

TRANSFORMING TYLER



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HOW DID I END UP
HERE? BENEATH
AN ARM WEIGHING
MORE THAN MY
WHOLE BODY?

WRAPPED IN
A HAND THAT
COULD SWALLOW
MY TORSO?



HOW WAS I LUCKY
ENOUGH TO FIND
MYSELF HERE
BENEATH HIS ARM?



THIS ALL FEELS
LIKE A DREAM, BUT
IT'S NOT. HOW
DID I GET HERE?
HOW DID I FIND
A LOVE LIKE THIS?

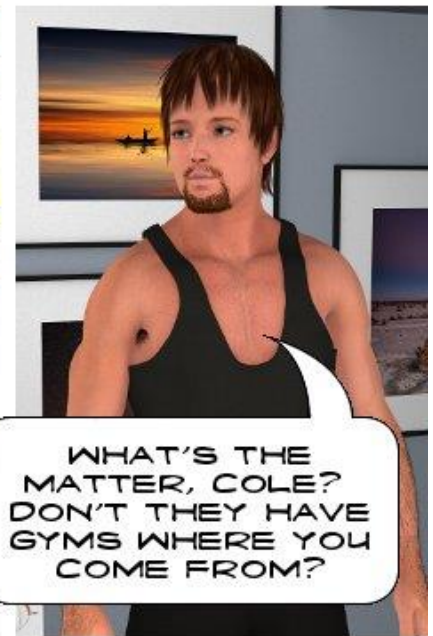




I GUESS IT BEGAN THAT FIRST WEEK BACK IN THE DORM...THE FIRST WEEK OF OUR SENIOR YEAR.



IT SURE FELT GOOD TO BE BACK IN THAT GYM!

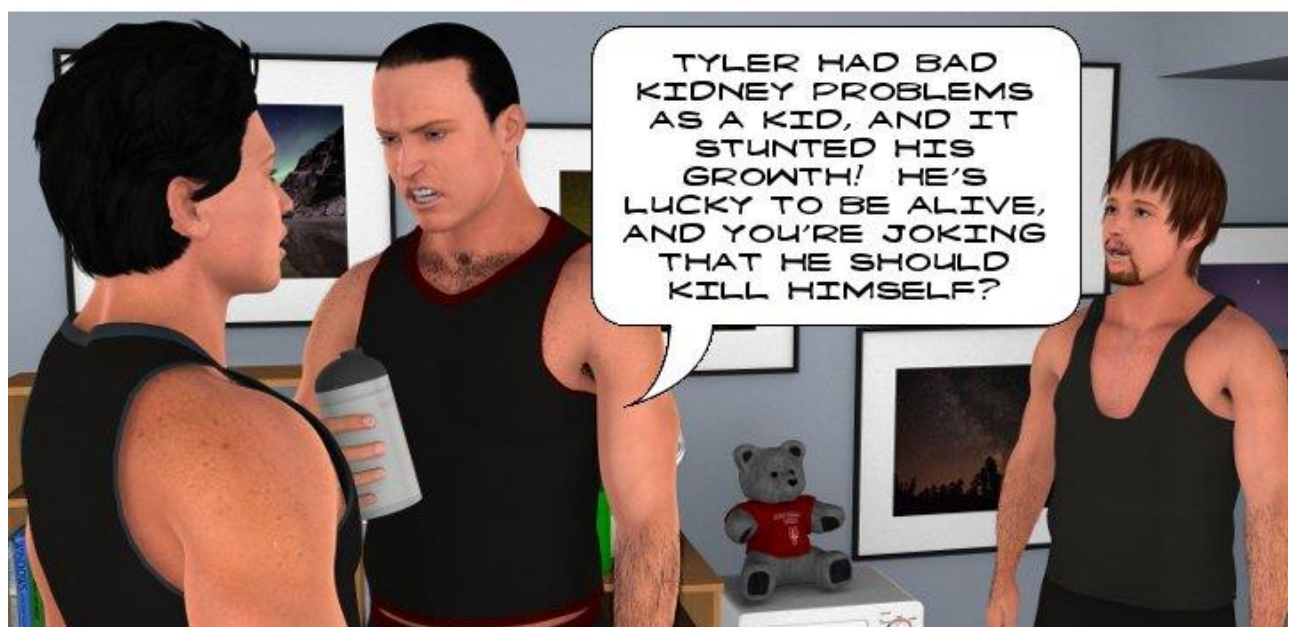


WHAT'S THE MATTER, COLE? DON'T THEY HAVE GYMS WHERE YOU COME FROM?



NOT ALL OF US CAN AFFORD THOSE MEMBERSHIP FEES, JUSTIN.

WHICH IS WHY WE'RE STAYING IN THE DORMS INSTEAD OF OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING LIKE TODD.







YOU HANDLED THAT WELL.

I WAS READY TO REPORT HIM TO ADMINISTRATION FOR ISSUING THREATS.

THIS IS MASON. NEXT TO ME, HE IS TYLER'S ONLY OTHER FRIEND. HE WAS THE TEACHING ASSISTANT FOR A CHEMISTRY LAB TYLER TOOK LAST YEAR. HE FINISHED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE AND STUCK AROUND FOR HIS PHD.



THERE'S ALREADY TOO MUCH HATRED AND NEGATIVITY IN THE WORLD. BESIDES, IF I GIVE IT BACK, THAT MAKES ME NO BETTER THAN HIM.



DOESN'T MATTER. YOU DON'T DESERVE THAT KIND OF CRAP.



IF I COULD GIVE YOU SOME OF MY HEIGHT, I WOULD!



I KNOW YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T. I APPRECIATE IT ANYWAY, THOUGH.



NAW, I REALLY MEAN IT. YOU DESERVE IT AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH.



I NEVER MET A GUY WHO WANTED TO BE SHORTER. HELL, I'D LOVE BEING AS TALL AS YOU!



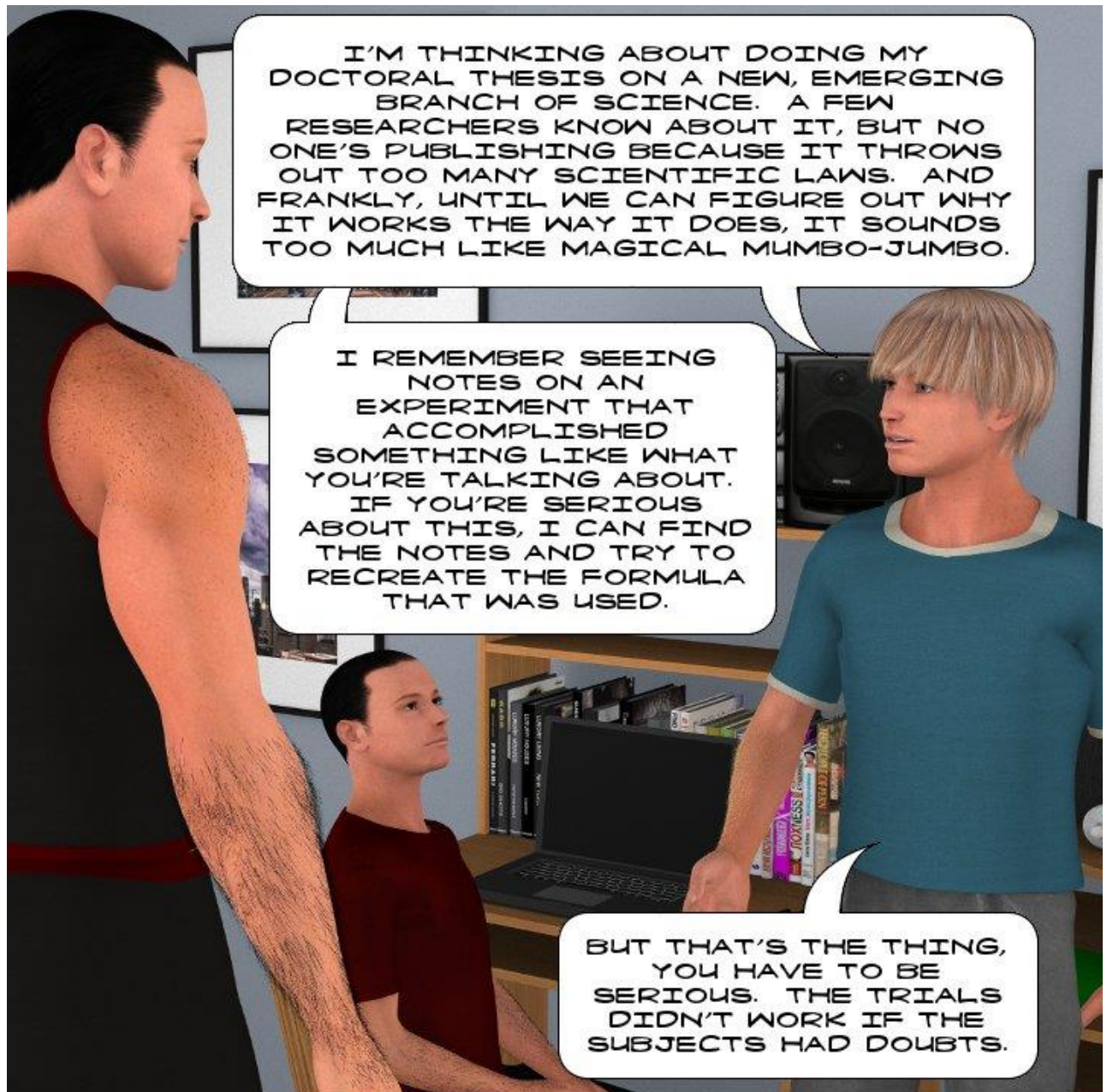
DON'T GET ME WRONG, BEING TALL IS GREAT. BUT 6'8" IS TOO TALL FOR ME. I STILL FORGET TO DUCK SOMETIMES WHEN I GO THROUGH A DOOR. AND MY BIGGEST FEAR IN LIFE IS A LOW-HANGING CEILING FAN. COLE IS 6'4". TO ME THAT WOULD BE PERFECT...MAYBE EVEN 6'3".



5'5" WOULD FEEL HUGE TO ME! BUT YOU'RE TRIPPING, GABRIEL. SUCH A THING ISN'T POSSIBLE.



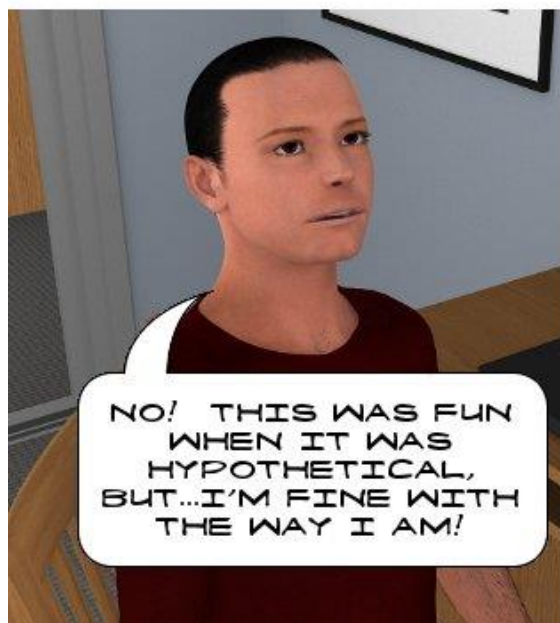
WHAT IF IT WAS? WHAT IF THERE WAS A WAY FOR YOU TWO TO SWAP SOME OF YOUR SIZE?



I'M THINKING ABOUT DOING MY DOCTORAL THESIS ON A NEW, EMERGING BRANCH OF SCIENCE. A FEW RESEARCHERS KNOW ABOUT IT, BUT NO ONE'S PUBLISHING BECAUSE IT THROWS OUT TOO MANY SCIENTIFIC LAWS. AND FRANKLY, UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHY IT WORKS THE WAY IT DOES, IT SOUNDS TOO MUCH LIKE MAGICAL MUMBO-JUMBO.

I REMEMBER SEEING NOTES ON AN EXPERIMENT THAT ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING LIKE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, I CAN FIND THE NOTES AND TRY TO RECREATE THE FORMULA THAT WAS USED.

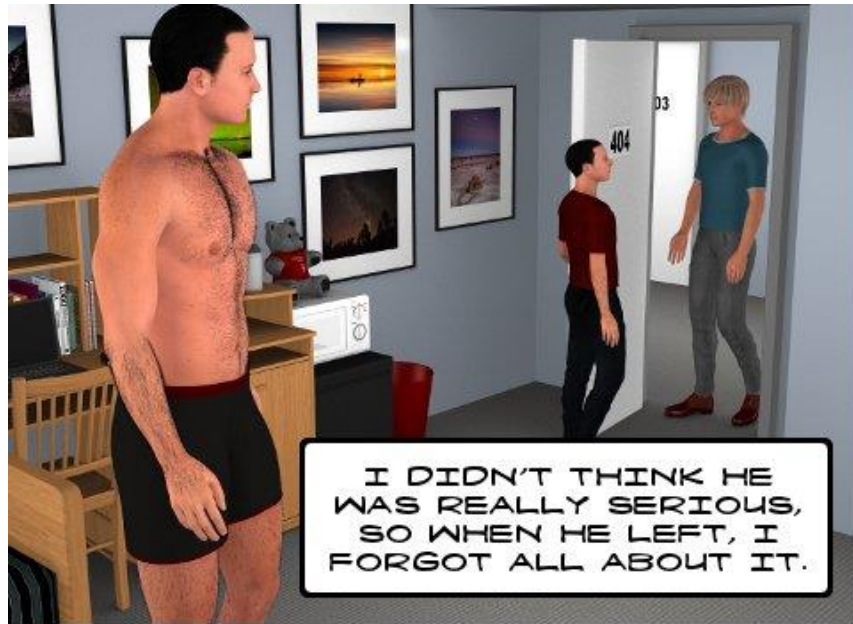
BUT THAT'S THE THING, YOU HAVE TO BE SERIOUS. THE TRIALS DIDN'T WORK IF THE SUBJECTS HAD DOUBTS.



NO! THIS WAS FUN WHEN IT WAS HYPOTHETICAL, BUT...I'M FINE WITH THE WAY I AM!



YOU SAY THAT NOW...GO AHEAD, MASON. IF THIS ISN'T A JOKE, I WANT TO DO IT!



I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS REALLY SERIOUS, SO WHEN HE LEFT, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT.



TYLER DIDN'T EVEN BRING IT UP AGAIN.



BUT HE WAS BACK FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH HIS CONCOCTION!



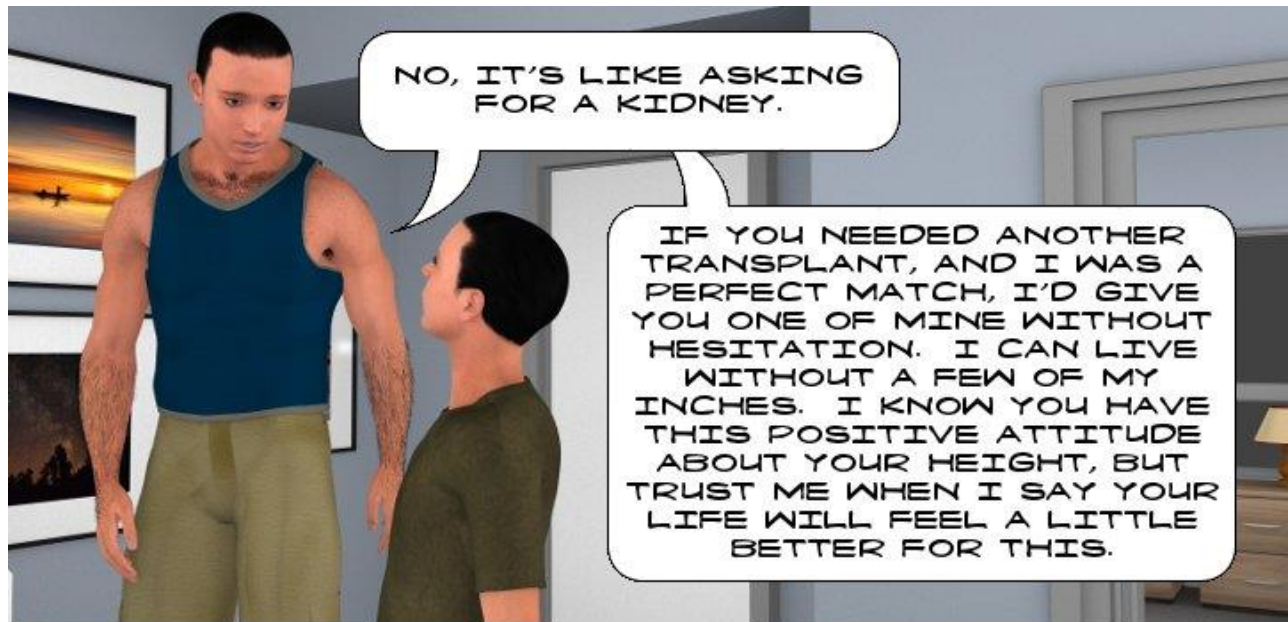
GOOD! YOU'RE BOTH HERE.



THIS IS THE STUFF I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT...IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED.



I'M STILL NO! THIS IS ABSURD. THIS IS LIKE ASKING YOU TO CUT OFF YOUR ARM FOR ME.



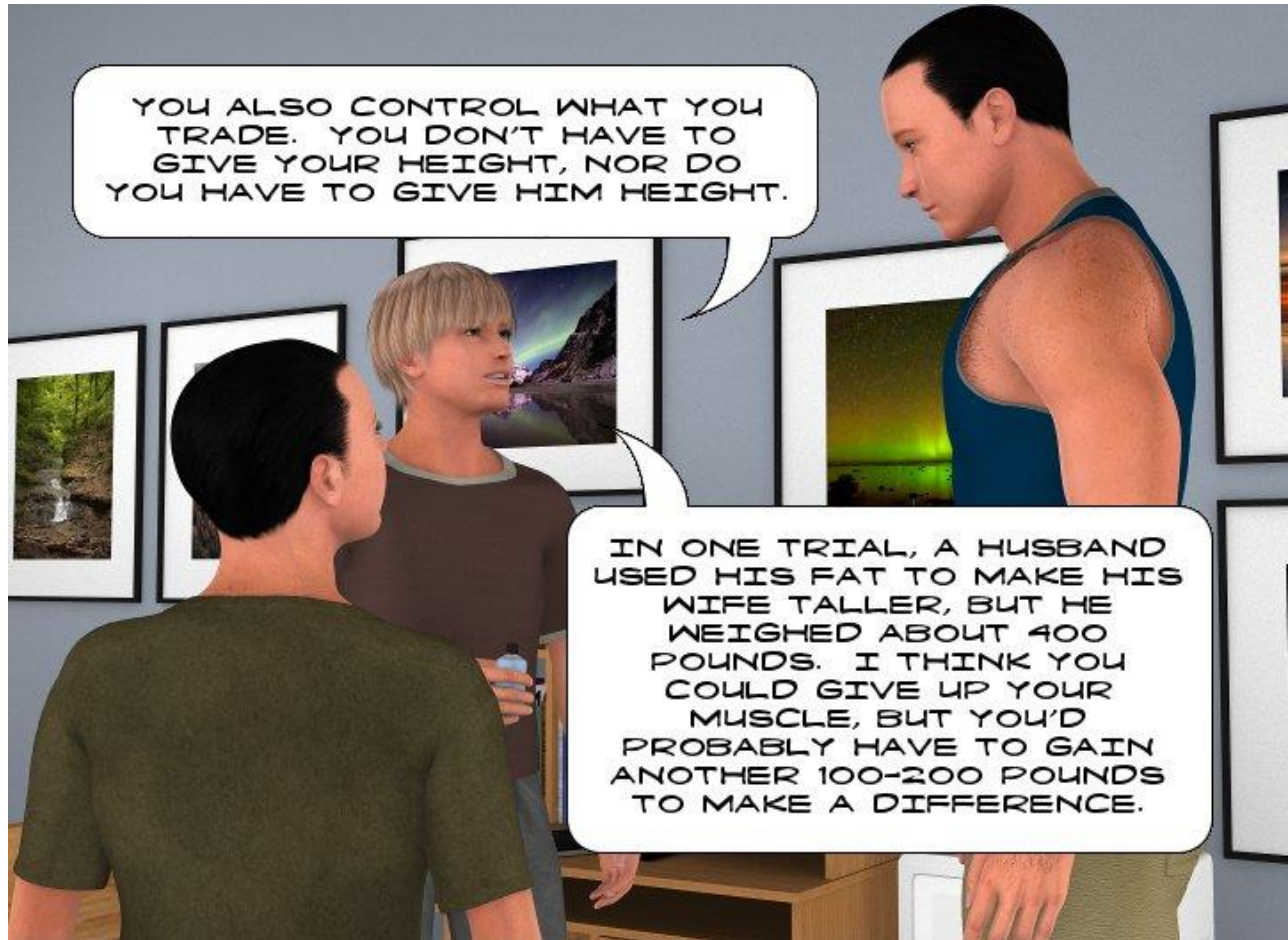
NO, IT'S LIKE ASKING FOR A KIDNEY.

IF YOU NEEDED ANOTHER TRANSPLANT, AND I WAS A PERFECT MATCH, I'D GIVE YOU ONE OF MINE WITHOUT HESITATION. I CAN LIVE WITHOUT A FEW OF MY INCHES. I KNOW YOU HAVE THIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT, BUT TRUST ME WHEN I SAY YOUR LIFE WILL FEEL A LITTLE BETTER FOR THIS.



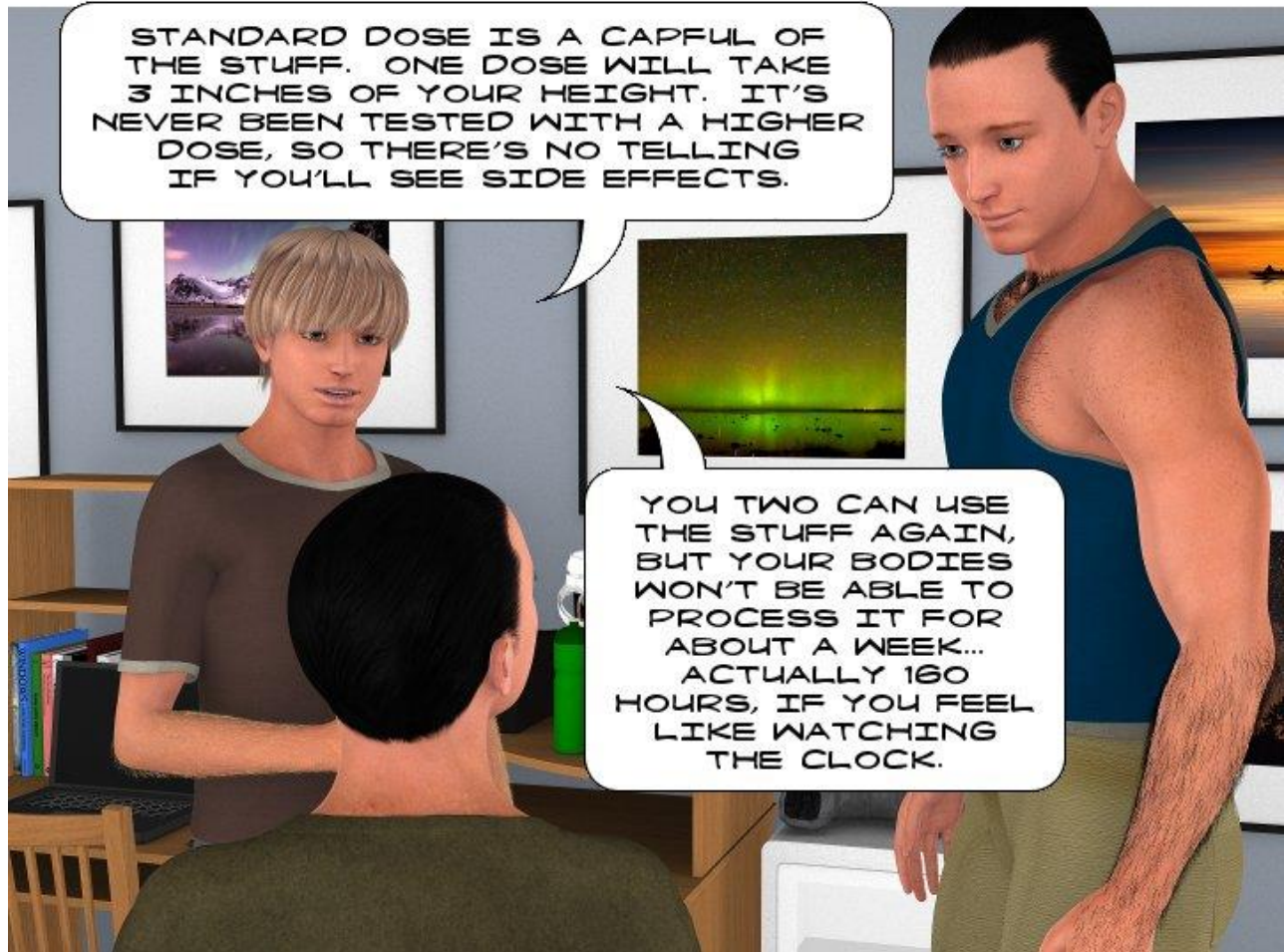
AND IT'S NOT REALLY PERMANENT. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE HIM HIS HEIGHT BACK.

LET ME GIVE YOU THE BORING FINE PRINT BEFORE YOU BOTH AGREE TO THIS. GABRIEL, AS THE DONOR, YOU ARE IN COMPLETE CONTROL. WHEN I SAID WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS SCIENCE YET? WELL, THERE IS A MENTAL COMPONENT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU CAN ONLY GIVE TYLER YOUR SIZE IF YOU WANT TO. HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRICK YOU. HE WON'T BE ABLE TO STEAL IT. IF YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO THIS, THE FORMULA WON'T WORK.



YOU ALSO CONTROL WHAT YOU TRADE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR HEIGHT, NOR DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM HEIGHT.

IN ONE TRIAL, A HUSBAND USED HIS FAT TO MAKE HIS WIFE TALLER, BUT HE WEIGHED ABOUT 400 POUNDS. I THINK YOU COULD GIVE UP YOUR MUSCLE, BUT YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE TO GAIN ANOTHER 100-200 POUNDS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



STANDARD DOSE IS A CAPFUL OF THE STUFF. ONE DOSE WILL TAKE 3 INCHES OF YOUR HEIGHT. IT'S NEVER BEEN TESTED WITH A HIGHER DOSE, SO THERE'S NO TELLING IF YOU'LL SEE SIDE EFFECTS.

YOU TWO CAN USE THE STUFF AGAIN, BUT YOUR BODIES WON'T BE ABLE TO PROCESS IT FOR ABOUT A WEEK... ACTUALLY 160 HOURS, IF YOU FEEL LIKE WATCHING THE CLOCK.



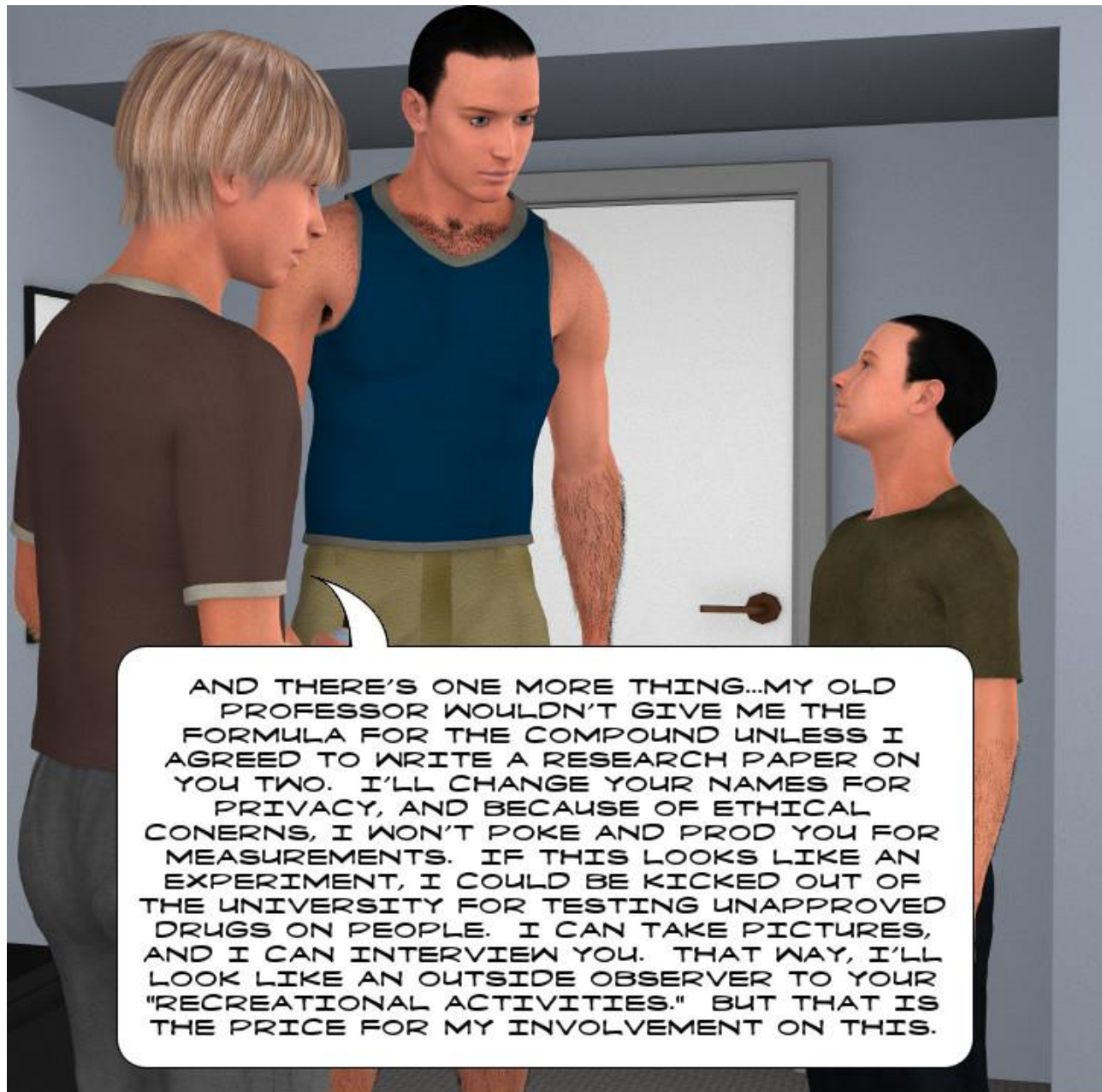
ONE THING THAT'S GOING TO SEEM STRANGE: THIS WAS CREATED FOR PEOPLE IN LOVE. THE CATALYST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION IS A KISS.

A KISS???



IT'S NOT A TRUE TRANSFERENCE. YOU WILL DRINK THE COMPOUND AND IT WILL MAKE YOU SMALLER.

SOME OF IT WILL STICK TO YOUR LIPS AND MIX WITH YOUR DNA. WHEN TYLER KISSES YOU, IT WILL TRANSFER TO HIS LIPS AND ABSORB ITSELF INTO HIS BODY. THAT MODIFIED COMPOUND WILL THEN TRIGGER THE REACTION YOU WANT AND MAKE HIM BIGGER. AND YES, IT DOES HAVE TO BE A KISS. FOR SOME REASON THE RECIPIENT'S BODY WON'T ABSORB IT ANY OTHER WAY.



AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING...MY OLD PROFESSOR WOULDN'T GIVE ME THE FORMULA FOR THE COMPOUND UNLESS I AGREED TO WRITE A RESEARCH PAPER ON YOU TWO. I'LL CHANGE YOUR NAMES FOR PRIVACY, AND BECAUSE OF ETHICAL CONCERNS, I WON'T POKE AND PROD YOU FOR MEASUREMENTS. IF THIS LOOKS LIKE AN EXPERIMENT, I COULD BE KICKED OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR TESTING UNAPPROVED DRUGS ON PEOPLE. I CAN TAKE PICTURES, AND I CAN INTERVIEW YOU. THAT WAY, I'LL LOOK LIKE AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER TO YOUR "RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES." BUT THAT IS THE PRICE FOR MY INVOLVEMENT ON THIS.



SEE? IT DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD. AND IT WILL BE FOR SCIENCE. YOU LIKE SCIENCE, RIGHT?



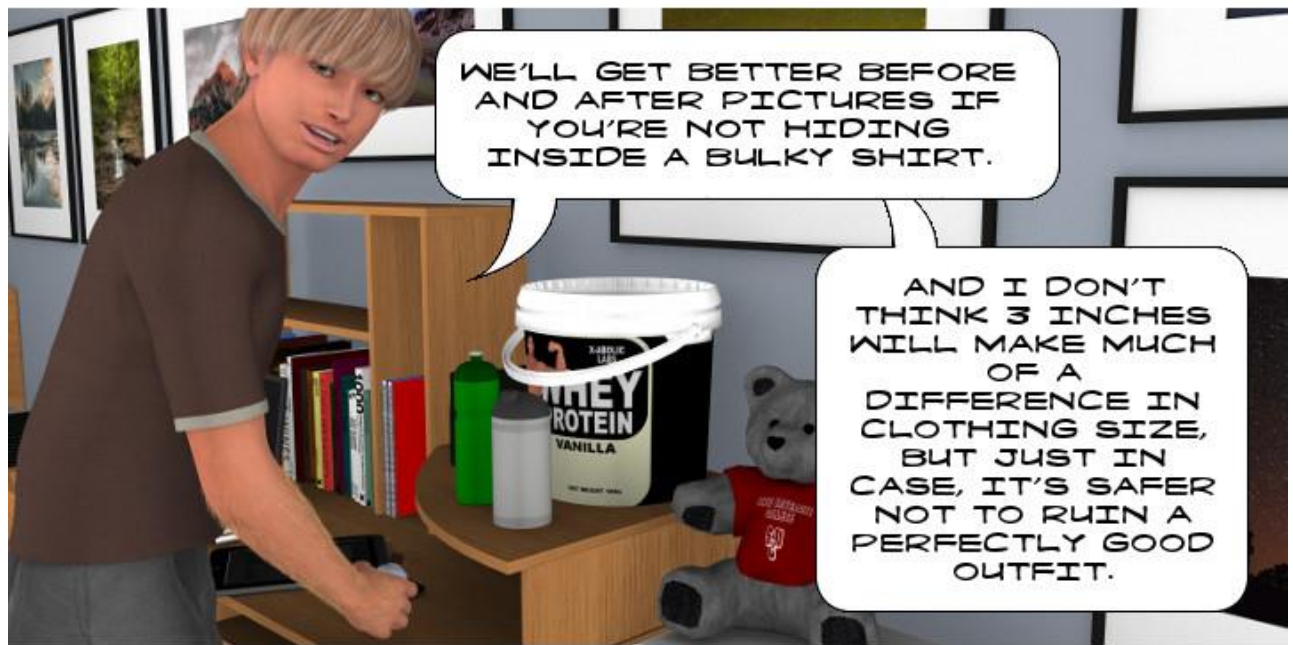
I GUESS...SINCE WE CAN CHANGE BACK LATER...AND AS LONG AS YOUR FRIENDS DON'T FIND OUT ABOUT THE KISSING PART.



GREAT! NOW I NEED YOU TWO TO TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES AND STRIP DOWN TO YOUR UNDERWEAR.



WHAT!



WE'LL GET BETTER BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES IF YOU'RE NOT HIDING INSIDE A BULKY SHIRT.

AND I DON'T THINK 3 INCHES WILL MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE IN CLOTHING SIZE, BUT JUST IN CASE, IT'S SAFER NOT TO RUIN A PERFECTLY GOOD OUTFIT.

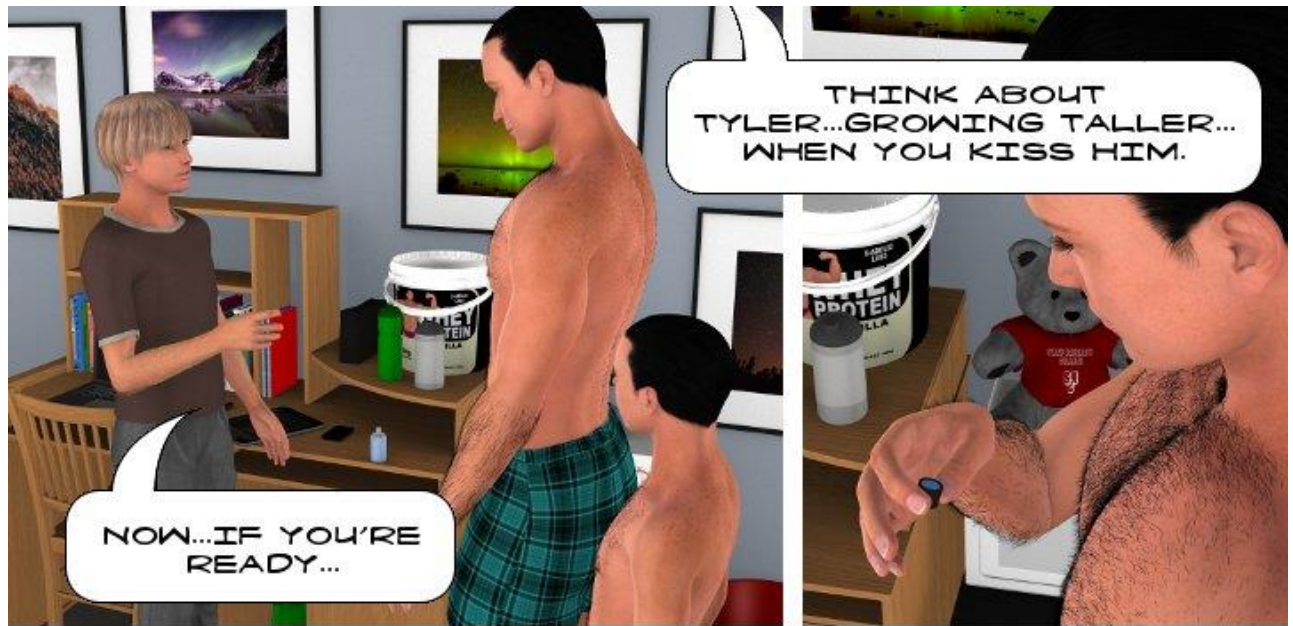


THINK OF IT AS JUST YOU AND ME. THERE'S NOTHING I HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE.

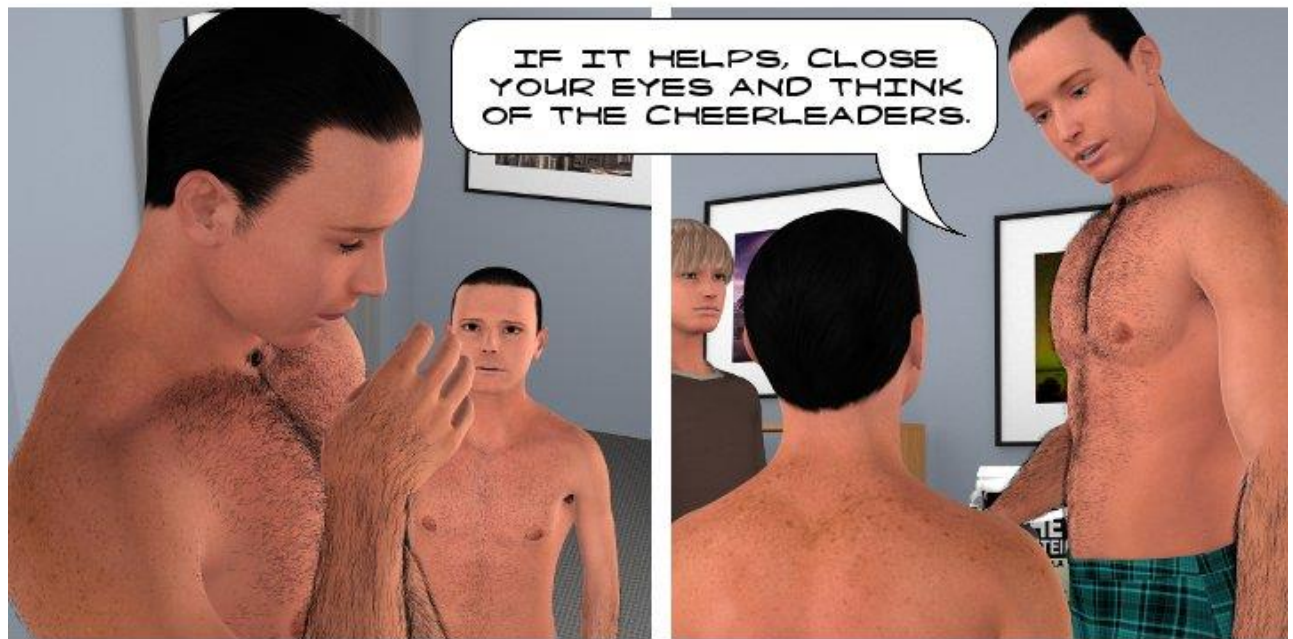


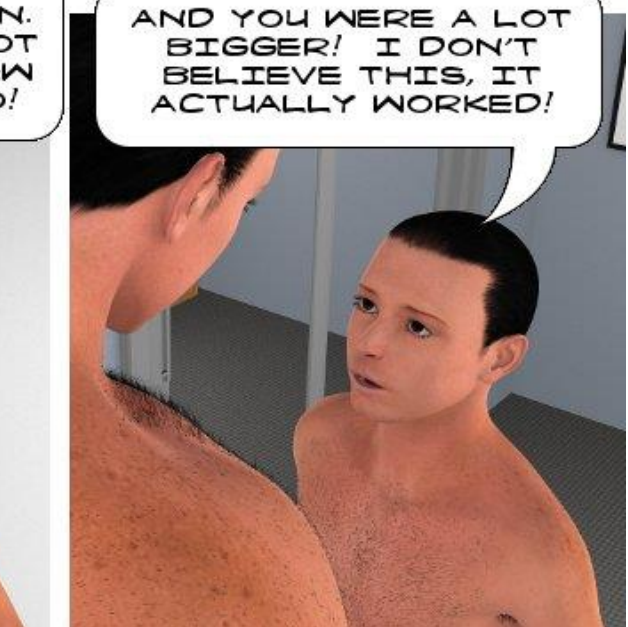
EXCEPT YOU DON'T TAKE PICTURES WHEN I CHANGE...

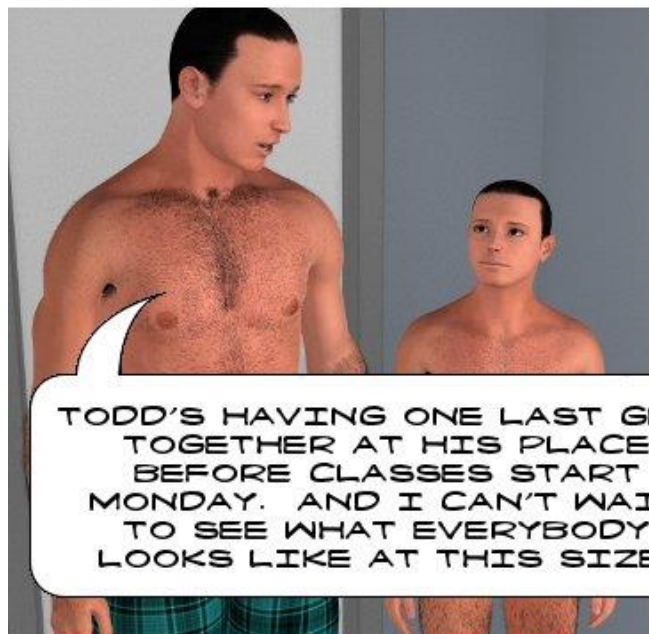
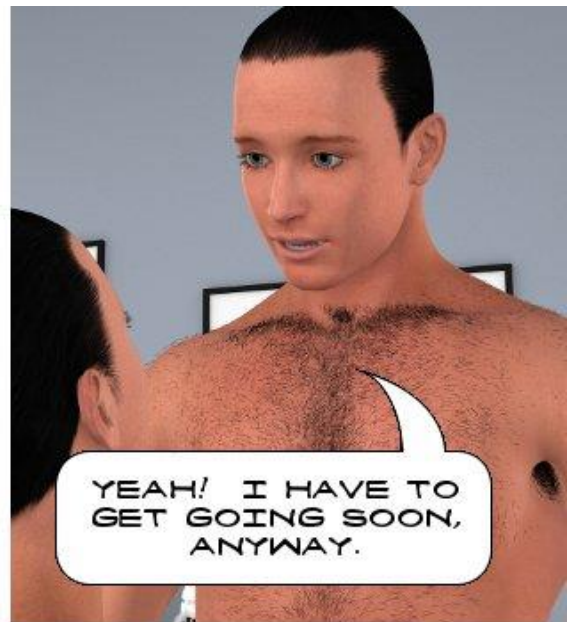
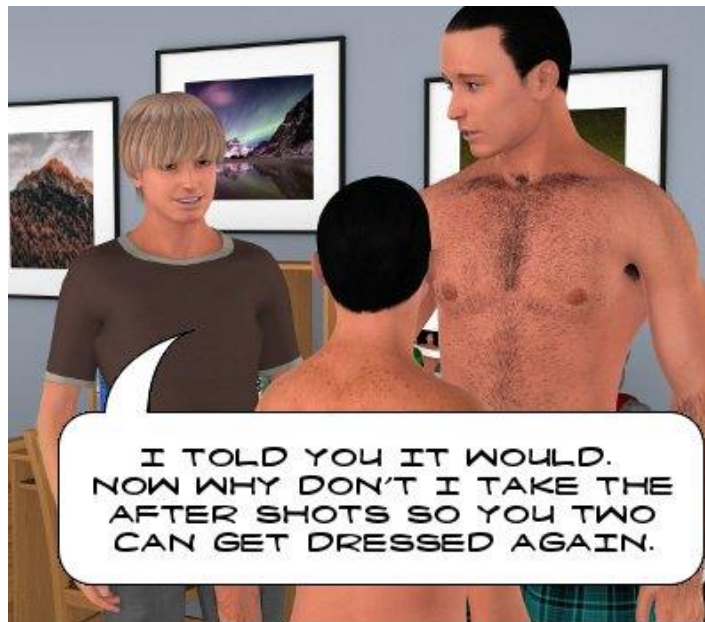




THINK ABOUT TYLER...GROWING TALLER... WHEN YOU KISS HIM.









THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU TAKE THE
SUMMER OFF FROM THE GYM!



AT LEAST HE
GOES TO THE GYM.



SOOO...LET ME GET
YOU A BEER.



WAIT A MINUTE! YOU USED
TO BE TALLER THAN ME!



HEY, YEAH!
WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING ON?



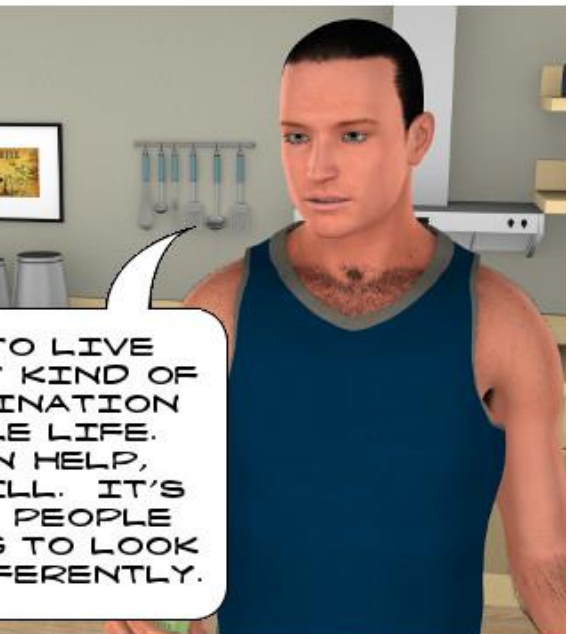
I DONATED 3 INCHES TO TYLER.



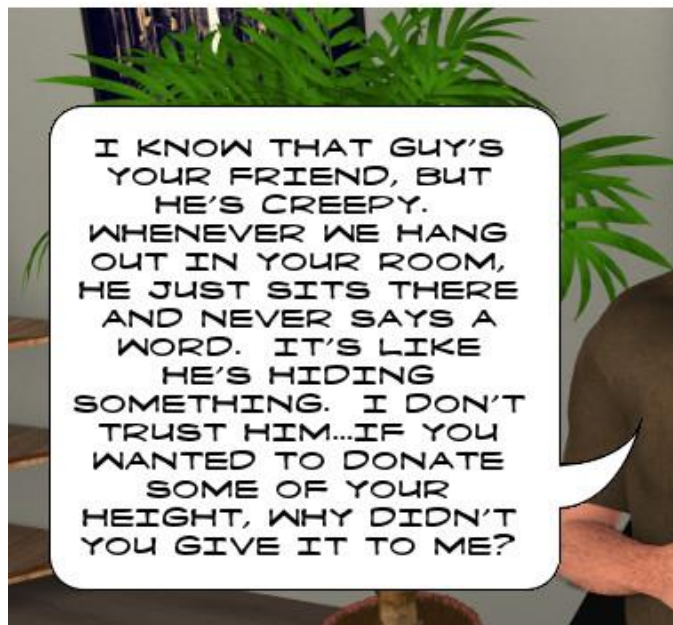
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?



IS THIS BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAID THE OTHER DAY?



HE HAS TO LIVE WITH THAT KIND OF DISCRIMINATION HIS WHOLE LIFE. IF I CAN HELP, THEN I WILL. IT'S NOT LIKE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT ME DIFFERENTLY.



I KNOW THAT GUY'S YOUR FRIEND, BUT HE'S CREEPY. WHENEVER WE HANG OUT IN YOUR ROOM, HE JUST SITS THERE AND NEVER SAYS A WORD. IT'S LIKE HE'S HIDING SOMETHING. I DON'T TRUST HIM...IF YOU WANTED TO DONATE SOME OF YOUR HEIGHT, WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE IT TO ME?





THEY WERE MY FRIENDS, BUT I COULDN'T EXPLAIN WHAT IT WAS. I COULDN'T TELL THEM WHAT IT WAS THAT CONNECTED ME TO TYLER.

THEN AGAIN, THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD MY ROOMMATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A WARNING TO ME.



4? COME ON, MAN! YOU GOT 10 BACK IN THE SPRING!

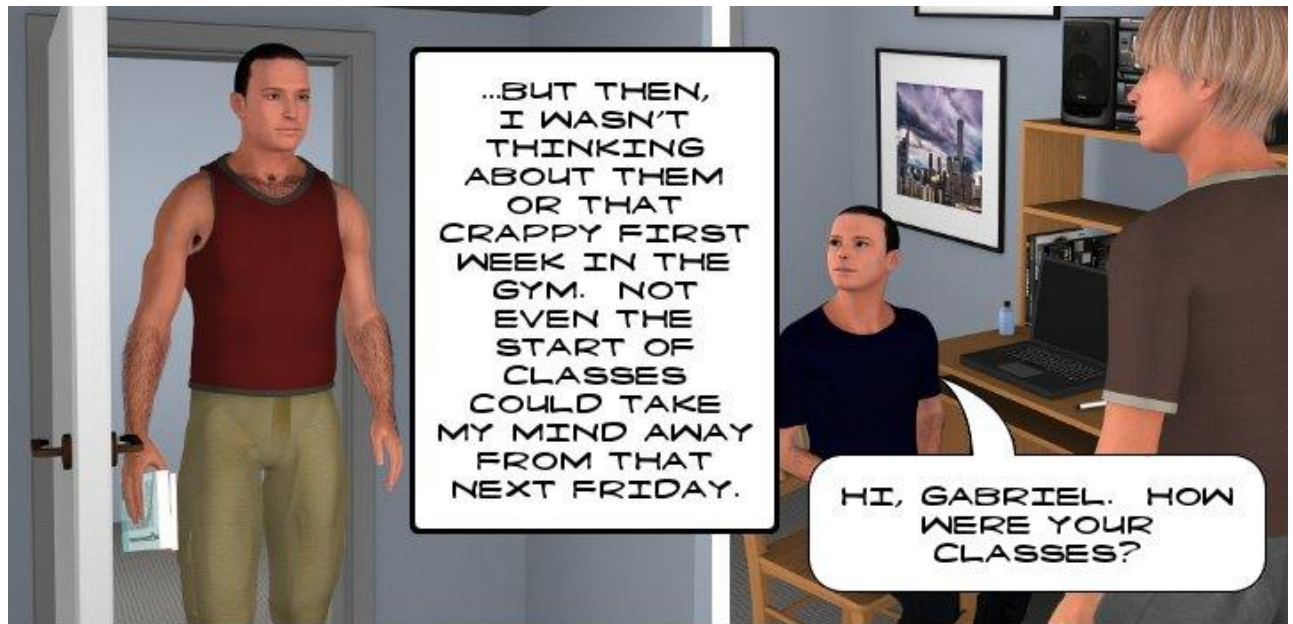
I'M STILL RUSTY, THAT'S ALL...



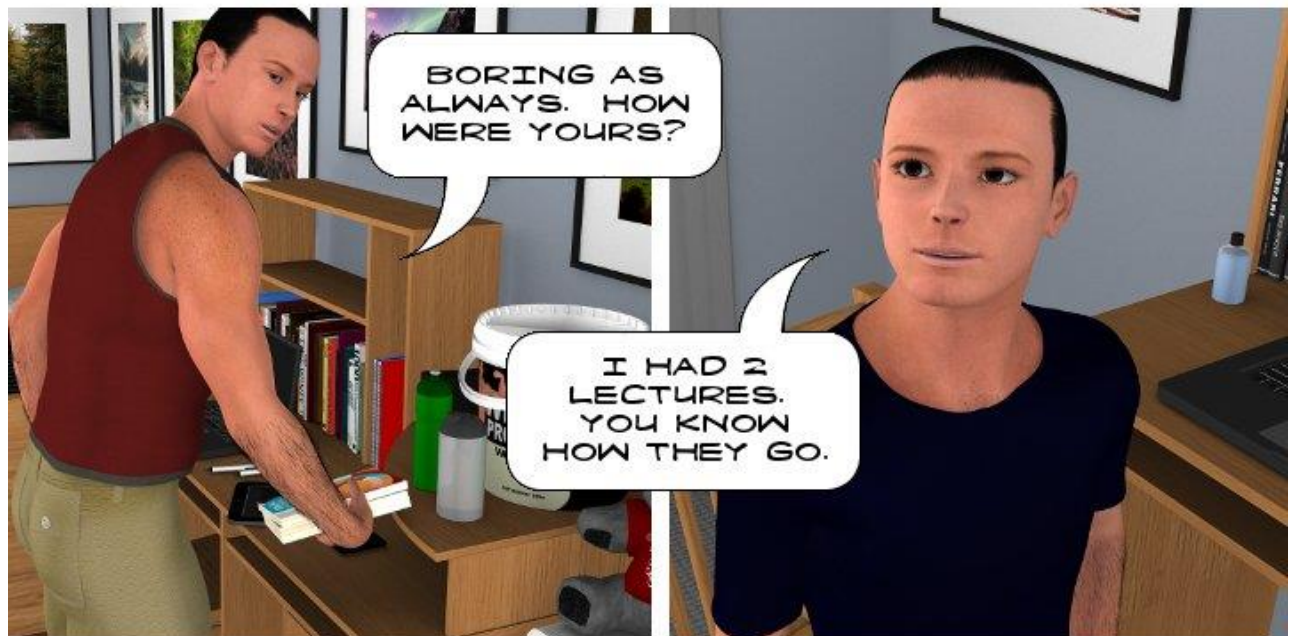
IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOST SOME OF YOUR SIZE SINCE THEN!

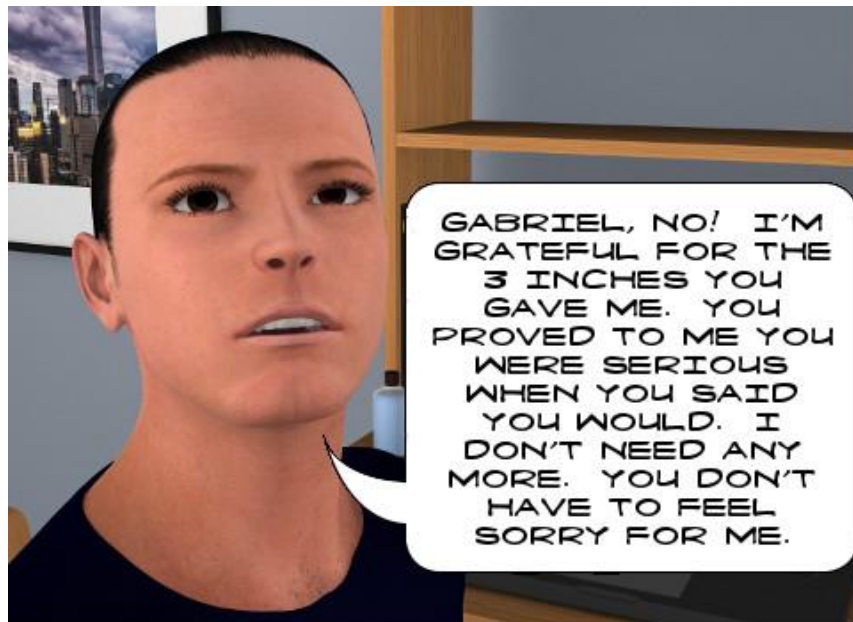


AND HE'S STILL BIGGER THAN YOU. WEREN'T THOSE THE 40S YOU GRABBED ON YOUR LAST SET?



HI, GABRIEL. HOW WERE YOUR CLASSES?

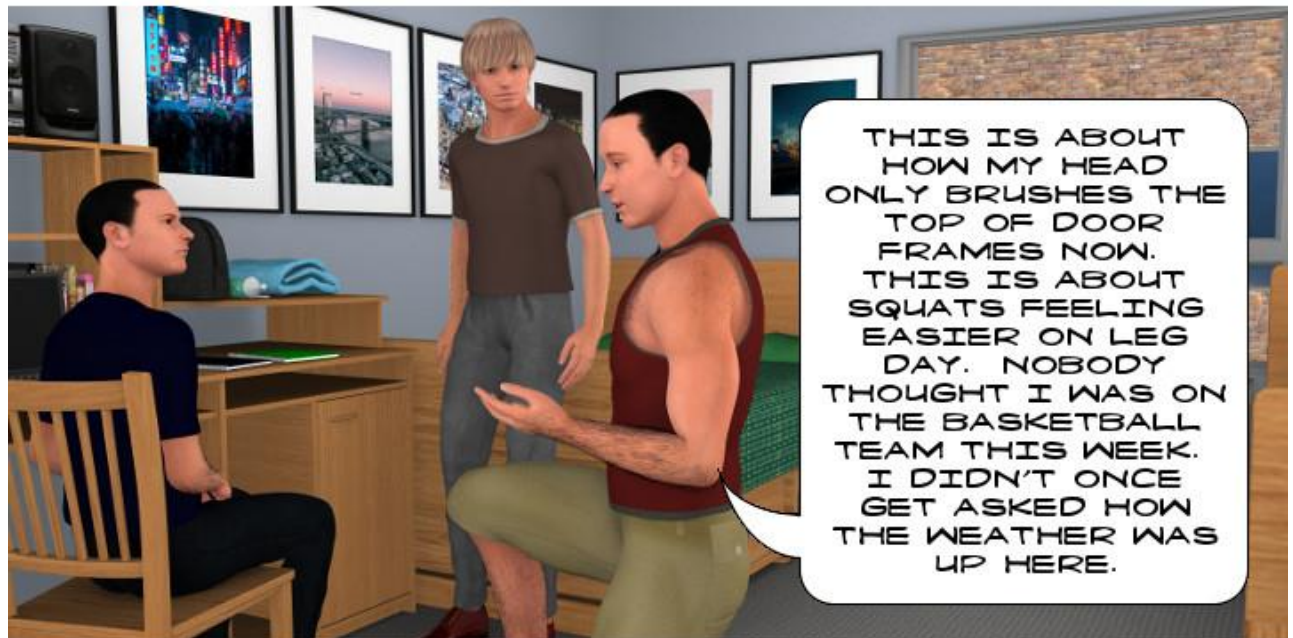




GABRIEL, NO! I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE 3 INCHES YOU GAVE ME. YOU PROVED TO ME YOU WERE SERIOUS WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULD. I DON'T NEED ANY MORE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL SORRY FOR ME.



THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT FEELING SORRY FOR YOU, TYLER.



