

Forever Summer

Chapter 34

By Moonlly



THE NEXT DAY...

O- OH? REALLY?!

OH, I SEE~

BEFORE I GO, AKIO-KUN
TOLD ME THAT YOU GOT
APPROVED FROM HIS
BOSS. YOU ARE A FULL
FLEDGED MODEL NOW,
RIKA-CHAN.

I THINK STARTING
NEXT WEEK, THEY
WILL START CALLING
YOU OUT MORE AND
MORE.

AND IF YOU MANAGE
TO IMPRESS THEM,
YOU MIGHT EARN A
BONUS, YOU KNOW.





BONUS? THAT MEANS MORE
MONEY FOR ME, RIGHT?

Y- YOU THINK SO?

HMM~ WELL, IT'S
NOT THAT HARD,
RIGHT?

YEP~ IF YOU CAN DO
THAT, I THINK YOU CAN
EASILY FIND THE
MONEY YOU NEED IN
LESS THAN 3 MONTHS.

YES, IF YOU CAN DO
SOMETHING LIKE
YESTERDAY, IT'LL BE A
PIECE OF CAKE.

HUHU, THAT'S THE
RIKA-CHAN I KNEW!



OH, OKAY. SEE YOU IN
THE EVENING, MOM~

WELL, I'M GOING NOW.
AIRI-CHAN IS WAITING
FOR ME.

SEE YOU, RIKA-CHAN

ALRIGHT! LOOKS LIKE
THINGS ARE STARTING
TO GO MY WAY NOW!

HEH, MAYBE THIS IS NOT
AS BAD AS I THOUGHT
AFTER ALL~ LET'S KEEP IT
UP!

RAKU WAS GETTING MORE AND MORE COMFORTABLE WITH HIS NEW LIFESTYLE AND THE WEEK CONTINUED LIKE USUAL...

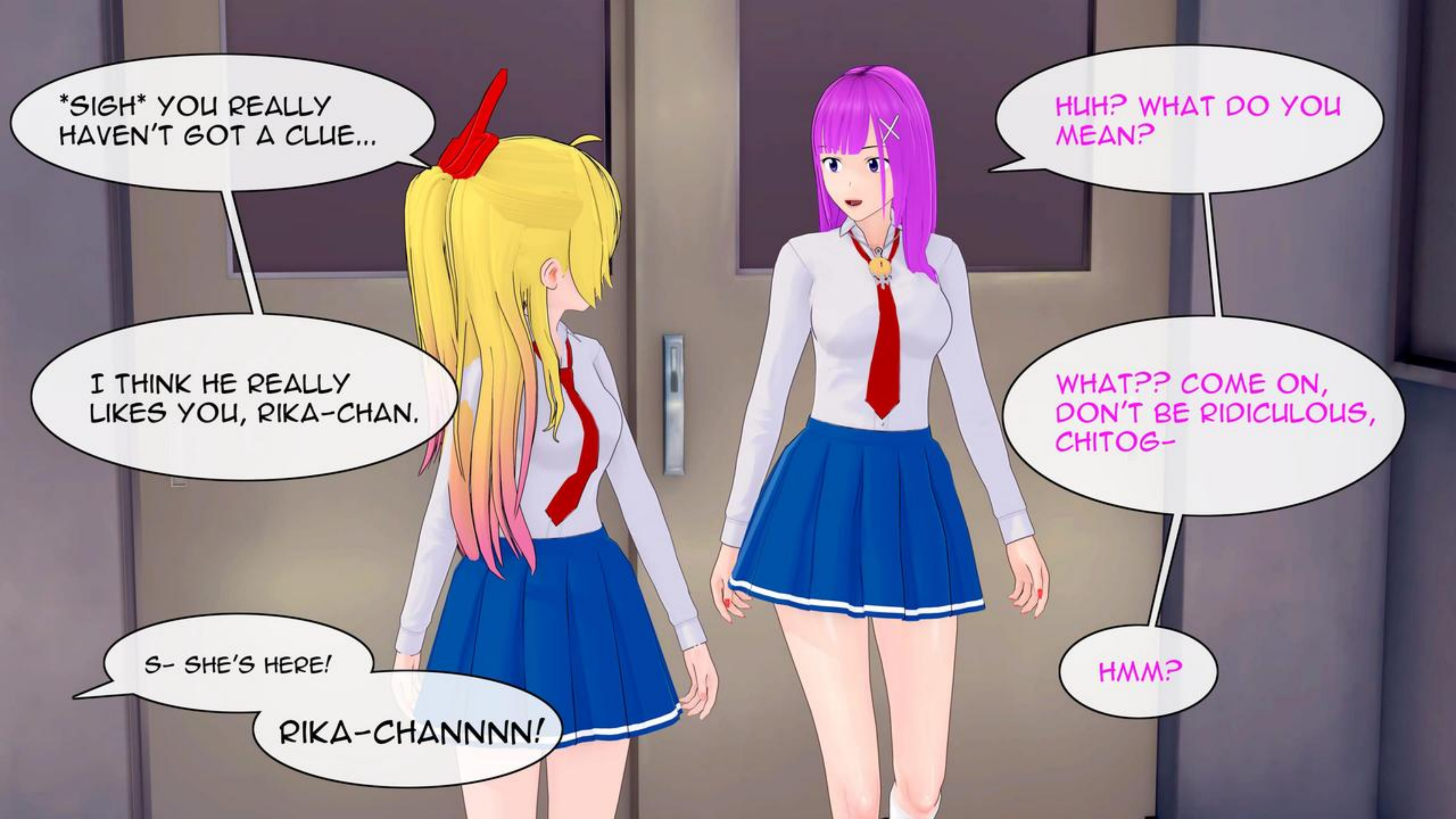
UNTIL THURSDAY...

AGAIN?? I THINK HE'S SERIOUSLY TRYING TO IMPRESS YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

AND YOU KNOW, THAT GUY ACTUALLY BOUGHT ME A LUNCH, AGAIN.

IMPRESS ME? NOPE, HE'S ONLY TRYING TO BE GENEROUS, GIRL. WE'RE JUST A CLASSMATE AFTER ALL.





SIGH YOU REALLY
HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE...

I THINK HE REALLY
LIKES YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

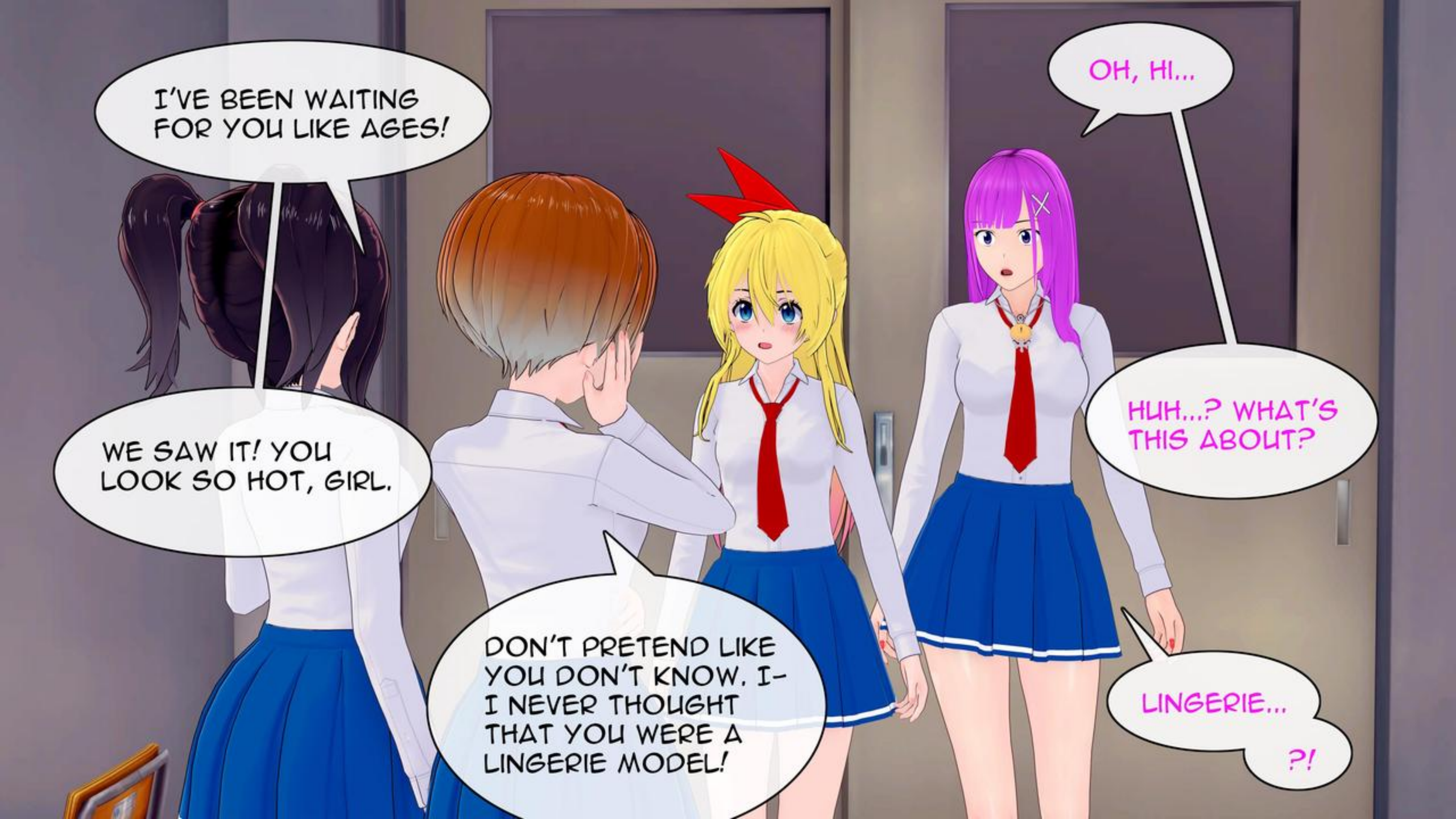
S- SHE'S HERE!

RIKA-CHANNNN!

HUH? WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

WHAT?? COME ON,
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS,
CHITOG-

HMM?



I'VE BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU LIKE AGES!

WE SAW IT! YOU
LOOK SO HOT, GIRL.

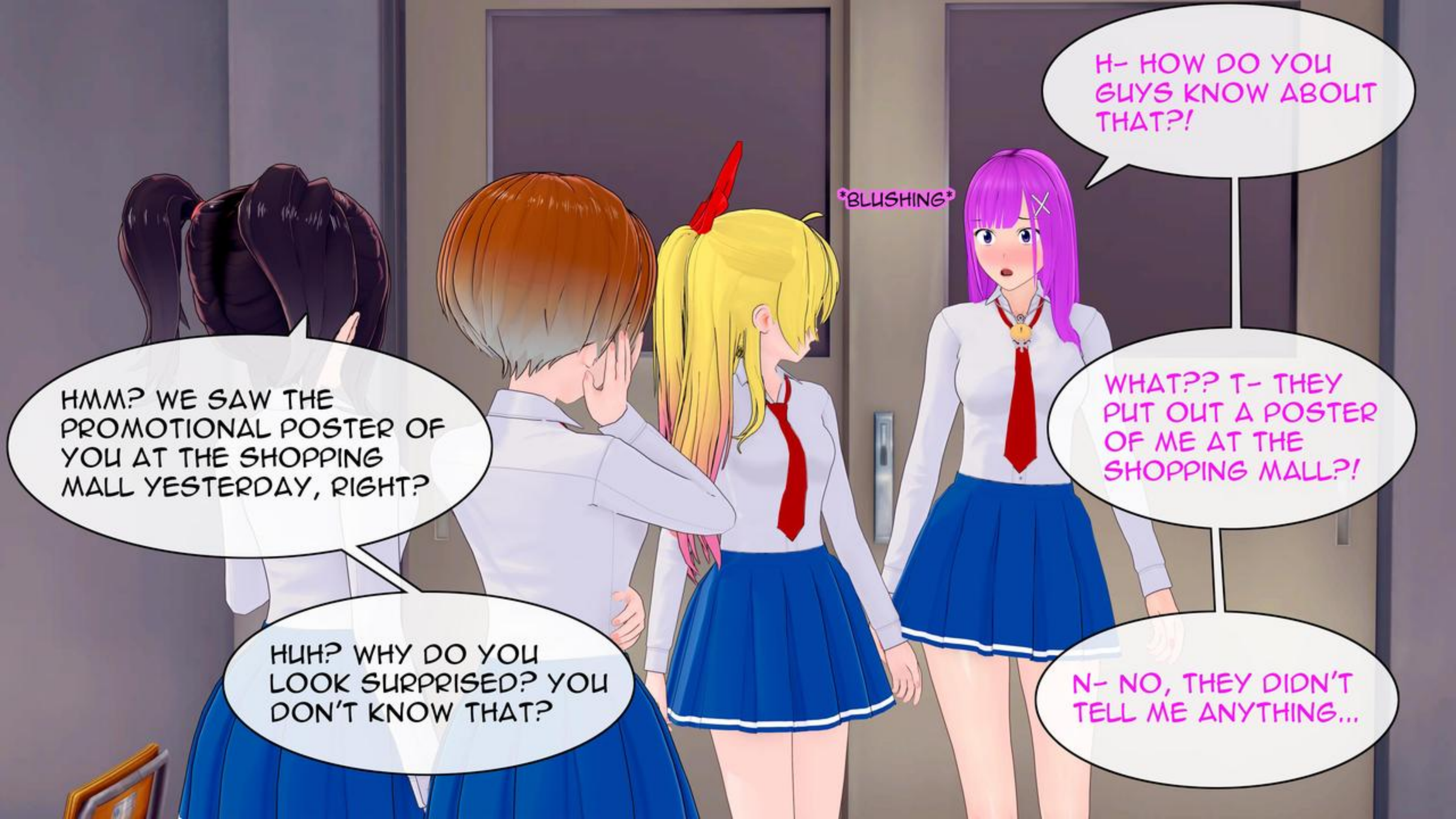
DON'T PRETEND LIKE
YOU DON'T KNOW. I-
I NEVER THOUGHT
THAT YOU WERE A
LINGERIE MODEL!

OH, HI...

HUH...? WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT?

LINGERIE...

?!



HMM? WE SAW THE
PROMOTIONAL POSTER OF
YOU AT THE SHOPPING
MALL YESTERDAY, RIGHT?

HUH? WHY DO YOU
LOOK SURPRISED? YOU
DON'T KNOW THAT?

BLUSHING

H- HOW DO YOU
GUYS KNOW ABOUT
THAT?!

WHAT?? T- THEY
PUT OUT A POSTER
OF ME AT THE
SHOPPING MALL?!

N- NO, THEY DIDN'T
TELL ME ANYTHING...



