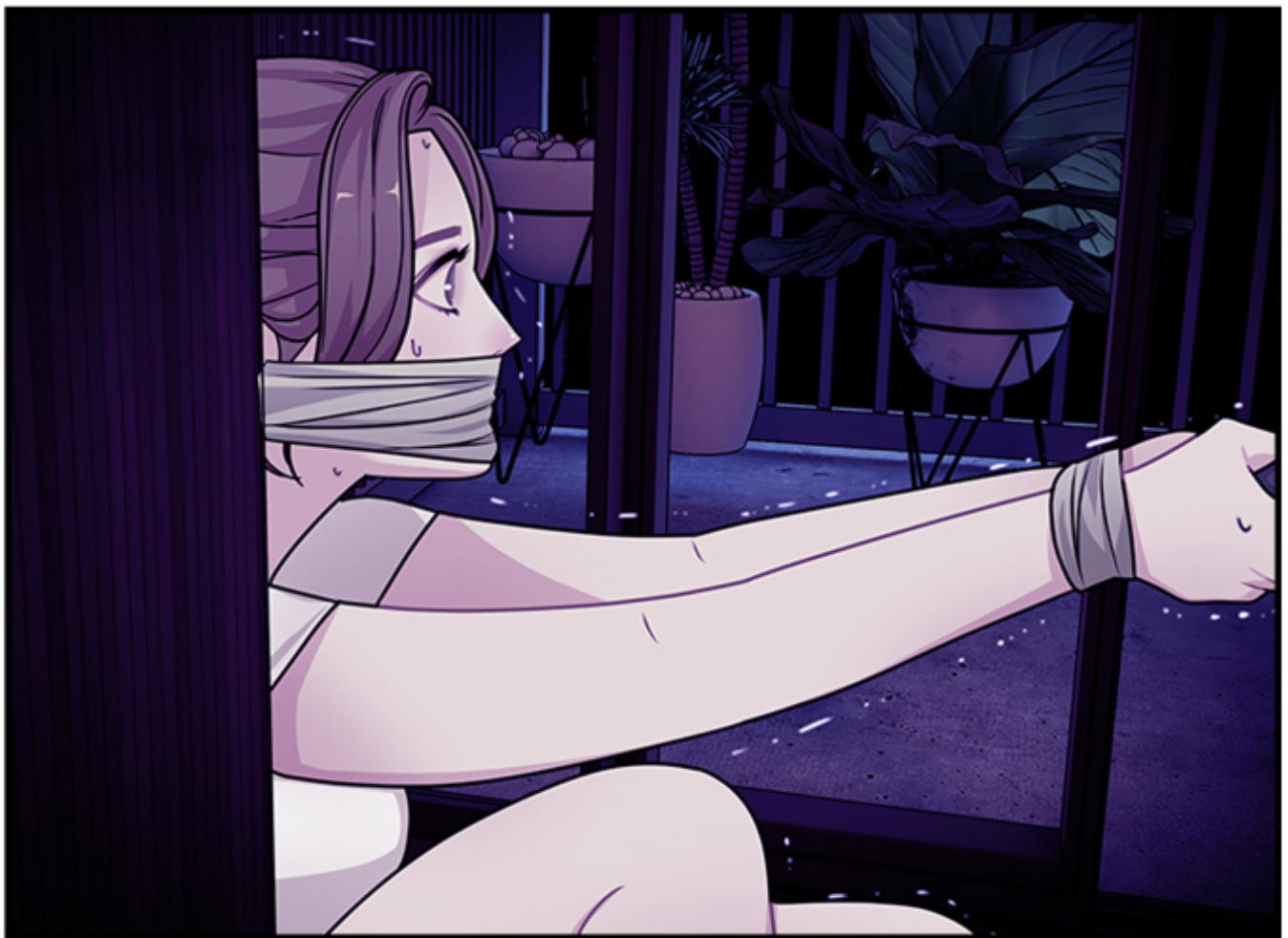


LAST FRIDAY WAS  
QUITE POSSIBLY THE  
STRANGEST DAY OF  
MY LIFE.







