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## CHAPTER 5

### MEMORIES OF THE AFFECTION



I HATE RAIN.

IT LEAVES ME WITH NOTHING BUT BAD MEMORIES.



WE'RE ON  
THE WAY,  
HONEY.

MOM, DAD...  
WHEN ARE  
YOU COMING  
HOME?



AWW,  
DON'T  
CRY.

\*SNIFF\*  
PLEASE...  
\*SNIFF\*  
HURRY BACK  
HOME...  
\*SNIFF\*



YOU'RE GRADUATING SOON, OTHER KIDS WILL LAUGH AT YOU.



DON'T BE AFRAID, WE'LL BE HOME SOON.

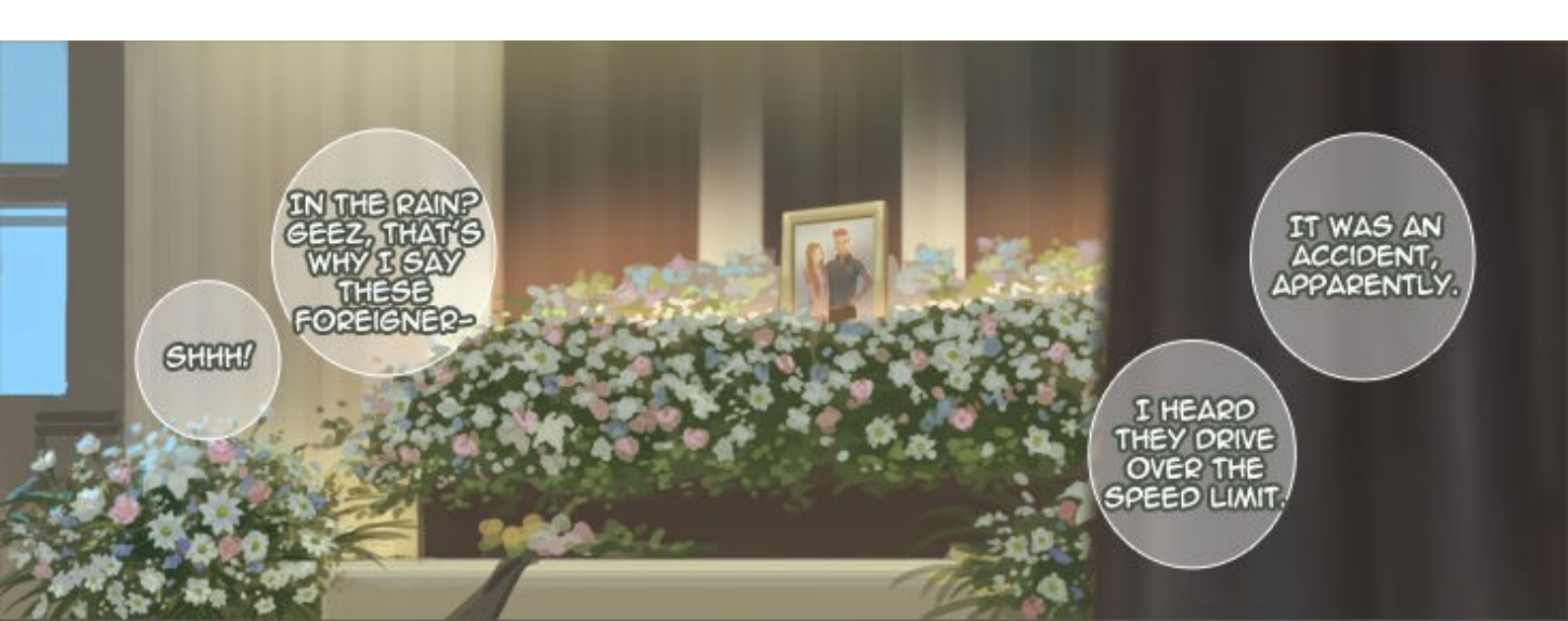
BUT...  
\*SNIFF\*  
BUT...



MOM WILL COOK YOUR FAVOURITE HAMBURGER TONIGHT.

SO HANG IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER, OKAY?

OKAY...



IN THE RAIN?  
GEEZ, THAT'S  
WHY I SAY  
THESE  
FOREIGNER-

SHHH!

IT WAS AN  
ACCIDENT,  
APPARENTLY.

I HEARD  
THEY DRIVE  
OVER THE  
SPEED LIMIT.



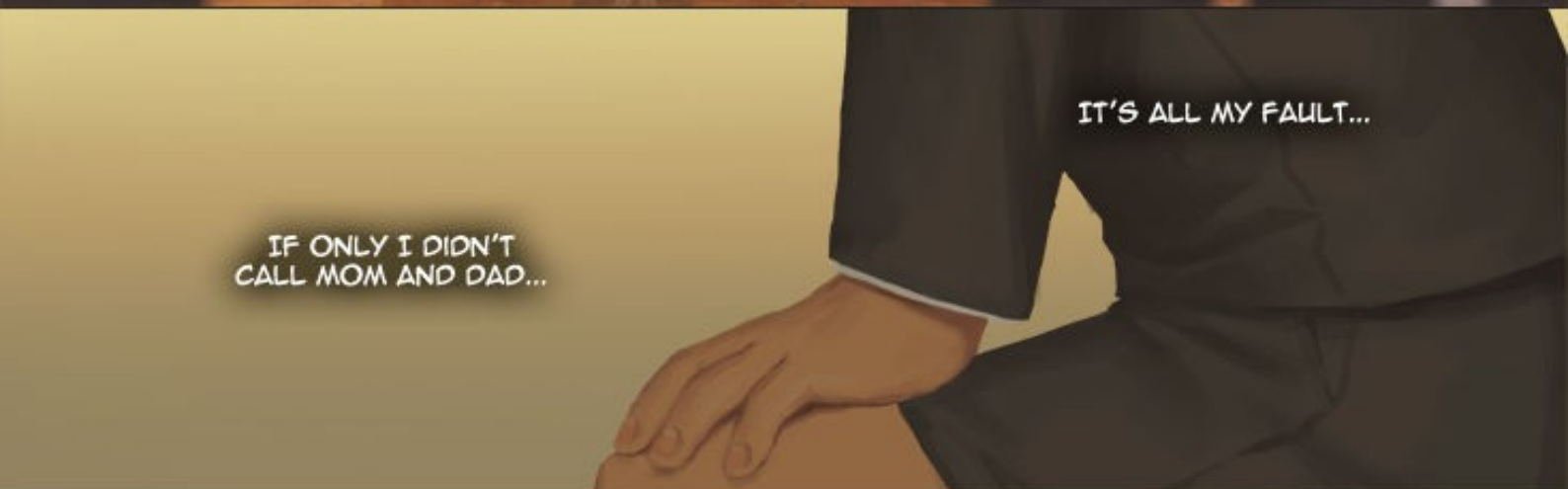
THE MOTHER IS  
JAPANESE, BUT  
SHE SEEMS TO  
HAVE CUT TIES  
WITH HER  
FAMILY WHEN  
SHE MARRIED.

DIDN'T THEY  
HAVE ANY  
RELATIVES?

WHAT  
ABOUT  
THEIR  
SON?

HE'S STILL  
IN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL,  
POOR  
CHILD...

IT'S MY FAULT...

