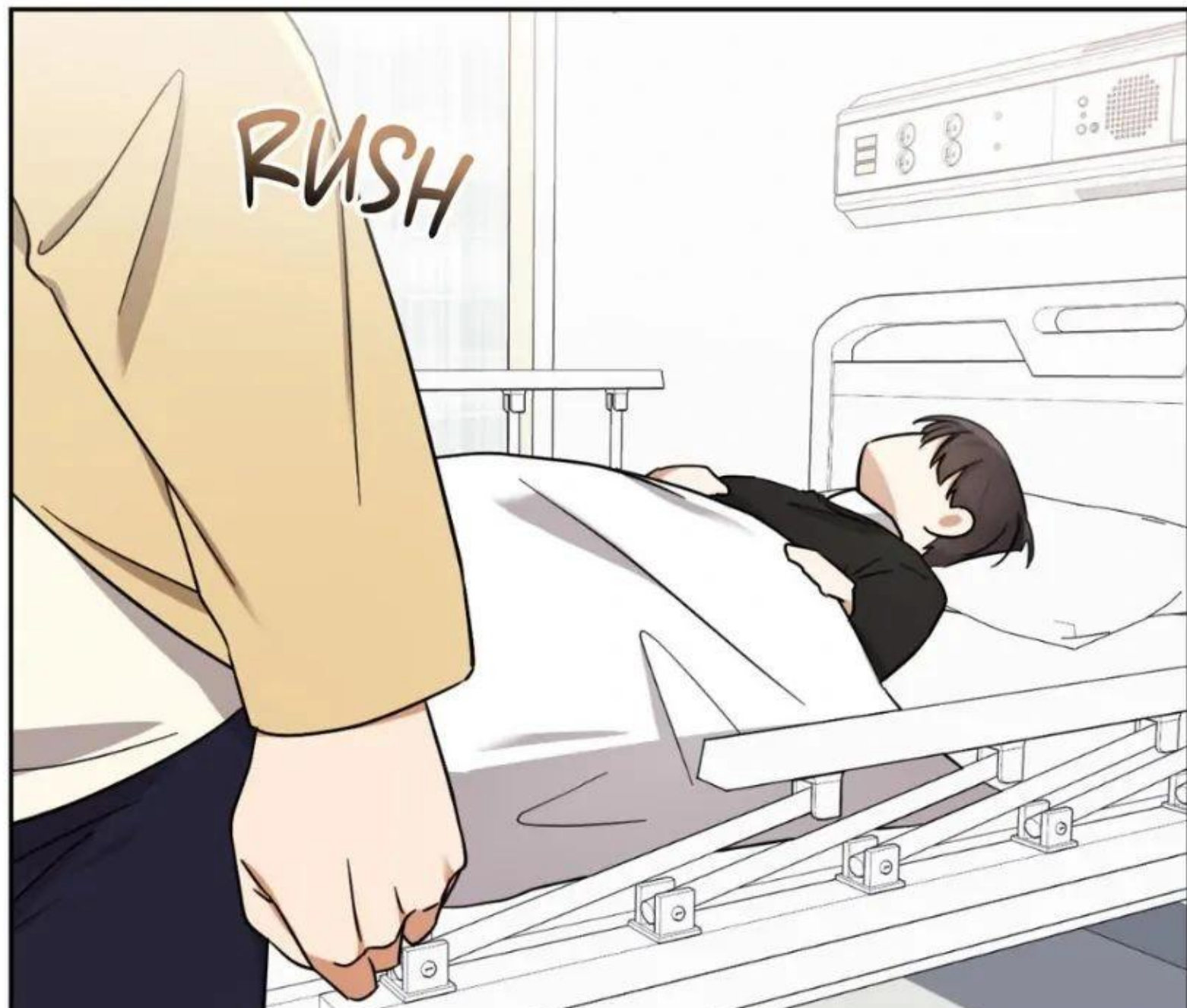








...NUMERICAL
VALUES WERE
JUST UNDER 0,
SO....

DIZZY



DIZZY

...MAKES PREGNANCY
IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT
MEDICATION...