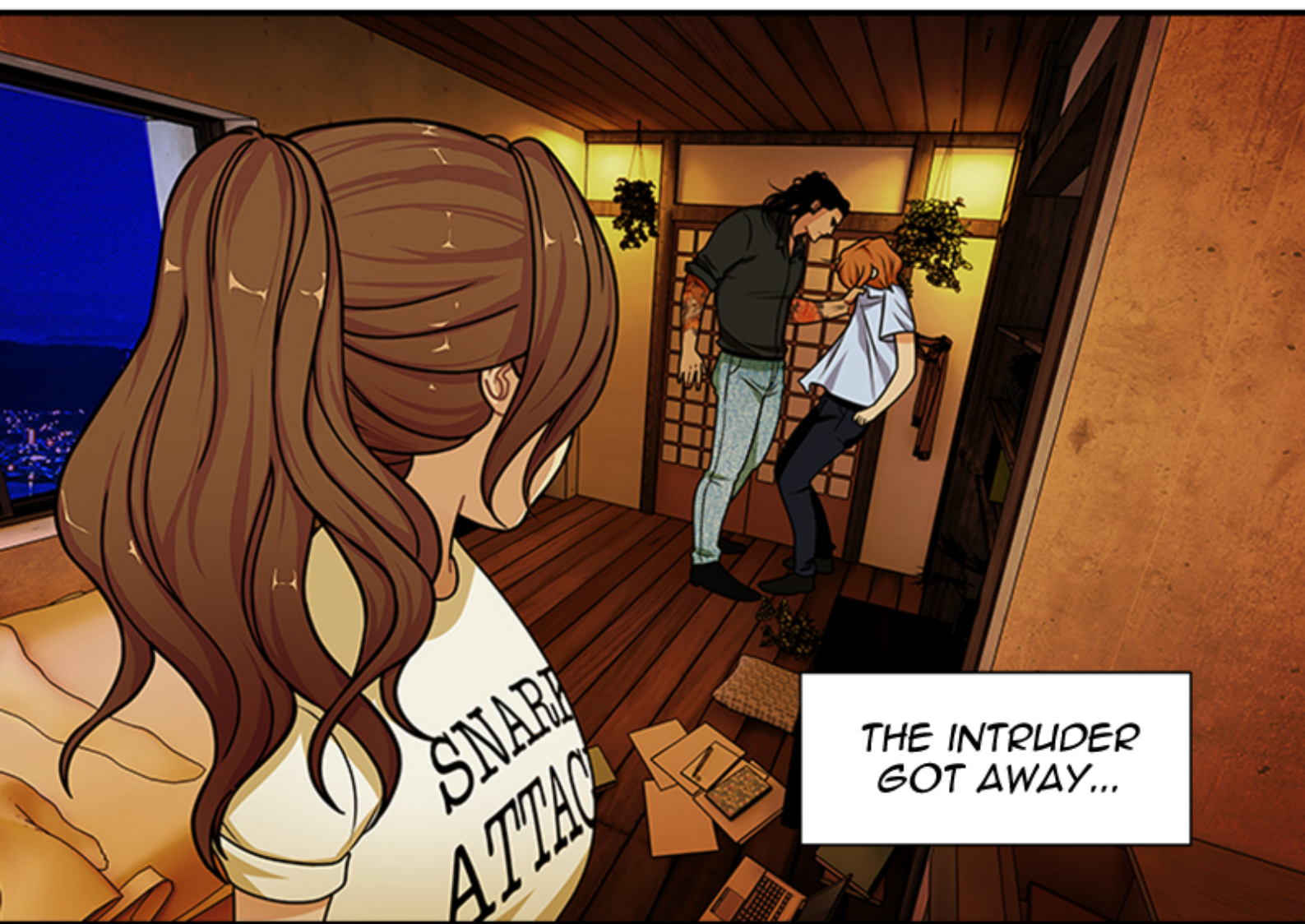


AS MY LUCK WOULD HAVE  
IT, SOMEONE BROKE INTO  
MY HOUSE AND ATTACKED  
ME, THAT NIGHT.









