

AFTER A WHILE...

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT!

MMM! THIS IS ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS!

UHM... MY. MY SISTER, EMMMA, YEAH, TAUGHT ME.

YOU HAVE REAL TALENT IN THE KITCHEN. I WONDER WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO COOK LIKE THIS?

OH, EMMA... SHE MUST BE A REALLY GOOD COOK. HER BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP... RIGHT...?



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CLARA TOLD ME EVERYTHING  
ABOUT YOU AND EMMA...

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I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW HARD  
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LEAVING YOUR PARENTS BECAUSE OF THEIR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR MUST HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT.

CLARA ALSO TOLD ME THAT SHE PROMISED YOU SOME CASH TIP IF YOU BEHAVE WELL HERE.

AND NOW, WITH YOUR SISTER WORKING IN ANOTHER CITY TO SUPPORT YOU SO YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION, IT'S A LOT FOR BOTH OF YOU TO HANDLE IN THIS YOUNG AGE.

HAHA~ IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE DOING THIS SO YOU CAN BUY A GIFT FOR YOUR SISTER ON HER BIRTHDAY. DON'T WORRY, I'LL TELL CLARA THAT YOU'VE HELPED ME ALOT.

OH, SO THAT'S  
WHAT SHE TOLD HER.

HAHA~ IT'S OKAY... BY THE WAY,  
IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, WHAT ARE  
YOU PLANNING TO GIFT YOUR SISTER?

WHAT? A RING?

TH~THANK YOU MRS. MILLER...

I... I AM PLANNING  
TO GIFT HER A RI--

SHIT! WHO GIFTS A RING TO  
THEIR SISTER... IF I SAY 'RING', IT'LL MIGHT  
SOUND STRANGE TO HER..

NO, NOT A RING...  
I MEAN UM... ER... EARRING.. YEAH...  
A PAIR OF EARRINGS. SHE...  
SHE LOVES JEWELRY.



ME? UMM, NO...  
I MEAN.. YES, I DO LIKE  
EARRINGS TOO.

OH, UM, IT JUST...  
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEM  
PIERCED YET.

THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL,  
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, DEAR...  
DON'T YOU LIKE EARRINGS?

REALLY... BUT I JUST NOTICED  
THAT YOUR EARS AREN'T PIERCED...

HAHA, THAT'S INTERESTING.  
ALRIGHT LET'S QUICKLY FINISH DINNER  
AND HEAD TO BED. YOU HAVE SCHOOL  
TOMORROW, RIGHT? DON'T WORRY,  
I'LL DROP YOU.

LATER AT NIGHT...

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**BZZZZ...**



ARGH... I CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE OF THIS PHONE.

JUST STOP BUZZING ALREADY!