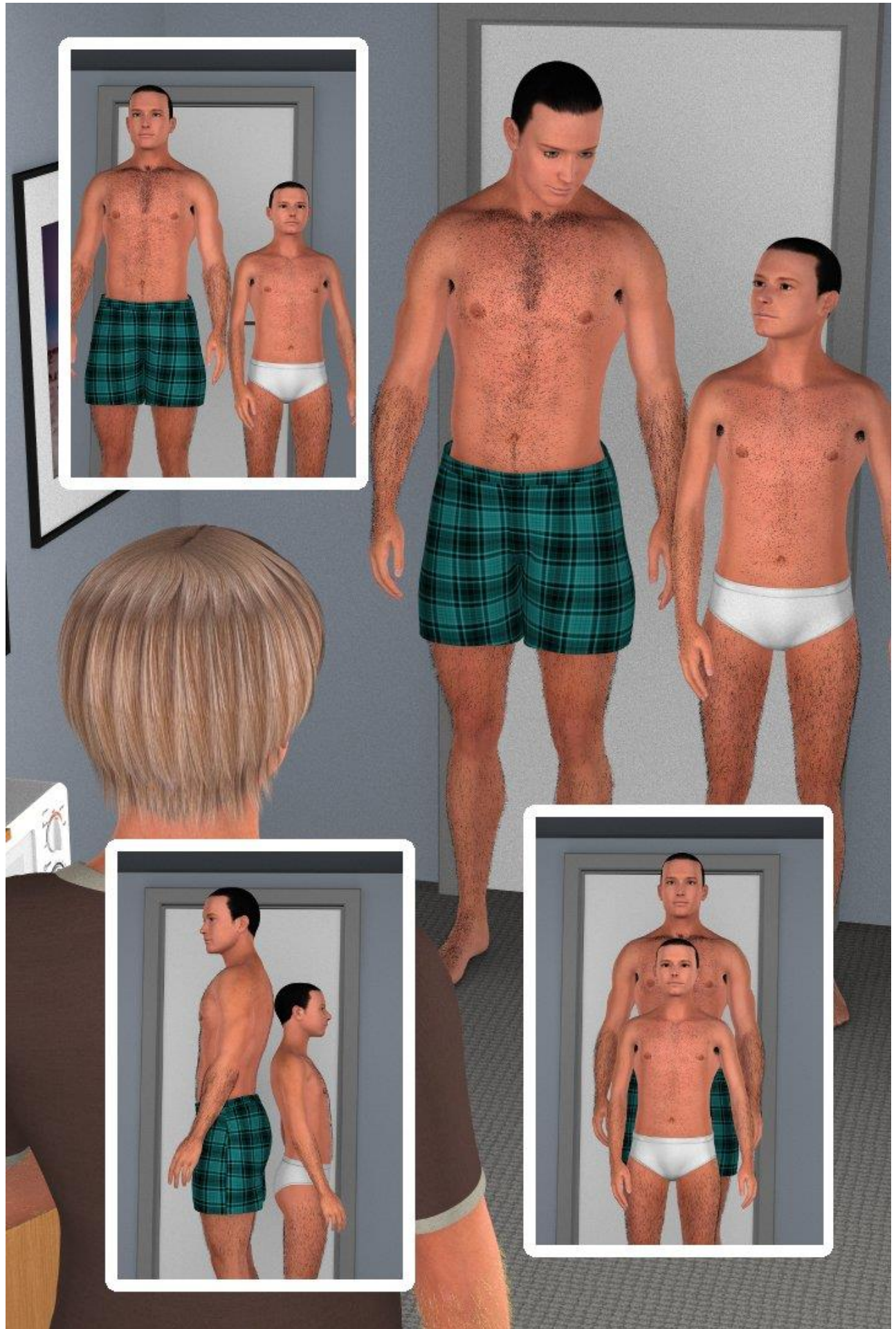
THIS IS ABOUT HOW MY HEAD ONLY BRUSHES THE TOP OF DOOR FRAMES NOW. THIS IS ABOUT SQUATS FEELING EASIER ON LEG DAY. NOBODY THOUGHT I WAS ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM THIS WEEK. I DIDN'T ONCE GET ASKED HOW THE WEATHER WAS UP HERE.



SO I'M SUPPOSED TO FEEL SORRY FOR YOU WITH YOUR TALL-PEOPLE PROBLEMS?



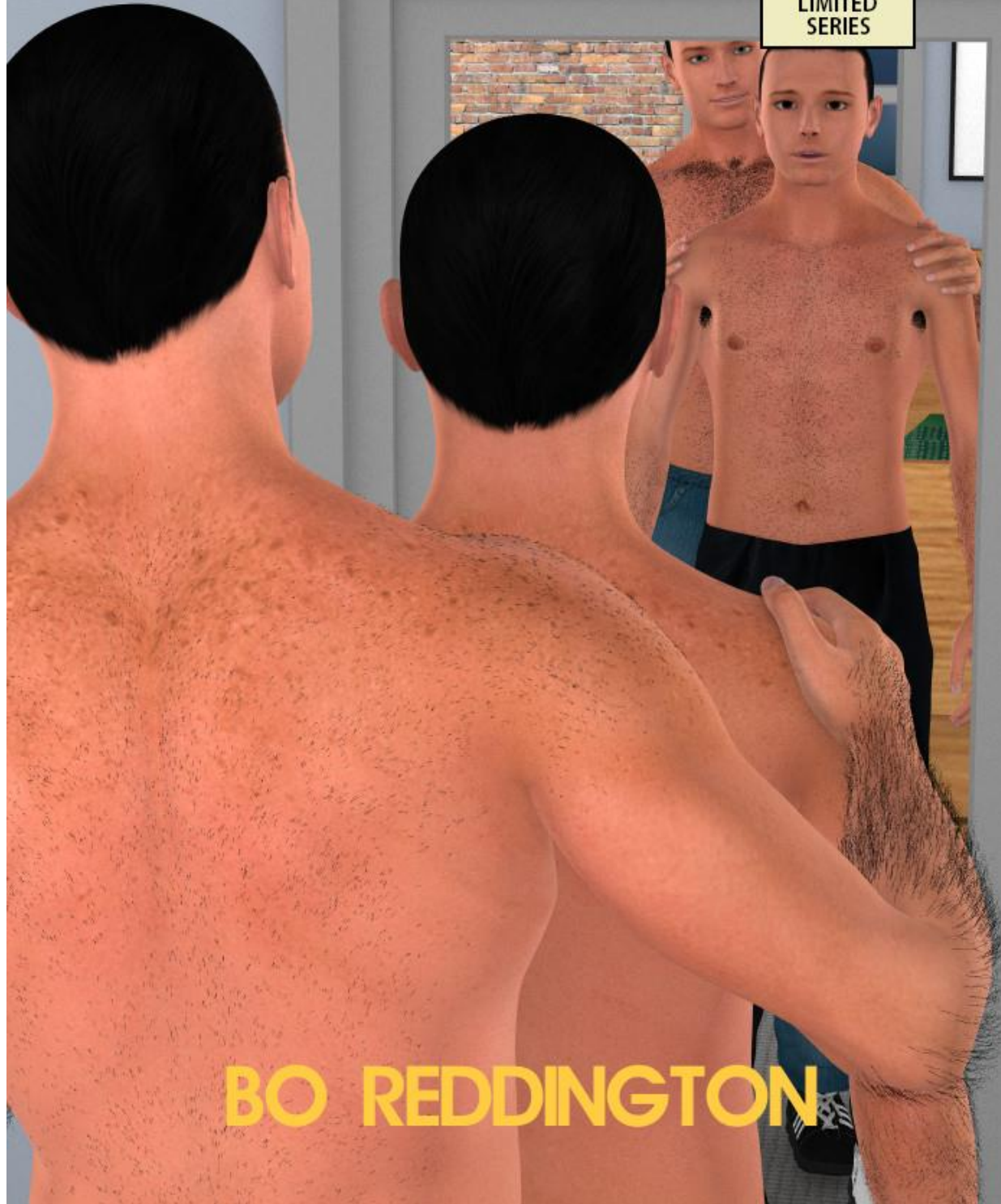
YEAH, SURE. HA! NO. TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF SO MASON CAN GET HIS PICTURES AND WE CAN DO THIS.



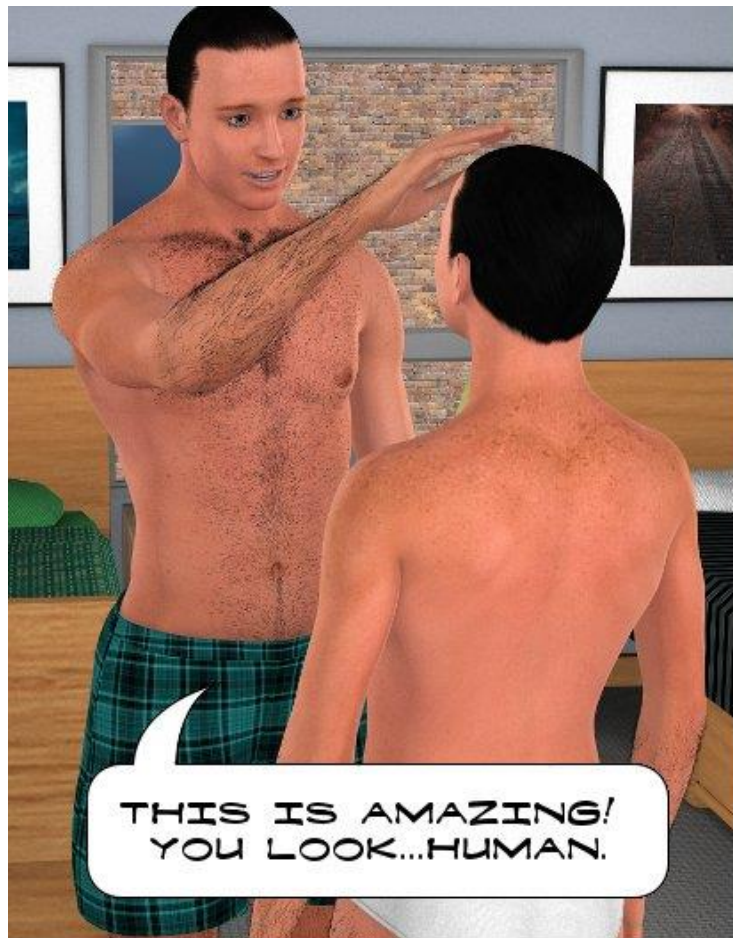


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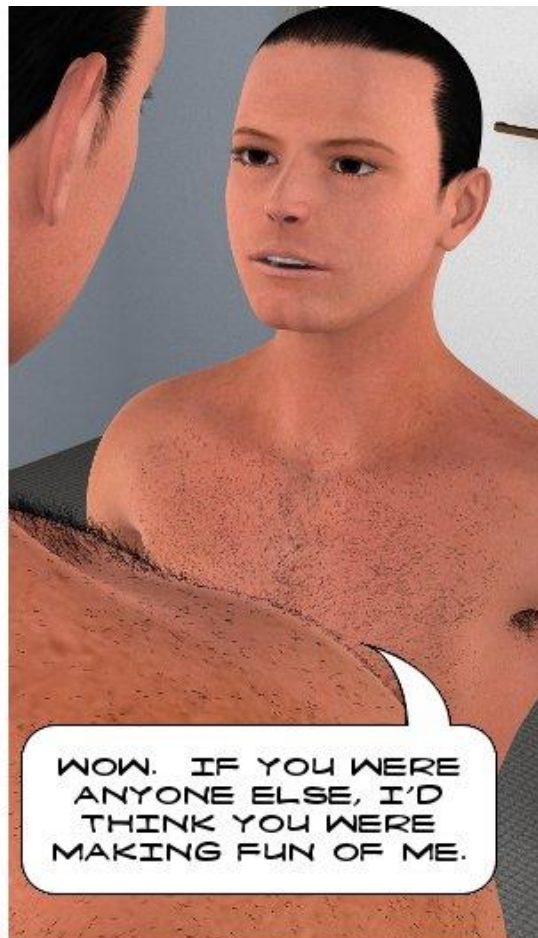
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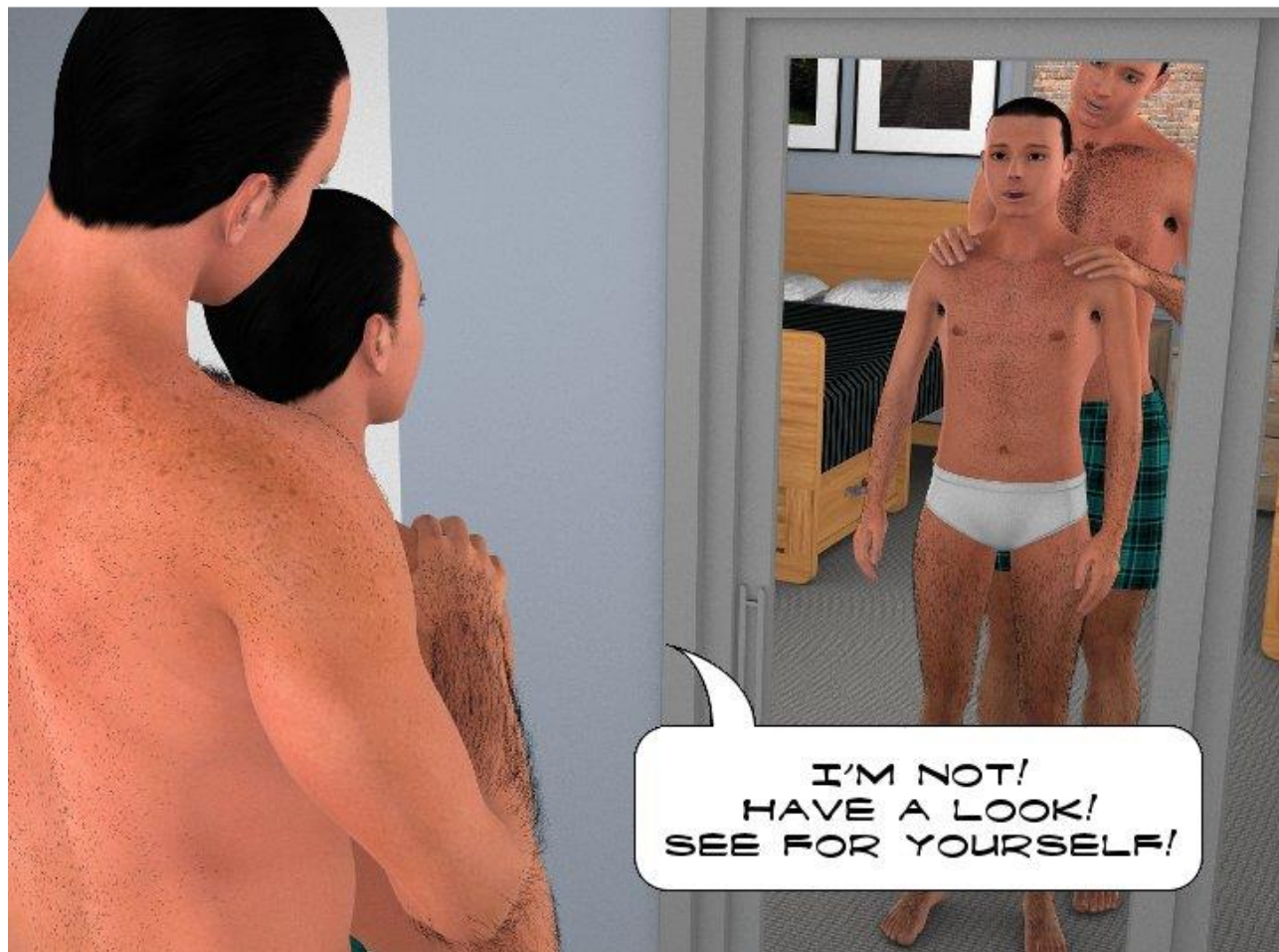
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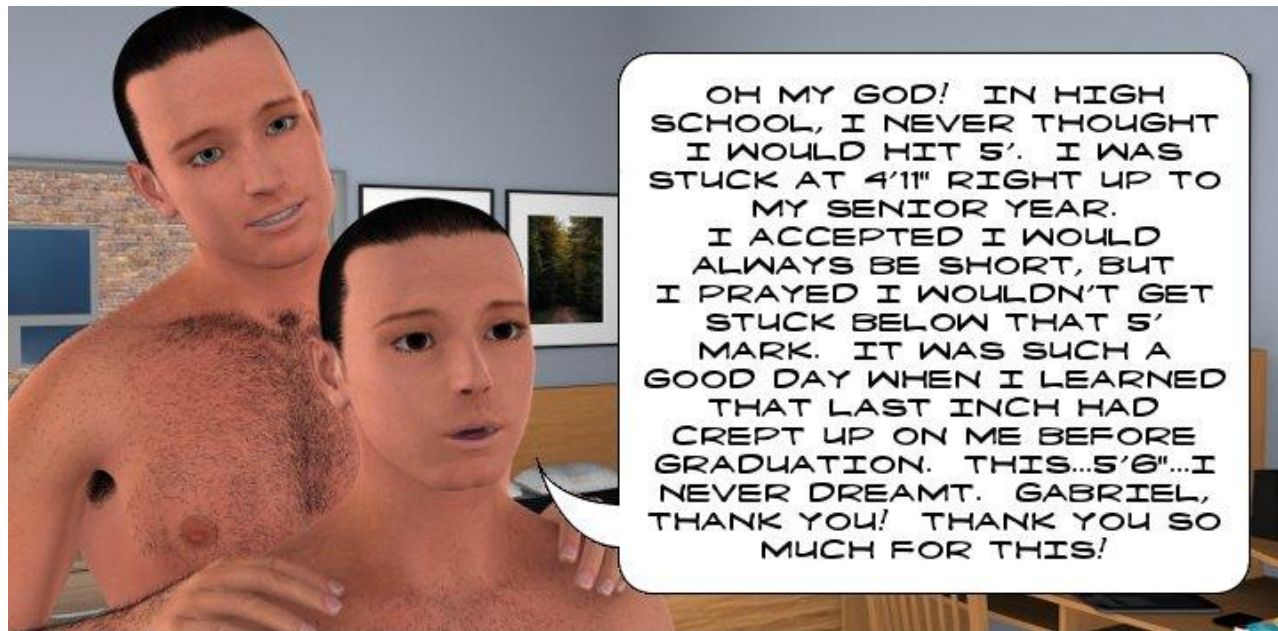
THIS IS AMAZING!
YOU LOOK...HUMAN.



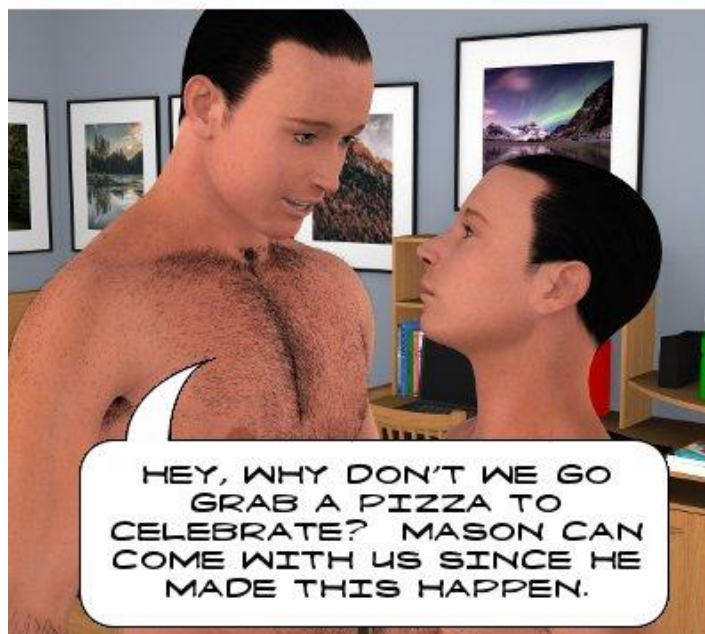
NOW. IF YOU WERE
ANYONE ELSE, I'D
THINK YOU WERE
MAKING FUN OF ME.



I'M NOT!
HAVE A LOOK!
SEE FOR YOURSELF!



OH MY GOD! IN HIGH SCHOOL, I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HIT 5'. I WAS STUCK AT 4'11" RIGHT UP TO MY SENIOR YEAR. I ACCEPTED I WOULD ALWAYS BE SHORT, BUT I PRAYED I WOULDN'T GET STUCK BELOW THAT 5' MARK. IT WAS SUCH A GOOD DAY WHEN I LEARNED THAT LAST INCH HAD CREPT UP ON ME BEFORE GRADUATION. THIS...5'6"...I NEVER DREAMT. GABRIEL, THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS!



HEY, WHY DON'T WE GO GRAB A PIZZA TO CELEBRATE? MASON CAN COME WITH US SINCE HE MADE THIS HAPPEN.



I'D LOVE TO, BUT I HAVE A LAB REPORT TO WRITE UP. THERE'S NO TIME FOR FUN WHEN YOU'RE IN GRAD SCHOOL!



AND I HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR. MY SHOES WERE ALREADY TOO TIGHT AFTER LAST WEEK, AND MY CLOTHES WILL LOOK SILLY!



THAT'S OKAY, WE'LL MAKE A STOP ON THE WAY.



WHAT CAN I GET YOU TWO TO DRINK?



I'LL HAVE A BEER.



I JUST NEED TO SEE SOME I.D.



AND I'LL NEED TO SEE YOUR I.D.

I'M NOT 21. ALL I WANT IS A SODA.



I DON'T KNOW. HOW DO I KNOW HE WON'T SHARE HIS BEER? HA HA! A BEER AND A SODA, COMING RIGHT UP.



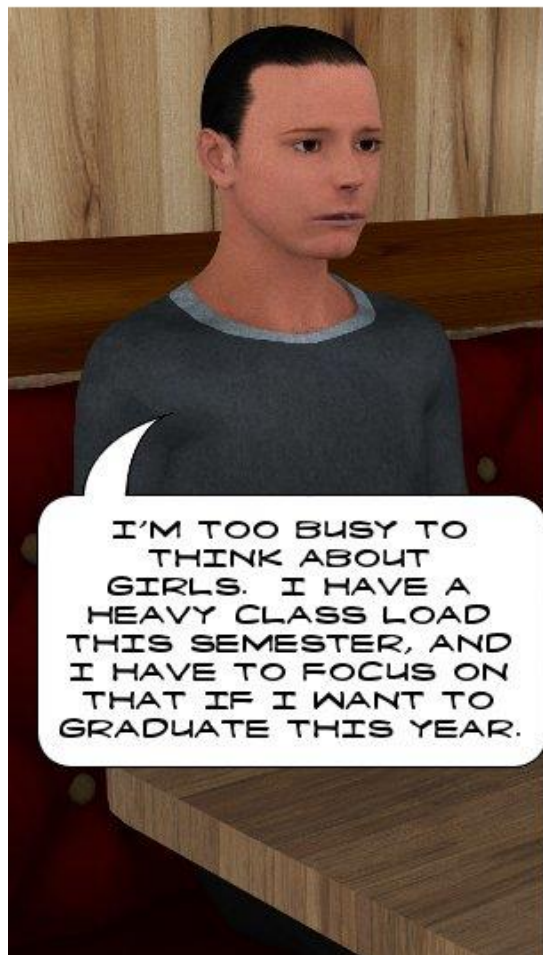
YOU KNOW, GABE, I THINK THERE ARE LESS OBNOXIOUS WAYS TO GET A BEER IF I WANTED ONE.



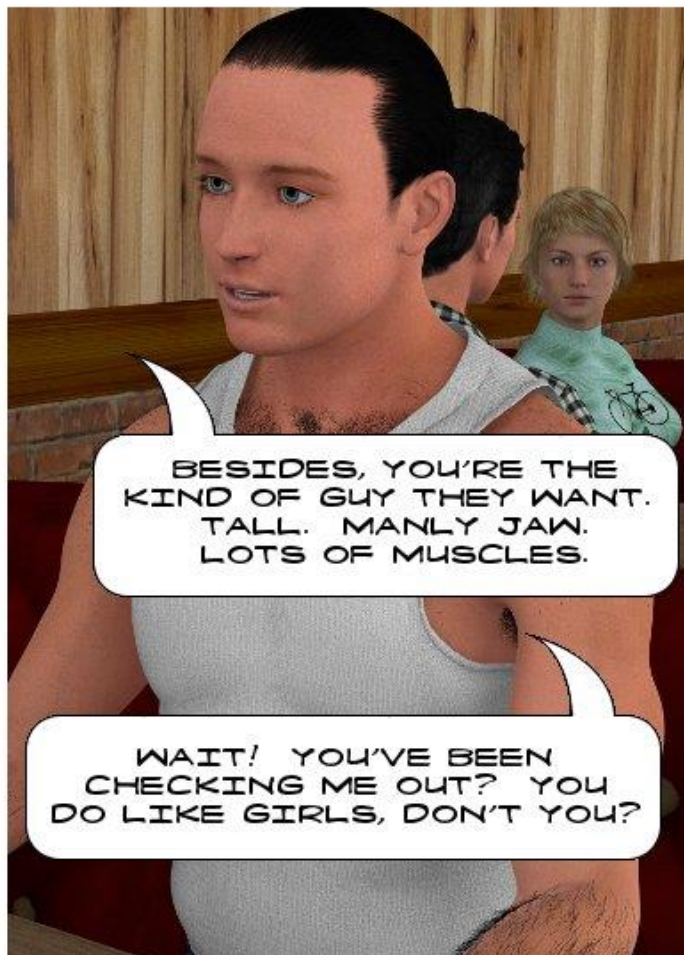
SHE WAS TRYING TO GET YOUR NAME. THAT GIRL WAS FLIRTING WITH YOU!

SHE WAS ONLY FLIRTING BECAUSE SHE WANTED A BIG TIP.

WOW! YOU REALLY ARE CLUELESS ABOUT GIRLS! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NOW. THEY'RE GONNA START LOOKING AT YOU LIKE SHE DID. AND THEY'RE GONNA FLIRT. AND YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LEARN TO LIKE IT!

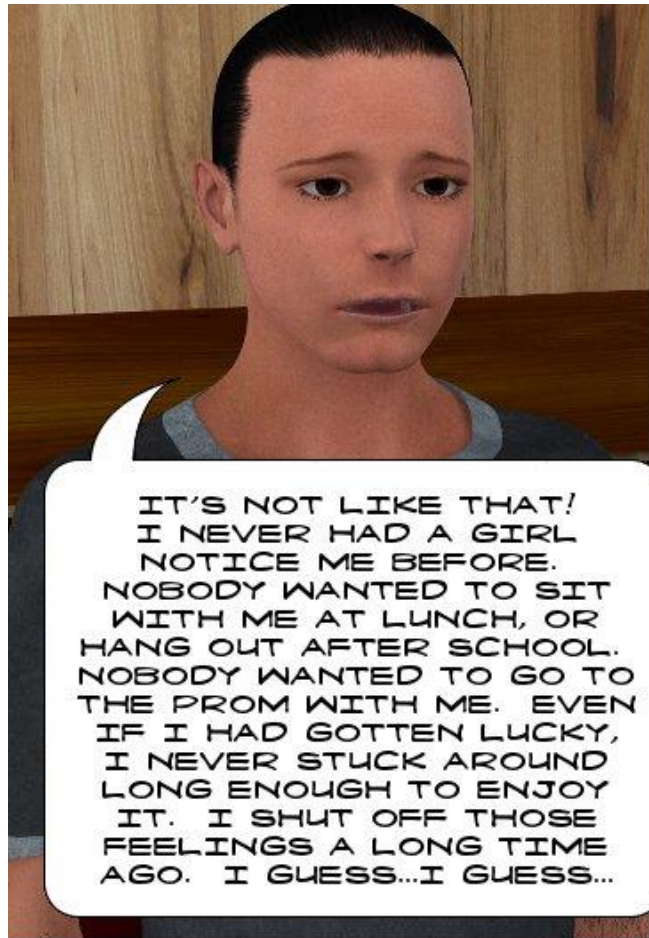


I'M TOO BUSY TO THINK ABOUT GIRLS. I HAVE A HEAVY CLASS LOAD THIS SEMESTER, AND I HAVE TO FOCUS ON THAT IF I WANT TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR.



BESIDES, YOU'RE THE KIND OF GUY THEY WANT. TALL. MANLY JAW. LOTS OF MUSCLES.

WAIT! YOU'VE BEEN CHECKING ME OUT? YOU DO LIKE GIRLS, DON'T YOU?



IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
I NEVER HAD A GIRL
NOTICE ME BEFORE.
NOBODY WANTED TO SIT
WITH ME AT LUNCH, OR
HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL.
NOBODY WANTED TO GO TO
THE PROM WITH ME. EVEN
IF I HAD GOTTEN LUCKY,
I NEVER STUCK AROUND
LONG ENOUGH TO ENJOY
IT. I SHUT OFF THOSE
FEELINGS A LONG TIME
AGO. I GUESS...I GUESS...



I'M GOING TO TELL
YOU A SECRET, TYLER.
WHENEVER I BROUGHT
A GIRL BACK TO MY
ROOM LAST YEAR, I
MADE SURE MY
ROOMMATE WAS
ALWAYS IN. I DIDN'T
WANT THINGS TO GET
TOO INTIMATE. I WAS
AFRAID OF GETTING
TOO CLOSE...OF
GETTING HURT. I
KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.



GABE! I THOUGHT THAT
WAS YOU HIDING OVER
HERE IN THE CORNER.



TODD'S GOING TO BE
DISAPPOINTED YOU
BLEW OFF THE SEASON
OPENER TO HANG OUT
WITH YOUR ROOMMATE.



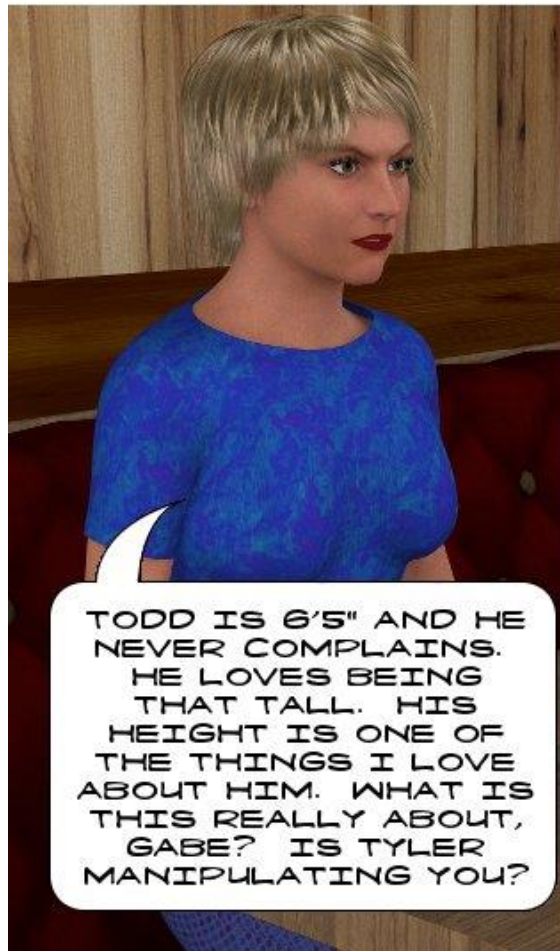
IT'S NOT LIKE THE
ACTUAL GAME IS
TONIGHT. WHAT ABOUT
YOU? TIRED OF TODD?
OR DON'T LIKE FOOTBALL?





NOT MY HEIGHT...
UNLESS I COULD
MAKE MYSELF TALLER.

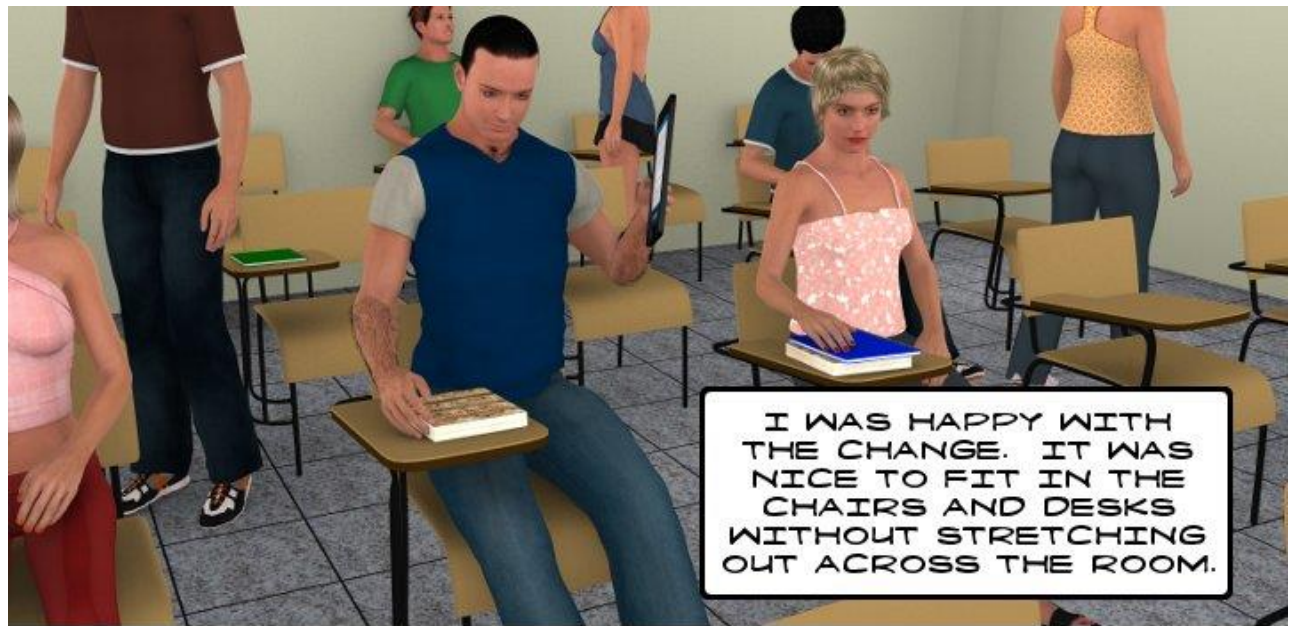
NOT 6'8"! IT WAS COOL TOWERING
OVER EVERYBODY IN HIGH SCHOOL.
I NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT
BULLIES, BUT AT HOME...WELL. 6'8"
WAS COOL IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT
THIS ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL. THIS IS
THE REAL WORLD. MY HEIGHT WAS
MORE TROUBLE THAN IT WAS WORTH,
BUT 6'2" IS PERFECT. I'M STILL
TALLER THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND
I ACTUALLY FIT IN THIS WORLD.



TODD IS 6'5" AND HE
NEVER COMPLAINS.
HE LOVES BEING
THAT TALL. HIS
HEIGHT IS ONE OF
THE THINGS I LOVE
ABOUT HIM. WHAT IS
THIS REALLY ABOUT,
GABE? IS TYLER
MANIPULATING YOU?



IF ANYTHING, I HAD TO
FORCE HIM TO DO THIS.
IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD
YOU, SASHA, I WANTED
THIS. I'M HAPPIER AT
6'2", AND I'M SURE TYLER
IS HAPPIER BEING 5'6".
BUT THIS IS AS FAR AS
WE'RE GOING. YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.





THE GYM WAS
A DIFFERENT
STORY...



THAT'S USUALLY
A WARM-UP SET!



THAT'S BECAUSE HIS
MUSCLES GOT SMALLER
WITH THE REST OF HIM!



EH, I'M STILL TRYING
TO GET BACK FROM
THE SUMMER BREAK.



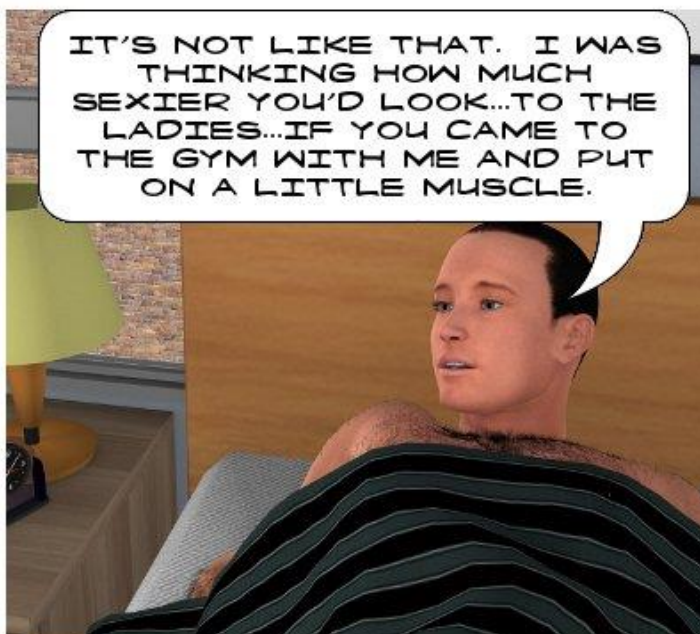
KEEP TELLING
YOURSELF THAT,...
SHORTY. HA!



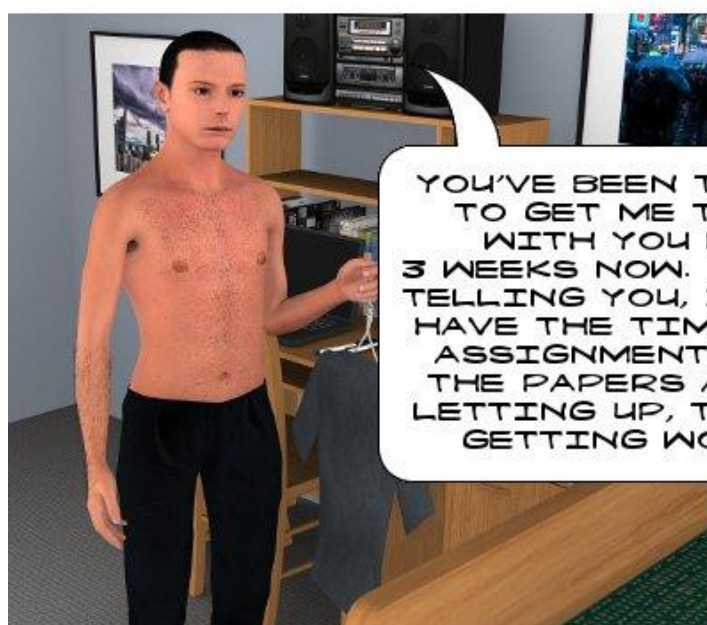
IT DIDN'T BOTHER ME THAT MUCH, BUT IT REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING TYLER SAID...SOMETHING THAT STUCK WITH ME.



ARE YOU WATCHING ME GET DRESSED?



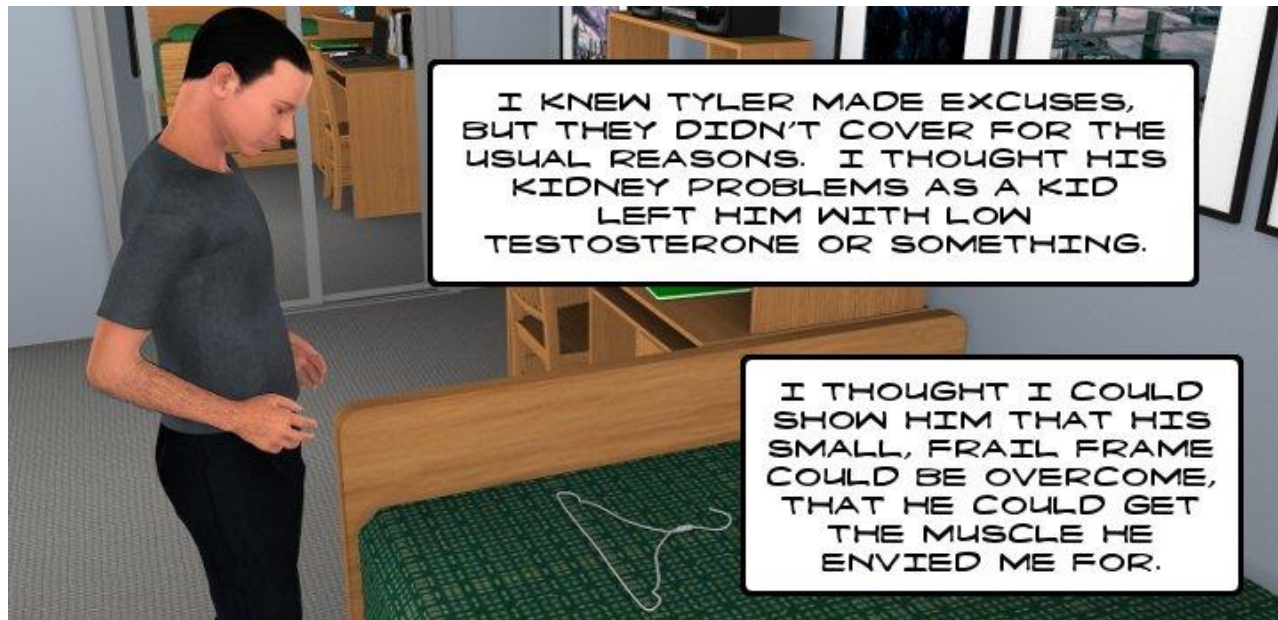
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I WAS THINKING HOW MUCH SEXIER YOU'D LOOK...TO THE LADIES...IF YOU CAME TO THE GYM WITH ME AND PUT ON A LITTLE MUSCLE.



YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET ME TO GO WITH YOU FOR 3 WEEKS NOW. I KEEP TELLING YOU, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME. THE ASSIGNMENTS AND THE PAPERS AREN'T LETTING UP, THEY'RE GETTING WORSE.

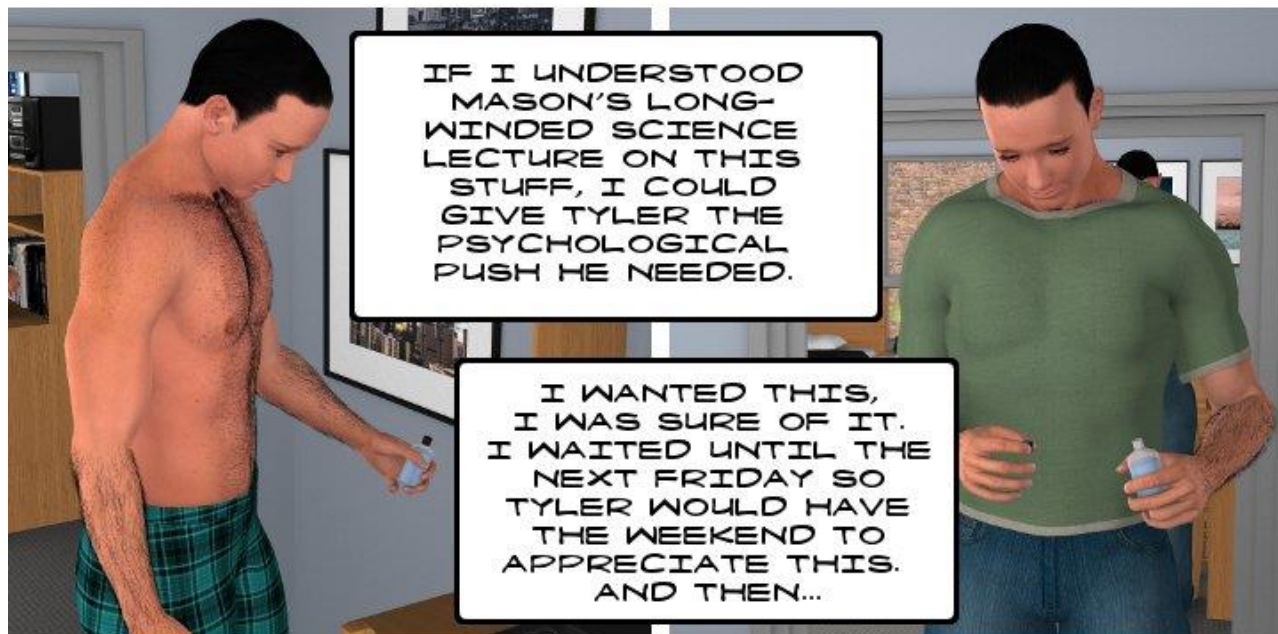


HMMM...



I KNEW TYLER MADE EXCUSES, BUT THEY DIDN'T COVER FOR THE USUAL REASONS. I THOUGHT HIS KIDNEY PROBLEMS AS A KID LEFT HIM WITH LOW TESTOSTERONE OR SOMETHING.

I THOUGHT I COULD SHOW HIM THAT HIS SMALL, FRAIL FRAME COULD BE OVERCOME, THAT HE COULD GET THE MUSCLE HE ENVIED ME FOR.



IF I UNDERSTOOD MASON'S LONG-WINDED SCIENCE LECTURE ON THIS STUFF, I COULD GIVE TYLER THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PUSH HE NEEDED.

I WANTED THIS, I WAS SURE OF IT. I WAITED UNTIL THE NEXT FRIDAY SO TYLER WOULD HAVE THE WEEKEND TO APPRECIATE THIS. AND THEN...



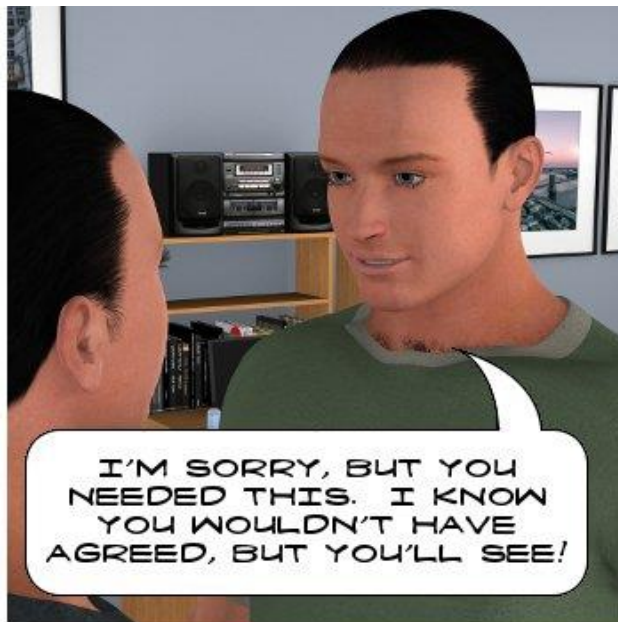
WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE?



MMMM!
MMM!



WHAT THE HELL, GABRIEL?



I'M SORRY, BUT YOU NEEDED THIS. I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T HAVE AGREED, BUT YOU'LL SEE!



SEE WHAT? I DON'T FEEL THAT MUCH BIGGER, BUT YOU SURE LOOK SMALLER. I THINK WE NEED TO TALK TO MASON BECAUSE SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT FORMULA.



NOTHING'S WRONG WITH IT. TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT AND HAVE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR.



I DON'T SEE ANYTHING. WERE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME FAT?



I KNOW IT'S HARD TO SEE, BUT LOOK AT THIS.



WHOAH!
THERE'S
ACTUALLY
SOMETHING
THERE!

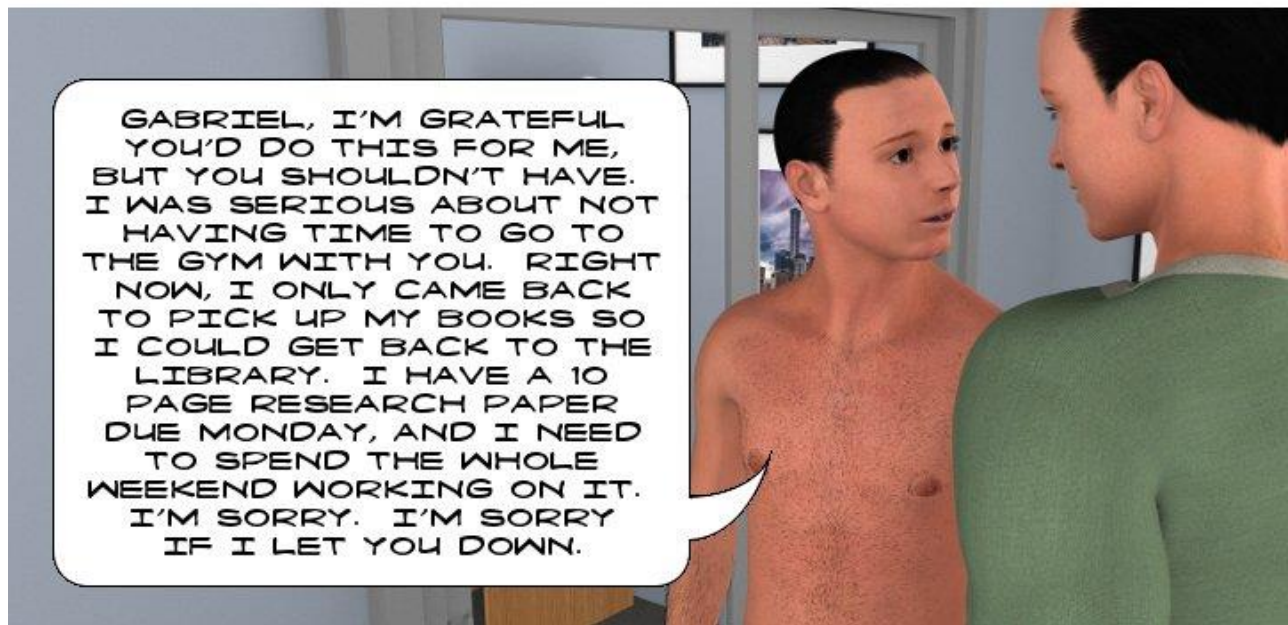
AND ON THE OTHER SIDE,
YOU HAVE THE
BEGINNING OF A TRICEP.



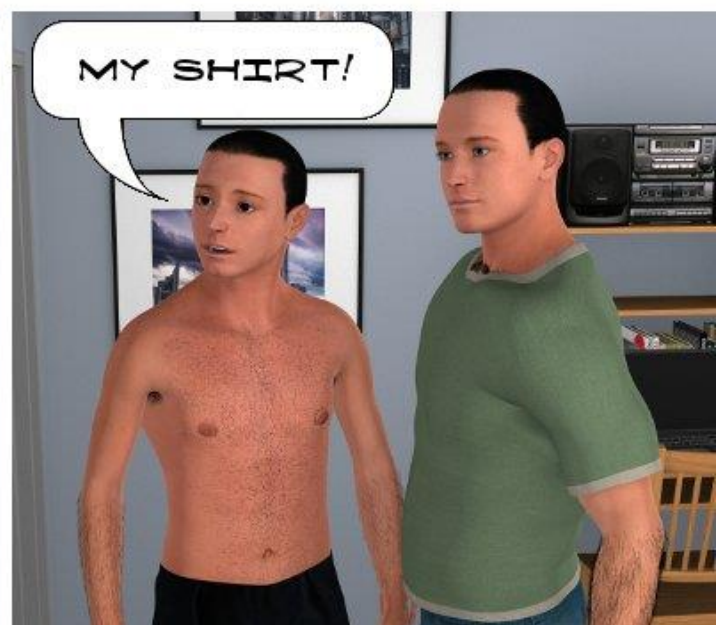
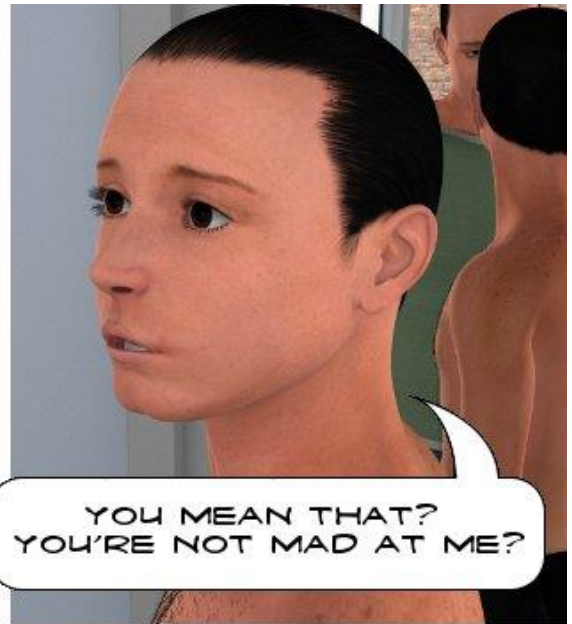
I CAN FEEL IT IN MY
CHEST, TOO. I ACTUALLY
HAVE A CHEST!



THAT'S HOW EVERYBODY
FEELS AFTER THEIR
FIRST FEW WEEKS IN
THE GYM.

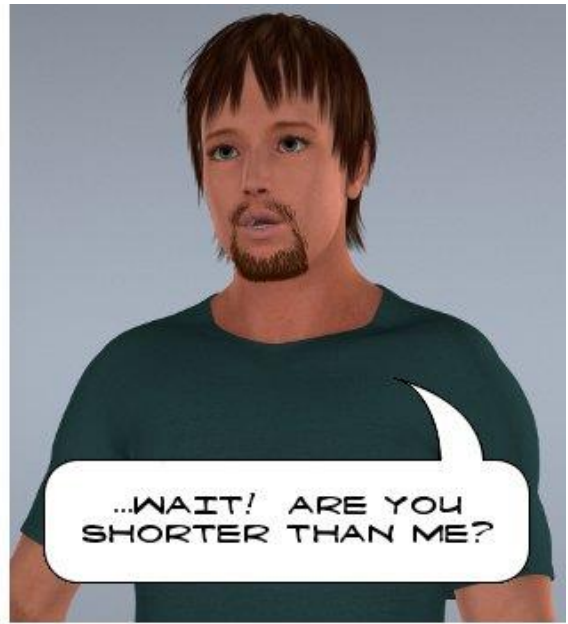


GABRIEL, I'M GRATEFUL
YOU'D DO THIS FOR ME,
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.
I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT NOT
HAVING TIME TO GO TO
THE GYM WITH YOU. RIGHT
NOW, I ONLY CAME BACK
TO PICK UP MY BOOKS SO
I COULD GET BACK TO THE
LIBRARY. I HAVE A 10
PAGE RESEARCH PAPER
DUE MONDAY, AND I NEED
TO SPEND THE WHOLE
WEEKEND WORKING ON IT.
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY
IF I LET YOU DOWN.

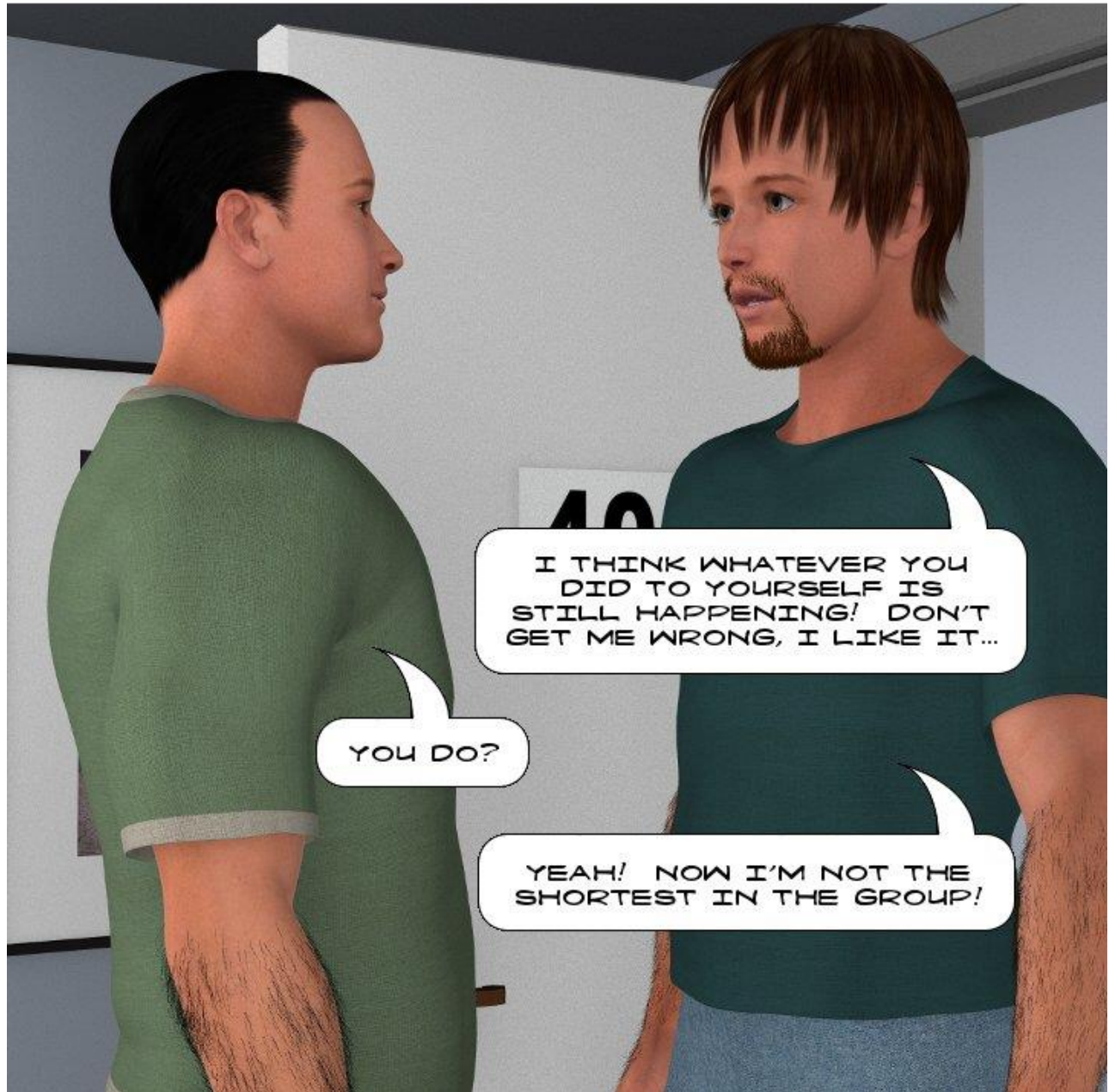




READY TO GO TO TODD'S PLACE? WE JUST HAVE TO STOP BY COLE'S DORM FIRST, AND...



...WAIT! ARE YOU SHORTER THAN ME?



I THINK WHATEVER YOU DID TO YOURSELF IS STILL HAPPENING! DON'T GET ME WRONG, I LIKE IT...

YOU DO?

YEAH! NOW I'M NOT THE SHORTEST IN THE GROUP!



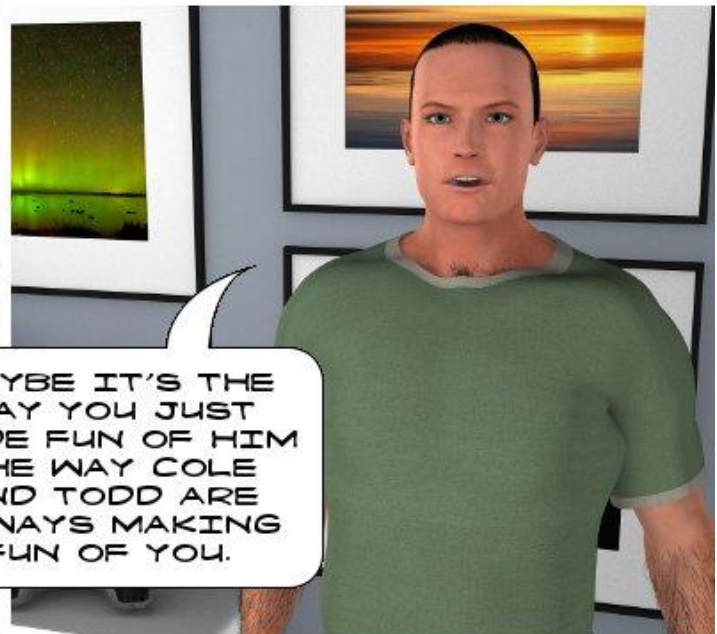
HEY TY. WAIT!
YOU'RE A NORMAL
PERSON NOW!



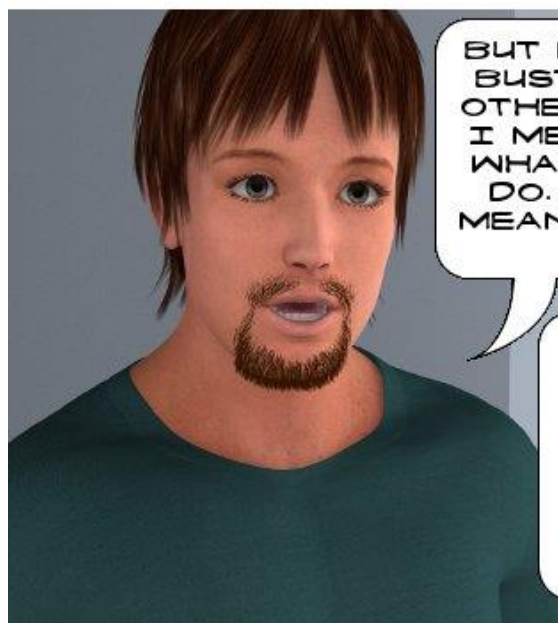
YEAH, THANKS...
...JERK!



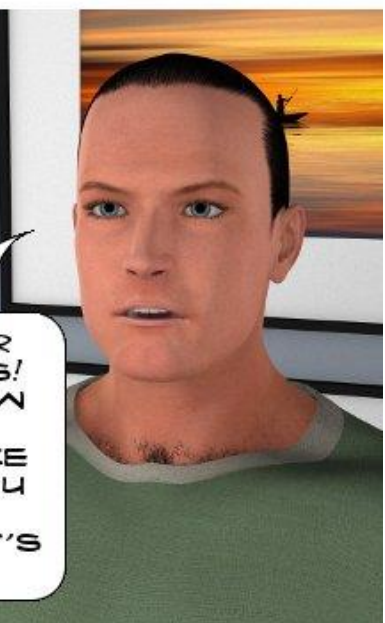
WHAT'S HIS
PROBLEM?



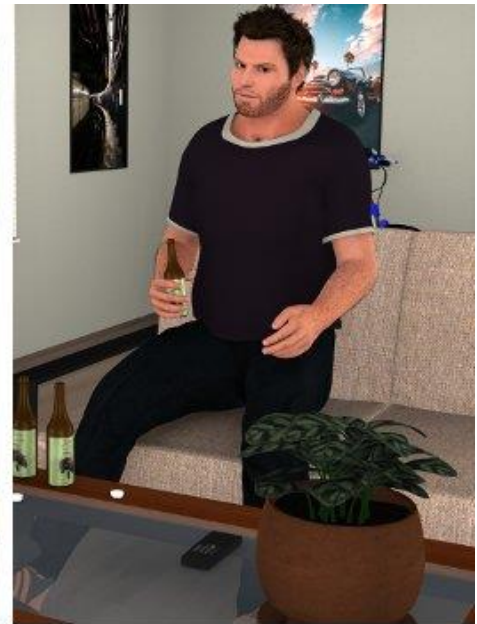
MAYBE IT'S THE
WAY YOU JUST
MADE FUN OF HIM
THE WAY COLE
AND TODD ARE
ALWAYS MAKING
FUN OF YOU.



BUT WE'RE JUST
BUSTING EACH
OTHER'S BALLS.
I MEAN, THAT'S
WHAT FRIENDS
DO. I DIDN'T
MEAN ANYTHING
BY IT!



