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Whales

IS THIS
FOR REAL?

POW

UNBELIEVABLE...



PUNCH

WHOA...

I'VE NEVER SEEN
SOMEONE THROW SO MANY
PUNCHES IN A ROW
LIKE THAT...!

WHAM

POW



I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYONE...

...PUNCH LIKE
HE'S IN A SLAP FIGHT.
HAHAHA.



COME ON...
JUST A BIT MORE...!



SEVEN HOURS
AGO

A person with black hair, wearing a pink cat-ear headband and large pink headphones, is rummaging through a pile of clothes on a carpeted floor. They are wearing a blue and white long-sleeved shirt with "K.K SLIDER" and a cartoon character on it, and blue and white plaid pants. The word "RUMMAGE" is written in a stylized, outlined font to the left of the person.

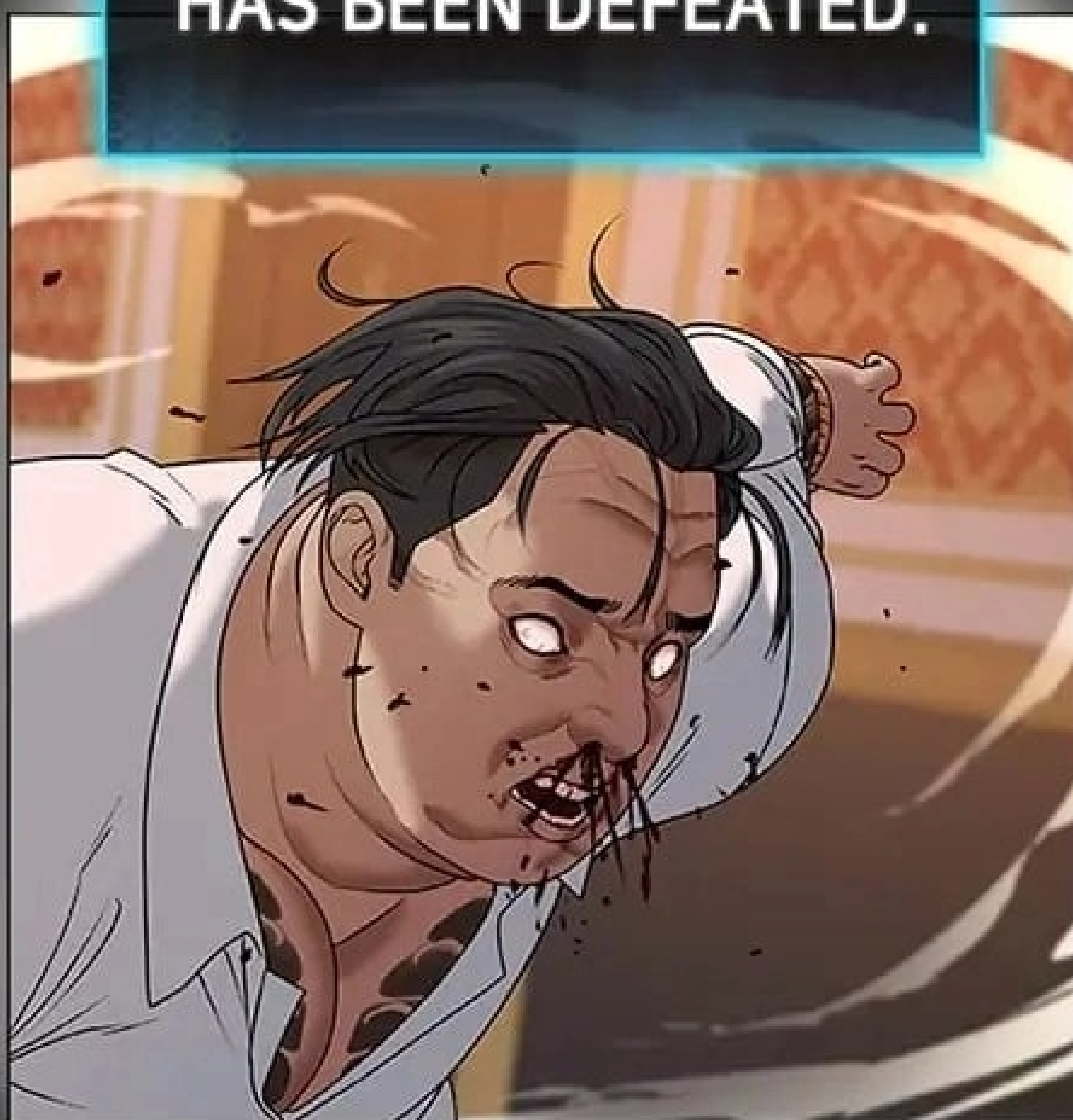
RUMMAGE

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LET'S SEE...
WHERE DID I PUT
THE KEY?

THE SILVER KEY...

**MONSTER
MANCHUN YUK
HAS BEEN DEFEATED.**



**QUEST COMPLETION
REWARD**

**SILVER KEY
AWARDED.**

CLATTER



...FROM BRINGING DOWN
MANCHUN!

