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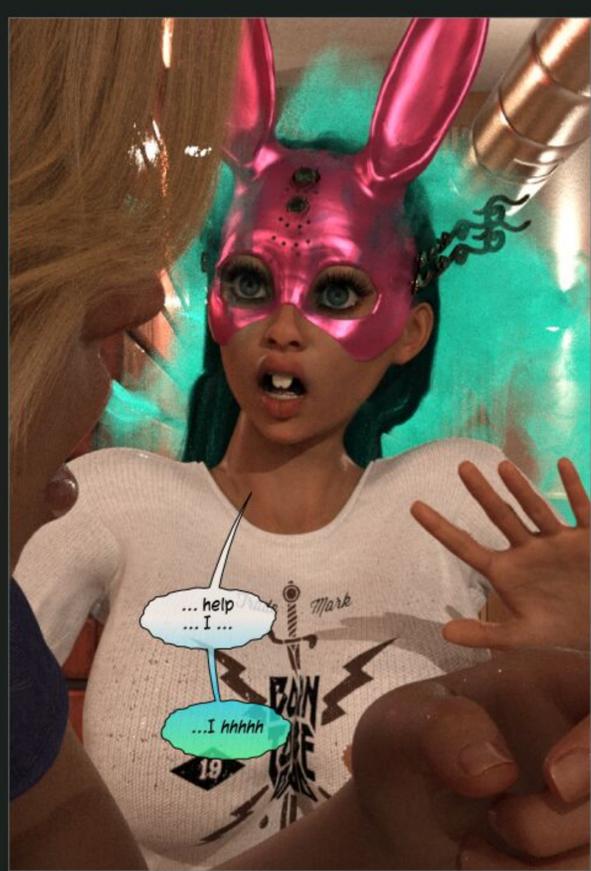
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Whoa!

Hey!
Are you OK?

You're, uh ...
I don't think that's ...



... help
... I ...

...I hhhhh



Trade Mark



Hey, wait --
khPP

What are
you --
what's --
kaP

what's
happening ...
khPP



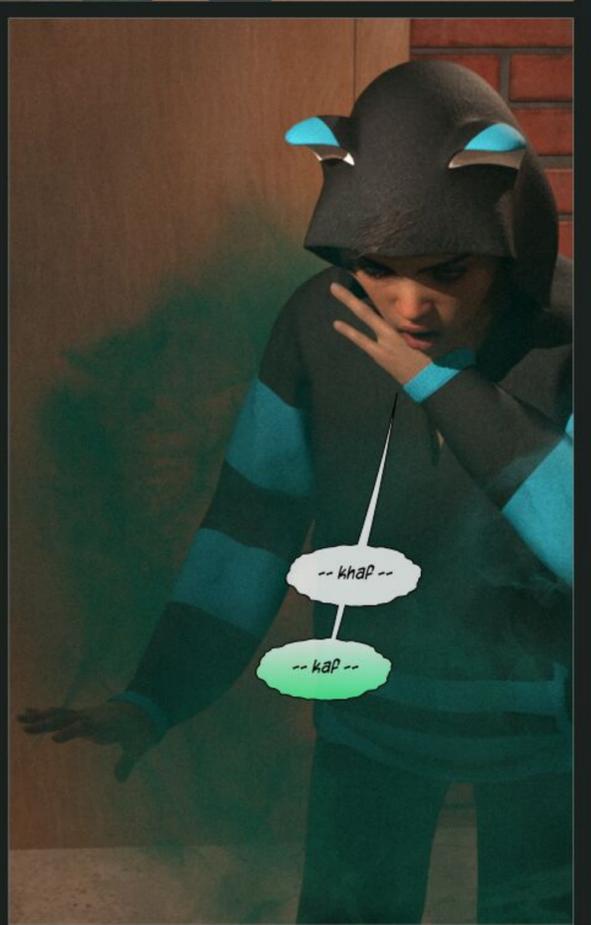
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hhhhgh
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Wha --

Hey, wait!
Hold up!
Do you need help?

Hello?
Are you even --



-- khPP --

-- kaP --



Hey, there's
some kind of
kaP
some kind of weird bunny
woman walking around and
khPP

and, uh
-- kPP --

hey, are you ...?



uruhhhh?



uhhhh!



You're
not OK either,
are you?
We have to get
you some --



--
no, wait, don't
look at me like --
uh --

-- oohh!



NATALIE AND JENNY RETURN TO THEIR DORM AFTER DINNER.



... just think you're being way too jumpy.

I'm not! ... OK, maybe a little. But I mean, being messed with and turned into a rabbit would make anybody jumpy if it only happened once ...

Sure, but you could also be like, "Well, lightning struck twice, there's no way it'd happen a third time ..."

All I'm saying is, Easter's tomorrow, and it seems like every year, right about now, we get weirdness.

But this whole place is nuts all the time. What counts as "weirdness"?

NATALIE HAS A TOUCH OF PTSD AFTER THE EVENTS OF "BAD HARE DAY" AND "FAUNED REGARDS," WHICH YOU CAN FIND WHEREVER YOU FOUND THIS.



Well, for one ...

hgh
oooh
urrrh

uuuh
oooooh



In the Poyer.

Doesn't mean anything. Half the dorm's lez and the other half's open to suggestions. Maybe they get off doing it out here. Or they're bored. Or maybe their roommates wouldn't clear out.

Should we --

I'm not gonna spoil their Pun. If the house mother comes out and blows a valve, that's their problem.



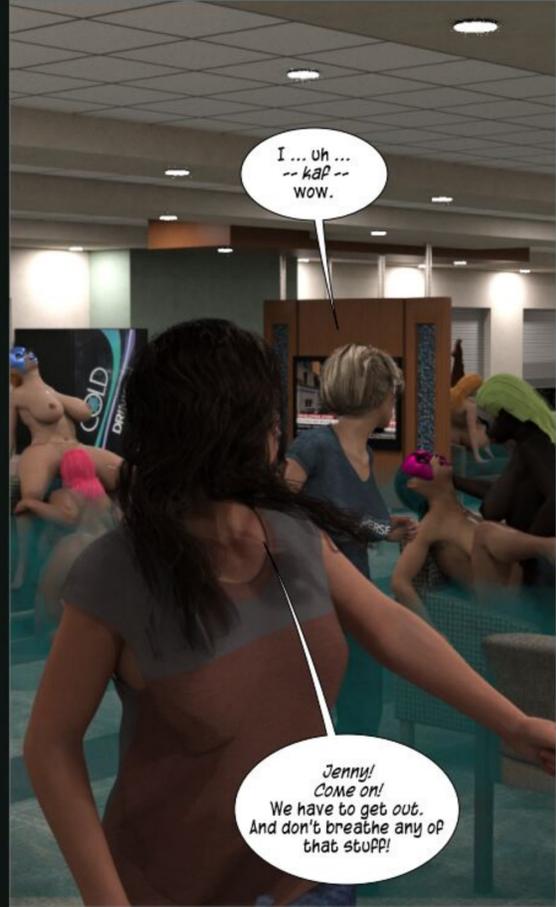
And that doesn't make you worry?

Makes me want to go do it myself. S'not like we had other plans tonight ...

Let's swing by the common room first. I want to see if I can talk that rotten vending machine out of a candy bar.



OK, now I'm a little worried.



I ... Uh ... -- kAP -- wow.

Jenny! Come on! We have to get out. And don't breathe any of that STUFF!



If we stay in here, whatever got them will get us.

... I thought it looked like they were having Pun.

Yeah? What if they can't get out of it? What if it leads to something else? Like turning into rabbits or --

You've got to get over the rabbit thing.

We need to get help, Jenny. Somebody who can fix it. And you know who I mean.

OK, but I don't even know where she lives. Do you?



No. But I know where she spends a lot of her time.



GLADYS, THE COLLEGE'S LONE (AND SOMEWHAT COVERT) SCHOLAR OF APPLIED AND PRACTICAL ARCANA. THAT IS, SHE'S A WITCH.

See, I told you. She's always here. She lives here.

I work here.

Yeah, but this library isn't open late on Saturday nights ...



No, it isn't. We close in a few minutes.

