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BEEP

WHO IS IT?

**AH! HELLO.
IT'S ME, DOWAN!**

***OH MY, HELLO DOWAN!
JIHAN TOLD ME THAT
YOU WEREN'T COMING
OVER TODAY.***

AH WELL... I--





AND...

**...JIHAN'S
NOT HOME**

**NOT NORMAL
RIGHT NOW.**



HE'S NOT HOME...?

*HE LEFT THE
HOUSE TO
HANG OUT...*



***...WITH HIS
FRIENDS FROM
MIDDLE SCHOOL.***

FRIENDS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL?

***BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
THEY WENT.***

***IF IT'S SOMETHING
URGENT, WHY DON'T
YOU TRY CALLING
HIM?***



DID JIHAN SAY THAT
HE HAD TO GO HOME EARLY...

...BECAUSE HE HAD PLANS
WITH HIS OTHER FRIENDS?





DING





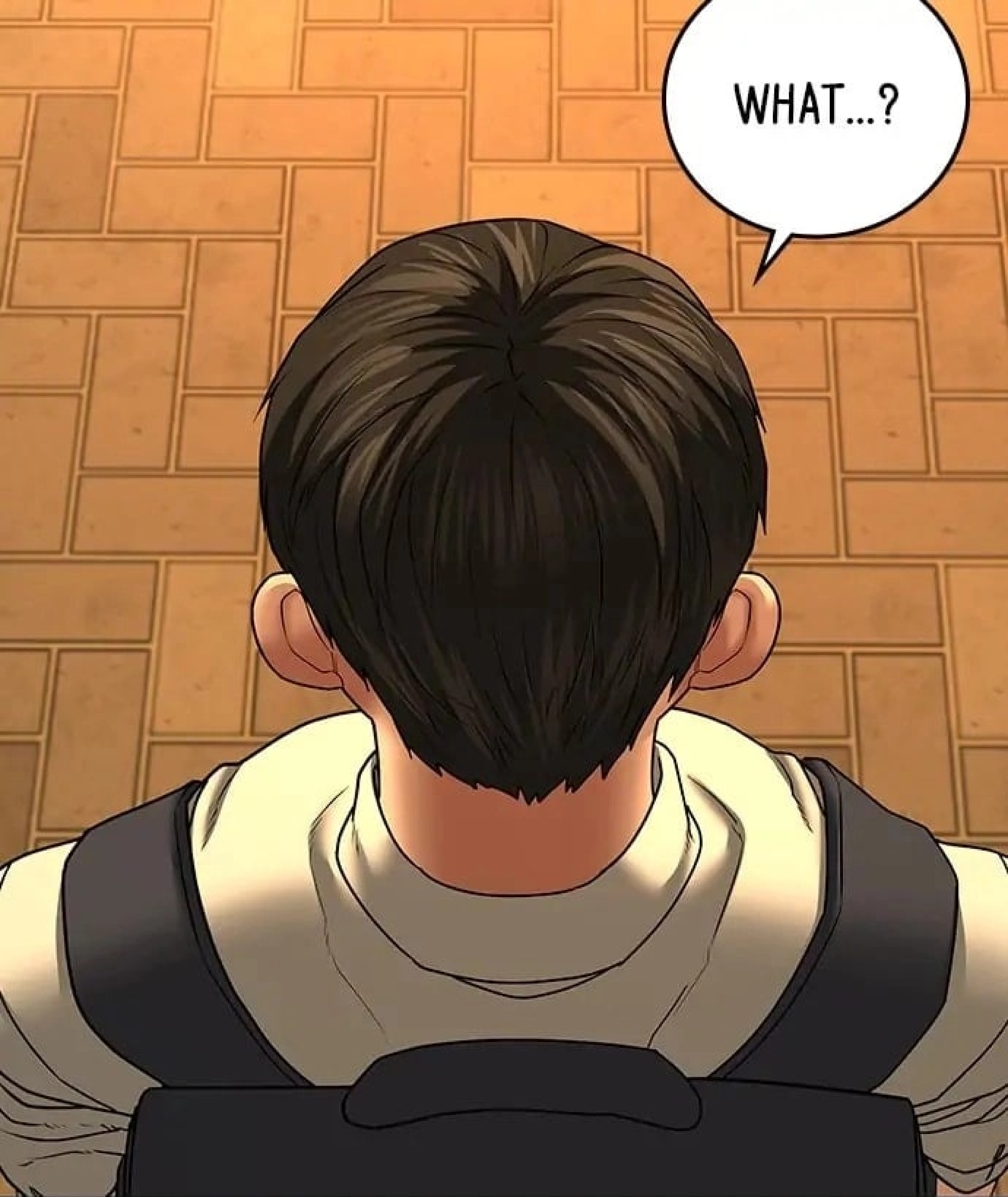
QUEST: BODYGUARD

YOU LOST
YOUR SUBJECT.

DING



**QUEST DIFFICULTY
HAS INCREASED.**



QUEST DIFFICULTY HAS INCREASED...?
THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...

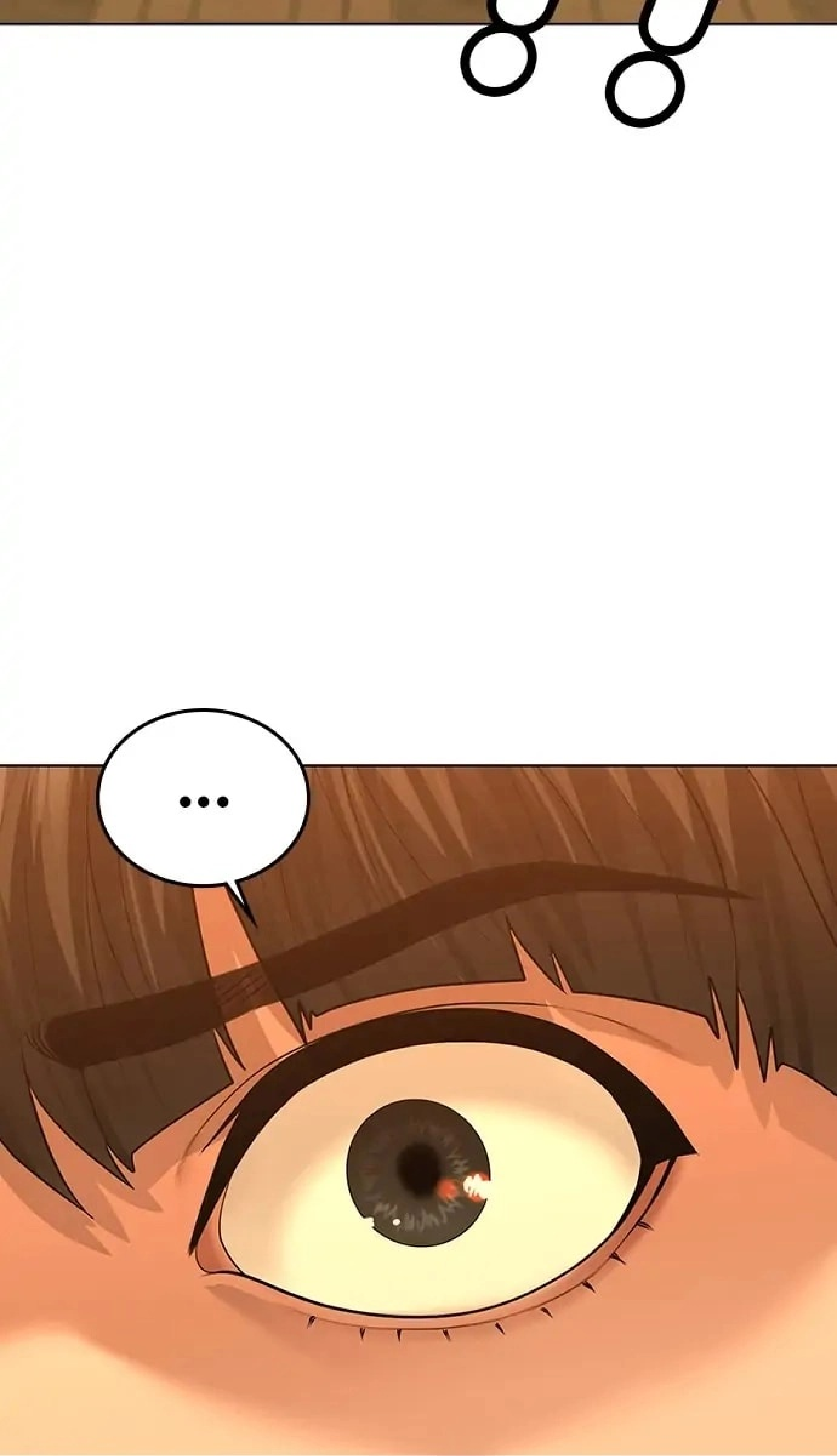
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QUEST:
RESCUE MISSION

SAVE
JIHAN YOO

REWARD: **HIDDEN ITEM**

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PROTECT BEING

CHANGED TO *SAVE*
MEANS THAT...

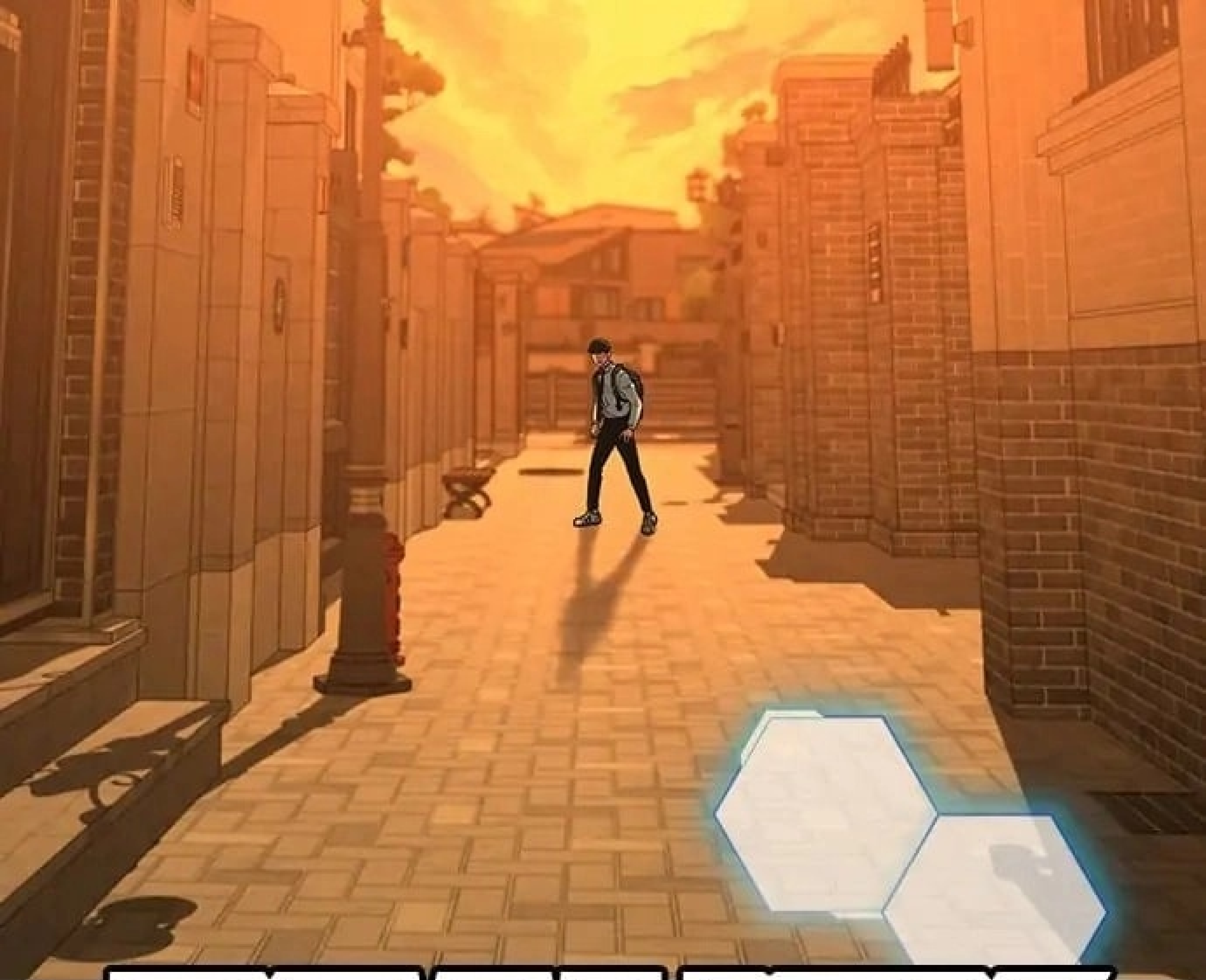
...JIHAN DIDN'T GO OUT
TO HANG OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS
RIGHT NOW...







