

Dollhouse Trap

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Liam, a college student in his final year, has had a complicated social life the last few years. Although he has been an introvert his entire life, he is always being chased by girls, since he is actually quite attractive, something that causes no end of problems in his life, since there are times he just wants to be left alone and have nobody bother him, but the constant harassment from girls does not allow him much in the way of personal space or even privacy. On the other hand, Liam has two great secrets: the first secret he hides is that he possesses a strange ability, shared along his family bloodline, which allows the holder to turn any living being that they play with into porcelain. This forces them to wear special gloves when they leave the house to avoid causing an accident with some random person, so socializing too much with other people could lead to accidentally hurting them if Liam lets his guard down. The second, and the most embarrassing to him, because the idea of someone discovering it causes him a bit of social phobia, is that since he was young he has been deeply obsessed with the princesses he saw in children's movies as a kid. He has great admiration for the aesthetics and beauty of them, having acquired all kinds of collectibles: mugs, figures, princess movie posters and even princess costumes over the years. Even though he does not have an interest in wearing them himself, he would like a woman, perhaps a girlfriend-to-be, to wear his collection for him. That's why Liam thought it might be a good idea to finally agree to go out with one of the girls who harass him, and persuade her to try out the princesses costumes that he keeps in his room. Liam had thought of that idea before, but had never made up his mind for fear that the girl he would bring into his room would spread the word of his obsessive fondness for princesses and everything that relates to them.

And so Liam invited Maeve, a blonde female with red contact lenses and long blonde hair, who is one of his main stalkers, on a date to his house, and she accepted without hesitating for a second. Liam thought Maeve to be the most trustworthy person among his fans and thus the safest person to step out of his shell of self-imposed isolation with, since Maeve had gone to school with him since childhood, and was a friend of the family, so Liam thought that she would be less likely to decide to hurt him by leaking one of his two secrets. However, Liam was wrong, because the day Maeve went to Liam's house for their date, she couldn't help but laugh out loud at how funny it seemed to her that a tall, manly and handsome man is obsessed by such a childish subject, something which, to Maeve, seemed ridiculous and sick, so after laughing for several minutes, and after making Liam feel bad and humiliating him in his own house, she told him that he should find a psychologist instead of looking for a girlfriend and left. This quickly plunged Liam into depression, as he had not expected Maeve to turn out to be such a cruel, callous, and frankly horrible person, but that degradation was not all that Liam would have to go through.

The next day Liam attended college like normal, people watched him with judgemental stares and some sniggered when he walked by. Liam quickly realized what was happening: Maeve could not resist that toxic behavior that she had shown the previous day, and leaked his secret, so now surely the whole school knows about his obsession with princesses. And he was right, because several hours later, at lunch, a friend of his approached him while he was eating his sandwich and laughed out loud about his little manly secret and even doubted his sexuality, something that deeply outraged Liam. Even if he admired the princesses he saw in the children's movies of his youth, that did not mean he wanted to be like one of them. That humiliation caused him to pick up a fight with his so-called friend,

and eventually end up with a one week suspension and even more problems at home, in addition to losing almost all of his friends and ending up socially marginalized, something that would probably last for the rest of his university days.

