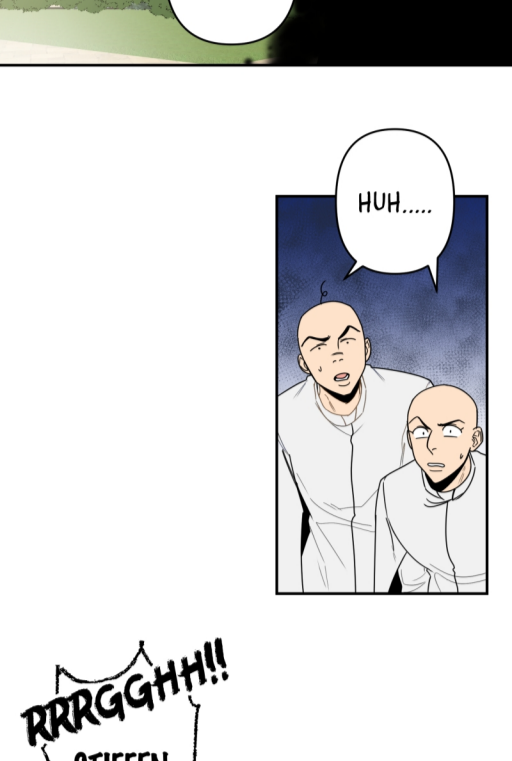


OH, THEY REALLY ARE BACK!



THAT WAS QUICK.

I TOLD YOU THEY'D RETURN -



HUH.....



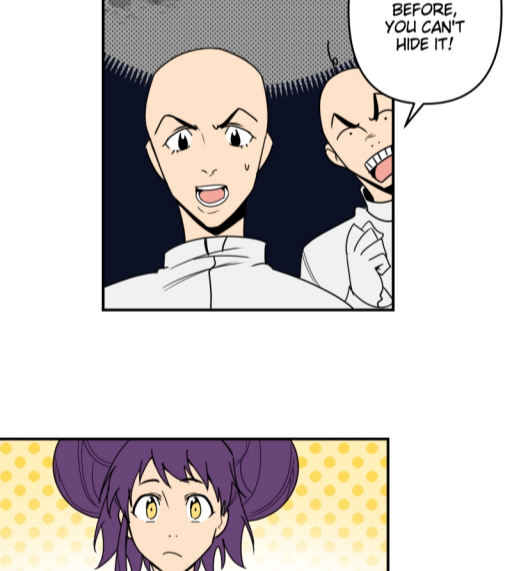
RRRGHHH!!
STIFFEN UP A LITTLE!

FLAP FLAP

hhhhhuuuuu...



I SUPPOSE WE CAN THANK YOU FOR BRINGING SHEALTEL BACK TO US.



NOT THAT WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT HIM OR ANYTHING.

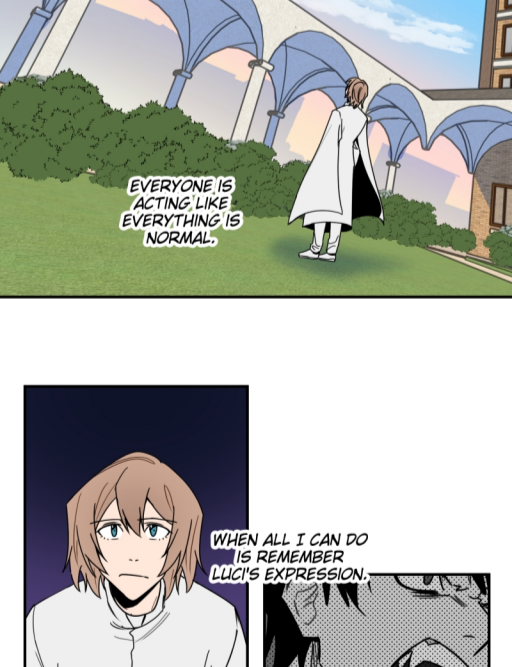
THAT'S RIGHT YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR HAULING STUPIDTEL HERE.



AND TELL YOUR MINION THAT SAILOR BOON'S "IN THE NAME OF THE CELESTIAL BODY THAT ORBITS AROUND A PLANET, I WILL PUNISH YOU" IS A MUCH BETTER CATCHPHRASE THAN "RURUPI."

