

WHO ARE  
YOU TAKING?

WHEN  
DID YOU GET A  
GIRLFRIEND, DEAR  
BROTHER?

I'M GOING  
WITH A FRIEND.

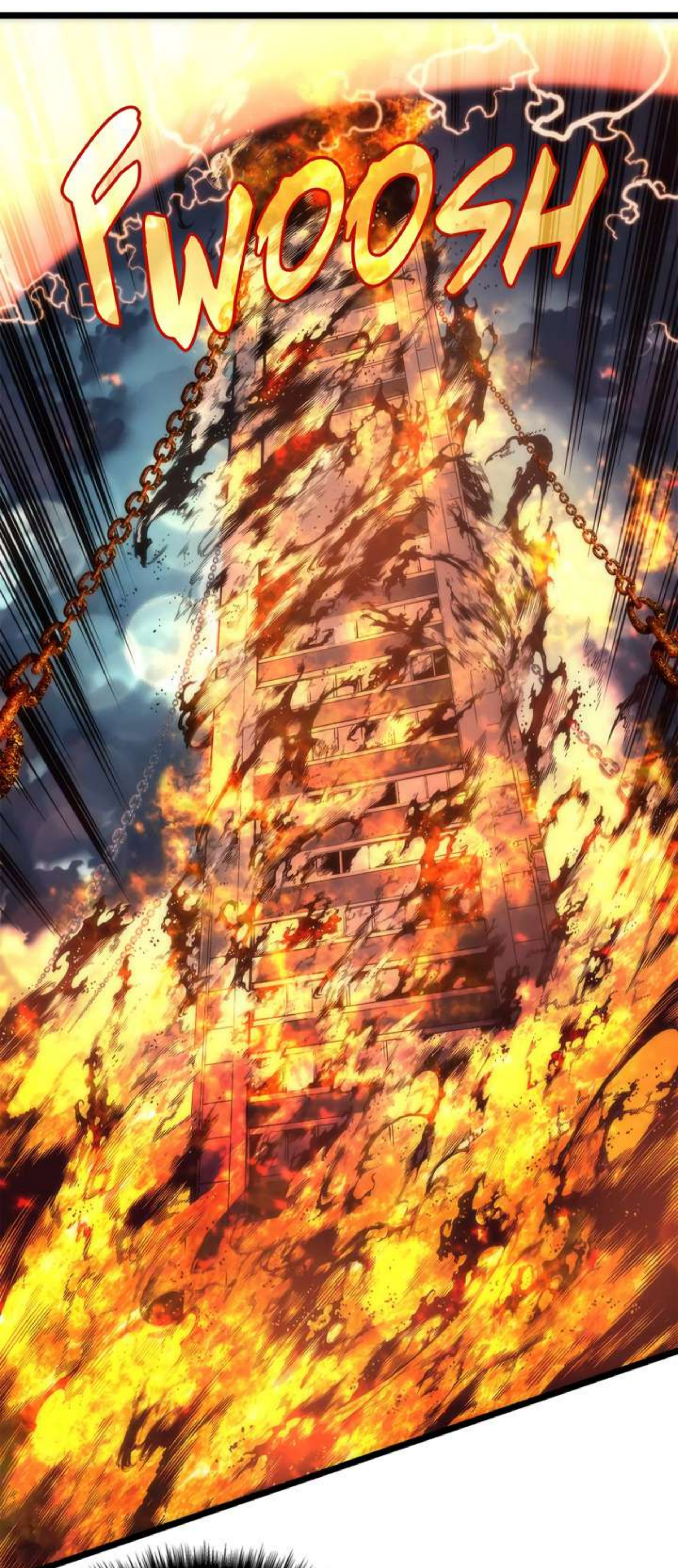
WHY  
DOES EVERYONE  
ASSUME THE  
SAME THING...?

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Art · DUBU (REDICE STUDIO)

Original Novel · Chugong

Story · h-goon



BACK  
WHEN I DEFEATED  
CERBERUS, I'D JUST  
MADE IT PAST  
LEVEL 20.

SINCE THEN,  
MY LEVEL HAS  
INCREASED  
THREEFOLD,





WHICH MEANS I  
WON'T BE RUNNING  
INTO AS MANY  
DIFFICULTIES AS  
BEFORE.



