

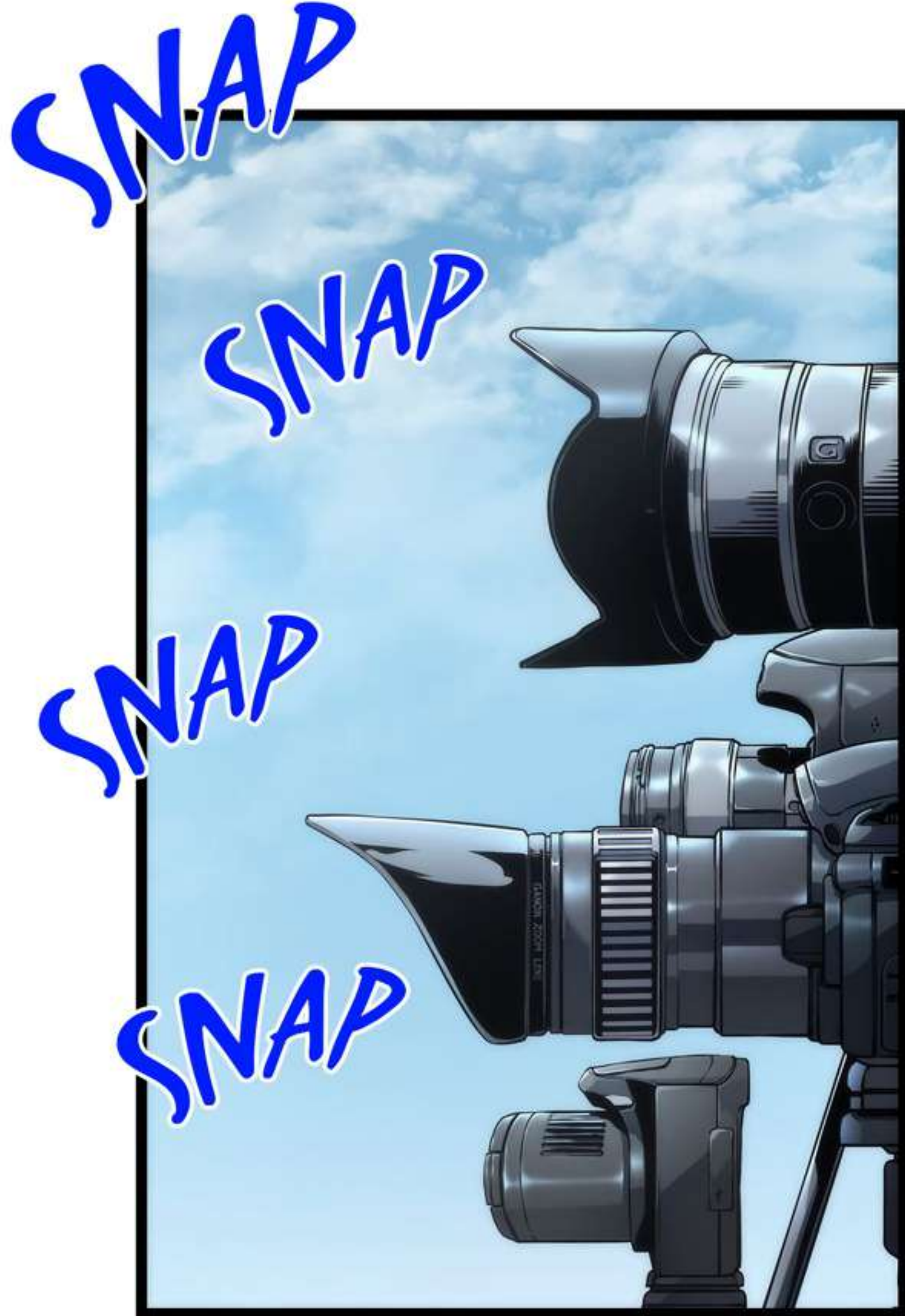
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WHEN THE JEJU ISLAND
RAID FINALLY CAME TO A
CLOSE, IT WAS ALL ANYONE
COULD TALK ABOUT.

Wow... I'm at a
loss for words.

I thought it wasn't possible to
summon that many beasts.

Watching Sung Jinwoo's beasts
fight the ants cured my 10-year
battle with cancer.

That was awesome.
He's the GOAT.

I lost my parents four
years ago in Jeju.

I'm pretty sure Sung Jinwoo will
never see this post though...

DURING THE RAID, THE
PUBLIC GOT A CHANCE TO SEE
SUNG JINWOO IN ACTION FOR
THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE
BECAME AN S-RANK.

Shouldn't he be considered
a National Level Hunter?

Nah, he's not that good.
You need to chill out.

Seriously? Not only did he
practically clear an entire
S-Rank dungeon by himself,
but he's also a lot more skilled
than the other S-Ranks.

But Sung Jinwoo still lacks
experience. If he's really
that capable, people will
soon recognize his skills.

Anyway, he was
freaking amazing.

HE HAD BASICALLY
MADE HIS DEBUT
IN JEJU.

I heard E-Ranks are only slightly
stronger than regular people. How did
someone like that become so strong?

Did Sung Jinwoo have a
second awakening?

Looks like a lot of people
still don't know about Sung
Jinwoo's reawakening.



That's bc he signed up for
identity protection as soon as
he was discovered...

BECAUSE THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY HAD BEEN
INVESTED IN THE SUCCESS
OF THE RAID, PEOPLE
COULDN'T STOP TALKING
ABOUT IT...

...AND SUNG JINWOO
WAS A HOT TOPIC OF
DISCUSSION.

ALTHOUGH HIS ACTIONS
WERE PRAISED, HE WAS
UNABLE TO AVOID
CRITICISM.

But wait... What if Sung
Jinwoo had joined the raid
from the very beginning?
Then maybe Min Byung-gu
wouldn't have had to die...

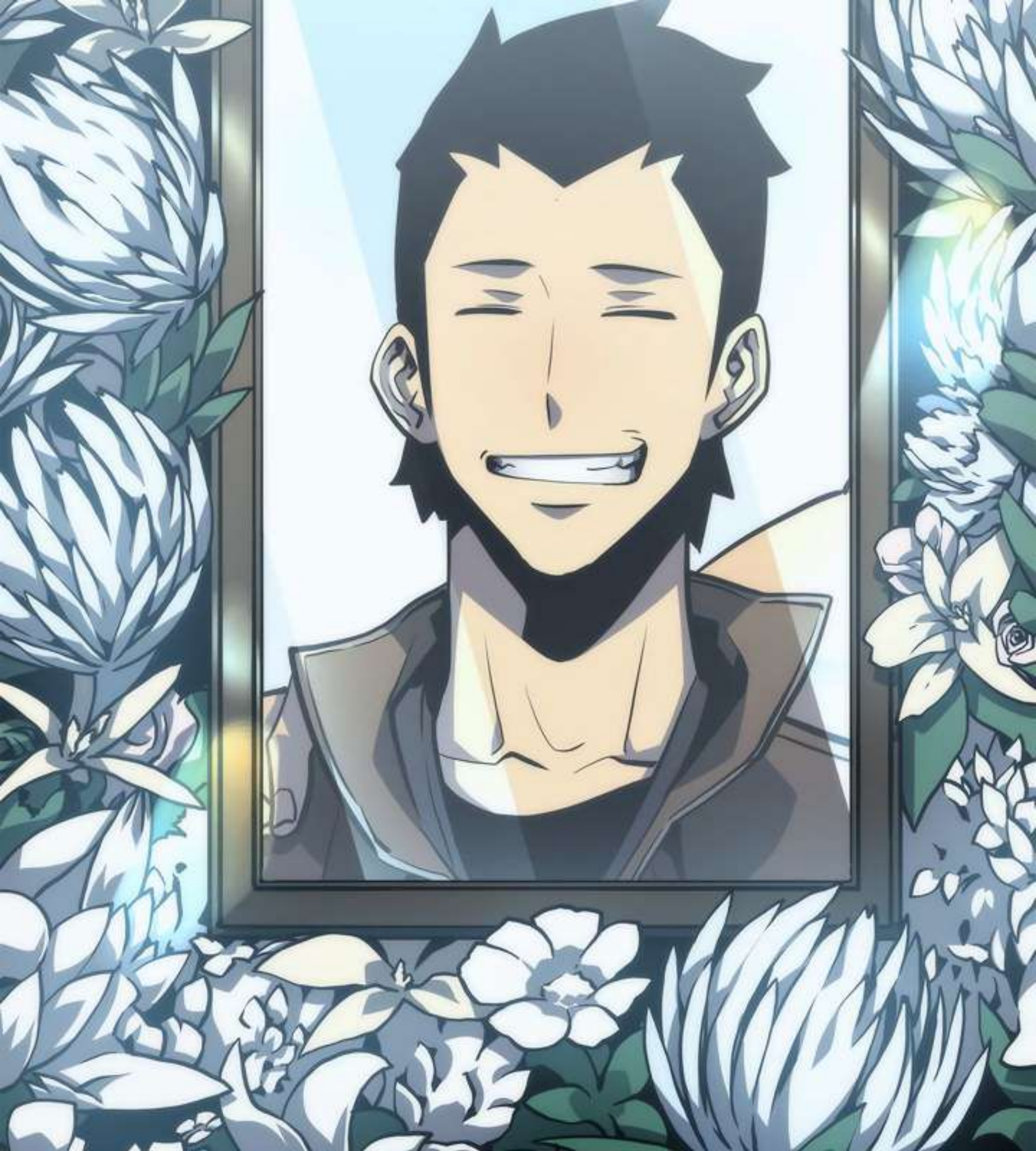
Why did he decide
to join the raid
halfway through?

PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT
THE DEATH TOLL COULD
HAVE BEEN MINIMIZED IF HE
HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE
RAID SOONER.

THERE WERE
MANY WHO VOICED
THEIR SUPPORT FOR
SUNG JINWOO,

BUT NOT MANY WHO
TRIED TO REFUTE THE
CRITICISMS AGAINST
HIM,

SINCE IT WAS TRUE
THAT CASUALTIES WERE
SUFFERED.







I ALWAYS BELIEVED
THAT A SINGLE HERO
COULDN'T END A WAR
BY HIMSELF.

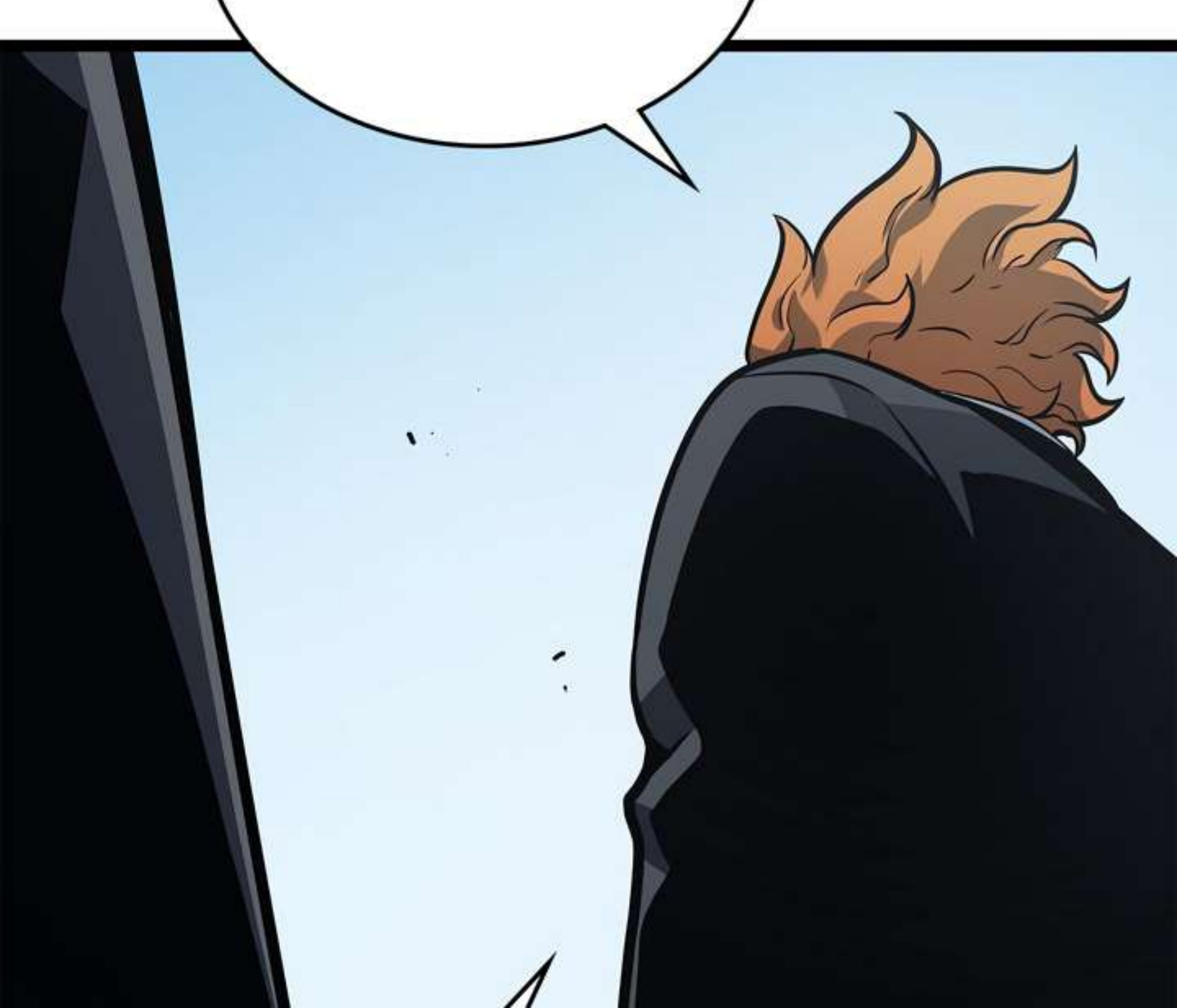


BUT
AFTER RECENT
EVENTS,

I'M STARTING TO
THINK THAT MAYBE
I WAS WRONG.

