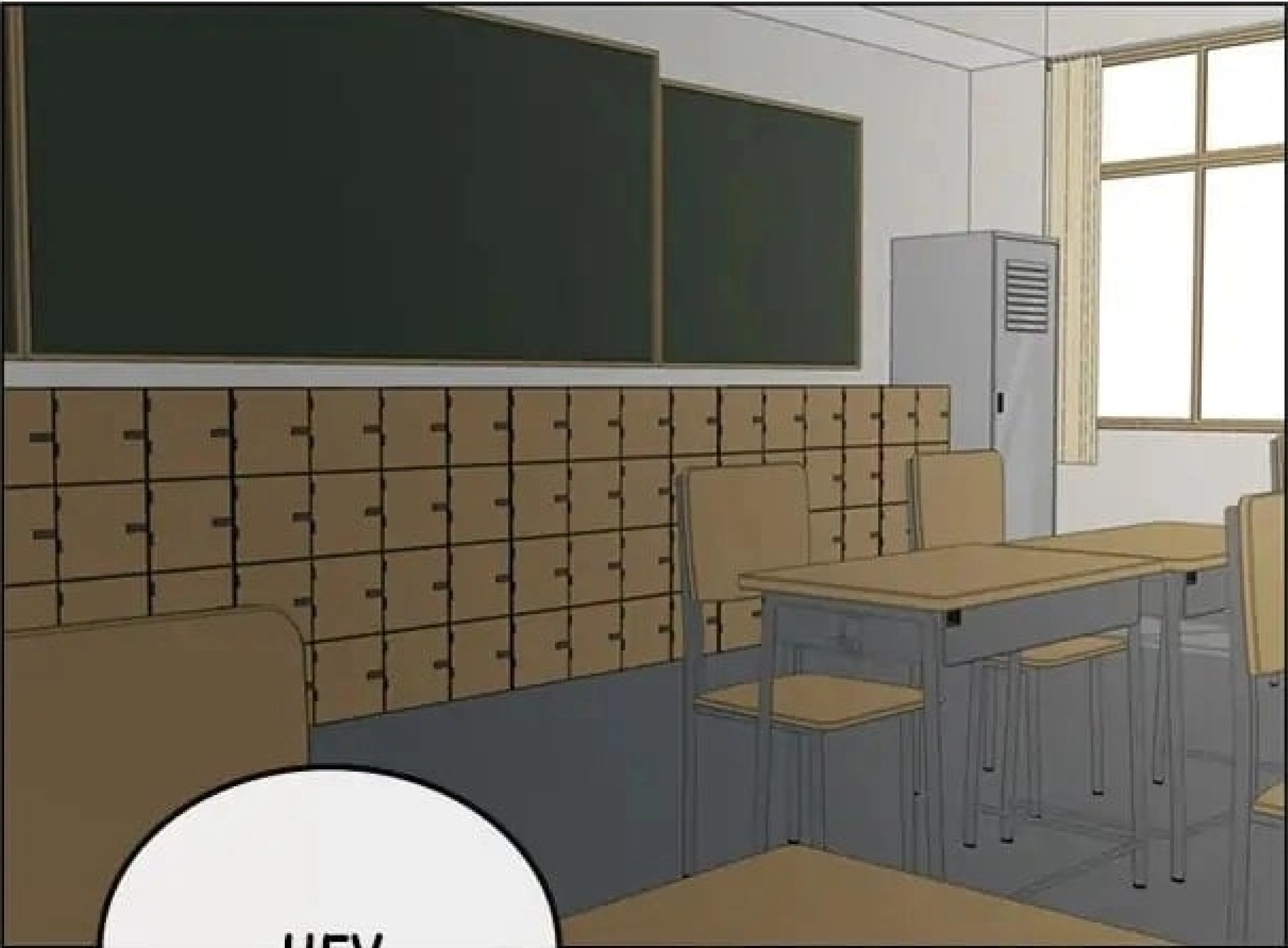


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PRODUCTS IS INTENDED OR SHOULD BE INFERRED.



HEY.

EVERYONE NEEDS

THERE'S NO NEED
TO BE SO SCARED.

YOU'RE
A REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ILJIN GANG
TOO NOW.

STAND



WHAT IS THIS...

BUT COME TO
THINK OF IT...

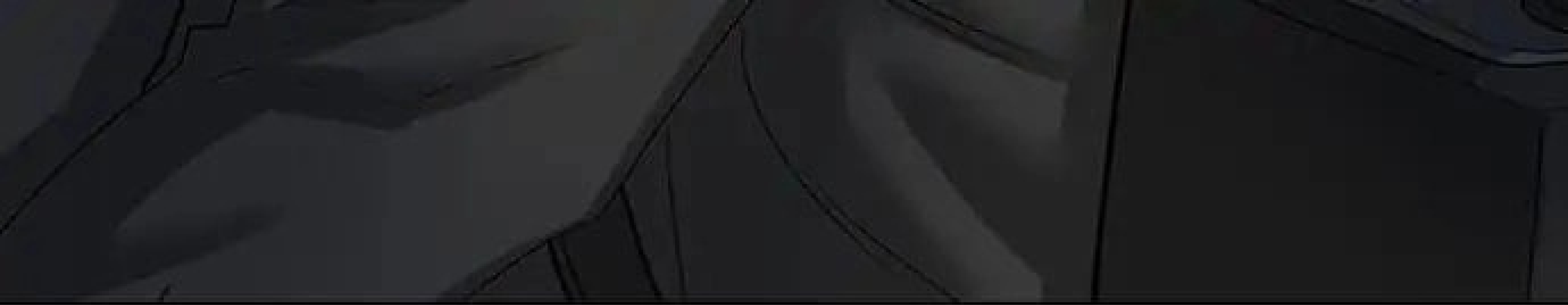


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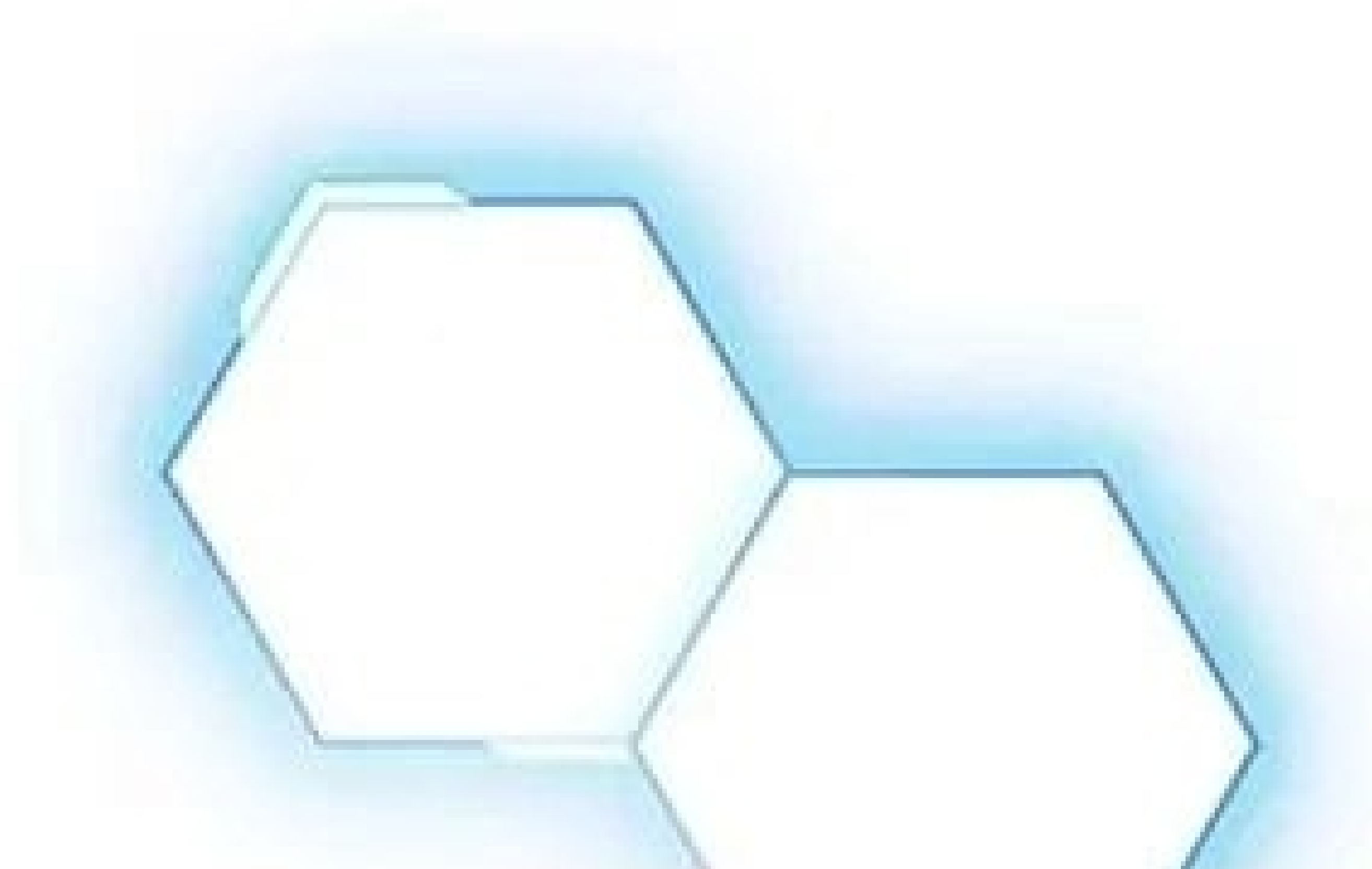
...THIS ISN'T FAIR.

...I THINK I'D BETTER
BEAT YOUR ASS
HERE.





WHY AM I FIGHTING THE
FINAL BOSS ALREADY?!



REALITY
QUEST

QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
ART BY TAESUNG

YLAB

I-I'M NOW A MEMBER OF
THE ILJIN GANG TOO...!

WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE.
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FIGHT
EACH OTHER. RIGHT?!



SAME SIDE?

WHY DO YOU
THINK YOU WEREN'T PUNISHED
BY THE ILJIN GANG?





BECAUSE I'M
THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF BORAMAE NOW...?

SOME KIND OF SPECIAL TREATMENT
FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE?

IT'S BECAUSE
THERE'S A RULE...



...THAT ***ALLOWS***
A BIT OF ***SKIRMISHES***
BETWEEN ILJIN
MEMBERS.

SETTLING RANKS
BY POWER...

...IS QUITE IMPORTANT
IN THIS WORLD.



UGH...!

SO THIS IS
WHY I CAN...

...TAKE REVENGE
ON YOU FOR MESSING
WITH SILLIM.



ERGH...!

CLENCH



BUT I'M ACTUALLY NOT
INTERESTED IN THAT
KIND OF STUFF.



SO, AS YOU SAID...

CRASH





...I GUESS WE CAN DO THAT,
BE ON THE SAME SIDE.





WHAT?

I'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW,
SO DON'T WORRY.

STEP

STEP

FROM THIS POINT,

NONE OF THE AFFILIATES
OF SILLIM...

...WILL
MESS WITH YOU.





