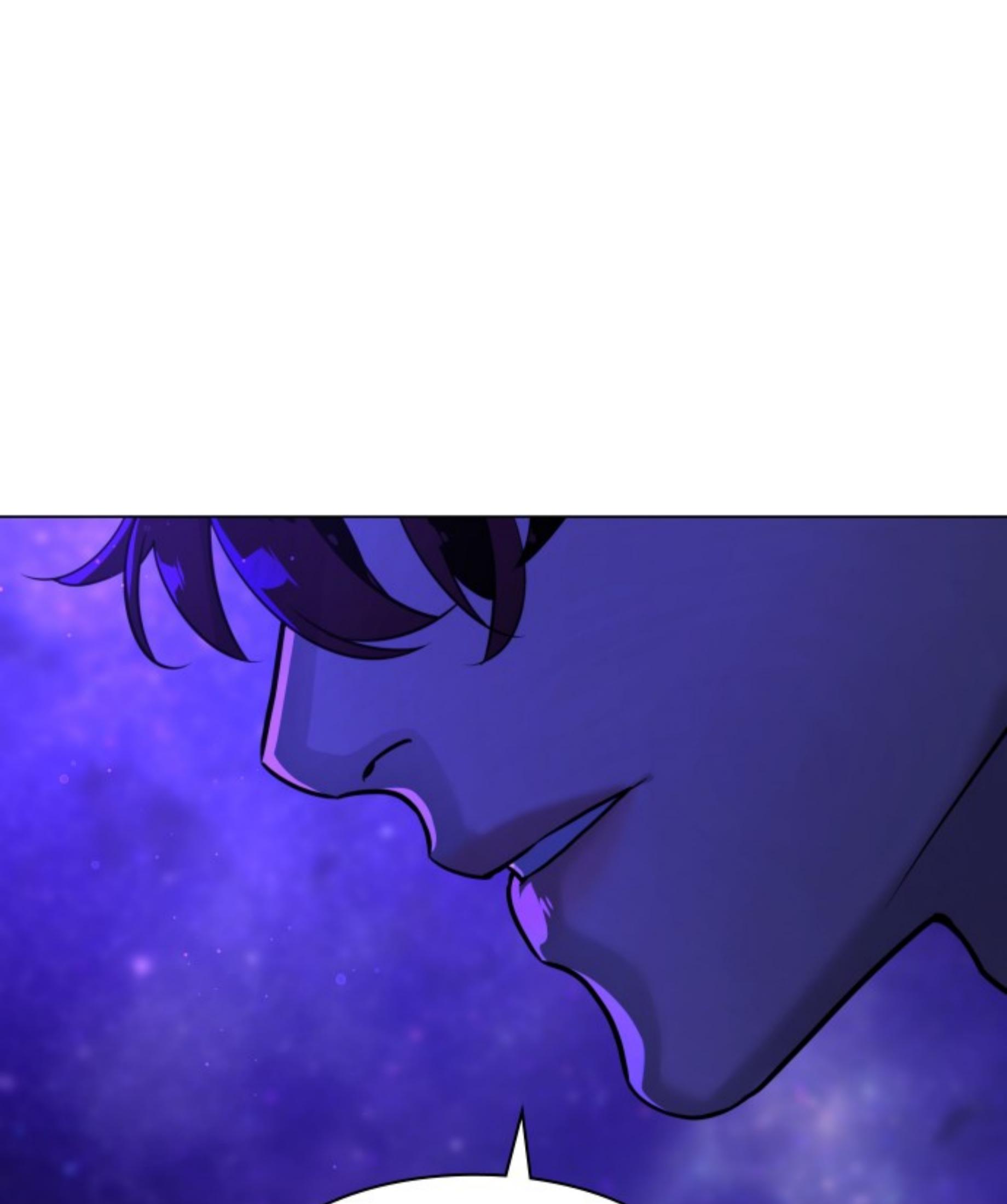
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