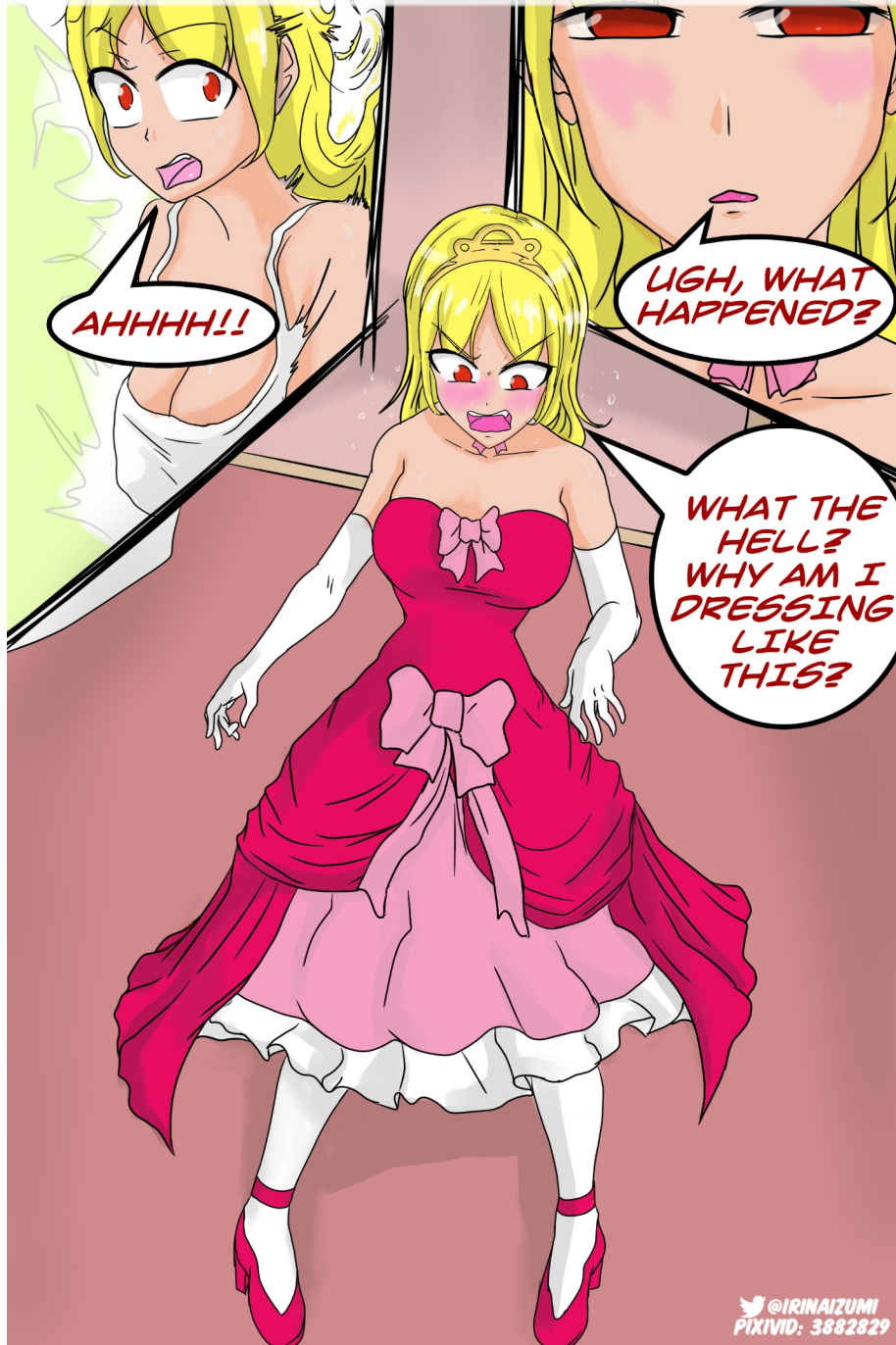
Something broke inside Liam. Even though he didn't like being constantly harassed by girls, now, being on the other extreme and being a social outcast, he gets really upset by how unfair this whole situation is. The mistreatment and humiliation he received from former friends, lead up to destroying a good man, who had no problem against anyone and didn't want to hurt anybody, and turning him full of rancor and anger, even more lonely than before, and with a high desire for revenge that quickly mixed with his obsession with princesses. Since everyone knew about his obsession, he no longer felt ashamed about it, and started planning some ways to get revenge and quench his obsession. He did not have to think long before he remembered that he had acquired a new invention online, something quite exclusive to the government, only obtainable on the black market: a shrinking ray. Liam had originally bought it to dwarf things that are difficult to carry around and return them to their original size after moving them to where he needed them to be using another function of the beam, as he frequently helps with tiring tasks at his father's auto shop, moving heavy parts frequently; Liam wondered, what if he shrinks Maeve and some of her obnoxious friends into his helpless little toys dressed as princesses? That seemed like a brilliant idea, and Liam was pleased with himself that he had come up with it, so he quickly got down to business.

