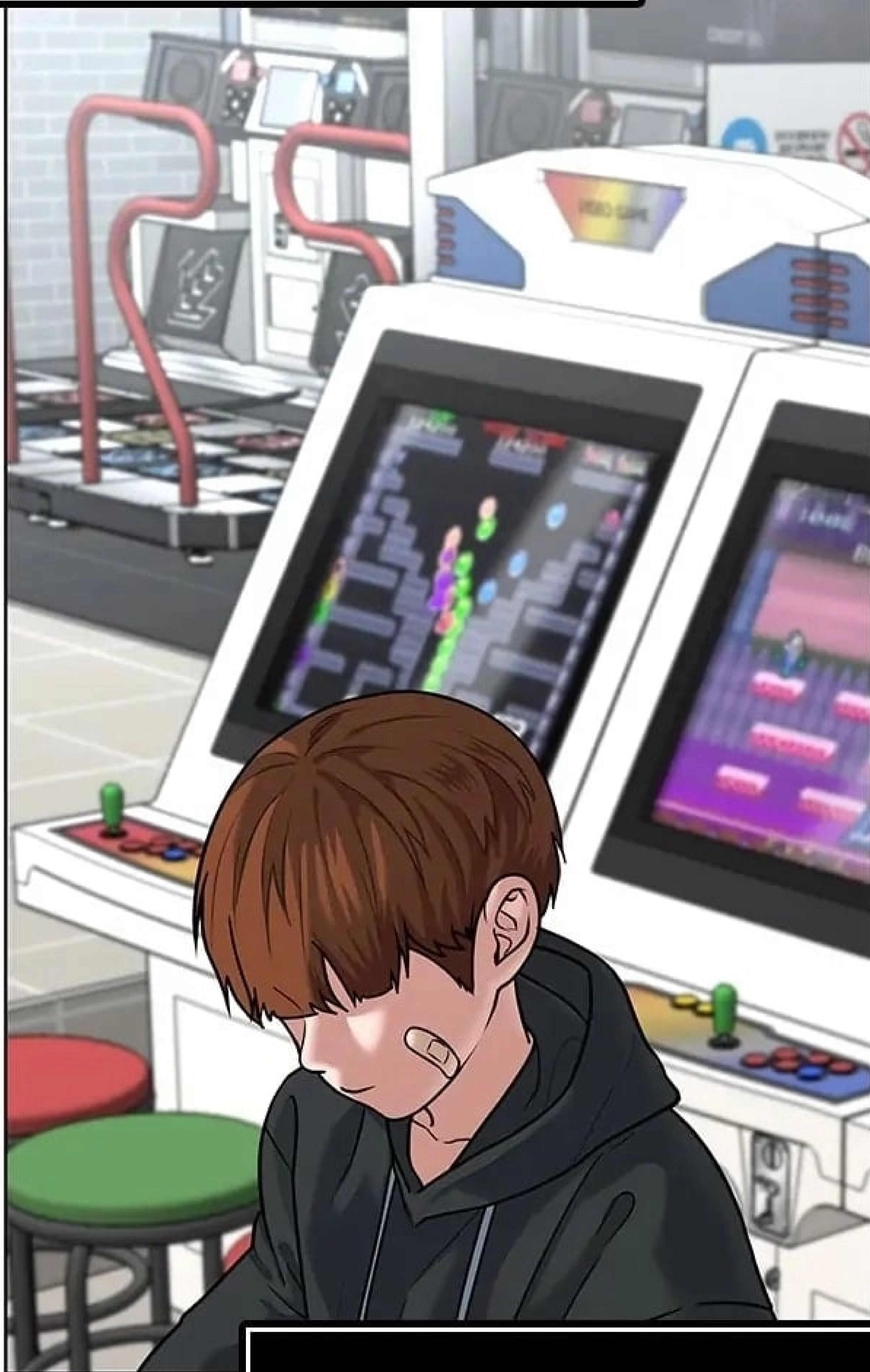


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PRODUCTS IS INTENDED OR SHOULD BE INFERRED.

BACK IN THE DAY,
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
ARCADE...



...THERE WAS A BOY
CALLED THE
SUPREME MASTER.

THE LEGENDARY BOY
WAS FAMOUS
FOR HIS UNPRECEDENTED
AND UNIQUE GAMEPLAY...

...NEVER SEEN IN
THE ARCADE
SCENE BEFORE.

***SUPREME MASTER
WON AGAIN!***

**THAT'S HIS
38TH WIN!**

**DEFENDING HIS
THRONE ONCE
AGAIN!**

***AGH...!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
THIS!!***

**HIS MAIN WEAPON
WAS NONE OTHER
THAN...**

*...A SUBSTITUTE
GAMER.*



NICE,
GREAT MOVE JUST
NOW, BUD!

WOOF!

GOOD BOY!
GOOD BOY!

DOWAN HA [10]

**SUBSTITUTE GAMER
IN THE MAKING**

AND THAT
SUBSTITUTE GAMER'S
MAIN MOVE WAS...

WOOF!

AWESOME.
LET'S CONTINUE OUR
STREAK AND GO FOR
THE 40TH WIN!



AFTER 10 PM ADULTS ONLY

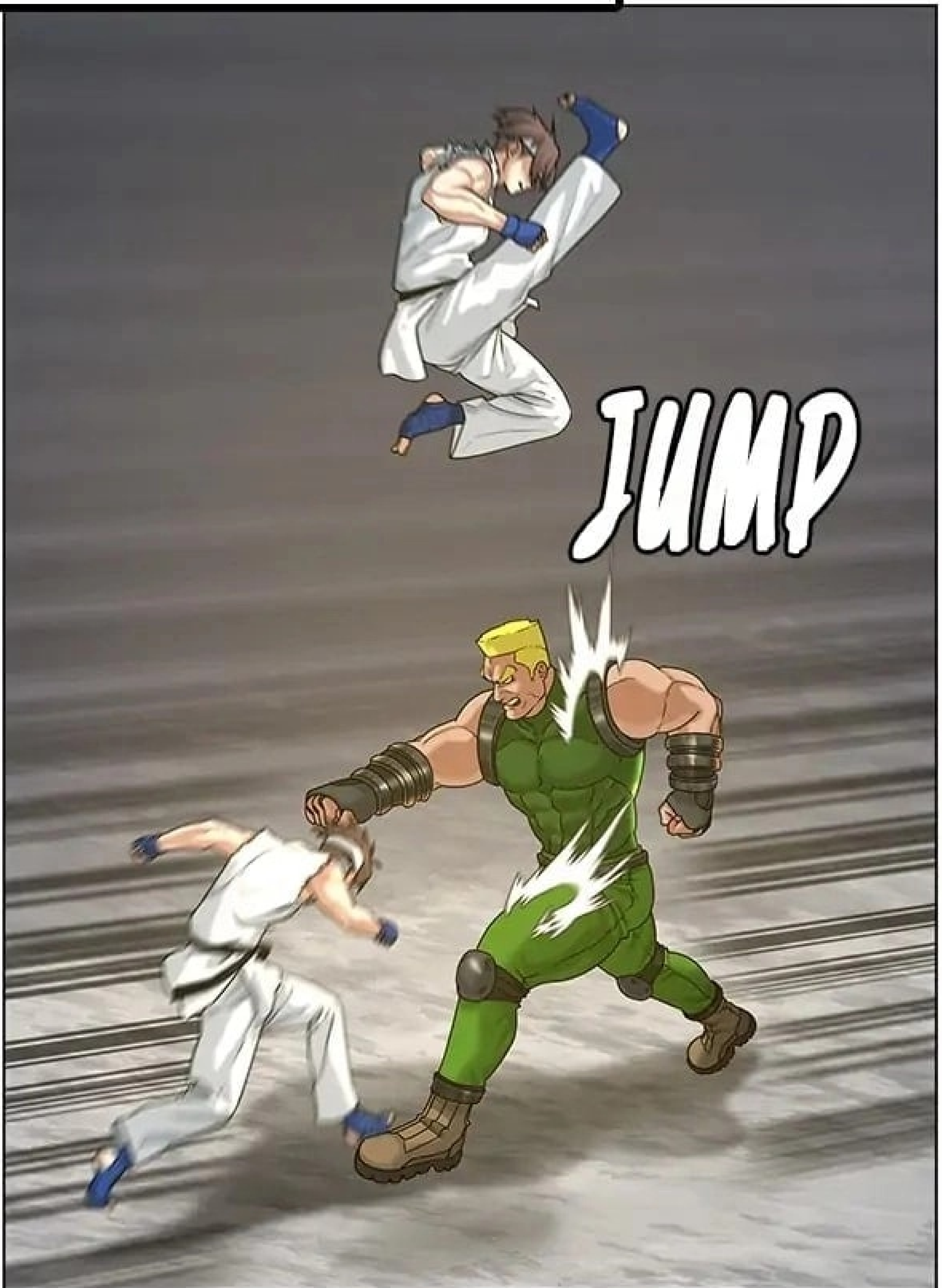


**BUT WHY IS HE MAKING
A SUBSTITUTE GAMER
DO IT FOR HIM?**

I DUNNO.

