

Forever Summer

Chapter 39

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THEN IT'S SUNDAY...

GULP

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WHEW, I MANAGED TO
FINISH THE FOOD BEFORE
MOM ARRIVES.

I'M RECOVERED NOW, SO I
GUESS IT'S TIME TO VISIT
AYANO-SAN'S PLACE
TODAY.





I HOPE SHE DOESN'T GET
MAD CAUSE I MISSED HER
APPOINTMENT FOR THE LAST
TWO WEEKS...

WELL, IF SHE SEES MY
BUTT, I'M SURE SHE'LL
UNDERSTAND.

BUT MAN, IT FEELS SO
WEIRD WHEN I SIT
NOWADAY, IT'S LIKE
THERE'S ALWAYS A
CUSHION FOR ME.

EVEN AIRI-CHAN SAID
THE SAME THING
DURING...

UGH, L- LAST NIGHT...

FLASHBACK FROM LAST NIGHT...

HUHU, I KNOW THERE'S NO WAY THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

SOOO~ LET'S GO FOR ROUND TWO, SHALL WE?

GOSH, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW COMFY YOUR NEW CUSHION FEELS~ YOU'RE A GENIUS FOR GETTING THIS, RIKA-CHAN! NOW IT'S TIME TO GET GOING~

H- HUH?

R- ROUND TWO?! Y- YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME?! I DON'T THINK-

WHAT?! S- STOP IT, AIRI-CHAN!! ONE ROUND IS ALREADY MORE THAN ENOU-





oooooooooo?!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
"SPEAK LESS, MOAN
MORE" SUITS YOU A
LOT BETTER!

GOSH, YOU COULDN'T
EVEN SPEAK PROPERLY.
NOW COMPARE THIS TO
THE USELESS THINGY YOU
GOT, RIKA-CHAN!

D- DON'T-
AHHHHH~
I- I-
AHHH~
JUST CAME-

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH~

BACK TO THE PRESENT

AHHHHH! I- I CAN'T BELIEVE
I LET THAT HAPPENED!!

T- THAT WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE MY BEST NIGHT WITH
AIRI-CHAN! A- AND IT
ENDED LIKE THAT! OH MY
GOSH!

AND WORST OF ALL, I
WAS THE ONE WHO ASK
HER TO HELP ME GET
OFF...

COME ON, RIKA-CHAN,
WHY COULDN'T YOU
RESIST THAT URGE?!

AND NOW AIRI-CHAN
WILL GET THE WRONG
IDEA ABOUT ME!





UGHHH, I- IT'S ALL
STARTED BECAUSE OF MY
USELESS THING-

I- I MEAN M- MY
LITTLE BROTHER! Y-
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I
WANT TO SAY.

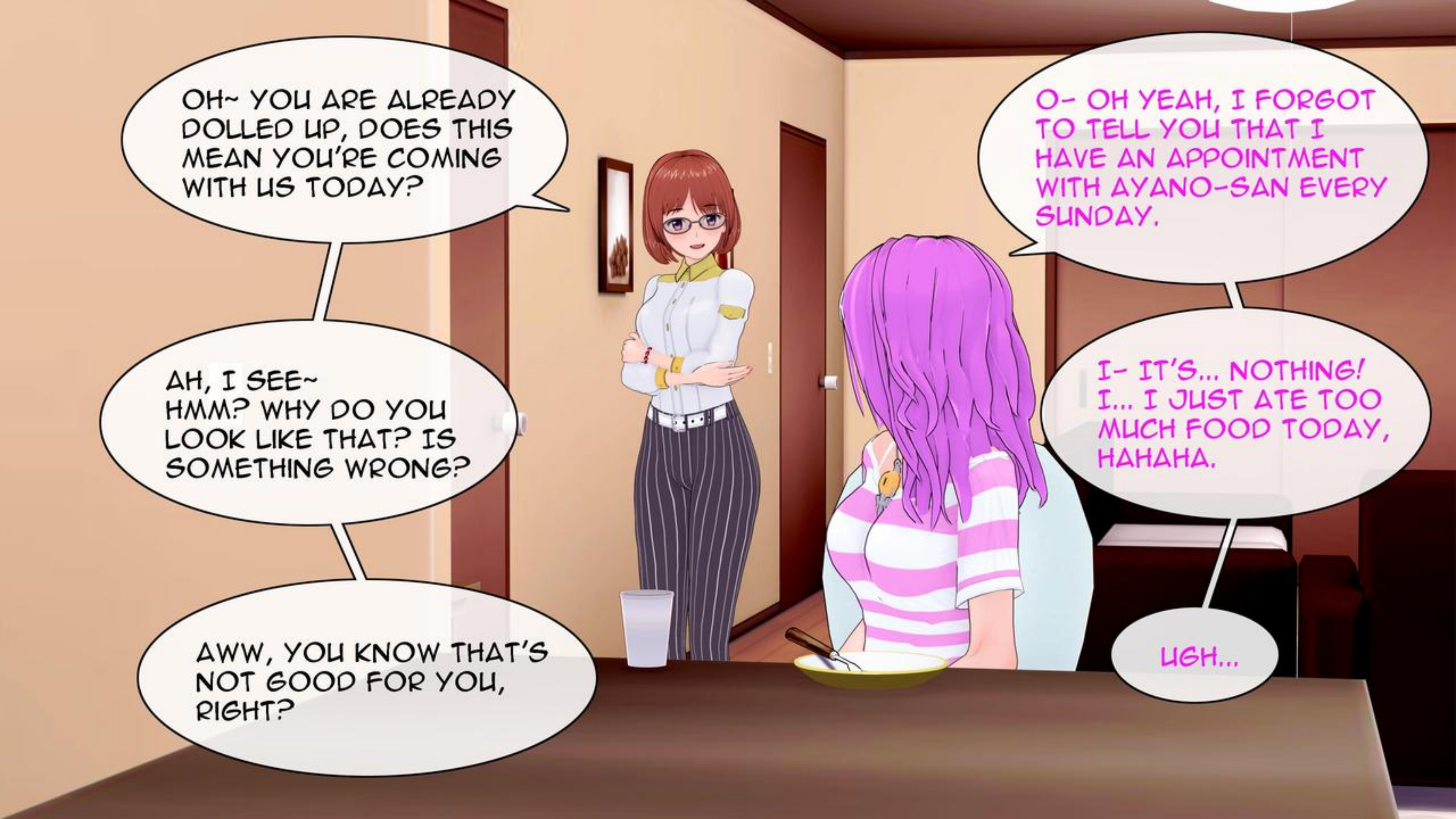
WAS IT BECAUSE I
HAVEN'T USED IT
FOR SO LONG??

OR WAS IT BECAUSE...
M- MY BODY PREFER
THE OTHER WAY LIKE
AIRI-CHAN SAID...?

