

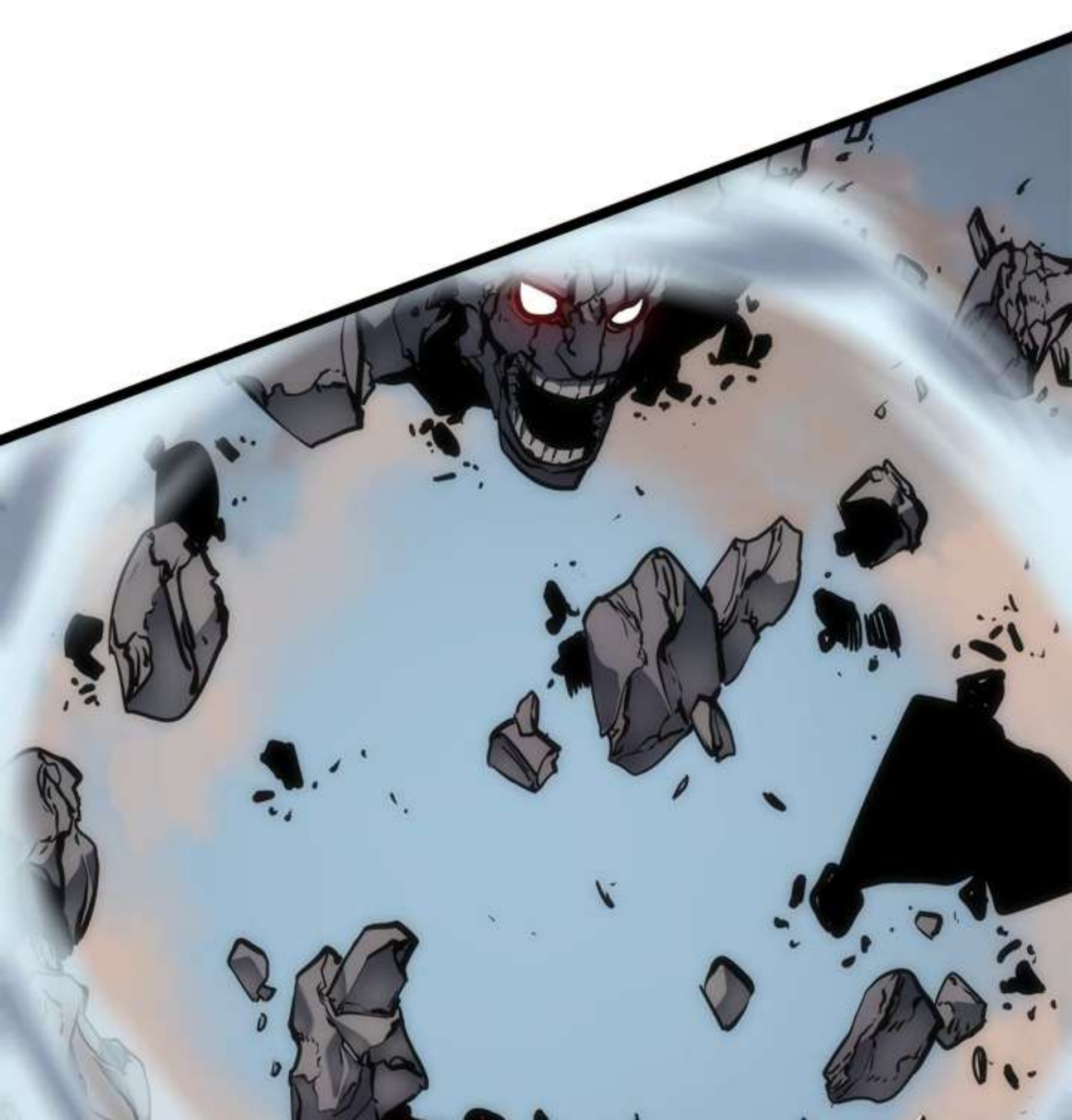
Solo Leveling

Art · DUBU (REDICE STUDIO)

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Story · h-goon

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OH, YEAH. THIS
IS JINHO'S FIRST
TIME SEEING
THEM.

LET'S JUST SAY
I USED ONE OF
MY SKILLS.

Y, YOU HAVE
A SKILL THAT
ALLOWS YOU
TO SUMMON
SHADOWS?!

IT'S A LONG
STORY...

ANYWAY,
THEY'RE SUPER
RESOURCEFUL.
THEY DO ALL THE
HUNTING FOR
ME...

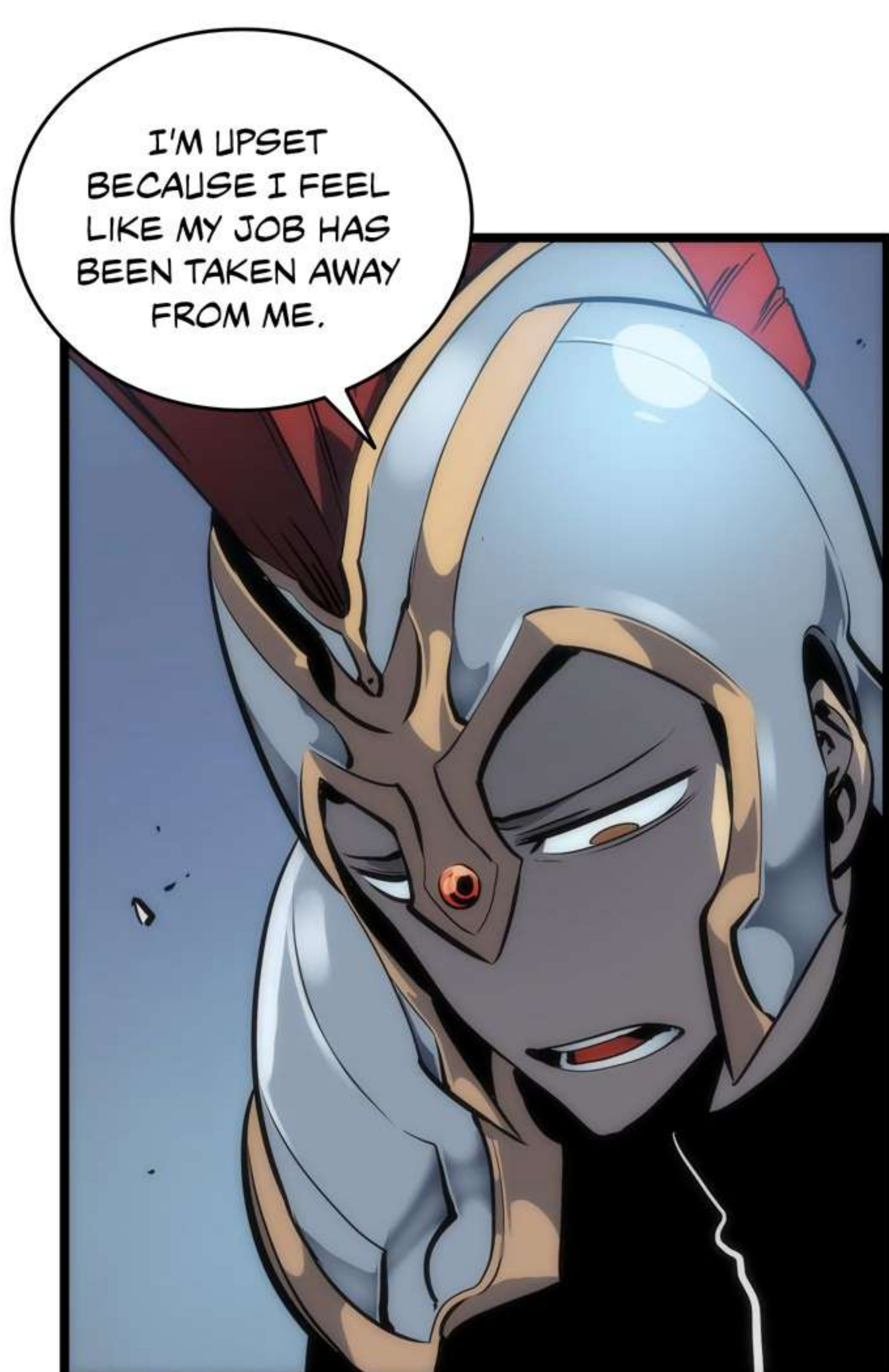
...AND ALL THE
BUSY WORK,
TOO.

