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China's most prestigious university has seen technological innovators, pioneers of modern science, and champions from the Omnic Crisis alike pass through its gates. Wuyang Ye's family has a storied legacy at the university, but when Wuyang is accepted into a different path of study than what his family has traditionally pursued, he faces an uphill battle to prove that his way is just as worthy.

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CENTURIES AGO, A WISE FAMILY DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO UNDERSTANDING THE *WUXING PHILOSOPHY*.

AFTER STUDYING THE *FIVE PHASES*--FIRE, WATER, METAL, WOOD, AND EARTH--THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR WORLD...



...THEY FOUNDED *WUXING UNIVERSITY*, WHERE TRADITIONAL WISDOM WOULD PIONEER NEW SCIENCE.

THE SCHOOL IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE COLLEGES, EACH WITH A UNIQUE CURRICULUM.



FIRE COLLEGE
MARTIAL ARTS,
DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

EARTH COLLEGE
AGRICULTURE,
SUSTAINABILITY

WOOD COLLEGE
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING

METAL COLLEGE
ROBOTICS, TECHNOLOGY

WATER COLLEGE
TRADITIONAL MEDICINE,
MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS

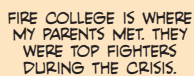


DURING THE OMNIC CRISIS, A TASK FORCE OF FIRE COLLEGE ALUMNI BEAT BACK ANUBIS'S FORCES.

SINCE THEN, THE COLLEGE'S PRESTIGE HAS SKYROCKETED.

ONLY THE BEST OF THE BEST ARE ADMITTED.





FIRE COLLEGE IS WHERE MY PARENTS MET. THEY WERE TOP FIGHTERS DURING THE CRISIS.



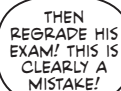
AND MY OLDER SISTER, ANRAN? SHE'S BEEN FIRE'S STAR STUDENT SINCE HER FIRST YEAR.




I WAS SO INSPIRED TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.



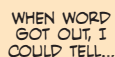
BUT WHEN I APPLIED...



THEN REGRADE HIS EXAM! THIS IS CLEARLY A MISTAKE!




I ONLY SCORED HIGH ENOUGH TO ATTEND WATER COLLEGE.



WHEN WORD GOT OUT, I COULD TELL...



WATER COLLEGE? BUT THAT BREAKS THE FAMILY STREAK!



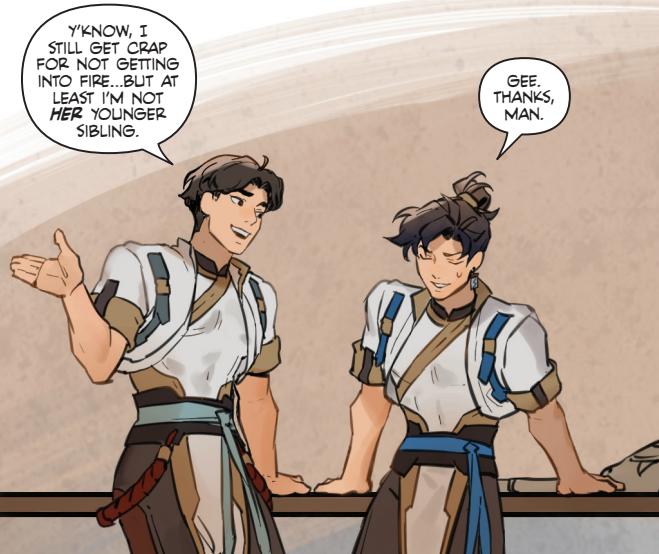
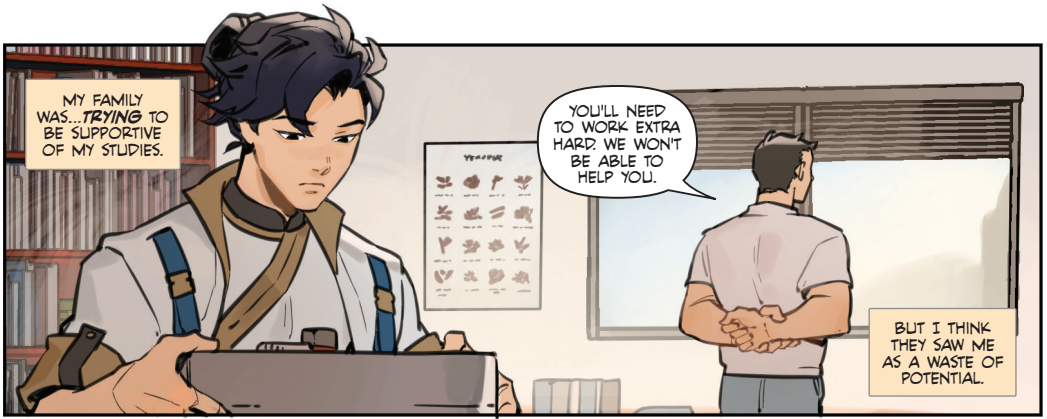
IT WAS... UNEXPECTED FOR US TOO.