SLUMP





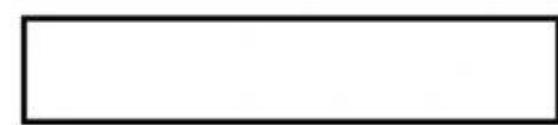
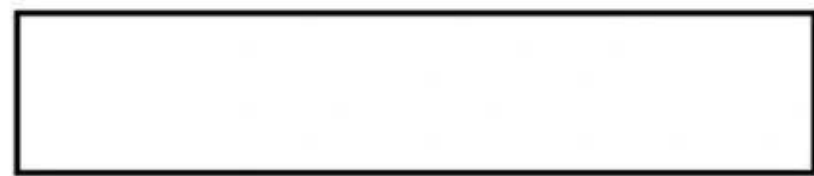
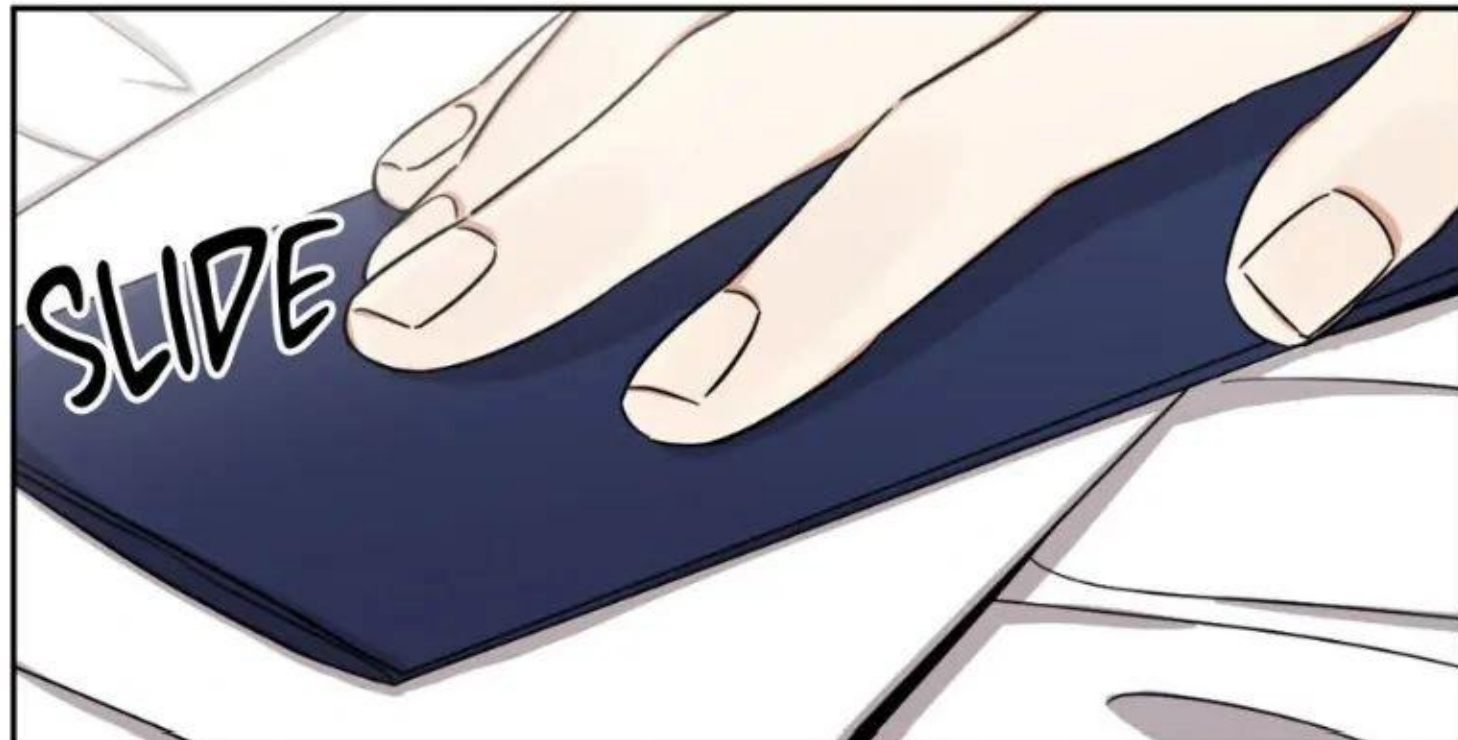
ARE YOU
FEELING BETTER?
GOOD, THAT'S
GOOD.

I KNOW
THIS IS SHOCKING
NEWS, SO I SUGGEST
YOU TAKE IT EASY FOR
A FEW DAYS. WE DON'T
WANT YOU FAINTING
UNDER STRESS
AGAIN.

