

SMILE

CHAPTER 4

BEFORE THE STORM

SUMMER WAS OVER IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

I FELT SO BLESSED BEING WITH REN THAT
I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD GO
SMOOTHLY...



BUT I FORGOT...

... HOW UGLY PEOPLE CAN BE.





IT
WAS ALSO
POSTED
ON THE
BULLETIN
BOARD.

SOMEONE
SENT THIS
PHOTO TO
SCHOOL THIS
MORNING.

職員室
FACULTY OFFICE

DO YOU
KNOW
ANYONE
WHO COULD
HAVE DONE
IT?



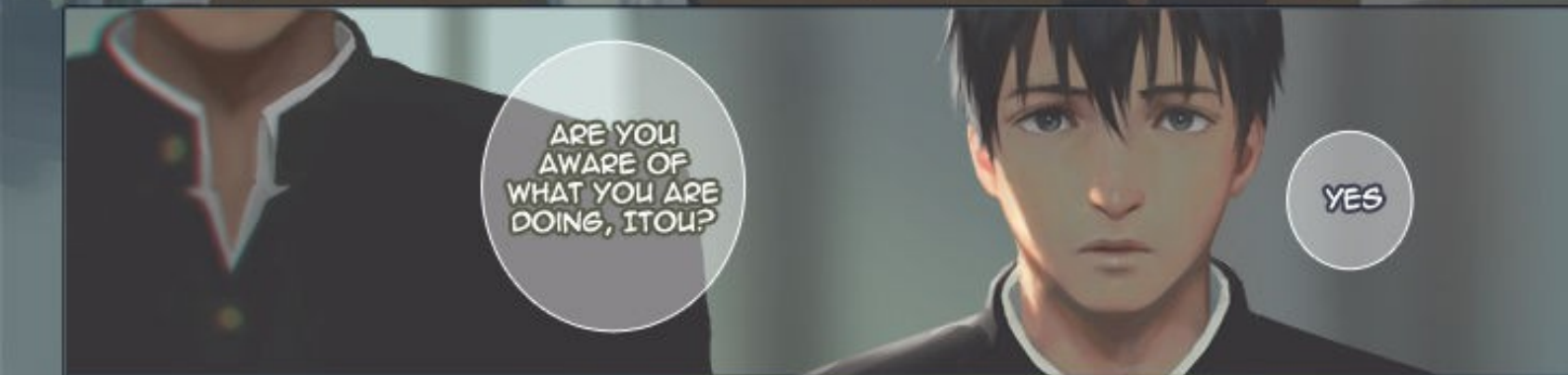
IS IT TRUE
THAT YOU
TWO ARE IN
A RELATION-
SHIP?

THEN,
WOULD YOU
CARE TO
EXPLAIN
THIS?

I'M
SORRY.
I HAVE NO
IDEA, SIR.

ARE YOU
AWARE OF
WHAT YOU ARE
DOING, ITOU?

YES

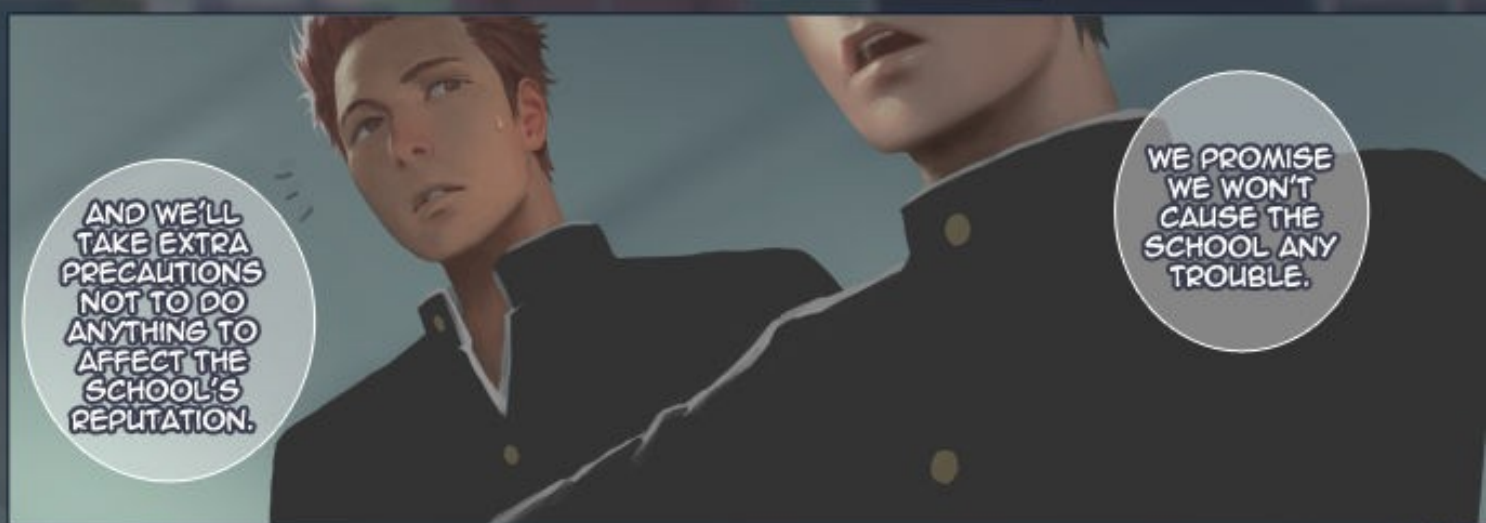


THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
TALKING
ABOUT.

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WE PROMISE
WE WON'T
LET IT AFFECT
OUR GRADES,
SIR.

YOU SHOULD
BEHAVE YOURSELF,
DON'T FORGET
THAT YOU ARE THE
STUDENT COUNCIL
PRESIDENT!





WHY DO WE HAVE
TO APOLOGIZE
WHEN WE AREN'T
BOTHERING
ANYONE?



DAMN IT!



GATHER UP!
WE'RE
STARTING A
PRACTICE
MATCH!

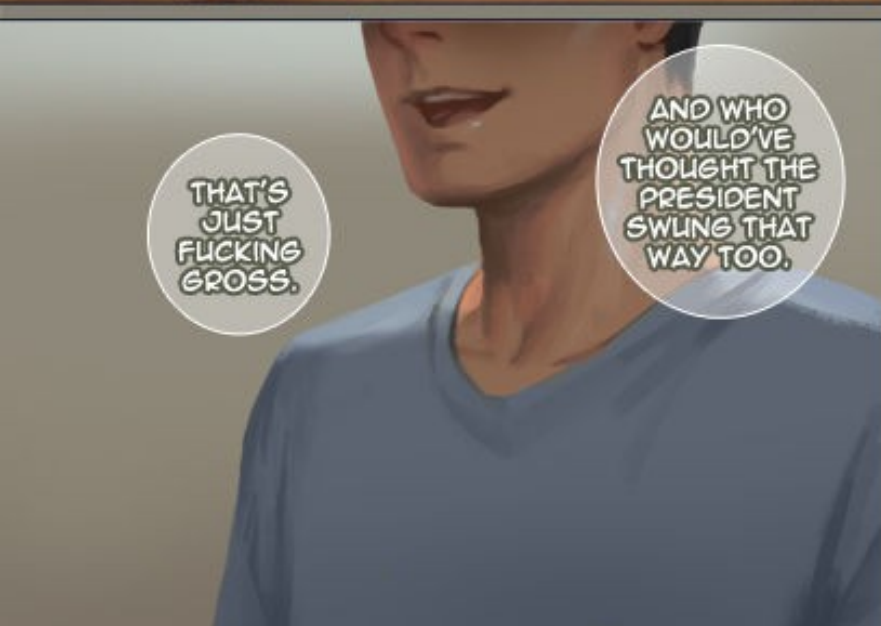
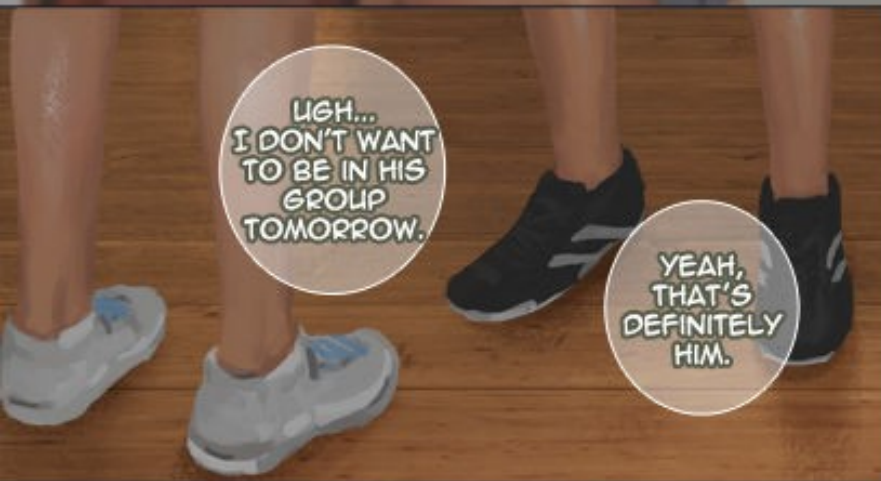
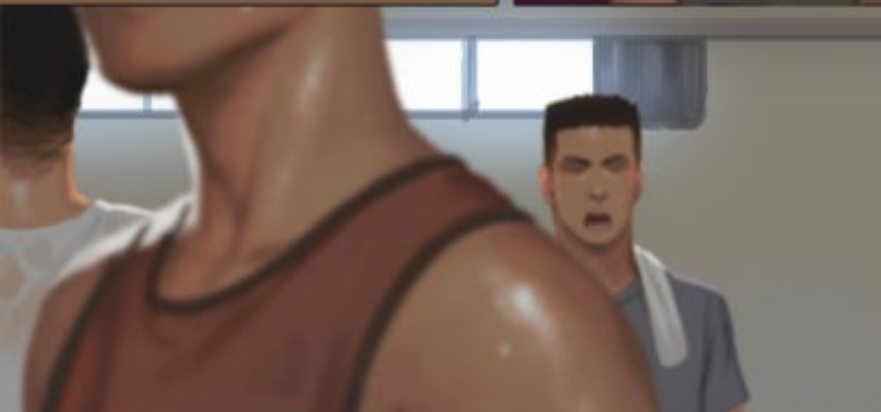


