

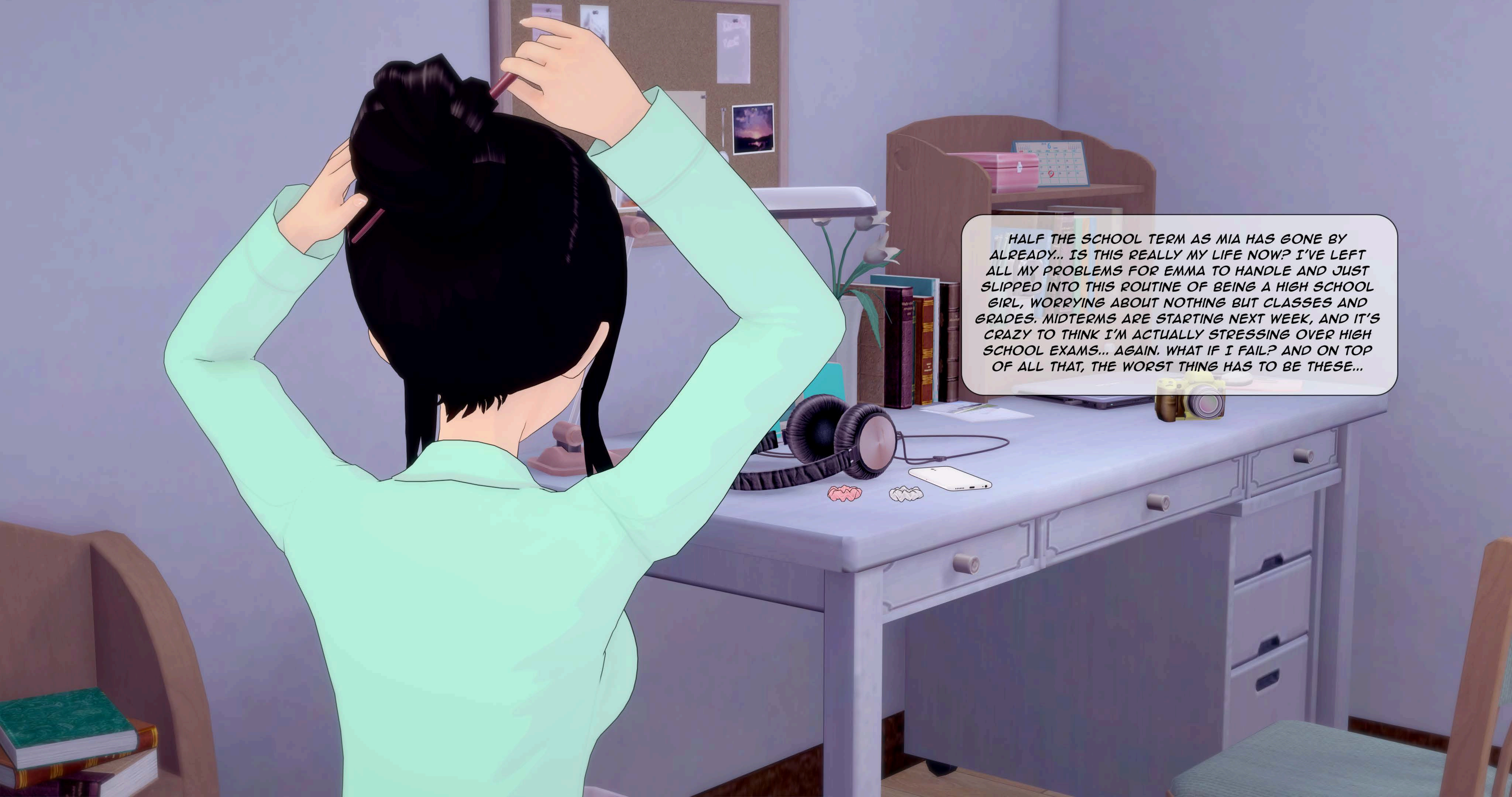


# **RLINAWAY**

**CHAPTER-16**

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HALF THE SCHOOL TERM AS MIA HAS GONE BY ALREADY... IS THIS REALLY MY LIFE NOW? I'VE LEFT ALL MY PROBLEMS FOR EMMA TO HANDLE AND JUST SLIPPED INTO THIS ROUTINE OF BEING A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL, WORRYING ABOUT NOTHING BUT CLASSES AND GRADES. MIDTERMS ARE STARTING NEXT WEEK, AND IT'S CRAZY TO THINK I'M ACTUALLY STRESSING OVER HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS... AGAIN. WHAT IF I FAIL? AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT, THE WORST THING HAS TO BE THESE...

