

# Solo Leveling

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YOU'RE BETTER  
OFF STAYING AWAY  
FROM GUILDS  
LIKE THAT,  
THOUGH.

I HEARD THAT SMALL  
GUILDS GO ON A LOT  
OF DANGEROUS RAIDS,  
SO THE MORTALITY  
RATE IS SUPER  
HIGH.

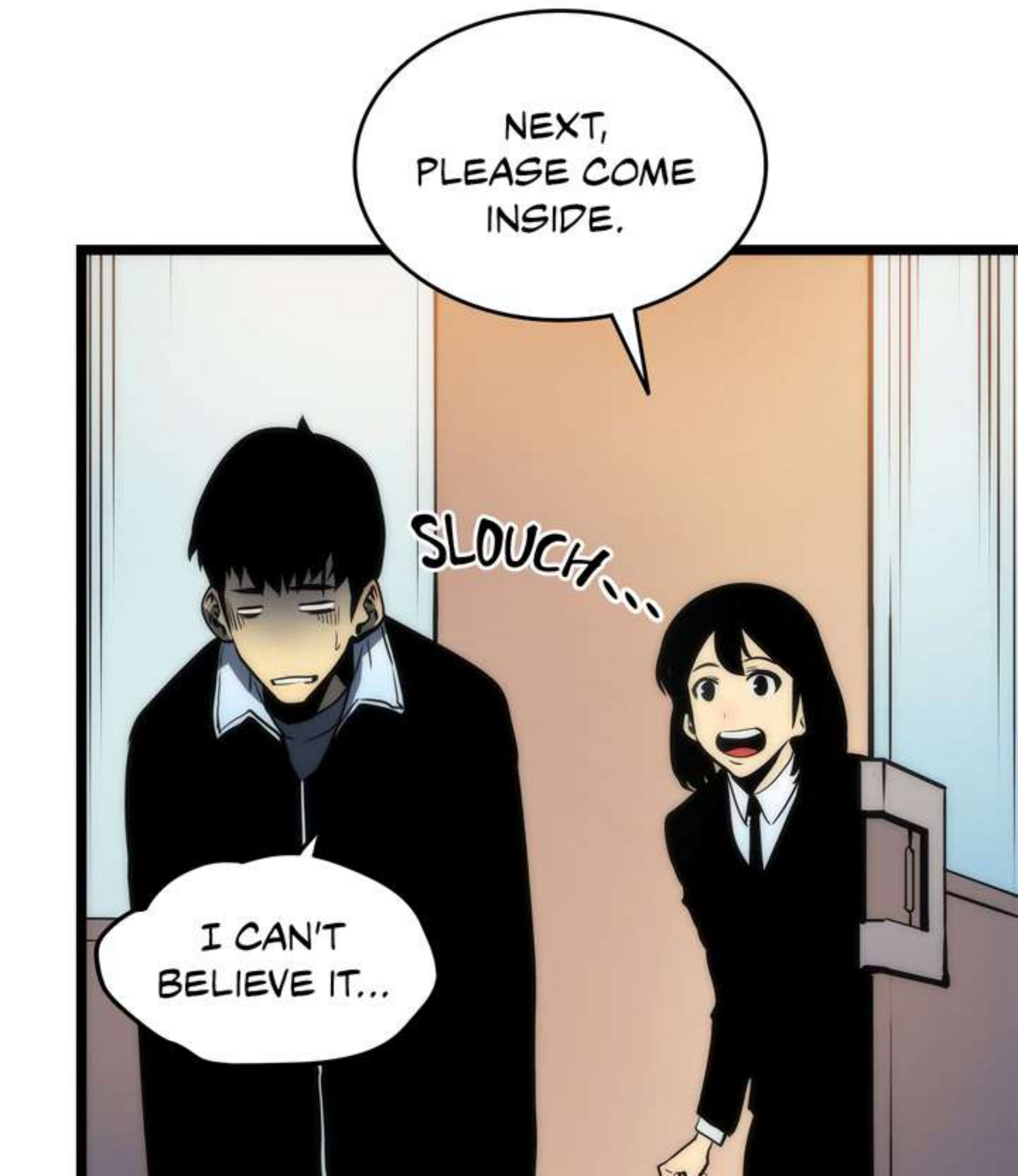
I GUESS THAT'S TO  
BE EXPECTED, SINCE  
SMALL GUILDS DON'T  
HAVE THE RIGHT  
FOOTING.