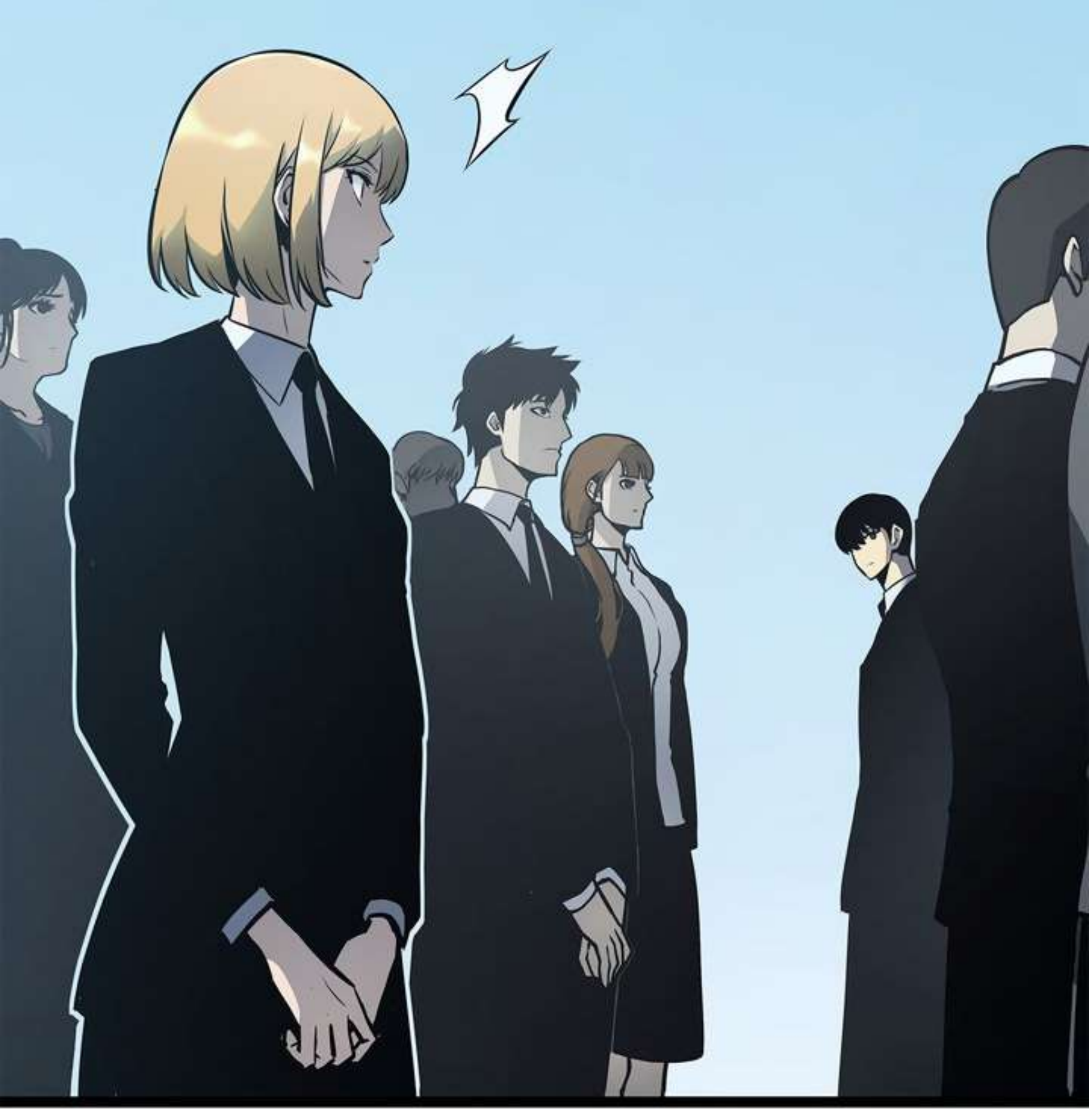


CHIN UP,
MR. SLUNG.



A comic book panel with a large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble on the left side. The speech bubble has a black outline and a small tail pointing towards the top center. Inside the bubble, the text "YOU WERE ABLE TO PUT AN END TO THIS TRAGEDY." is written in a black, hand-drawn, sans-serif font. The background of the panel is split horizontally: the top half is black, and the bottom half is white. In the top left corner, there are some light blue shapes that look like parts of a character's head or hair.

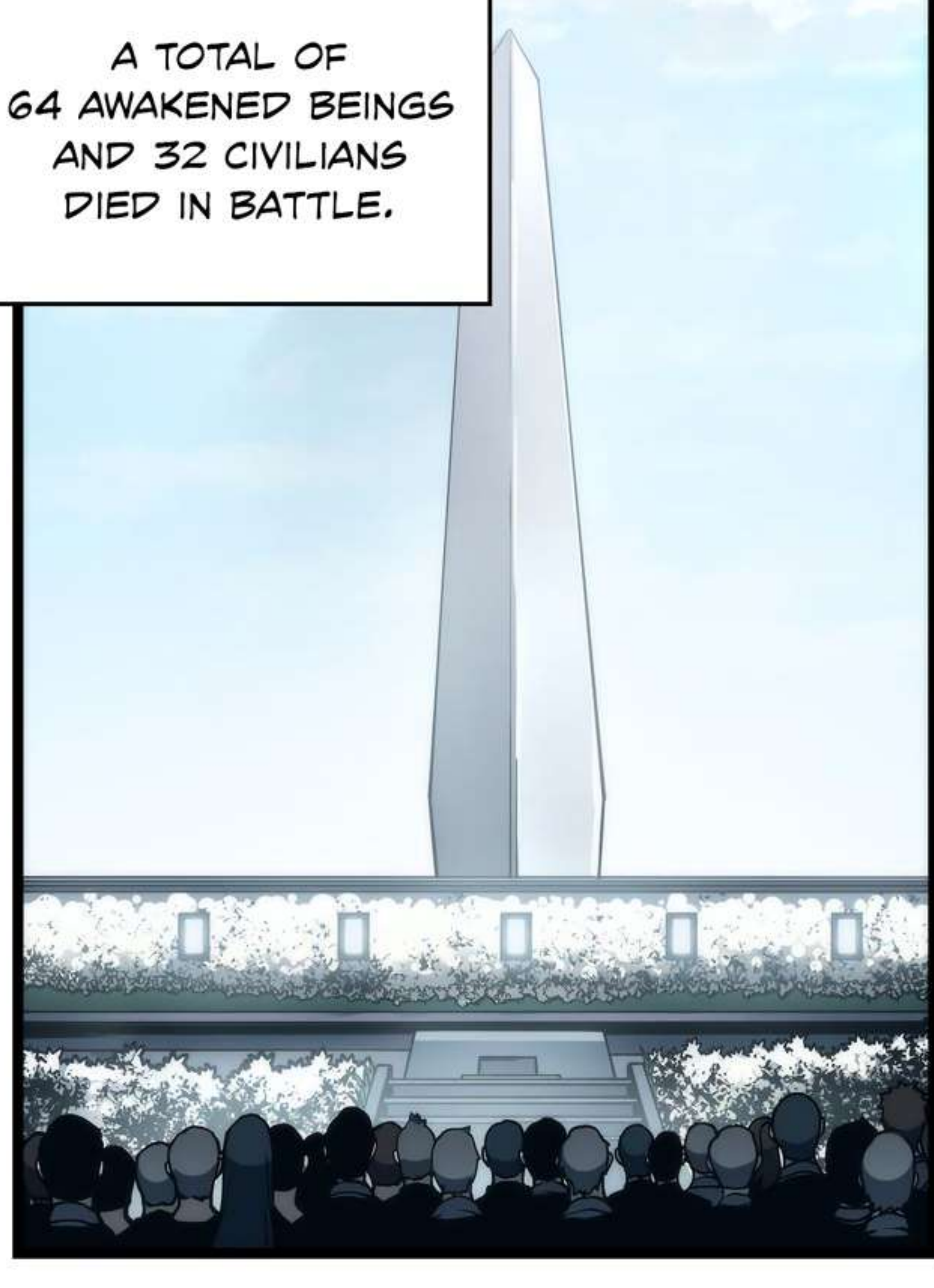
YOU WERE ABLE TO
PUT AN END TO THIS
TRAGEDY.





A TOTAL OF 4,801 HUNTERS
PARTICIPATED IN THE FIFTH
JEJU ISLAND RAID, AND 727
AWAKENED CIVILIANS WERE
CALLED TO ARMS.

A TOTAL OF
64 AWAKENED BEINGS
AND 32 CIVILIANS
DIED IN BATTLE.



THE DEATH TOLL WAS DISMAL,
BUT THE FINAL RAID HAD THE
LEAST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES
COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS
FOUR ATTEMPTS.



SO...

...YOU'RE PLANNING
ON FORMING YOUR
OWN GUILD?

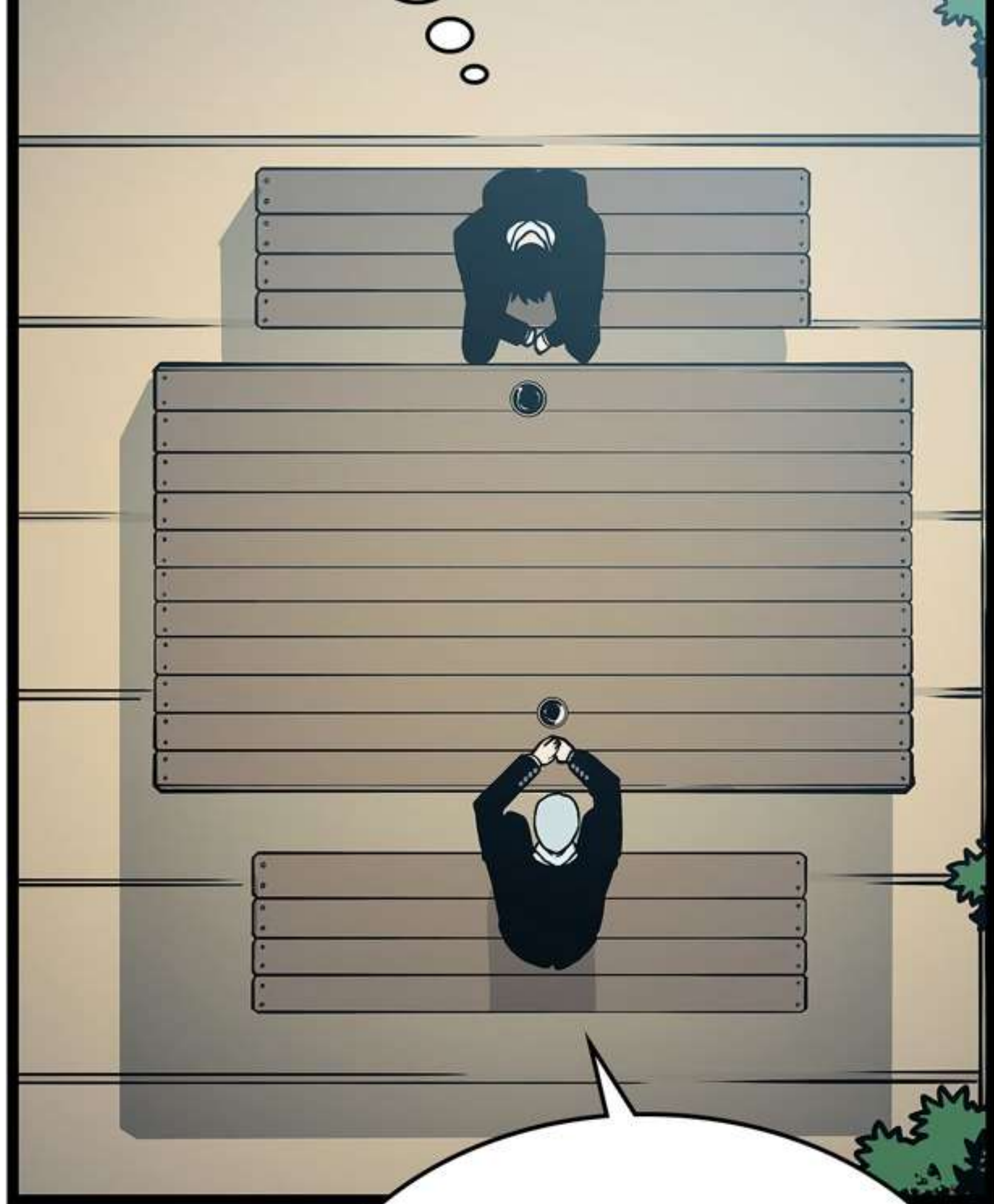
CERTIFIED S-RANK
HUNTERS DON'T NEED
TO OBTAIN A GUILD
MASTER'S LICENSE.