And then George and I are going to go home and spend the rest of the weekend fucking like rabbits, if you're that curious about my lifestyle.

... I asked for that.

You sure did.

Wish you'd picked a different image, though.



All of a sudden everybody in our dorm has gone complete nympho. They're doing it out in the open -- who knows what's happening in the rooms -- and there's this weird smoke everywhere ...

Look, maybe after all the shit that's happened I've gotten, y'know ... I mean, I can just about feel it. Somebody's making trouble. Like, magic trouble.

You know, that's not hard to believe. The kind of thing you've been through does tend to sensitize someone.

Also, I've been getting resonances all afternoon. Gave me a headache, actually.

Can you do anything about it?

Sure. Ibuprofen.

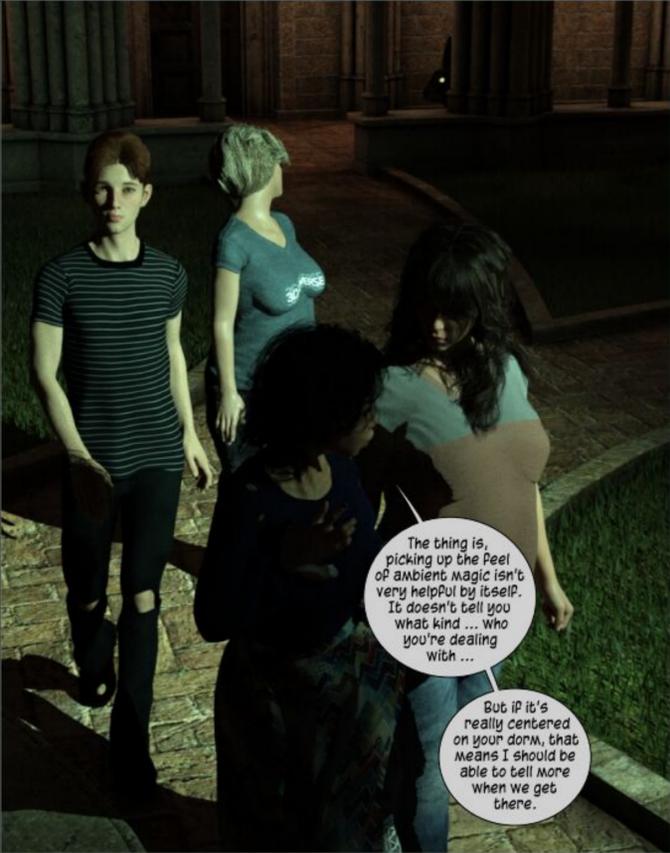
... I knew what you meant. I don't know. Maybe.



Hey, George?

We may have to change our plans.

GLADYS AND GEORGE HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN IN "MEET THE WOMAN OF YOUR DREAMS III" AND "FAUNED REGARDS."



The thing is, picking up the Peel of ambient magic isn't very helpful by itself. It doesn't tell you what kind ... who you're dealing with ...

But if it's really centered on your dorm, that means I should be able to tell more when we get there.



Uh ... folks?

I guess Natalie could be making me paranoid ...

... but I really do think someone is following us.



No, you're right. I've been catching glimpses of them since we left the library.

Don't turn around! We don't want to let them know we've seen them.

Gladys and I will split off. You two keep going like you're heading back to the dorm.

We'll loop around and see if we can get a look at them so we know what we're dealing with.



Not turning around ... not turning around ...

Should we just stop and be "Hey, what's your problem?"

Got a better idea?

I'm in.

Doesn't matter. I don't think they care if we've seen them. They're getting closer.

And then what if they, dunno, carry us off and throw us in a van or something?

I think we might need to run like hell.



-- hff --

OK, Jenny, I think we can stop. We lost them on that turn ... nobody ever remembers this courtyard's even here ...



... Jenny?



... Oh. Sorry. You nearly lost us on that turn.

They were definitely following you and not us. Didn't bother with us for a second.

I think they got Jenny! She was right behind me, and then she wasn't ...

Ooh. Bad. Especially since --

We didn't get a good look at them -- just shadows -- but they smell of magic. Wild magic.

Maybe it's connected to what's happening in your dorm, maybe not ... but I bet it is. There's something about this ...

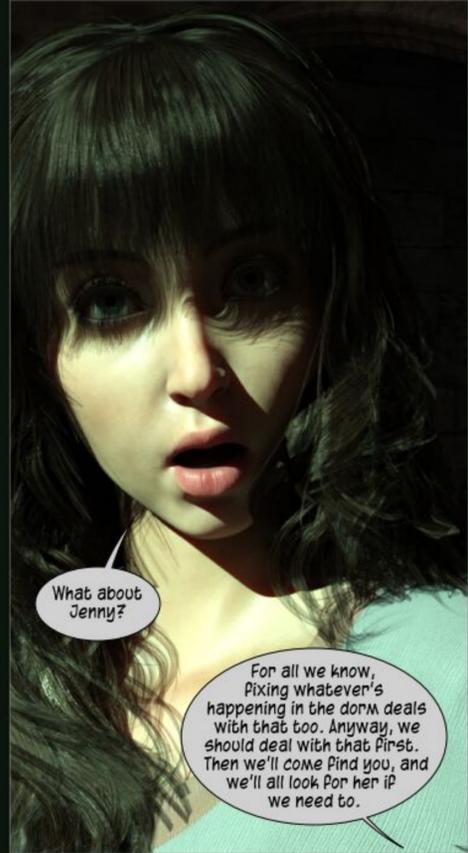


Natalie, we need to drop you somewhere safe. And you need to stay there.

Somewhere well-lit. With other people present. Somewhere they won't try anything.

But --

We can't figure this out and keep you protected. And if they're after both of you, they could try again.



What about Jenny?

For all we know, fixing whatever's happening in the dorm deals with that too. Anyway, we should deal with that first. Then we'll come find you, and we'll all look for her if we need to.



You know, if it was me, I'm not sure how thrilled I'd be about people deciding I was the answer to any weirdness.

It is you. You're here too, aren't you? But, no, I'm not happy about it either.

She wasn't wrong, though. Now that we're here I can feel it. The whole building's pull of it, right?

Mhm. Definitely wild magic. I'm pretty sure we don't even want to go in.

... You're making really good progress on all this.



You know, this kind of aptitude -- it's almost always women, there's a genetic reason ...

Have you ever wondered if you got put into the wrong box?

Never occurred to me to consider it.

I mean, I think I'd have turned out pretty much the same either way.



So can you do a dispel without needing to go inside?

I think so. We'll just enclose the whole building.

Huh. Big circle.

Yep. Good thing we stopped for supplies.

We're going to need all this salt.



Little surprised no one's tried to interfere ...

Maybe they're all too busy in there to notice.

I was thinking more of those shadowy things.

Maybe they aren't related. Or maybe they're still looking for Natalie. I hope she stays put.

I don't know. I think I just expected that somebody would be watching.

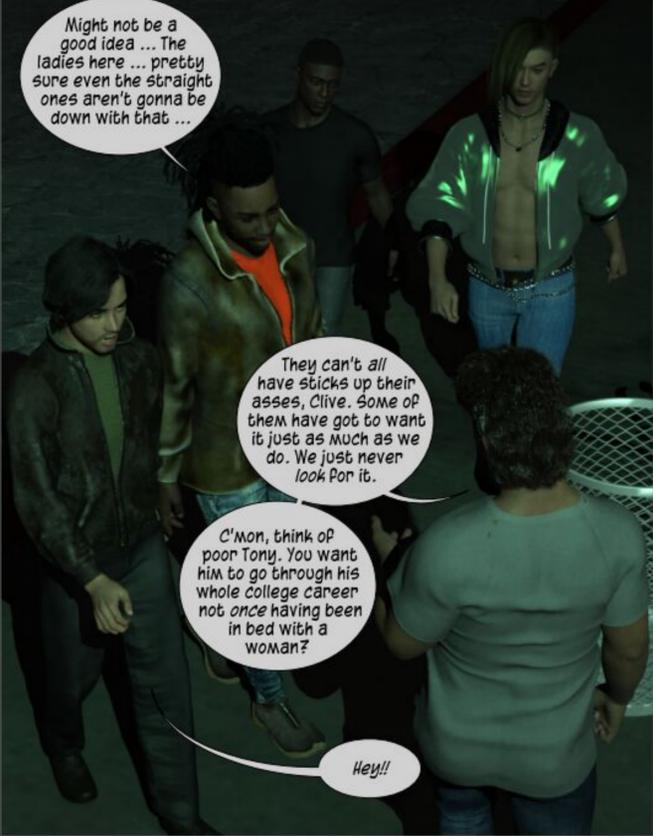


OK. Here goes.