THEY PROBABLY  
AREN'T SATISFIED WITH  
TARGETING LOW-RANKING  
DUNGEONS LIKE PRIVATE  
STRIKE SQUADS DO,

BUT THEY DON'T  
HAVE THE SKILLS TO RAID  
HIGH-RANKING DUNGEONS,  
EITHER. THAT'S WHY THEY  
GET INTO SO MANY  
ACCIDENTS.

THERE WEREN'T  
ANY BACK IN MY  
DAY...



NEXT,  
PLEASE COME  
INSIDE.

SLOUCH...

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT...





NO NEED  
TO BE NERVOUS.  
JUST LOWER YOUR  
EXPECTATIONS.



AS LONG AS YOU  
DON'T GET PLACED IN  
E-RANK, YOU'LL BE  
ABLE TO MAKE A  
BASIC LIVING.

IF I GET INTO  
A MAJOR GUILD, I'LL  
GET A DOWN PAYMENT  
AFTER SIGNING THE  
CONTRACT.

MAYBE I CAN  
FINALLY PAY OFF  
MY DEBT WITH  
THAT MONEY,



NIBBLE

NIBBLE

AND LIVE WITH  
MY DAUGHTER  
AGAIN.



I HAVE TO  
GET C-RANK...

C-RANK OR  
ABOVE IS WHAT  
I NEED.

MANY PEOPLE'S  
LIVES CHANGE DUE  
TO THEIR RANK.

A HUNTER'S  
RANK DETERMINES HOW  
POWERFUL THEY ARE.

A HUNTER COULD SPEND  
YEARS PRACTICING SWORD  
FIGHTING AND BUILDING  
UP THEIR BODY,

BUT THE DIFFERENCE IN  
RANKS CANNOT BE EASILY  
OVERCOME.

THERE ARE HUGE  
DIFFERENCES IN INCOME  
AS WELL.

MR. SONG WAS  
AN EXPERIENCED



SWORDSMAN,

BUT HIS SKILLS  
WERE NO MATCH FOR  
KANG TAESHIK, WHO  
HAD A HIGHER RANK.

THE SAME GOES FOR  
ME. I'VE NEVER BEEN  
ABLE TO RISE ABOVE  
MY RANK EVEN THOUGH  
I'VE BEEN GOING ON  
RAIDS FOR YEARS.

CLENCH

BUT THINGS ARE  
DIFFERENT NOW...!

GLOOM









MY NAME IS  
SUNG JINWOO.



YES.









HUH? THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

I'M SORRY. LET ME TRY ONE MORE TIME.

BEEP

BEEP



WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH THIS MACHINE?

PRESS

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WHY ARE YOU OPERATING THE MANA METER BY YOURSELF? WHERE'S CHANGSHIK?



HE WENT TO THE  
RESTROOM.

THAT PUNK...  
HE SHOULDN'T  
LEAVE HIS POST  
DURING WORKING  
HOURS...

...OH, WAIT.  
I GUESS I'M  
DOING THE SAME  
THING.


AHEM

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?


THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
WRONG WITH  
THE MANA  
METER.

I CAME HERE OUT OF  
CURIOSITY BECAUSE BAEK  
YOONHO MADE SUCH A HUGE  
FUSS OVER THIS GUY... MAYBE  
THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING  
SPECIAL ABOUT HIM?






NAH, WHAT  
AM I SAYING? A  
REAWAKENING IS NOT  
THAT COMMON.



I THINK IT WAS  
AROUND THREE  
MONTHS AGO...



EVERYONE AT THE  
ASSOCIATION FREAKED  
OUT WHEN AN E-RANK HUNTER  
WAS SUSPECTED TO HAVE  
REAWAKENED. THE MANAGER  
OF THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM  
WENT TO LOOK INTO THE  
MATTER HIMSELF,




BUT IT  
TURNED OUT TO  
BE A FALSE  
ALARM.



