



Oooh!

Can I have a Bestie doll? Pleeeeease??

Absolutely not.



Aw, c'mon, Walt. We can afford it, and she hasn't had anything since her birthday ...

You know I hate those things. Anyway, they'll give her weird ideas. She'll think people really look like that.



Honestly, I don't think they even notice at that age.

I played with Bestie dolls all the time when I was a kid. I liked that they did all kinds of things ... they had an astronaut one and a doctor ... not a nurse, a doctor ...

It was kind of inspirational, y'know?



Yeah, and look how you turned out.

What the hell's that supposed to mean?



Just, y'know, your life's not exactly inspirational now ...

And whose fault is that?

I'm just saying, maybe it's better not to have ideas, if all you're going to end up doing is ... ah, never mind, forget it.

So you think I'm a failure? And you're just now telling me?

Look, I'm not going to argue about this in here in front of everybody ...



Carrie, lights out! I mean it!

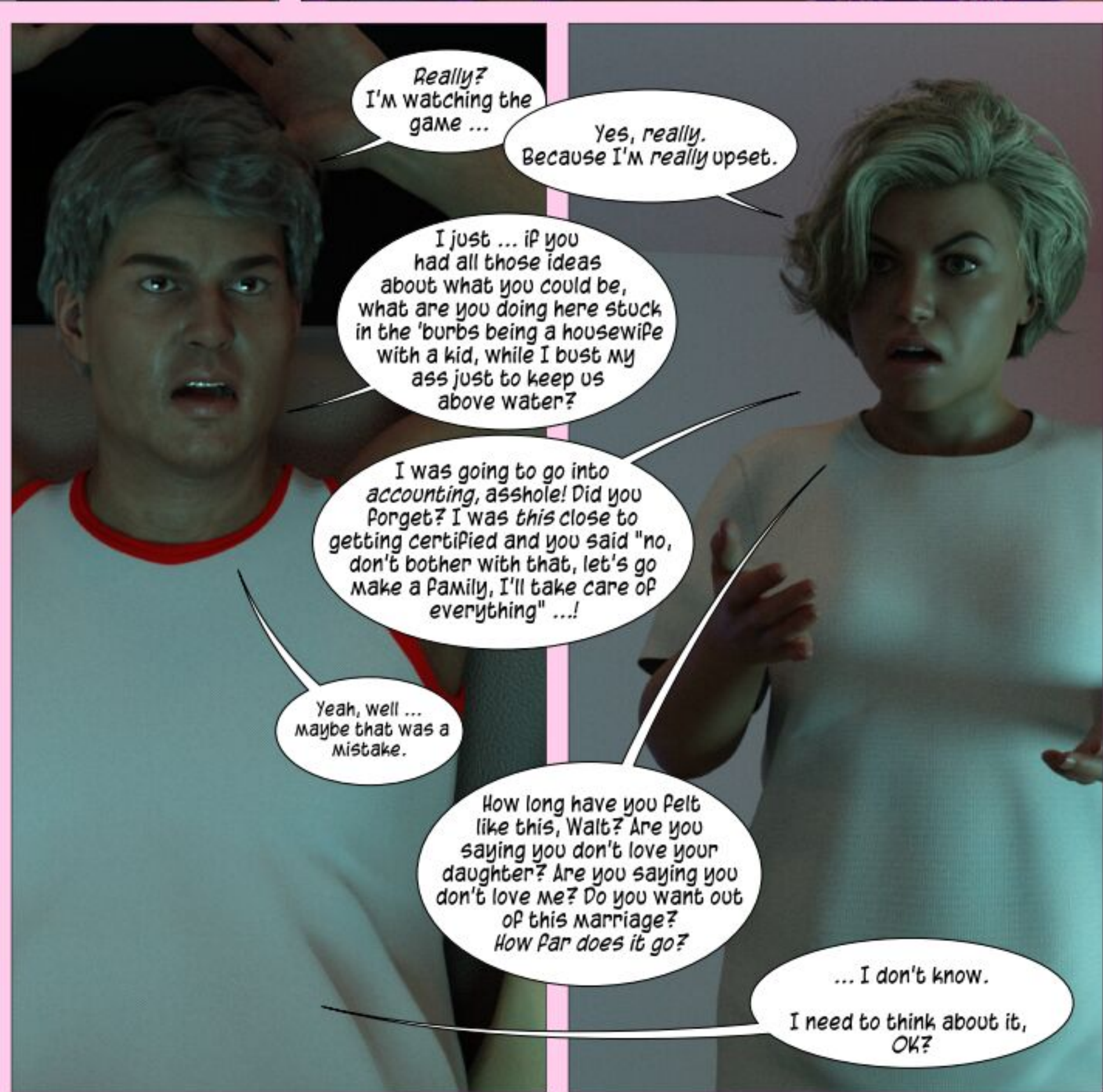
OK, mom!

