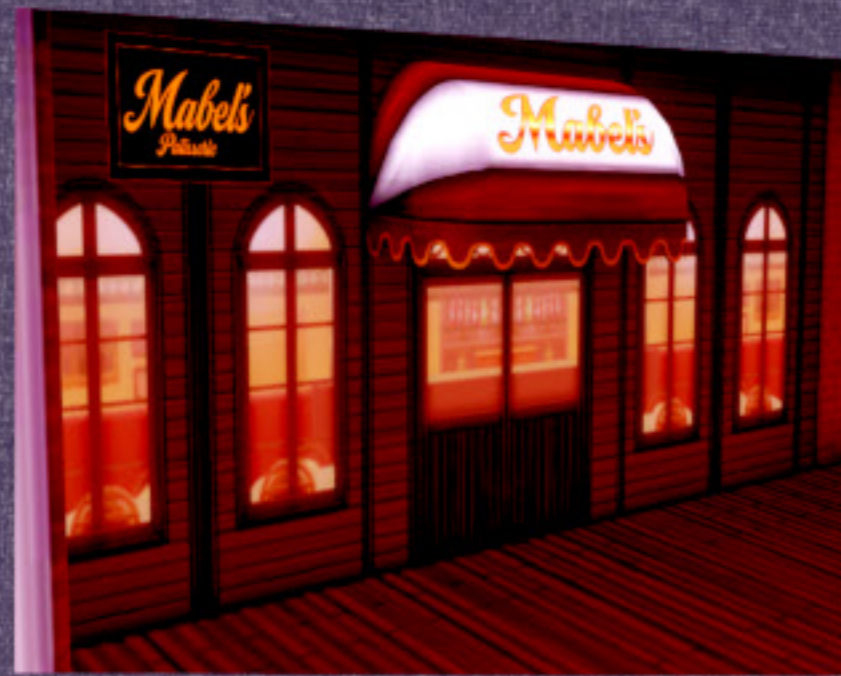





FAST FORWARD >>



MABEL'S WAS A SUCCESS. I CAN SAY FOR SURE THAT STARTING MY BUSINESS WAS THE RIGHT DECISION. AFTER LOTS OF GOOD REVIEWS AND LOCAL INFLUENCERS POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MABEL'S GOT HYPED!



AND  
WITH HYPE  
COMES  
CURIOSITY...

WOW!

THAT'S  
LINEXPECTED...  
I'LL TALK TO  
HER


BOSS, THERE'S  
A REPORTER HERE.  
I THINK SHE WANTS  
TO TALK TO YOU

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MARCELA!

HELLO, MR. BERNARDI. I'M MARCELA RIGGONI, A JOURNALIST WITH ANNO MEDIA GROUP...

I COVER STORIES ABOUT FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS, I CAME ACROSS YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

HMM...



I  
BECAME  
CURIOUS ABOUT  
THE NAME AND DID  
A BIT OF DETECTIVE  
WORK

AFTER  
CHECKING THE  
BUSINESS  
REGISTRATION, I  
DISCOVERED THAT  
MABEL IS A REAL  
PERSON!

I'D  
LOVE TO  
INTERVIEW HER!

SCRITCH  
SCRITCH

SHE LIVES  
ABROAD...  
SHE'S MORE OF  
AN INVESTOR

THAT  
SOUNDS LIKE  
A VERY  
INTERESTING  
STORY!





MY  
JOB IS  
FINDING STORIES  
LIKE THIS!

STORIES THAT  
INSPIRE  
OTHER WOMEN!




I  
WANT TO  
SHOW MY  
READERS THAT A  
WOMAN'S PLACE  
IS WHEREVER SHE  
WANTS IT TO BE!

YOUR  
VISION IS  
INSPIRING. I'LL  
SHARE YOUR  
CONTACT WITH  
HER...

I HOPE  
SHE AGREES  
TO THE  
INTERVIEW





THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR TIME, AND  
FOR WELCOMING ME  
TODAY, MR.  
BERNARDI!

MY  
PLEASURE!

SOME MINUTES LATER...

