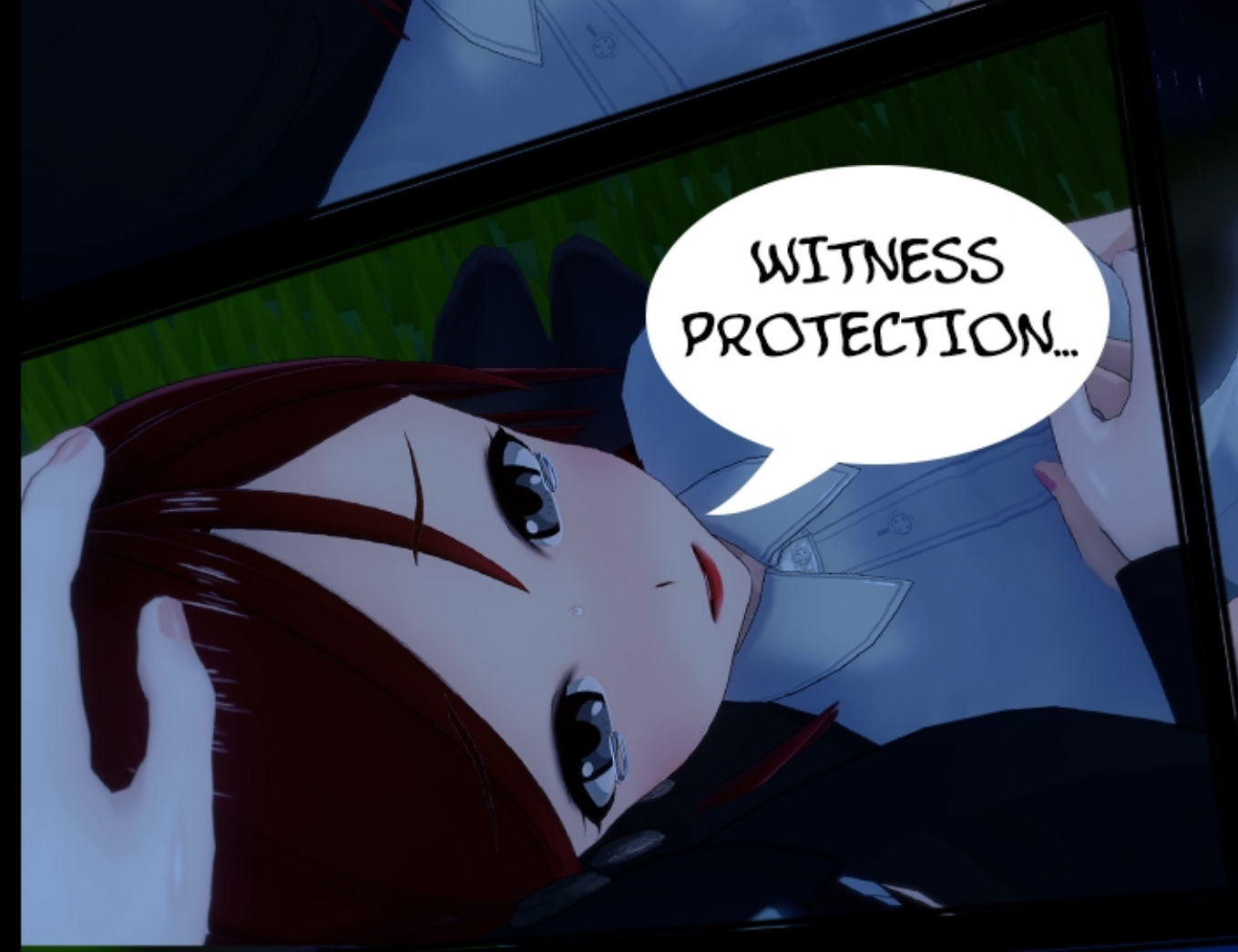




I-I'M IN...



IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD...



WITNESS PROTECTION...

...AND I HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE A GIRL...



...OR ELSE THEY'LL FIND ME...