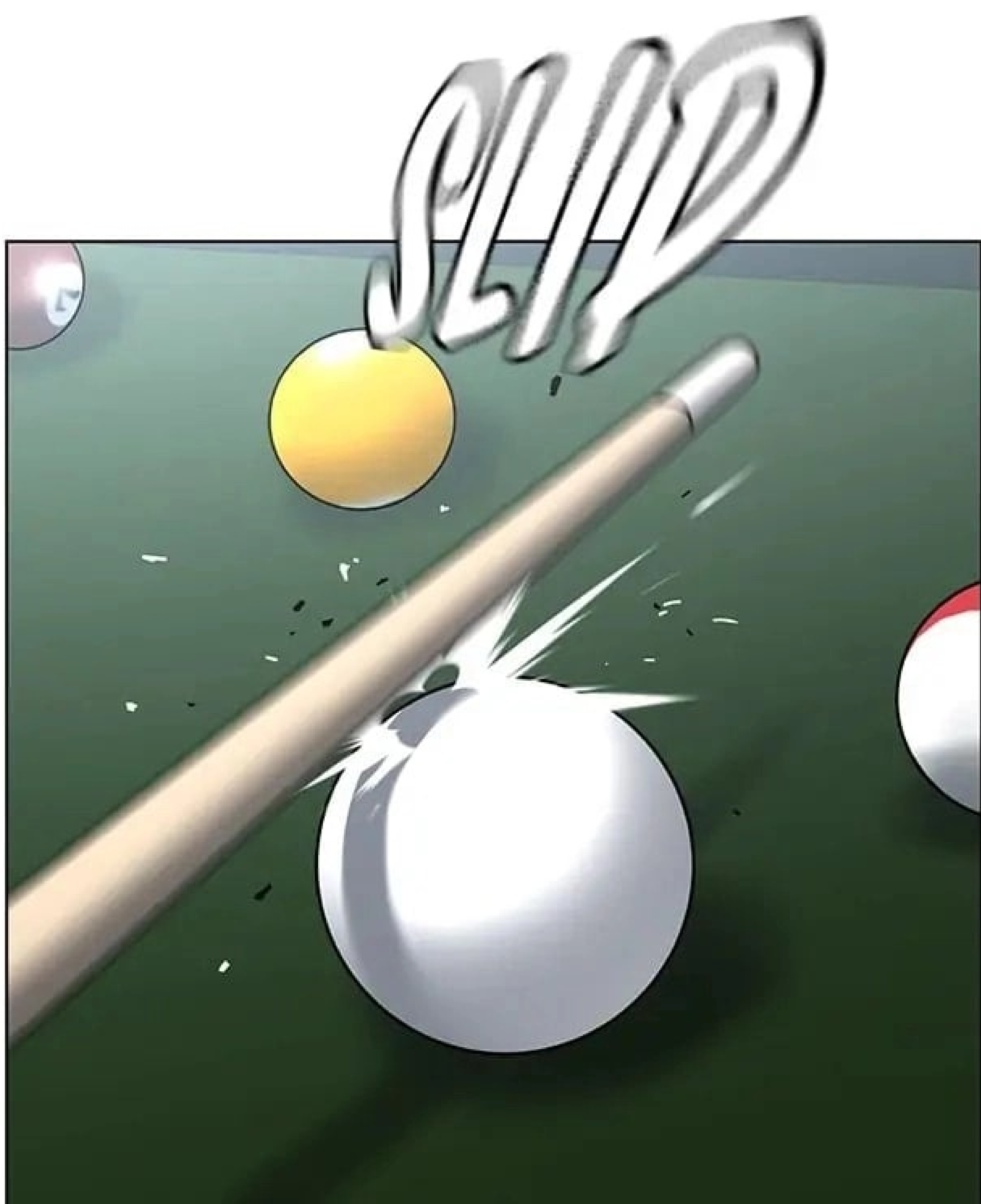
**...HE WAS
DRAGGED OUT
AGAINST HIS
WILL...!**



REALITY QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
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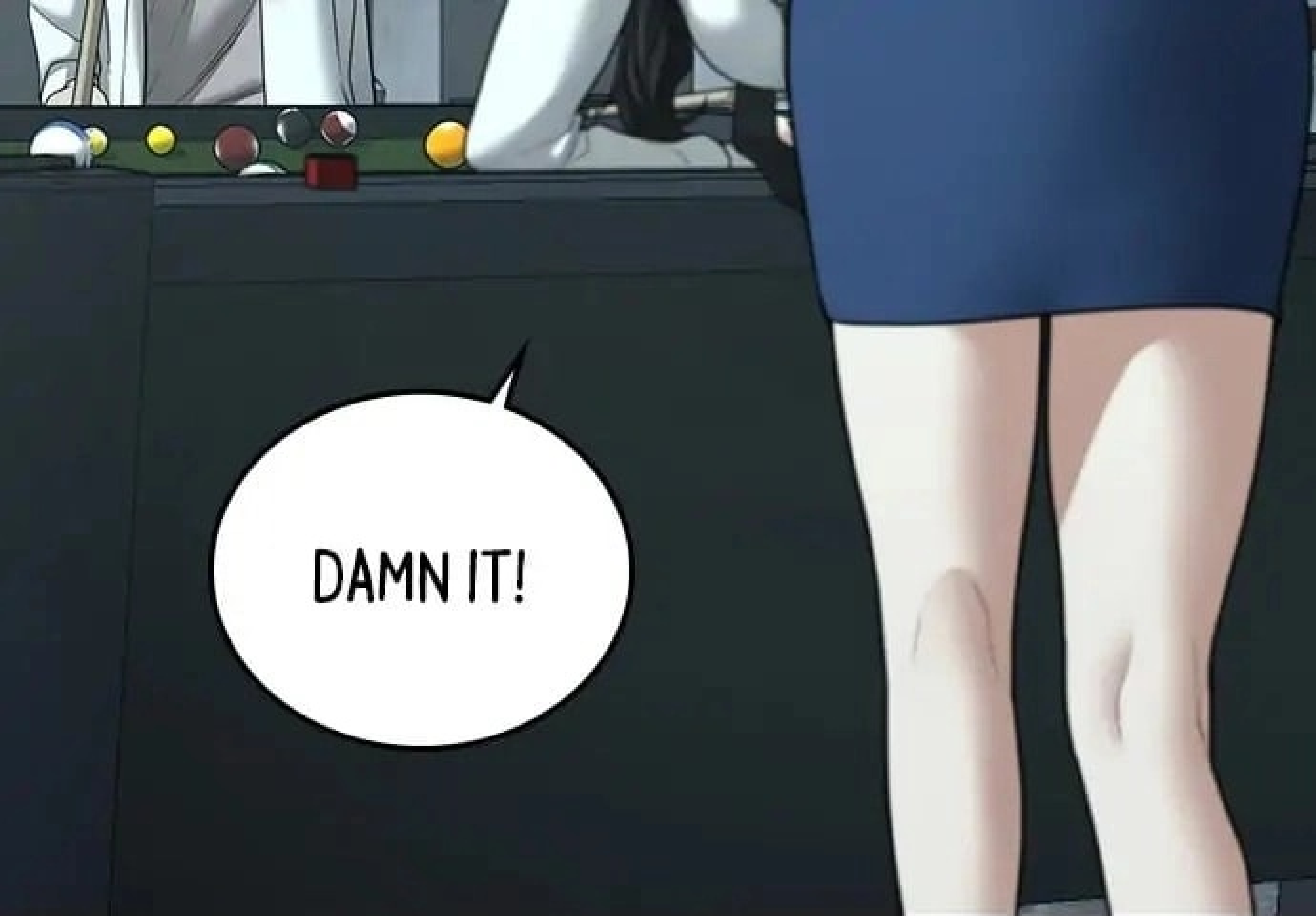
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SH*T!

NICE SHOT!
HAHA.

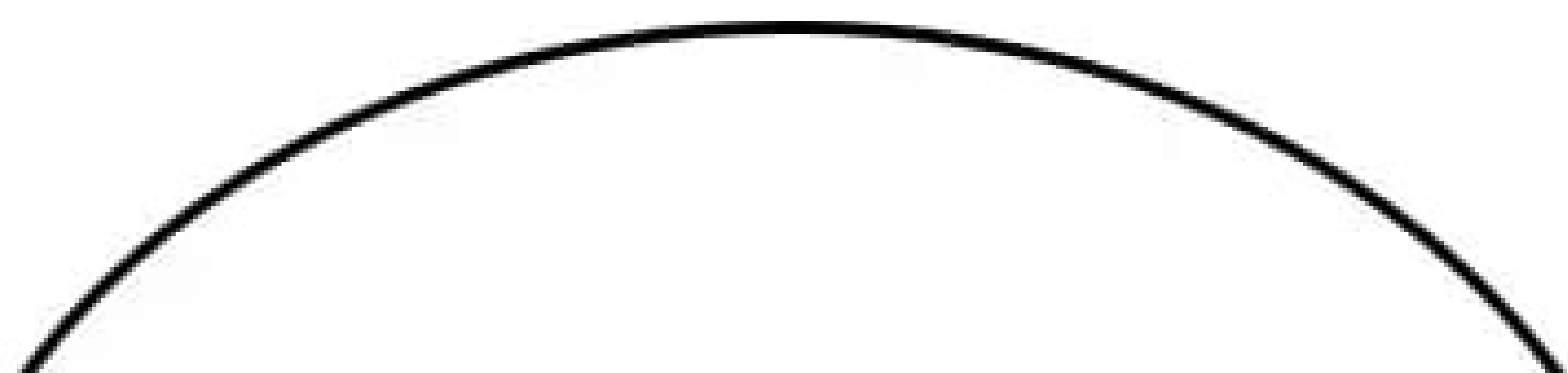






GUMIN LEE

**JIHAN YOO'S
MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNUS**





IT'S BEEN A WHILE
SINCE YOU CAME
HERE, RIGHT?

WE USED TO
COME HERE TO
PLAY OFTEN...

...WHEN WE WERE
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.





?

!

HOW IS IT THAT JIHAN,
THAT LOSER, HASN'T CHANGED
A BIT SINCE THEN?



ALL DWEEBBS
ARE LIKE THAT.



BUT WHO
ARE YOU?

THIS PUNK
LOOKS LIKE A F*CKING
BABY. HAHA.