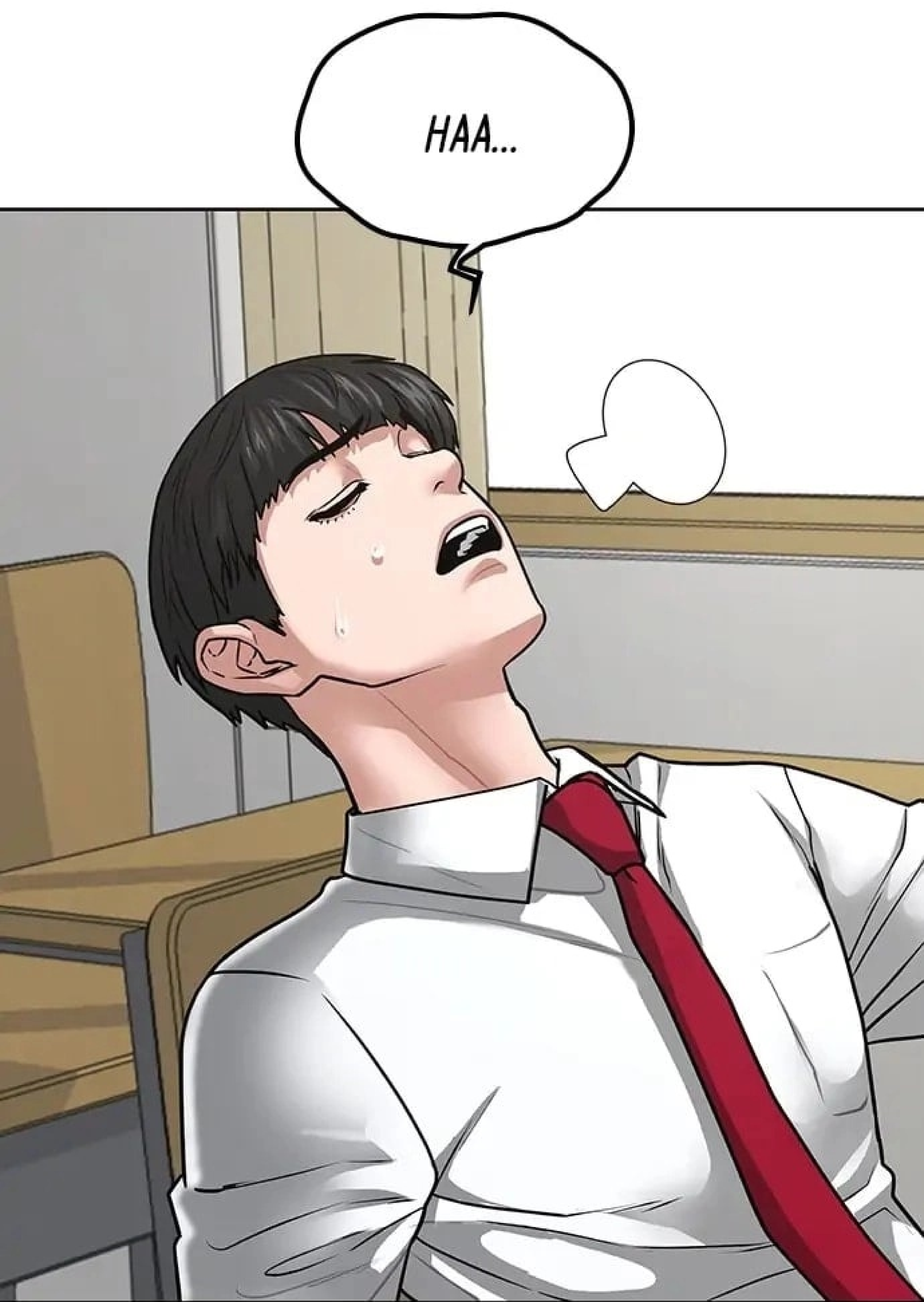
CLAMOR



**HEY, YOU'RE IN
CLASS THREE TOO?**

YOU TOO?

MURMUR



I NEARLY WET MYSELF ON MY

FIRST DAY OF YEAR 2
OF HIGH SCHOOL.

EUNSEONG'S NOT EVEN
IN MY CLASS.



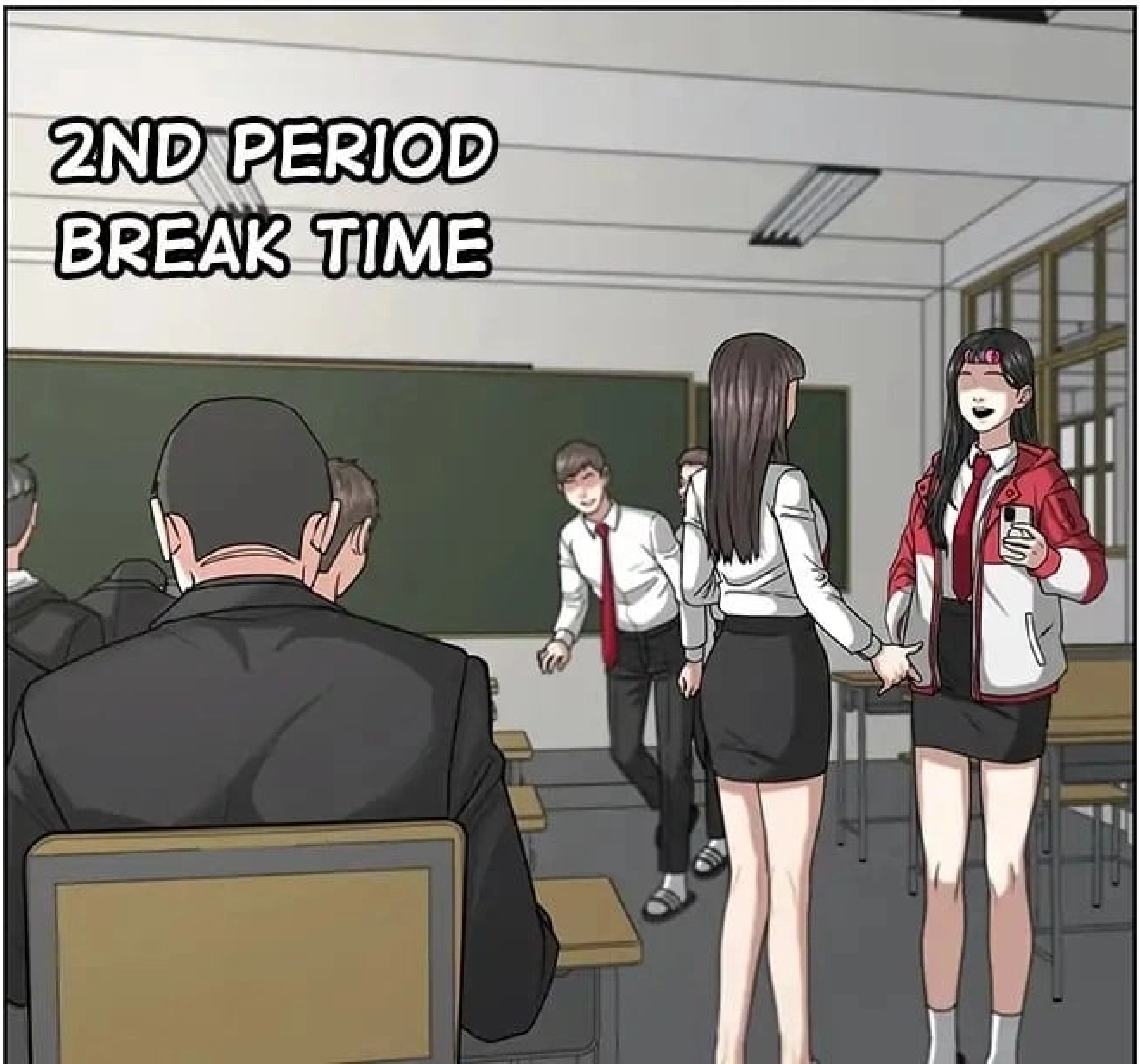


SO WHY WAS HE WAITING
FOR ME HERE?



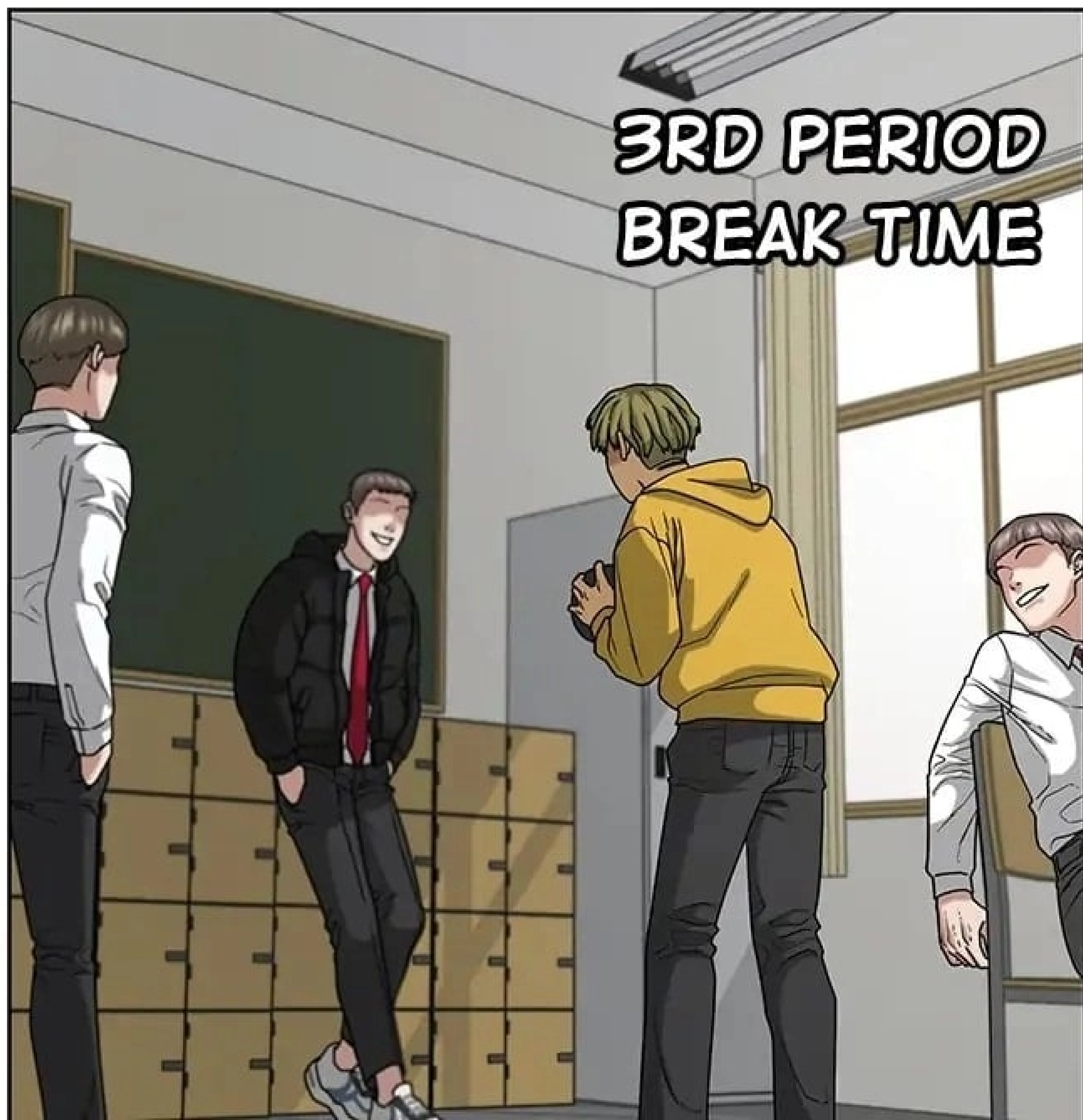
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING
THAT BOTHERS ME.

**2ND PERIOD
BREAK TIME**





WHY...





JUST WHY?

LUNCH TIME

EMPTY



WHY ISN'T ANYONE ASKING ME TO
PLAY GAMES FOR THEM?

THIS HAS NEVER
HAPPENED BEFORE...

