

ON FRIDAY...

WELL, I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE BEST FOR YOU. I MEAN IF YOU DON'T SEE THE RESULT, WHY WOULD YOU EVEN USE IT?

IT'S AS EASY AS IT SOUNDS, GIRL.

OH NO, DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE TO CHANGE THE BRAND AGAIN?

O- OH... THAT'S RIGHT.

AHHH, I KNEW IT... IT WAS MY MOISTURIZER ALL ALONG!





SO, WHICH BRAND DO YOU RECOMMEND, RIKA-CHAN?

HMM, LET'S SEE...

YOU COULD GO FOR SHIMANO, OR MORIE... THAT WILL HELP SOLVE YOUR DRY SKIN ISSUE.

AH! HOW COULD I FORGET ABOUT, ZETTA?! YEP, THAT'S THE ONE FOR YOU.

OH? THOSE TWO-

Z- ZETTA?!



B- BUT DON'T YOU THINK THOSE ARE, A LITTLE, UMM, EXPENSIVE?

I MEAN I COULD BUY THEM, BUT MY PARENTS WON'T LET ME...

T- THAT'S... UGH, BUT I- I'M NOT AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU, RIKA-CHAN...



HMM? IF YOU THINK THEY'RE EXPENSIVE, THAT MEANS YOU AREN'T THAT SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR BEAUTY, GIRL.

T- THEN... YOU SHOULD START FINDING A JOB! WHO KNOWS, MAYBE YOU CAN APPLY FOR MODELING LIKE ME.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE SUDDENLY BECAME A MODEL, YOU KNOW?

LMM, I- I USED
TO WORK AS A
MAID IN MAID
CAFE TOO.

WE HAVE TO START
FROM SOMEWHERE,
RIGHT?

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER
YOURSELF A LUCKY GIRL
THEN, HUHU.

WOW...

I SEE IT NOW. GOSH,
I'M SO GLAD I HAVE
A CHANCE TO MEET
A GIRL LIKE YOU,
RIKA-CHAN.

YEP! ALRIGHT, WE'LL GO
TO VENDING MACHINES,
WANT US TO GRAB
SOMETHING FOR YOU?

...

GULP SO THAT'S HOW RIKA-CHAN IS WHEN SHE'S WITH OTHER PEOPLE...

OH, JUST WATER, PLEASE. I'M ON A DIET RIGHT NOW~

I JUST COULDN'T GET USED TO HOW SHE TALK AT ALL...

UGH, I CAN'T PUT IT INTO WORDS, BUT SHE'S DEFINIETLY CHANGED!

GOSH, THIS THING IS NAGGING ME FOR ENTIRE WEEK.

S- SHOULD I JUST TALK TO HER NOW?

SIGHHHHH

GOSH, FINALLY THOSE GIRLS ARE GONE! THEY ARE TALKING NON-STOP!


BUT GOSH, THEY ARE REALLY OBSESSED WITH MY OPINIONS, EH?

I MEAN WHO ELSE WOULD KNOW ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS... BETTER THAN ME?

BUT I THINK I HANDLED IT PRETTY WELL, HEHE. I FEEL LIKE I START TO GET THE HAND OF THIS.

BUT... I- I COULDN'T BLAME THEM, RIGHT?





SO I GUESS THE
HARDWORKS I DID
DURING THESE PAST
MONTHS REALLY PAID
OFF~

JUST LOOK AT THIS
WEEK ALONE, THERE
ARE SO MANY NEW
FACES WANTED TO
TALK WITH ME.

AT THIS RATE EVERYONE
IN THIS SCHOOL WILL
KNOW MY NAME BY THE
END OF THIS SEMESTER,
HEHE

AND THAT'S MY GOAL,
RIGHT? ALRIGHT, I
CAN'T BACK DOWN
NOW-

LMM... HEY, RIKA-CHAN,
ARE YOU FREE RIGHT
NOW?

HMM?

OH, PERFECT...
GOSH, LOOKS LIKE
YOU REALLY GET
USED TO YOUR NEW
LIFE HERE, RIKA-CHAN.

I MEAN DIDN'T YOU
JUST TALK TO THOSE
GIRLS ABOUT BEAUTY
PRODUCTS SECONDS
AGO?

