

DREAM RESORT

5.3 LAST CHAPTER

BY TETSU



YOU DID
A GREAT JOB
YESTERDAY
NIGHT.

THERE'S STILL
PLENTY TO DO, BUT YES,
IT WAS A GOOD START.



I THINK MAKING IVY THE LEADER WAS THE RIGHT CALL. SHE'S CAPABLE, CHARISMATIC, AND PRETTY WELL-KNOWN. PLUS, WITH HER IN CHARGE, I'LL HAVE MORE TIME TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING ELSE... WHICH IS A LOT.



SPEAKING OF WHICH,
IT'S 2 PM AND WE'RE STILL
WEARING OUR PJS!

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, EVA!
IT'S OKAY TO RELAX FROM TIME
TO TIME.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I NEED
TO HURRY UP... THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS
ABOUT TO START AND DREAM RESORT WILL
CLOSE DOWN BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
TODAY IS MY LAST CHANCE TO STOCK UP
ON CANDIES AND CLOTHES.

OKAY, I GET IT.
GO DO YOUR
THINGS.





WAIT, EVA... HAVE YOU NOTICED?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE STOPPED
GROWING SINCE THIS MORNING.




UNFORTUNATELY YES,
I HAVE. I WOULDN'T HAVE
MINDED A FEW MORE
CENTIMETRES.

IT'S FINE, THOUGH.
THE HOUSE IS STILL PRETTY BIG,
BUT NOT AS BIG AS IT WAS
BEFORE.







A 3D rendered scene set in a room with wood-paneled walls. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black bra and dark pants, looks towards the camera with her hand near her face. In the background, a man in a dark suit jacket is kissing a woman with long, dark, wavy hair from behind. A speech bubble is positioned above the woman in the foreground.

IT'S BEEN JUST FOUR MONTHS
AND YET IT SEEMS LIKE A LIFETIME AGO.
I WAS SO SMALL, EVEN SHORTER
THAN ADAM.

IF IT HADN'T
BEEN FOR HIM...



...I WOULD HAVE NEVER KNOWN...



...WHAT IT FEELS
LIKE TO GROW...



...TO BECOME...





...MORE.



A woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a black bikini and black boots, is sitting on a bed in a modern room with wood-paneled walls and a large window. She is looking towards the camera. A speech bubble above her head contains the text "I HAD A NICE TIME WORKING HERE,". The room features a wooden ceiling, a large window with a view of a mountain, a patterned armchair, and a glowing yellow lamp.

I HAD A NICE
TIME WORKING HERE,



BUT THE
DREAM IS OVER.



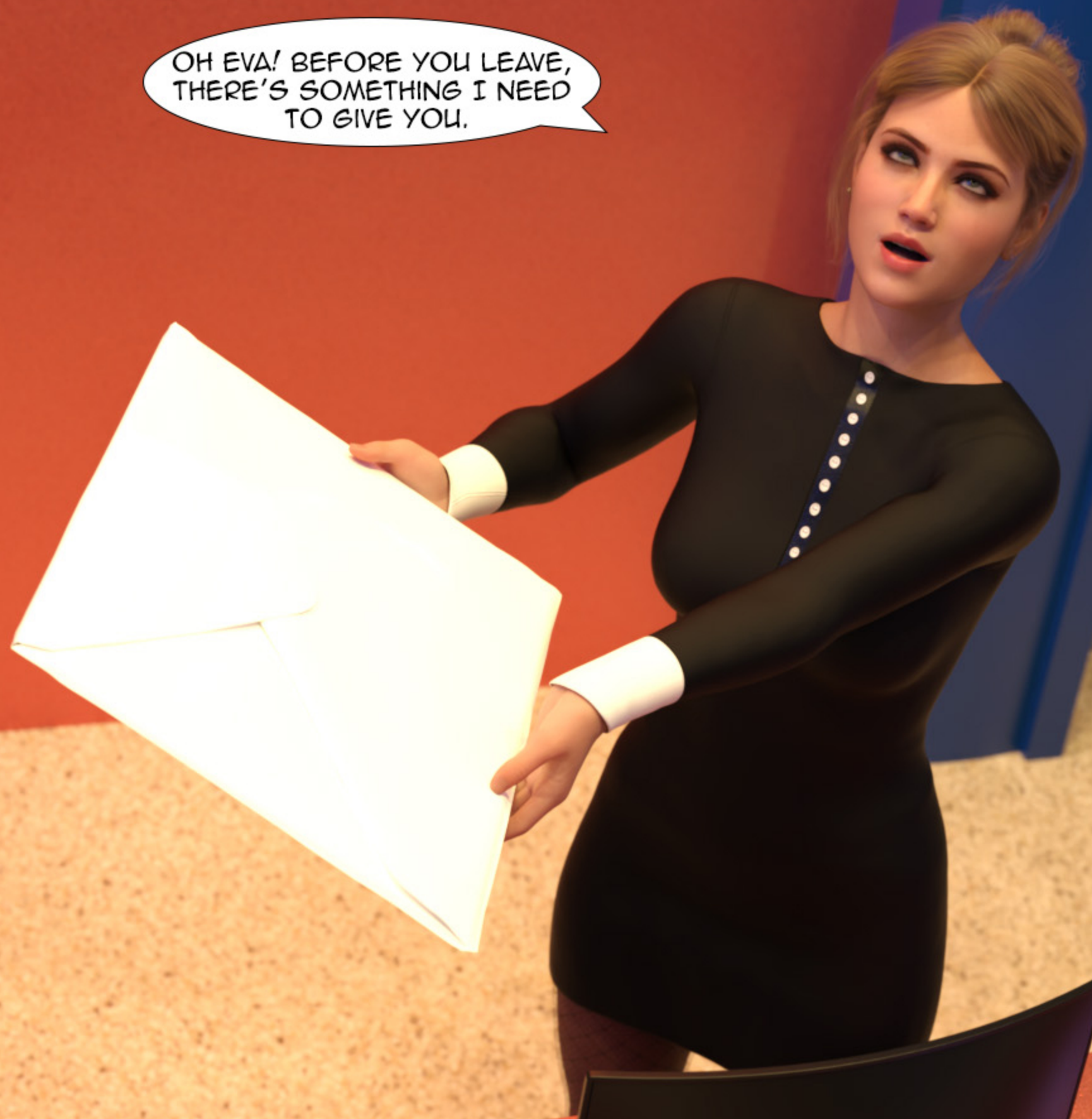
NOW IT'S TIME FOR
REALITY TO BECOME A DREAM.
MY DREAM.