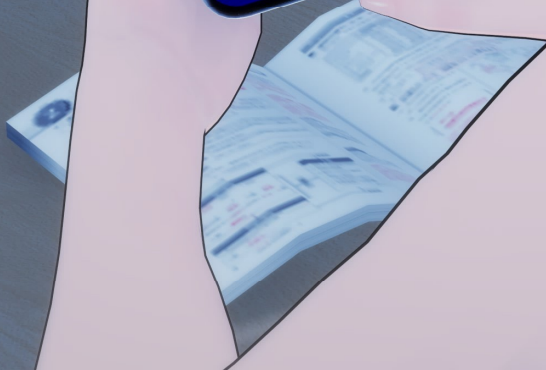
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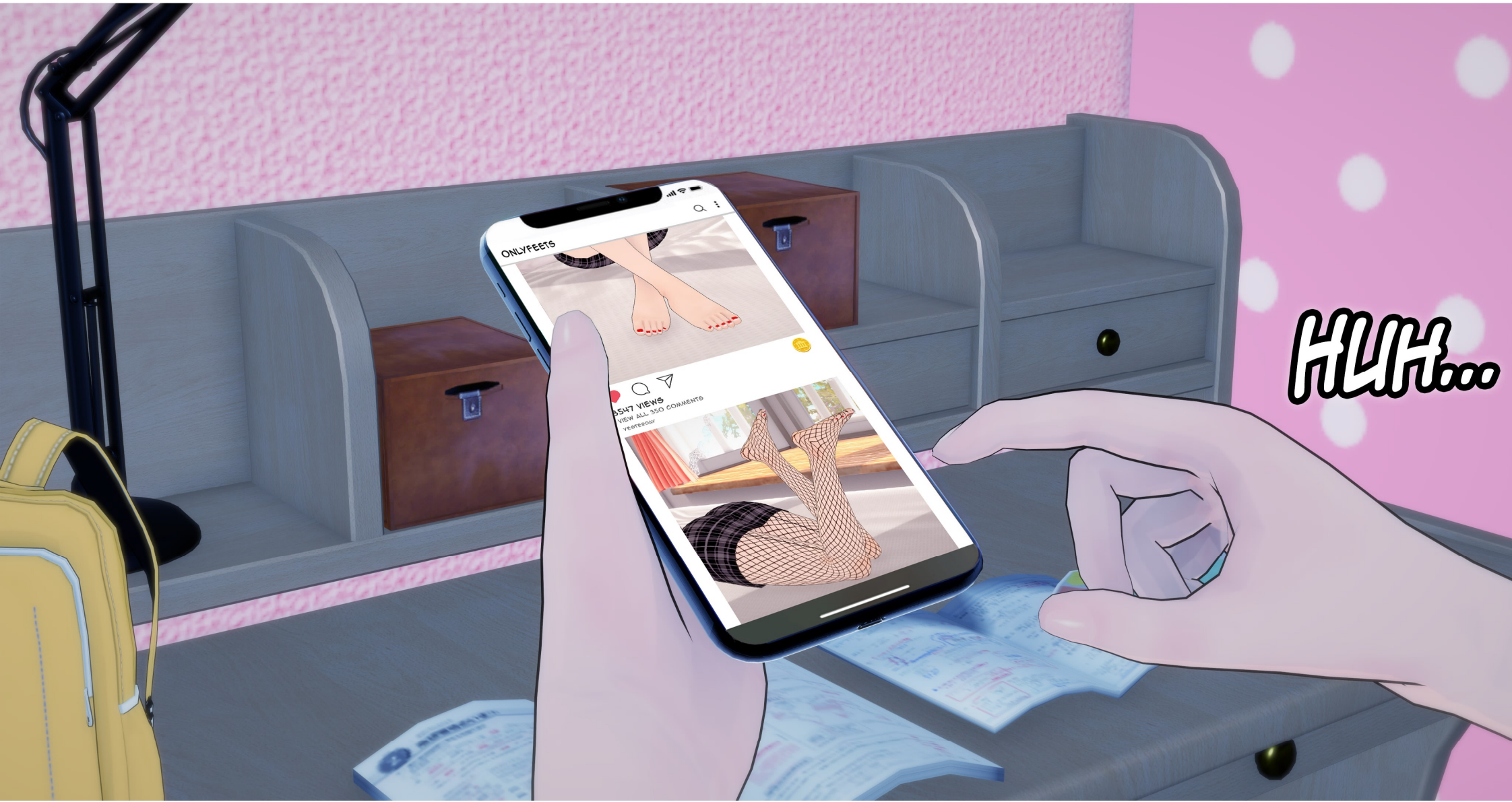
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*UGH, SO ANNOYING...  
I'LL JUST PUT THIS PHONE  
ON SILENT.*

AGAIN THESE TOKEN TIPS NOTIFICATIONS... HMM~ LET'S SEE WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.





HUH...

*ONLYFEETS...?  
WAIT... SHE SELLS HER FEET  
PICS ON THIS PLATFORM.*

*SO SHE GETS THESE  
TOKENS IN RETURN FOR THOSE PICS...  
HOW MUCH THOSE TOKENS ARE  
ACTUALLY WORTH...*

*WHAT... SHE IS MAKING  
THAT MUCH MONEY BY JUST  
SELLING HER FEET PICS...*

AH... WHAT AM I DOING...  
THAT GIRL HELPED ME EARLIER...  
IF SHE FIGURES OUT I SAW ALL  
THIS ON HER PHONE, SHE'LL BE  
REALLY EMBARRASSED.

