

Forever Summer

Chapter 36

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IN THE EVENING...


AHHHHHHHHHHHH~

LIGHHHH, I CAN FINALLY REST!

GOSH, AIRI-CHAN IS NO JOKE WHEN IT COMES TO TRAINING LIKE THIS...

THANK GOD, SHE ENDED IT BEFORE MY BRAIN EXPLODED...






STILL, I WONDER IF THIS WILL REALLY WORK IN REAL LIFE... DO PEOPLE LOVE IT WHEN A GIRL SAYS THINGS LIKE THAT?

SIGHHHH I REALLY HAVE NO CLUE...

BUT AT LEAST I HAVE TO GIVE IT A TRY TO FIND THAT OUT, RIGHT?

AND I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST WAY FOR ME TO PREVENT ME FROM MAKING STUPID MISTAKE TOO...



I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT BAD IF I THINK OF IT THAT WAY...

THEY'RE TOOLS TO GET ME OUT OF THIS MESS, THAT'S ALL, RIGHT?

SO NO MATTER HOW RIDICULOUS THIS MIGHT SEEM, I'LL JUST HAVE TO ENDURE IT FOR A FEW MONTHS.

BUT MAN, IF DAD HASN'T FOUND OUT ABOUT ME, ABOUT RIKA...

WELL, IT'S NO USE TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW, THE ONLY CHOICE IS TO GO FORWARD.

MORE IMPORTANTLY,
AIRI-CHAN ALSO
PROMISED ME TO-

DOOR OPENING

I'M BACK~

!

AH~ PERFECT
TIMING, HEHE~

OHHHH~ THIS IS
WHAT I'M
TALKING ABOUT~



WELL, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH
A GOOD GIRL TODAY.

I KNOW! AND THAT'S
WHY YOU DESERVE THIS,
GIRL~ YOU CAN HAVE SEX
WITH ME ANYWAY YOU
WANT TONIGHT!

OF COURSE, IT
WAS WORTH IT.

IT HAS TO BE DONE,
RIGHT? BUT IT'S NOT
EASY FOR ME TO DO
THOSE KIND OF
THINGS, YOU KNOW?

HEHE, I GUESS
WHAT I DID LAST
WEEK WAS WORTH
IT AFTER ALL~

ALRIGHTY, IT'S TIME
TO SHOW YOU
WHAT I'M CAPABLE
OF, AIRI-CHAN!

A MOMENT LATER...

HEHE, THIS IS MORE LIKE IT~

OF COURSE, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!

YEP, DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL REALLY GOOD~

HMM, ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, RIKA-CHAN?

OH, REALLY NOW?



WELL, I THINK YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF MORE.

I DON'T THINK THAT LITTLE THINGY IS NOT ENOUGH TO SATISFY A GIRL LIKE YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

HMM?

O- OF COURSE, IT IS ENOUGH! W- WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUHU, YOU'LL SEE SOON, NOW LET'S START, SHALL WE?

A MOMENT LATER...

AH~ AIRI-CHAN, HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW?

HMM~ NOT THAT BAD I GUESS.

HEHE, I TOLD YOU IT'D FEEL NICE, RIGHT? MAYBE I SHOULD GO EVEN FASTER.

OH SURE, YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN TODAY, HUHU.

ALRIGHT, LET'S DO IT THEN!



5 MINUTES LATER...

HAAA....
HAA...
I THINK I'M ALMOST THERE, AIRI-CHAN. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

HMM? I DON'T KNOW, HEHE. MAYBE HALF WAY THERE?

W- WHAT? UGH, I- I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD IT ANY LONGER.

OH, SURE. JUST LET IT OUT THEN~



T- THIS IS IT!

HAAAA....

I'M CUMMING, AH...

T- THAT'S IT...

SPLASH

HUHU, IT'S OKAY,
RIKA-CHAN~





UGH, H- HOW WAS THAT?

HMM, IT'S FINE, BUT
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

UGHHH, I- I THINK IT
WAS... UGH, KINDA
NICE, R- RIGHT?

KINDA NICE...?
REALLY NOW~?

UGH, I- I MEAN I
DIDN'T DO IT FOR A
LONG TIME, RIGHT? SO
IF I CAN DO THIS AGAIN
NEXT TIME...

ARE YOU SURE
THAT'S THE CASE?

O- OF COURSE IT IS!

Y- YOU SAID BEFORE THAT MY BODY IS GOOD AT ADAPTING, RIGHT? S- SO I THINK WE HAVE TO GIVE IT MORE TIME TO ADAPT.

SO, I THINK TODAY IS A GOOD START, Y- YEAH?

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU ENJOY, IT'S GOOD.

LIGHHHH, ALRIGHT, IT'S GETTING LATE NOW, LET'S TAKE A BATH AND SLEEP.

OKAY~

IN THE BATHROOM...

AHHHHHH, SO IS THIS
HOW NORMAL SEX
FEELS LIKE?

T- THERE'S NO WAY
THIS IS IT, RIGHT?

AHHHHHHH, WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME?!

T- THIS IS WHAT I'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR
THE ENTIRE TIME?

NOT ONLY SHE
DIDN'T ENJOY IT, I
ALSO DIDN'T ENJ-
UGH...





IT JUST FELT LIKE
THERE'S SOMETHING
MISSING!

OH GOSH, WAS
AIRI-CHAN RIGHT
ABOUT ME?

?!

L- LITTLE THINGY??
WHAT THE HECK AM I
THINKING?

SOMETHING...
LIGHHH, I DON'T
KNOW.

DOES THIS MEAN MY
LITTLE THINGY COULDN'T
SATISFY ME ANYMORE?

AHHHH, I'LL HAVE TO
FIGURE THIS OUT, AND
PROVE THAT SHE'S
WRONG ABOUT IT!

SUNDAY MORNING...

ALRIGHT, ARE YOU READY?

YES, BUT WHERE IS RIKA-CHAN?

W-WAIT!

AH, THERE SHE IS~

OH, WOW~

C-CAN I GO OUT WITH YOU TOO?

LIGH, T- THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO DO AT THE MALL, SO...

W- WHY DO YOU LOOK SURPRISED? T- THIS IS THE HOMEWORK YOU TOLD ME TO DO, REMEMBER?

LIGHHH, W- WELL, RIKA IS NOT THAT KIND OF A GIRL WHO STAYS HOME ALL DAY, RIGHT?

OH~~~

OH, I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU FOLLOW MY ADVICE, RIKA-CHAN.

HUHU, THAT'S CORRECT. AND OH, BEFORE YOU GO OUT, DO YOU HAVE CASH WITH YOU?

LIGHH, Y- YEAH... BUT NOT THAT MUC-

H- HUH?! A- ARE YOU SERIOUS?

LIGHH... T- THAT'S TRUE...

WELL~ WHY DON'T YOU TAKE MY CARD THEN?

OF COURSE, RIKA-CHAN NEEDS TO LOOK HER BEST, RIGHT? SHE'S THE NEW STAR OF THE COMPANY, YOU KNOW?

JUST MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY SPENT ON THIS CARD IS FOR RIKA ONLY, OKAY?



SIGH OKAY, MOM-,
UGH, I MEAN AUNT AI-

O- OH... UGH,
OKAY, MOM.

OKAY, I WILL.

YOU CAN CALL ME MOM.
AIRI-CHAN ALREADY KNEW
ABOUT THE OUR SITUATION
WE'RE IN.

