



MY
WORD,
WHAT IS
THAT?

THIS? IT'S
JUST A SILLY
STATUE.

IT'S RATHER...
PROVOCATIVE.

YEAH,
YOU'RE NOT
WRONG ABOUT
THAT.



WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

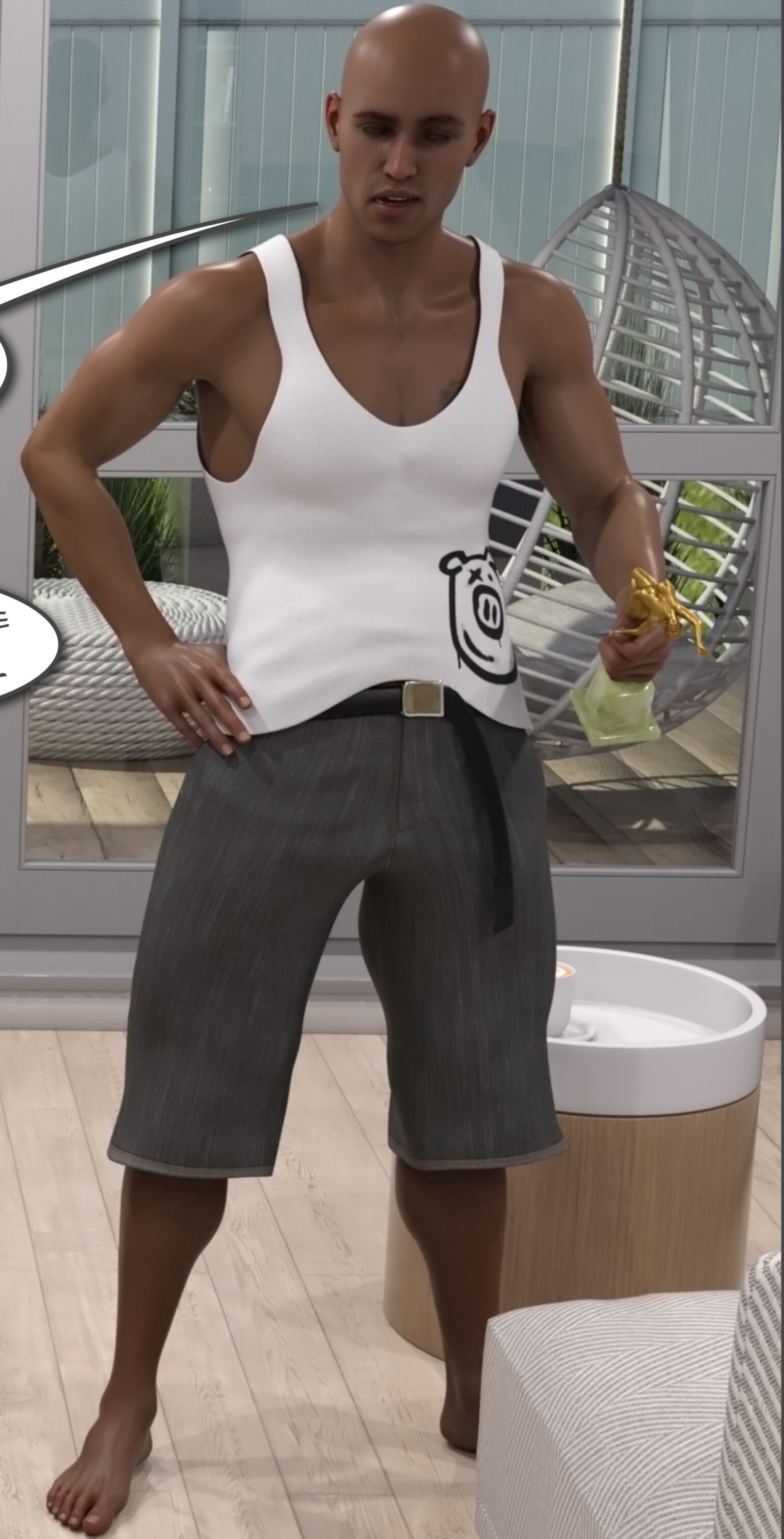
I THINK A COLLEAGUE IS HAVING A LAUGH WITH ME.


HE KNOWS I LIKE PUZZLES AND CODEBREAKING...

YOU GOT THAT FROM ME, MY BOY.

THAT I DID, BUT THIS IS JUST... SILLY.

WHAT IS?





YOU JUST
CAN'T HELP
YOURSELF, CAN
YOU?

YOU HEAR
ABOUT A PUZZLE
OR CODE AND NEED
TO SEE IT.

IS THAT A
BAD THING?

