

Beta Test

Part 1


Preview

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Slow down.

I got it.



A large, multi-story house with a dark tiled roof and a covered driveway. The house has several windows and a central entrance. A white car is parked in the driveway. The house is surrounded by a brick-paved area and some greenery. In the background, there are hills.

You *don't* got it!
I said *slow down!*

Dad ...it's ok ...



Watch it!!

Relax ...

*But the
house!!!*


...Dad ...chillax.

****SCREEEEEECH ...****

*See? Told ya' I
got it!*

whew




A man and a woman are sitting in the front seats of a car. The man is on the left, wearing glasses and a grey t-shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a white t-shirt with a red heart design. They are both looking forward. The background shows a building with columns and a mountain range.

Dear God! I picked a hell of a day to stop smoking! Should have brought my nitro!

*That was AWESOME!!
How did I do?! Pretty good for my first time, huh? Can we do it again?! Huh?*


**gasp* ... uh ...not just yet ...*

A young man with short dark hair and glasses is sitting in the driver's seat of a car. He is wearing a grey t-shirt with a black stripe on the sleeve. He is looking out the window with a slight smile. In the foreground, the back of his father's head with long, wavy brown hair is visible. The background shows a house with a window.

When can I take *the* test? *I think* I'm ready!

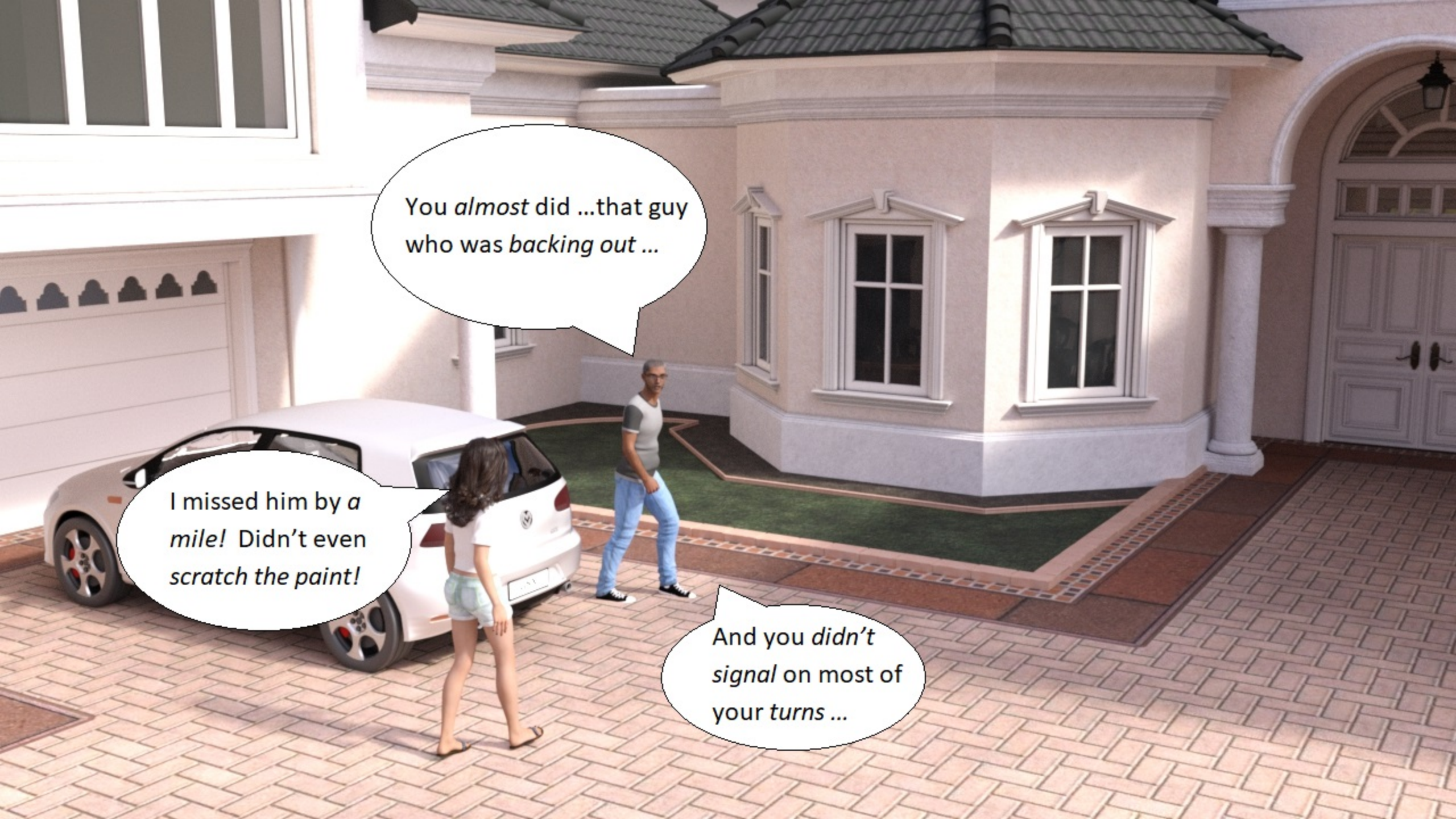
You ...you're *not ready* yet ...
you ... uh ... need more
practice ...a lot more
practice.

