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SEXTORTION

A form of online blackmail where someone is manipulated or coerced into performing sexual acts, sending sexual images, or performing sexual acts on camera, and is then extorted for more images or money.

NOTE:

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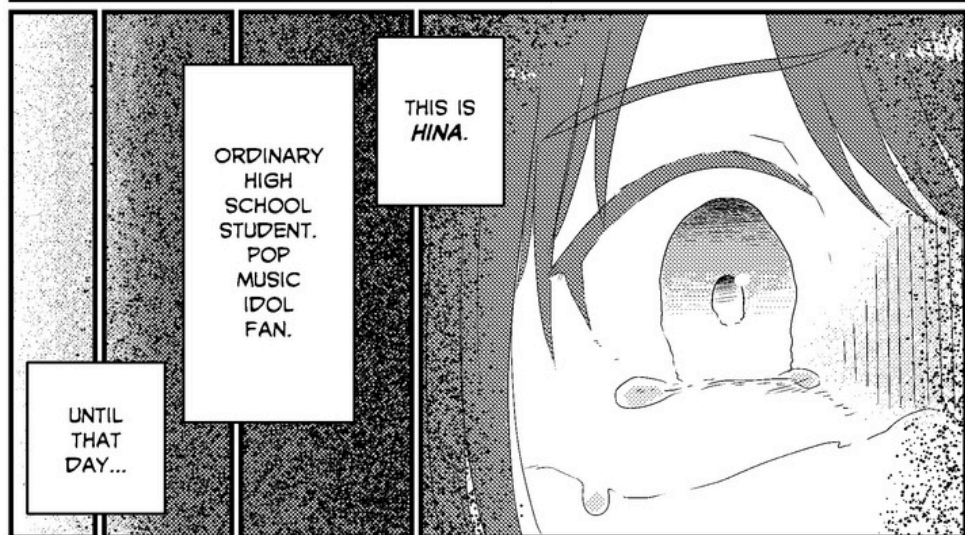
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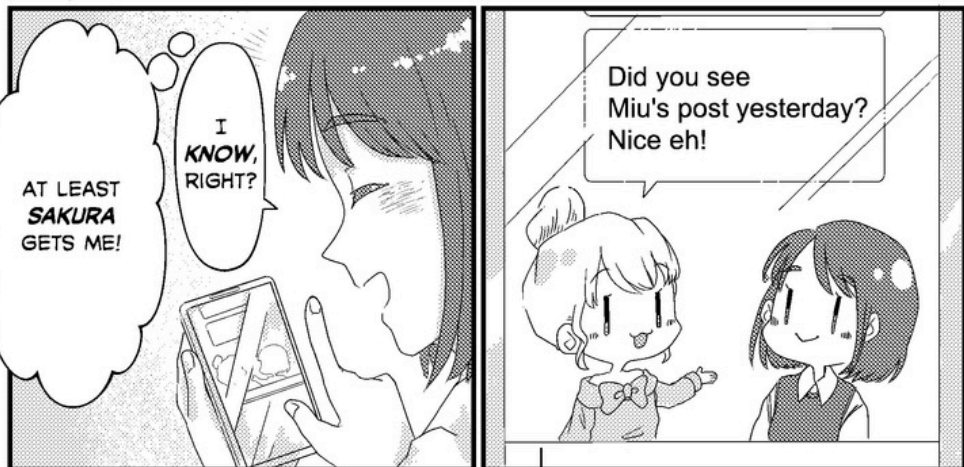
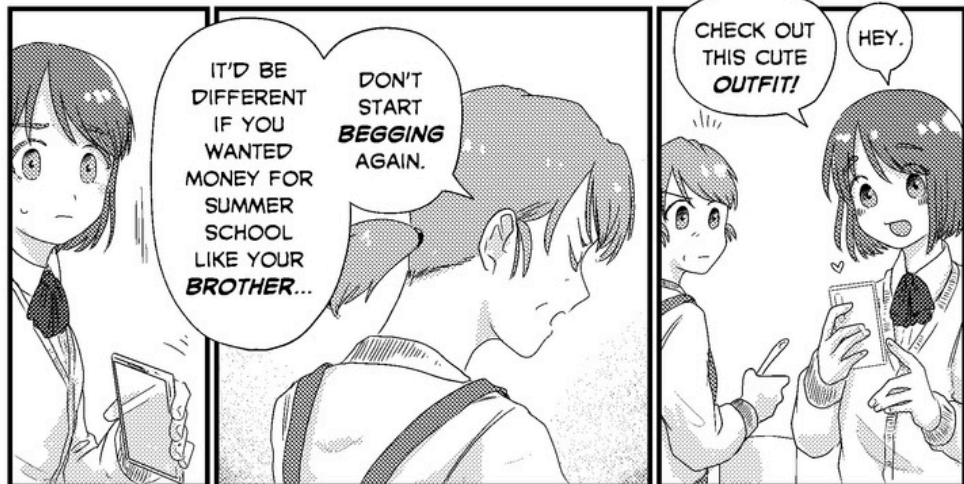
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WE MET
THROUGH
A FAN
SITE
ABOUT SIX
MONTHS
AGO.



