

A MOMENT LATER...

SHHHHH! YOU'RE TOO LOUD, GIRL. GOD, THIS IS WHY CHITOGÉ-CHAN KNEW ABOUT THE MEETING LAST WEEK.

WELL, I WONDER WHO CAUSED THAT.

GOSH! DAD WILL SURELY KNOW THAT IT'S ME TALKING! HE KNOWS ME TOO WELL, UNLIKE KAZUMA-SAN, YOU KNOW?

H- HUH? SHE OVERHEARD US??

O- OH...




BUT I'LL DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM SOON AFTER THIS.

OH, DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD ABOUT IT.

NOW, ABOUT ICHIJOU-SAN. FIRST, HE'S NOT YOUR DAD ANYMORE, OKAY? NOT WHEN YOU'RE RIKA-CHAN.

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

UGH, B- BUT...



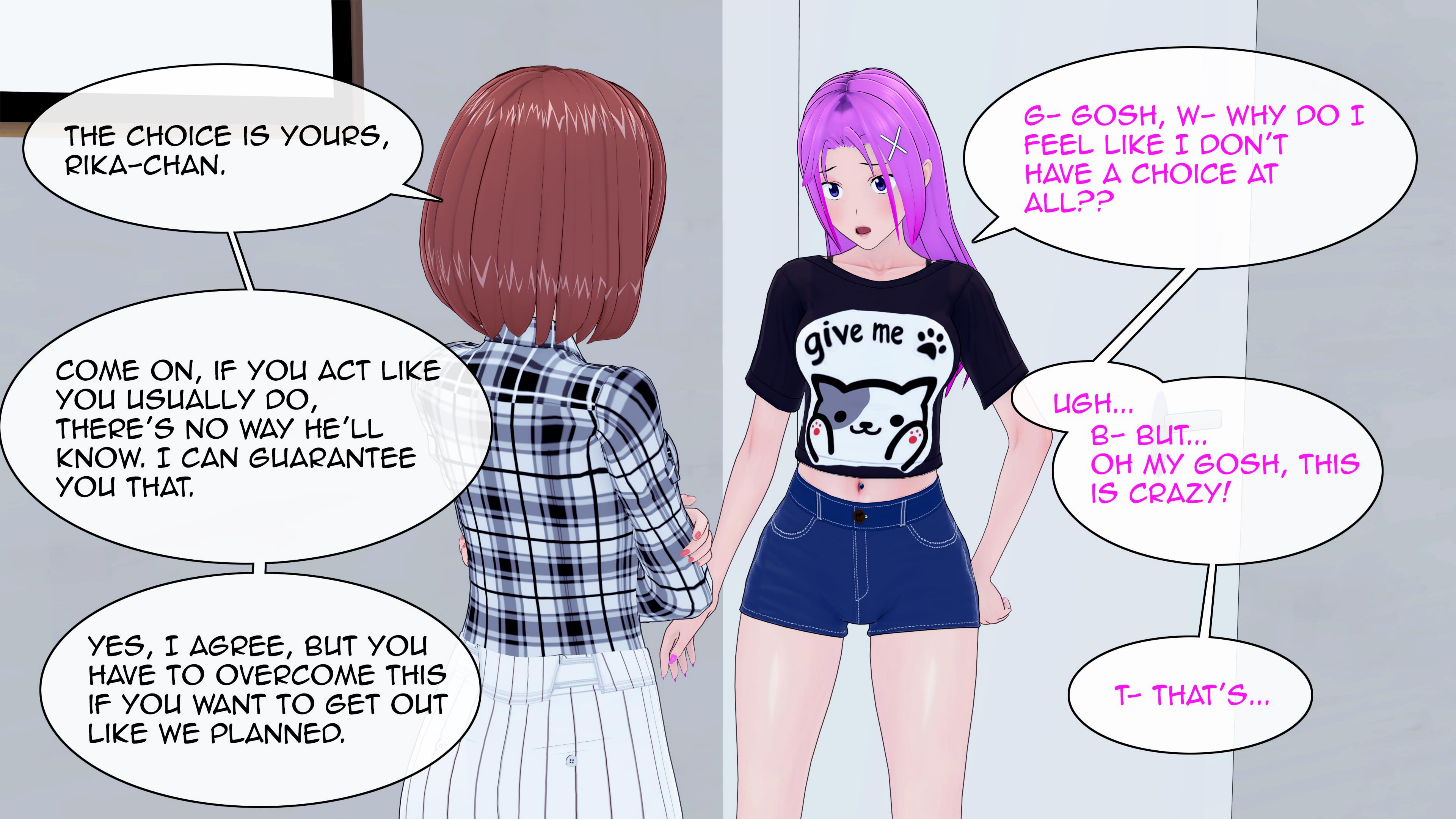
SECONDLY, DO YOU NOTICE HOW MUCH YOUR VOICE HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU STARTED TRAINING YOUR VOICE? YOU SOUND COMPLETELY LIKE A GIRL NOW.

AND LASTLY, THIS IS JUST A PHONE CALL, RIGHT? OR DO YOU WANT TO MEET HIM IN PERSON INSTEAD?

THEN YOU HAVE TO DO IT NOW. OR YOU HAVE ANY BETTER IDEA?

LIGH, T- THAT'S... I GUESS...?

W- WHAT?! N- NO WAY!!



THE CHOICE IS YOURS,
RIKA-CHAN.

COME ON, IF YOU ACT LIKE
YOU USUALLY DO,
THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL
KNOW. I CAN GUARANTEE
YOU THAT.

YES, I AGREE, BUT YOU
HAVE TO OVERCOME THIS
IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT
LIKE WE PLANNED.

G- GOSH, W- WHY DO I
FEEL LIKE I DON'T
HAVE A CHOICE AT
ALL??

LIGH...
B- BUT...
OH MY GOSH, THIS
IS CRAZY!

T- THAT'S...

SO, QUIT
COMPLAINING AND
FOLLOW ME, ALRIGHT?
ICHIJOU-SAN IS WAITING.

SIGH
O- OKAY...

