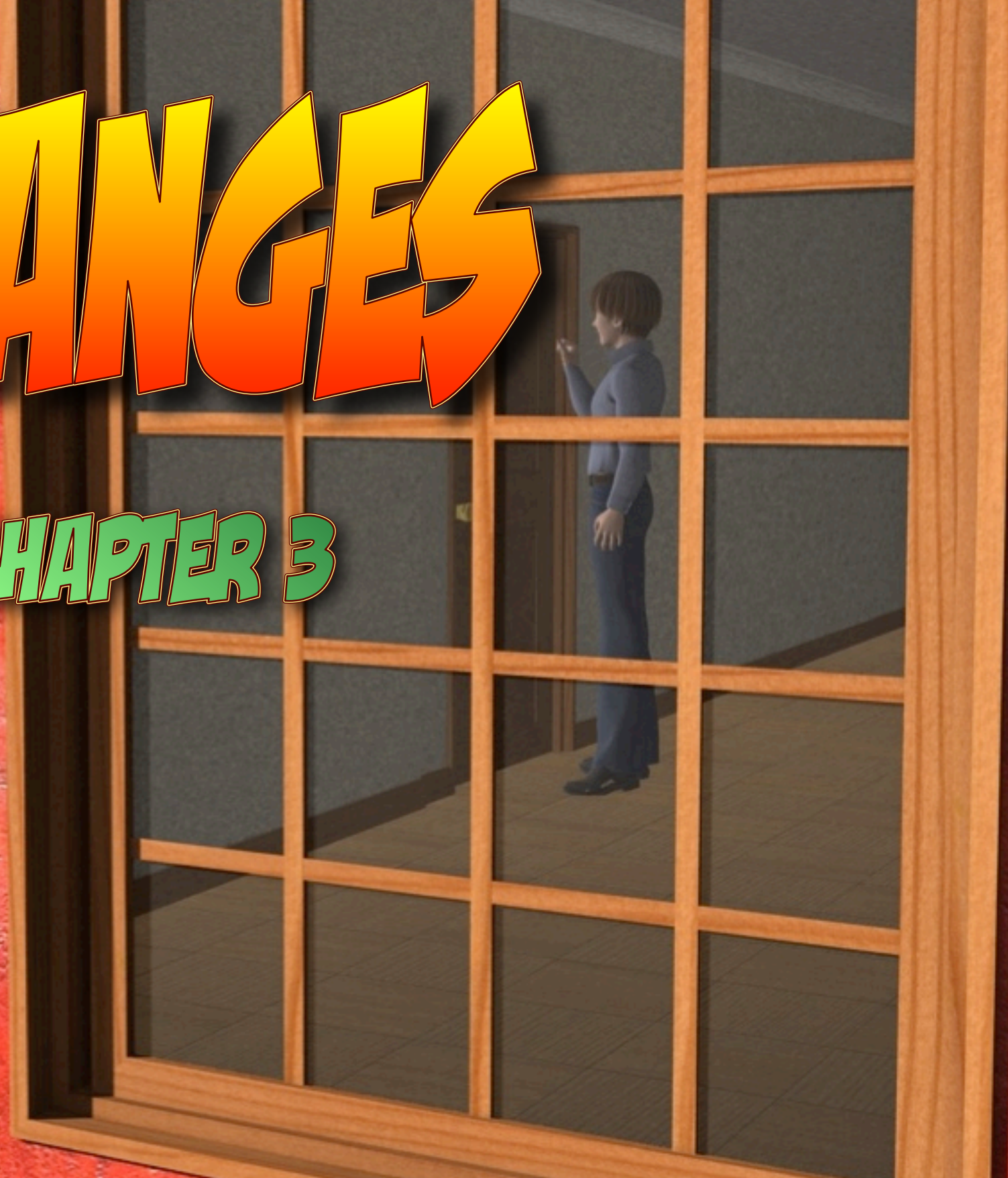


# CHANGES

## CHAPTER 3




A MONTH AFTER THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT...

**KNOCK! KNOCK!**



**\*HRMPH\***  
**\*GRUMBLE\***






RISE AND SHINE!  
IT'S...2:30 IN THE  
AFTERNOON!