SAKURA
IS A
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
AND
FELLOW
FANGIRL.

WE'RE
BOTH BIG
FANS
OF **MIU**,
FROM
SALLAMBO.

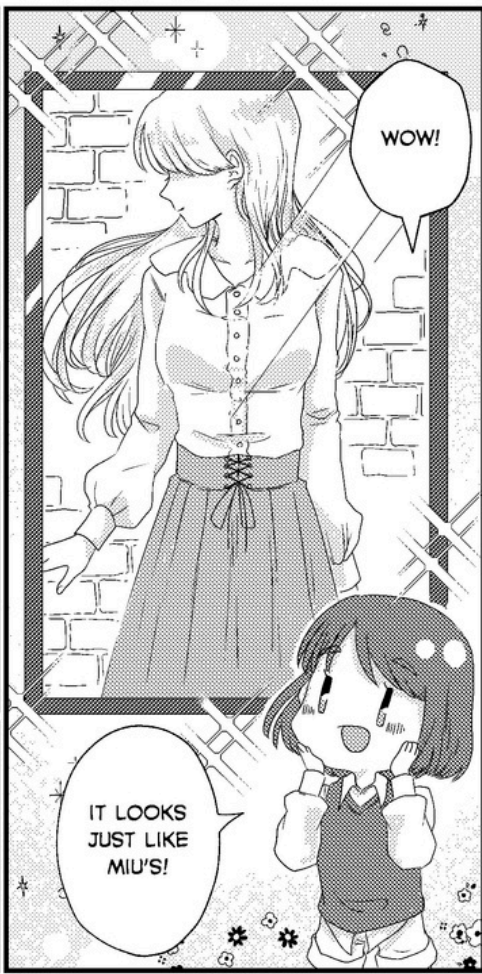
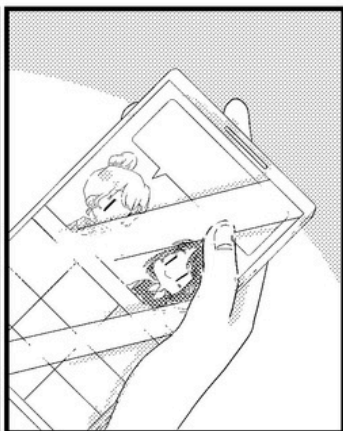


