

# THE GIRL NEXTDOOR

## CHAPTER 3

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THE DAY AFTER ZACH'S DATE WITH  
CHELSEA HE FOUND HIMSELF DOING  
SOME MORE YARD WORK..

GOD DAMNIT  
STUPID FUCKING  
THING!

HUH?






OOH! MISS POINT!  
CRAP.. SORRY ABOUT  
THE LANGUAGE..

HMM,  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?

WE'RE THROWING OUT  
THIS BIN BUT IT'S  
REALLY HEAVY..



MAYBE  
CHELSEA CAN  
HELP!

HONEY! CAN YOU  
COME HERE FOR A  
SECOND?!



WHAT'S UP?

COULD YOU HELP ZACH WITH THAT BIN?

OF COURSE!



THANKS  
CHELSEA.

WELL THIS  
ISN'T THAT  
HEAVY IS IT?

FOR YOU  
MAYBE!



YOU KNOW I  
COULD FLATTEN IT  
FOR YOU AS WELL IF  
YOU'D LIKE!

FLATTEN?!



YEAH IF I  
COULD GET IT  
BETWEEN MY  
LEGS I..

CHELSEA YOU'RE  
NOT TRYING THAT!  
THERE'S PROBABLY  
SHARP EDGES ALL  
AROUND THAT THING!  
YOU'LL GET HURT!





SORRY MOM..

HOW ABOUT YOU TWO TELL ME HOW DINNER WAS YESTERDAY? YOU'VE BARELY SPOKEN ABOUT IT!

IT WAS GREAT!


IT WAS LOVELY! JUST A BIT OF A HEADACHE..

HUH?  
HEADACHE? HOW  
COME?

OH MY!

ZACH BUMPED HIS  
HEAD AT THE  
RESTAURANT! IT WAS  
SO CLUMSY! RIGHT  
ZACH?


LUH YEAH! THERE  
WAS THIS PARASOL  
AND AS I GOT UP I HIT  
IT!



HEY MOM?  
COULD ZACH  
MAYBE JOIN?

OF COURSE! WE  
WERE ABOUT TO DO  
SOME MORNING YOGA  
ZACH! IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
JOIN?

Y-YEAH! SOUNDS  
GREAT!



HAVE YOU EVER  
DONE YOGA  
BEFORE ZACH?

NO,  
NEVER!

OK, JUST TAKE OFF  
YOUR SHOES, GET ON  
THE MAT AND FOLLOW  
OUR LEAD!



FIRST WE'LL DO  
SOME SIMPLE  
BREATHING  
EXERCISES!

SOUNDS EASY  
ENOUGH!

A photograph of three muscular women in athletic wear meditating in a modern outdoor setting. They are kneeling on mats (red, pink, and blue) in a courtyard with a stone wall and a building with large glass windows in the background. A speech bubble above them contains the text "JUST CALM, DEEP BREATHS!".

JUST CALM, DEEP  
BREATHS!



AND NOW WE  
TRANSITION TO SOME  
STRETCHING!

EEEH?



LET ME HELP  
YOU OUT!

JUST TWIST  
YOUR BODY LIKE  
THIS!

OOF..





NOW BRING UP  
YOUR ARM LIKE  
THIS.

EEEH?!



WHAT IS SHE DOING?!



WHAT'S GOING ON?  
WHAT ARE YOU  
LOOKING AT?

N-NOTHING!  
JUST.. A LITTLE  
DISTRACTED!

OK, WE'LL TRY  
SOMETHING SIMPLER  
FIRST, CAN YOU JUST GET  
ON YOUR KNEES AND  
HANDS?

LIKE  
THIS?

PERFECT!





OK YOU REALLY  
NEED TO FEEL IT IN  
YOUR BACK!

OOH THAT GIRL!  
SHE'S JUST TEASING  
ME ON PURPOSE!



**CHELSEA!**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IT WAS ONLY A JOKE MOM!

A JOKE?! THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT THAT CHELSEA! AND MAYBE YOU BEING GROUNDED FOR A WEEK WILL MAKE YOU SEE THAT!