ITEM

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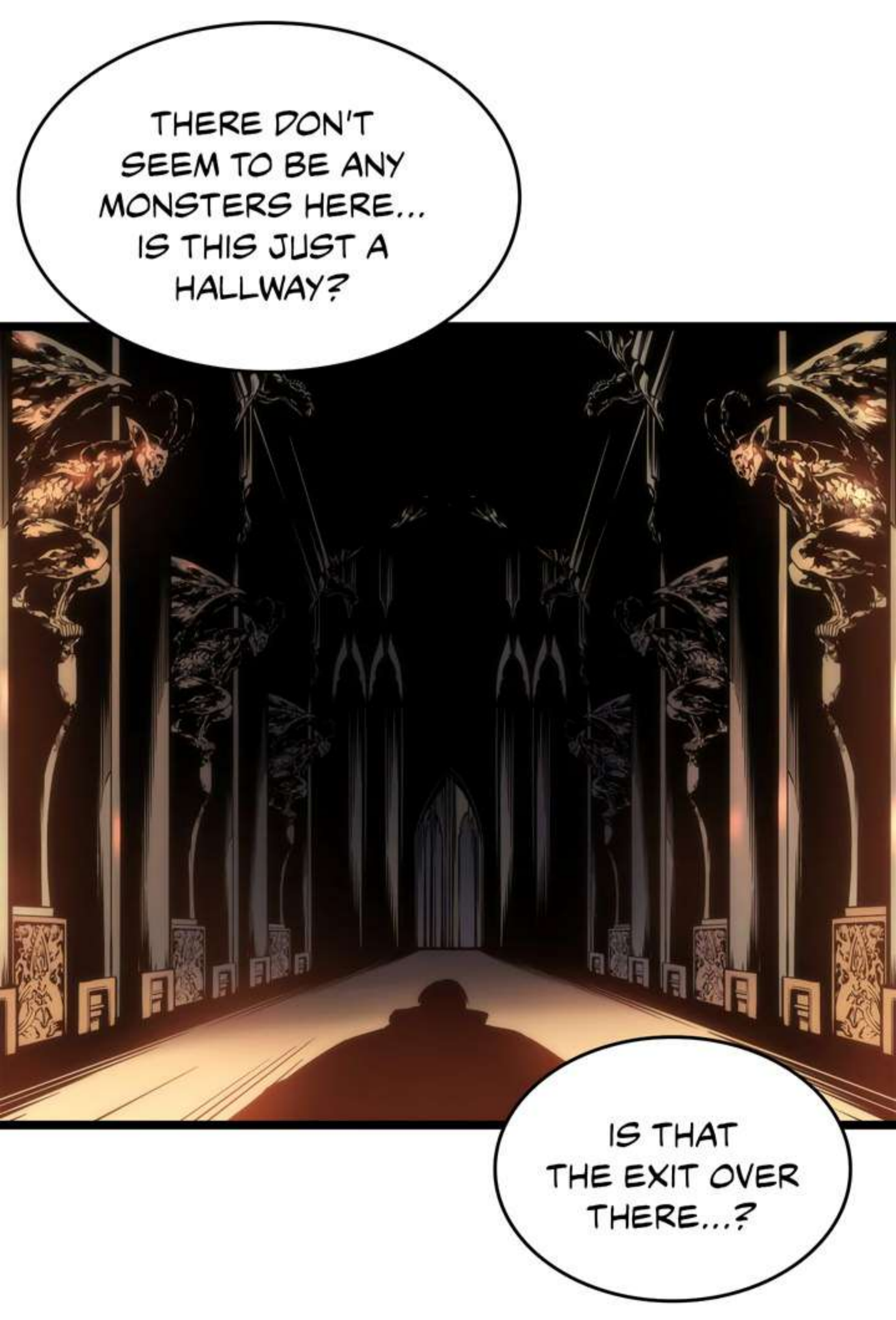
[ITEM: KEY TO THE CASTLE]  
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A  
TYPE: KEY

A KEY THAT CAN OPEN THE DOORS TO THE  
DEMONS' CASTLE. OBTAINED BY KILLING  
THE GATEKEEPER.



[WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE KEY  
TO ENTER THE DEMONS' CASTLE?]

Y / N



COLLECT THE DEMONS' SOULS! (1)

THE DEMONS' CASTLE IS SWARMING WITH DEMONS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL REWARD FOR DEFEATING THE DEMONS AND COLLECTING THEIR SOULS.

QUEST REQUIREMENTS:  
-COLLECT 10,000 DEMON SOULS

REWARDS:  
-1. CHOOSE ANY 1 ITEM FROM THE SHOP  
-2. BONUS STATS +20  
-3. UNDISCLOSED REWARD