YOU AND TYLER
AREN'T FRIENDS!
YOU DON'T KNOW
HIM GOOD
ENOUGH TO JOKE
LIKE THAT! YOU
KNOW WHAT?
FORGET IT. LET'S
GET GOING...



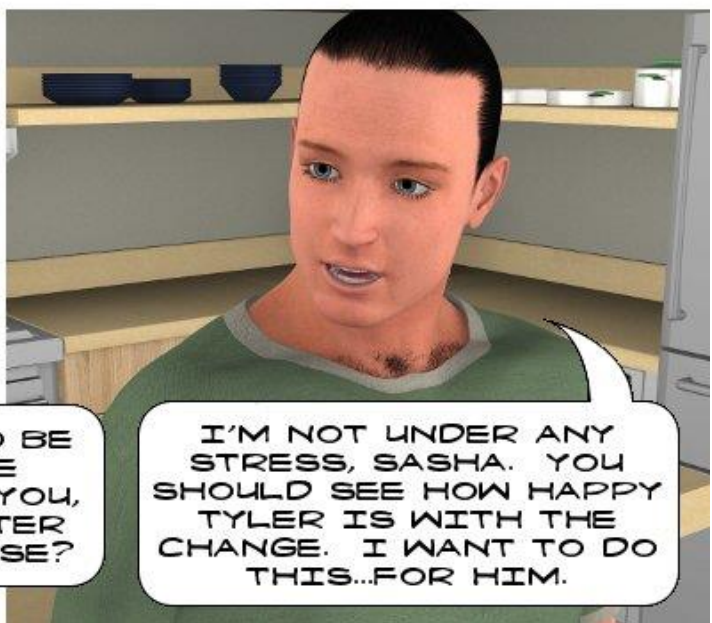
YOU TOLD ME YOU WEREN'T GIVING YOUR ROOMMATE ANY MORE OF YOUR SIZE!



I KNOW, BUT HONESTLY, I'M HAVING SO MUCH FUN. I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS SIZE SINCE 7TH GRADE.



SO...WHAT? YOU WANT TO BE A KID AGAIN? IF THE STRESS IS GETTING TO YOU, WHY NOT TAKE A SEMESTER OFF LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?



I'M NOT UNDER ANY STRESS, SASHA. YOU SHOULD SEE HOW HAPPY TYLER IS WITH THE CHANGE. I WANT TO DO THIS...FOR HIM.



ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS FOR YOU? A MONTH AGO, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT CAUSING PROBLEMS AT HOME. IS THIS REALLY SOME MISGUIDED ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH PARENT ISSUES?



WHATEVER IT SOUNDED LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOT TRUE. IT WAS A SLIP, THAT'S ALL.



GABE, YOU'RE A PRETTY OUTGOING GUY. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE FRIENDLY AND CONFIDENT. BUT AFTER THAT NIGHT AT SERGIO'S, I REALIZED YOU DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT YOURSELF. SURE, YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR CLASSES, YOUR MAJOR, YOUR DREAMS...BUT I DON'T REMEMBER YOU SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR TIME BEFORE YOU GOT TO COLLEGE. I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PARENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS.



BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT. CAN YOU DROP IT, PLEASE?



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, GABE. BUT...IF YOU DO FEEL LIKE TALKING ABOUT IT, I WILL LISTEN.



I KNOW.



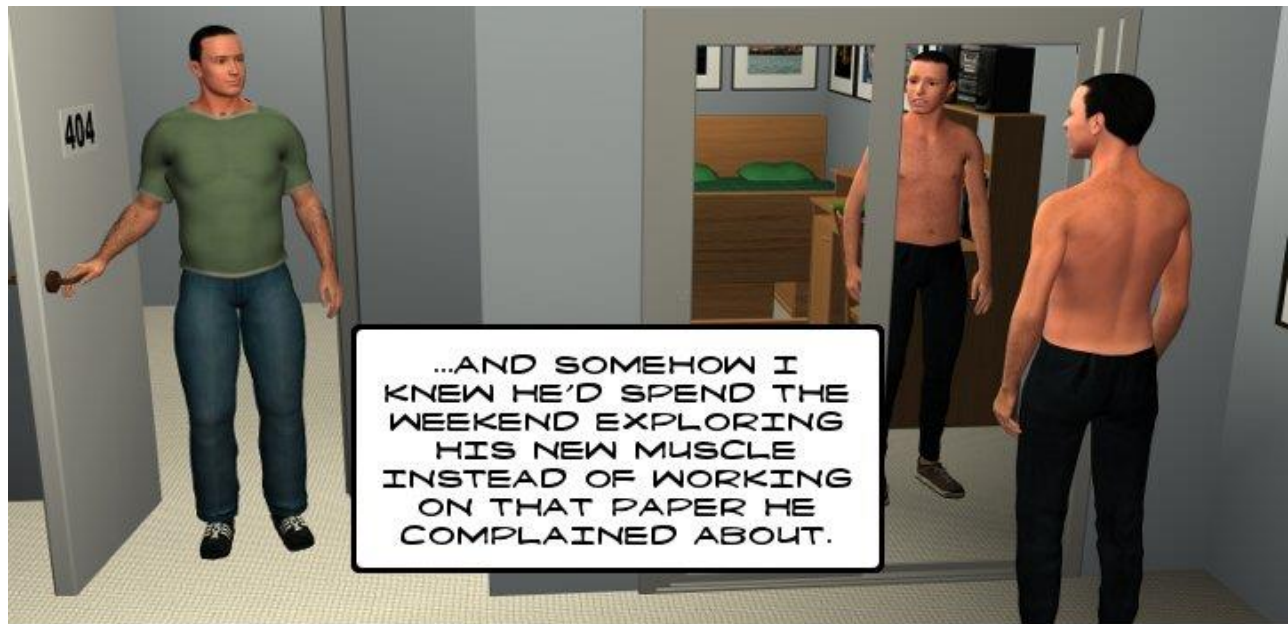
SASHA IS A GREAT FRIEND. I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE OUR FRESHMAN YEAR. BUT SHE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.



I'VE KNOWN COLE AND TODD SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR, TOO, AND THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND ME.



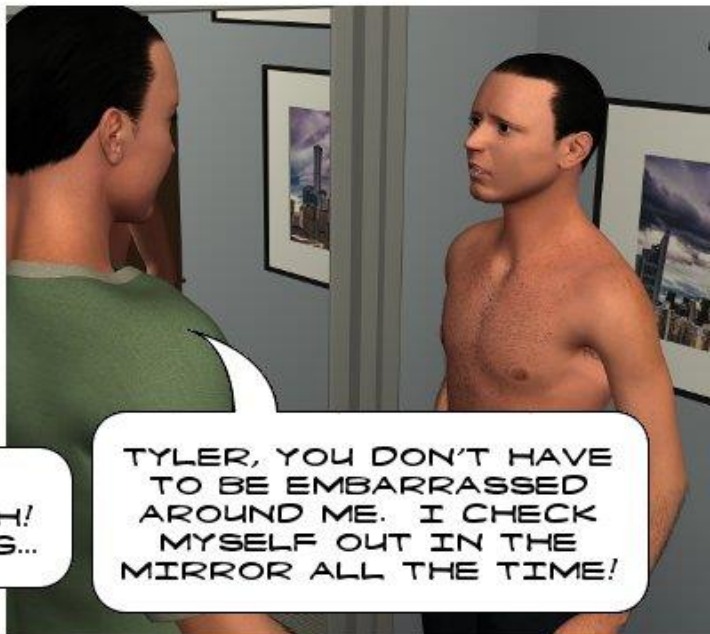
I MET JUSTIN IN THE GYM MY SOPHOMORE YEAR, AND HE COULDN'T RELATE. THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO REALLY KNEW MY SITUATION....



...AND SOMEHOW I KNEW HE'D SPEND THE WEEKEND EXPLORING HIS NEW MUSCLE INSTEAD OF WORKING ON THAT PAPER HE COMPLAINED ABOUT.



I...I...I...WAS JUST...I THOUGHT I HAD A RASH! I WAS JUST CHECKING...



TYLER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE EMBARRASSED AROUND ME. I CHECK MYSELF OUT IN THE MIRROR ALL THE TIME!

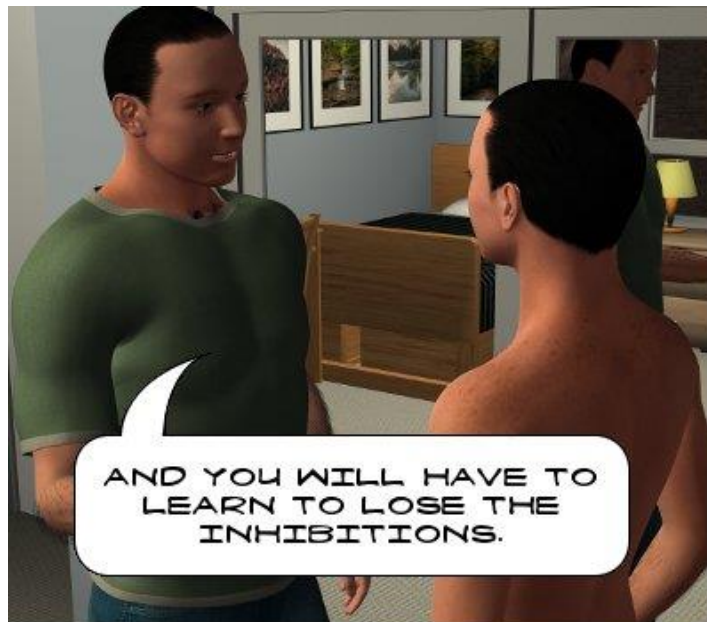


WHEN I'M SHAVING, I'LL BOUNCE MY PECS TO SEE IF THEY GOT ANY BIGGER. WHEN I'M CHANGING, I'LL TIGHTEN MY TRICEP JUST TO SEE THAT HORSESHOE.

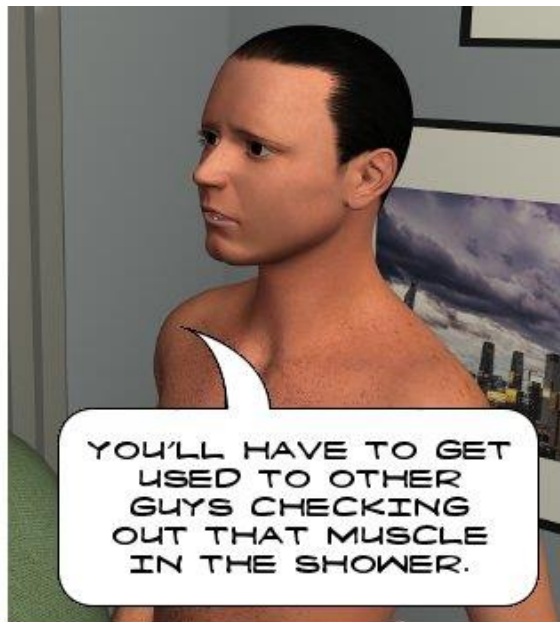


THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ENJOYING THIS.

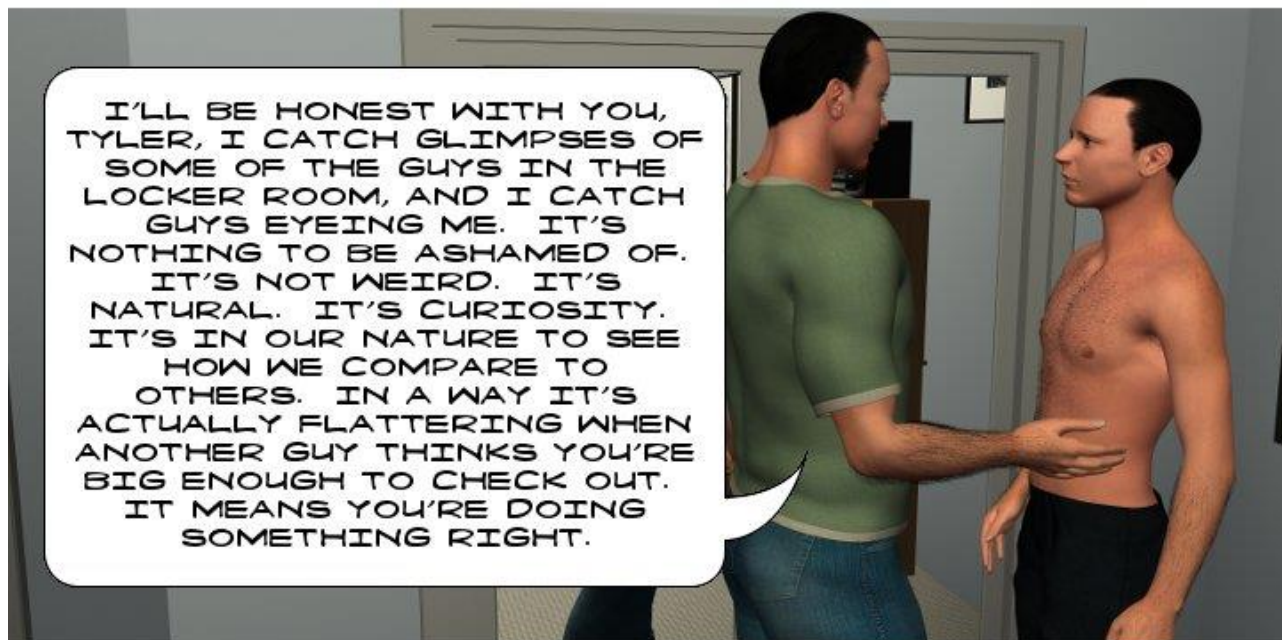
HEY!



AND YOU WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO LOSE THE INHIBITIONS.



YOU'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO OTHER GUYS CHECKING OUT THAT MUSCLE IN THE SHOWER.

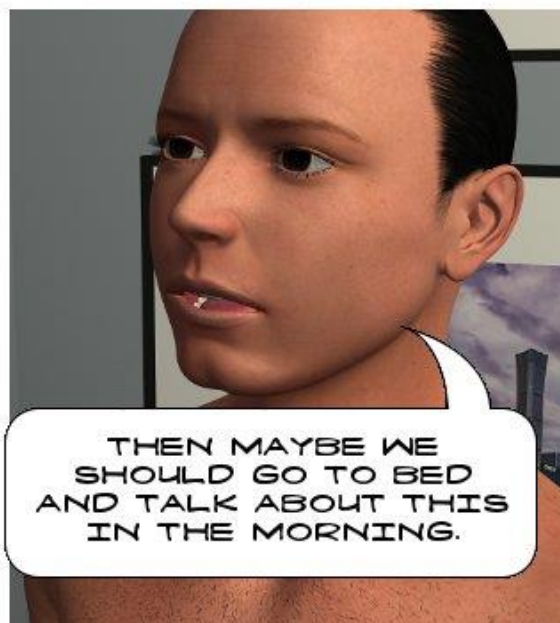


I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU, TYLER, I CATCH GLIMPSSES OF SOME OF THE GUYS IN THE LOCKER ROOM, AND I CATCH GUYS EYEING ME. IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. IT'S NOT WEIRD. IT'S NATURAL. IT'S CURIOSITY. IT'S IN OUR NATURE TO SEE HOW WE COMPARE TO OTHERS. IN A WAY IT'S ACTUALLY FLATTERING WHEN ANOTHER GUY THINKS YOU'RE BIG ENOUGH TO CHECK OUT. IT MEANS YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.

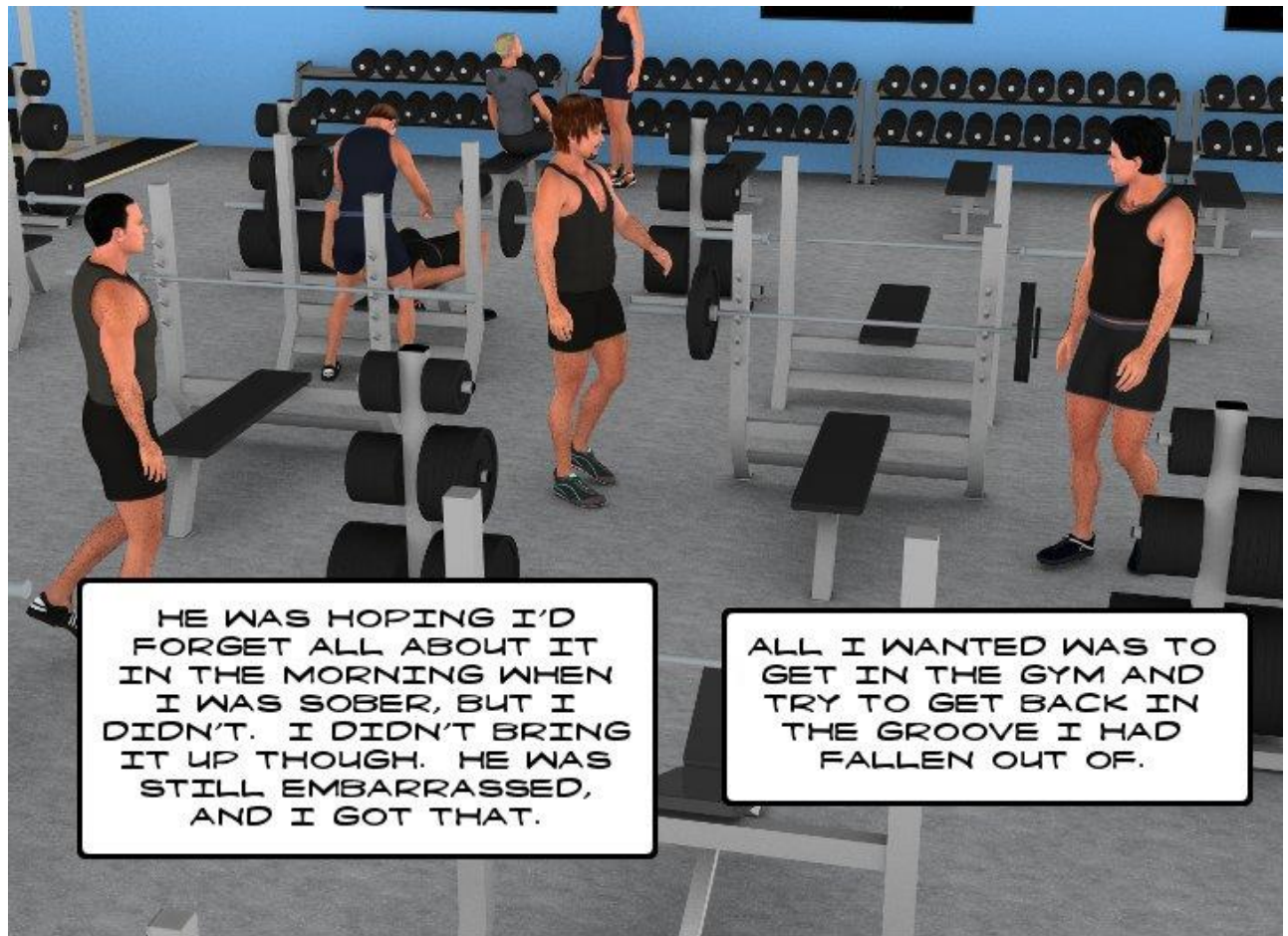


ARE YOU DRUNK?

YEAH.
HA HA!

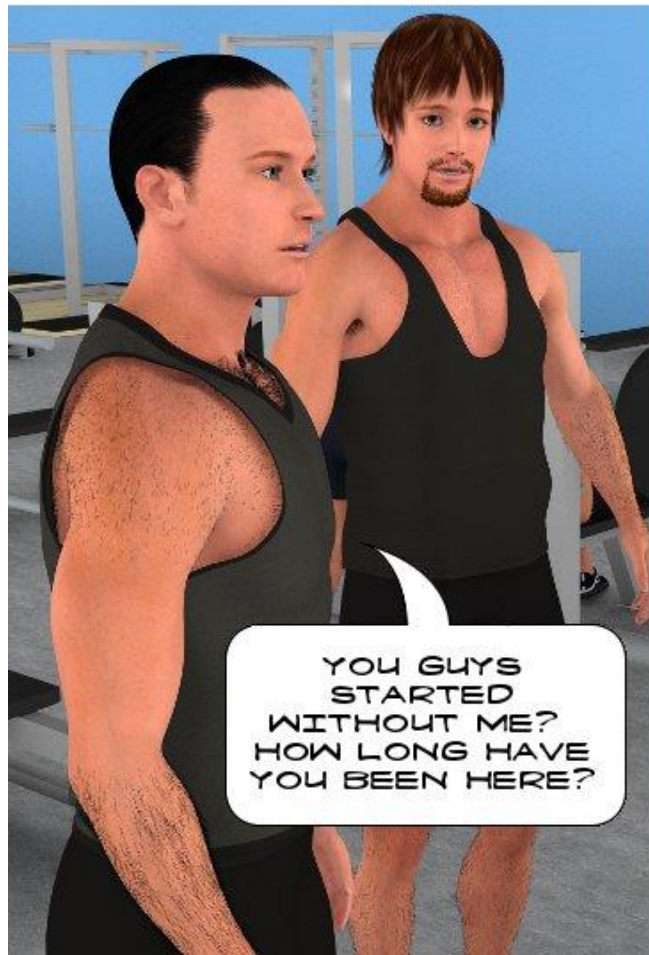


THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD GO TO BED AND TALK ABOUT THIS IN THE MORNING.

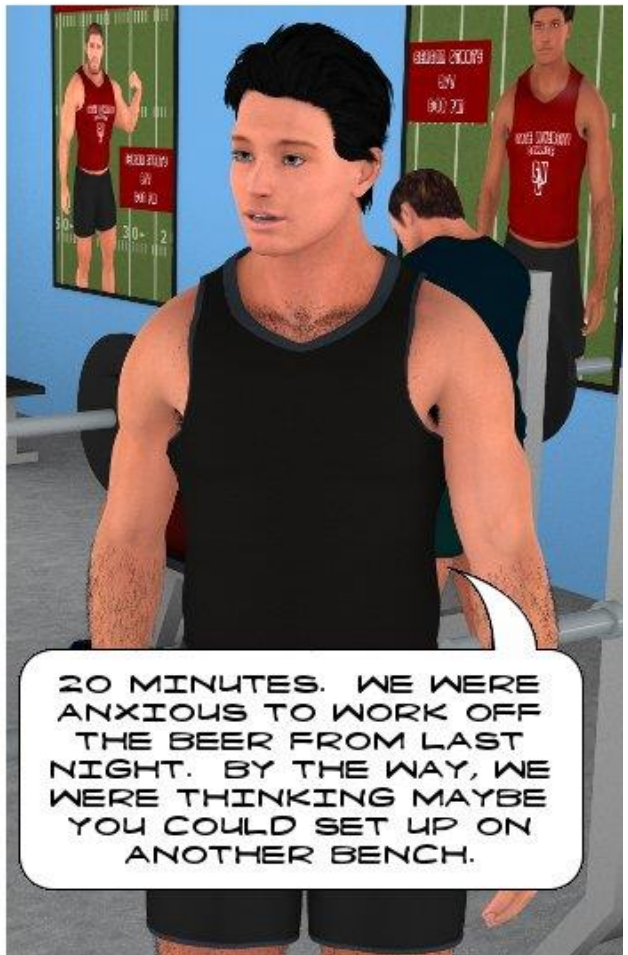


HE WAS HOPING I'D FORGET ALL ABOUT IT IN THE MORNING WHEN I WAS SOBER, BUT I DIDN'T. I DIDN'T BRING IT UP THOUGH. HE WAS STILL EMBARRASSED, AND I GOT THAT.

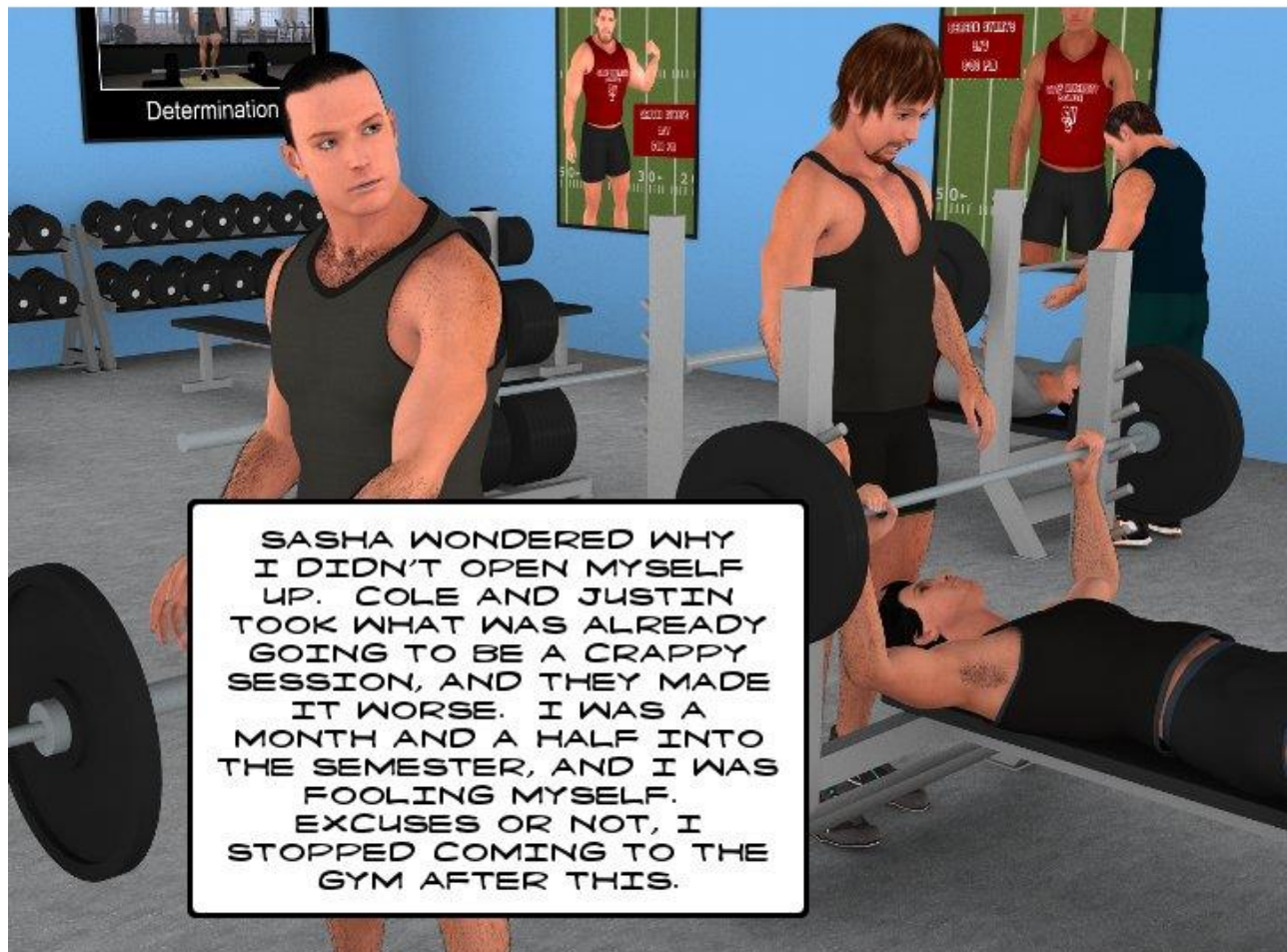
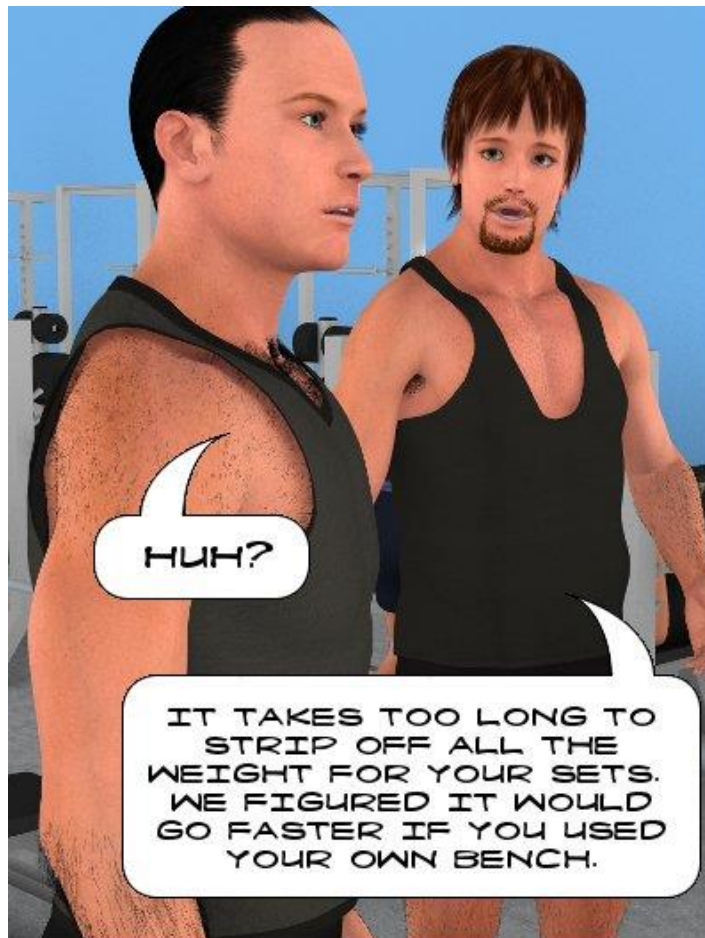
ALL I WANTED WAS TO GET IN THE GYM AND TRY TO GET BACK IN THE GROOVE I HAD FALLEN OUT OF.

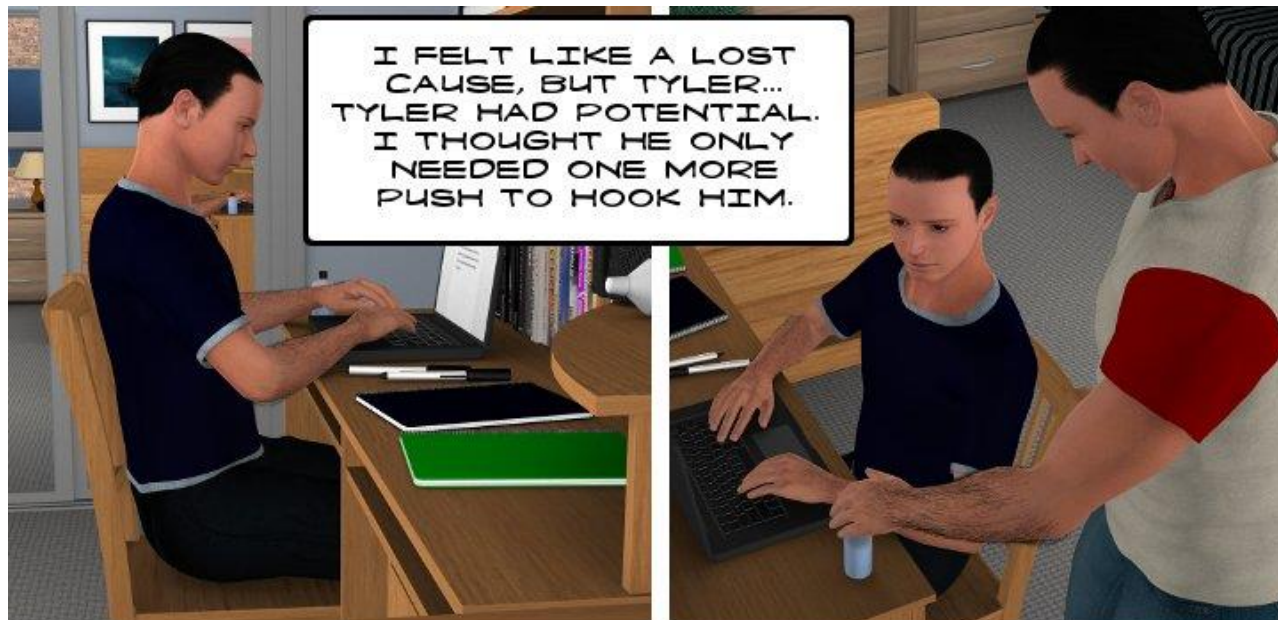


YOU GUYS STARTED WITHOUT ME? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?



20 MINUTES. WE WERE ANXIOUS TO WORK OFF THE BEER FROM LAST NIGHT. BY THE WAY, WE WERE THINKING MAYBE YOU COULD SET UP ON ANOTHER BENCH.





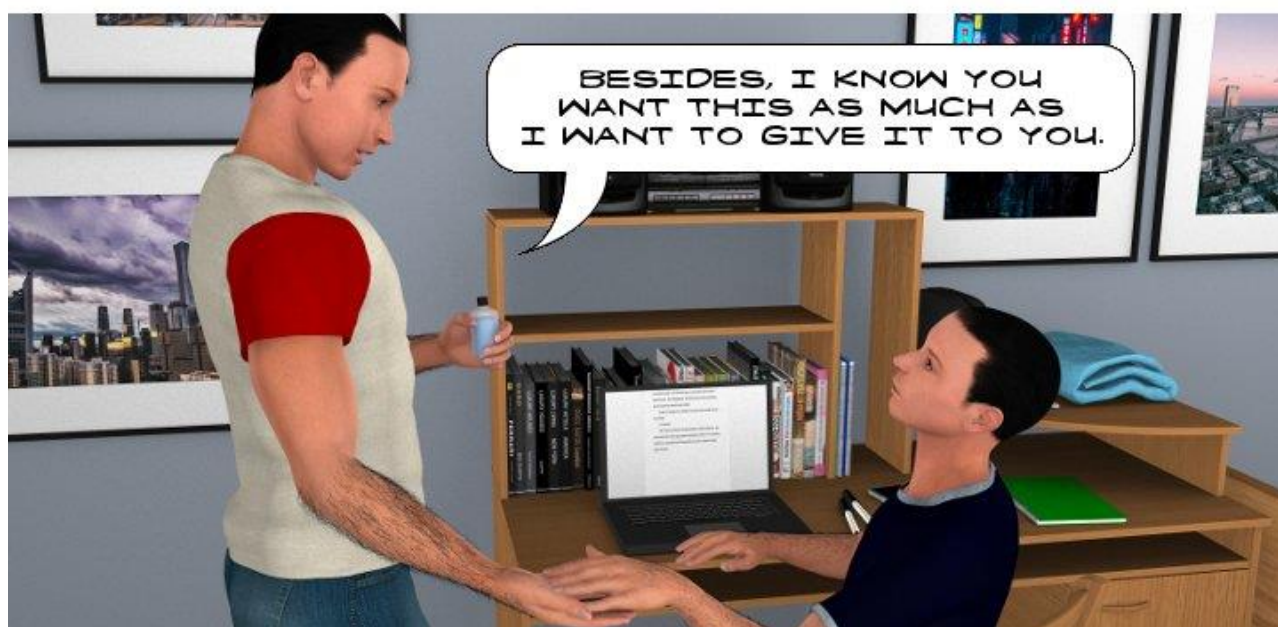
I FELT LIKE A LOST CAUSE, BUT TYLER... TYLER HAD POTENTIAL. I THOUGHT HE ONLY NEEDED ONE MORE PUSH TO HOOK HIM.



GABRIEL, NO!



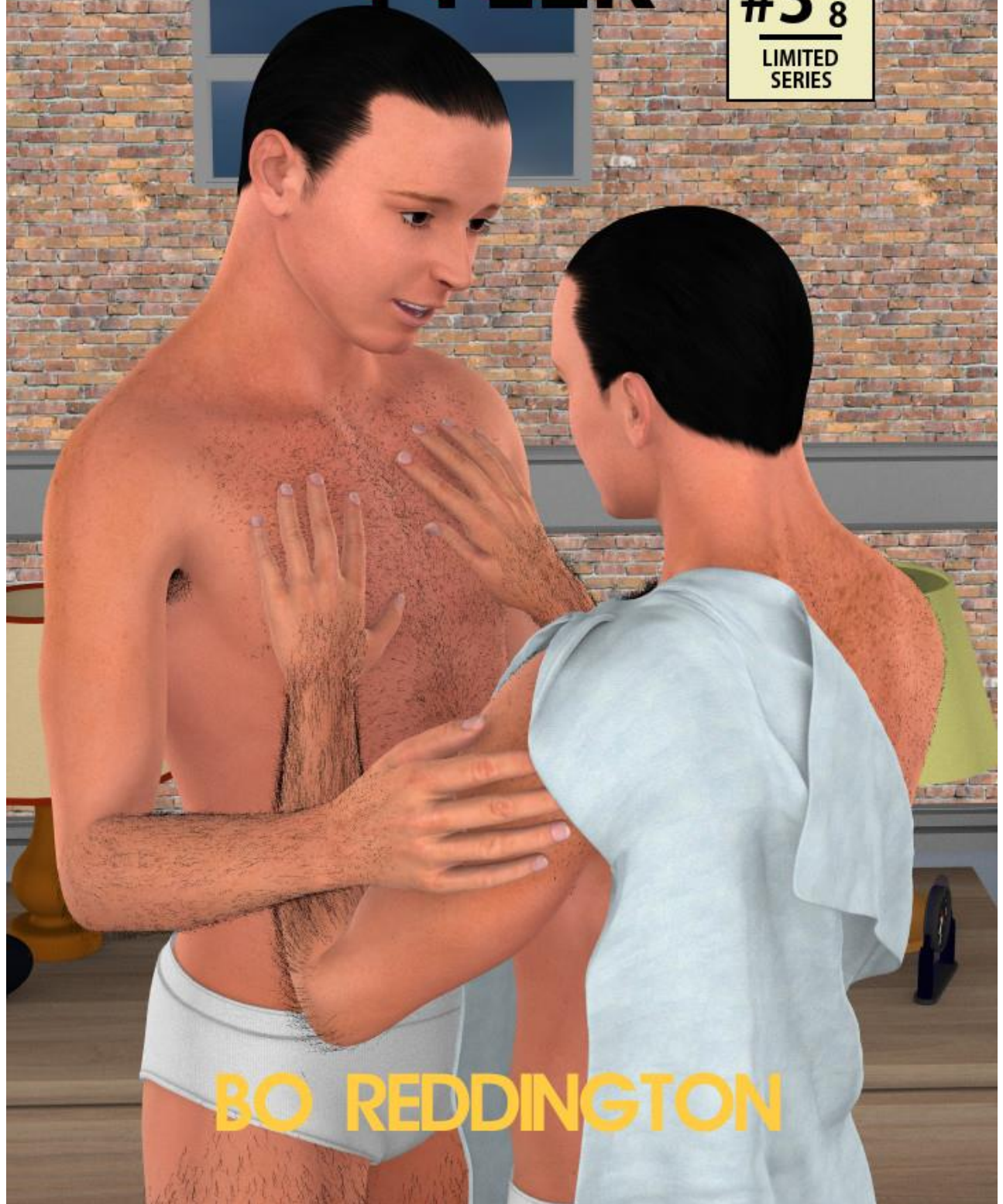
YOU FORGOT WHAT MASON SAID. I'M IN CONTROL.



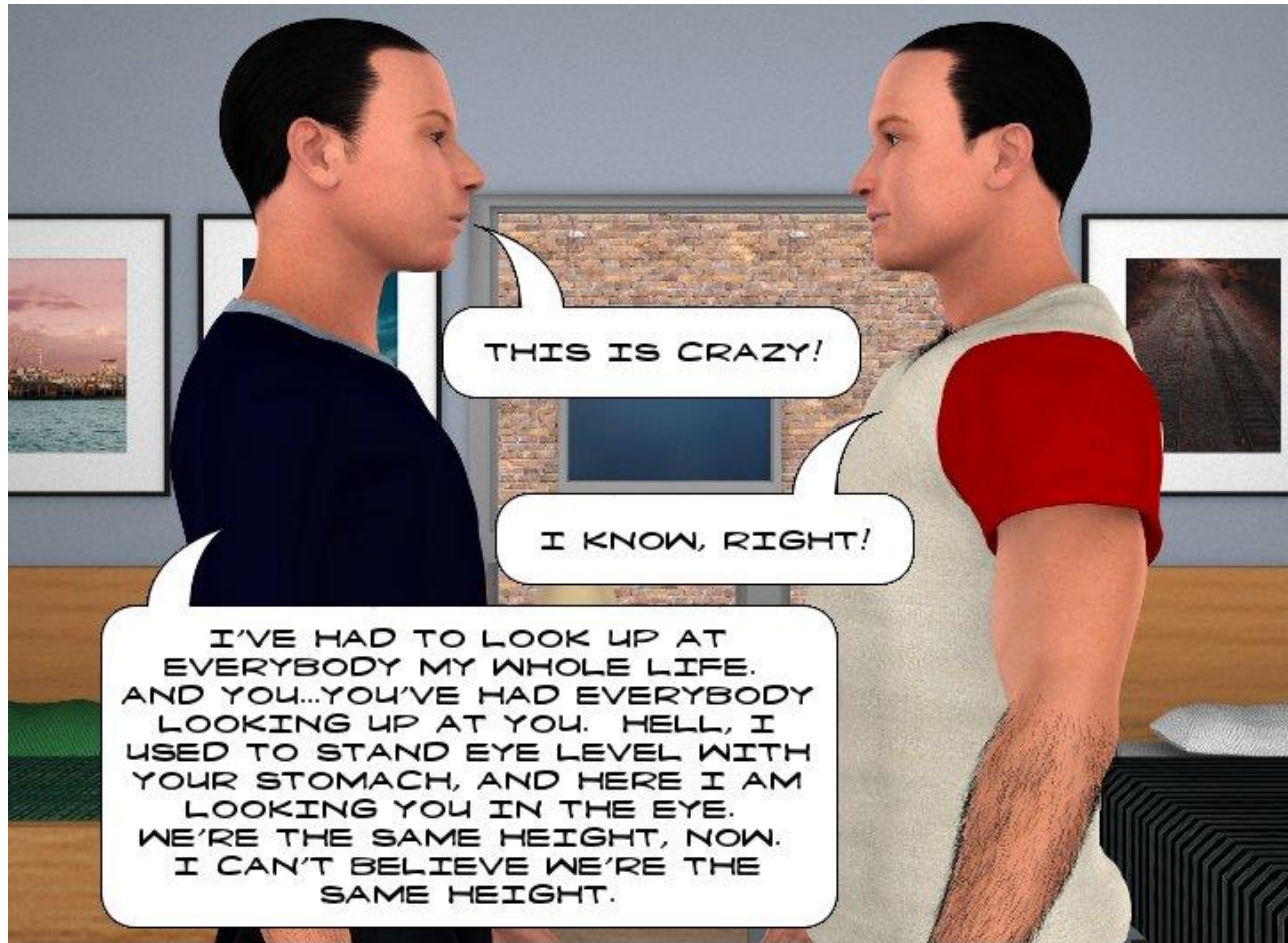
BESIDES, I KNOW YOU WANT THIS AS MUCH AS I WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

TRANSFORMING TYLER

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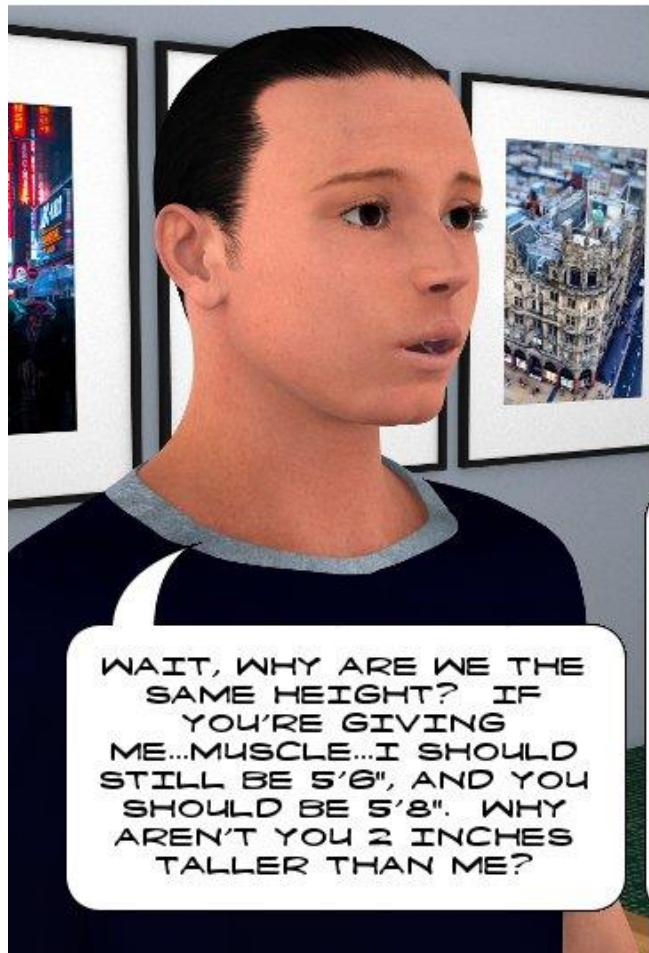
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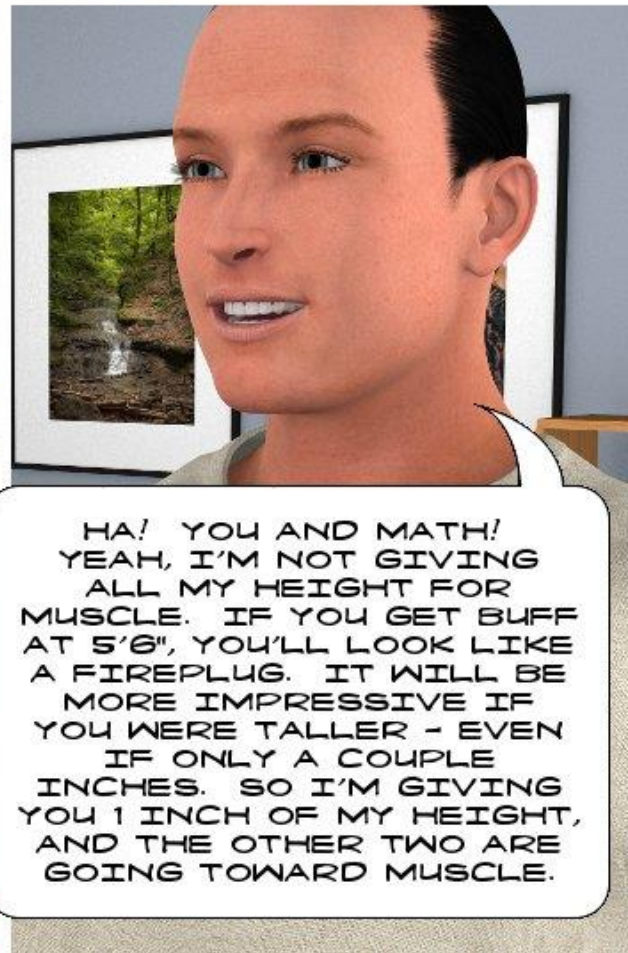
THIS IS CRAZY!

I KNOW, RIGHT!

I'VE HAD TO LOOK UP AT EVERYBODY MY WHOLE LIFE. AND YOU...YOU'VE HAD EVERYBODY LOOKING UP AT YOU. HELL, I USED TO STAND EYE LEVEL WITH YOUR STOMACH, AND HERE I AM LOOKING YOU IN THE EYE. WE'RE THE SAME HEIGHT, NOW. I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE THE SAME HEIGHT.



WAIT, WHY ARE WE THE SAME HEIGHT? IF YOU'RE GIVING ME...MUSCLE...I SHOULD STILL BE 5'6", AND YOU SHOULD BE 5'8". WHY AREN'T YOU 2 INCHES TALLER THAN ME?



HA! YOU AND MATH! YEAH, I'M NOT GIVING ALL MY HEIGHT FOR MUSCLE. IF YOU GET BUFF AT 5'6", YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A FIREPLUG. IT WILL BE MORE IMPRESSIVE IF YOU WERE TALLER - EVEN IF ONLY A COUPLE INCHES. SO I'M GIVING YOU 1 INCH OF MY HEIGHT, AND THE OTHER TWO ARE GOING TOWARD MUSCLE.



YOU ARE CRAZY, GABRIEL. YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS WAY TOO MUCH.



NOT REALLY. WE'RE BROTHERS, YOU AND ME. MAYBE NOT REAL BROTHERS, BUT WE'RE THAT CLOSE. THERE ISN'T NOTHING I WOULDN'T DO FOR YOU.



REALLY? WOW! IT'S JUST...I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY. I NEVER HAD A BROTHER, SO...



YOU HAD NOTHING TO COMPARE THIS TOO.



LOOK AT US, TYLER. WE WERE 2 DIFFERENT PEOPLE. PHYSICALLY, WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE OPPOSITE. AND PERSONALITY? YOU WERE A SHY BOOKWORM. YOU BURIED YOURSELF IN YOUR SCHOOLWORK SO YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO GET INVOLVED WITH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. I'M OUTGOING. I HUNG OUT WITH OTHER PEOPLE. I WENT TO THE GYM WITH COLE AND JUSTIN. YET WE HAVE THE SAME BACKGROUND. WE SHARE A PAST. WE HAVE THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN US. THAT'S WHAT BROTHERS ARE.



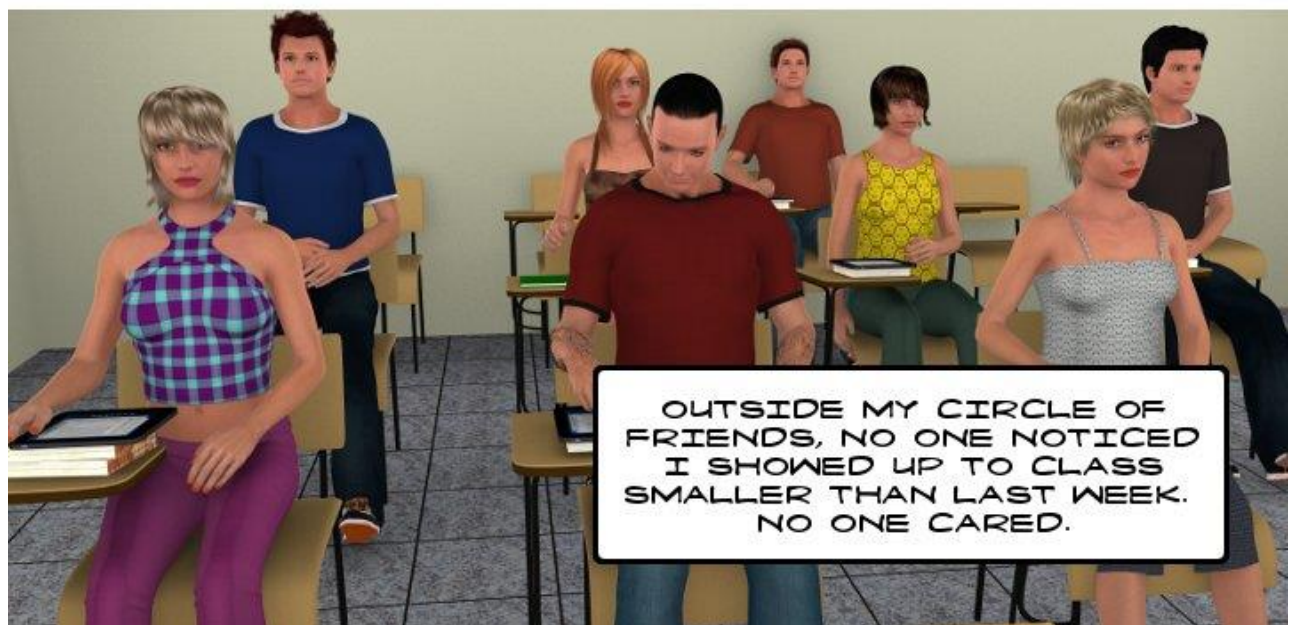
AND I KNEW YOU SAW IT, TOO, THE MOMENT YOU AGREED TO BE MY ROOMMATE THIS YEAR.



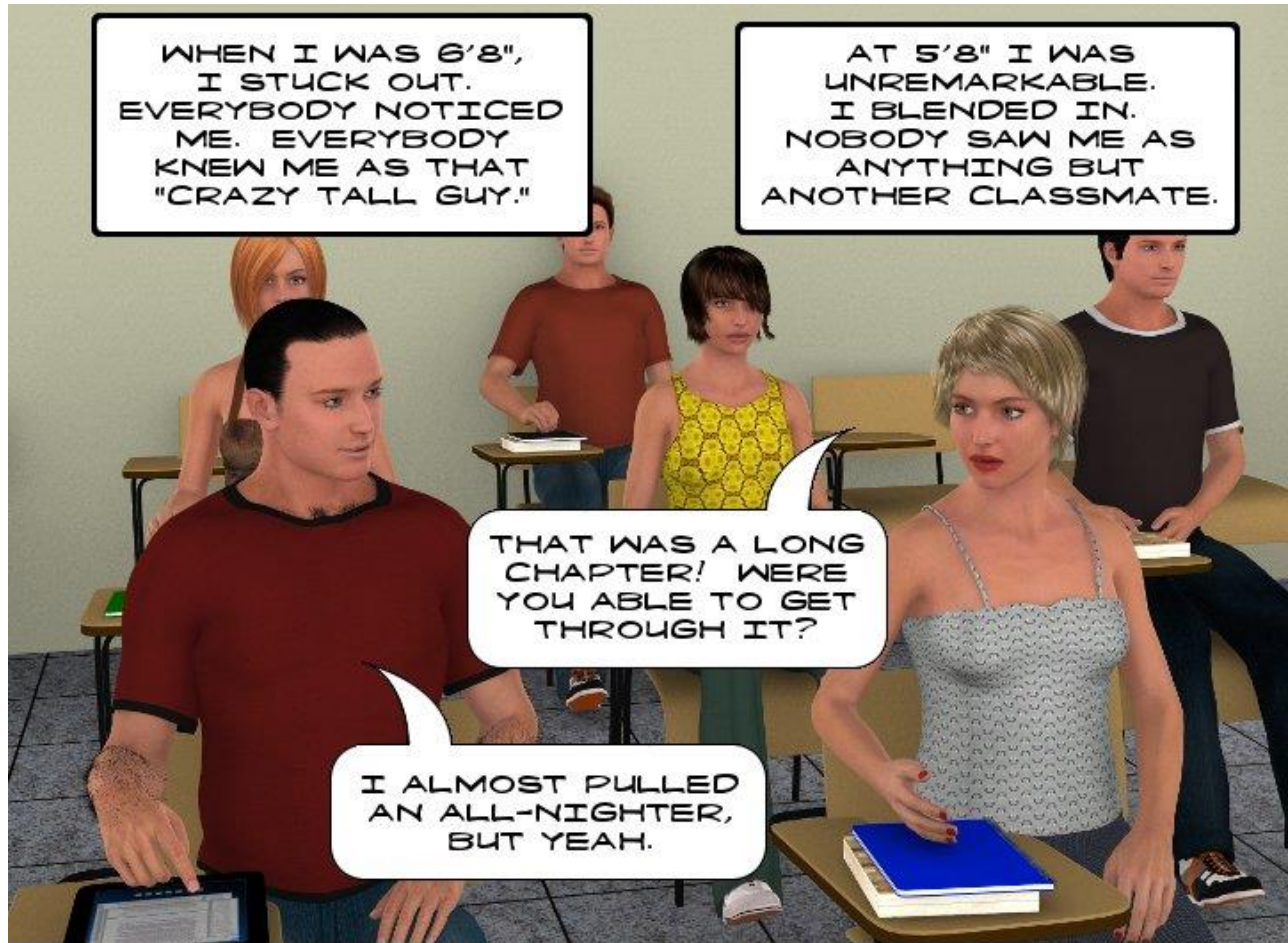
HONESTLY? I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN THE JERKS I GOT STUCK WITH BEFORE.



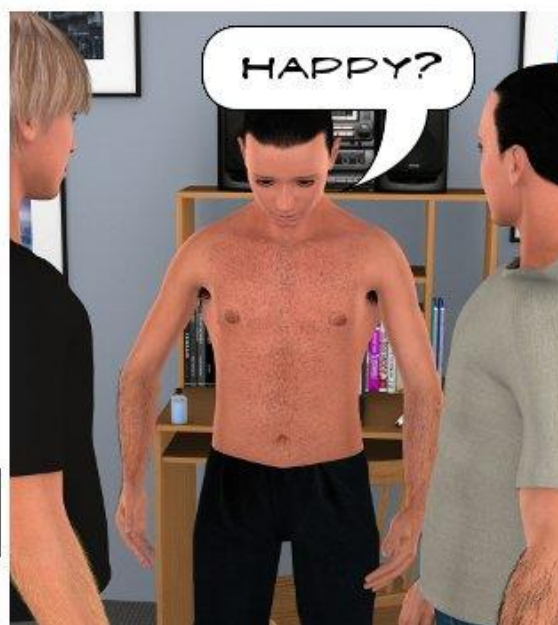
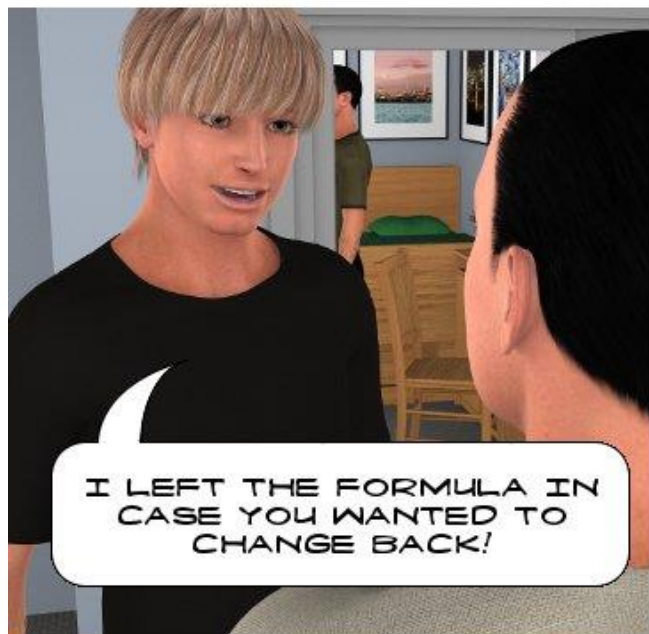
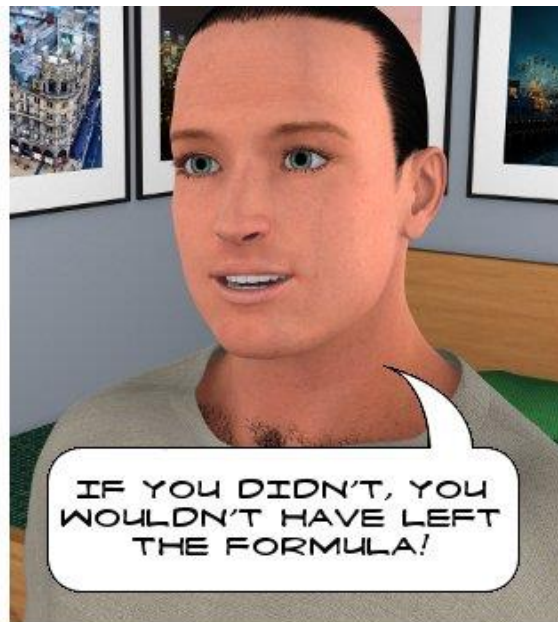
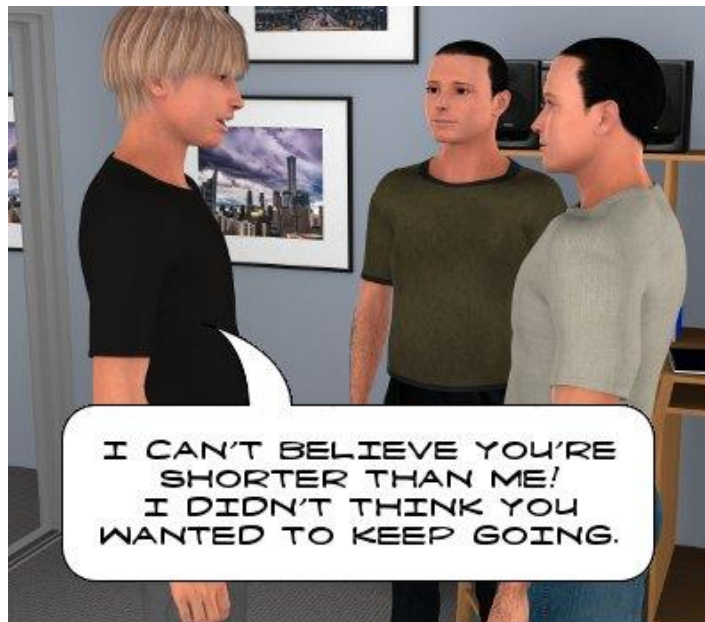
MY GIFTS TO TYLER WERE CHANGING HIM IN MANY WAYS. MY OLD ROOMMATE WOULD NEVER HAVE TRIED TO CRACK A JOKE LIKE THAT. I KNEW THEN HOW RIGHT I WAS TO DO THIS FOR HIM.

