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IS IT ALRIGHT
IF I SNEAK OUT BY MYSELF
LIKE THIS?



***DO I GRAZE
FLOWERS?!***

THERE'S NO WAY...

***F*CK! WHO
SENT THIS?!***

SLAM

A hand with a gold ring slams a door shut. The background shows a room with a lamp and a plant. The word "SLAM" is written in large, bold, white letters with a motion blur effect.



...THAT JAEMIN SENT
THOSE MESSAGES TO MANCHUN.

IN A PLACE
FULL OF MANCHUN'S FRIENDS...

YOU GUYS GO HOME
OR WHATEVER.

I'M GOING TO FIND
THIS PUNK TODAY
AND BEAT HIM TO A PULP!

BURST



WHAT'S UP WITH HIM
ALL OF A SUDDEN?



THIS IS NO FUN.
SHOULD WE JUST
GO HOME?

...THE ONLY PERSON WHO WOULD
DIG THEIR OWN GRAVE LIKE THIS...



YEAH BUT I'VE GOTTA
USE THE BATHROOM
FIRST.

AND YOU SHOULD
HURRY HOME.

O-O-KAY...

...WOULD BE DOWAN,
WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT
THIS PLACE SINCE
IT'S HIS FIRST TIME HERE.

AND
THE LAST MESSAGE
HE SENT...

8:31 PM

YOU MAD? WANNA FIGHT?

SEND EVERYONE HOME AND WAIT BY YOURSELF.

MAYBE
THAT WAS FOR ME...

IT SHOULD BE OKAY, RIGHT?



HE PROBABLY DID THAT
BECAUSE HE HAD A PLAN.



I HAVE NO PLAN.

WHAT DID YOU
DO THAT FOR,
DOWAN?





I WASN'T PLANNING
ON BECOMING YOUR
ENEMY.

NO MATTER HOW HARD
I THINK ABOUT IT,
I CAN'T THINK OF A WAY
OUT OF THIS.

**YOU'RE DEAD NOW,
YOU BASTARD.**



IS THIS MY DEATHBED?!



REALITY QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
ART BY TAESUNG

YLAB



IT'S THE COPS!!





SOME PUNK
REPORTED US.
THEY'RE ON THE FIRST

FLOOR RIGHT NOW!

ALL UNDERAGED KIDS
GET OUT THROUGH THE
EMERGENCY EXIT NOW!



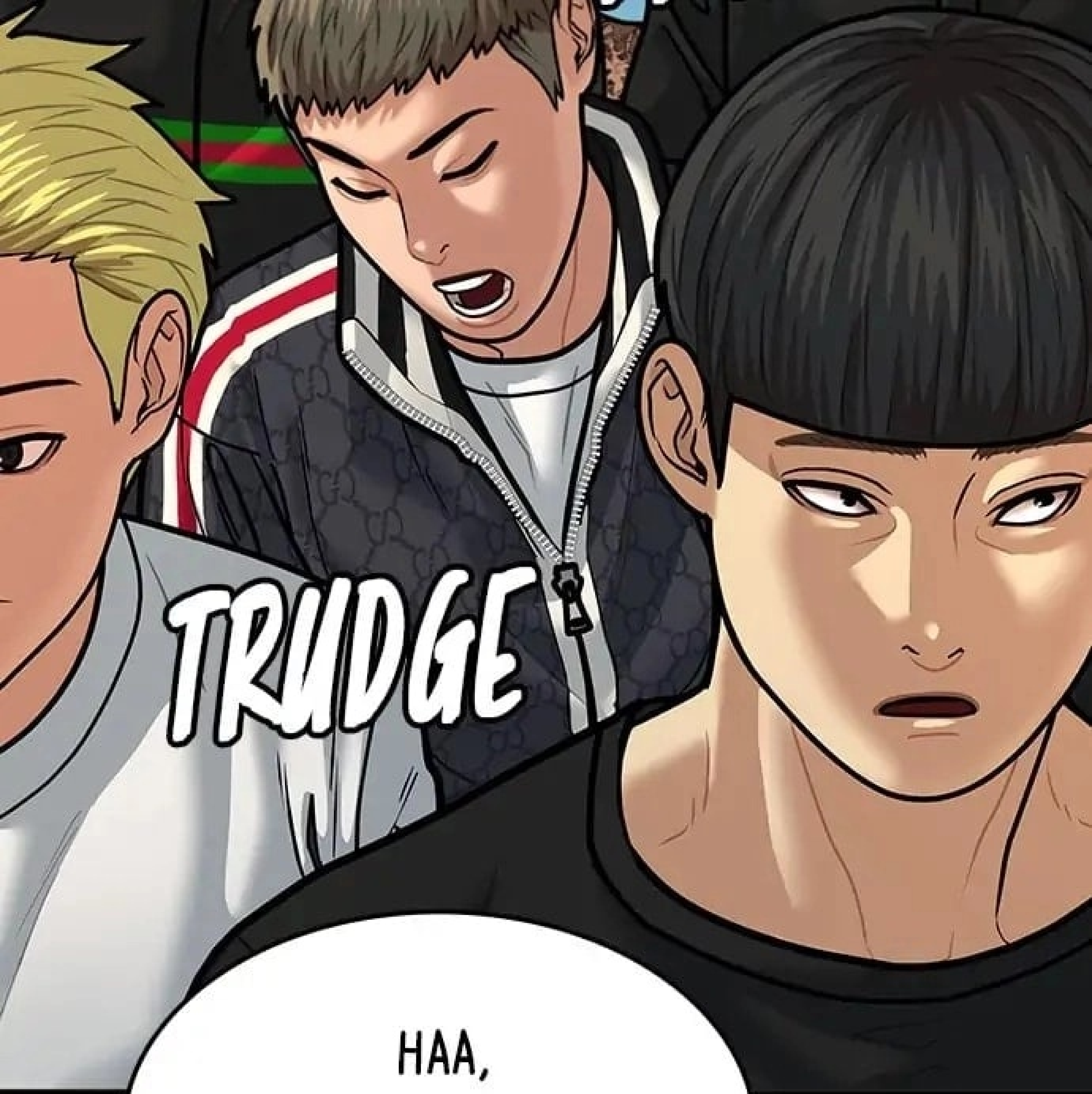
I'LL TRY TO BUY
SOME TIME!

NOW?
ARE YOU KIDDING
ME?

TRUDGE

F*CK THE COPS.

