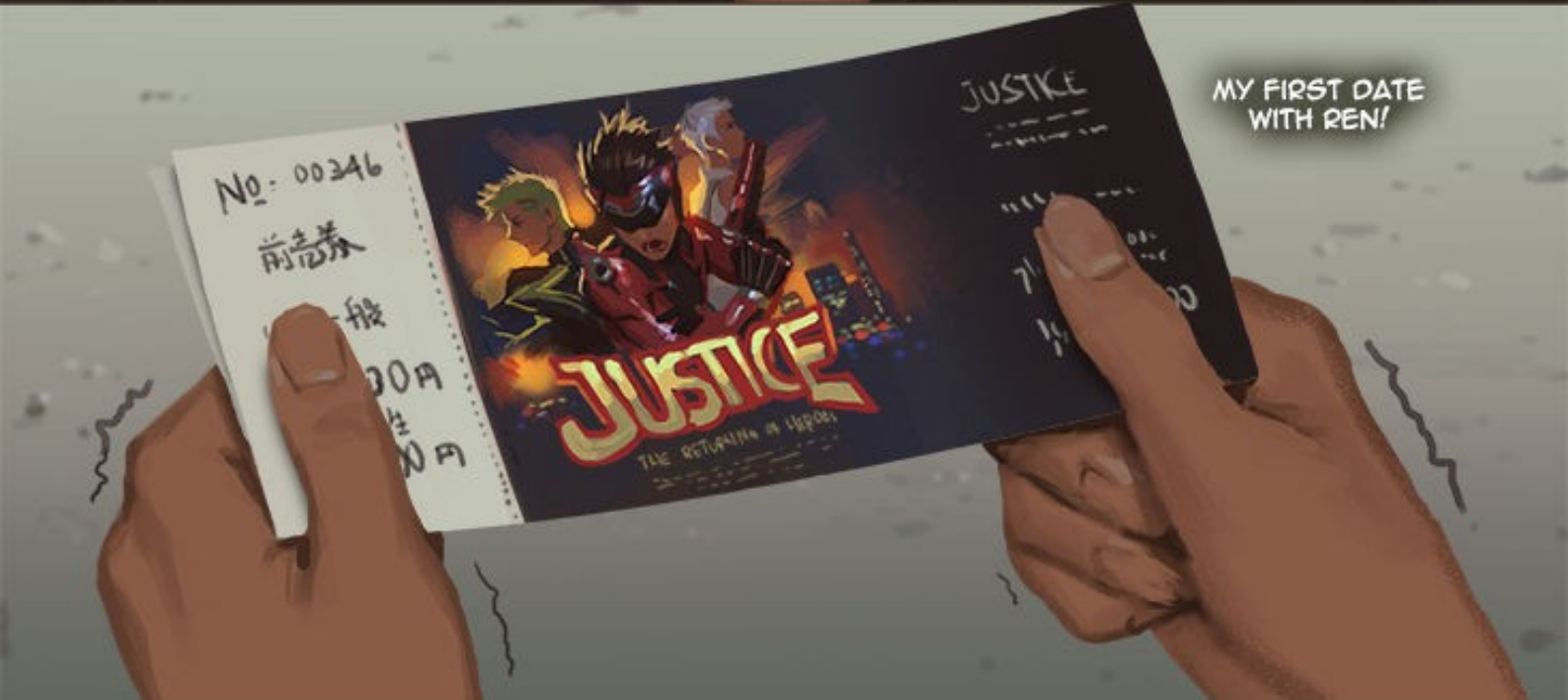


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## CHAPTER 3

### SWEET, MELTING TOUCH



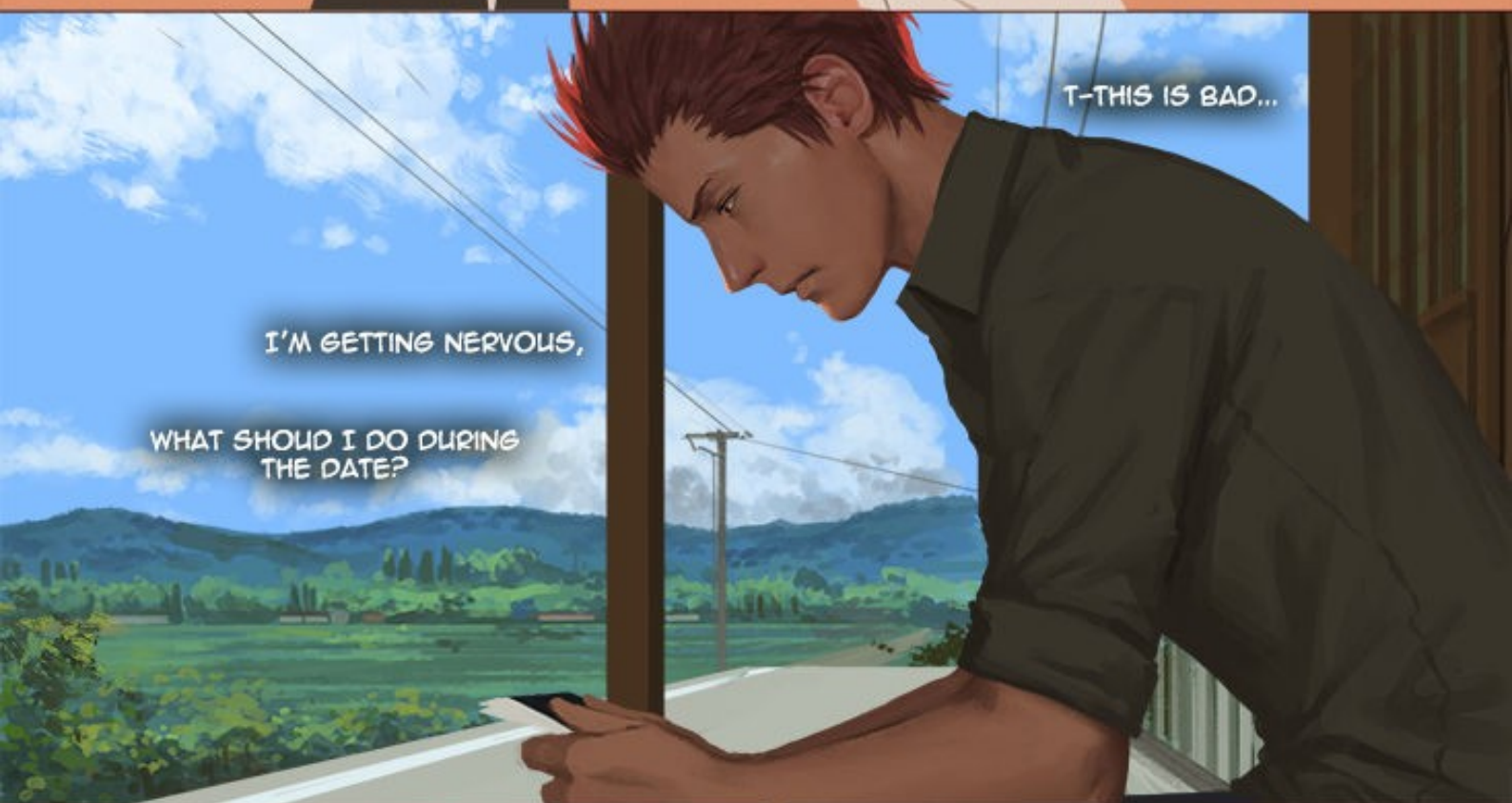




A WEEK AGO...