In the following months, Maeve began having a hard time in her life: her sister, a year younger than her, Sophie, a redhead with green eyes, had disappeared after a crazy night of partying. The only clue they could find around her disappearance was that she had been recently talking about a boyfriend she started dating, a boy slightly older than her who, according to Sophie, always wore a hoodie wherever they went. That seemed very suspicious to Maeve, although she did not suspect of Liam, since she did not remember him very well since she publicly humiliated him, and he became the university weirdo and basically a ghost, so Maeve didn't think to tell the police about that and the similarities that Sophie's alleged boyfriend might have with Liam. However, a few days after her sister disappeared, Maeve met an attractive boy online. She was the kind of sexually liberated girl who has relationships with one guy or another on a frequent basis, sometimes even simultaneously, which is why she frequently uses an Internet dating app to meet new guys. Perhaps Maeve should have been worried about the disappearance of her sister, who had also just met a boy right before disappearing, but Maeve can be a pretty oblivious person at times and so she continued to frequently meet up with all kinds of boys. In addition to that, considering she's more experienced, you'd think she's less likely to fall prey to someone dangerous.

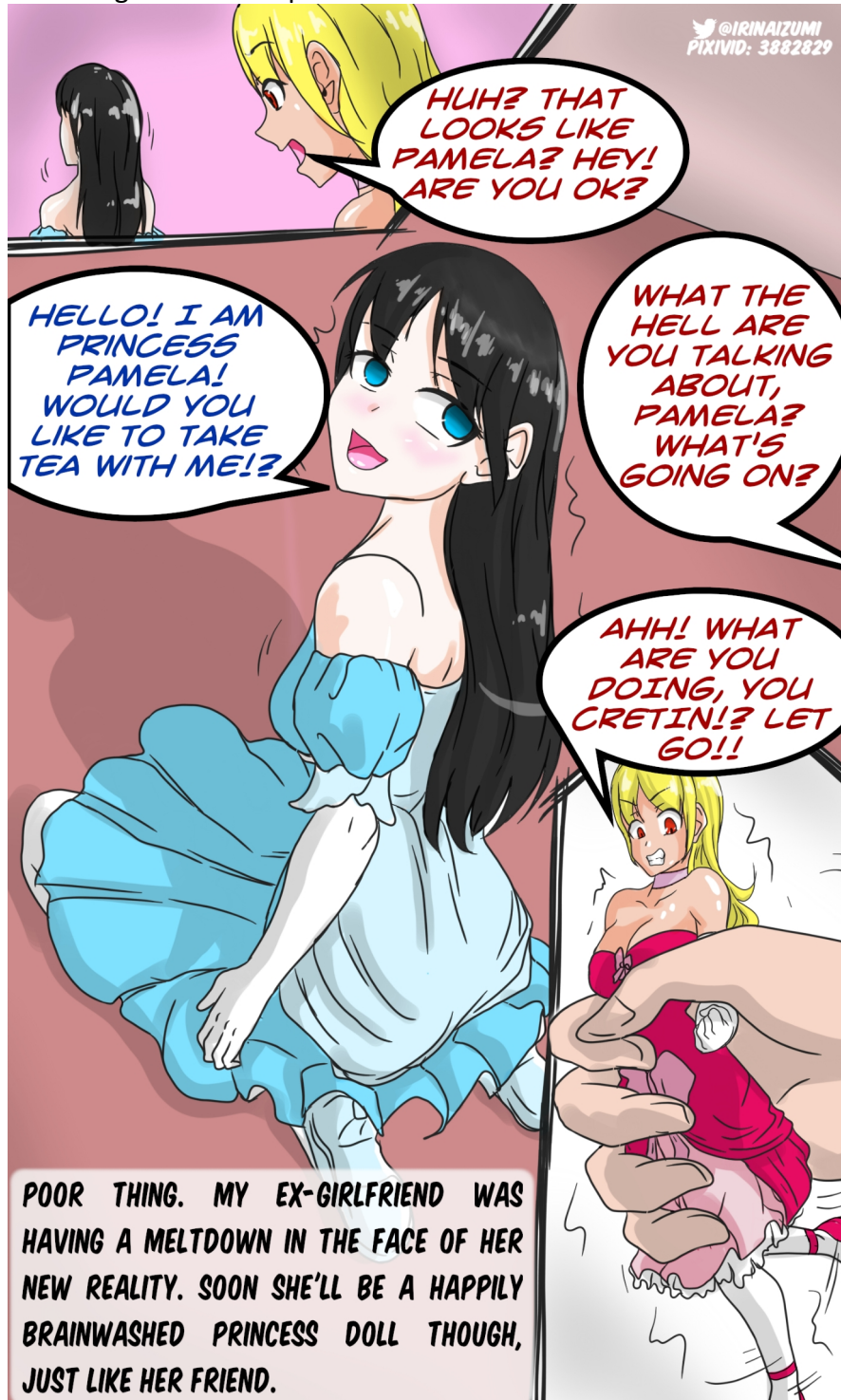
A few weeks later, the attractive boy Maeve met online invited her to a hotel and asked her to invite a friend for a friend of his that would come with them, so Maeve decided to take her friend Pamela, a woman with black hair and blue eyes. They both went to the hotel room and found the door open, and nobody inside; Both were suspicious of the situation, but it was too late: a hooded man entered the hotel room and closed the door behind him. Then, he takes off his hood and, to Maeve and Pamela's horror, it turned out to be Liam, who had created a fake online profile on the app Maeve used, to go on a new date with her. Maeve, angry, agitated and fearful, yells at Liam to let them go, or else she will call the police. Liam ignored Maeve's ultimatum and quickly took out his shrinking ray. Suddenly Maeve was blinded by an intense white light that engulfed her and her whole body.

