



MAN OF HOUSE

CHAPTER 14

YOU? AGAIN? PFFF I GUESS YOU DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE... OKEY, IF YOU INSIST ON WANTING TO BE ONE OF US I'LL LET YOU TRY, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE MANY OPTIONS ANYWAY...

BUT I'M WARNING YOU, YOU'LL HAVE A HARD TIME, YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED IT YESTERDAY WITH HOLLY, SOME GIRLS DON'T LIKE YOU, PLUS YOU ONLY HAVE 2 WEEKS TO GET TO OUR LEVEL, ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS?

Y-YEAH, IT'S NO PROBLEM FOR ME,
I'M WILLING TO PUT UP WITH WHATEVER
I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH

SNIFF

I JUST... I JUST NEED TO DISTRACT MY
MIND RIGHT NOW, SO I'LL DO ANYTHING
TO MAKE THE TIME GO BY FAST... AND
SORRY, I'M LATE AGAIN, I HAD A LITTLE
MISHAP...

UMH... I UNDERSTAND IF YOU AND THE
OTHER GIRLS DON'T LIKE ME... I WON'T
CAUSE ANY MORE PROBLEMS, JUST
TELL ME WHAT TO DO...



HUH? ...OKAY, I GUESS THAT ATTITUDE IS BETTER, BUT YOU DON'T INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN ME... LOOK, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THIS TODAY, SO LAURA WILL TAKE CHARGE OF YOU


I SEE YOU ALREADY COME WITH YOUR UNIFORM ON, DON'T DO THAT AGAIN, WE HAVE DRESSING ROOMS FOR A REASON... AT LEAST TODAY YOU GOT SOME DECENT SHORTS, THAT'S GOOD, WE DON'T WANT THE GUYS TO THINK WE'RE SLUTS

AND BEFORE YOU ASK, THE BOYS ARE NOT TRAINING WITH US TODAY, APPARENTLY THEY HAVE A FRIENDLY MATCH WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL, SO DON'T TRY TO DO SOMETHING SILLY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION, IT WON'T WORK....




POM POMS?

YEAH, YOU'VE NEVER WORN ONE BEFORE? DON'T WORRY, THEY ARE NOT DIFFICULT TO USE, IT'S A MATTER OF COORDINATION, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU DO THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RIGHT WAY AND IN THE RIGHT TIME, IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE THE POMPOMS WILL HIGHLIGHT MUCH MORE YOUR FAULTS

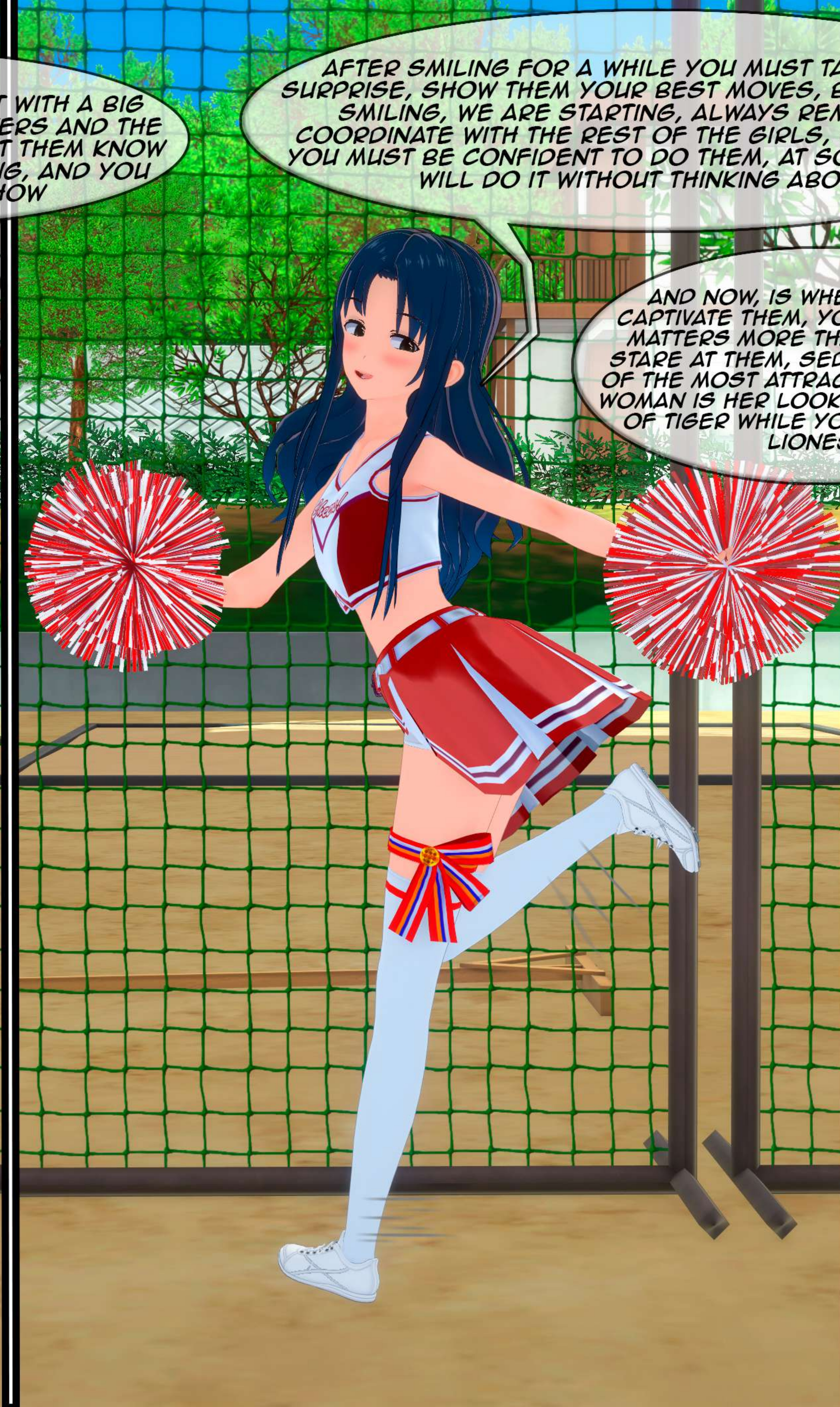


BY THE WAY, I'M LAURA, I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF BEFORE, I HEARD THAT YOU HAD PROBLEMS YESTERDAY WITH HOLLY... LOOK, I KNOW WHY THEY HATE YOU, BUT I DON'T DISLIKE YOU, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I'M NOT GOING TO BE A BITCH WITH YOU, I'M NOT HERE TO BOTHER YOU, SO YOU CAN RELAX, YOU SEEM VERY TENSE AND THAT'S NOT GOOD IF WHAT YOU WANT IS TO LEARN TO MOVE


