

Chapter 37

The Real Me

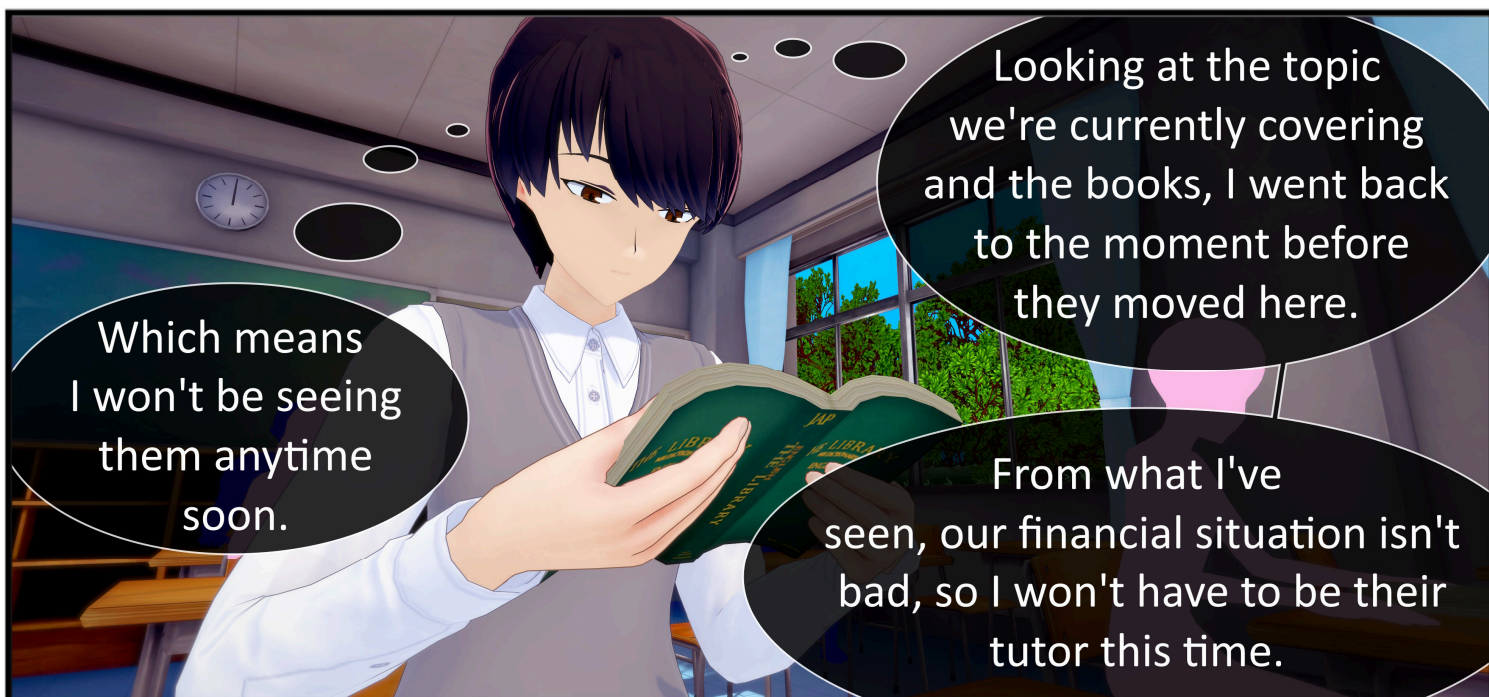




Where have the girls gone?

Surprised

I don't see Nino, Yotsuba, or any of the others.



Which means I won't be seeing them anytime soon.

Looking at the topic we're currently covering and the books, I went back to the moment before they moved here.

From what I've seen, our financial situation isn't bad, so I won't have to be their tutor this time.



Exactly what I wanted.



Is this really not just a beautiful dream?





In the hallway...

I have to be careful not to go into the women's rooms.

