



Episode 45

FWOOSH



STEP



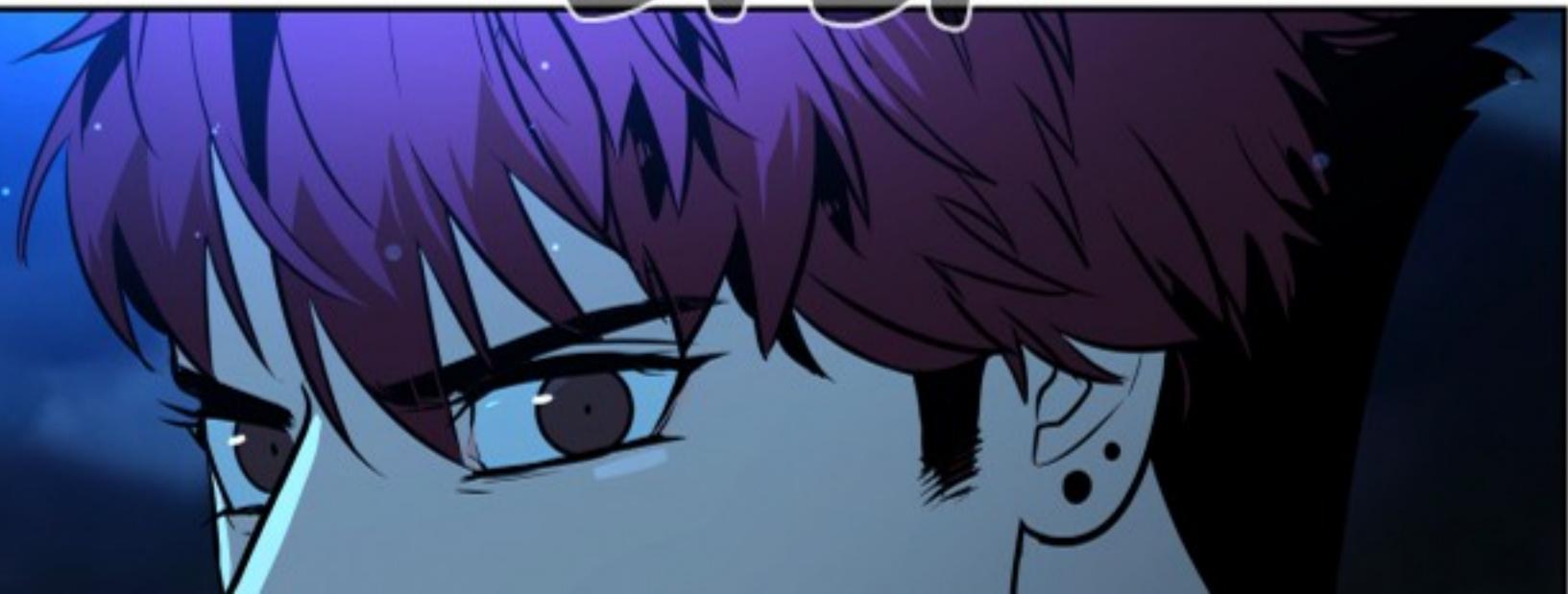
STEP

HUH?

STEP

STEP

STEP





STEP

STEP

WHAT THE
FUCK?

STEP

STEP

CHILL









YOU CALLED?

IT JUST
DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE.



WHY IS SHE
GOING TO THESE
LENGTHS? WHAT

LENTHIS: WHAT
DOES SHE WANT?





I ASKED
FOR THE REAL
DEAL, NOT MORE
FAKES.



I WAS EXPECTING
SOMETHING A LITTLE
MORE IMPRESSIVE SINCE
YOU INVITED ME ALL
THE WAY OUT HERE.



WE HAVEN'T
EVEN GOTTEN
STARTED YET.

PFFT.





OH, SORRY,
MY BAD.



BUT YOU
KNOW, THERE MAY
BE STRENGTH IN
NUMBERS.



BUT THERE
AREN'T NEARLY ENOUGH
OF YOU TO POSE A
THREAT TO ME.

WHAT DID
YOU SAY?

IT'S
MY TURN
NOW.



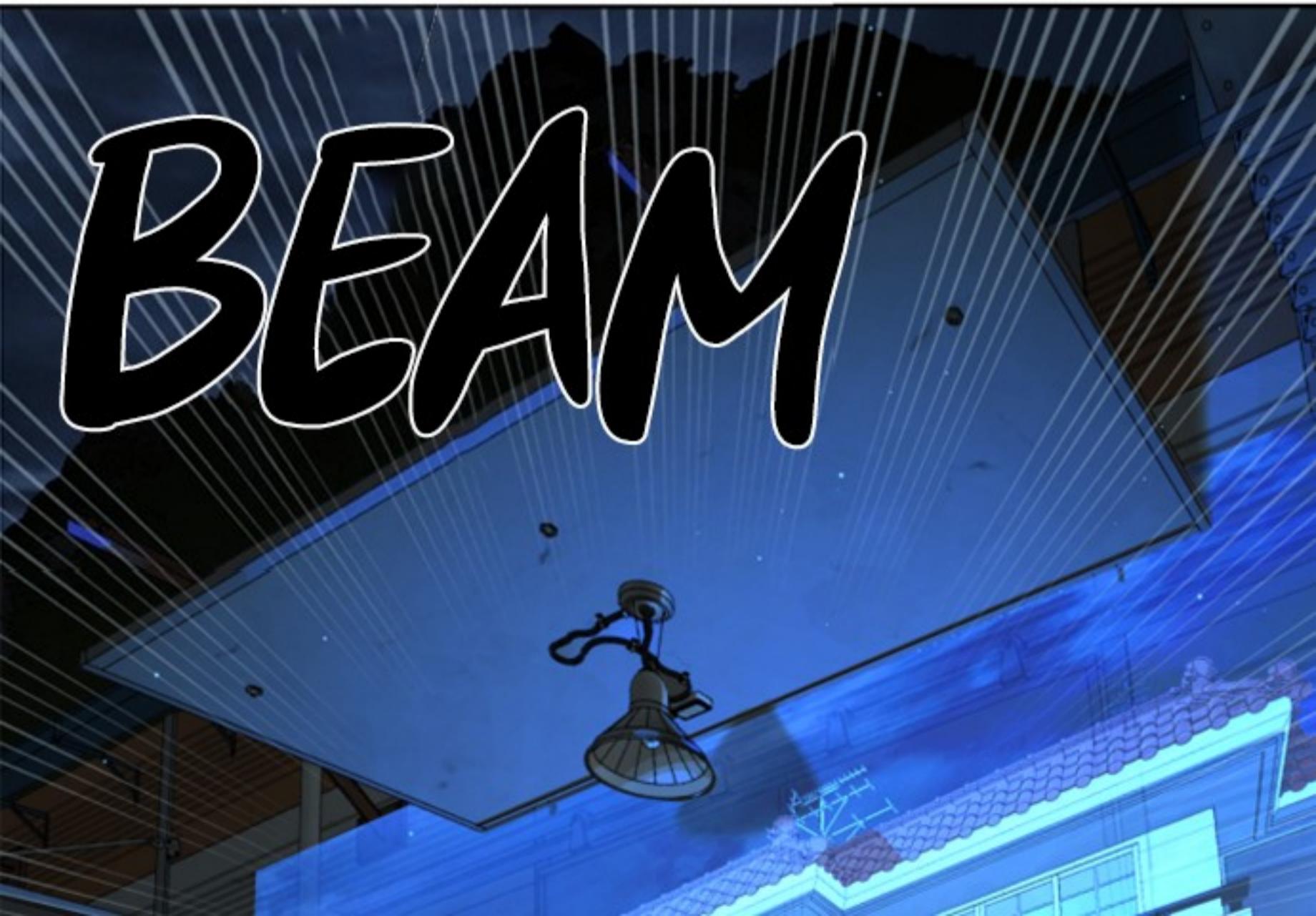


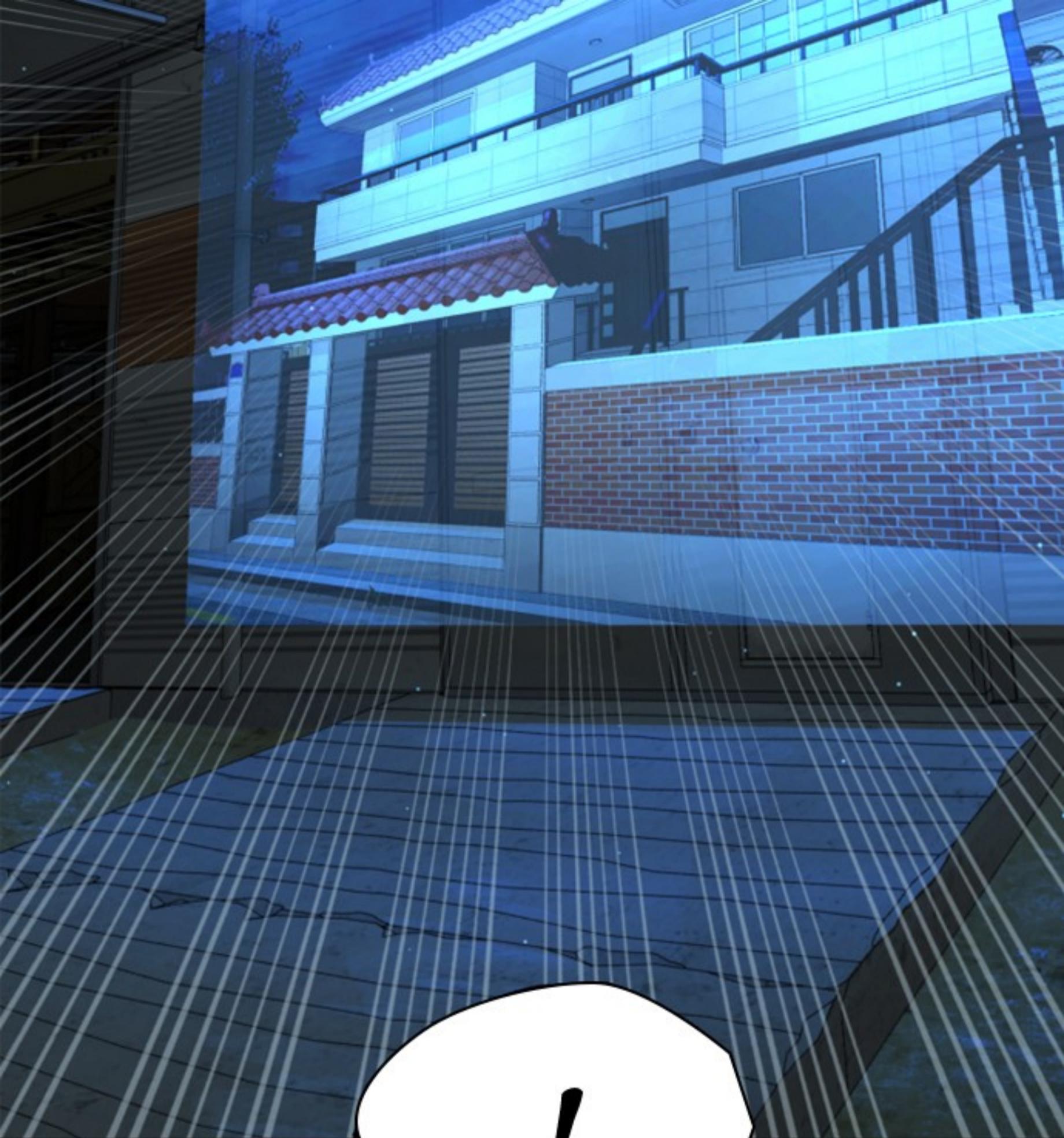


DID YOU
REALLY THINK
THIS WOULD
BE IT?



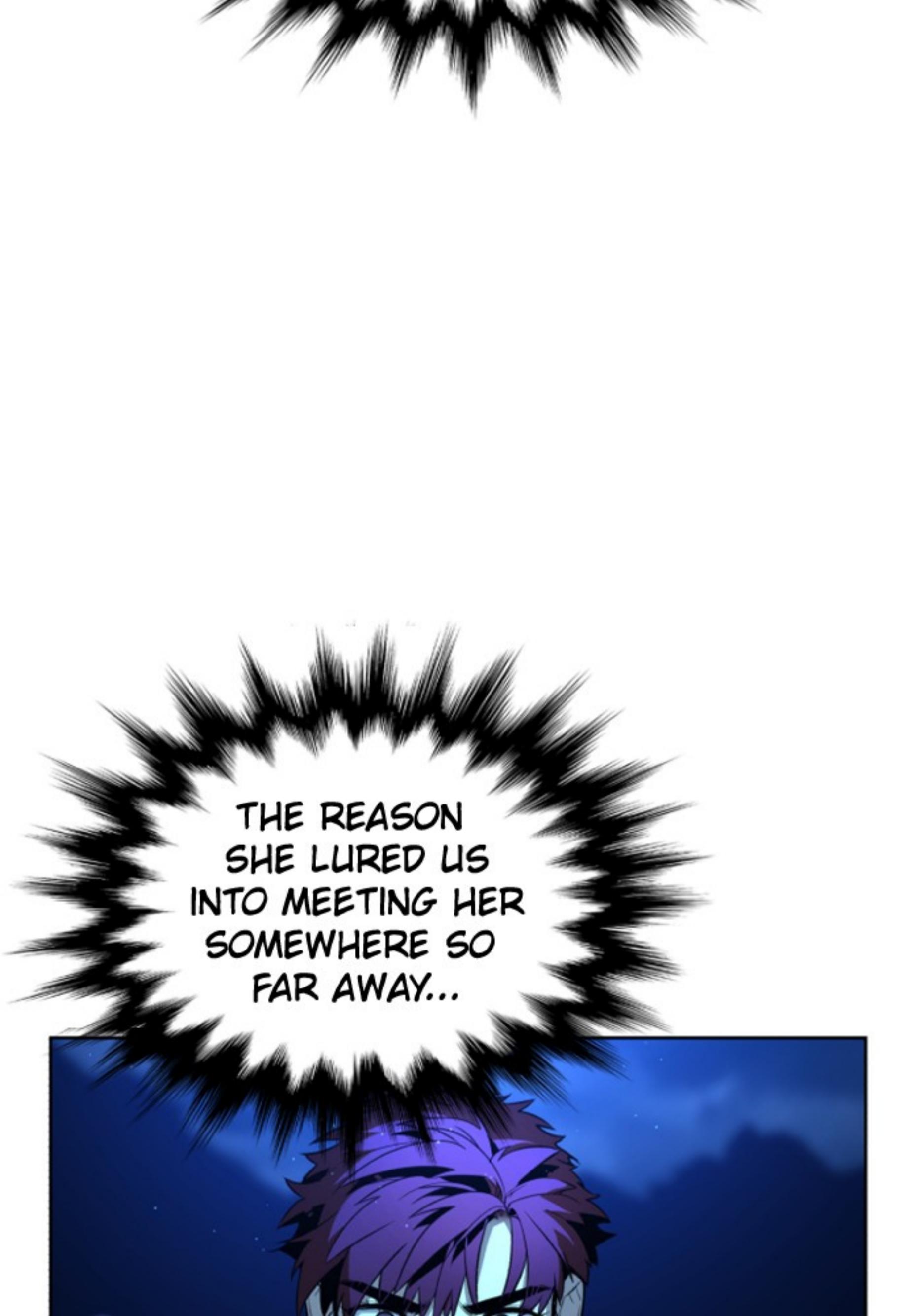
BEAM







THAT'S THE
DETECTIVE'S HOUSE!
WHY'S SHE SHOWING
ME THAT RIGHT
NOW?