SLASH

CLINK

CLANK

GRAB





A DAY LATER,

I WAS DONE WITH THE 19 RAIDS I'D PROMISED JINHO.

EAST COAST,
U.S.A.





AN A-RANK
DUNGEON



A
A
A
A
I
I
I
I
I

JESUS!

**A-RANK HUNTER,
JAMES.**

**OUR
STRIKE SQUAD
GOT WIPED
OUT?!**

IMPOSSIBLE!

IS THAT

IS THAT
A HUMANOID
BEAST?!




WE DIDN'T
SEE A SINGLE MAGIC
BEAST INSIDE THIS
DUNGEON!

I KNEW
SOMETHING WASN'T
RIGHT, BUT...



I HAD NO IDEA
WE'D RUN INTO A
MONSTER LIKE HIM
IN THE BOSS'S
LAIR!



THE
AMOUNT OF MANA
EMANATING FROM HIM
EXCEEDS THE MANA OF
THIS ENTIRE A-RANK
DUNGEON...


THIS IS
UNHEARD OF!

JUST HOW
STRONG IS THIS
GUY?!



HEY.

**UWAAAAH!
GO AWAY!!**



GEEZ, YOU'RE
HURTING MY
EARS.

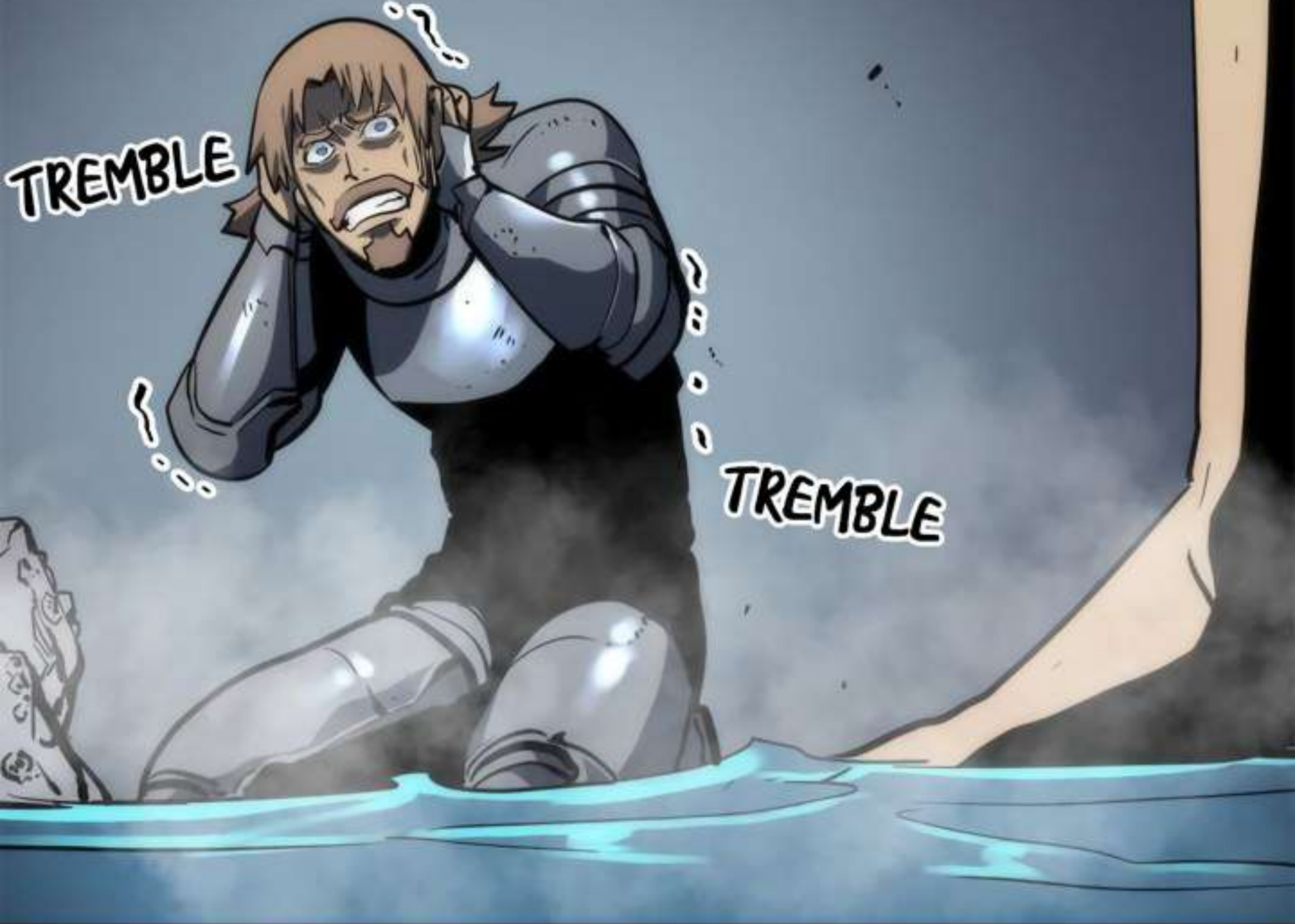
SCRATCH



DON'T WORRY,
YOUR FRIENDS AREN'T
DEAD. I JUST KNOCKED
THEM OUT FOR THE
TIME BEING.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE IF YOUR SQUAD
HADN'T ATTACKED
ME OUT OF
NOWHERE.