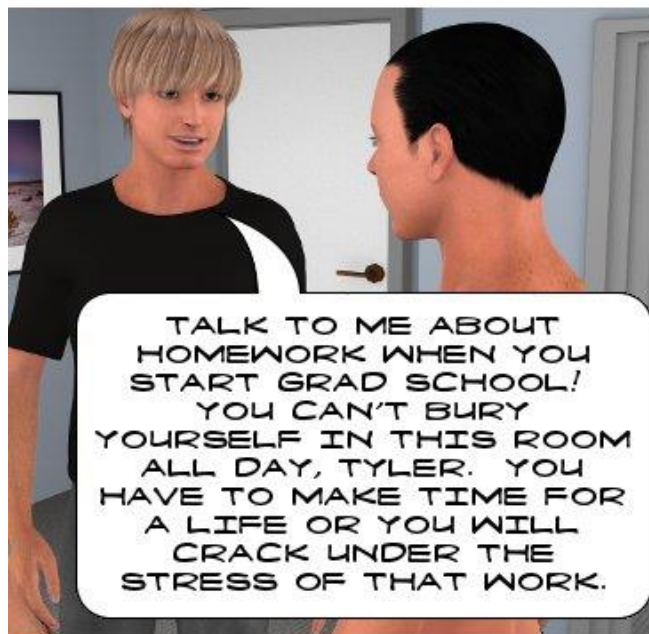


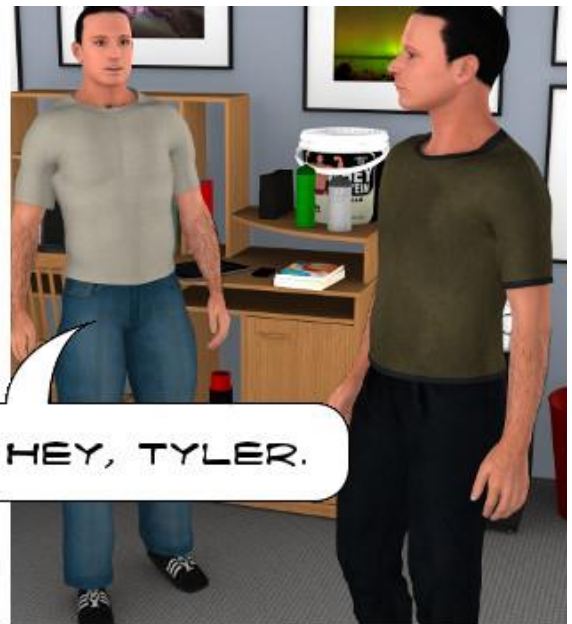
OUTSIDE MY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, NO ONE NOTICED I SHOWED UP TO CLASS SMALLER THAN LAST WEEK. NO ONE CARED.











HEY, TYLER.

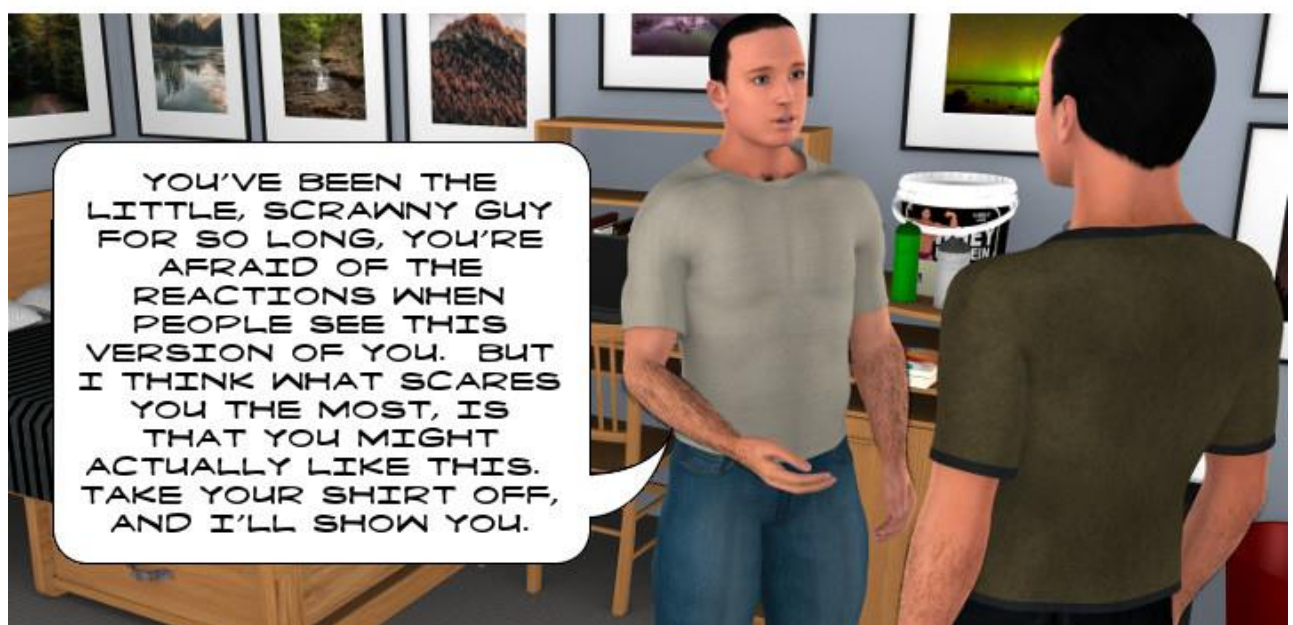


I GET IT MORE THAN YOU KNOW. YOU'RE AFRAID TO PUT YOURSELF IN THE SPOTLIGHT.



TAKE OFF YOUR SHIRT AGAIN.

WHAT?!



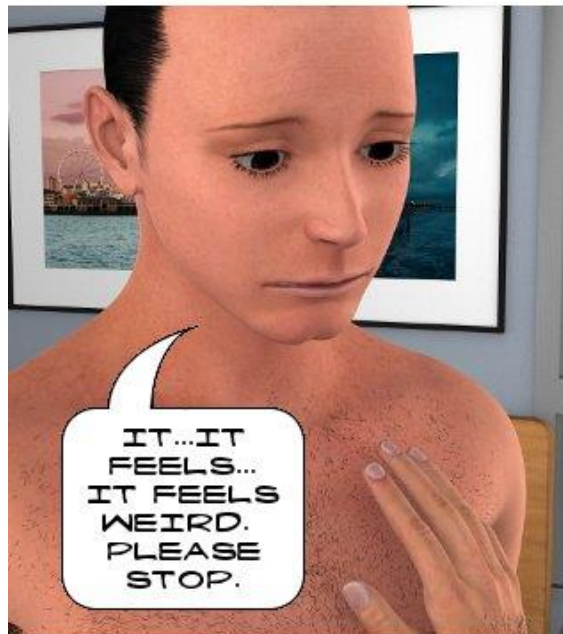
YOU'VE BEEN THE LITTLE, SCRAWNY GUY FOR SO LONG, YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE REACTIONS WHEN PEOPLE SEE THIS VERSION OF YOU. BUT I THINK WHAT SCARES YOU THE MOST, IS THAT YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY LIKE THIS. TAKE YOUR SHIRT OFF, AND I'LL SHOW YOU.



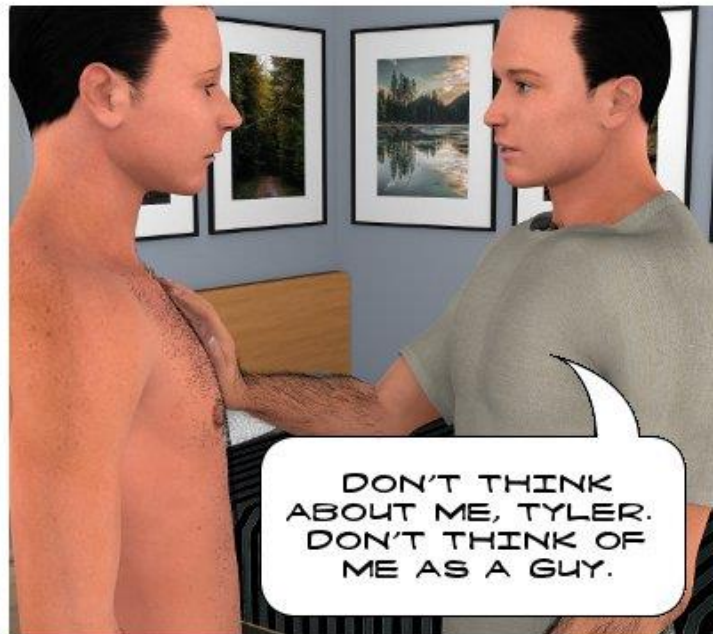
HAPPY NOW,
GABE...HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU...?



I WANT YOU TO TELL
ME HOW THIS
MAKES YOU FEEL.



IT...IT
FEELS...
IT FEELS
WEIRD.
PLEASE
STOP.



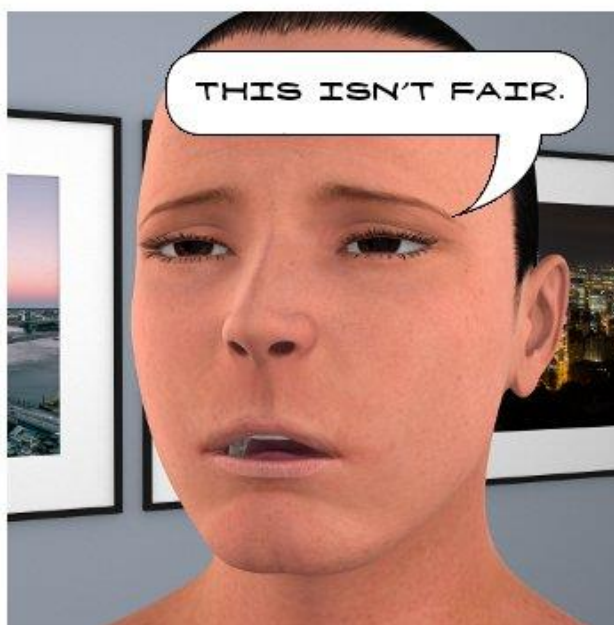
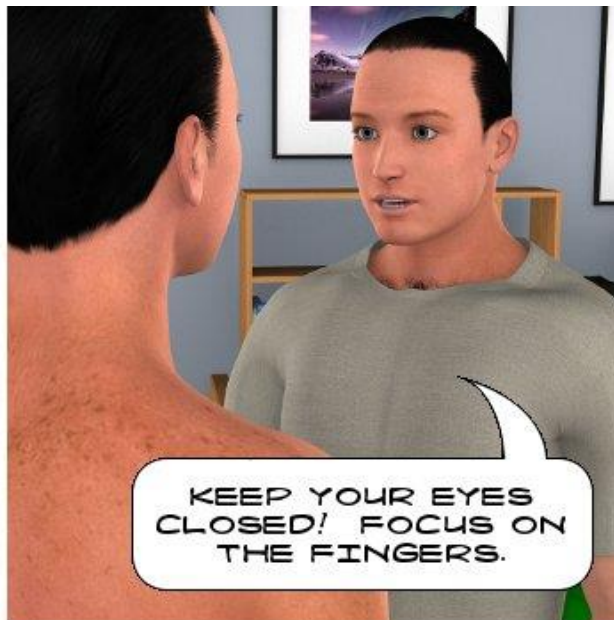
DON'T THINK
ABOUT ME, TYLER.
DON'T THINK OF
ME AS A GUY.



CLOSE YOUR EYES.
FEEL THE FINGERS
ACROSS THAT LITTLE
SLAB OF MUSCLE.



AND TELL ME
HOW IT FEELS.

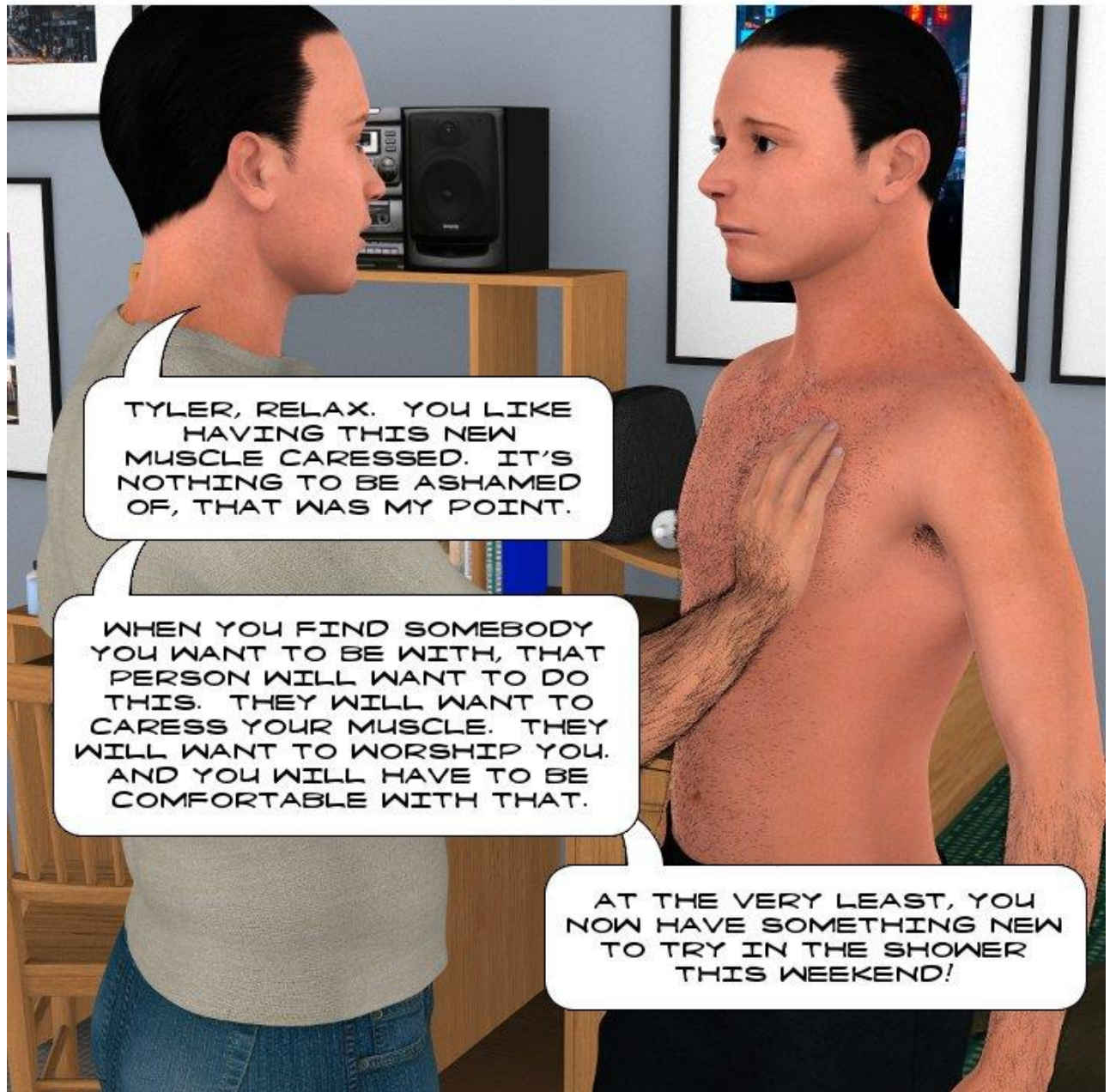




JUDGING FROM THE TIGHTNESS IN YOUR PANTS, I THINK MR. HAPPY DISAGREES.



IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE! IT'S NOT...I MEAN, I'M NOT...



TYLER, RELAX. YOU LIKE HAVING THIS NEW MUSCLE CARESSSED. IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, THAT WAS MY POINT.

WHEN YOU FIND SOMEBODY YOU WANT TO BE WITH, THAT PERSON WILL WANT TO DO THIS. THEY WILL WANT TO CARESS YOUR MUSCLE. THEY WILL WANT TO WORSHIP YOU. AND YOU WILL HAVE TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

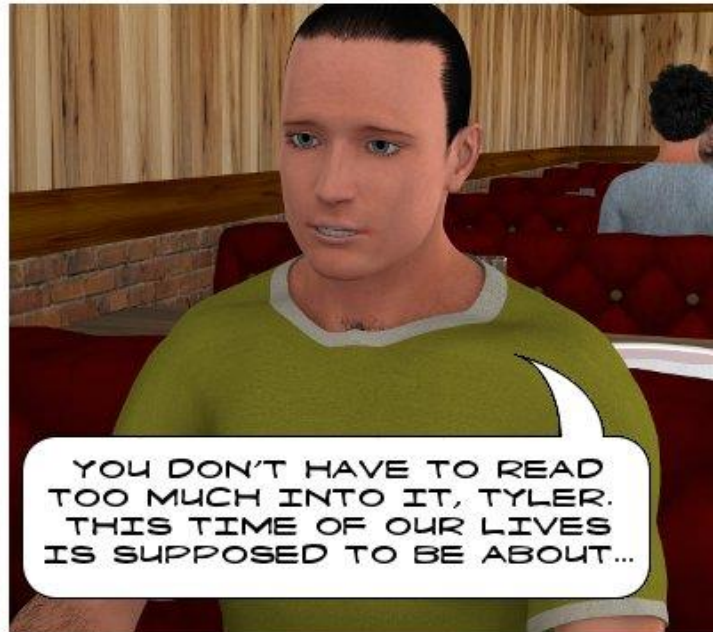
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU NOW HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO TRY IN THE SHOWER THIS WEEKEND!



YOU'VE BEEN QUIET SINCE WE GOT HERE. DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YESTERDAY?



I'D...RATHER...FORGET ABOUT THAT.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO READ TOO MUCH INTO IT, TYLER. THIS TIME OF OUR LIVES IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT...



OH, HEY, MASON! WANT TO JOIN US?



THANKS. I WAS WRITING UP A LAB WHEN MY STOMACH STARTED GROWLING. THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO COME GRAB A SLICE.



YOU'RE WELCOME TO ONE OF OURS. WE ORDERED MORE THAN WE SHOULD HAVE.



GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BRING THE PIZZA NEXT TIME I COME BY YOUR DORM.



BY THE WAY, ARE YOU TWO GOING TO THE HALLOWEEN BASH NEXT WEEK?



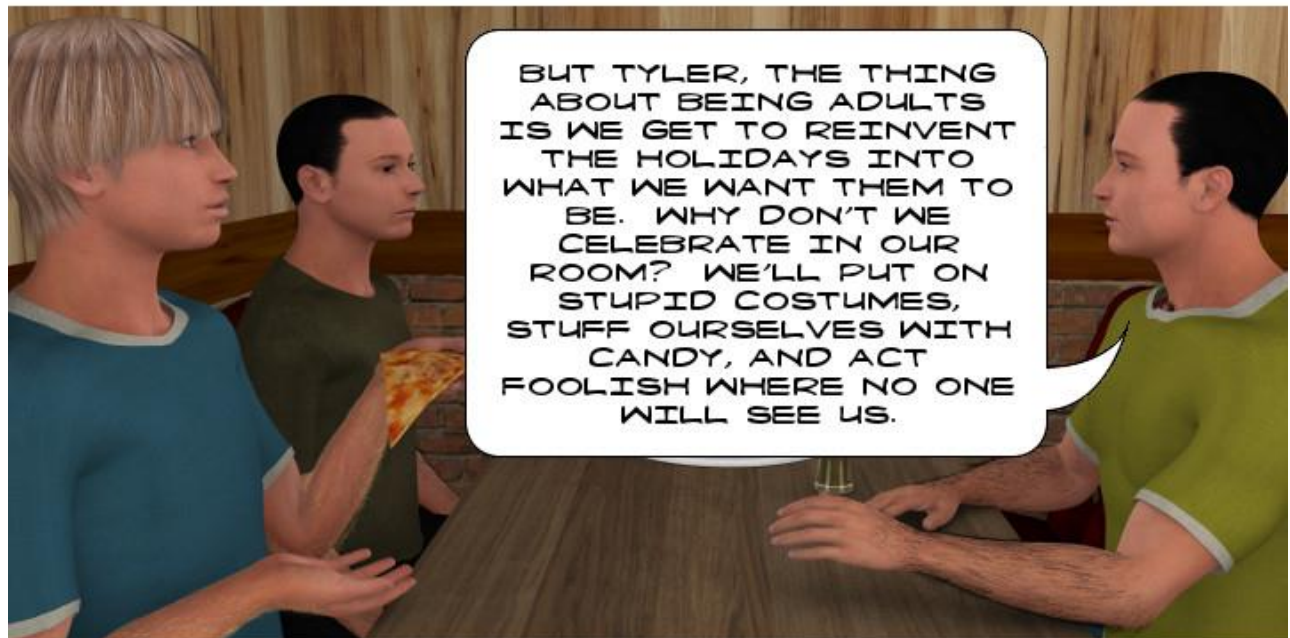
HALLOWEEN WAS NEVER A BIG DEAL FOR ME. I'D RATHER FORGET ALL ABOUT IT. BESIDES, I HAVE A PAPER DUE NEXT FRIDAY. I NEED THE TIME TO WORK ON IT.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT KID DOESN'T LOOK FORWARD TO DRESSING UP AND GOING TRICK-OR-TREATING?



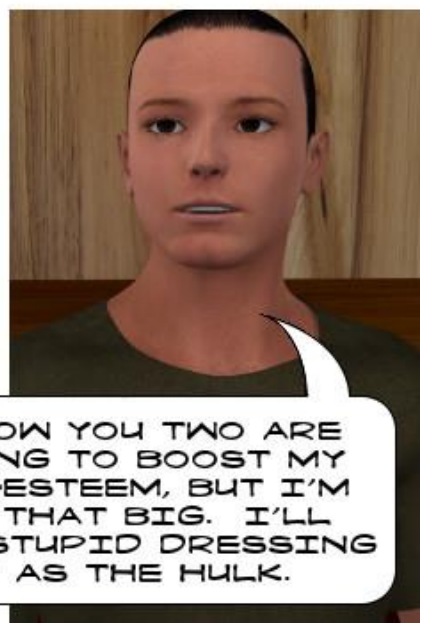
WELL...ME...



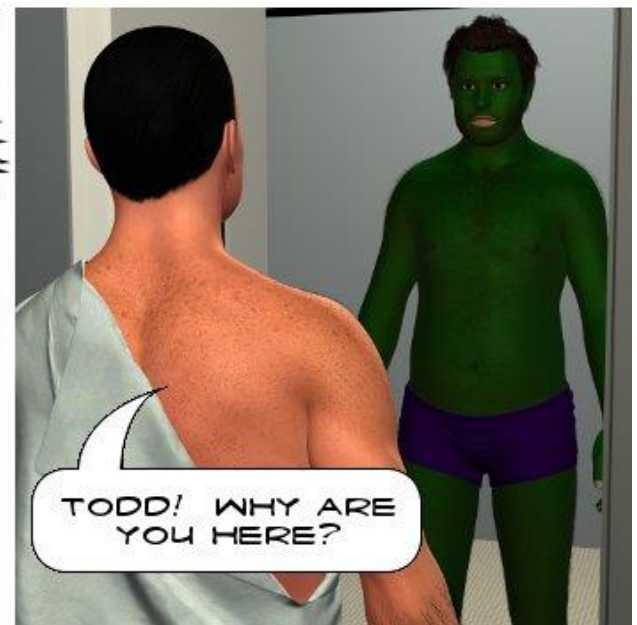
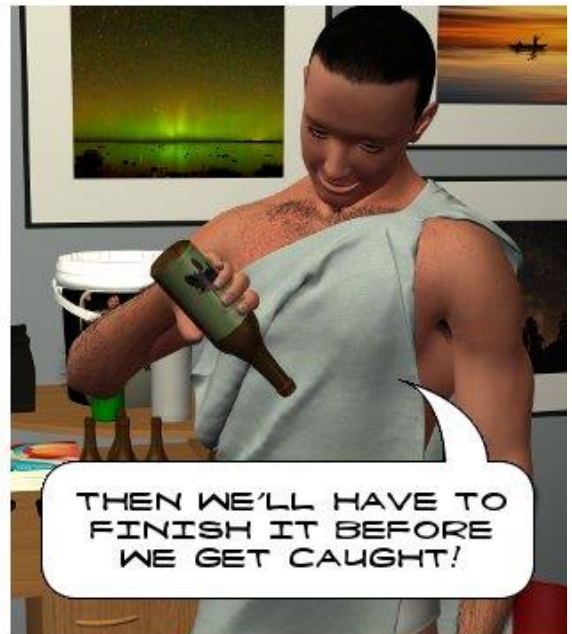
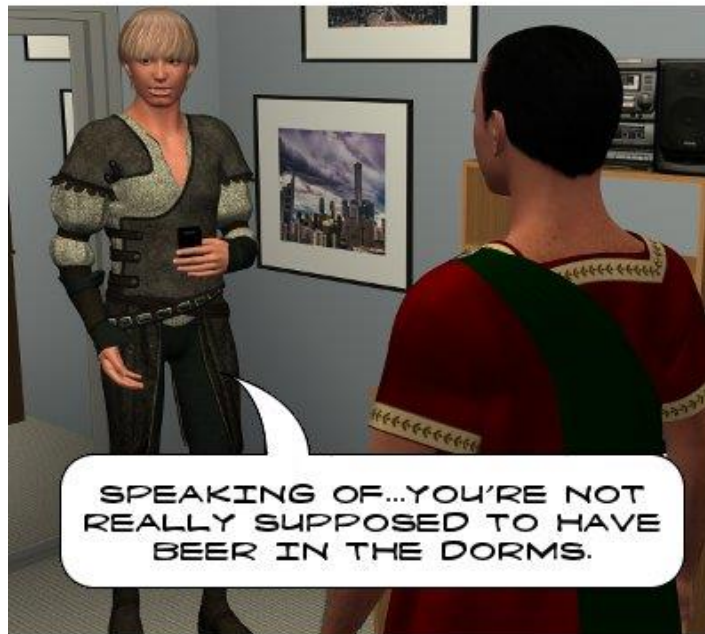
BUT TYLER, THE THING ABOUT BEING ADULTS IS WE GET TO REINVENT THE HOLIDAYS INTO WHAT WE WANT THEM TO BE. WHY DON'T WE CELEBRATE IN OUR ROOM? WE'LL PUT ON STUPID COSTUMES, STUFF OURSELVES WITH CANDY, AND ACT FOOLISH WHERE NO ONE WILL SEE US.



THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! WHY DON'T YOU DRESS UP AS THE HULK...OR SUPERMAN?

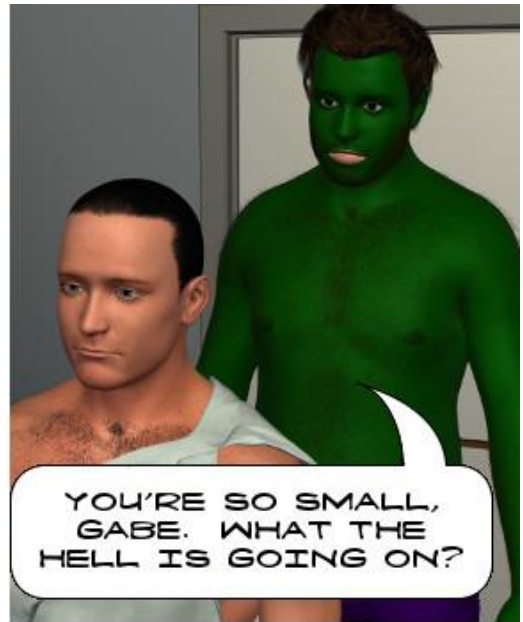


I KNOW YOU TWO ARE TRYING TO BOOST MY SELF-ESTEEM, BUT I'M NOT THAT BIG. I'LL LOOK STUPID DRESSING UP AS THE HULK.





GUESS IT WAS A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T DRESS AS THE HULK AFTER ALL!



YOU'RE SO SMALL, GABE. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

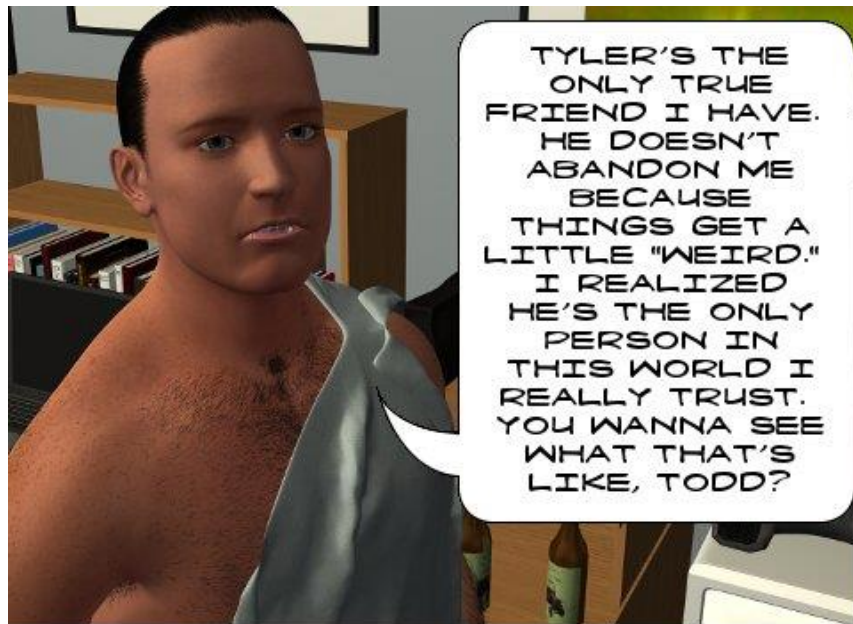


YOU GUYS STOPPED HANGING OUT WITH ME ALL OF A SUDDEN, AND YOU WONDER WHAT IS GOING ON?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, GABE. ALL WE DID WAS GIVE YOU SOME SPACE.

BULLSHIT! YOU AND JUSTIN AND COLE TURNED YOUR BACKS ON ME BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO SHARE ME WITH TYLER!

EVEN YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THIS IS PRETTY WEIRD. WHAT IS IT ABOUT THAT GUY THAT WOULD MAKE YOU GO AND DO THIS TO YOURSELF, GABE?



TYLER'S THE ONLY TRUE FRIEND I HAVE. HE DOESN'T ABANDON ME BECAUSE THINGS GET A LITTLE "WEIRD." I REALIZED HE'S THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS WORLD I REALLY TRUST. YOU WANNA SEE WHAT THAT'S LIKE, TODD?



GABRIEL, NO! YOU'RE DRUNK. IT WOULD BE LIKE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOU.

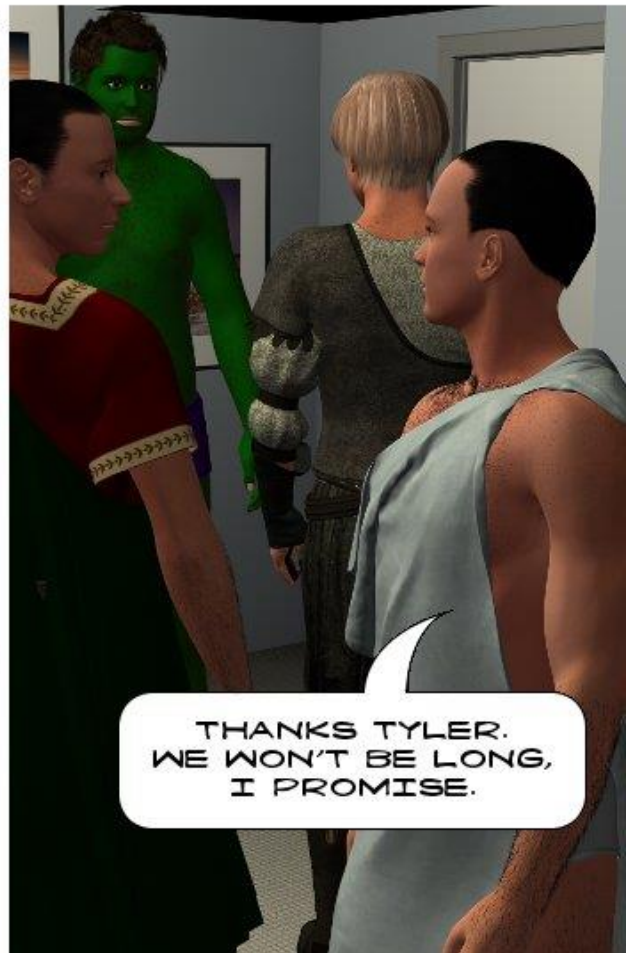


YOU'RE NOT. I'M IN CONTROL, REMEMBER? THIS WON'T WORK IF I DON'T REALLY WANT IT.



BUT DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN FRONT OF TODD?







YOU KNOW, GABE, YOU HAVE ME ALL WRONG. WHATEVER HAPPENED WITH COLE AND JUSTIN, THAT WASN'T ME.



OKAY, SO MAYBE I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW CLOSE YOU AND TYLER WERE. I'M SORRY FOR THAT.



GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE. SASHA IS GOING HOME NEXT WEEKEND FOR HER PARENTS' ANNIVERSARY. I'M HAVING THE GUYS OVER FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE WILDER THAN NORMAL. I WANT YOU THERE. AND I WANT YOU TO BRING TYLER.



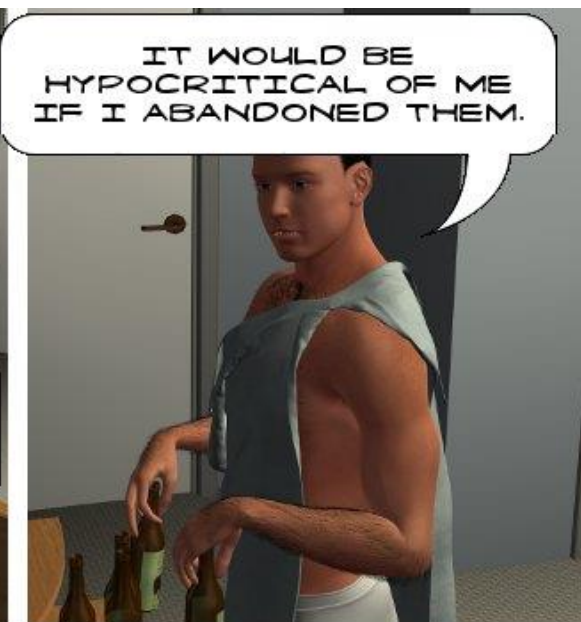
IT WILL BE UP TO TYLER, BUT I'LL ASK HIM.



GREAT! I GOTTA GET BACK TO SASHA, BUT...I'LL EXPECT YOU BOTH AT MY PLACE NEXT WEEKEND.



I DON'T KNOW, GABE. THEY'RE YOUR FRIENDS, NOT MINE.



IT WOULD BE HYPOCRITICAL OF ME IF I ABANDONED THEM.



IF THIS IS JUST ONE BIG JOKE, THEN WE CAN ALWAYS LEAVE. YOU TRUST ME, RIGHT?

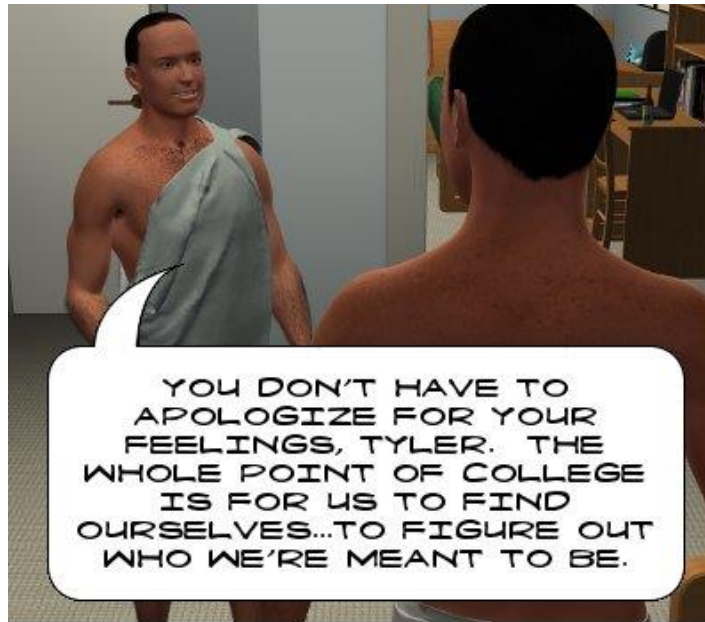


YEAH...BUT I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN TRUST ME. I KIND OF HAVE A CONFESSION, GABE.

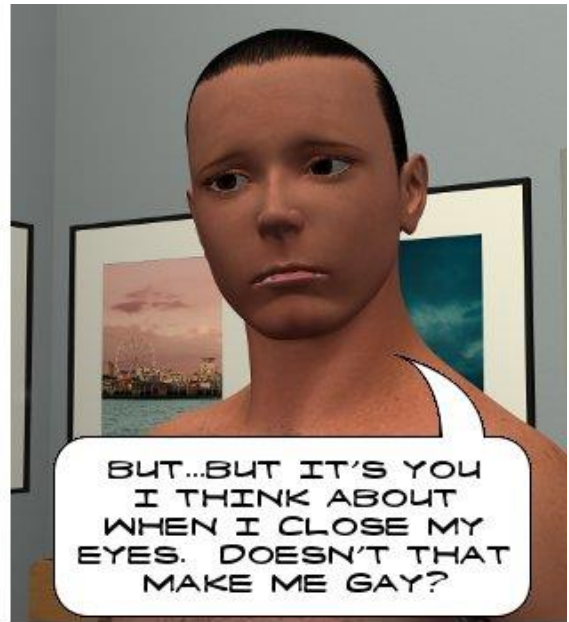


YOU KNOW LAST WEEK WHEN YOU...YOU KNOW. AND YOU ASKED ME HOW IT FELT? WELL, IT FELT GOOD. IT WAS LIKE A DREAM...AND I DON'T MEAN THE FEELING ITSELF. IT WAS YOU. YOU FELT GOOD. I LIKED THAT YOU TOUCHED ME LIKE YOU DID. I'M SORRY, GABE. YOU SAID YOU THINK OF ME LIKE A BROTHER, AND I THINK OF YOU...IN OTHER WAYS. I'M SORRY.

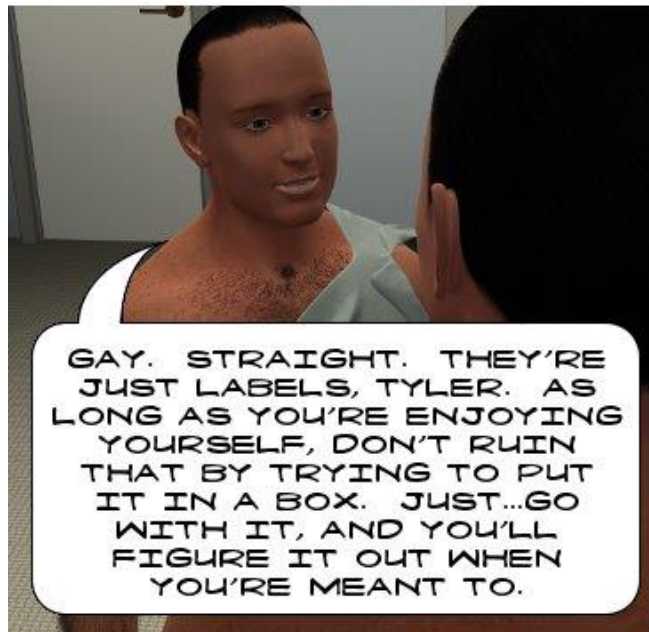




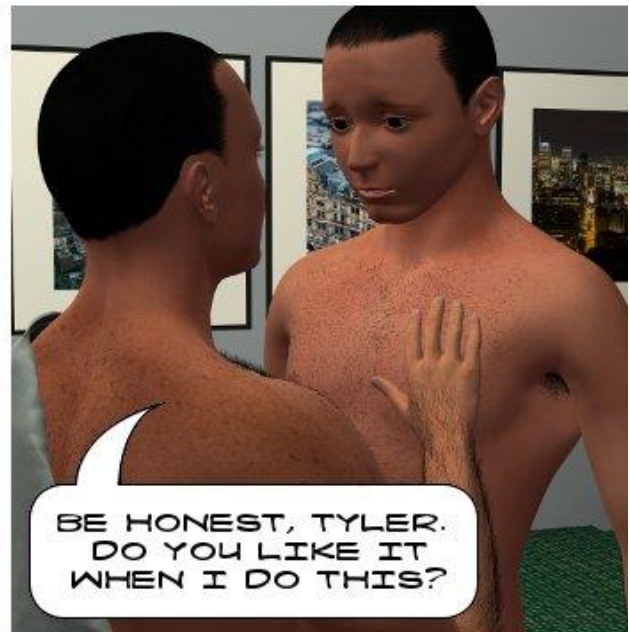
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR FEELINGS, TYLER. THE WHOLE POINT OF COLLEGE IS FOR US TO FIND OURSELVES...TO FIGURE OUT WHO WE'RE MEANT TO BE.



BUT...BUT IT'S YOU I THINK ABOUT WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES. DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME GAY?



GAY. STRAIGHT. THEY'RE JUST LABELS, TYLER. AS LONG AS YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF, DON'T RUIN THAT BY TRYING TO PUT IT IN A BOX. JUST...GO WITH IT, AND YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN YOU'RE MEANT TO.



BE HONEST, TYLER. DO YOU LIKE IT WHEN I DO THIS?



WHAT ABOUT THIS?

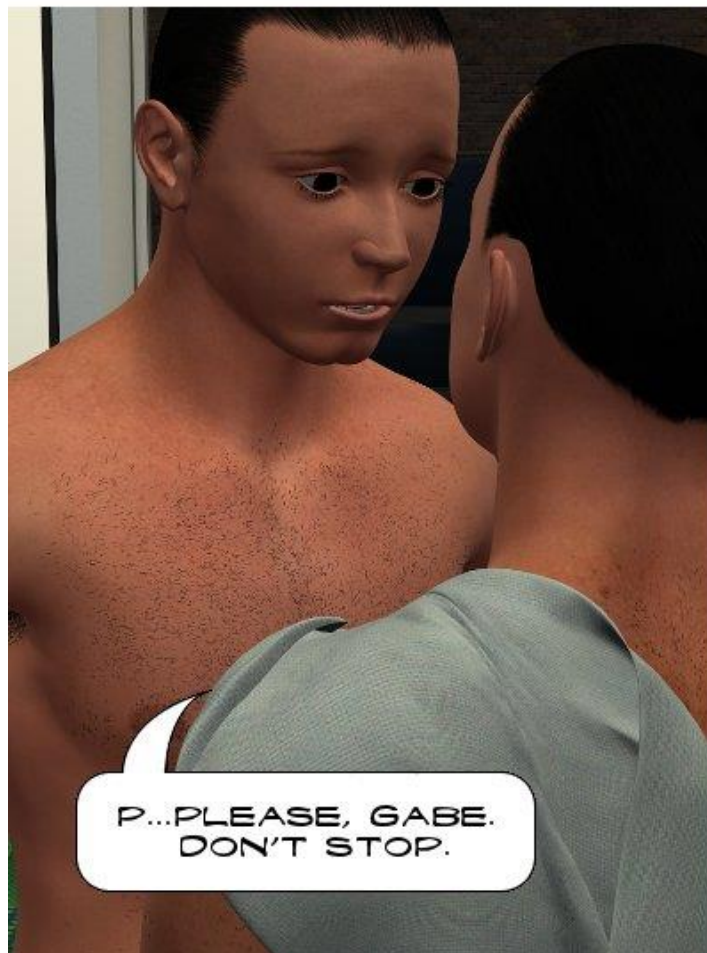


Y...YE...YES!



BECAUSE IT'S NATURAL, TYLER.

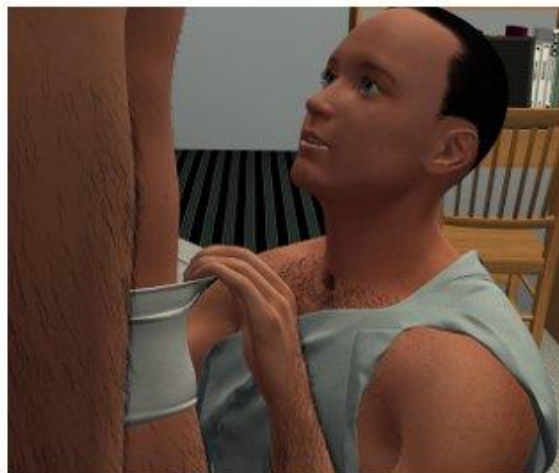
YOU HAVE THIS NEW MUSCLE, AND YOU'RE JUST FINDING OUT IT'S ONE BIG EROGENOUS ZONE. YOU LIKE HAVING IT APPRECIATED... WORSHIPPED!

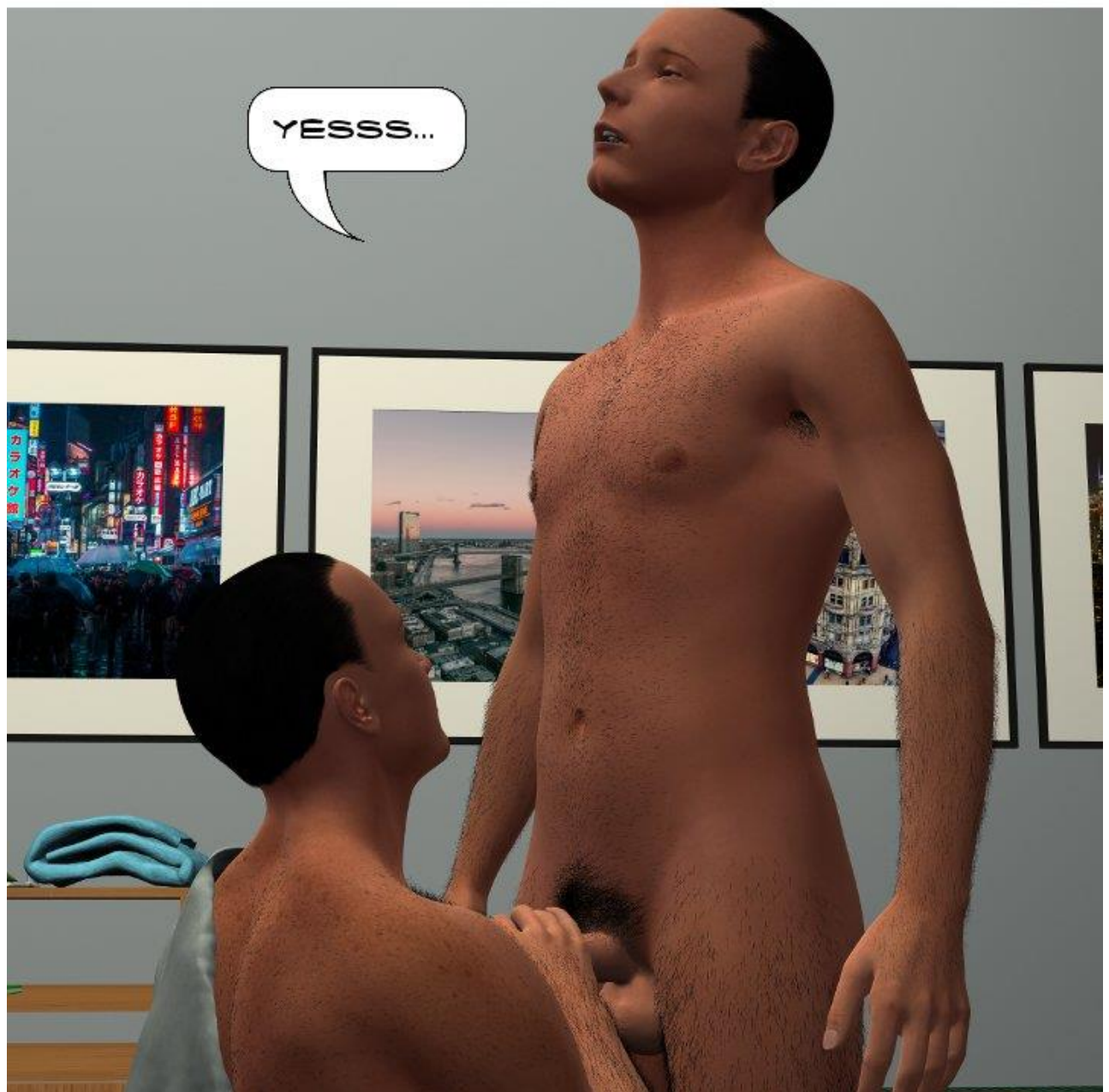


P...PLEASE, GABE. DON'T STOP.



I KNEW A LONG TIME AGO HOW MUCH POTENTIAL THIS BODY HAS. YOU DON'T SEE IT YET, BUT YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK BIG TO ME.

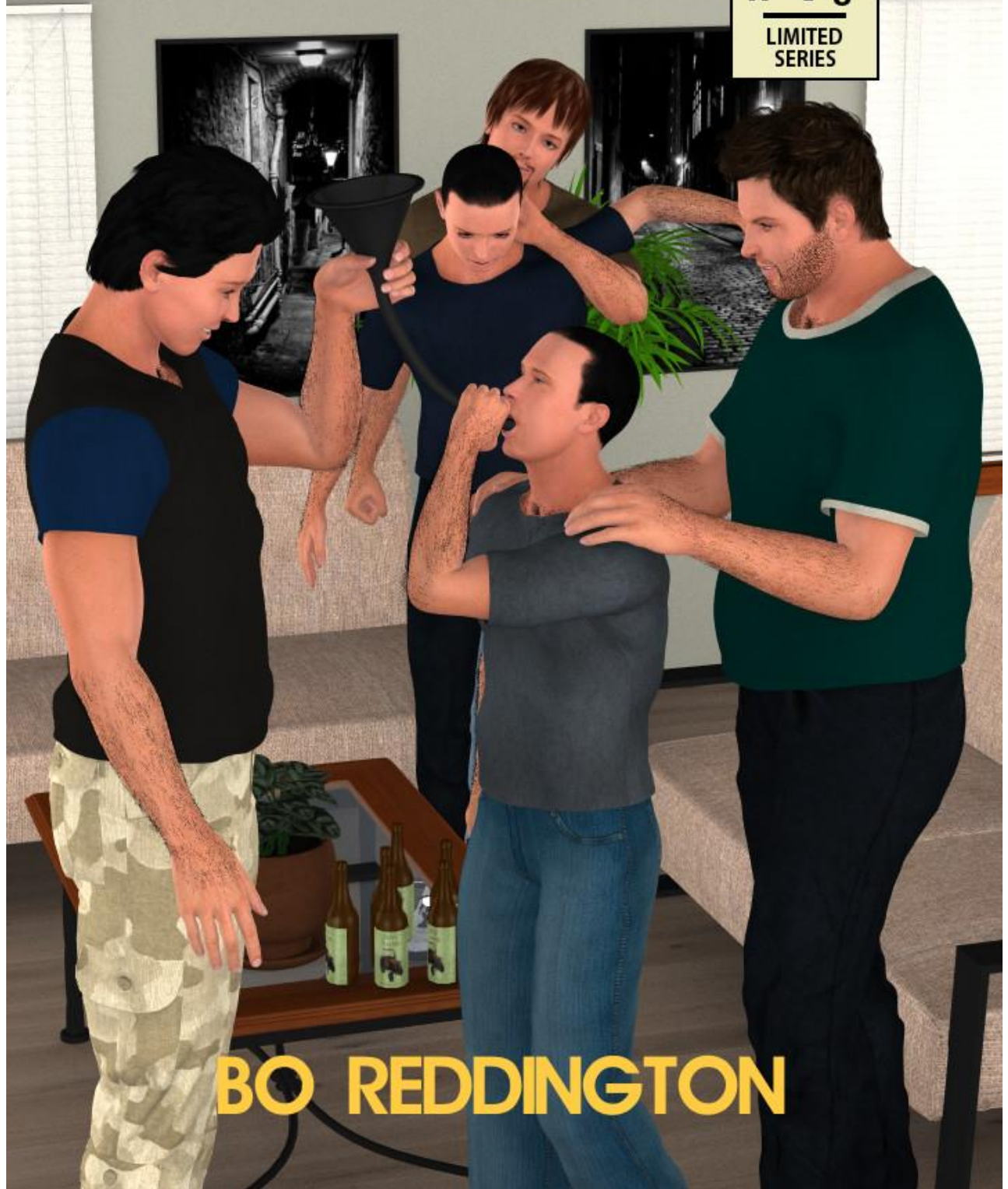




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JUST EASE IT IN...NICE AND SLOW...DON'T TRY TO FORCE IT...DON'T TRY TO RUSH IT...HOW DOES THAT FEEL, TYLER?



WEIRD!...IT FEELS...WEIRD.



WE HAVE TO FIND YOU SOME NEW ADJECTIVES.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? I'M NOT AN ENGLISH MAJOR...





I FEEL LIKE...I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED OPEN FOR THE LARGEST SHIT OF MY LIFE...BUT IT...IT...IT'S SENDING SUCH A THRILL UP...UP...UP INTO MY CHEST.



BUT MOST OF ALL, I FEEL YOU. I FEEL YOU INSIDE ME, GABE, AND IT FEELS...SO...GOOD.





READY TO GIVE IT A TRY, TYLER?



YES.



GABE, IT...UH...WON'T GO IN.

OH MY GOD! WHAT? DID I HURT YOU?

OK TYLER, WHAT I SAID ABOUT NOT FORCING IT? YOU NEED TO A LITTLE. JUST PUSH A LITTLE HARDER UNTIL YOU FEEL IT GO IN...OHHHH!

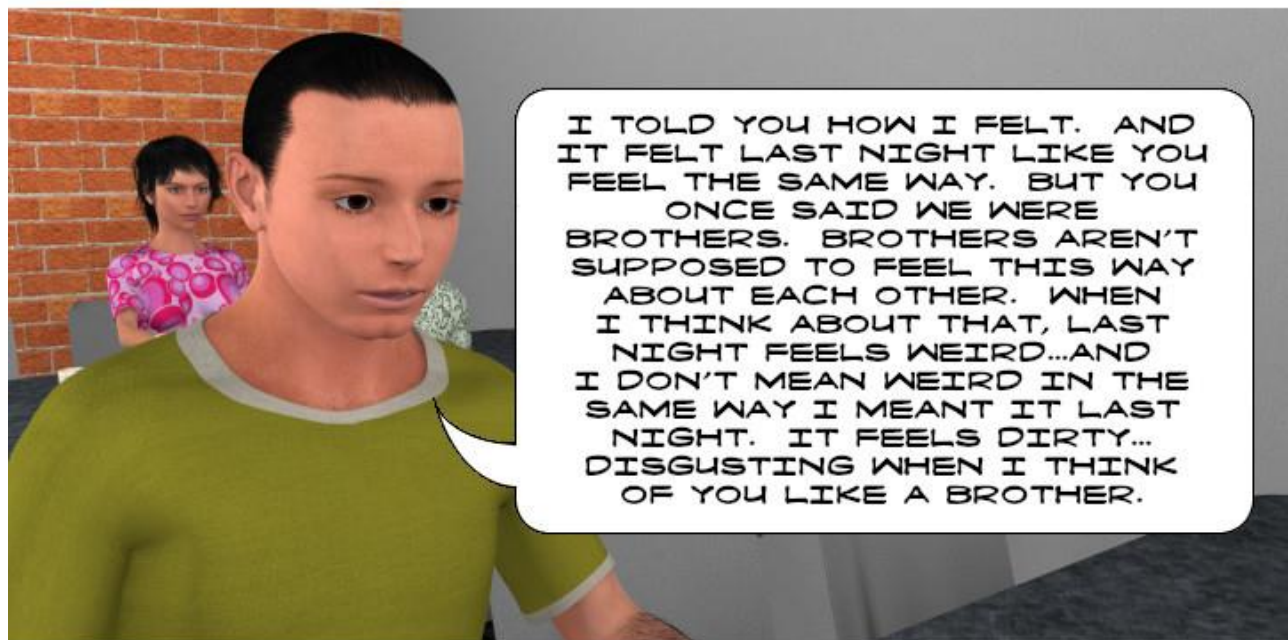
IT'S A GOOD PAIN, TYLER.

BUT YOU'RE IN. NOW DO WHAT COMES NATURAL. IN AND OUT. REAL SLOW. HOLD BACK THE URGE AS LONG AS YOU CAN. YOU DON'T WANT TO BUST TOO SOON.

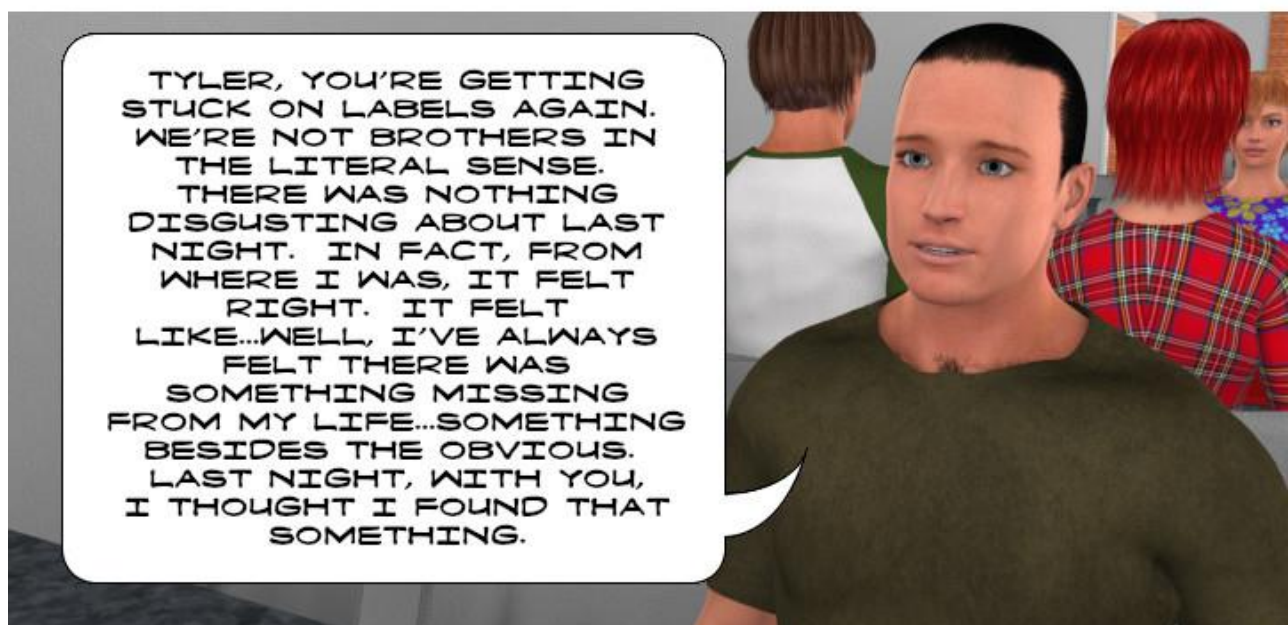




WHAT WAS LAST NIGHT?
WAS IT ALL JUST
AN...EXPERIMENT?
OR WAS THERE SOMETHING
MORE? SOMETHING MORE
BETWEEN US?



I TOLD YOU HOW I FELT. AND
IT FELT LAST NIGHT LIKE YOU
FEEL THE SAME WAY. BUT YOU
ONCE SAID WE WERE
BROTHERS. BROTHERS AREN'T
SUPPOSED TO FEEL THIS WAY
ABOUT EACH OTHER. WHEN
I THINK ABOUT THAT, LAST
NIGHT FEELS WEIRD...AND
I DON'T MEAN WEIRD IN THE
SAME WAY I MEANT IT LAST
NIGHT. IT FEELS DIRTY...
DISGUSTING WHEN I THINK
OF YOU LIKE A BROTHER.



TYLER, YOU'RE GETTING
STUCK ON LABELS AGAIN.
WE'RE NOT BROTHERS IN
THE LITERAL SENSE.
THERE WAS NOTHING
DISGUSTING ABOUT LAST
NIGHT. IN FACT, FROM
WHERE I WAS, IT FELT
RIGHT. IT FELT
LIKE...WELL, I'VE ALWAYS
FELT THERE WAS
SOMETHING MISSING
FROM MY LIFE...SOMETHING
BESIDES THE OBVIOUS.
LAST NIGHT, WITH YOU,
I THOUGHT I FOUND THAT
SOMETHING.





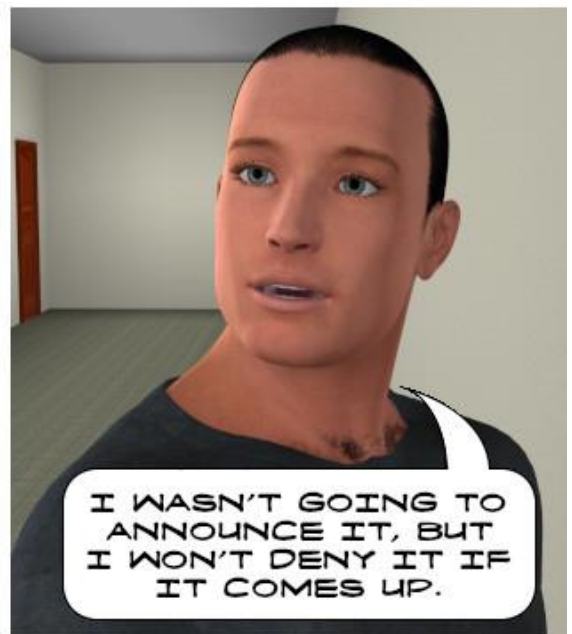
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS FOR MY SAKE. THEY WERE MY FRIENDS, NOT YOURS. AND FRANKLY, I'D RATHER SPEND A "QUIET" NIGHT BACK AT THE DORM.



YOU AND MASON KEEP TELLING ME I HAVE TO GET A LIFE, SO...



...BUT BEFORE WE GO IN, DO YOU WANT THEM TO KNOW ABOUT...YOU AND ME?



I WASN'T GOING TO ANNOUNCE IT, BUT I WON'T DENY IT IF IT COMES UP.



