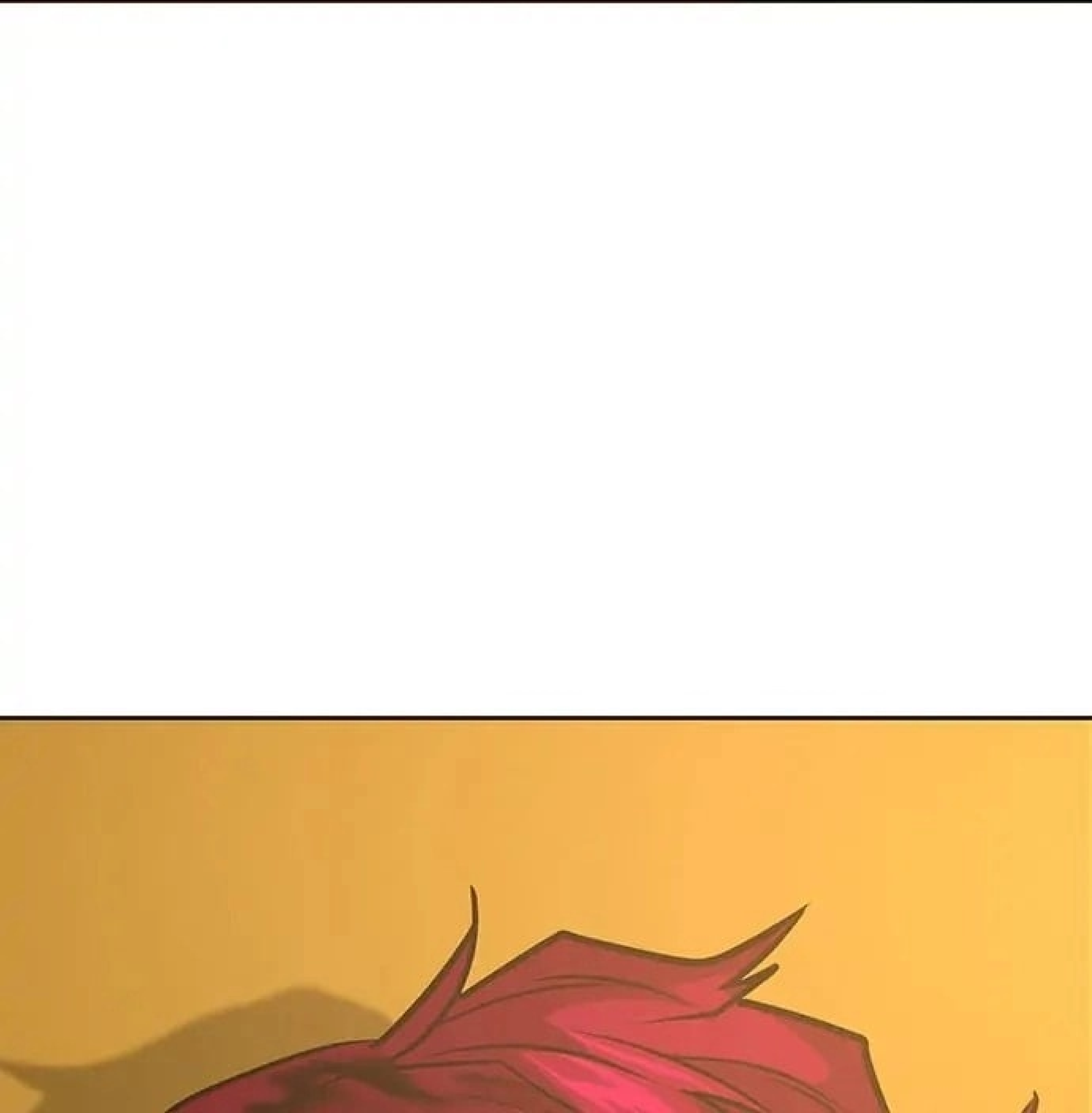


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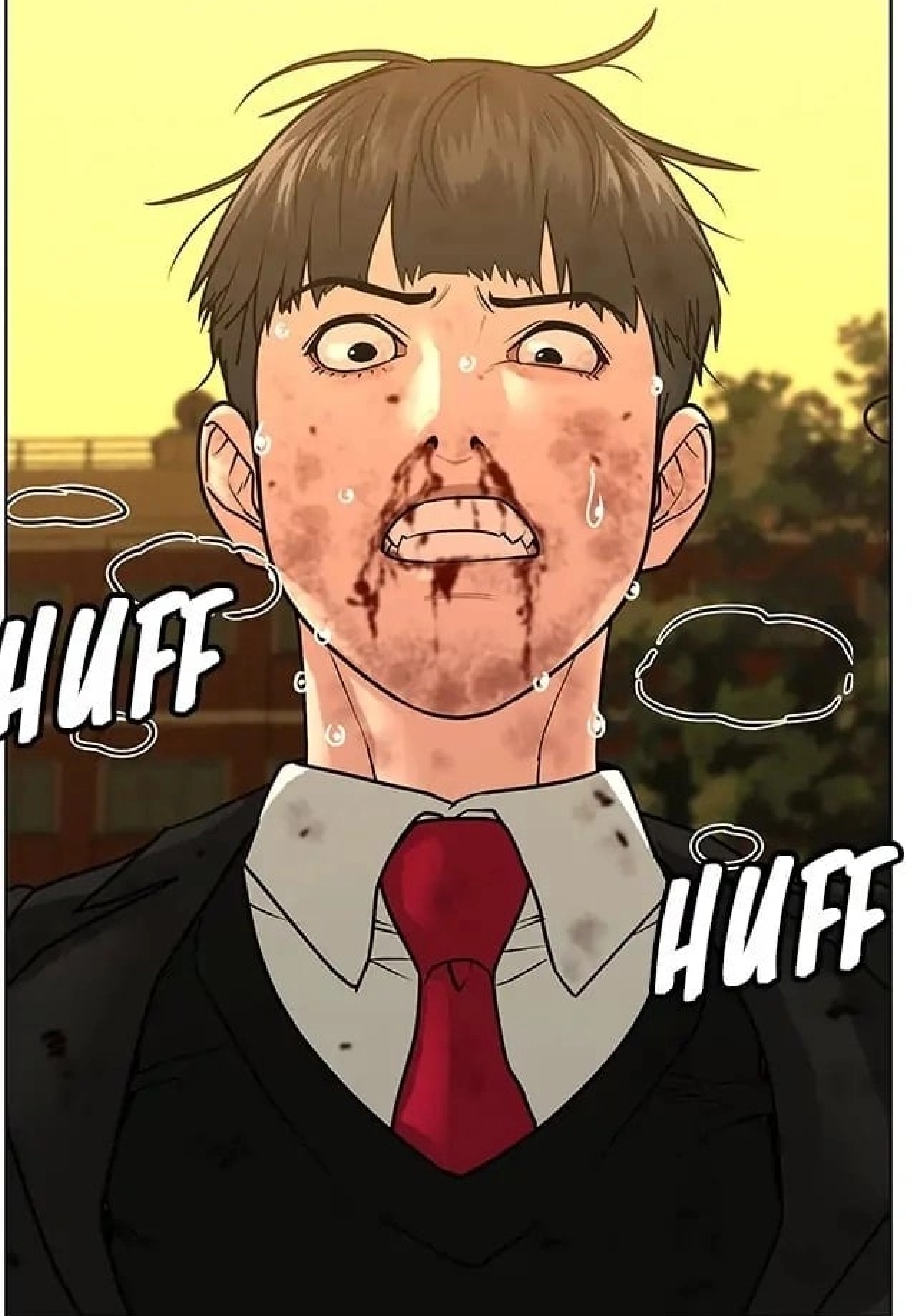




I TOLD YOU...

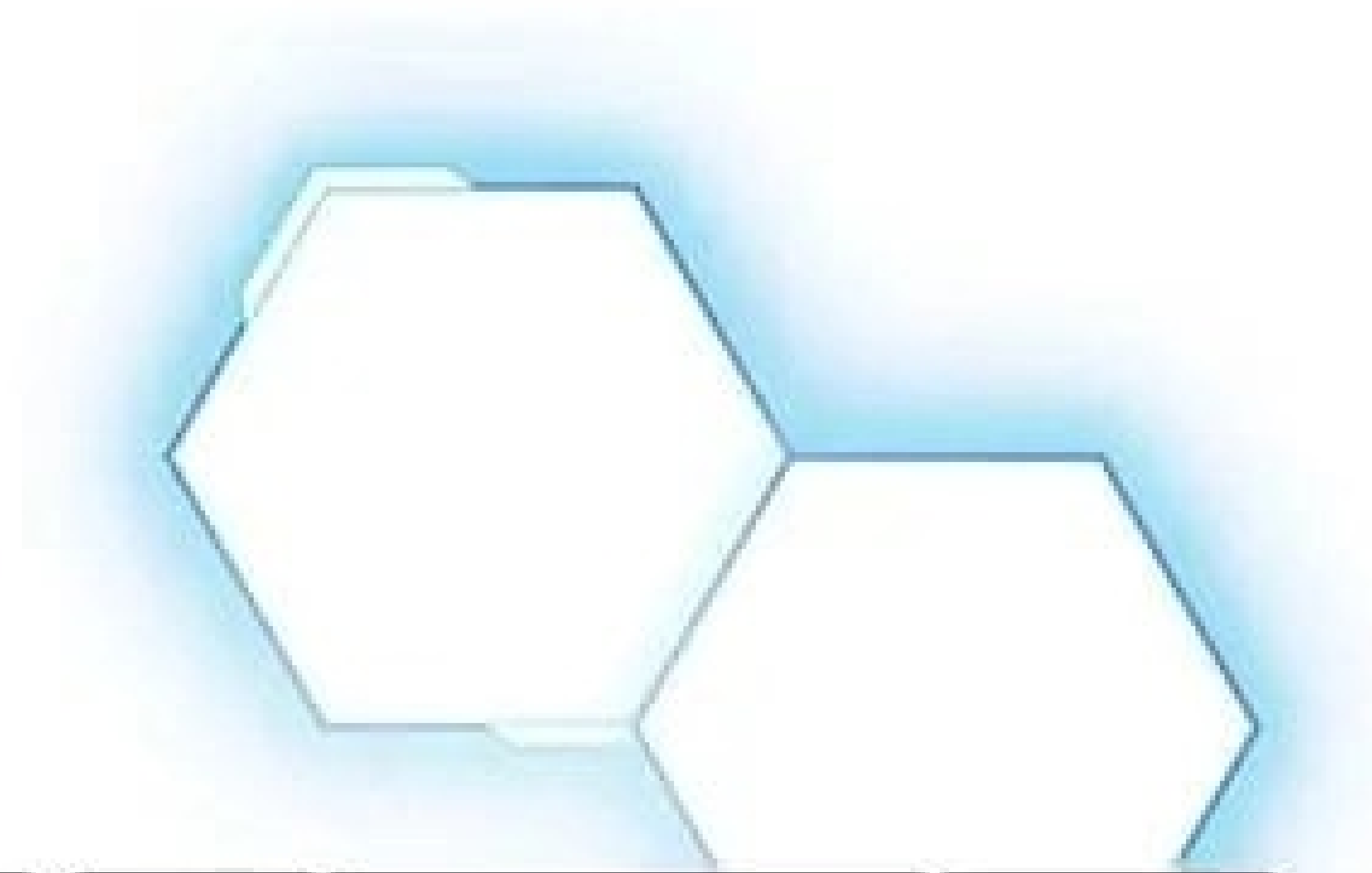
HUFF

HUFF



...MY HEAD IS
HARD AS HELL...





REALITY QUEST

QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
ART BY TAESUNG

YLAB

DING



QUEST:
FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

COMPLETE

QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD

A BUNCH OF KEYS

A BUNCH OF KEYS
AWARDED.



