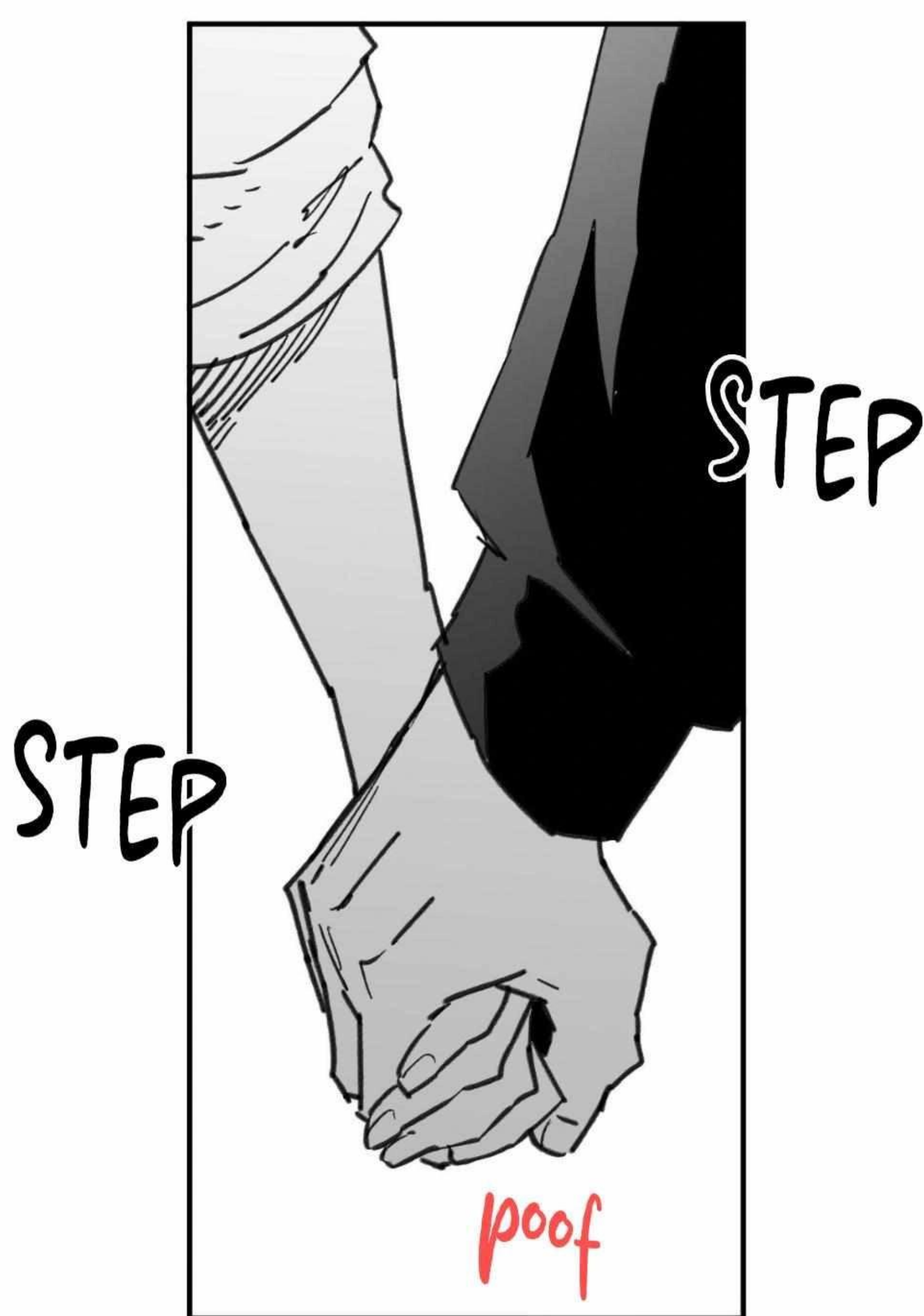


The banner is split into two main sections. The left section is a dark, vertical strip containing several glowing, irregular shapes in shades of orange and red, resembling flames or embers. The right section is a larger, horizontal area with a light gray, misty background. It features a faint, stylized illustration of a landscape with rolling hills and a body of water. In the center of this right section, the text 'MANGABUDDY.COM' is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the text 'THE WORLD OF MANGA' is written in a smaller, black, outlined, sans-serif font.

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THE WORLD OF MANGA



STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP



STEP

STEP

T-THAT'S
ENOUGH!

SNAP!

WE'RE ALMOST
AT SCHOOL...
WE SHOULD STOP
HOLDING HANDS.



FROM HERE ON,
LET'S JUST
WALK
NORMALLY...

YEAH...



ALRIGHT...

DOWN



LET'S GO ALREADY,
WE'LL BE LATE!





WE WERE SLOWLY GETTING
USED TO... OUR RELATIONSHIP.



HIGH
SCHOOL
BOY

SO...
ARE YOU DATING
HYUNWOO?

