BUT THEY SEEMED VERY ANXIOUS.



WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT AN EXPERIMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE GOMA RITUAL...

...BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHICH SIDE THIS EXPERIMENT WILL BENEFIT.



BASED ON THEIR INTEL, THE EXPERIMENT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE BLUE CLAW.

HMM...



THAT BLUE CLAW AGAIN...

OH, AND THEY SENT OVER A MESSAGE.

"STAY PUT..."



"...UNTIL EVERYTHING IS OVER."



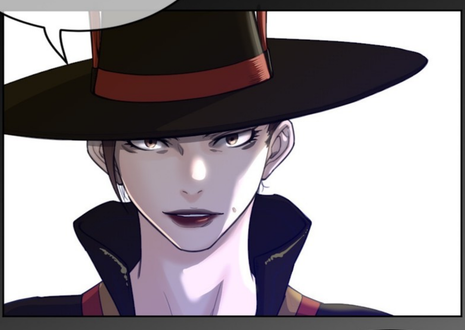



PHEW...
I FEEL LIKE I'M WARMED UP NOW...
...BUT I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH A SIMULATED OPPONENT.


SO, HOW ABOUT IT?
CAN YOU TEACH ME A MOVE OR TWO, FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE?
CAPTAIN?
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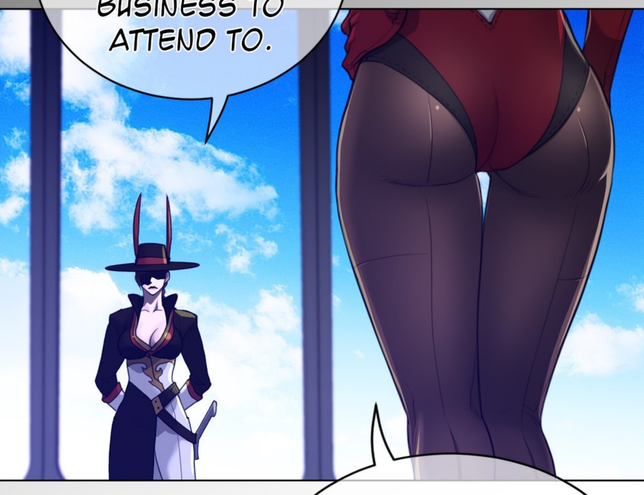
64 – Lotus Root and Water Hyacinth

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A BAD IDEA.



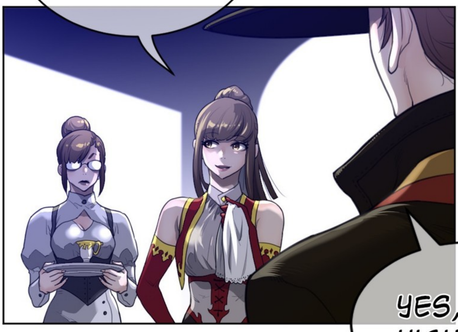
HOWEVER, I FEAR THAT THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME.

AS YOU WELL KNOW, WE HAVE URGENT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.



PARDON MY SUGGESTION. I WAS JUST FEELING A LITTLE LONELY.

WOULD YOU LIKE A CUP OF TEA?



YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

I KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY, CAPTAIN...

BUT WE CAN'T LET THIS GO UNNOTICED, NOW CAN WE?

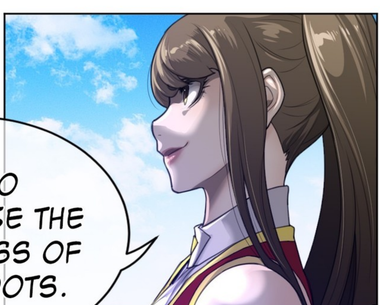
NOT WITH THE GOMA RITUAL RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

I AGREE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

AN UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO ACHIEVE THEIR IDEALS...



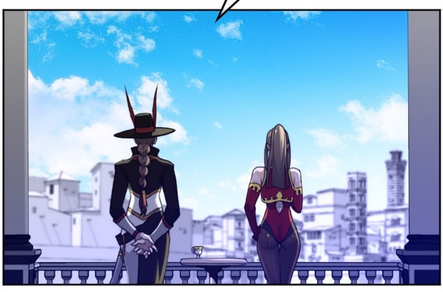
I HEARD THAT THE WOLVES' SIDE CALL THEMSELVES "LOTUS ROOTS."