I can practice *all the time*
when I get my license!
C'mon Dad!



It doesn't *work* like that! You need to learn *caution* ...

I was cautious! I didn't even *hit* anything!

A man and a woman are standing in a paved driveway in front of a large, light-colored house. A white car is parked on the left. The man is wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, and the woman is wearing a white t-shirt and light blue shorts. They are both looking at each other. The house has a dark tiled roof, a large arched doorway, and several windows. The driveway is paved with reddish-brown bricks.

You *almost* did ...that guy who was *backing out* ...

I missed him by a *mile*! Didn't even *scratch the paint*!

And you *didn't* *signal* on most of your *turns* ...



sigh ... not good enough,
Dana. I think we should get
you some lessons ... with
professionals. Then you can
take your test.

Yeah but I did on
some of them ...



I'll ask Mom.

Dammit, that's
not the answer!!



click

It is the answer!

We'll discuss it later.

Later ...










**knock
knock**




A scene from a digital story or game. Two young women are standing in a doorway. The woman on the left is facing forward, wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic of a person in a red cloud and light blue denim shorts. She has dark hair. The woman on the right is seen from behind, wearing a purple short-sleeved shirt and green denim shorts. She has long brown hair. They are in a doorway with a tiled floor. Outside the doorway, a swimming pool and a green landscape are visible. There are three speech bubbles: one from the woman on the left saying 'Hi Jackie!!', one from the woman on the right saying 'Hey.', and a larger one at the bottom right from an unseen character saying 'She's still installing the app on her phone. She'll be here soon.'

Hi Jackie!!

Hey.

Where's Thea?

She's still installing *the app* on her phone. She'll be here soon.


A scene from a video game featuring two young women in a kitchen. The woman on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a purple short-sleeved shirt and green denim shorts. The woman on the right has long dark hair and is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic of a person in a black bikini and a red heart, and light blue denim shorts. They are standing on a tiled floor in front of white kitchen cabinets. Three speech bubbles are present, containing dialogue about driving.

Alright! How was it? Were you scared?

So my dad took me driving!

My dad was scared ... but it was a blast!!