I'M TELLING
YOU, I'M NOT A
MAGIC BEAST.
I'M HUMAN.



...HMM,
I GUESS YOU
DON'T GET WHAT
I'M SAYING.



HOW SHOULD
I EXPLAIN
THIS...





HERE'S TO OUR
LAST RAID.

I'M SORRY, SIR.

I WANTED
TO TAKE YOU
SOMEWHERE FANCY
TO CELEBRATE...



DON'T BE. I'M MORE
WORRIED THAT THIS
FOOD MIGHT NOT SUIT
YOUR TASTE BUDS.

NOW THAT
OUR RAIDS ARE
OVER,

[HARMFUL SUBSTANCES HAVE
BEEN DETECTED IN YOUR BODY.]

WHAT
ARE YOUR
PLANS?

[YOU HAVE BEEN
SUCCESSFULLY DETOXIFIED.]

I'M GOING
TO TAKE A SIMPLE
WRITTEN EXAM AT THE
ASSOCIATION AND GET
MY GUILD MASTER'S
LICENSE.

AFTER
THAT, I'M GOING
TO TRY AND STRIKE
A DEAL WITH MY
FATHER.

CLINK

THE PROMISE I
MADE TO JINWOO
IS ALSO ON THE
LINE.

SURE,
IT'D BE GREAT
TO OWN A BUILDING
WORTH 30 BILLION



WORTH 50 BILLION
WON, BUT...

...THAT
WOULD JUST BE
A BONUS.

MY REAL
GOAL WAS TO
LEVEL UP.

I'VE ALREADY
ACCOMPLISHED MY
GOAL, SO THERE'S
NO REASON FOR ME
TO CONTINUE THIS
RELATIONSHIP.

STATUS

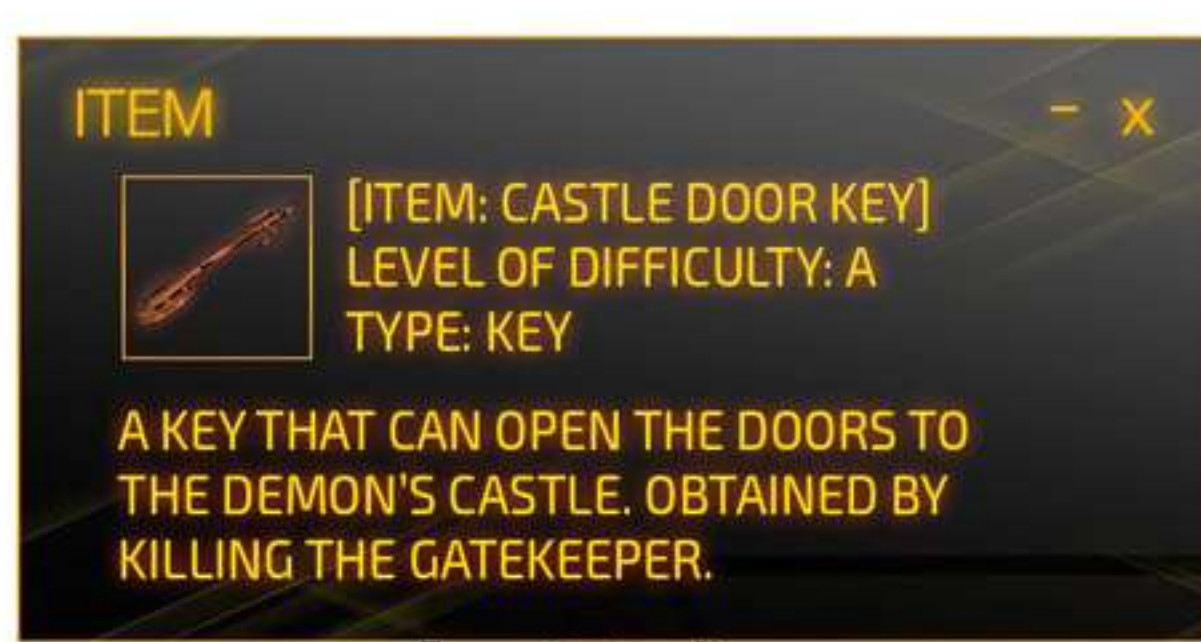
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NAME: SUNG JINWOO Lv. 61
JOB: THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS
TITLE: CONQUEROR OF ADVERSITY (+1)

HP: 13,001 MP: 1,677
FATIGUE: 0

STRENGTH: 142 HEALTH: 101
AGILITY: 121 INTELLIGENCE: 89
SENSE: 103 AP: 0

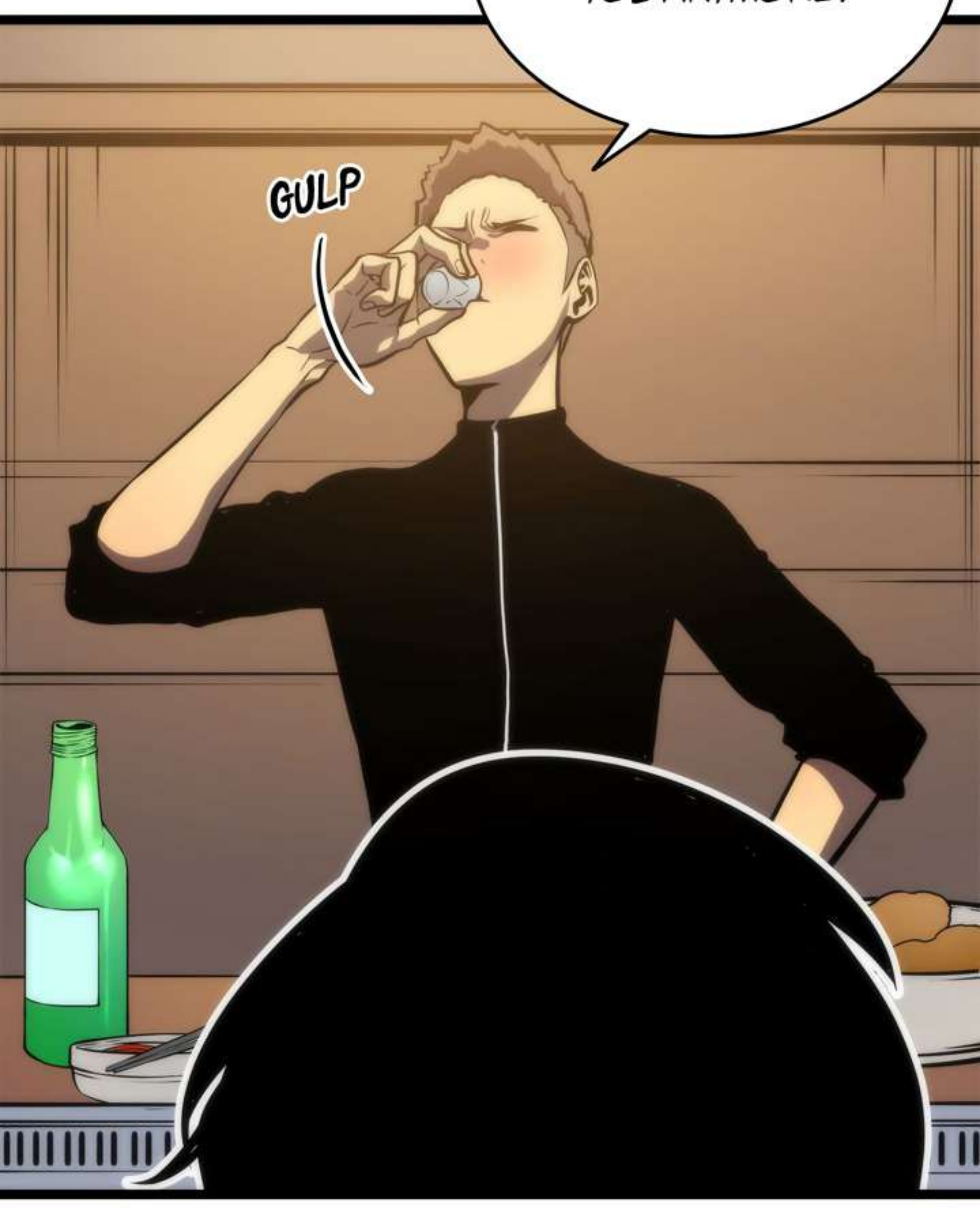
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SIR, PLEASE
LET ME KNOW IF
I'M A NUISANCE
TO YOU.

