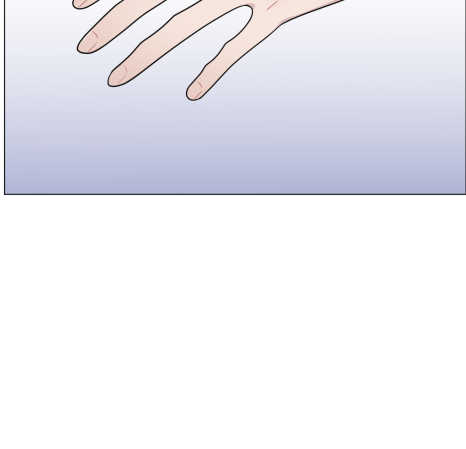
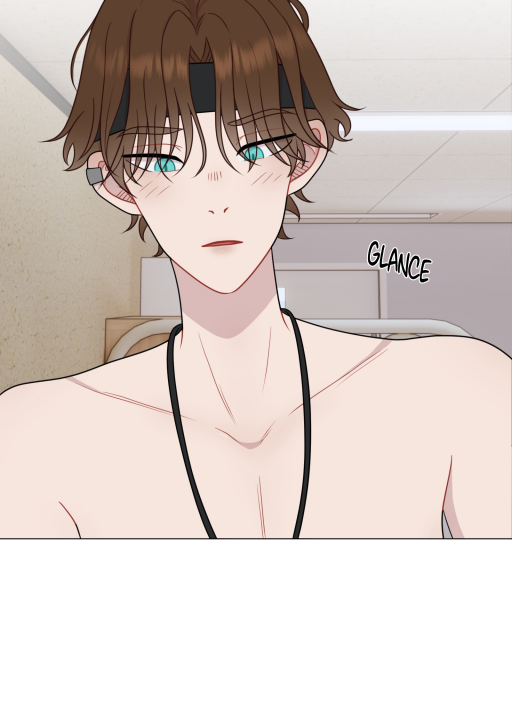


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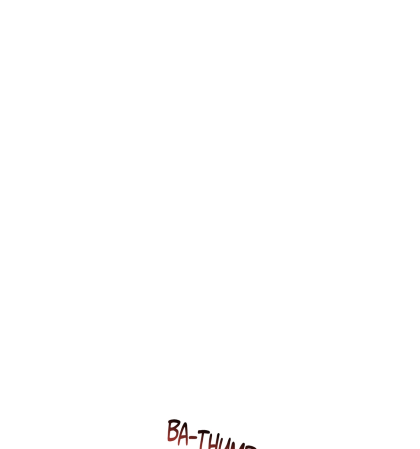


UH...

GLANCE



BA-THUMP!

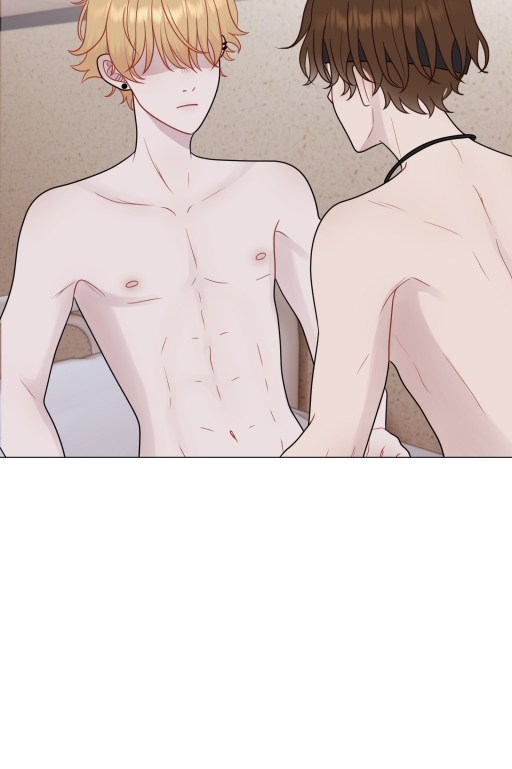


# Boy Girlfriend



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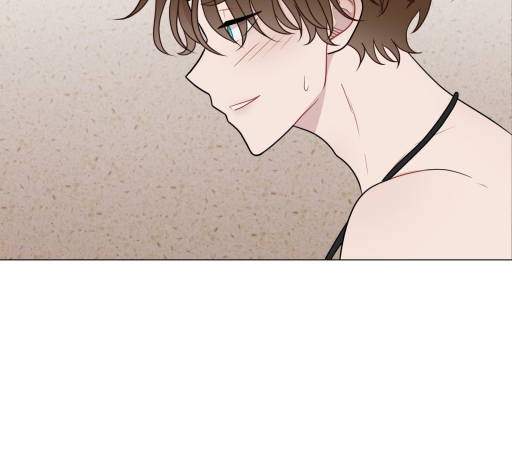
BA-THUMP