THE REASON
SHE LURED US
INTO MEETING HER
SOMEWHERE SO
FAR AWAY...





...AND WHY
SHE PREPARED SO
MANY CLONES OF
HERSELF MIGHT
BE BECAUSE...



NO WAY!

KA BOOM







NO!
HAEUN MIGHT
BE THERE!





DETECTIVE!

HEY, HAEUN.
IS EVERYTHING
OKAY?



I WAS JUST
CALLING TO SEE IF
YOU WERE ALRIGHT.
STAY AWAY FROM THE
HOUSE FOR NOW.

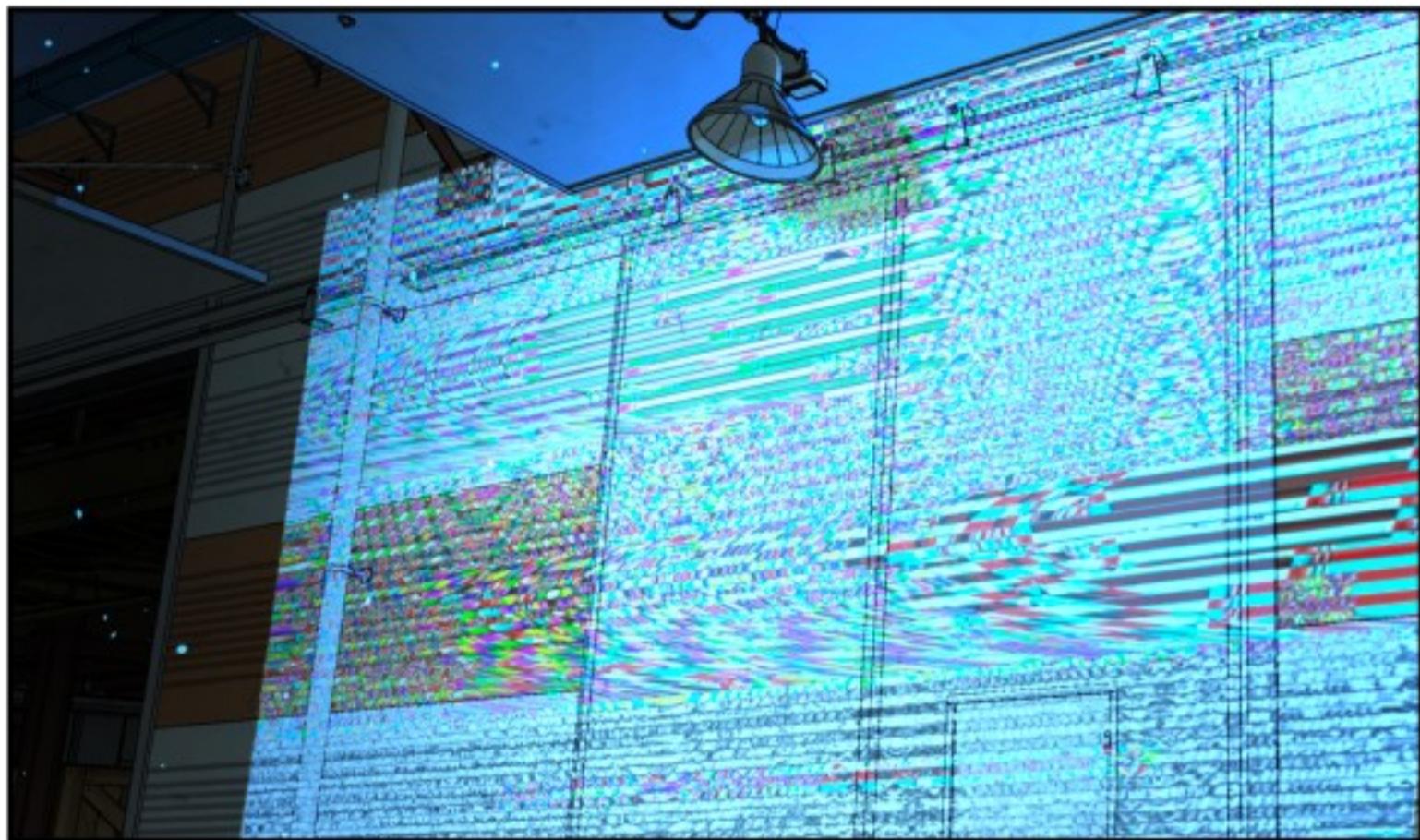
I'LL FILL YOU
IN ON THE DETAILS
LATER.

VERY
COOL-HEADED.
BUT...



...I DON'T
THINK YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO REACT IN
THE SAME WAY
TO THIS.

CRACKLE





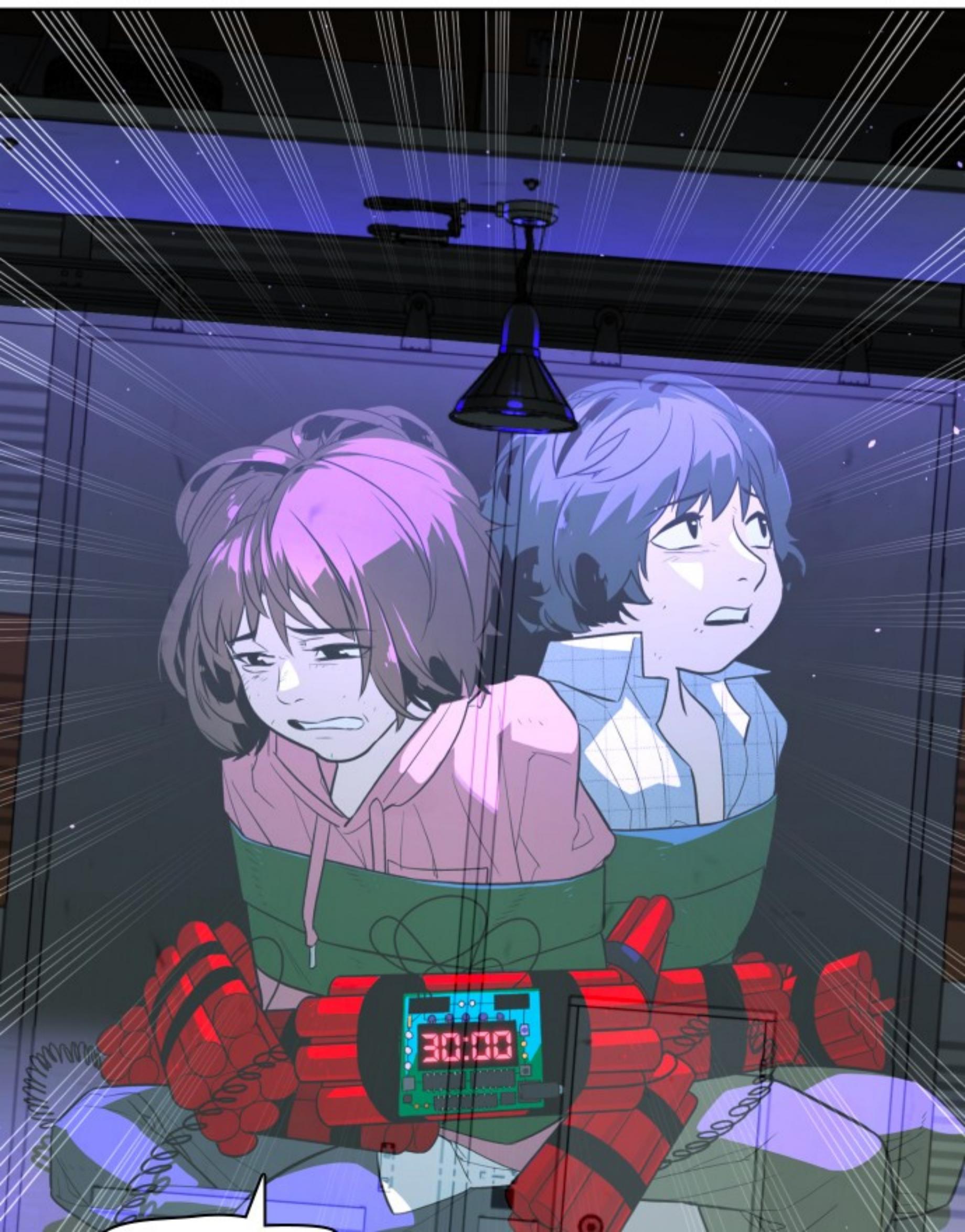
NO...

SOB

WHAT?



WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

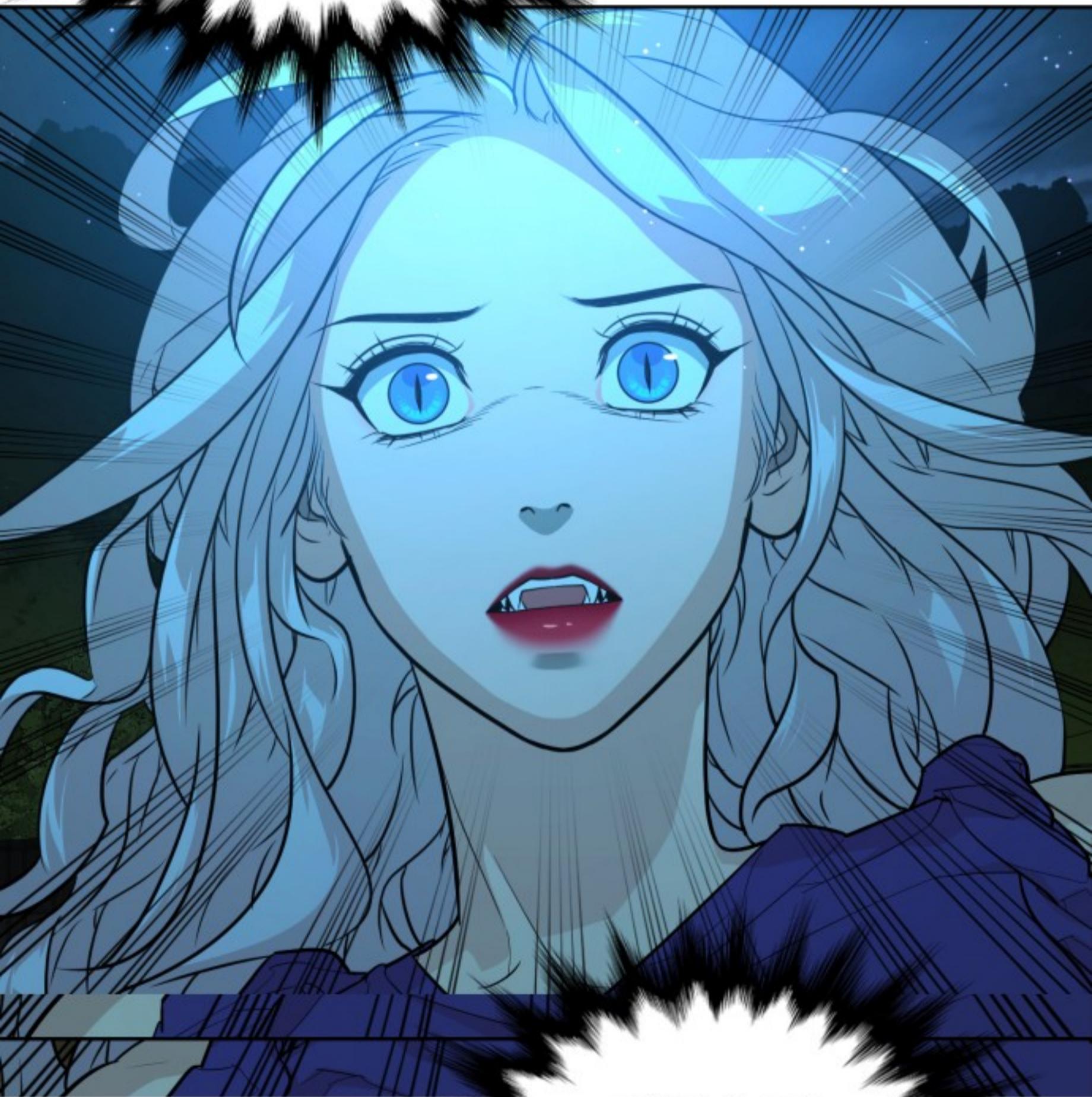




H-HAYAN...

SOB.
HAYAN...

HOW DID
SHE FIND OUT
WHERE THEIR
ORPHANAGE
IS?!



WHEN DID
SHE DO THIS
TO THEM?!

LET THEM
GO RIGHT
NOW!

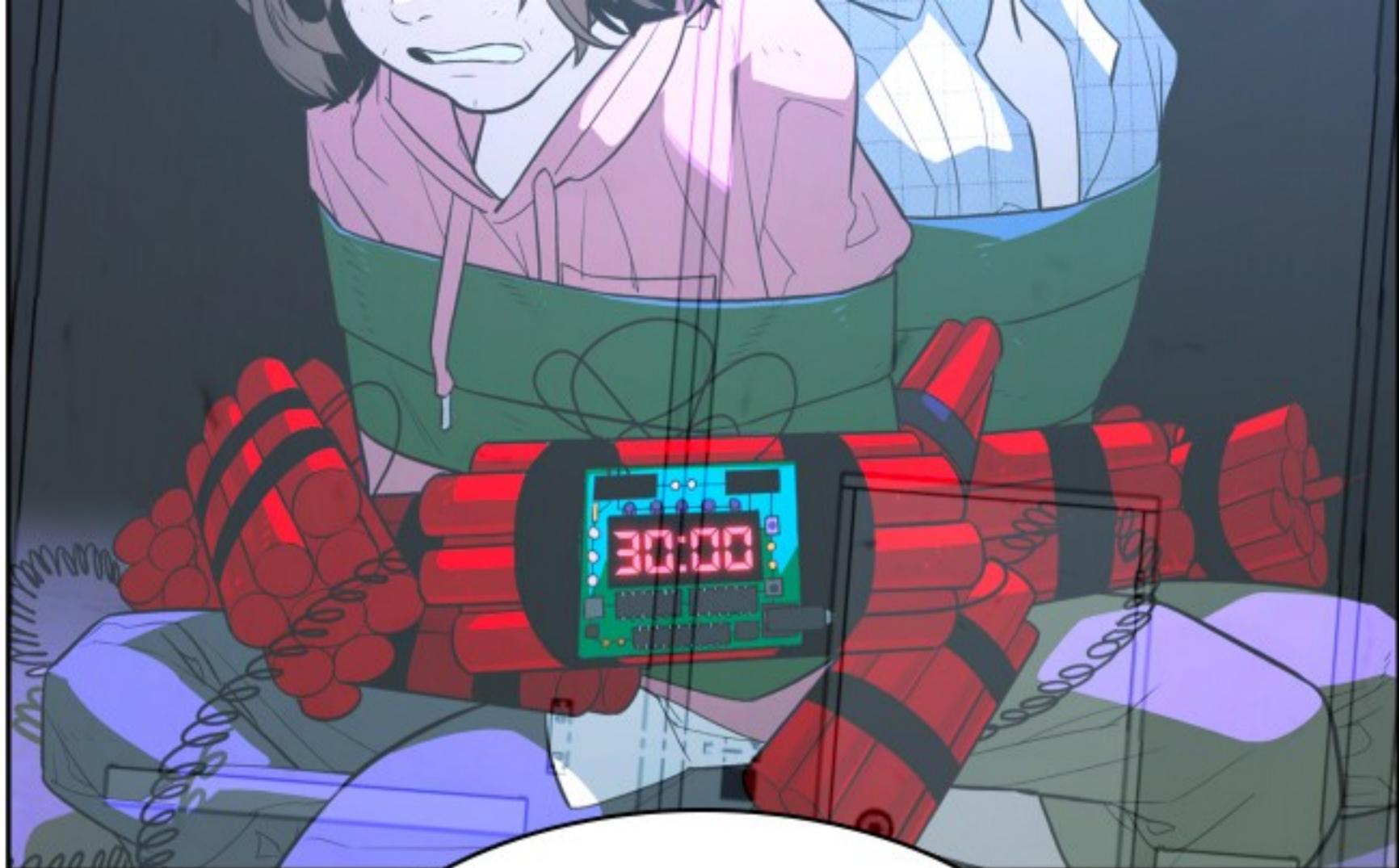


LET
THEM
GO!

