



I'LL TAKE THE MEDICINE
RIGHT AWAY!

NO MORE EXCUSES,
I PROMISE!

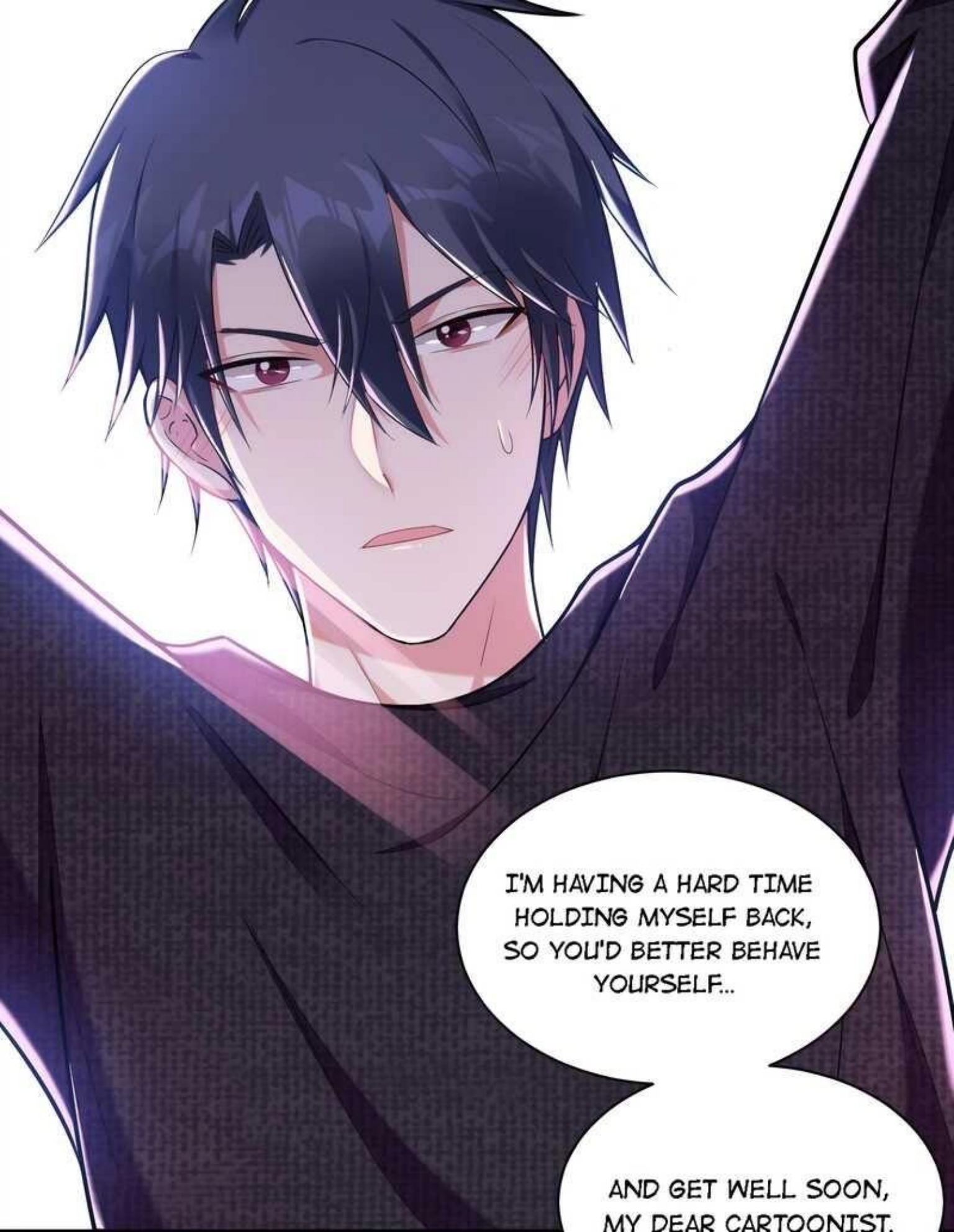


WAH-

PLEASE LET
GO OF ME...



IT'S BEEN MORE THAN
A MONTH SINCE I LAST
TOUCHED YOU, AND
THAT WAS IN BALI.



I'M HAVING A HARD TIME
HOLDING MYSELF BACK,
SO YOU'D BETTER BEHAVE
YOURSELF...

AND GET WELL SOON,
MY DEAR CARTOONIST.



H-HE HAS THE
SHAME TO HINT AT
ME SO BLATANTLY?!





NO, NO, WHY AM I
ALWAYS THE ONE
FEELING SHY?

GLUG GLUG GLUG—

WHY AM I ALWAYS
THE ONE GETTING
PUSHED DOWN WHEN
I'M ALSO A MAN?!





