

BLOOMU

PART 6



MEETING "CYNTHIA" SOMEHOW LED TO MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. WITH CELESTE'S IDENTITY REVEALED AND SOME OF HER PLANS OUT IN THE OPEN, OLIVIA IS NOW KEEPING ON HER LIKE PEANUT BUTTER ON BREAD. LUCKILY, OLIVIA'S ROOMMATE CARA IS MAKING THAT EASIER THAN SHE COULD'VE ANTICIPATED. WITH OLIVIA'S GROWING STATURE AN ASSET TO THE VOLLEYBALL PLAYING SOPHOMORE, KIARA HAS DECIDED NOT TO LET OLIVIA'S NEWFOUND HEIGHT GO TO WASTE.

THOUGH OLIVIA ISN'T THE ONLY ONE BEING FORCED TO PARTICIPATE TODAY...



DO I
REALLY HAVE TO
BE HERE?




I COULD BE OUT,
DOING LITERALLY
ANYTHING ELSE.

BITCH, WE
BOTH KNOW THAT'S
NOT TRUE!



YOU'D BE BACK AT
THE DORM BY YOURSELF,
LISTENING TO PODCASTS OR
SOMETHING.





BESIDES, OLIVIA REFUSED
TO COME IF I DIDN'T BRING YOUR ASS WITH
US, SO YOU'RE RIDING ALONG FOR THE
RIDE ON THIS ONE! MAYBE YOU CAN GIVE
SOME VOLLEYBALL A SHOT.

I'D RATHER
TURN MYSELF
INTO A TOAD...



CAN YOU
ACTUALLY DO
THAT?

OKAY, LET'S GET ON WITH IT THEN.









WELL, YOU STRETCHED
MY STUFF OUT GOOD NOW,
DIDN'T YOU?

NOT LIKE I
HAD MUCH OF A
CHOICE...





ALRIGHT,
LET'S GET THIS
OVER WITH.

OH NUH UH, I'M
NOT HAVING YOU
HALF-ASS THIS.

THINK FAST!



DONK


OW! HEY!
WHAT THE HELL?!

I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!
JUST BECAUSE I MADE YOU COME TRY A LITTLE BIT OF
SPORT, DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE LIKE CELESTE
OVER THERE, THROWING A TANTRUM ABOUT IT.





I DON'T EVEN HAVE MY PHONE!



LOOK, LET ME SHOW
YOU THE ROPE FOR AN HOUR OR SO
AND THEN I'LL LET YOU GO IF YOU'RE
MISERABLE.

IT'S NOT THAT I'M
MISERABLE RIGHT NOW, I JUST
HAVE... OTHER THINGS I'M
FOCUSED ON.



OH YEA?
LIKE WHAT?

WELL FOR ONE,
MY ROOMMATE
DISAPPEARED.



I'M GUESSING
THE PLANT WAS
GONE TOO?



YOU'D BE
CORRECT.



WELL, AT
LEAST SOMETHING
GOOD HAPPENED FOR
ME TODAY.




LOOK, I'LL HELP YOU FIND YOUR ROOMMATE TOO AS PART OF OUR LITTLE DEAL. IF ANYBODY CAN FIND HER ON CAMPUS, IT'LL BE MOST OF THE GIRLS ON THE TEAM SKIPPING PRACTICE RIGHT NOW TO PREP FOR THE PARTY TOMORROW.

PARTY?



GIRL, YOU REALLY NEED
TO GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE BOOKS A
LITTLE. IT'S THE FIRST BIG FRAT PARTY
FOR THE YEAR. KAPPA OMEGA IS INVITING
EVERYBODY.





IF ALL YOU PLAN
TO DO HERE IS STUDY AND
STRESS OUT-

THEN YOU REALLY
AREN'T HAVING A TRUE
COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.



NOW FOCUS!




O-O-KAY!







NOT BAD!
NORMALLY YOU'D HAVE A
TEAMMATE HANDLE THE
NEXT PART.

A woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a light grey crop top and black shorts, stands in a gym. She is looking down at a colorful volleyball (yellow, blue, and red) on the wooden floor. A speech bubble above her head contains the text "SO... I DID IT?". The gym has blue padded walls and a wooden floor with white lines. A blurred wooden structure is visible in the foreground on the left.

SO... I DID IT?



YOU DID.
ONCE. NOW THE HARD
PART'S COMING.





I HOPE YOU'RE READY...

UH OH...

QUEUE THE TRAINING MONTAGE







HOME

GUEST

POINTS

POINTS

POINTS

POINTS

POINTS

SHOT CLOCK

POINTS






















THUMP

YOU GOOD?

I'LL LIVE.