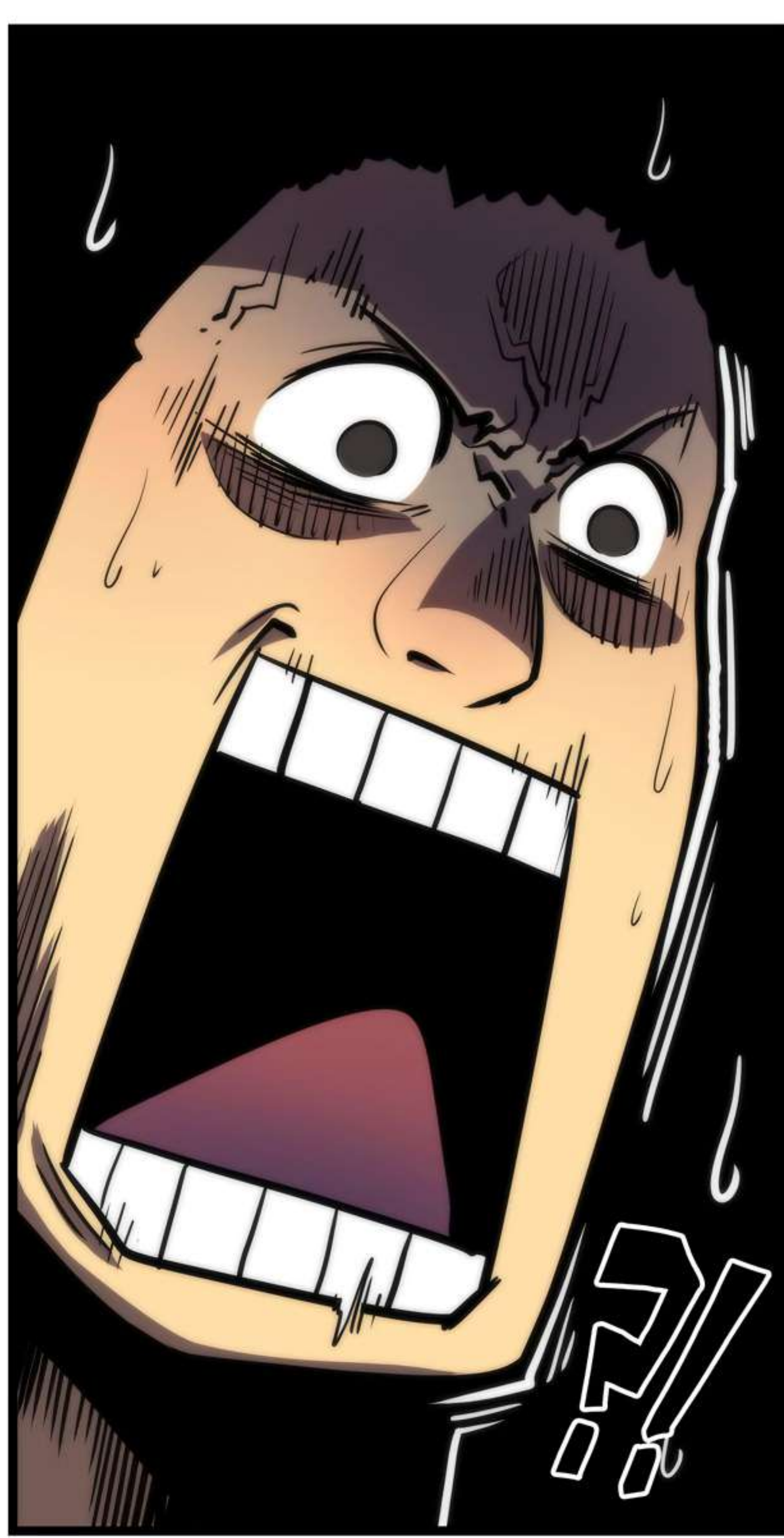
SEE?  
I KEEP GETTING  
THIS ERROR  
MESSAGE.



**ERROR.**



THERE ARE  
LOADS OF PEOPLE WHO  
COME IN THINKING THEY'VE  
REAWAKENED, BUT JUST END  
UP WASTING THEIR MONEY  
ON THE TEST FEES  
AGAIN...







...HOW  
LONG HAVE YOU  
BEEN WORKING  
HERE?

ABOUT  
SIX MONTHS  
NOW...