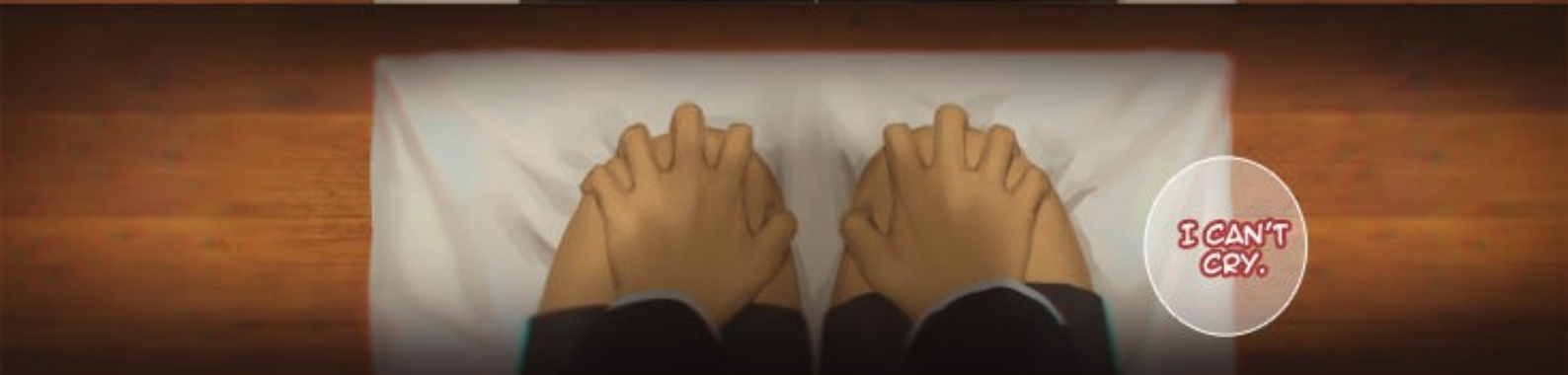
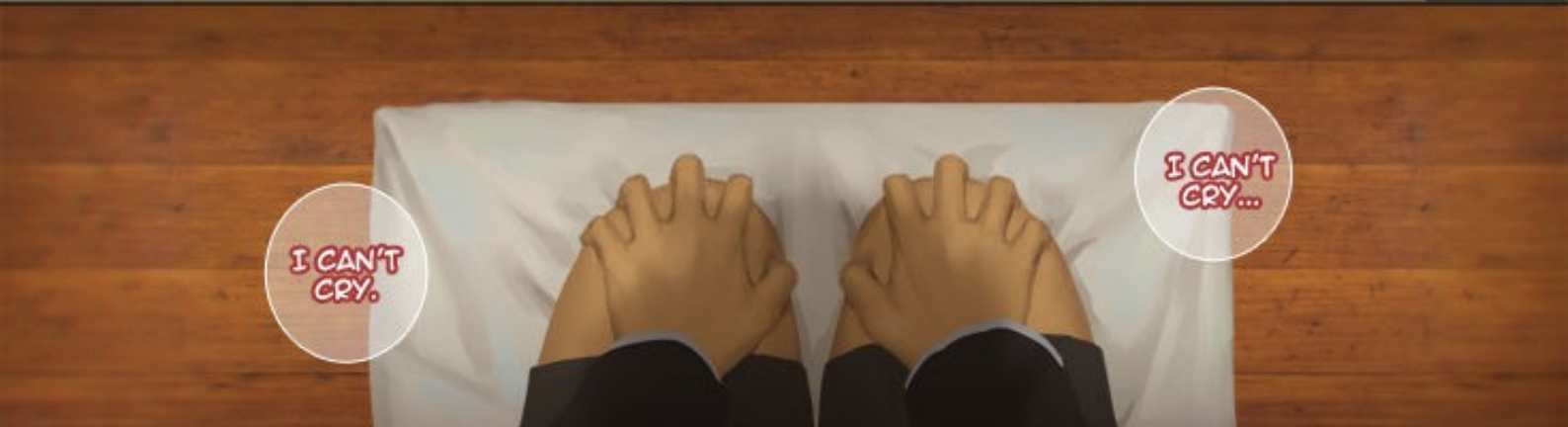


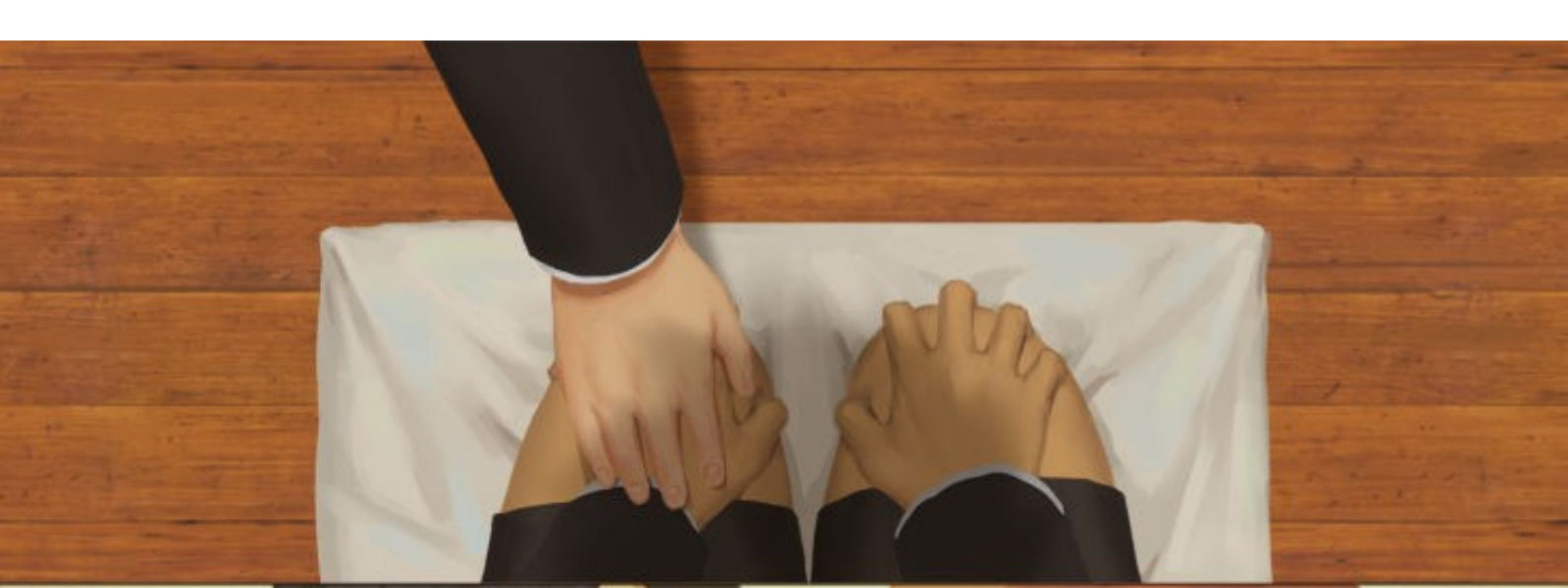
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...

IF ONLY I DIDN'T  
CALL MOM AND DAD...

IF ONLY I DIDN'T ASK  
THEM TO HURRY BACK...

IF ONLY I WAS  
STRONGER...





WHY  
CAN'T YOU  
CRY?

WHY?

EH...?



THAT'S...



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LET'S GO HOME, TOGETHER.



AFTER I LOST MY PARENTS,  
THE ITOU FAMILY DECIDED TO TAKE ME IN.  
WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO THEM.



COME ON,  
EAT UP!

IT'S  
DINNER  
TIME,  
BOYS.



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THE ITOU FAMILY  
TREATED ME VERY  
WELL.



REN, WAYNE,  
EAT MORE,  
OKAY?

NOT AT ALL!  
WE HAVE TWO  
GROWING  
BOYS HERE!

ok~



LET ME  
KNOW IF  
YOU NEED  
SECONDS,  
OKAY?

DEAR,  
I THINK YOU  
COOKED TOO  
MUCH AGAIN.



...AND THE FEELING  
CRUSHED ME.

BUT THE WARMTH OF  
THEIR FAMILY CON-  
STANTLY REMINDED  
ME OF MY PARENTS...

I EVENTUALLY MOVED BACK TO MY HOUSE,  
AND STARTED LIVING ALONE.



OI!  
REDHEAD!



SO YOU  
ARE THE  
RUMORED  
FOREIGNER,  
HUH?

SO?



ARRHP



CUT THE  
CRAP AND  
COME ON!

HMPH,  
YOU GOT  
SOME NERVE  
MESSING  
WITH OUR  
FRIENDS.



UPON ENTERING MY 2ND YEAR OF  
MIDDLE SCHOOL,

ASSHOLE/  
YOU GONNA  
REGRET THIS!

I OFFICIALLY BECAME A  
DELINQUENT.

REALIZING WE LIVED IN A  
DIFFERENT WORLD...



I DISTANCED MYSELF FROM HIM.



REN IS POPULAR AS USUAL,



LOVED BY HIS PEERS AND  
TEACHERS.





RAIN?

FOR  
REAL?

FUCK...

ANNOYING...

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING...

RAIN... SCHOOL... EVERYONE.....







YOU'LL  
GET SICK  
SITTING IN THE  
RAIN LIKE  
THIS.



WHAT'S WITH  
ALL THESE  
BRUISES?  
DID YOU GET  
INTO A FIGHT?



ARE YOU  
EATING  
PROPERLY?  
IF YOU  
HAVE ANY  
PROBLE-

**LEAVE ME  
ALONE!**



IT DOES!  
YOU'RE MY  
FRIEND!