I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU A FEW MOVEMENTS, I WANT YOU TO PAY ATTENTION AND MEMORIZE THEM, WE HAVE SEVERAL ROUTINES, SOME MORE COMPLEX THAN OTHERS, BUT IF YOU DO IT RIGHT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET USED TO IT



IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO START WITH A BIG SMILE, TRANSMIT TO THE PLAYERS AND THE PUBLIC A POSITIVE ENERGY, LET THEM KNOW THAT A GOOD SHOW IS COMING, AND YOU ARE PART OF THAT SHOW



AFTER SMILING FOR A WHILE YOU MUST TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE, SHOW THEM YOUR BEST MOVES, BUT DON'T STOP SMILING, WE ARE STARTING, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO COORDINATE WITH THE REST OF THE GIRLS, QUICK MOVES, YOU MUST BE CONFIDENT TO DO THEM, AT SOME POINT YOU WILL DO IT WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT



AND NOW, IS WHEN YOU MUST CAPTIVATE THEM, YOUR STARE NOW MATTERS MORE THAN ANY SMILE, STARE AT THEM, SEDUCE THEM, ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE THINGS IN A WOMAN IS HER LOOK, KEEP YOUR EYE OF TIGER WHILE YOU POSE LIKE A LIONESS



OKAY, YOU'VE SEEN HOW IT'S DONE, NOW I WANT YOU TO TRY IT

YOU WANT ME TO DO ALL THAT?!

YEAH, TRY IT, SO I CAN GET AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU NEED TO IMPROVE



STRETCH YOUR ARM OUT MORE, LIFT YOUR HEAD UP. WHY AREN'T YOU SMILING? HEY, PUT A LITTLE MORE PEP IN IT

LMH, OKAY...



WAS THAT A JUMP? PLEASE ANNIE, I KNOW YOU CAN DO BETTER, YOU'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THE POM-POMS, LOOK AT THE POM-POMS!


W-WHAT? YOU SAID THE POM-POMS DIDN'T MATTER! HEY, THIS ISN'T EASY AT ALL YOU KNOW!



WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK? IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WOULD CALL SEXY

SEXY? WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SEXY!

YOU NEED TO BE SEXY, AFTER ALL, YOU'RE A CHEERLEADER. DO I REALLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU?



ALL RIGHT ANNIE, I THINK WE ARE DONE FOR TODAY, LOOK, I'M GOING TO BE HONEST, YOU SUCK AT THIS, MAYBE YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER WHAT KELLY SAID, AND I'M NOT SAYING THIS TO BE MEAN, BUT IT'S NOT LONG BEFORE REGIONALS AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE READY FOR WHAT THAT ENTAILS, MAYBE PHYSICALLY YOU ARE NOT THAT BAD, YOU HAVE A GOOD BODY, BUT IF YOU DON'T FIX YOUR MENTAL DISPOSITION, YOU WILL BE STUCK

I DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD DAY... I'M SORRY...


HEY, YOU APOLOGIZE A LOT ALL THE TIME, I REMEMBER AT THE PARTY YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT ATTITUDE. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CONFIDENCE? I MEAN, I THOUGHT YOUR CHANGE OF LOOK WAS BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO FIT IN MORE WITH US



LOOK IF THIS WAS ALL BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH KELLY AND HOLLY, DON'T WORRY, THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE BITCHY, SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL GET TIRED OF PICKING ON YOU

IT'S NOT THAT, I TOLD YOU, I JUST HAD A BAD DAY, THOSE BRATS DON'T INTIMIDATE ME, I'M MUCH OLDER THAN THEM... LOOK I REALLY WANT TO GO HOME, I'M A LITTLE TIRED

OH... OKAY, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN, DON'T BE DISCOURAGED QUEEN, I KNOW YOU CAN DO BETTER



OH ANNIE, IT'S YOU, YOU LOOK SO PRETTY IN THAT CHEERLEADER OUTFIT. DIDN'T YOU CHANGE AT SCHOOL? DIDN'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE WHILE RIDING THE SUBWAY? YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL, THERE ARE A LOT OF PERVERTS OUT THERE NOWADAYS, AND A GIRL LIKE YOU IS EASY PREY, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

HOW DID IT GO AT THE OFFICE? DID YOU LIKE YOUR NEW POSITION? I KNOW YOU PROBABLY THINK THOSE KIND OF "WOMEN'S JOBS" ARE SILLY AND EASY, BUT I'M SURE YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED. DID YOU HAVE FUN BEING THE SECRETARY OF A REAL SALESMAN? DINNER IS READY, GO HAVE A SEAT



I'M VERY TIRED, I'M SORRY,
I'LL GO TO SLEEP

HEY WAIT MISS, I DIDN'T
GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO-

DOOR CLOSING!

HUH? WHAT THE FLICK IS WRONG WITH HER? WHY
THAT ATTITUDE ALL OF A SUDDEN? SHE WAS
CRYING.... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER IN THE
OFFICE OR WITH THE OTHER CHEERLEADERS?
...SHIT, THIS IS NOT GOOD!

NGGNH FUCK!

OWWW!

OH SHIT! IT HURTS
IT HURTS!



DAMN IT, DAMN LUCAS, WHY DID HE HAVE TO DO THIS TO ME? I DID EVERYTHING HE ORDERED ME TO DO, IT'S NOT FAIR, IT'S NOT FAIR!

MY BUTTOCKS ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYED, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SIT UP ALL DAY, IT HURTS EVERY TIME I TRY

SHHHH



A woman is shown from the back, wearing a red and blue striped bikini. She is in a bedroom with a bed, a dresser, and a wardrobe. Her hand is resting on her hip. Two speech bubbles contain her thoughts.

I CAN'T LET JANE KNOW, I CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW ABOUT THIS, SARAH... JUST TODAY I RAN INTO HER, I PROMISED MYSELF TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS END QUICKLY... BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH

I'M LIKE 10 YEARS OLDER THAN LUCA. WHY DID I LET HIM TREAT ME LIKE THIS? WHY IS HE MY BOSS? WHY DID HE DECIDE TO SPANK ME AS A PUNISHMENT? THAT'S HOW THEY PUNISH LITTLE GIRLS, I'M NOT A LITTLE GIRL!




I'M NOT A LITTLE GIRL,
I'M NOT, I'M NOT!

YOU DID WHAT?! WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH YOU? WHO GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO HIT HER?