DID I PRESS  
THE WRONG  
BUTTON?



SIX MONTHS,  
EH...?

IT'S BEEN TWO  
YEARS SINCE CHA HAE-IN  
WAS EVALUATED, SO OF  
COURSE SHE DOESN'T  
KNOW!

NO, JUST GO  
GET CHANGSHIK.

SORRY?



EVEN I FAILED  
TO NOTICE UNTIL NOW.  
THIS IS WHY I NEVER  
GET PROMOTED!

*I DON'T CARE IF  
HE'S USING THE  
RESTROOM. JUST  
GO GET HIM!*







*BUT HE'S  
IN THE MEN'S  
RESTROOM...!*

WH, WHAT'S  
GOING ON,  
MR. JUNG?

**THIS ISN'T JUST AN  
ERROR. THE MANA  
METER IS INCAPABLE  
OF EVALUATING HIM!  
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT  
THAT MEANS?**



**IT MEANS THAT  
OUR METER  
ISN'T POWERFUL  
ENOUGH TO  
MEASURE HIS  
MANA LEVELS!**



WHAT?  
TH, THEN COULD  
HE BE...?




COULD HE  
BE KOREA'S  
10TH...!

THAT'S  
RIGHT...

HE'S AN  
S-RANK.







MR. WOO.

ABOUT  
MR. HWANG'S  
SUDDEN VISIT  
TO KOREA...

IS IT TRUE THAT HE  
DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH THE  
RECENT RED GATE  
INCIDENT?

YES, HWANG  
DONGSOO IS NOT THE  
HUNTER WHO HELPED  
THE SURVIVORS.

I CAN  
ASSURE YOU, SIR.  
I WAS THERE  
THAT DAY.

SO THAT MEANS  
YOU KNOW WHO IT  
ACTUALLY WAS.



I DON'T KNOW THE  
DETAILS, SIR, BECAUSE I  
DIDN'T STAY UNTIL THE  
VERY END.

HOWEVER, THERE  
IS SOMEONE I  
SUSPECT...

NO,

THE RESULTS WERE  
CONCLUSIVE. WHY AM I  
THINKING ABOUT THAT  
AGAIN...

I SEE YOU CHOOSE  
NOT TO SHARE YOUR  
THOUGHTS UNTIL  
YOU'VE GATHERED  
ALL THE FACTS.

I UNDERSTAND.

I'M MORE  
INTERESTED IN THE  
WINGED ANT THAT  
WASHED UP ASHORE  
IN JAPAN.





SO FAR, IT'S  
JUST ONE CORPSE, BUT  
IF WINGED ANTS COULD  
INDEED FLY TO OTHER  
COUNTRIES FROM  
JEJU ISLAND...

NO, ACTUALLY, EVEN  
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS,  
HUNTERS FROM EVERY  
GUILD WILL BE  
DRAFTED.

I SEE.



ALL  
OF US FROM  
THE HUNTERS  
GUILD WILL  
COOPERATE.



OH, THERE  
SEEMS TO BE  
QUITE A BIT OF NOISE  
COMING FROM  
BUILDING B  
TODAY.

FROM  
BUILDING B,  
SIR?

I DON'T HEAR  
ANYTHING...



I'M A LITTLE SENSITIVE TO THESE THINGS.



IT'S PROBABLY A HUNTER CAUSING A SCENE DURING THEIR EVALUATION.



I'LL GO AND CHECK.

NO.



I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF.

IS HE PICKING UP ON SOMETHING AGAIN?