THE INTRUDER  
GOT AWAY...



BUT LIKE A GIFT THAT  
WOULDN'T STOP GIVING,  
THE NIGHT WENT ON,  
AND ON, AND ON.












AND FINALLY, AFTER A WHIRLWIND OF EVENTS, TORA 'FESSED UP ABOUT EVERYTHING HE'D BEEN HIDING FROM ME.







APPARENTLY, I'M IN TROUBLE WITH THE MAFIA BECAUSE OF A NOTEBOOK, I'D PICKED UP BY ACCIDENT...

...AND IT COULD'VE BEEN PREVENTED FROM DAY ONE, IF TORA HADN'T MADE THE WORST JUDGEMENT CALL, EVER.

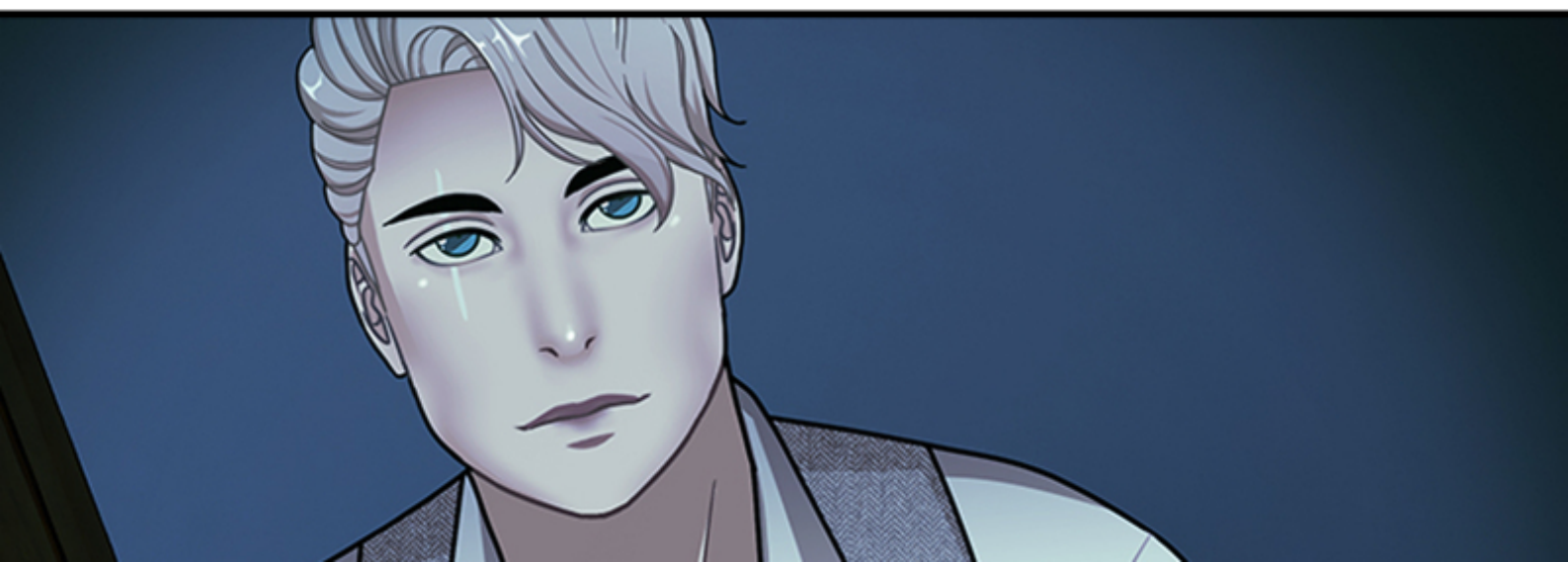
...QUINCEY'S WORDS, NOT MINE.



I ALSO FOUND OUT WHY MY BOSS, GIL,

GAVE ME SUCH WEIRD,  
CREEPY VIBES.