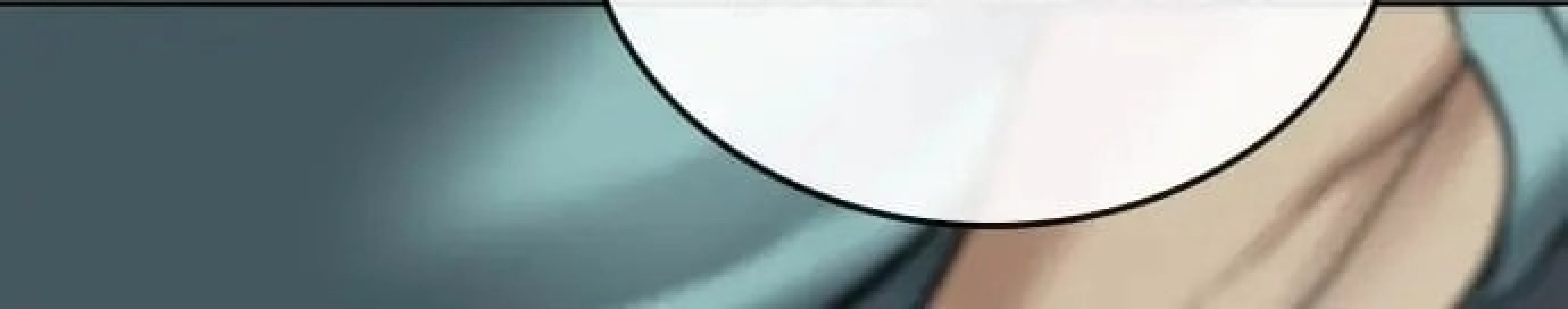
JIHAN, THERE ARE
A LOT OF UNFAMILIAR
FACES HERE, RIGHT?





WELL,
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS
SINCE. HAHA.

HEY, LOOK AT
THIS LOSER SHAKE.





THIS IS SO
F*CKING BORING!

?





JIHAN, YOU'RE
RUINING THE MOOD BY
NOT DRINKING!

WHY DID YOU
BRING HIM?

HE HASN'T TAKEN A
SINGLE SIP FROM THAT GLASS
WE POURED FOR HIM.
HAHAHA.



F*CK! DOES OUR
FRIENDSHIP MEAN NOTHING
TO YOU?!

HOW UPSETTING...

SAY, WHY DON'T
WE TRY THAT THING?



A person with short brown hair, wearing a white collared shirt, a blue vest, and a yellow tie, is shown from the chest up. They have a questioning expression on their face. A large white speech bubble is positioned in front of them.

WHAT THING?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING
ABOUT...?

A person with dark, wavy hair is shown from the back of the head and shoulders. They are wearing a dark blue jacket. A white speech bubble is positioned above their head.

A FRIENDSHIP TEST!

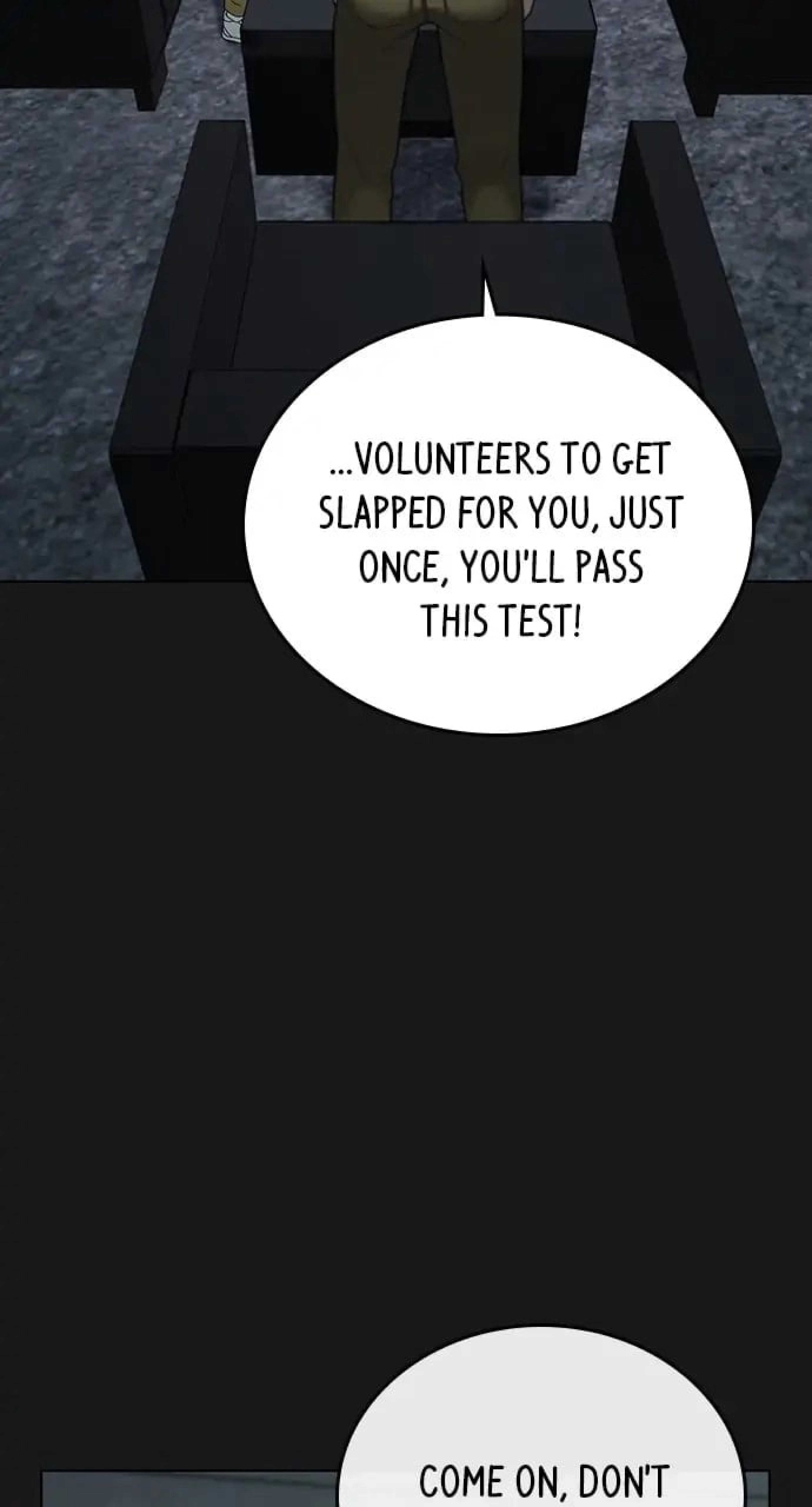


FROM NOW ON,
I'M GONNA
SLAP YOU.



IF ANYONE...



A person wearing tan pants and white sneakers stands in a dark, maze-like environment. A large white speech bubble is positioned in the center of the frame, containing text. The background is dark and textured, with some geometric shapes visible.

...VOLUNTEERS TO GET
SLAPPED FOR YOU, JUST
ONCE, YOU'LL PASS
THIS TEST!

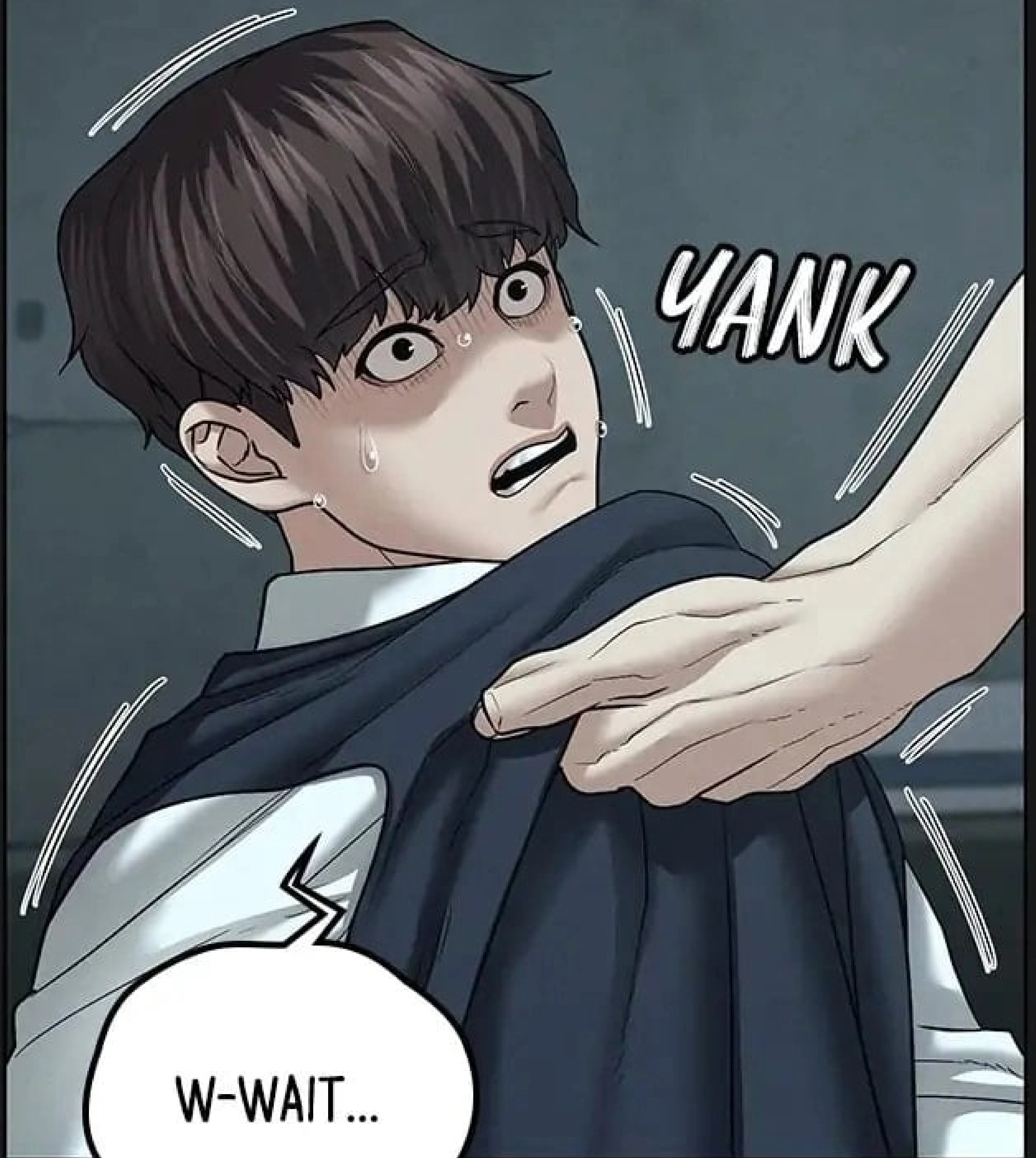
A white speech bubble is positioned at the bottom of the frame, containing text. The background is dark and textured.

COME ON, DON'T

WORRY TOO MUCH.

YANK

W-WAIT...