After a while Maeve finally wakes up. The first thing she does is rub her eyes and have a look around to check her surroundings. She does not know how long she has been unconscious but she feels very tired, like her body hasn't moved for a long time. After that, she quickly comes across the first abnormal thing: she is wearing a nice, fluffy red dress, which leaves her shoulders bare, accompanied by long delicate white evening gloves, white socks and a pair of red shoes that match the dress. Maeve blushes when she sees how she is dressed, but something else quickly catches her attention.

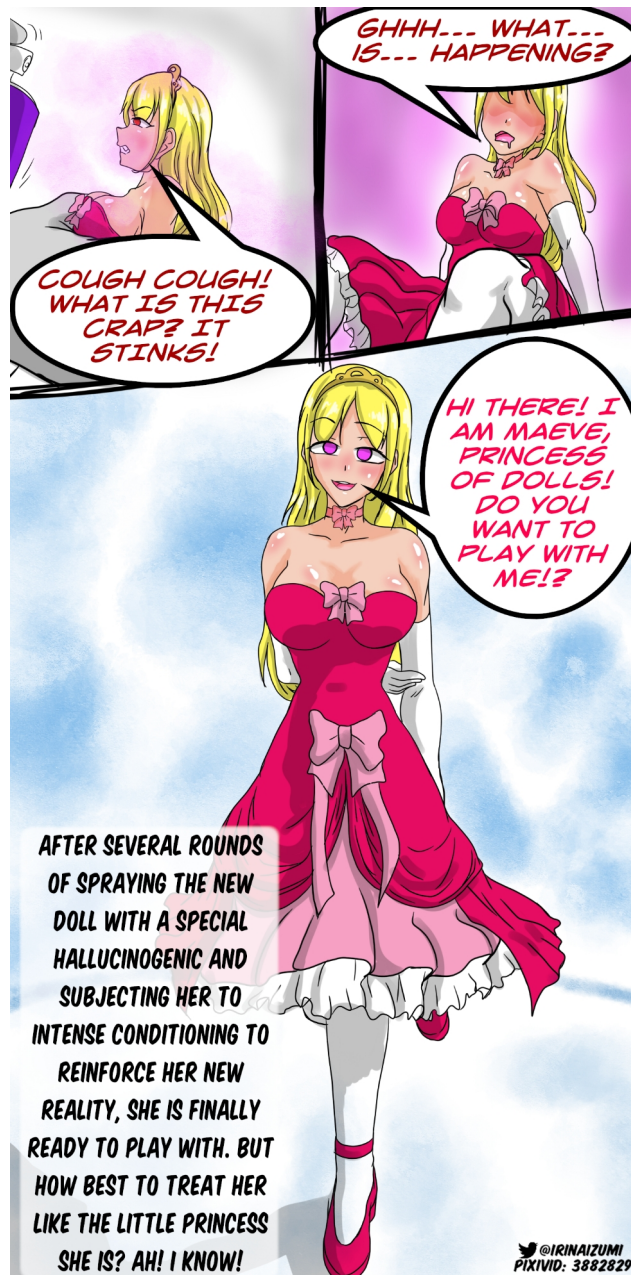
A FEW MONTHS AGO I REVEALED MY OBSESSION WITH PRINCESSES TO MY GIRLFRIEND AND ASKED HER TO DRESS UP AS ONE FOR ME. SHE REFUSED AND THEN EXPOSED ME PUBLICLY, RUINING MY SOCIAL LIFE. FOOLISH OF HER TO THINK THERE WOULD BE NO CONSEQUENCES, FOR THE DAY OF RECKONING HAS ARRIVED AND I WON'T BE DENIED AGAIN.



