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Forever Summer

Chapter 49

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M- MARRIED??
Y- YOU CAN'T BE
SERIOUS, RIGHT??

UGH...

A- AH...

RIKA-CHAN, I KNOW THIS
IS A BIT SUDDEN FOR YOU
TWO, BUT PLEASE THINK
ABOUT IT FIRST.

YOU TWO CAN BOND BOTH
CLANS TOGETHER, AND
THERE WILL BE NO MORE
FIGHTING.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.

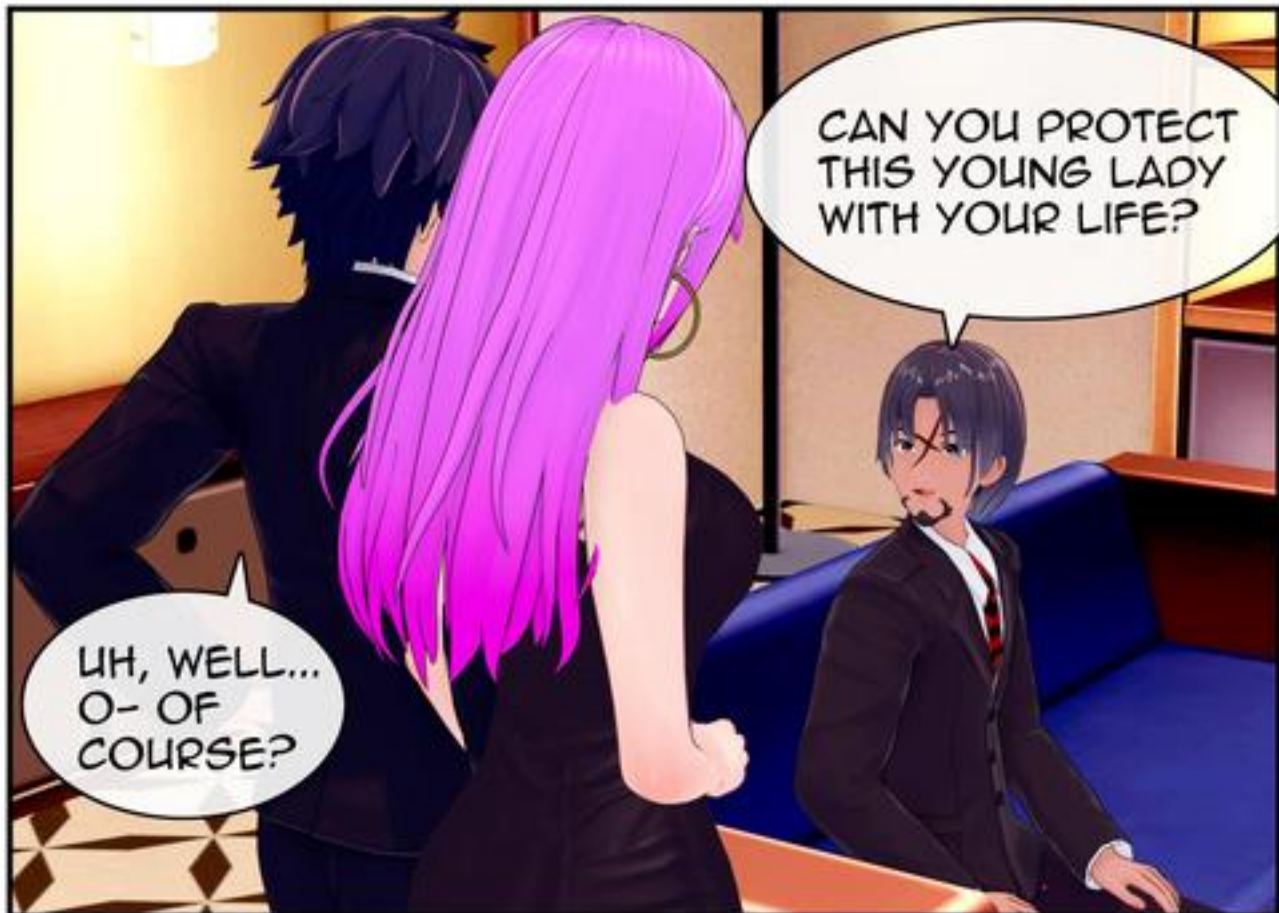


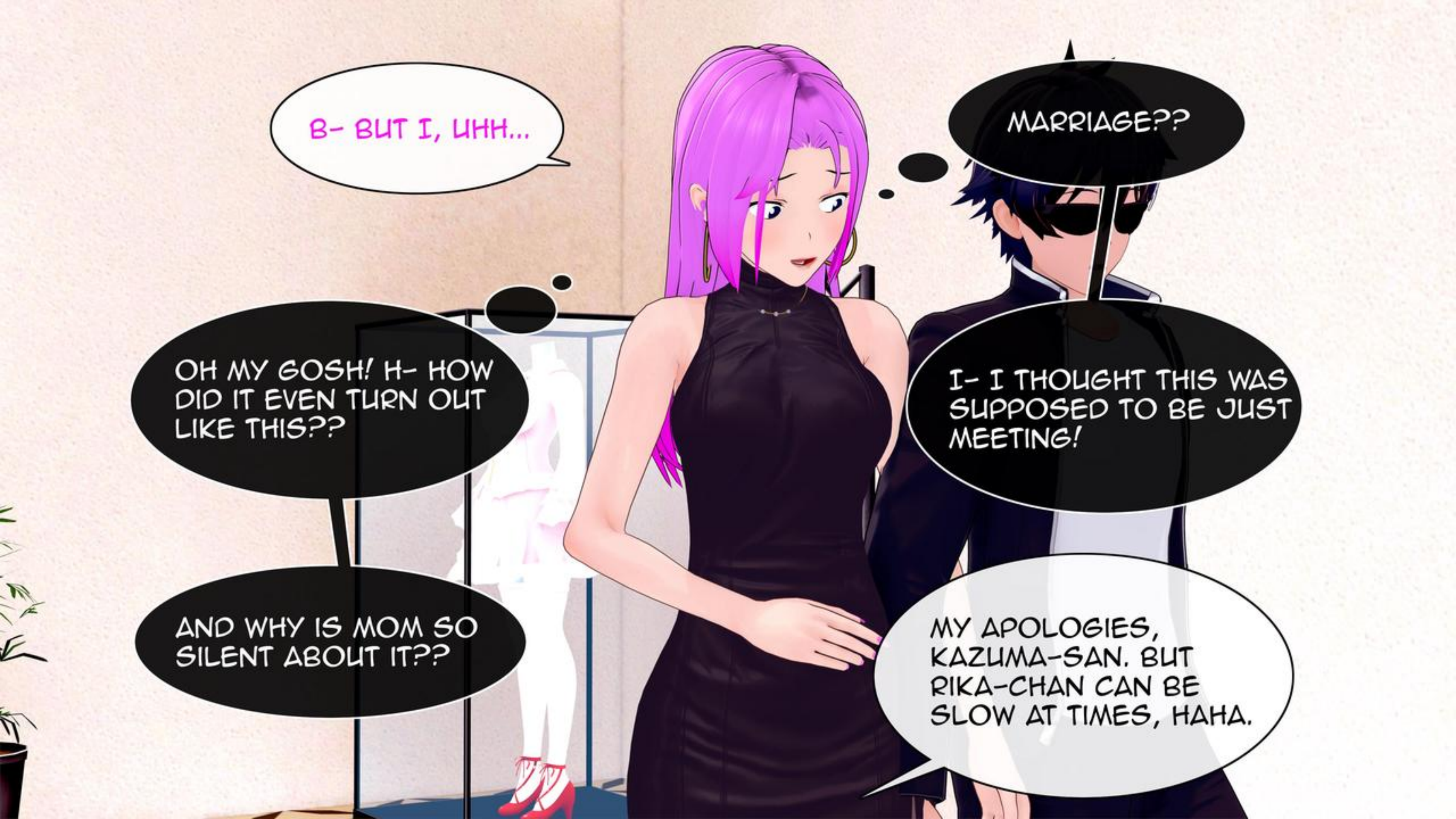
UGH, I- I SEE, BUT
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
LMM...

WE CAN SEE HOW MUCH
YOU AND YOUNG MASTER
ARE IN LOVE. AND I CAN
GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL
NOT MAKE YOU REGRET
THIS.

YOU LOVE HER WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
RIGHT? YOUNG
MASTER?

HUH...? M- ME?
UH, Y- YES...?





B- BUT I, UHH...

MARRIAGE??

OH MY GOSH! H- HOW
DID IT EVEN TURN OUT
LIKE THIS??

I- I THOUGHT THIS WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE JUST
MEETING!

AND WHY IS MOM SO
SILENT ABOUT IT??

MY APOLOGIES,
KAZUMA-SAN. BUT
RIKA-CHAN CAN BE
SLOW AT TIMES, HAHA.



M- MOM?

O- OH?

SO, CAN YOU GIVE US A
MOMENT? I NEED TO TALK
WITH HER ABOUT THIS
PRIVATELY.

AH, SURE THING.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR
TIME!

THANK YOU.
ALRIGHT, GIRL,
FOLLOW ME.

A MOMENT LATER...

RIKA-CHAN, LANGUAGE.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT
HOW YOU TALK TO ME.

WELL, DO YOU THINK
KAZUMA IS THAT KIND
OF PERSON?

M- MOM! W- WHAT
THE HELL IS GOING
ON?!

LIGHHH,
I- I'M SORRY...

B- BUT THERE'S NO
WAY YOU GUYS ARE
SERIOUS ABOUT THE
MARRIAGE, RIGHT??



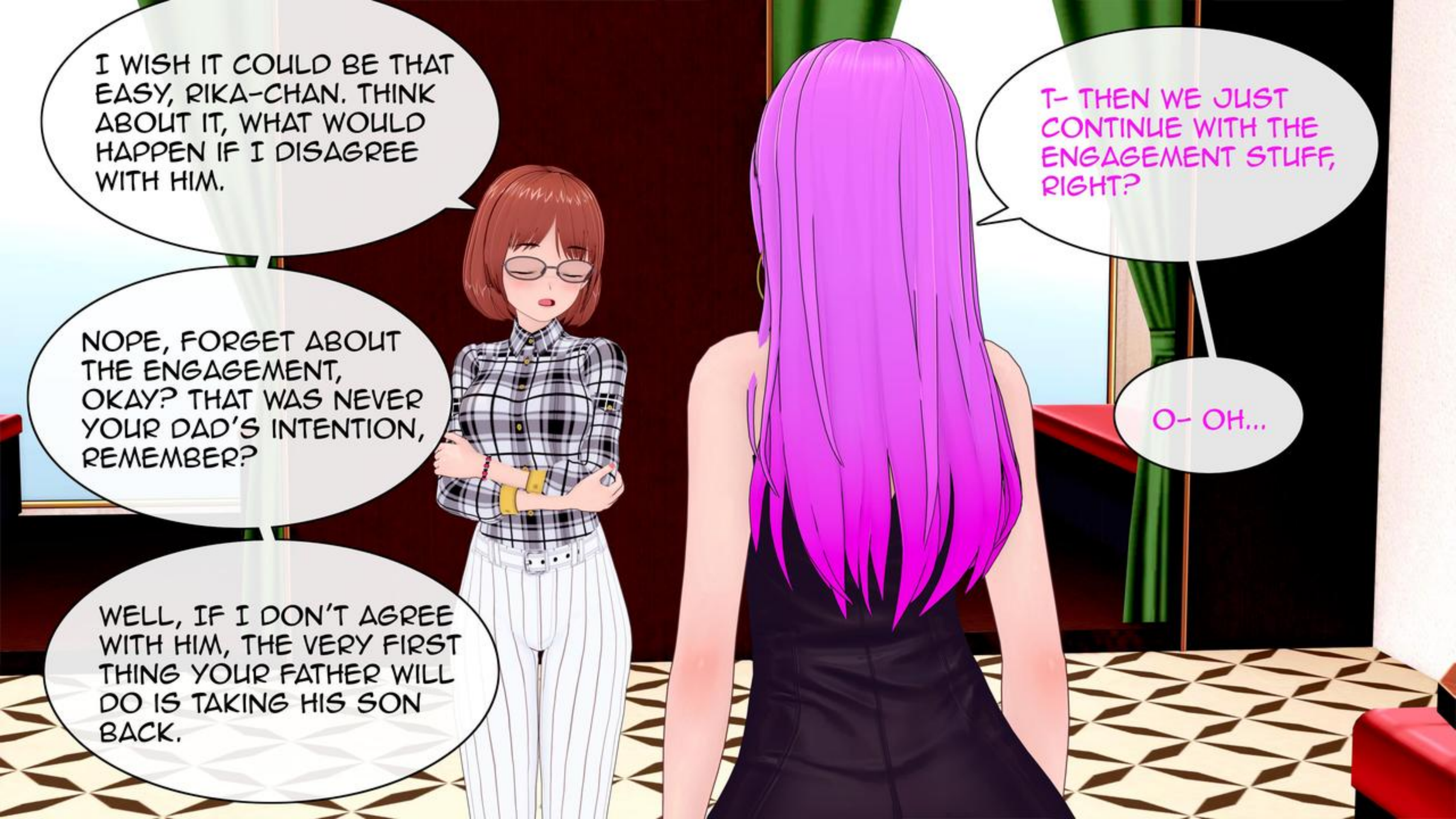
T THEN...
T- THIS IS REALLY
HAPPENING??

N- NO WAY!! OH MY
GOSH, THIS IS
REALLY GOING TOO
FAR!!

YES, YOUR
WEDDING IS ON THE
WAY, RIKA-CHAN.

YES, I KNOW. BUT
WE REALLY HAVE NO
CHOICE THIS TIME,
RIKA-CHAN.

W- WHAT? CAN'T YOU
JUST TELL HIM YOU DON'T
AGREE OR SOMETHING??



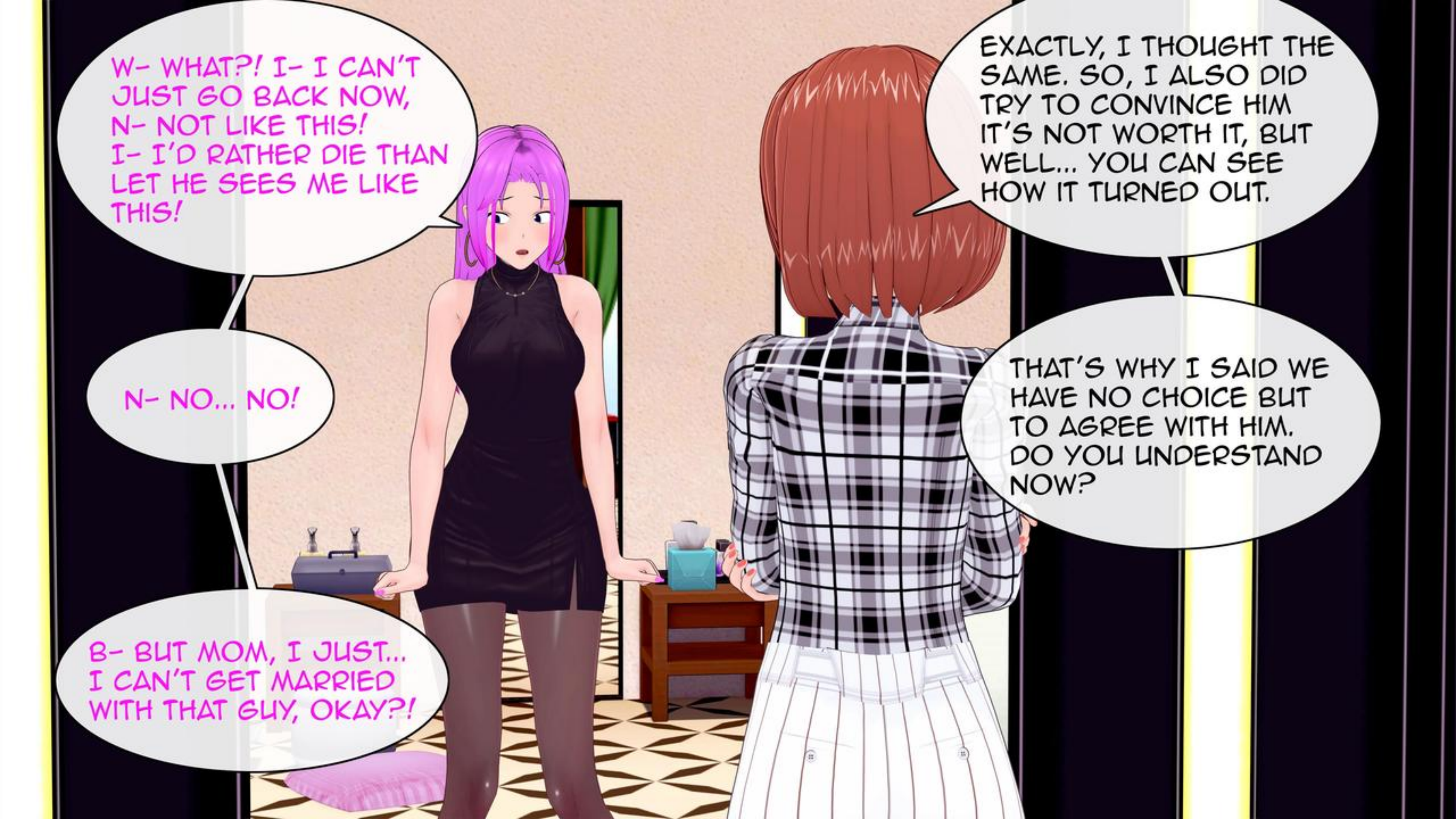
I WISH IT COULD BE THAT EASY, RIKA-CHAN. THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I DISAGREE WITH HIM.