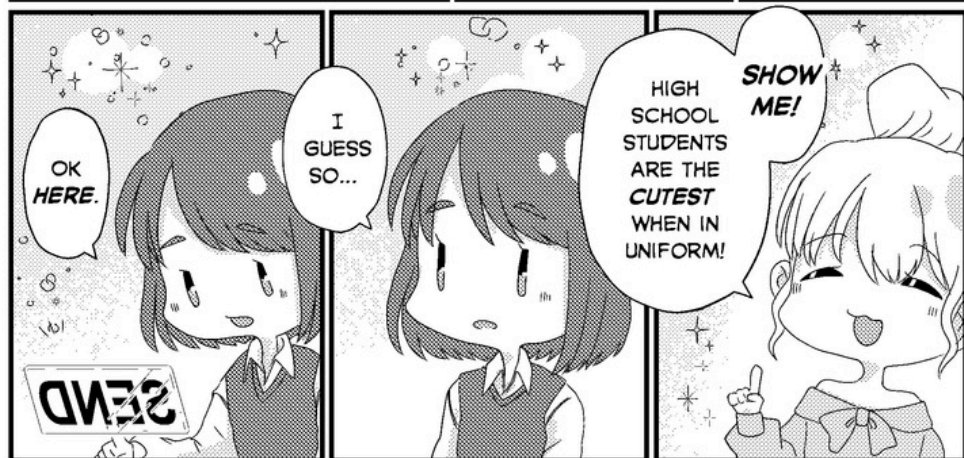
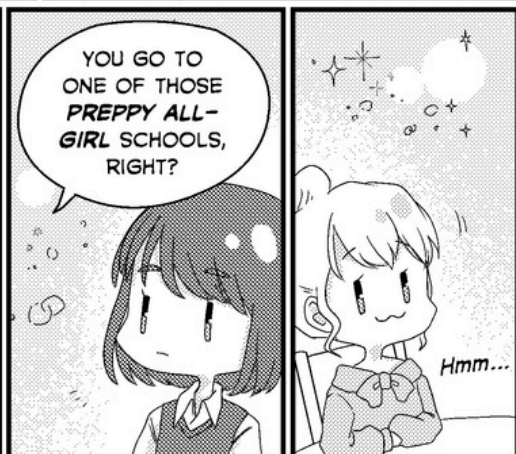
IT FEELS
LIKE I'VE
KNOWN
HER MY
WHOLE
LIFE!



RECENTLY WE'VE
BEEN EXCHANGING
DIRECT MESSAGES
ALMOST **DAILY.**

HEH-
HEH!







SAKURA...

I FEEL
LIKE I
COULD
TALK
TO HER
ABOUT
ANYTHING.

THIS KIND
OF BACK
AND FORTH
CONTINUED
FOR A
WHILE...

RATTLE
RATTLE

IT'S
SO
HOT!

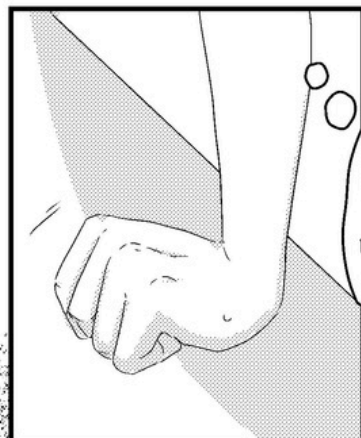
UNTIL ONE
DAY...

OH-

HINA...

SNAP





WHY **ARE**
WE SO
DIFFERENT,
ANYWAY?!

NO
MATTER
WHAT,
HE'S THE
BEST,
AND I'M
JUST HIS
USELESS
SISTER.

THERE
SHE
GOES
AGAIN!
COMPARING
ME TO
SHOTA!

SERIOUSLY!

IT
DRIVES
ME
CRAZY!!



DASH





OH
HEY!

TA-DA!

SEND



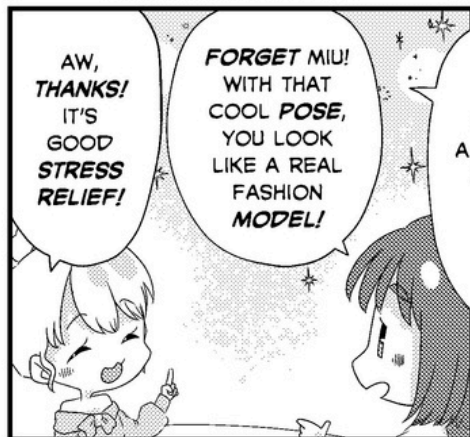
I PICKED MY
UNIVERSITY AT
RANDOM!
NOW I'M JUST
HAVING **FUN!**
ISN'T THAT WHAT
EVERYONE
DOES?