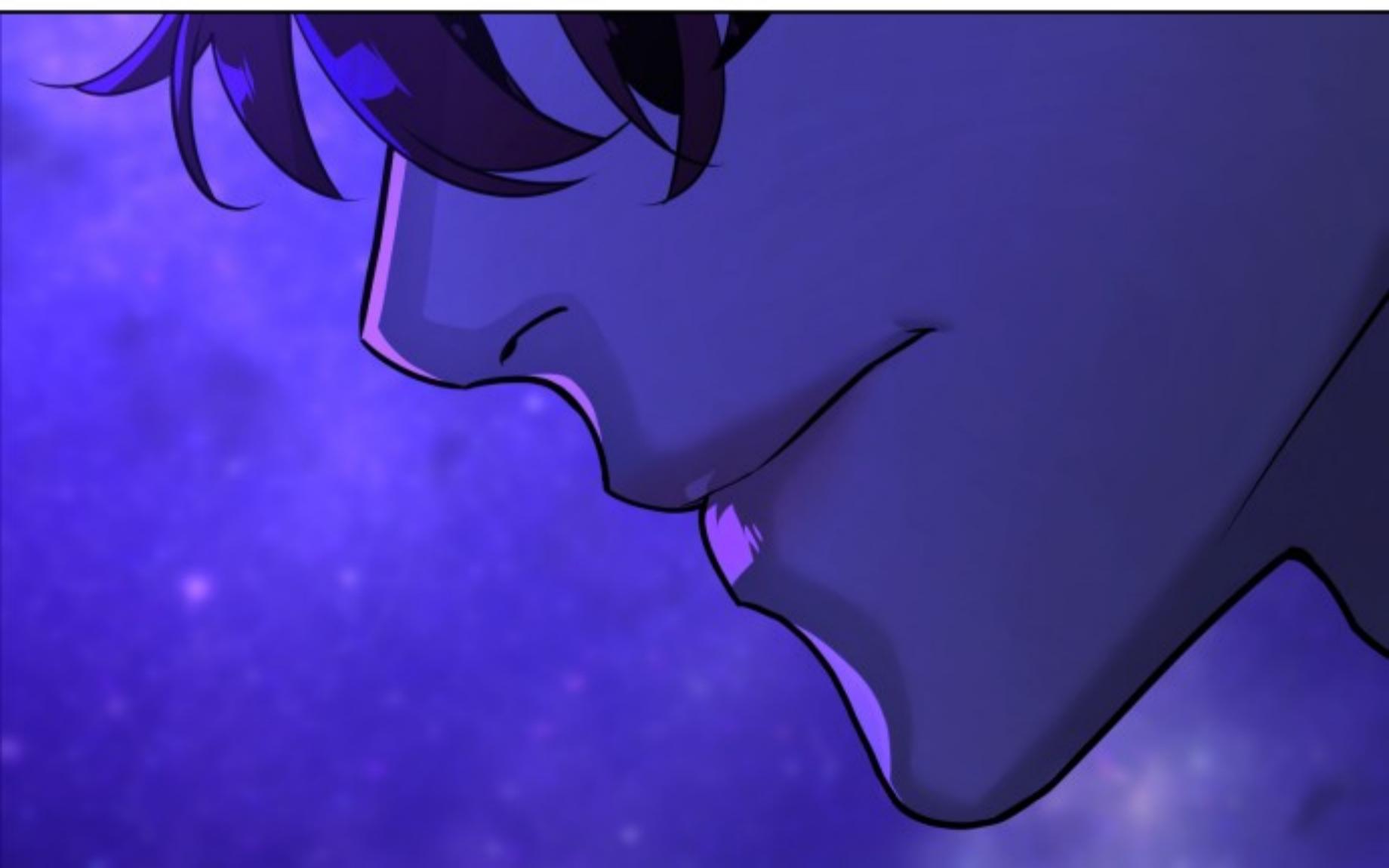
THERE IS.

