

# Solo Leveling

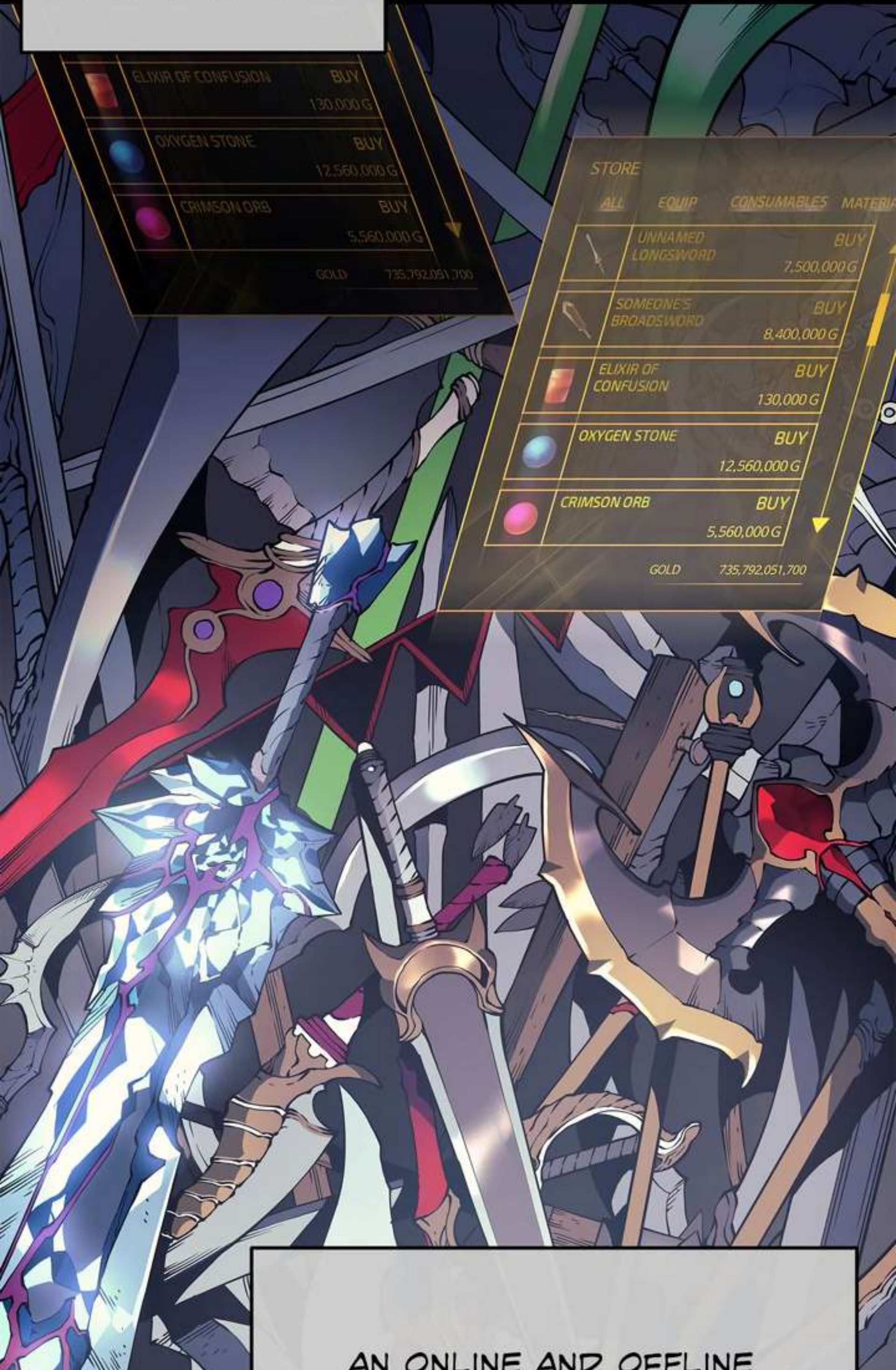
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THE HUNTERS' AUCTION MARKET.




AN ONLINE AND OFFLINE MARKET WHERE MATERIALS AND ITEMS OBTAINED DURING RAIDS ARE EITHER PUT UP FOR AUCTION, OR SOLD TO OTHER HUNTERS.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF HUNTERS IN KOREA...

..WHO USE THIS AUCTION MARKET TO TRADE AND SELL EQUIPMENT.





GOOD EQUIPMENT CAN  
QUITE LITERALLY SAVE  
A HUNTER'S LIFE,

SO IT GOES WITHOUT  
SAYING THAT HUNTERS WHO  
UTILIZE GOOD EQUIPMENT  
ARE ABLE TO BETTER  
PROTECT THEMSELVES.

D-RANK AND E-RANK HUNTERS  
USUALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY  
ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY DON'T  
MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS THE  
HIGHER-RANKING HUNTERS,

PARK,  
YOU'VE STILL  
GOT IT.

THIS IS  
A PIECE OF  
CAKE.

LOOKS LIKE  
THINGS ARE JUST  
ABOUT DONE  
HERE!

LOOKS LIKE  
THE PAY'S NOT BAD,  
CONSIDERING THE  
STRIKE SQUAD IS A  
PRIVATE ENTITY.

EVERYONE SEEMS  
TO HAVE PROPER  
EQUIPMENT...

THIS SURE IS  
DIFFERENT FROM THE  
D-RANK AND E-RANK  
DUNGEONS I'VE  
BEEN GOING TO.

BUT THEY ARE ABLE  
TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE  
EQUIPMENT THEY NEED IF THEY  
JOIN A STRIKE SQUAD THAT  
GOES ON REGULAR RAIDS.



ALL OF THE  
EQUIPMENT USED  
BY HUNTERS IS  
IMBUED WITH  
MAGIC,

SO EVEN A D-RANK  
HUNTER'S SHODDY  
SWORD COSTS A  
FORTUNE.

I REMEMBER  
MR. KIM SAYING THAT  
HE BOUGHT THIS  
SWORD FOR THREE  
MILLION WON.

I CAN'T AFFORD  
ANYTHING LIKE IT...  
SO I'LL JUST USE  
THIS FOR THE  
TIME BEING.

THIS INVENTORY  
FEATURE IS PRETTY  
HANDY.

[ITEM: KIM SANGSHIK'S  
STEEL SWORD]  
TYPE: SWORD  
ATTACK +10

CAN I STORE  
RANDOM STUFF  
IN HERE?

BECAUSE HUNTERS  
THAT ARE C-RANK OR HIGHER  
ARE GUARANTEED A HIGH INCOME,  
THEY'RE ABLE TO PURCHASE GEAR  
THAT WILL HELP PROTECT THEM IN  
BATTLE AND SPEED UP THE HUNT.

IT'S NOT SURPRISING  
THAT EQUIPMENT USED BY  
HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS OFTEN  
COST MILLIONS, EVEN  
BILLIONS OF WON.

WHY IS THIS SO  
EXPENSIVE?

SOMETIMES, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO PURCHASE GOOD QUALITY  
EQUIPMENT WITH PERSONAL  
FUNDS ALONE.

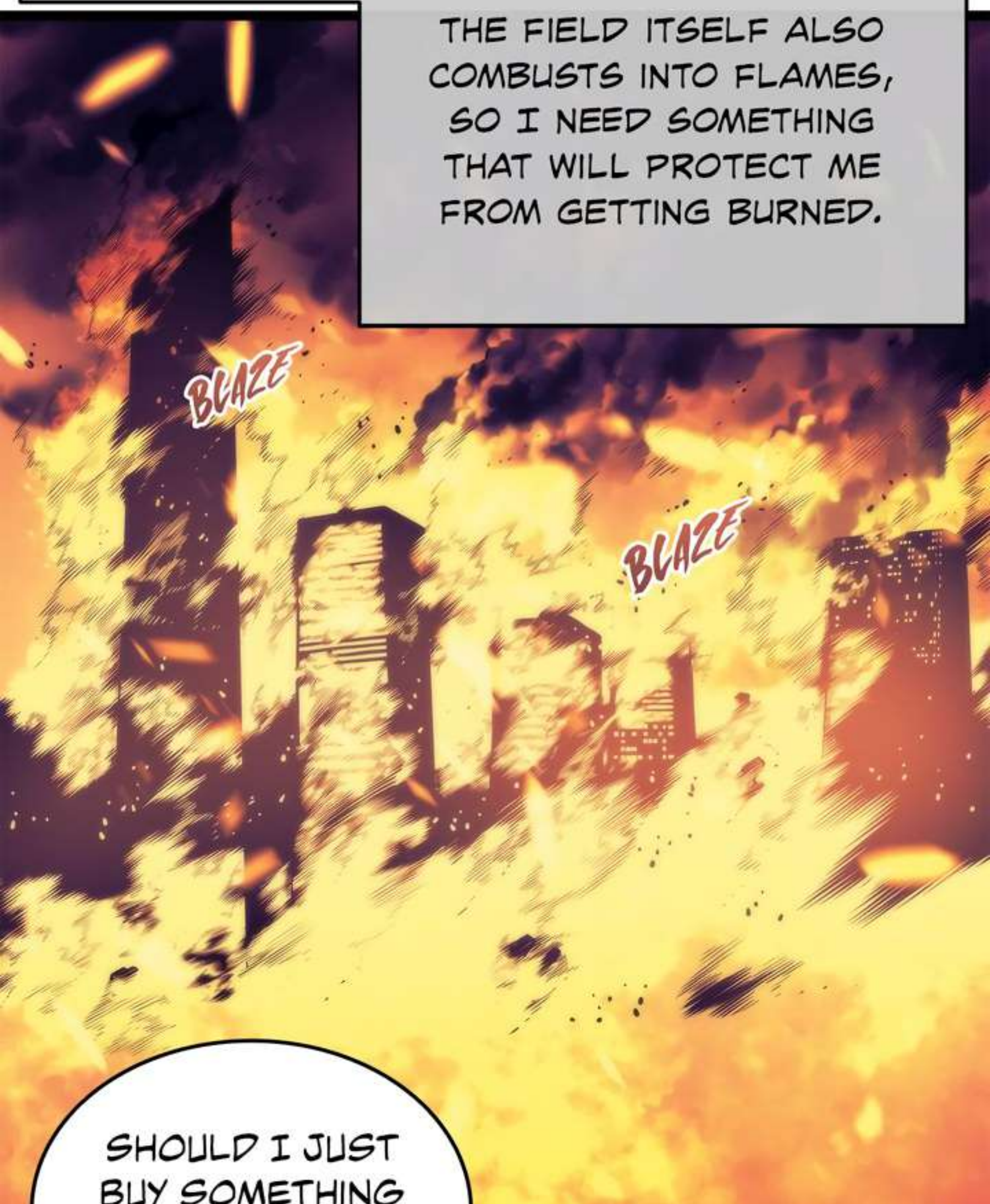




I THOUGHT I HAD  
ENOUGH SAVED UP  
BY NOW, BUT...

