


Uhh, I told you
I don't wanna
participate in
the play this
time!

But why? You know
you're always our first
choice, right? You're
the best we have.




I'm going through something serious, you know? I need time...

Don't tell me it's about some boy who broke your heart.




Please, Maya, we don't even have Ryu this time! If both of you don't participate, imagine how bad the ratings will be.

We can't cast newbies for these roles, you know? We need at least one of you.




Didn't I tell you I
might do it next time?
But right now, I'm both
angry and sad.

Can you tell
me who you're
angry at? You
know, sharing
might help
you heal.




This girl... what am I supposed to do now? How can I convince her to play the female lead?

Uhh, please, I'm sorry... I can't do this. I'm leaving.




Hey, will you please speak to me...

What is there to speak!? You clearly take me for granted, doing whatever you see fit!




Ohh yeah?
I wonder
Why?

It was just a joke, you
know, because I knew
you weren't going to
get selected.



Well, you see, they only cast the most feminine-looking women like Maya, who's been playing the lead for the last three years.

Also, the chances of anyone getting selected are very low since the competition is big.

A scene in a school hallway. In the foreground, a girl with short brown hair, wearing a blue school uniform, is seen from behind. She is looking towards a girl with short purple hair, also in a blue school uniform with a pink bow, who has her arms crossed. The purple-haired girl has a slightly annoyed or smug expression. In the background, there are several colorful silhouettes of people in shades of pink, blue, and purple. To the left, there are wooden school desks and a window looking out onto a green landscape. A speech bubble from the brown-haired girl says, "So that's why I added your name in it because I knew you wouldn't get selected. It was just a silly little joke!". A speech bubble from the purple-haired girl says, "Uhh, fine, if you say so...".

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Uhh, fine, if you say so...



Hmm?