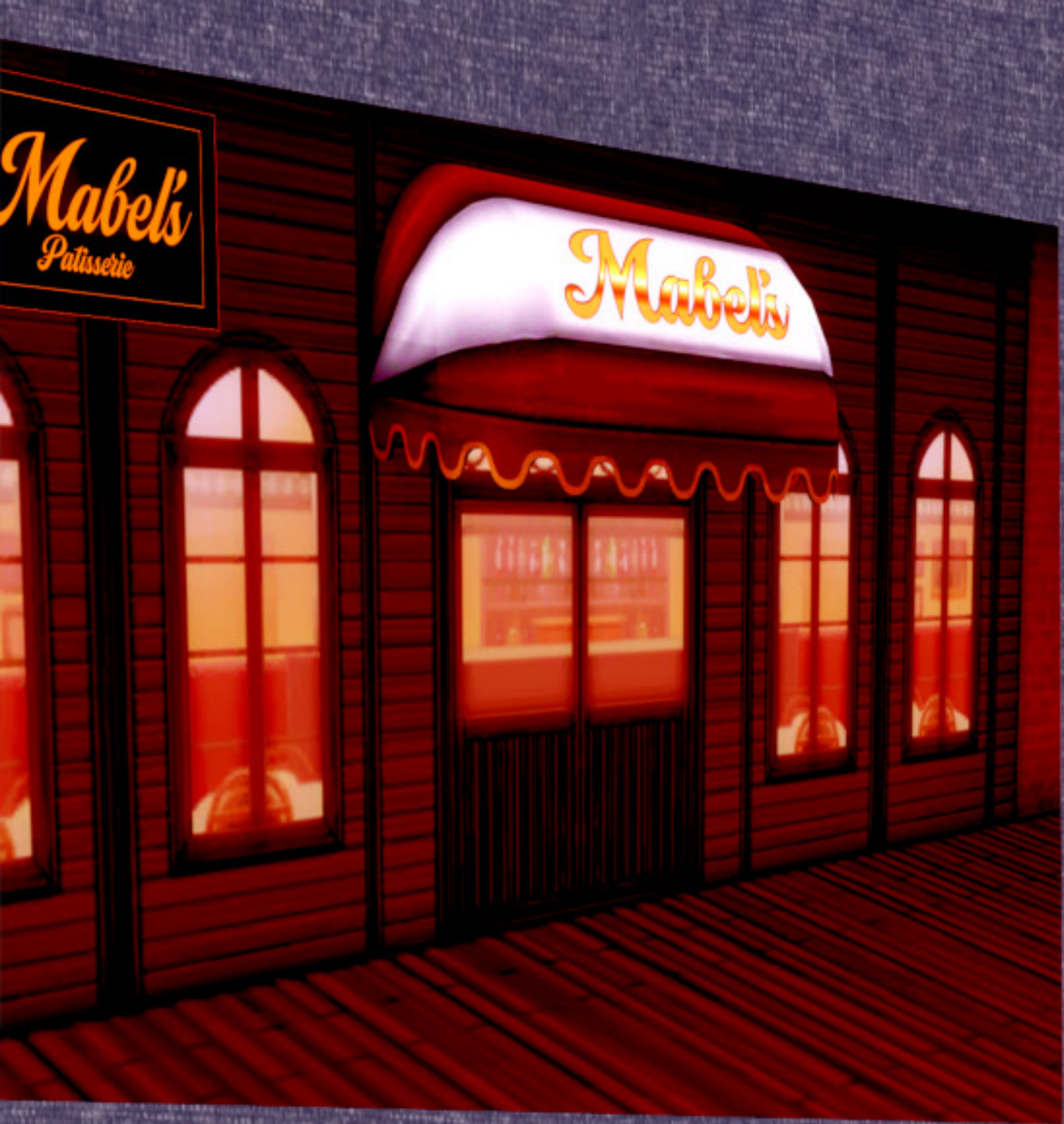
WHERE DID I GET MYSELF INTO...? SHE'S SO INSISTENT. AND SAYING NO TO SOMETHING MEANT TO INSPIRE OTHERS... I JUST COULDN'T

\*clack\*  
\*clack\*  
\*clack\*



I'LL  
HAVE TO SORT  
THIS OUT SOMEHOW...