HEY, DON'T FORGET THAT SHE IS MY EMPLOYEE, THE WAY I DECIDE TO PUNISH HER IS MY BUSINESS, NOT YOURS!

THIS IS MY BUSINESS TOO! YOU AND I MADE A DEAL, REMEMBER... LOOK, I DON'T MIND YOU BOTHERING HER OR HUMILIATING HER, BUT HITTING HER IS TOO MUCH, I DON'T WANT HER TO GIVE UP, ALL THE WORK I'VE INVESTED IN HER FOR MONTHS WILL GO TO HELL IF ANNIE'S MIND CAN'T TAKE THAT MUCH PUNISHMENT

A man with black hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie, is driving a car. He has a stern, angry expression on his face. The car's interior is visible, including the steering wheel and seats. The background shows a road and some greenery.

YOUR WORK FOR MONTHS, HUH? LOOK, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH HER, THE AGREEMENT WE MADE ONLY IMPLIED THAT I KEEP HER ON MY PAYROLL AS MY SECRETARY, IF YOU WANT ME TO TREAT HER BETTER, THEN WE SHOULD RECONSIDER OUR AGREEMENT

RECONSIDER THE AGREEMENT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M JUST ASKING YOU NOT TO HIT HER, DON'T BE AN IDIOT. DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO? YOU FORGED PAPERS TO GET ANNIE IN AS YOUR SECRETARY, I DON'T THINK YOUR BOSS WOULD LIKE THAT VERY MUCH IF ANYONE TOLD HIM

YES JANE, BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS DONE ILLEGAL THINGS, YOU KNOW, I KNOW YOU CAN SCREW ME BUT I CAN SCREW YOU TOO, SO NEITHER OF YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO GET OUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO ROGERS

...WHAT DO YOU WANT?

THE CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL, I'M GOING TO NEED IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BUT THE CURRENT CONTRACT ENDS IN 2 MONTHS, I HAVE BEEN CLEAR WITH YOU ABOUT THAT!



YEAH, WELL SOME PROBLEMS CAME UP ALONG THE WAY, GET ME AT LEAST GET YOUR SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TO START NEGOTIATING A PRE-AGREEMENT WITH OUR COMPANY AND I'LL TREAT YOUR GIRL BETTER. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YOU'RE GETTING SMART WITH ME LUCA, YOU KNOW THAT?

WHAT? I'M RUINING YOUR "FUN"? I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR FUN JANE, IT'S A BUSINESS, WE STILL HAVE OUR MEETING THIS WEEK, I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN UNTIL THEN



YES... OF COURSE... THE MEETING IS STILL ON,
I HOPE YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE
DOING, I DON'T LIKE THIS KIND OF TRICKS

AS YOU SAY, BYE JANE



SHIT... LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO
MAKE A COUPLE MORE CALLS TONIGHT,
THIS SUCKS...

HANG UP

TO BE CONTINUED

WHY ARE YOU WAKING ME UP SO EARLY?
AND WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE YOU'RE
GOING OUT AT THIS HOUR?

ANNIE, DEAR, I'M GOING TO TAKE UP
SOME OF YOUR TIME TODAY, I NEED YOU
TO MEET A FRIEND OF MINE

WAIT, WHAT? YOU KNOW I HAVE TO
WORK, DON'T YOU?

DON'T WORRY, WE WON'T BE LONG, IF YOU
GO AND SHOWER AND GET DRESSED
RIGHT NOW YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME
TO GET TO WORK

I DON'T KNOW JANE, I REALLY NEED TO GET TO WORK EARLY, IF I'M LATE AGAIN MY BOSS MIGHT FIRE ME AND... AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, I NEED THE MONEY TO PAY MY DEBT, YOU KNOW THAT

AND WHERE ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO TAKE ME? WHO IS THIS FRIEND OF YOURS AND WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO MEET HIM?

FIRST OF ALL, YOU SHOULDN'T CALL ME JANE, I AM YOUR AUNT JANE, AND SECONDLY, YOU TALK AS IF YOU HAVE A CHOICE, GO AND TAKE A BATH RIGHT NOW MISS, I ASSURE YOU THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU WILL THANK ME FOR THIS

OH DEAR, THOSE DOUBTS WILL BE SOLVED WHEN WE GET THERE, DON'T WORRY, IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD





JANE, I WAS A BIT SURPRISED BY YOUR CALL LAST NIGHT, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HEARD FROM YOU, I SEE YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR OLD WAYS

YES, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN ANTON, SORRY TO MAKE YOU GET UP EARLY, I WOULDN'T CALL ON YOU UNLESS I HAD TO

DON'T WORRY, IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR YOU.... WOW, I SEE YOU'RE STILL KEEPING IN SHAPE, YOU'RE A LADY NOW!

YEP, WE'LL HAVE TIME TO CATCH UP LATER

AND I GUESS THIS LITTLE MISS IS ANNIE, AM I RIGHT?

HELLO, MR. YACKO...


ANNIE, SAY HELLO TO MR. YACKO

HMMM, SHE'S A LITTLE SHY... ANNIE, I NEED TO TALK TO YOUR AUNT ALONE, IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A SEAT, I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT

GLUHHE!

NGGNH!





OKAY SO IN SUMMARY, 33 YEAR OLD MALE, SHORT STATURE, HAS A WIFE AND ONE CHILD, PSYCHOLOGICALLY UNSTABLE, BEEN WITH YOU FOR 2 TO 3 MONTHS, IS THAT CORRECT?

WELL, THE ONLY THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS HER MENTAL STATE. YOU TOLD ME SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE RECENTLY


YES, IT'S RIGHT. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT?



I SEE, AND TELL ME, YOUR DEAR ANNIE HAS SOME GOAL IN ALL THIS?

YES, HER ASSHOLE BOSS HIT HER, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE, THE WHOLE PROCESS WAS GOING WELL UNTIL NOW, SHE WAS ALREADY MAKING SOME PROGRESS, BUT THIS COULD RUIN IT, I DON'T WANT THE SAME THING TO HAPPEN AS LAST TIME

A GOAL? WELL, YOU COULD SAY YES, SHE HAS THE HOPE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE LIKE BEFORE, TO GET HER WIFE AND SON BACK, THAT'S WHAT I PROMISED HER SO SHE WOULD AGREE TO MAKE THE TRANSITION... AND I'M BLACKMAILING HER TOO...



