Solo Leveling

ART· **DUBU(REDICE STUDIO)**
ORIGINAL NOVEL· **Chu-Gong**
STORY· **h-goon**

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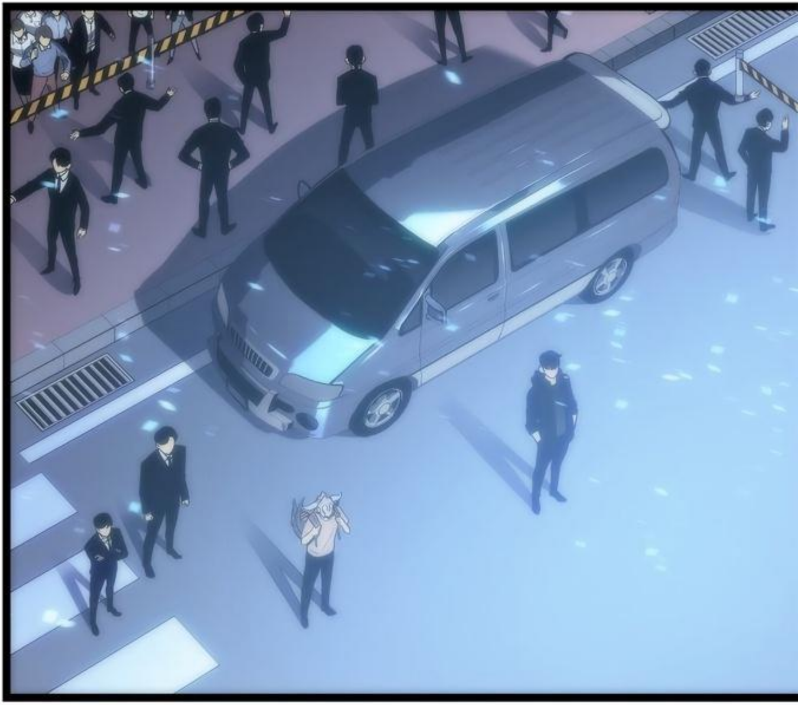
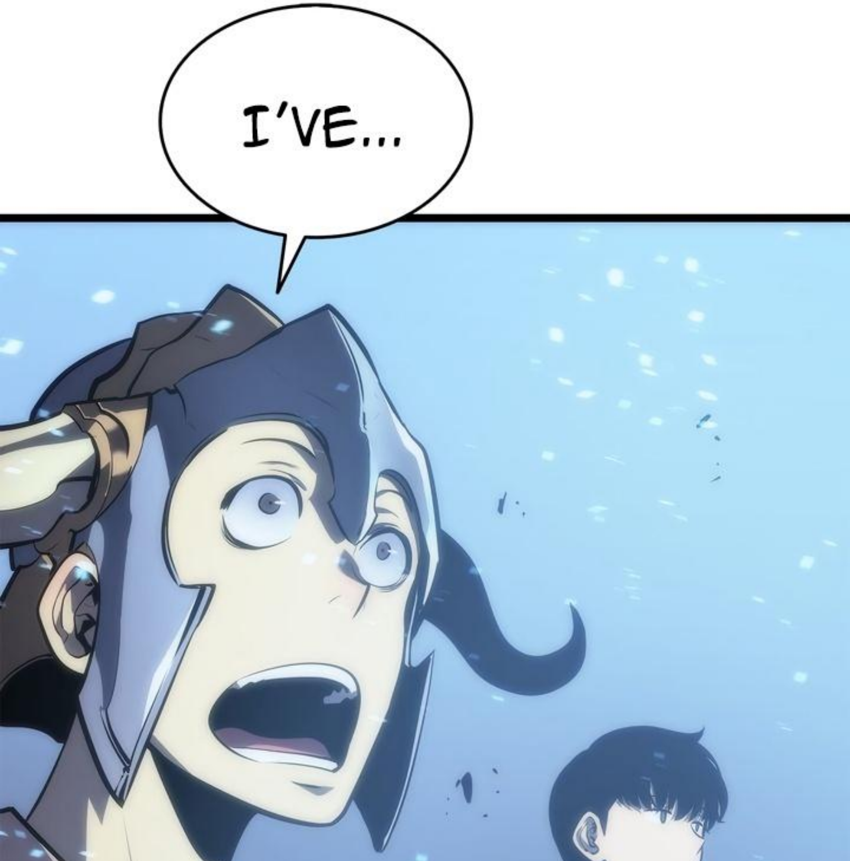
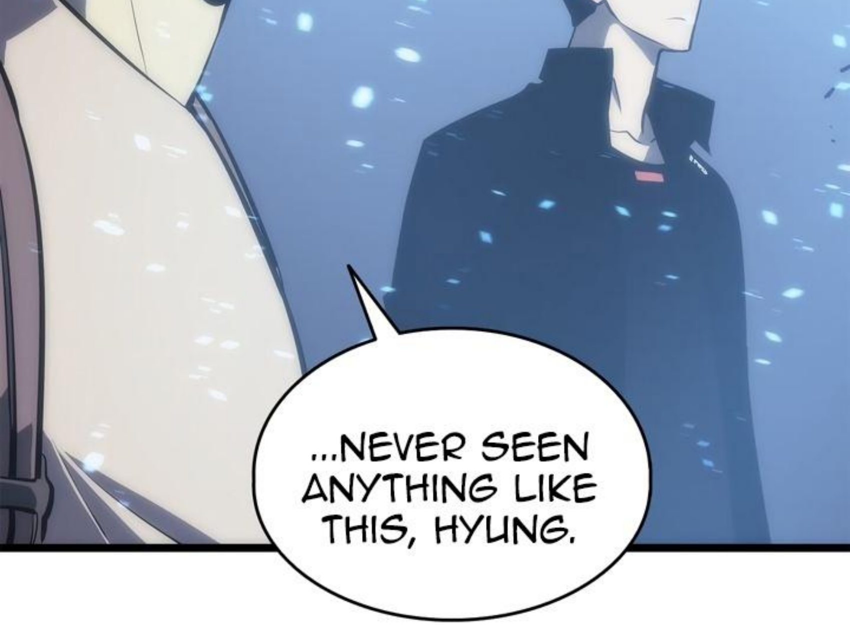
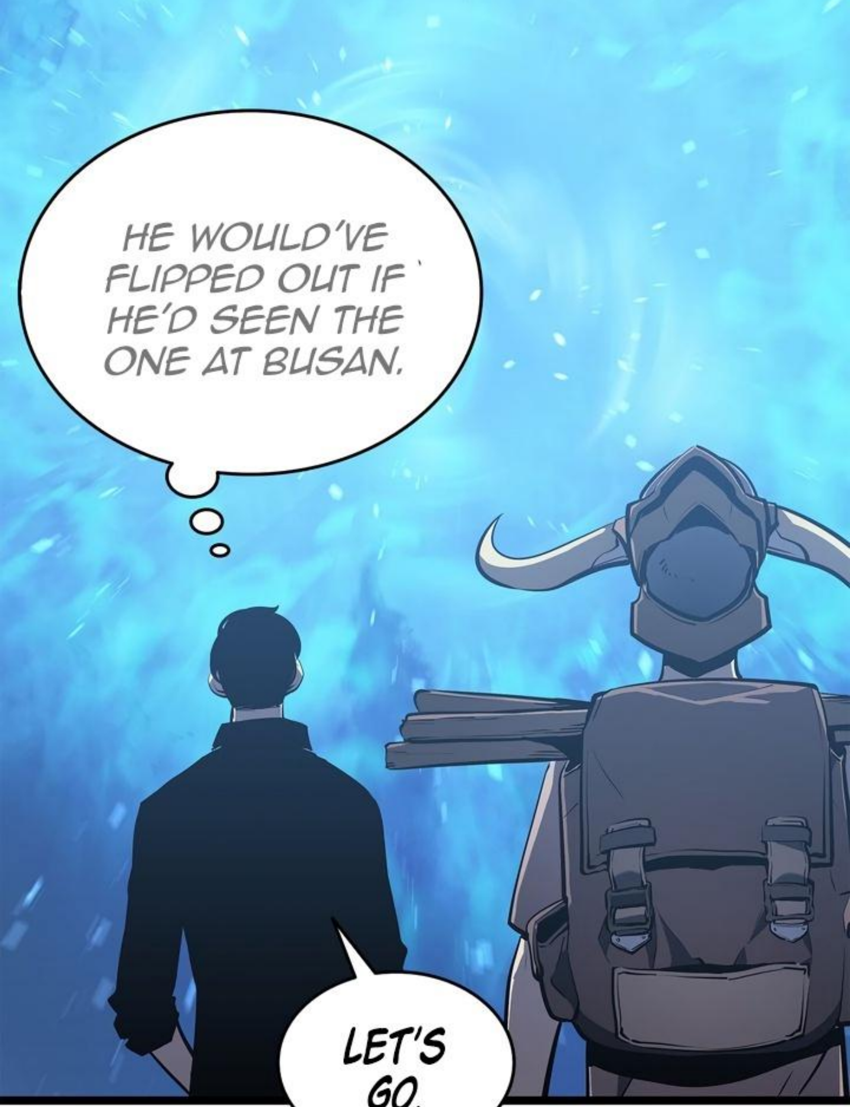
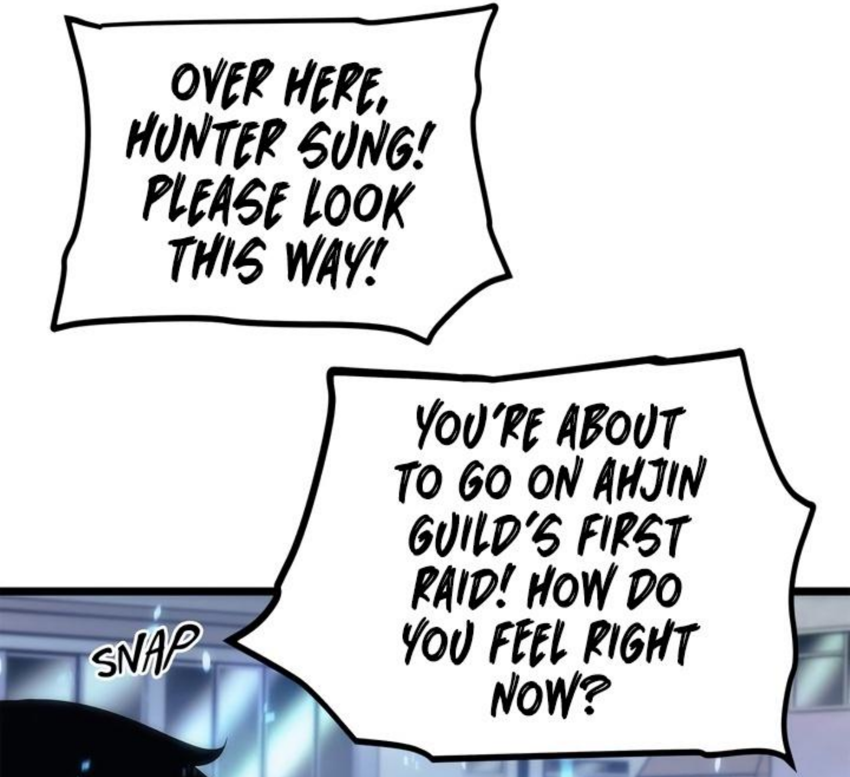


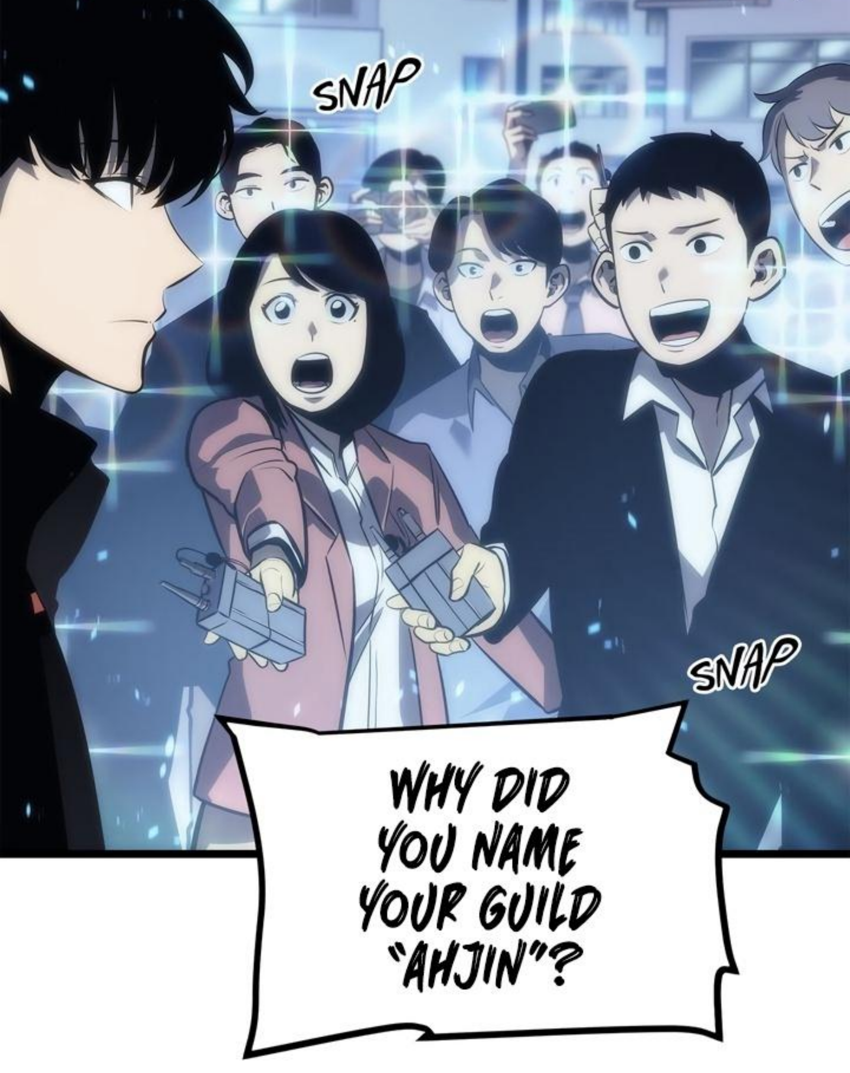


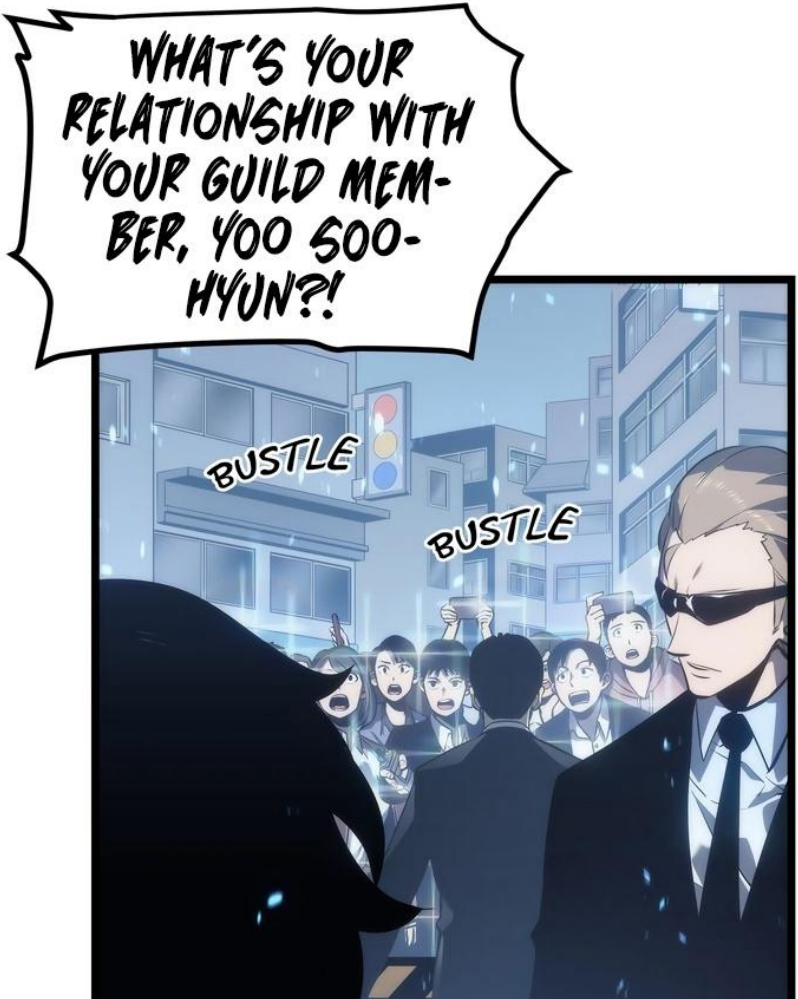

...NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, HYUNG.

T-THIS GATE IS MASSIVE...!

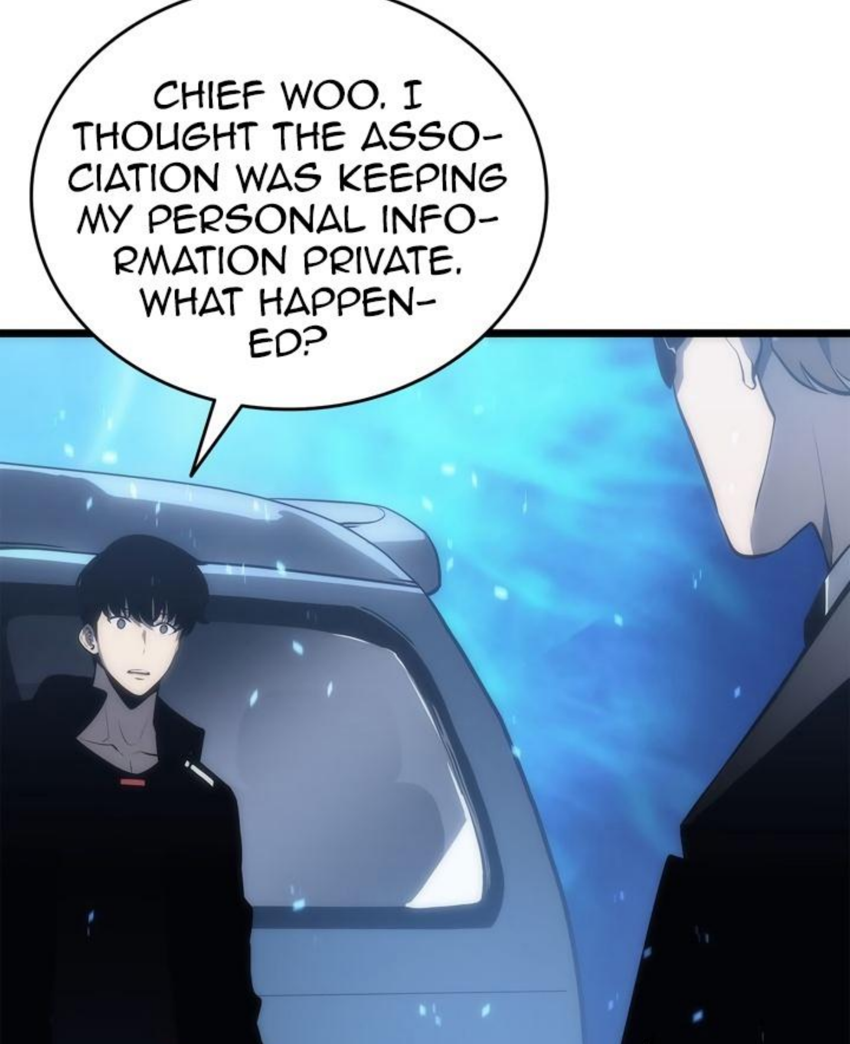

HE WOULD'VE FLIPPED OUT IF HE'D SEEN THE ONE AT BUSAN.
LET'S GO.

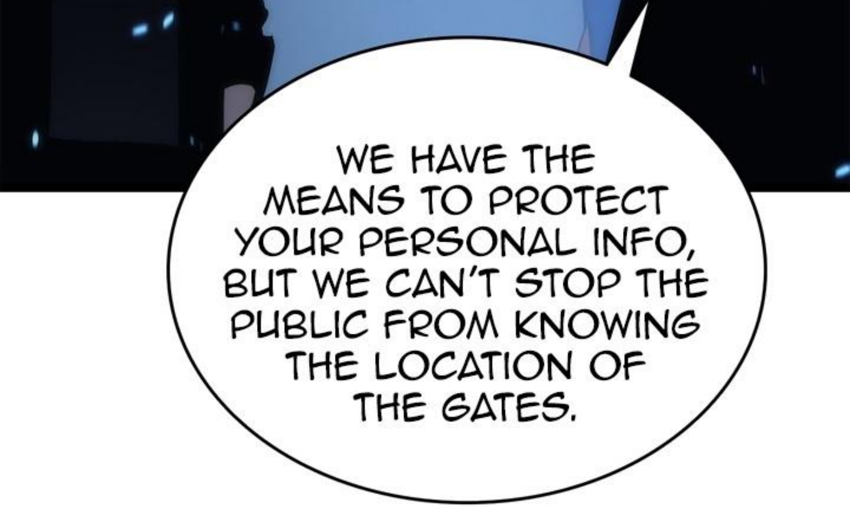

OVER HERE, HUNTER SUNG! PLEASE LOOK THIS WAY!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO ON AHJIN GUILD'S FIRST RAID! HOW DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW?
SNAP

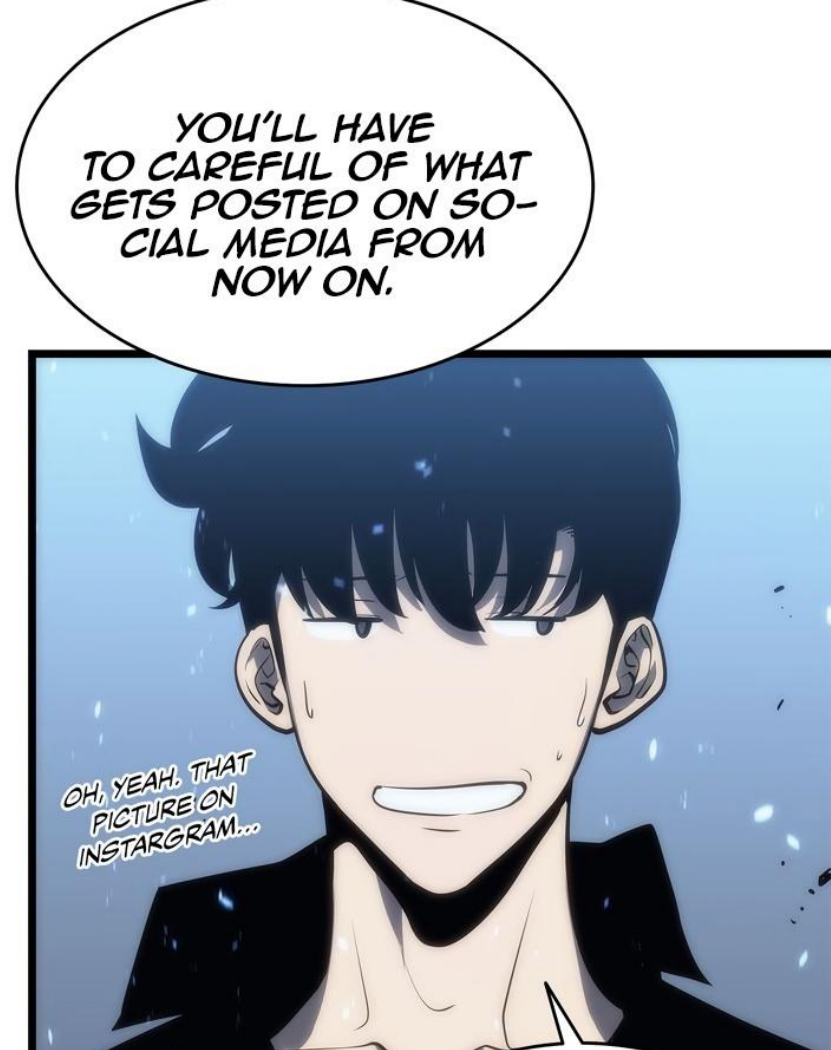

SNAP
SNAP
WHY DID YOU NAME YOUR GUILD "AHJIN"?