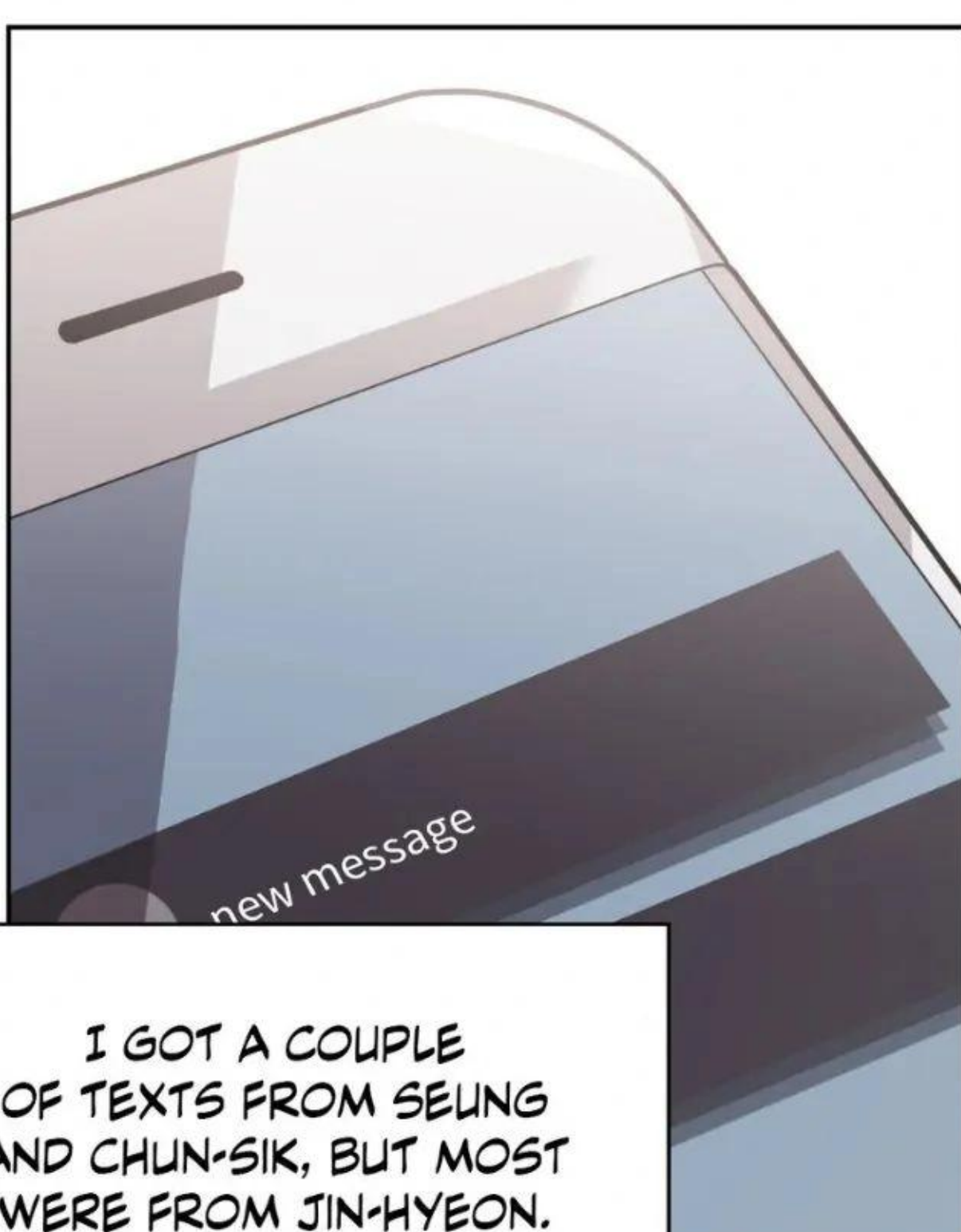


THE
GOVERNMENT DOES
PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR
MALE OMEGAS. YOU CAN
APPLY FOR AID ON THE
WEBSITE LISTED IN
THE PAMPHLET.





AFTER I GATHERED MY CERTIFICATE, THE PAMPHLET, AND MY NEW MEDS, I LEFT THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER AND STARED AT MY PHONE.



I GOT A COUPLE OF TEXTS FROM SEUNG AND CHUN-SIK, BUT MOST WERE FROM JIN-HYEON.

Are you at the health center?

Are you an alpha?

Text me once you're done.
I'll call you.



JIN-HYEON SEEMED
MORE INTERESTED IN MY
GENDER THAN ME... WHICH
MEANT HE WAS EXPECTING
ME TO PRESENT AS
AN ALPHA.



I DIDN'T
PLAN ON TEXTING
HIM BACK. I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO
TELL HIM.

I WAS SO
TERRIBLY CONFUSED
BY THESE STRANGE
FEELINGS I FELT THE
MOMENT I LEFT THE
BUILDING.