AN ULTIMATE

...AN ULTIMATE
SKILL THAT COULD
CRUSH ANY ENEMY.







FALCON
DROP.



REALITY QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
ART BY TAESUNG

YLAB

FALCON DROP

ACTIVE SKILL



MANA REQUIRED: 120

JUMP IN THE AIR
AND STRIKE THE OPPONENT
WITH YOUR FOOT.

THIS IS ALL I NEED.





IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I'M IN
A TOTALLY DIFFERENT
WEIGHT CLASS THAN THAT
TATTOOED PIG.

*COME AT ME,
YOU TWIG!*



NO MATTER HOW STRONG
OF A PUNCH HE THROWS AT ME...

...WITH THIS SKILL...



**YOU'RE DEAD
MEAT NOW, FAT-ASS!!**



LEAP

...I CAN BEAT HIM!

DING



YOU'RE OUT OF MANA.



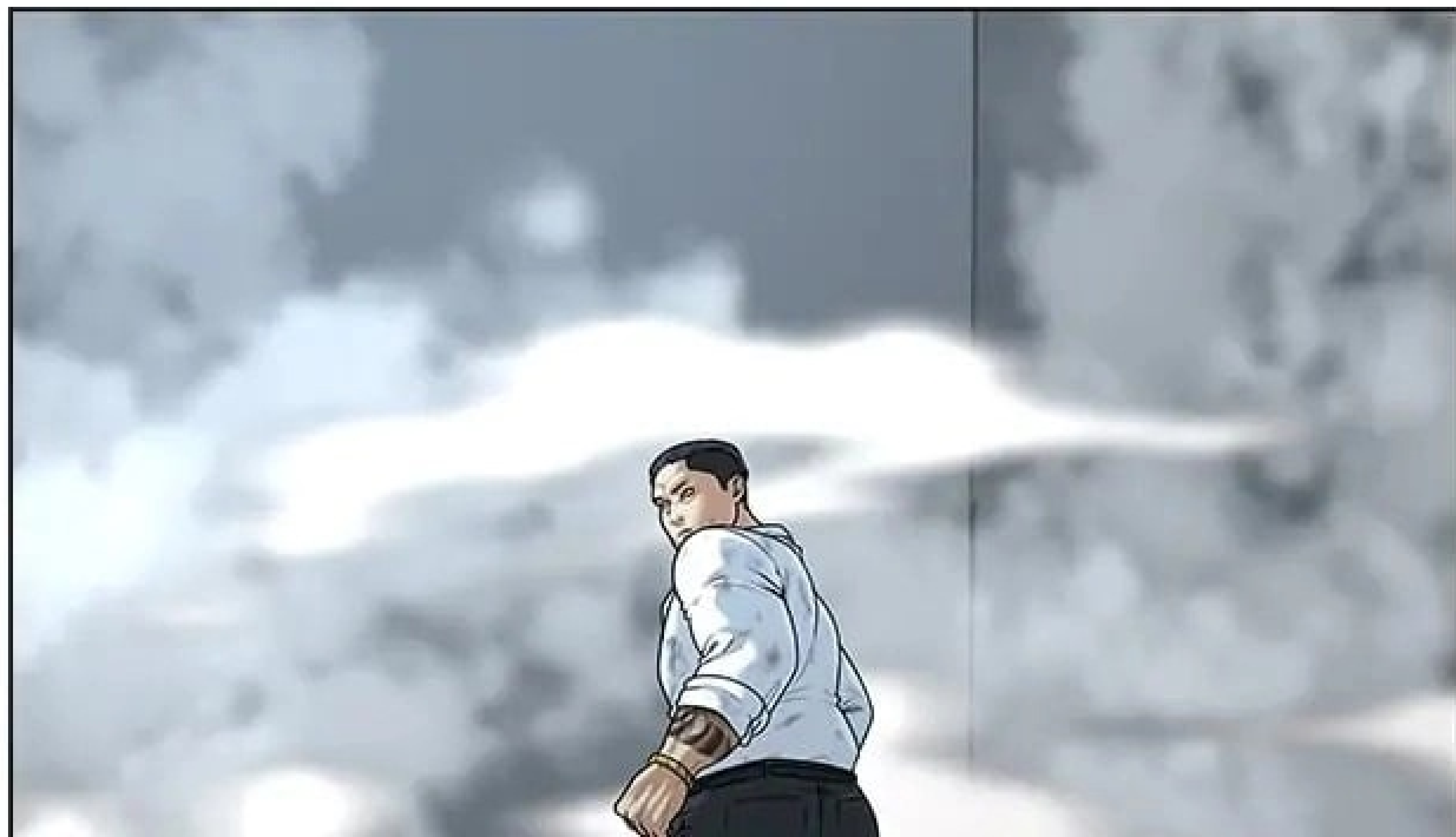
WHAT THE...





ARE YOU SERIOUS...







ARRGH!

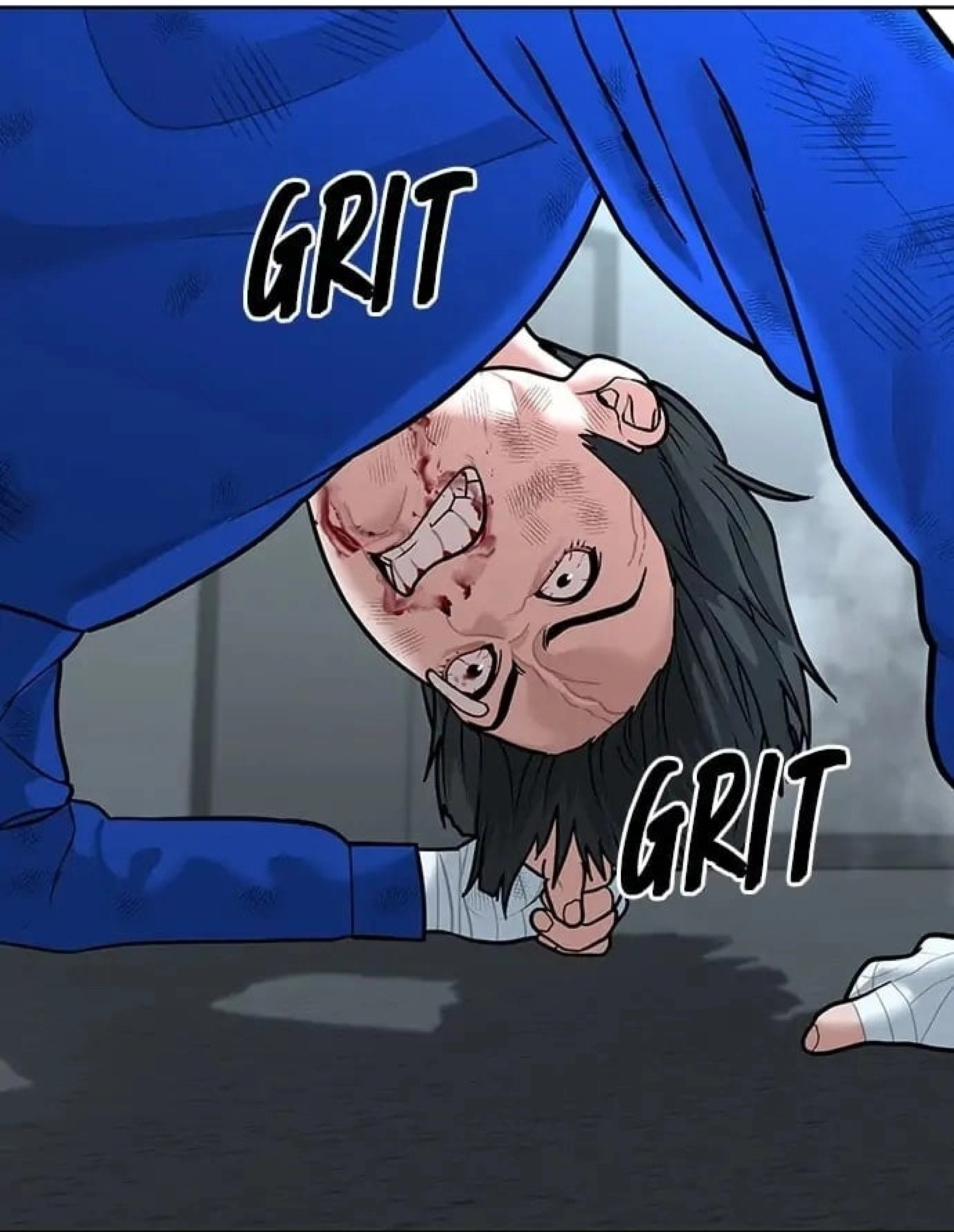
A man with dark hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, is shown from the chest up, turned away from the viewer but looking back over his right shoulder. He has a slightly concerned or questioning expression. A speech bubble is positioned above his head. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a clear sky.

WHAT THE HELL?

YOU YAPPED ON AS
IF YOU HAD SOMETHING
UP YOUR SLEEVE.



