

Forever Summer

Chapter 1

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MY NAME IS RAKU ICHIJO.
USUALLY, MY FRIEND CALL
ME RAKU.

GLUG

GLUG



RECENTLY, I MET A GIRL NAMED
CHITOGÉ. I HAVE TO PRETEND
TO BE HER BOYFRIEND FOR THE
NEXT THREE YEARS TO PREVENT
A WAR BETWEEN MY DAD'S
GANG, AND HER DAD'S.

AND THIS IS HOW MY
WEIRD STORY STARTED.



GLUG

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ΔΗΗΗΗΗΗΗ!!!

NOTHING BEATS
COLD WATER IN THE
SUMMER!





SIGH FINALLY IT'S
THE LAST DAY OF THIS
SEMESTER.

MAN, I STILL DIDN'T
PLAN ANYTHING FOR
THIS SUMMER.



HMMM, LAST YEAR, I
ONLY STAYED AT
HOME TO WATCH OVER
THE GANG BECAUSE
MY DAD HAD SOME
BUSINESS TO DO.

BUT THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT!
DAD IS HOME, AND I DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A
THING~

ΔΗΗΗΗ, I KNOW WHAT
TO DO~

MAYBE I COULD ASK
ONODERA TO GO ON A
DATE WITH ME, HEHEHE.





HEHE, ONODERA IS
TOO CUTE. JUST
THINKING ABOUT IT-

HEY!!!



RAKU! WHY ARE
YOU SO SLOW?!!

!



DAMN, MY DAYDREAM
JUST WENT POOF
BECAUSE OF THIS
GIRL AGAIN...

YOU'RE WASTING MY
TIME, YOU KNOW
THAT?!

YEAH YEAH, I JUST
FINISH DRINKING. I'M
COMING!



YOU ARE SO SLOW,
RAKU.

WHAT'S THE RUSH? I JUST
WANT TO ENJOY THE LAST
DAY OF SCHOOL.

UGHHH, NEVERMIND.
NOW LISTEN TO ME.



AH HA, AND....?

THAT'S GOOD, NOW I
CAN SPEND MY
SUMMER PEACEFULLY,
HEHE.

I WAS TALKING WITH MY
DAD, AND LOOKS LIKE THIS
SUMMER I HAVE TO GO
BACK TO MY AUNT'S PLACE.

LET ME FINISH THIS
FIRST.

HE SAID YOU ALSO
HAVE TO GO WITH ME!



HUH?!

W- WHAT DID YOU
SAY?

I SAID YOU HAVE TO
COME TO MY AUNT'S
WITH ME THIS SUMMER!

W- W- WAIT!!!!



SIGH ARE YOU THAT DENSE? MY DAD ALREADY TALKED TO YOUR FATHER ABOUT IT.

W- WHO SAID I HAVE TO GO! I'M SURE THERE'S A M- M- MISUNDERSTANDING.

AND THEY AGREED THAT YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME TOO.

AND WHAT ABOUT MY SUMMER??

W- WHAT ABOUT MY PEACEFUL SUMMER?!



LIGHHHH, YOU KNOW WE
HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!

I KNOW THAT! BUT-

YOU AND I HAVE TO DO
THIS TO PREVENT THE WAR
BETWEEN YOUR DAD'S
GANG AND MY DAD'S
RIGHT?

IT'S GONNA BE ONLY 3
MONTHS! IT'S NOT THAT
LONG, AND AFTER THAT WE
WILL COME BACK HERE.



IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO
GO THERE WITH YOU
EITHER.....

UGHH.....

I WANT TO SPEND
MY SUMMER TIME
TO HAVE SOME FUN!

SIGH WE- WE
JUST HAVE TO GET
THIS DONE.



NOOOOOO~ MY PRECIOUS
SUMMER IS SLIPPING AWAY
AGAIN.....!

ONODERA, I'M
SORRY~

WHY ARE YOU
SUCH A CRYBABY?

LIVING WITH MY AUNT
IS NOT THAT BAD.
THERE'RE SO MANY
THINGS TO DO.

T_T



YOU KNOW YOU CAN
JUST BRING YOUR
LAPTOP AND PLAY
VIDEO GAMES ALL
DAY, OR YOU CAN
GO TO HER CAFE.