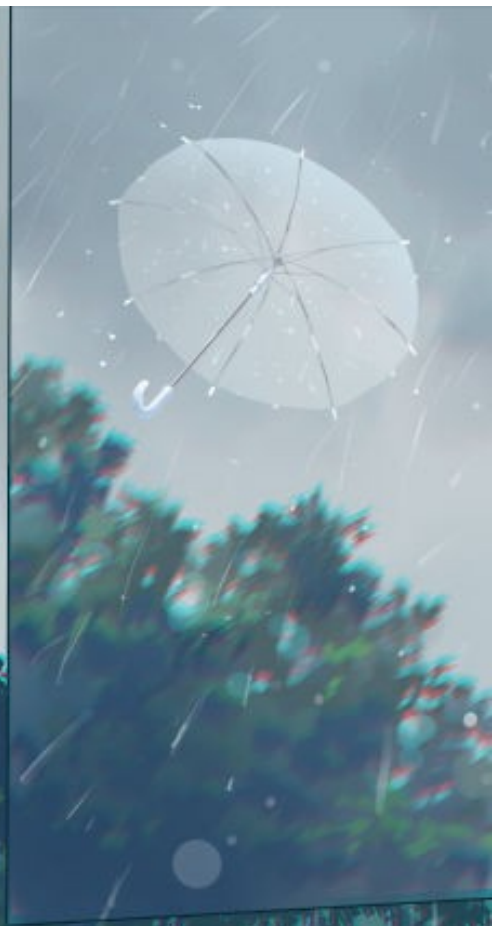
IT HAS  
NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
YOU.



AH...



UGH!



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HEH...  
LOOKS LIKE  
YOU HAVE  
BEEN EATING  
PROPERLY.  
I'M RELIEVED.



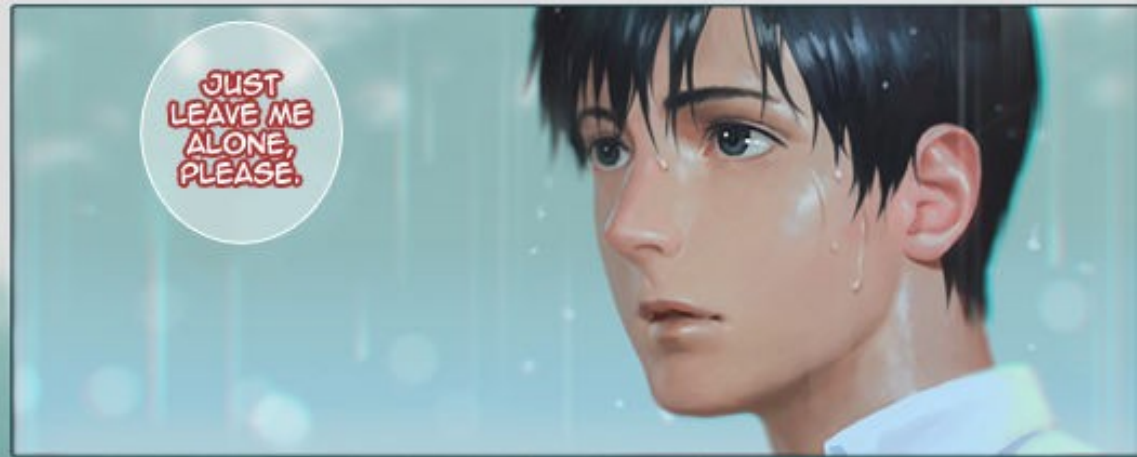
AND BE OF  
HELP TO  
YOU.

I WANT TO  
UNDERSTAND  
YOU BETTER,



WAYNE...  
CAN WE TALK?  
LIKE HOW WE  
USED TO.

YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND.



NO MATTER HOW TALL I'VE GROWN,  
HOW GOOD I AM AT FIGHTING,

I'M STILL A WEAKLING...

WHO DOESN'T PROTECT, BUT ONLY HURTS THE ONE I LOVE.

I NEVER LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES AT ALL.



AND NOW...

I'VE MESSED UP AGAIN...

YES, COMING!



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UNCLE, IS REN HOME?

AHH... WAYNE...



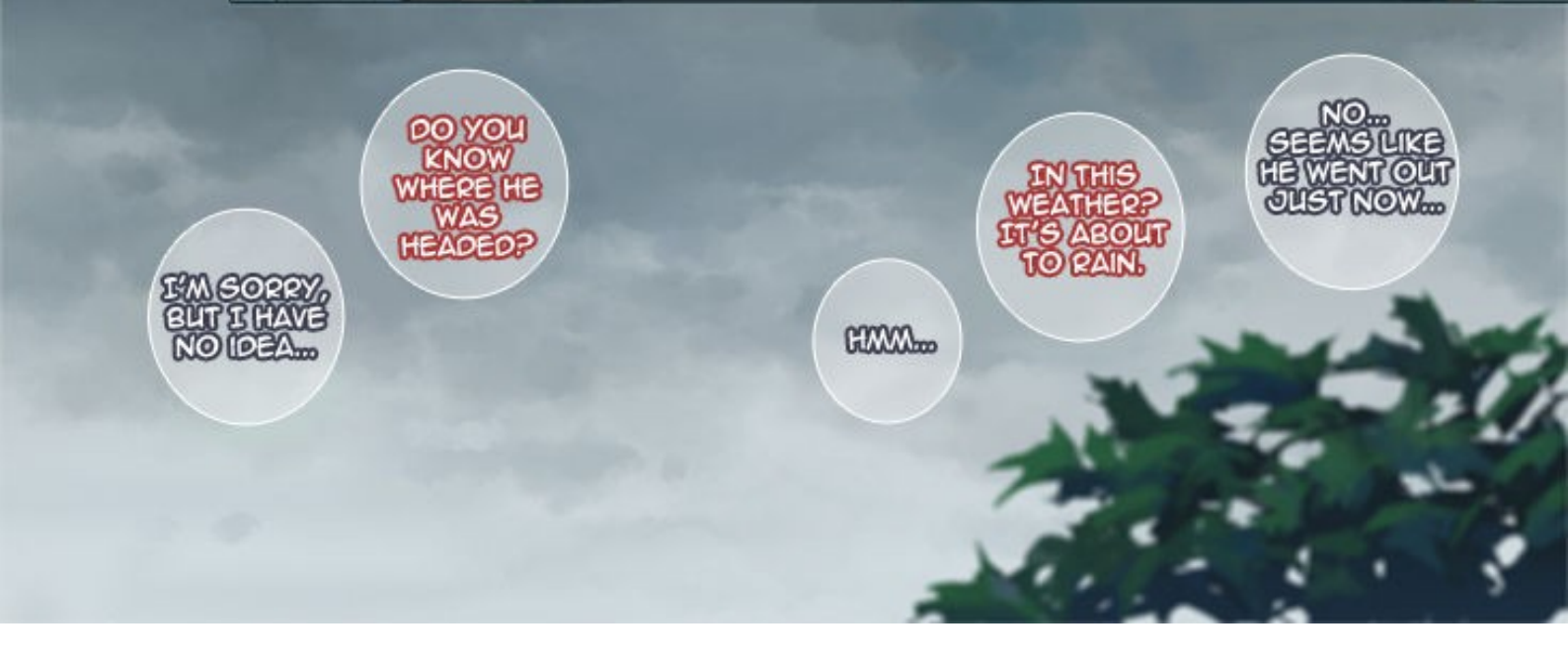
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WAS HEADED?