I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT I
WANNA DO
AFTER
GRADUATION.

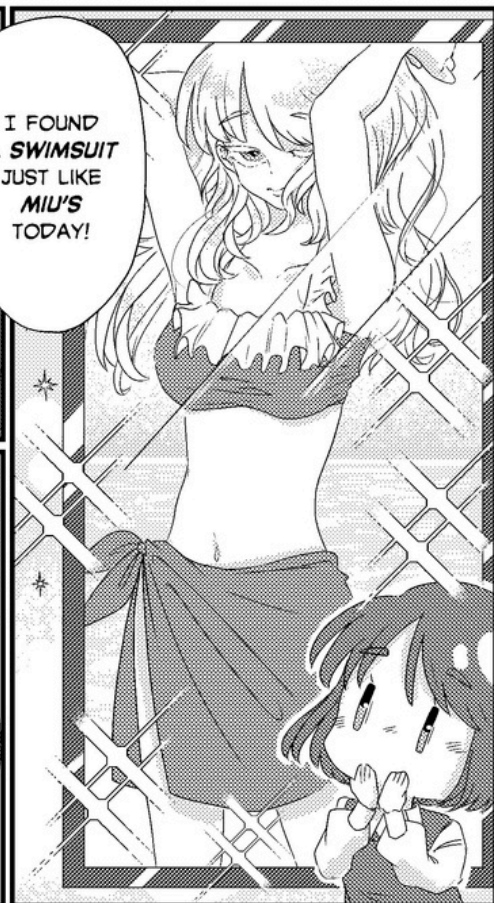
≡SIGH≡

I FEEL
LIKE I'M
GETTING
LEFT
BEHIND.



AW,
THANKS!
IT'S
GOOD
STRESS
RELIEF!

FORGET MIU!
WITH THAT
COOL **POSE**,
YOU LOOK
LIKE A REAL
FASHION
MODEL!

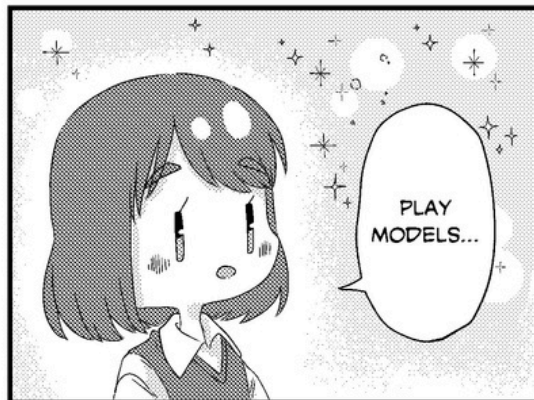


I FOUND
A **SWIMSUIT**
JUST LIKE
MIU'S
TODAY!



STRESS
RELIEF?

YEAH!
THAT
FASHION
MODEL
FEELING...



SNAP

MORE
CLEAVAGE!

OKAY,
POSE
LIKE
THIS!

**SNAP
FLASH**

FLASH

VERY
NICE!

NOW
PRETEND
YOU'RE A
SEXY
ACTRESS!

BEING
CALLED
BEAUTIFUL
MADE ME
HAPPY.

I POSED
LIKE I WAS
TOLD AND
SENT THE
PHOTOS...

ALRIGHT,
NOW SHOW
ME THAT
SMILE!

YOU'RE SO
BEAUTIFUL!