OMG, OMG, OMG!
T- THIS CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!

I AVOIDED TALKING TO
HIM SINCE MY RAKU VOICE
SOUNDED A LOT WORSE.
BUT I ENDED UP TALKING
WITH LIP AS RIKA ANYWAY!!

I- I MEAN I SHOULD'VE
SEEN THIS COMING, B-
BUT...

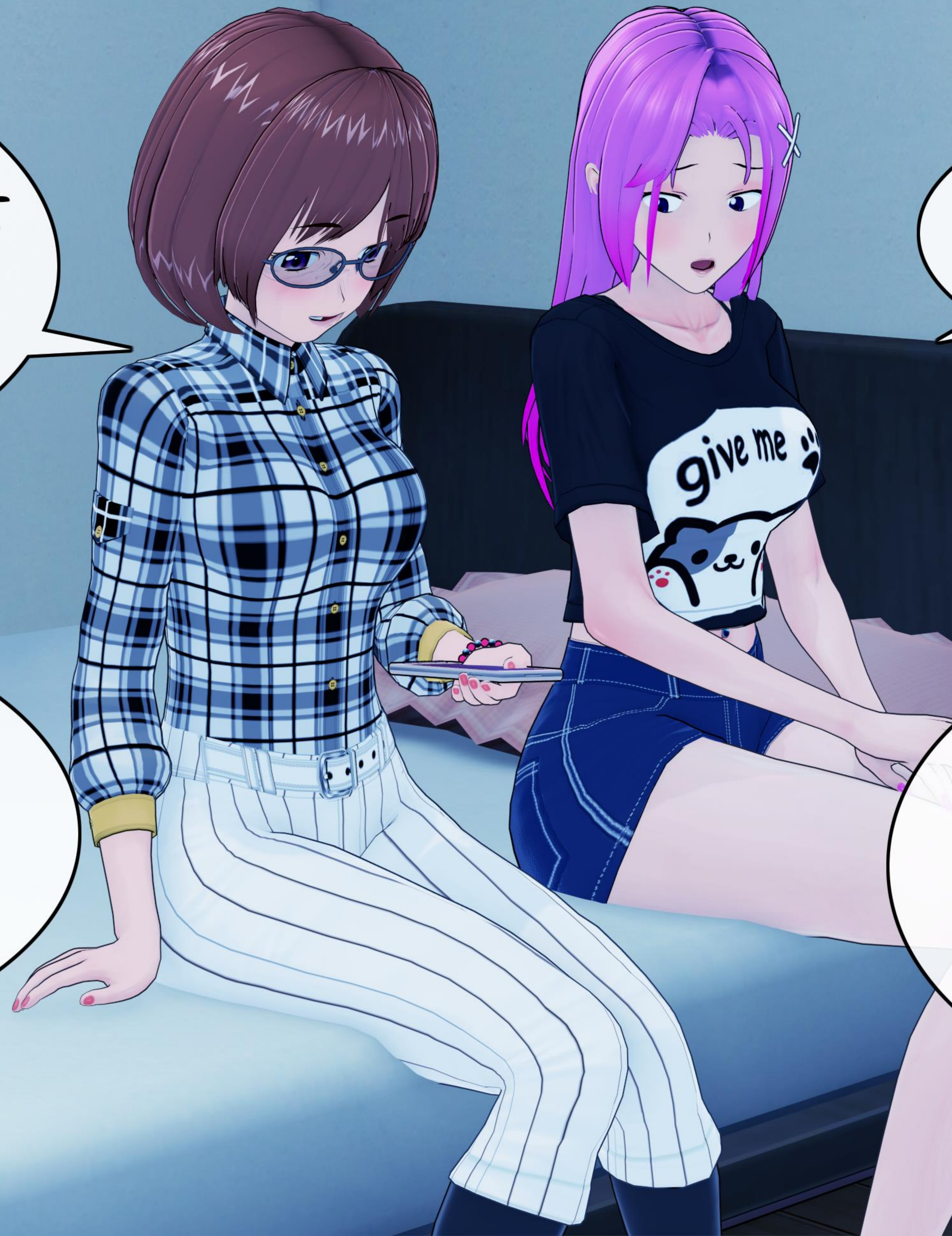
G- GOSH! SCREW IT!
R- RIKA-CHAN, YOU
CAN DO THIS!



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LIKE I SAID, HE JUST WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HIS SON'S SOON TO BE BRIDE A LITTLE BETTER, HEHE.

HAHA, BUT I'M SERIOUS, YOU KNOW? YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT MARRYING YOU IS HIS BEST DECISION, OKAY?



G-GOSH, STOP IT, MOM. IT'S ALREADY WEIRD AS IT IS!

LIGHHH, I- I KNOW! SO THIS IS MOSTLY JUST ABOUT ME, RIGHT? GOSH, I'M SO DEAD!

COME ON, YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH! IT'LL BE JUST SIMPLE QUESTIONS.

I- IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY THAT, MOM!

HUHU, YOU'LL REALIZE HOW FAR YOU'VE COME SOON ENOUGH, GIRL.

E- EH...?

ALRIGHT, I'M CALLING HIM NOW.