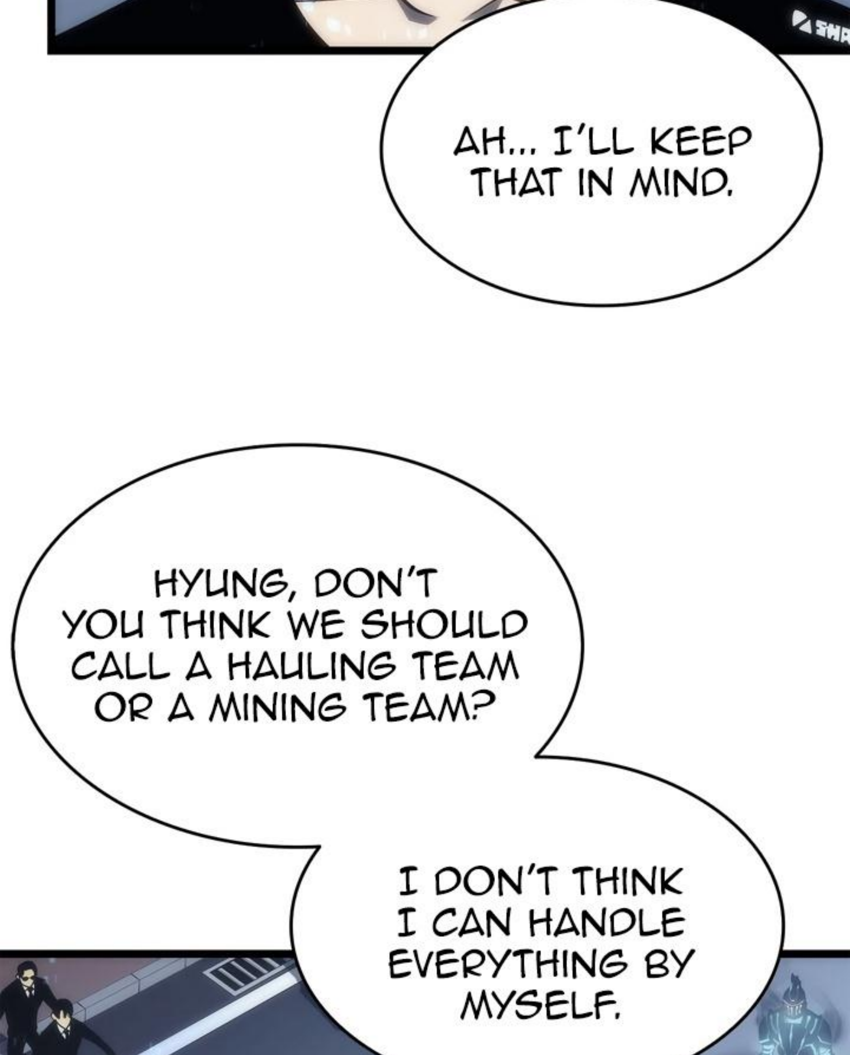

WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR GUILD MEMBER, YOO SOO-HYUN?!
BUSTLE
BUSTLE

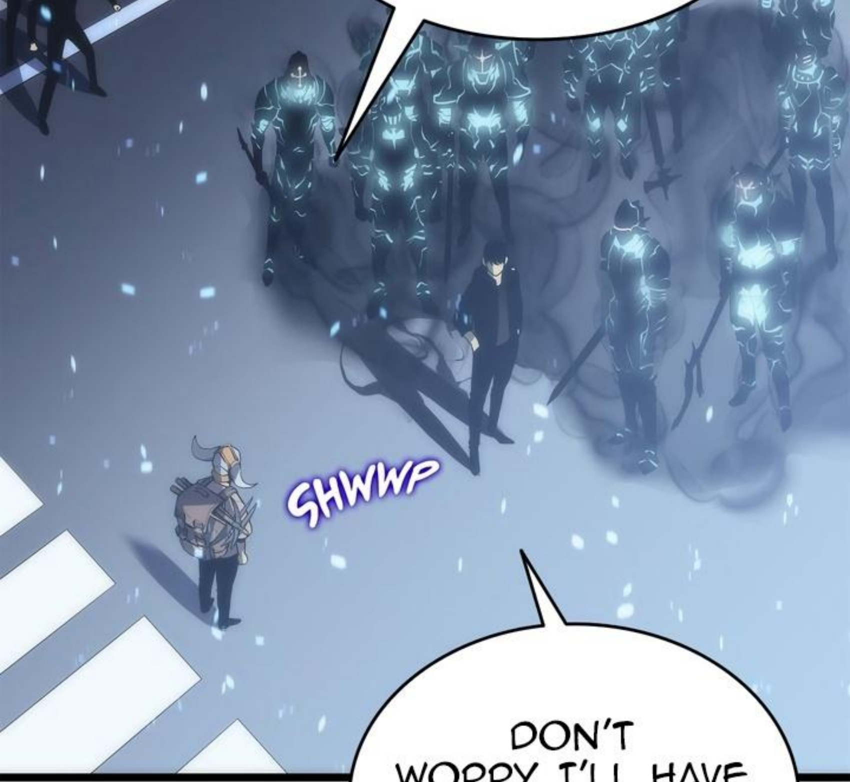
HUNTER SUNG.

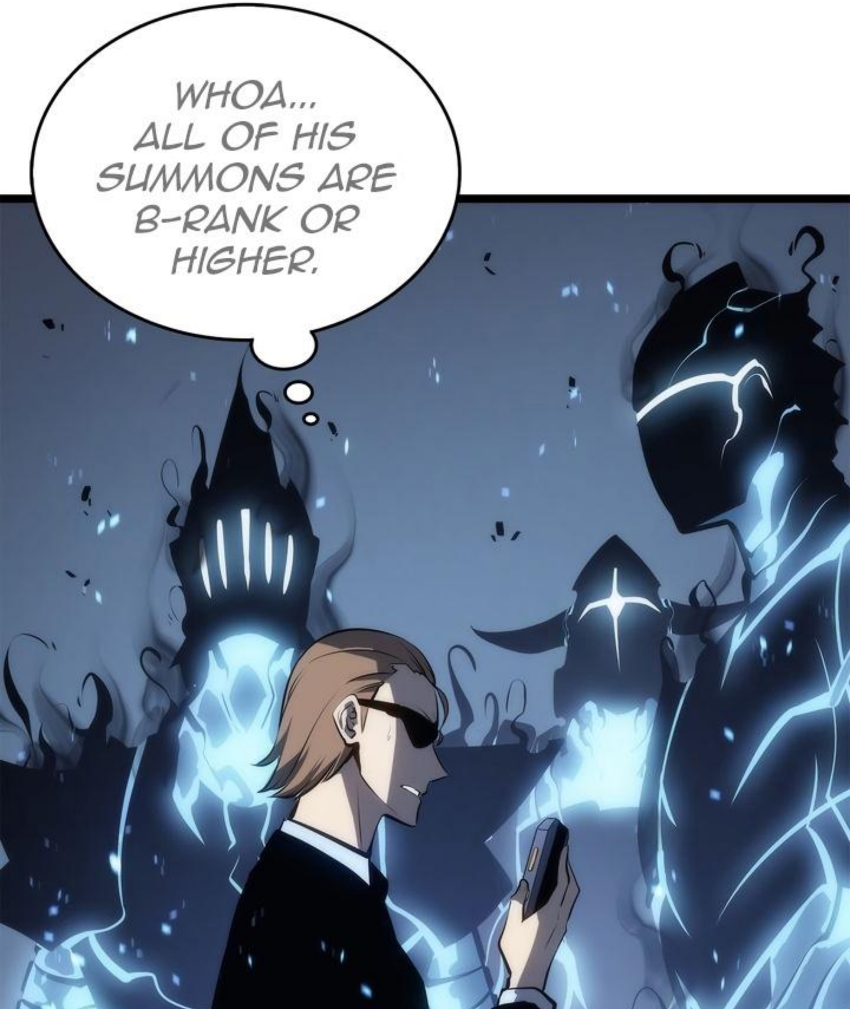

CHIEF WOO. I THOUGHT THE ASSOCIATION WAS KEEPING MY PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE. WHAT HAPPENED?

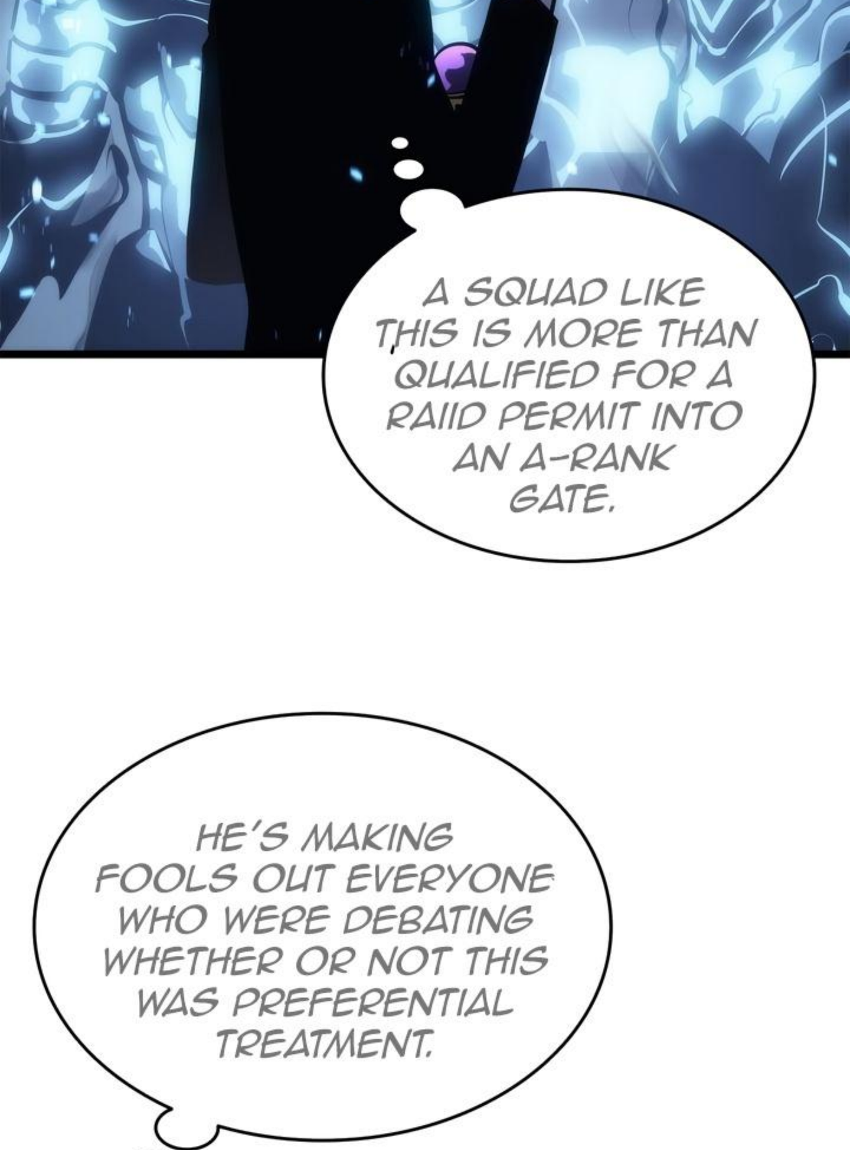

WE HAVE THE MEANS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFO, BUT WE CAN'T STOP THE PUBLIC FROM KNOWING THE LOCATION OF THE GATES.

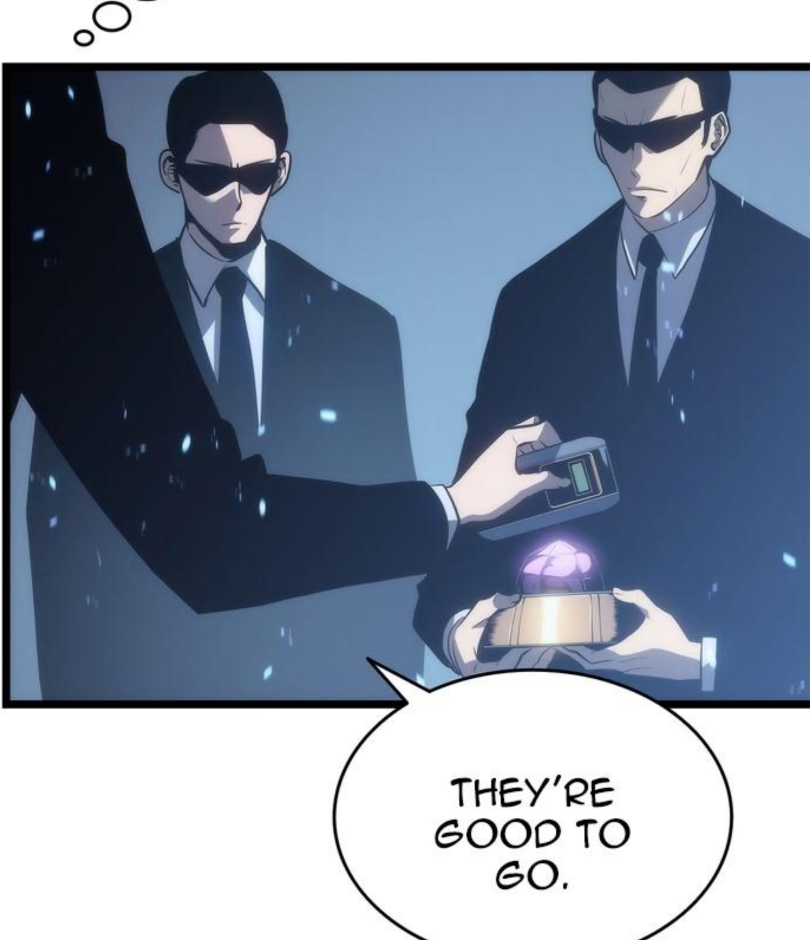

YOU'LL HAVE TO CAREFUL OF WHAT GETS POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA FROM NOW ON.
OH, YEAH. THAT PICTURE ON INSTARGRAM...

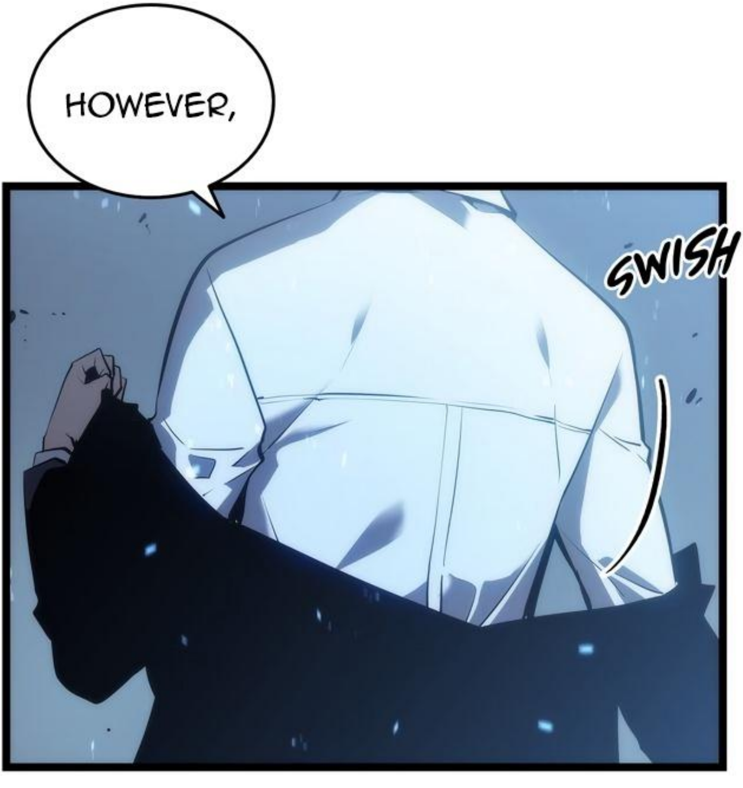

AH... I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
HYUNG, DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD CALL A HAULING TEAM OR A MINING TEAM?
I DON'T THINK I CAN HANDLE EVERYTHING BY MYSELF.

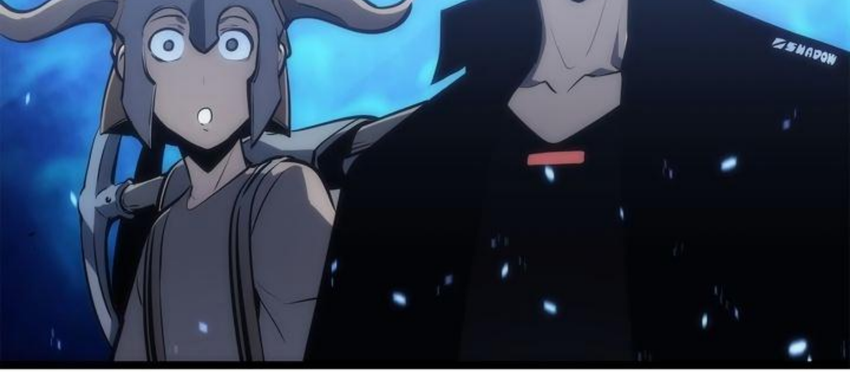

SHWWP
DON'T WORRY. I'LL HAVE MY SHADOWS DO ALL THE WORK.

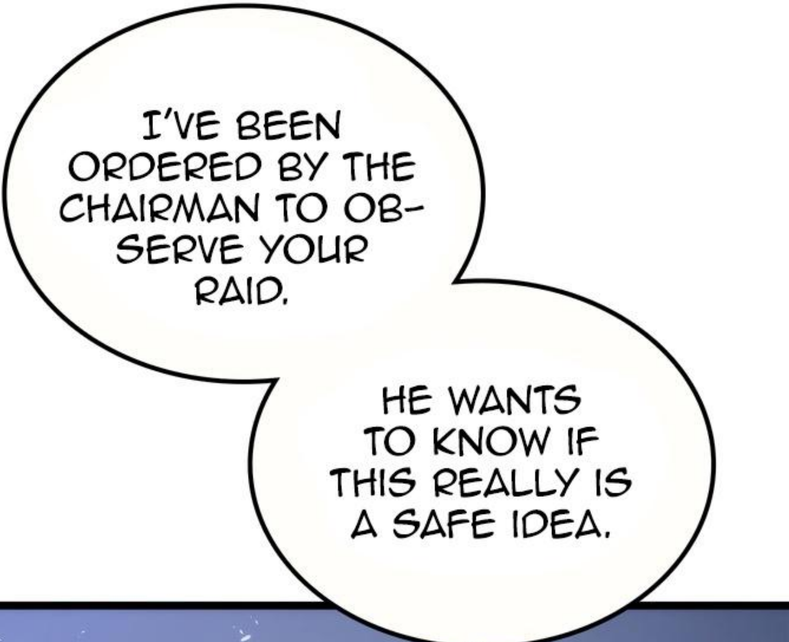

WHOA... ALL OF HIS SUMMONS ARE B-RANK OR HIGHER.

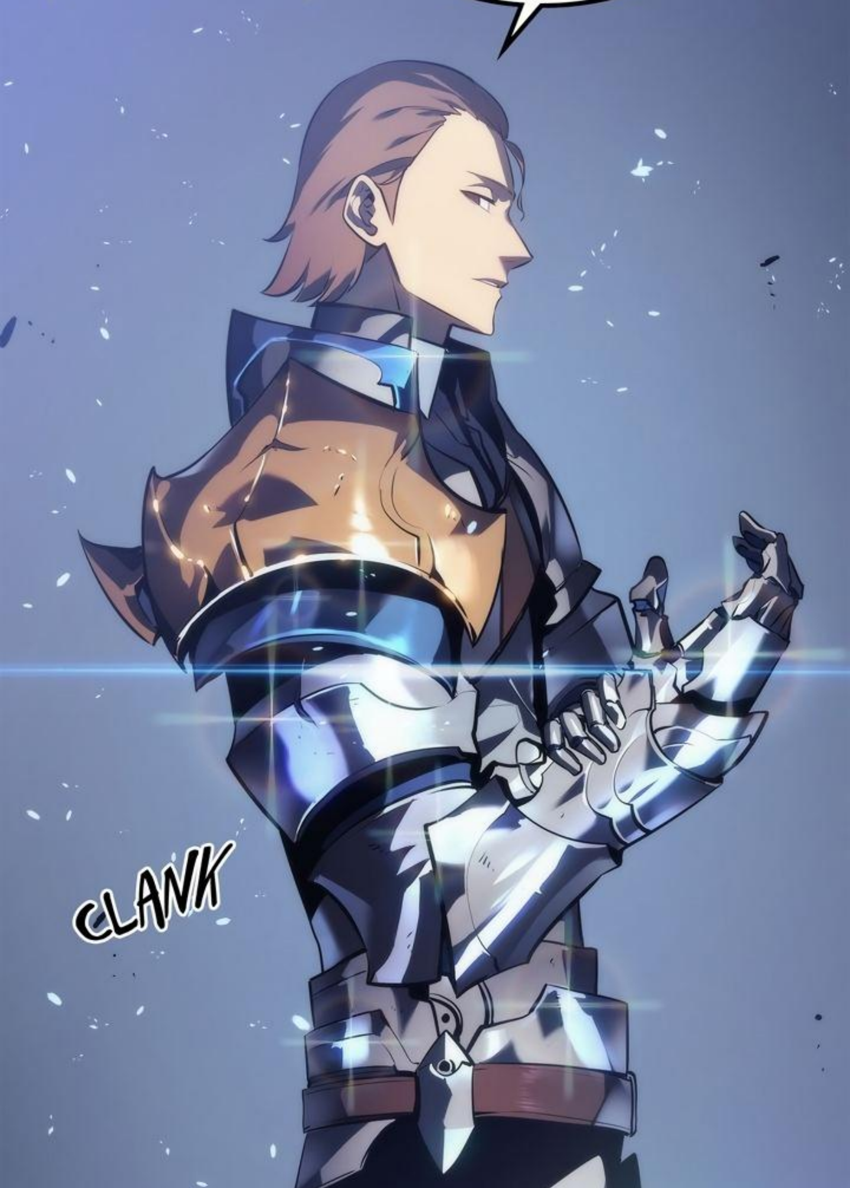

A SQUAD LIKE THIS IS MORE THAN QUALIFIED FOR A RAIID PERMIT INTO AN A-RANK GATE.
HE'S MAKING FOOLS OUT EVERYONE WHO WERE DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

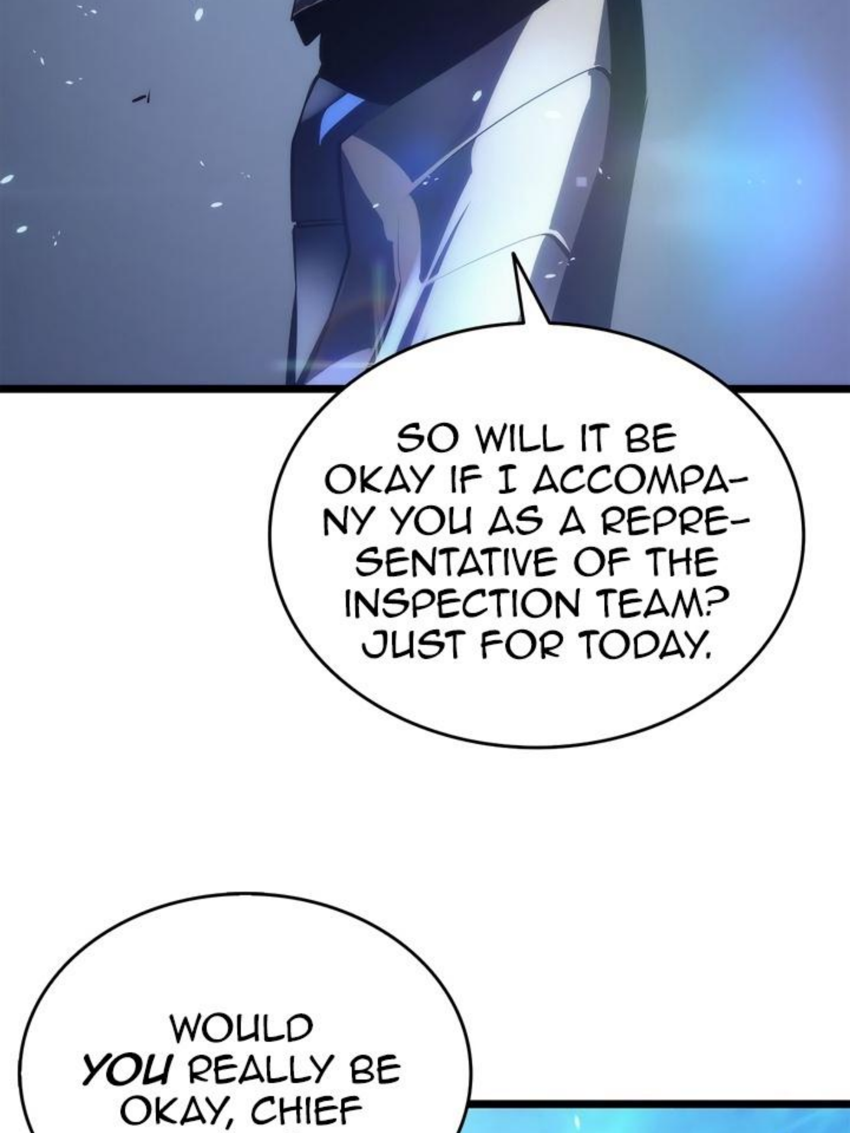

THEY'RE GOOD TO GO.

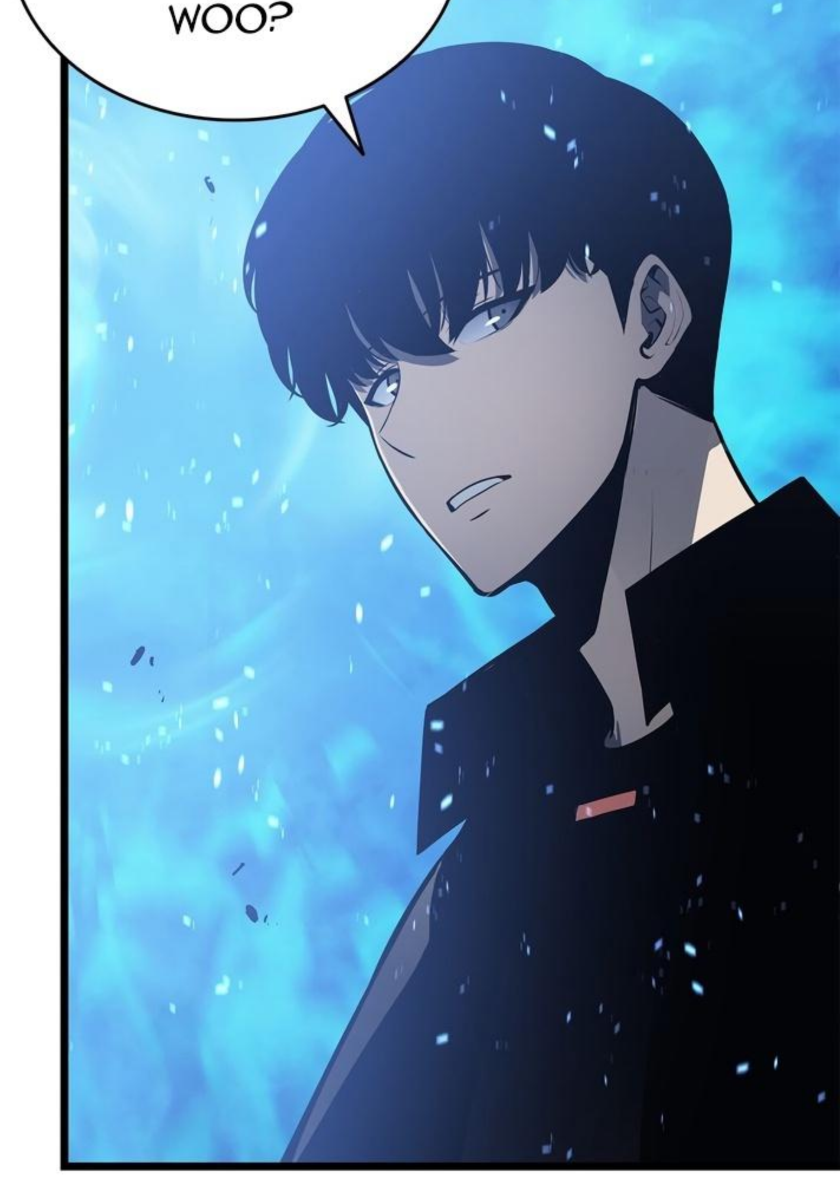

HOWEVER,
SWISH

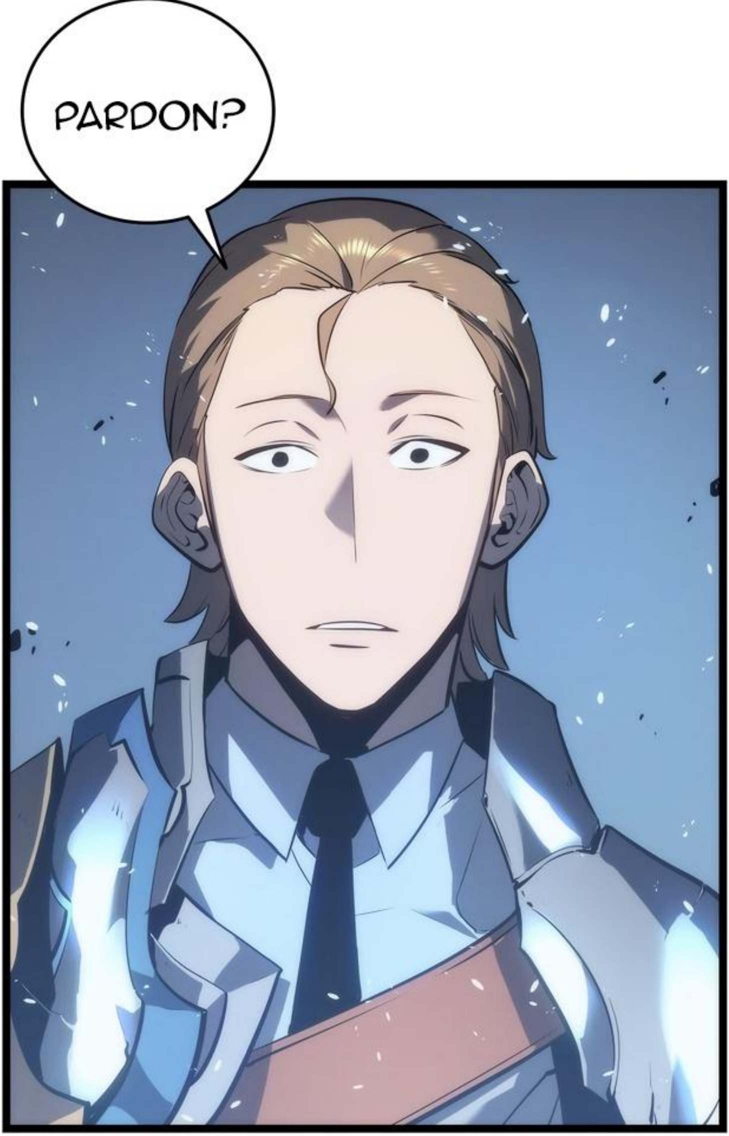



I'VE BEEN ORDERED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO OBSERVE YOUR RAID.
HE WANTS TO KNOW IF THIS REALLY IS A SAFE IDEA.