Mmm.



...AND LILITH IS GIVING ME MEDICINE...

Mmm.



LEONA. EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT.

SOMETIME LATER...

\*SNIFFLE\*

\*SNIFFLE\*

I CANT BELIEVE I JUST TRAUMA DUMPED ALL OVER MEI...

LEONA.

YOU'VE BEEN BRAVE BEYOND MEASURE, FACING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MOST COULD NEVER FATHOM.

THE FACADE AND THE IDENTITY YOU'VE ADOPTED MIGHT FEEL LIKE A LOT, BUT THEY DON'T DEFINE THE TRUE YOU

THE HEART THAT BEATS WITH KINDNESS AND COURAGE, THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.

I'VE SEEN YOU AT YOUR BEST AND YOUR MOST FRAGILE, AND LET ME ASSURE YOU, LEONA, YOUR MORE THAN JUST A DISGUISE

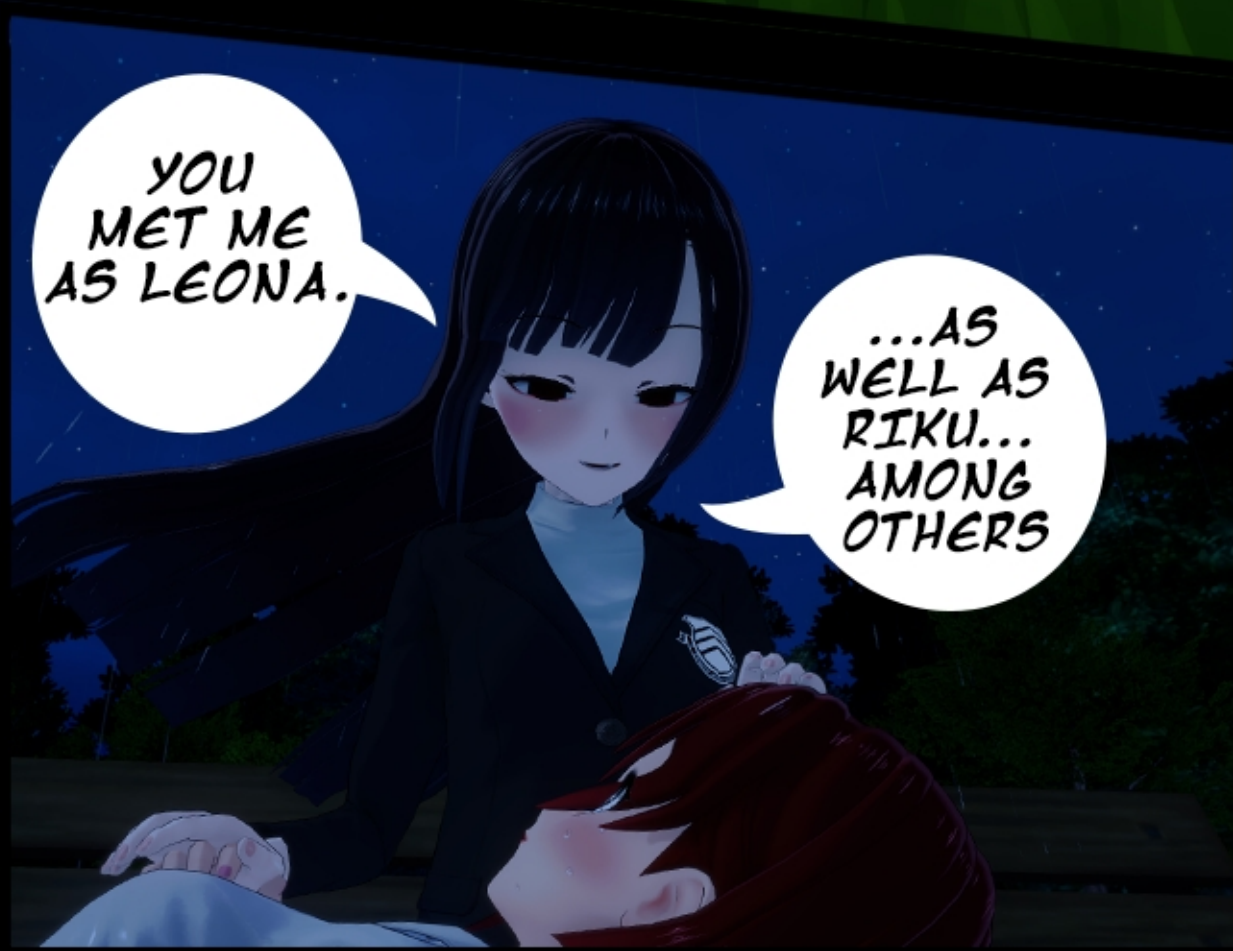
AND WHEN THE DISGUISE BECOMES TO MUCH TO BEAR LEAN ON ME