DAMN IT...



THIS DAMNED SYSTEM...!!

MY MANA POINTS ARE
CAPPED AT 100.

HP : 293 / 1000

MP : 100 / 100

FALCON DROP

ACTIVE SKILL



MANA REQUIRED: 120

JUMP IN THE AIR
AND STRIKE THE OPPONENT
WITH YOUR FOOT.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO
IF IT GIVES ME A SKILL THAT
REQUIRES 120 MANA POINTS?!

THAT GOLD KEY OR
WHATEVER IT WAS...!



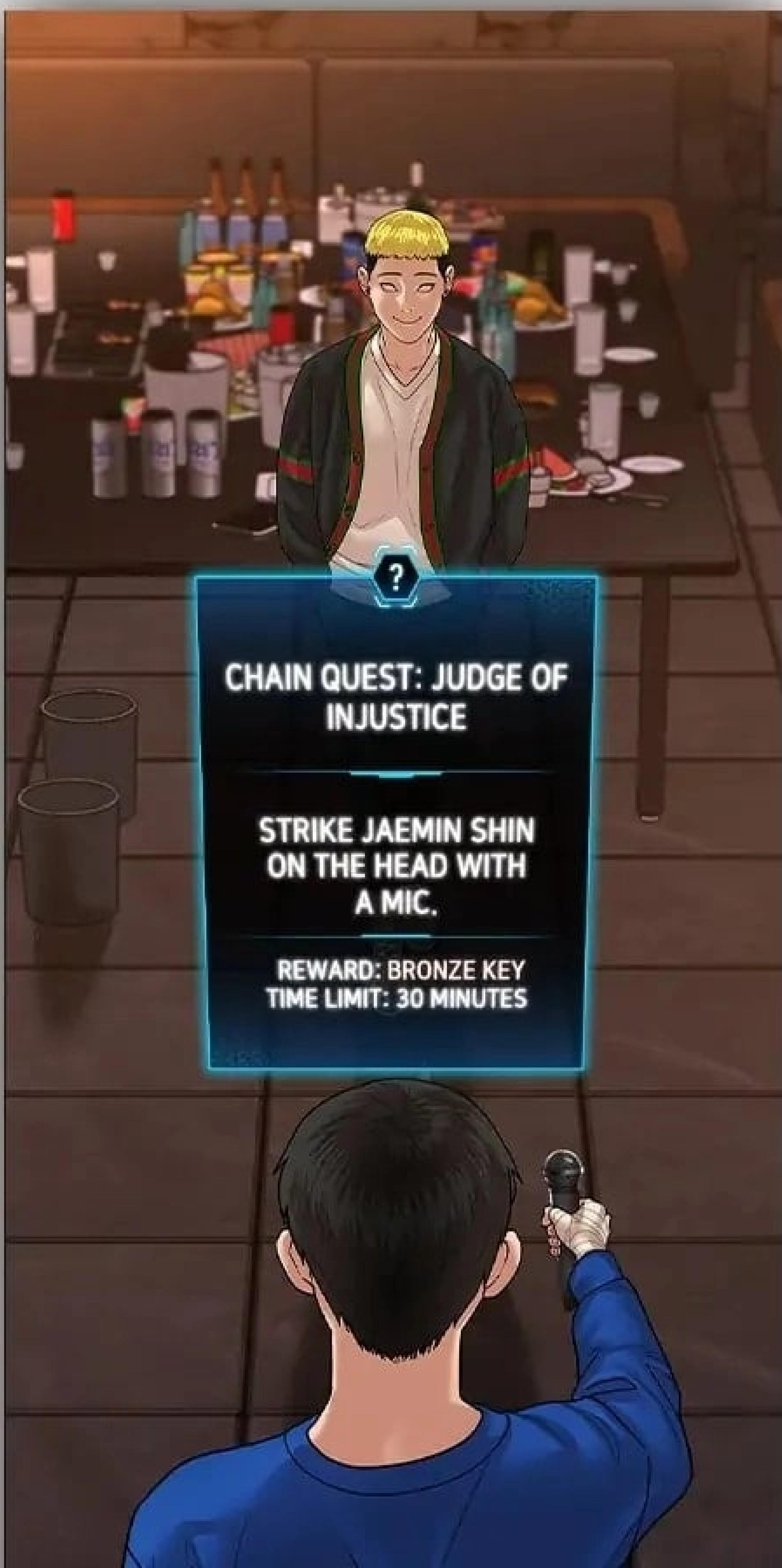
I WAS REWARDED THAT
FOR GETTING BEATEN
TO A PULP BY CHEOLWOO...!

WAIT.



COME TO THINK OF IT...

...DIDN'T THAT QUEST HAVE
A REWARD TOO?





REWARD: BRONZE KEY
TIME LIMIT: 30 MINUTES

WHERE'S THE KEY?





I DON'T THINK IT'S HERE.

WHEN I BEAT CHEOLWOO,
A QUEST COMPLETION CLEARLY
POPPED UP, AND A KEY WAS RIGHT
BELOW IT.

QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD

**GOLD KEY
AWARDED.**



CHAIN QUEST: JUDGE OF
INJUSTICE

COMPLETE



AND THE PLACE THAT I COMPLETED
THE QUEST THIS TIME WAS...

...IN FRONT OF THE BATHROOM...!





THAT'S MY ONLY HOPE!





WHERE DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
GOING?





AGH!



I WAS WRONG.
YOU'RE NOT A TWIG.

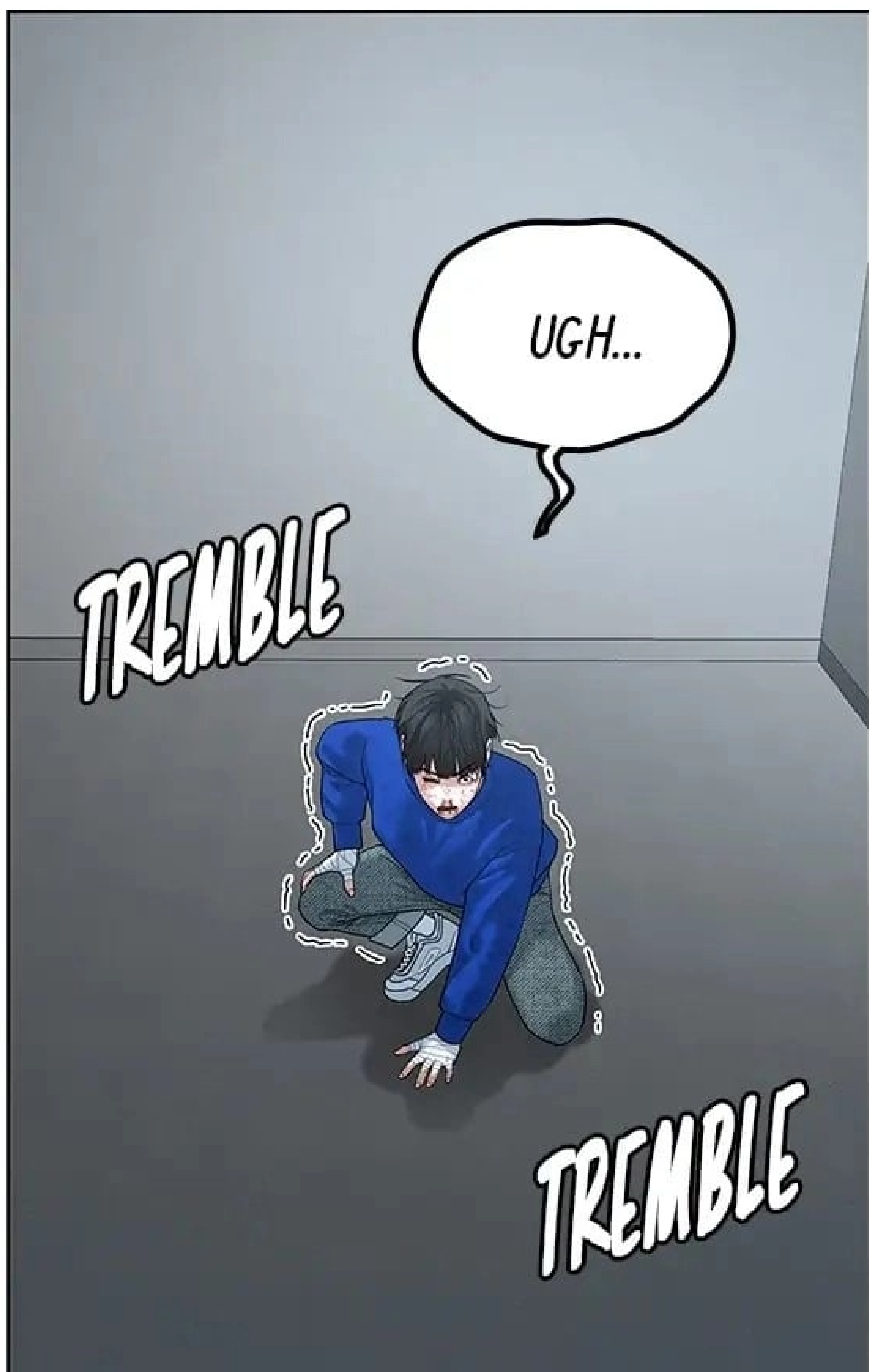




YOU'RE A
LITTLE RAT!