CAFE?

AHHH, NOW WE'RE
TALKING, MAYBE I
CAN JUST CHILL OUT
IN THE CAFE FOR
ENTIRE SUMMER~

OH, I FORGOT TO TELL
YOU. SHE OWNS A BIG
CAFE OVER THERE. I
USED TO WORK THERE
TOO.

YEAH, BUT WHATEVER
YOU DO, REMEMBER
WE HAVE TO ACT LIKE A
COUPLE. WE CAN'T LET
MY AUNT KNOWS THAT
WE ARE FAKE.



HMM? ISN'T SHE YOUR
FATHER'S SISTER?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO
KEEP IT SECRET?

WHAT? THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
ANY SENSE.

THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
IF SHE KNOWS, SHE
WILL TELL EVERYONE
IN THE GANG THAT WE
ARE FAKE.

YEAH, AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT MY
DAD TOLD ME.

DAMN, THIS IS
GONNA BE HARD.



THAT'S ALL I NEED TO
TELL YOU. NOW LET'S
GET GOING.

MY AUNT IS WAITING
OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

WAIT, DO WE HAVE
TO LEAVE NOW?

WE WILL LEAVE HERE
TOMORROW, BUT SHE
WANTS TO MEET YOU
AND ME FIRST.

UGHH.

DON'T WORRY, SHE
WON'T BITE YOU. HAHA.

NOW, LET'S GO!

OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL



A woman with short red hair and black sunglasses is standing in front of a white car. She is wearing a white button-down shirt with yellow accents on the collar and cuffs, and dark pinstriped trousers with a white belt. She is holding a silver flip phone to her ear with her left hand. The background features a chain-link fence and a clear blue sky.

HELLO, ADELT. I'M IN
FRONT OF THE
SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.

OH, NICE TIMING. I JUST
TALKED WITH CHITOGÉ A
MINUTE AGO. SHE AND
RAKU WILL BE THERE
SOON.

RAKU?

ADELT IS THE NAME OF
CHITOGÉ'S FATHER.



OH, DIDN'T I TELL YOU
ABOUT CHITOGÉ'S
BOYFRIEND?

HUH?!

OOPS, SORRY, HAHA.
HE WILL BE STAYING
WITH YOU THIS ENTIRE
SUMMER, TOO.

WAIT.... I
THOUGHT ONLY
CHITOGÉ WILL BE
COMING WITH ME.

DON'T WORRY, HE'S
MY FRIEND'S KID. I
WILL EXPLAIN ABOUT IT
LATER, BYE!

HEY!! DON'T
HANG UP ON
ME!

5 MINUTES LATER....



HEY CHITOGU,
WHAT'S YOUR
AUNT LIKE?





SHE'S NICE. I LIKE HER, BUT IF YOU GET ON HER BAD SIDE, SHE CAN BE PRETTY CRAZY TOO. SO DON'T DO THAT.

AHHH, I SEE.

ARE YOU SCARED? HEHE. JUST DON'T MAKE HER MAD, THAT'S IT!

OKAY.





HEHE, YOU ALSO
LOOK YOUNG AS
EVER AUNT AIKO.

WOW, I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU FOR
JUST A BIT, AND
YOU'VE ALREADY
GROWN THIS MUCH!

AWW, HOW SWEET.
LET ME GIVE YOU A
HUG, CHITOGÉ-CHAN~

A comic panel set in an outdoor urban environment. On the left, a girl with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a yellow collar and a dark skirt with white vertical stripes, is seen from the back. She is talking to a blonde girl with long hair and a red star-shaped accessory on her head. The blonde girl is wearing a white sailor-style top with a blue collar and a blue skirt. To the right, a boy with black hair and a white 'X' on his forehead stands against a brick wall. He is wearing a black suit jacket over a grey shirt and a necklace with a yellow pendant. The ground is paved with blue cobblestones, and a grey wall with a diamond pattern is in the background.

HMM? IS HE
YOUR....HMM?

HEHE....

OH, LET'S ME
INTRODUCE HIM TO
YOU..

THIS IS MY
B- BOYFRIEND!



AHH, I SEE. SO
THIS IS YOUR
BOYFRIEND, HUH?