I  
GUESS I'LL NEED  
AN INTERNATIONAL  
NUMBER... I'LL BUY A  
SIM CARD ONLINE  
LATER...



SOME DAYS LATER...

HI, PAOLO

HI, MOM!

HELLO!



DID YOU HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DAD, SWEETIE?

DAD IS THE BEST!

WE PLAYED WITH DOLLS, WATCHED ANIME, COOKED!

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE FINALLY BECAME A FATHER... BETTER LATE THAN NEVER



MY BROTHER'S COMING TO VISIT, AND YOU KNOW I HATE LOOKING SLOPPY!

WHY ARE YOU SO WELL-DRESSED, LARISSA?

YOUR BROTHER IS... VERY PECULIAR

A  
POLITE  
WAY TO SAY  
STRANGE...

MOM, WHAT  
DOES PECULIAR  
MEAN?

I  
KNOW A  
LOT OF  
PECULIAR KIDS!

HEHEHE!

HIHIHI!

HEHEHE!



**YOU  
HAVEN'T  
MISSED A SINGLE  
WEEKEND WITH  
SARAH!**

**KNOWING  
YOU, I NEVER  
THOUGHT THAT  
WOULD HAPPEN**



THAT  
WAS MY OLD  
SELF... I'VE GOT  
DIFFERENT  
PRIORITIES NOW!



I  
NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D  
HEAR YOU SAY  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT

WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF HAVING  
MONEY IF YOU DON'T  
HAVE TIME TO ENJOY  
IT? AND WHEN YOU  
FINALLY DO, YOU'RE  
TOO TIRED AND  
JUST WANT TO  
REST!



SOME DAYS LATER...



HI MARCELA, I'M MABEL, PAOLO'S BUSINESS PARTNER



HELLO, MABEL

WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A PROFILE PICTURE?



HOW DO I ANSWER THAT...?  
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...?

I PREFER TO KEEP MY PROFILE PRIVATE

I'M A VERY RESERVED PERSON

I UNDERSTAND, PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT

**OWN!**

DODGED THE FIRST BULLET...





I'D LOVE TO INTERVIEW YOU, MABEL

I WRITE STORIES ABOUT WOMEN TO INSPIRE OTHER WOMEN

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT FEELS WRONG TO DECEIVE HER...