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HUH? MINION?



YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF INFERNO, AREN'T YOU?

WE FELT YOUR POWER BEFORE, YOU CAN'T HIDE IT!



WAHAHA! THAT'S RIGHT, I AM THE PRINCE!

EVERYONE IS ACTING LIKE EVERYTHING IS NORMAL.



WHEN ALL I CAN DO IS REMEMBER LUCI'S EXPRESSION.



WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?
WAS HE ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

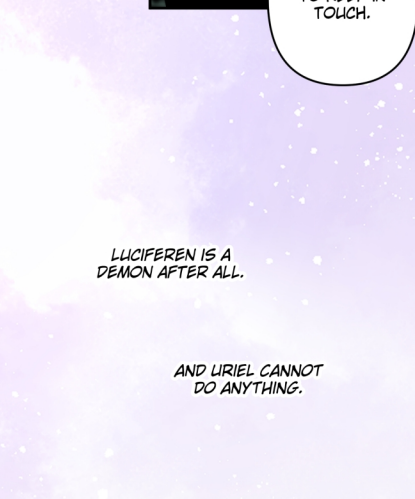
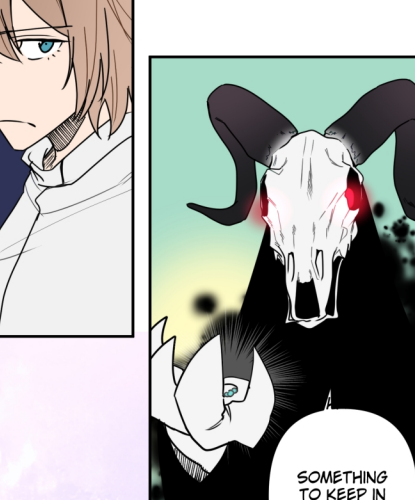
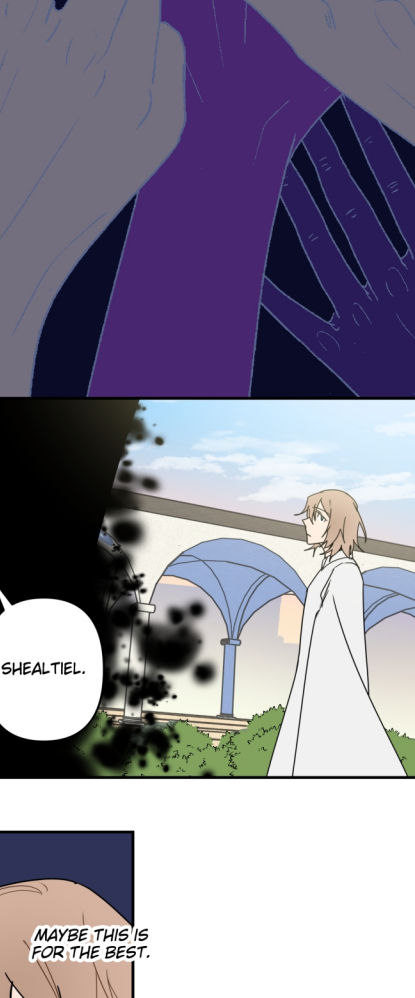


SOMETIMES WHEN LUCI GOT TOO CLOSE, IT FELT LIKE WALLS WERE STARTING TO CLOSE IN AROUND ME.

AND, THIS TIME WHEN HE REACHED OUT HIS HANDS... WITH HIM REPEATEDLY PUSHING ME.

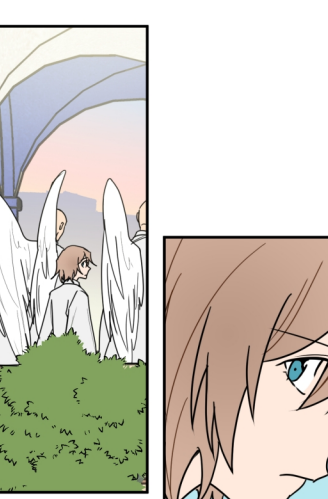
WITH HIM WANTING TO CHANGE ME,

I FELT THREATENED AGAIN.



LUCIFEREN IS A DEMON AFTER ALL.