HI, MY NAME IS
RAKU ICHJO,
YOU CAN CALL
ME RAKU. NICE
TO MEET YOU!

MY NAME IS AIKO.
AS YOU CAN SEE
I'M HER AUNT.
NICE TO MEET
YOU TOO, RAKU.

CHITOGI, I
THOUGHT YOUR
AUNT IS A LITTLE
YOUNGER.

A comic panel set in a parking lot with a chain-link fence and a white car in the background. On the left, a blonde girl in a school uniform (white shirt, blue skirt, orange tie) looks distressed with a sweat drop on her forehead. She is holding the hand of a woman with short red hair, wearing sunglasses, a white blouse with yellow accents, and striped pants. The woman has a red 'X' mark on her forehead. On the right, a young man with dark hair, seen from behind, is wearing a dark suit. Five speech bubbles contain dialogue between them.

D- DARLING, W-
WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING....?

IS HE THAT STUPID?
I ALREADY WARNED
HIM ABOUT THIS.

WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSE TO
MEAN?? HOW
RUDE!

ERR, I'M-...

HOW ABOUT SOME
APOLOGIES FROM
YOU?



I- I'M SORRY,
AIKO-SAN.

UGH, WHAT
THE HECK, I
WAS
JOKING....

U- UNDERSTOOD!

IF I HEAR YOU SAY
THAT AGAIN, DON'T
SAY I DIDN'T WARN
YOU.

SIGH I CAN'T SEE
WHY CHITOGÉ CHOSE
THIS CLOWN TO BE
HER BOYFRIEND.



SIGH LET'S GET
TO THE CAR, KIDS.

I WILL DROP EACH
OF YOU OFF, AND
PREPARE FOR
TOMORROW. WE
LEAVE AT 12
O'CLOCK OKAY?

MAN, I HOPE I
CAN SURVIVE THIS
SUMMER WITHOUT
TROUBLE.

OKAY...



THE NEXT DAY





CHITOGÉ, ARE YOU
EXCITED COMING
BACK TO MY HOUSE?

I STILL REMEMBERED
YOU WORKING AT MY
CAFE WHEN YOU WERE
YOUNG, SO CUTE!



AHHH, AUNT AIKO,
THAT WAS LONG TIME
AGO. IT'S PRETTY EM-
BRASSING IF YOU TALK
ABOUT IT NOW...



WHAT? IS THAT TRUE?
CHITOGI WORKING AS A
WAITRESS? HAHA.



HEY! IT'S THE PAST
ALRIGHT?! AND I
WAS THE CUTEST
ONE TOO!

I CAN'T, HAHA. I
CAN'T IMAGINE YOU
DOING THAT, HAHAHA.

CUTEST ONE? LOL~



GRRR, HOW DARE YOU
TALK TO CHITOGÉ-CHAN
LIKE THAT?! I DON'T
CARE IF YOU ARE HER
BOYFRIEND OR NOT.

I HAD ENOUGH, LOOKS
LIKE I HAVE TO TEACH
HIM A LESSON!

AND THE GANG ARRIVES AT THE HOUSE IN THE EVENING.

HERE'S MY HOUSE, YOU WILL BE STAYING HERE FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER.

YEAH, I LIVE VERY FAR FROM YOUR CITY. BUT THERE'S ALSO A BEACH NEARBY. SO, IT'S NOT THAT BAD.



AHHHHHHH, FINALLY. MAN, THAT WAS 6 HOURS RIDE, UGHHH. I THOUGHT YOU LIVE CLOSE BY.



HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

UMMM....

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE HOUSE? I THOUGHT YOU OWN A BIGGER ONE, IF I REMEMBER IT CORRECTLY...



AHHH! I BOUGHT THIS HOUSE FOR MY DAUGHTER, BUT SHE MOVED AWAY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. NO ONE LIVES HERE NOW.

DON'T WORRY, CHITOGÉ. YOU'LL BE STAYING AT MY HOUSE, ONLY RAKU-KUN WILL BE SLEEPING HERE.

AHHH.... THAT'S WHY...



YAYYY! NOW THAT IS
GOOD NEWS! I
THOUGHT I HAVE TO
STAY IN THE SAME
HOUSE WITH HIM.

