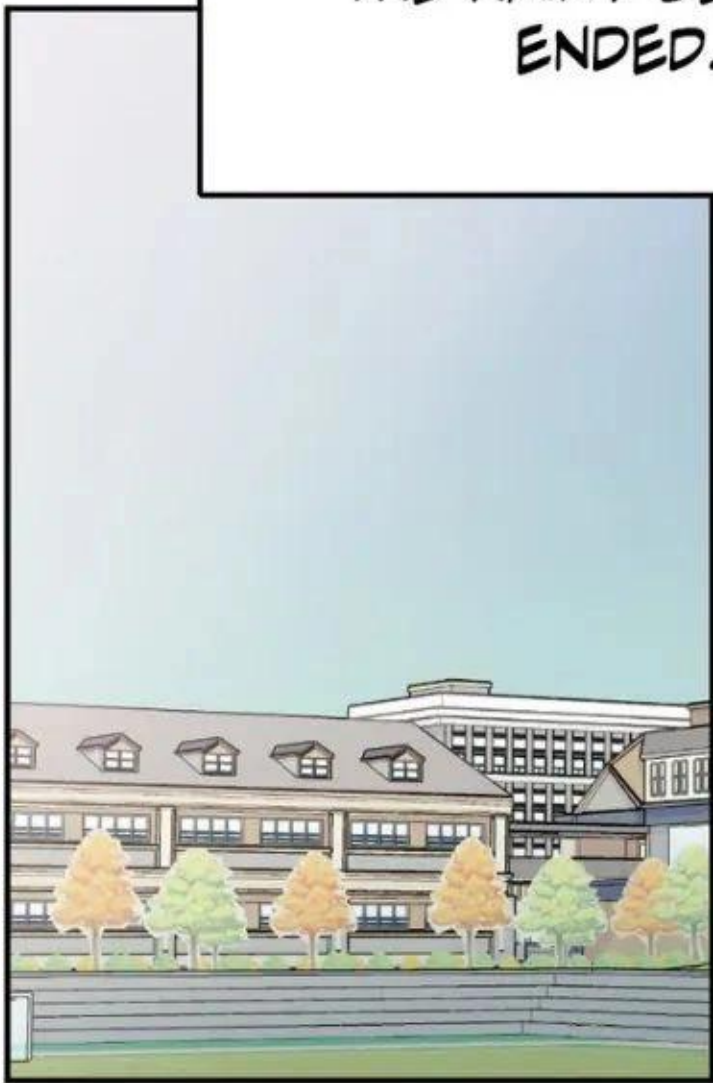


IT'S BEEN
THREE WEEKS SINCE
THE RAINY SEASON
ENDED.



FROM WHERE
I SAT, IT SEEMED LIKE
JIN-HYEON WAS DOING
WELL.

CHITTER



CHATTER



HE'S ALWAYS
SURROUNDED BY
HIS FRIENDS...



...AND HE PLAYS
BASKETBALL DURING
LUNCH.



I EVEN
HEARD THAT HE
DID UNEXPECTEDLY
WELL ON HIS FINAL
EXAMS.