STAND

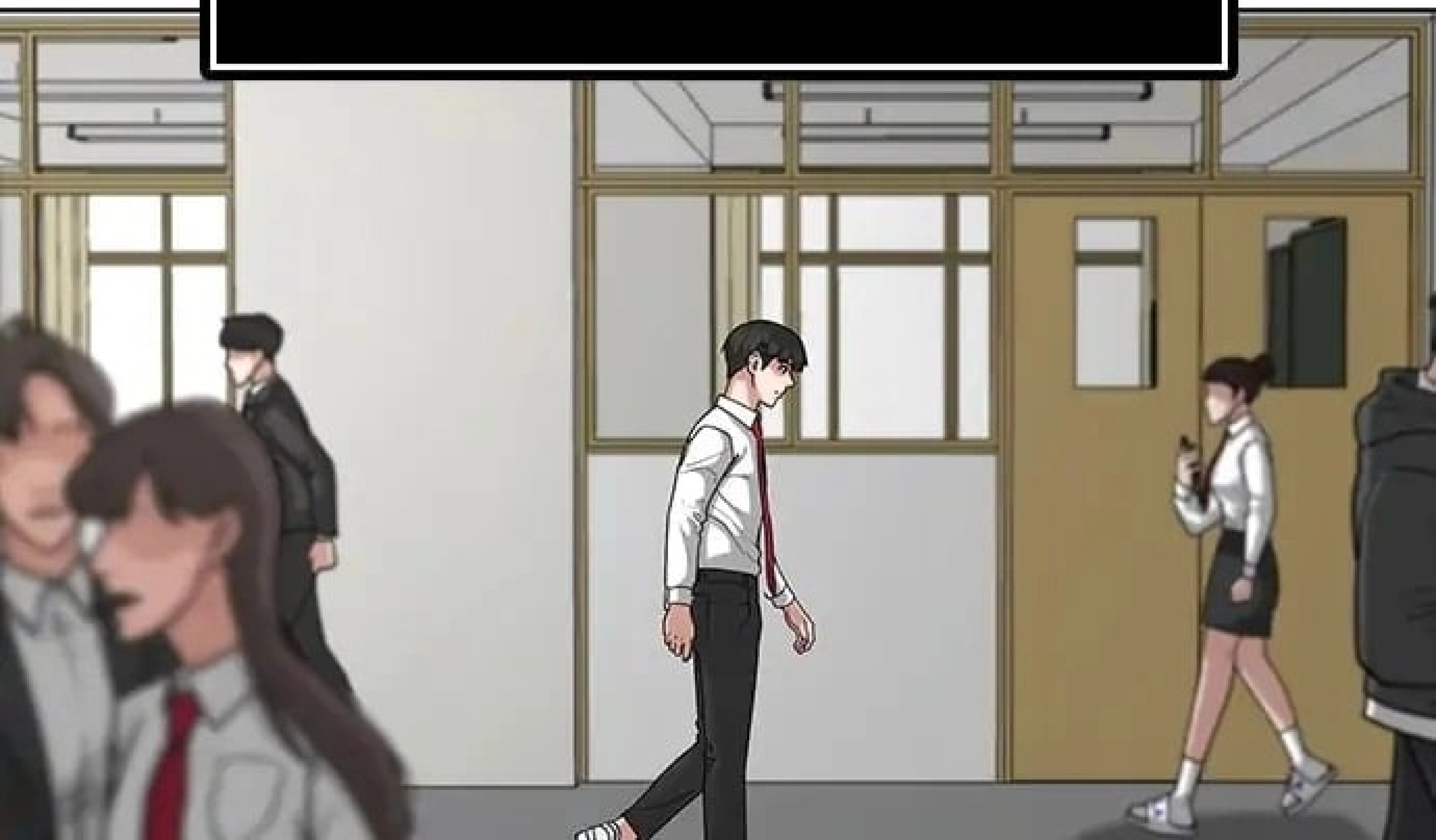
AND THE STRANGEST PART
OF THIS ALL...





...IS THAT THE CLASSROOM IS
WAY TOO PEACEFUL.

GENERALLY,
WHEN THE NEW
SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS...







LOOK AT THIS DWEEB!
HE'S DRAWING
SOME ANIME CHARACTER

HAHA.
AH KIMOCHI!

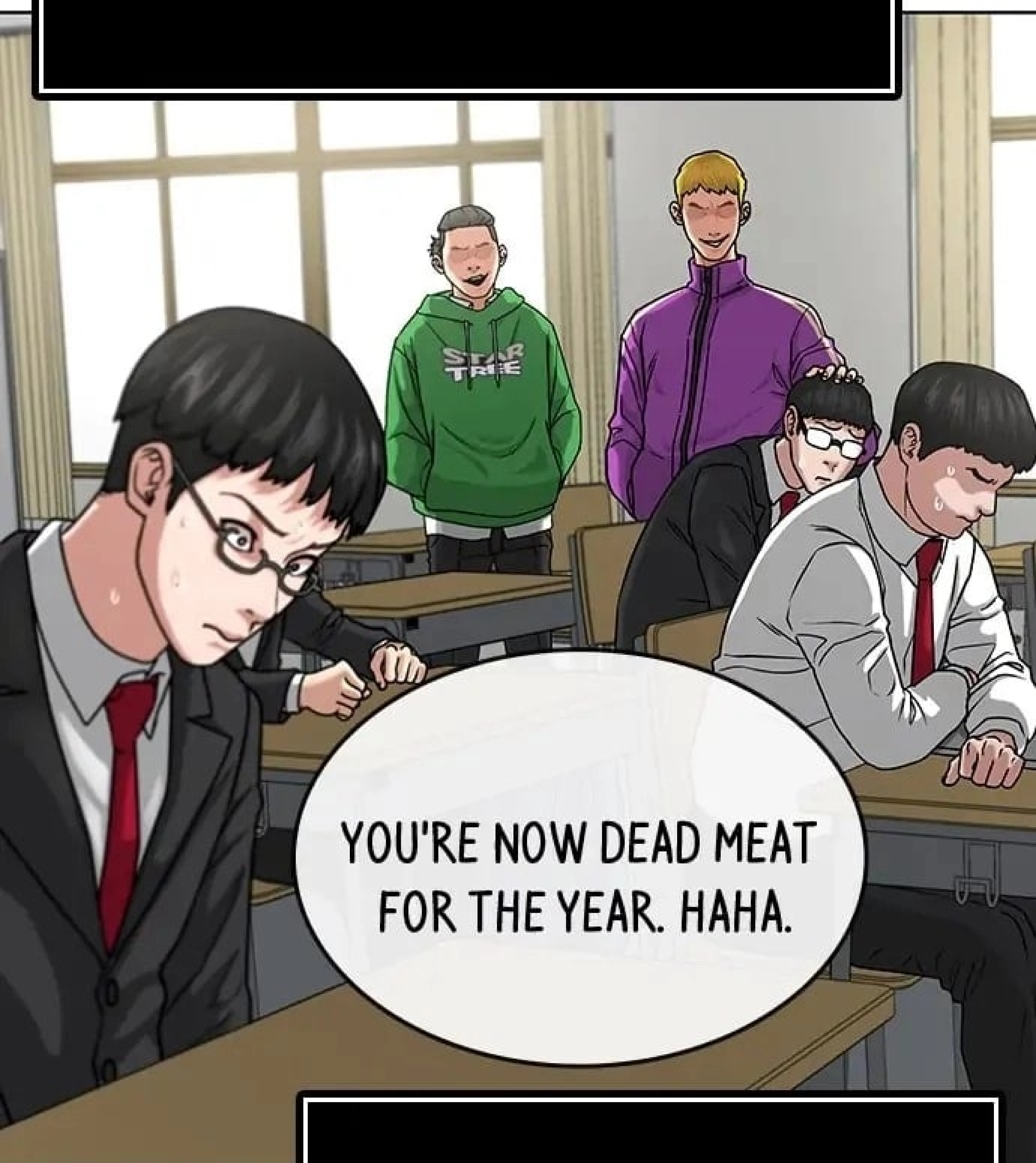
SOME ANIME CHARACTER
ON HIS DESK!

SMACK

UGH...!

...ALL THE ILJINS
OF THE CLASS GANG
UP TO TORMENT
THE WEAKEST LINK
OF THE CLASS.

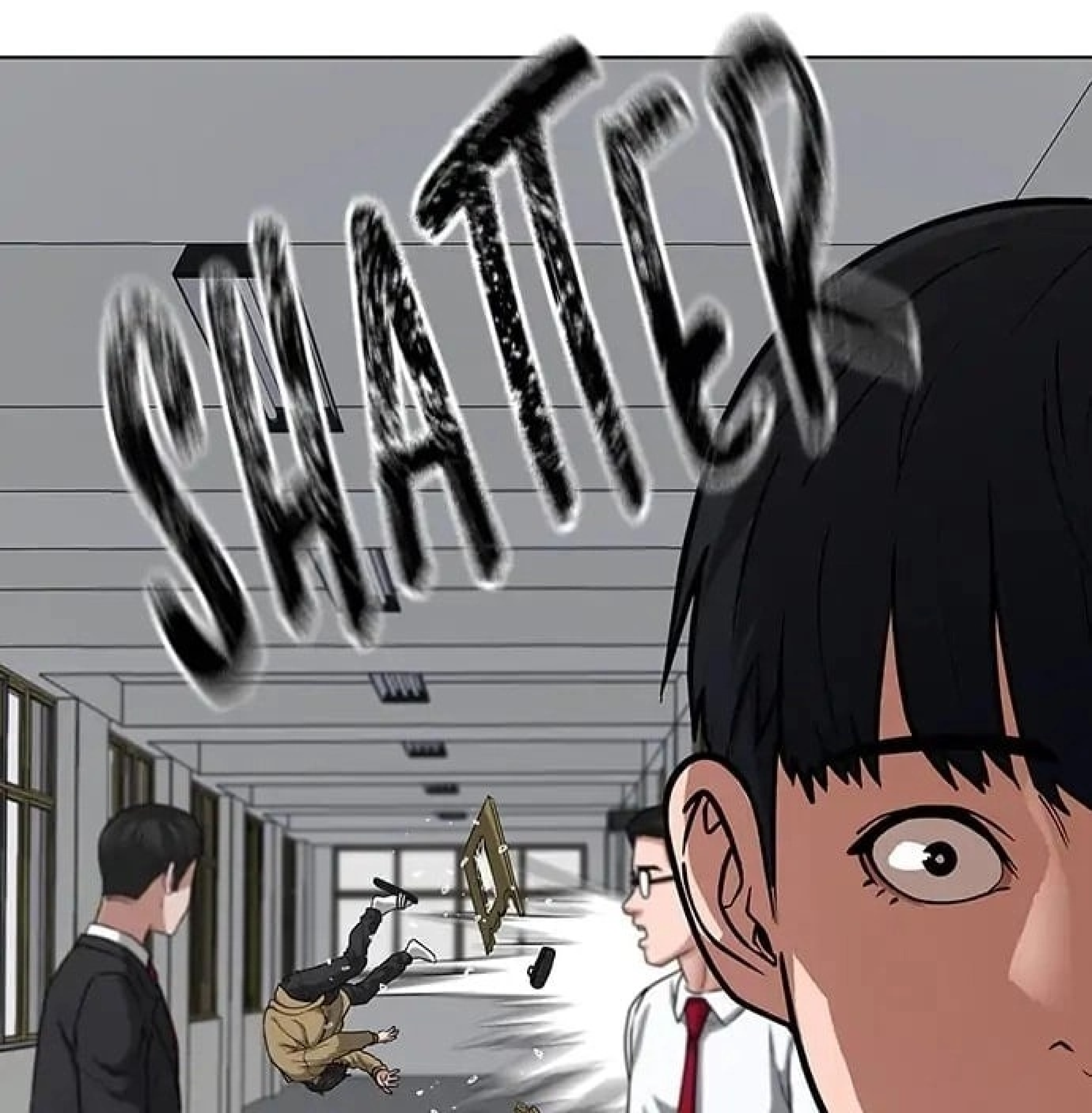
THIS WAS TO SHOW
THE REST OF THE STUDENTS
THAT THEY COULD BE
THE NEXT TARGET...



YOU'RE NOW DEAD MEAT
FOR THE YEAR. HAHA.

...AND THREATEN THEM.







BUT IF
THERE'S COMPETITION
IN THE SAME CLASS...



...THEY FIGHT FOR
POWER AND DECIDE
THEIR RANKS.

WHAT A LOSER.