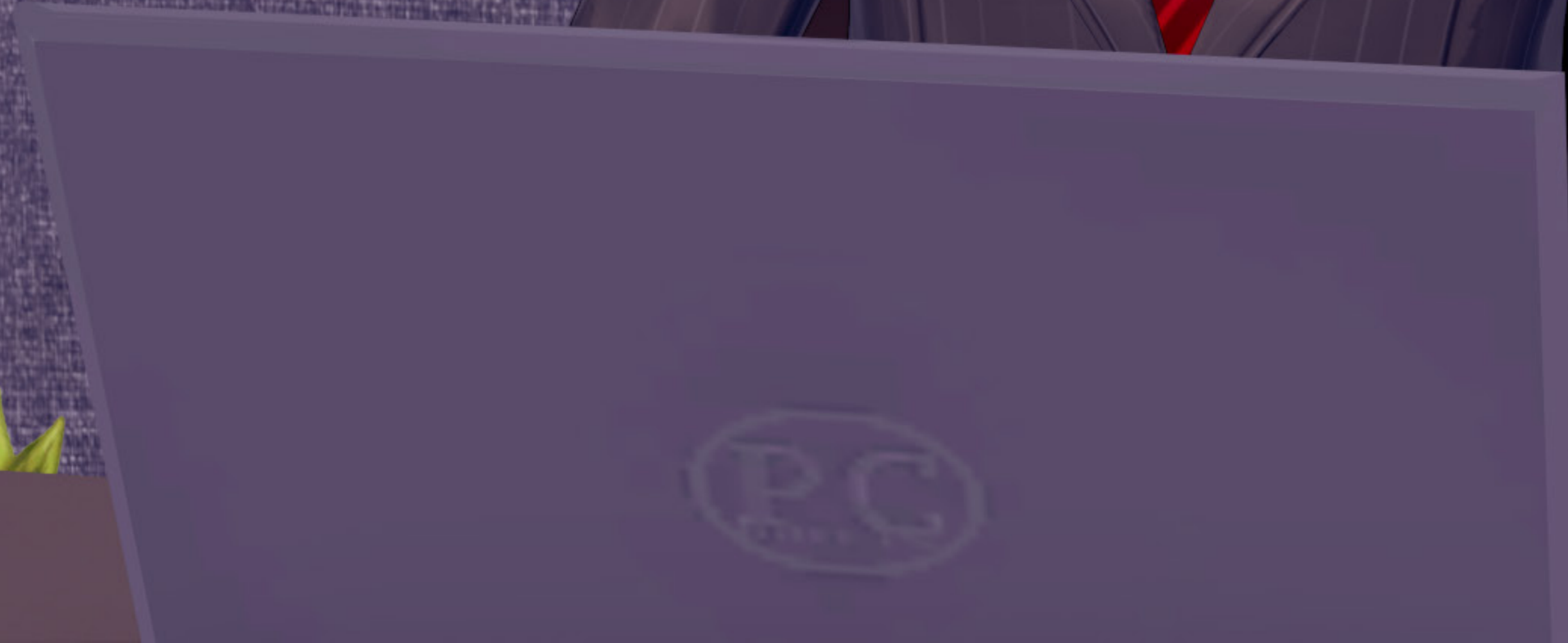
HESITANT



WHY AM  
I SO NERVOUS?  
IF I MAKE UP A  
FAKE STORY, SHE'LL  
BE TELLING A LIE BY  
PROXY...



**STUCK**



BUT  
WHAT IF I CREATE  
A FICTIONAL STORY  
TO INSPIRE PEOPLE?

A LOT OF  
PEOPLE ARE  
INSPIRED BY  
FICTION...





I DID IT!