HERE!



PASS!







HE IS DISGUSTING, AND SO ARE YOU, GO FUCK YOURSELF!

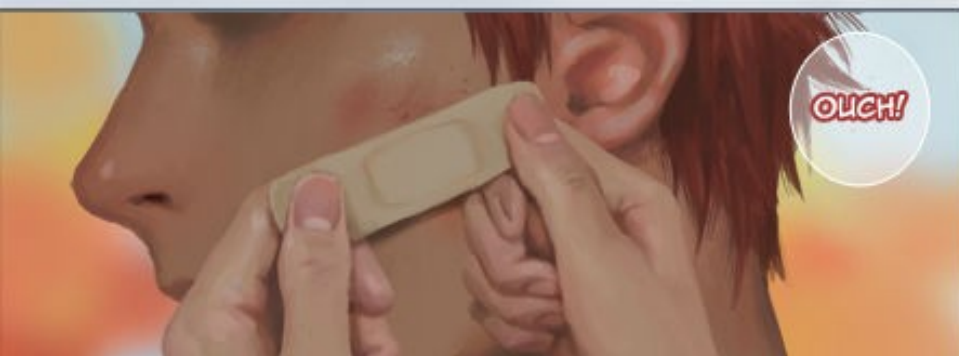
HMPH, I'LL SAY WHATEVER I WANT!



...ANOTHER WORD ABOUT HIM AND I WILL BREAK YOUR BONES.

THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING!?



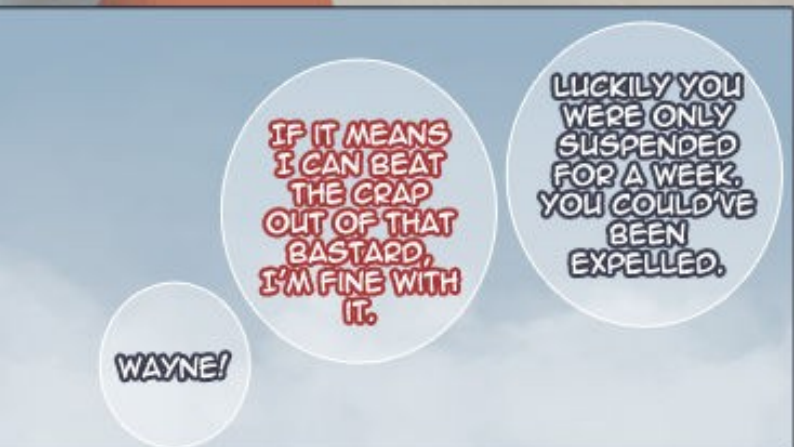


OUCH!



DOES IT
STILL
HURT?

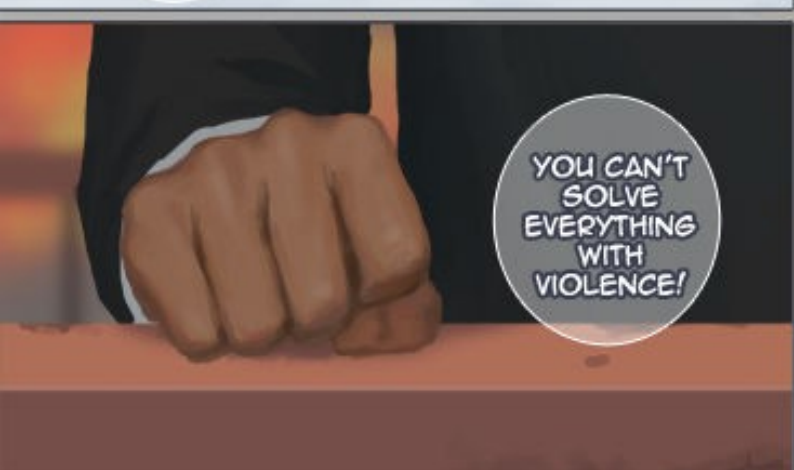
IT'S
OKAY
NOW.



IF IT MEANS
I CAN BEAT
THE CRAP
OUT OF THAT
BASTARD,
I'M FINE WITH
IT.

LUCKILY YOU
WERE ONLY
SUSPENDED
FOR A WEEK.
YOU COULD'VE
BEEN
EXPELLED.

WAYNE!



YOU CAN'T
SOLVE
EVERYTHING
WITH
VIOLENCE!



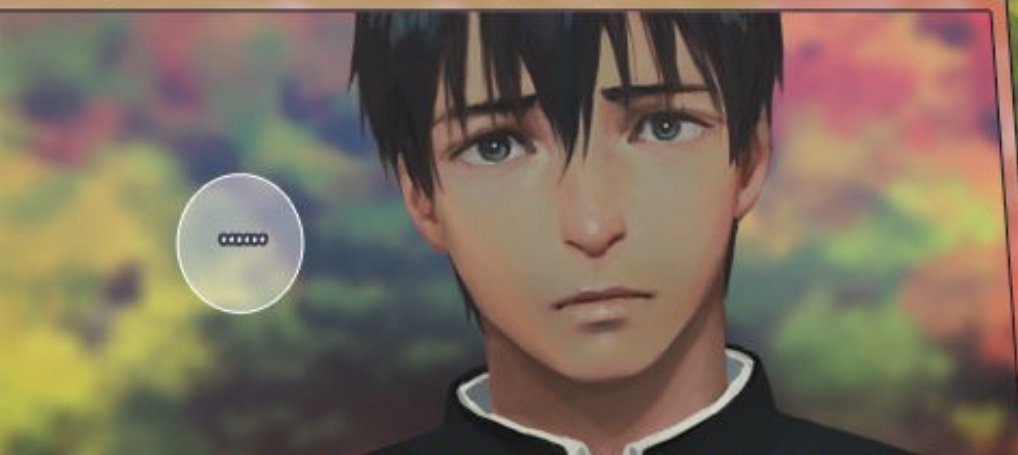
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WHY DID
YOU GET
INTO A FIGHT
WITH YOUR
TEAMMATE?