I completely forgot that I'm a guy again.

embarrassed

Okay, the next class is PE.



A little later...

I have to figure out how to fix this.

Wait a minute.



What exactly do I want to fix?

That's what I wanted, after all. I'm a guy again.



embarrassed

Mad

Pervert!

embarrassed

Sorry, I got the changing rooms mixed up.

During PE...

I really have to watch where I'm going.

I'm used to always using the women's facilities.

Why does my body feel so sluggish?

Oh right, thanks to one of the wishes, I was in great shape.

Apparently, all the effects of the wishes have been reversed.

Including the positive ones.

Hey, are you alive?

At the nurse's...

As a girl,
I ran faster than
Yotsuba.

I guess I have to
get used to everything
all over again.

I completely
forgot that without those
wishes, I'm also much
weaker in reality.

Now I ended
up at the nurse's after
overestimating my
abilities.

It's terribly
empty here.

Sad

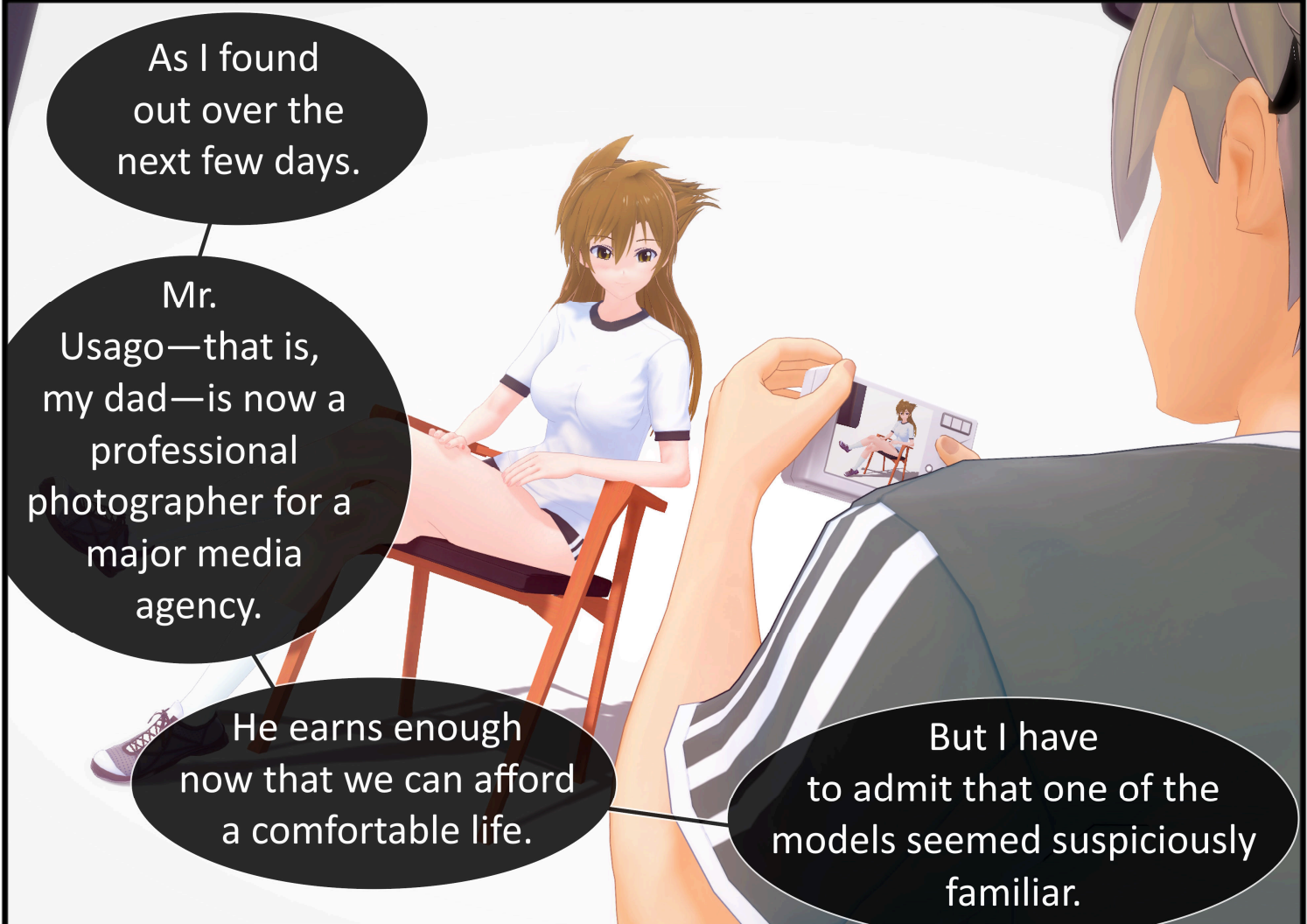
I've forgotten
what it was like
to be alone
without them.