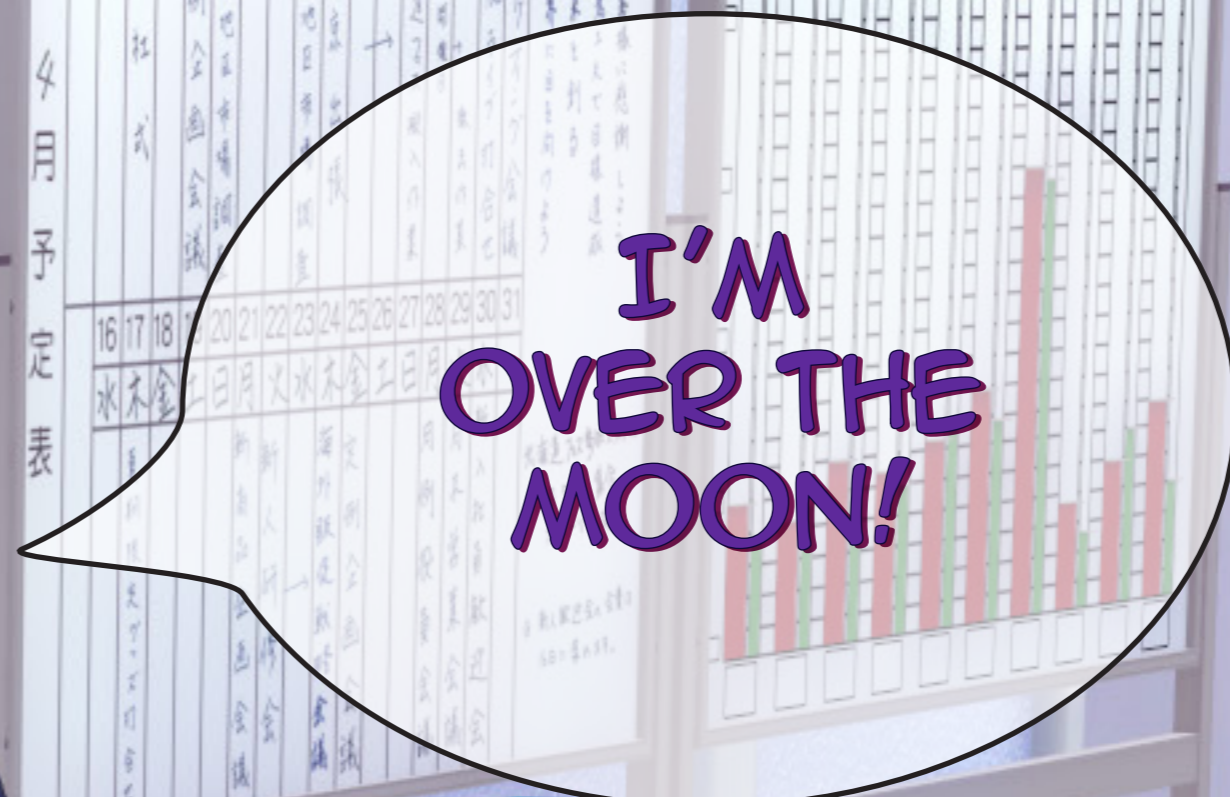
I'LL ACCEPT THE INTERVIEW

I'M SO GLAD YOU DID!

LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'LL BE IN TOWN SO WE CAN SCHEDULE IT

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ONLINE





MEETING ROOM  
会議室

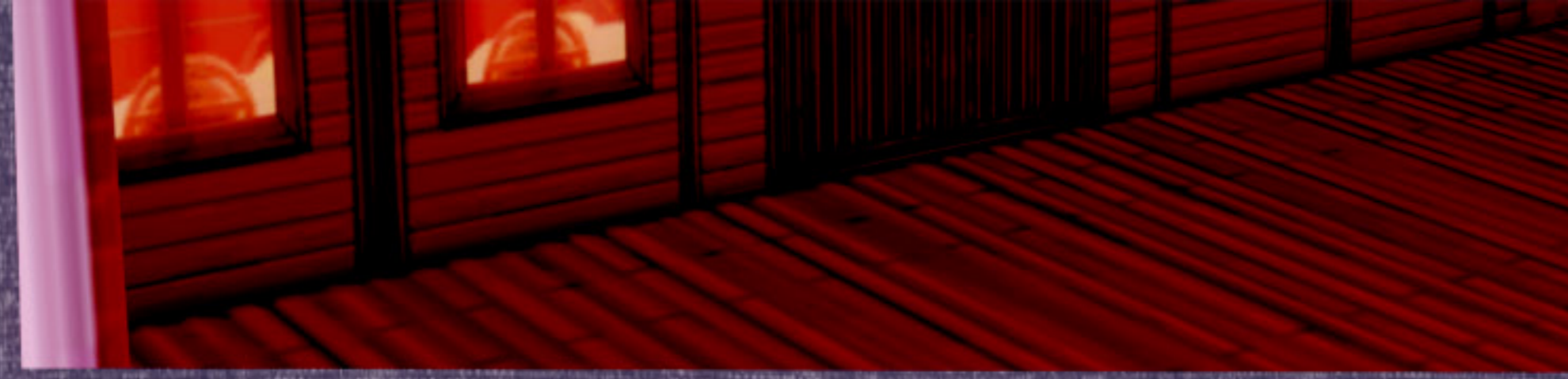


IT'S NOT THE SAME

I PREFER DOING INTERVIEWS IN PERSON

I SEE...






LET'S PLAN SOMETHING WHEN OUR SCHEDULES LINE UP, ALRIGHT?