HAYAN,
YOU NEED TO
STAY CALM!

I STRAPPED
YOUR SIBLINGS TO
THE SAME KIND OF BOMB
THAT JUST BLEW UP THE
DETECTIVE'S HOUSE.





YOU HAVE
30 MINUTES BEFORE
IT GOES OFF.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO MAKE IT ALL
THE WAY THERE
IN 30 MINUTES.

SO THAT'S WHY
SHE PICKED SUCH
A REMOTE LOCATION
FOR US TO
MEET!



THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY YOU CAN
SAVE THEM...

...AND THAT'S BY
ENTERING THE CORRECT
CODE FOR THE BOMB.



BUT...



...I'M THE
ONLY ONE WHO
KNOWS THE

CODE.



DAMMIT,
SHE'S REALLY
THOUGHT THIS THROUGH.
HAYAN'S STRONG ENOUGH
TO DEFEAT HER AND ALL
OF HER GOONS WITHIN
SECONDS.



BUT NOW SHE
CAN'T KILL THEM
INDISCRIMINATELY.



I FEEL
LIKE THERE'S
SOMETHING SHE'S
STILL HIDING FROM
US, THOUGH.



GASP

RELAX, HAYAN.
WE HAVE ENOUGH
TIME TO DEFUSE
THE BOMB.

ASH...

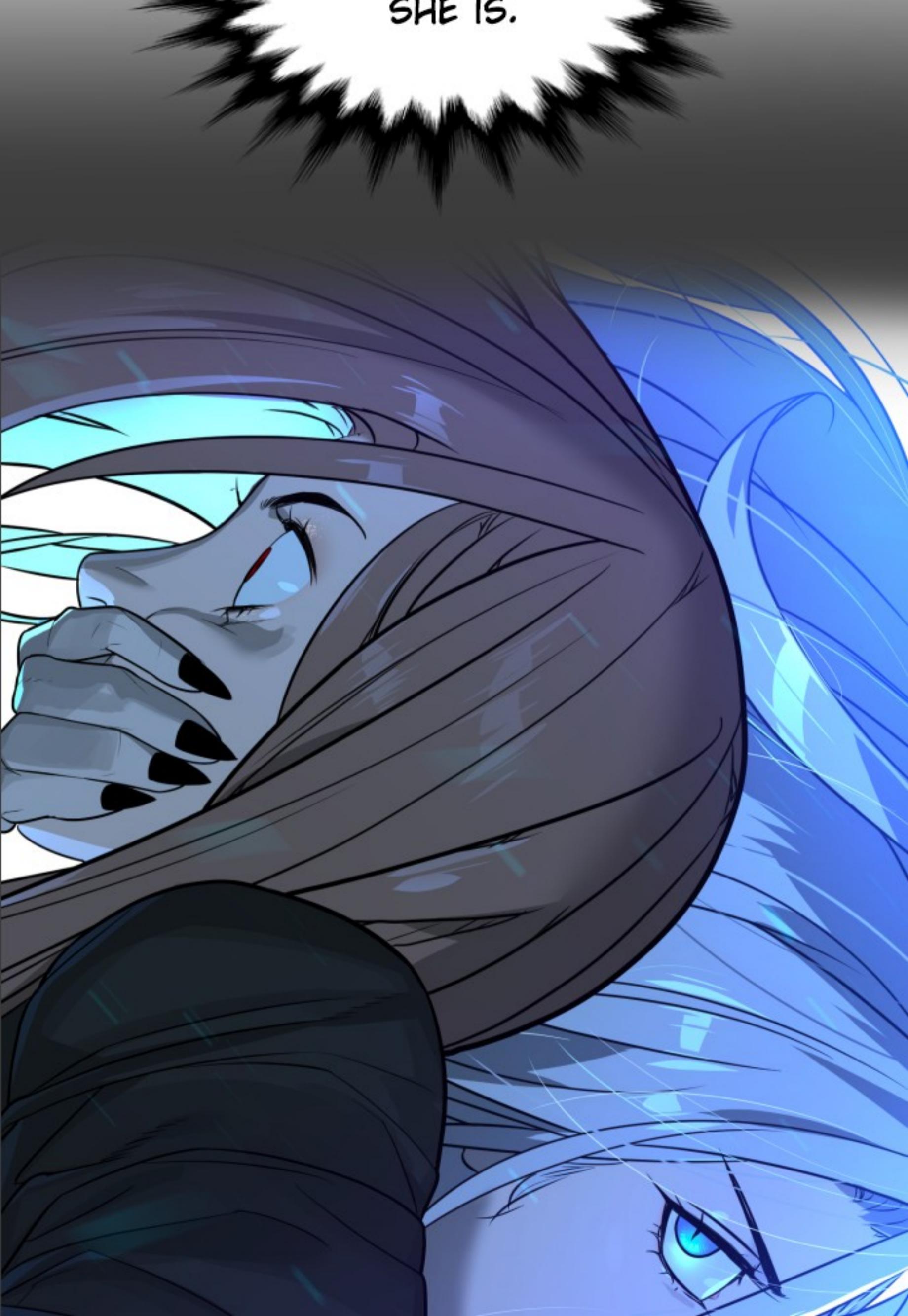
GASP

I WANT
YOU TO STAY
CALM AND TRUST
ME, OKAY?



I'VE SEEN
HOW POWERFUL
THE IR

SHE IS.





BUT I ALSO
KNOW SOMETHING
ELSE ABOUT HER BASED
ON HER FIGHTS WITH
LUCIAN AND SAHAN.



SHE'S NOT EVEN

SHE'S NOT EVEN
ABLE TO USE HALF OF HER
INNATE POWER BECAUSE
SHE'S LOST HER
MEMORIES.



EVERYONE
ON MY TEAM IS
POWERFUL AND
HIGHLY TRAINED.

HISSE



THEY'LL
HIT HER LIKE A
SLEDGEHAMMER
NOW THAT SHE'S
IN SHOCK.

SUMADAM



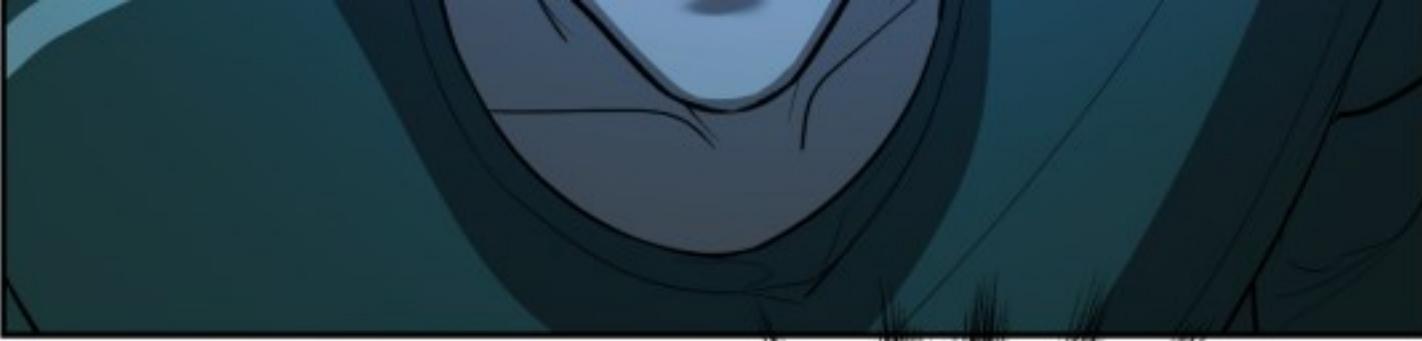




HISS!

DAMMIT! HAYAN'S
NOT IN THE RIGHT
FRAME OF MIND TO
TAKE THEM ON
RIGHT NOW!





I NEED TO
HELP HER OUT
SOMEHOW!



THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE CAN'T EVEN

SHE CAN'T EVEN
FIGHT BACK.



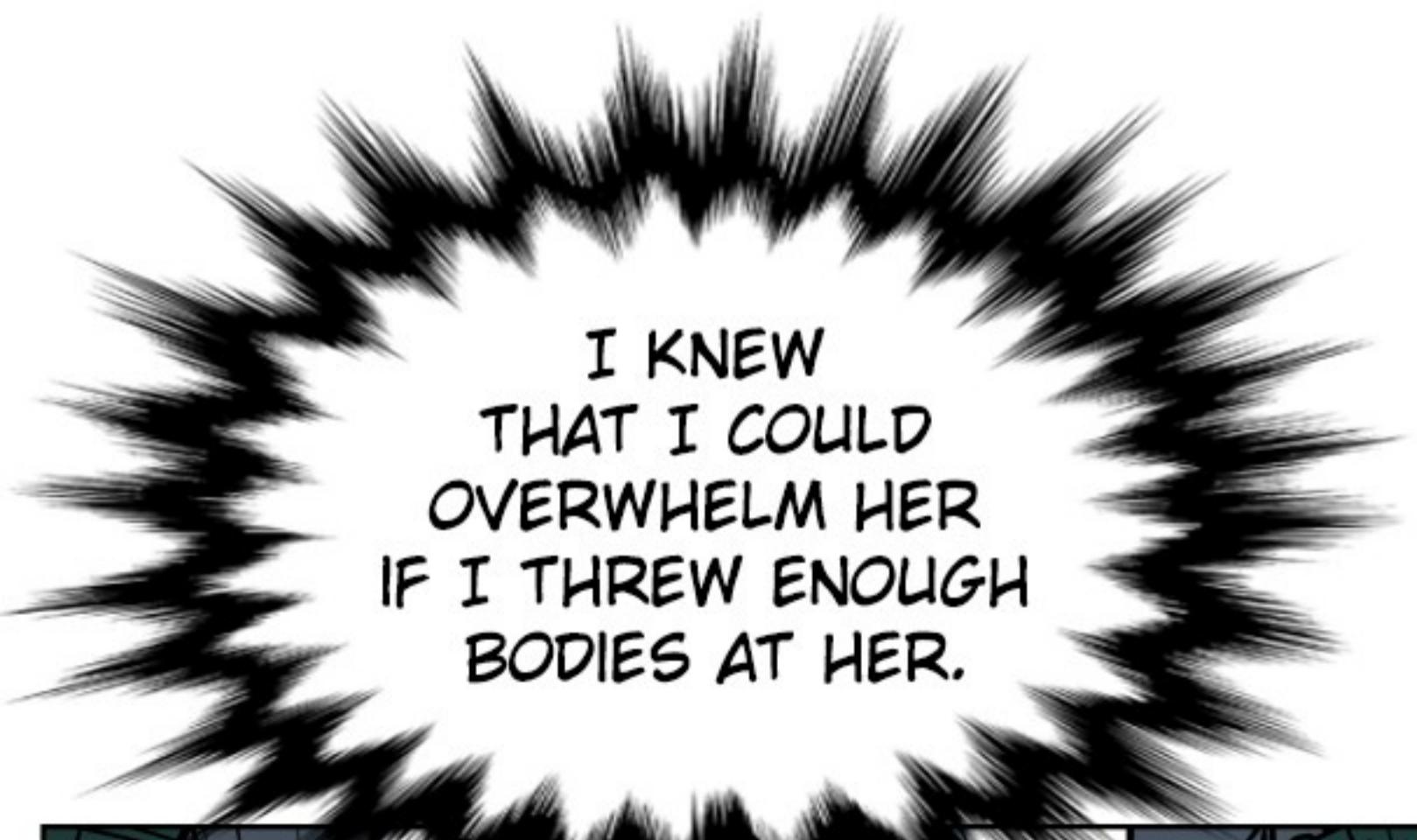
BECAUSE IF
I DIE, SHE'LL NEVER
KNOW WHAT THE
CODE IS!



?!

CRUSH





I KNEW
THAT I COULD
OVERWHELM HER
IF I THREW ENOUGH
BODIES AT HER.





THE PRESSURE
THAT THEY'RE PUTTING
HER UNDER SHOULD BE
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
CRUSH HER BONES.







WHAT?!





HOW DID SHE
BREAK OUT?!



