



# SMILE

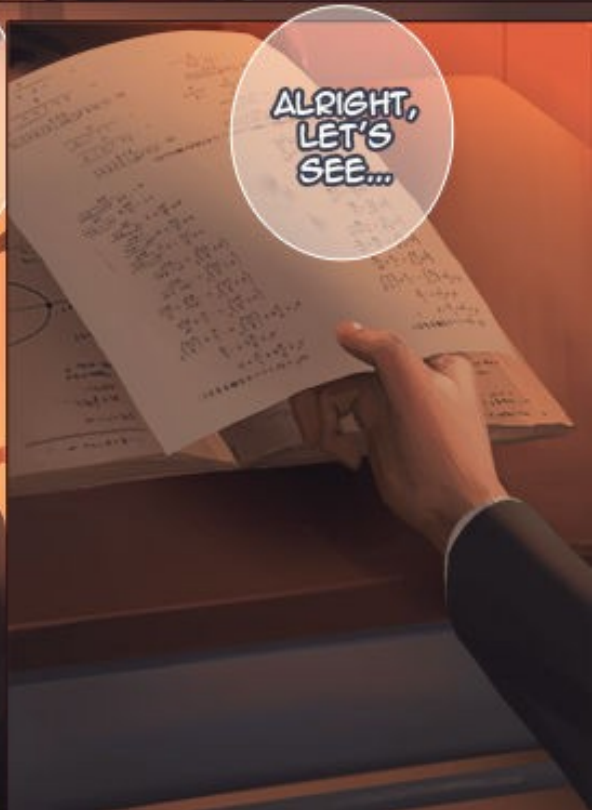
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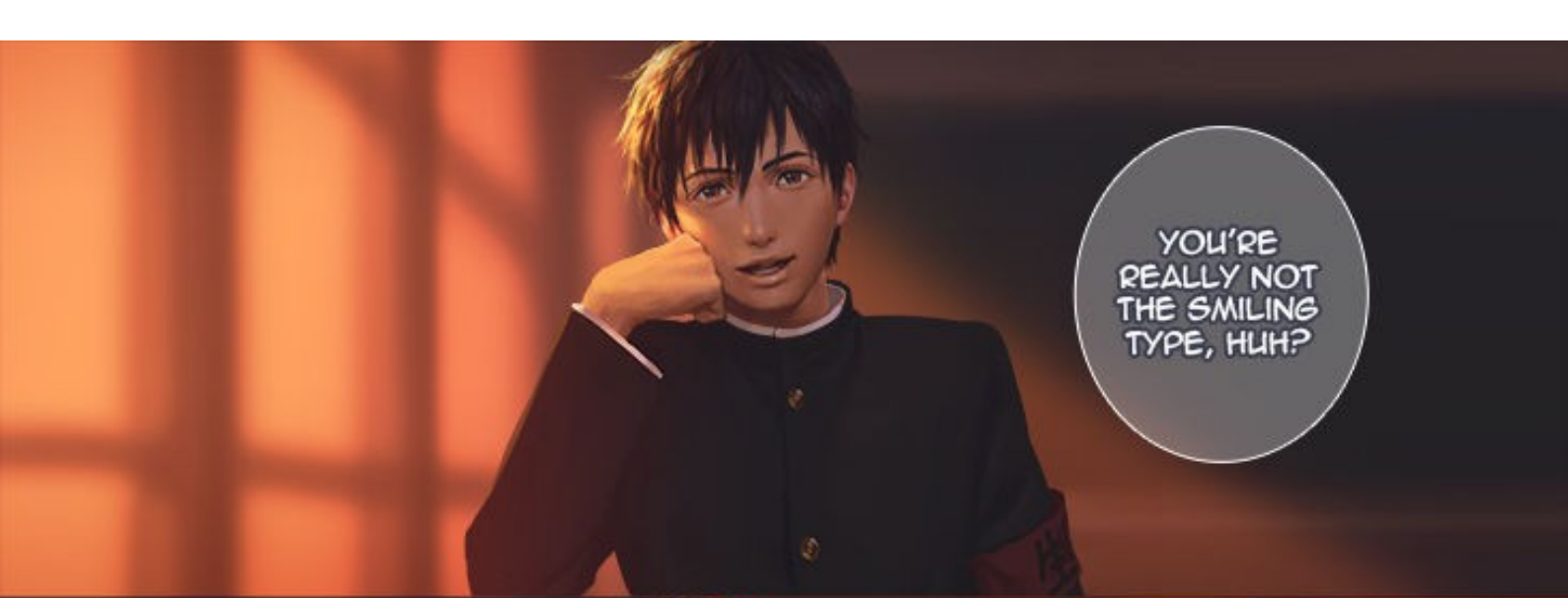
# S M I L E

