



I'M NOT A SAINT LIKE YOU WHO CAN JUST FORGET BEING INSULTED LIKE IT'S NOTHING.

DUDE, SERIOUSLY, IT'S BEEN A WEEK! HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP DWELLING ON THAT SAME THING?

WHAT'S THE POINT OF CLINGING TO GRUDGES? THEY JUST DRAG YOU DOWN.



I CAN'T STAY HERE MUCH LONGER.
I'VE GOT STUFF TO DO IN THE MORNING,
SO I'M OUT.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE
HAVING FUN HERE.

UH, FINE...
BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WAIT, YOU'RE JUST GONNA LEAVE
ME HERE AT THIS BORING PARTY?

FUN? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.
THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE PROPER DRINKS
IN HERE.

HMM, COULD YOU WAIT OUTSIDE?
I JUST REMEMBERED THERE'S SOMETHING
REALLY IMPORTANT I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF.
I'LL BE OUT IN A BIT.

LET'S GET GOING THEN.
I'LL DROP YOU OFF ON MY WAY.

OKAY, JUST DON'T TAKE TOO LONG.



HEY BUDDY! I'VE GOT
A LITTLE FAVOR TO ASK.



SEE THAT GIRL OVER THERE? WHEN SHE COMES BACK FOR ANOTHER DRINK, MAKE SURE YOU GIVE HER THIS CUP.

WAIT, YOU MEAN TESSA? FROM THE SENIOR CLASS? MAN, SHE'S NOT SOMEONE I WANT TO MESS WITH.



COME ON, IT'S JUST A LITTLE FUN.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WELL, IF YOU PUT IT
THAT WAY... I GUESS I'M IN.

SLIDE



OH, SO YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR THE BATHROOM?

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HMM, I'M STILL SURPRISED TO FIND YOU IN THAT ROOM. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR THE BATHROOM, OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE?

Y-YES, THAT'S RIGHT. JACK GAVE ME DIRECTIONS, BUT THE HOUSE IS JUST SO BIG, AND I GUESS I GOT A BIT CONFUSED. UMM, I... I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE HOW I ENDED UP IN THERE.

HAHA, I'M JUST KIDDING.
FOLLOW ME, I'LL SHOW YOU THE
WAY TO THE BATHROOM.

**GASP* NO... THERE ISN'T
ANYTHING ELSE. I... I WAS REALLY JUST...*





OKAY, STOP! IF WE KEEP DANCING LIKE THIS, MY LEG IS GOING TO SNAP RIGHT OFF!

BY THE WAY, I CAN'T SEE MIA ANYWHERE. WHERE DID SHE GO?


OH, SHE WENT INSIDE TO USE THE BATHROOM.

WHEW! WE CAN TAKE A BREAK. I NEED TO RECHARGE A BIT ANYWAY!



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE, ACTUALLY. SHE WASN'T FEELING WELL EITHER. WAIT, I SHOULD GO CHECK ON HER.



HOW LONG AM I SUPPOSED TO WAIT HERE?
SHE'S PROBABLY NOT COMING BACK FOR ANOTHER
DRINK. WHATEVER, I'VE ALREADY GOT THE MONEY.
BETTER TO JUST LEAVE AND GET OUT OF HERE.

HOPE SHE'S ALRIGHT. SHE'S BEEN OFF SINCE SHE GOT HERE, JUST STANDING AROUND AND DRINKING JUICE NON-STOP.

HMM, I THINK I HEARD THAT GIRLS OFTEN GET CRAVINGS DURING THOSE DAYS. MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE'S BEEN DRINKING SO MUCH.



I SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER DRINK ALONG FOR HER.

I WAS SO CLOSE TO GETTING THAT FILE!
IF THAT MAID HADN'T SHOWN UP RIGHT THEN,
I WOULD'VE COMPLETED MY TASK.

GOOD THING SHE DIDN'T GET SUSPICIOUS,
OR I WOULD'VE BEEN IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.
NOW I KNOW WHERE THE FILE IS. I'LL JUST HAVE
TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO GET IT.

MIA, HOW ARE
YOU FEELING NOW?

GLAD TO HEAR THAT.
HERE, TAKE THIS--I BROUGHT
YOU A STRAWBERRY DRINK.