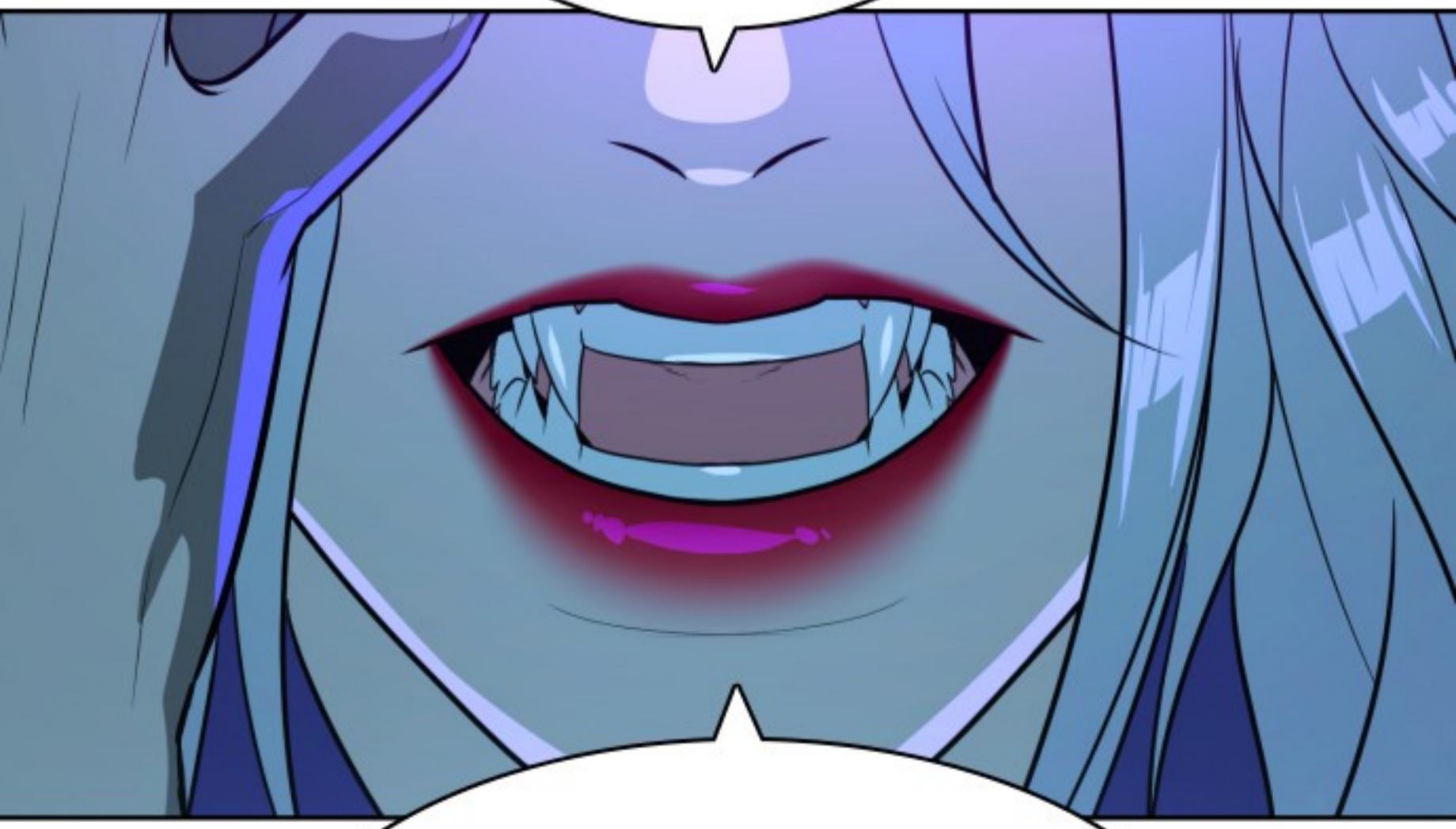
SHE SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO KILL THEM IN
ONE GO!



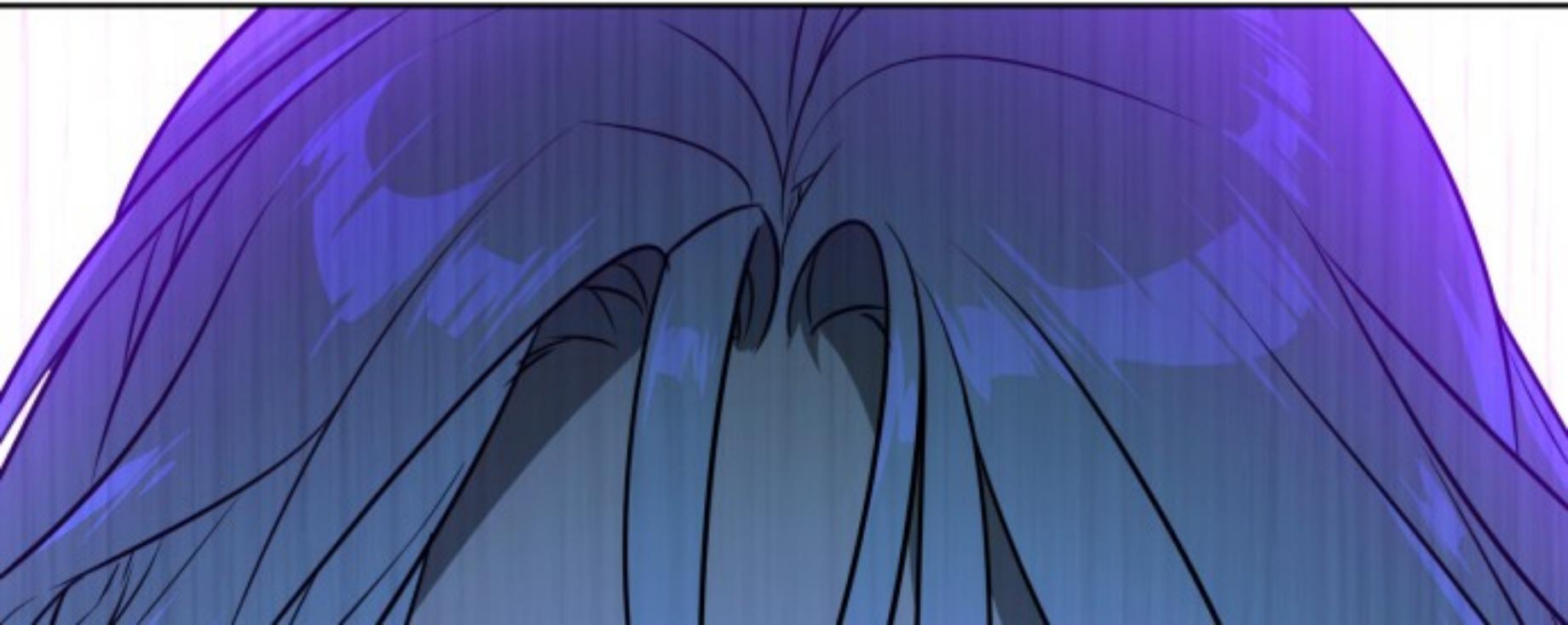
ASH.

YOU UNDERESTIMATED ME.

WHY DO
YOU LOOK SO
SURPRISED?



I KNEW THE REAL ASH
WOULDN'T GET HER HANDS
DIRTY BY ATTACKING AS
PART OF A GROUP.





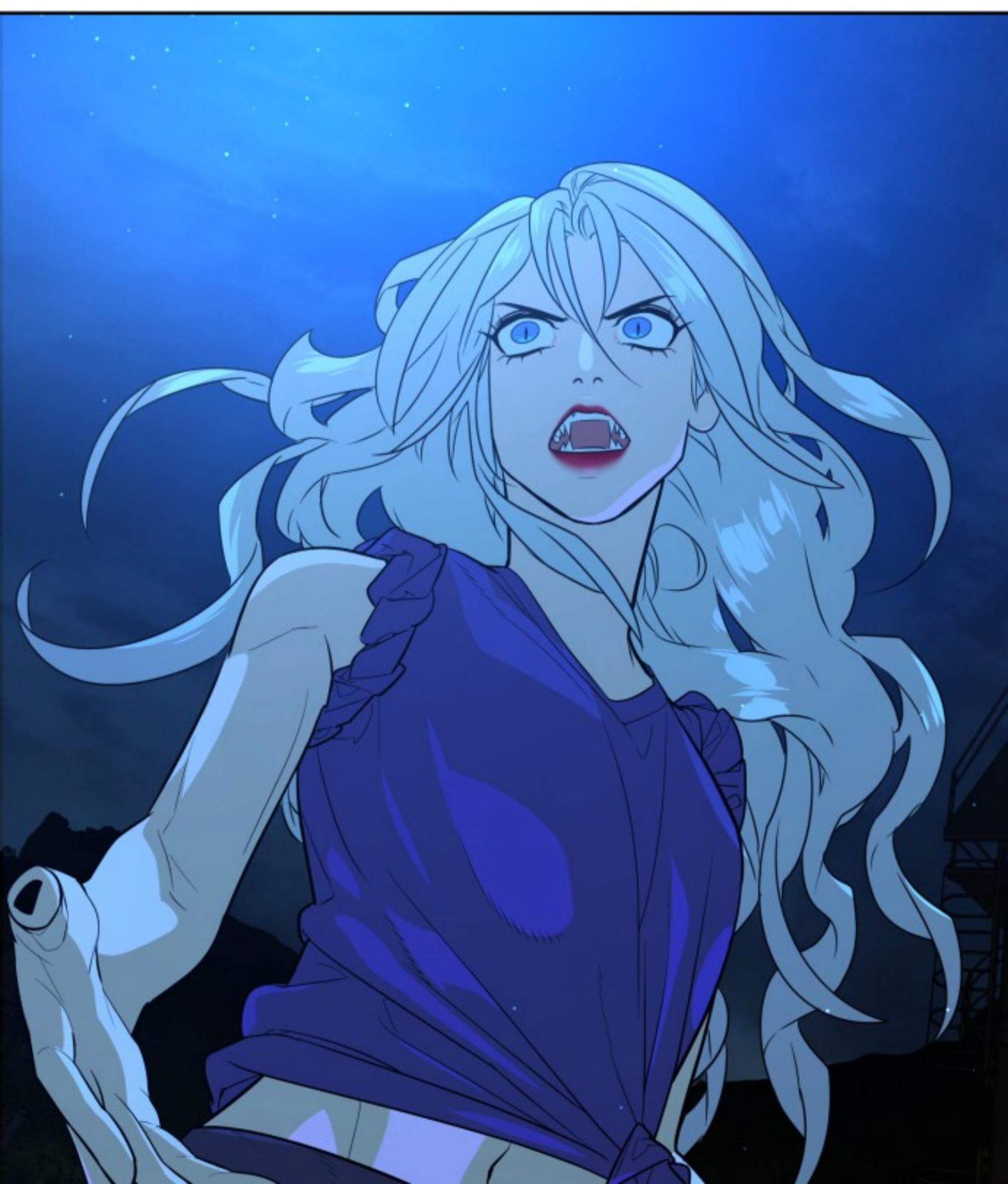
**YOU SHOULD
NEVER HAVE GONE
AFTER MY FAMILY.**



YOU TOLD ME
THAT MONSTERS
SHOULD LIVE LIKE
MONSTERS.



BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOU?





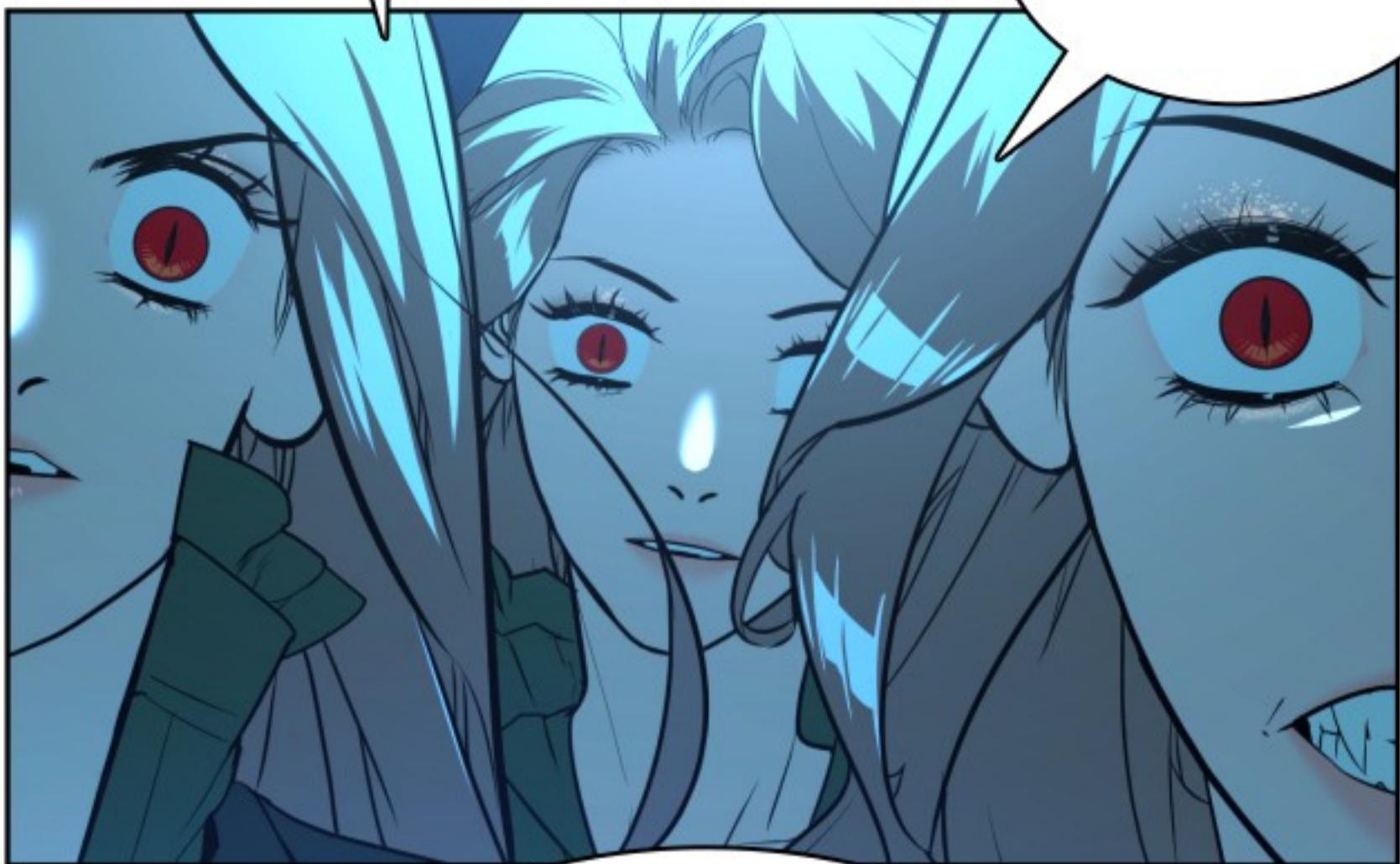
WHY ARE YOU
PRETENDING TO
BE YOUR FRIEND
AYEONG SONG...

AND HIDING
YOUR TRUE IDENTITY
AS JINHA KIM?

I TOLD YOU

NOT TO SAY
THAT NAME.

SHUT UP.



WHY
DID YOU STEAL
HER BODY?



WHY ARE YOU
HIDING THE FACT THAT
YOU'RE A MONSTER,

JINHA?