NOT REALLY,
BUT THIS IS A
WASTE OF OUR
TIME.

IT'S
NOTHING.



HERE,
LET ME
SEE.

REALLY?
CAN'T WE JUST
GO GRAB
LUNCH?

I JUST
WANT TO
SEE THIS
PUZZLE.

IT'S MORE OF A
CODE... MAYBE A
MADE-UP
LANGUAGE...

OOH, THE
MYSTERY
DEEPENS.

THERE'S NO
STOPPING YOU,
SO TAKE A
LOOK.





YOU'RE PULLING MY LEG, POP-POP. I'M NOT A KID WHO BELIEVES-

I'M SERIOUS, RYDER.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THEM BEFORE SOMEWHERE.

THESE SYMBOLS...

BELL...
THOSE FOUR
SYMBOLS IN THE
MIDDLE SAY
BELL.

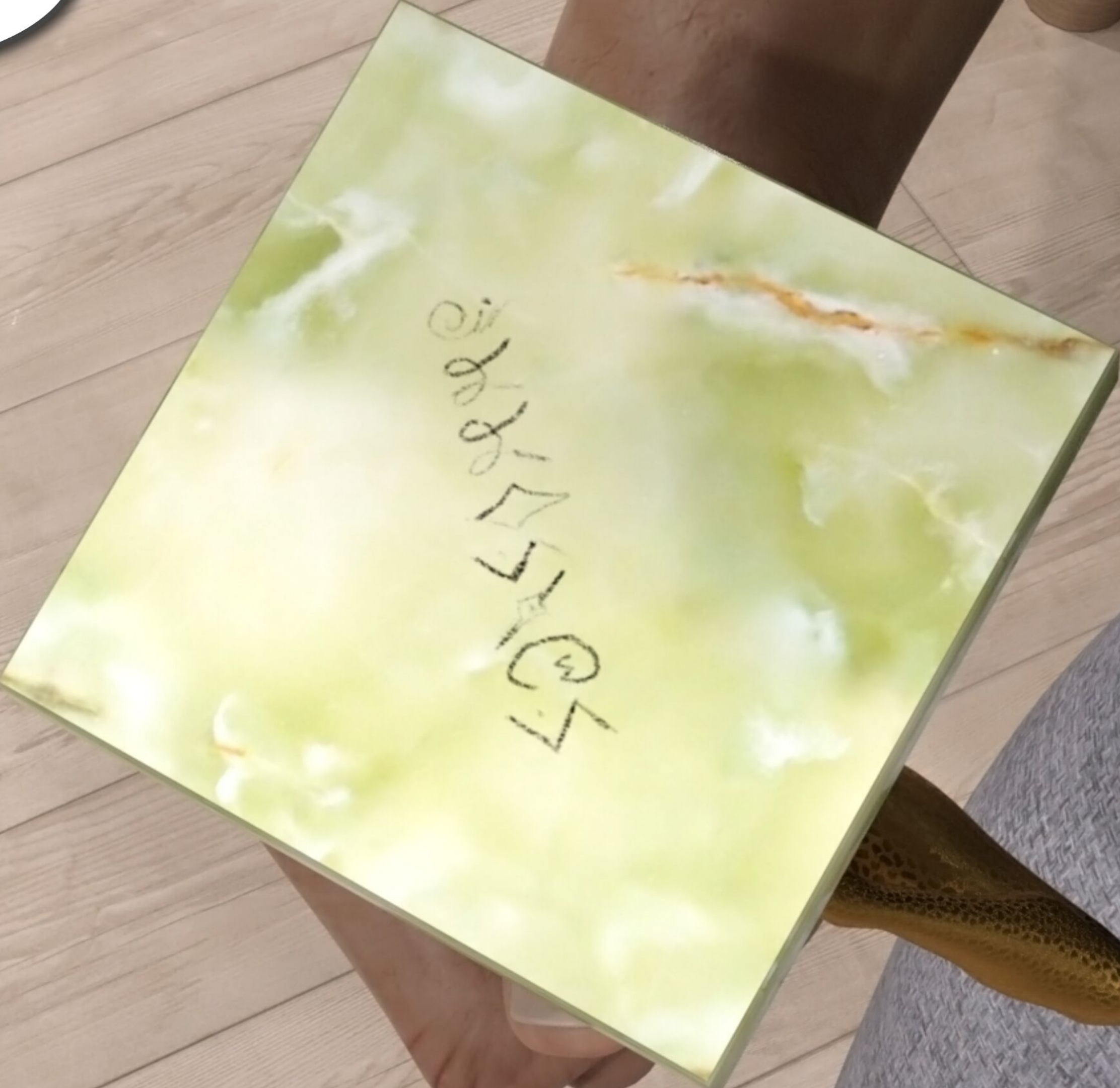
BULLSHIT.