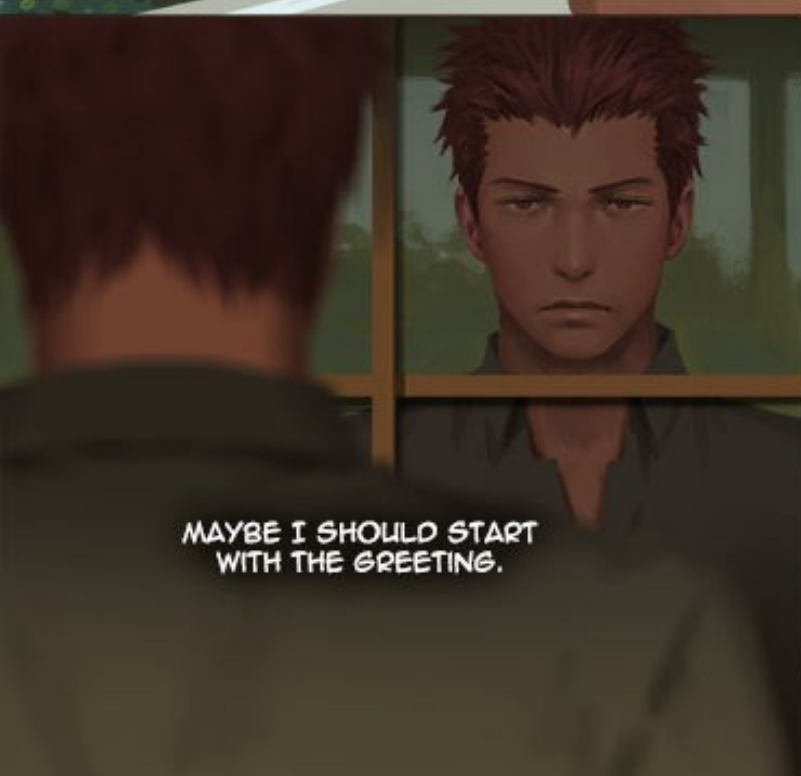
O-OH!  
SURE!

I JUST  
HAPPENED TO  
GET 2 MOVIE  
TICKETS!  
D-DO YOU WANT  
TO WATCH IT  
TOGETHER?



T-THIS IS BAD...

I'M GETTING NERVOUS,  
WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING  
THE DATE?



MAYBE I SHOULD START  
WITH THE GREETING.



HMM...  
HOW DO I  
LEAVE A GOOD  
IMPRESSION?

I DON'T WANT  
TO MESS UP  
ON THE FIRST  
DATE.





AS IF  
THEY'RE  
CELEBRATING  
OUR FIRST  
DATE~

MORNING,  
BABE

SUN'S  
OUT, THE  
BIRDS ARE  
SINGING.

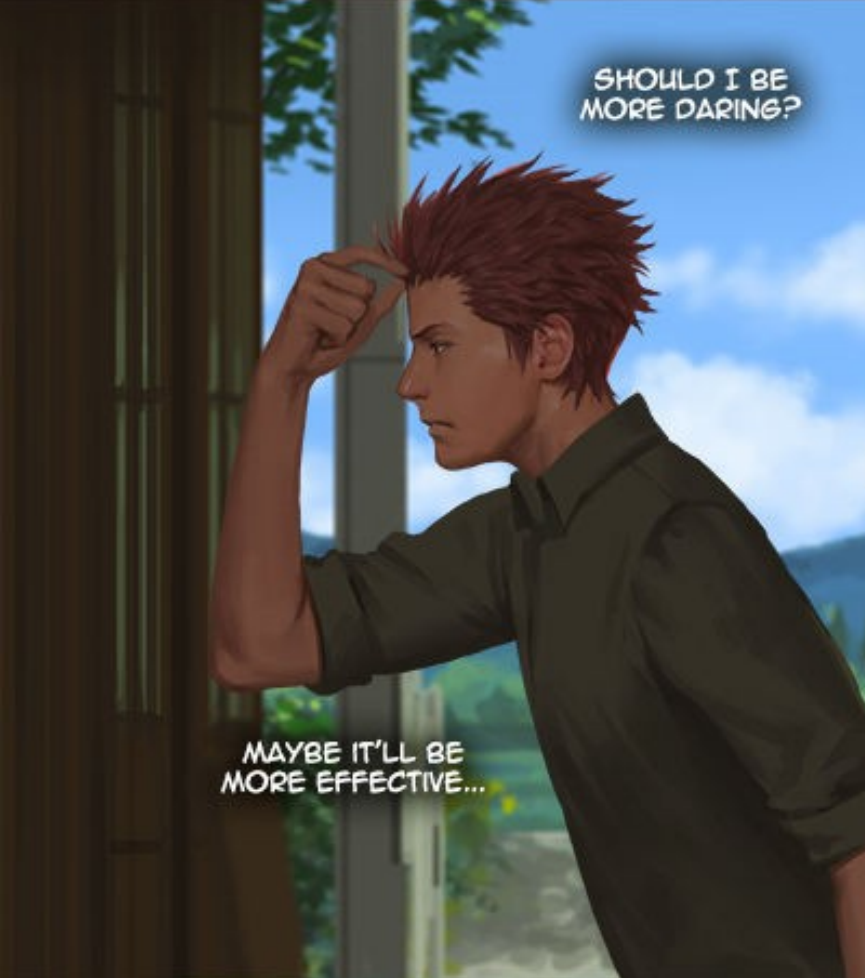
TAKE 1



LET'S ENJOY  
OURSELVES  
TODAY!  
HA-HA-HA

YO! REN!  
THANKS FOR  
COMING!

TAKE 2



SHOULD I BE  
MORE DARING?

MAYBE IT'LL BE  
MORE EFFECTIVE...



S-SOMETHING  
ISN'T RIGHT...

WHO THE HELL  
WAS THAT  
JUST NOW.



HMM...









PFFF...



SHUT UP!  
DON'T CALL  
A GUY  
CUTE!

BUT UM,  
YEAH, YOU DID  
LEAVE A GOOD  
IMPRESSION ON  
ME. THAT WAS  
VERY CUTE OF  
YOU.



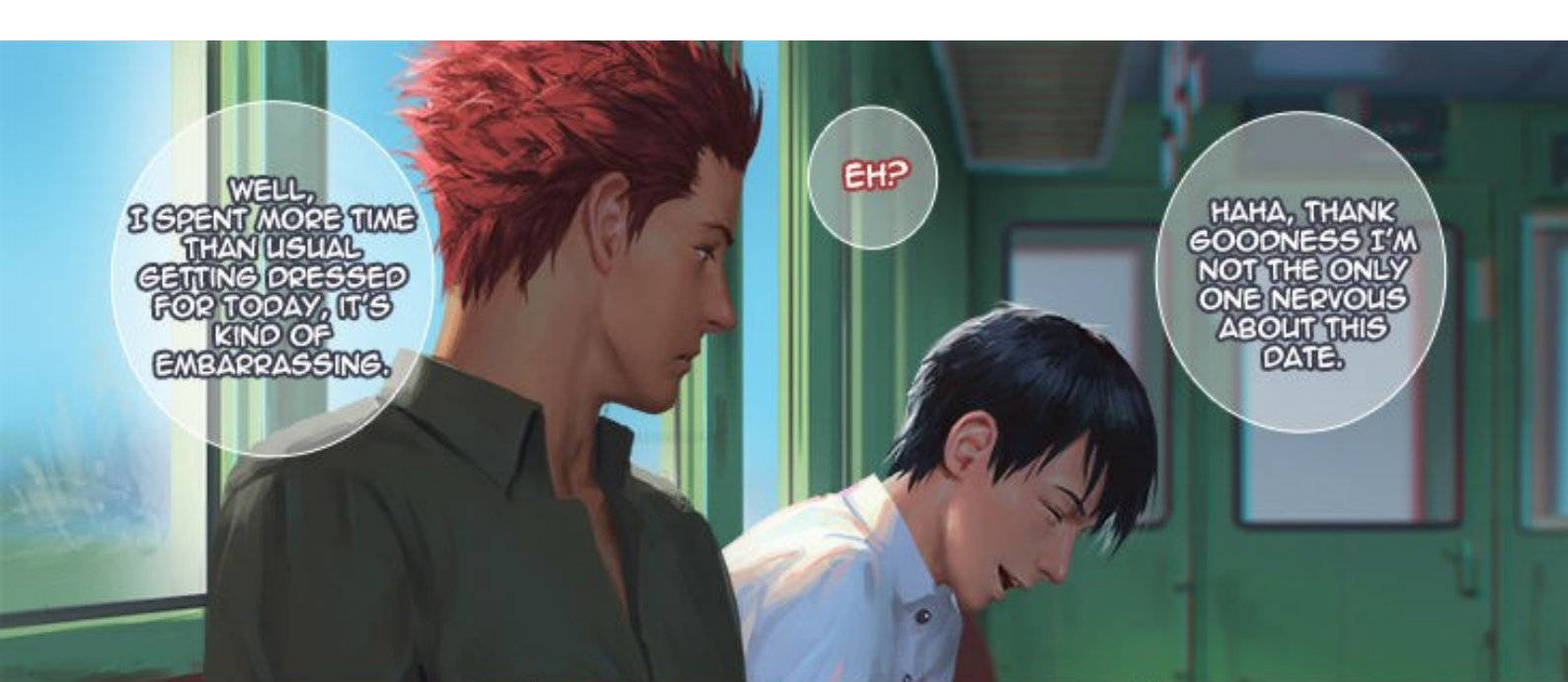
STOP  
LAUGHING  
ALREADY!

