

What the hell is wrong with me? Why did I let her make me do all of that stuff?? It's like I couldn't say no!



What are we doing?

Covering that ugly bruise. No girl wants to be with a bruised ruffian!



Oh really? Ok that makes sense.

Cover this every day!



Alright. I think that's good...

Good. Now put these on!



I... I'm having a bit of trouble keeping my balance I think I might...

FALL!!!



**SO
EMBARRASSING!!**




She must be some kind of witch... I constantly think about her, and here her voice. I guess it's not so bad getting in touch with my feminine side. It probably will help me in the long run...




But...
Why do I have to wear this?

LOCKED...
DIRTY BOY...



Not a big deal anyways right?
I mean I want to save it all for Aubrey
anyways! I don't need to wack it or
anything for now, I'll prove to Haley
that I'm worthy of Aubrey's
love!

Are you sure about that?



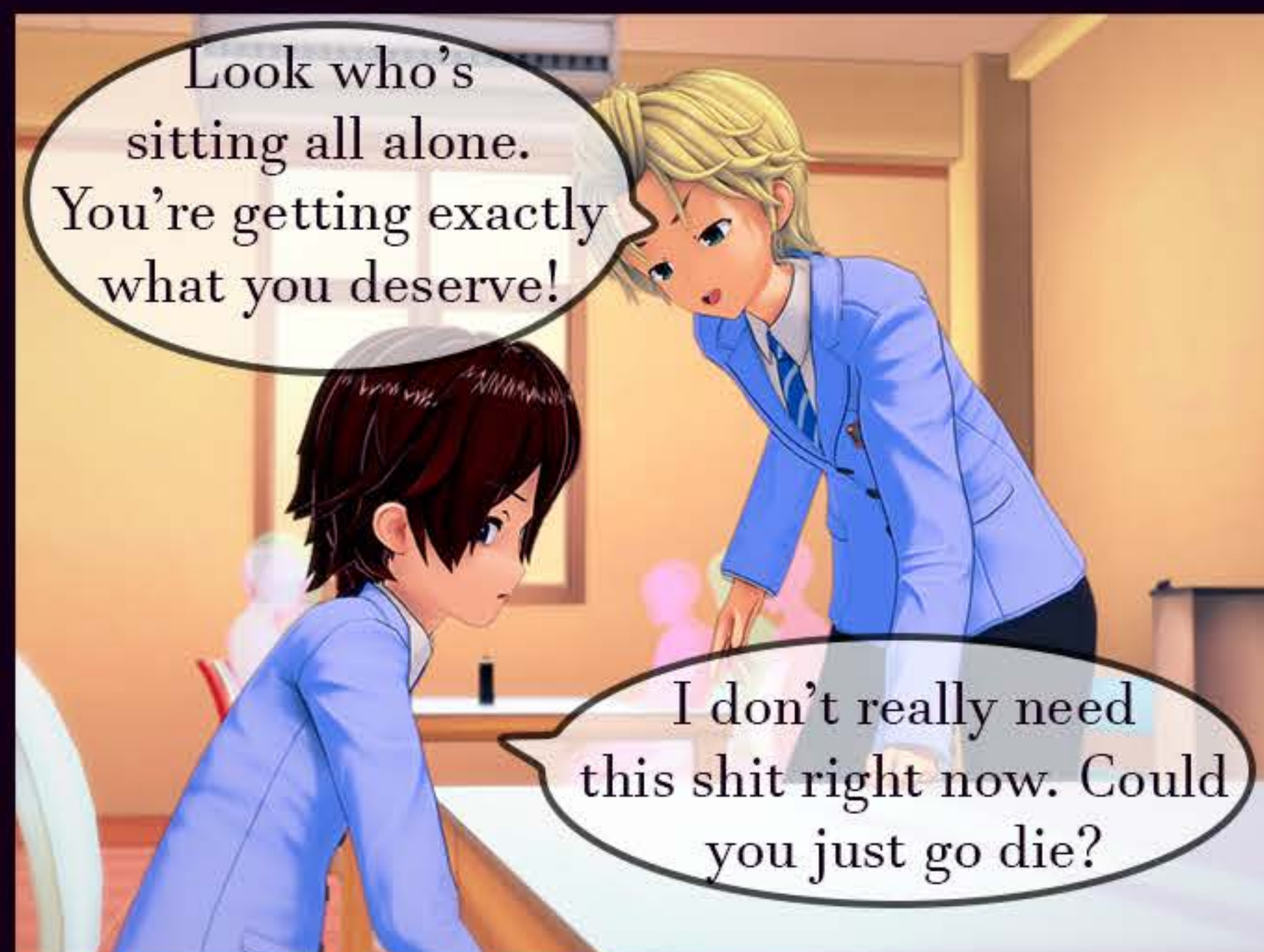
I don't care
what the voices in my head
say! I can do this! I know Aubrey
likes me!!