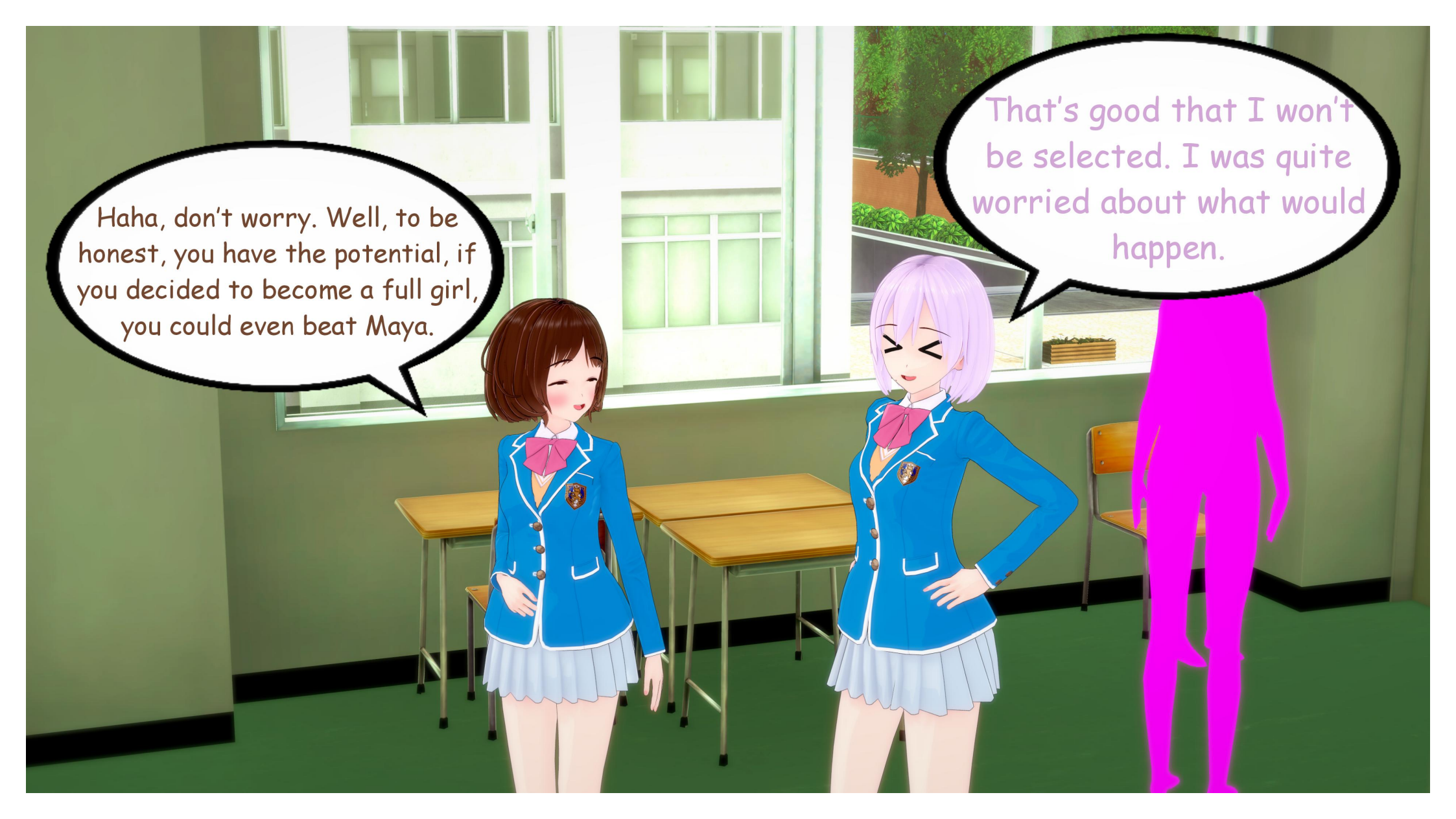
美術室

Thud!



What happened to Maya? She looked quite angry.

She was angry? Then you should be happy she didn't see you.




Haha, don't worry. Well, to be honest, you have the potential, if you decided to become a full girl, you could even beat Maya.

That's good that I won't be selected. I was quite worried about what would happen.



whatever
you say,

What!? No girl stands a
chance against Maya. She's
the pinnacle of beauty! Also,
I'm not interested in
becoming a girl.



Guess it's
your turn,
huh?


Yeah, time to
give the worst
performance of
all time!

Shizuka Takahashi!



Shizuka, is
that correct?

Um..
Yeah..




Alright then, show
me what you've
got.

After the awful performance

So... what do you think?


Uhh, well... you do know this is an audition for a romantic play, right? Not for a Viking warrior?





Look, you've got enthusiasm, but you've got a long way to go.

Huh? What do you mean? I don't see anything wrong.



don't take this the wrong way, but your presence doesn't really give off that feminine charm we're looking for.

We need someone who can act gracefully and fit the role's energy, but right now, you're missing both. Sorry.

It's okay, I understand.
That's... sad
for me.


Exactly what I
wanted, haha!
I'll definitely
be rejected
now.



What is this girl
doing here!?

Oh, you two know
each other? She's
here for the
audition.


Uhh...
Maya...

An anime-style illustration of two girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left has short purple hair and is looking towards the girl on the right. The girl on the right has long blonde hair and is speaking, with a speech bubble above her. They are in a room with a desk, a lamp, and a door in the background.

What!? You can't be serious! Well, yeah, I'll admit she's a great actress. I've never seen anyone quite like her.




Hmm, looks like
Maya really hates
this girl. I wonder
why... maybe I can
use it for my
advantage.




Shizuka, you
may go now.

Umm
Ok..



So, what's the deal between you and her?

Ugh, forget it. But you're not casting her if it's up to me!