What do you need from me?

Nothing, yet. Stand by.

I may need to draw on you for power. This is going to be a heavy lift.



Might not be a good idea ... The ladies here ... pretty sure even the straight ones aren't gonna be down with that ...

They can't all have sticks up their asses, Clive. Some of them have got to want it just as much as we do. We just never look for it.

C'mon, think of poor Tony. You want him to go through his whole college career not once having been in bed with a woman?

Hey!!



And don't you two give me that face.

I mean, nothing against either of you, but you've got that shit at home, know what I mean?

You can get it any time you want, and you --



-- holy shit.

uhhh ...

What the hell is that?

I don't know ... but I'm sure gonna find out.



-- giggle --

Come on, Tony! Maybe she has a sister!

Uh ... yeah. Sure.

Literally chasing tail. Unbelievable.



... guess I'd better go follow them.

Or you could just let them make their own problems.

They're not that bad, Gabe. Pulk's just full of shit. And Tony goes along with it because he hasn't figured out Pulk's full of shit.

Anyway, Pulk's got a point. Maybe the rabbit lady's got a melanicious friend back at the rabbit hutch.

See you two later.



One of these days he's going to figure out he's too good to be straight.

Doubt it. Some people can't handle the truth.

Guess we can't talk. "We have that at home."

Eh. Pulk wasn't actually wrong.

I'm not ready to go home yet, though. Let's go see what else we can find to do.



Oh, yeah. That's the shit.

And I thought I was joking ...



Hey, Pulk? What if ...

I mean ... is there like a charge or something?

Tony, if it costs money, I will pick up your Pucking tab.

We are *not* missing out on this.



Nobody at the door ... maybe we're not supposed to ...

Gotta go further in, chickenshit.

Come on. You want to get ball, or not?



Daaaaamn.



Guys, I'm not sure this is ...

Oh. Hey! Excuse Me!

Can you tell us ... I mean ... what are the rules here?



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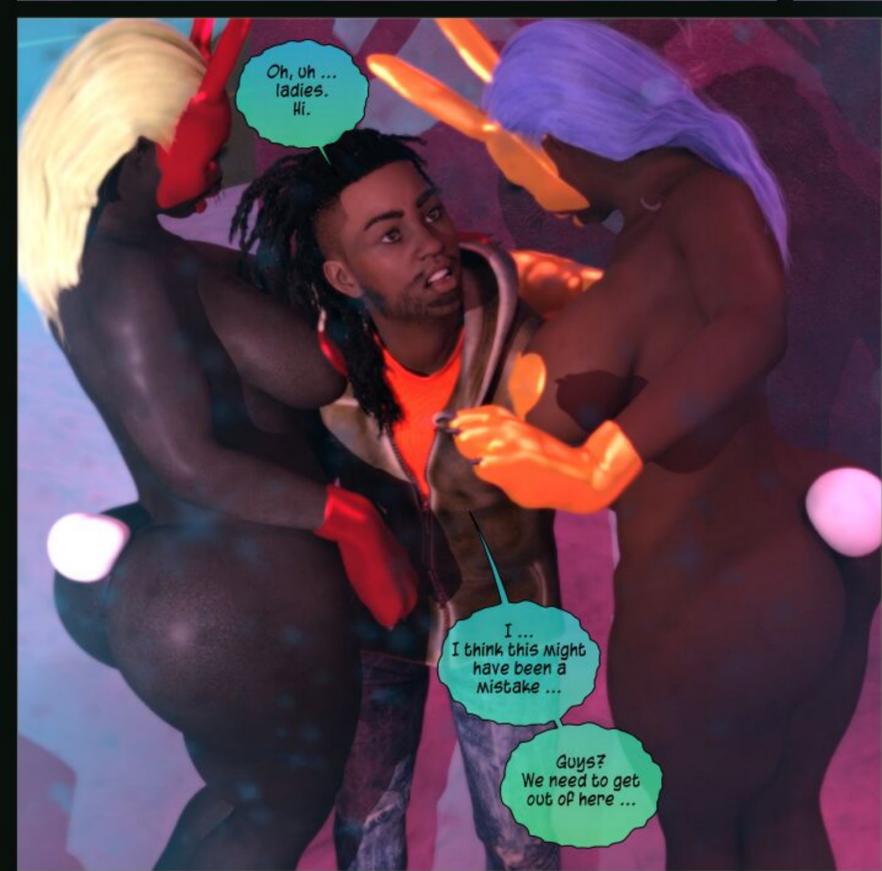
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-- kap --

-- khPP --

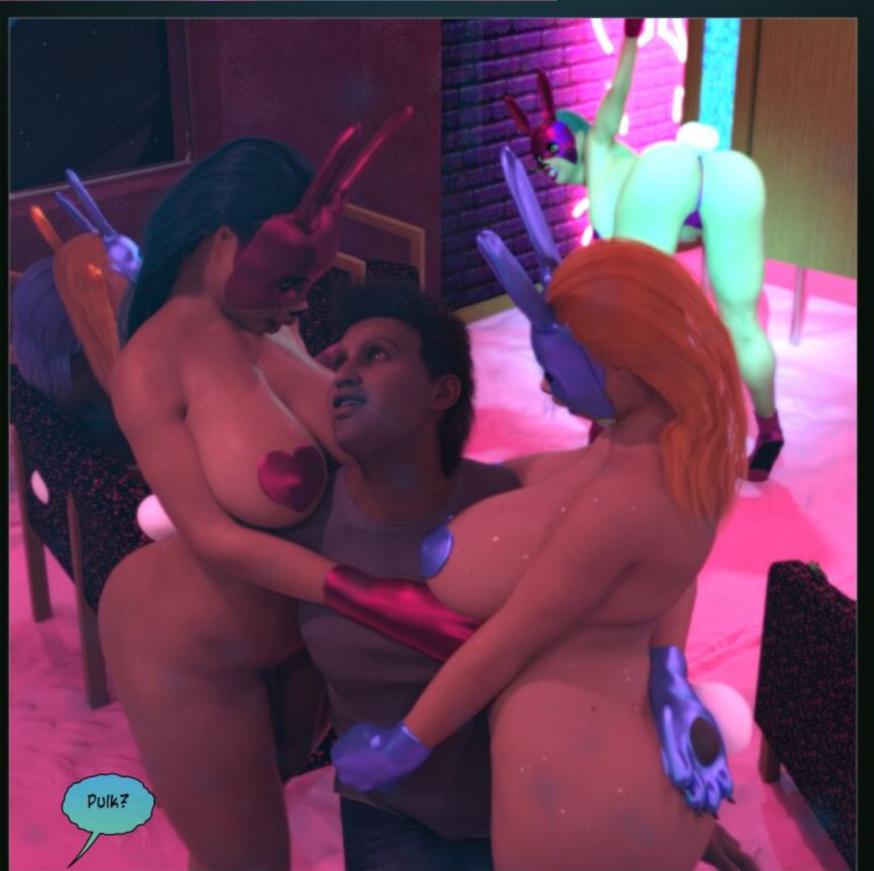
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Oh, uh ... ladies. Hi.

I ... I think this might have been a mistake ...

Guys? We need to get out of here ...



Pulk?