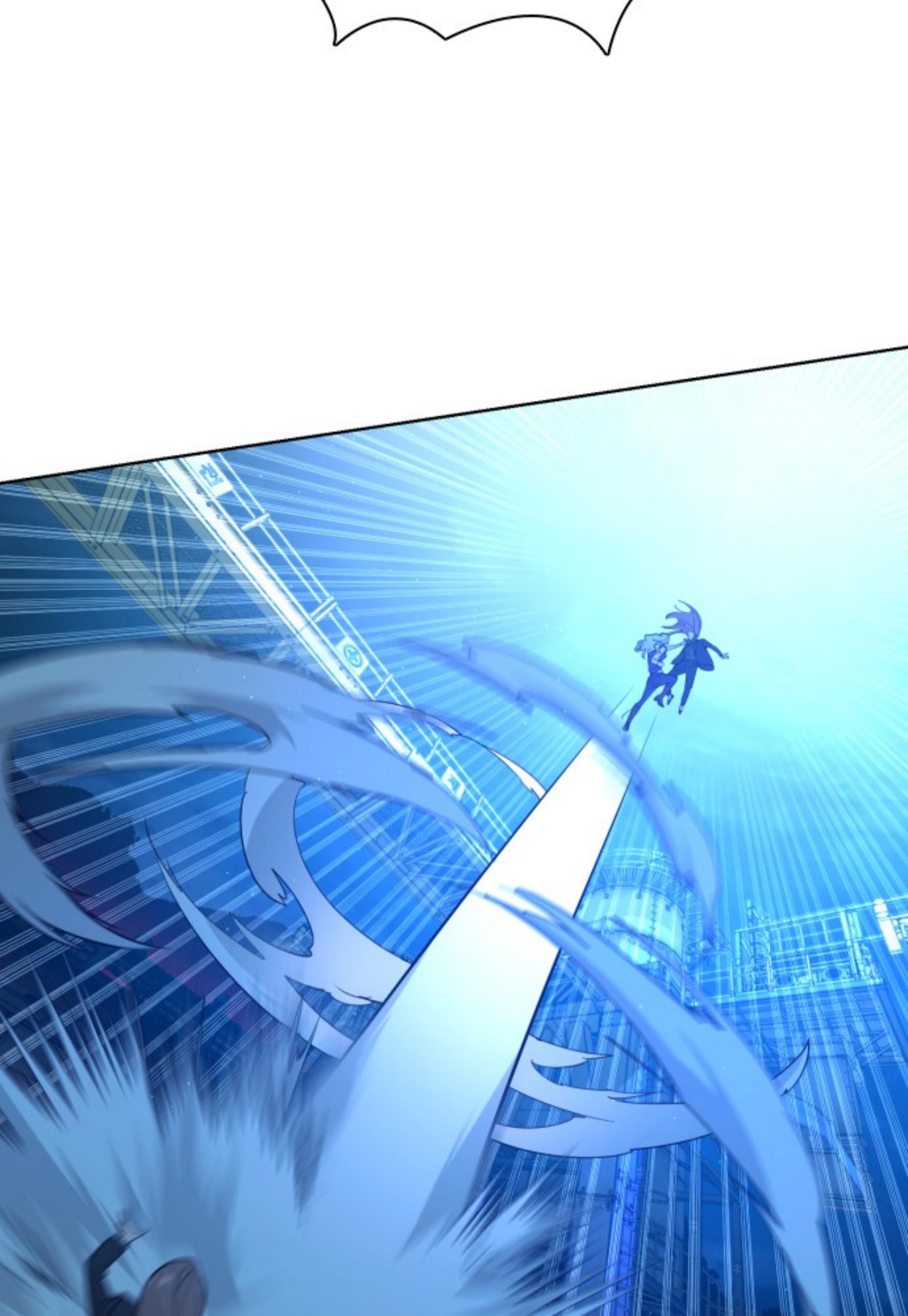
SHUT
UP!



DO YOU
EVEN KNOW WHO
YOU'RE TALKING
TO?!



FIND ME
AND SAY IT TO
MY FACE!







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I THINK

I'VE FOUND
YOU.

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YOU'RE
THE REAL
JINHA KIM.





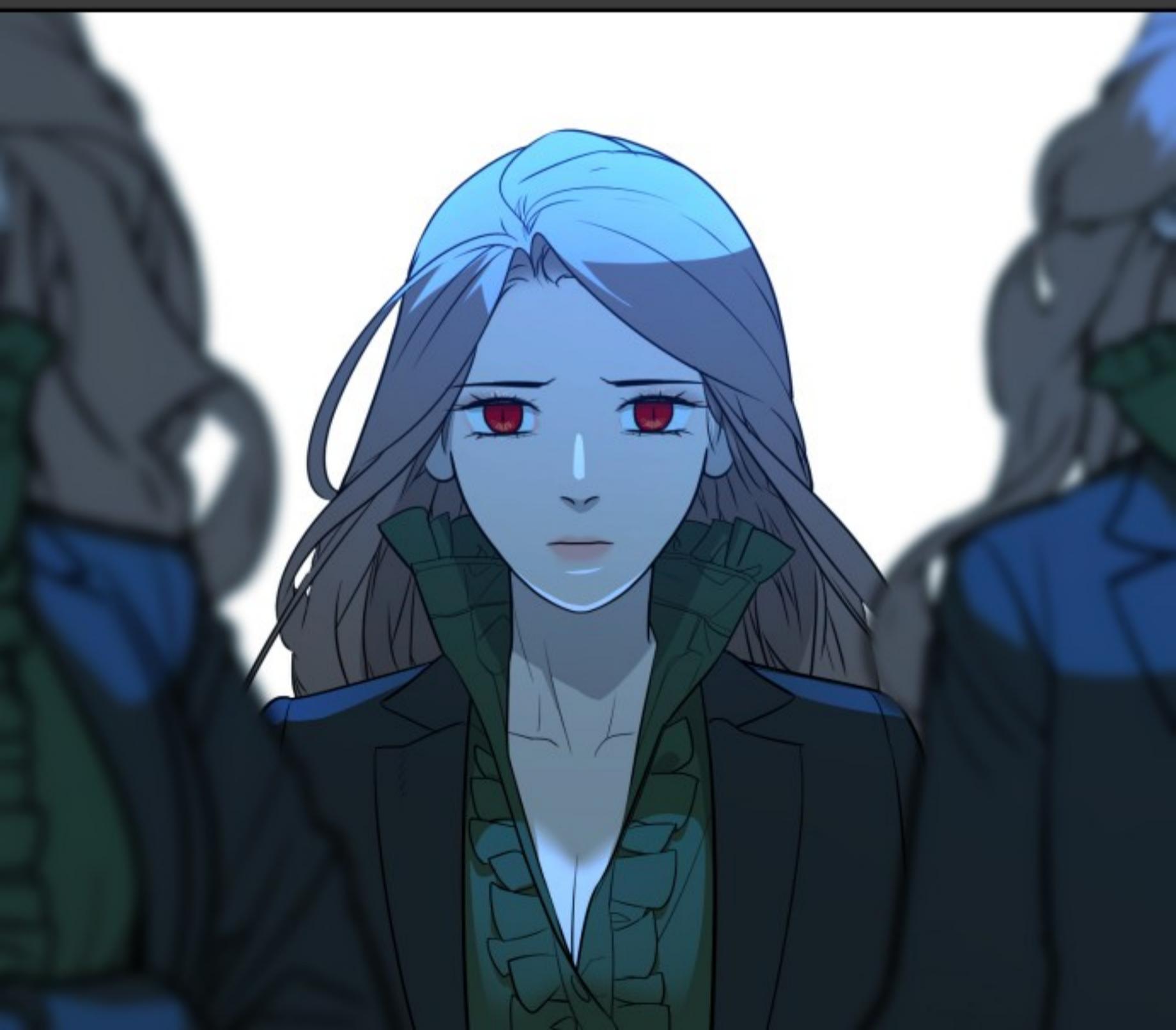
HOW WERE
YOU ABLE TO PICK
ME OUT?!



HOW DID
SHE KNOW THAT
SHE WAS THE
REAL ONE?!

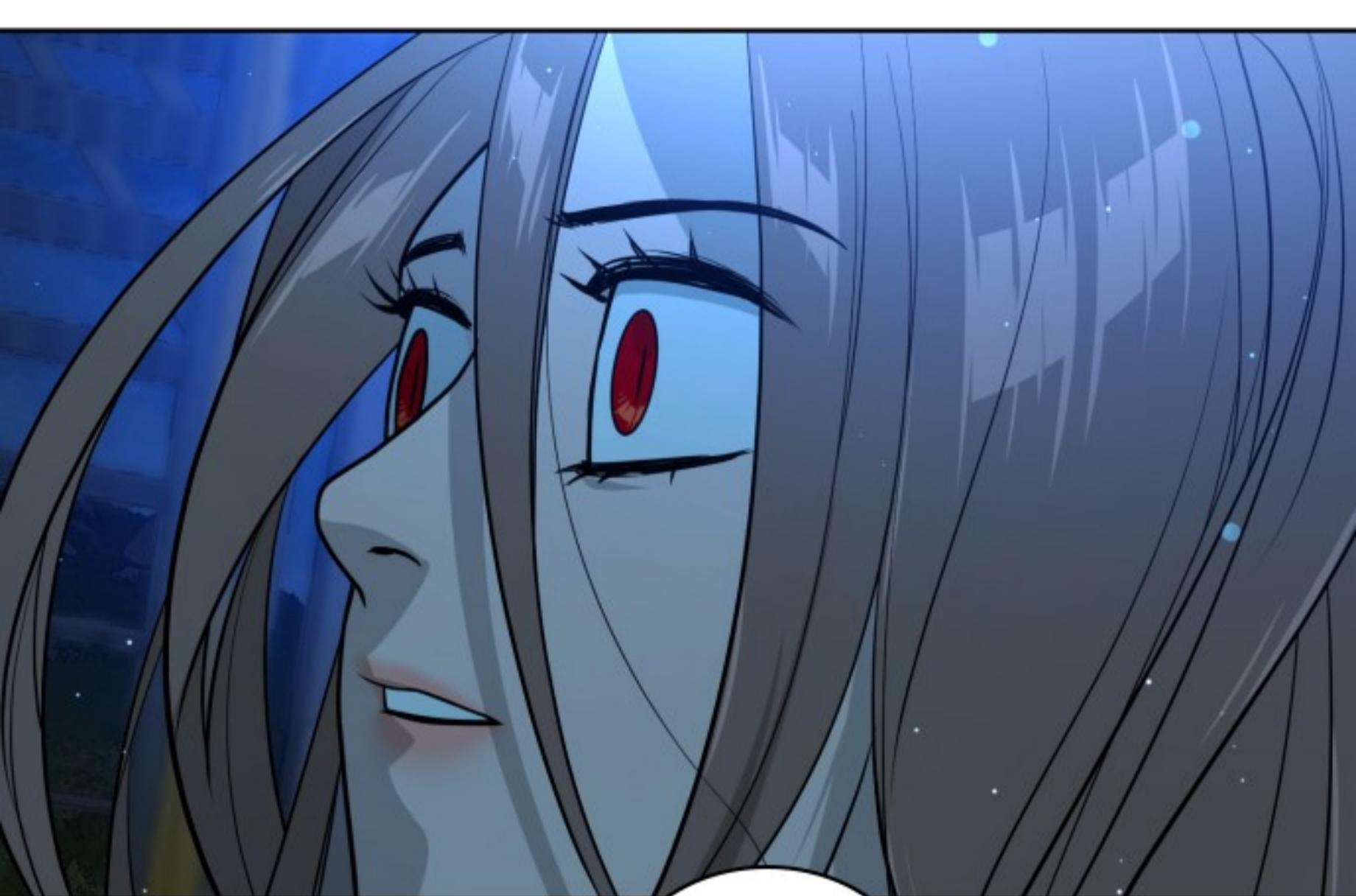


IT'S
BECAUSE...





...YOU WERE
THE ONLY ONE WHO
LOOKED SAD.





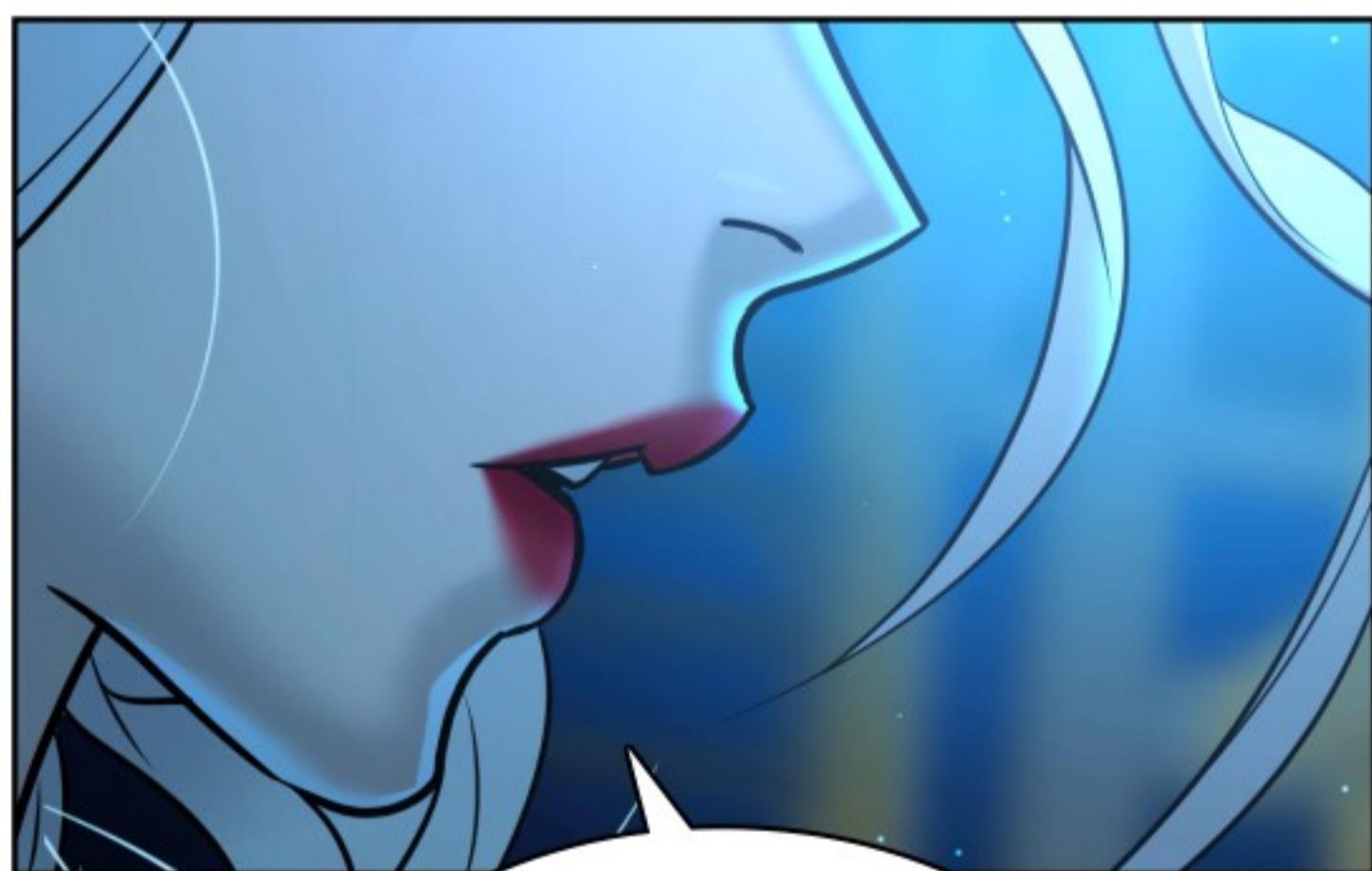
THAT'S AMAZING.
HOW DID SHE MANAGE
TO SPOT THAT IN THE
MIDST OF ALL
THIS CHAOS?