DING

SILVER KEY

HERO ITEM





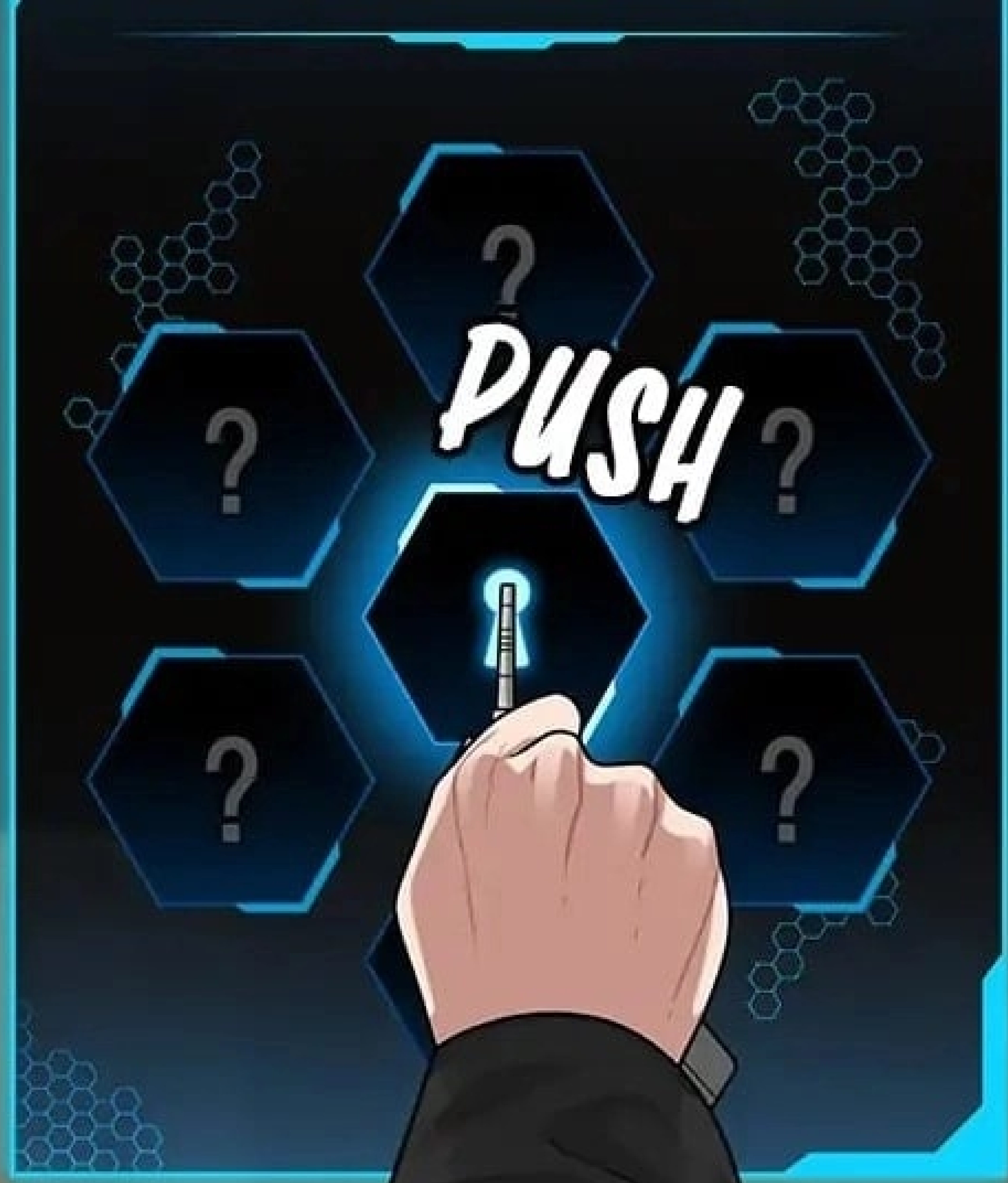
**THIS KEY CAN UNLOCK
PASSIVE SKILLS
THAT ARE LOCKED IN
A CHARACTER.**



THIS ONE CAN ONLY
PASSIVE SKILL
THAT ARE LOCKED
A CHARACTER STEPS

NICE!
SO THIS ONE CAN OPEN
PASSIVE SKILLS.

PASSIVE SKILLS



ACK

FLASH



0004~!



DING

**JOB-SPECIFIC
PASSIVE SKILL
UNLOCKED**

UNLOCKED

CRITICAL HIT

PASSIVE SKILL



MANA REQUIRED : -

WHEN ATTACKING, THERE
IS A 1% CHANCE THAT YOUR
ATTACK WILL MAKE ALL
DEFENSES VOID AND BECOME
A CRITICAL HIT.

CRITICAL HIT...?!

NOT ONLY IS IT
A CRITICAL ATTACK, IT ALSO
MAKES THE OPPONENT'S ATTACK
USELESS!



MANA REQUIRE
WHEN ATTACKING, T
IS A 1% CHANCE THA
ATTACK WILL MAKI
DEFENSES VOID AND I
A CRITICAL HIT



THIS IS PERFECT FOR ME SINCE
IT'S A PASSIVE SKILL WITH NO
MANA NEEDED. BUT...

FINAL ATTACK

CRITICAL ATTACK
1% CHANCE
ATTACK WILL IN

...ISN'T THIS WAY TOO LOW?!

THAT MEANS THAT
EVEN IF I HIT SOMEONE 100 TIMES,
I'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO MAKE A
CRITICAL ATTACK JUST ONCE...!

LAST TIME

LAST TIME,
I WAS GIVEN A SKILL THAT
I COULDN'T EVEN USE, BECAUSE
I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MP.



WHY AM I GETTING
SUCH NEAR-USELESS
SKILLS?!

I THOUGHT IT
WAS USELESS,
SO I HAD FORGOTTEN
ABOUT IT.

BUT I DON'T HAVE
ANY OTHER WAY
BUT TO MAKE A CRITICAL
ATTACK NOW.

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO...

MEOW





...RESORT TO
OPERATION FLAIL NONSTOP!



REALITY QUEST

STORY BY JOOWOON LEE
ART BY TAESUNG

YLAB



THAT'S HILARIOUS.
HAAAAHA.

CHUCKLE

...



IT'LL SURELY WORK IF I CONTINUE
TO HIT HIM.

75

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HE'S TAKEN ABACK,
SO I'D BETTER USE
THIS TO MY ADVANTAGE.
NOW'S MY CHANCE!

I'M LIGHTNING FAST,
AREN'T I? YOU CAN'T
SEE MY FIST, CAN YOU?

PUNCH





W-WHAT
THE HELL IS THIS?!

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ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME

FOR IT TO WORK NOW?

ARE YOU
KIDDING--

WHACK

POW

WHAM





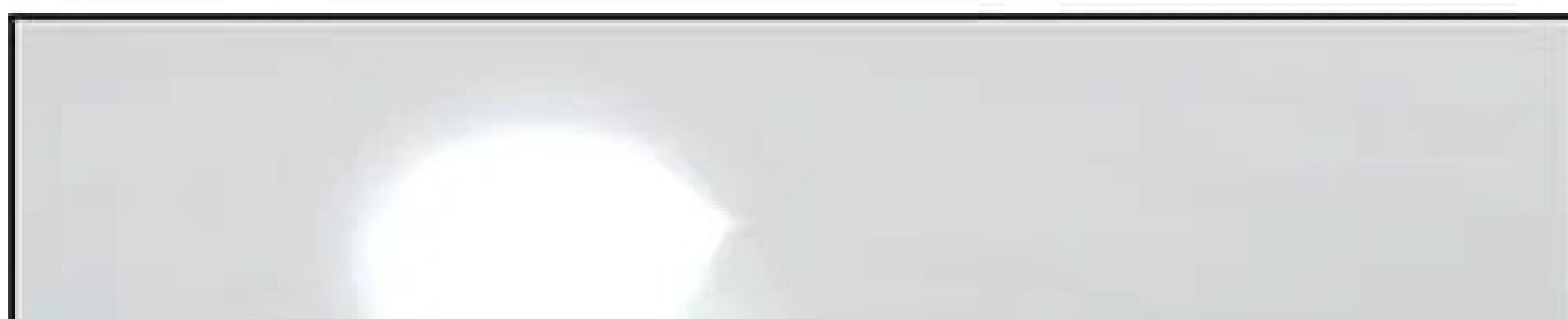
GEEZ, UNBELIEVABLE.

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I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S MAKING ME...





...ACTUALLY HIT HIM 100 TIMES!

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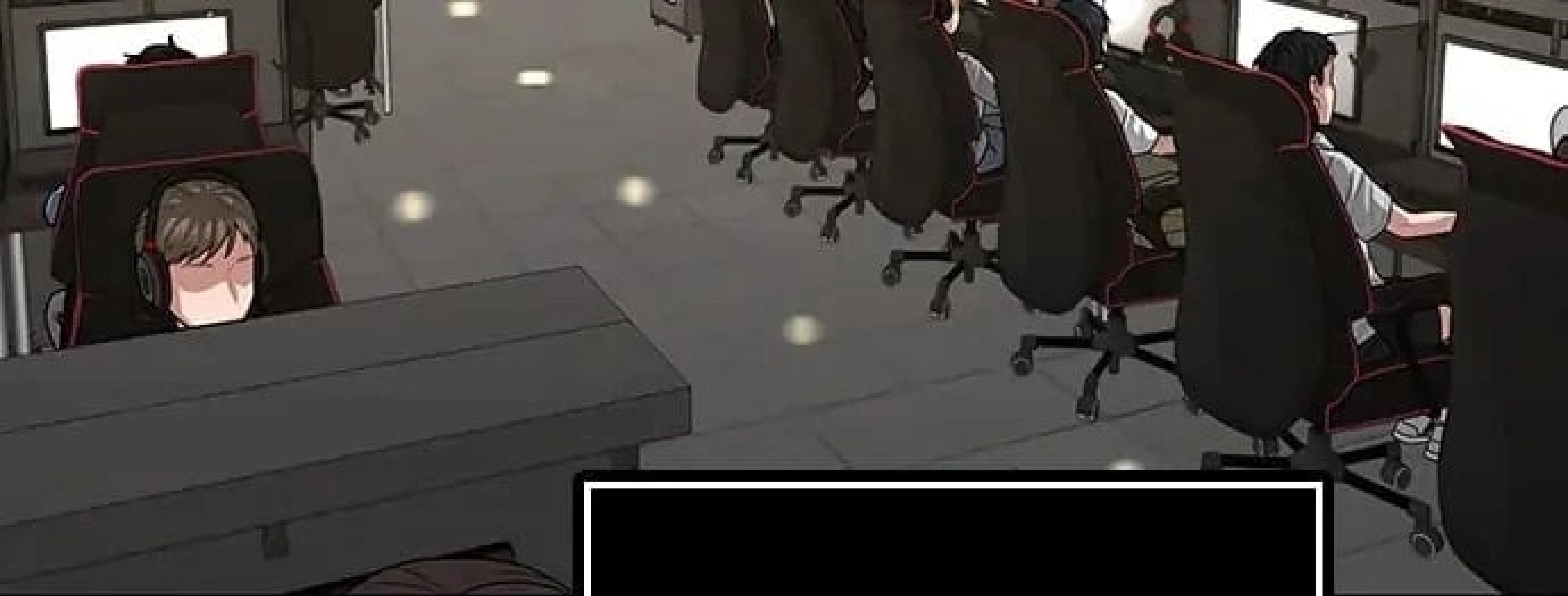
WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU DOING?