OH WELL, THAT
BESIDES THE POINT

WE ACTUALLY BOUGHT
YOUR PRODUCT, HEHE.

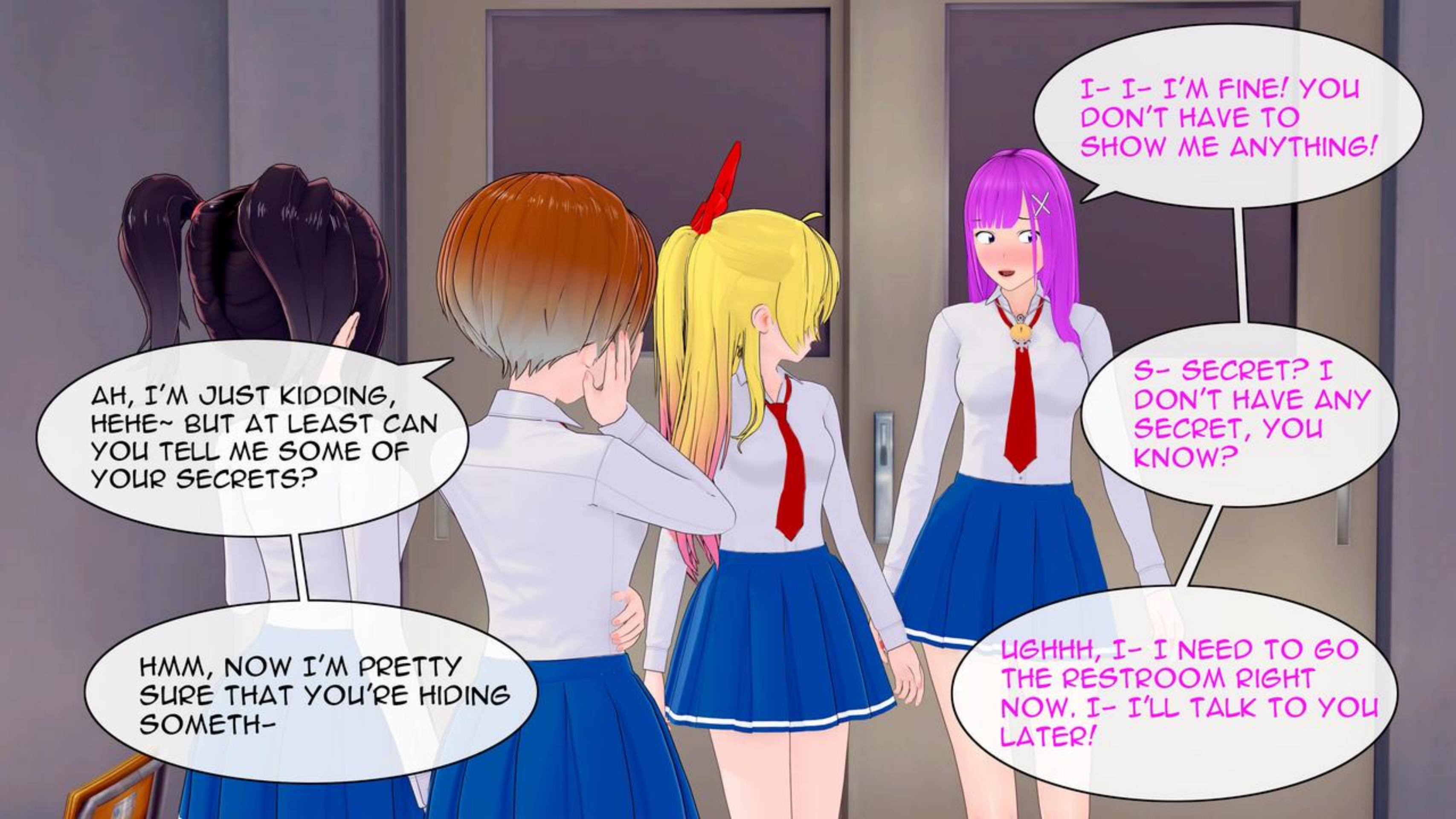
YES~ WHEN WE SAW THE
POSTER, WE JUST
COULDN'T HELP BUT LOOK
AT HOW SEXY YOU ARE
WITH THAT SET...

WHISPER ACTUALLY,
I'M WEARING IT, RIGHT
NOW. WANNA SEE?

Y- YOU BOUGHT
THEM TOO?!

UGH... I- I...

?!



AH, I'M JUST KIDDING,
HEHE~ BUT AT LEAST CAN
YOU TELL ME SOME OF
YOUR SECRETS?

HMM, NOW I'M PRETTY
SURE THAT YOU'RE HIDING
SOMETH-

I- I- I'M FINE! YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
SHOW ME ANYTHING!

S- SECRET? I
DON'T HAVE ANY
SECRET, YOU
KNOW?

UGHHH, I- I NEED TO GO
THE RESTROOM RIGHT
NOW. I- I'LL TALK TO YOU
LATER!

DOOR CLOSE

YOU IDIOT! NOW
YOU JUST
SCARED HER OFF!

UGH, JUST SAY
SORRY TO HER THE
NEXT TIME, OKAY?

OKAY...

UGHHH, B- BUT I
REALLY WANT TO
KNOW WHAT SKINCARE
PRODUCT SHE USES!

HAHA, IT'S
FINE! DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT, GUYS.

...

IN THE RESTROOM...

SIGHHHHHHHH

I- I ACTUALLY
FORGOT THAT ALL THE
PHOTOS ARE FOR
SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

AT LEAST TELL ME
SOMETHING BEFORE
PUT IT OUT IN THE
PUBLIC!!

AHHHHH, THEY ALREADY
RELEASED THE PRODUCT,
AND MY PHOTO!!

MOM AND AKIO-SAN
ALSO HAVEN'T TOLD
ME A THING ABOUT IT!

IN THE PUBLIC...



GASP T- T- THAT
MEANS ALL THE PEOPLE
IN THIS CITY WILL SEE
THAT POSTER?!

THEN HOW AM I
GOING TO HIDE MY
FACE?!

HMM~ YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU SEE A
GHOST, RIKA-CHAN!

OH GOSH!
NO NO NO!!!

I- I HAVE TO CALL
MOM, AND TELL HER
ABOUT THIS!!

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使いましょう



HMM? HELP YOU
WITH WHAT?

ANNNNND,...? ISN'T
THAT A VERY GOOD
NEWS FOR YOU?

O- OH! AIRI-CHAN!
YOU HAVE TO HELP
ME!

THE COMPANY THAT I
WORKED FOR ACTUALLY
RELEASED MY POSTER!

A VERY G-... HUH?

THIS IS REALLY
REALLY BAD!!

HMM? I DON'T SEE WHY IT'S A BAD THING THOUGH.

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使いましょう

BUT ISN'T THAT THE BEST PART? YOU'LL BE SUPER FAMOUS!

OF COURSE, YOU CAN STILL GO BACK. BUT YOU NEED TO LOOK IN THE PRESENT, RIKA-CHAN.

EH? ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? NOW EVERY PERSON IN THIS CITY WILL KNOW MY FACE! H- HOW CAN I GO BACK TO MY OLD LIFE?

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使いましょう

BEST?? I NEED TO GO BACK HOME IN A FEW MONTHS, YOU KNOW?

HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



IF YOU'RE GETTING
POPULAR THEN
YOUR RATE WILL
BE SKYROCKET,
RIGHT?

THEN AT THAT POINT,
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING
YOU WANT WITH THAT
MONEY, RIGHT?

YOU CAN EVEN DO A
SURGERY TO MAKE
YOU AS MANLY AS
YOU WANT, AND THEN
GO BACK TO YOUR
HOME, RIGHT?

LIGHHH, BUT THAT
DOESN'T HELP ME
ONE BIT!

L- LIKE WHAT?

LIGHHHH...
T- THAT'S...
THAT'S TRUE...



B- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL?? GIRLS IN OUR CLASS ARE STARTING TO GET CRAZY NOW, YOU KNOW?

WHAT? YOU THINK THEY BOUGHT IT BECAUSE OF ME?

HUH? YOU MEAN LIKE... I SHOULD ACT LIKE I'M THIER IDOL OR SOMETHING? HELL NO!

IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'RE YOUR FANCLUB, RIGHT?

THEY EVEN BOUGHT A PRODUCT BECAUSE OF YOU!

OF COURSE, GIRL. SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THEN?

HUHU, BUT WHAT CHOICE DO YOU HAVE, RIKA-CHAN?



YOU CAN MAKE THEM
PRAISE YOU OR HAVE THEM
GOSSIP ABOUT YOU. WHO
KNOWS IF THEY'LL TRY TO
DIG UP YOUR PAST?

WELL, YOU CAN BE THEIR
IDOL, AND THEN LEAVE
WITHOUT A TRACE WHEN
YOU GO BACK HOME.
SOUNDS GOOD?

IT'S YOUR CHOICE~

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T- THAT'S NOT
HAPPENING!!

UGHH, T- THERE'S
NO WAY I'M DOING
THAT!

SIGH GOSH, THIS IS
JUST ONE PROBLEM
AFTER ANOTHER...



I DON'T KNOW
AIRI-CHAN... YOUR
IDEA SOUNDS SO
RIDICULOUS.

I CAN'T IMAGINE
MYSELF AS THEIR
IDOL, YOU KNOW?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
CHOOSE NOW, JUST
KEEP THAT IN MIND.

YEAH... I REALLY NEED
TIME TO THINK ABOUT
THIS.

BUT THE FASTER THE
BETTER. I'M SURE
THERE WILL BE MORE
PEOPLE LIKE THOSE
GIRL IN OUR CLASS.



YEAH, I KNOW THAT...

BUT NEXT WEEK IS A
DIFFERENT STORY...

OH, R- RIGHT...
I ALMOST FORGOT
THAT WE'RE STILL IN
SCHOOL, HAHA.

BUT I THINK TODAY IS
SAFE FOR NOW, SINCE
THE POSTER JUST CAME
OUT...

WELL, YOU CAN THINK
ABOUT IT LATER. WE NEED
TO GO TO THE CLASS
NOW, OR WE'LL BE LATE.

HAHA, OKAY, LET'S
GO~

THAT NIGHT...

GOSH, I STILL DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH
PEOPLE AT SCHOOL...

SHOULD I ASK
AKIO-SAN TO REMOVE
THE POSTER, AND
GIVE UP ON THIS JOB?

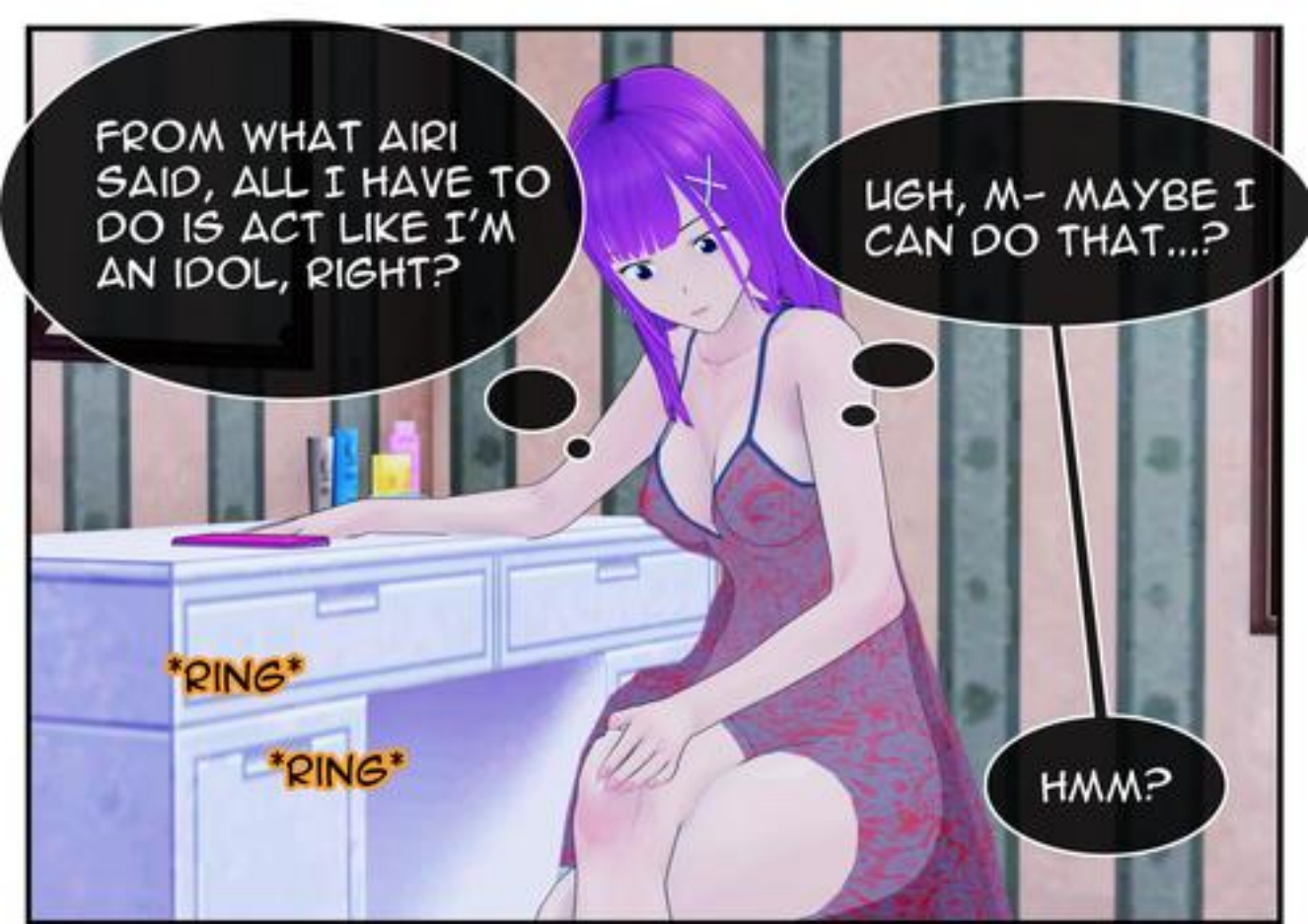
OR SHOULD I DO
SOMETHING LIKE
AIRI-CHAN SUGGESTED...

UGH, I DON'T MIND
BEING POPULAR, B- BUT
BEING POPULAR AS
RIKA IS A DIFFERENT
MATTER!

I- I'M A GUY, YOU
KNOW?!

ALRIGHT, THIS LEG IS
DONE, NOW TIME
FOR OTHER LEG~





FROM WHAT AIRI
SAID, ALL I HAVE TO
DO IS ACT LIKE I'M
AN IDOL, RIGHT?

UGH, M- MAYBE I
CAN DO THAT...?