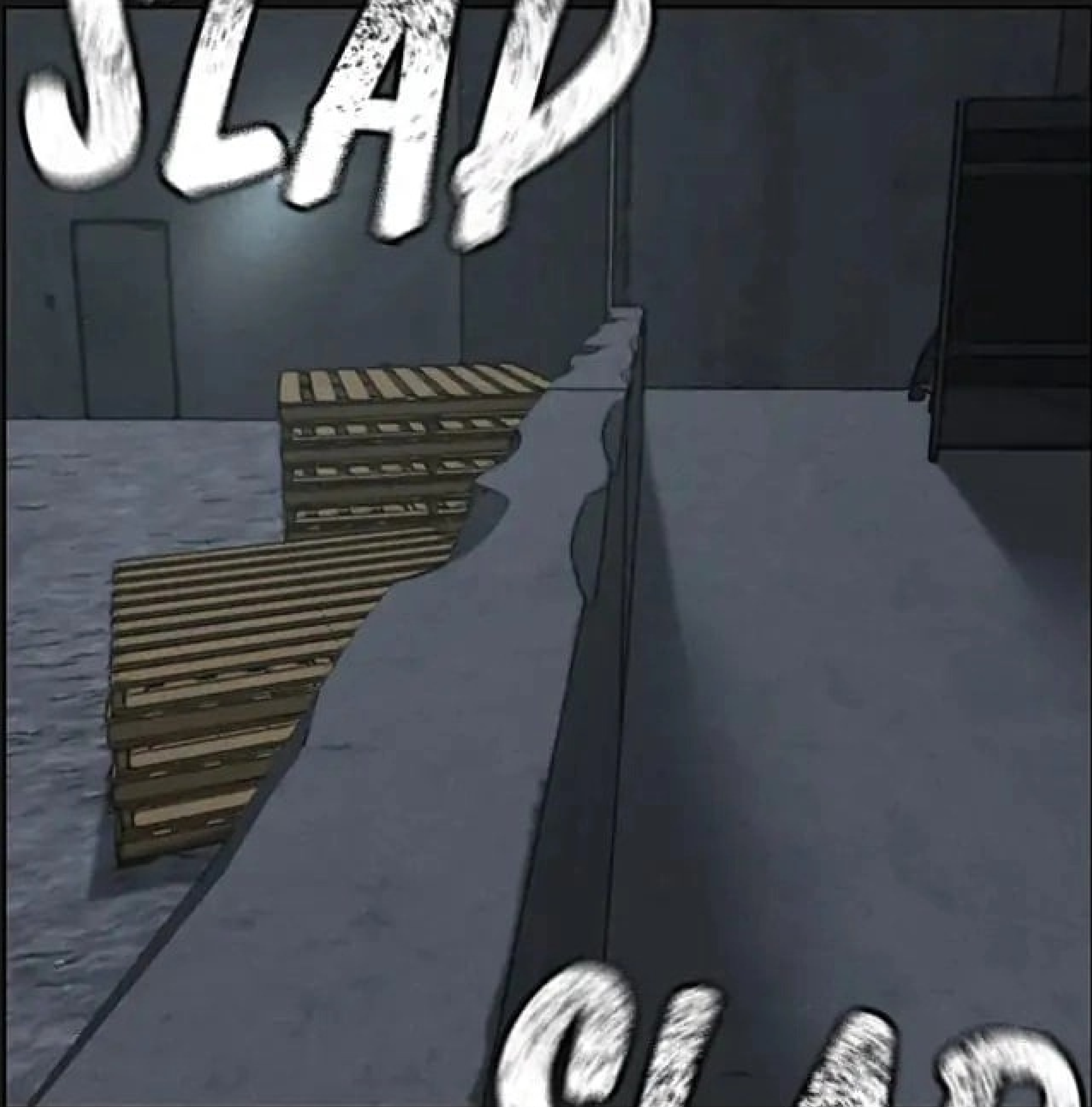


I'M SURE
SOMEONE WILL STEP
FORWARD TO HELP
YOU.





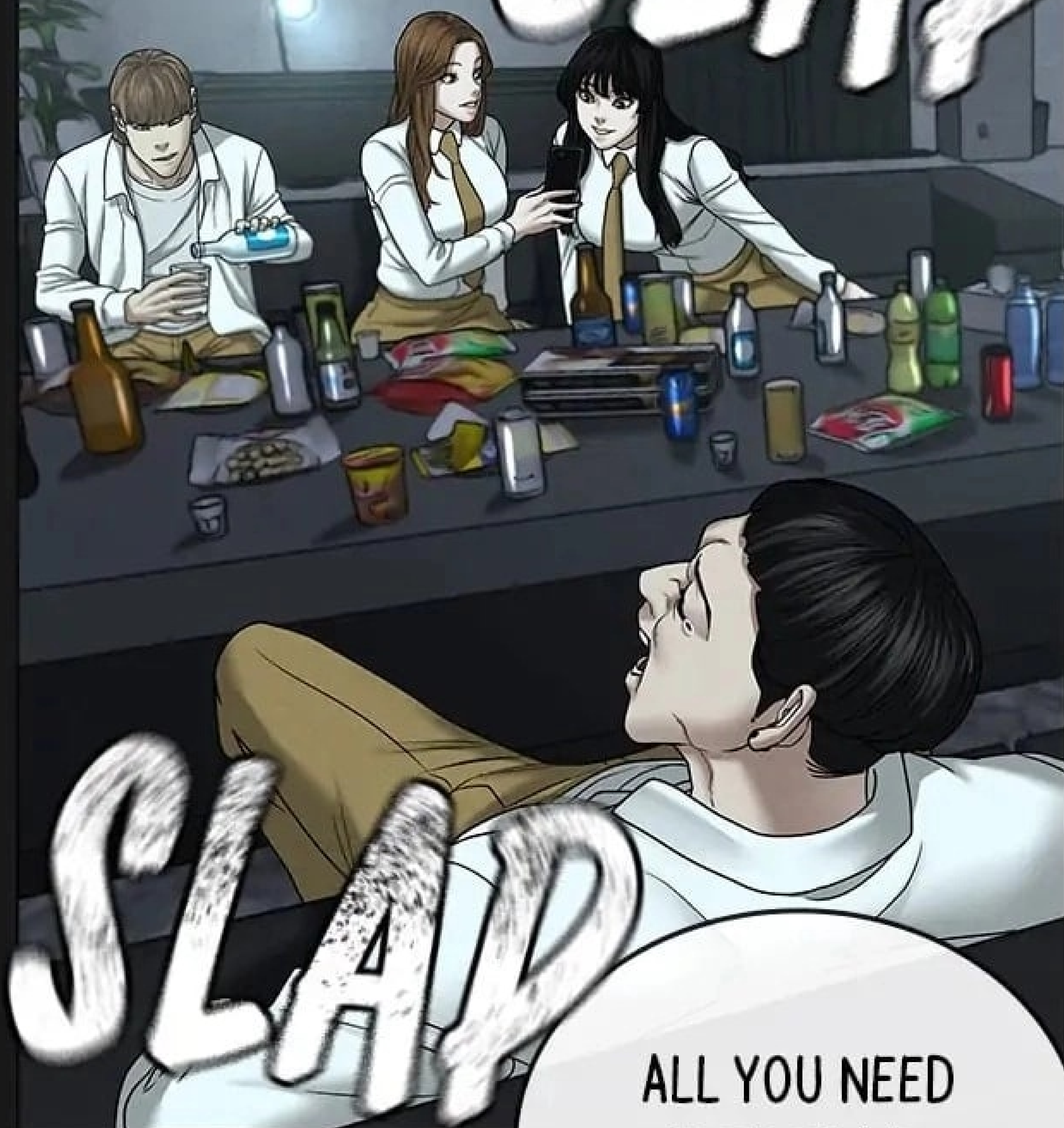
SLAP



SLAP

IS NO ONE
REALLY GONNA HELP
JIHAN?

SLAP



ALL YOU NEED
IS TO TAKE
ONE HIT!

THIS IS WHY...



...YOU SHOULD'VE
BEEN NICER TO YOUR
FRIENDS. HAHAHA.





AREN'T YOU HITTING
HIM TOO HARD?

WHAT IF HE
REPORTS YOU OR
SOMETHING?



JIHAN,
YOU'RE NOT GONNA
TELL ANYONE...

...ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED WHILE YOU
HUNG OUT WITH US,
RIGHT?





THEN YOUR MOM
WILL FIND OUT...

...YOU WERE BEING
TREATED LIKE THIS.



I'M WORRIED
THAT SHE'LL BE SHOCKED.
HAHAHA.

DO YOU KNOW HOW
SURPRISED I WAS WHEN YOU
SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED
AFTER THAT DAY?



IF I'D KNOWN
THAT YOU MOVED TO
THE NEIGHBORHOOD
RIGHT NEXT TO OURS...



I WOULD'VE CALLED
TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.
HAHA.

WHY'RE YOU
DOING THIS TO ME?





UMM...
GUMIN...

I THINK WE'RE
LOW ON ALCOHOL...

HM? AH.

WHY DON'T YOU
ALL BUY YOURSELVES
SOME CIGARETTES TOO?





OOH!
YOUNG AND RICH!

WE'LL
BE RIGHT BACK!

STAND





ANYWAYS,
JIHAN.



YOUR FRIEND POURED
YOU A DRINK.





WHY AREN'T YOU
TAKING A SIP?

I'M ABOUT
TO GET UPSET
AGAIN.

