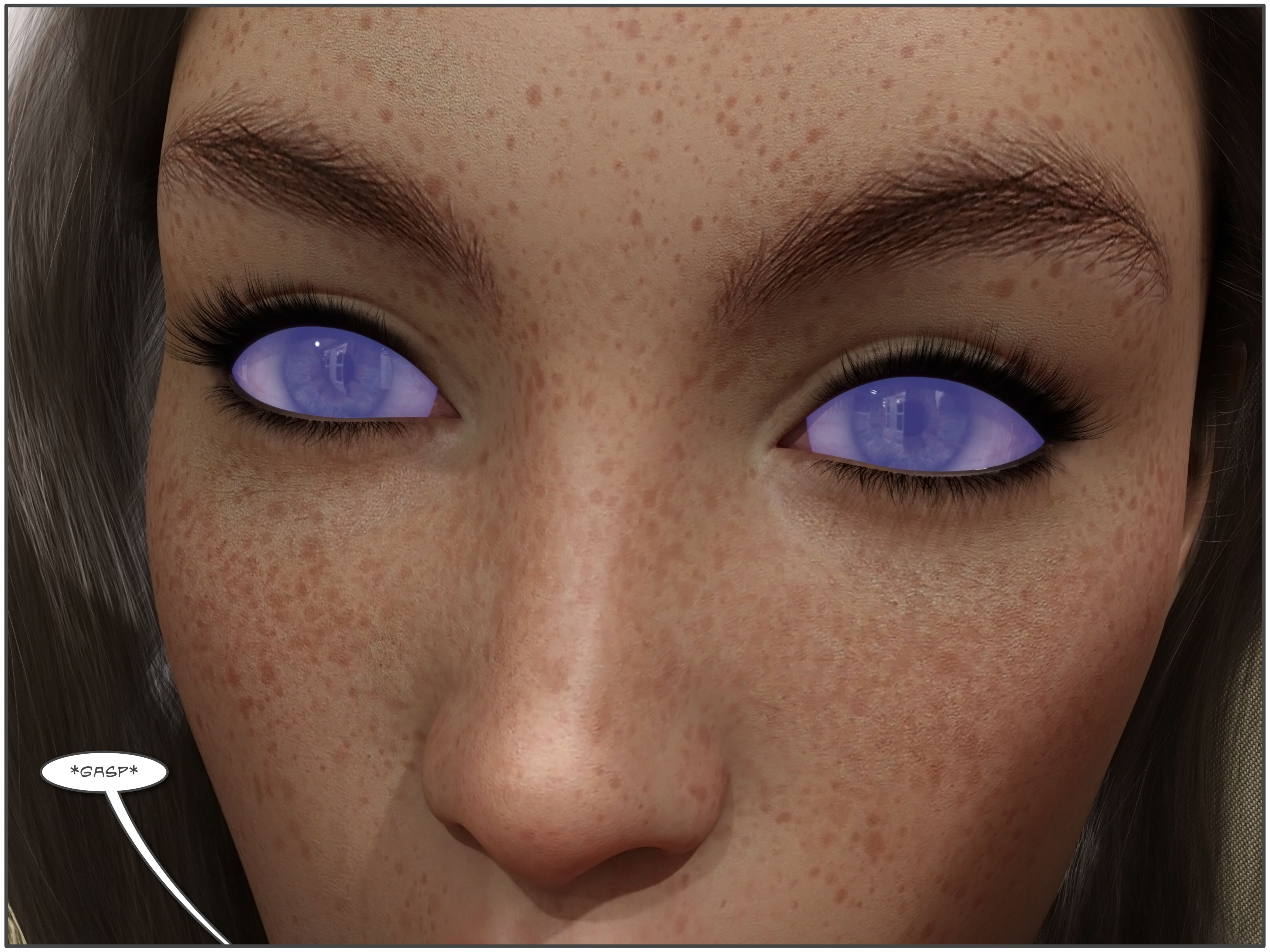


I FEEL LIKE
I KNOW YOU
ALREADY.

BRIE TALKED
ABOUT YOU ALL
THE TIME, BUT SHE
SAID YOU WERE TOO
NERVOUS TO
COME-

AND...

HM...



GASP

OH MY!

SHOOT! I'M SORRY!

I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO TOUCH-

GLORY!?!
WHAT'S WRONG!?!



IT'S...
TYLER.

HE'S A... A
CANDIDATE.

A CANDIDATE!?

A CANDID-

YOUR
EYES!



JESUS CHRIST!