DANIELLE, I'M READY.
I'VE ALREADY BROUGHT EVERYTHING
I NEED OUT BACK.

OH EVA! BEFORE YOU LEAVE,
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED
TO GIVE YOU.



A LETTER?

FROM AENEA.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

I'LL MISS YOU, EVA.

I'M SURE WE'LL MEET AGAIN.



DEAR EVA,

WE'VE ALREADY SAID GOODBYE, BUT I FELT LIKE WRITING THIS LETTER BECAUSE IT HELPED ME OUT IN MOMENTS OF DISTRESS AND I'M SURE IT'LL HELP YOU OUT, TOO.

YOU'RE HAPPY NOW, YOU'VE FOUND YOUR BALANCE. BUT DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH. YOUR LIFE WAS A LIVING HELL, AND YOU'LL CARRY THOSE SCARS WITHIN YOU UNTIL YOUR LAST BREATH.

NEVERTHELESS, YOUR WILL IS STRONG, YOU'VE GOT A GOAL TO PURSUE AND, TRUST ME, YOU'LL POUR YOUR HEART AND SOUL INTO ACHIEVING IT.

NO WOMAN WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH. NEVER AGAIN. NOWHERE. AT NO TIME. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOT THE POWER TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE. EVEN THOUGH THIS WILL COST YOU GREATLY.