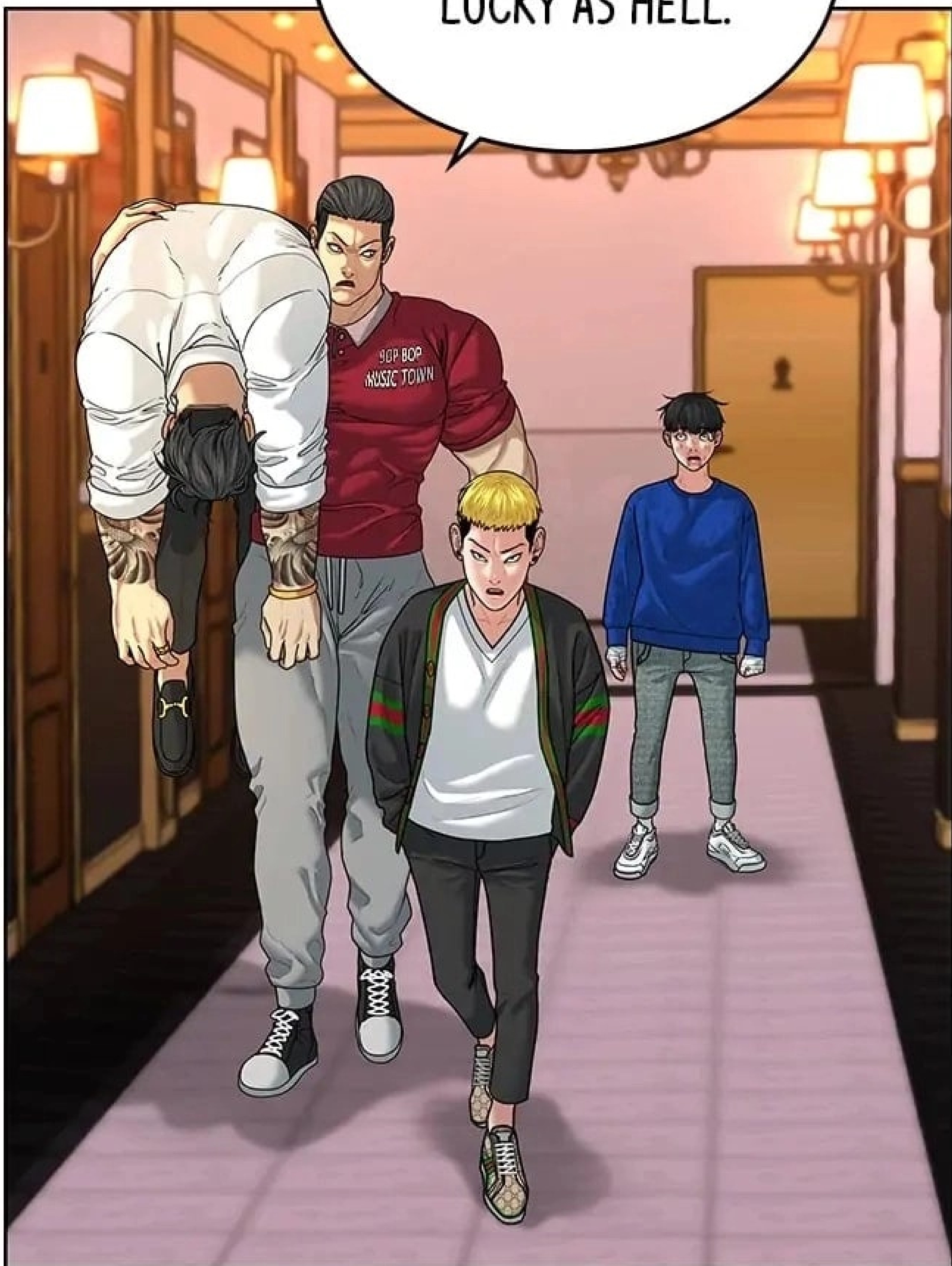
TRUDGE



TRUDGE

HAA,
A FIGHT WAS JUST ABOUT
TO BREAK OUT THOUGH.

WELL, AREN'T YOU
LUCKY AS HELL.

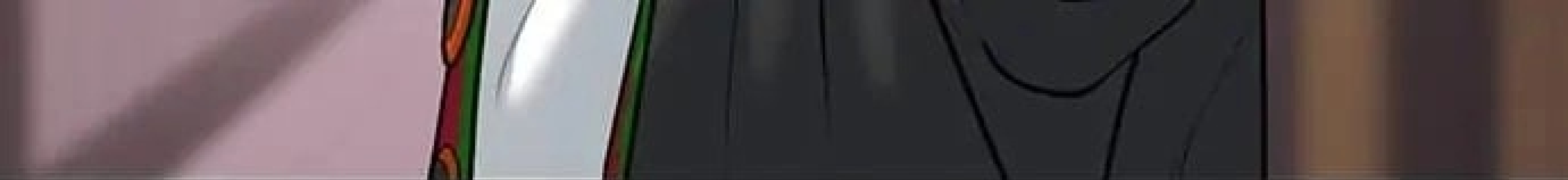


EVERYONE KNOWS
YOUR FACE NOW.

SO
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING
TO GET AWAY WITH THIS!

GRIT







I-I'M SAFE FOR NOW...

I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE TOO--

PING



A hand holding a pen is positioned at the top of the page, as if about to write on a notepad. The background is a light blue gradient.

NOT EVEN A DAY
AFTER EXPERIENCING
DEATH...





THE DAMAGE THAT
I RECEIVED FROM
FIGHTING CHEOLWOO
AND MANCHUN...





...DOUBLED WITH MY BODY
BEING WORN OUT FROM
THE REBOUND OF USING SKILLS
THAT FAR SURPASSED
MY PHYSICAL ABILITIES...

...ALONG WITH A SUDDEN

RELEASE OF TENSION
AFTER HOURS OF BEING
SO NERVOUS...

RIGHT NOW,
I'M...





...ABSOLUTELY
DRAINED.



MMM...

WHAT HAPPENED?



WHERE AM I--

YOU AWAKE?





FINALLY.





SHE...
WAS ONE OF
THE OTHER BULLIES...

WHY IS SHE HERE WITH ME?

