

Day Four

JESUS,
JULES...

A woman with long, light brown hair is sitting on a lounge chair by a swimming pool. She is wearing a blue and white floral bikini. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The pool is in the background, and there are some plants and rocks around it. There are four speech bubbles on the left side of the image, containing text.

EVERY DAY,
YOU LOOK MORE
AND MORE LIKE
YOUR MOTHER.

YOU
THINK
SO?

DON'T
YOU SEE
IT?

YOUR HAIR IS
EXACTLY THE
SAME COLOR AS
HERS NOW.

A woman with short black hair, wearing a teal bikini, stands on a wooden deck. She is looking towards the right. The background is a thatched hut with wooden walls and a thatched roof. There are some plants and a wooden railing visible.

OKAY, I DID NOTICE THAT IT GOT DARKER.

I JUST DIDN'T THINK IT LOOKED LIKE HERS.

WELL, IT TOTALLY DOES.

EVEN YOUR FACIAL FEATURES LOOK MORE LIKE HER.

WHICH IS A GOOD THING, BECAUSE SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.



DID I
HEAR MY
NAME?

SHE WAS
BEAUTIFUL,
WASN'T SHE?

SHE COULD
HAVE BEEN A **MODEL**
IF SHE WASN'T SO
OBSESSED WITH
SCIENCE.

YOU
THINK?

I **KNOW**. EVEN
ADAM TRIED TO GET
HER TO SIT FOR
PICTURES.

REALLY? I
NEVER-

ADAM!

BACK
ME UP
HERE!

ON
WHAT?

ON JULES
LOOKING MORE
AND MORE LIKE
BRIE EVERY
DAY.

OH...





YEAH, I
GUESS I CAN
SEE IT.

A LITTLE.

YOU
DON'T THINK
I LOOK LIKE
HER, DO
YOU?

A LITTLE,
YEAH.

I MEAN,
YOUR HAIR
IS DARKER
LIKE HERS,
SO...

UH...



I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR CONVERSATION.

YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH US.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE WERE HAVING A PRIVATE TALK OR ANYTHING.

I TOLD STEVEN I'D WORK OUT WITH HIM, SO...

...I SHOULD DO THAT.

OKAY. HAVE FUN.

YEAH. YOU TWO DO THE SAME.



SO...

THINGS ARE STILL AWKWARD, HUH?

YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.

OH, BUT I REALLY WANT TO NOW!
GIGGLE

LAST NIGHT, I...

**FUCK. YOU
HAVE TO PROMISE
ME YOU WON'T TELL
ADAM.**

**OF
COURSE,
JULES.**

I...

**I THOUGHT
ABOUT HIM WHILE I
MASTURBATED.**

ADAM!?

YES.

**OH MY
GOD!**



DO YOU LIKE ADAM!?

LIKE... LIKE, LIKE?

WILL YOU BE QUIET!

HE'S ALREADY ON THE ELEVATOR, SO FESS UP!

DO YOU LIKE ADAM?



OF COURSE I LIKE HIM.

DAD WAS ALWAYS BUSY...

...SO ADAM WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME **EVERYTHING** I KNOW.

HOW TO PITCH.

HOW TO DRIVE.

HELL, HE TOOK ME TO MY FIRST STRIP CLUB.

HE'S
LIKE MY
BROTHER,
GLORY!

BUT HE'S
NOT YOUR
BROTHER.