HUH...?

CHANCE IS
AN EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT
FACTOR...





...IN GAMES.

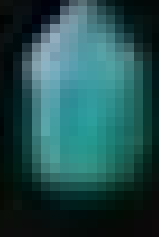
PROBABILITY ALWAYS
GAVE EVERYONE...


9999/887

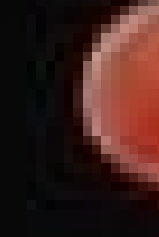

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COST TO UPGRADE
POINTS

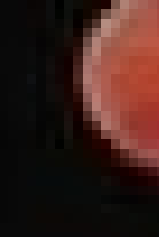
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SHAKE

BOOST EQUIPMENT

TREMBLE


BOOST EQUIPMENT
SPECIAL BOOST
EQUIPMENT UPGRADE
TALK

...AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
TO SUCCEED.



AAAGH!
I FAILED AGAIN!

STARTLED



THE HIGH
FROM SUCCEEDING
IN SOMETHING THAT
YOU CAN'T EXPERIENCE
IN REAL LIFE.

DO YOUR PARENTS
KNOW THAT YOU SPEND
ALL OF YOUR ENGLISH
CRAM SCHOOL TUITION
ON BOOSTS?

WHO CARES?
I'M GOING TO USE MY
MATH CRAM SCHOOL TUITION
NOW!





**DOWAN HA
(YEAR 1 OF MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

**AND USERS
TRY THEIR LUCK
EVERY DAY...**

**...TO FEEL
THAT HIGH.**

A comic panel featuring two male characters. On the left, a man with black hair and glasses, wearing a light grey button-down shirt, is smiling broadly. On the right, another man with black hair, also in a light grey button-down shirt, is shown in profile, looking towards the first man with a questioning expression. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the man on the left at the top, and two from the man on the right, one in the middle and one at the bottom.

DO YOU THINK
THIS IS RIGGED?

WHAT'RE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?

I'M SURE IT'LL
WORK THIS TIME.
I FAILED SO MANY TIMES
THAT IT'S ABOUT TIME
THIS WORKS.

BUT YOU
HAVE TO
BE CAREFUL.

YOU'LL BE BROKE
IF YOU TRY ONE MORE TIME.
YOU SURE?



I'M TELLING YOU!
IT'S GONNA WORK
THIS TIME!

CHANCE ALSO...

BOOST FAILED

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***I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
THIS GAME SUCKS!!***

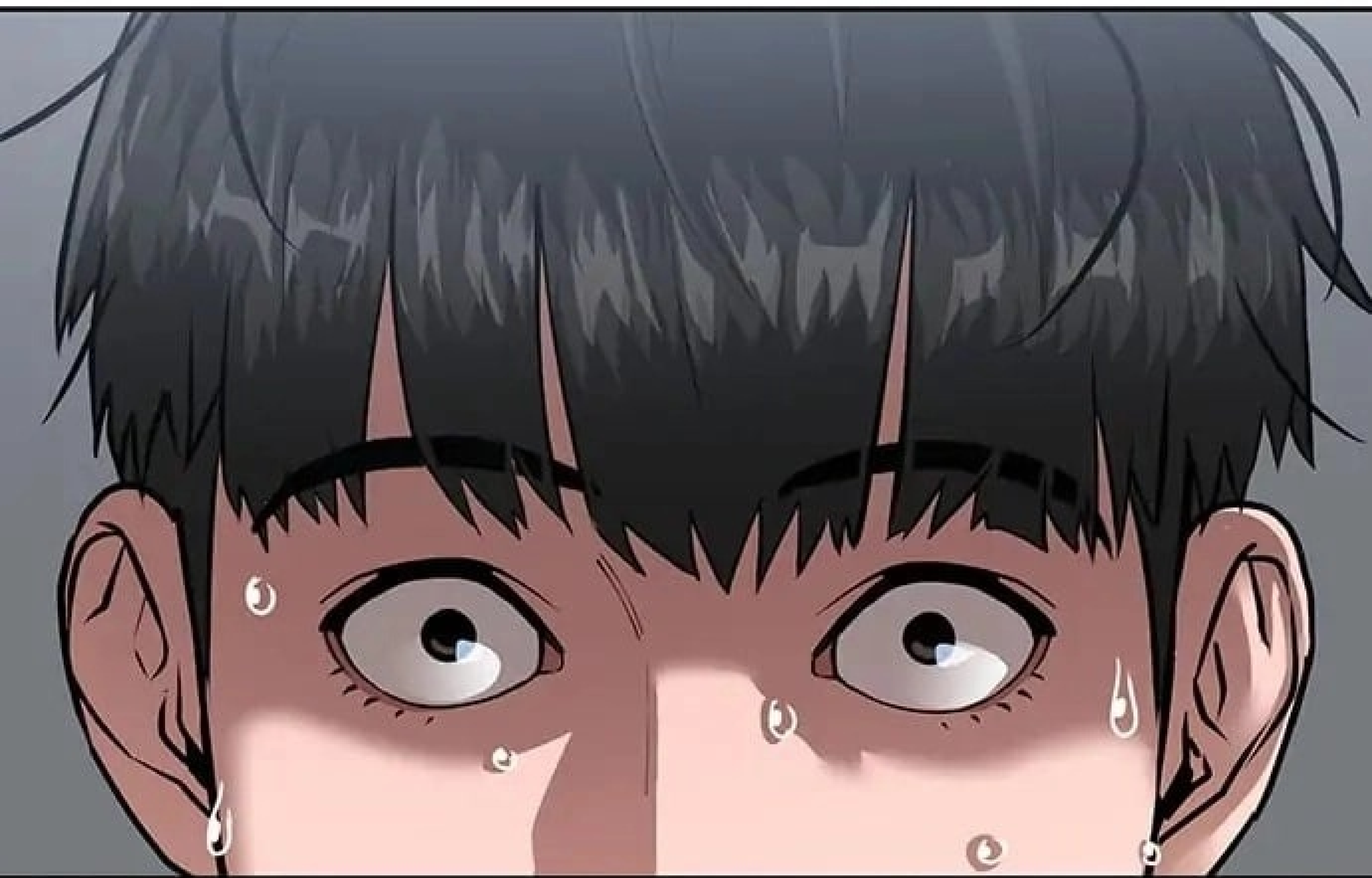
**...DISAPPOINTS
EVERYONE FAIRLY.**

DUN DUN



HUH?

WHY DIDN'T IT WORK?



I HIT HIM 100 TIMES!

THEN THEORETICALLY, ONE OF
THEM SHOULD DIVE

THEM SHOULD'VE--

WHAT'S THE USE
OF SLAPPING AWAY?



UGH...!