I WON'T BOTHER
YOU ANYMORE.



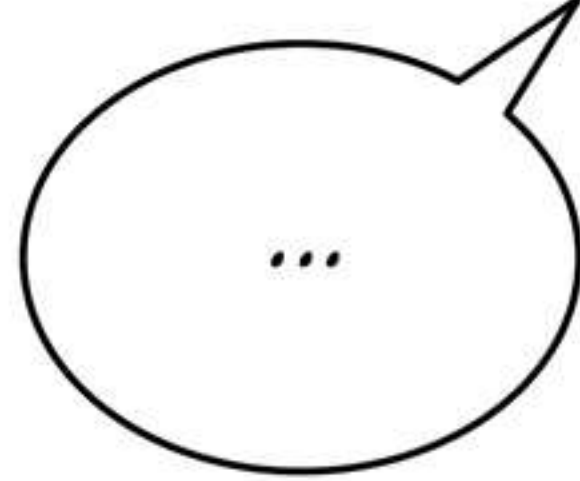
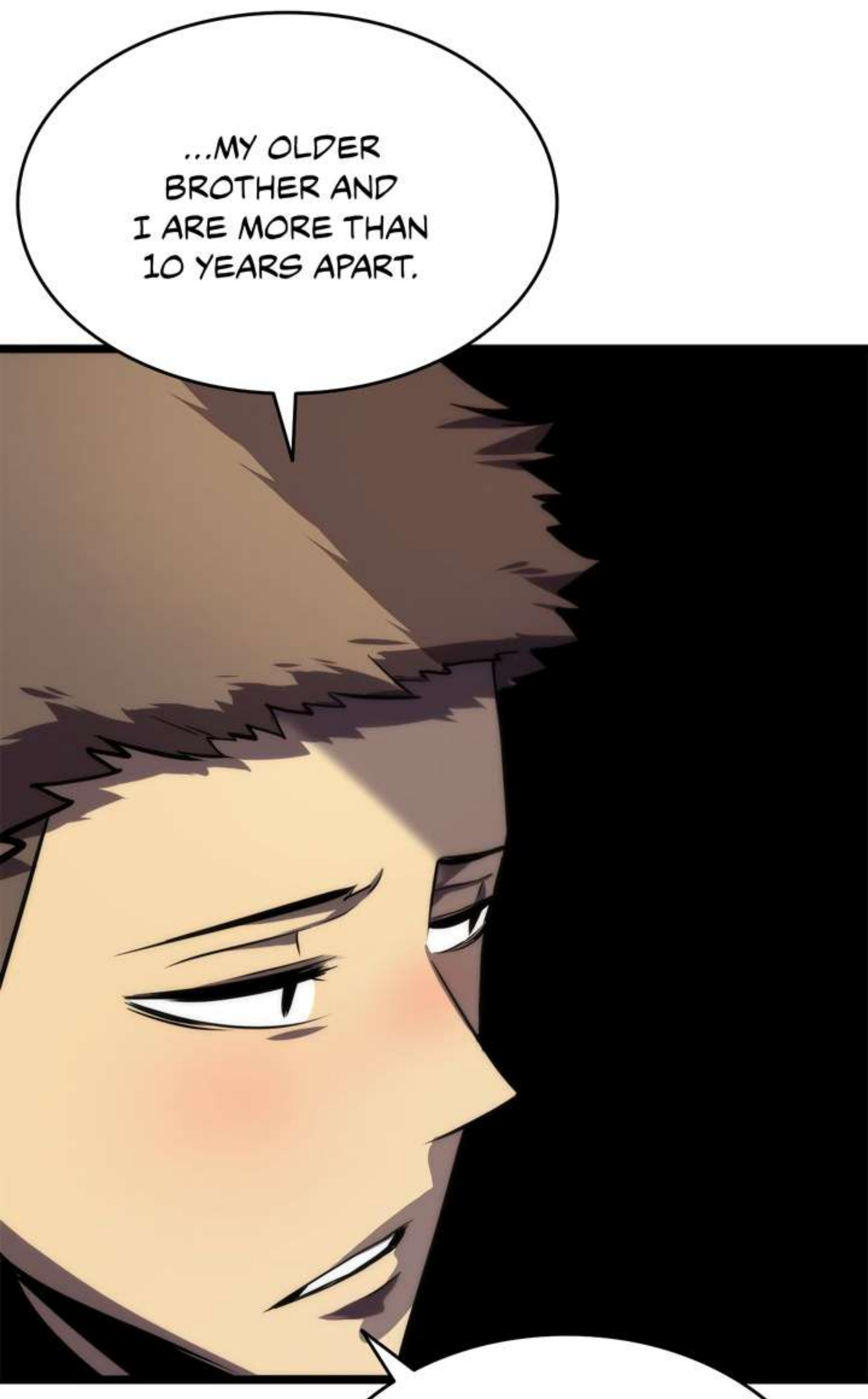
I HOPE HE
DIDN'T TAKE IT
THE WRONG WAY
AGAIN.