NO! MOM PLEASE! I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT, I WAS JUST FOOLING AROUND! I'M SORRY!

SURE YOU DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT! EXCEPT ZACH COULD SEE IT ALL COULDN'T HE?! THIS IS SO INAPPROPRIATE!

MOM! I.. JUST.. I'M SORRY OKAY! IT WAS WRONG! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING! PLEASE DON'T GROUND ME!

AWKWARD.. I HOPE SHE ISN'T GROUNDED THOUGH.








ZACH!

Y-YES MISS  
POINT?!




IS THIS WHAT  
DISTRACTED YOU  
BEFORE?!

I-- YES MISS  
POINT.

AND DID YOU  
HAVE A HEADACHE  
DUE TO BUMPING  
YOUR HEAD?!

N-NO MISS  
POINT..



DON'T EVER LIE TO  
ME AGAIN ZACH! AND  
CERTAINLY NOT TO  
CHELSEA EITHER!

I WON'T MISS  
POINT I'M  
SORRY..

AND YOU! YOU'RE DOING ALL HOUSE CHORES FOR THE NEXT MONTH! IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?!

YES MOM..

YOU'RE NOT GROUNDED, THIS TIME. BUT IF I EVER SEE THIS VULGARITY AGAIN YOU'RE GROUNDED FOR LIFE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE BOTH OF YOU!






SORRY ABOUT THAT.  
MY MOM IS A LITTLE  
PROTECTIVE..

PLEASE DON'T  
EVER TELL HER WHAT  
WE DID LIKE.. IN THE  
GYM.

NEVER! I DON'T  
WANT TO SEE YOU  
GROUNDED!



BUT I WAS  
WONDERING, YOU GOT  
ANYTHING TO DO THIS  
AFTERNOON?

WELL CHORES  
APPEARANTLY! BUT  
THAT WON'T TAKE  
ALL DAY!

WELL I'D  
LIKE TO TAKE  
YOU OUT!

WHERE ARE  
WE GOING?

IT'S A SURPRISE!  
BUT YOU DON'T NEED  
TO DRESS UP OR  
ANYTHING!

LATER, IN THE AFTERNOON.

HUH? A  
TEMPLE? WHAT  
ARE WE DOING  
HERE?!

YOU'LL SEE! I  
THINK YOU'LL LIKE  
IT!



ARE WE  
GOING TO  
PRAY?

HA! NO!







AAH, YEAH, OKAY,  
GOT IT!

AAH I HAD HOPED  
IT'D HAVE BEEN A  
SECRET FOR  
LONGER!



ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

YEAH, COULD BE FUN! THOUGH I'M USUALLY NOT A HUGE FAN OF LIKE.. COMPETITIVE FIGHTING SPORTS.

IT'LL BE FINE, TRUST ME! WE'LL QUICKLY GET DRESSED!



HELLO  
SENSEI!

AAH ZACH! IT'S  
BEEN QUITE A  
WHILE!

I'M HAPPY TO  
SEE YOU HERE  
AGAIN!




HOW  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN?

GREAT!  
ABOUT TO  
START  
COLLEGE!

GOOD TO  
HEAR! WILL YOU  
BE TRAINING WITH  
US MORE OFTEN  
AGAIN?

MAYBE! BUT  
JUST THIS ONCE  
FOR NOW!



AND WHO  
HAVE YOU  
BROUGHT WITH  
YOU?

I'M CHELSEA!  
NICE TO MEET  
YOU!


LIKELIKE! NOW WERE  
YOU TWO PLANNING ON JUST  
TRAINING ON YOUR OWN OR  
SHOULD I HELP?

SHE'S NEVER  
DONE IT BEFORE  
SENSEI, SO SOME  
HELP WOULD BE  
APPRECIATED!

ALRIGHT! JUST TAKE  
ZACH'S POSE CHELSEA!  
RIGHT FOOT SLIGHTLY  
FORWARD AND KNEES  
SLIGHTLY BENT!