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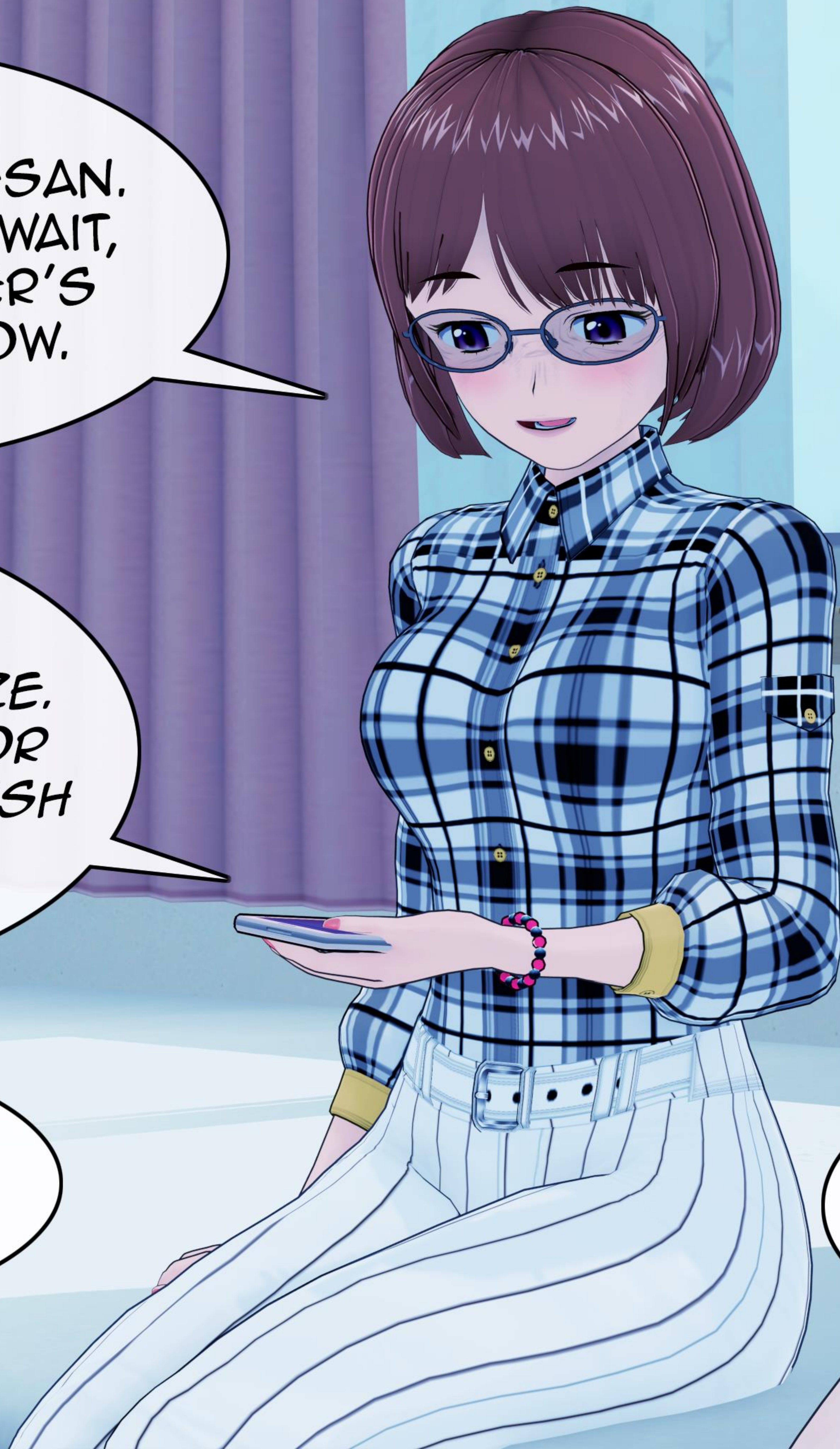
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CONNECTED

HELLO, ICHIJOU-SAN.
SORRY FOR THE WAIT,
BUT MY DAUGHTER'S
HERE WITH ME NOW.

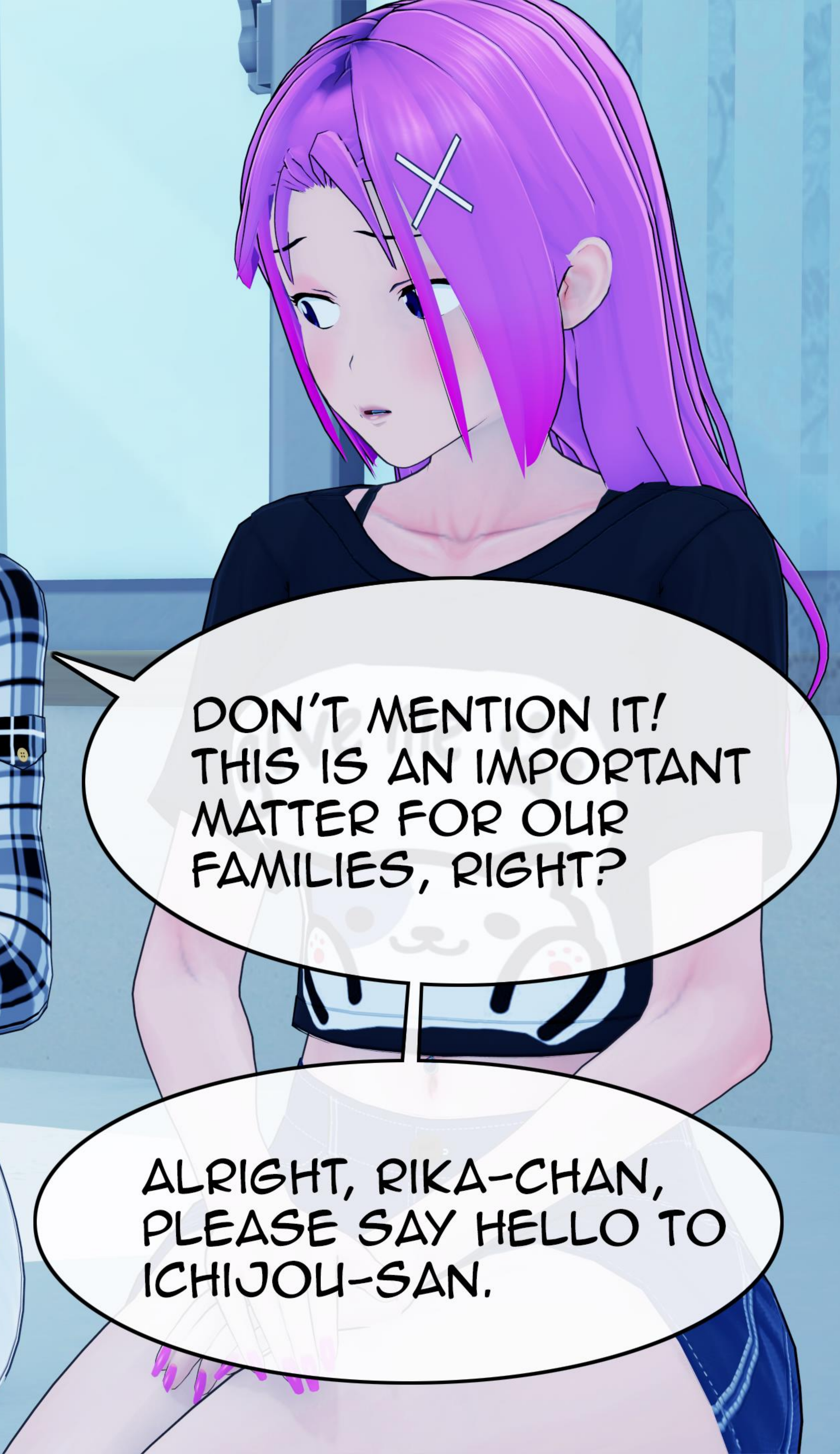
OH, IT'S ME WHO
NEEDS TO APOLOGIZE.
THANKS SO MUCH FOR
DOING SUCH A SELFISH
REQUEST.