WELL, CALL ME WHEN
YOU'RE DONE, OKAY?

ALRIGHT, LET'S GO THEN!


AND HERE WE ARE...

HMM, THINKING ABOUT IT NOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I COME HERE ALONE.



UGH, WHY DO GIRLS REALLY LIKE TO GO TO THE MALL THAT MUCH? I REALLY DON'T GET IT.

USUALLY THERE'S AIRI-CHAN, CHITOGI, OR EVEN MOM WITH ME.



MAYBE BECAUSE I
THOUGHT THERE'S
NOTHING TO DO AT
THE MALL AS A GUY...

SO I CAN CREATE A
WEEKEND PLAN FOR
MYSELF.

SIGH I GUESS THIS IS
WHERE I NEED TO
START THINKING LIKE
RIKA.

SO, THE GOAL OF
TODAY IS TO GATHER
AS MUCH INFO AS I
CAN AS RIKA.

LIGHT, NOW, WHERE
TO START...

INHALE

EXHALE

ALRIGHT, WHAT WOULD RIKA DO AT THE MALL ON SUNDAY...?

HMM...

OH~

HOW ABOUT I START WITH A BEAUTY SALON AND GO FROM THERE?

GOOD THINKING, RIKA-CHAN!

THEN RAKU WENT TO AYANO'S SALON TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION FOR HIS "COVER"

HELLO~ HMM, AYANO-SAN ISN'T HERE TODAY?

OH, I- I'M RIKA. I JUST... UMM, WOULD YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

WELCOME TO AYA BEAUTY. HOW MAY I HELP YOU TODAY?

I THINK SHE'LL BE HERE IN ABOUT AN HOUR. ARE YOU HER REGULAR? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

OH? SURE.



OH, I SEE! SO, YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR BEAUTY PROGRAMS, RIGHT?

ALRIGHT, I'LL GO OVER BASIC PROCEDURES FIRST THEN.

I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT, UMM... THE SERVICE YOU GUYS OFFER, I- I'M KINDA NEW TO THIS, HAHA...

O- OH YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I MEANT!

OH, LOOKS LIKE THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR~

SOME TIME LATER...

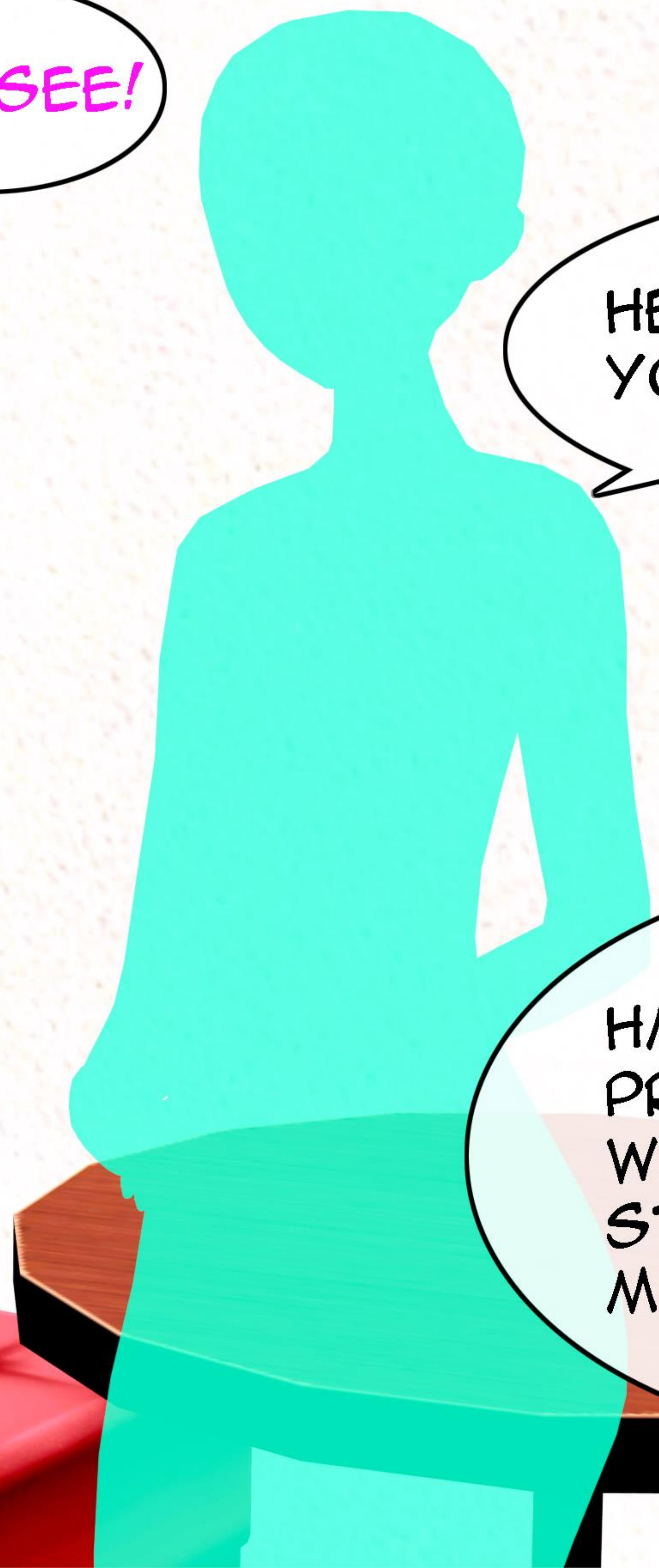
LGH, T- THIS PLACE IS CALLED A BEAUTY SALON FOR A REASON... I- I THINK THIS WOULD BE A BIT OVERKILL FOR NOW...

I- I SEE!

HEHE, WHICH ONE ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

HMM, I DON'T KNOW YET. I'LL HAVE TO THINK IT THROUGH FIRST-

HMM, I THINK THE PREMIUM PLAN WOULD SUIT YOUR STYLE REALLY WELL, MISS.





O- OH, REALLY?

UGH, I- I THINK YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT! B- BUT I HAVE TO GIVE IT SOME MORE THOUGHTS FIRST, OKAY?

I- I DEFINITELY WILL, THANKS~

YES, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LOOK ABSOLUTE BEST, THEN YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE FROM HEAD TO TOES.

I SEE... WELL, LET US KNOW WHEN YOU'RE READY. HERE'S OUR NUMBER.

WHEW THAT WAS A LITTLE
AWKWARD, HEHE...

ALRIGHT, LET'S KEEP
GOING THEN.

BUT WELL, AT LEAST I
THINK I GOT WHAT I
CAME FOR.



AND RAKU CONTINUED HIS RESEARCH BY GOING TO OTHER STORES THAT AIMS TOWARD WOMAN.

MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE, THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW, OR NOTICE BEFORE...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHY MOM SAID I SHOULD CHECK THIS STORE OUT. IT'S JUST A ...BAG?

HUH? I THINK I'VE SEEN THIS BRAND BEFORE...

AHHHH, NOW I REMEMBER. SO THIS IS THE SO-CALLED FAMOUS BAG THAT MENTIONED IN THE MAGAZINE I READ?

WAIT...

WHAT THE?! H- HOW IS IT THAT EXPENSIVE?!

OH, A CUSTOMER~ WHICH ONE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, MISS?

AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF HIS JOURNEY AT THE MALL...

O- OH! A- ACTUALLY, I'M JUST LOOKING AROUND...