CHAPTER 1

A WISHFUL LONGING







YOU'RE REALLY NOT THE SMILING TYPE, HUH?



AND THIS IS MY DEFAULT EXPRESSION. DEAL WITH IT.

THERE'S NO REASON TO SMILE,



IT DOESN'T MATTER, YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

THERE YOU GO AGAIN

IT'LL BE HARD FOR YOU TO MAKE FRIENDS TOO!



YOU'D BE POPULAR IF YOU JUST SMILED MORE OFTEN.



I DON'T WANT TO BE POPULAR ANYWAY



CAPTAIN MADE AN EXCEPTION FOR ME. I DON'T NEED TO SHOW UP AT PRACTICE ALL THE TIME.

HOW ABOUT BASKETBALL PRACTICE? IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO SKIP IT?

WOW, YOU MUST BE REALLY GOOD TO HAVE EARNED THAT "EXCEPTION".



HAHA, IT'S NOT AS BUSY AS YOU MIGHT THINK.

BY THE WAY, AREN'T YOU BUSY WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL?

生徒会



OKAY.

HMM... IT'S GETTING LATE, LET'S GO HOME.



TO BE HONEST, WE REALLY DON'T MIND IF YOU LIVE TOGETHER WITH US. IT MUST BE TOUGH LIVING ON YOUR OWN.

IT'S OKAY, I SHOULDN'T TROUBLE YOUR FAMILY ANYMORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE.

OH, SURE.

OH YEAH, MY MUM ASKED IF YOU WANT TO COME OVER FOR DINNER TONIGHT?



I WANT TO BE  
ABLE TAKE CARE  
OF MYSELF,  
SO THAT MY  
PARENTS WILL  
BE AT EASE-


YOUR FAMILY  
HAS BEEN A  
GREAT HELP TO  
ME SINCE THE  
ACCIDENT.



HMM...AS I  
EXPECTED,  
YOU LOOK  
BETTER WITH A  
SMILE!

LIM...  
WHAT ARE  
YOU  
DOING?

DON'T  
OVERTHINK  
THINGS, JUST  
SMILE!



WAYNE!



LOOKS LIKE  
I FOUND  
ANOTHER  
WEAKNESS  
OF YOURS.

HEHE

OKAY OKAY,  
I GOT IT,  
JUST DON'T DO  
THAT AGAIN.  
GEEZ...



AH..

AND WHY DON'T "YOU" LIKE TO SMILE AT ALL--

\*SIGH\* I DON'T GET WHY DO YOU LIKE TO SMILE SO MUCH?



W-WAIT! I'M NOT READY FOR THIS...

WHAT!!??

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IS THIS...

A LOVE LETTER ...

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HA, COULD IT BE... WAYNE, ARE YOU... JEALOUS?

NOPE, NOTHING

EH? WHAT'S WRONG?

WELL, GOOD FOR YOU.

BUT SOMEONE HERE IS CLEARLY SULKING.



THIS MIGHT NOT EVEN BE A LOVE LETTER.

WELL, IT COULD BE SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING.



THAT'S NOT WHAT'S BOTHERING ME...

BESIDES, YOU'RE HANDSOME! I'M SURE YOU'LL GET ONE SOONER OR LATER.



COME ON, LET'S JUST GO HOME FOR NOW.

NOPE, NOTHING

EH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

伊藤  
IZOU

YOU TWO, EAT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, OKAY?

YOU COOKED TOO MUCH AGAIN, MOM!



NOT AT ALL! WE GOT TWO GROWING BOYS HERE!

HERE, WAYNE, EAT MORE!

T-THANK YOU.