HUH...? I THOUGHT
YOU WILL BE MAD
ABOUT NOT STAY-
ING WITH YOUR
BOYFRIEND?

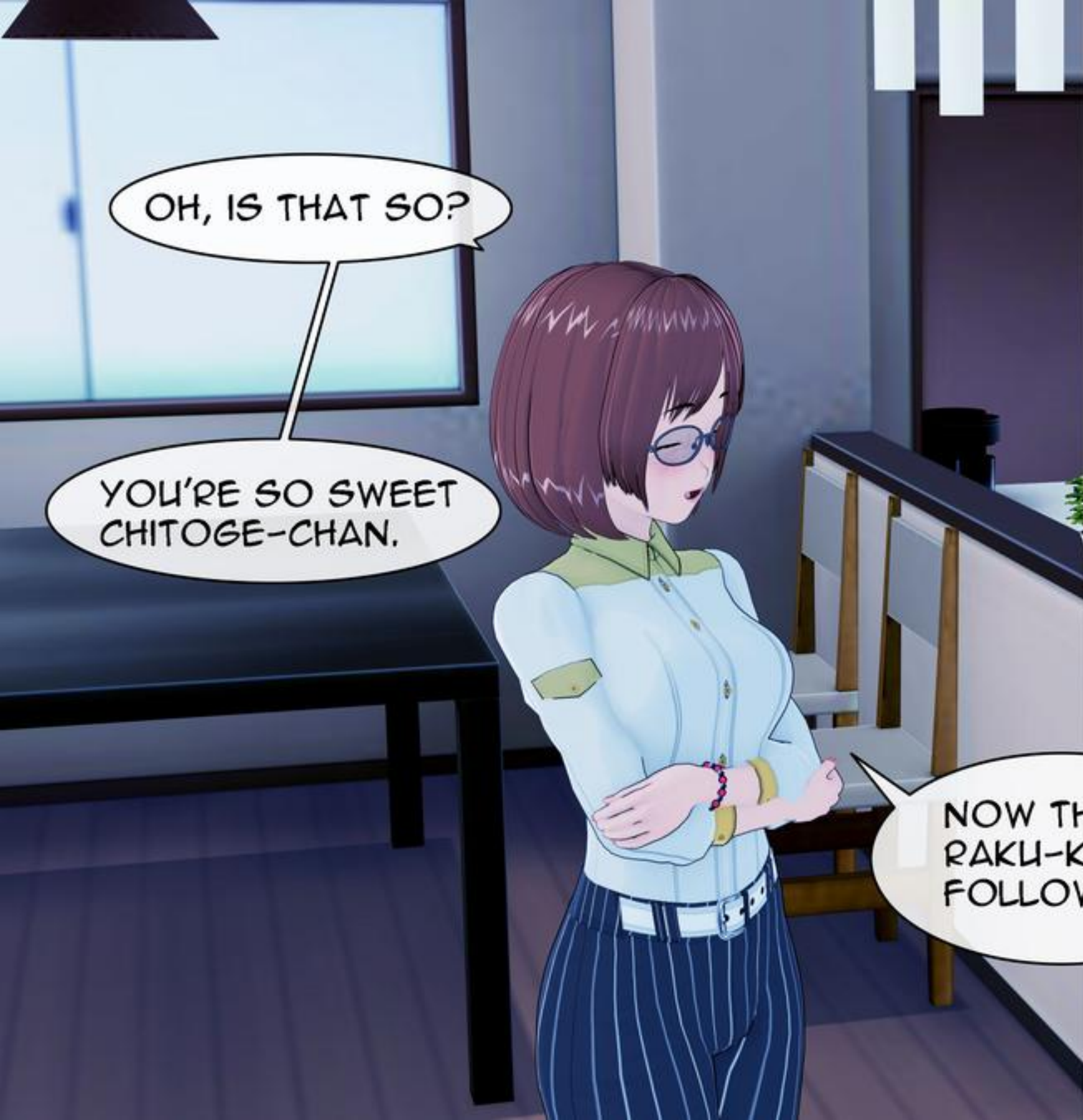


I- I MEAN...

SIGH I KNEW SHE
WOULD SLIP UP
LIKE THIS.

I- I THINK SHE
MEANT TO SAY SHE
MISSED YOU SO
MUCH, AND SHE
WANTS TO STAY
WITH YOU.