YAWN

PLUS, THIS IS NONE OF MY  
BUSINESS. HMM.. IT'S GETTING LATE,  
I SHOULD GO TO BED NOW.



NEXT DAY...

COME ON, MIA!  
WHY CAN'T YOU COME?

I'M SORRY...  
I REALLY CAN'T...



A comic panel showing three anime-style girls in school uniforms (blue jackets, red skirts, and red bows) walking in a hallway. The girl on the left has black hair and a serious expression. The girl in the middle has long black hair and is looking towards the girl on the right. The girl on the right has long reddish-brown hair and a bored expression. The hallway has large windows on the right side, letting in bright light. The floor is green with yellow stripes.

*YOU KNOW I'M STAYING WITH MY SISTER'S FRIEND HERE, AND THIS WEEKEND I PROMISED HER THAT WE'D GO VISIT HER AUNT.*

*I WISH I COULD... ACTUALLY HER AUNT LIVES ALONE, SO SHE REALLY NEEDS ME THERE. AND YOU KNOW, IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT TO REFUSE HER AT THE LAST MOMENT.*

*YEAH! CAN'T YOU SKIP IT JUST THIS ONCE?*

*HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT TRY TO SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE PARTY. WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER!*

*SERIOUSLY? THAT SOUNDS SO BORING!*

*PHEW, HOPEFULLY THEY WON'T PRESS FURTHER. I'M NOT REALLY KEEN ON GOING TO THESE KIDS' PARTY. OH WAIT, I ALMOST FORGOT. I STILL HAVE TESSA'S PHONE. I NEED TO GIVE IT BACK TO HER.*

*AH, ALICE! I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO... YOU GUYS GO AHEAD, I'LL MEET YOU IN THE CANTEEN.*

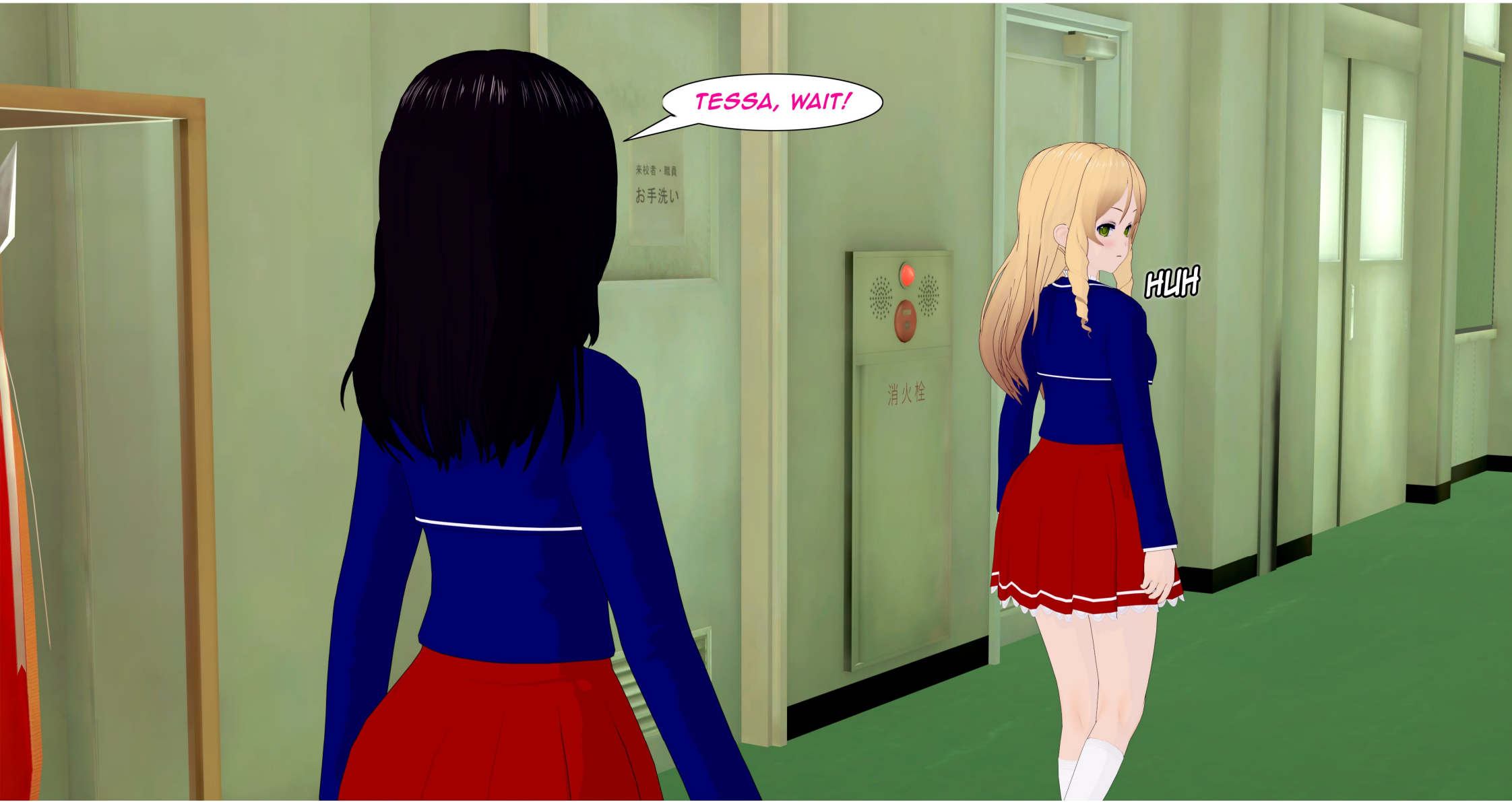
*SURE, I'LL TRY MY BEST TO MAKE IT IF I CAN.*