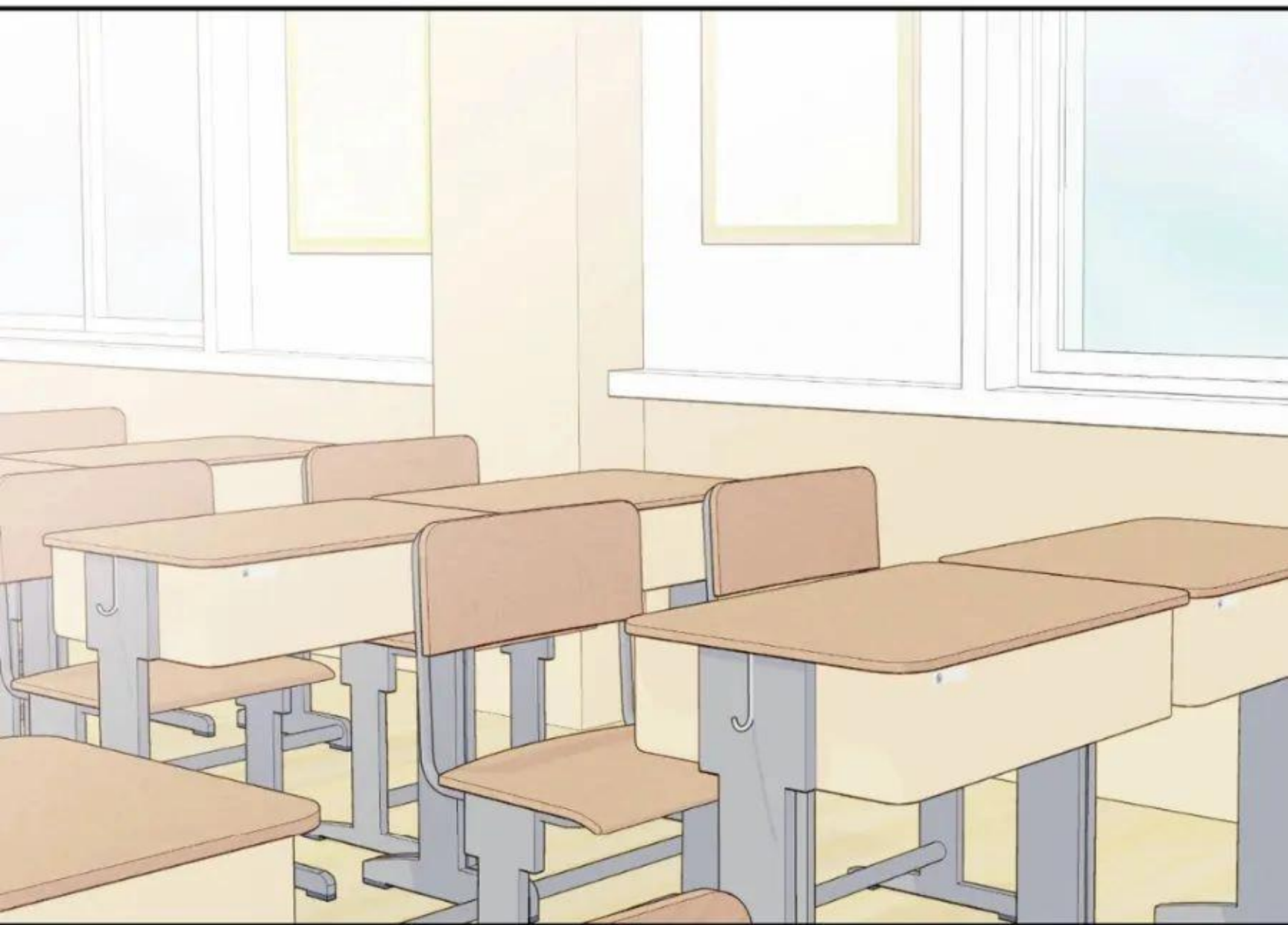


HE SEEMED
TO BE FARING FAR
BETTER THAN ME,
AT LEAST.

OF COURSE,
JIN-HYEON HADN'T
SPOKEN A SINGLE
WORD TO ME.



I FEEL
LIKE HE STARES
AT ME WHEN I'M
NOT LOOKING,
THOUGH.



