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Forever Summer

Chapter 10

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THE NEXT DAY...

WHAT THE HECK? WHY
IS CHITOGI HERE
AGAIN TODAY?

AIKO-SAN DIDN'T
SAY ANYTHING
ABOUT THIS.





UMMM..... AUNT AIKO, WE JUST PASSED THE SHOPPING MALL.

DID YOU FORGET TO DROP CHITOGI OFF?



HMMM? D- DID YOU JUST CALL HER AUNT?

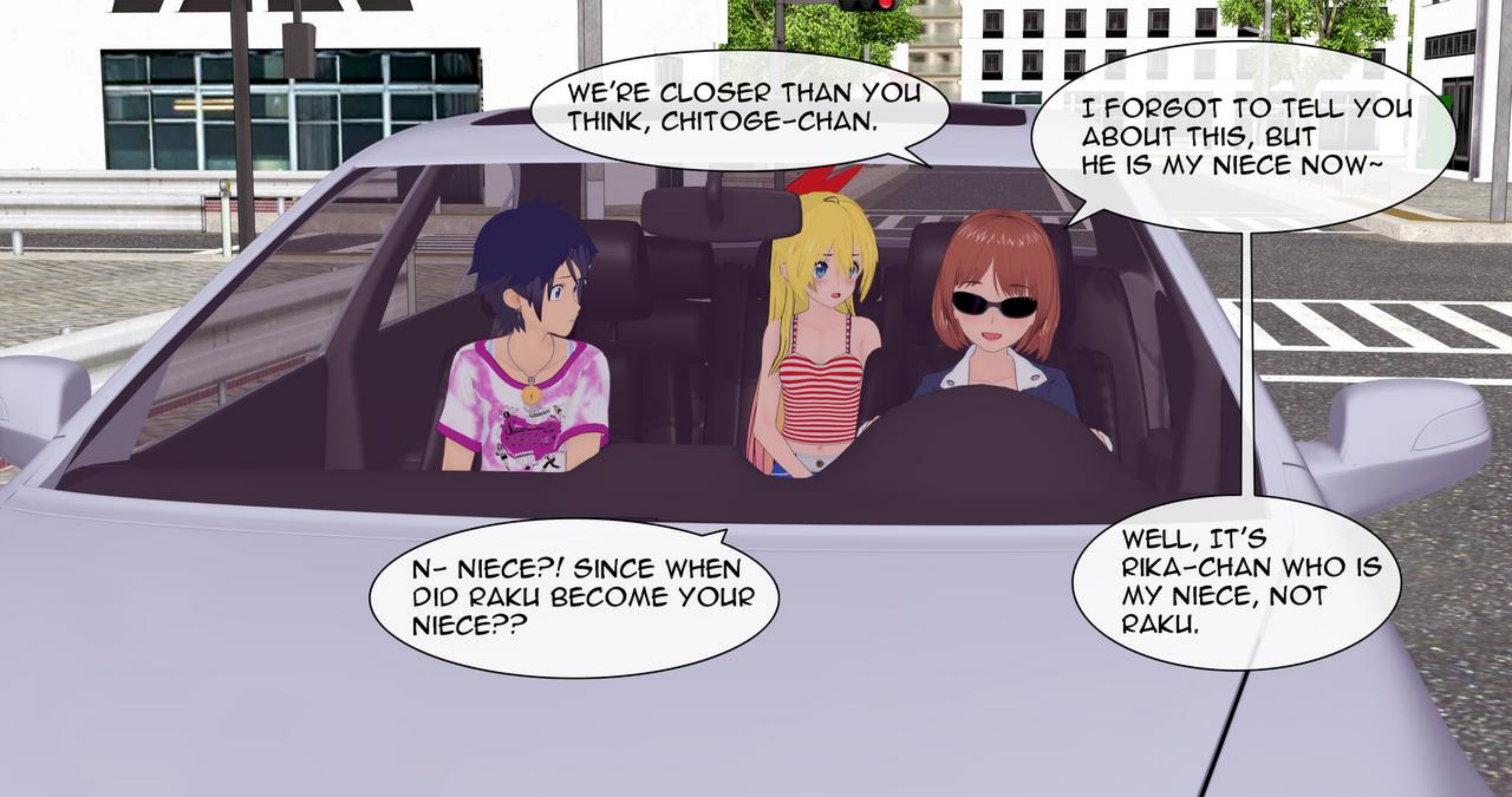


AH! I FORGOT CHITOGÉ
DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT
THAT YET.