PFFF...HA  
HAHAHAH  
AHA



OKAY,  
OKAY, I'M  
SORRY.





WELL,  
I SPENT MORE TIME  
THAN USUAL  
GETTING DRESSED  
FOR TODAY, IT'S  
KIND OF  
EMBARRASSING.

EH?

HAHA, THANK  
GOODNESS I'M  
NOT THE ONLY  
ONE NERVOUS  
ABOUT THIS  
DATE.



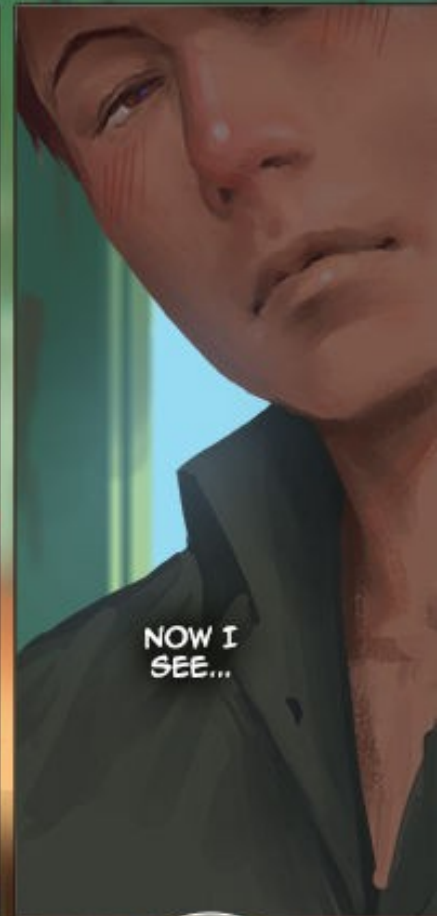
E-EH?  
WHAT IS  
IT?

SO?



REN DID  
LOOK  
DIFFERENT  
TODAY.

IS HE  
TRYING TO  
IMPRESS ME  
TOO?



NOW I  
SEE...



GIVE ME A  
BREAK  
ALREADY!

ARE WE GOING  
TO DO IT?  
KABE-DON.













HAND...

HMM?

UM...  
WAYNE?



IGNORE THEM.  
WE'RE OUTSIDE  
OUR TOWN NOW,  
NO ONE WILL  
RECOGNIZE US.

IS THAT  
SOP?

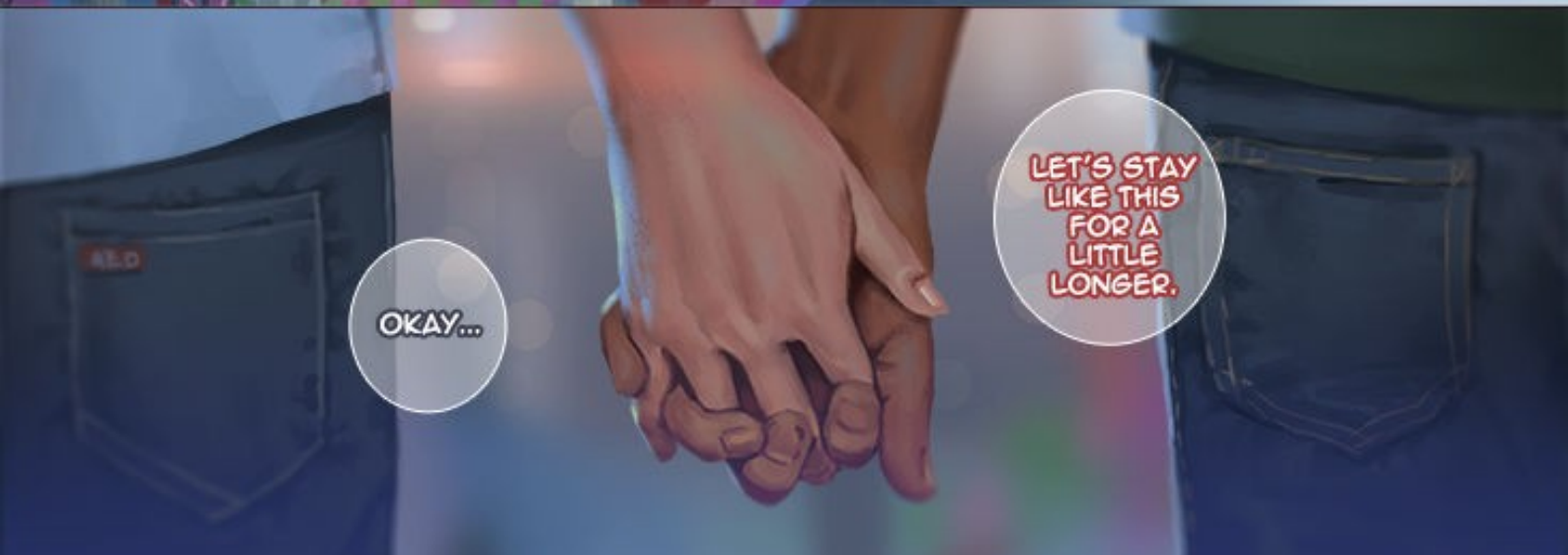
YES...  
SO,  
PLEASE...



DO YOU  
MIND?



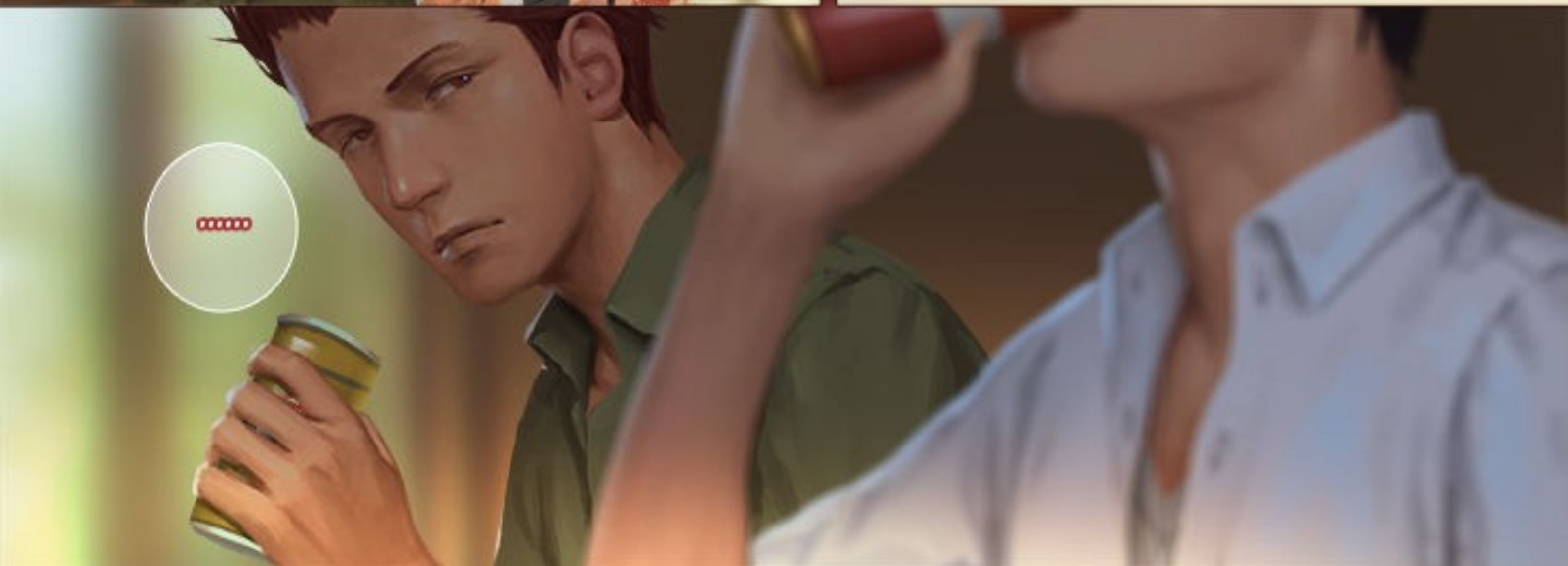
NOT REALLY...  
BUT PEOPLE  
MIGHT BE  
WATCHING.