A WIFE AND CHILD,? HMMM THAT'S GOOD, IF SHE HAS COME THIS FAR FOR THEM, SHE PROBABLY HAS A GREAT DETERMINATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN WELL FOCUSED, MAYBE THAT WILL COUNTERACT THE ISSUE OF HER TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

I WON'T CHARGE YOU FOR THIS MY DEAR, BUT I'M CURIOUS, ARE YOU BACK IN THE BUSINESS? IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU LEFT THAT LIFE, OR SO I THOUGHT, LAST I HEARD, YOU WERE WORKING AS A TEACHER IN A SCHOOL

...HEHE, YOU NEVER LIKED MY MIND TRICKS, DID YOU? YOU ALWAYS PREFERRED TO DO IT YOUR WAY, BUT I UNDERSTAND... HOW FAR YOU WANT ME TO GO WITH HER

WELL, I HOPE THAT'S ENOUGH, THIS HAS BEEN MY MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT AND I DON'T WANT IT TO BE RUINED BY A STUPID THING, HELP ME WITH THIS ANTON, PLEASE, I'LL PAY WHATEVER IT TAKES

THIS IS NOT FOR MONEY, THOSE YEARS ARE GONE AND I DID VERY WELL, I MADE A LOT OF MONEY, IT'S JUST THAT... I COULDN'T HOLD MYSELF BACK YOU KNOW, I SAW THE OPPORTUNITY AND I TOOK IT, ANNIE HAS ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS TO BE THE PERFECT CANDIDATE, A FEW YEARS AGO THEY WOULD HAVE PAID MILLIONS FOR HER, BUT THIS TIME I WANT HER FOR MYSELF, EVEN IF IT'S NECESSARY TO RESORT TO YOUR MIND TRICKS



NOT MUCH, I WANT HER TO REMAIN AWARE
OF HER SITUATION, BUT FOR HER WILL TO BE
REDUCED, I WANT HER TO ACCEPT WHO SHE
IS AND WHAT HER PLACE IS NOW

OKAY, THAT MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME, IF YOU
WANT YOU CAN WAIT OUTSIDE, I WILL LET
YOU KNOW WHEN SHE IS READY

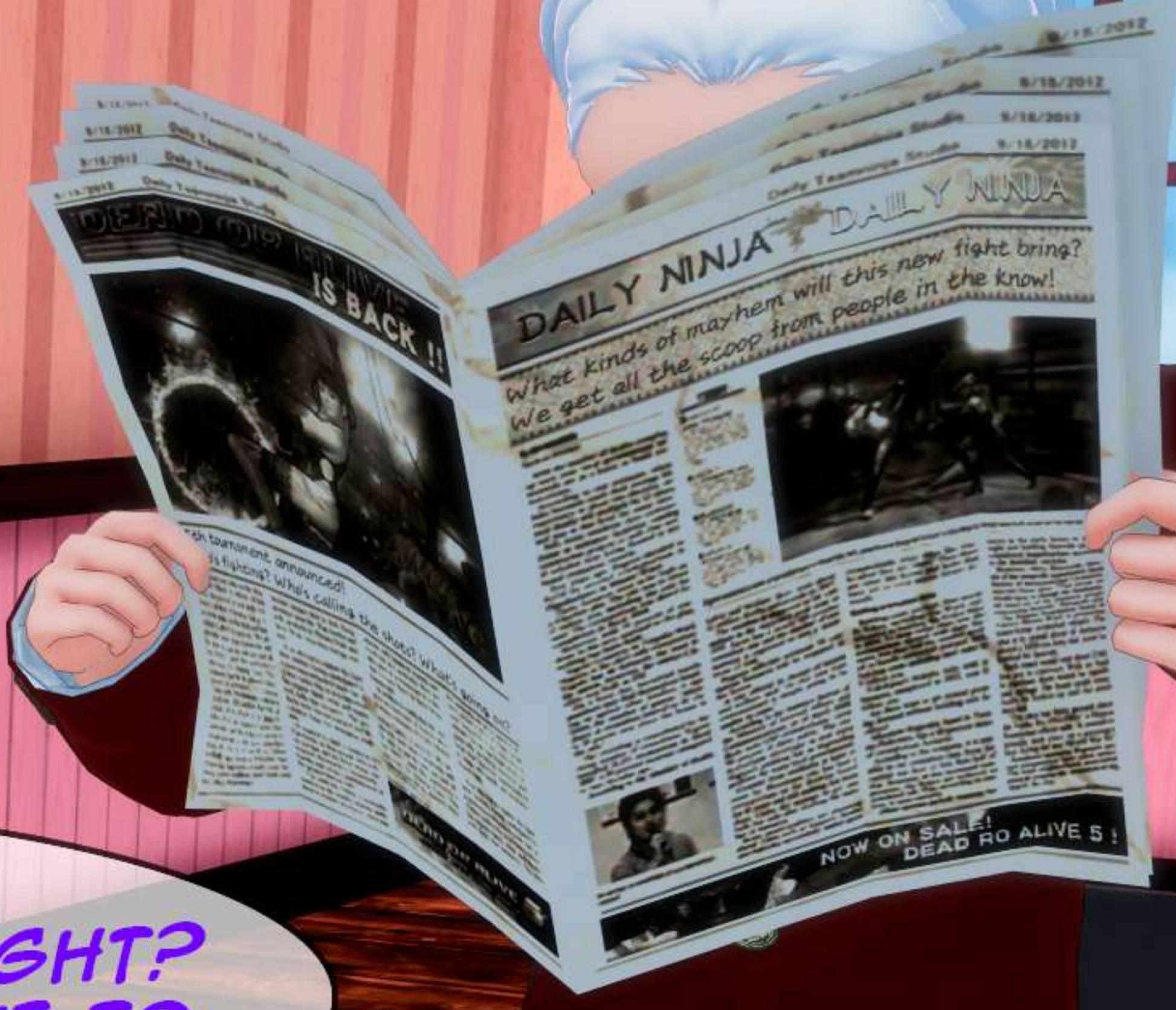
5 MINUTES LATER

EMH, EXCUSE ME MR. YACKO, I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M HERE, BUT I CAN'T STAY TOO LONG YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO GO TO WORK, I CAN'T BE LATE, I GUESS YOU MUST BE A PSYCHOLOGIST OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT

I REALLY DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I DON'T KNOW WHY JANE WOULD THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO BRING ME, SO WHY DON'T WE FINISH THIS QUICKLY SO I CAN GO?

HE'S IGNORING ME? SINCE HE SAT THERE READING THAT STUPID NEWSPAPER, HE HASN'T EVEN LOOKED ME IN THE EYE

HEY? YOU HEARD ME RIGHT? I JUST TOLD YOU I HAVE TO GO TO WORK!



HEY, ANSWER ME, DAMN IT! I'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE, I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO. ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME? IS THAT IT? IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF JANE'S WHIMS? IS SHE WATCHING ME ON CAMERA WAITING FOR ME TO GET MAD? WHY AM I HERE? WHO ARE YOU? ANSWER ME!