OH, UM, YEAH, I'M FEELING
MUCH BETTER NOW...

I NOTICED YOU WERE JUST HAVING JUICE EARLIER, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS STRAWBERRY FLAVOR TOO. GIVE IT A TRY--IT MIGHT HELP YOU FEEL EVEN BETTER.

STRAWBERRY DRINK?

OH, UM, THANKS!
I GUESS...

UHH, WHO LIKES THIS FLAVOR?

THERE SHE IS!

**SIPS* MMM... IS THIS REALLY STRAWBERRY?
I'M GETTING ANOTHER TASTE IN THERE TOO. I'VE
NEVER HAD MUCH OF IT BEFORE. MAYBE THIS IS
JUST HOW STRAWBERRY JUICE TASTES.*

HEY GIRL! WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN? COME OVER HERE FAST!



MEANWHILE AT HOME...

STILL NO CALL OR TEXT FROM HIM.




HUH, WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS TIME?

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EMMA? YOU HERE!
I MEAN... I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO
ARRIVE AT THIS HOUR.



I THOUGHT ANDREW WOULD OPEN THE GATE SINCE HE SLEEPS IN THE LIVING ROOM. I'M SORRY I MUST HAVE DISTURBED YOUR SLEEP.

I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU AND ANDREW. I THOUGHT I'D ARRIVE BY THE AFTERNOON, BUT MY FLIGHT GOT DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE BAD WEATHER.

IT'S ALRIGHT, BUT YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING EARLIER.

WELL, I'M SURPRISED. BUT IF YOU HAD INFORMED US EARLIER, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TOO.

ACTUALLY, SOME OF HIS SCHOOL FRIENDS ARE HAVING A HOUSE PARTY TODAY, SO HE'S THERE.

HUH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE'S NOT HERE... THEN WHERE IS HE?



YEAH, DIDN'T HE TELL YOU?
HAHA... ANYWAY, HE ASKED ME TO COME PICK HIM
UP AFTER THE PARTY. YOU SHOULD FRESHEN UP;
MEANWHILE, I'LL CALL WITH HIM.



SCHOOL FRIENDS?



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UP; IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL CONTACT HIM.



SCHOOL FRIENDS?



WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?
THAT? DO YOU THINK I DID SOMETHING?

I JUST GAVE HER A STRAWBERRY DRINK.
MAYBE SHE CONSUMED SOMETHING ELSE
THAT CAUSED THIS.

WE SAW YOU GIVE HER THAT DRINK,
AND SINCE THEN, SHE HASN'T
STOPPED THROWING UP.



NO, I CHECKED THE CUP, AND THE SMELL WAS OFF. IT DEFINITELY HAD SOMETHING MIXED IN. IS IT POSSIBLE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS DARED YOU TO DO THIS?

BLUURGH

HOW CAN YOU BOTH ACCUSE ME? YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR YEARS. ARGH... YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME? JUST WAIT...



LOOK, I TOLD YOU
THERE'S NOTHING IN IT.

LET'S STOP ARGUING
AND HELP ME WITH HER HERE.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHY AREN'T YOU PICKING UP YOUR PHONE?





HE-HELLO CLARA...

SHE'S RIGHT HERE...
BUT THERE'S BEEN A BIT OF
A PROBLEM.

JACK, WHERE'S MIA? I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO REACH HER, AND SHE'S NOT
ANSWERING HER PHONE.

PROBLEM?
WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM?



CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I... I WANT TO GO HOME...EE...

ARGH... I TOLD THAT IDIOT TO
BE CAREFUL WITH ALL THIS STUFF.

AND NOW EMMA'S HERE TOO...
IF I BRING HIM IN THAT CONDITION,
IT COULD MAKE THINGS WORSE.