NOPE, FORGET ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT, OKAY? THAT WAS NEVER YOUR DAD'S INTENTION, REMEMBER?

WELL, IF I DON'T AGREE WITH HIM, THE VERY FIRST THING YOUR FATHER WILL DO IS TAKING HIS SON BACK.

T- THEN WE JUST CONTINUE WITH THE ENGAGEMENT STUFF, RIGHT?

O- OH...



W- WHAT?! I- I CAN'T
JUST GO BACK NOW,
N- NOT LIKE THIS!
I- I'D RATHER DIE THAN
LET HE SEES ME LIKE
THIS!

N- NO... NO!

B- BUT MOM, I JUST...
I CAN'T GET MARRIED
WITH THAT GUY, OKAY?!

EXACTLY, I THOUGHT THE
SAME. SO, I ALSO DID
TRY TO CONVINCE HIM
IT'S NOT WORTH IT, BUT
WELL... YOU CAN SEE
HOW IT TURNED OUT.

THAT'S WHY I SAID WE
HAVE NO CHOICE BUT
TO AGREE WITH HIM.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND
NOW?



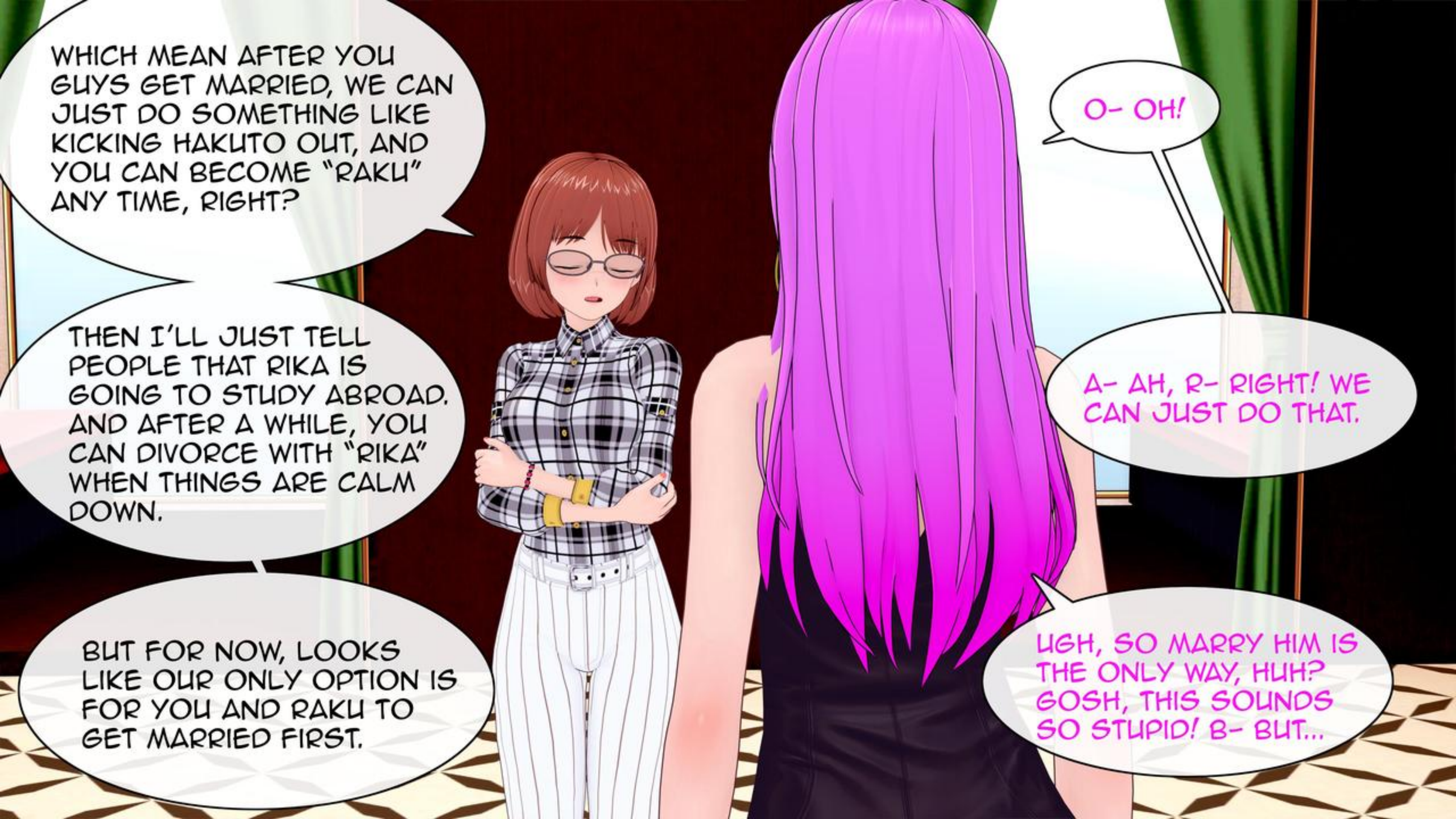
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL,
RIKA-CHAN. BUT LOOKS
LIKE WE DON'T REALLY
HAVE ANY CHOICE THIS
TIME.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE
THERE'S NO HOPE AT
ALL.

WE HAVE BOTH RAKU
AND RIKA ON OUR
SIDE, REMEMBER?

N- NO WAY...

O- OH!



WHICH MEAN AFTER YOU GUYS GET MARRIED, WE CAN JUST DO SOMETHING LIKE KICKING HAKUTO OUT, AND YOU CAN BECOME "RAKU" ANY TIME, RIGHT?

THEN I'LL JUST TELL PEOPLE THAT RIKA IS GOING TO STUDY ABROAD. AND AFTER A WHILE, YOU CAN DIVORCE WITH "RIKA" WHEN THINGS ARE CALM DOWN.

BUT FOR NOW, LOOKS LIKE OUR ONLY OPTION IS FOR YOU AND RAKU TO GET MARRIED FIRST.

O- OH!

A- AH, R- RIGHT! WE CAN JUST DO THAT.

UGH, SO MARRY HIM IS THE ONLY WAY, HUH? GOSH, THIS SOUNDS SO STUPID! B- BUT...



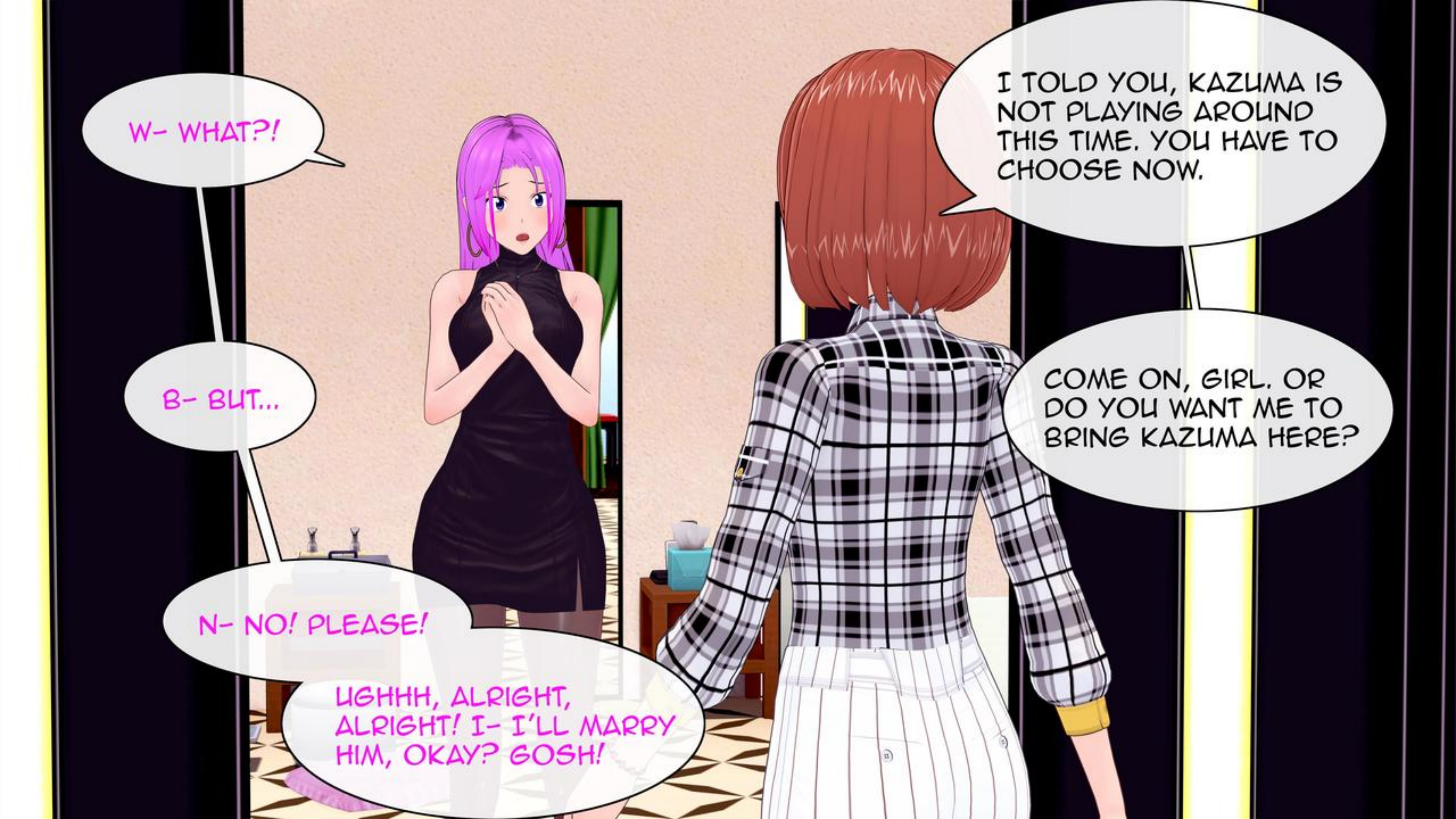
I KNOW IT SOUNDS
RIDICULOUS BUT IT
MAKES SENSE, RIGHT?
YOU CAN SAY THAT IT'S A
TEMPORARY MARRIAGE IN
A WAY, RIGHT?

I- I SEE... SO, WE
CAN JUST MAKE UP A
STORY FOR RIKA!

THAT'S RIGHT. NOW,
WHAT'S IT GONNA
BE? ARE YOU GOING
TO MARRY HIM?

LIGH... N- NOW?! I
KNOW THERE'S HOPE
BUT, I STILL NEED
TIME TO THINK-

IN A MOMENT KAZUMA
WILL NEED YOU GUYS
TO SIGN A PAPER THAT
WILL USE FOR THE
MARRIAGE.



W- WHAT?!

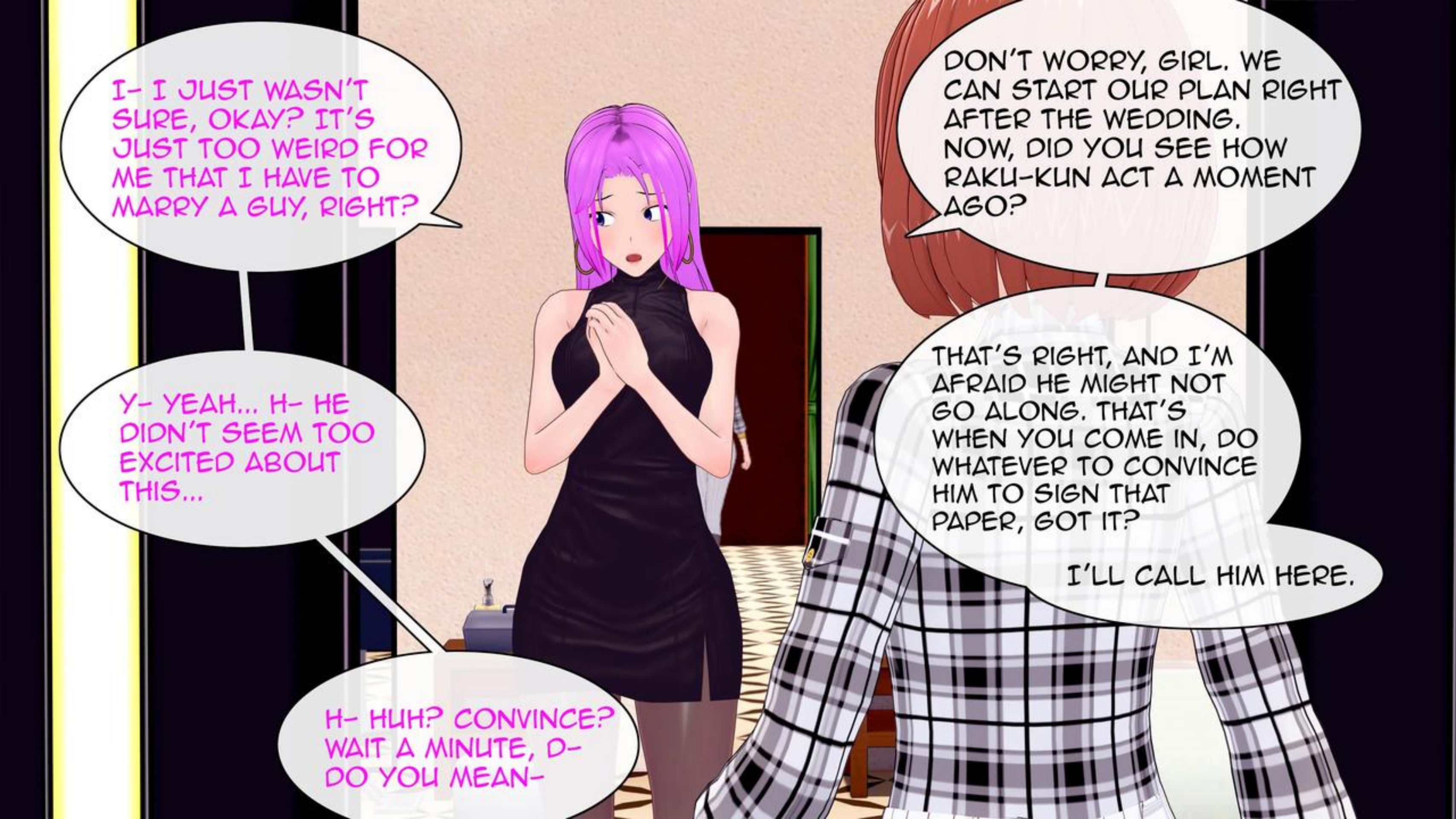
B- BUT...

N- NO! PLEASE!

UHHH, ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT! I- I'LL MARRY
HIM, OKAY? GOSH!

I TOLD YOU, KAZUMA IS
NOT PLAYING AROUND
THIS TIME. YOU HAVE TO
CHOOSE NOW.

COME ON, GIRL. OR
DO YOU WANT ME TO
BRING KAZUMA HERE?



I- I JUST WASN'T SURE, OKAY? IT'S JUST TOO WEIRD FOR ME THAT I HAVE TO MARRY A GUY, RIGHT?