WHOOSH



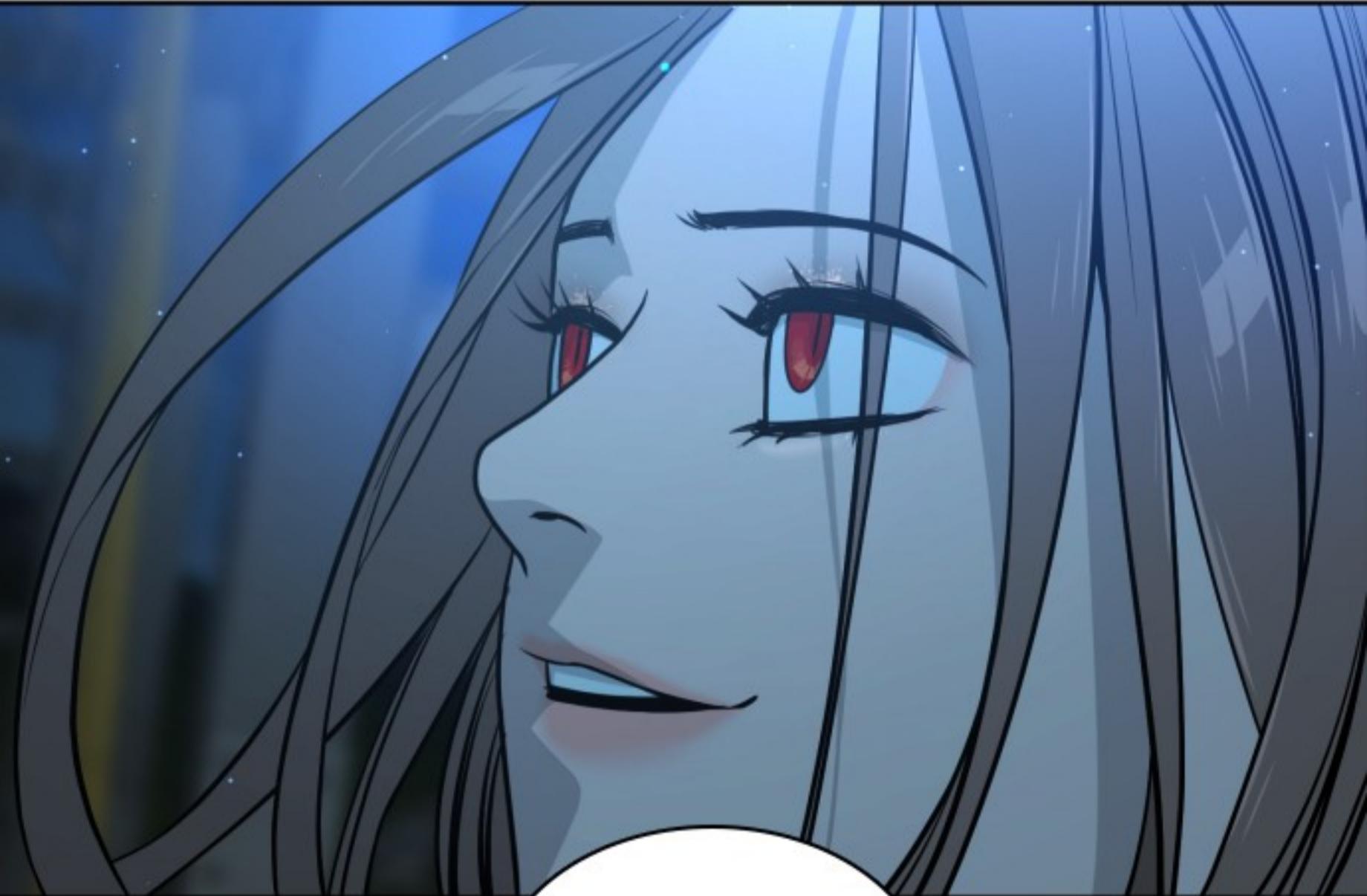






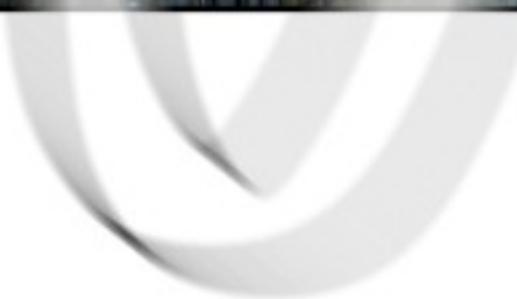
I'LL SPARE
YOU A BEATDOWN
IF YOU GIVE ME
THE CODE.





KISS MY
ASS.

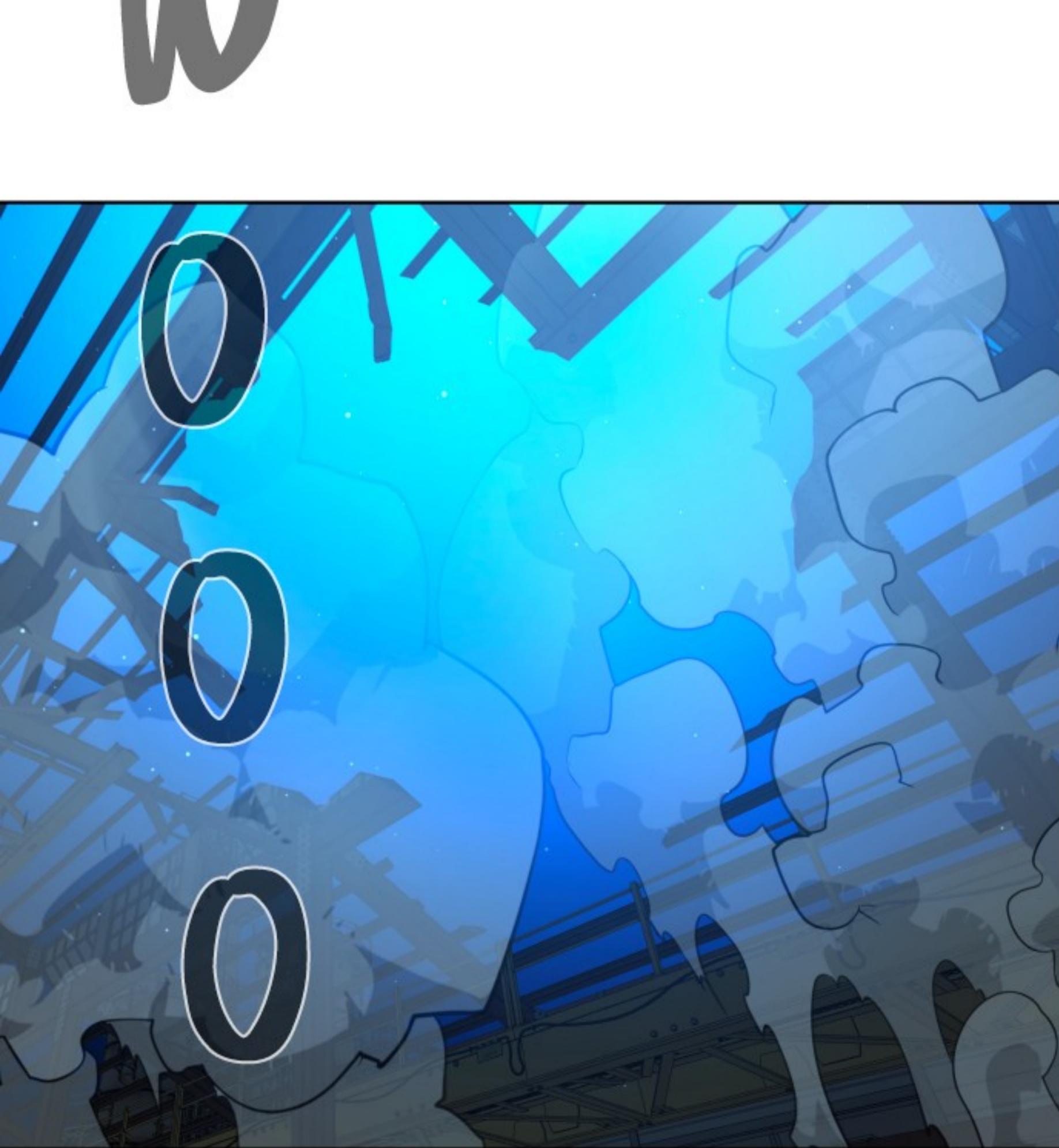




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COUGH



COUGH

GASP

STEP
STEP





PANT

WHEEZE



LOOK AT
YOU LYING THERE,
COMPLETELY
DEFEATED.



SO THIS IS
WHAT YOU'RE REALLY
LIKE BEHIND THE
MASK.

IS THIS

WHAT YOU WANTED
FOR YOURSELF?









YOU ARE
SUCH A DEAR
FOR HELPING ME
EVERY DAY,
JINHA.



RATTLE

RATTLE

I'M HAPPY
TO HELP. YOU SHOULD
HURRY BACK HOME. THERE
ARE VAMPIRES LURKING
AROUND THIS LATE
AT NIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR
WORRYING ABOUT
ME. YOU ARE TOO
SWEET.

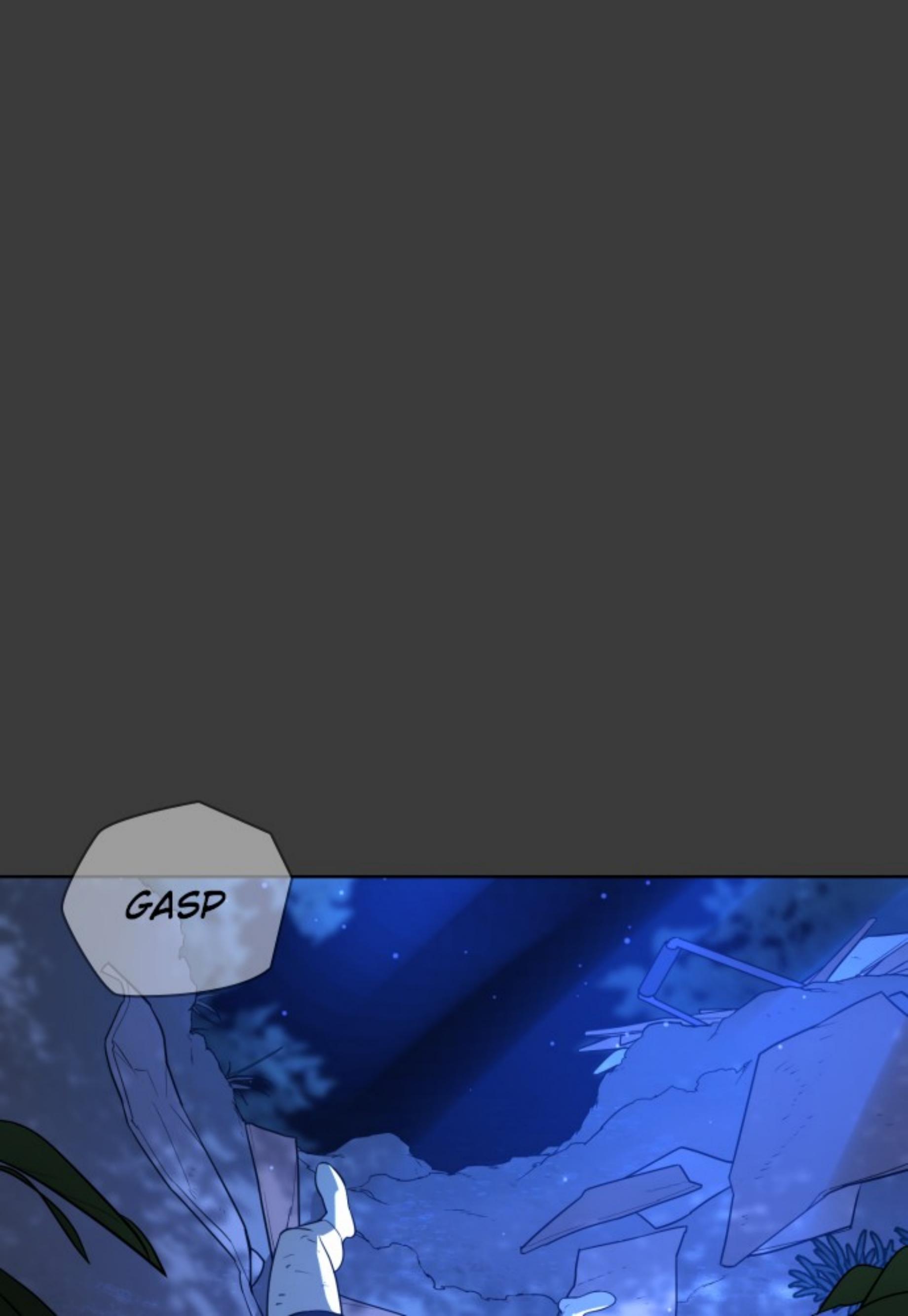
RATTLE



RATTLE

IT WAS AN ORDINARY NIGHT,
JUST LIKE ANY OTHER.

BUT ALL IT TOOK WAS
ONE UNLUCKY ENCOUNTER
WITH A VAMPIRE...

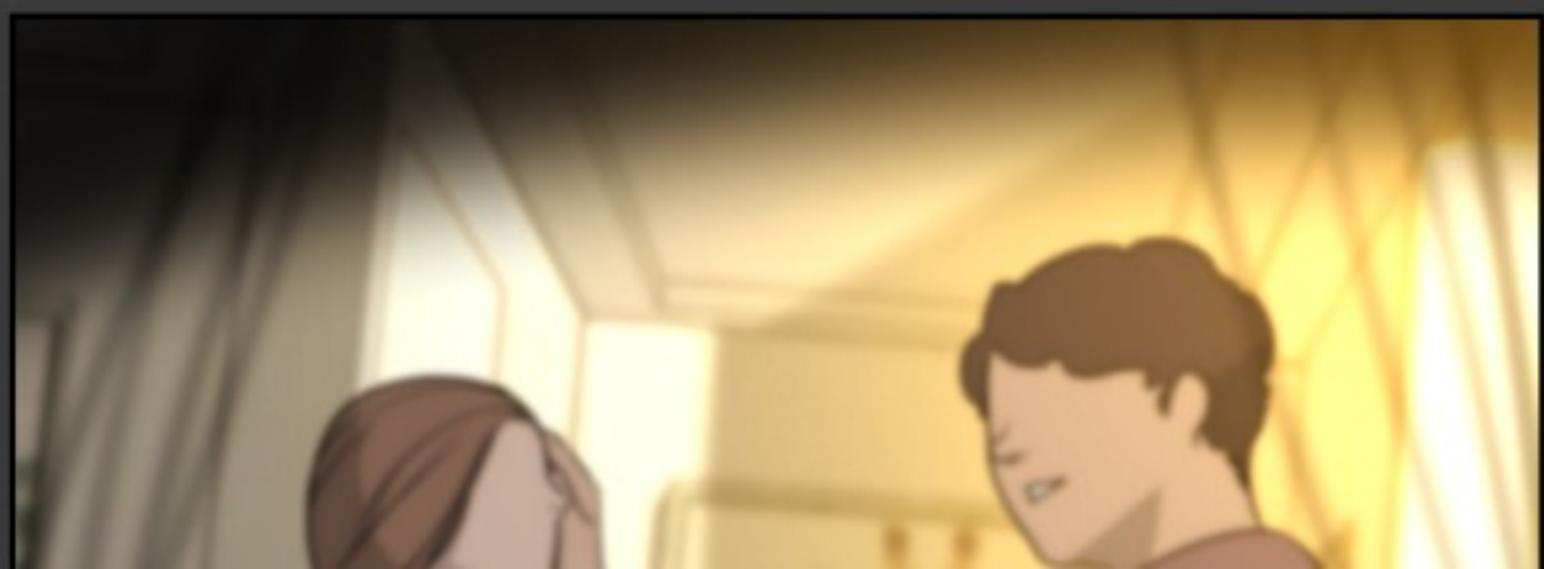


GASP

GASP

...FOR MY LIFE TO BE

CHANGED FOREVER.