Walt, would you please use a coaster?

Now, you want to tell me what you meant by that crack in the store today?

LATER.

FOURTH INTERCEPTION OF THE NIGHT FOR JONES ... THIRTY-YARD RETURN ... COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE, BUT NOT WHAT THEY NEED WITH ONLY FIVE MINUTES TO PLAY ...



Really? I'm watching the game ...

Yes, really. Because I'm really upset.

I just ... if you had all those ideas about what you could be, what are you doing here stuck in the 'burbs being a housewife with a kid, while I bust my ass just to keep us above water?

I was going to go into accounting, asshole! Did you forget? I was this close to getting certified and you said "no, don't bother with that, let's go make a family, I'll take care of everything" ...!

Yeah, well ... maybe that was a mistake.

How long have you felt like this, Walt? Are you saying you don't love your daughter? Are you saying you don't love me? Do you want out of this marriage? How far does it go?

... I don't know.

I need to think about it, OK?



Think about it all you want while you're out here on the couch.

Because you are not sleeping with me tonight.



damn it, patty ... maybe if you weren't such a bitch about everything I wouldn't want out ... ever think of ...

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... WITH ZZ!



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--giggle--

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Wake up, sweetie!
It's time to go!

urh ...

... go ...?

Where ...
going?



On a voyage of
discovery and
adventure!

It'll be so
much Pun!



can't go voyage ...
whasis ... Middle of
night ... got' sleep ...

That's the
absolutely best time
for an adventure!
Come on now!



He's a little
dumb, isn't he?

Well,
remember, he
doesn't like
smart people!