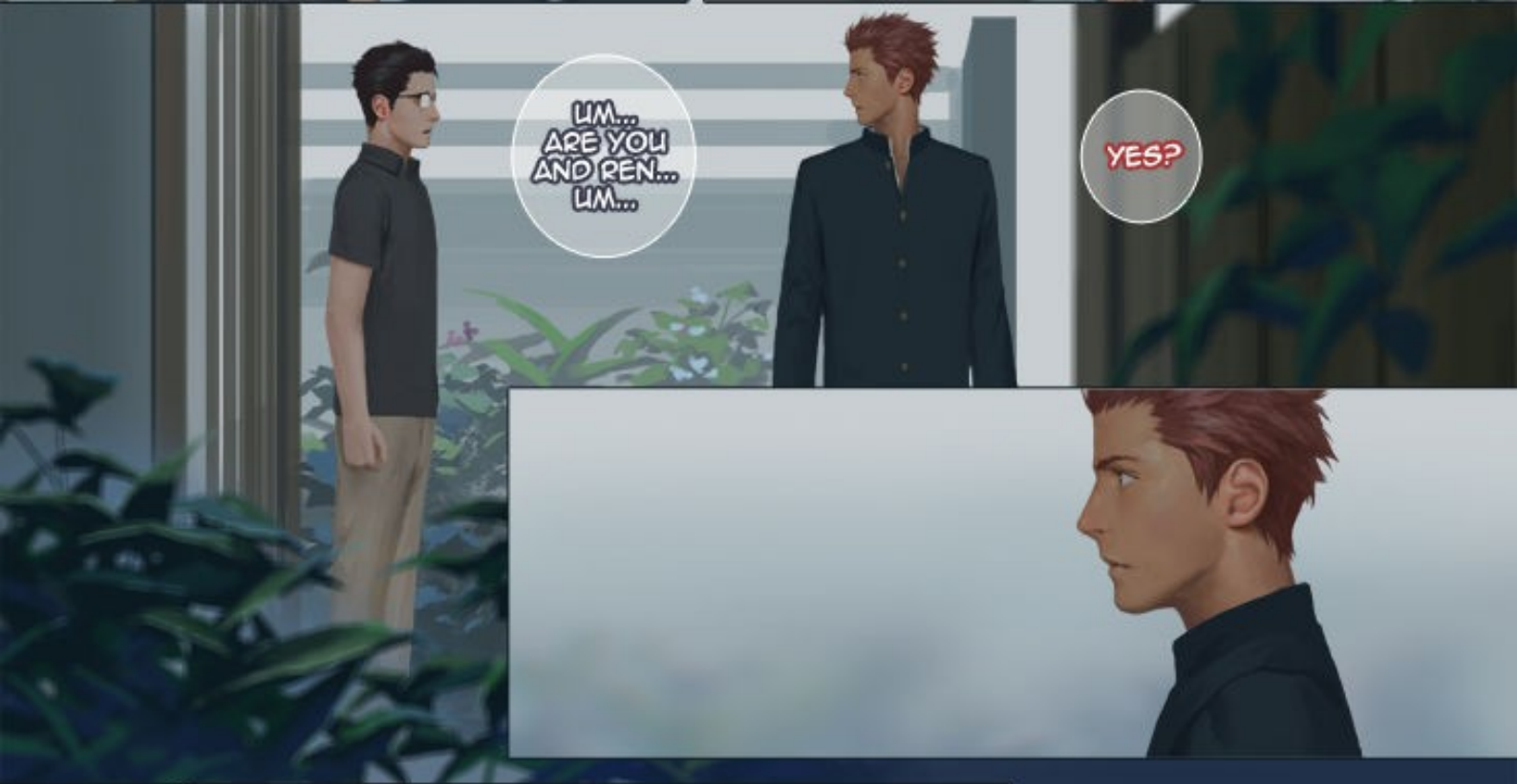
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA...

HMM...

IN THIS WEATHER? IT'S ABOUT TO RAIN.

NO... SEEMS LIKE HE WENT OUT JUST NOW...







I...  
SEE...

BECAUSE MY  
FEELINGS RUN  
DEEPER THAN  
ANY TRASH THEY  
COULD COME UP  
WITH.

IF YOU'RE  
WONDERING  
ABOUT THE  
RUMOURS, THEY  
AREN'T TRUE.



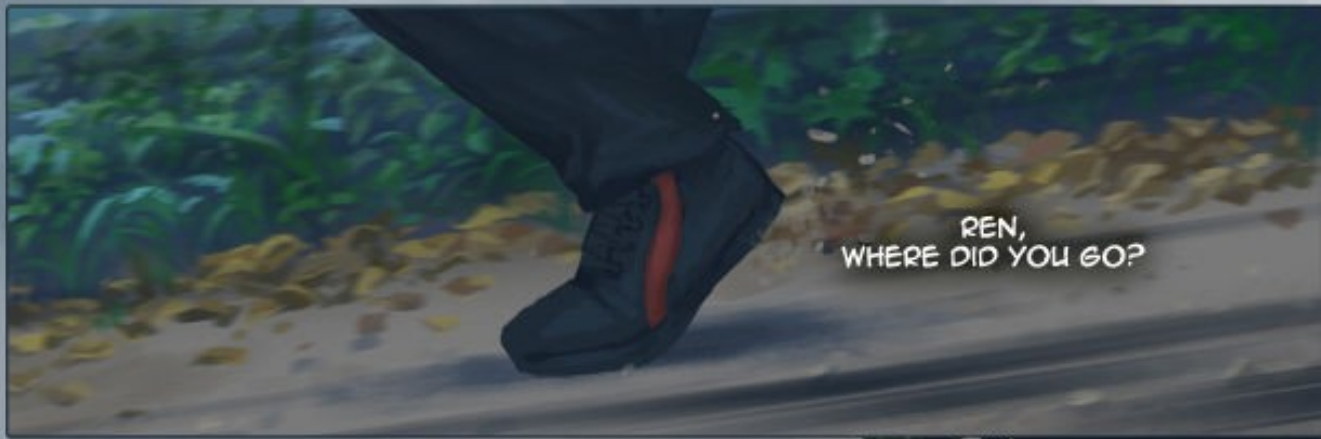
NO  
MATTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENS.

I WON'T  
GIVE UP  
ON HIM.



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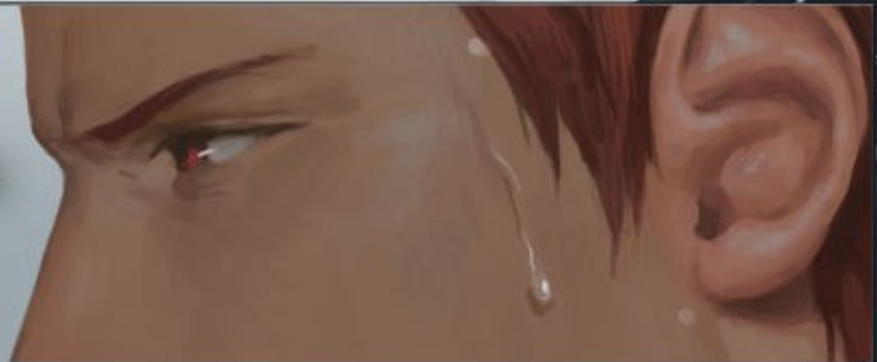
I'LL  
BE ON MY  
WAY THEN.



REN,  
WHERE DID YOU GO?

IN SUCH OMINOUS WEATHER...

IT'S JUST LIKE THAT DAY...





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COME ON!

IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?



DID YOU FINALLY LEARN YOUR PLACE, KID?

WHAT'S WRONG?



WELL, MAYBE LEAVING SOME SCARS ON HIM WILL WORK.

HOW ABOUT TAKING SOME OF HIS FINGERS?

HAHA, SOUNDS GOOD!

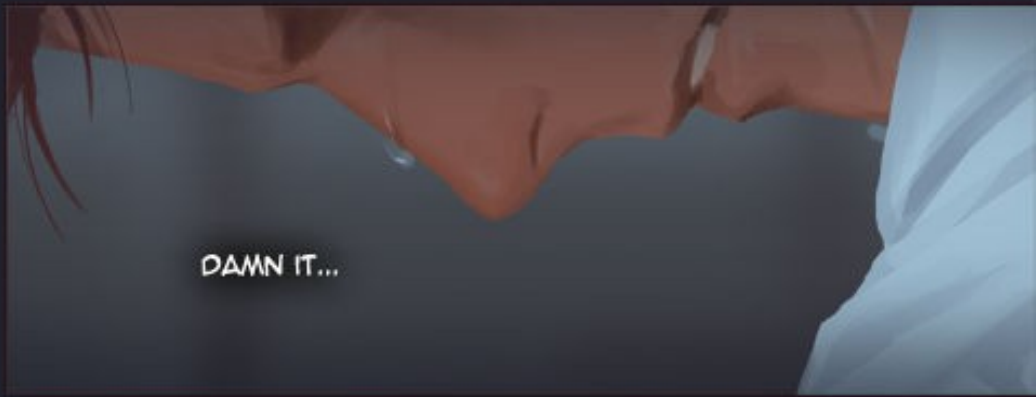


THE FUCK DID YOU SAY !?

LOOKS LIKE HE HASN'T LEARNED HIS LESSON.



SHUT UP, OLD MAN!



DAMN IT...



PLEASE STOP!



ISN'T THIS ENOUGH?  
WOULD YOU MIND LETTING HIM GO?





NOPE,  
BUT I CAN  
AT LEAST  
TAKE HIS  
PLACE?