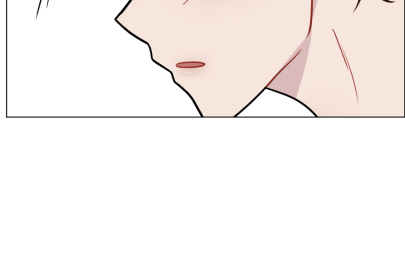
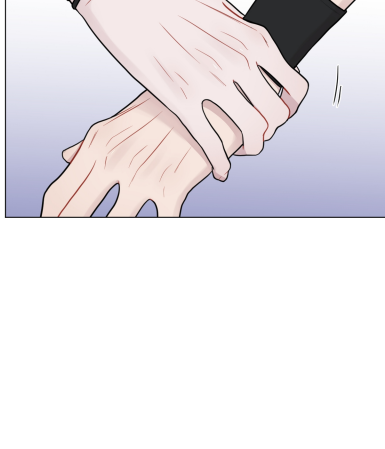


AH

SORRY, I-ZONED OUT THERE FOR A SECOND

MIND IF I KEEP-





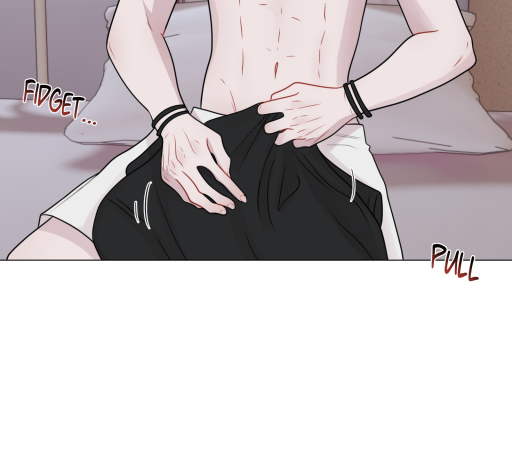
HEY,  
LET'S... STOP  
HERE, OKAY..?



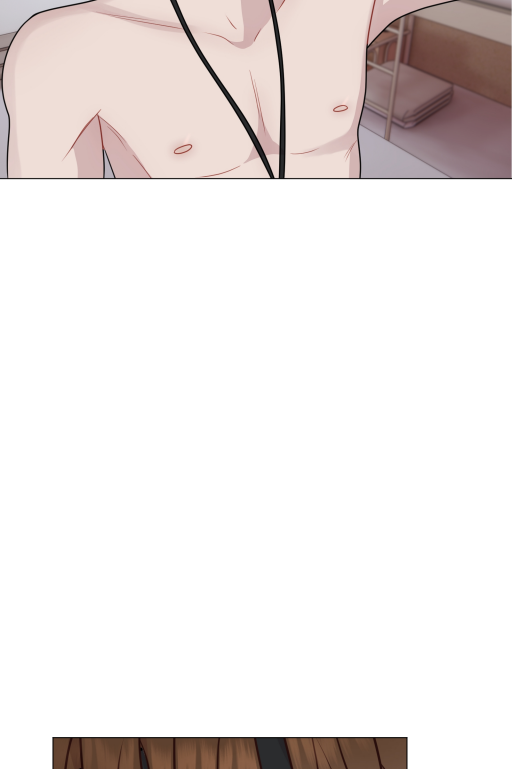
UH...-



GLANCE..



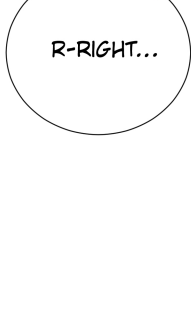
UH...  
UH...  
O-OKAY...



WE UH...  
BETTER GET  
DRESSED



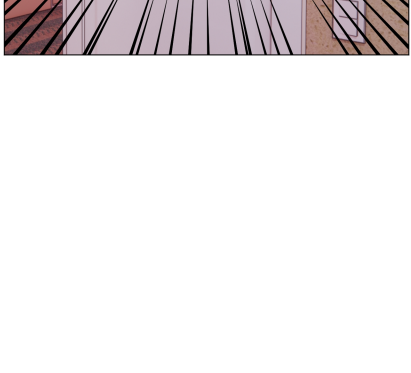
UH...  
R-RIGHT...