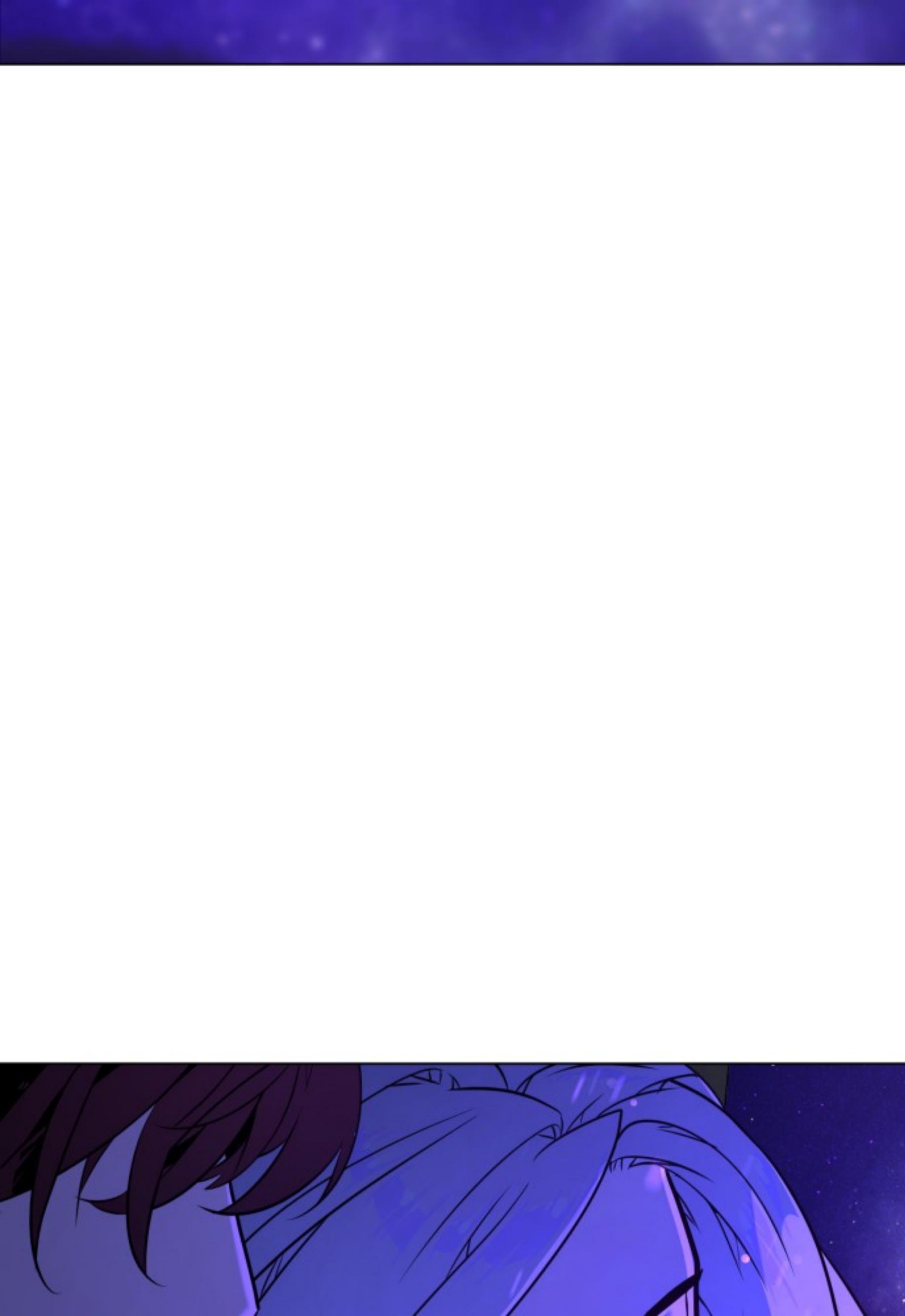


BUT I CAN'T
TELL YOU HOW I
FEEL BECAUSE THAT
WOULD BE SELFISH. I
DON'T HAVE LONG TO
LIVE AFTER ALL.



DESPITE THAT...











**...I REALLY
LIKE YOU.**

I'M SORRY.





I DON'T HAVE
THE COURAGE TO
TELL YOU THIS WHEN
YOU'RE AWAKE.