I- IT'S OKAY! I- I'M ABOUT TO LEAV-

E- EH?

FIRST TIME HERE? NO WORRIES, I CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH OUR STORE.

PLEASE FOLLOW ME, MISS.



SOME TIME LATER...

MY GOSH HHH, THAT GIRL WAS TAKING ME FOR A WALK, LIKE FOREVER!

EVEN THOUGH HER CLOTHES ARE REALLY CUTE, I'M STILL NOT SURE IF IT'S RIGHT FOR ME...

SIGH H THIS IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT.

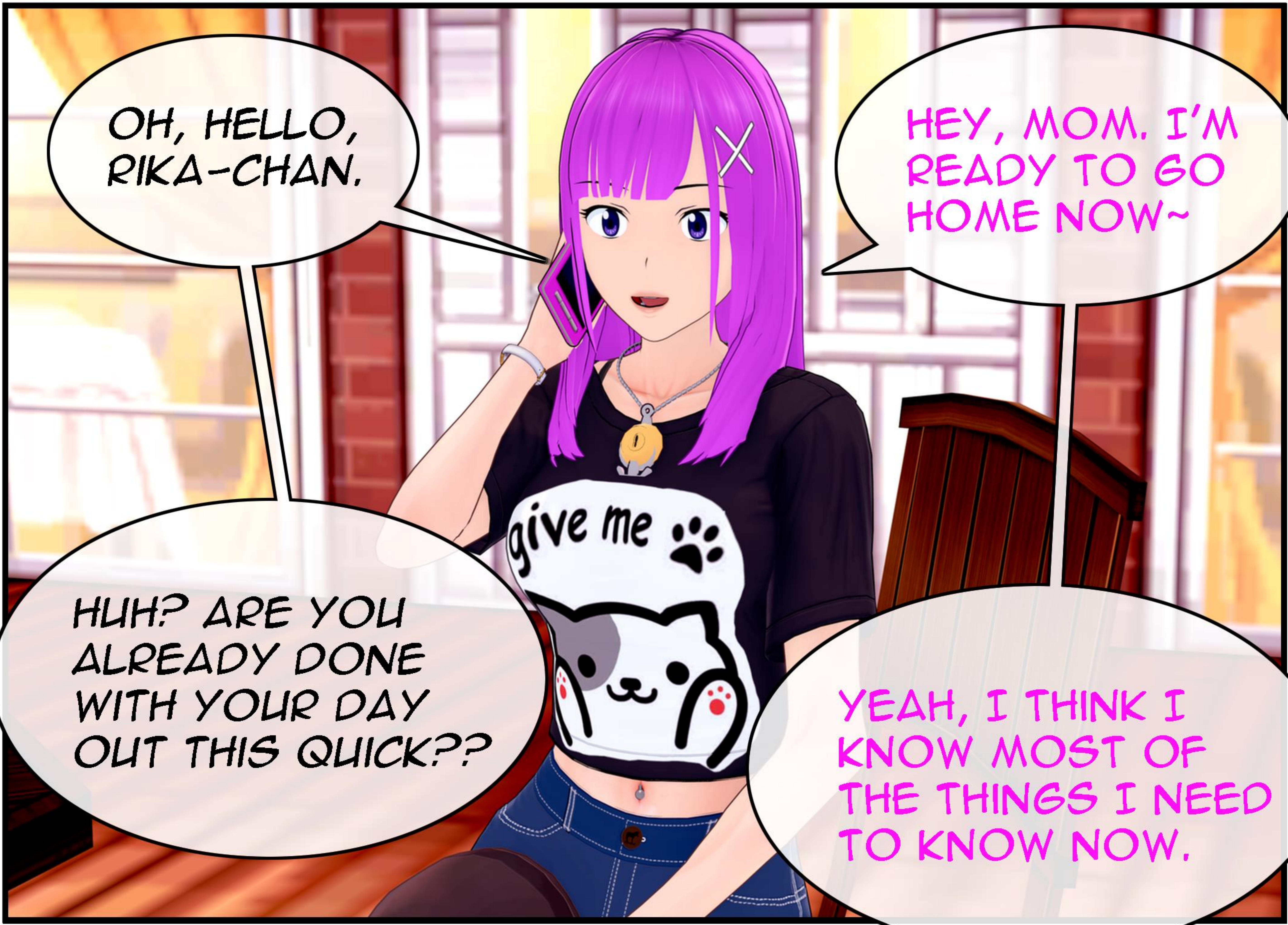
BUT AT LEAST NOW I KNOW WHY GIRLS ALWAYS TAKING SO LONG WHEN THEY GO FOR SHOPPING...

ALRIGHT, THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH INFO FOR NOW, LET'S JUST CALL MOM~





AH, SHE'S PICKING IT UP!



OH, HELLO, RIKA-CHAN.

HEY, MOM. I'M READY TO GO HOME NOW~

HUH? ARE YOU ALREADY DONE WITH YOUR DAY OUT THIS QUICK??

YEAH, I THINK I KNOW MOST OF THE THINGS I NEED TO KNOW NOW.

HUH? DON'T TELL ME ALL YOU DID TODAY WAS ASKING PEOPLE AROUND?!

Y- YEAH? THAT'S ENOUGH FOR THE FIRST DAY, RIGHT?

OH MY GOD, THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU NEED TO TRY EVERYTHING OUT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!

B- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO YET! IT'S MY FIRST TIME, YOU KNOW?

BUT YOU CAN JUST GO TO AYANO, RIGHT?

I- I ALREADY WENT THERE... B- BUT...

NO BUTS, RIKA-CHAN.
REMEMBER, THIS IS FOR
YOUR SAFETY, OKAY?.

YOU CAN DO THIS.
I'LL TEXT HER TO
EXPECT YOU SOON.
GOOD LUCK!

BYE!

I- I KNOW THAT,
MOM... BUT STILL...

W- WAIT!

I SAID-

DISCONNECTED

AHHHHHHH... LOOKS
LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO GO THERE.

R- REMEMBER, THIS IS
FOR MYSELF...

SIGH LET'S GO...

AT AYANO'S SALON...


SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BE PRETTIER?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU COULD'VE CALLED ME EARLIER!

SO... CAN YOU HELP ME WITH THAT?

N- NOT QUITE, IT'S MORE LIKE, UMM...

HUH?



AND SINCE YOU'RE AIKO'S "DAUGHTER", HUHU. I WILL TRY MY BEST TO HELP YOU THROUGH THIS.

OH! THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

I CAN'T REALLY TELL HER THE REAL REASON WHY I'M DOING THIS...

BUT I THINK IT CAME ACROSS SOMEHOW, HEHE.

SO, DO YOU WANT TO TRY OUR BEAUTY PROGRAM? IT'S FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME, OF COURSE.

LIGH... WELL...



COME ON, RIKA-CHAN,
AIKO SAID YOU'RE FREE
TODAY ANYWAY, RIGHT?

YES! THAT'S WHAT I
WANT TO HEAR!

OH, JUST TAKE YOUR
PANTYHOSE OFF AND
YOU'LL BE FINE!

Y- YEAH...
A- ALRIGHT, I'LL
TRY IT OUT.

S- SO, DO I HAVE
TO DO ANYTHING?

OH, OKAY.

AHHHH~ HOW TIME
HAS CHANGED...

I STILL REMEMBER BACK
WHEN YOU WERE STILL A
TOMBOY...

AND NOW YOU'RE AN UP
AND COMING MODEL WHO
WANTS TO GET PRETTIER
AND PRETTIER!

