

Forever Summer

Chapter 23

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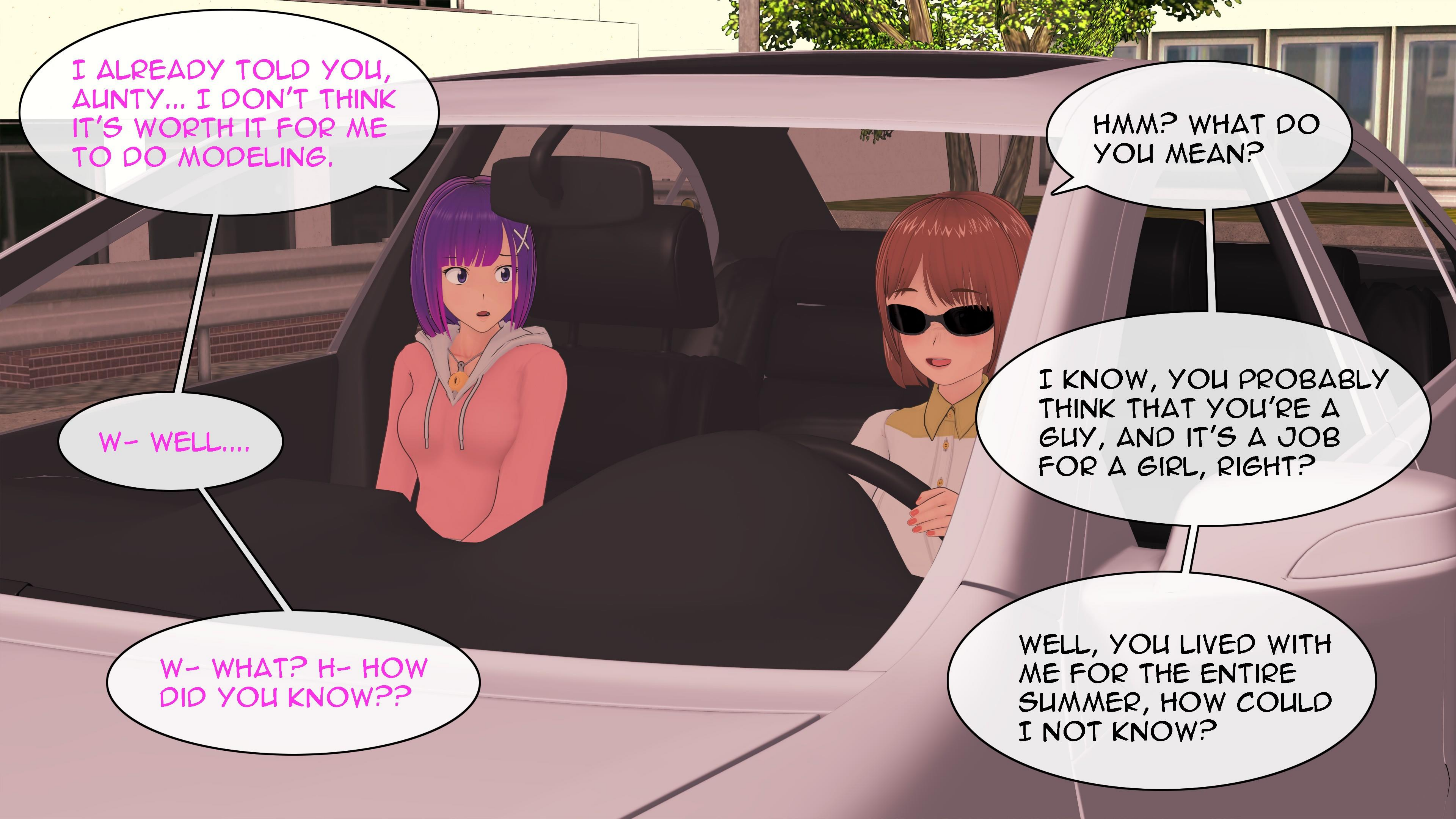


ON THE WAY BACK...

HMM~

DON'T WORRY ABOUT
THAT OFFER TOO
MUCH RIKA-CHAN.

JUST TAKE YOUR TIME
AND THINK ABOUT IT
CAREFULLY, OKAY?



I ALREADY TOLD YOU,
AUNTY... I DON'T THINK
IT'S WORTH IT FOR ME
TO DO MODELING.