HORMONES... I LITERALLY JUST BOUGHT NEW BRAS LAST MONTH, AND NOW THEY'RE ALL ALREADY GETTING TIGHT. EVEN MY SCHOOL UNIFORM STARTED TO FEELS SNUG IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES. I REALLY NEED TO GET A NEW ONE BEFORE IT RIPS APART ON ITS OWN. UGH, GREAT! JUST LIKE LAST MONTH, LOOKS LIKE ALL THE POCKET MONEY EMMA GAVE ME IS GOING TO VANISH INTO SHOPPING YET AGAIN.

\*UNHOOK\*





LAST TIME, DURING OUR APPOINTMENT WITH DR. WILSON, I RAISED A CONCERN ABOUT LOSING SO MUCH WEIGHT. SHE EXPLAINED THAT IT'S NORMAL DURING HRT AS THE DOSES CHANGE AND EVEN CREATED A DIET CHART FOR ME. SURPRISINGLY, IT WORKED! I'VE GAINED A FEW POUNDS, BUT AGAIN...

\*SLIDE\*

\*SLIDE\*

NOT IN THE SPOTS I WANTED...



\*PUSH\*

\*PUSH\*

I FEEL THEIR WEIGHT ALL THE TIME.



\*BOUNCE\*

\*BOUNCE\*

**AND THIS THING...  
IS SHE EVER GOING TO UNLOCK IT?**



**HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAND  
THERE ADMIRING YOURSELF? DID YOU  
FORGET IT'S SUNDAY, AND WE HAVE TO  
GO TO AUNT'S PLACE?**

*HUH... WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?  
I WAS JUST... UH, GETTING READY...*

*YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT... BY THE WAY,  
IT'S BEEN A WHILE WITH THAT CHASTITY  
CAGE, HASN'T IT? AND IN ALL THESE  
PAST MONTHS, YOU'VE NEVER ASKED  
TO UNLOCK IT, NOT EVEN ONCE.*

*WELL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO  
SAID IF I KEPT NAGGING, YOU'D  
NEVER UNLOCK IT.*

*YEAH, I REMEMBER. BUT I FEEL LIKE  
IT'S BEEN LONG ENOUGH, AND MAYBE I  
SHOULD FINALLY TAKE IT OFF NOW.*



ARE YOU SERIOUS, OR ARE YOU JUST TEASING ME AGAIN?

I'M SERIOUS! JUST WAIT, LET ME FIND WHERE I PUT THE KEY...

FEW MINUTES LATER...

WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG...  
WHY ISN'T IT OPENING?

IS IT JAMMED... WHAT  
ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

HUH! NO WAY! I CAN'T HAVE  
ANYONE ELSE SEE THIS!

IT SEEMS LIKE THE KEY IS GETTING  
STUCK. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF WATER.  
YOU KNOW, TOO MUCH MOISTURE OR  
SOMETHING!

YEAH! I THINK WE MIGHT NEED TO CALL  
SOMEONE WHO CAN BREAK THIS LOCK!



HAHA... RELAX, I'M JUST KIDDING!

AHH, THERE WE GO!

\*CLICKED\*

WHY DOES IT SEEM SMALLER?  
COULD IT REALLY HAVE SHRUNK, OR  
IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION...

MAYBE IT'S JUST BECAUSE IT'S BEEN  
LOCKED UP FOR SO LONG... YEAH, IT'LL  
PROBABLY GO BACK TO ITS USUAL SIZE  
IN A FEW DAYS.

THE ONES YOU BOUGHT IN SALE  
LAST WEEK? YOU KNOW THOSE ARE WAY  
TOO TIGHT, AND I'M SURE MY BULGE WILL  
BE CLEARLY VISIBLE IN THEM...