WHY ARE YOU--

PINCH

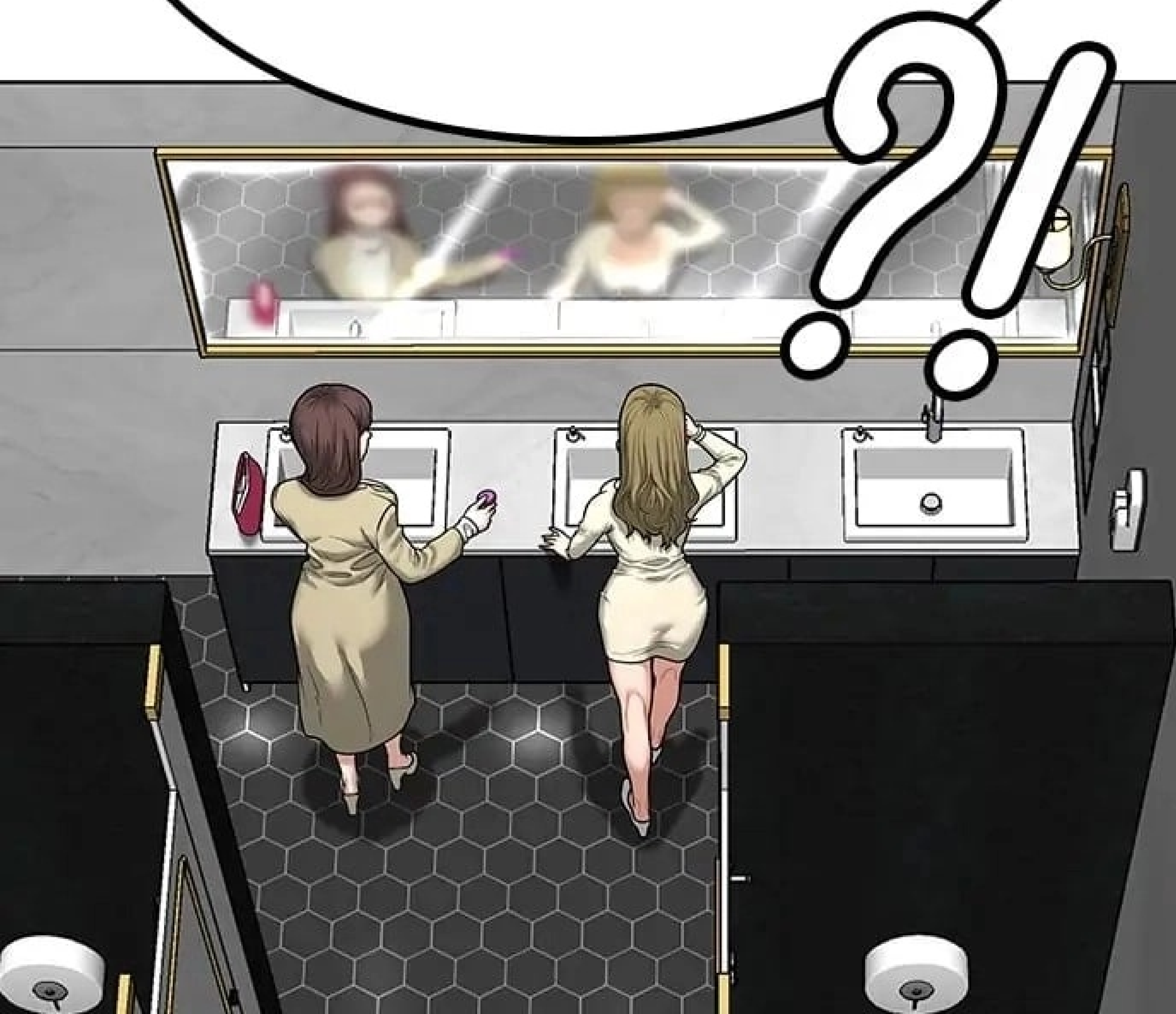


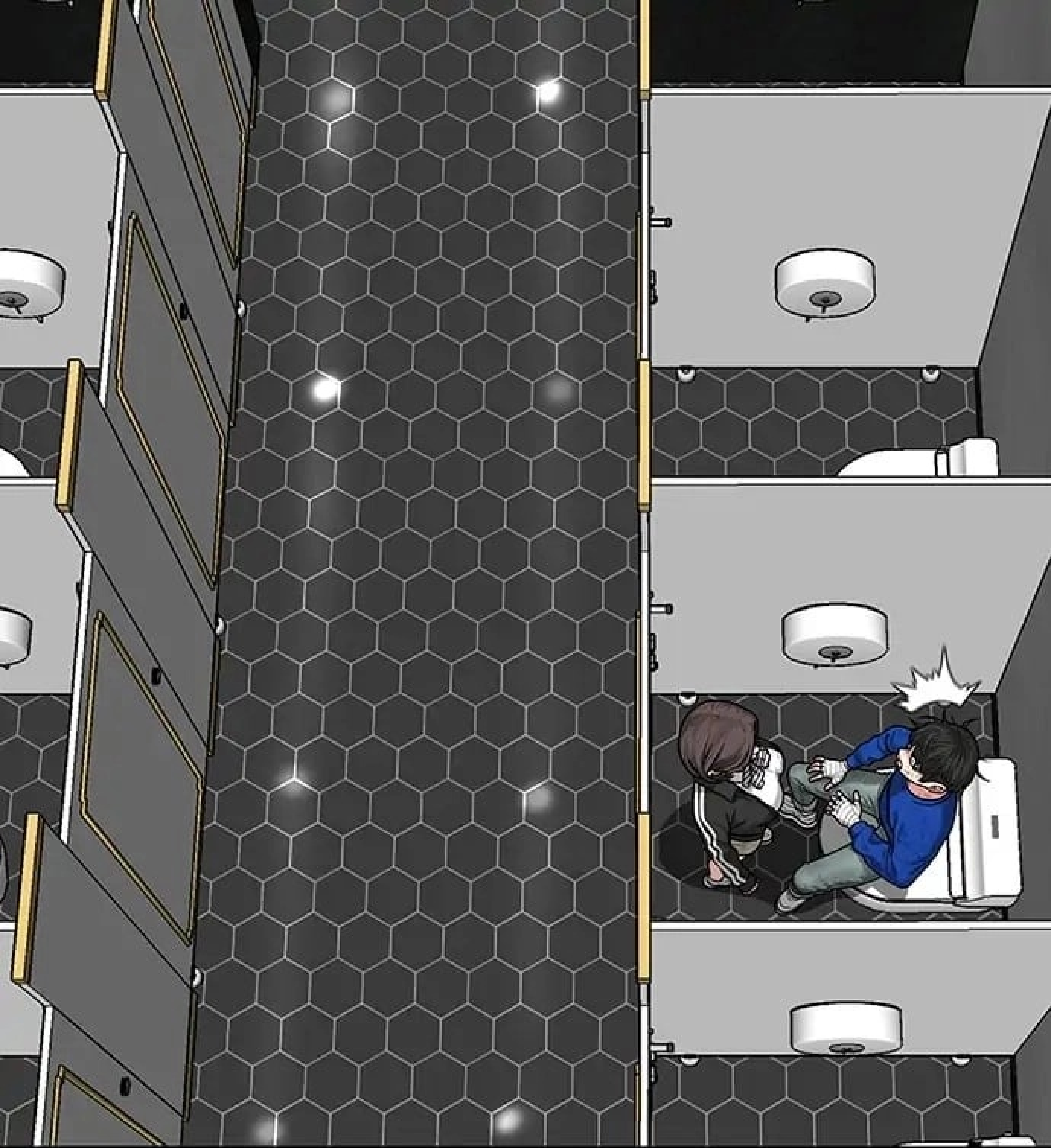
QUIET DOWN.

MMMPH?



**THIS IS
THE LADIES' BATHROOM.**





WH-WHY AM I IN HERE?



WH-WHAT IS GOING ON?!

THE POLICE
ARE STILL OUTSIDE.

BUT, THEY PROBABLY
WON'T COME IN HERE.

**HABA,
UNDERAGED KIDS?
NO WAY!**



JESUS...
WHO REPORTED US?



I REPORTED THIS PLACE
FOR SELLING ALCOHOL
TO UNDERAGED KIDS.



WHAT?
BUT YOU DRANK TOO.

WAIT,
DID YOU DO IT
TO SAVE ME?

...



I SAW YOU FIGHT...