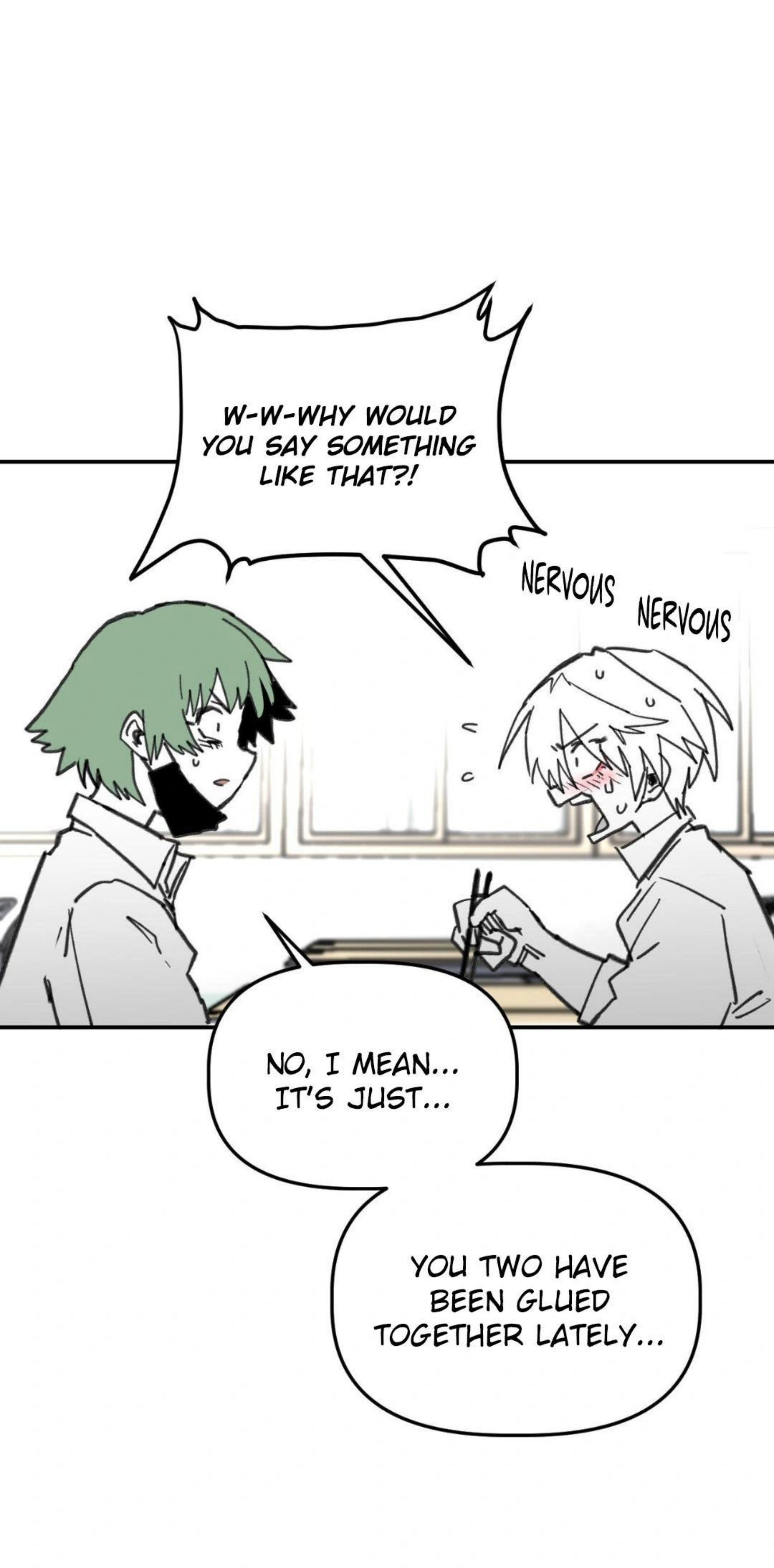




W-WHAT?!

SHOCK

**W-WHERE DID
YOU HEAR THAT?!**



W-W-WHY WOULD
YOU SAY SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?!

NERVOUS NERVOUS

NO, I MEAN...
IT'S JUST...

YOU TWO HAVE
BEEN GLUED
TOGETHER LATELY...



EAT UP,
ILTAK.



PAT PAT..



YOU GUYS ARE
SO OBVIOUS...

ONLY THEN...