SCRATCH

WHATCHU
LOOKING AT,
DUNKSO

PUNKS?

WONSEOK'S THE KING
OF CLASS FOUR NOW!

AND SOME PEOPLE
TRY TO PIGGYBACK
ON THAT POWER.





AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR,
SCHOOL IS A PLACE...

...WHERE THE
LAW OF THE JUNGLE
REIGNS AND THE SURVIVAL OF
THE FITTEST DETERMINS WHO
WILL COME OUT ON TOP.





IT IS JUST LIKE THE
WILD.

CLACK



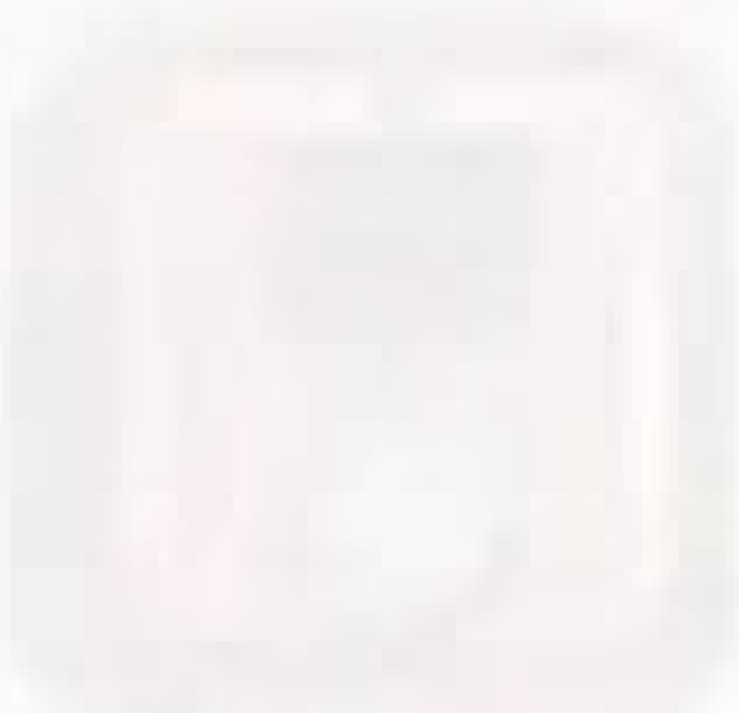


UGH,
THOSE ANIMALS...

DOWAN?



HMM?



J-JAEMIN...?!

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SHOOT!
I FORGOT THAT HE WENT TO
THIS SCHOOL!





HE MUST'VE BEEN WAITING TO GET
BACK AT ME SINCE
THE KARAOKE INCIDENT...!



DOWAN!!

Y-YEAH...?!

CONGRATS!

I HEARD THAT
YOU BECAME THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF
BORAMAE!

GRAB





HUH?

DOWAN, YOU SEEM
PRETTY CLOSE

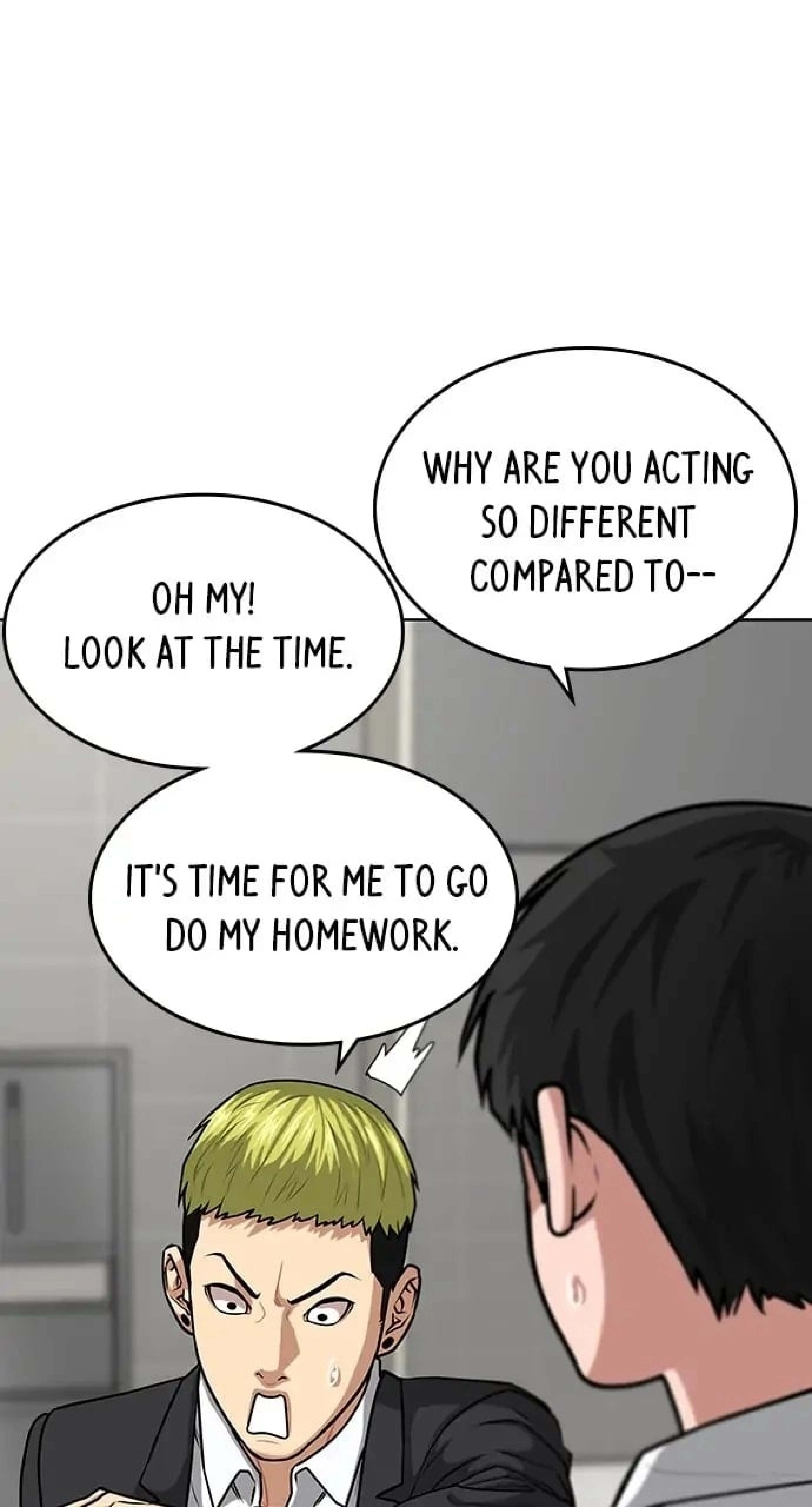
PRETTY CLOSE
WITH EUNSEONG.

JUST LIKE
HOW CLOSE WE ARE!
HAHA.

SHAKE

SHAKE

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM
ALL OF A SUDDEN?

A comic panel featuring two characters. On the left, a young man with short, spiky green hair and a determined, slightly angry expression is shown from the chest up. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and a grey tie. A single sweat drop is visible on his forehead. On the right, the back of another person's head and shoulder are visible; they have dark hair and are wearing a grey shirt. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the green-haired man, one from the other person, and a third one overlapping the first two.

OH MY!
LOOK AT THE TIME.

WHY ARE YOU ACTING
SO DIFFERENT
COMPARED TO--

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO
DO MY HOMEWORK.



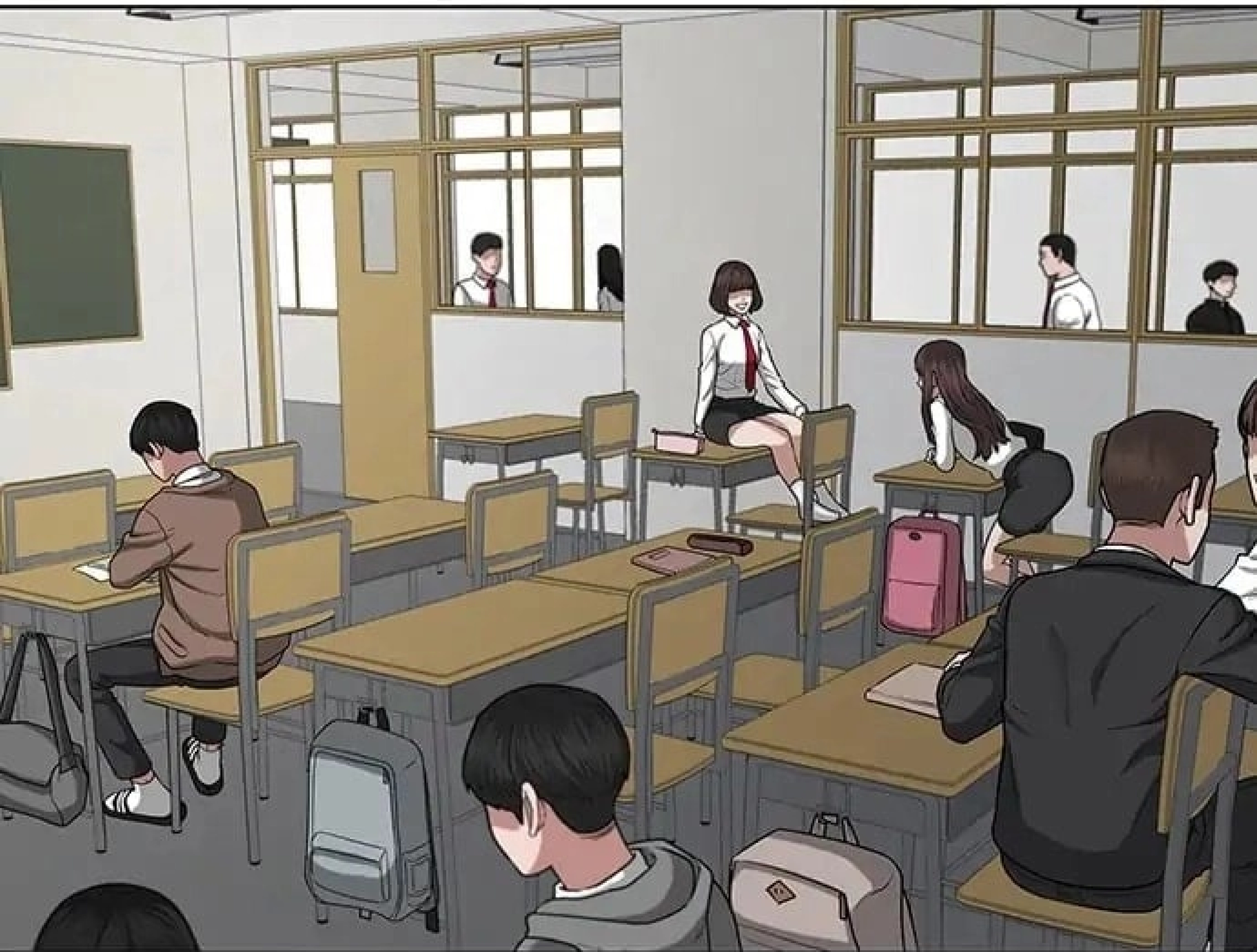
YOU'RE NOT EVEN
WEARING A WATCH.