IT'S TO SYMBOLIZE THE TOUGHNESS OF THEIR ROOTS.

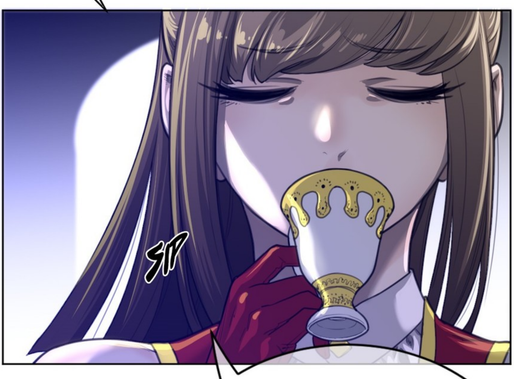
AND THE NAME THAT'S USED BY THE FOXES IS...

"WATER HYACINTH."



THOUGH THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAME IS UNCLEAR...

SUCH BLASPHEMOUS NAMES.



THE FACT THAT THEIR IDENTITIES HAVEN'T BEEN REVEALED YET MAKES MY BLOOD FREEZE.

IT WILL ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY SHOW WHO THEY ARE.



WE'RE PREPARING FOR THAT PRECISE MOMENT. SO PLEASE, I ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

SIGH...

AN IDEAL WORLD WHERE MEN AND WOMEN LIVE TOGETHER...



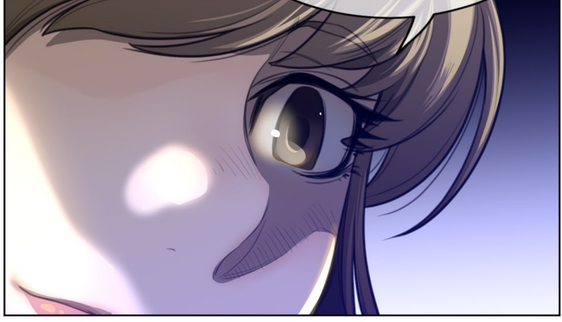
HAS IT BEEN FOUR GENERATIONS SINCE THE CRIMSON FOX CAME TO EXISTENCE?

I GUESS TIME DOES HAVE A WAY OF MAKING PEOPLE FORGET.

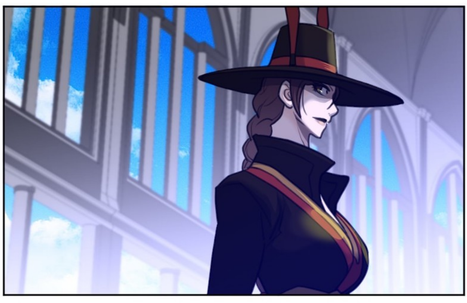


MEMORIES OF THE HELL WE WENT THROUGH IN THEIR HANDS MUST HAVE FADED.

HOW COULD THEY EVEN THINK COMMUNICATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH THOSE WOLVES...