*GOOD~ LET'S GO TO THE CANTEEN NOW! MMM~ I'M CRAVING SOME FRIES.*



SURE, TAKE YOUR TIME.  
WE'LL SAVE YOU A SEAT.

OH, THERE SHE IS!  
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO  
SEARCH FOR HER.



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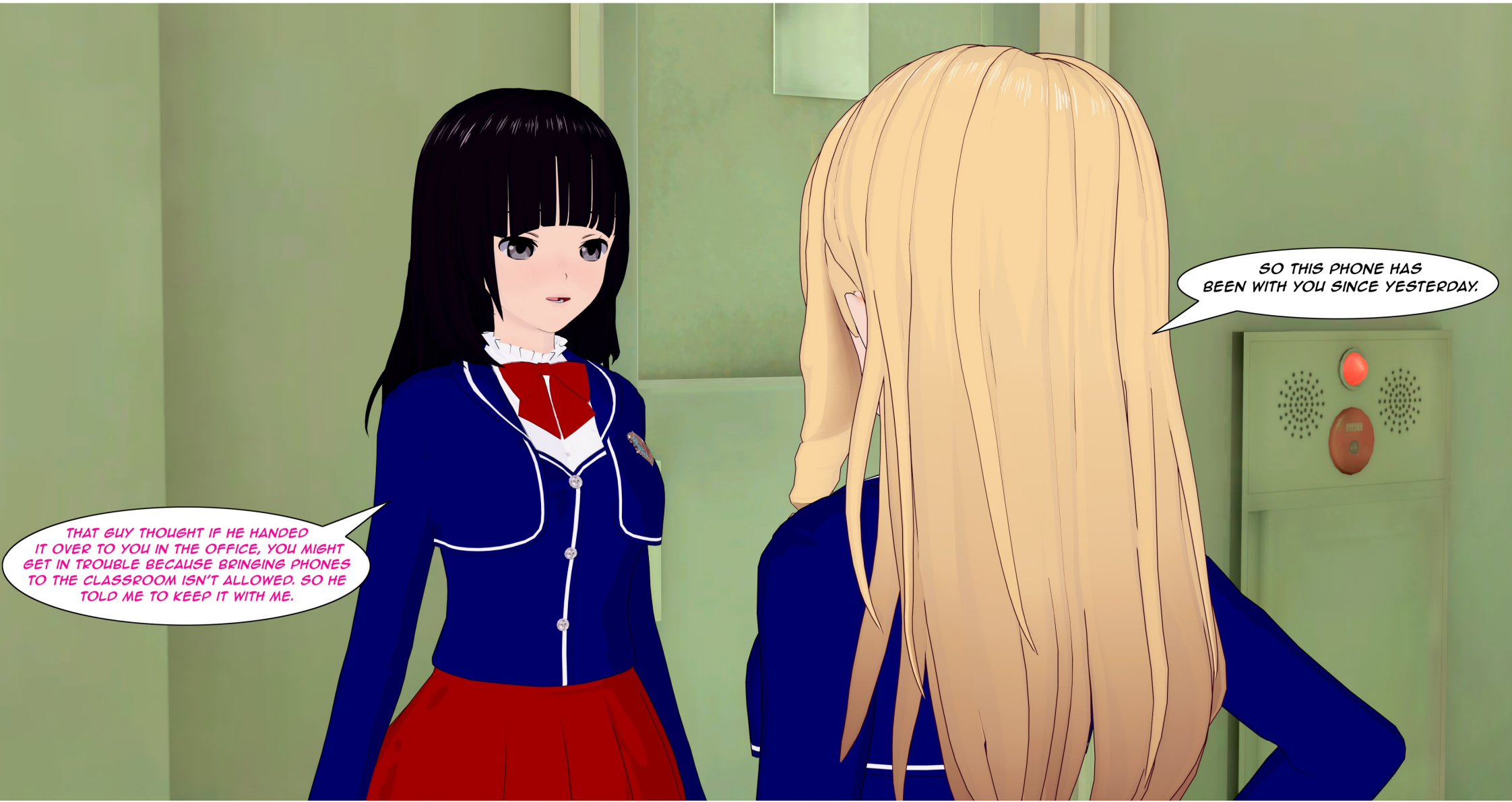