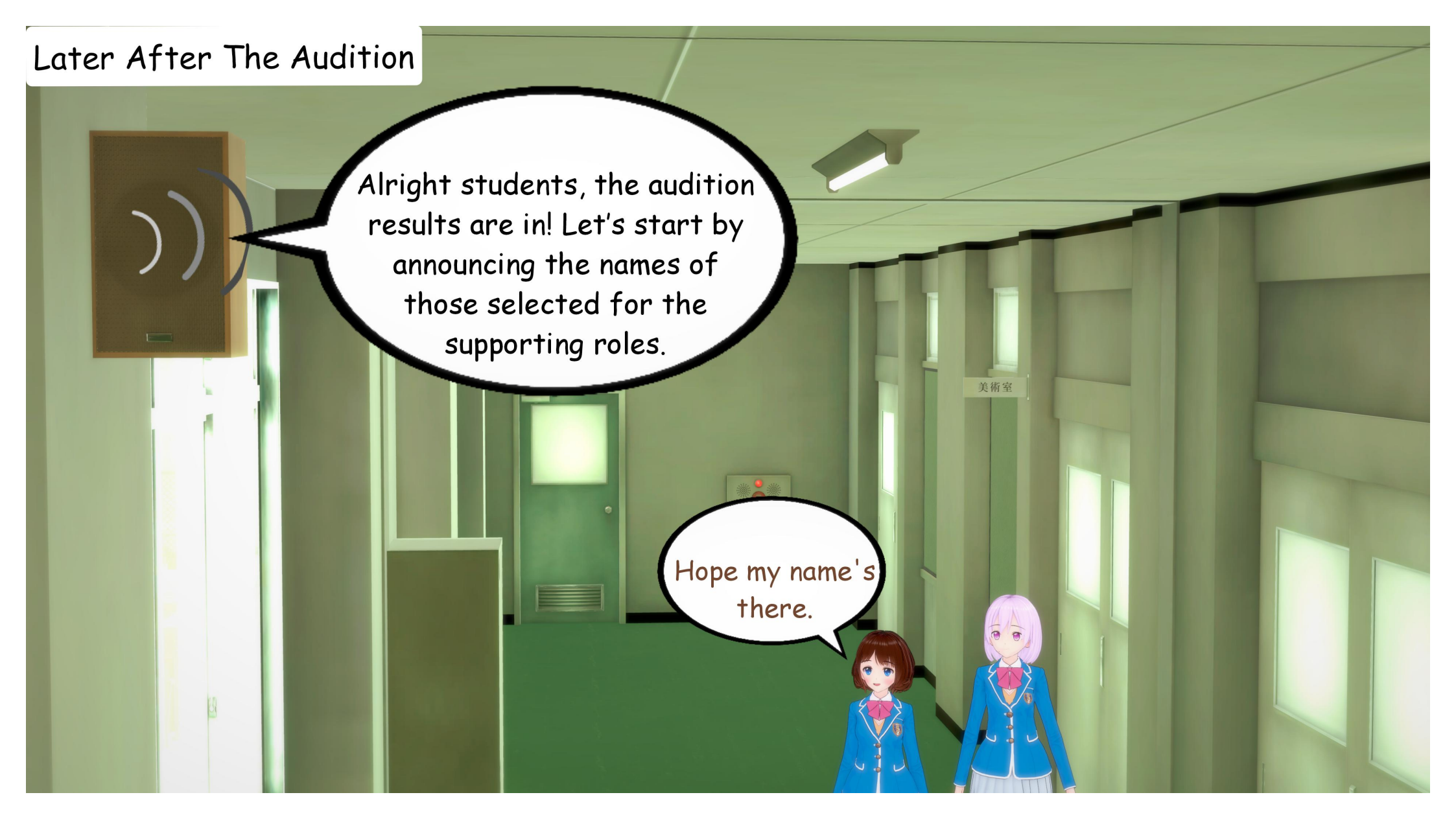


Oh? And what will you do if I do cast her?

So, how did it go?


Clean! Haha,
I'm definitely
not getting
selected.

Later After The Audition

A school hallway with a green carpet and white walls. A large speaker is mounted on the wall on the left. A sign above a door in the distance reads "美術室" (Art Room). Two girls in blue school uniforms are standing in the foreground. One girl has a speech bubble.

Alright students, the audition results are in! Let's start by announcing the names of those selected for the supporting roles.