OH..... Y- YEAH.....

I- I MEAN, THERE'S
NOTHING WRONG ABOUT
THAT, R- RIGHT?

I GUESS.... IT JUST,
UGHH, SOUNDS A BIT
FUNNY...

A scene from an anime or manga showing three characters inside a silver car. On the left, a boy with dark blue hair and a pink and white t-shirt looks towards the center. In the middle, a girl with long blonde hair and a red and white striped crop top looks forward. On the right, a girl with short reddish-brown hair, wearing sunglasses and a blue jacket, is driving. The background shows a city street with a modern building and a crosswalk.

WE'RE CLOSER THAN YOU
THINK, CHITOGÉ-CHAN.

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THIS, BUT
HE IS MY NIECE NOW~

N- NIECE?! SINCE WHEN
DID RAKU BECOME YOUR
NIECE??

WELL, IT'S
RIKA-CHAN WHO IS
MY NIECE, NOT
RAKU.



WE WENT TO MANY
PLACES TOGETHER, AND I
FIND IT A LOT EASIER TO
REFER TO RIKA-CHAN AS
MY NIECE.

SO I TOLD HIM TO
CALL ME AUNT ALL THE
TIME TO GET USE TO
IT.

AH..... I- IS THAT
SO?

YEP~





OH NO, H- HOW AM I
GONNA WORK WHILE
CHITOGÉ IS THERE??

W- WELL, I JUST
WANT TO S- SEE
HOW YOU WORK
THAT'S ALL.....

BLUSHING

A- AUNT AIKO, IS
CHITOGÉ'S REALLY
COMING WITH US?

YUP, SHE SAID SHE
WANTED TO COME
WITH ME YESTERDAY.
I DON'T SEE ANY
HARM IN IT.

B- BUT I CAN'T WORK
WHEN SHE'S AROUND!

THEN YOU HAVE TO
LEARN HOW TO DO IT
WHILE SHE'S THERE.



IT'S NOT THAT
EASY, YOU KNOW?

YOU ALREADY DID IT
YESTERDAY. I'M SURE
YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN.

B- BUT YESTERDAY YOU
WENT HOME IMMEDIATELY
AFTER WE TALKED...

WELL, IF YOU DID
WELL TODAY, MAYBE
WE'LL LEAVE EARLY.
HOW ABOUT THAT?

SIGH OKAY...

AT THE CAFE...

MORNING,
AIRI-CHAN!

WELCOME TO THE
CAFE, NYAN~

HELLO, AIRI-CHAN!





AH! HELLO, CHITOGÉ-CHAN
AND RIKÁ-CHAN~!

AIKÓ-SAN TOLD ME
YESTERDAY THAT YOU
WILL COME, I MISS YOU
SO MUCH~

I SEE, EVEN
AIRI-CHAN CALLS
HIM RIKÁ-CHAN. I
HAVE TO START
CALLING HIM THAT
TOO.



AWW, ME TOO~ THIS SUMMER IS SO BORING, SO I THOUGHT ABOUT SEEING YOU AGAIN~

SOUNDS GOOD! WELL, IF YOU NEED MORE DAYS OFF, I CAN ASK AUNT AIKO ABOUT IT.

I'M THINKING ABOUT THE SAME THING! HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE BEACH NEXT MONTH? I HAVE ABOUT FIVE DAYS OFF THIS SUMMER.

OH THANKS, BUT I'M FINE~ WORKING HERE IS A LOT BETTER THAN STAYING HOME ANYWAY, HAHA.



ERRR, SORRY TO BREAK IT
TO YOU GUYS, BUT I
GOTTA CHANGE MY OUTFIT.

AH, SORRY! I GOT
CARRIED AWAY~

SEE YOU SOON,
RIKA-CHAN!

S- SEE YOU
SOON... RIKA-CHAN...





AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?

I KNOW, RIGHT?
RIKA-CHAN IS JUST
TOO CUTE~ OOPS, I
FORGOT THAT HE'S
YOUR BOYFRIEND.

EHHH?

YEAH.... I WAS
SHOCKED WHEN I
FIRST SAW HIM, BUT
NOW I THINK ABOUT
IT, IT'S NOT THAT
BAD....

AH, IT'S ALRIGHT.
WELL, JUST SO YOU
KNOW, WE'RE NOT A
REAL COUPLE.

IT'S OUR FAMILY
BUSINESS, I WILL
TELL YOU ABOUT IT
LATER, OKAY?