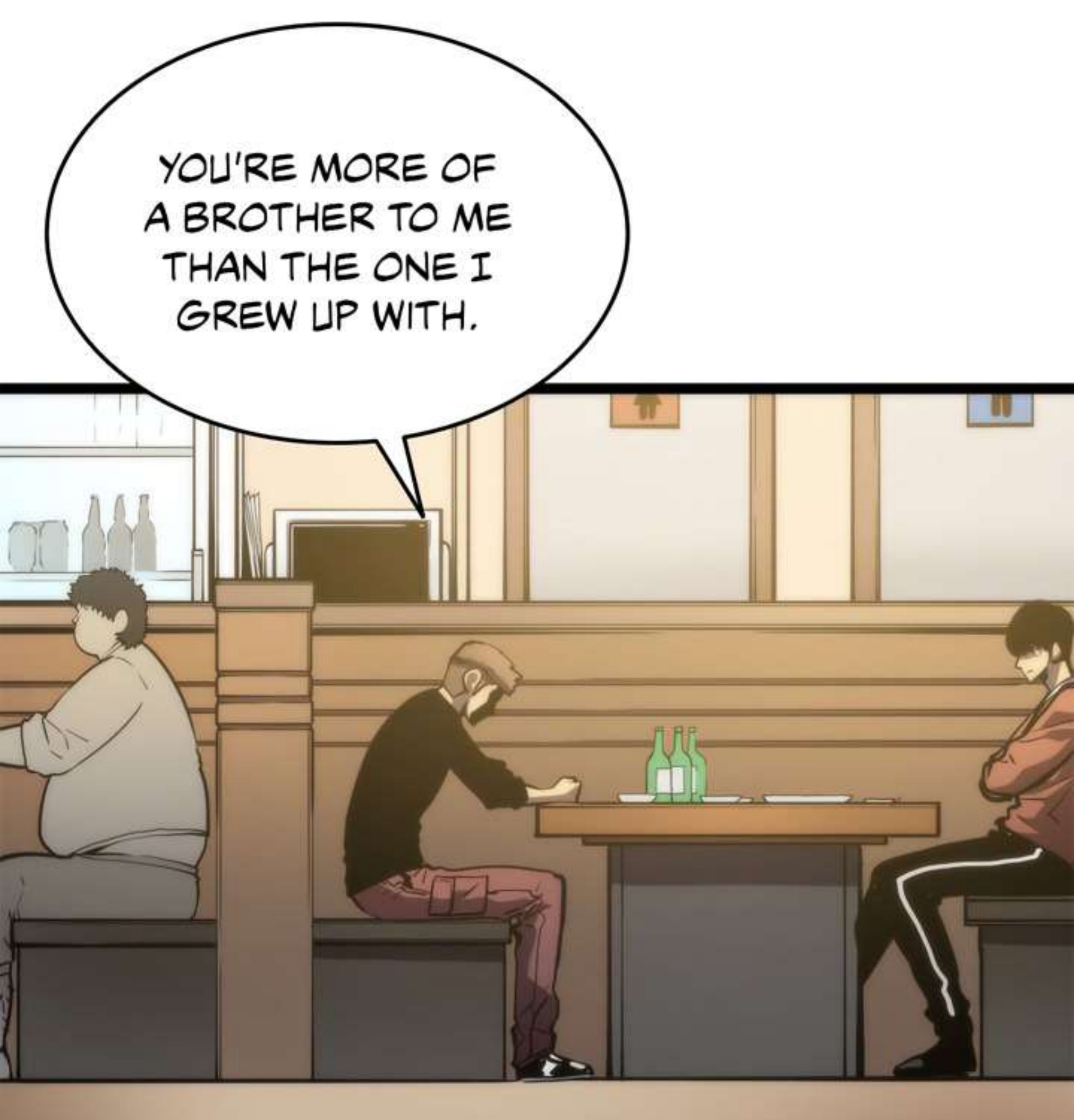
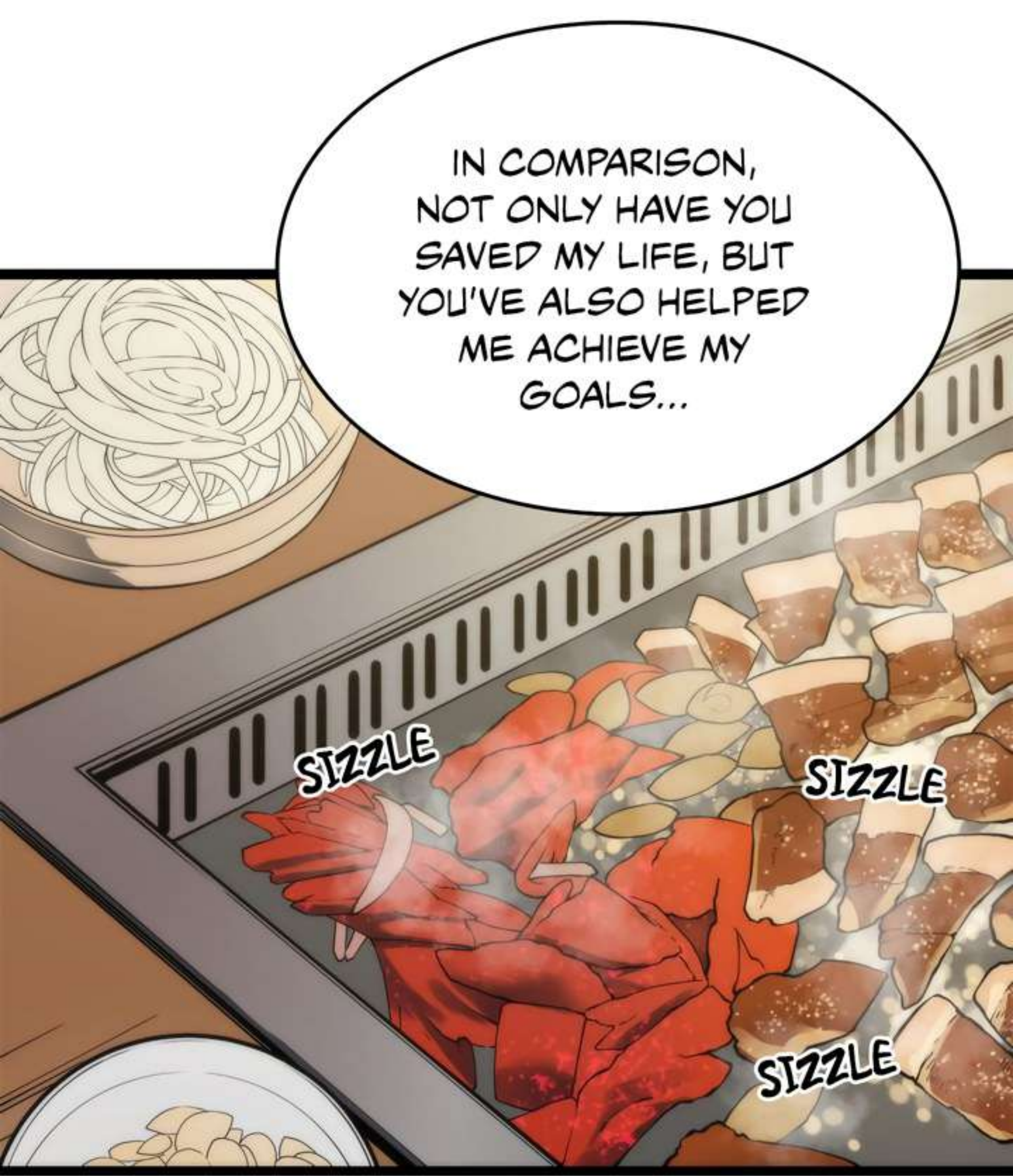
THIS GUY...