AND, LEON,  
CAN YOU TELL  
ME... HAS BEING  
LEONA REALLY  
BEEN ALL THAT  
BAD?



HAS IT  
ALL BEEN  
BAD?



YOU  
MET ME  
AS LEONA.

...AS  
WELL AS  
RIKU...  
AMONG  
OTHERS



WOULD YOU  
FORGET US  
ALL? AT A  
CHANCE TO  
RETURN TO  
LEON?

I-I...

MEI...




RIKU...







I  
WOULDN'T  
WANT TO  
FORGET.




YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
TO CHOOSE JUST  
ONE IDENTITY.

BE BOTH THE  
PERSON WHO FACED  
HARDSHIPS AND THE  
PERSON WHO FOUND  
HAPPINESS?

THEN,  
LEON, WHY  
NOT EMBRACE  
BOTH?



...AND  
MAYBE NOT  
LEAD A  
FUTANARI  
ON IN THE  
FUTURE.



EH...



BUT,  
BOTH  
HUH...

EMBRACE BOTH? BE BOTH?

I CAN'T POSSIBLY..

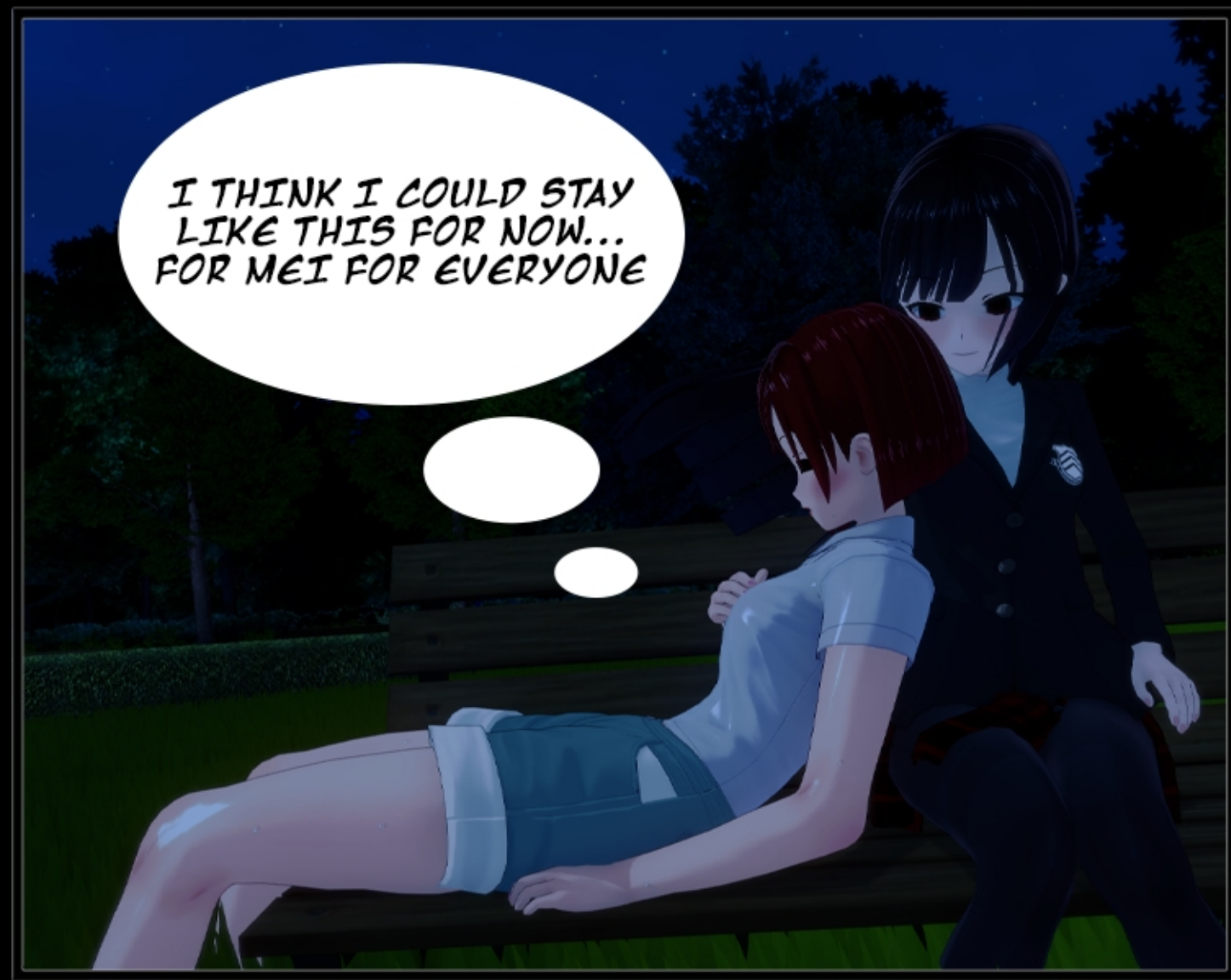
MAYBE... MAYBE...?