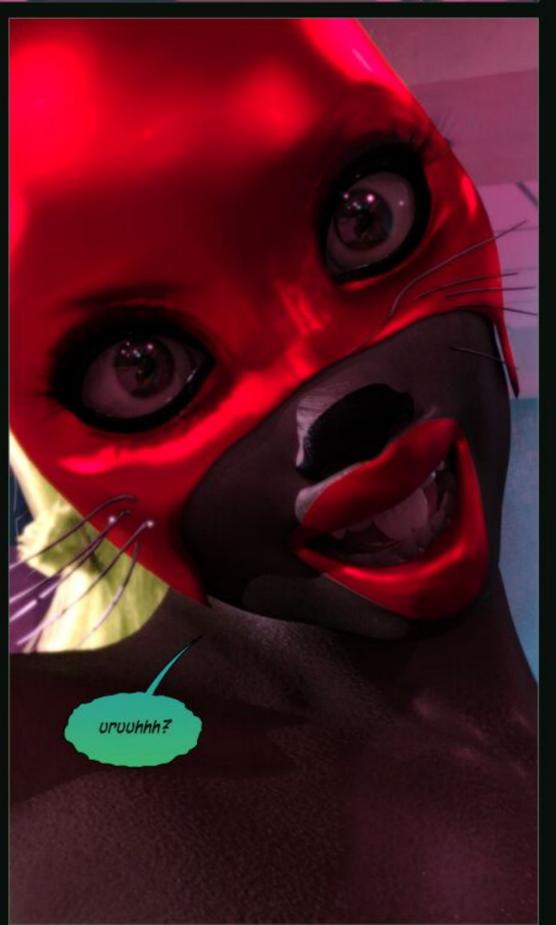


... Tony?



Ok, uh, look, you're cute and all but I really have to --

-- do you say anything?



uruuhhh?



AAAAA



Now there's something you don't see every day: A doe trying to make a Past buck.

Kit, hurry around and make sure he doesn't get away.



Don't know what the Puck that was but I'm not Pinking out. Pulk and Tony gonna just have to deal themselves.

Now I'm out of that weird-ass smoke I can just about think again ...



YAAAAA!

You shouldn't leave.

It's rude.



It's because you don't sparkle.

You need to sparkle.



Wait!
Listen, I won't tell anybody!
I just don't want to --

-- uuuurh



hhuuu

Don't worry.

You'll love it.



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OK, uh, so you know ... I haven't done this very much ...

-- giggle --

Just ... Uhhh ... just wanted to warn you ...



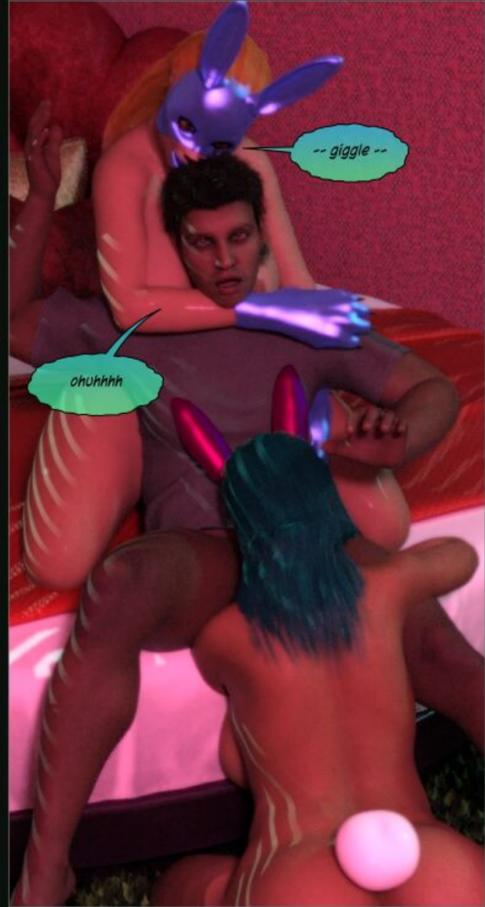
uuuuhh ...

no need ... no need to rush ... uh ...

... plenty of me for everybody ...



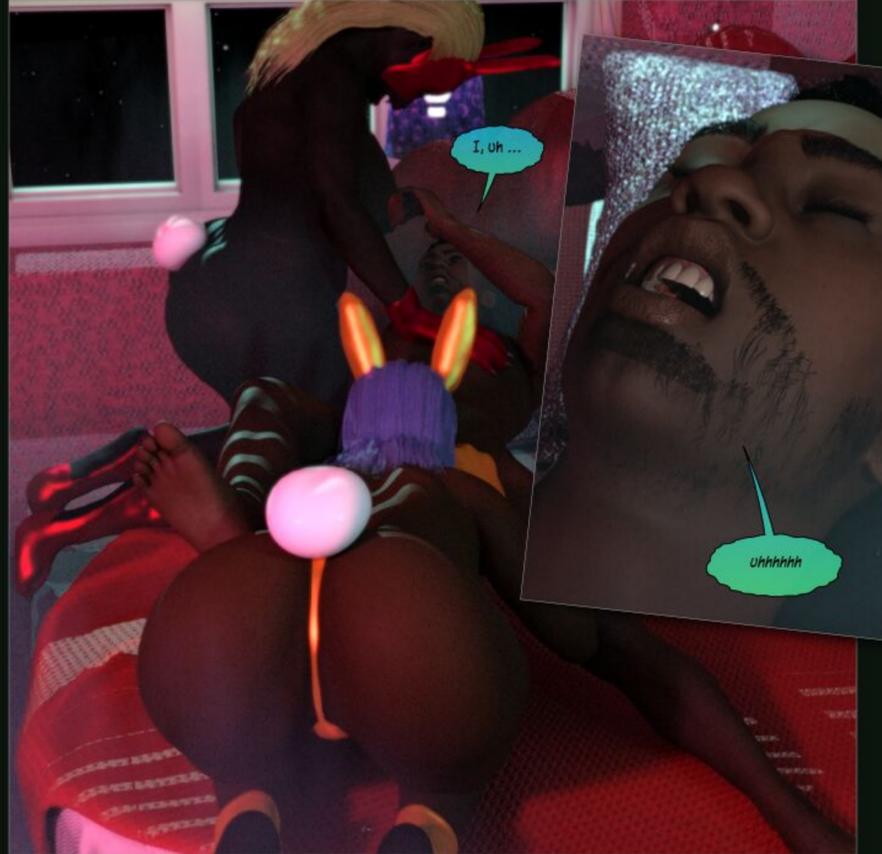
Urrr ... kinda hard to do anything ... with those ... uh ... on your hands ...

