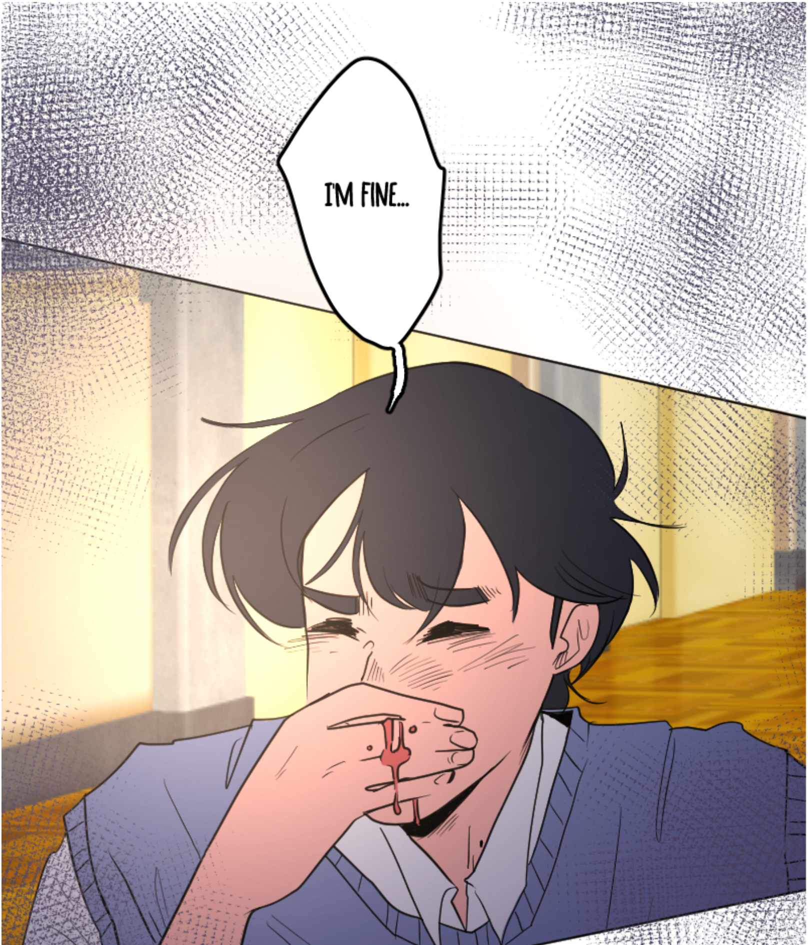
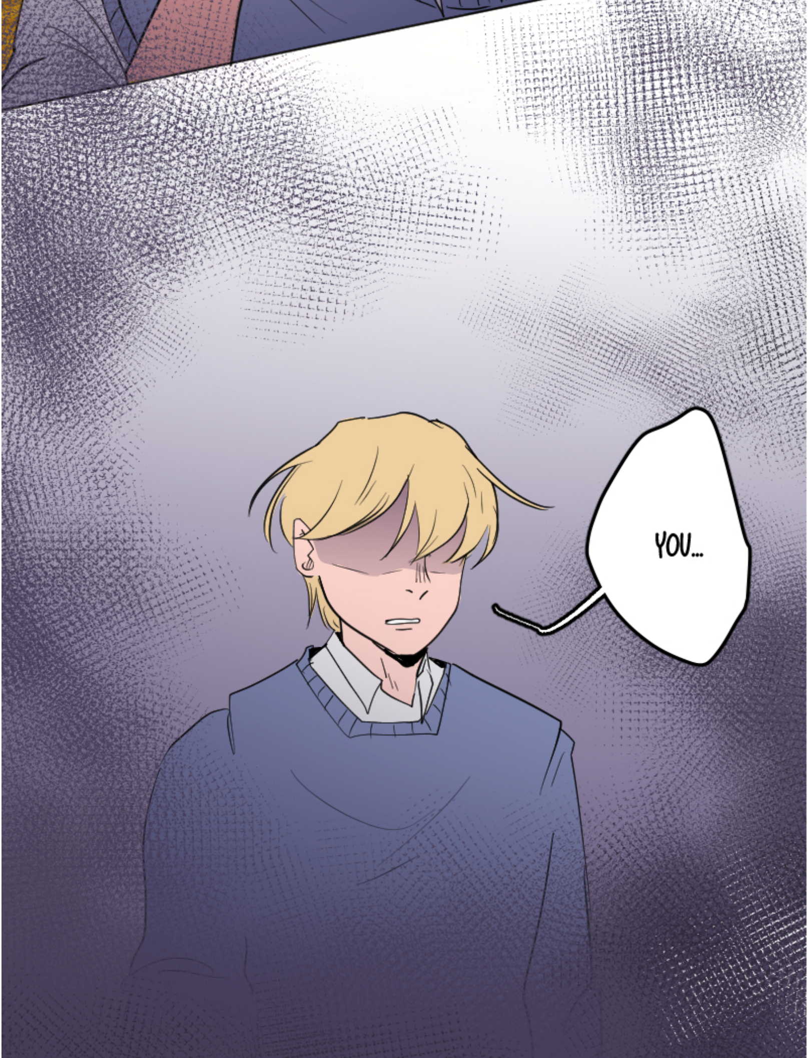
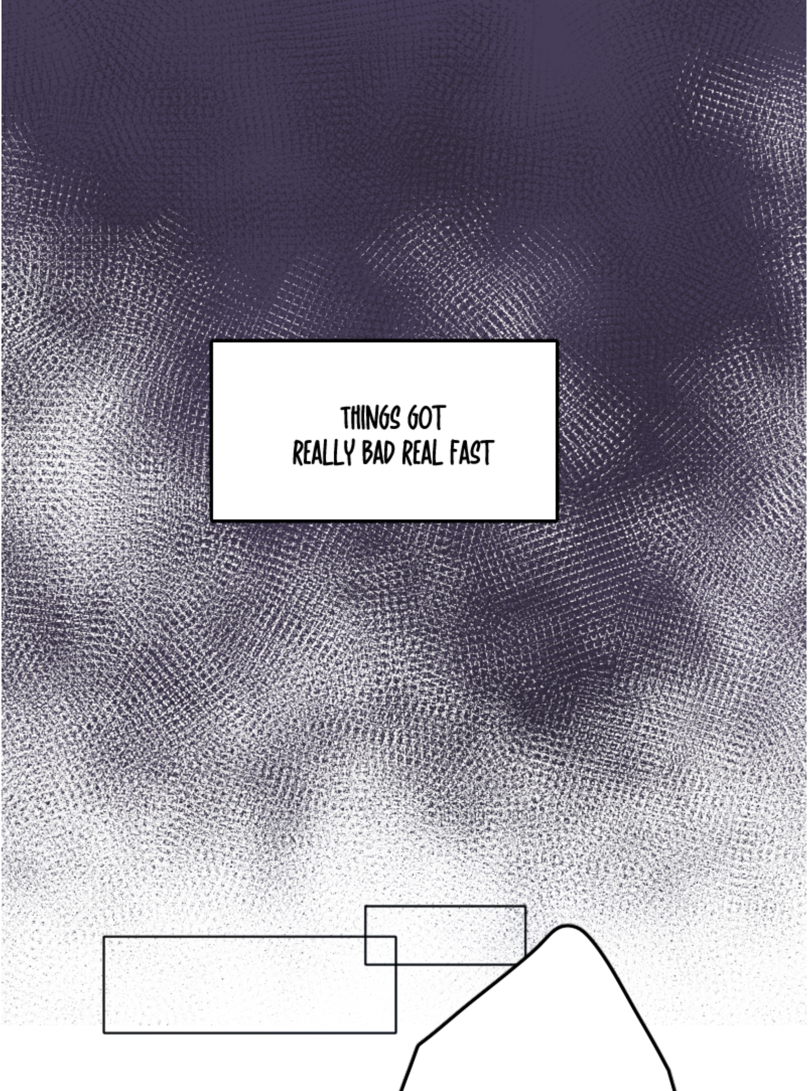
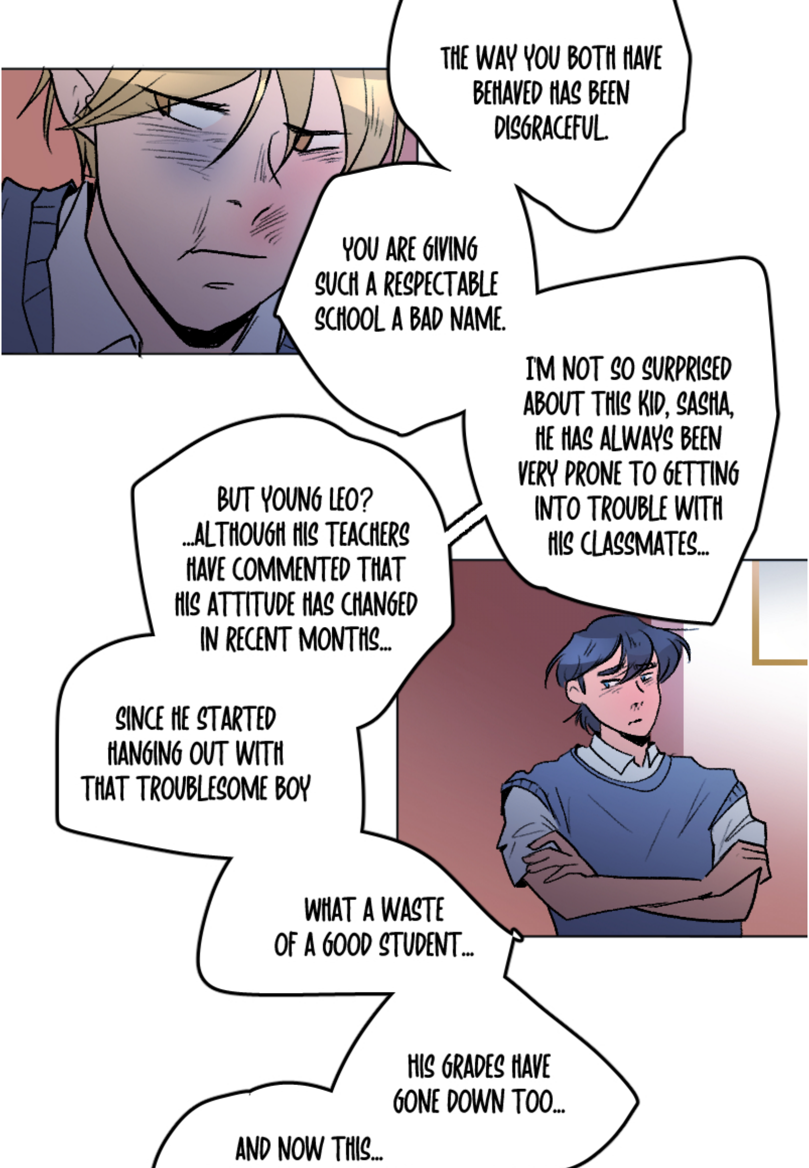