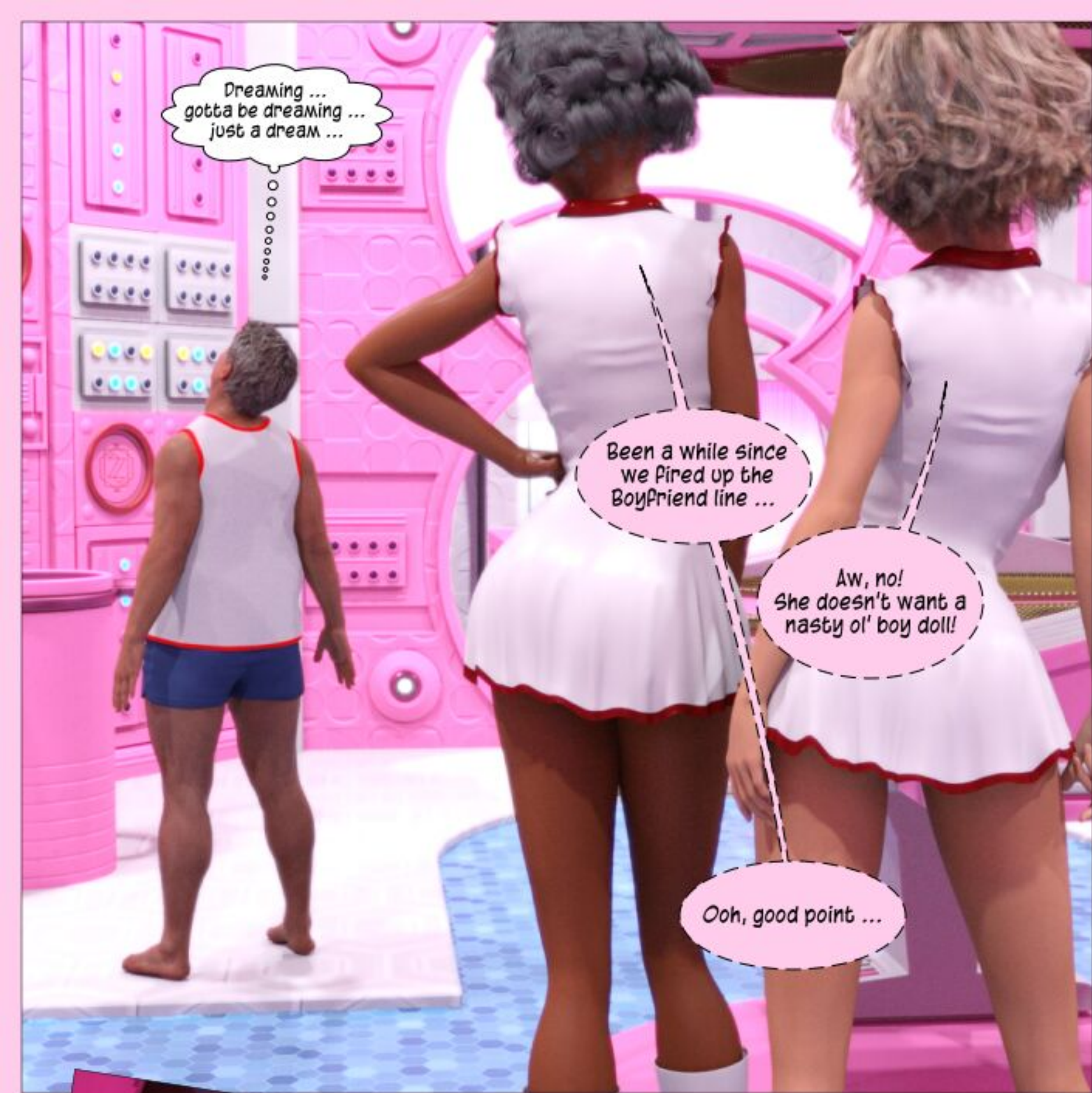
Oh, right!
--tee hee--



wh's this place ...?
... bright ...

It's shiny
because of
science!

Welcome to
Bestie Labs! (SM)



Dreaming ... gotta be dreaming ... just a dream ...

Been a while since we fired up the BoyFriend line ...

Aw, no! She doesn't want a nasty ol' boy doll!

Ooh, good point ...



Oopsie! --giggle--

YAAAAA!



Hey! What is this??

Can you hear me? What's going on?

... Did this thing just take my hair??



Owww! That hurts!

... and I can't move!

Get Me out of this right now!

Sorry, sweetie! It's all automatic! You're stuck with it!

But you'll be so much cuter when you're done!



No ... I don't want to be cute! I'm not--

AAAAII!



Damn it, I needed that!

Don't need it anymore tho! --giggle--



I ... uhh ... no ... please stop ...

I don't--

ooouugh!!



Don't want ... take it back ...

She sure does Puss a lot.

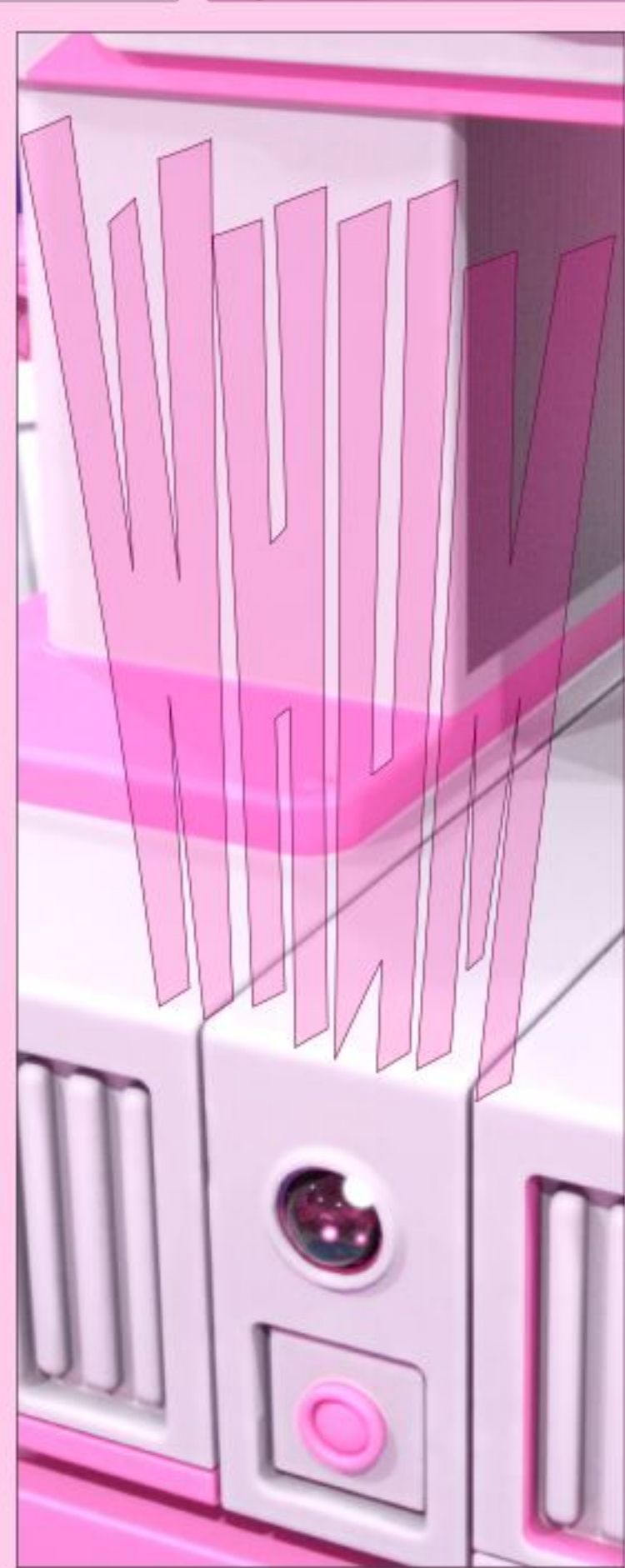
Not for much longer.