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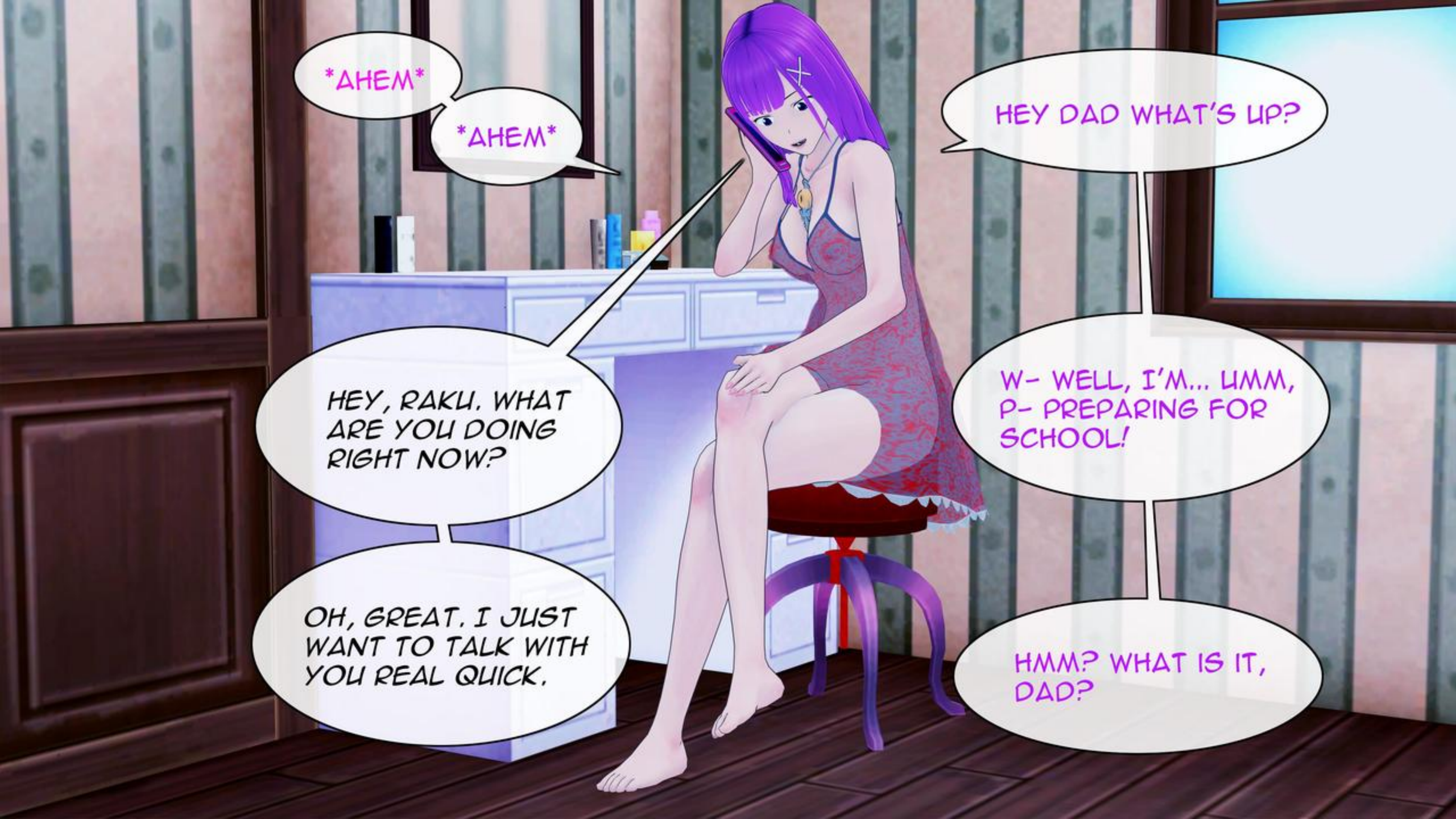
RING

HMM?



OH, IT'S DAD.

SIGH CALLING
ME THIS LATE,
MAYBE SOME-
THING HAPPENED?



AHEM

AHEM

HEY, RAKU. WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
RIGHT NOW?

OH, GREAT. I JUST
WANT TO TALK WITH
YOU REAL QUICK.

HEY DAD WHAT'S UP?

W- WELL, I'M... UMM,
P- PREPARING FOR
SCHOOL!

HMM? WHAT IS IT,
DAD?

A woman with short purple hair and blue eyes is sitting on a desk, talking on a pink flip phone. She is wearing a red dress with a blue floral pattern and a necklace with a gold pendant. The background shows a window with vertical blinds and a desk with some papers.

WELL, WE HIT THE JACKPOT WITH THE NEW COMPANY THIS WEEK!

WHEW, IT'S A GOOD NEWS THEN!

YES, VERY GOOD NEWS INDEED. MY SUBORDINATE FOUND OUT THAT THERE'S A HIDDEN GEM HIDING IN THIS COMPANY.

OH, THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING.

YES, HMM, ACTUALLY LET ME SEND THIS PICTURE TO YOU.

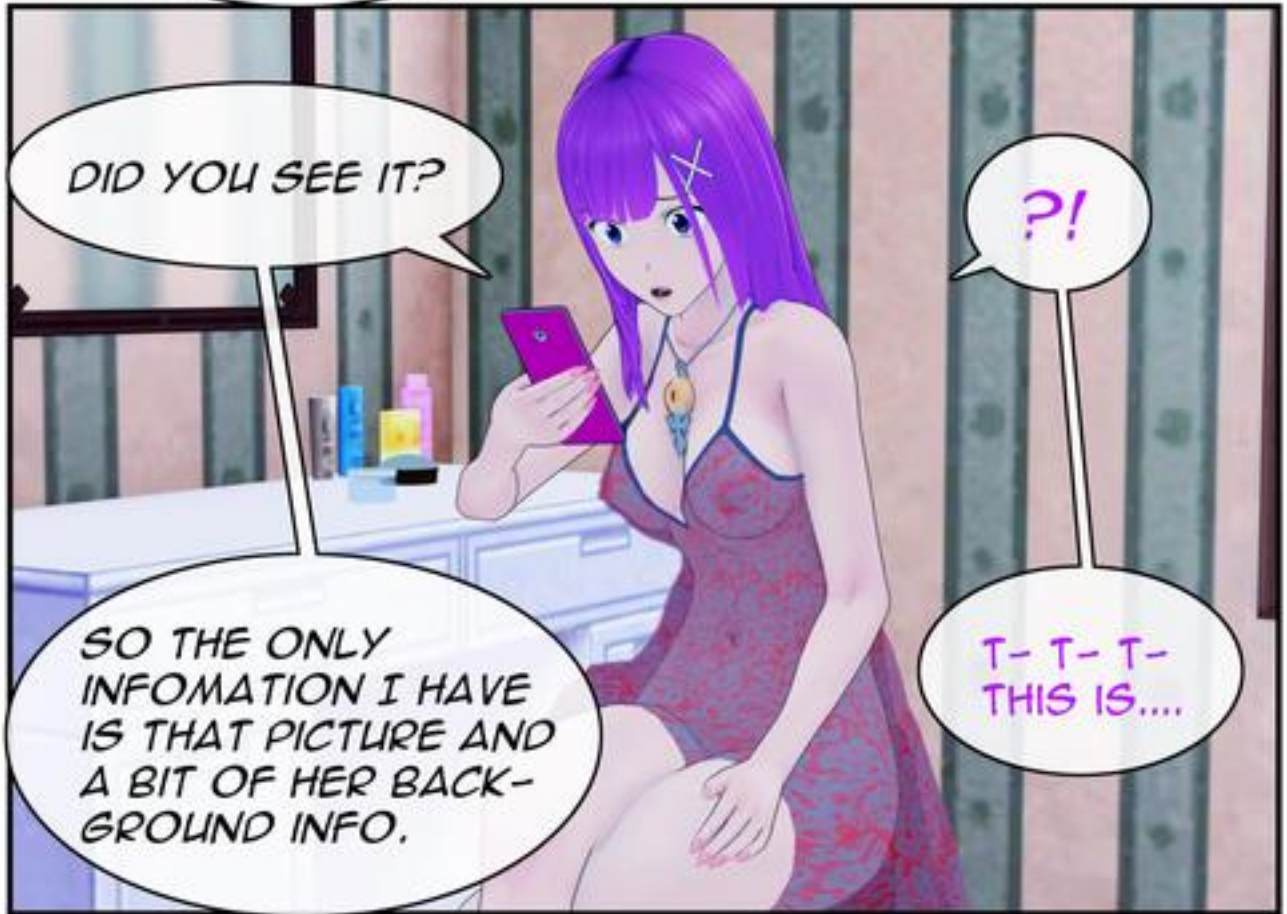
OH, OKAY. LET ME CHANGE TO SPEAKER MODE REAL QUICK.



OKAY, I ALREADY
SENT IT.

I GOT IT, DAD.
NOW LET'S SEE~

WELL, WE JUST GOT
THAT PICTURE TODAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHY MY
FRIEND DOESN'T TELL
ME ANYTHING ABOUT
HER.

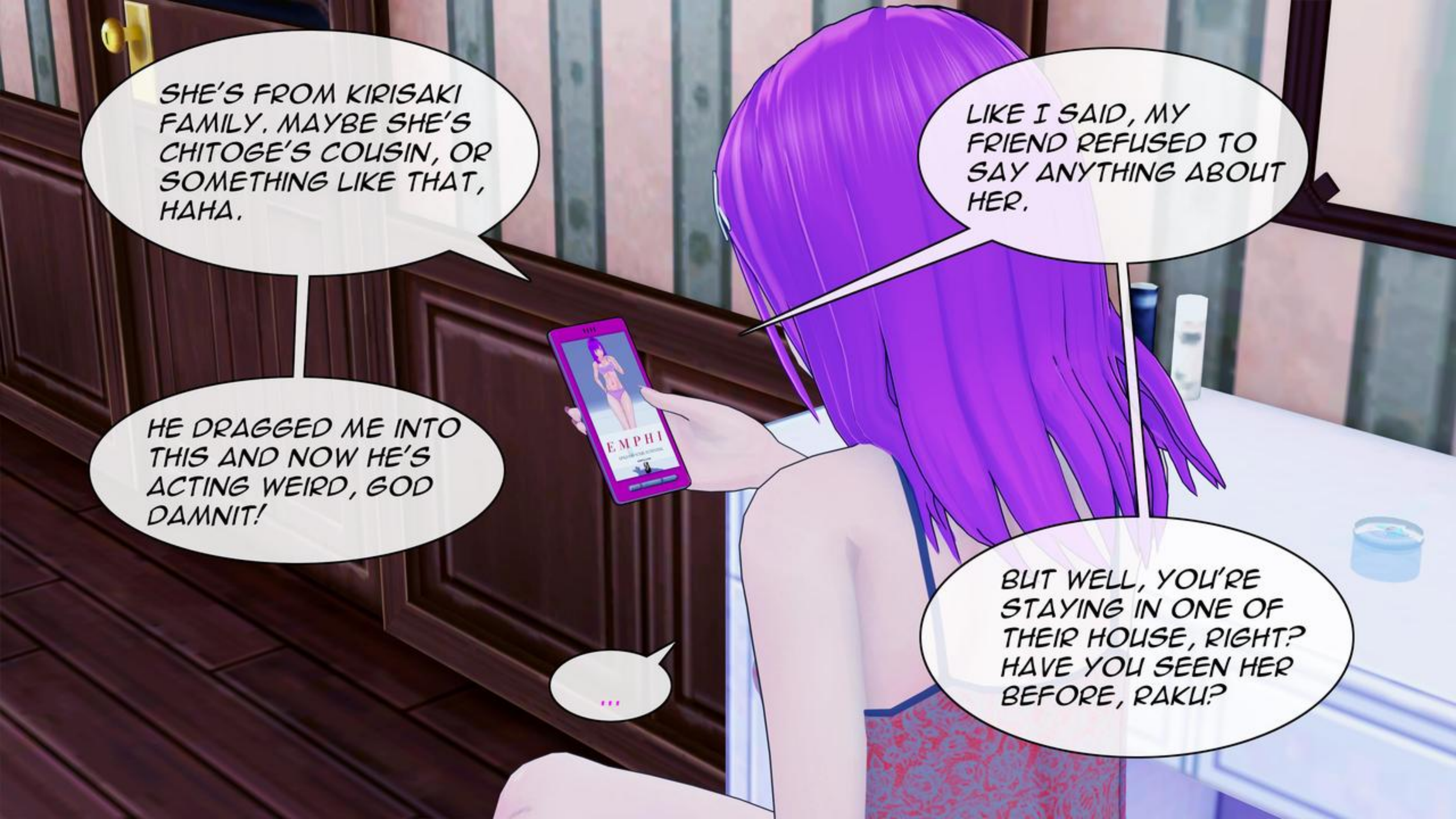


DID YOU SEE IT?

SO THE ONLY
INFORMATION I HAVE
IS THAT PICTURE AND
A BIT OF HER BACK-
GROUND INFO.