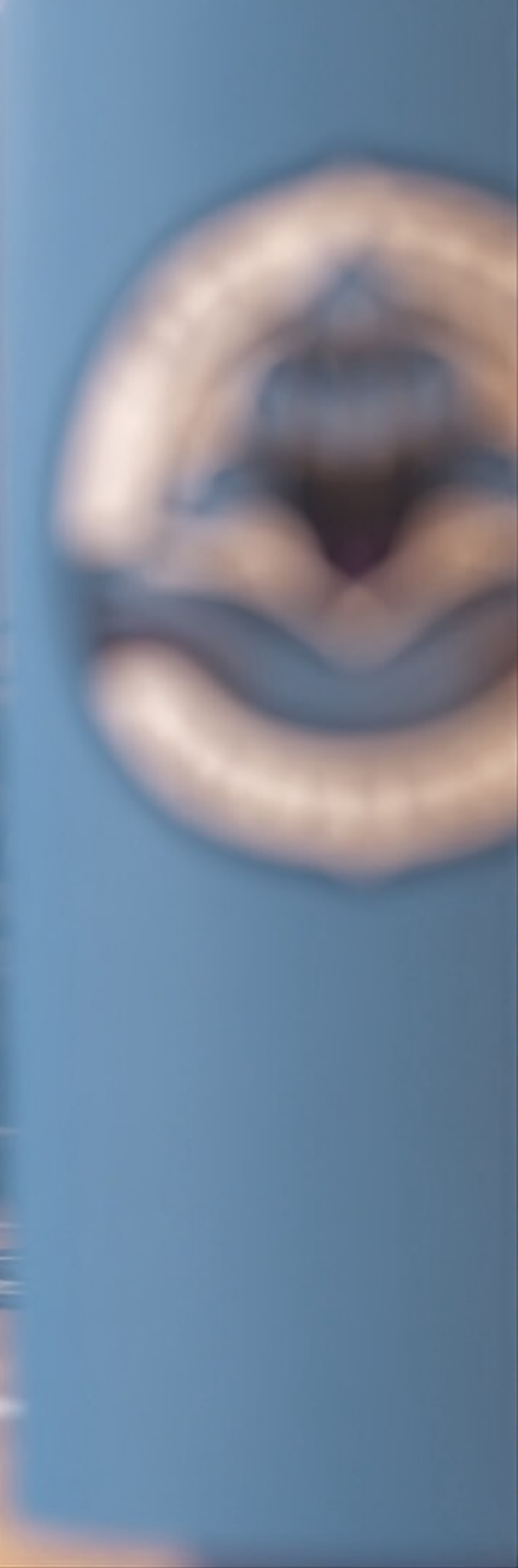
GOOD, YOU'LL
NEED TO LEARN TO TAKE A
HIT LIKE THAT WHEN YOU'RE
ON THE TEAM.

WELL, DON'T
GET TOO EXCITED
JUST YET!

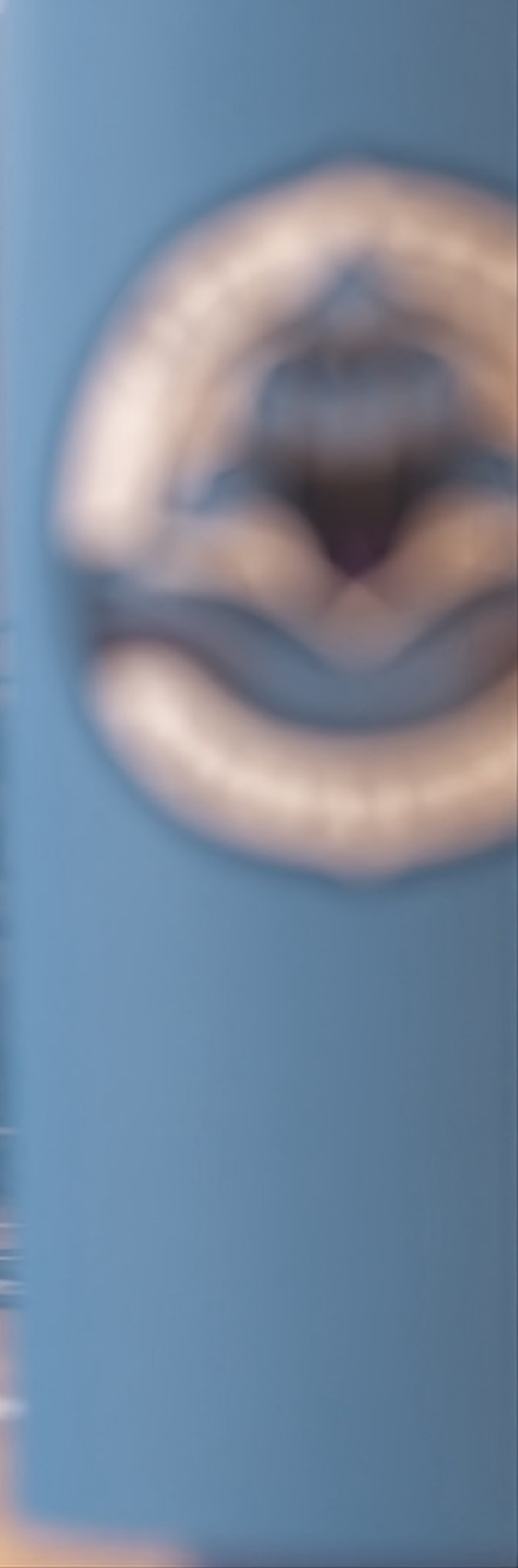




JUST TRY
AND STOP THIS
ONE THEN!