I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT JIN-HYEON MEANT WHEN HE SAID HE FELT LIKE HE WAS LIVING IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD AFTER HE PRESENTED.

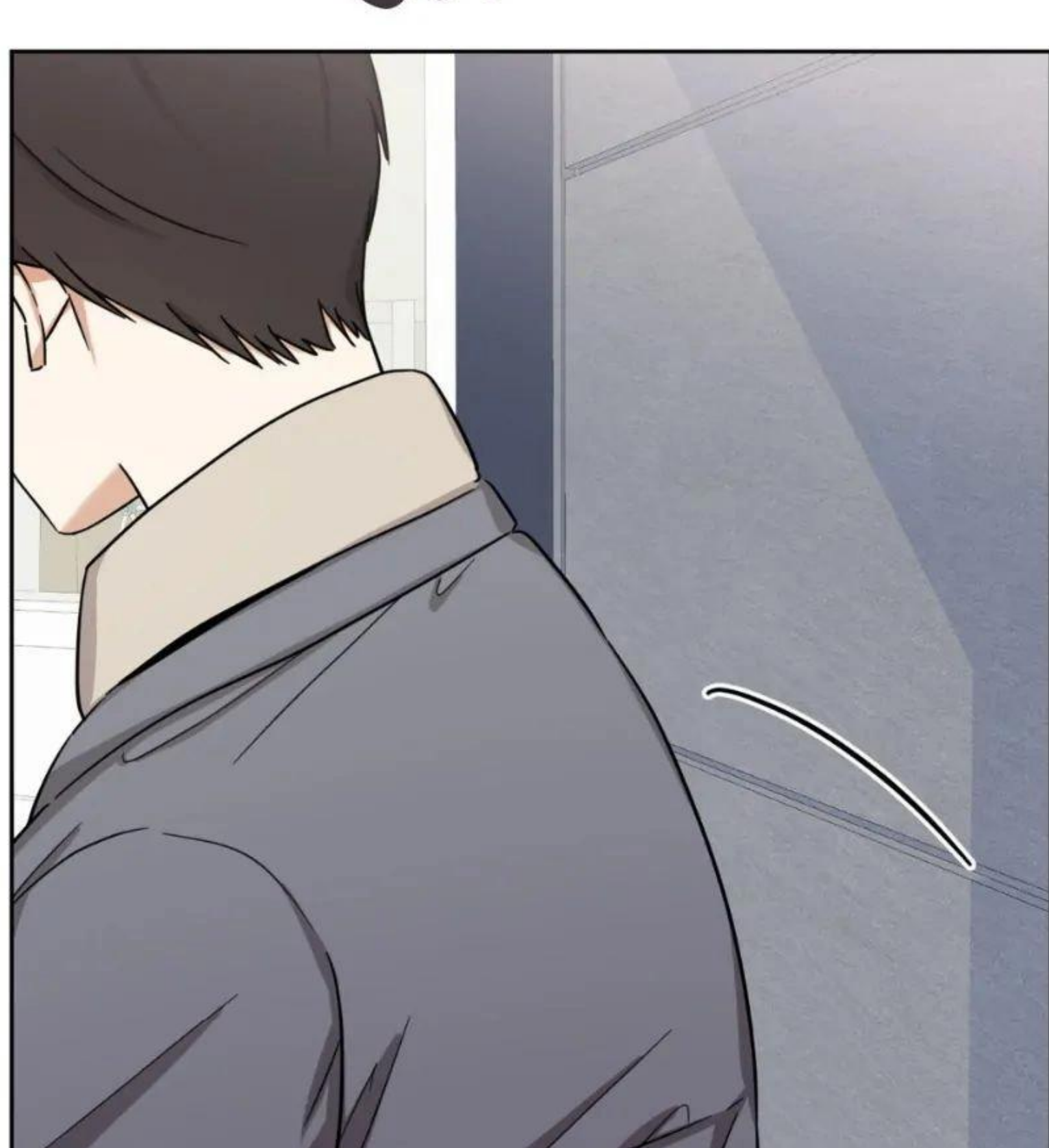
Heartthrob

Writer: Ji Seung Hyun
Artist : 1001

I HAD
THE TAXI DROP ME
OFF RIGHT IN FRONT OF
MY HOUSE TO MINIMIZE
CONTACT WITH OTHER
PEOPLE.



CLACK





STEP

SURPRISINGLY
ENOUGH, MY FIRST THOUGHT
AFTER I PRESENTED AS AN OMEGA
WASN'T ABOUT JIN-HYEON, BUT
ABOUT HOW TRAUMATIC
IT ALL WAS.