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



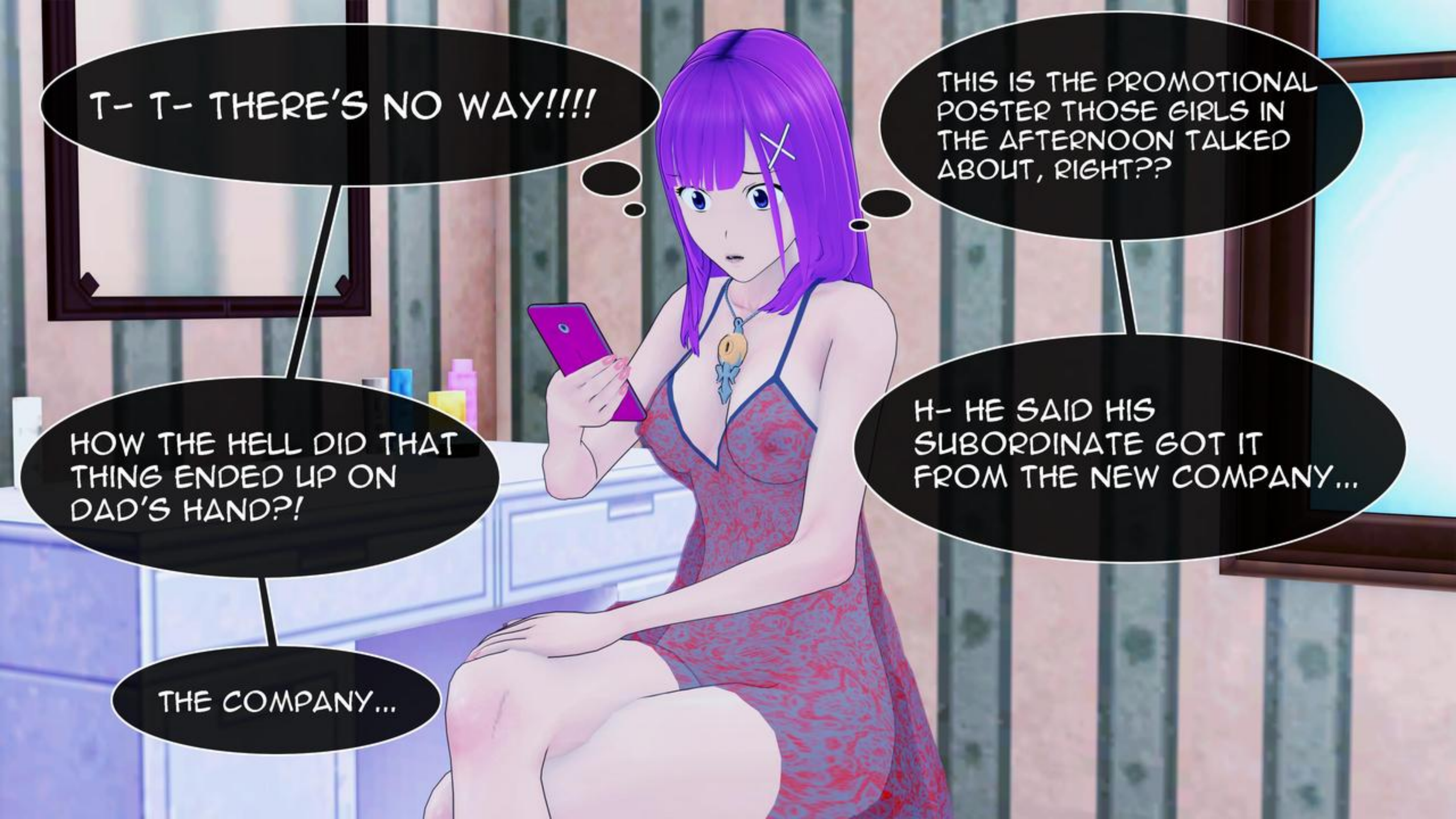
SHE'S FROM KIRISAKI
FAMILY. MAYBE SHE'S
CHITOGÉ'S COUSIN, OR
SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
HAHA.

HE DRAGGED ME INTO
THIS AND NOW HE'S
ACTING WEIRD, GOD
DAMNIT!

LIKE I SAID, MY
FRIEND REFUSED TO
SAY ANYTHING ABOUT
HER.

BUT WELL, YOU'RE
STAYING IN ONE OF
THEIR HOUSE, RIGHT?
HAVE YOU SEEN HER
BEFORE, RAKU?

...



T- T- THERE'S NO WAY!!!!

THIS IS THE PROMOTIONAL
POSTER THOSE GIRLS IN
THE AFTERNOON TALKED
ABOUT, RIGHT??

HOW THE HELL DID THAT
THING ENDED UP ON
DAD'S HAND?!

H- HE SAID HIS
SUBORDINATE GOT IT
FROM THE NEW COMPANY...

THE COMPANY...

GASP D- DON'T
TELL ME...

HEY, YOU
STILL THERE?

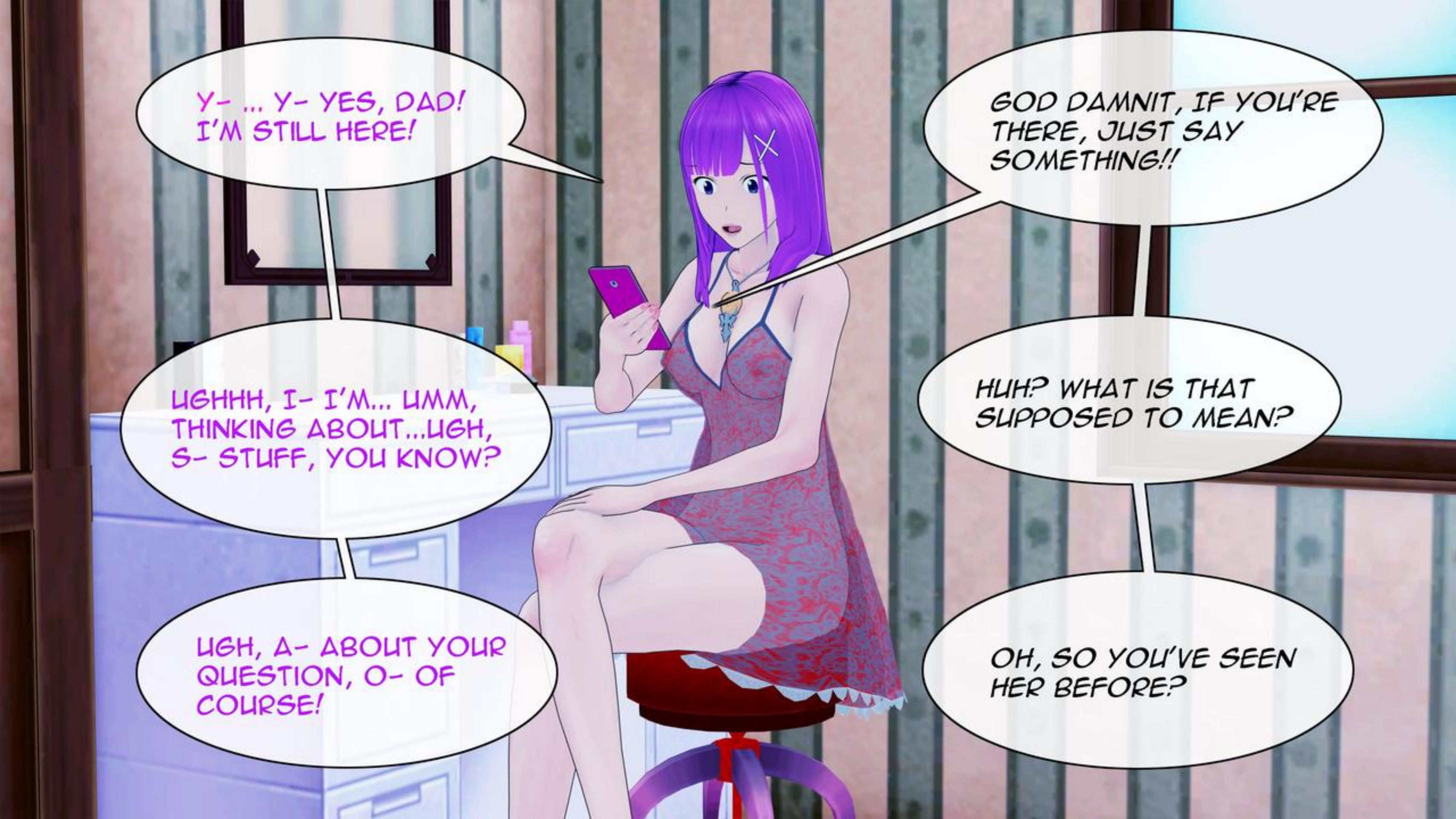
OH MY GOSH, OH MY
GOSH, OH MY GOSH!!!!

HEY, RAKU!!!

THE COMPANY THAT DAD GOT
INVESTED IN... IS ACTUALLY
THE SAME COMPANY THAT I
WORK FOR?!

T- THIS HAVE TO BE A
NIGHTMARE. WAKE UP! YOU
HAVE TO WAKE UP FROM
THIS, RIKA-CH-

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Y- ... Y- YES, DAD!
I'M STILL HERE!

GOD DAMNIT, IF YOU'RE
THERE, JUST SAY
SOMETHING!!

UGH, I- I'M... UMM,
THINKING ABOUT...UGH,
S- STUFF, YOU KNOW?

HUH? WHAT IS THAT
SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

UGH, A- ABOUT YOUR
QUESTION, O- OF
COURSE!

OH, SO YOU'VE SEEN
HER BEFORE?

T- THAT'S... UGH...

N- NOPE! I- I'VE NEVER
SEEN HER BEFORE...

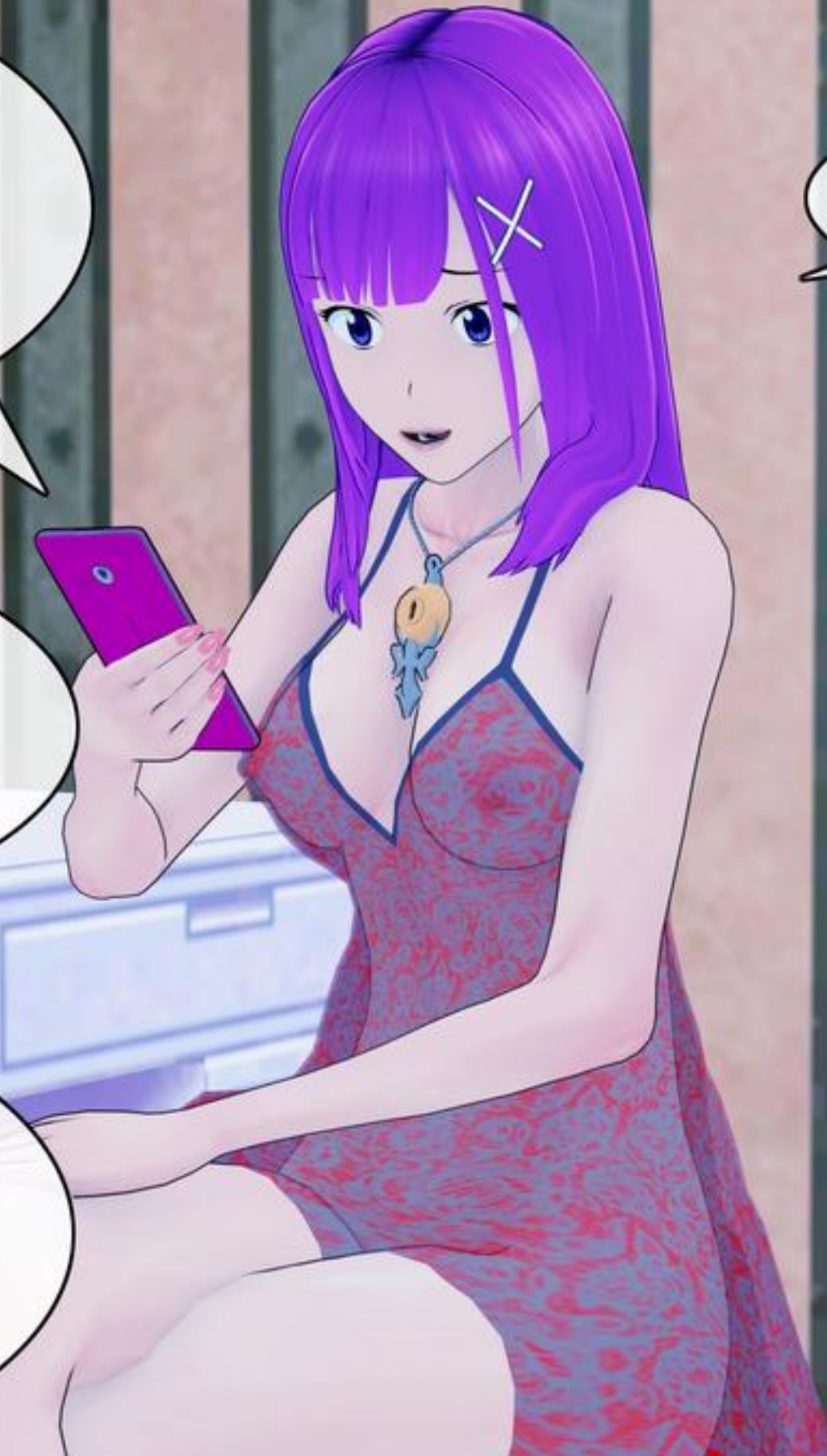
HMM... REALLY?

Y- YEAH! I WAS REALLY
BUSY THE ENTIRE
SUMMER, Y- YOU
KNOW?

AH, I SEE... I
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD KNOW
SOMETHING.

WHEW
UNFORTUNATELY
NOT, HAHA...



A woman with long purple hair and bangs, wearing a red dress with a blue floral pattern and a necklace with a yellow pendant, is sitting and looking at a pink smartphone. She has a small white 'X' hair clip on the right side of her head. The background shows a window with a view of a blue sky and some indoor furniture.

WELL, SINCE CHITOGÉ'S FATHER DIDN'T COOP-
ERATE WITH US, THEN...
I HAVE ONE JOB FOR
YOU TO DO.

I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT
WHO THAT GIRL IS, AND
HOW SHE RELATES TO
KIRISAKI FAMILY.

I ALREADY HAD A GENIUS
PLAN IN MIND. AND IF I'M
RIGHT, YOU COULD BE
THE LUCKIEST MAN ON
EARTH, RAKU!

H- HMM? A
JOB FOR ME?

E- EH? W- WHY
DO I NEED TO-

H- HUH?? W- WHAT
DO YOU MEAN BY
THAT?

YOU'LL SEE SOON.

ALSO, DON'T YOU
THINK SHE LOOKS
BEAUTIFUL?