HMM? WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

W- WELL....

I KNOW, YOU PROBABLY
THINK THAT YOU'RE A
GUY, AND IT'S A JOB
FOR A GIRL, RIGHT?

W- WHAT? H- HOW
DID YOU KNOW??

WELL, YOU LIVED WITH
ME FOR THE ENTIRE
SUMMER, HOW COULD
I NOT KNOW?



LIGHH... THEN WHY....

THE POINT IS NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU ARE A BOY OR A GIRL. THIS IS A PERFECT JOB FOR YOU, RIKA-CHAN.

PERFECT?

YUP, AT FIRST, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE THAT USED TO BE A BOY LIKE YOU COULD BE THIS GOOD AT MODELING!

U- USED THE BE A BOY?? I'M NOT-

BUT AFTER SEEING YOU DID IT EFFORTLESSLY IN THE LAST SESSION. YOU ACTUALLY ENJOYED IT TOO DIDN'T YOU?

W- WHAT?! OF COURSE NOT! I- I DID IT BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME TO!

N- NO....

I- I- I....

BLUSHING

REALLY NOW? DO YOU THINK ANY GUY WOULD ENJOY POSING IN A CUTE DRESS IN FRONT OF A CAMERA?

BUT YOU SEEMED TO ENJOY IT VERY MUCH. DOESN'T THAT MEAN...

WELL WELL, DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP NOW. JUST SLEEP ON IT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, OKAY?

I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN LATER, OKAY?

NOW, I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT NEWS TO TELL YOU.

TOMORROW, WE'RE GONNA GO TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION!

LGHH...

....

OKAY....

LGH, W- WHAT IS IT?



HMM...? IT'S TOMORROW ALREADY?

I- I SEE... THANK YOU AUNTY...

YES! I ALREADY PREPARED ALL THE PAPERWORKS FOR YOU. IT'S REALLY TIRING, SO BE THANKFUL FOR THAT.

AND OH, IT'S GONNA BE ONLY YOU AND ME. CHITOGÉ-CHAN ALREADY WENT TO THE SCHOOL WITH ME LAST WEEK.

OH?

YEEEEAH, THAT SOUNDS
JUST LIKE HER...

AH, OKAY.

AND I ALSO TOLD HER
ABOUT YOUR SURGERIES.
SOMEHOW SHE GOT
EXCITED ABOUT IT.

HAHA, THAT'S ABOUT IT.
SO, I'LL PICK YOU UP
AROUND 8 O'CLOCK,
OKAY?


AND DON'T BE
LATE~

THAT NIGHT...

SO THERE'S NO TURNING
BACK NOW, HUH...

TOMORROW, I WILL BE
REGISTERED AS A NEW
STUDENT AT THAT
SCHOOL...





I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW
THESE CRAZY THINGS
KEEP HAPPENING
AROUND ME...

NEW SCHOOL, MODELING,
AND SURGERIES...

GOSH, IT WAS ONLY 3
MONTHS, AND HERE I AM...

AT LEAST AUNT AIKO IS
STILL TRYING TO HELP
ME GET THROUGH...

A woman with long, straight purple hair is lying in a hospital bed. She is wearing a light purple long-sleeved shirt and blue pants. Her eyes are closed, and she has a white 'X' on her forehead, suggesting she is tired or unwell. The bed has a blue metal headboard and pink pillows. Three speech bubbles are present: one above her head, one to her right, and one below her. The background shows a window with vertical blinds.

SIGH ONLY 3
MORE MONTHS....

I CAN DO THIS.

ALRIGHT, LET'S SLEEP. I
FEEL LIKE TOMORROW IS
GONNA BE A BIG DAY.

IN THE NEXT MORNING...



AND HERE WE ARE.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL, RIKA-CHAN.

WOAH... THIS SCHOOL IS PRETTY BIG...

LIGHT, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT... I MEAN IT'LL BE TEMPORARY ANYWAY, RIGHT?

YEAH... BUT, AIRI-CHAN IS HERE AS WELL, THAT'S GOOD I GUESS.

FROM TODAY, THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL. ARE YOU EXCITED? HEHE~

...

YEP, UNTIL YOUR PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED...

OH, I HOPE WE'LL BE
IN THE SAME CLASS~

YES, LET'S GET
GOING.

YES, I BELIEVE
SHE'S ALSO IN THE
SAME GRADE AS
YOU.