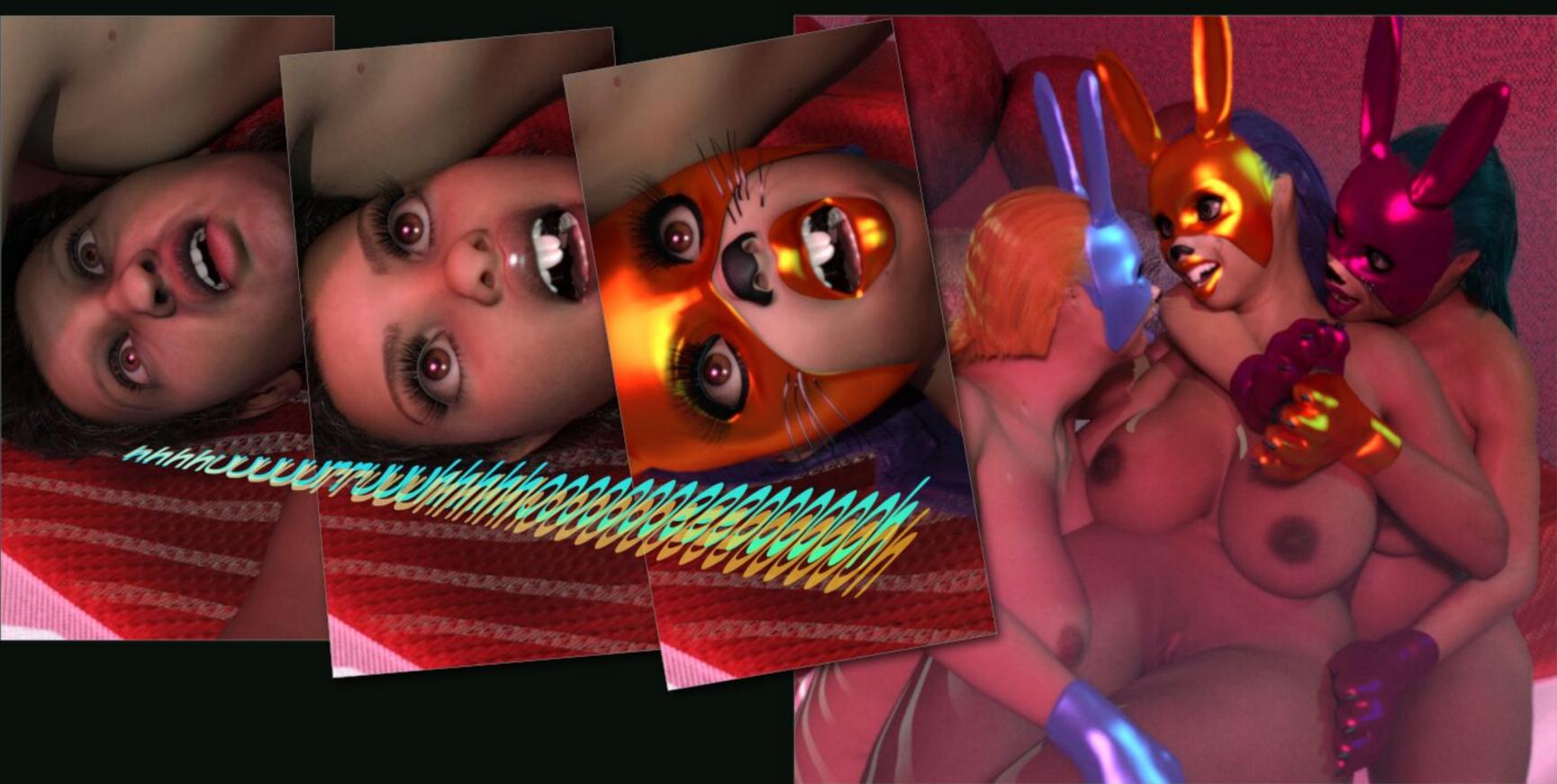


-- giggle --

ohUhhhh







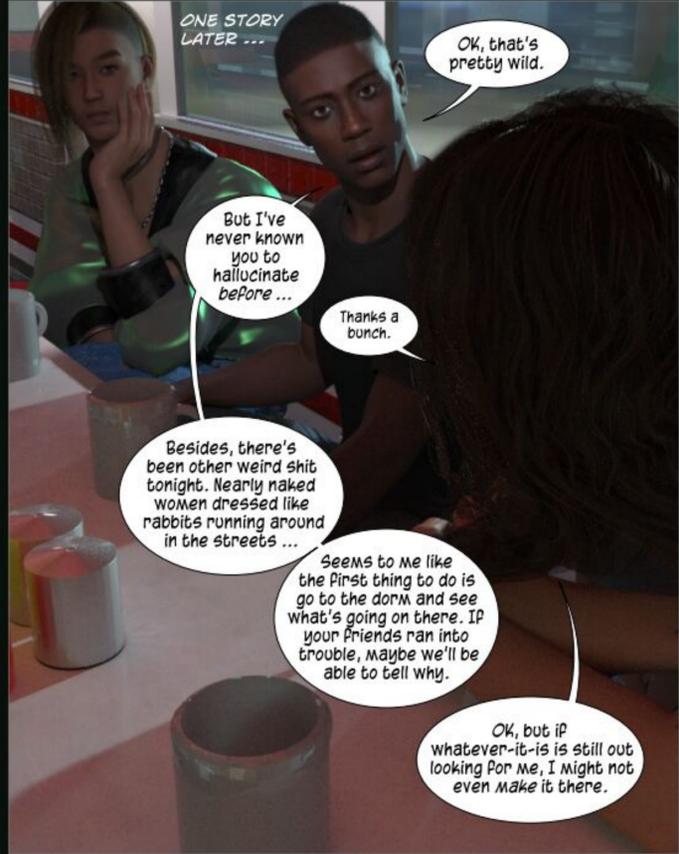
MEANWHILE ...



Hey, Natalie!

Usually don't see you out this time of night ...

... you OK? You're not looking great ...



Jenny's been kidnapped. Or something. I don't know.

And Gladys and George haven't come back, and it's been hours, and they said it wouldn't be long ...

And I can't leave, it might not be safe, and I don't know what to do --

Whoa, whoa! Hold on. You're not making sense. Jenny kidnapped? Who are Gladys and George? Why isn't it safe?

You won't believe any of it.

Well, tell us, and we'll find out.

ONE STORY LATER ...

OK, that's pretty wild.

But I've never known you to hallucinate before ...

Thanks a bunch.

Besides, there's been other weird shit tonight. Nearly naked women dressed like rabbits running around in the streets ...

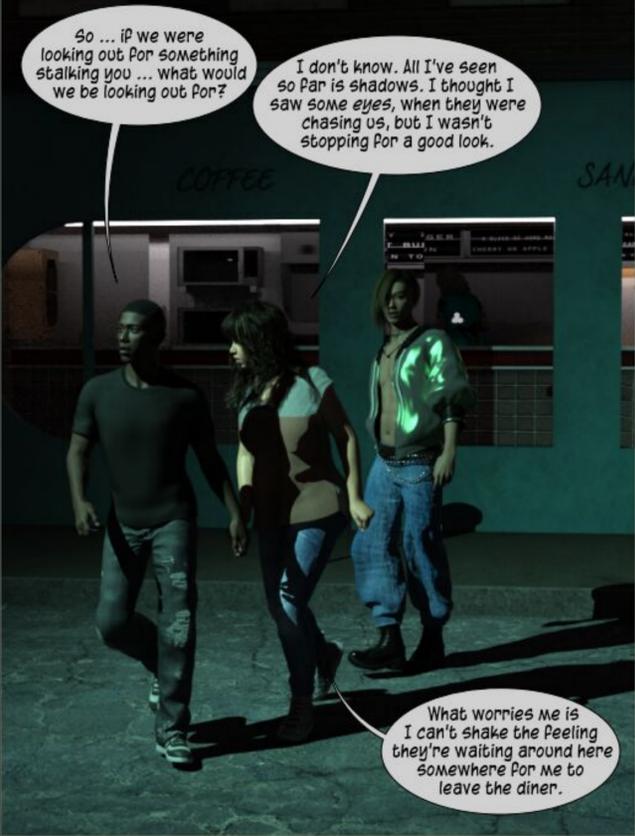
Seems to me like the first thing to do is go to the dorm and see what's going on there. If your friends ran into trouble, maybe we'll be able to tell why.

OK, but if whatever-it-is is still out looking for me, I might not even make it there.

Well, I'm not much good for anything, but Gabriel here can kick most asses ...

Idiot.

But, sure, I think we can manage to get you there in one piece.



So ... if we were looking out for something stalking you ... what would we be looking out for?

I don't know. All I've seen so far is shadows. I thought I saw some eyes, when they were chasing us, but I wasn't stopping for a good look.

What worries me is I can't shake the feeling they're waiting around here somewhere for me to leave the diner.



Uh ... you might have been right about that.



Rabbits. Of course it's rabbits.

I don't believe this.

Natalie, get back!



Hey, now ...

AAAAAA!



Push off!!



Don't let it claw you!

It can try clawing my boob.

Something ... anything ... a stick ... piece of trash ... something I can hit them with ...

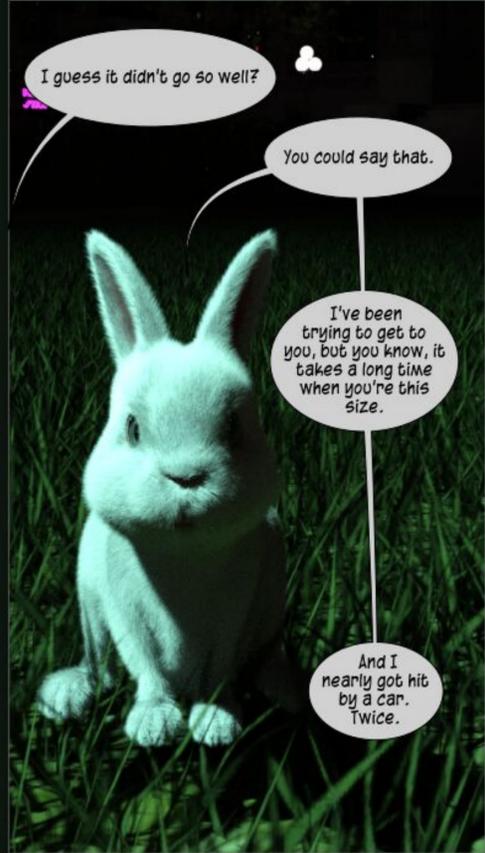
Hey! Natalie!!