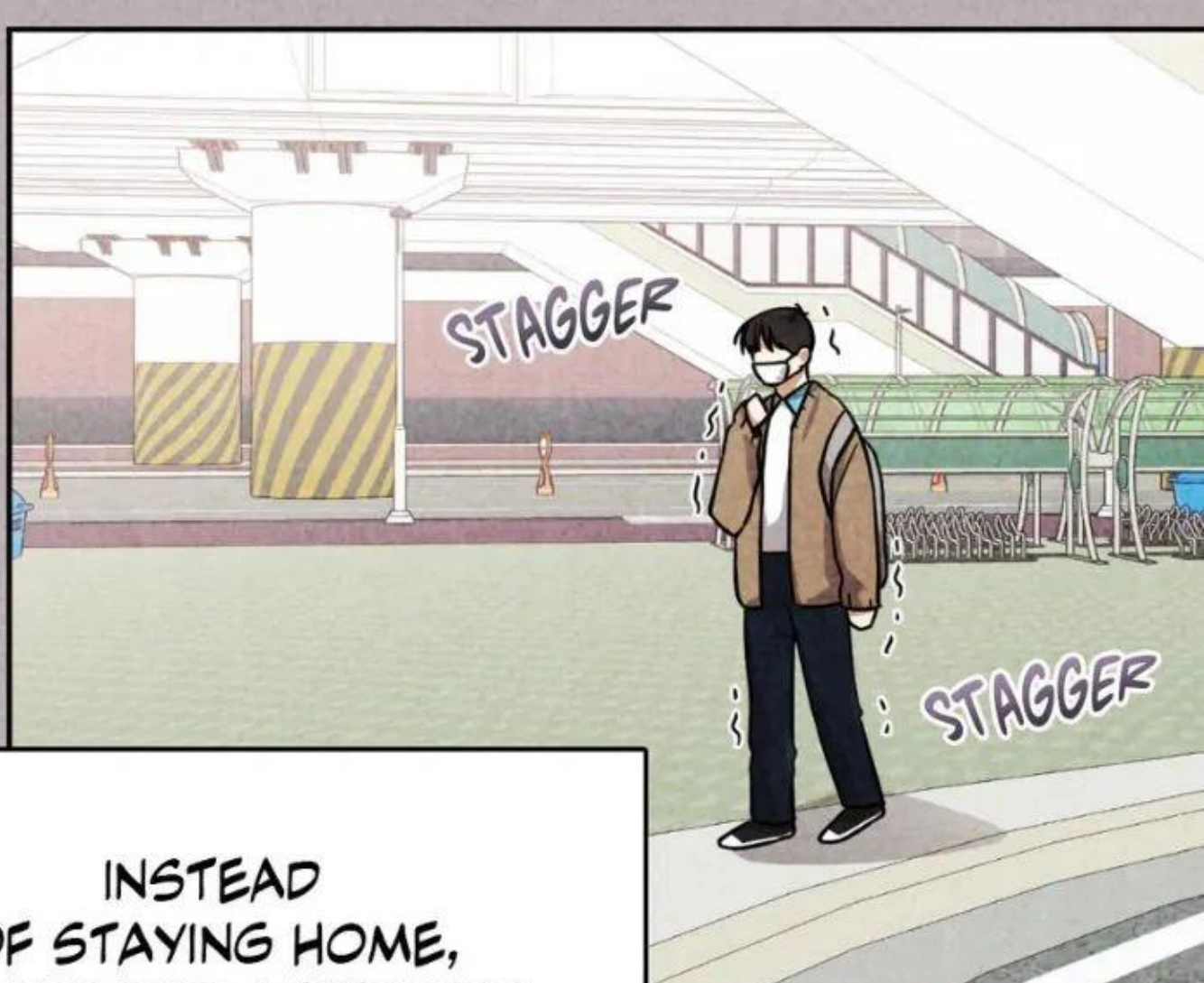


YOU SEEM TO
BE COUGHING LESS
LATELY, BUT YOU'RE
STILL AS PALE AS
EVER.





I CAME DOWN
WITH A BAD COLD
AFTER WE PARTED ON
THAT RAINY DAY.



INSTEAD
OF STAYING HOME,
I CONTINUED ATTENDING
SCHOOL SO I WOULDN'T
WORRY JIN-HYEON.

I ENDED UP
WITH A PERSISTENT COUGH
BECAUSE I PUSHED MYSELF
WHEN I SHOULD'VE
RESTED.