HMMM...



YOUR SON AND YOUR WIFE,
YOU WANT THEM BACK?



WH-WHAT? WHAT DID
YOU JUST SAY?!



WHAT YOU JUST HEARD, I ASKED YOU IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR FAMILY BACK, GO BACK TO THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE ANNIE, JANE TOLD ME EVERYTHING, I CAN HELP YOU

HELP ME?! WAIT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND, IF IT'S JANE'S FAULT THAT I'M IN THIS SITUATION! WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO HELP ME NOW?!

SHE'S NOT THE ONE WHO'S OFFERING YOU HELP, I'M THE ONE WHO'S DOING IT, I CAN MAKE THIS ALL SO MUCH EASIER FOR YOU, SO MUCH MORE BEARABLE



LISTEN ANNIE, I'M NOT AN ORDINARY DOCTOR, I'M NOT A PSYCHOLOGIST EITHER, I'M WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A MIND PROFESSIONAL, I CAN MAKE YOUR MENTAL DISPOSITIONS CHANGE SO THAT THE THINGS THAT WORRY YOU WILL STOP WORRYING YOU

NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT, I AM NOT HERE TO HURT YOU ANNIE, IF I AM BEING HONEST WITH YOU IT IS BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS FOR IT TO WORK, WITHOUT YOUR WILL I CAN DO NOTHING


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO BRAINWASH ME? ...OH NO... NOW I GET IT, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, YOU WANT TO TURN ME INTO A PUPPET RIGHT? I'VE SEEN IT IN THE MOVIES, YOU'RE GOING TO INSERT SOME KIND OF CHIP OR SOMETHING?

MY WILL? ...I DON'T UNDERSTAND, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING TO ME AT ALL, WHY WOULD I WANT YOU TO BRAINWASH ME? I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO LET YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

YOU ARE NOT STUPID, I KNOW THAT, THAT IS WHY I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM TELLING YOU, AND THAT IS WHY I KNOW YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN WHAT I HAVE TO SAY

LOOK, I KNOW THIS HAS NOT BEEN EASY FOR YOU, YOU WERE A MAN OVER THIRTY YEARS OLD AND NOW YOU ARE LIVING A FAKE LIFE LIKE A TEENAGE GIRL, YOU MADE A DEAL WITH JANE, AND NOW YOU ARE TRYING TO GET YOUR OLD LIFE BACK, AM I WRONG?


I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL IT A DEAL, BUT YES, IN A FEW WORDS I STARTED THIS BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP MY SON AND NOW I FEEL THAT THE SITUATION GOT OUT OF MY HANDS... WHAT I NEED IS FOR THAT CRAZY WOMAN WHO CALLS ME NIECE TO LEAVE ME ALONE!



AND WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF YOUR SON OR YOUR WIFE FIND OUT WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME? DO YOU THINK THEY WILL LET IT GO? DO YOU THINK THEY WILL FORGIVE YOU? I THINK I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, AND YOU ARE DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE


BUT MY QUESTION IS, DO YOU THINK YOU ARE CAPABLE OF IT, OF GOING THROUGH WITH IT TO THE END, WHAT IF YOUR MIND CAN'T TAKE IT? I KNOW YOU SEE YOUR SON EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL. CAN YOU DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT HE SEES YOU LIKE THIS? WHAT IF YOUR WIFE SEES YOU LIKE THIS? CAN YOU DEAL WITH IT? WHAT IF YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH IT? WHAT IF AT SOME POINT YOU DECIDE TO TELL THEM THE TRUTH? WOULD YOU MAKE A DECISION THAT YOU WILL REGRET FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

WE ARE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR FEELINGS ANNIE, AND SOMETIMES THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MAKE THE WORST POSSIBLE DECISIONS




WHAT I OFFER YOU IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTROL THOSE FEELINGS, NO MORE ANGUISH, NO MORE FEAR, NO MORE SHAME, NO MORE GUILT, WITH THE TREATMENT I OFFER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL ALL THAT, YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM, AND ONCE YOUR LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL, THIS WILL SEEM LIKE JUST A WEIRD DREAM YOU HAD, IF YOU WANT YOU CAN LEAVE AND GO YOUR OWN WAY, BUT IF YOU WANT MY HELP YOU CAN STAY, I WON'T TAKE MUCH OF YOUR TIME

IS THIS FOR REAL? NO, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BELIEVE HIM, IT HAS TO BE A TRAP, BUT... IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE WHAT HE IS OFFERING ME?



RELAX, TAKE A DEEP BREATH, FOR THIS TO WORK I
NEED YOU TO CLEAR YOUR WORRIES, DON'T WORRY
ABOUT YOUR WORK, SCHOOL OR YOUR FAMILY, JUST
THINK THAT YOU ARE IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN
BREATHE CALMLY, WHERE THERE IS SILENCE, WHERE
YOU ARE IN PEACE



YEAHAAHH-HAAA ...I THINK I GOT IT, I FEEL LIKE MY BODY IS A FEATHER, WHAT NEXT?

KEEP BREATHING, KEEP THAT CALM SPOT, I'M GOING TO SNAP MY FINGERS, I WANT YOU TO OPEN YOUR EYES SLOWLY WHEN YOU HEAR THE SNAP

I WANT YOU NOW TO FOCUS ALL YOUR THOUGHTS ON YOUR GOAL, BUT DON'T GET ANXIOUS ABOUT IT, REPEAT TO YOURSELF IN YOUR MIND THE REASON WHY YOU ARE DOING THIS, YOU ARE DOING IT FOR YOUR WIFE AND YOUR SON, DON'T STOP REPEATING IT, OKAY?

Y-YES...

OKAY, HERE WE GO!

⇒SNAP⇐

WHAT DO YOU SEE, ANNIE?

OKAY, I WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON IT. WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

UMH... A CLOCK?





TO YOU, MR. YACKO?

MY CONSCIENCE?

THIS IS SOME KIND OF
HYPNOSIS? WILL IT REALLY
WORK? I DON'T NOTICE
ANYTHING STRANGE YET...

NO, THERE'S NO MR. YACKO
HERE, THERE'S JUST YOU
AND YOUR CONSCIENCE

THAT'S RIGHT ANNIE,
YOU MUST LISTEN TO
YOUR CONSCIENCE

CONCENTRATE ANNIE, DON'T
LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR GOAL!

TELL ME WHAT IS YOUR NAME? WHO
ARE YOU? WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF
YOUR LOVED ONES? TELL ME WHAT
YOU KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF

HUH?!



