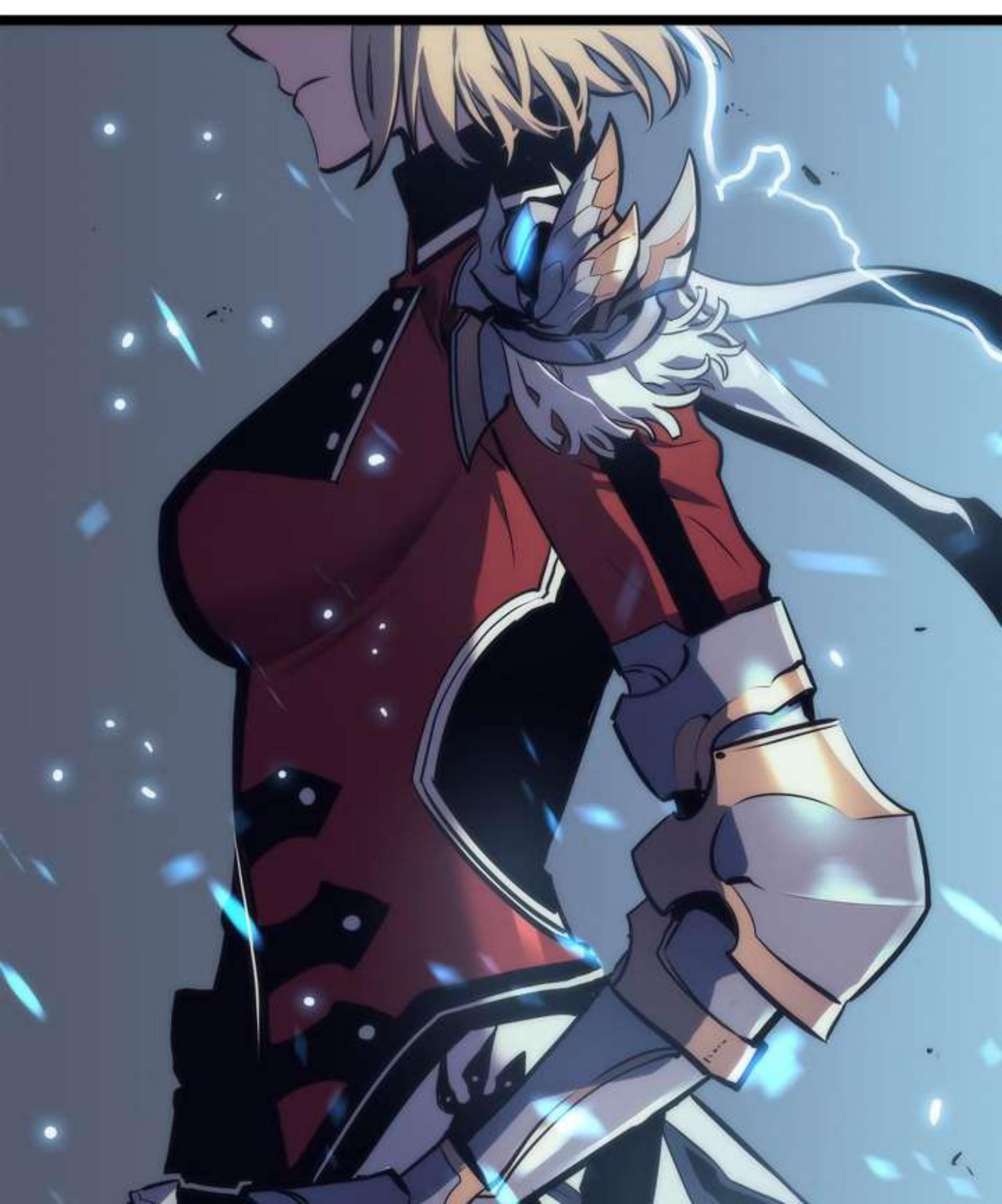


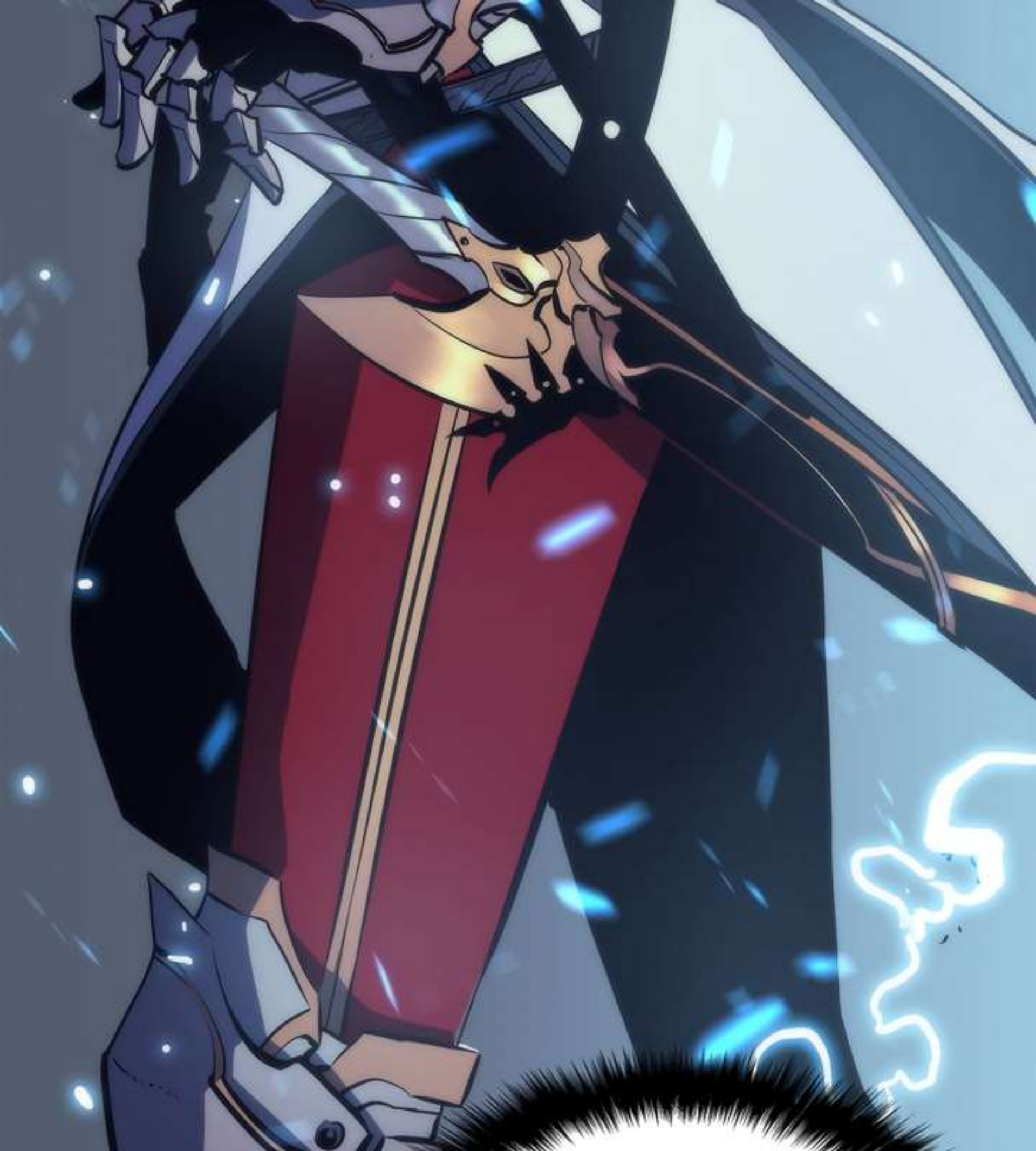


THERE COMES THE
SECOND-IN-COMMAND.



AND SHE
MUST BE...





...THE HUNTERS'
VICE GUILD
MASTER!

S-RANK,
CHA HAE-IN!