Usually, girls
come to visit me at
times like this.

But it's better
this way.

Then everything
will be as it was before.
The only difference is
that now I don't have to
worry about money.

I just have
to get used to my
old life again.




As I found out over the next few days.

Mr. Usago—that is, my dad—is now a professional photographer for a major media agency.

He earns enough now that we can afford a comfortable life.

But I have to admit that one of the models seemed suspiciously familiar.



So I don't have to work anymore and can focus entirely on my studies, but for some reason, I don't like it.

That's why I'm working part-time as a waiter. It's a much easier job than my previous one as a guy, and the pay is incomparably higher.

Hello, may I take your order?

Although compared to what I earned as Mutsumi-chan, it's still peanuts.

After work...

It looks like everything's pretty much back to normal.

I'm myself again.

And I've got my old life back.

I just noticed that I don't have that photo in my wallet anymore.

Did I lose it?

Cool shoes, I wonder where she bought them.

Calm down, you're a guy now!

jealous

Things like that aren't for you!

Two weeks later...

Yeah, it finally arrived. I've been waiting for it for so long.

happy

I can't wait...

It's too small.

Well, I bought it based on my old measurements.

Besides, why did I even buy a girl's uniform?

Onii-san, what would you like for dinner?

What are you doing with that girl's uniform?

You ordered a new uniform, and they sent you this one?

confused

Um... Well...

Exactly, someone must have made a mistake sorting them.



For a moment, I thought my brother had some weird fetish for women's clothes.

But it's way too small for you.



Come on. Someone clearly made a mistake.

And that was me. What was I thinking?



Um... *Sigh*

Actually, you can even keep it.

Can I try it on?



Companies like that don't accept returns anyway.

Besides, it was custom-made, so there's no way they'd take it back.

Really!?!

You're not going to return it?

Thanks, Onii-san.

happy

A little while later...

It was a little loose in a few places, so I had to adjust it.

I think they gave you a uniform meant for someone with a large bust. Hehe

So, how do I look?

Especially around the chest.

It sure looks that way. Hehe

jealous

It was supposed to be for me.



The next day at school...

I'm a guy now.

And to think that Raiha will grow up to be a beautiful woman, and I...

What was I thinking when I ordered this uniform?

I just wasted my money for nothing.



I don't know what I should wear with these jeans.

I actually have a shirt in the exact same shade.



Please, don't do that.

A plain white shirt or one with lace would be better.

But it's best if the bottom is plain.



Thanks.

Wow, I didn't know you knew anything about fashion.

Fuutarou, right?

Uh... Yeah.



I'm Asuna.

Kotone,
nice to meet
you.

So, do you
have any
more tips
like that?

What?
No, I was just
saying.

Did I have to
say something?

But
I couldn't help
it, the outfit she
suggested
would've been
awful.

And
what shoes would
go best with that?
Elegant satin heels.

You couldn't
have picked worse
shoes.

On the school roof...

Why can't I stop thinking about this?



I'm a guy again. I should stop being interested in things for girls.