JUDO IS MOSTLY ABOUT  
USING THE OPPONENTS  
STRENGTH AGAINST THEM TO  
DESTABILIZE THEM!





NOW ZACH IS  
GOING TO TRY AND  
THROW YOU OVER  
CHELSEA, TRY TO BRACE  
YOURSELF AND AVOID  
THAT!

OKAY,  
UNDERSTOOD!



HERE I GO!





BRACE  
YOURSELF  
CHELSEA!

AS  
EXPECTED..  
SHE'S HARDLY  
EVEN TRYING TO  
STOP ME.



WHOA!

IT'S ALMOST  
LIKE SHE'S GIVING IN  
ON PURPOSE! SHE  
COULD'VE EASILY  
STOPPED THIS!





YOU  
GOOD?

YEAH! YOU JUST  
CAUGHT ME BY  
SURPRISE!

YOU SHOULD'VE  
KEPT YOUR LEG  
STIFF CHELSEA!

I TRIED! I JUST  
LOST MY  
BALANCE.

OH  
CHELSEA..



NOW LET'S  
SWITCH ROLES, I  
WILL TEACH YOU  
SEOI-NAGE  
CHELSEA.

I'M FINE WITH  
BEING ON THE  
RECEIVING END!

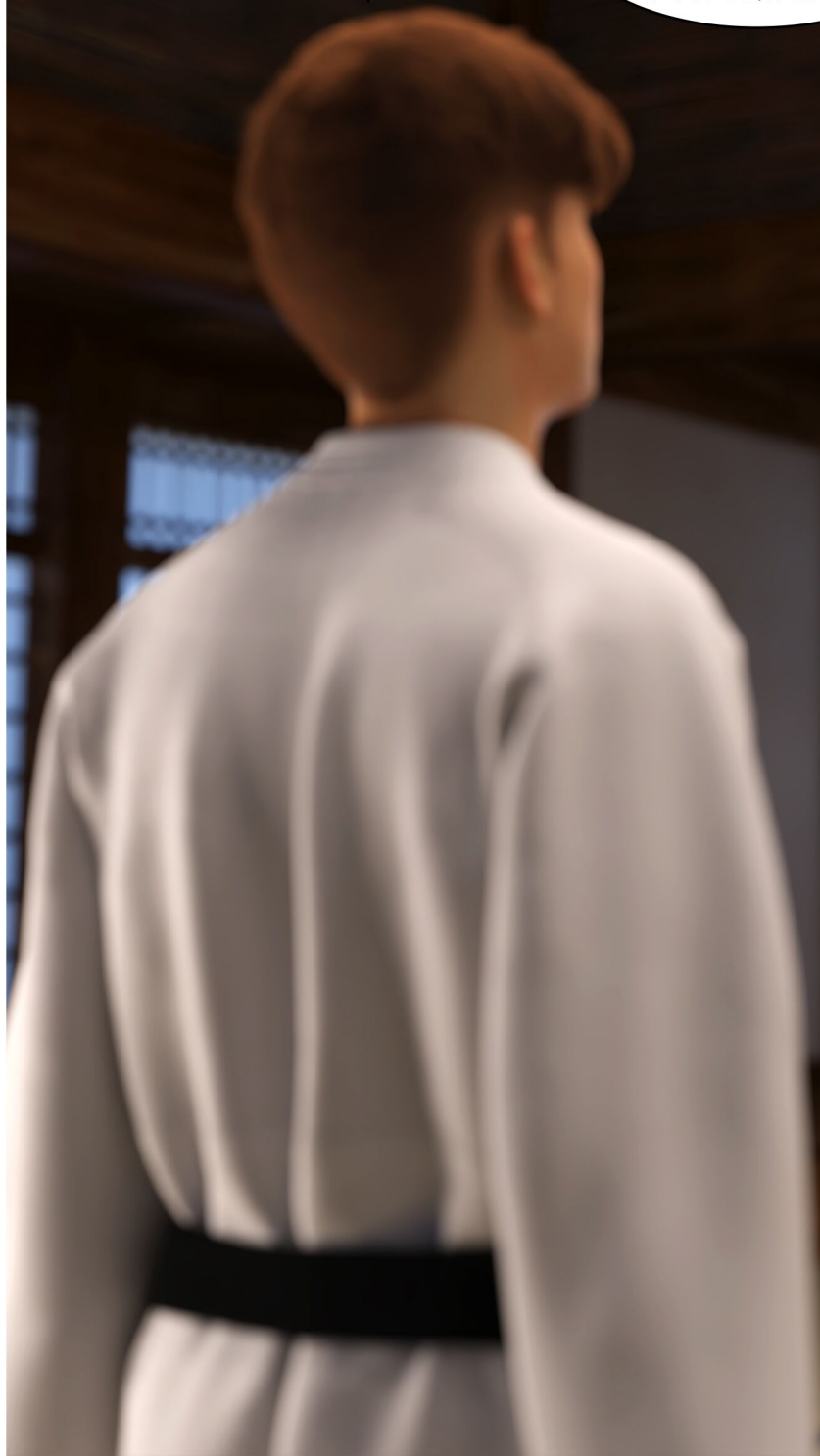
NO! YOU  
MUST LEARN AS  
WELL!