JINHO.

YES, SIR?







IF YOU THINK OF
ME AS YOUR OLDER
BROTHER,



I'LL THINK OF
YOU AS MY YOUNGER
BROTHER, TOO.

S...SIR.



DRIP



SIR! CAN I GIVE
YOU A HUG??


WHOA, WHOA!
YOU'RE DRUNK!

NO, I'M NOT!

I'M TOTALLY
SOBER RIGHT
NOW!



HAA...
WHAT AM I
GOING TO DO
WITH YOU...



WE HEARD THAT
WHILE TRAINING YOUR
NEW HUNTERS, A HUGE
ACCIDENT OCCURRED.
IS THAT TRUE?

WAAAH

IS IT TRUE THAT ALL THE
HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS
DIED AND ONLY THE
LOW-RANKING HUNTERS
MADE IT BACK ALIVE?

THERE'S WORD
GOING AROUND THAT THE
SURVIVORS RECEIVED HELP
FROM SOMEONE. DO YOU
CARE TO COMMENT?

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

THE
ASSOCIATION
HAS ALREADY
FINISHED THEIR
INVESTIGATION.

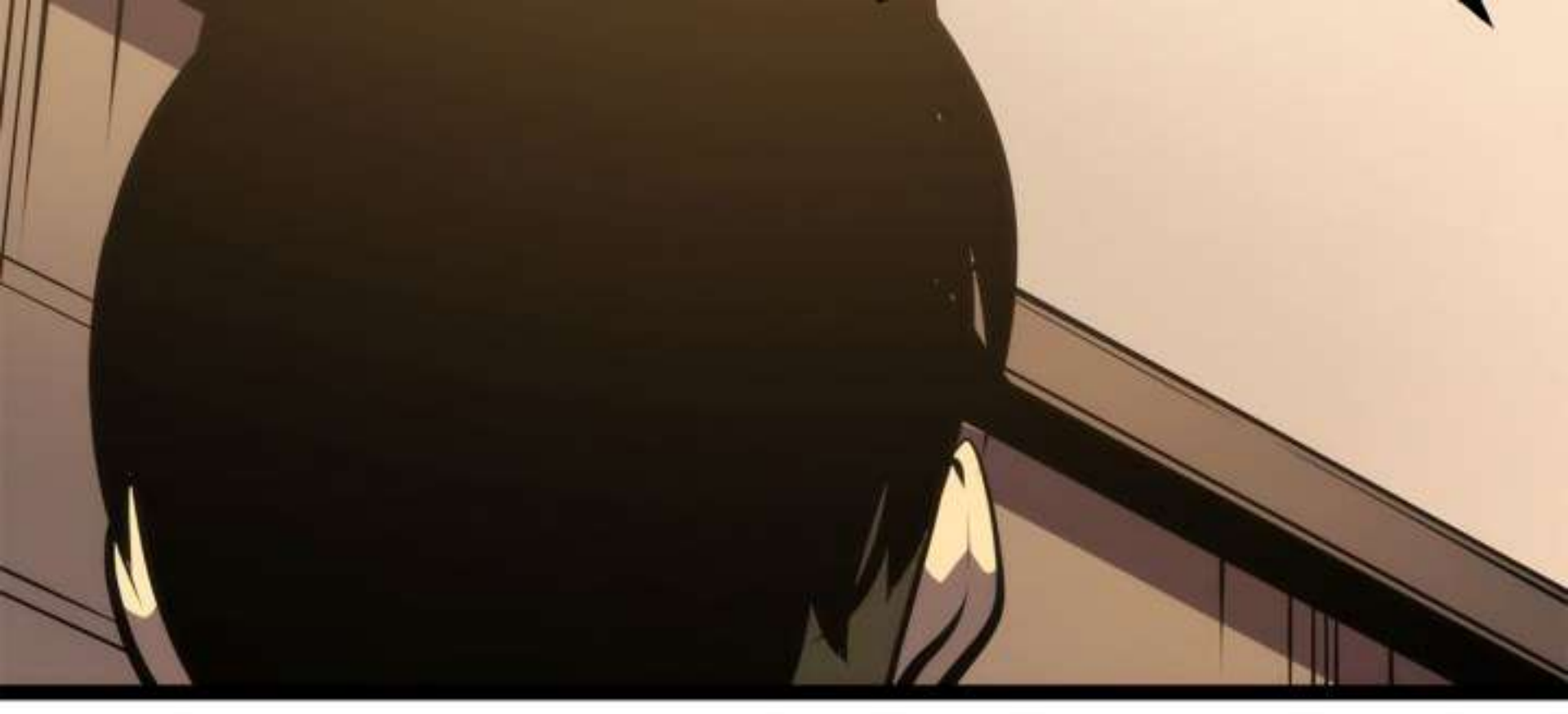
YES,
THERE WAS AN
ACCIDENT, BUT THE
SURVIVORS DID NOT
HAVE SOMEONE
COME TO THEIR
RESCUE.

COME TO THEIR
RESCUE?

THEN WHY ARE
YOU DENYING US AN
INTERVIEW WITH THE
SURVIVORS?

I FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE TALKING
ABOUT ME.