AWWW, ALL I CAN SAY IS
THAT YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT
TRACK, RIKA-CHAN!

LHH, HAHHA...
Y- YOU THINK SO?

HEHE, OF COURSE! SO
LET'S MARK TODAY AS
A NEW EPISODE OF
YOUR LIFE, OKAY?

O- OKAY...

A MOMENT LATER...

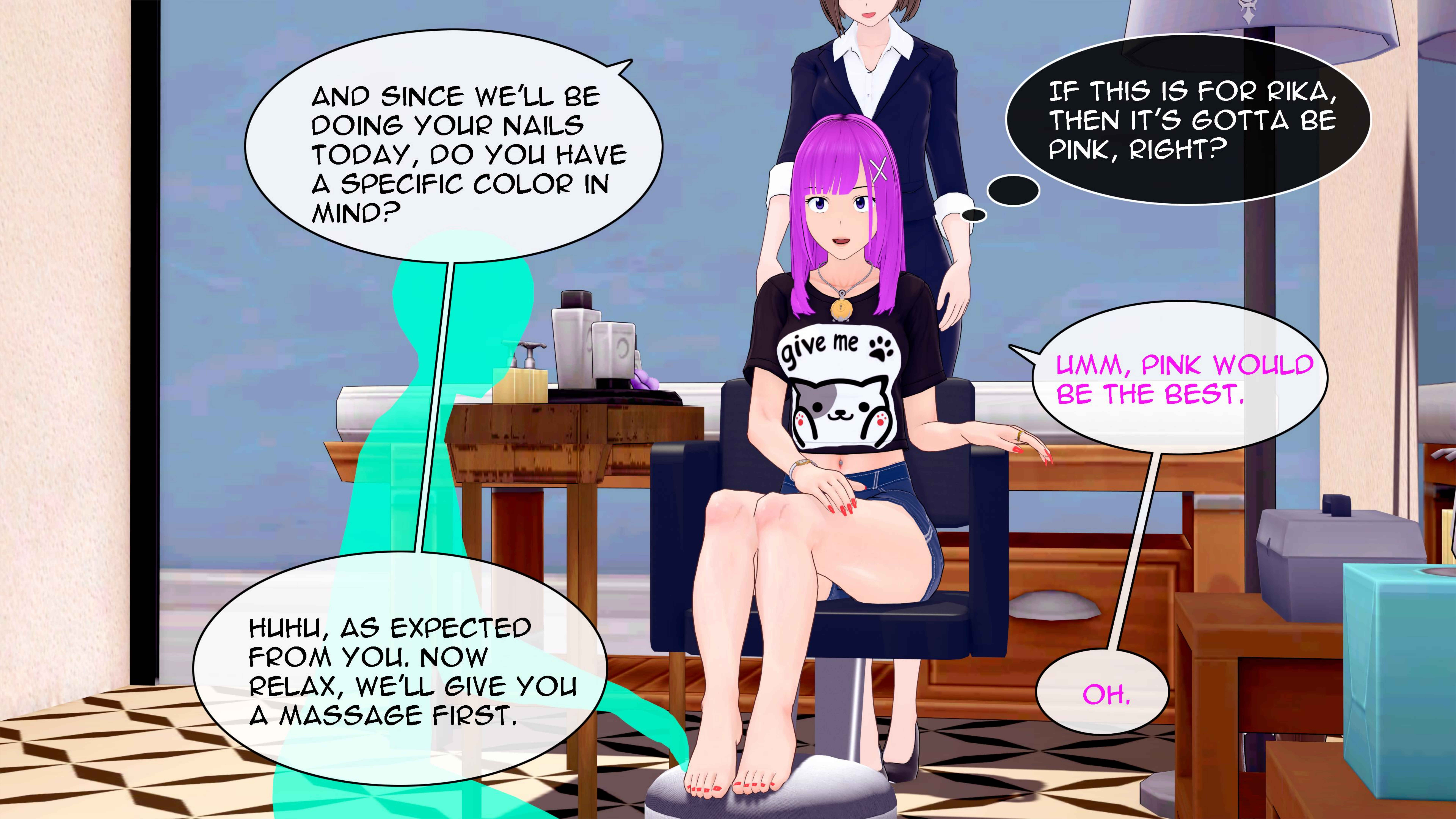
USUALLY WE WOULD START FROM HEAD TO TOES, BUT SINCE MY STAFF IS FREE AT THE MOMENT, WE'LL DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

MISS RIKA, PLEASE PUT YOUR FEET OVER HERE.

OH WOW... I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS.

I SEE...

O- OH, OKAY~



AND SINCE WE'LL BE DOING YOUR NAILS TODAY, DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC COLOR IN MIND?

IF THIS IS FOR RIKA, THEN IT'S GOTTA BE PINK, RIGHT?

LMM, PINK WOULD BE THE BEST.

HUHU, AS EXPECTED FROM YOU. NOW RELAX, WE'LL GIVE YOU A MASSAGE FIRST.

OH.

FORGET ABOUT ANYTHING AND JUST ENJOY THE FEELING, ALRIGHT?


OKAY...

AFTER MASSAGING WE'LL MOVE ON TO YOUR NAIL AND HAIR

OH, YOU'LL DO MY HAIR TOO?

OF COURSE, WE'LL MAKE YOU THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF, YOU KNOW?

A- ALRIGHT, JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING TOO EXTREME, OKAY?



OH, DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT. WE DON'T
DO ANYTHING THAT YOU
DON'T LIKE.

HOW ARE YOU
FEELING SO FAR?

OH, THANK YOU,
RIKA-CHAN. I'LL LET YOU
KNOW WHEN WE'RE DONE.

GOOD, GOOD...

VEEERY NICE~ I
REALLY LIKE THE
FEELING OF THIS~

ALRIGHT...

THANKS...

AYANO-SAN...

ABOUT AN HOUR LATER...

OKAY, EVERYTHING IS DONE! LIKE I SAID, KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSE, OKAY?

ARE YOU EXCITED TO SEE YOUR NEW LOOK?

ALRIGHT, I'LL TURN YOUR CHAIR TOWARD THE MIRROR~

YAWN O- OKAY, I WON'T OPEN MY EYES.

Y- YES...?

HUHU, I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS, RIKA-CHAN. THIS STYLE IS SO YOU!

MY GOSH, I THINK I OUTDID MYSELF AGAIN.

WELL, YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES NOW, YOUNG LADY.

AHHH, NOW YOU MAKE ME REALLY WANT TO OPEN MY EYES!

FINALLY.

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GASP

I- I- IS THIS REALLY ME?!

THAT IS CORRECT, RIKA-CHAN!

BLUSH

B- BUT THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS ME!!!

OF COURSE, IT'S YOU. I PROMISED YOU TO MAKE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU AFTER ALL, RIGHT?

T- THERE'S NO WAY...

I- I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...
H- HOW CAN I BE...

N- NO! I- I'M...

O- OH, I... I- I DIDN'T MEAN THAT...

THIS BEAUTIFUL? OF COURSE, YOU ARE.

HMM? YOU DON'T LIKE IT.

I- I JUST WASN'T EXPECTING IT TO BE T- THIS... GOOD...

LIGH, WHY ARE YOU
FREAKING OUT SO MUCH
ABOUT THIS?!

I- I KNOW, IT'S JUST
A NEW HAIRSTYLE...

GOSH! I- I CAN'T...