And really, you're so cute now! I don't know what your problem is!

But you're not done yet! We have to make you prettier!



... no ...





Oh, you're so pretty now! That dress really looks good on you!

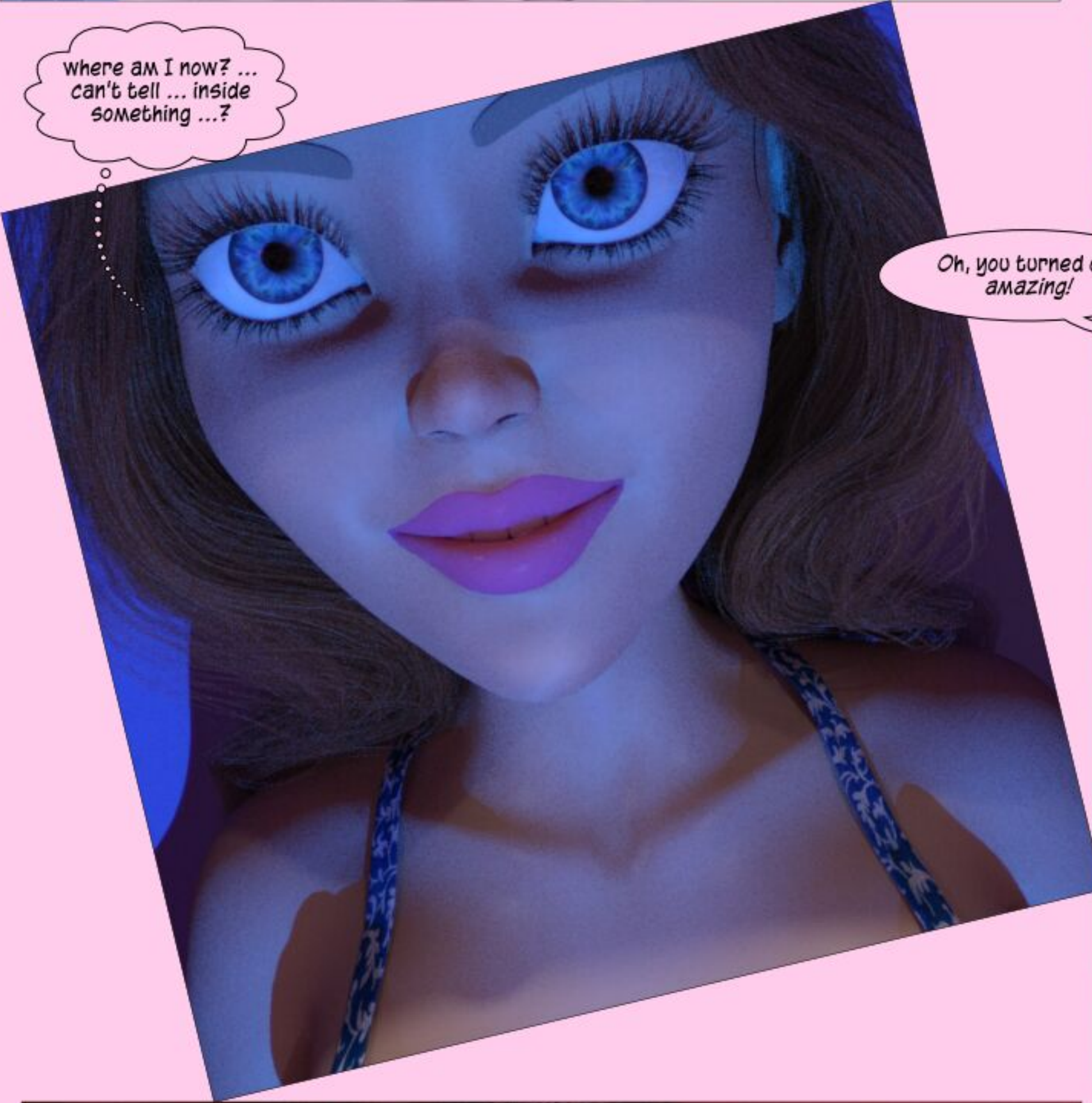
You're almost done! Only one more little thing-- --giggle-- --and then you'll be ready to go!