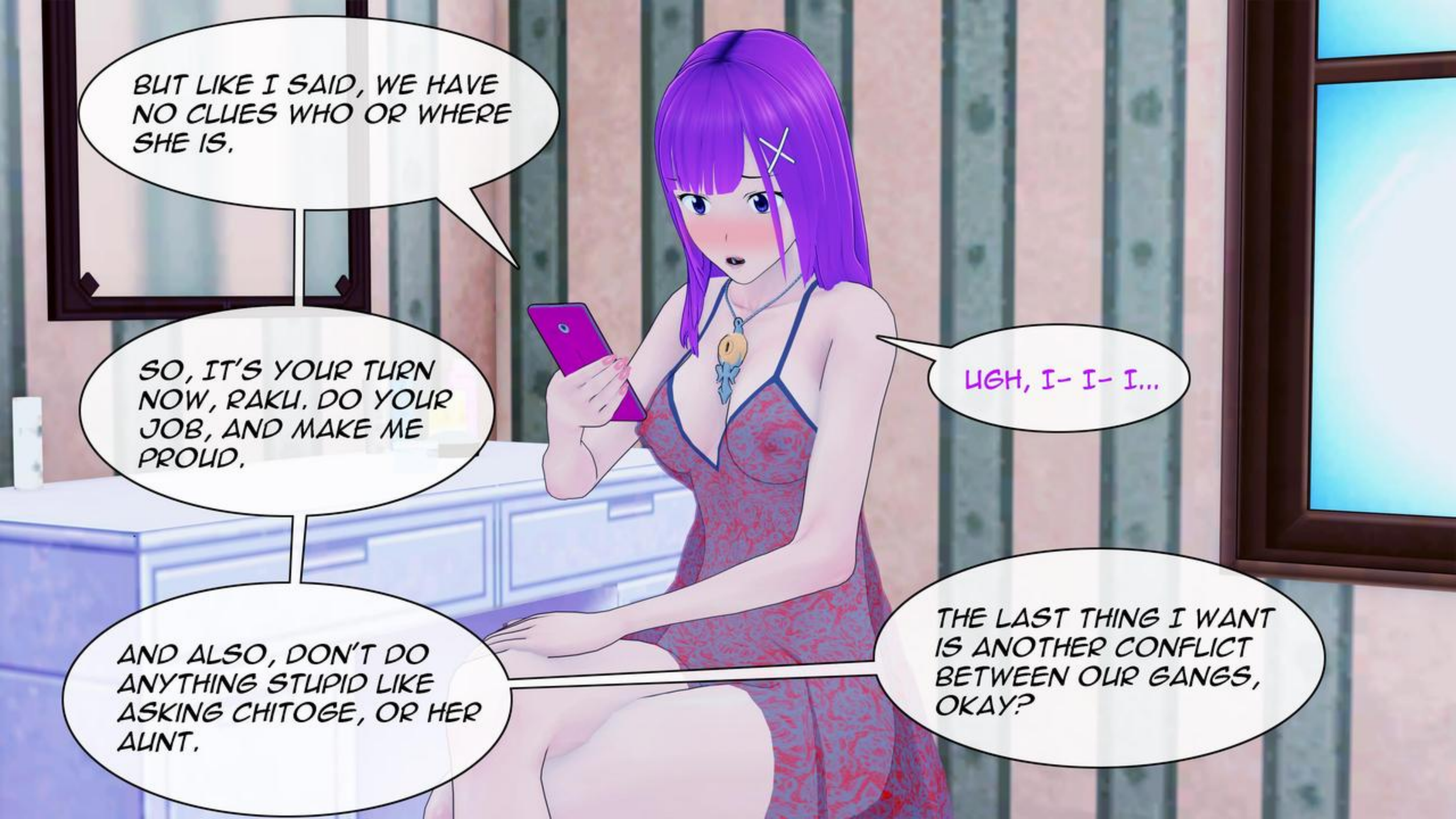
BLUSHING

?!
N- NO WAY!!!

W- WHAT THE?!
I- IT'S NOT LIKE
THAT!!

HMM? THERE'S NO NEED
TO BE SHY, RAKU. I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
WHEN YOU SEE THAT PIC,
HAHAHA.

HAHA, COME ON, WE'RE
BOTH MEN. YOU CAN'T
HIDE IT FROM ME, SON.



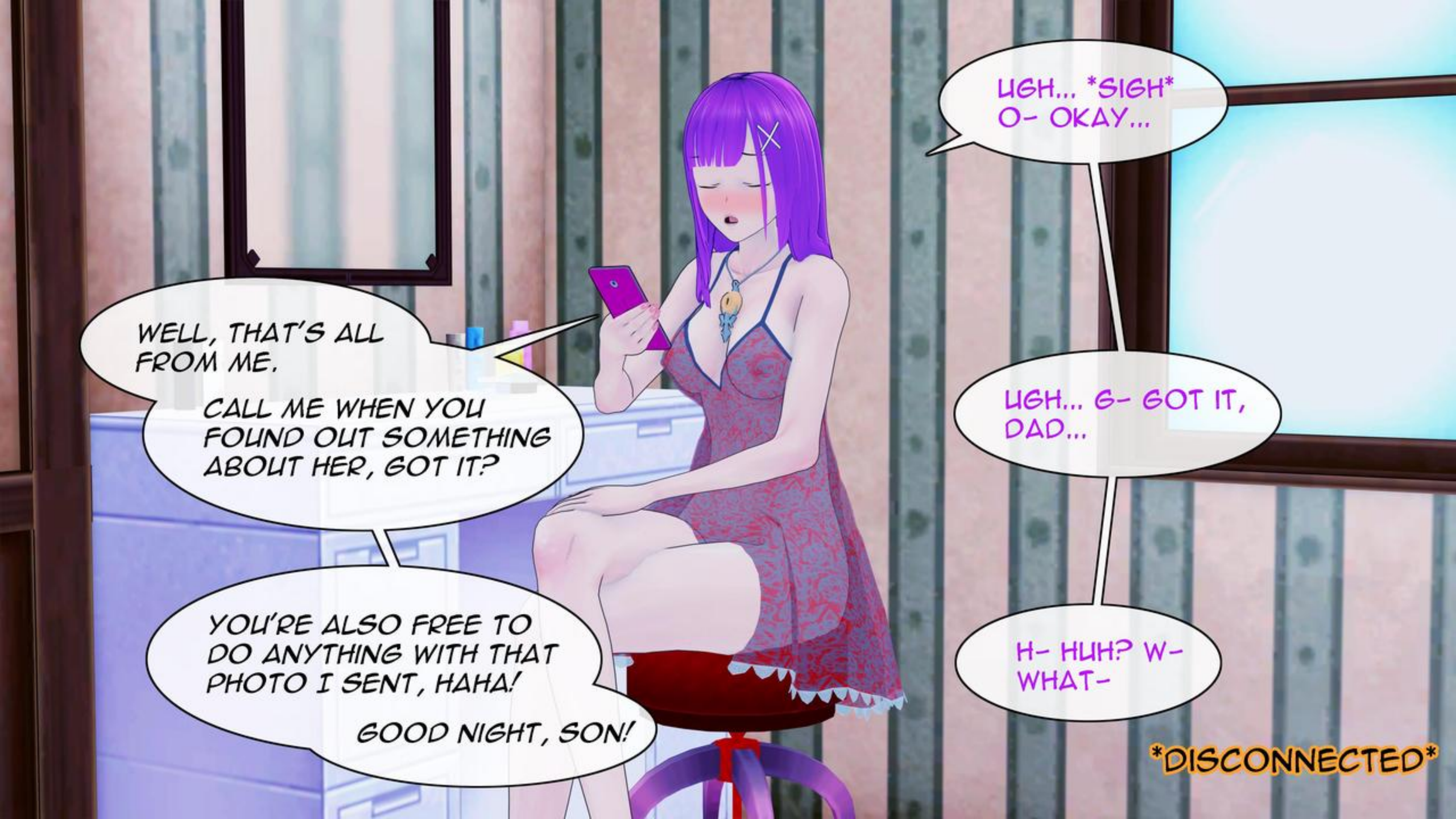
BUT LIKE I SAID, WE HAVE
NO CLUES WHO OR WHERE
SHE IS.

SO, IT'S YOUR TURN
NOW, RAKU. DO YOUR
JOB, AND MAKE ME
PROUD.

AND ALSO, DON'T DO
ANYTHING STUPID LIKE
ASKING CHITOGI, OR HER
AUNT.

UGH, I- I- I...

THE LAST THING I WANT
IS ANOTHER CONFLICT
BETWEEN OUR GANGS,
OKAY?



WELL, THAT'S ALL
FROM ME.

CALL ME WHEN YOU
FOUND OUT SOMETHING
ABOUT HER, GOT IT?

YOU'RE ALSO FREE TO
DO ANYTHING WITH THAT
PHOTO I SENT, HAHA!

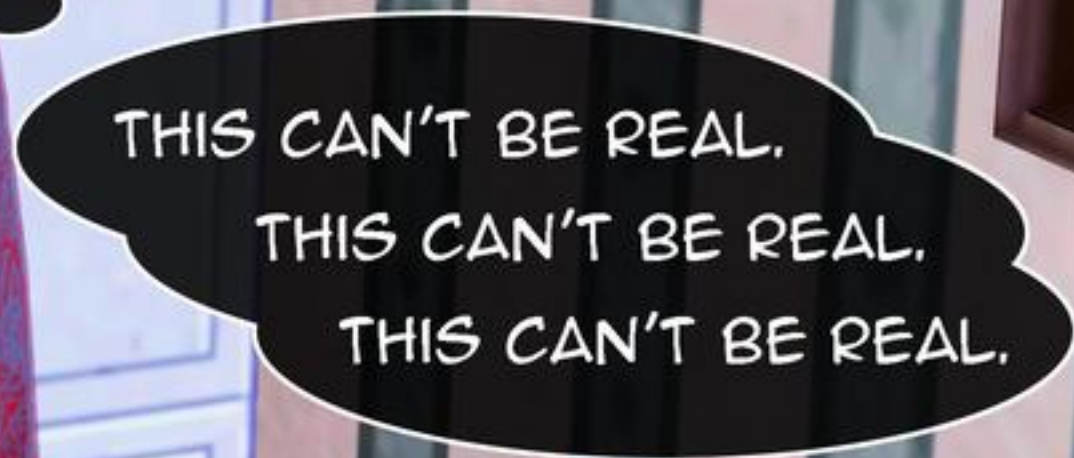
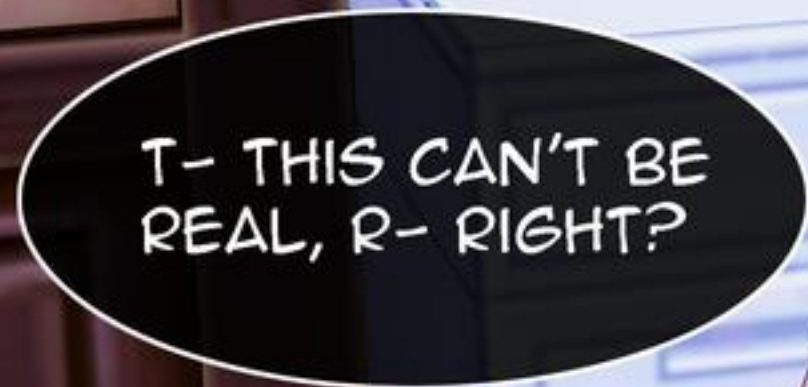
GOOD NIGHT, SON!

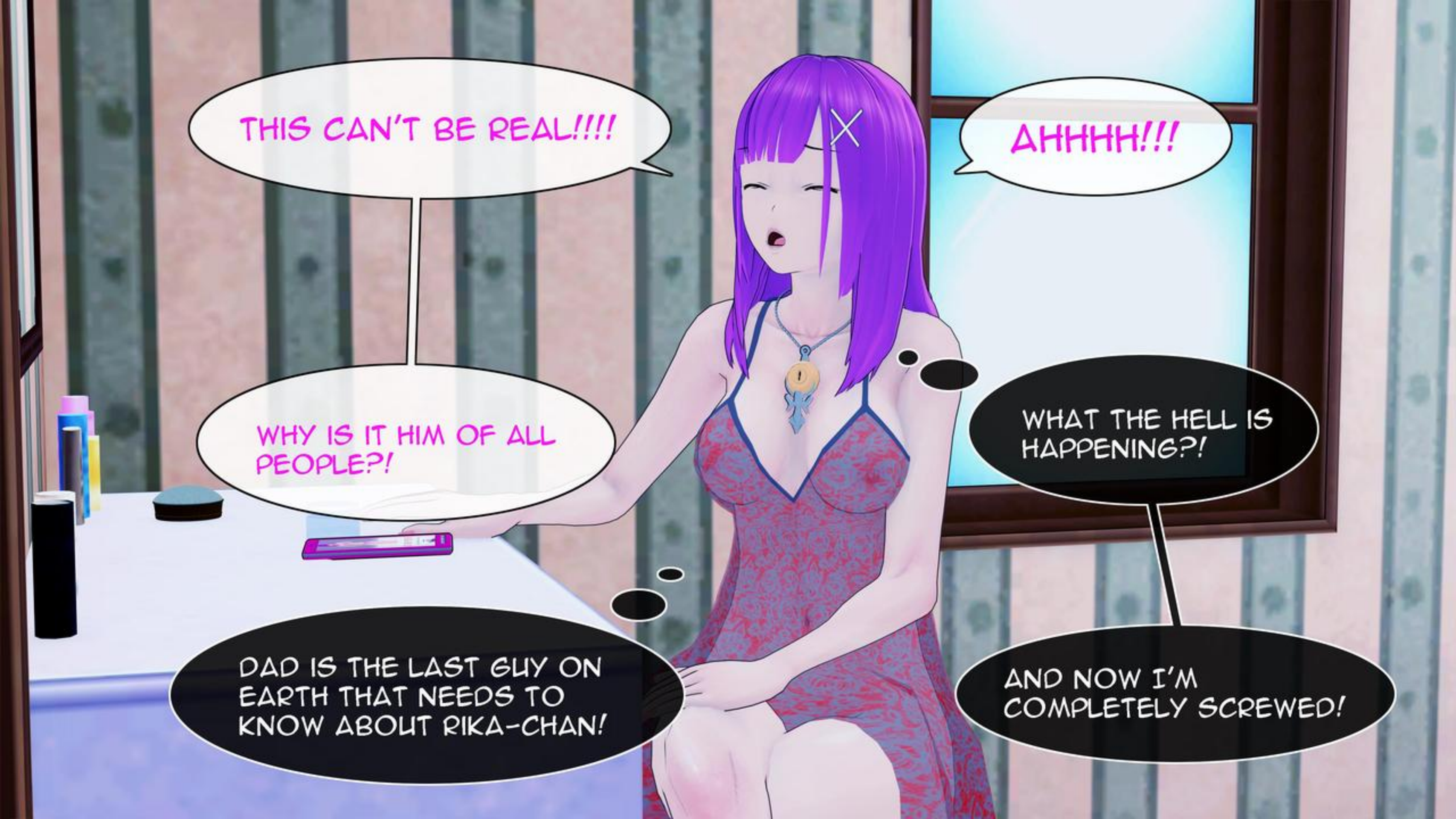
UGH... *SIGH*
O- OKAY...

UGH... G- GOT IT,
DAD...