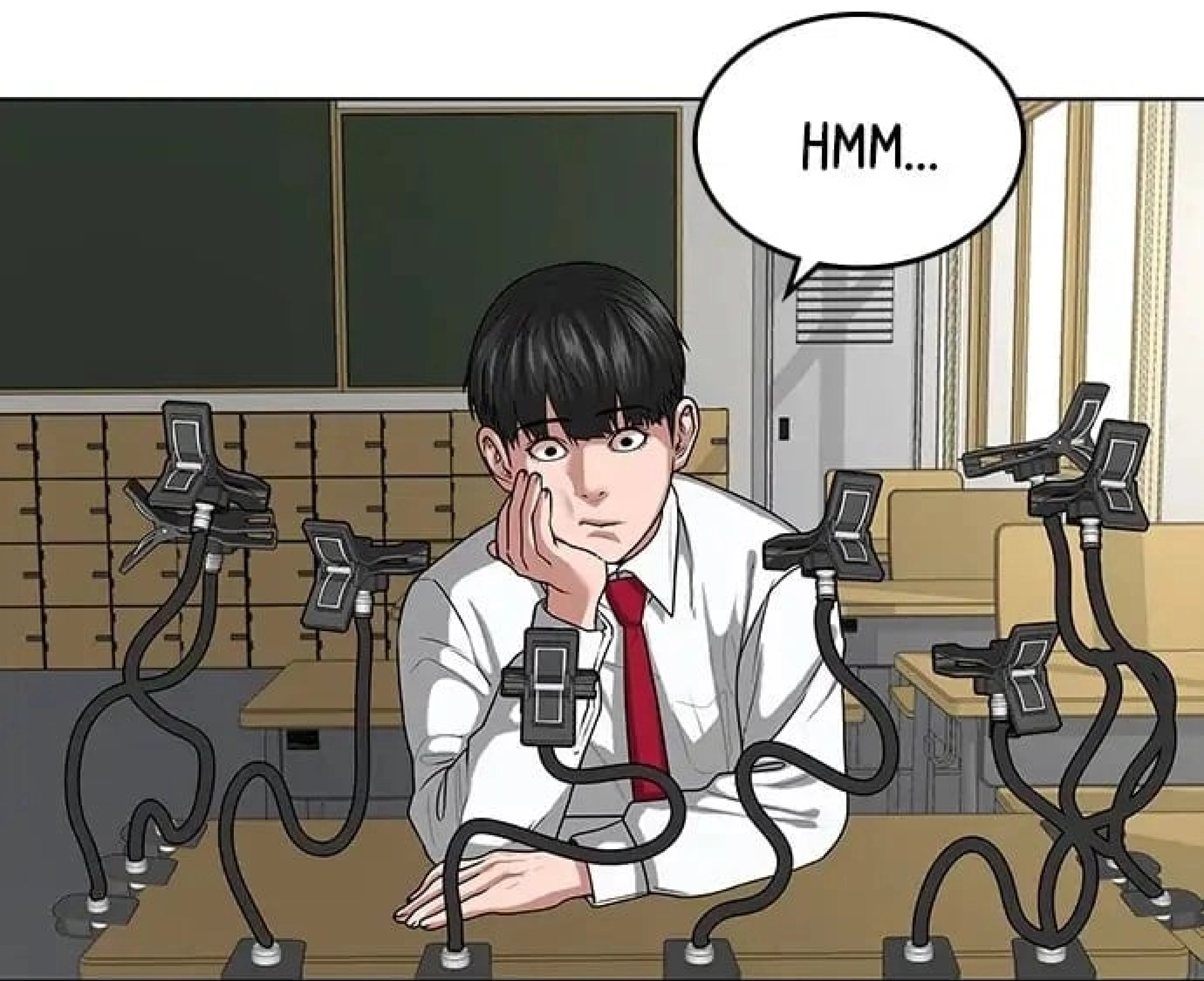
GOTTA GO, DOWAN!
PUT IN A GOOD WORD
TO EUNSEONG FOR ME!

CLASH



DID I HIT HIM TOO HARD
ON THE HEAD?





NO ONE IS
COMING TO BOTHER ME...

AFTER SEEING JAEMIN'S ATTITUDE...

I'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW,
SO DON'T WORRY.



FROM THIS POINT,

NONE OF THE NEW MEMBERS

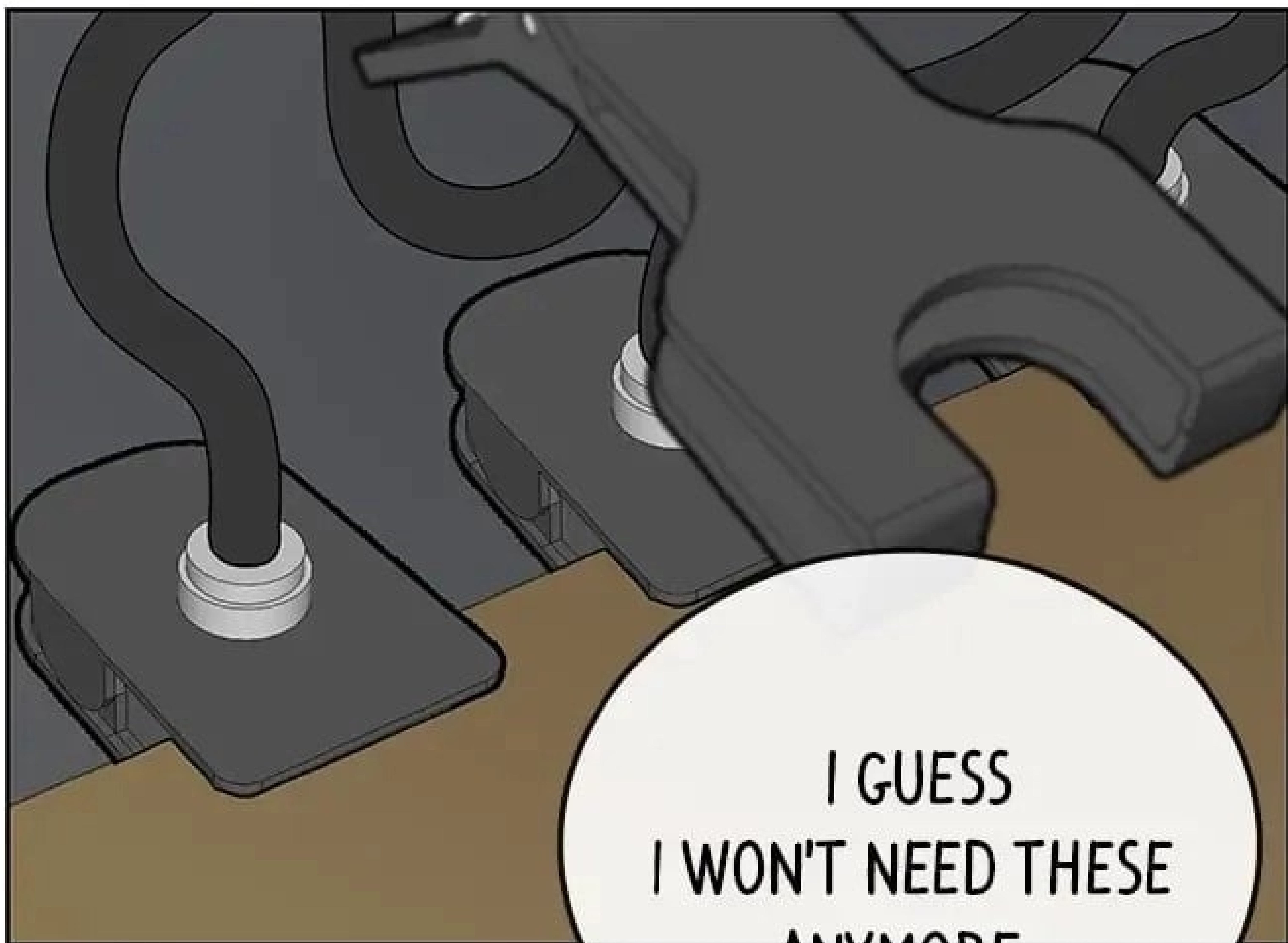
NONE OF THE AFFILIATES
OF SILLIM...

...WILL MESS WITH YOU.



...I'M NOW SURE THAT
EUNSEONG WASN'T LYING.

BEING ABLE TO ENJOY
AN ORDINARY SCHOOL
LIFE LIKE THIS...



I GUESS
I WON'T NEED THESE
ANYMORE...

...WAS WHAT
I'VE ALWAYS DESPERATELY
DREAMED OF...

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE CRYING
TEARS OF JOY...





...BUT WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE
SOMETHING'S OFF?

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THE QUESTS
WERE TO MAKE ME FIGHT ILJINS.







BUT...

NEWLY-APPOINTED
REPRESENTATIVE OF
BORAMAE...

...DOWAN HA.



IN THE END, IT MADE ME AN
EXECUTIVE OF AN ILJIN GANG.

WHAT'S THE REAL PURPOSE OF
THIS SYSTEM?



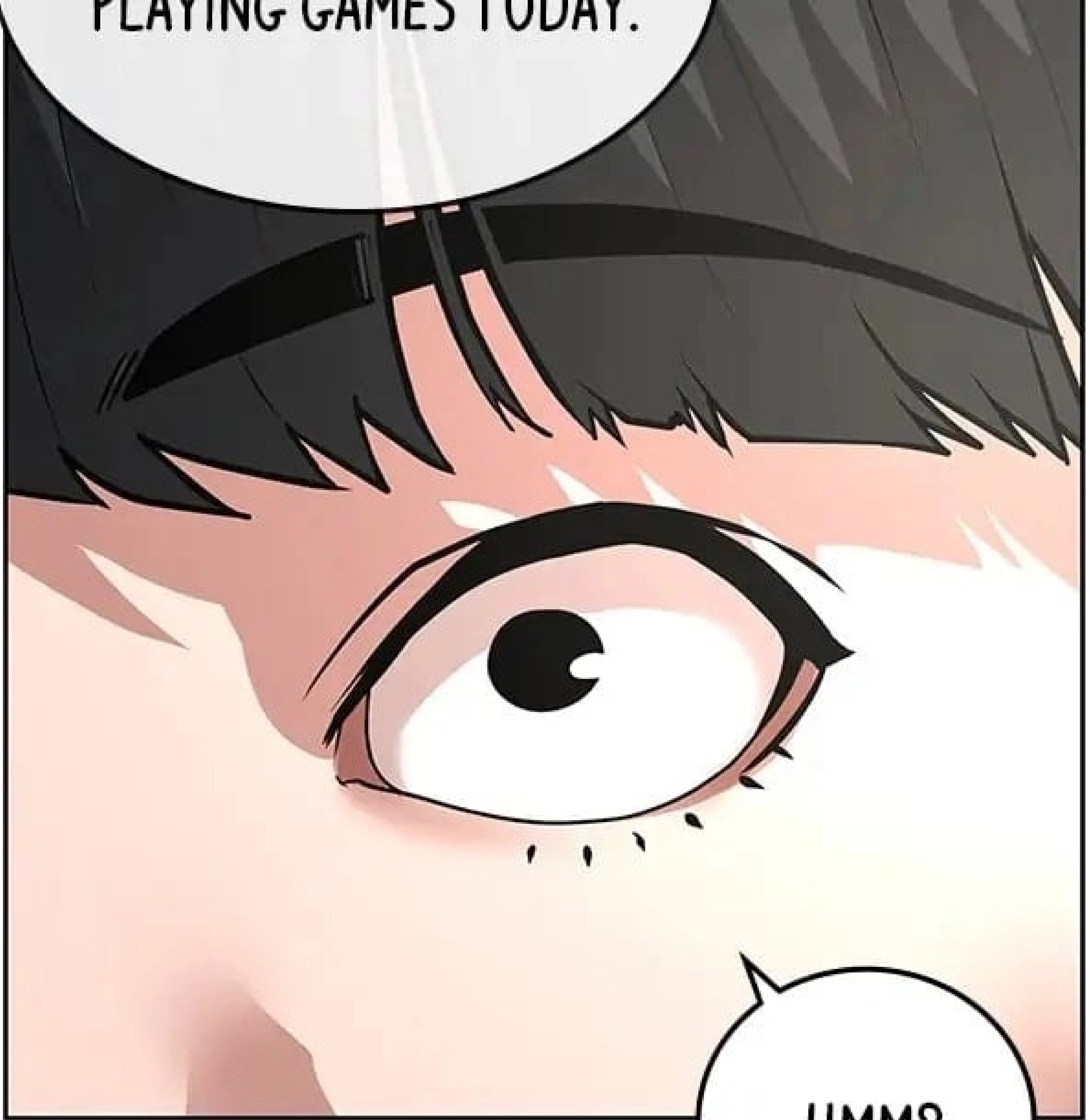


IS IT USING ME TO
SCHEME SOMETHING?