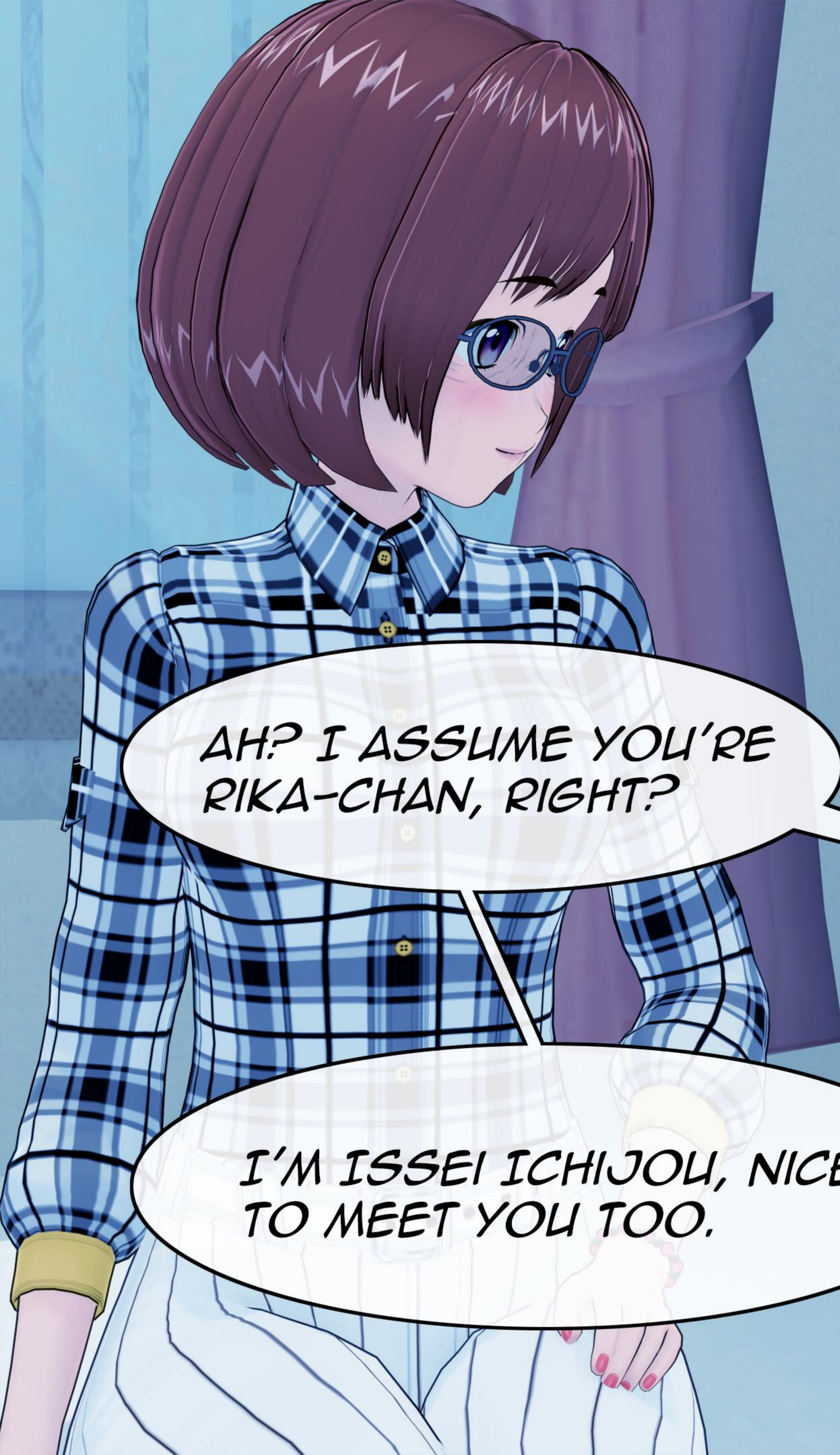
YOU COULDN'T BE
MORE CORRECT!



DON'T MENTION IT!
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
MATTER FOR OUR
FAMILIES, RIGHT?

ALRIGHT, RIKA-CHAN,
PLEASE SAY HELLO TO
ICHIJOU-SAN.





AH? I ASSUME YOU'RE
RIKA-CHAN, RIGHT?

I'M ISSEI ICHIJOU, NICE
TO MEET YOU TOO.




H- HELLO...
I- ICHIJOU-SAN....?

Y- YES! I'M RIKA K- KIRISAKI.
N- NICE TO MEET YOU!

HMM, THIS SHOULD
BE OUR FIRST TIME
TALKING...





BUT SOMEHOW YOUR
VOICE SOUNDS SO
FAMILAIR, HMM.

DID WE TALK BEFORE?

I SEE. AH, I GUESS
THAT'S WHY MY SON
TOLD ME I'M OLD, HAHA.
PLEASE FORGIVE THIS
OLD MAN.

E- EH?!