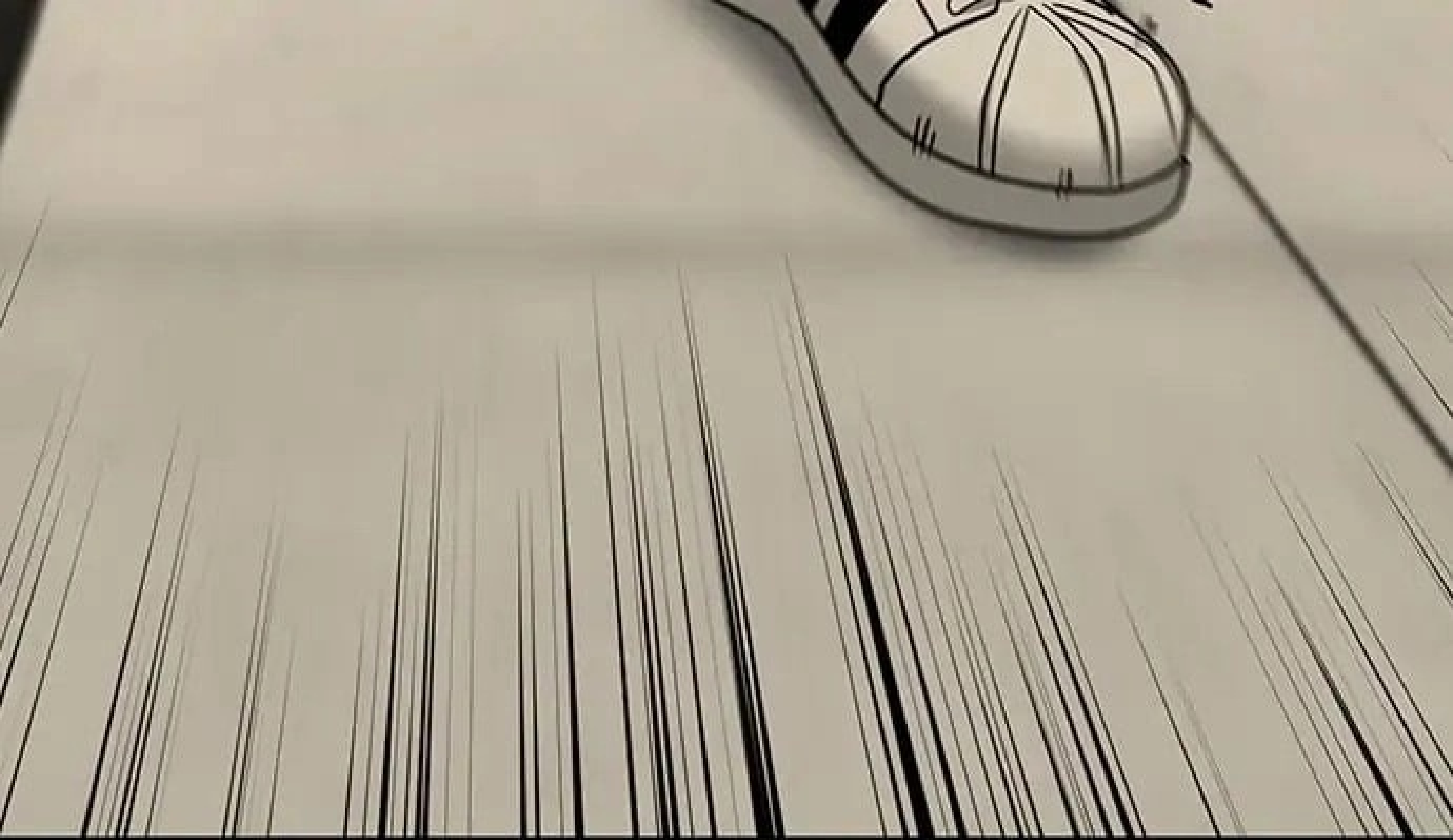






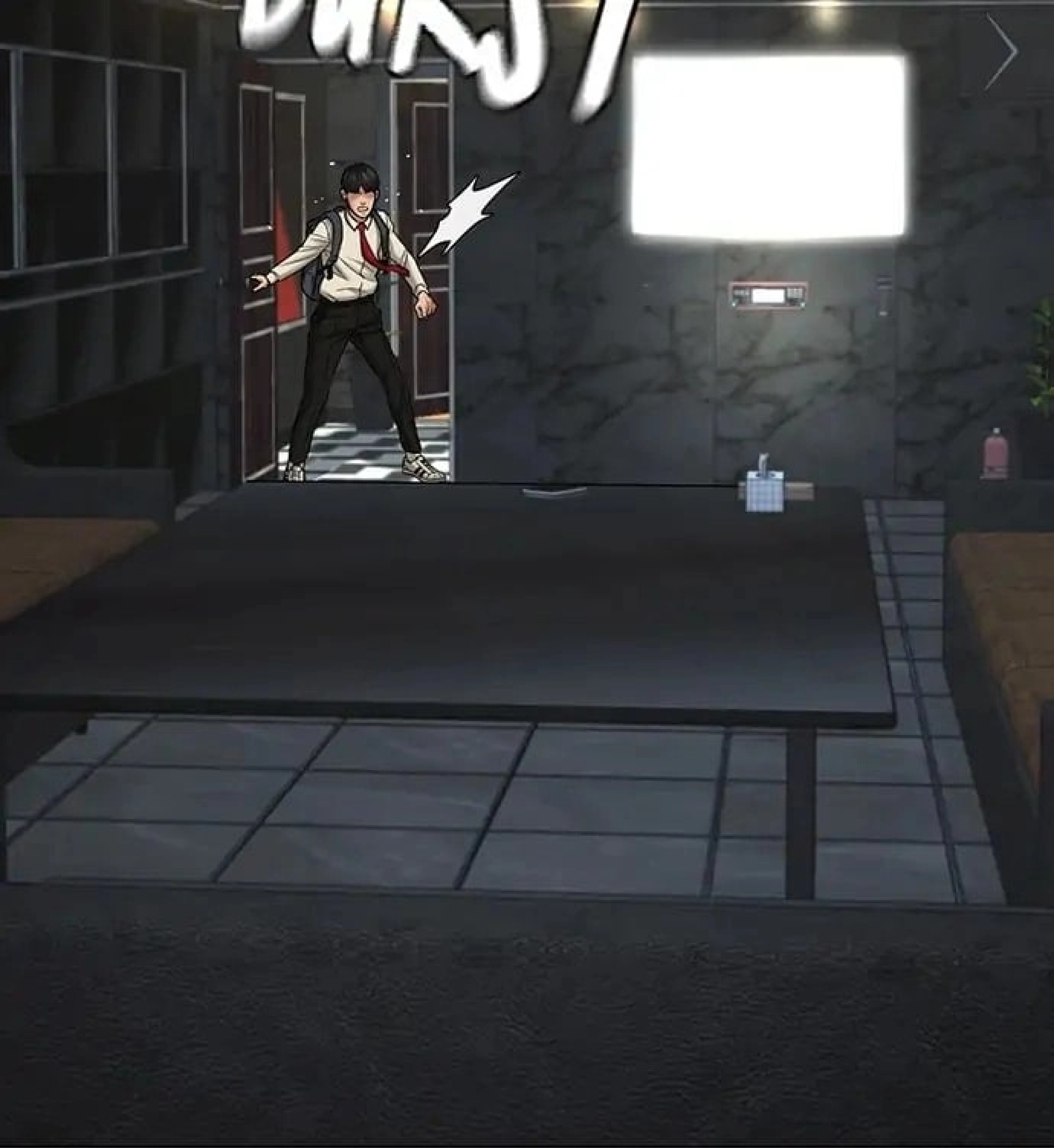
RUSH





WHERE ARE THEY?





JUST WHERE...



...DID THEY...





...GO?

RRRING





AND HE'S NOT PICKING UP...



BEEP





HELLO?! JIHAN!
WHERE ARE YOU--

THIS VOICE...



***YOU MUST BE JIHAN'S
FRIEND WHO WAS
NEXT TO HIM THIS
AFTERNOON.***

THIS AFTERNOON?

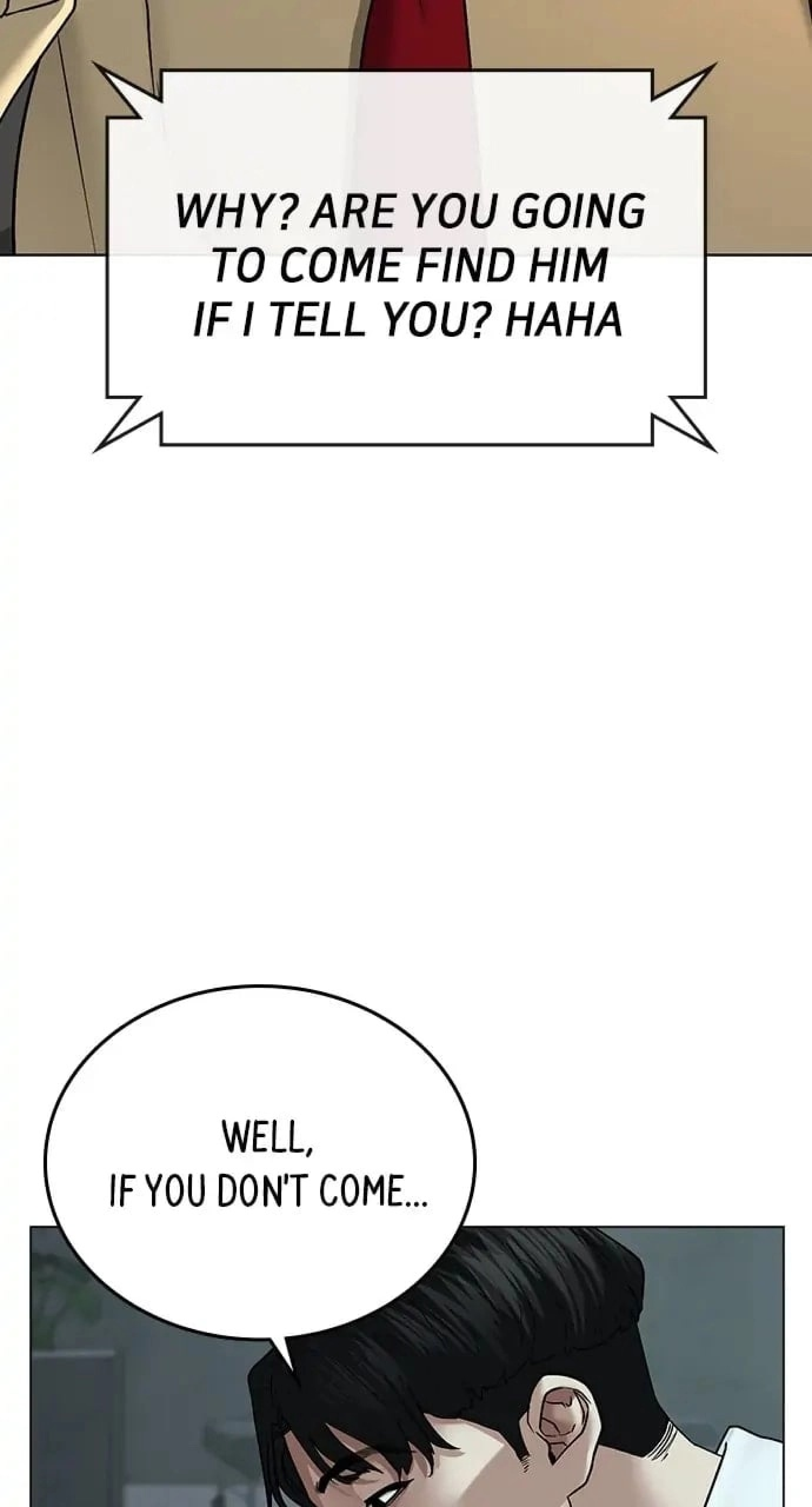




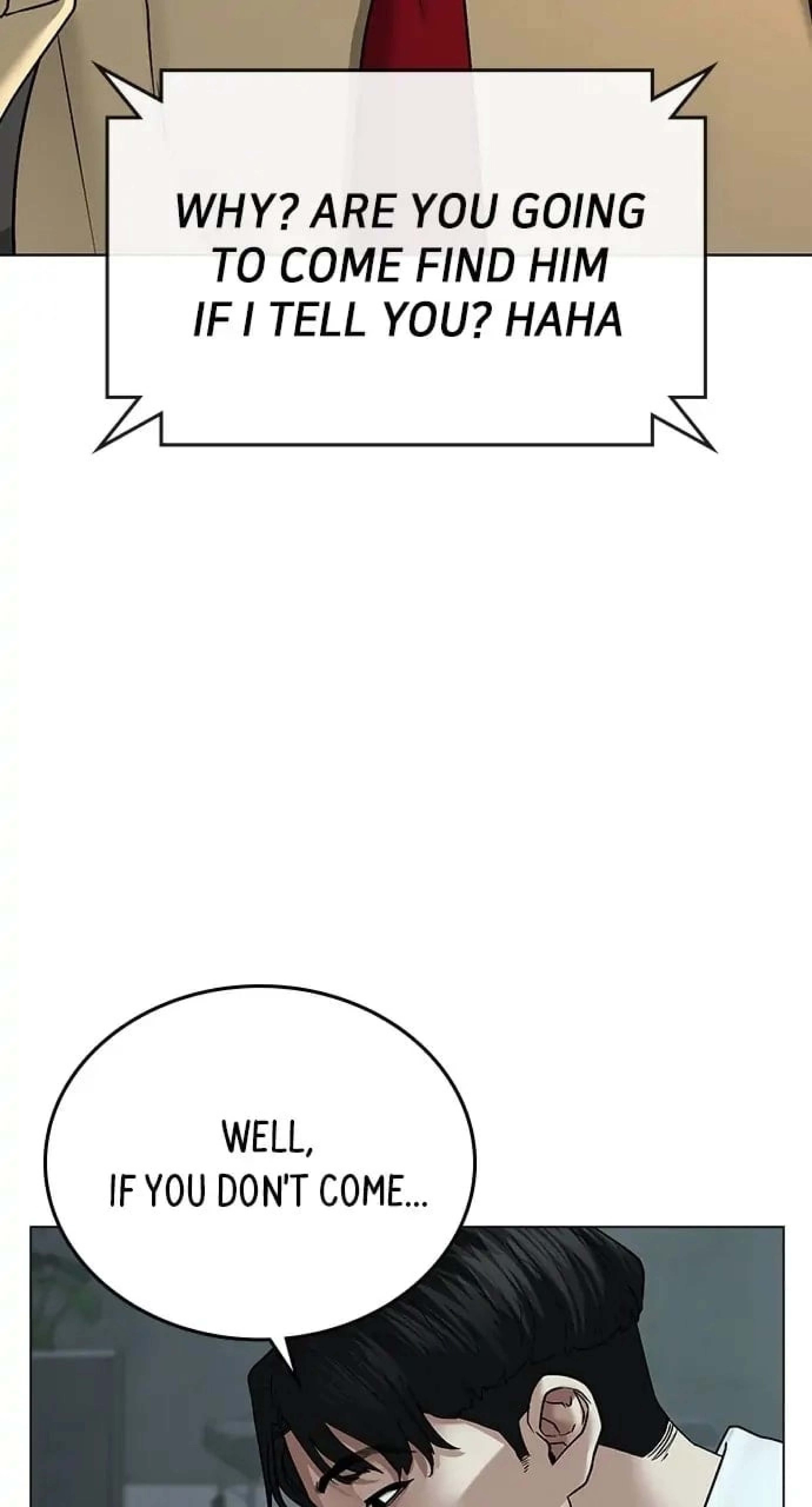
ARE YOU THE PUNK
THAT WAS IN FRONT OF
OUR SCHOOL?