I DON'T THINK  
I CAN AFFORD  
THIS...

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE  
I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT  
AGAINST DEMONS THAT  
ATTACK WITH FIRE IN THE  
UPPER LEVELS OF THE  
DEMONS' CASTLE.



THE FIELD ITSELF ALSO  
COMBUSTS INTO FLAMES,  
SO I NEED SOMETHING  
THAT WILL PROTECT ME  
FROM GETTING BURNED.

SHOULD I JUST  
BUY SOMETHING  
FROM THE SHOP  
INSTEAD?



BUT THERE'S  
NOTHING HERE THAT  
SUITS MY NEEDS...

MAYBE THE ONLY WAY  
TO GET MY HANDS ON  
AN ARTIFACT I WANT IS  
TO SELL OFF MY **"ORB  
OF AVARICE."**

ITEM



[ITEM: ORB OF AVARICE]  
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A  
TYPE: MAGIC ITEM

AN ORB MADE OF PETRIFIED BLOOD FROM THE  
HIGH-RANKING DEMON, VULCAN. IT AMPLIFIES THE  
USER'S MAGIC ABILITIES AND INFLECTS GREATER  
DAMAGE ON AN OPPONENT.  
EFFECT "DESIRE TO DESTROY": MAGIC DAMAGE IS  
INCREASED BY TWOFOLD.

I GUESS I'M  
LUCKY TO EVEN  
HAVE SOMETHING  
OF WORTH TO  
SELL.



EVEN THE BEST  
ARTIFACTS ONLY RAISE  
YOUR STRENGTH BY 20  
TO 30 PERCENT.

BECAUSE THIS ORB  
DOUBLES THE WIELDER'S  
MAGIC DAMAGE, I'M SURE  
IT WILL SELL AT A  
HIGH PRICE.

I WON'T HAVE TO  
PUT IT ON THE BLACK  
MARKET SINCE IT'S NOT  
AN ILLEGAL ITEM,

BUT THE PROBLEM IS,  
I'LL HAVE TO DISCLOSE  
HOW I CAME INTO  
POSSESSION OF THIS  
THING...

WHEN PEOPLE SEE  
THAT AN E-RANK HUNTER  
LISTED AN INCREDIBLY  
POWERFUL ARTIFACT  
THAT CAN'T BE FOUND  
ANYWHERE ELSE,

THEY'LL  
PROBABLY TALK.

IT'LL TAKE SOME  
TIME TO GET MY NEW  
S-RANK HUNTER'S  
LICENSE.

CLICK

CLICK



IF ONLY THERE WAS A  
RECORD OF ME ENTERING  
AN A-RANK GATE OR  
SOMETHING... I COULD  
USE THAT TO MAKE MY  
LISTING SEEM LESS  
SUSPICIOUS.

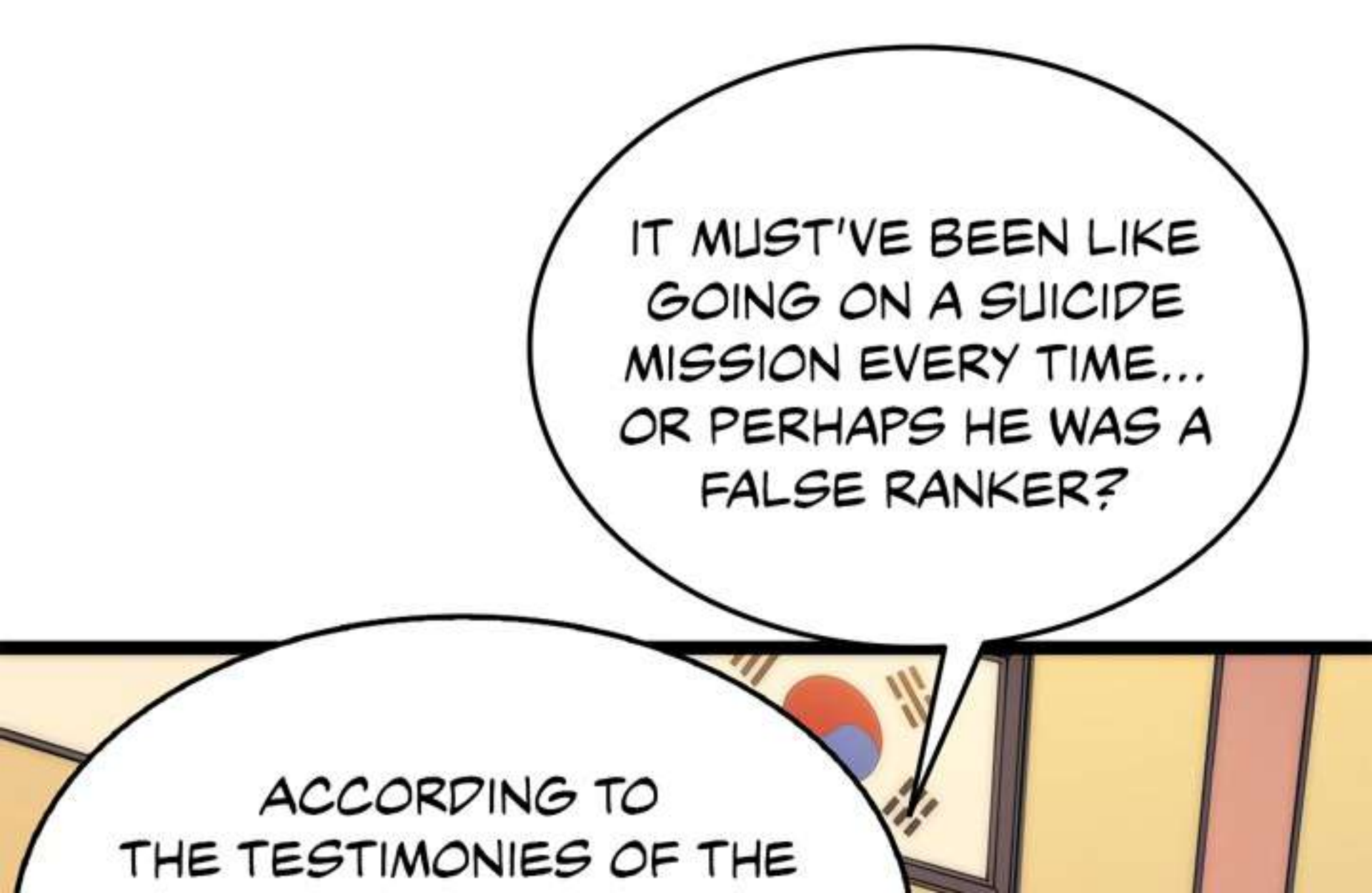
BUT  
I'M STILL JUST AN  
E-RANKER, SO NOBODY  
WOULD LET ME JOIN A  
HIGH-RANK RAID  
TEAM...



...HUH?

SOMEONE'S  
LOOKING TO RECRUIT  
A LOW-RANK  
HUNTER!







HUNTERS WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON THOSE RAIDS, HE WAS MOST DEFINITELY NOT A FALSE RANKER.

BUT THIS IS OVER THE COURSE OF FOUR WHOLE YEARS.

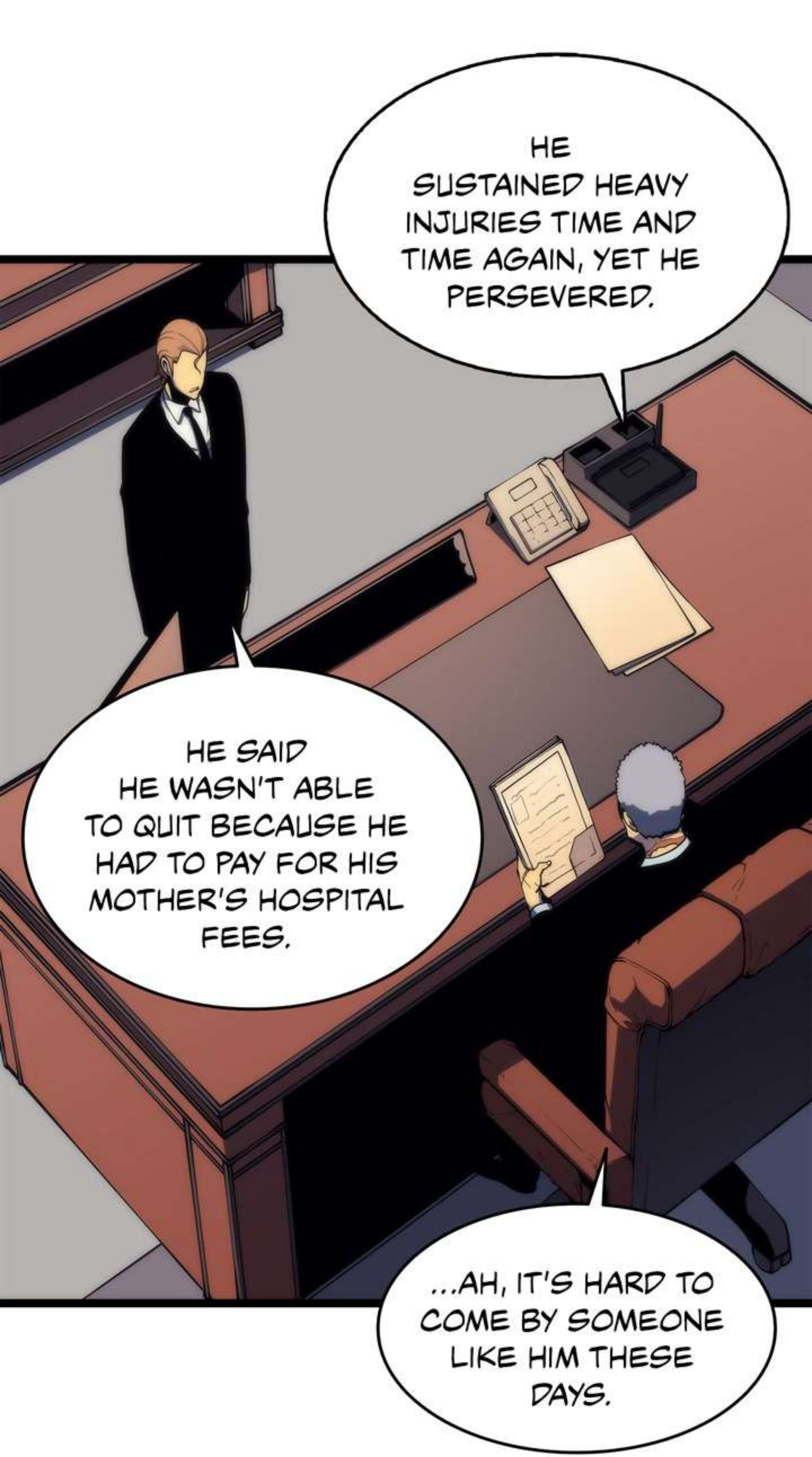
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT HIS REAWAKENING AS AN S-RANK HUNTER WAS NOT A RECENT HAPPENING.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, HE WOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED HIS FELLOW HUNTERS TO DIE IN THE DOUBLE DUNGEON.

