

Boy Girlfriend



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THERE'S..
NO NEED TO
GO TO-



HOW IS THERE
NO NEED TO
GO!? YOU'RE
COVERED IN
BLOOD!!

TELL ME
WHAT HAPPENED!!
WAS IT YOUR DAD!?
DID HE DO THIS!?



WAS IT??

TELL ME
ONYX, I'LL
KILL HIM

I SWEAR
TO GOD I
WILL



NO.
DON'T. STOP
THAT

I'M FINE.
REALLY



JUST...

LET'S JUST
GO HOME,
ALRIGHT...?



I'M FINE...

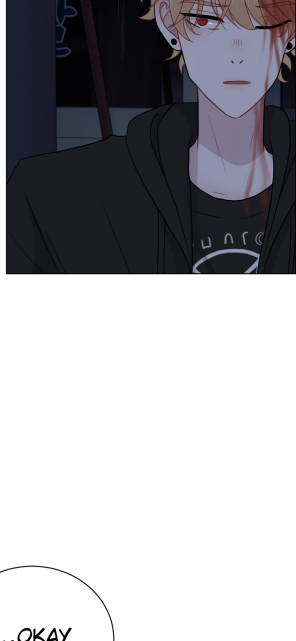
FINE. I WON'T GO AFTER HIM. BUT I'M TAKING YOU TO THE HOSPITAL

THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION



GRAB ON

...



...OKAY

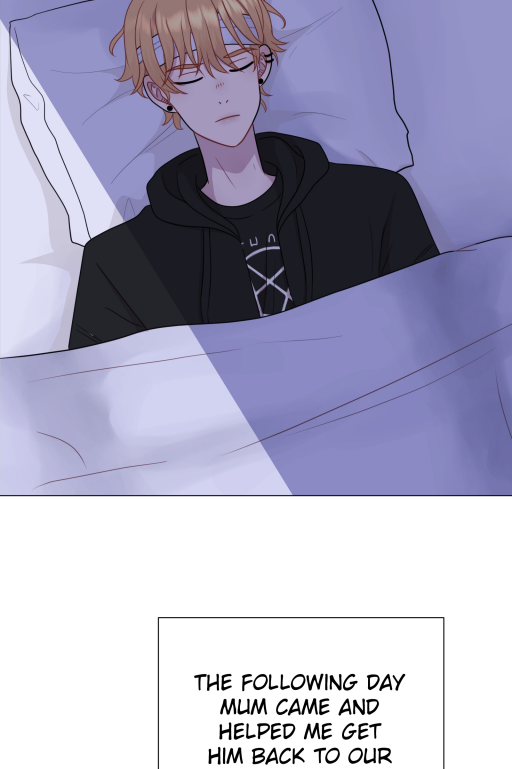
THE NEXT FEW DAYS WENT BY IN A BLUR

AFTER THE INCIDENT, I TOOK ONYX TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY



BY THE TIME WE GOT THERE, HE WAS TOO TIRED TO EVEN OPEN HIS EYES

HE GOT STITCHES ON THE SIDE OF HIS HEAD AND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A MODERATE CONCUSSION



THE FOLLOWING DAY MUM CAME AND HELPED ME GET HIM BACK TO OUR PLACE

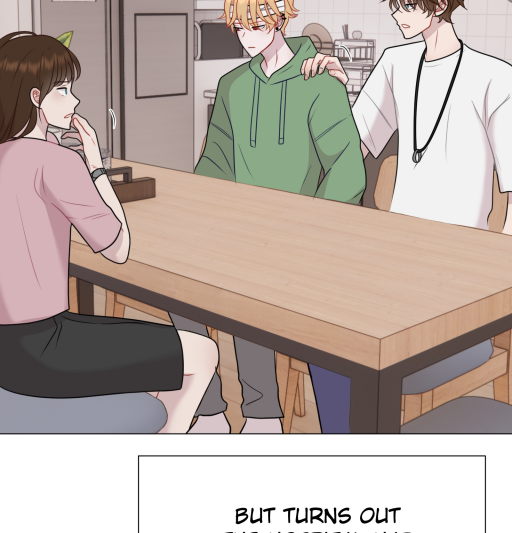
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED THERE WAS NO WAY WE'D LET HIM GO BACK TO HIS PLACE, SO MY PARENTS AGREED RIGHT AWAY TO TAKE HIM IN FOR AS LONG AS HE WANTED