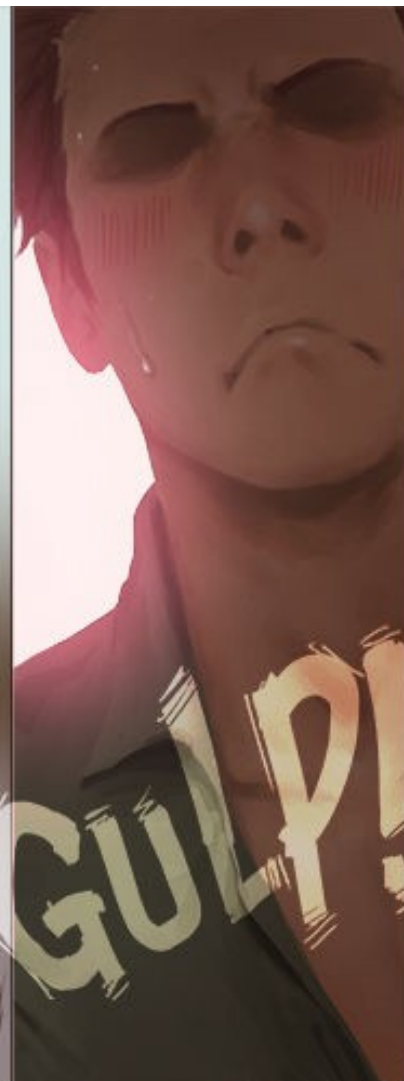
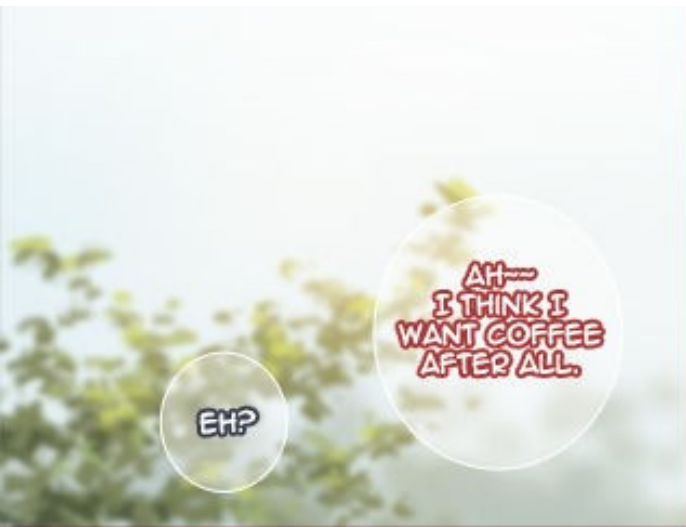
OKAY...

LET'S STAY  
LIKE THIS  
FOR A  
LITTLE  
LONGER.









S-SO..

REN JUST DRANK THIS...

HIS LIPS WERE ON IT...

IF I DRINK IT TOO...

WAYNE  
HUNTINGTON JR.

17 YEARS OLD,



THIS IS  
KIND OF...

...EXCITING.

I WILL BE  
DRINKING  
COFFEE...



AND REN'S  
LIQUID...



I'M BECOMING  
ONE WITH REN!

TODAY,





AH...  
I SEE...  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW YOU  
LIKED COFFEE  
SO MUCH...

IT'S  
NOTHING...  
THIS COFFEE  
TASTES  
AMAZING...

WAYNE!?  
WHAT HAPPENED?  
WHY ARE YOU  
CRYING?

YEAH.



THE MOVIE  
WAS GOOD,  
WASN'T IT?



HERO...



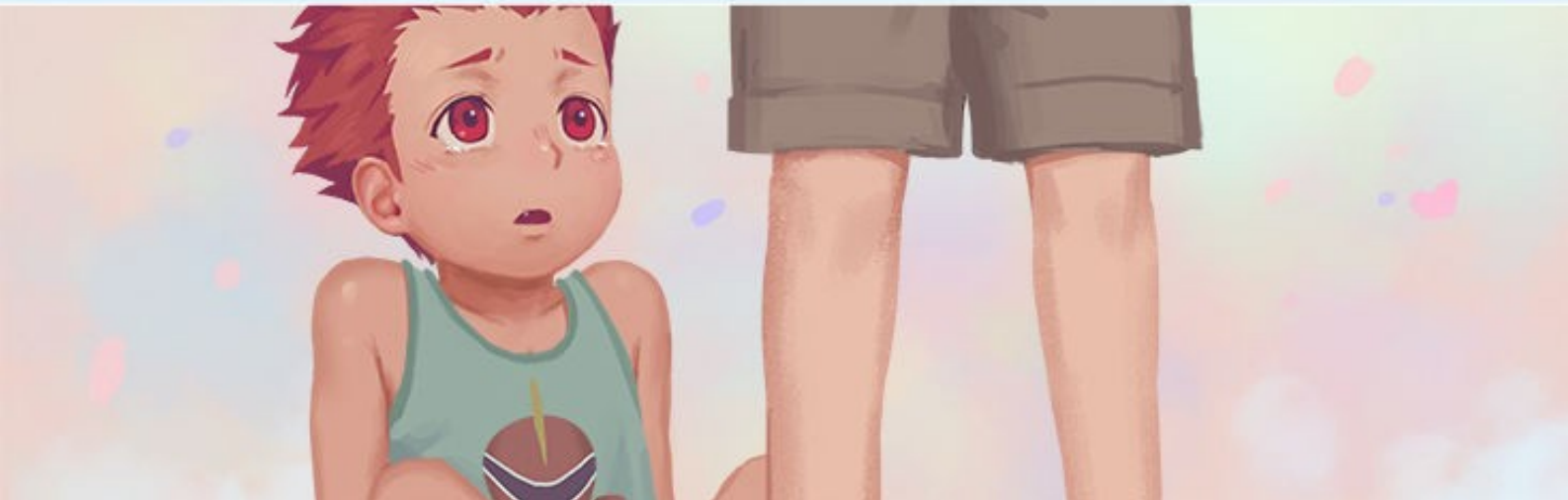
HEHE, YOU'VE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
A BIG FAN OF  
HERO SHOWS,  
HAVEN'T YOU?

BECAUSE  
THEY'RE  
COOL!

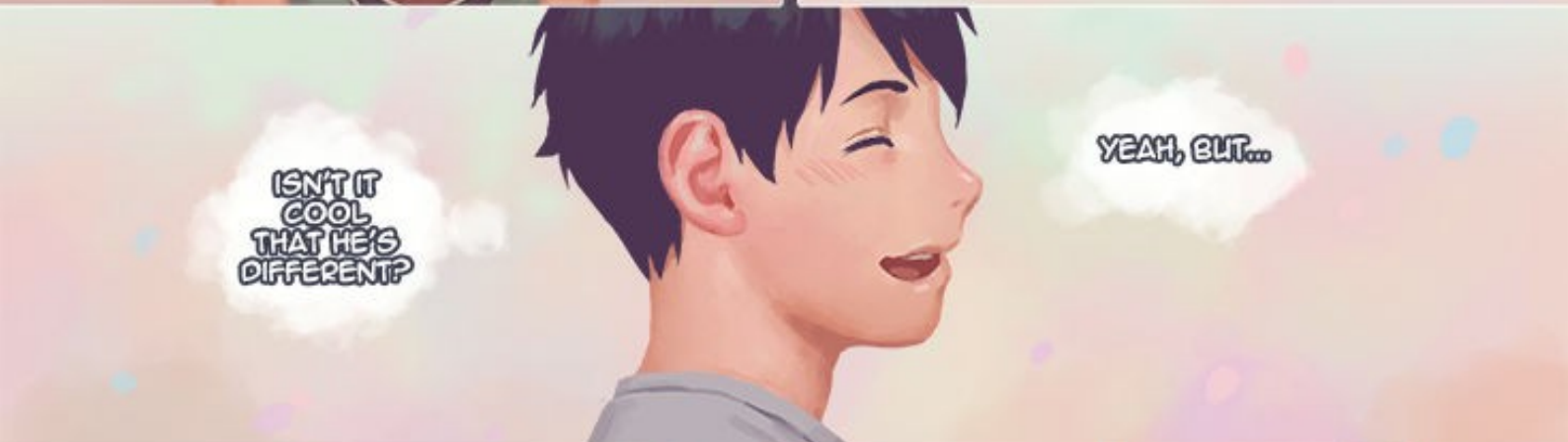
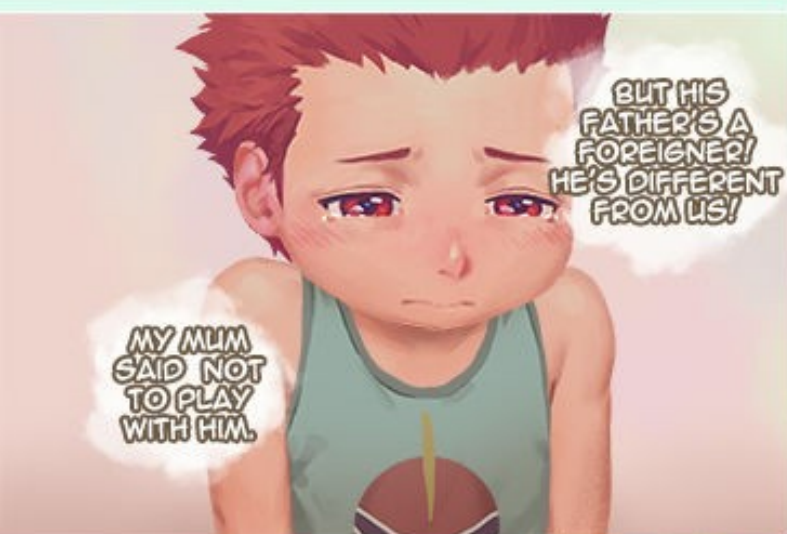