WITNESS PROTECTION OR NOT...



IF I LET GO OF LEONA, I LET GO OF ALL THIS...

IT'S A RISK, BUT MAYBE...  
JUST MAYBE, IT'S A RISK WORTH TAKING...



I THINK I COULD STAY  
LIKE THIS FOR NOW...  
FOR MEI FOR EVERYONE



I'LL STOP  
TAKING THE  
MEDICINE.



THAT WAY  
ALL I HAVE TO  
DEAL WITH IS  
THE CLOTHING...



AND MAKE  
IT CLEAR TO  
RIKU THAT I WONT  
DO THAT STUFF..

...AND THATS  
WORTH IT.



BETTER?

YEAH,  
THANKS.



WELL IT'S  
GETTING  
LATE WE  
SHOULD  
GO.



\*SCARED  
OF  
LILITH\*

...ABOUT  
THAT...



EH?

Mei's apartment.

...BUT TAKE A SHOWER FIRST.

A-ARE YOU SURE I CAN STAY HERE?

YEAH IT'S FINE.

DO I STINK THAT MUCH.

NO, SILLY! IT'S JUST THAT IF YOU STAY LIKE THAT, YOU MIGHT END UP GETTING SICK.

Ahoo

AH... THANKS.

A few moments later..



I'M JUST HERE, ENJOYING A RELAXING BATH AT MEI'S PLACE...

SHE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD BY INVITING ME TO HER PLACE. BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN KIND TO ME.



BUT WHY IS SHE SO KIND TO ME?



MEI LIKES ME?!



SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME.

LEONA?