Y- YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT!



OH, IS THAT SO?

YOU'RE SO SWEET
CHITOGÉ-CHAN.



HEHE, YEAH.

NOW THEN,
RAKU-KUN
FOLLOW ME.

I WILL SHOW
YOU AROUND THE
HOUSE.

OK, PLEASE
SHOW ME
WHERE EVERY-
THING IS.

CHITOGÉ, YOU
CAN GO AHEAD
AND WAIT IN MY
CAR.

WE WILL LEAVE
HERE AFTER I
SHOW HIM
AROUND.

OKAY, AUNT
AIKO.



5 MINUTES LATER...

AND LASTLY,
THAT'S YOUR
ROOM.

IT DOESN'T
HAVE A BUILT-IN
BATHROOM
THOUGH.

I SEE.

THAT'S FINE WITH
ME. I CAN
ALWAYS USE THE
ONE OUTSIDE.



NO PROBLEM. ALL
I NEED IS A
PLACE TO SLEEP.

AND SINCE IT'S MY
DAUGHTER'S
ROOM, THE ROOM
IS A BIT GIRLISH. I
HOPE YOU'RE
OKAY WITH THAT.

HMM, I SEE.



SIGH I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'S SO DEMANDING, BUT IT'S HER HOUSE, I GUESS.

O- OKAY, I GOT IT.

WELL, NOW GO GET YOUR BAG, AND TAKE A SHOWER BEFORE SLEEP TOO.

I DON'T WANT MY DAUGHTER'S ROOM TO SMELL FUNNY. YOU GOT IT?



HMPH, DON'T GET SO
COCKY, BOY.

AH HA.

ALRIGHT, LET ME GO GET
MY BAG, AND THEN YOU
CAN BE ON YOUR WAY.

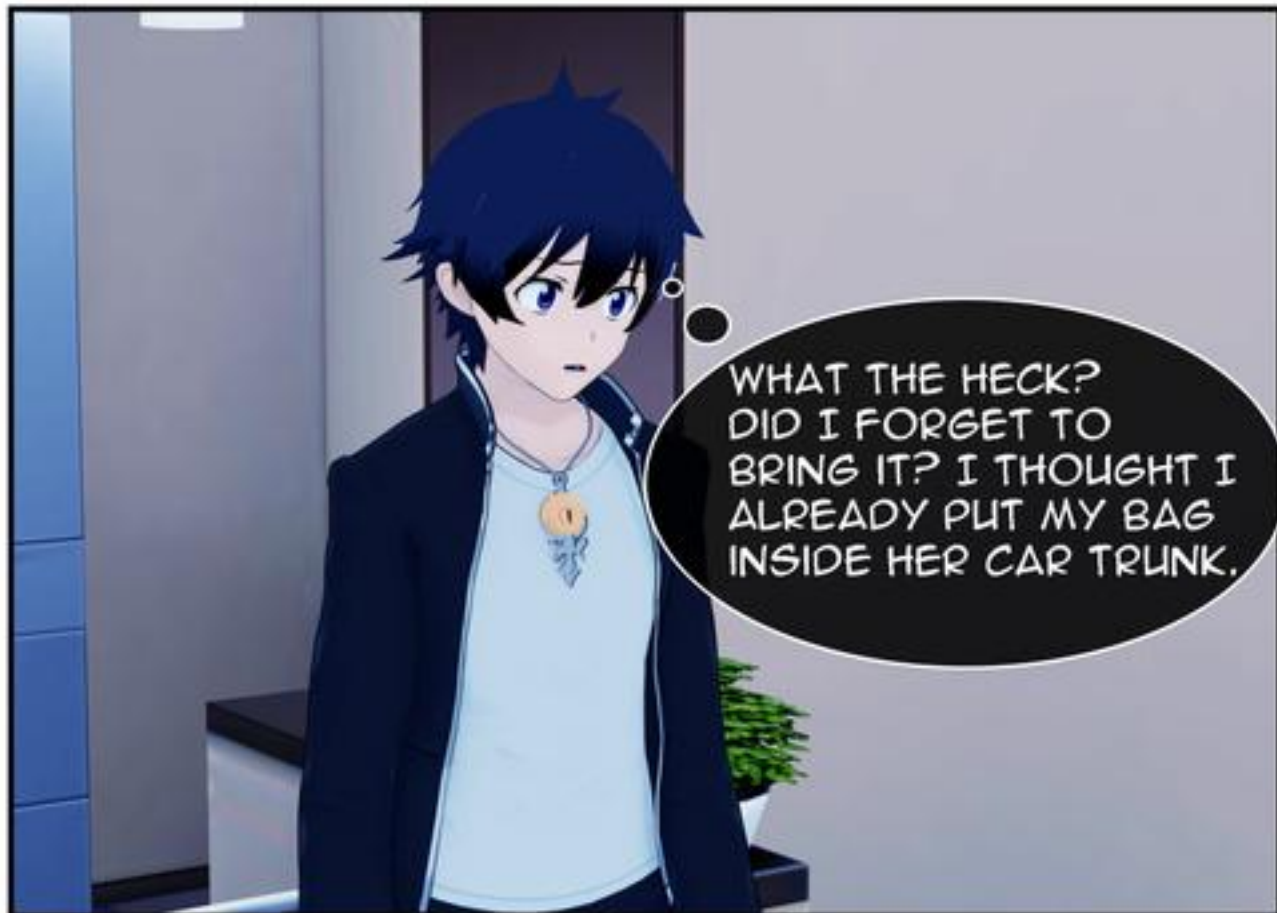
SOUNDS
GOOD?