HERE YOUR PHONE!

THAT OTHER GUY FROM THAT DAY...  
AHH, I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME, HE IS YOUR  
CLASSMATE I GUESS. HE FOUND THIS IN  
YOUR CLASS YESTERDAY. HE THOUGHT  
I WAS REALLY YOUR FRIEND, SO HE  
GAVE IT TO ME.

HUH! HOW DID YOU GET IT?

HMM~ MUST BE DYLAN...



THAT GUY THOUGHT IF HE HANDED IT OVER TO YOU IN THE OFFICE, YOU MIGHT GET IN TROUBLE BECAUSE BRINGING PHONES TO THE CLASSROOM ISN'T ALLOWED. SO HE TOLD ME TO KEEP IT WITH ME.

SO THIS PHONE HAS BEEN WITH YOU SINCE YESTERDAY.



SHE MUST BE THINKING I'VE GONE THROUGH HER PHONE... UGH~ BUT WHY IS SHE STARING AT ME LIKE THAT INSTEAD OF FEELING AWKWARD...

HUH... NO, NO, WHY WOULD I LOOK INTO YOUR PHONE. YOUR PHONE HAS BEEN IN MY BAG SINCE YESTERDAY.

OH, YOUR PHONE WAS UNLOCKED... HAHA, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW.

DID YOU CHECK MY PHONE?

HMM~ ARE YOU SURE... MY PHONE WASN'T EVEN LOCKED.

HUH.. WHAT...  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...

*\*GULP\**

I... I REALLY...

Y-YES...

AWW~ LOOK AT YOU!  
STOP LYING ALREADY... I CAN TELL  
FROM YOUR FACE THAT YOU'VE  
LOOKED INTO MY PHONE...

SHHH... NOW LISTEN TO ME  
CAREFULLY... IF YOU TELL ANYONE  
ABOUT THAT, YOU'LL BE DEAD...  
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

THAT'S GOOD,  
NOW YOU CAN GO.

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ARGH! WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS... INSTEAD OF THANKING ME, SHE WAS GIVING ME THREATS...

GRRRR...

THAT BRAT... SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO SHE'S MESSING WITH. IF I WANTED TO...

THEY HAVEN'T MADE ANY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YET, BUT THERE ARE RUMORS. I SAW THIS IN AN UNOFFICIAL POST... WAIT, LET ME SHARE IT WITH YOU...

REALLY... SO, THEY'RE GOING TO COLLABORATE FOR THEIR NEXT ALBUM? WHOA, I'M SO EXCITED FOR THIS!