HEY, LOOK!  
SOMEONE IS  
TRYING TO  
PLAY HERO  
HERE, HAHA.

I WILL IF  
YOU LEAVE  
HIM ALONE.

HUH?  
ARE YOU HIS  
FRIEND OR  
SOMETHING?

GET LOST IF  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO  
GET HURT!

OOOOH-  
HOW  
HEROIC.

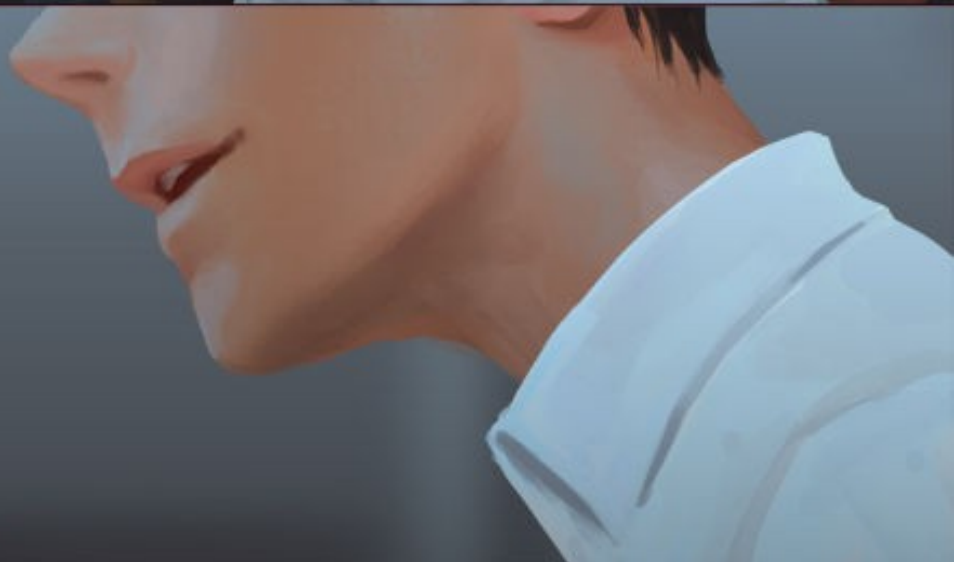
HOW  
ABOUT DYING  
FOR HIM?  
THEN I MIGHT  
RECONSIDER.

CAN YOU  
EVEN PUT  
UP A  
FIGHT?



REN,  
JUST GO-

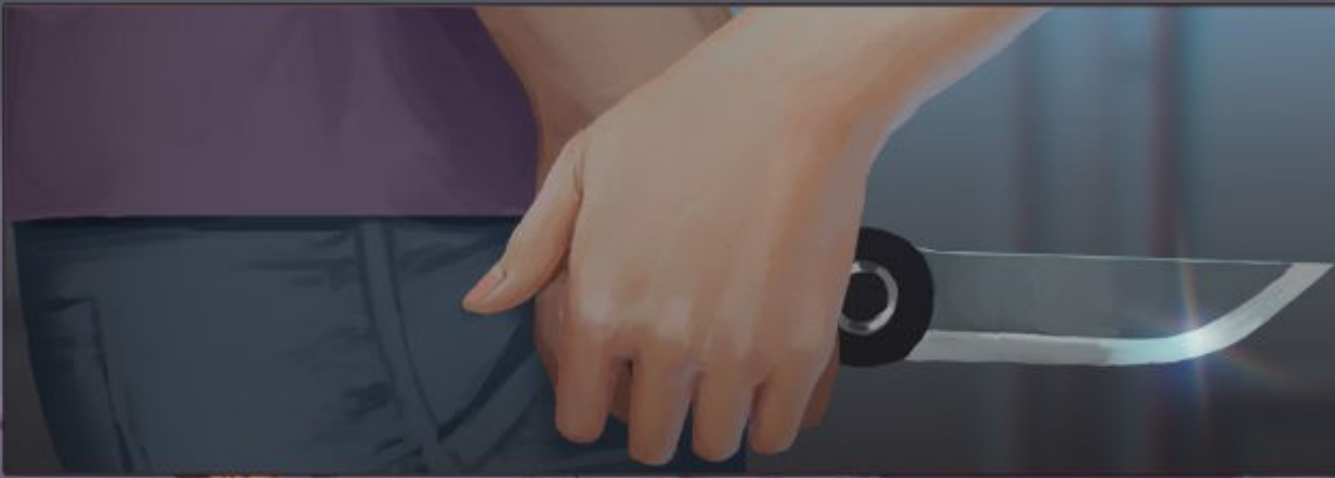
SURE.



I ASSUME  
THE METHOD  
DOESN'T  
MATTER?



STOP  
BULL  
SHITTING-





DO WE  
HAVE A  
DEAL  
NOW?

WHA-  
THE...



WILL THIS BE  
SUFFICIENT?



O... O!

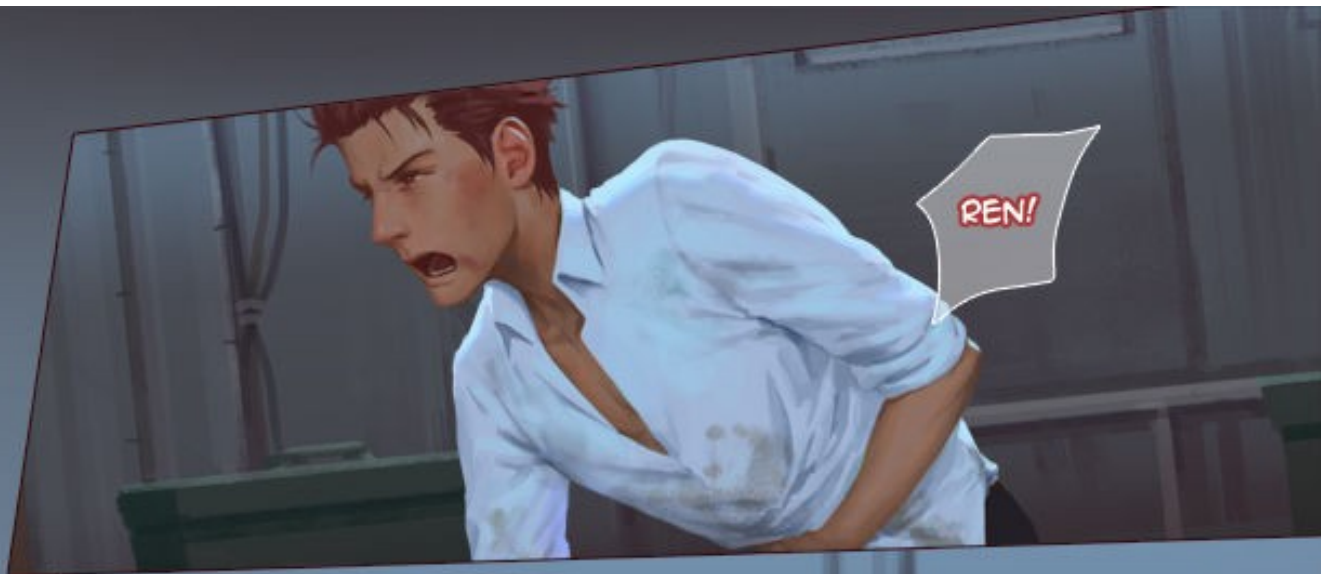


I..I  
DIDN'T DO  
THIS!

H-HEY,  
ISN'T THIS  
BAD?

SHIT,  
THIS GUY  
IS FUCKED  
UP!

LET'S GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!



REN!

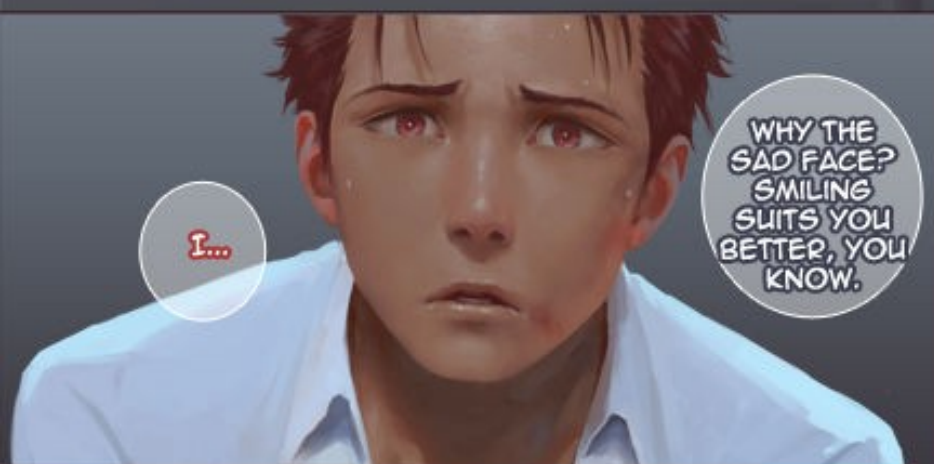


HEHE



HANG IN THERE! I'LL CALL AN AMBULANCE!