ONYX BARELY EVEN SPOKE A FEW WORDS DURING THOSE FIRST DAYS BUT WE DIDN'T TRY TO PUSH HIM. HE NEEDED AS MUCH TIME, SPACE AND REST AS HE COULD GET

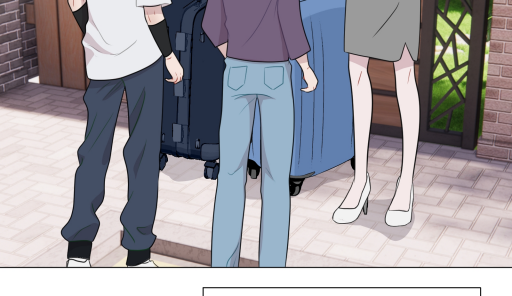


THE WORST PART IS THAT HE REFUSED TO REPORT HIS DAD TO THE POLICE NOR INFORM HIS MUM OF WHAT HAPPENED



BUT TURNS OUT THE HOSPITAL HAD ALREADY GIVEN HER A CALL REGARDING ONYX'S SUBMISSION, AND SHE CALLED MY MUM IN TEARS

SHE AGREED TO PACK ONYX'S STUFF AND WE WENT TO PICK THEM UP WHILE ONYX'S FATHER WAS AWAY



ONYX REFUSED TO COME SEE HER AND SHE LOOKED DEVASTATED

BUT HONESTLY... I DON'T BLAME HIM

A FULL WEEK PASSED

PHYSICALLY, ONYX HAS DEFINITELY GOTTEN MUCH BETTER

HIS HEADACHES AND LIGHTEADEDNESS ARE ALMOST GONE AND HE IS SLEEPING AND EATING PROPERLY



BUT MENTALLY...?

HE LOOKS WAY OFF. ALMOST... NUMB

AND THE THING THAT WORRIES ME THE MOST...

IS HOW HE STILL HASN'T LET ANYTHING OUT

HE HASN'T CRIED. HE HASN'T YELLED



HE'S JUST HOLDING EVERYTHING BACK, BOTTLING UP ALL HIS EMOTIONS

I'M WORRIED ONE DAY HE MIGHT JUST SNAP. HE MIGHT JUST... **BREAK**



WHY WON'T YOU JUST... LET ME IN...?

OPEN UP TO ME. LIKE THE TWO OF US ALWAYS DO. SHOW ME HOW YOU FEEL

...LET ME BE THE ONE TO CARRY YOUR PAIN



DON'T YOU TRUST ME ENOUGH?

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LEAN COMPLETELY ON ME-?

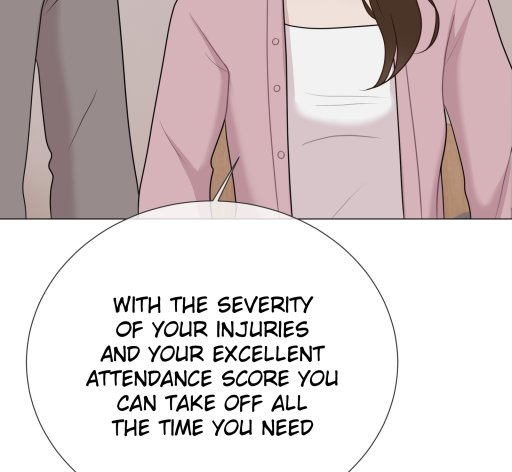
I WAS THINKING OF GOING BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW



HALTS

OH
ONYX, DEAREST, ARE YOU SURE?