MIA, CHECK IT OUT,  
I'VE SHARED IT WITH YOU TOO.

AHH. I CAN'T DO SHIT...  
AND I'M THE ONE WHO'S HIDING HIS  
REAL IDENTITY HERE... IF ANYONE DISCOVERS  
WHO I REALLY AM, I'LL BE IN DEEP TROUBLE,  
SO IT'S BETTER IF I DON'T MAKE  
ENEMIES WITH ANYONE.

BZZZZ...

BZZZZ...



*YEAH, WHERE WERE YOU LOST?  
CHECK YOUR PHONE, I SHARED SOMETHING.*

*HUH, DID YOU  
SAY SOMETHING TO ME?*

UGH, THESE GIRLS NEVER STOP SHARING STUFF. ALRIGHT, LET'S SEE WHAT IT IS...  
HUH, MRS. MILLER'S MESSAGE....





WHY IS SHE  
COMING TO PICK ME UP?

UMM FASTER~

~YEAH

BZZZZ...

LINGH

AHH

BZZZZ...





YEAH

LNGH

AHH

AHH

PAT

PAT

BZZZZ...

BZZZZ...



AHH

AHH

AHH

I KNOW WHO IT MIGHT BE...  
IT'S NOT THAT IMPORTANT.

ARE YOU JUST LOOKING  
FOR AN EXCUSE TO TAKE A BREAK?  
HAHA~ YOU SEEMS TIRED...

ALRIGHT BIG BOY,  
JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE.

YOUR PHONE HAS BEEN  
RINGING FOR QUITE A WHILE...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT  
WITHOUT CHECKING... IT COULD BE  
SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME...  
I CAN STILL GO FOR ANOTHER HOUR  
WITHOUT STOPPING.

AHH

AHH

BZZZZ...

BZZZZ...

OH... HELLO CLARA!  
WHERE ARE YOU? I'VE BEEN TRYING  
TO CALL YOU FOR A WHILE.

AREN'T YOU COMING TO  
PICK ME UP TODAY? MRS. MILLER TEXTED  
ME A WHILE AGO SAYING SHE WILL COME  
TO PICK ME UP FROM SCHOOL.

LIGHTH... WHY  
ISN'T SHE ANSWERING?

AHH, SORRY.  
I'M IN AN IMPORTANT MEETING.  
WHAT HAPPENED?

YEAH, I'M STILL NOT DONE WITH  
WORK HERE, SO, I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME  
TODAY. I THOUGHT ABOUT CALLING YOU, BUT  
I ASSUMED YOU'D BE IN CLASS....

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日替わり定食  
いつでも300円  
日曜日 シーフードパスタ  
火曜日 チーズハンバーグ  
水曜日 和風定食  
木曜日 親子丼  
金曜日 お楽しみ定食

アンケート  
BOX



SO I CALLED AUNT AND ASKED IF YOU COULD STAY ONE MORE DAY AT HER PLACE. SHE AGREED AND SAID SHE WILL PICK YOU UP FROM SCHOOL TOO.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH STAYING AT AUNT'S? HOW WILL YOU GET HOME FROM SCHOOL? BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT? IT'S BETTER TO STAY AT AUNT'S. SHE'LL DROP YOU OFF AT SCHOOL AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING, LIKE TODAY.



ONE MORE DAY? CAN'T I JUST GO BACK TO YOUR HOME?