STEP



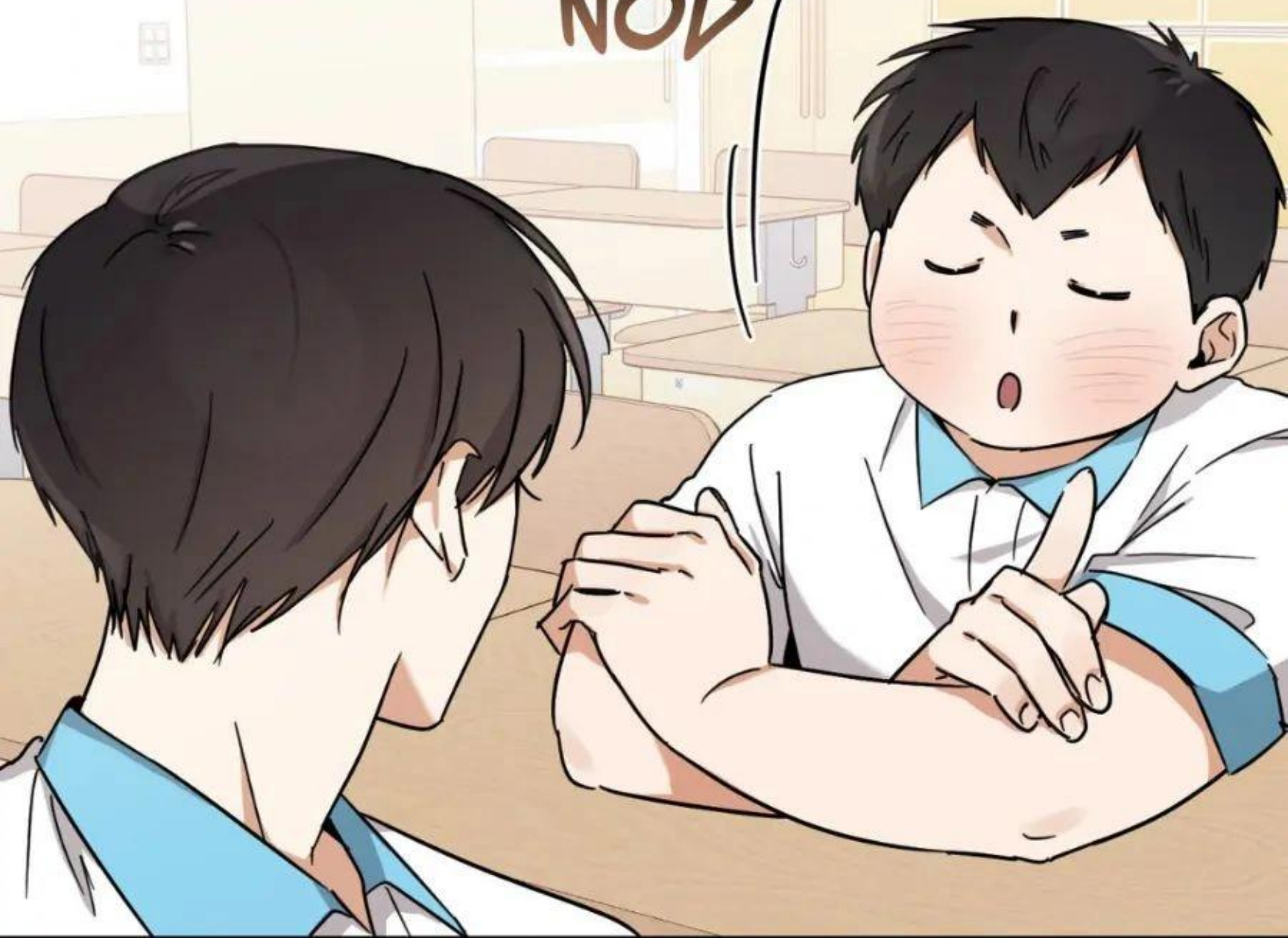
HOW'S CHUN-SIK
DOING?



IT'LL
PROBABLY TAKE
HIM A WHILE.

HE CAN
LISTEN TO ALL THE
MUSIC HE WANTS DURING
CLASS, BUT IT'S NOT GOING
TO FIX HIS STAGE
FRIGHT.

NOD



LIKE,
WHAT'S THE POINT
OF HAVING PERFECT
TEETH?