YEAH, THANKS  
MOM!





I'VE HARDLY SEEN YOU IN THE  
PAST MONTH!  
YOU'VE BEEN PARTYING MORE THAN  
USUAL...EVER SINCE BELIA AND THE  
WATCHERS SHOWED UP.



DOESN'T YOUR BOSS  
EXPECT YOU TO WORK  
NOW AND THEN?

I QUIT THAT JOB!

HAHA!  
AHHHH...SO YOU'RE PAYING  
YOUR RENT WITH YOUR  
GOOD LOOKS, HUH?



**\*PFT\***

**I COULD BUY THIS PLACE  
WITH MY GOOD  
LOOKS!**


**HA  
HA!**

NAW, I GOT A JOB AT THE NEW HAPPY SHOP DOWN THE STREET. I'M DOING DELIVERIES.



ANOTHER ONE  
OPENED UP?!  
MAN, THEY'RE ALL OVER  
THE PLACE NOW!






HEY, SINCE  
THEY LEGALIZED  
PRETTY MUCH  
EVERYTHING, THE DEMAND  
HAS BEEN  
INCREDIBLE!

THEY'RE PAYING ME  
**TWICE** WHAT I MADE AT MY  
OLD JOB!  
I FIGURE I CAN SAVE UP FOR A  
WHILE AND THEN OPEN MY  
OWN PLACE!




YEAH, YOU'LL BE YOUR OWN BEST CUSTOMER!



HEY, IT'S ALL  
NATURAL.  
IT'S ORGANIC  
HAPPINESS!

BELIA SAID HE MADE  
ALL THIS STUFF FOR US  
TO ENJOY.  
MAN, I LIKE THIS GUY  
ALREADY!

I'LL HAVE TO COME  
DOWN AND CHECK IT OUT.



I CAN PICK YOU UP SOMETHING. DELIVERIES ARE MY JOB. PLUS I GET AN EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT. DON'T WORRY, I'LL HOOK YA UP!

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH YOU?



I'VE JUST BEEN TRYING  
TO KEEP UP WITH SCHOOL.  
THE WATCHERS HAVE BEEN AT  
THE UNIVERSITY UPDATING THE  
PROFESSORS ON ALL THE  
NEW STUFF.

IT'S INCREDIBLE!  
SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, GEO-  
POLITICS. THINGS ARE  
CHANGING FAST!

THEY'VE ALMOST  
GOT ALL TEN  
GLOBAL REGIONS SET  
UP. AND THERE'S  
SUPPOSED TO BE SOME  
BIG ANNOUNCEMENT  
TODAY ABOUT THE GUY  
IN CHARGE OF THE  
EUROPEAN  
REGION.

I GUESS HE'S  
GOING TO BE IN CHARGE  
OF THE TEN REGIONAL  
COUNCILS.

OH!  
AND THEY TOLD ME  
TODAY THAT THE TUITION  
FOR THE REST OF MY  
SCHOOLING IS ALL TAKEN CARE  
OF! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? FREE  
COLLEGE! THEY WANT  
EVERYONE TO LEARN ALL  
THE STUFF THEY HAVE TO  
TEACH US.



YOU CAN GO TO  
COLLEGE NOW, PAUL!





WHY WOULD I WANT TO  
DO THAT? IT WOULD RUIN  
MY SOCIAL LIFE!

HA!  
YEAH, COLLEGE  
STUDENTS HAVE NO  
SOCIAL LIFE. PEOPLE  
JUST READ AND  
PHILOSOPHIZE AT ALL  
THOSE COLLEGE  
PARTIES!




IT CAN GET A  
LITTLE WILD THOUGH.  
I BROKE TWO  
PROTRACTORS LAST  
WEEKEND!



AH, TIM. I'M SURE  
YOUR COLLEGE PARTIES ARE  
SWEET. JUST LET ME KNOW  
WHEN YOU'RE DONE PLAYING WITH  
YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS AND I'LL  
SHOW YOU WHAT A GOOD TIME  
**REALLY LOOKS LIKE!**






I HAVE SOOO MUCH TO  
TEACH YOU!