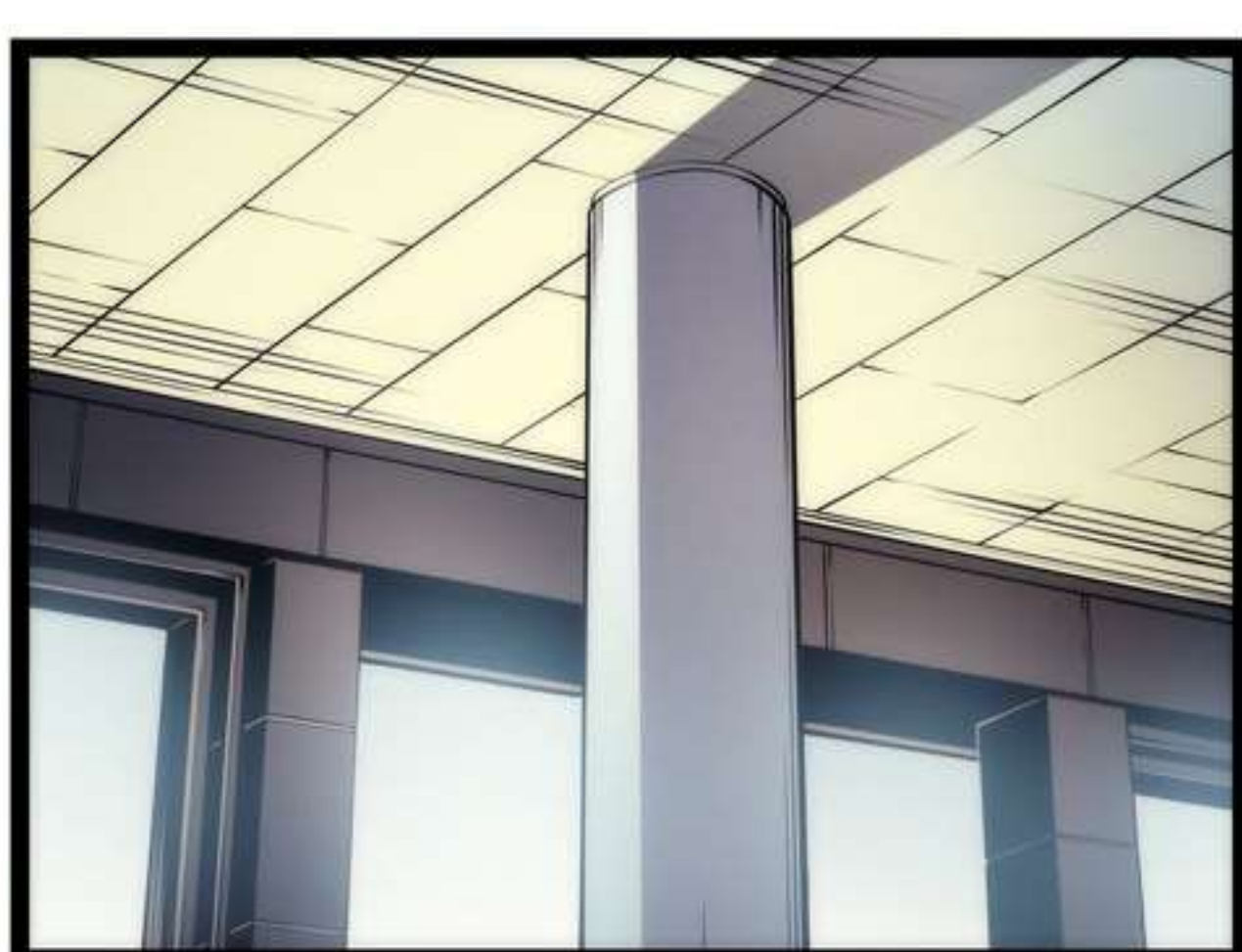


BECAUSE HE HAS  
SUCH A GENTLE  
FACE,

I FORGOT WHO HE  
WAS FOR A MOMENT.