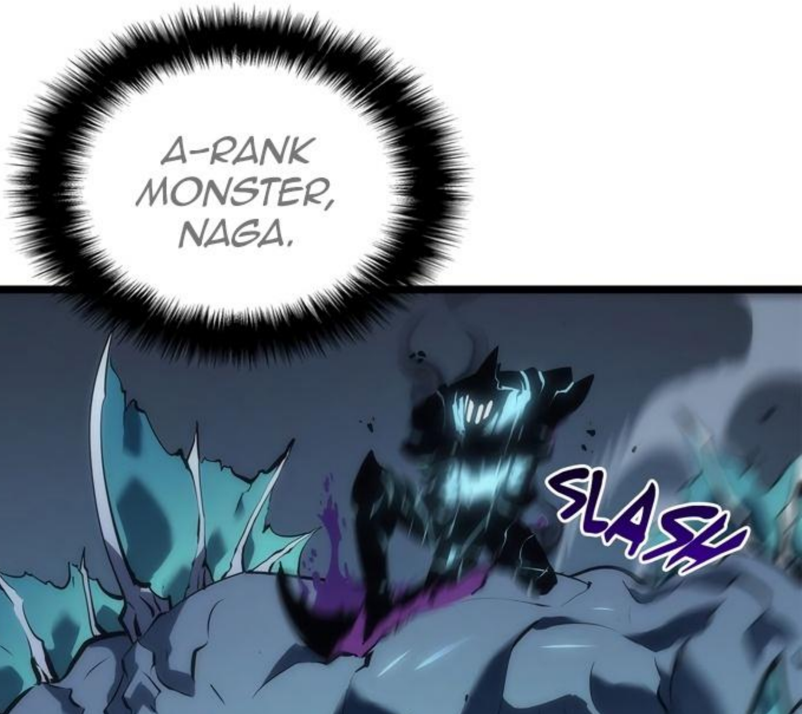


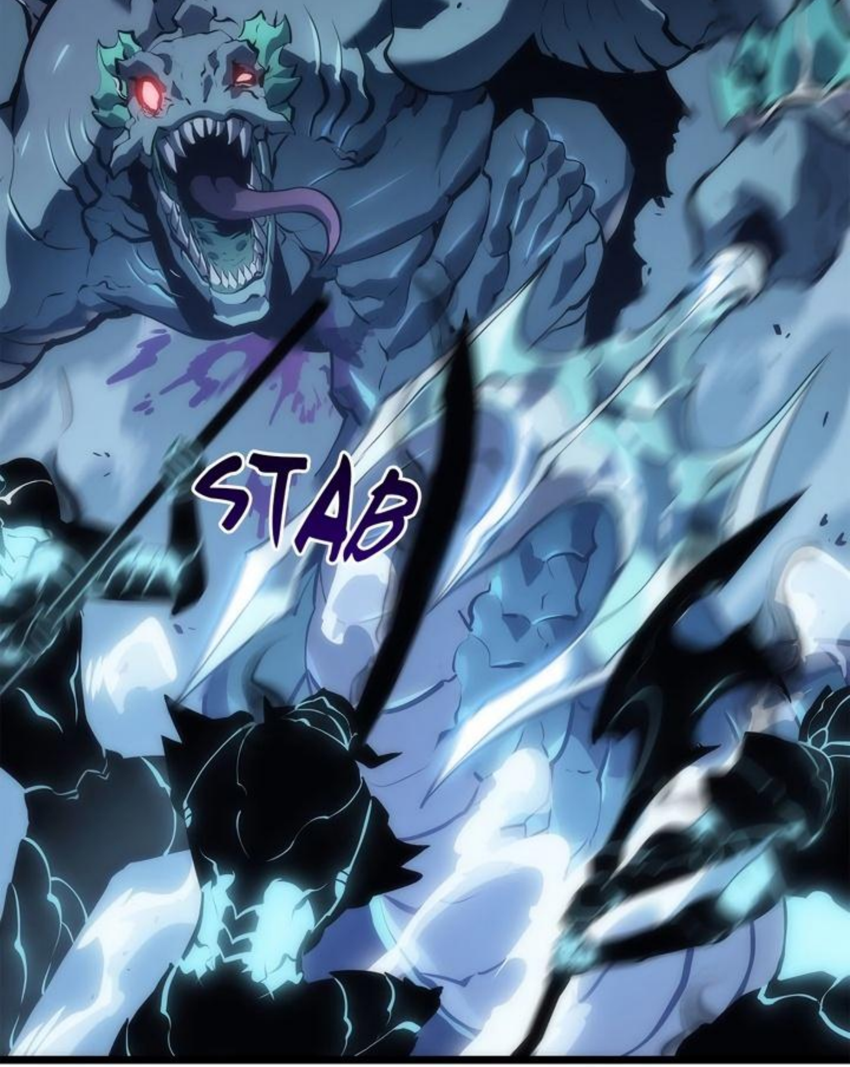

SO WILL IT BE OKAY IF I ACCOMPANY YOU AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSPECTION TEAM? JUST FOR TODAY.
WOULD YOU REALLY BE OKAY, CHIEF

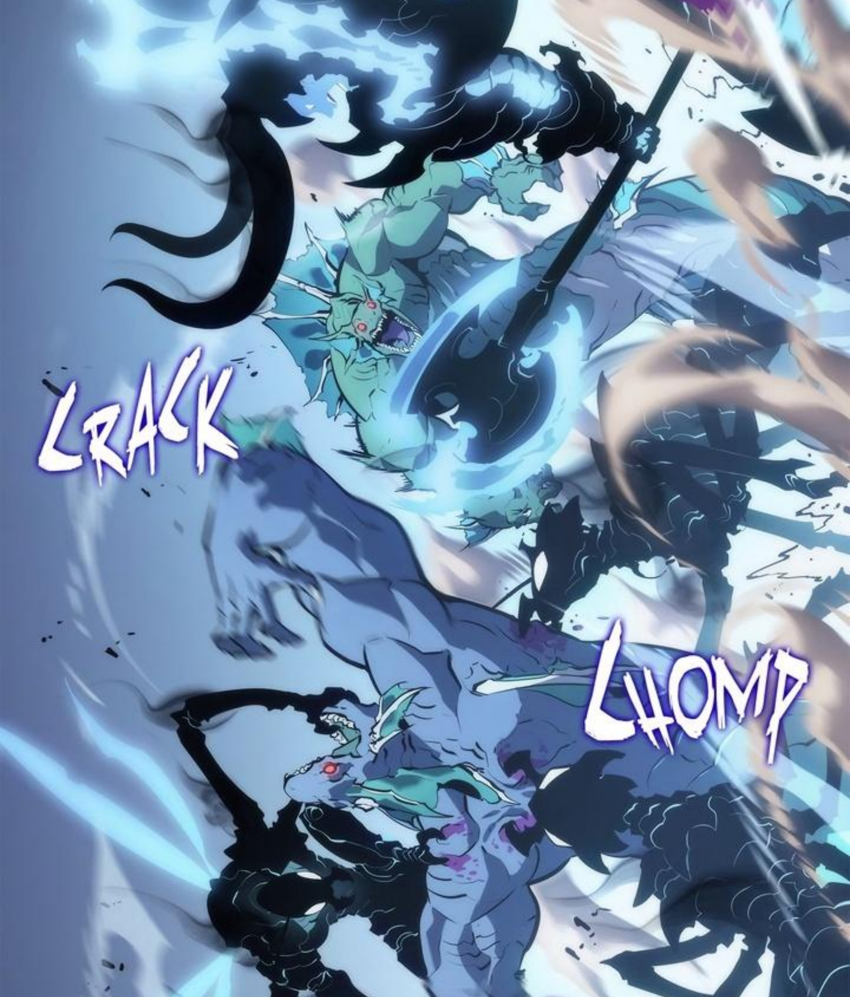




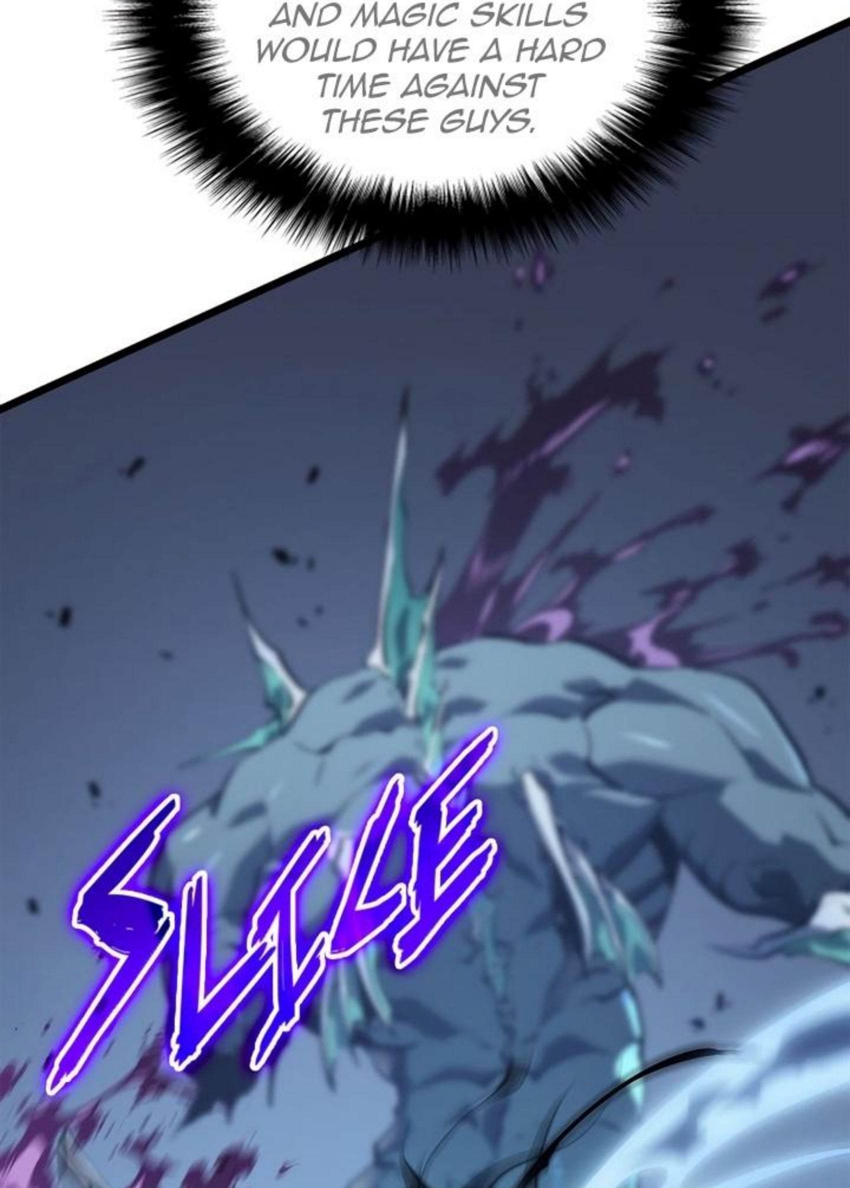
A FEW MINUTES LATER...

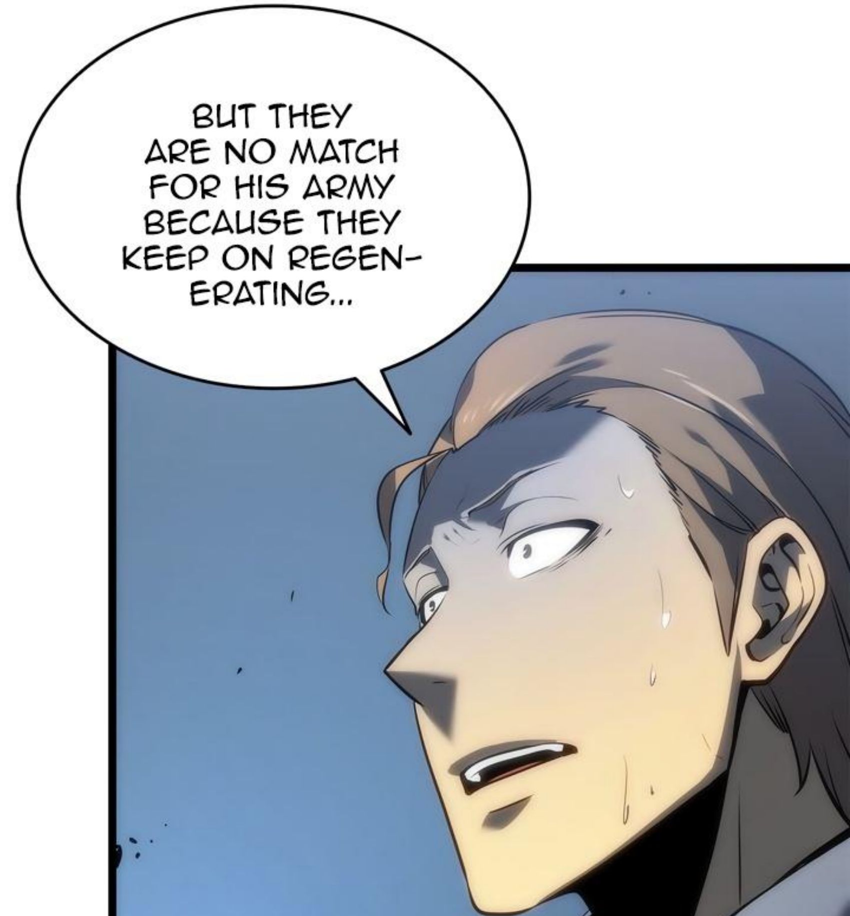

A-RANK MONSTER, NAGA.
SLASH




CRACK
CHOMP

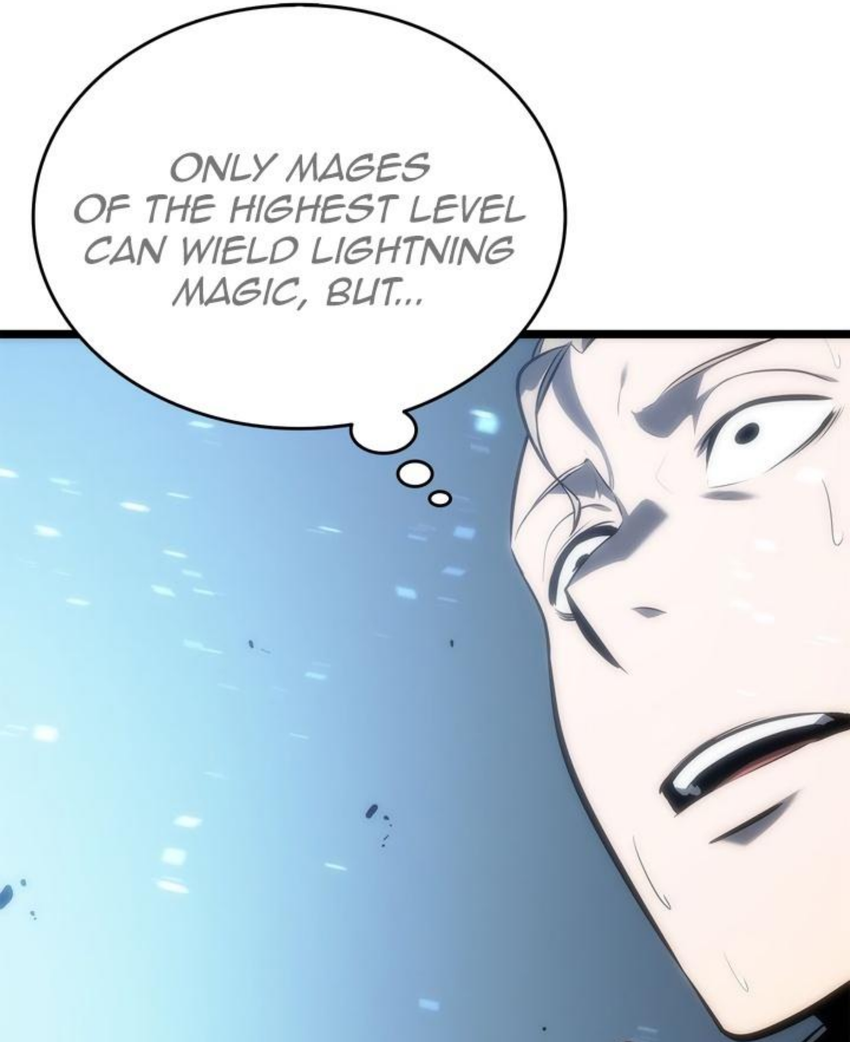
EVEN VETERAN HUNTERS WHO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL COMBAT


AND MAGIC SKILLS WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME AGAINST THESE GUYS.
SLICE


BUT THEY ARE NO MATCH FOR HIS ARMY BECAUSE THEY KEEP ON REGENERATING...

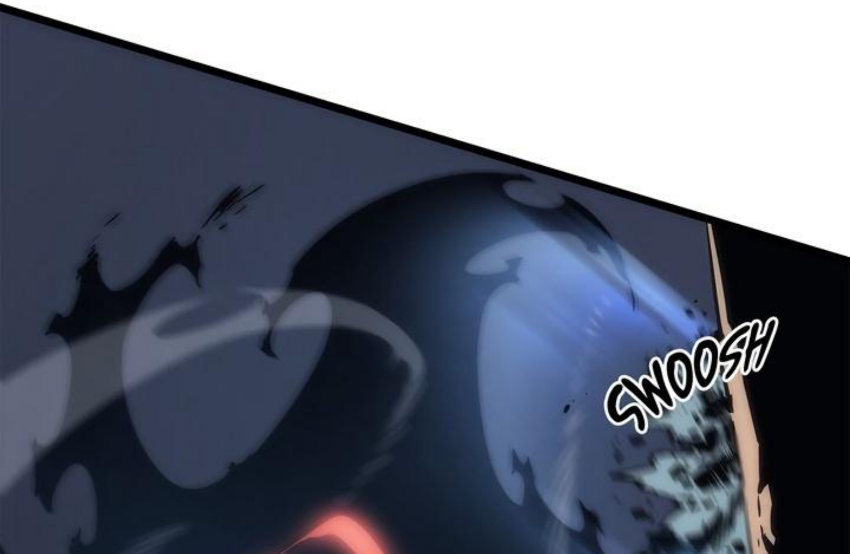
THAT ONE IS ESPECIALLY POWERFUL...

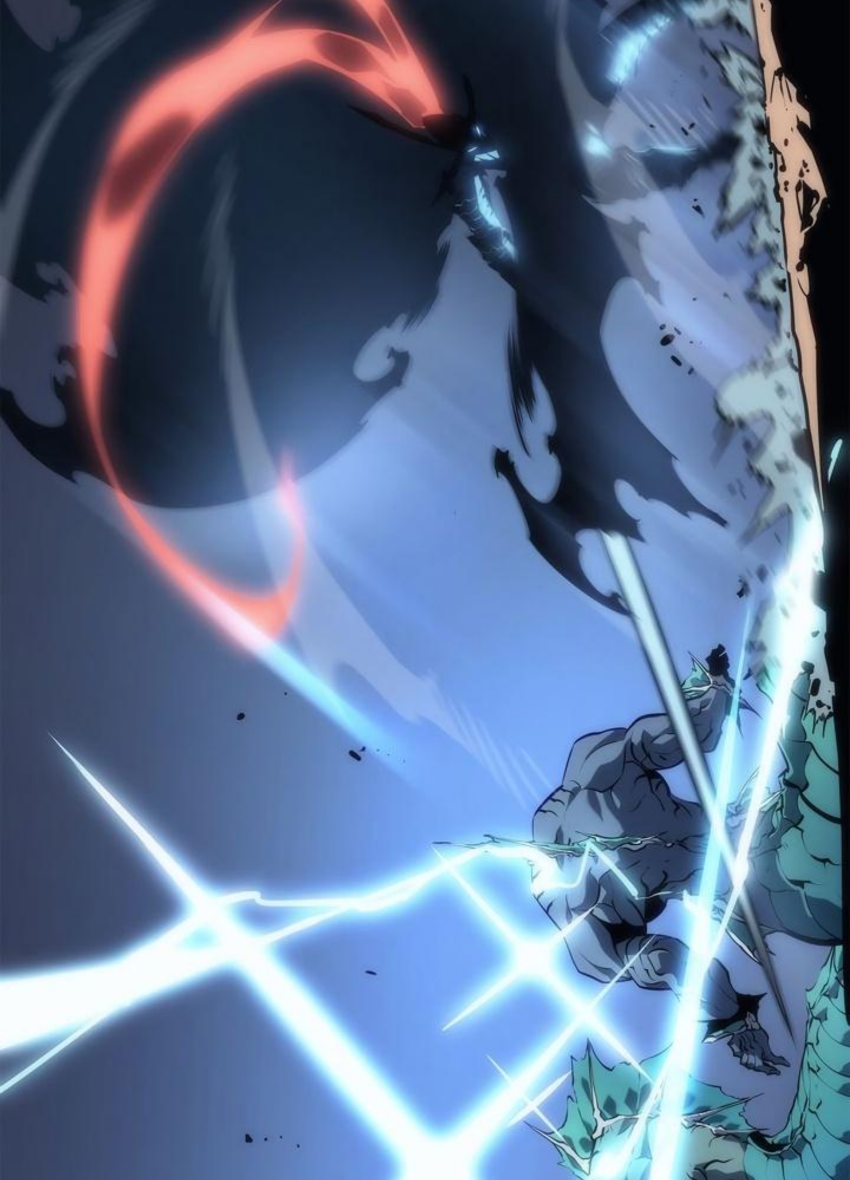
ZZZZZZZZZ


ONLY MAGES OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL CAN WIELD LIGHTNING MAGIC, BUT...

...A SPARK IS CREATED EVERY TIME IT SWINGS IT'S SWORD.