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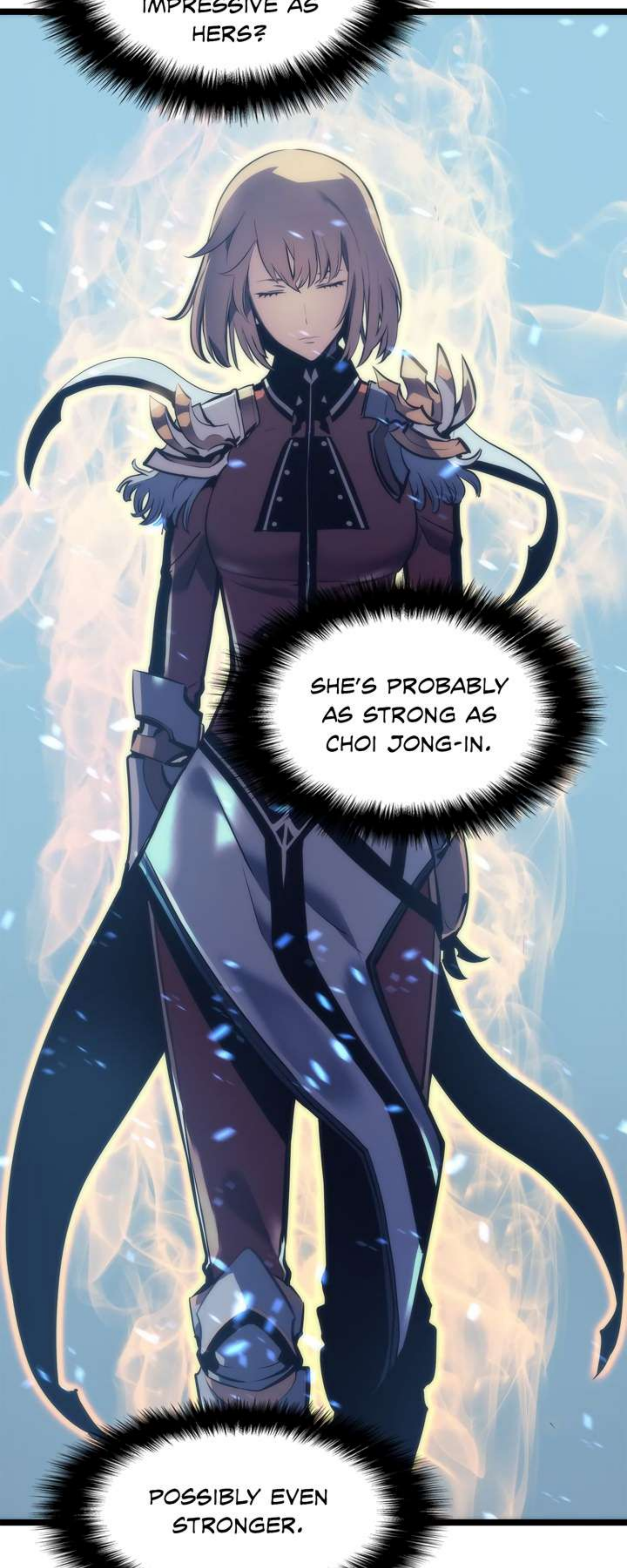
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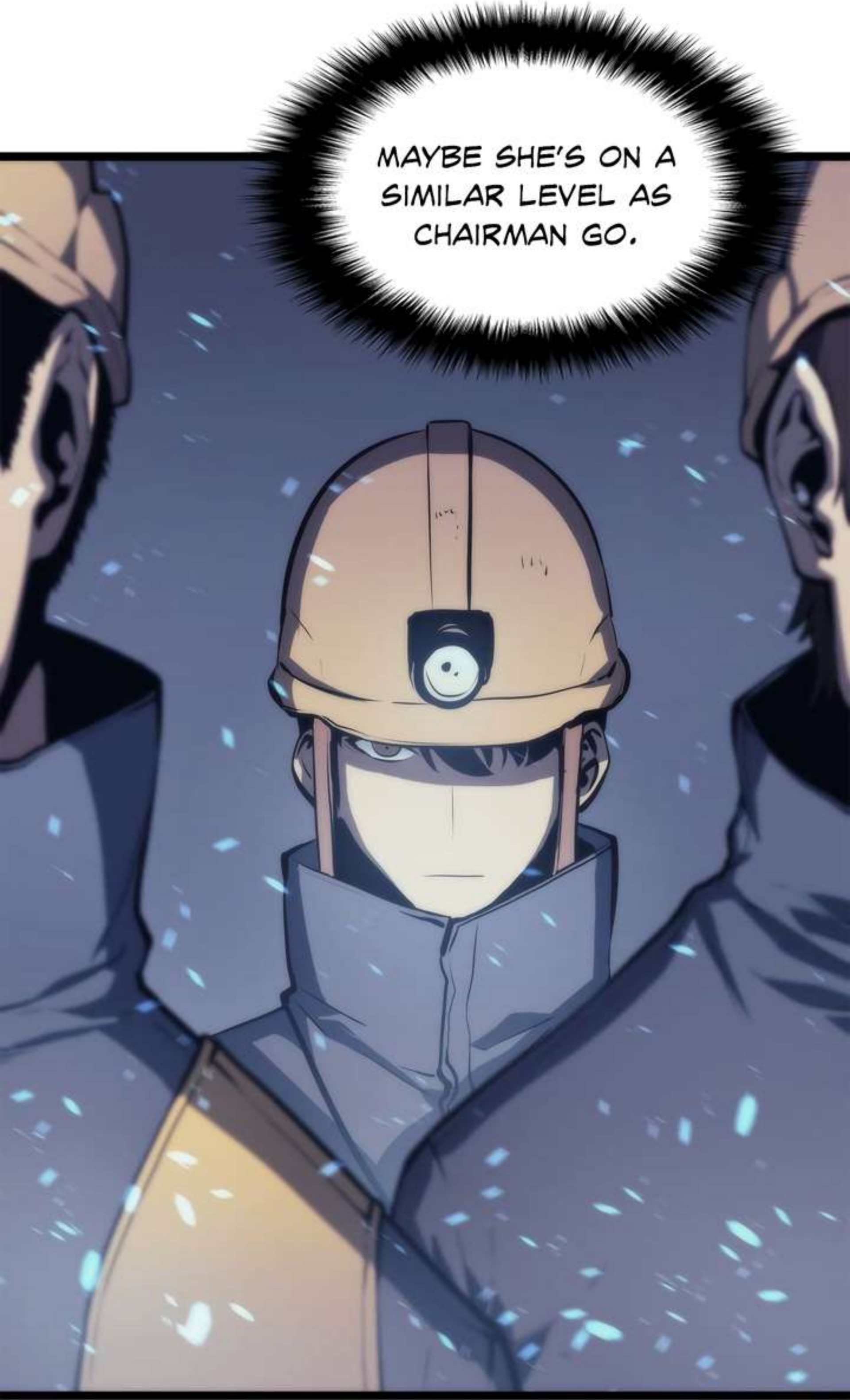


I WONDER HOW
MANY WOMEN IN
THE WORLD HAVE
A PRESENCE AS
IMPRESSIVE AS
HERS?



SHE'S PROBABLY
AS STRONG AS
CHOI JONG-IN.

POSSIBLY EVEN
STRONGER.





WHAT WAS THAT?