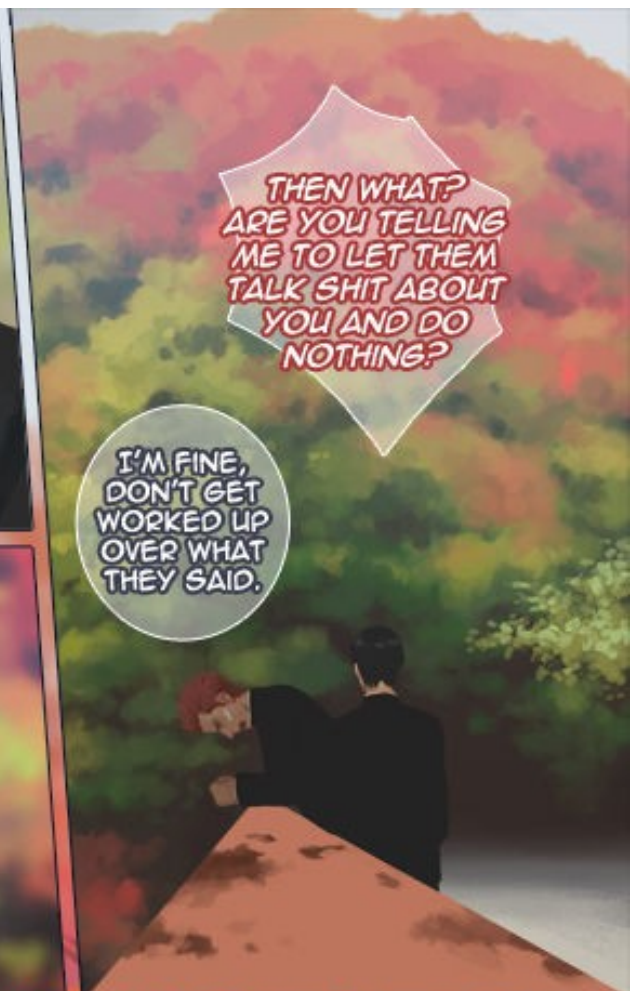


AND
THIS IS
WHAT I
GET?

I WAS
FIGHTING
FOR YOU...

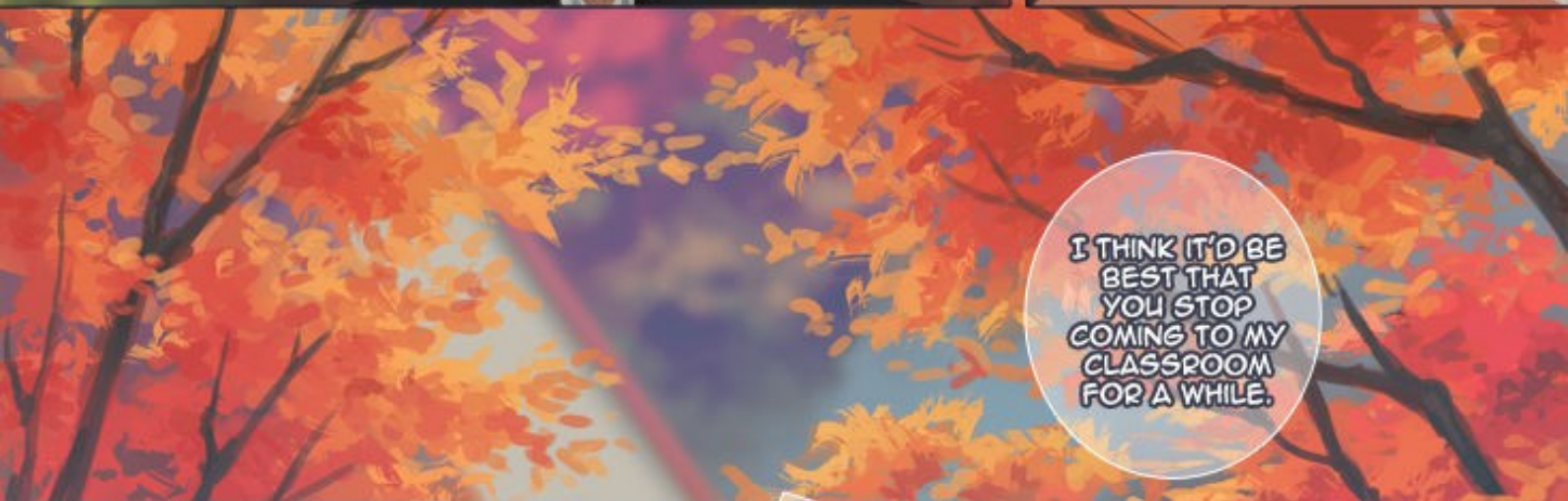


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THEN WHAT?
ARE YOU TELLING
ME TO LET THEM
TALK SHIT ABOUT
YOU AND DO
NOTHING?

I'M FINE,
DON'T GET
WORKED UP
OVER WHAT
THEY SAID.

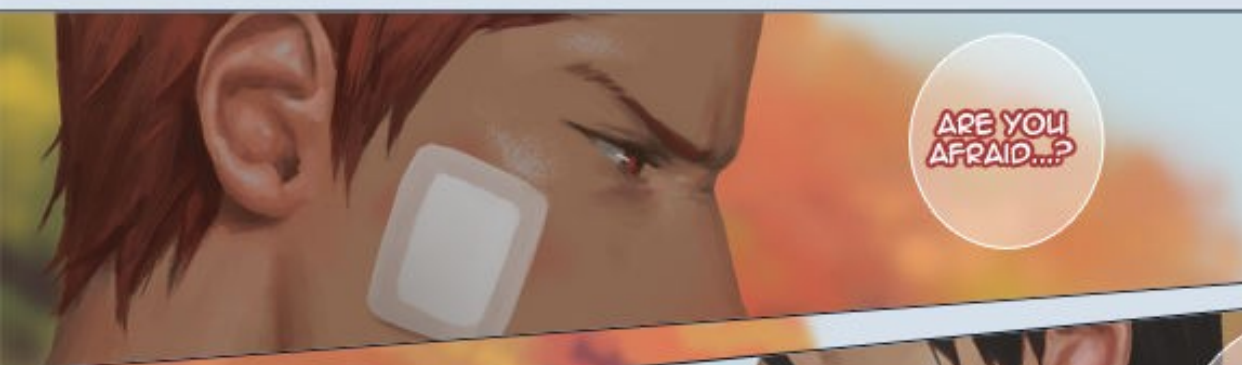


I THINK IT'D BE
BEST THAT
YOU STOP
COMING TO MY
CLASSROOM
FOR A WHILE.

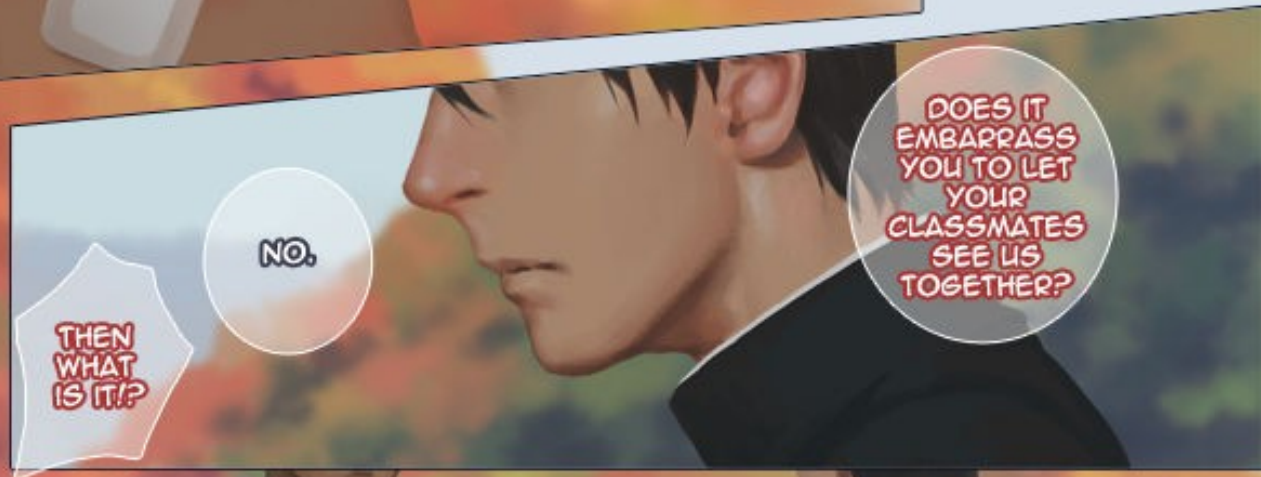


PLEASE!