AND LIRIEL CANNOT DO ANYTHING.



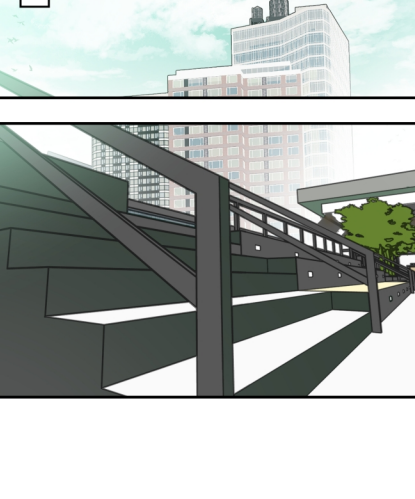
BUT BELIAS IS A DEMON TOO.



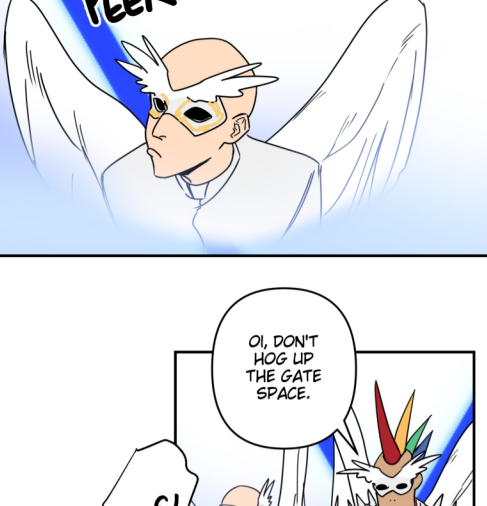
I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S ALRIGHT FOR ME TO FEEL RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT.



LUCI STILL HASN'T COME BACK...



PEEK



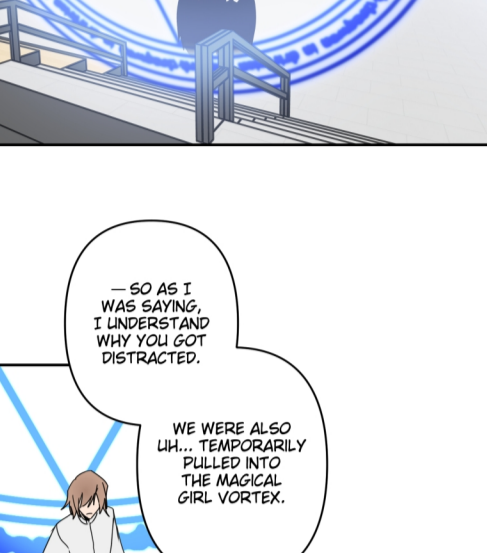
OI, DON'T HOG UP THE GATE SPACE.

oof!

BUMP



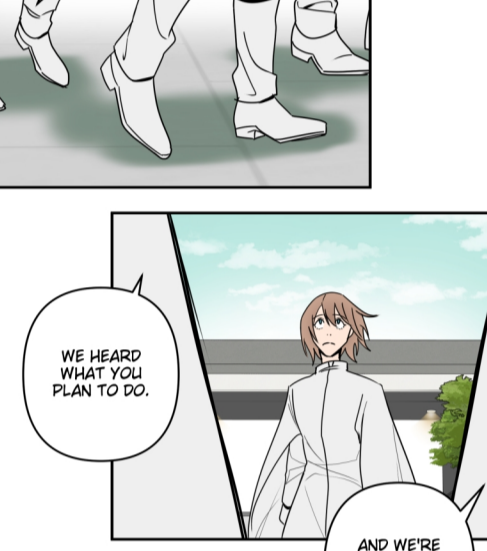
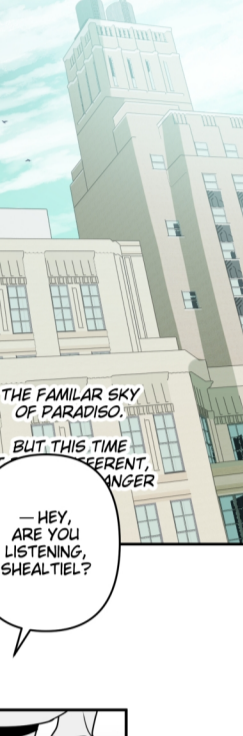
fwoosh



— SO AS I WAS SAYING, I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU GOT DISTRACTED.