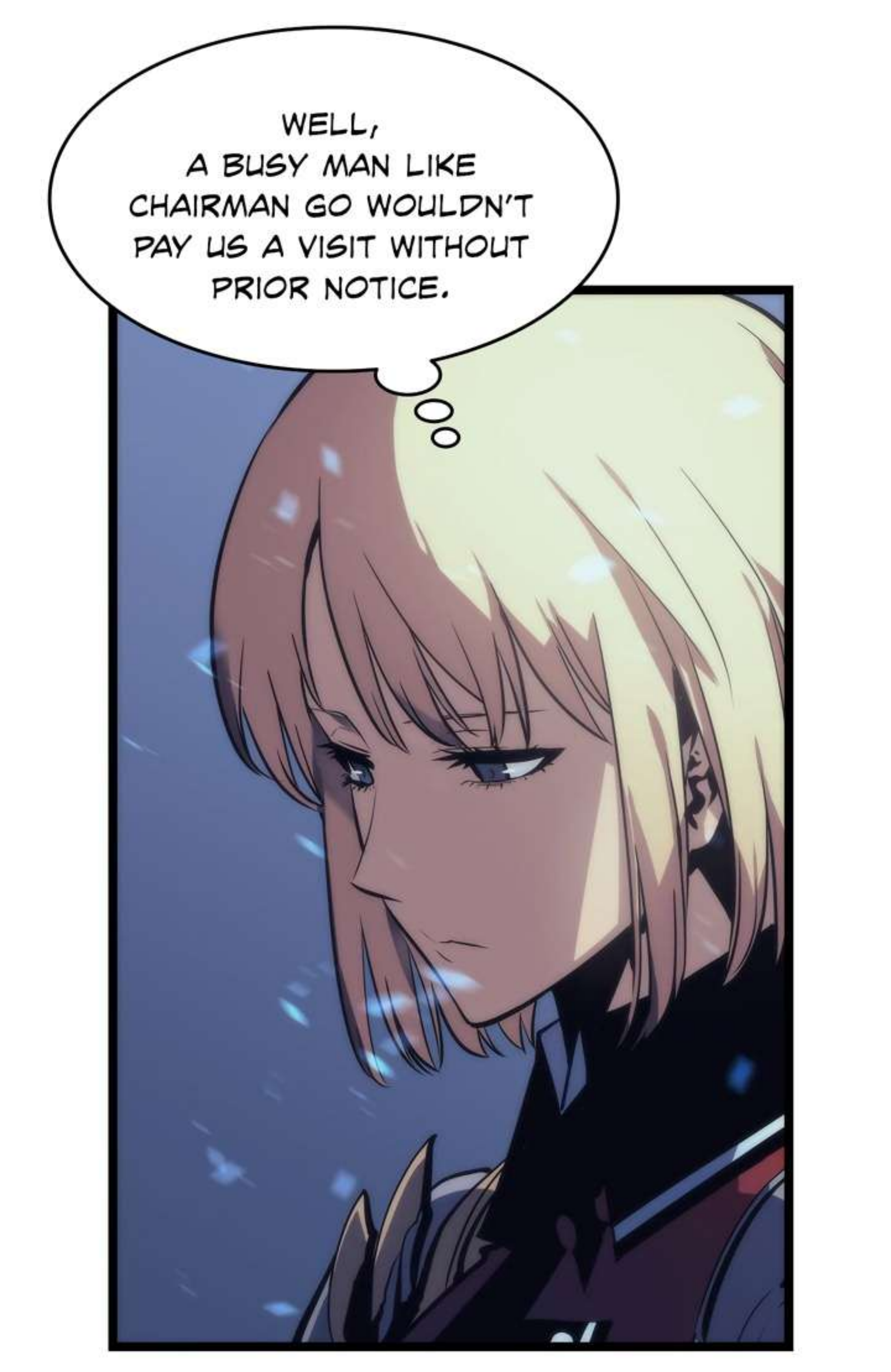
I FELT A STRONG PRESENCE JUST NOW...



WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?

FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT CHAIRMAN GO WAS HERE...

...BUT THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT NOW.



WELL, A BUSY MAN LIKE CHAIRMAN GO WOULDN'T PAY US A VISIT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

UGH!



HER SENSES ARE
SHARPER THAN I
EXPECTED.



ALL RIGHT,
EVERYONE. IT'S OUR
TURN NOW! LET'S
GET CRACKIN'!



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
SLUNG?

IT'S TIME
FOR US TO