LANGUAGE,
RYDER.

SORRY, BUT
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU UNDERSTAND
THAT, POP-POP.

IT'S FROM AN
OLD BOOK YOUR
GRANDMOTHER
KEPT.

SERIOUSLY?





I'M
JUST AS
HUNGRY AS
YOU ARE,
BOY.

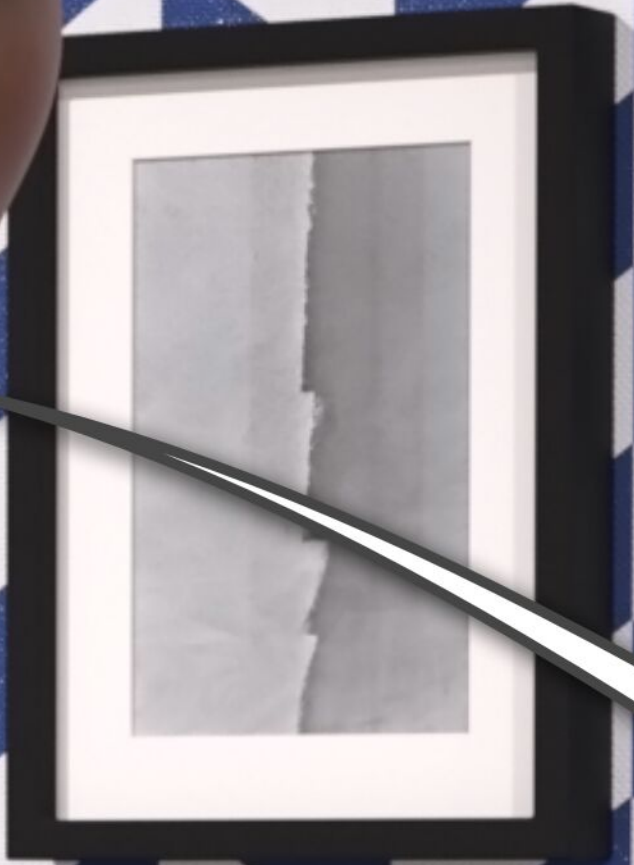
WHY
WOULD I
MAKE THIS
UP?

IT JUST
SEEMS LIKE AN
INCREDIBLE
COINCIDENCE,
THAT'S ALL.

A PROFESSOR OF
ANTIQUITIES COULDN'T
MAKE SENSE OF THOSE
MARKINGS, BUT YOU PULL
OUT "BELL" ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY.

I'M A
TALENTED MAN,
RYDER. THIS IS
WELL KNOWN.

OKAY, MR. TALENTED, WHAT DOES THE REST OF IT SAY?