IF YOU WANT TO
WIN A FIGHT...

Shooosh

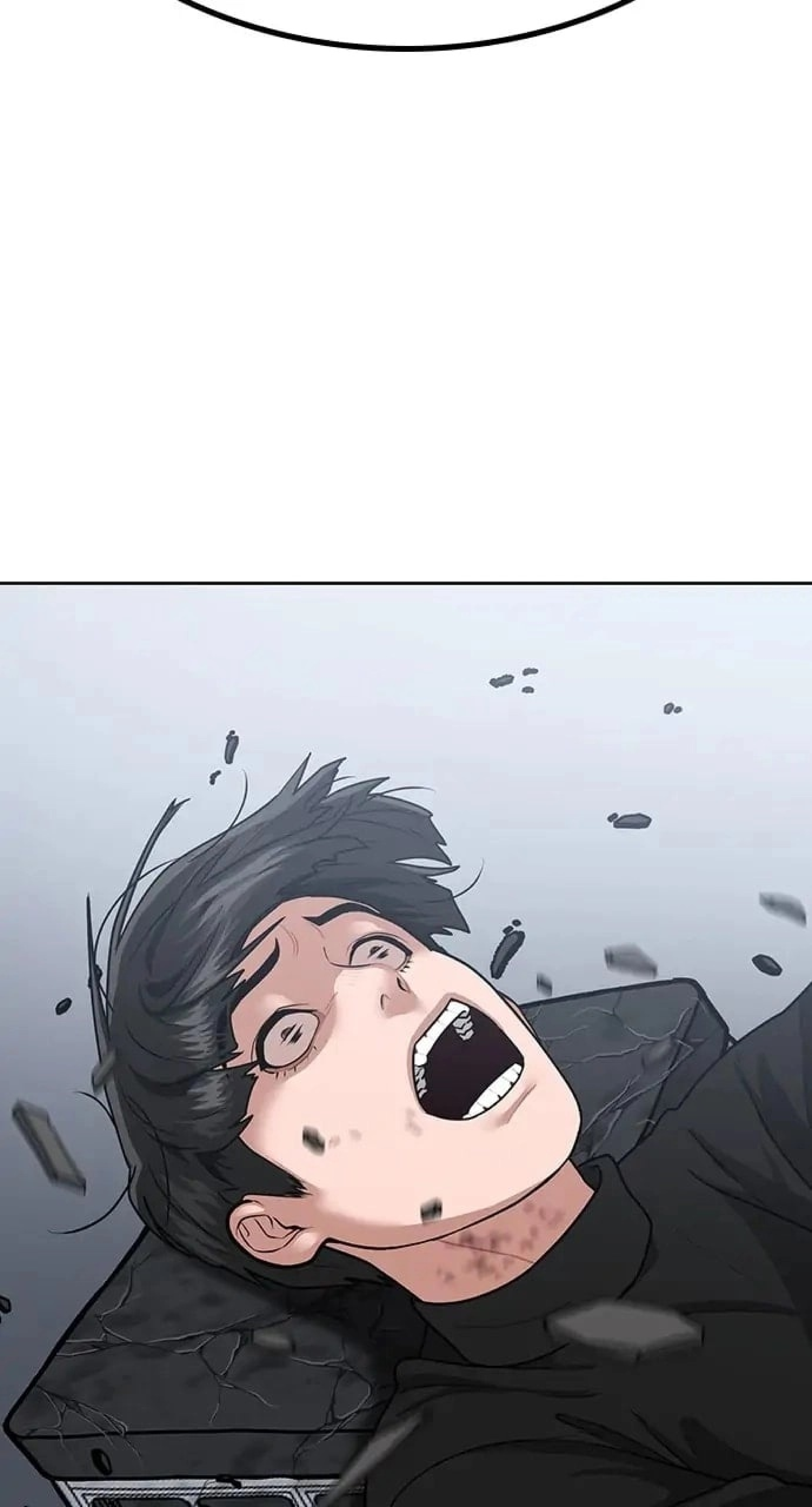


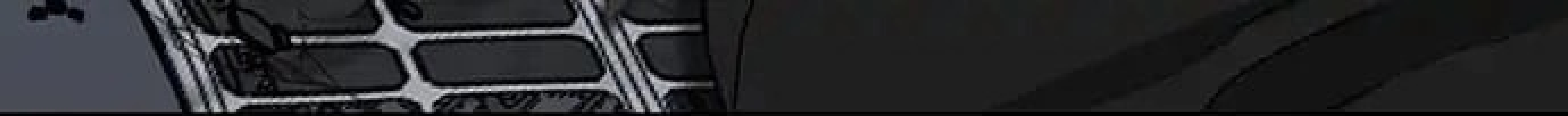






**...YOU'VE GOT TO
HAVE A LETHAL MOVE UP
YOUR SLEEVE.**





THUD

I WAS WONDERING
WHAT YOU WERE

PLANNING SINCE YOU CAME
AT ME SO CONFIDENTLY.

LOOKS LIKE IT WAS
ALL A BLUFF.

DUST

DUST

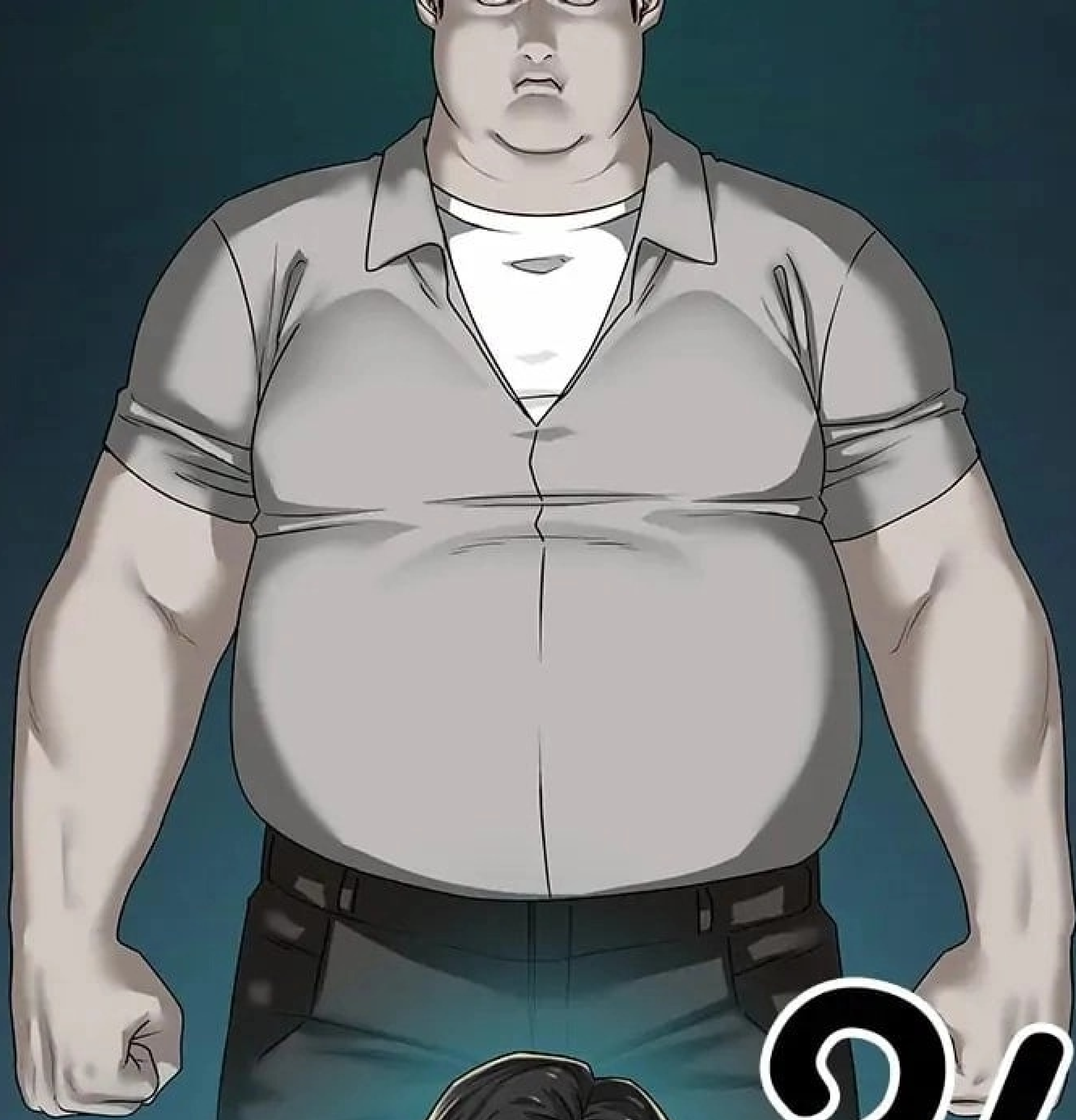
I MEAN, EVEN IF
YOU DID HAVE SOMETHING
UP YOUR SLEEVE...