THINGS GOT
REALLY BAD REAL FAST


THE WAY YOU BOTH HAVE BEHAVED HAS BEEN DISGRACEFUL.
YOU ARE GIVING SUCH A RESPECTABLE SCHOOL A BAD NAME.
I'M NOT SO SURPRISED ABOUT THIS KID, SASHA, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY PRONE TO GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH HIS CLASSMATES...
BUT YOUNG LEO? ...ALTHOUGH HIS TEACHERS HAVE COMMENTED THAT HIS ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED IN RECENT MONTHS...
SINCE HE STARTED HANGING OUT WITH THAT TROUBLESOME BOY
WHAT A WASTE OF A GOOD STUDENT...
HIS GRADES HAVE GONE DOWN TOO...
AND NOW THIS...

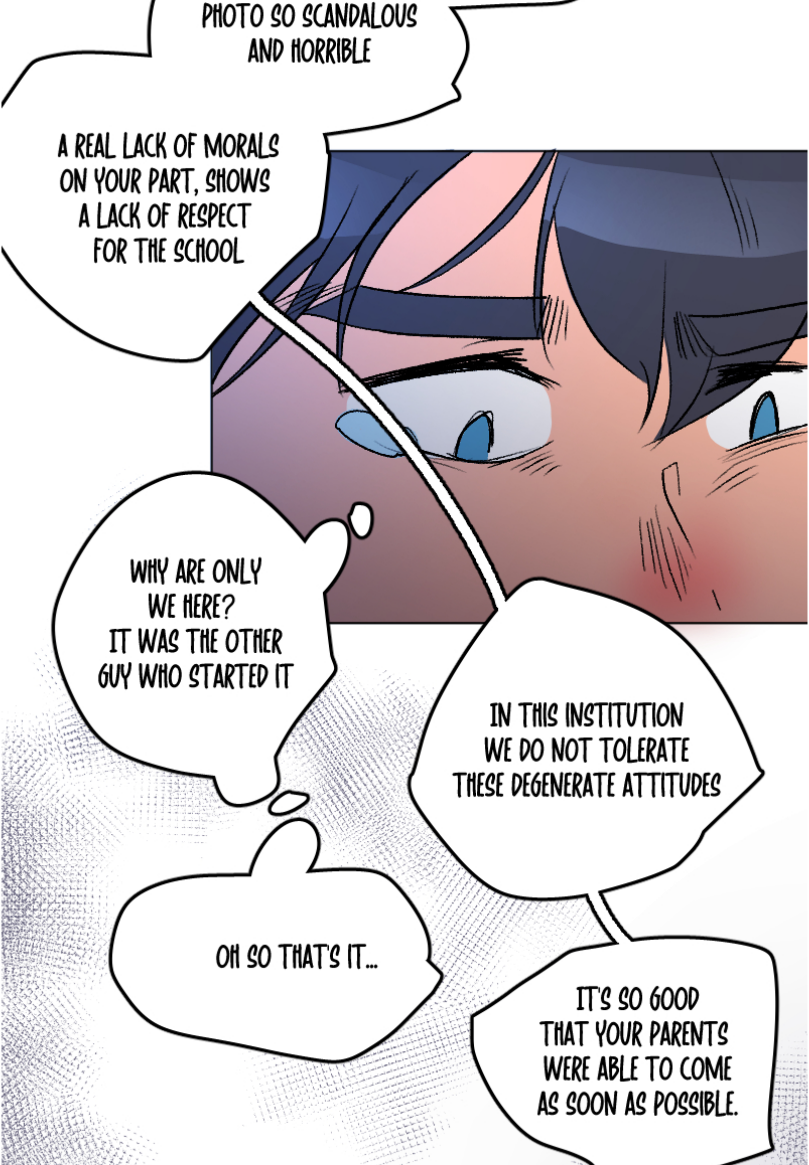
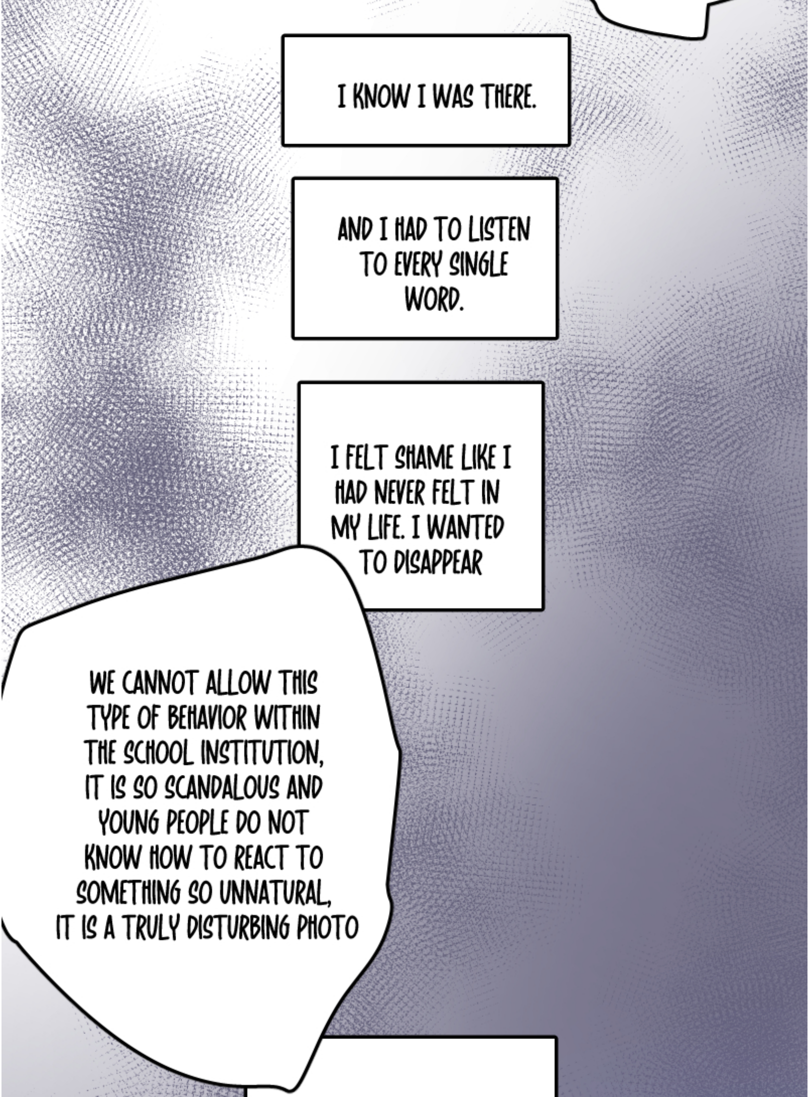
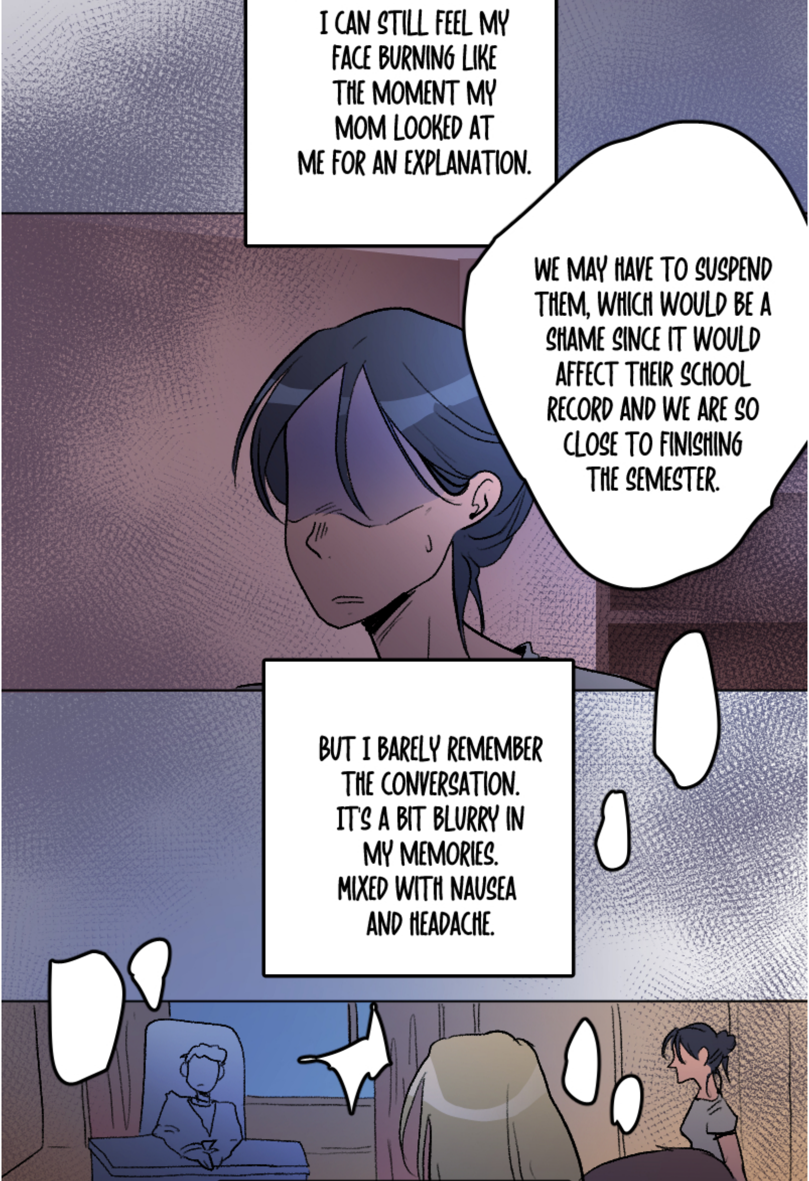
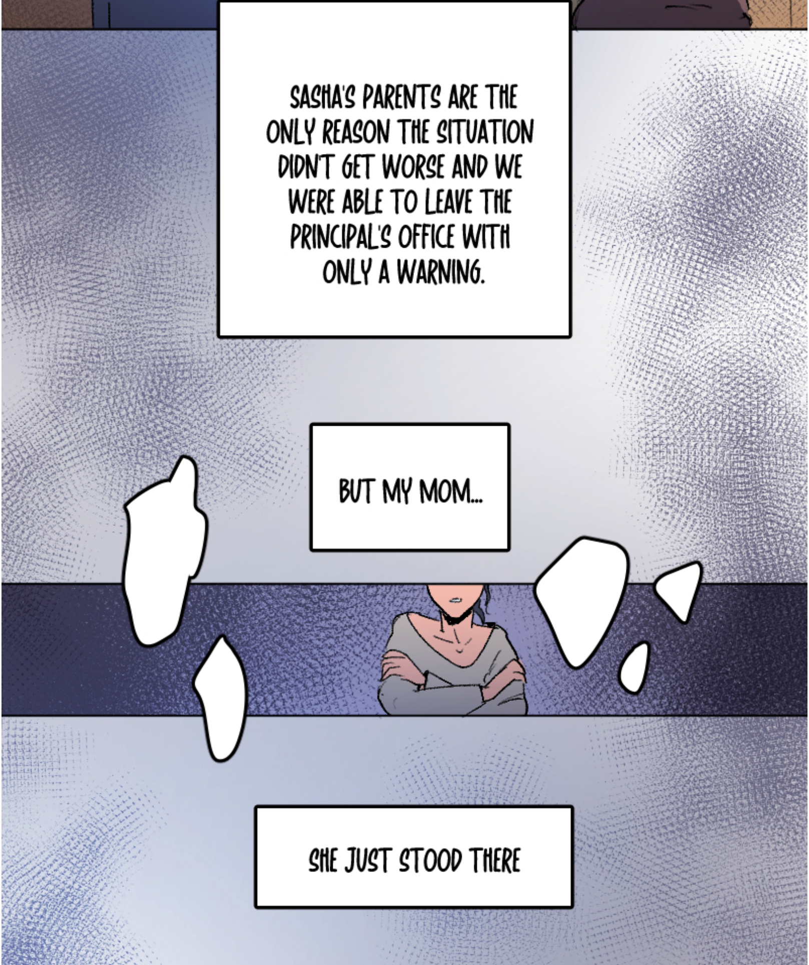


