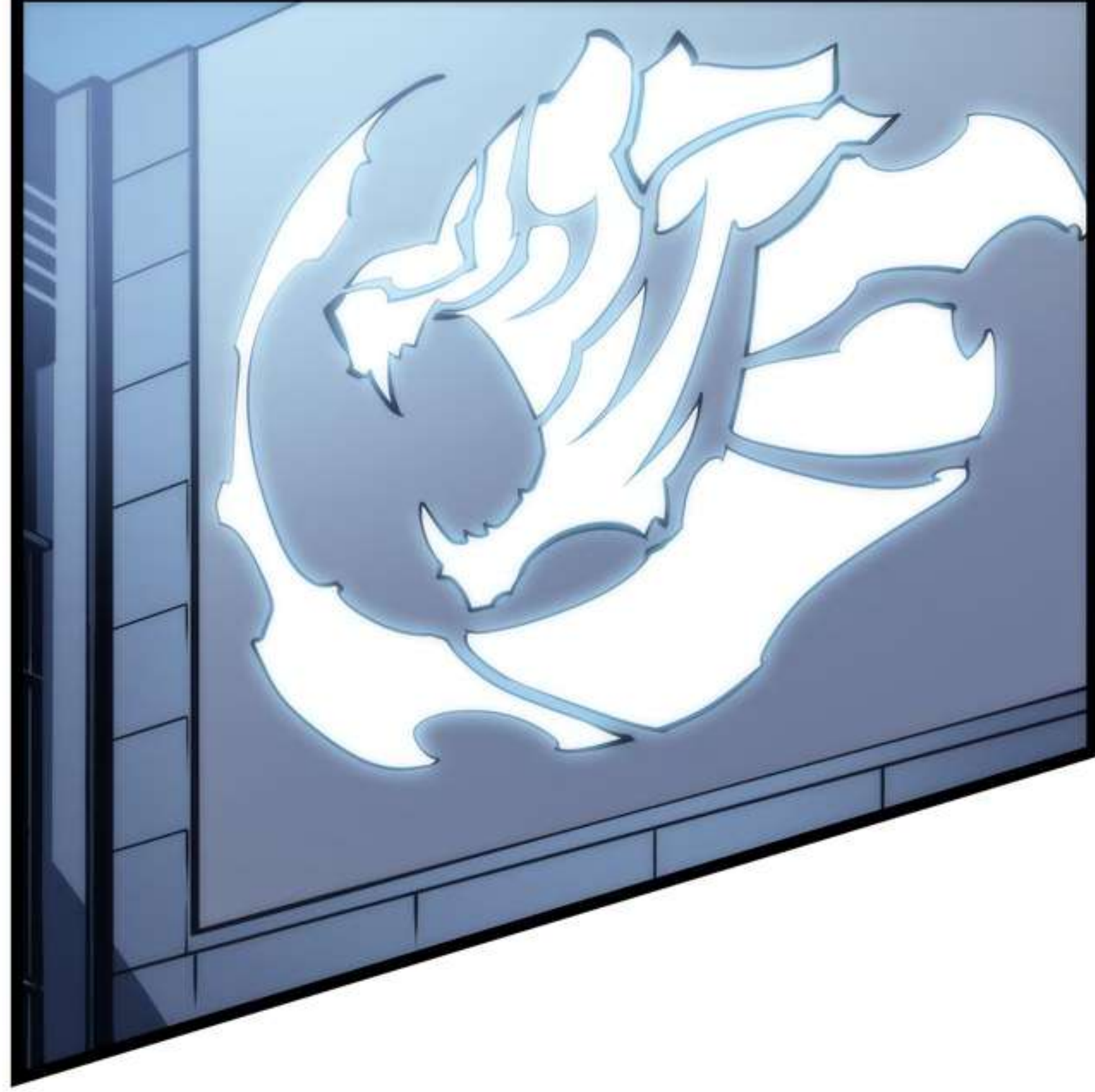


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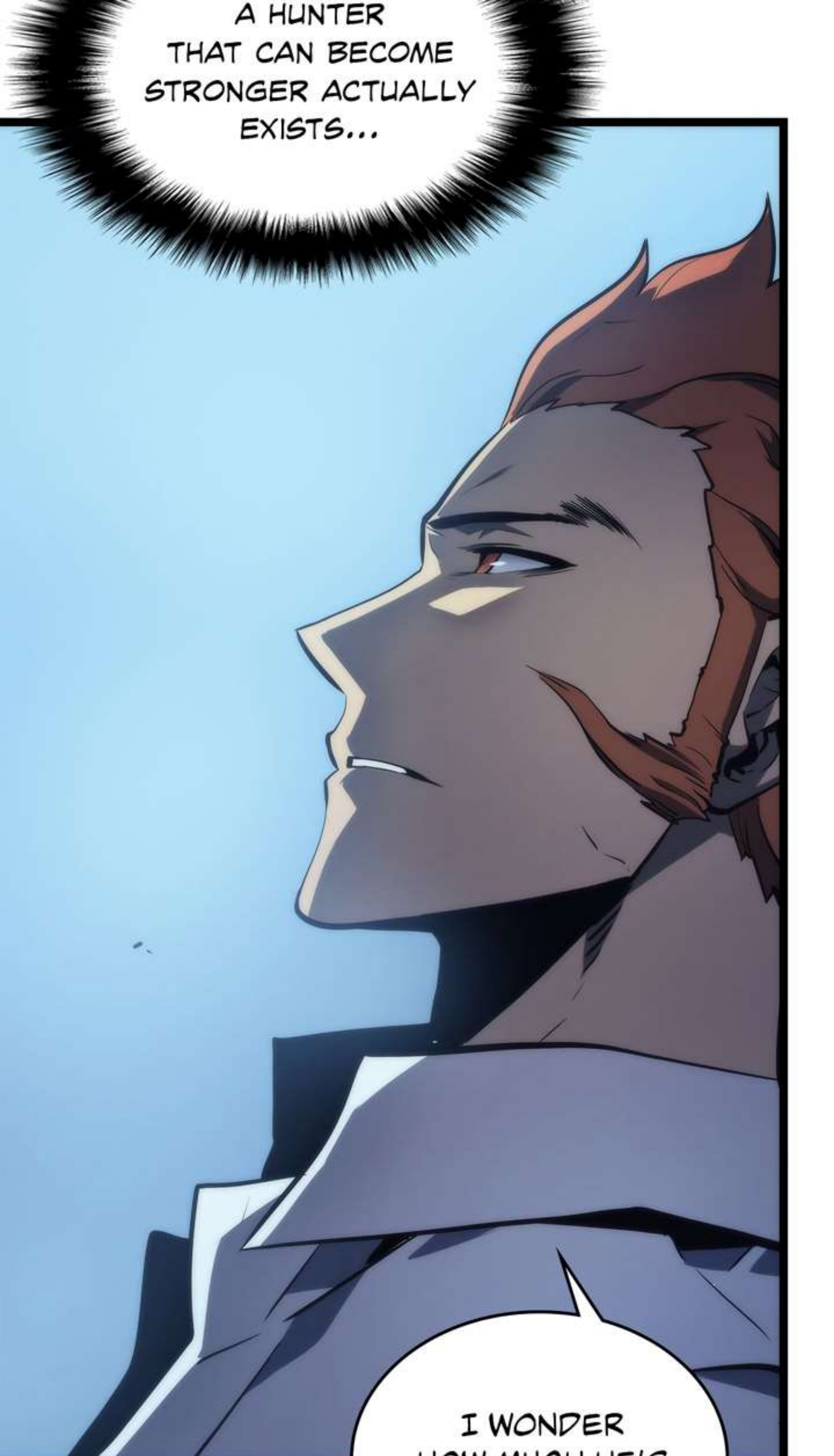
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SO IT'S  
POSSIBLE?



A HUNTER  
THAT CAN BECOME  
STRONGER ACTUALLY  
EXISTS...



I WONDER  
HOW MUCH HE'S  
WORTH.

TRYING TO RECRUIT  
SUNG JINWOO WAS  
JUST A WASTE OF  
TIME AND ENERGY.