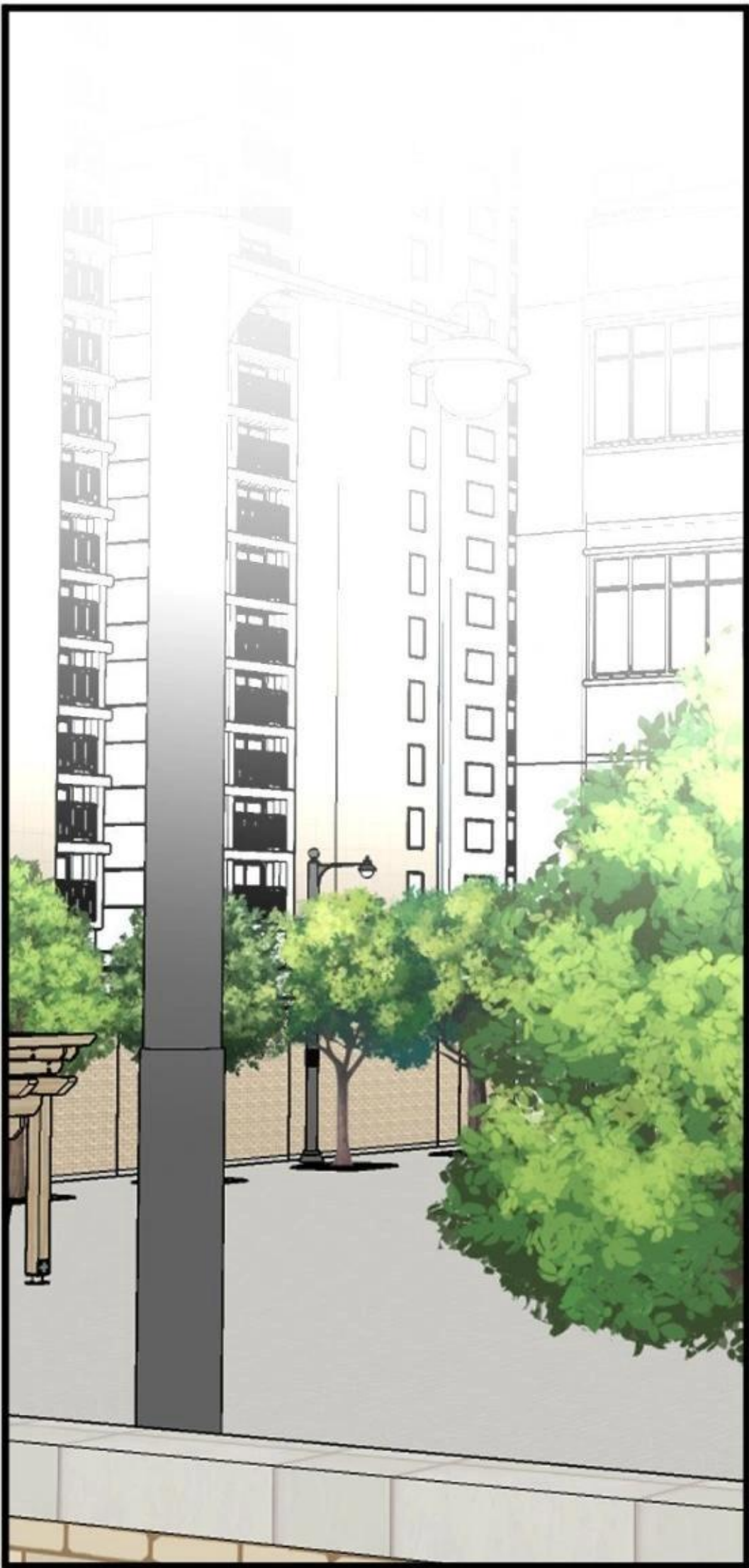


I NOTICED...

ALL THOSE STARES...



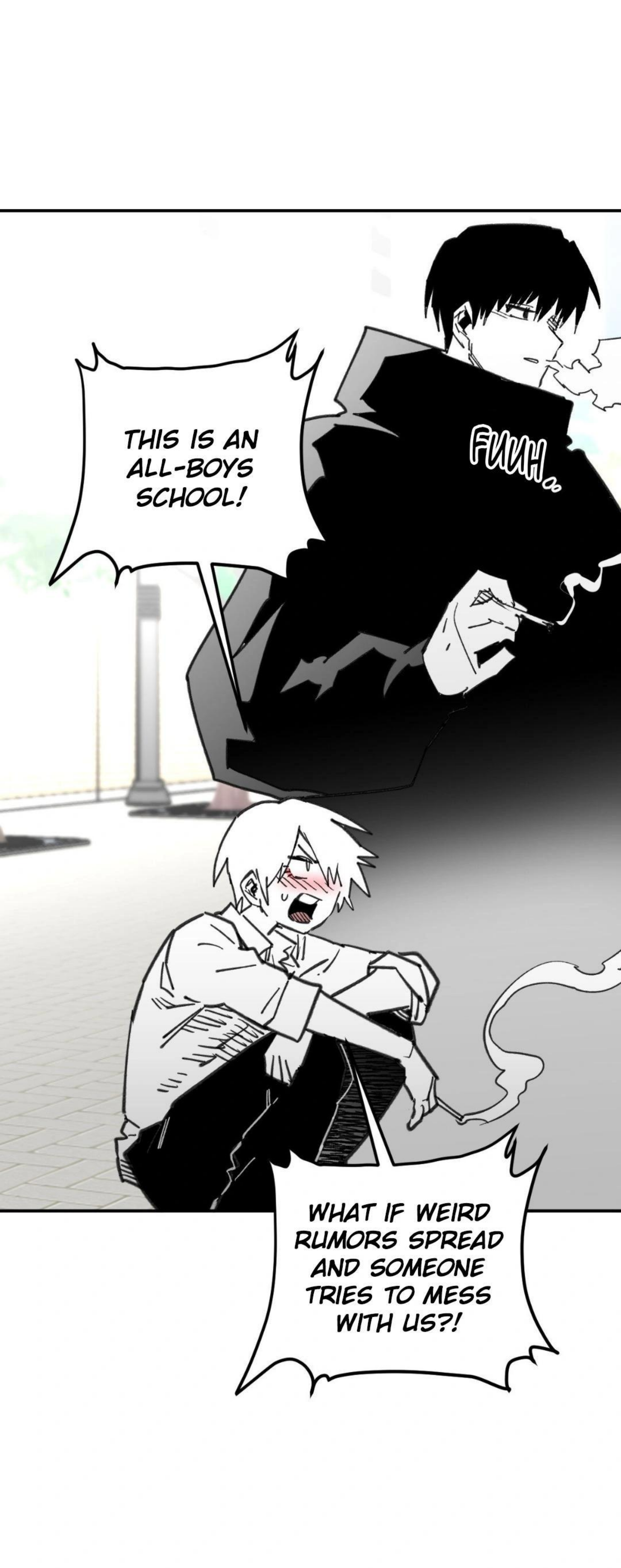
THAT WERE STARTING
TO SUSPECT OF US.