NOBODY HAD EVEN
NOTICED I HAD GONE MISSING,
EVEN THOUGH I HAD BEEN AWAY
FROM THE ORPHANAGE FOR
THREE DAYS.

I WANTED SOMEBODY
TO LOOK AFTER ME.



BUT AS ALWAYS,
NOBODY WAS THERE
FOR ME.





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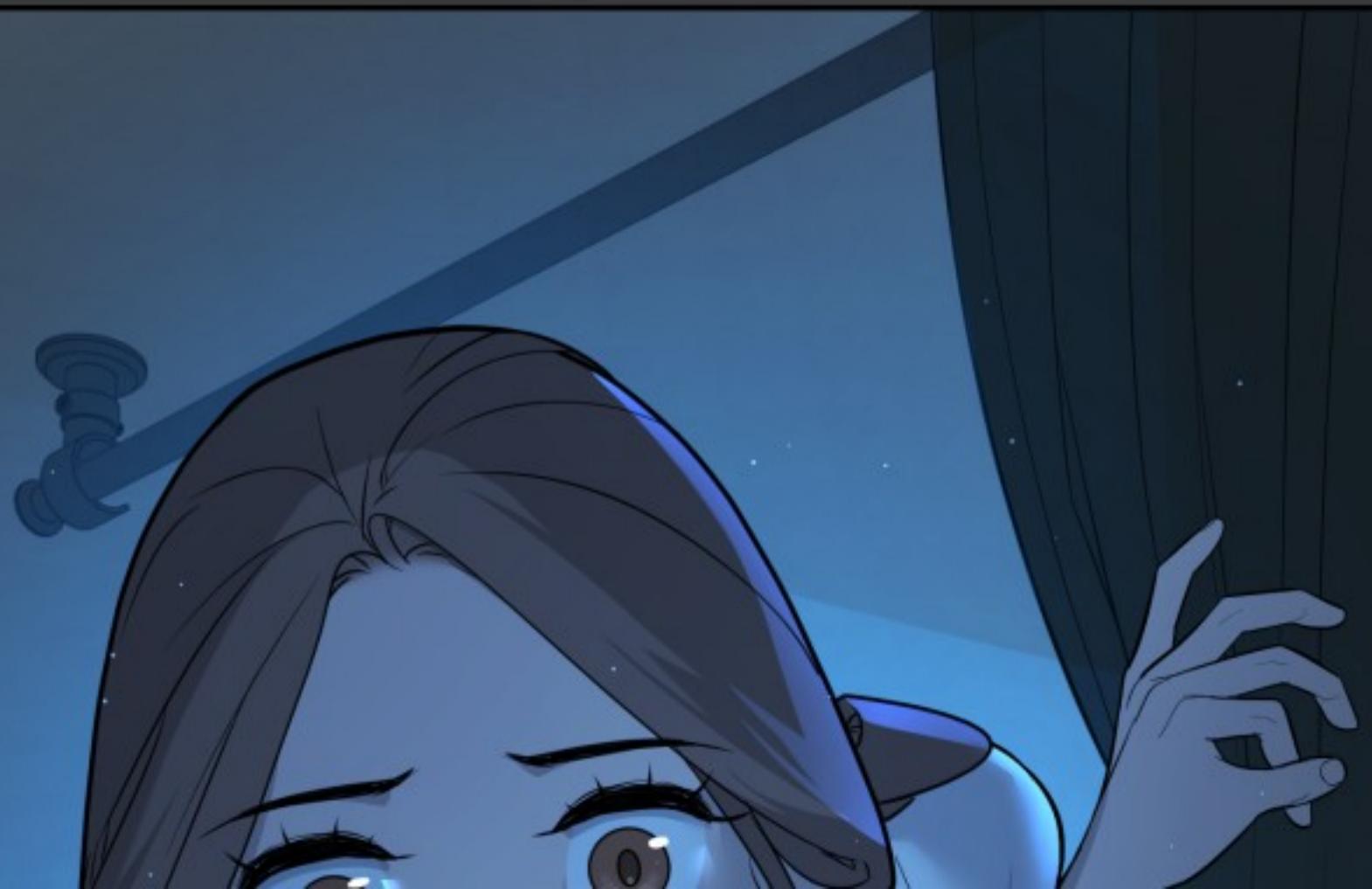
SOB



HEY
JINHA!



AH!





I'VE NOTICED
YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING
MEALS. AND YOU HAVEN'T
BEEN GOING TO
SCHOOL.

IS SOMETHING
WRONG?

I'M HERE
FOR YOU IF YOU
WANT TO TALK.

AYEONG SONG.

SHE WAS THE PRIDE
AND JOY OF OUR ORPHANAGE
BECAUSE SHE WAS SMART
AND PRETTY TO BOOT.



UH...
I...



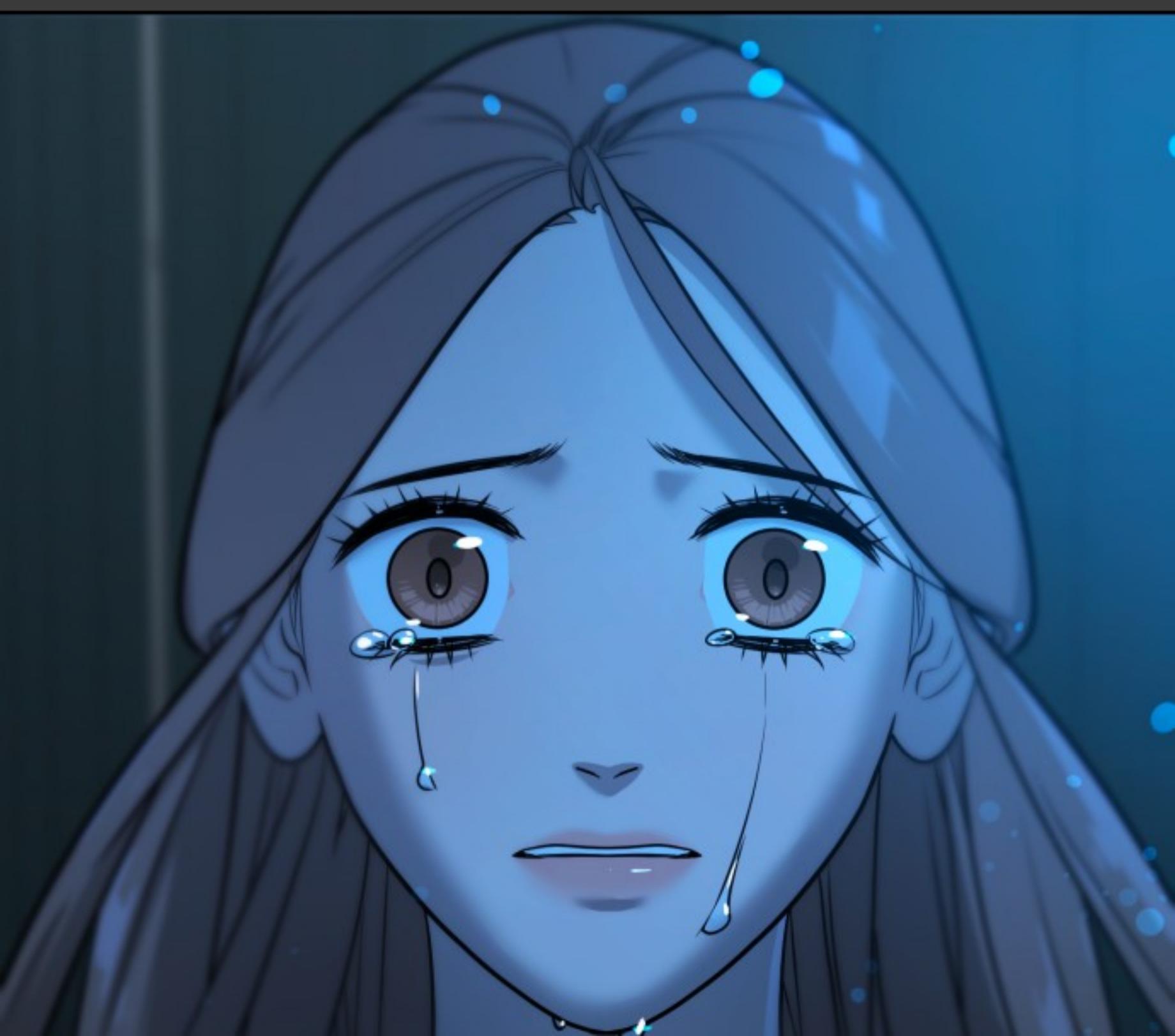
I HAD ALWAYS KEPT A
DISTANCE FROM HER BECAUSE
I FELT INTIMIDATED BY HER.



THE TRUTH
IS...

BUT THAT NIGHT,
I TOLD HER THE TRUTH,
KNOWING THAT DOING SO MIGHT
SPELL THE END FOR ME.







IT'S
GOING TO
BE OKAY.



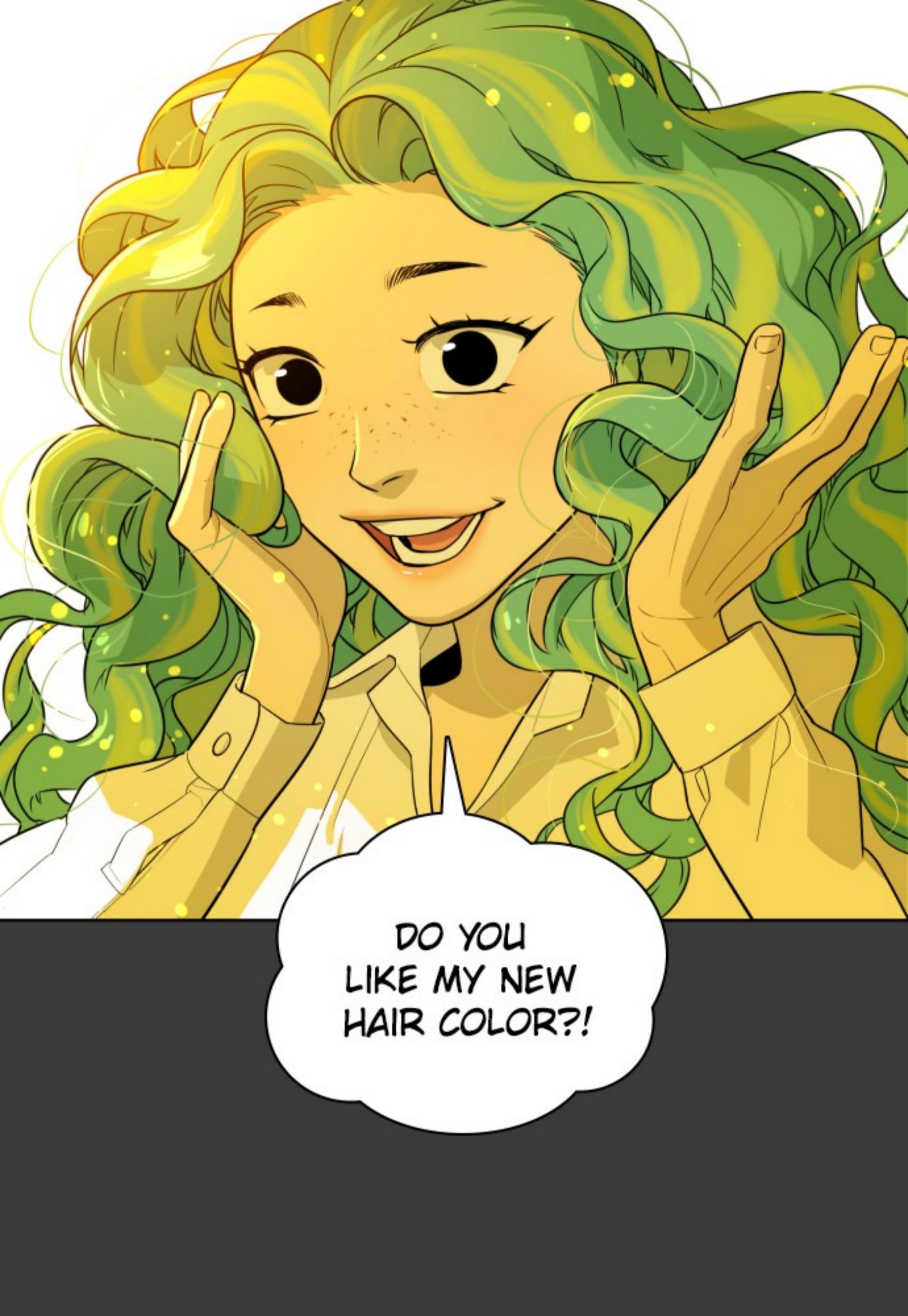


YOU'RE STILL
YOU, REGARDLESS
OF WHAT HAPPENED.

EVEN THOUGH I HAD
GIVEN UP ON MYSELF, AYEONG
WASN'T AFRAID OF ME AND
TOOK ME UNDER HER WING.

AYEONG GAVE ME
THE SUPPORT I NEEDED TO BECOME
SOMEONE NEW JUST WHEN I HAD
THOUGHT MY LIFE WAS OVER.





DO YOU
LIKE MY NEW
HAIR COLOR?!

A cartoon illustration of two young girls in a wooden cabin. One girl with green hair is laughing, while the other with brown hair looks surprised. A large white speech bubble contains their dialogue.

I DYED IT
FOR MY NEW ROLE.
I'M PLAYING A
ROCK STAR.



WOW, THAT'S
THE LEAD ROLE!
I KNEW YOU'D GET
IT!

I SHOULD
DYE MINE BROWN
SO I CAN BE THE
CHOCOLATE TO YOUR
MINT!

AYEONG WANTED TO BECOME
AN ACTRESS SO I DECIDED TO
MAKE IT MY AMBITION TOO.

HAHA,
MINT CHOCOLATE?
REALLY?

I'M NOT A FAN.
IT TASTES FUNNY.

WHY NOT?
THE COLORS ARE
SO PRETTY.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE
MINT CHOCOLATE FLAVOR
FROM BASKET-BOBBINS?
IT'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND.

SHE FILLED IN THE GAPS
IN MY LIFE LEFT BY THE FAMILY
I NEVER HAD.

SOMETIMES SHE WAS
LIKE A MOTHER TO ME.



THANKS,
JINHA.

HUUH?
FOR WHAT?

SOMETIMES SHE WAS

LIKE AN OLDER SISTER.

SOMETIMES SHE WAS THE
CLOSEST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD.