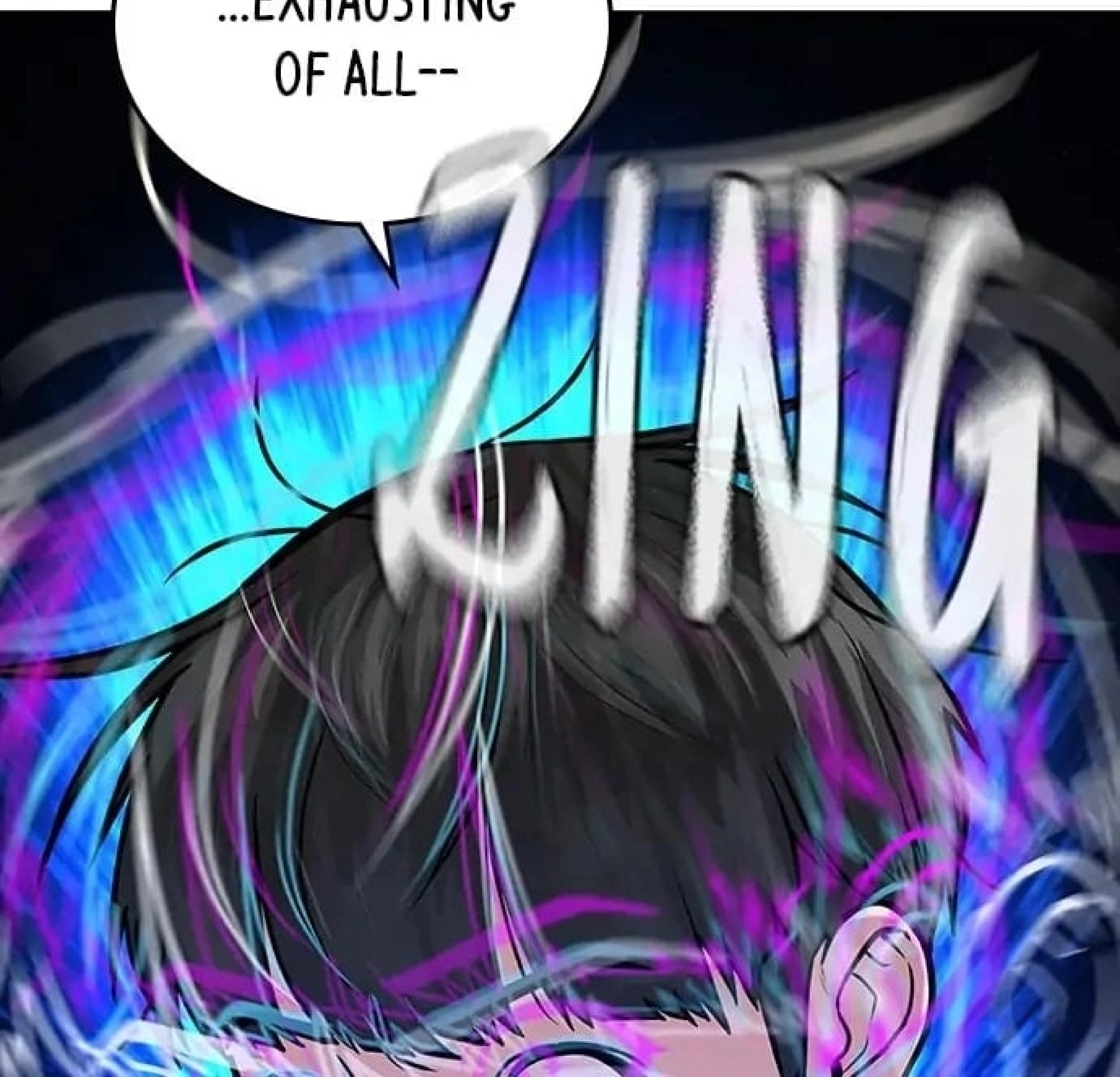
OOH, A BUNCH
OF KEYS AGAIN?!

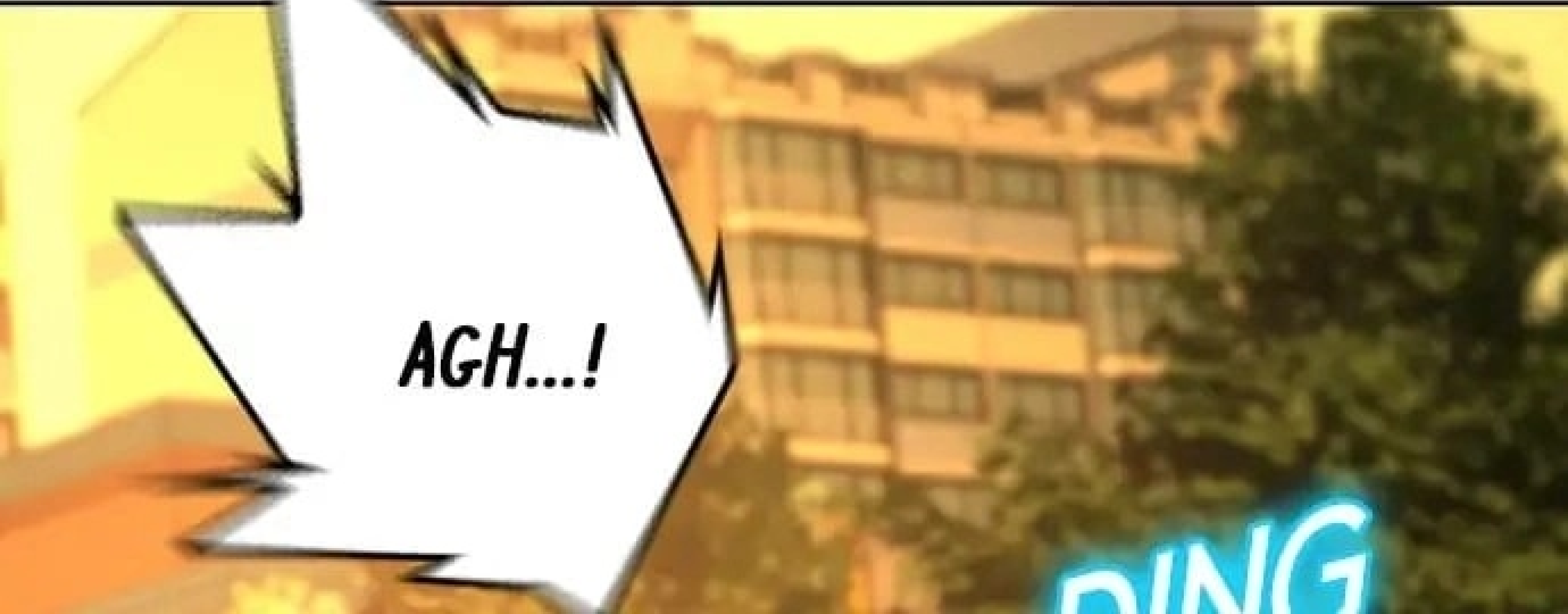


THIS FIGHT

WAS THE MOST...

...EXHAUSTING
OF ALL--







MY BODY SUDDENLY...!

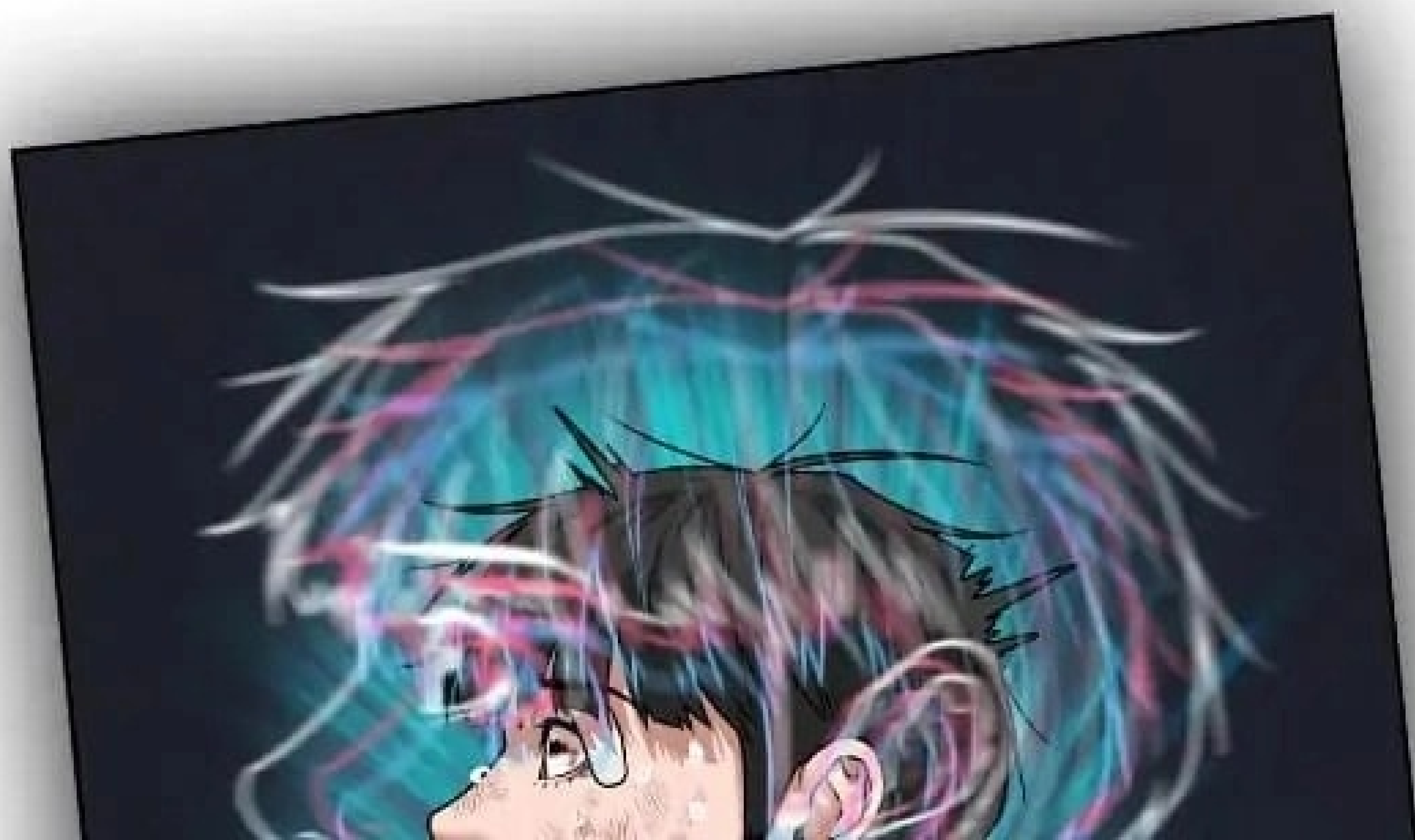
HP: 4 / 1000

IS IT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE MUCH
HP LEFT?



HP : 3 / 1000

IT KEEPS DECREASING!!





I USED ALL OF MY ENERGY
THAT TIME AND COLLAPSED.

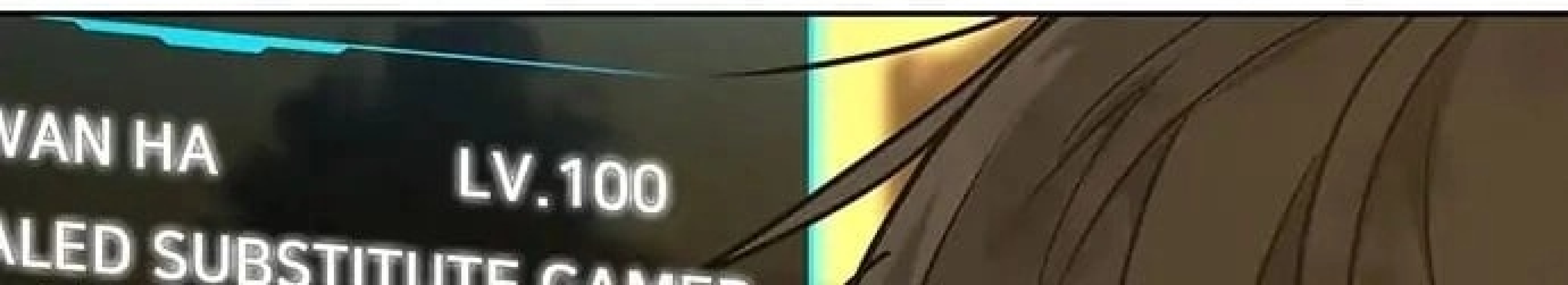
IF I PASS OUT HERE...





...WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT
PUNK WILL DO WHEN HE WAKES UP?

WHAT COULD I--



VAN HA
LV.100
ALED SUBSTITUTE GAMER

...TECHNICAL GAMER

NT STATS [LOCKED STATS]

000 [49000 / 49000]

00 [4700 / 4700]

[969]

[999]

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AH...!