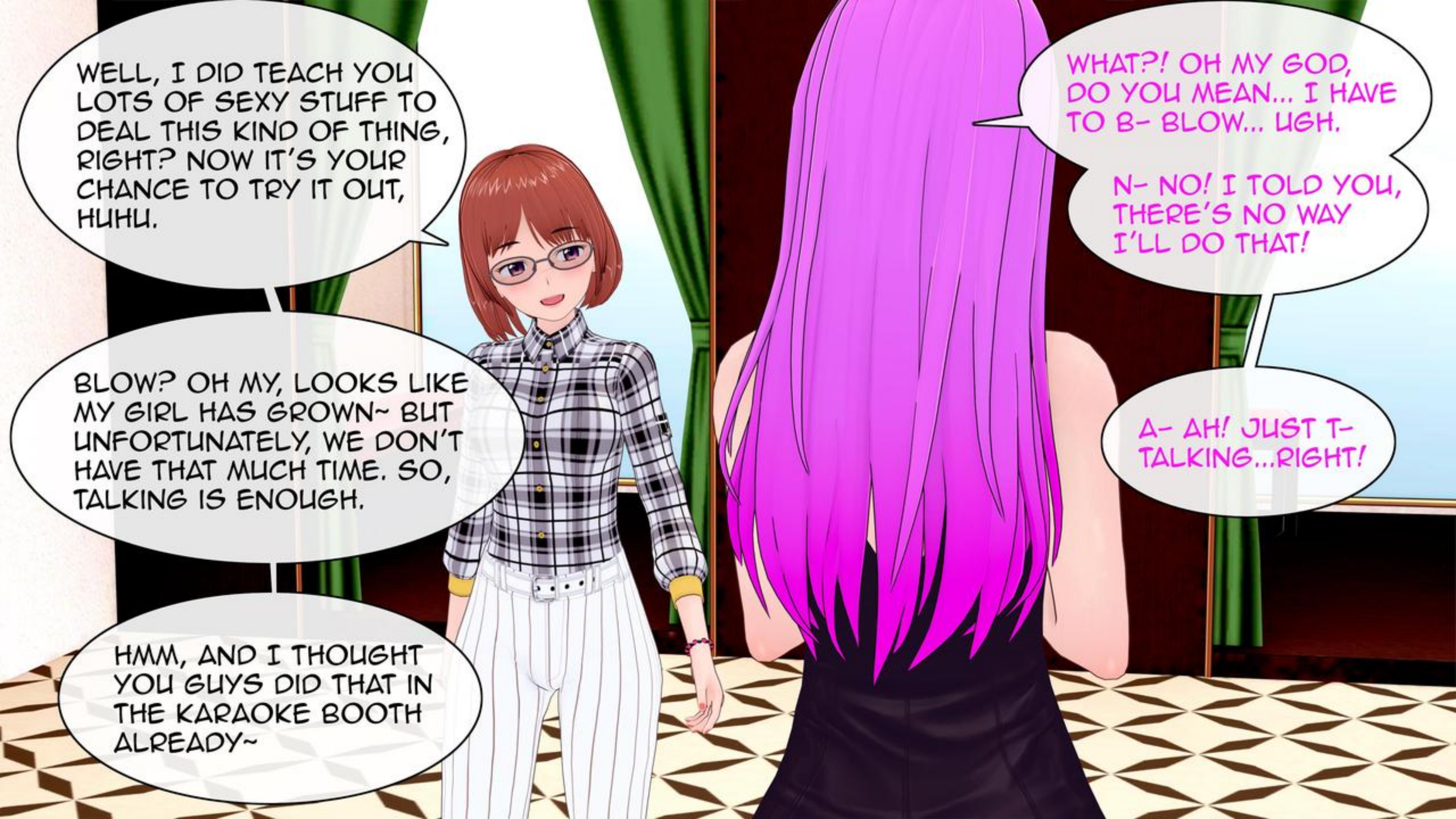
Y- YEAH... H- HE DIDN'T SEEM TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS...

H- HUH? CONVINCE? WAIT A MINUTE, D- DO YOU MEAN-

DON'T WORRY, GIRL. WE CAN START OUR PLAN RIGHT AFTER THE WEDDING. NOW, DID YOU SEE HOW RAKU-KUN ACT A MOMENT AGO?

THAT'S RIGHT, AND I'M AFRAID HE MIGHT NOT GO ALONG. THAT'S WHEN YOU COME IN, DO WHATEVER TO CONVINCE HIM TO SIGN THAT PAPER, GOT IT?

I'LL CALL HIM HERE.



WELL, I DID TEACH YOU
LOTS OF SEXY STUFF TO
DEAL THIS KIND OF THING,
RIGHT? NOW IT'S YOUR
CHANCE TO TRY IT OUT,
HUHU.

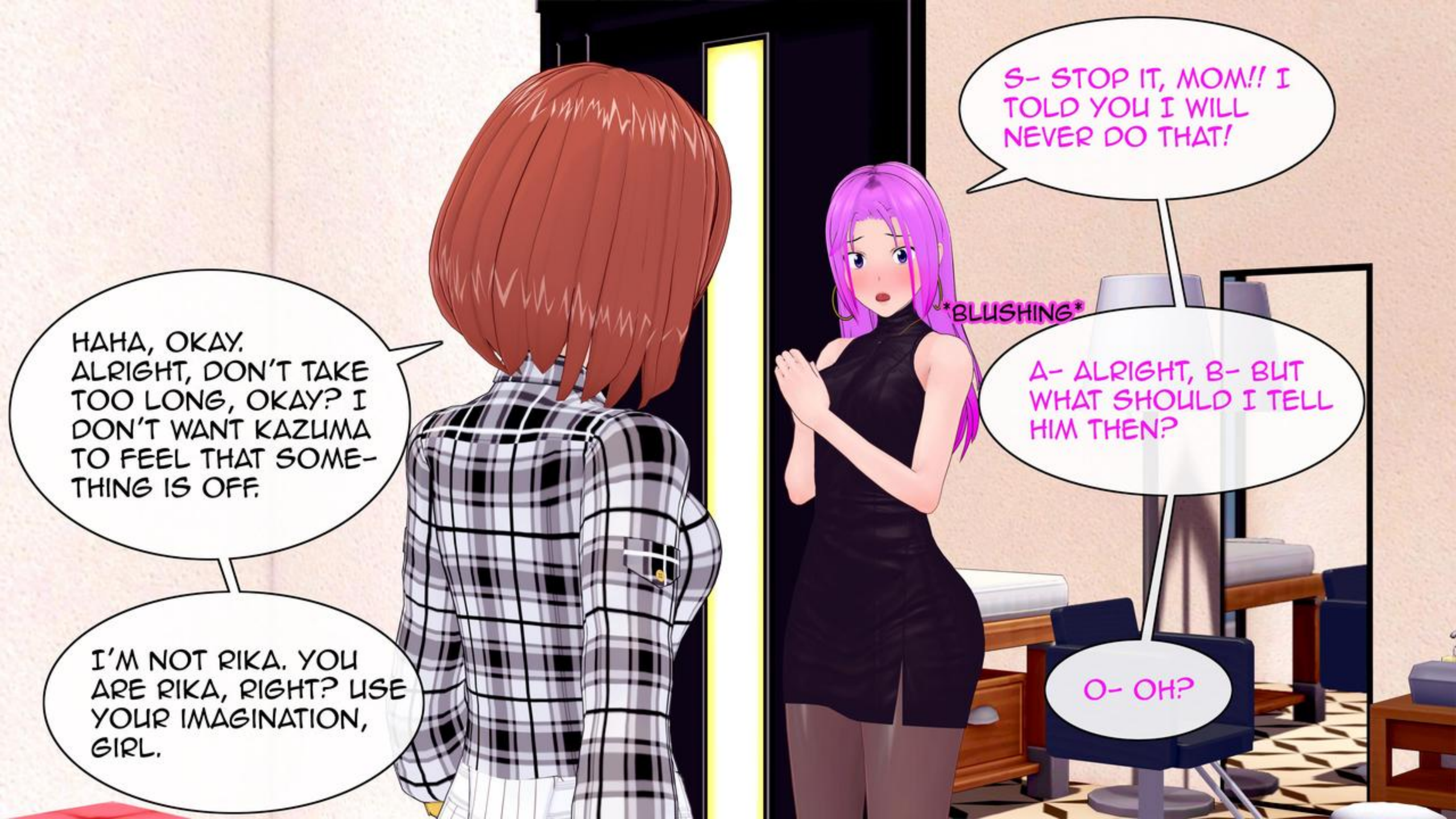
BLOW? OH MY, LOOKS LIKE
MY GIRL HAS GROWN~ BUT
UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T
HAVE THAT MUCH TIME. SO,
TALKING IS ENOUGH.

HMM, AND I THOUGHT
YOU GUYS DID THAT IN
THE KARAOKE BOOTH
ALREADY~

WHAT?! OH MY GOD,
DO YOU MEAN... I HAVE
TO B- BLOW... UGH.

N- NO! I TOLD YOU,
THERE'S NO WAY
I'LL DO THAT!

A- AH! JUST T-
TALKING...RIGHT!



HAHA, OKAY.
ALRIGHT, DON'T TAKE
TOO LONG, OKAY? I
DON'T WANT KAZUMA
TO FEEL THAT SOME-
THING IS OFF.

I'M NOT RIKA. YOU
ARE RIKA, RIGHT? USE
YOUR IMAGINATION,
GIRL.

S- STOP IT, MOM!! I
TOLD YOU I WILL
NEVER DO THAT!

BLUSHING

A- ALRIGHT, B- BUT
WHAT SHOULD I TELL
HIM THEN?

O- OH?

A MOMENT LATER...

S- SIGNING PAPER? I
THINK THAT'S A BIT TOO
FAR OR ME...

I DON'T KNOW,
RIKA-CHAN... IT'S
NOT LIKE I DON'T
LOVE YOU, YOU
KNOW?

I FEEL LIKE WE'VE ONLY
JUST MET EACH OTHER,
RIGHT?

P- PLEASE, RAKU-KUN!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE
MARRIED FOR REAL,
RIGHT? IT'S JUST FOR
THE STATUS!

THEN WHY...





THAT'S TRUE, BUT THIS
MEANS WE CAN SPEND
TIME TOGETHER A LOT
MORE, RIGHT?

OH MY GOSH! THIS GUY
IS A BIG JERK! WHY IS
IT SO HARD TO GET HIM
TO SIGN A PAPER?!

I MEAN HE'S NOT
EVEN REAL RAKU!

IF NORMAL APPROACH
DOESN'T WORK, THEN...

DO I REALLY HAVE TO
DO WHAT MOM TAUGHT
ME??

BUT IF THIS TAKES ANY
LONGER, KAZUMA-SAN
MIGHT COME HERE, AND
IT'S OVER...



WELL, I'M SURE IF WE
TELL THEM WITH A
STRAIGHT FACE, THEY'LL
UNDERSTAND.

SO, SHALL WE
GO THEN?

UGH, THIS GUY HAS NO
CLUE OF WHAT'S HE
DEALING WITH!

A- AT THIS RATE...
AHHHHH! SCREW IT!

UHM, H- HOW ABOUT
THIS RAKU-KUN...



OKAY, THIS GUY
WEAKNESS IS,
UHM... THEN USE
MY IMAGINATION...

BLUSHING

MMMM~

D- DO YOU STILL
REMEMBER WHAT YOU
SAID WHEN WE WERE IN
THE KARAOKE BOOTH?

ABOUT WHAT
SHOULD WE DO NEXT
TIME, REMEMBER?

H- HMM?

O- OH...

?!
W- WOAH...

W- WOAH...

Y- YESSSSSS~

AHHH...

YOU WISH OUR NEXT TIME
TOGETHER TO BE SPICIER,
R- RIGHT?

WELL, I CAN GRANT YOU
THAT WISH, YOU KNOW? B-
BUT IT COMES WITH A
PRICE~

IF YOU CAN AT LEAST
SHOW ME HOW MUCH
YOU LOVE ME BY SIGNING
THAT PAPER...



W- WOW... IF I ONLY
KNEW YOU WERE THIS
KINKY, RIKA-CHAN~

LIGH... W- WELL...

C- COME ON NOW,
YOU CAN'T BE-

HEHE... T- THEN, TELL ME
NOW, DO YOU WANT THIS
WISH TO COME TRUE OR
NOT~

I'LL GIVE YOU 3 SECS,
THEN YOU'LL LOSE THIS
CHANCE FOREVER.

3...

2...



O- OKAY, OKAY! I ADMIT
DEFEAT, HEHE...

SO, YOU WILL SIGN
IT....?

Y- YEP, I'LL SIGN
THAT PAPER!

G- GOOD, UGH...
G- GOOD BOY....

HEHE, W- WOW... I'M
IMPRESSED WITH
YOUR ACTING! NOW
MY LITTLE RAKU IS
ROCK HARD!

UGH, G- GOOD! BUT
SAVE IT FOR NEXT TIME,
OKAY? TODAY WE HAVE
IMPORTANT THING TO DO...



SO, UMM, ARE YOU
READY TO GO OUT
THEN?

WHENEVER YOU ARE
READY, MA'AM~

A- ALRIGHT, LET'S GO.



I- I CAN'T BELIEVE I
JUST SAID THOSE
WORDS TO HIM, LIGHHH.

NOT GONNA LIE, IT FELT
KINDA GROSS TO SAY
IT, BUT IT REALLY GETS
THE JOB DONE LIKE
MOM SAID...

BUT THE SCARIEST THING
IS... I DON'T EVEN KNOW
THAT I'M CAPABLE OF
SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

OH MY GOSH... W- WHAT
HAVE I JUST DONE-

HMM, RIKA-CHAN?
SOMETHING WRONG?

OH, IT'S NOTHING.
I- I'M COMING!

A WHILE LATER...

OKAY... T- THIS IS THE
LAST ONE, RIGHT?

UGH, NO PROBLEM,
MA'AM... HAHA.

YEP, THAT'S ALL.
THANKS A LOT FOR
DOING THIS, RAKU-KUN.

AND THIS CONCLUDES
OUR MEETING FOR
TODAY THEN,
KAZUMA-SAN?



OH YES, BUT OF COURSE,
I WILL TALK TO RAKU'S
DAD ABOUT THIS. I THINK
HE'LL REALLY LIKE IT.

THANKS, LET HIM KNOW
THAT MY DAUGHTER
GLADLY TO HAVE HIS
SON AS HER HUSBAND.

SURE THING, MA'AM!
ALSO, THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR YOUR UNDER-
STANDING, RIKA-CHAN.

I- IT'S FINE~ I MEAN LIKE,
I'LL HAVE TO MARRY HIM
EVENTUALLY... SO THE FASTER
THE BETTER, R- RIGHT?

PRECISELY! YOUR
DAUGHTER IS CERTAINLY
A SMART GIRL,
AIKO-SAN, HAHA.

A man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and black checkered tie, is sitting on a blue cushioned bench. He is looking towards two women on the right. The woman in the foreground has short reddish-brown hair and is wearing a grey and white plaid shirt. The woman behind her has long purple hair. In the background, there is a wall with a warm yellow glow and three dresses hanging on a rack: a red one on the left, a white one in the middle, and a white one on the right. The floor has a diamond-shaped tile pattern.

HAHA, THAT'S TRUE.

ALRIGHT, I'LL LET YOU
KNOW ABOUT THE
WEDDING LATER THEN.