OR RATHER...  
MY **EX-BOSS**,  
GIL.







IF WHAT TORA  
AND QUINCEY  
SAY IS TRUE,





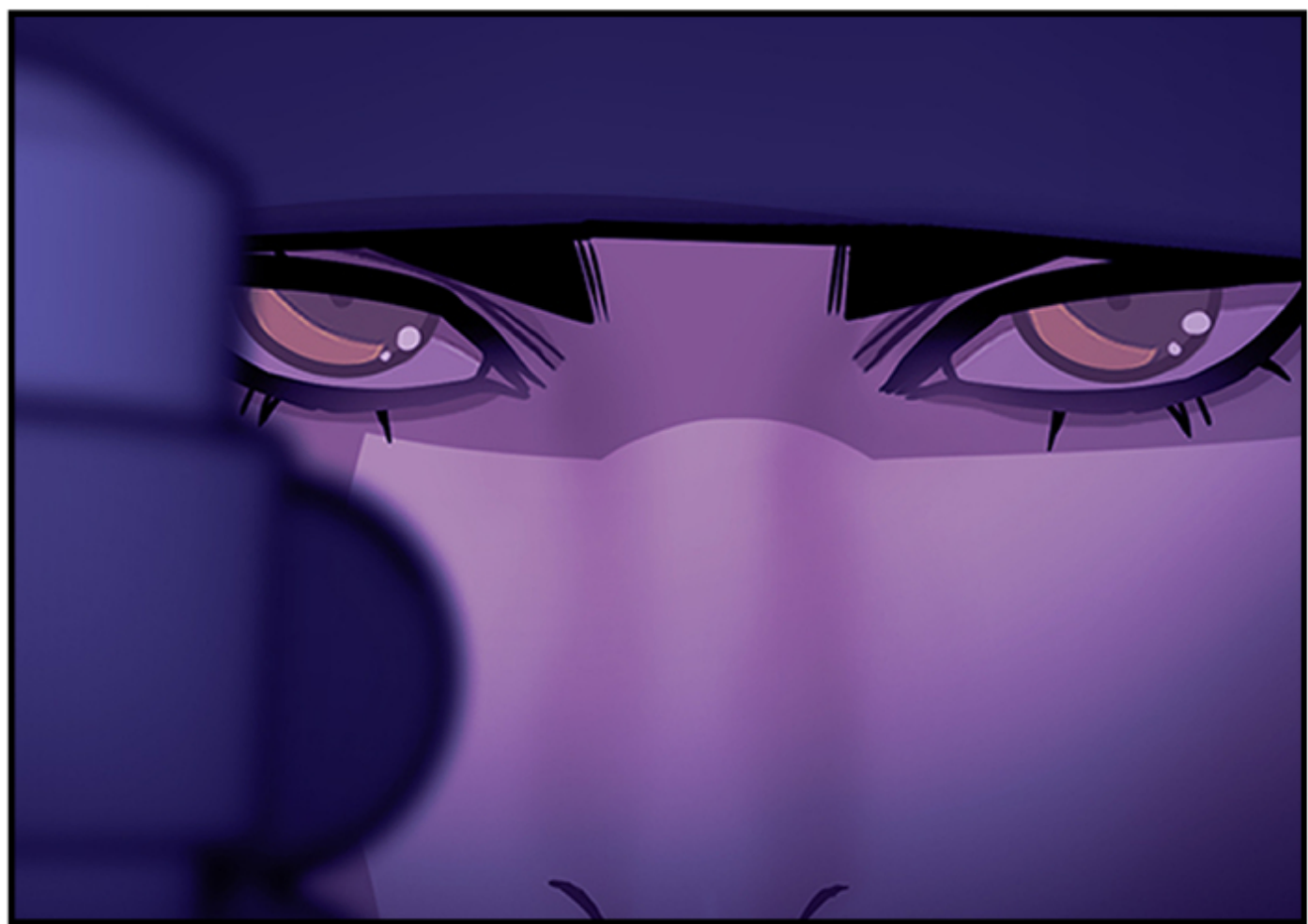
THEN GIL HAS  
THE NOTEBOOK  
NOW.