... That's it. I've snapped. I've lost my mind.

No, no! I'm George!

George?



I guess it didn't go so well?

You could say that.

I've been trying to get to you, but you know, it takes a long time when you're this size.

And I nearly got hit by a car. Twice.



All of this trouble is because of a hare spirit. I think it's a hare spirit.

Gladys would know for sure, but her working got corrupted, and now she's under the hare spirit's control.

We need to get her loose from that, or we're not going to be able to do anything.

We chased them off, but I don't think they went very far. We're going to have to --

-- are you talking to a bunny?



OK, but how?

I think I can do that. I know how to dispel the control on her. We just have to arrange it the right way.

But I can't do the prep for it -- not like this -- and it'd be better if it was more than just you. Will your friends help?

Uh ... sure?



I don't like what they've done with the place.

... Me neither.

Straight boys are just hopeless.

And the ward's still up. We're definitely going to have to get her to come out. You don't want to go in there.



I can walk you through everything you need to do to get it ready. The hare spirit has her playing troubleshooter, so we just have to make a disturbance to get her to come out.

But can we get her to hold still long enough for you to cast it?

Won't need to. All the casting is in the setup. After that, all she needs to do is walk into it. And I don't think she's together enough to sense it and catch on.

... I see a problem.



This is on me. You two get started. Work fast.

Natalie, what --?

They're after me. They've been after me from the beginning. I'm going to let them chase me. Keep them busy.

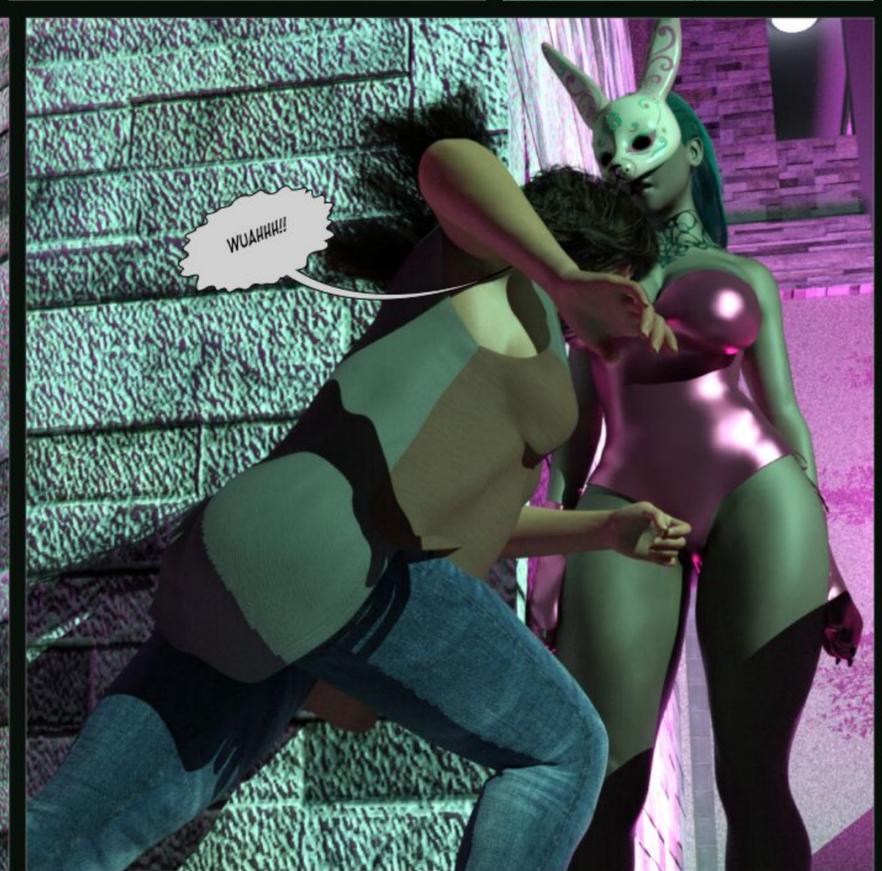
This better work, George, because if they get me, I'm expecting you to come save my butt.



This is it. This is how I'm going to spend my life now, I just know it.

Running from rabbits, fighting rabbits, chasing rabbits, being turned into rabbits ...

I swear I'm going to go on a killing spree and every rabbit I can lay hands on is gonna be --



WUAAHHH!!



You know all of this is for you?

You're the only person I really need to be here and you've made it much harder than it had to be.

You're so ungrateful.

You!!



Why can't you just leave me alone? Didn't you give me enough trouble last time?

You see? That's what I mean.

I didn't give you any trouble. You had Pun, I cleaned it all up afterwards -- like I said I would -- and I even got you that cute girlfriend.

Yeah, well, that's your version.

SEE "BAD HARE DAY."



You just don't get it. People don't like being messed with!

I've had enough of you and I'm going to hit you -- khaPP --

going to hit you -- khaPP -- until you ... until ...

... uhhrrr

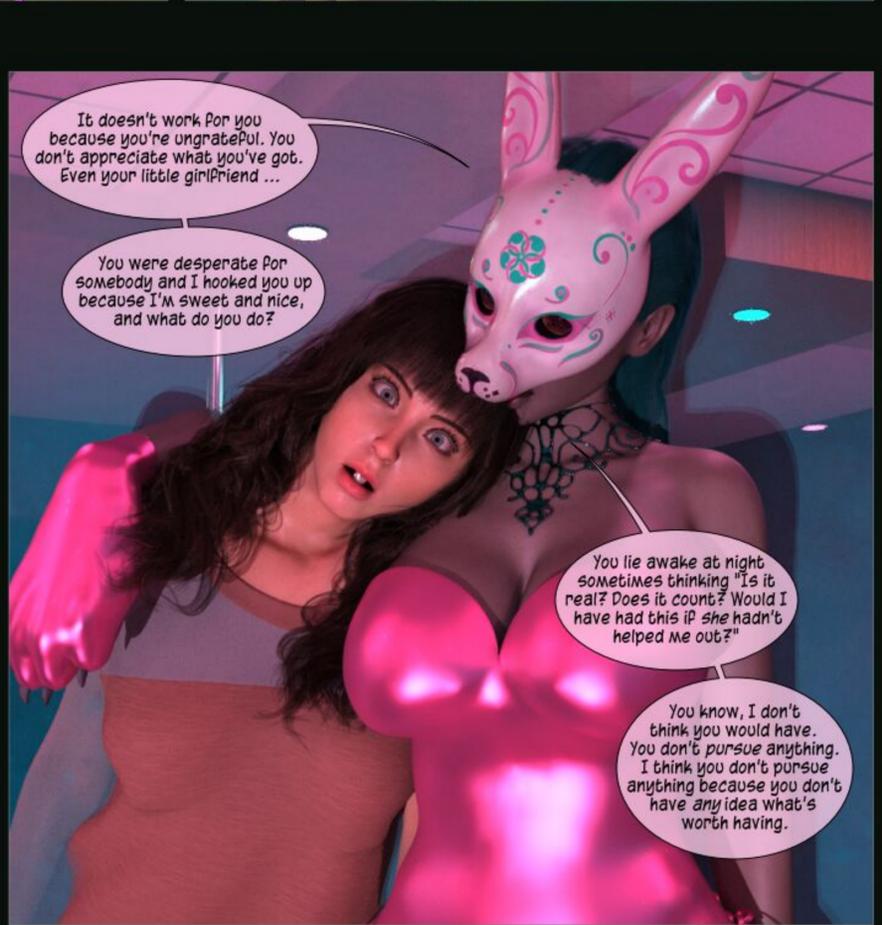


You know, you're wrong about me. I give people what they want.