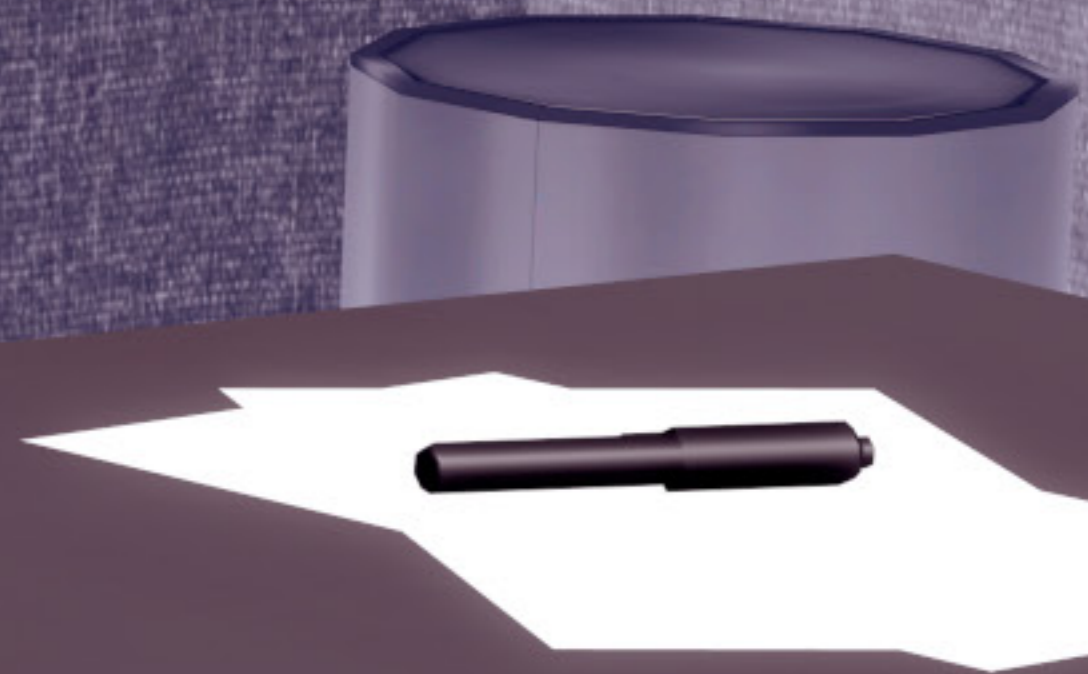


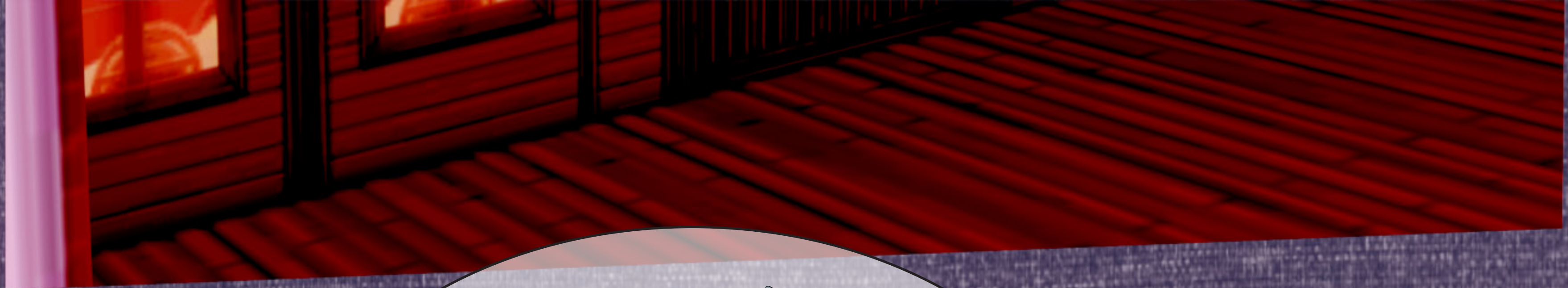
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!





I NEED  
TO FIGURE THIS  
OUT... I HAVE THREE  
OPTIONS: CANCEL THE  
INTERVIEW, HIRE AN  
ACTRESS, OR BE MABEL  
MYSELF





I DON'T WANT TO CANCEL... AND IF I HIRE AN ACTRESS, I'LL BE DEPENDENT ON HER. IF ANYONE FINDS OUT SHE'S NOT THE REAL MABEL, THE REPUTATION OF THE BAKERY WILL SINK LIKE A STONE...

PC