

YOU HAVE
A PLACE TO GO.
GO BACK
HOME.

HOME?
WHAT MAKES YOU
THINK I HAVE A HOME
IN THE FIRST PLACE?

BECAUSE I KNOW
YOU HAD A FIGHT
WITH YOUR PARENTS
AND RAN AWAY
FROM HOME.



IS THAT WHAT
NAORU TOLD
YOU?



YES.
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE
WARNED ME THAT YOU
WERE STILL IN SCHOOL
BEFORE WE...

WOULD
THAT HAVE
STOPPED YOU?



...

I SKIPPED A YEAR.
I'M NINETEEN.



WHATEVER.

GO HOME, KEI.
YOUR PARENTS
ARE WAITING FOR YOU.
FORGET WHAT HAPPENED
HERE AND LIVE YOUR
NORMAL LIFE.

AND WHAT
DO YOU THINK MY
"NORMAL LIFE"
IS?

TAP

I HAVE NO IDEA,
BUT CLEARLY
NOT LIKE THIS ONE.

A hand is shown dropping a lit cigarette into a glass ashtray on a table. The cigarette is lit, with smoke rising from it. The ashtray is on a light blue surface. In the background, there is a window with a grid pattern. A large speech bubble is positioned above the hand, containing the text: "IF YOU STILL WANT NAORU THAT BADLY, LOOK ELSEWHERE."

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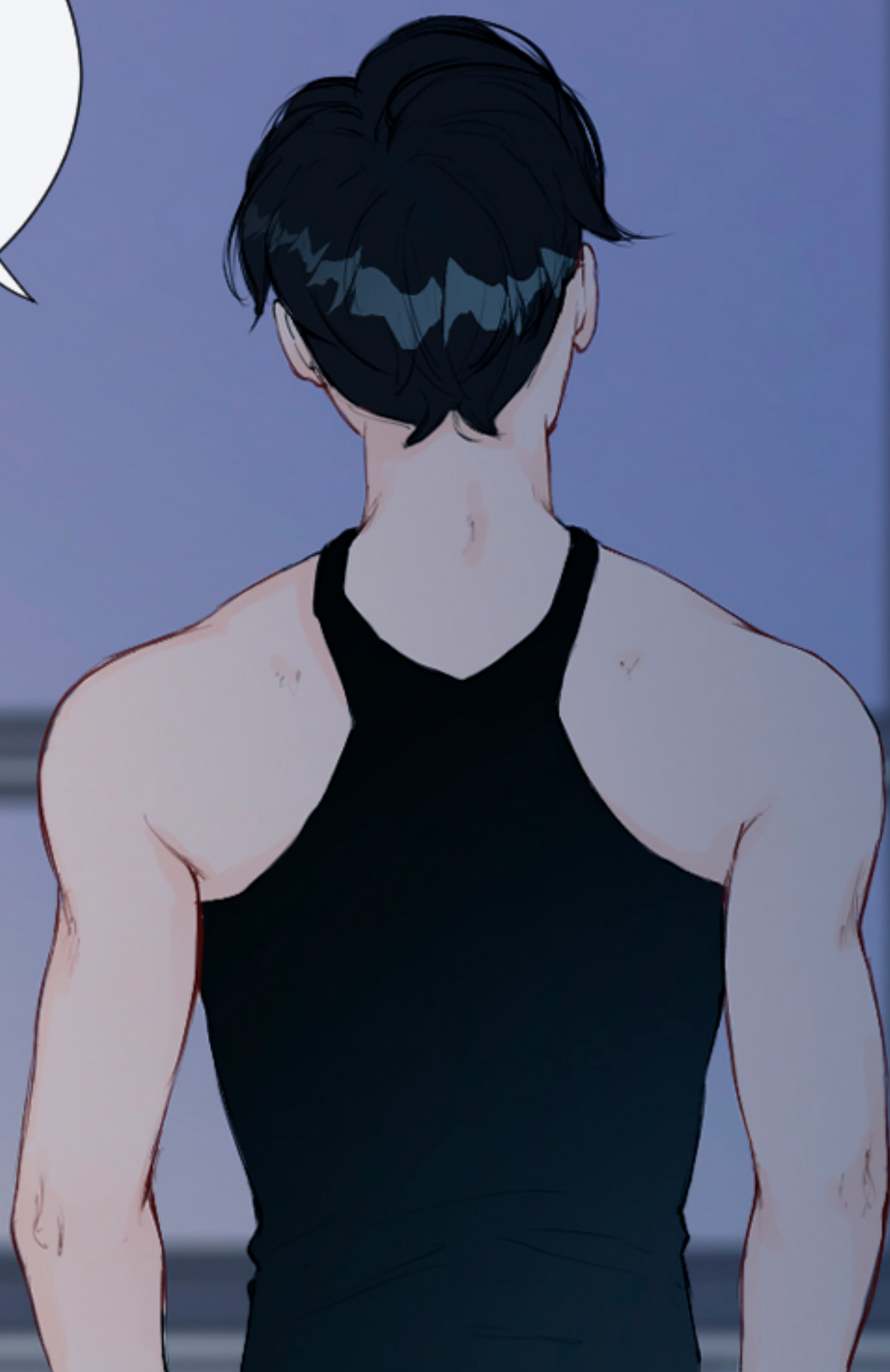
I DON'T KNOW
OF ANY OTHER
PLACE HE
COULD BE.