SNAP

**FLASH
SNAP**

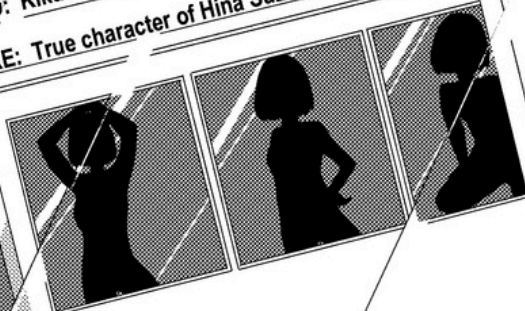


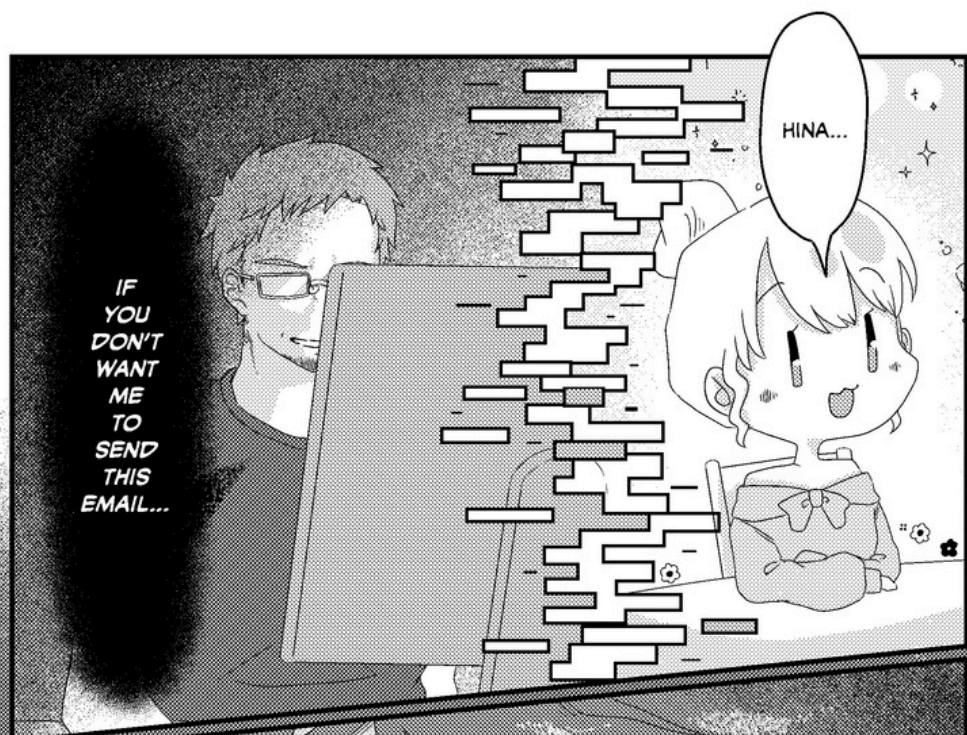
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SEND

TO: Kikūshiro High School

RE: True character of Hina Suzuki, Year 2 Class 1











WE WILL
EXPLAIN
THIS TO
YOUR
PARENTS
TOGETHER.

THIS IS
NOT YOUR
FAULT.



YOU MAY
FEEL LIKE
BLAMING
YOURSELF,
BUT IT'S THE
CRIMINAL
WHO'S TO
BLAME.



YOU ARE
MORE
PRECIOUS
THAN YOU
CAN
IMAGINE!



LISTEN:
YOUR
BODY AND
HEART ARE
WORTH
SO MUCH
WE COULD
NEVER PUT A
PRICE ON
THEM.

SOON AFTER,
WITH THE
CONSULTANT'S
SUPPORT,
HINA TOLD
HER PARENTS
EVERYTHING.



THE
CASE WAS
RESOLVED
WITH THE
HELP OF A
LAWYER.



HINA
CONTINUES
TO TALK
WITH THE
CONSULTANT...



AND HER
NEW LIFE
HAS BEGUN!



Dear Student

Why do we put so much effort into styling our hair every day, choosing the right foundation, keeping up with fashion trends, watching our word choices, and worrying so much about how others see us?

We all have the desire to be recognized, to be loved, and to be treated as special. That's just how humans are.

However, there are criminals who take advantage of these natural feelings and try to trick and exploit us. In fact, the internet and social media are full of these people.

Your life is valuable and precious, and worth so much more than sex or money. Your dignity is something that should never be sold, exchanged or taken from you.

You may feel that you need to comply with the requests or demands of your online friends just to be accepted or recognized, but that is not true. Stop and think about it... Is it really worth it? No! Your life is so much more valuable. Your life has meaning. You have a purpose.