FLOP



I BEGAN TO CURL
IN ON MYSELF AS IF THE
PEOPLE WHO USED TO TEASE
ME ABOUT BEING AN OMEGA
WERE ALREADY GANGING
UP AND GLEEFULLY
MOCKING ME.

I DIDN'T WANT
TO GET HURT AGAIN, SO
MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS
THINKING THAT I NEVER
WANTED TO GO TO
SCHOOL AGAIN.



MY SECOND
THOUGHT WAS ABOUT
HOW JIN-HYEON HATED
OMEGAS.

SLIDE!



NOW THAT
I'M AN OMEGA,
IF I CONFESSED TO
JIN-HYEON...



HE'D PROBABLY
PRETEND THAT HE
LIKES OMEGAS,
TOO.

I WAS SURE HE'D
TRY TO CONSOLE ME,
SAYING HE'D BE ABLE
TO LOVE MY BODY,
TOO.



BUT HE
DOESN'T EVEN LIKE
OMEGAS...

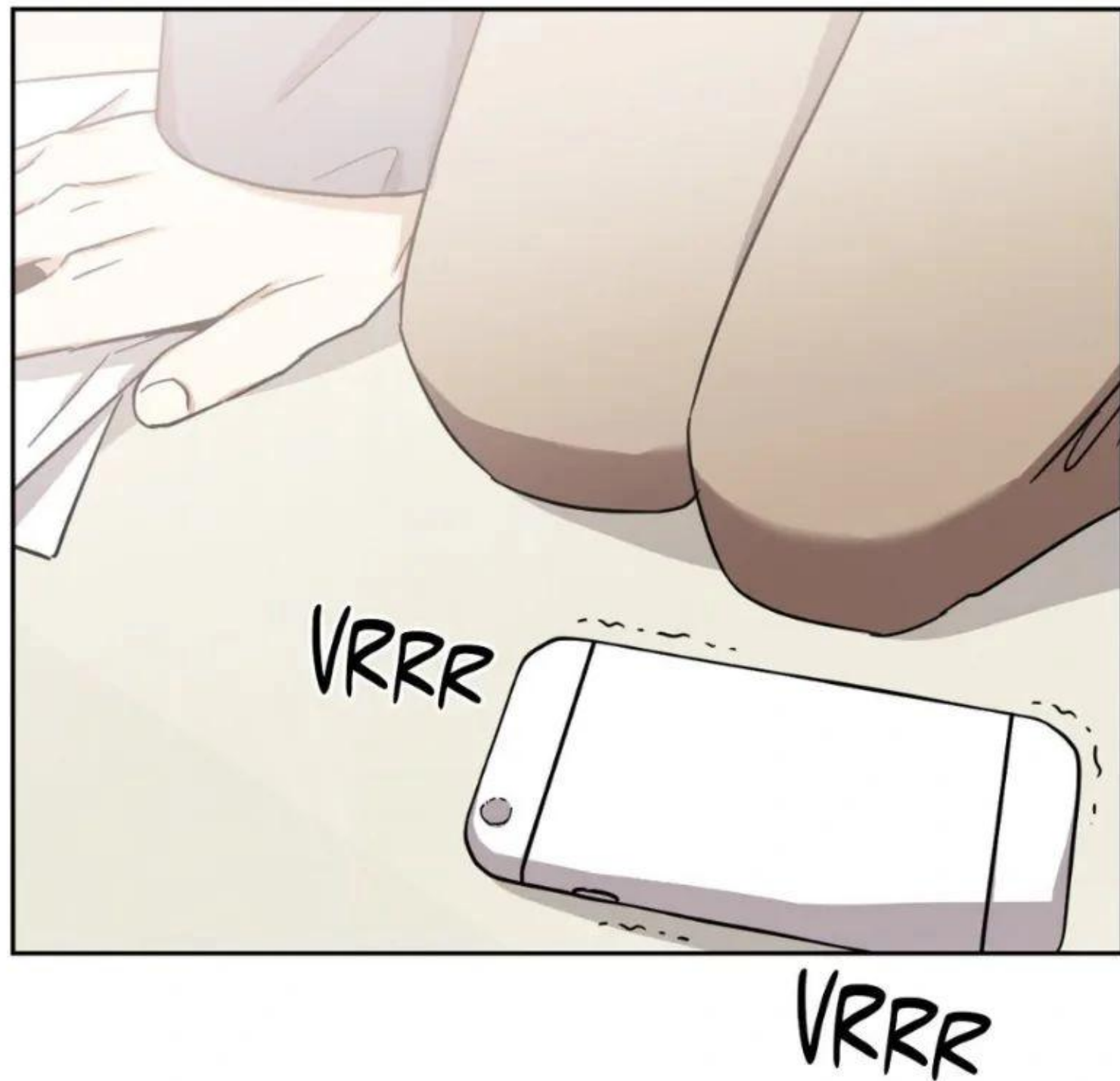


JUST THE
THOUGHT OF JIN-HYEON
SAYING THESE THINGS TO
COMFORT ME CRUSHED
MY HEART.