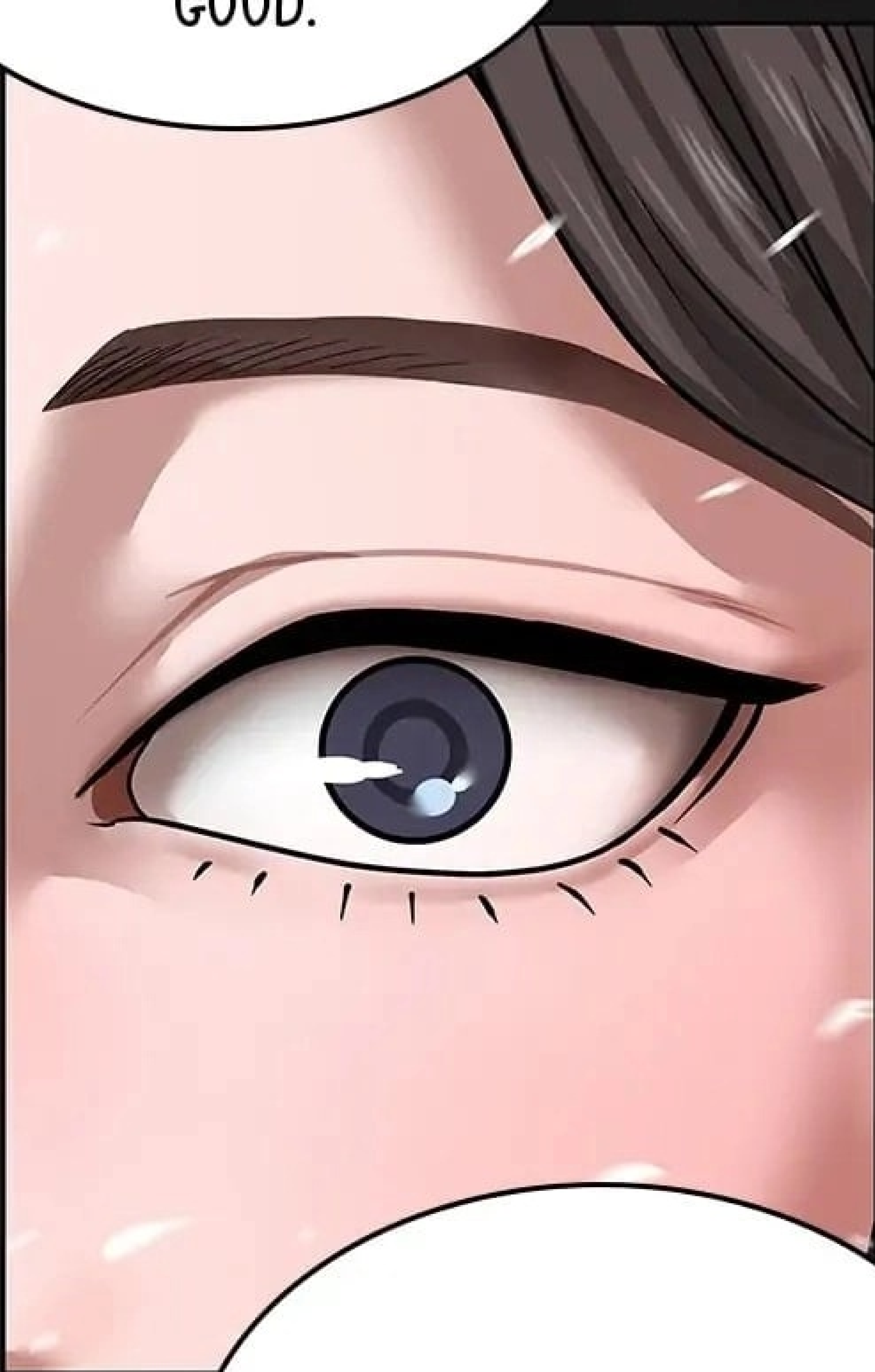
...BY CHANCE.





I THOUGHT YOU
WERE AN ORDINARY LOSER,
BUT YOU WERE PRETTY
GOOD

GOOD.



ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED LIKE
YOU DIDN'T THINK ABOUT
THE AFTERMATH.

WHOA... DID SHE FALL
FOR MY UNEXPECTED
TOUGH SIDE?

THANKS FOR HELPING ME.
HOW CAN I REPAY--





DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT.

SINCE I SAVED
YOU ONCE,

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO
IS GRANT ME A WISH.

LEAN



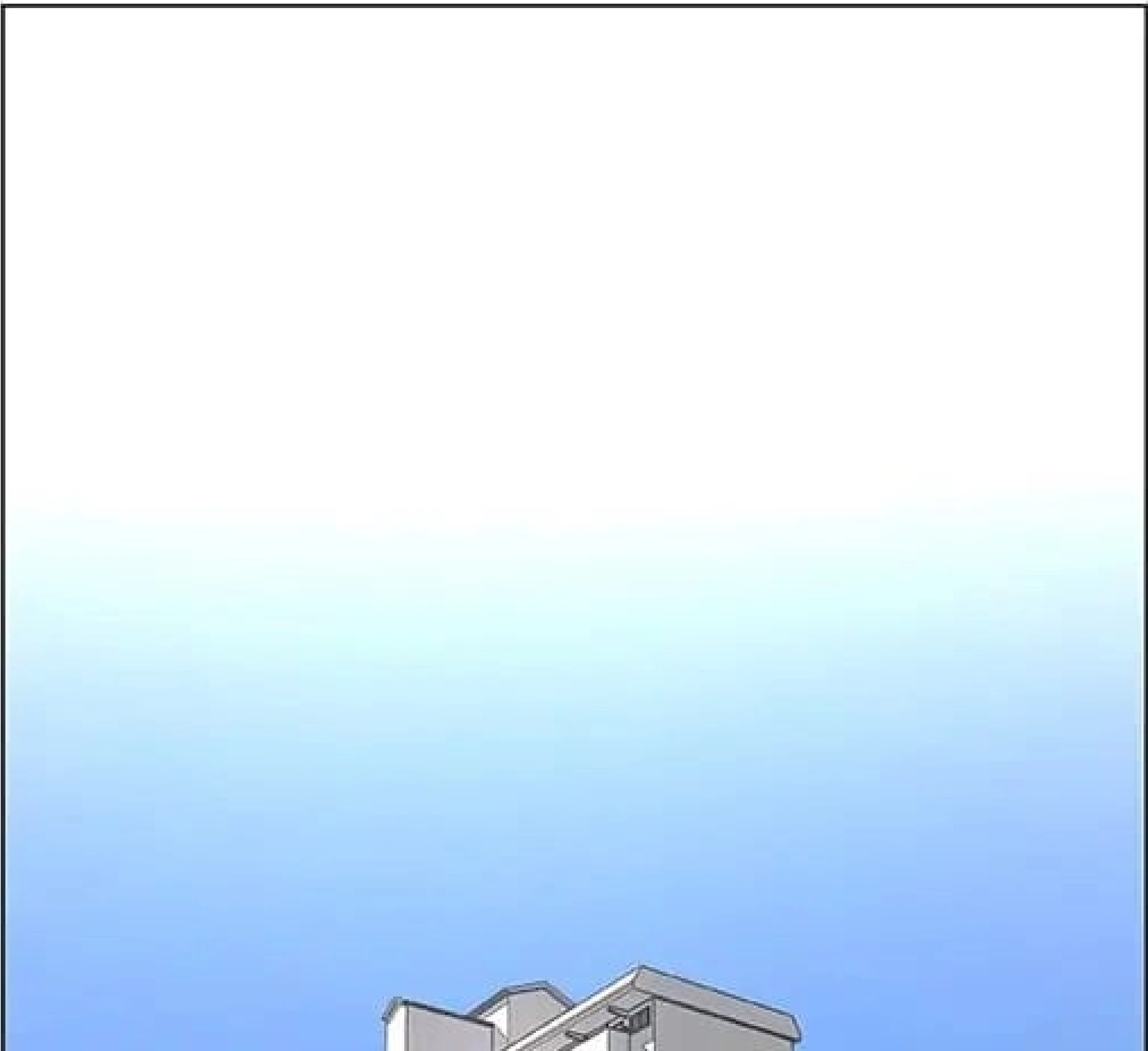
GET IT?