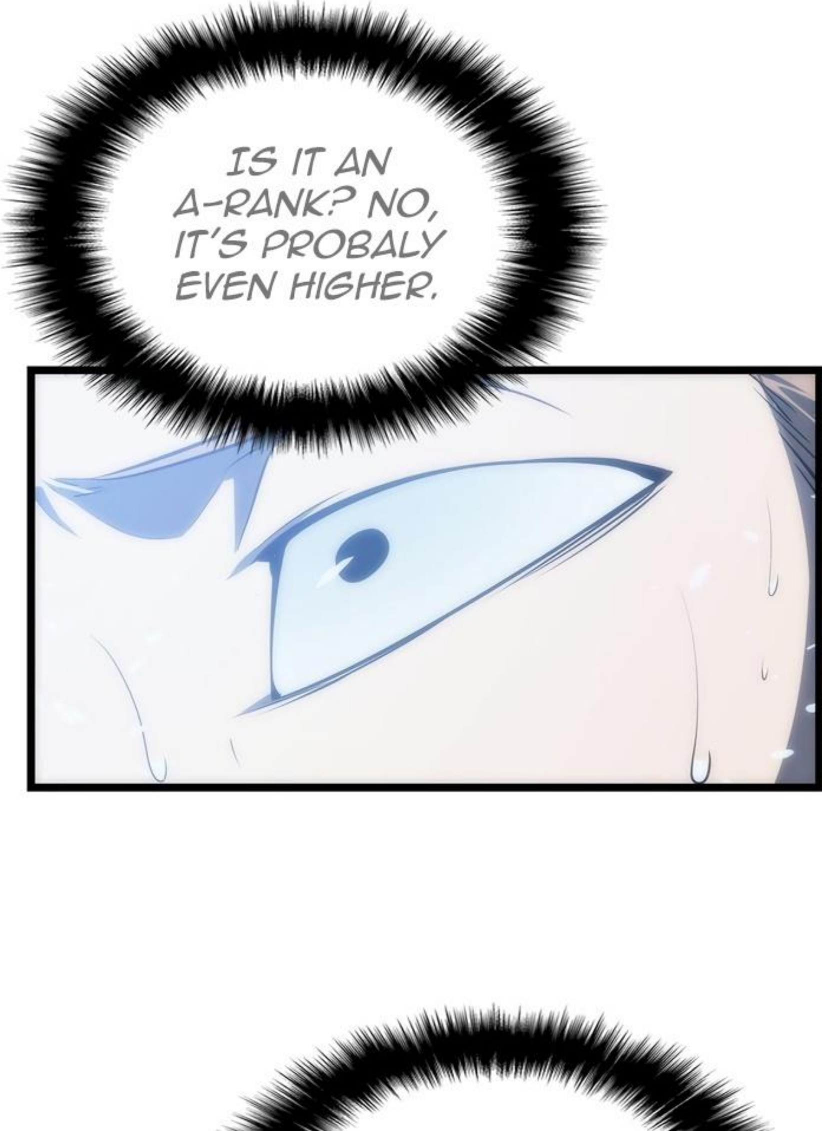
VWOOOOO

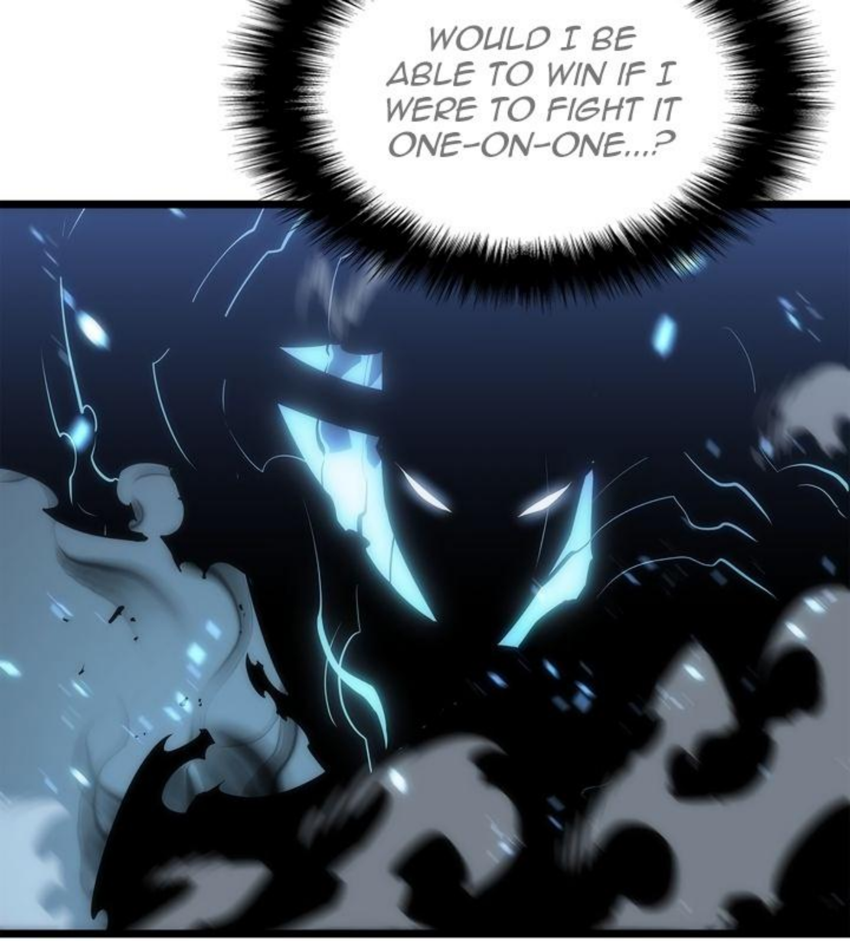

SWOOSH

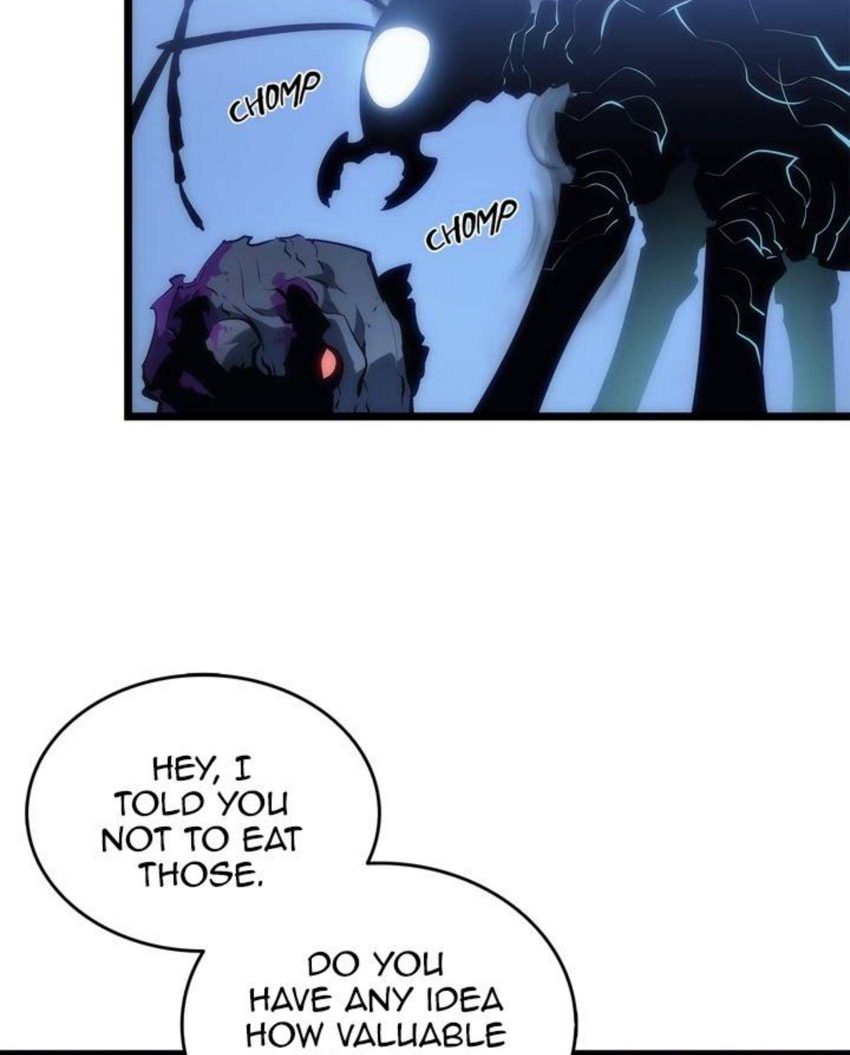


BOOO

OM


IS IT AN A-RANK? NO, IT'S PROBALY EVEN HIGHER.


WOULD I BE ABLE TO WIN IF I WERE TO FIGHT IT ONE-ON-ONE...?


CHOMP
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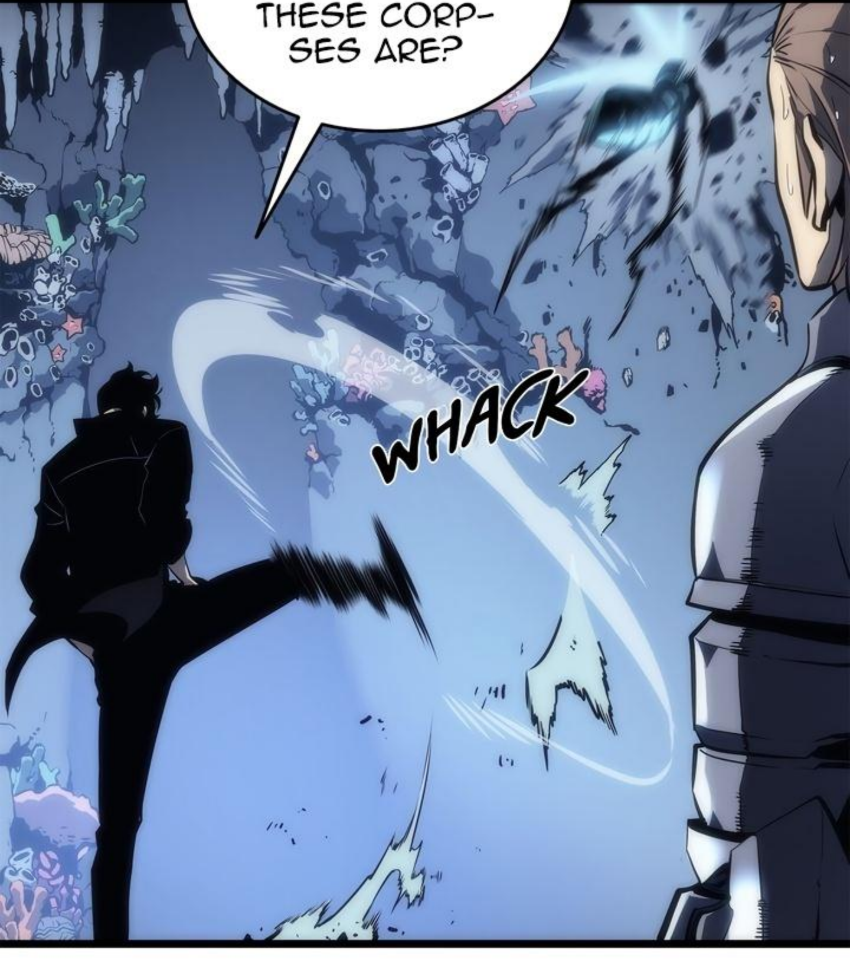
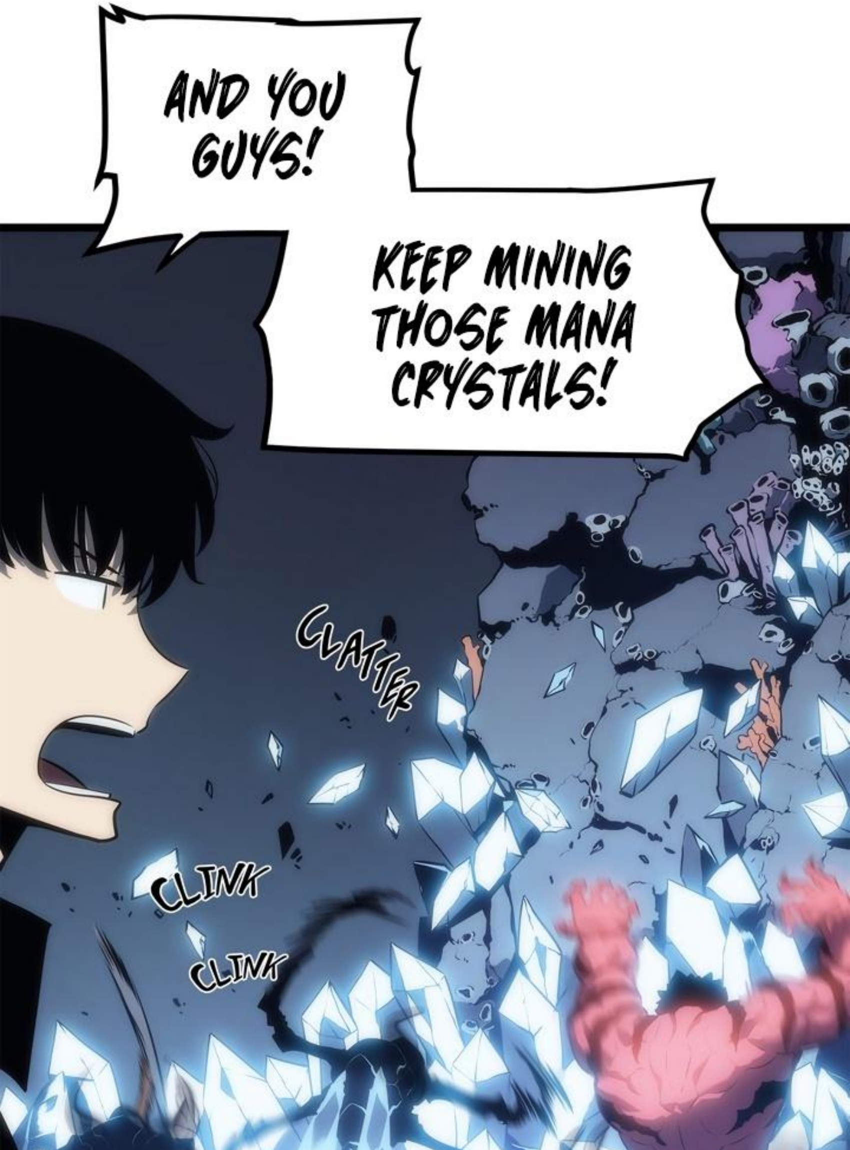
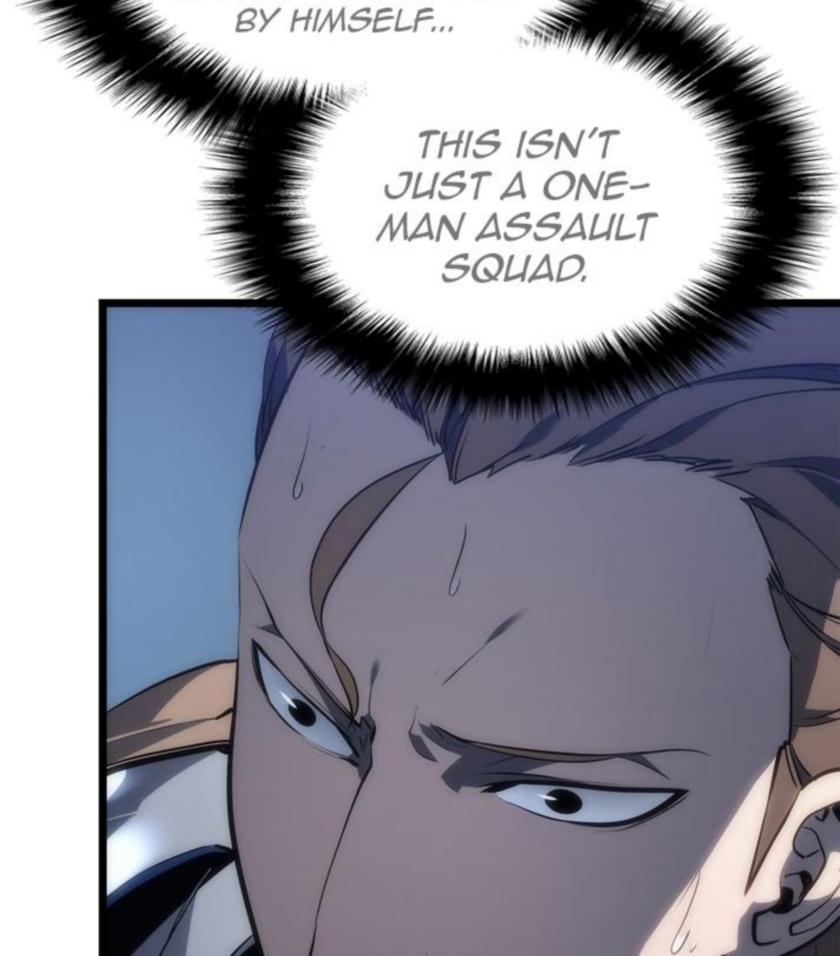
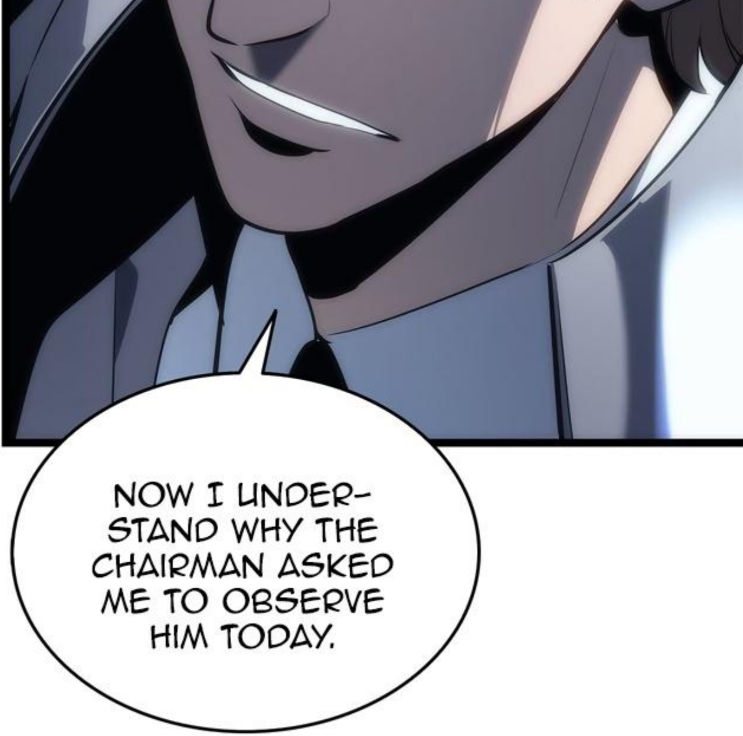
HEY, I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT THOSE.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW VALUABLE

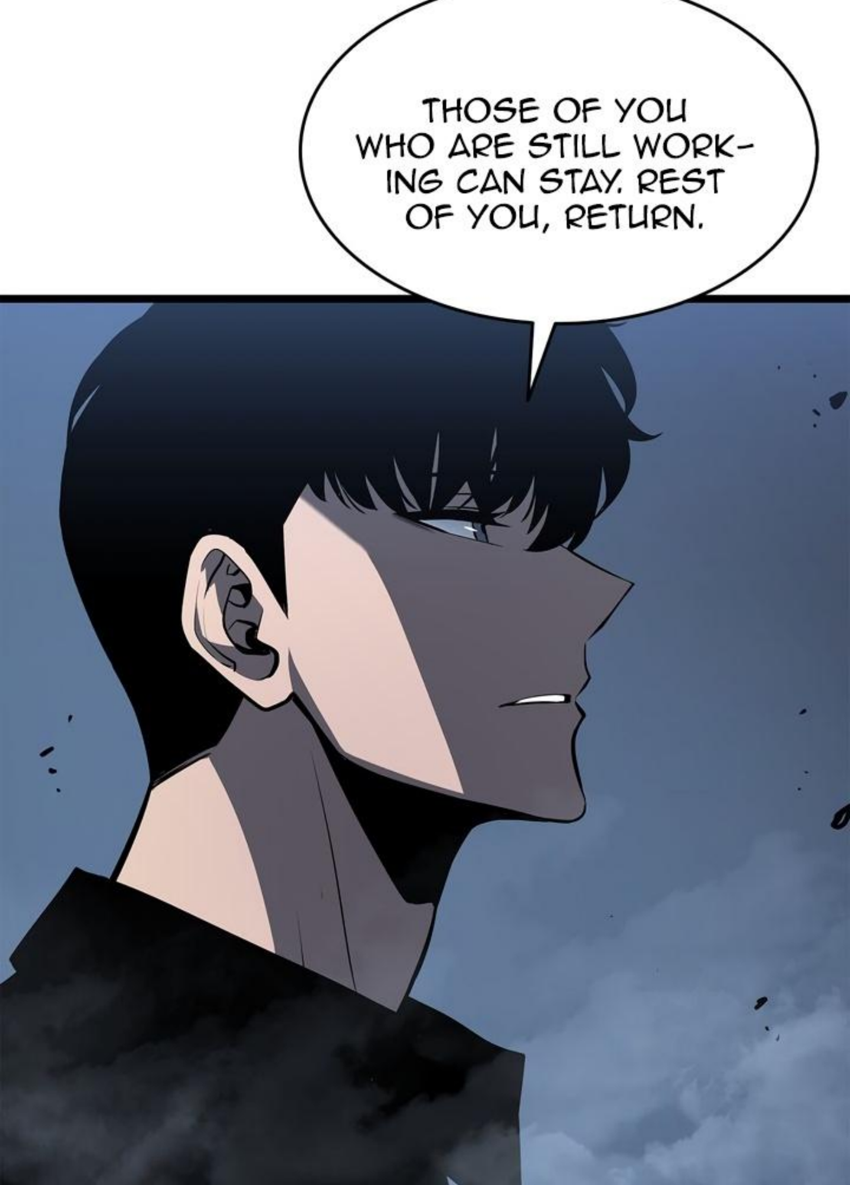

THESE CORPSES ARE?
WHACK


AND YOU GUYS!
KEEP MINING THOSE MANA CRYSTALS!
CLATTER
CLINK
CLINK

HE'S CAPABLE OF CLEARING AN A-RANK DUNGEON, RETIRIEVING CORPSES, AND MINING MANA CRYSTALS ALL


BY HIMSELF...
THIS ISN'T JUST A ONE-MAN ASSAULT SQUAD.


NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THE CHAIRMAN ASKED ME TO OBSERVE HIM TODAY.


THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE STILL WORKING CAN STAY. REST OF YOU, RETURN.

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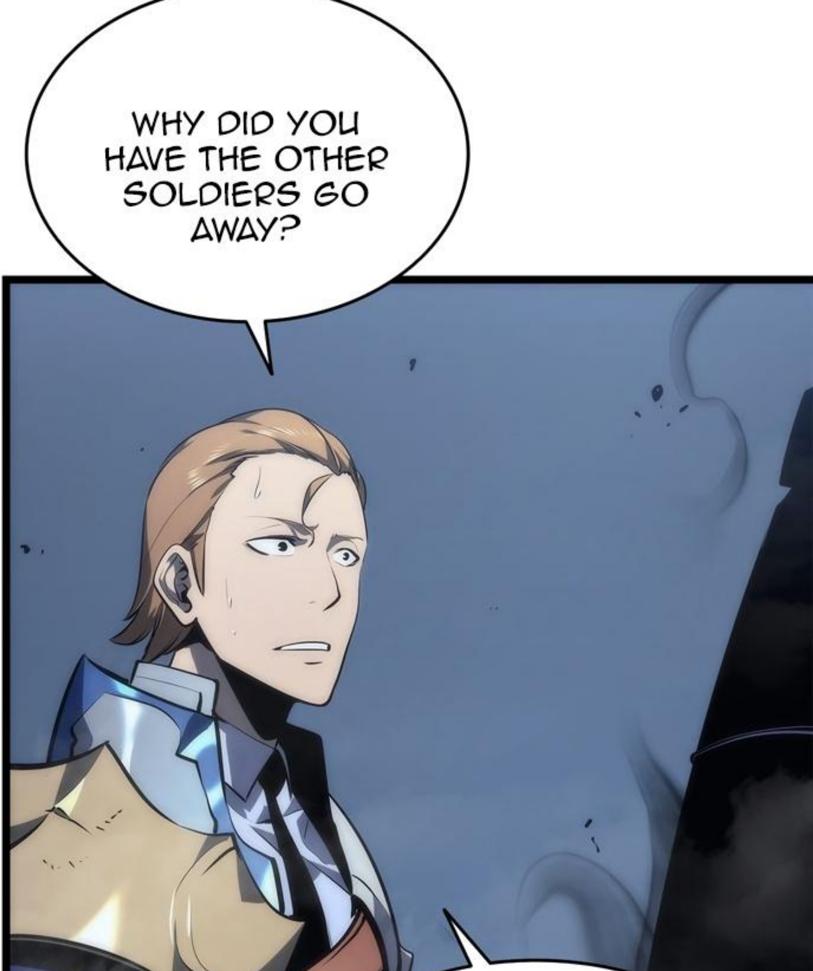
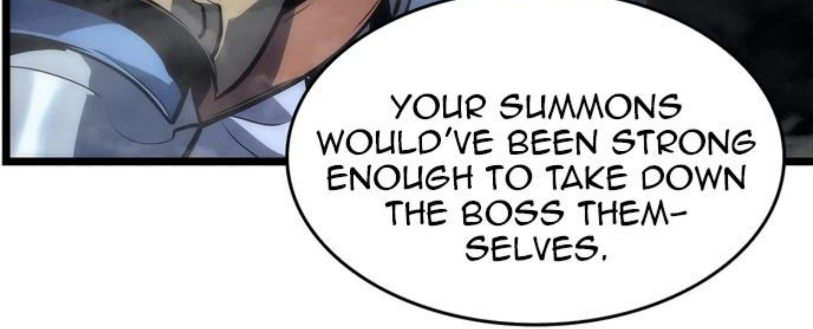
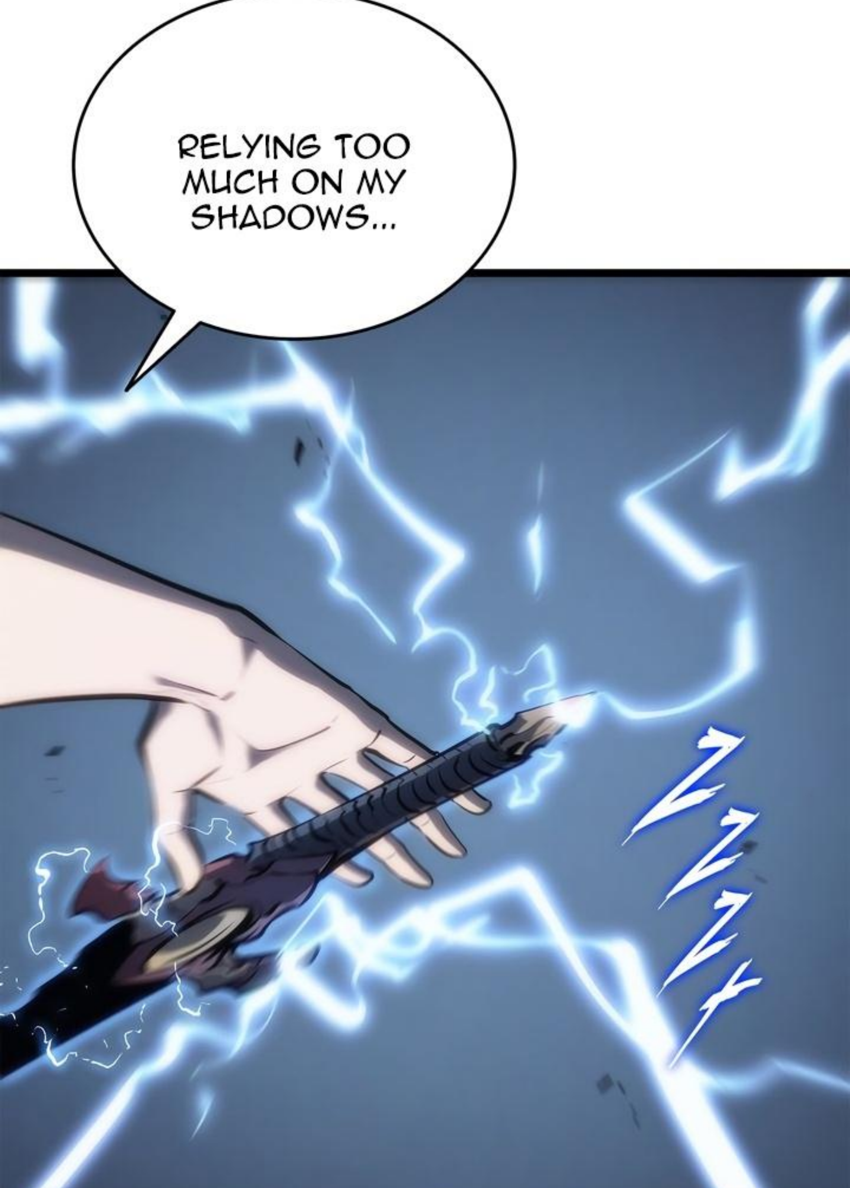
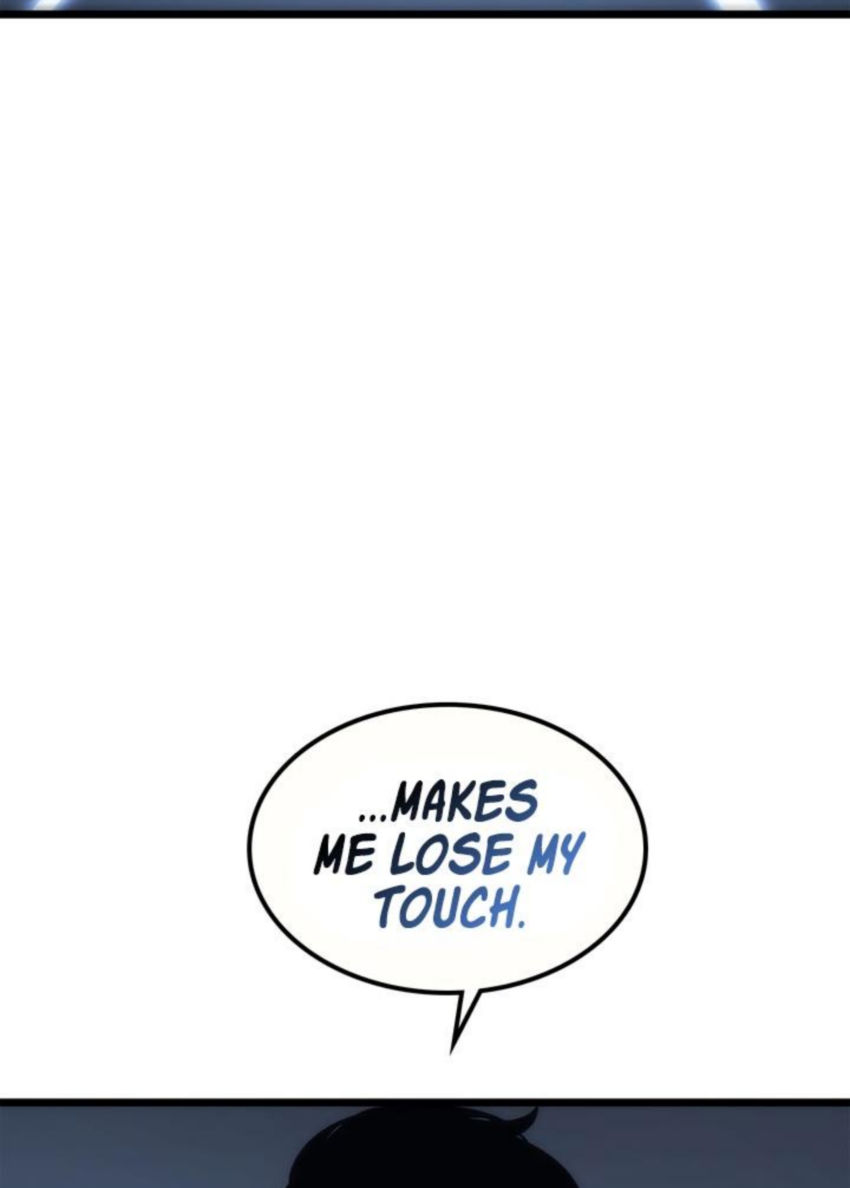
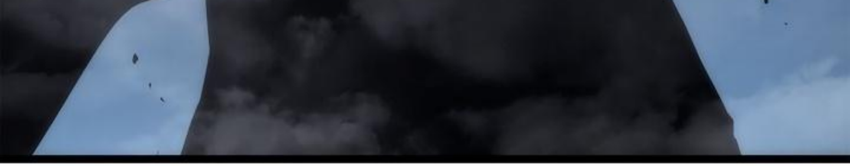
SHWWP


WHY DID YOU HAVE THE OTHER SOLDIERS GO AWAY?


