



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







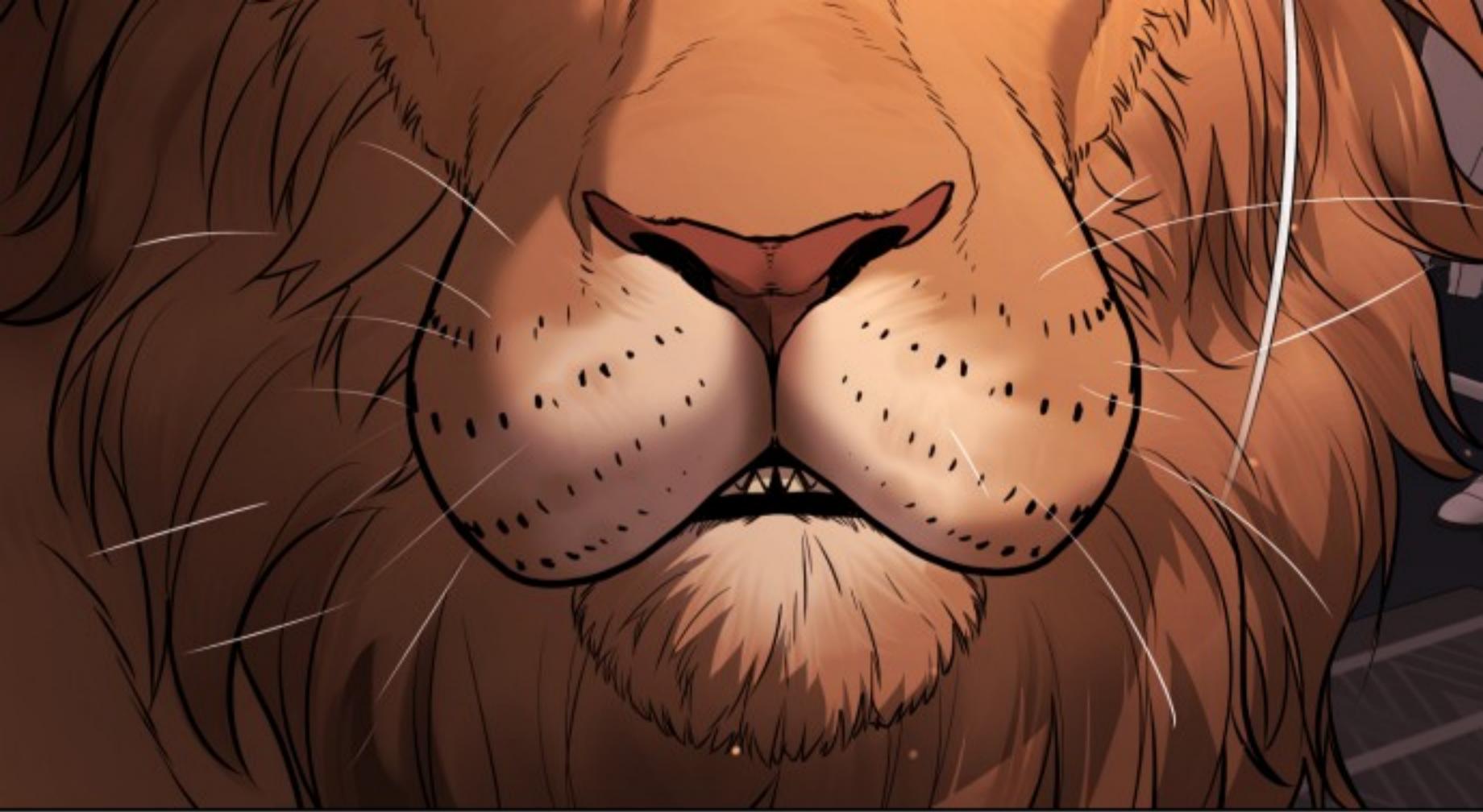
...AND YOU'LL NEED
TO PAY A HIGH PRICE
FOR SUCH A RICH
REWARD.

DANIEL, YOU'LL
FOLLOW ME...



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

DANIEL...





...I'M SORRY.



IT'S NOT SAFE
FOR YOU TO BE
THIS FRIENDLY TO
HUMANS.

PURR

PURR



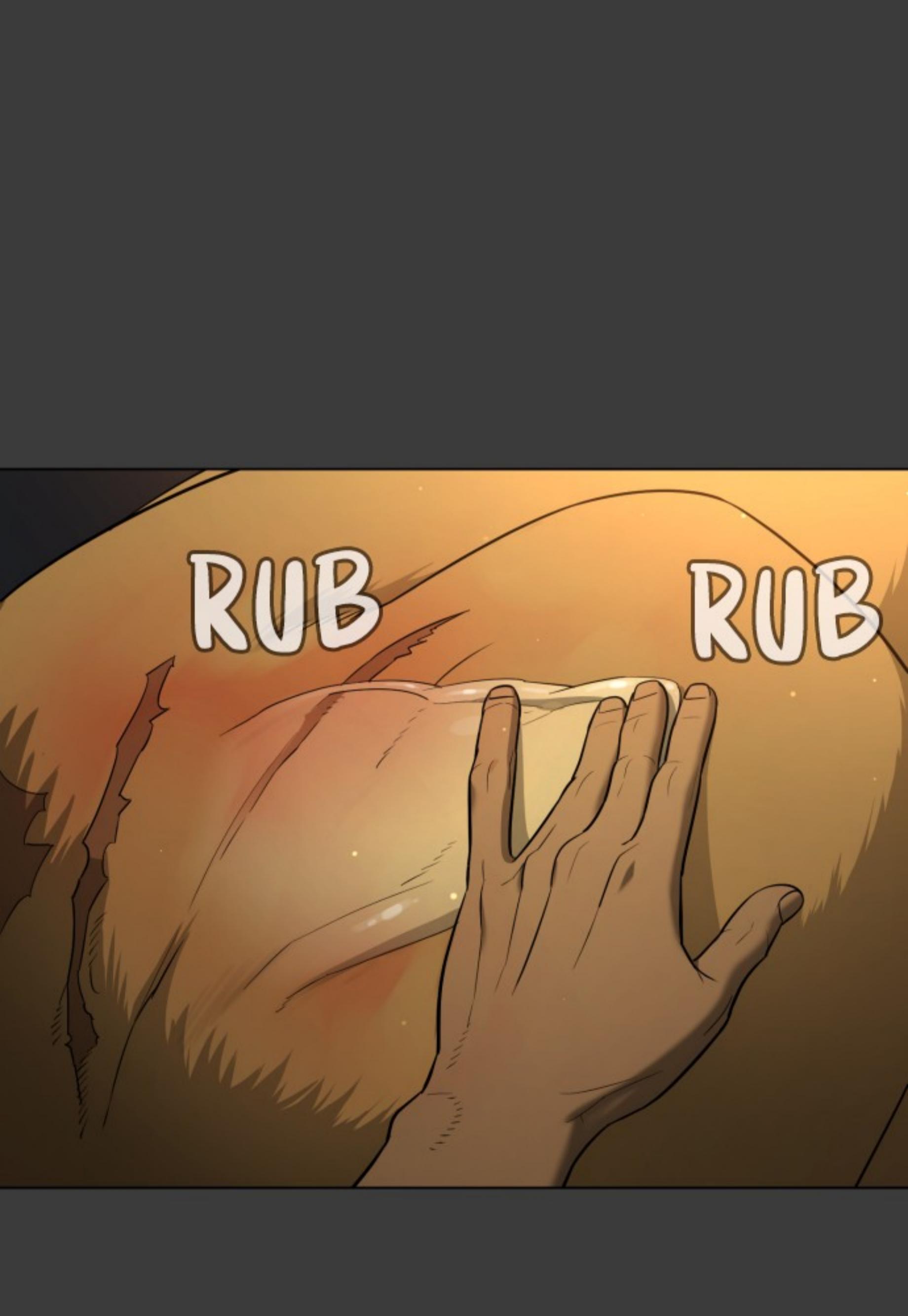
HOW ARE YOU
GONNA SURVIVE
IF YOU'RE THIS
SOFTHEARTED?

PURR PURR



WHEN DID YOU
SNEAK OVER
HERE?

STOP
DISTRACTING ME
AND GO.



RUB

RUB



GOOD BOY.
I KNOW IT WAS
PAINFUL.

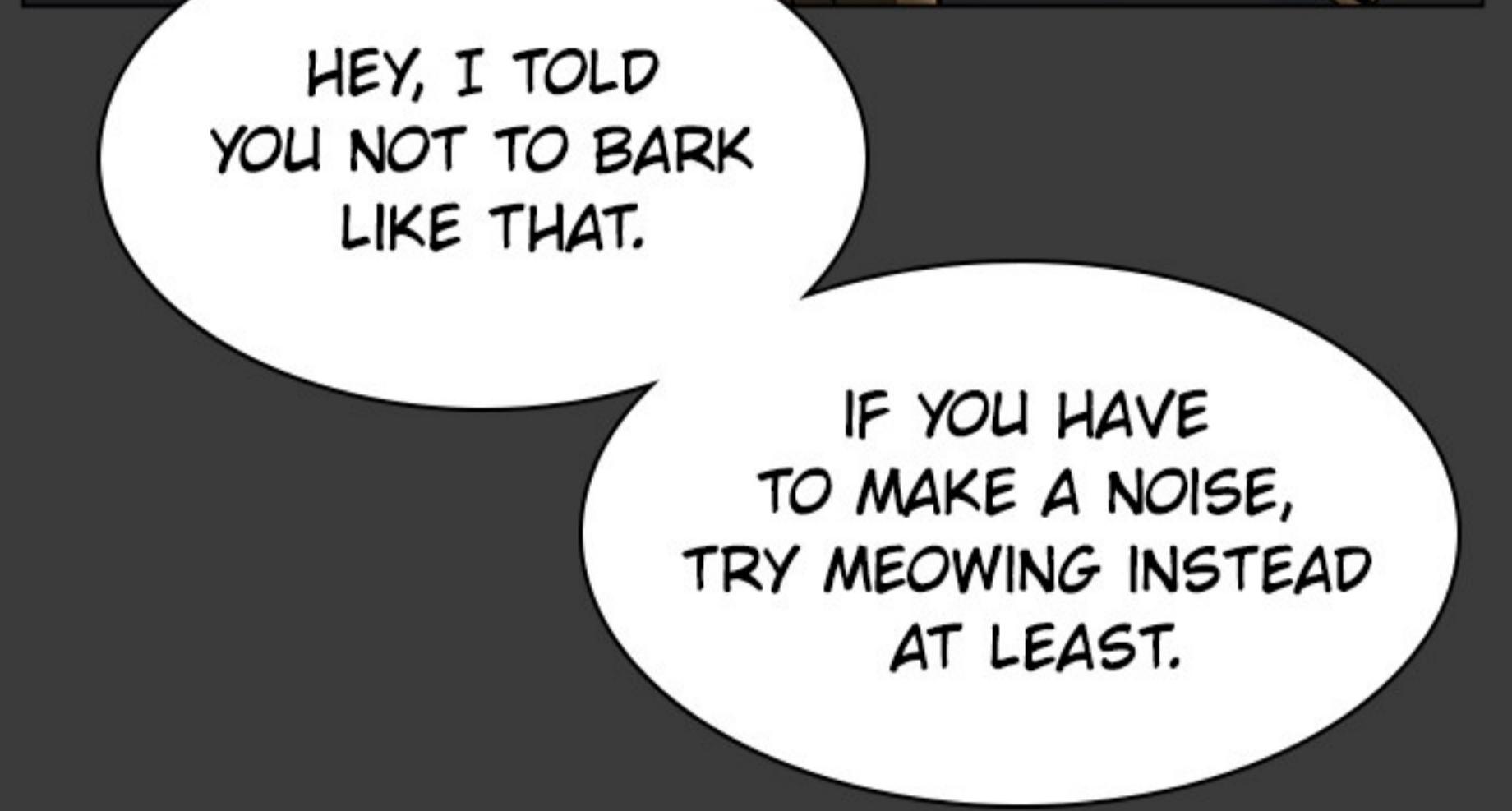
WOOF!