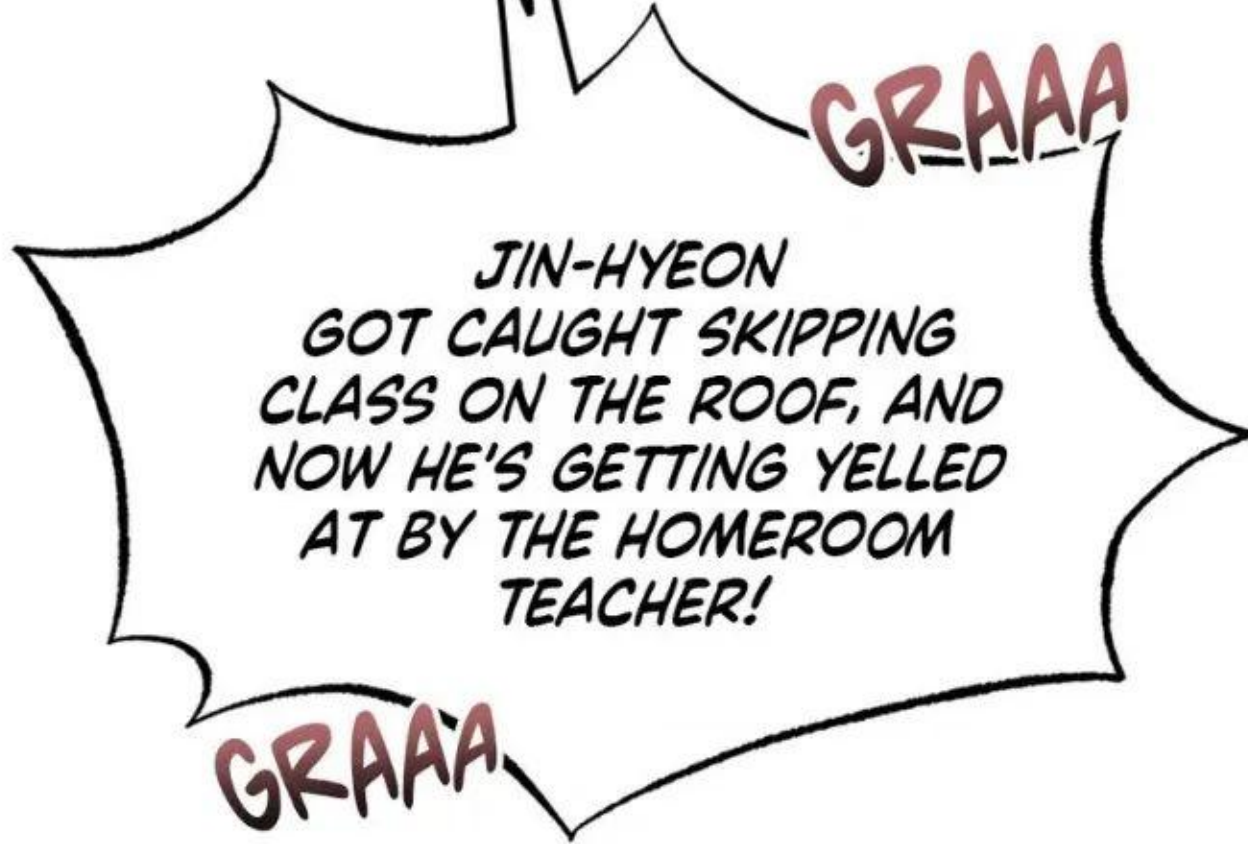