NOW HURRY UP AND GET READY  
QUICKLY! OH, AND WHY DON'T YOU TRY  
ON THOSE NEW SHORTS TODAY?

HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT...  
BUT WAIT, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!





UM, B-BUT WHY?

FIRST, GO TO THE BATHROOM AND CLEAN UP DOWN THERE BY SHAVING OFF ALL THOSE PUBIC HAIRS.

JUST DO IT! I'LL SHOW YOU A SECRET METHOD THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR BULGE!

MEANWHILE...

I'M COMPLETELY WORN OUT!  
THERE'S NO REST EVEN ON SUNDAY, AND  
NOW THAT CLIENT WANTS US TO FIND NEW  
MODELS AGAIN! DON'T KNOW WHAT ISSUE  
HE HAS WITH THE OLD MODELS!

TRUE, BUT YOU'RE OFF ON VACATION  
FOR A WHOLE WEEK STARTING TOMORROW!  
UHH, HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HANDLE  
THIS ALL BY MYSELF?

COME ON! IT'S NOT THAT TOUGH.  
REMEMBER LAST TIME... WE FOUND THOSE  
MODELS TOGETHER, AND YOU KNOW HOW WELL  
THE RESPONSE WAS ON THOSE ADS!



*YEAH, I'M SORRY! BUT YOU KNOW,  
IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE I LAST SAW  
MY SISTER...*

*HAHA, I DON'T KNOW...  
I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE MOST  
OF MY TIME THERE, AND THERE'S  
NO OTHER OPTION I GUESS...*

*HMM, I KNOW! AND LAST TIME YOU  
TOOK TIME OFF, YOU DIDN'T EVEN GET TO  
SEE HER. BUT ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO  
WASTE ALL YOUR VACATION DAYS LIKE  
THAT AGAIN IN ONE GO?*

*HMM, HOLD ON! I THINK  
I HAVE AN IDEA!*



*YEAH, IT'S A COMPANY RULE. SHE HAS TO MAINTAIN HER ATTENDANCE... OTHERWISE, SHE'LL LOSE HER SCHOLARSHIP.*

*HUH, FOR WHAT WORK? I DIDN'T GET IT.*

*YOU TOLD ME YOUR SISTER CAN'T TAKE OFF FROM SCHOOL EITHER BECAUSE OF THE ATTENDANCE RULES, RIGHT?*

*THEN WHY DON'T WE BRING HER HERE FOR COMPANY WORK? THE DAYS SHE SPENDS HERE WON'T COUNT IN HER ATTENDANCE!*

*WE NEED NEW MODELS FOR OUR CLIENT, AND THEY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THEY WANT FRESH FACES. SO WHY NOT ASK YOUR SISTER TO JOIN US FOR THIS PROJECT...*



WHAT'S THERE TO DO? YOU KNOW,  
THE LAST MODELS WE PICKED WERE  
NEWBIES TOO...

WHAT... Y-YOU MEAN FOR MODELING...?  
HAHA, NO, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT!

THAT'S DIFFERENT! I MEAN, I KNOW  
HER.. SHE GETS SCARED JUST LOOKING AT  
A PHONE CAMERA. I DON'T THINK SHE'LL  
EVEN AGREE TO IT.



HMM... IF YOU SAY SO...  
OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW HER BETTER.



TRUST ME, IT WILL! THIS TAPE IS SUPER STRONG. JUST LET ME APPLY IT PROPERLY.

I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS IS GOING TO WORK. MY BULGE WILL STILL BE VISIBLE.

UHM, OKAY... BUT CAN YOU BE A BIT MORE GENTLE? YOU'RE PRESSING MY BALLS WAY TOO HARD!



IT'S STILL SHOWING A BIT, AND THIS TAPE FEELS WAY TOO TIGHT. W-WHAT IF IT FALLS OFF WHEN I'M WALKING?

DONE! LOOK, YOUR BULGE IS ALMOST INVISIBLE NOW...

OH, STOP OVERTHINKING! I DON'T THINK IT WILL. WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR PANTIES ON AND CHECK FOR YOURSELF?





SEE! WHAT DID I TELL YOU?  
I KNEW THIS WOULD WORK!