O-OI, REN!

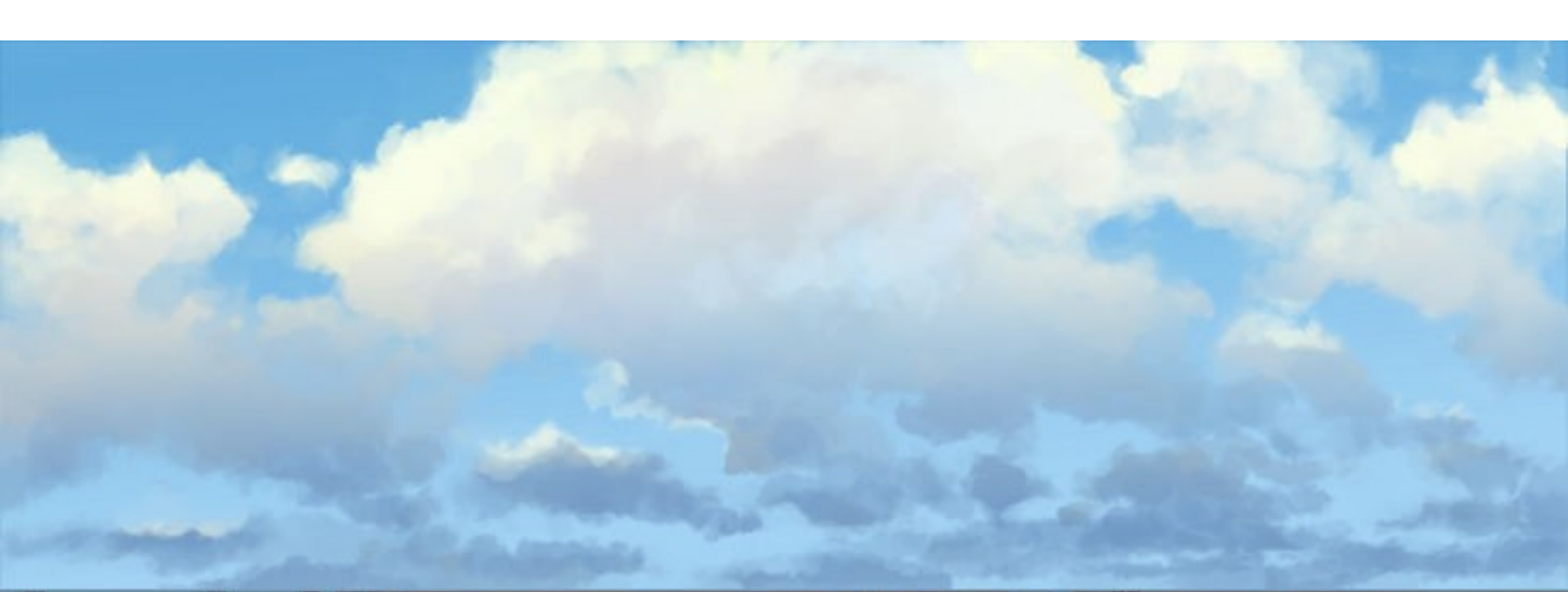


I...

WHY THE SAD FACE? SMILING SUITS YOU BETTER, YOU KNOW.

IT'S...OK, I ALREADY CALLED IT BEFOREHAND.

THAT ASIDE, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.



REN WAS SENT TO HOSPITAL AFTER THAT.  
LUCKILY, THE WOUND WASN'T FATAL.

I WAS QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE.  
THE CASE WAS TREATED AS MASKED ROBBERY.

THE FAVOR THAT REN ASKED OF ME WAS TO  
MAKE UP FALSE TESTIMONY AND CLEAR UP ANY EVIDENCE.  
IF THOSE LOWLIFES WERE ARRESTED,  
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE EITHER SINCE I TOOK PART IN THE FIGHT.

AFRAID OF GETTING INVOLVED IN THE "MURDER",  
THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T COME AFTER ME AGAIN.

ALL OF THIS WAS TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM ME,  
AND THEY WALKED RIGHT INTO REN'S TRAP.

BUT... I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD GO THIS FAR ...



OH, WAYNE.

G-GOOD DAY, AUNTIE.

HE TRIED TO SAVE ME, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF PUTTING HIMSELF IN DANGER...



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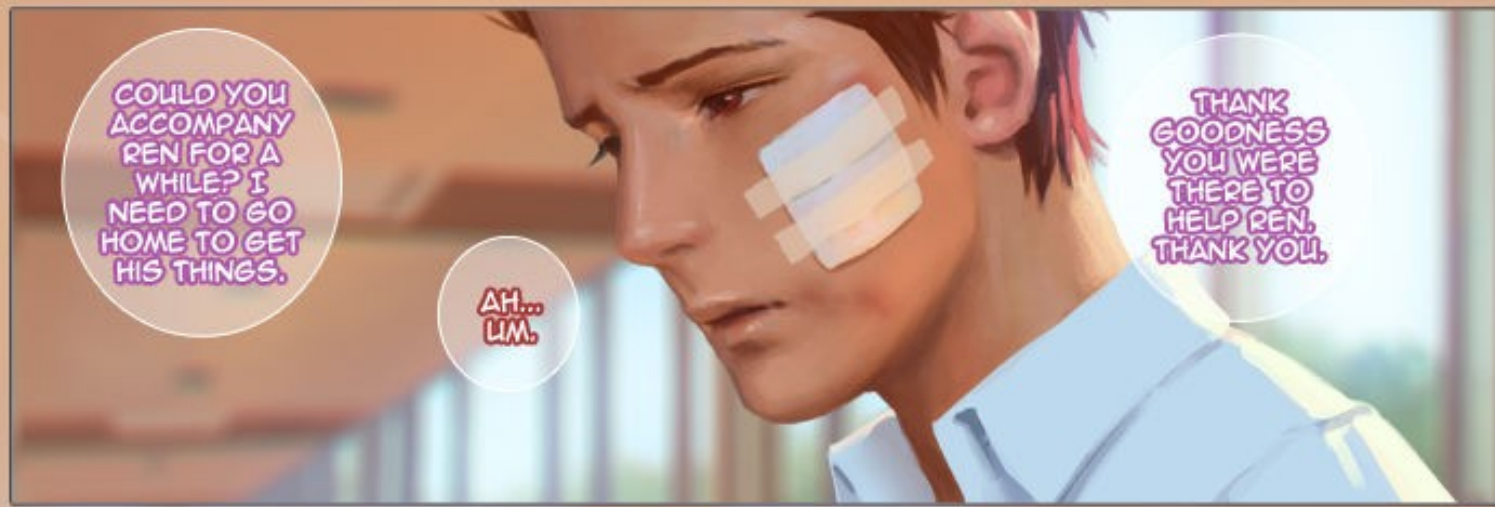


DO YOUR INJURIES STILL HURT?

DID YOU COME TO SEE REN?

THEY'RE FINE NOW!

Y-YES!



COULD YOU ACCOMPANY REN FOR A WHILE? I NEED TO GO HOME TO GET HIS THINGS.

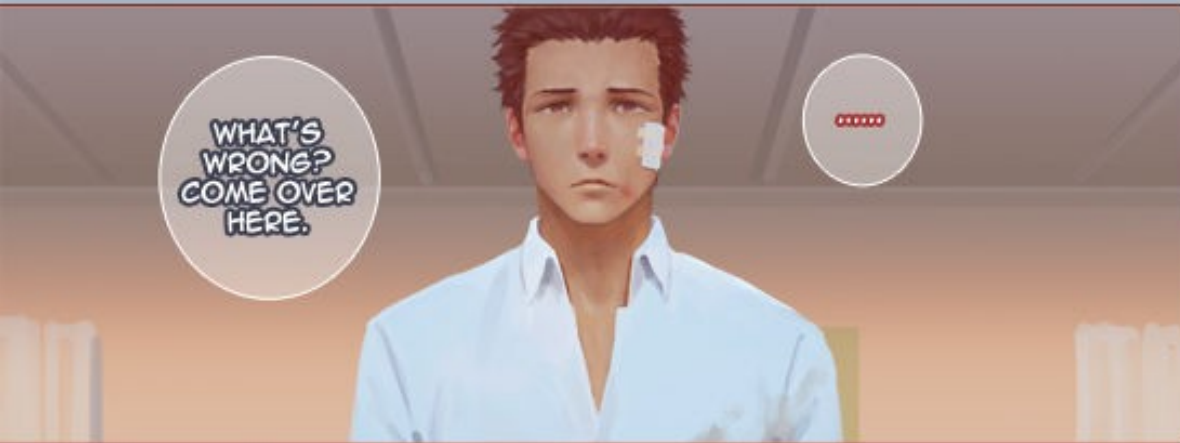
AH... UUM.