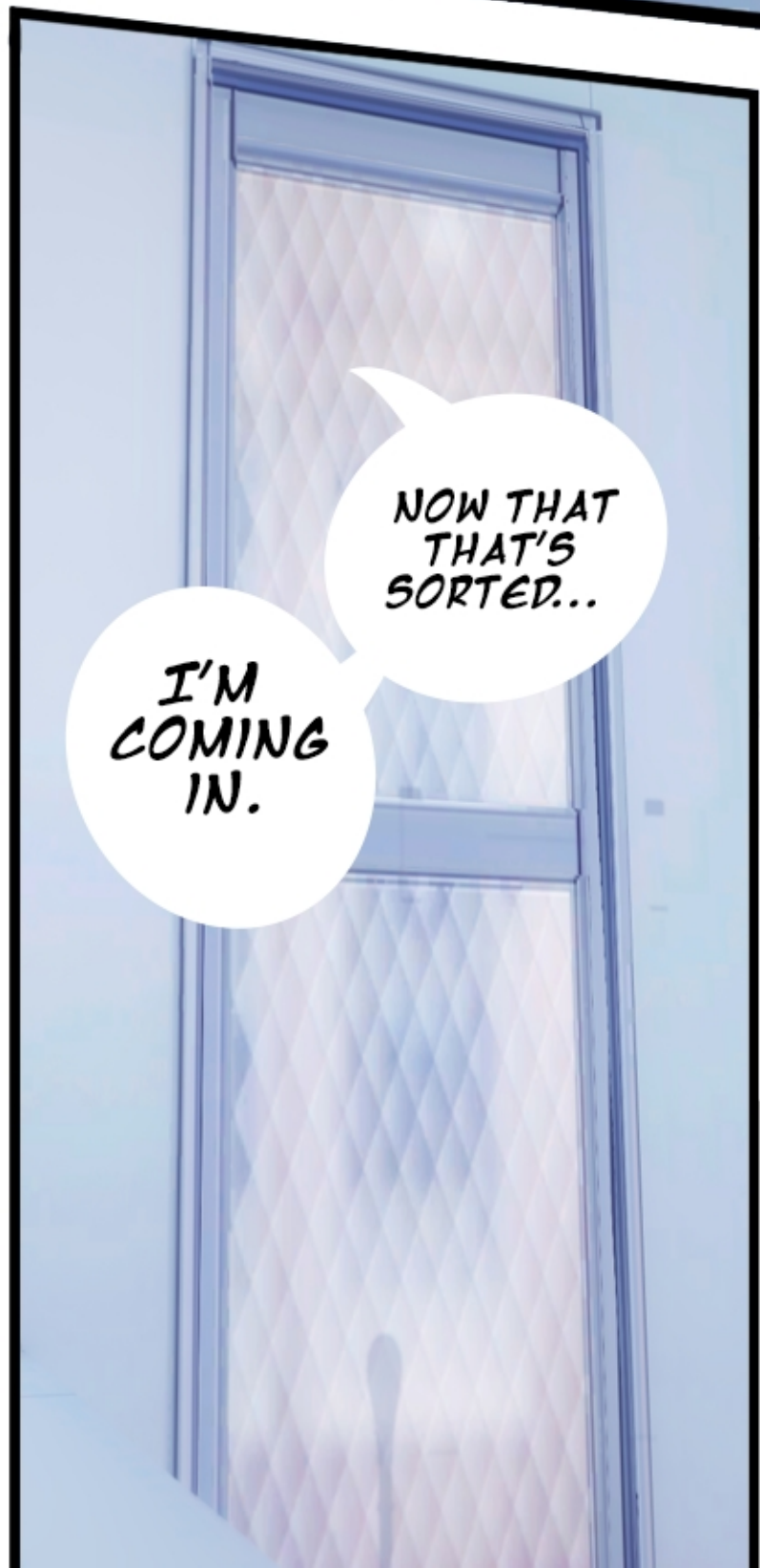
I'VE PUT YOUR CLOTHES IN THE WASH WITH MINE THEY SHOULD BE CLEAN BY TOMORROW.

AH.. THANKS MEI I'LL BE OUT SOON.

I'VE ALSO GOT SOME PAJAMAS THAT SHOULD FIT.