YOU DO HAVE A GOOD EYE.

I WASN'T THE ONE WHO DEFEATED THE BEASTS INSIDE THE DOUBLE DUNGEON.





HE  
SUSTAINED HEAVY  
INJURIES TIME AND  
TIME AGAIN, YET HE  
PERSEVERED.

HE SAID  
HE WASN'T ABLE  
TO QUIT BECAUSE HE  
HAD TO PAY FOR HIS  
MOTHER'S HOSPITAL  
FEES.

...AH, IT'S HARD TO  
COME BY SOMEONE  
LIKE HIM THESE  
DAYS.



AFTER HIS FATHER  
WENT MISSING, HE LOOKED  
AFTER HIS LITTLE SISTER  
AND SICK MOTHER ALL  
BY HIMSELF...

MR. GO,

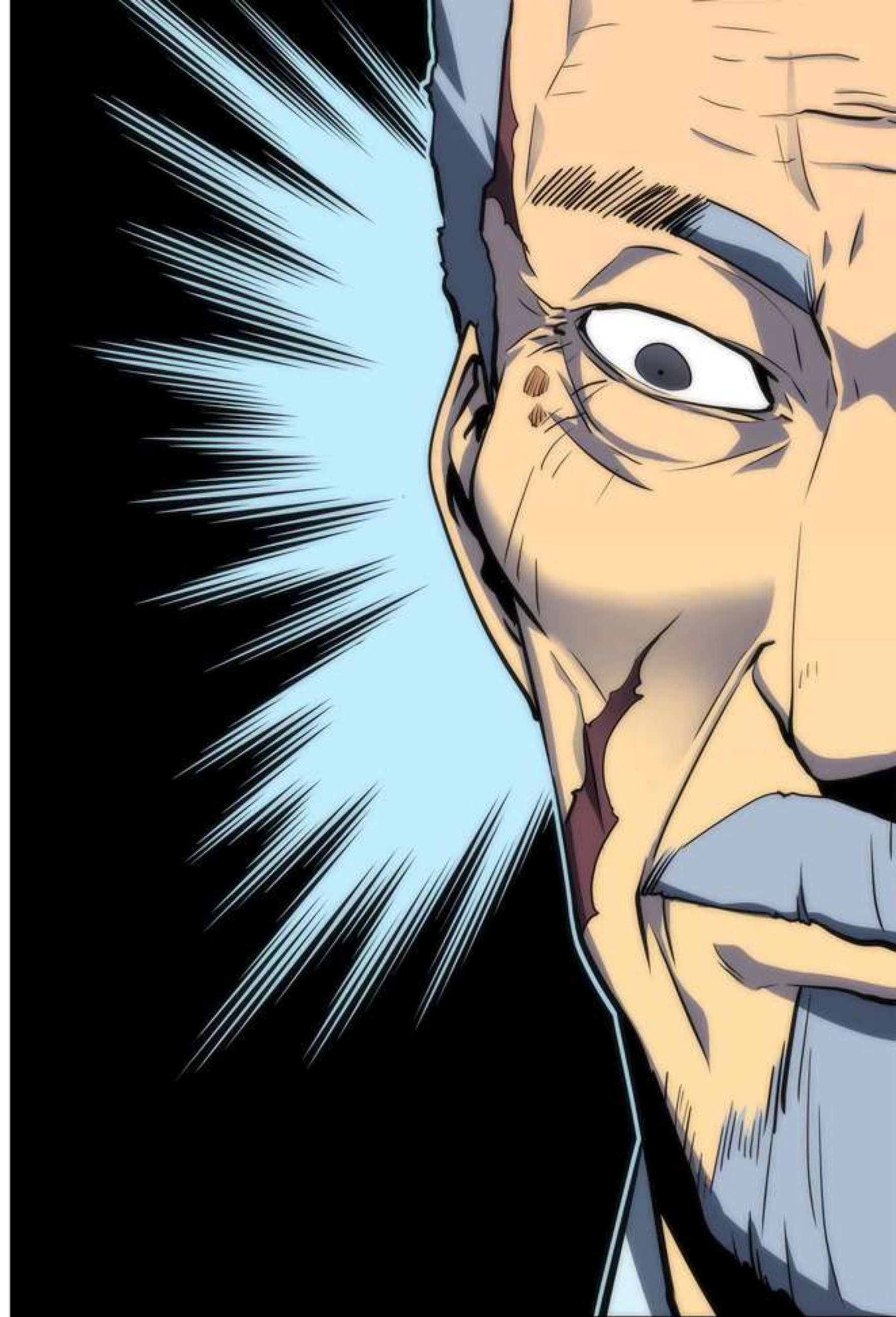
I'VE ACTUALLY  
RECEIVED WORD THAT  
MR. SUNG HAS JOINED  
A RAID TEAM.

ALREADY?



YES, ONE  
THAT'S PART OF THE  
HUNTERS GUILD.





WAS HE ALL JUST TALK?  
MAYBE HE WAS ACTUALLY  
MORE INTERESTED IN THE  
HEFTY DOWN PAYMENT  
THE HUNTERS GUILD  
OFFERED HIM.



ACCORDING TO  
MY SOURCE,

MR. SLUNG  
HAS JOINED A  
**MINING TEAM,**  
NOT A STRIKE  
SQUAD.





AN S-RANK  
HUNTER APPLIED TO  
BE A MINER...?



WHAT COULD HE  
BE THINKING?



YOU'RE AN  
E-RANKER?





YES.



DO  
YOU HAVE ANY  
EXPERIENCE IN  
THIS FIELD OF  
WORK?

NO, I DON'T.

THEN... WHAT'S  
YOUR CLASS?

I'M A FIGHTER.

THAT'S  
GOOD TO  
HEAR.



THERE ARE A LOT  
OF HUNTERS HERE  
LIKE YOU, JINWOO,

SO DON'T BE  
NERVOUS.

HAHA

HEAD IN  
WITH THE REST OF  
THE GUYS WHEN IT'S  
OUR TURN.

OH, AND DON'T  
FORGET YOUR  
TOOLS.

OKAY.

A HIGH-RANKING DUNGEON  
IS MASSIVE, SO A SINGLE  
STRIKE SQUAD CAN'T TAKE  
CARE OF EVERYTHING.

THAT'S WHY THE WORK  
IS SPLIT UP BETWEEN  
DIFFERENT TEAMS.