Most of these silly things just want a lot of brainless sex. Easy. And Pun! -- giggle --

She didn't want that. She wanted to have power over everybody else in the dorm. She wanted everybody else to take her seriously. So she got it! Now she's the queen! She made all this happen!

I don't think she's very happy with what she got, though. She reminds me a lot of you, that way.



It doesn't work for you because you're ungrateful. You don't appreciate what you've got. Even your little girlfriend ...

You were desperate for somebody and I hooked you up because I'm sweet and nice, and what do you do?

You lie awake at night sometimes thinking "Is it real? Does it count? Would I have had this if she hadn't helped me out?"

You know, I don't think you would have. You don't pursue anything. I think you don't pursue anything because you don't have any idea what's worth having.



I kind of take that personally.

uuuuhrrrr!

The things I did for you, and all you want to do is make me go away. You want to ruin everybody else's Fun just because you don't know what Fun is.



Then I had an idea that's going to be a lot of Fun. I think even you're going to enjoy it!

We just need to give you a special Feature ...



This ... uhrrr ... this isn't ... what I want ...

Oh, no, it couldn't possibly be. You don't know what you want.

This isn't about what you want.



This is about what they want.



Every one of them is a doe! Well, except for the ones upstairs who aren't yet. But they'll catch up! -- giggle --

You're the only buck in the whole hutch! That means they're all yours! And they all want you so much!

And you're going to rut with every last one of them! You're going to be rolling in doe! -- giggle -- I can see it's already getting you excited.



But here's the best part.

Like I said, that equipment I gave you is special. Once you rut with one of them, they're going to change into a real rabbit.

You're going to be the absolutely busiest buck ever. You're going to have a hutch full of cute dumb animals who won't even know they weren't ever anything else.

But you'll know. You'll know you did it all.



I know you're going to learn to love it. I'm sure this time.

And if you don't, that's your own fault.

Now get busy! You've got a lot to do!



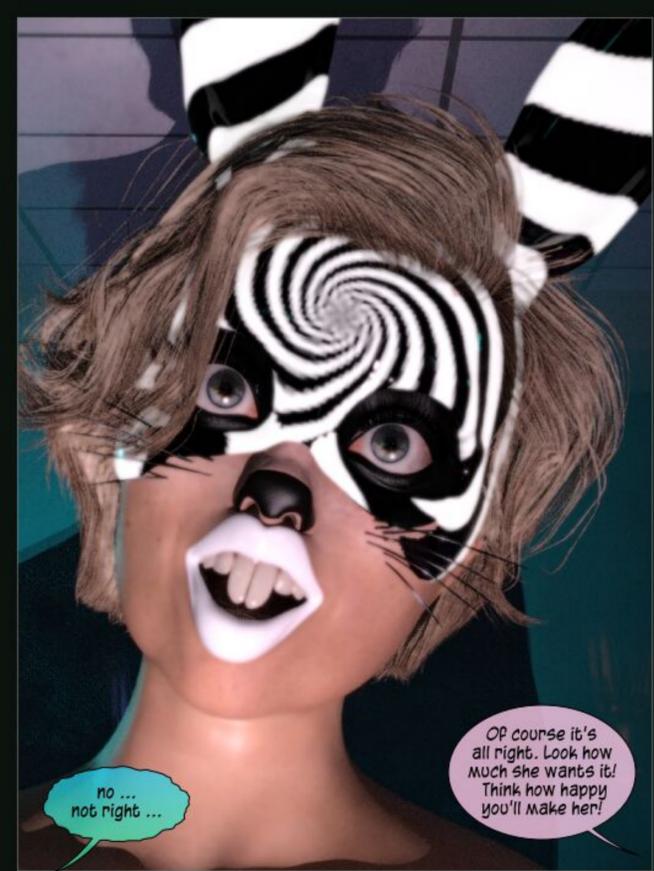
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You are so much no Fun.

But I thought that might happen. You just need help getting started!

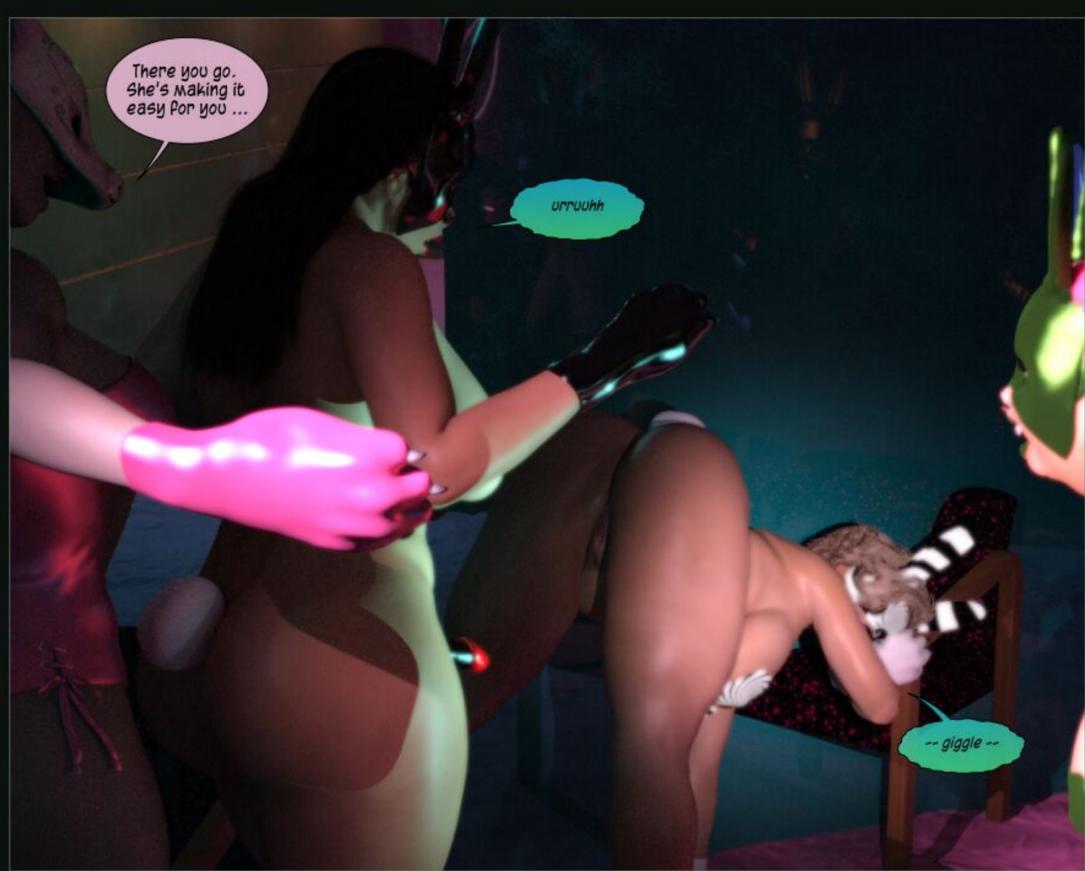


I have somebody special for that.



no ... not right ...

Of course it's all right. Look how much she wants it! Think how happy you'll make her!



There you go. She's making it easy for you ...

urruuhh

-- giggle --



urrrh ... no ... won't ...

I don't know why you're like this. I can see what you want. I mean, it's right out there. You can't hide it. It's taking over your mind. You're not going to be able to think about anything but rutting in just a second.



You just need to take one little step.

urrrh ... she's right ... can't think ...

don't know what to ... can't ...

... so sorry, Jenny ... I ...



Kit? This is not a good time!

Gladys! they got her free! she'll save me ...



These two were making trouble outside.

So? A few minutes in here --

It won't work. They're not interested.

... oh, no.