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE MY LAST QUEST.

WOW, THE REWARDS LOOK AWESOME.

BONUS STATS? CHOOSE ANY ONE ITEM FROM THE SHOP?

BOOM

THERE ARE ITEMS IN THE SHOP WORTH OVER 10 BILLION GOLD... IF I COMPLETE THIS QUEST, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF ONE.

SHOP

	100,000,000 G	BUY
	600,000,000 G	BUY
	700,000,000 G	BUY
	2,000,000,000 G	BUY
	4,000,000,000 G	BUY
	7,000,000,000 G	BUY

BUT THE FACT  
THAT THE REWARDS  
ARE AMAZING MEANS  
THIS QUEST IS GOING  
TO BE THAT MUCH  
HARDER...

CREAK

I DON'T  
SEE A SINGLE  
BEAST IN  
HERE.

...WHAT  
THE HELL.

IS THIS A  
FIELD-TYPE  
DUNGEON?





I DIDN'T EXPECT  
TO STEP INSIDE  
ONE HERE.

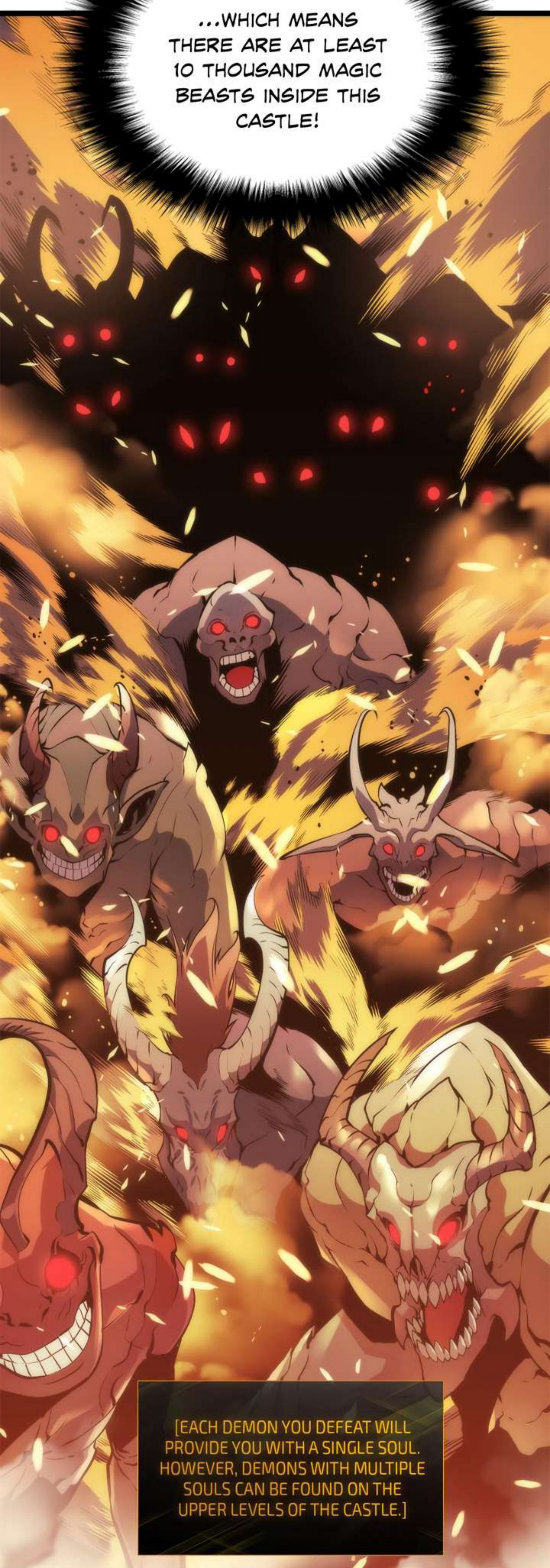
COULD THIS  
DUNGEON BE  
A REPLICA OF  
SEOUL?