THE STRIKE  
SQUAD BATTLES  
MAGIC BEASTS,

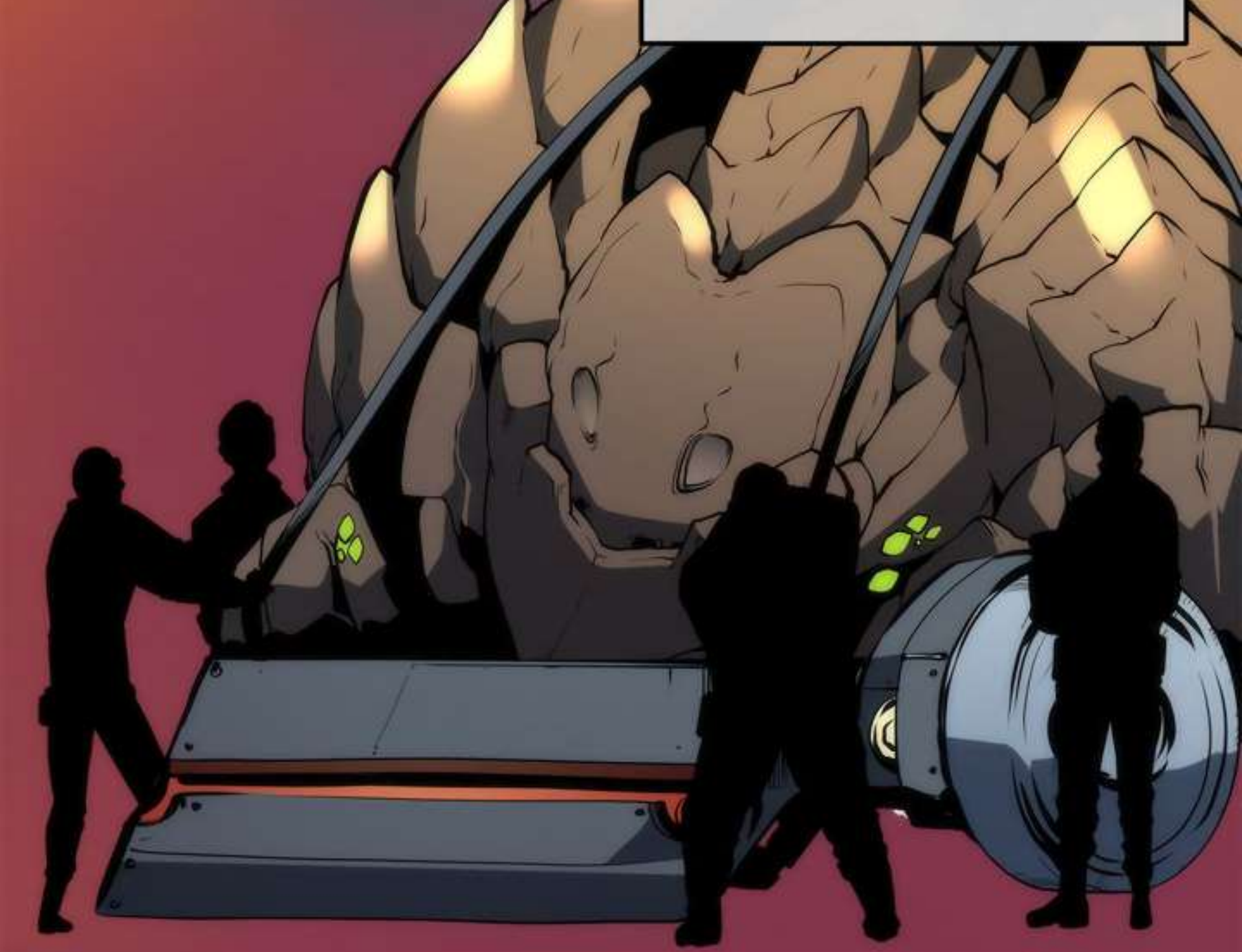






THE MINING  
TEAM MINES  
CRYSTALS,

AND THE HAULING  
TEAM COLLECTS  
THE BEASTS'  
CORPSES.



THE MINING TEAM AND  
HAULING TEAM ARE SENT  
INTO THE DUNGEON AFTER  
ALL THE BEASTS, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE BOSS,  
HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE  
A NUMBER OF WORKERS  
ON THESE TEAMS,

MACHINES THAT  
RUN ON ELECTRICITY DON'T  
WORK INSIDE THE DUNGEONS,  
SO THEY MUST RESORT TO  
OLD-FASHIONED METHODS.



EVEN THIS PICKAXE  
IS INFUSED WITH  
MAGIC.





SO THIS IS  
AN A-RANK  
GATE...

I WANT TO SEE  
WHAT A HIGH-RANK  
GATE IS LIKE WITH  
MY OWN TWO  
EYES.



I'M GLAD  
I CAME  
HERE.

I'LL HAVE TO  
ENTER ONE OF THESE  
DUNGEONS SOONER  
OR LATER.







THIS DUNGEON  
IS QUITE BIG.

THIS IS  
GOING TO TAKE  
LONGER THAN  
EXPECTED...

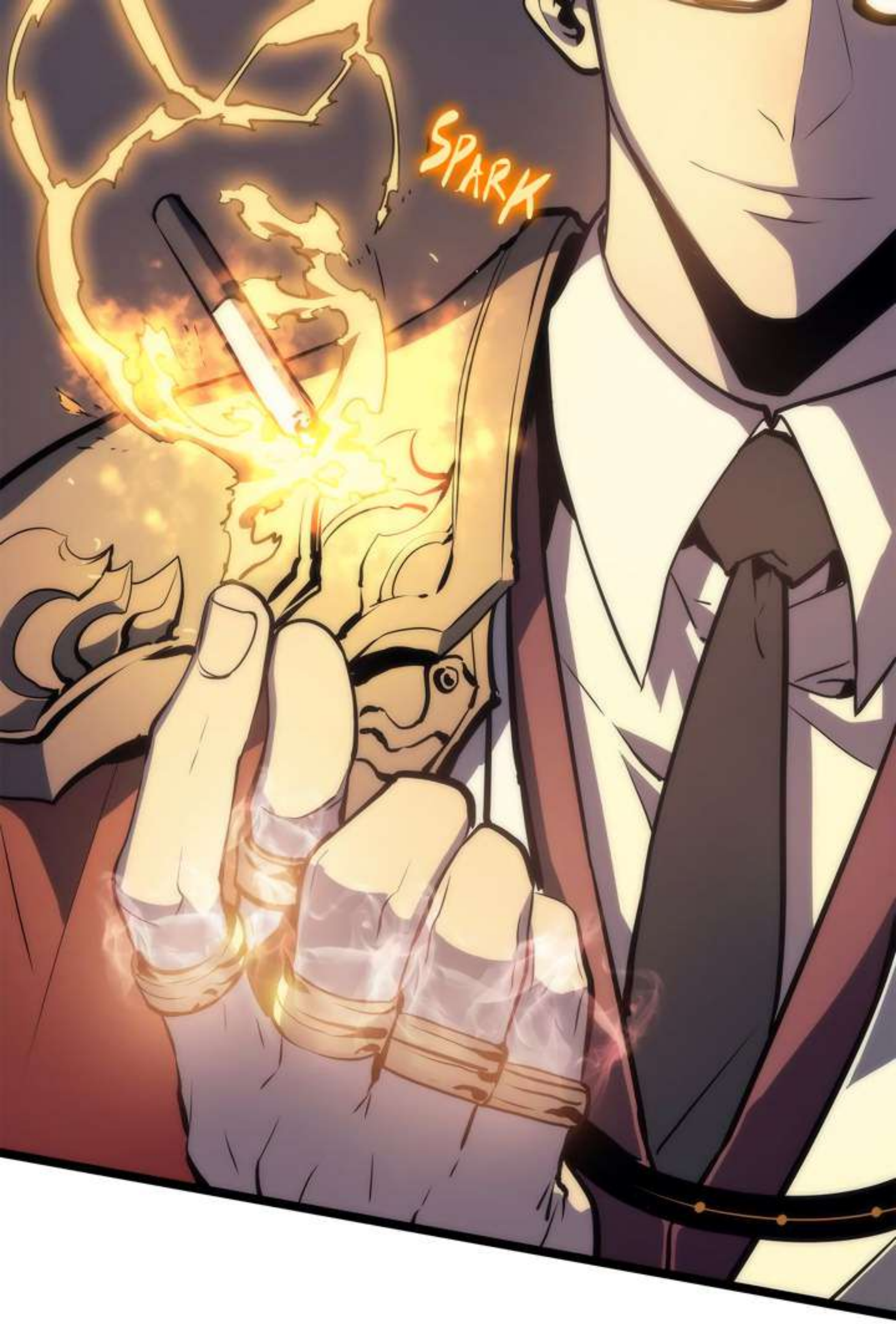
BUT  
WE'LL MESS UP THE  
NEXT TEAM'S SCHEDULE  
IF WE DRAG THIS OUT  
ANY LONGER.