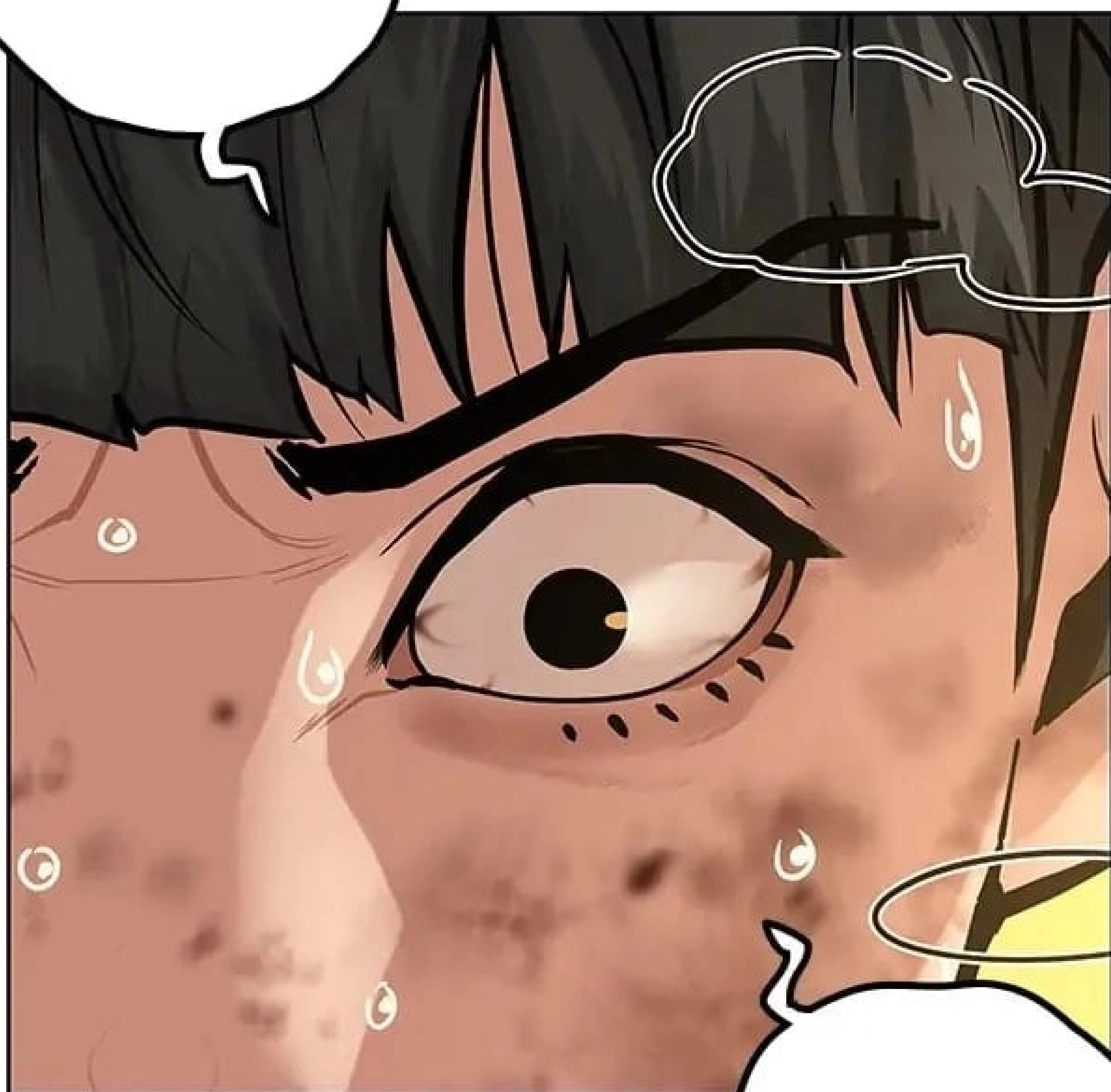
UNLOCK HP...!

DING

STAT UNLOCKED

YOUR HP
INCREASED BY 500.

HAA...



HAA...

HP : 501 / 1500

I-I SAVED MYSELF...



WELL, I GUESS I HAVE NO
CHOICE NOW BUT TO...

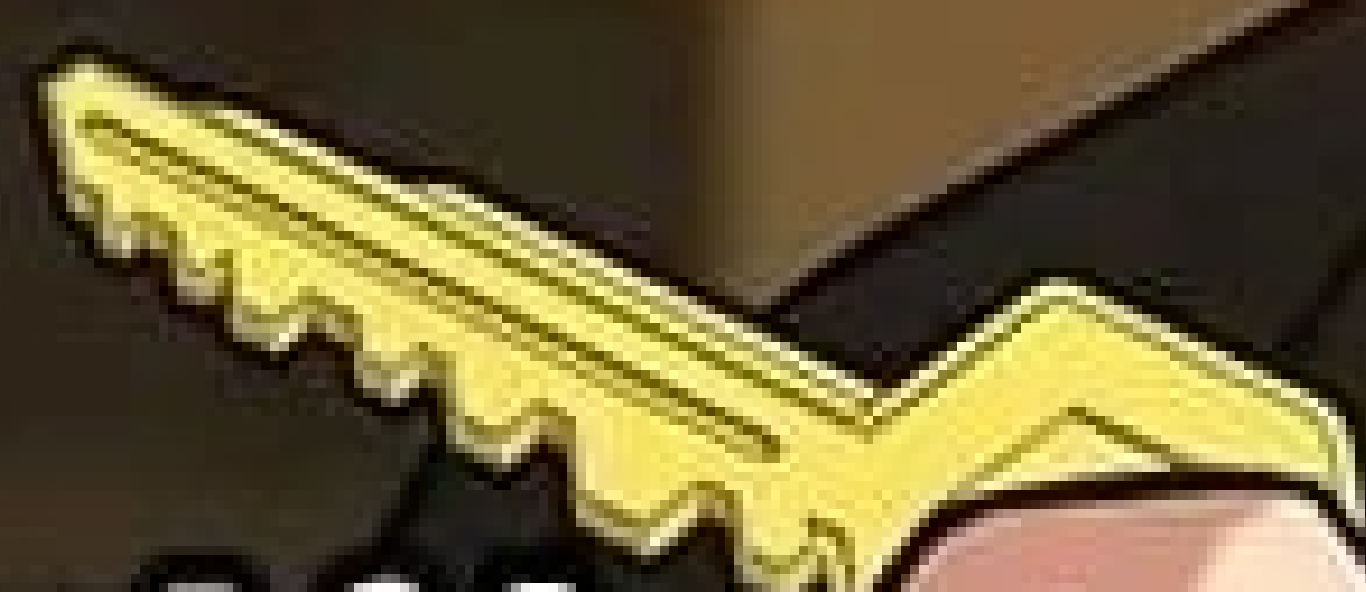
JINGLE



...USE THE REST OF
THE KEYS AS WELL!

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT-SIDE!

BADUM





AND OF COURSE I'M
GOING TO USE THE GOLD KEY
FIRST!

DING

JOB-SPECIFIC
ACTIVE SKILL
UNLOCKED

A THOUSAND PUNCHES

A THOUSAND PUNCHES

ACTIVE SKILL

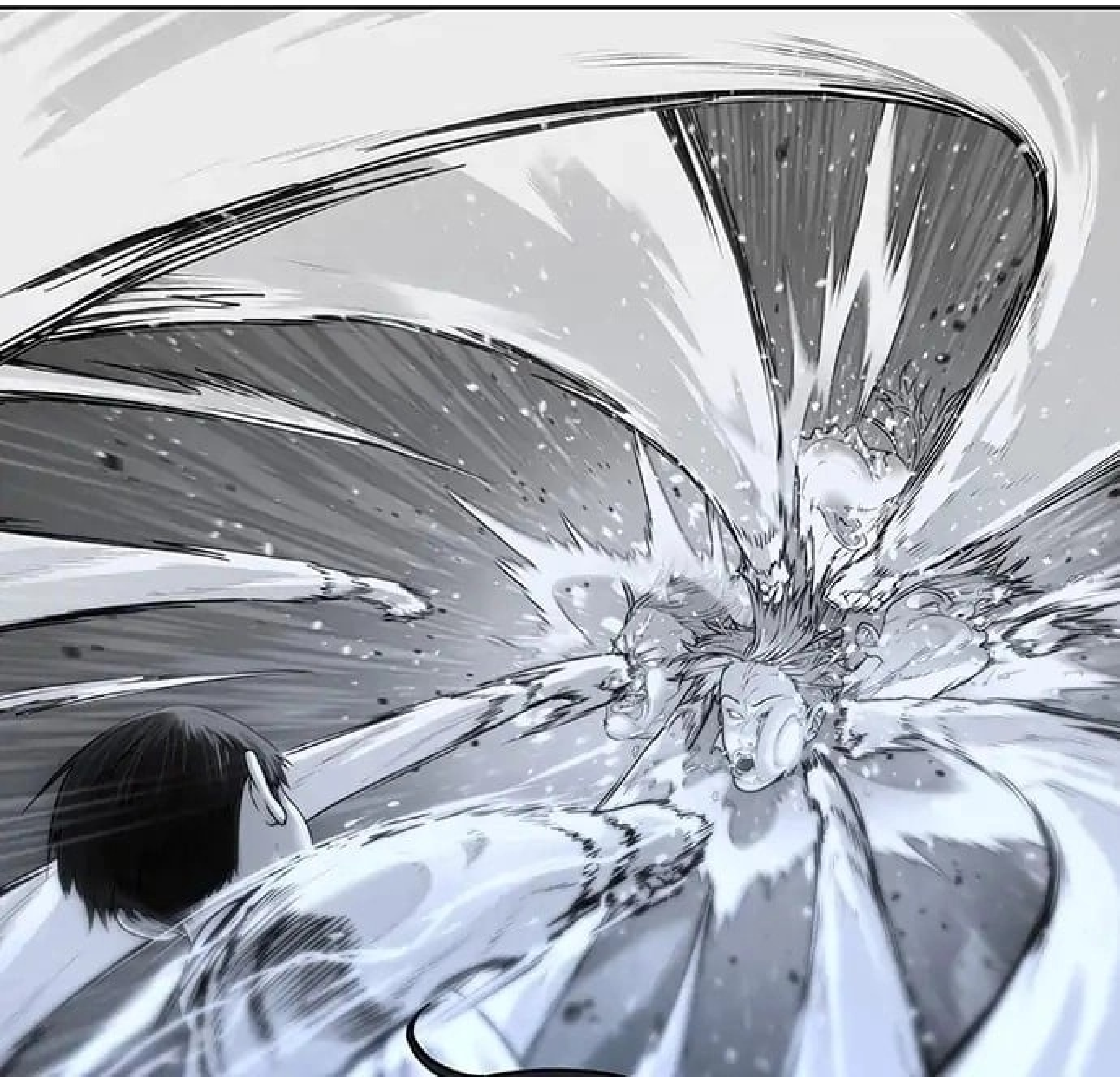


MANA REQUIRED : 200

THIS SKILL ALLOWS YOU TO
SEVERELY DAMAGE YOUR OPPONENT
BY STRIKING THEM MANY TIMES
IN A ROW.

0000H!

THIS IS AWESOME!





I WAS WONDERING WHEN I WAS
GOING TO GET THIS AGAIN
BUT FINALLY!

THOUGH,
IT DOES HAVE A DRAWBACK.
IT REQUIRES **200** MANA...



CLACK

MANA UP!

STAT UNLOCKED

YOUR MP
INCREASED BY 100.

I'LL JUST INCREASE MANA WITH
THE KEY I HAVE LEFT!

HAA, IT'S
FINALLY OVER NOW...

IF IT HADN'T BEEN
FOR THE LIVING OCTOPUS,
I WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD.

RISE





I DON'T THINK
I CAN BRING MYSELF
TO EAT IT.

I'M GOING TO
BRING IT HOME AND
KEEP IT AS A PET.