YOU JUST
NEED TO MAKE A
PHONE CALL TO THE
ASSOCIATION.

WE'LL TAKE CARE
OF THE REST.

...OKAY.

I SHOULD LOOK
INTO WHAT KIND OF
BENEFITS I GET AS
AN S-RANK WHILE
I'M AT IT.



BY THE WAY, DID YOU
CAST SOME KIND OF
BARRIER ON JEJU
ISLAND?

PARDON?



SOLDIERS AND HUNTERS WERE SENT TO THE ISLAND TO CLEAR UP THE ANT CORPSES AND COLLECT THE ESSENCE STONES, BUT ALL OF THEM ENDED UP LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS.



THE HUNTERS WERE ALL A-RANK OR B-RANK, AND MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD WERE THERE AS WELL.

SO... I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE YOU HAD CAST A BARRIER AND FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.

NO, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT.



I SEE...

I DIDN'T THINK
SO.

WHAT DID
THE HUNTERS AND
SOLDIERS SAY?

THEY HAVE NO
RECOLLECTION OF THE
EVENTS THAT HAPPENED
BEFORE THEY LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS.

FRANKLY SPEAKING,
WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVEN
KNOWING WHETHER OR
NOT THEY WERE PUT
UNDER A MAGIC
SPELL.

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COULD IT HAVE BEEN
A TRAP LEFT BEHIND
BY THE ANTS?

MR. GO.

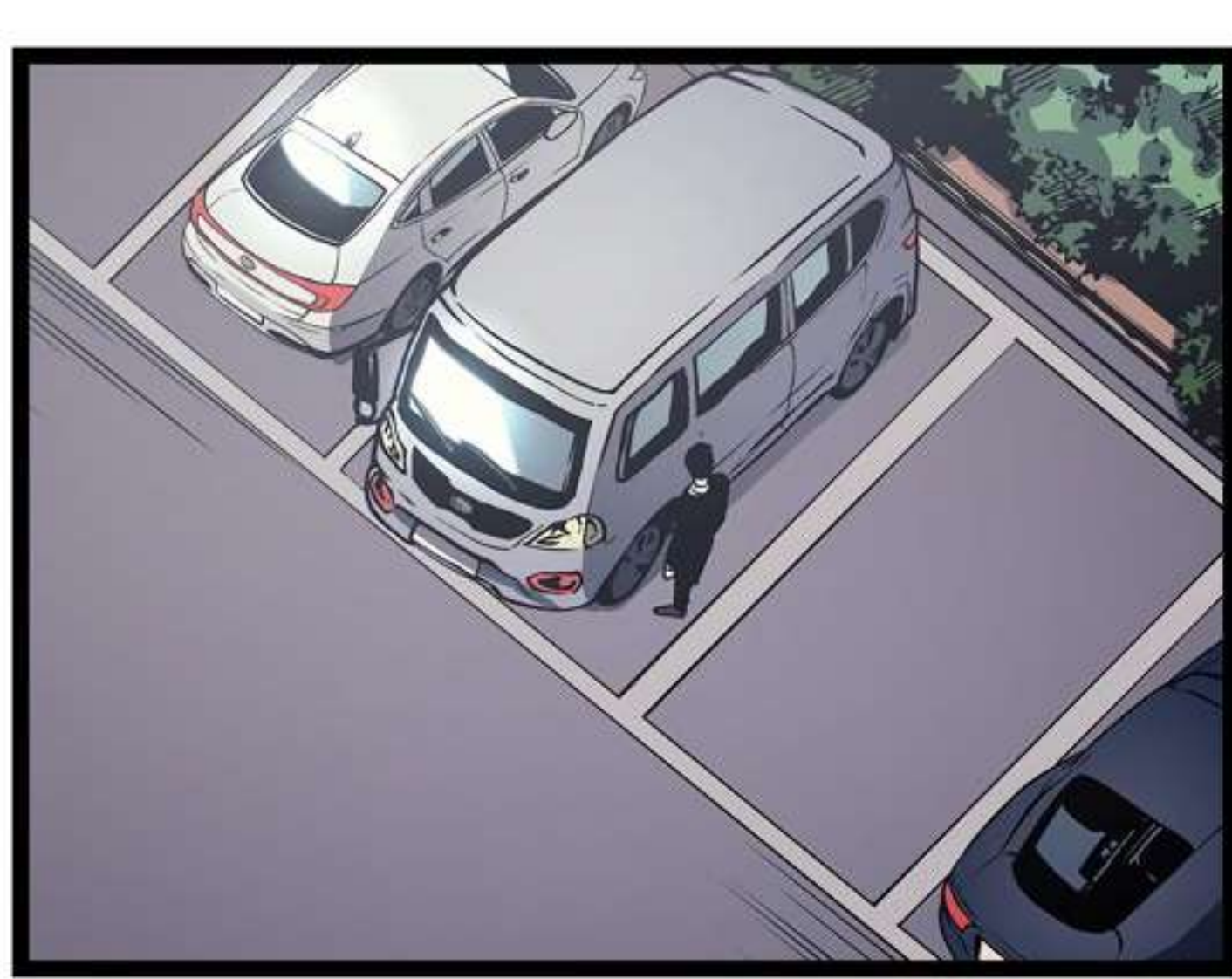


AH, I MUST
GET GOING. IT
SEEMS A GUEST OF
MINE HAS ARRIVED
EARLIER THAN
EXPECTED.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TIME.

DON'T
MENTION IT.

I SHOULD HEAD
BACK, TOO.



EXCUSE ME,

ARE YOU MR. SUNG
JINWOO?



IT'S
A PLEASURE
TO MEET YOU,
MR. SUNG.



MY NAME IS ADAM
WHITE, AND I AM A
SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM
THE FEDERAL BUREAU
OF HUNTERS.

THE FEDERAL
BUREAU OF
HUNTERS?



YOU CAN JUST
CALL ME ADAM.

CALL ME ADAM.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR
SHOWING UP LIKE THIS
OUT OF THE BLUE, BUT
YOU'RE A HARD MAN TO
TRACK DOWN.

I EVEN
STOPPED BY YOUR
OFFICE.

HE WENT TO
MY OFFICE?

AH, IS HE...

...THE
PERSON JINHO
MENTIONED?

FOR
ME?

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

WHO?

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?