PAT

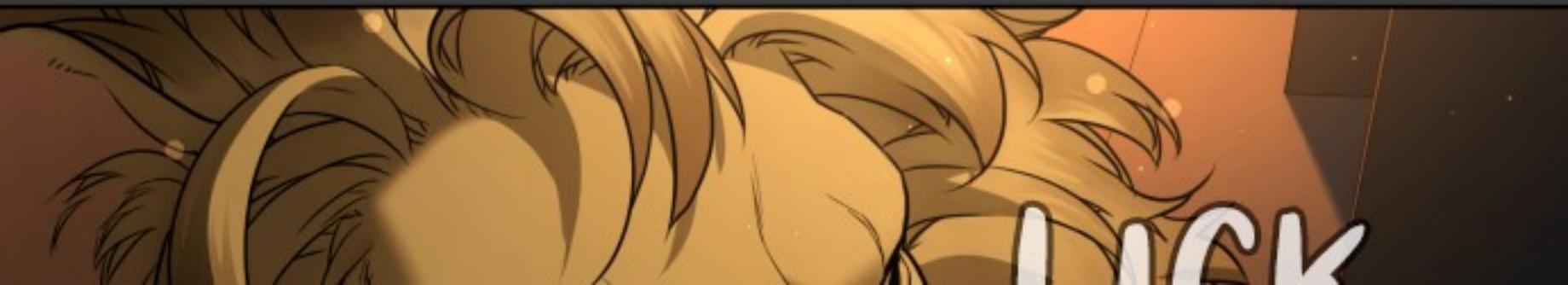
PAT



HEY, I TOLD
YOU NOT TO BARK
LIKE THAT.



IF YOU HAVE
TO MAKE A NOISE,
TRY MEOWING INSTEAD
AT LEAST.



DUCK



LICK
LICK



DANIEL.



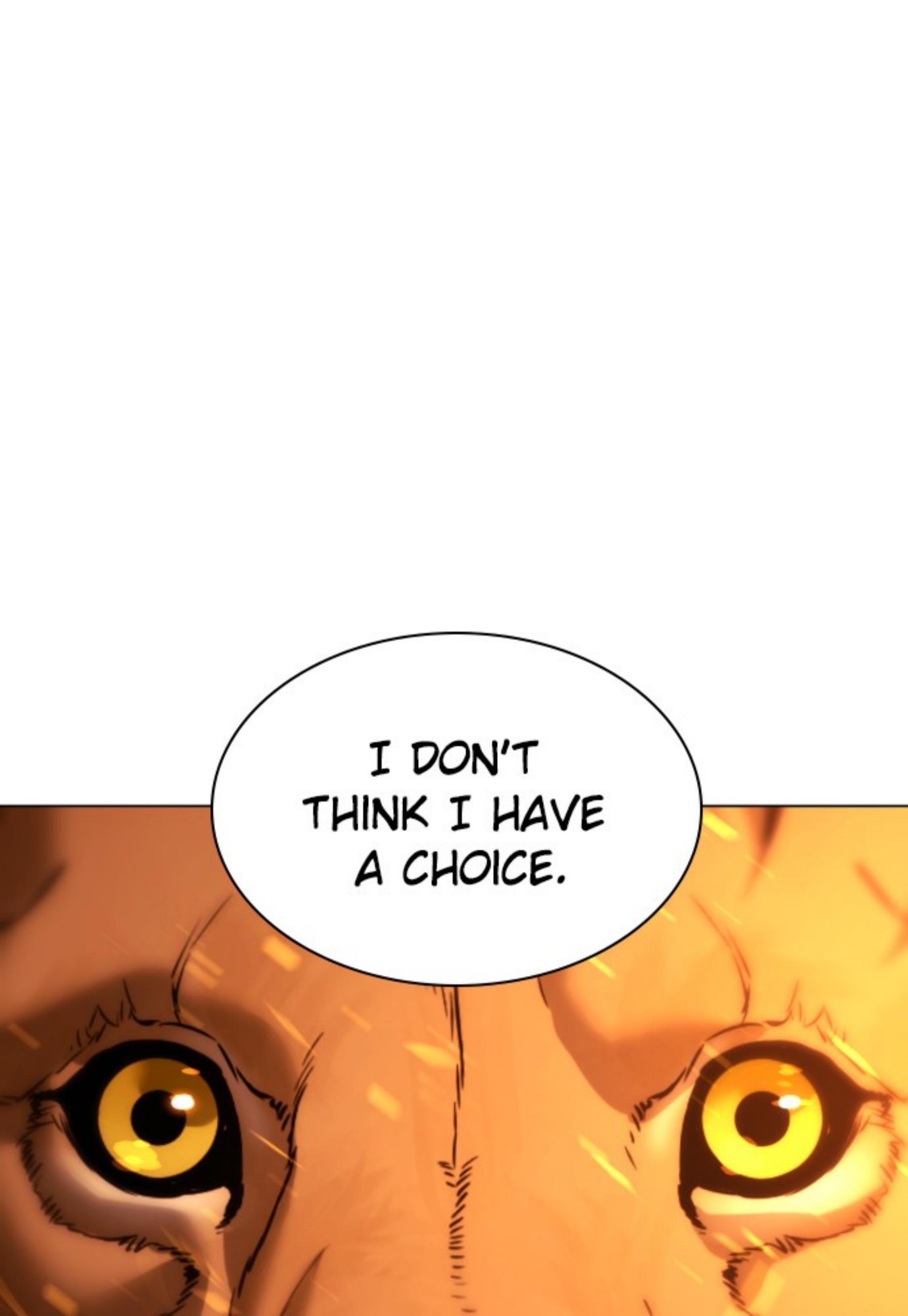
I PROMISE I'LL
RESCUE YOU FROM
THIS PLACE ONE
DAY.

BLADE

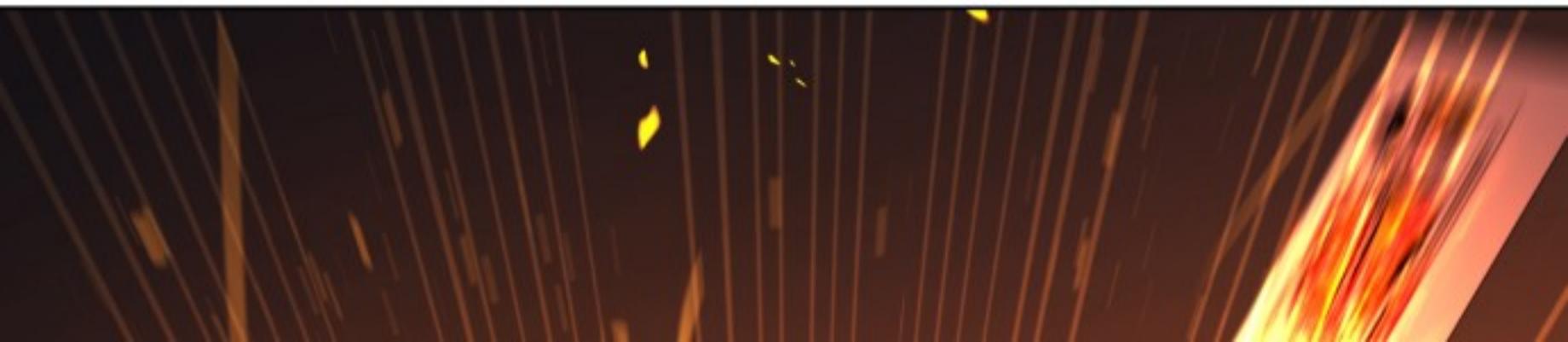
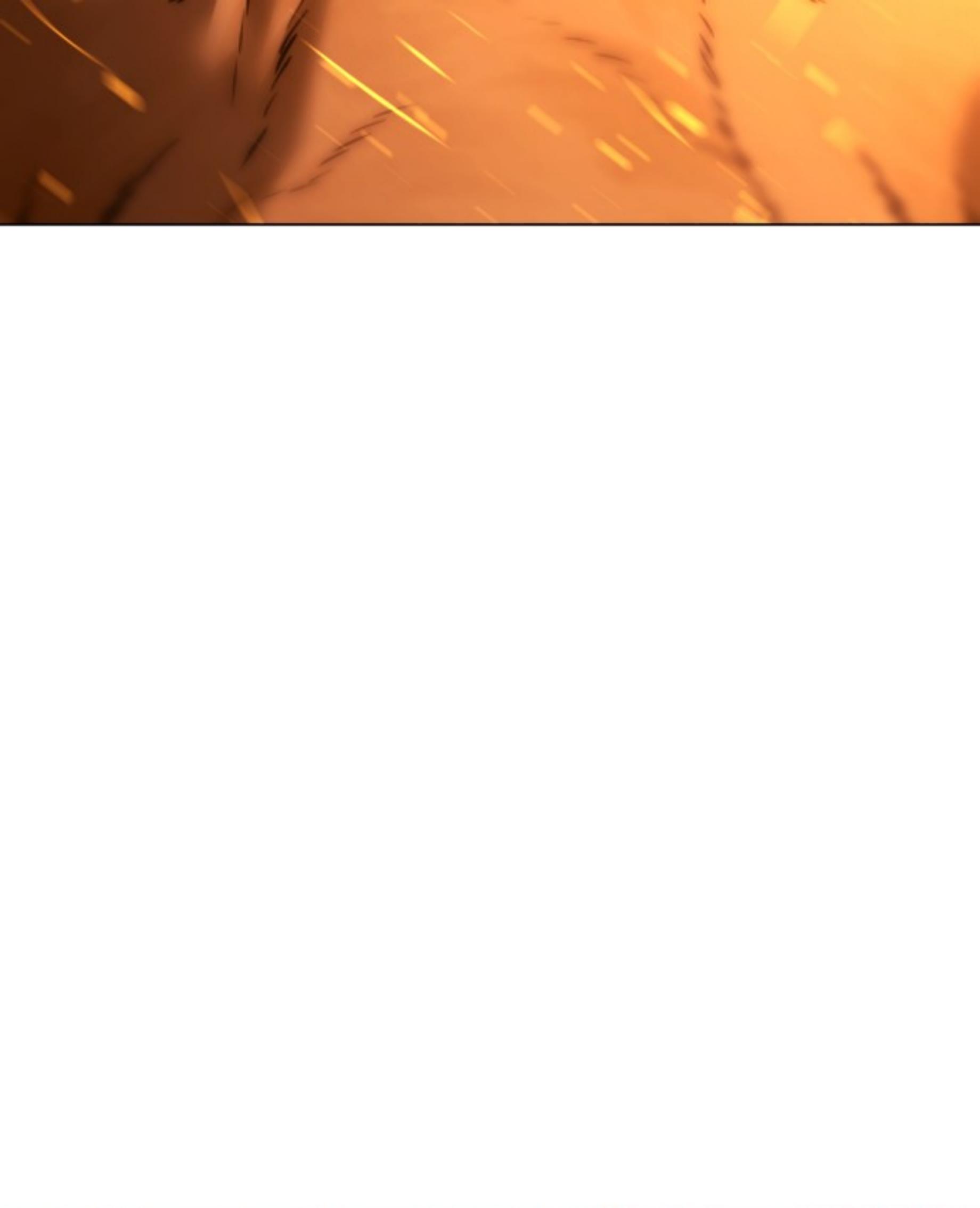