IT WAS ARIN'S GIFT
AFTER ALL HEHE

SEARCH

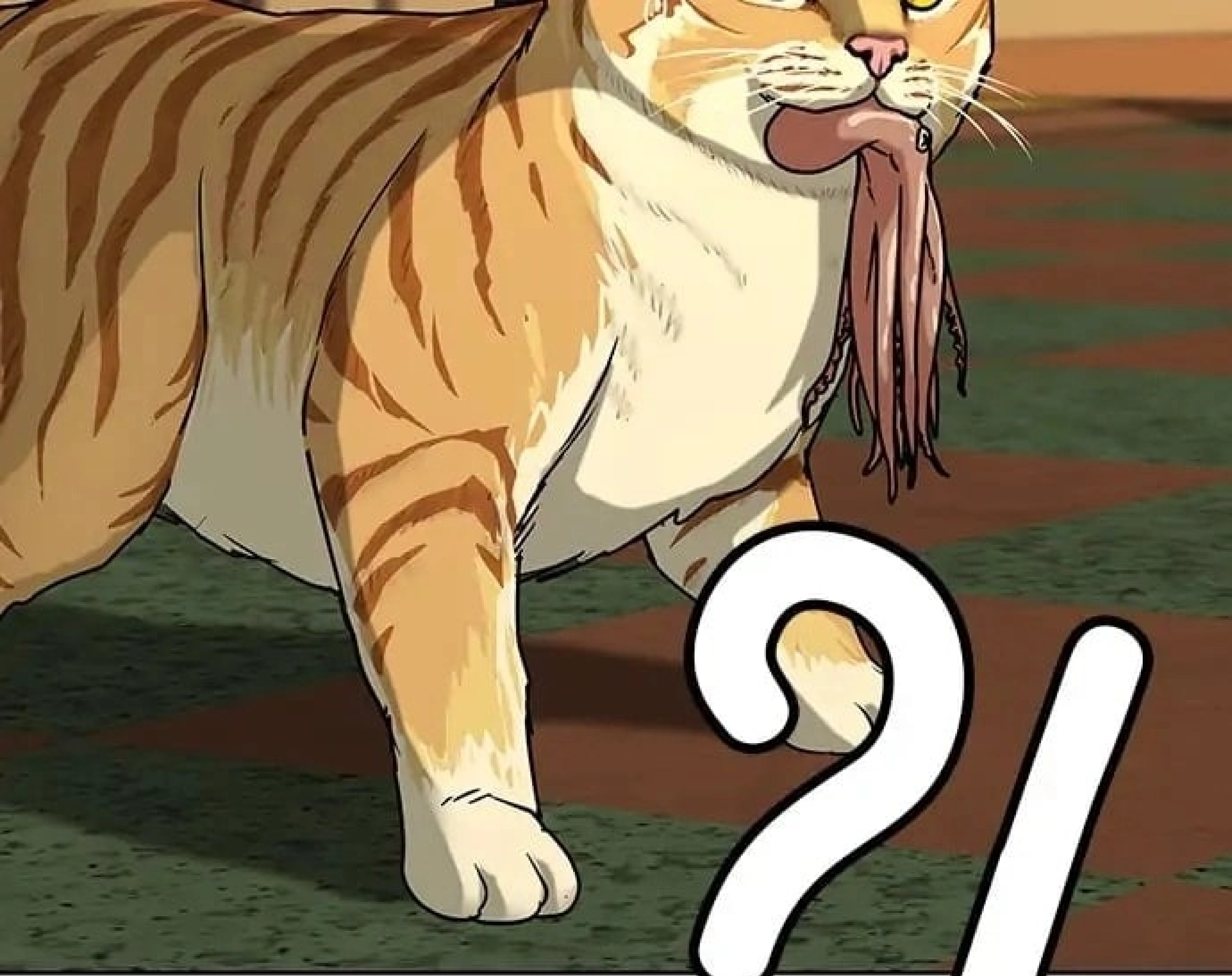
SEARCH

SEARCH

LET'S NAME YOU...
...YES! **SQUIRMY!**

BUT WHERE
DID IT--





HUH?





HUUH?!?!

SPRINT

WHAAAAAT?!?!?

SQUIRMY!!!





CLACK





I'M SORRY ARIN...

I FAILED TO
PROTECT SQUIRMY...







YEAH, MOM?

***MY SON!
HOW WAS THE FIRST
DAY OF SCHOOL?***

A comic panel background showing a blue-toned room with a window, a tiled wall, and a small plant on a shelf.

UMM... WELL...

I THOUGHT I WAS
GOING TO DIE...

*YES, I KNOW THAT
STUDYING MAY FEEL
VERY DIFFICULT THESE
DAYS.*

*I REMEMBER
WHEN I FELT THAT WAY
AS WELL. HAHA.*

MMM...

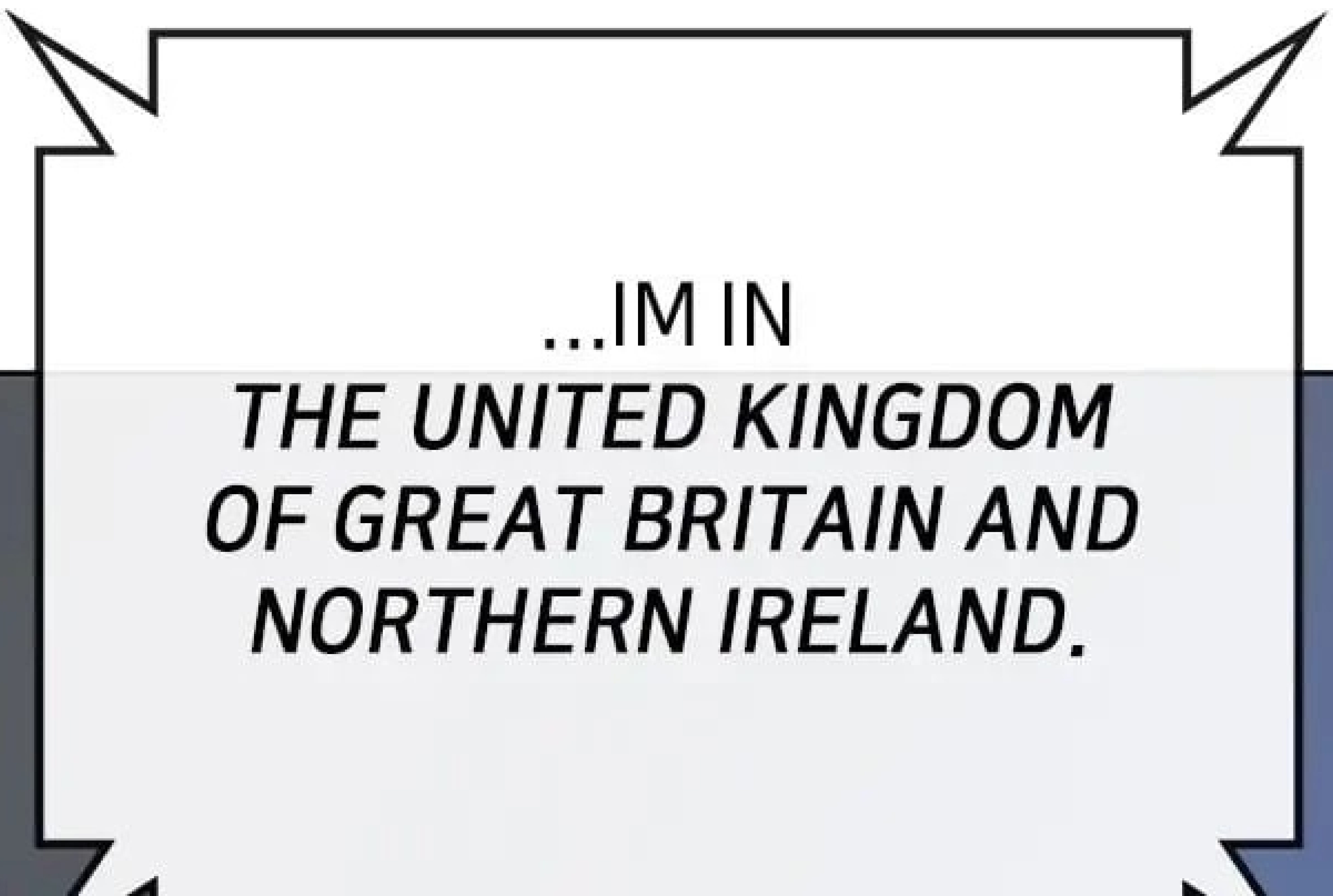
YOU MUST BE BUSY
CONSTANTLY GOING ON
BUSINESS TRIPS.

WHERE ARE
YOU NOW?





RIGHT NOW...



**...IM IN
*THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND.***



WHERE'S THAT?
IT SOUNDS SO GRAND.

IS IT EVEN IN THIS WORLD?

SHAKE



HOW SILLY OF YOU.
IT'S *THE U.K.*!
HAHA.

ANYWAY,
REMEMBER TO
EAT THREE MEALS

A DAY...

...AND YOU KNOW
THAT THE DAY OF YOUR
DAD'S PASSING IS NEXT
WEEK, RIGHT?





YEP, OF
COURSE I DO.

I CAN'T

GO BECAUSE
OF WORK.

BUT YOU MUST
GO VISIT HIM FOR ME,
ALRIGHT?

OKAY,
DON'T WORRY.



THANK YOU,
DOWAN!

I GOTTA GO NOW.
BYE!