HAHA,  
THANKS FOR  
THE MOVIE!  
MR. HERO.

W-WEL-  
COME!









HEROES CAN'T  
REVEAL THEIR  
IDENTITY TO THE  
PUBLIC!

MAYBE!  
YOU NEVER  
KNOW~

W-WHAT?!  
SO THIS GUY  
HAS SUPER  
POWERS TOO?

EVEN THOUGH  
YOU CALLED ME  
A "HERO"...

OH  
WOW!

THAT'S  
COOL!

YOU'RE  
ALWAYS THE  
ONE WHO  
SAVES ME,

COME ON!  
LET'S PLAY  
TOGETHER!

BUT IT'S  
ALWAYS THE  
OPPOSITE...

I-I LIKE  
COLLECTING  
CANS!

YOU HAVE A  
LOT OF NEW  
LIKINGS  
LATELY,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?

MY SMILING HERO...

WHY ARE  
YOU STILL  
KEEPING THE  
COFFEE  
CAN?





YEAH...  
KIND OF  
SAD,  
ISN'T IT?

SUMMER'S  
ALMOST  
OVER,  
HUH?



MY  
CLOTHES  
ARE ALL  
WET.

ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT,  
WAYNE?



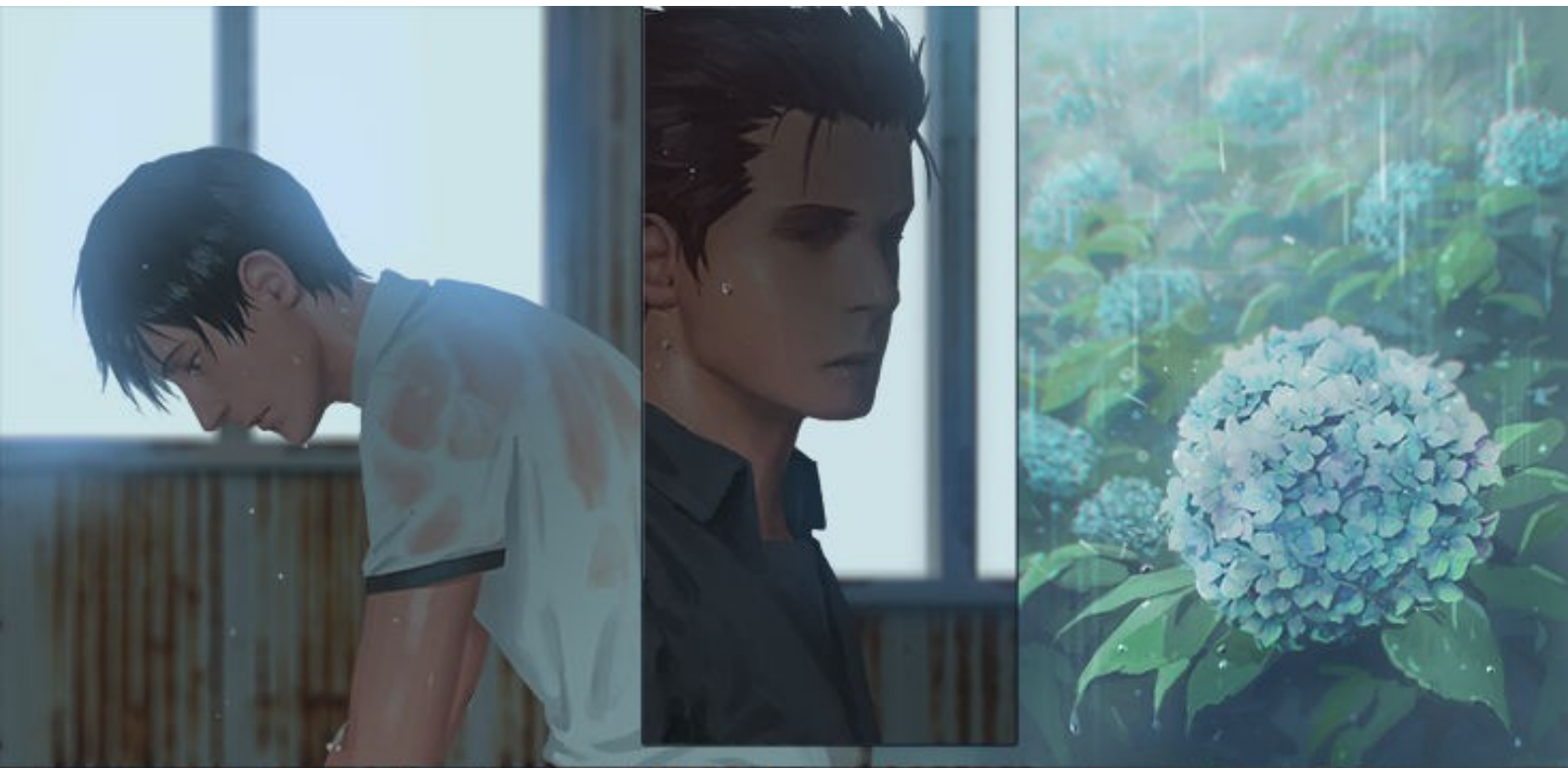
LOOKS  
LIKE IT  
WON'T STOP  
ANYTIME  
SOON.



HAHA,  
YEAH, IT  
WAS FUN.

BUT  
WE GOT TO  
DATE A  
LOT.



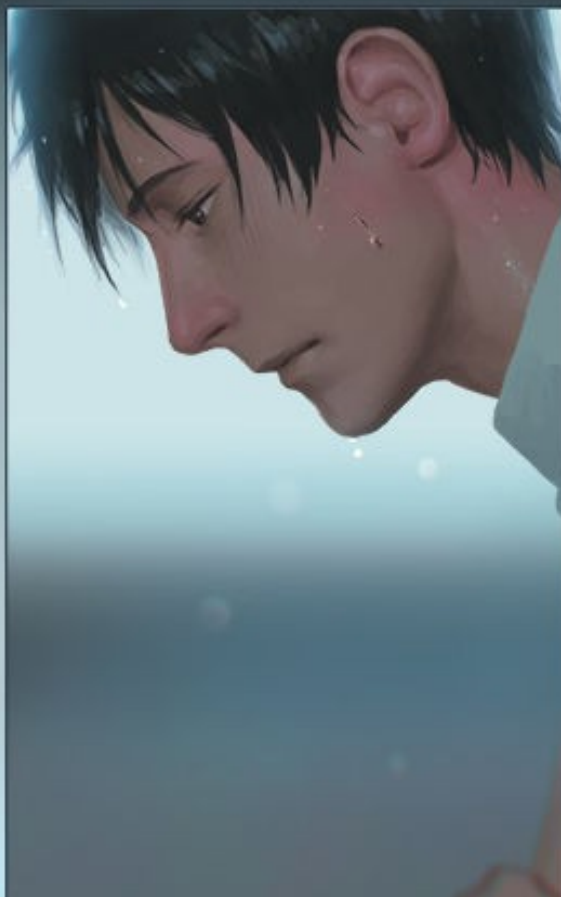


IT'S JUST  
NEARBY  
HERE.