OH, YOUR SECRET IS
SAFE WITH ME!

HEH? THIS IS INTERESTING~
SO RIKA-CHAN IS STILL
SINGLE AFTER ALL, HEHE~

AND PLEASE DON'T TELL
MY AUNT ABOUT THIS.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW
WE'RE FAKE YET.

THANK YOU,
AIRI-CHAN!

AS THE WEEK MOVES ON, SHE COMES TO THE CAFE TWICE A WEEK JUST TO SEE RIKA.



AH~ MAID OUTFIT SUITS HIM BEST!

HEHE, YOU COME THE RIGHT WAY, RIKA-CHAN.





OH, HE LOOKS
THIS WAY.

SO RAKU HAS NO CHOICE BUT
TO WORK LIKE THIS UNTIL HE
GETS USED TO CHITOGÉ'S
PRESENCE.

HMM?

AND NOW AIRI KNOWS THAT
RAKU AND CHITOGI IS NOT A
REAL COUPLE. SHE STARTS
TO MAKE A MOVE TOO.



OH MY, CHITOGI-CHAN IS
SO FUNNY. I KNOW THAT YOU
LIKE RIKI-CHAN TOO, BUT
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE,
YOU KNOW? HEEHEE.

TWO WEEKS LATER...

MAN, I HAVEN'T HAD
A CHANCE TO CUT MY
HAIR SINCE I CAME
HERE.

IT'S GETTING
REALLY LONG NOW.





HMM, YEAH, I THINK
THIS IS TOO LONG
FOR MY LIKING.

AND IT'S STARTING
TO ANNOY ME
SOMEHOW...

I WONDER IF AUNT
AIKO KNOWS ANY
GOOD BARBER SHOP
AROUND HERE.

A MOMENT LATER..

GOOD MORNING, AUNT
AIKO AND CHITOGÉ.

MORNING,
RIKA-CHAN.

HMM, CHITOGÉ COMES HERE
MORE OFTEN SINCE SHE
KNOWS I WORK AT THE CAFE.
WELL, AT LEAST, SHE'S NOT
ANNOYING AS BEFORE.

MORNING!

UHM, I WONDER IF THERE'S
ANY GOOD BARBER SHOP
AROUND HERE? I WANT TO
CUT MY HAIR.

HAIRCUT?



YEP, AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S TOO LONG FOR ME.

ERR, YEAH, BUT I HAVE WORK TOMORROW...

UGH, FINE. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT, AUNT AIKO?

I... I KNOW A GOOD PLACE NEAR SHOPPING MALL!

UMM, WE CAN GO TOGETHER TOMORROW IF YOU WANT!

THEN WE CAN GO AFTER WORK, YOU DUMMY!

YUP, I CAN WAIT FOR YOU GUYS.



OKAY, IT'S TOMORROW
THEN. DO YOU WANT TO
COME WITH US?

HMM.... I REALLY
WANT TO COME,
BUT I'LL HAVE TO
PASS THIS TIME.

WITH CHITOGÉ-CHAN
WITH YOU, I KNOW
YOU'LL LOOK AMAZING.

HMM? IS THIS PLACE
THAT GOOD?



OKAY OKAY, I TRUST
YOU. I CAN'T WAIT FOR
TOMORROW.

YES! I'VE BEEN THERE
SO MANY TIMES. I CAN
GUARANTEE THAT YOU'LL
LIKE THE RESULT!

ALRIGHT, TIME TO GET A
COOL HAIRSTYLE AND
IMPRESS THE OTHER
GIRLS AT THE CAFE,
HEHE~



HMM~ LOOKS LIKE
CHITOGÉ-CHAN STARTS
TO UNDERSTAND HOW I
FEEL~

IN THE MEANTIME, I
NEED TO PREPARE
SOMETHING TO SUIT
RIKA'S NEW HAIR, HEHE.