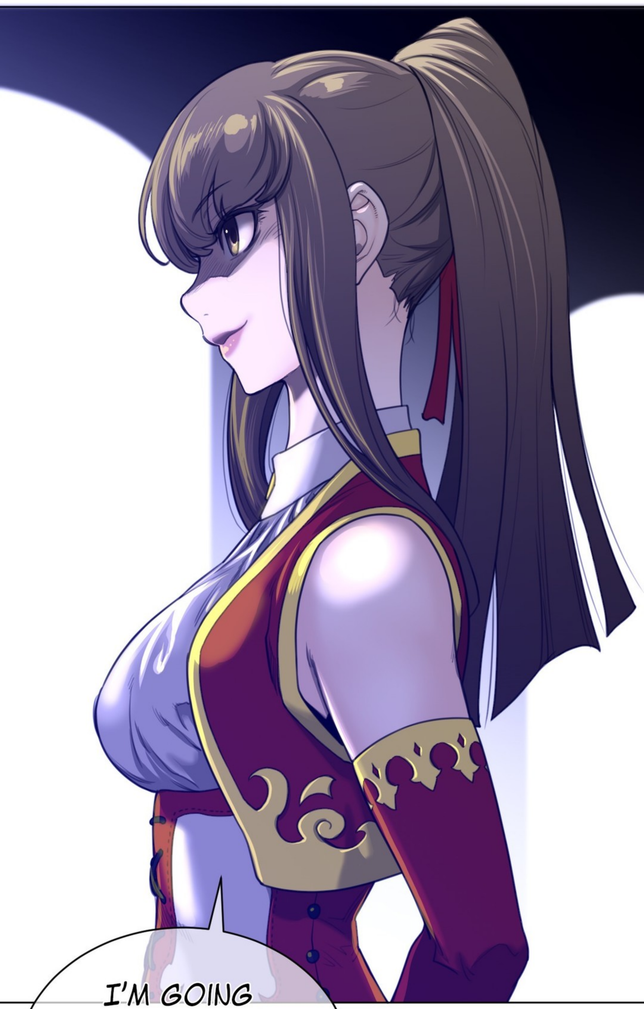


IF AND WHEN I CATCH THOSE TRAITORS...



...I'M GOING TO STRIP THEM NAKED...

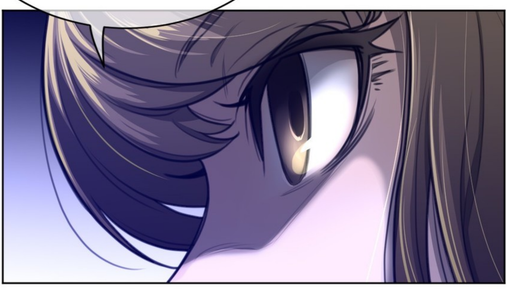
...AND THROW THEM TO THE WOLVES.



I'M GOING TO THROW THEM INTO A CROWD OF DILIGENT FARMERS.

THROW THEM INTO A CROWD OF INTELLIGENT AND SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

I'LL EVEN THROW THEM INTO A CROWD OF DOCTORS AND ARTISTS.



THEN THE TRAITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE...

...THE UNCHANGED DESIRE OF THE WOLVES.

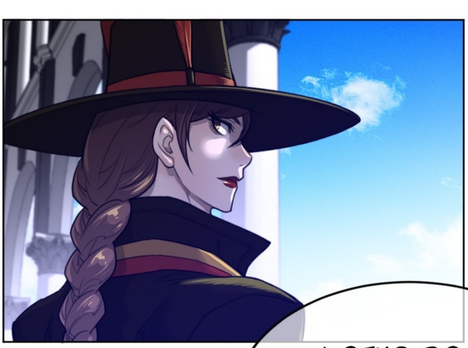


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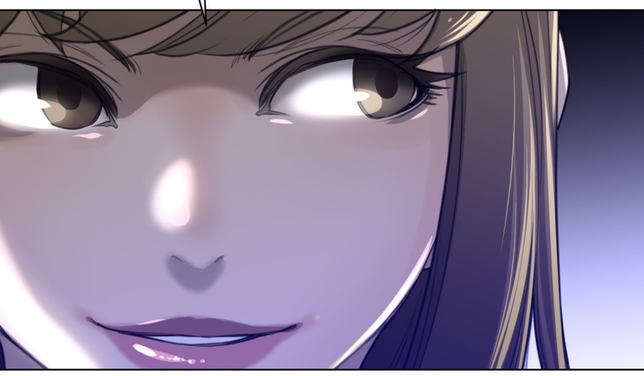
JUST LIKE THEY DID IN THE PAST.

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO LET THOSE TRAITORS RUN WILD.



LOTUS ROOT, WATER HYACINTH, WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLED...

...WE MUST VANQUISH THEM BEFORE THEY BECOME A THREAT.



AS SOON AS THE GOMA RITUAL IS OVER, I WANT YOU TO TRACK DOWN THE TRAITORS.

DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME, THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, MUCH LIKE A LIVING ORGANISIM, WILL CHANGE.

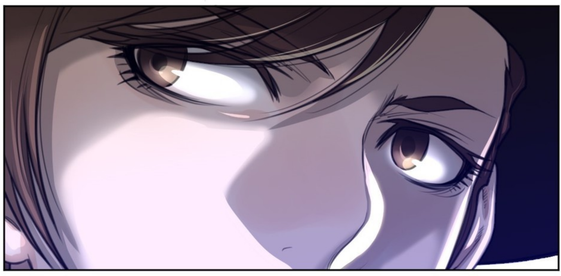


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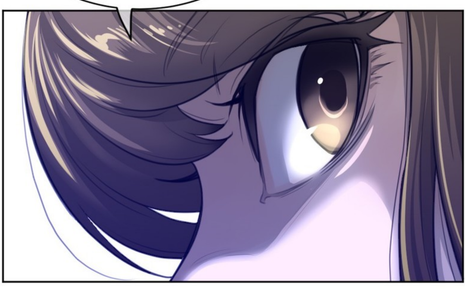


WHAT MATTERS IS WHETHER IT'S THE DIRECTION I DESIRE.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?