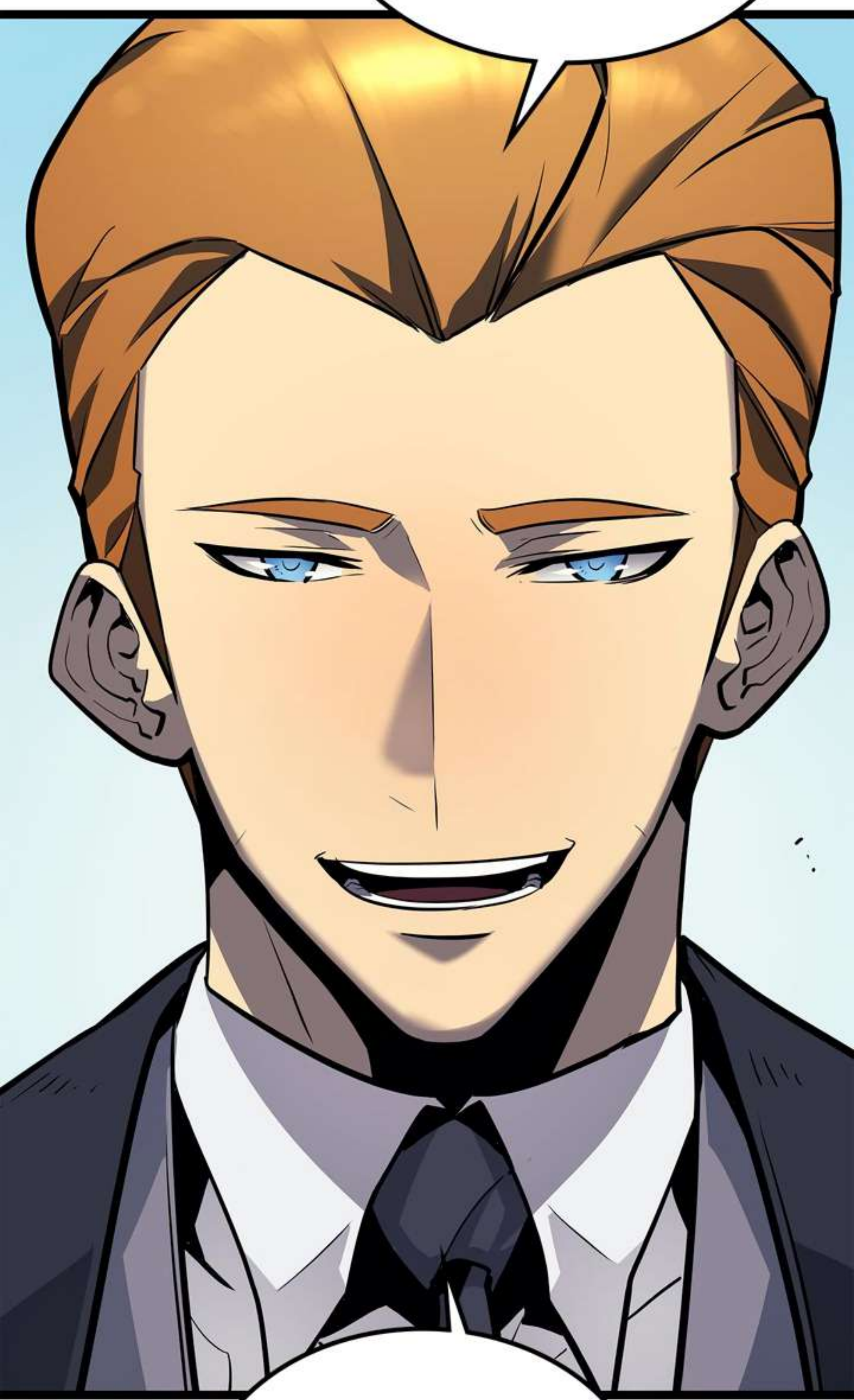
WHAT
BUSINESS DO
YOU HAVE WITH
ME?

I WOULD LIKE
TO SHARE SOME
INFORMATION WITH
YOU, MR. SUNG.



THERE'S
PROBABLY NOT A
SINGLE COUNTRY
OR INSTITUTION IN
THIS WORLD...

...THAT CAN
PROVIDE YOU WITH
THE INFORMATION I'M
ABOUT TO SHARE.



BESIDES US,
THAT IS.





WHY
WOULD YOU SHARE
INFORMATION LIKE
THAT WITH ME?

WE BENEFIT FROM
SHARING KNOWLEDGE
WITH SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS
SUCH AS YOURSELF.



I WAS ORIGINALLY
GOING TO BE THE ONLY
ONE PAYING YOU A VISIT
TODAY.

HOWEVER, IT SEEMS
THE RAID IN JEJU LEFT A
STRONG IMPRESSION ON
OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR.
HE WISHES TO HAVE A
MEETING WITH YOU
IN PERSON.

I MUST SAY, THIS IS
UNPRECEDENTED.

THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR WILL
EXPLAIN THE REST
IN DETAIL.

I HAVE A
CAR WAITING NEARBY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
GO MEET HIM?



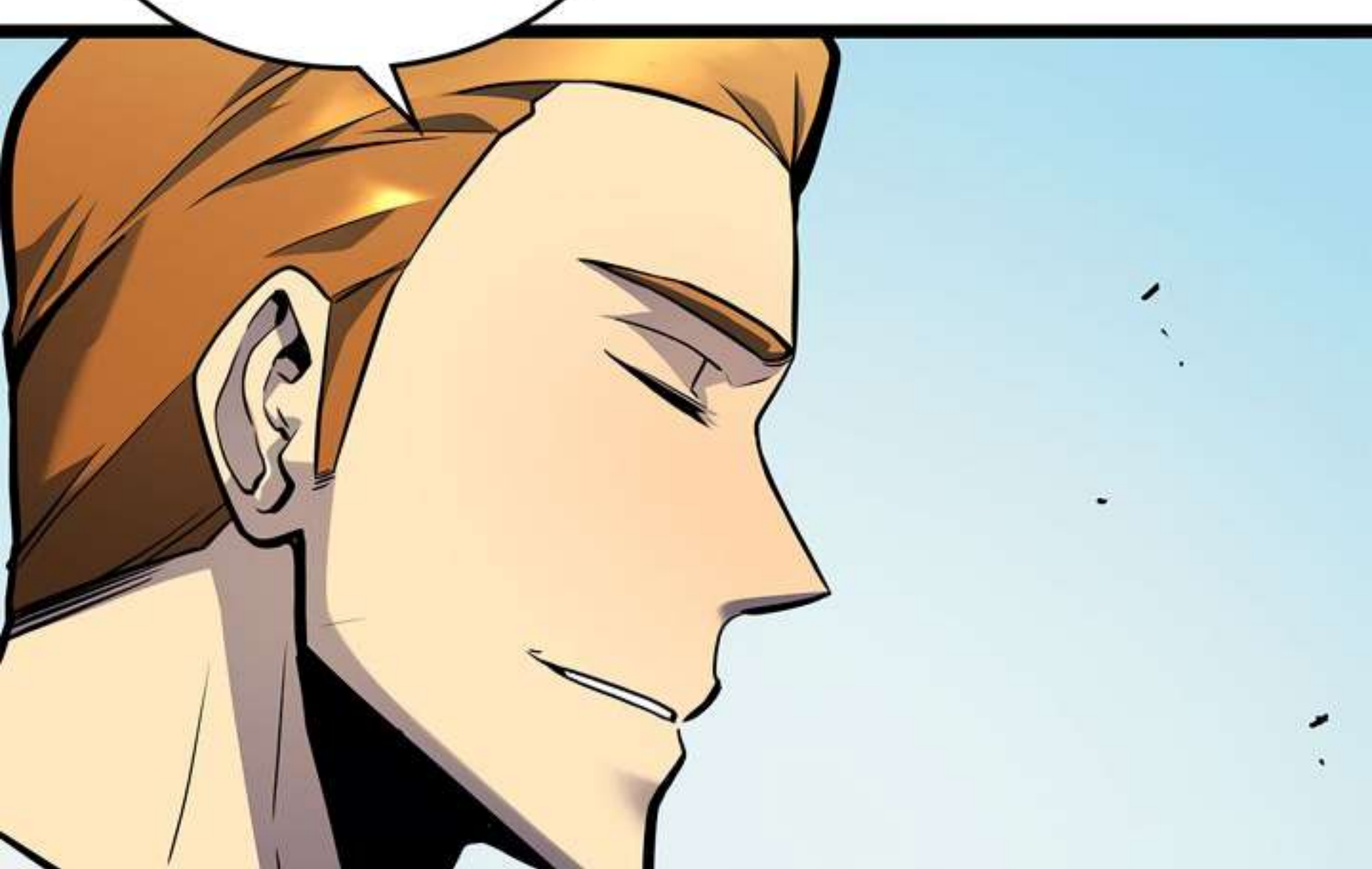
INFORMATION,
HUH...