MY HOUSE WAS
EXACTLY AS I HAD LEFT IT,
BUT IT FELT LIKE EVERYTHING
HAD CHANGED. THE CRUSHING,
TERRIFYING WEIGHT OF REALITY
BEGAN TO SINK IN.



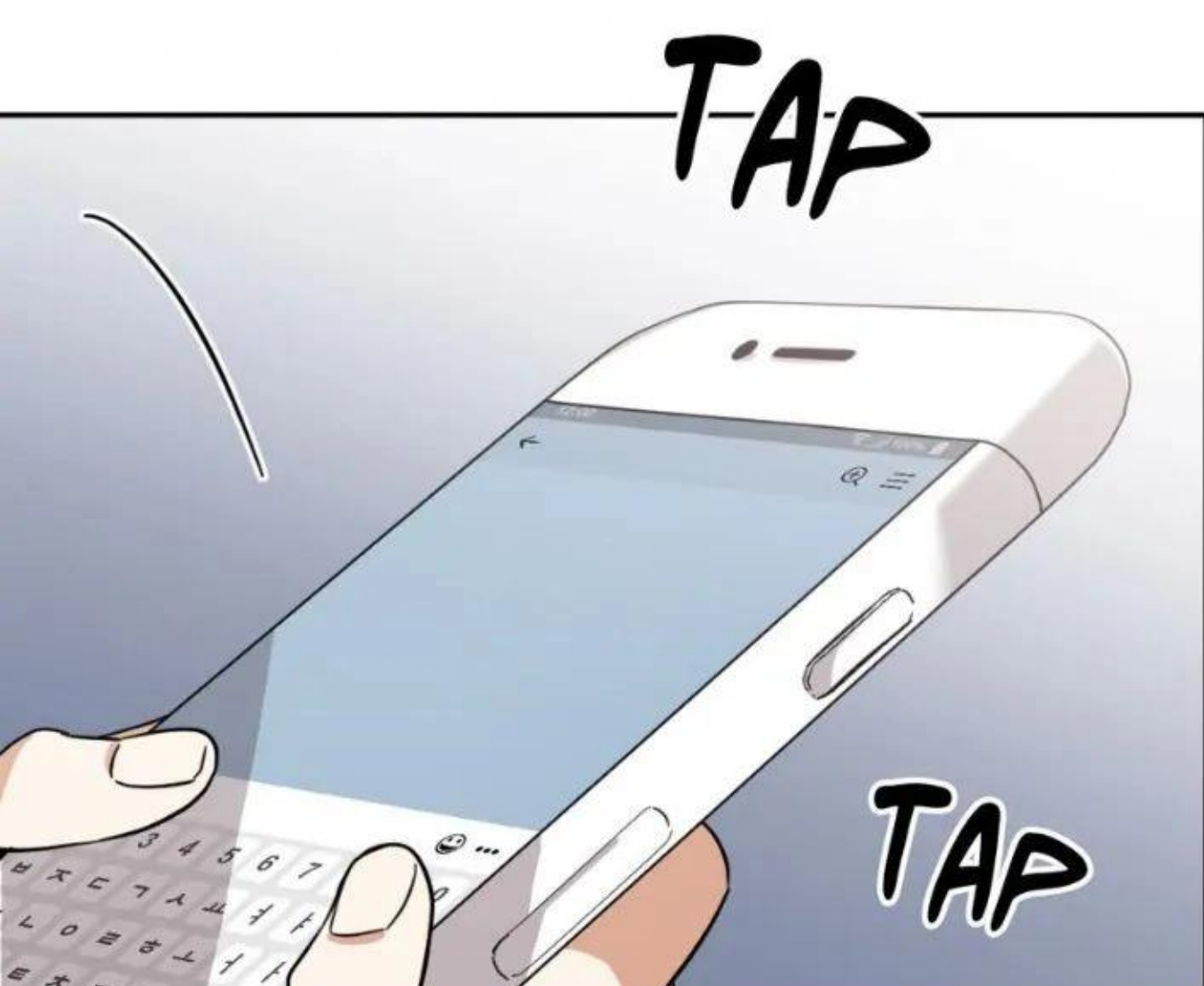
ALL I COULD
SEE WAS THE MALE
OMEGA PAMPHLET AND
VARIOUS INHIBITORS
IN FRONT OF ME.