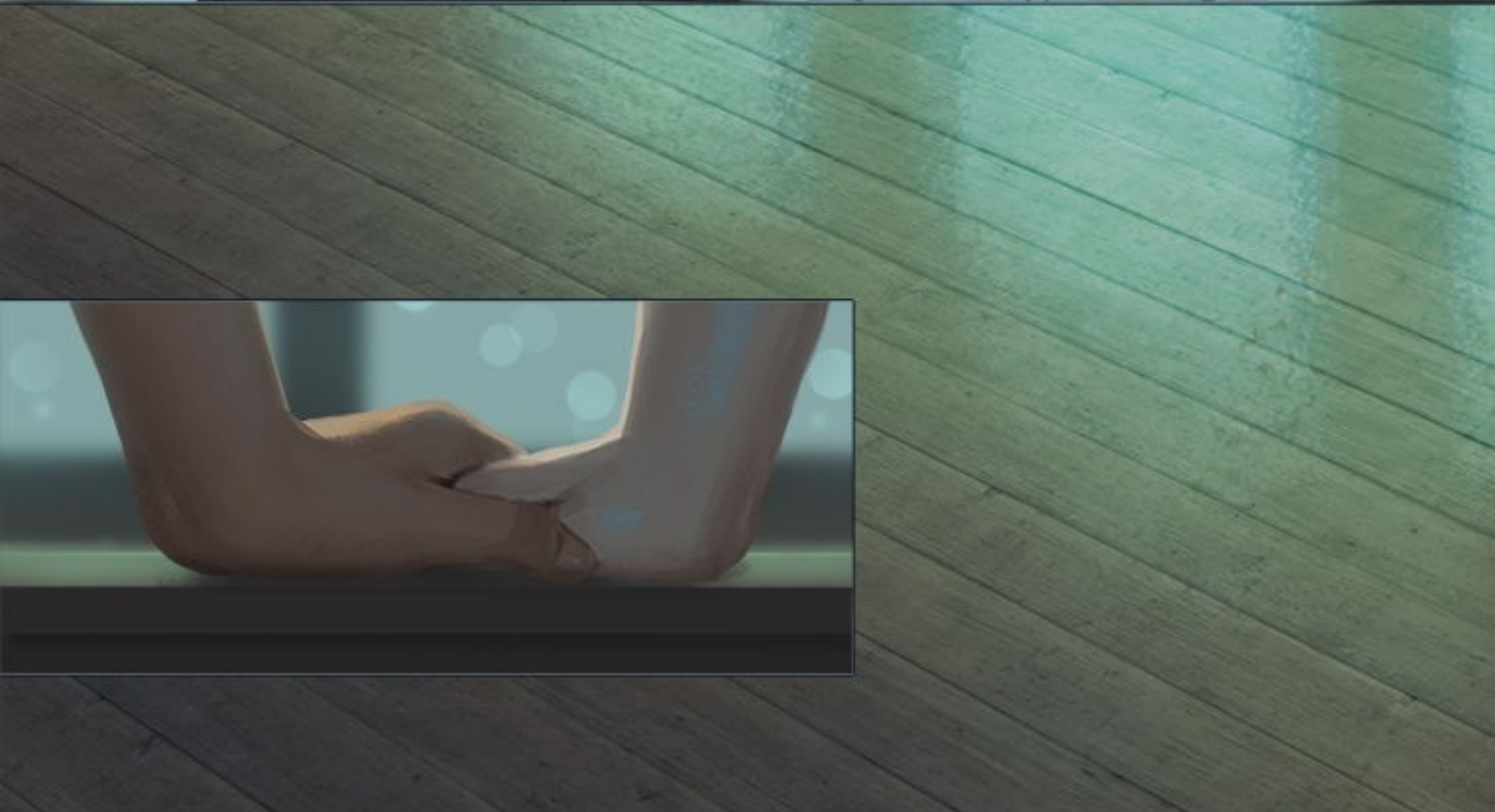
DO  
YOU...

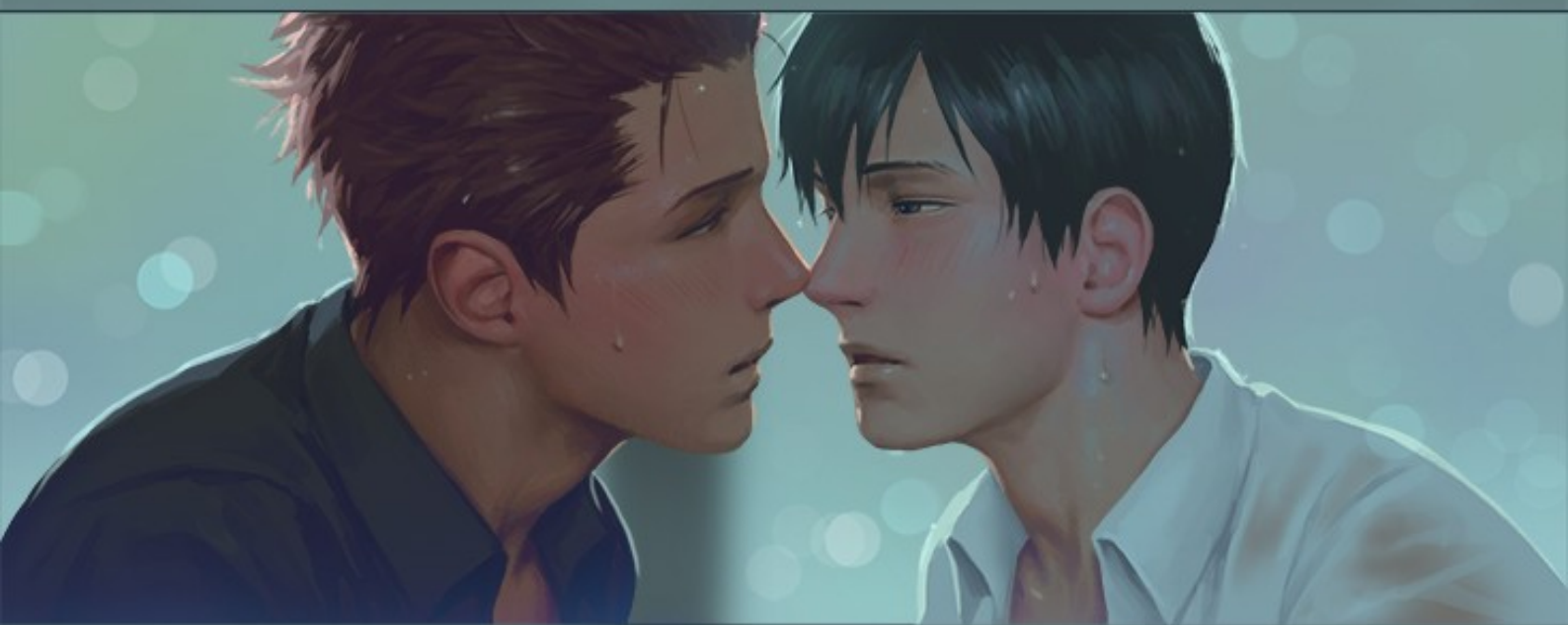
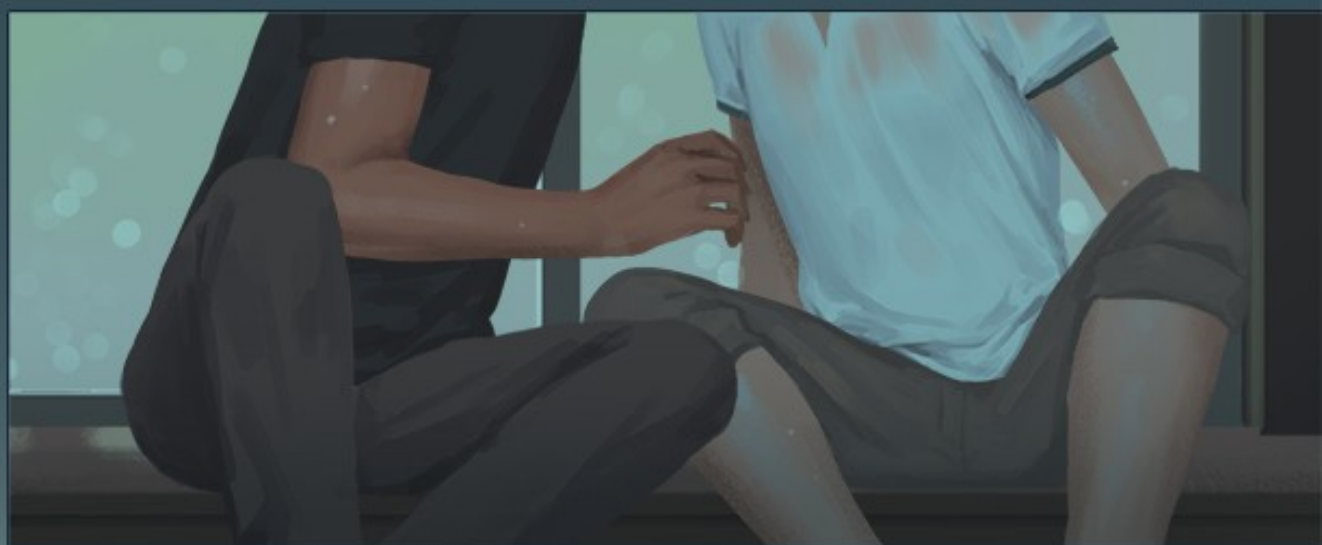
...WANT TO  
STOP BY MY  
HOUSE  
FIRST?