GO IT?



UH... YEP...







***WAKE UP,
YOU SLEEPY HEAD!***





*RISE AND
SHINE!*

SLAM

UGH...

HELLO-

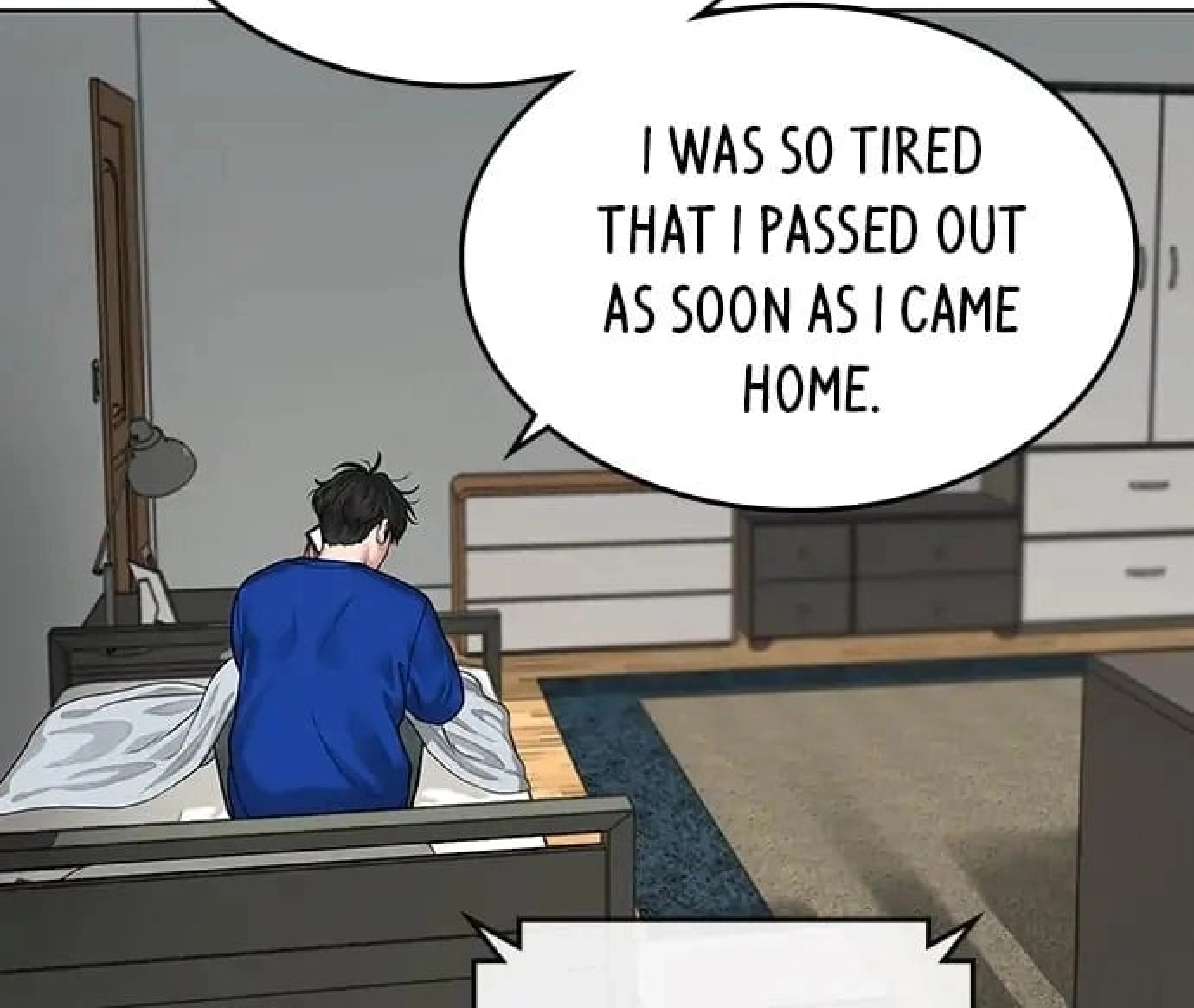
**WHY HAVEN'T
YOU BEEN
PICKING UP?!**

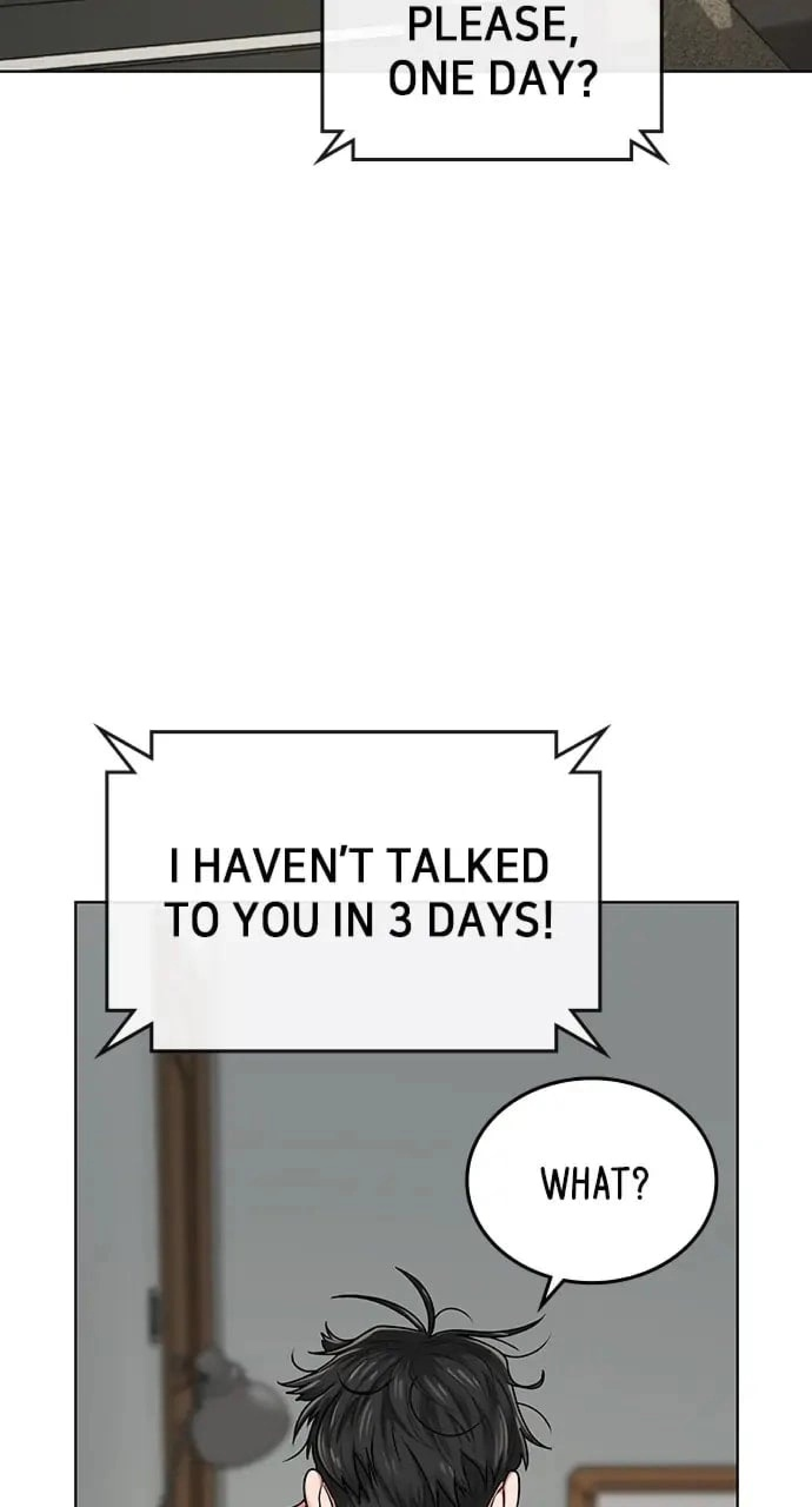
M-MOM?!