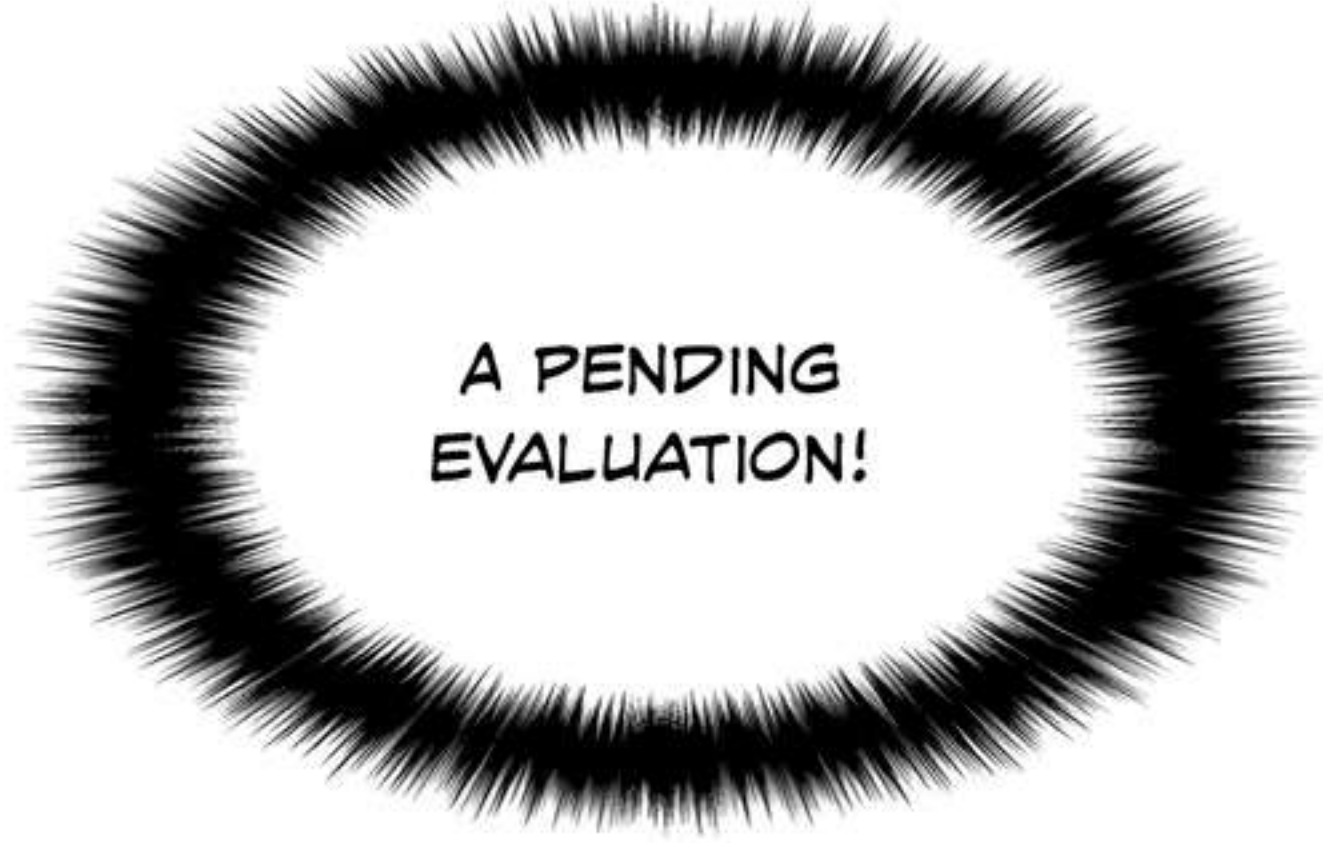
LET ME  
JOIN YOU.

UM... ACCORDING  
TO THE MACHINE,  
YOUR...



I MEAN, MR. SUNG,  
YOUR MANA LEVELS ARE  
UNMEASURABLE.









BUT MAYBE THIS  
IS A GOLDEN  
OPPORTUNITY.

SHOULD I JUST GO  
AND ASK HIM?!

H...HEY, PLEASE  
EVALUATE ME,  
TOO!

UH...  
ALL RIGHT!

I HAVE THE POWER  
OF PERSUASION  
THAT'S SECOND  
TO NONE...

DOES OUR GUILD  
EVEN HAVE ENOUGH  
FUNDS TO RECRUIT AN  
S-RANK HUNTER...?!

HUH? IS  
THAT...?!

OH,  
MY GOD!



HE'S  
THE MASTER OF  
KOREA'S FINEST  
GUILD,

THE "HUNTERS"!!

I, IT'S  
CHOI JONG-IN!



WHAT IS  
"THE ULTIMATE  
HUNTER" DOING  
HERE?!





**CHOI JONG-IN**  
**(S-RANK)**  
MASTER OF THE  
HUNTERS GUILD



## HUNTERS

- A GUILD THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE SEOUL METROPOLITAN AREA.
- THE ONLY GUILD OUT OF ALL FIVE MAJOR SOUTH KOREAN GUILDS TO HAVE RECRUITED TWO S-RANK HUNTERS.



To Be Continued...

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