BUT THERE ARE MANY  
OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN  
A RELATIONSHIP WITH A  
TALENTED HUNTER.



BZZZ

IT'S TIME FOR  
PLAN B.



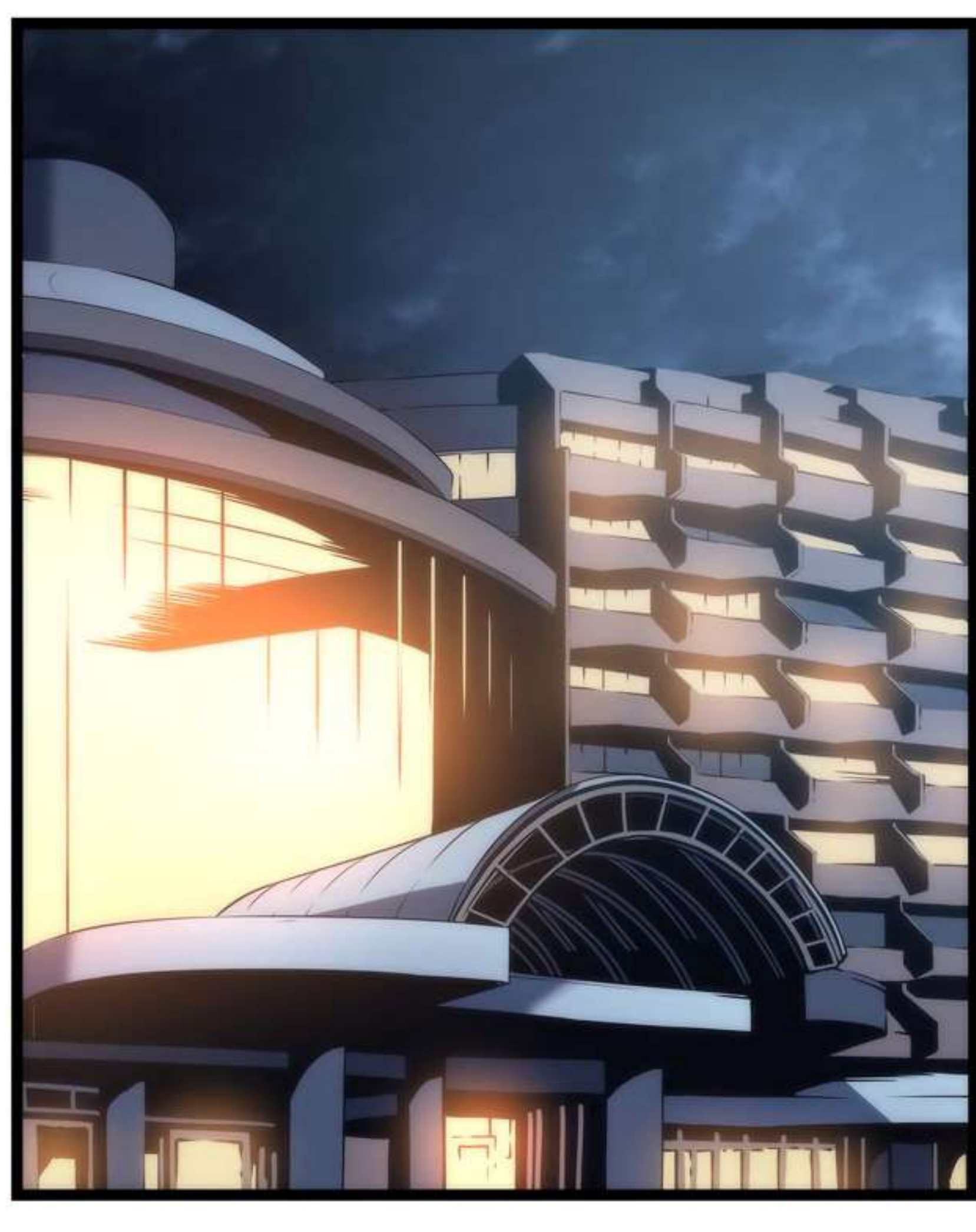
LOOKS  
LIKE THIS IS THE  
LIST OF HUNTERS THAT  
WILL BE PARTICIPATING  
IN THE UPCOMING  
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY  
MISSION.



**SUNG JINWOO  
IS NOT ON THE  
LIST?!**







MR. SUGIMOTO.

...IT TURNS OUT  
THERE IS A PRETTY  
SKILLED HUNTER HERE  
IN SOUTH KOREA.





HAHA,  
BUT SURELY NOT  
AS STRONG AS YOU,  
MR. GOTO.



**SUGIMOTO REIJI (S-RANK)**  
VICE GUILD MASTER OF  
THE BLADE GUILD

WELL... I'M NOT  
SO SURE ABOUT  
THAT.



WHAT IS THE  
HUNTER'S  
NAME?

SUNG JINWOO.

HE UNDERWENT A  
SECOND AWAKENING  
AND WAS RECENTLY  
EVALUATED AS AN  
S-RANK.





THAT'S ODD.  
I DON'T SEE HIS  
NAME LISTED  
HERE.

WHAT? WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN HIS NAME  
ISN'T LISTED?

AH, PARDON ME.  
I DIDN'T EXPLAIN.

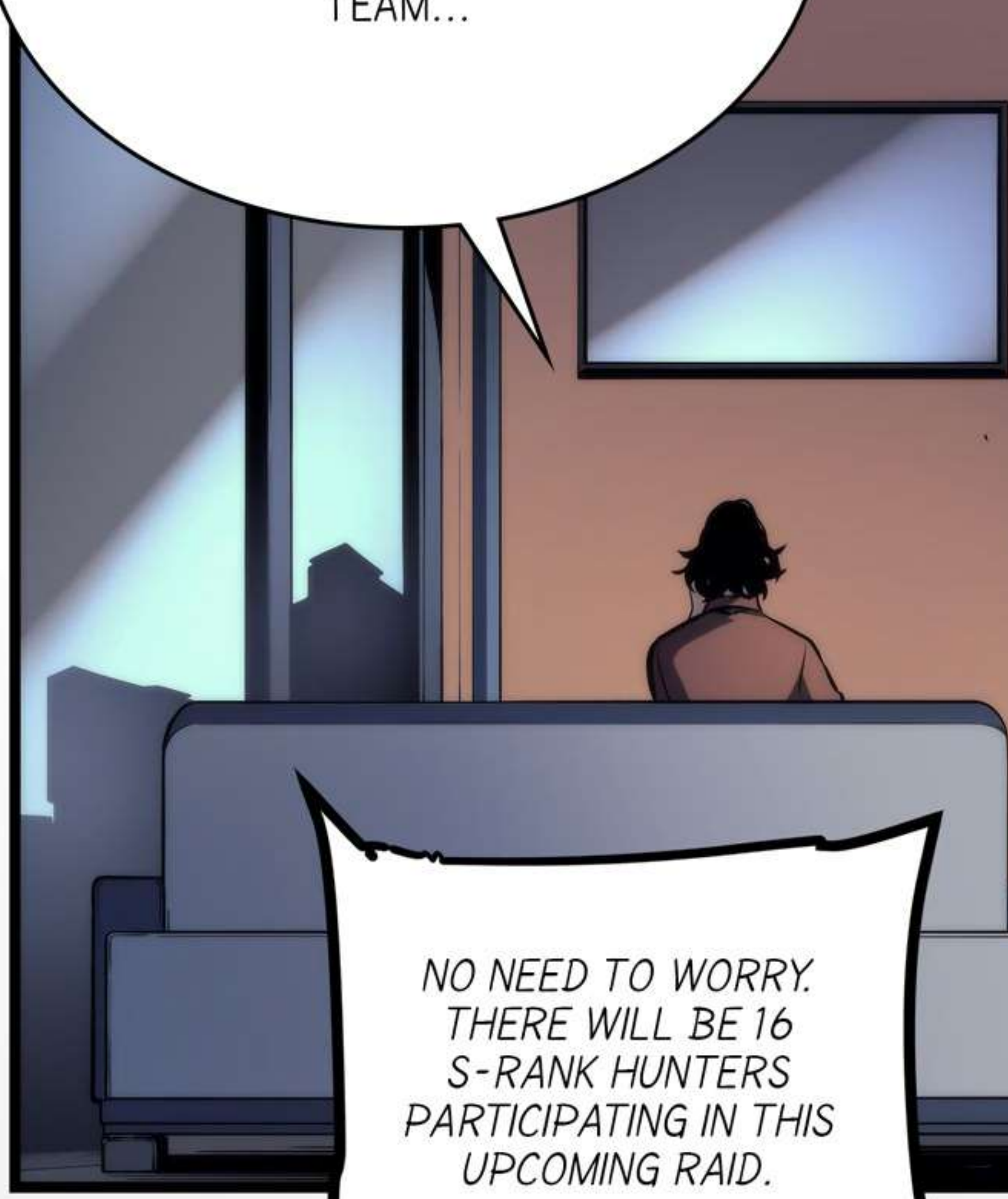
SOUTH KOREA JUST  
SENT OVER THEIR LIST  
OF HUNTERS.