HUH?
WHY!?



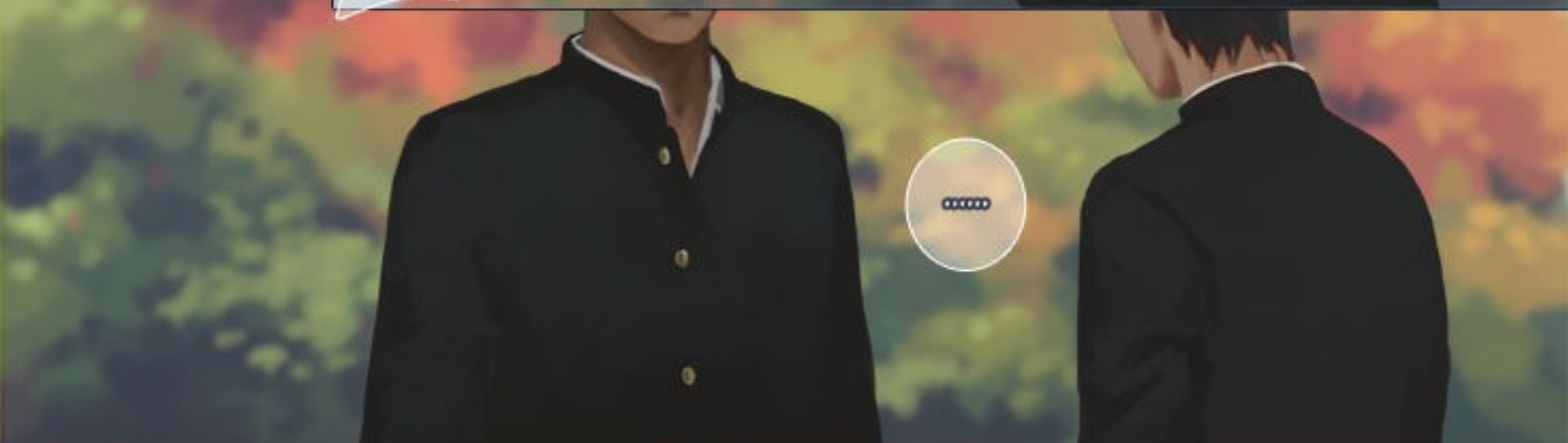
ARE YOU
AFRAID...?



NO.

THEN
WHAT
IS IT?

DOES IT
EMBARRASS
YOU TO LET
YOUR
CLASSMATES
SEE US
TOGETHER?



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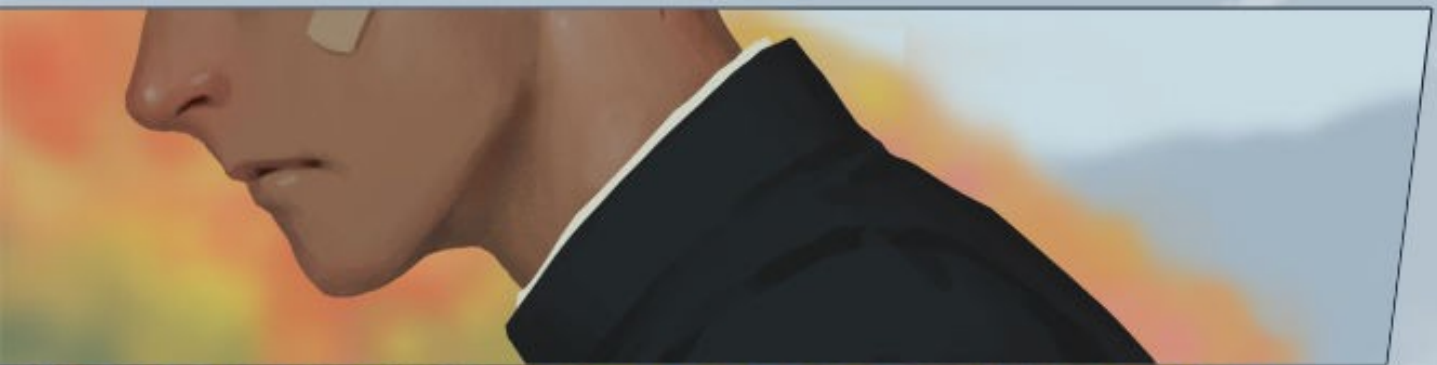
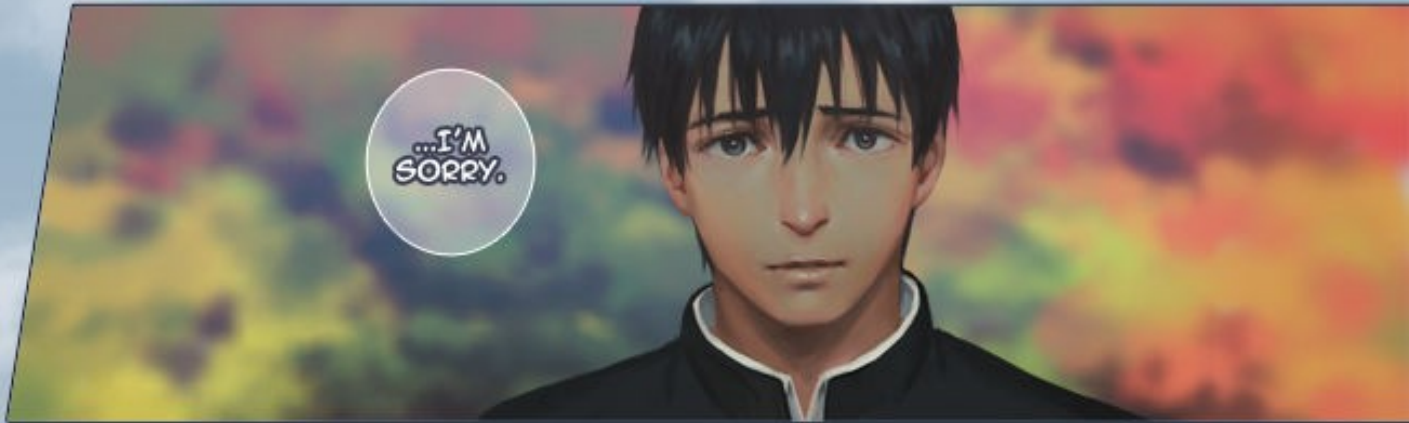


I SAID
IT'S
FINE!

YOU DON'T
NEED TO GO
THAT FAR!
I DIDN'T
MEA-

FINE.

I WILL AVOID
ANY CONTACT
WITH YOU
FROM NOW
ON.





REN.

I'VE BOUGHT THE STUFF YOU ASKED FOR, MUM.

I'M HOME.



I GOT A CALL FROM YOUR SCHOOL TODAY.

DID YOU?

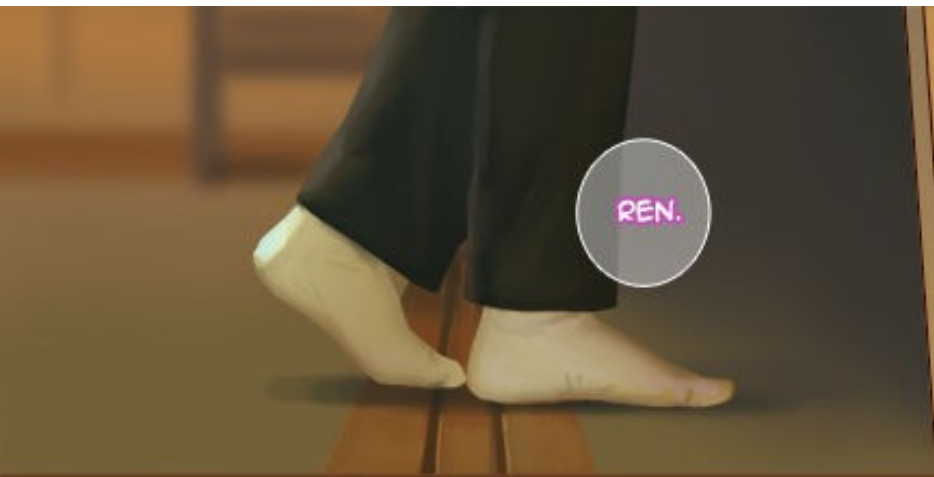
... YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SILLY,



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"ANYTHING ... SILLY" ...?