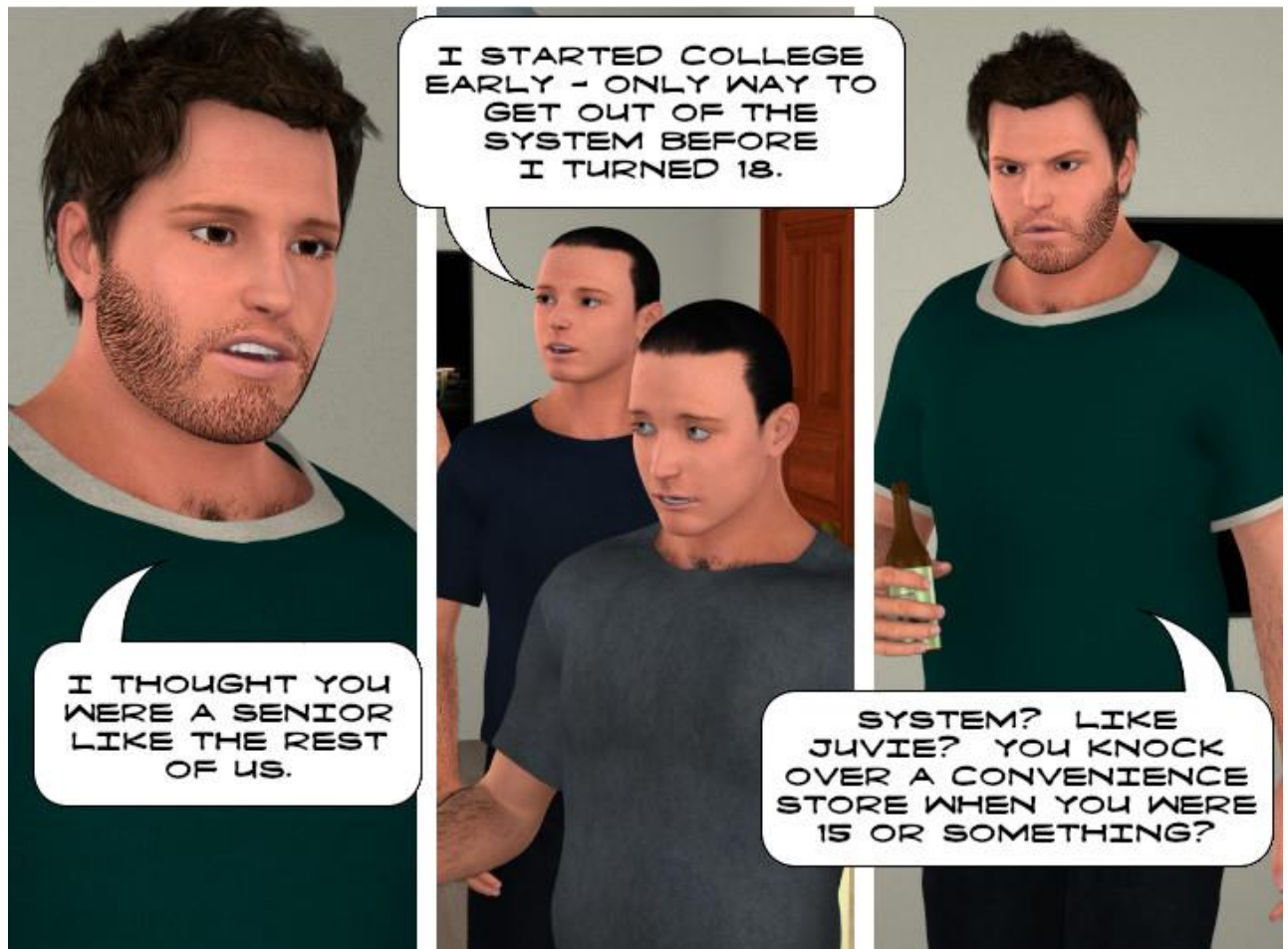
GOTCHA. NO ASK, NO TELL.

THERE YOU ARE! 'BOUT TIME YOU SHOWED!



I'M NOT 21.
I DON'T DRINK.

WE'VE ALREADY
STARTED, BUT THERE'S
STILL A LOT OF BEER!



I THOUGHT YOU
WERE A SENIOR
LIKE THE REST
OF US.

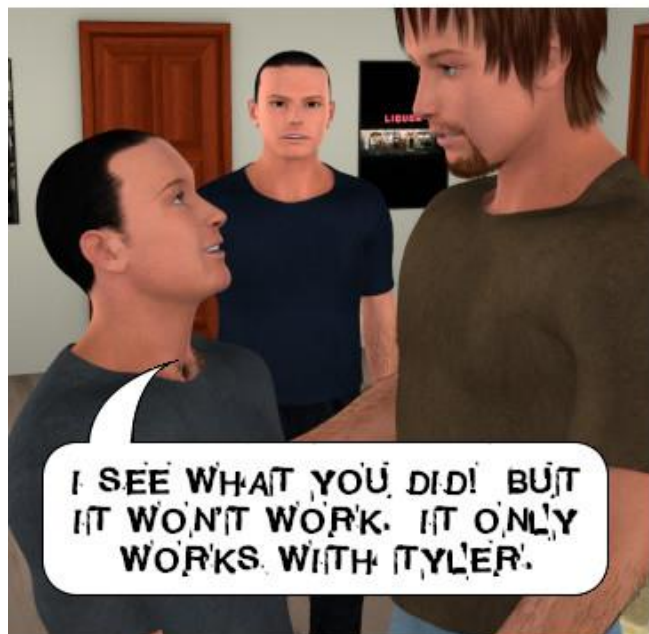
I STARTED COLLEGE
EARLY - ONLY WAY TO
GET OUT OF THE
SYSTEM BEFORE
I TURNED 18.

SYSTEM? LIKE
JUVIE? YOU KNOCK
OVER A CONVENIENCE
STORE WHEN YOU WERE
15 OR SOMETHING?











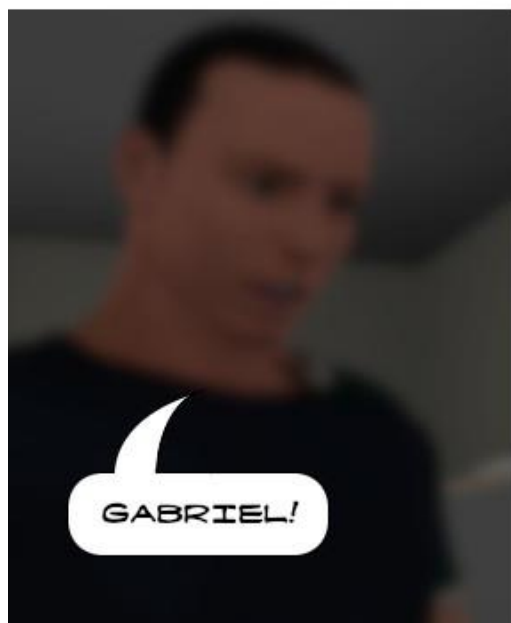
YOU KNOW HOW THIS WORKS. I'M IN CONTROL!



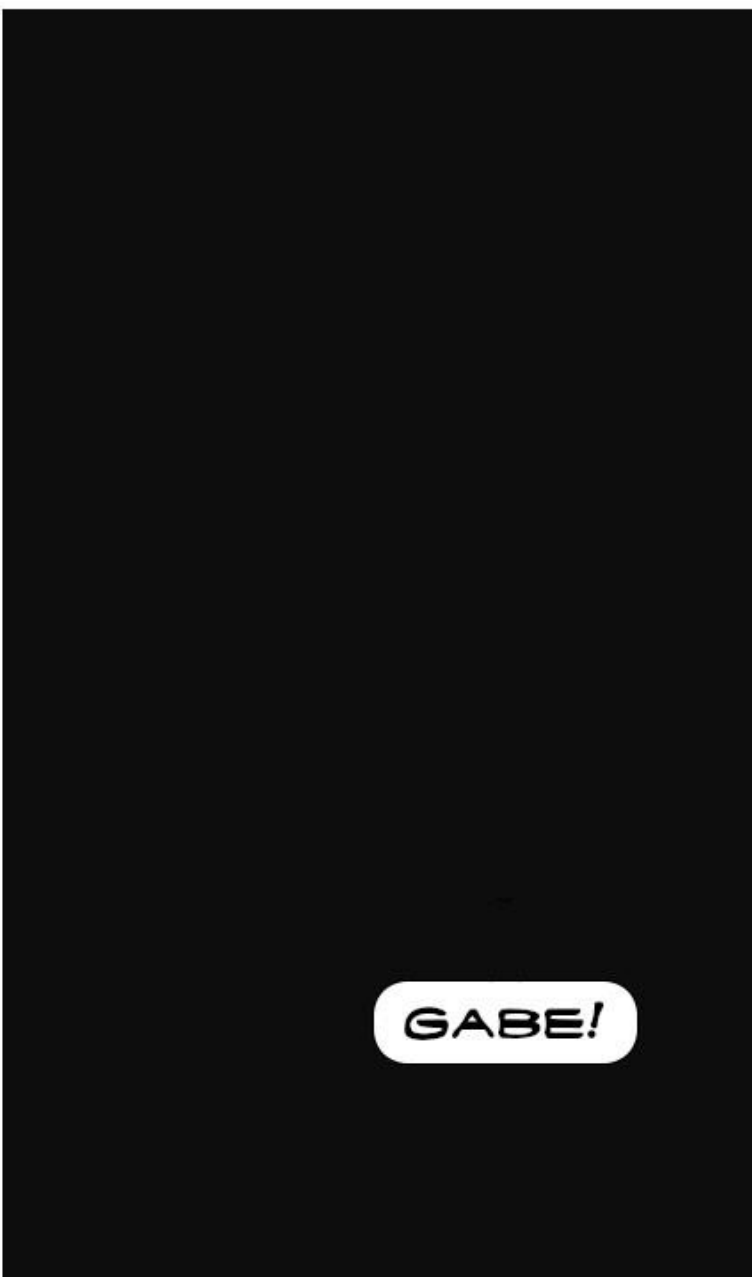
BUT YOU'RE NOT IN CONTROL! YOU'RE...MMMM!



I...I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD...



GABRIEL!



GABE!



ZZNNGGG...



TYLER? ARE YOU WATCHING ME SLEEP?
IS THAT MY SHIRT?



WHY DOES IT FIT RIGHT?
DID IT SHRINK IN THE WASH?

UM, GABE, WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU REMEMBER ABOUT LAST NIGHT?



THIS HEADACHE REMINDS ME OF THE BEER. HOW MUCH DID THAT FUNNEL HOLD, ANYWAY?

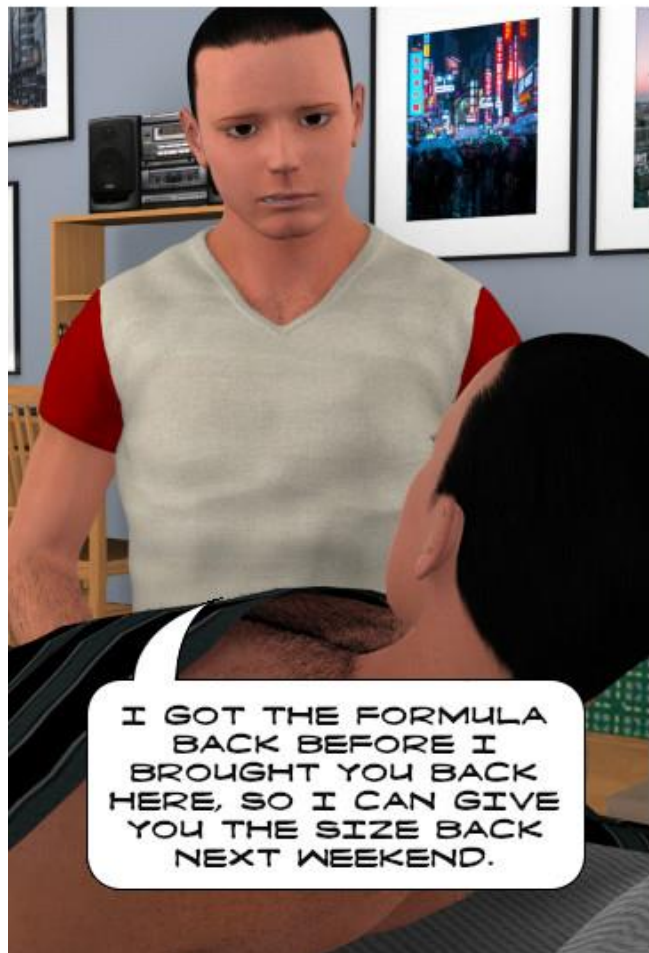


OH...AND I REMEMBER SCRATCHING ON MY FACE. JUSTIN KISSED ME, DIDN'T HE? OH MY GOD!



THEY WERE TRYING TO STEAL MY SIZE, WEREN'T THEY?!?

THAT WAS TODD'S PLAN ALL ALONG! HE CAME BY HALLOWEEN NIGHT JUST TO STEAL THAT FORMULA. UGH!!! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT RAT STOOD HERE AND SWORE TO ME WE WERE STILL FRIENDS!



I GOT THE FORMULA BACK BEFORE I BROUGHT YOU BACK HERE, SO I CAN GIVE YOU THE SIZE BACK NEXT WEEKEND.



ONE GOOD THING IS YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TESTS THIS WEEK OR PAPERS DUE, SO YOU CAN SKIP CLASSES UNTIL THEN.

WHY? I CAN LIVE WITH THIS FOR NOW. IT'S ONLY 3 INCHES, SO I SHOULD BE 5'2", RIGHT? RIGHT???



WHAT THE...?!?!
TYLER, YOU'RE HUGE!



THIS LOOKS LIKE
MORE THAN A
4 INCH DIFFERENCE!



IT IS. MASON
SAYS THEY
MUST HAVE
SLIPPED YOU
A TRIPLE DOSE.

I THOUGHT WE HAD
TO WAIT A WEEK
AFTER EACH DOSE.

IF WE WANTED TO
REPEAT THE PROCESS,
BUT IT SEEMS IF YOU
INCREASE THE DOSE IN
ONE SHOT, YOU CAN
INCREASE THE EFFECTS
WITHOUT THE WAIT.



WHOA. I THINK
I'M AS BIG TO
YOU AS YOU USED
TO BE TO ME.



I WASN'T GOING TO
SAY IT, BUT I AM
LOOKING FORWARD TO
BEING 6' FOR A WEEK!

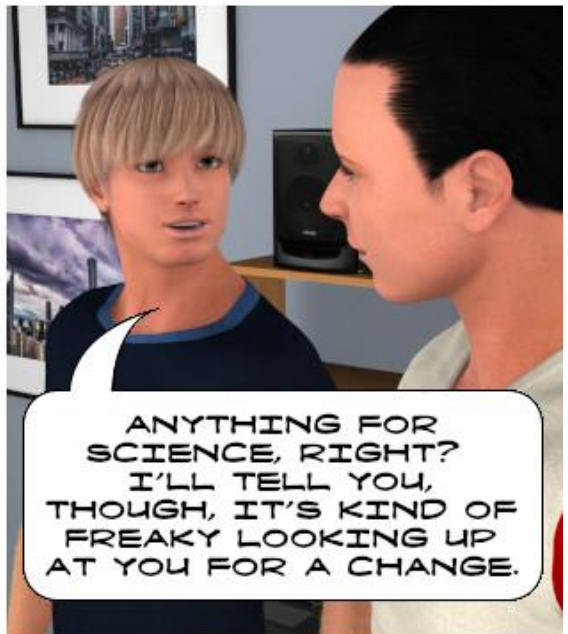


THANKS FOR THIS, MASON. WHEN TYLER SAID YOU WERE OUT BUYING ME CHILDREN'S SIZES, I EXPECTED YOU TO COME BACK WITH STUPID CARTOON CHARACTERS ON EVERYTHING.

HEY, THAT LICENSED CRAP ISN'T CHEAP!



IT WASN'T YOUR MONEY YOU WERE SPENDING! HA! THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR OUR BUDGET.



ANYTHING FOR SCIENCE, RIGHT? I'LL TELL YOU, THOUGH, IT'S KIND OF FREAKY LOOKING UP AT YOU FOR A CHANGE.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I LIKE THIS...BEING TALLER THAN SOMEBODY FOR A CHANGE...BEING BIGGER.



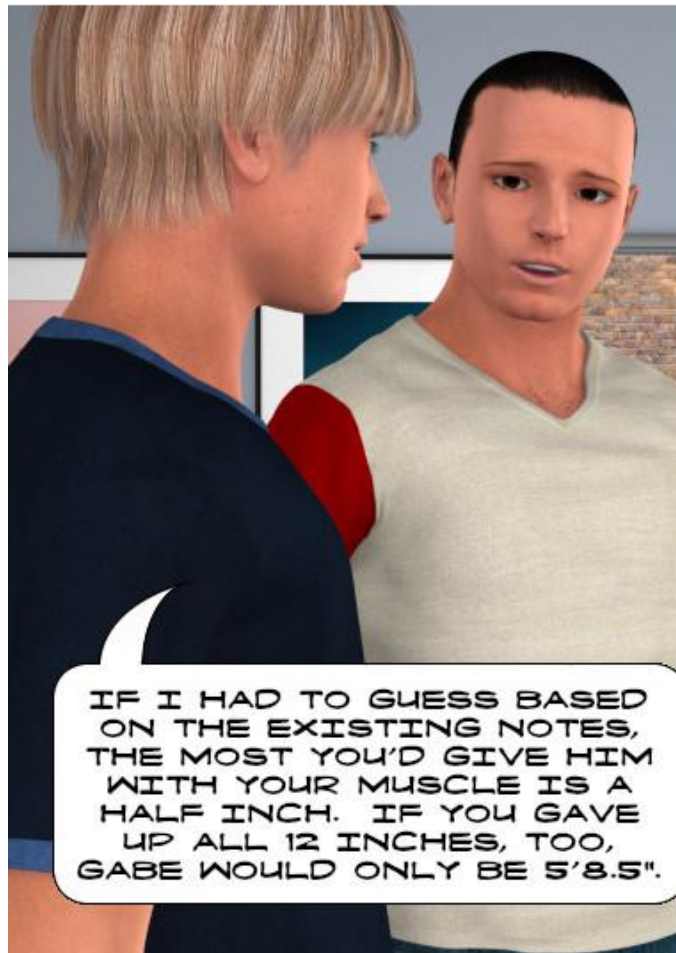
YOU DO? I KNEW YOU WOULD.



WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU TWO THIS, BUT YOU CAN'T TRADE THE MUSCLE BACK THE SAME WAY HE GAVE IT TO YOU.

WHAT! ALL WE'RE DOING IS REVERSING WHAT THE FORMULA ALREADY DID!

AND I TOLD YOU WHEN THIS STARTED THIS...UH...SCIENCE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW, LIKE CONSERVATION OF MASS... GOES OUT THE WINDOW WITH THIS.



IF I HAD TO GUESS BASED ON THE EXISTING NOTES, THE MOST YOU'D GIVE HIM WITH YOUR MUSCLE IS A HALF INCH. IF YOU GAVE UP ALL 12 INCHES, TOO, GABE WOULD ONLY BE 5'8.5".



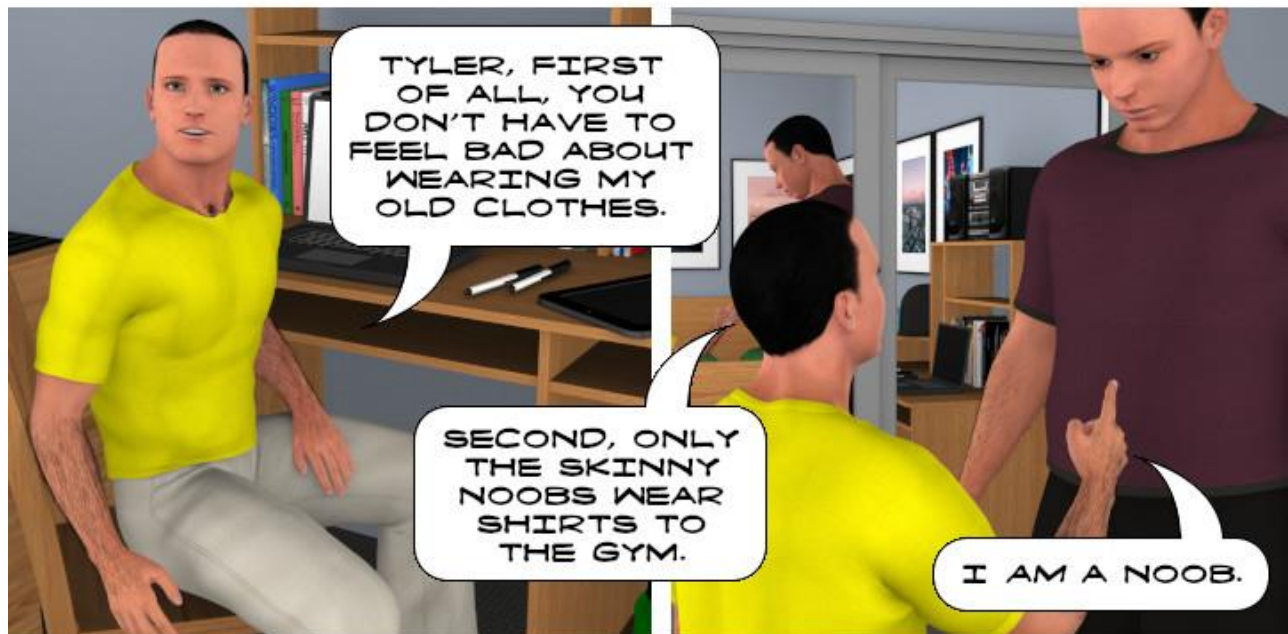
THEN I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO. I HAVE TO HIT THE GYM AND BUILD UP MORE MUSCLE SO I CAN GIVE HIM MORE HEIGHT BACK. I DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT TAKES, I'M NOT LEAVING GABE LIKE THIS!





TRUE TO HIS WORD, TYLER STARTED OFF TO THE GYM SUNDAY MORNING...WHEN HE THOUGHT THE OTHER STUDENTS WOULD STILL BE IN BED, HUNG OVER FROM SATURDAY NIGHT'S PARTIES.

IS THIS OK? I MEAN, I FEEL WEIRD ABOUT WEARING YOUR CLOTHES, SO I PICKED A SHIRT I NEVER SAW YOU WEAR THAT MUCH. I FIGURED IF I RUINED IT...



TYLER, FIRST OF ALL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD ABOUT WEARING MY OLD CLOTHES.

SECOND, ONLY THE SKINNY NOOBS WEAR SHIRTS TO THE GYM.

I AM A NOOB.



BUT YOU'RE NOT SKINNY. I WANT YOU TO TAKE OFF THAT SHIRT AND LOOK IN THE MIRROR.



IS THIS...IS THIS REALLY ME?



THIS IS ALL YOU, TYLER. CAN YOU FEEL THE BUMPS BENEATH MY FINGERS? THOSE ARE YOUR ABS COMING IN.

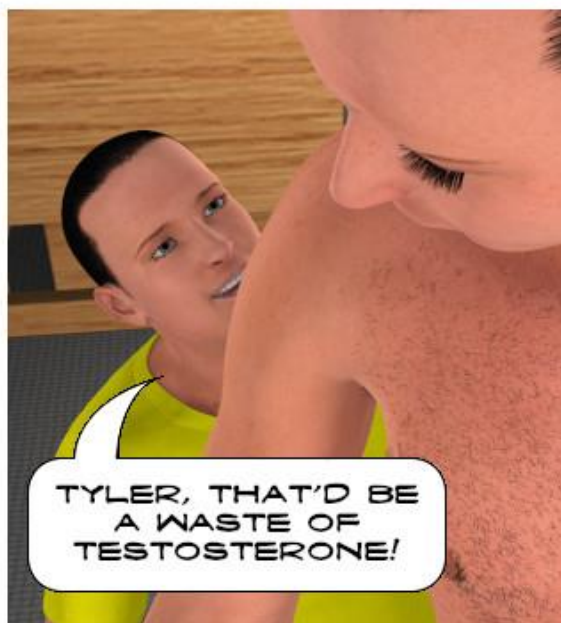


LOOK AT THIS ARM. LOOK HOW THICK IT'S BECOME!

THEY...THEY USED TO BE SO THIN!



MAYBE WE CAN SPEND THE MORNING EXPLORING. I CAN GO TO THE GYM THIS AFTERNOON.



TYLER, THAT'D BE A WASTE OF TESTOSTERONE!



BUT I THOUGHT -

YOU THOUGHT ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS GO TO THE GYM, LIFT WEIGHTS, AND WAIT TO GET BIG. YEAH, SURE, FOR SOMEONE STARTING OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT WOULD WORK TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE NOW. BUT YOU ARE ALREADY HERE. YOU WANT TO BE A MUSCLE GOD! THAT REQUIRES A LOT OF CAREFUL TIMING AND PLANNING. PART OF THAT TIMING INVOLVES CONTROLLING YOUR TEST LEVELS. LITTLE TYLER NEEDS TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOUR WORKOUTS IF HE WANTS TO PLAY.

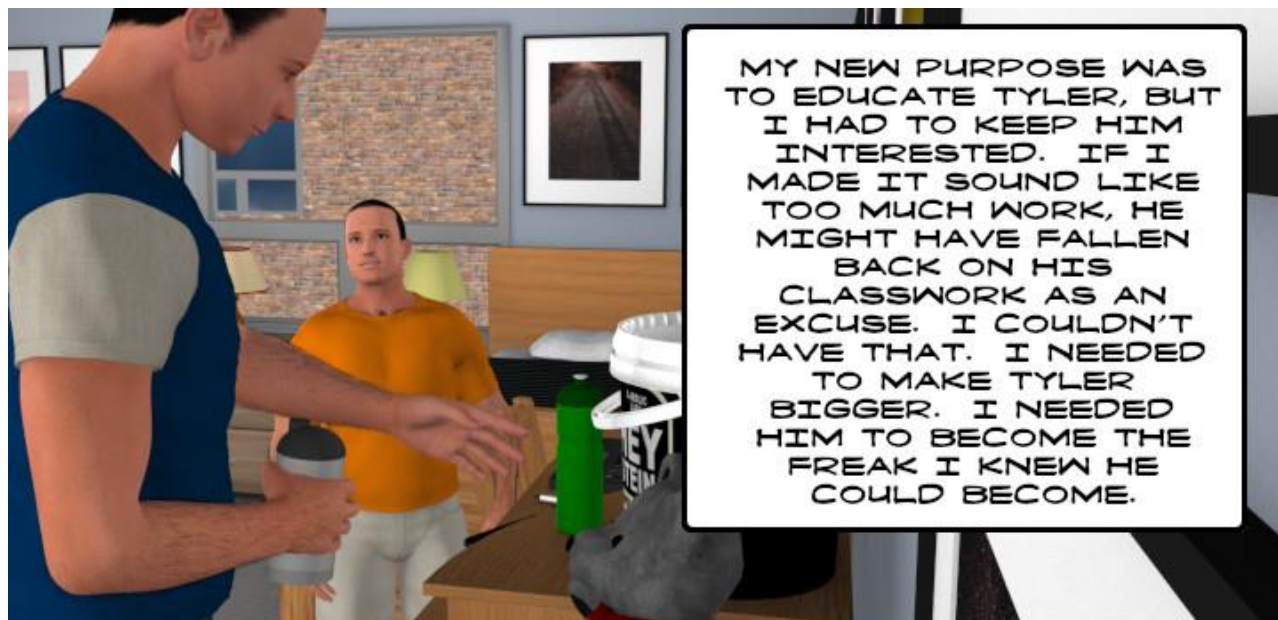


THEN WHAT WAS... THIS...ABOUT?



ADMIT IT, TYLER, THAT LOOKS SO MUCH BETTER!

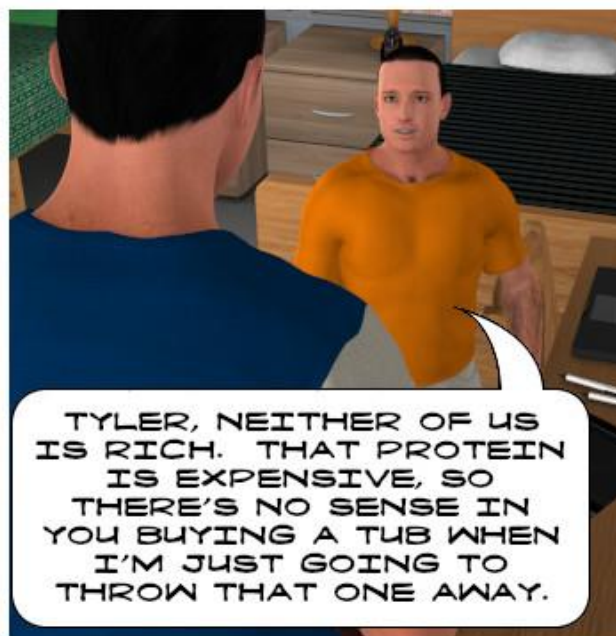
SHOWING YOU THIS BODY SHOULDN'T BE COVERED UP IN A TEE SHIRT. TAKE MY WORKOUT TANK. SHOW OFF THOSE ARMS. MAKE THE NOOBS JEALOUS.



MY NEW PURPOSE WAS TO EDUCATE TYLER, BUT I HAD TO KEEP HIM INTERESTED. IF I MADE IT SOUND LIKE TOO MUCH WORK, HE MIGHT HAVE FALLEN BACK ON HIS CLASSWORK AS AN EXCUSE. I COULDN'T HAVE THAT. I NEEDED TO MAKE TYLER BIGGER. I NEEDED HIM TO BECOME THE FREAK I KNEW HE COULD BECOME.



IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT, GABE. I'M ALREADY USING YOUR CLOTHES, AND NOW YOU'RE GIVING ME YOUR BOTTLES AND YOUR PROTEIN.



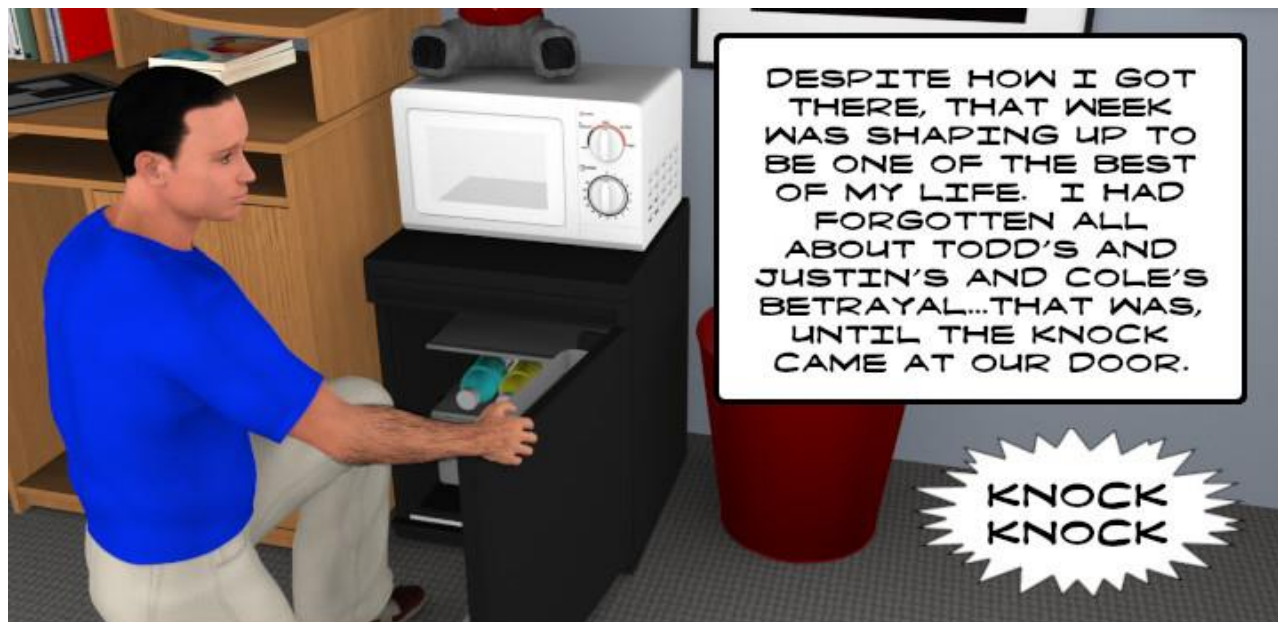
TYLER, NEITHER OF US IS RICH. THAT PROTEIN IS EXPENSIVE, SO THERE'S NO SENSE IN YOU BUYING A TUB WHEN I'M JUST GOING TO THROW THAT ONE AWAY.



IT'S JUST...YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME, AND I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING FOR YOU TO DESERVE IT.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'VE BEEN A BIGGER FRIEND THAN ANY I'VE EVER HAD. YOU UNDERSTAND ME BETTER THAN ANYONE EVER COULD. AND IT'S NICE HAVING SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PAIN I CARRY INSIDE ME.



DESPITE HOW I GOT THERE, THAT WEEK WAS SHAPING UP TO BE ONE OF THE BEST OF MY LIFE. I HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT TODD'S AND JUSTIN'S AND COLE'S BETRAYAL...THAT WAS, UNTIL THE KNOCK CAME AT OUR DOOR.

**KNOCK
KNOCK**



SASHA!



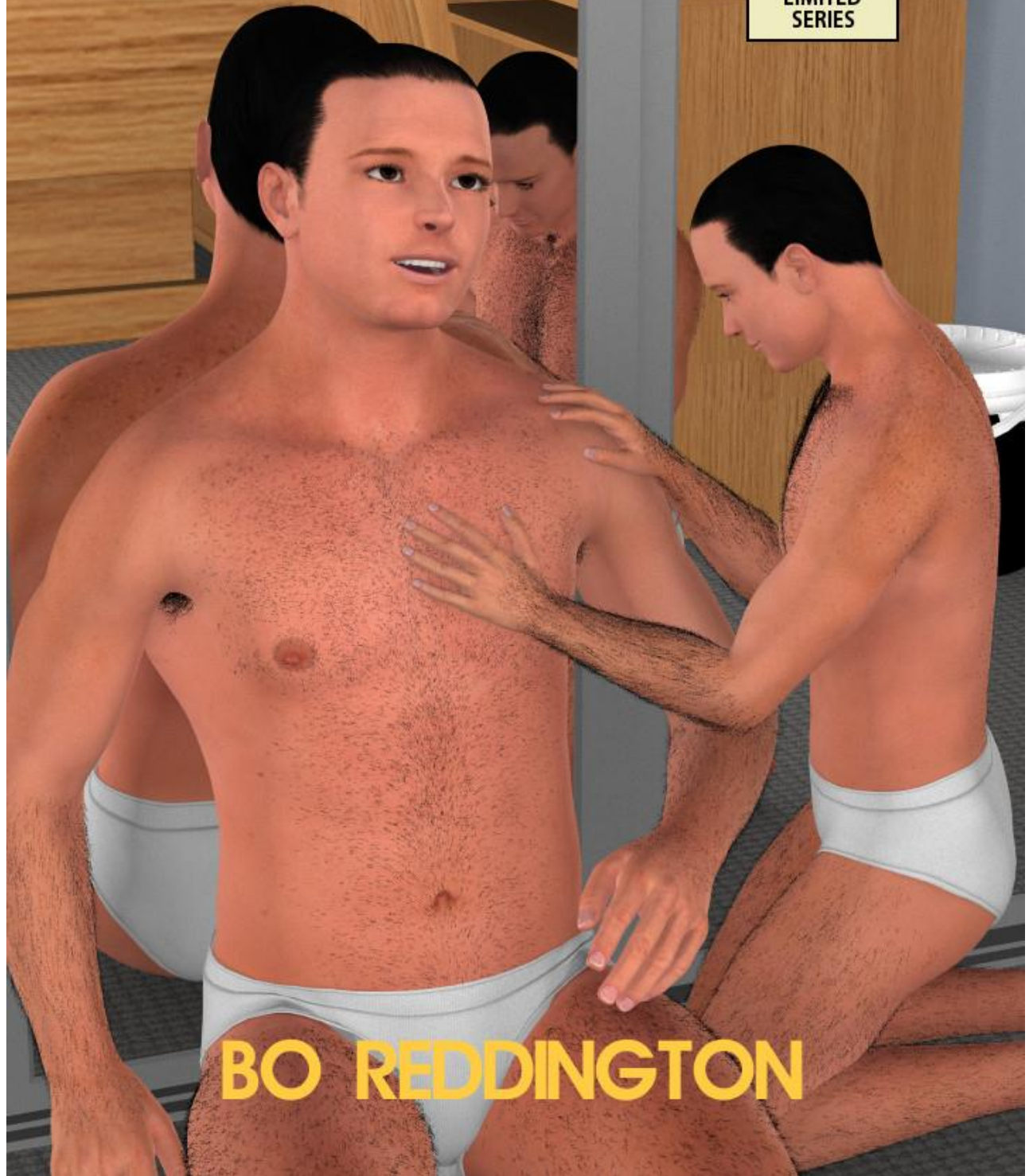
GABE, I HEARD WHAT THE BOYS DID, AND I...OH MY GOD!

AND YOU CAME TO SEE THE JOKE FOR YOURSELF! WELL, SASHA, YOU'VE SEEN WHAT YOUR BOYFRIEND DID TO ME, YOU HAD YOUR LAUGHS, NOW...

**...GET THE
FUCK OUT!**

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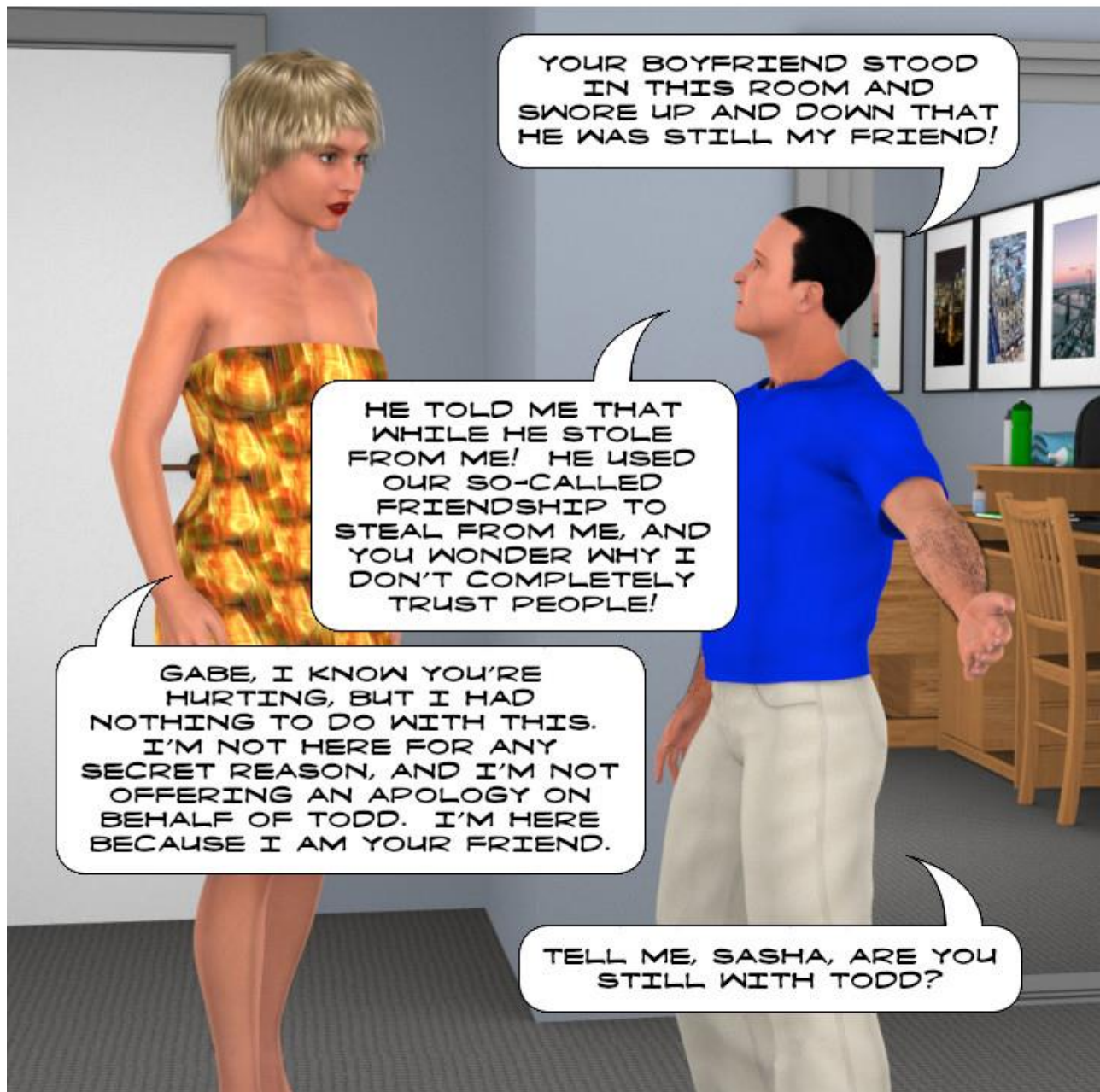


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GABE, DON'T BE LIKE THAT, PLEASE. I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE GOING TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

AND YOU WANT TO CONVINCE ME THAT THE TWO OF US ARE STILL FRIENDS, IS THAT IT?



YOUR BOYFRIEND STOOD IN THIS ROOM AND SWORE UP AND DOWN THAT HE WAS STILL MY FRIEND!

HE TOLD ME THAT WHILE HE STOLE FROM ME! HE USED OUR SO-CALLED FRIENDSHIP TO STEAL FROM ME, AND YOU WONDER WHY I DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST PEOPLE!

GABE, I KNOW YOU'RE HURTING, BUT I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. I'M NOT HERE FOR ANY SECRET REASON, AND I'M NOT OFFERING AN APOLOGY ON BEHALF OF TODD. I'M HERE BECAUSE I AM YOUR FRIEND.

TELL ME, SASHA, ARE YOU STILL WITH TODD?



WELL...I...UH...

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. YOU FINALLY SEE WHAT KIND OF A PERSON HE IS, AND YOU MADE EXCUSES SO YOU COULD IGNORE IT.



ONE OF THESE DAYS WHEN YOU'RE TOO TIRED FOR SEX, THAT GUY IS GOING TO TAKE IT FROM YOU.

AND YOU'LL MAKE EXCUSES FOR HIM. YOU MIGHT EVEN BLAME YOURSELF! HUH. MAYBE YOU AND I HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN I THOUGHT.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GABE?



I DID THE SAME THING GROWING UP IN FOSTER CARE.



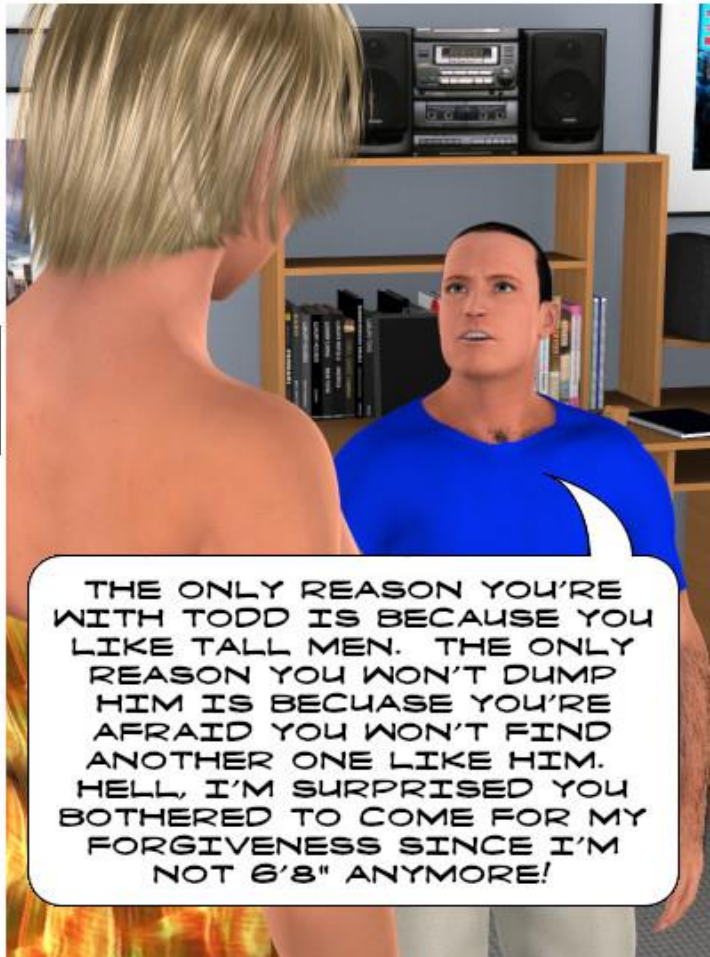
YOU'RE AN ORPHAN?

I SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE MOVING AROUND FROM ONE FAMILY TO ANOTHER.

WHEN I WAS A KID, I THOUGHT IT WAS MY FAULT WHEN A SITUATION DIDN'T WORK OUT. IF I WAS BETTER BEHAVED. IF I WAS A BETTER STUDENT. IF I WAS DIFFERENT, MAYBE ONE OF THOSE FAMILIES WOULD HAVE LIKED ME ENOUGH TO KEEP ME. MAYBE I WOULD HAVE EVEN BEEN ADOPTED!



I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR SITUATION, GABE, BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH THIS NOW.



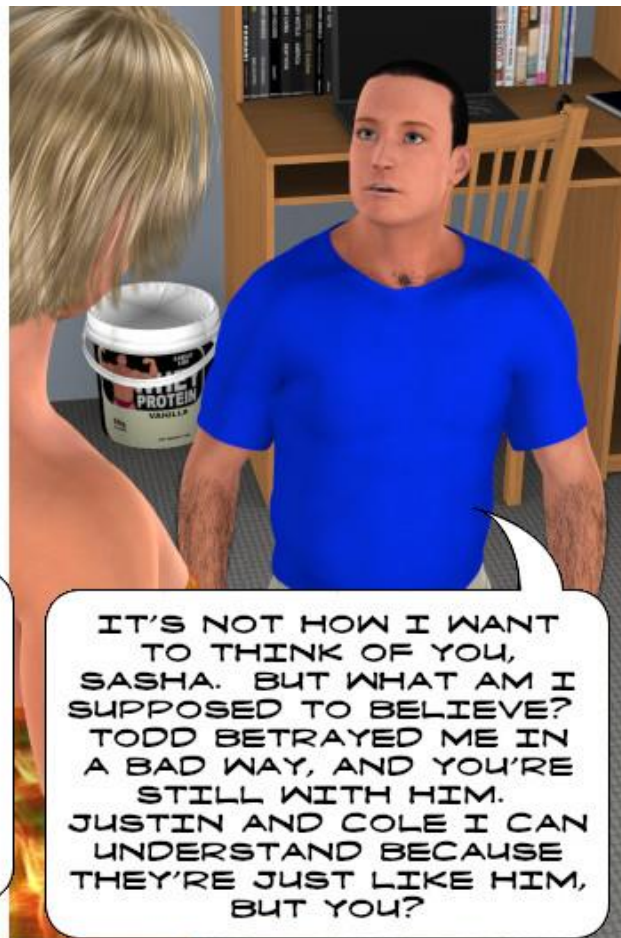
THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE WITH TODD IS BECAUSE YOU LIKE TALL MEN. THE ONLY REASON YOU WON'T DUMP HIM IS BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID YOU WON'T FIND ANOTHER ONE LIKE HIM. HELL, I'M SURPRISED YOU BOTHERED TO COME FOR MY FORGIVENESS SINCE I'M NOT 6'8" ANYMORE!



MY EXCUSES WERE SHALLOW, SASHA, JUST LIKE YOU!



THAT'S NOT FAIR, GABE!
I LIKE YOU BECAUSE
YOU'RE A NICE GUY...AT
LEAST YOU WERE A NICE
GUY. I GUESS IF THIS IS
WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF ME
ALL ALONG, THEN THAT
EXPLAINS WHY YOU
DIDN'T WANT ME KNOWING
YOUR WERE AN ORPHAN!

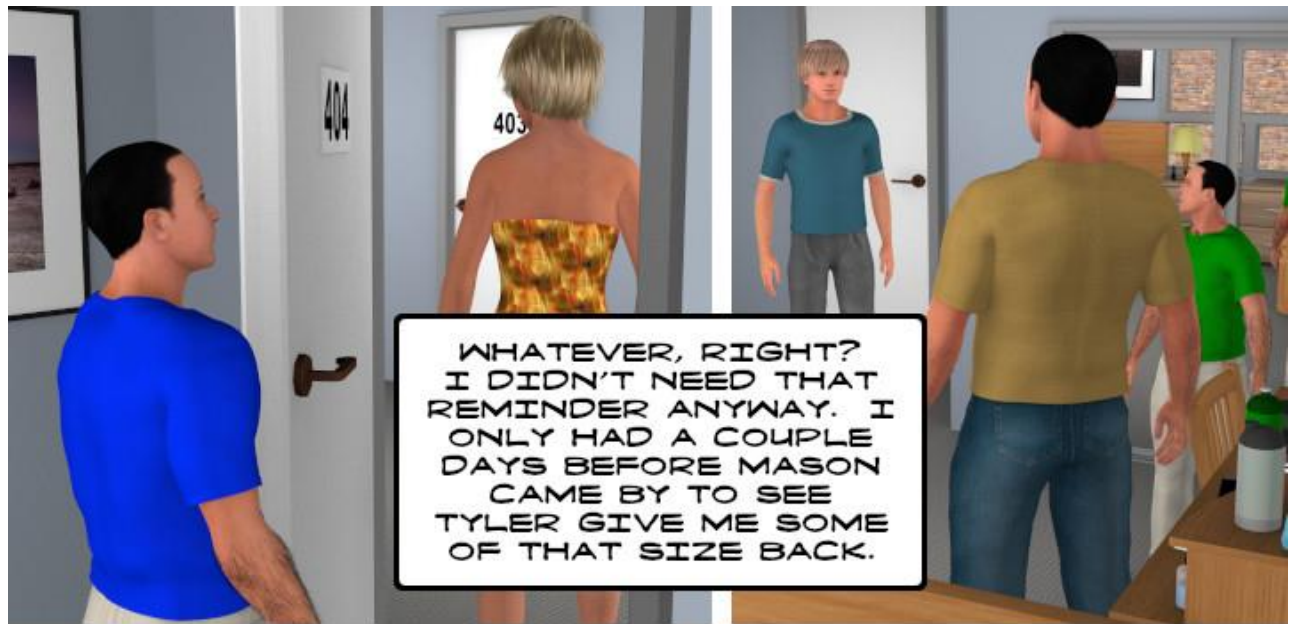


IT'S NOT HOW I WANT
TO THINK OF YOU,
SASHA. BUT WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE?
TODD BETRAYED ME IN
A BAD WAY, AND YOU'RE
STILL WITH HIM.
JUSTIN AND COLE I CAN
UNDERSTAND BECAUSE
THEY'RE JUST LIKE HIM,
BUT YOU?



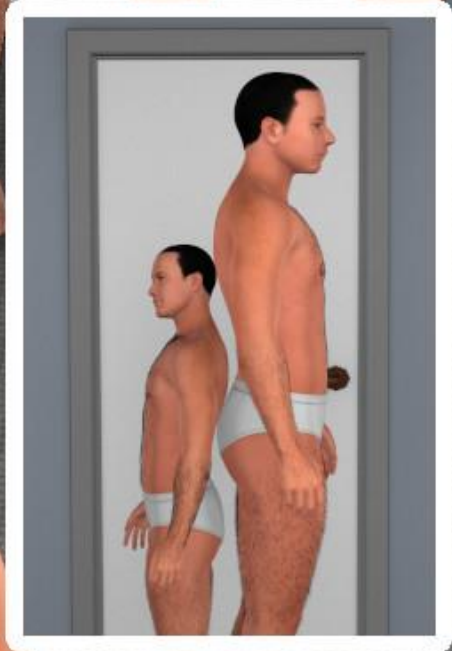
GABE, IT'S
COMPLICATED. IF I
DUMP HIM, THEN I
HAVE TO FIND A NEW
PLACE TO LIVE. THE
DORMS ARE FULL,
AND THE ONLY OFF-
CAMPUS APARTMENT
AVAILABLE IS THE
ONE NEXT TO OURS.
IT'S A 2-BEDROOM!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO
FIND A ROOMMATE,
AND I CERTAINLY
CAN'T AFFORD A 2-
BEDROOM ON MY OWN!

SASHA, I'M SORRY
I JUMPED TO
CONCLUSIONS. I'M SO
MAD AT TODD, I CAN'T
THINK STRAIGHT.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TALK
WHEN I'M MORE CLEAR-
HEADED ABOUT IT.





FUNNY, YOU TWO
LOOK LIKE YOU
SWITCHED PLACES
SINCE WE STARTED!





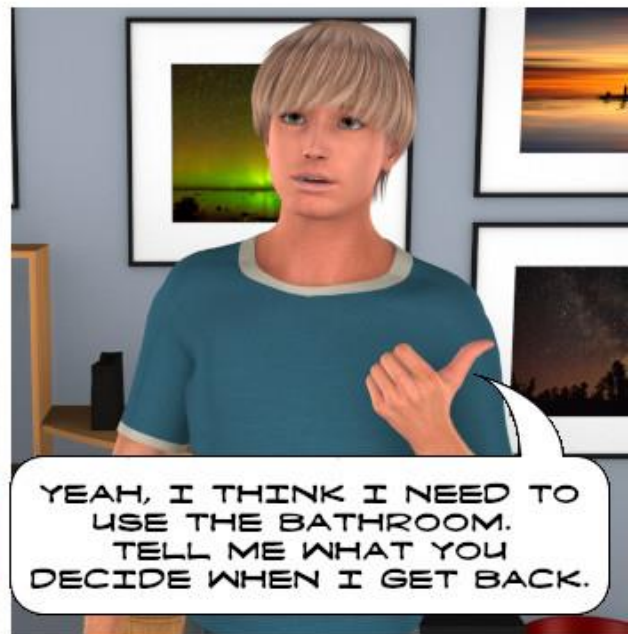
TYLER.
WAIT.



YOU'RE NOT HAVING
SECOND THOUGHTS,
ARE YOU, GABE?



THIS WAS NEVER MY
FIRST THOUGHT! MAYBE
MASON CAN GIVE US
A MOMENT SO WE CAN
TALK ABOUT IT...



YEAH, I THINK I NEED TO
USE THE BATHROOM.
TELL ME WHAT YOU
DECIDE WHEN I GET BACK.



YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY
THINKING ABOUT
STAYING LIKE THIS!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
PISSED AT THOSE JERKS
FOR DOING THIS TO YOU.



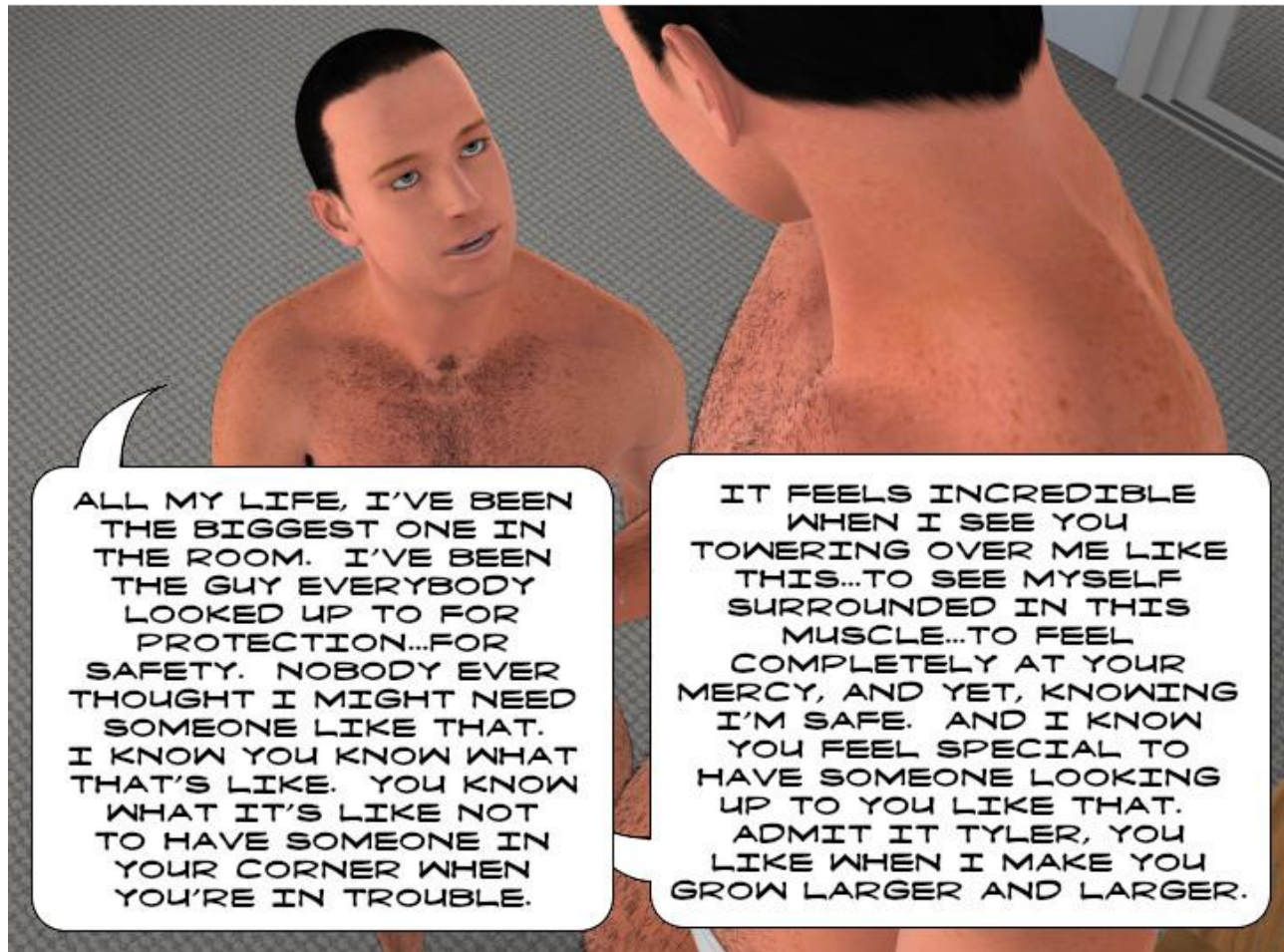
I'M PISSED THEY LIED
TO ME AND BETRAYED ME
LIKE THEY DID. I'M NOT
REALLY MAD AT HOW
THINGS TURNED OUT
BETWEEN US.



BUT THEY SHOWED ME SOMETHING, TYLER. THEY SHOWED ME HOW YOU'RE THE ONE PERSON I REALLY CARE ABOUT.

I CARE ABOUT YOU, TOO, GABE. THAT'S WHY -

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO CHANGE WHAT WE HAVE...WHAT WE ARE!



ALL MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN THE BIGGEST ONE IN THE ROOM. I'VE BEEN THE GUY EVERYBODY LOOKED UP TO FOR PROTECTION...FOR SAFETY. NOBODY EVER THOUGHT I MIGHT NEED SOMEONE LIKE THAT. I KNOW YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE. YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE NOT TO HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR CORNER WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

IT FEELS INCREDIBLE WHEN I SEE YOU TOWERING OVER ME LIKE THIS...TO SEE MYSELF SURROUNDED IN THIS MUSCLE...TO FEEL COMPLETELY AT YOUR MERCY, AND YET, KNOWING I'M SAFE. AND I KNOW YOU FEEL SPECIAL TO HAVE SOMEONE LOOKING UP TO YOU LIKE THAT. ADMIT IT TYLER, YOU LIKE WHEN I MAKE YOU GROW LARGER AND LARGER.





ISN'T THIS
A LOT BETTER
THAN WHAT YOU
HAD IN MIND?



YES, BUT...HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED
TO...YOU KNOW...?
I WAS ALREADY
TOO BIG BEFORE.



LET'S GET RID OF MASON,
AND I'LL SHOW YOU.



I DON'T GET HOW THIS
IS DIFFERENT FROM
DOING IT MYSELF.



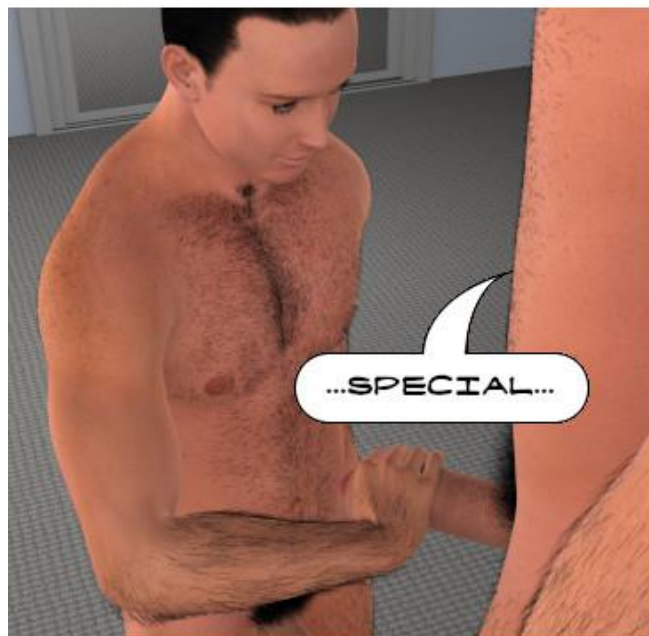
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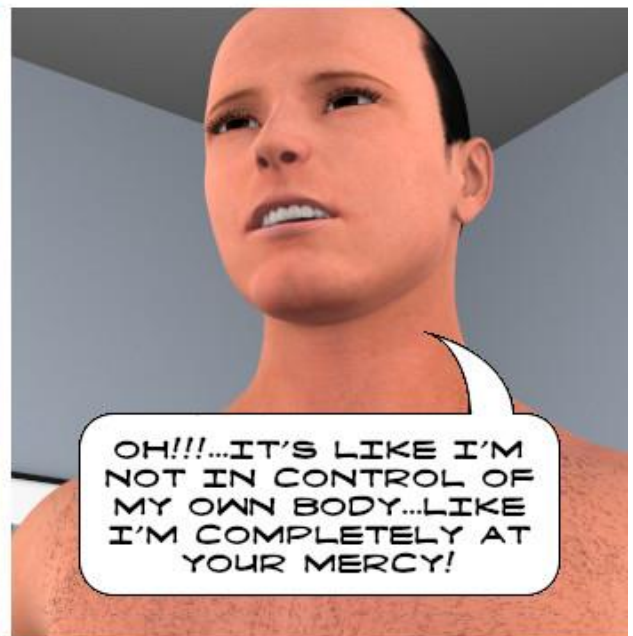
IT IS DIFFERENT,
ISN'T IT, TYLER?