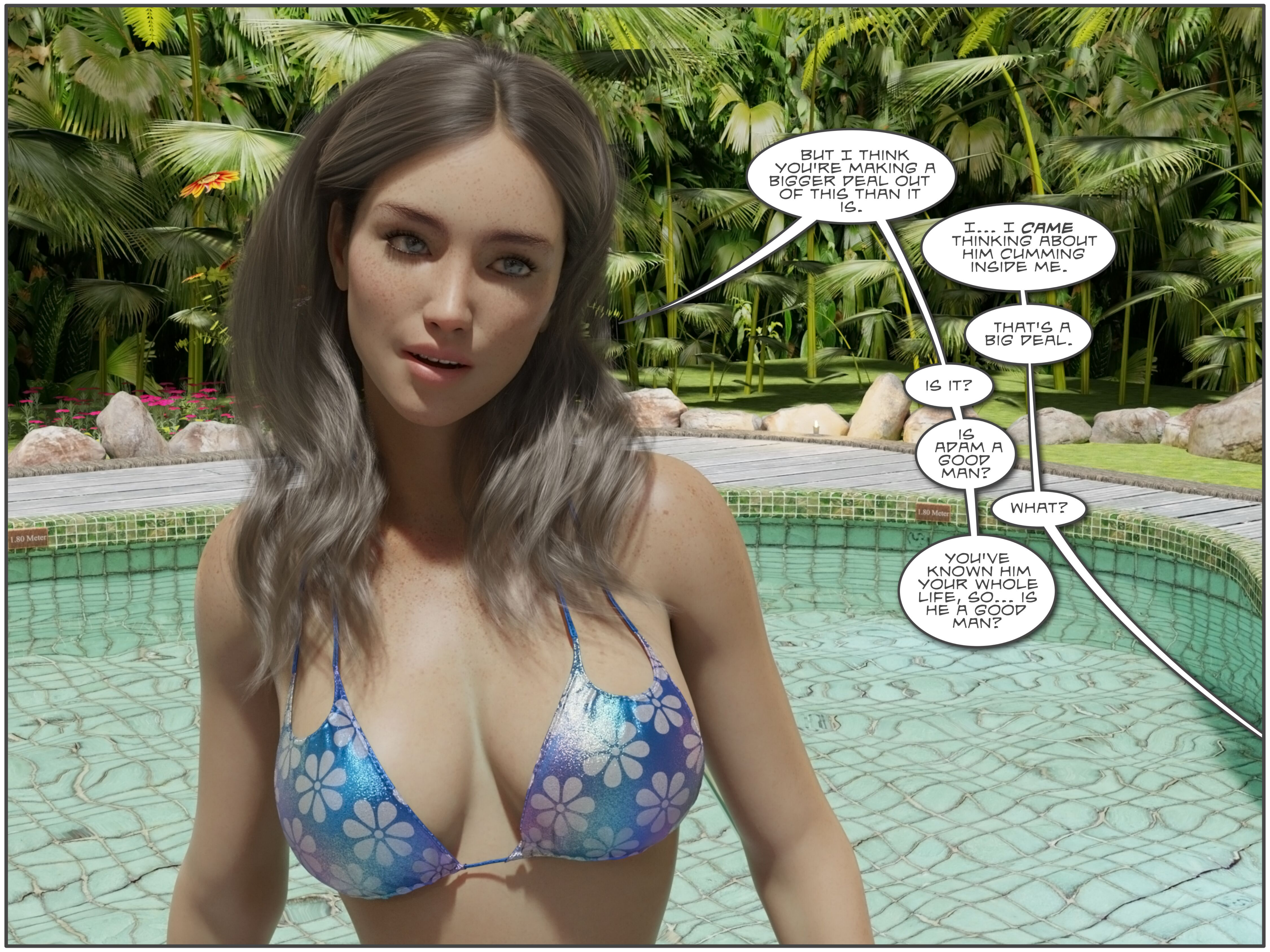
I KNOW
THAT.

GOOD,
BECAUSE THINKING
ABOUT A REAL
BROTHER WHILE
MASTURBATING IS
PRETTY **FUCKED UP.**
GIGGLE

THIS ISN'T
FUNNY,
GLORY.

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'M
SORRY.





BUT I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A BIGGER DEAL OUT OF THIS THAN IT IS.

I... I *CAME* THINKING ABOUT HIM CLUMMING INSIDE ME.

THAT'S A BIG DEAL.

IS IT?

IS ADAM A GOOD MAN?

WHAT?

YOU'VE KNOWN HIM YOUR WHOLE LIFE, SO... IS HE A GOOD MAN?



ADAM?

HE'S...
THE BEST.

AS I SAID,
DAD WAS NEVER
AROUND, AND ADAM
STEPPED UP TO
HELP ME.

OKAY. NOW,
AND JUST THINK
ABOUT IT BEFORE
ANSWERING...

ARE YOU
ATTRACTED
TO HIM?


AM I
ATTRACTED TO
HIM?

UM...

ADAM'S ALWAYS
BEEN IN FANTASTIC
SHAPE, AND GROWING UP,
I WANTED TO BE JUST
LIKE HIM.