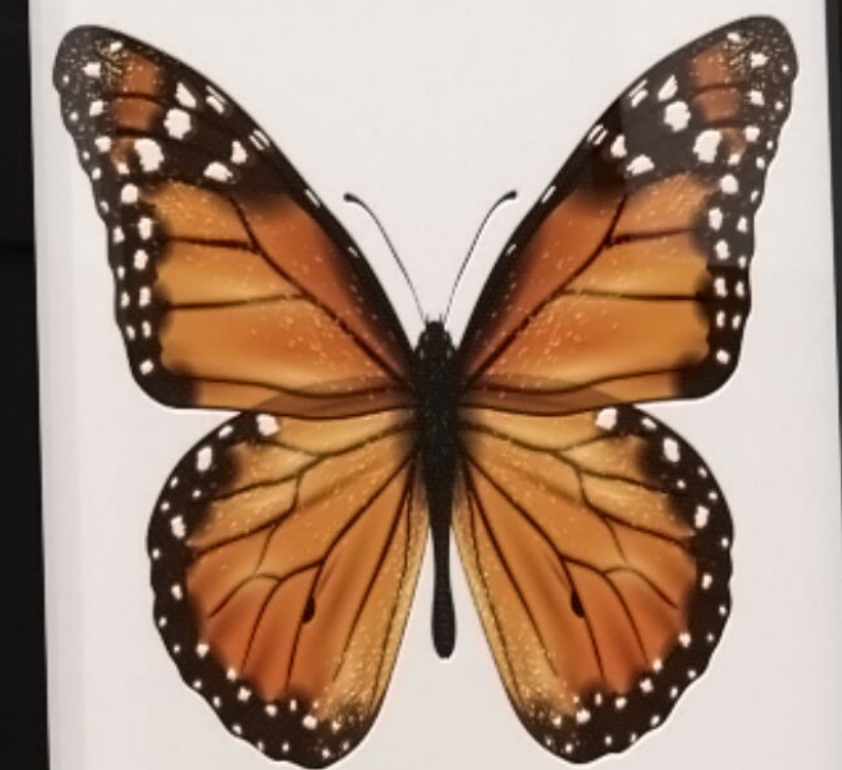
YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING?

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE'VE FOUND A NEW CANDIDATE!

I KNOW, BUT... THERE'S NO QUESTIONING THIS.

MY GOD...



DID I HURT YOU?

DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?

I'M OKAY. THE SENSATION IS A LITTLE OFF-PUTTING, BUT I'LL BE FINE.

WHAT SENSATION? WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

TYLER...



YOU'RE A
CANDIDATE FOR
THE *DIADEM*
PROCEDURE.



THE
PROCEDURE
YOUR MOTHER
PIONEERED.


THE
DIADEM
PROCEDURE?
THAT... THAT
CAN'T BE
RIGHT.

WE CAN DO
MORE TESTS TO
MAKE SURE, BUT
ANYONE WHO GOES
THROUGH THE
PROCEDURE CAN
SENSE OTHER
CANDIDATES.

LOOK AT
MY EYES,
TYLER. THEY
DON'T LIE.

THEY ONLY
GET LIKE THIS
AROUND
CANDIDATES.

BUT...
THE ODDS OF
THAT...



ONE IN A HUNDRED MILLION, MY BOY.

AND EVEN WITH THOSE ODDS, WE'VE ONLY FOUND **FOUR** CANDIDATES BEFORE TODAY.

IS THIS A **JOKE**? DID ADAM PUT YOU UP TO THIS?

THIS IS NO JOKE. WE'VE SPENT **MILLIONS** TRYING TO FIND NEW CANDIDATES...

...AND HERE YOU'VE BEEN THE WHOLE TIME.



B-BUT...
THE DIADÉM
PROCEDURE...

WILL
TURN YOU
INTO A
WOMAN.
YES.

WHOA.

BUT YOU
KNOW IT'S **MORE**
THAN THAT,
RIGHT?

AGING
GRINDS TO
A HALT.

YOUR
IMMUNE
SYSTEM KEEPS
YOU **HEALTHIER**
THAN ANY OTHER
HUMAN BEING
ON EARTH.

NOT TO
MENTION THE
MONEY AND FAME
THAT COME
WITH-

BEING A
WOMAN. YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT
ME BECOMING
A-

FEMALE
MODEL, YES.

A **HIGHLY**
SOUGHT AFTER AND
WELL-COMPENSATED
MODEL.