T- THERE'S NO WAY
THAT'S TRUE! I HAVE TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT
THIS NEXT TIM-

DOOR OPENING

GOOD MORNING,
RIKA-CHAN~



OH~ YOU ARE ALREADY
DOLLED UP, DOES THIS
MEAN YOU'RE COMING
WITH US TODAY?

AH, I SEE~
HMM? WHY DO YOU
LOOK LIKE THAT? IS
SOMETHING WRONG?

AWW, YOU KNOW THAT'S
NOT GOOD FOR YOU,
RIGHT?

O- OH YEAH, I FORGOT
TO TELL YOU THAT I
HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
WITH AYANO-SAN EVERY
SUNDAY.

I- IT'S... NOTHING!
I... I JUST ATE TOO
MUCH FOOD TODAY,
HAHAHA.

UGH...



A MODEL LIKE YOU NEED
TO ALWAYS WATCH YOUR
FIGURE, OKAY?

WELL, I KNOW YOU'RE
A GROWING GIRL, BUT
TRY TO NOT DO IT
AGAIN NEXT TIME.

HUHU, WE'LL SEE
ABOUT THAT. SO, ARE
YOU GUYS READY TO
LEAVE?

I- I KNOW THAT,
MOM! T- THAT'S WHY
I REGRETTED IT, HAHA.

G- GROWING GIRL??
COME ON, MOM. I'M
NOT A KID ANYMORE,
YOU KNOW?

OH YEAH, I'LL TELL
AIRI-CHAN THEN.

AT AYANO'S SALON...

O- OH? YOU GUYS
ALREADY KNEW ABOUT
MY SURGERY? I'M
SURPRISED...

AH, I SEE. MOM
MUST'VE TOLD HER
ABOUT MY SURGERY...



WELCOME BACK,
MISS RIKA. I HOPE
YOUR SURGERY
WENT WELL.

YES, AYANO-SAN
JUST TOLD ME
ABOUT IT THIS
MORNING.

HAHA, PLEASE COME
INSIDE, I'LL GO GET
AYANO-SAN FOR
YOU.



A MOMENT LATER...

WELL, I THINK YOU
MADE THE RIGHT CALL,
RIKA-CHAN. YOU LOOK
SO MUCH SEXIER NOW.

T- THANKS, I- I
THINK SO TOO.

YOU'VE COME A LONG
WAY, GIRL. THAT'S WHY
I WANT TO TREAT YOU
LIKE A PRINCESS
TODAY~

UGH, O- OKAY, HAHA.
S- SO, WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO TODAY?





I THINK YOU'RE ALREADY
PRETTY AS YOU ARE, SO,
LET'S TAKE CARE OF YOUR
SKIN TODAY, OKAY?

TOMORROW IS YOUR
FIRST DAY BACK AT
SCHOOL, RIGHT? AND
BEING A GIRL YOUR
CALIBER, YOU GOTTA
LOOK IMMACULATE.

SO, I'M GOING TO GIVE
A FACE MASSAGE
TODAY.

OKAY...

O- OH,
YEAH...

OH? I'VE NEVER TRIED
THAT BEFORE.



OH GIRL, ONCE YOU TRY IT, THERE'LL BE NO TURNING BACK FOR YOU, HOHO.

REALLY? DOES IT FEEL THAT GOOD?

YOU'LL KNOW THAT VERY SOON...

OKAY~

A MOMENT LATER...

I TOLD YOU, THIS IS
WHAT A GIRL LIKE YOU
DESERVES. NOW
PLEASE RELAX AND
ENJOY.

AND YOU CAN REQUEST
ME TO DO THIS AS MANY
TIMES AS YOU LIKE.

MMMMMMMM~
THIS FEELS...
SOOO NICE...

AH, OKAY...

MMMMMMMM~



AHHHHH, I WOULD COME
HERE EVERY WEEK JUST FOR
THIS, IT JUST FEELS SO
FRICKING NICE~

GOSH, WHY HAVEN'T I
FOUND OUT ABOUT
THIS A LOT SOONER??

ALRIGHT, LET'S RELAX A
LITTLE BIT AND SAVE UP
ENERGY FOR TOMORROW~

AND THIS ALSO HELPS
MY SKIN TOO? ARE YOU
KIDDING ME?

MMMMM~ AYANO-SAN
WAS RIGHT, THIS IS
WHAT I TOTALLY
DESERVE AFTER WHAT I
DID, HEH...

THE NEXT DAY...

OKAY, I THINK I'LL
GO WITH PERIWINKLE
TODAY BECAUSE...

WHY NOT?

YEP, LOOKS LIKE
IT'S A PERFECT FIT
FOR ME.

AND OF COURSE,
I ALSO GOT A
MATCHING BRA AS
WELL~

AH, I DON'T KNOW
WHAT AYANO-SAN
DID YESTERDAY,
BUT MY SKIN
FEELS A LOT
SMOOTHER NOW.



AND LASTLY, AIRI-CHAN
ALSO TOLD ME TO PUT
ON A LIGHT MAKEUP...

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA
OF IT AT ALL, BUT
WELL...

I MEAN I GET IT WHY I
SHOULD DO THIS... FOR
MY REPUTATION, LIGH...

BUT IF THE TEACHERS PICK
ME OUT BECAUSE OF THIS,
WHAT SHOULD I DO THEN?
I DON'T THINK THEY ALLOW
MAKEUP AT SCHOOL...

LIGH, LET'S JUST TRY IT
FOR ONE TIME AND SEES
HOW IT WORKS OUT.

ALRIGHT, I THINK THIS
SHOULD DO THE
TRICK.



NOT BAD~ I
GUESS IT'S WORTH
THE RISK, HEHE.
NOW LET'S SEE...

AHEM I KNOW YOU
GIRLS MISS ME, LIKE A
LOT! BUT YOUR GIRL IS
BACK! AND BETTER
THAN EVER...

BLUSHING

UGH, NO MATTER
HOW MANY TIME
WHEN I SEE MYSELF
SPEAKING LIKE
THAT...



AHHHHH, THIS IS THE
WEIRDEST FEELING IN
THE WORLD!

COME ON, YOU SHOULD
ALREADY GET USED TO SEE
YOURSELF SPEAKING LIKE
THAT BY NOW, RIKA-CHAN!

THANKS GOD, I DON'T
GET THIS WEIRD FEELING
WHEN I TALK LIKE THIS TO
OTHER PEOPLE.

WHEW, BUT I THINK I
GOT IT. I GOTTA BE
MORE CONFIDENT,
AND IT'LL BE FINE.

WELL, LET'S DO THIS!

AT SCHOOL...



OF COURSE, GIRLS. I'M
BACK AND BETTER THAN
EVER!

WELL, JUST LOOK AT
ME, AND TELL ME WHAT
YOU THINK.