I HAVE  
TO COLLECT 10  
THOUSAND DEMON  
SOULS...

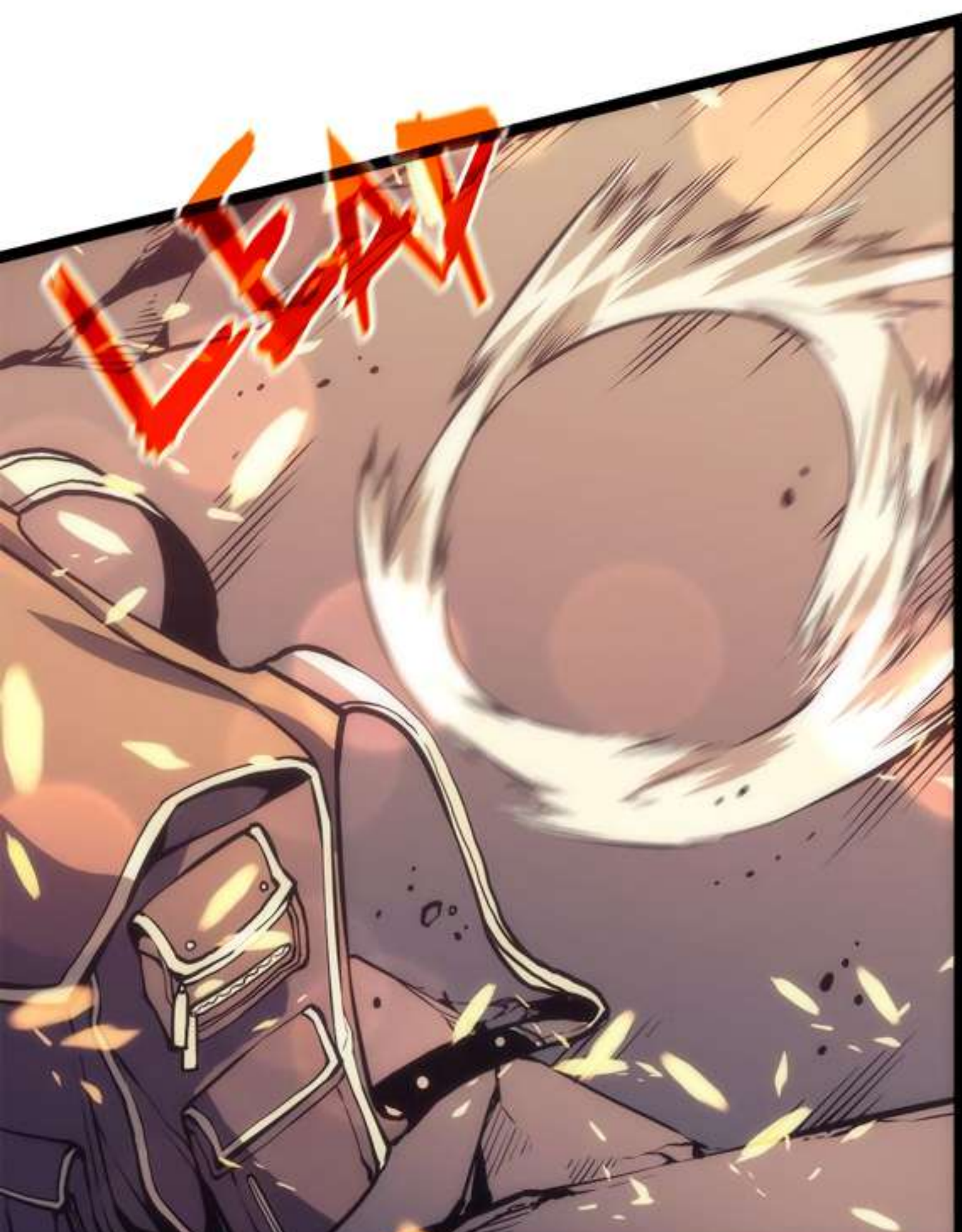
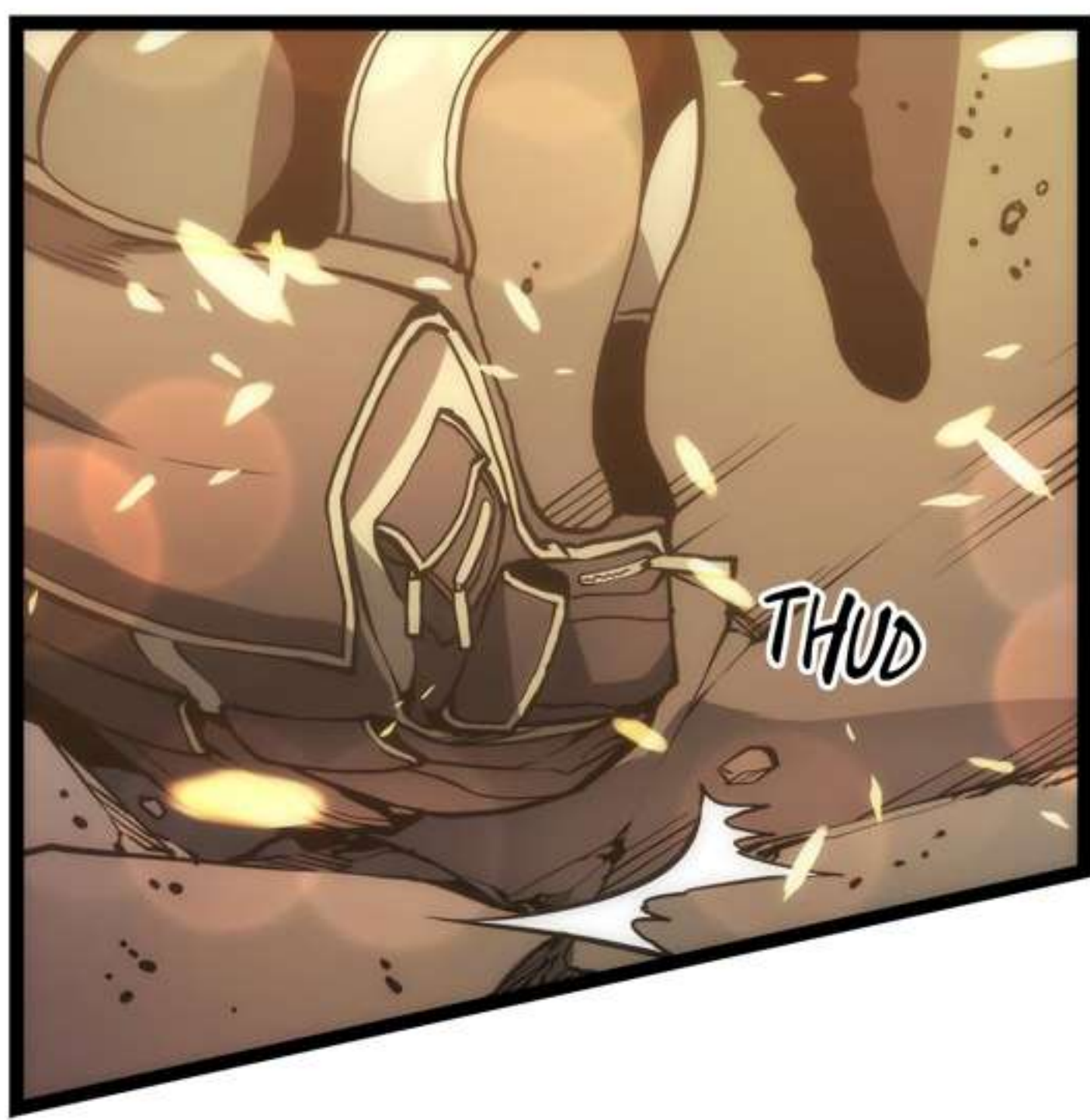
...WHICH MEANS  
THERE ARE AT LEAST  
10 THOUSAND MAGIC  
BEASTS INSIDE THIS  
CASTLE!