CHOI JONG-IN, MA  
DONGWOOK, BAEK  
YOONHO, CHA HAE-IN,  
LIM TAE-GYU, AND  
MIN BYUNG-GU.

THESE SIX HUNTERS  
MAKE UP THE SOUTH  
KOREAN TEAM THAT WILL  
BE HEADING TO JEJU  
ISLAND IN FOUR DAYS  
TIME.

THAT'S NOT  
POSSIBLE.





CHAIRMAN GO WOULD  
BE CRAZY NOT TO INCLUDE  
A HUNTER AS STRONG AS  
SUNG JINWOO IN HIS RAID  
TEAM...

NO NEED TO WORRY.  
THERE WILL BE 16  
S-RANK HUNTERS  
PARTICIPATING IN THIS  
UPCOMING RAID.

EVERYTHING  
WILL BE FINE.

ALL RIGHT...

I GUESS I GOT  
WORRIED FOR  
NOTHING.

I'LL GIVE YOU  
ANOTHER CALL  
ONCE THE RAID  
BEGINS.

OKAY.

HALLASAN,  
BAENGNOKDAM\*





\*A crater lake that sits on top of Hallasan, or Mount Halla. The name translates to "white deer lake."

**WE MUST ABANDON  
THIS ISLAND.**

THERE IS NO  
FOOD HERE.

OUR CHILDREN  
ARE EATING THEIR  
CHILDREN.



THERE IS NO LONGER  
ANY FOOD HERE TO  
SUPPORT THE CITIZENS  
OF OUR KINGDOM.

**WE CANNOT  
ALLOW THIS TO  
CONTINUE.**

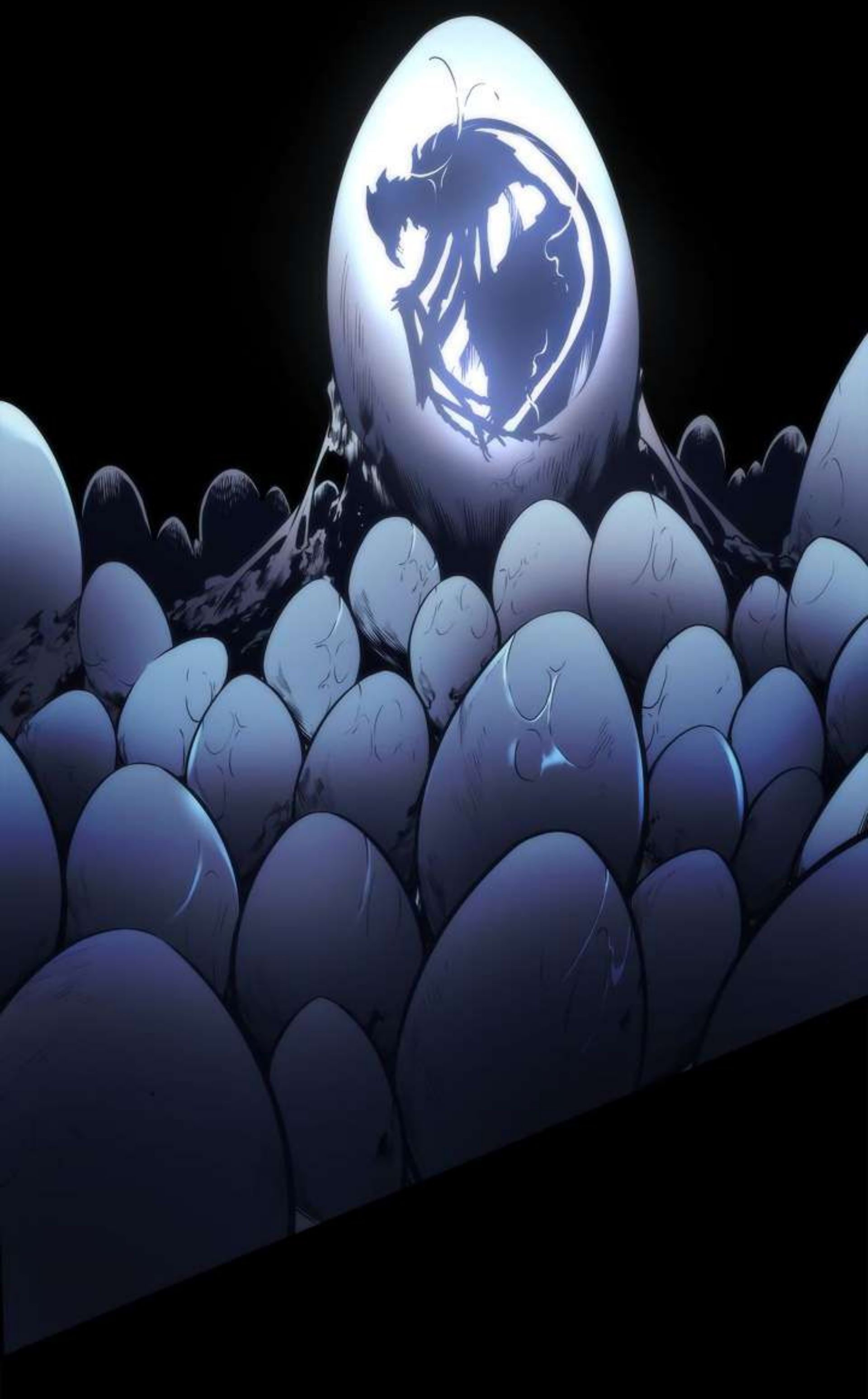








**WE NEED  
A STRONGER  
SOLDIER...**



AN ALL-POWERFUL  
SOLDIER TO LEAD THE  
CITIZENS OF OUR  
KINGDOM.



FOR THE



FOR THE  
SAKE OF OUR  
KINGDOM,

MAKE THE ENEMIES  
WHO STAND IN OUR  
WAY TREMBLE IN  
FEAR.

FOR THE  
SAKE OF OUR  
KINGDOM,



MAKE THE ENEMIES  
WHO STAND IN OUR WAY  
TREMBLE IN FEAR.

MAKE THE  
ENEMIES WHO  
STAND IN OUR  
WAY TREMBLE  
IN FEAR.



YOU MUST BECOME  
STRONGER.





YOU MUST BECOME  
STRONGER.





CONSUME ALL THERE  
IS TO CONSUME...



...AND BECOME  
STRONGER,

MY CHILD.





THIS PLACE IS A MESS. LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE DIDN'T CLEAN WHILE I WAS AWAY AT THE DEMONS' CASTLE.



OUCHIE.

SQUISH

SQUEEZE

IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE I'VE DONE HOUSEWORK.