I DIDN'T
CALL YOU FOR LIKE
A DAY...

I WAS SO TIRED
THAT I PASSED OUT
AS SOON AS I CAME
HOME.





**PLEASE,
ONE DAY?**

**I HAVEN'T TALKED
TO YOU IN 3 DAYS!**

WHAT?



ANYWAY,
NOW THAT I CHECKED
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
THAT'S ALL I NEEDED.

I'M OFF TO
WORK AGAIN.
BYE!

Click





WAS I ASLEEP FOR 3 DAYS?

AFTER THE INCIDENT AT
THE KARAOKE CLUB,





I FELL ASLEEP AS SOON AS
I GOT HOME.

BUT THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.



I FOUGHT FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE.

ON TOP OF THAT, I FOUGHT
THREE BULLIES ALL IN ONE DAY.





ALTHOUGH,
ONE OF THEM WAS
A BIT DIFFERENT THAN
THE OTHERS...

NOW THAT I FOUGHT THEM,
IT ACTUALLY WASN'T THAT
BIG OF A DEAL.

HUHUUU.
MAYBE I'M...

SWAAA

...SUPER STRONG!

I'D SAY THEY WERE EASY VICTORIES.

NOW THAT MY BODY'S RECOVERED
AND I PULLED MYSELF TOGETHER...



...THE FIRST THING
I SHOULD DO NOW IS

I SHOULD DO NOW IS...

...LOG IN TO THE GAME AGAIN,
MEET THE MANAGER...





...AND ASK ABOUT THIS SYSTEM!

SYSTEM

**THE ID THE DESTROYER
DOES NOT EXIST.**



WHAT?

I KNEW IT WASN'T GOING TO
BE THAT EASY...

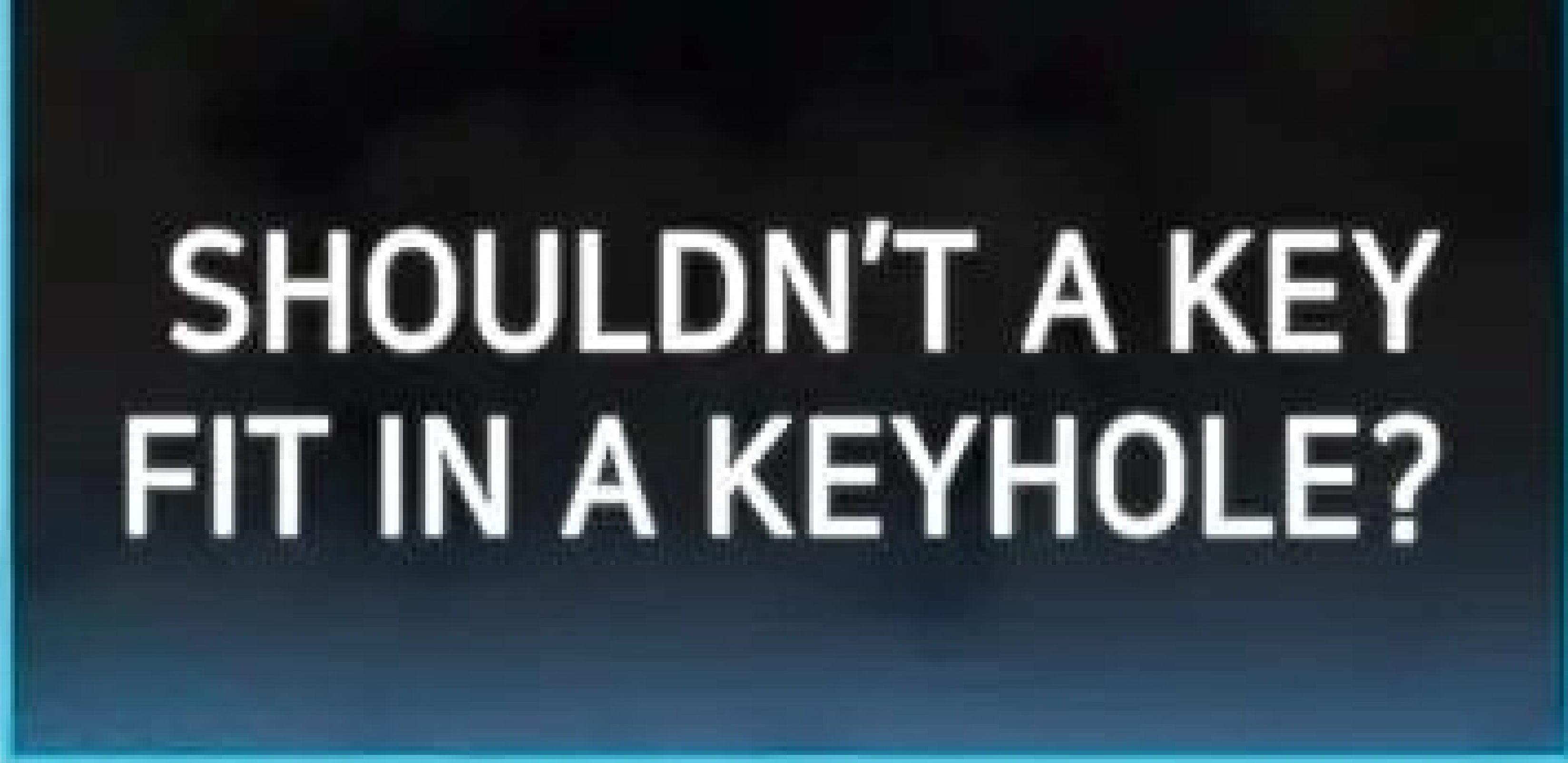
THEN WHY DID THEY
TAKE *THE FIRE GOD SWORD*?



...BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE
THEY EVEN DELETED
THEIR ACCOUNT.

FROM WHAT I GATHERED,
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY
DON'T WANT TO TALK TO ME.