IT FEELS
FOREIGN...



...SPECIAL...



OH!!!...IT'S LIKE I'M
NOT IN CONTROL OF
MY OWN BODY...LIKE
I'M COMPLETELY AT
YOUR MERCY!



THAT'S WHAT
LOVE IS, TYLER.

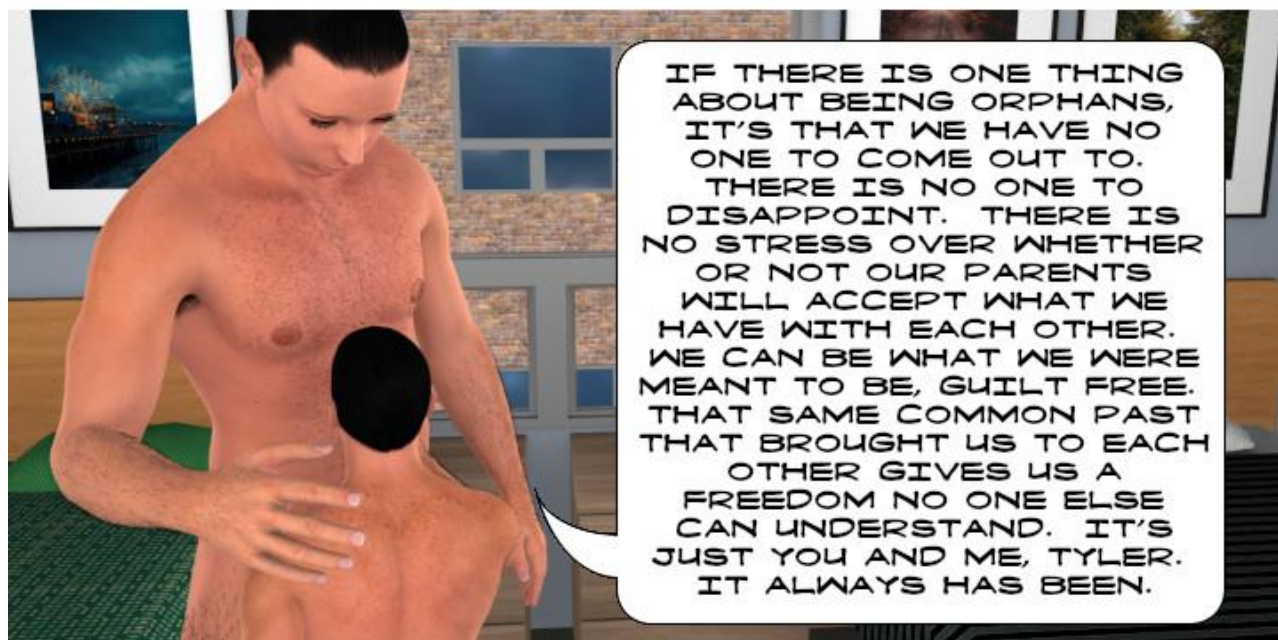
...LOSING YOURSELF SO
COMPLETELY IN ANOTHER
PERSON...TRUSTING THEM
WITH YOUR MOST
INTIMATE SELF, LIKE YOU
ARE DOING WITH ME.



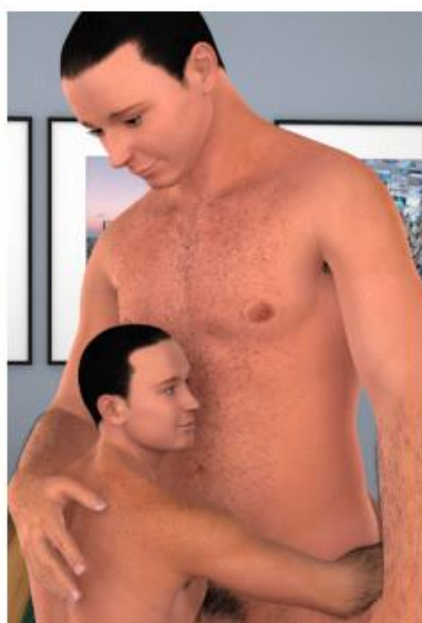
I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
LIKE LABELS.



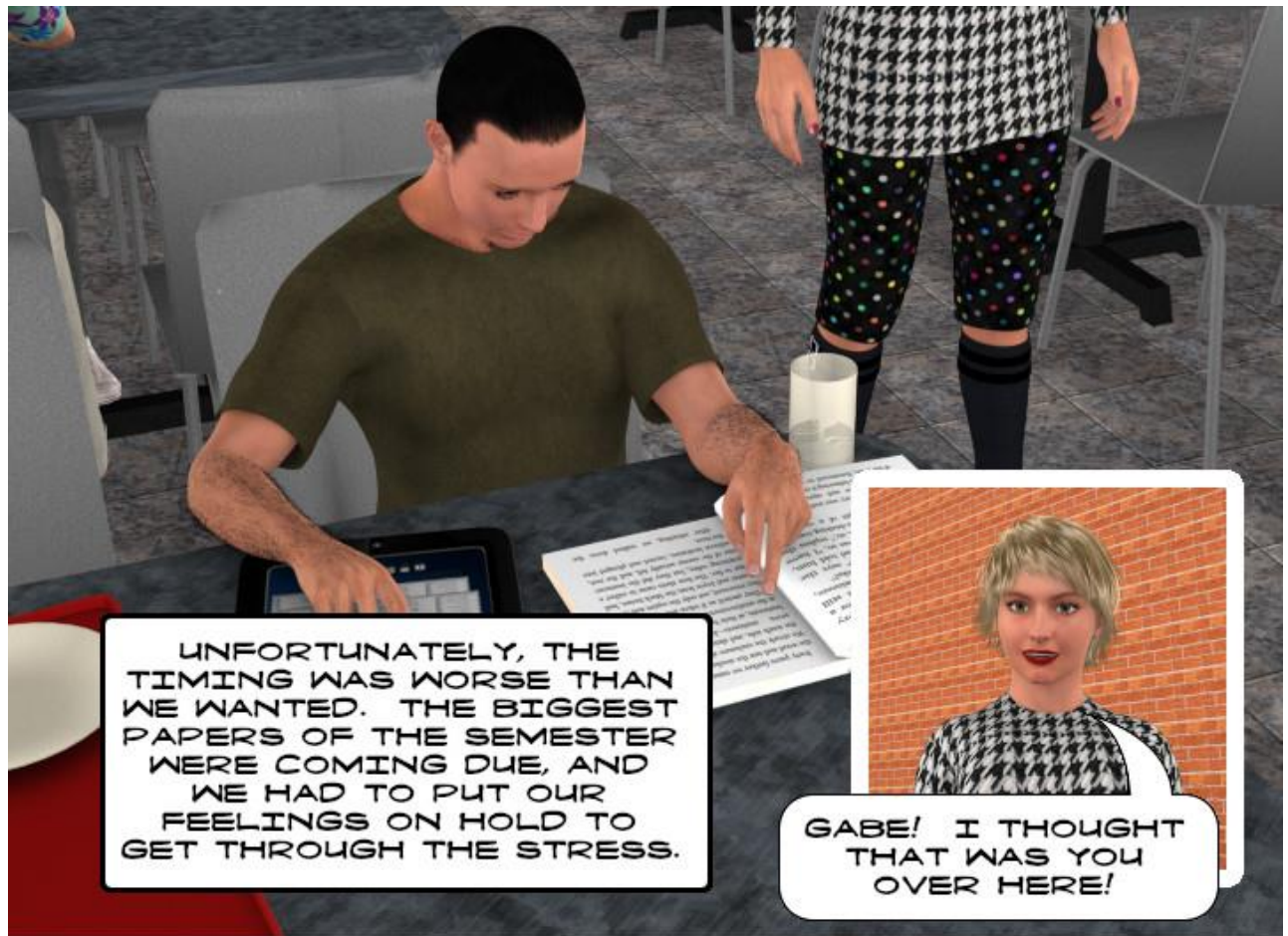
TYLER, I DON'T LIKE FORCING LABELS ON THINGS FOR THE SAKE OF LABELLING. BUT I THINK WE KNOW WHAT THIS IS BETWEEN US. IT IS LOVE. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE YOU CAN CALL IT. SO WHY SHOULD WE DENY IT ANY LONGER? WHY SHOULD WE FEAR IT?



IF THERE IS ONE THING ABOUT BEING ORPHANS, IT'S THAT WE HAVE NO ONE TO COME OUT TO. THERE IS NO ONE TO DISAPPOINT. THERE IS NO STRESS OVER WHETHER OR NOT OUR PARENTS WILL ACCEPT WHAT WE HAVE WITH EACH OTHER. WE CAN BE WHAT WE WERE MEANT TO BE, GUILT FREE. THAT SAME COMMON PAST THAT BROUGHT US TO EACH OTHER GIVES US A FREEDOM NO ONE ELSE CAN UNDERSTAND. IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, TYLER. IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN.



OH, GABRIEL...



UNFORTUNATELY, THE TIMING WAS WORSE THAN WE WANTED. THE BIGGEST PAPERS OF THE SEMESTER WERE COMING DUE, AND WE HAD TO PUT OUR FEELINGS ON HOLD TO GET THROUGH THE STRESS.



GABE! I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOU OVER HERE!



GO AWAY, SASHA.

NO, GABE. YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME AFTER PROMISING WE COULD TALK.

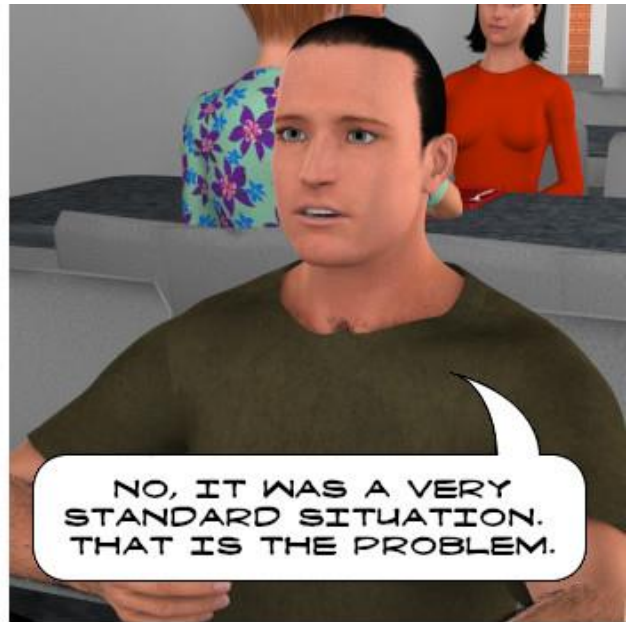
SORRY IF I'VE BEEN TOO BUSY WITH CLASSWORK.

EXCUSES, GABE! YOU SHUT DOWN ON ME RIGHT AFTER YOU TOLD ME YOU GREW UP IN FOSTER CARE. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY RELATIONSHIP WITH TODD, SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

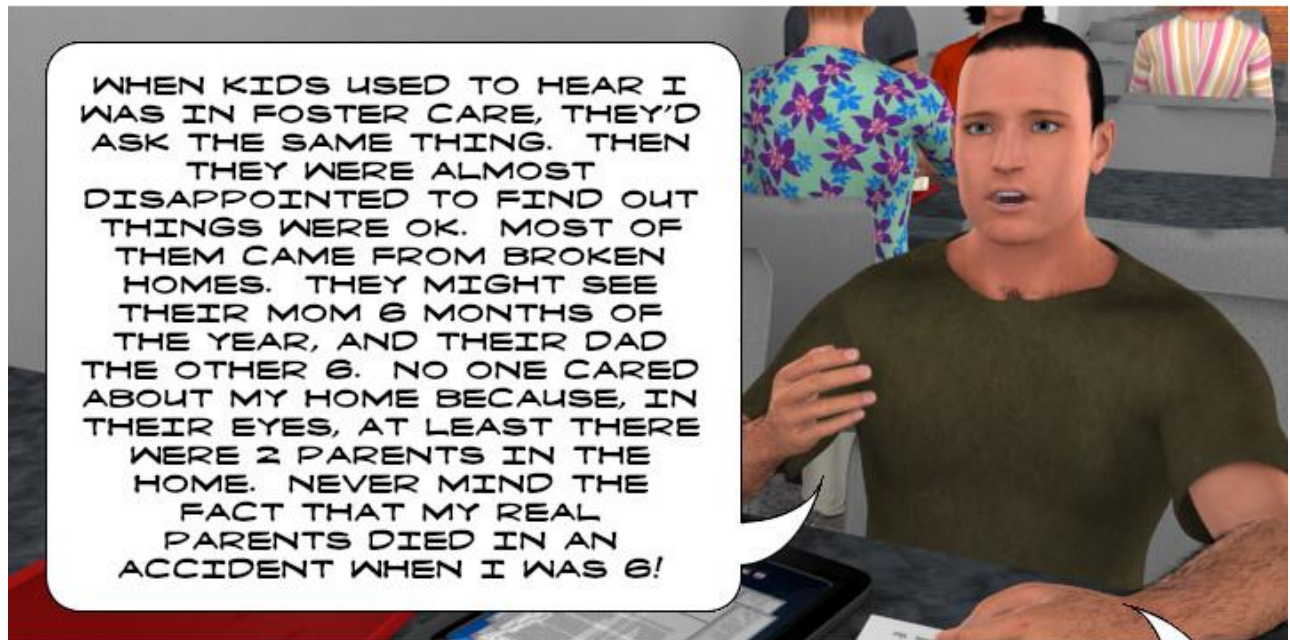
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.



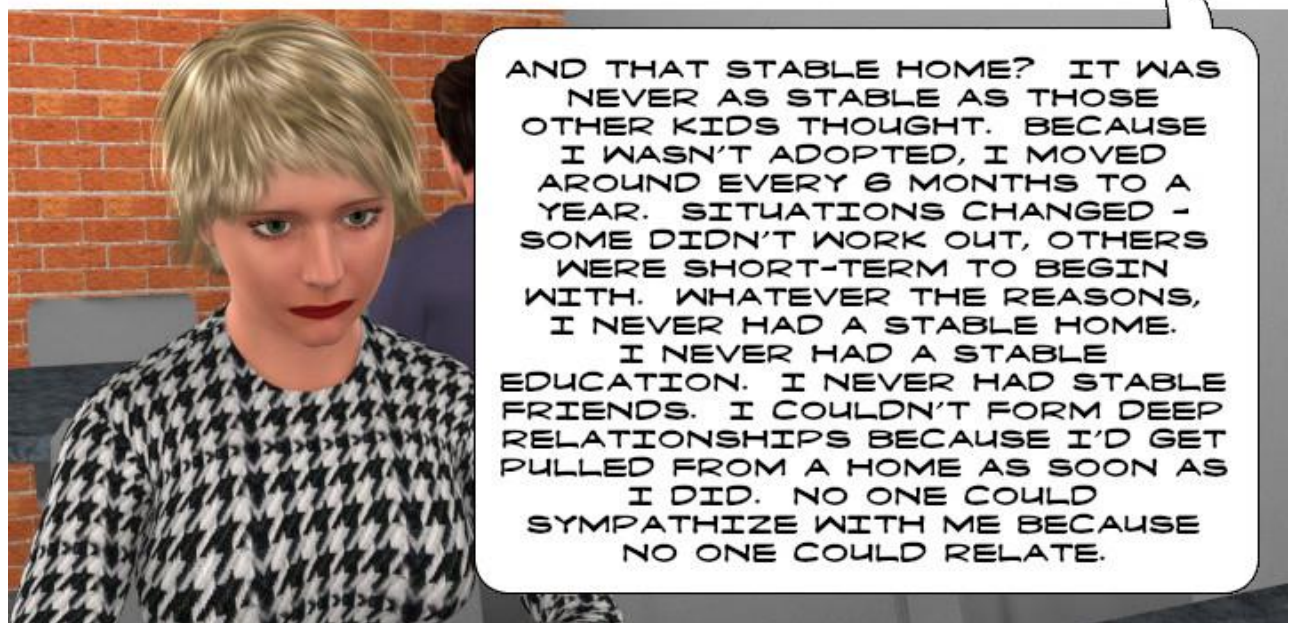
WHY? WERE YOU IN AN ABUSIVE SITUATION?



NO, IT WAS A VERY STANDARD SITUATION. THAT IS THE PROBLEM.



WHEN KIDS USED TO HEAR I WAS IN FOSTER CARE, THEY'D ASK THE SAME THING. THEN THEY WERE ALMOST DISAPPOINTED TO FIND OUT THINGS WERE OK. MOST OF THEM CAME FROM BROKEN HOMES. THEY MIGHT SEE THEIR MOM 6 MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AND THEIR DAD THE OTHER 6. NO ONE CARED ABOUT MY HOME BECAUSE, IN THEIR EYES, AT LEAST THERE WERE 2 PARENTS IN THE HOME. NEVER MIND THE FACT THAT MY REAL PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS 6!



AND THAT STABLE HOME? IT WAS NEVER AS STABLE AS THOSE OTHER KIDS THOUGHT. BECAUSE I WASN'T ADOPTED, I MOVED AROUND EVERY 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR. SITUATIONS CHANGED - SOME DIDN'T WORK OUT, OTHERS WERE SHORT-TERM TO BEGIN WITH. WHATEVER THE REASONS, I NEVER HAD A STABLE HOME. I NEVER HAD A STABLE EDUCATION. I NEVER HAD STABLE FRIENDS. I COULDN'T FORM DEEP RELATIONSHIPS BECAUSE I'D GET PULLED FROM A HOME AS SOON AS I DID. NO ONE COULD SYMPATHIZE WITH ME BECAUSE NO ONE COULD RELATE.



AND I JUST ASKED YOU WHAT THE BIG DEAL WAS...JUST LIKE THAT. I'M SORRY GABE.



BUT LOOK, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S ENTIRELY MY FAULT. ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TRUST ME. I'M ACTUALLY A PRETTY GOOD LISTENER, GABE.

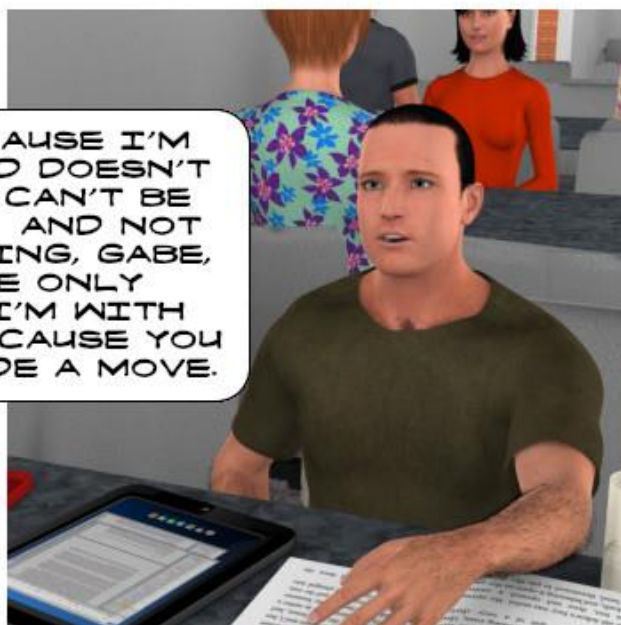


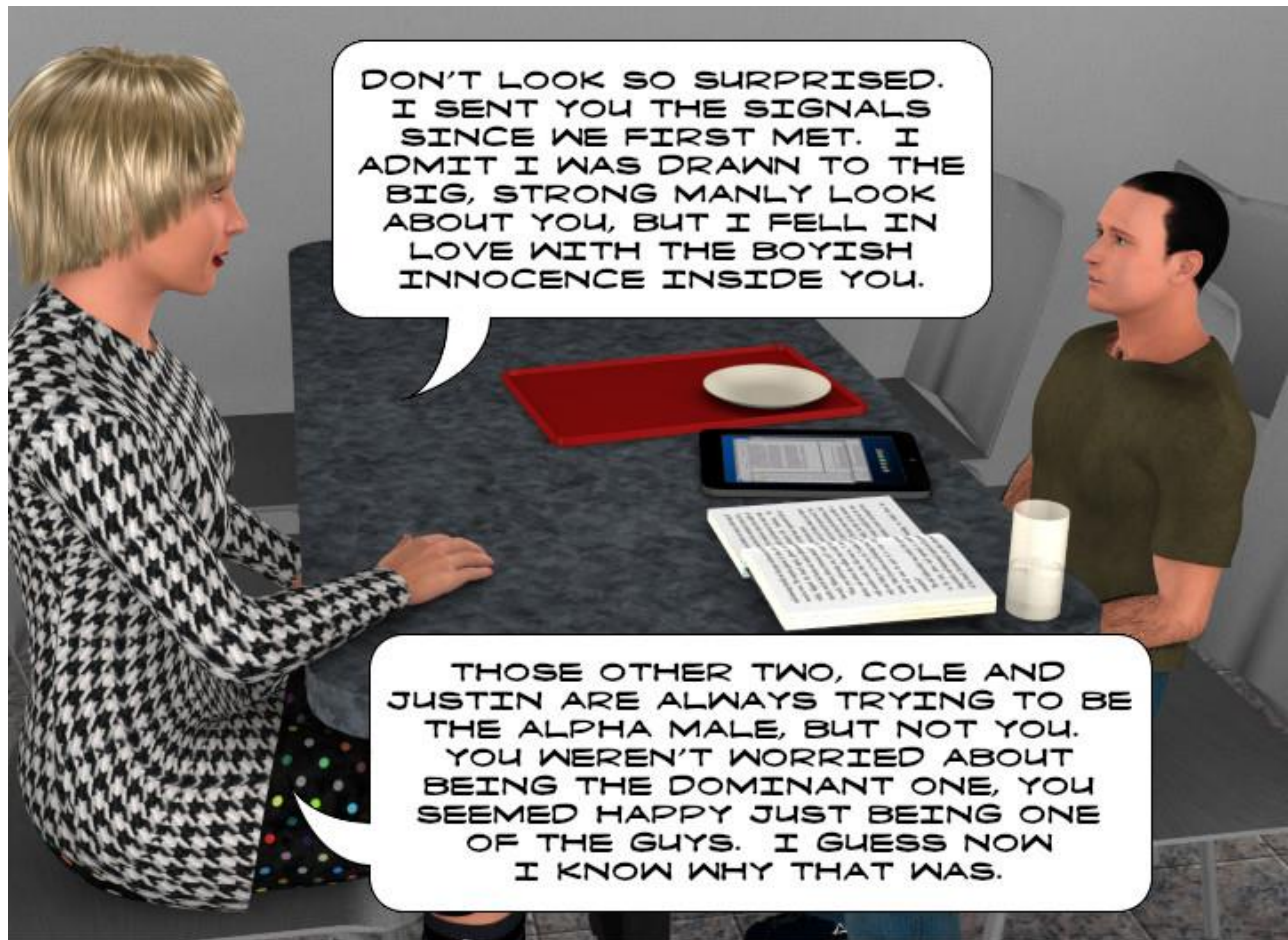
TRUST YOU? YOU WANT ME TO TRUST YOU WHEN YOU'RE STILL WITH TODD...WHEN YOU'RE STILL HANGING OUT WITH JUSTIN AND COLE?

NOT THIS AGAIN, GABE.



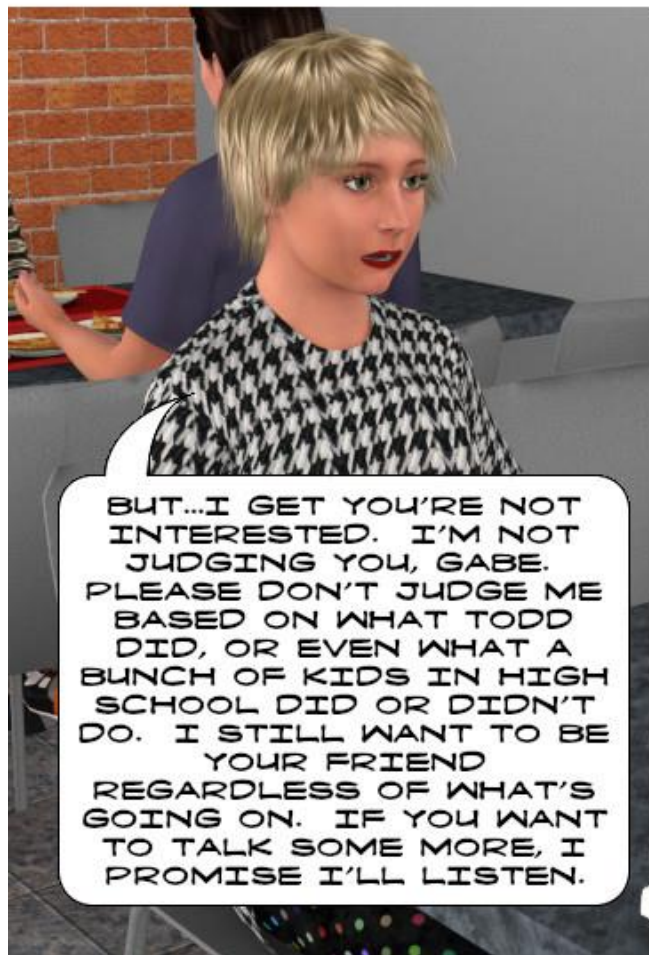
JUST BECAUSE I'M WITH TODD DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T BE FRIENDS. AND NOT FOR NOTHING, GABE, BUT THE ONLY REASON I'M WITH HIM IS BECAUSE YOU NEVER MADE A MOVE.



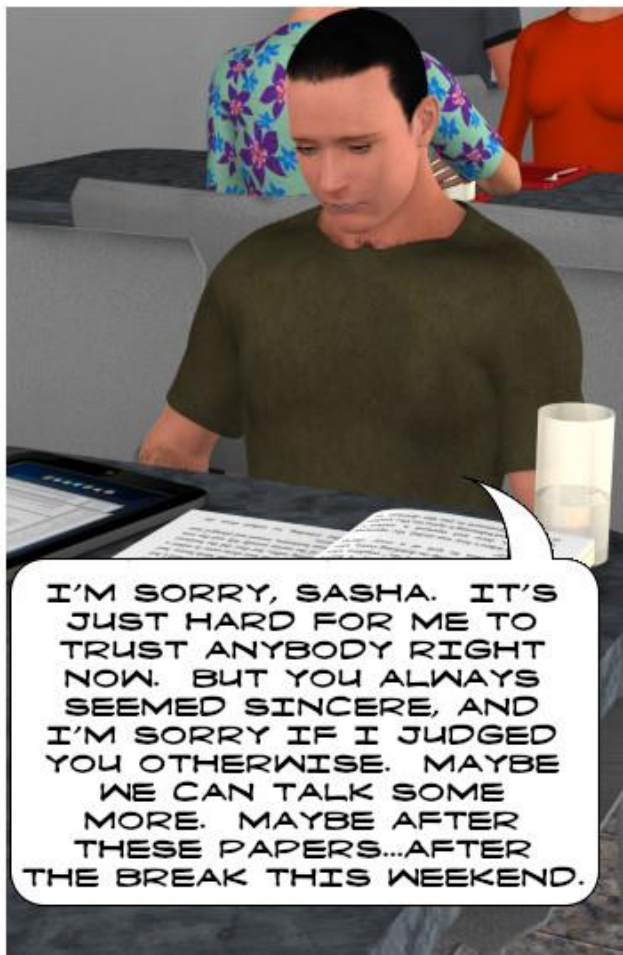


DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED. I SENT YOU THE SIGNALS SINCE WE FIRST MET. I ADMIT I WAS DRAWN TO THE BIG, STRONG MANLY LOOK ABOUT YOU, BUT I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BOYISH INNOCENCE INSIDE YOU.

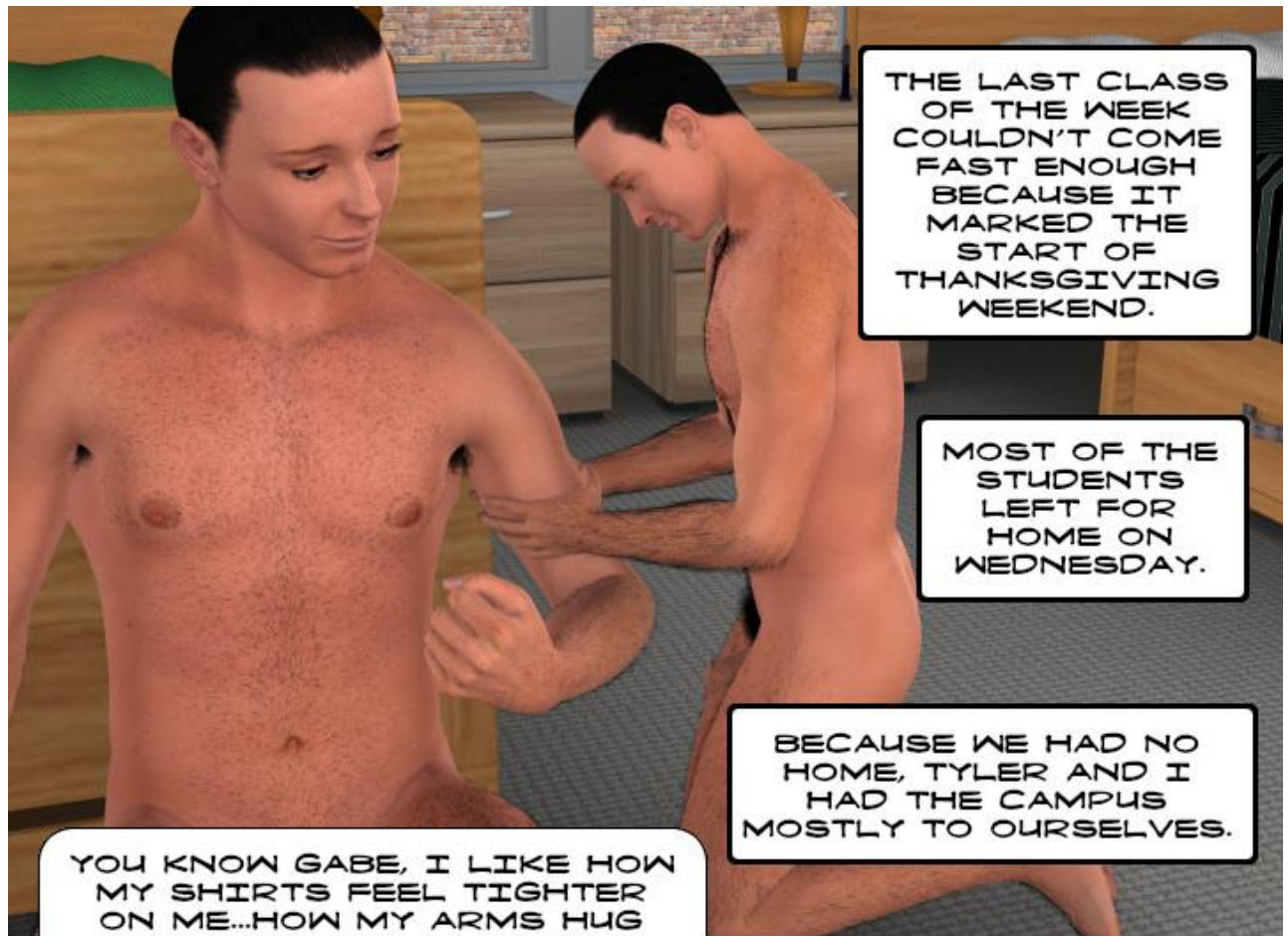
THOSE OTHER TWO, COLE AND JUSTIN ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO BE THE ALPHA MALE, BUT NOT YOU. YOU WEREN'T WORRIED ABOUT BEING THE DOMINANT ONE, YOU SEEMED HAPPY JUST BEING ONE OF THE GUYS. I GUESS NOW I KNOW WHY THAT WAS.



BUT...I GET YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED. I'M NOT JUDGING YOU, GABE. PLEASE DON'T JUDGE ME BASED ON WHAT TODD DID, OR EVEN WHAT A BUNCH OF KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL DID OR DIDN'T DO. I STILL WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S GOING ON. IF YOU WANT TO TALK SOME MORE, I PROMISE I'LL LISTEN.



I'M SORRY, SASHA. IT'S JUST HARD FOR ME TO TRUST ANYBODY RIGHT NOW. BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEMED SINCERE, AND I'M SORRY IF I JUDGED YOU OTHERWISE. MAYBE WE CAN TALK SOME MORE. MAYBE AFTER THESE PAPERS...AFTER THE BREAK THIS WEEKEND.



THE LAST CLASS OF THE WEEK COULDN'T COME FAST ENOUGH BECAUSE IT MARKED THE START OF THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.

MOST OF THE STUDENTS LEFT FOR HOME ON WEDNESDAY.

BECAUSE WE HAD NO HOME, TYLER AND I HAD THE CAMPUS MOSTLY TO OURSELVES.

YOU KNOW GABE, I LIKE HOW MY SHIRTS FEEL TIGHTER ON ME...HOW MY ARMS HUG THE SLEEVES...HOW THE FABRIC CONSTRICTS THAT LITTLE BIT AT THE FRONT AND BACK OF MY ARMPITS.



IS THAT ALL YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS BODY OF YOURS?





SICK OF BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING ALREADY?



EH, SHOPPING'S NOT OUR THING. WE ONLY CAME OUT 'CAUSE THE DINING HALL'S CLOSED.



LUCKY ME, THEN. NOW LET ME GUESS, BEER FOR YOU?



AND A SODA FOR YOU?

ACTUALLY, THE OTHER WAY AROUND.



HUH? OH!...I DIDN'T REALIZE... UM...I'LL NEED TO SEE SOME I.D. OF COURSE.





DO YOU REALLY WANT A BEER? LAST TIME YOU DRANK, YOU PASSED OUT, AND I HAD TO CARRY YOU HOME.

IT'S ONLY ONE BEER! DON'T THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT.



YOU DON'T WANT ME TO POINT OUT HOW YOU'RE FINALLY FLIRTING BACK WITH THAT GIRL!

YOU'RE NOT JEALOUS, ARE YOU, GABE?



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED ME TO GET USED TO FLIRTING.



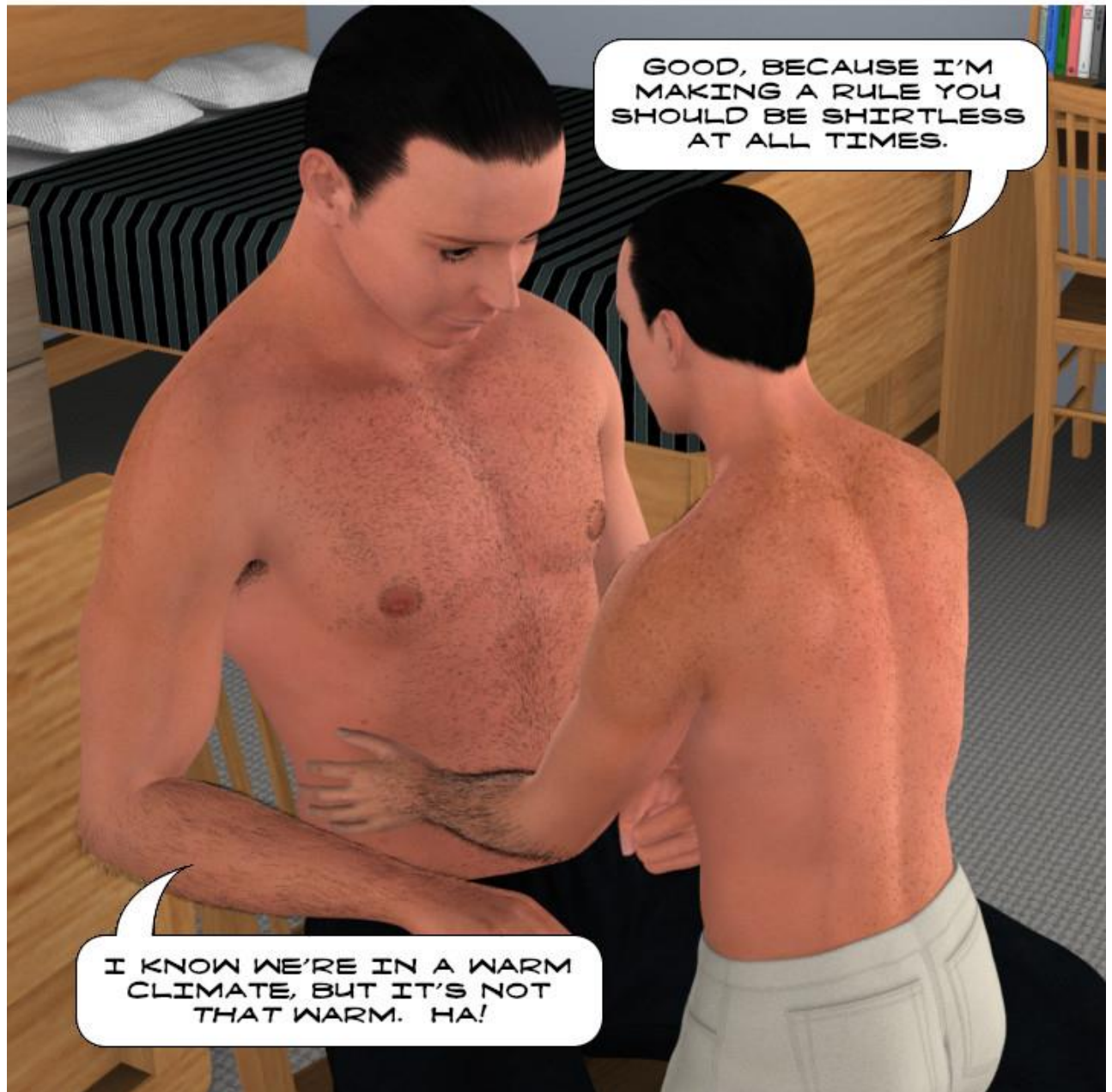
I THINK IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU FINALLY GETTING THE CONFIDENCE YOU ALWAYS LACKED.



LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T BUILD UP THAT CONFIDENCE A LITTLE MORE!



I'M FEELING PRETTY CONFIDENT ALREADY!



GOOD, BECAUSE I'M MAKING A RULE YOU SHOULD BE SHIRTLESS AT ALL TIMES.

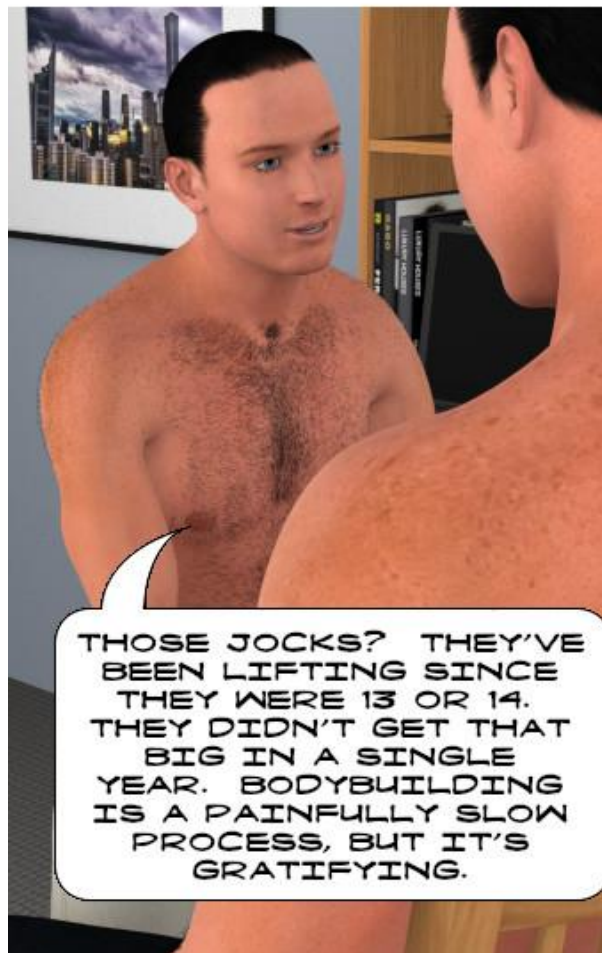
I KNOW WE'RE IN A WARM CLIMATE, BUT IT'S NOT THAT WARM. HA!



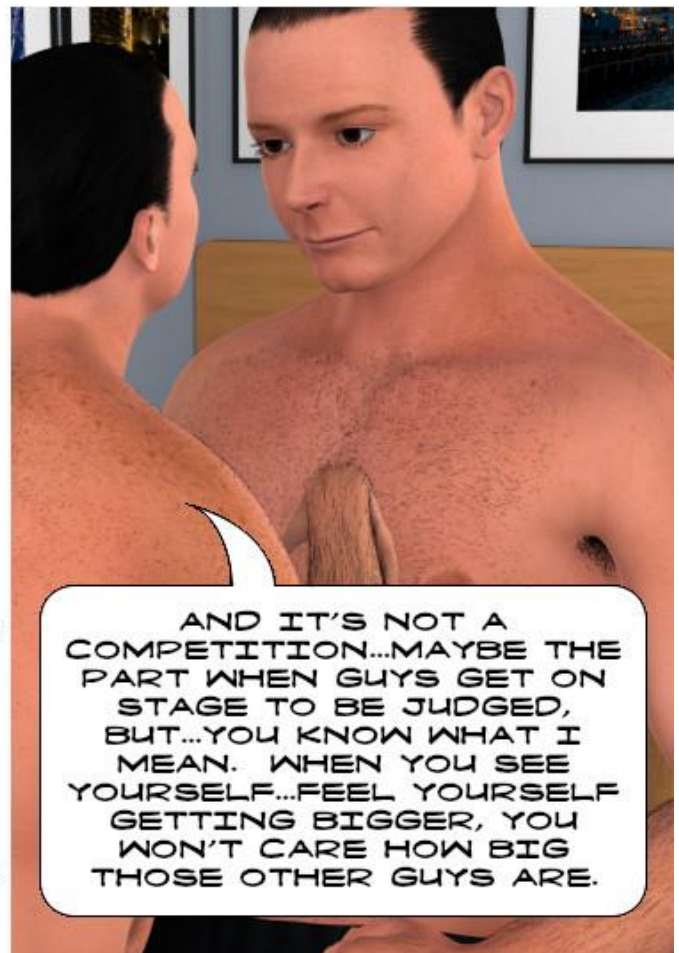
AND BESIDES, I'M NOT REALLY THAT BIG.

SURE, I'M BIGGER THAN I WAS 3 MONTHS AGO, BUT THERE ARE GUYS AT THE GYM BIGGER THAN ME. HECK, HALF THE FOOTBALL TEAM IS BIGGER THAN ME!

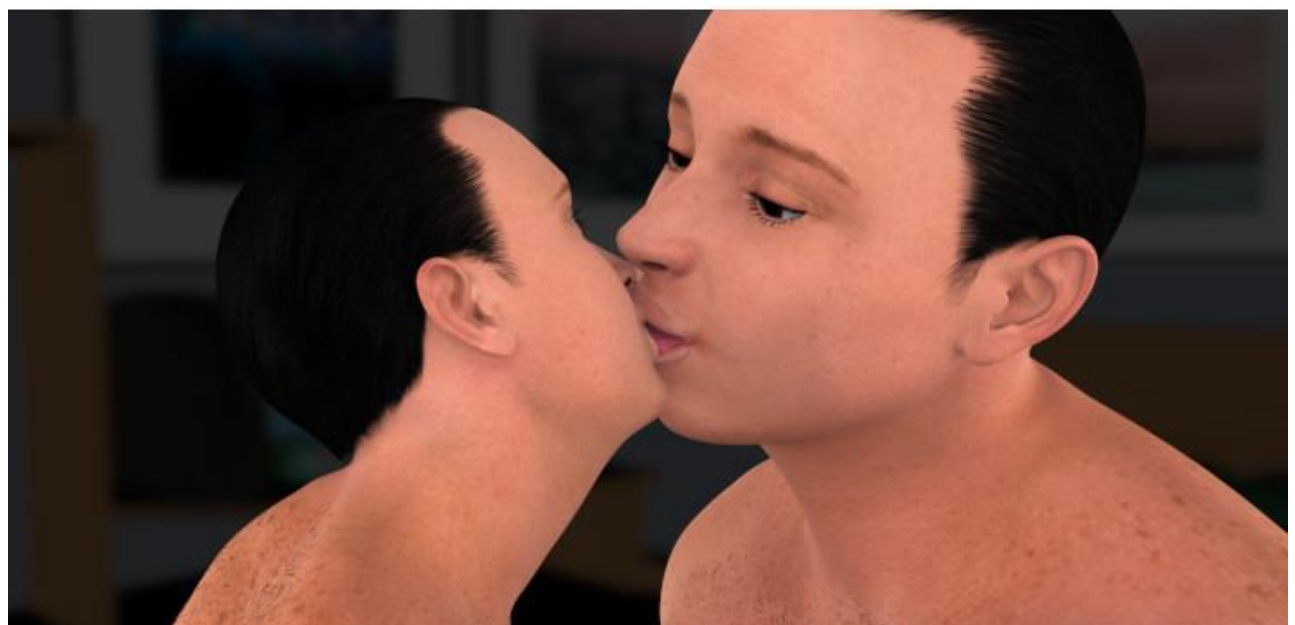
BUT YOU'RE NOT THE FOOTBALL TEAM, TYLER. I DON'T WANT THE FOOTBALL TEAM, ONLY YOU.



THOSE JOCKS? THEY'VE BEEN LIFTING SINCE THEY WERE 13 OR 14. THEY DIDN'T GET THAT BIG IN A SINGLE YEAR. BODYBUILDING IS A PAINFULLY SLOW PROCESS, BUT IT'S GRATIFYING.



AND IT'S NOT A COMPETITION...MAYBE THE PART WHEN GUYS GET ON STAGE TO BE JUDGED, BUT...YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. WHEN YOU SEE YOURSELF...FEEL YOURSELF GETTING BIGGER, YOU WON'T CARE HOW BIG THOSE OTHER GUYS ARE.





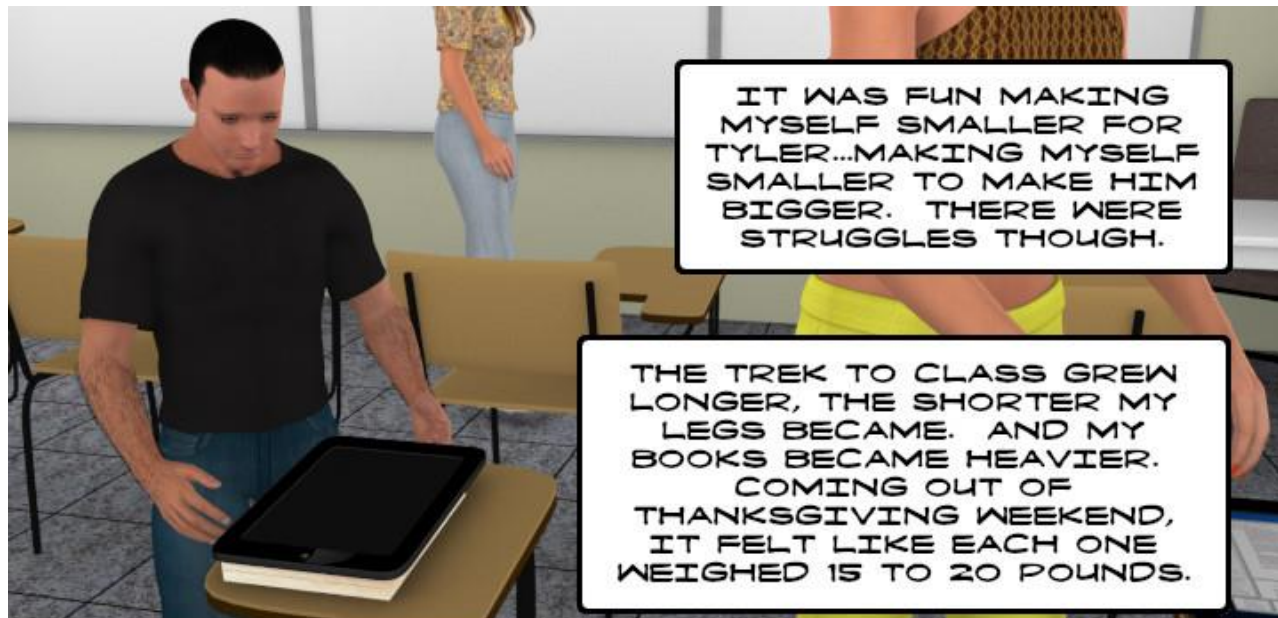
YOU LOOK SO SMALL, GABE. I BET I LOOK HUGE TO YOU.

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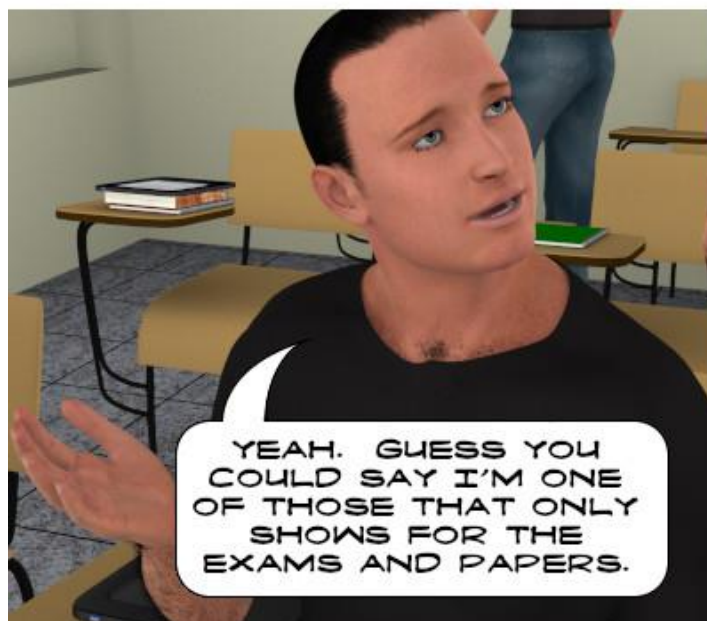
IT WAS FUN MAKING MYSELF SMALLER FOR TYLER...MAKING MYSELF SMALLER TO MAKE HIM BIGGER. THERE WERE STRUGGLES THOUGH.

THE TREK TO CLASS GREW LONGER, THE SHORTER MY LEGS BECAME. AND MY BOOKS BECAME HEAVIER. COMING OUT OF THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, IT FELT LIKE EACH ONE WEIGHED 15 TO 20 POUNDS.

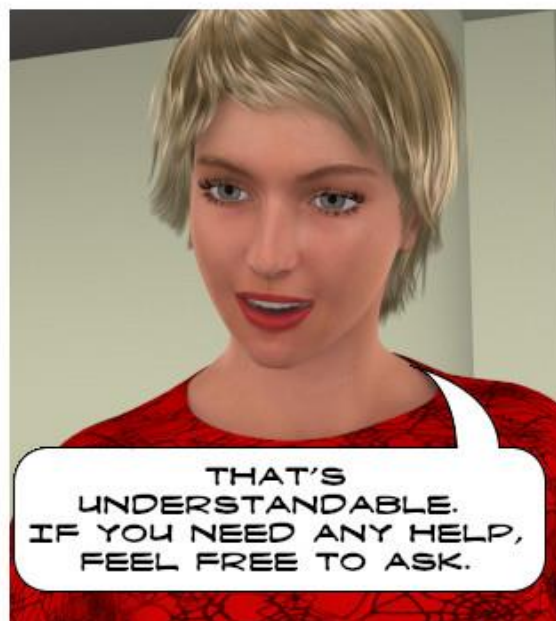


THEN THERE WAS THE ANONYMITY THAT VANISHED ONCE I WAS THE SIZE OF A JOCKEY.

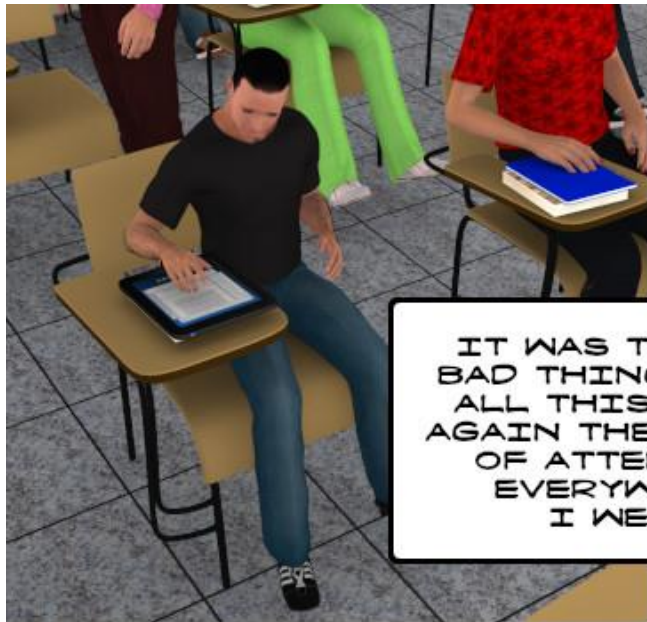
AREN'T YOU JUST THE CUTEST! WERE YOU ALWAYS IN THIS CLASS?



YEAH. GUESS YOU COULD SAY I'M ONE OF THOSE THAT ONLY SHOWS FOR THE EXAMS AND PAPERS.



THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP, FEEL FREE TO ASK.



IT WAS THE ONE BAD THING ABOUT ALL THIS, I WAS AGAIN THE CENTER OF ATTENTION EVERYWHERE I WENT.



ALL EYES WERE ON ME AS IF I WAS SOMEONE TO BE PITIED.

BUT I DIDN'T NEED PITY. I WAS HAPPY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS TRULY HAPPY.



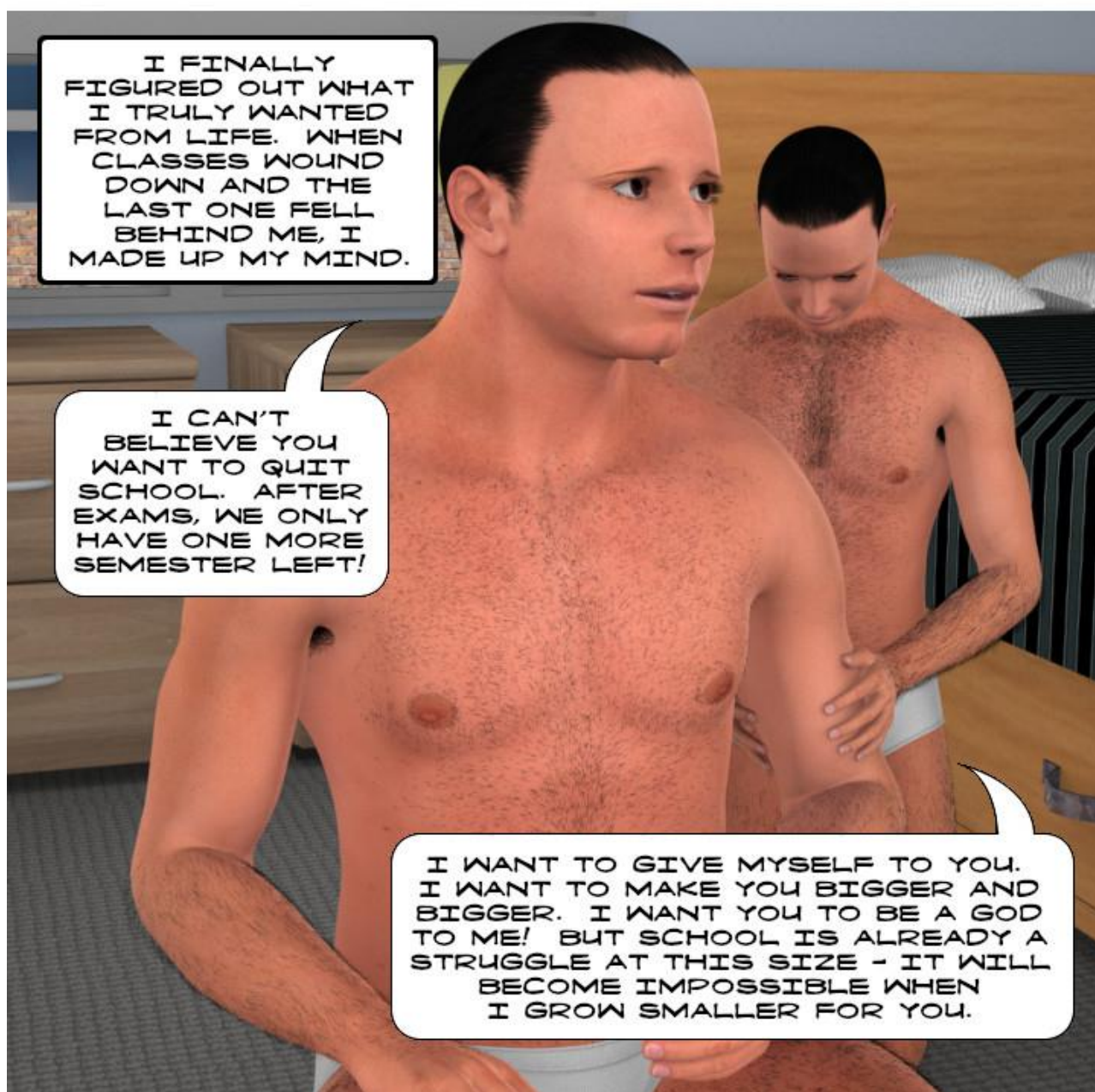
I HAD TYLER!

DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, GABE, BUT IF THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MASSAGE, I'M NOT FEELING IT.



TYLER, YOUR MUSCLES ARE TOO HARD, EVEN IF MY HANDS WERE BIGGER!


TOO HARD? THERE IS NO SUCH THING.




I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT I TRULY WANTED FROM LIFE. WHEN CLASSES WOUND DOWN AND THE LAST ONE FELL BEHIND ME, I MADE UP MY MIND.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WANT TO QUIT SCHOOL. AFTER EXAMS, WE ONLY HAVE ONE MORE SEMESTER LEFT!


I WANT TO GIVE MYSELF TO YOU. I WANT TO MAKE YOU BIGGER AND BIGGER. I WANT YOU TO BE A GOD TO ME! BUT SCHOOL IS ALREADY A STRUGGLE AT THIS SIZE - IT WILL BECOME IMPOSSIBLE WHEN I GROW SMALLER FOR YOU.



THEN WE CAN WAIT UNTIL GRADUATION TO GO FURTHER. HECK, I CAN GIVE YOU A FOOT BACK UNTIL THEN, AND YOU CAN GIVE IT BACK TO ME WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH COLLEGE. YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO EARNING YOUR DEGREE, GABE. DON'T THROW THAT AWAY JUST TO GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT OF PLEASURE.



TYLER, LOVE IS SACRIFICE. THIS IS A SACRIFICE I WANT TO MAKE BECAUSE I LOVE YOU. I AM SO DEPENDENT ON YOU NOW - I WANT TO PUT MYSELF COMPLETELY AT YOUR MERCY. IF WE WAIT, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THAT DEGREE? IF I'M TOO SMALL FOR CLASS, I'LL BE TOO SMALL FOR WORK. WE'LL FIGHT OUR FEELINGS FOR 5 MONTHS FOR NOTHING!



IF WE CHANGE OUR MINDS, I CAN ALWAYS COME BACK AND TAKE THOSE 15 CREDITS.



YOU'RE FORGETTING ONE THING. IF YOU QUIT SCHOOL, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR PLACE IN THE DORM... YOU WON'T BE MY ROOMMATE ANY MORE!

THE APARTMENT NEXT TO SASHA'S IS STILL VACANT. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO RENT IT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. I TALKED WITH THE PROPERTY MANAGER, AND HE'S WILLING TO GIVE US A BREAK ON THE RENT JUST TO GET SOMETHING FOR IT. YOUR FINANCIAL AID WILL COVER ALL 2 BEDROOMS AND 2 BATHS!



THIS DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SUCH A GOOD DEAL FOR ME...

OF COURSE IT IS! YOUR OWN PRIVATE BEDROOM... NO MORE COMMUNITY SHOWER...

