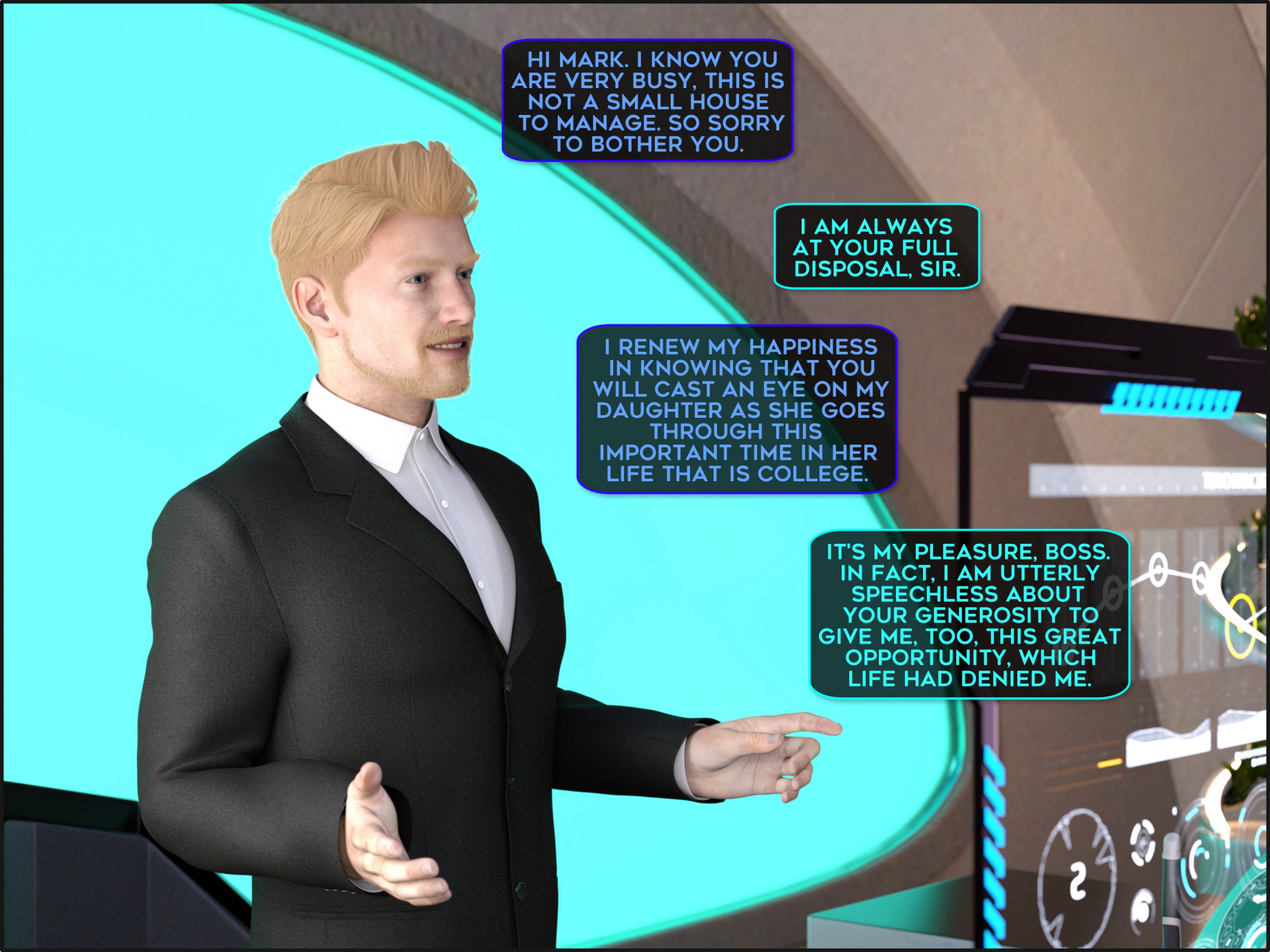


THE WAIT FOR VERONICA'S  
UMPTENTH RETURN CONTINUES.  
UNTIL, TWO DAYS LATER, THE BIG  
BOSS HIMSELF DECIDES TO  
SUMMON ME TO HIS OFFICE.





HI MARK. I KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY, THIS IS NOT A SMALL HOUSE TO MANAGE. SO SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.