I'M SORRY.



I DON'T
THINK I HAVE
A CHOICE.









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BEEP

BEEP





WE FINALLY
MANAGED TO GET
SOME DRINKS.

I'M GLAD WE
COULD AT LEAST
FIND AN AUTOMATED
CONVENIENCE
STORE

YEAH. I HOPE
THEY BRING BACK
24 HOUR CONVENIENCE

STORE.

24-HOUR CONVENIENCE
STORES STAFFED BY
ACTUAL PEOPLE AGAIN
SOON.



WHY DID YOU
BUY ALL THESE
ENERGY DRINKS,
THOUGH?

IS IT BECAUSE
YOU WANT TO
THANK VAELE FOR
THE FOOD?

HE DOESN'T
EVEN DESERVE A
SINGLE THING FOR
TRYING HIS LUCK
WITH YOU.

HE GAVE YOU
FLOWERS BEFORE I
COULD. WHAT A
SCUMBAG.

CREAK

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

OH... I MEAN...



IT'S JUST...





IT HIT CLOSE
TO HOME...

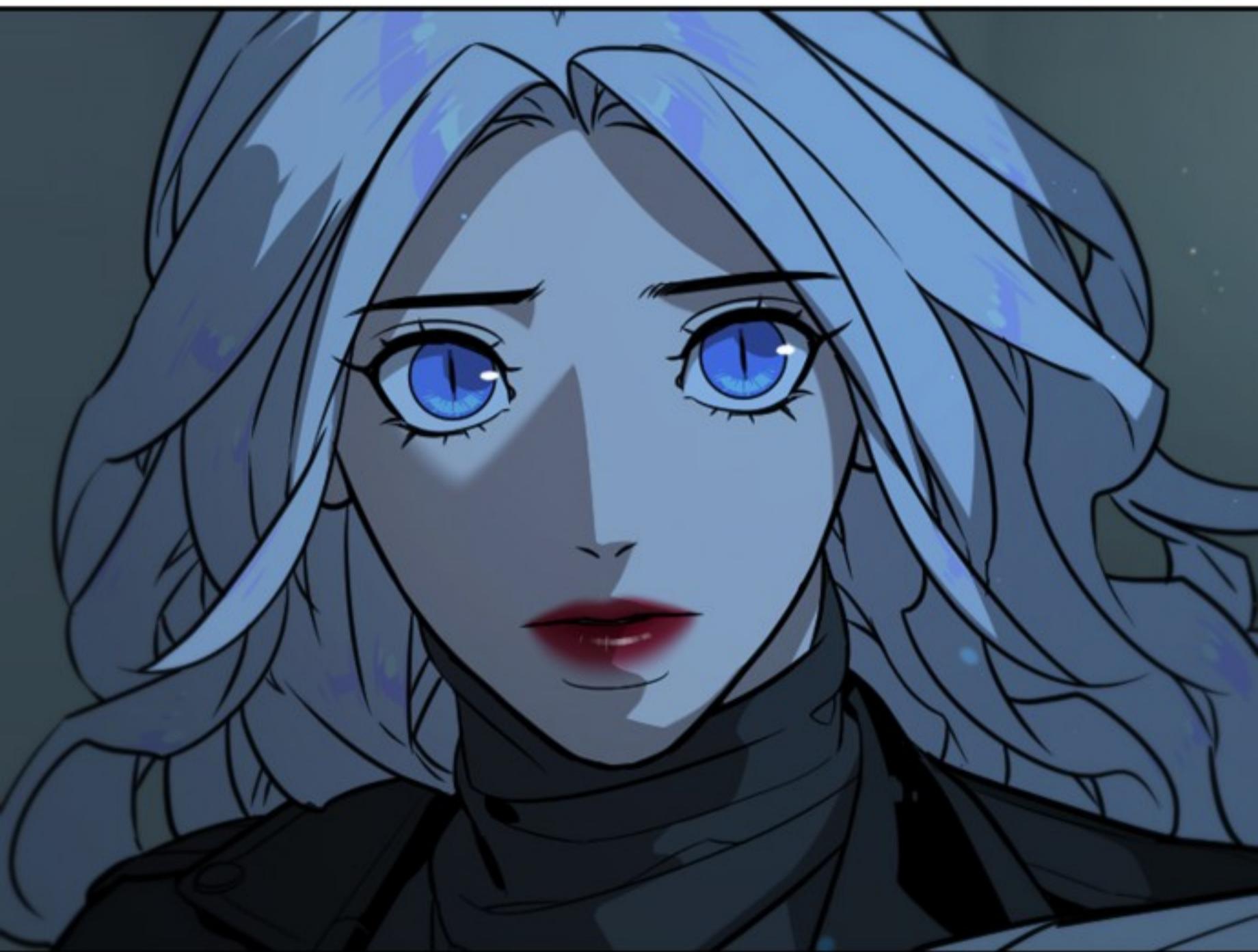
I THOUGHT
THE LION WAS
JUST SKIN AND
BONES.



A woman with long, wavy blue hair and blue eyes looks towards the right. She has a neutral expression. To her right, a man with a dark ponytail and a mustache is shown from the side, looking down with a somber expression.

HE SHOULD
BE A BETTER
OWNER AND FEED
HIM WELL.

THERE NEEDS
TO BE TOUGHER
PUNISHMENT FOR
ANIMAL ABUSE TO
PREVENT GUYS
LIKE HIM.



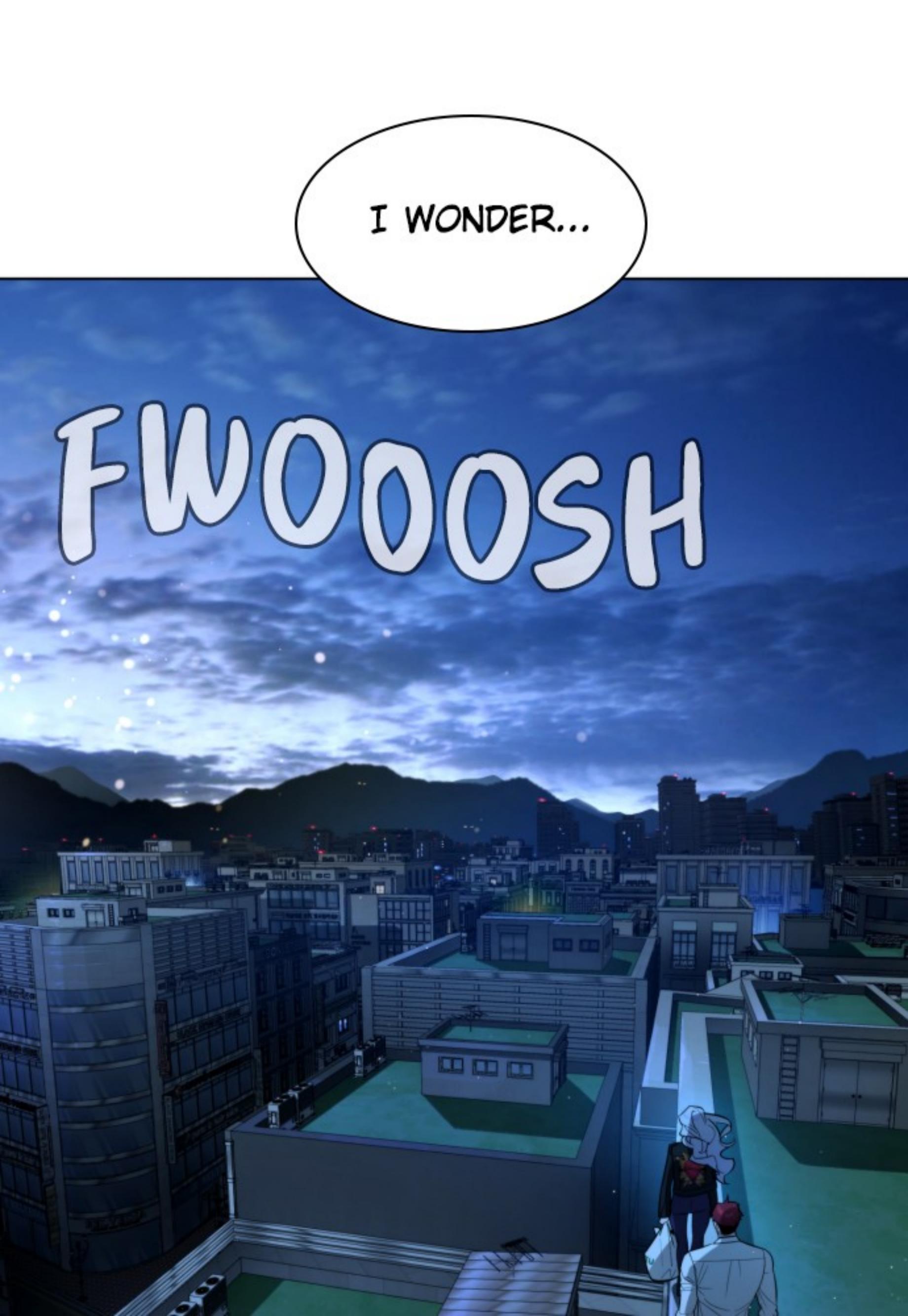
HUH?
HAYAN?