WE WERE ALSO UH... TEMPORARILY PULLED INTO THE MAGICAL GIRL VORTEX.

T-TEMPORARILY, OF COURSE.



THE FAMILIAR SKY OF PARADISO. BUT THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT, DANGER

— HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING, SHEALTEL?

... WHAT?

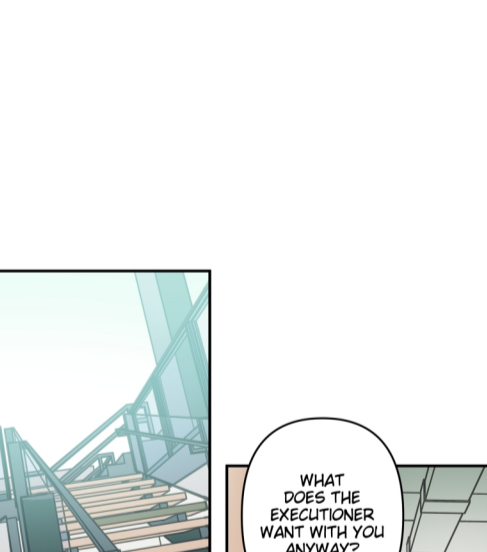


WE HEARD WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO.

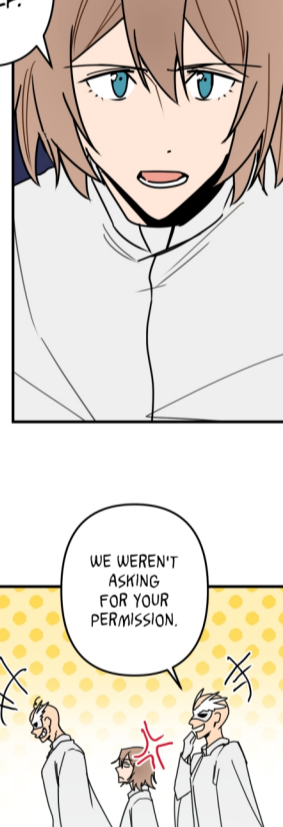
AND WE'RE GOING TO BE A PART OF IT TOO.

LET'S GET OUR MANAGER AWAY FROM THE EXECUTIONER.

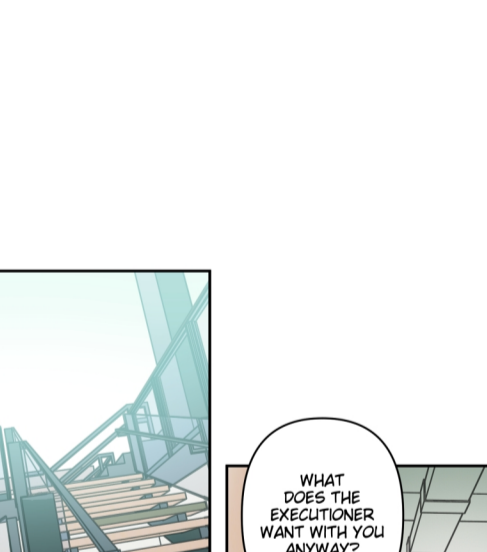
HE SEEMS LIKE A REAL CREEP.



I CAN DO THIS BY MYSELF.

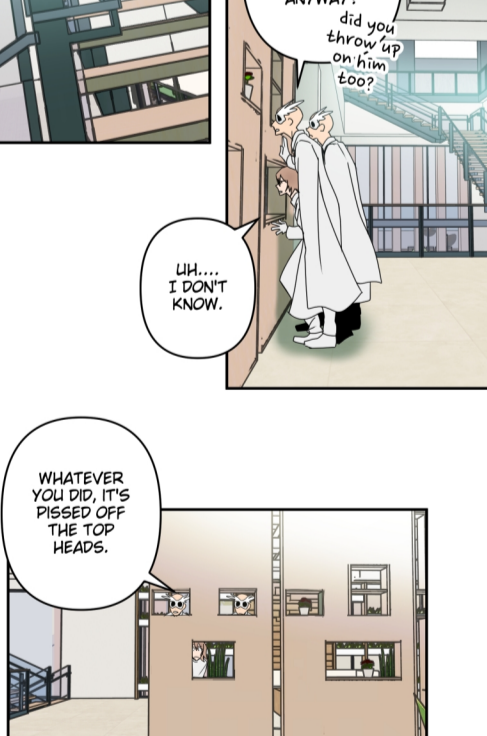


WE WEREN'T ASKING FOR YOUR PERMISSION.



