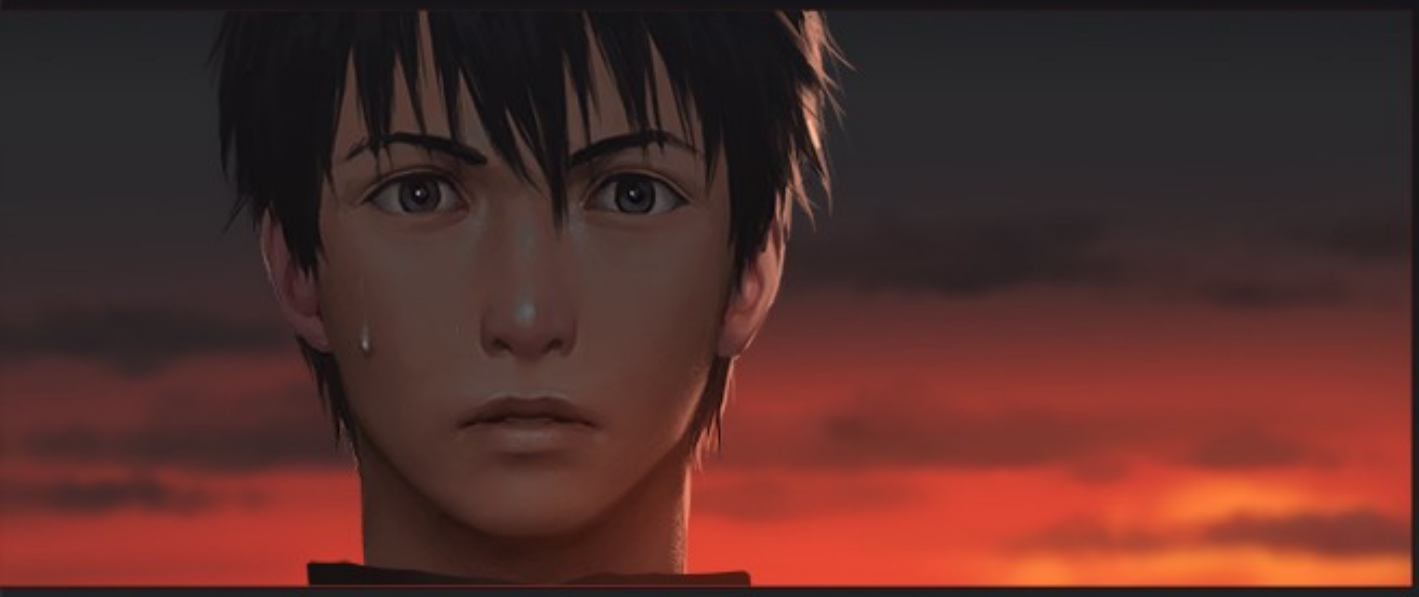
SMILE

CHAPTER 2

DISTANCE OF FEELINGS



DON'T BE AFRAID, HONEY.
BUT...
MOM...
THEY ARE GOOD FRIENDS OF MOMMY AND DADDY.
...I'M SCARED...
HERE, INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

HELLO!
I'M ITOU REN!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
W...WAYNE.....
WAYNE HUNTINGTON JR
NICE TO MEET YOU, WAYNE!

REN...
A DREAM?
WHY AM I DREAMING OF THE PAST, EVEN NOW...?

PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
I... I LIKE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!!

REN...
OF COURSE HE'D RUN AWAY...
FROM A FREAK LIKE ME...