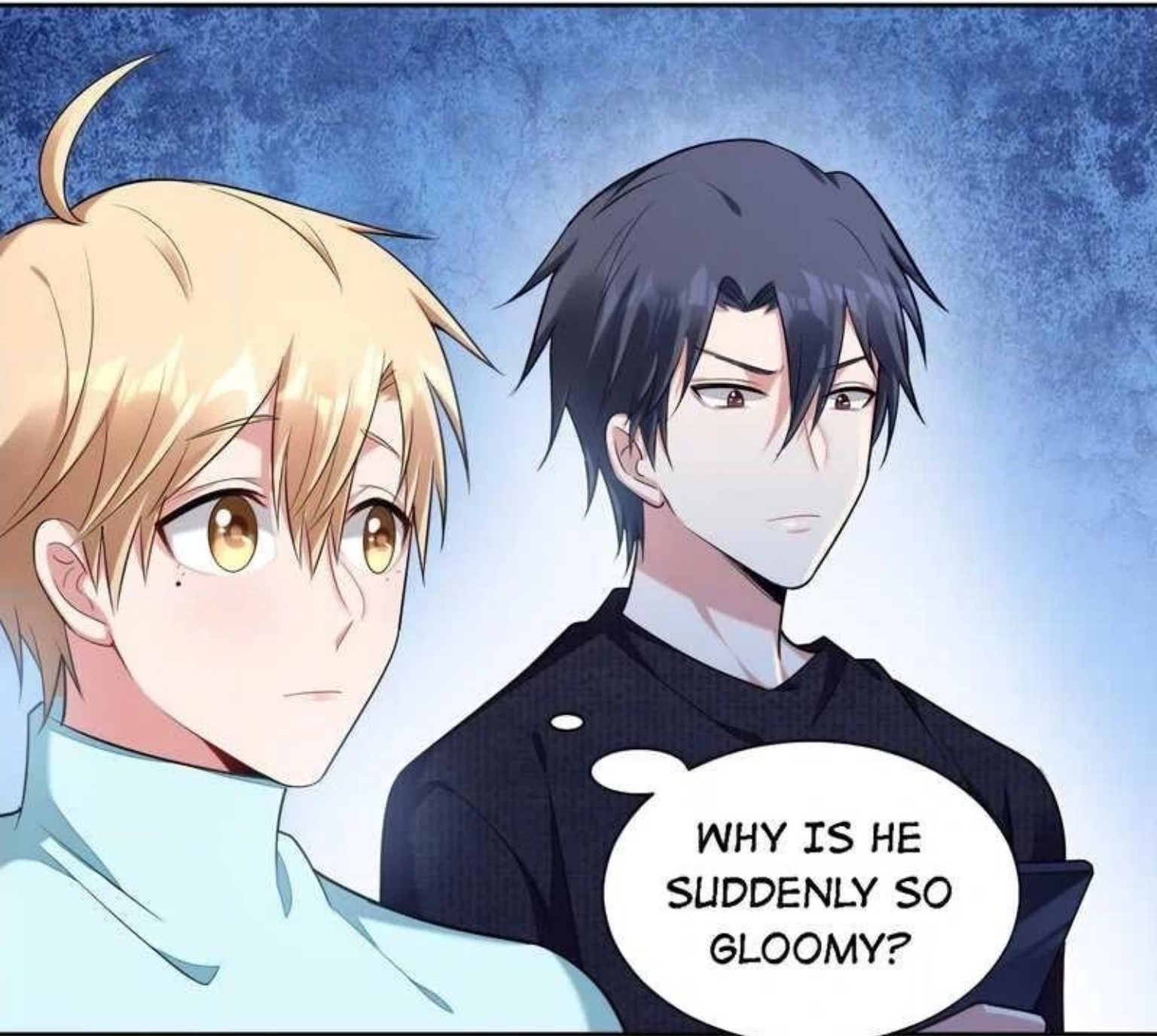


WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND? WHY ARE
YOU SUDDENLY SO
ENERGETIC?

N-NOTHING...

BZZT BZZT





WHY IS HE
SUDDENLY SO
GLOOMY?



I NEED TO FIND
A WAY TO CANCEL
THE
ENGAGEMENT...

IF YOU HAVE
SOMETHING ON,
YOU MAY LEAVE
FIRST.



I CAN MANAGE
ON MY OWN.



A manga-style illustration of a blonde character with short, wavy hair and large, expressive yellow eyes. They are wearing a light blue turtleneck sweater. Their right hand is raised, with their index finger pressed against their lips in a gesture of secrecy or silence. The background is a soft, warm orange glow.

ARE YOU SO EAGER
TO GET RID OF ME?

A manga-style illustration of a dark-haired character with long, straight hair and dark eyes. They are wearing a dark, high-collared garment. They are looking towards the blonde character with a serious expression. Their right hand is raised, with their index finger pointing towards the blonde character. The background is a soft, warm orange glow.

TELL ME HONESTLY. DO
YOU REALLY NOT MIND
ABOUT MY FAKE
ENGAGEMENT WITH
ZHUO YI?



HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
JUST THINKING ABOUT
IT... MAKES IT HARD FOR
ME TO BREATHE.



BUT IT'S NOT LIKE
THERE'S ANYTHING I
CAN DO.

GRIP



I'LL ONLY
BECOME YOUR
BURDEN...



EVEN IF YOU
DON'T WISH TO
ADMIT IT.



I DON'T MIND
IT AT ALL SINCE
IT'S FAKE.

THEN...



BUT I CAN TELL THAT
ZHUO YI DOESN'T SEEM
SINCERE ABOUT THIS
ENGAGEMENT EITHER.



JOLT



YOU'RE
RIGHT.



ZHUO YI LIKES
YOUR SENIOR.

AND SHE'S
USING ME AS
HER SHIELD
TOO.

EH?!!