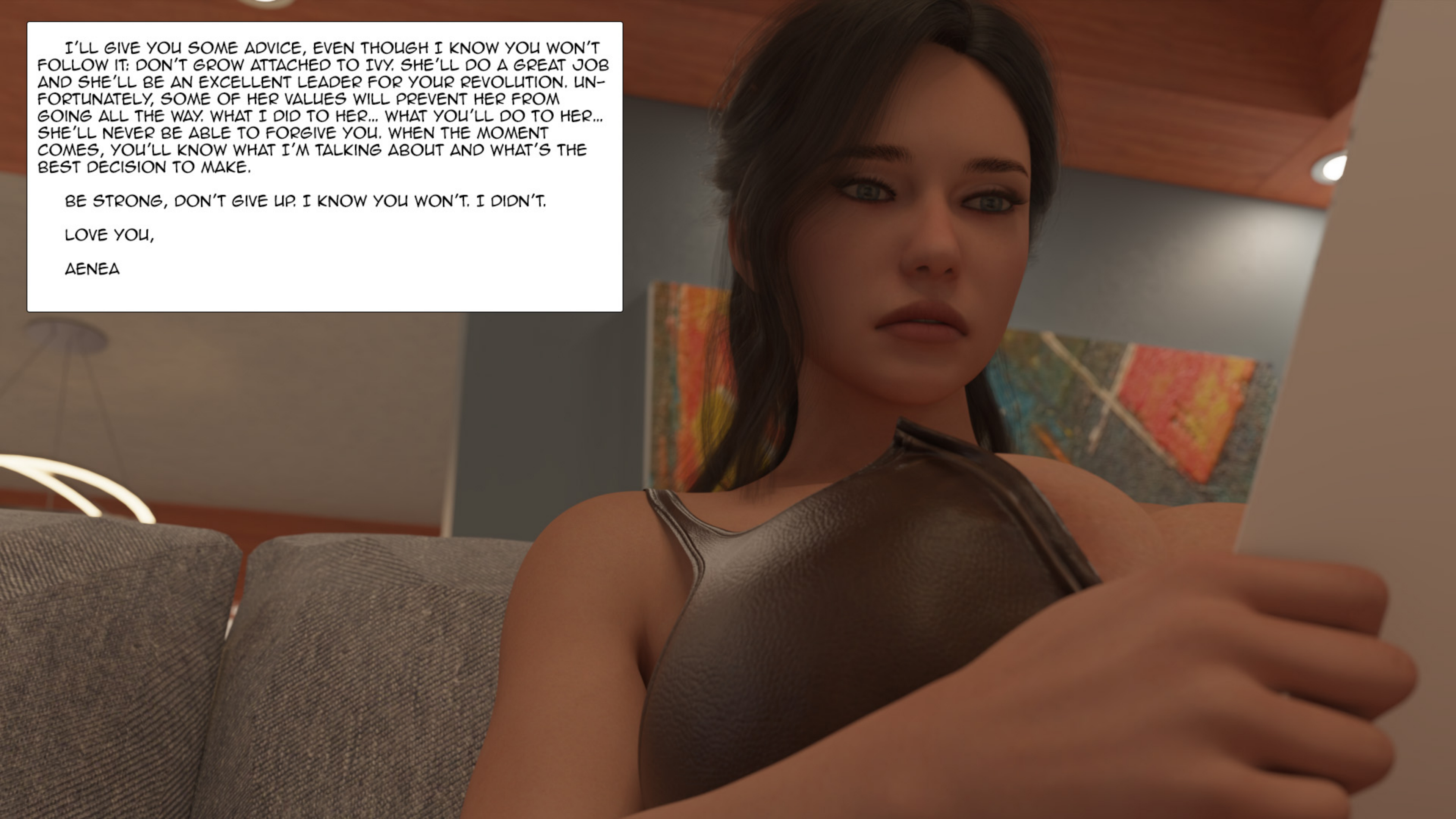


I'LL GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW YOU WON'T FOLLOW IT: DON'T GROW ATTACHED TO IVY. SHE'LL DO A GREAT JOB AND SHE'LL BE AN EXCELLENT LEADER FOR YOUR REVOLUTION. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF HER VALUES WILL PREVENT HER FROM GOING ALL THE WAY. WHAT I DID TO HER... WHAT YOU'LL DO TO HER... SHE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOU. WHEN THE MOMENT COMES, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT'S THE BEST DECISION TO MAKE.

BE STRONG, DON'T GIVE UP. I KNOW YOU WON'T. I DIDN'T.

LOVE YOU,


AENEA



PS: YOU REALLY THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE LET YOU BE SO SMALL IN SUCH A BIG HOUSE? YOU'LL GET TO PERFECT SIZE AT 8 SHARP. CALL ADAM AND ASK HIM TO FINISH THAT MASSAGE HE STARTED THIS MORNING. IT'LL BE A MEMORABLE NIGHT, I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. HAVE FUN AND, AT LEAST FOR TONIGHT, DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.


ADAAAAAM?
WHAT TIME IS IT?





ALMOST 8.
ARE YOU HUNGRY?

NO! COME FINISH
THE MASSAGE YOU STARTED
THIS MORNING.



ROUGH DAY, UH?

YEAH. BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'LL GET BETTER SOON.



LEAVE
IT TO ME.



LET ME WORK
SOME OF THIS TENSION
OUT...





UH?



WHAT'S...?























SO, DID YOU ENJOY THE SURPRISE?


IS THAT EVEN A QUESTION?

THIS IS AENEAS'S
LAST GIFT TO ME.



FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL
BE IN CHARGE OF MAKING ME
GROW EVEN BIGGER, GOT IT?



A 3D rendered scene of a woman with dark hair, wearing a black halter-neck top and denim shorts, holding a baby in her arms. She is standing in a living room with a Christmas tree decorated with lights and ornaments behind her. In the background, there is a large, colorful abstract painting on the wall and a white cabinet with three drawers. A speech bubble is positioned above her head, containing the text: "IT'S AN HONOR TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS MISSION, MY QUEEN."

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ENTRUSTED WITH THIS
MISSION, MY QUEEN.







W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

YOU MAY HAVE CHANGED ADDRESS, BUT YOU'RE STILL SO PREDICTABLE.

RUNNING FOR MAYOR, AND YOU STILL BUY FROM THE SAME OLD DRUG DEALER. WHAT WOULD PEOPLE SAY IF THEY FOUND OUT?



ARE YOU THREATENING ME?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME,
EVERYBODY WILL KNOW IT'S BEEN
YOU OR ONE OF YOUR GIANT
MONSTER FRIENDS.



CALM DOWN, I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU. I'VE JUST COME TO TELL YOU IT WON'T GO YOUR WAY. YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE GOING TO MANAGE AND TO EVENTUALLY SUCCEED. YOU MAY WIN SOME BATTLES. BUT WE ARE GOING TO WIN THE WAR.





THERE'S NO PLACE FOR
PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN THE WORLD
I'M ABOUT TO CREATE.