STOP RIGHT THERE! I HAVE TO CORRECT YOU...

MY NAME IS JOHN ROGERS, I'M 33 YEARS OLD, MY WIFE IS SARAH ROGERS, MY SON IS DANIEL ROGERS, I'M AN INSURANCE SALESMAN WHO WORKS IN A BUILDING DOWNTOWN

CORRECT ME?



YES, CORRECT YOU, I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT YOUR BODY FOR A MOMENT, TELL ME, DOES THAT BODY LOOK LIKE THAT OF A 33 YEAR OLD MAN BY ANY CHANCE?

WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT A MALE BODY?

TELL ME WHAT YOUR BODY LOOKS LIKE

FEMININE? GIVE ME MORE DETAILS

N-NO, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT...

ABSOLUTELY NOT, IT DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL MASCULINE

FEMININE?



I HAVE SMALL BREASTS, LIKE THOSE OF A
TEENAGER... I HAVE CHUBBY LEGS, BIG
THIGHS...MY NAILS ARE PAINTED RED, I AM
SMALL, ALMOST HAIRLESS...

AND WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME
ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES?

PINK SHORTS, SPORT SHIRT,
PANTIES, "A" CUP BRA



OKAY, I WANT YOU TO KEEP LOOKING AT THE WATCH, DON'T STOP LOOKING AT IT, NOW ANSWER ME, AFTER EVERYTHING YOU JUST TOLD ME, DO YOU STILL THINK ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE YOU IF YOU TOLD THEM YOUR NAME WAS JOHN ROGERS?

THAT'S RIGHT ANNIE, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU ARE NOT JOHN ROGERS, YOU ARE ANNIE JONES, A TEENAGE GIRL WHO LIVES TOGETHER WITH HER AUNT WHOSE NAME IS JANE JONES, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

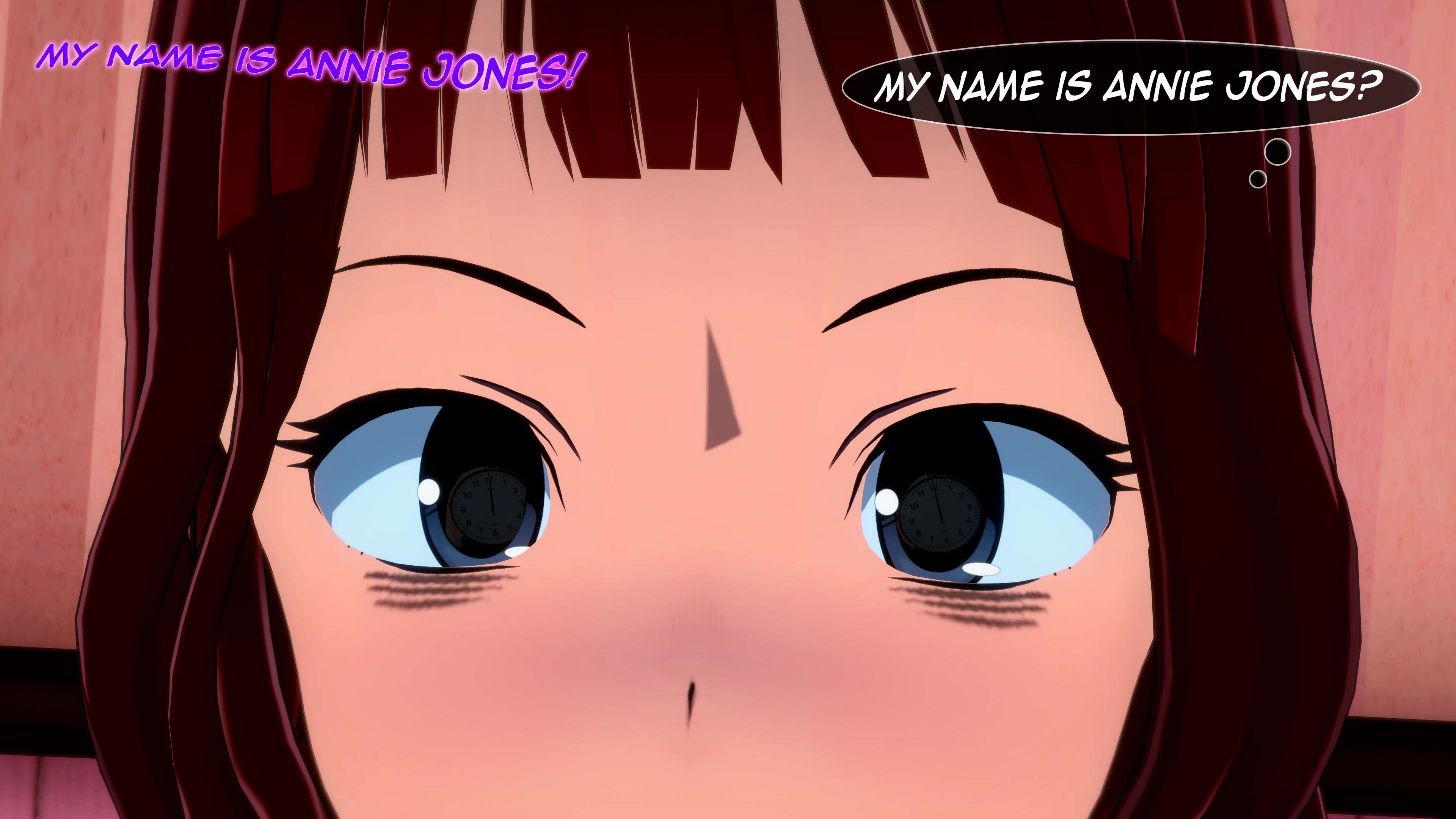
YES, EXACTLY! NOW I WANT YOU TO ANSWER ME AGAIN. WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

NO, THEY WOULD PROBABLY THINK I WAS JOKING

ANNIE JONES?

MY NAME IS ANNIE JONES!

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A WHILE LATER...

WELL ANNIE, I THINK WE'RE DONE, I'LL TELL YOUR AUNT TO COME IN, I THINK IT'S CLEAR HOW YOU SHOULD BEHAVE IN FRONT OF HER, I HOPE YOU WON'T LET ME DOWN





SO? HOW DID IT GO?
DID IT WORK?

I'LL LET YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF,
ANNIE IS NOW A GIRL WITH A WHOLE
NEW ATTITUDE, TRY TO ASK HER
SOME BASIC QUESTIONS, SO YOU
CAN GET TO KNOW HER

HMMM I UNDERSTAND.... OKAY,
LET'S SEE HOW IT GOES



HEY, GIRL, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOUR NAME IS?