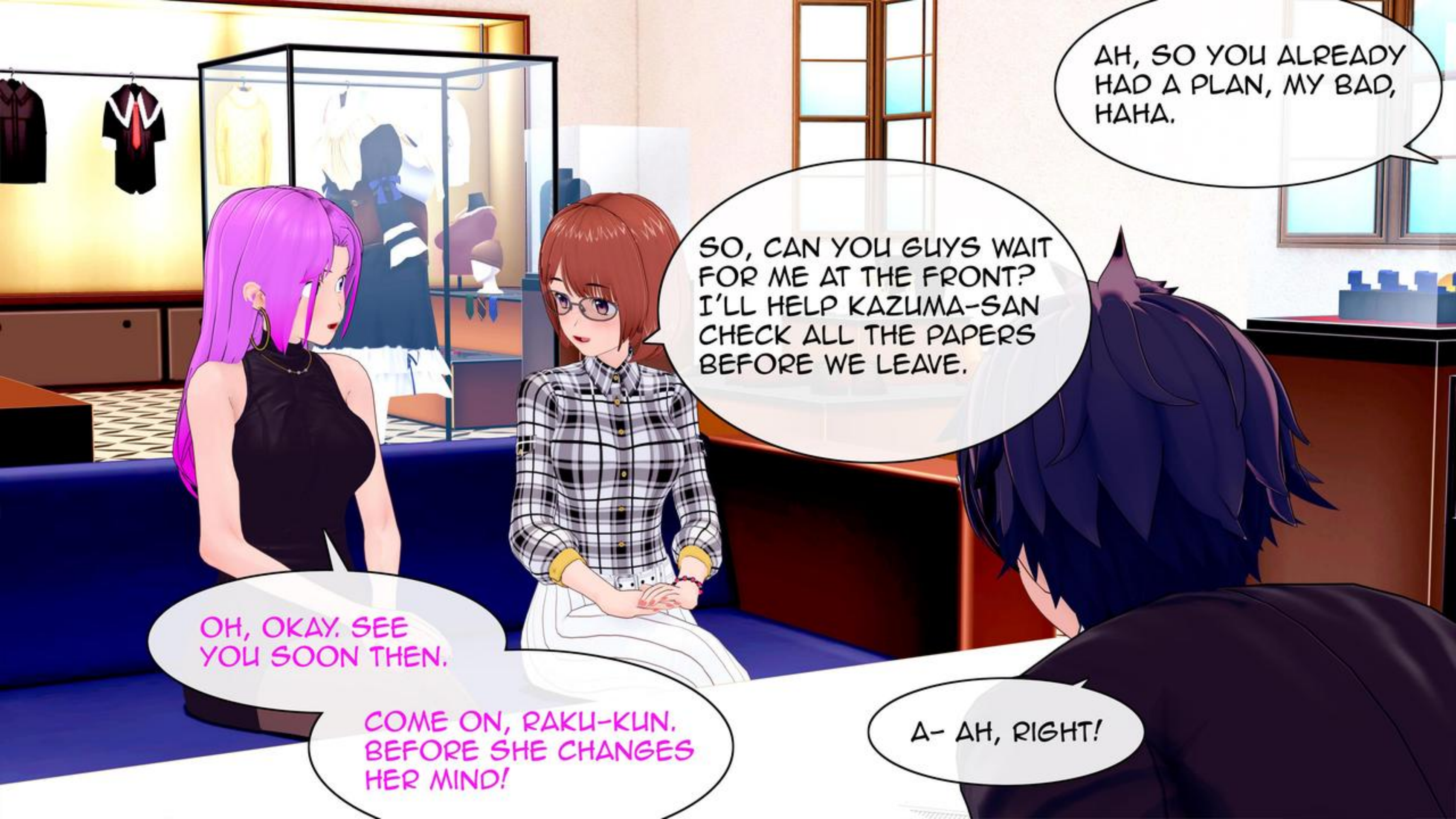
YOU BET.

OKAY, YOUNG MASTER,
DO YOU WANT ME TO
DROP YOU OFF?

WELL, THEY SAY "LIKE
MOTHER LIKE DAUGHTER",
RIGHT?

THANK YOU, KAZUMA-SAN.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD
TO HEARING GOOD NEWS
FROM YOU.

OH, DON'T WORRY
ABOUT RAKU-KUN.
RIKA-CHAN AND I'LL
DROP HIM OFF.



AH, SO YOU ALREADY
HAD A PLAN, MY BAD,
HAHA.

SO, CAN YOU GUYS WAIT
FOR ME AT THE FRONT?
I'LL HELP KAZUMA-SAN
CHECK ALL THE PAPERS
BEFORE WE LEAVE.

OH, OKAY. SEE
YOU SOON THEN.

COME ON, RAKU-KUN.
BEFORE SHE CHANGES
HER MIND!

A- AH, RIGHT!

A MOMENT LATER...

YOU CAN PRINT OUT
PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING
THESE DAYS. AND TO BE
HONEST, YOUR OFFER
SEEMS LIKE A PERFECT
FIT FOR OUR SITUATION.

OF COURSE, AND ONCE MY
BOSS APPROVES OF THIS
NEW PLAN. HOPEFULLY
WE'LL BEGIN THE WEDDING
SOON AFTER.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
APPLICATION? I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU MANAGE TO
GET IT HERE SO FAST.

HUHU, I SEE. I'M GLAD
YOU CAN SEE THINGS
LIKE I DO.

I SEE~



BUT YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME WITH THE MARRIAGE IDEA. BUT I'M SURE BOSS WILL BE PLEASED AS WELL AS I AM.

OH MY, YOU FLATTER ME, KAZUMA-SAN~

AHHH, OF COURSE THAT GREEDY BASTARD WILL LOVE IT!

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST TAKE MY DAUGHTER AWAY WITH YOUR ENGAGEMENT BULLCRAP?

WELL, YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU WISH FOR...

BUT OF COURSE, NOT FOR FREE~

LATER THAT EVENING...

THIS IS NOT LIKE WHAT
WE TALKED, AUNTY!

H- HUH? GOOD FOR
ME? LOOK AT THAT
KAZUMA GUY, HE'S
LITERALLY A REAL
GANGSTER!

LIGHH, JUST STOP CALLING
ME RAKU-KUN, ALRIGHT? I
MEAN WHO EVEN IS "RAKU"
ANYWAY??

WELL, I ALSO DIDN'T
EXPECT IT TO TURN OUT
LIKE THIS, BUT ISN'T THIS
GOOD FOR YOU AS
WELL?

THAT'S YOUR UNCLE.
YOU GOTTA ACCEPT
THAT FACT, RAKU-KUN.



HMM? I THOUGHT I
ALREADY TOLD YOU.
BUT YOU CAN GUESS IT
FROM THE WAY KAZUMA
CALLS YOU, RIGHT?

TO BE PRECISE, HE'S THE
SON OF THE YAKUZA
BOSS.

HMM, IT SEEMS LIKE
THIS WINE HAS A
SLIGHTLY BITTER SCENT
TODAY~

H- HUH?? "YOUNG
MASTER"? OH... YOU
MEAN HE'S A MEMBER
OF A GANG TOO??

W- WHAT THE HELL?! YOU
CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!

I- I'M OUT! I DON'T
WANT TO DO THIS SHIT
ANYMORE!



WELL, IT'S TOO LATE
NOW THAT YOU SIGNED
THE PAPERS.

OH, THAT DOESN'T
MATTER. YOU KNOW WHAT
WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF
KAZUMA FOUND OUT THAT
A FAKE SIGNED IT, RIGHT?

EXCEPT, HE MIGHT THREATEN
ME AND PUT MY FAMILY INTO
DANGER. THEN I HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO TELL HIM.

W- WHAT? THAT'S BE-
CAUSE RIKA-CHAN PROM-
ISED ME TO LIGH...
BUT I DIDN'T WRITE MY
NAME DOWN. I- IT
SHOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?!

W- WHAT?? THAT'S-
B- BUT THERE'S NO WAY
FOR HIM TO KNOW,
RIGHT?



THE FLUCK?! Y- YOU
CAN'T DO THAT!!

HMM? SO YOU THINK I
SHOULD RISK MY FAMILY
BECAUSE IT'S YOUR FAULT
FOR SIGNING THAT PAPER?

B- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT
WILL BE LIKE THIS, OKAY?!

FOOT STEP

FOOT STEP

A comic panel set in a bar. A man with dark hair and sunglasses, wearing a dark jacket over a white shirt, stands on the left. He is looking towards a woman with long red hair who is seen from the back, wearing a plaid shirt. The woman is holding a black mug. In the background, there is a bar counter with various items on it. Four speech bubbles contain the dialogue.

AHEM I KNOW YOU'RE
LADY AIKO'S GUEST. BUT IF
YOU YELL AT HER LIKE THAT
ONE MORE TIME, WE-

AH~ DON'T WORRY BOYS.
HE'S A BIT UPSET WITH
HIS MISTAKE, THAT'S ALL.
BUT HE'S A GOOD KID.

H- HUH? W- WHO
ARE YOU GUYS??

OH, MY APOLOGIES.
WE'RE SORRY FOR
INTERRUPTING YOU THEN.
KID, TRY NOT TO DO THAT
AGAIN, OR TONIGHT WILL
NOT END WELL FOR YOU.

UGH, A- ALRIGHT,
I- I WON'T...



THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH.
JUST GO BACK TO YOUR
SEATS, OKAY? I CAN
HANDLE THIS ALONE.

HMM? ARE YOU
GUYS DEAF? SHOO
SHOO, GO AWAY.

SIGH SORRY ABOUT
THESE GUYS, RAKU-KUN.
ALRIGHT WHERE ARE
WE NOW?

B- BUT LADY AIKO-

U- UGH, SORRY M'LADY.
WE'LL GO BACK.



W- WAIT A MINUTE!
W- WHAT WAS THAT?!

HUH? EMPLOYEE??

O- OH GOD...
OH GOD! DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE ALSO A
GANG-

B- BUT, UGHHH...

HMM? THOSE GUYS? WELL,
THEY ARE MY... EMPLOYEES.

LOOK, IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHO I AM.
THAT'S NOT REALLY
IMPORTANT HERE, RIGHT?

I'M NOT GONNA HURT
YOU. COME ON, I'M A
REASONABLE PERSON,
YOU KNOW?



O- OKAY THEN...

LET'S CONTINUE THEN.
I ALREADY THOUGHT OF A
SOLUTION TO HELP YOU.

W- WHAT IS IT?

WELL, IT'S SIMPLE. YOU
JUST HAVE TO BECOME THE
GROOM, RAKU ICHIJOU FOR
A LITTLE WHILE.

W- WHAT?? N- NO!
I CAN'T! THAT'S TOO
RISKY!

RISKY? COME ON,
TODAY'S MEETING IS A
SUCCESS, EVEN KAZUMA
DIDN'T NOTICE IT.

A comic panel set in a bar. A woman with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a grey and white plaid shirt, is seen from the back, holding a black mug. She is talking to a man with dark, spiky hair and black sunglasses, who is wearing a white t-shirt under a dark jacket. In the background, another person with dark hair is seated at a table. The scene is lit with warm, indoor lighting.

UGH, I MEAN THAT
PROBABLY WAS A
FLUKE! I CAN'T FAKE IT
FOREVER, YOU KNOW
THAT!

LIKE WHAT IF THE REAL
RAKU COMES BACK??

AH, THE REAL RAKU? DON'T
WORRY ABOUT HIM. AS LONG AS
YOU REMAIN RAKU. I'LL MAKE
SURE HE WON'T COME BACK.

H- HUH? HOW?? THAT
DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!



WELL, YOU DON'T NEED
TO KNOW HOW. IF YOU
AGREE, I'LL HELP YOU,
THAT'S ALL.

UGH... I... I'M NOT
SURE, I NEED TO
THINK.

THINK? COME ON,
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU
DON'T WANT TO MARRY
RIKA-CHAN~

AHHHH! Y- YOU SURE
NO ONE WILL COME
AFTER ME, R- RIGHT?

HMM~ IF YOU'RE A
GOOD BOY AND DO AS
I TOLD. YOU'LL HAVE MY
PROTECTION, I CAN
PROMISE YOU THAT.



UGH.. GOD, THIS IS
SO MESSED UP.

SOOOOO?

A- ALRIGHT...

J- JUST TELL ME WHAT
I NEED TO DO...

GOOD BOY, GLAD TO
HAVE YOU AS MY
DAUGHTER'S HUSBAND.
RAKU-KUN.

AH~ THIS IS A LOT
EASIER THAN I
THOUGHT.

NOW, I THINK ALL THAT
LEFT IS TO HEAR FROM
RAKU'S DAD... EVERY THING
IS COMING TOGETHER AT
LAST, HUHU...

MEANWHILE, AT HOME...

AHHH! I REALLY DID SAY
THOSE WORDS TO HIM!!

OH MY GOSH, DID I
JUST CALL HIS DICK AS
"L- LITTLE RA..."

T- THEN HIS LITTLE RAKU
REALLY GOT SO HARD
AFTER THAT!

NO, NO, NO!!





UGHHH, B- BUT THAT
WAS THE ONLY WAY TO
CONVINCE HIM!!

I DON'T KNOW I SHOULD
THANK MOM OR NOT. I- I
SHOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO
DO THESE THINGS!!

I'M A GUY, YOU KNOW?

AND THE WORST PART IS
IT JUST WORKED, IT
REALLY WORKED!

I WOULD'VE FELT A
LOT BETTER IF IT JUST
FAILED!



THINKING ABOUT IT...
IT COULD'VE BEEN WAY
WORSE IF I COULDN'T
CONVINCE HIM... RIGHT?

STILL, THINKING ABOUT
IT MAKES ME FEEL SO
WEIRD IN THE STOMACH.

*SIGH *BUT MORE
IMPORTANT, WHAT'S
GONNA HAPPEN AFTER
THIS??

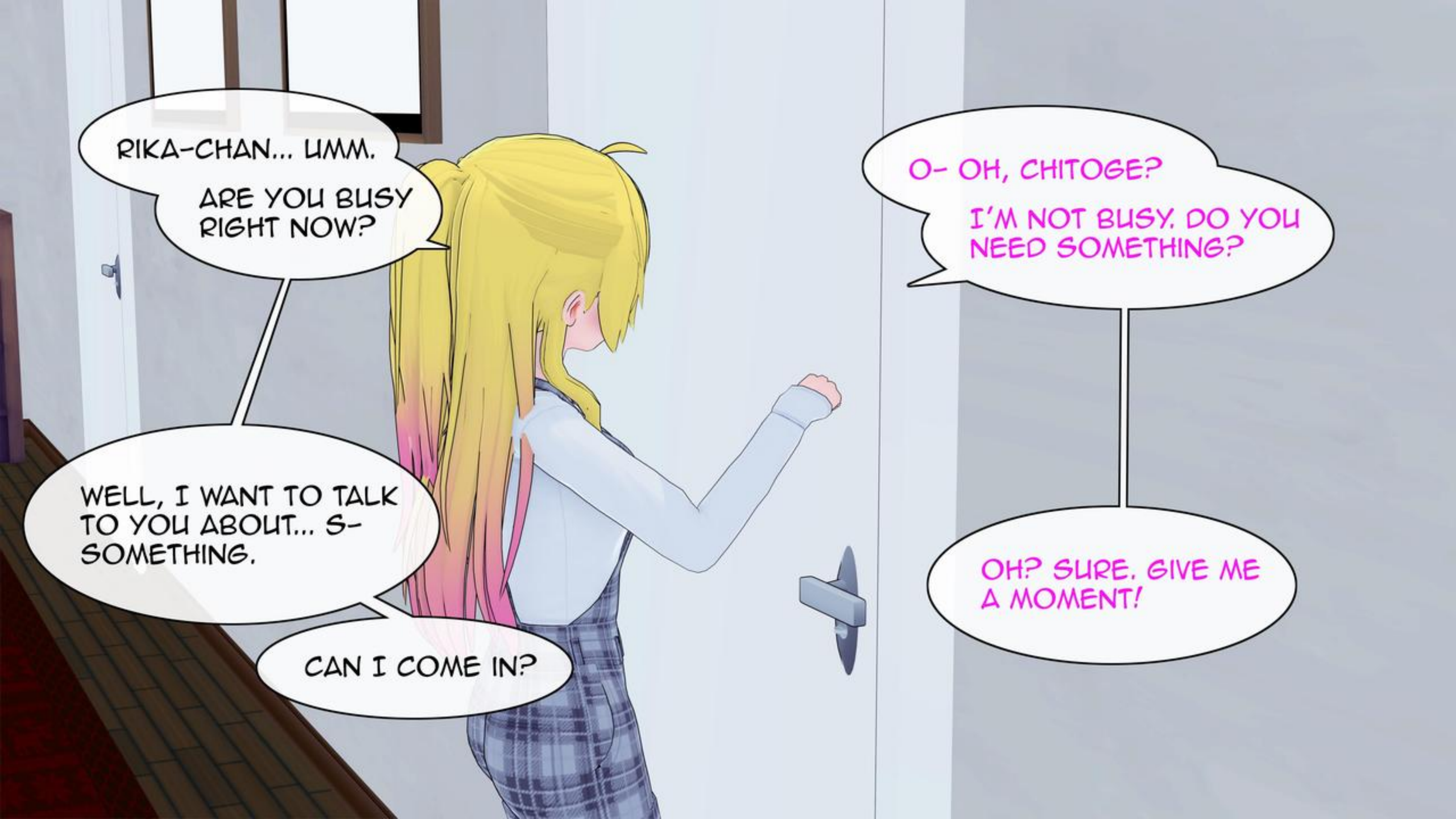
PROBABLY...
WEDDING...?

W- WEDDING?! D- DOES
THIS MEAN I HAVE TO
PUT ON A WEDDING
DRESS-

HMM?

KNOCK

KNOCK



RIKA-CHAN... UMM.

ARE YOU BUSY
RIGHT NOW?

WELL, I WANT TO TALK
TO YOU ABOUT... S-
SOMETHING.

CAN I COME IN?

O- OH, CHITOGÉ?

I'M NOT BUSY. DO YOU
NEED SOMETHING?

OH? SURE. GIVE ME
A MOMENT!

A MOMENT LATER...

