

House of Dreams Redux

Part 3

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HAHA... GIRLFRIEND?
NO, I DON'T HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND.

YOU DON'T
LIKE GIRLS?

MAYBE HE
HAS A
BOYFRIEND.

THAT'S COOL.
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO
HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE
LIFESTYLE.

WE'RE
VERY OPEN
MINDED.

NO, I
MEAN...

EXCUSE
ME, GIRLS...



UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, YOU BOTH HAVE A BUS TO CATCH, DON'T YOU?

YES, MRS. GIBSON.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. OFF YOU GO.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND, AND I'LL SEE YOU MONDAY.

BYE, MRS. GIBSON.

BYE, NEW KID.

SEE YA.





I SEE YOU MAKE FRIENDS
EASILY, JON. I'M MRS.
GIBSON, AND WELCOME TO MY
CLASS.

UM...
THANKS, MRS.
GIBSON.

***WHEW*... SHE
DEFINITELY DOESN'T
RECOGNIZE ME.**

**MOM TELLS ME
YOU'VE BEEN HOME
SCHOOLED UP UNTIL
NOW?**

**YES,
MA'AM.**

**I IMAGINE THIS
WILL BE QUITE
A CHANGE FOR
YOU.**

**IT SURE
WILL!**





ARE YOU GOING TO
BE TAKING THE SCHOOL
BUS?

UH HUH. IT
PICKED MY SISTER UP
RIGHT IN FRONT OF
OUR HOUSE.

VERY GOOD. OH,
AND TRY NOT TO USE SLANG
IN CLASS. IT'S NOT
PROPER GRAMMAR.

YES, MA'AM. I'LL
TRY TO REMEMBER
THAT.

YOU'LL DO FINE. NOW, I'M SURE MOM HAS YOU ALL READY FOR FIFTH GRADE...

...BUT SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HOME SCHOOLED, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE STANDARDIZED TEST.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ALARMED ABOUT, JON. IT'S JUST AN APTITUDE TEST.

I HAVE A TEST ALREADY?

OK, I GUESS THAT DOESN'T SOUND TOO BAD.



IT ISN'T. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AROUND? THERE ARE NO ASSIGNED SEATS.

I NEED TO GO OVER A FEW THINGS WITH MOM, AND THEN YOU'RE FREE TO GO.

THANKS, MRS. GIBSON.

A 3D rendered scene in a classroom. A woman with blonde hair in a tan top and jeans stands in the center. To her left, a woman with dark hair in a floral top looks at a tablet. To her right, a woman with dark hair in a floral top looks at her. In the background, a young boy in a black shirt and khaki shorts stands with his back to the camera. The room has wooden desks, red chairs, and large windows. Four speech bubbles contain text.

WHEN DOES JON
NEED TO COMPLETE
THE ONLINE EXAM?

HE CAN DO IT THIS
AFTERNOON. I'LL GIVE YOU
THE PACKET WITH THE LINK TO IT,
AS WELL AS SOME FORMS
FOR YOU TO SIGN.

I CAN SIGN THE
FORMS NOW, IF YOU
LIKE.

SURE,
THAT'S FINE.

A 3D-rendered scene in a classroom. Three female characters are present. One character with long, wavy blonde hair is in the center, wearing a tan tank top and blue jeans. To her right is a character with dark, curly hair wearing a patterned top and shorts. To her left is a character with short dark hair wearing a floral top. In the background, another character is visible near a door. A speech bubble is positioned above the blonde character, and another is near the dark-haired character. The room has a wooden floor, a chalkboard, and an American flag.

ONE OF THE FORMS IS FOR
SEXUAL EDUCATION. THAT
MODULE BEGINS ON MONDAY, IF
YOU CONSENT TO IT.

OF COURSE. IT SAVES ME
THE EMBARRASSMENT OF
TALKING TO HIM ABOUT THAT
STUFF.

THAT IS A
VERY COMMON
SENTIMENT.

THE KIDS ARE EXCITED ABOUT IT. OF COURSE, I'M PREPARED FOR PLENTY OF GIGGLING.



I'M SURE.



Today's schedule

- Working with numbers
- American History
- Break time

THIS WON'T BE TOO BAD. I'M GLAD MRS. GIBSON IS MY TEACHER... CINDY, I MEAN.



I SURE WAS IN LOVE
WITH HER IN HIGH SCHOOL.
I KNOW I'LL LIKE HER AS
MY TEACHER.

I CAN'T GET OVER
HOW TALL SHE IS NOW... TO
ME, ANYWAY. I USED TO
TOWER OVER HER.

WHAT ARE YA'
IN FOR, KID?

IN
FOR?

I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING. I'M
STARTING SCHOOL AND I
JUST CAME TO MEET
MY TEACHER.

IS THAT WHY
YOU'RE HERE? FOR
DETENTION?

SURE. YOU'RE IN
DETENTION, AREN'T YOU? THAT'S
YOUR MOM, RIGHT? WHAT DID YOU
DO? COME ON, YOU CAN TELL
ME.

HAHA... I DON'T GET INTO TROUBLE! ALSO, THIS ISN'T MY CLASS. I'M IN SIXTH GRADE.

I JUST CAME HERE TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK, AND GET A RIDE HOME FROM MY MOM.

OH... MRS. GIBSON'S YOUR MOM?



GOOD DEDUCTIVE REASONING, KID. MY NAME'S RUTHIE. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

JON. I BET MIDDLE SCHOOL'S A LOT DIFFERENT FROM SHOEMAKER.