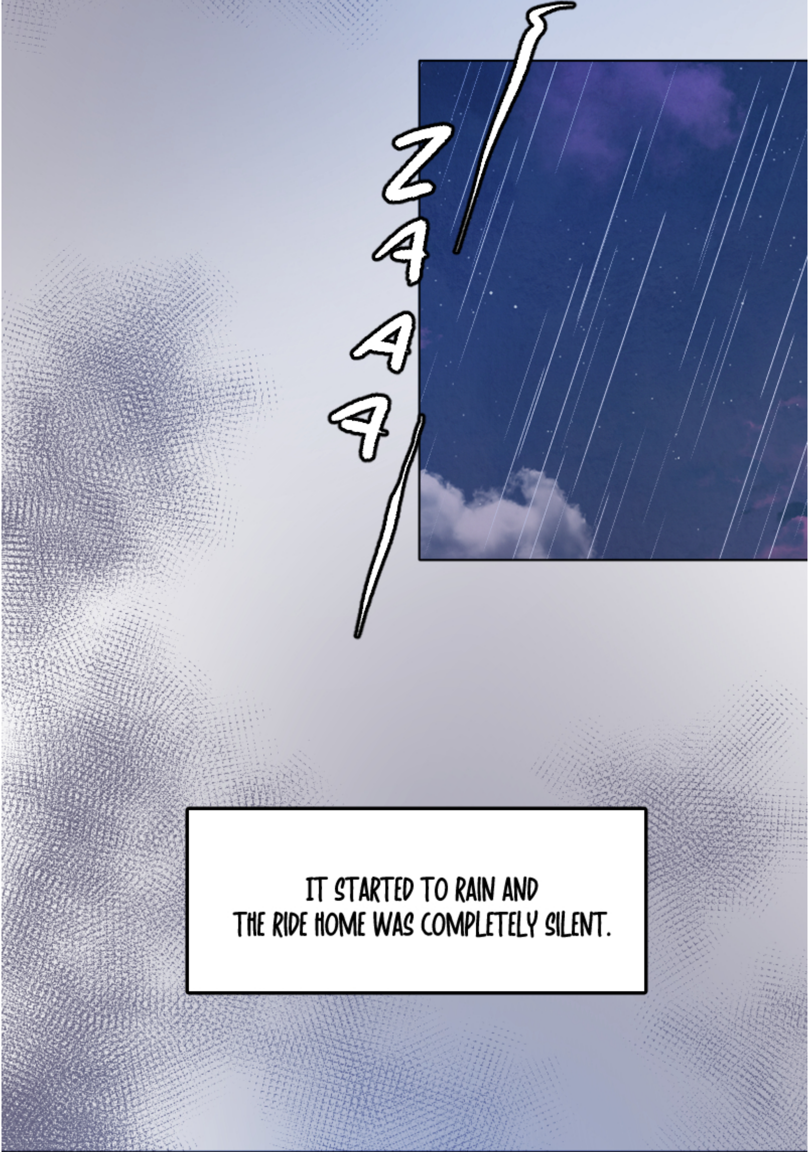
PHOTO SO SCANDALOUS AND HORRIBLE
A REAL LACK OF MORALS ON YOUR PART, SHOWS A LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE SCHOOL
WHY ARE ONLY WE HERE? IT WAS THE OTHER GUY WHO STARTED IT
IN THIS INSTITUTION WE DO NOT TOLERATE THESE DEGENERATE ATTITUDES
OH SO THAT'S IT...
IT'S SO GOOD THAT YOUR PARENTS WERE ABLE TO COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

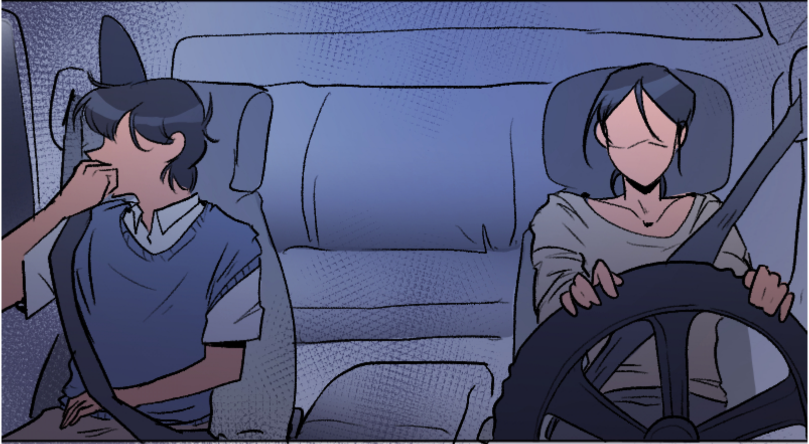

I KNOW I WAS THERE.
AND I HAD TO LISTEN TO EVERY SINGLE WORD.
I FELT SHAME LIKE I HAD NEVER FELT IN MY LIFE. I WANTED TO DISAPPEAR
WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR WITHIN THE SCHOOL INSTITUTION, IT IS SO SCANDALOUS AND YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO REACT TO SOMETHING SO UNNATURAL, IT IS A TRULY DISTURBING PHOTO


I CAN STILL FEEL MY FACE BURNING LIKE THE MOMENT MY MOM LOOKED AT ME FOR AN EXPLANATION.
WE MAY HAVE TO SUSPEND THEM, WHICH WOULD BE A SHAME SINCE IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR SCHOOL RECORD AND WE ARE SO CLOSE TO FINISHING THE SEMESTER.
BUT I BARELY REMEMBER THE CONVERSATION. IT'S A BIT BLURRY IN MY MEMORIES. MIXED WITH NAUSEA AND HEADACHE.

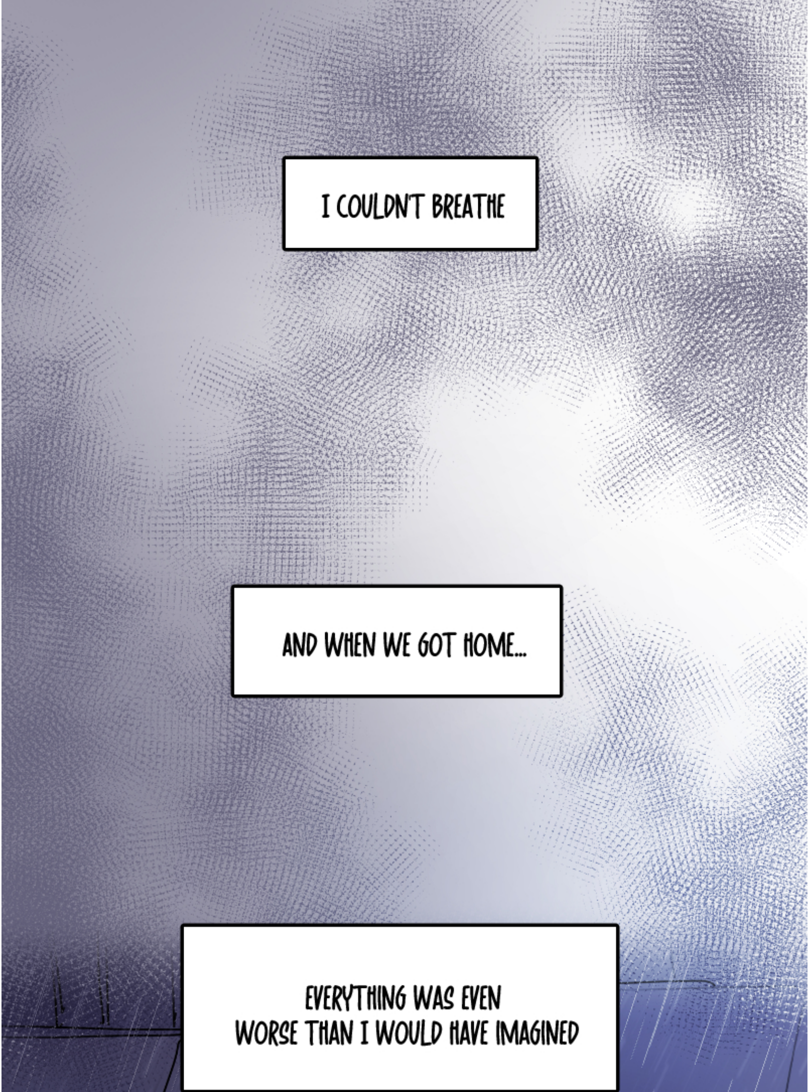

SASHA'S PARENTS ARE THE ONLY REASON THE SITUATION DIDN'T GET WORSE AND WE WERE ABLE TO LEAVE THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE WITH ONLY A WARNING.
BUT MY MOM...
SHE JUST STOOD THERE