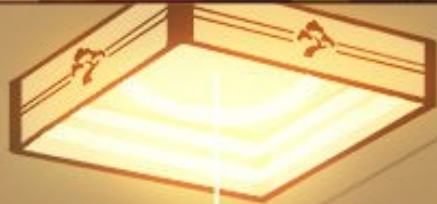


YOU MUST VERY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS!

OH WOW! REALLY?

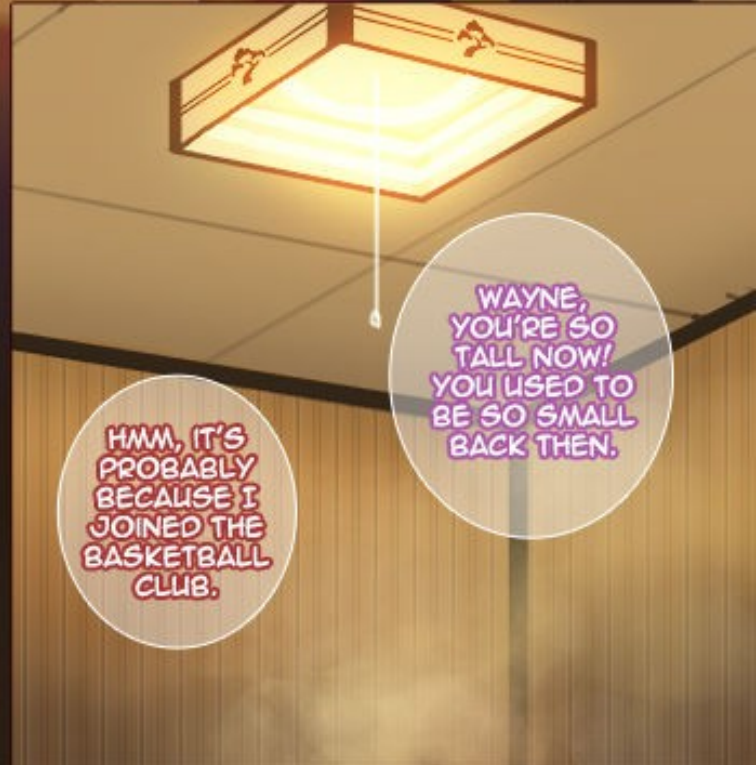
HEH, WAYNE IS THE ACE OF THE TEAM, YOU KNOW.

NO... NOT REALLY.



WAYNE, YOU'RE SO TALL NOW! YOU USED TO BE SO SMALL BACK THEN.

HMM, IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I JOINED THE BASKETBALL CLUB.



GIVE HIM  
A BREAK,  
MOM!

DON'T BE SHY!  
IT'S NORMAL TO  
HAVE A CRUSH  
ON SOMEONE  
AT YOUR AGE.

LIM...

OH THEN,  
IS THERE  
SOMEONE  
YOU LIKE?

LOOKS LIKE REN  
HASN'T REALIZED  
IT...

DON'T BE  
SUCH A  
BUSYBODY.

EHP  
WAS IT?

I CAN'T SHAKE OFF  
THIS ANXIETY.