I'VE ALMOST REACHED MY LIMIT...



BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE...

...I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE...

AAAAH...!

RUSH





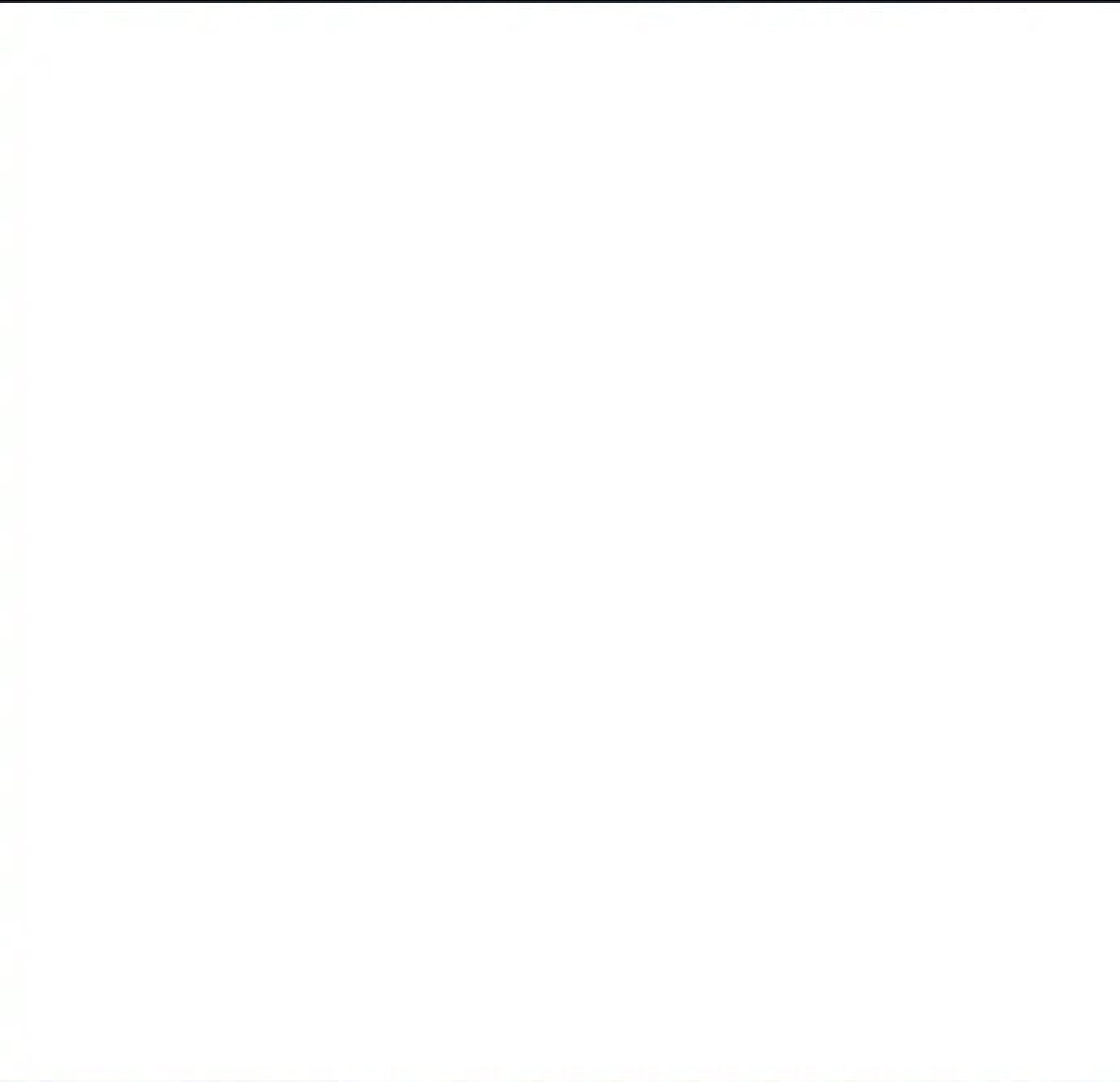
...AND GO FIND THAT KEY...!

WHAT SHOULD I--









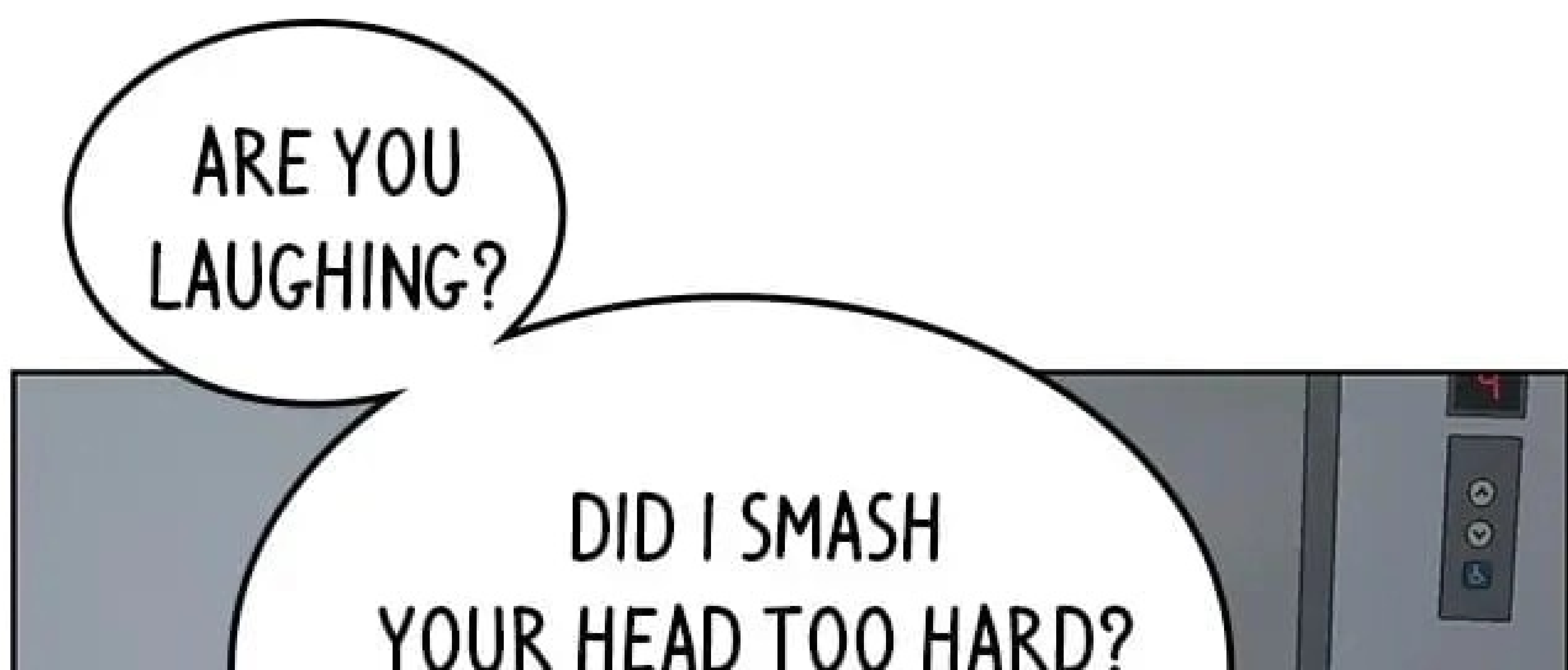


YOU SHOULD JUST
PLAY DEAD.

WHY DO YOU KEEP
GETTING UP? IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE ASKING FOR A
BEATING, MORON.







HAVE YOU GONE
BANANAS?

PRESS

AGH...

A woman with dark hair and a blue long-sleeved shirt is lying on her back on a dark grey floor. She has a black high-top shoe with a gold buckle on her head, covering her eyes. Her left hand is visible, resting on the floor, with a white bandage wrapped around the index finger. A speech bubble from an unseen person is positioned above her head. The word 'SHAKE' is written in large, white, bold letters with a black outline, appearing twice: once near her head and once near her hand.

*DON'T YOU...
FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S
OFF?*

SHAKE

SHAKE

WOULD I REALLY
DO SOMETHING LIKE
THIS...

...WITHOUT A
BACKUP PLAN?

HAHA,
HOW ADORABLE.

LOOK AT YOU,
TRYING TO TALK YOUR WAY
OUT OF THIS.

DING

THINK HOWEVER
YOU WANT.

I WAS JUST
THE BAIT...

...TRYING TO BUY
TIME ANYWAYS.