N- NO, OF COURSE NOT.
THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME,
I- ICHIJOU-SAN!

O- OH, IT'S ALRIGHT,
HAHA...

LET'S GET INTO IT, THEN.

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR WATCHING
OVER MY BOY.

YOU'RE TOO KIND,
RIKA-CHAN. SEEMS,
LIKERAKU SPENT ALL
HIS LUCK FOR YOU,
HAHA.

I KNOW HE CAN BE A BIT
OF HANDFUL AT TIMES.
BUT TRUST ME, HE'LL BE
THE MANLIEST MAN
YOU'VE EVER MET.

OH, YOU MEAN RAKU-KUN?
I- IT'S NOTHING, REALLY!

W- WELL...

M- MANLIEST MAN??
LIGHHH... Y- YOU'RE NOT
WRONG, HAHA...



A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, RIKA-CHAN? DO YOU THINK HE'S SUITABLE TO BE YOUR PARTNER?

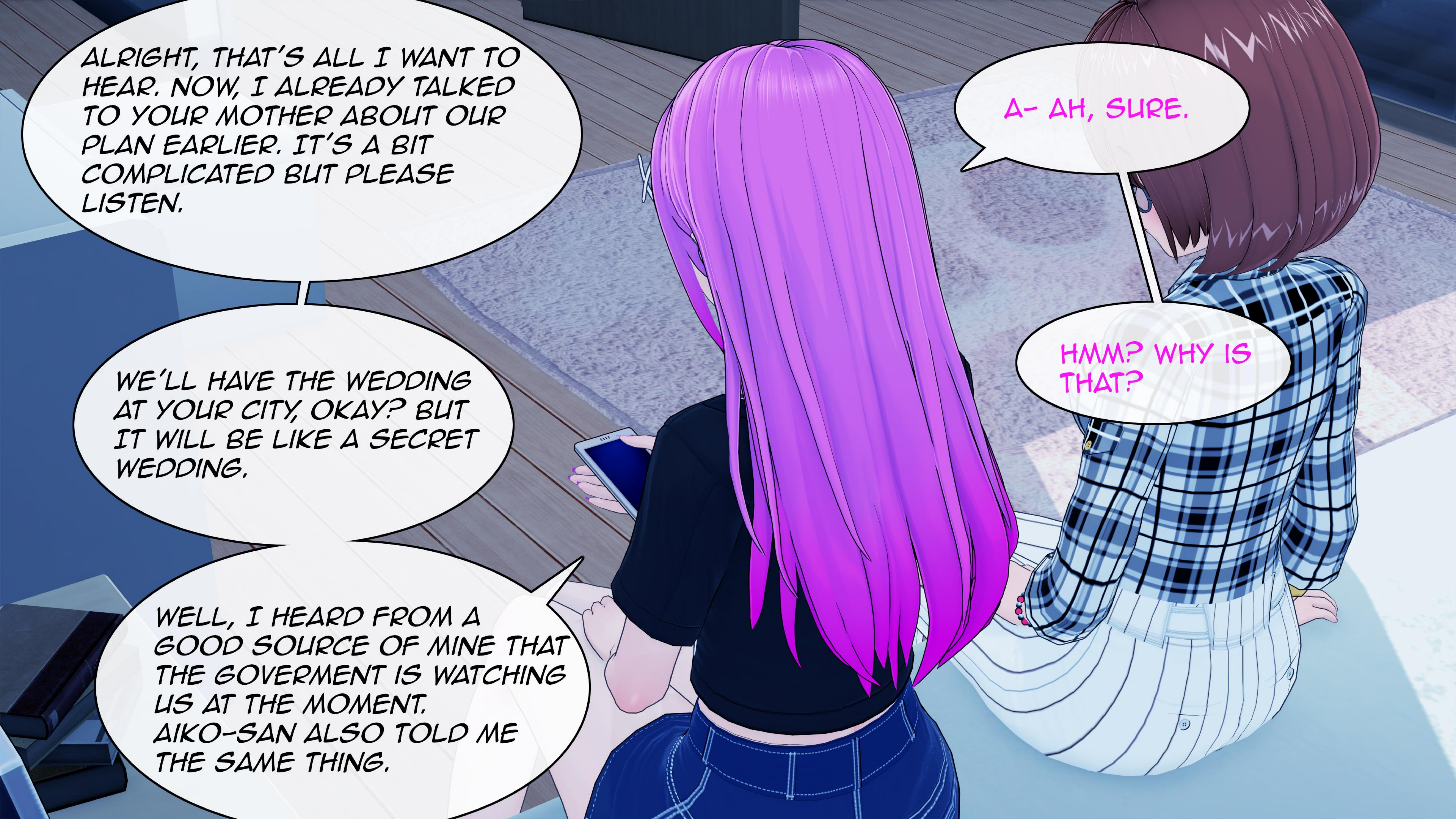
SO, YOU HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THE WEDDING, RIGHT?

RIGHT! YOU'RE SMART. AH, LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY ARE A PERFECT FIT FOR MY SON.



O- OF COURSE! HE'S LIKE, SO COOL, AND A-AWESOME, YOU KNOW?

OH NO! I- I'M GLAD IT WILL HAPPEN SOON. T- THAT MEANS I CAN SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIM, R- RIGHT?