CLICK



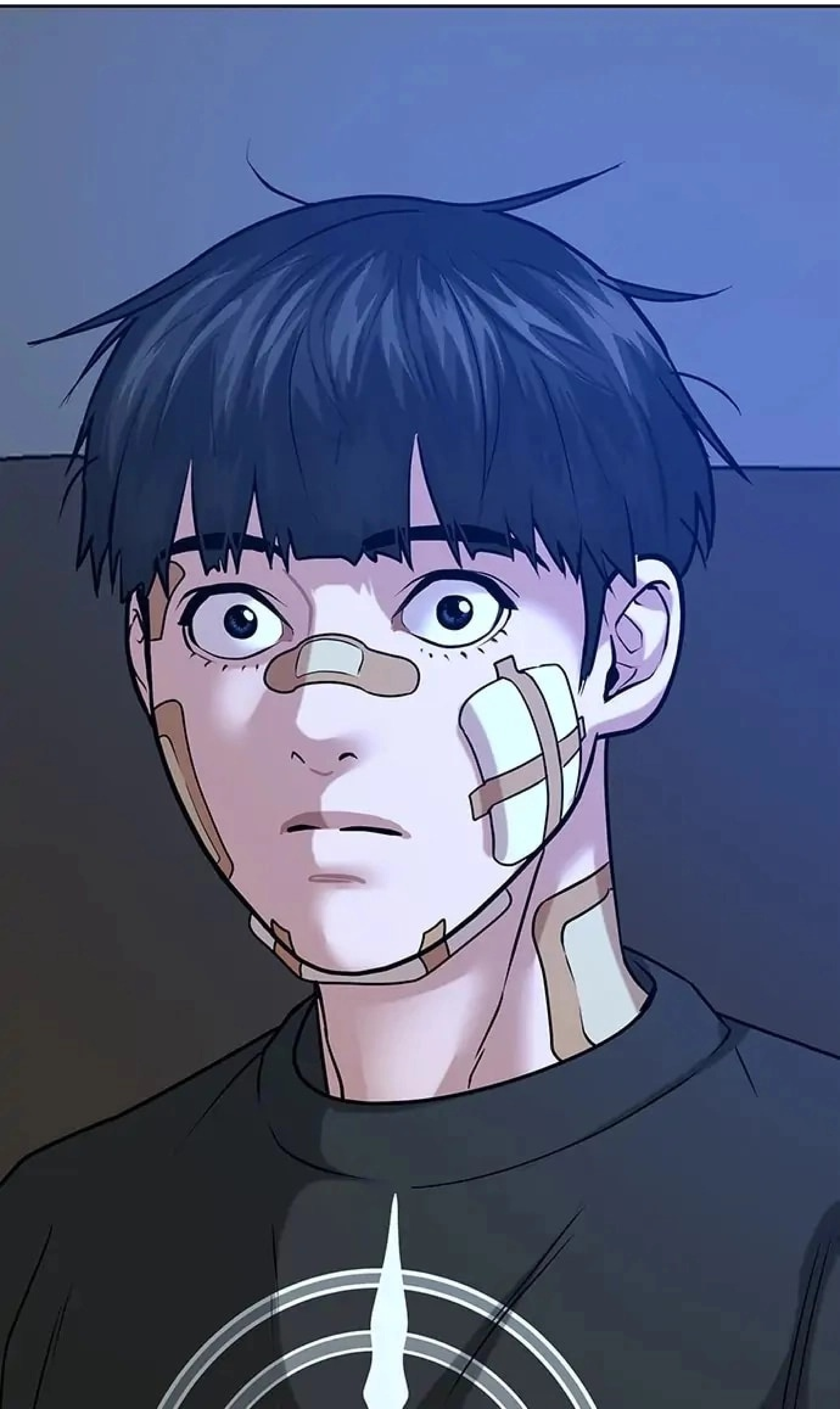




CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

JINO HA

**HE WORKED HARD TO
ERADICATE SCHOOL BULLYING.**



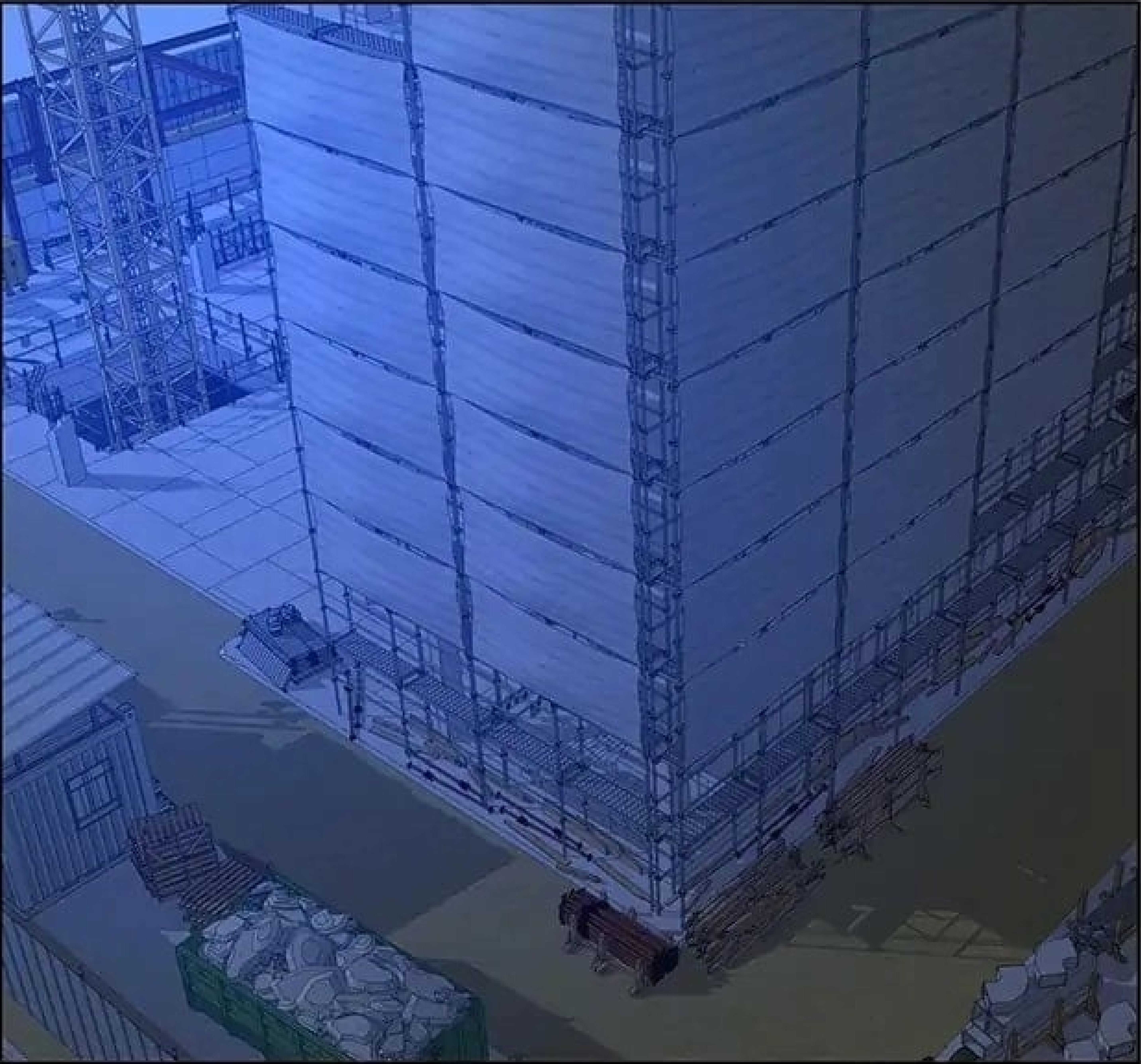
AGH! I BETTER
EAT SOMETHING!

STAND





I FEEL LIKE EATING
STIR-FRIED OCTOPUS
TODAY FOR SOME REASON!



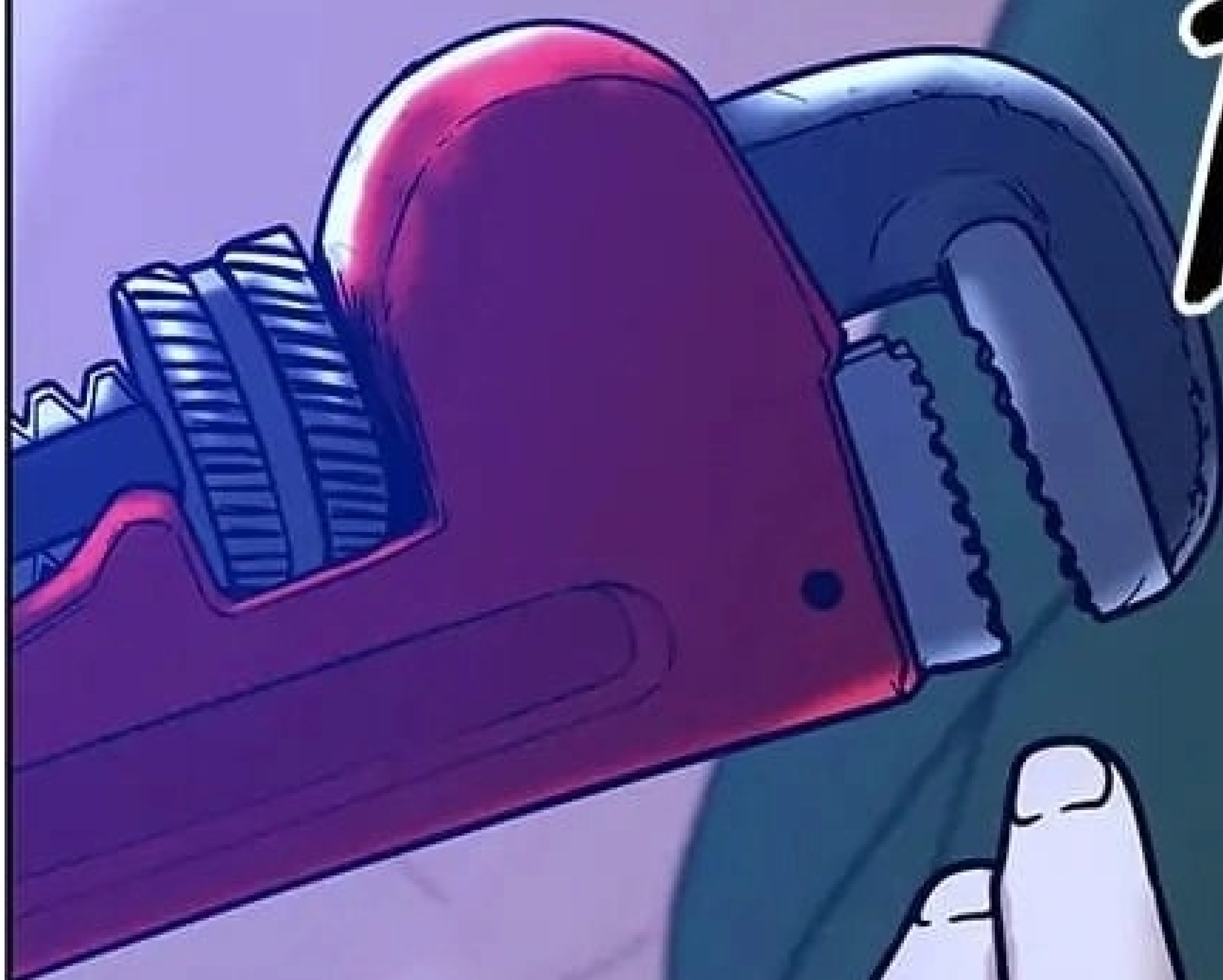


AHA,
SO IN SHORT...

...OUR HOT-BLOODED
SEONG-U...

TAP
TAP

...GOT IN A FIGHT
WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF BORAMAE...



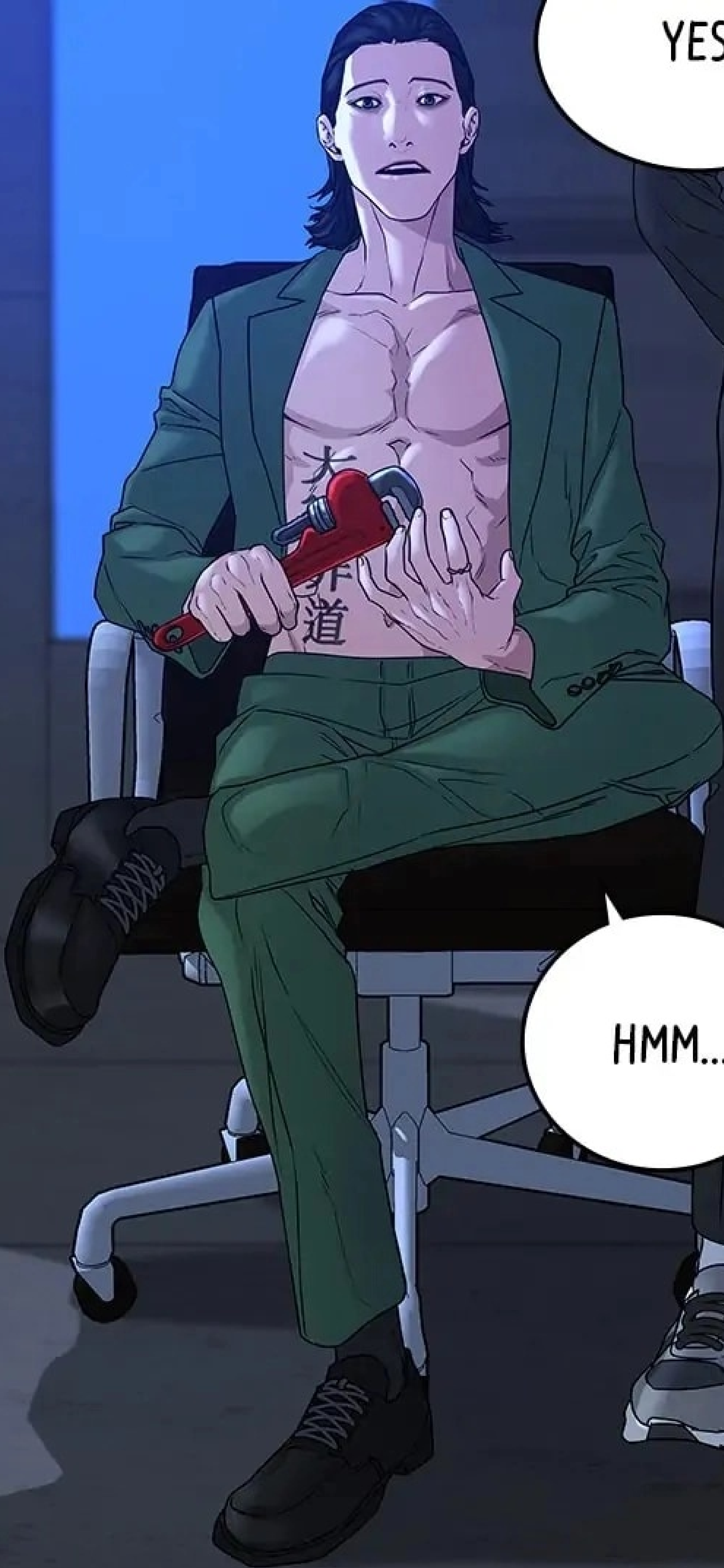
...AND WAS
TOTALLY DESTROYED.

AM I RIGHT?



YES.

HMM...



A comic panel featuring a character with dark hair and a pink shirt, shown from the back of the head. Two speech bubbles are present. The top bubble contains the text "I THOUGHT I CLEARLY TOLD YOU...". The bottom bubble contains the text "...TO NOT STIR UP ANY TROUBLE THERE.".

I THOUGHT
I CLEARLY TOLD YOU...

...TO NOT
STIR UP ANY TROUBLE
THERE.



BAEKCHANG JI
[YEAR 2 OF HIGH SCHOOL]

DEPUTY OF
BONGCHEON

**SEONG-U,
YOU BASTARD!!**

?!

UGH...!



DON'T YOU
KNOW THAT OUR
REPRESENTATIVE WILL
KILL US...