OH, IT'S YOU, CHITOGI.
YEP, I'M FREE RIGHT
NOW.

HMM? WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

OH? YEAH... I
MEAN I DID
GREAT, RIGHT?

A comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left has long, flowing hair that is yellow at the top and fades to pink at the bottom. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a blue pleated skirt. The girl on the right has short, straight purple hair with a small silver cross-shaped hair clip on the right side. She is also wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a red tie and a blue pleated skirt. They are standing in front of a building with large windows. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.

UHM, Y- YEAH... I THINK YOU DID GREAT...

HAHA, I'M JUST SURPRISED AT HOW FAST YOU'VE ADAPTED, RIKA-CHAN.

I KNOW, I KNOW... I MEAN YOU ARE THE SON OF A YAKUZA AND ALL, RIGHT?

YAY~ TO BE HONEST, I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE HARDER THAN THIS, HAHA.

OH , CHITOGI, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW TOUGH IT WAS FOR ME AT THE START.

Y- YEAH...?

HAHA... I- I GUESS
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU
FINALLY HAVE A
CHANCE TO BE YOUR-
SELF...RIGHT?

COME ON, RIKA-CHAN.
WE'RE ALL GIRL HERE,
YOU CAN TRUST ME,
Y- YOU KNOW?


I GUESS MY LITTLE
SIS IS GROWING
NOW... HEHE...

BLUSHING

BE MYSELF? I DON'T
THINK I GET-

W- WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING TO
SAY?

UGHH, T- THIS IS
STARTING TO GET
WEIRD, CHITOGÉ.

A two-page comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms on a balcony. The girl on the left has long, flowing hair that is yellow at the top and fades to pink at the bottom, with a red feather-like ornament on top. She is seen from the back. The girl on the right has short, straight purple hair with a silver cross-shaped hair clip on the right side. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with a red tie and a blue pleated skirt. She is looking at the other girl and adjusting her tie. The background shows a modern building with large windows and a clear blue sky.

YOU KNOW, I THINK I CAN TALK TO MY DAD ABOUT THIS, AND HE MIGHT EVEN HELP YOU WITH YOUR FAMILY ISSUE TOO!