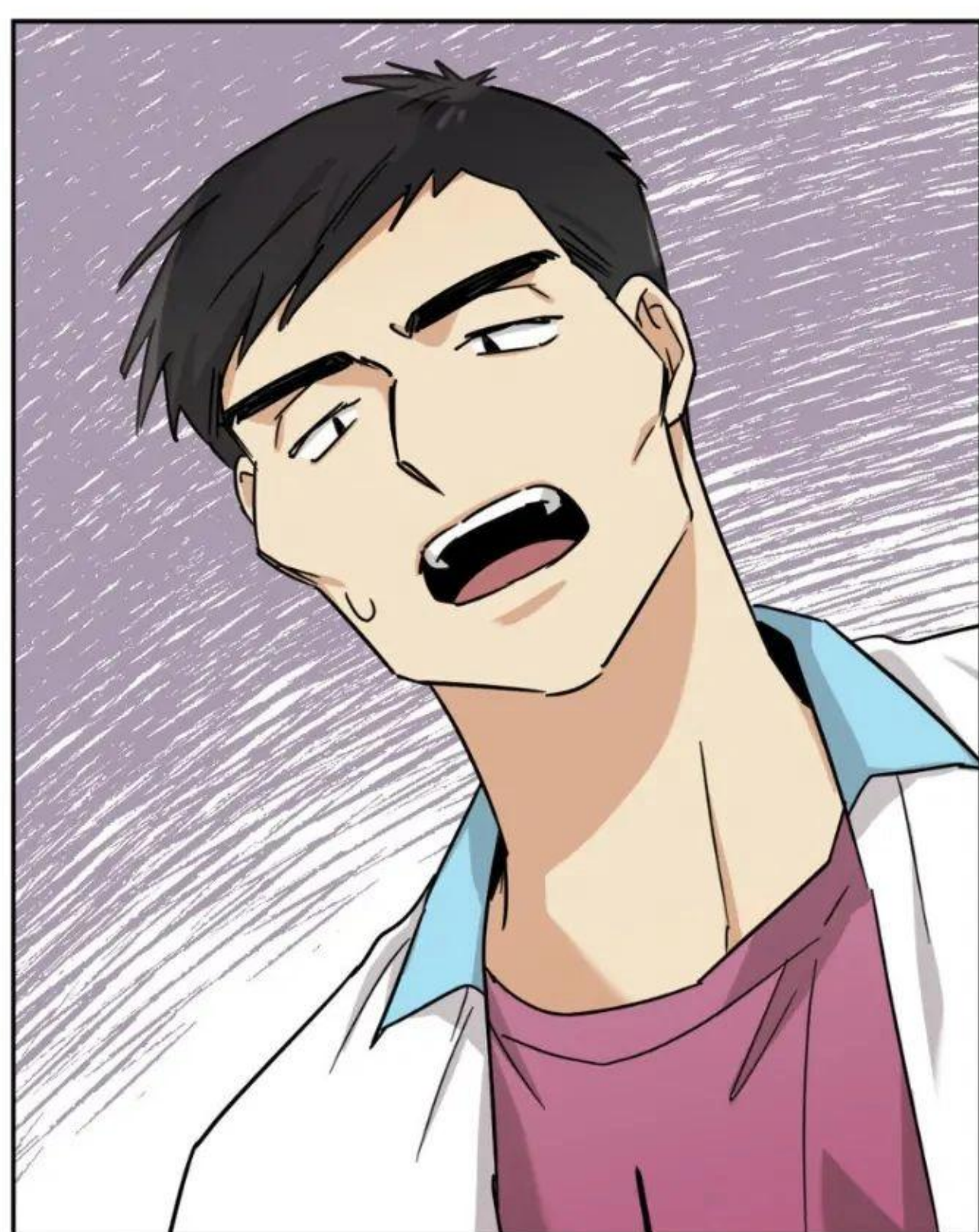