REN.

I'M
HEADING
BACK TO
MY ROOM.

THE
GROCERIES
ARE ON THE
TABLE.

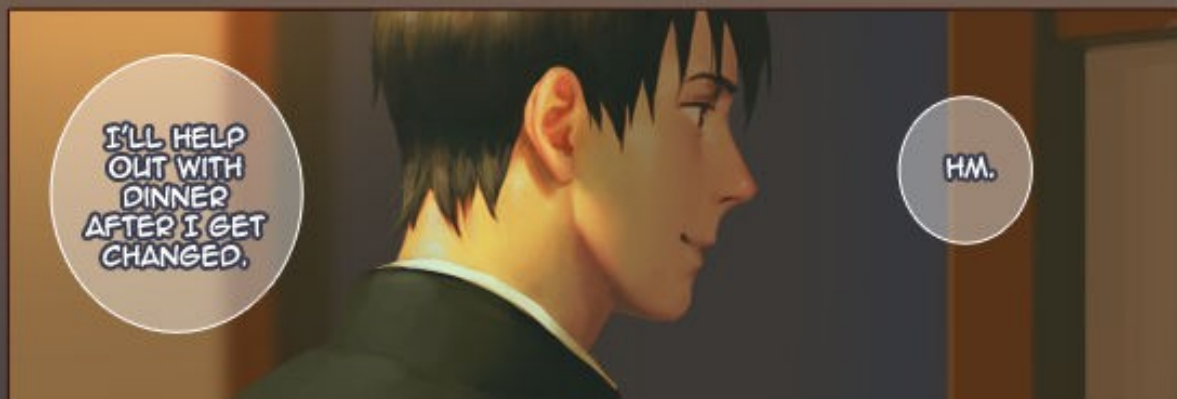


YOU HAVE
ALWAYS
BEEN A
GOOD
SON.



MUM
BELIEVES
IN YOU.

DON'T DO
ANYTHING TO
MAKE US
WORRY,
OKAY?



I'LL HELP
OUT WITH
DINNER
AFTER I GET
CHANGED.

HM.



PLEASE
HOLD ON!

PLEASE TAKE A
LOOK AT THE
PRINTOUTS,
HERE'S THE
TOPIC FOR
TODAY'S
DISCUS-

THE
MEETING IS
STARTING
NOW.



生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL

EVERYONE,
PLEASE BE
SEATED.



DON'T
WE HAVE
SOMETHING
MORE
IMPORTANT
TO DISCUSS?

WHAT
IS IT?

BEFORE WE
START THE
MEETING,

VICE
PRESIDENT?



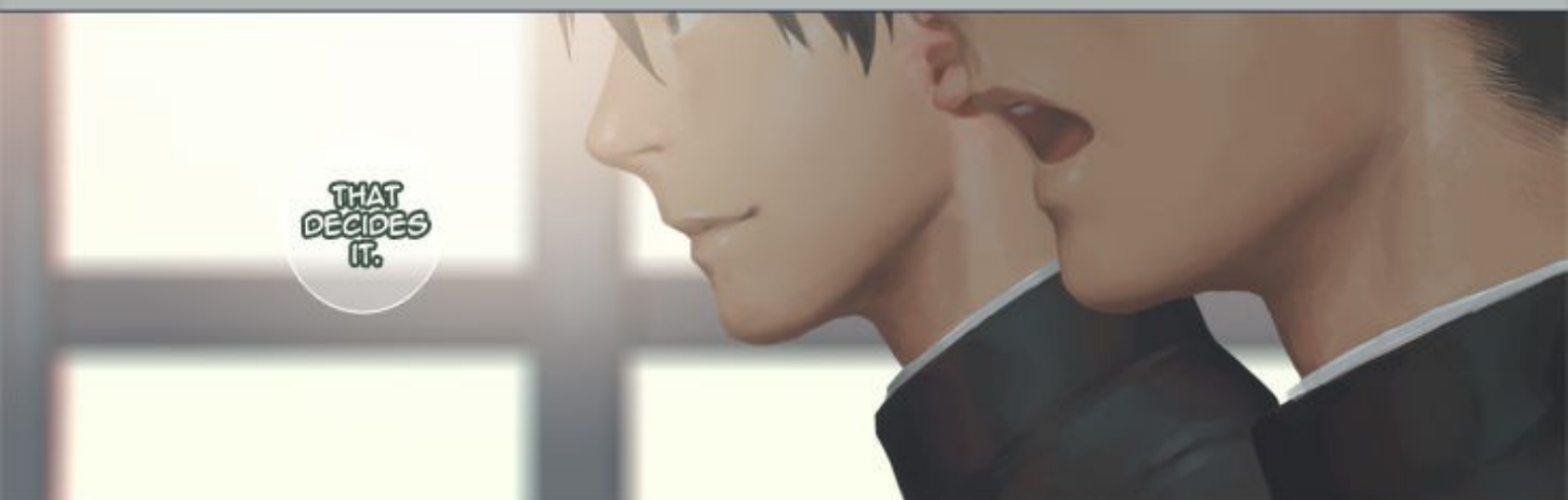
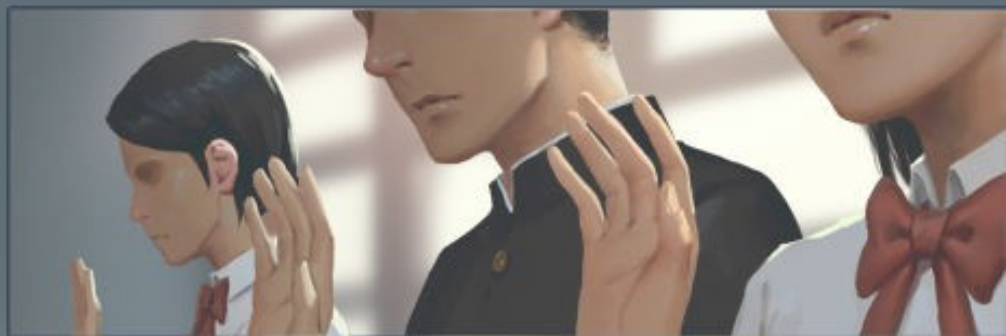
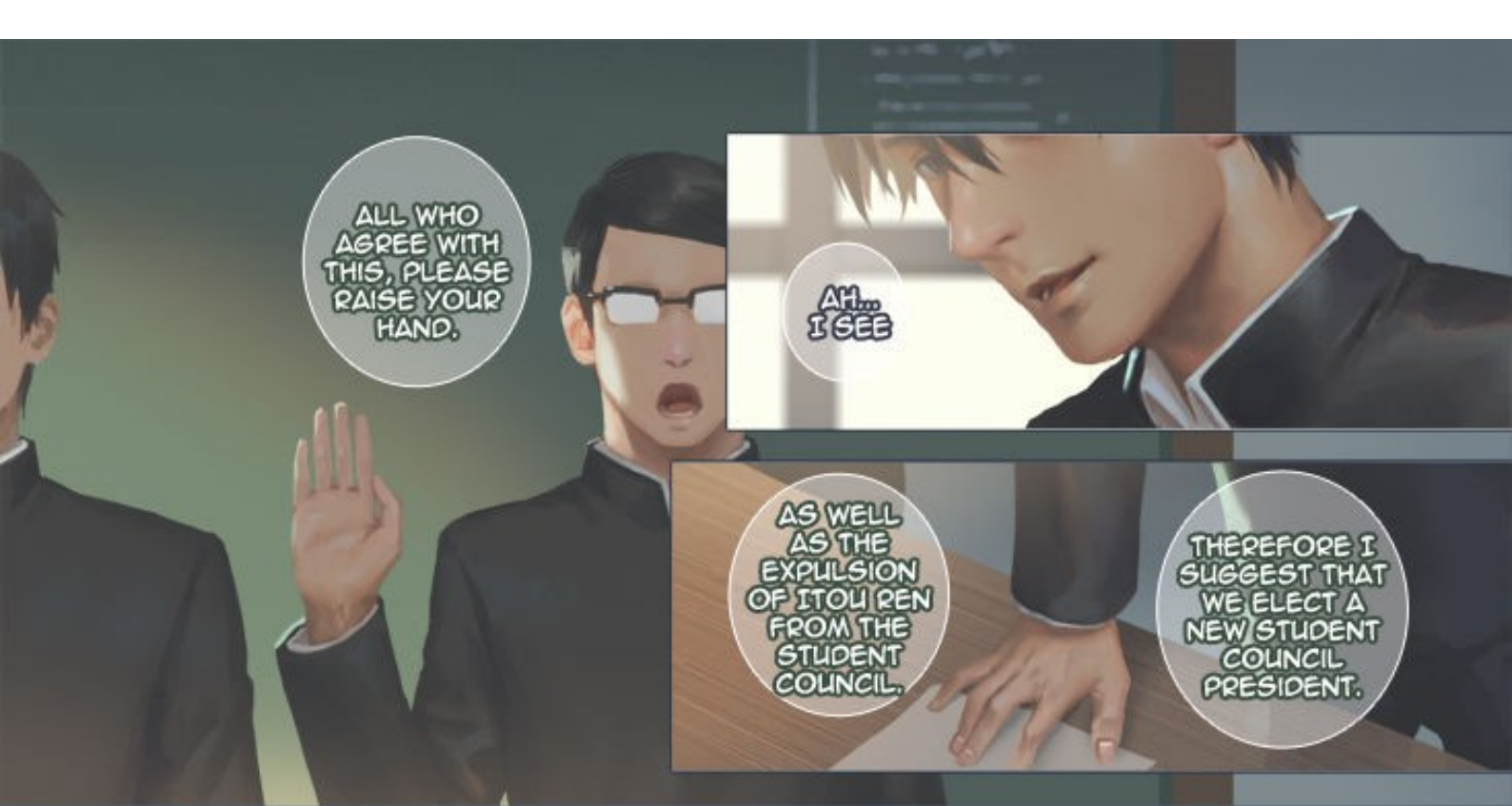
ON TOP OF THAT,
THAT "FRIEND" OF
YOURS CAUSED
QUITE A RUCKUS AT
THE GYM THE
OTHER DAY.