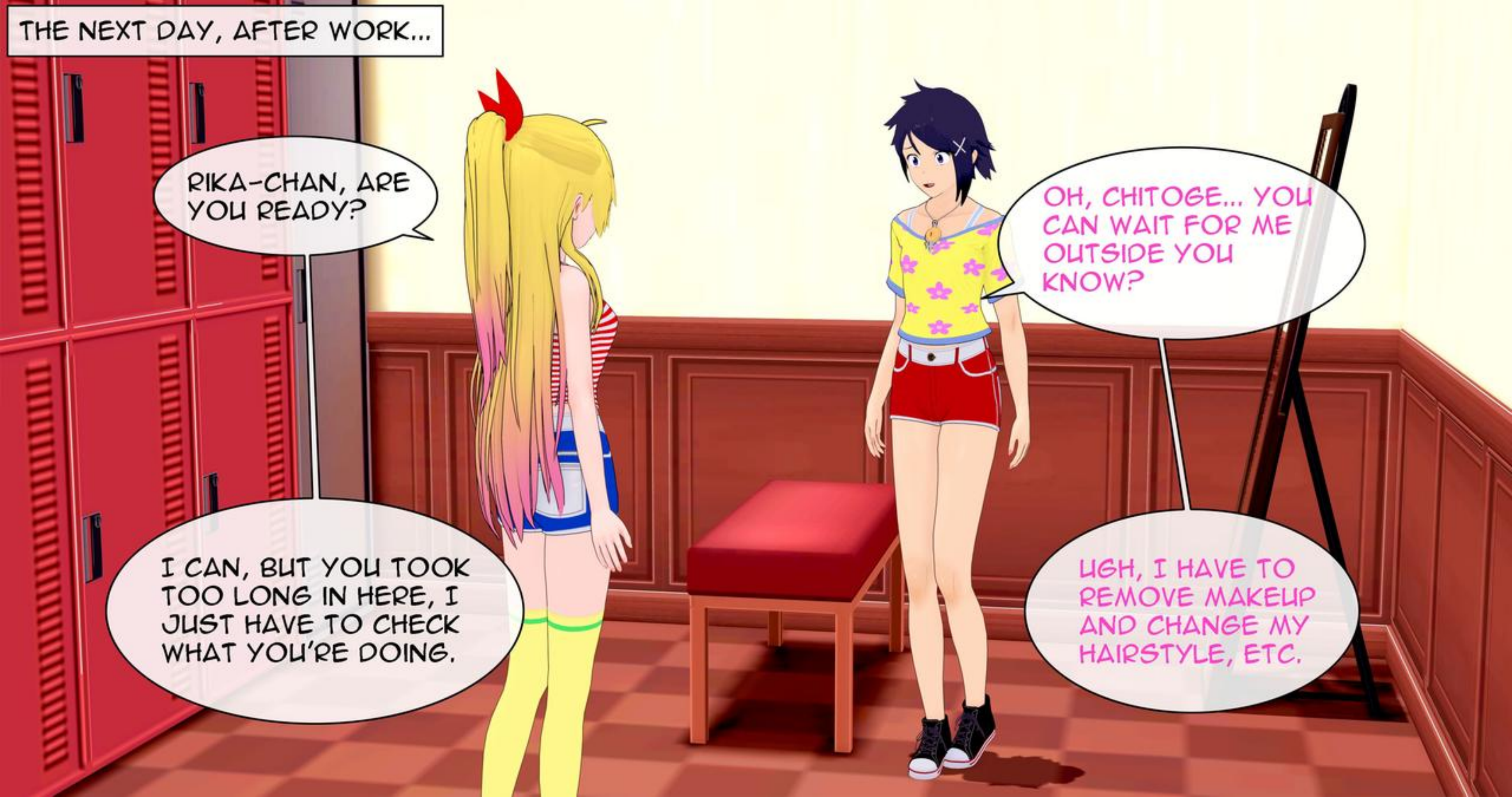
THE NEXT DAY, AFTER WORK...

RIKA-CHAN, ARE
YOU READY?

I CAN, BUT YOU TOOK
TOO LONG IN HERE, I
JUST HAVE TO CHECK
WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

OH, CHITOGÉ... YOU
CAN WAIT FOR ME
OUTSIDE YOU
KNOW?

UGH, I HAVE TO
REMOVE MAKEUP
AND CHANGE MY
HAIRSTYLE, ETC.





AH, WELL YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
THAT AFTER TODAY
ANYMORE.

BECAUSE YOU'RE
GOING TO CUT
YOUR HAIR TODAY~

AHH, YEAH.
BUT THERE'S ONE
PROBLEM THOUGH...

HMM? WHAT IS IT?

IF I'M GOING TO CUT
MY HAIR, I THINK I
NEED TO BUY A WIG,
IF I WANT TO WORK
HERE....



WHY DO YOU
NEED A WIG? I
THINK IT WILL BE
FINE!