I'M SORRY.
BUT THAT
DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
NAORU DOESN'T COME
HERE ANYMORE.

A person with short, dark hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. They are wearing a dark purple shirt. A speech bubble is positioned to their right, containing text. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

AND IF HE DID,
WOULD YOU TELL
ME?

I HAVE NO REASON
TO KEEP IT
FROM YOU.



THOUGH
I DON'T FUCKING
UNDERSTAND WHY
YOU ARE SO DESPERATE
FOR HIM.



IF YOU TELL THEM WE'RE BROTHERS,
I'LL FORGET YOU EVER EXISTED.

WE ARE NO ONE TO EACH OTHER.



GOT IT?
WE JUST ACQUAINTANCES,
THAT'S ALL.





I FOUND HIS
LIGHTER.

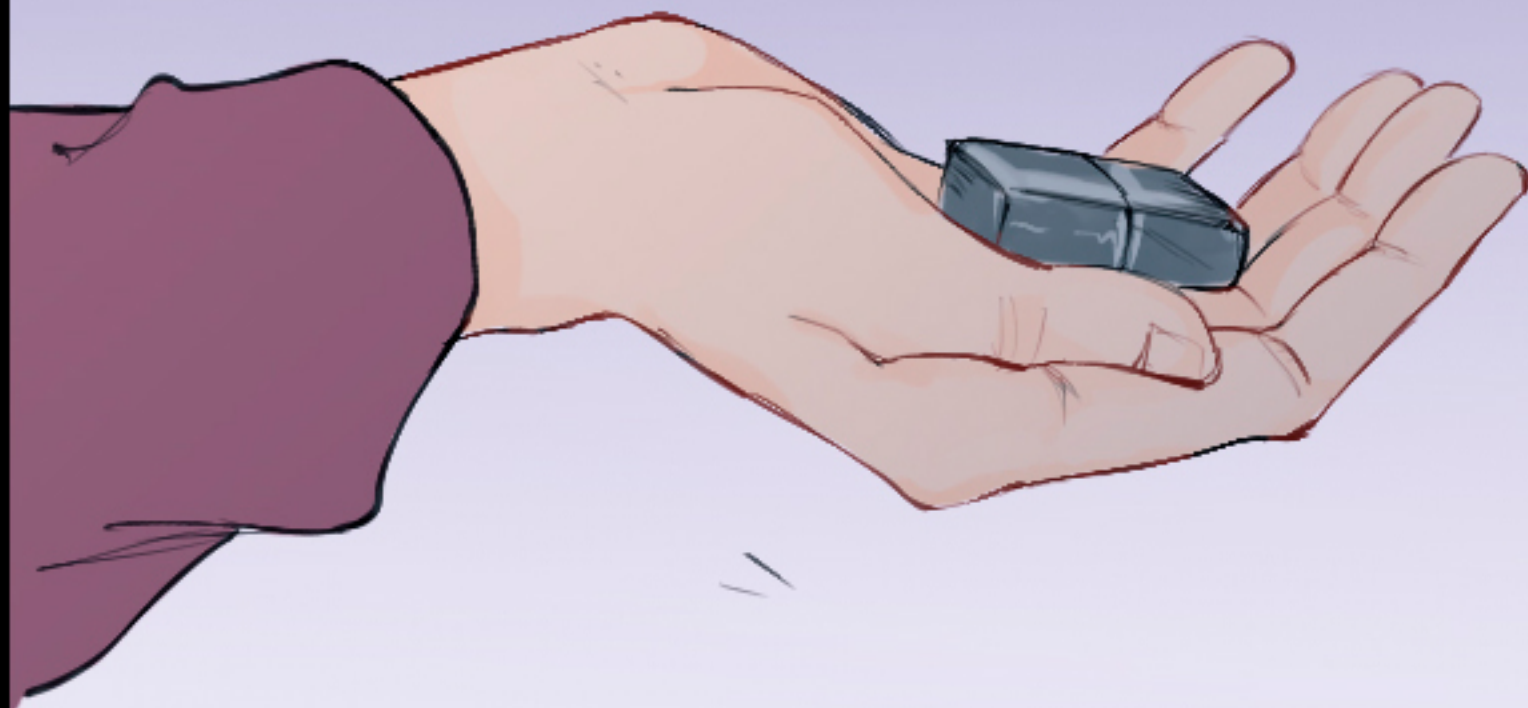
WHAT?

TAP

NAORU'S
OLD LIGHTER.



I FOUND IT
IN THE BATHROOM
LONG AFTER HE
MOVED OUT.



I BELIEVE KOUTA IS
HIDING FROM ME
THAT NAORU SOMETIMES
COMES HERE.