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I DIDN'T WANT TO
BE ALONE, SO I MADE
AN INTERNATIONAL CALL
TO MY MOM.



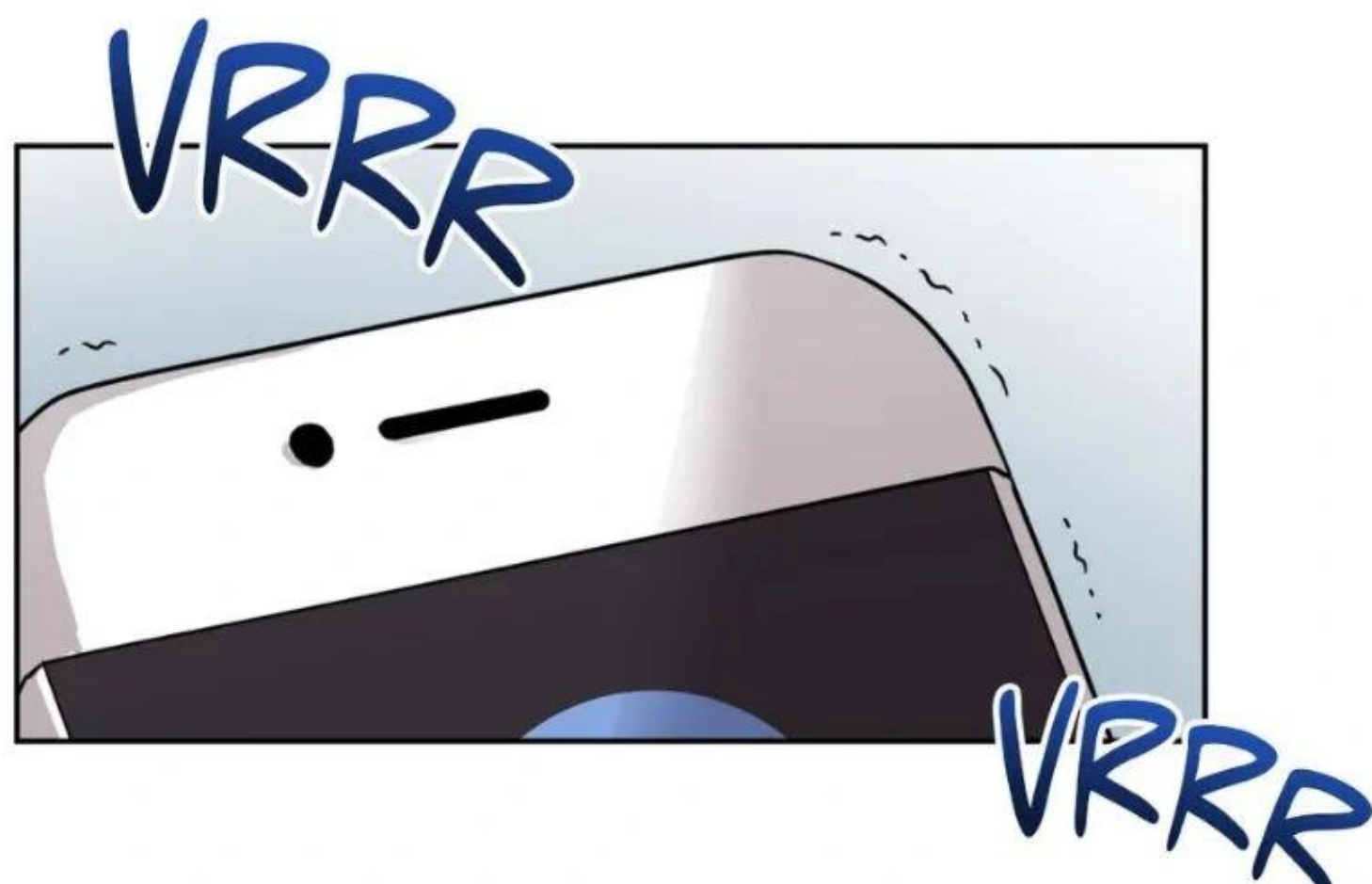
GETTING
IN TOUCH WITH MY
MOM WAS NEVER EASY,
BUT SHE WAS ALWAYS THE
FIRST PERSON I LOOKED
FOR WHENEVER
I WAS SICK.



I just got home. I'm about to eat.
What about you?

TAP

TAP



MY CHEST GREW
HOT AT THE TEXT I GOT
AFTER I LET THE CALL GO
TO VOICEMAIL.