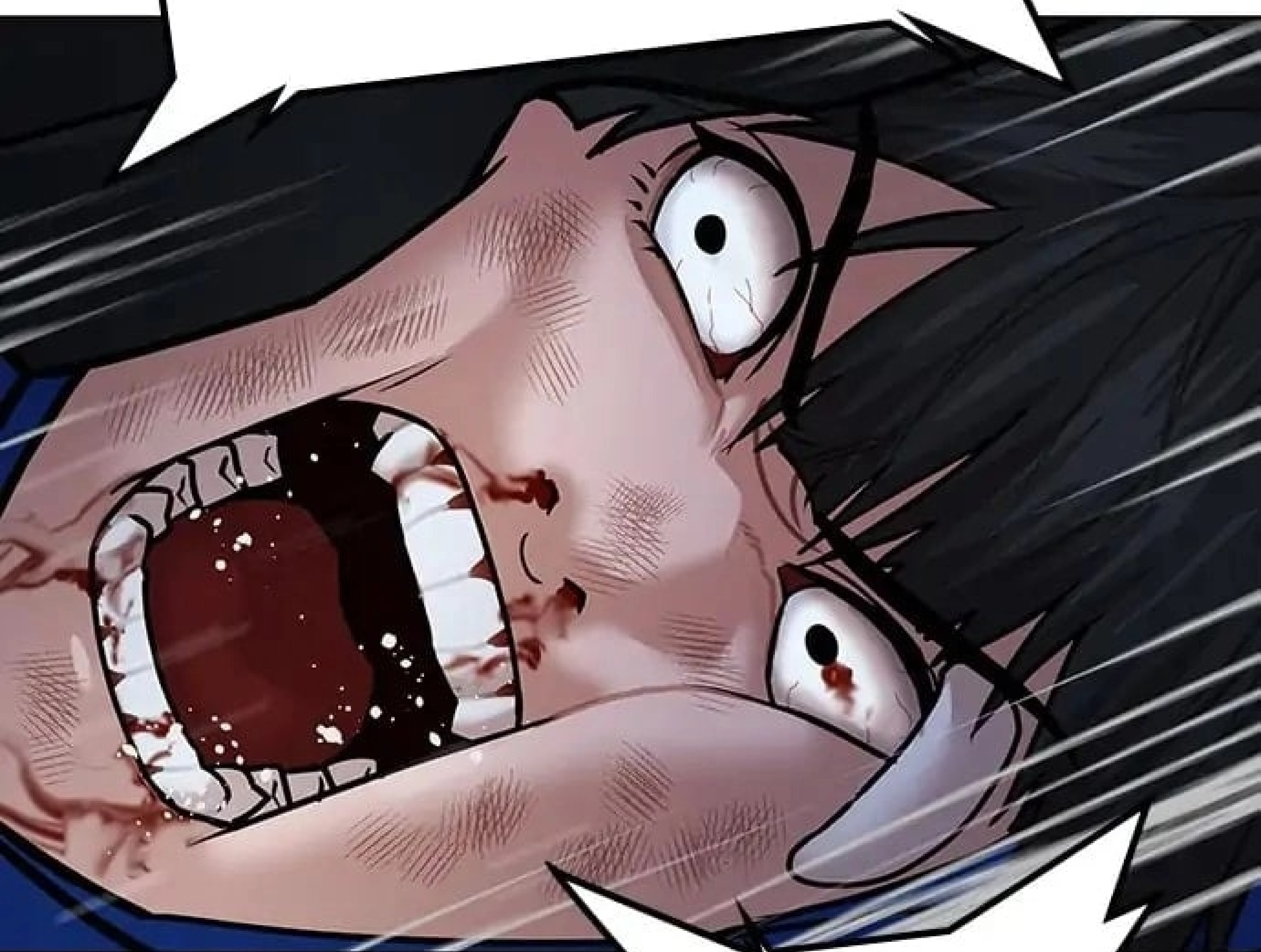
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***NOW IS OUR CHANCE!
EVERYONE COME OUT!***



***DESTROY
THIS PUNK!!***

THIS FORK..

**H-HUH?
WHAT THE-**







YOU SON OF A...



...BIT-



SPRINT

HAA...



HAA...



I DIDN'T THINK THAT PLAN
WAS GOING TO WORK.





IT'S A RELIEF THAT
HE'S AS DUMB AS HE'S FAT.

SO WHERE'S THE--

TRIP







KARGH!

I HAVE TO... GET UP...

MY LEGS KEEP
GIVING UP ON ME...!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

I HAVE TO GO FIND THAT KEY...

...FAST...

BURST





STAY RIGHT THERE.



IT'S TOO LATE.





I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE STRENGTH
TO RUN AWAY ANYMORE.

IT'S ALL OVER-



HUH?

I STILL HAVE A CHANCE?!

DING

BRONZE KEY

RARE ITEM



THIS KEY
UNLOCKS SOME LOCKED
STATISTICS.



HUH?
IT HAS A PROPER EXPLANATION
THIS TIME!

WHY DIDN'T THEY DO THIS
FROM THE BEGINNING!

SO BY STATISTICS...

SWISH

C-CHARACTER
STATS!

DING

DETAILS

NAME: DOWAN HA

LV 100

CLASS: SEALED SUBSTITUTE GAMER

CURRENT STATS

HP: 12/1000 49000 / 49000

MP: 100/100 4900 / 4900

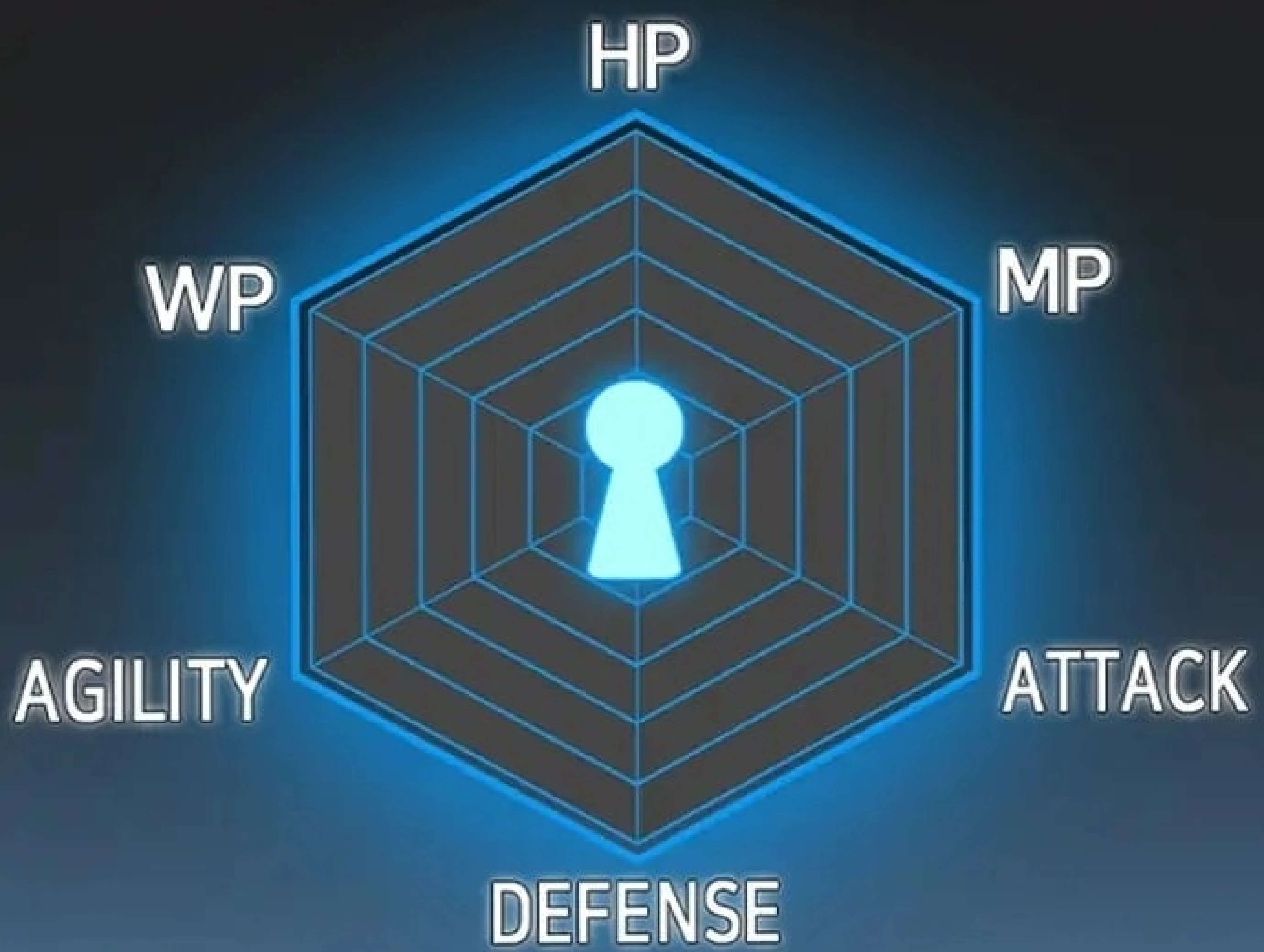
ATTACK: 1 999

DEFENSE: 1 999

AGILITY: 1 999

WILLPOWER: 1 999





THERE'S A KEYHOLE!





