

A FEW DAYS LATER...

**SUSPICIOUS**

I  
CAN'T LIVE  
NORMALLY... I  
KEEP FEELING LIKE  
SOMEONE'S  
TAILING ME



**SCARED**

**WTF!?**





I  
TURNED THE  
CORNER AND  
HE'S STILL  
STALKING ME...

BACK TO THE PRESENT...

MAYBE IT'S  
JUST  
PARANOIA...




WHY  
WOULD  
SOMEONE  
FOLLOW ME?

SCRITCH

SCRITCH


CONFUSED



A character with purple hair and sunglasses, wearing a dark suit, is looking down at a clenched fist. The background shows a modern building and a blue sky. A large, stylized speech bubble is in the upper left, and a smaller one is near the fist.

EVER  
SINCE I BUMPED  
INTO THAT GUY WHEN  
I WAS LEAVING MY  
MEDICAL APPOINTMENT,  
I'VE BEEN ON HIGH  
ALERT

AWARGH!



IT'S  
PROBABLY  
ALL IN MY  
HEAD... MAYBE  
IT'S JUST LACK  
OF SLEEP



I  
COULDN'T  
SLEEP AT ALL... I  
KEEP THINKING  
SOMEONE'S  
AFTER ME



THINK,  
PAOLO... WHY  
WOULD ANYONE  
STALK YOU? IT'S  
ALL IN YOUR  
HEAD!



AFTER YEARS,  
I WAS FINALLY IN  
A GOOD PLACE...  
TIME WITH MY  
DAUGHTER, DOING  
WORK I LOVE...

ALL  
10%  
off~  
Department store

10%  
off~

RESTAURANT

24  
Parki

ce  
ce

I  
CAN'T LET  
VITO MESS  
WITH MY  
HEAD!



LATER...

A  
CLIENT  
REACHED OUT  
TODAY ASKING IF WE  
COULD MAKE THE  
SWEETS FOR HIS  
WIFE'S BIRTHDAY

DID  
YOU EXPLAIN  
THE SERVICE  
TERMS AND  
DEADLINES TO  
HIM?





I DID,  
BUT HE'S IN A  
HURRY... I'M  
AFRAID WE  
WOULDN'T FINISH  
IN TIME IF WE  
ACCEPT IT


DID  
YOU  
TELL HIM  
THAT?



YES,  
AND HE SAID  
HE'S WILLING TO  
PAY EXTRA  
BECAUSE IT'S A  
LAST-MINUTE  
SITUATION

HMMMM...






COULD  
OUR TEAM  
FINISH HIS  
ORDER ON  
TIME?

ONLY IF WE  
WORK  
OVERTIME...  
MAYBE UNTIL  
LATE AT NIGHT



I  
DON'T  
KNOW... I DON'T  
WANT TO FORCE  
ANYONE TO WORK  
EXTRA HOURS...



PEOPLE HAVE  
FAMILIES,  
APPOINTMENTS...

SEND ME THE  
CLIENT'S  
CONTACT. I'LL  
TRY TO  
NEGOTIATE

SURE!



LATER...

HI  
PAOLO!