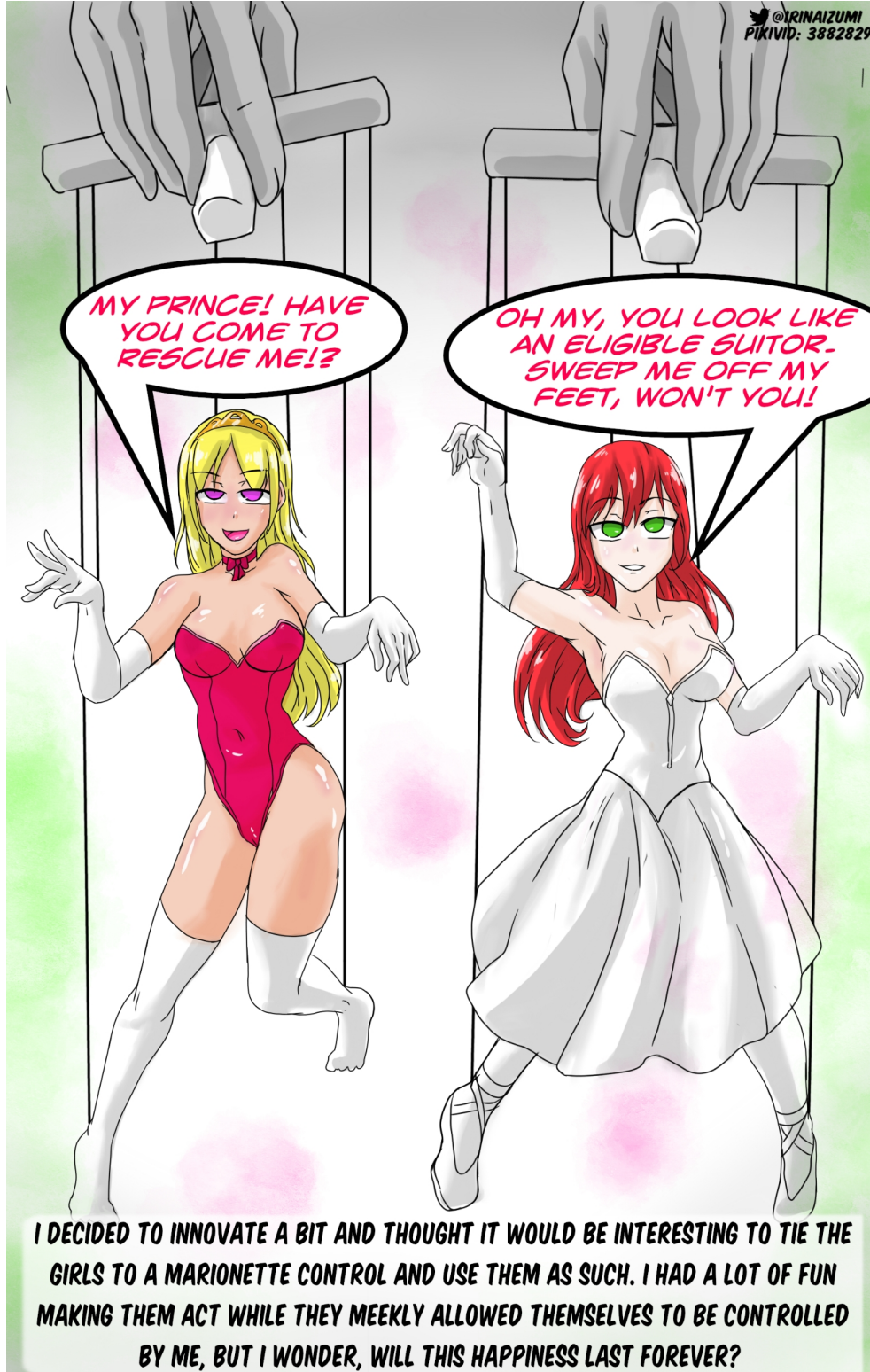
She sees someone who looks like Pamela, dressed in a flowing light blue dress, who is standing with her back turned and not moving much. Maeve goes to her and, seeing that she does not react, takes her by the shoulders and turns her around, causing Pamela to react and speak in a flat voice: "HELLO! I AM PRINCESS PAMELA! DO YOU WANT TO TAKE TEA WITH ME!?" Jumping away from creepy, apparently possessed Pamela, Maeve discovered to her horror that she was locked in a small, closed place, like the room inside a dollhouse. Maeve believed things could not get any worse, at least until a giant hand appeared and grabbed her up.