Disappointed

Well, I don't have breasts anymore.

I have what I wanted, but instead of being happy, I now feel left out.

It feels like I haven't gained anything, but rather like something has been taken from me.

And even though I know this is how it's supposed to be, I feel trapped in a man's body.





Good morning, Mr. Fashionable.

Kotone? What do you want?

Nothing, I just wanted to say thank you. You ran off so fast I didn't get a chance to do it.

No problem, but I was just guessing.

What are you thinking about?

I'm trying to forget something.



Well... I usually forget things when I have to focus on something else.



That's it. Thanks.

You're welcome. For what, exactly?

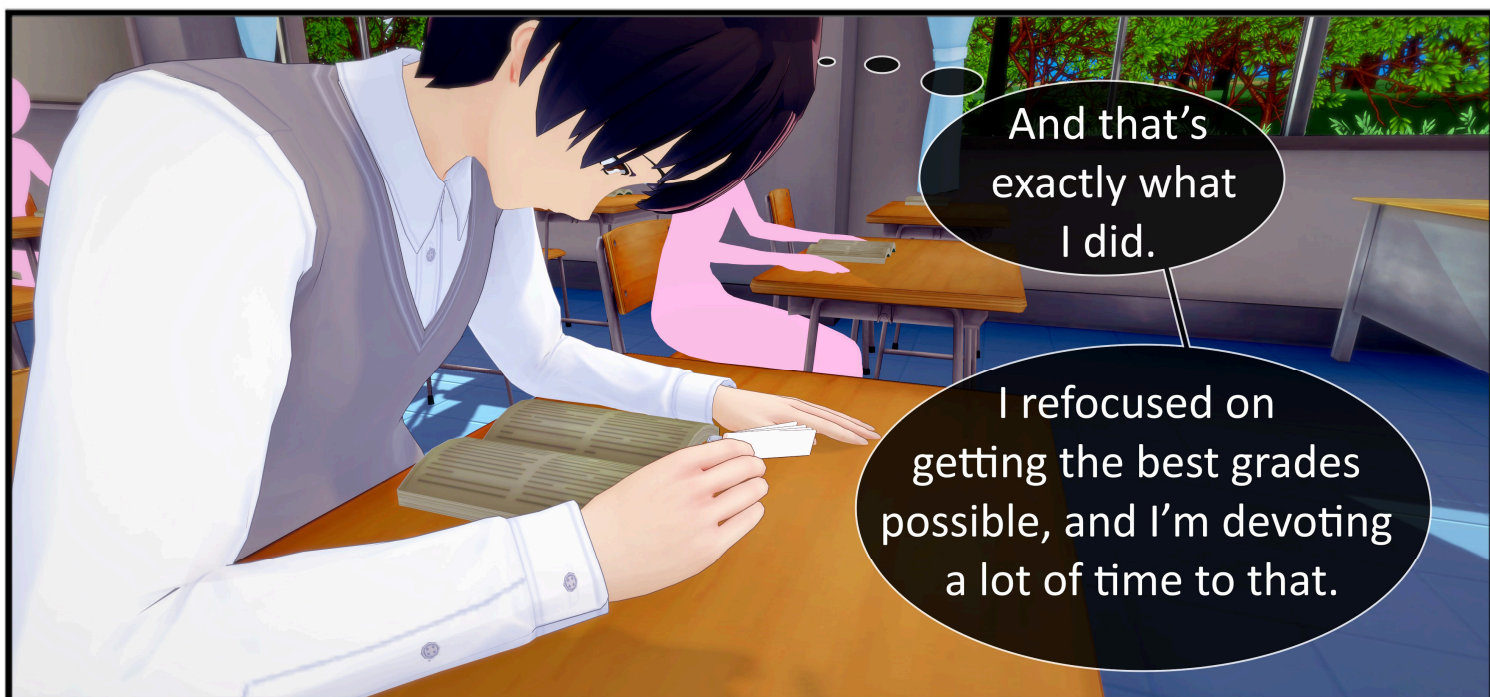


I'm thinking about nonsense because I'm not focusing on anything important right now.