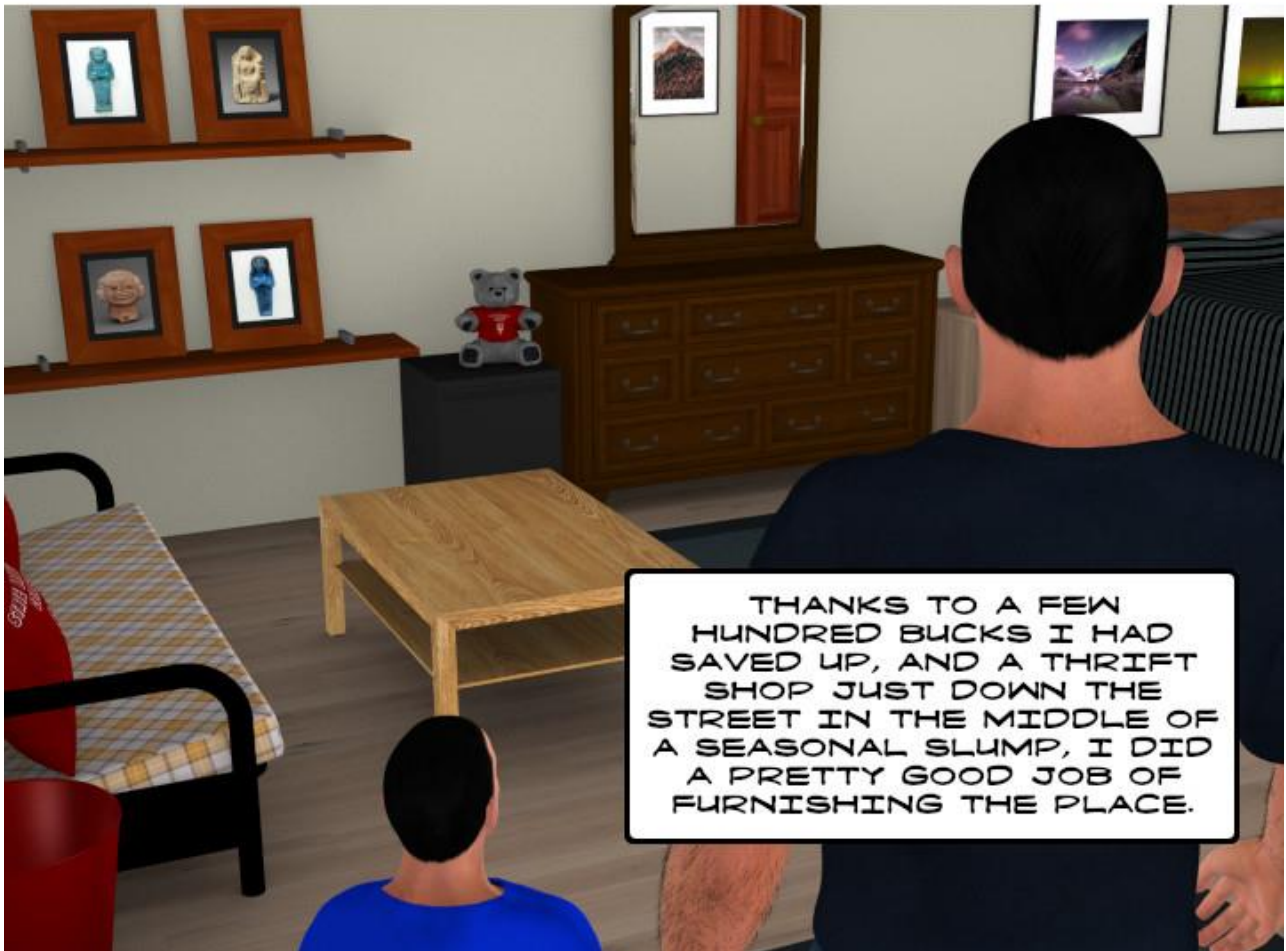
AND YOU GET TO WATCH ME FINISH THAT LITTLE BOTTLE OF MAGIC. YOU CAN'T TELL ME THE IDEA OF GETTING BIGGER ISN'T WORTH IT!

NO, I CAN'T.

I MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EXAMS, AND AT THE END OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE OTHER STUDENTS MADE THEIR WAY HOME FOR WINTER BREAK, TYLER AND I MOVED INTO OUR NEW PLACE.



THANKS TO A FEW HUNDRED BUCKS I HAD SAVED UP, AND A THRIFT SHOP JUST DOWN THE STREET IN THE MIDDLE OF A SEASONAL SLUMP, I DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF FURNISHING THE PLACE.







I THINK HE WAS INVITING ME TO USE THE FORMULA AND MAKE HIM BIGGER THAT FIRST NIGHT, BUT I HAD A SURPRISE IN MIND.



AS HARD AS IT WAS FOR ME TO HOLD BACK, WE HAD TO WAIT IF I EXPECTED TO GROW HIM ON ONE VERY SPECIAL DAY.



GABE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY ROOM?

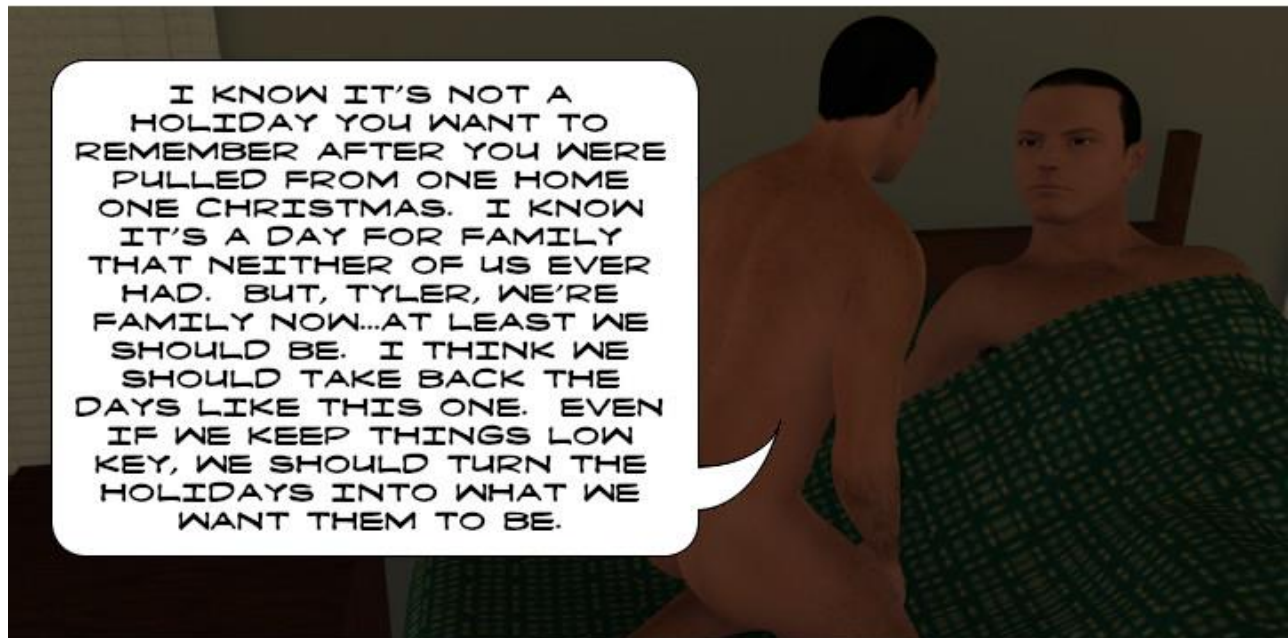
IT'S CHRISTMAS MORNING! I CAME TO GIVE YOU YOUR PRESENT.



I THOUGHT WE DECIDED NOT TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!



THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SUCH A SURPRISE!



I KNOW IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY YOU WANT TO REMEMBER AFTER YOU WERE PULLED FROM ONE HOME ONE CHRISTMAS. I KNOW IT'S A DAY FOR FAMILY THAT NEITHER OF US EVER HAD. BUT, TYLER, WE'RE FAMILY NOW...AT LEAST WE SHOULD BE. I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE BACK THE DAYS LIKE THIS ONE. EVEN IF WE KEEP THINGS LOW KEY, WE SHOULD TURN THE HOLIDAYS INTO WHAT WE WANT THEM TO BE.



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED, I WISH YOU'D TOLD ME. I DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING FOR YOU, AND NOW I'M GOING TO FEEL BAD.



TYLER, NOT EVERY PRESENT HAS TO BE BOUGHT!



NOW THIS IS A SURPRISE.



I TOOK A TRIPLE DOSE. THIS GREATER SIZE IS MY GIFT TO YOU.



HOW SMALL YOU MUST BE NOW! HOW BIG AM I?!



LET'S GET THE LIGHTS ON SO WE CAN SEE THIS!



NO WAY!



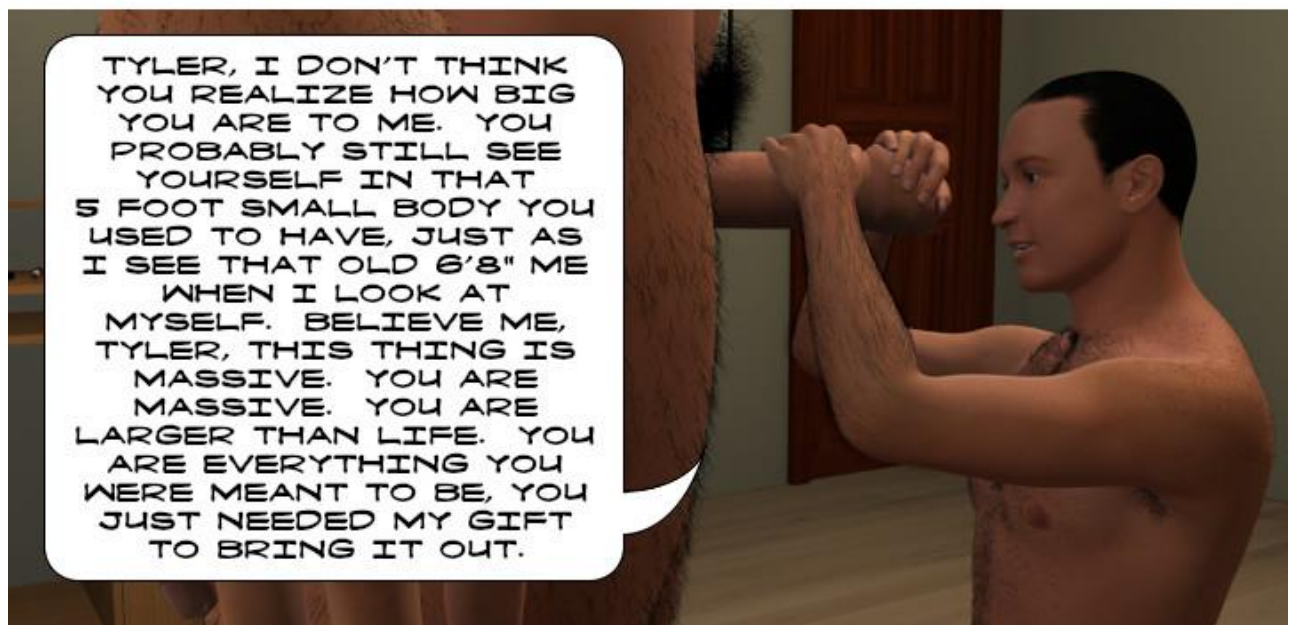
YOU...YOU'RE SO SMALL!



I'M THE PERFECT SIZE TO DO THIS!



OH GABE, THIS ISN'T FAIR...



TYLER, I DON'T THINK YOU REALIZE HOW BIG YOU ARE TO ME. YOU PROBABLY STILL SEE YOURSELF IN THAT 5 FOOT SMALL BODY YOU USED TO HAVE, JUST AS I SEE THAT OLD 6'8" ME WHEN I LOOK AT MYSELF. BELIEVE ME, TYLER, THIS THING IS MASSIVE. YOU ARE MASSIVE. YOU ARE LARGER THAN LIFE. YOU ARE EVERYTHING YOU WERE MEANT TO BE, YOU JUST NEEDED MY GIFT TO BRING IT OUT.



IT SURE FEELS BIG IN THOSE LITTLE HANDS OF YOURS... OOOHHHH!

AND THE MESS IS BIGGER, THAT'S FOR SURE!



CONSIDER THAT MY PRESENT TO YOU!



AT LEAST YOU CLEAN UP NICELY!



THIS ISN'T FAIR, THOUGH. YOU STILL FIT INTO MY OLDEST CLOTHES WHILE I HAVE NOTHING TO WEAR!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY YOU NEW CLOTHES IF YOU'RE PLANNING ANOTHER "SURPRISE" FOR NEW YEAR'S.





THIS WAS THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON FOR BOTH OF US.

IT WAS EASY TO FORGET THAT TODD LIVED IN THE APARTMENT NEXT TO US...



I...I DON'T KNOW.

OH! HI...UH...TYLER. I...UH...CAME BY TO SEE GABE.

IT'S OK, TYLER. LET HER IN.



I HEARD YOU TWO MOVED IN. I WANTED TO COME BY AND SEE...OH MY GOD! WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOURSELF, GABE?

GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO, SASHA. SHOULDN'T YOU BE OFF TO CLASS?



MY CLASSES ARE IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING. WHAT ABOUT YOU? TYLER TELLS ME YOU QUIT SCHOOL. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, GABE?

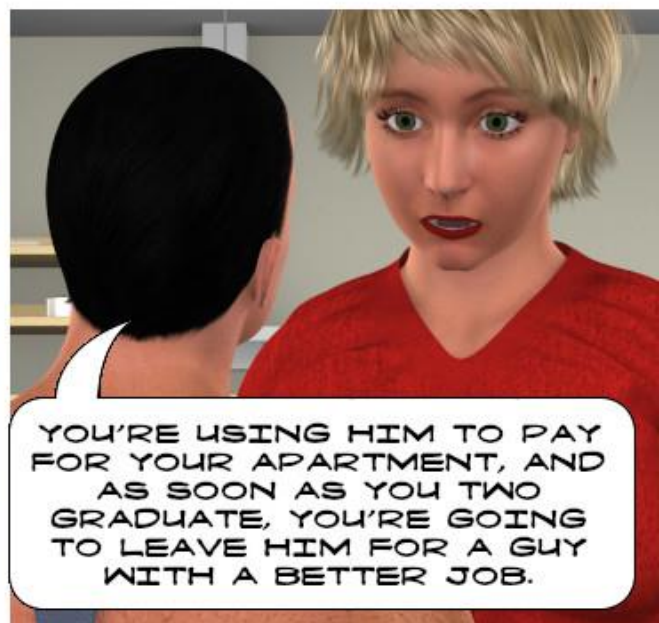
I'M IN LOVE, SASHA. ME AND TYLER ARE IN LOVE, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME.



REALLY, GABE? YOU LOVE TYLER, IS THAT IT? ARE YOU SURE HE REALLY LOVES YOU? FOR ALL YOU KNOW, HE'S USING YOU. WHAT GUARANTEE DO YOU HAVE THAT HE WON'T WALK OUT ON YOU AS SOON AS YOU'VE GIVEN HIM ALL OF YOUR SIZE?

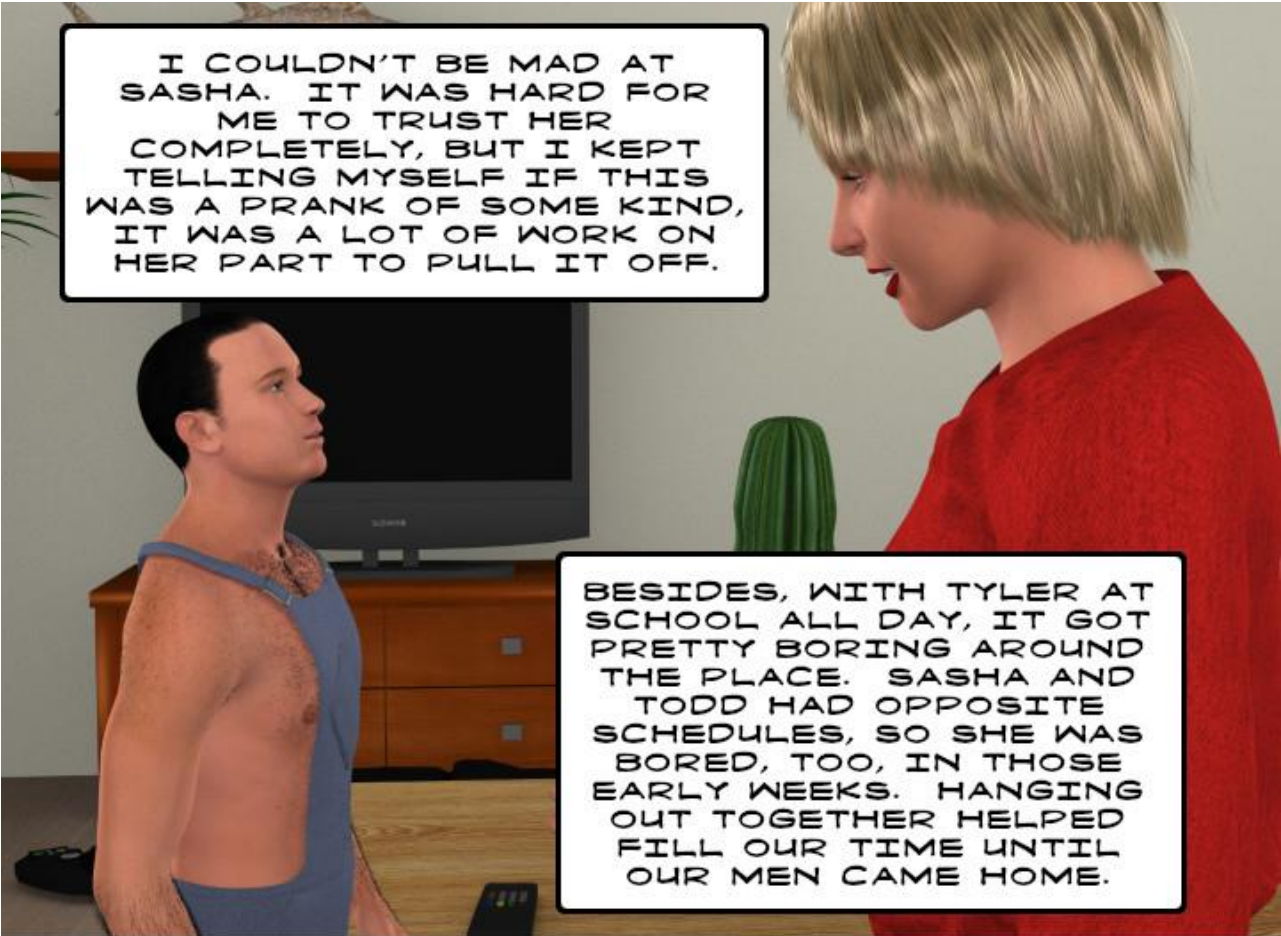


YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME AND TYLER, IS IT? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU AND TODD.



YOU'RE USING HIM TO PAY FOR YOUR APARTMENT, AND AS SOON AS YOU TWO GRADUATE, YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE HIM FOR A GUY WITH A BETTER JOB.





I COULDN'T BE MAD AT SASHA. IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO TRUST HER COMPLETELY, BUT I KEPT TELLING MYSELF IF THIS WAS A PRANK OF SOME KIND, IT WAS A LOT OF WORK ON HER PART TO PULL IT OFF.


BESIDES, WITH TYLER AT SCHOOL ALL DAY, IT GOT PRETTY BORING AROUND THE PLACE. SASHA AND TODD HAD OPPOSITE SCHEDULES, SO SHE WAS BORED, TOO, IN THOSE EARLY WEEKS. HANGING OUT TOGETHER HELPED FILL OUR TIME UNTIL OUR MEN CAME HOME.



YOU'RE LATE. I THOUGHT YOUR CLASS GOT OUT 3 HOURS AGO.

IT DID, BUT I HIT THE GYM AFTER.

FOR 3 HOURS?



MY NEW WORKOUT PARTNERS HAD ONE MORE CLASS. I WAS IN THE LIBRARY DOING HOMEWORK UNTIL THEY GOT OUT.



PARTNERS?
SO...SO YOU'RE
MAKING
FRIENDS.



I WOULDN'T CALL THEM
"FRIENDS." THEY'RE
JUST A COUPLE OF
GUYS I LIFT WITH.



OH. YOU MADE
ME DINNER. NO
WONDER YOU'RE
DISAPPOINTED.

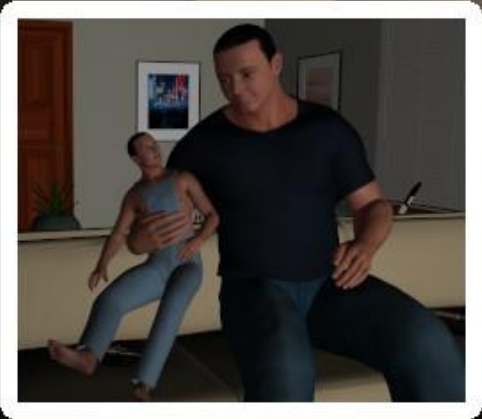
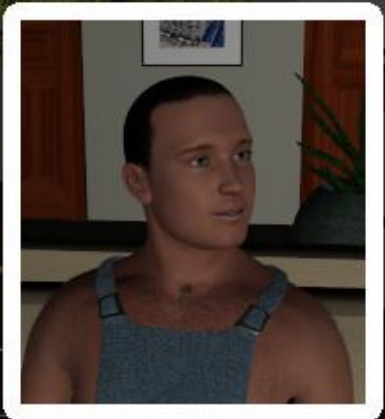


I'M NOT EXACTLY
DISAPPOINTED. I WAS
JUST HOPING WE COULD
EAT TOGETHER...MAYBE
WATCH A MOVIE...



WE CAN STILL
WATCH A MOVIE
WHILE I EAT.







SO...UH...TYLER,
WHEN WERE YOU
AND SASHA
TALKING?



HUH? OH, I
RAN INTO HER
WHEN I WAS
DOING LAUNDRY
THE OTHER DAY.



OH. YOU
DIDN'T...
MENTION
THAT.



I DIDN'T KNOW
HOW YOU FELT
ABOUT HER.
AFTER ALL,
SHE'S STILL
WITH TODD,
SO...IT DOESN'T
BOTHER YOU,
DOES IT?



NO...I MEAN...
WHY WOULD IT?




YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT WEARING YOUR CLOTHES, GABE? I CAN SMELL YOU WHEN WE'RE APART. WHEN I'M IN THE GYM PUSHING THOSE WEIGHTS, ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS YOU BECAUSE YOUR SCENT IS ALL THROUGH THAT TANK.

HA! IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T WASH MY CLOTHES.




YOU WASHED THE DIRT OUT, BUT YOU COULDN'T GET RID OF YOUR SCENT...YOUR ESSENCE. I LOVE THAT SCENT. IT DRIVES ME MAD.

WHEN I'M IN THE GYM, IT MAKES ME PUSH...HARDER AND HARDER. I'M LIKE AN ANIMAL...AN ANIMAL THAT WANTS TO GET BIGGER AND BIGGER, ALL FOR YOU, GABE.



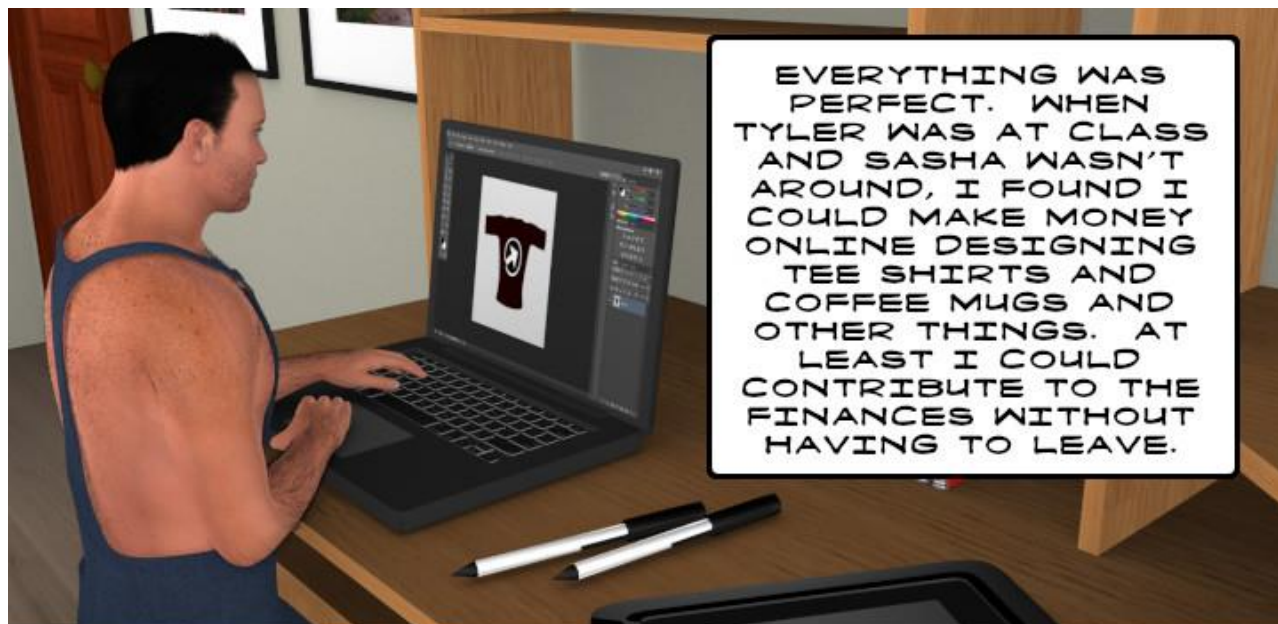
AND I WANT TO MAKE YOU BIGGER AND BIGGER, TYLER. I WANT TO FEEL MYSELF SWALLOWED UP INSIDE YOU...SWALLOWED UP IN THESE EVER-EXPANDING ARMS OF YOURS.

BUT WE MUST WAIT TO USE MASON'S FORMULA AGAIN. I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING IN A COUPLE WEEKS, AND I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT MILESTONE YOU'RE APPROACHING. AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME TO WAIT, I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO THAT MILESTONE ON THAT SPECIAL DAY.



UNTIL THEN, I CAN SUFFER THROUGH THE WAITING BY ENJOYING YOUR NEW MANHOOD AS MUCH AS YOU ENJOY MY SCENT.

WE ARE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER, TYLER. WE ARE PERFECT, AND NOTHING CAN CHANGE THAT.



EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT. WHEN TYLER WAS AT CLASS AND SASHA WASN'T AROUND, I FOUND I COULD MAKE MONEY ONLINE DESIGNING TEE SHIRTS AND COFFEE MUGS AND OTHER THINGS. AT LEAST I COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCES WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE.



AND KNOWING HIS SCHEDULE, I HAD DINNER HOT AND READY WHEN TYLER CAME HOME FROM THE GYM.

YOU'RE BACK EARLY.



THE SHOWERS WEREN'T WORKING AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX.

SET WHAT BY THE DOOR? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

JUST SET IT HERE BY THE DOOR. I'LL GET IT LATER.

HEY, GABE.



COLE!
JUSTIN!

WHAT IS
GOING ON,
TYLER?

WE'RE JUST
HELPING TY
CARRY HIS
STUFF BACK.
HE REALLY WORE
HIMSELF OUT IN
THE GYM TODAY!



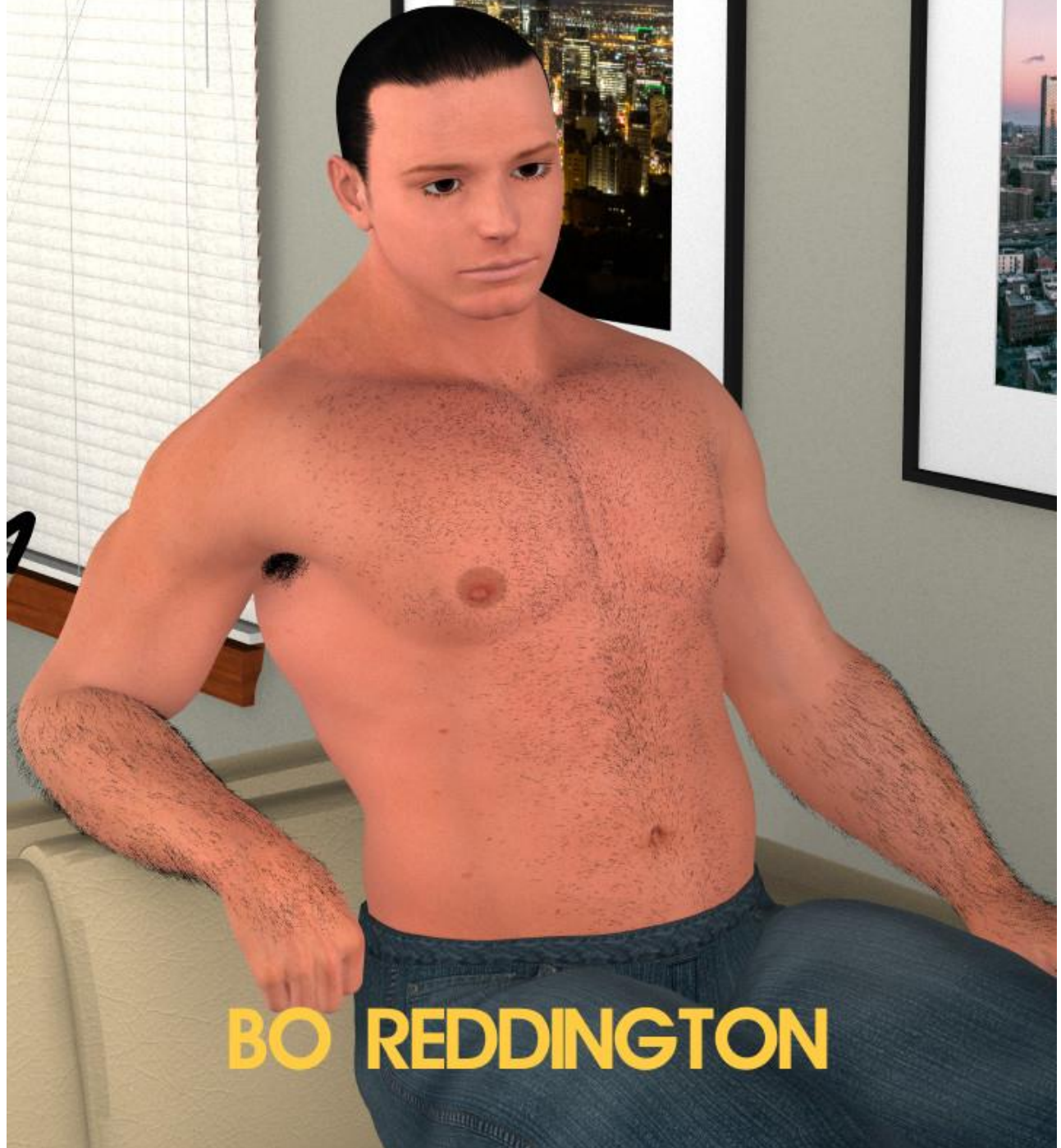
HEY, DON'T FEEL
SO BAD. YOU
TWO ARE JUST
HAVING A BAD
WEEK. I'M SURE
YOU'LL FIND
YOUR INTENSITY
AGAIN.

ARE YOU
SAYING...?

MEET MY WORKOUT
PARTNERS, GABE!

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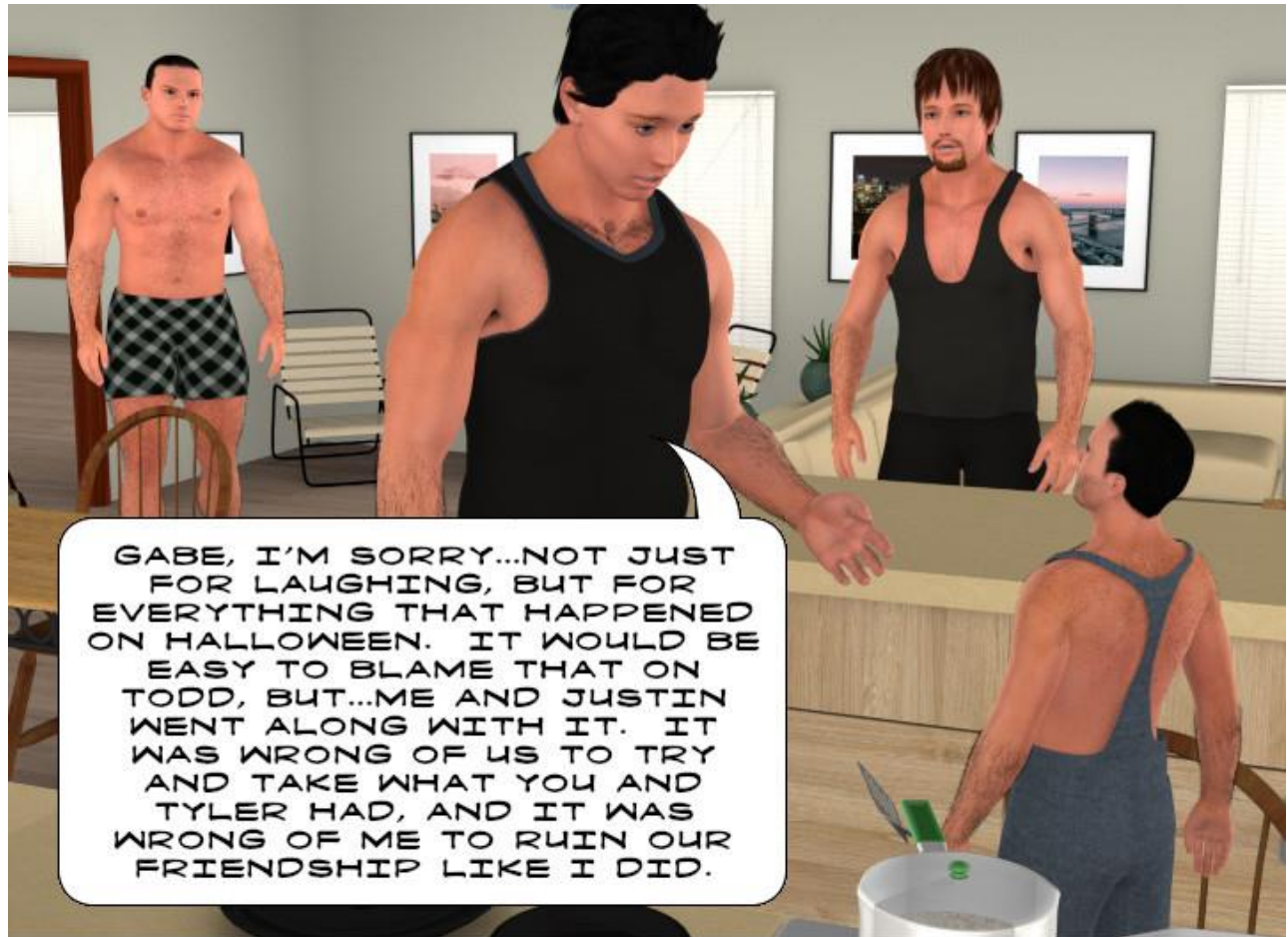
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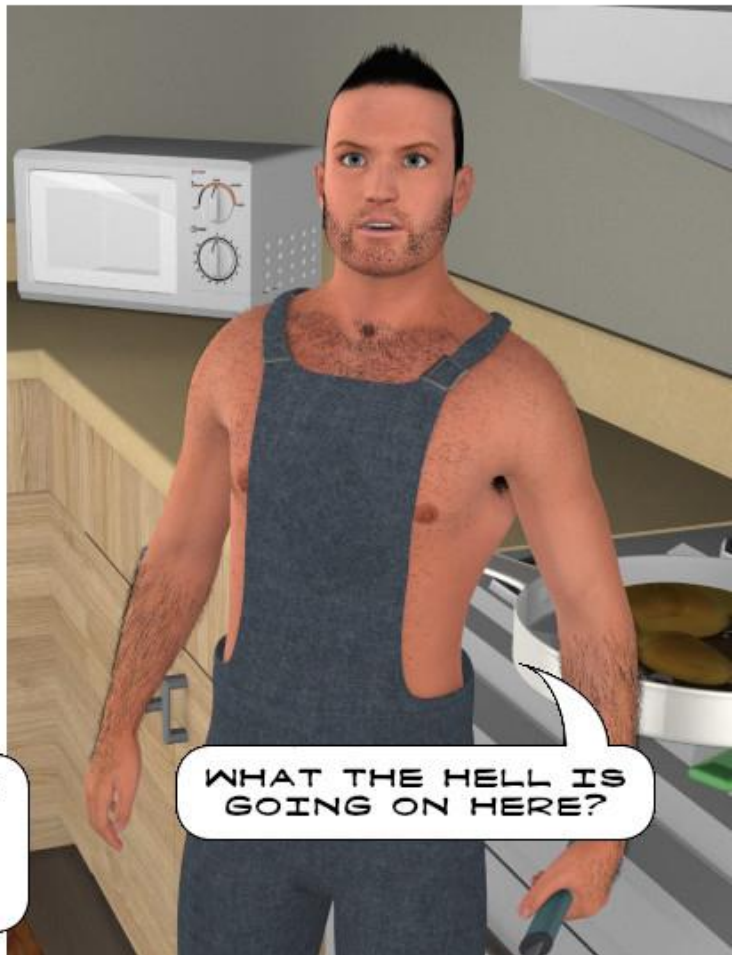
GABE, I'M SORRY...NOT JUST FOR LAUGHING, BUT FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED ON HALLOWEEN. IT WOULD BE EASY TO BLAME THAT ON TODD, BUT...ME AND JUSTIN WENT ALONG WITH IT. IT WAS WRONG OF US TO TRY AND TAKE WHAT YOU AND TYLER HAD, AND IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO RUIN OUR FRIENDSHIP LIKE I DID.



I'M SORRY TOO, GABE.



I THINK HE ACCEPTS YOUR APOLOGY. WHY DON'T YOU TWO GO? I'LL MEET YOU TOMORROW.



WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?



I LIKE THE STUBBLE, GABE.



IT'S CUTE ON YOU. DID YOU GROW IT OUT FOR TYLER?



NAW, MY RAZOR IS PRETTY BIG TO ME. I GUESS I JUST GOT TIRED OF FIGHTING WITH IT EVERY DAY.

YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN TIRED OF SHAVING A LONG TIME AGO.



THANKS, SASHA, BUT I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING. ARE JUSTIN AND COLE STILL DATING THOSE GIRLS FROM LAST SEMESTER?

HA! WHICH ONES?

HUH?!?



THOSE TWO SHOW UP EVERY WEEKEND AT OUR PLACE WITH DIFFERENT GIRLS!

I'VE HEARD FROM A COUPLE OF THEM THAT THOSE BOYS DON'T EVEN TAKE THEM BACK TO THEIR DORMS FOR SEX.



YOU...YOU DON'T THINK THEY'RE GAY, DO YOU?



I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT. WHY? IS YOUR GAYDAR GOING OFF?



GAYDAR? THAT'S RIDICULOUS, SASHA.



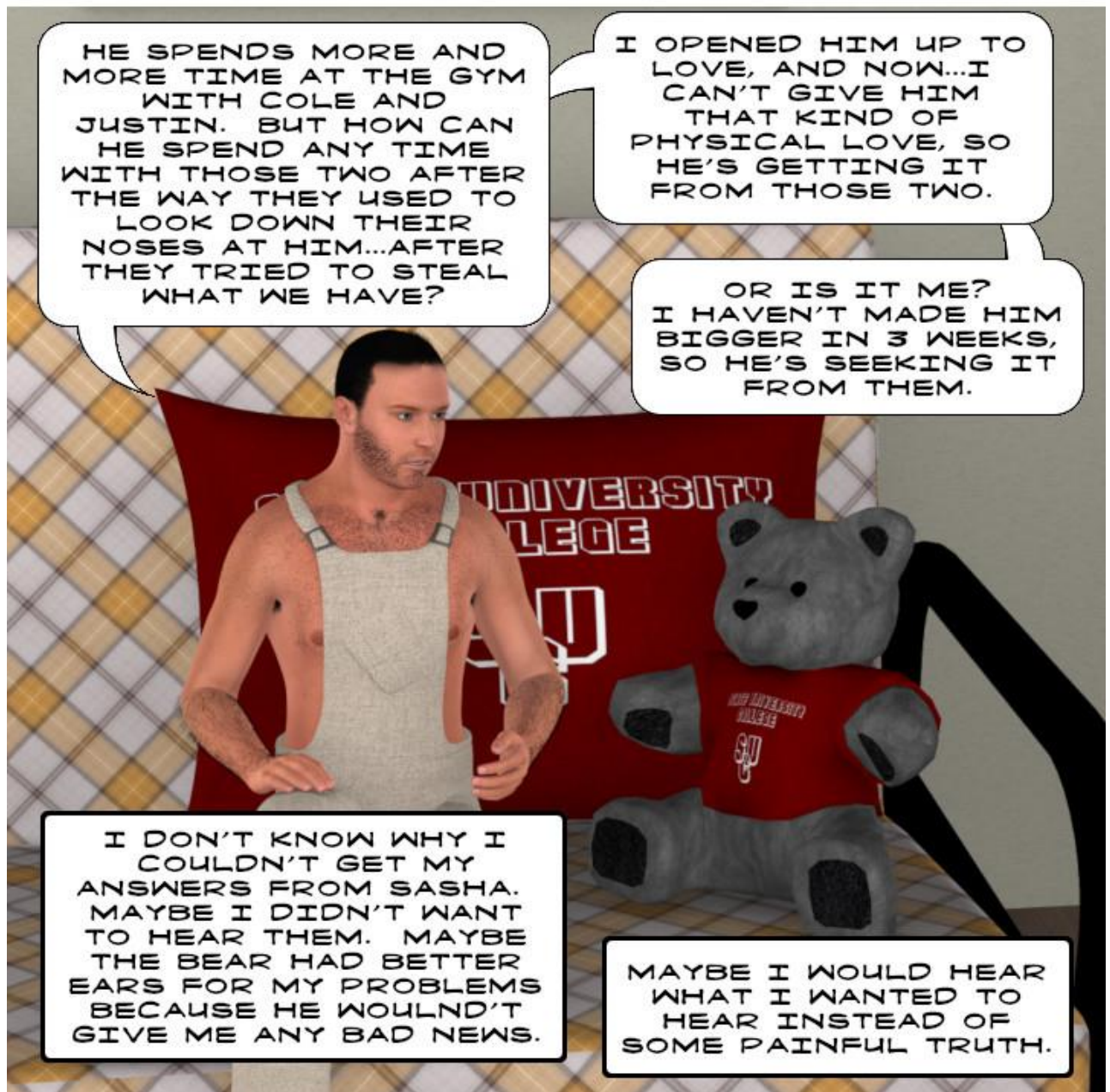
MAYBE. I'M SORRY. BUT IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU HAVE SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND. WHAT'S WRONG, GABE?



AM I CRAZY?
MAYBE YOU CAN
TELL ME
BECAUSE YOU
WOULDN'T LIE
TO ME.



AM I LOSING
TYLER?



HE SPENDS MORE AND MORE TIME AT THE GYM WITH COLE AND JUSTIN. BUT HOW CAN HE SPEND ANY TIME WITH THOSE TWO AFTER THE WAY THEY USED TO LOOK DOWN THEIR NOSES AT HIM...AFTER THEY TRIED TO STEAL WHAT WE HAVE?

I OPENED HIM UP TO LOVE, AND NOW...I CAN'T GIVE HIM THAT KIND OF PHYSICAL LOVE, SO HE'S GETTING IT FROM THOSE TWO.

OR IS IT ME? I HAVEN'T MADE HIM BIGGER IN 3 WEEKS, SO HE'S SEEKING IT FROM THEM.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I COULDN'T GET MY ANSWERS FROM SASHA. MAYBE I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THEM. MAYBE THE BEAR HAD BETTER EARS FOR MY PROBLEMS BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T GIVE ME ANY BAD NEWS.

MAYBE I WOULD HEAR WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR INSTEAD OF SOME PAINFUL TRUTH.



IT'S NOT LIKE I'M HOLDING OUT ON TYLER! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF THAT FORMULA LEFT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT SPECIAL EACH TIME WE USE IT.

BUT IF I'M GOING TO LOSE HIM WHEN THERE'S NO MORE FORMULA LEFT, SHOULD I GO FORWARD?

WAS SASHA RIGHT WHEN SHE ASKED IF HE ONLY LOVES ME AS LONG AS I CAN MAKE HIM BIGGER?



OR AM I WORRIED ABOUT NOTHING? WHAT IF JUSTIN AND COLE REALLY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN HIS WORKOUT PARTNERS. WHAT IF I'M THE ONE TO RUIN WHAT WE HAVE BY DOUBTING TYLER?



SO WHAT DO YOU SAY? DO I GIVE HIM MY SURPRISE AS PLANNED?



GABE? WHY ARE YOU IN MY ROOM?



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, SILLY. THE BIG 2-1.



AND YOU'RE HERE TO GIVE ME A PRESENT?



YES!



IT'S AMAZING HOW YOUR LIPS WRAP AROUND MY WHOLE FACE!



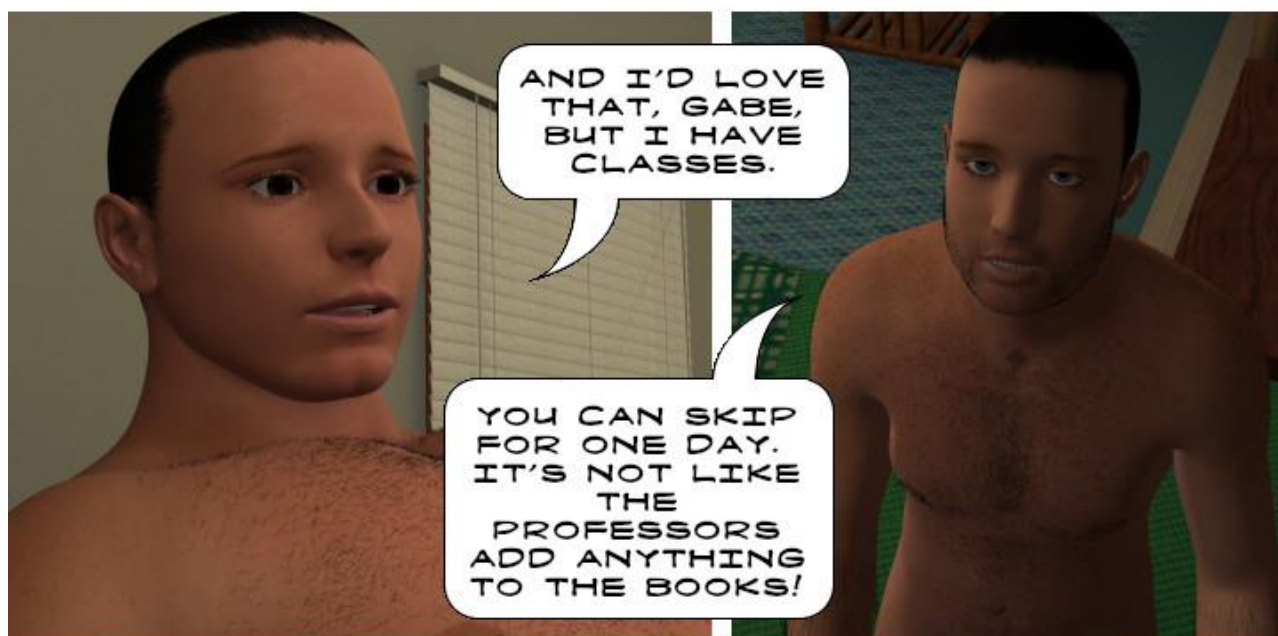
IT'S AMAZING HOW SMALL YOU LOOK! DID YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER TRIPLE DOSE?



A DOUBLE DOSE. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SPECIAL TO MAKE YOU 80 INCHES TALL FOR YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.



THE SAME HEIGHT YOU USED TO BE!





IT DOESN'T MEAN NOTHING. HIS EDUCATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A BIRTHDAY.

BESIDES, HE'LL BE HOME SOON. YOU'LL HAVE A NICE DINNER READY FOR HIM.



WE'LL WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER.

THEN, WE CAN SPEND THE REST OF THE NIGHT... EXPLORING!



WHEW! EVERYTHING IS SO MUCH BIGGER...SO MUCH HEAVIER! IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET DINNER READY!



WAIT! THAT MEANS TYLER SHOULD BE HOME ALREADY! WHAT TIME IS IT?

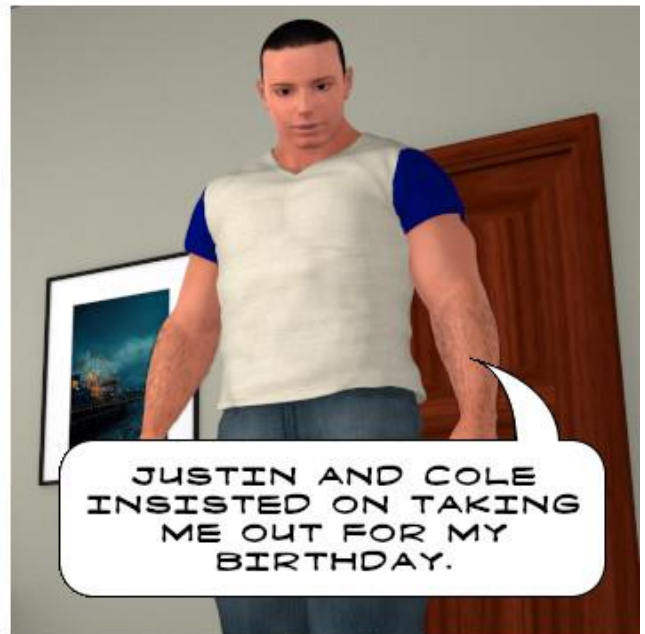




OH, GABE!
YOU'RE STILL UP!



YOU'RE LATE. YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE HOME
AFTER THE GYM.



JUSTIN AND COLE
INSISTED ON TAKING
ME OUT FOR MY
BIRTHDAY.



YOU SPENT YOUR
BIRTHDAY WITH...
JUSTIN AND COLE?



WE SPEND SO MUCH
TIME TOGETHER, I
DIDN'T THINK YOU'D
MIND IF I SPENT A
NIGHT WITH THE GUYS.



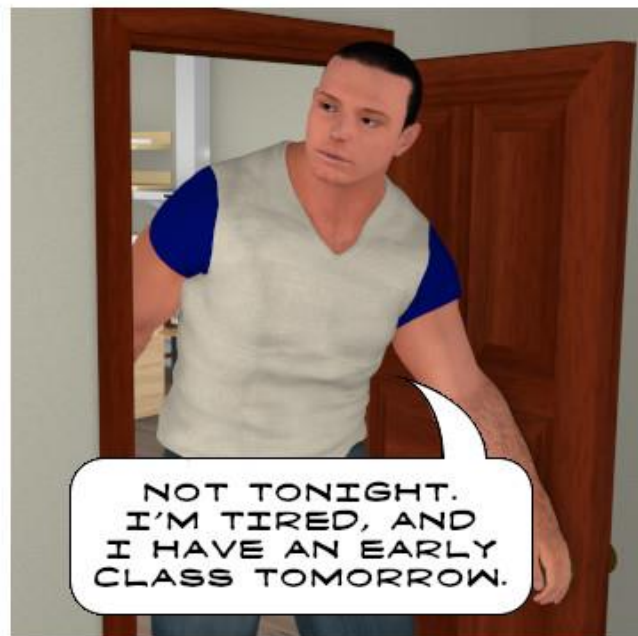
YOU PROMISED....I MADE DINNER, AND NOW IT'S COLD!



I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I ALREADY ATE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BAD.



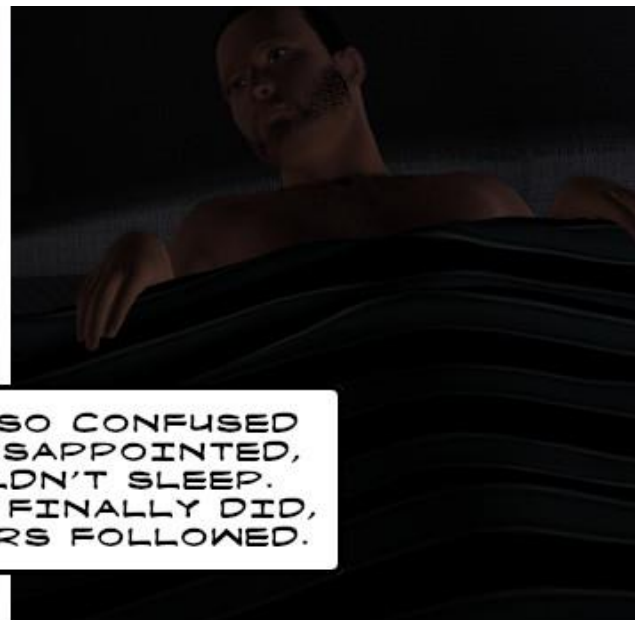
DO YOU STILL WANNA...WELL... YOU KNOW?



NOT TONIGHT. I'M TIRED, AND I HAVE AN EARLY CLASS TOMORROW.



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I WAS SO CONFUSED AND DISAPPOINTED, I COULDN'T SLEEP. WHEN I FINALLY DID, MY FEARS FOLLOWED.



PUSH IT!
PUSH IT!
HARDER, TY!
ONE MORE!



TYLER!!!
TYLER, STOP!!!
TYLER, I'M
RIGHT HERE!!!



NO ONE'S EVER MADE ME FEEL LIKE THAT, TY!



AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, JUSTIN!



TYLER!
NO!!!



OPEN WIDE
AND
PREPARE
FOR ENTRY!



I HOPE YOU LIKE IT ROUGH.





WHY ARE YOU SITTING ALL THE WAY OVER THERE? COME OVER HERE AND SIT WITH ME.



I'M GOOD HERE.



IS SOMETHING WRONG, GABE? YOU'VE BEEN QUIET ALL DAY.



I'M NOT FEELING GOOD, THAT'S ALL.



I BET I KNOW WHAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!



I'M NOT SQUEEZING TOO HARD, AM I?

NOT HARD ENOUGH, TYLER! HARDER! SQUEEZE HARDER!



YOU ASKED FOR IT! HA!



OHHHH....!



ONE FAMILY I STAYED WITH HAD A SMALL DOG. FOR SOME REASON, IT LIKED ME...A LOT. IT WOULD CLIMB ON MY BED WHEN I WENT TO SLEEP, AND AT SOME POINT IN THE NIGHT, I WOULD WAKE UP WITH ITS LITTLE BODY SPRAWLED OUT ON MY CHEST AND STOMACH.

SO NOW YOU'RE COMPARING ME TO AN OLD PET.



I COULD FEEL HIS
LITTLE HEART
BEATING THROUGH
HIS CHEST. I COULD
FEEL HIS LUNGS
RISING AND FALLING
AGAINST MY OWN.
HE LOVED ME
UNCONDITIONALLY,
JUST AS YOU LOVE ME.

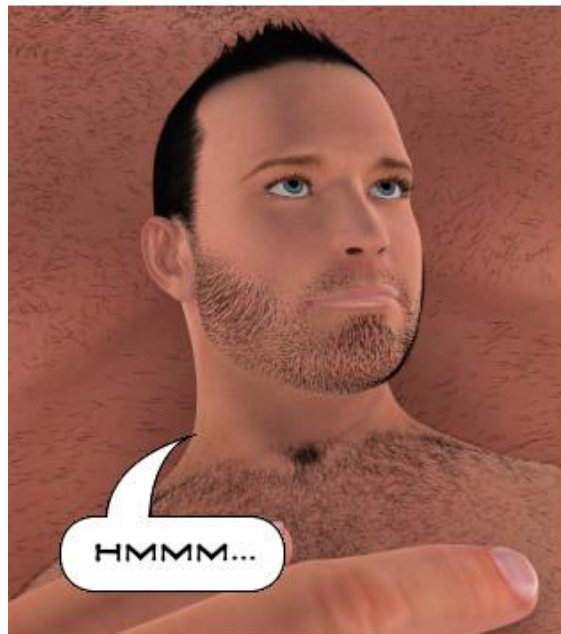


AND I LOVE YOU LIKE I LOVED
THAT DOG...MORE ACTUALLY.
I MEAN, I NEVER SHOWED MY
LOVE THE WAY WE JUST DID!



AND GABE...I
WANT YOU
TO KNOW
I'M SORRY
I CUT YOU
OUT OF MY
BIRTHDAY
PLANS.

SO...UH...WHAT DID YOU
AND THE GUYS DO?

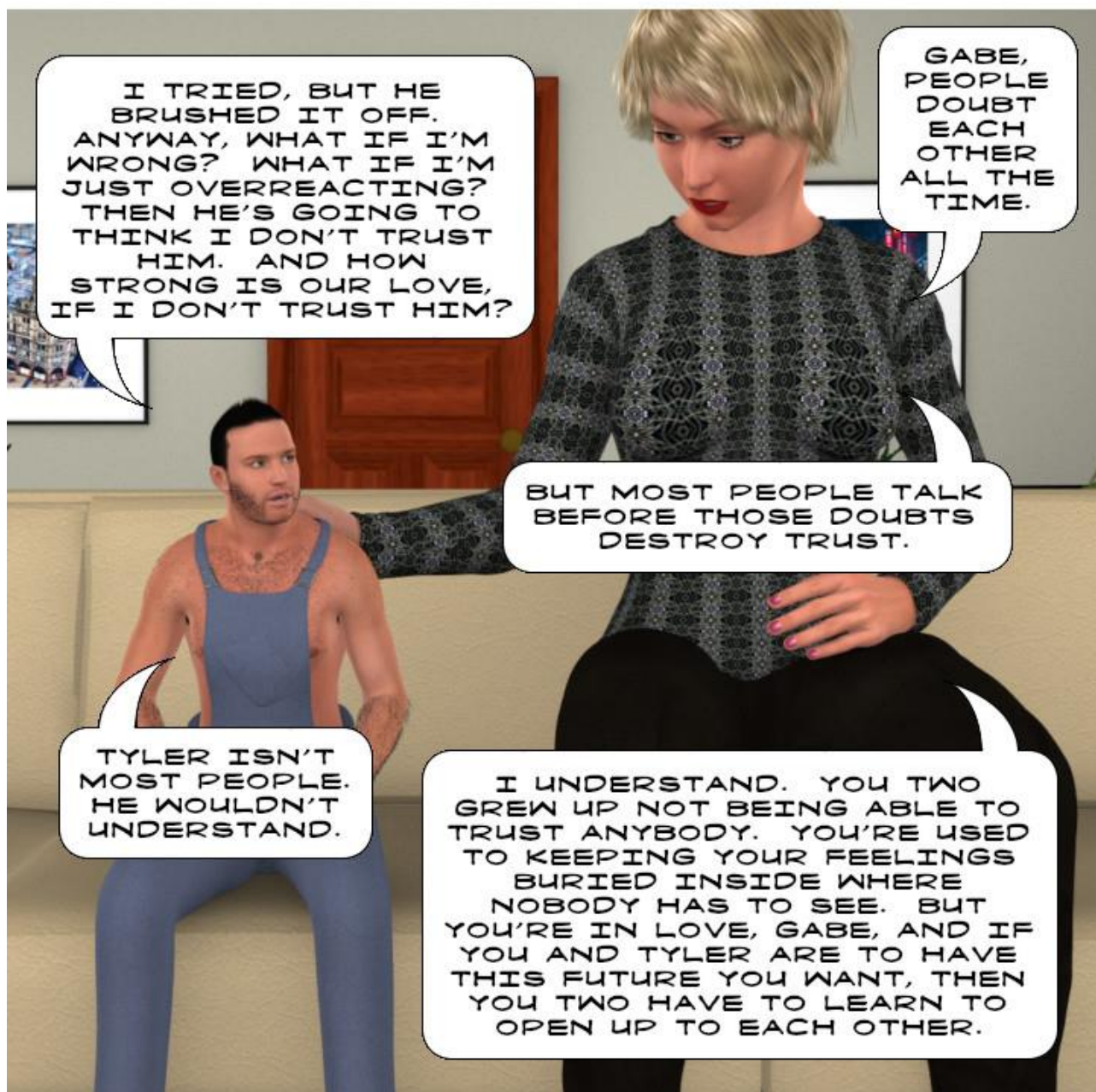




I'M LOSING HIM, SASHA. I'M SURE OF IT.



DID YOU TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT?



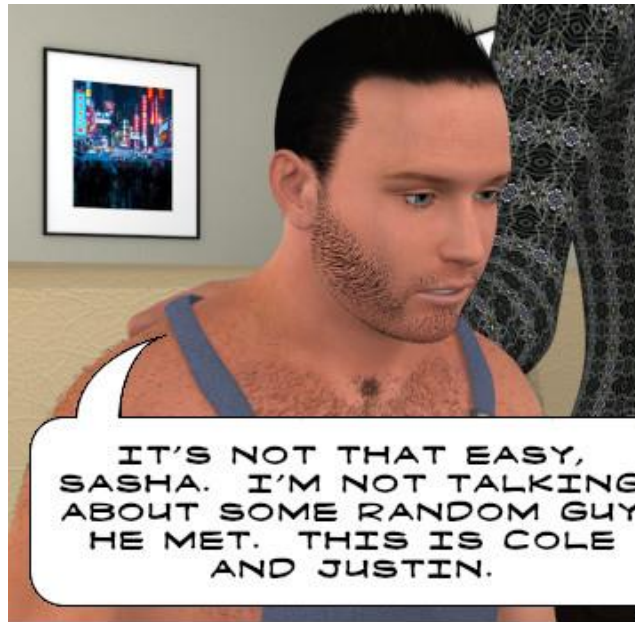
I TRIED, BUT HE BRUSHED IT OFF. ANYWAY, WHAT IF I'M WRONG? WHAT IF I'M JUST OVERREACTING? THEN HE'S GOING TO THINK I DON'T TRUST HIM. AND HOW STRONG IS OUR LOVE, IF I DON'T TRUST HIM?

GABE, PEOPLE DOUBT EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME.

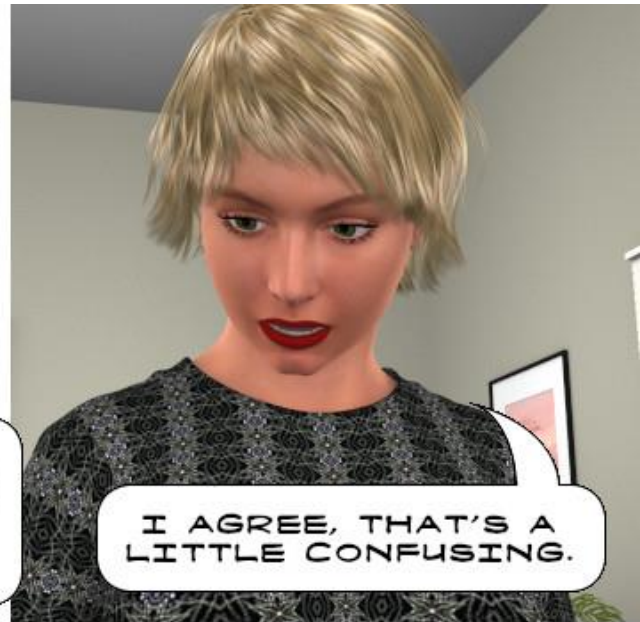
BUT MOST PEOPLE TALK BEFORE THOSE DOUBTS DESTROY TRUST.