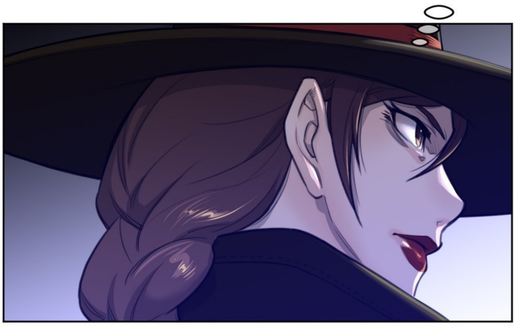
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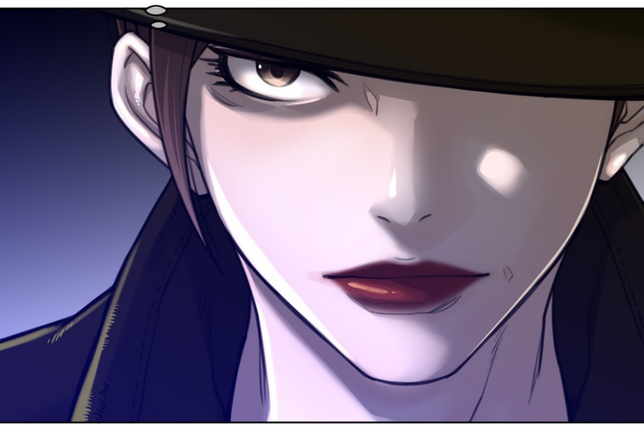
...I DESIRE.



THE DIRECTION OUR KING DESIRES...?



HER HIGHNESS IS TRYING TO USE THE TRAITORS AS AN EXCUSE TO DEMOLISH ANY OPPOSING THREATS...



CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO OPPOSITION THAT CAN THREATEN THE KING.



THEN THAT COULD ONLY MEAN THAT HER MAIN TARGET IS...

...NONE OTHER THAN ARAH YOONSEUL.



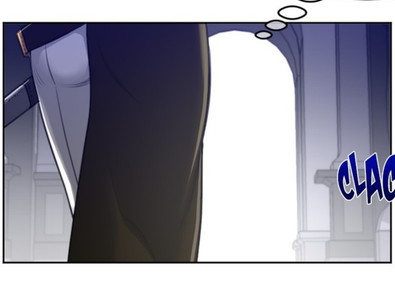
NORTH WIND, THE KING OF THE BLACK WOLVES, IS ALSO MAKING A MOVE ON RYU KARIM.

OUR KING SEEMS TO BE TAKING THE SAME APPROACH.

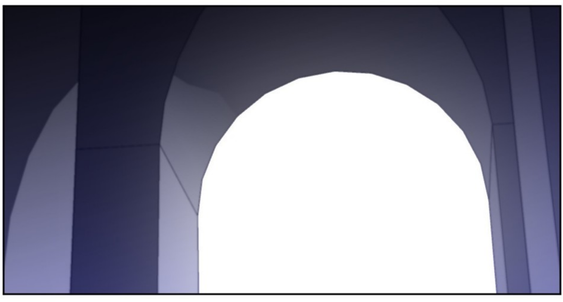


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TO SAY THAT POLITICS IS LIKE A LIVING ORGANISM...