I JUST
CAME TO
TALK ABOUT
BEING AN
INTERN!

NOT
BEING... A
MODEL!

KELSEY POWELL
WAS HIRED AS A
JANITOR BEFORE HER
CANDIDACY WAS
DISCOVERED.

AND
LOOK AT
HER
NOW!

BUT-

I WON'T
LIE TO YOU,
TYLER...



I SEE THIS AS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU, BUT I AM ALSO THE **PRESIDENT** OF THIS COMPANY.

AND FINDING A NEW CANDIDATE IS **HUGE** FOR US.

YES, WE HAVE A REMARKABLE COTERIE OF MODELS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE DIADEM PROCEDURE...

...BUT THE FOUR WHO **HAVE** ARE AMONG THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER GLOBALLY.

SO IT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THIS COMPANY, THAT YOUR PARENTS FOUNDED, TO **ADD** TO THAT NUMBER.

I....



JEFF,
CAN YOU
GIVE US A
SECOND
ALONE?

I DID
NOT SEE
THE DAY
GOING LIKE
THIS.

I KNOW
WHAT HE'S
GOING
THROUGH,
SO...?

YES, YES,
OF COURSE.

TAKE
ALL THE
TIME YOU
NEED.

THANK
YOU.





THIS IS
VERY
EXCITING,
TYLER.

I THINK BOTH
OF YOUR PARENTS
WOULD HAVE BEEN
THRILLED BY THIS
DEVELOPMENT.

THEY
ALWAYS
SPOKE SO
HIGHLY
OF-

JEFF?

RIGHT. I'LL
GIVE YOU TWO
SOME TIME TO
TALK.

I'LL BE
RIGHT
OUTSIDE WITH
MARCIE IF
YOU NEED
US.



I APOLOGIZE
FOR JEFF.

HE'S ONLY HAD
ONE CANDIDATE
SHOW UP BEFORE YOU,
SO IT'S A BIG DEAL
FOR HIM.

HE'S A
GREAT GUY,
THOUGH... BUT
YOU KNOW
THAT.

HE AND
YOUR FATHER
WERE CLOSE,
RIGHT?

TYLER?



YOU OKAY?

IT'S JUST... A LOT TO TAKE IN.

YEAH, I GET THAT. I WAS LITERALLY IN YOUR SHOES YEARS AGO.

I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. ANY.

HM...

WHAT?

I DON'T WANT THIS TO SOUND WEIRD, BUT...

IT'S KINDA HARD TO TALK TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE WEARING... *THAT.*


YOUR MOTHER SAID YOU WERE A *SHY* ONE. **GIGGLE**

DO YOU WANT ME TO *CHANGE?*

NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO... I JUST...

I'VE NEVER BEEN AROUND A WOMAN AS *BEAUTIFUL* AS YOU, LET ALONE WHILE WEARING *THAT.*



A woman with long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a white bikini, stands with her hands on her hips. She is looking at a man with short brown hair wearing a green sweater. They are in a room with a patterned wall and a framed picture. The scene is overlaid with comic-style speech bubbles.

IT'S OKAY
IF YOU
SNEAK A
PEEK AT MY
BREASTS,
TYLER.

WHAT?
I-I'D
NEVER-

IT'S OKAY.
THERE ARE A GROUP
OF 15 PEOPLE OUT BY
THE POOL WHO ARE
MAKING SURE MY
BREASTS LOOK AS
IMPRESSIVE AS
POSSIBLE...

SO I'D
ACTUALLY BE
OFFENDED IF
YOU DIDN'T
APPRECIATE
THEM.
GIGGLE

15 PEOPLE?
WHAT IS-



THIS IS A
COMPANY MANSION,
AND WE USE THE POOL
OUT BACK FOR
PHOTOSHOOTS
PRETTY OFTEN.