WIPE

SNIFFLE

TAP

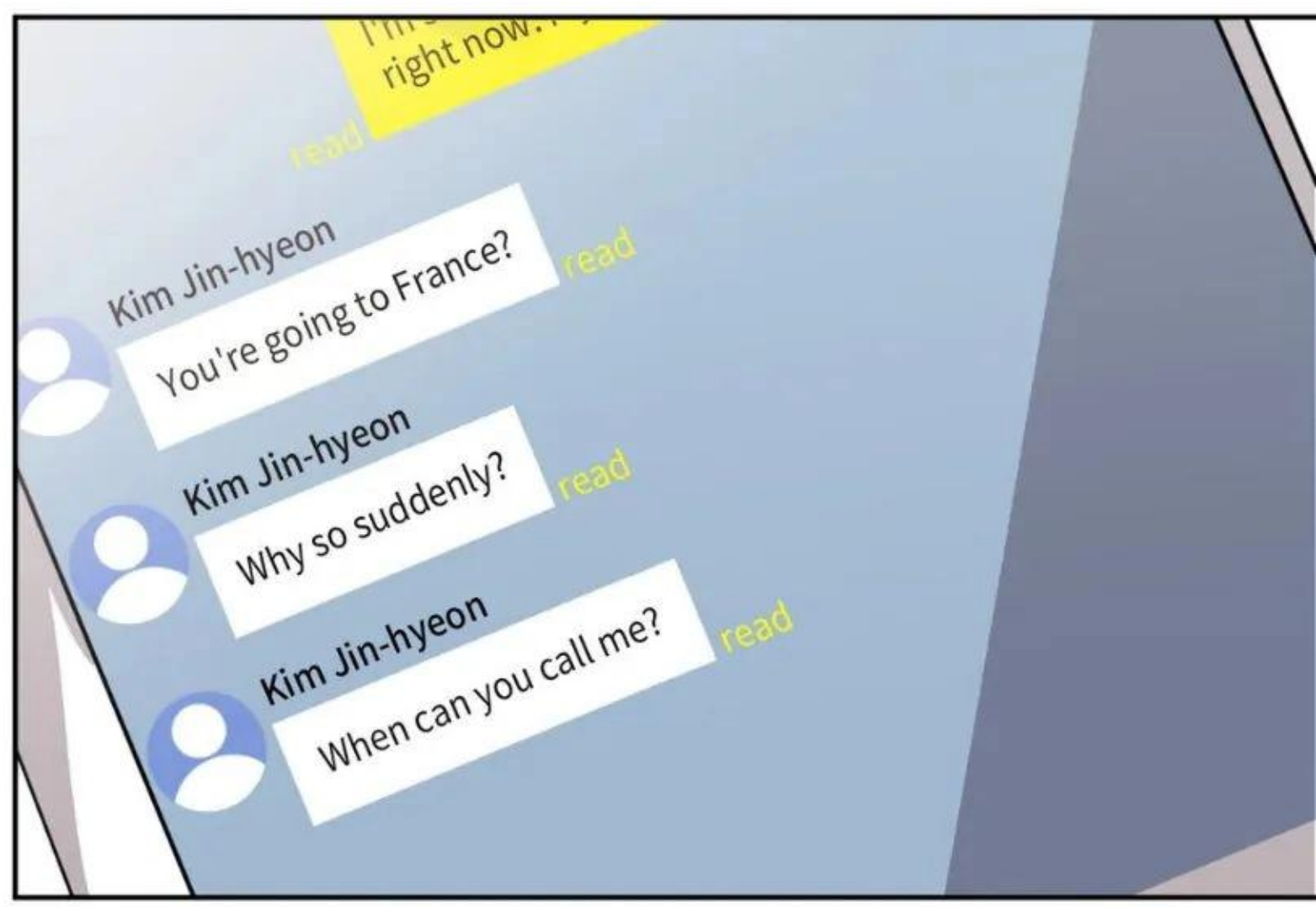
TAP

I'm sorry. I can't pick up the phone right now. My mom might call me soon...

VRRR

VRRR

VRRR



Why so suddenly?

read

Kim Jin-hyeon

When can you call me?

read

They said I needed better medicine after I presented. it seems like my body is still weak, and the hospitals here don't have what I need. I guess they have better medicine overseas.

WHOOSH

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M USING MY WEAK BODY AS AN EXCUSE.



SOB

SOB

Kim Jin-hyeon

So when are you coming back?

Maybe after winter break...
so around the end of February.



Kim Jin-hyeon

I'm coming over right now.

Read

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To be continued...