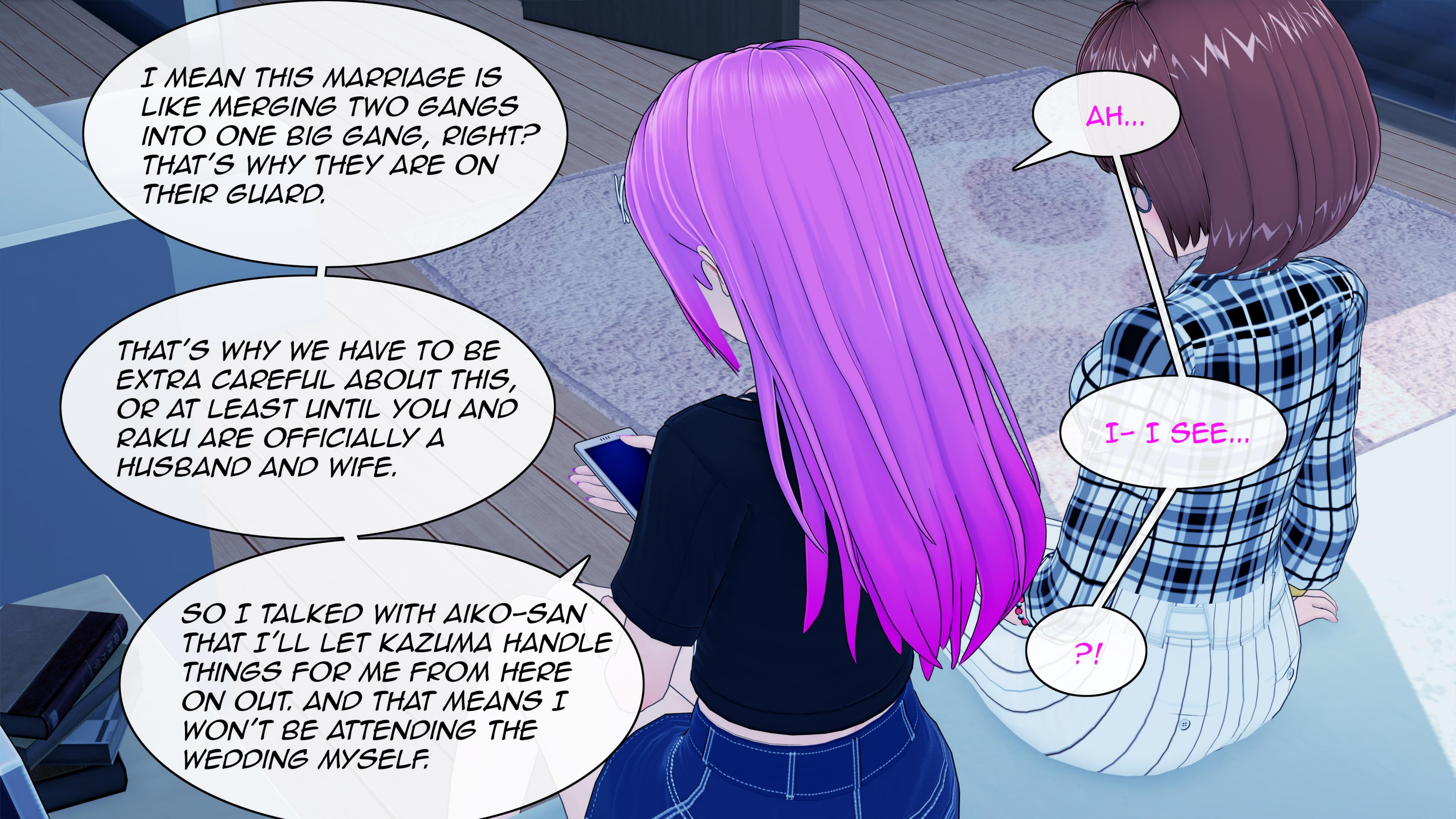
ALRIGHT, THAT'S ALL I WANT TO HEAR. NOW, I ALREADY TALKED TO YOUR MOTHER ABOUT OUR PLAN EARLIER. IT'S A BIT COMPLICATED BUT PLEASE LISTEN.

WE'LL HAVE THE WEDDING AT YOUR CITY, OKAY? BUT IT WILL BE LIKE A SECRET WEDDING.

WELL, I HEARD FROM A GOOD SOURCE OF MINE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS WATCHING US AT THE MOMENT. AIKO-SAN ALSO TOLD ME THE SAME THING.

A- AH, SURE.

HMM? WHY IS THAT?



I MEAN THIS MARRIAGE IS LIKE MERGING TWO GANGS INTO ONE BIG GANG, RIGHT? THAT'S WHY THEY ARE ON THEIR GUARD.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL ABOUT THIS, OR AT LEAST UNTIL YOU AND RAKU ARE OFFICIALLY A HUSBAND AND WIFE.

SO I TALKED WITH AIKO-SAN THAT I'LL LET KAZUMA HANDLE THINGS FOR ME FROM HERE ON OUT. AND THAT MEANS I WON'T BE ATTENDING THE WEDDING MYSELF.

AH...

I- I SEE...

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WHISPER M- MOM!
D- DID YOU HEAR
THAT?!

SHHHHHH, HUH~

D- DID SHE DO THIS
FOR ME??

OH MY GOSH, SHE
TOTALLY DID!

I HOPE YOU CAN
FORGIVE ME.

OH, DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT, ICHIJOU-SAN.
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND!



YOU'RE VERY CUTE,
RIKA-CHAN. I GUESS
THIS IS WHY MY SON
LIKES YOU, HAHA.

HAHA, NO DOUBT.
SO I HOPE TO HEAR
SOME GOOD NEWS
AROUND THE END OF
THIS MONTH THEN.

HMM? IT'S YOUR WEDDING
OF COURSE. DID I FORGET
TO TELL YOU THE DATE?

W- WELL! I GOT BOTH
THE BRAIN AND THE
LOOK, YOU KNOW? HEH.

HMM? THE END OF THIS
MONTH?

HAHA, YES! I CAN HEAR THE EXCITEMENT IN YOUR VOICE, RIKA-CHAN. BUT YOU HAVE TO WAIT A BIT LONGER, OKAY?