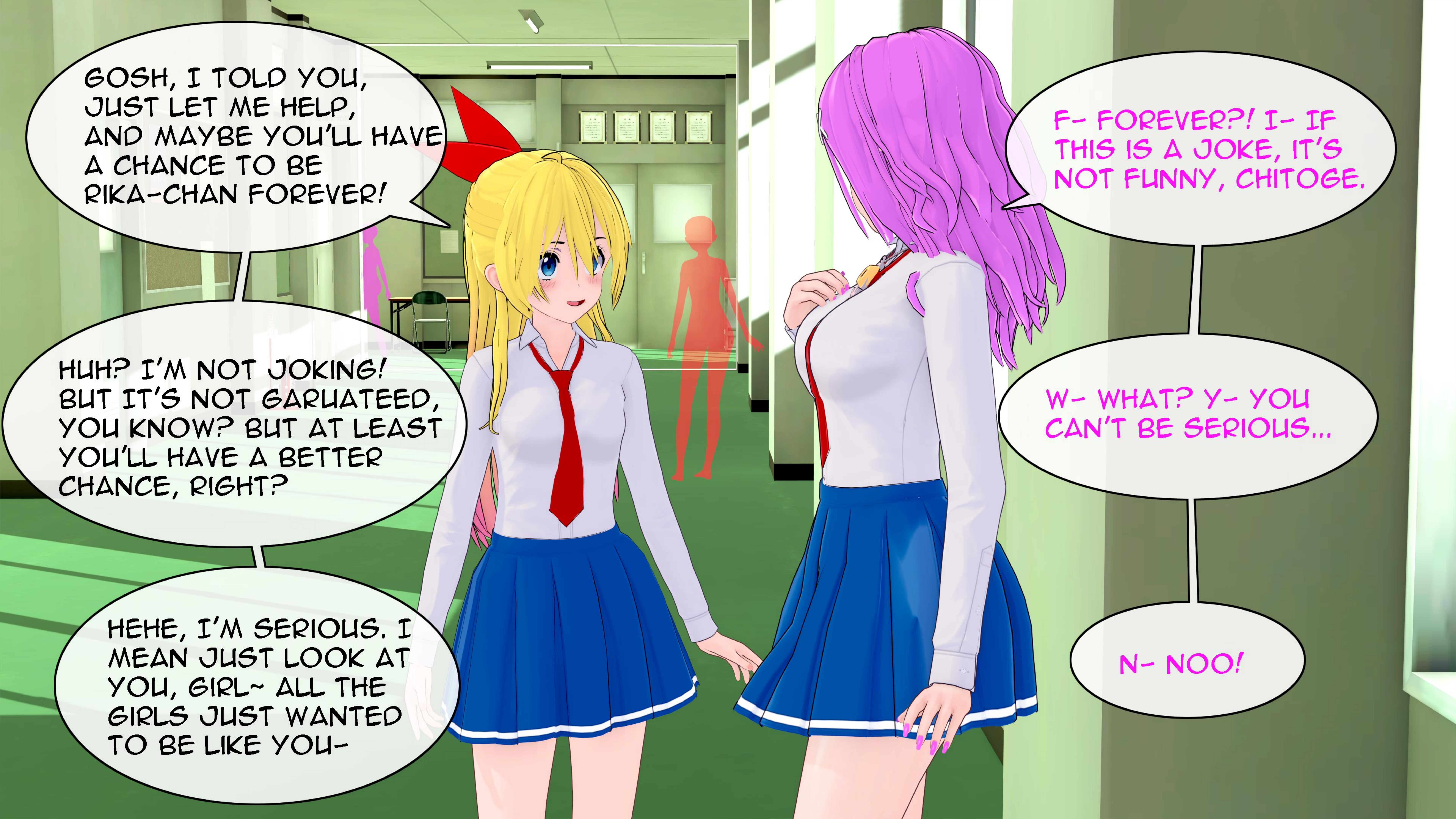
YOU MUST'VE FELT WEIRD THE WHOLE TIME KNOWING THAT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO BACK HOME EVENTUALLY, RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "TURN BACK TO NORMAL"?

H- HUH? WHY WOULD I WANT THAT??

W- WHAT?? I MEAN THAT'S TRUE, BUT EVERYTHING WILL TURN BACK TO NORMAL SOON.

L- LIKE, I'LL GO BACK AND BE RIK-, UGH, R- RAKU AGAIN, OF COURSE.



GOSH, I TOLD YOU,
JUST LET ME HELP,
AND MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE
A CHANCE TO BE
RIKA-CHAN FOREVER!


HUH? I'M NOT JOKING!
BUT IT'S NOT GARLATEED,
YOU KNOW? BUT AT LEAST
YOU'LL HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE, RIGHT?

HEHE, I'M SERIOUS. I
MEAN JUST LOOK AT
YOU, GIRL~ ALL THE
GIRLS JUST WANTED
TO BE LIKE YOU-

F- FOREVER?! I- IF
THIS IS A JOKE, IT'S
NOT FUNNY, CHITOGE.

W- WHAT? Y- YOU
CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

N- NOO!

A scene from an anime-style comic. Two girls in school uniforms are standing outdoors. The girl on the left has long, flowing hair that is yellow at the top and fades to pink at the bottom, with a red feather-like ornament on top. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a blue pleated skirt. The girl on the right has short, straight purple hair with a silver cross-shaped hair clip on the right side. She is also wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a blue pleated skirt, with a red tie. She is looking at the first girl with a surprised expression. The background shows a building with windows and a clear blue sky.