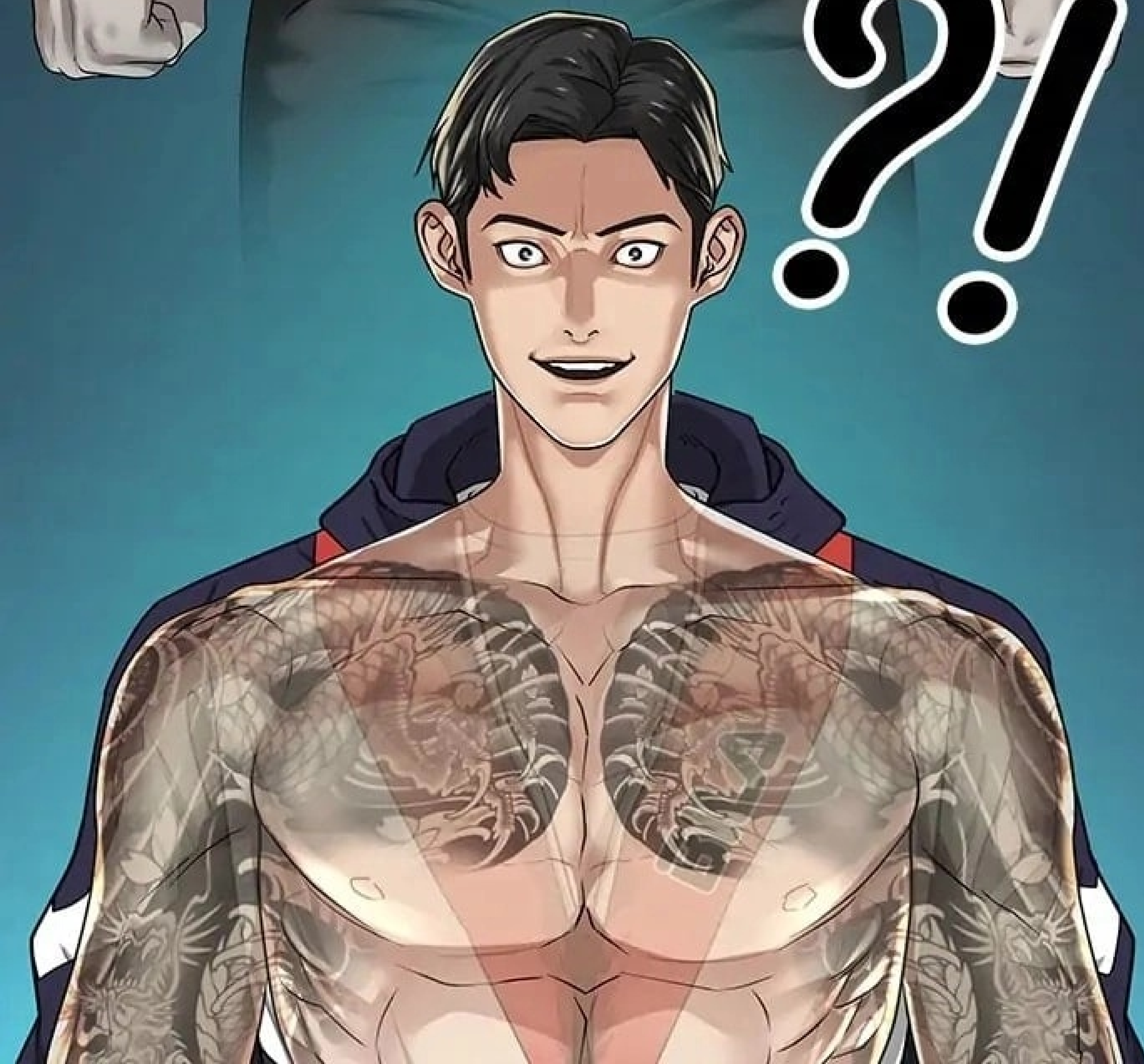
...I SHED BLOOD,
SWEAT, AND TEARS
TO SHAPE A 286 LB LUMP
OF FAT...

...INTO
THIS MUSCULAR BODY.





?!





THERE'S NO WAY THAT
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE
A SCRATCH ON ME.

THAT'S RIGHT

THAT'S RIGHT...



?

IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL...



...YOU WERE
A FAT-ASS DOUCHE...

WHAT?
YOU KNOW ME?

WHO WERE YOU
AGAIN?

OF COURSE YOU DON'T
REMEMBER ME.

PUNKS LIKE
YOU NEVER DO.

VICTIMS LIVE
THE REST OF THEIR LIVES
WITH THE TRAUMA.







BUT THE BULLIES
FORGET IT ALL SO EASILY...!

HMM...



SHOOT...
I SPOKE WITHOUT THINKING...!

TOO BAD.
I REALLY DON'T
REMEMBER.

D-DON'T COME
NEAR ME...!

STEP



**I SAID
DON'T COME
NEAR ME!**

swish



GRAB



SO WHAT
ABOUT IT?





AREN'T YOU
THE SAME?

CREAK



DO YOU REMEMBER
EVERY SINGLE TOY YOU USED
TO PLAY WITH...





...WHEN YOU
WERE A KID?