MY NAME IS ANNIE JONES I AM A SWEET AND LOVING LITTLE GIRL, I LIKE TO PLAY WITH MY DOLLS, DRESS UP IN FLOWERY DRESSES, I LIKE MY TEDDIES, I LOVE TO HUG MY TEDDIES A LOT ESPECIALLY MR. HUGS!

...UMH...OKAY? ...TELL ME ANNIE DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

OF COURSE, YOU ARE MY AUNTY JANE, AND I AM YOUR LITTLE NIECE, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY GOOD AND SWEET TO ME... AUNTY, I HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD TODAY AND I HAVE FINISHED MY HOMEWORK, CAN I GO OUT AND PLAY WITH THE OTHER KIDS AT THE PARK? PLEEEAAAASSEE!



LIMH, ANTON, NOT FOR NOTHING, BUT I THINK YOU FRIED HER BRAIN, SHE'S A LITTLE... STUPID? ...I TOLD YOU I WANTED HER TO KEEP HER IDENTITY, BUT YOU LITERALLY TURNED HER INTO A GOOEY AND SILLY LITTLE GIRL

OH, DON'T WORRY, IT'S NORMAL FOR HER TO ACT LIKE THIS, HER MIND IS STILL ADJUSTING TO HER NEW CONDITION, YOU CAN SAY SHE IS RELIVING A FALSE CHILDHOOD BASED ON HER PREJUDICES OF HOW A LITTLE GIRL IS SUPPOSED TO ACT, IN A WHILE SHE SHOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL, YOU SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HER CURRENT STATE TO ASK HER ANY KIND OF QUESTION, SHE WILL SURELY ANSWER YOU TRUTHFULLY, ONCE SHE FINISHES HER TRANCE SHE WILL REMEMBER ABSOLUTELY NOTHING

OH I SEE, SO THIS IS THE WAY JOHN ROGERS THINKS LITTLE GIRLS ACT?...WOW, THE GUY THINKS WE ARE A STEREOTYPE, THANK GOODNESS HE WON'T BE AROUND FROM NOW ON... ALL RIGHT ANTON, IF THIS WORKS I'LL BE IN YOUR DEBT FOREVER

OF COURSE IT WILL WORK, I'M A PROFESSIONAL, YOU SHOULDN'T DOUBT THAT, MY DEAR

YOUR DEAR ANNIE WILL RETAIN AWARENESS OF WHO SHE REALLY IS, AND FROM NOW ON SHE WILL BE COMPLETELY SUBMISSIVE TO YOU, FOR HER YOU ARE THE VOICE OF REASON, YOU ARE HER AUNT, WHO IS HELPING HER TO GET HER WIFE AND SON BACK, SHE MAY DOUBT SOME OF YOUR ORDERS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT SHE WILL OBEY THEM ANYWAY...

SHE KNOWS THAT SHE USED TO BE A MAN, ALTHOUGH THOSE MEMORIES ARE BLOCKED NOW, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS THAT IN HER MIND FROM NOW ON SHE WILL PERCEIVE HERSELF AS A-

GIRL...






**LIMH, HUH? WHAT
HAPPENED? WHERE AM
I? ... GOSH, MY HEAD
HURTS!**



**M-MY CLOTHES? WHEN DID I CHANGE?
HUH? WHAT TIME IS IT? THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER WAS PRACTICING WITH THE
CHEERLEADERS AND...**

**OH NO! I HAD TO GET UP EARLY!
NOW I REMEMBER, I HAVE TO GET
MR. BARELLA'S COFFEE READY OR
ELSE HE'LL GET MAD AT ME! ...WAIT,
I HAVE TO WORK TODAY? I'M NOT
GOING TO SCHOOL? GOSH, IT'S
ALL SO CONFUSING...**



**SHE'S... AUNTY JANE? I'M IN HER
CAR, WHERE ARE WE GOING? W-WHY
DID SHE DECIDE TO TAKE ME TODAY?
I USUALLY TAKE THE SUBWAY... OWWW
MY HEAD HURTS!**

AUNTY JANE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?


HUH? ANNIE? HAVE YOU STOPPED BEING SUCH A SILLY LITTLE GIRL?

SILLY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT AUNTY JANE? WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME A SILLY LITTLE GIRL? I'M NOT A SILLY LITTLE GIRL! I WAS VERY GOOD AT MATH, I'M SURE I STILL AM...

MATH? OH I SEE... SO, TELL ME ANNIE, WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

UMHH, I MEAN, TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOURSELF WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DO YOU WORK? WHO IS YOUR FAMILY?



NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW I GOT HERE... UMH, I DON'T KNOW, I'M ANNIE, YOUR NIECE, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT, I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH YOU FOR A FEW MONTHS... MOM AND DAD... MOM AND DAD? ... OH NO, IT'S ALL SO BLURRY, MY HEAD HURTS JUST TRYING TO REMEMBER....

RELAX ANNIE, TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT OTHER RELATIVES YOU HAVE...

RELATIVES... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YES, I REMEMBER... SARAH, DANIEL... I HAVE A WIFE AND A SON? I USED TO BE SOMEONE DIFFERENT... UMH... A MAN? I WAS A MAN?! YES, A SALESMAN, BUT FOR SOME REASON I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE, IT'S SO WEIRD, IT'S LIKE I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW...

OH ANNIE, DEAR, OF COURSE YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT, MAYBE I SHOULD HELP YOU REMEMBER



WE STILL HAVE TIME BEFORE WE GET TO YOUR OFFICE, I THINK LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR CURRENT SITUATION

GOD, THIS REALLY WORKED! THIS IS GREAT, MAYBE FINALLY ANNIE'S FLAWS ARE GONE... I MUST ADMIT THAT THIS IS MAKING ME A LITTLE HOT...

A WHILE LATER

WELL, HERE WE ARE, DID YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR DID YOU UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING I SAID?

WHY AM I DRESSED LIKE THIS? I'VE NEVER SEEN THESE CLOTHES IN MY CLOSET BEFORE...

YOU TOLD ME YOUR BOSS ASKED FOR NEW CLOTHES AND MAKEUP, I JUST HELPED YOU WITH IT, WE BOUGHT THE CLOTHES ON THE WAY HERE

AND HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WORK?



DID YOU FORGET THAT TOO? I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IT, YOU SILLY, IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE BROUGHT YOU HERE, IN FACT YOU ASKED ME TO DO IT YOURSELF TODAY

DID I REALLY DO IT?UHM SORRY, IT'S JUST THAT EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME IS REALLY HARD TO ASSIMILATE...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? DO YOU THINK I'M LYING TO YOU?