THIS HAS SERIOUS-
LY AFFECTED THE
REPUTATION OF THE
STUDENT COUNCIL.

RUMOURS OF
YOU ENGAGING IN
AN IMMORAL
RELATIONSHIP
HAVE BEEN
CIRCULATING
AMONG THE
STUDENTS.



YOU SHOULD
KNOW IT
BETTER THAN
ANYONE ELSE,
PRESIDENT.





WAIT A MINUTE.

I WILL BE EXCUSING MYSELF, THEN.



...HAHA, YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?



DON'T YOU THINK YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU NEED TO SAY?

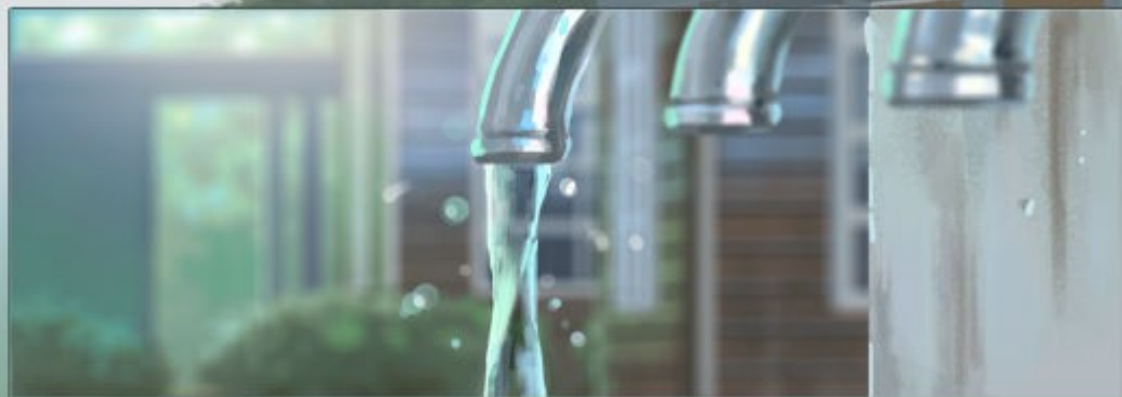
ARE YOU GOING TO JUST WALK AWAY AFTER ALL THE PROBLEMS YOU'VE CAUSED?

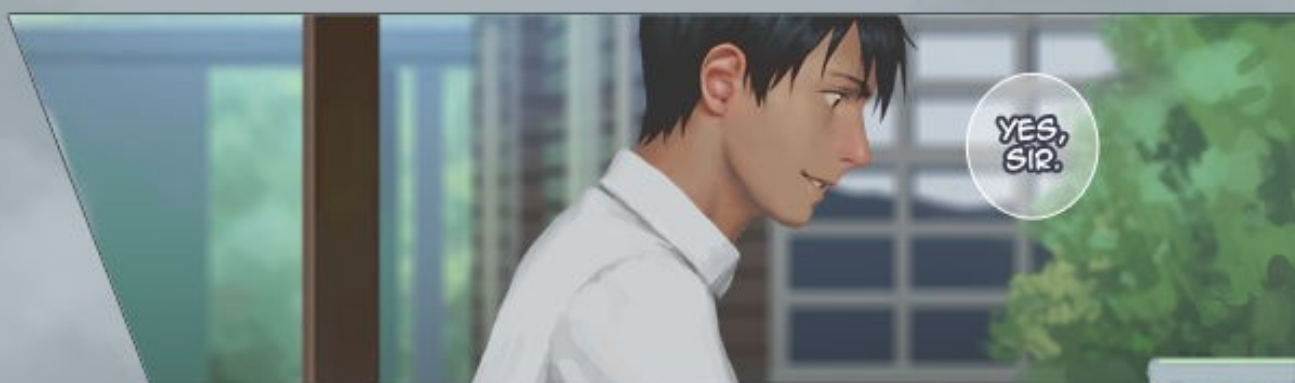


AH... WHERE ARE MY MANNERS?



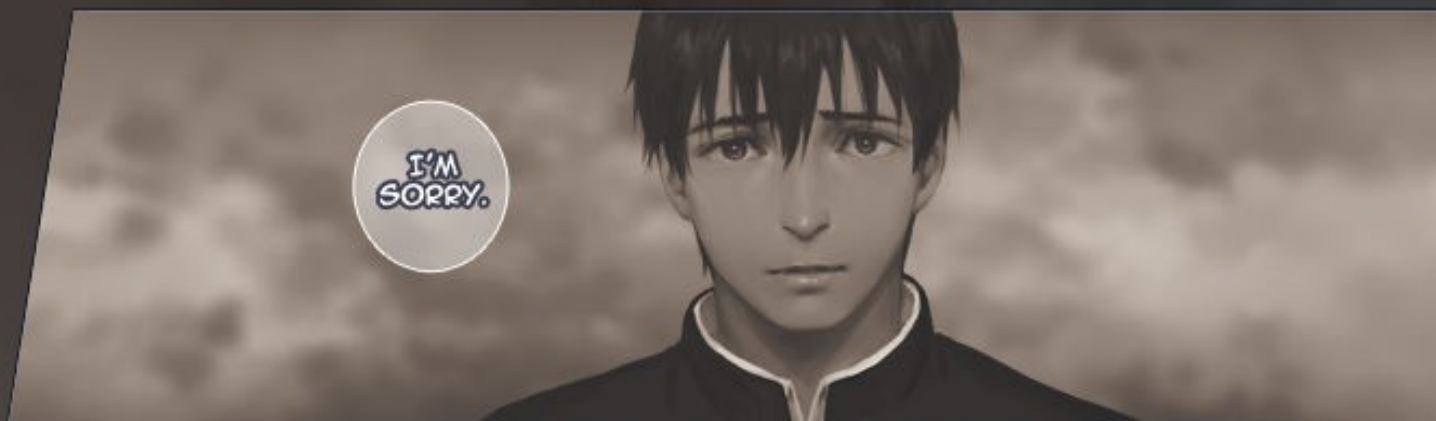
I AM VERY SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.







