

Forever Summer

Chapter 34

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THE NEXT DAY...

O- OH? REALLY?!

OH, I SEE~

BEFORE I GO, AKIO-KUN TOLD ME THAT YOU GOT APPROVED FROM HIS BOSS. YOU ARE A FULL FLEDGED MODEL NOW, RIKA-CHAN.

I THINK STARTING NEXT WEEK, THEY WILL START CALLING YOU OUT MORE AND MORE.

AND IF YOU MANAGE TO IMPRESS THEM, YOU MIGHT EARN A BONUS, YOU KNOW.

BONUS? THAT MEANS MORE MONEY FOR ME, RIGHT?

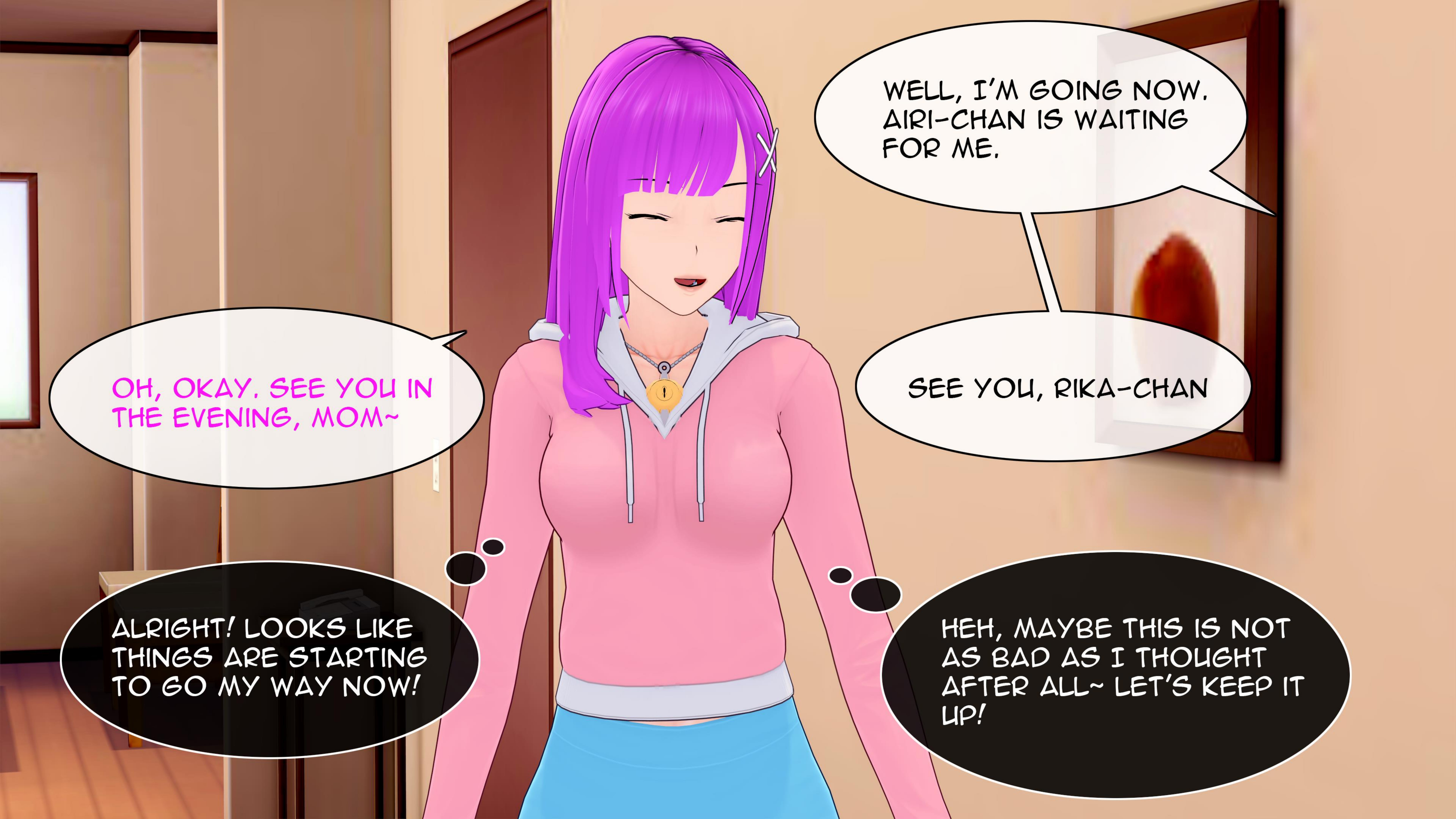
Y- YOU THINK SO?