GRAB

I THOUGHT
YOUR ARMS MIGHT
GET TIRED.

COME ON,
AS VAMPIRES, WE
BOTH KNOW WE DON'T

NEED TO WORRY
ABOUT THAT.



I WONDER...

FWOOSH



...WHAT KIND OF
PERSON VAE^L WAS
BEFORE HE BECAME
AN ANGEL OF
DEATH.

I THINK I CAN
IMAGINE EXACTLY
WHAT HE WAS
LIKE.

HE PROBABLY
CHANGED SIDES
ALL THE TIME.



AND I HAVE A
FEELING HE WAS A
REAL NARCISSIST. I KNOW
WHAT GUYS LIKE HIM ARE
LIKE BECAUSE I'VE SEEN
A LOT OF PEOPLE
LIKE THAT.

I'VE COME ACROSS
A LOT OF CRIMINALS
WHO ARE JUST
LIKE HIM.

UM...
I ACTUALLY
WANTED TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT WHAT
HE WAS DOING

BEFORE.

WE CAN SEE
THAT HE'S CLEARLY
A BIT DIFFERENT TO THE
OTHER ANGELS OF DEATH
JUST BY LOOKING AT HOW
HE TREATS ANIMALS.



THUD



HMM. I DON'T
ACTUALLY KNOW
MUCH ABOUT HIM.

YOU DON'T?

AND HERE
I WAS THINKING
YOU KNEW
EVERYTHING.



YOU'RE NOT
AS GREAT OF A
DETECTIVE AS I
THOUGHT--

I'M A GREAT
DETECTIVE,
OKAY?



SEE? LOOK AT
THE HUGE AMOUNT
OF INFORMATION THAT
I MANAGED TO
FIND ON HIM.

WOW, THAT'S
AMAZING! YOU HAD
EVERYTHING
FIGURED OUT.

TAP TAP



HE'S MORE
PREDICTABLE THAN
I THOUGHT.

!



WAIT, THIS...

WHY? WHAT
IS IT?

"VAEL, A GIFTED MAGICIAN WHO HAS PICKED UP MANY AWARDS IN VARIOUS AWARD SHOWS,

IS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE MOST POPULAR MAGICIAN GROUP."

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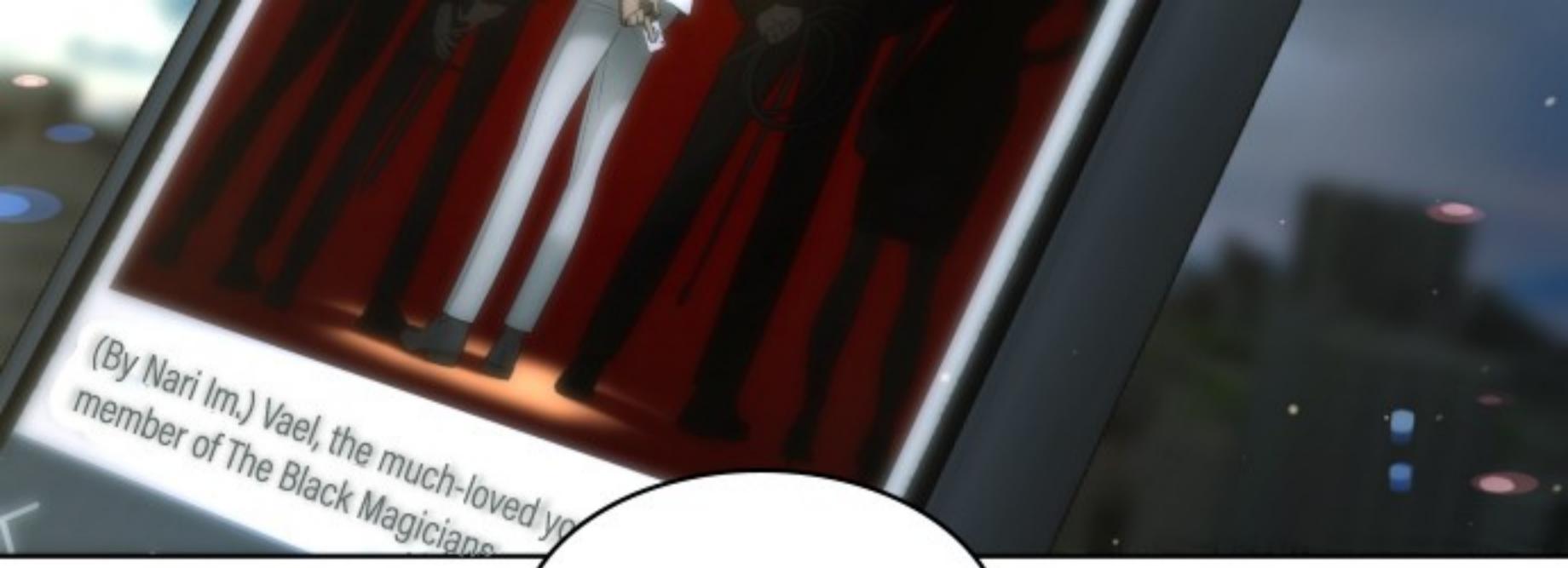
Vael the Magician is the first Asian to win the FIZM World Championships

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/ By Nari Im





WAIT...



VAEL...

(By Nari Im.) Vael, the much-loved young member of The Black Magicians



...WAS INVOLVED
IN THAT INCIDENT?



"THAT
INCIDENT"...?

"A TERRIBLE
ACCIDENT LEFT ALL
THE MEMBERS
DEAD...



Thank you
for everything.
Rest in peace.

From The Black Magicians' fans.

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GRAND
THEATER

Since 1981 Arko Art Theater Main Hall

Thank you
for watching
our music.

I won't
forget you.
I'll keep you
in my
memories.

Some day
you will
be back.

당신은
다시 돌아
오게 될 거예요.

우리가

당신을
기억해요.

YOU
WILL BE
REMEMBERED

for always

REMEMBER

you're

in our

hearts.

永远に

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想い

君の

...EXCEPT FOR
VAEL."

PLUS...

Breaking News

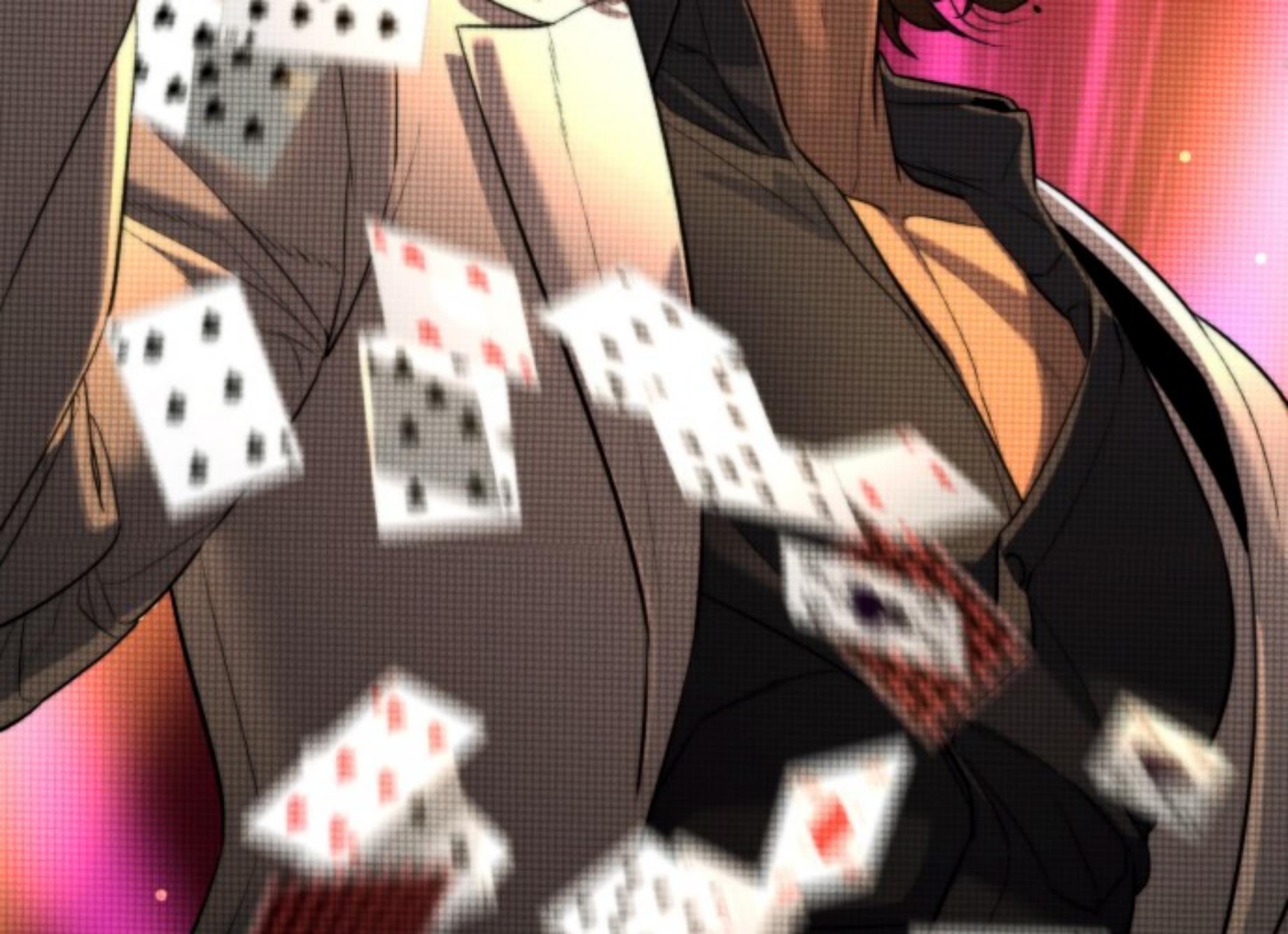
Vael, an international sensation and gifted magician with a tragic past, reported missing

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MISSING

A hand of playing cards is shown against a dark background. The cards are partially visible, with some being held by a hand and others floating in the air. The cards include a mix of suits (hearts, diamonds, clubs, spades) and values (aces, twos, threes, fours). One card is notably absent from the hand, creating a sense of mystery or loss.