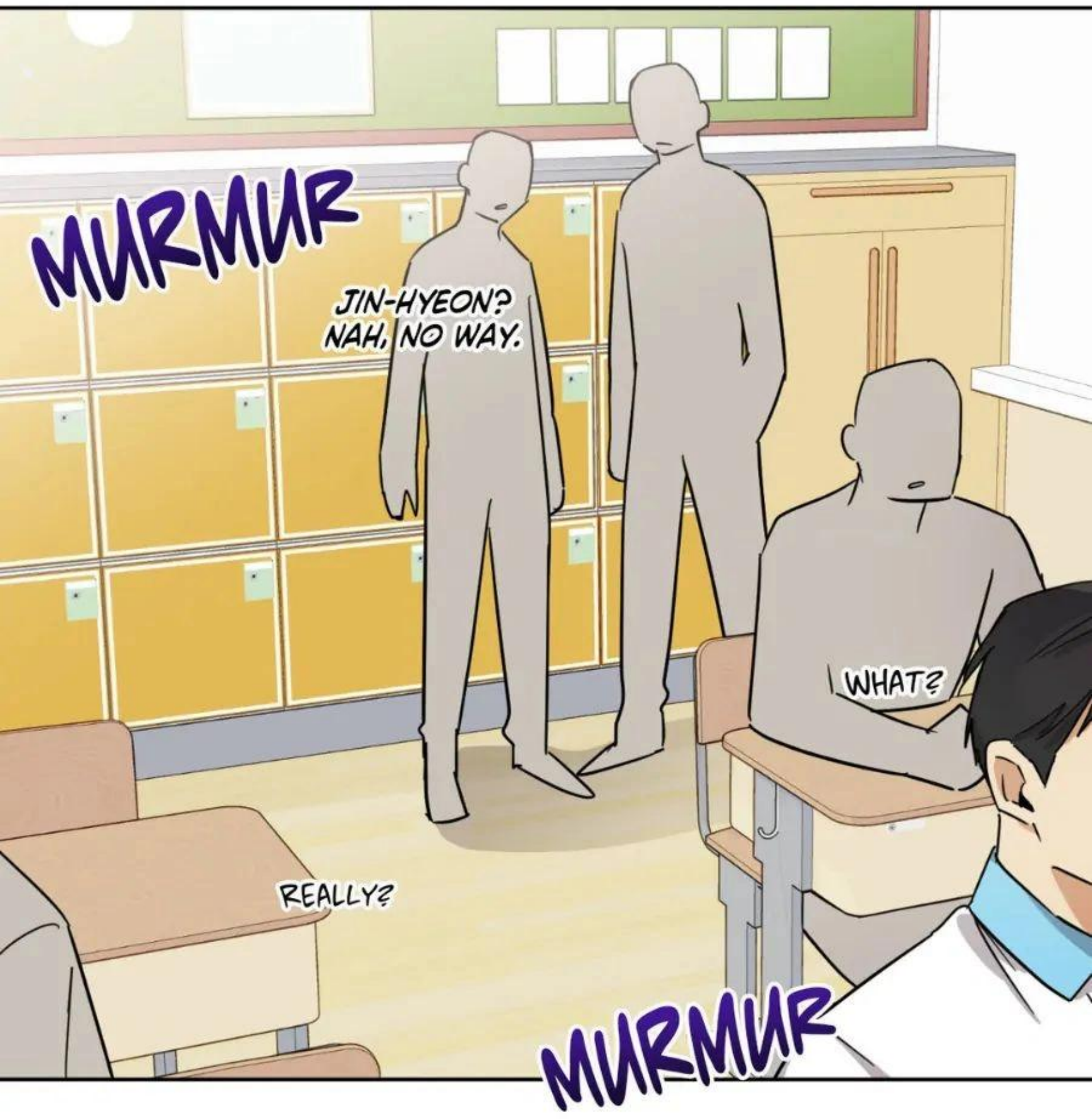
HAHA



YOU WON'T
BELIEVE THIS!









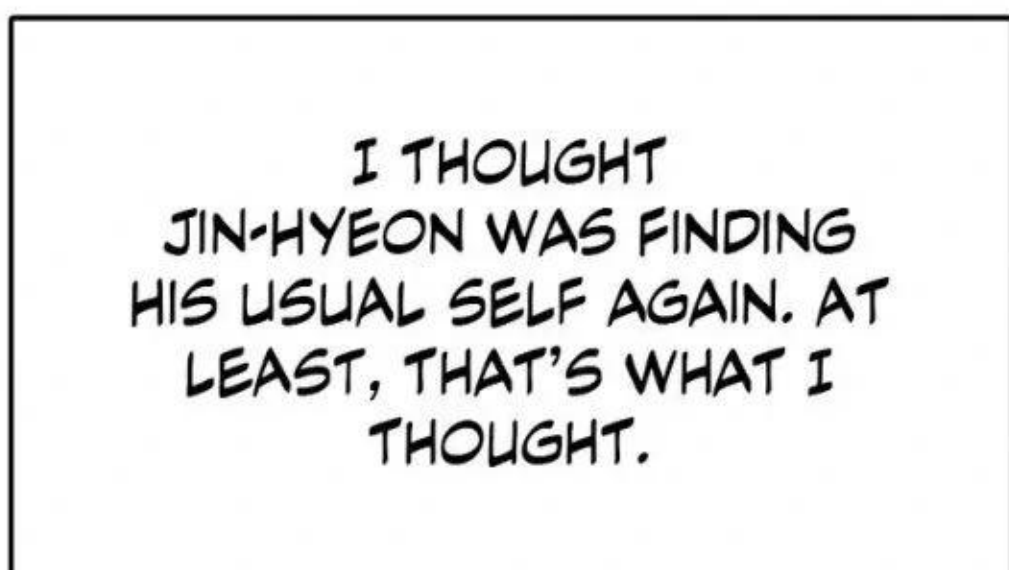
HE WAS
DOING BETTER
THAN ME, AT LEAST.
I BARELY ATE...



...AND
RARELY SMILED
IF IT HADN'T BEEN
FOR SEUNG.



I THOUGHT
JIN-HYEON WAS FINDING
HIS USUAL SELF AGAIN. AT
LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I
THOUGHT.





STEP

SHUT UP. I CAN
PRACTICALLY HEAR
YOU GUYS LOOKING
AT ME.

FWIP

RATTLE

GLANCE

HEY, DID
YOU REALLY GET
PUNISHED?



SO WHAT IF
I DID? WHAT'S THE
BIG DEAL?