BUT STILL,





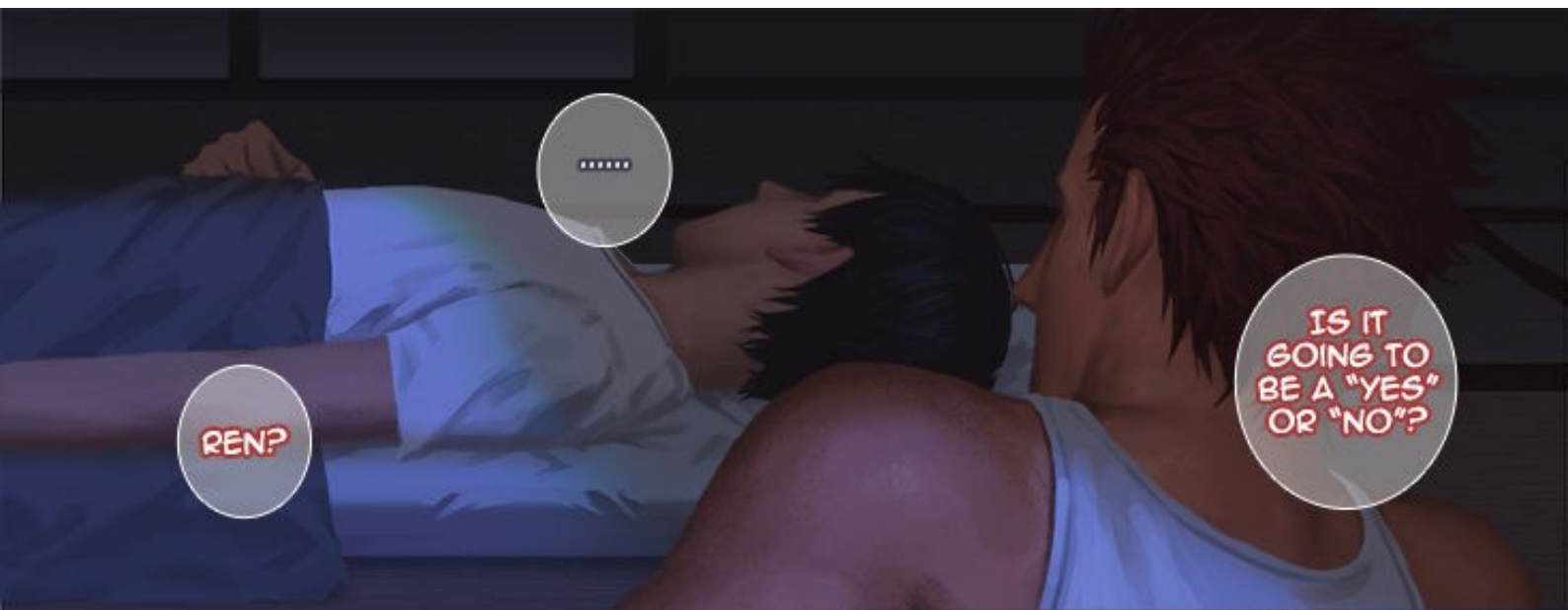
HMM?

HEY,  
REN

OF COURSE  
I NEED TO  
REPLY HER...



WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO WITH  
THAT LETTER?



REN?

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IS IT GOING TO BE A "YES" OR "NO"?



ARE YOU ASLEEP?





WHAT AM I DOING?

THAT'S JUST ..... CREEPY.



UM..  
ARE YOU THE  
GIRL WHO  
WROTE THIS  
LETTER?

YES...



... MAY I KNOW WHY?

I'M FLATTERED THAT YOU WROTE ME A LETTER, BUT I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU.



NO, IT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM.

I CAN CHANGE FOR ITOU-SAN.



AM I LACKING IN SOMETHING ...?

UM... THAT'S....



SHE'S FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL, SO I DIDN'T REALLY TELL ANYONE.

I'M ACTUALLY DATING SOMEONE ELSE RIGHT NOW.



I'M REALLY SORRY.

OH.. I SEE...


NO, IT'S OK...





SORRY  
I'M LATE,  
I WAS ON  
CLEANING  
DUTY TODAY.

YA-HO!



I SEE



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OH... WOW!  
I'LL CHECK  
IT RIGHT  
AWAY.



...?

I'VE DONE  
THEM  
ALREADY.

AH! LET'S  
CONTINUE  
YESTERDAY'S  
EXERCISES.