DOES IT REALLY
MATTER?



LET THEM THINK
WHAT THEY WANT.



**THIS IS AN
ALL-BOYS
SCHOOL!**

**WHAT IF WEIRD
RUMORS SPREAD
AND SOMEONE
TRIES TO MESS
WITH US?!**



IF ANYONE
DARES TO,



THEY'LL HAVE TO
DEAL WITH ME.





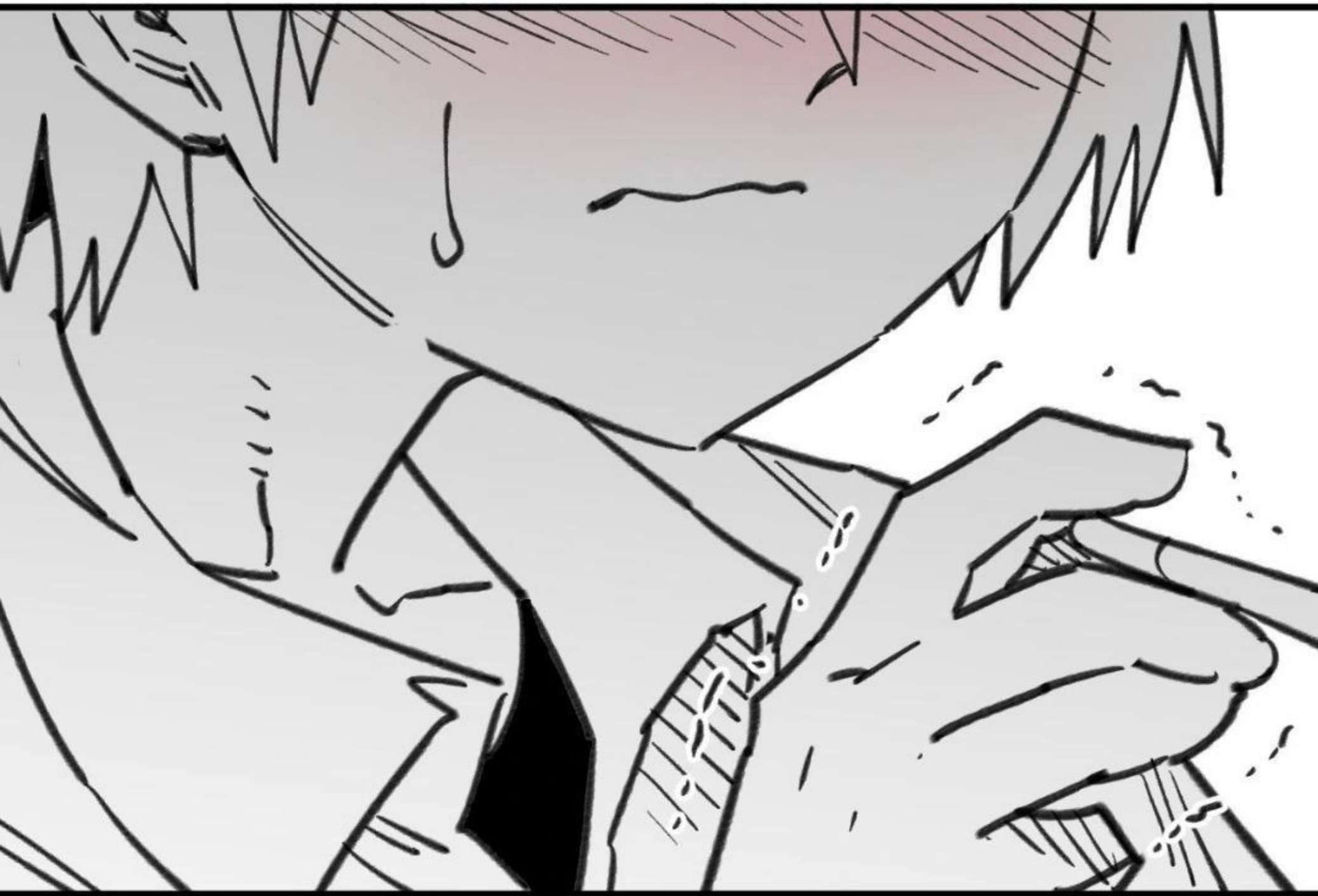
I DON'T
REALLY MIND...

IF THEY THINK
WE'RE DATING.



AFTER ALL....

I REALLY
LIKE YOU.



4-

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

LWAAAAH...