THE NEXT DAY



I forgot no one else likes me...

~ALONE~



Look who's sitting all alone. You're getting exactly what you deserve!

I don't really need this shit right now. Could you just go die?



If that guy starts trouble with you, just be nice and ask him about his life.

How will that help?

Sorry... I uh meant... Are you doing ok?

What did you say punk? Are you trying to piss me off?



Am I doing ok? I'm fine, I guess. Why are...

Is everything at home good? How are your folks?

Things are... They're a little... Wait!



Is there anything you want to talk about?



Don't get me wrong I'm happy you jumped in there. But I thought we were going to try a more tactful approach?



I realized while watching you talk to Brad. We're about to graduate. We can't be afraid to stand up for what's right!



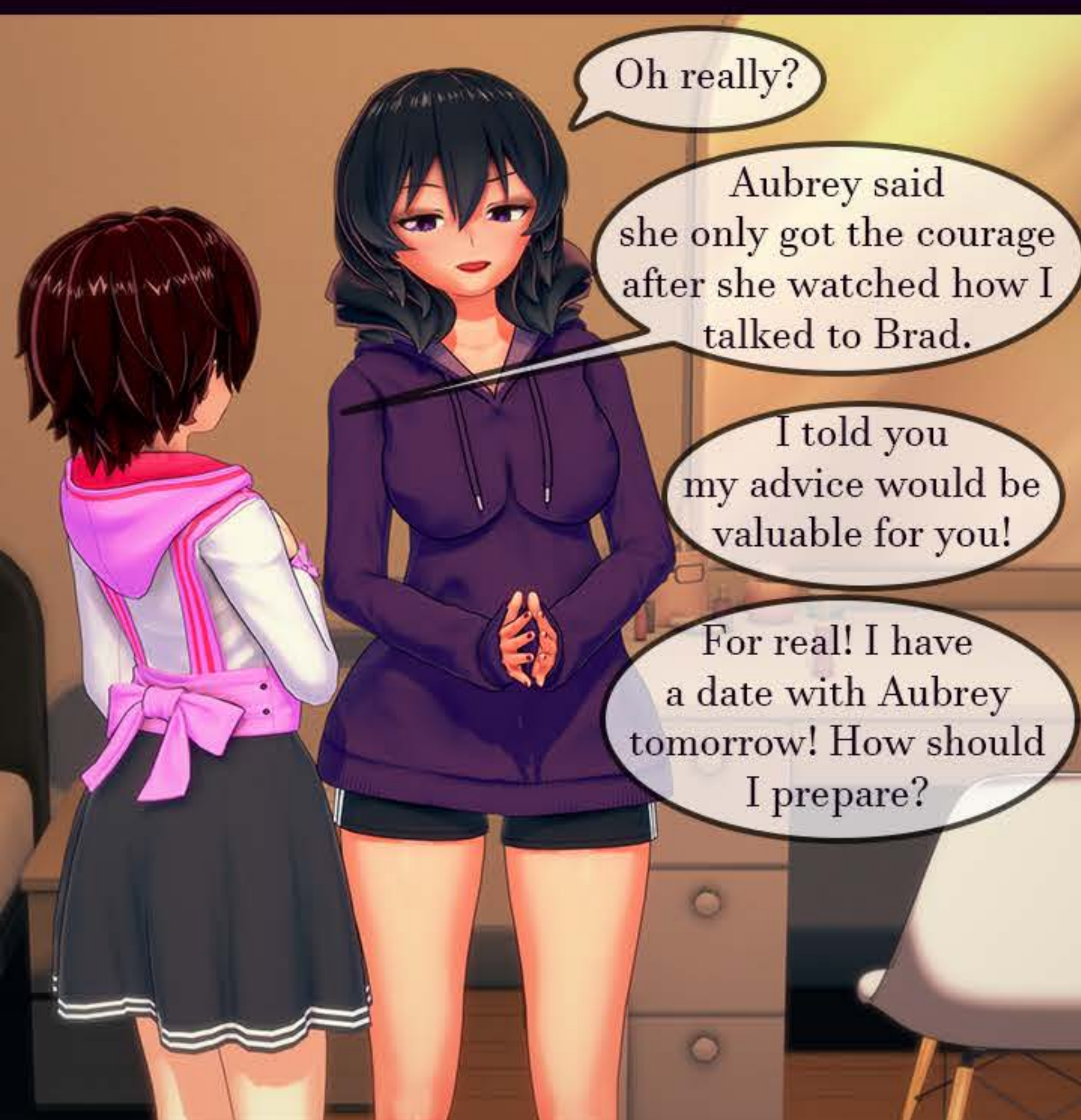
Woah! Aubrey what are you doing?