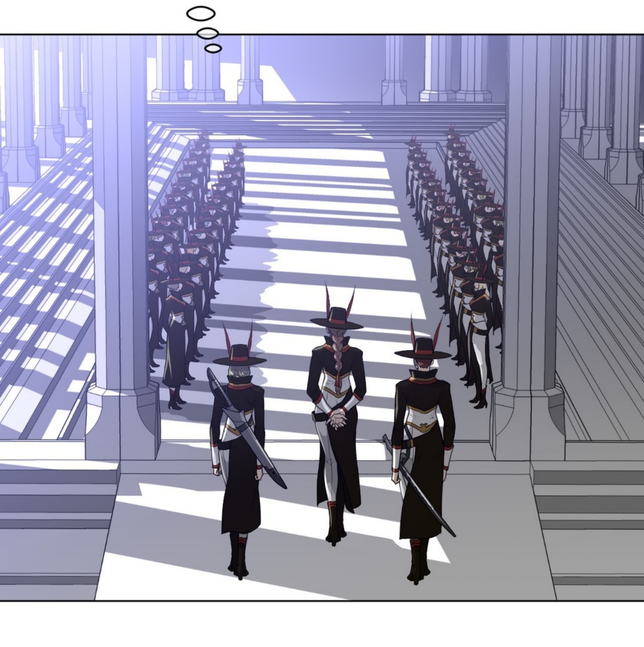
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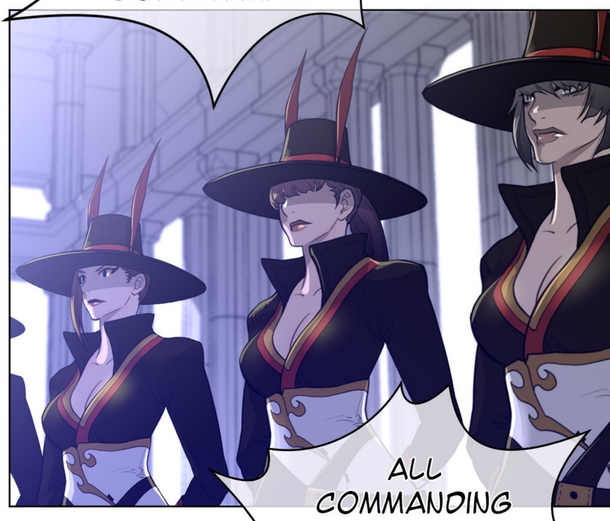
AT LEAST NOT YET...



FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, WE ARE OFFICIALLY AT WAR.



I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY MISSTEPS IN OUR SECURITY DURING THE GOMA RITUAL.



ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS REPORT TO YOUR POSTS IMMEDIATELY.

AFTER ALL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED, I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE CHARGE OF COMMAND AND CONTROL.

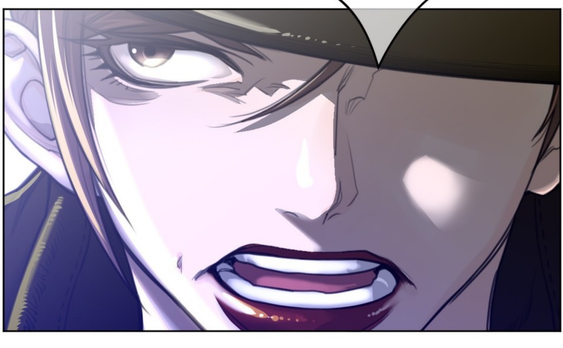


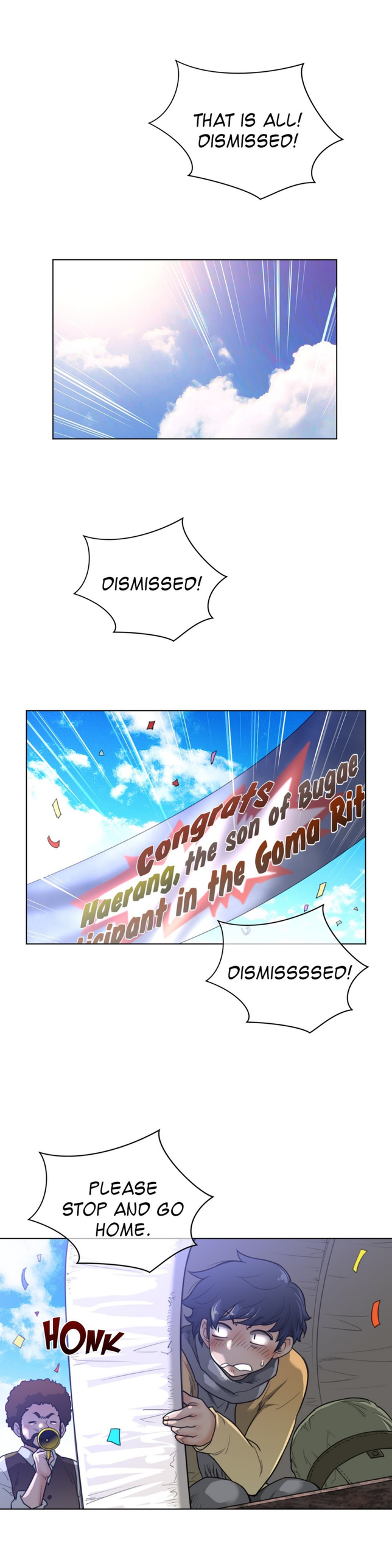
OUR COUNTRY WAS BUILT WITH OUR ANCESTORS' BLOOD.