YOUR SUMMONS WOULD'VE BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN THE BOSS THEMSELVES.


RELYING TOO MUCH ON MY SHADOWS...
ZZZZ


...MAKES ME LOSE MY TOUCH.



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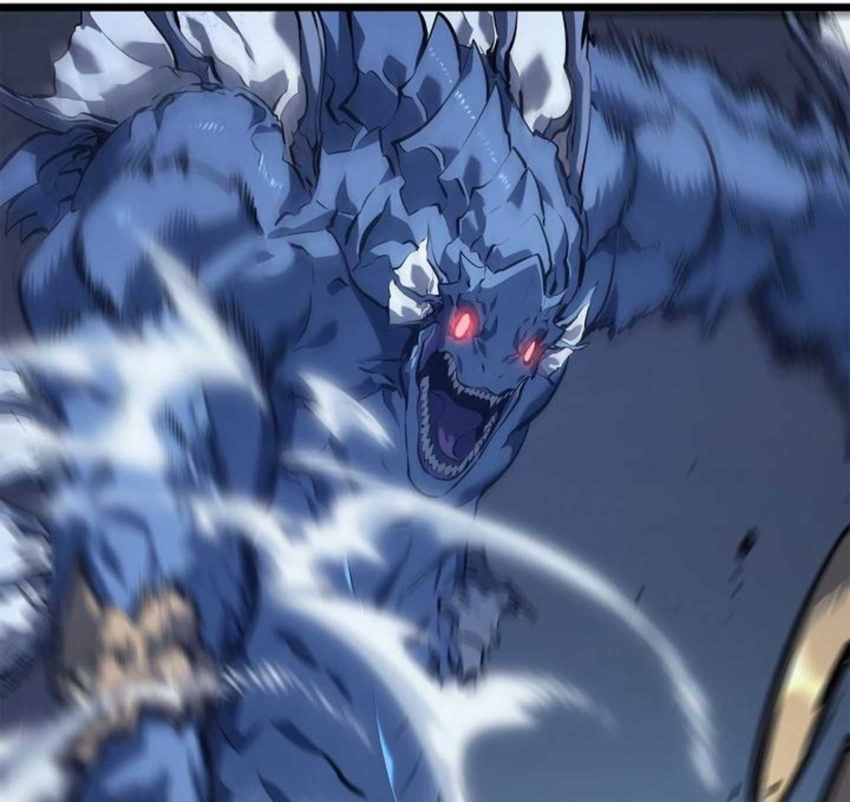
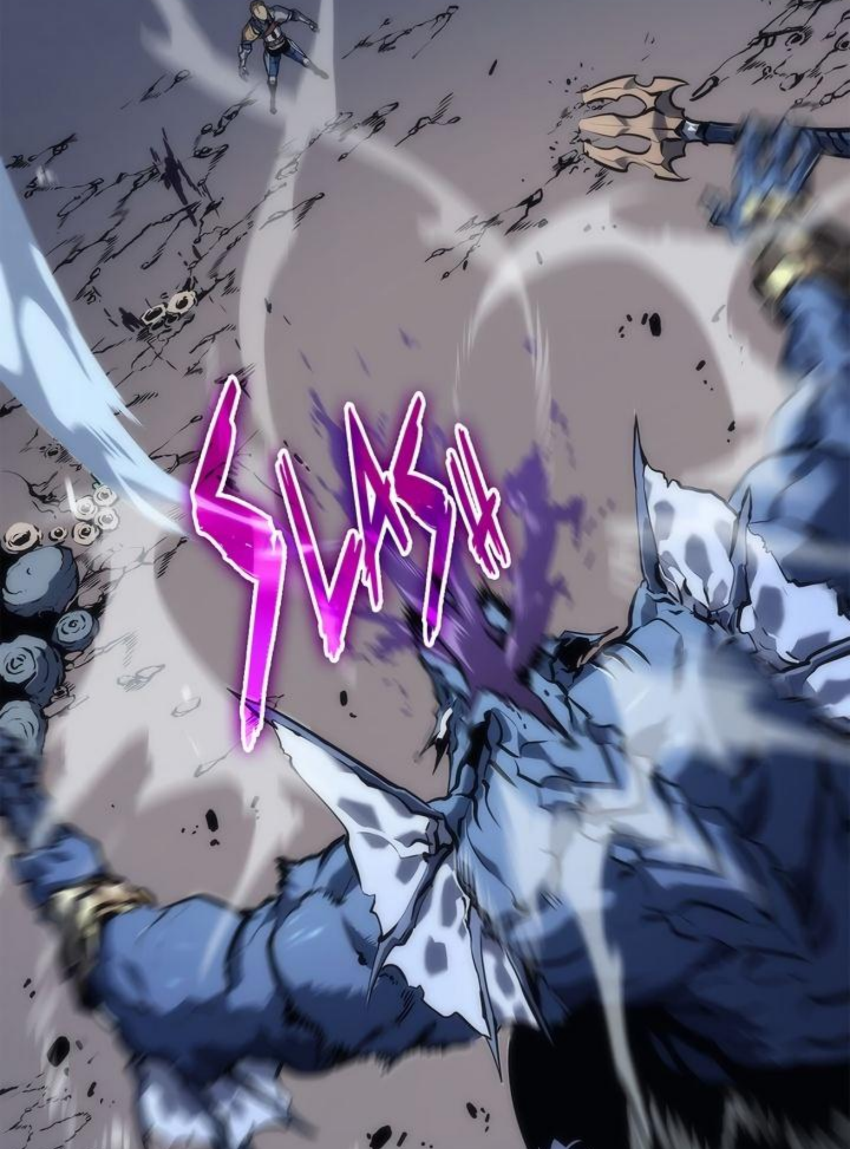
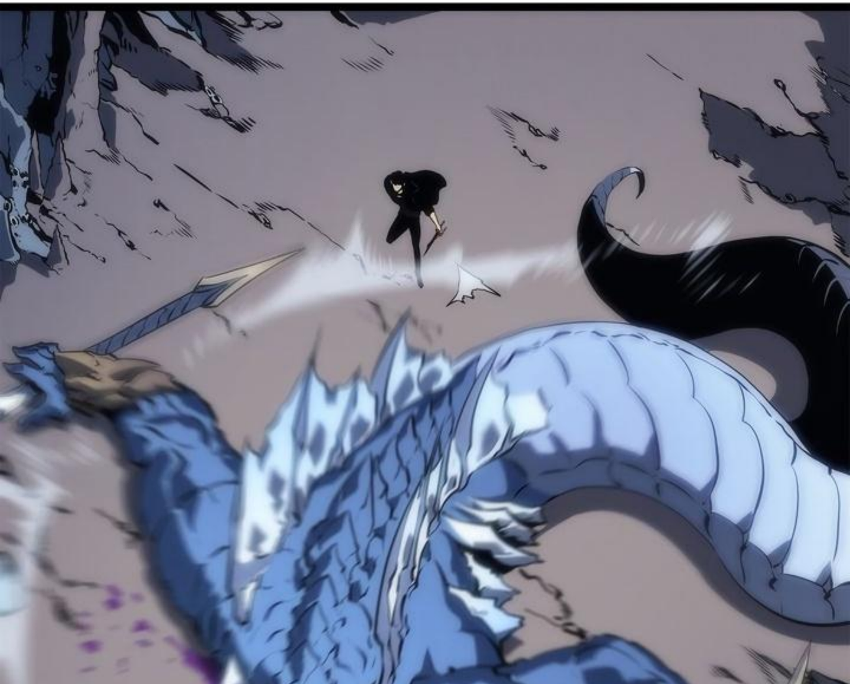
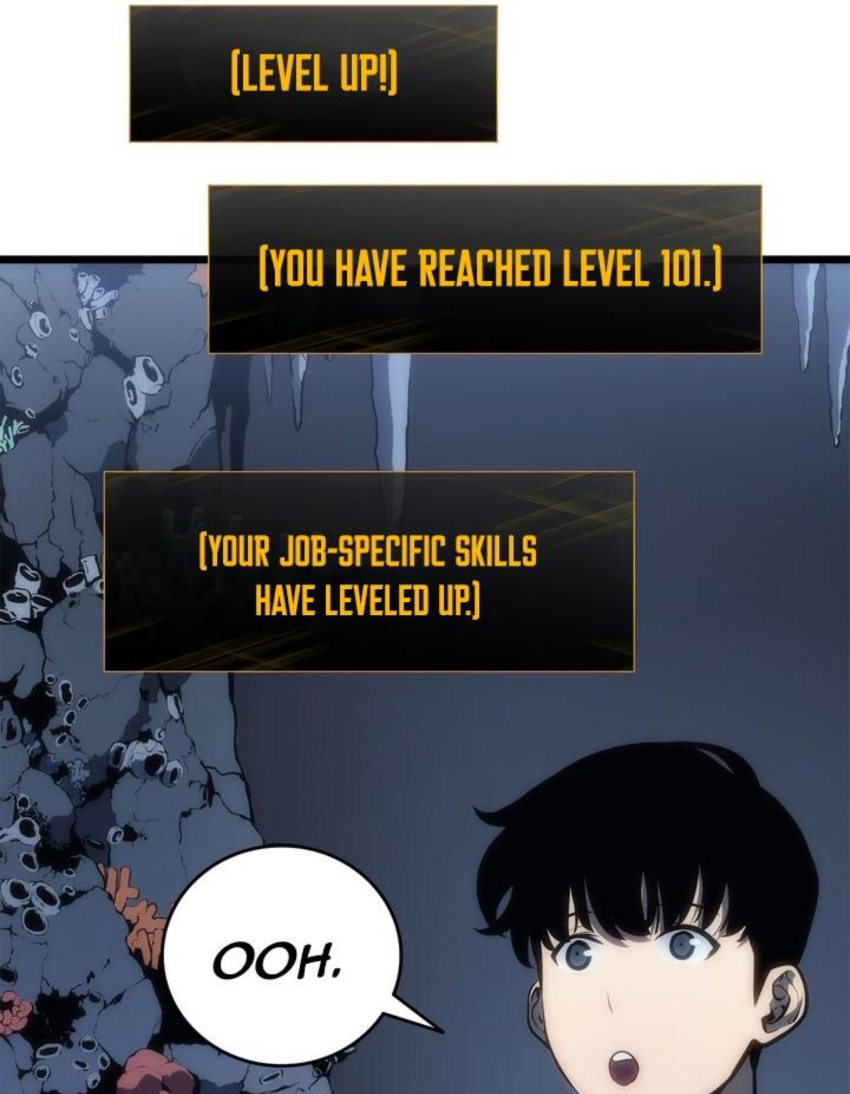
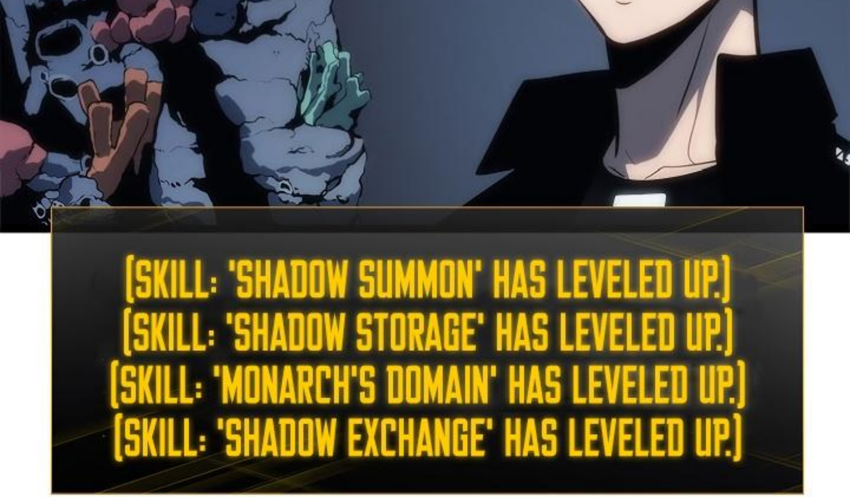


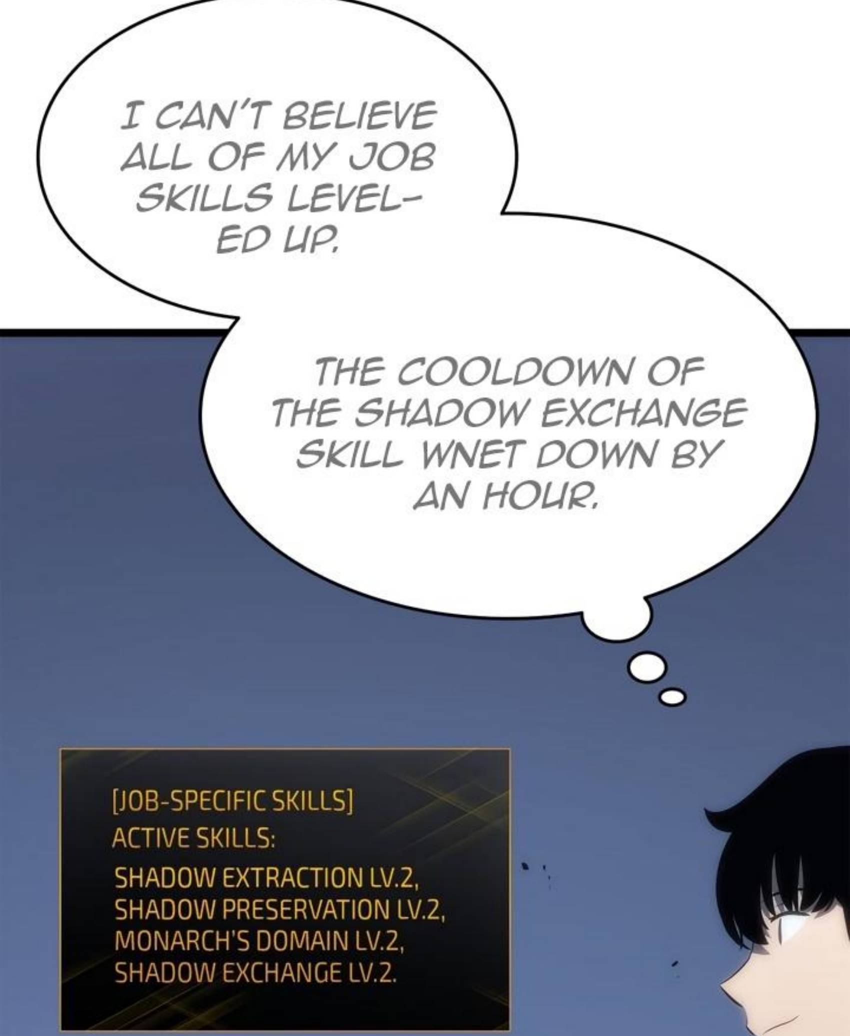


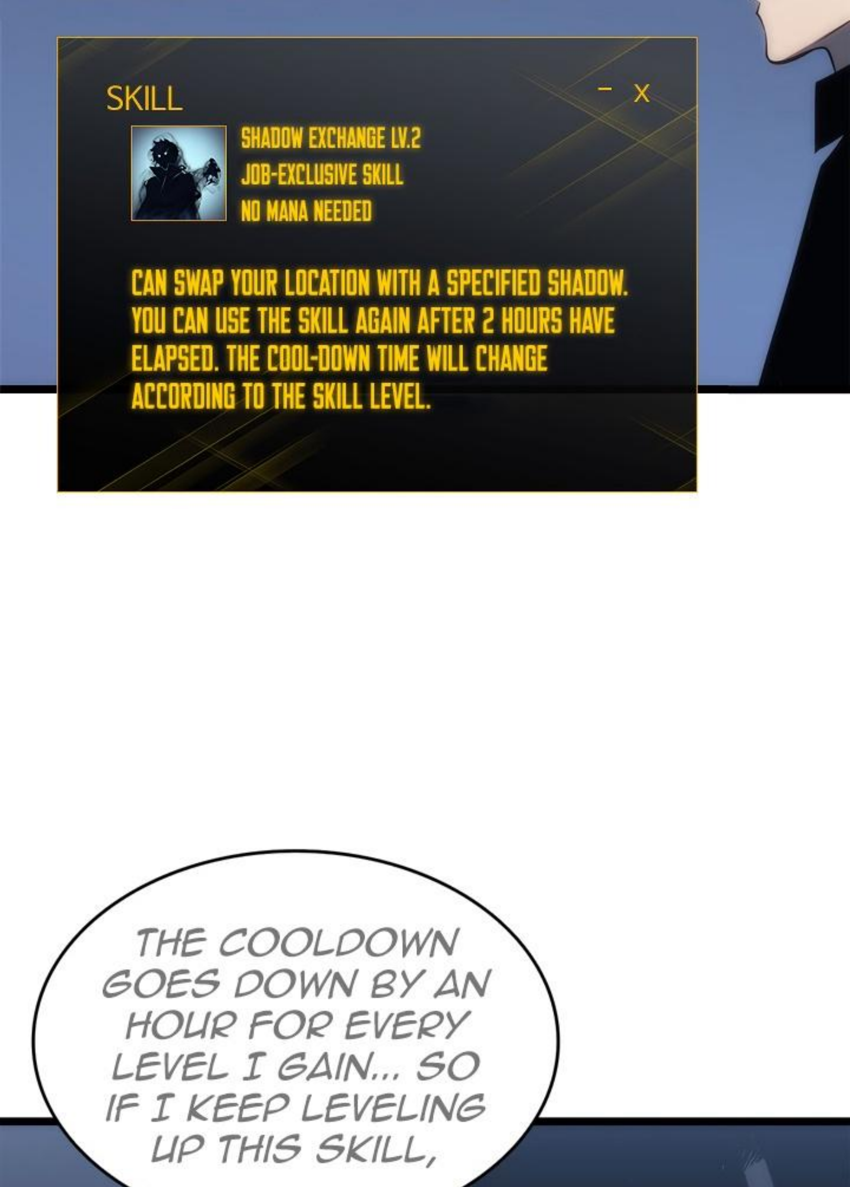
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE DUNGEON BOSS.]

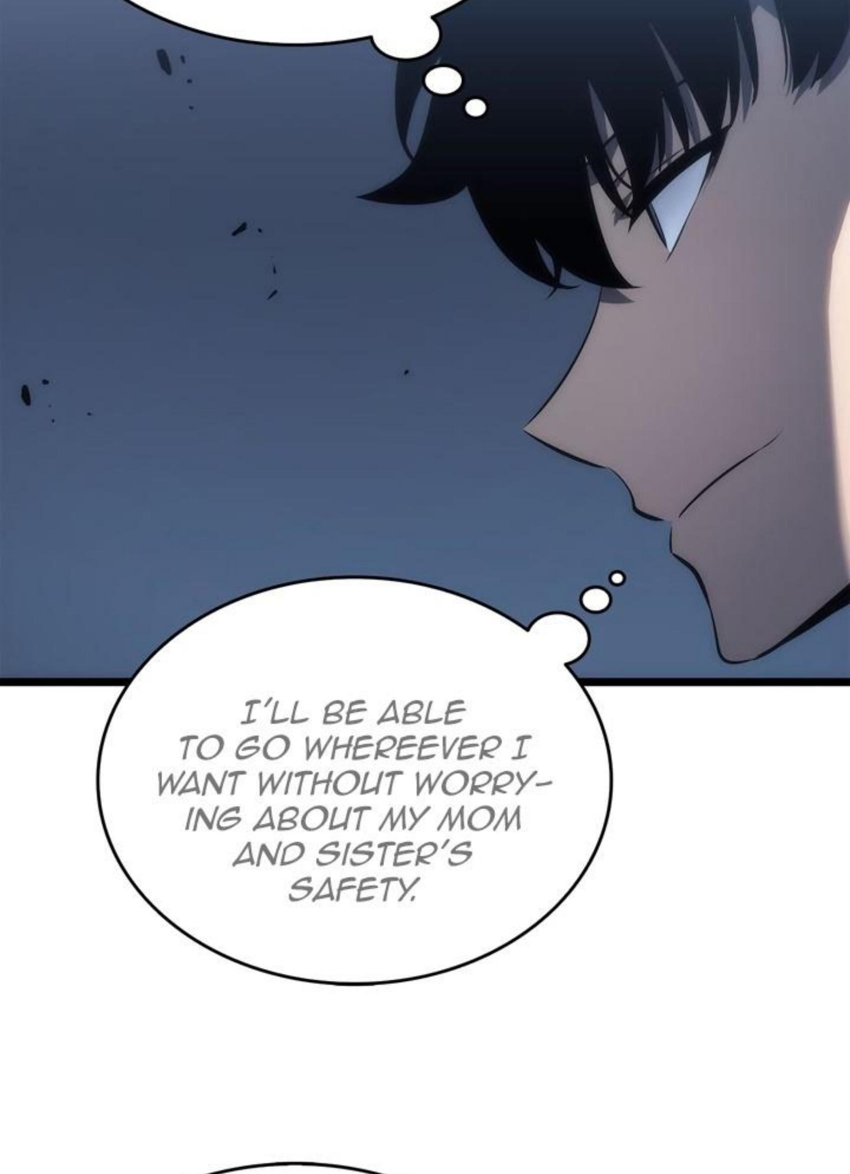


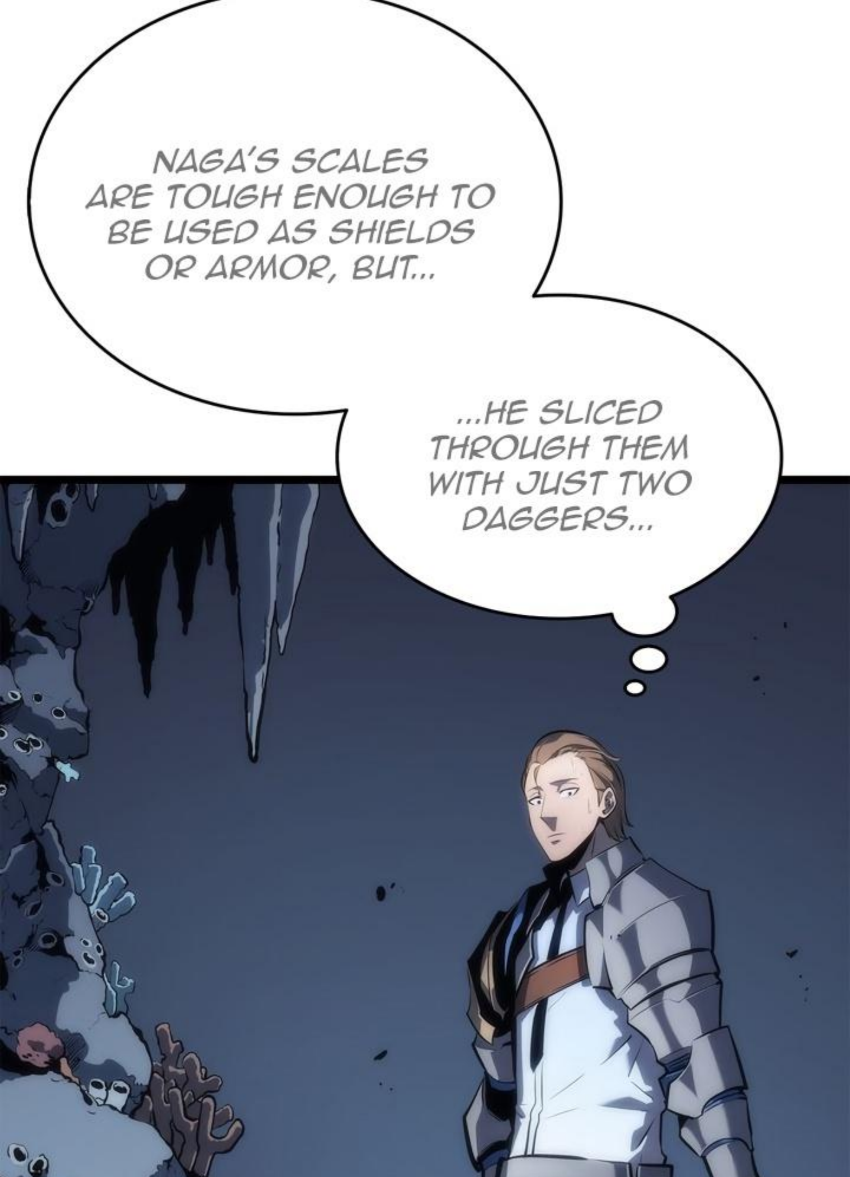

[LEVEL UP!]
[YOU HAVE REACHED LEVEL 101.]
[YOUR JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS HAVE LEVELED UP.]
OOH.