HAHA, OKAY.
ALRIGHT, TIME TO
GO. ARE YOU
READY?

A MOMENT LATER...

THERE'RE NOT MANY STUDENTS... THE NEW SEMESTER HASN'T STARTED YET, RIGHT?

OH, I SEE.

OKAY, I THINK IT'S THIS FLOOR.

NOT YET, IT WILL START THIS WEDNESDAY, SO TWO DAYS FROM TODAY.





SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SCHOOL?

I KNOW RIGHT? WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THEIR UNIFORM, HEHE~

WELL, THIS SCHOOL LOOKS REALLY NICE.

HMM?

UNIFORM....

OH MY GOSH, I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THAT!



THE UNIFORM! HOW AM I GOING TO PASS AS A BOY??

HUH? YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL AS A GIRL, RIKA-CHAN.

A- AS A GIRL?? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WELL, YOU CAN'T ATTEND AS A BOY WITH YOUR BREASTS STOOD OUT LIKE THAT ANYWAY, RIGHT?

T- THAT'S TRUE... BUT STILL...

I ALREADY THINK ABOUT THIS BEFOREHAND, YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE.



M- MAYBE WE CAN GO
BACK HOME AND REALLY
THINK ABOUT THIS, AUNTY.


LGHH.....

B- BUT THIS IS
DIFFERENT! I- I
MEAN-

DON'T BE A DRAMA
QUEEN, RIKA-CHAN.
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT'S
ONLY TEMPORARY?

AND YOU CAN EASILY
PASS AS A GIRL, YOU
ALREADY FOOLED
AYANO, AND TATANO,
RIGHT?

I TOLD YOU I ALREADY
THINK ABOUT THIS.
DON'T YOU TRUST ME?



UGHHH, I- I
TRUST YOU...
BUT...

AHHHH.....

SIGH THEN STOP
WHINING LIKE A
LITTLE GIRL, AND
COME WITH ME
RIKA-CHAN.

A MOMENT LATER...

GOOD MORNING,
AYUMI-SAN.

OH, ISN'T THAT...
AIKO-SAN?

W- WHERE
ARE WE??






OH, YOU ALREADY
REMEMBER MY NAME.

HOHO, I TRY TO
REMEMBER ALL THE
PARENTS NAME AS
A HOBBY.

YOU'RE CHITOGÉ'S
AUNT, CORRECT?

THAT'S RIGHT. AND
TODAY I BROUGHT IN
THE GIRL I TOLD YOU
LAST TIME, HER
NAME IS RIKA.

OH... RIGHT! RIKA,
RIKA...HMM..



RIKA KIRISAKI,
RIKA-CHAN, PLEASE
SAY HELLO TO THE
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL,
AYUMI-SAN.

NICE TO MEET YOU
TOO, RIKA-CHAN.

OH, RIGHT. PLEASE
SIT DOWN.

LIGHH... N- NICE TO MEET
YOU, AYUMI-SAN. M- MY
NAME IS RIKA....CHAN...

SHE'S HERE TO
REGISTER AS A
NEW STUDENT...



HOHO, GIRLS THESE DAYS
GET TO WEAR MINISKIRT
ALL DAY. BACK IN MY DAY,
IF MY DAD SAW ME IN
YOUR OUTFIT, HE'D
GROUND ME FOR MONTHS!

SAME FOR
ME AS WELL.

YOU'RE REALLY
LUCKY THAT YOUR
PARENTS LET YOU
WEAR AN OUTFIT
LIKE THAT.

Y- YEAH, HAHA...

SO YOU MOVE TO
OUR SCHOOL FOR THE
SAME REASON AS
CHITOGÉ, RIGHT?

Y- YES...

GOOD GOOD, SO WE CAN REPEAT THE SAME PROCESS.

AND ALL THE DOCUMENTS FOR RIKA-CHAN ARE HERE.

THANK YOU. I'LL BRING OUT THE FORM FOR YOU TWO TO SIGN THEN, PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.

A MOMENT LATER...

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM. ONE FOR THE PARENT, AND ONE FOR THE STUDENT.

OKAY.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

UGH, OKAY...

AFTER A LITTLE WHILE...