I- IT'S JUST A NEW
HAIRSTYLE, RIGHT?!

BUT WHY DOES IT HAVE
TO BE T- THIS... THIS
CUTE?!


WELL, IT WAS QUITE EASY FOR ME SINCE YOU ALREADY LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL TO BEGIN WITH.

YES, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I ALREADY SAW YOUR POTENTIAL FROM THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET.

HOHO, I AM 100% SERIOUS, RIKA-CHAN.

W- WHAT? M- ME....?

H- HUH? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, RIGHT?



I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LOTS OF GIRLS, SO WHEN I SAW YOU, I KNEW RIGHT AWAY THAT YOU WERE A HIDDEN GEM, WAITING TO BE REFINED.

AND AFTER ABOUT WHAT, SIX MONTHS...? YOUR BEAUTY FINALLY SHINES.

IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME, THEN YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK A GIRL IN THE MIRROR, RIGHT?

A- AH...

T- THAT'S...

M- MIRROR...
AH...

H- HUH?

A- AH, OKAY...

YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO
MEET ME AND AIKO
THIS SUMMER, HUH.

ALRIGHT, I'LL LEAVE
YOU TO ENJOY YOUR
REFLECTION FOR A BIT,
I'LL BE BACK.

...

A MOMENT LATER...

Y- YEAH, I... UMM, I
HAVE OTHER PLACES
TO GO TODAY, HAHA.

HMM? NEXT WEEK?

AW, ARE YOU LEAVING
ALREADY?

I SEE, YOU'RE A BUSY
GIRL NOW, HUH? WELL,
SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT
WEEK THEN, RIKA-CHAN.

YES, MY ASSISTANCE
TOLD ME YOU'RE
INTERESTED IN OUR
PREMIUM PROGRAM,
RIGHT?

E- EH...? YOUR ASSISTANCE TOLD YOU?

O- OH, YEAH.

W- WAIT-

YES, SHE SAID YOU CAME HERE EARLIER IN THE MORNING AND ASKED ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS.

SO, I WENT AND BOOKED EVERYTHING OUT FOR YOU. IT'S GONNA BE EVERY SUNDAY NOON, OKAY?

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT MONEY, YOU CAN ALWAYS PAY ME LATER. BEAUTY COMES FIRST, RIGHT?

B- BUT I DON'T
THINK I-

OH, TALK ABOUT BEAUTY,
YOU ALSO GET SKINCARE
FREEBIES FROM THIS
PACKAGE TOO.

AND LET ME TELL YOU,
THESE ARE ALL PREMIUM
STUFF, OKAY? IF YOU
LIKE IT I CAN GIVE YOU A
SPECIAL DISCOUNT AS
WELL.

GIVE ME A SEC, I'LL GO
GRAB THOSE FOR YOU
BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

HUH?

GOSH, SHE WOULDN'T
EVEN LET ME SAY ANY-
THING, AHHHHH...

HER ASSISTANT GOT
IT ALL WRONG!

HER TREATMENT ALSO
FEELS VERY NICE TOO,
LGH.

DID I REALLY LOOK LIKE
I'M INTERESTED IN THEIR
BEAUTY PROGRAMS?

S- SHOULD I JUST
REFUSE HER OFFER,
BUT SHE'S MOM
FRIEND, RIGHT?

AND I HAVE TO COME
HERE AGAIN NEXT WEEK
ANYWAY, RIGHT?

SIGH MAYBE I'LL LET THIS
GO FOR ONE MORE WEEK,
THEN I CAN TELL HER NEXT
TIME I COME HERE.

I THINK THAT WAS
MORE THAN ENOUGH
"RESEACH" FOR
TODAY...

LET'S JUST GET THIS
OVER WITH AND GO
HOME.

THAT NIGHT...

WHEW FINALLY,
TIME FOR MYSELF.

BUT WOW, I JUST LOOK
SO... DIFFERENT...

I DON'T KNOW WHY
BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING
TO CHECK OUT MY NEW
LOOK FOR SOME
REASON...

LIGHT, I DON'T EVEN FEEL
LIKE I'M LOOKING AT
MYSELF ANYMORE.



GOSH, IT'S LIKE I'M
LOOKING AT SOMEONE
ELSE THAT I KNOW FOR
A LONG TIME.

T- THIS IS SO WEIRD,
BUT I WANT TO SEE
HOW I LOOK IN MY
UNDERWEARS...

AHHHH, SCREW IT!
WHY DO I SOUND LIKE I
NEED A PERMISSION?!

I MEAN... HOW CAN A
TINY CHANGE CHANGES
ME THIS MUCH...?

B- BUT...

LET'S TAKE THESE
CLOTHES OFF!

A MOMENT LATER...

A- AYANO-SAN
REALLY KNOW HER
STUFF...

I- I MEAN IT FITS
RIKA SO WELL, Y-
YEAH!


THIS IS FOR RIKA... AND ME.
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO
SAY THAT I'M SAFE, RIGHT?



THIS STYLE FITS
ME SO WELL...

I THINK I FINALLY GETS
WHAT MOM SAID NOW.

AND I STILL HAVE LOTS
OF WORK TO DO AT
SCHOOL TOO.