WHERE'S JIHAN
RIGHT NOW?



A character wearing a brown suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red tie is shown from the chest up. A large, white, jagged speech bubble is positioned in front of them, containing their dialogue.

*WHY? ARE YOU GOING
TO COME FIND HIM
IF I TELL YOU? HAHA*

A character with short, dark hair is shown from the chest up, looking upwards. A large, white, circular speech bubble is positioned above their head, containing their dialogue.

*WELL,
IF YOU DON'T COME...*



...YOUR FRIEND

COULD BE IN
DANGER.

?!



I'LL SEND OVER
THE ADDRESS,
SO GET OVER HERE.





THERE HE
GOES AGAIN.

LET'S
START...



...THE
FRIENDSHIP
TEST.

A person with dark hair is shown from the back, holding a smartphone. The background is a warm, orange-yellow gradient with a bright light source on the right. Two speech bubbles with the word 'BEEP' are present.

BEEP

BEEP



I WONDER IF HE'S
A REAL FRIEND...



LOAD

GRAB



*DON'T MESS
WITH DOWAN...!*

OH, SH*T!
WE GOT A TOUGH
GUY HERE...!



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
TWO LOSERS. HAHA.





YOU ASKED ME
WHY I WAS DOING
THIS TO YOU.

YOUR HYPOCRISY
PISSSES ME OFF.

PRESS

UGH...!

SO SHUT UP...



The top portion of the image shows a dark, atmospheric comic book panel. It features a bright, glowing light source at the top center, possibly a moon or a fire, casting a purple and blue glow. There are some dark, indistinct shapes and a few small white circles that could be eyes or reflections. The overall tone is mysterious and ominous.

...AND WATCH
WHAT HAPPENS
TO YOUR FRIEND.
HAHAHA.



HAA... IT'S SO NICE
TO HAVE A RICH FRIEND.

CLATTER

CLACK





YEAH! I'M GONNA
BE FRIENDS WITH GUMIN
FOREVER. HAHHAHA.



BUT WHO WAS
THAT NERD EARLIER?
A SNACK SHUTTLE?



I HEARD THAT HE

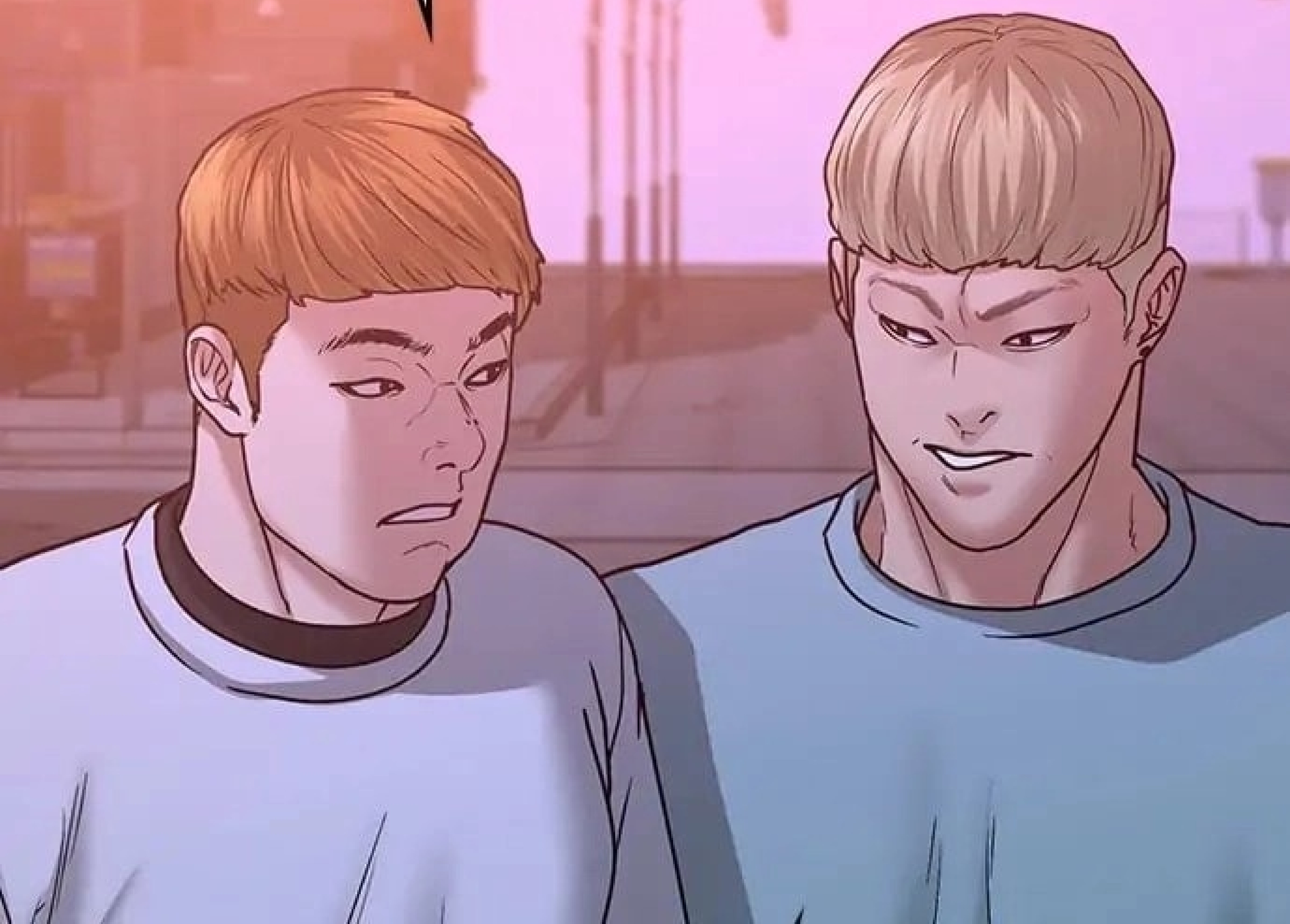
I HEARD THAT HE
USED TO BE BEST FRIENDS
WITH GUMIN.

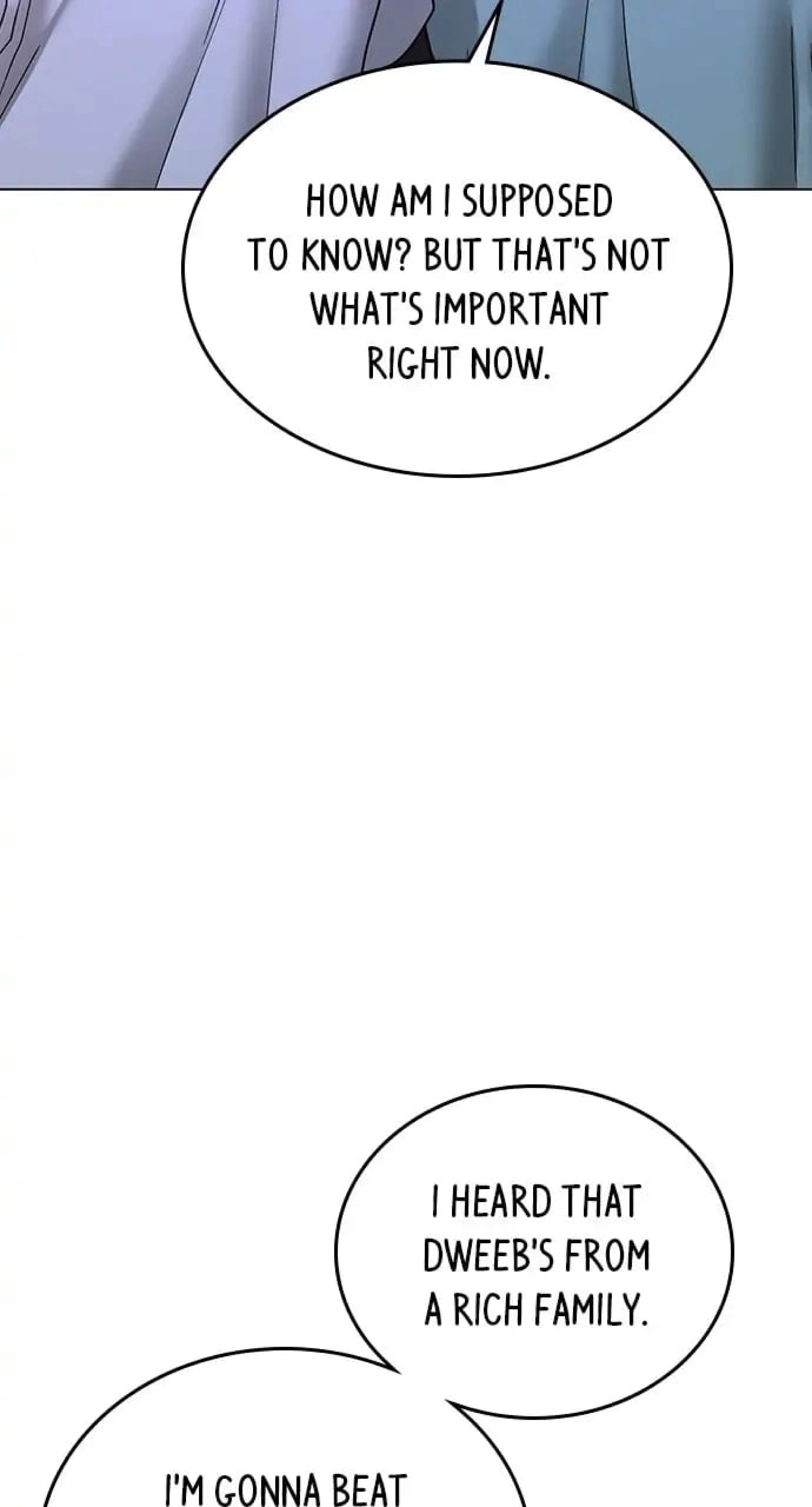


BUT LOOKS LIKE
THEY AREN'T ANYMORE.