15 MINUTES LATER...

ΑΗΗΗΗ, WHERE IS MY
BAGGGGG?!

IT'S NOT ON AIKO'S
CAR EITHER.







SIGH

OH, RAKU-KUN.
WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU LOOK UPSET.



OH, AIKO-SAN, WHY
ARE YOU STILL
HERE? I THOUGHT
YOU LEFT ALREADY...

IT'S.... DID YOU
HAPPEN TO SEE
MY BAG ON
YOUR CAR?

I COULDN'T FIND
MY BAG. AND ALL
OF MY STUFFS
ARE IN THERE
TOO. UGHHHH.....

I JUST CAME BACK
FROM MY HOUSE TO GET
SOMETHING. MORE
IMPORTANTLY, WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU?

YOUR BAG? I
DON'T THINK SO.

WHAT? MAYBE
YOU FORGOT TO
PUT IT IN MY CAR?



I DON'T KNOW. I
THOUGHT I ALREADY
PUT IT INSIDE YOUR
CAR TRUNK. BUT IT
WAS'N'T THERE!

I- I..... MAYBE I
FORGOT. MAN,
NOW I DON'T HAVE
CLOTHES TO WEAR
THIS SUMMER. AHH!

HMM, I DIDN'T
RECALL SEEING
YOUR BAG AT ALL.

ARE YOU SURE
YOU DIDN'T
FORGET TO BRING
IT WITH YOU?



OH REALLY?

OH GOD, THANK
YOU SO MUCH,
AIKO-SAN!

WELL, I THINK I CAN
HELP YOU WITH
THAT. I THINK
THERE'S SOME
SPARE CLOTHES
LEFT IN THIS HOUSE.

YES, AND I
THINK IT WILL FIT
YOU NICELY.



THAT'S A GOOD
IDEA. OKAY, I'LL BE
BACK.

WELL THEN, WHY
DON'T YOU TAKE A
SHOWER WHILE I PRE-
PARE IT FOR YOU.

I'LL LAY IT DOWN
ON YOUR BED
THEN.

SHE'S BETTER THAN
I THOUGHT!

THAT WOULD BE NICE,
THANKS AGAIN!

YOU'RE WELCOME,
RAKU-KUN.



AFTER TAKING A SHOWER...



SO, THIS ROOM IS
GONNA BE MY ROOM
FOR THIS SUMMER
HUH?