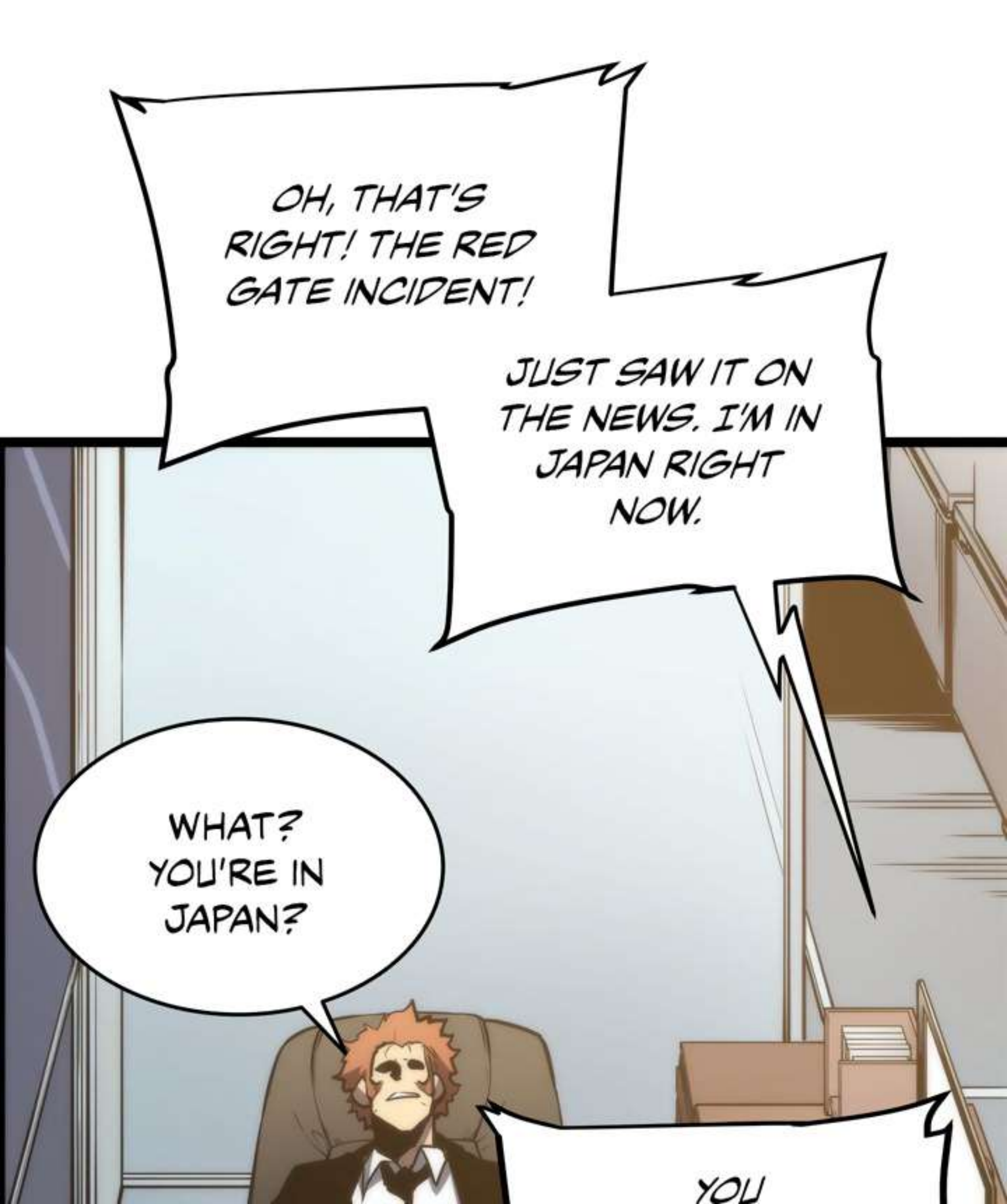
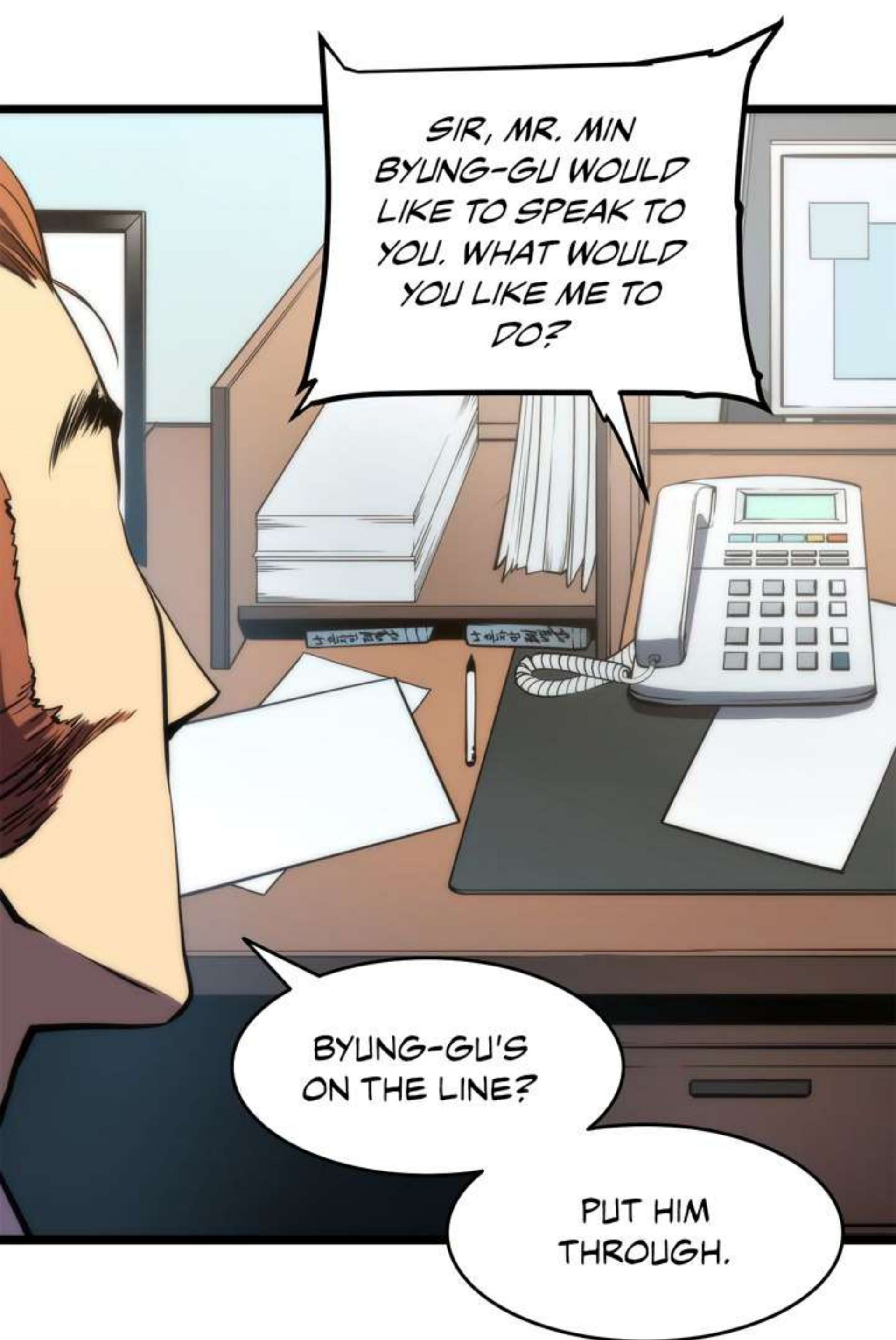
I WON'T
BE TAKING
ANY MORE
QUESTIONS.