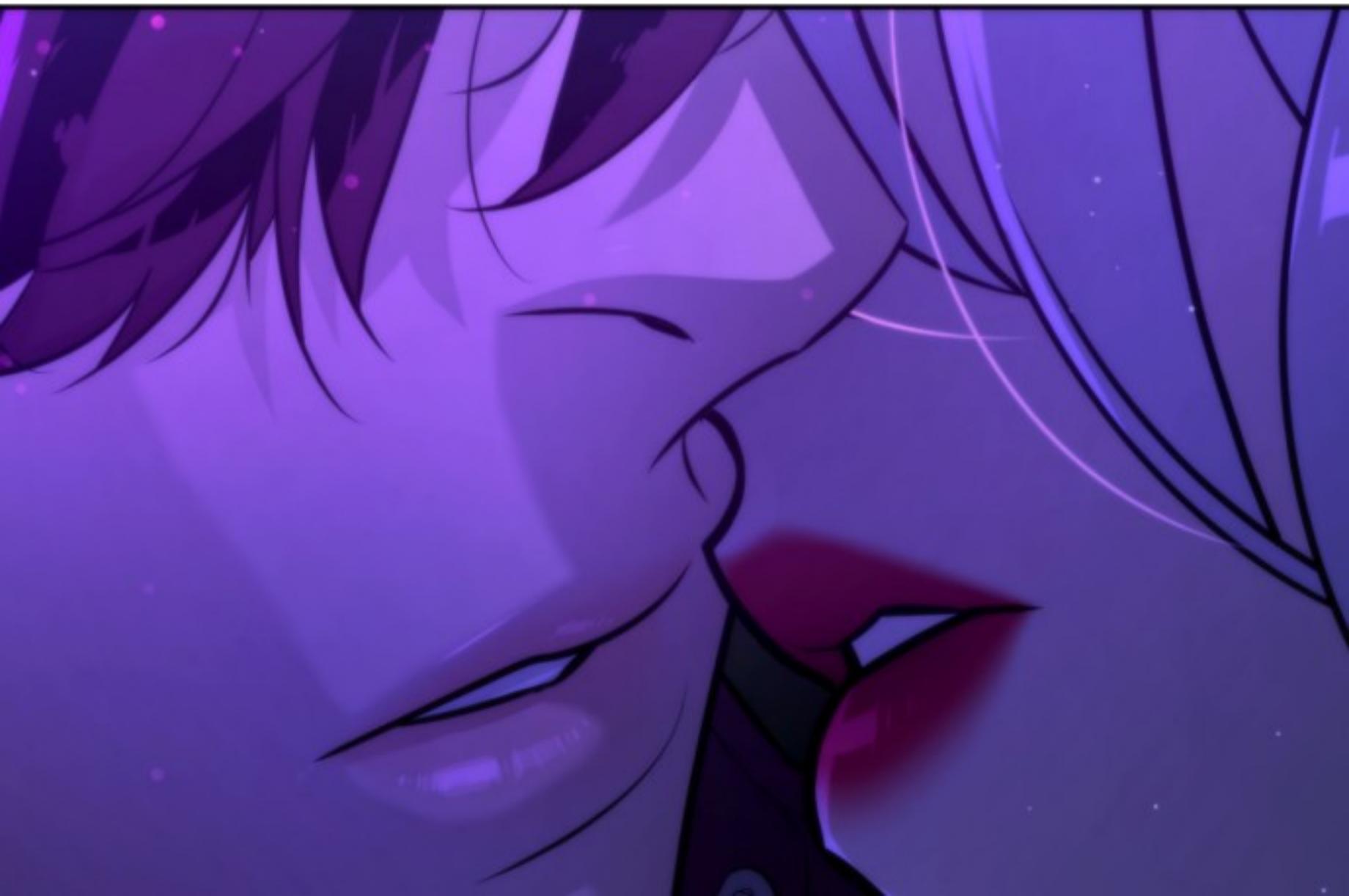














UNHOLY BLOOD

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