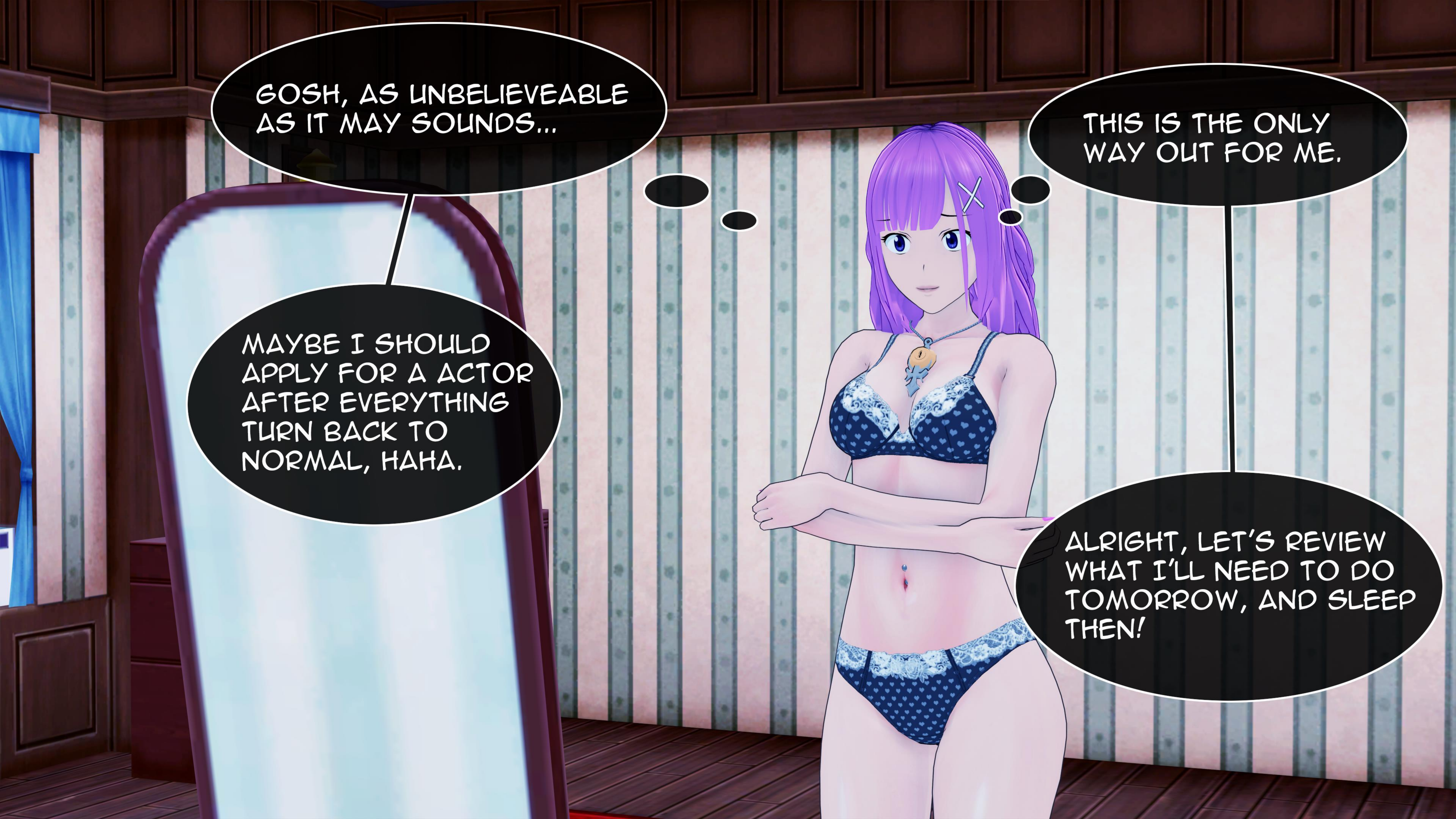


AIRI-CHAN SAID ONCE
I GET IT DOWN, IT WILL
BE SO MUCH EASIER.

I ALREADY GOT
THOSE PHRASE
MEMORIZE, BUT
STILL...

SO I'LL HAVE TO TRY
MY BEST TOMORROW.

A SCHOOL IDOL, HUH...



GOSH, AS UNBELIEVEABLE
AS IT MAY SOUNDS...

THIS IS THE ONLY
WAY OUT FOR ME.

MAYBE I SHOULD
APPLY FOR A ACTOR
AFTER EVERYTHING
TURN BACK TO
NORMAL, HAHA.

ALRIGHT, LET'S REVIEW
WHAT I'LL NEED TO DO
TOMORROW, AND SLEEP
THEN!

DURING NEXT WEEK, RAKU TRIED TO FOLLOW AIRI'S ADVICE ON HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND OTHER STUDENTS.

OH, YOU GIRLS WANT TO KNOW MY SKINCARE ROUTINE?

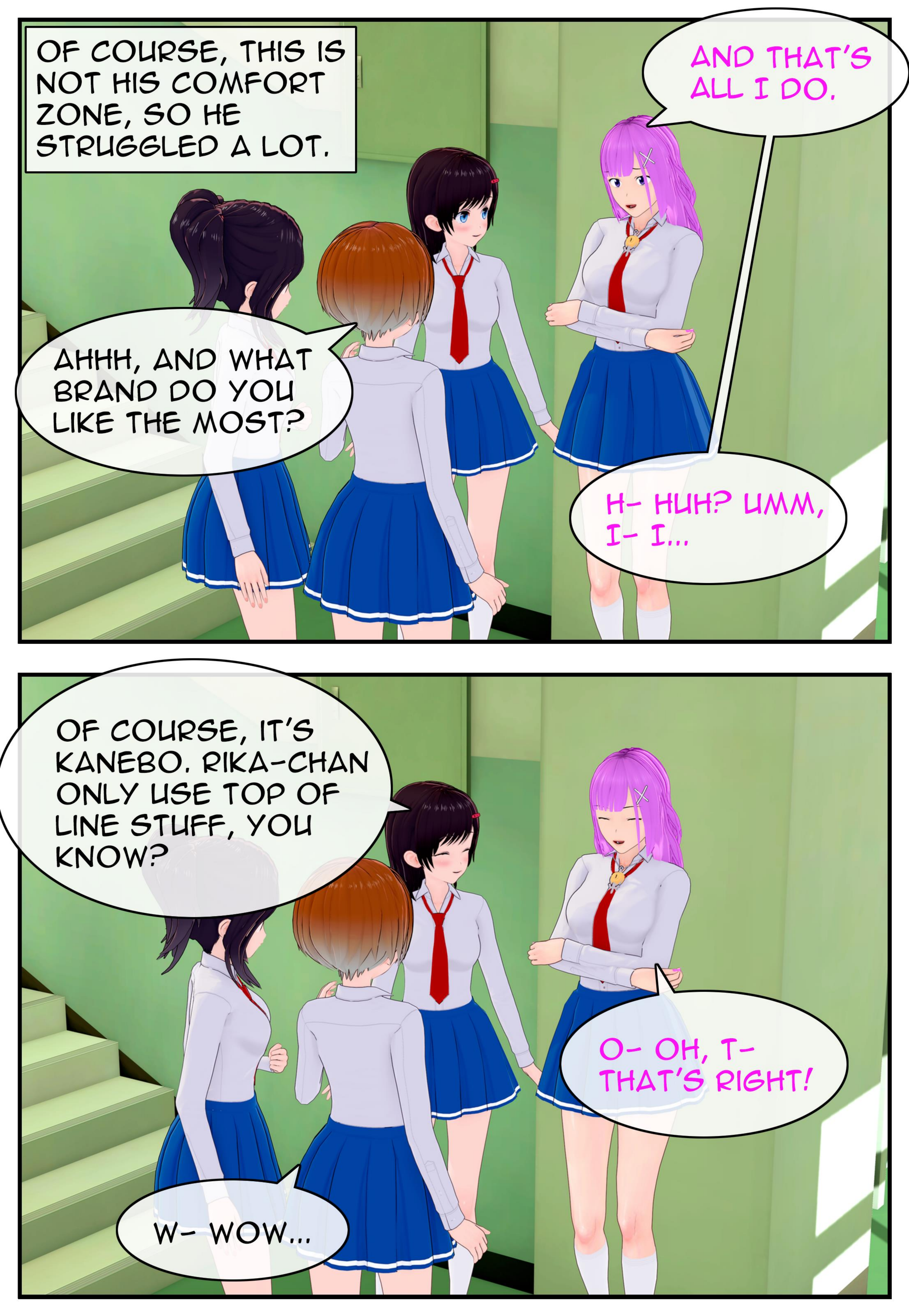
Y- YEAH, IF YOU DON'T MIND...

O- OF COURSE, I DON'T MIND. BUT I'LL ONLY SAY THIS ONCE, SO LISTEN WELL.

GOSH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, RIKA-CHAN!

HUHU, W- WELL, LET'S START FROM FACE TO TOES THEN.





OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT HIS COMFORT ZONE, SO HE STRUGGLED A LOT.

AND THAT'S ALL I DO.

AHHH, AND WHAT BRAND DO YOU LIKE THE MOST?

H- HUH? UMM, I- I...

OF COURSE, IT'S KANEBO. RIKA-CHAN ONLY USE TOP OF LINE STUFF, YOU KNOW?

O- OH, T- THAT'S RIGHT!

W- WOW...

BUT WITH AIRI'S HELP, NOT ONLY HE MANAGED TO PULL HIS NEW MENTALITY OUT. HE ALSO GOT BETTER AND BETTER AT DOING SO.

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU! M- MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO SAVE UP FOR THAT TOO.