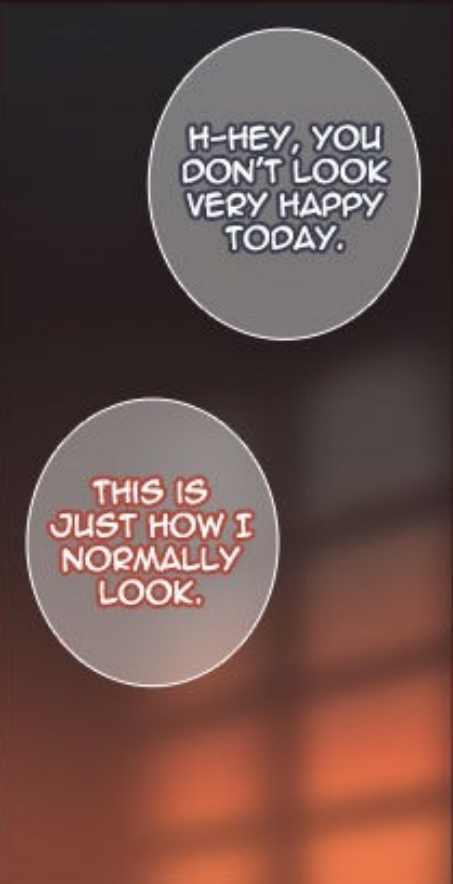
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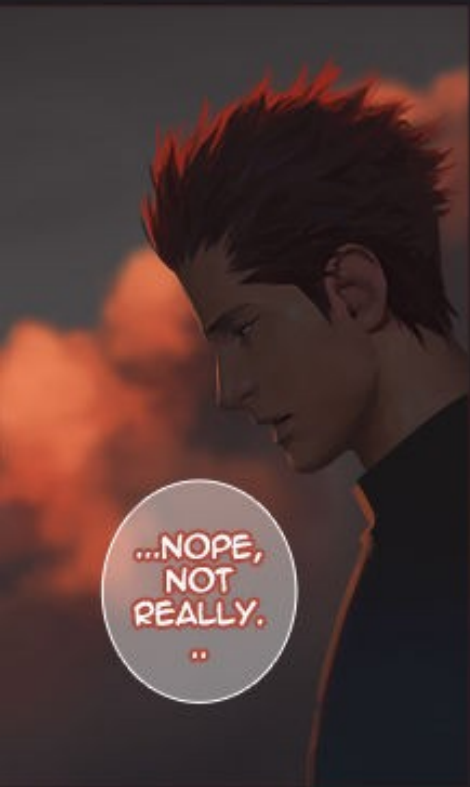
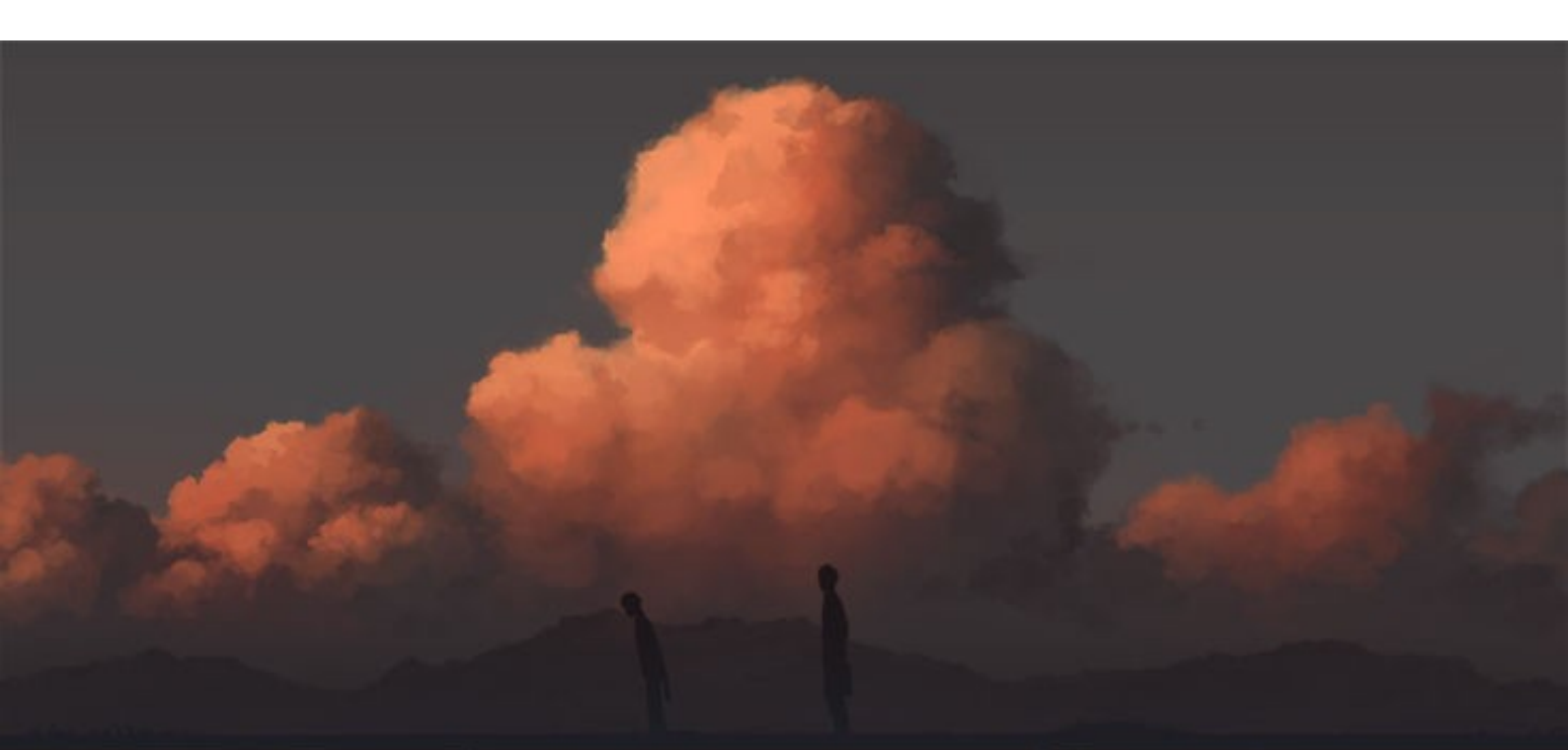