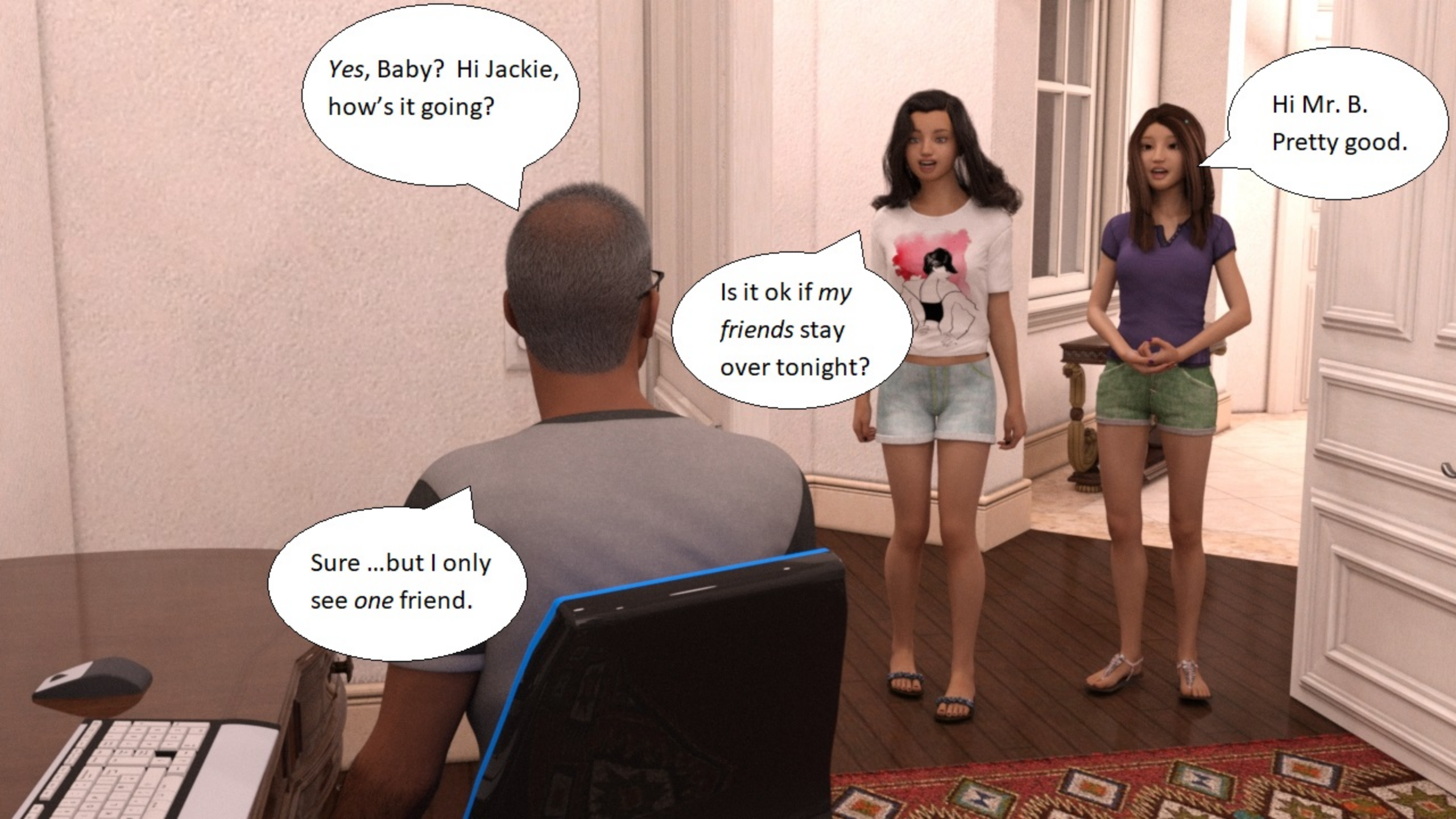
Cool!

A 3D-rendered scene showing two young women walking away from the viewer down a hallway. The woman on the left has long, dark, wavy hair and is wearing a white short-sleeved crop top and light blue denim shorts. The woman on the right has long, straight brown hair and is wearing a purple short-sleeved crop top and green denim shorts. They are walking on a dark wooden floor. To the left, a doorway leads to another room where a person is sitting at a desk with a computer. A colorful patterned rug is on the floor in that room. The walls are a light, textured beige. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the woman on the left at the top, one from the woman on the right at the top, and one from the woman on the left further down.