R- RIKA-CHAN?!
Y- YOU'RE BACK!!

AHHHH! WHAT A RELIEF!
I HEARD YOU HAD AN
ACCIDENT, ARE YOU
OKAY?

O- OH, UMM,
Y- YOU LOOK AS
BEAUTIFUL AS
EVER.



I- I SEE. UMM, I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO TALK WITH YOU, YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CREAM AND-

O- OH! T- THAT'S FINE WITH ME, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RIKA-CHAN!

WELL, AT LEAST YOU GIRLS GOT THAT RIGHT, HAHA.

UMM, RIGHT NOW I'M A BIT BUSY, HOW ABOUT WE TALK ABOUT IT DURING THE NEXT BREAK?

NO WORRIES! THIS STUFF IS LIKE MY SECOND NATURE ANYWAY.



ΔΗΗΗΗΗΗΗΗ~ I WANT TO
BE LIKE YOU ONE DAY!

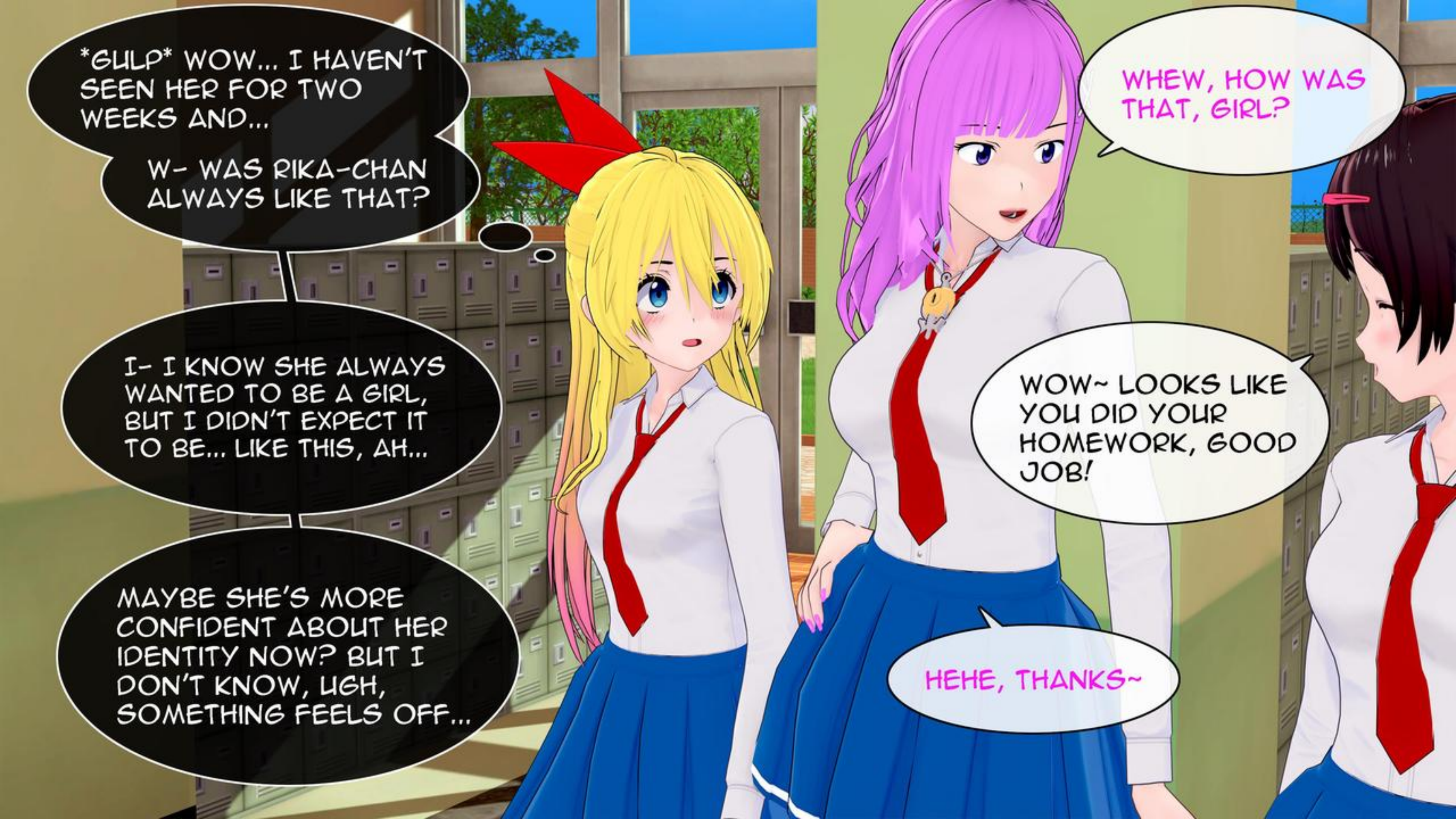
I- I WILL!

BYE BYE, RIKA-CHAN!

IT'S NOT EASY TO BE
ME, YOU KNOW? BUT
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU
WANT, JUST TRY TO
KEEP UP WITH ME
THEN.

ALRIGHT, GIRL. TALK
TO YOU LATER THEN~

ΔΗ....



GULP WOW... I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER FOR TWO
WEEKS AND...

W- WAS RIKA-CHAN
ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

WHEW, HOW WAS
THAT, GIRL?

I- I KNOW SHE ALWAYS
WANTED TO BE A GIRL,
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT IT
TO BE... LIKE THIS, AH...

WOW~ LOOKS LIKE
YOU DID YOUR
HOMEWORK, GOOD
JOB!

MAYBE SHE'S MORE
CONFIDENT ABOUT HER
IDENTITY NOW? BUT I
DON'T KNOW, UGH,
SOMETHING FEELS OFF...

HEHE, THANKS~

ON FRIDAY...

WELL, I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE BEST FOR YOU. I MEAN IF YOU DON'T SEE THE RESULT, WHY WOULD YOU EVEN USE IT?

IT'S AS EASY AS IT SOUNDS, GIRL.

OH NO, DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE TO CHANGE THE BRAND AGAIN?

O- OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

AHHH, I KNEW IT... IT WAS MY MOISTURIZER ALL ALONG!





SO, WHICH BRAND
DO YOU RECOM-
MEND, RIKA-CHAN?

HMM, LET'S SEE...

YOU COULD GO FOR
SHIMANO, OR MORIE...
THAT WILL HELP SOLVE
YOUR DRY SKIN ISSUE.

AH! HOW COULD I
FORGET ABOUT, ZETTA?!
YEP, THAT'S THE ONE
FOR YOU.

OH? THOSE TWO-

Z- ZETTA?!



B- BUT DON'T YOU THINK
THOSE ARE, A LITTLE,
UHM, EXPENSIVE?