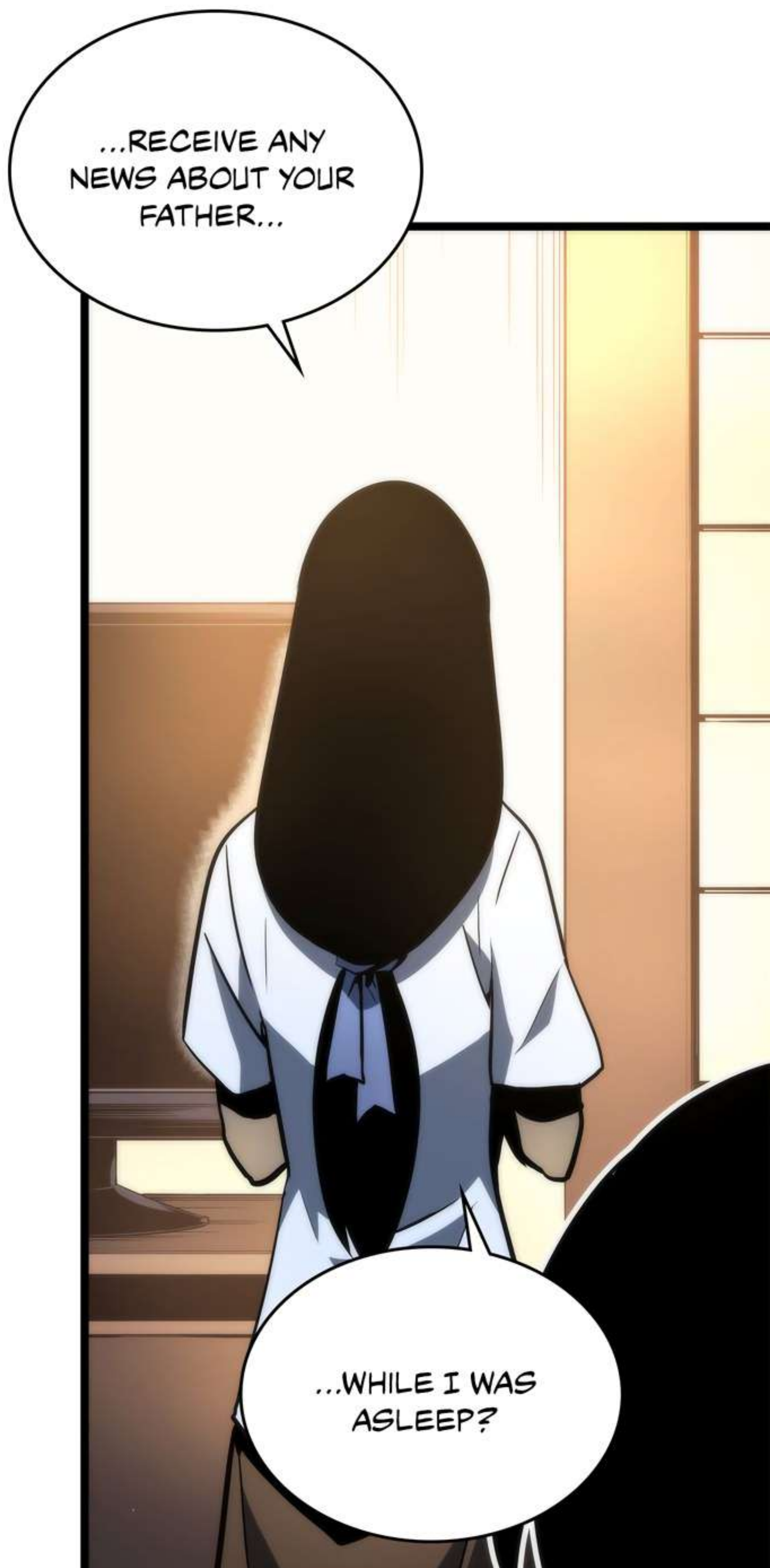


HOW ABOUT WE ALL CLEAN TOGETHER?











NO.

I WONDER WHAT MY  
MOTHER WOULD SAY IF  
I TOLD HER THAT...



...I FOLLOWED  
IN FATHER'S  
FOOTSTEPS AND  
BECAME A HUNTER.

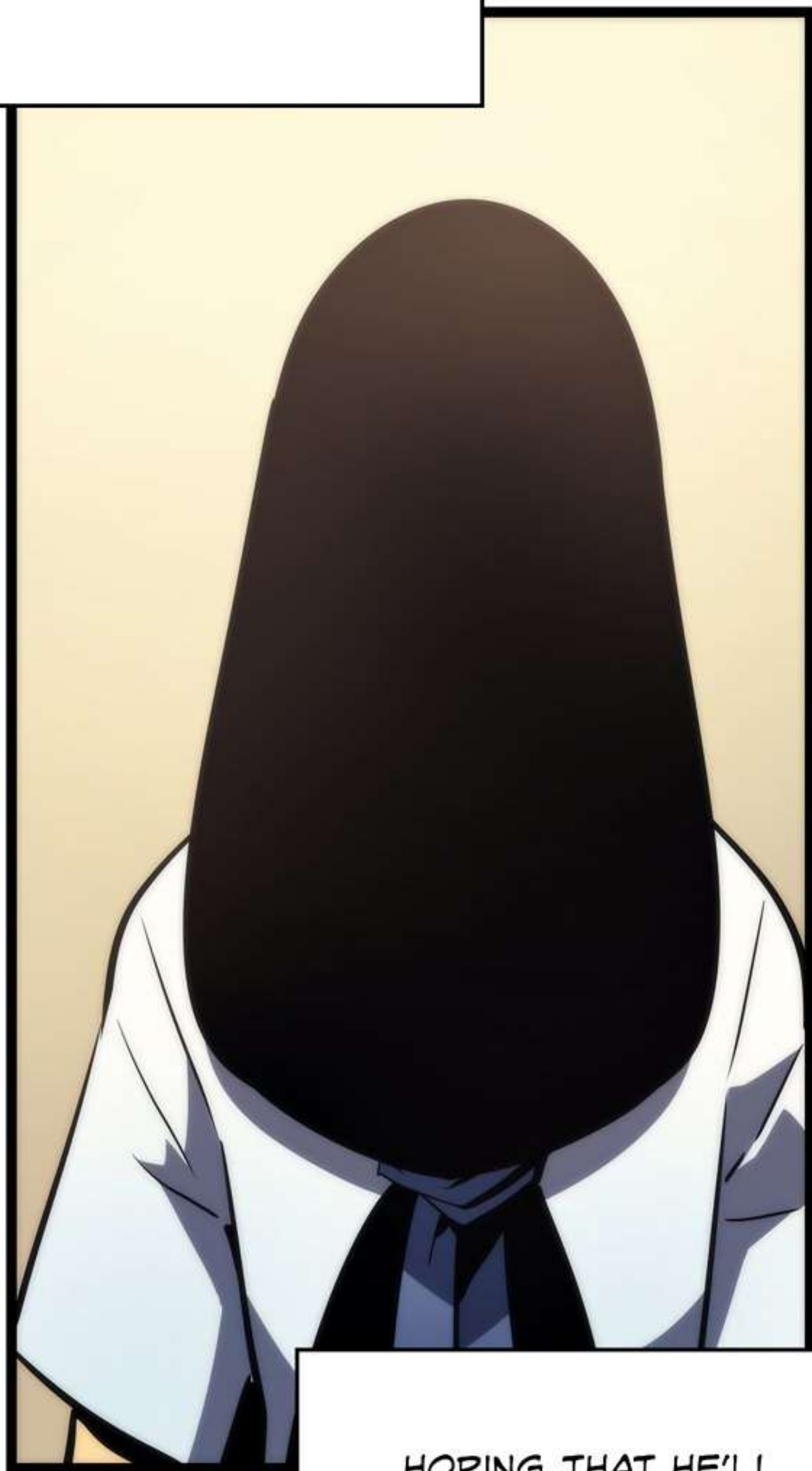
HE'S  
THE REASON WHY SHE  
DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE  
THIS OLD APARTMENT.

EVEN THOUGH I'VE  
ALREADY MADE MORE  
MONEY THAN MOST  
PEOPLE WILL EVER SEE  
IN A LIFETIME,

HE'S THE REASON  
WHY WE'RE STILL  
HERE, PAYING RENT  
EVERY MONTH.



ALTHOUGH HE WENT  
MISSING YEARS AGO,  
SHE'S STILL WAITING  
FOR HIM,



HOPING THAT HE'LL  
COME BACK ONE DAY.



THIS FAMILY,  
NO...



MY MOTHER  
NEEDS ME.

THE JEJU  
ISLAND RAID  
IS...