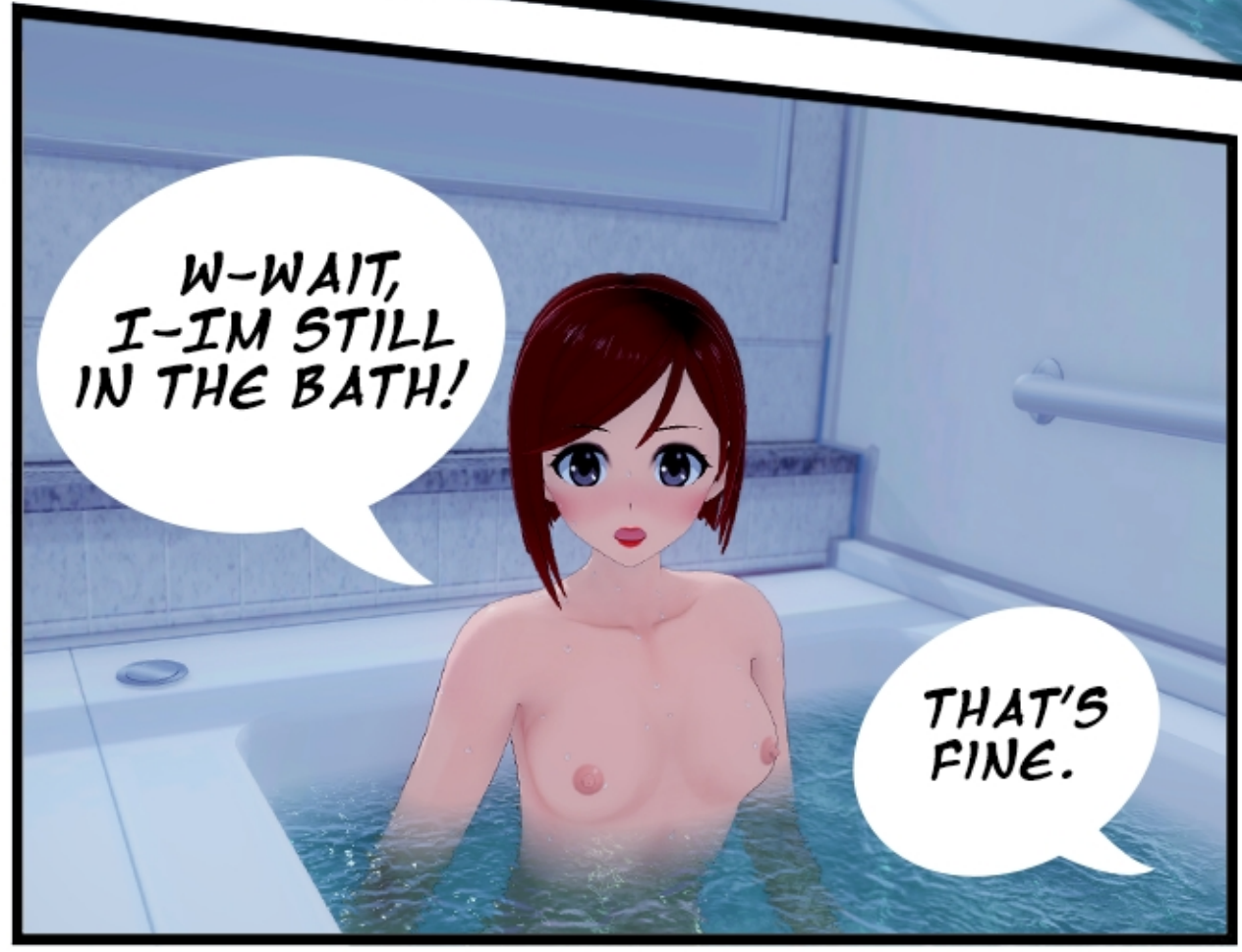
AH... I FOGROT ABOUT THAT THANKS AGAIN...

NO PROBLEM.



I'M COMING IN.

NOW THAT THAT'S SORTED...