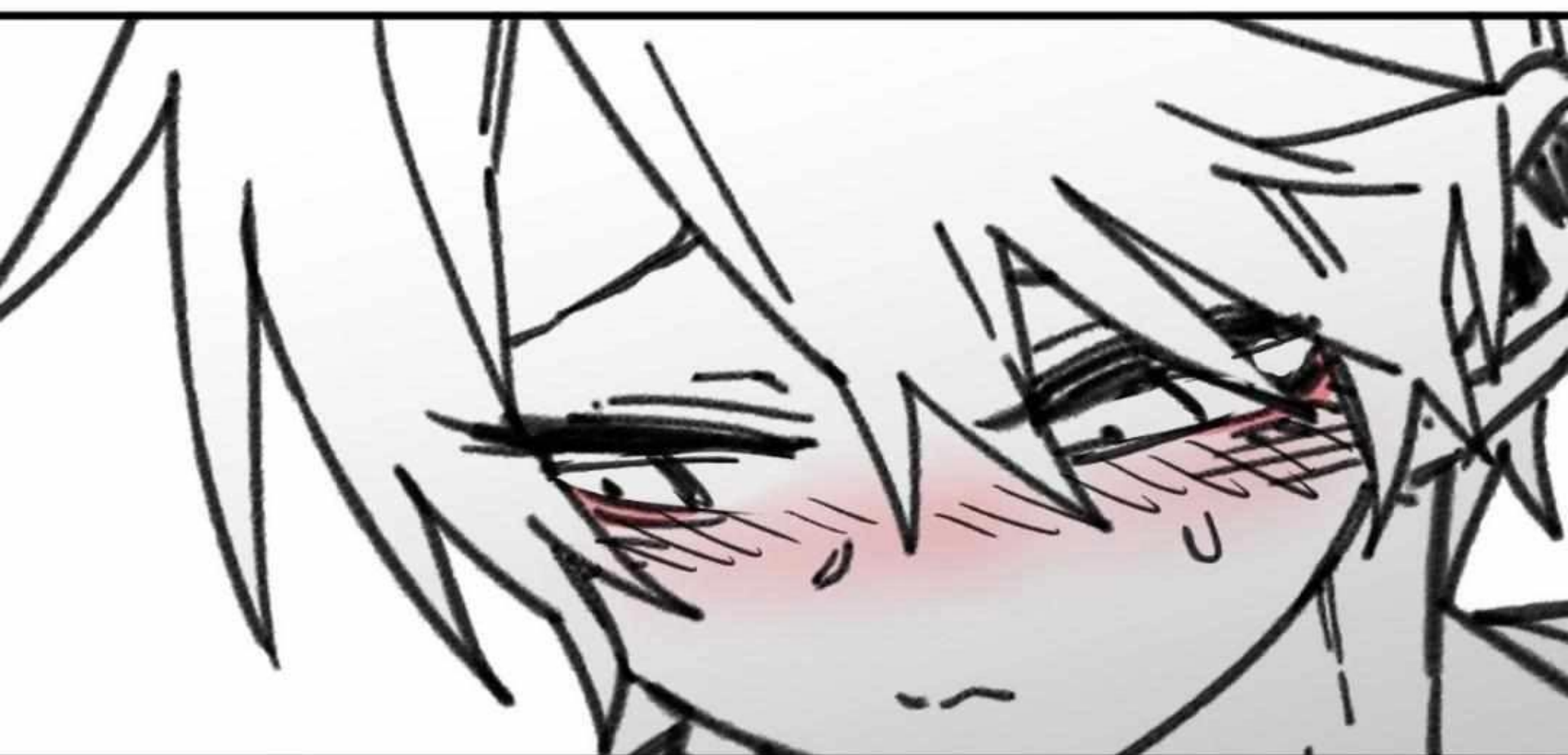


HOW CAN HE SAY
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SO CASUALLY...?

DOESN'T HE GET
EMBARRASSED...?



SERIOUSLY, THIS
GUY'S CRAZY...



**BUT... SOMEHOW,
IT DOESN'T FEEL BAD.**



STILL...

LET'S KEEP
SOME DISTANCE AT
SCHOOL FOR NOW.



WAIT,
WHAT...?
WHY?

DID I DO SOMETHING
WRONG? WHY ARE YOU
ASKING ME FOR THAT?



JUST FOR A WHILE!

UNTIL THE
RUMORS STOP...



IT'S NOT LIKE I'M
PLANNING TO IGNORE
YOU COMPLETELY.

I JUST MEAN,
WE'LL GO TO SCHOOL
SEPARATELY, GREET
EACH OTHER IN
CLASS,

AND IF WE RUN INTO
EACH OTHER IN THE
HALL, JUST CHAT A
LITTLE—





LIKE NORMAL
FRIENDS...

STEP

STEP



STEP

STEP



STEP



STEP



STEP

STEP



ARE YOU GOING
TO THE STORE?

AH, YEAH!

I'M STARVING...

WANT ME
TO GET YOU
SOMETHING?

NAH, I'M GOOD.
EAT WELL.

STEP



STEP

PHEW... GOOD.

THAT WAS
PRETTY NORMAL.