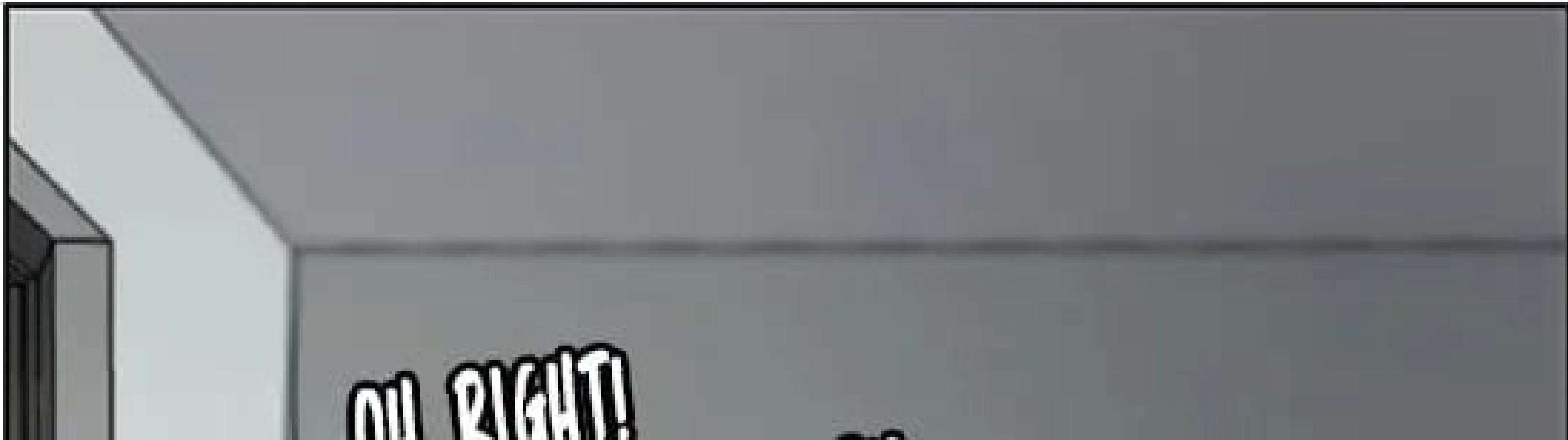




SHOULDN'T A KEY
FIT IN A KEYHOLE?

THEY'VE JUST BEEN
SENDING ME MESSAGES
THROUGH THE SYSTEM WINDOW.

IF THEY'RE GOING TO
APPEAR LIKE THIS...

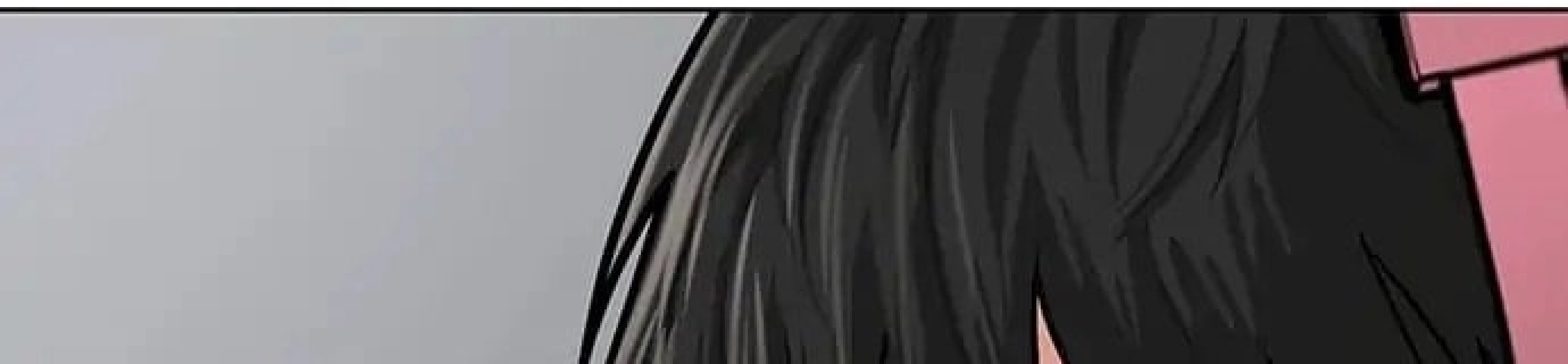


OH RIGHT!

OH, RIGHT
THE EVENT FOR MARPLE STORY
STARTS TODAY.



...THEN I MIGHT HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
THE SYSTEM MYSELF...





I KNOW THREE THINGS ABOUT
THE SYSTEM SO FAR.

FIRST...

...IT'S LAID OUT
LIKE AN RPG GAME.

DEVOTED GAME ADDICT



DARK CHOCOLATE PIE

AND I'M BASICALLY
A GAME CHARACTER.

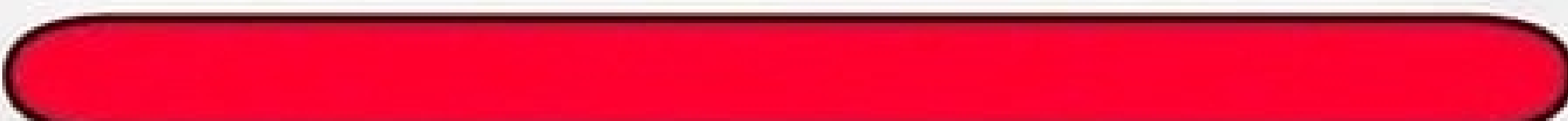
THERE ARE LEVELS, STATS,
AND CLASSES.



LV 250

DARK CHOCOLATE PIE

HP



AND I CAN EVEN USE SKILLS.

SECOND...

...THE SYSTEM CONSIDERS
BULLIES AS *MONSTERS*

DEFEATED AS MONSTERS.

**MONSTER
CHEOLWOO MIN
HAS BEEN DEFEATED.**



**MONSTER
MANCHUN YUK
HAS BEEN DEFEATED.**





AND WHEN I BEAT THEM...

QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD

**GOLD KEY
AWARDED.**



QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD

**SILVER KEY
AWARDED.**





...I GET A KEY AS A REWARD.

IT'S LIKE GAINING ITEMS...





...AFTER KILLING MONSTERS
IN GAMES.

THIRD...

...I CAN BECOME STRONGER
BY USING THE KEYS.



DING

SILVER KEY

HERO ITEM



THIS KEY CAN UNLOCK

THIS KEY CAN UNLOCK
PASSIVE SKILLS
THAT ARE LOCKED
IN A CHARACTER.



AND COUNTING
THE SILVER KEY THAT
I GOT RECENTLY...

...WITH THE THREE DIFFERENT KEYS,
I'LL BE ABLE TO UNLOCK

DIFFERENT SKILLS...



CHARACTER STATS



PASSIVE SKILL



ACTIVE SKILL

...AND THE UNLOCKED SKILLS
BECOME PERMANENTLY

DISCOVER, ENJOY, AND
ACCESSIBLE.

MY FIRST SKILL,
A THOUSAND PUNCHES.



YOU'RE NOW IN THE
ULTIMATE CLASS, AND
YOUR JOB IS THE
**SEALED SUBSTITUTE
GAMER.**

SEALED
SUBSTITUTE GAMER'S
SPECIAL EFFECTS ARE
BEING APPLIED.

**ALL
ACTIVE SKILLS
ARE UNUSABLE.**

BECAUSE ALL OF MY SKILLS
WAS LOCKED DUE TO MY
JOB'S SPECIAL EFFECTS...

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.

**CURRENTLY
LOCKED.**

...SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT
TO UNLOCK IT AGAIN WITH A KEY.

AND OTHER THAN THAT,
ALL I KNOW IS THAT THERE ARE
PENALTIES, WHICH I DON'T EVEN
WANT TO THINK ABOUT...

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
IS GIVING ME CHILLS...

SHIVER





BUT THE BIGGER PROBLEM NOW IS...