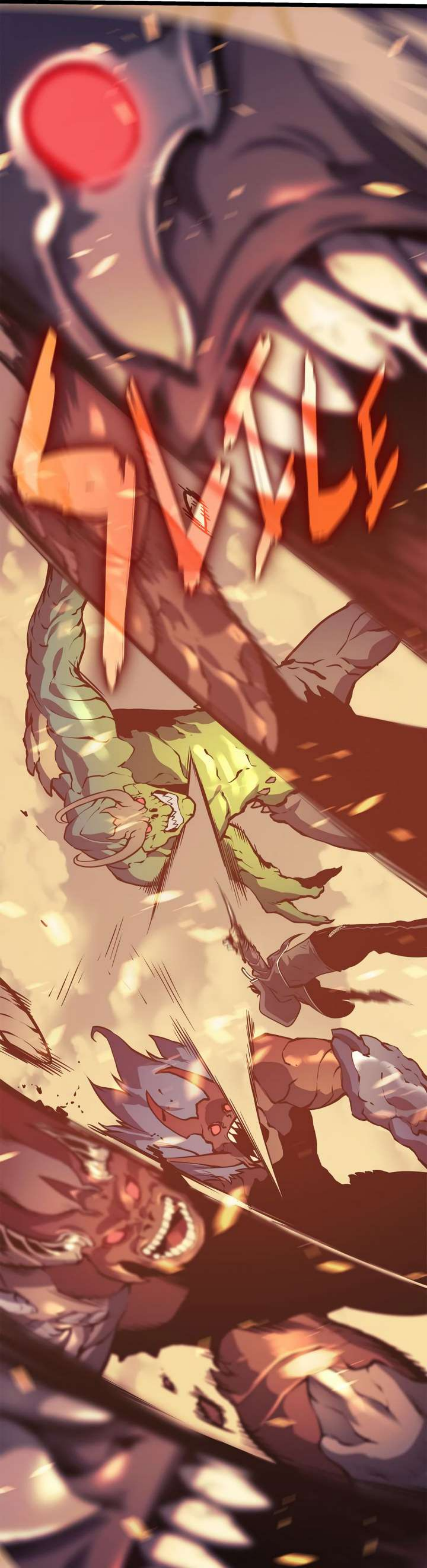


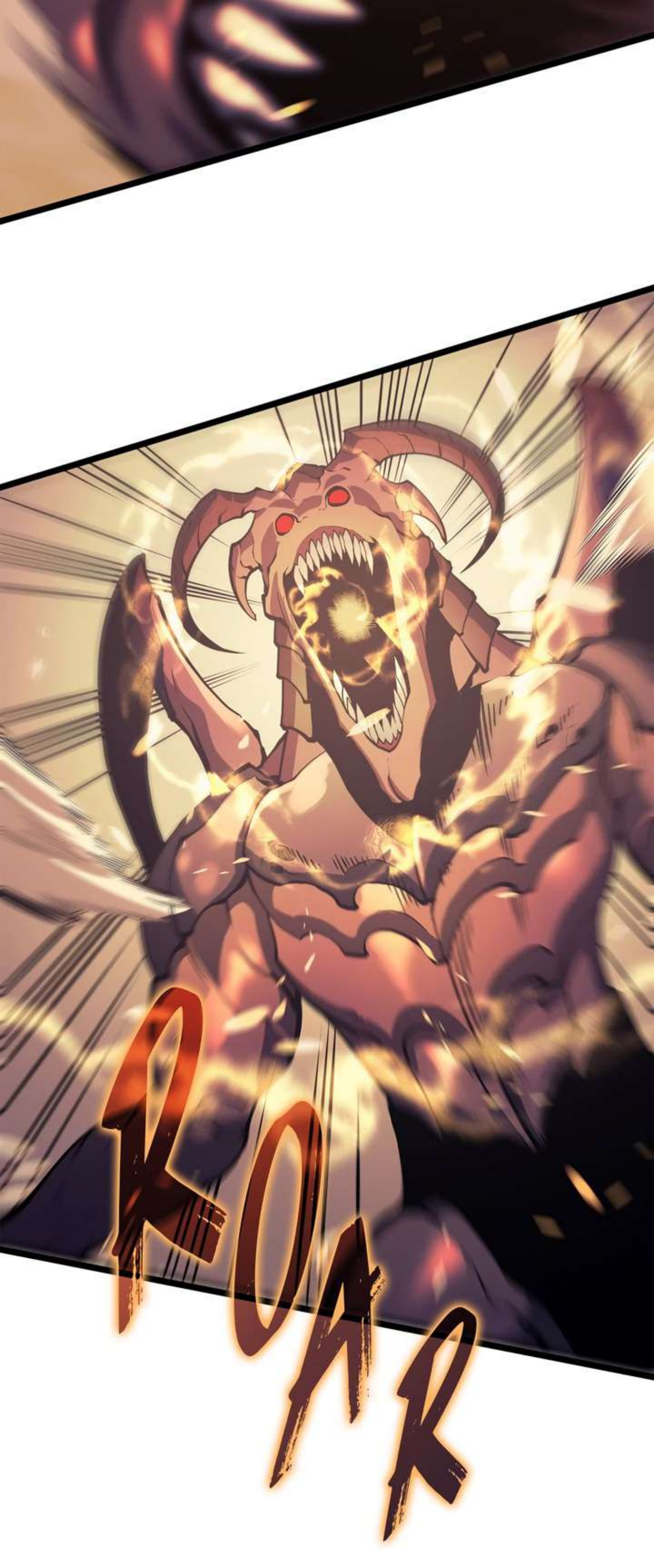
[EACH DEMON YOU DEFEAT WILL  
PROVIDE YOU WITH A SINGLE SOUL.  
HOWEVER, DEMONS WITH MULTIPLE  
SOULS CAN BE FOUND ON THE  
UPPER LEVELS OF THE CASTLE.]

I TOLD PEOPLE  
I WAS GOING ON  
A TRIP...









[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A LOW-RANKING DEMON.] X 3  
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 100 EXPERIENCE POINTS.] X 3  
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED A DEMON'S SOUL.] X 3





AND THIS IS YOUR  
GUILD MASTER'S  
LICENSE AND RAID  
RECORDS...?

HMM...

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND WHY  
HE CAN'T DECIDE  
BETWEEN ME AND  
MY BROTHER.

I'M SURE YOU  
ALREADY KNOW THIS,  
FATHER, BUT IT'S A RISK  
TO ENTRUST THE POSITION  
OF GUILD MASTER TO A  
COMPLETE STRANGER. YOU'D  
BE HANDING OVER TOO  
MUCH EXECUTIVE  
POWER...

THAT'S  
ENOUGH.

THERE'S  
SOMEONE I'D LIKE  
YOU TO MEET.