HAHA!

HEY, WHERE'S  
SAPPHIE BEEN LATELY?  
I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF  
HER EITHER.







SHE'S BEEN  
"FINDING HER INNER  
LIGHT".

ALL THIS STUFF'S  
REALLY GOT HER  
INTERESTED IN HER  
FEELINGS...THE BIGGER  
MEANING OF THINGS...  
AND ALL THAT  
STUFF.

SHE THINKS  
WE'RE ABOUT TO  
ENTER INTO SOME  
NEW UTOPIA!



I THINK SHE'S  
EXPECTING IT TO START  
RAINING JELLY BEANS  
ANY TIME NOW!



THEY ARE  
DOING SOME GREAT  
STUFF. THE WATCHERS ARE  
GOING TO ALL THE  
SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE  
EDUCATION...

THEY GOT RID OF ALL  
THE MARRIAGE BANS SO  
PEOPLE CAN FINALLY  
MARRY WHO THEY  
WANT...



THEY EVEN MADE  
CABLE TV FREE!


YEAH, I  
KNOW! YOU SHOULD  
SEE SOME OF THE  
CHANNELS THEY  
ADDED...



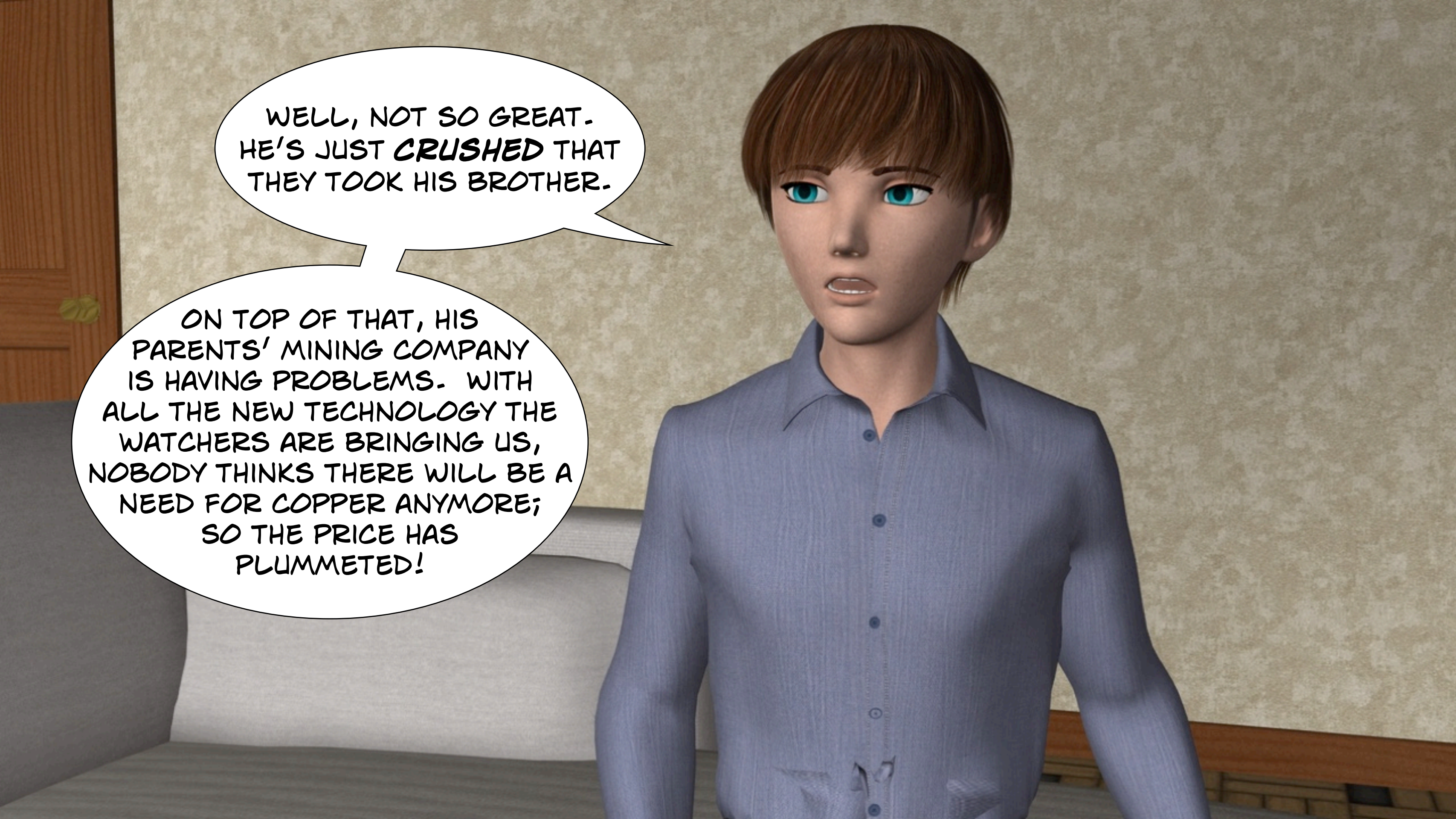
BABY!