...THAT I'VE BECOME ENEMIES
WITH JAEMIN AND HIS FRIENDS.

SINCE IT ALREADY HAPPENED,
I SHOULD THINK HARD ABOUT
WHAT TO DO FROM NOW ON--

DING DONG

YAY!
CHICKEN IS HERE!

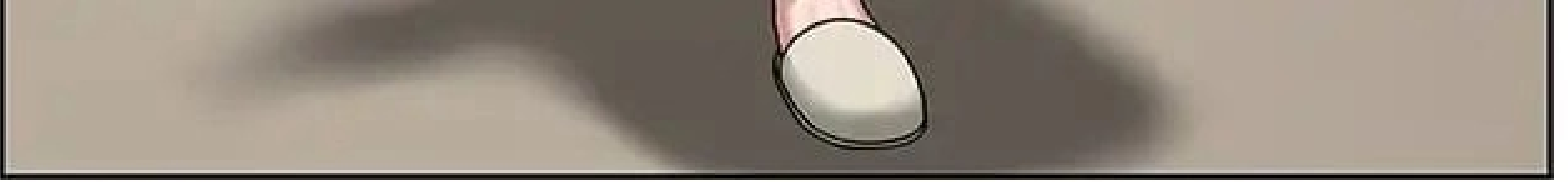


WELL, I'LL SPEND
THE REMAINING DAYS OF SPRING
BREAK GETTING PLENTY OF REST...

DING DONG

YES, COMING!





...AND SLOWLY THINK ABOUT WHAT
I SHOULD DO FROM NOW ON.

DING



QUEST:

QUEST:
BOY BECOMES A MAN.

SHE WANTS TO DO
WITH YOU. ACCEPT
THE QUEST AND
SATISFY HER.



HUH?

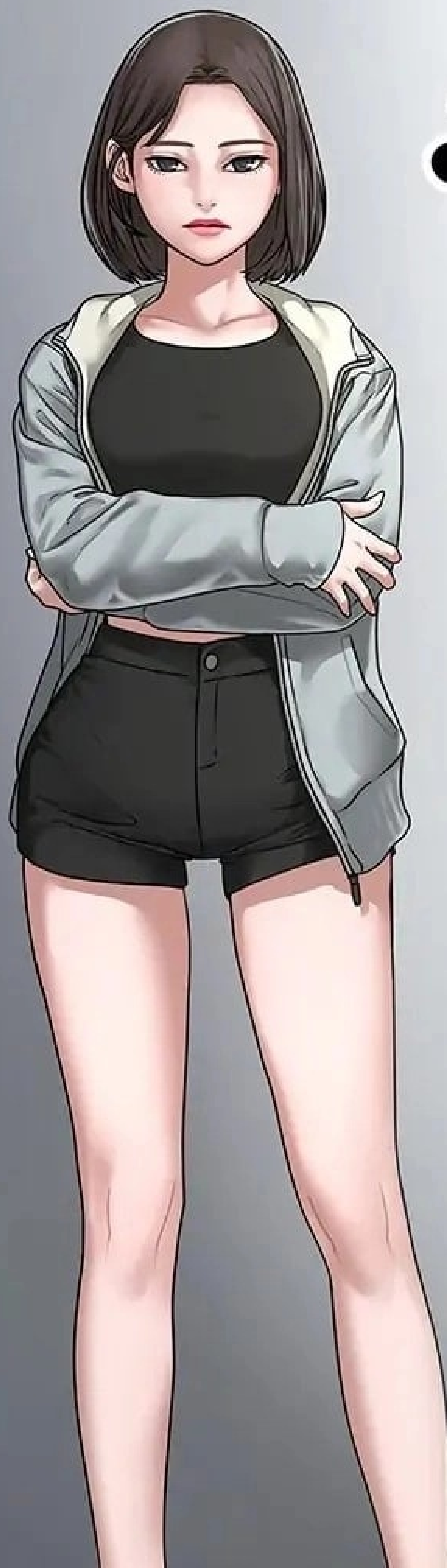


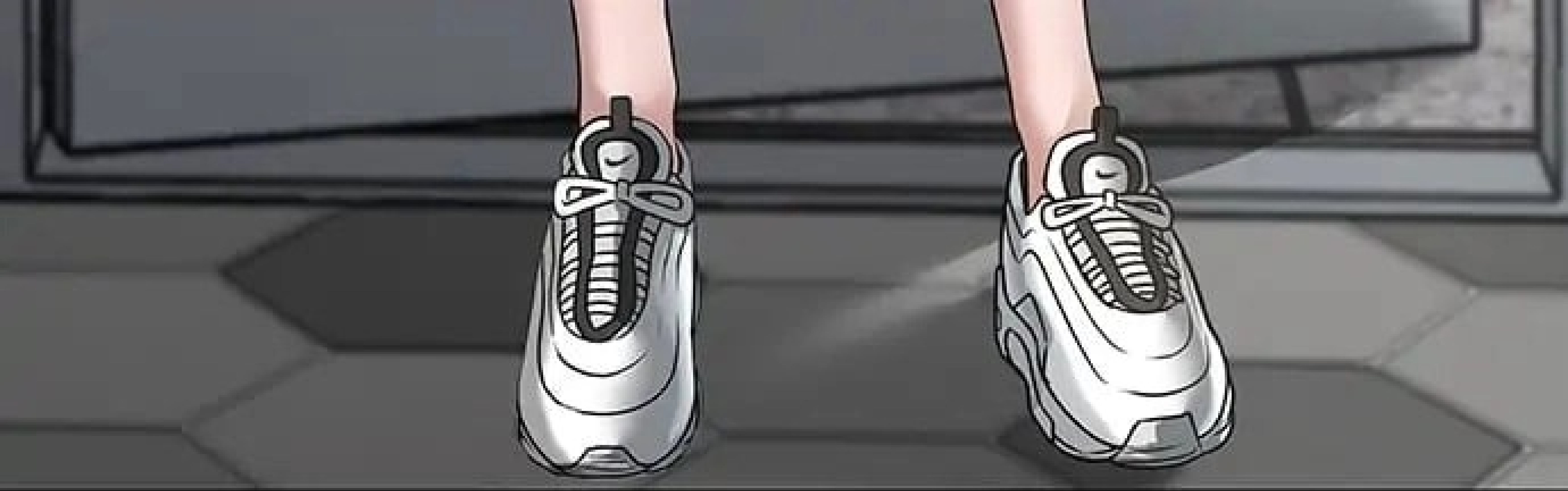
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WHO ARE THEY...

...TALKING ABOUT?

?!





***W-WHAT'RE YOU
DOING AT MY HOUSE?!***

YOU SAID THAT
YOU'D GRANT ME A WISH,
RIGHT?





TAKE THEM OFF.





WHAT?!

WAIT

WAIT...

?

WH-

QUEST:
BOY BECOMES A MAN.

WHAT...

SHE WANTS TO DO IT
WITH YOU. ACCEPT
THE QUEST AND
SATISFY HER.

...DID YOU SAY?

IS THE QUEST TALKING
ABOUT HER?

DO YOU NEED ME
TO TELL YOU AGAIN?





BUT I'VE...

TAKE...

...YOUR
CLOTHES OFF.



NEVER DONE IT BEFORE!!



DING



WILL YOU ACCEPT?

STAFF
MINYOUNG

PRODUCED BY
YLAB