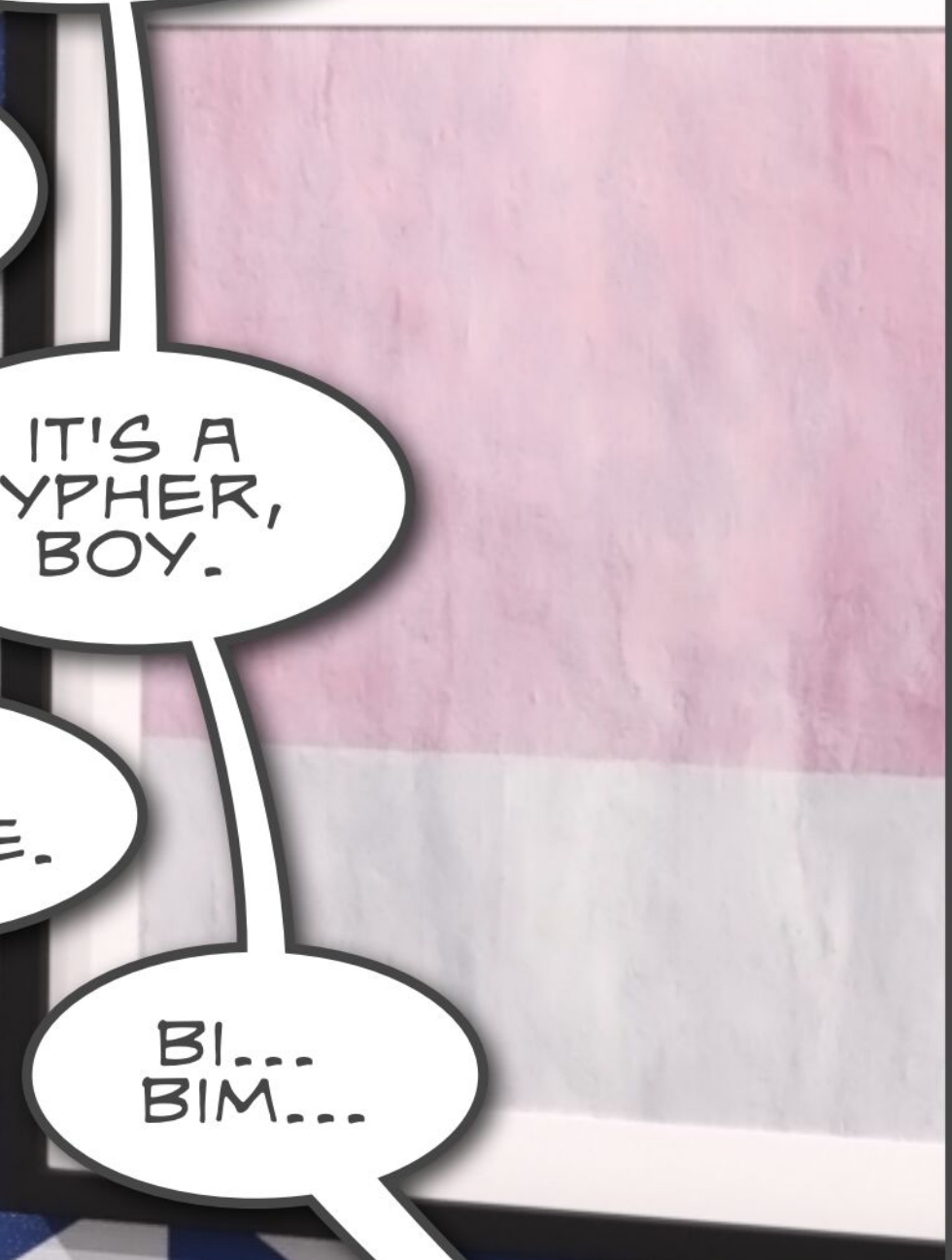
THERE'S ANOTHER B... SO IT STARTS WITH A B.

AND WHAT LANGUAGE IS THIS?

IT'S A CYPHER, BOY.

OF COURSE.

BI... BIM...





WHAT NAME?

A NAME, MAYBE?

I DO.

YOU BROKE IT? YOU KNOW WHAT IT SAYS?

IT'S JUST NONSENSE.

IT'S NOT ANY WORD THAT I'VE HEARD OF...

Meta Golf

BIMBELLO...

IT SAYS
BIMBELLO.

BIMBELLO?





JESUS,
POP-POP.

YOU REALLY
EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE THAT IT
SAYS BIMBELLO ON
THE BOTTOM OF
THAT-



WHAT
THE-

COUGH

COUGH

RYDER!