*I can't wait to
get my license!*

Me too!

Hey Dad ...




Yes, Baby? Hi Jackie,
how's it going?

Hi Mr. B.
Pretty good.

Is it ok if *my*
friends stay
over tonight?

Sure ...but I only
see *one* friend.



Thea's on her way over.

Yeah, no problem. I can order you girls *a pizza* or something.

Cool! With *mushrooms!*


And *extra sauce!*

You got it. I'll
order when your
friend shows up.

Yay! We're going
upstairs. When she
gets here *send her up!*

No problem-o.




A scene from a video game featuring two young women in a room. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic of a person in a red cloud and light blue shorts. The woman on the right has long brown hair and is wearing a purple short-sleeved shirt and green shorts. They are standing in front of a light-colored wooden door. To the right, a black DVD player sits on a white surface. Three speech bubbles contain their dialogue.

I guess. I just tune it out at this point.

Your dad's making one of *those comics*?

Hope Thea gets here soon. I'm *hungry*!


You're *always* hungry! How are you *so skinny*?



I dunno.
I just am.

Hey, if *Thea's* app works, I bet we can make our own comics!

Ones where *adults* turn into *kids* or *boys* turn into *girls*?

An anime-style illustration of two young women in a bedroom. One woman is lying on her stomach on a bed with a blue floral patterned sheet, wearing a purple t-shirt and green denim shorts. She is looking up at the other woman. The second woman is sitting up, seen from the back, with long dark wavy hair, wearing a white t-shirt. A speech bubble from her says, "No ...they could just be *normal* ones." Another speech bubble from the woman on the floor says, "That would be cool! Think it'll *really* work?"

No ...they could just
be *normal* ones.

That would be cool!
Think it'll *really* work?

We'll find out soon
enough!


knock knock

Coming!




knock knock





Hi! Is Dana
home?


Oh ...*hi* ...*sure*.
Come on in ...



*Thank you. I tried
to get here sooner
but I had stuff to do.*

*...Thea. Dana's
up in her room.
Jackie's here too.*

Don't we all.




I know *I* do. What
kind of *stuff* do you
have to do?

Ah ...you wouldn't
be interested. I
work from home.

You have a
very nice home
to work from.

Thanks.
Y'know ...


A man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a grey and black t-shirt and blue jeans, stands with his back to the camera. He is looking towards a woman with long reddish-brown hair, wearing a black long-sleeved top with pink floral patterns on the back and denim shorts. They are in a hallway with light-colored walls, a wooden door, and a tiled floor. A small wooden table is visible on the right.

...you speak *really*
good English, but I
can tell it's a *second*
language for you.

That is true.

I'm having *trouble*
placing your accent ...
it's very unique. Where
are you *from*?


Croatia ...



*That is a
coincidence ...
Jon.*


Huh?

What a *coincidence!* I
correspond *online* with
a girl named *Thea* from
Croatia. She's about
your age.



*It's me!
Thea!!*

*You're that
Thea?*




Uh huh!

TinyThea?
Formerly
from *Shield*?

Well *duh*! Yes ...
areg5. It's me,
TinyThea!

*I can't believe
it! Thea!!!*

A man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a grey and black t-shirt, is hugging a woman from behind. The woman has long blonde hair and is wearing a black top with purple floral patterns. They are in a hallway with light-colored tiled floors and white walls. In the background, a doorway leads to a kitchen with wooden cabinets.

I'm here as an
exchange student.
I live with *Jackie's*
family.

This is so *amazing!*
I thought you were
half a world away!

That's so cool! *Sara's*
the greatest! God, I am
so *dense!* How couldn't
I recognize you?

You're *dense*.