I'LL BE FINE  
CHELSEA! IT'S NOT  
A DANGEROUS  
SPORT!

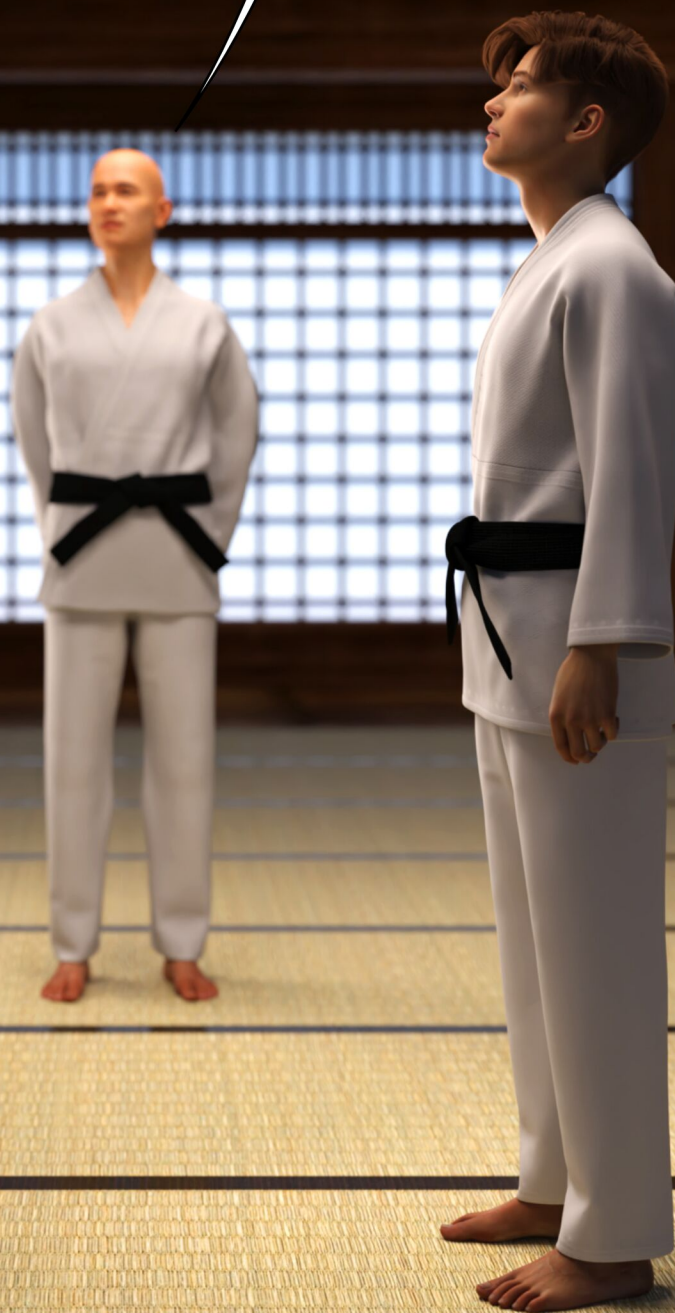
ARE YOU  
SURE? I'M REALLY  
NOT GREAT AT  
FIGHTING OR  
ANYTHING..