GO IN!

YES, SIR!

THE INTERIOR OF
AN A-RANK GATE
IS ENORMOUS.

A GATE'S RANK IS
MEASURED BY THE MANA
WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED
FROM THE GATE, NOT BY
THE RANKS OF THE MAGIC
BEASTS FOUND INSIDE.

BECAUSE AN A-RANK GATE
EMITS LARGE AMOUNTS OF
MANA WAVES, ITS SIZE IS
ALSO CONSEQUENTLY
LARGE.

THIS MEANS THE
TWO FACTORS THAT RAISE A
GATE'S RANK ARE ITS SIZE
AND MANA LEVELS.

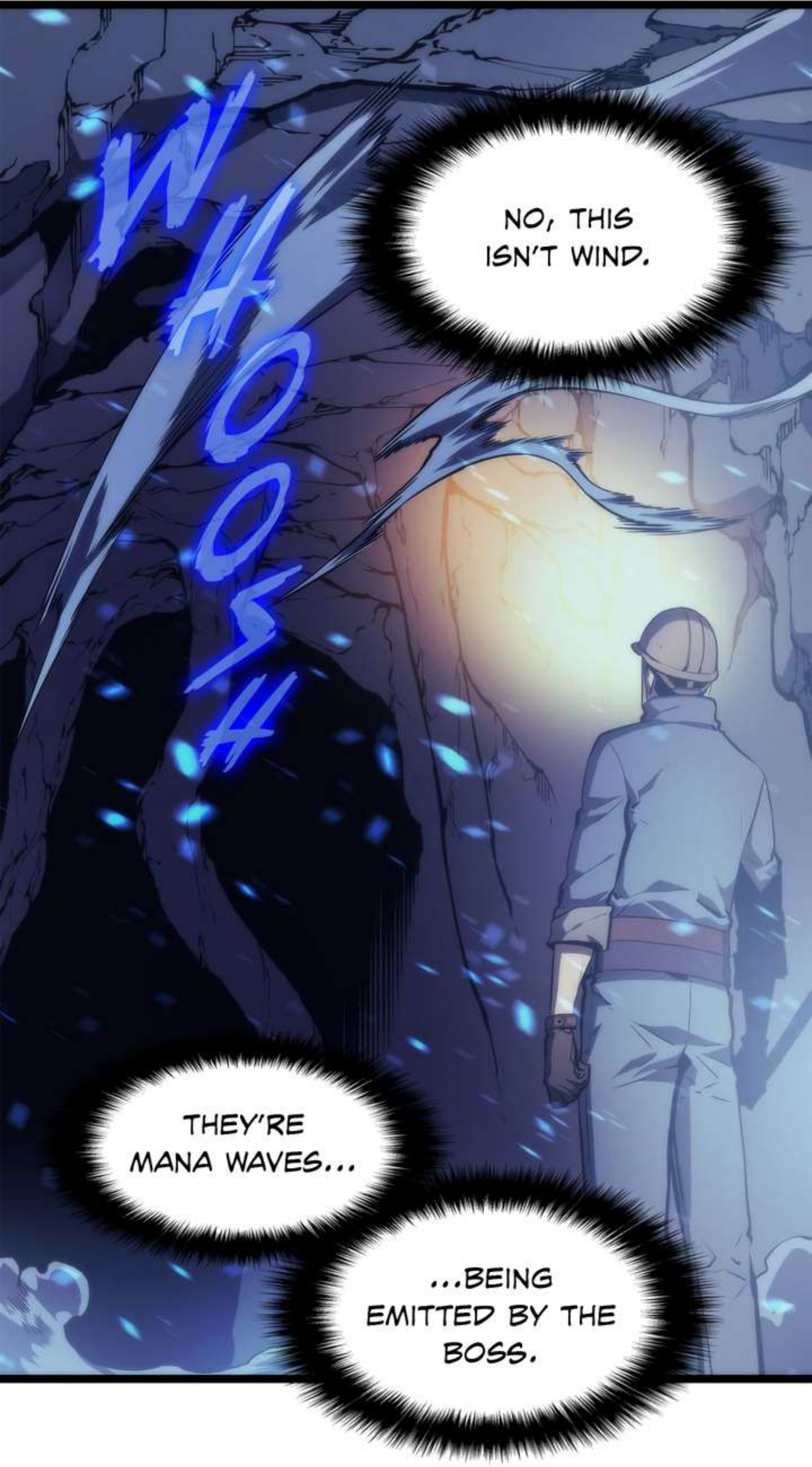
WHILE LARGE NUMBERS OF
LOW-RANKING MAGIC BEASTS
CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT
OF MANA WAVES THAT ARE
EMITTED BY THE GATE,