SPRING

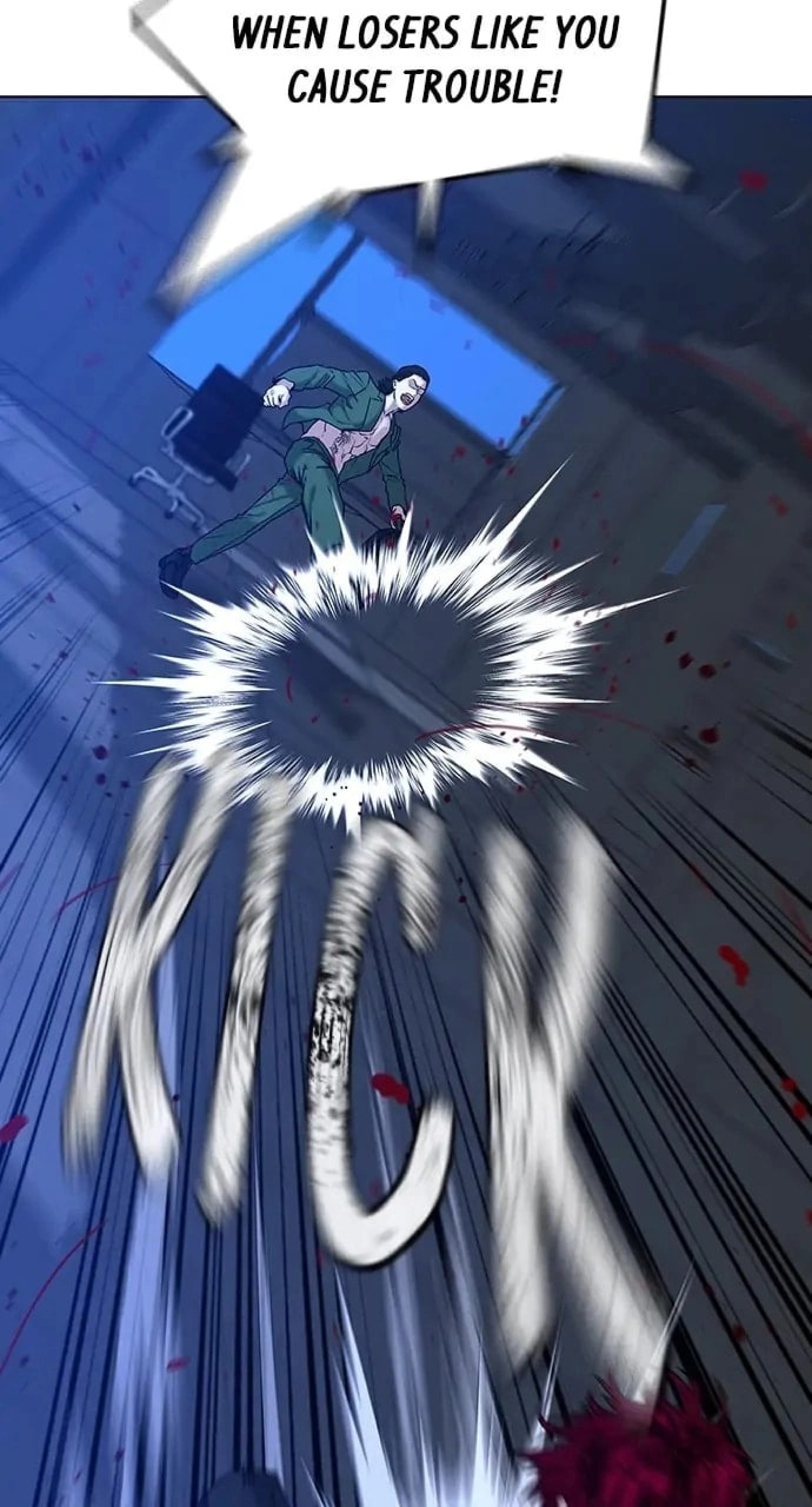




***...IF HE FINDS OUT THAT
A MEMBER FROM BONGCHEON
GOT HIS ASS KICKED BY
BORAMAE?!***

AAH! I HATE IT

**WHEN LOSERS LIKE YOU
CAUSE TROUBLE!**





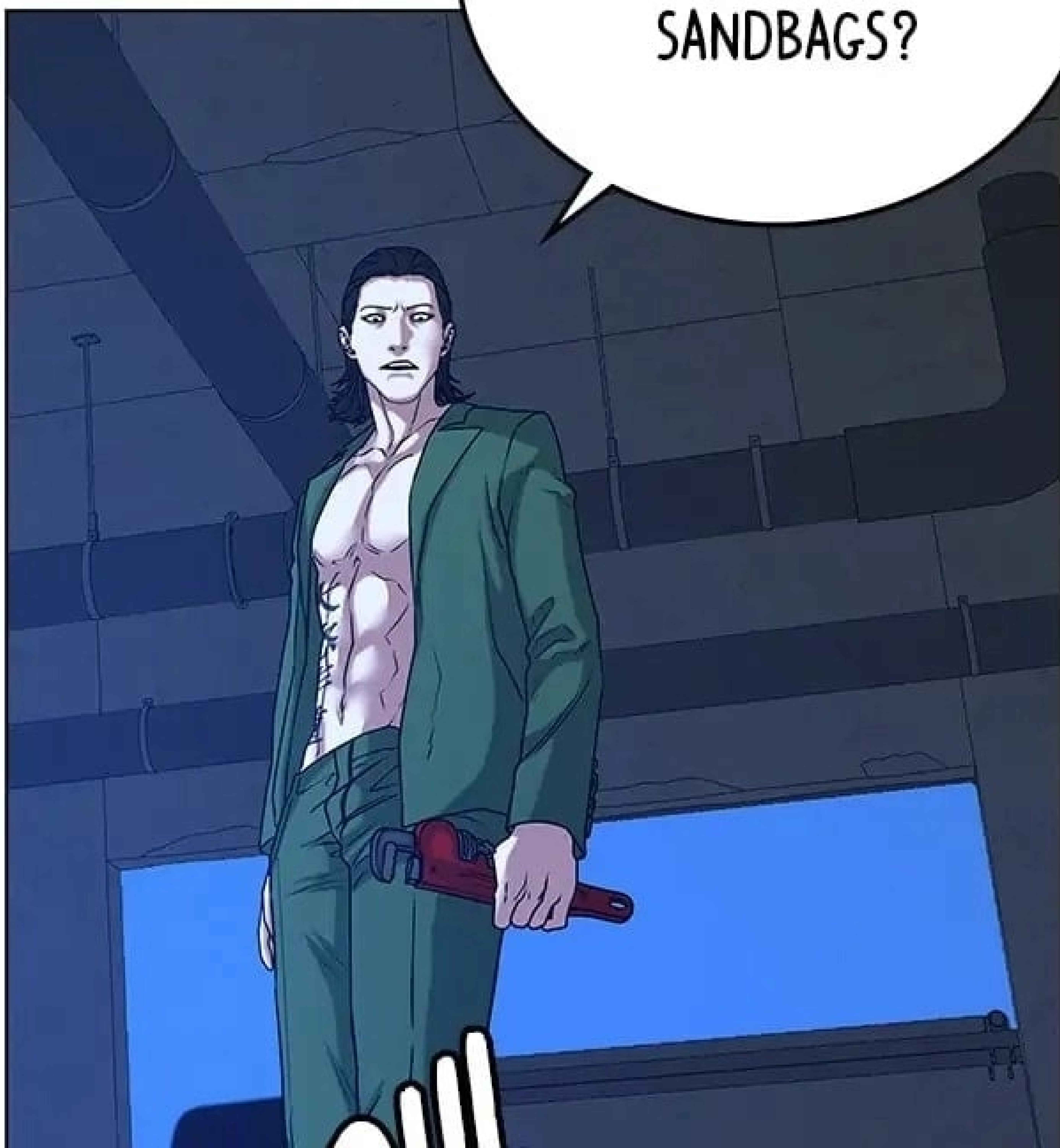
CRASH



WE TOOK YOU IN
BECAUSE WE PITIED
THAT EVEN YOUR DAD
ABANDONED YOU.

WHERE'S YOUR
GRATITUDE?

AND
WHAT ARE THESE
SANDBAGS?



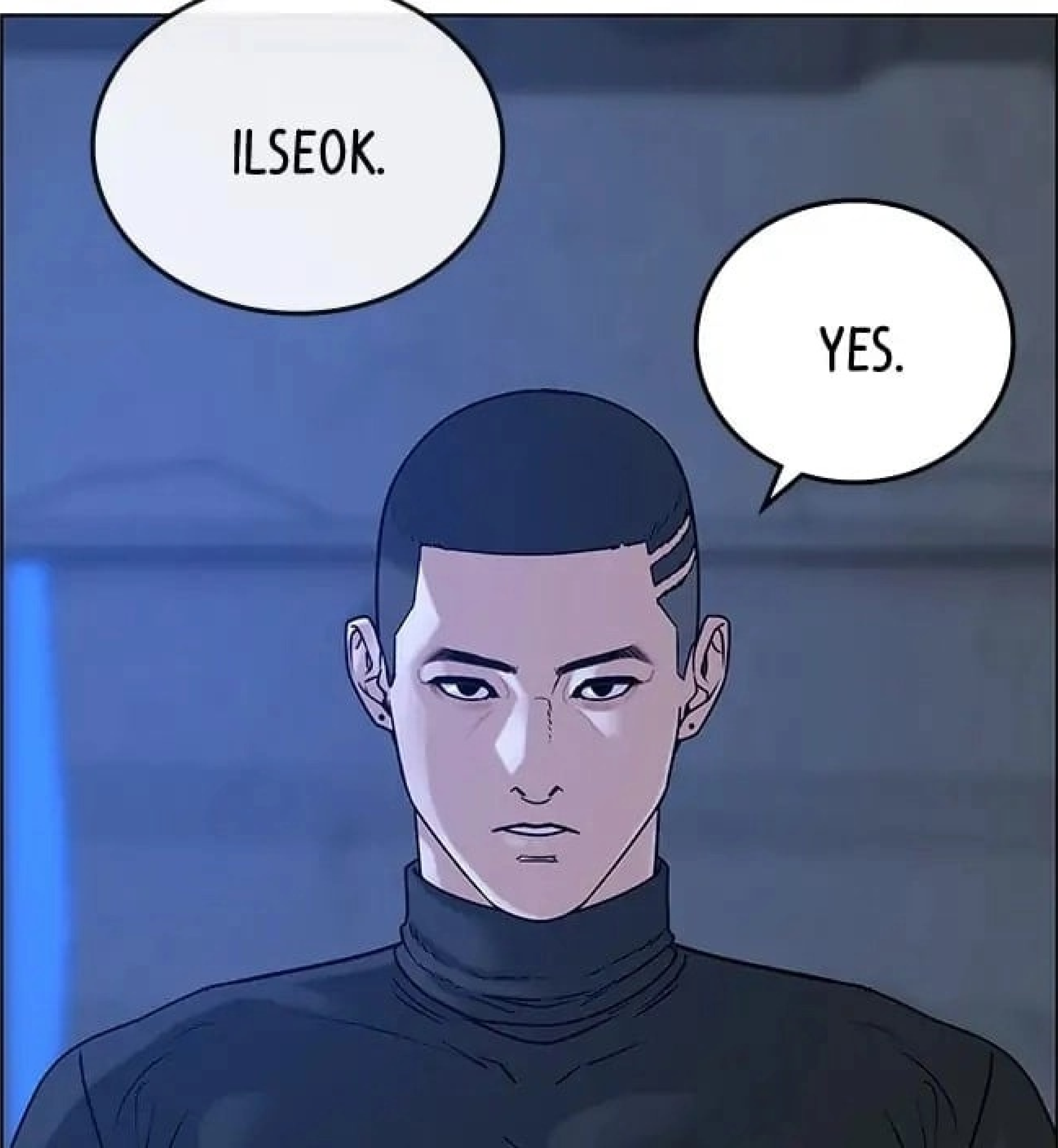


YOU
STILL WANT TO BE A
TRACK STAR?

OR DO YOU
MISS YOUR DAD?



AAH, I F*CKING
HATE OBSESSIVE TYPES!



ILSEOK.

YES.



I'M GOING TO HANDLE
THIS ON MY OWN.

SO BRING



SO BRING
THAT JACKASS
DOWN...