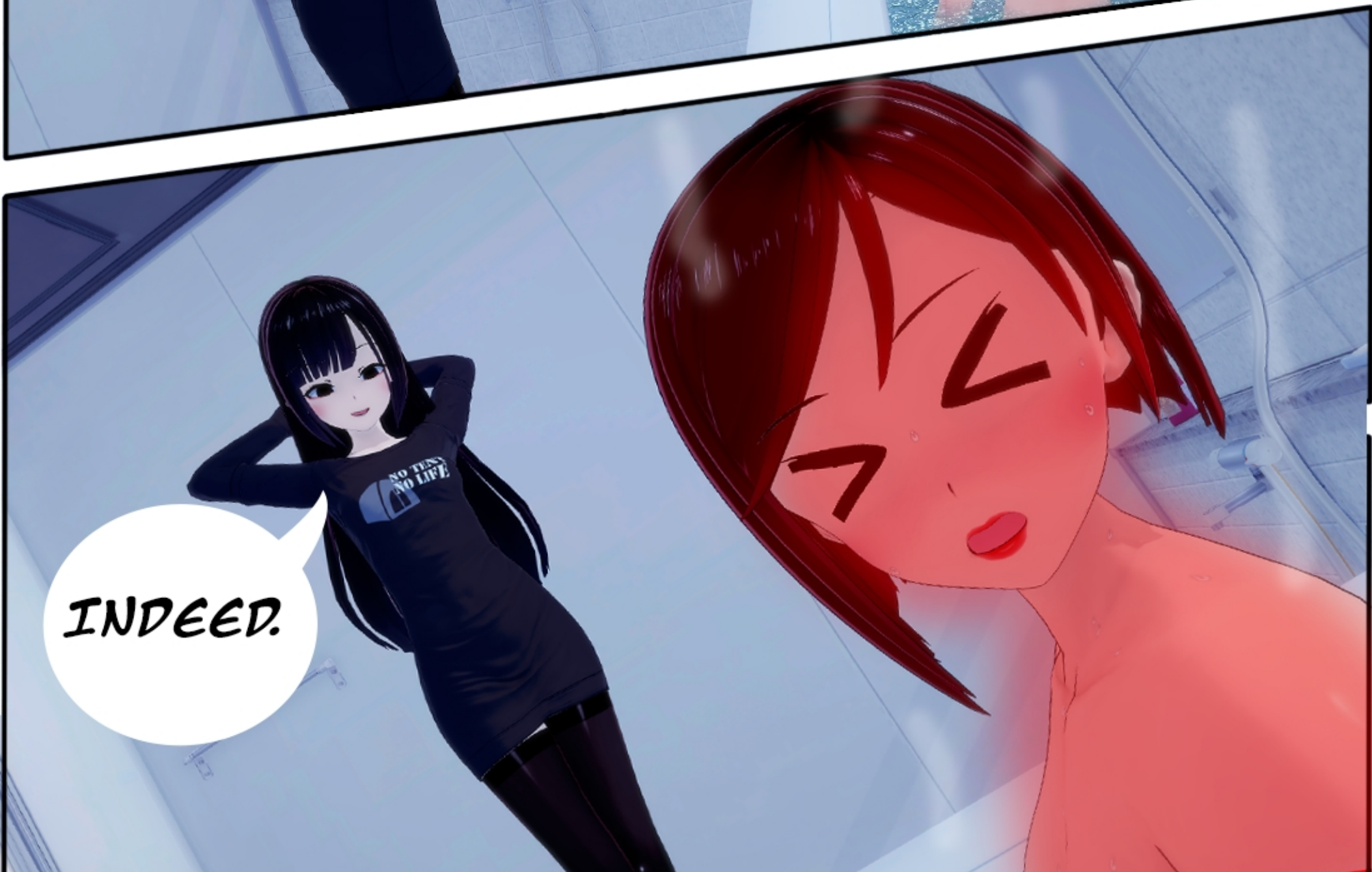
W-WAIT, I-IM STILL IN THE BATH!

THAT'S FINE.



EHP?

THE BATH FITS TWO AFTER ALL.





GAH... I  
CANT DO  
THIS!



N-NO DONT  
CHICKEN OUT!  
RIKU'S ALREADY  
FAR AHEAD!



YOU  
CAN DO  
THIS MEI!

\*DLOP\*

WANNNN



WANNNN