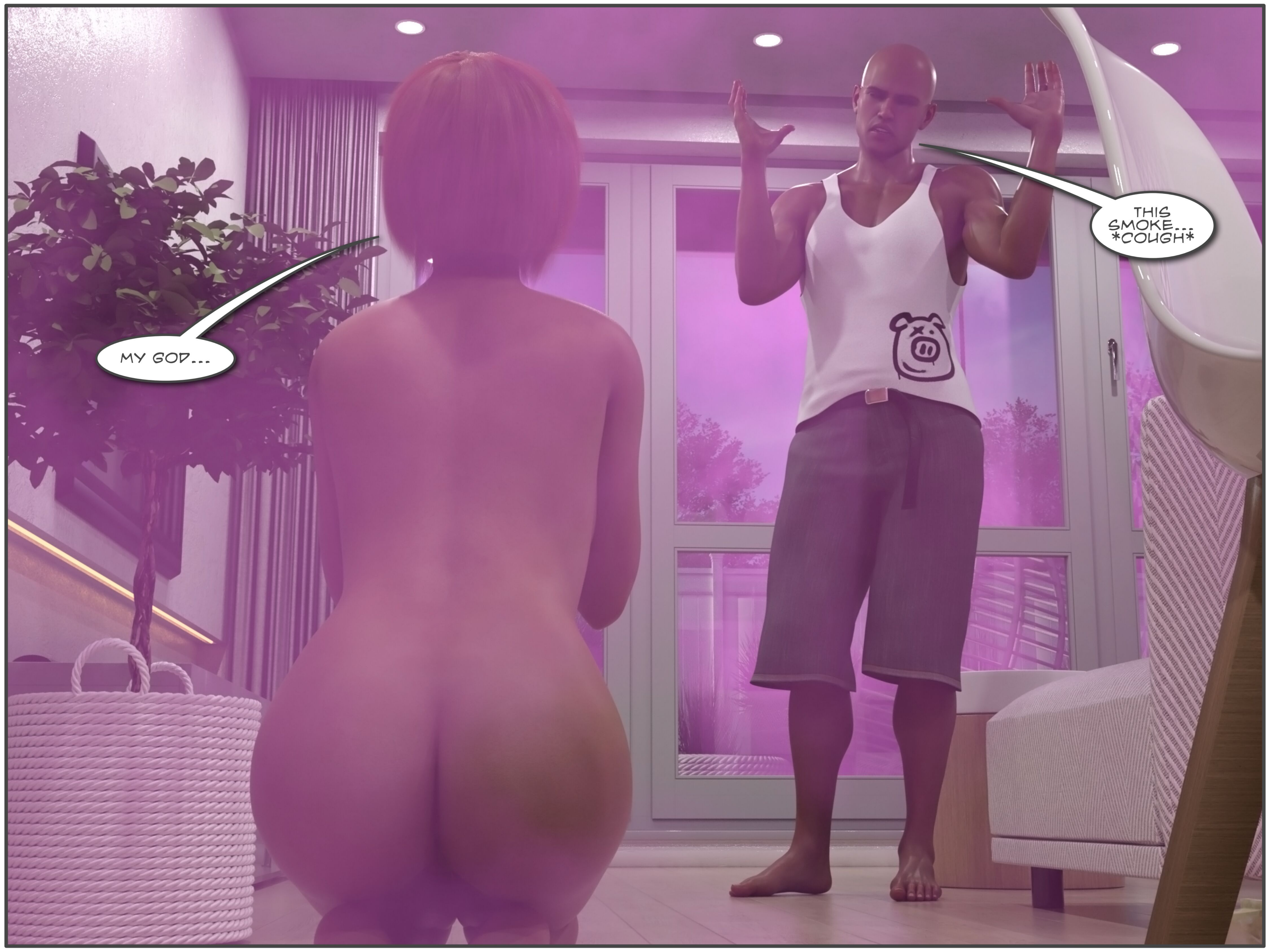
COUGH

POP-POP!?

SOMETHING'S...
COUGH

...WRONG!





MY GOD...

THIS SMOKE...
COUGH



FUCK!
COUGH

WHERE'D
THIS-

ARE THESE...
BREASTS?

POP-POP!?

RYDER...





...SOMETHING'S
HAPPENED TO ME.

NO... THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU
YELLING
ISN'T HELPING
THINGS,
RYDER.

WE NEED TO
THINK ABOUT THIS
RATIONALLY.

RATIONALLY!?





YOU HAVE TITS,
POP-POP!

LANGUAGE,
BOY.

LANGUAGE!?!
REALLY!?!

THAT'S WHAT
YOU'RE CONCERNED
WITH RIGHT NOW!?





LOSING OUR MINDS WON'T HELP US FIGURE THIS OUT ANY FASTER, RYDER.

HOW ARE YOU SO CALM RIGHT NOW!?

BECAUSE THERE'S WORK TO DO, MY BOY.

WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT.

FIGURE THIS OUT!?

THIS *ISN'T* A
PUZZLE!

YOU'RE A
WOMAN,
POP-POP!

YOU WERE AN
OLD MAN, AND NOW
YOU'RE A *YOUNG
WOMAN!*


A *PRETTY
YOUNG
WOMAN...*



...AM I
RIGHT?

ARE YOU
RIGHT!?

WHAT IS
WRONG WITH
YOU!?



LISTEN TO ME... I'M A WOMAN, RYDER.

I KNOW THAT I SHOULDN'T BE A WOMAN, BUT LOSING MY MIND ABOUT IT WILL DO ME NO GOOD.

SOMETHING CHANGED ME INTO A WOMAN, AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON.

I... GOD, YOU'RE RIGHT.

I AM MORE OFTEN THAN YOU THINK.

THE *STATUE!*

YOU WERE
HOLDING THE
STATUE WHEN
YOU SAID THAT
NAME!

BIMBELLO...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT'S
OBVIOUS
NOW THAT
YOU SAY
IT.

WHERE IS
IT? GRAB IT
AND SAY THAT
AGAIN!

I DROPPED
IT...

...AND IT APPEARS TO BE GONE.

GONE!?

THE PEDESTAL IS STILL THERE, BUT THE STATURE IS GONE.

LIKE... IT BROKE OFF?

PART OF ME WANTS TO SAY NO... IT'S JUST... GONE.

FUCK... I KNOW, LANGUAGE.

TO BE CONTINUED...