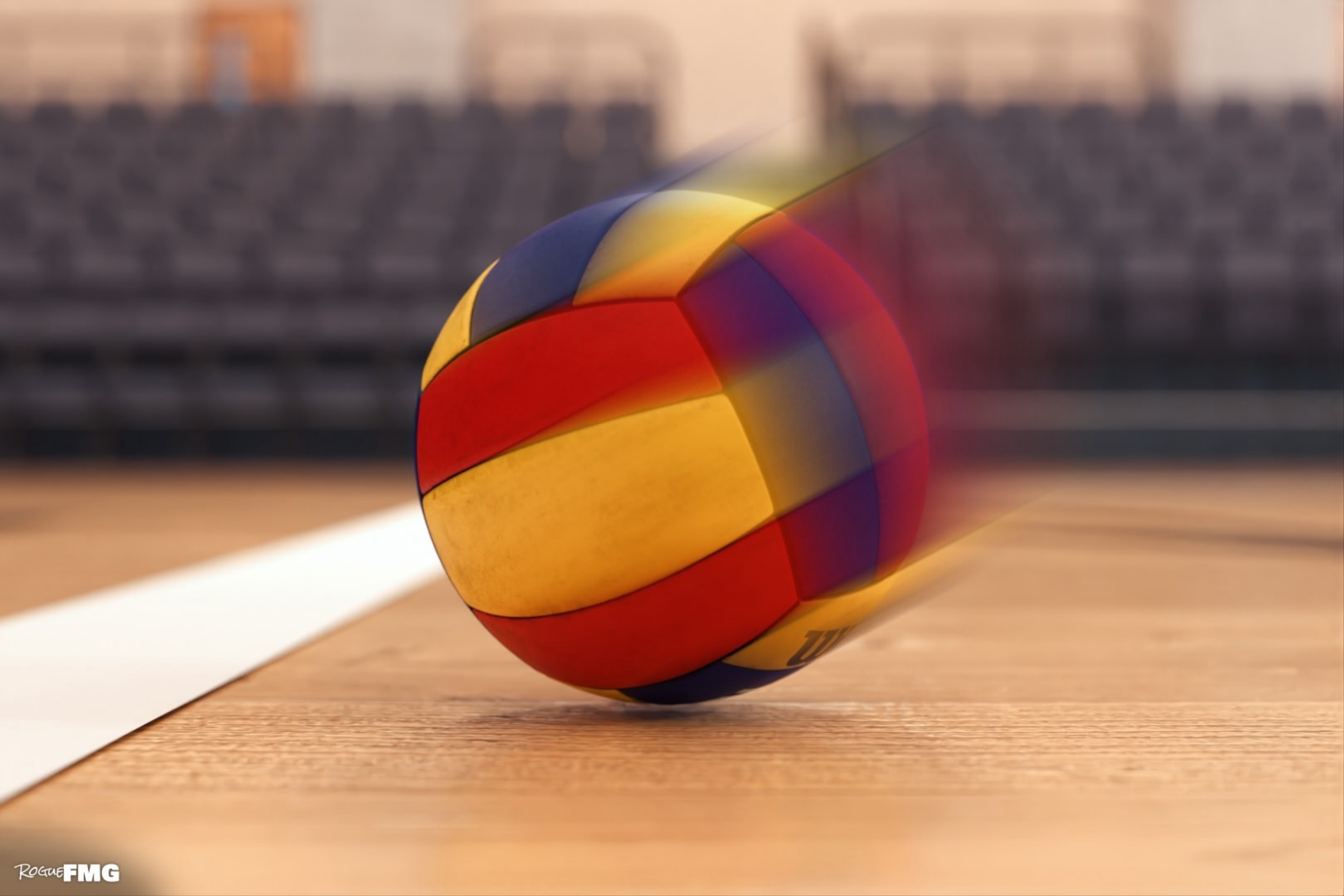
A hand is holding a colorful beach ball with segments in blue, yellow, red, and purple. The word "BLAM" is written in white, stylized, hand-drawn letters across the yellow and red segments. The background is a blurred indoor arena with rows of blue seats and bright lights on the ceiling.

BLAM



JUST TRY AN-





HOLY-

-SHIT...





YEA, THERE'S NO IFs,
ANDs OR BUTs ABOUT IT.
YOU ARE JOINING THE
VOLLEYBALL TEAM!



YOU'RE CLEARLY A
NATURAL! NOW WE JUST
NEED TO-

TO...






ARE... ARE YOU
LOOKING DOWN AT
ME RIGHT NOW?

WELL,
LITERALLY BUT NOT
METAPHORICALLY.



BUT HOW...
W-WHAT?





WELL, AT LEAST
TODAY WASN'T A COMPLETE
WASTE OF TIME.

TO BE CONTINUED