I AM ALWAYS AT YOUR FULL DISPOSAL, SIR.

I RENEW MY HAPPINESS IN KNOWING THAT YOU WILL CAST AN EYE ON MY DAUGHTER AS SHE GOES THROUGH THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN HER LIFE THAT IS COLLEGE.


IT'S MY PLEASURE, BOSS. IN FACT, I AM UTTERLY SPEECHLESS ABOUT YOUR GENEROSITY TO GIVE ME, TOO, THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY, WHICH LIFE HAD DENIED ME.

THAT AND MORE FOR MY ONLY DAUGHTER AND HEIR. AND YOU DESERVE IT. BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU ALREADY IDENTIFIED A SUITABLE CANDIDATE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE? I GUESS AS A 22-YEAR-OLD WITH A PRESTIGIOUS DEGREE, IN FOUR YEARS YOU WON'T WANT TO COME BACK TO TAKE CARE OF US.

I HAVE ALREADY ARRANGED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT, SIR.

EXCELLENT.






THEN I WANTED TO ASK YOU,  
AS MY DAUGHTER IS  
UNDERGOING HER SECOND  
RADICAL TRANSFORMATION IN  
JUST ONE WEEK, AND SINCE  
YOU REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE  
WITH MY WIFE SPECIFICALLY  
TO TALK ABOUT THIS, IF YOU  
THINK SHE IS ALL RIGHT.

SIR, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED  
INDEED. I AGREE THAT SHE  
DESERVED TO BE PRETTIER  
THAN AVERAGE, BUT MAYBE  
EVEN THE BODY SHE HAD  
TWO DAYS AGO WAS TOO  
MUCH TO KEEP HER HEAD  
DOWN. LET'S HOPE WELL.

YOU KNOW, MARK,  
WHEN MY SPOUSE AND  
I DECIDED TO CHANGE  
OUR BODIES AS WELL,  
THE FIRST FEW WEEKS  
WERE ECSTATIC. THEN  
WE SETTLED INTO THE  
NEW NORMAL.

THAT'S  
GOOD TO  
HEAR.


A man with a mustache, wearing a white tuxedo shirt with a black bow tie and a black vest, is looking slightly to his right. The background is a light-colored wall with a large, faint circular emblem.

SPEAKING OF WHICH. IN A FEW WEEKS YOU TOO WILL BE DOING THE SAME. I TOOK A LOOK AT THE SPLENDID ADONIS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME, AND I ADMIT IT WORRIES ME A LITTLE.

I'M LISTENING.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LEAD VERONICA IN THESE NEXT FOUR YEARS, YOU MUST CONTINUE TO BE HER BEST FRIEND. TO DO THIS, IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU WERE ALSO HER ROOMMATE.

I SEE, SIR. BUT WOULDN'T THAT BE INAPPROPRIATE?



THAT WOULD BE VERY INAPPROPRIATE. BECAUSE I'VE NOTICED HOW YOUR ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED NOW THAT MY DAUGHTER IS NO LONGER THE USUAL UGLY DUCKLING, DON'T GET ME WRONG, BUT I HAVE NO WISH FOR YOU TO MARRY MY ONLY HEIR.

THE THOUGHT NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND. I KNOW VERY WELL THAT I AM NOT WORTHY. I HUMBLY BEG FORGIVENESS IF I HAVE IMPLIED OTHERWISE.

BUT UNDERSTAND THAT A GROWN MAN, EVEN MORE SO WITH A YOUNG, HANDSOME BODY, CANNOT BE A ROOMMATE TO AN EQUALLY ATTRACTIVE YOUTHFUL WOMAN. AND THAT YOU COULD NOT PROPERLY GUIDE HER FROM A DISTANCE.

OF COURSE,  
SIR.

GOOD. THAT'S WHAT I  
WANTED TO HEAR. SO  
YOU WILL AGREE WITH  
ME THAT A SOLUTION  
MUST BE FOUND TO  
THIS DILEMMA.

YES, SIR.

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT,  
THERE IS A SOLUTION  
THAT WOULD ALLOW US  
TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH  
ONE STONE. IN SHORT,  
YOU WILL ACCOMPANY  
HER AS A WOMAN.