HE HAS A
VERY COLORFUL
PAST.

I SHOULD
LOOK INTO THIS
ACCIDENT SOME
MORE...

HUH? OH
MY GOD!

WHAT?





THAT'S...



**THAT'S THE
THEATER!**

WAIL

WAIL

DASH

DASH



VAEL...!





**WHAT
HAPPENED?**

I'M CAPTAIN HWANG
FROM THE BUCHAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT. WHAT
HAPPENED HERE?



SOMEBODY
SET THIS PLACE
ON FIRE.

THANKFULLY, WE
HAVE THINGS UNDER
CONTROL BECAUSE WE
PUT IT OUT BEFORE IT
COULD SPREAD AND
BECOME BIGGER.

I CAN
STILL FEEL
THE HEAT.

ARE THERE
NO STAFF
HERE?



THAT MEANS IT
HASN'T BEEN LONG
SINCE THE FIRE
STARTED.

GET RID OF
ALL THE WIRES
IN THAT AREA!

LAND

DETECTIVE,
I DON'T SEE VAE
ANYWHERE.

THERE ARE NO
SIGNS OF A FIGHT, AND
EVERYTHING'S THE SAME
AS IT WAS BEFORE
WE LEFT.

!





DETECTIVE!

LOOK AT VAE'L'S
ROOM...

STEP



STEP



THAT'S...





...BLOOD...!



WHAT THE
HELL HAPPENED
HERE?





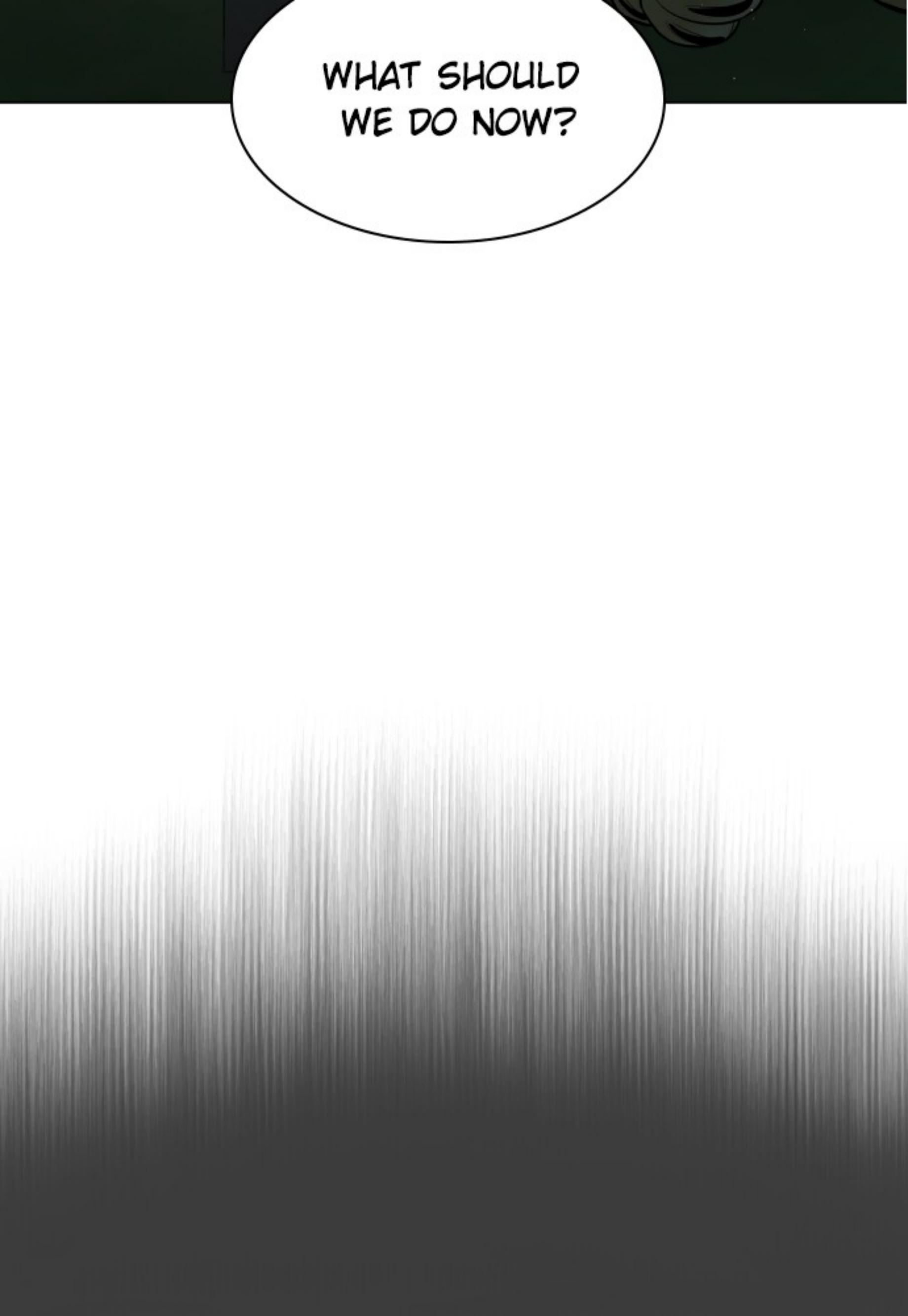


IT'S ALL
OVER.

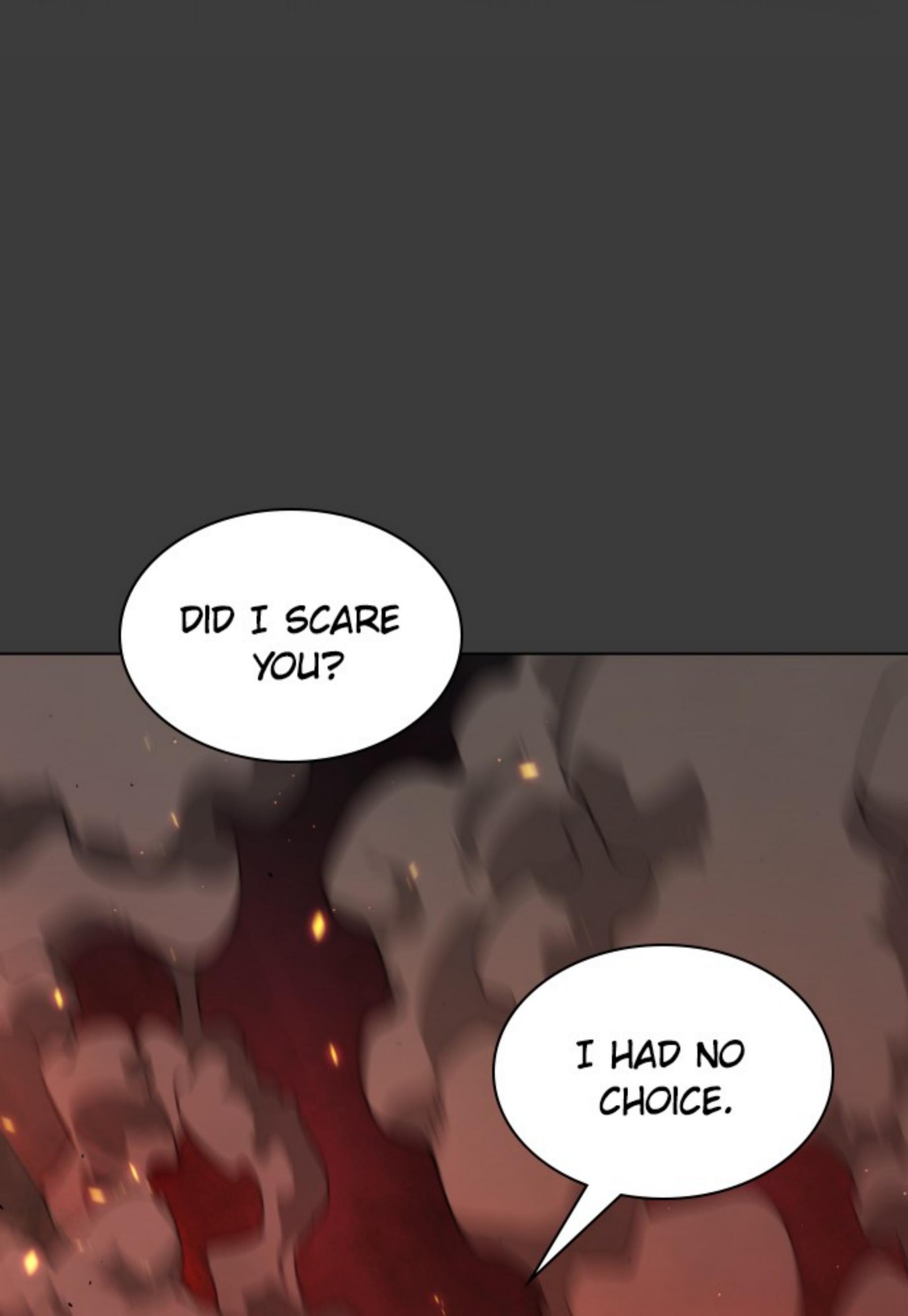


WHAT DO I
DO NOW?





WHAT SHOULD
WE DO NOW?



DID I SCARE
YOU?

I HAD NO
CHOICE.

WHINE

WHINE

THIS IS THE
BEST I CAN
DO.

THIS IS
BETTER...

...THAN BEING
KILLED BY
YOCHAN.