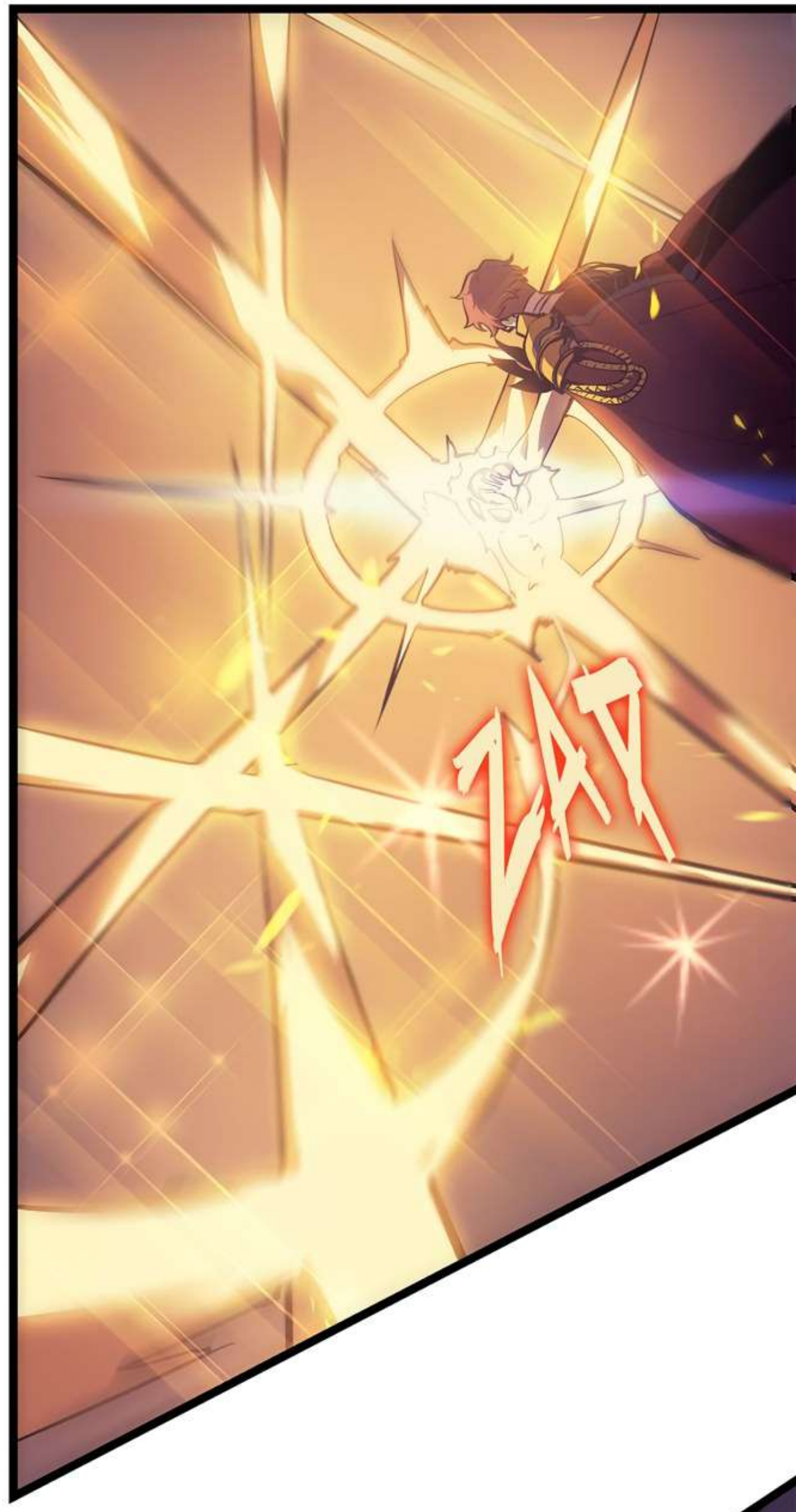


















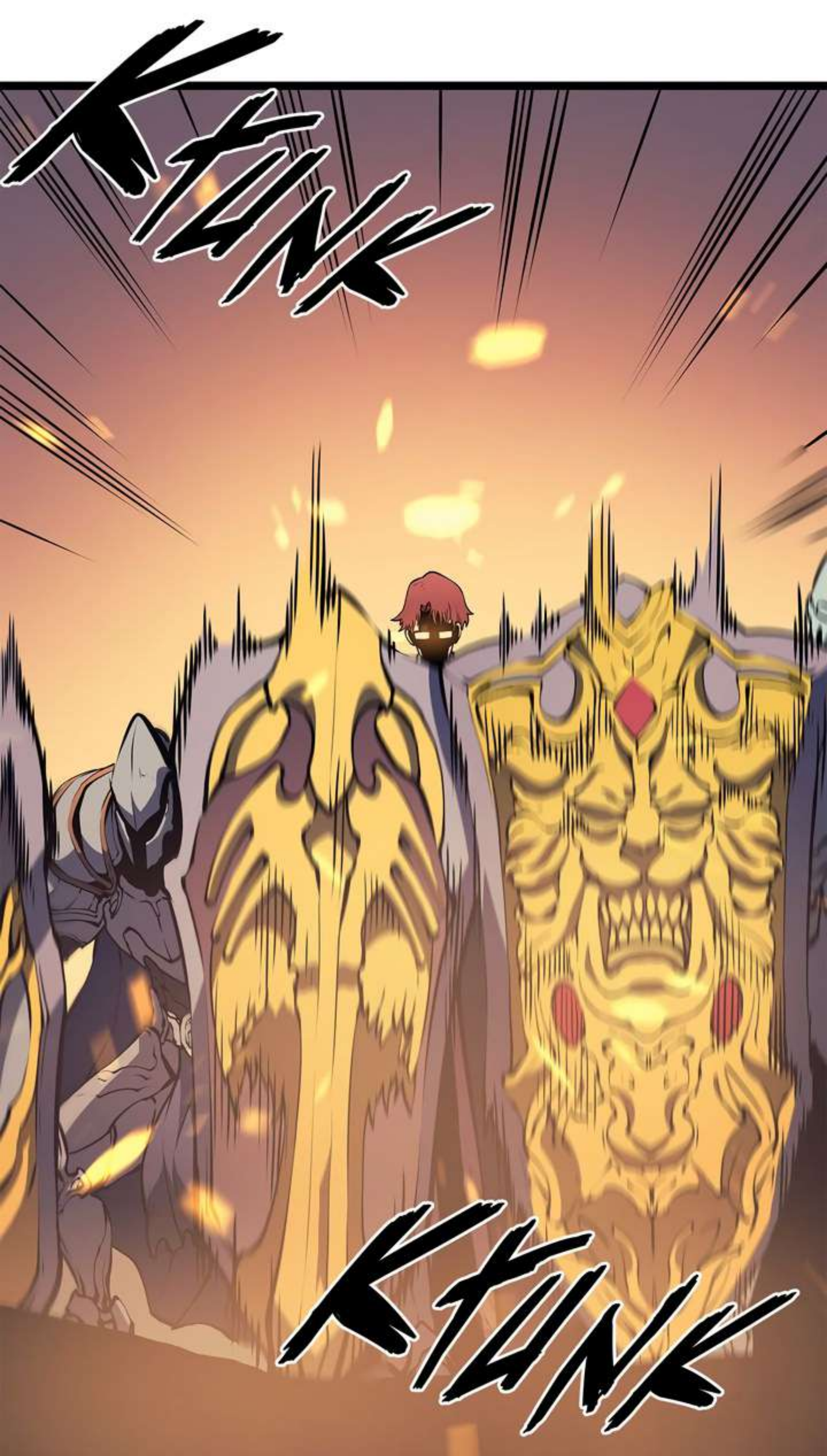
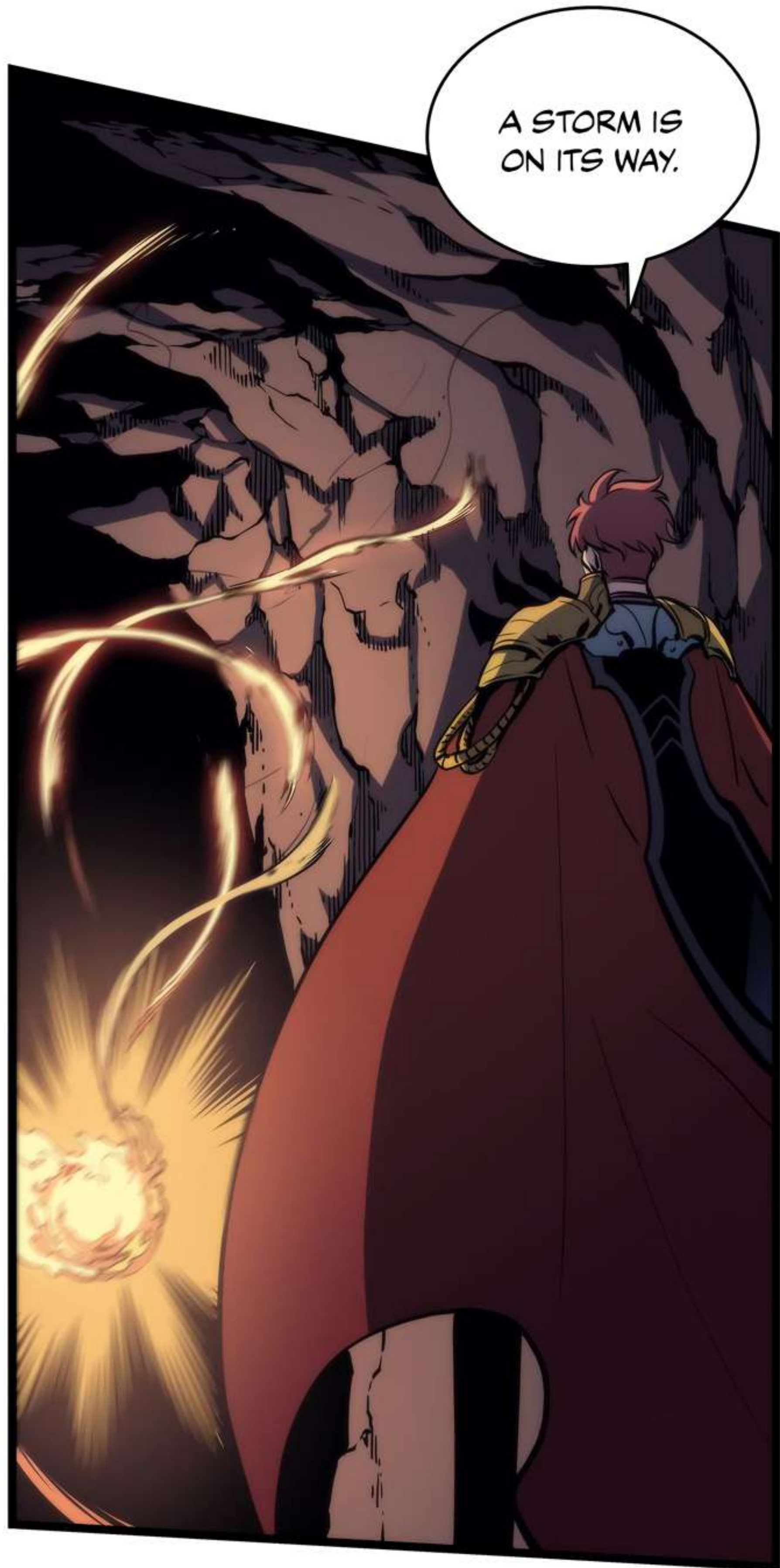


TANKS,  
GET READY.