KEI, THAT'S ENOUGH.
IT DOESN'T MATTER
WHETHER NAORU
COMES HERE OR NOT.
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT
HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE
YOU OR TALK TO YOU
ANYMORE.

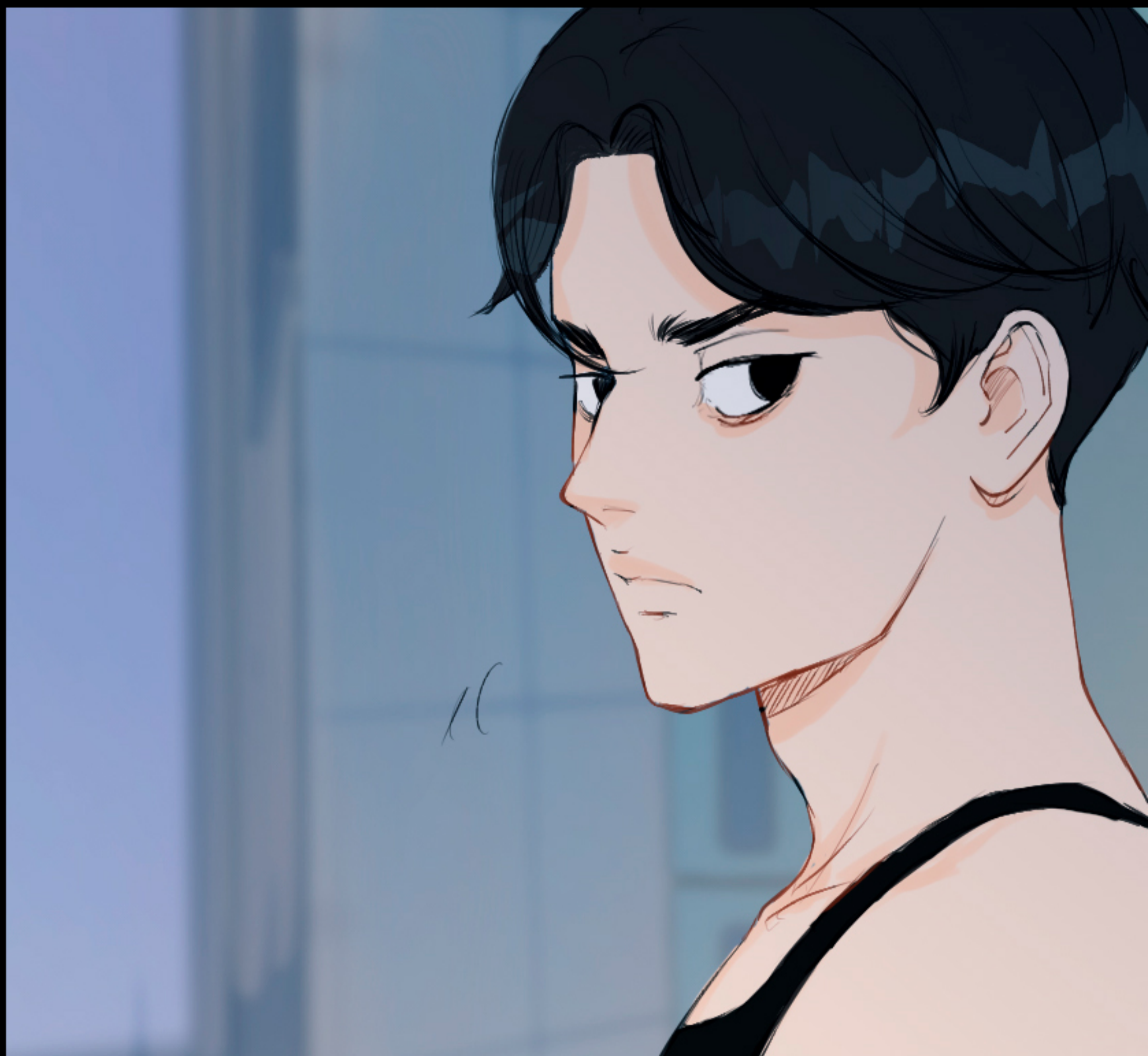


SO STOP CLINGING
TO HIM.
NAORU WON'T COME
BACK HERE.



HE WILL!

NAORU
WILL COME BACK,
AND I'LL WAIT
FOR HIM AS LONG
AS IT TAKES.





YOU KNOW,
I'M SICK OF IT.

IF YOU WANT
TO WAIT FOR HIM
LIKE A FAITHFUL DOG,
THAT'S YOUR CALL.



TAP



TAP

WAIT AS LONG AS YOU
FUCKING WANT,
BUT NOT UNDER MY
APARTMENT DOOR.

YOU CAN STAY
TONIGHT,
BUT GET
THE HELL OUT
IN THE MORNING.



WHAT ABOUT KOUTA?
SHE'S ALSO WAITING
FOR NAORU.

ARE YOU GOING
TO KICK HER OUT
FOR THAT TOO?