AHAHA.....  
I SEE...



H-HEY, YOU  
DON'T LOOK  
VERY HAPPY  
TODAY.

THIS IS  
JUST HOW I  
NORMALLY  
LOOK.



...NOPE,  
NOT  
REALLY.  
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IS  
SOMETHING  
BOTHERING  
YOU?



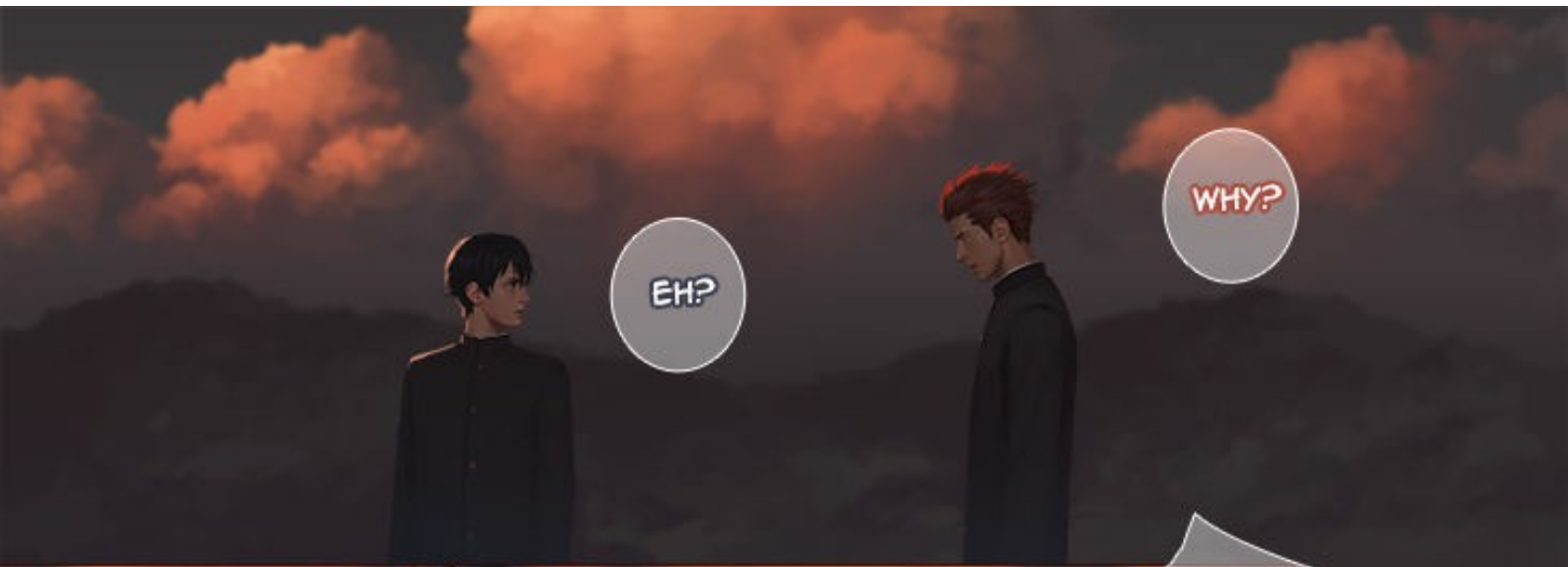
HEY,  
WAYNE...