OR AM I THINKING
TOO DEEP INTO THIS?

YOU'RE NOT
PLAYING GAMES TODAY

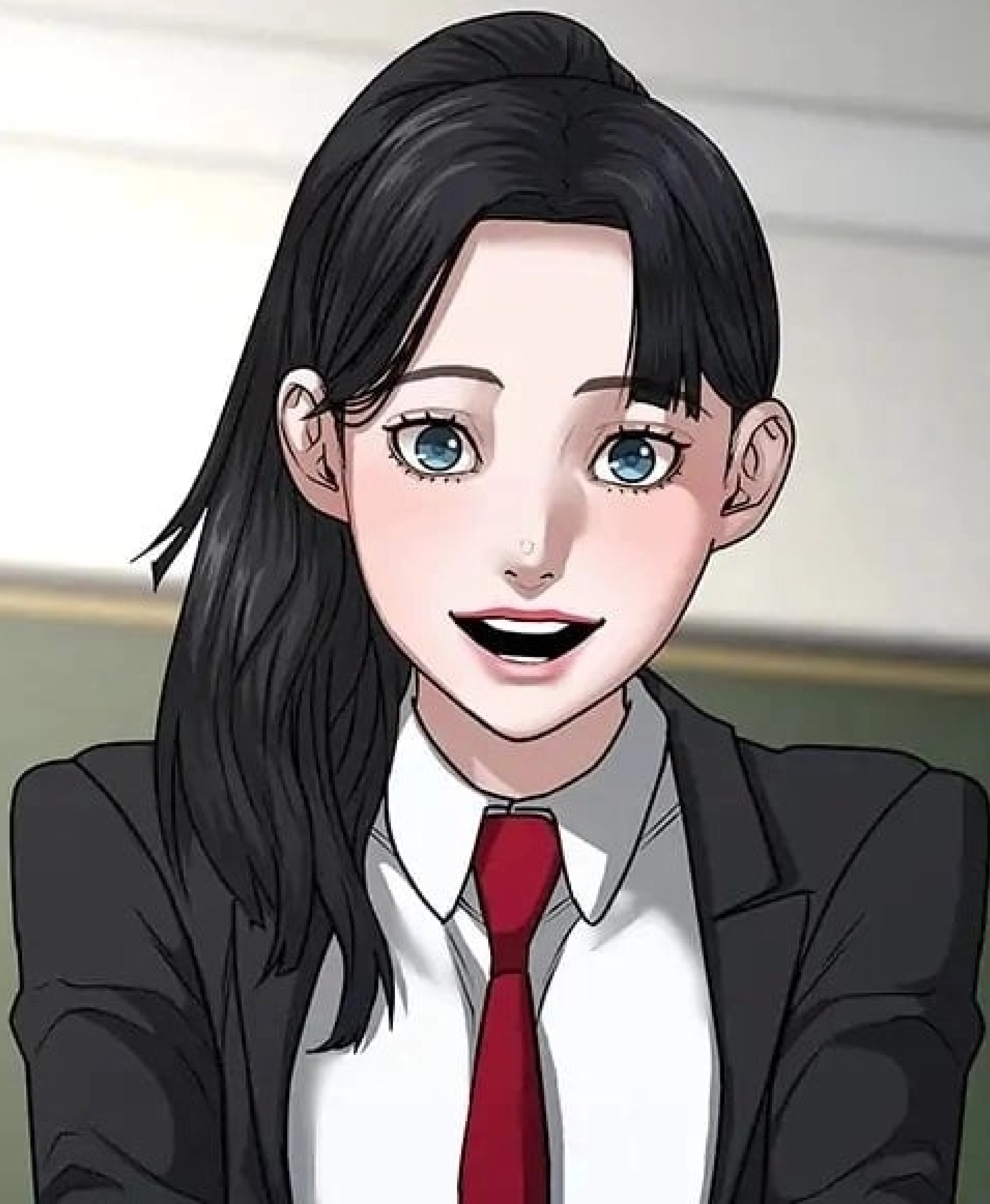
PLAYING GAMES TODAY.



HMM?

MAYBE SOMEONE TOOK PITY
ON MY LIFE...

HERE!





...AND DECIDED TO GIVE ME A GIFT!!



A-ARIN, WHAT'RE YOU
DOING HERE...?!

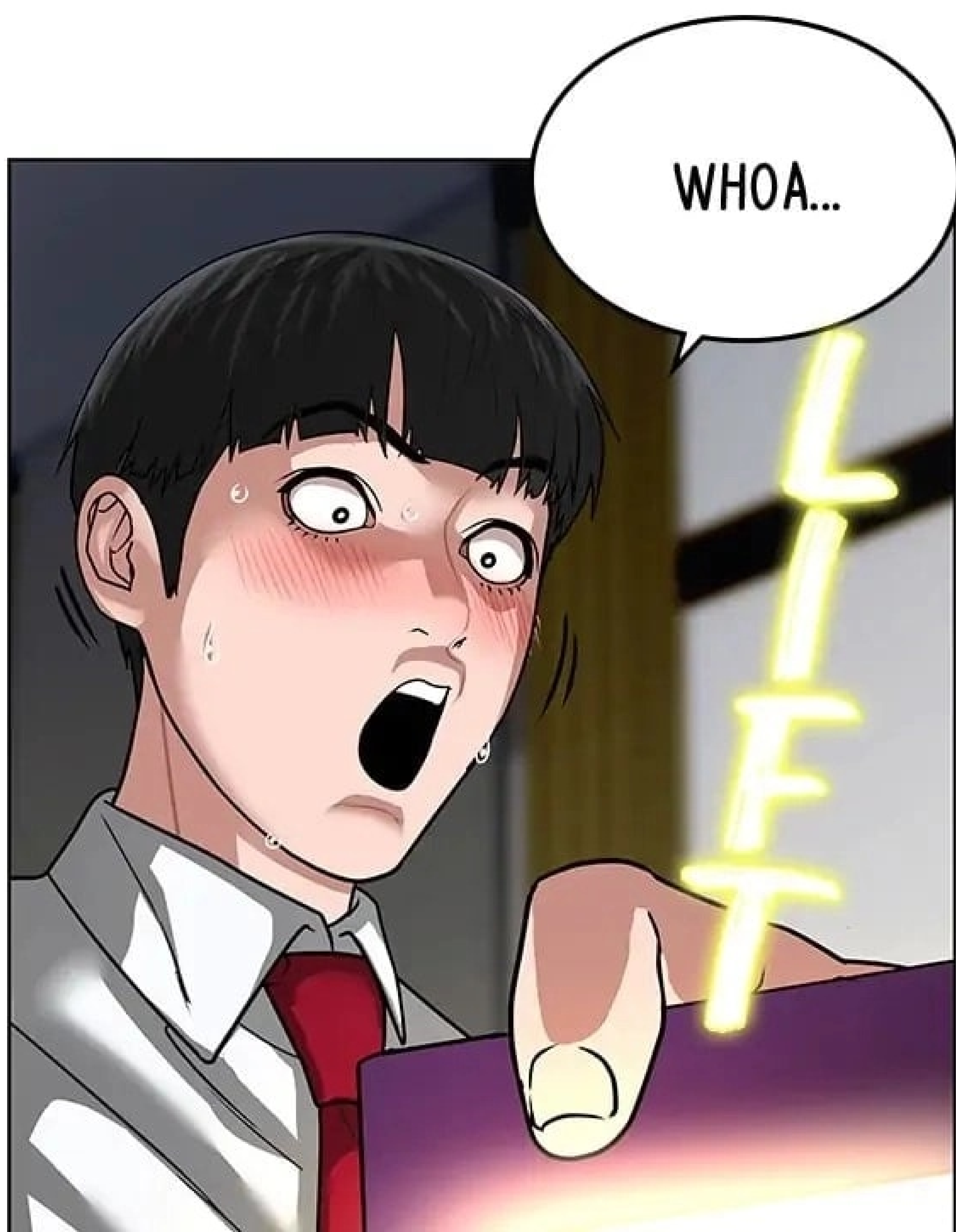
WHAT'S THIS?



I FELT SORRY
FOR NOT HAVING GOTTEN
A CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU
FOR WHAT HAPPENED
LAST TIME.

IT'S NOT MUCH.
IT'S A GIFT OF
GRATITUDE.

NO WAY! NO WAY! NO WAY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT
A PRESENT FROM ARIN!!





THIS ISN'T A DREAM, IS IT?!

SHINY

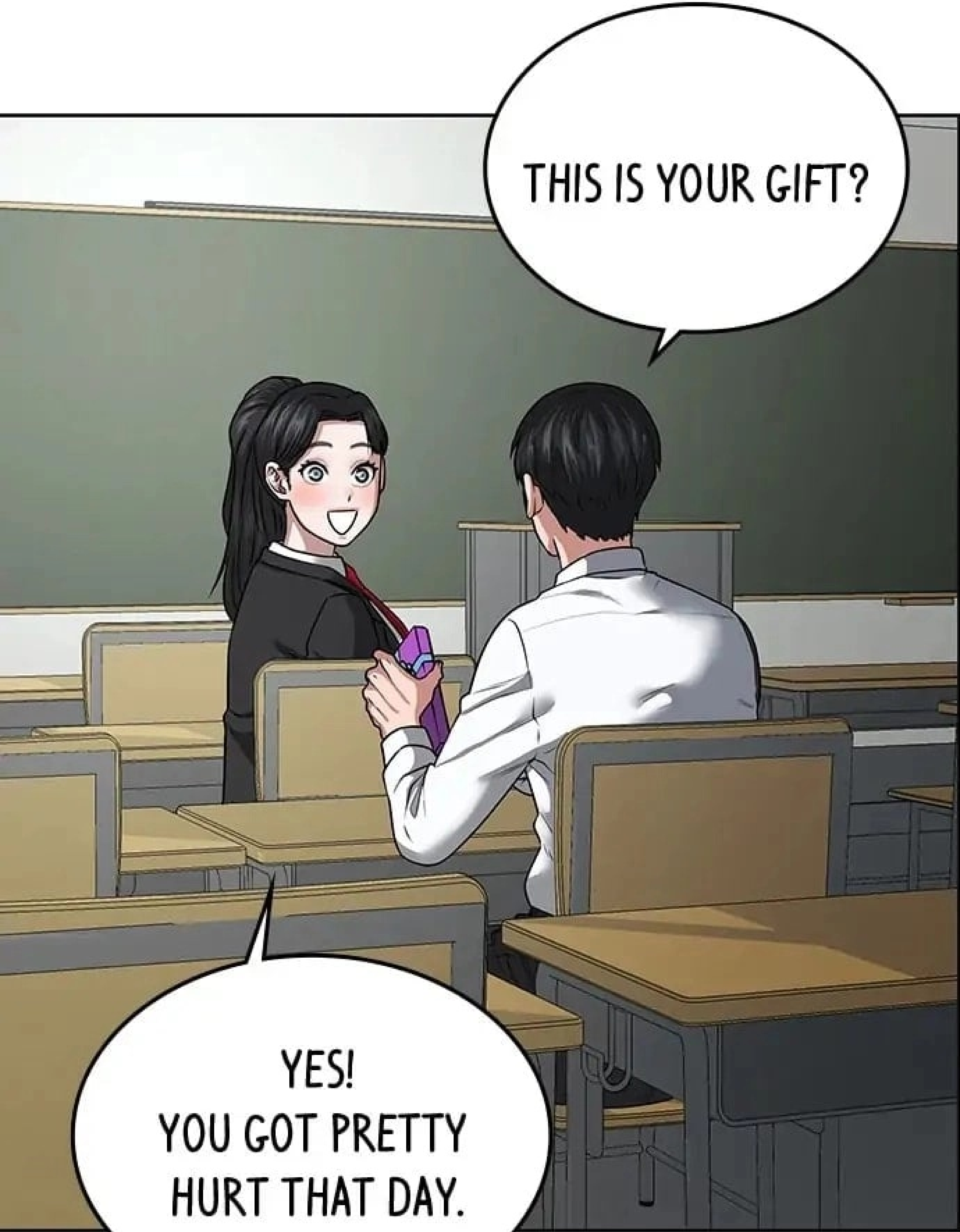






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IS IT A DREAM?