S-SO  
UH-



SLAM!!

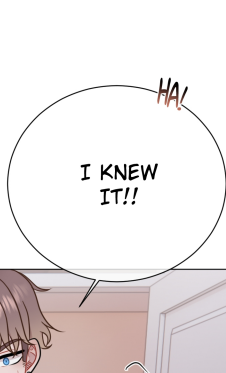


FLINCH!



JUMP

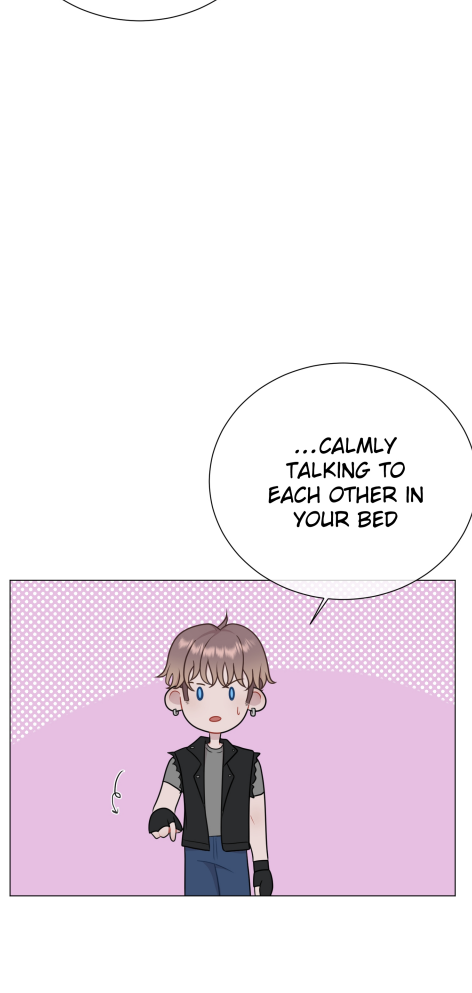
I KNEW  
IT!!

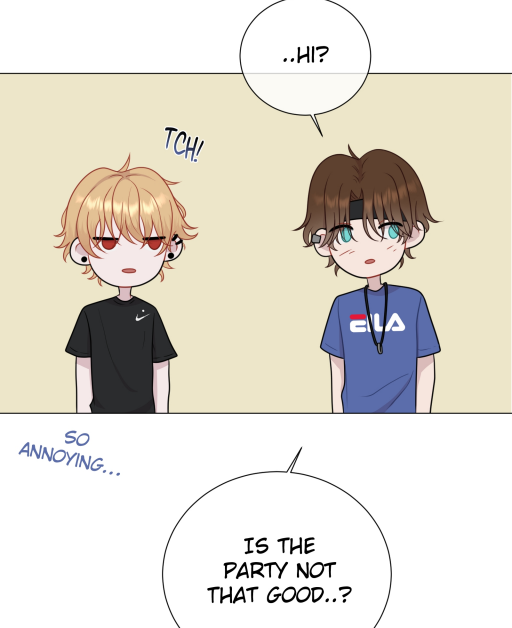


I KNEW  
I WOULD COME  
HERE TO FIND  
YOU-



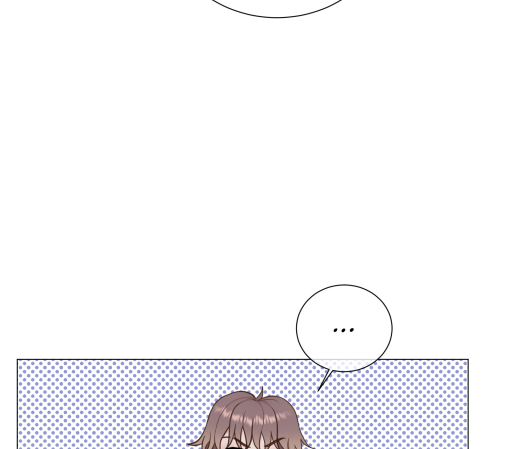
...CALMLY  
TALKING TO  
EACH OTHER IN  
YOUR BED





..HI?

TCH!



SO ANNOYING...

IS THE PARTY NOT THAT GOOD..?