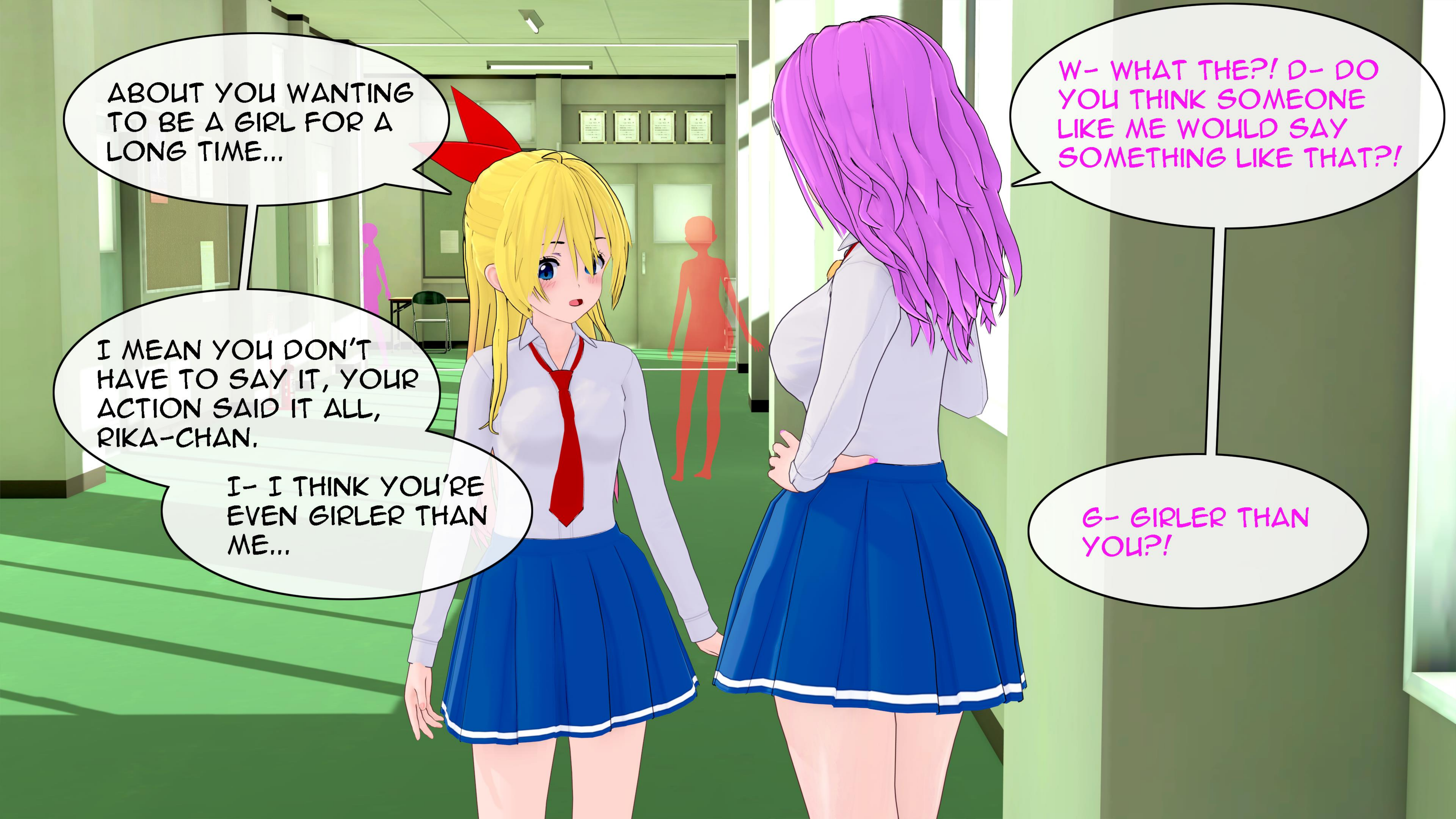
HUH? I MEAN IF YOU GO BACK THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR DREAM OF BEING RIKA-CHAN??

UGH, GOSH, EVEN NOW YOU JUST COULDN'T TRUST ME WITH YOUR SECRET, HUH?

WHY WOULD I WANT TO STAY HERE ANYWAY? I WANT TO GO BACK HOME, RIGHT?

B- BEING RIKA-CHAN IS MY DREAM?! WHY WOULD I EVEN WANT THAT??

M- MY SECRET?? WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT, CHITOGEE?



ABOUT YOU WANTING
TO BE A GIRL FOR A
LONG TIME...

I MEAN YOU DON'T
HAVE TO SAY IT, YOUR
ACTION SAID IT ALL,
RIKA-CHAN.

I- I THINK YOU'RE
EVEN GIRLER THAN
ME...

W- WHAT THE?! D- DO
YOU THINK SOMEONE
LIKE ME WOULD SAY
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

G- GIRLER THAN
YOU?!