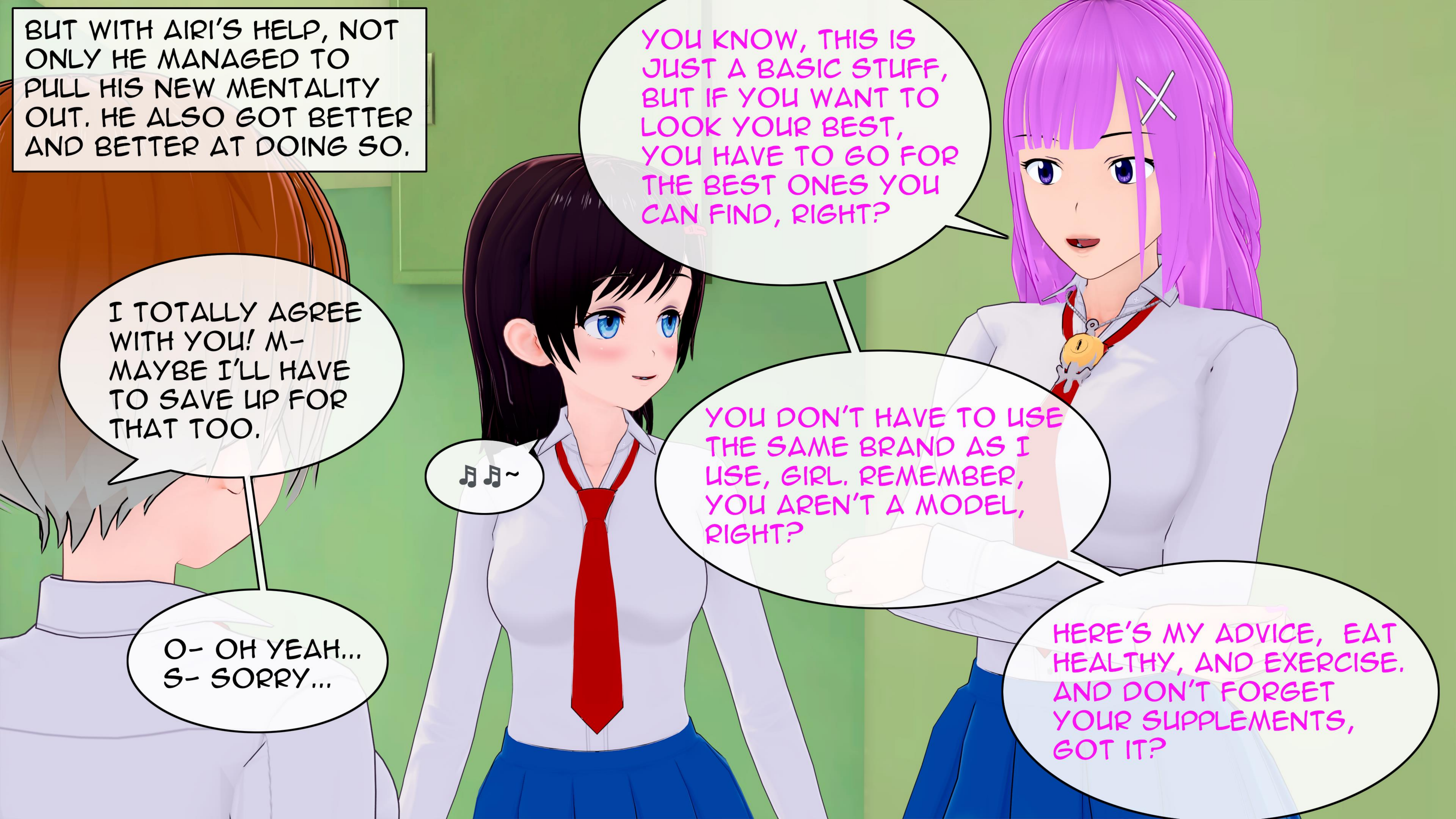
O- OH YEAH... S- SORRY...

♪♪~

YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST A BASIC STUFF, BUT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK YOUR BEST, YOU HAVE TO GO FOR THE BEST ONES YOU CAN FIND, RIGHT?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE THE SAME BRAND AS I USE, GIRL. REMEMBER, YOU AREN'T A MODEL, RIGHT?

HERE'S MY ADVICE, EAT HEALTHY, AND EXERCISE. AND DON'T FORGET YOUR SUPPLEMENTS, GOT IT?



FRIDAY AFTERNOON...

AH! I KNOW THAT PLACE. SO THAT'S YOUR USUAL PLACE, HUH?

YEP~ I ESPEIALLY LOVE THEIR, UMM... S- STRAWBERRY BANANA SMOOTHIE. YOU'LL LOVE IT, TRUST ME.

OOOOH~ STRAWBERRY BANANA, RIGHT? GOT IT~

HMM?

BRRRR

BRRR

HUH?

DAD CALLS ME?
GOSH, I'M STILL
IN SCHOOL, YOU
KNOW?

UGH, I NEED TO
FIND A PLACE TO
TALK WITH HIM.

GIRLS, I REALLY
HAVE TO TAKE
THIS CALL.

OH, IT'S FINE,
RIKA-CHAN. WE CAN
WAIT FOR YOU.

SORRY~

A MOMENT LATER...

OKAY, THIS SHOULD BE FINE, LET'S CALL HIM BACK THEN.

OH HEY, RAKU. I'M DOING FINE. YOU ARE FREE RIGHT NOW, YEAH?

OH, THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT THEN.



CONNECTED

H- HI, DA-
AHEM
H- HEY, DAD.
HOW'S GOING?

Y- YEAH, BUT THE
CLASS WILL BE
START IN LIKE, 10
MINUTES.

OKAY...?

A woman with long purple hair and a grey blazer is talking on a pink mobile phone. She is standing in a bathroom with pink tiled walls. On the counter in front of her are several bottles of hand sanitizer, one of which has the Japanese text 'アルコール除菌' (Alcohol disinfection).

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT MODEL, RIGHT?

YEAH, YEAH! THAT'S HER NAME. ALRIGHT, I GOT MORE INFO ABOUT HER NOW.

APPARENTLY SHE'S AIKO'S DAUGHTER! SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

Y- YEAH, UGH, R-RIKA... RIGHT?

GULP O- OH, WHAT IS IT?

O- OH... W- W- WHAT A SURPRISE! HAHHA...

YEAH, MY FRIEND CAME OUT WITH IT, BUT HE SAID THAT'S ALL HE KNEW. WEIRD, RIGHT?