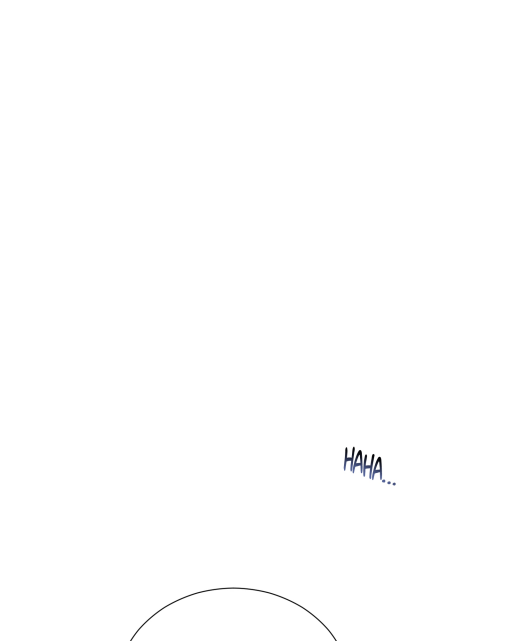
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THE PARTY IS GREAT, IF YOU MUST KNOW..!



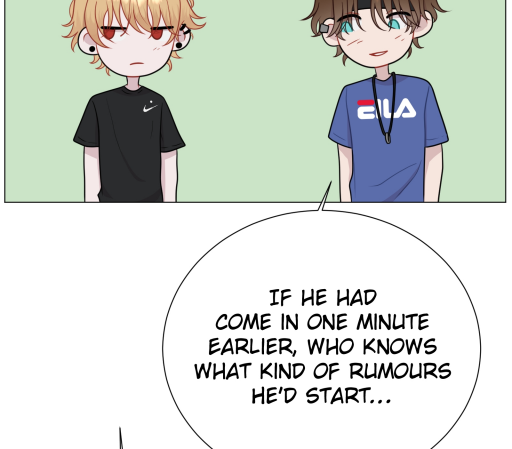
YOU'RE TOTALLY MISSING OUT, LOSERS!



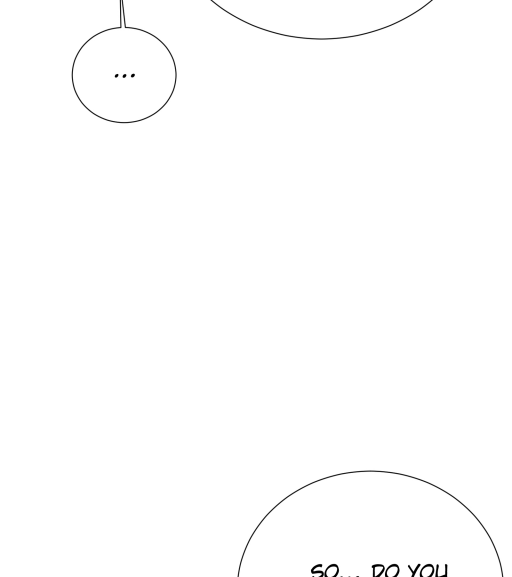
SLAM!



HAHA...



WHAT A TIMING... WE GOT LUCKY



IF HE HAD COME IN ONE MINUTE EARLIER, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF RUMOURS HE'D START...

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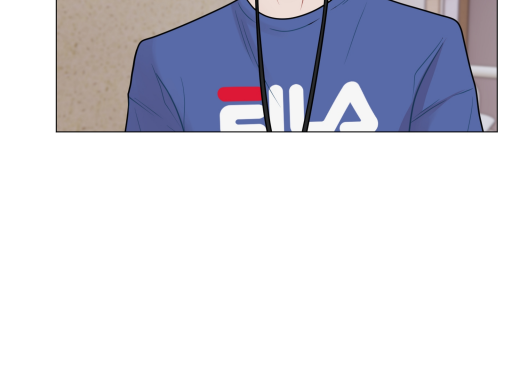
SO... DO YOU WANNA HEAD TO SLEEP?



BUT UH... I WAS THINKING... DO YOU MAYBE WANT TO HAVE A TALK FIRST..? THERE ARE A FEW THINGS-



I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME AIR



I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME AIR

WE, UH...  
DEFINITELY HAVE  
THINGS WE NEED  
TO DISCUSS...



BUT NOT  
RIGHT NOW...

LET'S DO  
IT AFTER WE  
GET BACK,  
OKAY..?

OKAY...