THEIR MANA LEVELS
AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH
FOR AN A-RANK GATE.

A LOT OF LOW-RANKING
BEASTS MIGHT BE FOUND
INSIDE A B-RANK GATE, BUT
NOT AN A-RANK GATE. IT'S
FULL OF HIGH-RANKING
BEASTS.

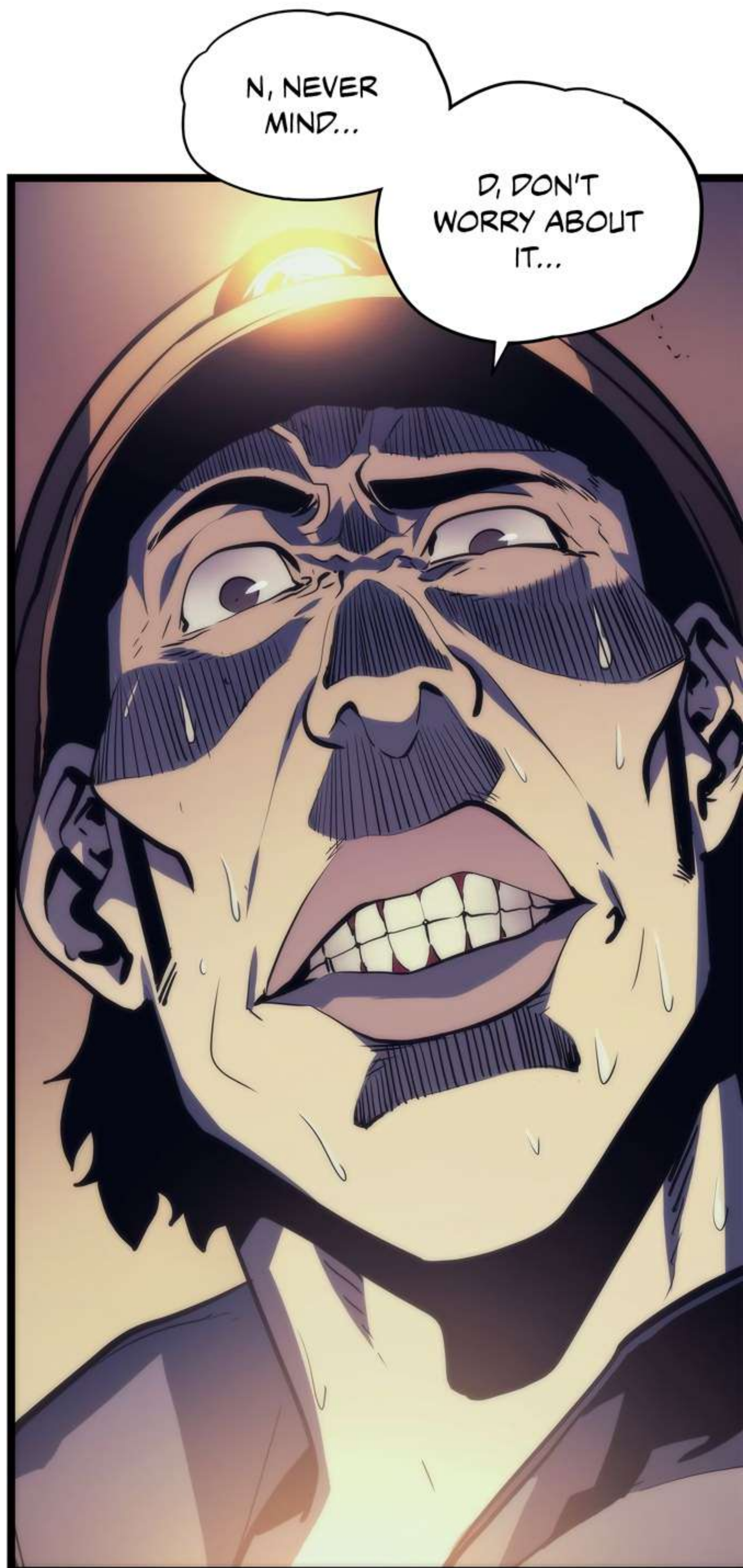


I FEEL A GUST OF
WIND COMING FROM
THE DUNGEON...









...IS HE
REALLY AN
E-RANKER?