THE ANTS ARE  
EVOLVING AT AN



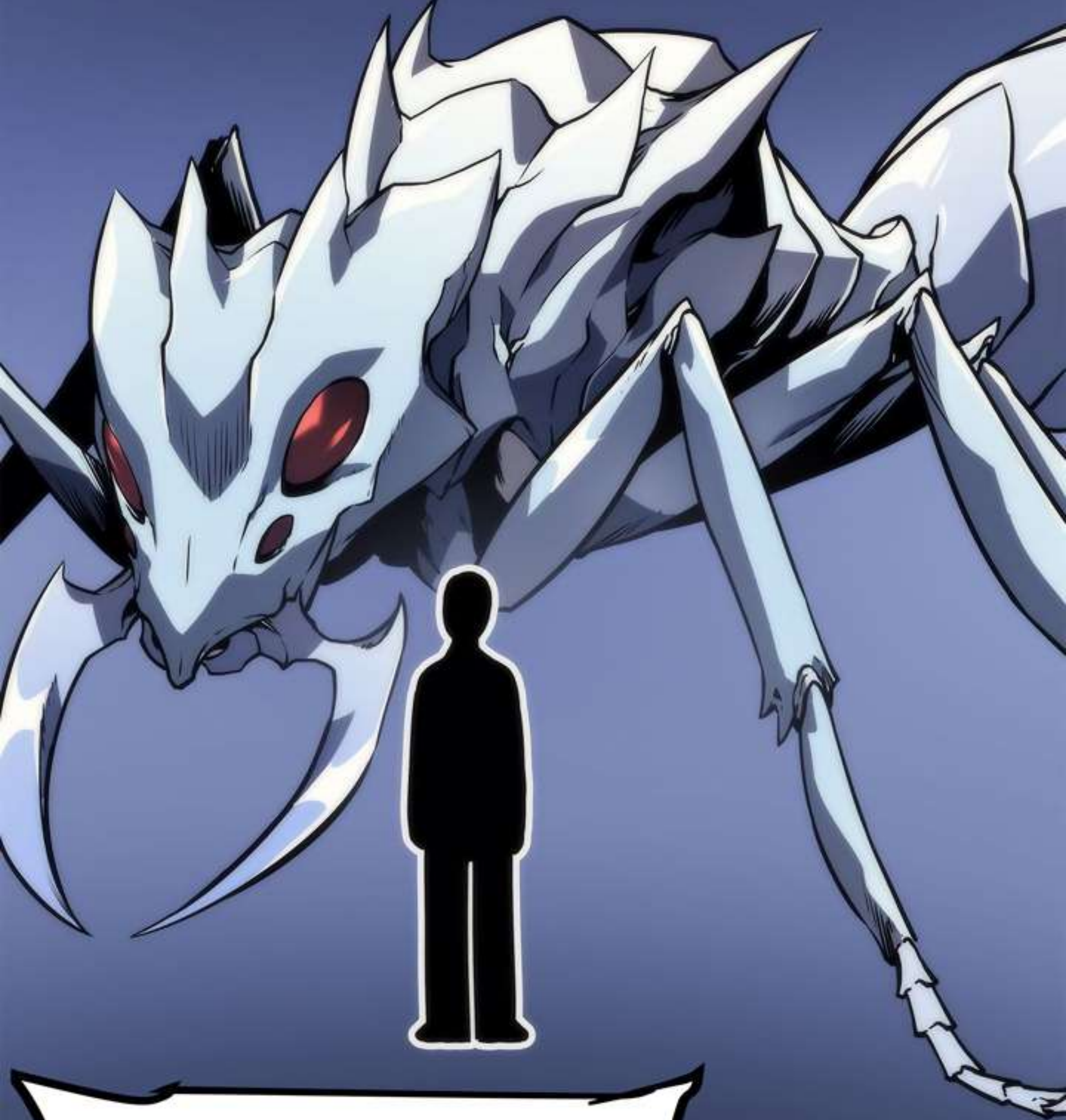
EVOLVING AT AN  
ASTOUNDING  
SPEED.



WHEN THE NUMBER OF  
MUTANTS INCREASES  
AND TAKES OVER THE  
ENTIRE COLONY,

WE CALL THAT  
EVOLUTION.

THIS HERE IS  
A PICTURE OF AN ANT  
PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE TIME  
OF THE FIRST AND SECOND  
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY  
MISSIONS.



IN THE BEGINNING,  
THEY CRAWLED ON  
THE GROUND LIKE  
REGULAR ANTS.

THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO  
BE ANY DIFFERENCE IN  
APPEARANCE, OTHER  
THAN THE FACT THAT  
THEY WERE JUST  
GIGANTIC IN SIZE.

HOWEVER,







*THIS IS A PICTURE THAT WAS  
TAKEN DURING THE THIRD  
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY  
MISSION.*



AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ANTS ARE NOW STANDING UPRIGHT LIKE HUMANS, AND THEIR HEADS HAVE BECOME MUCH SMALLER, ALLOWING FOR MORE NIMBLE MOVEMENT.

THEY CAN NOW USE FOUR OF THEIR LEGS AS HANDS, TOO.

IT ONLY TOOK TWO YEARS FOR THEM TO CHANGE THE CORE CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR SPECIES.

IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. THIS HERE IS THE MOST RECENTLY TAKEN PHOTOGRAPH. THIS IS THE BEAST THAT WREAKED HAVOC IN JAPAN.

THEY NOW POSSESS MORE HUMAN-LIKE FEATURES...

...AND EVEN HAVE WINGS ON THEIR BACKS.

THOSE THINGS CAN FLY AROUND?





YES.

THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED TO CREATE A UNITED TEAM.

EVEN A PERFECTLY CAPABLE HUNTER WOULD WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM A FRIGHTENING MAGIC BEAST LIKE THAT.



TRUE. HOWEVER, THERE'S A RETIRED HUNTER WHO MUSTERED UP THE COURAGE TO JOIN THE RAID.

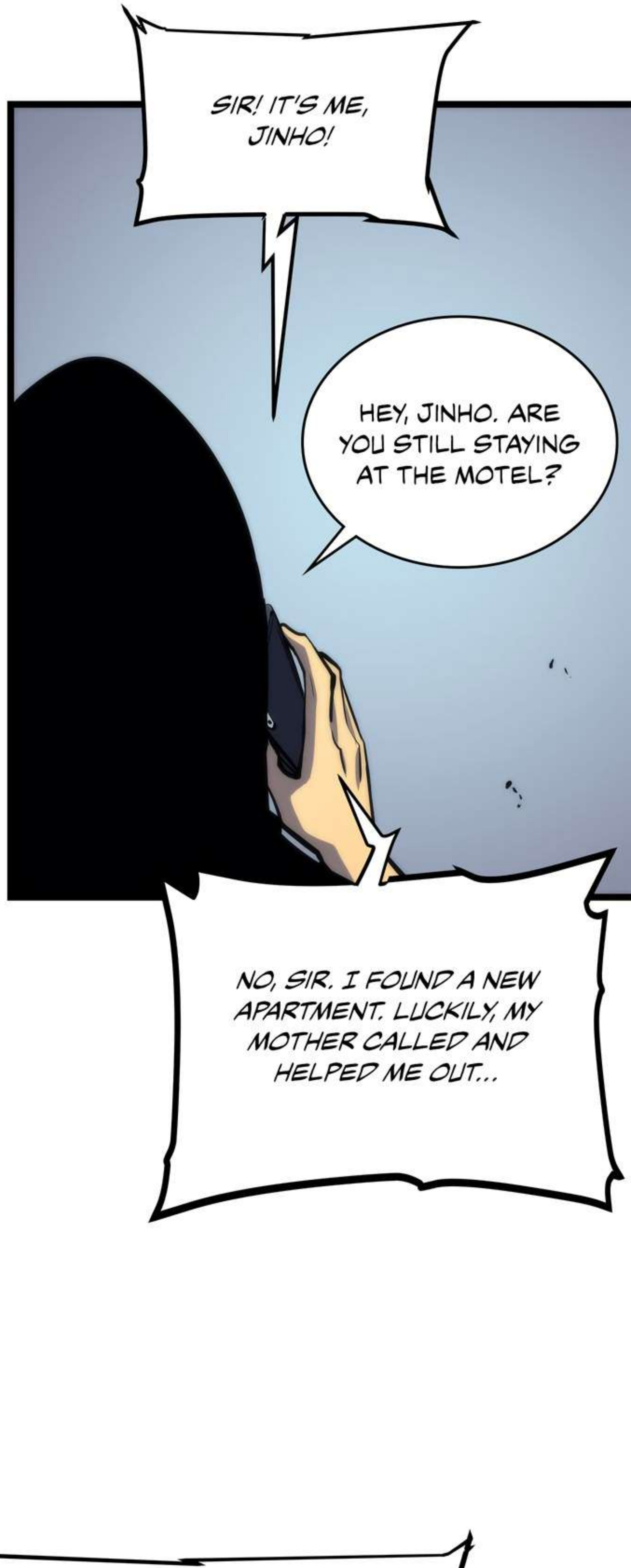
But why isn't Sung Jinwoo on the list?