THANK GOODNESS YOU WERE THERE TO HELP REN. THANK YOU.



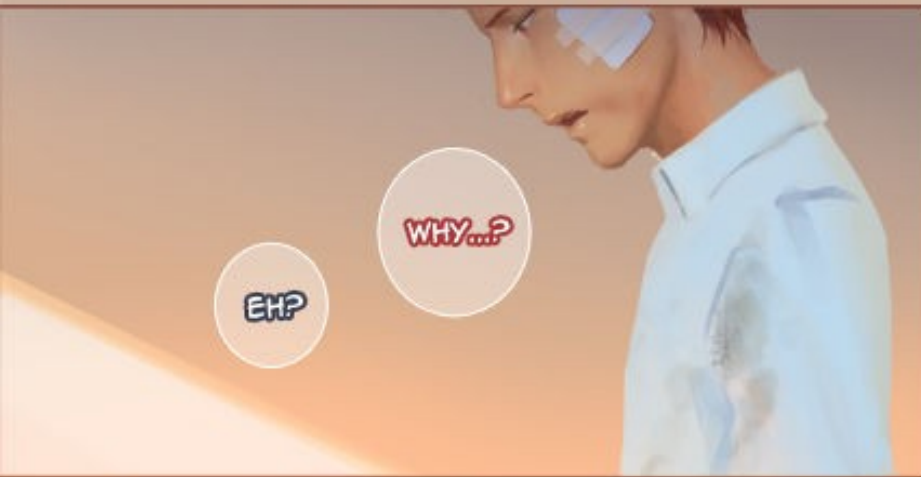


AH,  
WAYNE!



WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
COME OVER  
HERE.

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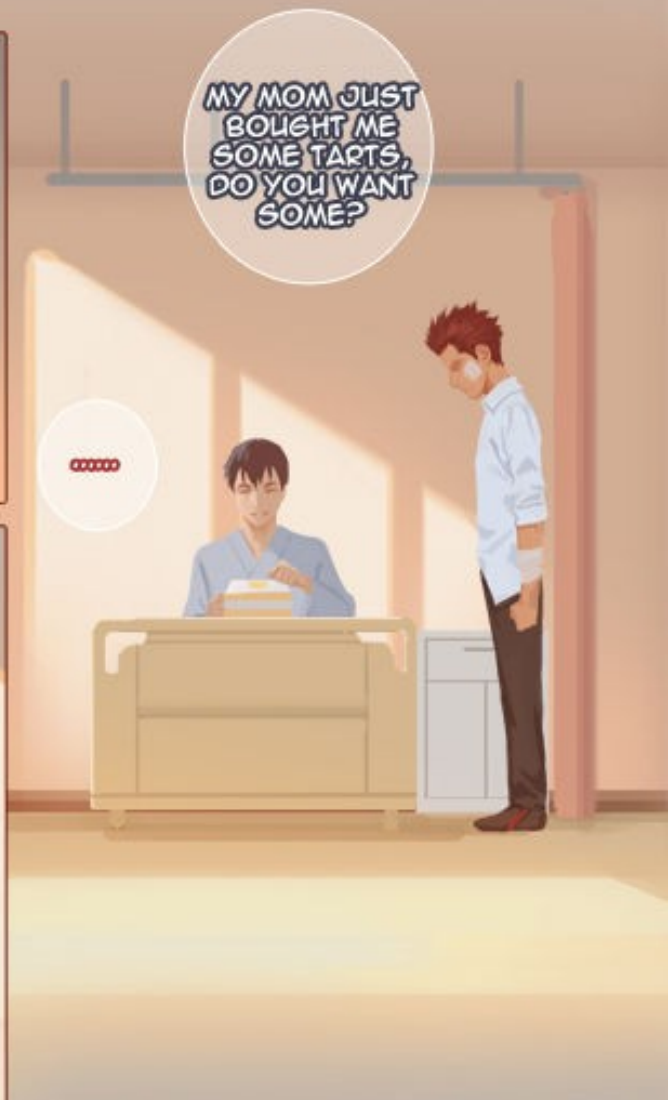


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WHY...?



WHY  
WOULD YOU  
DO SUCH A  
THING?



MY MOM JUST  
BOUGHT ME  
SOME TARTS,  
DO YOU WANT  
SOME?

.....



**YOU COULD  
HAVE DIED  
FROM IT!**



**WHY  
RISK YOUR  
LIFE FOR  
SOMEONE  
LIKE ME?!**

AFTER ALL I'VE DONE,  
HOW CAN YOU STILL SMILE AT ME?

I .....



**I  
DON'T  
DESERVE  
...**



EH?  
A-AHH.. YES YES I AM.

.....



ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!

THIS ONE HAS CHEESE IN IT.

OH WOW!



THIS IS SOMETHING I DID ON MY OWN.

WELL, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO FEEL APOLOGETIC ABOUT IT.



I CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW PAINFUL IT FEELS TO LOSE YOUR FAMILY.

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AND JUST LIKE YOU SAID, I'M ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY LOVING FAMILY.



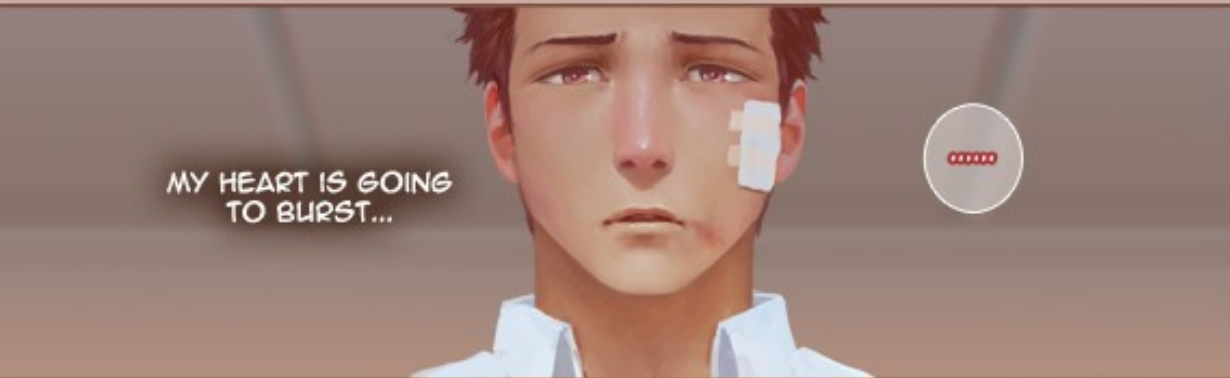
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HEAL YOUR SCARS, BUT I CAN AT LEAST HELP TO PREVENT NEW ONES FROM FORMING.

SO I DECIDED THAT I WANT TO BE YOUR NEW FAMILY.



I COULDN'T  
BE MORE  
BLESSED.

BEING ABLE  
TO RISK MY  
LIFE FOR MY  
FAMILY.



MY HEART IS GOING  
TO BURST...



I HAVE BEEN LOVED SO DEEPLY ALL ALONG...

YET I NEVER REALIZED IT...



AS YOUR  
FAMILY,

AND THERE IS  
ONE THING I  
HAVE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
TELL YOU,



IT IS  
ALRIGHT  
TO CRY.



WHY  
CAN'T YOU  
CRY?

WHY?