I NEED TO...



...HURRY!

CLACK



DETAILS

NAME: DOWAN HA
CLASS: SEALED SUBSTITUTE GAMER
LV 100

HURRY!!

DING



SELECT A STAT.

■ HP

■ WP

■ MP

■ AGILITY

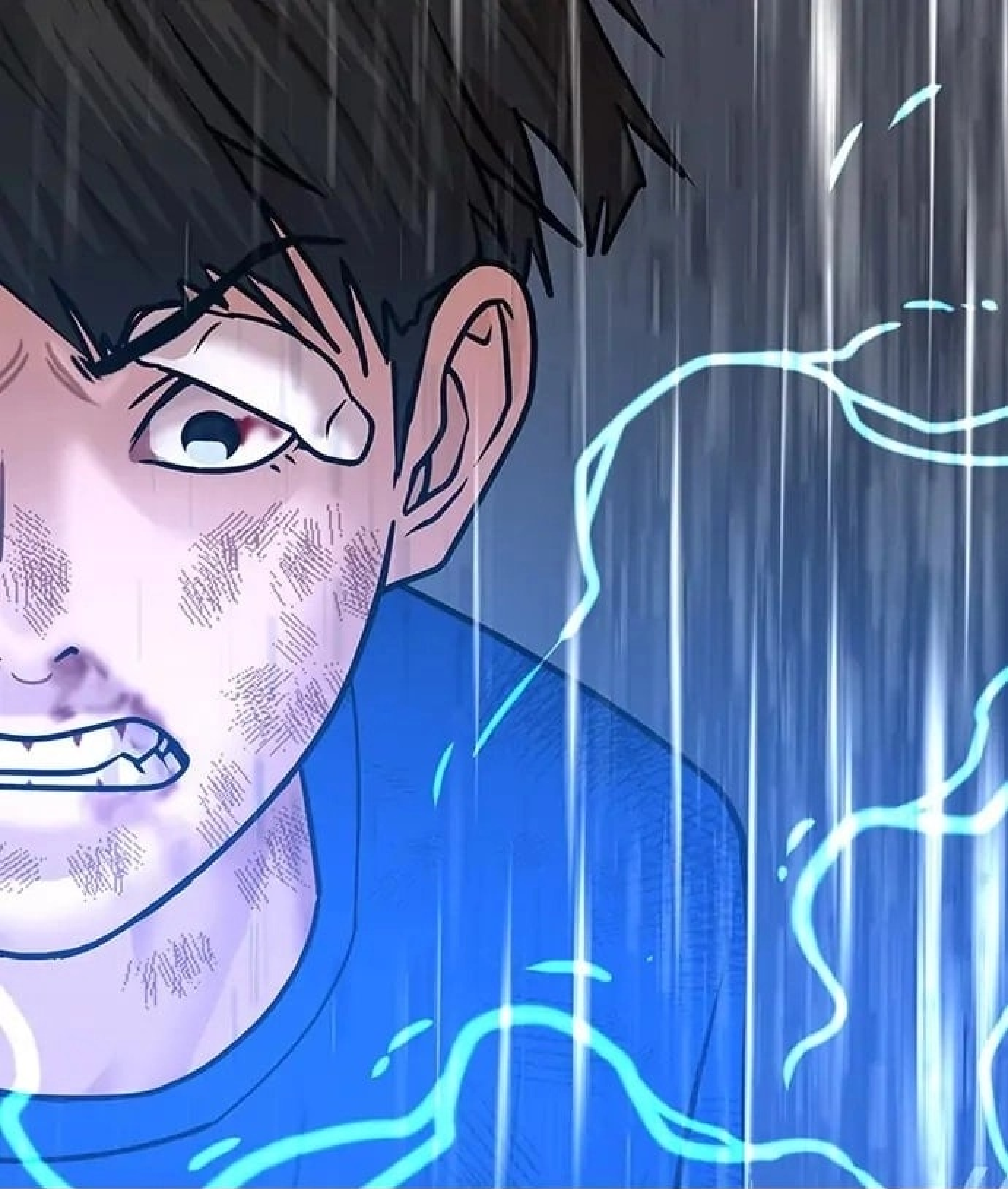
■ ATTACK



■ DEFENSE

THE STATISTIC YOU
CHOOSE WILL BE PERMANENTLY
INCREASED.

TO USE MY SKILL,



I NEED TO FILL UP MY LOW MANA.

M-MANA POINT...!

STOMP

STOMP



STOMP

STOMP

DIE!!





DING

STAT UNLOCKED

**YOUR MP
INCREASED BY 100.**

Swoosh





JUMP







JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL...



FALCON



...FALCON DROP





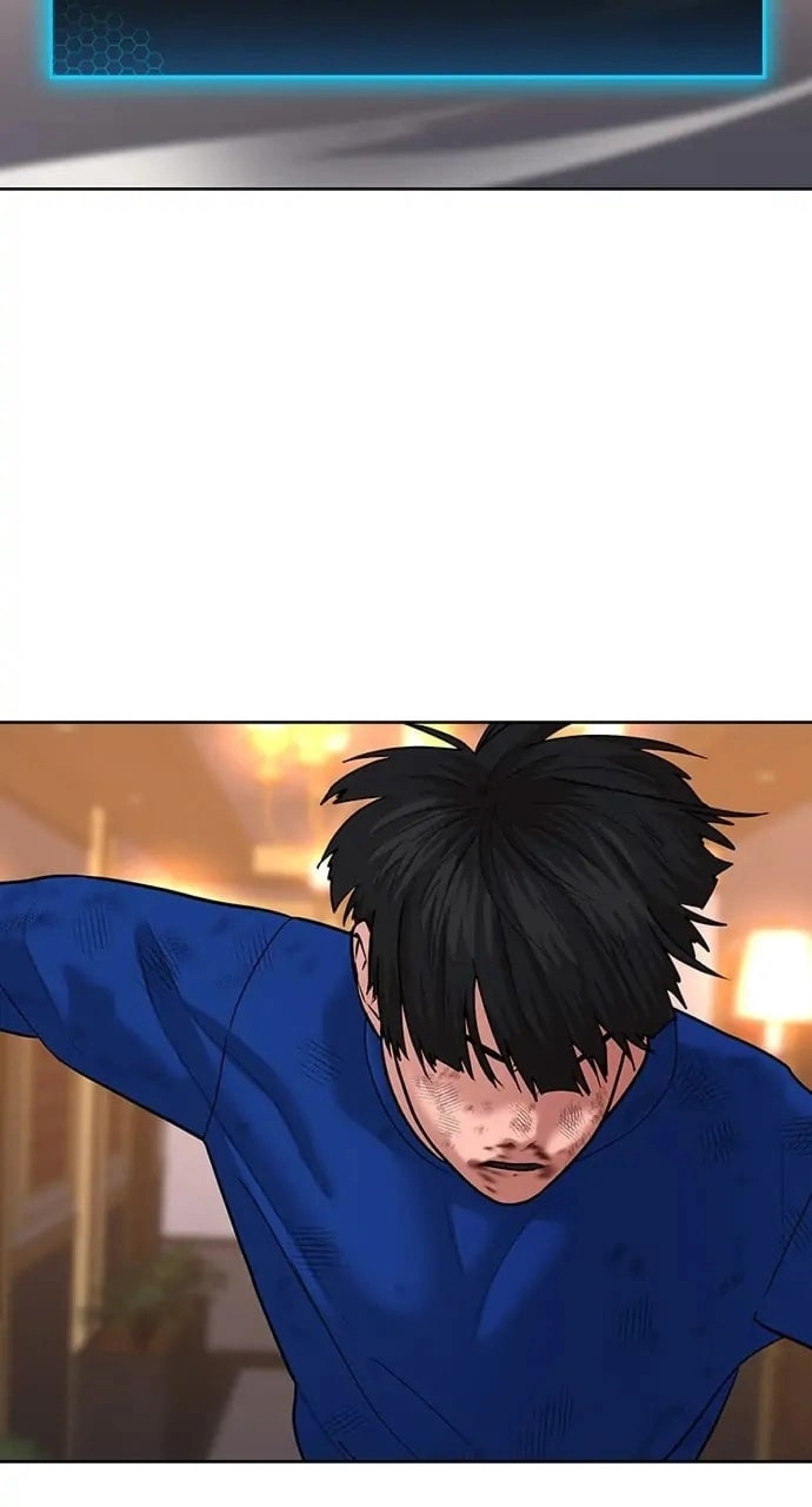






DING

**MONSTER
MANCHUN YUK
HAS BEEN DEFEATED.**



SH*T... I'M...