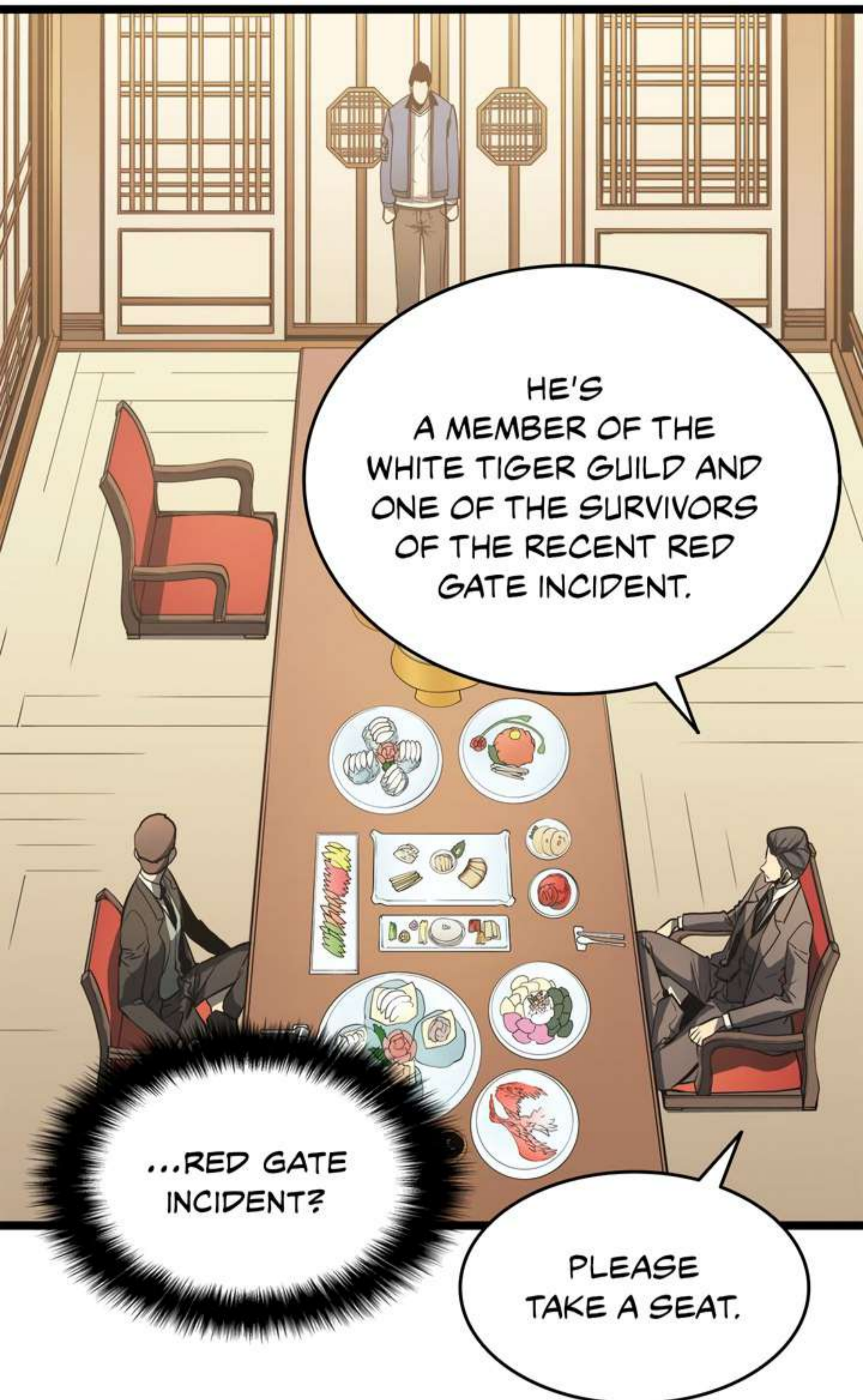
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COME IN.

RATTLE

*THIS IS  
GO MYUNGHWAN,  
A HUNTER.*

AH... NICE TO  
MEET YOU.



HE'S  
A MEMBER OF THE  
WHITE TIGER GUILD AND  
ONE OF THE SURVIVORS  
OF THE RECENT RED  
GATE INCIDENT.

...RED GATE  
INCIDENT?

PLEASE  
TAKE A SEAT.



REPORTERS  
HAVE BEEN TRYING SO  
HARD TO GET A HOLD  
OF THE SURVIVORS.  
WHAT'S HE DOING  
HERE...?!

PLEASE TELL MY  
SON WHO ELSE WAS  
THERE THAT DAY, BESIDES  
THE WHITE TIGER GUILD  
TRAINEES.

YES, SIR...




WELL,



THERE WAS A YOUNG  
FEMALE HUNTER WHO  
LOOKED TO BE A HIGH  
SCHOOLER...



...AND  
SLUNG JINWOO.



J, JINWOO  
WAS PART OF  
THE RED GATE  
INCIDENT?

IS THE NAME  
OF THAT FEMALE  
HUNTER...!

HER NAME IS  
HAN SONG-YI.

THE GUILD MEMBERS  
WERE ABLE TO SAFELY  
MAKE IT OUT OF THE  
RED GATE BECAUSE  
OF SUNG JINWOO.

HA, HAHA...

SO THAT'S  
WHY THE TWO OF  
THEM BECAME SO  
CLOSE ALL OF A  
SUDDEN...

JINWOO, WHAT  
DID YOU DO INSIDE  
THAT GATE?

AT FIRST,  
I WAS CONFUSED AS TO  
WHY TWO E-RANK HUNTERS  
WERE VISITING THE TRAINING  
GROUNDS FOR OUR NEW  
HUNTERS, BUT...

I DON'T  
NEED TO HEAR  
THE REST.

I KNOW BETTER  
THAN ANYBODY HOW  
EXCEPTIONAL HIS  
SKILLS ARE.

I'M NO LONGER  
THE ONLY ONE WHO  
KNOWS ABOUT HIS  
SECRET.

MY NEGOTIATION

WITH FATHER WILL  
PROBABLY...

I COULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND WHY  
WE WERE ASKED TO  
KEEP SUNG JINWOO'S  
EXISTENCE A  
SECRET.

THE WHITE  
TIGER GUILD'S  
DECISION SEEMED  
RIDICULOUS  
TO ME.

THAT'S WHEN I  
GOT A CALL FROM  
THE CHAIRMAN  
AND-

SLIDE

MR. GO, YOU'VE  
DONE ENOUGH  
EXPLAINING.

JINHO, YOU  
PROBABLY ALREADY  
KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN  
ON THE SEARCH FOR  
SKILLED HUNTERS.

SO NATURALLY,  
WHEN I HEARD RUMORS  
THAT SOMEONE HAD  
HELPED THE HUNTERS  
EXIT THE RED GATE, I  
HAD TO LOOK INTO  
THE MATTER.

HOWEVER,

I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS.  
THE PERSON I WAS SO  
DESPERATELY LOOKING  
FOR JUST HAPPENED TO BE  
ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF  
YOUR STRIKE SQUAD...



I THINK YOU  
CHOSE THE WRONG  
DAY TO NEGOTIATE  
WITH ME.



IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE  
SUNG JINWOO PLAYED A  
BIG ROLE IN HELPING  
YOU OBTAIN YOUR GUILD  
MASTER'S LICENSE.

WOULD YOU  
AGREE?





...YES, I AGREE.