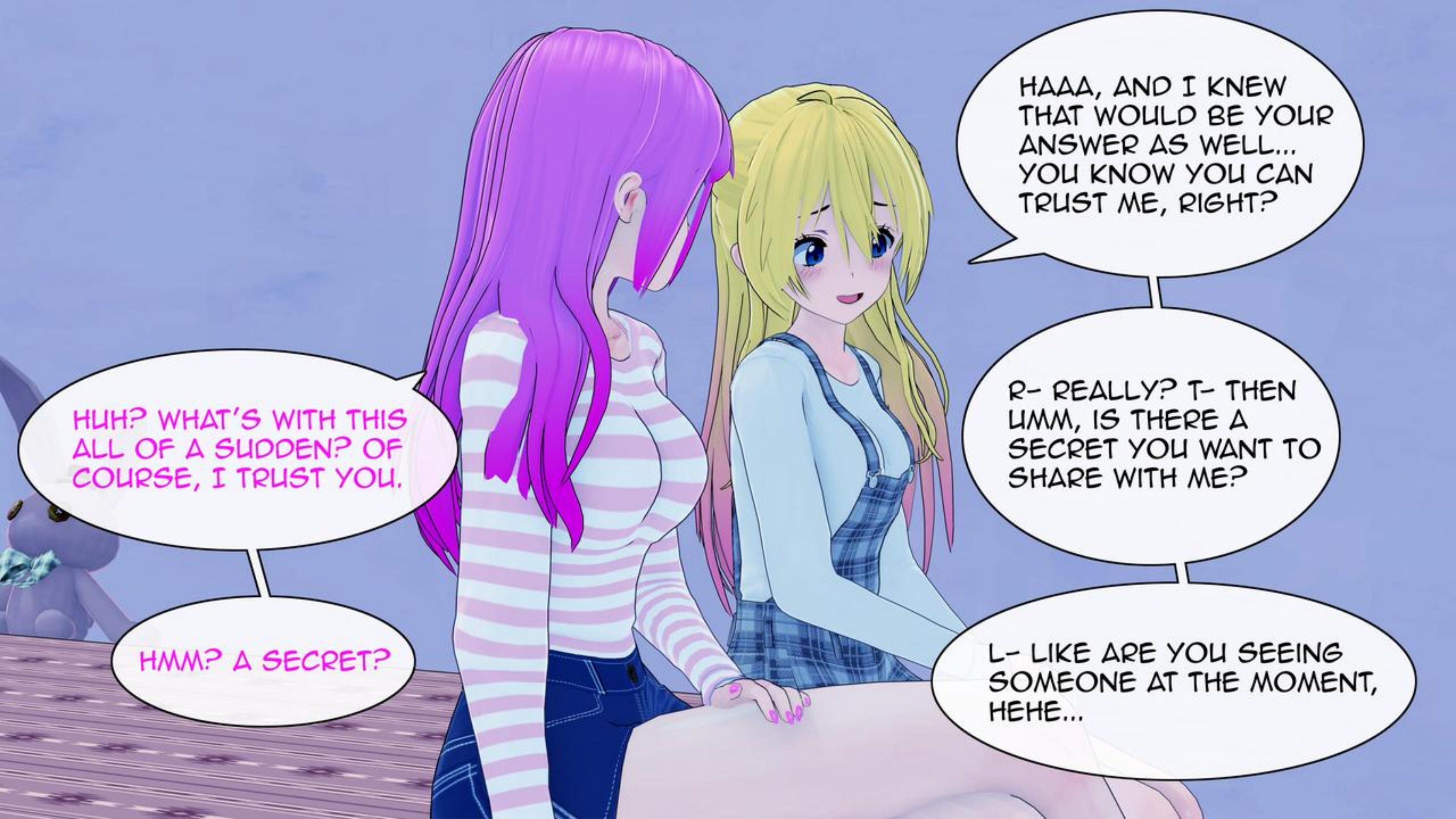
SO DO YOU PREFER
THIS ROOM OR YOUR
PREVIOUS ROOM?

HMM? ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS?
THIS ROOM IS JUST SO
MUCH BETTER THAN MY
OLD ROOM.

HEHE, I KNEW THAT
WOULD BE YOUR
ANSWER~ THE GIRLIER
THE BETTER, RIGHT?

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

UGH...

A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls. The girl on the left has long, straight purple hair and is wearing a pink and white horizontally striped long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. She is looking towards the right. The girl on the right has long, straight blonde hair with bangs and is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt under a blue and white plaid overalls. She is looking towards the left. They are standing on a wooden floor. In the background, there is a purple teddy bear on the left and a large, light pink object on the right. There are four speech bubbles in the panel.

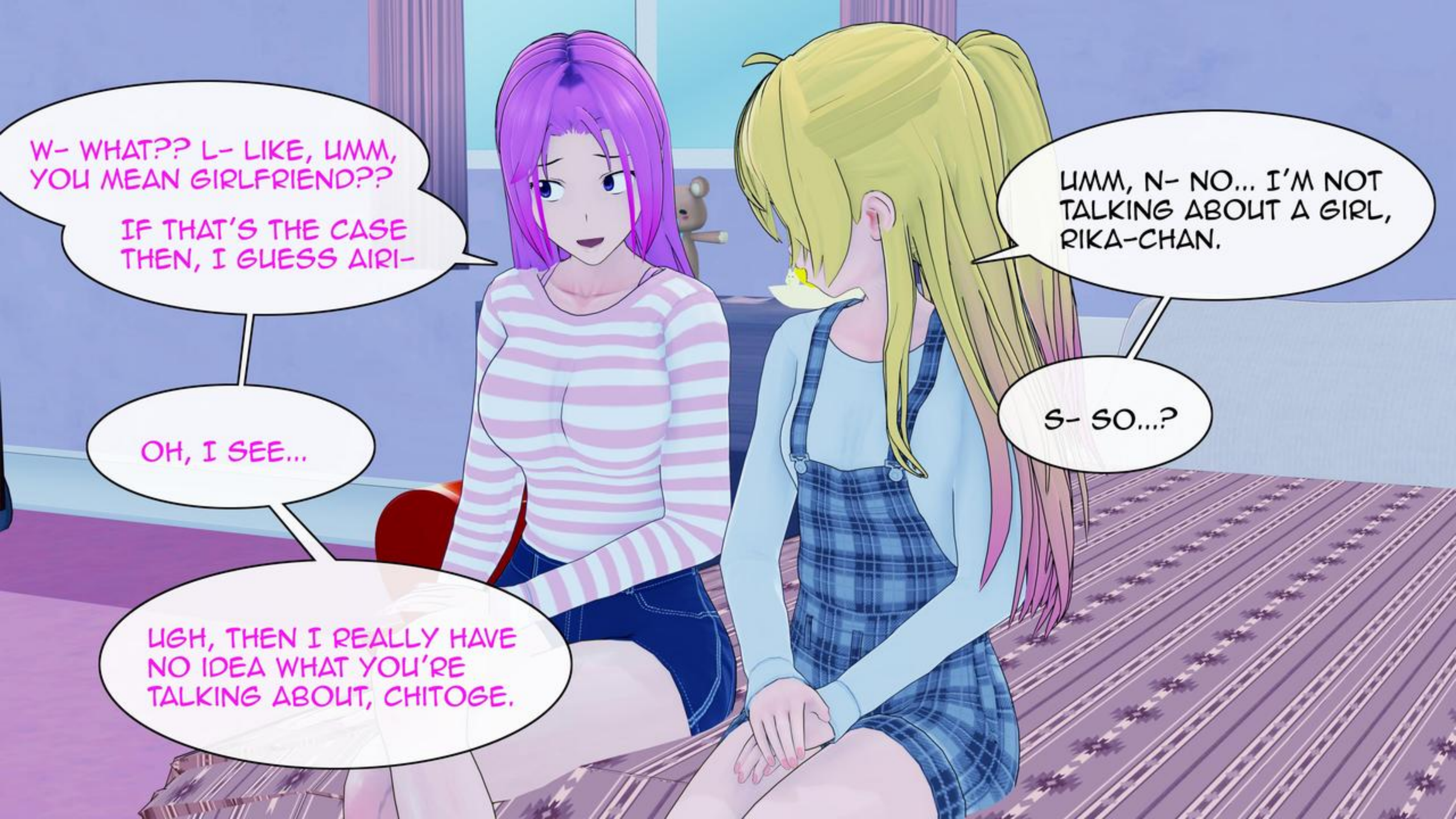
HUH? WHAT'S WITH THIS
ALL OF A SUDDEN? OF
COURSE, I TRUST YOU.

HMM? A SECRET?

HAAA, AND I KNEW
THAT WOULD BE YOUR
ANSWER AS WELL...
YOU KNOW YOU CAN
TRUST ME, RIGHT?

R- REALLY? T- THEN
UHM, IS THERE A
SECRET YOU WANT TO
SHARE WITH ME?

L- LIKE ARE YOU SEEING
SOMEONE AT THE MOMENT,
HEHE...

A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls sitting on a patterned rug. The girl on the left has long purple hair and is wearing a pink and white striped long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The girl on the right has long blonde hair in a ponytail, is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt under blue plaid overalls, and has a small yellow flower accessory in her hair. They are in a room with a window and curtains in the background. Five speech bubbles contain their dialogue.

W- WHAT?? L- LIKE, UMM,
YOU MEAN GIRLFRIEND??

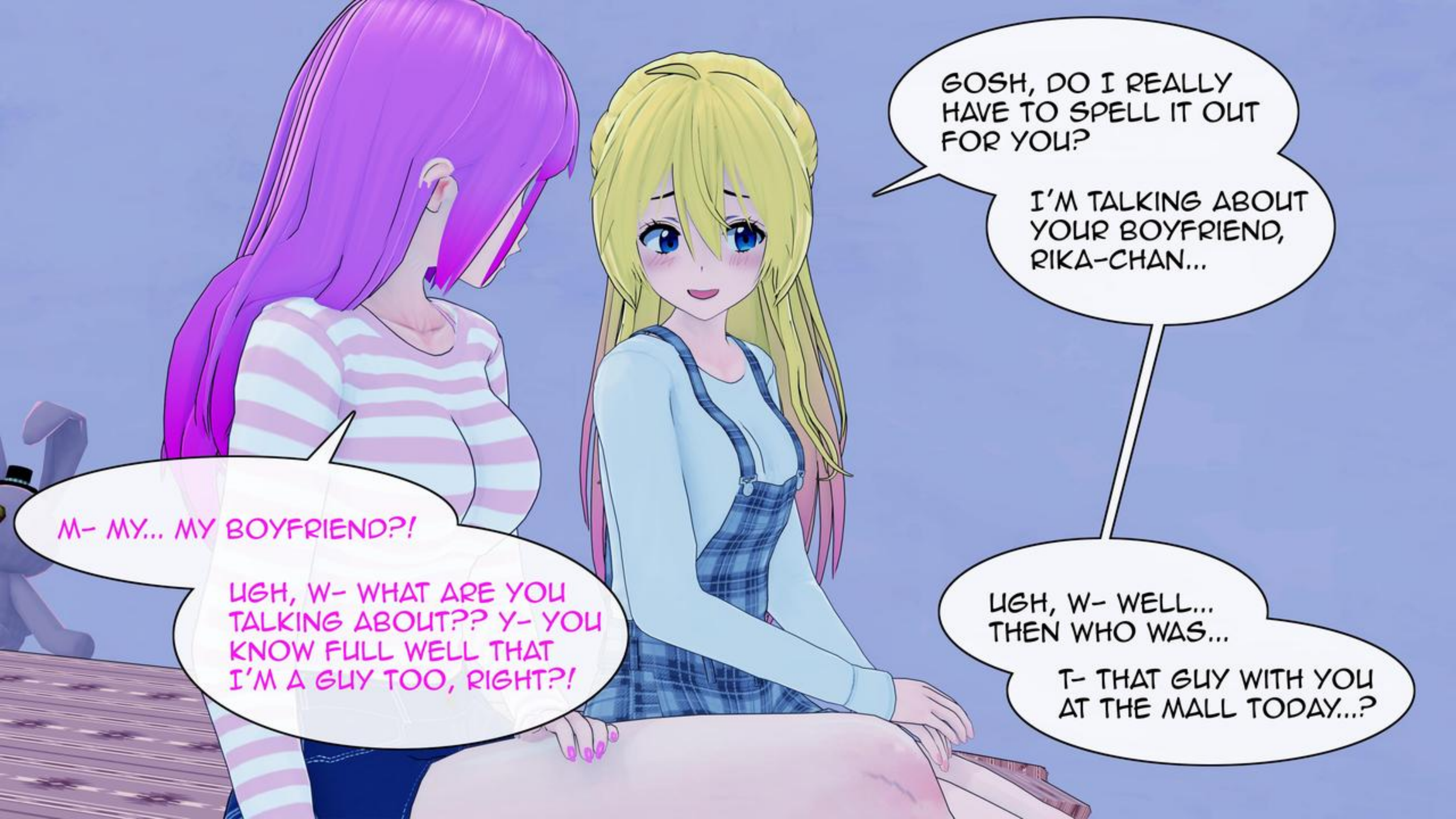
IF THAT'S THE CASE
THEN, I GUESS AIRI-

OH, I SEE...

UGH, THEN I REALLY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT, CHITOGÉ.

UMM, N- NO... I'M NOT
TALKING ABOUT A GIRL,
RIKA-CHAN.

S- SO...?



GOSH, DO I REALLY
HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT
FOR YOU?

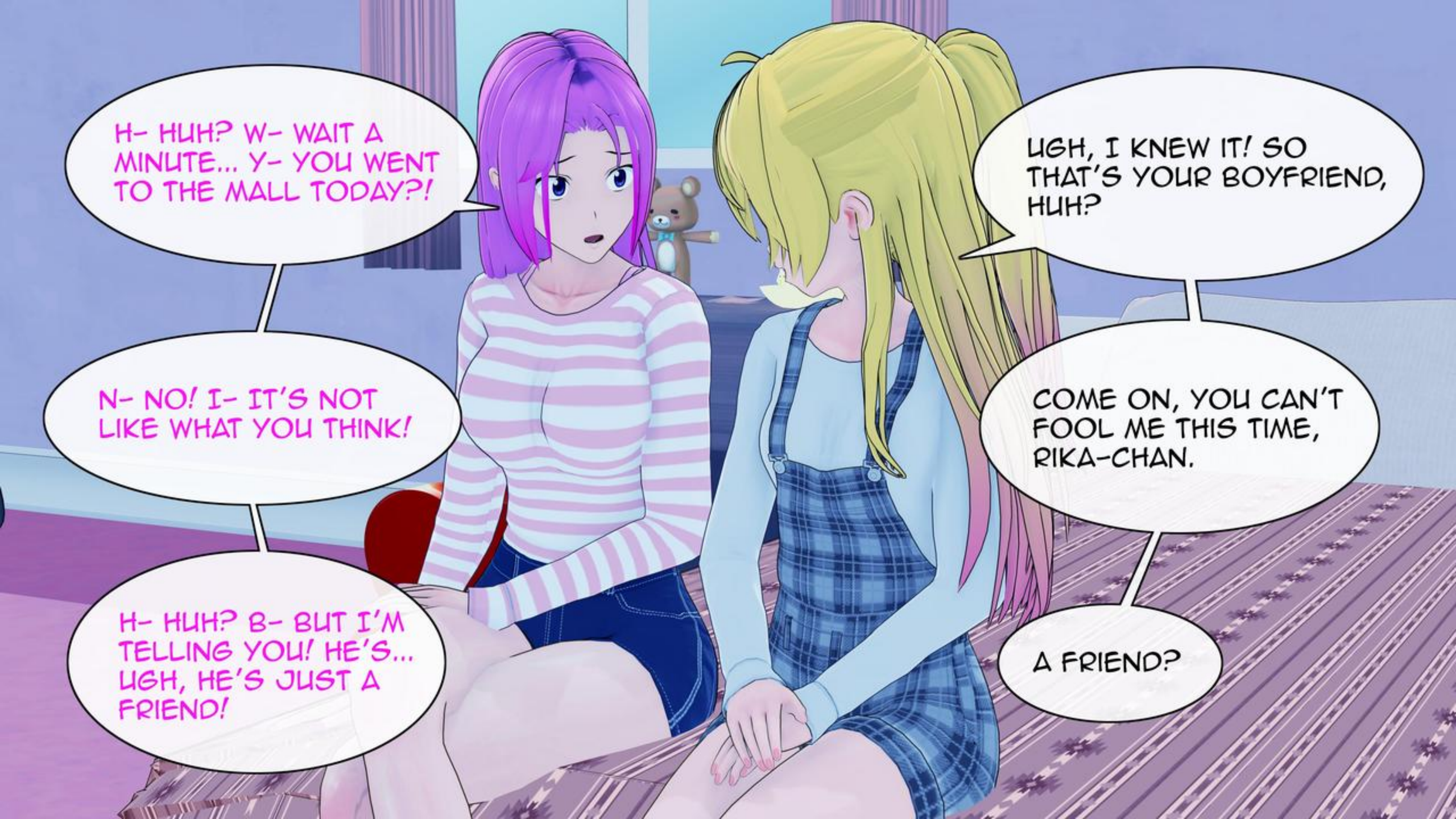
I'M TALKING ABOUT
YOUR BOYFRIEND,
RIKA-CHAN...