YEAH, HOW ABOUT TRYING ON  
THOSE CLOTHES NOW? MAYBE YOU  
COULD PAIR THE SHORTS WITH SOME  
STOCKINGS...

M- MY BULGE IS BARELY VISIBLE NOW.

A woman with long brown hair in a high ponytail, wearing a white strapless dress, stands with her back to the viewer, looking out a large window. The room has light purple walls, a wooden floor with a black and white striped rug, and a bed with a white sheet. A smartphone is on the bed. The window shows a view of a city with a large building.

MODELING? NO WAY ANDREA  
WOULD EVER AGREE TO THAT...

FORGET ABOUT HIS DECISION,  
EVEN I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO  
DO THIS EITHER.



*YEAH, JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS,  
AND I'LL HAVE ENOUGH SAVINGS TO  
PAY OFF HIS LOAN.*

*WHAT'S THE POINT OF EVEN THINKING  
ABOUT IT? ALL THIS NIGHTMARE IS GOING  
TO END SOON.*

*THEN WE CAN BE BACK TOGETHER  
AND HAVE A FRESH START. I CAN'T WAIT  
TO MEET HIM IN PERSON AND SHARE ALL  
OF THIS WITH HIM.*

A woman with short brown hair, seen from behind, is wearing a white strapless dress. She is holding a smartphone in her right hand. Above her head is a thought bubble containing the text: "I SHOULD INFORM HIM FIRST THAT I'M COMING TOMORROW." The background shows a bed with a black and white striped blanket and a wooden headboard.

I SHOULD INFORM HIM FIRST  
THAT I'M COMING TOMORROW.

ISN'T THIS TOP YOU BOUGHT FOR YOURSELF?

YEAH, IT DIDN'T FIT ME WELL, AND I WAS THINKING ABOUT EXCHANGING IT. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO... IT FITS YOU PERFECTLY!



THOSE ARE FRILLS! I PICKED IT OUT SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THEM. DON'T DOUBT IT... IT LOOKS SUPER CUTE ON YOU!

UHM, I DON'T REALLY LIKE HOW THIS EXTRA CLOTH IS JUST DRAPING OVER MY CHEST.

BZZZZ...

BZZZZ...





WHO IS IT...  
UM, IT MUST BE ALICE, RIGHT?

DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND TOO?


IS IT... EMMA?



USUALLY SHE CALLS ON MY NUMBER EVEN WHEN SHE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT THIS TIME.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE IN ONE RING... NOW PICK IT UP AND TALK TO HER.. I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE FOR YOU.

YEAH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE SHE CALLED ON MY NUMBER...

A woman with long brown hair in a high ponytail is sitting on a bed, talking on a silver smartphone. She is wearing a white strapless dress. The scene is set in a room with a window in the background showing a cityscape.

HEY, BABE! WHY DID IT TAKE YOU SO LONG TO PICK UP?

OH, NEW UNIFORM... UM, DO YOU NEED ANY MONEY? I CAN SEND YOU SOME.

SORRY! I-I WAS JUST GETTING READY TO GO OUT WITH CLARA. I-I'M THINKING OF GETTING A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

NO, THAT'S OKAY! THE POCKET MONEY YOU GAVE ME SHOULD BE ENOUGH.



HUH, T-TOMORROW? REALLY?

NO, NO! I'M SO HAPPY...  
IT'S JUST... I'M SURPRISED,  
THAT'S ALL!

BY THE WAY, I CALLED TO LET YOU  
KNOW THAT I'M COMING TOMORROW!

YEAH! WHAT'S HAPPENED?  
AREN'T YOU HAPPY?

IT'S OKAY, BABE... I UNDERSTAND  
WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR MIND. DON'T  
WORRY, IT'S ALL GOING TO END SOON.



*SOON? WAIT, YOU MEAN WE CAN FINALLY PAY OFF MY DEBT?*



*NOT RIGHT NOW! BUT YOU COULD SAY THAT... MAYBE IN COUPLE OF MONTHS. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING IN PERSON WHEN I GET THERE TOMORROW.*



EMMA, I CAN'T PUT INTO WORDS HOW I FEEL AFTER HEARING THIS. I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU, WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO END ALL THIS!

*END...?*



*PFFT, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT EASY..*

*TO BE CONTINUED...*