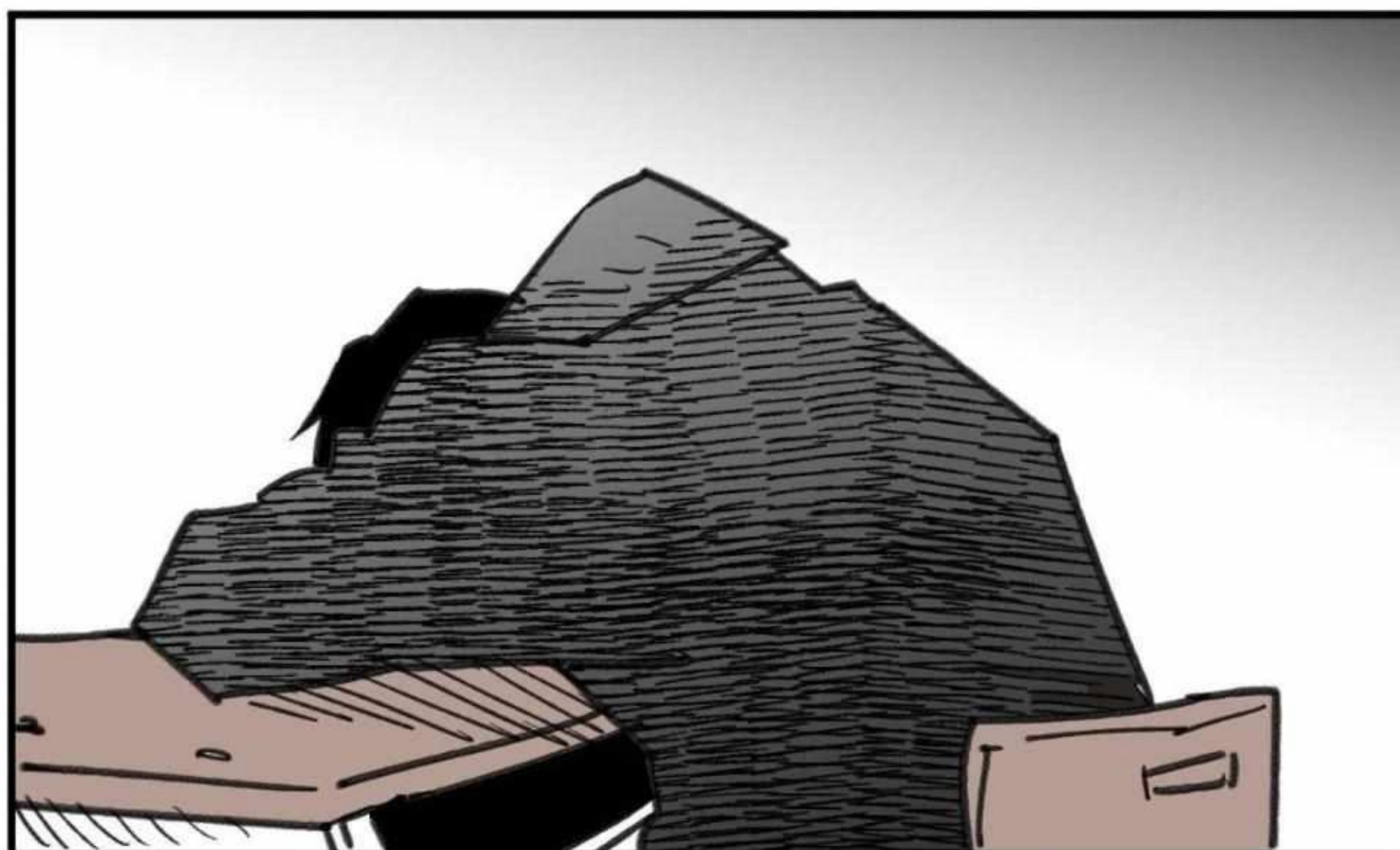


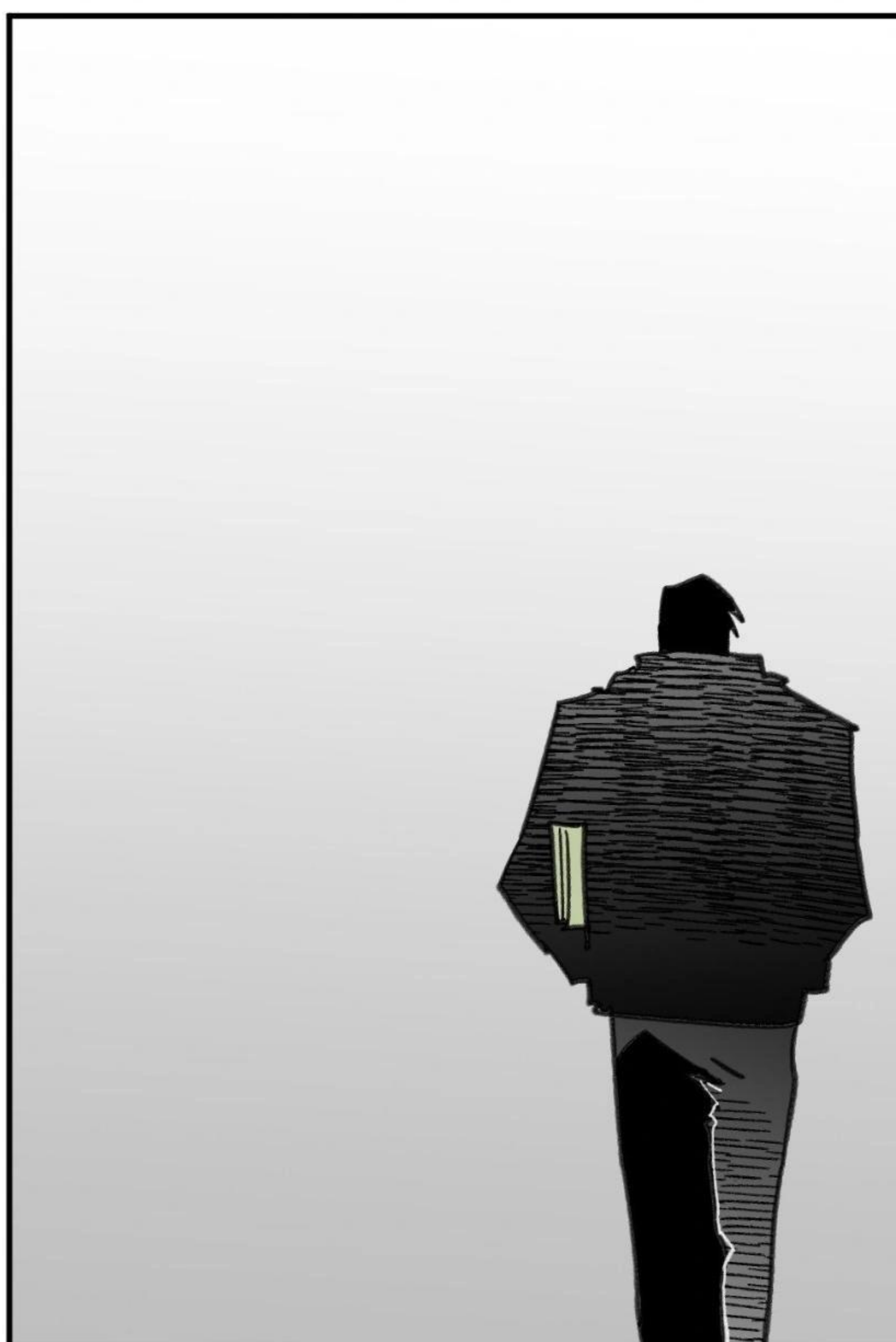
IF WE KEEP THIS UP,
THE RUMORS WILL
DIE DOWN.