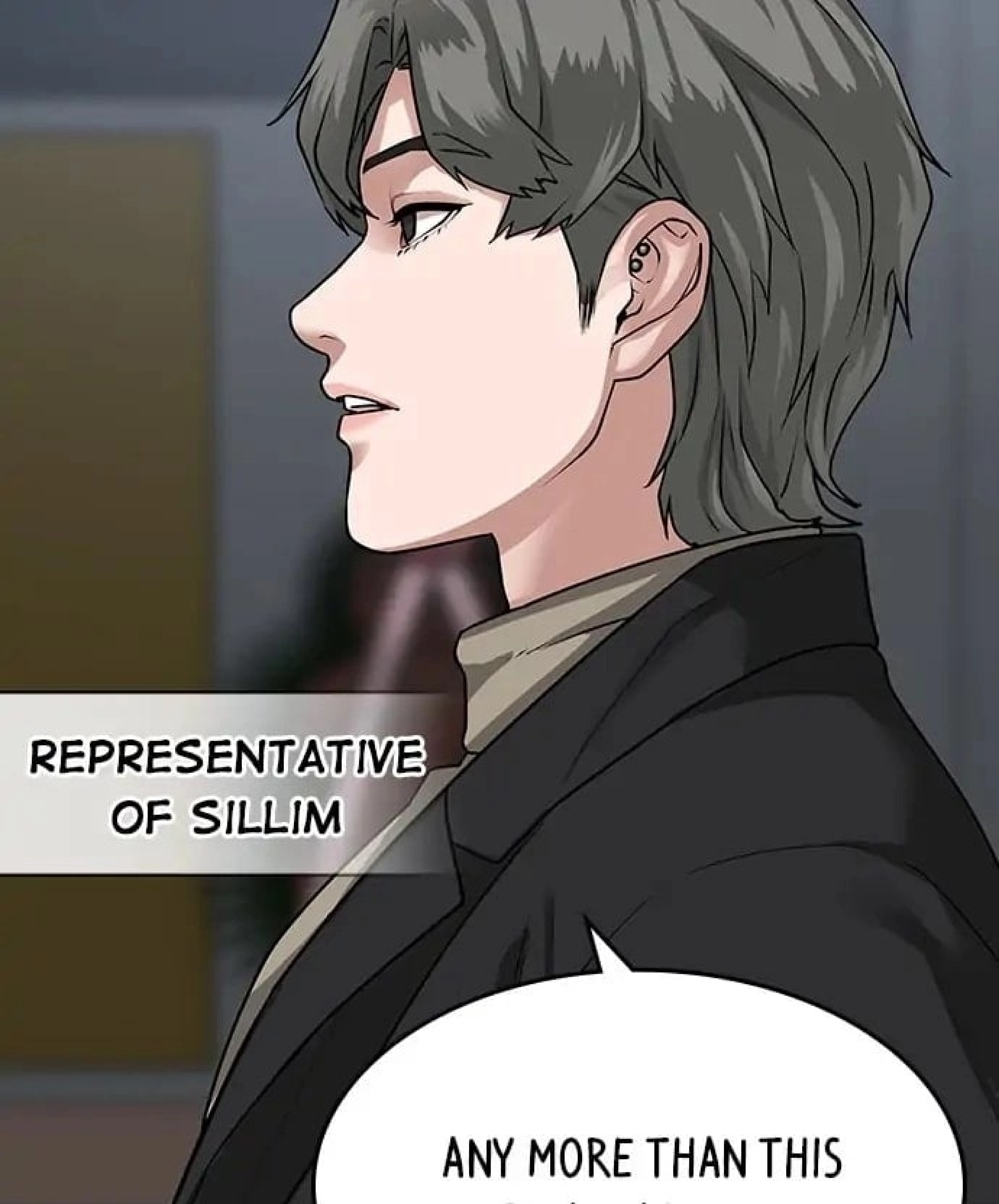
DOWAN...



GIVE UP.



EUNSEONG?



**REPRESENTATIVE
OF SILLIM**

ANY MORE THAN THIS
WILL BE A WASTE OF TIME.

HE COMPLETELY
LOST THE WILL
TO FIGHT.





I WAS FOOLISH FOR GOING FOR
THAT 1% CHANCE.

BEATING THAT MONSTER
IS IMPOSSIBLE.

I HAVEN'T FOUGHT
IN SUCH A LONG TIME
THAT MY SHOULDERS
ARE CRAMPED.





I NEVER HAD A CHANCE
TO BEGIN WITH.

BUT IF I SURRENDER,
I'M GOING TO BE
BEATEN UP BY ALL THE OTHER
PUNKS HERE.



WHAT AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO RIGHT NOW?

THE FIGHT IS
ALREADY OVER.







NOT YET...!

IT'S NOT OVER YET.



WOW, YOU DON'T
GIVE UP EASILY, HUH?





AREN'T YOU TIRED OF
THE SAME THING HAPPENING
AGAIN AND AGAIN?

WAIT...





IS HE STILL GOING TO FIGHT
EVEN AFTER THAT...?







LET'S ESCAPE
THROUGH THAT DOOR.

MAKE HIM LOWER HIS GUARD...

C-COME TO
THINK OF IT...

...WE WERE
PRETTY CLOSE IN
MIDDLE SCHOOL.





...AND RUN AWAY
WITHOUT LOOKING BACK.
THAT'S MY BEST BET
RIGHT NOW.

AS FOR BEING TARGETED
BY THE ILJIN GANG...

WHAT?

DIDN'T YOU JUST
SAY THAT I USED TO
BE A FAT-ASS DOUCHE?

CRACK
CRACK



...I'M GOING TO BEG MOM
TO TRANSFER ME TO A SCHOOL
ON SOME RANDOM ISLAND
SOMEWHERE...!

LET'S MAKE A BEELINE FOR THE
EMERGENCY EXIT.

F-FRIENDS POKE FUN AT
EACH OTHER.

COME ON...
HAHA...

SHIFT



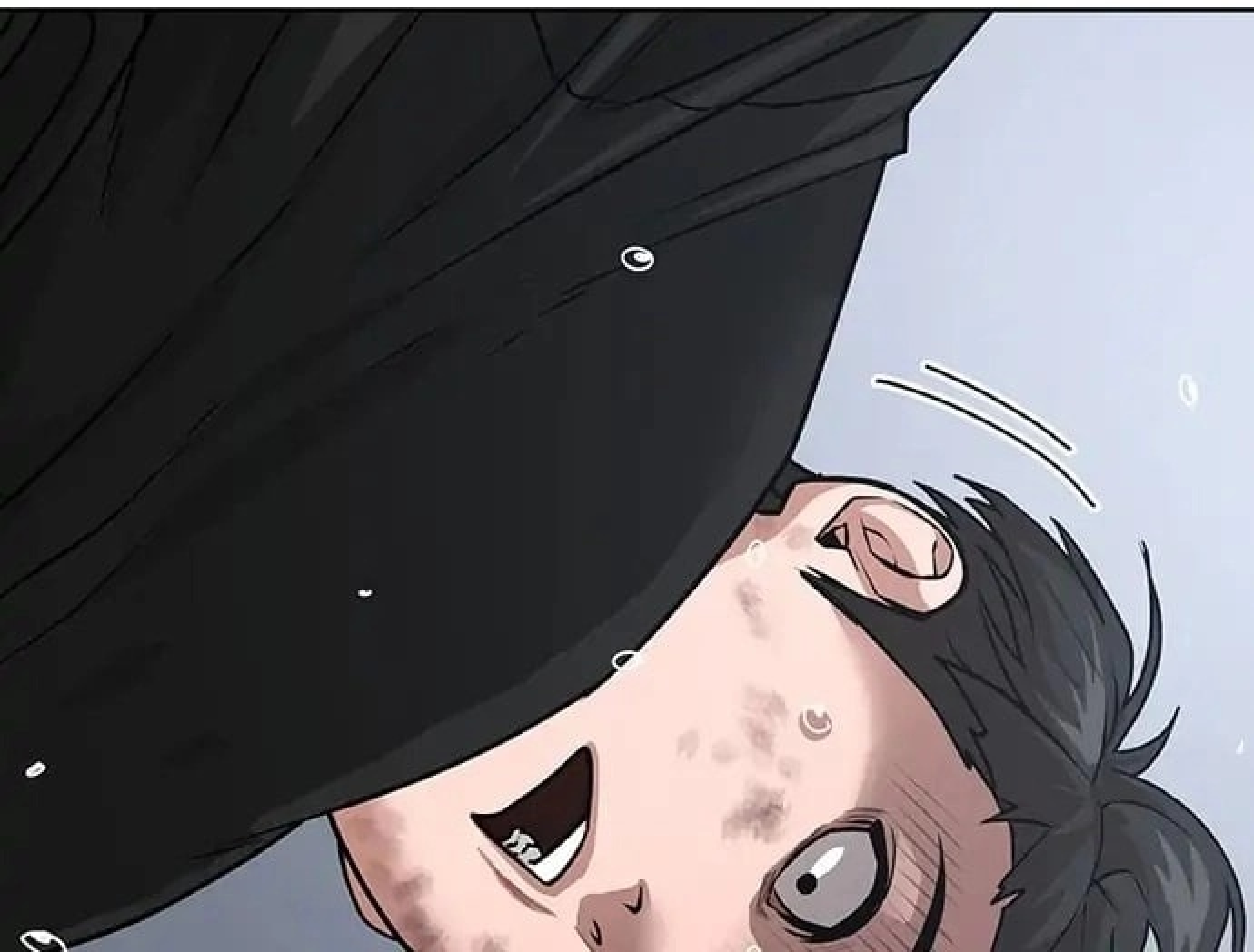
AND I NEED TO START RUNNING...