I CAN BE  
VERY DENSE  
SOMETIMES,  
HAHA...

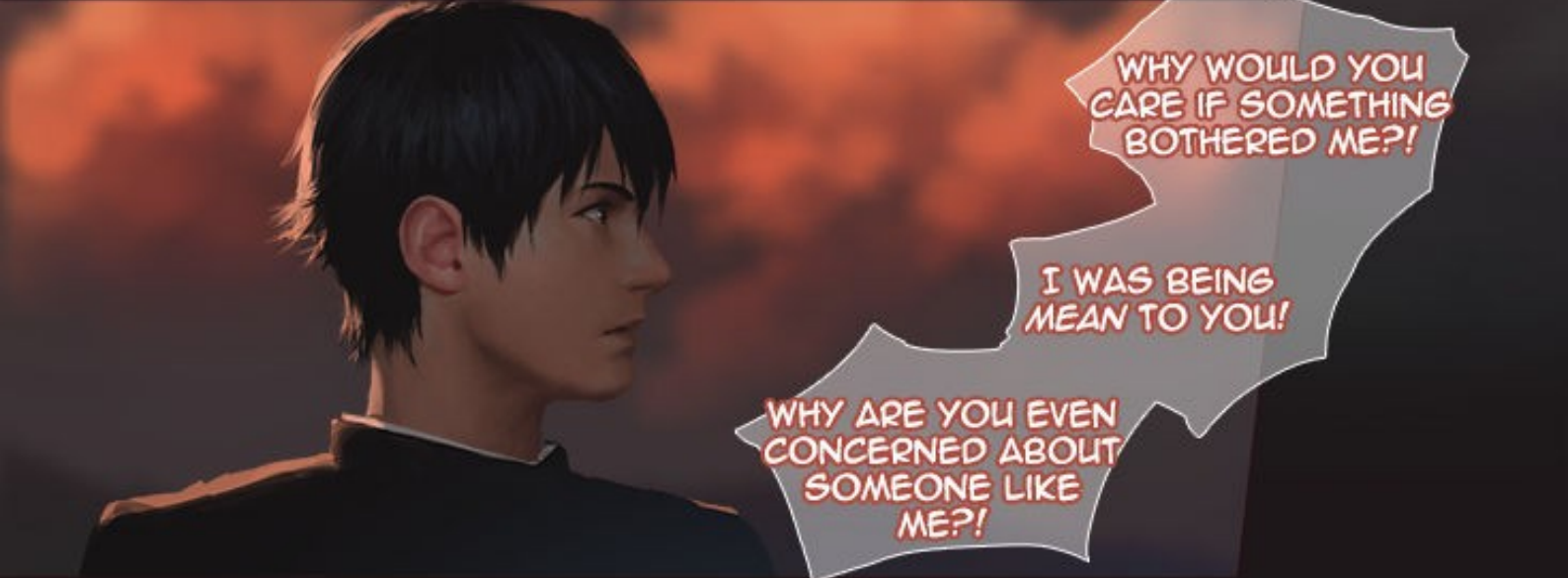
LEMME  
KNOW,  
OKAY?

IF I DID  
ANYTHING  
THAT  
BOTHERED  
YOU,



EH?

WHY?



WHY WOULD YOU CARE IF SOMETHING BOTHERED ME?!

I WAS BEING MEAN TO YOU!

WHY ARE YOU EVEN CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE ME?!



IF YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DEAL WITH ME,  
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND?





AHH...  
IS THAT WHY  
YOU WERE  
ANGRY?

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EH?  
YOU WERE  
LISTENING  
TO OUR  
CONVERSATION  
THIS MORNING?



I'M SORRY,  
I DIDN'T MEAN  
TO KEEP IT  
FROM YOU-

HUH...?

WHY DID  
YOU FALL  
FOR  
SOMEONE  
ELSE?



I'M THE ONE WHO  
HAS BEEN LOOKING  
AT YOU MORE THAN  
ANYONE ELSE!