100%! IT'LL  
BE FINE, TRUST  
ME!



WELL  
ALRIGHT  
THEN.

GOOD! SEOI-NAGE IS A  
THROW OVER THE SHOULDER!  
PLEASE GRAB ZACH'S RIGHT  
SLEEVE WITH YOUR LEFT HAND  
AND HIS LAPEL WITH YOUR  
RIGHT.

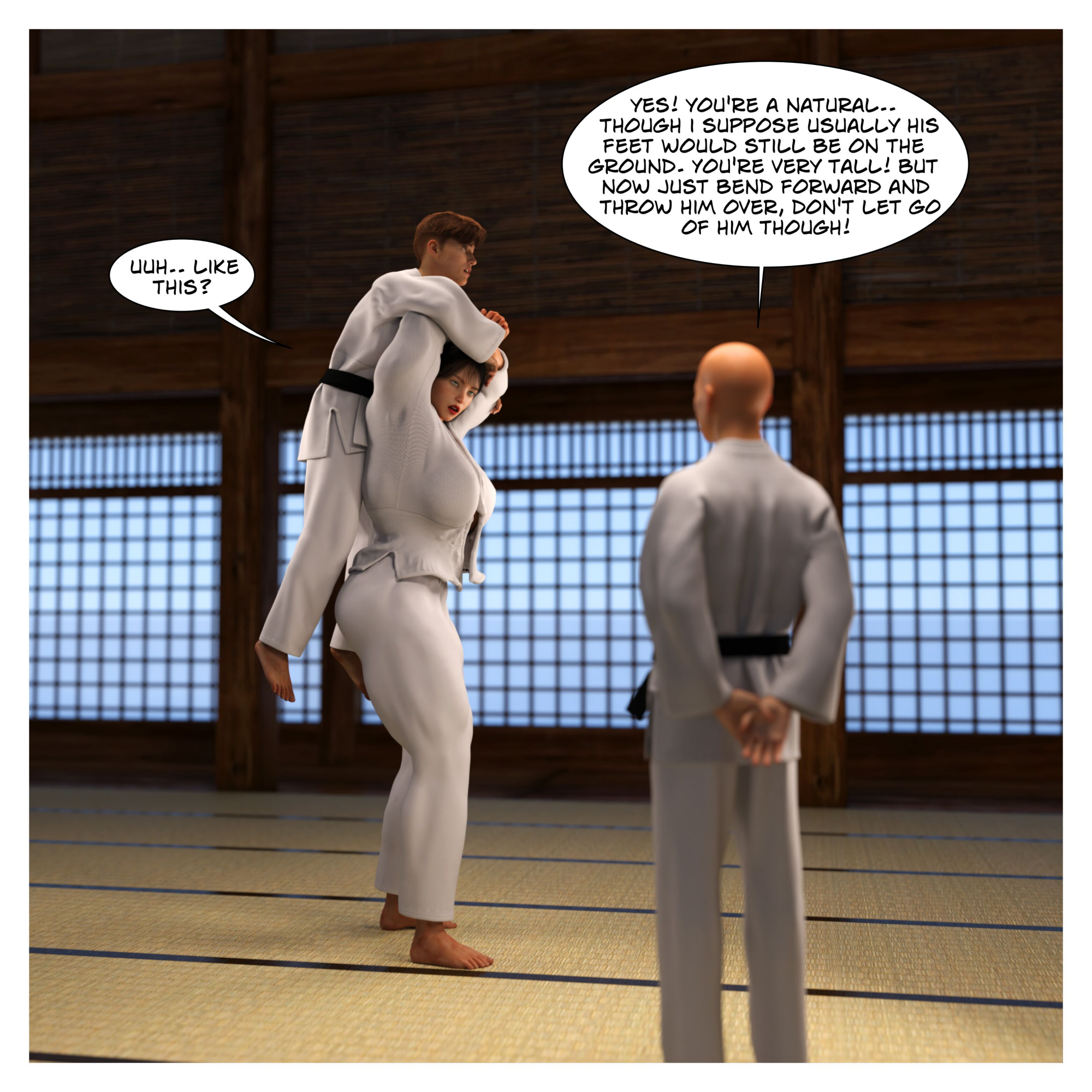






LIKE THIS?

VERY GOOD! NOW  
TURN AROUND, PUSH  
YOUR RIGHT ARM INTO  
HIS RIGHT ARMPIT!



UHH.. LIKE THIS?

YES! YOU'RE A NATURAL.. THOUGH I SUPPOSE USUALLY HIS FEET WOULD STILL BE ON THE GROUND. YOU'RE VERY TALL! BUT NOW JUST BEND FORWARD AND THROW HIM OVER, DON'T LET GO OF HIM THOUGH!



OOH JEEZ... ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS ZACH?

I'M FINE CHELSEA! GO FOR IT!

WELL OKAY..



HERE WE  
GO!



WHOA!



CRAP!

UHMPF!

I'M SORRY  
ZACH! I LET YOU  
SLIP! YOU'RE NOT  
HURT?

I'M FINE!

I'M SO, SO  
SORRY. I REALLY  
DON'T LIKE  
COMPETITIVE  
SPORTS ZACH.





WHEN ARE YOU  
GOING TO STOP  
WITH THIS?

S-STOP?

YOU KNOW CHELSEA, YOU  
TOLD ME A LITTLE WHILE AGO THAT  
I SHOULD NEVER LIE TO YOU. SO I'LL  
TELL YOU THE TRUTH AND IF YOU  
GET ANGRY SO BE IT.






WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


I MEAN THAT DESPITE CONSTANTLY SHOWING OFF HOW STRONG YOU ARE YOU CAN'T SEEM TO BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF AND ME!