Maybe you feel that 'This story doesn't relate to me.' However, those who have fallen victim often say, 'I never thought this would happen to me.' That's how close and real this kind of crime can be.

You are not alone. If you find yourself being forced or pressured to do sexual things online and need some help or advice, please reach out to our ZOE Japan Hotline.

Our caring staff want to hear your story without judgement, we want to accept you as you are and help you to find hope and a future.

I WANT TO TALK TO SOMEONE

Free & anonymous consultations
for teenagers

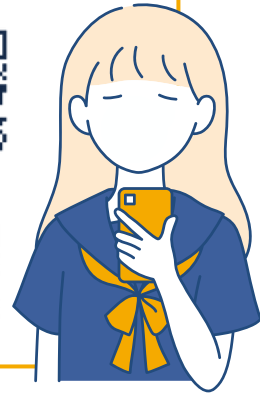
 **0800-111-0115** (Toll free)

 **sodan@goZOE.jp**

 **eng.goZOE.jp/get-help**



LINE



NOT SURE IF YOU'RE A VICTIM?
LET'S START WITH A SELF-CHECK QUIZ



**ARE YOU BEING
EXPLOITED BY
YOUR PARTNER?**



eng.goZOE.jp/romeopimp



**ARE YOU A
VICTIM OF
SEXTORTION?**



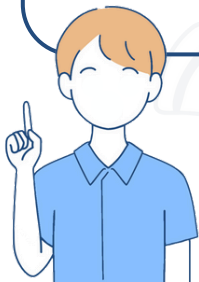
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**ARE YOU A VICTIM
OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE?**



eng.goZOE.jp/sexual-exploitation-self-check



You are not alone!

OTHER RESOURCES

MY NUDES ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

TAKE IT DOWN

takeitdown.ncmec.org

A free service that helps delete your explicit photos and videos from the internet or social media if you still have the content on your device.



MY PERSONAL INFO IS ON A WEBSITE

IHC INTERNET HOTLINE CENTER

internethotline.jp

Request removal of harmful or personal information from websites.



I'M A VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

ONE STOP SUPPORT CENTER

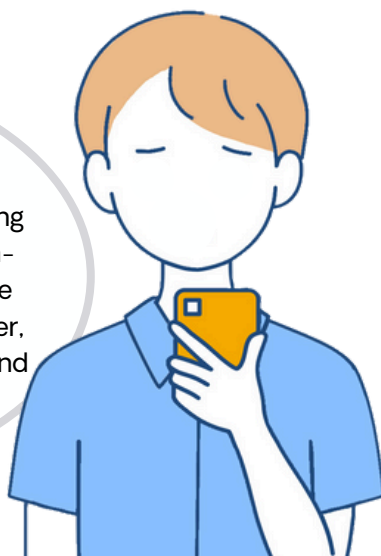
gender.go.jp/policy/no_violence/seibouryoku/consult.html

Comprehensive support for victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence, including physical and mental treatment by doctors immediately after the incident, counseling, legal support.



ONLY GIRLS...?

Sextortion affects many boys and young men. A large number of the sextortion-related consultations we receive come from male victims. Regardless of gender, please have the courage to reach out and seek help.



BE CAREFUL!



Stay safe online



① DON'T SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION

- It's dangerous to trust people you meet online.
- Use strict privacy settings. If your social media account is accessible to anyone, they might be able to find out your address, school and other personal details.

② DON'T BE DECEIVED

- Perpetrators can use fake profiles online to impersonate someone else. Even if you have mutual friends online, if you don't know the person, avoid accepting follow requests.

③ BLOCK SUSPICIOUS ACCOUNTS

- Ignore or block messages from strangers.
- Be cautious if someone you met on an app or game wants to contact you via LINE or another app.
- If you receive sexual messages or requests, block the person and report them to the site administrator.

④ BE AWARE OF YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

- Remember that text, photos, and videos posted on the internet or social media are made public to the entire world and may never be fully erased. Almost like a digital tattoo.