IT'S BEEN A WEEK...



I'M
SORRY.

WHAT AM I DOING ...

MAKING HIM FEEL SORRY...



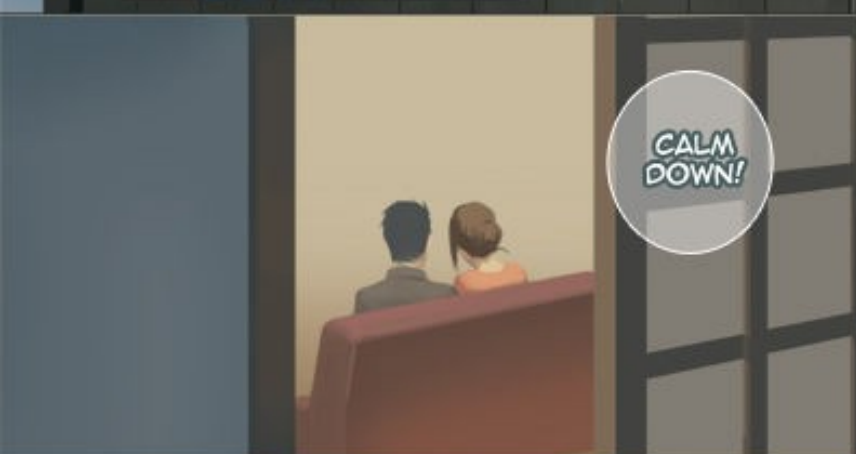
I SHOULD APOLOGIZE
TO HIM.



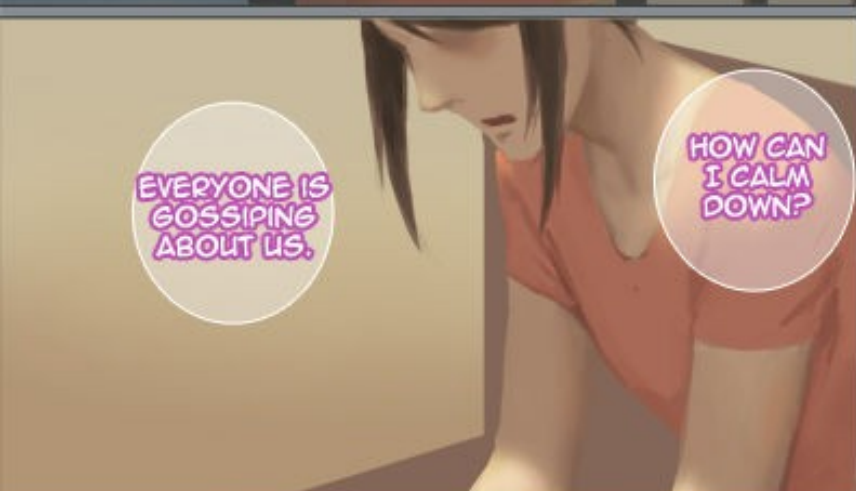
I'M HOME.



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ITO



CALM DOWN!

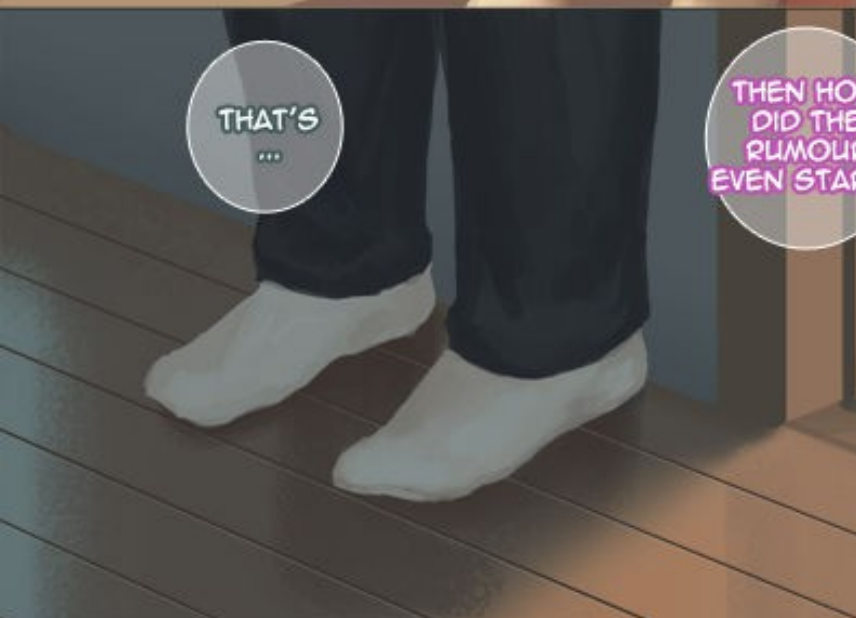


EVERYONE IS GOSSIPING ABOUT US.

HOW CAN I CALM DOWN?



I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!



THAT'S ...

THEN HOW DID THE RUMOUR EVEN START?

IT'S JUST A RUMOUR, ISN'T IT?

REN WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



WHAT DID
WE DO
WRONG...?



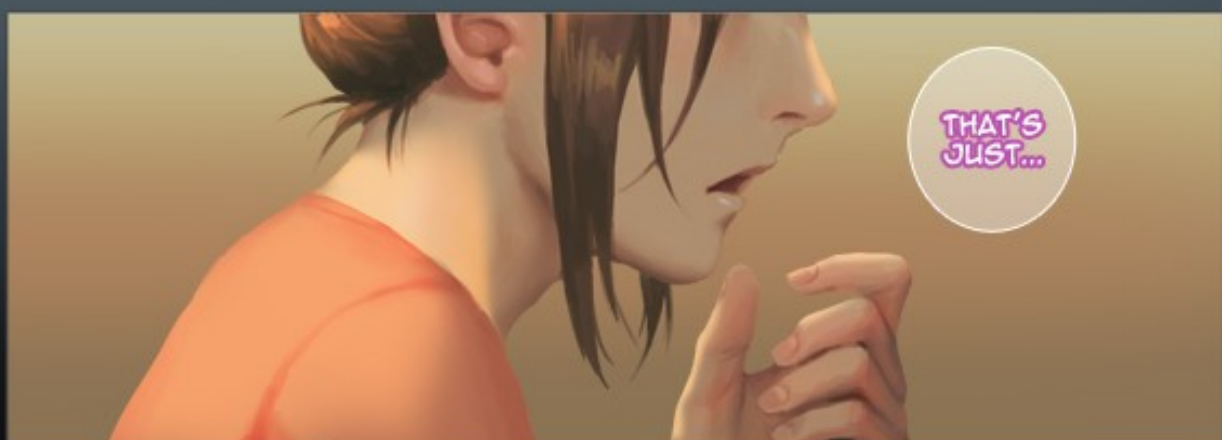
IF ONLY
YOU SPENT
MORE TIME
WITH HIM...



HE
CAN'T
BE...