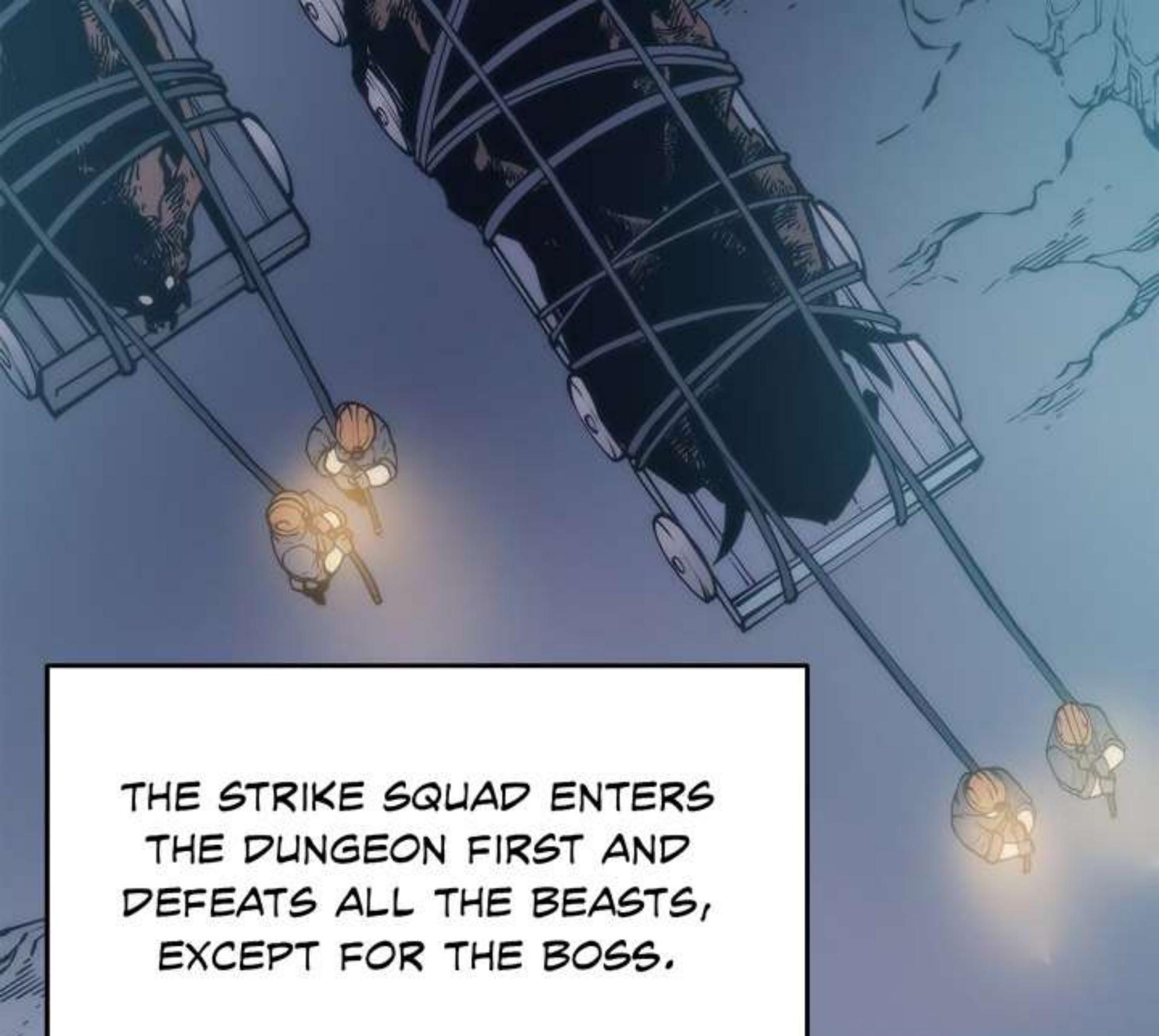


ONE, TWO!



THE HAULING TEAM
MEMBERS ENTERED THE
DUNGEON BEFORE THE
MINING TEAM, AND ARE
ALREADY HARD AT WORK.






THE STRIKE SQUAD ENTERS
THE DUNGEON FIRST AND
DEFEATS ALL THE BEASTS,
EXCEPT FOR THE BOSS.

AFTER THAT,
THE HAULING TEAM
GATHERS UP THE
CORPSES OF THE
BEASTS.


THEN FINALLY, THE
MINING TEAM MINES
THE CRYSTALS.



IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE
PROFITS, NONE OF THESE
STEPS CAN BE SKIPPED.