I WAS
ALWAYS SO
SKINNY, BUT
ADAM... HE HAD
MUSCLES, AND
GIRLS THREW
THEMSELVES
AT HIM.

LOOK,
I GET IT,
JULES.



DID YOU KNOW
I WAS A YOUTH
PASTOR BEFORE
TRANSITIONING?


I KNEW
YOU WERE
ACTIVE IN A
CHURCH, BUT
THAT'S IT.

I WORKED WITH
THE YOUNG MEN IN OUR
CONGREGATION.

OTHER
LEADERS AND I
WOULD TAKE THEM
CAMPING, PLAY
SPORTS... THAT KIND
OF THING.

OKAY.

WELL...



THERE WAS THIS MEMBER OF THE YOUTH GROUP WHO IDOLIZED ME.


I PLAYED FOOTBALL IN COLLEGE, AND HE WANTED TO DO THE SAME.

SO, YOU HELPED HIM?

YEAH, HE WAS A BEANPOLE LIKE YOU IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

...BUT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, HE GOT A FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP TO FLORIDA STATE.

HE GREW INTO HIS BODY... BECAME QUITE THE PHYSICAL SPECIMEN.

A woman with dark hair and bangs, wearing a teal bikini, stands in a tropical setting with thatched-roof huts and palm trees. She has a surprised expression. A series of five speech bubbles are connected by lines, starting from the top left and moving towards her. The text in the bubbles is as follows:

GLORY,
ARE YOU
TRYING TO TELL
ME THAT YOU...
SLEPT WITH
HIM?

WOULD
YOU JUDGE
ME IF I
DID?

NO. OF
COURSE
NOT.

THEN *YES*,
WE HAVE SLEPT
TOGETHER ON
OCCASION.

ON
OCCASION?
YOU MEAN
MORE THAN
ONCE?

ALL THAT
TIME IN THE
GYM HAS PAID
OFF... BIG
TIME.

AND JUST SO
YOU KNOW, HIS
MUSCLES WEREN'T THE
ONLY **BIG** THING.
GIGGLE

AND HE...
DIDN'T THINK
IT WAS
WEIRD?

HE SAID THE
FIRST TIME WAS
WEIRD, BUT THEN HE
REALIZED SOMETHING
THAT REALLY
HELPED ME.

WHAT?



I WASN'T
DAVE JONES,
YOUTH PASTOR
AND OLD MAN
ANYMORE.

I WAS GLORY
IRELAND: BIKINI
MODEL AND YOUNG
WOMAN.

AND YOU
KNOW IT WAS MY
WIFE... MY **EX-WIFE**
WHO ENCOURAGED ME
TO RETURN HIS
CALLS.

REALLY?
NOW **THAT** MUST
HAVE BEEN
WEIRD.

SHE TOLD ME IT
WOULD BE SILLY TO
DENY MYSELF A
CHANCE TO BE WITH
HIM BECAUSE OF
OUR PAST.

TO NOT GIVE AN
AMAZING MAN A CHANCE
JUST BECAUSE HE KNEW
ME AS DAVID.




SO, YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD... PURSUE ADAM?

DO YOU WANT TO?

I DON'T KNOW. IT'S ALL... SO CONFUSING.

BECAUSE YOU ONCE WANTED TO BE LIKE ADAM, AND NOW YOU MIGHT WANT TO BE WITH HIM?

EXACTLY.



I'M NOT
TELLING YOU
TO PURSUE
HIM...

...BUT
DON'T
WRITE HIM
OFF.

AND YOU
KNOW YOUR
MOTHER
ADORED HIM,
RIGHT?

SHE
NEVER HAD A
BAD THING TO
SAY ABOUT
HIM.

AND THAT'S
GOTTA COUNT FOR
SOMETHING.

YEAH...

SHE
REALLY
DID LOVE
HIM.

AND I'M
SORRY, BUT
HE'S CLEARLY
INTO YOU.

REALLY?

OH, FOR
SURE. BUT HE'S
PROBABLY JUST AS
CONFUSED AS YOU
ARE, SO TALK TO
HIM.

YEAH. I
THINK I'LL
DO THAT.

THAT A GIRL!
GIGGLE



GOD, WHY DIDN'T I CHANGE?

THIS ISN'T-

COME ON, SHE'S GOING TO BE A KNOCKOUT, ADAM.



TO BE CONTINUED...