HMM~ WELL, IT'S NOT THAT HARD, RIGHT?

YEP~ IF YOU CAN DO THAT, I THINK YOU CAN EASILY FIND THE MONEY YOU NEED IN LESS THAN 3 MONTHS.

YES, IF YOU CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE YESTERDAY, IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE.

HUHU, THAT'S THE RIKA-CHAN I KNEW!



WELL, I'M GOING NOW.
AIRI-CHAN IS WAITING
FOR ME.

OH, OKAY. SEE YOU IN
THE EVENING, MOM~

SEE YOU, RIKA-CHAN

ALRIGHT! LOOKS LIKE
THINGS ARE STARTING
TO GO MY WAY NOW!

HEH, MAYBE THIS IS NOT
AS BAD AS I THOUGHT
AFTER ALL~ LET'S KEEP IT
UP!

RAKU WAS GETTING MORE AND MORE COMFORTABLE WITH HIS NEW LIFESTYLE AND THE WEEK CONTINUED LIKE USUAL...

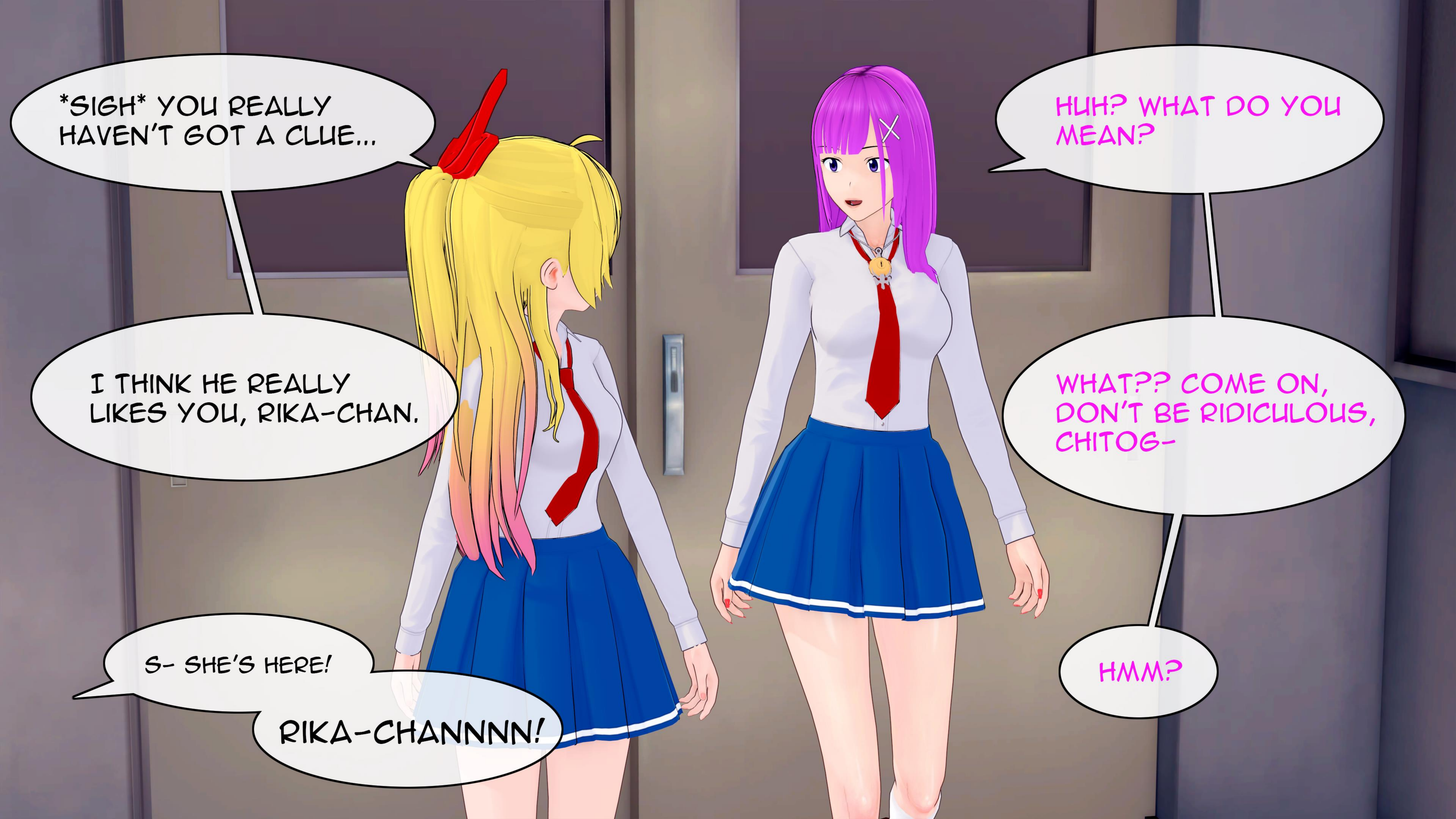
UNTIL THURSDAY...