STEP





I'M SORRY I
COULDN'T GIVE YOU
A BETTER PLACE TO
LIVE OR DO ANYTHING
NICE FOR YOU IN THE
END, DANIEL.

LET'S BOTH
END IT ALL

END IT ALL...





...RIGHT
NOW.

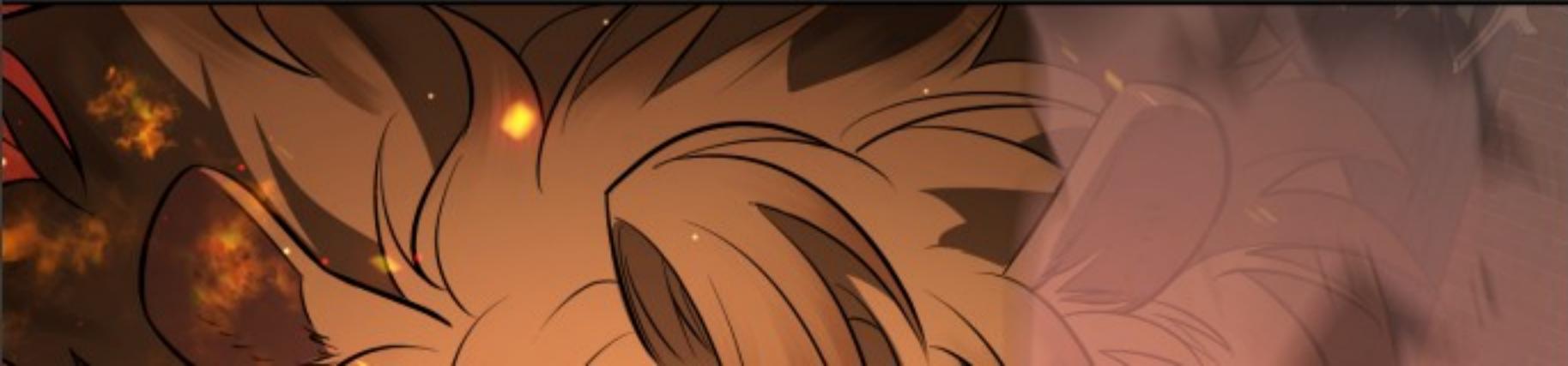


I'LL BE JOINING
YOU IMMEDIATELY
AFTERWARDS.



I DON'T WANT
YOU TO FORGIVE ME.
NOT EVEN IN THE
AFTERLIFE.

COUGH







DANIEL!

COUGH

RUSH

COUGH

ARE YOU
OKAY?!

ARGH...!

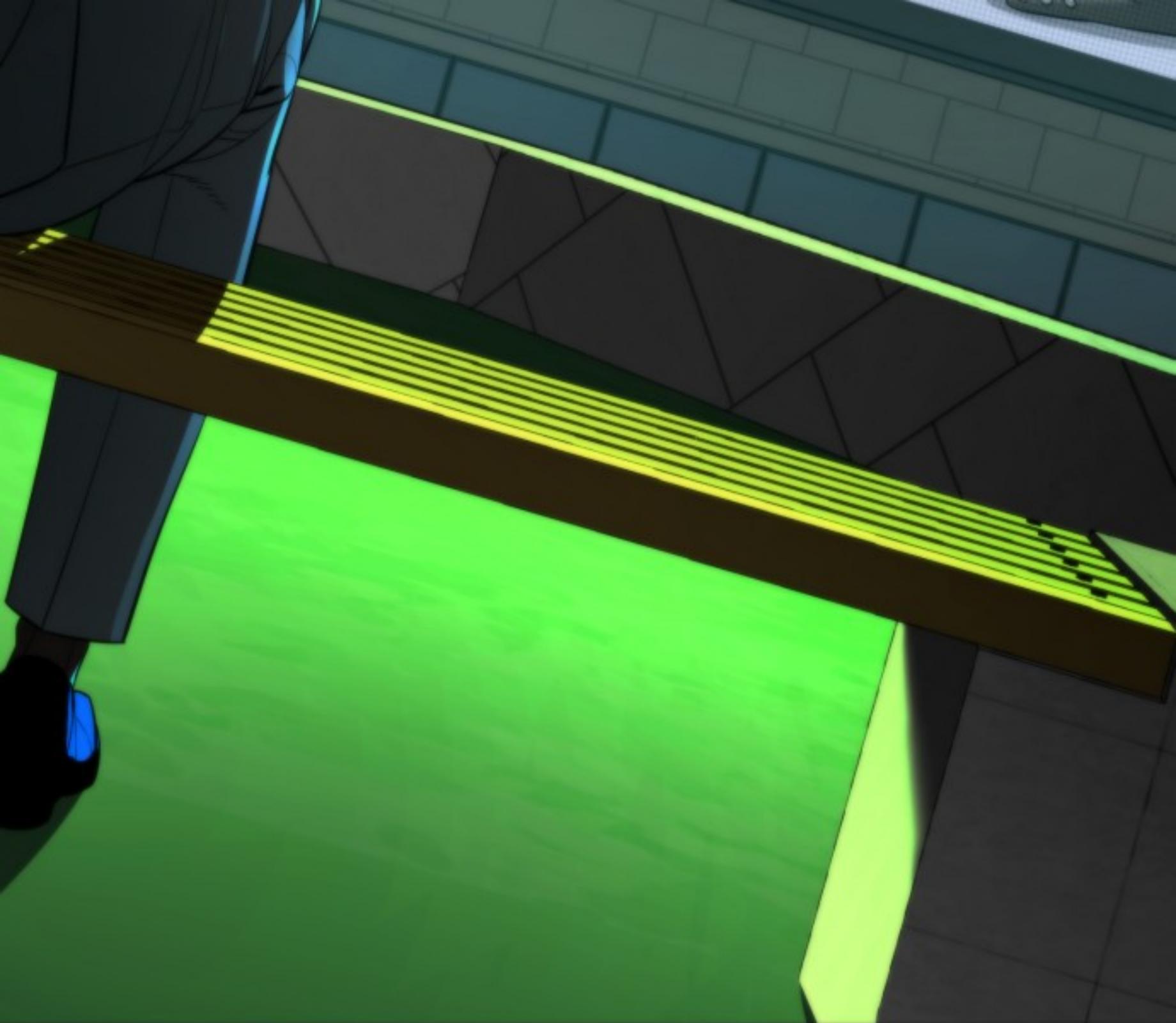


WHAT WAS I
ABOUT TO DO
TO YOU...?

DO YOU
REMEMBER...

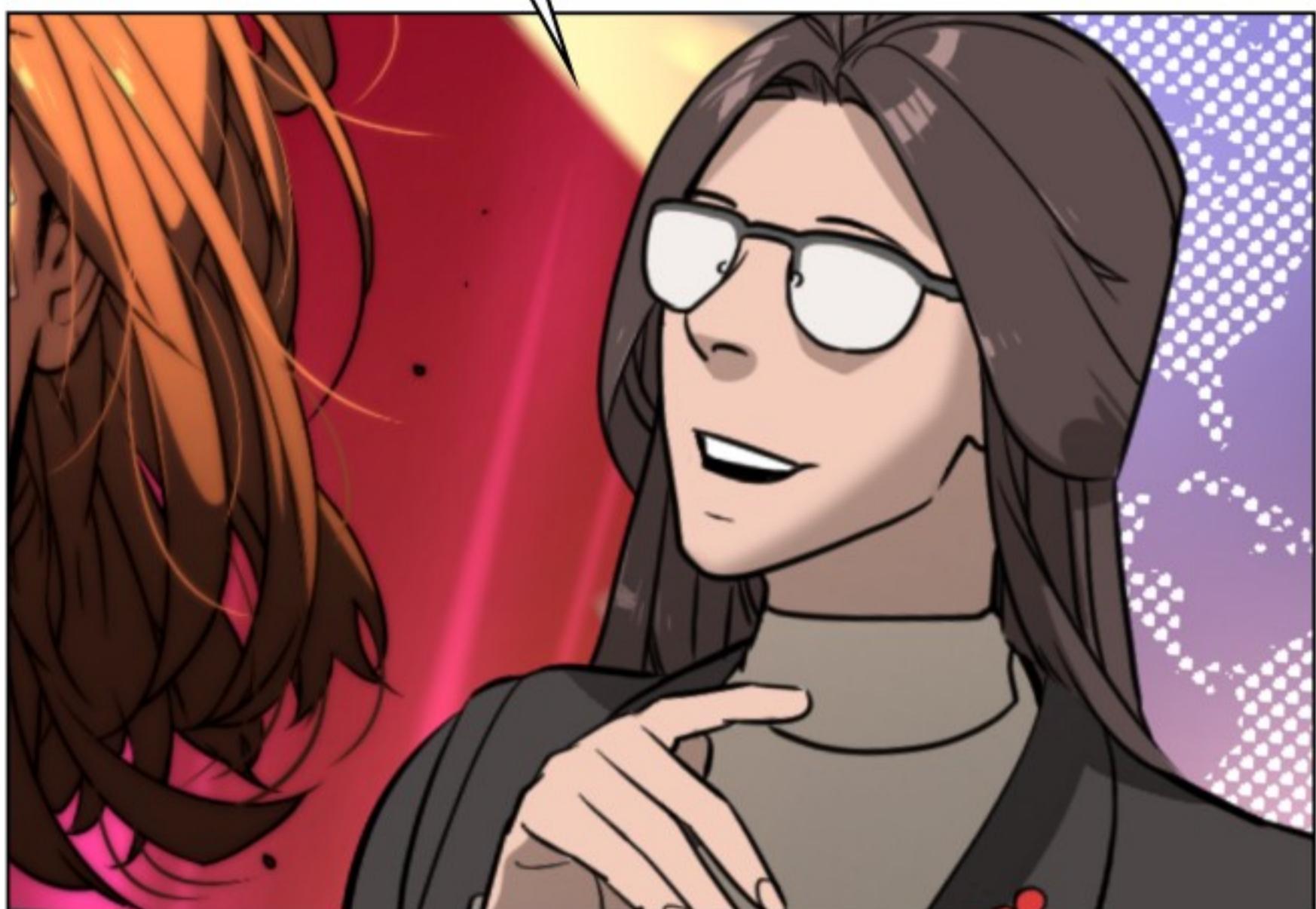
...THE MISSING GIFTED
MAGICIAN NAMED VAE?





OF COURSE I DO.
THERE WAS A HUGE

BUZZ ABOUT HIM
FOR A WHILE.