OKAY...

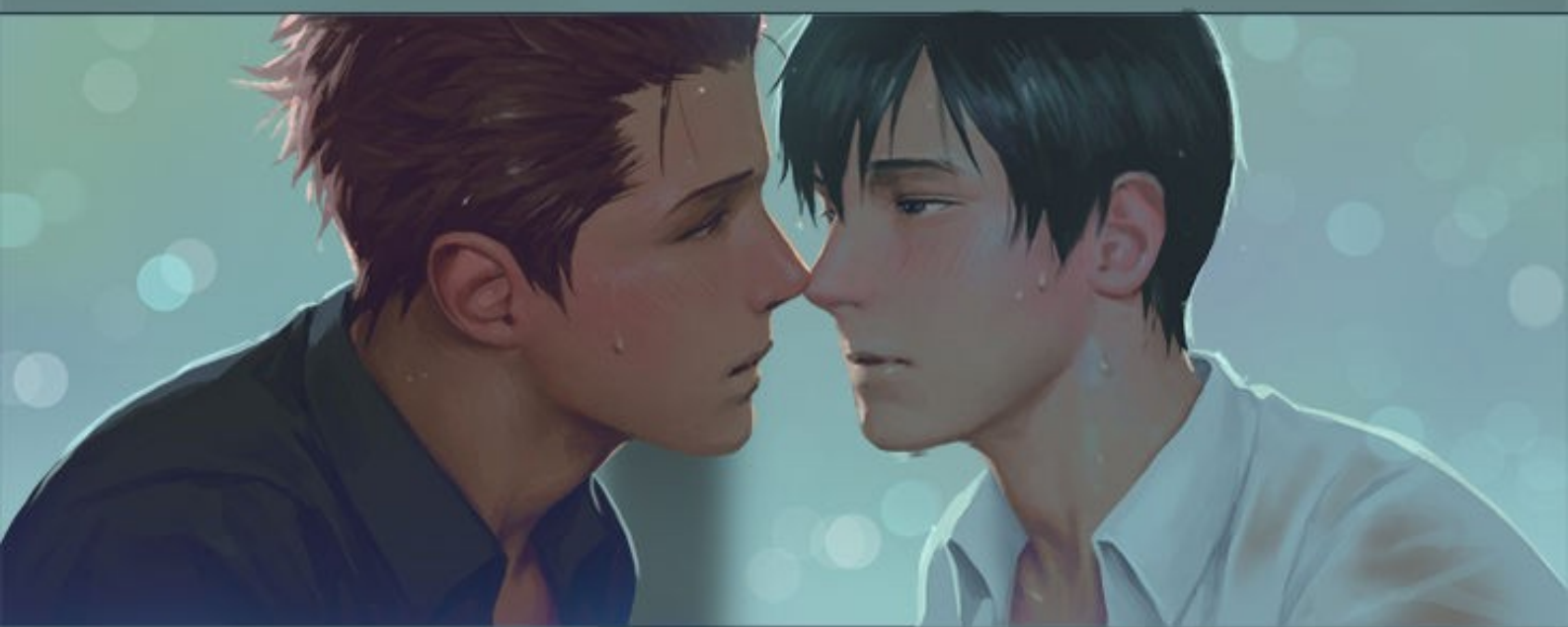
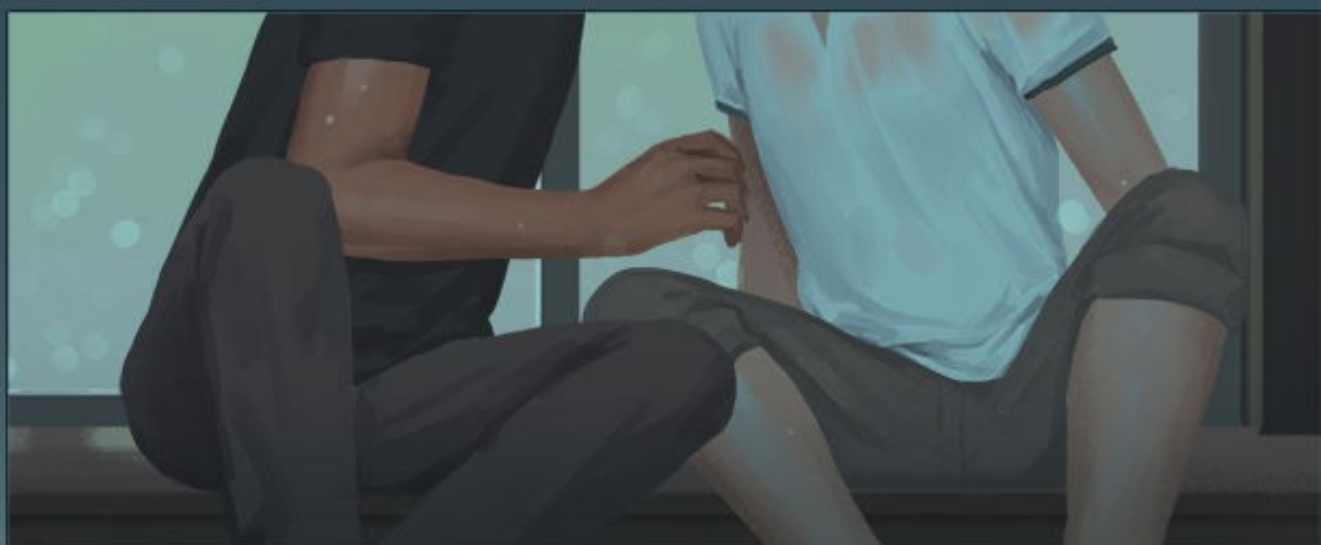


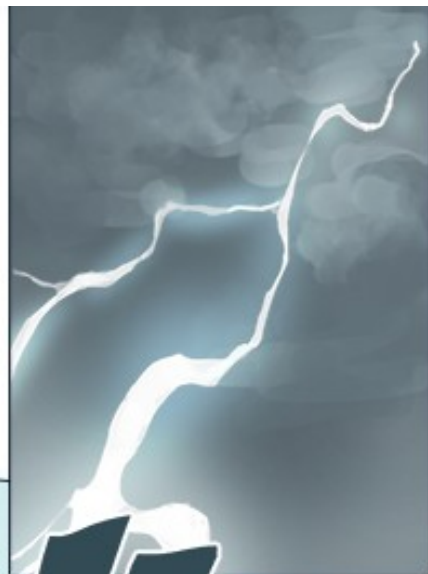












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I-IT'S  
OK.

AH, I'M  
SORRY.



BEEP  
BEEP

OKAY,  
I'M  
COMING  
BACK NOW.