WELL, YOU KNOW IF THE
CUSTOMER SEES MY NEW
HAIR THEY WILL PROBABLY
KNOW THAT I'M A GUY
RIGHT? I- I DON'T THINK
AUNT AIKO WILL ALLOW
THAT TO HAPPEN...

OH, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT THAT.

THE HAIRDRESSER
HERE KNOWS HER
STUFF, TRUST ME.



ALRIGHT, WE WASTED
SO MUCH TIME
ALREADY!

HAIRDRESSER? I
THOUGHT-

AUNT AIKO ALREADY
GAVE ME MONEY FOR
YOUR HAIRCUT.

O- OH, OKAY...

IT'S TIME TO GO!

AT THE HAIR SALON...

HERE WE ARE~

OH, IT'S REALLY
CLOSE TO THE
SHOPPING MALL.



A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls in a city setting. On the left, a girl with short black hair, wearing a yellow short-sleeved shirt with pink floral patterns and red shorts, looks surprised. On the right, a girl with long blonde hair in a high ponytail with a red hair tie, wearing a red and white striped crop top and blue denim shorts, is speaking. They are standing on a wooden-plank walkway. In the background, there is a brick building with a sign that says "Nokaz Hair" and a sign for a "CUSTOM MA" (likely hair salon). A sign above a doorway in the background says "Panda".

YEP, I COME HERE
ALL THE TIME.

THIS IS THE BEST HAIR
SALON IN TOWN, LET
ME TELL YOU!

HEH? IT LOOKS DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT I THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE...



I MEAN, UMM, IT
LOOKS MORE LIKE
A BEAUTY SALON
TO ME...

I- I THINK WE
SHOULD GO TO
ANOTHER PLACE...

OH, YOU'RE THINKING
TOO MUCH, IT'S
GONNA BE FINE.

OH, THERE'RE
CUSTOMERS.

?!

I- I THINK WE
SHOULD LEA-

IT'S GONNA
BE OKAY.

JUST LET ME
TALK.

HEH?



HELLO, HOW MAY I
HELP YOU?

AH! HELLO, MY
FRIEND HERE WANTS
A HAIRCUT. SO I
BROUGHT HER HERE.

UGH, I HOPE SHE
KNOWS WHAT
SHE'S DOING.

AH, I SEE. BUT I'M
SORRY, WE'RE ABOUT TO
CLOSE THE SHOP. WOULD
YOU LIKE TO COME BACK
TOMORROW?

A comic panel set at night outside a shop. On the left, a girl with long black hair and a red skirt is seen from behind, looking into the shop. In the center, a girl with short dark hair, a yellow floral shirt, and red shorts stands with her hands at her sides. On the right, a girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a red and white striped shirt and blue shorts, is also seen from behind. The shop's interior is visible through the glass door, showing tables and chairs. A large green plant is in the bottom left corner.

PERFECT TIMING!

I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.

OH HOW UNFORTUNATE!

IF WE KNEW THE SHOP WILL CLOSE AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD HAVE COME EALIER.