AND I'M WILLING TO  
BELIEVE THAT GIL IS  
FAR MORE DANGEROUS  
THAN I'D THOUGHT.





BUT AFTER BEING TAILED  
BY TORA AND HIS MEN  
FOR DAYS, GIL SKIPPED  
TOWN AND DISAPPEARED.

AND NO ONE KNOWS  
WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE  
WILL BE, OR WHEN.











TO BE SAFE, I'M TAKING COVER AT TORA'S HOUSE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY WHILE HE SORTS OUT ALL THE MAFIA STUFF.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL OLD MANOR, AND IT FEELS LESS 'HIDING' AND MORE 'VACATION'...

BUT...I'M NOT EXACTLY IN PARADISE, EITHER.







...I'M JOBLESS  
NOW, AND SOON  
TO BE HOMELESS.



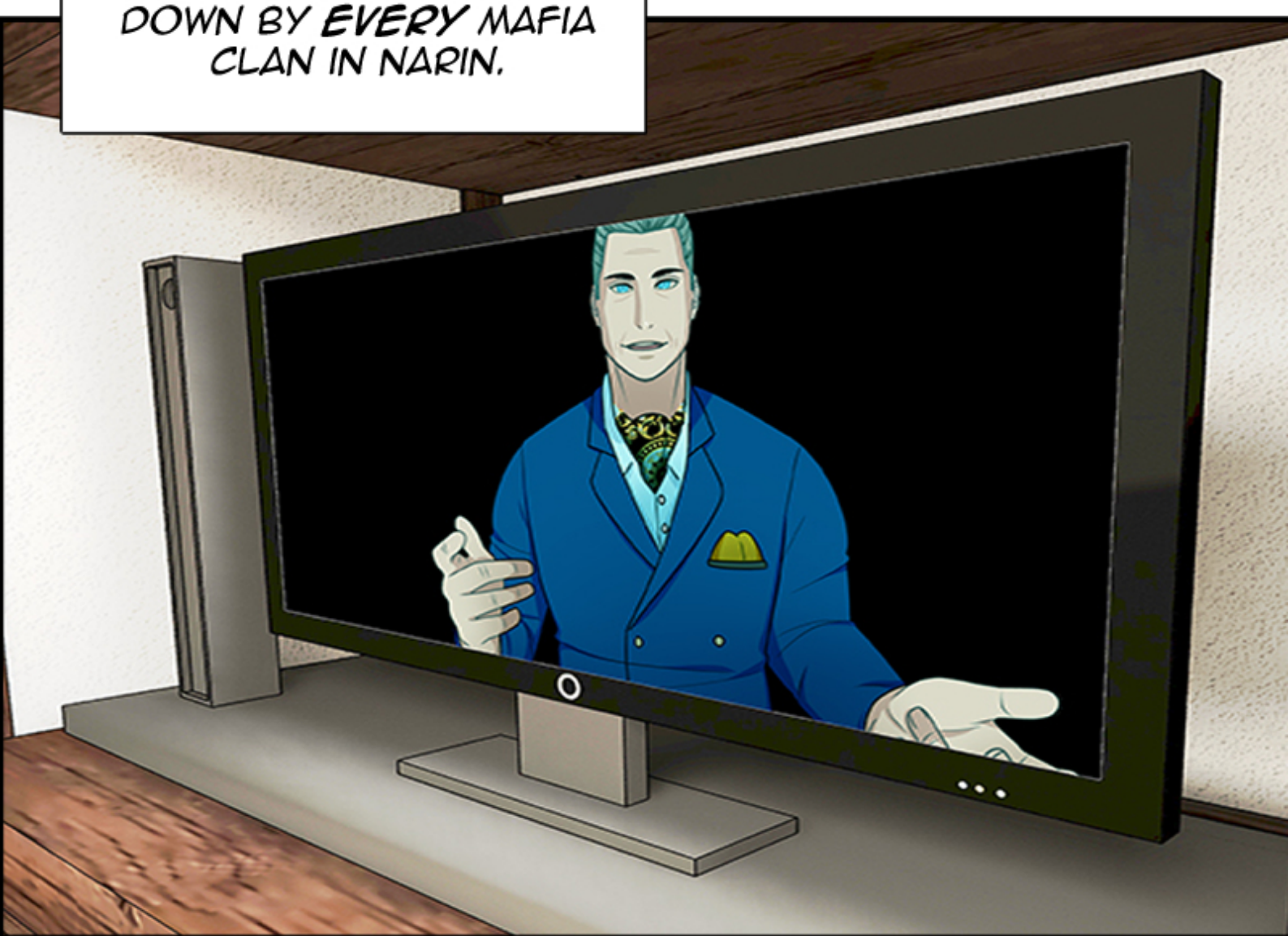
AND ERDENE AND JACOB  
ARE STILL BACK AT THE  
CITY, AND I'M WORRIED  
ABOUT THEM.