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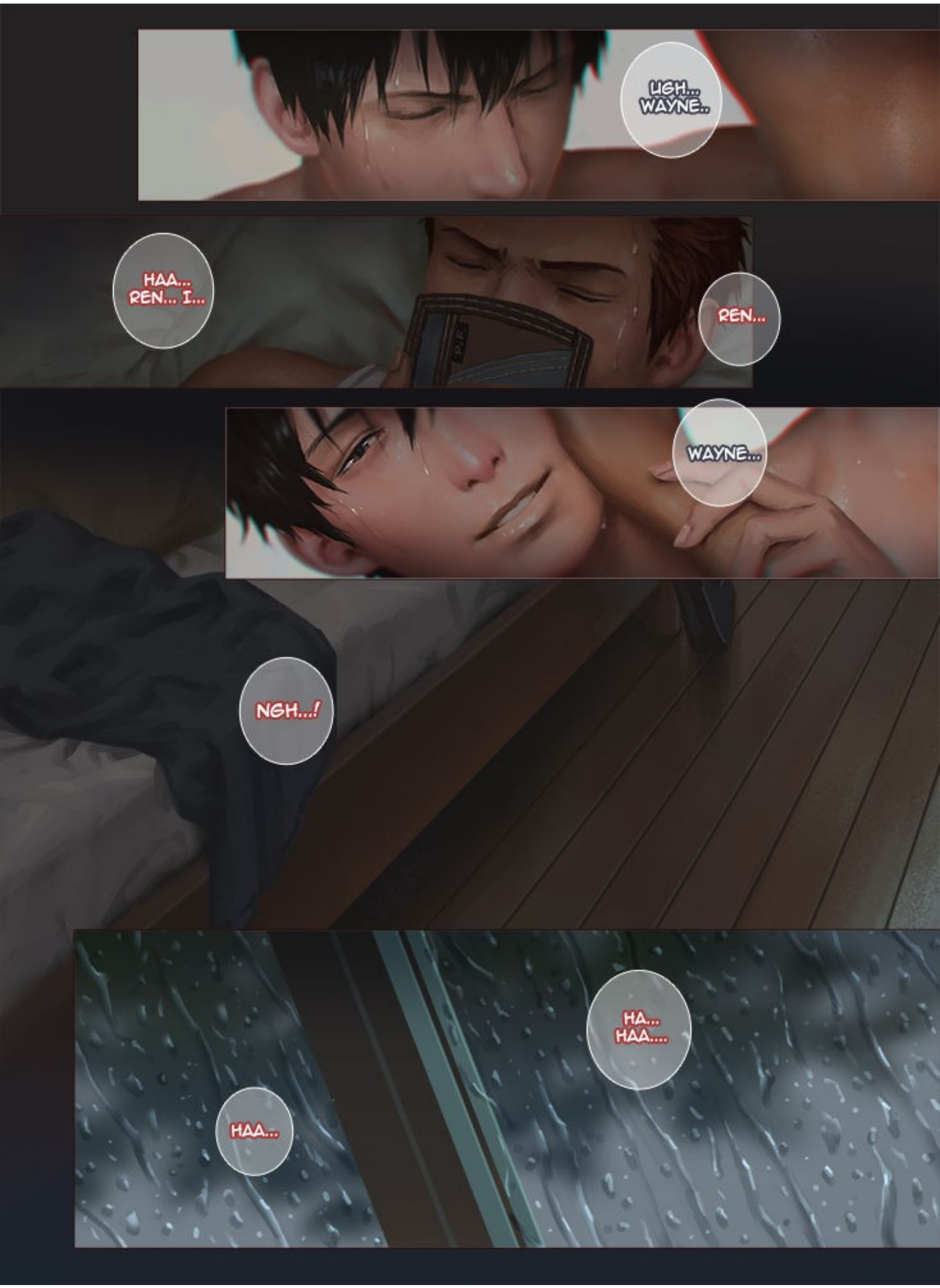
UGH... WAYNE..
HAA... REN... I...
REN...
WAYNE...
NGH...!
HA... HAA....
HAA...

WHAT AM I DOING...

JERKING OFF TO A PHOTO OF MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND...

WHY AREN'T YOU SMILING?

THERE YOU GO AGAIN, WAYNE.

HE MIGHT NOT EVEN SMILE AT ME ANYMORE...

I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO SCHOOL.
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY...
SIGH HOW SHOULD I APPROACH HIM TODAY?
IT'S SO AWKWARD.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
MAYBE HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO SEE ME...

SKIPPING THE MORNING PRACTICE AGAIN, MR. ACE?
DON'T YOU HAVE CLUB PRACTICE TODAY?
N-NOPE, THERE WAS A TIMETABLE CHANGE.
AH! G-GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, WAYNE.
I SEE, THAT MAKES TODAY A STUDY DAY!
DON'T FORGET TO STAY BACK AFTER CLASS IS OVER.

O-OKAY...
REN SMILED AT ME AS USUAL,
EVERYTHING WAS BACK TO NORMAL.....
WE HAVEN'T BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE SINCE THEN.
OUR RELATIONSHIP REMAINS UNCHANGED.....
AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

BEEN BUSY STUDYING FOR A TEST.
OH, I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THAT.
WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE DURING SUMMER BREAK?
IT'S GETTING REALLY HOT LATELY.
IT'S ALMOST SUMMER.
SO, HOW WERE YOUR RESULTS?
I GOT FULL MARKS.
HO~?
HARDWORKING, AREN'T YOU?
HAHAHA... DON'T DOUBT YOUR OWN EFFORTS.
YOU SHOULD REWARD YOURSELF FOR THE HARD WORK.
WELL, ALL THE QUESTIONS WERE FROM THAT CHAPTER YOU POINTED OUT TO ME.
WOW! GREAT!
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOUR "PROPHECY".

COULD I HAVE YOUR ANSWER?
IN THAT CASE...
I WANT A CLEAR ANSWER FROM YOU, EVEN IF IT'S A "NO".
EH...?
.....
I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING AWAY FROM IT... I'M SORRY.

SAY, WAYNE, DO YOU REALLY LIKE ME?
O-OF COURSE!
EVEN THOUGH I'M A GUY?
I'M WELL AWARE OF IT.
AREN'T YOU AFRAID?
EVERYONE MIGHT JUDGE YOU FOR THAT.
I DON'T CARE!
...AS LONG AS I CAN BE WITH YOU...
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YOU REALLY ARE TOUGH, AREN'T YOU?
I'M JEALOUS.
...YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE, RIGHT?
W-WHAT KIND OF GIRL IS SHE?
HUH?
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE LIKE THAT.

BUT I THINK I'VE JUST FOUND SOMEONE, RIGHT NOW.
T-THAT MEANS...!