..SOUNDS  
GOOD



BZZT

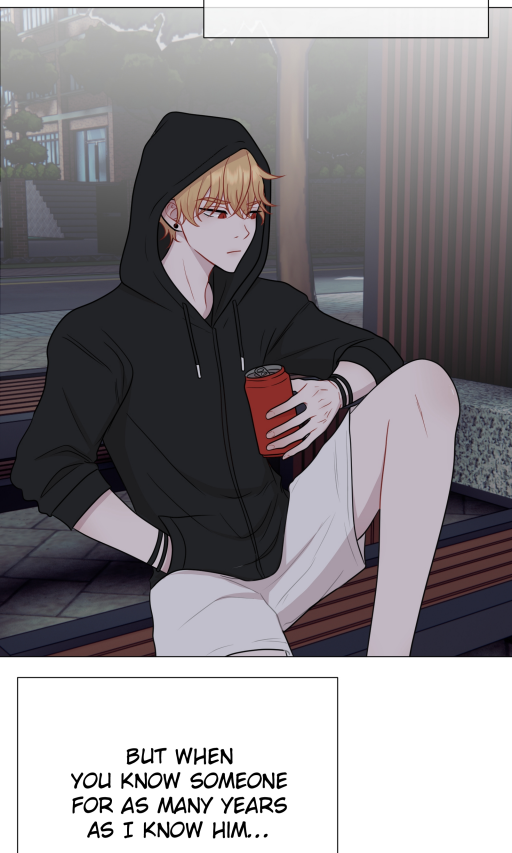


BZZT

BZZT



I DON'T WANT TO START OVERTHINKING AGAIN...



BUT WHEN YOU KNOW SOMEONE FOR AS MANY YEARS AS I KNOW HIM...

...YOU KNOW DAMN WELL HOW TO READ THEM

THEIR BODY LANGUAGE, ALL THE TINY SHIFTS IN THEIR EXPRESSION...

UP TO EVERY TWITCH OF THEIR EYEBROWS... YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS

SO WHEN I SAW THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN HE FROZE UP...



IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO SPOT IT

THE HESITATION IN HIS EYES... THE UNCERTAINTY



THE WAY HE... GOT SLIGHTLY BUT EVIDENTLY... REPULSED

EVEN IF IT WAS FOR A SINGLE SECOND.. IT WAS STILL THERE



...I'M NOT DELUSIONAL, NOR DO I HAVE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



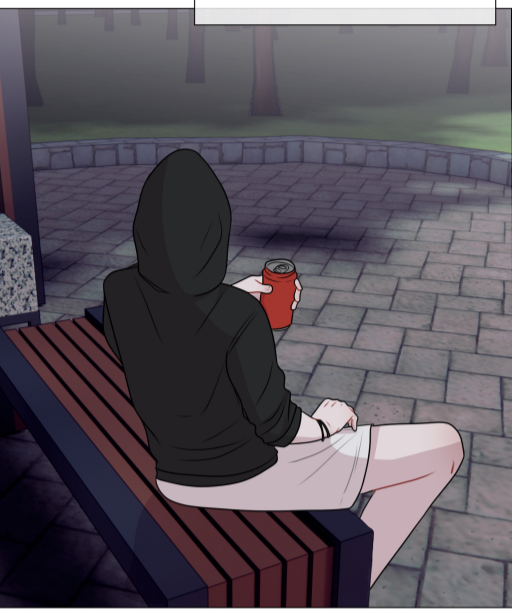
I KNOW KEANE HAS BEEN STRAIGHT ALL HIS LIFE. AND I KNOW HE HAS ONLY EVER DATED GIRLS

BY GOING FURTHER THAN THAT... KEANE HAD TO FACE THE FACT I'M UNDENIABLY A GUY



I'M NOT LYNX. NOR HIS FAKE GIRLFRIEND OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR BEING HESITANT OR EVEN PUT OFF ABOUT IT...



BUT I CAN'T DENY THE FACT THAT IT HURTS

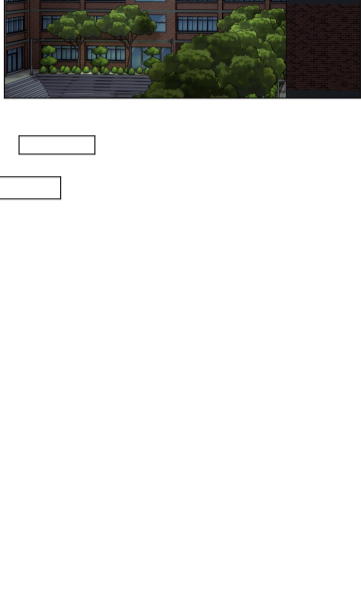
IT SORT OF FEELS... LIKE HE'S REJECTING WHO I TRULY AM



AND IF HE CAN'T ACCEPT ME BEING A GUY...



...THEN  
THIS CAN  
NEVER WORK  
OUT..



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SIGH...

TO BE CONTINUED...

# Boy Girlfriend



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COMMENT!



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