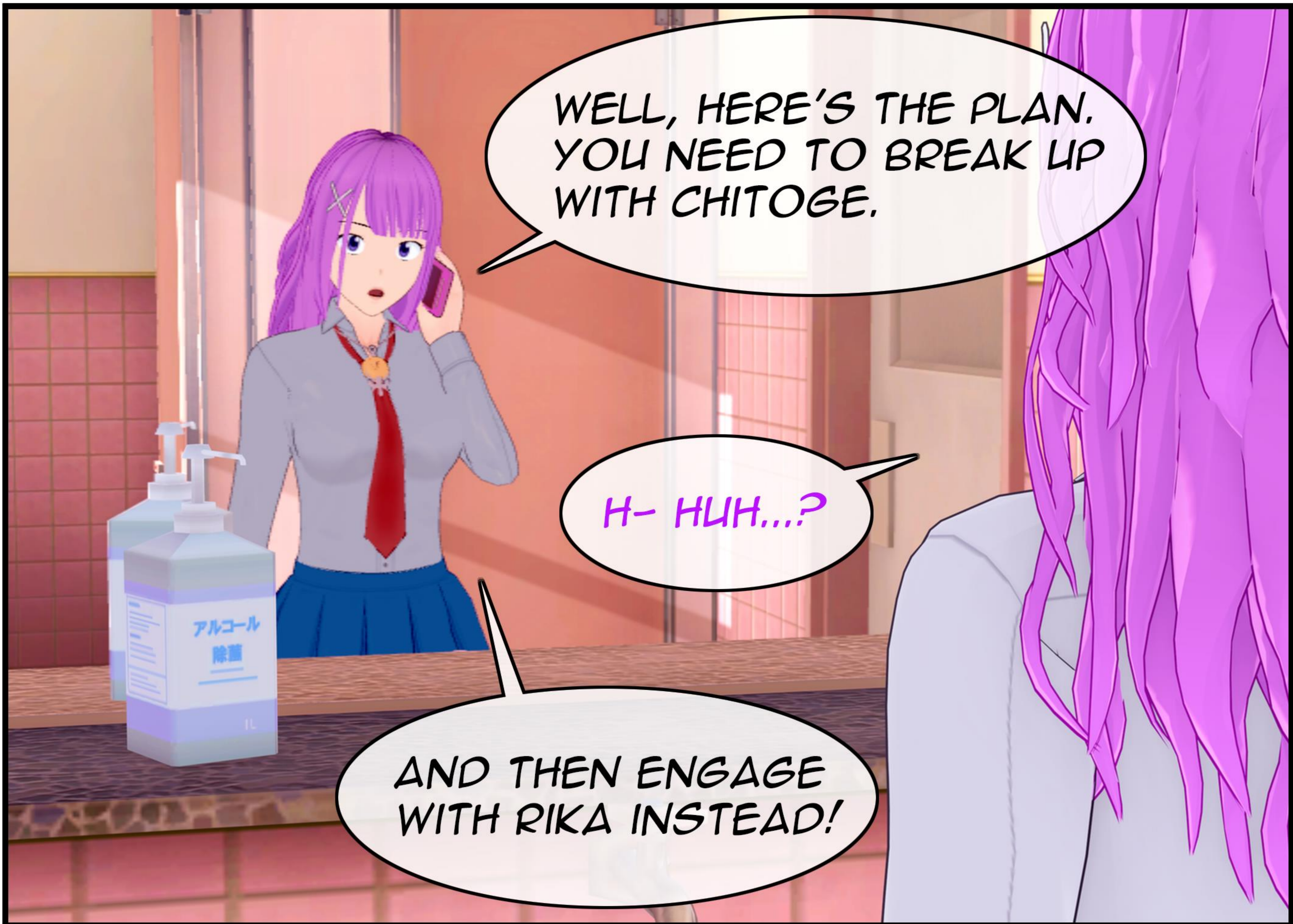
BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. WHAT IMPORTANT IS I GOT A GENIUS PLAN THAT WILL HELP OUR CLAN BIG TIME.

AND IT HAS TO DO WITH YOU AND HER.

Y- YEAH... THAT'S KINDA WEIRD, HAHA...

O- OH?

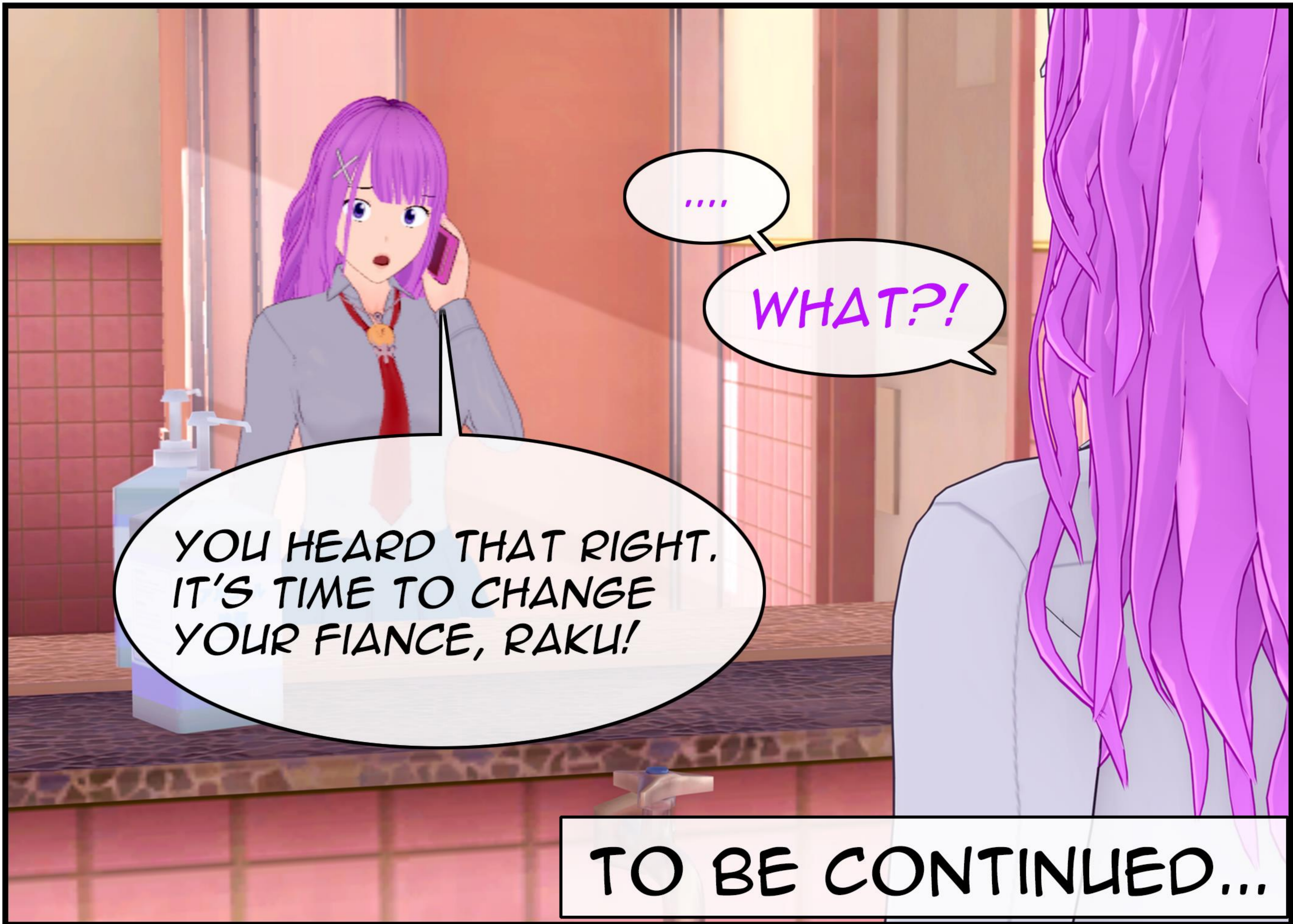
W- WHAT? WITH... ME?



WELL, HERE'S THE PLAN.
YOU NEED TO BREAK UP
WITH CHITOGU.

H- HUH...?

AND THEN ENGAGE
WITH RIKA INSTEAD!



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WHAT?!

YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT.
IT'S TIME TO CHANGE
YOUR FIANCE, RAKU!

TO BE CONTINUED...