M- MY... MY BOYFRIEND?!

LIGH, W- WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?? Y- YOU
KNOW FULL WELL THAT
I'M A GUY TOO, RIGHT?!

LIGH, W- WELL...
THEN WHO WAS...

T- THAT GUY WITH YOU
AT THE MALL TODAY...?



H- HUH? W- WAIT A
MINUTE... Y- YOU WENT
TO THE MALL TODAY?!

LIGH, I KNEW IT! SO
THAT'S YOUR BOYFRIEND,
HUH?

N- NO! I- IT'S NOT
LIKE WHAT YOU THINK!

COME ON, YOU CAN'T
FOOL ME THIS TIME,
RIKA-CHAN.

H- HUH? B- BUT I'M
TELLING YOU! HE'S...
LIGH, HE'S JUST A
FRIEND!

A FRIEND?



YEAH! THERE'S NO WAY
I'M INTO GUYS! I'M
NOT GAY, YOU KNOW?

H- HUH? WHAT ARE YOU-

WELL, IF THAT'S TRUE
THEN I HAVE A QUESTION.

IF HE'S YOUR FRIEND,
THEN WHY WOULD YOU
LET HIM...

?!

H- HEY!
S- STOP IT!

C- CHITOGI, WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

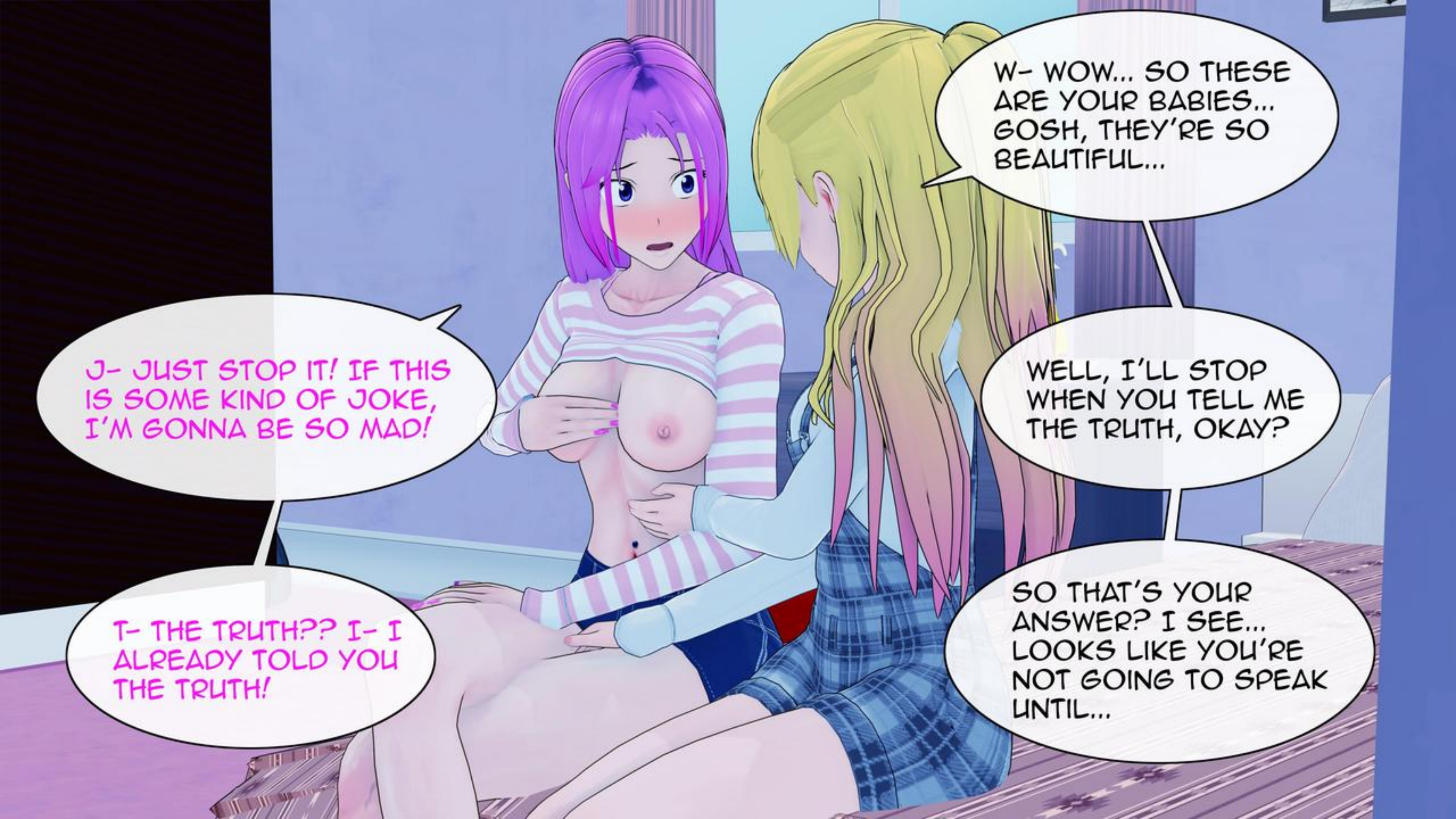
BLUSH

DO THIS!

I- I DON'T WANT TO
DO THIS, YOU KNOW?

B- BUT THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'LL ADMIT IT
UNLESS...

S- SORRY RIKI-CHAN,
BUT YOUR BRA IS
GETTING THE WAY...



J- JUST STOP IT! IF THIS
IS SOME KIND OF JOKE,
I'M GONNA BE SO MAD!

T- THE TRUTH?? I- I
ALREADY TOLD YOU
THE TRUTH!

W- WOW... SO THESE
ARE YOUR BABIES...
GOSH, THEY'RE SO
BEAUTIFUL...

WELL, I'LL STOP
WHEN YOU TELL ME
THE TRUTH, OKAY?

SO THAT'S YOUR
ANSWER? I SEE...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO SPEAK
UNTIL...



HNNG?!

I START DOING
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS...

R- RIGHT?

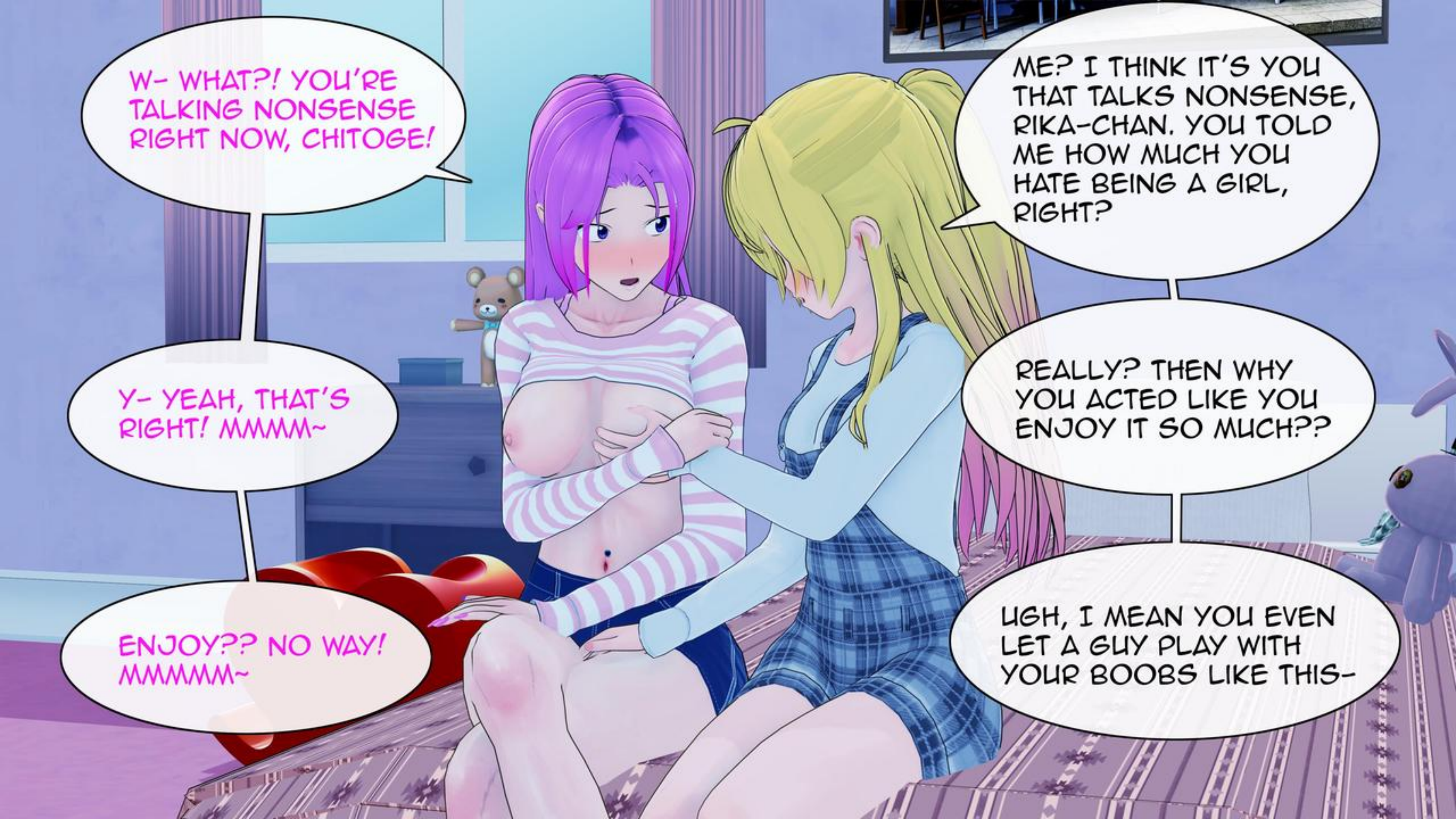
BLUSH

MASSAGE

N- NOOOOOO~~~
MMMMMMM~

N- NOW THAT'S
THE FACE...

UGH... LOOKS LIKE
YOUR TRUE SELF IS
FINALLY COMING OUT,
HUH?



W- WHAT?! YOU'RE
TALKING NONSENSE
RIGHT NOW, CHITOGÉ!

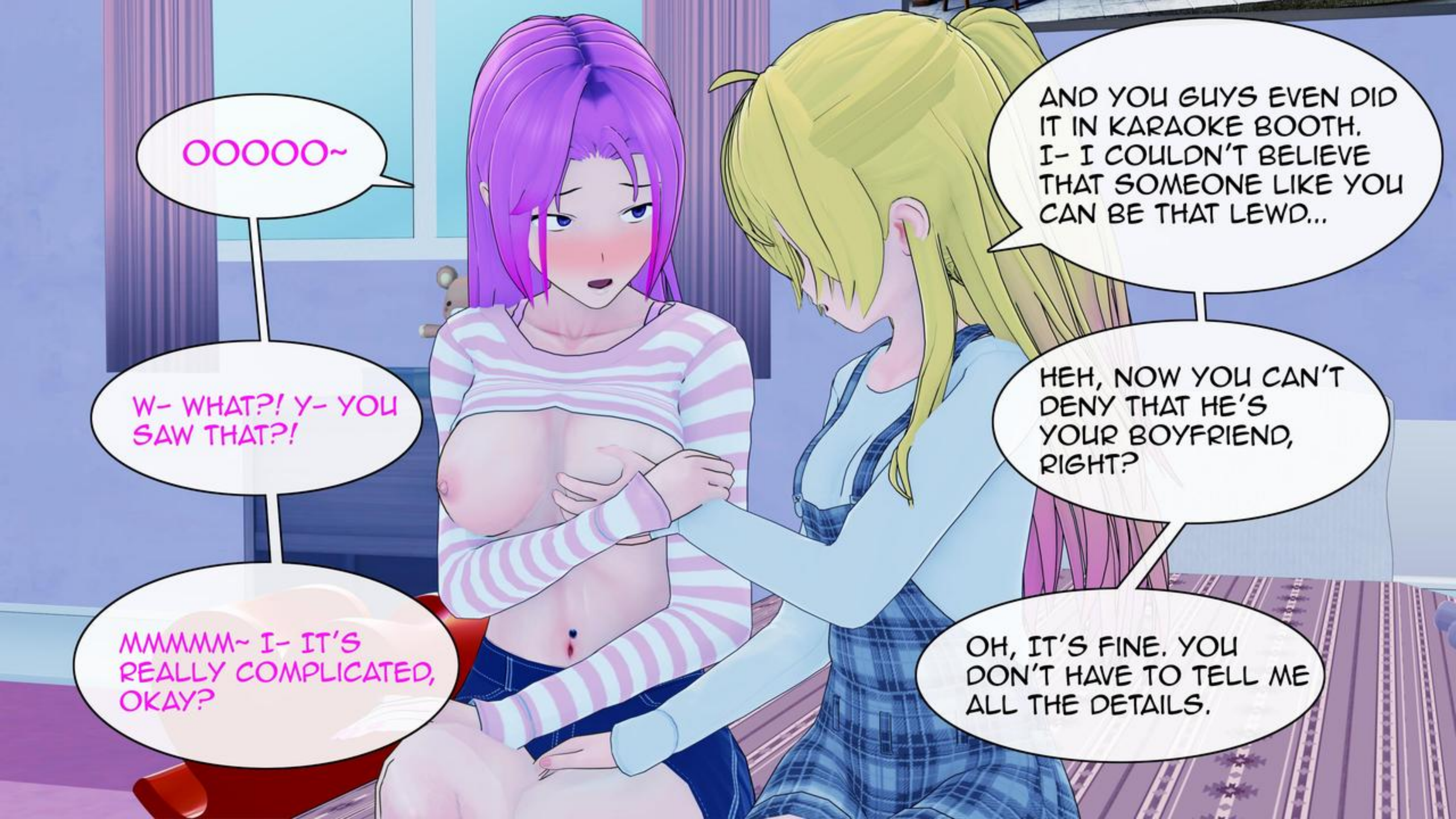
Y- YEAH, THAT'S
RIGHT! MMMM~

ENJOY?? NO WAY!
MMMMMM~

ME? I THINK IT'S YOU
THAT TALKS NONSENSE,
RIKA-CHAN. YOU TOLD
ME HOW MUCH YOU
HATE BEING A GIRL,
RIGHT?

REALLY? THEN WHY
YOU ACTED LIKE YOU
ENJOY IT SO MUCH??