W-WHAT?



ANSWER ME THIS  
CHELSEA, DO YOU  
THINK I'M WEAK  
COMPARED TO  
YOU?

NO! NOT  
AT ALL!




THIS IS WHAT I MEAN! I AM WEAK COMPARED TO YOU! AND I LOVE IT! AND I KNOW YOU LOVE IT TO BUT DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS TO SHOW YOU HOW AMAZING I THINK YOU ARE YOU REFUSE TO SHOW THIS!

I...

AND I KNOW WHY IT IS! IT'S CAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID YOU'LL DRIVE ME AWAY IF YOU SHOW ME YOU LIKE THE FACT YOU'RE STRONGER THAN ME! LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EX!

B-BUT..




AND YOU DON'T LIKE COMPETITIVE SPORTS BECAUSE THEY HIGHLIGHT JUST HOW MUCH STRONGER YOU ARE THAN ME! YOU HAVE THIS INSECURITY IN YOU THAT PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE WEIRD CAUSE YOU'RE MUSCULAR! CAUSE YOU SEE ALL THE STARES WHEN YOU WALK BY!

I...



YOU'RE  
RIGHT..

CHELSEA I.. I  
NEED YOU TO  
LISTEN TO ME,  
REALLY  
LISTEN..



I'M SORRY I'M  
SOUNDING  
FRUSTRATED, I DON'T  
WANT TO BE.

\*SNIFF\*

BUT I LOVE YOU EXACTLY FOR WHO YOU ARE CHELSEA! FROM THE MOMENT I MET YOU MY HEART FELT LIKE IT WAS GOING TO EXPLODE! I FREAKING ADORE YOU AND IT HURTS ME SO MUCH THAT SOMEWHERE DEEP DOWN YOU HAVE SHAME ABOUT WHO YOU ARE DESPITE BEING SO GORGEOUS!