NOW IT'S TIME TO PROTECT IT WITH OURS.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ONE OF YOU DISGRACING THE NAME OF THE CRIMSON FOX.




THAT IS ALL! DISMISSED!
DISMISSED!
Congrats Haerang, the son of Bugae
DISMISSSSED!
PLEASE STOP AND GO HOME.
HONK

HAVE FUN, YOU HORNY BASTARD!

SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THE MEN OF OUR VILLAGE ARE MADE OF!

SO UNFAIR.



GIVE IT YOUR ALL ON BEHALF OF US.

MOVE OVER! THE PRINCE PENIS IS COMING THROUGH!

KYAHAHA

UGH, WHEN ARE THEY GONNA STOP TEASING ME...

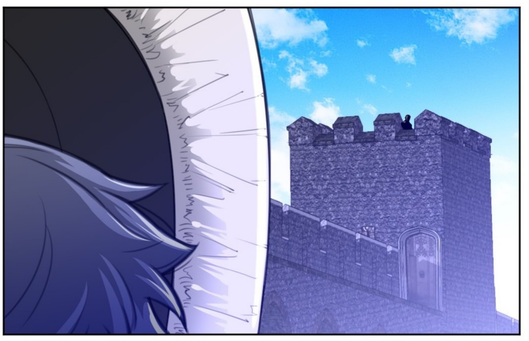


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I DIDN'T EXPECT TO RETURN FROM VACATION TO THIS...



CLIP



CLOP



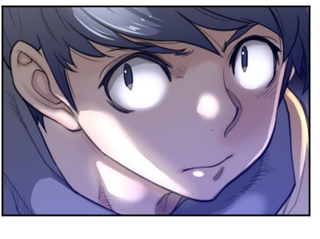
CLIP

...



CLOP

THE WIND IS COMING.



ALTHOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S IN THE DIRECTION WE WANT.



CLIP

CLOP

"AND THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW HIM..."



WHY AM I THINKING OF A LINE LIKE THAT...

"I DON'T THINK..."

"...ANY OF US WILL BE COMING BACK HERE AGAIN."



UGH...

DAMMIT...

CLIP

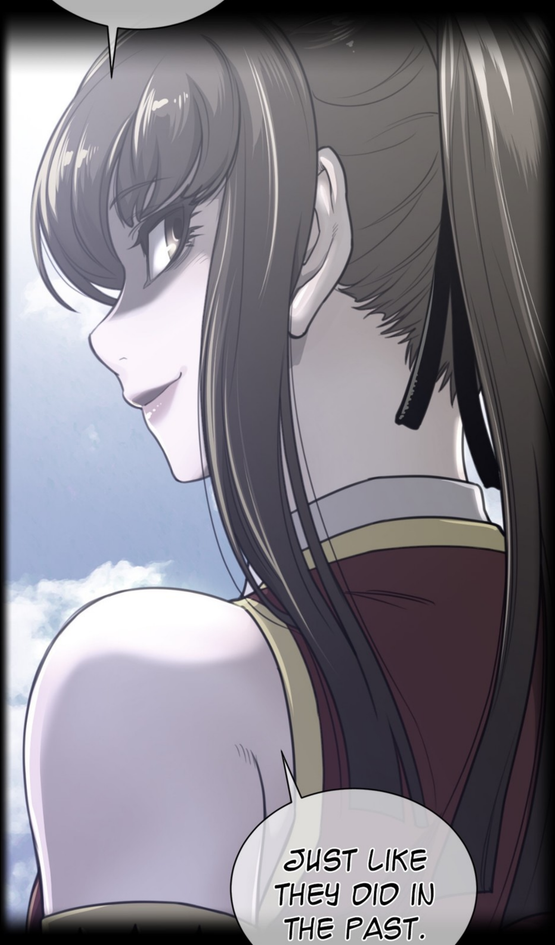
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PERFECT HALF

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WHY AM I THINKING OF A LINE LIKE THAT...
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HAERANG, KARIMBI SPECIAL FORCES.