...NOW!



SLIP

?!





WHAT THE...

DANG...





I SHOULDN'T HAVE
TAKEN OFF MY JACKET.







BOUNCE











DID YOU SEE THAT
JUST NOW

JUST NOW?

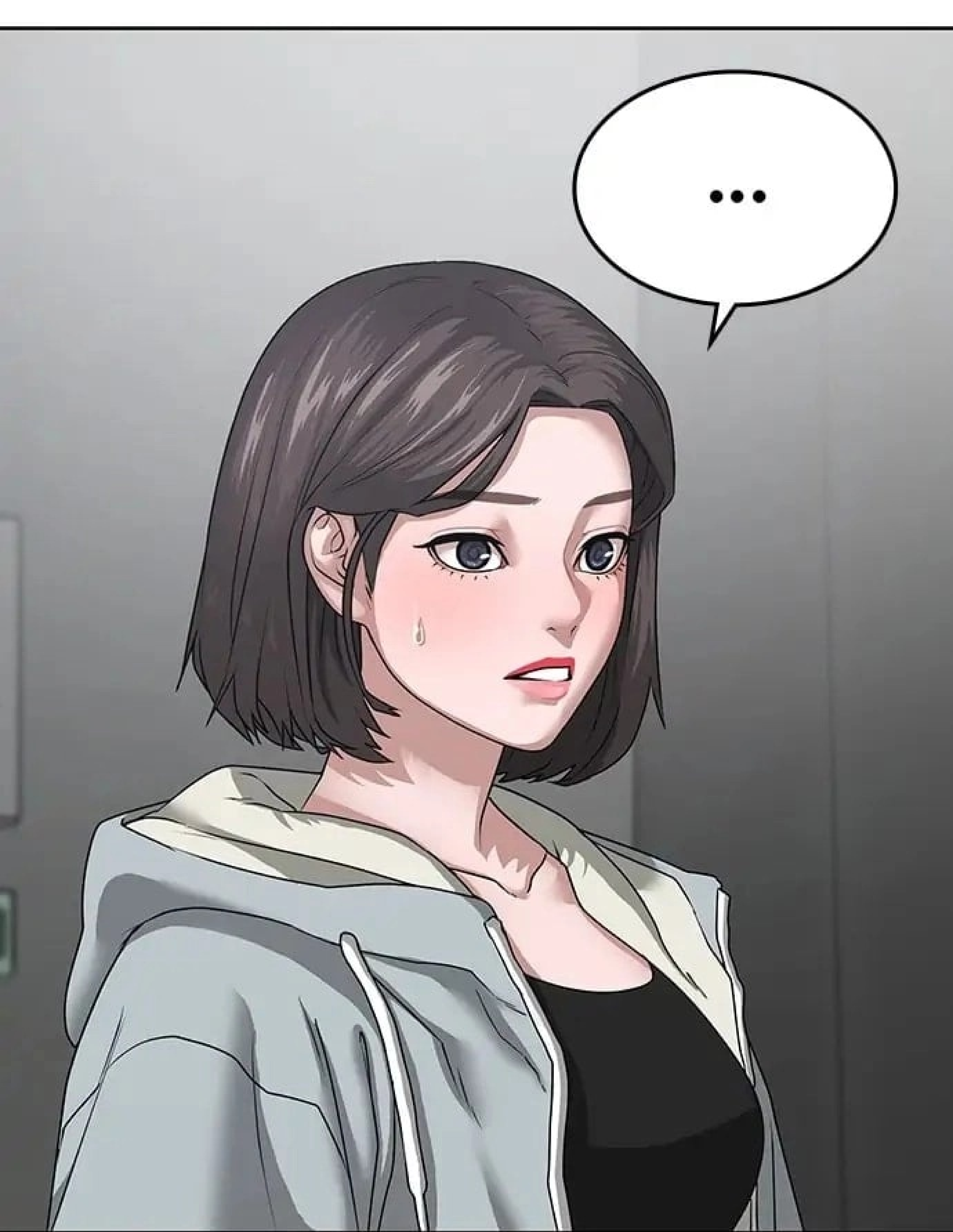
W-WHAT
WAS THAT?!

CLAMOR

MURMUR

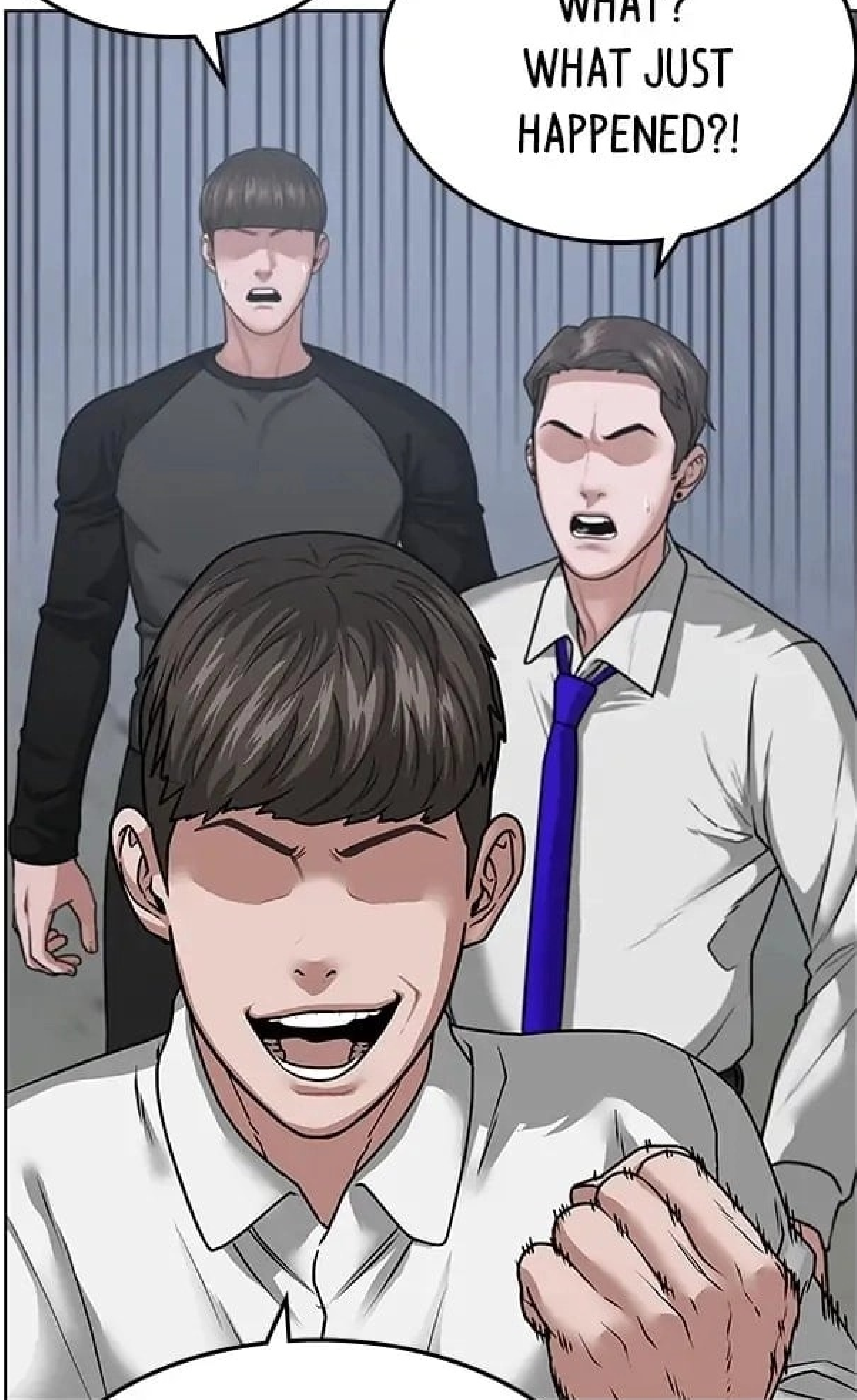
SEHUN
WENT FLYING!