WHAT DOES THE EXECUTIONER WANT WITH YOU ANYWAY? did you throw up on him too?

UH... I DON'T KNOW.

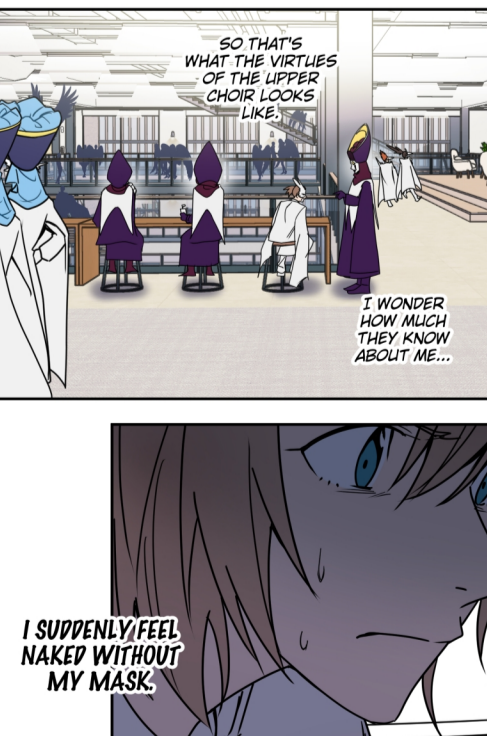


WHATEVER YOU DID, IT'S PISSED OFF THE TOP HEADS.

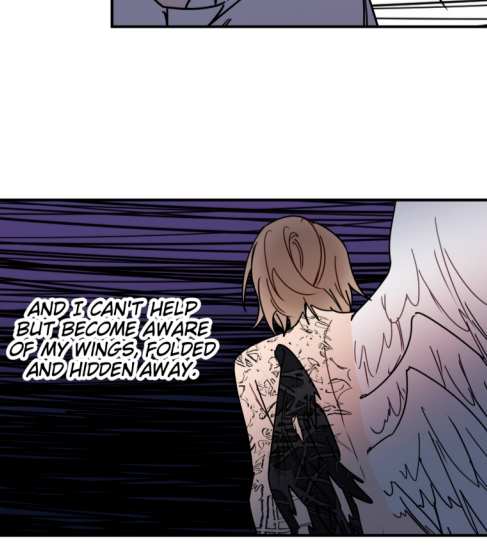


SO THAT'S WHAT THE VIRTUES OF THE LIPPER CHOR LOOKS LIKE.

I WONDER HOW MUCH THEY KNOW ABOUT ME...



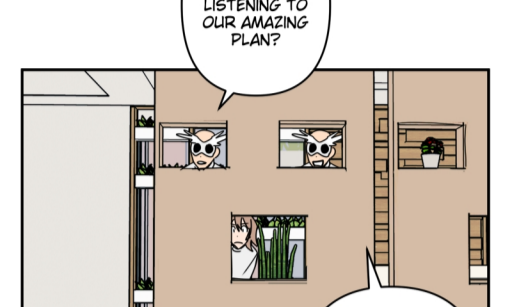
I SUDDENLY FEEL NAKED WITHOUT MY MASK.



AND I CAN'T HELP BUT BECOME AWARE OF MY WINGS, FOLDED AND HIDDEN AWAY.