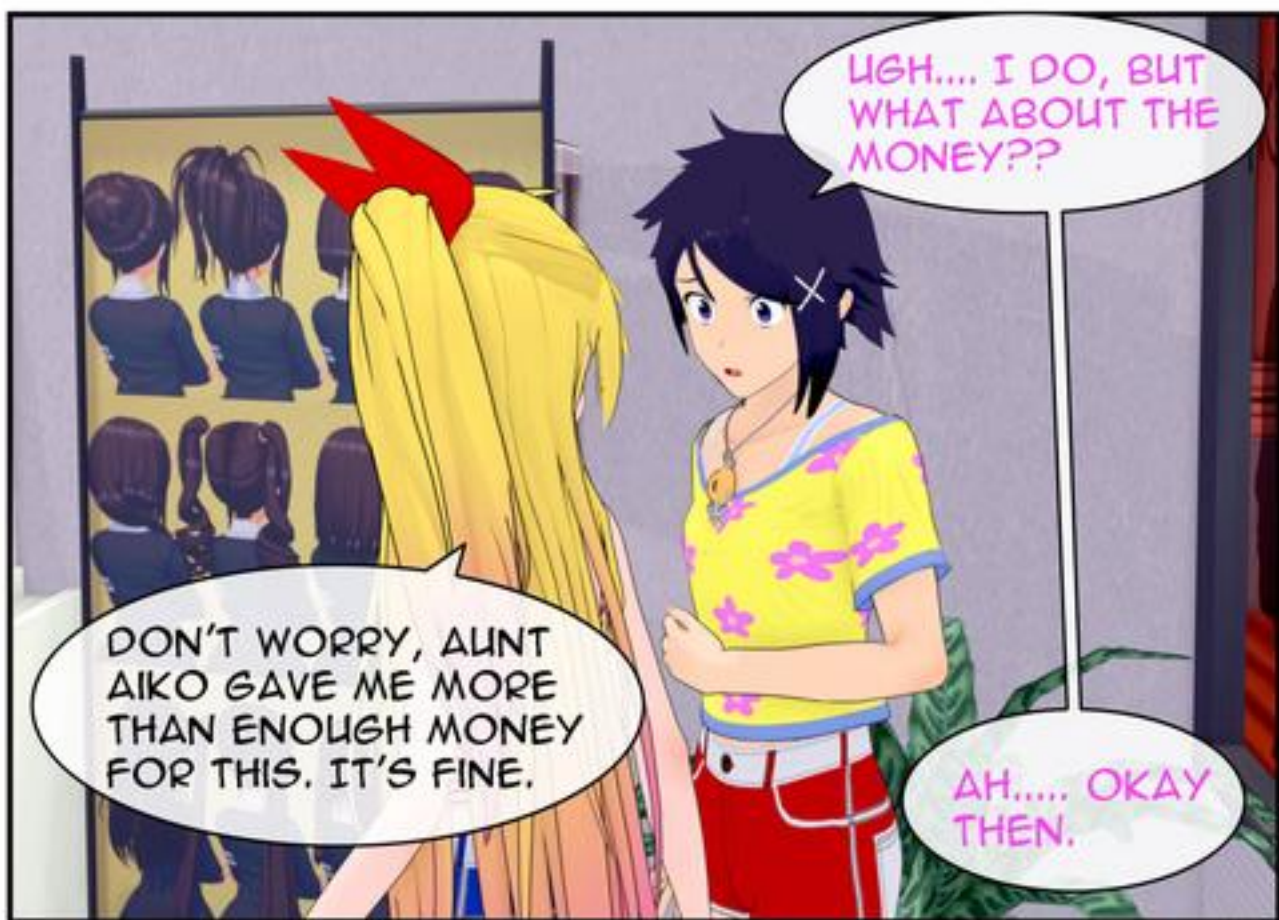
ALRIGHT, I THINK IT'S TIME TO LEAV-



HMMM, LET ME
THINK ABOUT IT...

Y- YOU KNOW, HOW ABOUT
WE PAY YOU EXTRA! MY
FRIEND NEVER HAS A GOOD
HAIRCUT BEFORE, SO SHE
REALLY WANTS IT TO BE
FROM THE BEST!

RIGHT, RIKA-CHAN?





SO, CAN YOU DO IT
FOR US?

HMM, YES. I THINK
WE CAN. BUT IT'S
GONNA COST YOU
MORE, OKAY?

THAT'S FINE, AND
CAN YOU GIVE HER
PACKAGE NO.3?

NO.3? SMART
CHOICE. PLEASE
FOLLOW ME TO
YOUR SEAT.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!



WHAT IS PACKAGE NO.3?

AHH, I SEE. CAN'T SAY I'M NOT EXCITED, HAHA.

OKAY, JUST DON'T EAT TOO MUCH.

WELL, IT'S THE STYLE I THINK WILL SUIT YOU THE BEST. IT'S NOT TOO LONG AND NOT TOO SHORT. YOU'LL LIKE IT.

ME TOO, ALRIGHT, I'LL BE BACK. I'M SO HUNGRY RIGHT NOW.

I KNOW~ SEE YOU SOON!

A MOMENT LATER...

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR
FACE BEFORE. ARE YOU
NEW AROUND HERE?

AH, YES. I CAME HERE
JUST LAST MONTH.

Y- YEAH...

I SEE, I HEARD YOUR
NAME IS RIKA, RIGHT?

OKAY, RIKA-CHAN, NOW
CLOSE YOUR EYES.



SHALL WE BEGIN?

YES, I'M READY!

OKAY, LET'S DO IT~

30 MINUTES LATER...



DONE! YOU CAN OPEN
YOUR EYES NOW~





T- T- T- THIS THIS.....

THIS CAN'T BE ME!!!!

BLUSHING

I KNOW, RIGHT? EVEN A
TOMBOYISH LOOKING GIRL
LIKE YOU CAN BE SUPER
CUTE BY MY HAND~



WHAT DO THINK? I'D
SAY YOU LOOK SOOO
MUCH PRETTIER WITH
THIS HAIRSTYLE.