MMM--

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A close-up, emotional scene from a video game. A woman with dark hair and bangs is hugging a man from behind. She has her eyes closed and a tearful expression, with a single tear visible on her cheek. The man has short brown hair and is wearing a white t-shirt. The background shows a window with a grid pattern, suggesting an indoor setting. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper left corner of the frame.

\*SNIFF\* THANK YOU  
SO, SO MUCH FOR  
SAYING THIS ZACH. I  
LOVE YOU.

IT TOOK A FULL MINUTE TILL  
CHELSEA LET GO OF HIM..

YOU OKAY?  
WE COULD GO  
HOME IF YOU'D  
LIKE.

NO, I'M  
FINE!





I WANT TO TRY! FOR  
REAL NOW! I WON'T  
HOLD BACK!

YEAH!  
GREAT! OF  
COURSE! GET  
READY!



HERE I  
COME!

WHOA!



.....  
SHE'S.. NOT  
BUDGING?! AT  
ALL?!

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white martial arts gi, is adjusting the gi of a man who is leaning forward. The scene is set in a dojo with a wooden background and blue-tinted windows. The woman is looking down at the man's gi, and her hands are on his shoulders and chest area. The man's gi is also white. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the gi and the woman's features.

HMM, TELL ME  
WHEN YOU START  
PUSHING!

I AM!



OOH, I CAN  
ALSO PUSH BACK  
RIGHT?

Y-YEAH?

GREAT!

HUH?







OOMPF!




WAIT, I ALSO  
HAVE TO PIN YOU  
DOWN DON'T I?

UUH--  
YEAH?

A woman in a white martial arts gi stands on a man lying on a tatami mat. She is looking down at him with a slight smile. The man is wearing a white gi with a black belt and is lying on his back. The background is a large, open hall with high ceilings and large windows with a grid pattern. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the characters.

DOES THIS  
COUNT?

WHY DOES  
THIS FEEL  
FAMILIAR?

A woman with dark hair and green eyes is shown from the chest up, wearing a white, textured robe. She is looking directly at the viewer with a slight smile. The background is a dark wooden room with a vaulted ceiling and several windows with a grid pattern, through which blue light is visible. A thought bubble is positioned to the left of the woman, containing text.

WAIT, THIS IS  
LITERALLY MY  
DREAM FROM A FEW  
DAYS BACK!



OR DO I NEED  
TO PIN YOU DOWN  
LIKE THIS?

SHE'S JUST  
PLAYING WITH ME  
NOW..



I COULDN'T  
GET HER OFF  
OF ME IF I  
WANTED TO.



I FREAKING  
LOVE IT..


YOU  
OKAY?



JUST  
ADMIRING THE  
VIEW.

OOH?





I THINK WE BOTH  
KNOW HOW ANY  
FURTHER JUDO WILL  
GO, SO HOW ABOUT  
WE GO HOME?

HUH?  
ALREADY?



I HAVE A LITTLE  
SURPRISE FOR  
YOU!


TO THANK  
YOU..

A LITTLE WHILE LATER CHELSEA AND ZACH HAD FOUND THEIR WAY HOME.


SO, WHAT'S THE SURPRISE?

WELL IT ISN'T LIKE A TYPICAL SURPRISE. I MEAN IT'S MORE OF AN INVITATION.



A woman with large breasts, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and light blue shorts, is talking to a man whose back is to the camera. She has black hair with bangs and is gesturing with her right hand. The background shows a modern building with large windows and some greenery.

CAUSE MY MOM  
ISN'T HOME  
TONIGHT, SO I  
THOUGHT WE'D JUST  
ORDER SOME TAKE  
OUT AND CHILL  
HERE?



AND.. YOU KNOW.  
WE CAN JUST SEE  
WHERE THE EVENING  
TAKES US?

**THE END!**