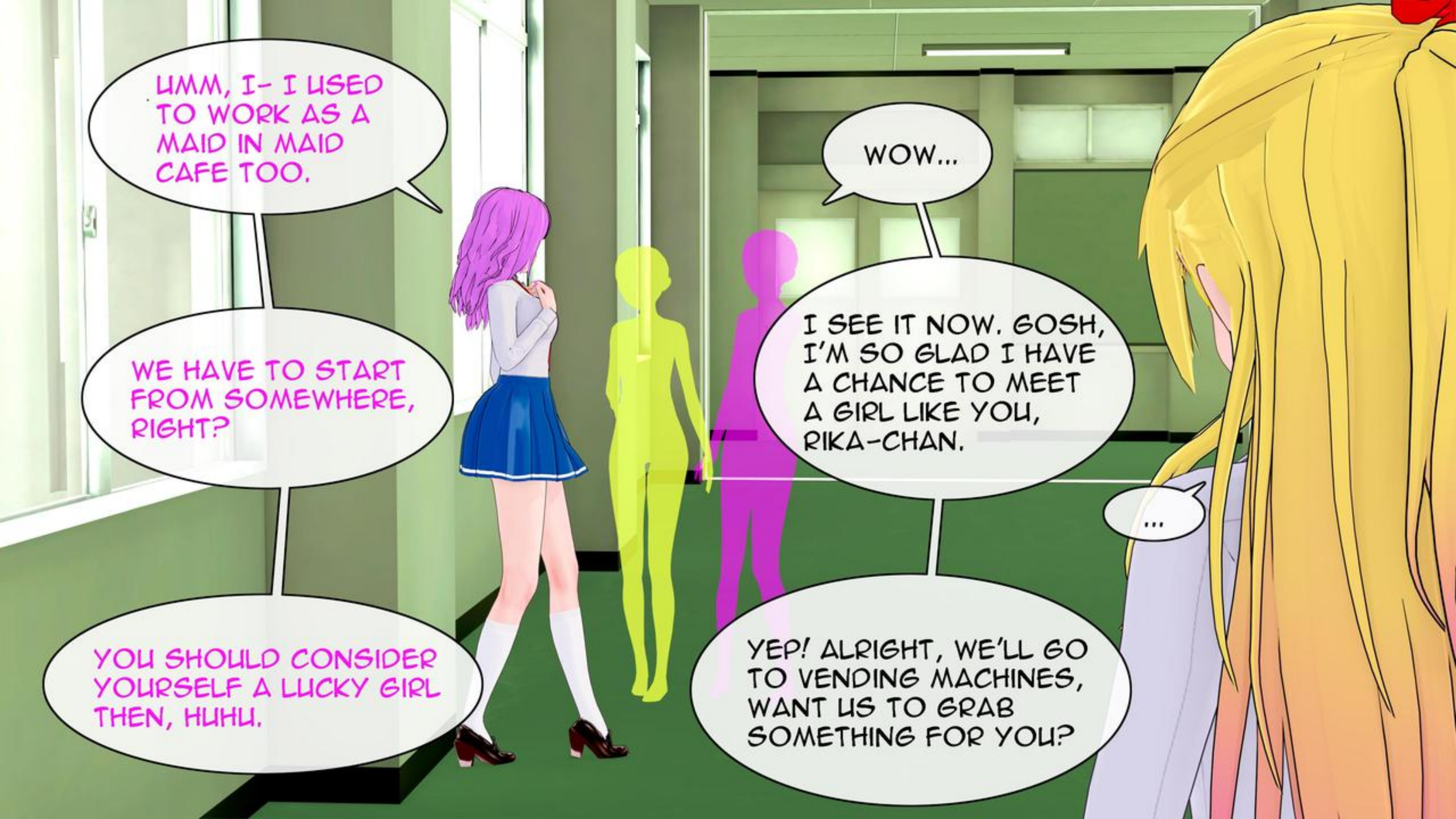
I MEAN I COULD BUY
THEM, BUT MY PARENTS
WON'T LET ME...

T- THAT'S... UGH,
BUT I- I'M NOT AS
BEAUTIFUL AS YOU,
RIKA-CHAN...

HMM? IF YOU THINK
THEY'RE EXPENSIVE,
THAT MEANS YOU AREN'T
THAT SERIOUS ABOUT
YOUR BEAUTY, GIRL.

T- THEN... YOU SHOULD
START FINDING A JOB!
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE
YOU CAN APPLY FOR
MODELING LIKE ME.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE
SUDDENLY BECAME A
MODEL, YOU KNOW?



UHM, I- I USED
TO WORK AS A
MAID IN MAID
CAFE TOO.

WE HAVE TO START
FROM SOMEWHERE,
RIGHT?

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER
YOURSELF A LUCKY GIRL
THEN, HUHU.

WOW...

I SEE IT NOW. GOSH,
I'M SO GLAD I HAVE
A CHANCE TO MEET
A GIRL LIKE YOU,
RIKA-CHAN.

YEP! ALRIGHT, WE'LL GO
TO VENDING MACHINES,
WANT US TO GRAB
SOMETHING FOR YOU?

...



GULP SO THAT'S
HOW RIKA-CHAN IS
WHEN SHE'S WITH
OTHER PEOPLE...

I JUST COULDN'T GET
USED TO HOW SHE
TALK AT ALL...

GOSH, THIS THING IS
NAGGING ME FOR
ENTIRE WEEK.

OH, JUST WATER,
PLEASE. I'M ON A
DIET RIGHT NOW~

UGH, I CAN'T PUT IT
INTO WORDS, BUT
SHE'S DEFINIETLY
CHANGED!

S- SHOULD I JUST TALK
TO HER NOW?



SIGHHHHH

BUT I THINK I HANDLED IT
PRETTY WELL, HEHE. I
FEEL LIKE I START TO GET
THE HAND OF THIS.

BUT... I- I COULDN'T
BLAME THEM, RIGHT?

GOSH, FINALLY THOSE
GIRLS ARE GONE! THEY
ARE TALKING NON-STOP!

BUT GOSH, THEY ARE
REALLY OBSESSED WITH
MY OPINIONS, EH?

I MEAN WHO ELSE
WOULD KNOW ABOUT
STUFF LIKE THIS...
BETTER THAN ME?

SO I GUESS THE
HARDWORKS I DID
DURING THESE PAST
MONTHS REALLY PAID
OFF~

AT THIS RATE EVERYONE
IN THIS SCHOOL WILL
KNOW MY NAME BY THE
END OF THIS SEMESTER,
HEHE

UHM... HEY, RIKA-CHAN,
ARE YOU FREE RIGHT
NOW?

JUST LOOK AT THIS
WEEK ALONE, THERE
ARE SO MANY NEW
FACES WANTED TO
TALK WITH ME.