He may have become an S-rank, but he's still the same person. Once an E-rank, always an E-rank. He probs pissed his pants and ran away lol

Even Min Byung-gu came out of retirement for this... Sung Jinwoo where you at? bahaha

So he just peaced out after becoming an S-rank? So cringe...







ANYWAY, I FOUND US  
AN OFFICE SPACE. DO  
YOU HAVE TIME TO COME  
AND TAKE A LOOK?



AN OFFICE  
SPACE?

YOU NEED AN  
OFFICE IF YOU  
WANT TO FORM  
A GUILD!

WHAT DO YOU THINK,  
SIR? I CHOSE THE  
BEST OPTION OUT  
OF ALL THE  
BUILDINGS NEAR  
YOUR APARTMENT!



...ISN'T THIS PLACE  
A BIT TOO BIG FOR  
JUST THE TWO  
OF US?



WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?  
YOU NEED AT LEAST  
THREE HUNTERS TO  
ESTABLISH A  
GUILD.

A GUILD MASTER,  
A VICE GUILD  
MASTER, AND AN  
EMPLOYEE.

THEN THAT  
MEANS I HAVE TO  
RECRUIT ONE  
MORE PERSON.

I'LL  
JUST PICK AND  
CHOOSE A HUNTER I  
KNOW TO FILL THE  
HEADCOUNT...

OH, YEAH.  
SOMEONE WAS  
LOOKING FOR  
YOU, SIR.

FOR ME?

WHO?

RUMMAGE

IT WAS A  
FOREIGNER...



THEY WANT YOU TO GIVE  
THEM A CALL. THEY SAID  
THEY'D BE IN KOREA UNTIL  
THE 17TH OF JULY.



A FOREIGNER...?  
WHO COULD IT BE?



UH, HOLD ON.

FSHHH

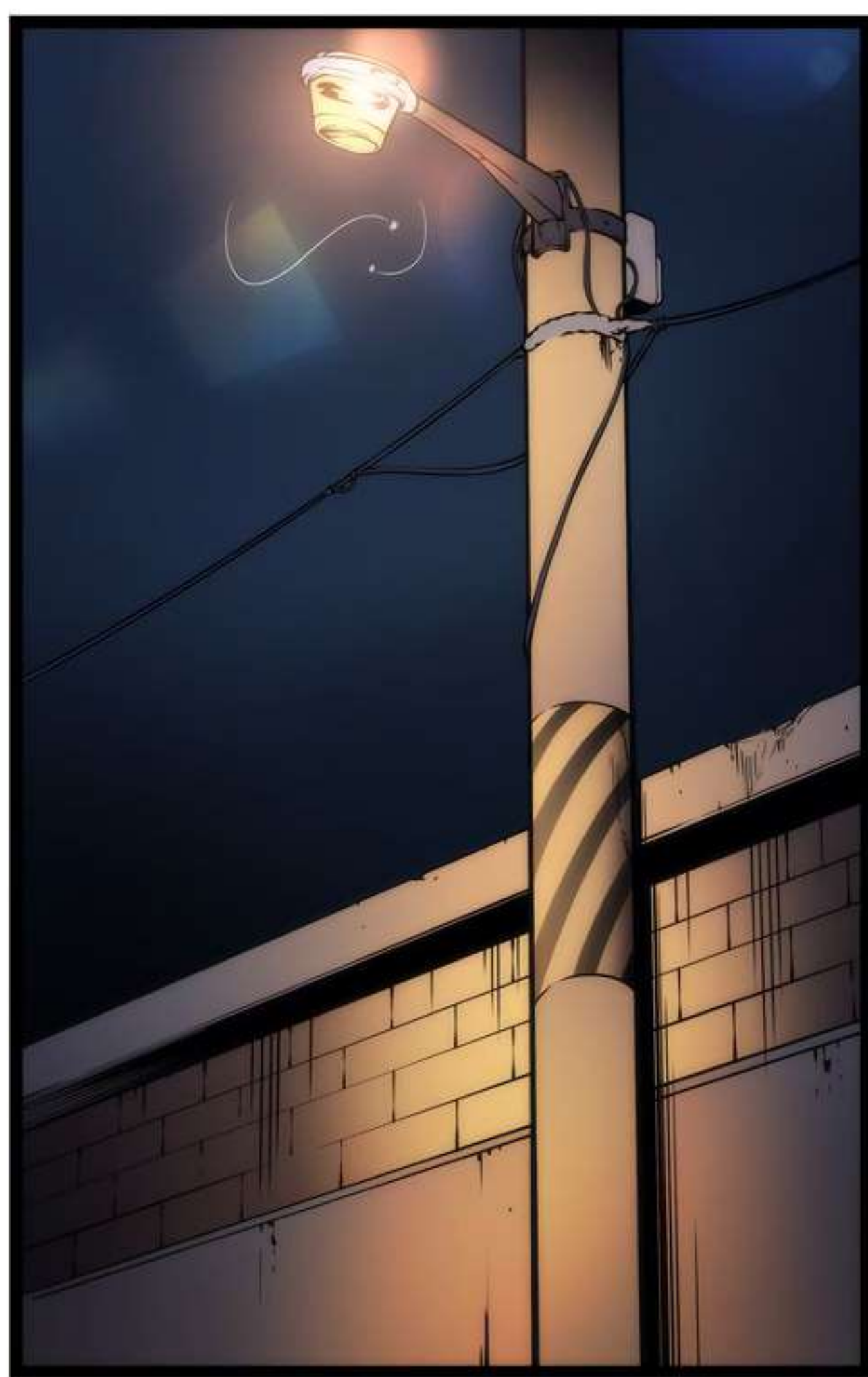
WHAT'S THE  
MATTER, SIR?

I NEED TO  
GO HOME.