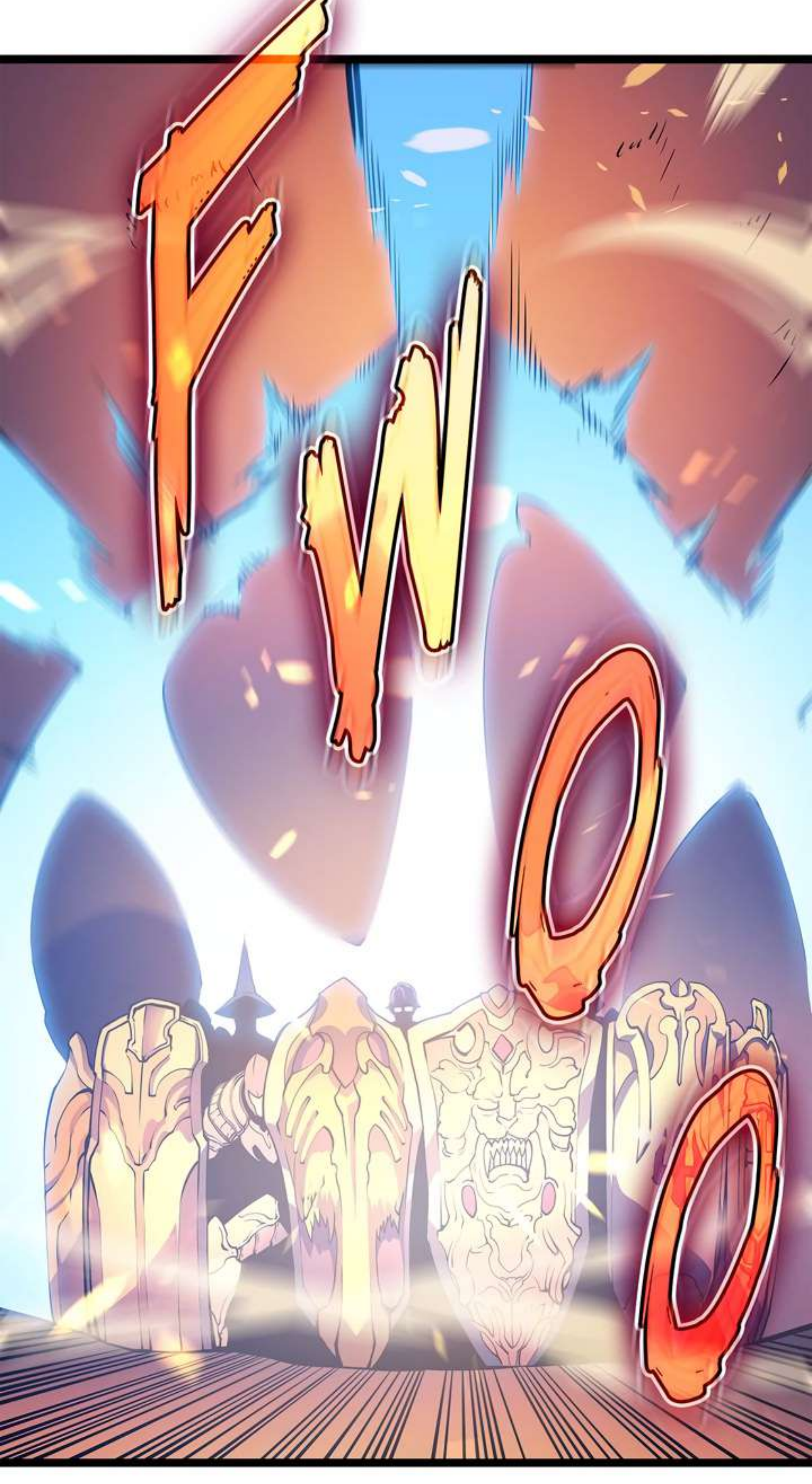
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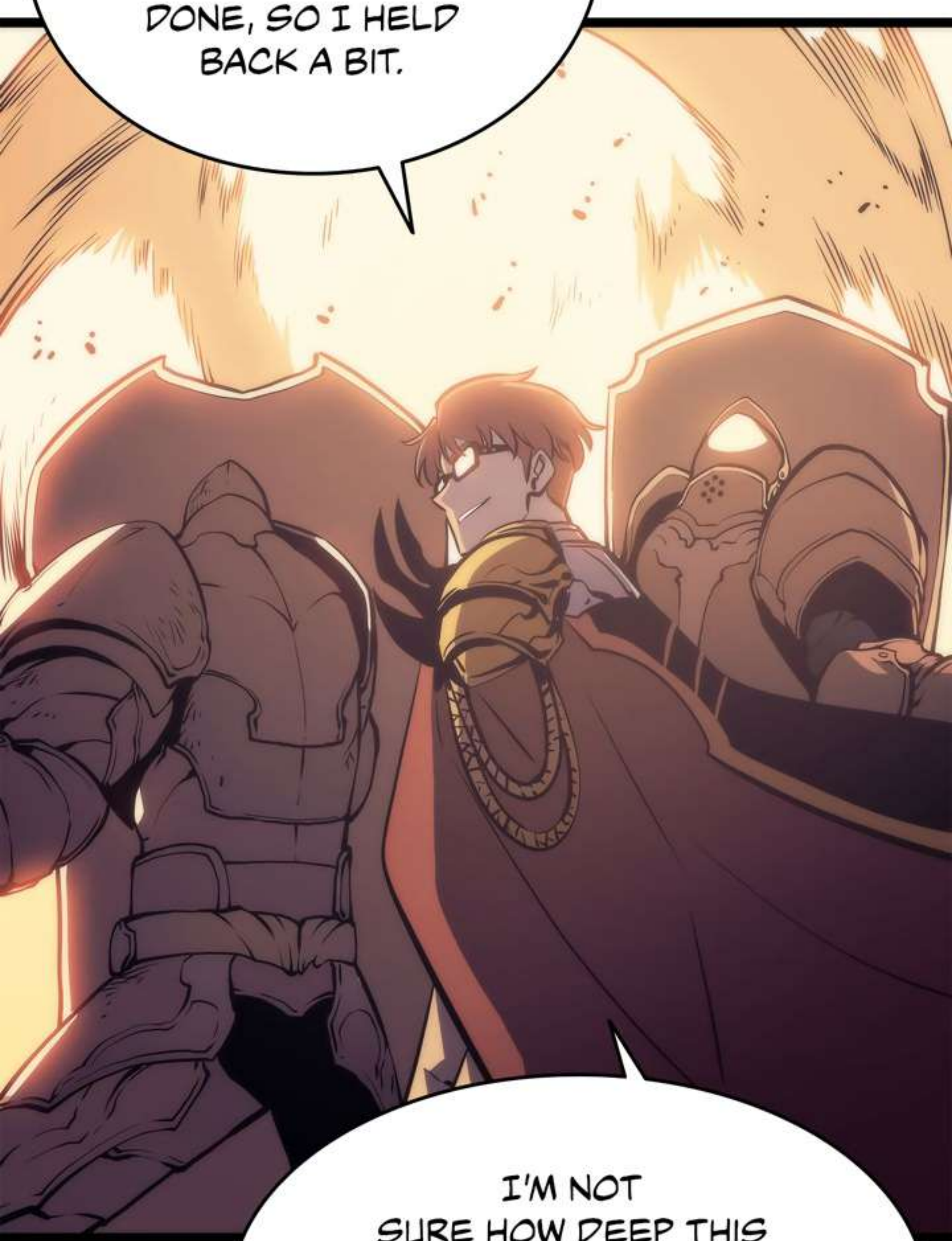








WE MIGHT NOT BE  
ABLE TO MAKE USE OF  
CORPSES THAT ARE  
"COOKED" UNTIL WELL  
DONE, SO I HELD  
BACK A BIT.



I'M NOT  
SURE HOW DEEP THIS  
DUNGEON GOES, BUT ALL  
THE BEASTS IN THE VICINITY  
HAVE PROBABLY TURNED  
INTO ASHES BY NOW.

DANG... HE'S  
IMPRESSIVE...



NO MATTER HOW  
MANY TIMES I SEE HIM  
IN ACTION, I'M ALWAYS  
IN AWE OF HIS  
POWERS.





LET ME  
ESCORT YOU TO  
SAFETY.

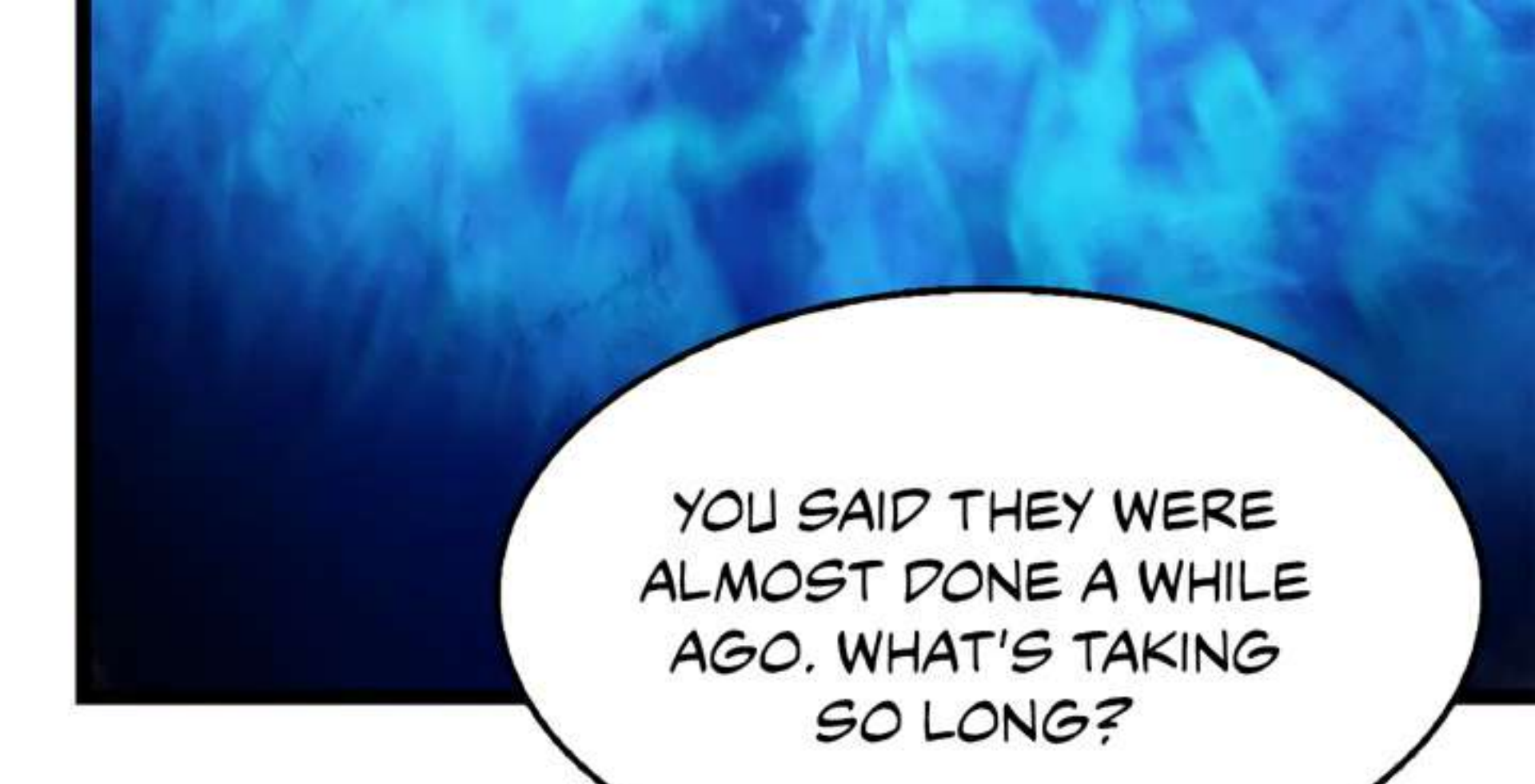


WATCH OUT FOR THE  
BURNT SMELL. I KNOW  
YOU HAVE A SENSITIVE  
NOSE.



WHEN IS THE  
STRIKE SQUAD  
GONNA GET  
HERE?