T-THAT
WAS AMAZING...!

WHAT?
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?!



OH, SH*T!
I KNOW WHAT THAT IS!

THAT'S FOCUSING
ALL OF YOUR ENERGY
INTO YOUR PALM AND EXERTING
IT ONTO THE OPPONENT'S
BODY.





IT'S A SECRET
MOVE IN MARTIAL ARTS
THAT DESTROYS THE BONES
AND ORGANS AT
THE SAME TIME...!

DRAGON PUSH



WHOOOSH



NO, IT ISN'T...!

DING

DING

THE CRITICAL HIT
WAS EFFECTIVE.

I-IT FINALLY WORKED...
AND I GOT HIM STRAIGHT
IN THE GUT!

HUFF





I DIDN'T EXPECT MUCH
BECAUSE IT WAS A PASSIVE SKILL,
BUT IT'S SUPER LETHAL!!

SO IT LOOKS LIKE
I ENDED UP WINNING
THIS FIGHT SOMEHOW AGAIN--





YOU WERE
THIS POWERFUL,

BUT YOU
PRETENDED TO BE WEAK
ALL THIS TIME...?



WHAT THE...



ARE YOU MESSING
WITH ME?



YOU'RE DEAD MEAT.
I'M GOING TO END YOU
TODAY.





HE'S STILL ABLE TO
GET UP EVEN AFTER
THAT HIT?

LOOK AT THAT
PUNK SHAKING.

HE'S
SCREWED
NOW.

TREMBLE

TREMBLE



HMM?
BUT THIS TIME...

...HE'S SMILING?





*DESPAIR TREATS
EVERYONE EQUALLY.*



AND MOST
USERS END UP GETTING
A TASTE.

BLANK



BUT EVEN SO,
THEY DON'T STOP
TRYING.

HEY,
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

YOU'RE NOT DEAD,
ARE YOU?

BLANK





LET'S
HEAD OUT
NOW.

IF YOU DIDN'T GET A BOOST
AFTER SPENDING SO MUCH,
TODAY ISN'T YOUR DAY.
GIVE UP.





BUT...

DING





WORLD MESSAGE

**FREETOPLAYLOL
SUCCEEDED IN
UPGRADING
SAINT IMPERIAL
TO STAGE 25.**



WHAT?
SOMEONE ACTUALLY
SUCCEEDED
IN THIS?

BECAUSE
SUCCESS
EXISTS...

IF YOU ARE
A WITNESS...

LOOK,
EVEN PEOPLE LIKE THEM
SUCCEEDED...

SHAKE

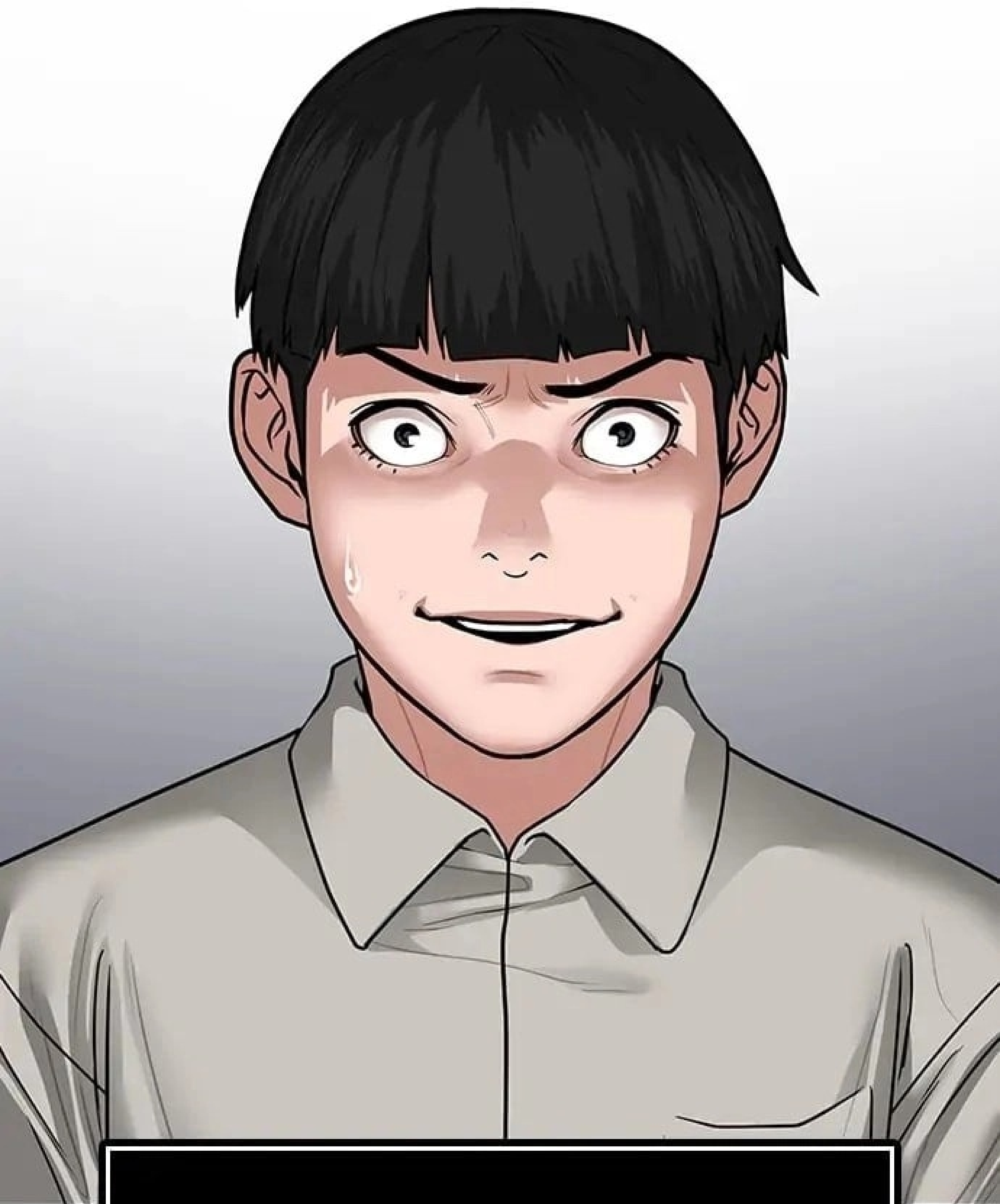
SHAKE

THERE'S NO WAY
I WON'T BE ABLE
TO EITHER.

...TO THE EXISTENCE
OF SUCCESS EVEN

ONCE...

I STILL HAVE
MY KOREAN CRAM
SCHOOL TUITION
LEFT.



*...DESPAIR
TRANSFORMS
INTO
HOPE.*

SO EVEN TODAY,
USERS IN THIS WORLD...



KAAARGH!!





...PUT THEIR LIVES
IN THE HANDS OF
CHANCE!

PRODUCER
HYUNGWUK SHIN

STAFF
MINYOUNG
KANGMOON JO

PRODUCED BY