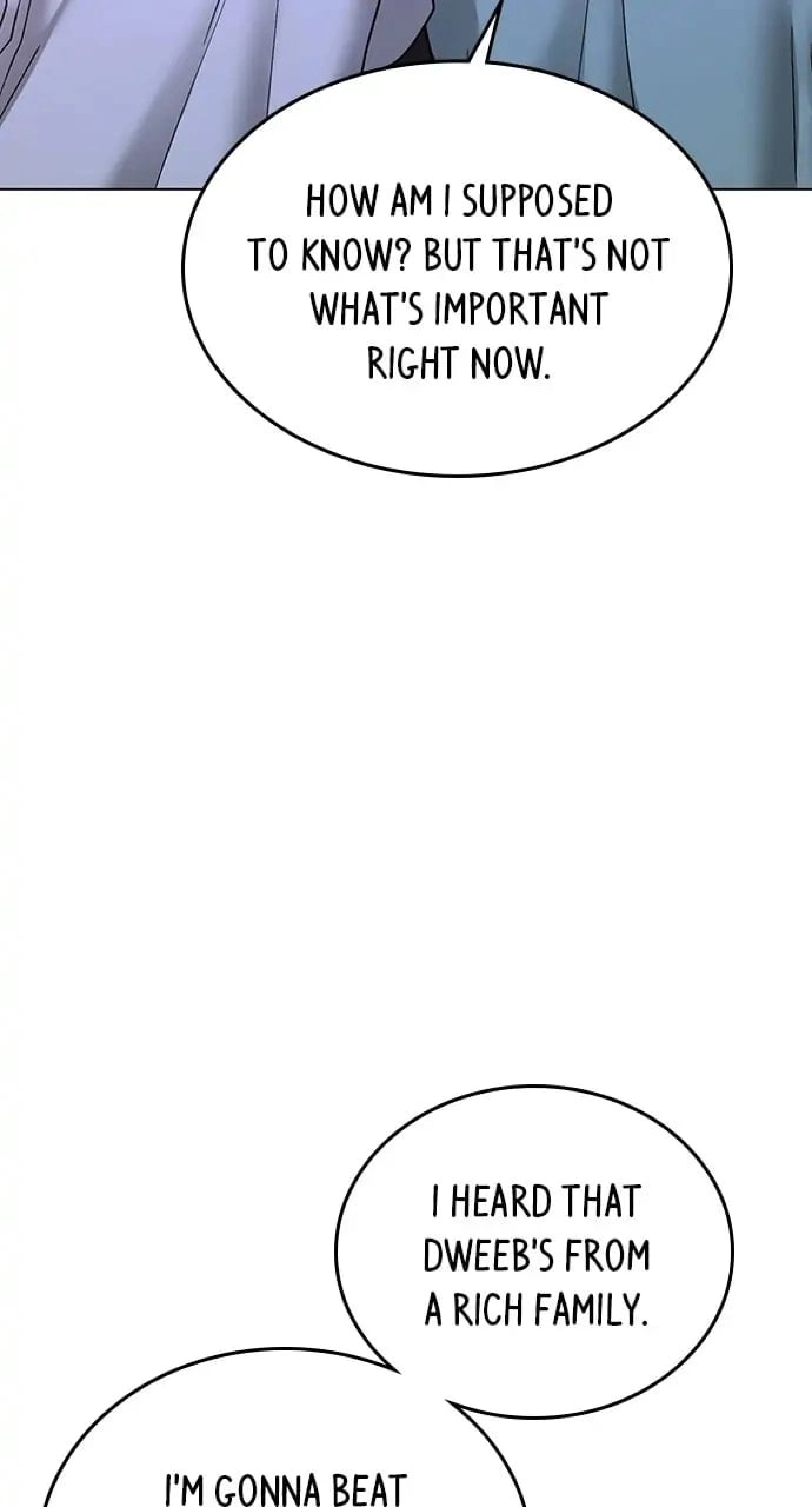
THEY WERE
REALLY FRIENDS?

I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED
BETWEEN THEM.



A comic panel featuring a large, white, circular speech bubble with a black outline. The bubble is positioned in the upper half of the frame. Above the bubble, a small portion of a character's head and shoulders is visible, rendered in shades of blue and purple. The background is a solid light yellow. The text inside the bubble is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED
TO KNOW? BUT THAT'S NOT
WHAT'S IMPORTANT
RIGHT NOW.

A comic panel showing two overlapping speech bubbles. The bubble on the right is larger and contains two lines of text. The bubble on the left is partially obscured and contains only the first line of text. Both bubbles have black outlines. The background is a solid light yellow.

I HEARD THAT
DWEEB'S FROM
A RICH FAMILY.

I'M GONNA BEAT



THE CRAP OUT OF HIM
AND MAKE HIM MY WALLET.
HAHA.

OOH!
ME TOO!

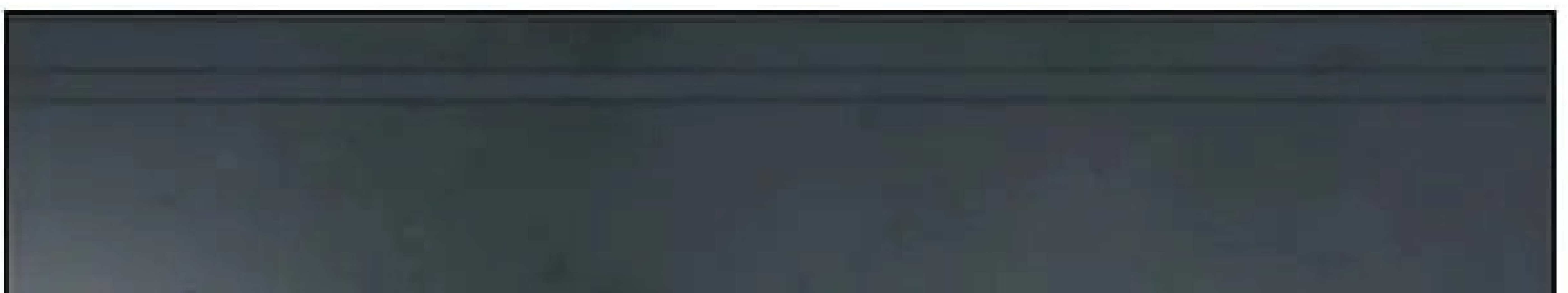
F*CK. DID THOSE
JACKASSES GO TO THE BREWERY
TO MAKE THE DRINKS?

OR DID THEY DIE
ON THEIR WAY?





AGH! I WANNA
DRINK!



CREAK



SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
HERE THEY COME.
HAHAHA.

HEY, FESS UP.

WHAT TOOK
YOU SO--





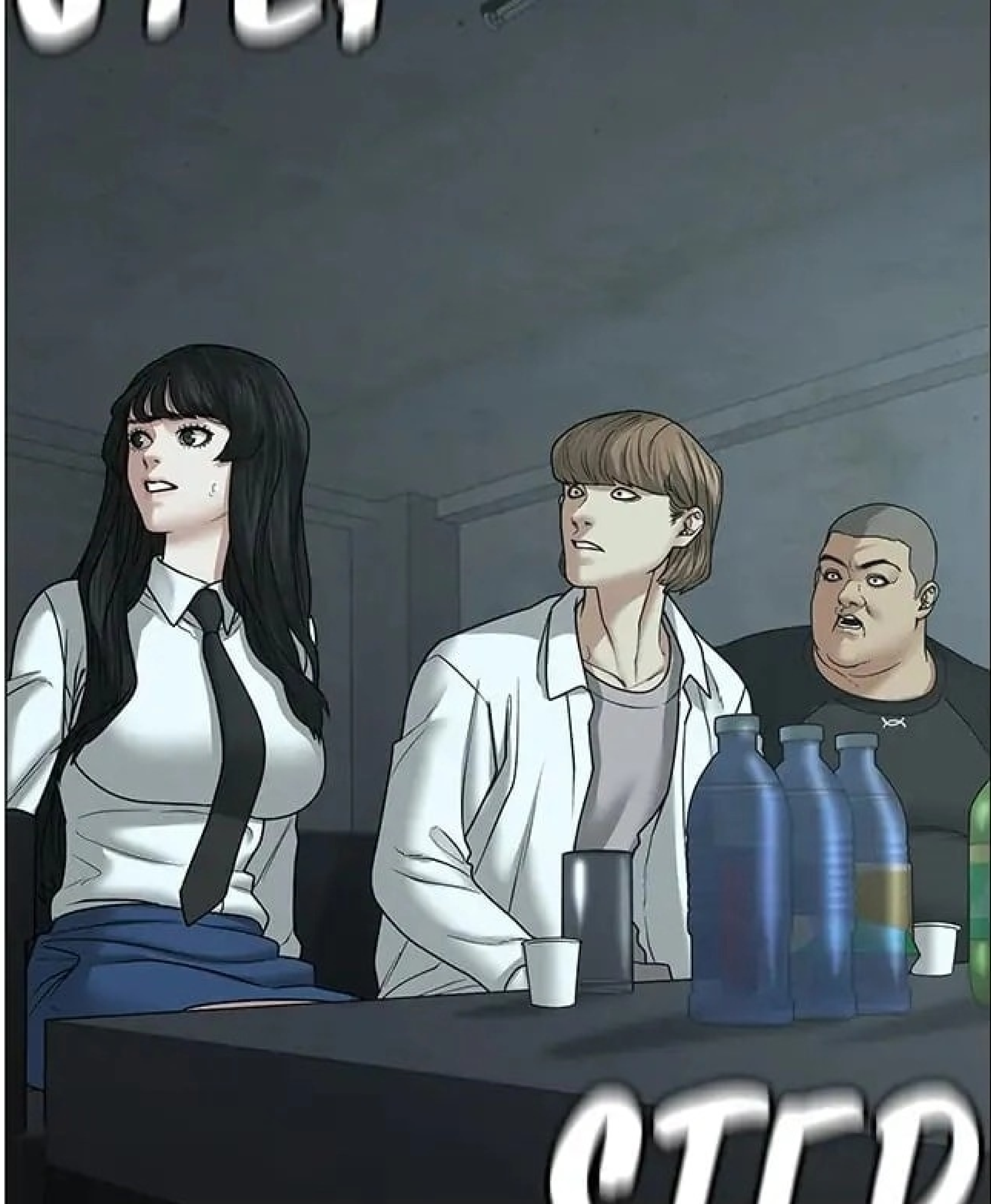
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WH-WHAT THE--