HELLO MR.  
PETRI, I'M PAOLO,  
MABEL'S MANAGER.  
ONE OF MY  
EMPLOYEES SENT ME  
YOUR CONTACT



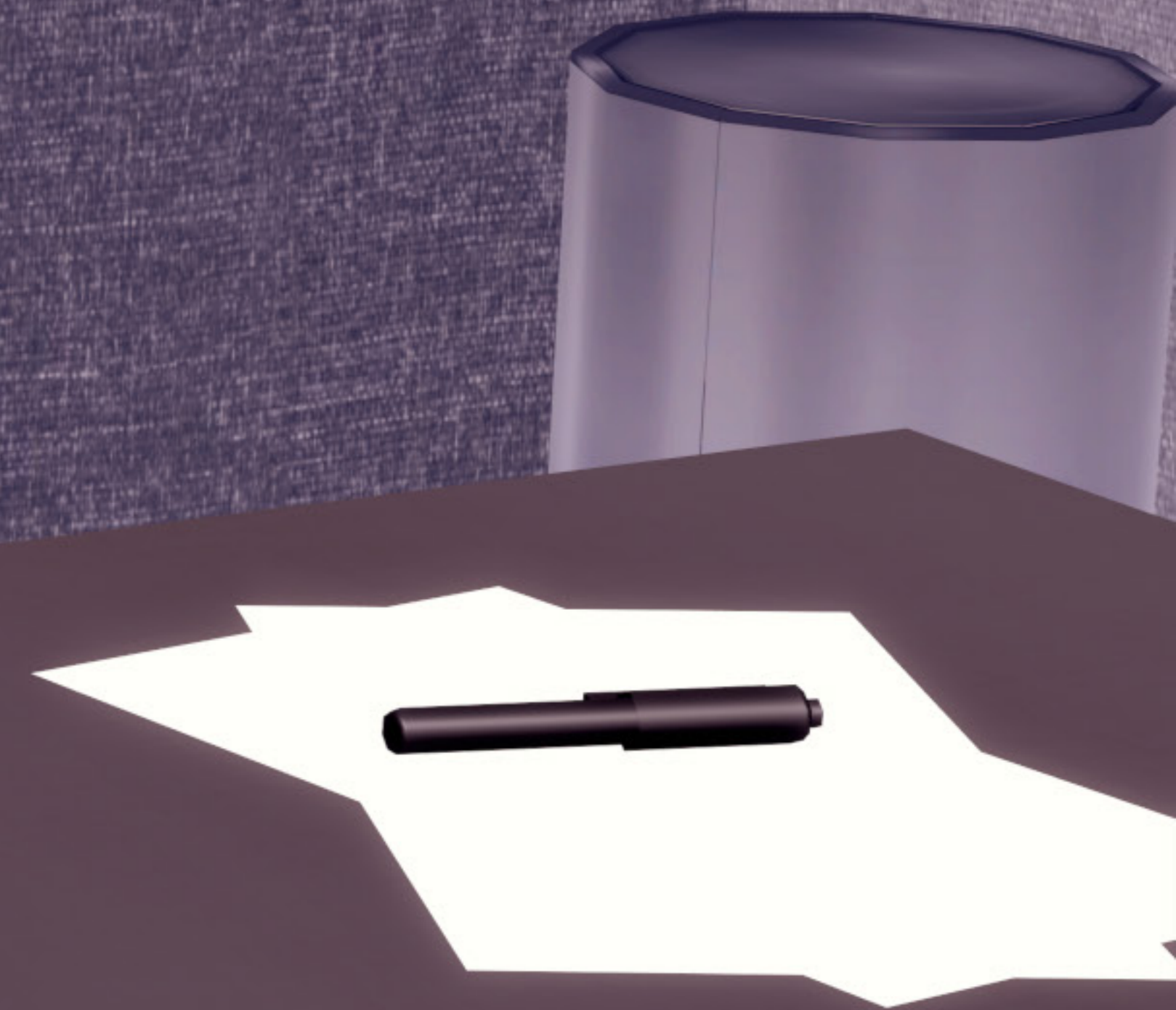
MY  
EMPLOYEE  
UNDERSTANDS  
DELIVERY DEADLINES  
MUCH BETTER THAN I  
DO... I'M MORE OF  
THE FINANCE GUY