UHM... E- EVERY PART?

BUT IT'S TRUE! I MEAN JUST LOOK AT YOU!

NO WAY! LIGHH, JUST TELL ME, WHAT PART OF ME IS GIRLER THAN YOU??

GOSH, YOU'VE GOTTA ME KIDDING ME, CHITOGÉ.

LIGHHHH, E- EVEN IF THAT WAS TRUE, THIS IS JUST AN ACTING, ALRIGHT?



H- HUH?? ACTING??


B- BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ACTING THOUGH...

C- COME ON, RIKA-CHAN. J- JUST DROP THIS... YOU'RE JUST JOKING, RIGHT? HAHA...

I CAN'T LET PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT ME, YOU KNOW. THAT'S WHY I GOTTA ACT LIKE AS IF I'M THE REAL RIKA-CHAN.

REALLY? UGH, I GUESS THAT MEANS I DID WELL, WHICH IS JUST WHAT I NEED.

HUH? I'M SERIOUS, CHITOGI. THIS IS MY ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS MESS!

A comic panel showing two anime-style girls in school uniforms. The girl on the left has long, flowing blonde hair with a red ribbon and is seen from the back. The girl on the right has short purple hair with a white 'X' hair clip and is wearing a white shirt, red tie, and blue skirt. They are standing in front of a school building with windows. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

O- ONLY WAY OUT? YOU MEAN WORKING AS A LINGERIE MODEL... AND NOW PEOPLE START TO THINK YOU'RE A SCHOOL'S QUEEN OR SOMETHING.

W- WELL... I- IT'S NOT LIKE I- I HAVE A CHOICE, RIGHT?

GOSH, OF COURSE YOU HAVE A CHOICE!

LGH...

BUT YOU CHOOSE TO DO THIS?

LGHHHHH, IT'S NOT LIKE I ENJOY DOING ANY OF THIS, Y- YOU KNOW?

REALLY? BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT TOO.

IF WHAT YOU SAID WERE TRUE THEN CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL ME ABOUT IT?

S- SUPER COMPLICATED? OMG... IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME, THEN TELL ME NO-

W- WHAT? THAT'S NOT TRUE!!

I- I... IT'S SUPER COMPLICATED TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, OKAY? BUT I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S THE TRUTH!

RIKA-CHAN~ WE'RE BACK!!

O- OH, IT'S YOU GIRLS.
I WONDER WHAT TAKE
YOU SO LONG~

WE RAN INTO YUI-SENSEI,
AND SHE ASKED US TO
HELP HER CLEAN THE
HALLWAY, SORRY~

OH, HEY, YOU'RE
CHITOGÉ-CHAN,
RIGHT?

HI, GIRLS... AND
YEP! THAT'S ME.

I HEARD YOU'RE RIKA'S
BIG SISTER, BUT NOW
I'M NOT SURE WHO IS
THE "BIG" SISTER, HEHE.

EHEHE, I- I SEE...

OH, IT'S TOTALLY FINE!

LGH...

WELL... O- OUR PARENTS LOVE CONTRAST, HEHE.

WE'RE JOKING~ I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND US TOO MUCH~

OOOOOOOOOOO~~

OH, HERE'S YOUR WATER, RIKA-CHAN~

RING
RING



OH, LOOKS LIKE CLASS'S GOING TO START SOON.

OKAY, WE'LL BE GOING THEN, MY CLASS IS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.



OKAY, BYE~

TALK TO YOU LATER!



SIGH WE ALSO SHOULD GET MOVING TOO, CHITOGÉ.

WELL... DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SITUATION I'M IN, OKAY? I WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT WHEN I'M READY.

GOSH, I THOUGHT MOM ALREADY TOLD YOU EVERYTHING... NEVERMIND THAT, LET'S GO TO CLASS THEN.

Y- YEAH...

UGH... O- OKAY...

H- HUH? MOM? WHOSE MOM ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH...

NOW AUNT AIKO IS RIKA-CHAN'S MOM?? WHY HAVEN'T I NOTICED THAT BEFORE?!



O- OH... I MEANT AUNT AIKO.

LIGH... W- WHAT THE HECK IS ALL THIS??

AHHHHH! I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS NOT TRUE ANYMORE!