AND THAT'S MY GOAL,
RIGHT? ALRIGHT, I
CAN'T BACK DOWN
NOW-

HMM?





OH, PERFECT...
GOSH, LOOKS LIKE
YOU REALLY GET
USED TO YOUR NEW
LIFE HERE, RIKA-CHAN.

I MEAN DIDN'T YOU
JUST TALK TO THOSE
GIRLS ABOUT BEAUTY
PRODUCTS SECONDS
AGO?

OH, IT'S YOU, CHITOGÉ.
YEP, I'M FREE RIGHT
NOW.

HMM? WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

OH? YEAH... I
MEAN I DID
GREAT, RIGHT?

A comic panel featuring two anime-style female characters in school uniforms. The character on the left has long, flowing blonde hair with a red feather-like accessory on top, seen from the back. The character on the right has short, straight purple hair with a small silver cross-shaped hair clip on the right side. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a red tie and a blue pleated skirt. They are standing in front of a modern building with large windows. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.

UMM, Y- YEAH... I THINK
YOU DID GREAT...

HAHA, I'M JUST
SURPRISED AT
HOW FAST YOU'VE
ADAPTED, RIKA-CHAN.

I KNOW, I KNOW... I
MEAN YOU ARE THE
SON OF A YAKUZA
AND ALL, RIGHT?

YAY~ TO BE
HONEST, I THOUGHT
IT WAS GOING TO BE
HARDER THAN THIS,
HAHA.

OH , CHITOGI, YOU
HAVE NO IDEA HOW
TOUGH IT WAS FOR ME
AT THE START.

Y- YEAH...?



HAHA... I- I GUESS
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU
FINALLY HAVE A
CHANCE TO BE YOUR-
SELF...RIGHT?

COME ON, RIKA-CHAN.
WE'RE ALL GIRL HERE,
YOU CAN TRUST ME,
Y- YOU KNOW?

I GUESS MY LITTLE
SIS IS GROWING
NOW... HEHE...

BLUSHING

BE MYSELF? I DON'T
THINK I GET-

W- WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING TO
SAY?

UGHH, T- THIS IS
STARTING TO GET
WEIRD, CHITOGÉ.

A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls in school uniforms standing outdoors in front of a building with large windows. The girl on the left has long, flowing blonde hair with a red feather-like accessory on top. The girl on the right has short, straight purple hair with a small silver cross-shaped hair clip. Both are wearing white long-sleeved shirts and blue pleated skirts. The girl with purple hair is adjusting her red necktie. There are five speech bubbles containing their dialogue.

YOU KNOW, I THINK I CAN
TALK TO MY DAD ABOUT
THIS, AND HE MIGHT EVEN
HELP YOU WITH YOUR
FAMILY ISSUE TOO!

YOU MUST'VE FELT
WEIRD THE WHOLE TIME
KNOWING THAT YOU'LL
HAVE TO GO BACK
HOME EVENTUALLY,
RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN
"TURN BACK TO
NORMAL"?

H- HUH? WHY WOULD
I WANT THAT??

W- WHAT?? I MEAN
THAT'S TRUE, BUT
EVERYTHING WILL TURN
BACK TO NORMAL
SOON.

L- LIKE, I'LL GO BACK
AND BE RIK-, UGH,
R- RAKU AGAIN, OF
COURSE.



GOSH, I TOLD YOU,
JUST LET ME HELP,
AND MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE
A CHANCE TO BE
RIKA-CHAN FOREVER!

HUH? I'M NOT JOKING!
BUT IT'S NOT GARUATEED,
YOU KNOW? BUT AT LEAST
YOU'LL HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE, RIGHT?

HEHE, I'M SERIOUS. I
MEAN JUST LOOK AT
YOU, GIRL~ ALL THE
GIRLS JUST WANTED
TO BE LIKE YOU-

F- FOREVER?! I- IF
THIS IS A JOKE, IT'S
NOT FUNNY, CHITOGI.

W- WHAT? Y- YOU
CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

N- NOO!

A comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms standing outdoors. The girl on the left has long blonde hair with a red feather in it, seen from the back. The girl on the right has short purple hair and is looking at the blonde girl while adjusting her red tie. There are four speech bubbles containing dialogue.

HUH? I MEAN IF YOU GO BACK THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR DREAM OF BEING RIKA-CHAN??

UGH, GOSH, EVEN NOW YOU JUST COULDN'T TRUST ME WITH YOUR SECRET, HUH?

WHY WOULD I WANT TO STAY HERE ANYWAY? I WANT TO GO BACK HOME, RIGHT?

B- BEING RIKA-CHAN IS MY DREAM?! WHY WOULD I EVEN WANT THAT??

M- MY SECRET?? WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT, CHITOGÉ?



ABOUT YOU WANTING
TO BE A GIRL FOR A
LONG TIME...

I MEAN YOU DON'T
HAVE TO SAY IT, YOUR
ACTION SAID IT ALL,
RIKA-CHAN.

I- I THINK YOU'RE
EVEN GIRLER THAN
ME...

W- WHAT THE?! D- DO
YOU THINK SOMEONE
LIKE ME WOULD SAY
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

G- GIRLER THAN
YOU?!



UMM... E- EVERY
PART?

BUT IT'S TRUE! I
MEAN JUST LOOK
AT YOU!

NO WAY! LIGHH, JUST
TELL ME, WHAT PART
OF ME IS GIRLER
THAN YOU??

GOSH, YOU'VE
GOTTA ME KIDDING
ME, CHITOGÉ.

LIGHHHH, E- EVEN IF
THAT WAS TRUE, THIS
IS JUST AN ACTING,
ALRIGHT?



H- HUH?? ACTING??

B- BUT I DON'T FEEL
LIKE YOU'RE ACTING
THOUGH...

C- COME ON, RIKA-CHAN.
J- JUST DROP THIS...
YOU'RE JUST JOKING,
RIGHT? HAHA...

I CAN'T LET PEOPLE
FIND OUT ABOUT ME,
YOU KNOW. THAT'S WHY
I GOTTA ACT LIKE AS IF
I'M THE REAL RIKA-CHAN.

REALLY? UGH, I
GUESS THAT MEANS
I DID WELL, WHICH IS
JUST WHAT I NEED.

HUH? I'M SERIOUS,
CHITOGI. THIS IS MY
ONLY WAY OUT OF
THIS MESS!

A comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left has long blonde hair with a red feather in it, and the girl on the right has short purple hair. They are standing outside a building with large windows. The blonde girl is speaking, and the purple-haired girl is responding with a speech bubble. There are three more speech bubbles from the blonde girl on the left side of the panel.

O- ONLY WAY OUT? YOU MEAN WORKING AS A LINGERIE MODEL... AND NOW PEOPLE START TO THINK YOU'RE A SCHOOL'S QUEEN OR SOMETHING.