MAYBE HYUNWOO
ALSO FEELS MORE
COMFORTABLE LIKE
THIS AT SCHOOL.











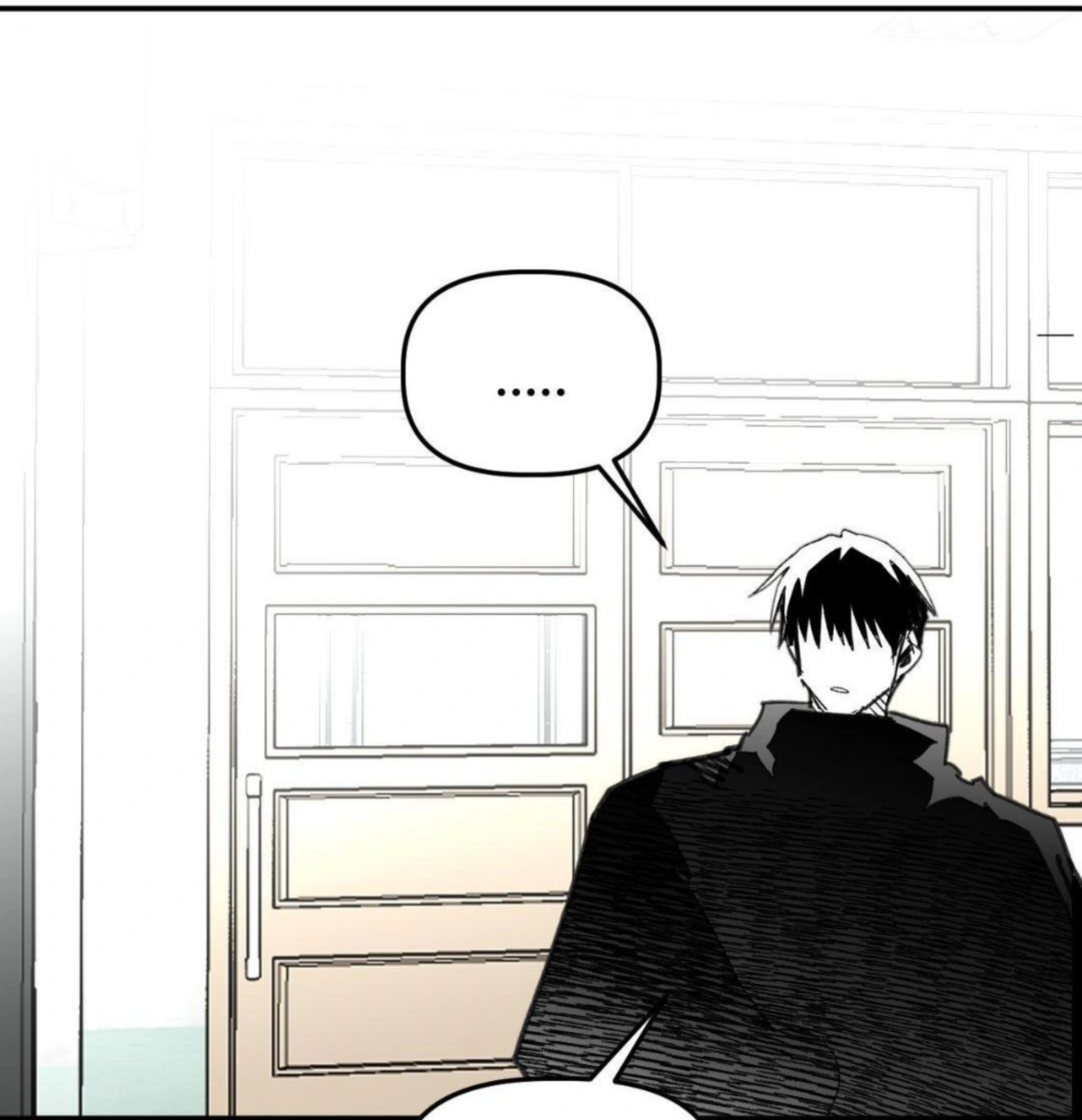


HONG ILTAK.