THIS IS YOUR GIFT?

YES!
YOU GOT PRETTY
HURT THAT DAY.

I HEARD THAT
RAW OCTOPUS IS GOOD FOR
GETTING BACK YOUR ENERGY

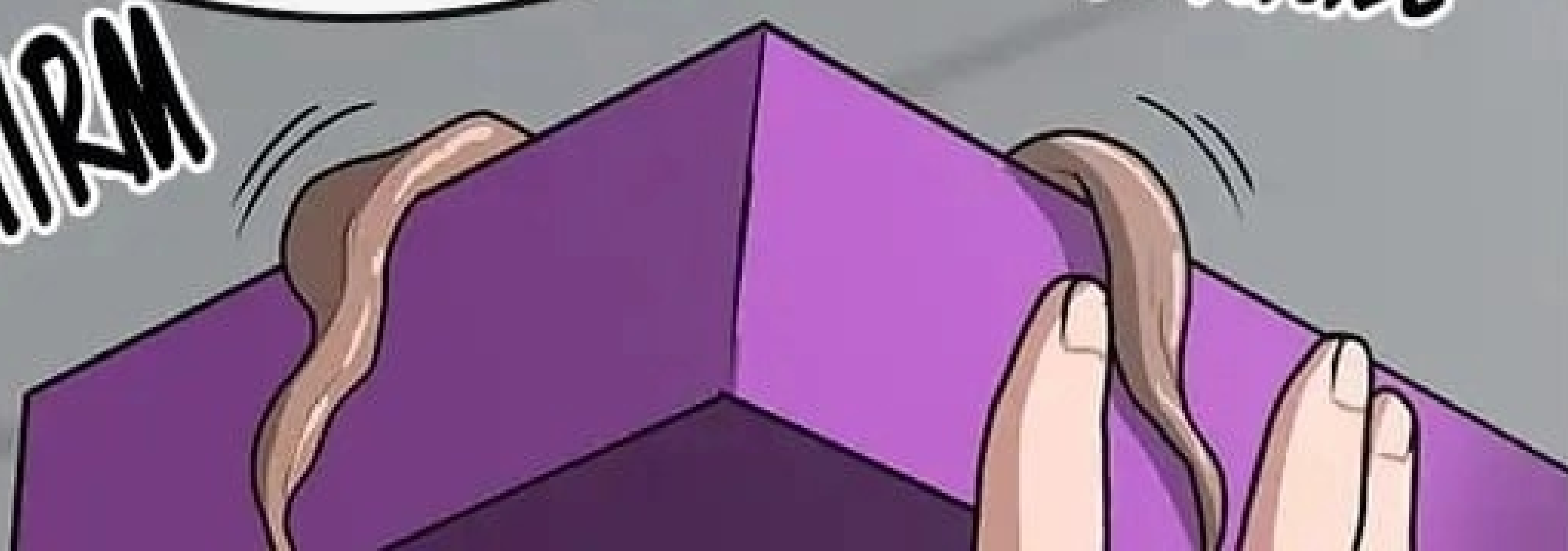
GETTING BACK YOUR ENERGY,
SO I GOT IT.

I-I SEE...!
WOW!

I THINK MY HEART'S
BEATING FASTER BY JUST
LOOKING AT IT!

SQUIRM

WRIGGLE





REALLY?
WHAT A RELIEF!

HURRY AND EAT IT,
DOWAN.

I HEARD THAT IT'S
MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN YOU

EAT IT AS A WHOLE WHILE IT'S
STILL ALIVE.

N-NOW...?

Toss





HEY.

HUH?

PLAY A GAME
FOR ME.





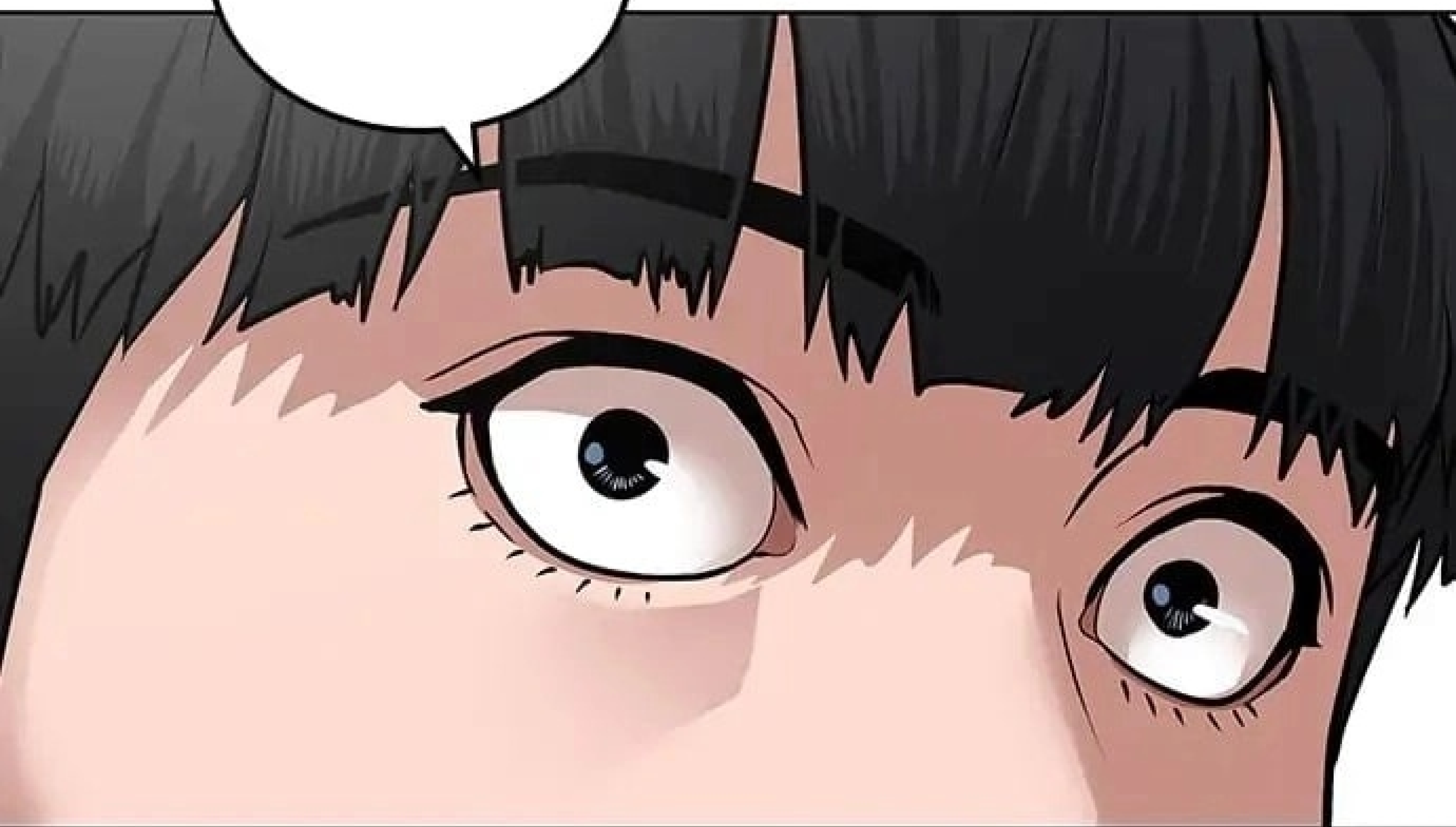
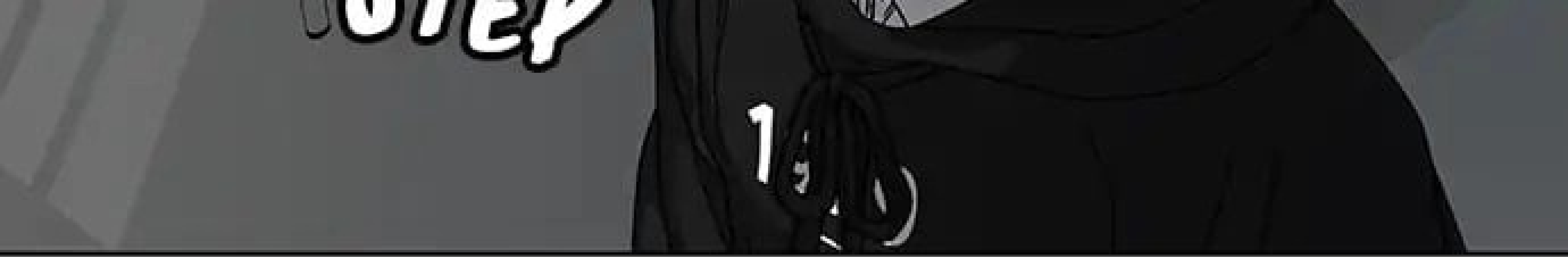
A manga-style illustration of a classroom. A boy with black hair, wearing a white shirt and grey vest, sits at a desk, looking back at a girl. The girl has dark hair, wears a black suit with a red tie, and sits on the edge of a desk. A black bag is on the floor next to her. In the foreground, the back of a boy's head with red hair is visible. Speech bubbles are present, and the sound effect 'STEP' is written twice.

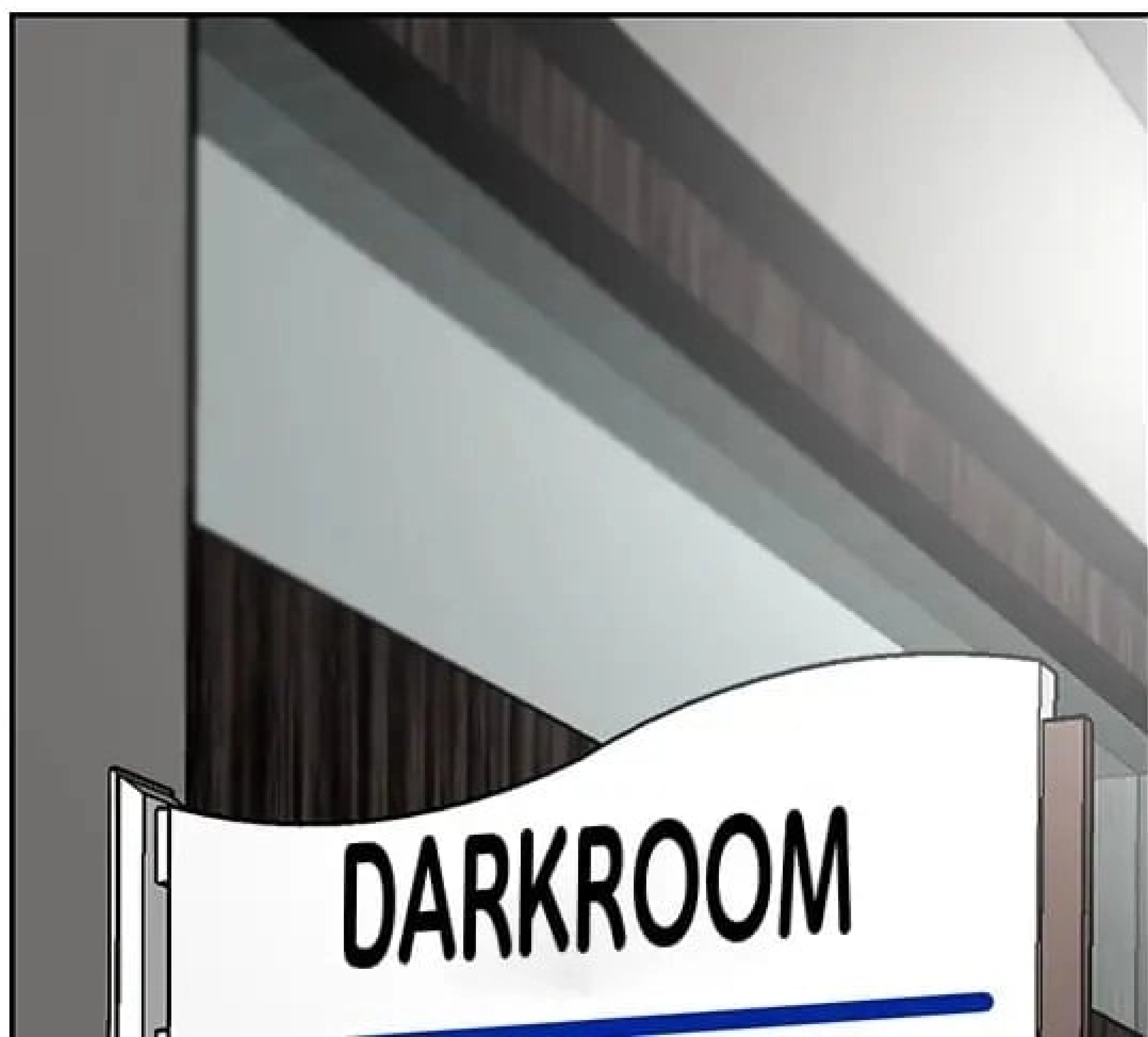
ARE YOU CLOSE
WITH HIM?