H- HUH? W-
WHAT-

DISCONNECTED





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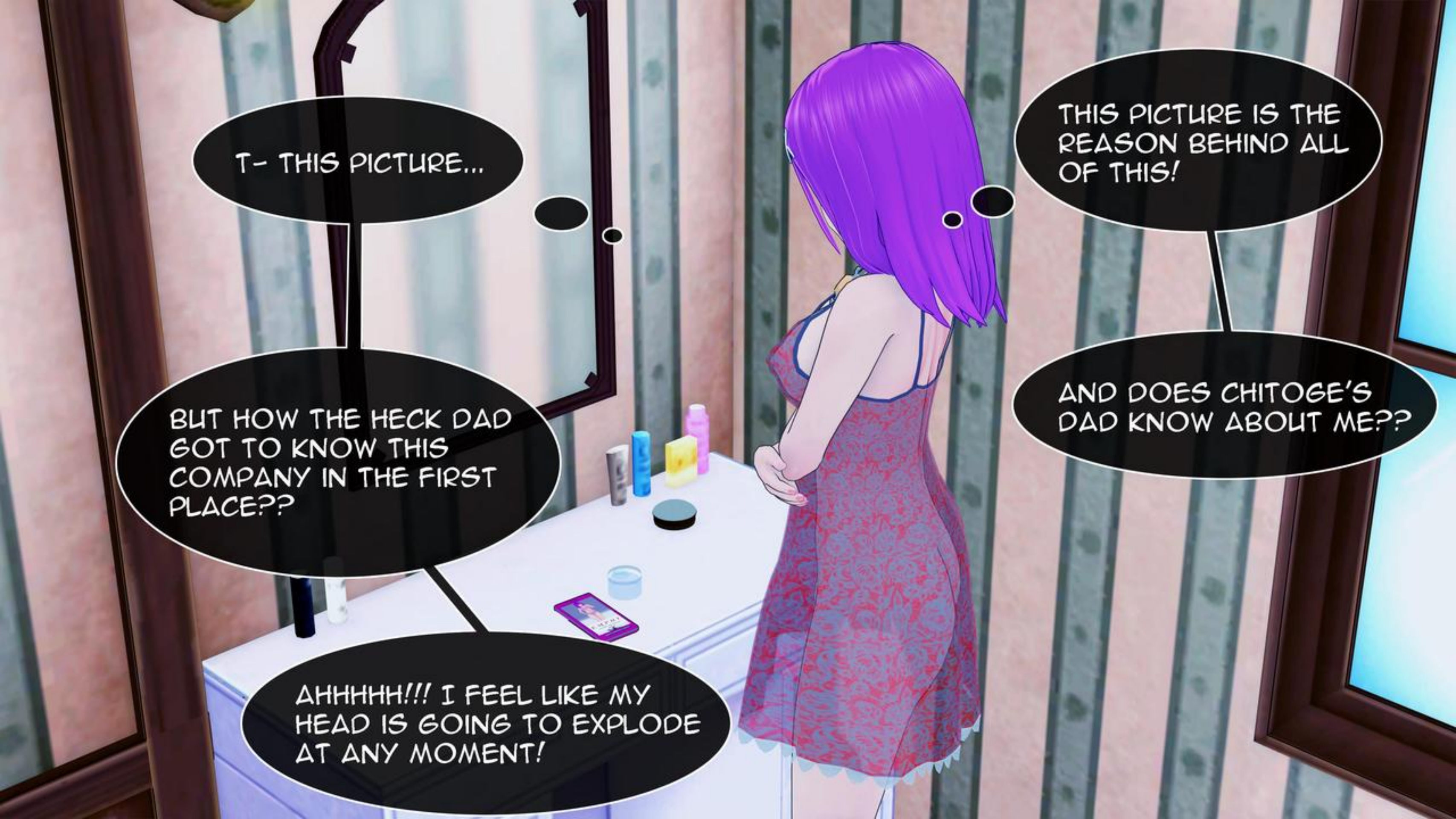
AHHHHH!!!

WHY IS IT HIM OF ALL
PEOPLE?!

WHAT THE HELL IS
HAPPENING?!

DAD IS THE LAST GUY ON
EARTH THAT NEEDS TO
KNOW ABOUT RIKA-CHAN!

AND NOW I'M
COMPLETELY SCREWED!

A woman with short, straight purple hair is shown from the back, looking into a large mirror on a vanity. She is wearing a red and blue patterned dress. The vanity is white and holds several items: a blue tube, a yellow sponge, a pink bottle, a black jar, a small blue jar, and a smartphone. The background shows a window with vertical blinds and a wooden frame.

T- THIS PICTURE...

THIS PICTURE IS THE
REASON BEHIND ALL
OF THIS!

BUT HOW THE HECK DAD
GOT TO KNOW THIS
COMPANY IN THE FIRST
PLACE??

AND DOES CHITOGÉ'S
DAD KNOW ABOUT ME??

AHHHHH!!! I FEEL LIKE MY
HEAD IS GOING TO EXPLODE
AT ANY MOMENT!



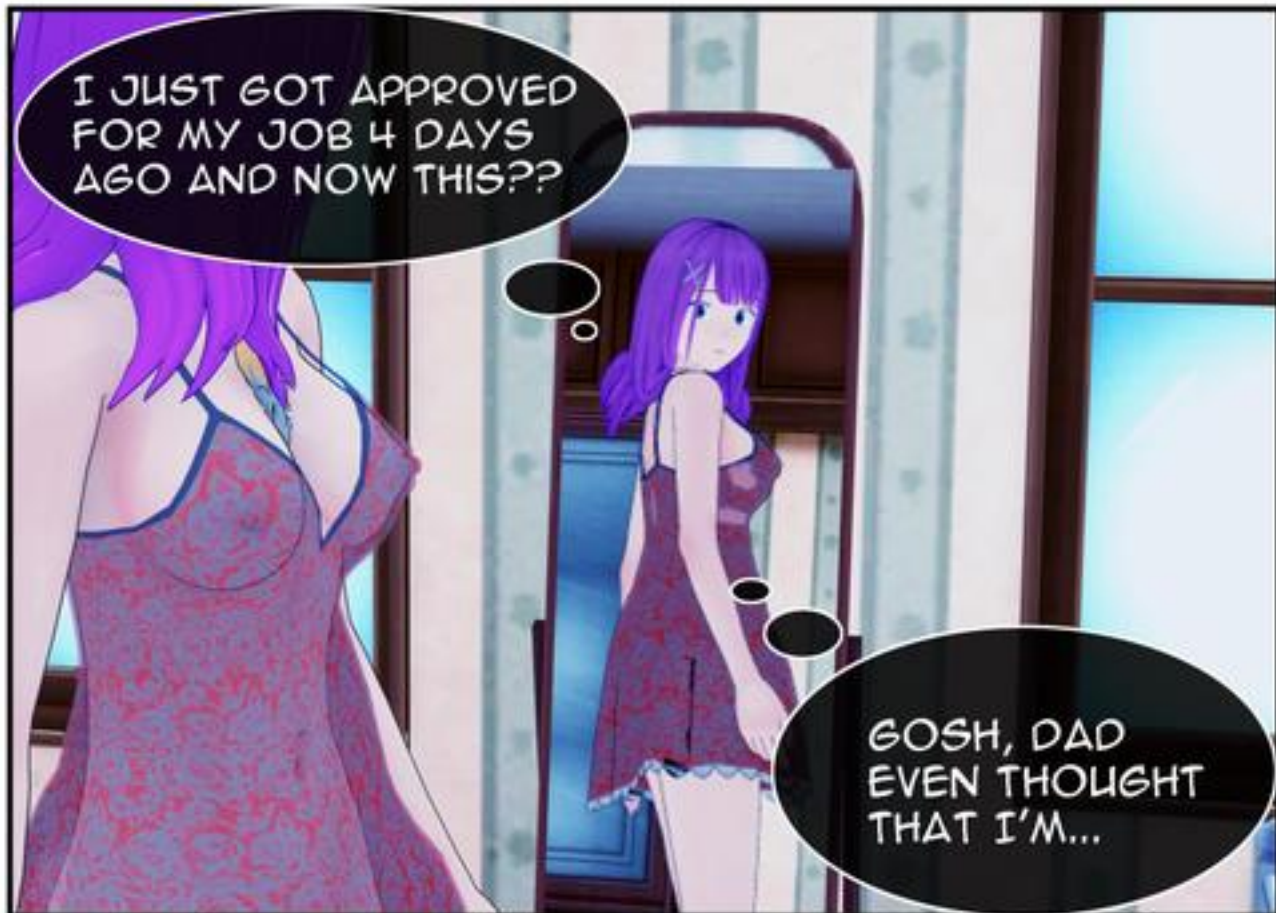
UGH, I'LL HAVE MOM
TELL AKIO-SAN TO GET
RID OF THAT PHOTO
SOMEHOW BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE.

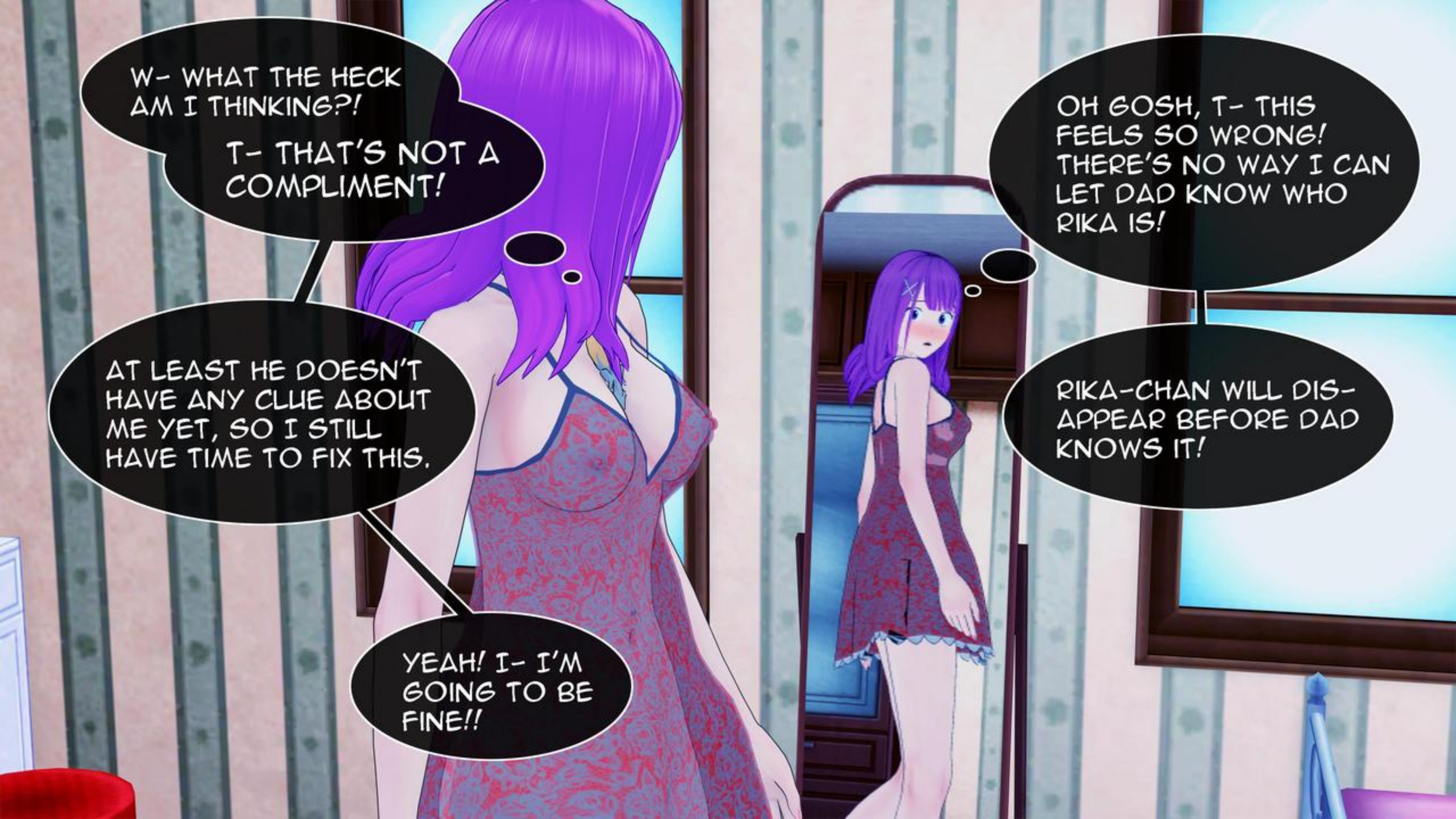
UGH, B- BUT IT'S
PRETTY LATE NOW.
SHE MUST PROBABLY
BE ASLEEP RIGHT NOW.

GOSH, I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT MY JOB COULD
LEAD ME TO THIS POINT!

O- OH YEAH, M- MAYBE
MOM KNOWS SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS! I NEED TO
ASK HER!

I WILL CALL HER
TOMORROW THEN.





W- WHAT THE HECK
AM I THINKING?!

T- THAT'S NOT A
COMPLIMENT!

AT LEAST HE DOESN'T
HAVE ANY CLUE ABOUT
ME YET, SO I STILL
HAVE TIME TO FIX THIS.

YEAH! I- I'M
GOING TO BE
FINE!!

OH GOSH, T- THIS
FEELS SO WRONG!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN
LET DAD KNOW WHO
RIKA IS!

RIKA-CHAN WILL DIS-
APPEAR BEFORE DAD
KNOWS IT!

MEANWHILE...

WHAT THE HELL IS
THIS, ADEL?? HOW
DID YOU-

YOU TELL ME, AIKO!

*MY FRIEND KEPT ASKING
ME ABOUT HER ALL DAY,
BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW
WHO SHE IS!*

FIRST OFF, I TOLD YOU
TO NOT CUT ME OFF
WHILE I'M SPEAKING.

LIGH, S- SORRY, SIS...



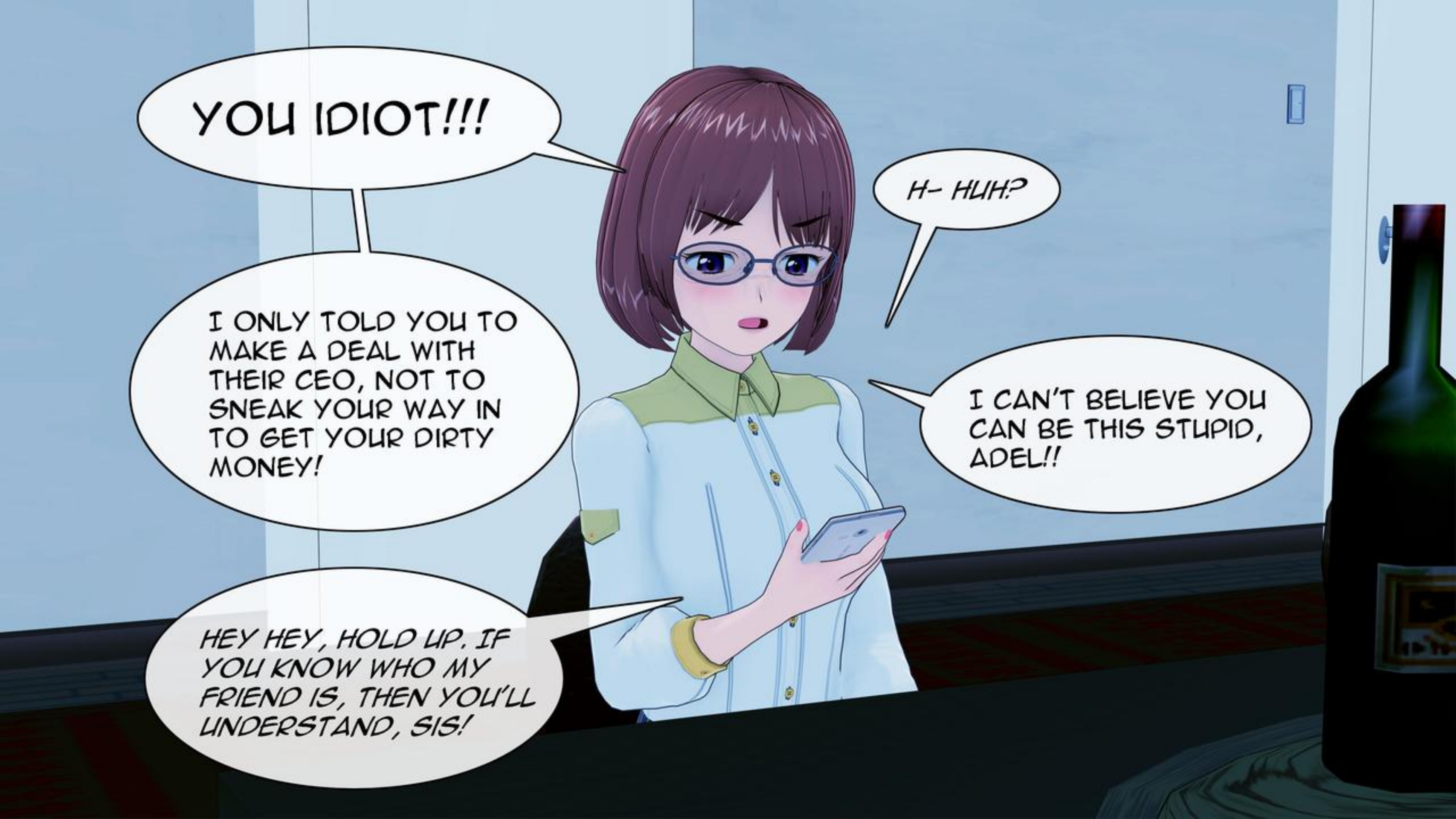
SECOND, HOW THE HELL DID YOU GET THIS PICTURE?