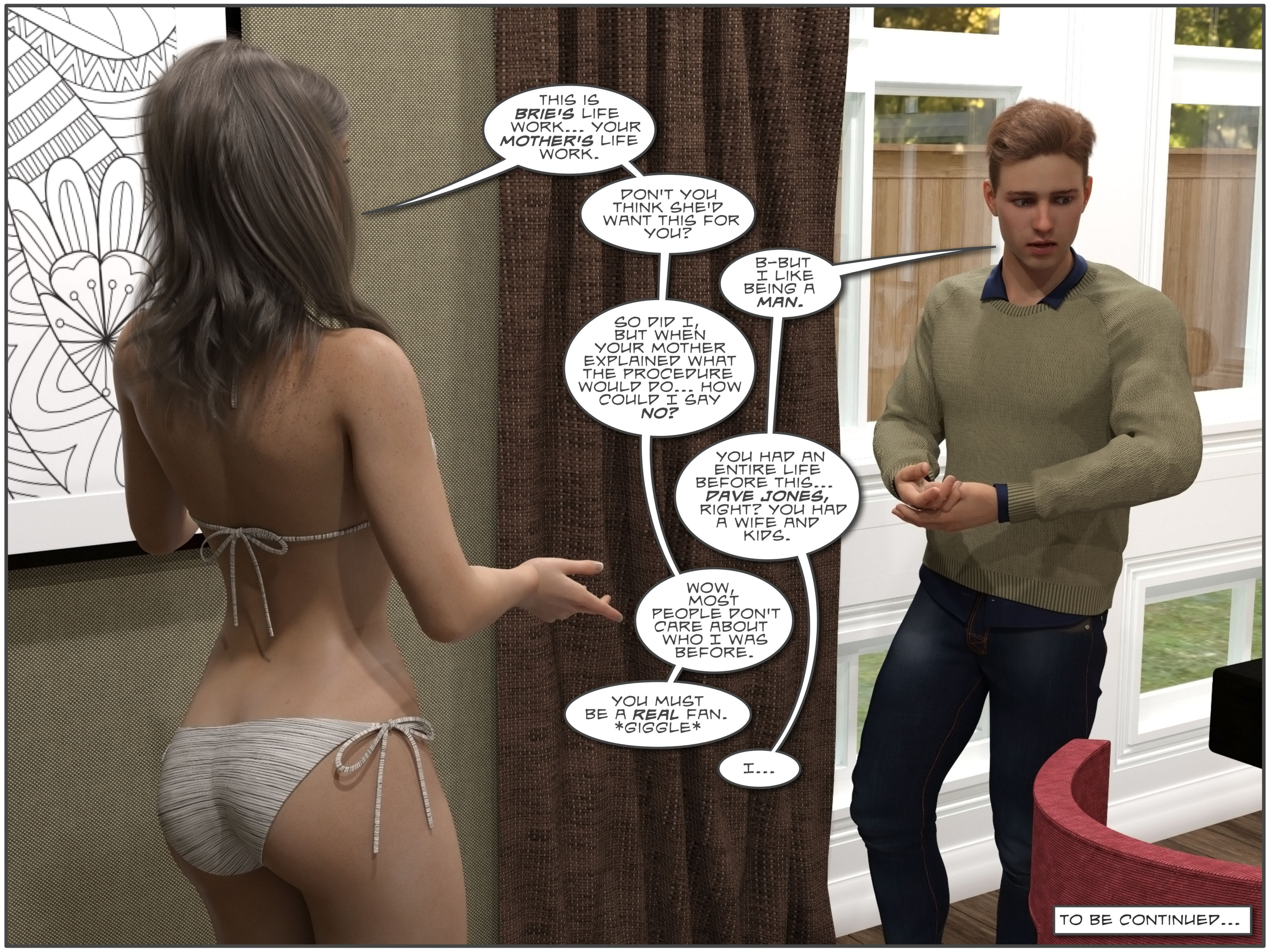
THERE ARE A
FEW MORE
MODELS OUT THERE
I COULD INTRODUCE
YOU TO IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED?

NO,
NO...
I'M... I'M
OKAY.

BEST TO GET
USED TO BEING
AROUND WOMEN IN
BIKINIS AND **LESS**,
TYLER.

GET
COMFORTABLE
WITH THAT, AND THE
FACT THAT **YOU'LL**
EVENTUALLY BE THE
ONE GUYS ARE
NERVOUS
AROUND.

I-I
HAVEN'T
SAID THAT
I'D DO
IT.



THIS IS BRIE'S LIFE WORK... YOUR MOTHER'S LIFE WORK.

DON'T YOU THINK SHE'D WANT THIS FOR YOU?

B-BUT I LIKE BEING A MAN.

SO DID I, BUT WHEN YOUR MOTHER EXPLAINED WHAT THE PROCEDURE WOULD DO... HOW COULD I SAY NO?

YOU HAD AN ENTIRE LIFE BEFORE THIS... DAVE JONES, RIGHT? YOU HAD A WIFE AND KIDS.

WOW, MOST PEOPLE DON'T CARE ABOUT WHO I WAS BEFORE.

YOU MUST BE A REAL FAN. *GIGGLE*

I...

TO BE CONTINUED...