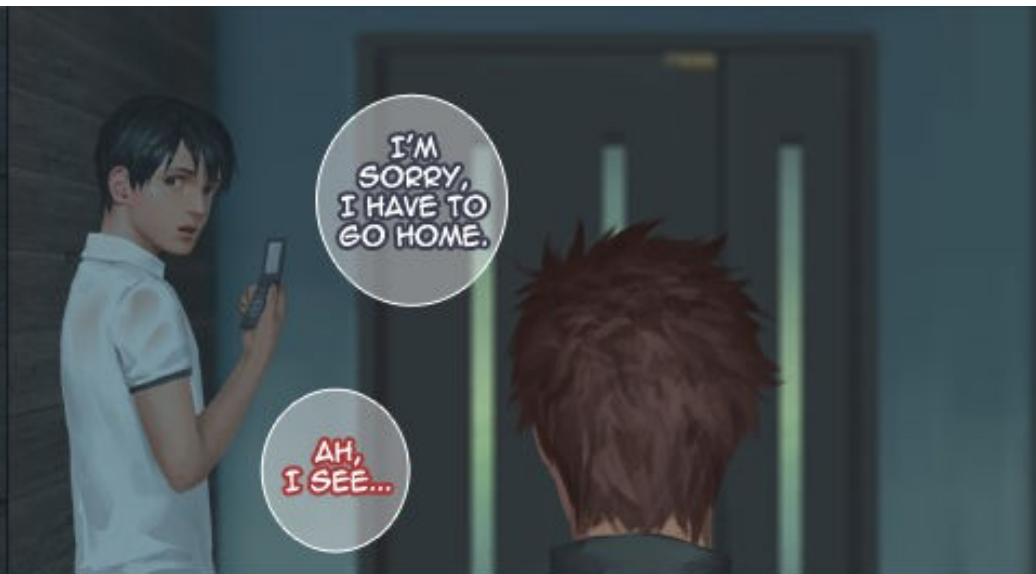
OH,  
MUM?

HELLO?





CAN I  
BORROW  
YOUR  
UMBRELLA?

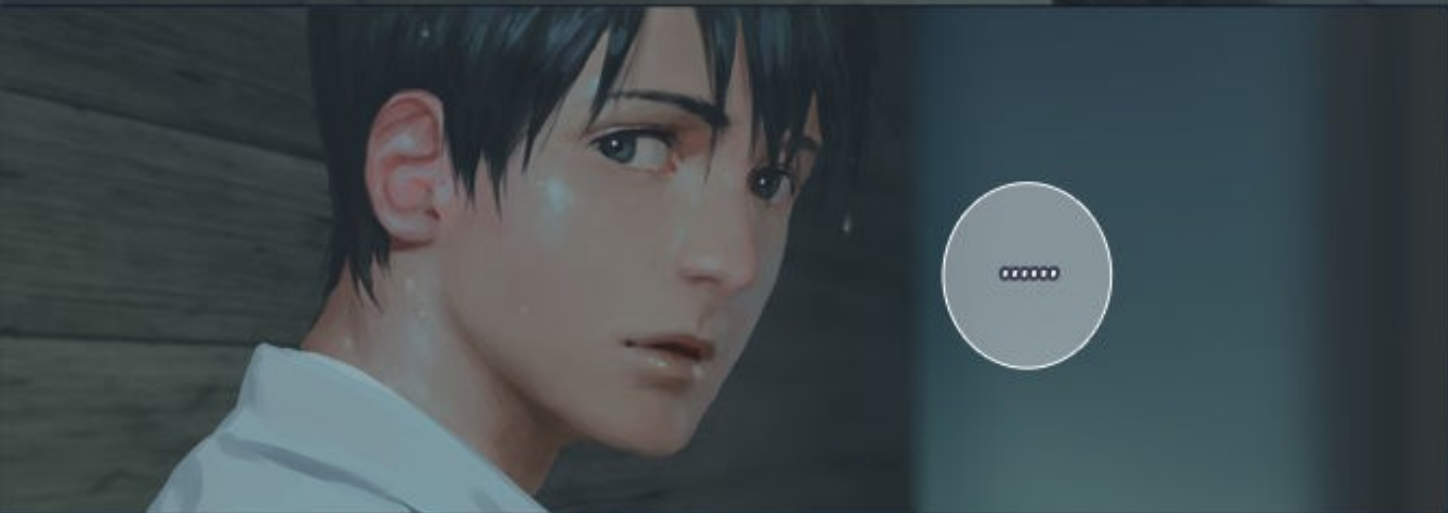


I'M  
SORRY,  
I HAVE TO  
GO HOME.

AH,  
I SEE...



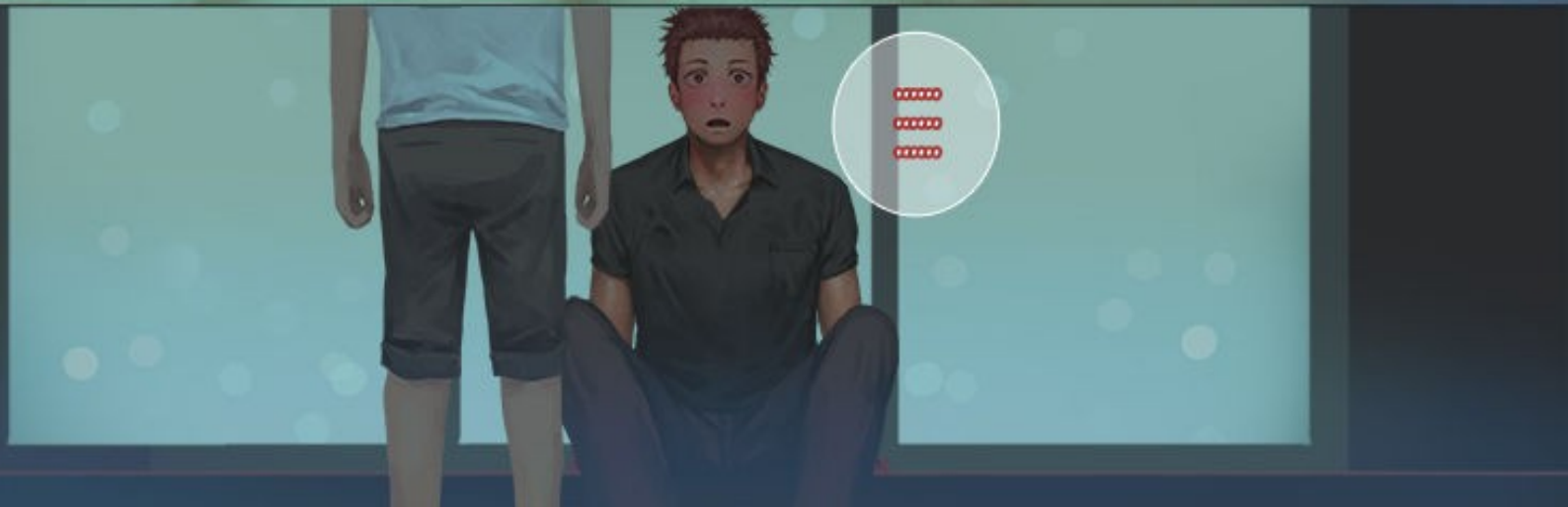
ERM...  
SURE...



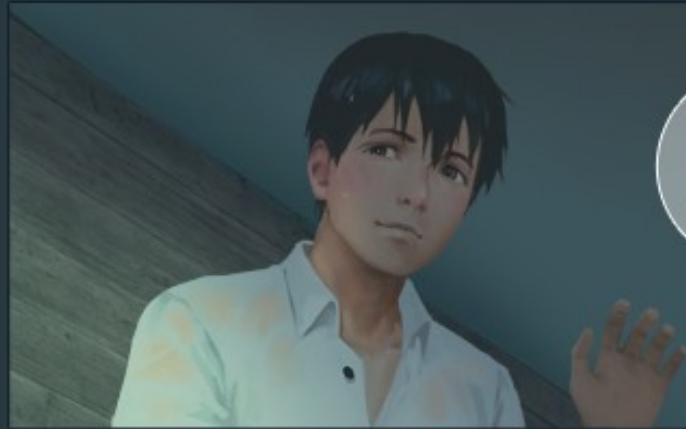
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WAYNE.



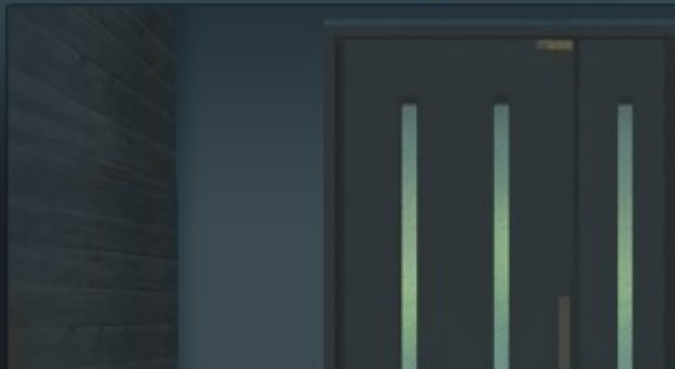




BYE  
BYE~



BA...I...  
BYE...



I GUESS  
I'M NOT  
WASHING  
MY HEAD  
TODAY...