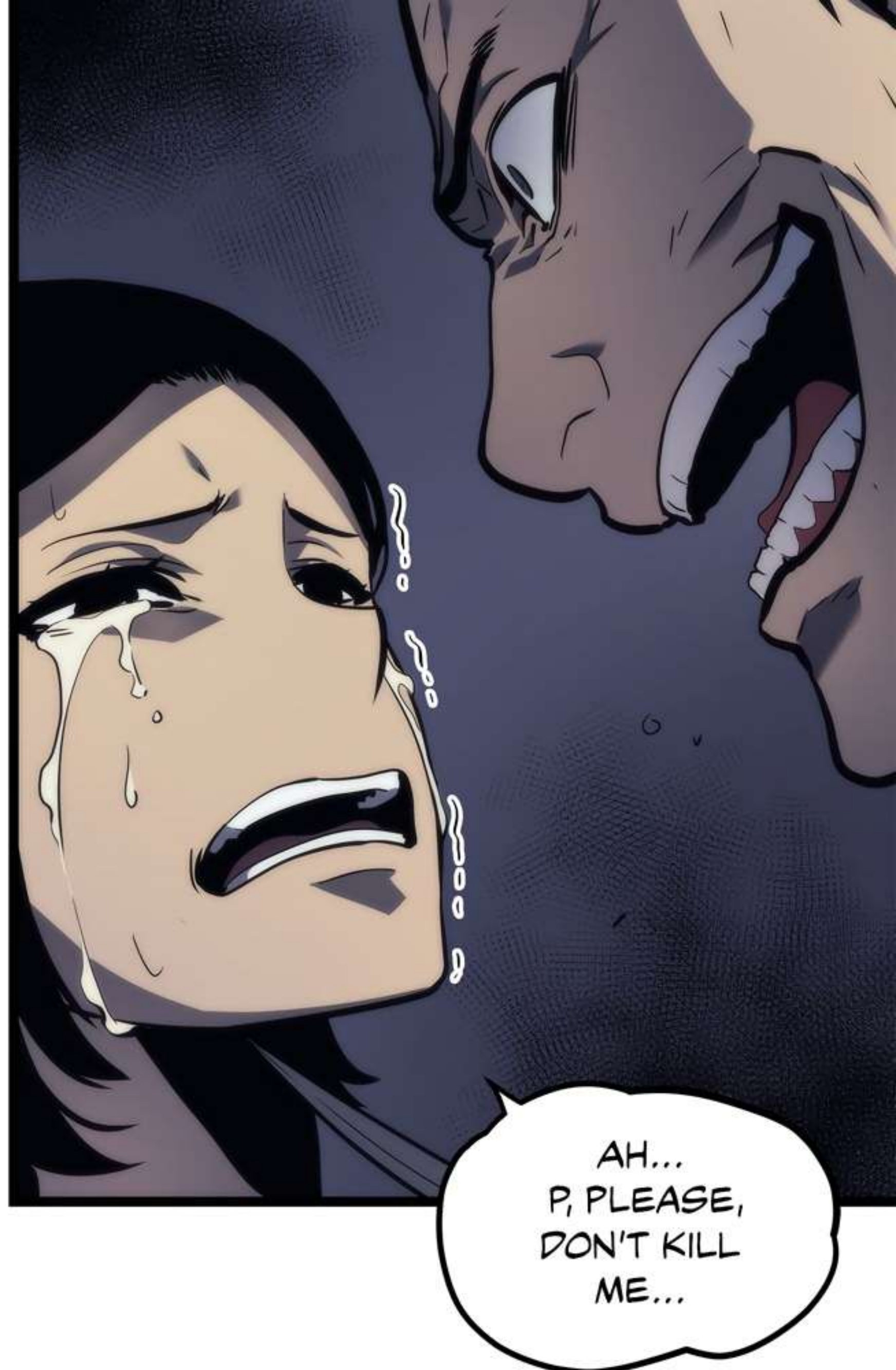












AH...  
P, PLEASE,  
DON'T KILL  
ME...

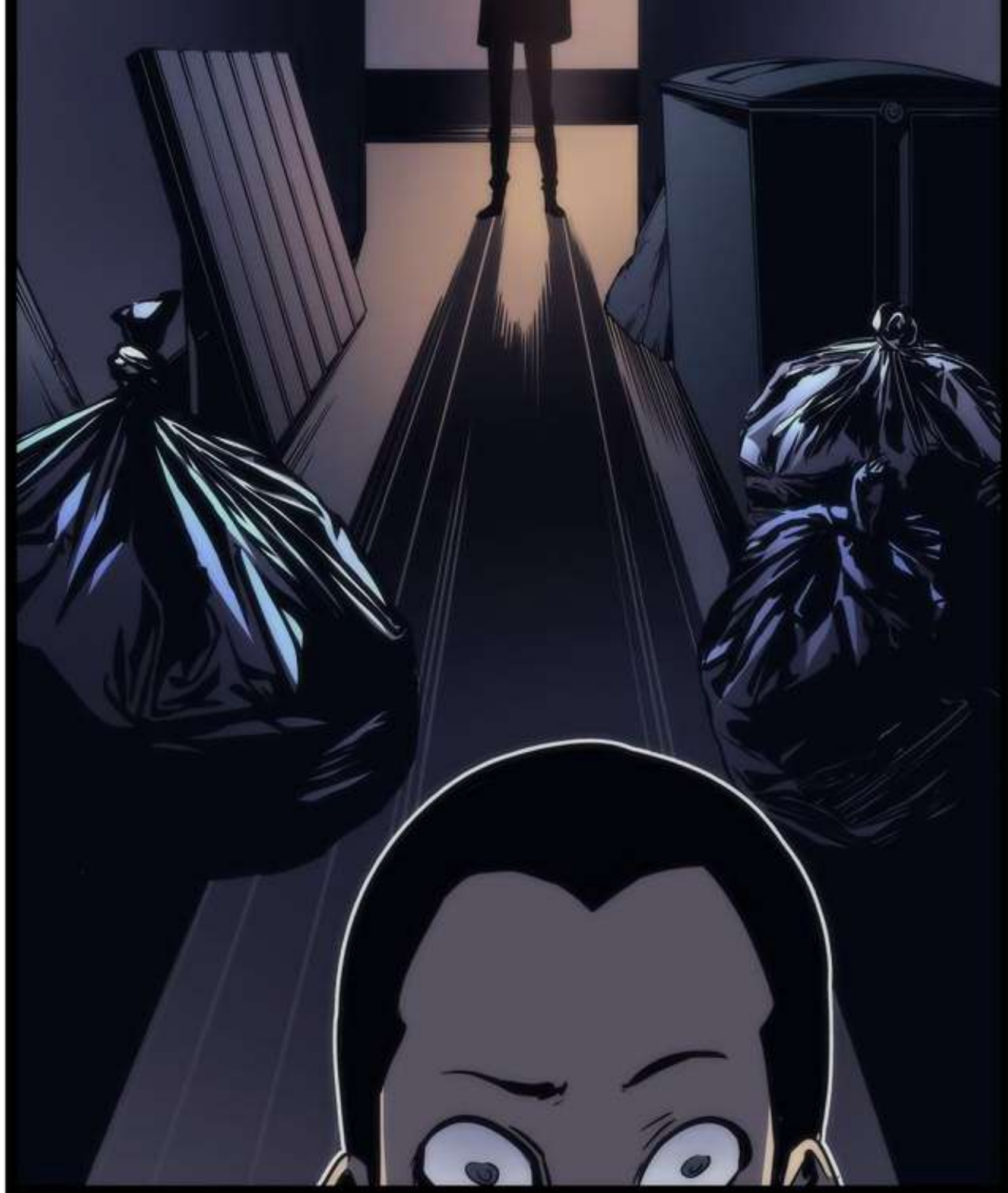
THIS IS  
WHY I LOVE THIS  
NEIGHBORHOOD.




*I KNOW, RIGHT?  
I LOVE THIS  
NEIGHBORHOOD,  
TOO.*












OUT OF  
CURIOSITY,

WHY ARE YOU  
DOING THIS?

YOU HERE TO  
LECTURE ME OR  
SOMETHING?

REASONS  
SHMEASONS.



I DON'T THINK  
ABOUT THAT KIND  
OF STUFF, BUT IF I  
HAD TO ANSWER...