AND YOU KNOW, THAT GUY ACTUALLY BOUGHT ME A LUNCH, AGAIN.

AGAIN?? I THINK HE'S SERIOUSLY TRYING TO IMPRESS YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

IMPRESS ME? NOPE, HE'S ONLY TRYING TO BE GENEROUS, GIRL. WE'RE JUST A CLASSMATE AFTER ALL.



***SIGH* YOU REALLY
HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE...**

**I THINK HE REALLY
LIKES YOU, RIKA-CHAN.**

S- SHE'S HERE!

RIKA-CHANNNN!

**HUH? WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?**

**WHAT?? COME ON,
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS,
CHITOG-**

HMM?

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU LIKE AGES!

WE SAW IT! YOU LOOK SO HOT, GIRL.

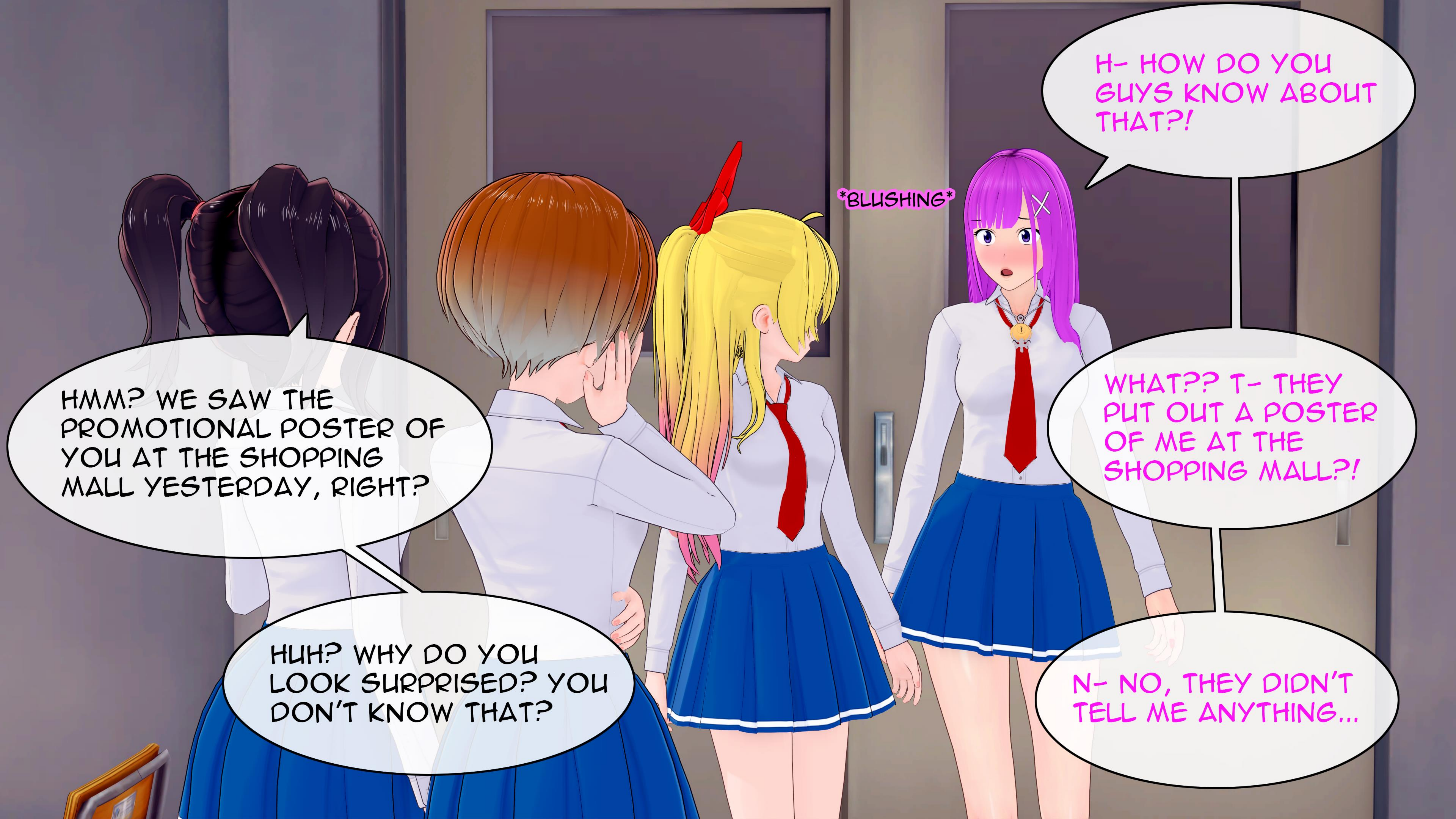
DON'T PRETEND LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW. I- I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A LINGERIE MODEL!

OH, HI...

HUH...? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

LINGERIE...

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HMM? WE SAW THE PROMOTIONAL POSTER OF YOU AT THE SHOPPING MALL YESTERDAY, RIGHT?

