

WARNING: BLOOD, SELF HARM

NOTE: THIS MIGHT BE AN UPSETTING CHAPTER.

Ewww, look at those claws!

My mom told me he's a half demon.

He's cursed! We shouldn't go near him.

Do you think demons feel pain?

He might eat us.

I - I'm not a demon! Wait! I just want to play with you guys--

Ahhh he's coming closer!

Go away!

Liar! You're a demon! You killed your own mom!

Wh-what? No I didn't!

His father left before he was even born. He was a demon after all. No surprises. Heartless beasts.

His mother, did you know... was *clawed* to death... when he was *being born*...! How horrible!

I don't know why the Wen family still keeps him. I would have killed such a cursed creature the moment I saw it.

What a selfish family, endangering our village.

Demons eat human flesh...



They terrorize people for entertainment!



The world's nightmares are their creation.

And we're expected to live with one?



Am I... am I going to be like that, some day? I'm... I'm scared. I don't want to hurt anybody.



Wild pears!!!



There are so many here!



Grandma loves these!
Maybe - maybe I can make
her a little bit happy.



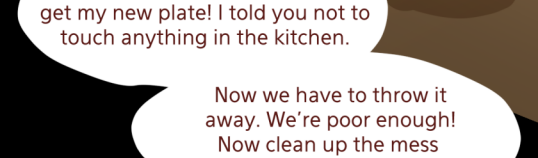
Grandma, Grandma! Look
what I found! I picked these
for you--



Honglin! You foolish
child, how many times
have I told you?



Did you touch the food with your
hands? Did you go into the
kitchen?



Why, oh why did you have to
get my new plate! I told you not to
touch anything in the kitchen.



Now we have to throw it
away. We're poor enough!
Now clean up the mess
you've made.



You cursed child.



Shen-jie, do you think I'm a curse?

My hands and feet... they do the same thing as everyone else...

...they just look different.

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I don't know, Honglin. But...

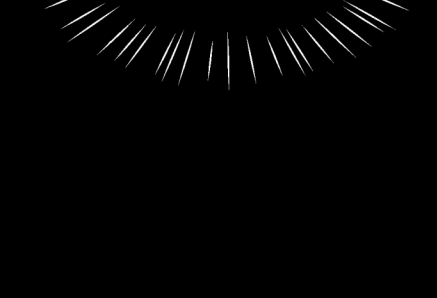
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Again!

Again!

Again....!

All... these... ugly... scales!!!
You can do it, Honglin!
Just... just a bit more...



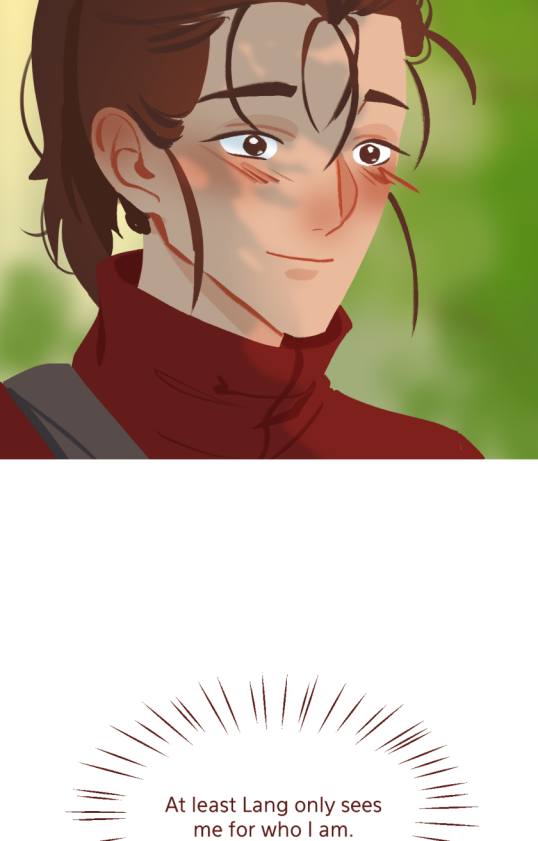
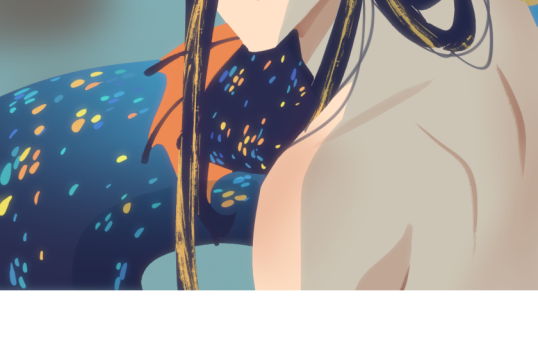
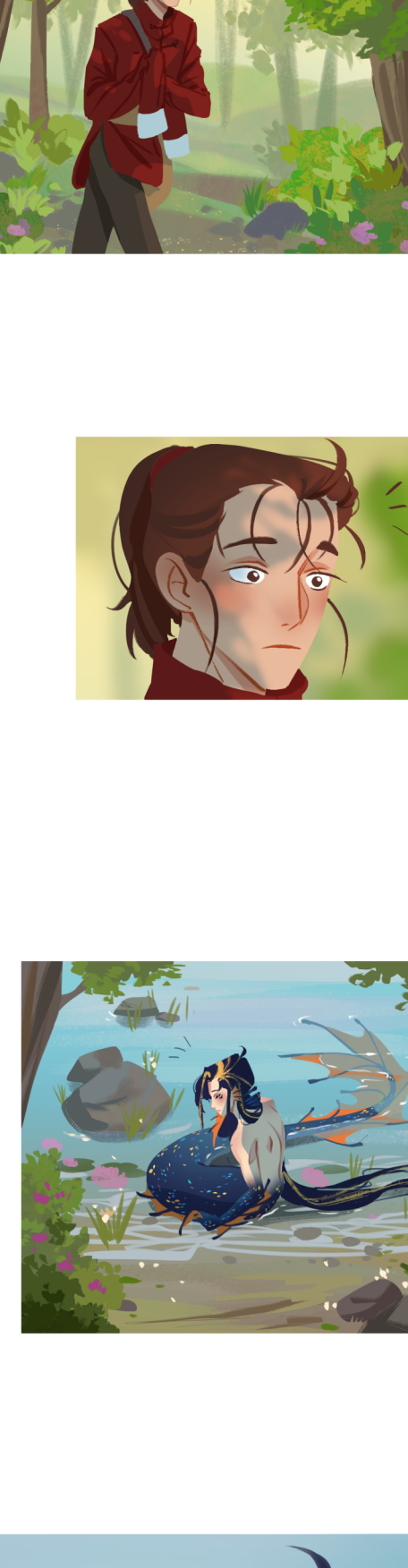
It hurts. I'm too afraid
to cut them off.

Am I being a
coward?



Mom... dad...
why did you both have
to leave?

I just want to be
wanted. For all that
I am.



At least Lang only sees
me for who I am.

BONUS

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But!



We... we would never have become friends.



...Honglin?