IT'S NOT THAT, IT'S JUST THAT... AMNESIA? YOU TELL ME THAT I CAME TO YOU TO IMPROVE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY FAMILY, I AGREED TO TRANSFORM INTO A GIRL, AND I HAD AN ACCIDENT RECENTLY THAT MAKES ME NOT BE ABLE TO REMEMBER SOME THINGS?

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO BECOME A GIRL AND LIE TO MY WIFE IN ORDER TO GET CLOSE TO MY SON AND SOLVE HIS ATTITUDE PROBLEMS, WASN'T IT BETTER TO GO TO A PROFESSIONAL? MAYBE A PSYCHOLOGIST OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT... I MEAN, THIS IS RISKY, IF I WERE TO BE DISCOVERED SURELY THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE TERRIBLE!

AND YOU'RE MY AUNT... BUT ARE YOU BIOLOGICALLY MY AUNT? OR ARE YOU JUST PRETENDING TO BE? I DON'T HAVE ANY OLD MEMORIES WITH YOU, I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT I LOOKED LIKE BEFORE I WAS A GIRL. WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF HELPING ME WITH ALL THIS?

YEAH, JUST THAT, YOU'RE A CLUMSY GIRL ANNIE, YOU FELL WHILE TRYING TO WALK IN HIGH HEELS AND YOU HIT YOUR HEAD... YEP, THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED....

THEN THERE IS ALSO THE ISSUE OF MY JOB, LUCA, I REMEMBER THAT, HE IS MY NEW BOSS, HE FIRED ME AND THEN REHIRED ME AS HIS SECRETARY, BUT ISN'T THAT ILLEGAL? I MEAN, HE IS FALSIFYING PAPERS, IF I WANTED TO I COULD THREATEN TO REPORT HIM IN EXCHANGE FOR MY OLD JOB

YOU KNOW, I'M STARTING TO MISS THE STUPID ANNIE

STUPID ANNIE? WAIT, WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME STUPID? DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? DID I SAY SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE?

JUST STOP ASKING SO MANY STUPID QUESTIONS, YOUR AUNT IS HELPING YOU WITH ALL THIS AND YOU BEHAVE LIKE AN UNGRATEFUL BRAT, FROM NOW ON NO MORE INTROSPECTION, IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, IS THAT CLEAR TO YOU YOUNG LADY?

Y-YES, IT'S CLEAR, AUNTY JANE, NO MORE STUPID QUESTIONS!

NOW GET OFF YOUR BUTT AND GO TO YOUR JOB, MISS, DIDN'T YOU HAVE TO BE EARLY?

YES! I HAVE TO MAKE MR. BARELLA'S COFFEE BEFORE HE GETS HERE, OTHERWISE HE WILL GET MAD AT ME AGAIN, BYE AUNTY, SEE YOU LATER!

GOOD MORNING MR. BARELLA,
HOW ARE YOU TODAY?

NOT AT THE MOMENT... WELL,
THERE'S ONLY THE NEW GIRL, YOUR
PERSONAL ASSISTANT... UMH ANNA?

GOOD MORNING TERESA, VERY
WELL, HAS ANYONE ELSE ARRIVED?


ANNIE? SHE ARRIVED
EARLY TODAY?



IS IT REALLY HER? AFTER YESTERDAY... IS SHE SMILING?

GOOD MORNING MR. BARELLA, JUST AS YOU ASKED, HERE'S YOUR COFFEE WITH MILK AND LITTLE SUGAR

I CALLED THE MANAGERS OF THE NORTH SECTION, THEY ALL CONFIRMED THEIR ATTENDANCE TO THE LUNCH TODAY, THE COMPANY SENT AN EMAIL FROM MR. WILLIAMS, IT SEEMS HIS STAY OUT OF TOWN WILL BE A LITTLE LONGER THAN PLANNED, THEY ALSO SENT SOME REPORTS FROM CORPORATE ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BRANCH, THEY ARE IN YOUR INBOX...




OH! AND AS YOU MAY NOTICE I FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU GAVE ME REGARDING MY DRESS AND MAKE-UP, I HOPE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR MY CURRENT POSITION...

I MUST ALSO APOLOGIZE FOR MY PERFORMANCE YESTERDAY, I KNOW I DIDN'T MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, FROM NOW ON YOU WILL SEE ME GIVING MY BEST

THAT'S... VERY GOOD... ALTHOUGH I
FIND YOUR CHANGE OF ATTITUDE A
LITTLE WEIRD...

TELL ME ROGERS, THERE IS NO RESENTMENT
FOR YESTERDAY, RIGHT? ...I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS ONLY CORRECTING
ONE OF MY SUBORDINATES





PLEASE MR. BARELLA, MY LAST NAME IS JONES, NOT ROGERS, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT A BOSS MUST CORRECT HIS EMPLOYEES FROM TIME TO TIME, IN FACT, I APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE NOT FIRED ME, THIS JOB IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN HELP YOU WITH?

NO, I'LL BE IN MY OFFICE
REVIEWING THOSE REPORTS,
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I NEED
ANYTHING...

THIS IS WEIRD, SHE SEEMS TO BE
SOMEONE ELSE. JANE HAS TO DO
WITH THIS? ...WELL, AS LONG AS SHE
COMPLIES WITH WHAT I ASKED HER TO
DO YESTERDAY, I DON'T CARE WHAT
SHE DOES WITH ROGERS...



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MY ASS STILL HURTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SPANKING..... I MUST WORK HARD IF I WANT TO GET MY OLD POSITION BACK, AUNT JANE IS RIGHT, I SHOULD STOP ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS AND JUST FOCUS ON WHAT I MUST DO, BESIDES, IF I FAIL AGAIN MR. BARELLA WILL PUNISH ME AGAIN...

...AND AS FOR THE AMNESIA THING... I GUESS SHE IS RIGHT ABOUT THAT TOO, I AM VERY CLUMSY WEARING HEELS, I STILL REMEMBER WHEN I FELL DOWN AT THAT PARTY... YES, I STILL REMEMBER THAT PARTY, I WASTED MY CHANCE TO TALK TO DANIEL AND I ENDED UP GETTING DRUNK, IN FACT, I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HIM SINCE THEN...



HMMM, MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TODAY'S CHEERLEADING PRACTICE TO TALK TO HIM, HE CONSIDERS ME HIS FRIEND ANYWAY, RIGHT?

IT'S JUST APPROACHING HIM AND ACTING LIKE ANY OTHER SCHOOL GIRL, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I'VE BEEN TOO SHY, MAYBE THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO PROGRESS.... SHOULD I ASK AUNT JANE FOR ADVICE ON THIS?

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