HUH? WHY DO YOU LOOK SURPRISED? YOU DON'T KNOW THAT?

BLUSHING

H- HOW DO YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THAT?!

WHAT?? T- THEY PUT OUT A POSTER OF ME AT THE SHOPPING MALL?!

N- NO, THEY DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING...

OH WELL, THAT
BESIDES THE POINT

WE ACTUALLY BOUGHT
YOUR PRODUCT, HEHE.

YES~ WHEN WE SAW THE
POSTER, WE JUST
COULDN'T HELP BUT LOOK
AT HOW SEXY YOU ARE
WITH THAT SET...

WHISPER ACTUALLY,
I'M WEARING IT, RIGHT
NOW. WANNA SEE?

Y- YOU BOUGHT
THEM TOO?!

LIGH... I- I...

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AH, I'M JUST KIDDING, HEHE~ BUT AT LEAST CAN YOU TELL ME SOME OF YOUR SECRETS?

HMM, NOW I'M PRETTY SURE THAT YOU'RE HIDING SOMETH-

I- I- I'M FINE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW ME ANYTHING!

S- SECRET? I DON'T HAVE ANY SECRET, YOU KNOW?

LIGHHH, I- I NEED TO GO THE RESTROOM RIGHT NOW. I- I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER!

DOOR CLOSE

YOU IDIOT! NOW
YOU JUST
SCARED HER OFF!