SQUEEZE

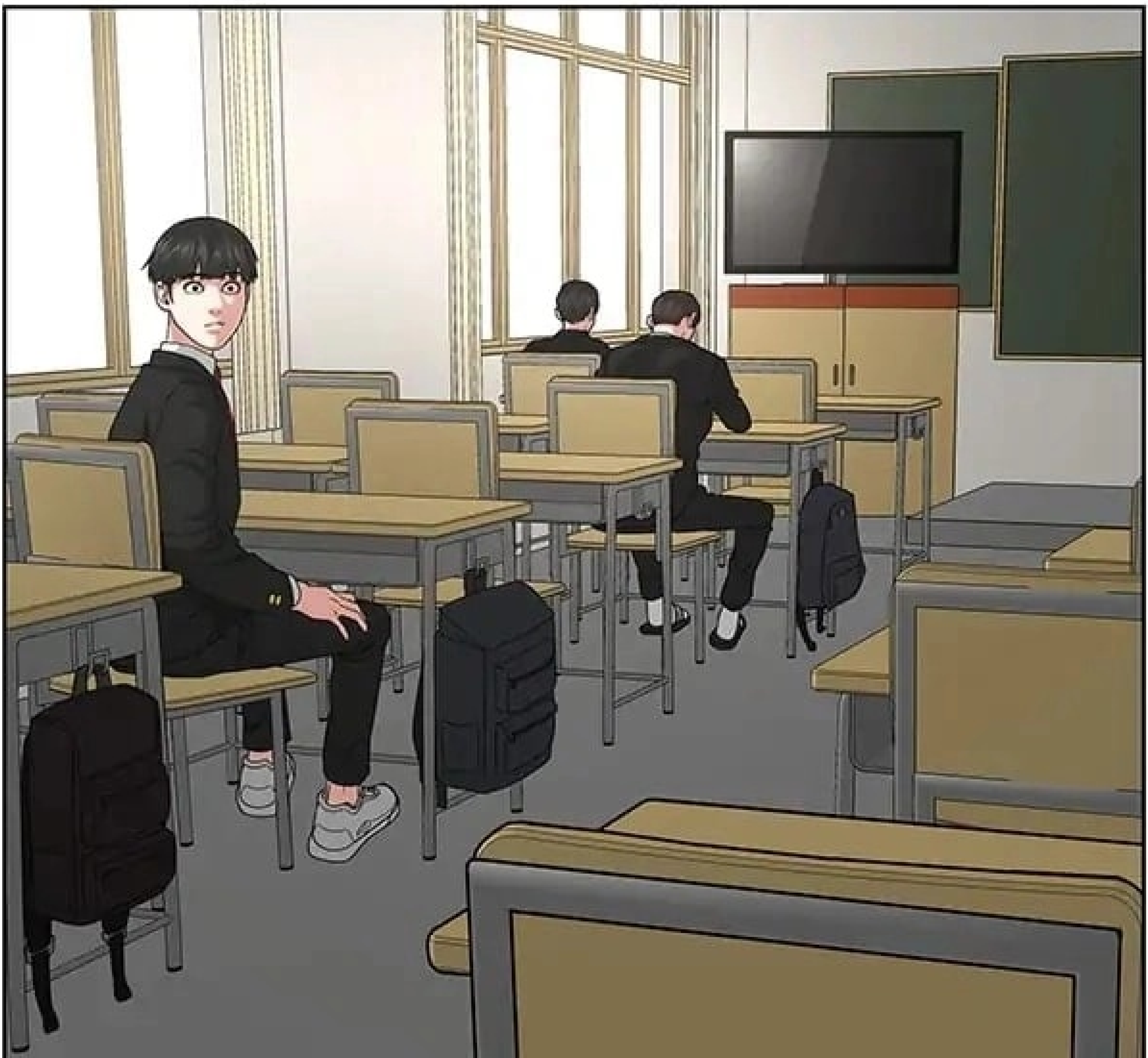
UGH..
GAH...





...TO ME.







SEONG-U
DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL
TODAY.





?

HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO
DITCH SCHOOL

DRY ON SCHOOL...

DO YOU THINK
SOMETHING HAPPENED
TO HIM?

I-I'M NOT SURE.
MAYBE HE'S SICK.

IS IT BECAUSE OF THE FIGHT?

THAT PUNK...

I HOPE HE NEVER
SETS FOOT HERE EVER AGAIN
WHILE HE'S AT IT.



I DOUBT IT...

ANYWAY, SINCE I
DEFEATED SEONG-U...

HMM...

A close-up illustration of the back of a person's head. They have dark, straight hair that falls down. The top of their head is visible, showing the hair parting. The skin tone is light pink. The person's eyes are visible at the bottom of the frame, looking downwards.



...I SUPPOSE I'LL BE ABLE
TO ENJOY SOME PEACE AT
SCHOOL FOR NOW.

D-DOWAN...!

?

RUSH



S-SOME WEIRD PUNKS
CAME BARGING INTO THE
SCHOOL...

...AND
THEY'RE LOOKING
FOR YOU...!



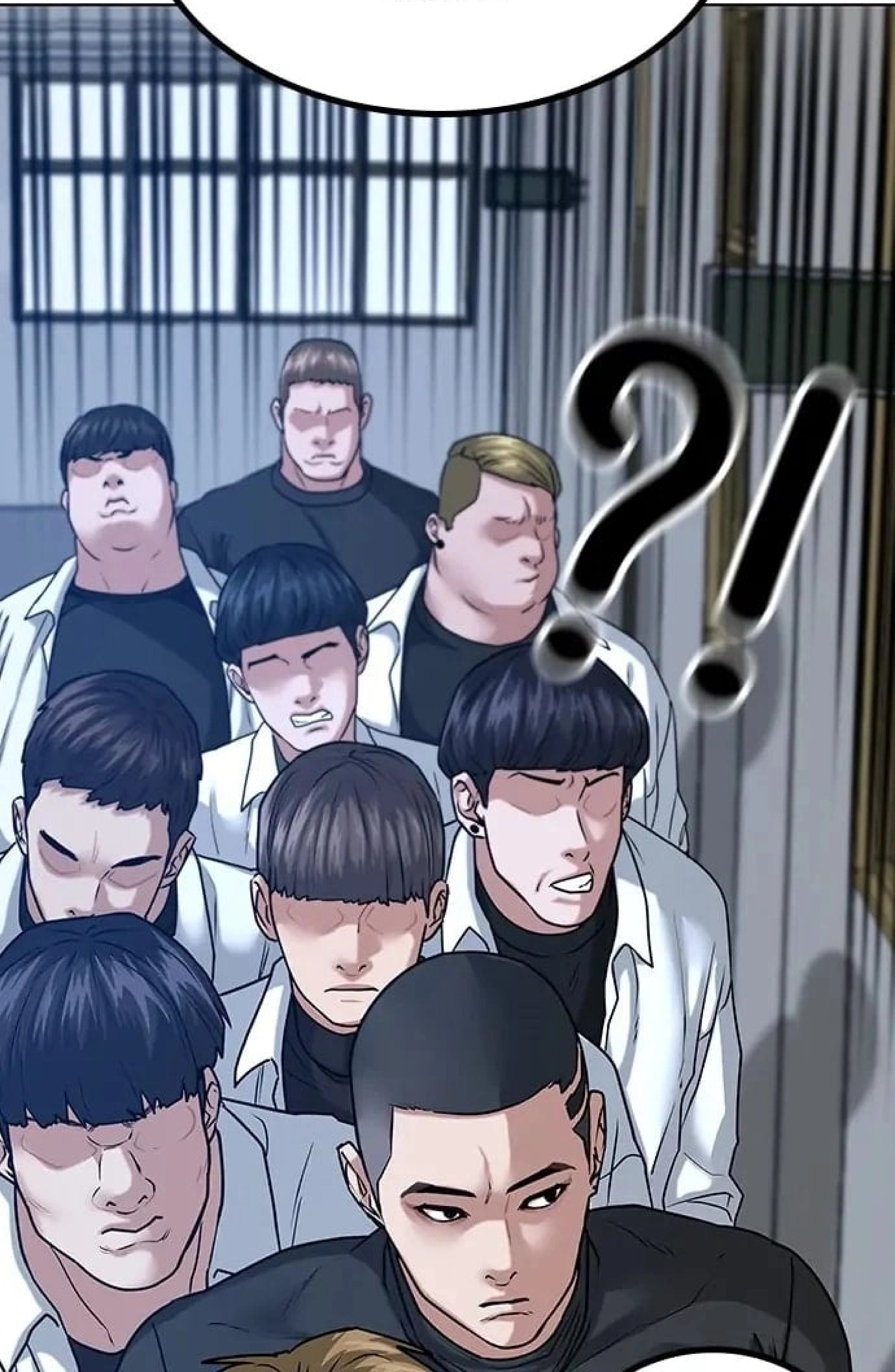


WHAT
DID YOU JUST--

FOUND HIM.



THIS IS
CLASS THREE,
RIGHT?





HMM?

ANSWER ME.
IS IT RIGHT?

SLAP
SLAP





Y-YES...
I-IT IS! UGH...!

...



WH-WHO
ARE THOSE--

CTED



A man with short black hair, wearing a black turtleneck and black pants, stands in a classroom. He has his hands in his pockets and is looking towards a student. The student is sitting at a desk, wearing a black suit and a red tie, looking up at the man with a surprised expression. The background shows a classroom with a chalkboard and a bookshelf.

REPRESENTATIVE
DOWAN.

...?!



REPRESENTATIVE?
IS HE A MEMBER OF THE
ILJIN GANG?

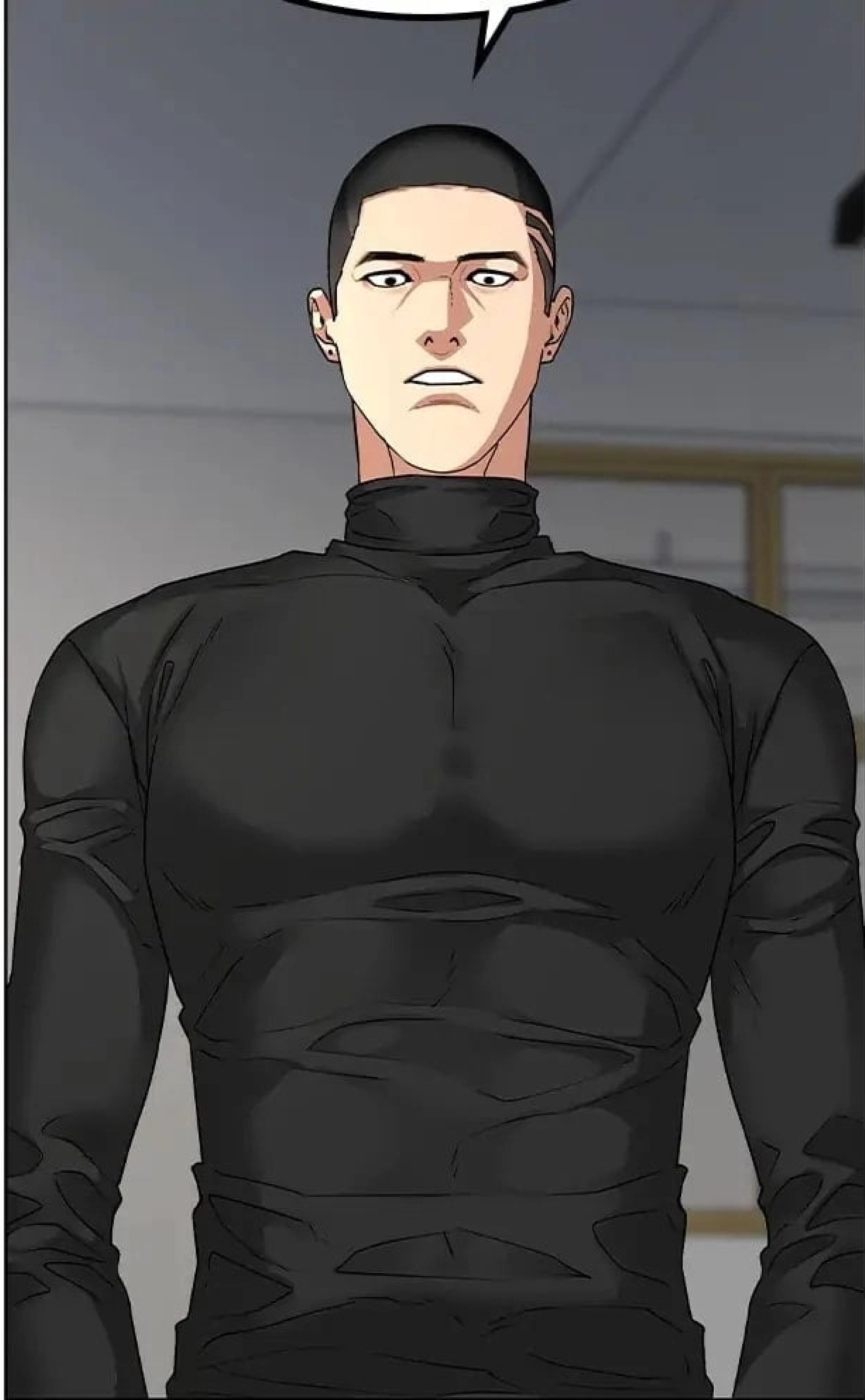


WHY WERE
YOU LOOKING
FOR--



WHY DID HE COME TO FIND ME?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG...?