HEY EVERYONE!! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU!

BRAD LIED! ALEX DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! STOP SPREADING RUMOURS!!!







How do I look?

Woah!
Too tight!

OH MY GOD!
YOU'RE SO CUTE!!
I might have to keep
you for myself!



Are you
sure this isn't too...
feminine?

Of course not!
You look great! I
think Aubrey is going
to be so happy!

Ok... The pants
are a little tight. Do
you think we could
take off the... you
know...



Absolutely not!
If I took it off, you would try
to have sex! And that's how boys
like you ruin relationships! Don't
get me wrong... Sex is great, but
you have to show restraint and
wait for the right time!

I guess... It's just...
It's really uncomfortable!



I would do anything to have you back, Ariel...



The Next Day

Finally!
Date day! I can't wait to meet up with Aubrey! I feel good, I look good and I smell good! Nothing could possibly...

Hey there baby, you're hot as fuck!



Hmmm?
Are you, talking to me?

Of course sweet cheeks! How about you come on back to my place and we could...

Hmmm...
I've never had a dude hit on me before. I guess I should let him know I'm straight!



That girl looks like she might be in trouble!

Sorry bud, but I actually have a girlfriend so I'll have to pass.

You could invite her along! Trust me I could handle two!

Sorry man... I'm just not into men!



Miss, is this guy... WAIT! ALEX??

Of course! Who did you think I was?



She grabbed my hands and looked deeply into my eyes. I could tell that what I had just said struck a nerve of hers. For a moment it was silent, I felt the strong beat of my heart. As she pursed her soft lips she finally said...

“Don’t you ever doubt yourself!”



What do you mean?

Live life with no regrets. I think I really like that philosophy.

Of course not Aubrey! I... I really like you... No, I LOVE you! And I promise that I won't doubt myself again.

In my opinion, there is no time in this life to regret our decisions. When we make choices, we can't dwell on them and think "should I have done this?"

We all have choices to make. And I refuse to be with someone who just wallows in self pity. You're not going to do that to me right?

LOVE?? Alex... I think... I might love you too... No! I know I LOVE YOU!



We sat silently and watched the sunset after that. All my fears alleviated. I knew that what I had learned from Hailey was right. Her advice along with Aubrey's philosophy made me feel like a brand new man. We then had a nice dinner, did some Karaoke and finally I walked her home.



Alex, I had such a great time with you tonight! I hope we do it again really soon!

Me too!
I guess I'll be seeing you at school.



I can't wait...

Uh... Alex?



Everything is finally going good for me...

Something
hard just poked
my leg!