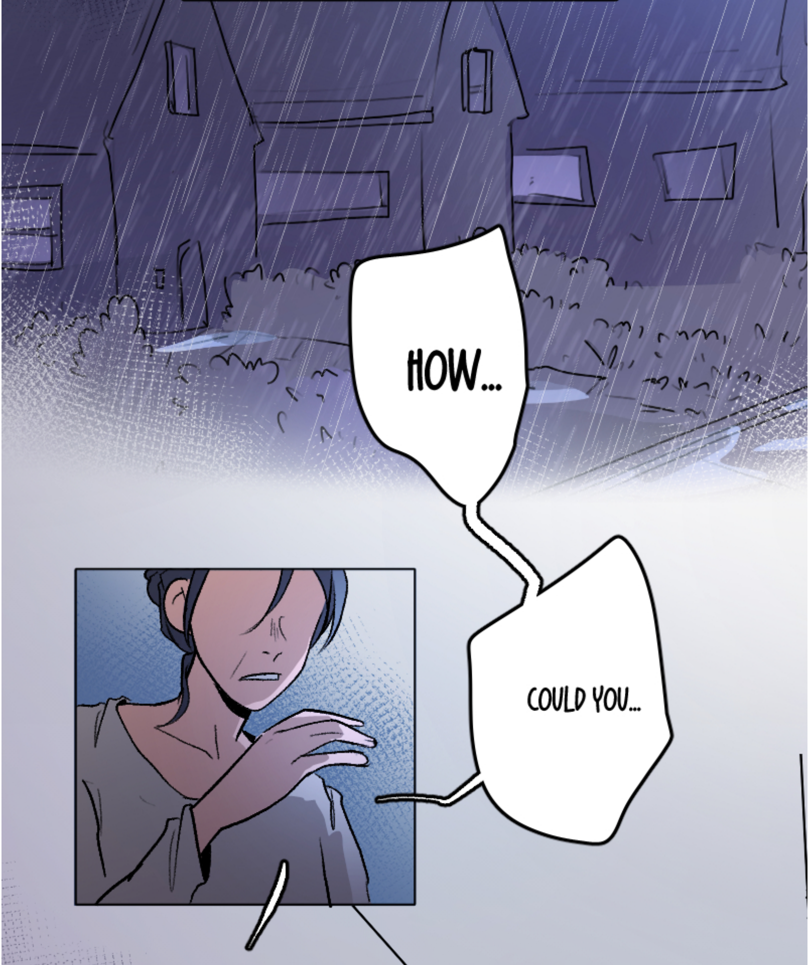
SHE COULDN'T LOOK ME IN THE EYES
THAT ONLY MADE ME MORE ANXIOUS.

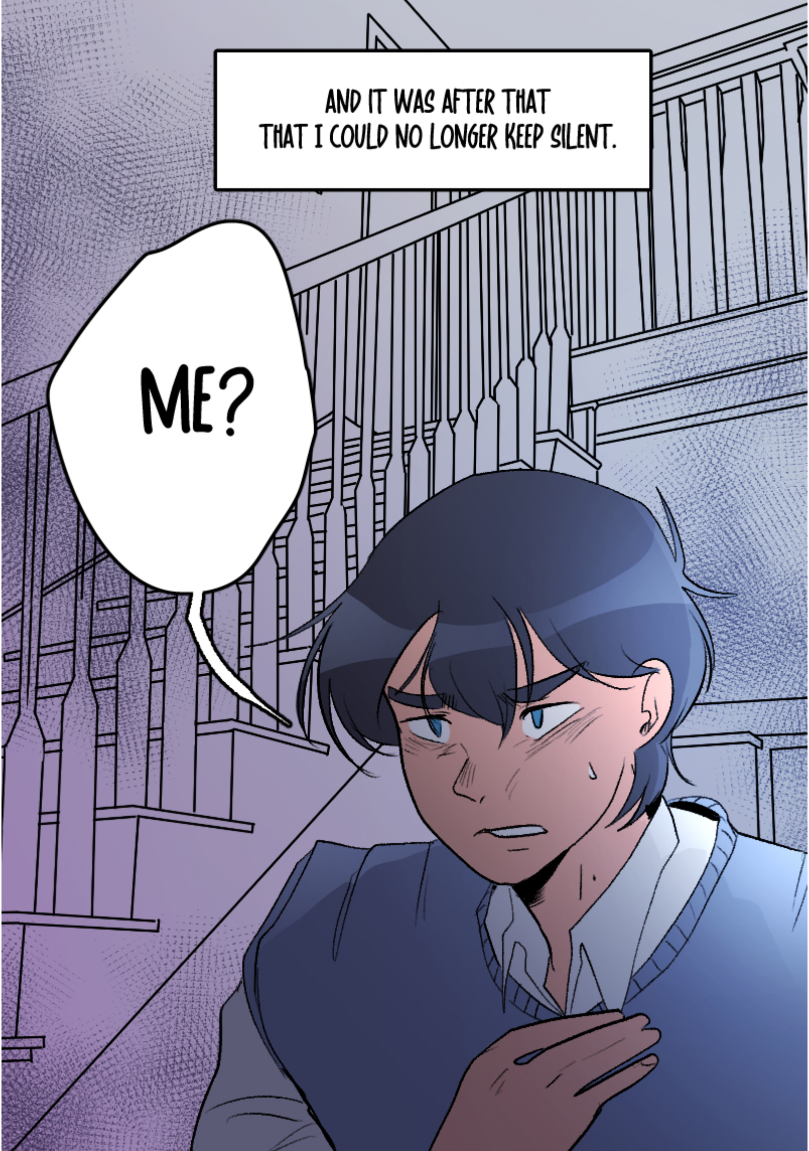

ZAAAA
IT STARTED TO RAIN AND
THE RIDE HOME WAS COMPLETELY SILENT.