LIGH, JUST SAY
SORRY TO HER THE
NEXT TIME, OKAY?

OKAY...

LIGHHH, B- BUT I
REALLY WANT TO
KNOW WHAT SKINCARE
PRODUCT SHE USES!

HAHA, IT'S
FINE! DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT, GUYS.

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IN THE RESTROOM...

SIGHHHHHHHH

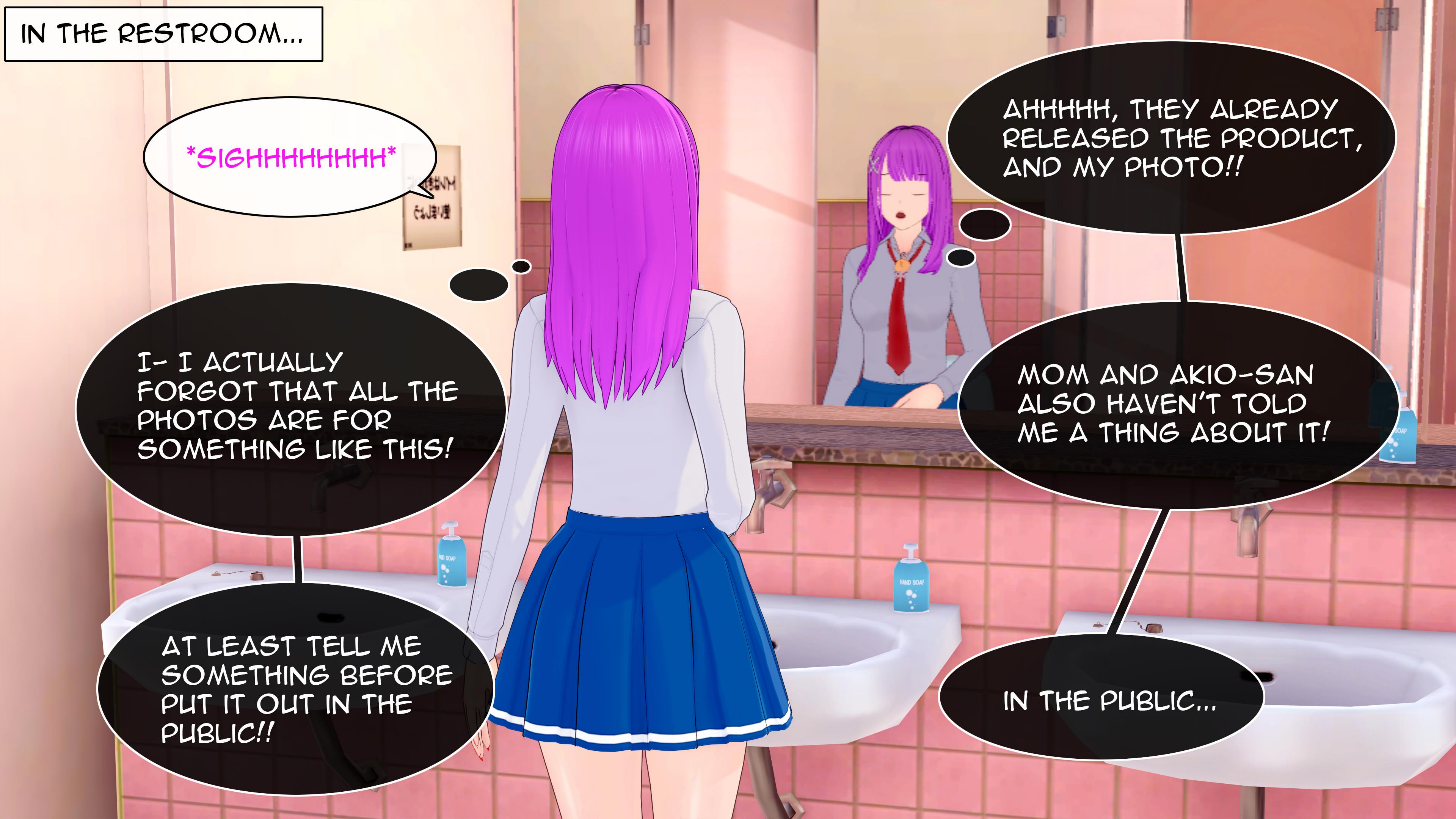
AHHHHH, THEY ALREADY RELEASED THE PRODUCT, AND MY PHOTO!!