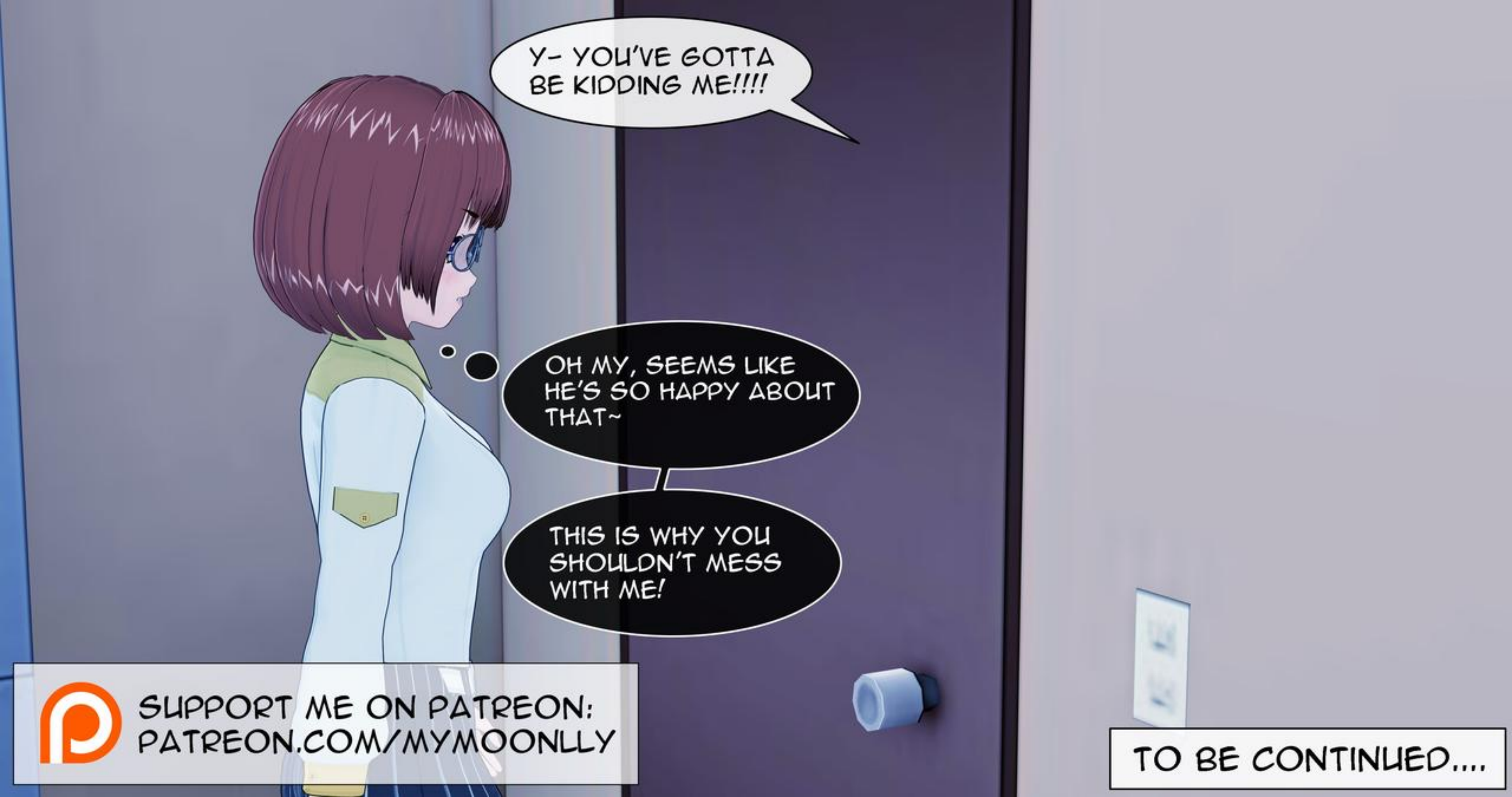


ALRIGHT, LET'S
GET CHANGE
BEFORE GOING TO
SLEEP!

A person with dark, spiky hair is seen from behind, looking at a bed. The bed has a pink sheet and a blue metal frame. On the bed are several pieces of patterned pajamas. To the right of the bed is a wooden nightstand with a pink box on top. The room has a wooden floor and a red rug. A window with a blue frame is visible on the left.

LOOKS LIKE THOSE'RE
THE CLOTHES SHE GOT
FOR ME, SWEET~





Y- YOU'VE GOTTA
BE KIDDING ME!!!!

OH MY, SEEMS LIKE
HE'S SO HAPPY ABOUT
THAT~

THIS IS WHY YOU
SHOULDN'T MESS
WITH ME!



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