I SPOKE WITH YOUR SCHOOL AND THEY TOLD ME FOR YOU NOT TO RUSH AND TO TAKE AS MUCH TIME AS NECESSARY....



WITH THE SEVERITY OF YOUR INJURIES AND YOUR EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE SCORE YOU CAN TAKE OFF ALL THE TIME YOU NEED

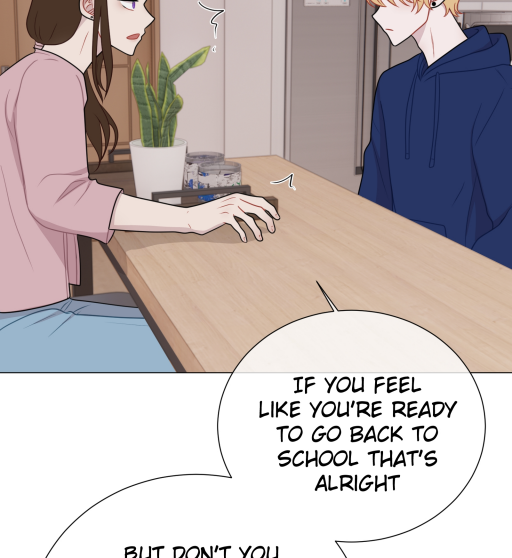
...I'M SURE

BESIDES...
I DON'T WANT TO
KEEP BEING IN YOUR
WAY DURING THE
WHOLE DAY...



I'LL... ALSO
START LOOKING
FOR PLACES I
CAN MOVE TO..

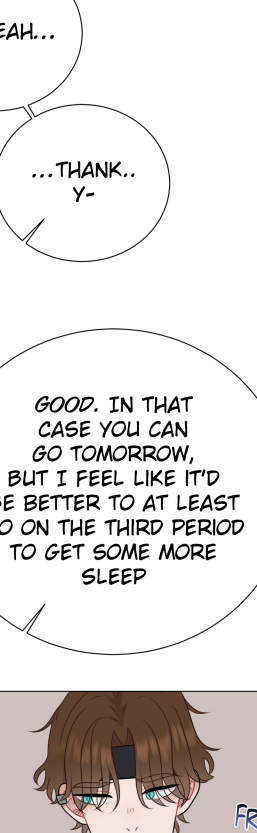
WHAT!?!
NONESENSE!!
YOU'RE NOT IN THE
WAY AT ALL, PLEASE
DON'T SAY THAT!!



IF YOU FEEL
LIKE YOU'RE READY
TO GO BACK TO
SCHOOL THAT'S
ALRIGHT

BUT DON'T YOU
EVER THINK YOURSELF
AS A BURDEN. THIS IS
YOUR HOME TOO NOW.
FOR AS LONG AS
YOU NEED. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

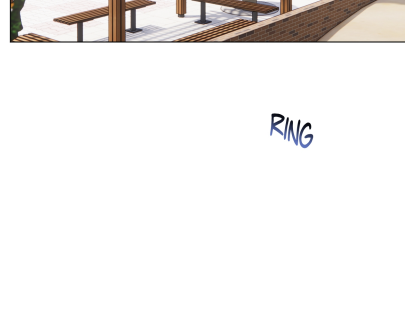
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...Y-YEAH...