TYLER ISN'T MOST PEOPLE. HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

I UNDERSTAND. YOU TWO GREW UP NOT BEING ABLE TO TRUST ANYBODY. YOU'RE USED TO KEEPING YOUR FEELINGS BURIED INSIDE WHERE NOBODY HAS TO SEE. BUT YOU'RE IN LOVE, GABE, AND IF YOU AND TYLER ARE TO HAVE THIS FUTURE YOU WANT, THEN YOU TWO HAVE TO LEARN TO OPEN UP TO EACH OTHER.



IT'S NOT THAT EASY, SASHA. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT SOME RANDOM GUY HE MET. THIS IS COLE AND JUSTIN.



I AGREE, THAT'S A LITTLE CONFUSING.



THEY USED TO SAY ALL KINDS OF MEAN THINGS ABOUT TYLER WHEN HE WAS SMALL...SOME OF THEM WHEN HE WAS IN THE ROOM! I CAN'T FORGET WHAT THEY DID TO ME, BUT...TYLER ISN'T ME. THAT GUY DOESN'T HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ANYBODY.

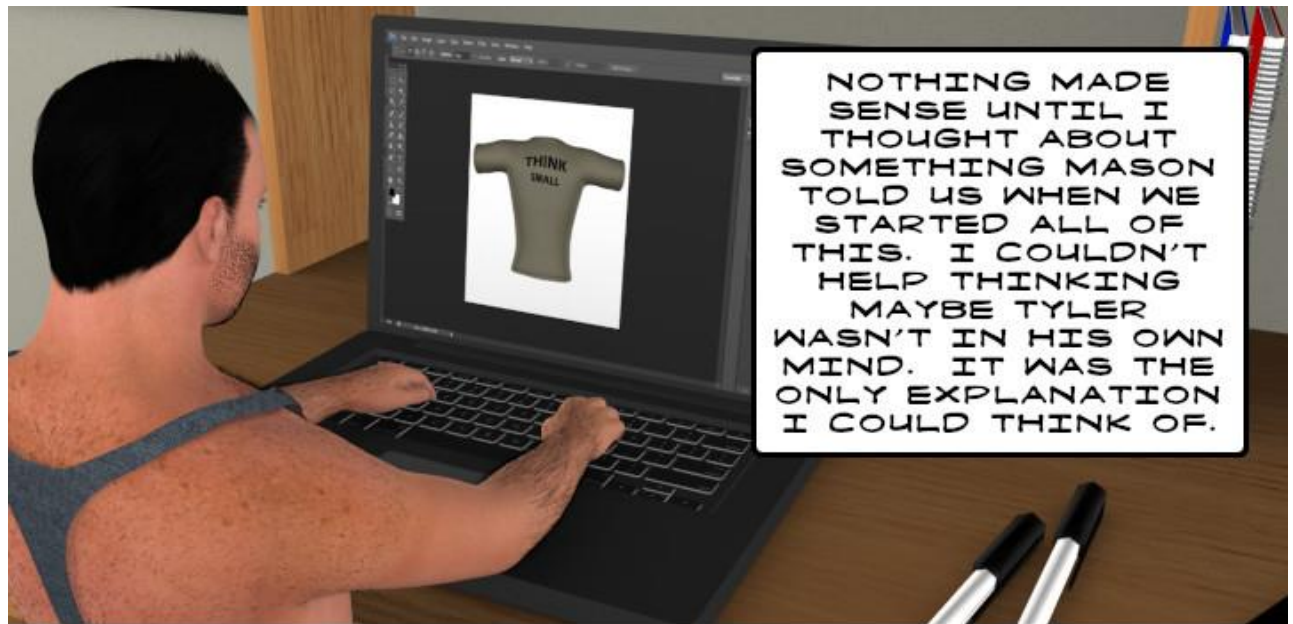
ALL THE SHIT IN HIS LIFE JUST ROLLS OFF HIS BACK. STILL, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORGIVING SOMEBODY AND LETTING THEM HURT YOU AGAIN.



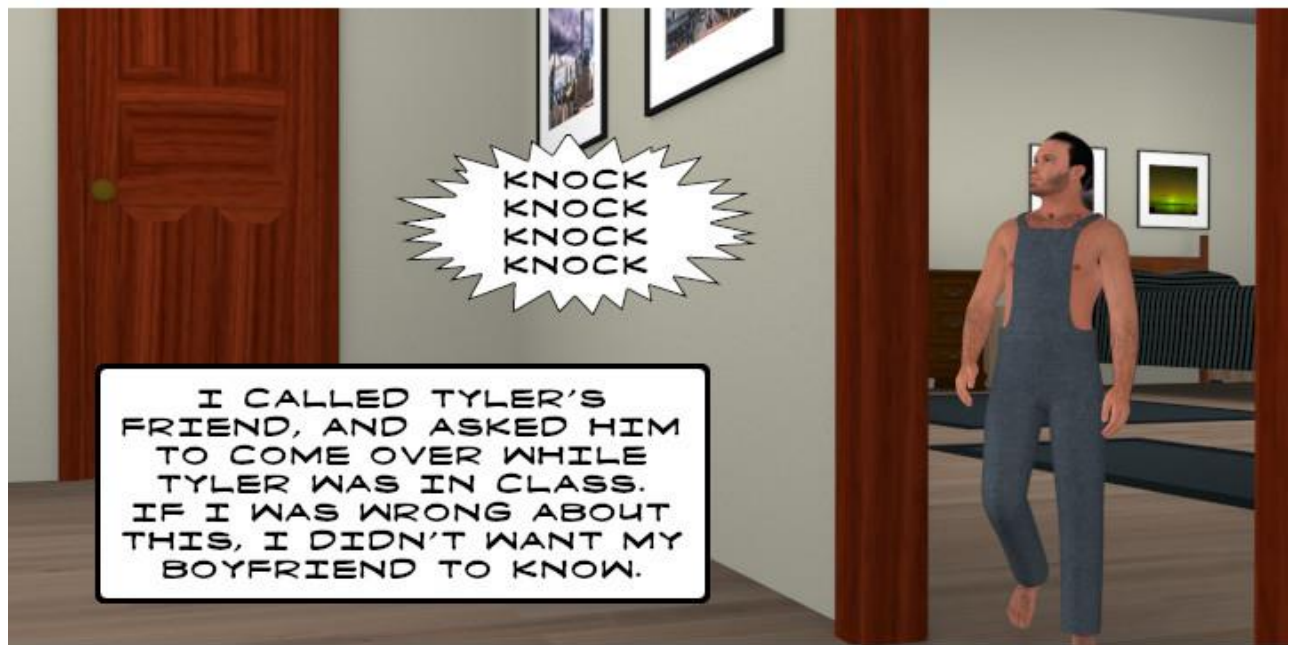
IF I COME OUT AND ASK HIM, HE'LL THINK I THINK HE'S STUPID. THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO FIND OUT MORE BEFORE CONFRONTING HIM.



I STILL THINK YOU NEED TO TALK TO HIM, BUT...I GUESS YOU KNOW TYLER BETTER THAN I DO.



NOTHING MADE SENSE UNTIL I THOUGHT ABOUT SOMETHING MASON TOLD US WHEN WE STARTED ALL OF THIS. I COULDN'T HELP THINKING MAYBE TYLER WASN'T IN HIS OWN MIND. IT WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION I COULD THINK OF.



KZOCK
KZOCK
KZOCK
KZOCK

I CALLED TYLER'S FRIEND, AND ASKED HIM TO COME OVER WHILE TYLER WAS IN CLASS. IF I WAS WRONG ABOUT THIS, I DIDN'T WANT MY BOYFRIEND TO KNOW.



KZOCK
KZOCK
KZOCK
KZOCK

I'M COMING!
I'M COMING!

<GASP!>



HELLO
GABRIEL!

TODD!

I HEAR
YOU'VE BEEN
SPENDING
TIME WITH MY
GIRLFRIEND.

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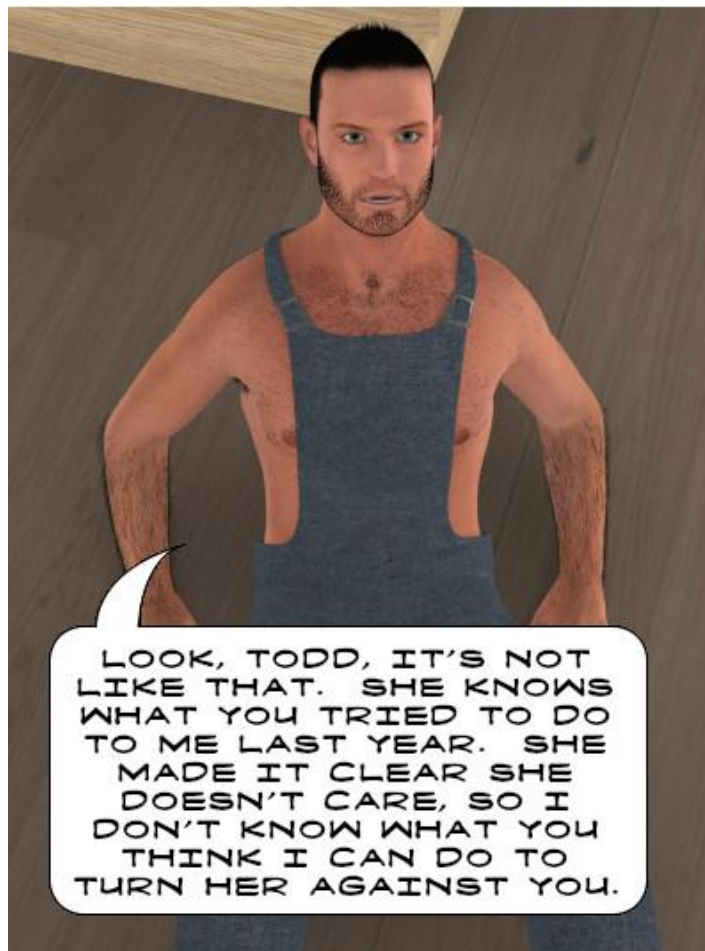


TODD, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
SASHA TOLD YOU,
BUT NOTHING'S
GOING ON
BETWEEN US.





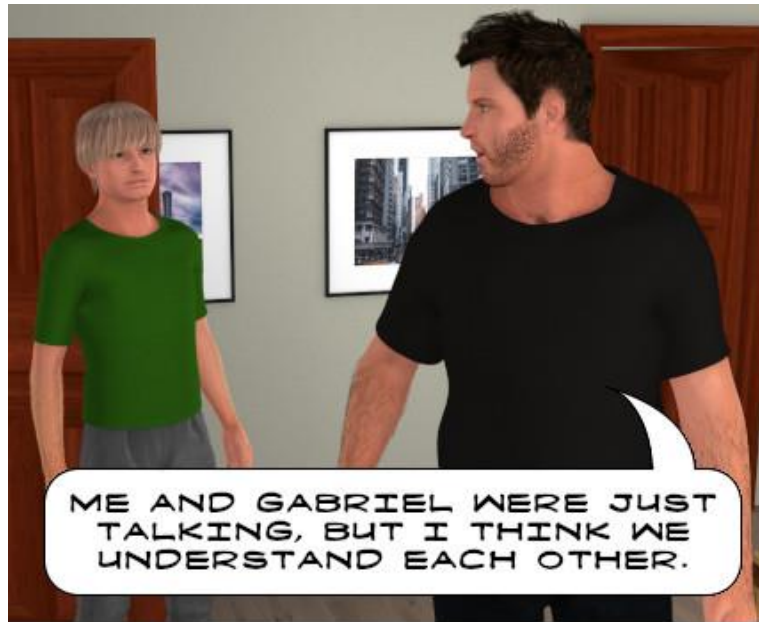
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, BUT I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU THINK IF YOU SPEND ENOUGH TIME WITH SASHA, YOU CAN TURN HER AGAINST ME. MAYBE YOU CAN EVEN CONVINCE HER TO LEAVE ME. NAW, GABRIEL, I KNOW NOTHING'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU TWO, BECAUSE AS MUCH AS SHE LIKES YOU, SHE CAN NEVER LOVE A PATHETIC, LITTLE MAN LIKE YOU.



LOOK, TODD, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. SHE KNOWS WHAT YOU TRIED TO DO TO ME LAST YEAR. SHE MADE IT CLEAR SHE DOESN'T CARE, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU THINK I CAN DO TO TURN HER AGAINST YOU.



DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD COMPANY, GABE.



ME AND GABRIEL WERE JUST TALKING, BUT I THINK WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.



YEAH. I UNDERSTAND.



GOOD! ENJOY YOUR "COMPANY," GABRIEL.

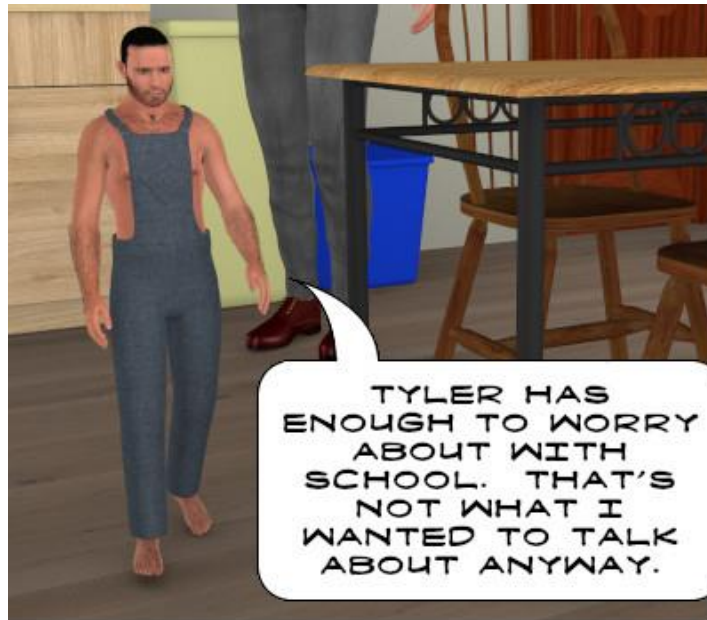


SHEESH! WHAT A JERK! DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL SECURITY, GABE?



NO, HE LIVES IN THE BUILDING. I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE MORE TROUBLE.

I SHOULD AT LEAST CALL TYLER AND TELL HIM WHAT'S GOING ON.



TYLER HAS ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT WITH SCHOOL. THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT ANYWAY.

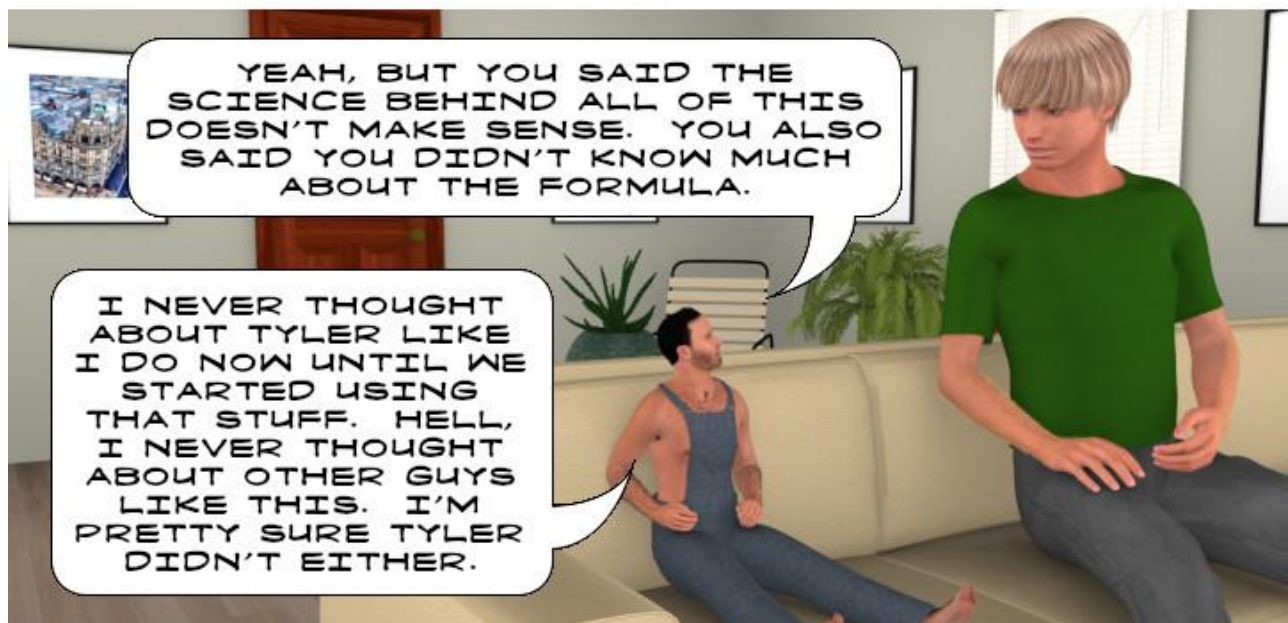


I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THAT FORMULA YOU GAVE US.



YOU SAID IT WAS MEANT FOR PEOPLE IN LOVE. IS IT POSSIBLE IT COULD TAKE 2 PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T IN LOVE AND MAKE THEM FALL IN LOVE?

IT'S NOT A LOVE POTION. IT SHOULDN'T WORK LIKE THAT.



YEAH, BUT YOU SAID THE SCIENCE BEHIND ALL OF THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU ALSO SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE FORMULA.

I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT TYLER LIKE I DO NOW UNTIL WE STARTED USING THAT STUFF. HELL, I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT OTHER GUYS LIKE THIS. I'M PRETTY SURE TYLER DIDN'T EITHER.



I'M PROBABLY THE LAST GUY YOU SHOULD BE ASKING ABOUT THIS, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, LOVE ITSELF DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, GABE. SCIENTIFICALLY, IT'S PURPOSE SHOULD BE TO BRING TOGETHER 2 PEOPLE WHOSE GENES WOULD BE PERFECT FOR OFFSPRING. BUT I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN LOVE WHO ARE SO MISMATCHED, IT'S CONFOUNDING.

MAYBE LOVE IS REALLY A FACET OF THIS NEW SCIENCE WE'RE EXPLORING.

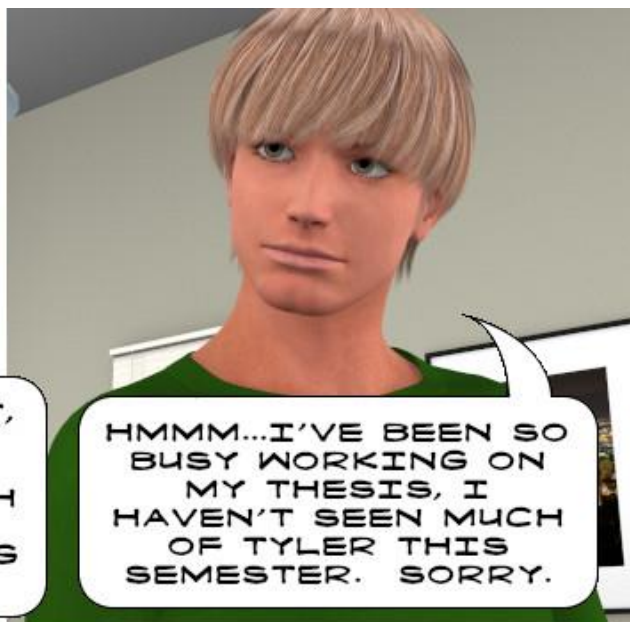


AND JUST BECAUSE YOU AND TYLER NEVER HAD THESE FEELINGS BEFORE DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE ARTIFICIAL. IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE NOT REAL.

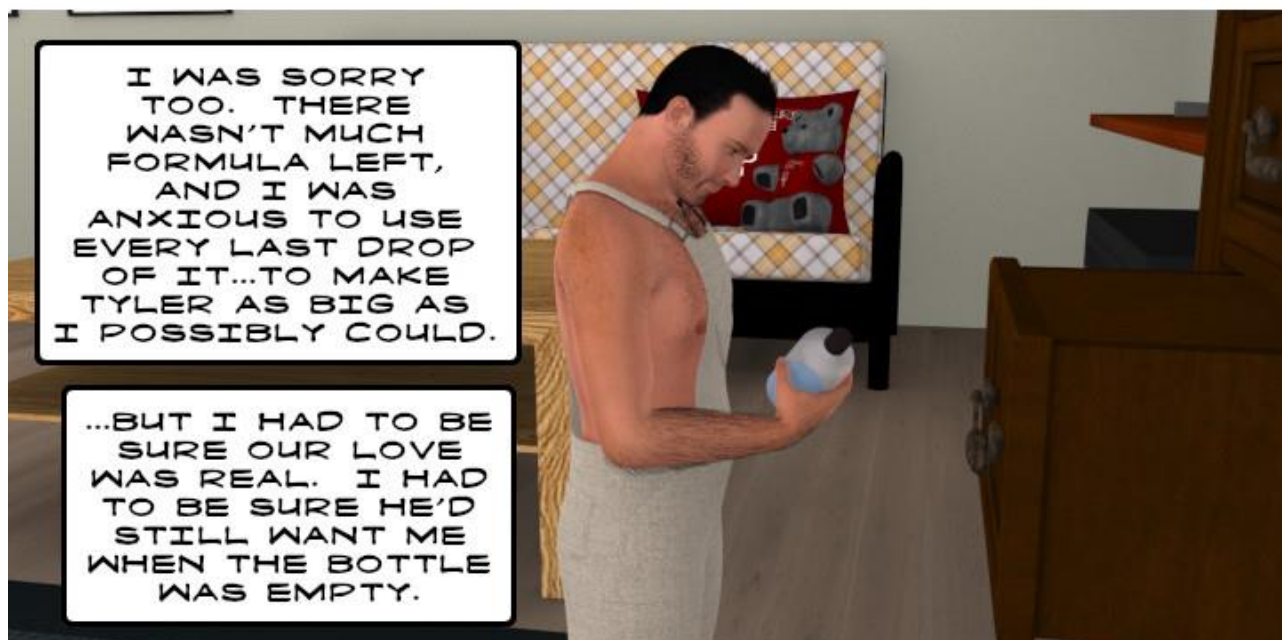
MY PARENTS SAID THEY WERE FRIENDS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND NEVER GOT TOGETHER. IT WASN'T UNTIL THEY WENT BACK HOME AFTER COLLEGE THAT SOMETHING CLICKED BETWEEN THEM. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU TWO. MAYBE SOMETHING JUST CLICKED.



I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT, BUT I HAVE TO ASK SOMETHING ELSE FIRST. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM WITH COLE AND JUSTIN? DO YOU SEE ANYTHING GOING ON WITH THEM?



HMMM...I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WORKING ON MY THESIS, I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF TYLER THIS SEMESTER. SORRY.



I WAS SORRY TOO. THERE WASN'T MUCH FORMULA LEFT, AND I WAS ANXIOUS TO USE EVERY LAST DROP OF IT...TO MAKE TYLER AS BIG AS I POSSIBLY COULD.

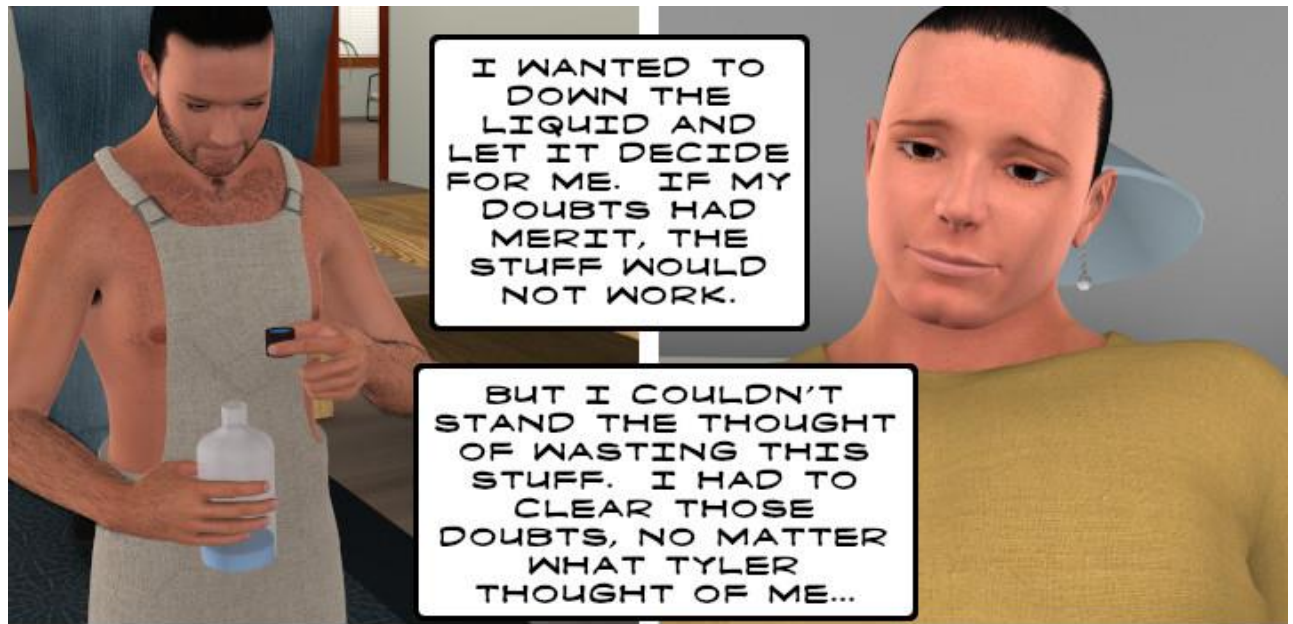
...BUT I HAD TO BE SURE OUR LOVE WAS REAL. I HAD TO BE SURE HE'D STILL WANT ME WHEN THE BOTTLE WAS EMPTY.



DOES THIS MEAN WHAT I THINK IT MEANS?



MAYBE.



I WANTED TO DOWN THE LIQUID AND LET IT DECIDE FOR ME. IF MY DOUBTS HAD MERIT, THE STUFF WOULD NOT WORK.

BUT I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF WASTING THIS STUFF. I HAD TO CLEAR THOSE DOUBTS, NO MATTER WHAT TYLER THOUGHT OF ME...



PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT ME, BUT I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.

WHY WOULD I BE MAD AT YOU, GABE? I LOVE YOU, YOU KNOW THAT. YOU'RE EVERYTHING I AM. YOU'RE MY WHOLE WORLD. NOTHING YOU HAVE TO ASK ME COULD HURT.

I HOPE YOU MEAN THAT BECAUSE I WANT TO ASK ABOUT COLE AND JUSTIN. I WANT TO KNOW IF ANYTHING IS GOING ON BETWEEN THE THREE OF YOU.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. THEY'RE JUST MY WORKOUT PARTNERS.



BUT WHY THEM? THEY WERE ALWAYS MEAN TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE SMALL...



...AND YOU KNOW THEY HAVE NO LOYALTY. I JUST DON'T GET IT, TYLER.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE IT WRONG, GABE. I'M NOT THEIR FRIEND, AND I'M NOT LETTING THEM USE ME. IF ANYTHING, THIS IS MY WAY OF GETTING BACK AT THEM FOR BEING SUCH JERKS.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I DON'T GET IT.



NEITHER DO THEY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO PERFECT!



THE FIRST TIME BACK AFTER THE BREAK FELT LIKE I WAS IN A WHOLE NEW GYM. NEW CLASSES MEANT A NEW GYM SCHEDULE FOR EVERYBODY.



THERE WERE A LOT OF NEW FACES WHO DIDN'T SEE ME LAST SEMESTER, AND TO THOSE THAT DID, YOU CHANGED ME SO MUCH, I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE BEEN NEW TO THEM.



I WAS ONE OF THOSE GUYS AT THE CENTER OF ATTENTION. ALL EYES WERE ON ME WHEN I LIFTED.



AND IT MADE YOUR OLD FRIENDS JEALOUS.



NICE SET,
TYLER.



BUT YOU COULD
GET A MORE
INTENSE
WORKOUT WITH A
PARTNER OR TWO.



YOU'RE ASKING ME
TO LIFT WITH YOU?



<GULP>
YES?



GREAT! I'D LOVE
TO HAVE YOU TWO
LIFT WITH ME!

Hard Work



THAT GYM WAS LIKE HIGH SCHOOL AND I WAS THE NEW STAR QUARTERBACK.

MY BEING THERE KNOCKED THEM DOWN TO SOMETHING LIKE THE KICKER.



THEY NEEDED ME IF THEY WANTED TO BE BACK ON TOP OF THE PECKING ORDER.

THEY NEEDED ME! AND THAT MEANT I HAD THEM BY THEIR MANHOOD!



PUT THE 45S
BACK ON.
I FEEL LIKE
I CAN DO
ANOTHER SET
WITH THAT!

I WENT EASY
ON THEM AT FIRST,
CHIPPING AWAY,
BIT BY BIT, EACH
AND EVERY DAY.



BUT YOU HAD THE
LAST SET. THIS
ONE'S MINE.



OH. SOUNDS LIKE
YOU REALLY,
REALLY WANT
THIS SET.



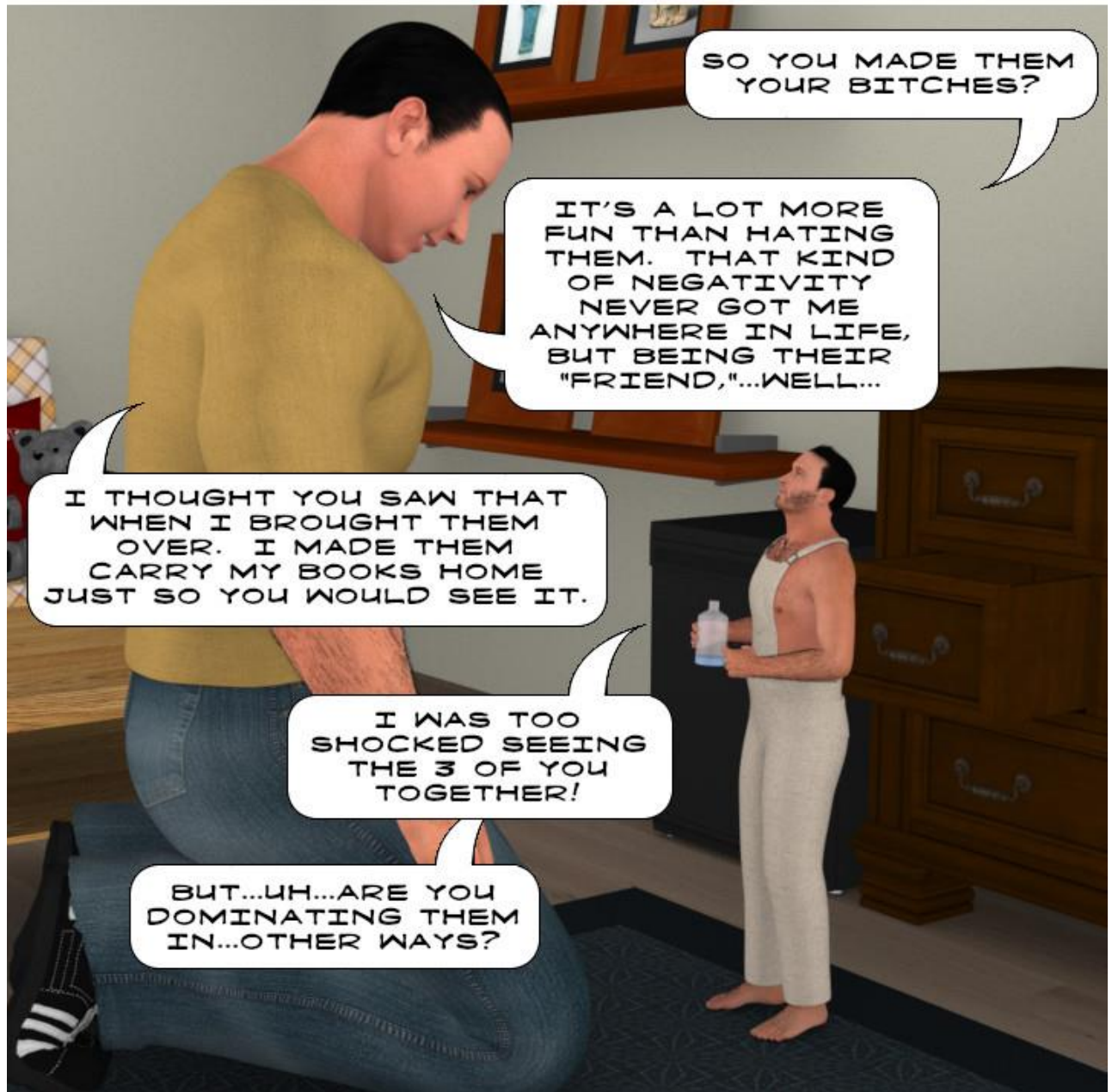
WELL I CAN USE
THIS BENCH
WAAAAAY
OVER HERE.



NO, TY,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I FORGOT.
IT IS YOUR
TURN!



YOU KNOW, COLE, I RESPECT A GUY WHO ISN'T AFRAID TO ADMIT HE'S WRONG.



SO YOU MADE THEM YOUR BITCHES?

IT'S A LOT MORE FUN THAN HATING THEM. THAT KIND OF NEGATIVITY NEVER GOT ME ANYWHERE IN LIFE, BUT BEING THEIR "FRIEND,"...WELL...

I THOUGHT YOU SAW THAT WHEN I BROUGHT THEM OVER. I MADE THEM CARRY MY BOOKS HOME JUST SO YOU WOULD SEE IT.

I WAS TOO SHOCKED SEEING THE 3 OF YOU TOGETHER!

BUT...UH...ARE YOU DOMINATING THEM IN...OTHER WAYS?



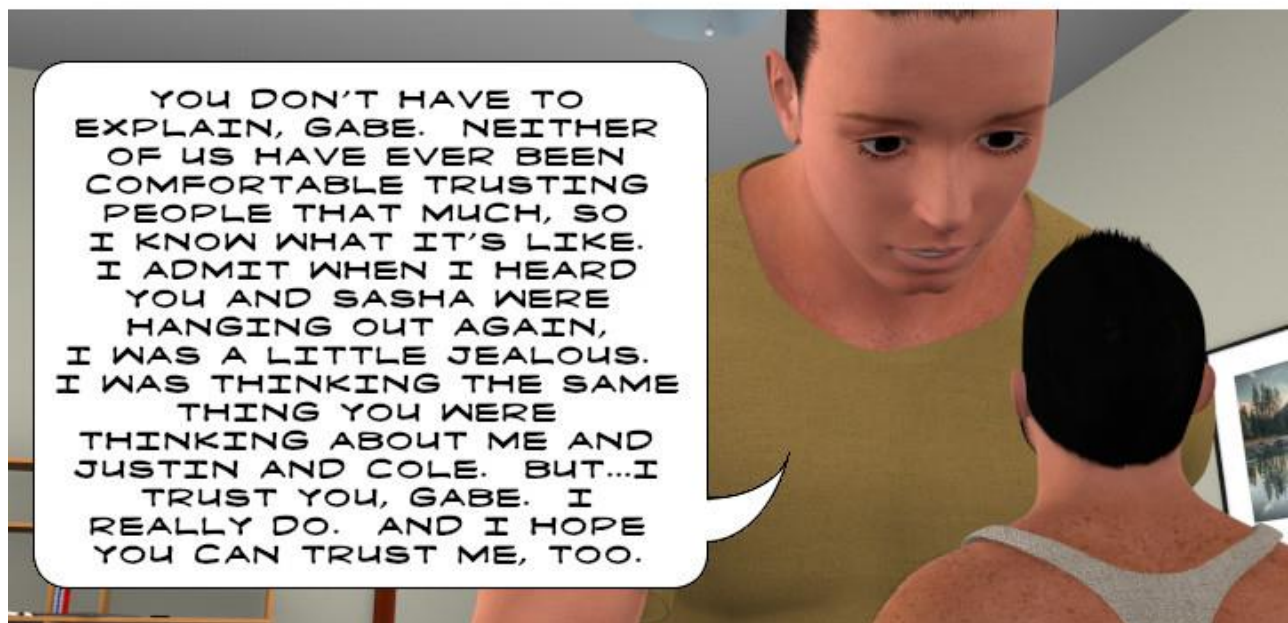
HA! I WOULDN'T GIVE THEM THE SATISFACTION!

WAIT! YOU THOUGHT I WAS SCREWING THOSE JERKS? NO WONDER YOU'VE BEEN QUIET LATELY!

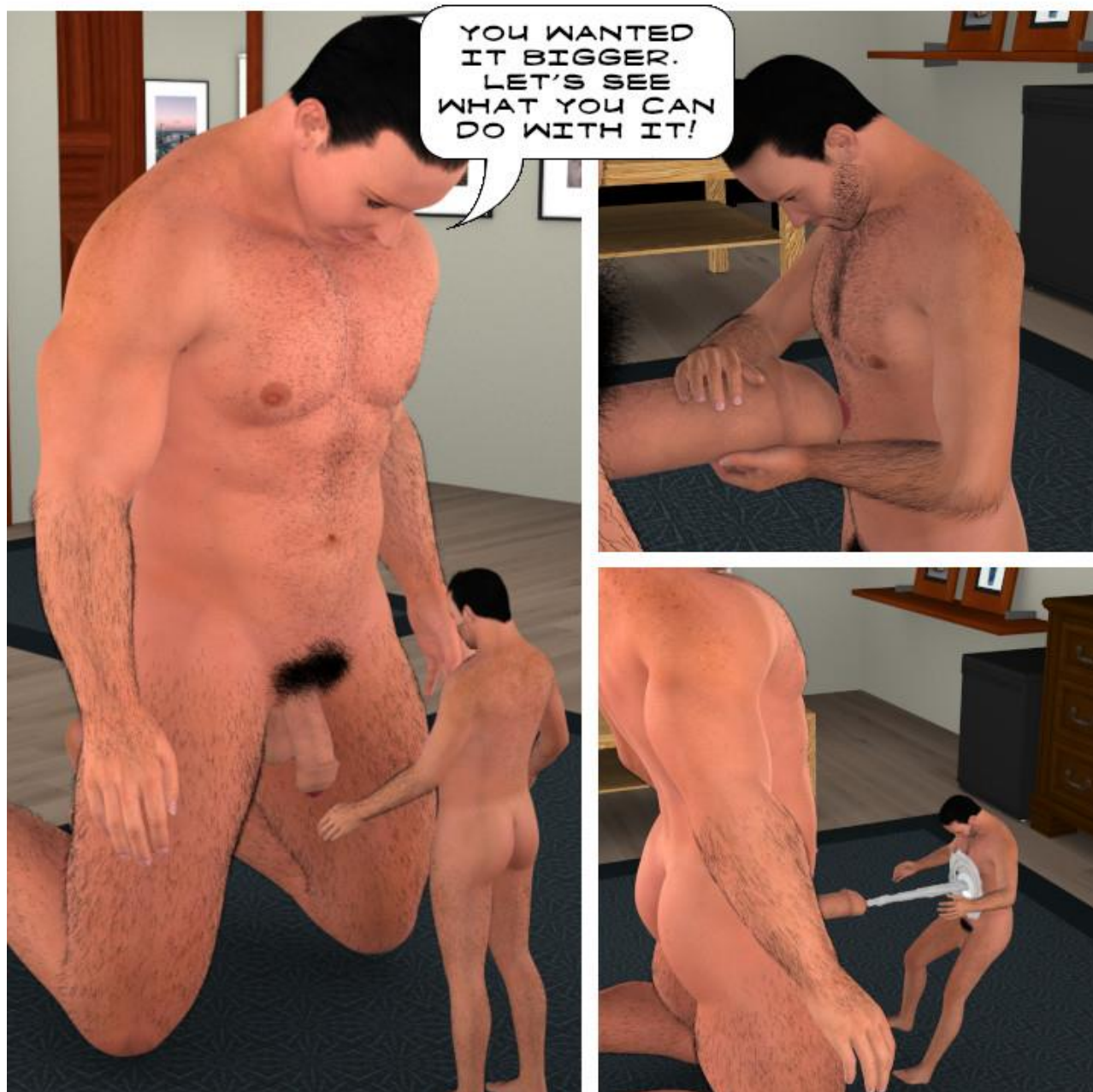


I'M SORRY, GABE, IF I LET YOU THINK I WAS CHEATING. I SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING SOONER!

NO! I'M SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU, TYLER. YOU'VE BEEN THE MOST LOYAL PERSON I'VE EVER MET, AND I COULDN'T TRUST THAT. I COULDN'T TRUST YOU.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN, GABE. NEITHER OF US HAVE EVER BEEN COMFORTABLE TRUSTING PEOPLE THAT MUCH, SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE. I ADMIT WHEN I HEARD YOU AND SASHA WERE HANGING OUT AGAIN, I WAS A LITTLE JEALOUS. I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT ME AND JUSTIN AND COLE. BUT...I TRUST YOU, GABE. I REALLY DO. AND I HOPE YOU CAN TRUST ME, TOO.





OFF TO CLASS, GABE. I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT.

THINGS WERE NEVER BETTER BETWEEN US. THOUGH AT THIS SIZE, I WAS TOO SMALL TO HELP OUT WITH MUCH OF THE HOUSEWORK.

I COULD STILL USE MY LAPTOP, BUT SINCE SASHA HADN'T BEEN BY IN A COUPLE WEEKS, IT WAS GETTING AWFUL LONELY IN THAT APARTMENT WHEN TYLER WAS GONE.



KNOCK KNOCK



SASHA!

COME IN!



HELLO GABRIEL!



T...TODD! WHY ARE YOU HERE?



TODD, I...I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE...



YOU COULDN'T LEAVE HER ALONE, COULD YOU? YOU JUST COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM SASHA!

SHE LEFT ME BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!



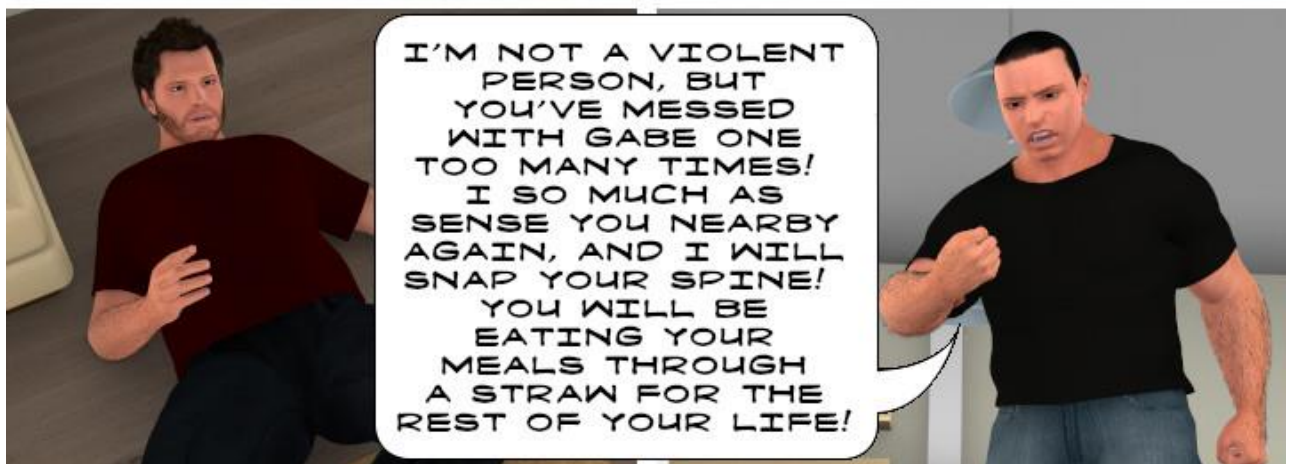
PUT ME DOWN!!!



IF YOU INSIST!







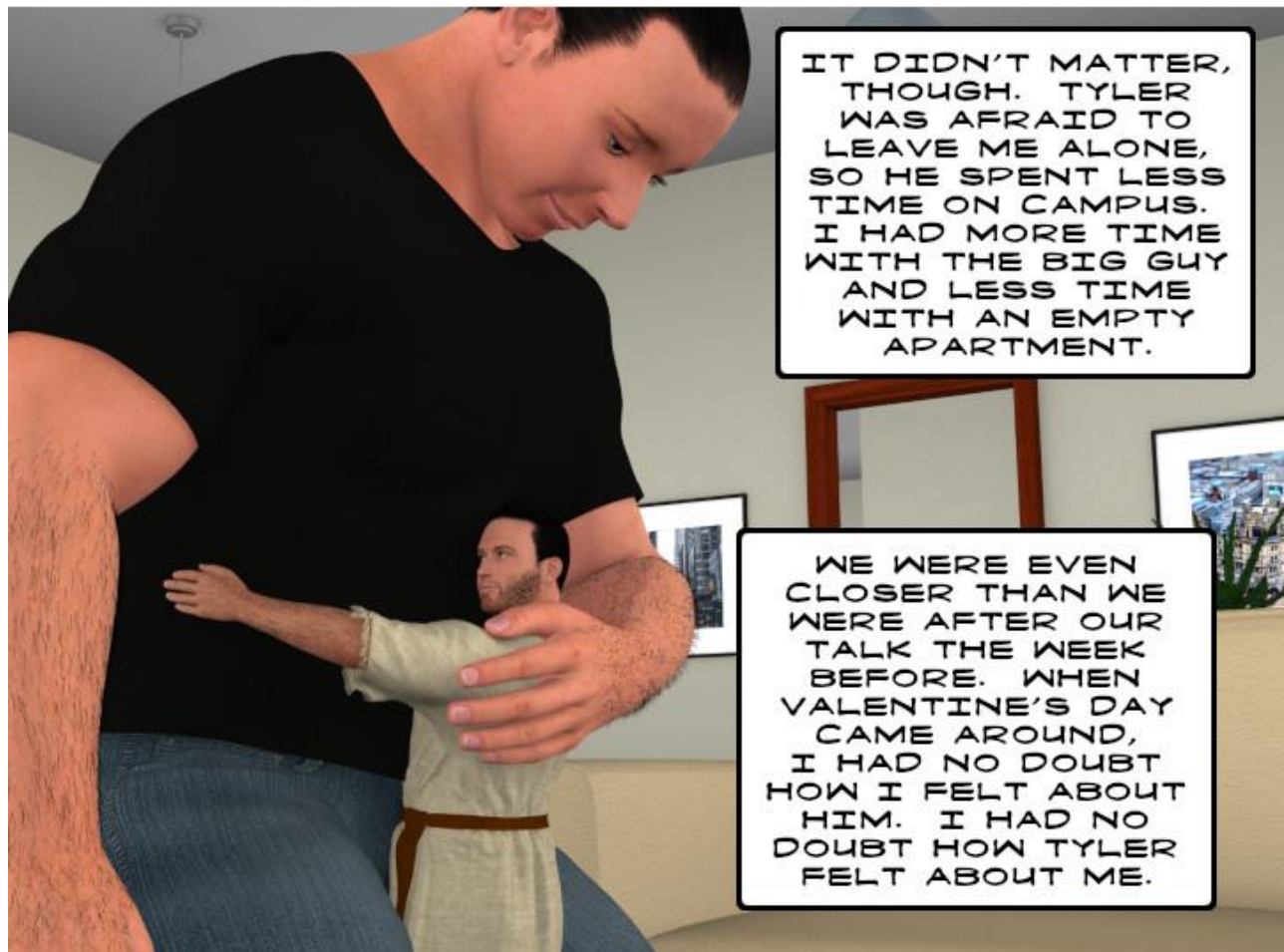


ARE YOU OK, GABE?

TODD LEFT HIS APARTMENT BY THE END OF THE DAY. IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A WEEK, AND WE'VE SEEN NO SIGN OF HIM.

I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM SASHA EITHER. I COULD UNDERSTAND SHE WAS IN TOO MUCH OF A RUSH TO LEAVE TO SAY GOODBYE, BUT I EXPECTED HER TO GET IN TOUCH AND LET ME KNOW HOW SHE WAS DOING...

I AM NOW.



IT DIDN'T MATTER, THOUGH. TYLER WAS AFRAID TO LEAVE ME ALONE, SO HE SPENT LESS TIME ON CAMPUS. I HAD MORE TIME WITH THE BIG GUY AND LESS TIME WITH AN EMPTY APARTMENT.

WE WERE EVEN CLOSER THAN WE WERE AFTER OUR TALK THE WEEK BEFORE. WHEN VALENTINE'S DAY CAME AROUND, I HAD NO DOUBT HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM. I HAD NO DOUBT HOW TYLER FELT ABOUT ME.



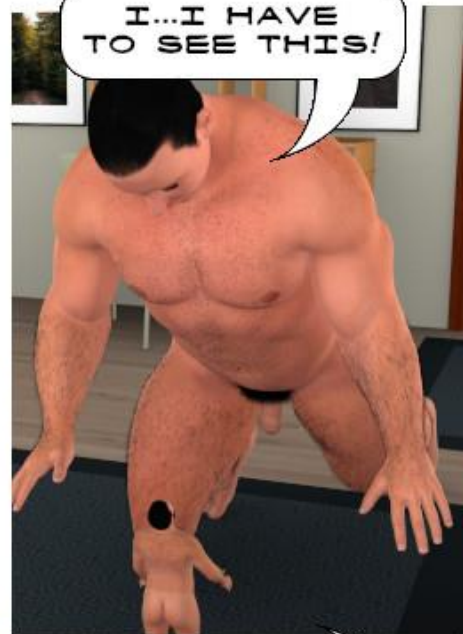
AND I HAD NO DOUBTS WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE BOTTLE.



YOU'RE SO TINY! THIS IS WHAT 20 INCHES LOOKS LIKE?



NO. THIS IS WHAT 7 FOOT LOOKS LIKE.



I...I HAVE TO SEE THIS!



HA! YOU DON'T EVEN REACH MY KNEE!

NO, BUT I COULD STAND HERE WORSHIPPING YOUR CALF FOR DAYS!



I CAN THINK OF BETTER THINGS TO DO!



YOU'VE CHANGED ME SO MUCH, GABE. YOU'VE MADE ME A DIFFERENT PERSON FROM THAT 5 FOOT LITTLE MOUSE I USED TO BE.

NO. YOU'RE BIGGER. YOU HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE. BUT YOU'RE STILL THE SENSITIVE, INNOCENT TYLER I DID ALL THIS FOR. YOU STILL HAVE THE SAME BIG, CARING HEART YOU HAD LAST YEAR. YOU ARE STILL WHO YOU USED TO BE!



YOU'RE STILL THE SAME TOO, GABE. YOU'RE A LITTLE SOFTER AND A LOT SMALLER, BUT YOU STILL HAVE THE MANLY FACE I WAS ENVIOUS OF.

AND NOW, I FIND MYSELF BENEATH TYLER'S MASSIVE ARM. FRANKLY, THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE I'D RATHER BE. THERE'S NO ONE ELSE I'D RATHER BE HERE WITH.



HA! NO! YOU STILL KNOW HOW TO MAKE ME FEEL SPECIAL. YOU'VE MADE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY THE MOST SPECIAL DAY OF MY LIFE.

BUT DON'T THINK I FORGOT YOU, GABE. I, TOO, HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU!

IS THAT IT?



MASON MADE UP ANOTHER BOTTLE OF THAT STUFF, SO I CAN MAKE YOU BIG AGAIN WHEN WE'RE READY.

YOU KNOW IT WON'T WORK! MASON SAID YOU HAVE TO REALLY WANT IT FOR IT TO WORK. AND WE BOTH KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP ANY OF THIS WONDERFUL SIZE.

OF COURSE NOT! BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU GIVE ME ANY MORE SIZE. IF I WANT TO GET BIGGER, I HAVE TO DO IT THE OLD FASHION WAY.



I'M GOING ON THE WORLD'S DIRTIEST BULK. I'LL GET AS FAT AS I HAVE TO IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE MUSLCS LITTERLY MASSIVE IN AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE. AND WHEN I'M READY TO CUT, I'LL USE THAT FORMULA TO GIVE YOU BACK YOUR SIZE!



HEY! THEN WE CAN DO THIS ALL OVER AGAIN! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE 9 FEET TALL, TYLER?

FROM THE FANS:

THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT IT'S ONLY RECENTLY I'VE HAD ENOUGH COMMENTS AND REVIEWS COME IN TO DEVOTE A PAGE TO. IF YOU WANT TO DROP ME A LINE, YOU CAN REACH ME ON TWITTER @BOREDDINGTON, OR YOU CAN LEAVE A REVIEW ON AMAZON.

FROM D.H. ON LI'L BRO:

THERE WAS MUCH ABOUT MUSCLE BUT NO SEXUALITY.

THANKS FOR THE COMMENT! I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M NOT PERSONALLY A HUGE FAN OF SEX IN THESE KINDS OF STORIES. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS STRANGE GIVEN THIS IS A FETISH DRIVEN GENRE, BUT WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M A FAN OF THE JOURNEY MORE THAN THE DESTINATION.

BESIDES, WHEN CREATING PROJECTS LIKE THESE, I HAVE TO CONSIDER THE MARKETPLACE AND THE TERMS OF SERVICE FOR SELLING IN THOSE MARKETS. LAST YEAR, I TRIED TO TAKE SHRIMP OF THE HOUSE WIDE. AFTER CENSORING SOME OF THE RACIER PANELS TO BRING THOSE IMAGES DOWN TO A PG-13 LEVEL, THE DISTRIBUTOR STILL REJECTED IT. AMAZON'S T.O.S. ARE A LOT MORE LIBERAL, BUT I STILL HAVE TO TREAD CAREFULLY TO AVOID CROSSING THEIR LINE. TRANSFORMING TYLER REALLY PUSHES THAT LINE, BUT FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, IT DOESN'T QUITE CROSS IT.

IN A WAY, TRANSFORMING TYLER IS FOR YOU AND OTHERS WHO WANT MORE SEX. THE LGBT ANGLE MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, BUT I CHOSE THAT DIRECTION SINCE A LARGE CHUNK OF THE MUSCLE GROWTH COMMUNITY IS GAY, AND ALL OF THE RELATIONSHIPS IN MY STORIES HAVE BEEN STRAIGHT SO FAR.

FROM A.T.B. ON LI'L BRO:

BETTER USE OF MODELS FOR CHARACTERS ALLOWS THE READER TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THEM MUCH BETTER IN THIS LATER WORK. PLOT AND MOTIVATION ARE PRETTY ORIGINAL AND THERE'S PLENTY OF CLEAN COMPARISON CONTENT. MUCH IMPROVED OVER SHRIMP OF THE HOUSE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! THE VISUAL EVOLUTION OF THESE STORIES IS A RESULT OF AN EVOLVING MINDSET TOWARD THEM. I CREATED BOTH AS A VANITY PROJECT AND PUT IT OUT FIGURING MAYBE A COUPLE PEOPLE MIGHT CHECK IT OUT THROUGH KINDLE UNLIMITED AND ENJOY IT AS MUCH AS I DID. WHILE I ENJOY MICRO/MACRO FICTION WHEN IT'S LIGHT AND FUN. I'M NOT A FAN OF THE DARKER THEMES THAT SEEM TO DOMINATE SO MANY STORIES. I DON'T MIND A LITTLE HUMILIATION, EMBARRASSMENT, OR DANGER, BUT IN MY MIND, A FANTASY SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE SAFE AND FUN. I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING AGAINST THE GRAIN OF THE MACRO/MICRO COMMUNITY AND THAT WAS FINE WITH ME.

THE RESPONSE TO THAT FIRST STORY BLEW ME AWAY. BECAUSE IT EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS, I APPROACHED EACH SUCCESSIVE STORY MORE AND MORE SERIOUSLY. EACH PROJECT IS A NEW EXPERIMENT. SOME EXPERIMENTS FALL FLAT, WHILE OTHERS DON'T. AS AN ARTIST, IF YOU HOLD BACK UNTIL REACHING PERFECTION, YOU MAY NEVER PRESENT SOMETHING TO THE WORLD, SO I FIGURE, WHILE THE OLDER WORKS LOOK A LITTLE AMATEURISH IN COMPARISON TO THE MORE RECENT, THEY'RE STILL IMPORTANT TO REMIND ME WHERE I WAS VERSUS WHERE I AM TODAY.

AND ON MY TWIN NO MORE:

SIBLING RIVALRY GONE AWRY WHILE AT COLLEGE. IT'S A QUIRKY ADAPTATION OF WHAT CHILDHOOD TRAUMA CAN LEAVE BEHIND. THE RESOLUTION KIND OF IGNORES A RATHER LARGE ITEM BUT THE ENDING IS STILL WORTH THE RELATIVELY QUICK READ.

JUST ONE ITEM? I THOUGHT THERE WERE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT WENT UNRESOLVED. IT WAS WHAT I STRUGGLED WITH WHILE WORKING OUT THE STORY. FOR ME, MTNM WASN'T GOING TO HAVE A HAPPY ENDING BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS IN THE FAMILY COULDN'T BE RESOLVED NEATLY. FOR ME, THE RESOLUTION OF THE STORY WASN'T ABOUT FINDING PEACE WITH THE PAST, BUT ABOUT FINDING OUT WHAT THE REAL ISSUES WERE AND BRINGING THEM OUT INTO THE OPEN. IT WAS ABOUT FORCING THE CHARACTERS TO REALIZE THERE WAS MORE GOING ON THAN IN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL WORLDS. ON ANOTHER LEVEL, IT WAS ABOUT SHATTERING BRODY'S IDEA OF WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A MAN, AND SHATTERING HIS BELIEF SYSTEM WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE REPAIRED IN A NEAT LITTLE DENOUEMENT.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IN THESE STORIES, THERE ARE PIECES OF MY OWN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS UNDERLYING THEM. WHILE THOSE PIECES ARE UNRECOGNIZABLE IN BOTH AND LI'L BRO, MTNM WAS A LOT MORE PERSONAL THAN I REALIZED WHEN I WORKED ON IT.

JAYSON WAS PARTLY BASED ON ME. WHEN WE WERE KIDS, I WAS THAT ASSHOLE OLDER BROTHER WHO WOULD BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF MY YOUNGER BROTHER. I WAS A MONSTER. LIKE THE MANSFIELD FAMILY, MINE HAD A LOT OF DEEP ISSUES TORTURING EVERYONE INSIDE. I TOOK MINE OUT ON MY BROTHER. IT WAS SOMETHING I GREW OUT OF, AND WE BECAME CLOSE. HE KEEPS TELLING ME HOW I'M HIS BEST FRIEND TODAY, AND HONESTLY, I THINK THE SAME OF HIM. HE PUT ALL OF THOSE FIGHTS AND

THAT ABUSE BEHIND HIM. HE'S SORT OF FORGOTTEN IT. WHEN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT RECENTLY, HE DOESN'T REMEMBER IT BEING AS SERIOUS AS I DO. HE'S PRETTY MUCH DROPPED IT AS RUSS DROPPED IT ALL WHEN JAYSON REACHED OUT TO HIM. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME, BUT SOMETIMES ISSUES AS LARGE AS THOSE BRODY AND RUSS FACED JUST... DISSIPATE WITHOUT ANY RHYME OR REASON.

THAT'S THE RESOLUTION I WENT FOR WITH MTNM. RUSS WAS A LITTLE LIKE MY BROTHER IN THAT HE DECIDED TO LET THE PAST STAY IN THE PAST SO HE COULD MOVE FORWARD. BRODY REPRESENTED ANOTHER ASPECT OF ME IN THAT HE COULDN'T FORGET AND HE COULDN'T LET IT REST, BUT HE ALSO REALIZED HE WASN'T ENTIRELY INNOCENT IN EVERYTHING. HE WALKED OUT OF THE HOUSE KNOWING HE WOULD SOMEDAY FIND HIS WAY BACK, BUT HE NEEDED THE SPACE TO SORT THROUGH EVERYTHING.

I HAD A COUPLE USERS ON TWITTER DROP ME MESSAGES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEIR ACCOUNTS VANISHED BEFORE I COULD SAVE THE MESSAGES. ONE SUGGESTED A MICROPHILIA VERSION OF LI'L BRO WHERE THE CHARACTER SHRINKS AT COLLEGE. TRANSFORMING TYLER MAY NOT BE QUITE WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, BUT I DO HOPE GABE'S TRANSFORMATION FITS THAT BILL.

ANOTHER ASKED ME WHEN TO EXPECT THE RELEASE OF TRANSFORMING TYLER. WELL, HERE IT IS. I HOPE IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT. AND IF YOU'RE READING THIS, I WANTED TO ASK SOMETHING, BUT THE ACCOUNT VANISHED BEFORE I COULD. I REALIZED YOUR HANDLE WAS SIMILAR TO THE AUTHOR OF A STORY ON SHRINKING MAN'S SITE, AND I WAS WONDERING IF THAT WAS COINCIDENCE, OR IF YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WROTE IT. IF YOU ARE THE AUTHOR, THEN KNOW IT IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES ON THAT SITE BECAUSE OF ITS SIMPLICITY. IT MIGHT HAVE

BEEN SHORT, BUT IT EMBODIED EVERYTHING I LOVE ABOUT MACRO/MICRO FICTION: A CHARACTER WHO WAS WILLING, EMBRACED IT, AND HAD FUN WITH HIS TRANSFORMATION.

NOW ONE LAST NOTE TO ALL OF YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MY WORK. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME TO HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE ENJOYING THESE STORIES. I HOPE THEY CONTINUE TO ENTERTAIN YOU ALL, JUST AS I HOPE TO CONTINUE TO ENTERTAIN.

AGAIN, IF YOU WISH TO REACH OUT, YOU CAN DO SO ON TWITTER. MY HANDLE IS @BOREDDINGTON. I USE THE ACCOUNT MOSTLY TO PROMOTE, BUT OCCASIONALLY I POST UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS.