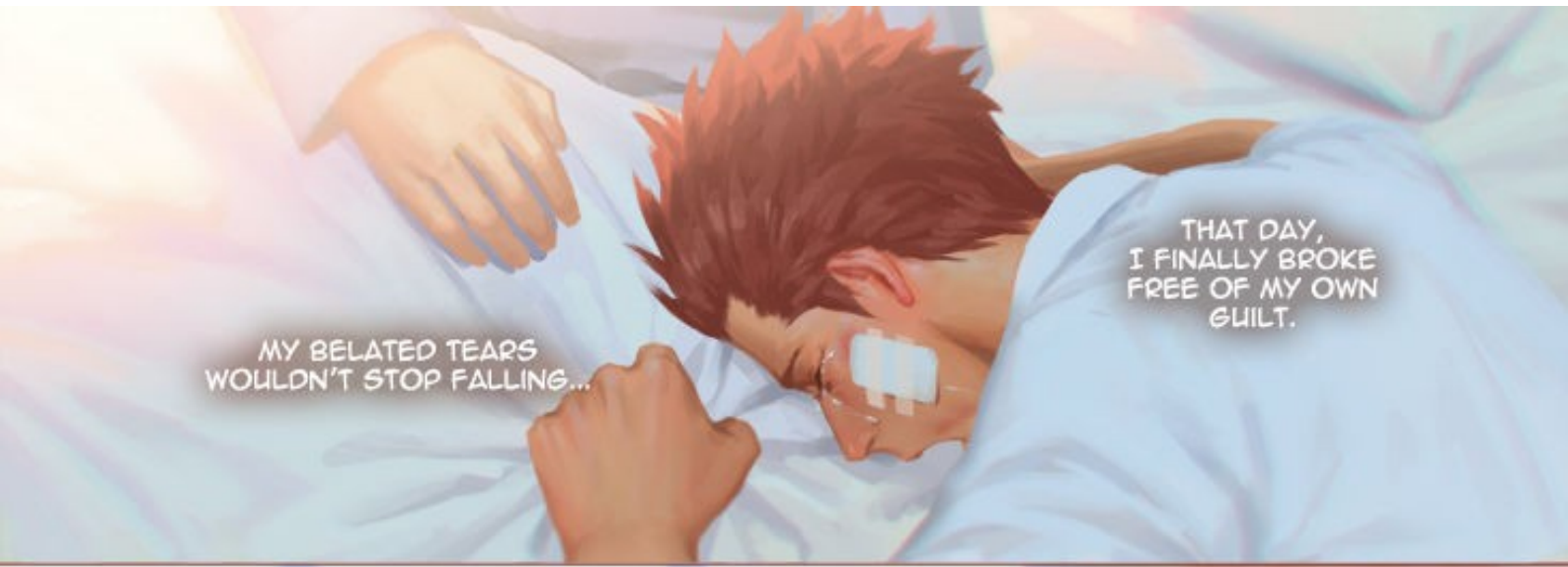
EH...?



MOM...



DAD...



MY BELATED TEARS  
WOULDN'T STOP FALLING...

THAT DAY,  
I FINALLY BROKE  
FREE OF MY OWN  
GUILT.



I WAS FINALLY ABLE  
TO CRY IT OUT...

TWO YEARS AFTER  
MY PARENTS  
PASSED AWAY,

LIKE A CRYBABY...

LIKE HOW I USED  
TO BE...

I STARTED ATTENDING  
SCHOOL PROPERLY  
AGAIN,

BUT IT WASN'T AN EASY TASK FOR  
ME TO CATCH UP WITH THE CLASSES,

AT THIS RATE, I MIGHT END UP  
HAVING TO REPEAT A YEAR.

OF COURSE  
YOU CAN!

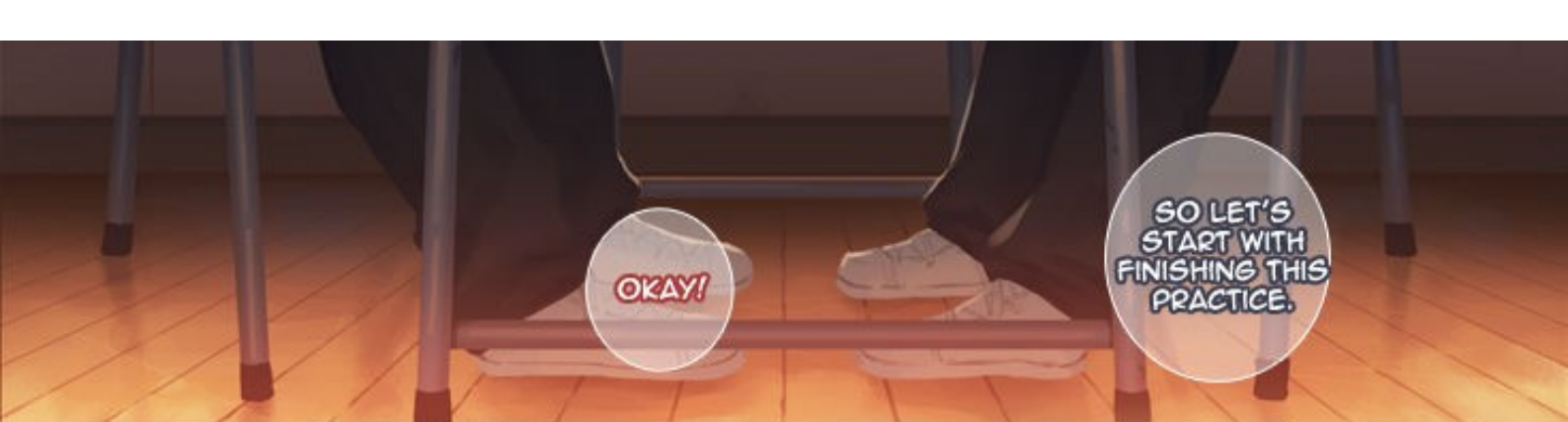
CAN I  
REALLY DO  
IT?

SCORING  
ABOVE AVERAGE  
SOUNDS  
IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T  
WORRY, I'LL  
HELP YOU  
WITH YOUR  
STUDIES  
TOO!

HAVING A TOP STUDENT  
AS MY PRIVATE TUTOR,  
SERIOUSLY... I COULDN'T  
HAVE ASKED FOR MORE.

IT'S NOT AS  
DIFFICULT  
AS YOU  
THINK.




OKAY!

SO LET'S  
START WITH  
FINISHING THIS  
PRACTICE.

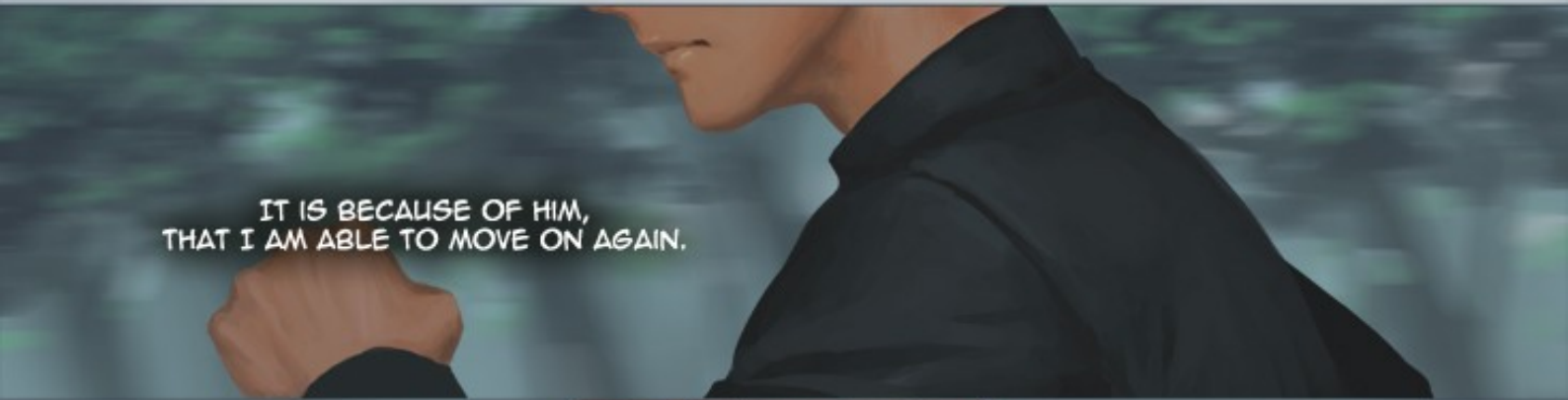


IT IS THE SAME NOW AS IT WAS  
BACK THEN,



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,  
REN IS ALWAYS THERE TO SAVE MY DAY,  
JUST LIKE A HERO.

I HAVE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE  
BEEN SAVED BY HIM,



IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM,  
THAT I AM ABLE TO MOVE ON AGAIN.



THAT'S WHY... THIS TIME...!