REPORTING BACK FROM LEAVE.

HEY, IT'S THE PRINCE PENIS! DID YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY WHILE YOU WERE ON LEAVE?

WE ONLY GOT A FEW MORE DAYS LEFT. YOU GOTTA DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO BUFF UP, MAN.

UM, RIGHT. I'M DOING WHAT I CAN.

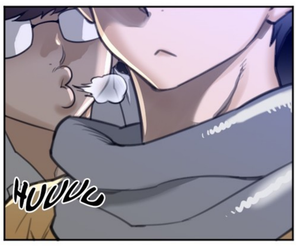
HMPH... LOOK AT YOU, YOU GOT A TASTE OF ARAH YOONSEUL AND NOW YOU'RE ACTING ALL COCKY.

HEHEHE.



...BUT, UH...








LEAVE YOUR BAGS...
...AND FOLLOW ME.


...


CAN'T WE EAT FIRST? IT'S DINNERTIME.
I'M STARVING.
IT WON'T TAKE LONG, SO LET'S EAT AFTER WE'RE DONE.

EH?

HOW IS THIS NOT GOING TO TAKE LONG...



DID YOU HAVE A GOOD VACATION, HAERANG?



OF COURSE. BUT WHY ARE YOU HOLDING THAT TTEOK-POUNDER...

AS YOU WELL KNOW, SOMETHING FEELS A LITTLE IFFY...



...ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GOMA RITUAL.


SO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT.
WE DON'T YET HAVE FULL TRUST IN YOU, HAERANG.
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO BE A PART OF OUR TEAM...
...OR WILL YOU JUST BE BAGGAGE?

LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR.



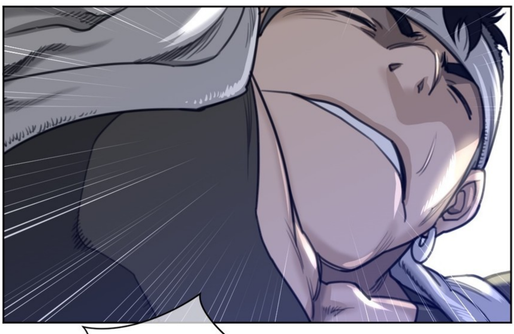
FIGHT LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

OR ELSE...

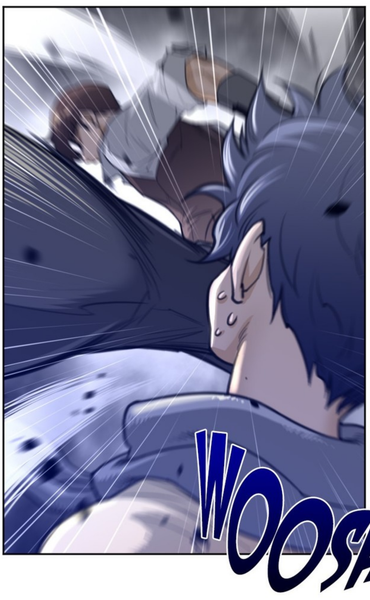


...YOU ACTUALLY MIGHT DIE.

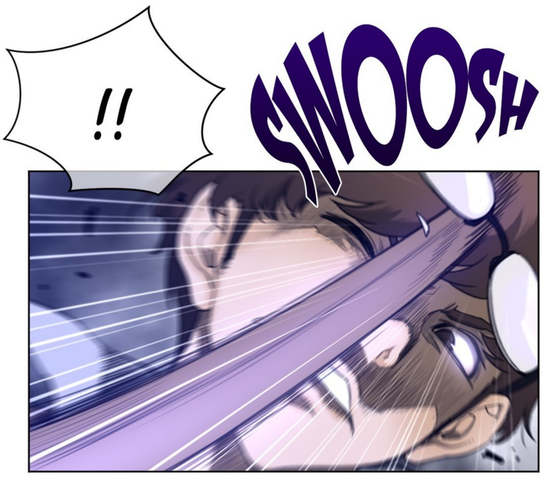



MMPH.