HMMMM



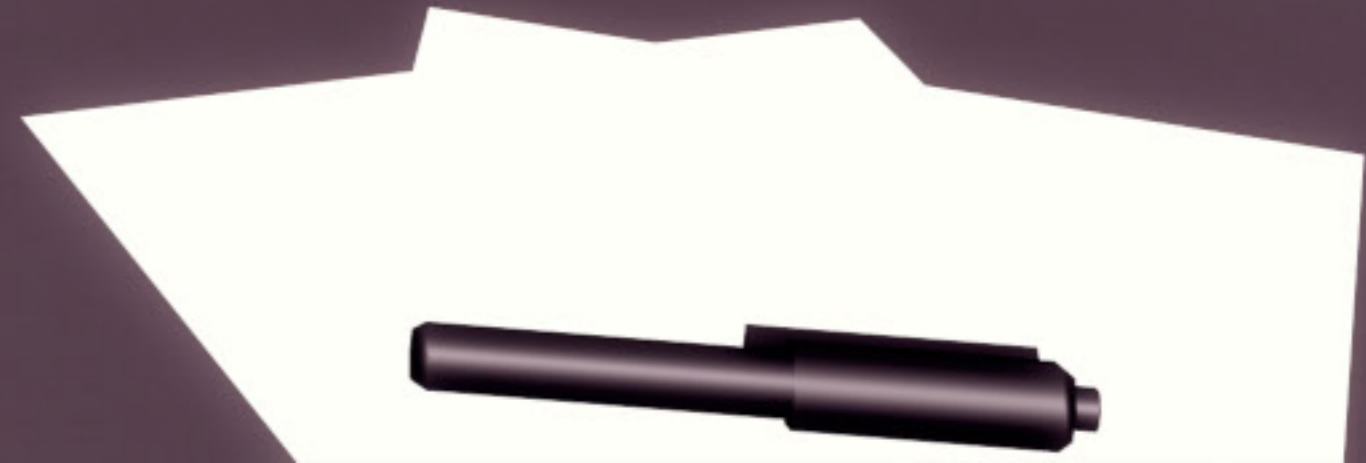
I  
KNOW I  
CONTACTED YOU  
ON SHORT NOTICE...  
THAT'S WHY I  
OFFERED EXTRA  
PAYMENT

MAYBE WE  
CAN WORK OUT A  
SOLUTION THAT  
WORKS FOR BOTH  
OF US



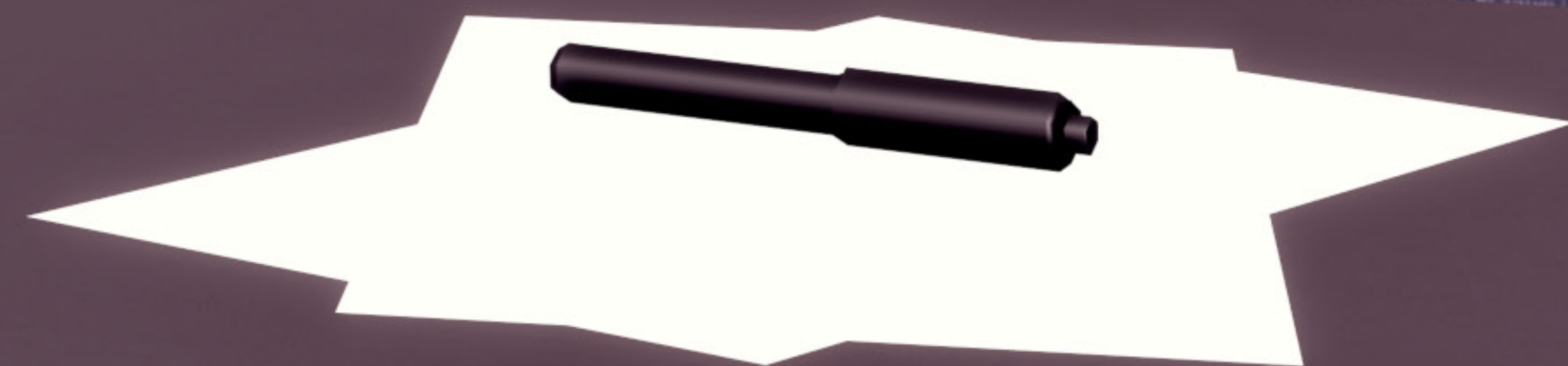


WELL, YOU  
WANT THE  
SWEETS, AND  
WE'RE THE PEOPLE  
WHO MAKE THEM  
HAPPEN



HEHEHEHE

MY  
WIFE RECENTLY  
WENT TO YOUR  
PATISSERIE, AND  
SHE FELL IN LOVE  
WITH IT...