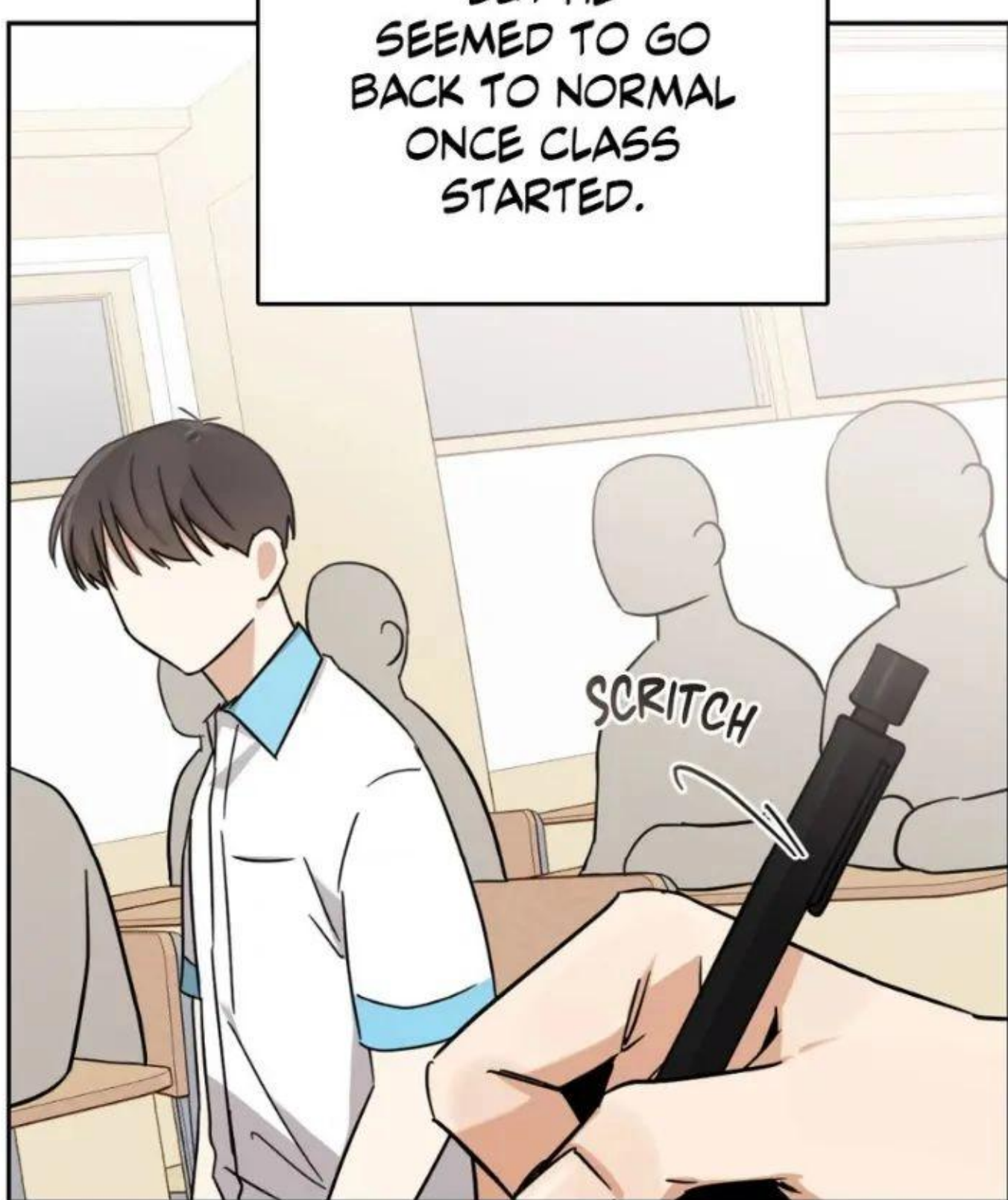
JUST DO
YOUR WORK.

OH, OKAY...



JIN-HYEON
LOOKED LIKE HE
WAS IN A BAD
MOOD.

BUT HE
SEEMED TO GO
BACK TO NORMAL
ONCE CLASS
STARTED.



SCRITCH

HAHAHA



HE SEEMED TO
BOUNCE BACK EASILY
FROM HARDSHIP.



FIDDLE

I THOUGHT THAT
RESILIENCE WAS A GOOD
THING. ALL I WANTED WAS
FOR HIM TO BE HAPPY.

AS LONG AS
JIN-HYEON DIDN'T FEEL
EMPTY, LIKE ALL THE BLOOD
HAD EVAPORATED FROM HIS
BODY, THEN I WAS
HAPPY.

Heartthrob

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AREN'T
YOU GONNA GET
LUNCH?

NAH. I HAVE A
STOMACHACHE.

ENJOY?







I DECIDED
THIS MYSELF.

IT WAS
ONLY MY PAIN
TO BEAR.



STEP

THE MOMENT
I HEARD HIM LEAVE
THE ROOM, I FELT THE TEARS
THREATENING TO SPILL FROM
MY EYES AND DOWN
MY CHEEKS.



IT WAS A RELIEF HE DIDN'T
SEE MY TEARS FALL.

To be continued...