I- I ACTUALLY FORGOT THAT ALL THE PHOTOS ARE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

MOM AND AKIO-SAN ALSO HAVEN'T TOLD ME A THING ABOUT IT!

AT LEAST TELL ME SOMETHING BEFORE PUT IT OUT IN THE PUBLIC!!

IN THE PUBLIC...



GASP T-T- THAT MEANS ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY WILL SEE THAT POSTER?!

THEN HOW AM I GOING TO HIDE MY FACE?!

HMM~ YOU LOOK LIKE YOU SEE A GHOST, RIKA-CHAN!

OH GOSH!
NO NO NO!!!

I- I HAVE TO CALL MOM, AND TELL HER ABOUT THIS!!

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使いましょう

HMM? HELP YOU WITH WHAT?

ANNNND...? ISN'T THAT A VERY GOOD NEWS FOR YOU?

O- OH! AIRI-CHAN! YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!

THE COMPANY THAT I WORKED FOR ACTUALLY RELEASED MY POSTER!

A VERY G-... HUH?

THIS IS REALLY REALLY BAD!!

HMM? I DON'T SEE WHY IT'S A BAD THING THOUGH.

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使いましょう

BUT ISN'T THAT THE BEST PART? YOU'LL BE SUPER FAMOUS!

OF COURSE, YOU CAN STILL GO BACK. BUT YOU NEED TO LOOK IN THE PRESENT, RIKA-CHAN.

EH? ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? NOW EVERY PERSON IN THIS CITY WILL KNOW MY FACE! H- HOW CAN I GO BACK TO MY OLD LIFE?

手洗はきれいに
使いましょう

BEST?? I NEED TO GO BACK HOME IN A FEW MONTHS, YOU KNOW?

HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IF YOU'RE GETTING POPULAR THEN YOUR RATE WILL BE SKYROCKET, RIGHT?

THEN AT THAT POINT, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT WITH THAT MONEY, RIGHT?

YOU CAN EVEN DO A SURGERY TO MAKE YOU AS MANLY AS YOU WANT, AND THEN GO BACK TO YOUR HOME, RIGHT?

LIGHHH, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP ME ONE BIT!

L- LIKE WHAT?

LIGHHHH...
T- THAT'S...
THAT'S TRUE...

B- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL?? GIRLS IN OUR CLASS ARE STARTING TO GET CRAZY NOW, YOU KNOW?

WHAT? YOU THINK THEY BOUGHT IT BECAUSE OF ME?

HUH? YOU MEAN LIKE... I SHOULD ACT LIKE I'M THEIR IDOL OR SOMETHING? HELL NO!

IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'RE YOUR FANCLUB, RIGHT?

THEY EVEN BOUGHT A PRODUCT BECAUSE OF YOU!

OF COURSE, GIRL. SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THEN?

HUHU, BUT WHAT CHOICE DO YOU HAVE, RIKA-CHAN?

YOU CAN MAKE THEM
PRAISE YOU OR HAVE THEM
GOSSIP ABOUT YOU. WHO
KNOWS IF THEY'LL TRY TO
DIG UP YOUR PAST?

WELL, YOU CAN BE THEIR
IDOL, AND THEN LEAVE
WITHOUT A TRACE WHEN
YOU GO BACK HOME.
SOUNDS GOOD?

IT'S YOUR CHOICE~

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T- THAT'S NOT
HAPPENING!!

LIGHH, T- THERE'S
NO WAY I'M DOING
THAT!