BECAUSE IF THIS  
BLOWS UP, I'LL BE  
NUMBERED AND HUNTED  
DOWN BY **EVERY** MAFIA  
CLAN IN NARIN.







...AND SINCE LAST WEEK,  
TORA'S BEEN ON EDGE  
AND WITHDRAWN. WE  
**BOTH** HAVE.



AND THEN LEAVING OUT



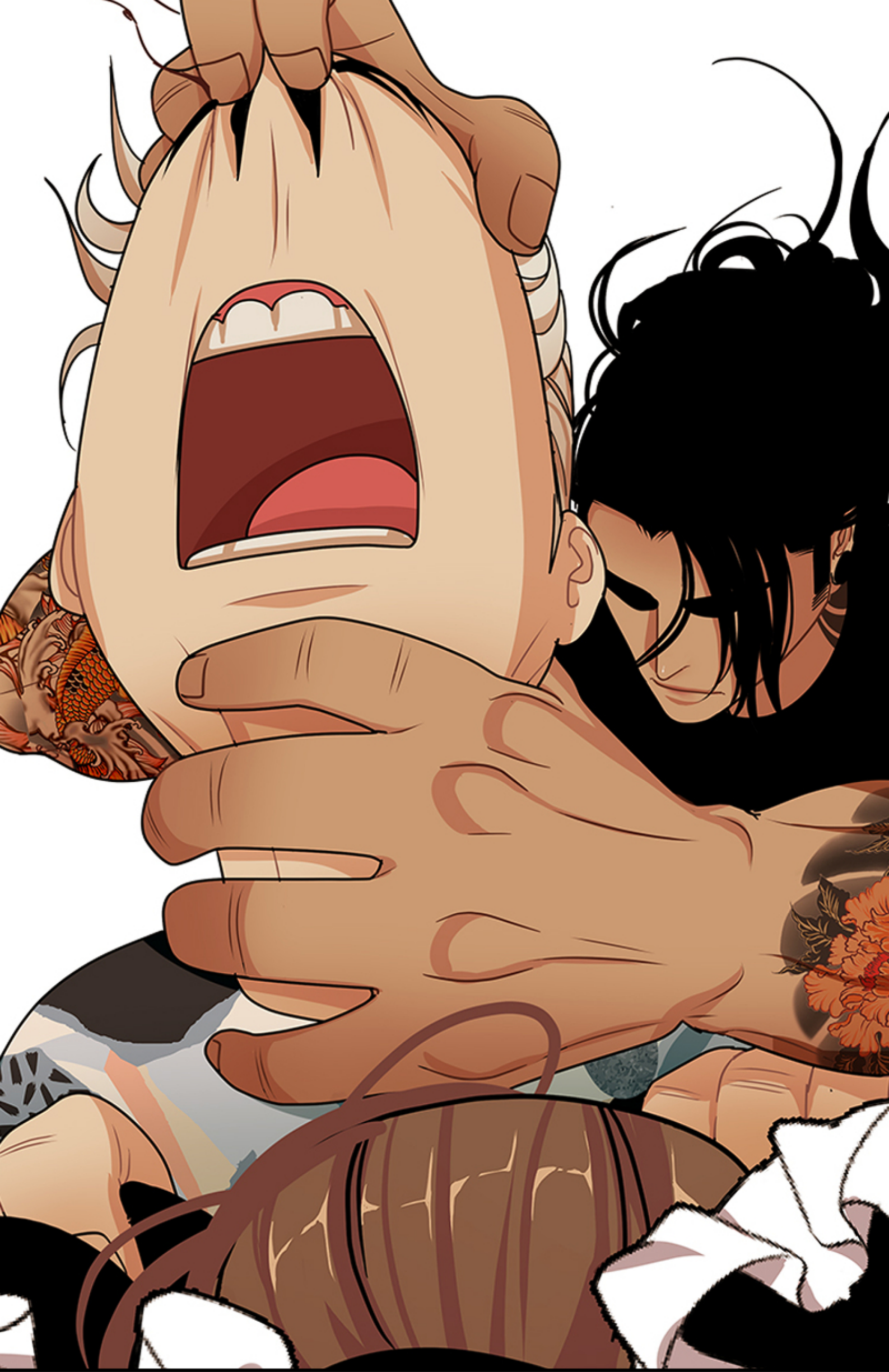
AND THEN I FOUND OUT  
ABOUT THIS ENTIRE  
NOTEBOOK THING,  
AND I JUST LOST IT.