I DON'T KNOW IF
THE INFORMATION
YOU WISH TO
SHARE WITH ME IS
RELIABLE.



I'LL GIVE
YOU A CALL AFTER
GIVING IT SOME
THOUGHT.

HOW
SILLY OF ME TO
FORGET.

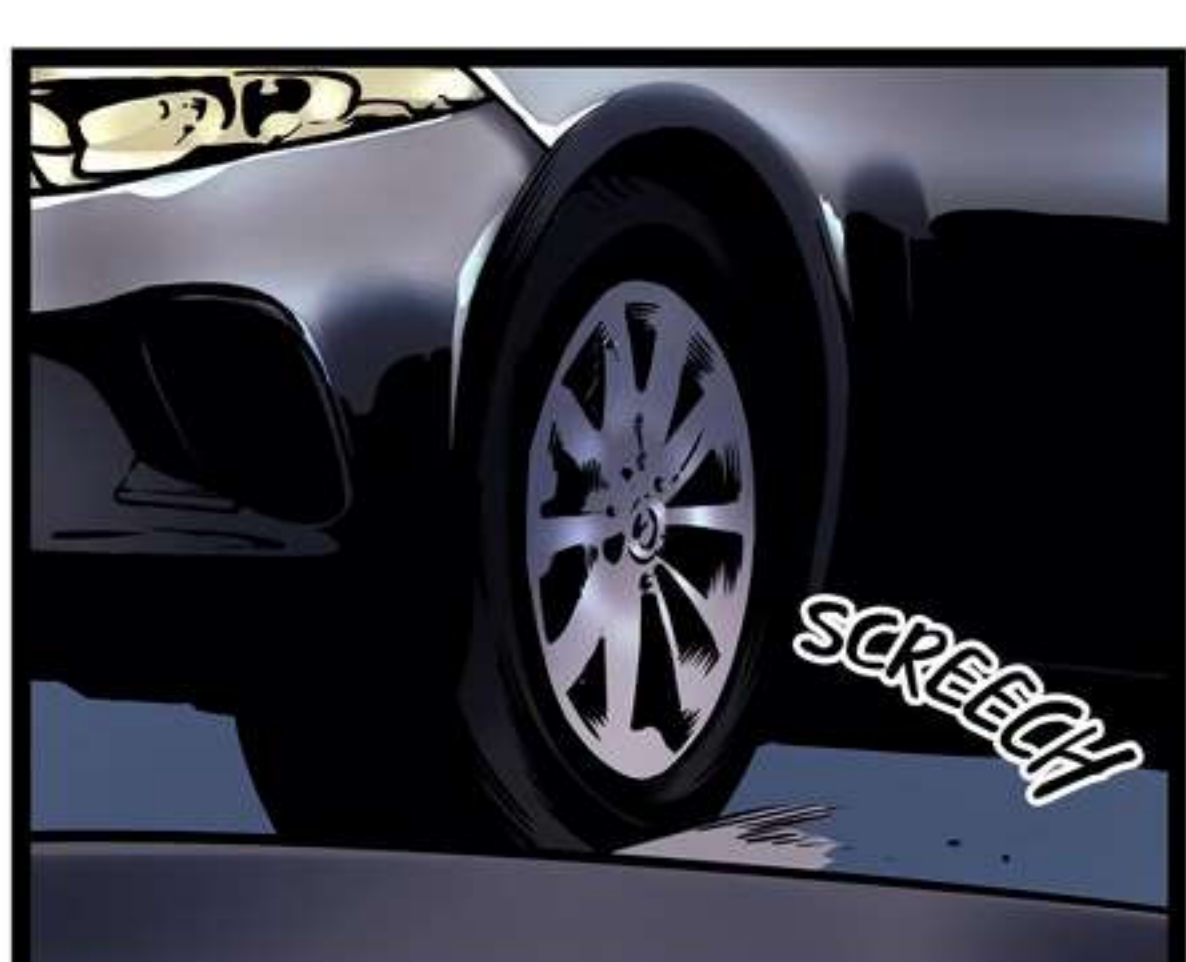
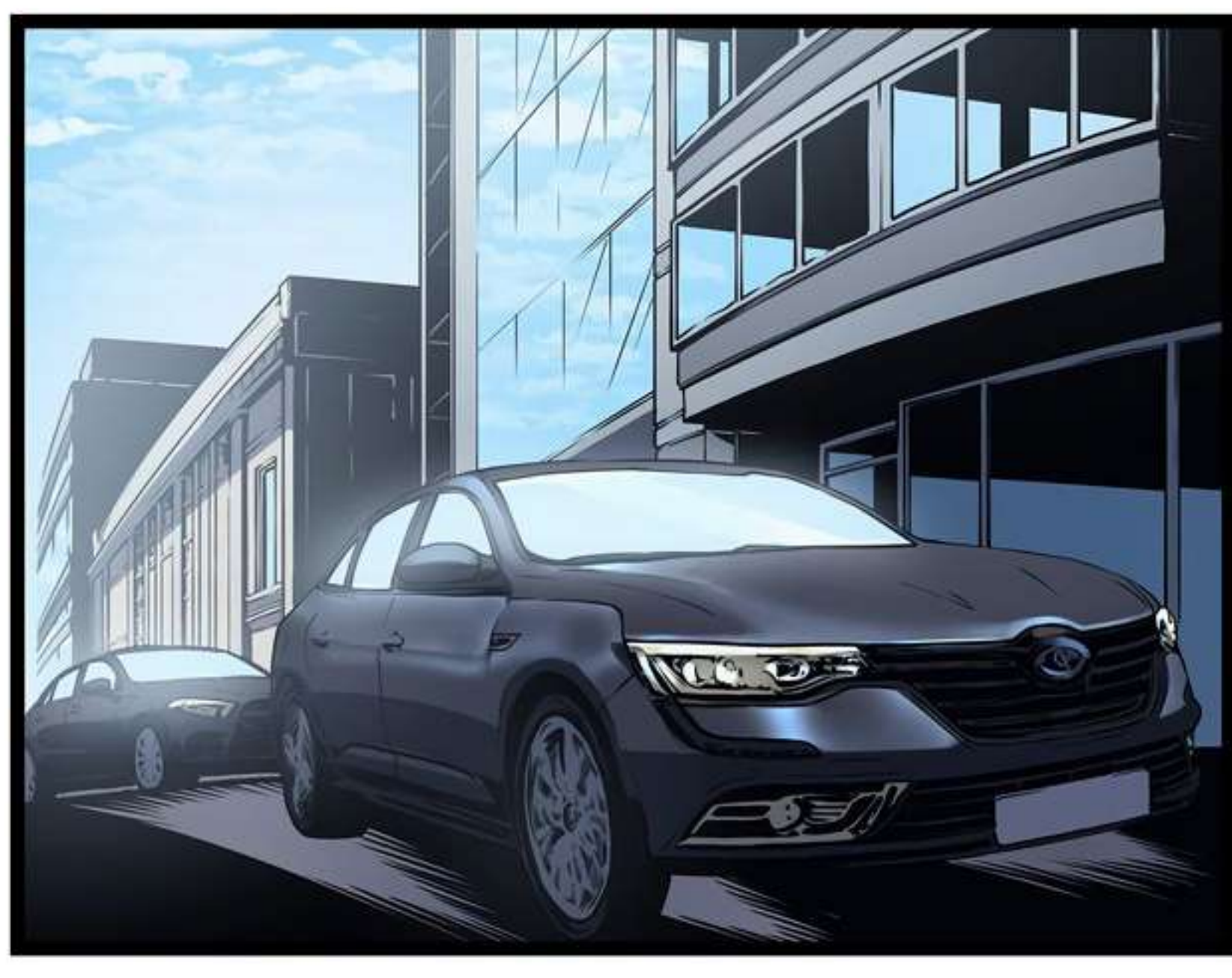


A GOOD HAND
SHOULD NEVER BE
KEPT HIDDEN WHEN
STRIKING A DEAL.

AN
UPGRADER...