YOU'LL BE
SURPRISED TO
HEAR...

...THAT HE'S
BACK WITH A
BIG SHOW.





REALLY?!



HE'S GOING TO
PUT ON A MAGIC SHOW
THAT'S BIGGER THAN

THAT'S BIGGER THAN
ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN
BEFORE IN THIS
COUNTRY.

ALL THE
PREPARATIONS
HAVE BEEN
MADE.

YOU JUST
NEED TO GET
ON STAGE.

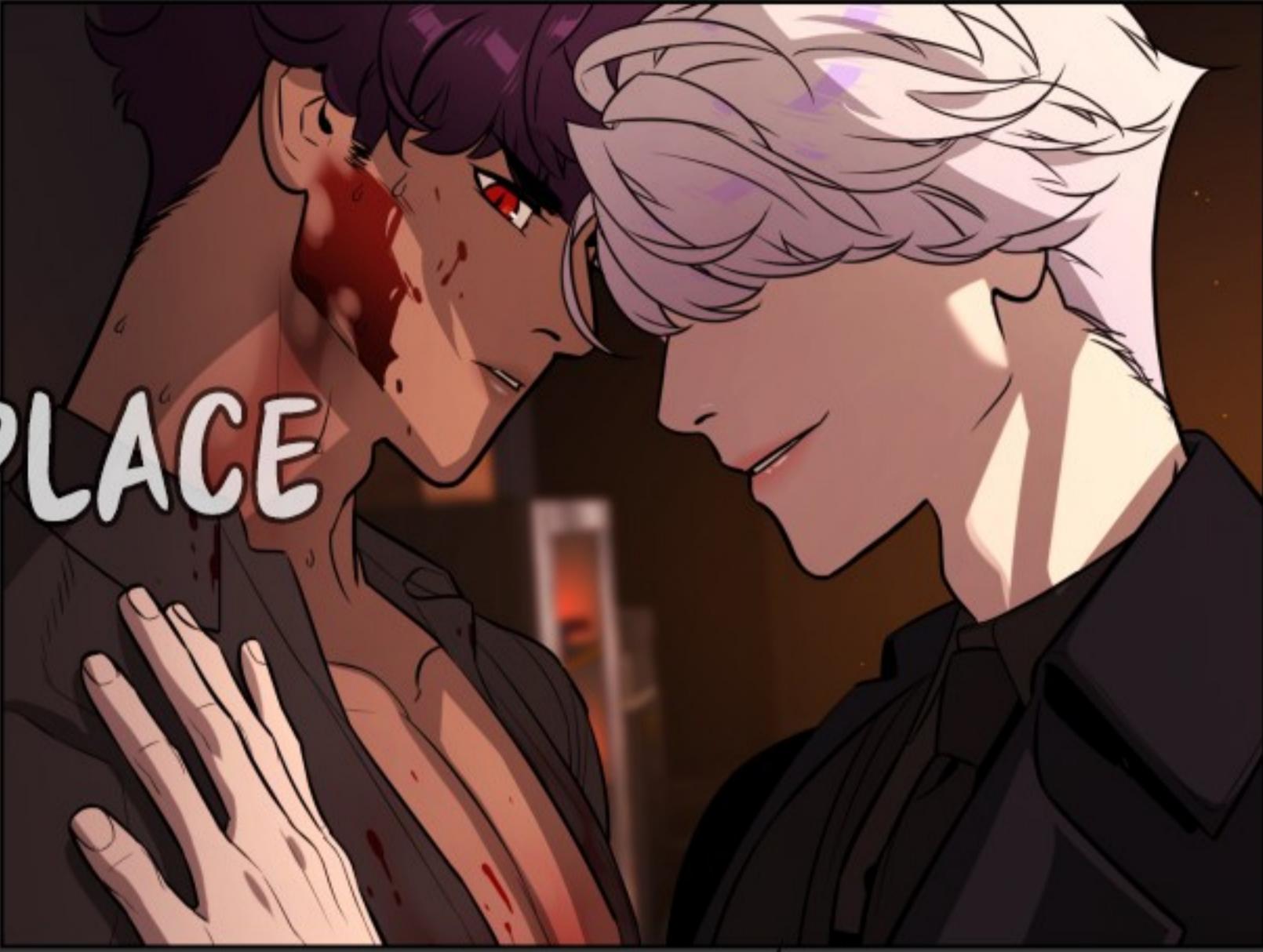


THERE WILL
BE A LINE UP.

BE SOME VVIPS
WATCHING,

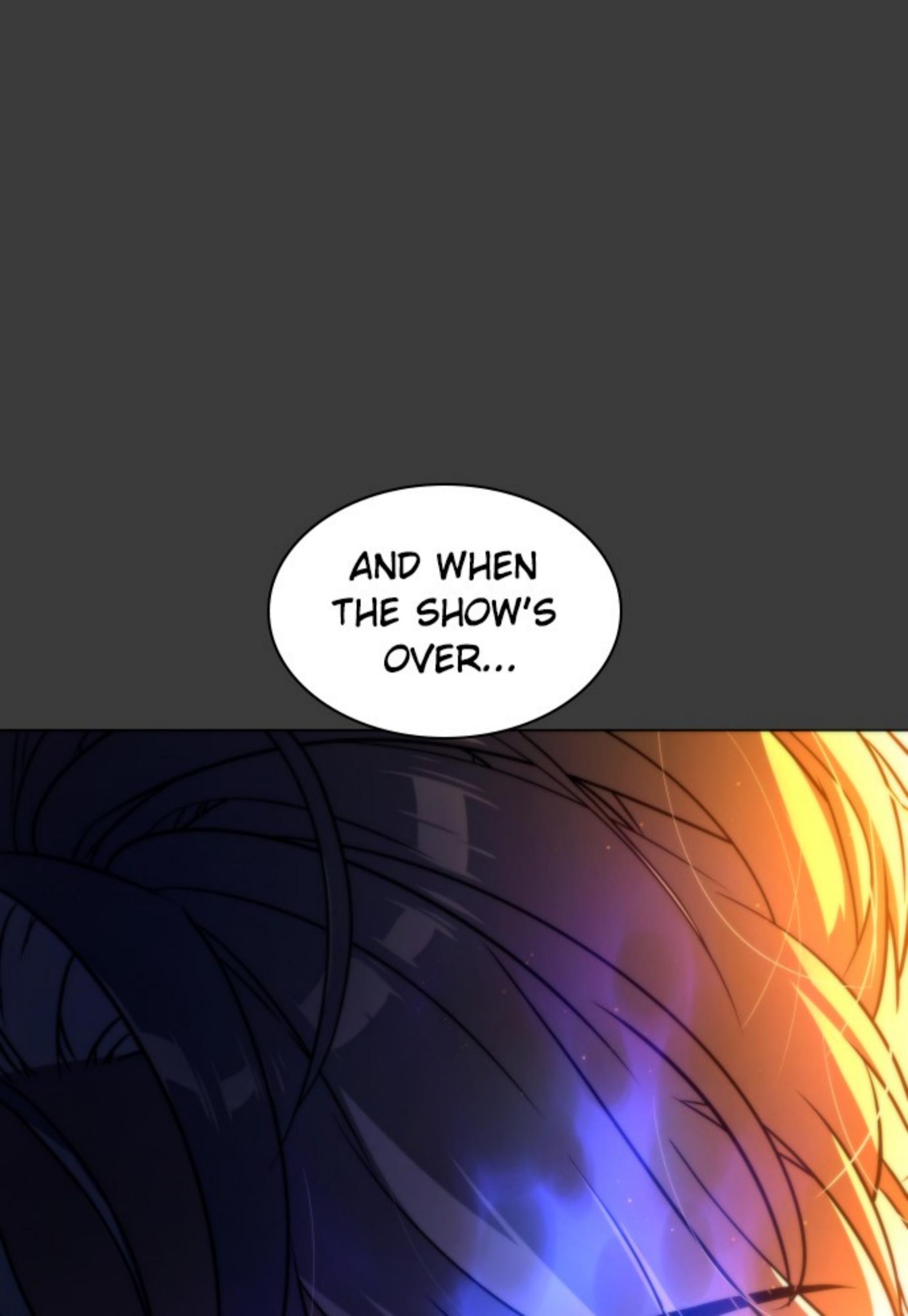
AND THIS
SPECTACULAR EVENT
WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE
NATIONWIDE. SO PUT ON
A GOOD SHOW.

VVIPS?



PLACE

THEY'RE ALL
PEOPLE WHO ARE
IN OUR WAY.



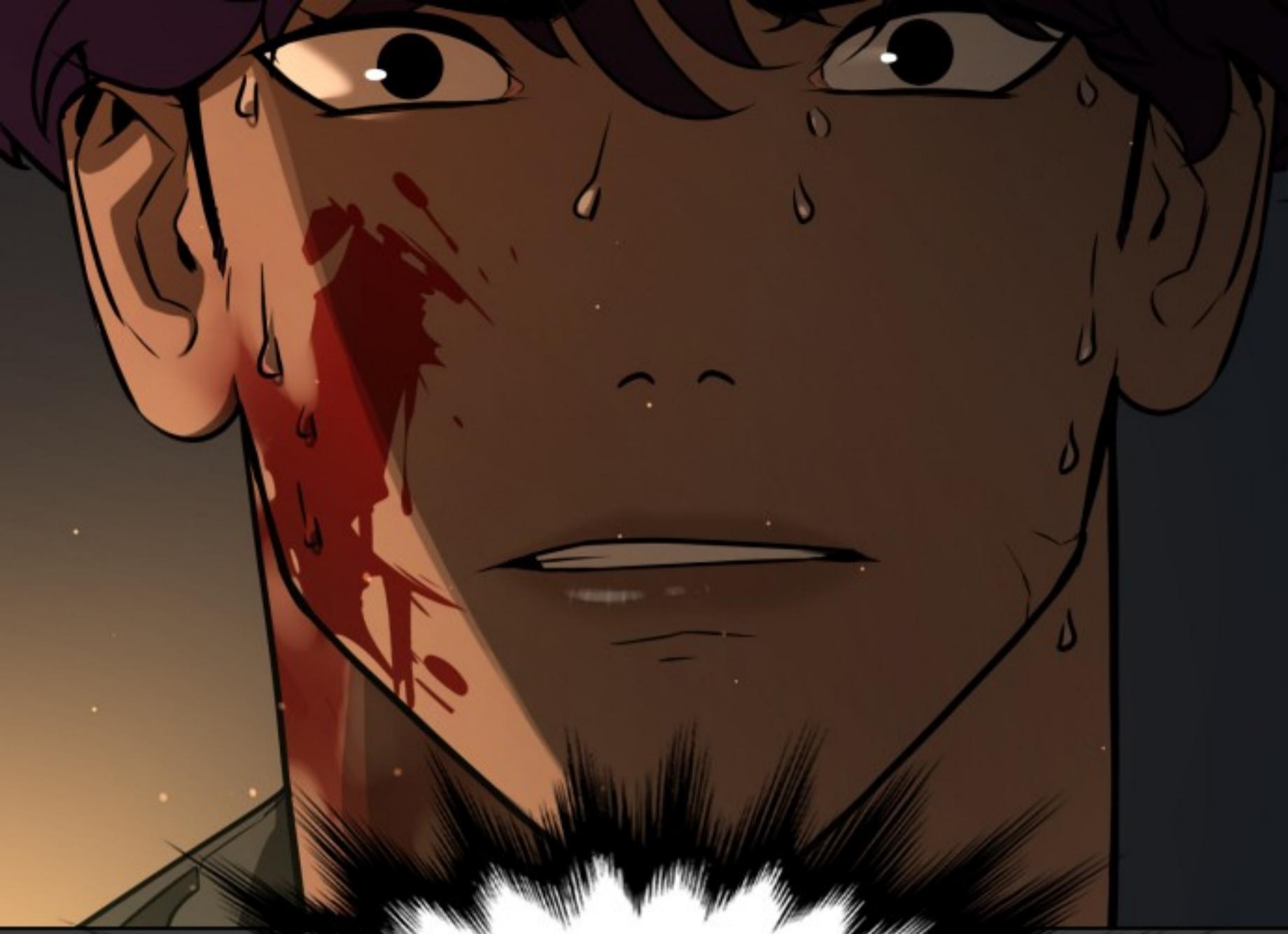
AND WHEN
THE SHOW'S
OVER...