UGH, I MEAN YOU EVEN
LET A GUY PLAY WITH
YOUR BOOBS LIKE THIS-



OOOOO~

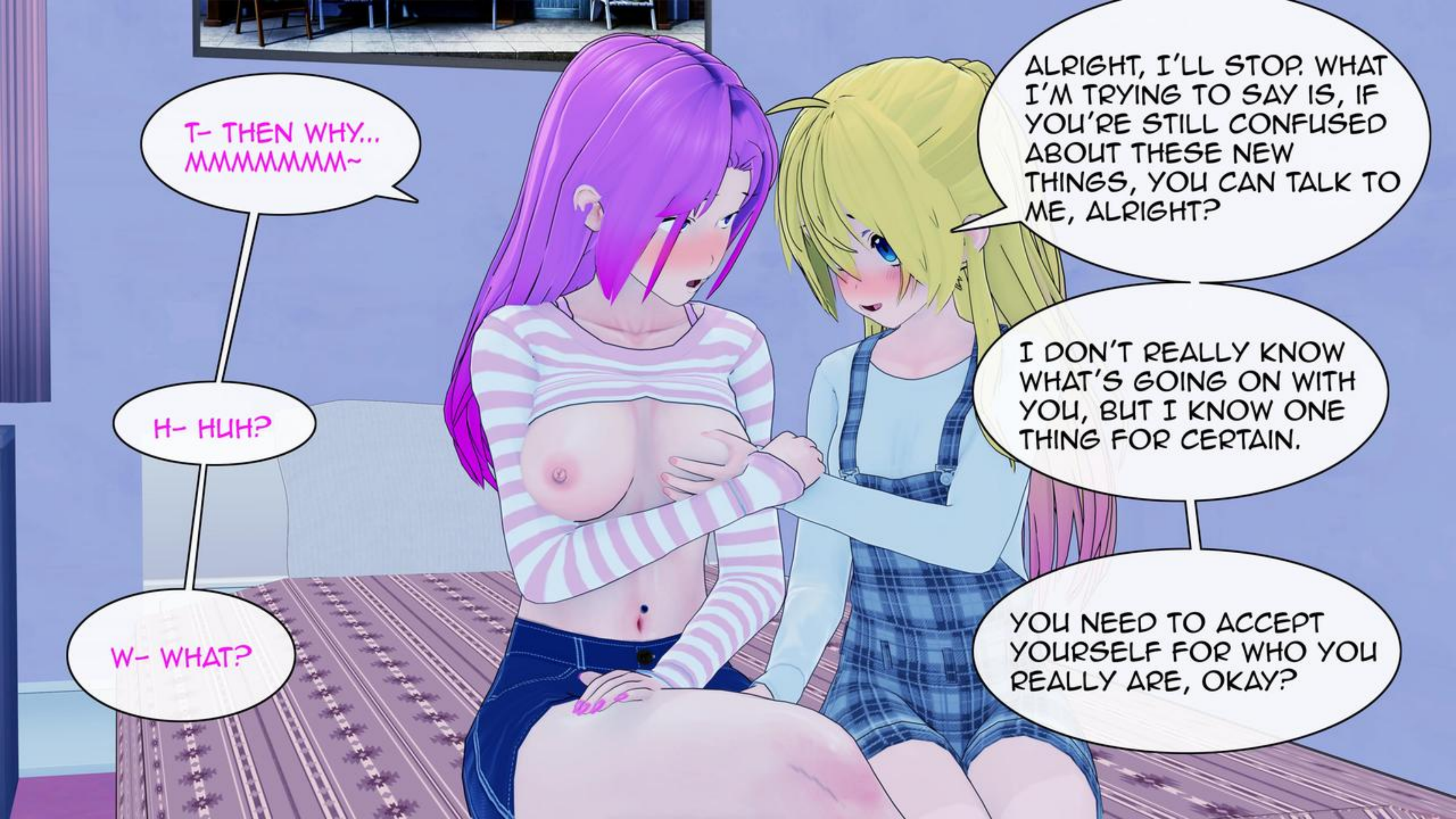
W- WHAT?! Y- YOU
SAW THAT?!

MMMMM~ I- IT'S
REALLY COMPLICATED,
OKAY?

AND YOU GUYS EVEN DID
IT IN KARAOKE BOOTH.
I- I COULDN'T BELIEVE
THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU
CAN BE THAT LEWD...

HEH, NOW YOU CAN'T
DENY THAT HE'S
YOUR BOYFRIEND,
RIGHT?

OH, IT'S FINE. YOU
DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME
ALL THE DETAILS.



T- THEN WHY...
MMMMMMMM~

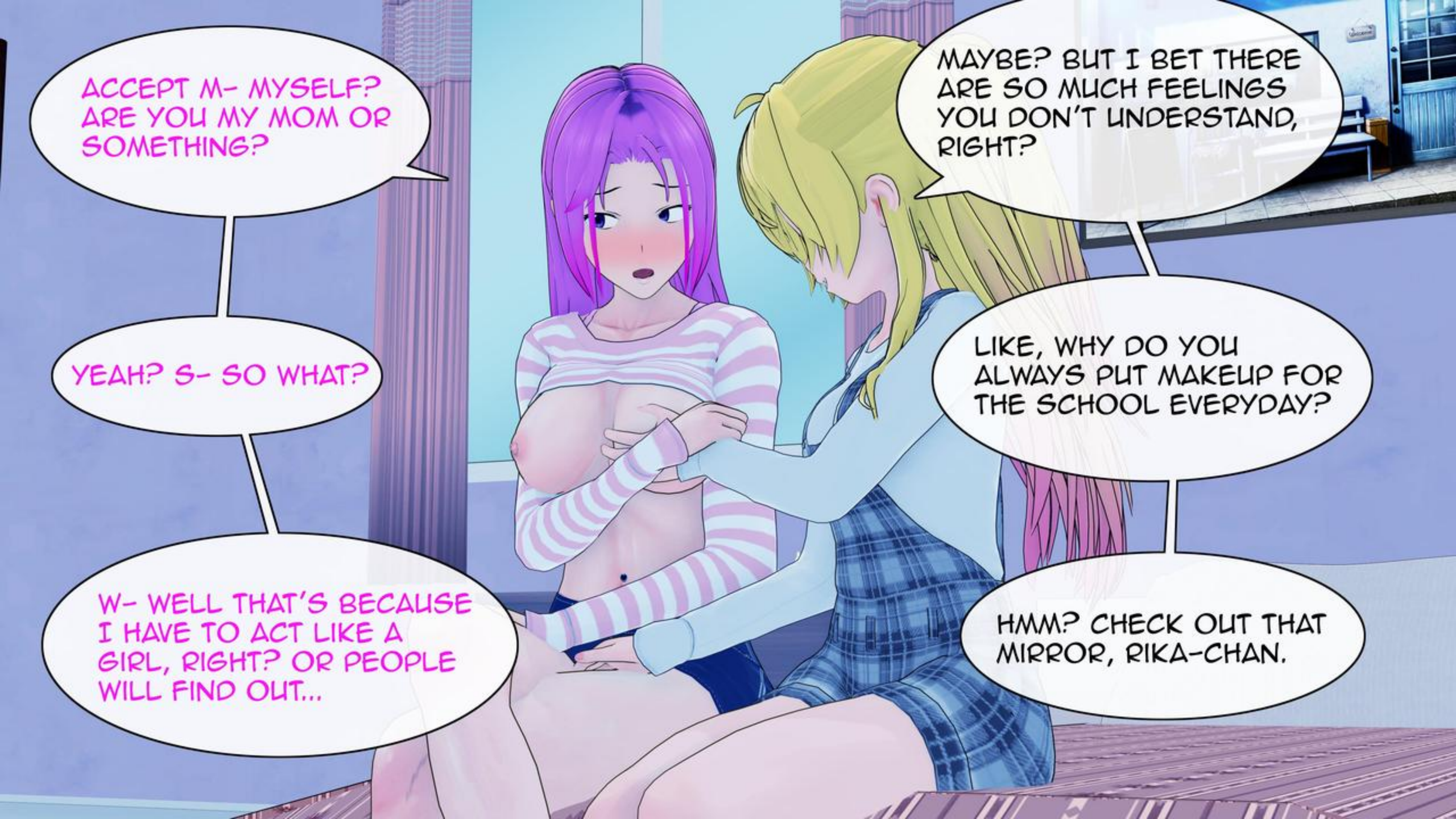
H- HUH?

W- WHAT?

ALRIGHT, I'LL STOP. WHAT
I'M TRYING TO SAY IS, IF
YOU'RE STILL CONFUSED
ABOUT THESE NEW
THINGS, YOU CAN TALK TO
ME, ALRIGHT?

I DON'T REALLY KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH
YOU, BUT I KNOW ONE
THING FOR CERTAIN.

YOU NEED TO ACCEPT
YOURSELF FOR WHO YOU
REALLY ARE, OKAY?



ACCEPT M- MYSELF?
ARE YOU MY MOM OR
SOMETHING?

YEAH? S- SO WHAT?

W- WELL THAT'S BECAUSE
I HAVE TO ACT LIKE A
GIRL, RIGHT? OR PEOPLE
WILL FIND OUT...

MAYBE? BUT I BET THERE
ARE SO MUCH FEELINGS
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND,
RIGHT?

LIKE, WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS PUT MAKEUP FOR
THE SCHOOL EVERYDAY?

HMM? CHECK OUT THAT
MIRROR, RIKA-CHAN.

DO YOU THINK IF THAT
PINK HAIR GIRL DOESN'T
PUT ON HER MAKEUP FOR
A WEEK PEOPLE WILL FIND
OUT THAT SHE'S A GUY?

HMM... I THINK YOU
KNOW THE ANSWER,
RIKA-CHAN. BUT YOU
DON'T WANT TO
ACCEPT IT.

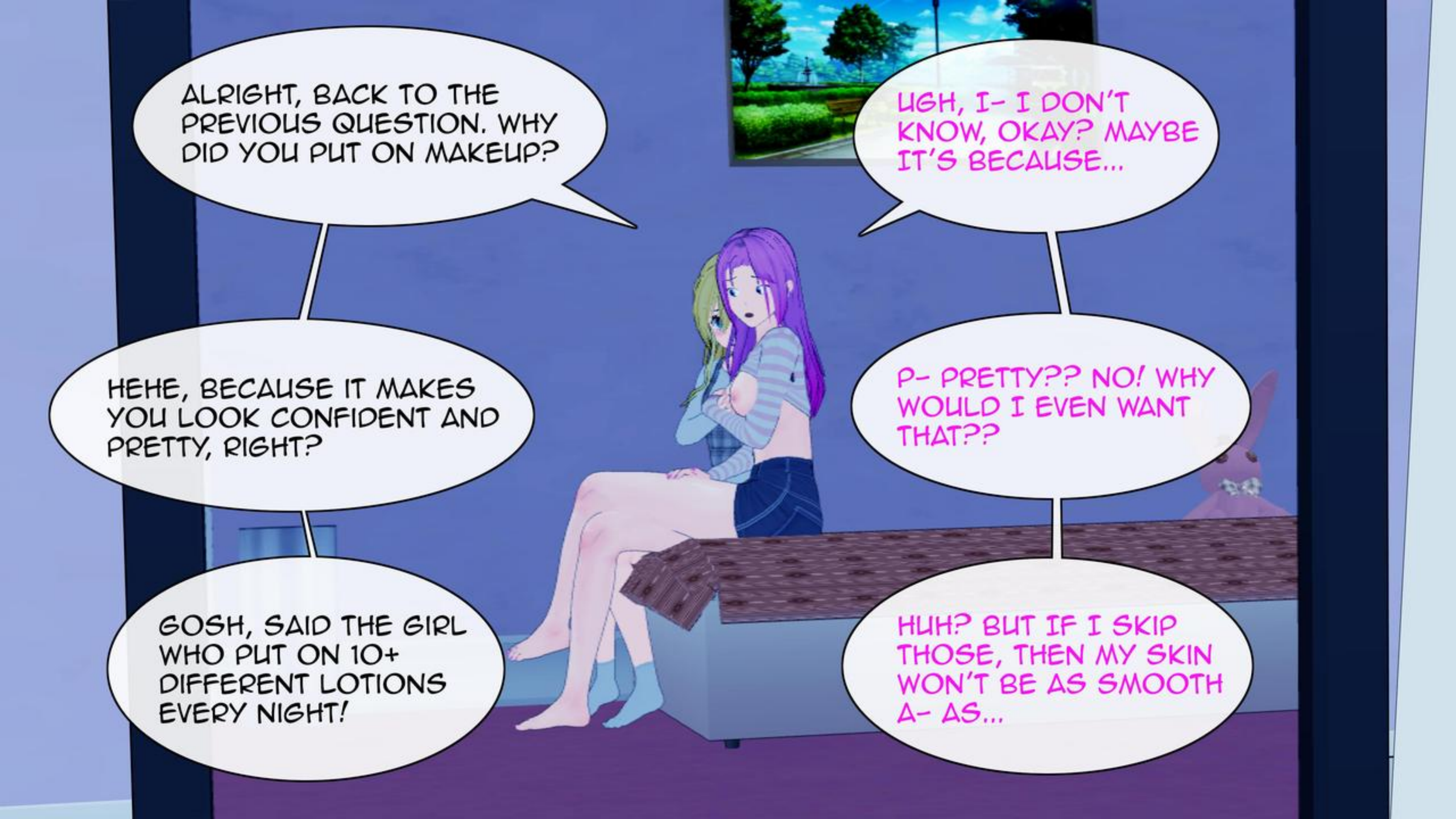
SEE? THIS IS WHAT I'M
TALKING ABOUT!

H- HUH...

I- I DON'T KNOW...

W- WHAT? T- THAT'S...



A comic panel featuring two anime-style girls sitting on a grey bench with a brown cushion. The girl on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a blue plaid shirt. The girl on the right has long purple hair and is wearing a blue and white striped crop top and a dark blue skirt. They are both looking towards the right. In the background, there is a picture window showing a green landscape with trees and a path. The floor is purple.

ALRIGHT, BACK TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. WHY DID YOU PUT ON MAKEUP?

UGH, I- I DON'T KNOW, OKAY? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

HEHE, BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU LOOK CONFIDENT AND PRETTY, RIGHT?

P- PRETTY?? NO! WHY WOULD I EVEN WANT THAT??

GOSH, SAID THE GIRL WHO PUT ON 10+ DIFFERENT LOTIONS EVERY NIGHT!

HUH? BUT IF I SKIP THOSE, THEN MY SKIN WON'T BE AS SMOOTH A- AS...

A- AH!

BLUSH

HEH, "YOUR SKIN
WON'T BE AS SMOOTH
AS" WHAT?

I- I... IT'S JUST A
SLIP OF A TONGUE!

COME ON NOW, AND
WHAT ABOUT YOUR
DIET? DIDN'T YOU DO IT
JUST TO LOOK SEXY
AND PRETTY?

T- THAT'S...





I MEAN I CAN'T BLAME
YOU, EVEN THE GIRLS AT
SCHOOL ARE JEALOUS
OF HOW PRETTY YOU ARE.

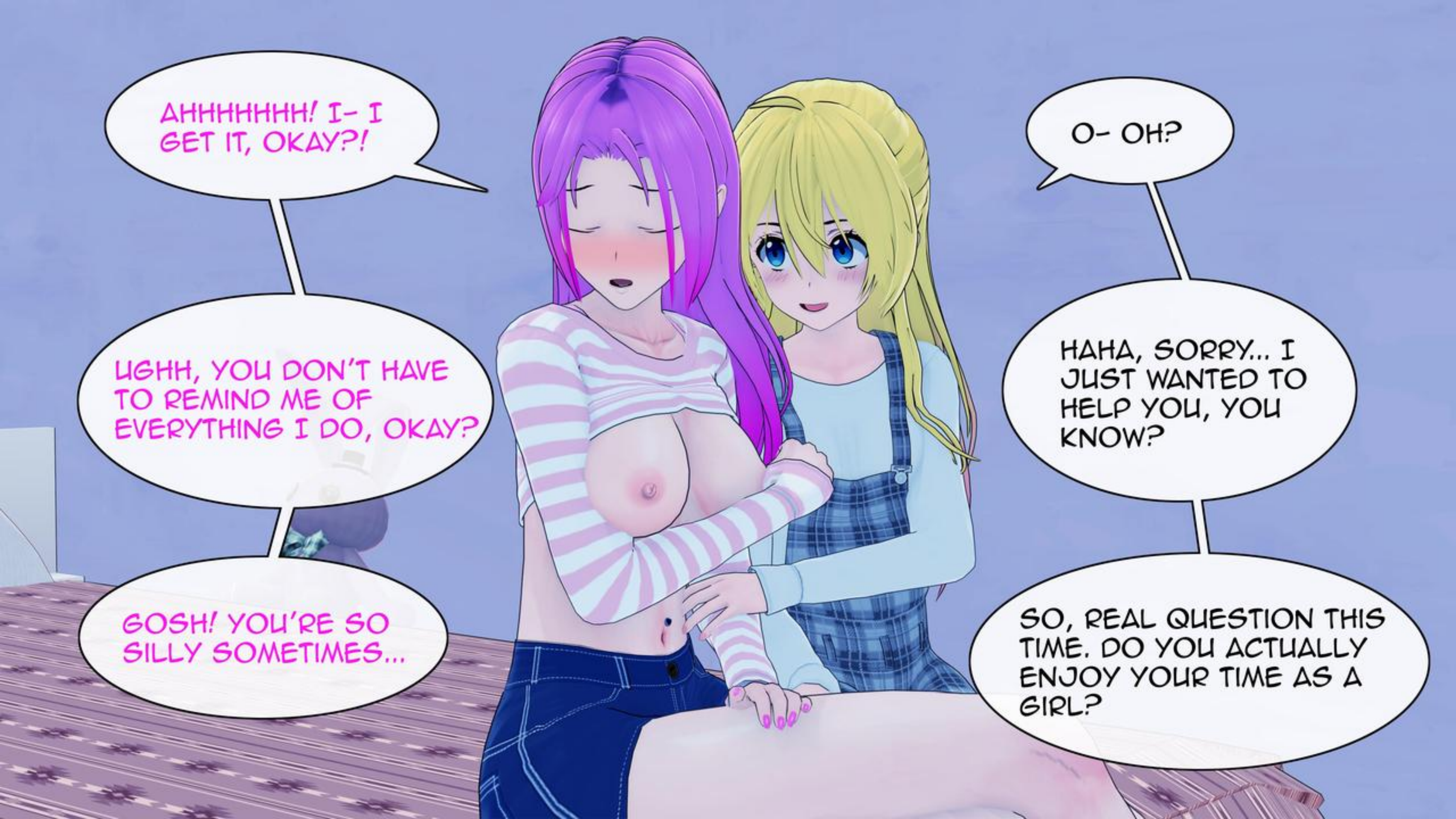
AND YOU KNEW
THAT, RIGHT?