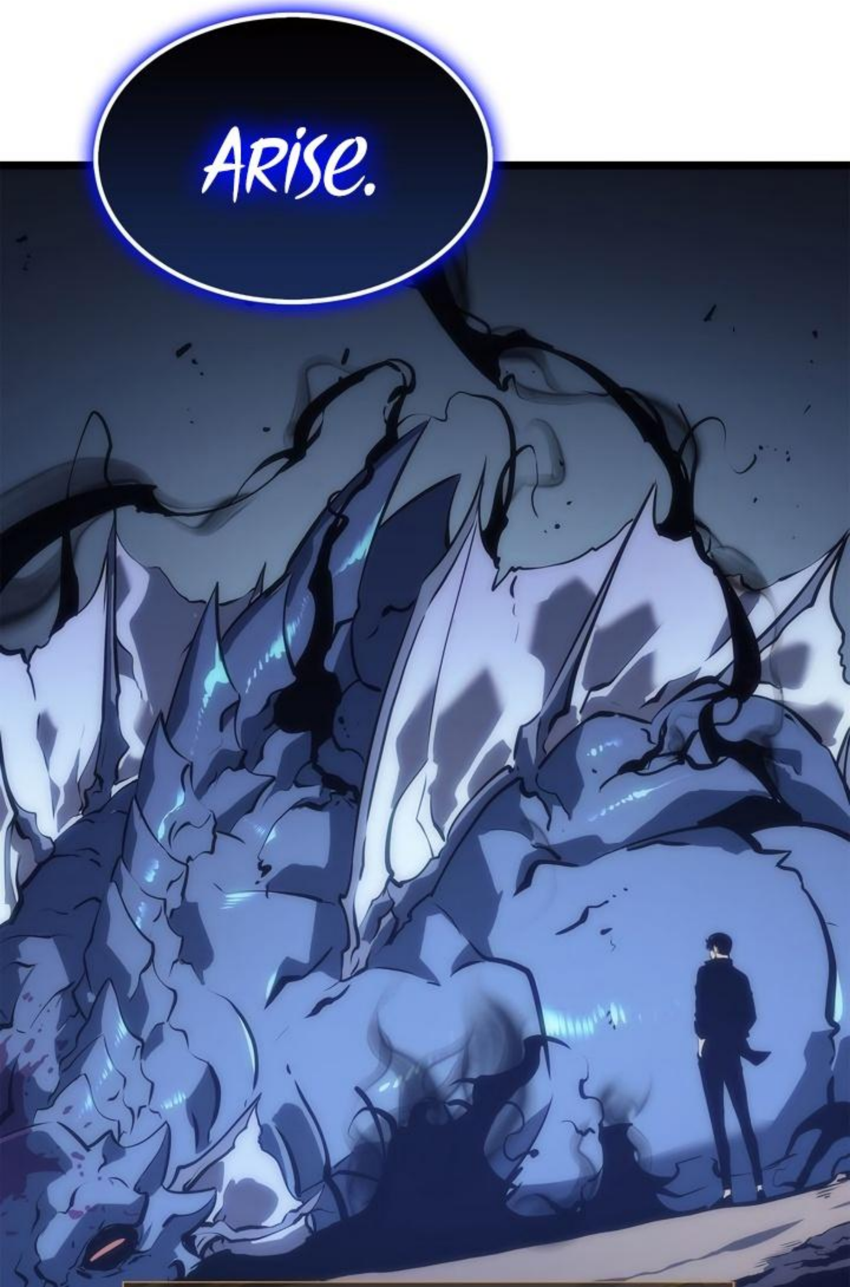

(SKILL: 'SHADOW SUMMON' HAS LEVELED UP.)
(SKILL: 'SHADOW STORAGE' HAS LEVELED UP.)
(SKILL: 'MONARCH'S DOMAIN' HAS LEVELED UP.)
(SKILL: 'SHADOW EXCHANGE' HAS LEVELED UP.)


I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL OF MY JOB SKILLS LEVELED UP.
THE COOLDOWN OF THE SHADOW EXCHANGE SKILL WNET DOWN BY AN HOUR.
[JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS]
ACTIVE SKILLS:
SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.2,
SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.2,
MONARCH'S DOMAIN LV.2,
SHADOW EXCHANGE LV.2.


SKILL
SHADOW EXCHANGE LV.2
JOB-EXCLUSIVE SKILL
NO MANA NEEDED
CAN SWAP YOUR LOCATION WITH A SPECIFIED SHADOW. YOU CAN USE THE SKILL AGAIN AFTER 2 HOURS HAVE ELAPSED. THE COOL-DOWN TIME WILL CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE SKILL LEVEL.
THE COOLDOWN GOES DOWN BY AN HOUR FOR EVERY LEVEL I GAIN... SO IF I KEEP LEVELING UP THIS SKILL,


I'LL BE ABLE TO GO WHEREEVER I WANT WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT MY MOM AND SISTER'S SAFETY.


NAGA'S SCALES ARE TOUGH ENOUGH TO BE USED AS SHIELDS OR ARMOR, BUT...
...HE SLICED THROUGH THEM WITH JUST TWO DAGGERS...

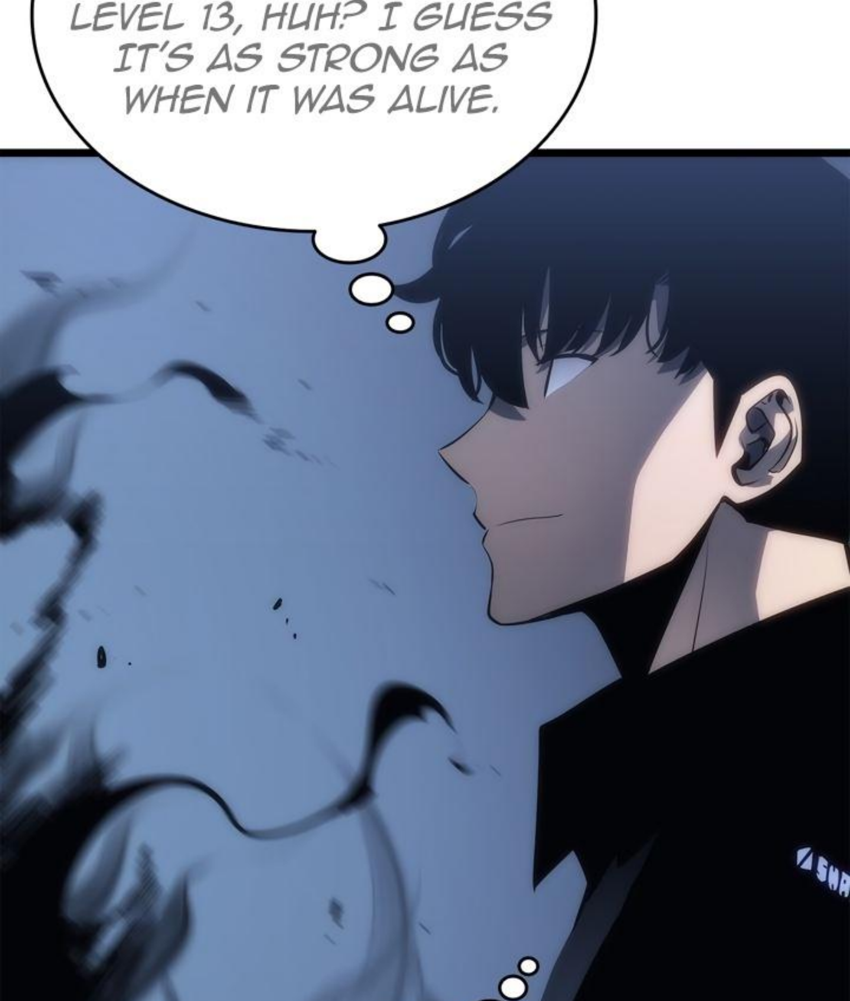


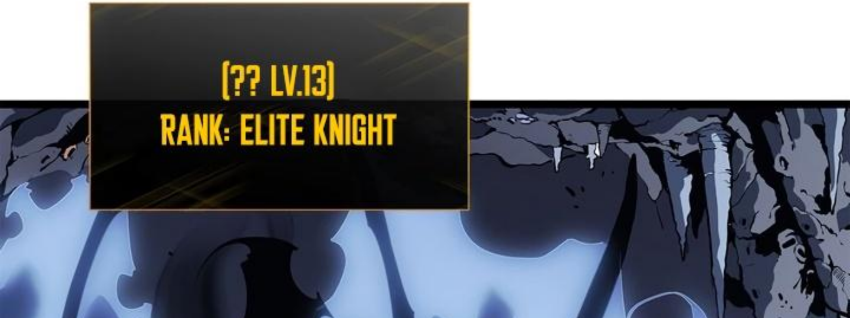
[THE VOICE OF THE MONARCH ROUSES THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE DEAD,]

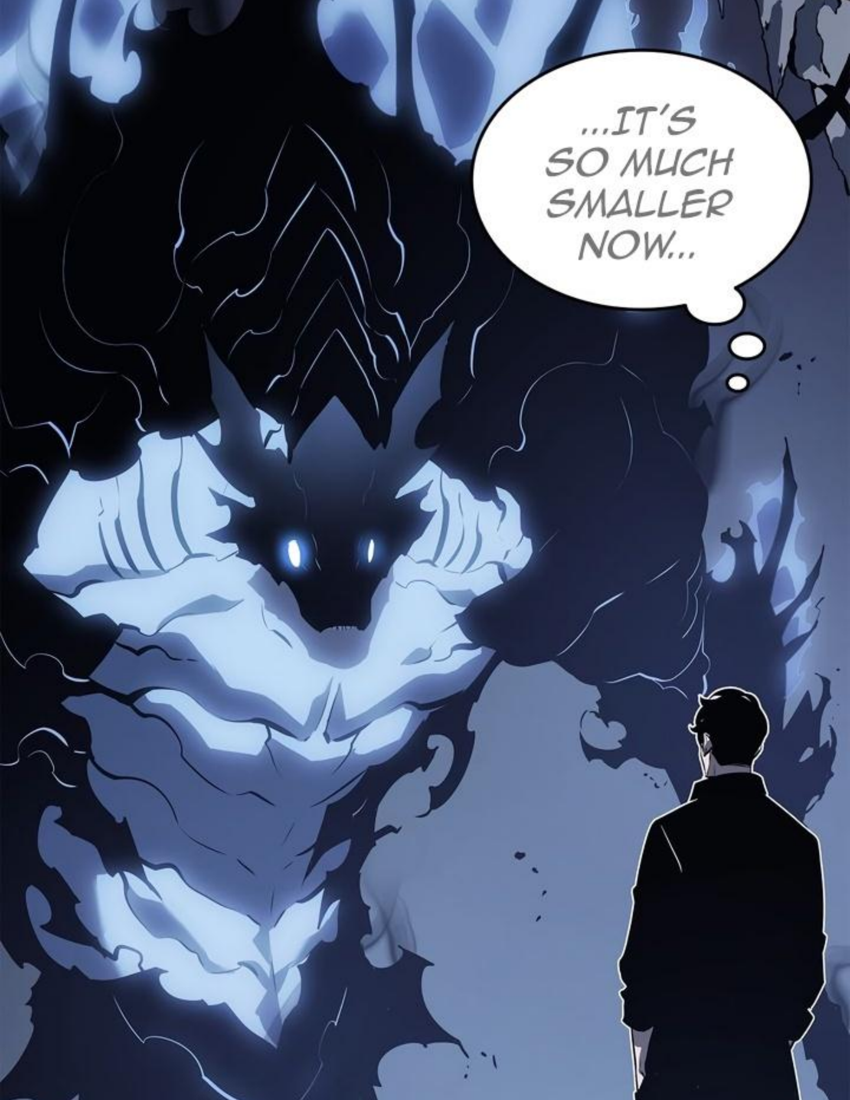
[YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ENHANCED THE SHADOW'S POWER.]

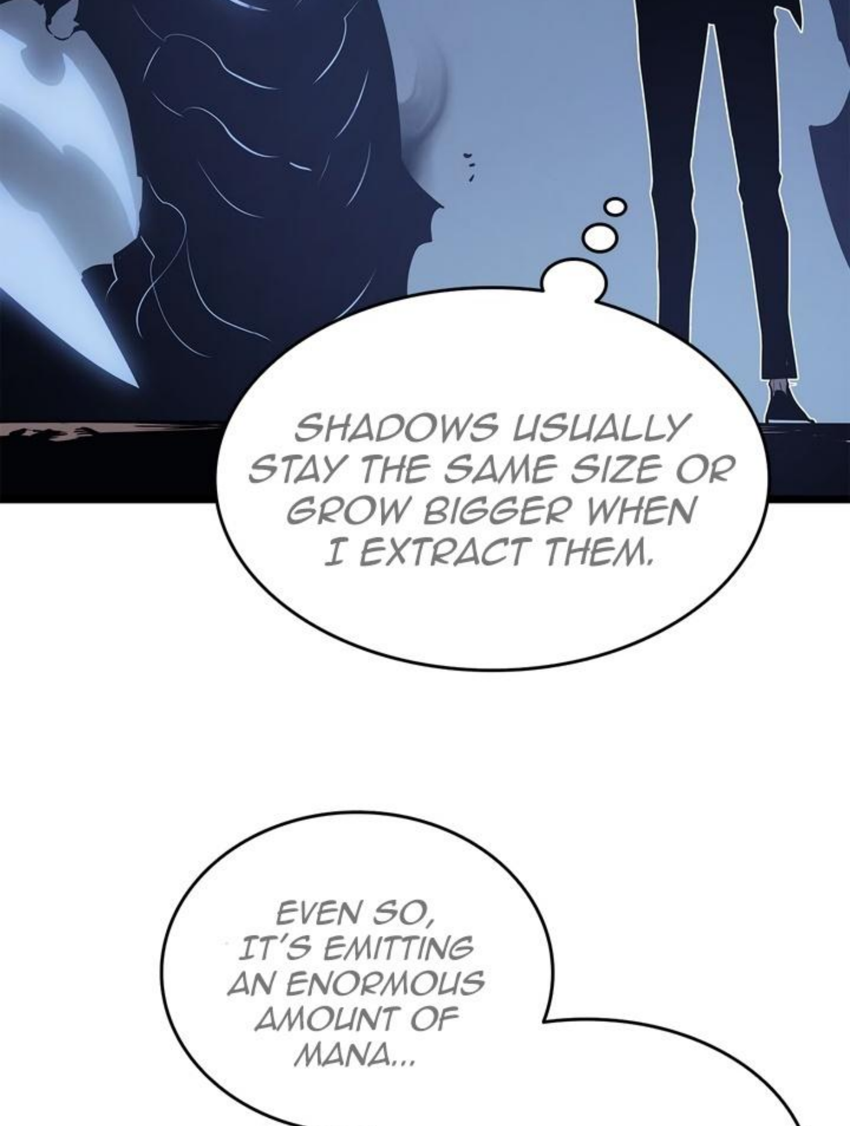
[THE SHADOW WILL START AT LEVEL 13.]

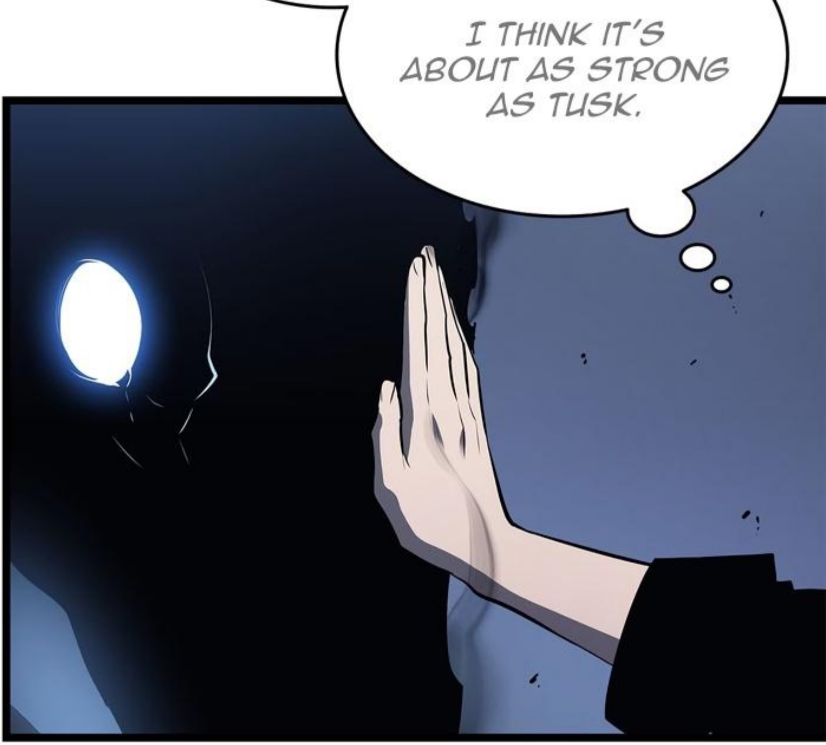
IT'S THE SAME RANK AS TUSK... BUT

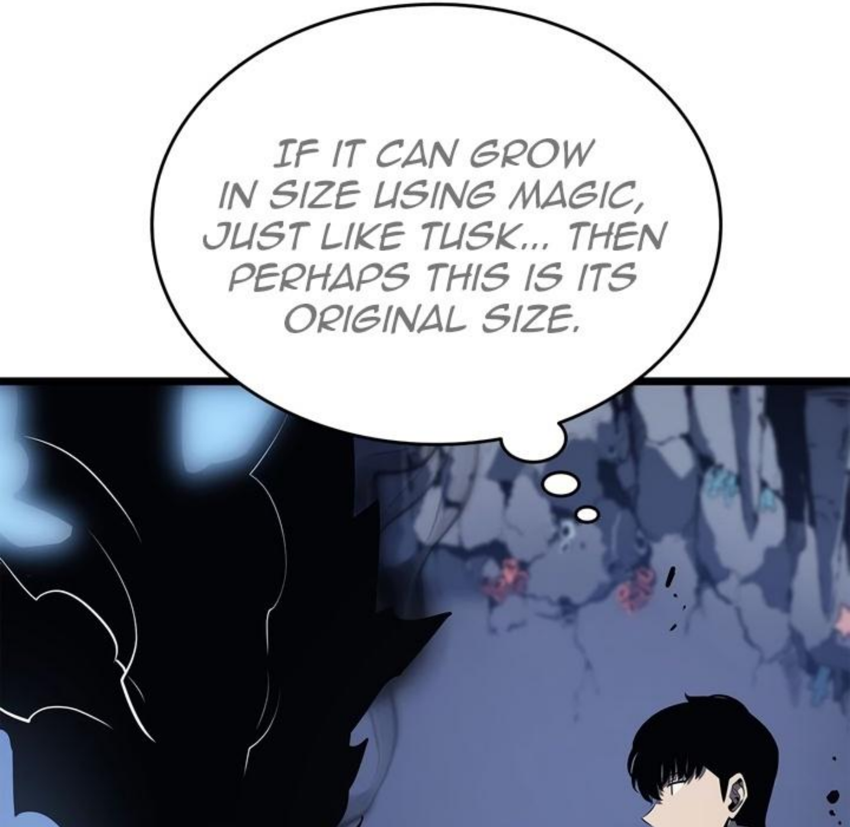

LEVEL 13, HUH? I GUESS IT'S AS STRONG AS WHEN IT WAS ALIVE.

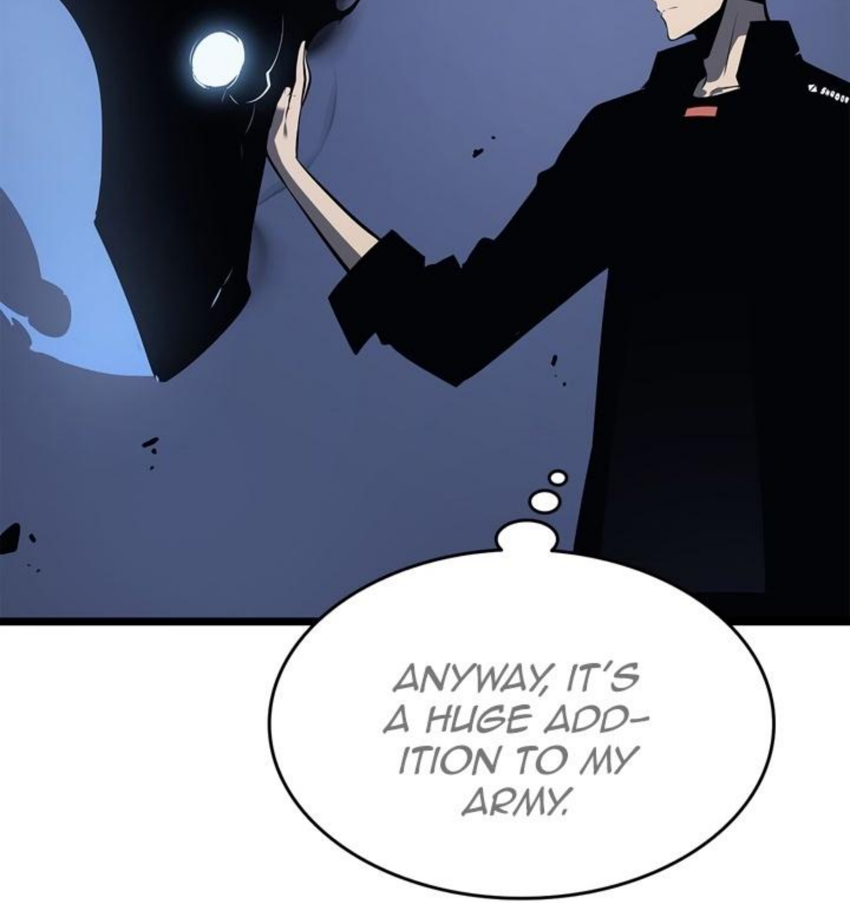

(?? LV.13)
RANK: ELITE KNIGHT

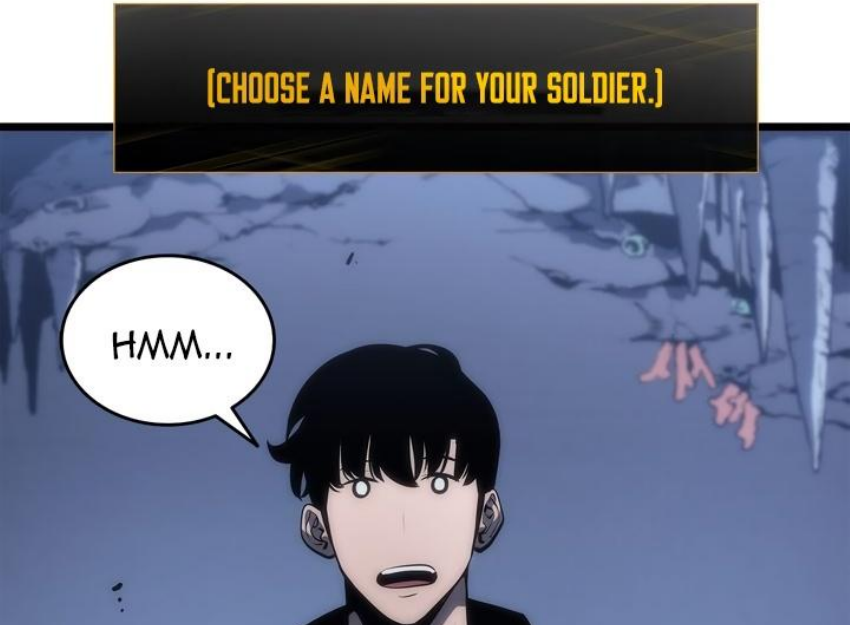

...IT'S SO MUCH SMALLER NOW...