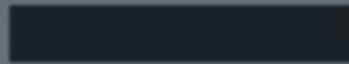
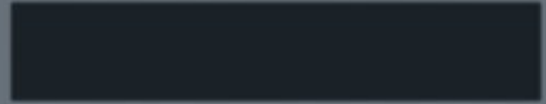
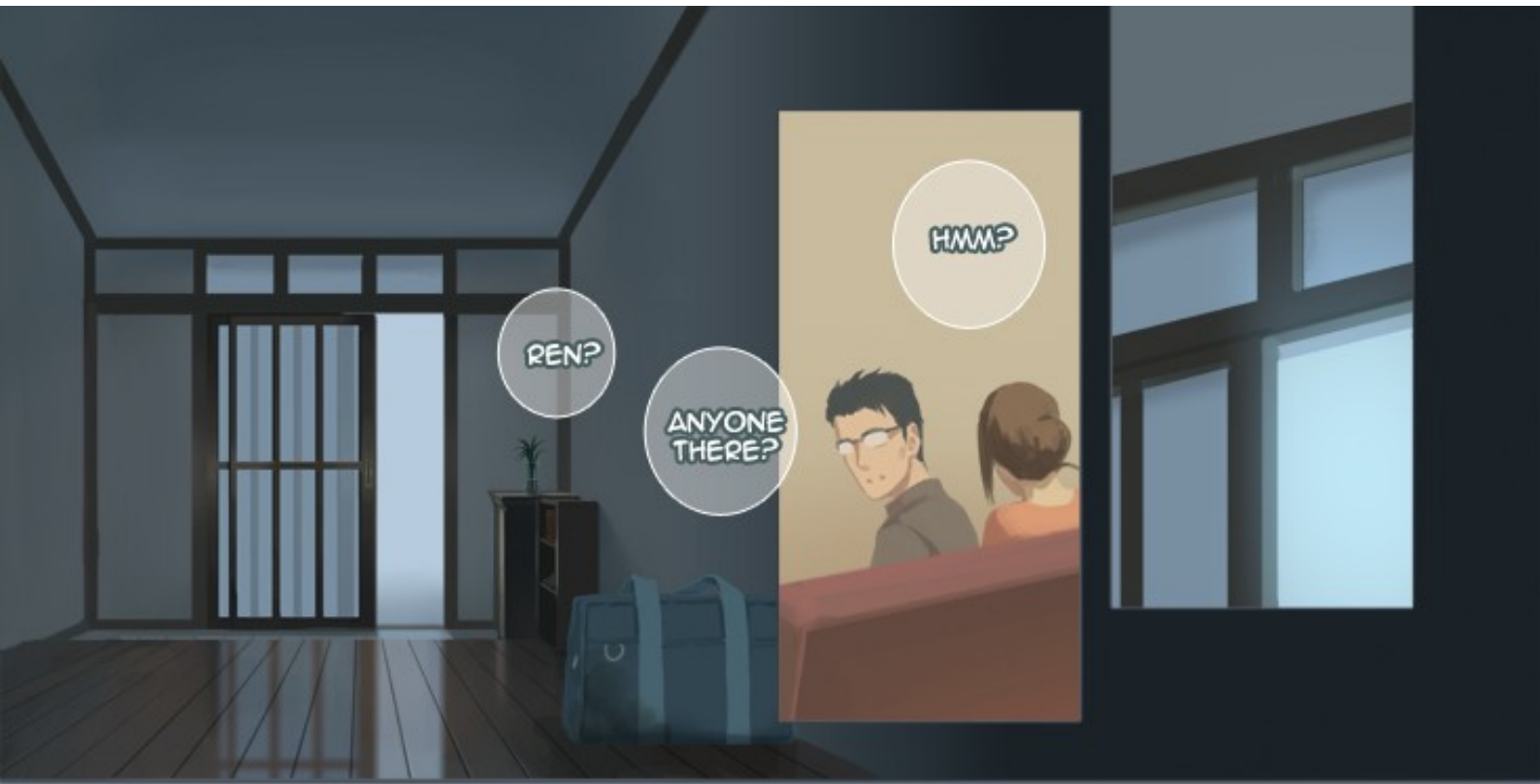
WHY
DOES IT
HAVE TO BE
REN...

HOW CAN
YOU BLAME
ALL THIS
ON ME?!



THAT'S
JUST...

DISGUSTING.





HIS BAG
ISN'T HERE...

DID HE LEAVE
EARLY TODAY?



HMM?
IS HIS CLASS
HAVING P.E.?



IS HE BEING
BULLIED...?



op/sweat/pls
FUCKING
FAGGOT
leave our class pls
gross shit



WHAT ... IS THIS...?



WHAT IS
HE DOING
IN OUR
CLASS?

IS HE
THE...?

YEAH,
THE GUY
IN THE
PHOTO.

OI,
LOOK...

EH?
REALLY?
HA-

THESE BASTARDS!

DON'T COME
TO MY
CLASSROOM.

... SO...
THAT'S WHAT HE
MEANT...

.....

WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN TO HIM.

HE KNEW IT FROM
THE BEGINNING...

AND HE WANTED TO
KEEP ME OUT OF THIS.

IF I GOT INTO ANOTHER FIGHT,
I'LL BE EXPELLED FOR SURE...

EVEN AT A TIME
LIKE THIS...

HE WAS TRYING TO
PROTECT ME,

YET I...



DAMN IT!

DAMN IT!

DAMN IT!

I'M THE WORST!



WHAT
THE-P?



OUCH!



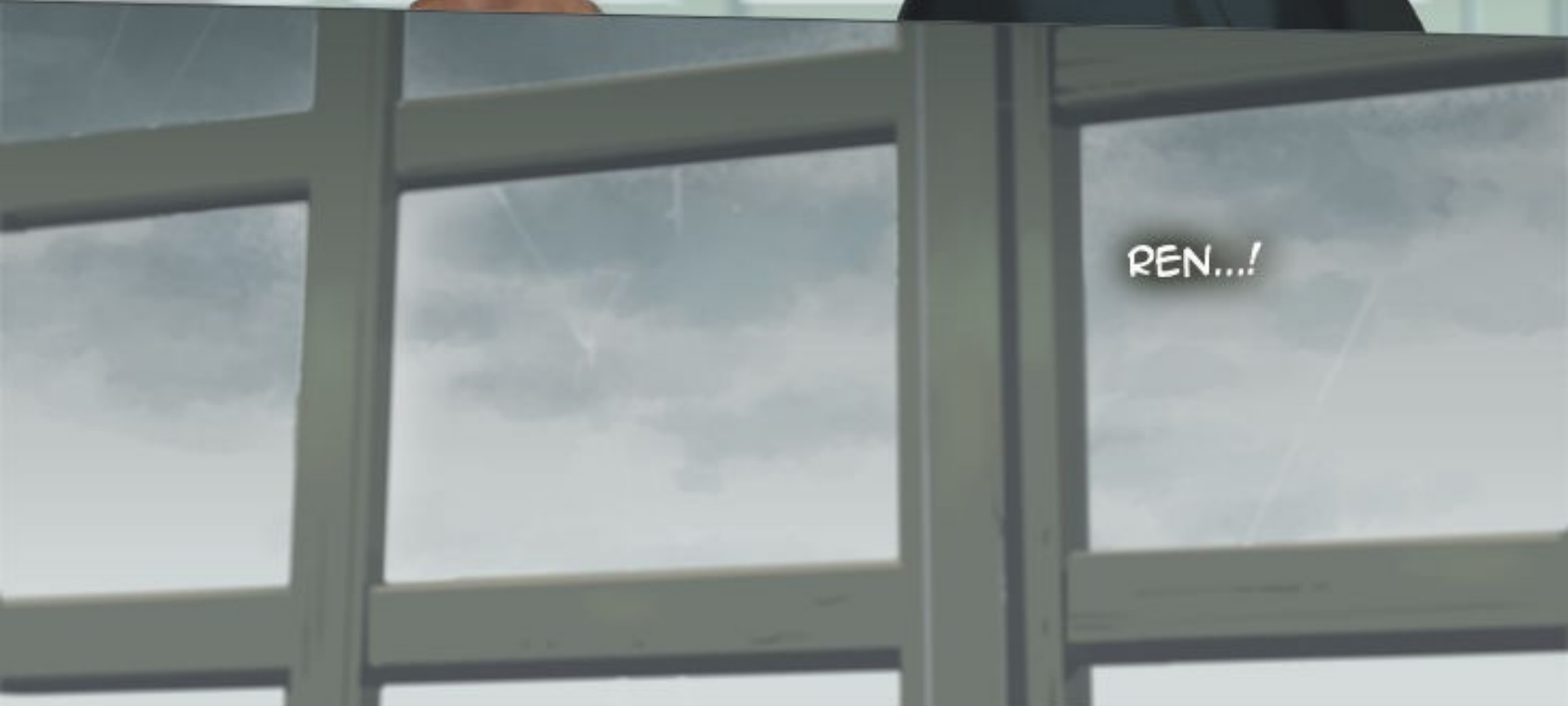
DAMN IT!



ALWAYS LETTING
ANGER GET THE
BEST OF ME,

TURNING MY BACK
ON HIM,

WITHOUT TRYING TO
UNDERSTAND HIM...



REN...!