...THANKFULLY, WE  
BROUGHT A PUNCHING  
BAG ALONG WITH US.







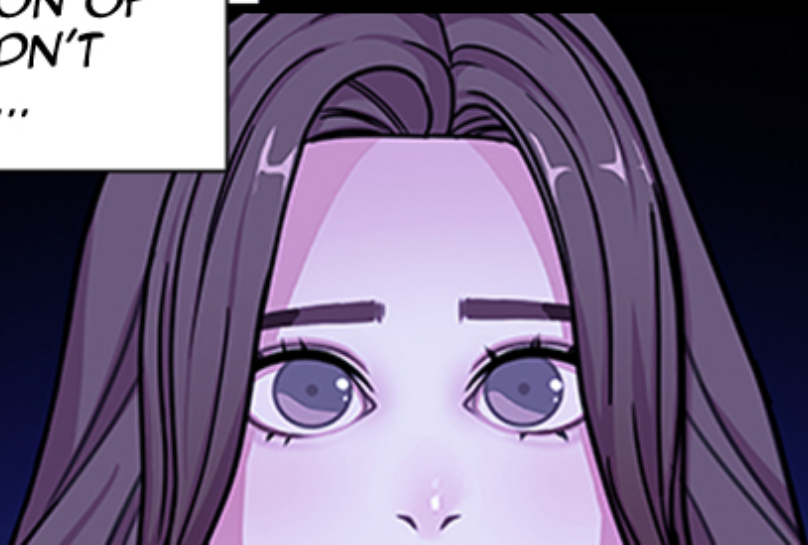


OKAY,  
JOKES ASIDE.

WE MANAGED TO  
THRASH THINGS OUT  
LAST NIGHT, AND  
I'M GLAD WE DID.



IT ISN'T PERFECT, AND  
THERE ARE A TON OF  
STUFF WE DIDN'T  
ADDRESS...







BUT CONSIDERING  
THE SITUATION AND  
STRESS TORA MUST BE  
UNDER, THIS IS MY  
"GOOD ENOUGH".

FOR NOW,  
AT LEAST.



...AND APART FROM A  
HAUNTING INCIDENT  
ON OUR FIRST NIGHT,

EVERYTHING'S BEEN  
QUIET AND PEACEFUL,  
OVER HERE.



SO I GUESS...







SHE'S DEAD,  
POPS.

...THIS IS EXACTLY WHY  
I'M WAITING FOR THE  
OTHER SHOE TO DROP.

SHE'S  
DEAD AND I  
KILLED HER.