W- WELL... I- IT'S NOT LIKE I- I HAVE A CHOICE, RIGHT?

GOSH, OF COURSE YOU HAVE A CHOICE!

LGH...

BUT YOU CHOOSE TO DO THIS?

LGHHHHH, IT'S NOT LIKE I ENJOY DOING ANY OF THIS, Y- YOU KNOW?



REALLY? BUT IT
SEEMS LIKE YOU
ENJOY EVERY
MINUTE OF IT TOO.

IF WHAT YOU SAID
WERE TRUE THEN CAN
YOU AT LEAST TELL
ME ABOUT IT?

S- SUPER COMPLICATED?
OMG... IF YOU WANT TO
TELL ME, THEN TELL ME
NO-

W- WHAT? THAT'S
NOT TRUE!!

I- I... IT'S SUPER
COMPLICATED TO TELL
YOU RIGHT NOW, OKAY?
BUT I'M TELLING YOU,
IT'S THE TRUTH!

RIKA-CHAN~
WE'RE BACK!!



O- OH, IT'S YOU GIRLS.
I WONDER WHAT TAKE
YOU SO LONG~

WE RAN INTO YUI-SENSEI,
AND SHE ASKED US TO
HELP HER CLEAN THE
HALLWAY, SORRY~

OH, HEY, YOU'RE
CHITOGÉ-CHAN,
RIGHT?

HI, GIRLS... AND
YEP! THAT'S ME.

I HEARD YOU'RE RIKA'S
BIG SISTER, BUT NOW
I'M NOT SURE WHO IS
THE "BIG" SISTER, HEHE.



EHEHE, I- I SEE...

OH, IT'S TOTALLY FINE!

UGH...

WELL... O- OUR PARENTS LOVE CONTRAST, HEHE.

WE'RE JOKING~ I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND US TOO MUCH~

OOOOOOOOOOO~~

OH, HERE'S YOUR WATER, RIKA-CHAN~

RING
RING



A comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left has long blonde hair with a red feather-like accessory on top. The girl on the right has short purple hair and is holding a blue water bottle. They are standing in front of a window.

Y- YEAH...

UGH... O- OKAY...

SIGH WE ALSO
SHOULD GET MOVING
TOO, CHITOGÉ.

WELL... DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THE SITUATION
I'M IN, OKAY? I WILL
TELL YOU ALL ABOUT
IT WHEN I'M READY.

GOSH, I THOUGHT
MOM ALREADY TOLD
YOU EVERYTHING...
NEVERMIND THAT,
LET'S GO TO CLASS
THEN.



H- HUH? MOM? WHOSE
MOM ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

OH...

NOW AUNT AIKO IS
RIKA-CHAN'S MOM??
WHY HAVEN'T I NOTICED
THAT BEFORE?!

O- OH... I MEANT
AUNT AIKO.

UGH... W- WHAT THE
HECK IS ALL THIS??

AHHHHH! I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS
NOT TRUE ANYMORE!

THAT NIGHT...

ANNNND,
WE'RE HOME~

*DOOR
CLOSING*

SO, WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO EAT TONIGHT,
CHITOGÉ-CHAN?

UGH...



HMM? ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

OH, I SEE. WAS IT
HARD TODAY?

GOOD GOOD, I HOPE YOU
HELP RIKA-CHAN TOO. SHE
TOLD ME SCHOOL IS GETTING
HARDER LATELY, HAHA.

I- I'M FINE! I WAS
JUST THINKING
ABOUT... UMM,
HOMEWORKS, HAHA.

AH, DON'T WORRY,
AUNTY. I CAN DO IT.

HAHA, I SEE... WELL,
I'M SURE SHE HAS
LOTS OF FRIEND TO
HELP HER...



THAT'S GOOD
THEN~ ALRIGHT,
TIME TO FIND
SOMETHING TO
EAT~

UGH...

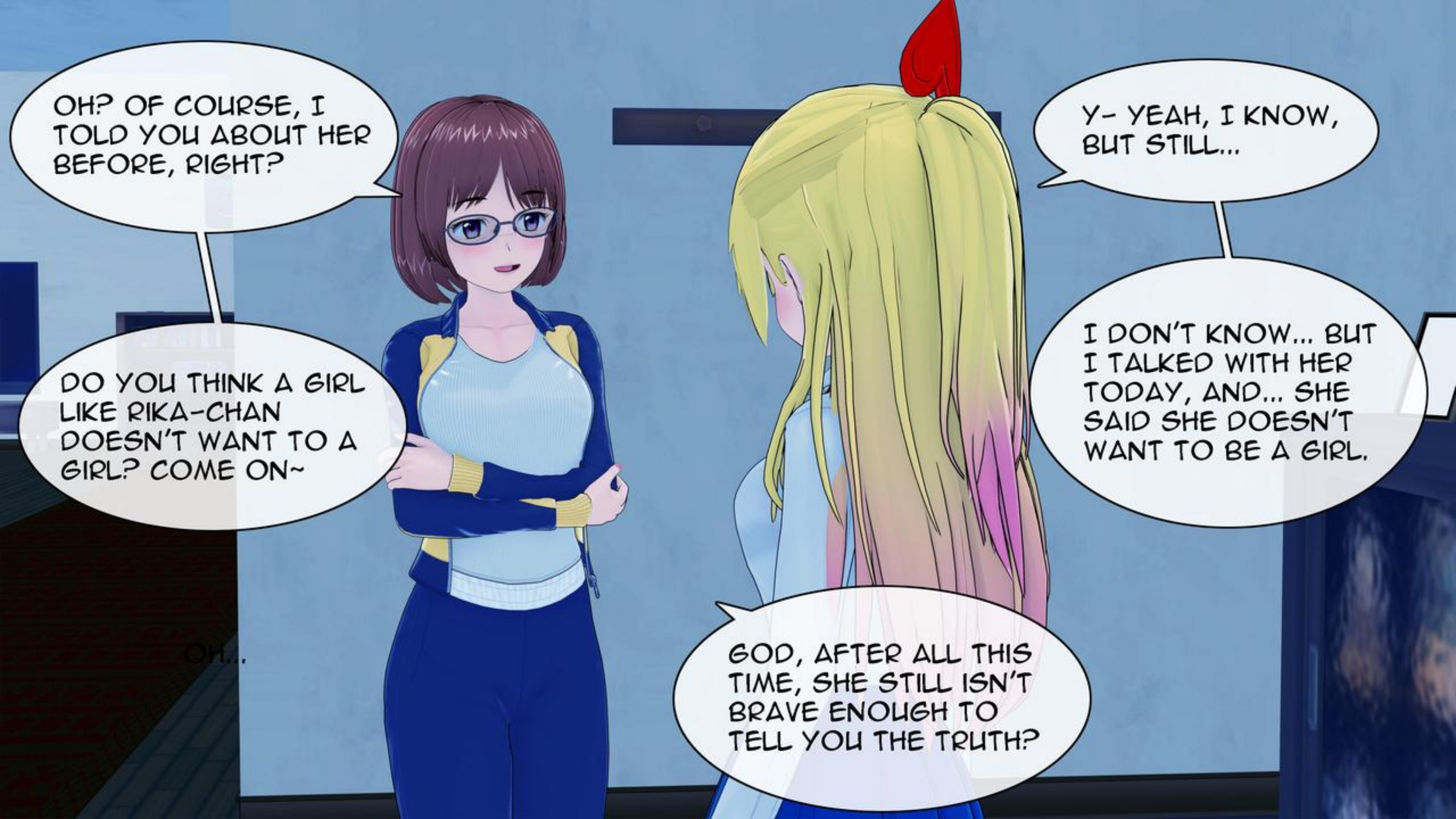
M- MAYBE THIS IS
A GOOD TIME TO
ASK?