I need to focus on what really matters again.

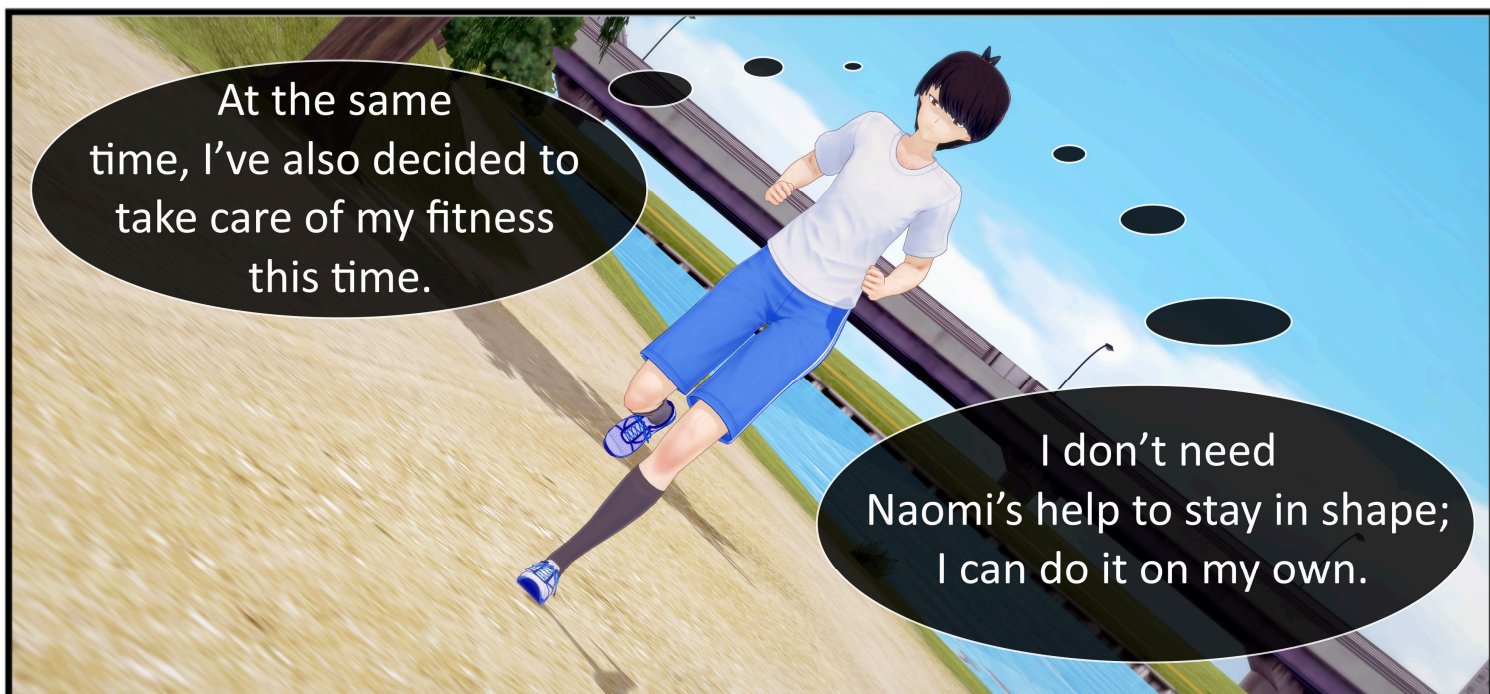
Did I say something wrong?

I'm sorry~



And that's exactly what I did.

I refocused on getting the best grades possible, and I'm devoting a lot of time to that.



At the same time, I've also decided to take care of my fitness this time.

I don't need Naomi's help to stay in shape; I can do it on my own.