...

STEP

STEP







*WORKROOM FOR PROCESSING
AND DEVELOPING FILM

YOU DECIDED TO TEAM UP
WITH SOMEONE?
WHAT A SURPRISE.





EUNSEONG,
YOU'VE NEVER DONE THAT
BEFORE.







ARE YOU
CURIOUS?

NO, HAHA.

I'M SURE YOU HAVE
YOUR REASONS.





KIJIN KIM

[YEAR 2 OF HIGH SCHOOL]

AFFILIATION: SILLIM

I THOUGHT THAT IF I
SUDDENLY THREATENED HIM
ONE-ON-ONE...

FLIP



...HE'D TAKE ACTION.

BUT
RATHER THAN ATTACKING
OR BLOCKING...



...ALL HE DID

WAS WINCE.

IT MUST BE ONE OF
TWO THINGS. EITHER HE REALLY
GOT FRIGHTENED AND
GAVE UP,

OR HE TRIED TO
FOOL YOU BY ***ACTING***
LIKE HE GOT SCARED.





HIS BODY WAS
TOTALLY STIFF FROM
FEAR, AND HE WAS
TREMBLING.

BUT HIS EYES...





...SEEMED TO DESPERATELY
LOOK FOR SOMETHING.

IF YOU FELT
THAT WAY,

THEN I SUPPOSE
IT WASN'T SOME RANDOM
SURGE OF COURAGE
IN THE MOMENT.

LOWER

YEAH. I FELT
THIS WAY AT
THE ASSEMBLY MEETING
AS WELL,



BUT I THINK
THERE'S SOMETHING
SPECIAL ABOUT
DOWAN TOO.

AND THAT'S WHY
YOU DECIDED TO TEAM UP
WITH HIM?



A comic panel showing the back of a character with dark hair and a grey shirt. A speech bubble is positioned above the character's head.

THAT'S NOT WHY.

YOU SAID THAT
YOU WEREN'T CURIOUS.

HMMPH...

A comic panel featuring a large speech bubble on a white background.

JUST KNOW
THIS FOR NOW.



IT'S GOING TO BE
WAY MORE FUN...

...TO SEE EVERYTHING
FOR YOURSELF RATHER

THAN HEARING ABOUT IT
FROM ME.

DOWAN...?





STEP





WOW I'M SUPER PISSED.

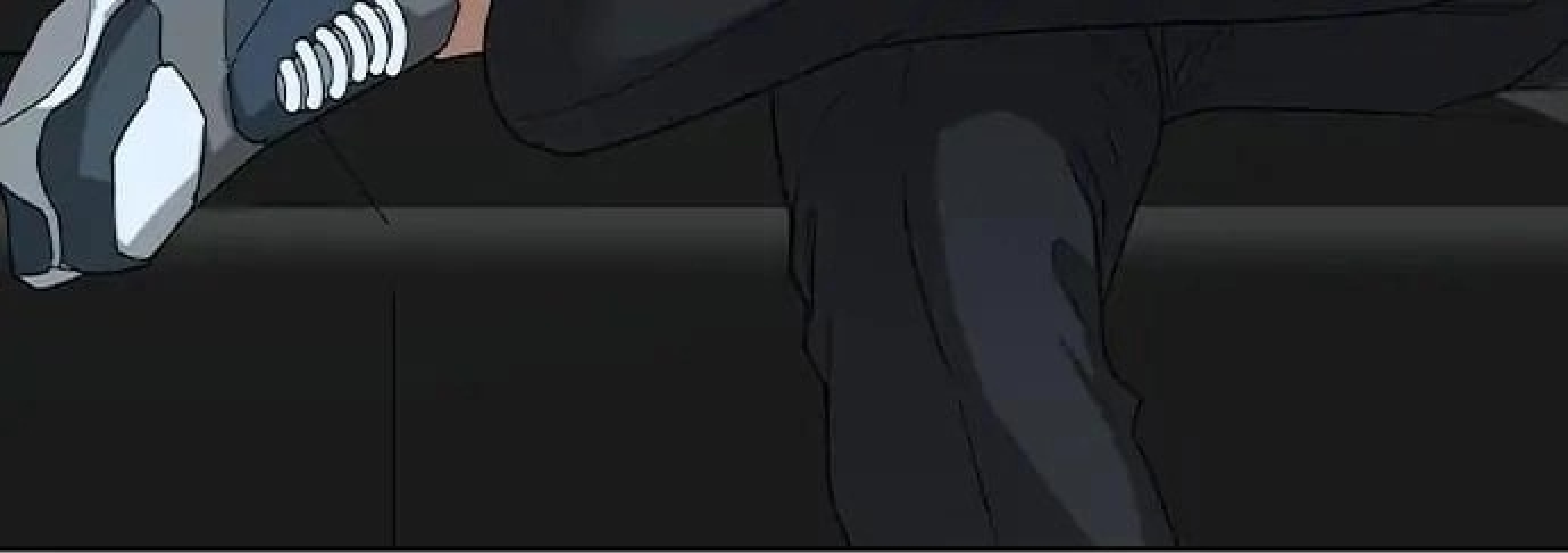




HOW DARE YOU RUIN MY ROMANTIC
MOMENT WITH ARIN WHEN SHE CAME
TO SEE ME AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME?

COME TO THINK OF IT,
CLASS THREE IS AWFULLY
QUIET TODAY.





IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE
OF THIS PUNK.



LIFT

HMM?



AHA,
SEONG-U SO, THAT
WACKO?

HE'S IN
CLASS THREE TOO?
HE'S IN THE SAME CLASS
AS DOWAN. HAHA.



AS YOU SAID...

...SOMETHING INTERESTING
MAY HAPPEN.

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DIDN'T YOU HEAR
FROM EUNSEONG?

PUSH



I'M DOWAN HA.

I WON'T LET HIM EMBARRASS ME
IN FRONT OF ARIN.

PLAY YOUR OWN GAME,
YOU BASTARD...

...IF YOU DON'T WANT
YOUR ASS KICKED.

**OR I'M GOING TO TELL
EUNSEONG ON YOU!**



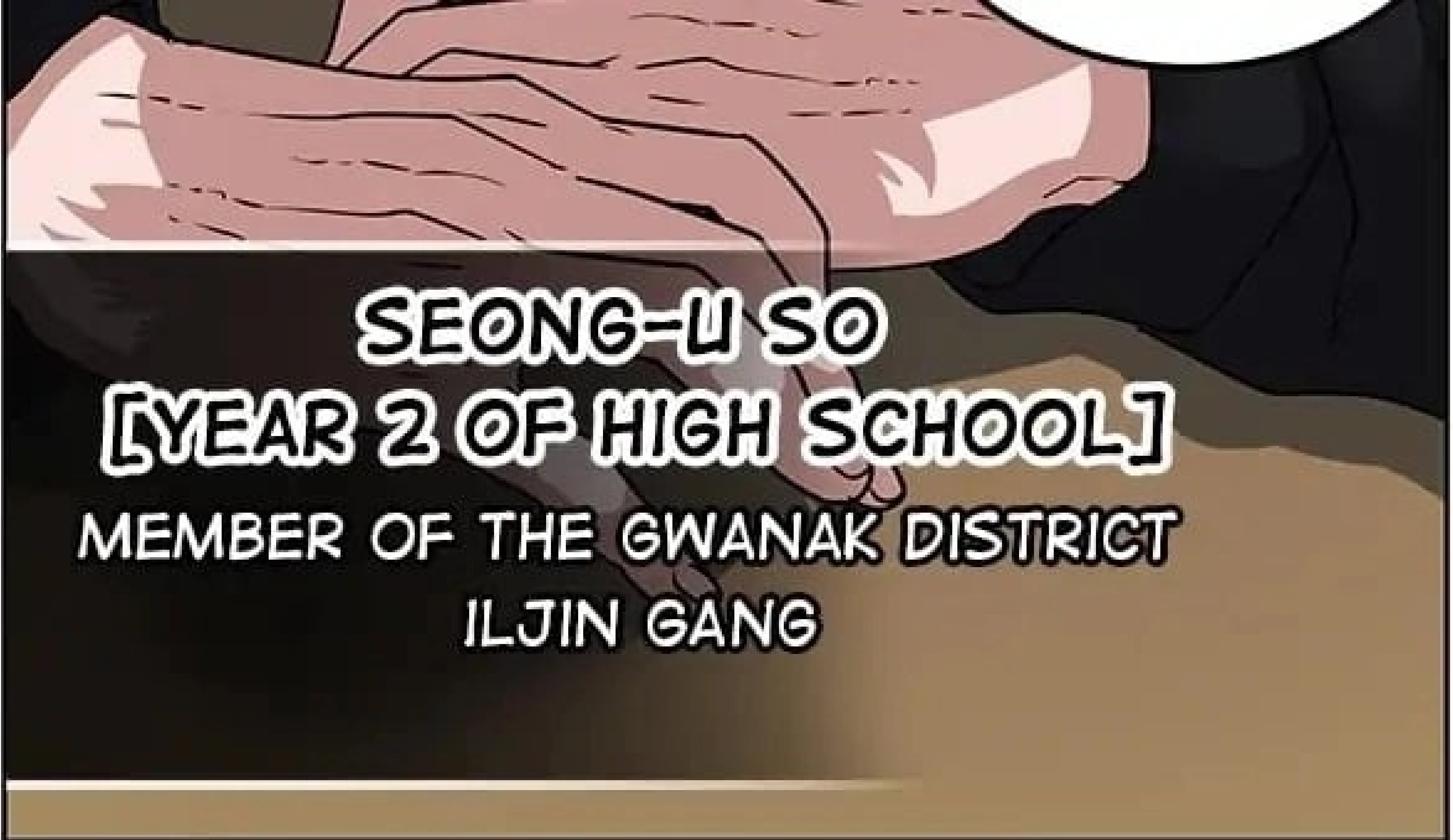
SULLIM AFFILIATES CAN'T

SILLIM AFFILIATES CAN'T
TOUCH ME ANYWAY. HEHE.

LIFT



HEY, YOU...



SEONG-U SO
[YEAR 2 OF HIGH SCHOOL]
MEMBER OF THE GWANAK DISTRICT
ILJIN GANG

WHAT DID YOU

...WHAT DID YOU
JUST SAY?





AFFILIATION: BONGCHEON

PRODUCER
HYUNGWUK SHIN

STAFF
MINYOUNG
KANGMOON JO

PRODUCED BY
YLAB