HUH...? FROM A FRIEND YOU SAY?

I GOT IT FROM MY FRIEND, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW HE GOT IT.

YEAH, LAST MONTH I INVITED MY FRIEND TO INVEST IN THAT CLOTHING COMPANY WITH ME. EASY MONEY, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW, THE SAME ONE YOU TOLD ME TO TALK-



YOU IDIOT!!!

I ONLY TOLD YOU TO
MAKE A DEAL WITH
THEIR CEO, NOT TO
SNEAK YOUR WAY IN
TO GET YOUR DIRTY
MONEY!

HEY HEY, HOLD UP. IF
YOU KNOW WHO MY
FRIEND IS, THEN YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND, SIS!

H- HUH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
CAN BE THIS STUPID,
ADEL!!

CHITOGÉ'S FIANCEE'S
DAD, CORRECT?

BECAUSE I'M NOT AN
IDIOT LIKE YOU.

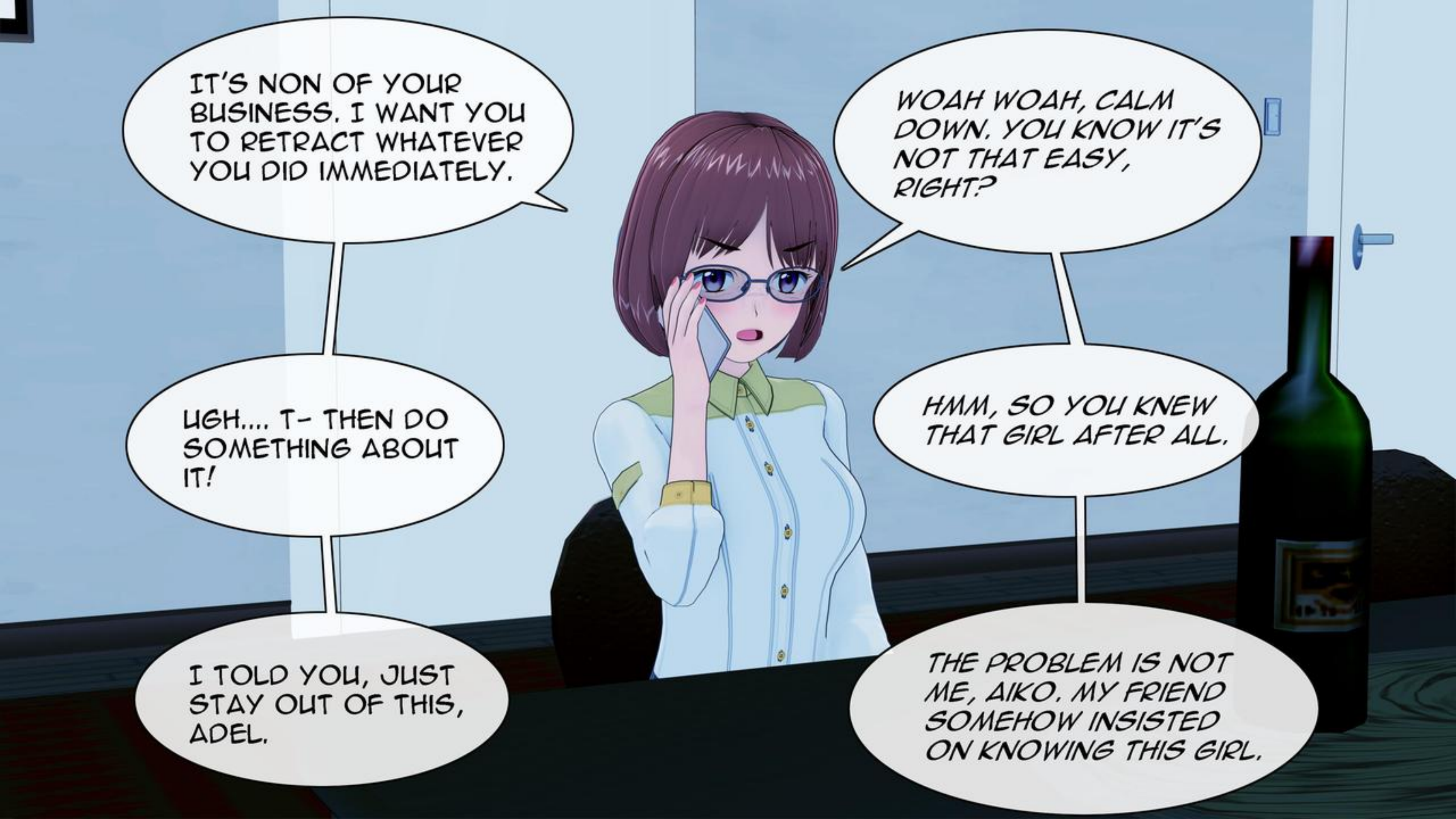
BUT YOU HAVE TO
TALK TO ME FIRST!
NOW YOU SCREWED
EVERYTHING UP!



WHAT THE HELL? HOW
DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
I DIDN'T TELL YOU EVEN
ONCE.

WAIT, THEN HOW IS THIS A
BAD THING? THIS MEANS
OUR RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE GANGS WILL
BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

HUH? I DON'T GET IT.
DOES THIS HAVE TO DO
WITH THAT PINK HAIR
GIRL?



IT'S NON OF YOUR
BUSINESS. I WANT YOU
TO RETRACT WHATEVER
YOU DID IMMEDIATELY.

WOAH WOAH, CALM
DOWN. YOU KNOW IT'S
NOT THAT EASY,
RIGHT?

UGH.... T- THEN DO
SOMETHING ABOUT
IT!

HMM, SO YOU KNEW
THAT GIRL AFTER ALL.

I TOLD YOU, JUST
STAY OUT OF THIS,
ADEL.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT
ME, AIKO. MY FRIEND
SOMEHOW INSISTED
ON KNOWING THIS GIRL.



AND NOW HE THINKS
THAT I'M HIDING
SOMETHING BEHIND HIS
BACK.

YOU KNOW THE BEST
THAT THIS WILL NOT
END WELL, RIGHT?

UGH...

JUST TELL ME WHO THAT
GIRL IS. AND THINGS WILL
BE FINE, SIS.

S- SHE...

SHE IS...

A woman with short purple hair and glasses is talking on a blue smartphone. She is wearing a light blue button-down shirt with a green collar and a gold watch on her left wrist. She is standing in front of a light blue wall with vertical lines. To her right, there is a dark green bottle on a dark surface.

SHE'S MY DAUGHTER...

NO... SHE'S MY DAUGHTER.
I... I ADOPTED HER A WHILE
AGO...

I PLANNED TO TELL YOU
ABOUT HER, BUT A LOT
OF THINGS HAPPENED,
ADEL.

YOUR... DAUGHTER?
BUT YOUR-
IS THIS SOME KIND
OF JOKE??

WHAT THE F-

**AHEM* SORRY, BUT
WHAT THE HELL? AT
LEAST YOU SHOULD'VE
TOLD ME THAT!*

ALSO, AFTER YOU TELL
HIM, PLEASE REPORT
EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO
ME, OKAY?

I SAID EVERYTHING YOU
NEEDED TO KNOW, LITTLE
BRO. WE'LL TALK AGAIN
LATER.

GOOD NIGHT.

HUH? SURE? I GUESS
SOMETHING DRAMATIC
HAPPENED OVER
THERE, EH?

H- HUH? WAIT-

DISCONNECTED



SIGHHHHHHHHHHHH

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS
IS HAPPENING...

IS MY DREAM... GOING
END LIKE THIS...?

IF I LOSE
RIKA-CHAN NOW...



NO... NOT YET...

IT CAN'T END
LIKE THIS.

I DON'T KNOW WHY "HIS"
FATHER IS INTERESTED
IN HER, BUT...

I... I HAVE TO
SAVE HER SOMEHOW.

AHHHH... LOOKS LIKE
TONIGHT WILL BE A
REALLY LONG NIGHT
FOR ME. *SIGH*

IN THE NEXT MORNING...

HMM~ HMM~ ♪



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A two-panel comic strip featuring two anime-style girls sitting in the back of a car. The girl on the left has long purple hair and wears a white shirt with a red tie and a gold medallion. The girl on the right has long blonde hair with a red bow and wears a similar white shirt and red tie. They are both looking forward with somber expressions. The background shows a city street through the car windows.

UGH, I STILL HAVEN'T
TOLD MOM ABOUT
LAST NIGHT...

SHE ALREADY
HELPED ME
WITH LOTS OF
THINGS...

MAYBE I SHOULD
TRY TO SOLVE
THIS MYSELF?

OR ASK CHITOGÉ
FOR HELP INSTEAD?

UGH, I'M SO
HOPELESS...



SIGH

...

HMM, RIKA-CHAN
ISN'T DOING GREAT
TODAY.

I GUESS SHE ALREADY
KNEW ABOUT THAT
POSTER THEN...

WELL, IT'S BECAUSE
YOU LOOK TOO HOT
FOR THEM TO HANDLE,
RIKA-CHAN.

AT THE SCHOOL

SEE YOU IN THE
EVENING, AUNT
AIKO!

TAKE CARE,
OKAY?

S- SEE YOU!

ALRIGHT, LET'S
JUST FOCUS ON
SCHOOL FIRS-

RIKA-CHAN, COME
HERE FOR A SEC.

HMM?

A comic panel set in a school courtyard. On the left, a girl with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a grey and black plaid jacket over a white shirt and a white pleated skirt, is seen from behind. On the right, a girl with long purple hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a red tie and a blue pleated skirt, is facing her. The background features a paved path, a large tree on the left, and a grey lattice fence. Several other students are visible in the distance, some in motion. There are five speech bubbles in total, with three from the girl in the plaid jacket and two from the girl in the school uniform.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT
IT TOO MUCH, OKAY?

I ALREADY KNEW
ABOUT YOUR DAD
AND THE POSTER.

IT'S NOT OVER YET,
RIKA-CHAN. YOUR DAD
HAD NO IDEA ABOUT
YOU, RIGHT?

UHM, W- WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH? I SEE...

DO YOU THINK
THEY'LL FIND OUT?



UGH, THAT'S TRUE...
BUT STILL... IT'S JUST
A MATTER OF TIME...

A woman with long, straight magenta hair is seen from the back, wearing a light blue long-sleeved top and a dark blue skirt. She is facing a woman with short, reddish-brown hair, wearing black sunglasses, a black and white plaid shirt, and white pants with thin black vertical stripes. They are standing in front of a wall with a repeating geometric pattern of interlocking squares. The floor is a light brown, textured surface.

O- OH! T- THEN...

AH...

AW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT.
I ALREADY THOUGHT OF
PLANS TO HELP YOU.

NOT YET. I NEED A BIT
MORE TIME TO THINK IT
OVER. I DON'T WANT TO
RISK ANYTHING TO
MAKE YOUR DAD FEELS
SUSPICIOUS.

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY
ABOUT IT, ALRIGHT? I'LL
HANDLE THIS.



IT'LL BE FINE. JUST
CONTINUE YOUR DAY
AS USUAL.

Y- YOU THINK SO?

YEP! AS LONG AS
I'M HERE.

T- THANKS, MOM.
THEN, LET ME KNOW IF
YOU CAN THINK OF
SOMETHING, OKAY?

OF COURSE, I WILL,
SWEETIE.

UGH, ALRIGHT, I NEED
TO GO TO CLASS
NOW, S- SEE YOU
AFTER SCHOOL THEN.

AND IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT...

WOW... TO THINK THAT IT'S
THE SAME COMPANY THAT
YOUR DAD INVESTED IN IS
JUST CRAZY!

YEAH... LUCKILY THEY
DON'T HAVE MUCH INFO
ABOUT YOU YET.

AND YEAH, THAT'S THE
WHOLE SITUATION RIGHT
NOW.

I KNOW, RIGHT?
IT'S PRETTY
MESSED UP.

YEP, BUT I'M NOT SURE
HOW LONG UNTIL THEY
FIND OUT.



A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls. On the left, a girl with short black hair and blue eyes, wearing pink heart-patterned pajamas, sits on a pink rug. On the right, a girl with long purple hair, wearing a black crop top with a white cat graphic and blue jeans, sits on the same rug. They are in a room with a white desk and a window in the background. Five speech bubbles are present, with three on the left and two on the right.

HMM? BUT AIKO-SAN
SAID SHE'LL HELP YOU,
RIGHT?

Y- YEAH, BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN-

COME ON! YOU DON'T
TRUST HER?

UGH, O- OF COURSE,
I TRUST HER.

THEN YOU SHOULD STOP
MAKING THIS SITUATION
SOUNDS LIKE A BIG DEAL,
GIRL.

B- BUT IT IS!

A comic panel featuring two young women sitting on a bed with a pink blanket. The woman on the left has short black hair and is wearing pink pajamas with a heart pattern. She is smiling and looking at the other woman. The woman on the right has long purple hair and is wearing a black crop top with a white cat graphic and blue jeans. She is looking down. In the background, there is a white dresser and a window with vertical blinds.

LET'S SEE... IF THE WORST HAPPENS, YOU CAN JUST HIDE UNTIL YOU GET YOUR SURGERY, RIGHT?