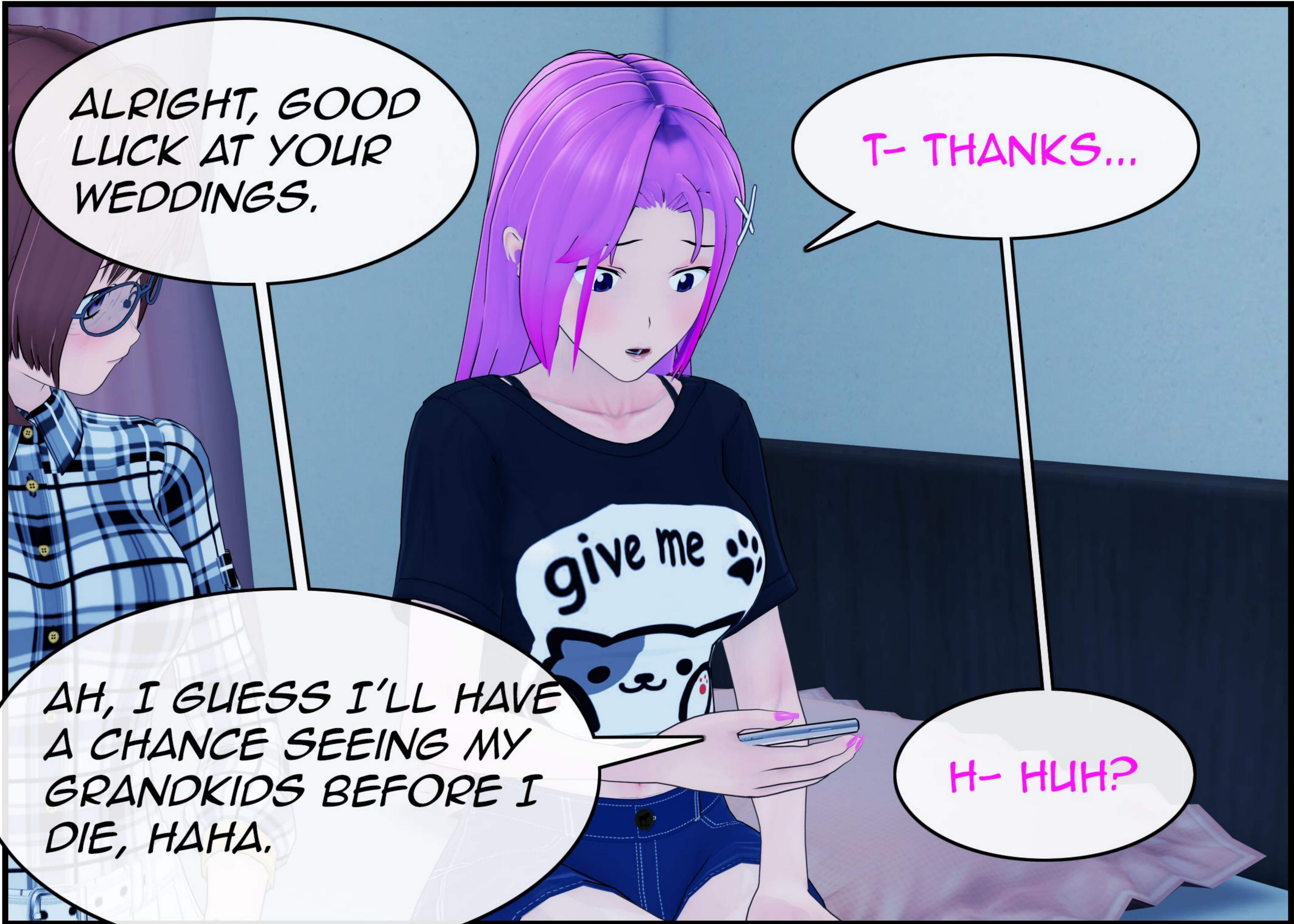
AND THAT'S ALL! IT'S NICE TALKING TO YOU, RIKA-CHAN. YOU'RE JUST LIKE WHAT I IMAGINE. I'M GLAD WE MET.

E- EH? WEDDING?

BUT THAT'S LIKE... ABOUT 2 WEEKS FROM NOW!

A- AH...

O- OH, THE SAME GOES FOR ME, I- ICHIJOU-SAN...



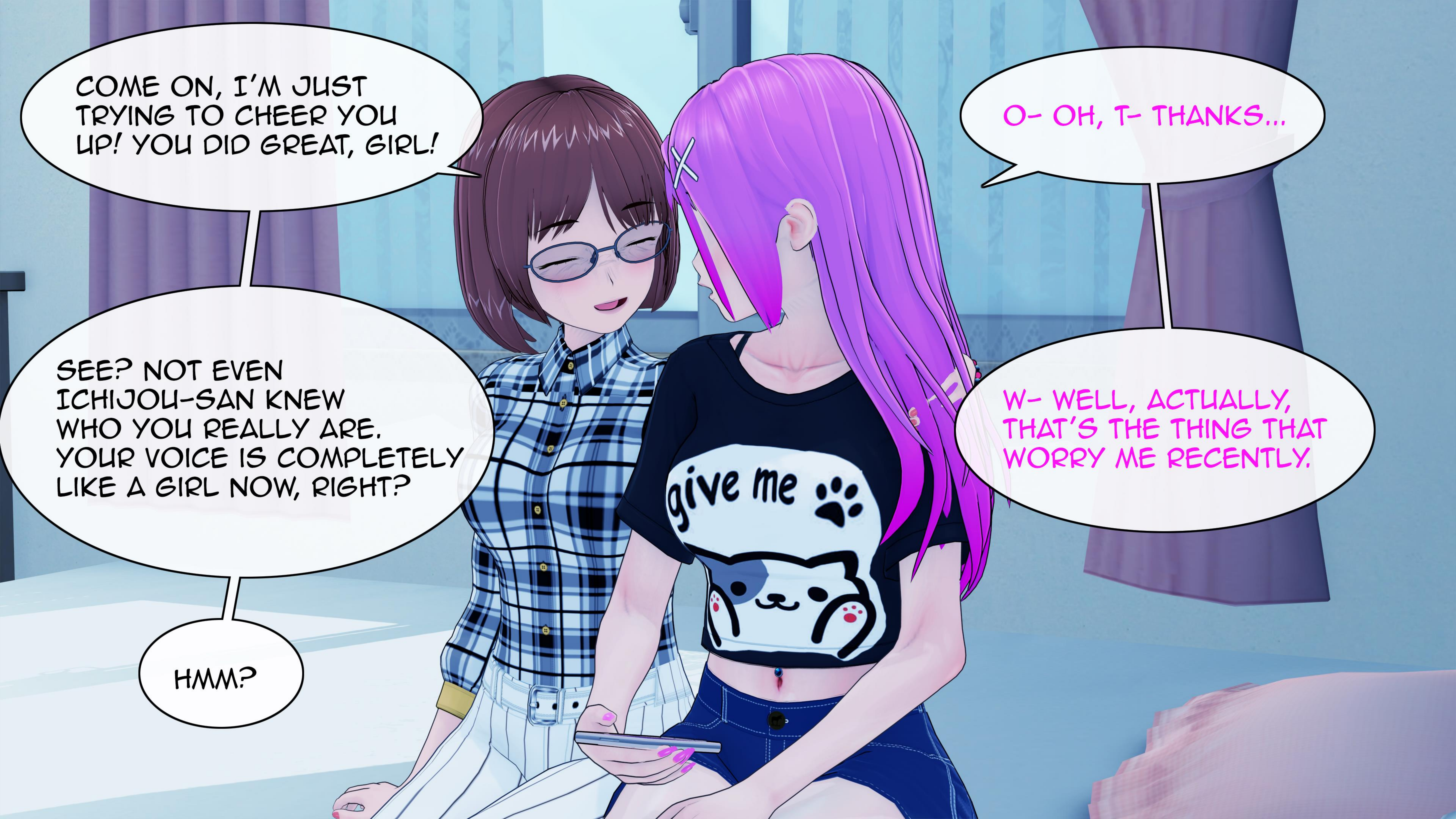
AWWW, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A MOMMY, RIKA-CHAN?