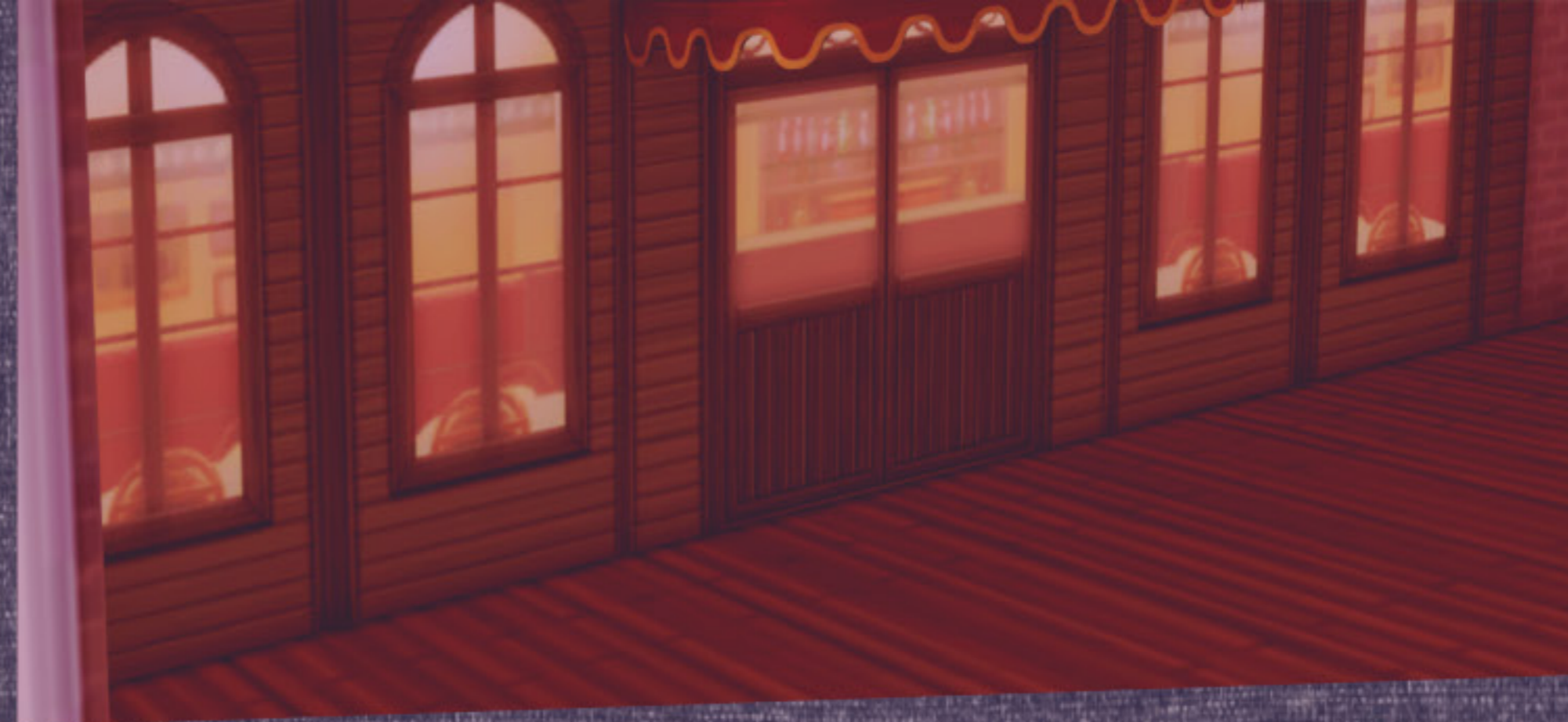
I'D  
LIKE TO  
SURPRISE HER  
FOR HER  
BIRTHDAY!

I  
THINK SHE  
HAS GREAT  
TASTE



IF  
WE REDUCE  
YOUR ORDER  
JUST A LITTLE,  
WE CAN TAKE IT  
ON 100%

HMMM



I'LL  
SEND YOU AN  
ITEMIZED COST  
BREAKDOWN FOR  
YOUR ORDER IN A  
SECOND

FINE



I  
THINK I  
SEALED THE  
DEAL WITH THE  
CLIENT

NICE!