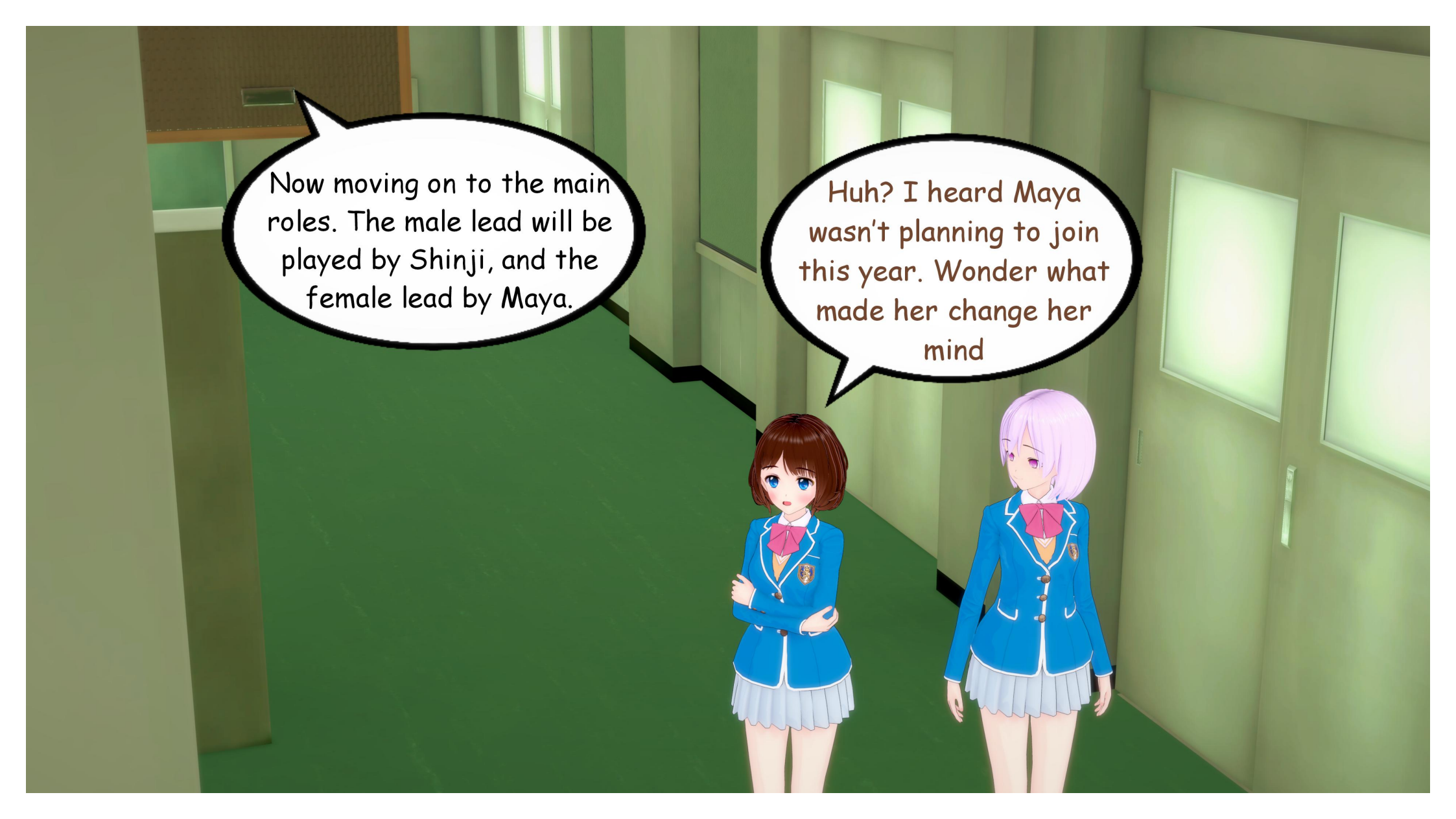
Hope my name's there.

A scene from an anime or manga showing two girls in school uniforms standing in a hallway. The girl on the left has short brown hair and is smiling. The girl on the right has short purple hair and is also smiling. They are both wearing blue jackets with white trim and pink bows. The background is a simple hallway with green walls and a green carpet.

And... Miko!
That concludes
the supporting
cast.

Yesss! I
got picked!
Woohoo!

Congrats...
lucky you.


A 3D-rendered scene of two anime-style girls in school uniforms standing in a hallway. The girl on the left has brown hair and blue eyes, while the girl on the right has purple hair and purple eyes. Both are wearing blue blazers with white trim and pink bows. The hallway has green walls and doors with frosted glass windows.

Now moving on to the main roles. The male lead will be played by Shinji, and the female lead by Maya.

Huh? I heard Maya wasn't planning to join this year. Wonder what made her change her mind

The image depicts a scene in a school hallway with green walls and doors. Two anime-style female characters are present. The character on the left has short brown hair and is wearing a blue school jacket with a pink bow and a light blue skirt. She is shown from the back, with her arms crossed. The character on the right has short purple hair and is wearing the same school uniform. She is facing the first character with a slight smile and her right hand is extended. A large speech bubble with a black border is positioned above her, containing the text: "Whatever... I'm just glad I dodged that bullet."

Whatever... I'm just glad I dodged that bullet.

A character with short, dark brown hair and a blue jacket is shown from the back, looking towards a speaker mounted on a wall. The setting is a modern building with large glass windows. A speech bubble from the speaker contains the text.

And finally... the
role of the Main
Antagonist will be
played by... Shizuka
Takahashi!

Whoa, did I just
hear that right!?

Huh!? Where
did you-





Hey!
What
happened
to you!?