DOES THAT MEAN IF YOU CAN GET PREGNANT, YOU'LL WANT TO BE A MOMMY?

A- AND HE ENDED THE CALL JUST LIKE THAT?? GOSH! I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM!

N- NOT YOU TOO, MOM! F- FIRST OF ALL, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET PREGNANT, OKAY?

W- WHAT?! J- JUST STOP IT, MOM!



COME ON, I'M JUST TRYING TO CHEER YOU UP! YOU DID GREAT, GIRL!

SEE? NOT EVEN ICHIJOU-SAN KNEW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. YOUR VOICE IS COMPLETELY LIKE A GIRL NOW, RIGHT?

HMM?

O-OH, T-THANKS...

W-WELL, ACTUALLY, THAT'S THE THING THAT WORRY ME RECENTLY.




GOD, YOU KNOW YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST ME, RIGHT?

HUH?

D- DON'T TELL ANYONE THIS, OKAY?

A- ALRIGHT, IT'S MY VOICE, MOM. I- I CAN'T SEEM TO TALK LIKE RAKU FOR SOME TIMES NOW...

I- I KNOW THIS IS WEIRD! B- BUT I JUST CAN'T SOUND LIKE A GUY ANYMORE!



AH, I SEE...
ALRIGHT, LET ME ASK
YOU THIS. WHEN WAS THE
LAST TIME YOU MANAGE
TO SOUND LIKE A GUY?

THEN YOU HAVEN'T TRIED
TO SPEAK LIKE THAT
AGAIN?

H- HUH? I- I DON'T KNOW.
MAYBE, LIKE, 3 MONTHS
AGO?

UHM, I TRIED WITH MY DAD,
BUT IT WAS GETTING WORSE
AND WORSE, YOU KNOW?
LAST TIME HE ALMOST
THOUGHT THAT I WAS A
GIRL. THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T
WANT TO TALK WITH HIM
TODAY.

SIGH I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THAT IS NORMAL, RIKA-CHAN.

WELL, IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE SOMETHING FOR OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, YOU'LL GET BAD AT IT, RIGHT?

THIS IS THE CASE FOR YOU, RIKA-CHAN. ALL YOU DO IS PRACTICING YOUR GIRLY VOICE.

N- NORNAL?? HOW IS THIS EVEN NORMAL??

Y- YEAH...?


SO IT'S NORMAL YOU WOULD GET WORSE AT USING MALE VOICE, RIGHT?

W- WHAT?!

AND OVER TIME, YOU JUST... FORGET ABOUT HOW TO DO IT. THAT'S ALL.

N- NO WAY! YOU MEAN I FORGOT HOW TO USE A GUY VOICE?? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

SHHHH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU JUST LOSE IT FOREVER, RIGHT?



YOU CAN JUST PRACTICE IT AGAIN, LIKE HOW YOU DO YOUR GIRL VOICE, RIGHT?

YOU COULD, BUT IF YOU START NOW, YOUR GIRL VOICE WILL GET WORSE INSTEAD. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

AND I THINK GIRLY VOICE SUITS YOU A LOT BETTER, GIRL.

O- OH! THEN SHOULD I START NOW??

E- EH?? N- NO! THAT WOULD BE REALLY BAD!

W- WHAT?!

THIS TIME, I'M NOT JOKING, OKAY? I KNOW THE SITUATION WE'RE IN IS BAD, BUT THIS SIDE OF YOU IS JUST... TOO CUTE.

DON'T YOU THINK RIKA-CHAN IS WHO YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE?

SHHHHH, JUST KEEP THAT IN MIND, OKAY? THERE'S NO RUSH!


W- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, M- MOM? I- I...

BLUSHED

W- WHAT? O- OF COURSE NO-

LIGH...





ALRIGHTY! AH, I HOPE YOU NOTICED WHAT I DID FOR YOU.

YEP~ ALL ME~

HUHU, DON'T THANKS GOD, THANKS ME, GIRL!

OH! THE REASON WHY ICHIJOU-SAN CAN'T COME?

I KNEW IT! THANKS GOD I DON'T HAVE TO FACE HIM LIKE THIS!

HAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT, THANKS MOM!

HUHU, YOU'RE WELCOME,
RIKA-CHAN.

YEP~ YOU CAN GO NOW,
NIGHTY NIGHT!

HUHU, THAT WAS EASY~
NOW WITH THAT OUT OF
THE WAY, TIME TO CALL
ADEL AND FINISH THIS~

AHHHH~ THAT'S ALL
RIGHT?

OKAY, GOOD NIGHT,
MOM!

give me