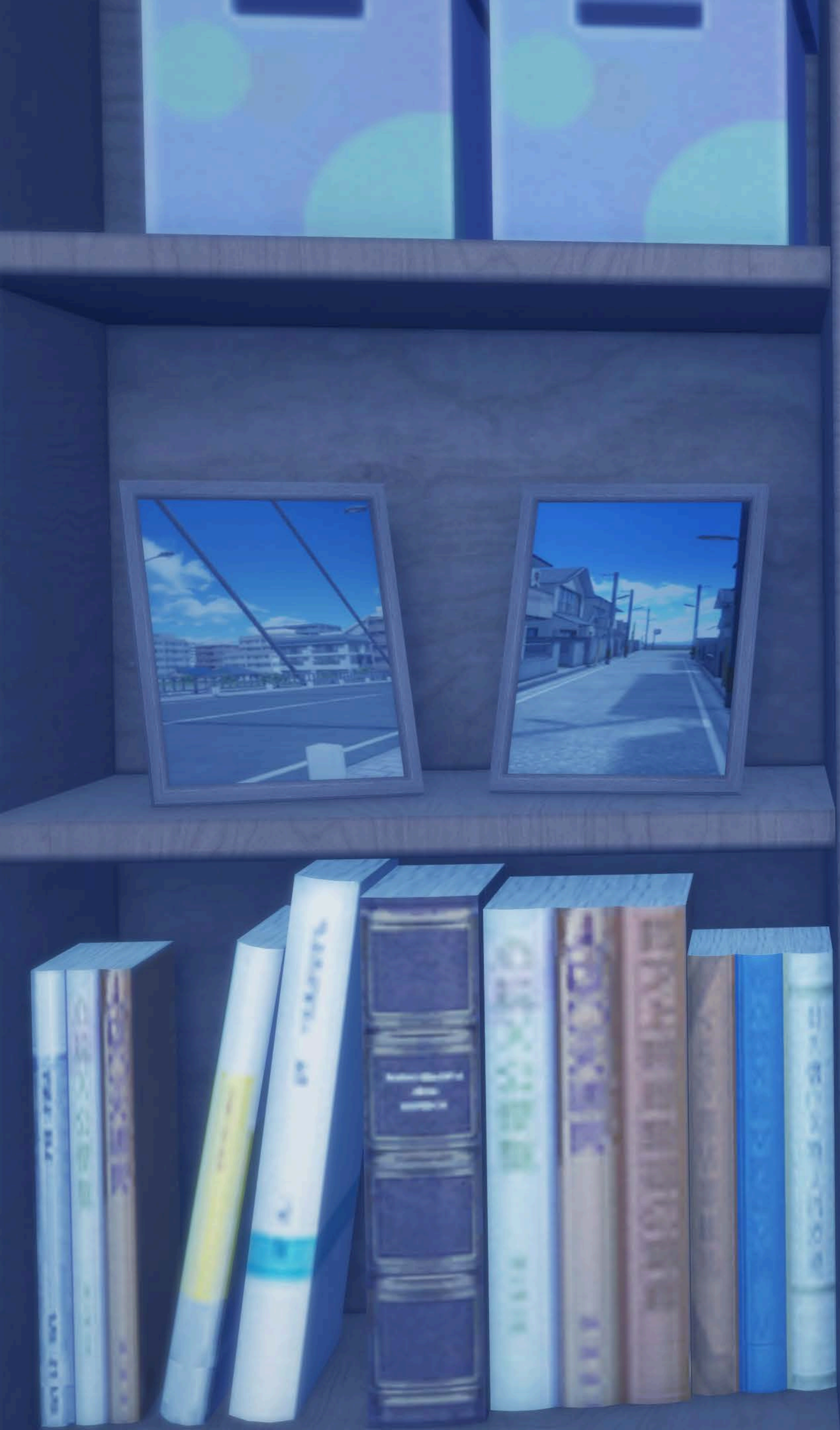
CLARA? ARE YOU THERE?



ALRIGHT, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER. RIGHT NOW,
DO YOU HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE?

UH, YEAH, I DO. I JUST TURNED 18
LAST MONTH AND GOT MY LICENSE.


GOOD. NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY...



WHY AM I STRESSING ABOUT THIS SO MUCH?
HE'S PLAYING THE ROLE OF A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL,
SO OF COURSE, HE HAS TO ACT LIKE ONE. IT'S ALL
JUST PART OF THE ACT.

BUT HOW COULD HE FORGET TO WISH ME TODAY? AND HE STILL HASN'T TOLD ME WHAT SURPRISE HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. DID HE REALLY FORGET EVERYTHING?

OH, YOU'VE ALREADY TAKEN A SHOWER?