AH, HYUNWOO?
WAIT, I GOTTA TALK
WITH BYUNGJIN
FROM CLASS 2.

SEE YOU LATER!



SURE...

ALRIGHT,
EVERYONE,
GREAT WORK
TODAY AS WELL.
TOMORROW'S
THE WEEKEND,

SO TAKE CARE,
GET SOME REST,
AND HAVE FUN.



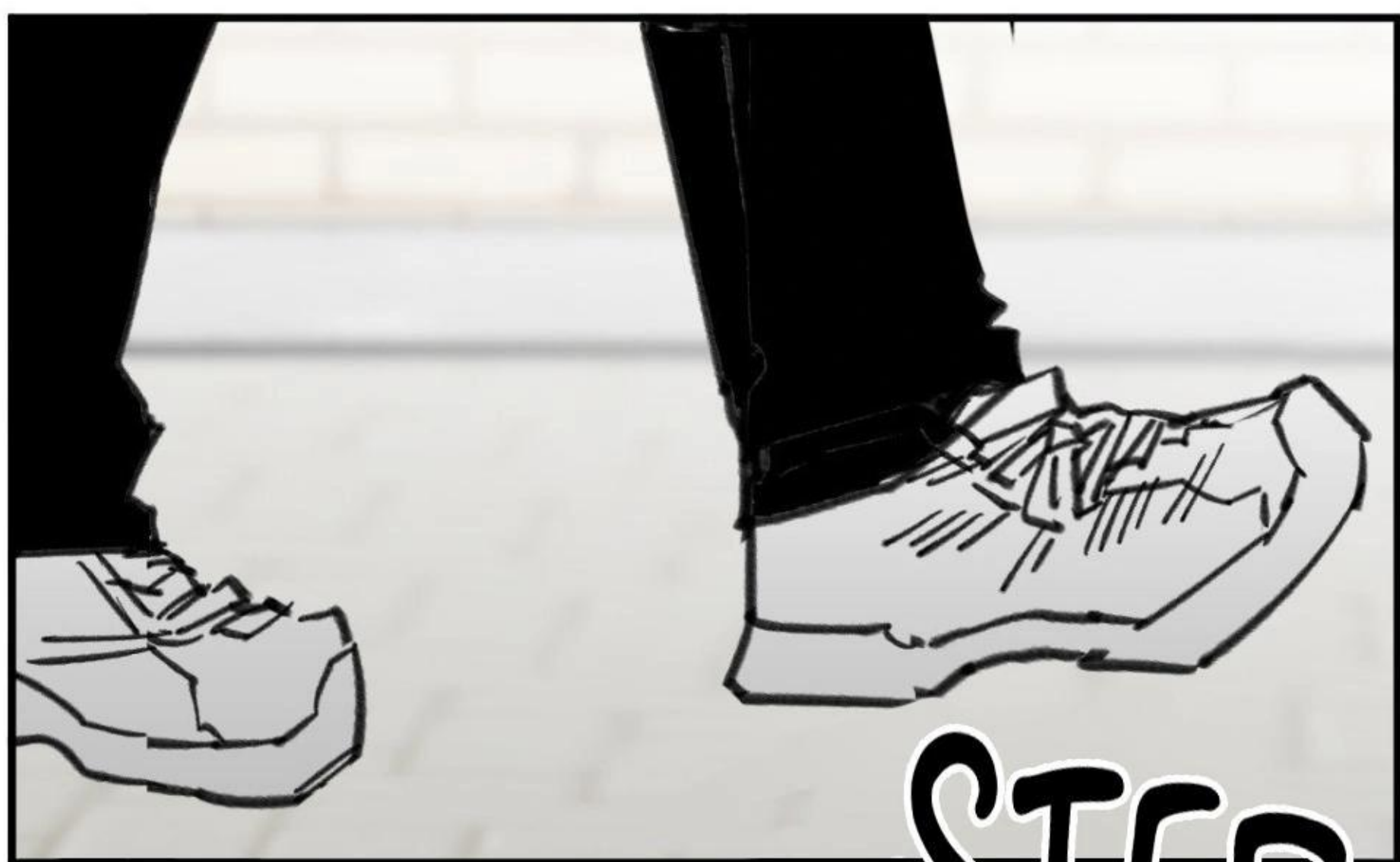
CLASS REP,
LEAD THE
BOW.

YES,
SIR!

ATTENTION!
BOW!

THANK YOU~





STEP..

HEY,
HYUNWOO!

STEP

STEP





YOU'RE NOT
IGNORING ME,
ARE YOU?

ARE YOU
MAD?

HEY~~



WHAT THE HELL
AM I DOING...?
I'M ACTING LIKE
AN IDIOT...



ILTAK DIDN'T ASK
FOR ANYTHING
UNREASONABLE...

AFTER ALL,

WE ARE NOT
EVEN DATING YET.



WE'RE STILL...
IN THAT IN-BETWEEN
STAGE.

SO ANY KIND OF
AFFECTION OR TOUCH
BEYOND FRIENDSHIP...



IS JUST MY OWN
SELFISH WISH.



ILTAK, I...

TURN

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP



TO BE CONTINUED!

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IS ALWAYS
ONE CHAPTER AHEAD!**

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