...THANK..
Y-

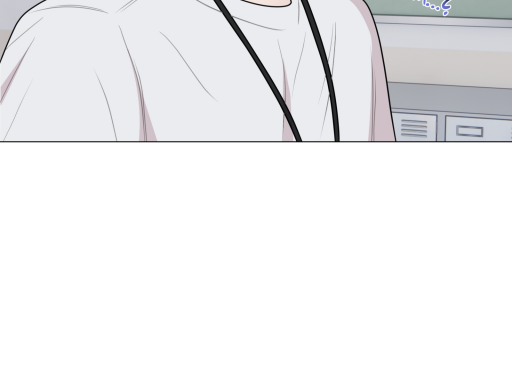
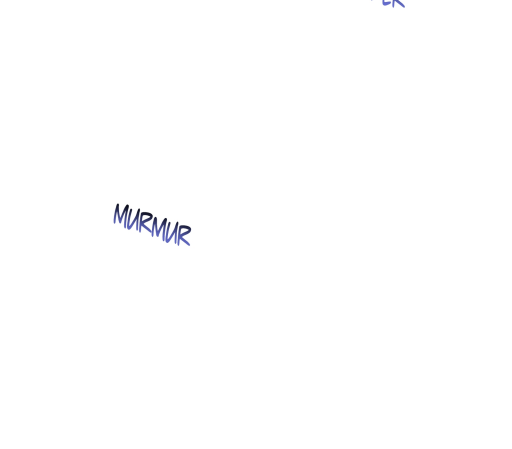
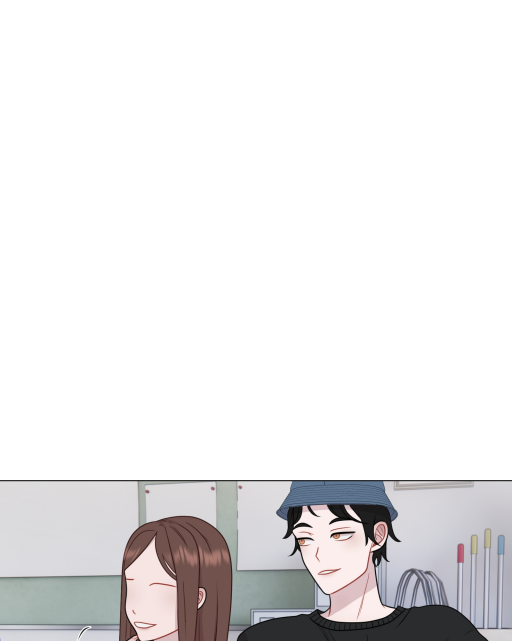
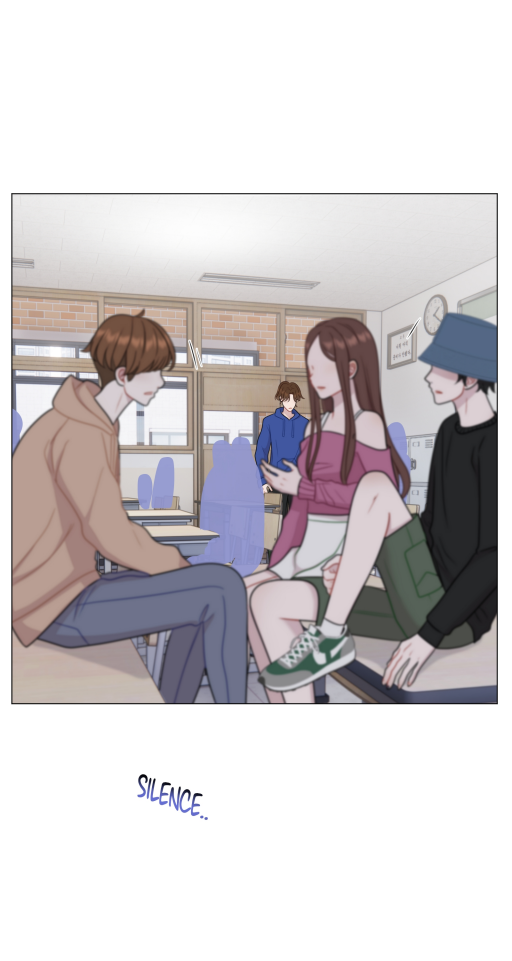
GOOD. IN THAT
CASE YOU CAN
GO TOMORROW,
BUT I FEEL LIKE IT'D
BE BETTER TO AT LEAST
GO ON THE THIRD PERIOD
TO GET SOME MORE
SLEEP



RING

I'M RUNNING
LATE AGAIN..





TO BE CONTINUED...

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