I JUST CALLED HIM, AND HE SAID THEY'RE STILL DISCUSSING SOME GROUP PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A BIT LONGER.

HUH, YOU'RE STILL HERE? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO PICK UP ANDREW.

OH, DID YOU TELL HIM I'M HERE?



YEAH, I DID. HE GOT REALLY EXCITED AND SAID HE'D TEXT ME WHEN HE'S DONE SO I CAN GO PICK HIM UP.

HAHA, BUT YOU KNOW HIGH SCHOOL PARTIES DON'T END UNTIL THE SUN COMES UP. INSTEAD OF WAITING, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME REST. IT'S ALREADY QUITE LATE.



DAMN IT, YOU RECKLESS JERK!
YOU ALMOST MADE ME CRASH!



A character with short brown hair and a black jacket is sitting in the driver's seat of a car. The car has red leather seats. The character has a distressed expression, with sweat drops on their face. A speech bubble above them contains text. The background shows a dark, possibly nighttime setting with a building and a white car visible through the window.

ALICE WAS RIGHT--THERE DEFINITELY WAS
SOMETHING IN THAT DRINK. ARGH., MY HEAD IS POUNDING.
AND BETTY FINDS OUT I TOOK HER CAR WITHOUT
ASKING, I'M DEAD.



BECAUSE OF ME, SHE'S IN THIS CONDITION NOW. I NEED TO GET HER TO CLARA'S AUNT'S PLACE. CLARA MENTIONED THAT EMMA IS HERE, AND IF SHE SEES MIA LIKE THIS, SHE'LL BE FURIOUS AND MIGHT NEVER LET US HANG OUT AGAIN.

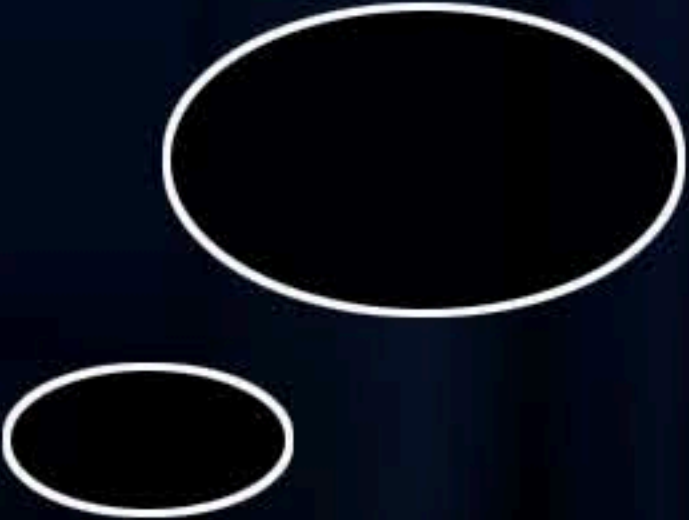
HMM, EMMA DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A STRICT PERSON, BUT MAYBE SHE'S TOUGH ON HER SISTER, JUST LIKE BETTY AND KEN ARE WITH ME.

AFTER SOMETIME...