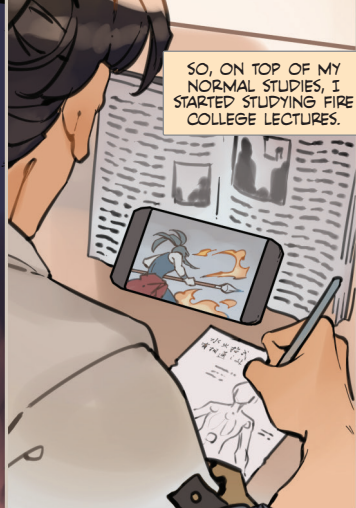


THANK GOODNESS OUR MING GOT INTO METAL...

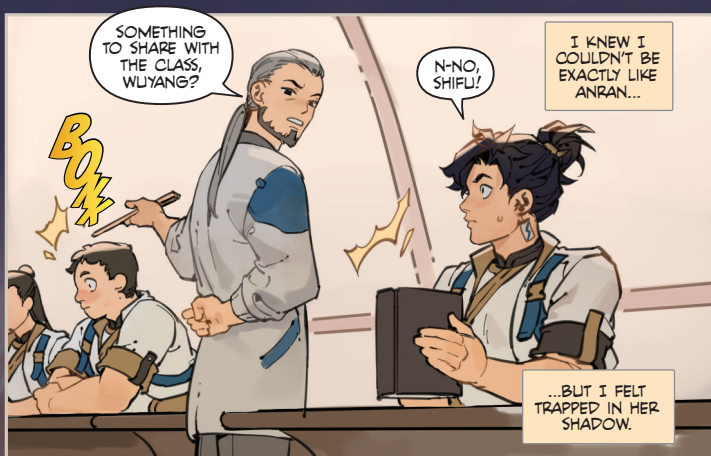


...I'D DISAPPOINTED EVERYONE.





SO, ON TOP OF MY NORMAL STUDIES, I STARTED STUDYING FIRE COLLEGE LECTURES.



SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS, WUYANG?

N-NO, SHIFU!

I KNEW I COULDN'T BE EXACTLY LIKE ANRAN...

...BUT I FELT TRAPPED IN HER SHADOW.



WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO STAND WITH HER, IN THE LIGHT?



Woop Woop Woop

ATTENTION STUDENTS. NULL SECTOR ATTACKS REPORTED IN CHENGDU.

PLEASE REPORT TO THE TRANSPORT BAY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.



THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. WUXING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO SUPPORT EVACUATION EFFORTS UNTIL OFFICIAL FORCES ARRIVE...

ANRAN, I'M COMING WITH YOU.

NO. DON'T LEAVE THE MED BAY.

YOU'LL BE SAFE IF YOU JUST KEEP AWAY FROM THE FRONT LINES.



BUT YOU'LL NEED HELP, AND I--

I SAID NO! I CAN'T PROTECT YOU IF YOU GET IN MY WAY!



GET IN YOUR WAY?

HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT?

AFTER ALL THIS TIME WE'VE TRAINED TOGETHER... YOU DON'T TRUST ME?



I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE--

IF I NEEDED SOMEONE TO TELL ME I'LL MESS EVERYTHING UP, I'D JUST CALL MOM AND DAD.

I DIDN'T NEED TO HEAR IT FROM YOU.

ALL COLLEGES, TO YOUR POSTS.



WUYANG...!

FIRE STUDENTS, PREPARE TO DEPLOY.



WHAT WAS I
THINKING, PICKING
A FIGHT AT A TIME
LIKE THIS?

FSHHHHH

WE'RE
FAMILY.

ANRAN!

WE'RE SUPPOSED
TO PROTECT
EACH OTHER.

WUYANG...?

YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE HERE!

HEY,
TINHEADS!

GET
AWAY...

...FROM MY
SISTER!!!