HONESTLY,
I WAS AFRAID THAT I
WAS MAKING THE WRONG

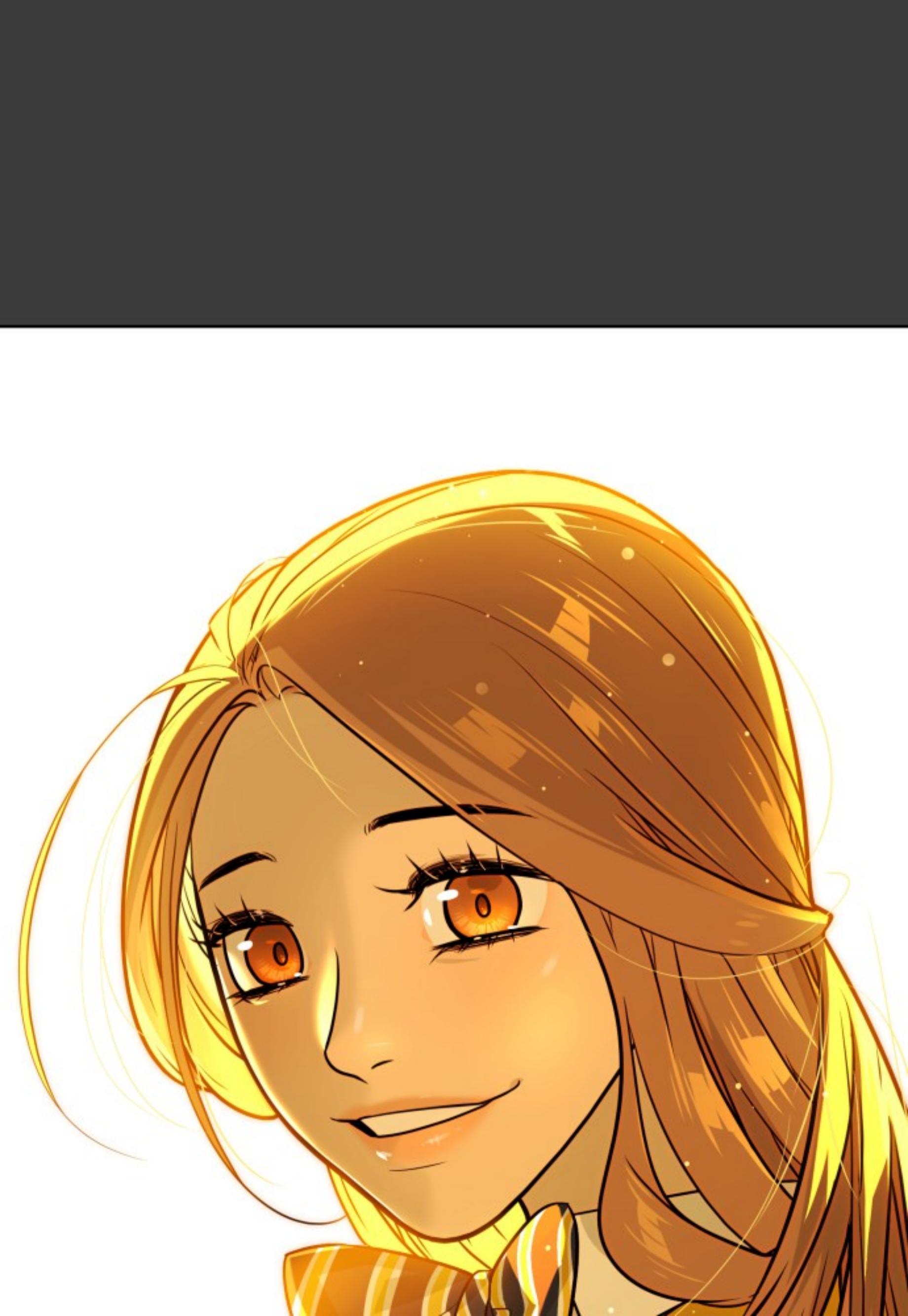


WAS MAKING THE WRONG
CHOICE AND I WASN'T SURE
WHETHER I COULD MAKE IT
AS AN ACTRESS.

YOU HAVE
NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT.

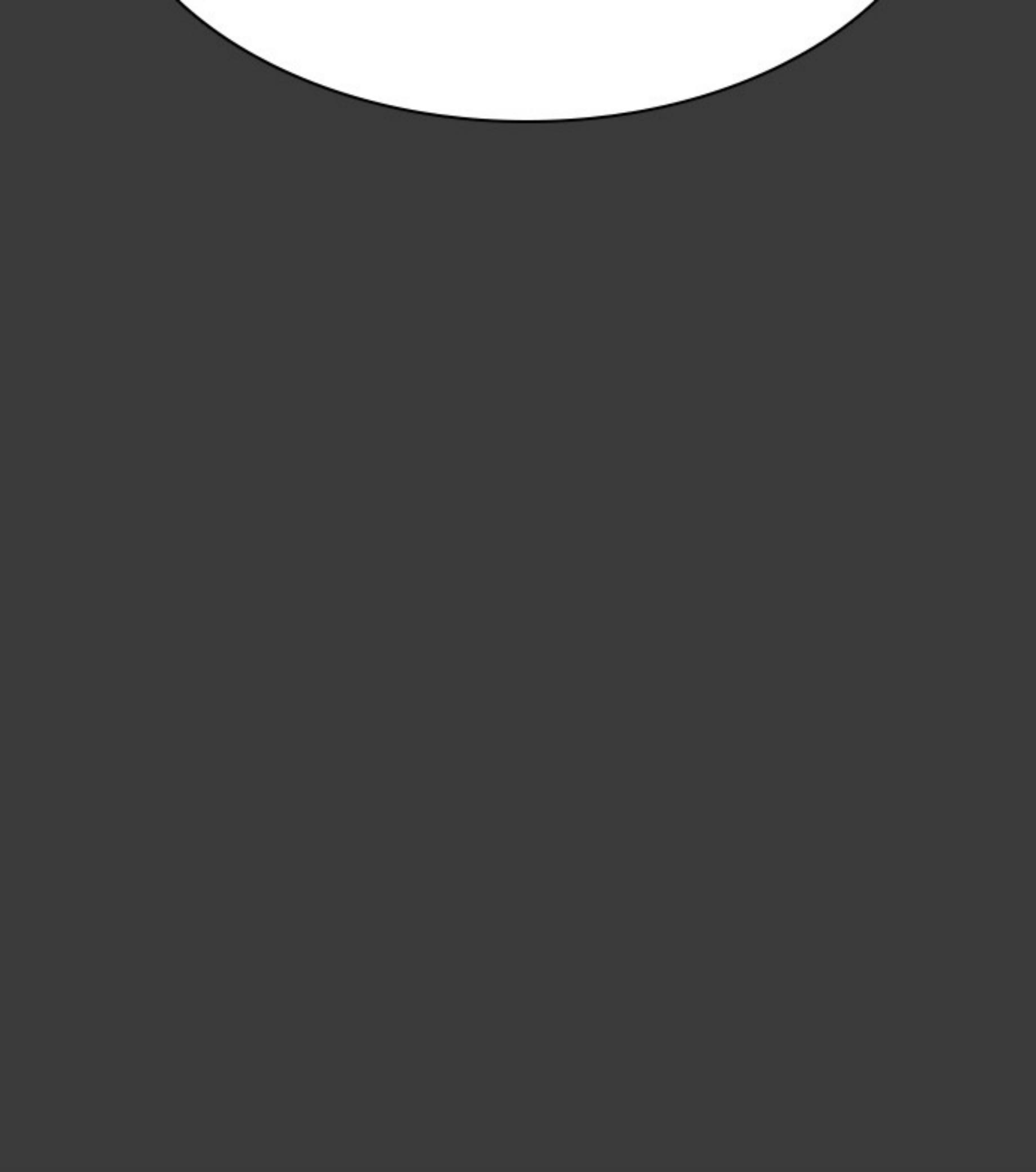
YEAH,
I'M NOT WORRIED AT
ALL ANYMORE BECAUSE
YOU'RE WITH ME EVERY
STEP OF THE WAY.

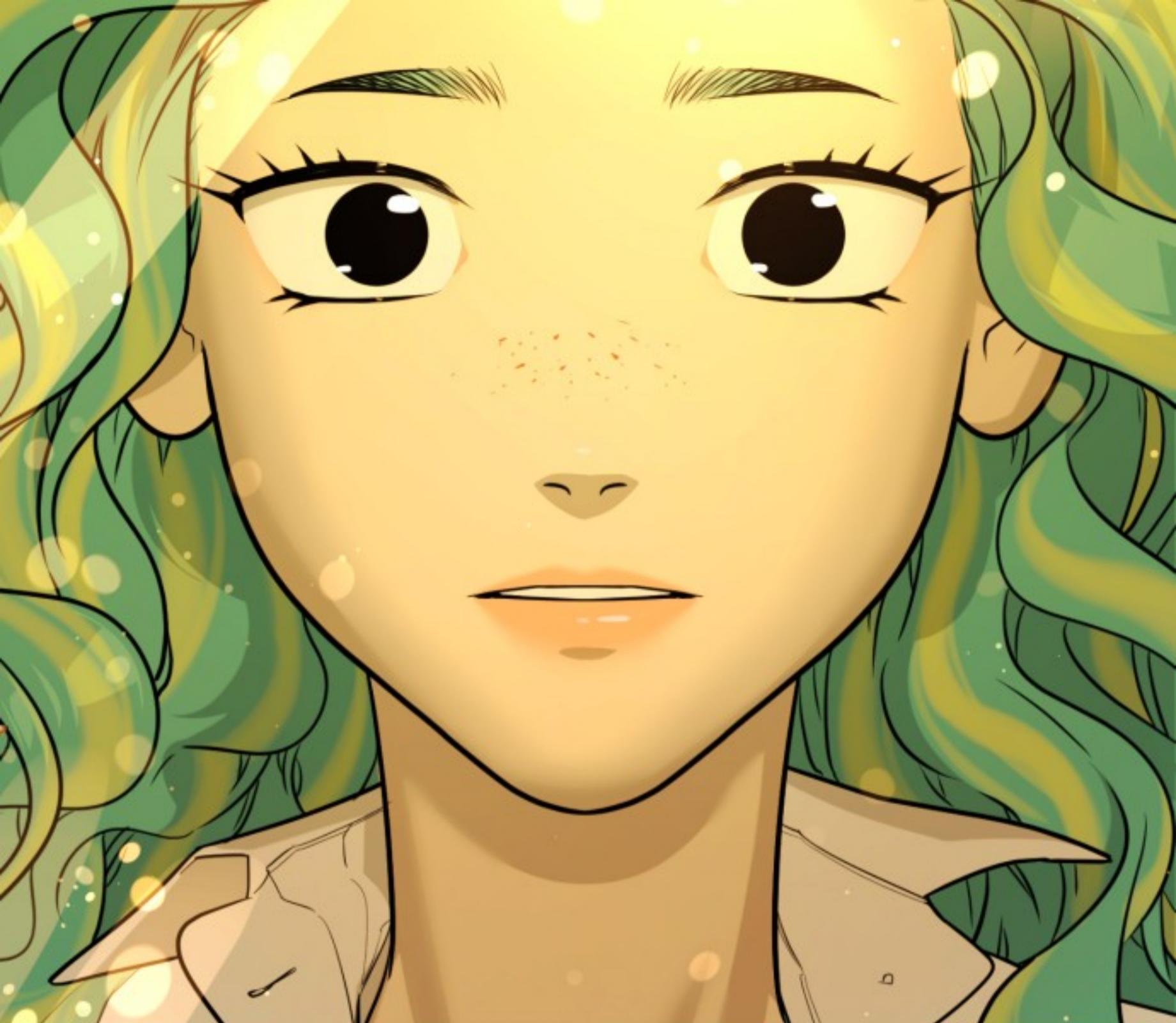
AND OTHER TIMES...





**YOU'RE MY
BEST FRIEND,
JINHA.**





I THOUGHT THAT WE'D
ALWAYS BE THIS CLOSE.

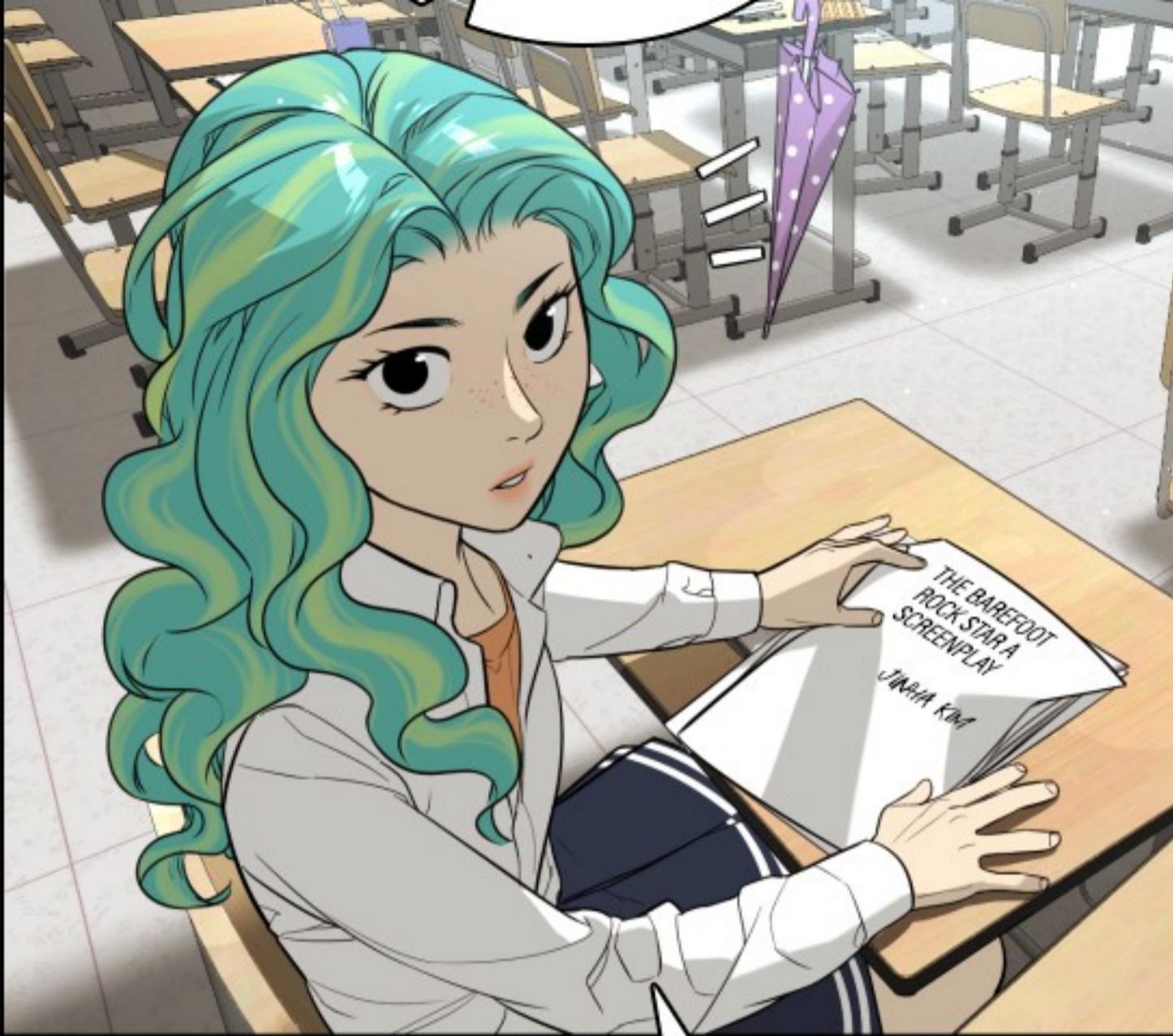
BUT ONE DAY,
IT ALL CHANGED.

RUMBLE





HEY,
YOU.



WHAT?





WHERE'S
AYEONG?

UNHOLY BLOOD

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