STEP



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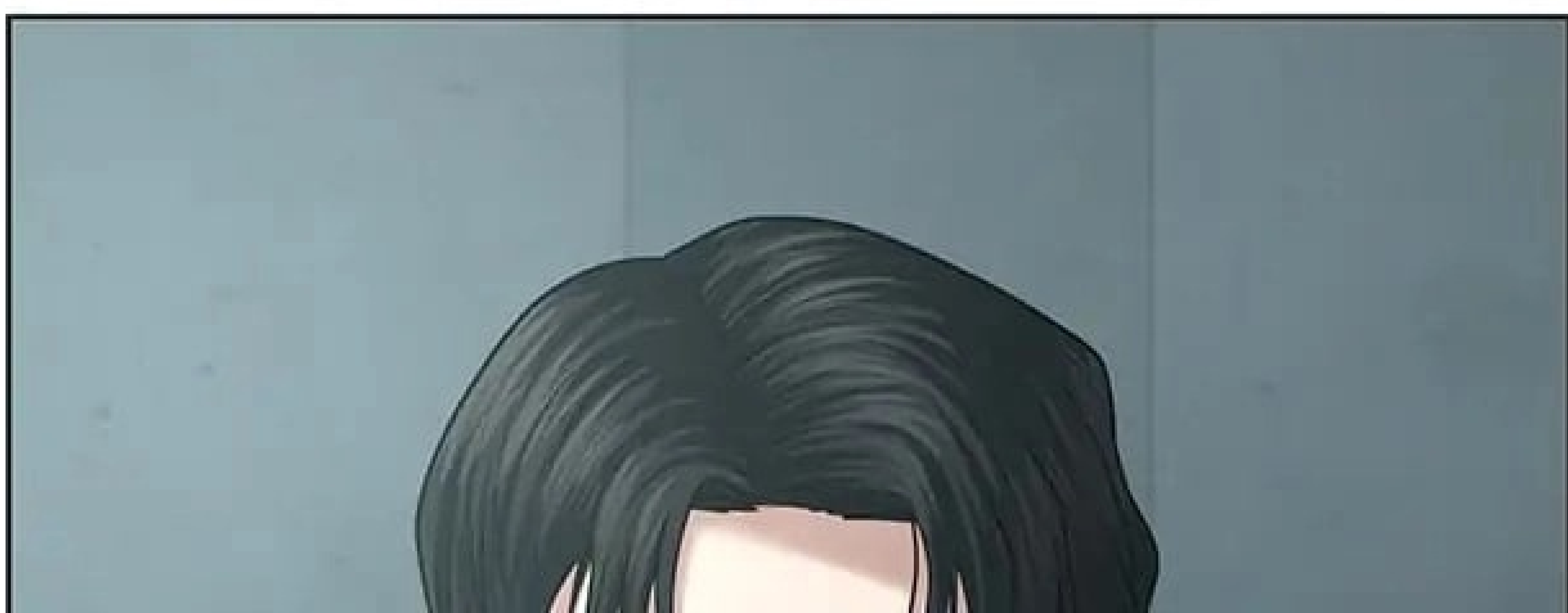
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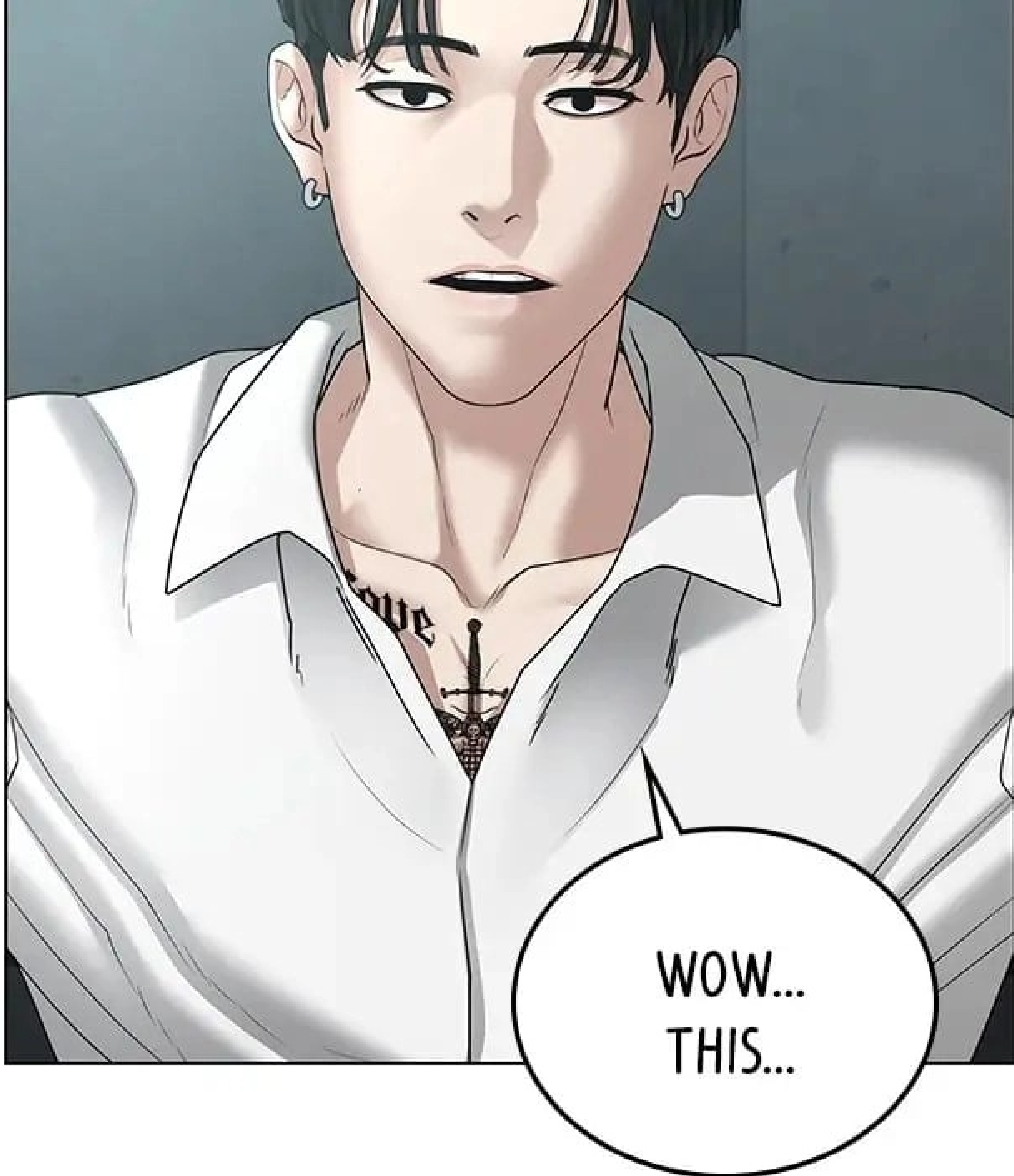
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STEP





...ISN'T WHAT
I EXPECTED.





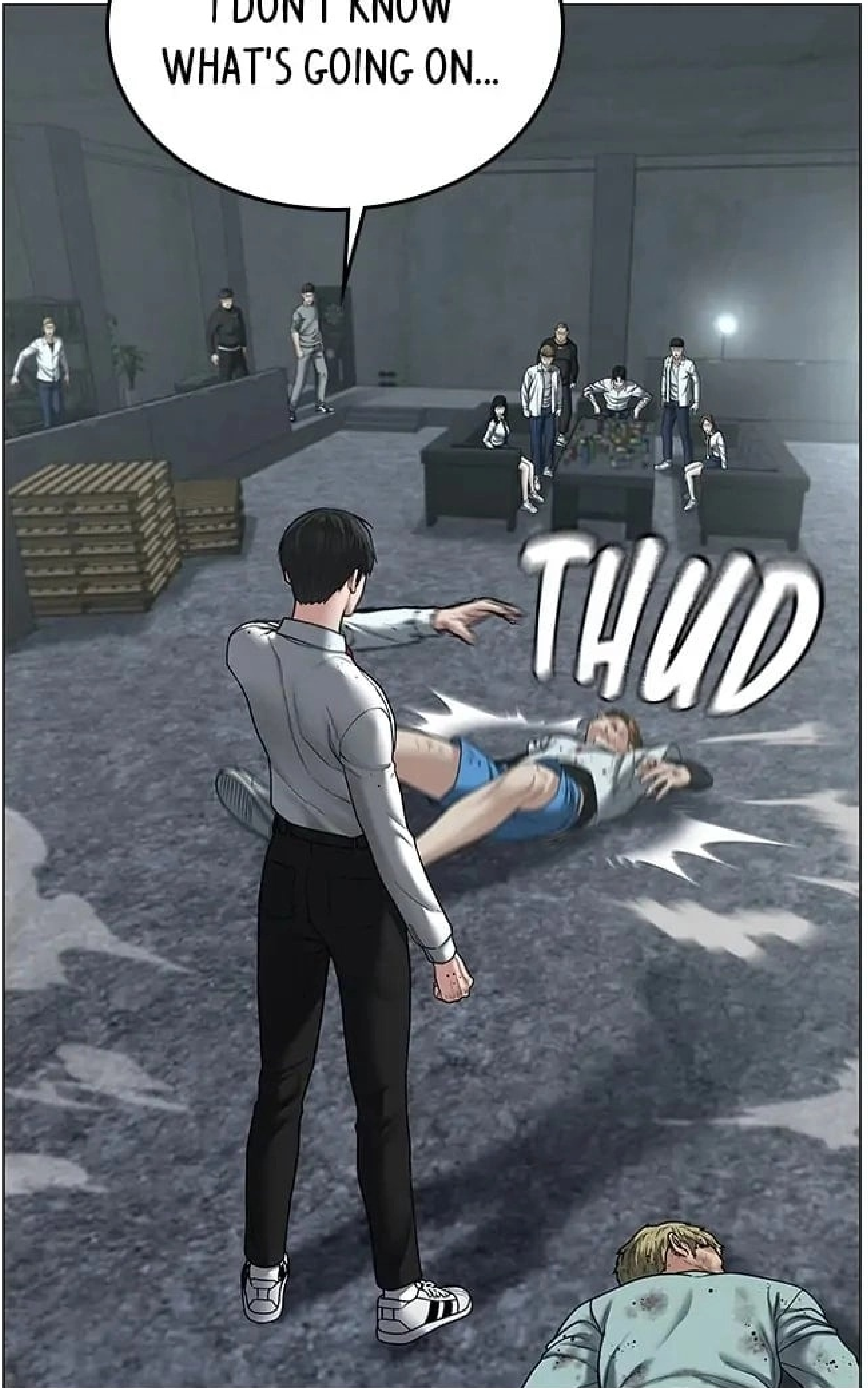
JIHAN,
SORRY I'M LATE.

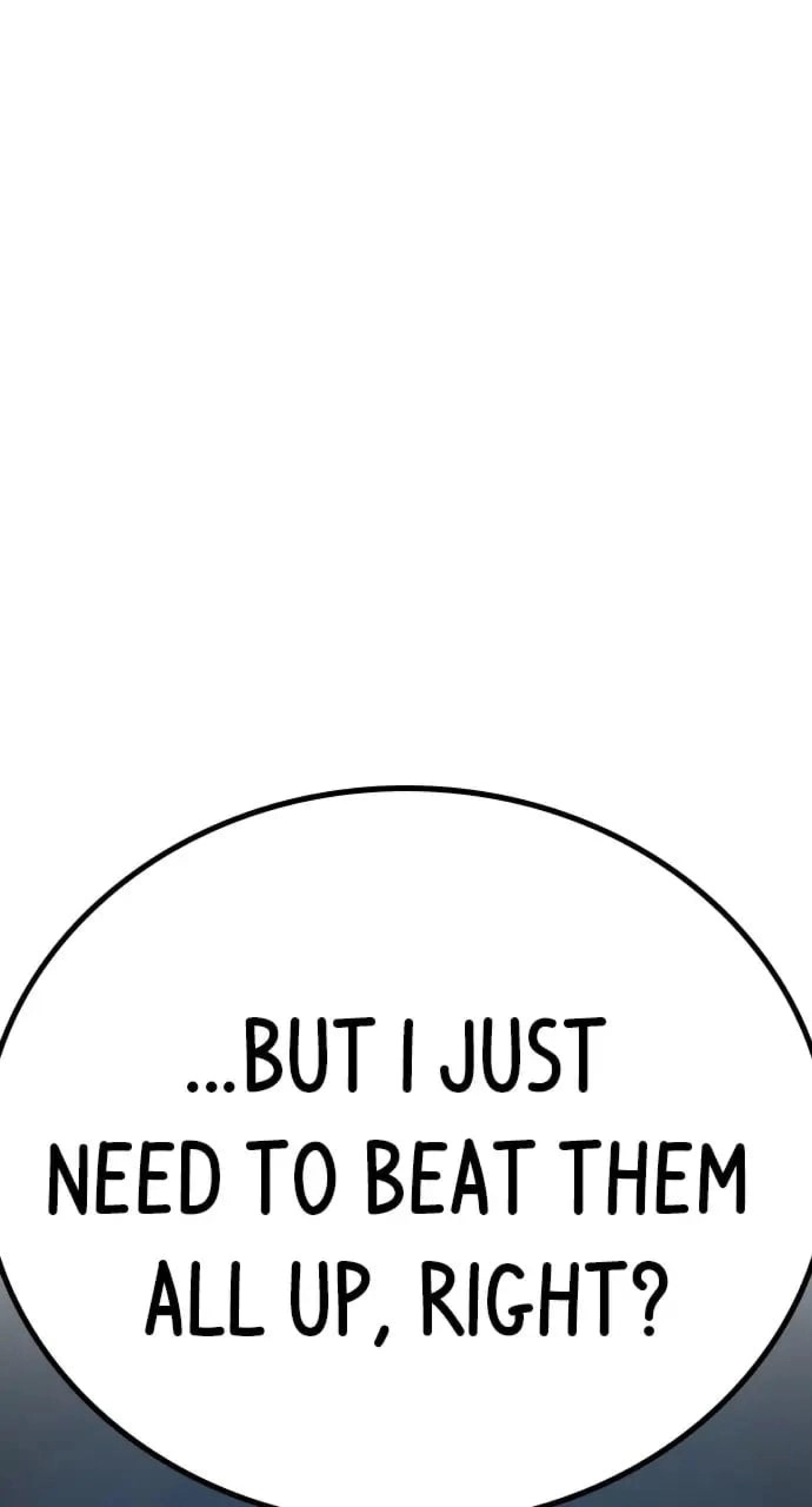




D-DOWAN...?

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON...





...BUT I JUST
NEED TO BEAT THEM
ALL UP, RIGHT?



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