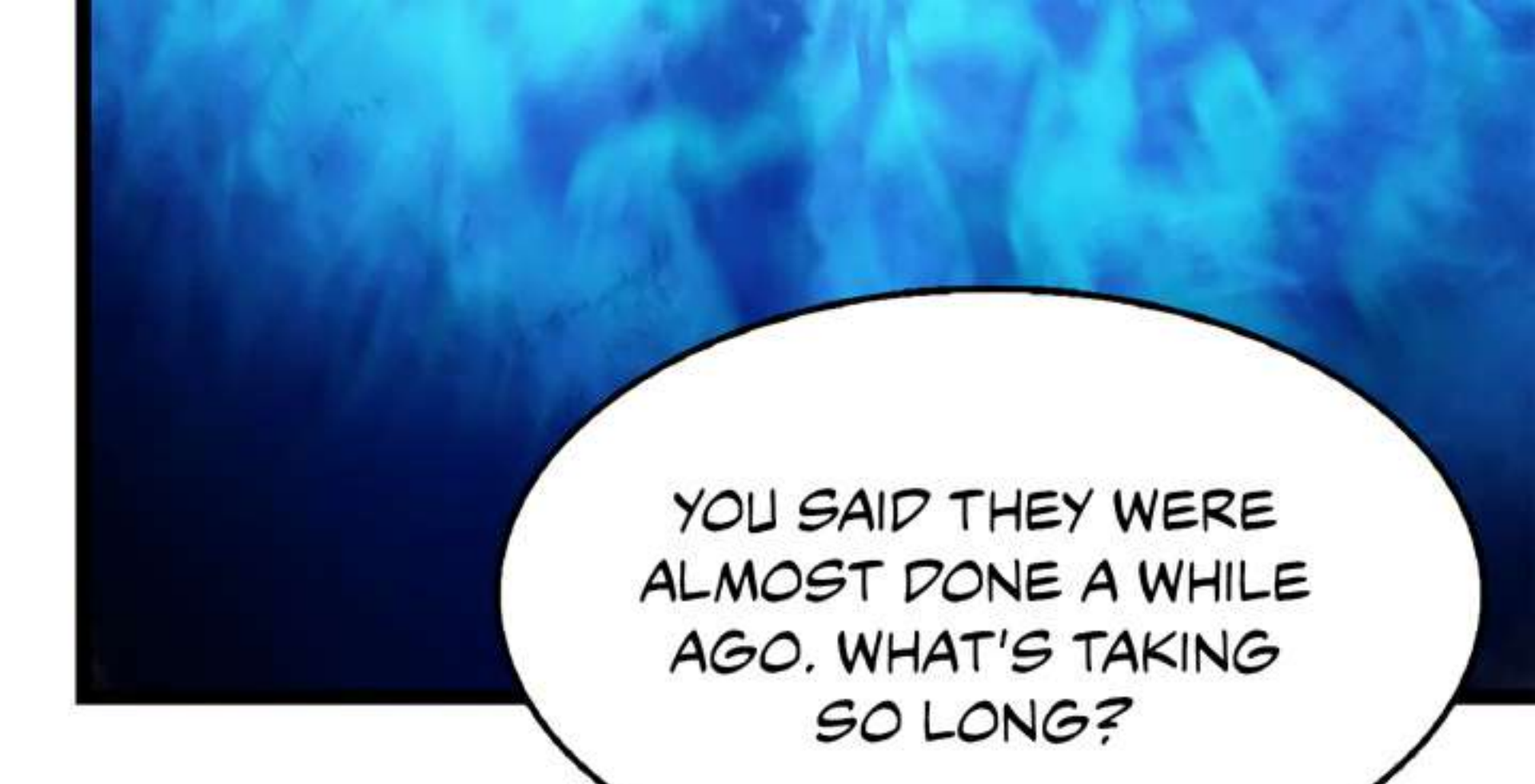




YOU SAID THEY WERE  
ALMOST DONE A WHILE  
AGO. WHAT'S TAKING  
SO LONG?



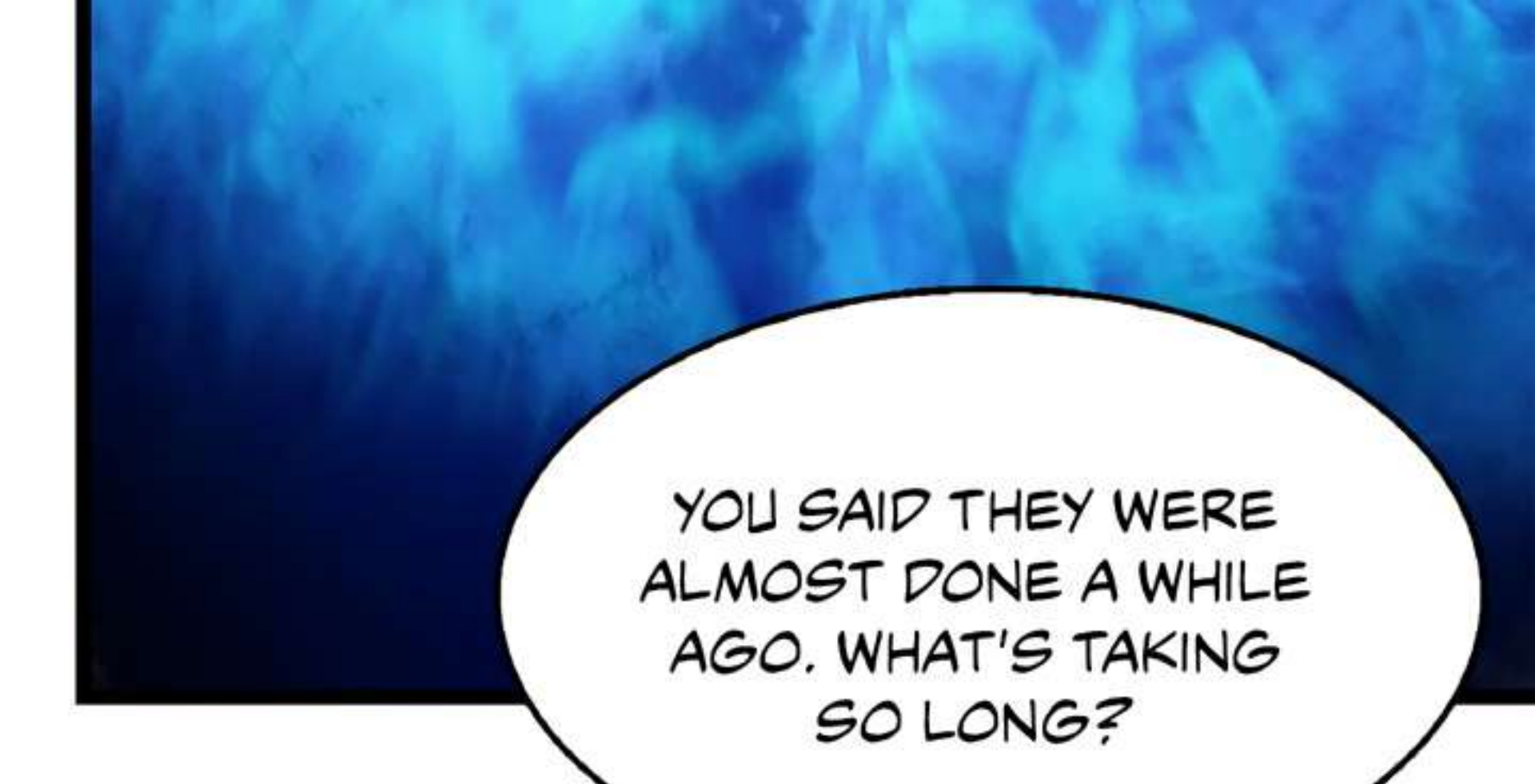
THEY'RE  
ALMOST FINISHED,  
I PROMISE.



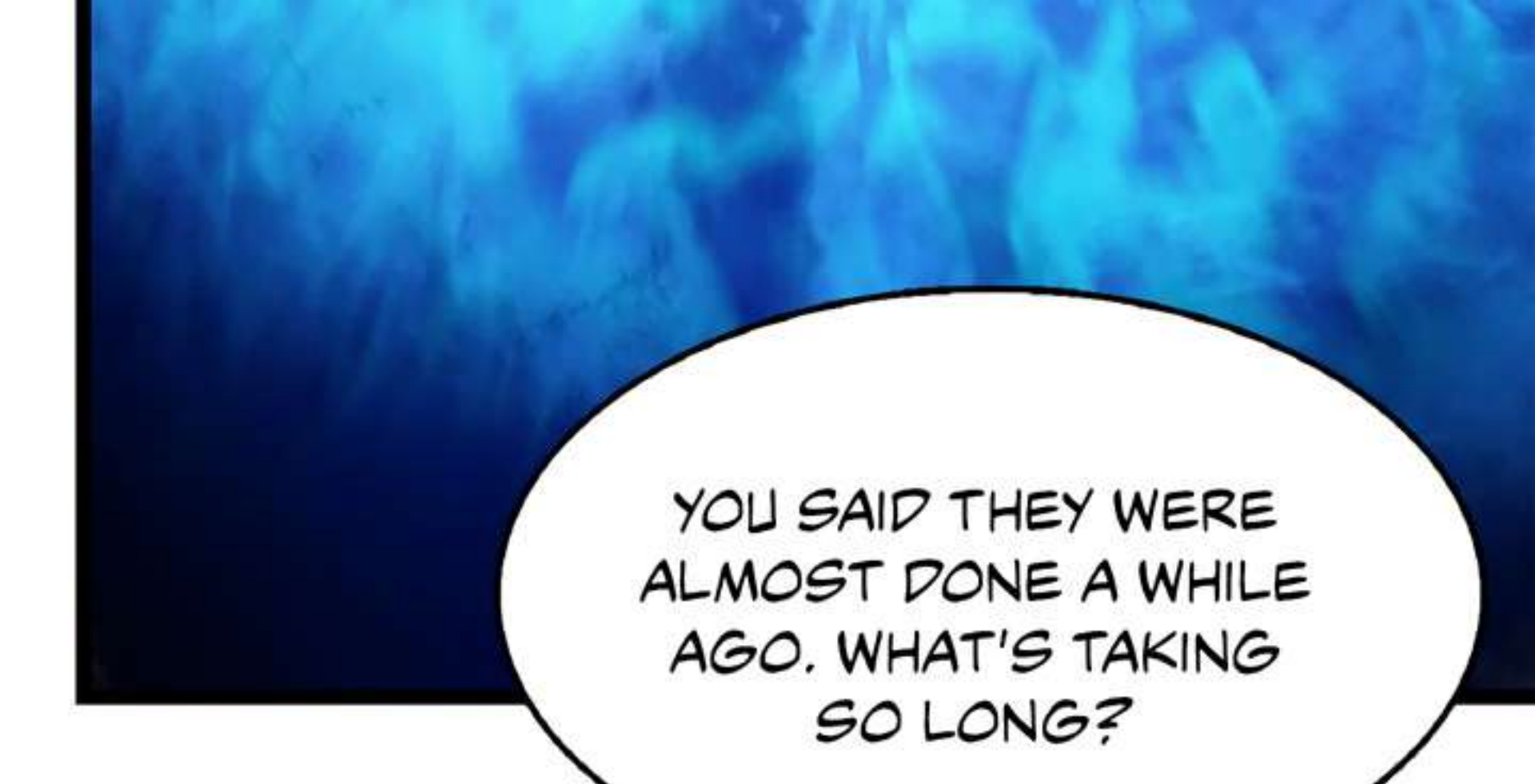
THIS IS ALL TO  
ENSURE THE SAFETY  
OF YOU AND YOUR  
TEAM,



SO PLEASE  
WAIT JUST A LITTLE  
BIT LONGER UNTIL  
THEY TAKE CARE OF  
ALL THE MAGIC  
BEASTS INSIDE.