I can't move at all! What are they doing to me now?

Is this ... am I ...?

Oh, no!

help!



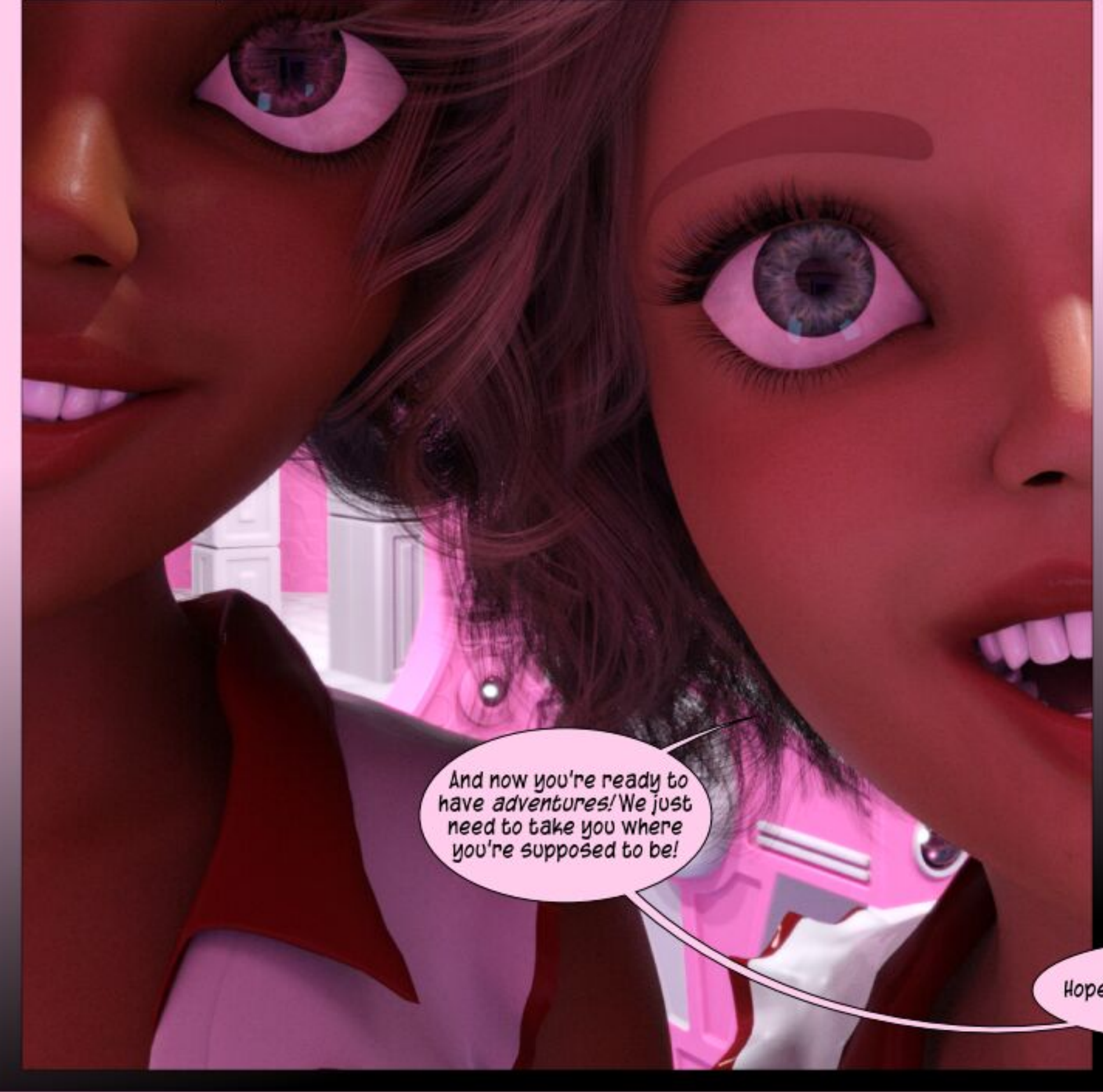
Where am I now? ... can't tell ... inside something ...?