YES?

UHM, AUNTY...

DO YOU THINK...
R- RIKA-CHAN
REALLY WANTED
TO BE A GIRL...?



OH? OF COURSE, I
TOLD YOU ABOUT HER
BEFORE, RIGHT?

DO YOU THINK A GIRL
LIKE RIKA-CHAN
DOESN'T WANT TO A
GIRL? COME ON~

Y- YEAH, I KNOW,
BUT STILL...

I DON'T KNOW... BUT
I TALKED WITH HER
TODAY, AND... SHE
SAID SHE DOESN'T
WANT TO BE A GIRL.

GOD, AFTER ALL THIS
TIME, SHE STILL ISN'T
BRAVE ENOUGH TO
TELL YOU THE TRUTH?

OH...



WELL, CAN'T YOU TELL
HOW MUCH SHE ENJOYS
BEING A GIRL FROM JUST
LOOKING?

I- I KNOW, BUT I
DON'T KNOW WHY SHE
TOLD ME LIKE THAT.

...

I MEAN WHY WOULD
SHE EVEN WANT TO
BECOME GIRLIER, BUT
DOESN'T WANT TO BE
A GIRL? I- I DON'T
GET IT...

HMM...

I THINK SHE'S CONFUSED
BECAUSE THE SECOND
PUBERTY JUST HIT HER,
CHITOGÉ-CHAN.

H- HUH? SECOND
PUBERTY??



OH, MAYBE YOU DON'T
KNOW, RIKA-CHAN HAS
BEEN TAKING FEMALE
HORMONES FOR MONTHS
NOW.

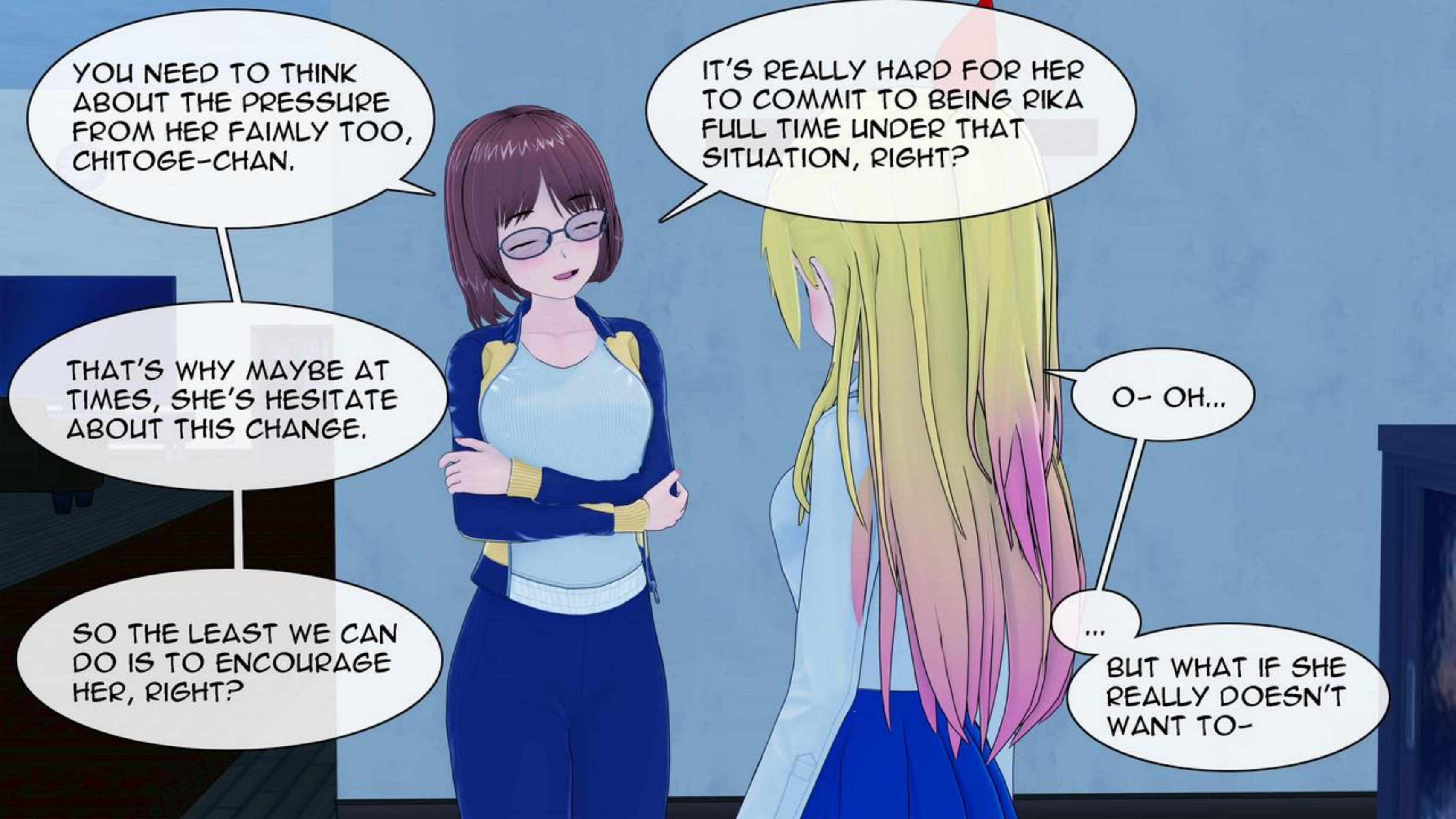
YUP, I'VE BEEN TAKING
HER TO SEE A DOCTOR A
COUPLE OF TIMES NOW.

SORRY, CHITOGI-CHAN, I
SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU A
LOT EARLIER.

W- WHAT?!

S- SHE'S THAT
SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?!