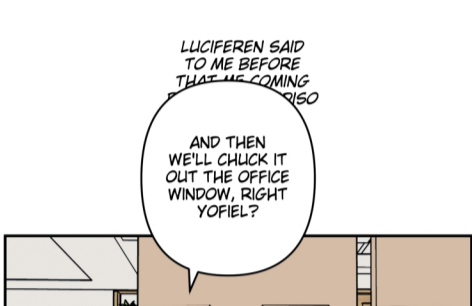


KEEP THEM HIDDEN,
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LUCIFEREN LIKED IT WHEN

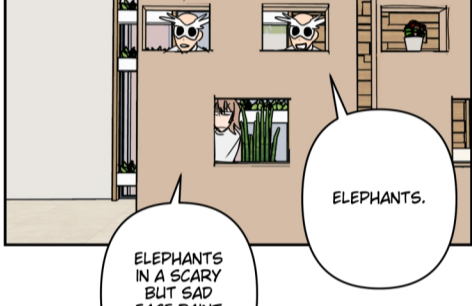
— HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO OUR AMAZING PLAN?



WE'LL PUT OUR MANAGER IN A BOX, WRAP THE BOX IN NEON GREEN PACKAGING —

LUCIFEREN SAID TO ME BEFORE THAT HE WAS COMING TO VISIT

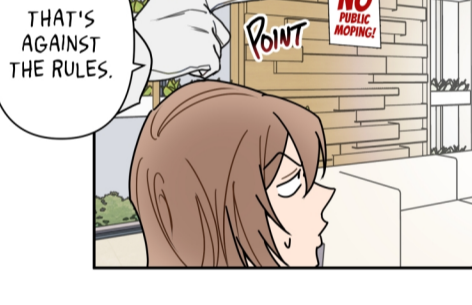
AND THEN WE'LL CHUCK IT OUT THE OFFICE WINDOW, RIGHT YOFIEL?



OH LET'S HAVE A GIANT TREMPOLINE ON THE GROUND.

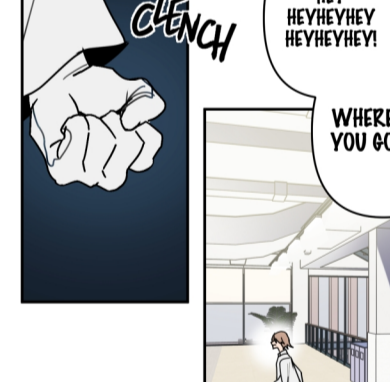
THAT IT WOULD BE ME PRESENTING MY HEAD ON A SILVER PLATTER

YOU KNOW WHAT WE ELSE WE NEED?

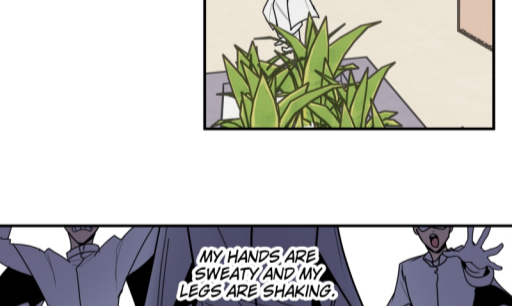


ELEPHANTS.

ELEPHANTS IN A SCARY BUT SAD FACE PAINT —



arr gghh!!!
LET ME MOPE!!



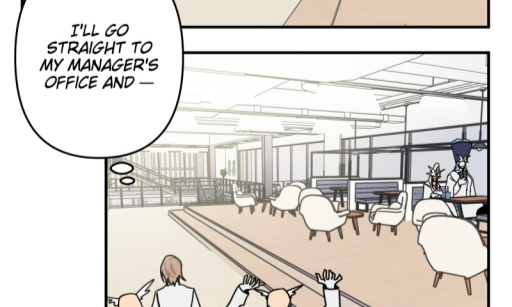
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES.

LUCIFEREN SAID I'D BE PRESENTING MY HEAD ON A PLATTER.



CLENCH

HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!



MY HANDS ARE SWEATY AND MY LEGS ARE SHAKING.

EVEN IF I GO BACK TO THE GATE, NO ONE WILL BE WAITING FOR ME.

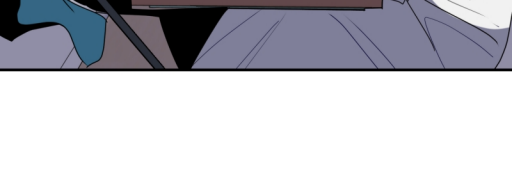


BUT I HAVE FANGS.

I'VE FIGHT-TO-LIVE BEFORE AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN.



I'LL GO STRAIGHT TO MY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND —



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M-MR.
MANAGER-
SUPERVISOR
-SIR?



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