SIGH GOSH, THIS IS
JUST ONE PROBLEM
AFTER ANOTHER...

I DON'T KNOW
AIRI-CHAN... YOUR
IDEA SOUNDS SO
RIDICULOUS.

I CAN'T IMAGINE
MYSELF AS THEIR
IDOL, YOU KNOW?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
CHOOSE NOW, JUST
KEEP THAT IN MIND.

YEAH... I REALLY NEED
TIME TO THINK ABOUT
THIS.

BUT THE FASTER THE
BETTER. I'M SURE
THERE WILL BE MORE
PEOPLE LIKE THOSE
GIRL IN OUR CLASS.

YEAH, I KNOW THAT...

BUT I THINK TODAY IS SAFE FOR NOW, SINCE THE POSTER JUST CAME OUT...

BUT NEXT WEEK IS A DIFFERENT STORY...

WELL, YOU CAN THINK ABOUT IT LATER. WE NEED TO GO TO THE CLASS NOW, OR WE'LL BE LATE.

OH, R- RIGHT... I ALMOST FORGOT THAT WE'RE STILL IN SCHOOL, HAHA.

HAHA, OKAY, LET'S GO~

THAT NIGHT...

GOSH, I STILL DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH
PEOPLE AT SCHOOL...

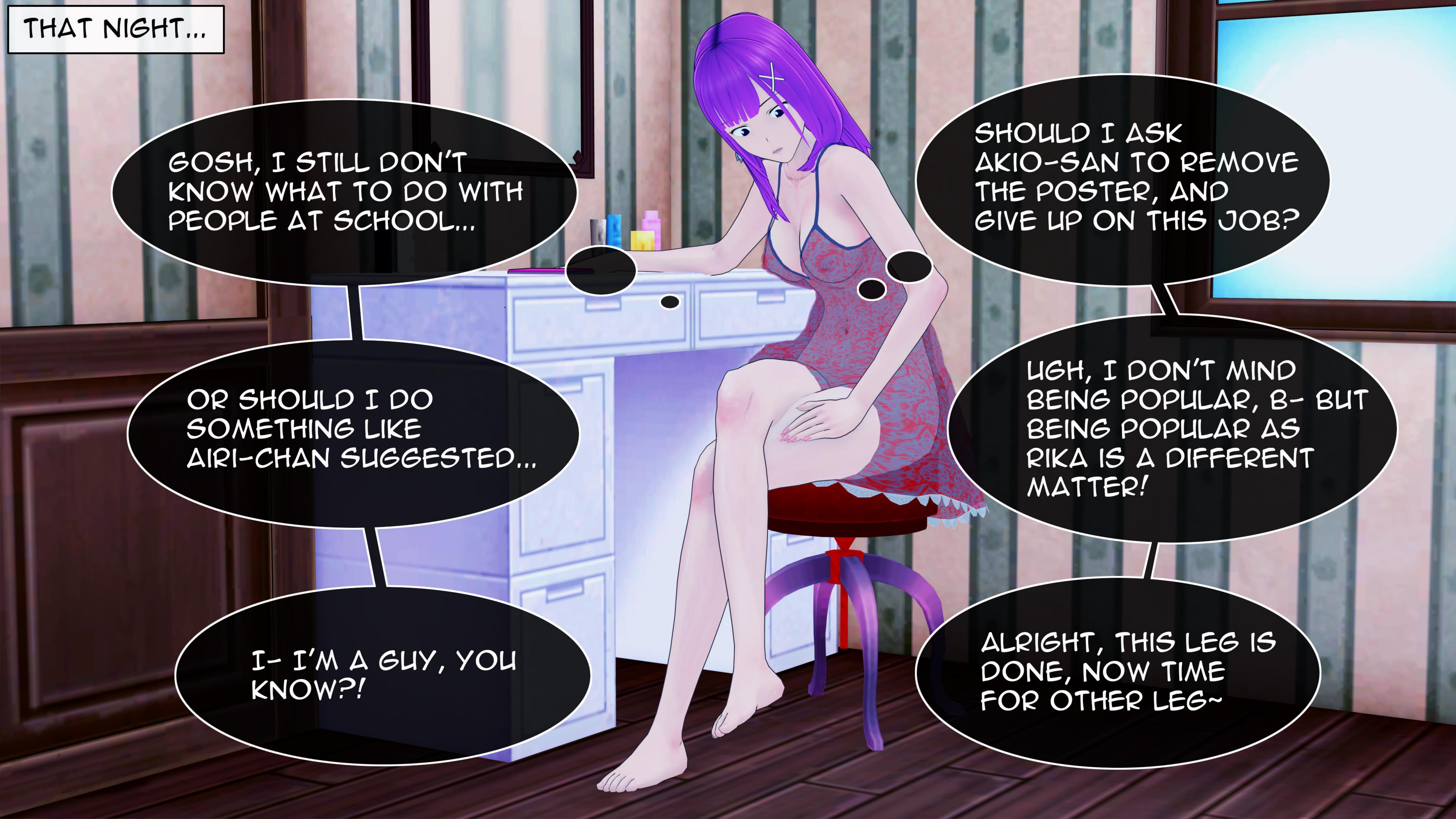
SHOULD I ASK
AKIO-SAN TO REMOVE
THE POSTER, AND
GIVE UP ON THIS JOB?