Oh, Por --

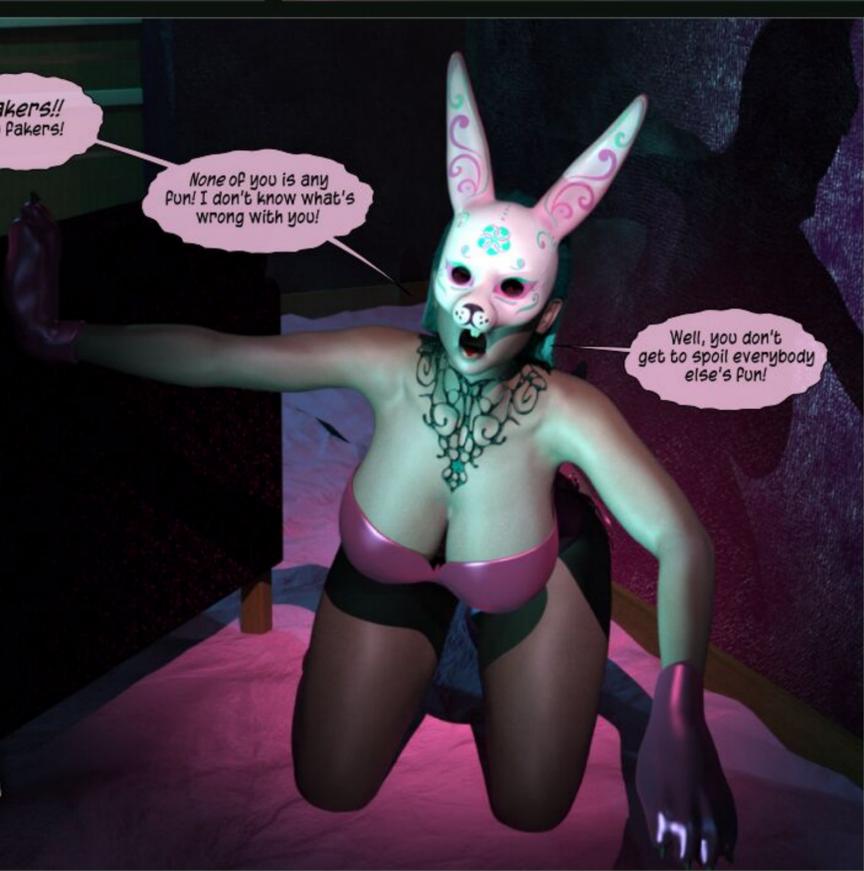
All right. We could probably use a few more guards. That will keep them busy.

They'll look better as rabbits anyway --



Surprise, bitch!

hrg!



Fakers!! You fakers!

None of you is any Pun! I don't know what's wrong with you!

Well, you don't get to spoil everybody else's Pun!



I don't need her to change you. It was just more fun to pass the buck.

But since you hate fun ...



RAAAAAHH!



I'm already a rabbit.

Get off me, you annoying thing!

You think because you interrupted me --



I'll just start over and once they're done I'll make sure kaP

... Make sure you go in the same cage khPP

-- khapp --

I'll uhhhhh



Not immune to your own stuff without your mask on, huh?

... mask ...!

No, no. I'll hang onto that for you.



OK, but nothing else is fixed ...

No, this wouldn't do it ... we need to actually --

GLADYS!!



don't ... don't want ...

... Make rabbits!



Ok, I know what to do. Guys, can you keep the bunnies away?

You heard the lady, ladies.

Natalie, here's the doe you want.

No ... not OK ...

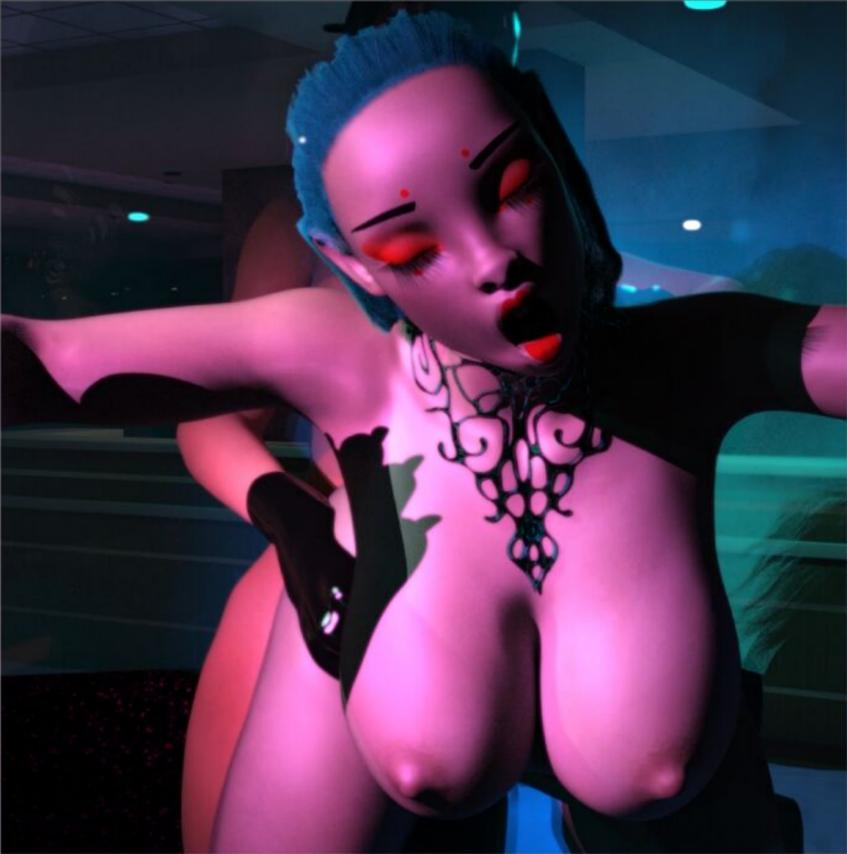
No, no, it is OK. In this one case, it's absolutely OK. It's a good thing.



ooooo!

In fact, it's poetic justice.





OK, I'm confused. What just happened? And who's that on the floor?

omigod i can talk again!

Darn it, My clothes didn't revert! I liked that dress!

What am I going to do with a skirt covered in bunnies?

Gladys ...

Oh, right. ... I don't know her. But she's the person the hare spirit was riding. Possessing.

You saw she wasn't immune to her own effects. So when Natalie had sex with her, she turned into a rabbit.



The spirit couldn't ride her once she was a rabbit. She was an animal. There was nothing to possess. And the spirit was in no condition to jump to someone else in a hurry. So, poof.

As soon as she was forced out, all her magic dissipated too, including the part turning this woman into a rabbit. The end.



Why didn't George change back?

She didn't change George into a bunny. I did.

Sorry about that, George! I'll revert you in just a second.

And everything else should be completely back to normal now?

Pretty much. I mean, I hope so. There might be a few ...



... uh, leftovers.



Hey ... You know it's OK. I mean, it all came out OK.

That's not good enough.

Someone came to me for help.

Someone depended on me for help, with a problem they thought only I could solve ...

... and I blew it.



I rushed in assuming it was going to be easy. I didn't take enough precautions. She was right, you know, I should have depended on my casting. That was rookie.

She was a lot stronger than the hare spirit last year, and the more people came under her influence, the stronger she got. We almost didn't win, George.

All right, so we got lucky ...

It wasn't luck. It was you.

You remembered how to do the dispel -- and managed to show them how to cast it right! And then, when she got the jump on us again, you attacked her at exactly the right time.

You're the only reason we're not all rabbits right now.



You know, what we talked about last night ... people are starting to get the idea that they come to us for things like this, whether we like it or not. Us. Not just me.

After last night, there's just going to be more of it. If you weren't committed before, you're sure committed now.

I was always committed.



... you know, I like you.

I think I'll keep you.



Nothing! Not a thing I can wear.

I can't even get any of my panties on over it ...

-- SMNRK --

It's not punny!



Oh, yes, it is.

Look, you know it's not permanent. Gladys said it'll probably be gone when you wake up tomorrow.

"Probably." And even if she's right, what do I do until then? Go out naked?



We could stay in here all day ... and ...

Jenny!!

What? If I had it, I'd want to do something with it.

I mean, you're not likely to get a chance ever again. Aren't you even curious?



It's not safe!

What if it's still ... what if it turns you into a rabbit?

It won't.

But what if it does?



Then I guess you'll have to feed me. And brush me.

And keep me entertained.

Having a pet is a big responsibility, you know.



... I don't know what to do with you.

--MMNRK--
Yes, you do.

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