A few months later...

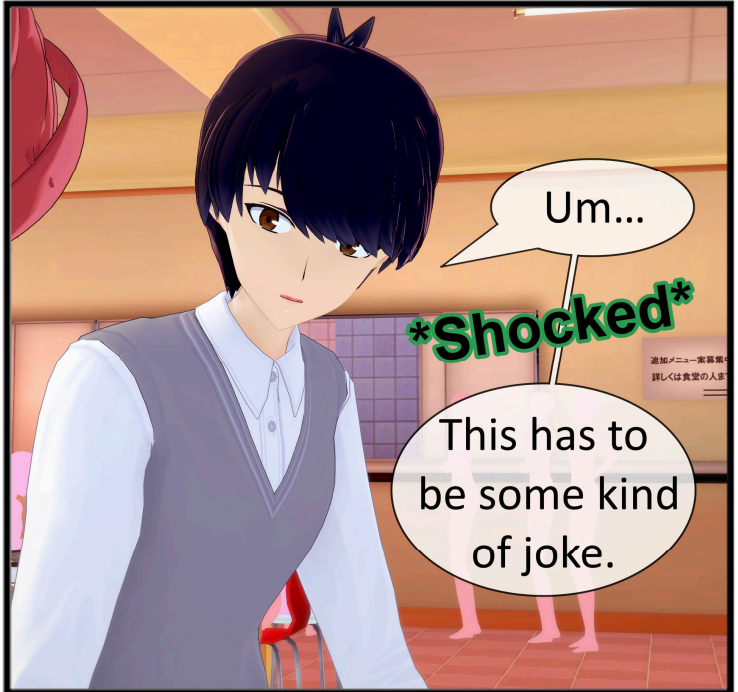
My life seemed to be back to normal.

Until...



Angry

Hey! I was the first to see that place.



Um...
Shocked

This has to be some kind of joke.



After a moment...

itadakimasu

itadakimasu - good appetite

That means everything is starting over.

Except this time, I'm in a much better situation.



How should I treat her?

I've been rude to her lately, and it's backfired on me.

But this time I won't have to tutor them.



Do you study while you eat?

Did you fail a test?



Shocked

No, I'm just reviewing what was on the last one.