SINCE  
I RECEIVED THE HELP  
OF ANOTHER HUNTER, I'M  
NOT NECESSARILY MORE  
QUALIFIED THAN MY  
BROTHER.

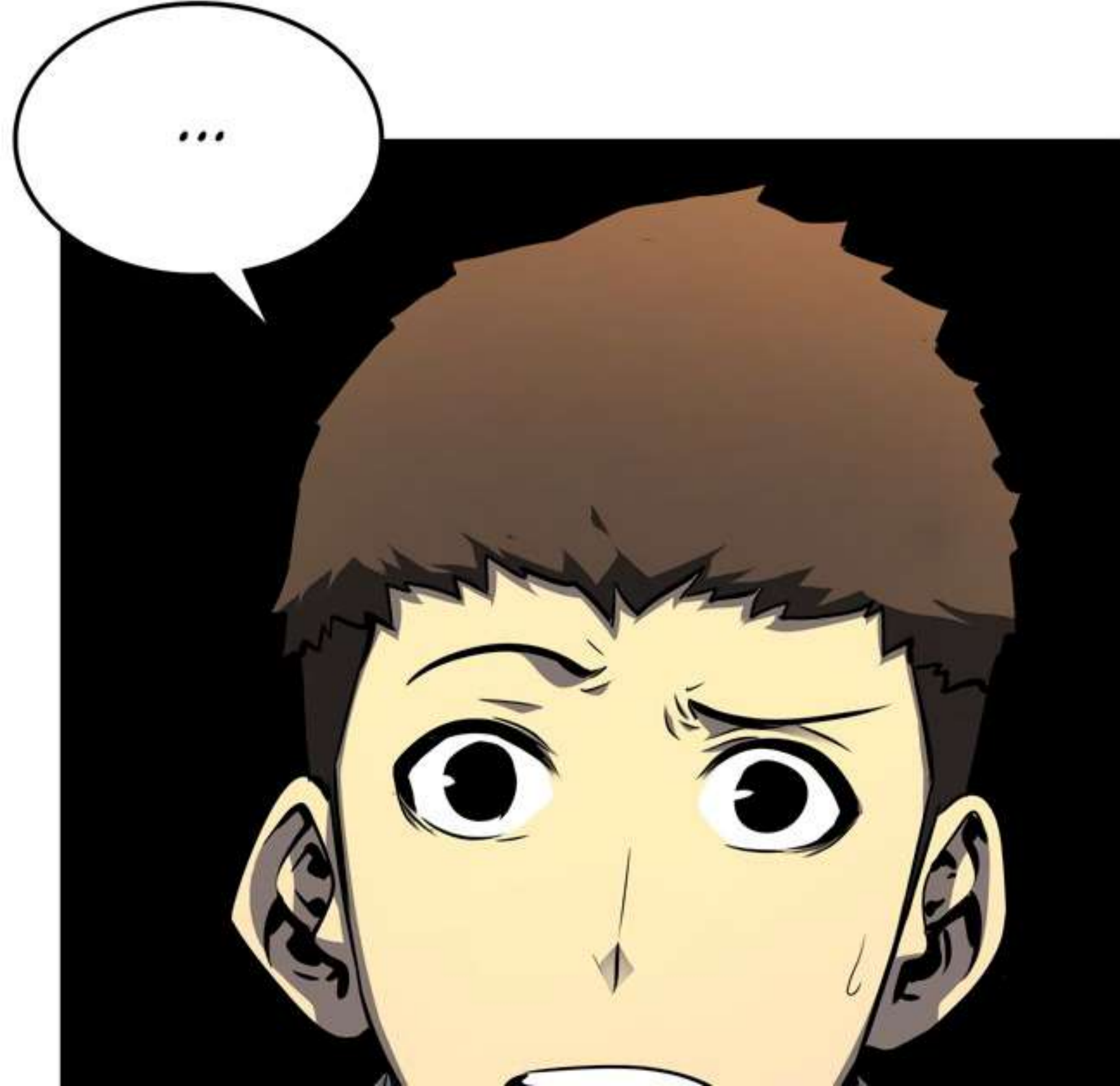
FATHER  
PROBABLY THINKS  
THERE ISN'T ANY  
MERIT IN CHOOSING  
ME OVER HIM!

DO YOU HAVE  
ANYTHING ELSE  
TO SAY?



STILL!

PLEASE...





WHAT?

I'LL LET YOU  
TAKE OVER THE  
YOOJIN GUILD.

WHY...?


YOU SAID SO  
YOURSELF.

IT'D BE  
A RISK TO LET  
A STRANGER HAVE  
CONTROL OVER  
THE GUILD.

WHY TAKE THAT  
RISK WHEN I CAN  
JUST LEAVE IT IN  
YOUR HANDS?

*B, BUT I TRIED  
TO DECEIVE  
YOU AND-*

WHAT KIND OF  
IDIOT HIGHLIGHTS  
THEIR FAULTS AT  
THE NEGOTIATING  
TABLE?



WILL YOU BE  
ABLE TO GET...



...SUNG JINWOO  
TO JOIN OUR  
GUILD?



I'VE WORKED SO  
HARD FOR THIS  
OPPORTUNITY...

I'LL TRY,  
FATHER.



THE APPLE  
DOESN'T FALL FAR  
FROM THE TREE.




ALL RIGHT,  
GOOD.

I'VE CONTACTED  
TWO S-RANK  
HUNTERS IN HOPES  
OF RECRUITING THEM  
INTO THE YOOJIN  
GUILD.