P- PRETTY?! UGH, I- I
PREFER A SHORTE-

HOHO, I BET NOT EVEN
A SINGLE MAN IN THIS
CITY CAN RESIST YOU
NOW!

WHAT?!

OH GOD, I REALLY NEED
TO TALK WITH CHITOGÉ.

FEW MINUTES LATER...

RIKA-CHAN, I'M BACK~



YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, CHITOGÉ!



L- LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE
DONE TO ME!

DIDN'T YOU SAY IT
WOULD FIT ME? IT'S
NOT!

UGHH, NOW I LOOK
LIKE A S- SISSY!





AHH, COME ON.

DON'T "RIKA-CHAN!!"
TO ME.

WE NEED TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS.

I JUST... I- I CAN'T
GO BACK LIKE THIS!



WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT,
RIKA-CHAN?

YOU LOOK SO CUTE
IN THAT HAIRSTYLE!

C- CUTE?! B- BUT I
DON'T WANT TO BE
CUTE!

HMMMMMM~
REALLY?



AH, JUST LIKE AUNT
AIKO TOLD ME. I
KNEW HE'D SAY
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS.

WELL, THEN WHY
YOU KEEP LOOKING
IN THE MIRROR? AND
OMG YOUR FACE IS
SO RED~

YEAH, I THOUGHT YOU
KNEW THAT CUTE ISN'T
MY THING! I MEAN I'M A
MAN, YOU KNOW?

W- WHAT?





LIGHTHH, BUT THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH. IT'S JUST TOO GIRLY FOR ME!

BUT I JUST WANT TO CUT MY HAIR RIGHT NOW....

WELL, YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT. BUT TRUST ME RIKA-CHAN, YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW GOOD YOU LOOK RIGHT NOW.

IT'S NOT~ WHY DON'T YOU WAIT FOR TOMORROW AND SEE EVERYONE'S REACTION AT THE CAFE?



SORRY TO INTERRUPT
YOU GUYS, BUT WE'RE
CLOSING VERY SOON.

OH YEAH, WHEN WE
ARRIVED YOU WERE
ABOUT TO CLOSE
YOUR SHOP.

HMM?

AH, I FORGOT
ABOUT THAT!

THAT'S RIGHT. SO I
WOULD KINDLY ASK
YOU TO PAY FOR YOUR
HAIRCUT, AND LEAVE.

W- WHAT ABOUT
MY HAIR-

RIKA-CHAN, I GOT
IT. YOU CAN WAIT
FOR ME OUTSIDE!

A MOMENT LATER...

SO, WHERE ARE WE
GOING NEXT?

WAIT, WHAT ABOUT
MY HAIR??

WE ARE GOING HOME,
OF COURSE!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAIR? IT
LOOKS AMAZING! JUST YOU
WAIT FOR TOMORROW,
EVERYONE WILL LOVE IT!



A comic panel depicting two young women standing on a wooden porch at night. The woman on the left has short dark hair and is wearing a yellow short-sleeved shirt with pink floral patterns and red shorts. She has a sad expression with her eyes closed. The woman on the right has long blonde hair in a high ponytail with a red flame-like accessory and is wearing a red and white striped shirt. She is looking at the first woman with a confident smile. The background shows a building with arched windows and a small garden area with a green umbrella and a wooden chair.

SIGH THERE'S NO
OTHER CHOICE ISN'T IT.

UGHH... FINE... LET'S GO
HOME.

YUP! I KNOW YOU'LL
LOVE IT BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT!

YAY~

SIGH I HOPE OTHER
MAIDS WON'T BE MAKING
FUN OF ME....

A comic panel set in a courtyard with a brick building and a balcony. Two girls are walking down a set of stairs. The girl on the left has short dark hair and wears a yellow floral crop top and red shorts. The girl on the right has long blonde hair with a red star on top, a red and white striped crop top, blue shorts, and yellow knee-high socks. A third girl is visible on the balcony in the background.

HEHE, I CAN'T WAIT FOR
AUNT AIKO TO SEE YOU~

UGH... I DON'T KNOW
WHY, BUT I THINK
SHE'LL SAY I'M CUTE
OR SOMETHING.

NO, I'M NOT!!

SEE? YOU
KNOW YOU
LOOK CUTE.