IN ADDITION TO
ESSENCE STONES AND
MANA CRYSTALS,

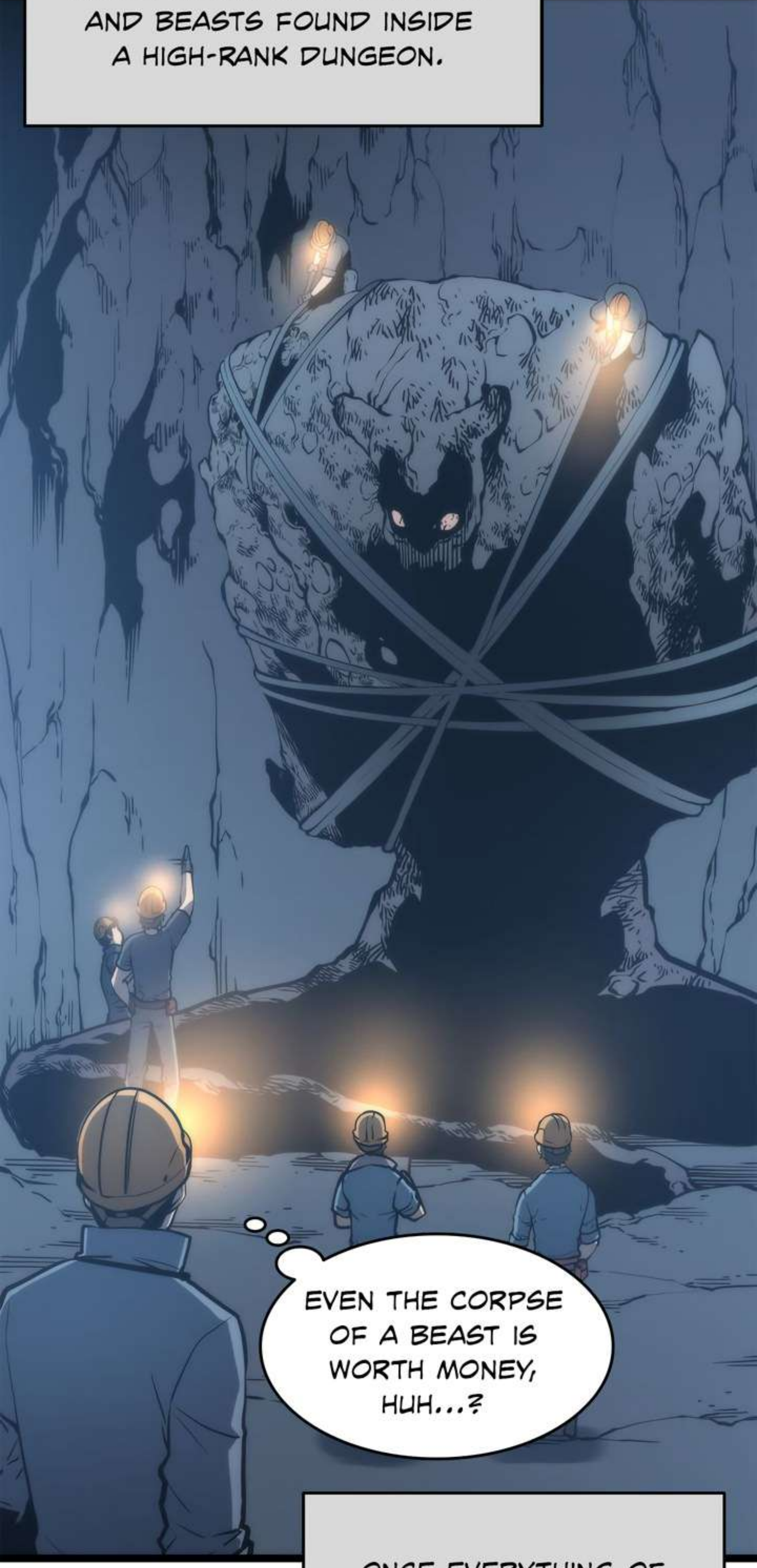
THE CORPSES OF
HIGH-RANKING BEASTS ARE
ALSO VALUABLE BECAUSE
THEY CAN BE USED FOR
A WIDE VARIETY OF
PURPOSES.



BONES, LEATHER,
MEAT, ETC.

ALL THEIR PARTS CAN BE
USED FOR SOMETHING.

THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN BEASTS FOUND
INSIDE A LOW-RANK DUNGEON
AND BEASTS FOUND INSIDE
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON.



EVEN THE CORPSE
OF A BEAST IS
WORTH MONEY,
HUH...?

ONCE EVERYTHING OF
VALUE HAS BEEN TAKEN
FROM THE DUNGEON,

THE BOSS IS
DEFEATED AND THE
GATE IS CLOSED.



ALL OF THESE STEPS MUST BE
COMPLETED IN ORDER TO SAY THAT
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON HAS BEEN
SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED.

YOU MUST BE
A LITTLE TAKEN
ABACK, SINCE THIS
IS YOUR FIRST TIME
INSIDE AN A-RANK
GATE.

YES, THE
BEASTS ARE MUCH
BIGGER THAN I
EXPECTED.



EVEN THOUGH THE
STRIKE SQUAD HAS
TAKEN OUT ALL THE
MAGIC BEASTS, ISN'T
THE BOSS STILL
ALIVE?



THAT'S
RIGHT, SINCE THE
GATE CLOSSES ONCE
THE BOSS IS
KILLED.

THE BOSS CAN'T BE
DEFEATED UNTIL ALL
OF THE HAULING AND
MINING WORK IS
DONE.



WHAT HAPPENS IF
THE BOSS COMES
RUNNING OUT OF
ITS LAIR?

THAT RARELY
EVER HAPPENS,
BUT...



...IF IT DOES,
EVERYONE LEFT INSIDE
THE DUNGEON WOULD
PROBABLY DIE.



THE TERRIFYING
CREATURE MIGHT
BE RIGHT BEHIND
US. AREN'T YOU
SCARED?

NOT AT
ALL.

I'VE BEEN WORKING
FOR THE HUNTERS GUILD
FOR THREE YEARS NOW.
NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS
EVER HAPPENED.



I GUESS
IGNORANCE IS
BLISS.



THE MANA WAVES
BEING EMITTED BY
THE BOSS ARE
STRONG ENOUGH TO
MAKE MY BODY
TREMBLE.

IT'S STRONGER THAN
VULCAN OR METUS.

I'M
IMPRESSED THAT CHOI
JONG-IN AND CHA HAE-IN
ARE GOING TO TAKE ON
SUCH A DEADLY
MONSTER,




BUT I'M ALSO
IMPRESSED BY THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE A-RANK RAID
TEAM AS WELL. DESPITE THEIR
LOWER RANKS, THEY EACH
SERVE AN IMPORTANT
ROLE.

THAT'S PROBABLY
WHY THEY'RE ABLE
TO SAFELY CARRY
OUT RAIDS.