SHWOONG


WOOSH


SLASH


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SWOOSH

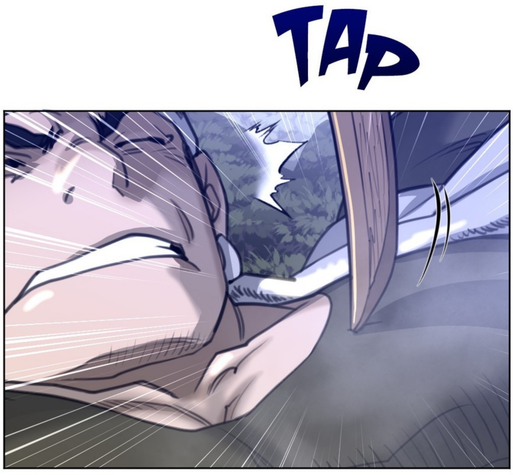

DASH
!
BOOM
ARGH
MMPH!
SHWOONG


THUD


THWACK
!!


HUP!
SWOOSH
GASP!!
THUD
UGH.


PRESS


TAP


I KNOW THIS ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...
...BUT I THINK YOU TWO WERE THE ONES...

...THAT WEREN'T TRYING YOUR BEST.





HAHAHA.

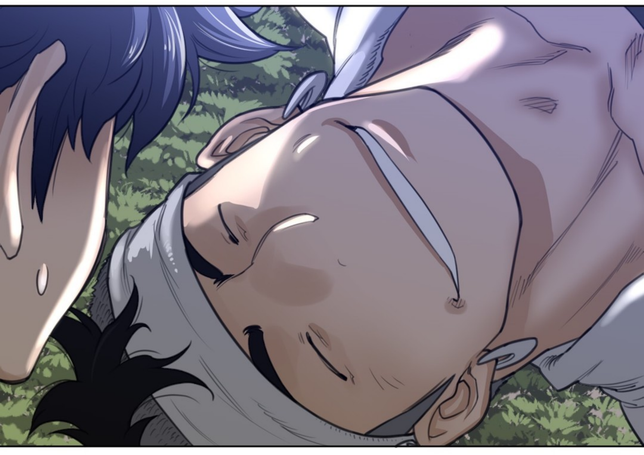


HAHAHAHA.

HAHAHAHA.



ALL RIGHT. NOW WE CAN TALK.



I AGREE.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS...



...BUT SHALL WE START WITH THE GOMA RITUAL?

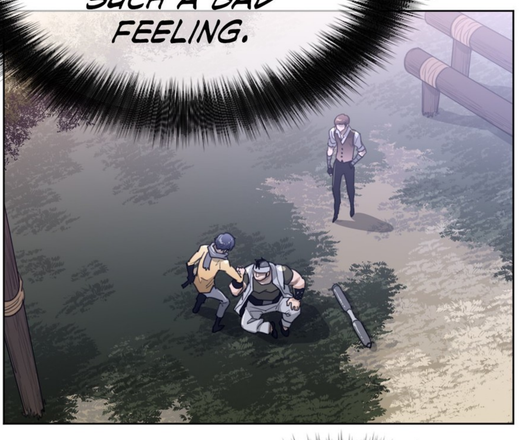

BLACK SURANG LEFT FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION THIS MORNING.
WE'LL HAVE TO DO OUR PART TO BE PREPARED.
SO WHY DON'T WE GO OVER SOME THINGS TOGETHER?
THE SAYING THAT GOES, "THE MORE YOU FIGHT, THE CLOSER YOU GET..."

...IS ACTUALLY KINDA WORKING...



I DON'T KNOW WHAT EXACTLY LIES IN THE FUTURE...

...BUT BECOMING A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION ISN'T SUCH A BAD FEELING.

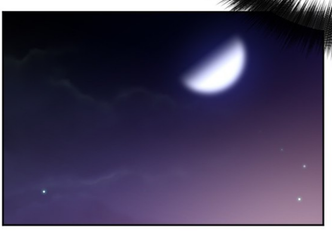


TIME WILL PASS, AS IT ALWAYS DOES...



...AND THE DAY WILL EVENTUALLY COME.

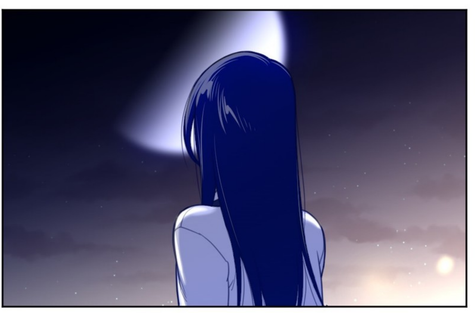
AND WHEN IT DOES...



...EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEARER.








PERFECT HALF
END OF SEASON 1
to be continued~