HA!  
HA!





HEY, HOW ARE THINGS  
GOING WITH ALEX?



WELL, NOT SO GREAT.  
HE'S JUST **CRUSHED** THAT  
THEY TOOK HIS BROTHER.


ON TOP OF THAT, HIS  
PARENTS' MINING COMPANY  
IS HAVING PROBLEMS. WITH  
ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY THE  
WATCHERS ARE BRINGING US,  
NOBODY THINKS THERE WILL BE A  
NEED FOR COPPER ANYMORE;  
SO THE PRICE HAS  
PLUMMETED!

POOR ALEX.  
LOOKS LIKE ALL  
THOSE YEARS IN CHURCH...  
PRAYING FOR A GOOD  
LIFE...DIDN'T DO HIM  
MUCH GOOD.



HEY, TURN ON THE TV.  
THAT BIG ANNOUNCEMENT  
SHOULD BE ON.





I HAVE CHOSEN ONE OF  
YOUR OWN TO LEAD YOU. A MAN  
OF INTEGRITY, WISDOM, AND  
VISION!

THE HONORABLE  
LEO THEREON!

WOOHOO!

CHEER!



I HAVE GIVEN HIM  
ALL OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
AND AUTHORITY. HONOR  
HIM AS YOU HONOR  
ME.



FOLLOW HIM  
AND HE WILL LEAD  
YOU INTO AN AGE OF  
PROSPERITY, HOPE, AND  
PEACE! HE WILL  
ELIMINATE ALL THE  
THINGS THAT HAVE  
CAUSED DIVISION  
AND STRIFE!

HE WILL LEAD  
YOU TO A FUTURE OF  
SCIENCE, REASON,  
HUMANITY, AND THE  
REALIZATION OF ALL THAT  
YOU DREAM  
POSSIBLE!!!




YAAAAA!!!!

AHHH!!!!

WE LOVE YOU LEO!

WOW!  
THIS SOUNDS GREAT!  
I HOPE ALEX IS WATCHING.  
THIS WOULD SURE CHEER  
HIM UP.





I'M PRETTY  
EXCITED TOO. TALK  
ABOUT LIVING IN THE  
RIGHT TIME.

I'M STUDYING  
ASTRONOMY JUST AS WE  
HAVE THIS NEW SCIENTIFIC  
AWAKENING. IT'S LIKE A  
NEW RENAISSANCE!


WITH ALL THESE  
SUPERSTITIOUS PEOPLE  
GONE, WE CAN FINALLY  
MOVE FORWARD. IT'S  
GOING TO BE  
INCREDIBLE!

PEOPLE LIKE ALEX'S  
BROTHER?



OH YEAH.  
YIKES!  
I BETTER NOT PUT IT THAT  
WAY AROUND ALEX.





HEY! WE NEED TO  
TAKE HIM OUT AND GET  
HIS MIND OFF ALL HIS  
PROBLEMS...HAVE SOME  
FUN!



OH YEAH...  
WHAT KINDA FUN?



I KNOW A PLACE.