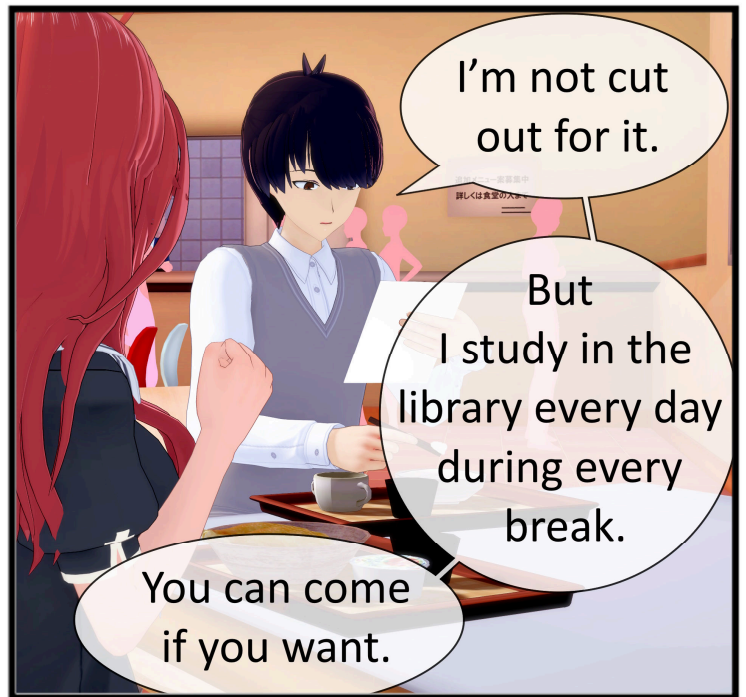
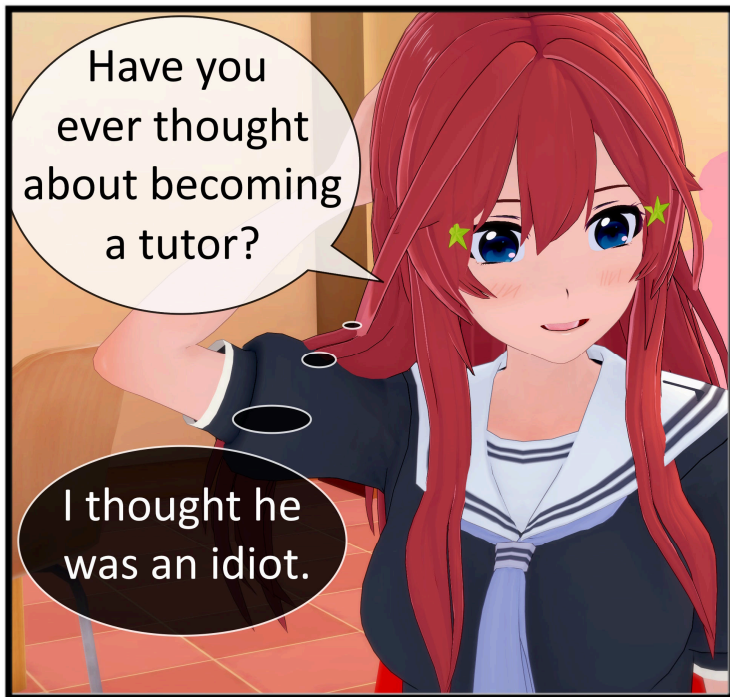
That way, it's easier for me to prepare for the next one.

This is your test.

You got a perfect score.

Yeah, sorry if it looks like I'm showing off, but you asked.

That's exactly why I have to study.





Actually, I wonder how they're doing now.

concerned

But since Itsuki asked for a tutor herself, I guess not much has changed.



Fuutaro's imagination...

To think that could have been me right now.



I kind of regret that decision.

What did I really want to achieve with that decision?

sad

Why can't I just forget about it and move on?

The next day...

I know
I should have told
you sooner.

But I guess you
don't mind if there's
someone else at the
tutoring session?

Shocked

happy





Yuki's house...

What do you mean she's not here?

It's the opposite of if she were here.

You're about two years too late.



And when will she come back?



Hehe. How am I supposed to know?

confused

She'll probably come visit me again someday, but I don't know when that will be.



When I met her, she already had friends here and knew a lot of places.

I saw her most often during the filming of the series and the music videos.

That means she must have been here for a while by then. But she often disappears for a while.

And that was after Hina-chan's first success.



She helped us a lot, so she must have been here back then.

That means I have to wait for Hina-chan's first success to be able to meet her.



What is he talking about?

Wait a minute...



Show me who you are.

That's probably the best option.

Because when I called her, some kid answered.



That's interesting.



So you really are a girl. What did Naomi do this time?

No problem, though I didn't really do anything.

Oh well, I'll come by when she's back.

Thanks for your help.

Did she have that mirror before?



Hey, Yuri,
have you heard anything
about Hina-chan yet?

confused

Who's
that?

Just
as I thought,
never mind.



Besides,
I'm Yuki,
not Yuri.

Angry

I mean,
that's not
my name.

Yuri - a relationship between
women
Yuki - snow / happiness



Really?

Sorry?

Surprised

I thought
so. Oh right,
you had a
girlfriend.

Now it
makes sense.

A few months later...

Finally.

And the winner of the contest is...
Hina Suzuki!

She received a total of 18% of the votes.

I've been waiting a long time for this.

What are you watching?

Yotsuba.

You know that if the teacher catches you, you'll be in trouble, right?

Wow, it must be really cool to be an idol.

Jealous

I envy her.

Jealous

Me too.