...I WANT YOU
TO KILL EVERYONE
THERE.



HE WANTS ME
TO KILL PEOPLE WHILE
I'M BEING FILMED
LIVE ON TV...



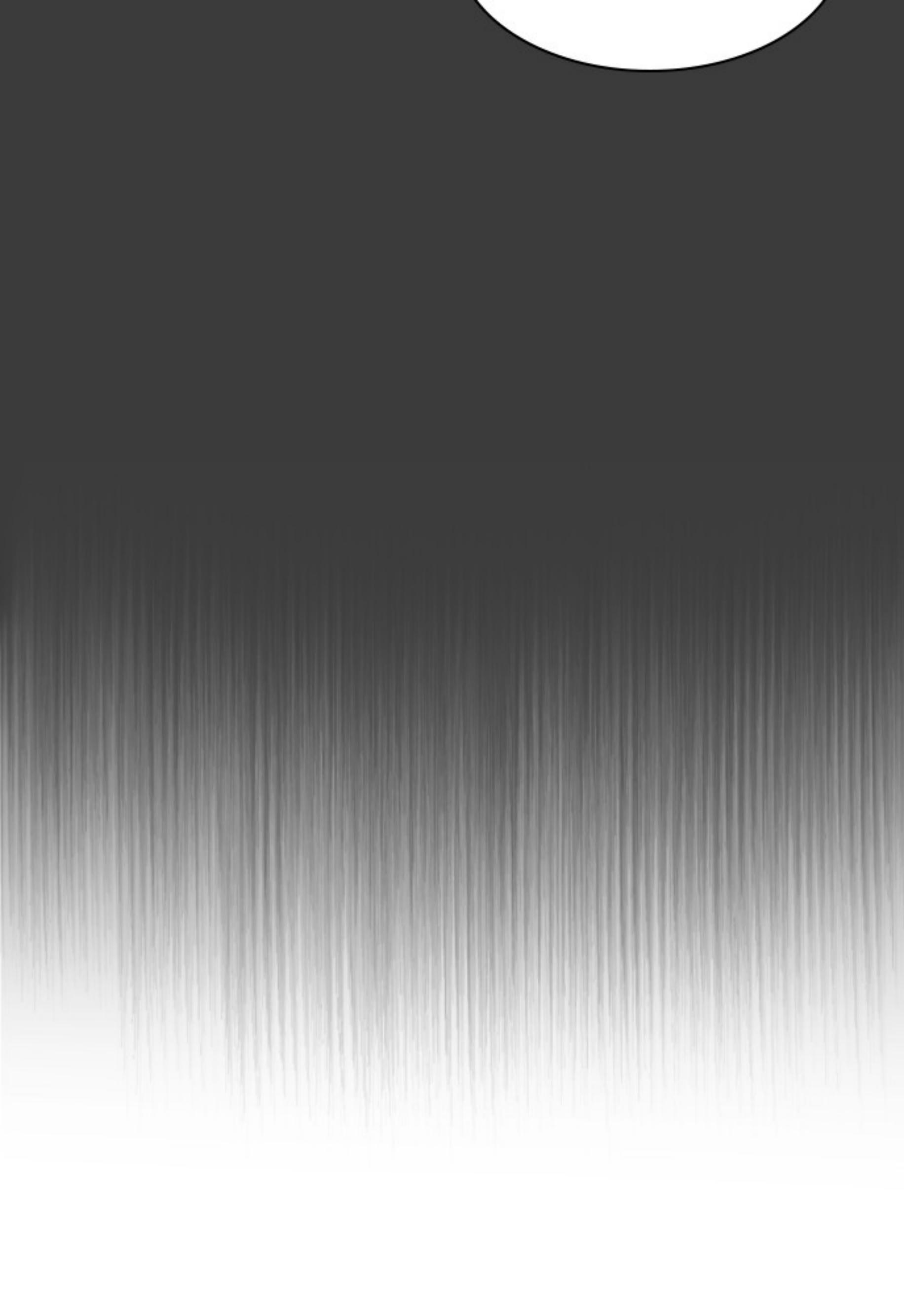
...WHICH MEANS HE
WANTS ME TO TAKE
THE FALL FOR
EVERYTHING!



ARE YOU
SCARED?

YOU CAN
USE THAT SPECIAL
ABILITY OF
YOURS...

AND DISAPPEAR
INTO THIN AIR.





THIS IS A
SIMPLE...

AND GENEROUS
OFFER, DON'T
YOU THINK?



I PUT IN A
LOT OF EFFORT
INTO SETTING THIS
UP, VAELE.

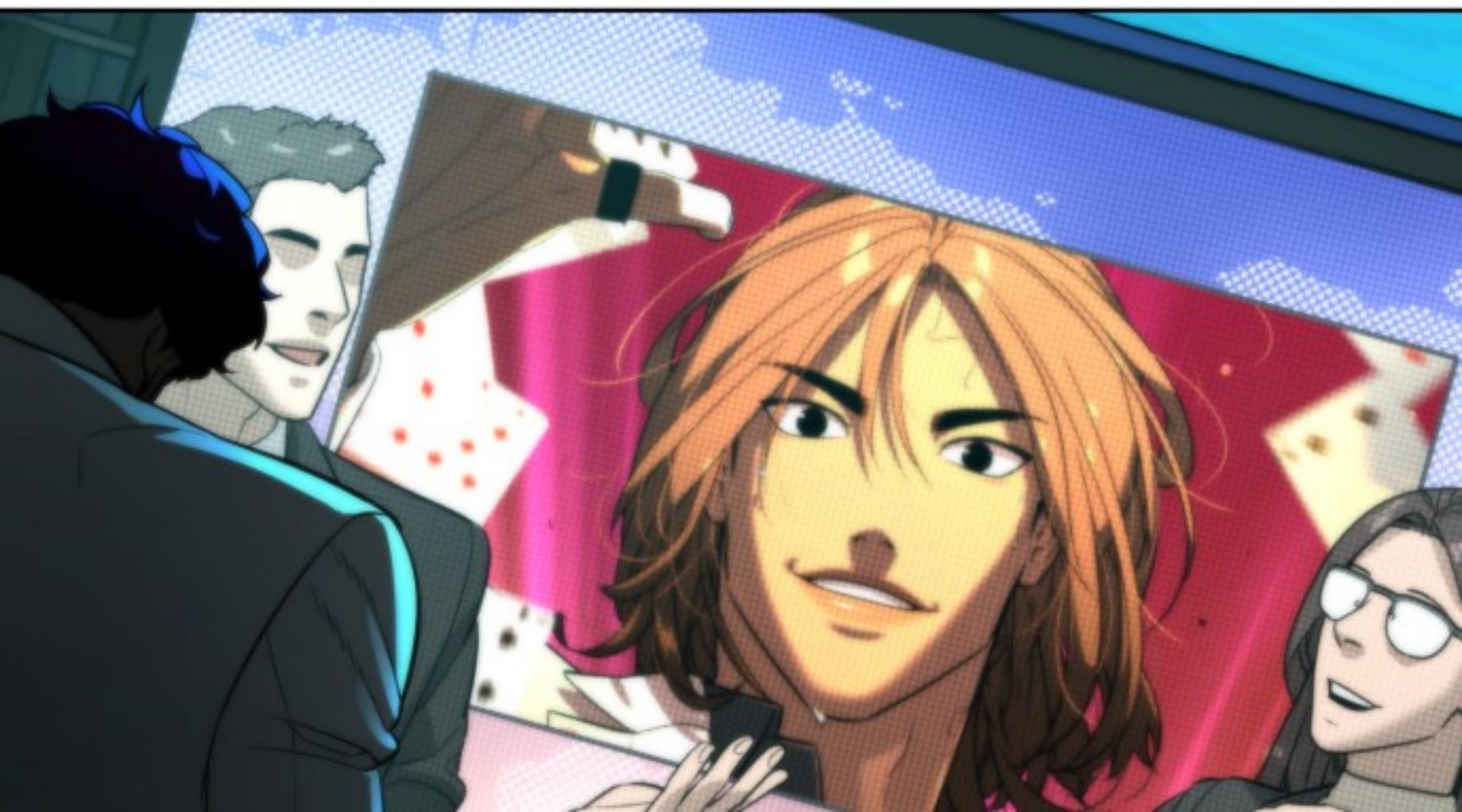




There is no
Miracle



IT WILL BE
A MAGNIFICENT
SHOW.





IF I'M GOING TO
DIE ANYWAY...

CLENCH

ULTRON







...I MIGHT AS WELL
BE READY TO FIGHT
TO THE DEATH.

UNHOLY BLOOD

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