Y- YEAH, THAT'S ONE WAY TO DO IT, I GUESS.

SEE? THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO RELAX!

LIGHH... B- BUT THAT'S TWO MONTHS AWAY...

IT'LL BE ANOTHER SUMMER, AND YOU'LL BE BACK HOME BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

T- THAT'S...



COME ON, YOU'VE BEEN
HERE FOR ALMOST HALF
A YEAR ALREADY! TWO
MORE MONTHS? A PIECE
OF CAKE!

YOU SEE WHAT I
MEAN NOW? JUST
RELAX!

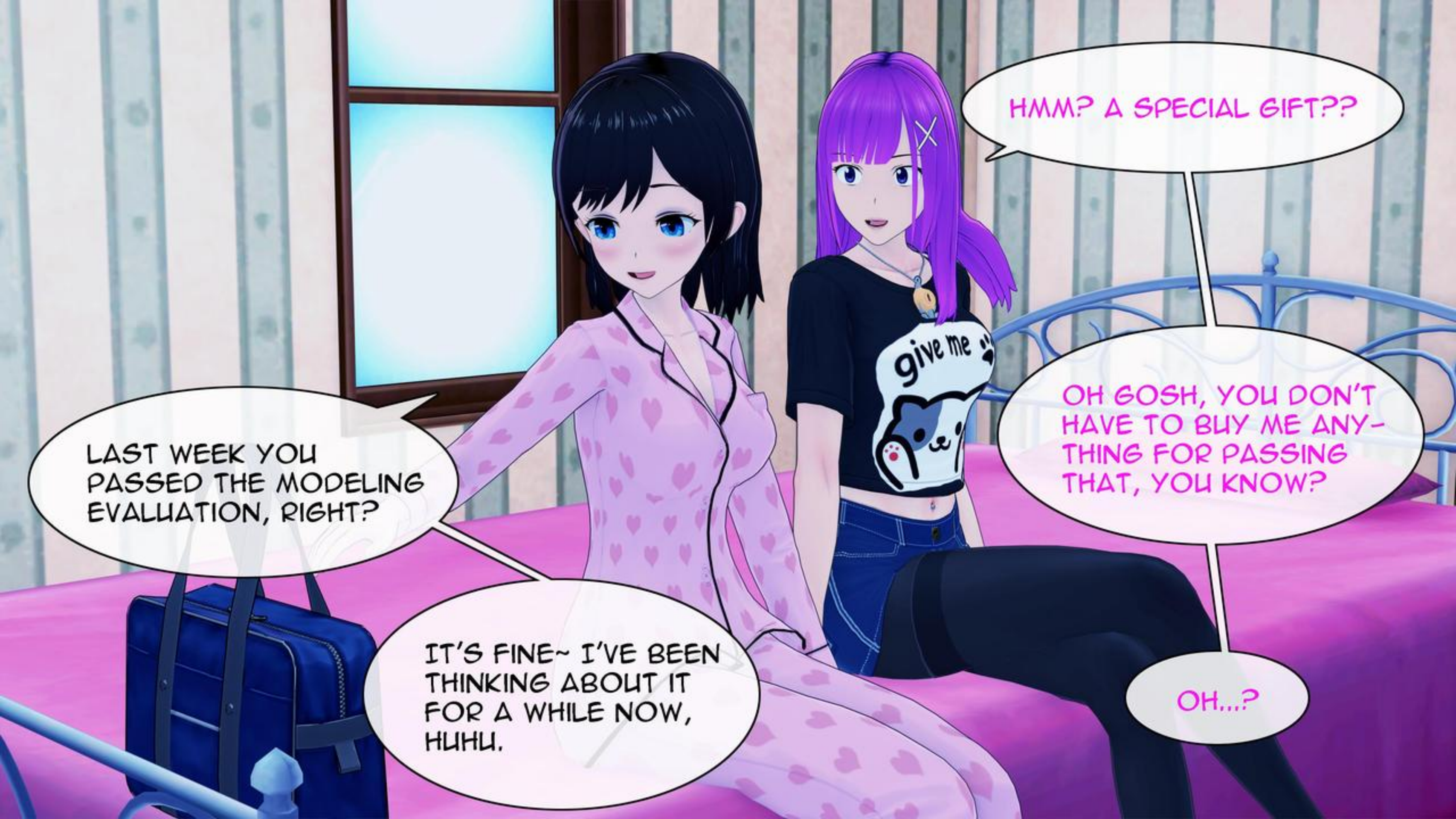
HUHU~ IT'S MY JOB
TO LOOK AFTER MY
GIRL AFTER ALL~

UGH... A- AIRI-CHAN,
T- THAT'S...

...

SIGH I HAVE TO
ADMIT, YOU'RE
REALLY GOOD AT
THIS KIND OF THING.

OH, I ALSO HAVE A
SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU
TOO, RIKA-CHAN.



LAST WEEK YOU
PASSED THE MODELING
EVALUATION, RIGHT?

IT'S FINE~ I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT IT
FOR A WHILE NOW,
HUHU.

HMM? A SPECIAL GIFT??

OH GOSH, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BUY ME ANY-
THING FOR PASSING
THAT, YOU KNOW?

OH...?



TADAAA~

OH~ YOU EVEN WRAP
THE BOX FOR ME.

WELL DONE ON
THE EVALUATION,
RIKA-CHAN~

HEHE~ THANK YOU,
AIRI-CHAN!

I'M SURE YOU'LL
LOVE THIS!



LINWRAP IT, AND
YOU'LL KNOW,
HUHU~

OH, NOW THIS IS
GETTING INTERESTING!
I WONDER WHAT'S IN
HERE~

ALRIGHT! LET'S
DO THIS~

A MOMENT LATER...

UNWRAP

HMM...? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS TH-

UNWRAP

?!

NOPE! I REALLY WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS!

A- AIRI-CHAN! I- IS THIS SOME KIND OF PRANK?!

H- HUH?! ARE YOU CRAZY??



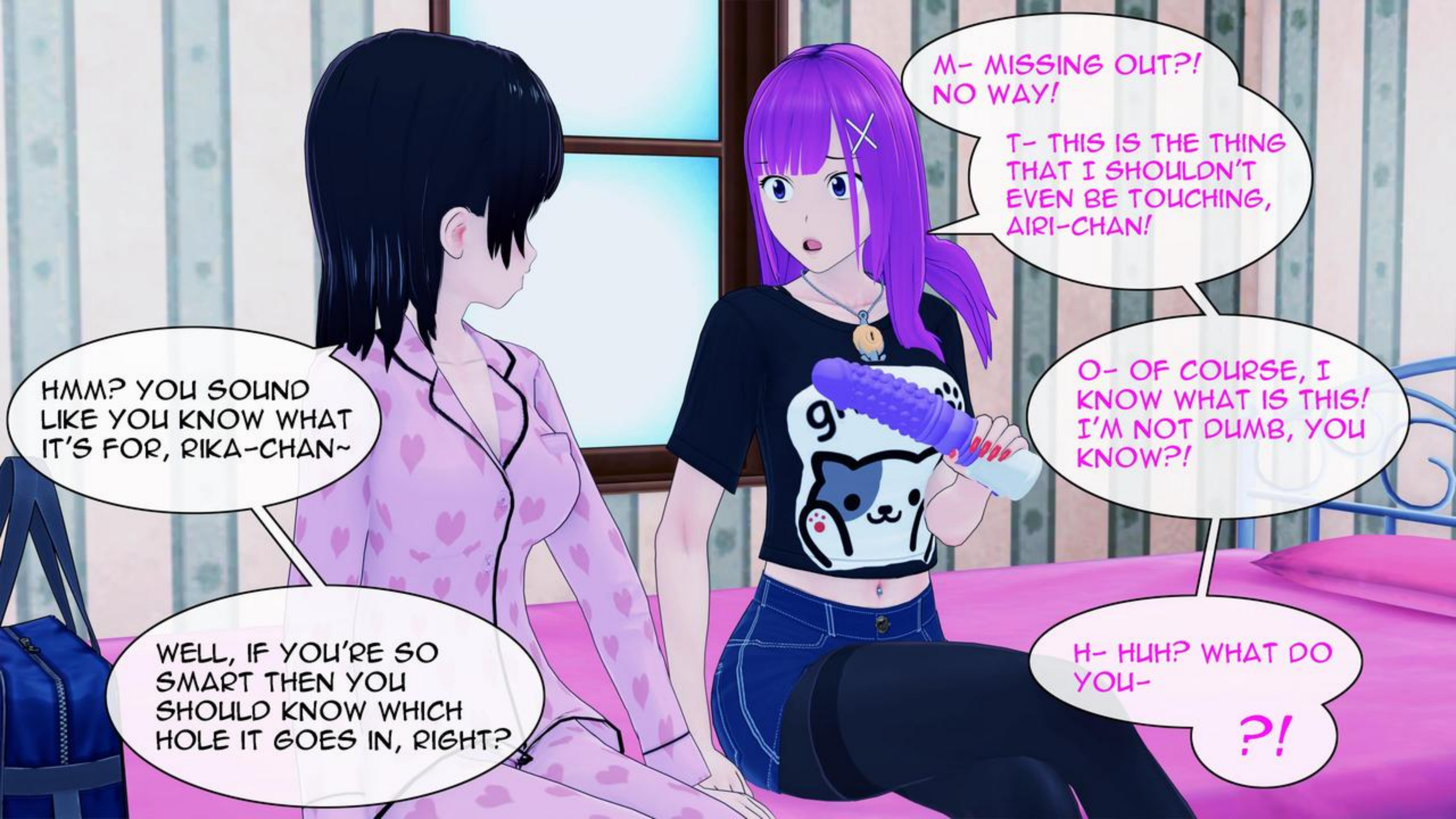
AGAIN, CONGRATS!

I'M NOT KIDDING, I
SPENT MY SAVING FOR
YOU, YOU KNOW?

OH GIRL, IF YOU HAVEN'T
TRIED THAT THING
BEFORE, YOU'VE BEEN
MISSING OUT!

Y- Y- YOU'RE KIDDING
ME, R- RIGHT?!

W- WHY WOULD I NEED
SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!!



HMM? YOU SOUND
LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT
IT'S FOR, RIKA-CHAN~

WELL, IF YOU'RE SO
SMART THEN YOU
SHOULD KNOW WHICH
HOLE IT GOES IN, RIGHT?

M- MISSING OUT?!
NO WAY!

T- THIS IS THE THING
THAT I SHOULDN'T
EVEN BE TOUCHING,
AIRI-CHAN!

O- OF COURSE, I
KNOW WHAT IS THIS!
I'M NOT DUMB, YOU
KNOW?!

H- HUH? WHAT DO
YOU-

?!



OH? LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE REALIZES
SOMETHING~

WHAAAA~ I EVEN
HAND-PICKED THE
PERFECT SIZE FOR
YOU, YOU KNOW?

WELL, I KNOW BEST
WHAT YOUR HOLE REALLY
NEEDS, RIKA-CHAN.

T- THERE'S... UGH..

T- THERE'S NO WAY
I'M GOING TO PUT IT
IN THERE!

W- WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT...?

I'M THE ONE WHO
POUNDS YOUR HOLE
EVERY WEEK AFTER ALL~



I'M JUST STATING
THE TRUTH, AND
WHEN I SAID YOU'LL
LOVE THIS, I REALLY
MEANT IT.

TOO BAD, THEY ONLY HAD
THIS SHAPE. IF THERE ARE
OTHER SHAPES I WOULD
ALREADY PICKED THOSE
ONES FOR YOU.

BLUSH

I- IT SOUNDED SO
WEIRD IF YOU PHRASE
IT LIKE THAT!!

B- BUT LOOK AT
THE SHAPE OF THIS
THING.

I- I- IT LOOKS
JUST LIKE A DICK!



RIKA-CHAN~ YOU JUST
NEED TO TRY IT FIRST.

HMM... LOOKS LIKE I
HAVE TO USE MY
TRUMP CARD.

DO YOU STILL WANT TO
HAVE NORMAL SEX LIKE
BEFORE, RIKA-CHAN?

N- NO WAY! Y- YOUR
STICK IS ALREADY
TOO MUCH FOR ME,
AIRI-CHAN!

HUH?

W- WHAT? OF
COURSE! I TOLD YOU
SO MANY TIMES THAT
THAT'S WHAT I WANT!



WELL, TODAY IS YOUR
CHANCE TO DO THAT,
RIKA-CHAN.

YES, I'M SERIOUS.
BUUUUUT! YOU NEED
TO TRY MY GIFT AT
LEAST ONCE FIRST.

WELL, THEN LOOKS
LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO GO
BACK TO ME POUNDING
YOUR ASS AGAIN.

WHAT? ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

LIGHHH, I- I KNEW
IT! I TOLD YOU,
THERE'S NO WA-

W- WAIT A MINUTE...



HMM?

OH, SURE~

HMM... I THINK I'LL EVEN
LET YOU CHOOSE WHAT
TO DO EVERY WEEK. FAIR?

T- THIS IS A TOUGH
ONE, YOU KNOW?
JUST GIVE ME A
BIT OF TIME TO
THINK FIRST.

W- WELL, WHAT
ABOUT AFTER
TODAY? CAN I STILL
HAVE A NORMAL SEX
WITH YOU?



YEP, I NEVER GOES
BACK ON MY WORDS,
YOU KNOW?

WELL, I ONLY DON'T
WANT YOU TO BE
MISSING OUT BEFORE
YOU GO BACK, THAT'S
ALL~

R- REALLY?!

LIGHH, I CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M CONSIDERING
THIS...

LIGHHHHH... T- THIS
IS NOT FAIR!



I'LL USE A BATHROOM FOR
A BIT, YOU CAN GIVE ME
YOUR ANSWER AFTER THAT
THEN~

S- SURE SURE...

SEE YOU SOON~

AFTER AIRI LEFT...

ALL I NEED IS TO TRY
THIS THING AT LEAST
ONCE...

AND I CAN HAVE
NORMAL SEX AS MUCH
AS I WANT BEFORE I
LEAVE...

B- BUT THERE'S NO WAY
THIS IS WORTH IT,
RIGHT??

H- HAVING THIS THING
INSIDE MY ASS IS
JUST... UGHhhh, I- I
DON'T EVEN WANT TO
THINK ABOUT IT!

OH MY GOSHhhhhhhh!!!!
WHY DOES IT FEEL SO
HARD TO CHOOSE??

THIS OBVIOUS CHOICE IS
TO GIVE THIS THING BACK
TO HER, AND FORGET
ABOUT HER DEAL.

... RIGHT?

A MOMENT LATER...

I'M BACK!

SO, WHAT'S YOUR
ANSWER THEN? WILL
YOU TRY IT?

O- OH, YOU'RE
QUICKER THAN I
THOUGHT...

...

LGH...