YOU AIN'T KIDDING.

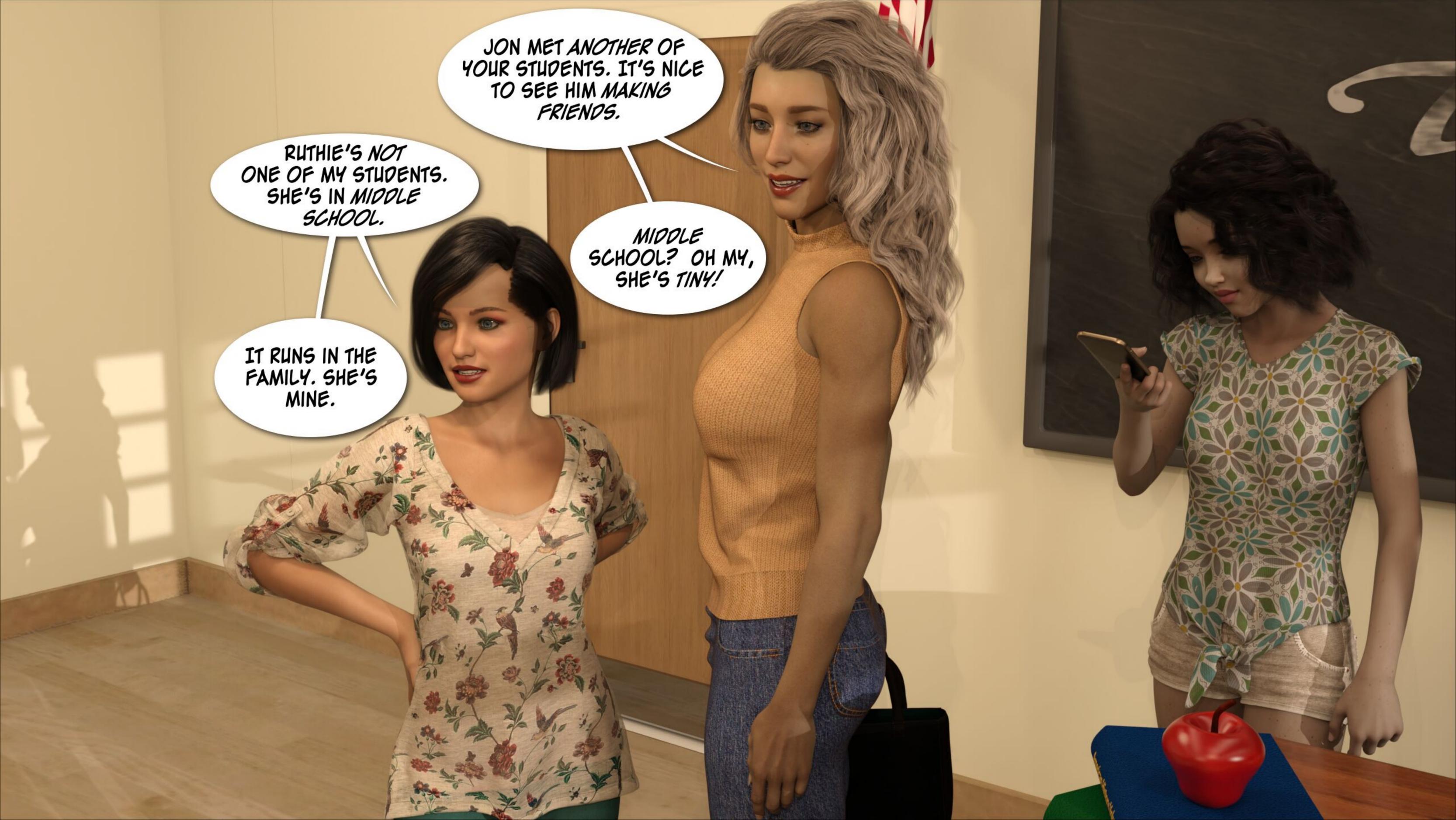


JON MET ANOTHER OF
YOUR STUDENTS. IT'S NICE
TO SEE HIM MAKING
FRIENDS.

RUTHIE'S NOT
ONE OF MY STUDENTS.
SHE'S IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

MIDDLE
SCHOOL? OH MY,
SHE'S TINY!

IT RUNS IN THE
FAMILY. SHE'S
MINE.



I CAN SEE THE RESEMBLANCE. SHE'S ADORABLE! JON LOOKS QUITE TAKEN BY HER.

MY DANA WAS WHEN SHE WAS ELEVEN TOO. MAYBE WE CAN GET OUR KIDS TOGETHER SOMETIME.

THANKS. RUTHIE'S ELEVEN, GOING ON EIGHTEEN, AND QUITE THE HANDFUL.

SURE, IF RUTHIE CAN PENCIL US IN TO HER BUSY SCHEDULE.

A woman with dark hair and blue eyes, wearing a light-colored floral dress, is standing and talking to another woman whose back is to the camera. The second woman has long, wavy, light-colored hair. They are in a room with a window in the background showing shadows of people.

I'LL ASK HER. I DON'T THINK SHE HAS ANY PLANS.

IF SHE'S FREE TOMORROW, MAYBE THEY CAN HAVE A PLAY DATE.

GREAT! I'LL ASK JON, AND LET YOU KNOW.

I'LL GIVE YOU MY NUMBER. YOU CAN CALL ME ANY TIME.