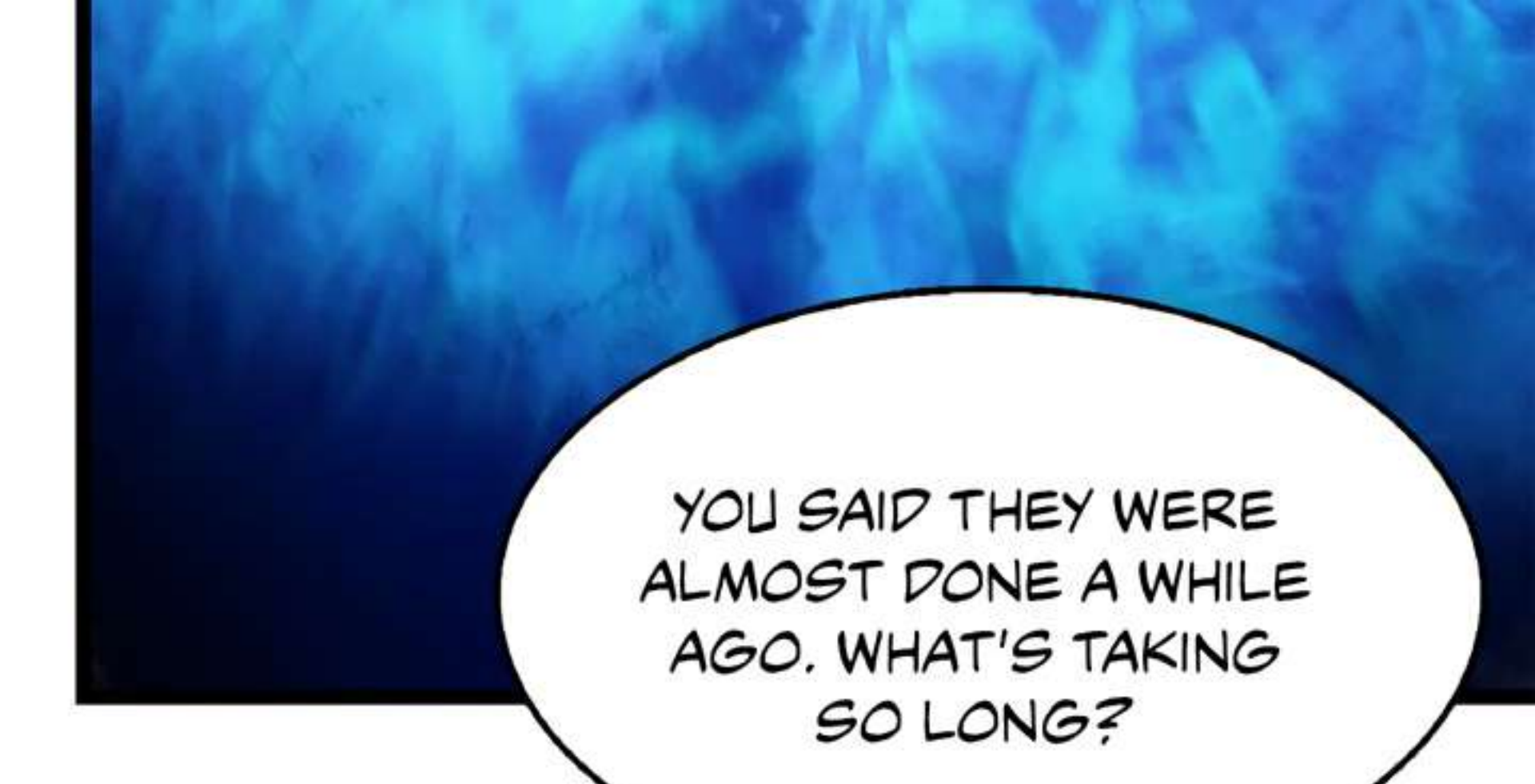
YOU'VE SAID  
THE SAME THING  
THREE TIMES  
ALREADY.



WHAT IF THEY DO  
A HASTY JOB AND A  
BEAST POPS OUT WHILE  
YOU'RE TRYING TO MINE  
FOR CRYSTALS? WE  
CAN'T HAVE THAT,  
RIGHT? PLEASE  
UNDERSTAND.



WHAT DO YOU  
SAY WE GO OUT  
FOR DRINKS  
LATER?



GEEZ... OKAY,  
OKAY. GET OFF MY  
BACK, MAN.





THE STRIKE  
SQUAD IS  
BACK!

GATHER YOUR  
EQUIPMENT,  
EVERYONE!

WE'LL BE  
HEADING IN  
SOON!



THEY'RE  
FINALLY  
DONE.



SO THESE ARE  
THE MEMBERS  
OF...

...THE  
COUNTRY'S BEST  
STRIKE SQUAD!





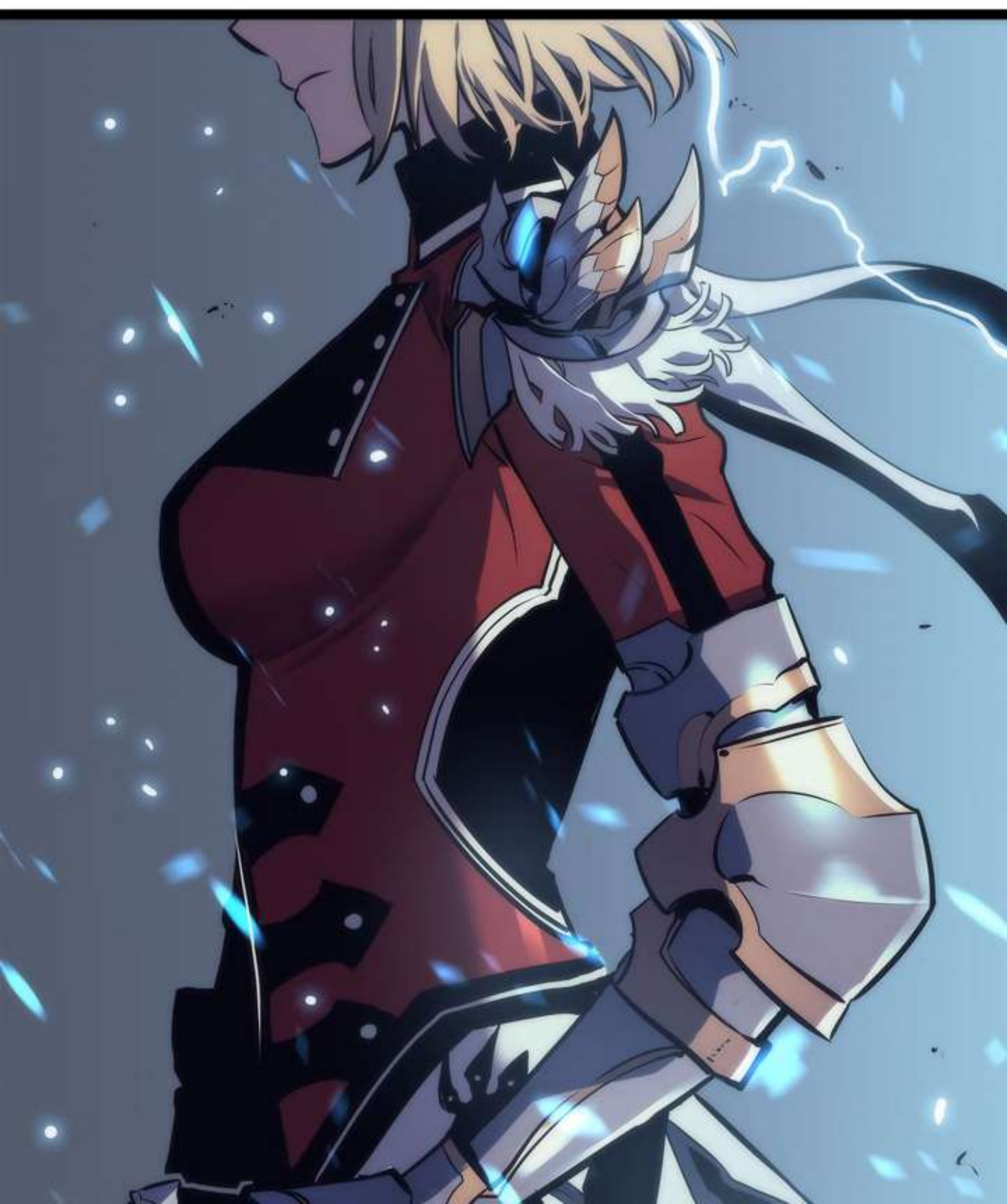




THERE COMES THE  
SECOND-IN-COMMAND.



AND SHE  
MUST BE...







...THE HUNTERS'  
VICE GUILD  
MASTER!



To Be Continued...

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