*...IS AN "AWAKENED
BEING WHO CAN
ENHANCE THE ABILITIES
OF ANOTHER AWAKENED
BEING." EVER HEARD
OF THEM BEFORE?*

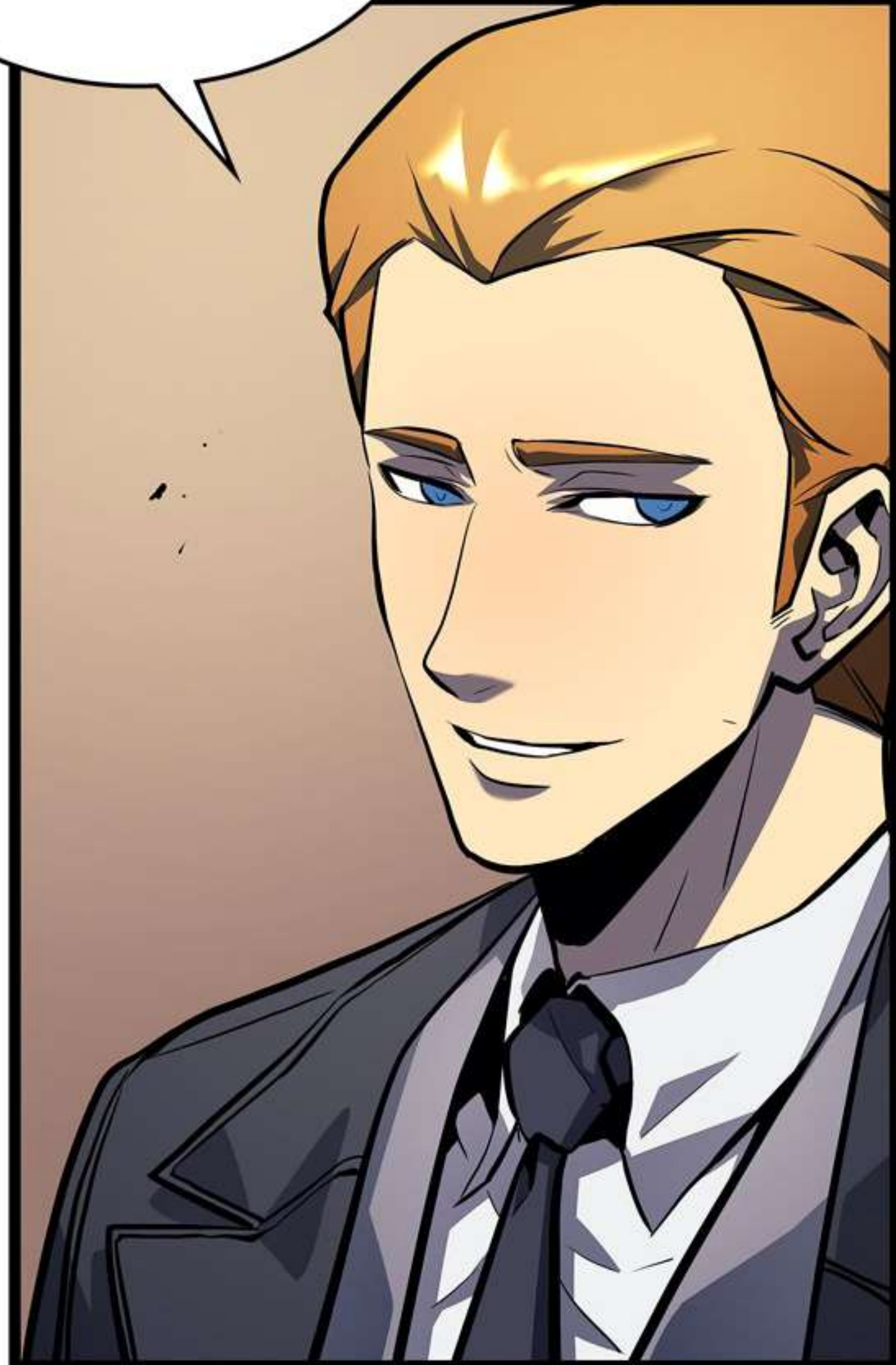




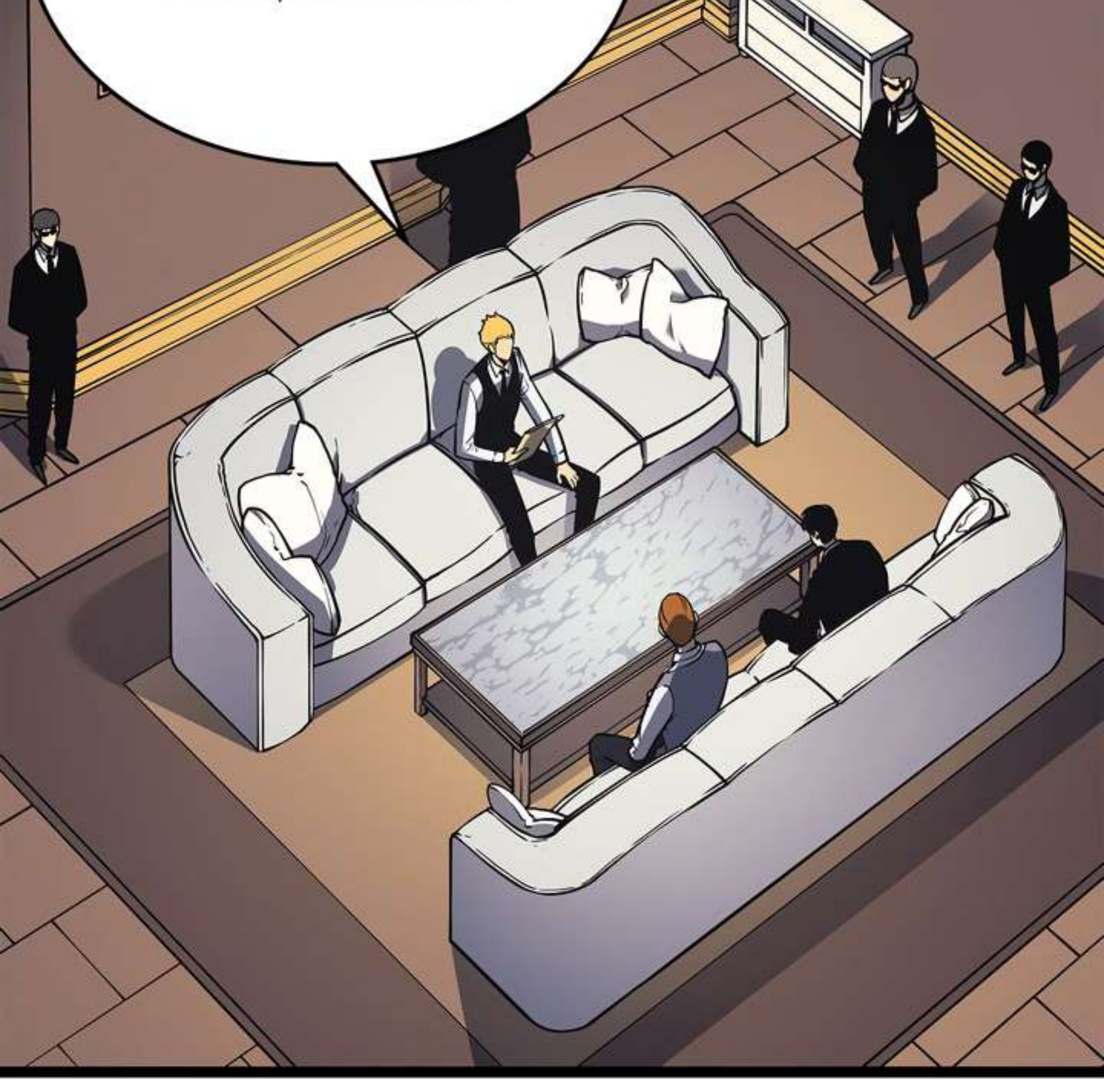
A comic panel showing a character's torso and a hand. The character is wearing a grey jacket with a visible pocket on the left side and a brown shirt underneath. A hand is visible on the right side, holding a brown object. A large white speech bubble is positioned in the upper center of the panel.

HELLO, I'M
SLUNG JINWOO.

I'LL BE YOUR
INTERPRETER.