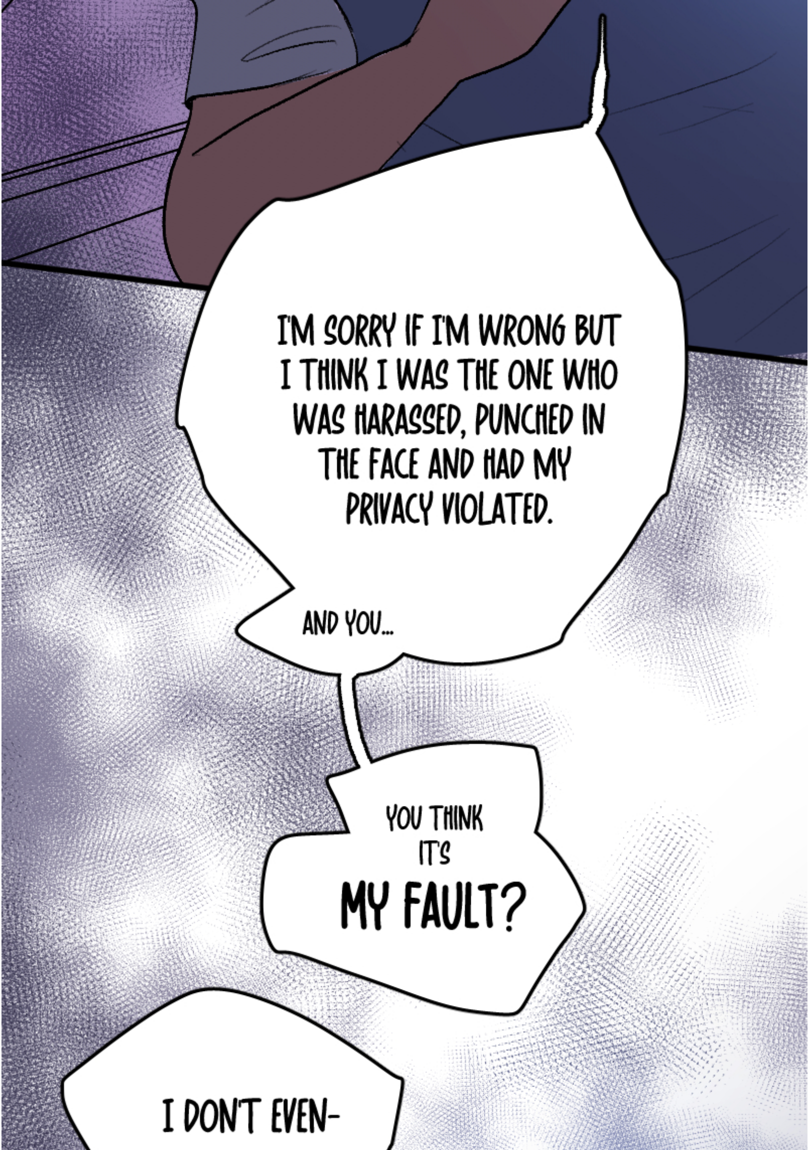


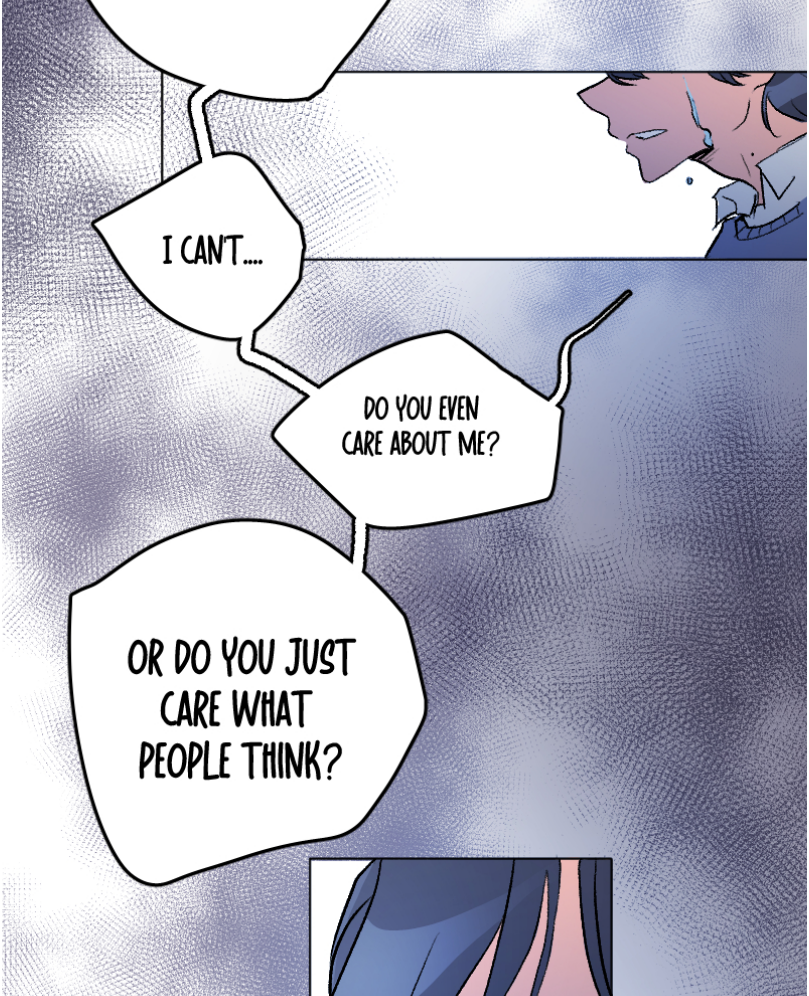
I FELT LIKE WE HAD SPENT DAYS IN THERE.

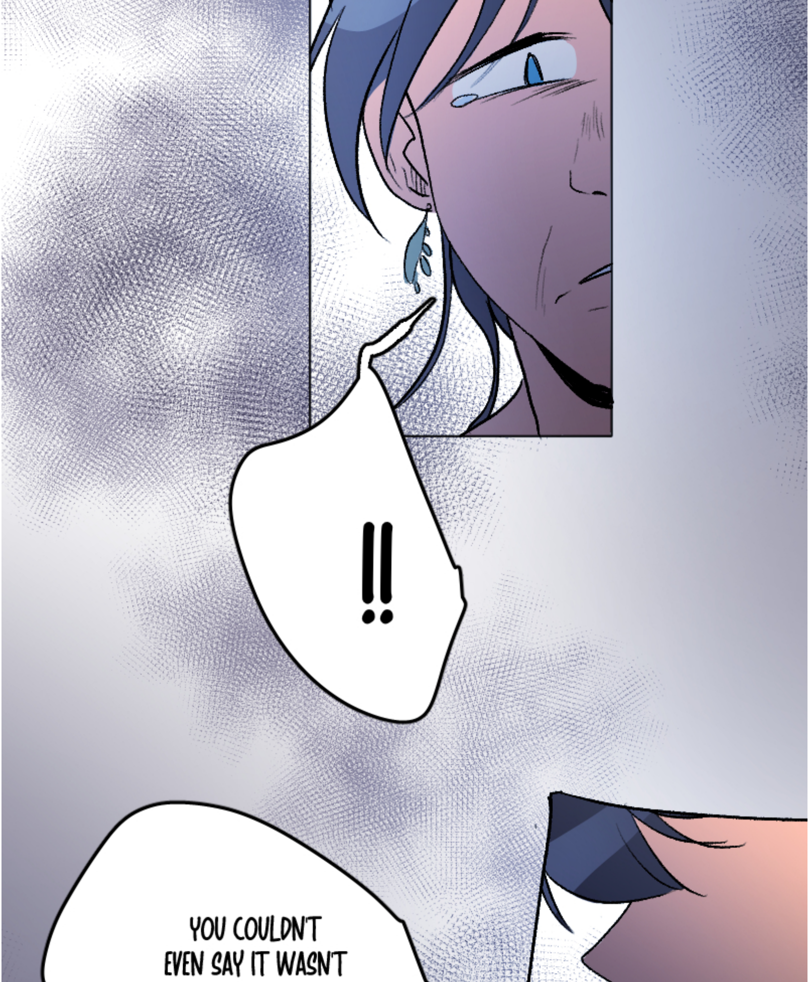

I COULDN'T BREATHE
AND WHEN WE GOT HOME...
EVERYTHING WAS EVEN WORSE THAN I WOULD HAVE IMAGINED


HOW...
COULD YOU...


AND IT WAS AFTER THAT THAT I COULD NO LONGER KEEP SILENT.
ME?


I'M SORRY IF I'M WRONG BUT I THINK I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS HARASSED, PUNCHED IN THE FACE AND HAD MY PRIVACY VIOLATED.
AND YOU...
YOU THINK IT'S MY FAULT?
I DON'T EVEN-