Oh, you turned out amazing!



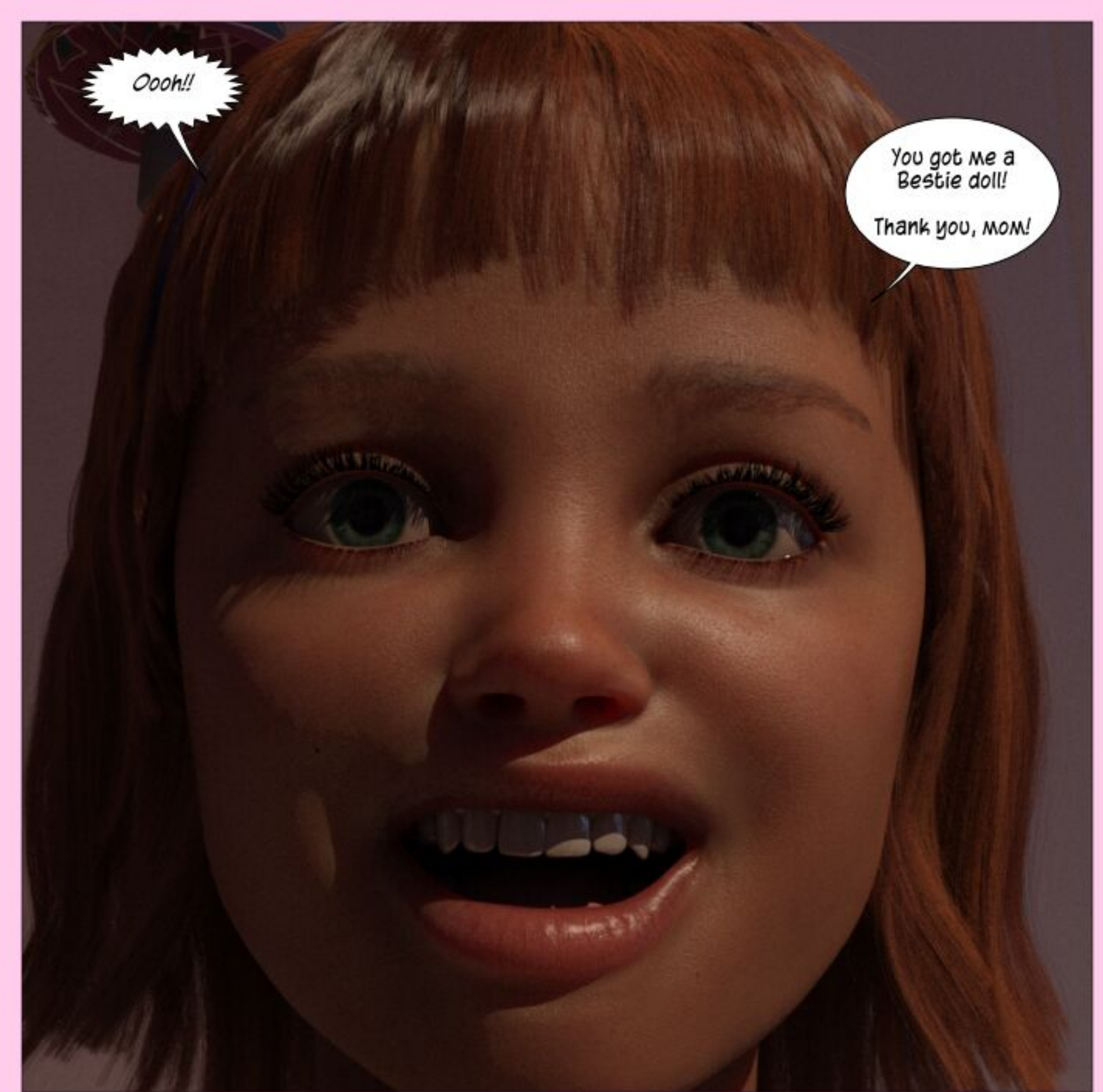
!!!