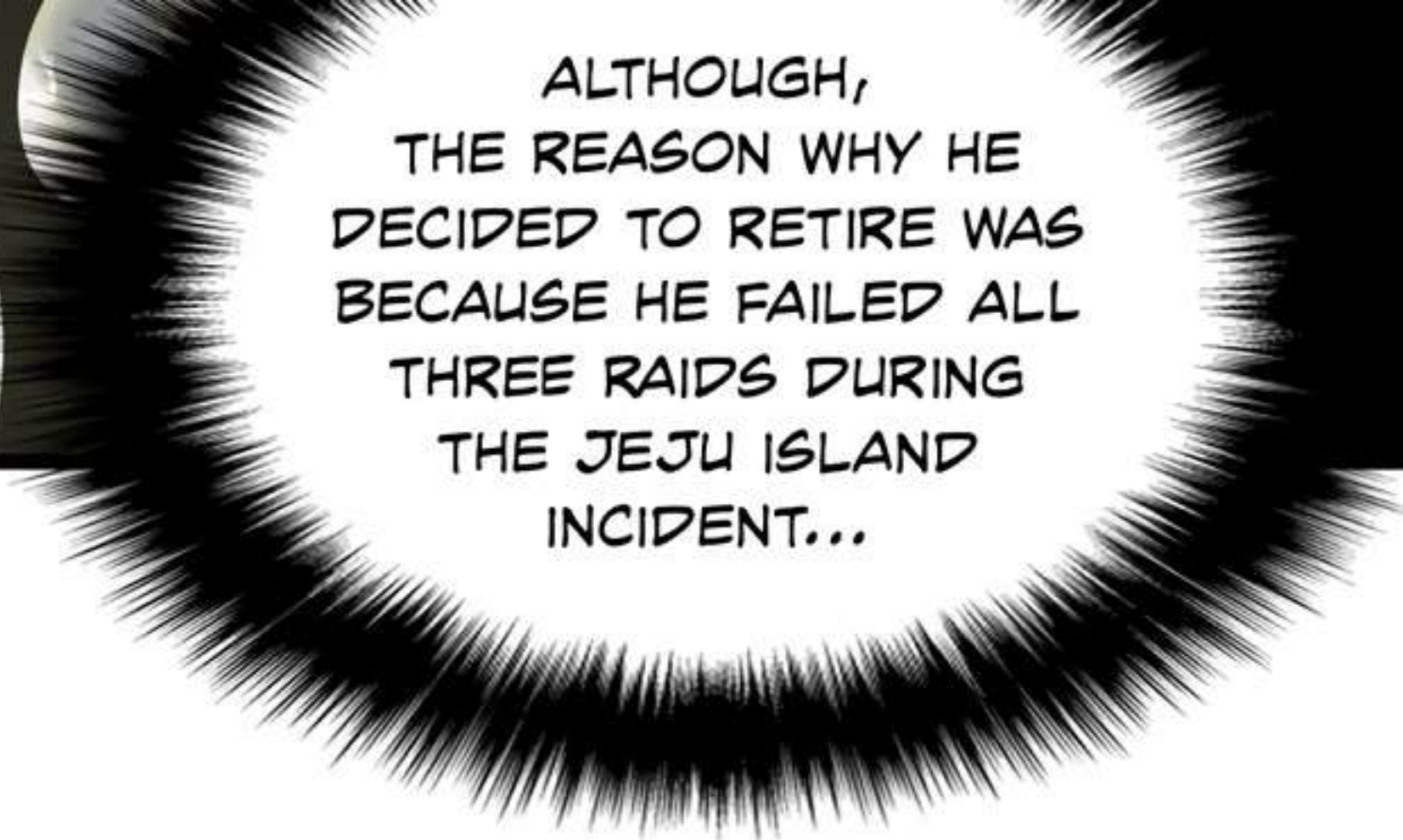
*CHA HAE-IN  
OF THE HUNTERS  
GUILD AND THE  
RETIRED HUNTER,  
MIN BYUNG-GU.*

ALTHOUGH AN  
EXCELLENT HUNTER,  
CHA HAE-IN WILL ALWAYS  
REMAIN A VICE MASTER,  
OVERSHADOWED BY CHOI  
JONG-IN, ALSO KNOWN  
AS "THE ULTIMATE  
HUNTER."



SO I'VE OFFERED  
HER THE POSITION OF  
GUILD MASTER. IT WOULD  
DEFINITELY APPEAL TO HER,  
AS WE ARE A FINANCIALLY  
STRONG GUILD.

AS FOR MIN  
BYUNG-GU, HE RETIRED  
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS  
IN PERFECT HEALTH, SO  
HE SHOULD BE CAPABLE  
OF WORKING AS A  
HUNTER AGAIN.



ALTHOUGH,  
THE REASON WHY HE  
DECIDED TO RETIRE WAS  
BECAUSE HE FAILED ALL  
THREE RAIDS DURING  
THE JEJU ISLAND  
INCIDENT...

THE  
CORPSE OF AN  
ANT WAS RECENTLY  
DISCOVERED IN  
JAPAN.

IN THE  
EVENT THAT A  
FOURTH JEJU  
ISLAND RAID IS  
FORMED,

WE WOULD BE  
ABLE TO RECRUIT  
HIM.

WILL I BE ABLE  
TO RECRUIT THESE  
TWO HUNTERS  
FIRST?

OR WILL  
YOU BE ABLE  
TO RECRUIT SUNG  
JINWOO BEFORE  
THEN?



I LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
FINDING OUT,  
JINHO.

I'VE  
STILL GOT  
A LONG WAY  
TO GO...

[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A LOW-RANKING DEMON.]  
[YOU HAVE GAINED 100 EXPERIENCE POINTS.]



[DEMON SOULS COLLECTED: 309/10,000]

#### ITEM

- X



[ITEM: LOW-RANKING DEMON'S HORN]  
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: NONE  
TYPE: MISCELLANEOUS

TWO SMALL HORNS FROM THE HEAD OF A LOW-RANKING DEMON. A DEMON'S HORN IS ONE OF THE INGREDIENTS USED FOR ADVANCED MAGIC SPELLS, SO THEY ARE SOLD AT A HIGH PRICE.

To Be Continued...

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