I CAN'T....
DO YOU EVEN CARE ABOUT ME?
OR DO YOU JUST CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK?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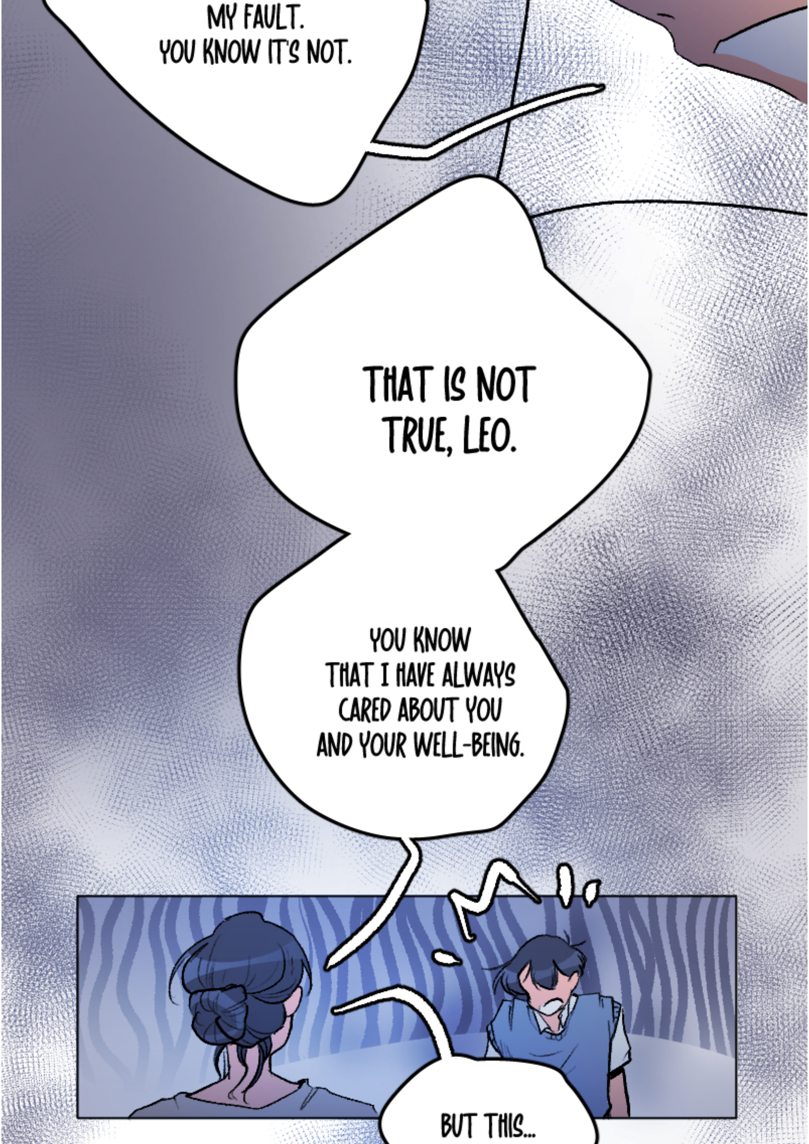
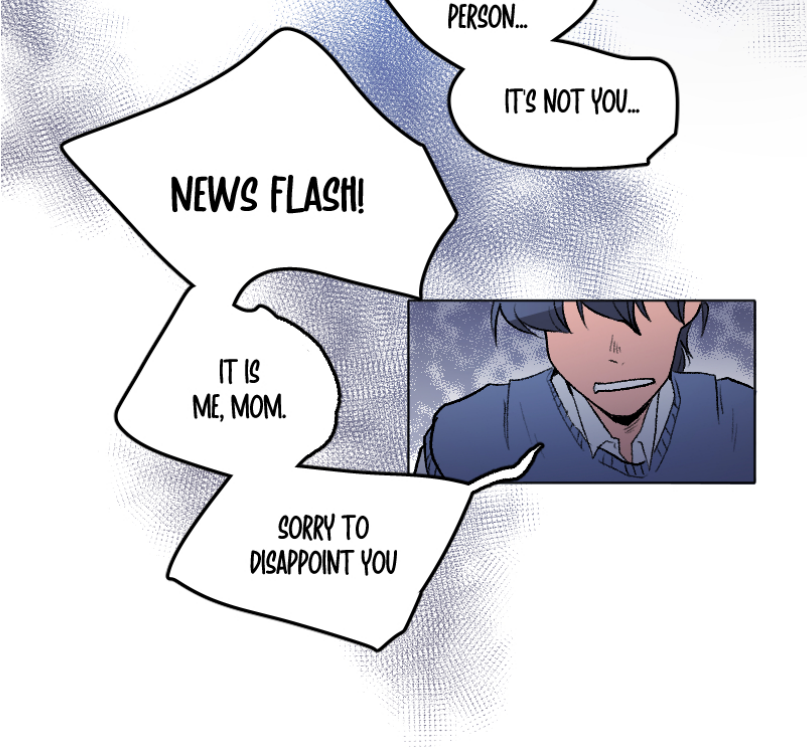
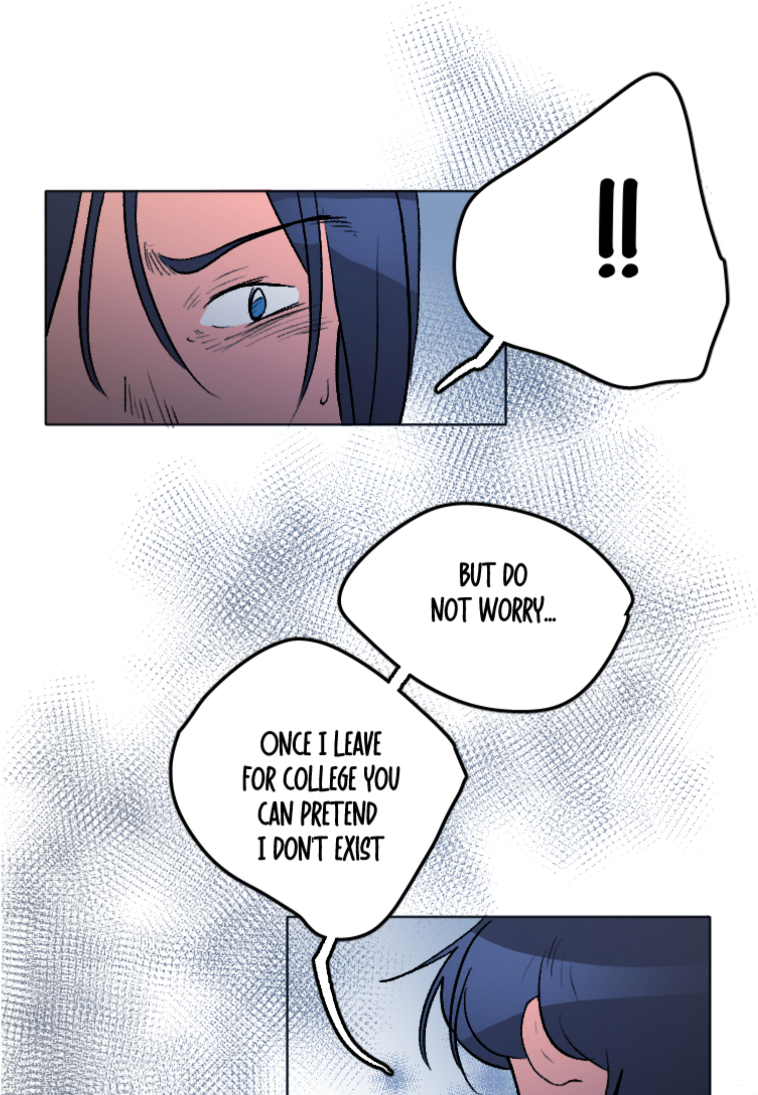
YOU COULDN'T EVEN SAY IT WASN'T


MY FAULT.
YOU KNOW IT'S NOT.
THAT IS NOT TRUE, LEO.
YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE ALWAYS CARED ABOUT YOU AND YOUR WELL-BEING.
BUT THIS...