UGH, THAT'S OKAY...
B- BUT THAT STILL
DOESN'T EXPLAIN
WHY SHE-



YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE PRESSURE FROM HER FAMILY TOO, CHITOGÉ-CHAN.

IT'S REALLY HARD FOR HER TO COMMIT TO BEING RIKA FULL TIME UNDER THAT SITUATION, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY MAYBE AT TIMES, SHE'S HESITATE ABOUT THIS CHANGE.

O- OH...

SO THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS TO ENCOURAGE HER, RIGHT?

...
BUT WHAT IF SHE REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO-



LET ME ASK YOU THIS,
WHY WOULD SHE
BECOME RIKA IN THE
FIRST PLACE IF SHE
DOESN'T WANT TO?

IT'S ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME UNTIL SHE
REALIZES WHO SHE
TRULY WANTS TO BE.

AND IN ORDER TO DO
THAT, WE NEED TO
HELP HER AS MUCH
AS WE CAN, RIGHT?

T- THAT'S...

...

I- I...

A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls. On the left, a girl with short purple hair is seen from the back, wearing a yellow sweater with blue sleeves and a blue skirt. She is holding the arm of another girl. On the right, a girl with long blonde hair and a red horn-like accessory on her head is wearing a light blue school uniform with a red tie and a blue pleated skirt. She has a slightly distressed or thoughtful expression. The background is a simple blue wall with a door handle visible.

IT'S OKAY, CHITOGÉ-CHAN.
I KNOW HER SITUATION IS
VERY CONFUSING.

WELL, SOMETIMES
THINGS JUST DON'T
MAKE SENSE, RIGHT?

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT...
I- I'M SORRY FOR
ASKING SUCH A WEIRD
QUESTION.

Y- YEAH, UGH, BUT
SOMEHOW I FEEL LIKE
THERE'S SOMETHING
MISSING, YOU KNOW?

...
R- RIGHT...

I THINK YOU'RE OVERTHINK-
ING THIS TOO MUCH. IT WILL
ONLY GIVE YOU HEADACHE.
I THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD
TAKE A REST, HAHA.

I'M SURE SHE'LL
COME OUT WHEN
SHE'S READY.

BUT NOW, WE SHOULD
THINK ABOUT DINNER FIRST,
I'M GETTING PRETTY
HUNGRY NOW~



UGH...
Y- YEAH...

I HOPE SO...

...

...

GOD DAMN IT, WHY DOES IT HAS TO BE NOW? FIRST, RIKA'S DAD. AND NOW YOU, CHITOGÉ?

UGH, I'M JUST AN INCH AWAY FROM SOLVING ALL THIS TOO...

I KNEW THAT CHITOGÉ WOULD COME OUT AND ASK ME THIS QUESTION EVENTUALLY.

SIGH IT CAN'T BE HELPED, I GUESS...

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU STOP ME NOW, CHITOGÉ-CHAN.



THEN IT'S SATURDAY...

GOOD MORNING,
AIKO-SAN. SORRY TO
HAVE YOU COME HERE
TODAY. MY SCHEDULE IS
REALLY FULL THIS WEEK.

HAHA, THAT'S TRUE.
AND THANKS TO YOU,
RIKA-CHAN IS LOOKING
BETTER THAN EVER.

OH, YOU KNOW THAT I
CAN DO ANYTHING
FOR MY DAUGHTER,
RIGHT?

DON'T MENTION IT, WE
BOTH WANTED THE
SAME THING. SO IT'S
FINE.



ALRIGHT, I'M WAITING
FOR THE GOOD NEWS~

OH, IF YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER'S
PROMOTION, THEN YOU
WILL BE HAPPY TO HEAR
THIS.

BUT I HOPE I DIDN'T
COME ALL THE WAY
FOR NOTHING.

MY BOSS SAW RIKA'S
LAST PHOTOSHOOT, AND
HE LOVED IT! HE ALSO
SAID HE'D LIKE TO SEE
MORE OF HER IN THE
FUTURE.

YESSS! SEEMS LIKE
YOUR BOSS FINALLY
SEES HER POTENTIAL.



HAHA, YES. NEXT
WE NEED TO WORK
ON SOME PAPER-
WORKS, AND HER
SCHEDULE.

AH, THAT'S WHY
YOU WANTED
TO COME HERE.



THAT'S RIGHT,
AND I ALSO-

OI, AKIO-KUN. I'M
LEAVING, ALRIGHT?



YOU DON'T NEED
ANYTHING ELSE,
RIGHT? I DON'T WANT
TO KEEP MY GIRLS
WAITING.

NO PROBLEM,
SEE YA LATER!

OH, SEE YOU NEXT
WEEK HAKUTO-KUN.
THANKS FOR TODAY.

...



OH, HE'S ONE OF OUR
BEST MALE MODEL HERE.

THAT'S RIGHT. HE
WORKS HERE EVERY
SATURDAY MORNING.

HMM? WHO WAS
THAT GUY?
HAKUTO...?

OH...? SO HE'S FROM
OUR COMPANY.

I SEE...



OH, SORRY, LOOKS LIKE I
GOT CARRIED AWAY. WHERE
WERE WE?

OH YES, YOU CAN PICK
ANYTIME FROM FRIDAY TO
SUNDAY, WITH EXCEPTION
OF SATURDAY MORNING.
SO WHAT WOULD BE THE
BEST TIME FOR YOU?

THIS IS JUST HER
STARTER SCHEDULE,
WE CAN CHANGE IT
LATER.

HMM, ABOUT
RIKA-CHAN'S
SCHEDULE.

...

...



AIKO-SAN?

O- OH, I'M SORRY.
WELL, HOW ABOUT WE
MOVE ON TO PAPERS
FIRST THEN? PLEASE
FOLLOW ME TO THE
NEARBY ROOM.

H- HERE? SURE... THEN,
LET ME GO GRAB THEM
REAL QUICK.

O- OH... I'M JUST
THINKING ABOUT
THE BEST TIME FOR
RIKA-CHAN.

UHM...
SORRY, BUT CAN
WE DO IT HERE?

OH, SURE.
JUST TAKE
YOUR TIME...

A MOMENT LATER...

OFFICE AREA
DOOR CLOSING

ALRIGHT, I'M BACK.

THIS IS PRETTY MUCH THE
SAME CONTRACT THAT RIKA
SIGNED, BUT WE JUST NEED
YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
CHANGES WE MADE.

HMM?





HUH? SHE'S TALKING TO
HAKUTO-KUN?

BUT I'M SURE THEY
DON'T KNOW EACH
OTHER BEFORE, RIGHT?

HMM...? MAYBE SHE WANTS
TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT HIS
PHOTOSHOOT SPOT ON
SATURDAY MORNING?

TO BE CONTINUED...