OR SHOULD I DO
SOMETHING LIKE
AIRI-CHAN SUGGESTED...

LIGHT, I DON'T MIND
BEING POPULAR, B- BUT
BEING POPULAR AS
RIKA IS A DIFFERENT
MATTER!

I- I'M A GUY, YOU
KNOW?!

ALRIGHT, THIS LEG IS
DONE, NOW TIME
FOR OTHER LEG~



FROM WHAT AIRI SAID, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ACT LIKE I'M AN IDOL, RIGHT?

LIGHT, M- MAYBE I CAN DO THAT...?

RING

RING

HMM?

OH, IT'S DAD.

SIGH CALLING ME THIS LATE, MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED?



AHEM

AHEM

HEY DAD WHAT'S UP?

HEY, RAKU. WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?

W- WELL, I'M... UMM, P- PREPARING FOR SCHOOL!

OH, GREAT. I JUST WANT TO TALK WITH YOU REAL QUICK.

HMM? WHAT IS IT, DAD?

A woman with short purple hair and blue eyes is sitting on a desk, talking on a pink smartphone. She is wearing a red dress with a floral pattern and a necklace with a gold pendant. The background shows a window with a view of a city.

WELL, WE HIT THE JACKPOT WITH THE NEW COMPANY THIS WEEK!

WHEW, IT'S A GOOD NEWS THEN!

YES, VERY GOOD NEWS INDEED. MY SUBORDINATE FOUND OUT THAT THERE'S A HIDDEN GEM HIDING IN THIS COMPANY.

OH, THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING.

YES, HMM, ACTUALLY LET ME SEND THIS PICTURE TO YOU.

OH, OKAY. LET ME CHANGE TO SPEAKER MODE REAL QUICK.



OKAY, I ALREADY SENT IT.

I GOT IT, DAD, NOW LET'S SEE~

WELL, WE JUST GOT THAT PICTURE TODAY. I DON'T KNOW WHY MY FRIEND DOESN'T TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT HER.

DID YOU SEE IT?

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SO THE ONLY INFORMATION I HAVE IS THAT PICTURE AND A BIT OF HER BACKGROUND INFO.

T-T-T- THIS IS....

SHE'S FROM KIRISAKI FAMILY. MAYBE SHE'S CHITOGÉ'S COUSIN, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HAHA.

LIKE I SAID, MY FRIEND REFUSED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HER.

HE DRAGGED ME INTO THIS AND NOW HE'S ACTING WEIRD, GOD DAMNIT!



BUT WELL, YOU'RE STAYING IN ONE OF THEIR HOUSE, RIGHT? HAVE YOU SEEN HER BEFORE, RAKU?

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