She's gonna love you!



And now you're ready to have adventures! We just need to take you where you're supposed to be!

Hope you have a lot of Fun!



Oooh!!

You got me a Bestie doll! Thank you, mom!



I didn't buy that, sweetie. Where did it come from?

It was right here in my room ...

Hmm. Probably your father's way of apologizing.

Where is your dad, anyway? Have you seen him this morning?

MONTHS LATER.



Oh! You saved me from the giant killer gorilla! How can I possibly thank you enough?

You don't have to thank me. You know I'd do anything for you.



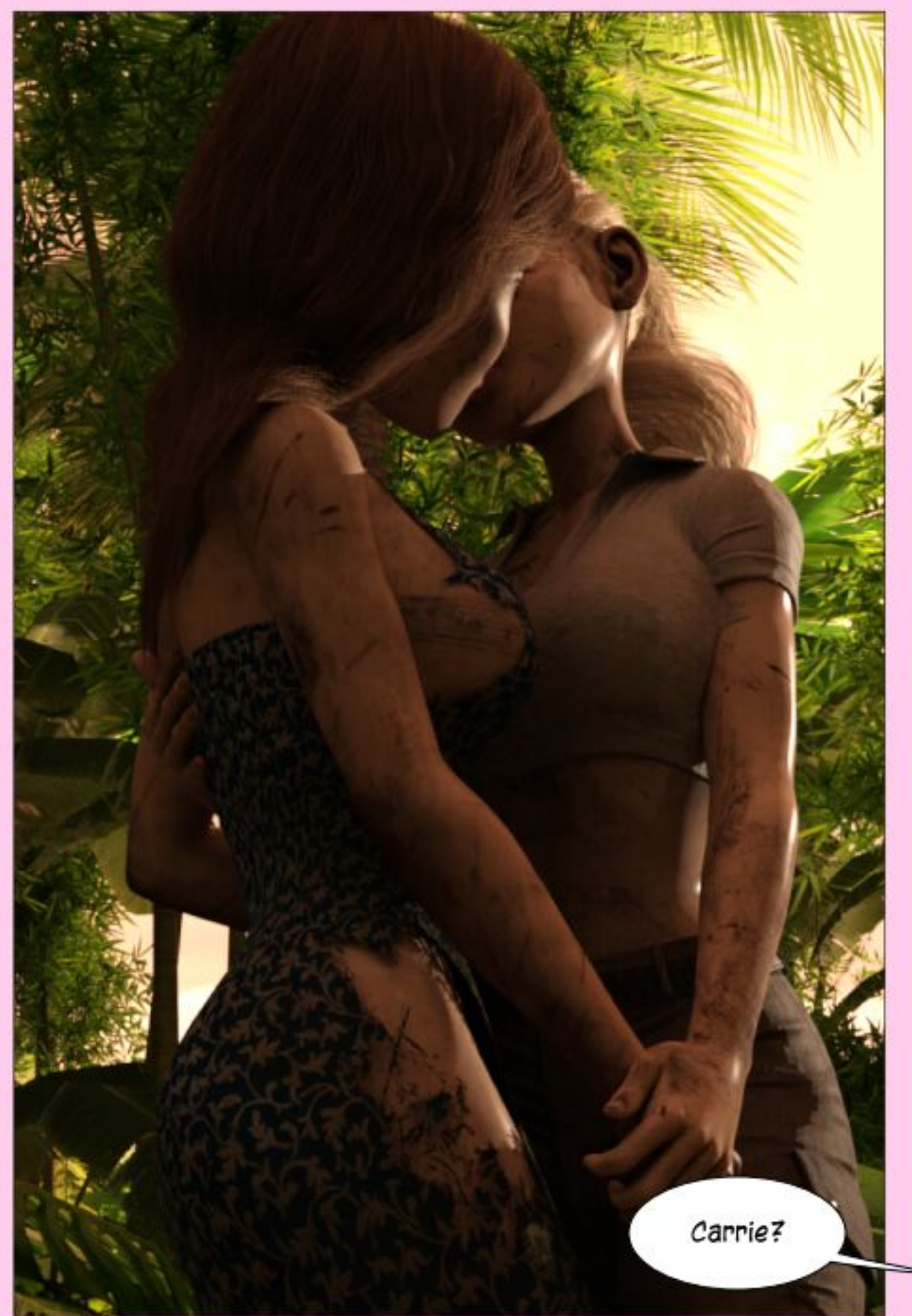
... Do you really mean that?