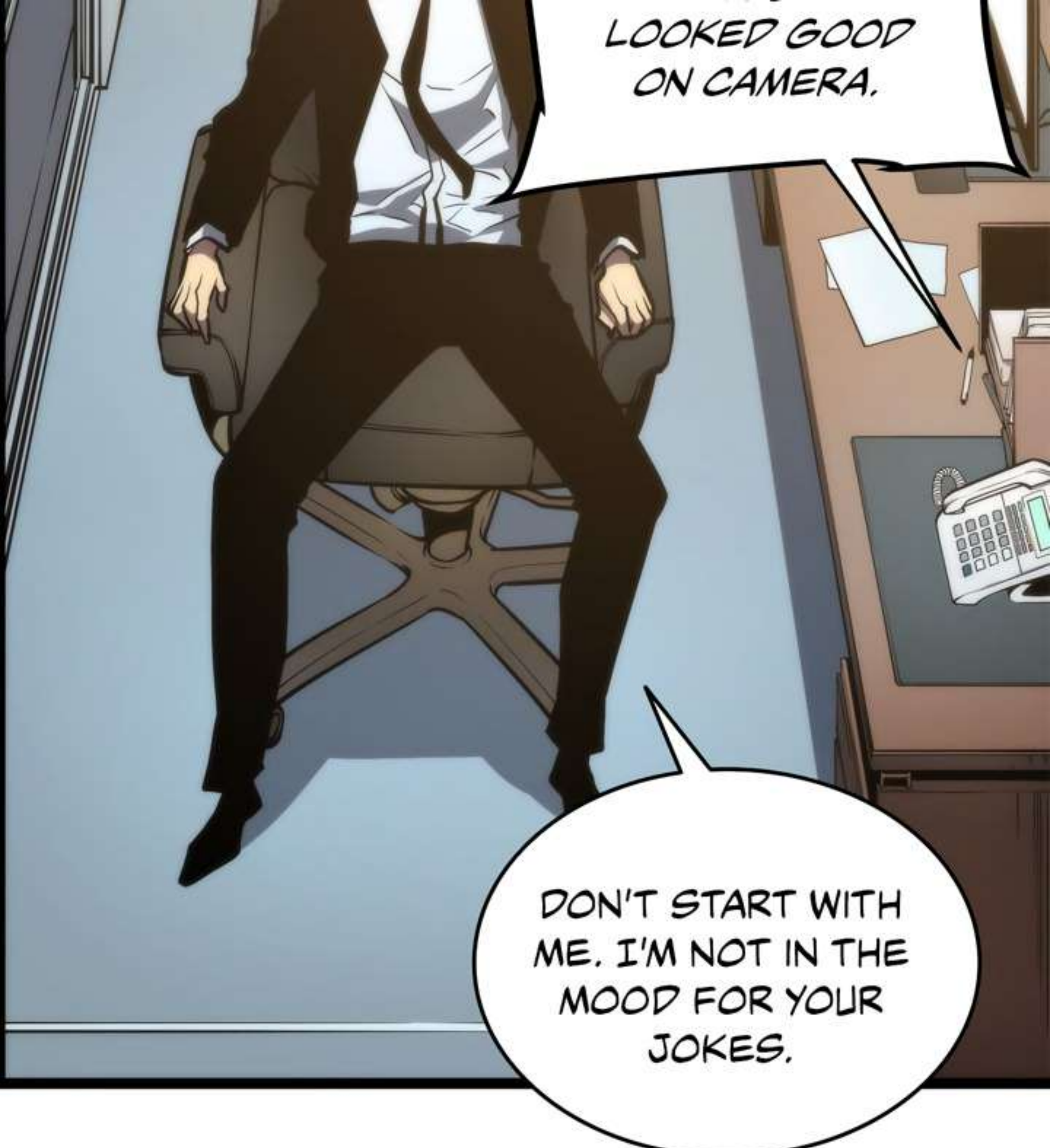


THOSE DAMN
REPORTERS...

THEY REALLY
KNOW HOW TO
SNIFF OUT A
STORY.

WHEW —





LOOKED GOOD
ON CAMERA.

DON'T START WITH
ME. I'M NOT IN THE
MOOD FOR YOUR
JOKES.



DON'T WORRY,
MAN. THINGS WILL
DIE DOWN SOON
ENOUGH.

I'VE ACTUALLY
GOT MORE BIG
NEWS FOR YOU.

BIG NEWS?

I THOUGHT YOU
SAID YOU WERE
IN JAPAN.

YEAH, A WEEK AGO,
SOMEONE FROM JAPAN
SECRETLY CONTACTED
THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION.

SO I CAME OVER TO
CHECK THINGS OUT, AND
IT SEEMS THE SITUATION
IS A LOT WORSE THAN
I EXPECTED.

PRETTY SOON,
THE NEWS WILL
REACH KOREA,
TOO.

SOMEONE
FROM JAPAN
CONTACTED THE
KOREAN HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION?

FOR WHAT
REASON?

THEY WANTED TO SPEAK
TO SOMEONE WHO HAD
PARTICIPATED IN THE
JEJU ISLAND RAID.

EXPLAIN TO
ME IN MORE
DETAIL!



AS YOU KNOW,
FOUR YEARS
AGO, AN S-RANK
GATE OPENED
UP IN JEJU.

BUT WHEN ALL THREE
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY
MISSIONS FAILED, EVEN
THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT
GAVE UP ON SAVING
THE ISLAND.



FOUR YEARS LATER,
THE PLACE IS STILL
SWARMING WITH ANTS.

YOU AND I NEARLY
DIED DURING THAT
RAID.



...YEAH. IT'S A
NIGHTMARE I WANT
TO FORGET.

UNFORTUNATELY,
I THINK A
MUTATION HAS
OCCURRED.

A MUTATION?

WHAT DOES THAT
HAVE TO DO WITH
ANYTHING? THEY'RE
STUCK ON THAT
ISLAND.

JUST
LEAVE THEM
ALONE. THEY'RE NOT
OUR CONCERN
ANYMORE.

WELL...

...THE ANTS MIGHT
BE CAPABLE OF
MIGRATING TO OTHER
COUNTRIES...

...BY FLYING
ACROSS THE
OCEAN!

THE CORPSE OF AN
ANT WITH WINGS WAS
FOUND WASHED UP ON
THE SHORES OF
JAPAN.



**THEY'VE
BEEN...**

**...EVOLVING AT
AN ALARMING
RATE!!**

To Be Continued...

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