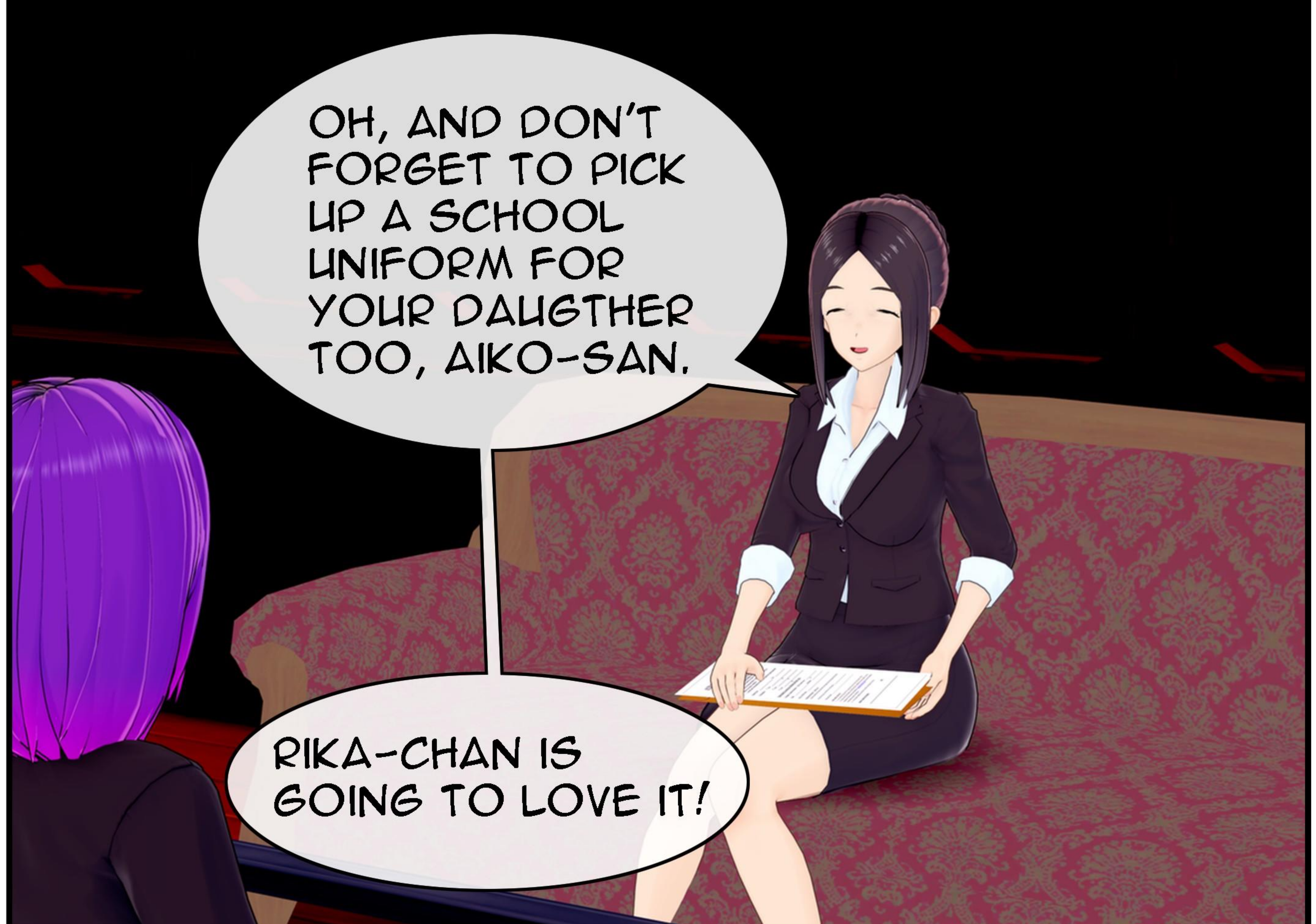
AND WITH THIS, YOUR
REGISTRATION IS DONE!
CONGRATULATION ON
BEING ONE OF OUR
STUDENT!

W- WOW, THAT
WAS QUICK...

THE ONLY THING LEFT
TO DO IS GO TO THE
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

ALRIGHT, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME,
AYUMI-SAN.

YOU'RE WELCOME.




OH, AND DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR YOUR DAUGHTER TOO, AIKO-SAN.

RIKA-CHAN IS GOING TO LOVE IT!



SURE THING, I WON'T FORGET THAT~

HMM? DID SHE SAY DAUGHTER?



HAHA, I HOPE SO.