Of course.

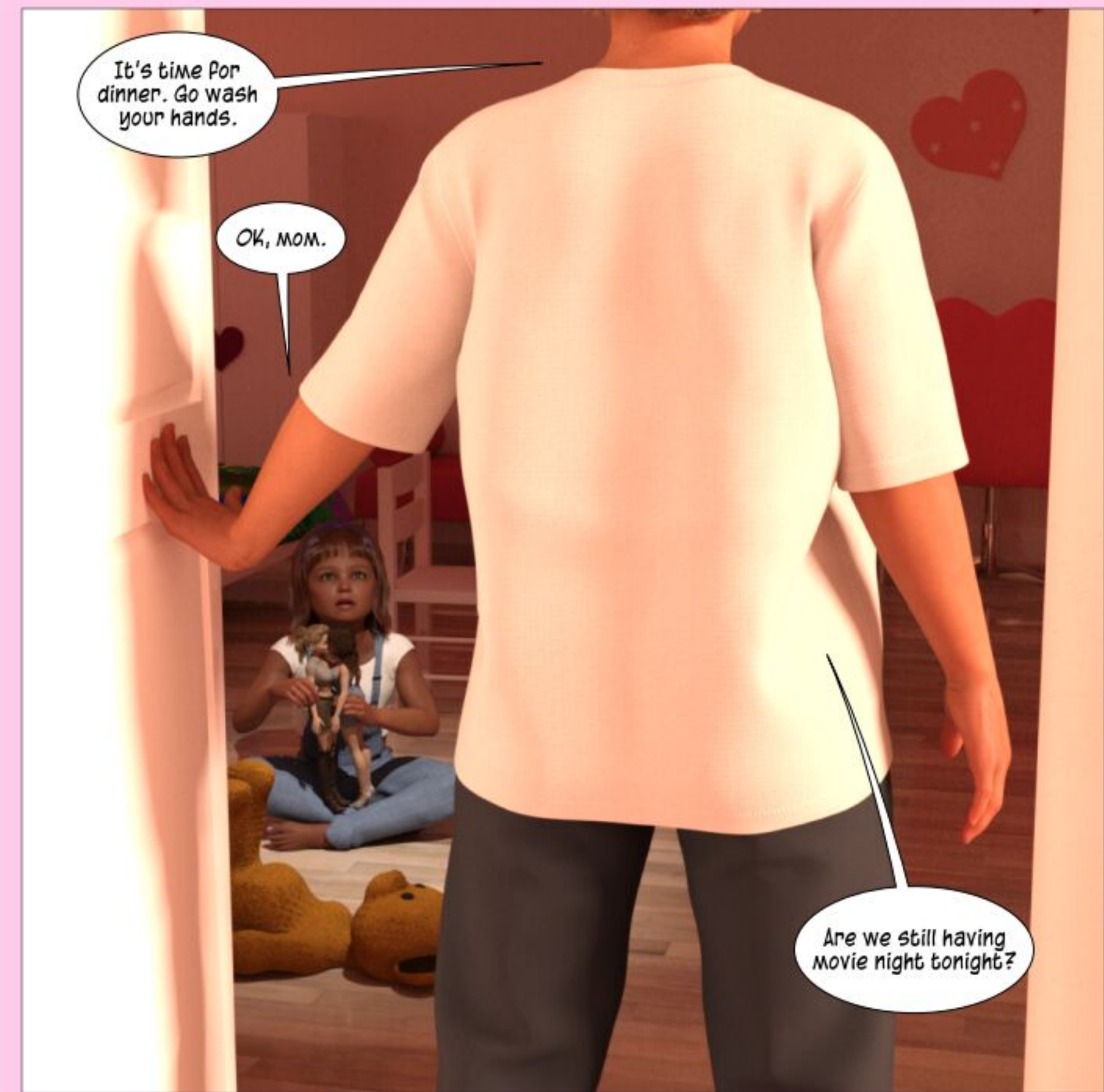


I think we should be girlfriends.

... I'd like that.



Carrie?



It's time for dinner. Go wash your hands.

OK, MOM.

Are we still having movie night tonight?



Yeah!!

Oh, good.

I'm sorry we don't get to do things together more often ...



It's OK.

I mean, I know you have to work a lot ... with dad gone and everything ...

Hmm. Do you miss him?

Uh, kinda? I mean, sometimes. What about you?

... Sometimes.



I just hope he's happy, wherever he is.

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