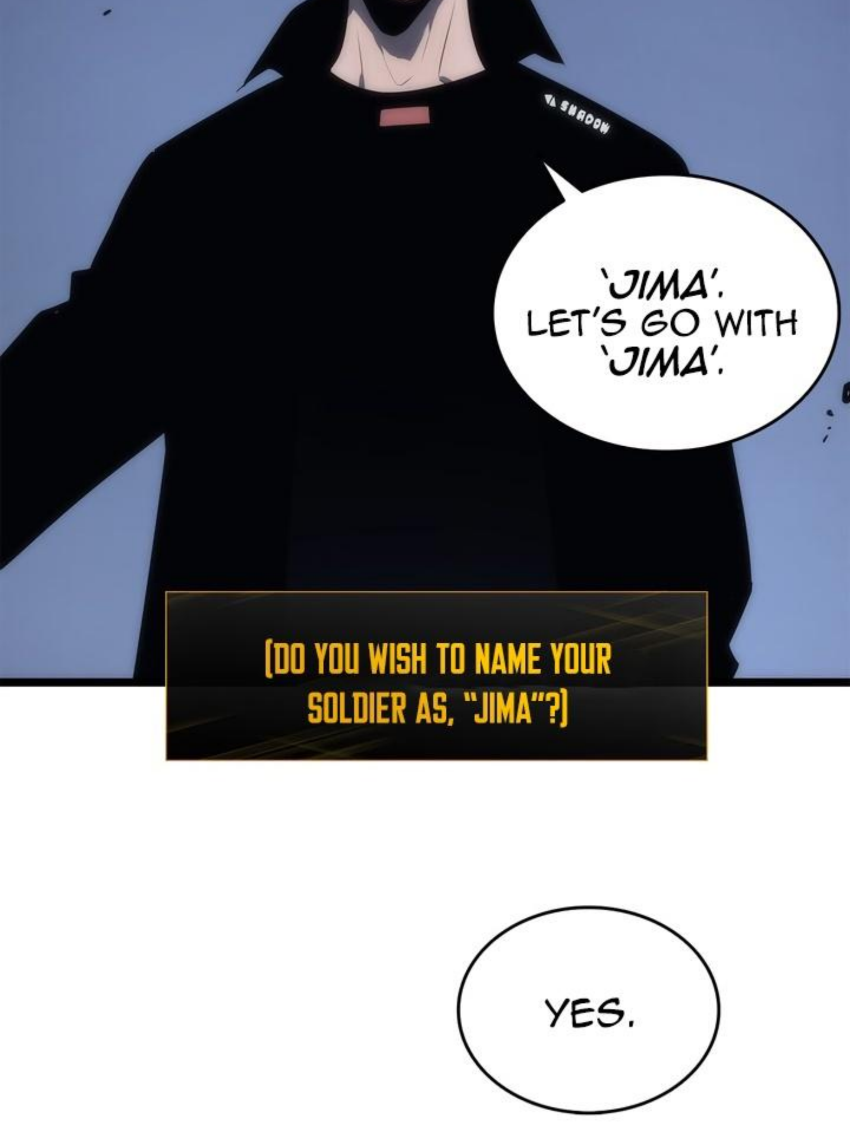

SHADOWS USUALLY STAY THE SAME SIZE OR GROW BIGGER WHEN I EXTRACT THEM.
EVEN SO, IT'S EMITTING AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MANA...


I THINK IT'S ABOUT AS STRONG AS TUSK.


IF IT CAN GROW IN SIZE USING MAGIC, JUST LIKE TUSK... THEN PERHAPS THIS IS ITS ORIGINAL SIZE.


ANYWAY, IT'S A HUGE ADDITION TO MY ARMY.

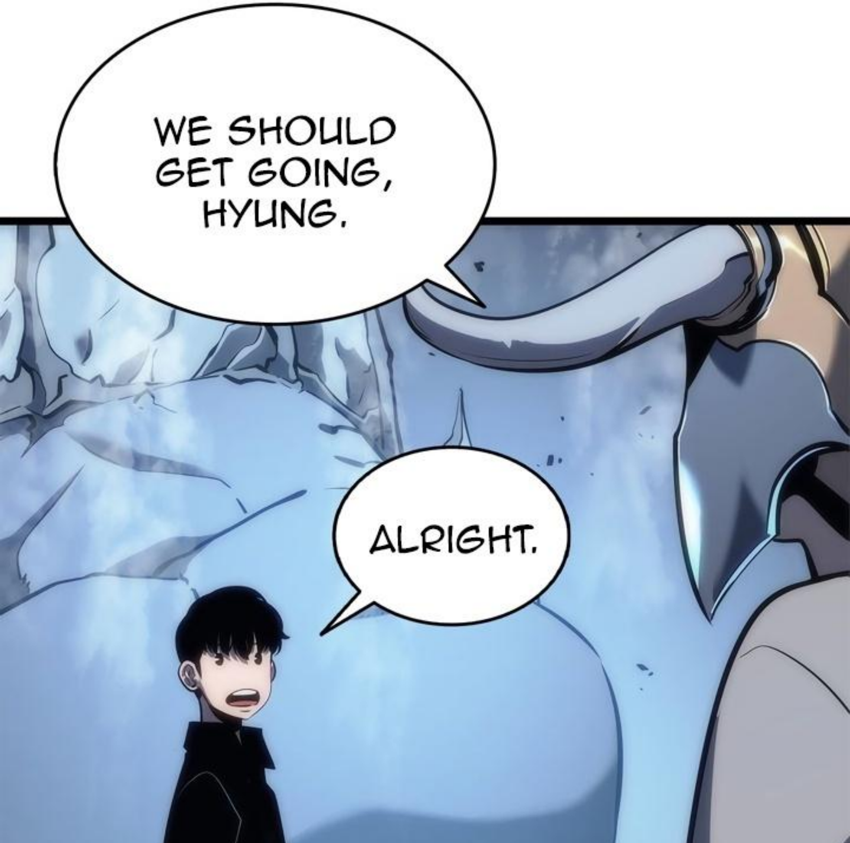

[CHOOSE A NAME FOR YOUR SOLDIER.]
HMM...

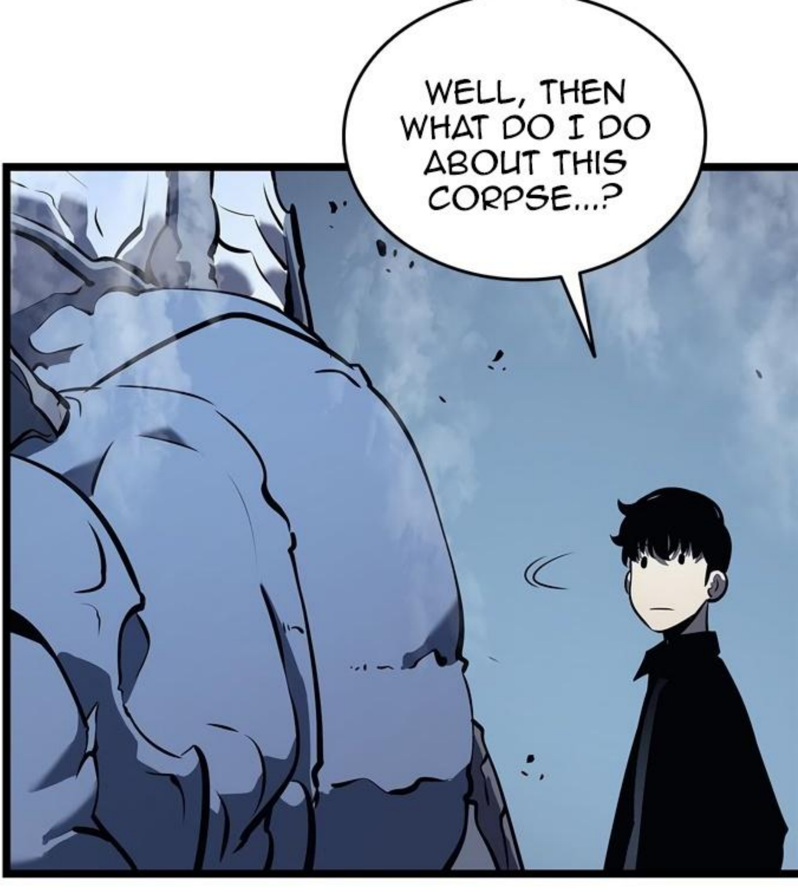

SHADOW
'JIMA'. LET'S GO WITH 'JIMA'.
[DO YOU WISH TO NAME YOUR SOLDIER AS, "JIMA"?]
YES.

WOW, HE TURNED THAT POWERFUL MONSTERS INTO ONE OF HIS SUMMONS.

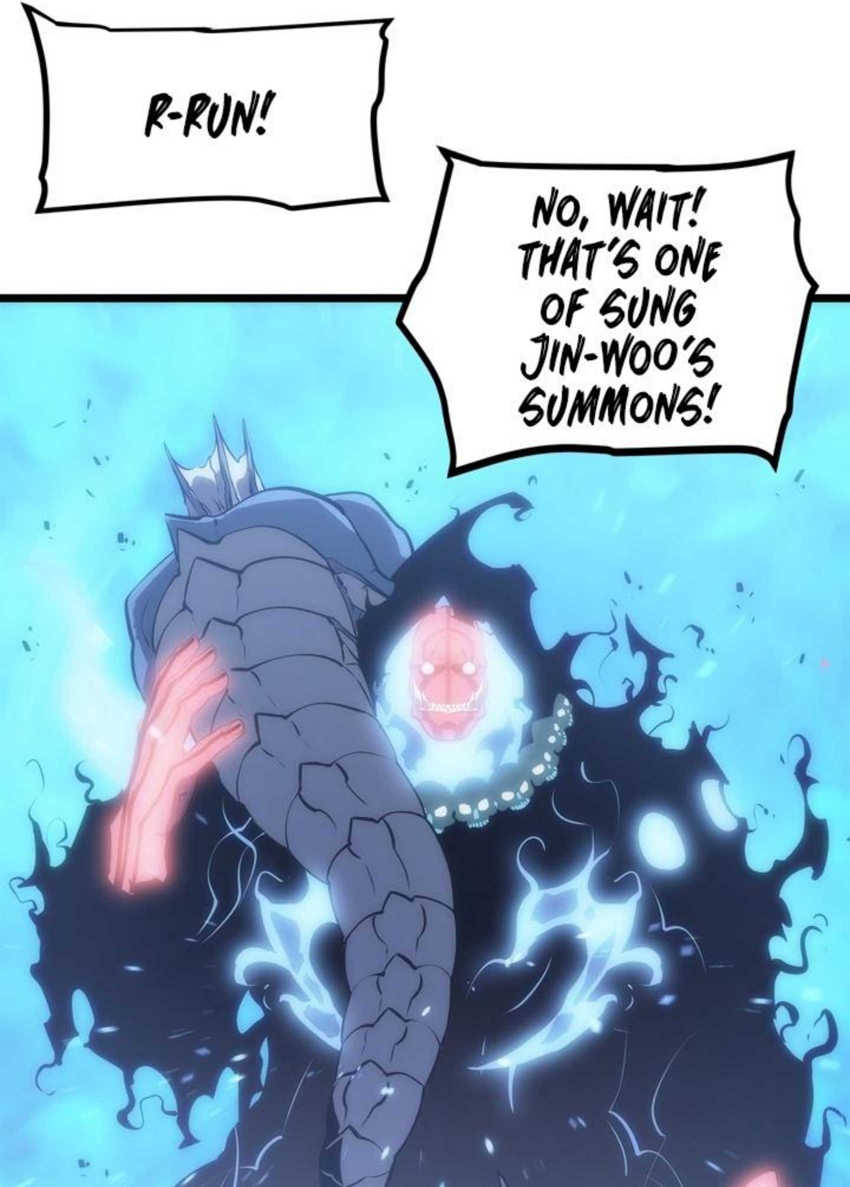
HE'S TRULY INCREDIBLE!

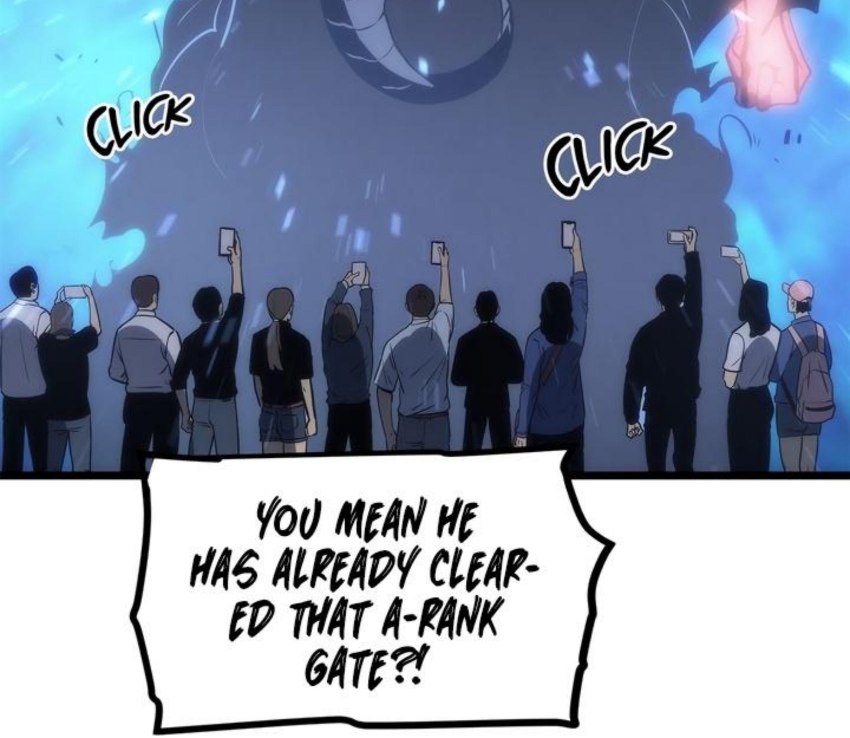
RUMBLE
WHOA!

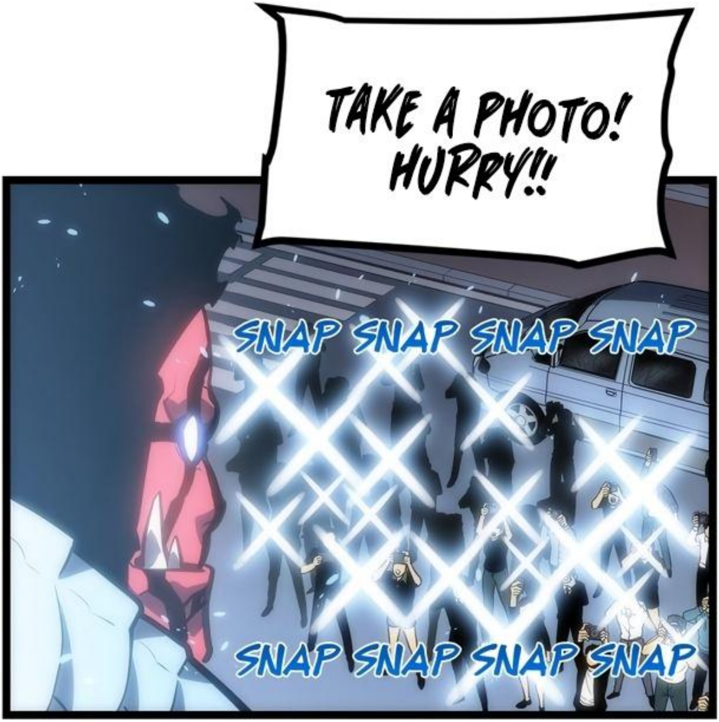

WE SHOULD GET GOING, HYUNG.
ALRIGHT.


WELL, THEN WHAT DO I DO ABOUT THIS CORPSE...?

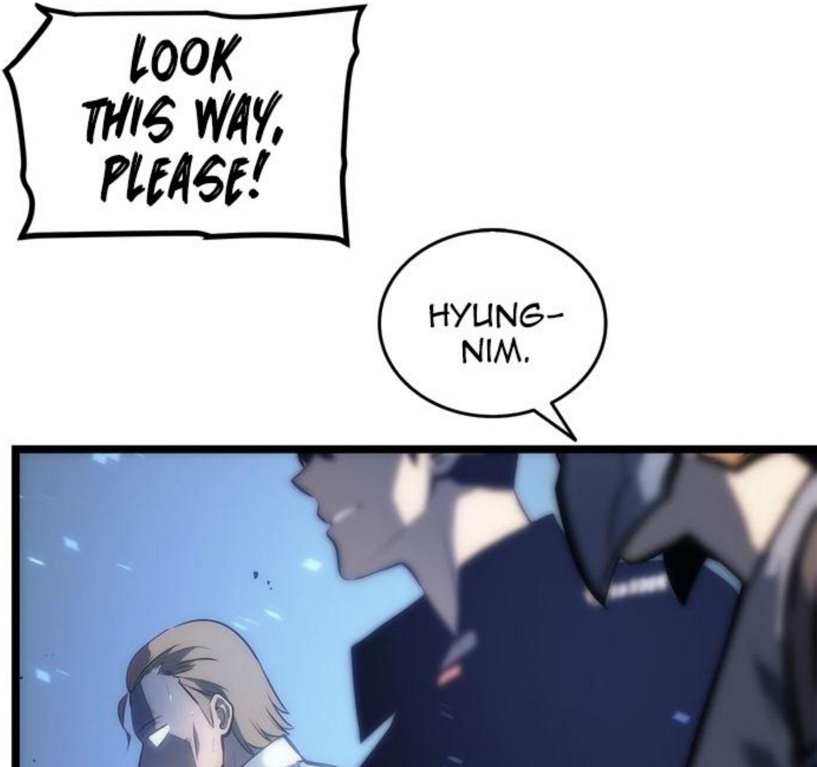
STOMP

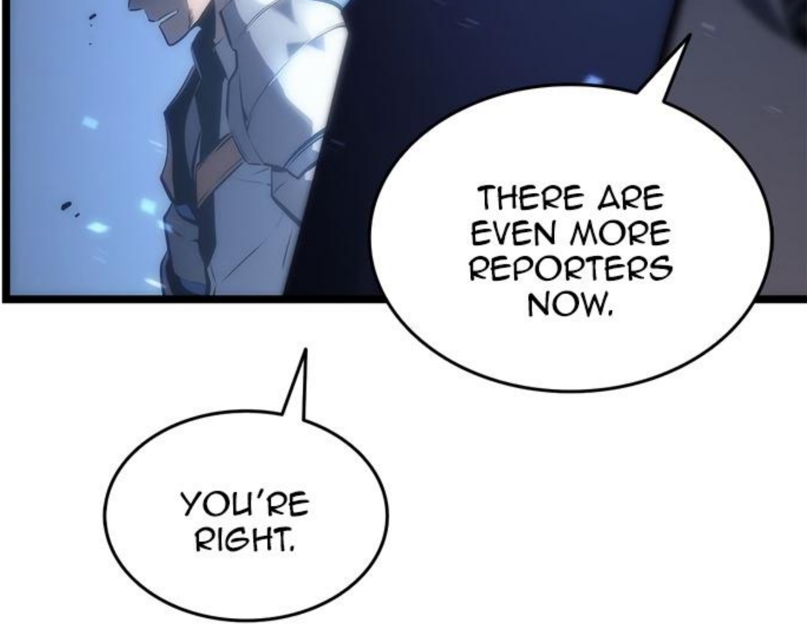

R-RUN!
NO, WAIT! THAT'S ONE OF SUNG JIN-WOO'S SUMMONS!

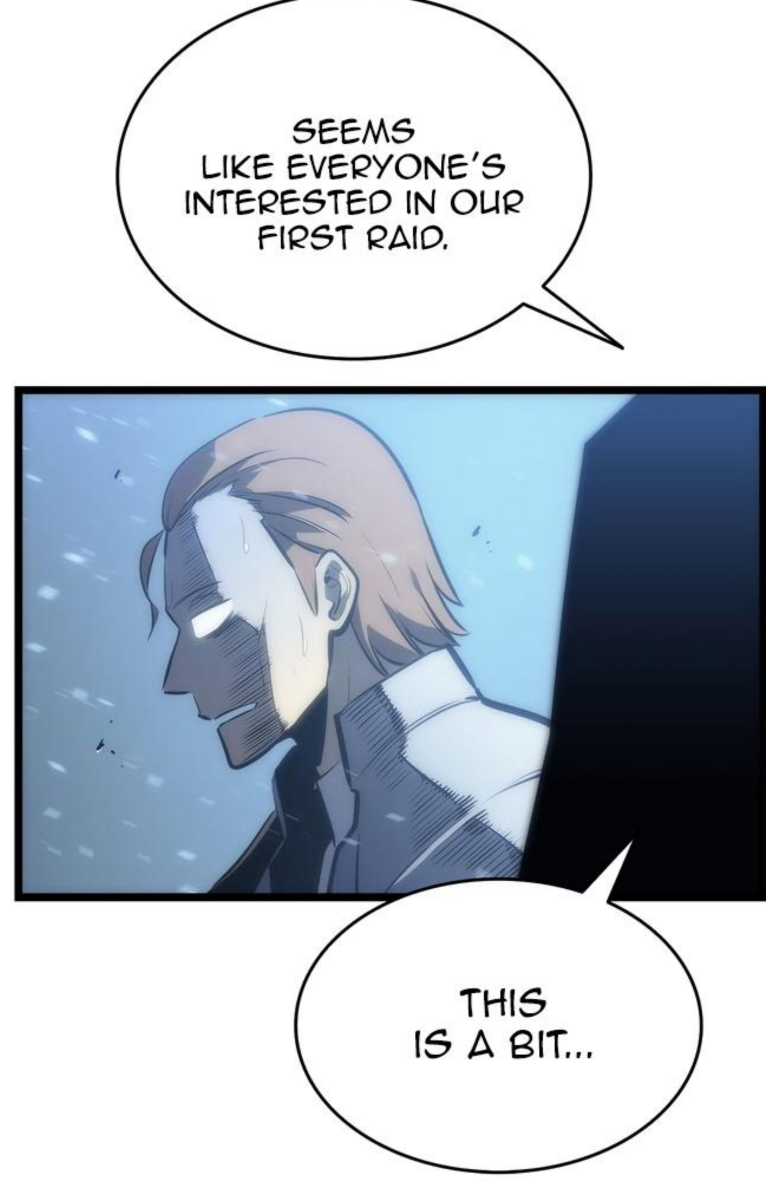

CLICK
CLICK
YOU MEAN HE HAS ALREADY CLEARED THAT A-RANK GATE?!

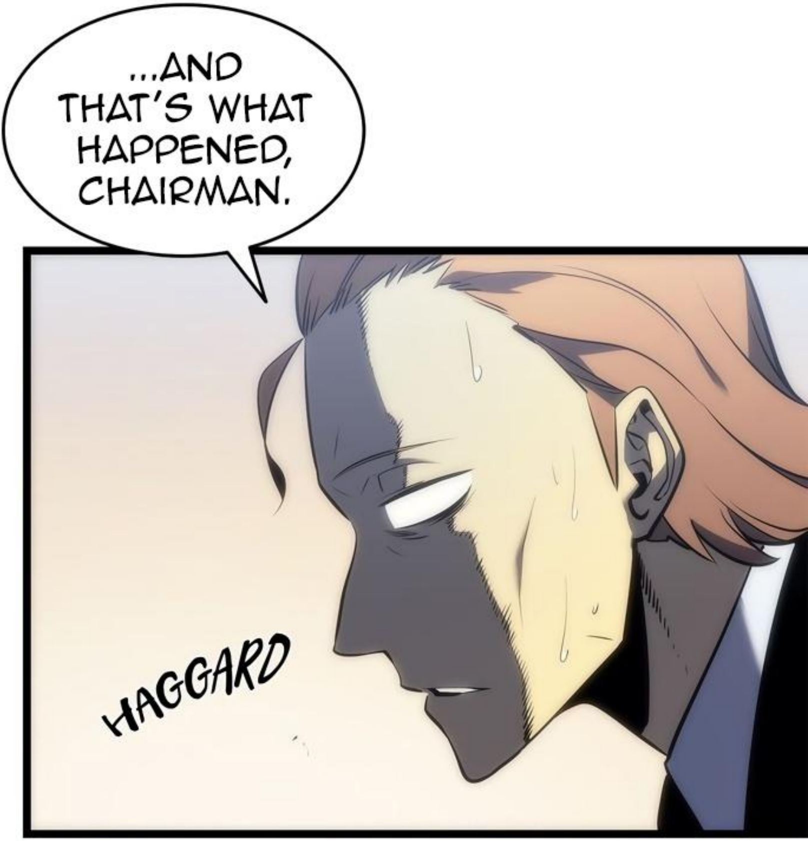

TAKE A PHOTO! HURRY!!
SNAP SNAP SNAP SNAP
SNAP SNAP SNAP SNAP

SNAP SNAP SNAP SNAP
SHY

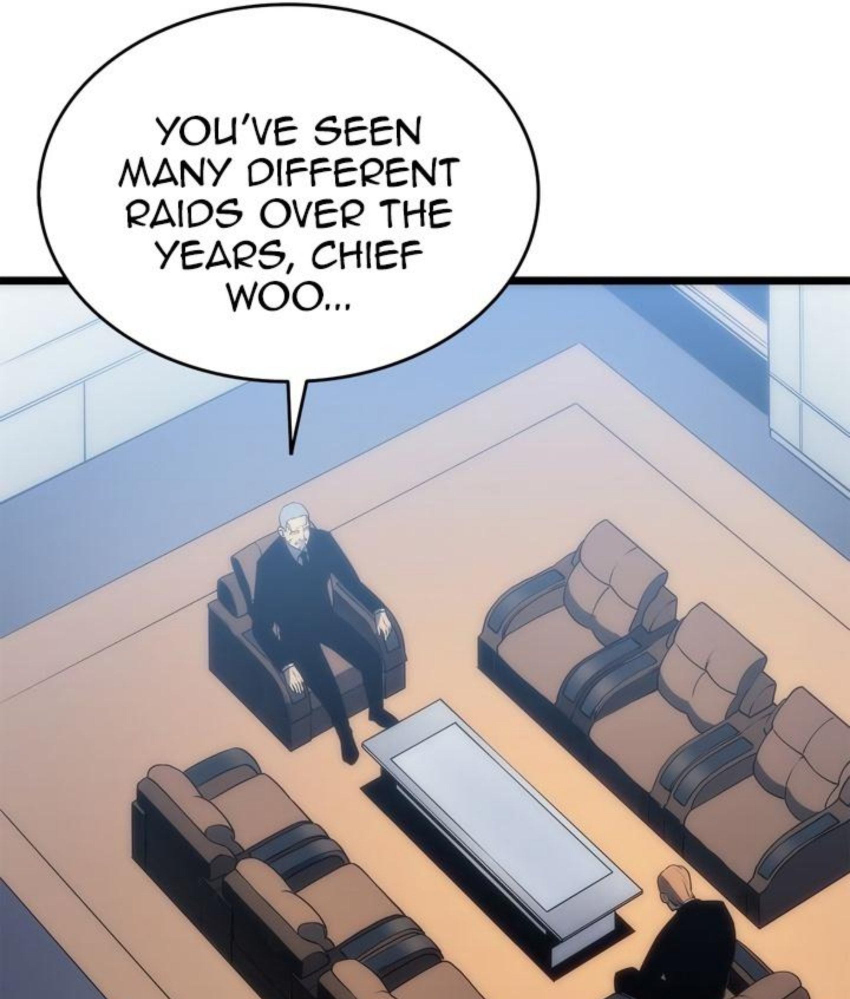

LOOK THIS WAY, PLEASE!
HYUNG-NIM.