TOGETHER, THEY
MAKE A STRONG TEAM.
IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE
THEY'RE MADE UP OF STRONG
HUNTERS. THEIR SKILLS
AND KNOWLEDGE COME
FROM YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE.





UH, DIDN'T YOU
SAY IT WAS HIS
FIRST DAY ON
THE JOB?

...I DID.




IS HE REALLY
AN E-RANKER?

HE DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE A
ROOKIE AT
ALL.

I MADE SURE
TO CHECK HIS
LICENSE.

YOU THINK I'D HIRE
A HUNTER I'VE NEVER
MET BEFORE WITHOUT
CHECKING THEIR
ID FIRST?





LUNCH TIME!

LET'S GO EAT.

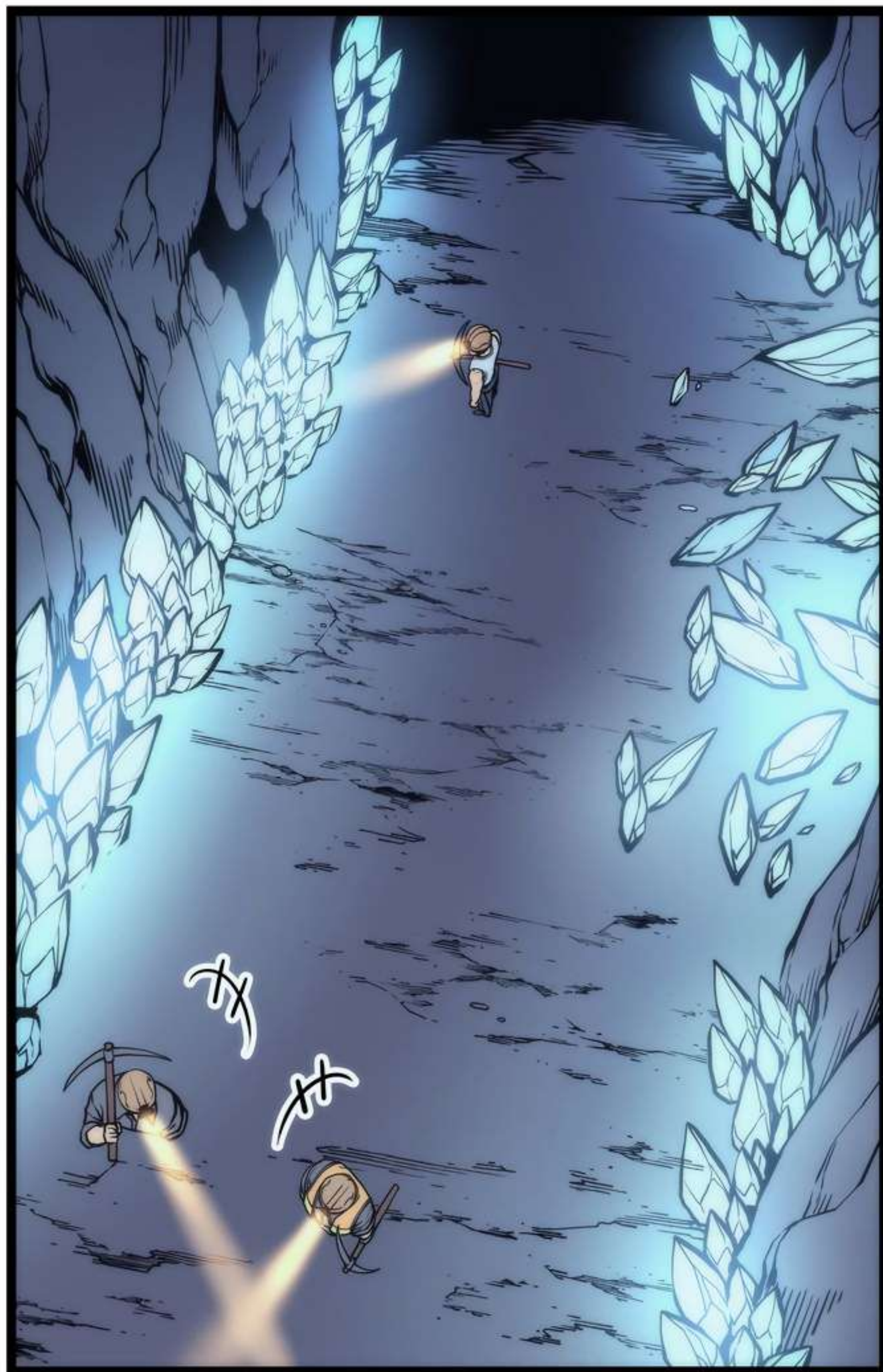
YES, SIR!

SUNG, YOU
COMING OR
NOT?

I'M GOOD. I ATE
BEFORE COMING
HERE.



OH, THEN SUIT
YOURSELF.



FINALLY,
I'M ALONE.

KTUNK

I CAN'T
LET THIS PRECIOUS
OPPORTUNITY GO
TO WASTE.

I HAVE ABOUT
ONE HOUR OF
FREE TIME.

DASH

I'LL JUST GO
AND TAKE A QUICK
LOOK.

DA

DUN

IS THAT A GIANT?



I CAN TELL
IT'S STRONG. MUCH
STRONGER THAN
METUS.



I KNOW I'LL BE
ABLE TO...





...TAKE IT ON,
BUT...

...I ALSO KNOW THAT
I'M NOT SUPPOSED
TO DEFEAT THE
BOSS.

SHOULD
I JUST GO FOR
IT...?

THE SECOND I DO,
THE GATE WILL CLOSE
AND THE HUNTERS GUILD
WILL SUFFER HUGE
LOSSES.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING OVER
THERE?



To Be Continued...

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