SEE? YOU ENJOY DOING
THESE THINGS, BUT YOU
JUST DON'T WANT TO
ACCEPT IT!

NEXT, WHAT ABOUT
YOUR HAIR, OR
NAILS-

LIGHTHH...
W- WHAT...

I- I...



ΔΗΗΗΗΗΗΗΗ! I- I
GET IT, OKAY?!

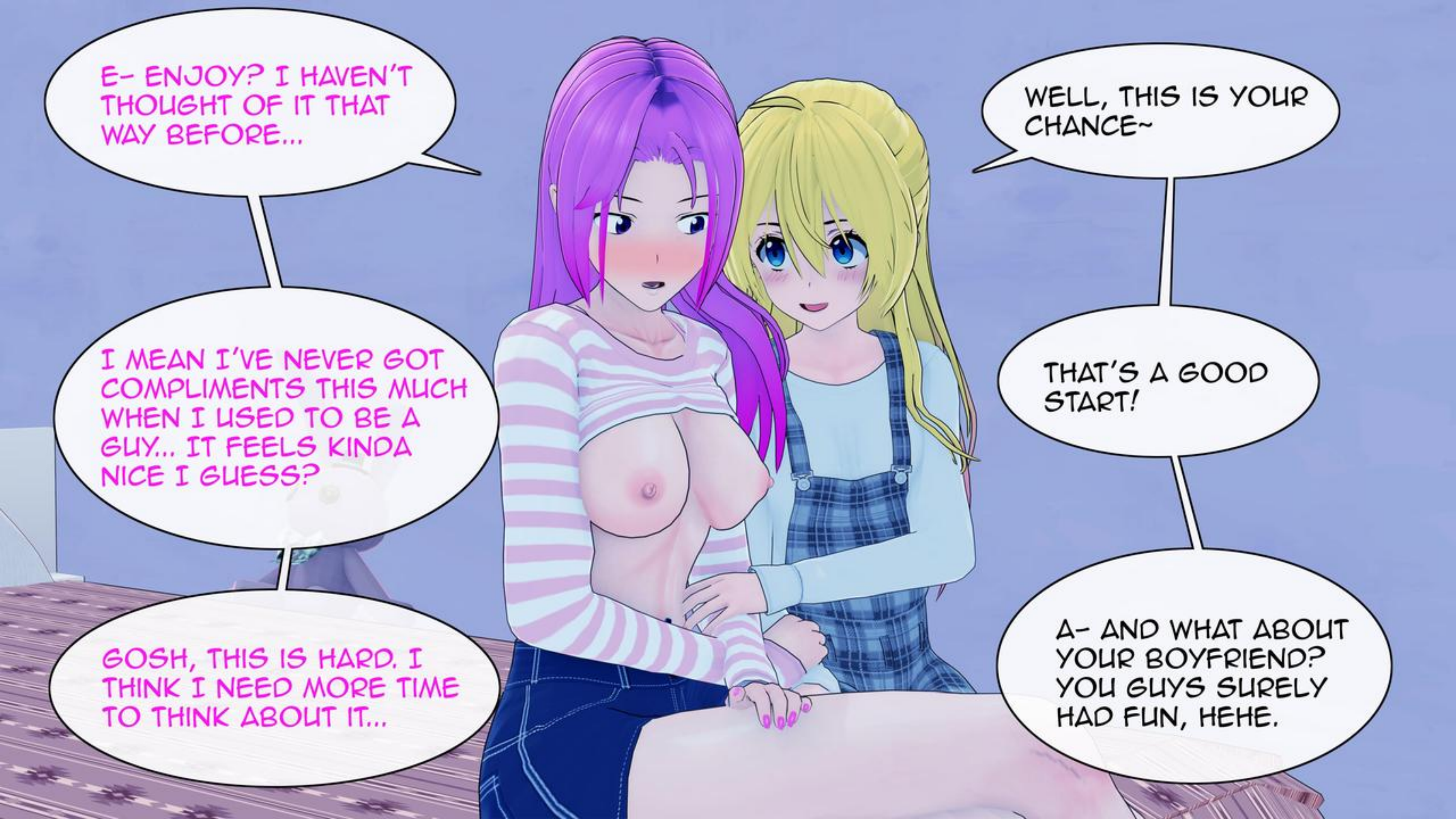
O- OH?

UGHH, YOU DON'T HAVE
TO REMIND ME OF
EVERYTHING I DO, OKAY?

HAHA, SORRY... I
JUST WANTED TO
HELP YOU, YOU
KNOW?

GOSH! YOU'RE SO
SILLY SOMETIMES...

SO, REAL QUESTION THIS
TIME. DO YOU ACTUALLY
ENJOY YOUR TIME AS A
GIRL?



E- ENJOY? I HAVEN'T
THOUGHT OF IT THAT
WAY BEFORE...

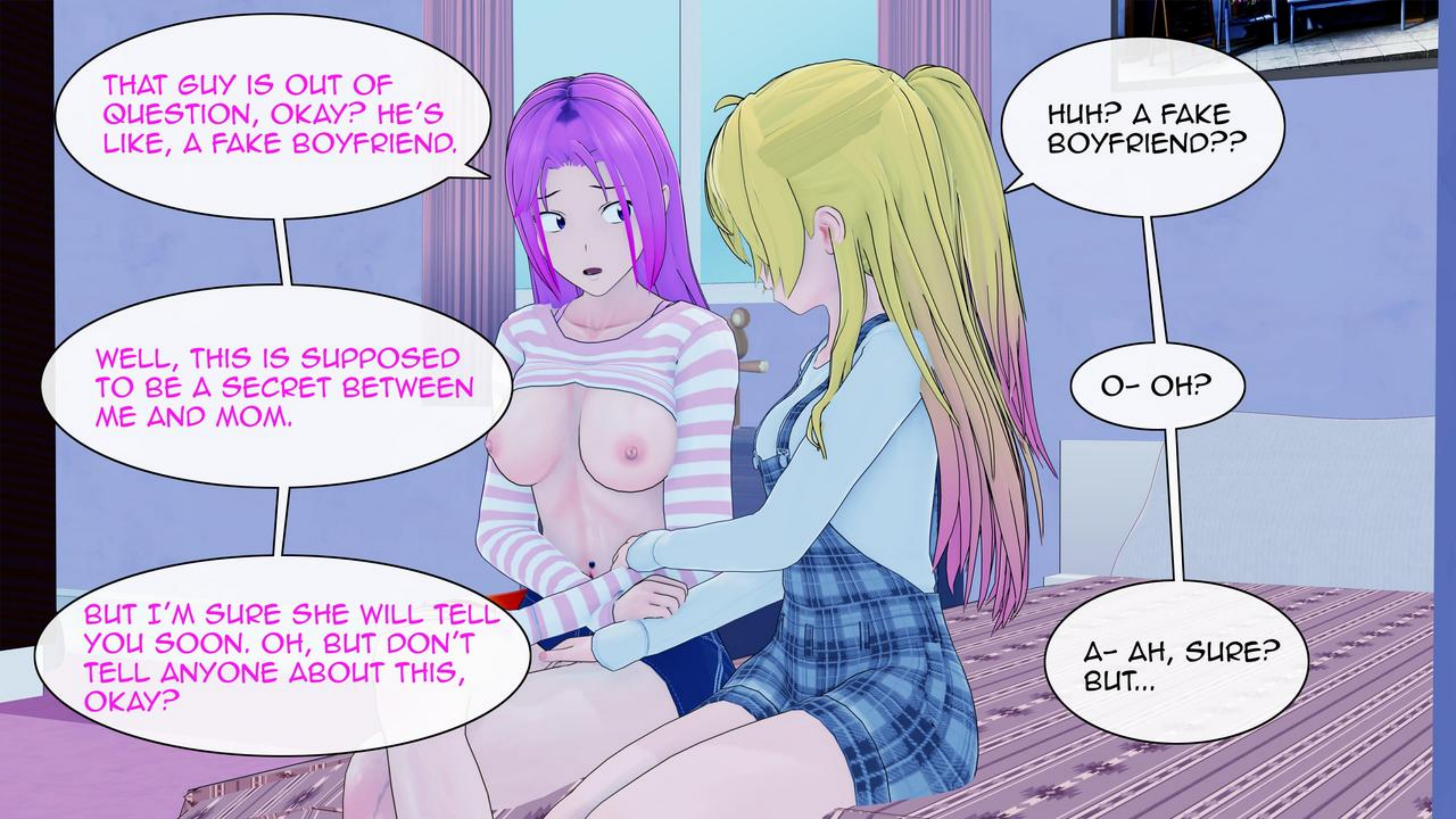
WELL, THIS IS YOUR
CHANCE~

I MEAN I'VE NEVER GOT
COMPLIMENTS THIS MUCH
WHEN I USED TO BE A
GUY... IT FEELS KINDA
NICE I GUESS?

THAT'S A GOOD
START!

GOSH, THIS IS HARD. I
THINK I NEED MORE TIME
TO THINK ABOUT IT...

A- AND WHAT ABOUT
YOUR BOYFRIEND?
YOU GUYS SURELY
HAD FUN, HEHE.



THAT GUY IS OUT OF QUESTION, OKAY? HE'S LIKE, A FAKE BOYFRIEND.

WELL, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET BETWEEN ME AND MOM.

BUT I'M SURE SHE WILL TELL YOU SOON. OH, BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS, OKAY?

HUH? A FAKE BOYFRIEND??

O- OH?

A- AH, SURE? BUT...



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
LET HIM PLAY WITH YOUR
BREASTS LIKE THAT!

UGH, LET'S SAY IT'S
NECESSARY FOR MY PLAN
TO SUCCEED, OKAY?

OKAY...? S- SORRY FOR
EARLIER, B- BUT... CAN I
TOUCH THEM AGAIN?
PLEASE~

UGH, I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU, CHITOGÉ!

YESSSSSS~

SIGH M- MAYBE
JUST A LITTLE BIT...



HNNNG~ D- DON'T BE
SO ROUGH! MAAAA~

GOSH, YOUR VOICE
IS SO SEXY WHEN
YOU'RE LIKE THAT~

UGH, WHAT IS CHITOGI
TALKING ABOUT??

DO I REALLY ENJOY
BEING A GIRL? THERE'S
NO WAY, RIGHT?

B- BUT WHAT SHE SAID
ALSO KINDA MAKES
SENSE...

MAAAA~ BUT HAVING
HER FONDLES MY
BOOBS LIKE THIS IS
NOT THAT BAD... MAAAA~

THEN IT'S MONDAY...

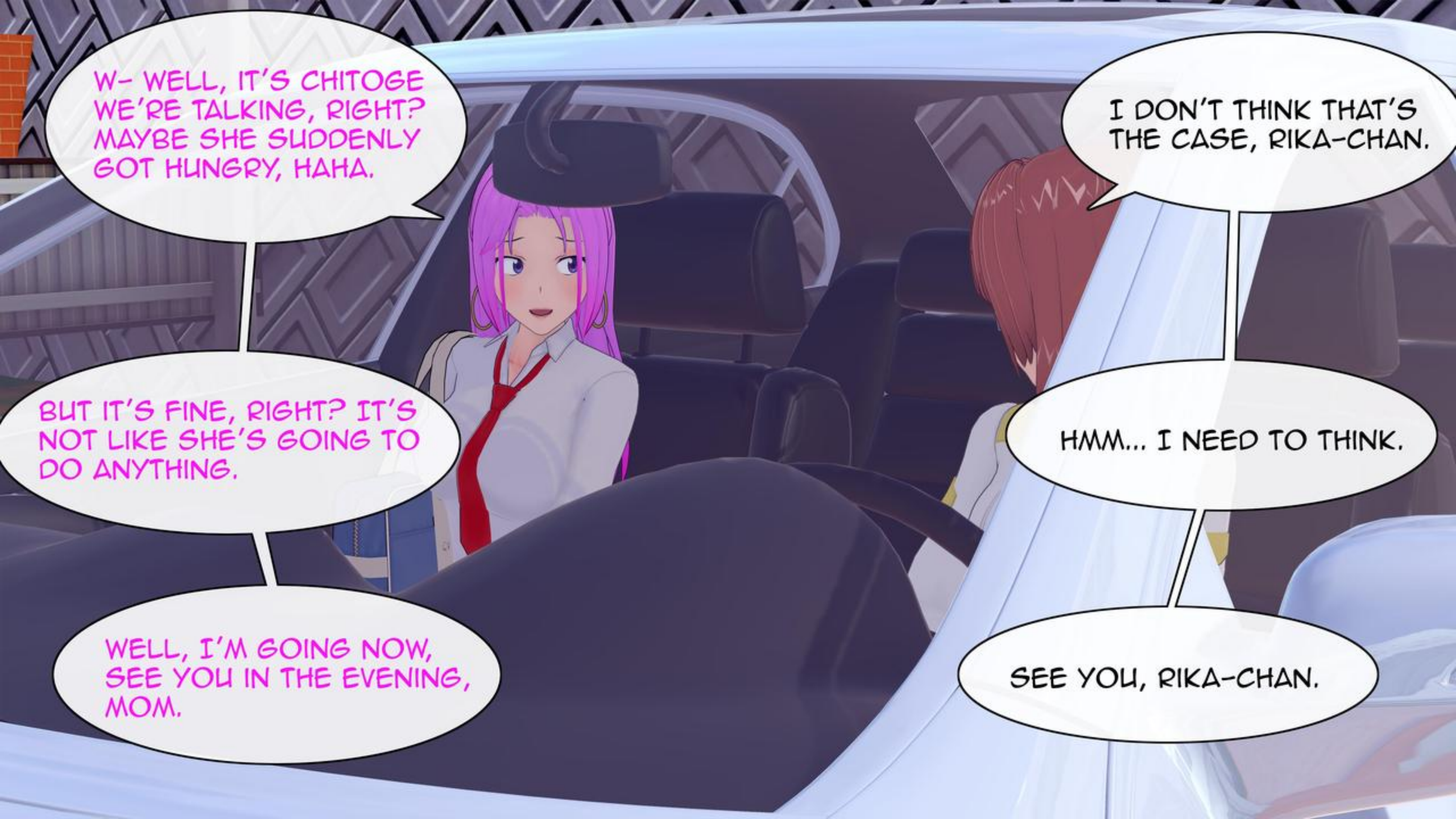
WHAT? CHITOGI KNOWS
ABOUT RAKU-KUN??

WELL, I DIDN'T TELL HER
MUCH, SHE JUST HAPPENED
TO SAW HIM WITH ME
YESTERDAY.

BUT HOW? SHE SHOULD
BE HOME THE ENTIRE
TIME WE WERE OUT!

MAYBE SHE WENT OUT
TO BUY SOMETHING AT
THE MALL?

BUT I ALREADY ASKED
HER IF SHE WANTED TO
GO TO THE MALL THAT
MORNING, SHE SAID NO.



W- WELL, IT'S CHITOGÉ
WE'RE TALKING, RIGHT?
MAYBE SHE SUDDENLY
GOT HUNGRY, HAHA.

BUT IT'S FINE, RIGHT? IT'S
NOT LIKE SHE'S GOING TO
DO ANYTHING.

WELL, I'M GOING NOW,
SEE YOU IN THE EVENING,
MOM.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S
THE CASE, RIKA-CHAN.

HMM... I NEED TO THINK.

SEE YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

DOOR CLOSED

...

HOW DID CHITOGI
KNOW ABOUT THIS?

WELL, THAT DOESN'T MATTER
NOW. NOW SHE KNOWS WHAT
SHE SHOULDN'T KNOW.

I HAVE A HUNCH THAT
SHE'D TURN OUT LIKE
THIS...

I MEAN SHE ALSO STARTED
TO ASK ME STRANGE
QUESTIONS ABOUT
RIKA-CHAN LATELY...

AND IF THIS KEEPS UP...
SHE MIGHT FIGURE OUT
THE TRUTH BEFORE I CAN
SEAL THE DEAL WITH
RAKU'S DAD.



AND I CAN'T EFFORT
ANY RISK AT ALL...

SIGH LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
SOON.

SORRY, CHITOGÉ-CHAN, BUT
YOU REALLY LEAVE ME NO
CHOICE THIS TIME.

TO BE CONTINUED...