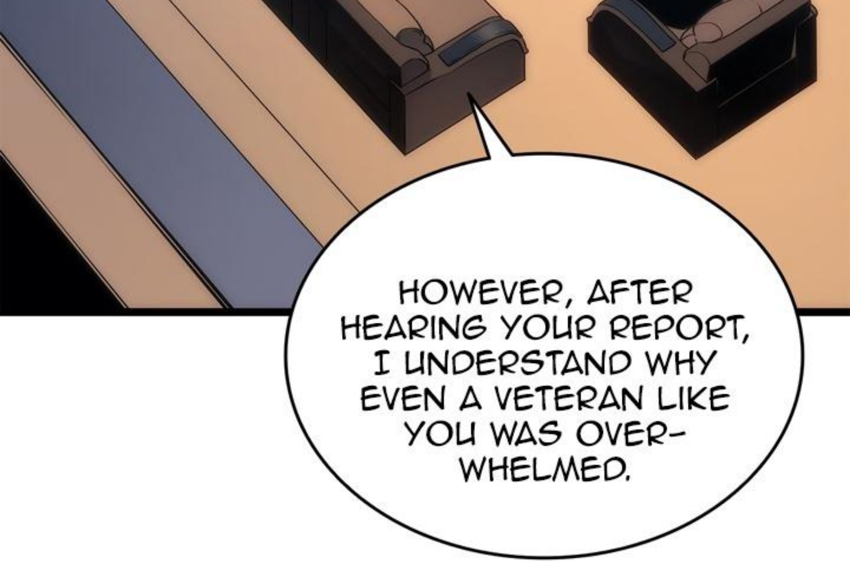

THERE ARE EVEN MORE REPORTERS NOW.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

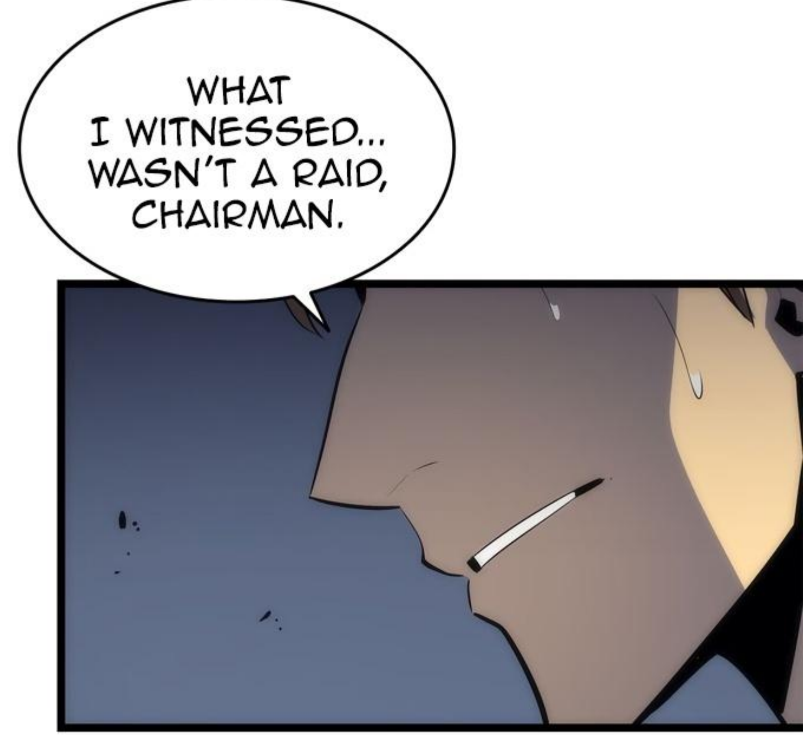

SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE'S INTERESTED IN OUR FIRST RAID.
THIS IS A BIT...

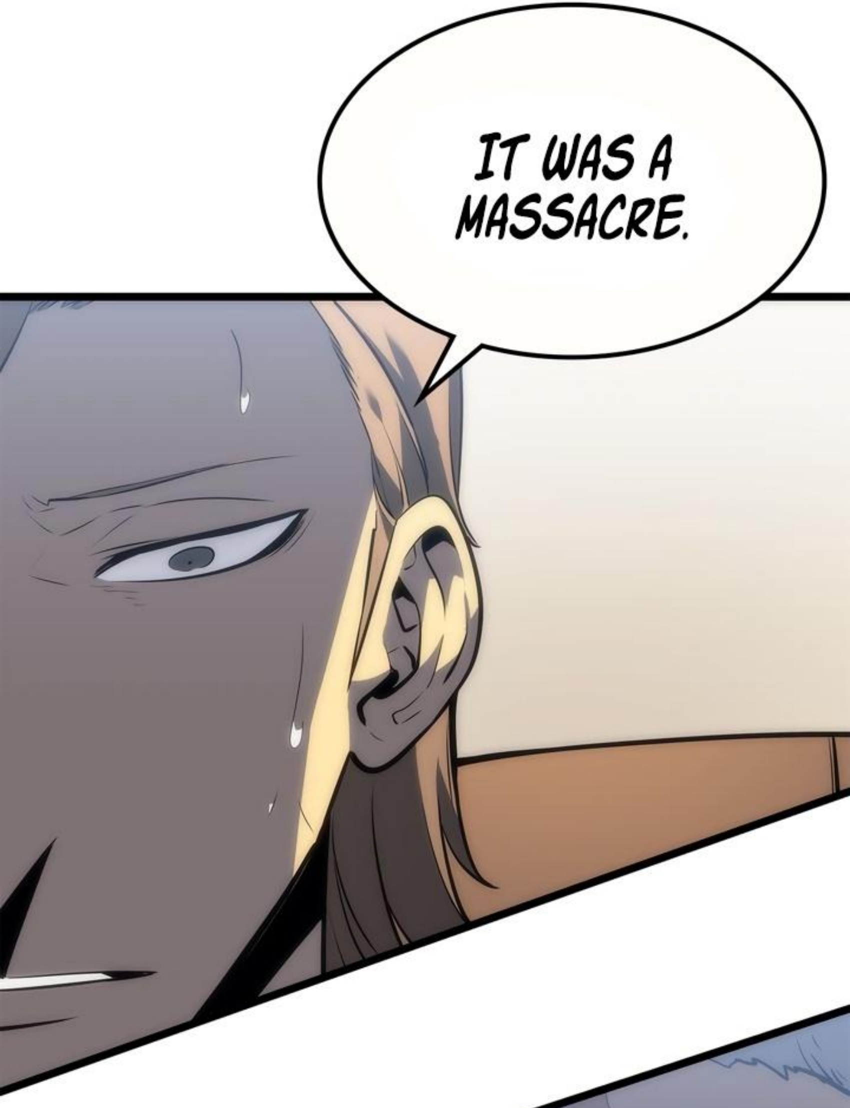

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, CHAIRMAN.
HAGGARD

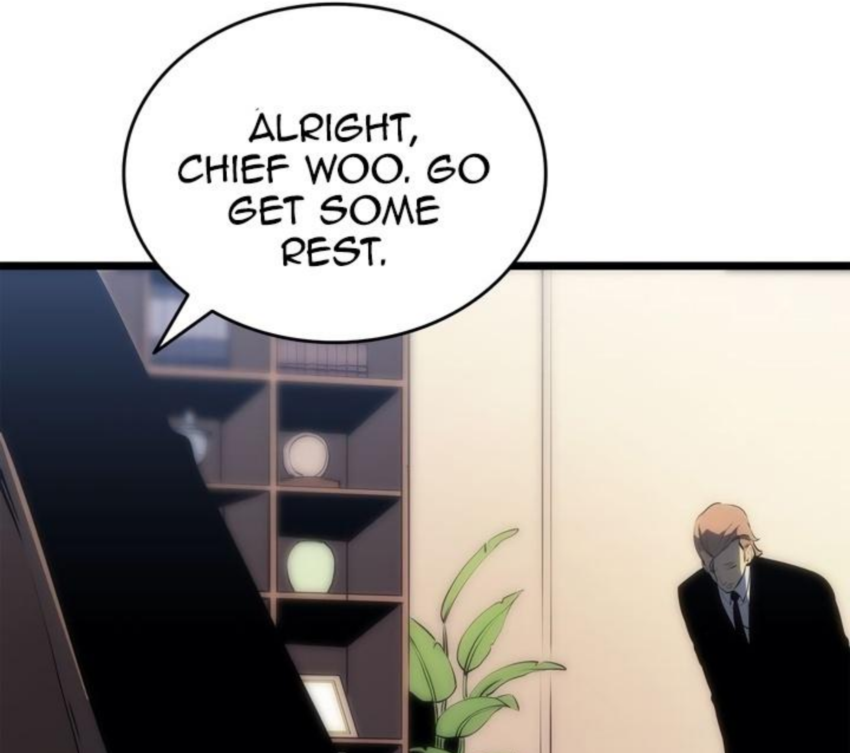
HAA...


YOU'VE SEEN MANY DIFFERENT RAIDS OVER THE YEARS, CHIEF WOO...


HOWEVER, AFTER HEARING YOUR REPORT, I UNDERSTAND WHY EVEN A VETERAN LIKE YOU WAS OVERWHELMED.

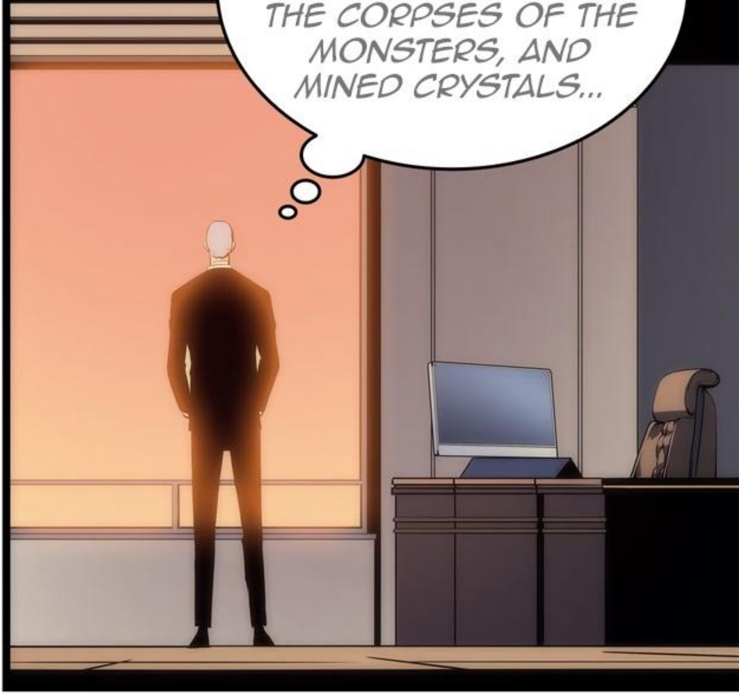

WHAT I WITNESSED... WASN'T A RAID, CHAIRMAN.

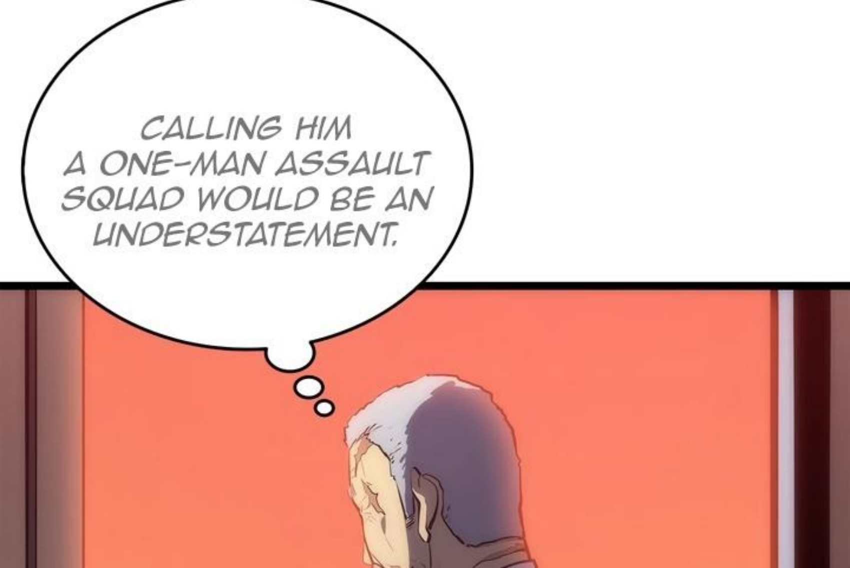

IT WAS A MASSACRE.


ALRIGHT, CHIEF WOO. GO GET SOME REST.

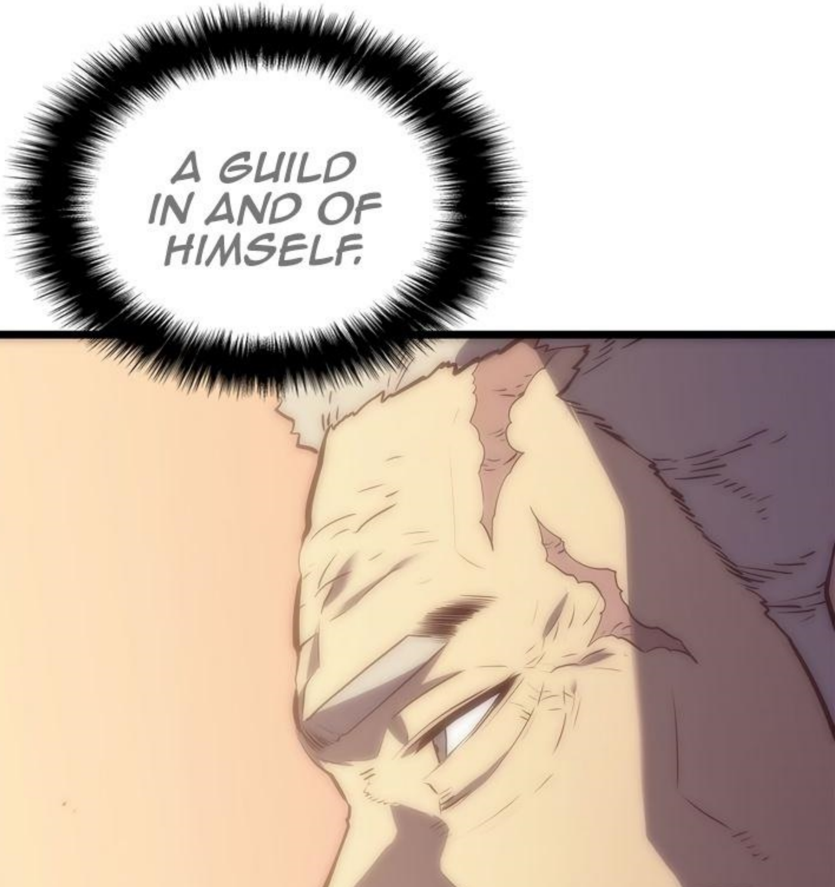
YES, SIR.

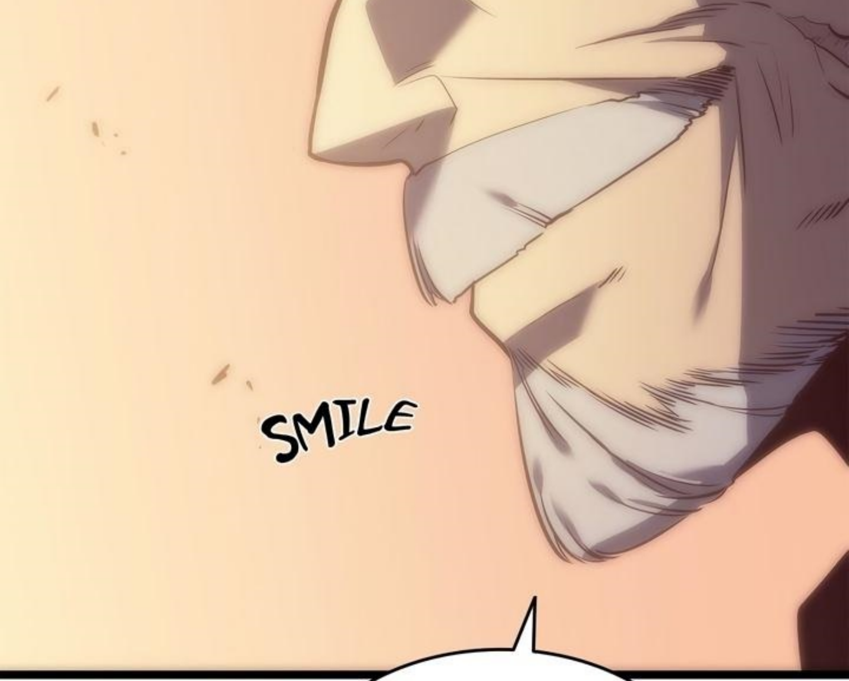
HUNTER SUNG CLEARED AN A-RANK DUNGEON, RETRIEVED


THE CORPSES OF THE MONSTERS, AND MINED CRYSTALS...

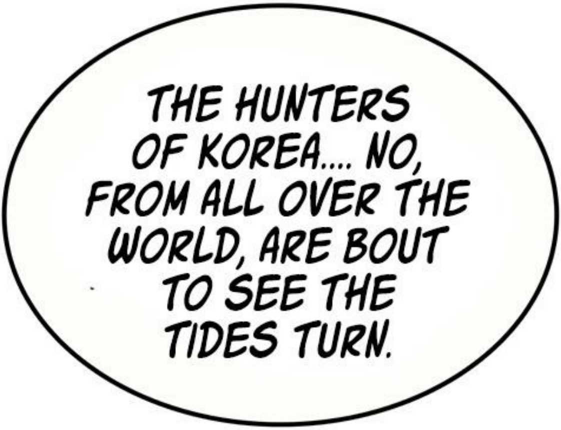

CALLING HIM A ONE-MAN ASSAULT SQUAD WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

HE'S A ONE-MAN GUILD.

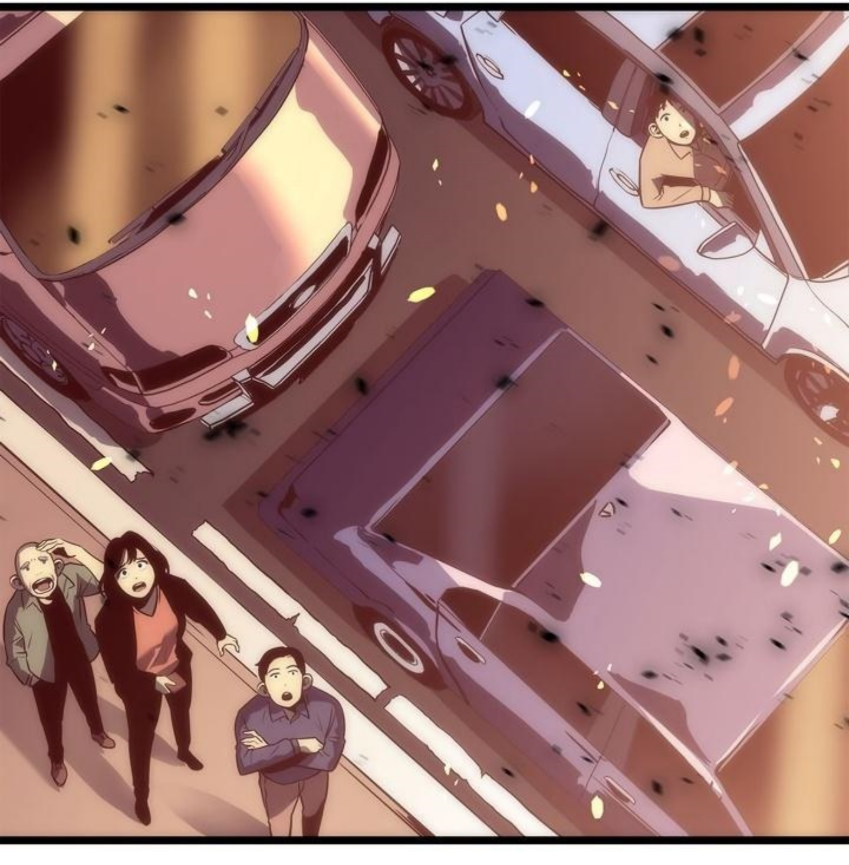

A GUILD IN AND OF HIMSELF.

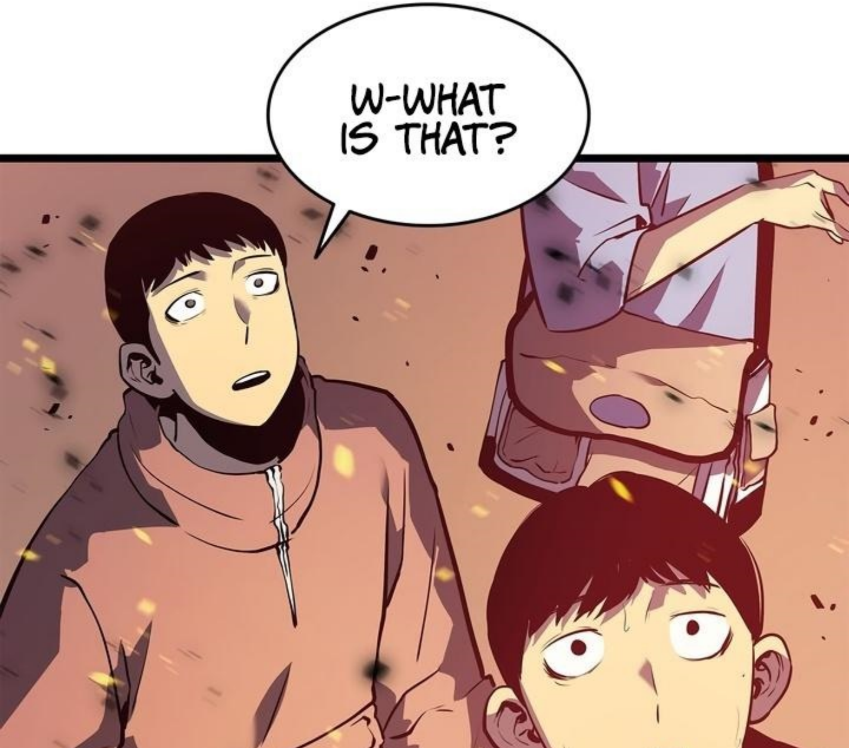


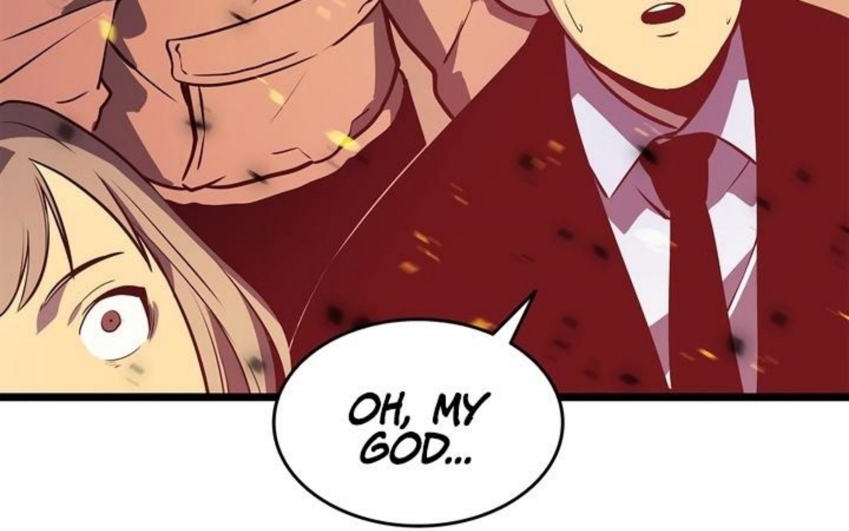
SO I WASN'T WRONG, AFTER ALL.


THE HUNTERS OF KOREA.... NO, FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, ARE BOUT TO SEE THE TIDES TURN.

JAPAN
SHINJUKU, TOKYO

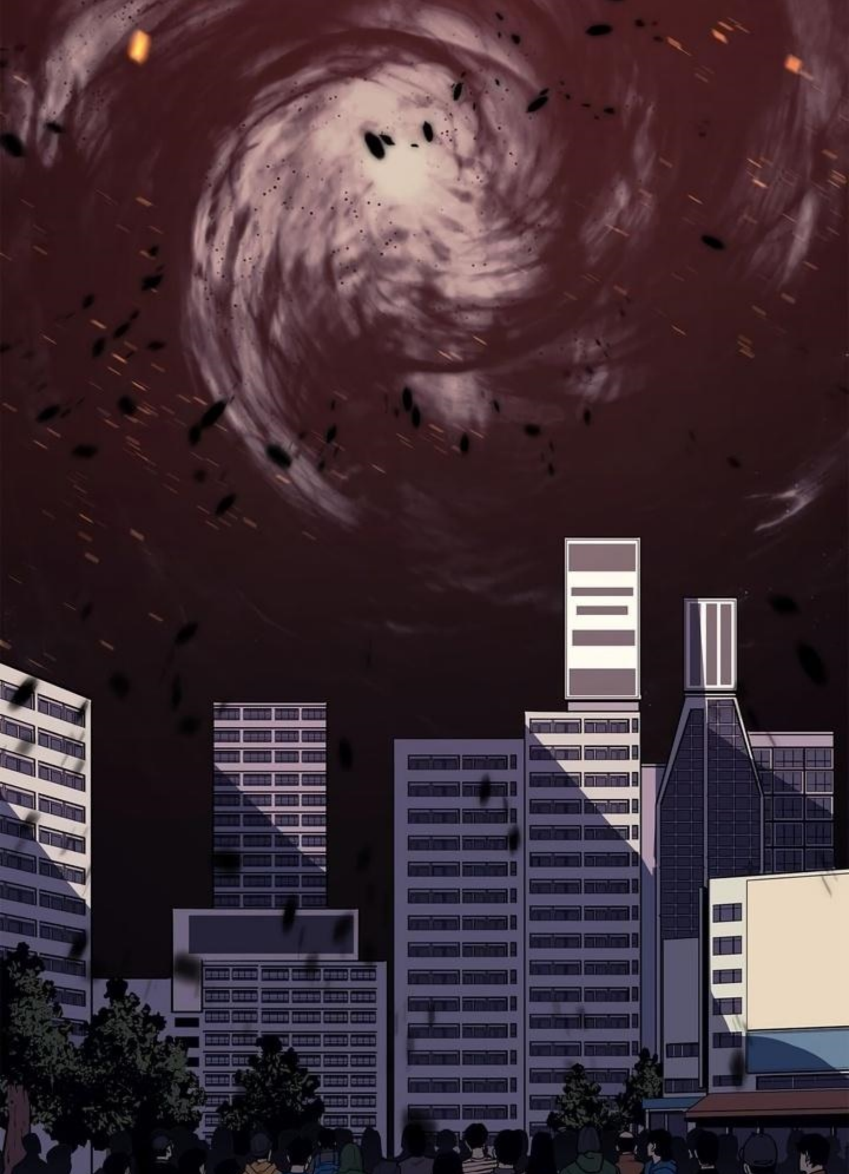



W-WHAT IS THAT?



THE BUSTLING CITY OF CARS, BICYCLES, AND PEOPLE CAME TO HALT...

...AS EVERYONE LOOKED UP TO SEE...



…A GIGANTIC GATE, MENACINGLY LOOMING IN THE SKY.

[NOVEL CH.144-146]

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Solo Leveling

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