PERSON...
IT'S NOT YOU...
NEWS FLASH!
IT IS ME, MOM.
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU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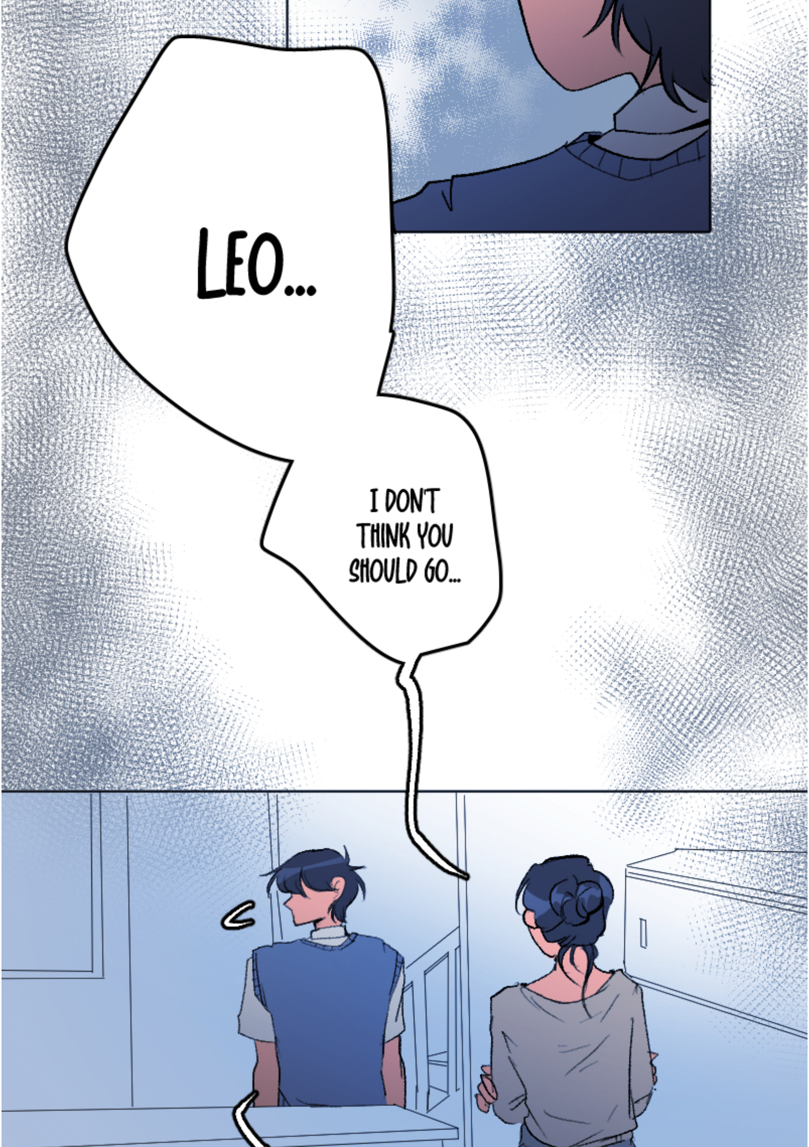
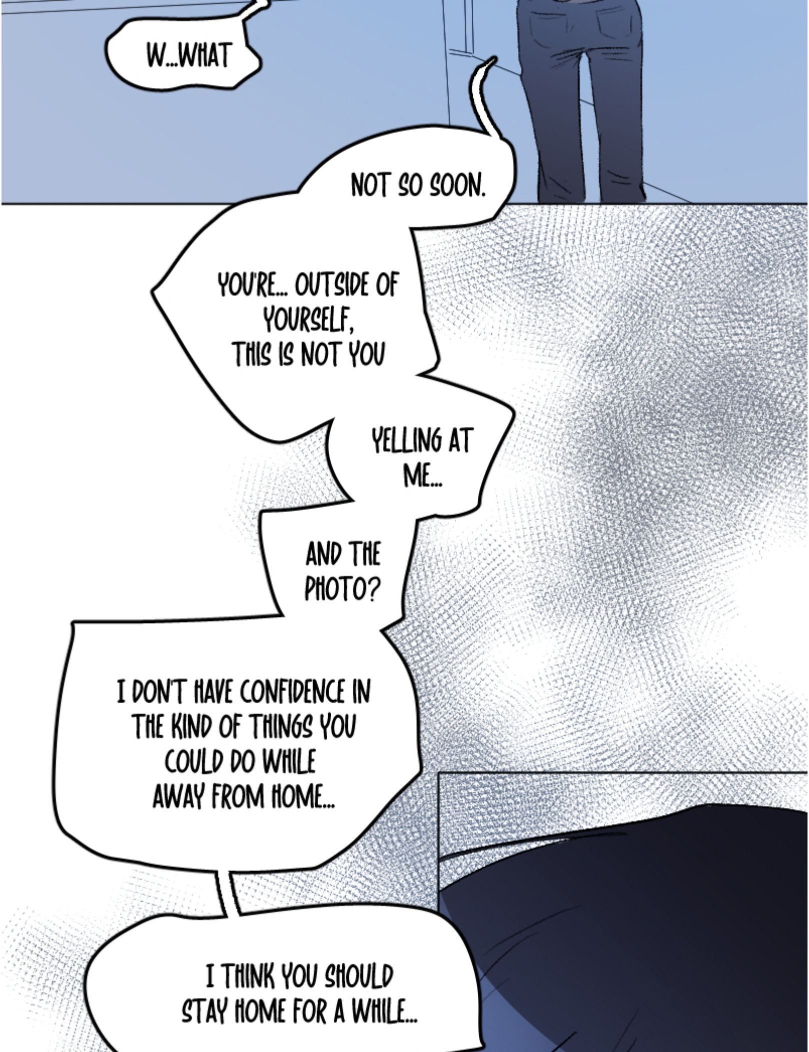
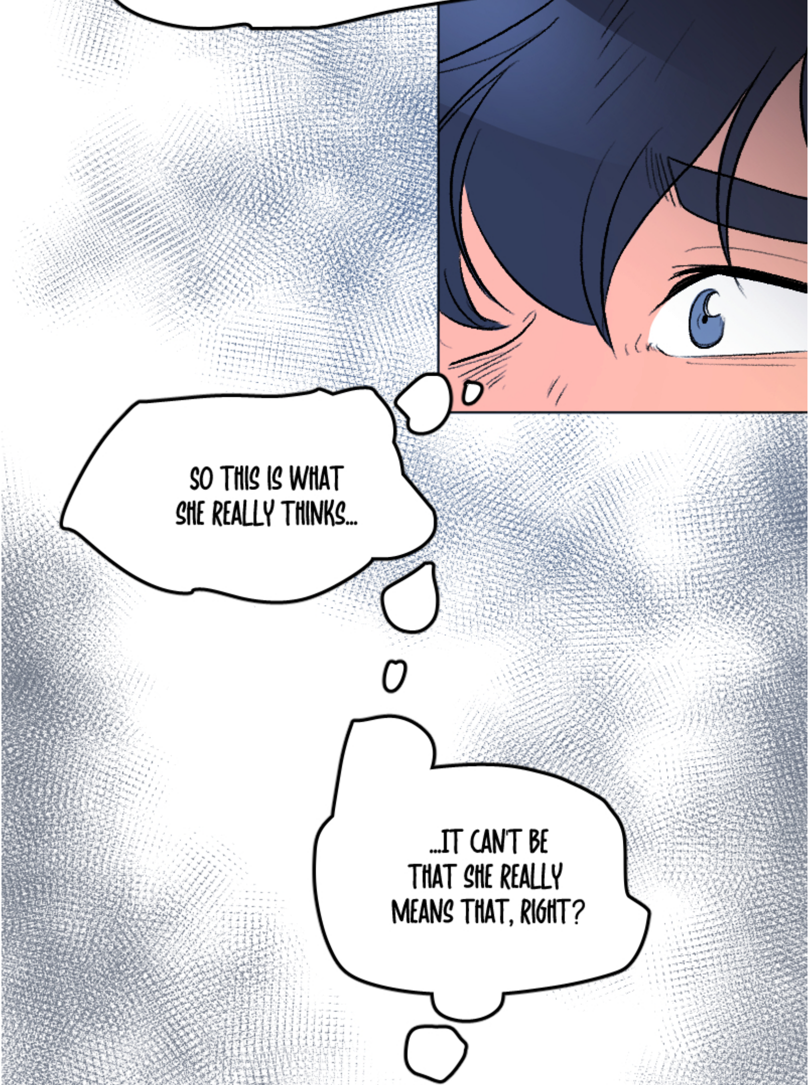
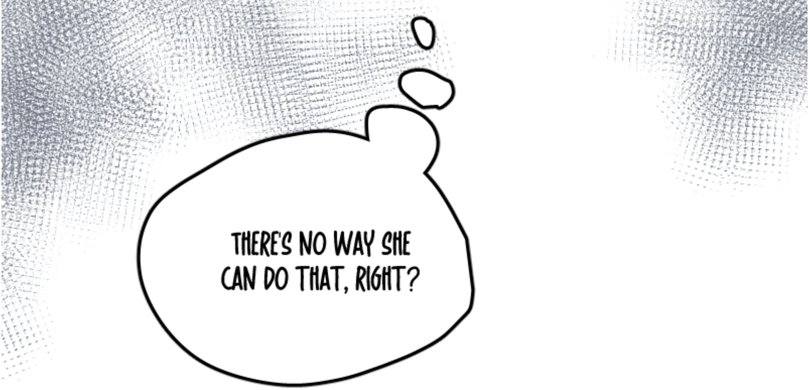
BUT DO NOT WORRY...
ONCE I LEAVE FOR COLLEGE YOU CAN PRETEND I DON'T EXIST


LEO...
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO...


W...WHAT
NOT SO SOON.
YOU'RE... OUTSIDE OF YOURSELF, THIS IS NOT YOU
YELLING AT ME...
AND THE PHOTO?
I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE KIND OF THINGS YOU COULD DO WHILE AWAY FROM HOME...
I THINK YOU SHOULD STAY HOME FOR A WHILE...


SO THIS IS WHAT SHE REALLY THINKS...
...IT CAN'T BE THAT SHE REALLY MEANS THAT, RIGHT?


THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?