**...BECAUSE  
IT'S FUN?!**

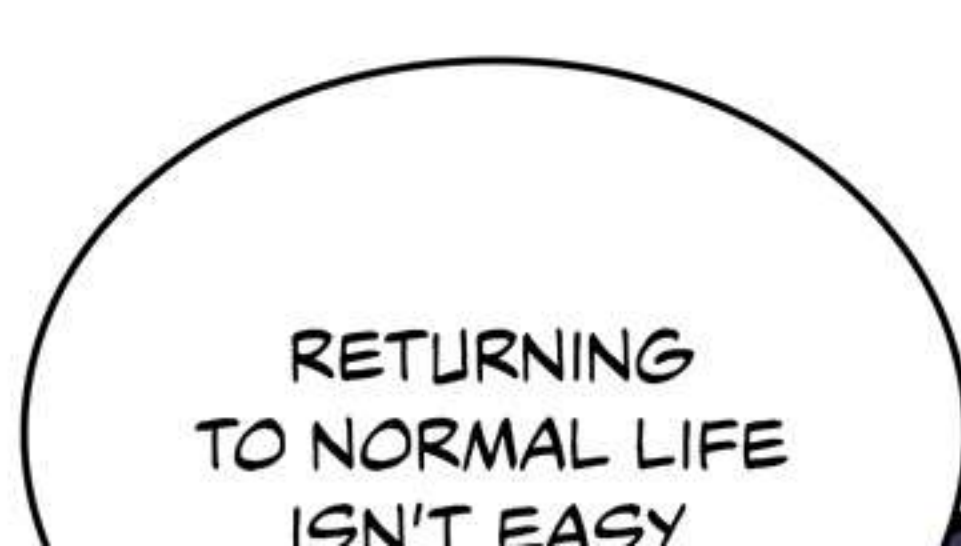
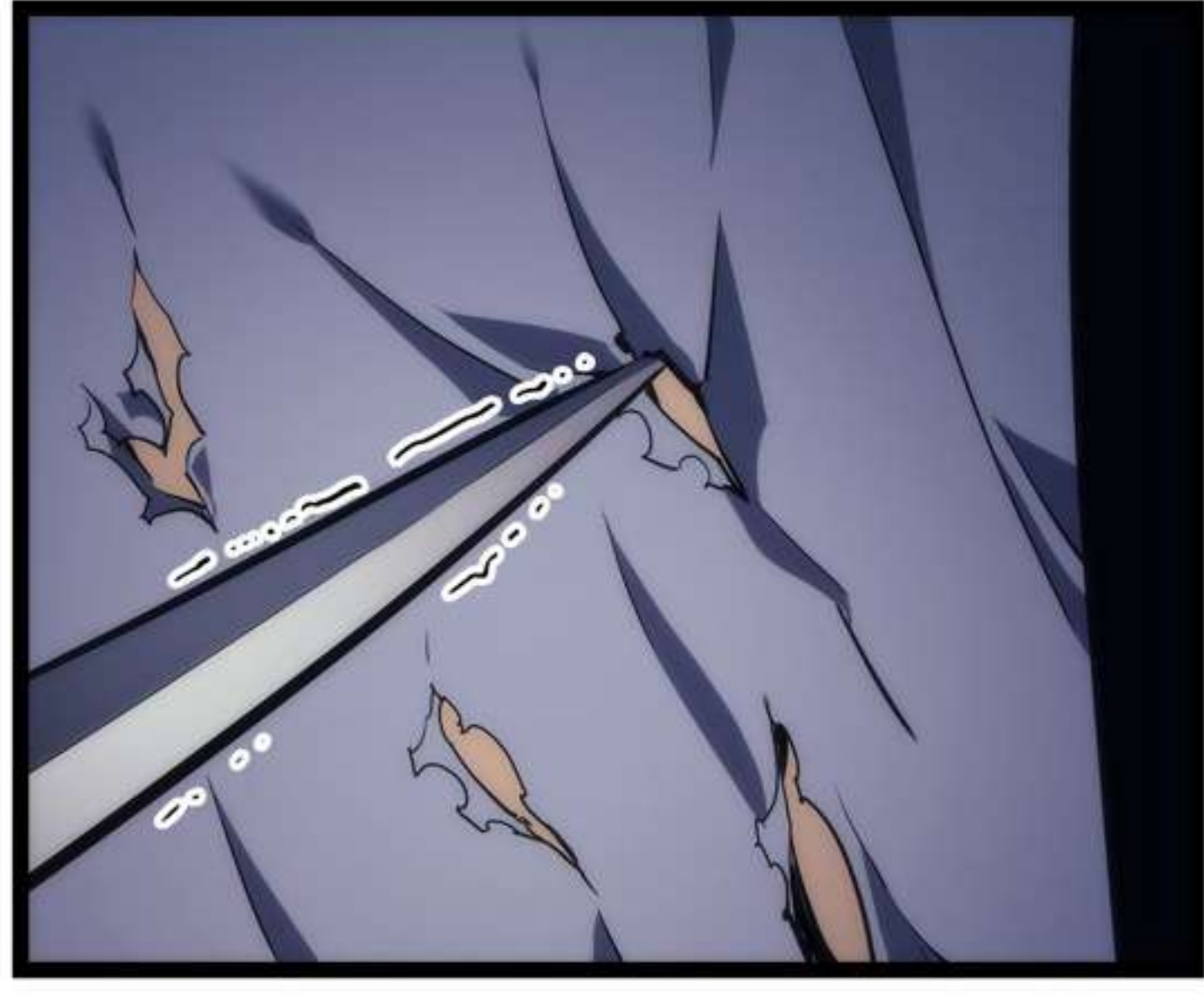




WHEN I SET MY  
SIGHTS ON SOMEONE  
WEAKER THAN ME, I  
GET THE URGE TO  
HARASS TH-











**AAAHHH!!  
ARGH!!**

**IT WOULD'VE  
BEEN NICE TO  
GO HOME...**

**...BEFORE  
IT GOT SO  
DARK.**









TURN YOURSELF IN  
BEFORE MIDNIGHT.



*IF YOU  
WANT TO LIVE,  
THAT IS.*







IF HE DOESN'T  
TURN HIMSELF IN  
BEFORE MIDNIGHT,  
KILL HIM.

I WOULD VERY  
MUCH LIKE FOR  
YOU TO LIVE.



THOUGH I'M NOT SURE  
EXACTLY HOW PATIENT  
MY HIGH ORC SHADOW  
SOLDIER IS...

TOMORROW'S  
THE DAY...



...THE JEJU  
ISLAND RAID  
BEGINS.



THE NEXT  
DAY







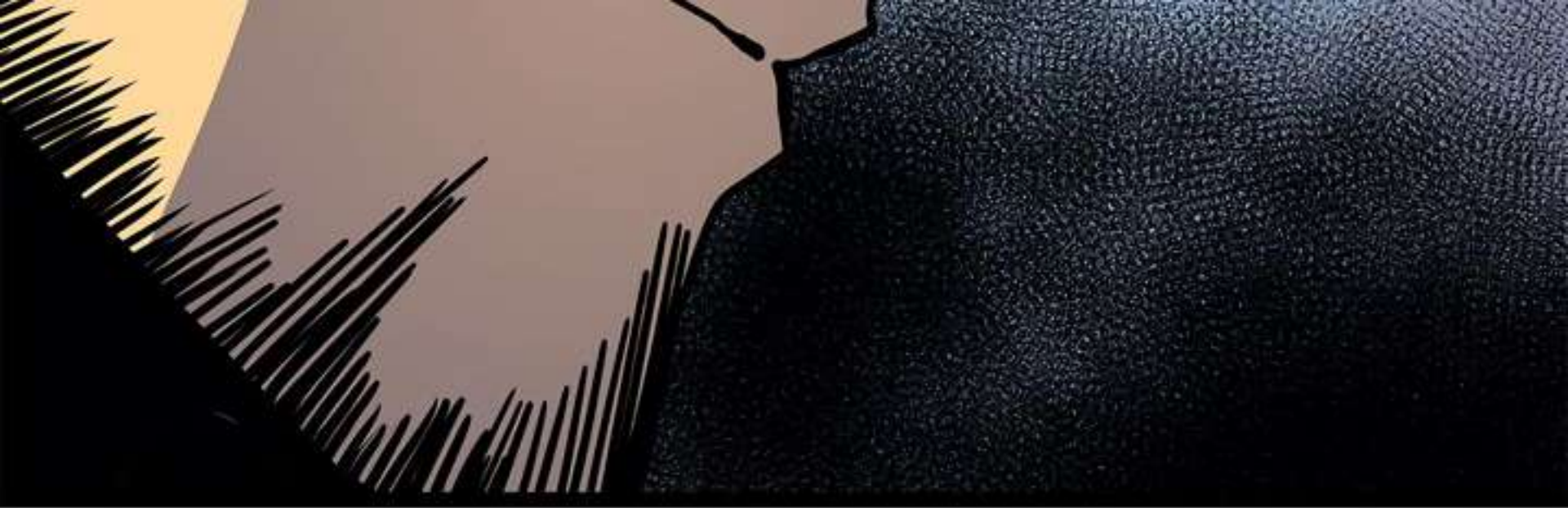
THE HELICOPTER  
CARRYING THE HUNTERS  
FLEW TOWARD JEJU  
ISLAND.



AT THAT  
MOMENT, I THINK  
I FELT...













To Be Continued...

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