SURPRISE QUEST

COMPLETE





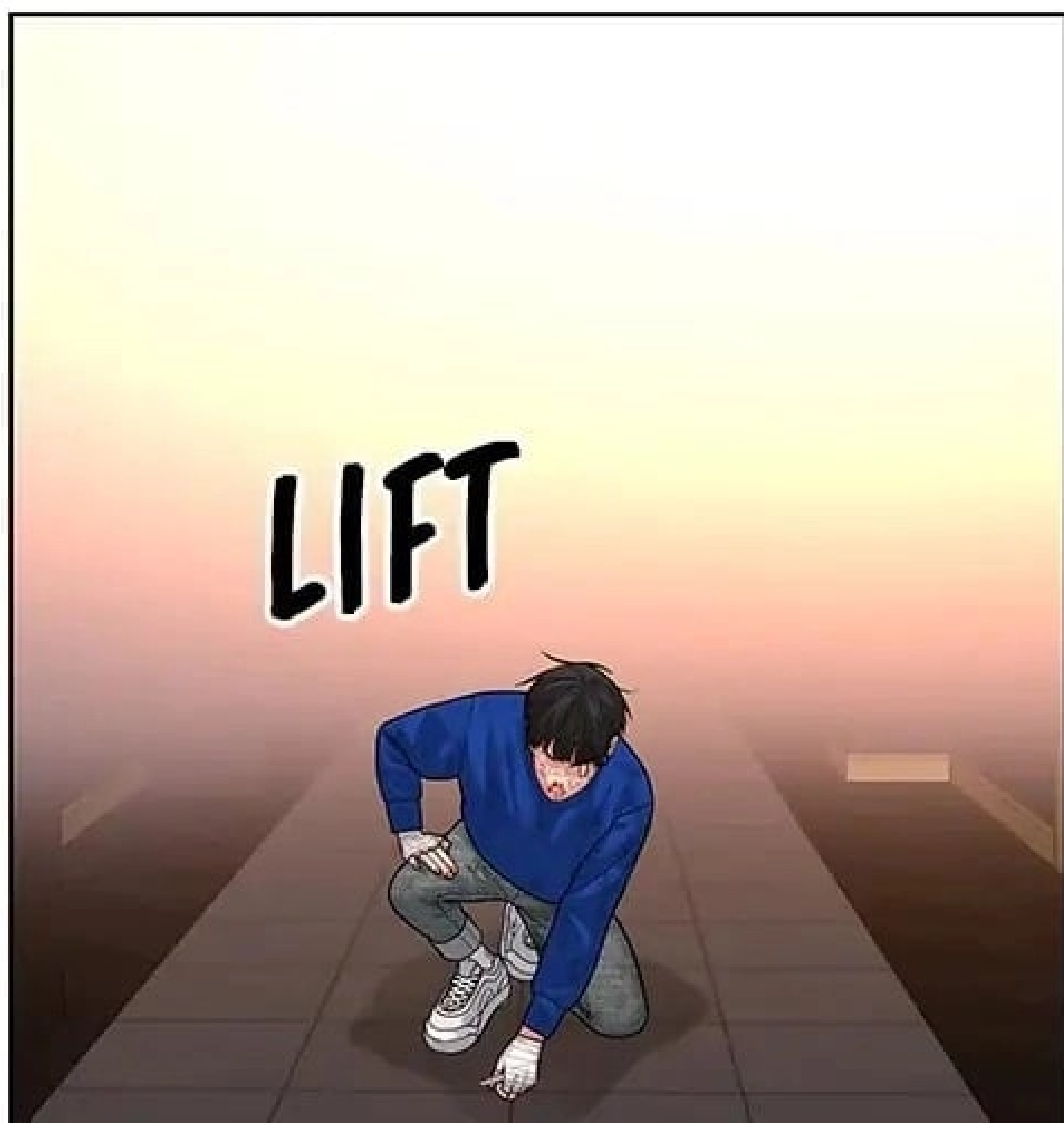
...SO AWESOME.

QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD

SILVER KEY
AWARDED.

JINGLE











...BEAT HIM...

IT'S FINALLY OVER...

I CAN GO HOME NOW-



OW, F*CK THAT
HURTS.





HEY, DOWAN.





WHAT THE HELL?

...IAEMIN ?!

O VALTIN...!?



WHAT THE...

WHY IN THE WORLD IS
MY BROTHER KNOCKED OUT
ON THE FLOOR?

?!

BOP BOP
MUSIC TOWN





WAS IT YOU?

YOU BASTARD.



MANWOOK YUK [19]

**-MANCHUN YUK'S OLDER BROTHER
-PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AT MUSIC TOWN**

B-BROTHER?

RIGHT...

MY FRIEND'S BROTHER
WORKS HERE.



HE SAID THAT THE TATTOOED
PIG'S BROTHER WORKED HERE!!

I'M SCREWED—

BURST



**WHOA! SH*T!
WHAT WAS THAT
JUST NOW?**



WHAT WAS
THAT RUMBLE?

WHAT WAS IT?
AN EARTHQUAKE?
HAHA.



AND WHO ARE THEY?!

HUH?
ISN'T THAT MANCHUN
OVER THERE?

YOU'RE RIGHT!
HOLY SH*T!
MANCHUN!



OH, COME TO THINK OF IT,

ALL THE COOL KIDS
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
DRINK HERE OFTEN.



THAT'S WHAT HE SAID AFTER THAT.

I'M ALL OUT OF ENERGY.
I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH
TO RUN AWAY.

HP: 12 / 1000

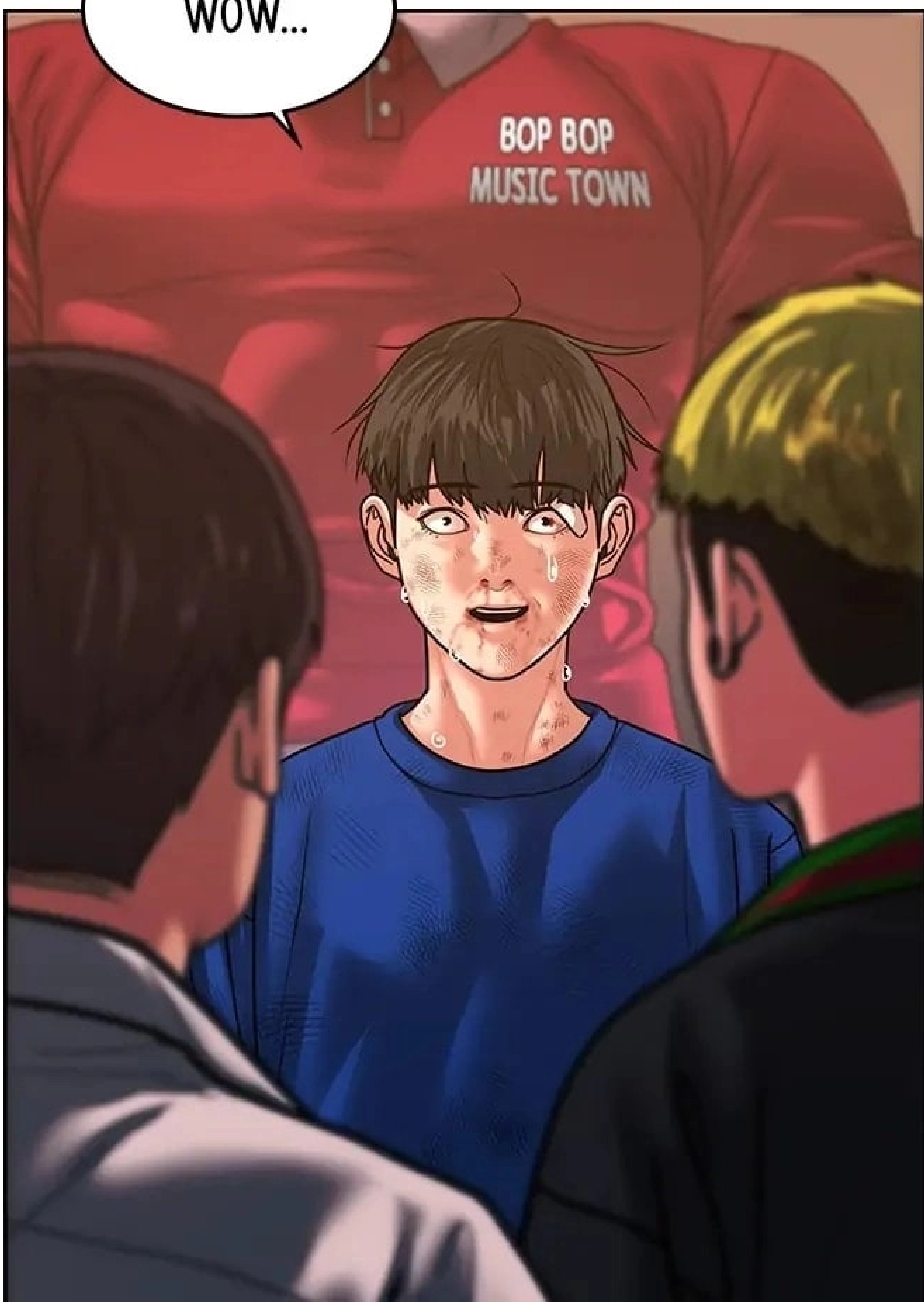
MP: 80 / 200

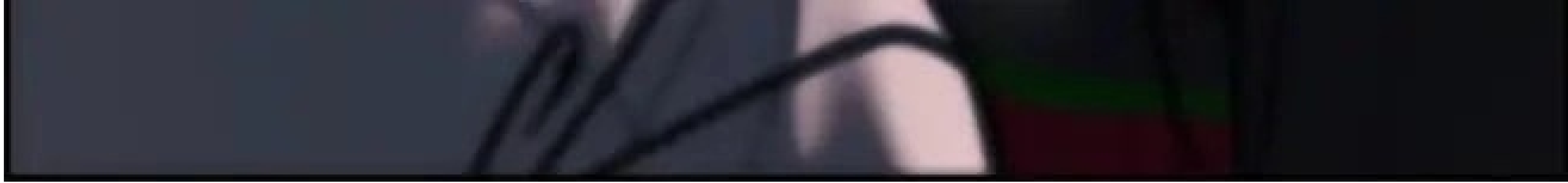
AND I'M LOW ON
MANA POINTS, SO I CAN'T
USE MY SKILL EITHER.