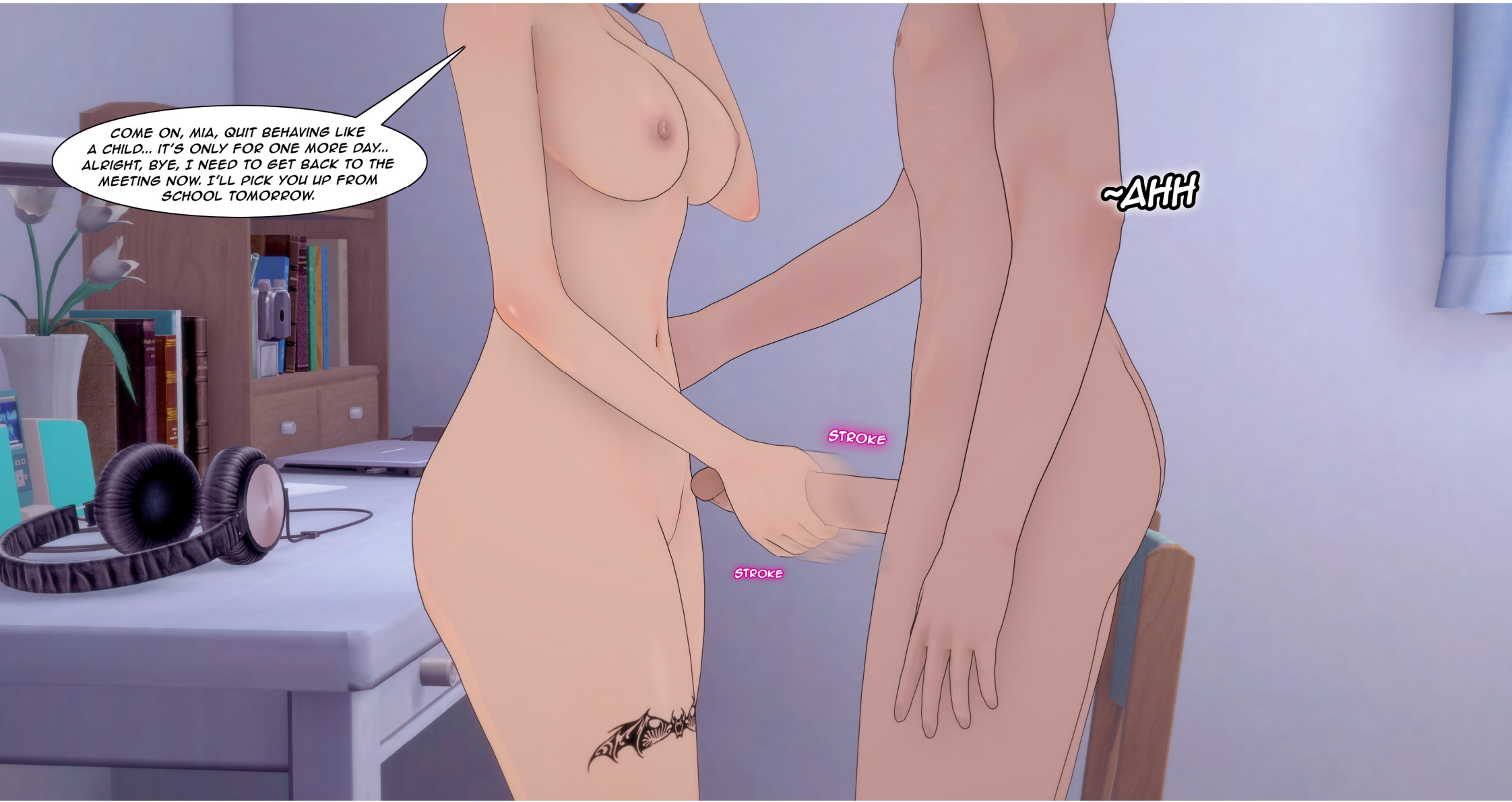
B... BUT CLARA...

COME ON, MIA, QUIT BEHAVING LIKE A CHILD... IT'S ONLY FOR ONE MORE DAY... ALRIGHT, BYE, I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE MEETING NOW. I'LL PICK YOU UP FROM SCHOOL TOMORROW.

~AHH

STROKE

STROKE



HUH... WHAT WAS THAT SOUND? IS SHE REALLY IN THE MEETING?

UGH, I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY CLOTHES. LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO WEAR THAT RIDICULOUS DRESS FOR ONE MORE DAY.

HMM~ I MUST HAVE MISHEARD SOMETHING...

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ケーキ 300円  
日替わりランチ  
いつでも300円  
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THAT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN.  
WHY DON'T YOU JUST FOCUS ON THE  
THING I CALLED YOU HERE FOR?

SO, YOU'RE AT THE  
MEETING RIGHT NOW... WHO WERE  
YOU LYING TO?

HAHA~ SURE,  
ARE YOU READY FOR ROUND TWO?

TO BE CONTINUED...