YOU MUST GO TO
BONGCHEON WITH US.



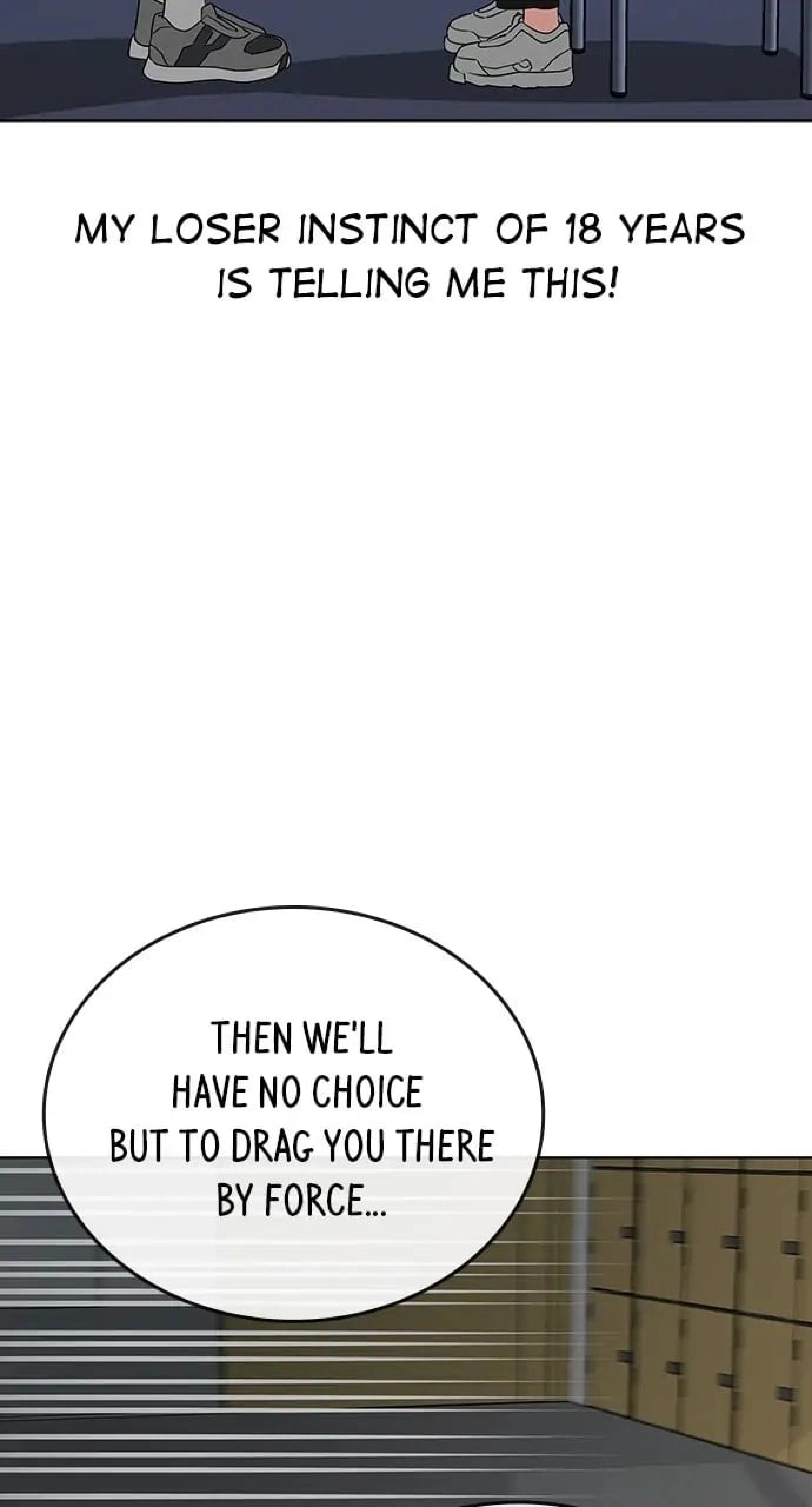
IF I FOLLOW HIM...
I'M GOING TO BE KILLED...!



WHY
SHOULD I?



I DON'T
WANT TO...

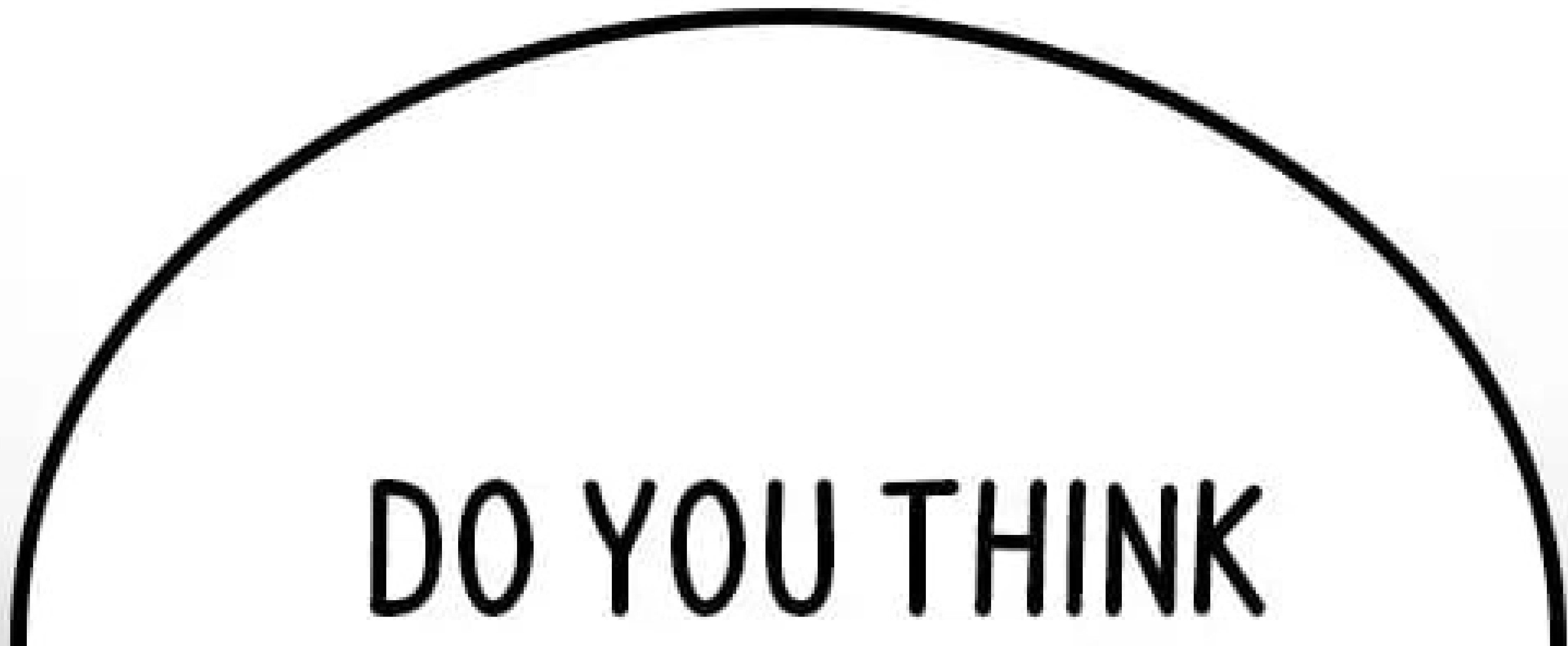


MY LOSER INSTINCT OF 18 YEARS
IS TELLING ME THIS!

THEN WE'LL
HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO DRAG YOU THERE
BY FORCE...



BUT IF YOU
STILL RESIST, LET ME
ASK YOU ONE THING.



DO YOU THINK

YOU'LL BE ABLE...





...TO HANDLE
THE *TEN OF US*
HERE BY YOURSELF?

IS HE SERIOUS?

NOT ONE, BUT TEN PEOPLE?
OF COURSE THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...!

D-DOWAN...

AGH...!

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO

GET MYSELF OUT
OF THIS SITUATION...?!

HMM?
WHO THE HELL
ARE YOU?





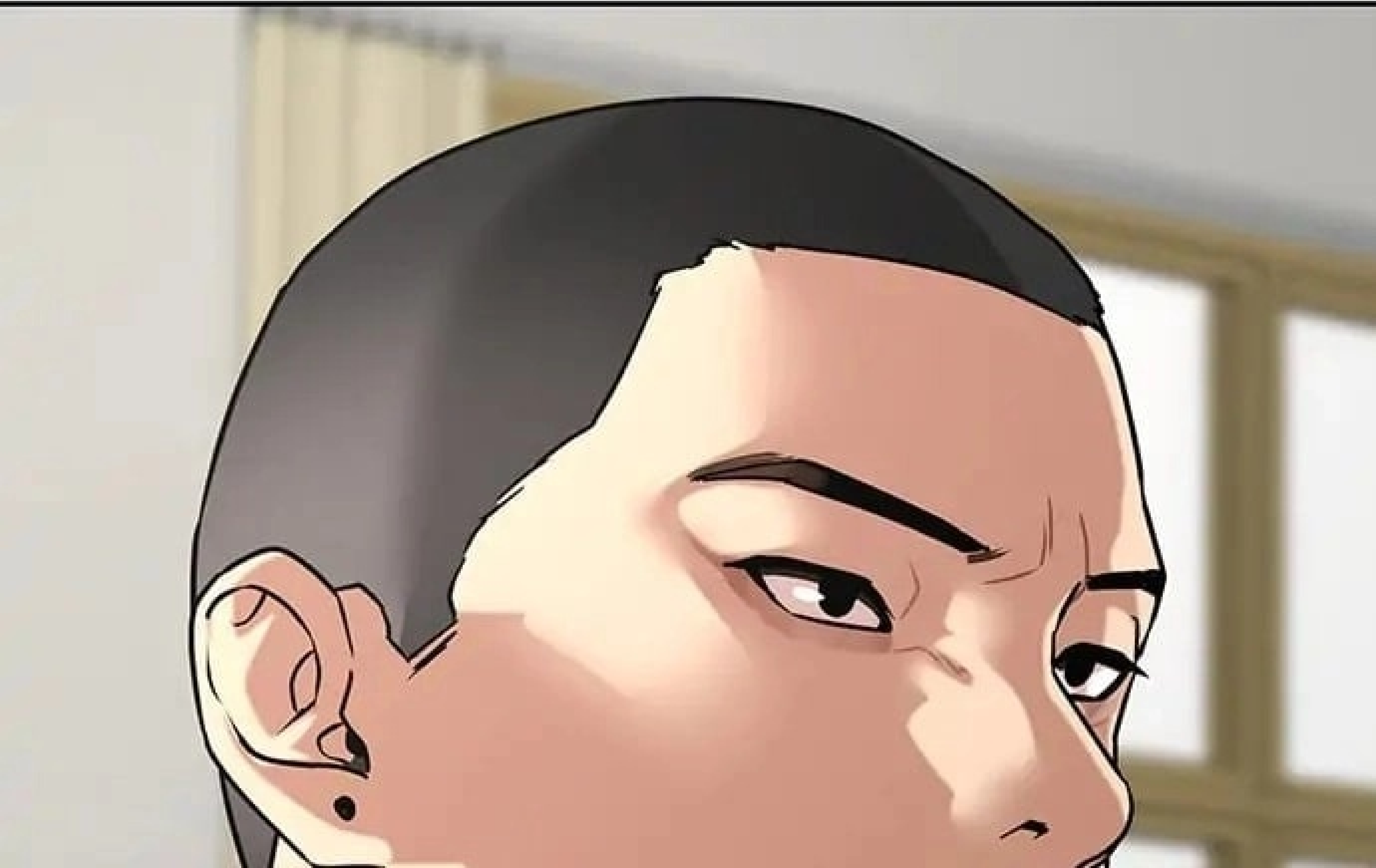
WHAT ARE...



...YOU BONGCHEON
PUNKS DOING HERE?

?!







ELUNSEONG?

WHAT
DO YOU THINK,
JACKASS?

CAN'T
YOU TELL?

STEP

STEP

WE'RE--









***AAAAGH!!!
MY LEG!!***

MY LEG!!





YOU CAN'T
TAKE DOWAN.



BUT IF YOU MUST,
LET ME ASK YOU ALL
A QUESTION TOO.

**DO YOU THINK
JUST THE
TEN OF YOU...**





...WILL BE ABLE
TO HANDLE ME?

PRODUCER
HYUNGWUK SHIN

STAFF
MINYOUNG
KANGMOON JO

PRODUCED BY
YLAB