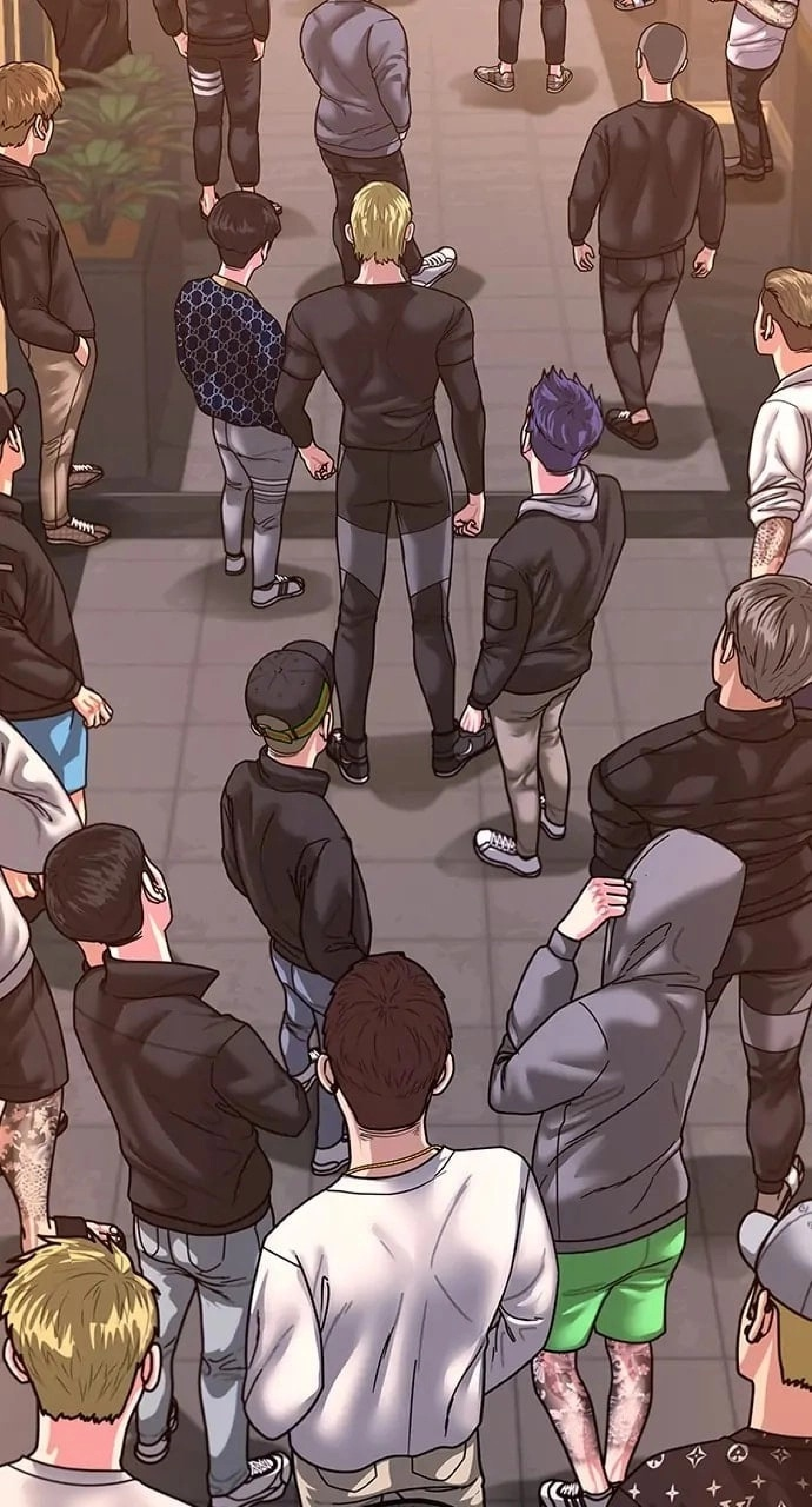


WOW...

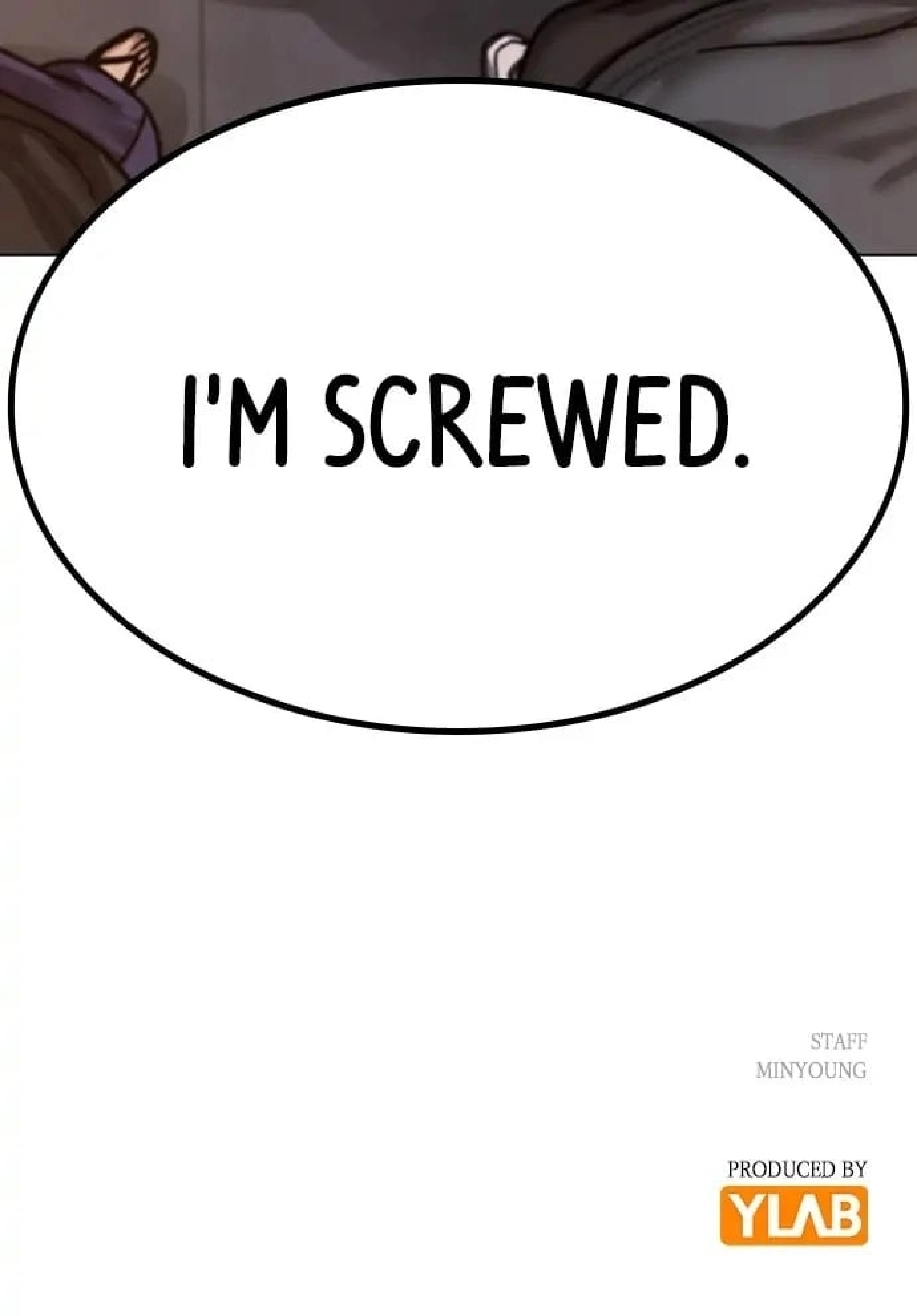
BOP BOP
MUSIC TOWN









A cartoon illustration of a person lying down, possibly on a couch or bed, with their head and one arm visible. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the upper half of the frame, containing the text "I'M SCREWED." in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

I'M SCREWED.

STAFF
MINYOUNG

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