FSHHHHHHH





PHEW!

YOU
OKAY,
SIS?



YOU IDIOT!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?!

I HAD
EVERYTHING
UNDER
CONTROL!

OW! YEAH,
CLEARLY...



ACK!
WHA--

WUYANG,
I'M SO
SORRY...

I NEVER
SHOULD HAVE
SAID--



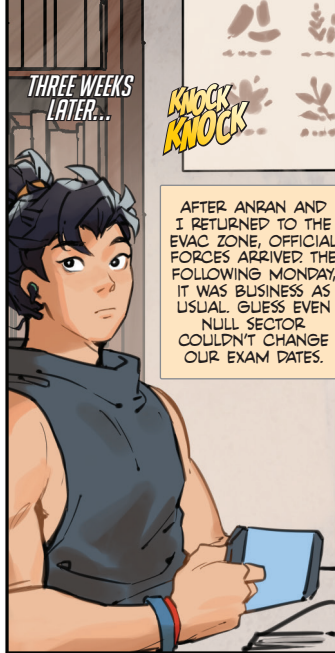
YOU CAN
MAKE IT
UP TO ME
LATER.

LET'S
JUST GET
OUT OF
HERE.



DON'T GET
IN MY WAY,
THOUGH.

OH,
SHUT
UP!



THREE WEEKS LATER...

KNOCK KNOCK

AFTER ANRAN AND I RETURNED TO THE EVAC ZONE, OFFICIAL FORCES ARRIVED. THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, IT WAS BUSINESS AS USUAL. GUESS EVEN NULL SECTOR COULDN'T CHANGE OUR EXAM DATES.



I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT MY PARENTS WOULD SAY, SO I DIDN'T TELL THEM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH ANRAN.

WHY AREN'T YOU STUDYING, WUYANG? HERE. I PEELED YOU SOME ORANGES.

I'M JUST TAKING A BREAK...WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?



DAD BOUGHT US ALL MATCHING HATS. THIS ONE'S YOURS!

SOMEHOW, THEY FOUND OUT ANYWAY.

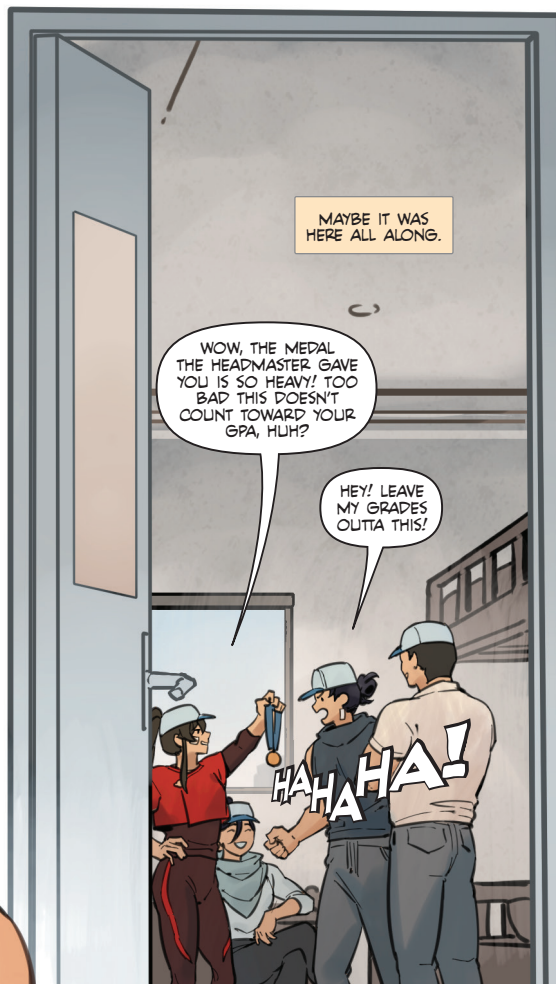
I THINK I KNOW WHO'S TO BLAME.



WHEN I CAME TO WATER COLLEGE, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER FIND MY PLACE.

KEEP WORKING HARD, SON.

BUT AFTER EVERYTHING, I'M STARTING TO REALIZE...



MAYBE IT WAS HERE ALL ALONG.

WOW, THE MEDAL THE HEADMASTER GAVE YOU IS SO HEAVY! TOO BAD THIS DOESN'T COUNT TOWARD YOUR GPA, HUH?

HEY! LEAVE MY GRADES OUTTA THIS!

HAHAHA!