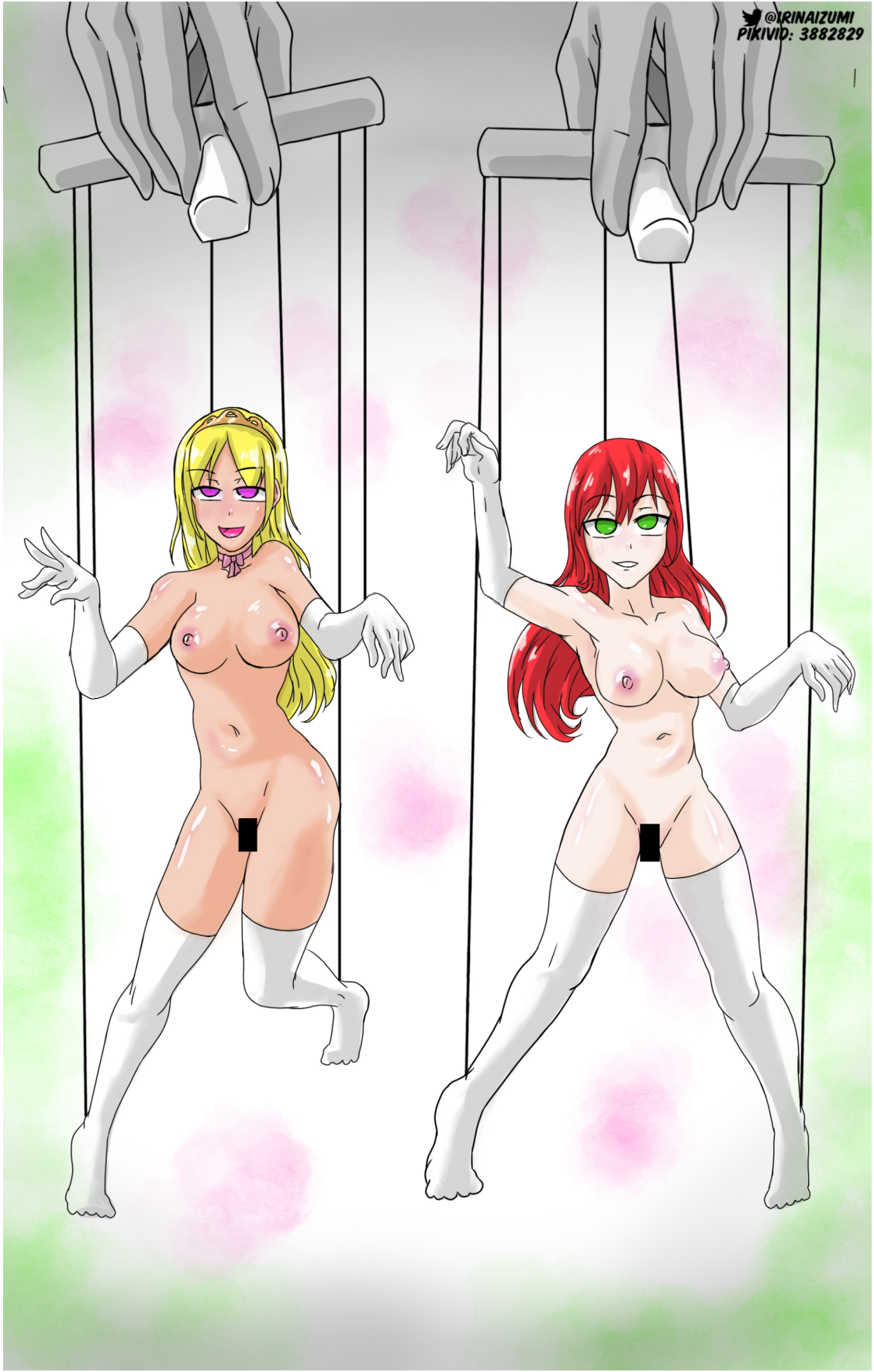


Liam had finally arrived, and since she had finally woken up, it was now Maeve's turn to receive her brainwashing session. As Maeve fidgets and screams desperately, trying to break free from Liam's grip, he pulls out a spray can and blasts her in the face with a strange substance. Maeve coughs and closes her eyes, asking what the heck this wretched mist is, to which Liam replies that it is a pet training spray, but that it will surely work very well on her, sending Maeve into a deep terror. Placing her in front of a spiral display to hold her attention, Liam starts speaking forcefully: "You are a doll, a princess doll of the kingdom of the dolls, and you have to behave in a cute and appropriate way for what you are", in addition to some other instructions, followed by continuously repeating them over and over. Maeve tried to resist as much as she could, but it was useless. After several hours of this, Maeve had been completely brainwashed, with a cute smile and constantly repeating the lines Liam had given her, such as "HI THERE! I AM THE PRINCESS OF DOLLS! WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PLAY TOGETHER!?"



After running through all the traditional play options Liam could think of with his new dolls, Liam decided to innovate a little and so he tied some strings on his princess dolls and began to use them as puppets, while they repeated over and over again phrases that they memorized with Liam's help while under the effects of the hypnotic spray. Liam was quite excited, even though he wonders as he plays with his puppet dolls, if he will ever be discovered.





Several days later Liam discovers Maeve trying to escape through the window with a cloth that she planned to use as a parachute. Fits of rebellion started to appear after the brainwashing began to deteriorate, ever since Liam began to let Maeve and Sophie, her sister, live together like dolls in the dollhouse. Perhaps the social contact between the two makes Maeve, upon seeing her sister, recover her memory and realize who she really is. This situation became a constant source of worry and annoyance, as Liam does not like dissident dolls, who are supposed to act like princesses, not revolutionary troublemakers, and one of the escaping might create more trouble than even the original humiliation he suffered did, so Liam chooses to finally take off his gloves and grab Maeve directly, slowly starting to turn Maeve into porcelain as she desperately tries to struggle and escape.



After Maeve's unsuccessful escape attempt out the window, and Liam's imperfect solution to her rebellious ways, he will have to settle for having his doll princess as an ordinary porcelain doll. Maeve is very adorable in her new life, Liam thinks, as he starts considering who will be the next victim to expand his collection.