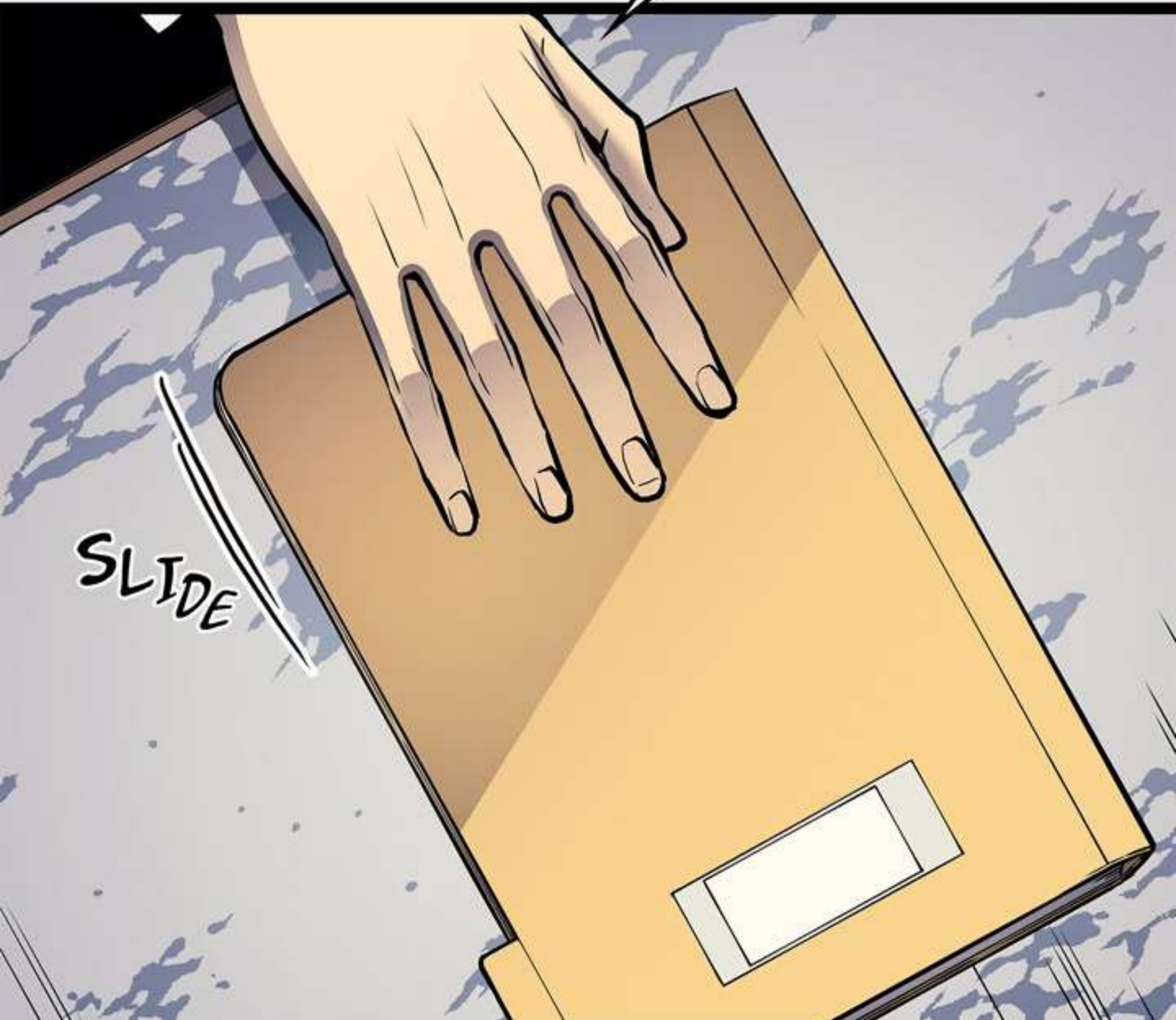


LET ME GET
STRAIGHT TO THE
POINT, MR. SUNG.



THESE HERE
ARE IMMIGRATION
DOCUMENTS.

SLIDE





THEY
USUALLY TAKE
ANYWHERE FROM ONE
TO TWO YEARS TO BE
PROCESSED.


HOWEVER, WE'RE
WILLING TO MAKE AN
EXCEPTION FOR
YOU.

ONE
SECOND.

JUST SAY THE WORD
AND YOU'LL BECOME AN
AMERICAN CITIZEN IN
ONE SECOND.

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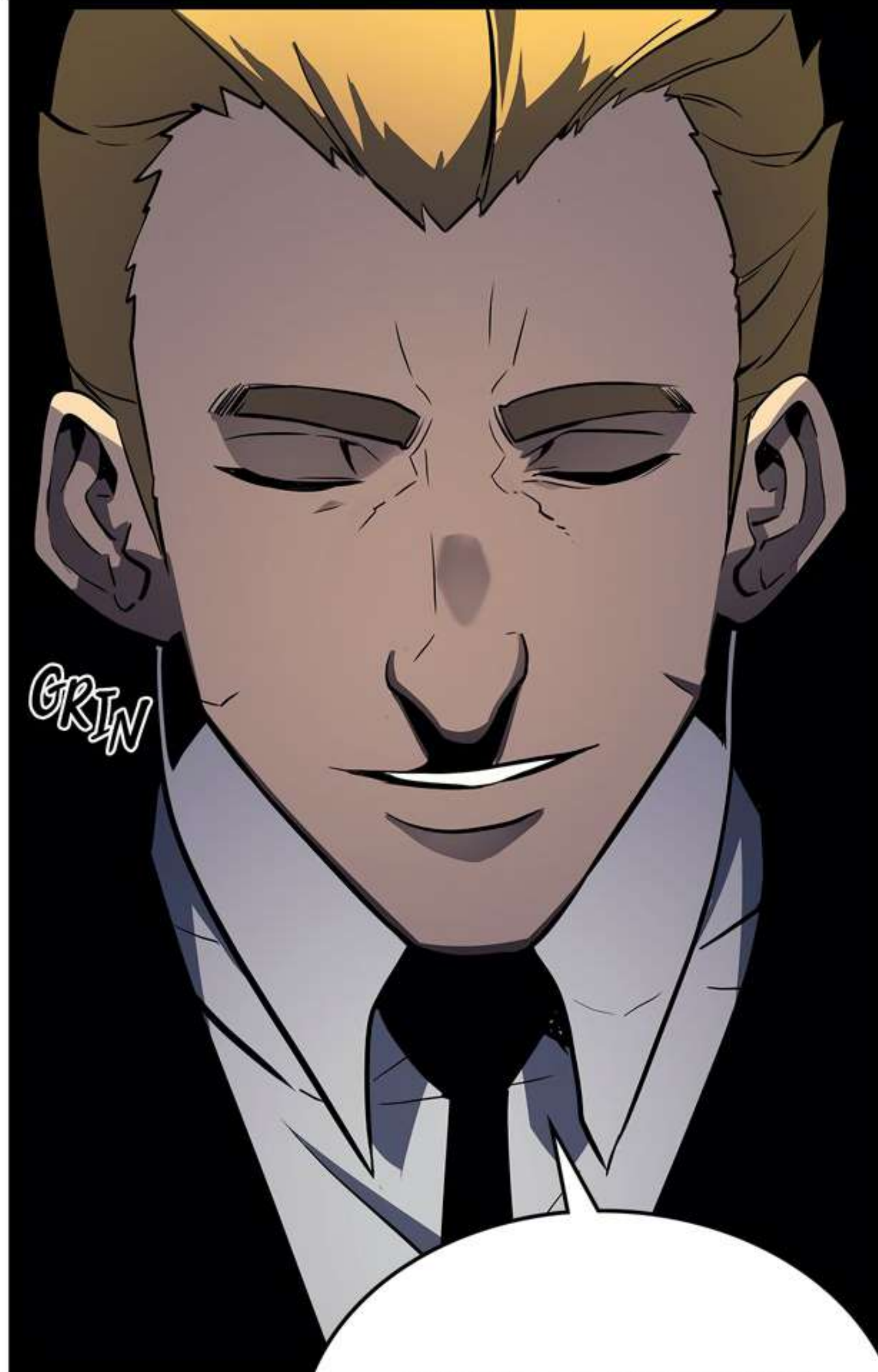
I CAME HERE
BECAUSE MR. WHITE
TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD
SOME INFORMATION TO
SHARE WITH ME.



AN AWAKENED BEING
WHO CAN ENHANCE THE
ABILITIES OF ANOTHER
AWAKENED BEING...
AN UPGRADER.



IS IT
REALLY POSSIBLE TO
UPGRADE A HUNTER'S
ABILITIES?



ACTUALLY, SOMEONE
WHO POSSESSES SUCH
POWERS IS HERE WITH
US RIGHT NOW.





To Be Continued...

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