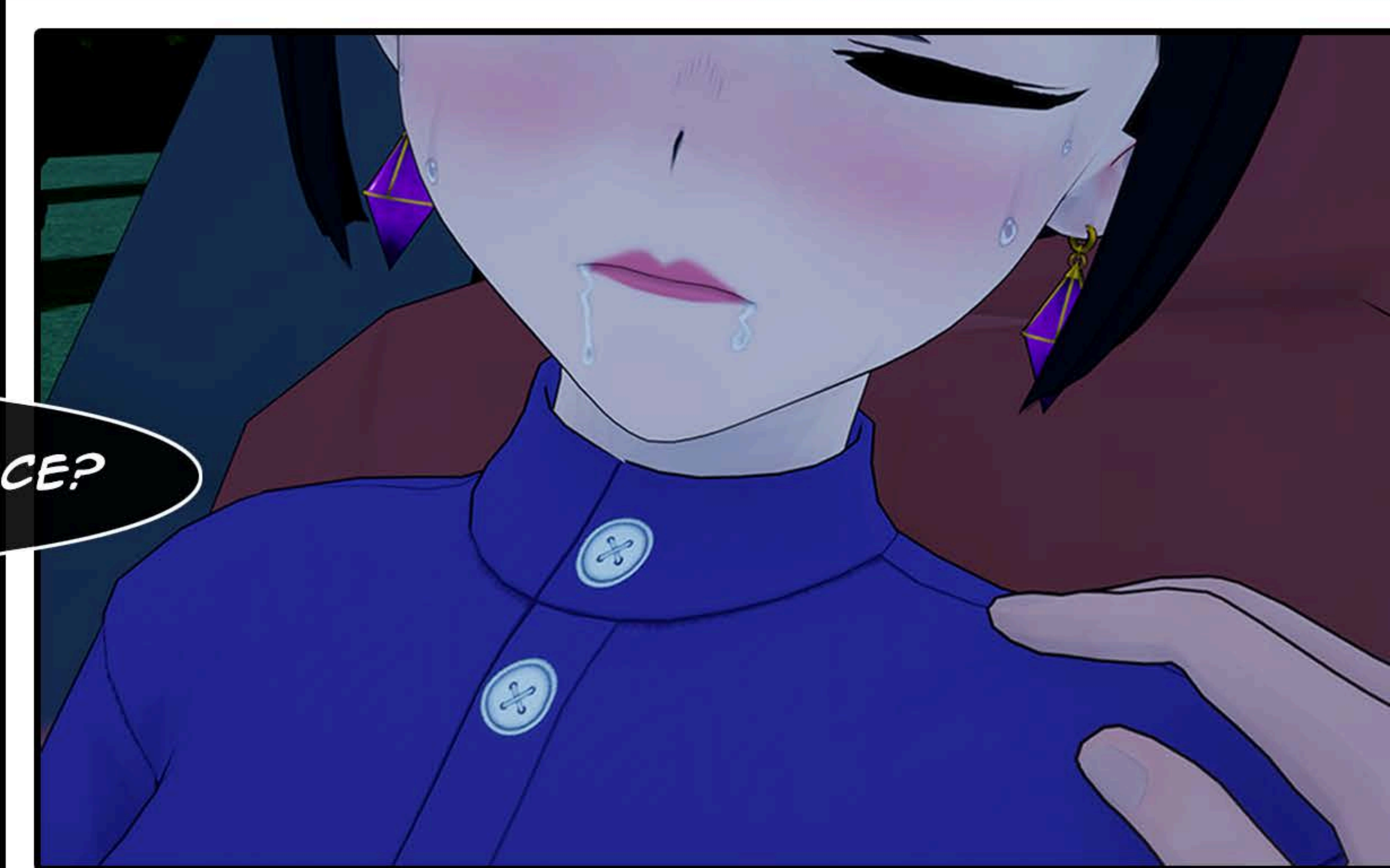
OKAY, THIS IS THE ADDRESS CLARA SENT ME.





MIA, WAKE UP, WE'RE HERE...

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HUH, WHAT'S ON HER FACE?





LIMM, TESSA... SHE WANTS ME TO SUCK HER FINGER AGAIN.

WIPE



SUCK



HUH, WHAT DOES SHE IS DOING NOW?