AH.....~

R- RIKA-CHAN WITH THE
NEW HAIR STYLE.... SHE'S
SOOOO ADORABLE. I- I
JUST WANNA HUG HER~

GOOD THING I FOLLOWED
THESE TWO FROM THE
CAFE. I KNEW SOMETHING
WAS UP!

A manga-style illustration showing a girl with short black hair, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and a black pleated skirt, standing on a wooden balcony with a dark brown railing. She is looking down at two other girls walking away on a red-tiled path. The girl on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a blue and white outfit. The girl on the right has short dark hair and is wearing a yellow and red outfit. In the background, there is a brick building with windows and a sign that reads "CUSTOM MALL -SINCE 1974-". There are also some yellow flowers in planters.

CHITOGÉ-CHAN,
YOU'RE GETTING TOO
CLOSE FOR BEING "A
FAKE COUPLE".

LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO
START DOING SOMETHING
TOO.

CHITOGÉ-CHAN, I LOVE YOU,
BUT I ALSO CAN'T LOSE TO
YOU EITHER!

A pink convertible car is parked on a city street. Three anime-style girls are sitting in the back seat. The girl on the left has short dark hair and is wearing a yellow shirt with pink flowers. The girl in the middle has long blonde hair and is wearing a red and white striped crop top. The girl on the right has short reddish-brown hair, is wearing sunglasses and a yellow top. They are all looking towards the right. In the background, there are city buildings and a traffic light.

UH, HAHA.... I- I KNOW I
LOOK RIDICULOUS WITH
THIS HAIRCUT...

UGHH....

OH WOW, LOOK WHO
WE HAVE HERE!

OH, NOT AT ALL.
YOU'RE LOOK SO SO
CUTE, RIKA-CHAN.

NICE JOB,
CHITOGÉ-CHAN!

HEHE~



WAIT, REALLY?!

OH, I FOTGOT TO TELL YOU.
TODAY MARKS ONE MONTH
SINCE YOU STARTED WORK-
ING AT MY CAFE.

CONGRATULATION,
RIKA-CHAN!

CONGRATULATION~ YAY!



SO, DOES THIS MEAN
I'LL FINALLY GET MY
SALARY?!

HUH?

YES! TIME TO BUY NEW
CLOTHES~~

THAT'S RIGHT. I THOUGHT
CHITOGÉ-CHAN ALREADY
GAVE THEM TO YOU.

OH.....



DID YOU FORGET TO GIVE
THEM TO ME, CHITOGÉ?

Y- YOU WHAT?!

AHAHA, I DIDN'T
FORGET. I- I USED
ALMOST ALL OF THE
MONEY.... ON YOUR
HAIRCUT....

SORRY, RIKÁ-CHAN...
THAT PLACE IS
KINDA EXPENSIVE...
SO.. YEAH..



AHH... MY
MONEY...

B- BUT...

THESE'S STILL
SOME LEFT, I WILL
GIVE IT TO YOU
WHEN WE'RE HOME,
OKAY.

THAT'S RIGHT! I
TOTALLY AGREE
WITH YOU, AUNT
AIKO.

OH RIKA-CHAN,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT
YOUR MONEY. YOUR
HAIR IS TOTALLY
WORTH IT!

WELL, IF YOU WANT
ANYTHING YOU
CAN JUST ASK ME,
YOU'RE MY NIECE
AFTER ALL, HEHE~

THAT NIGHT...

YAWN NNNN

ΔΗΗΗΗ, WHAT A LONG DAY!





WELL, TIME TO TAKE A SHOWER.

HMM? WHAT IS SO
AMAZING ABOUT
THIS STUPID HAIR??



WELL, AT LEAST I
DON'T LOOK LIKE A
CLOWN WITH THIS HAIR
STYLE.

.....

HMM, NOW THAT I TAKE A
GOOD LOOK AT IT....



IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T
LOOK THAT BAD....

ABOUT HOW IT FITS
MY LOOK...

I MEAN.... CHITOGÉ
ISN'T WRONG.....

M- MAYBE THIS IS
WHAT THEY CALL
"CUTE"?

W- WAIT?! CUTE?!

BLUSHING

LIGHHH, HOW THE HECK
DID I EVEN COME UP
WITH THAT??

OH MAN, I THINK AUNT
AIKO AND CHITOGÉ'S
WORDS START TO GET
INTO MY HEAD!

LIGH, OH YEAH, I NEED TO
TAKE A SHOWER TO COOL
MY HEAD OFF! TOO MANY
THINGS JUST HAPPENED
LATELY, YEAH...



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