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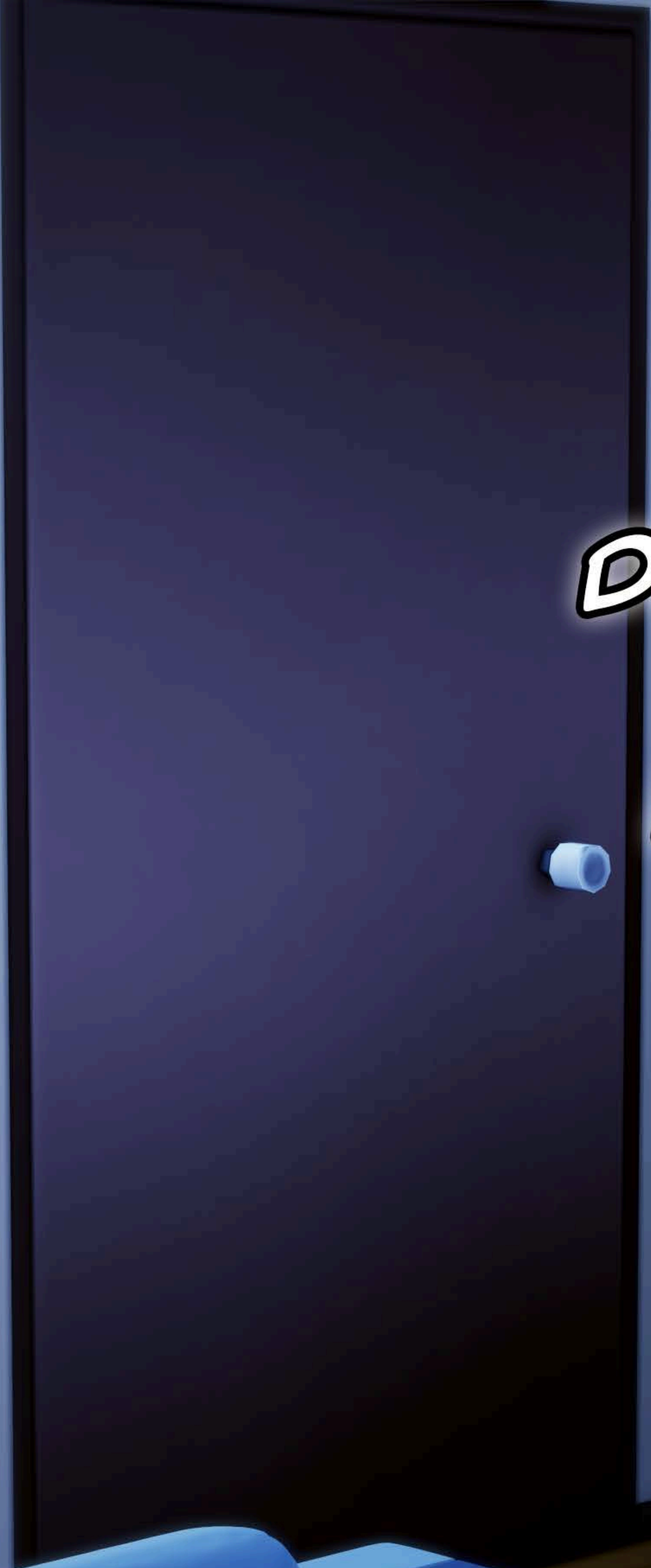
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WHY DOES THIS FEEL SO DIFFERENT TODAY?
SHE'S ACTING LIKE IT'S HER FIRST KISS, AND HER
LIPS FEEL SO STIFF.

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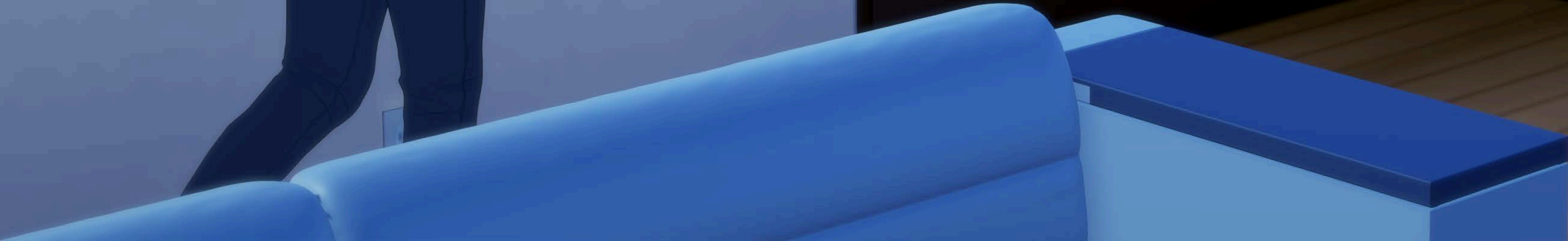






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CLARA SAID SHE MIGHT BE A BIT GLOSSY,
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER ALL OF SUDDEN...

RUN

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THIS IS NOT REAL,
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WHY DID I ALLOW MYSELF TO KISS ANOTHER MAN?
HOW DID I GET IN HIS CAR? WHY DID HE DROP ME OFF HERE?
WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER ANYTHING? YEAH, THIS ISN'T REAL.
IT'S JUST A DREAM.





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TO BE CONTINUED...