



*\*SPUTTERING\**

WELL...  
CRAP..



JUST WHAT WE  
NEEDED. I KNEW I  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
TRUSTED THAT  
RENTAL CAR GUY.  
NOW WE'RE STUCK  
IN THE MIDDLE OF  
THE DESERT...








UHHH...  
D-DAD? CAN  
WE GET BACK IN  
THE CAR YET?  
IT'S HOT OUT  
HERE...





SORRY, MARK,  
BUT THAT HUNK OF JUNK  
WON'T DO US ANY GOOD  
NOW, AND THERE'S NO  
CELL SERVICE OUT HERE.  
WE MIGHT HAVE TO WALK  
TO THE CLOSEST TOWN...  
WHICH IS ABOUT 100  
MILES EAST...





HEY, WHAT  
ABOUT THAT  
TRUCK? COULD  
THEY GIVE US  
A RIDE?



*\*VROOMMM!\**







OH! MAYBE!  
C'MON, PLEASE  
STOP! DON'T  
TRUCKERS ALWAYS  
STOP FOR  
HITCHHIKER-





\*VROOSH!\*

\*HONKI\*

AAGH!  
JESUS  
CHRI-

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ASSHOLE! CAN'T  
YOU SEE I'VE GOT  
MY KID WITH ME!?  
YEAH, YOU BETTER  
KEEP DRIVING OR  
I'D BEAT THE SHIT  
OUTTA-





UH, DAD?  
WHAT NOW?  
SHOULD WE  
JUST WAIT FOR  
THE NEXT  
ONE?





**\*SIGH\***  
I DON'T WHEN WE'LL  
SEE THE NEXT ONE,  
BUDDY. I THINK WE  
BETTER START HOOFIN'  
IT TO TOWN. C'MON, IF  
WE START NOW MAYBE  
WE CAN GET THERE  
BEFORE NIGHT...

**HOURS LATER...**

**\*HUFFING\***  
DAD, ARE WE  
ALMOST THERE?  
IT'S SO HOT OUT,  
AND I'M SO  
THIRSTY...

I KNOW, BUD. I'M  
SORRY, BUT WE  
DIDN'T EXACTLY PACK  
FOR A TREK ACROSS  
THE DESERT. WE'LL  
GET THERE...  
EVENTUALLY...







WAIT...  
DAD, LOOK! I  
THINK I SEE  
WATER!



A vibrant, stylized illustration of a desert landscape. A bright blue river flows through the center, reflecting the sky and clouds. The river is bordered by sandy banks and small, dark brown ridges. On the left, a cluster of palm trees stands near a rocky, reddish-brown cliff. On the right, more palm trees are scattered across the sand. In the background, rolling sand dunes and more palm trees are visible under a clear blue sky with large, fluffy white clouds. The sun is shining brightly in the top right corner, creating a warm, golden light. A speech bubble is located in the bottom left corner, containing text.

HOLY...  
I SEE IT TOO,  
MARK! I KNOW  
THE HEAT CAN  
MAKE PEOPLE  
SEE THINGS,  
BUT...





THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
WAY TO FIND  
OUT! C'MON,  
KIDDO!






HOLY CRAP,  
IT'S REAL! IT'S  
SO CLEAR AND  
COLD! DRINK  
UP, MARK!

\*SPLASH\*



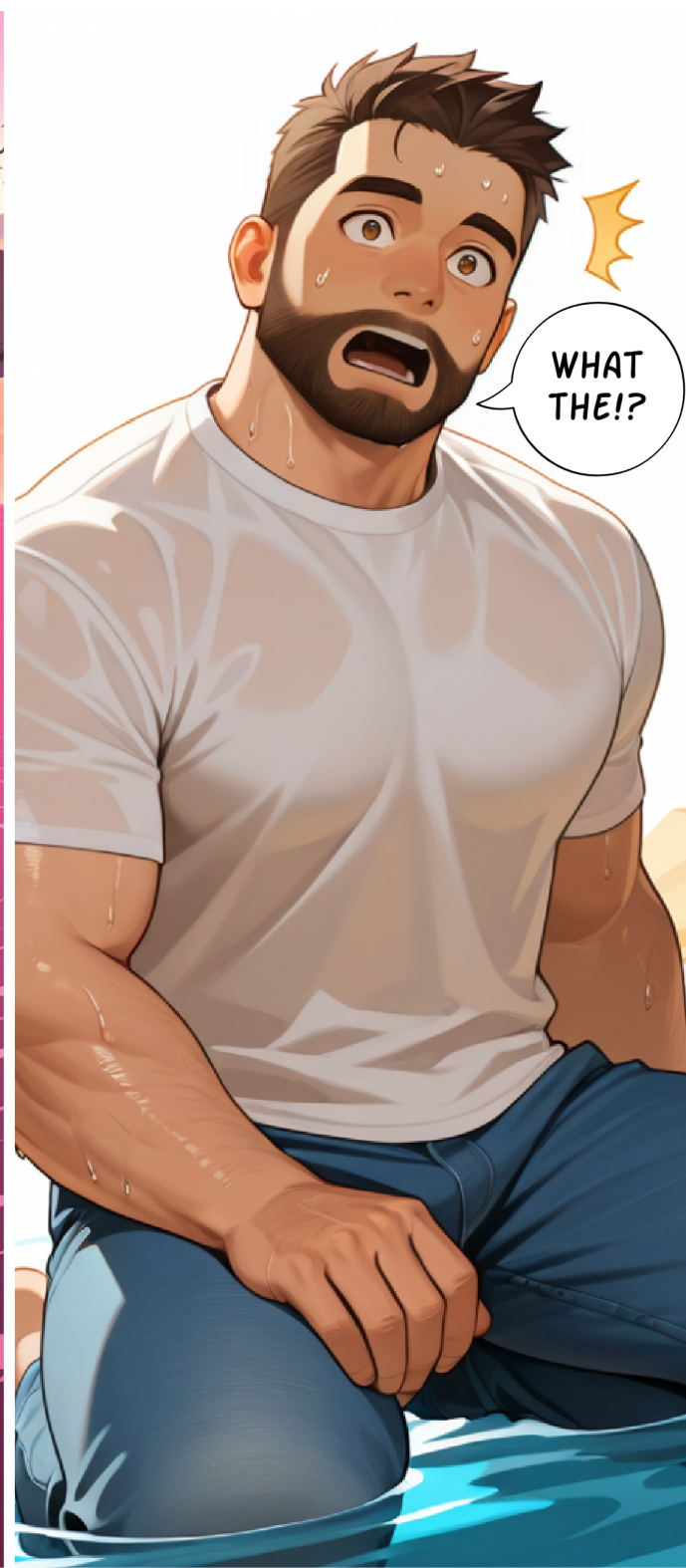
**\*SLURPING\***  
WHOA, I'VE NEVER  
HAD WATER THIS  
GOOD! I FEEL SO  
REFRESHED! NOW I  
JUST WISH SOMEONE  
WOULD GIVE US A  
RIDE TO TOWN!



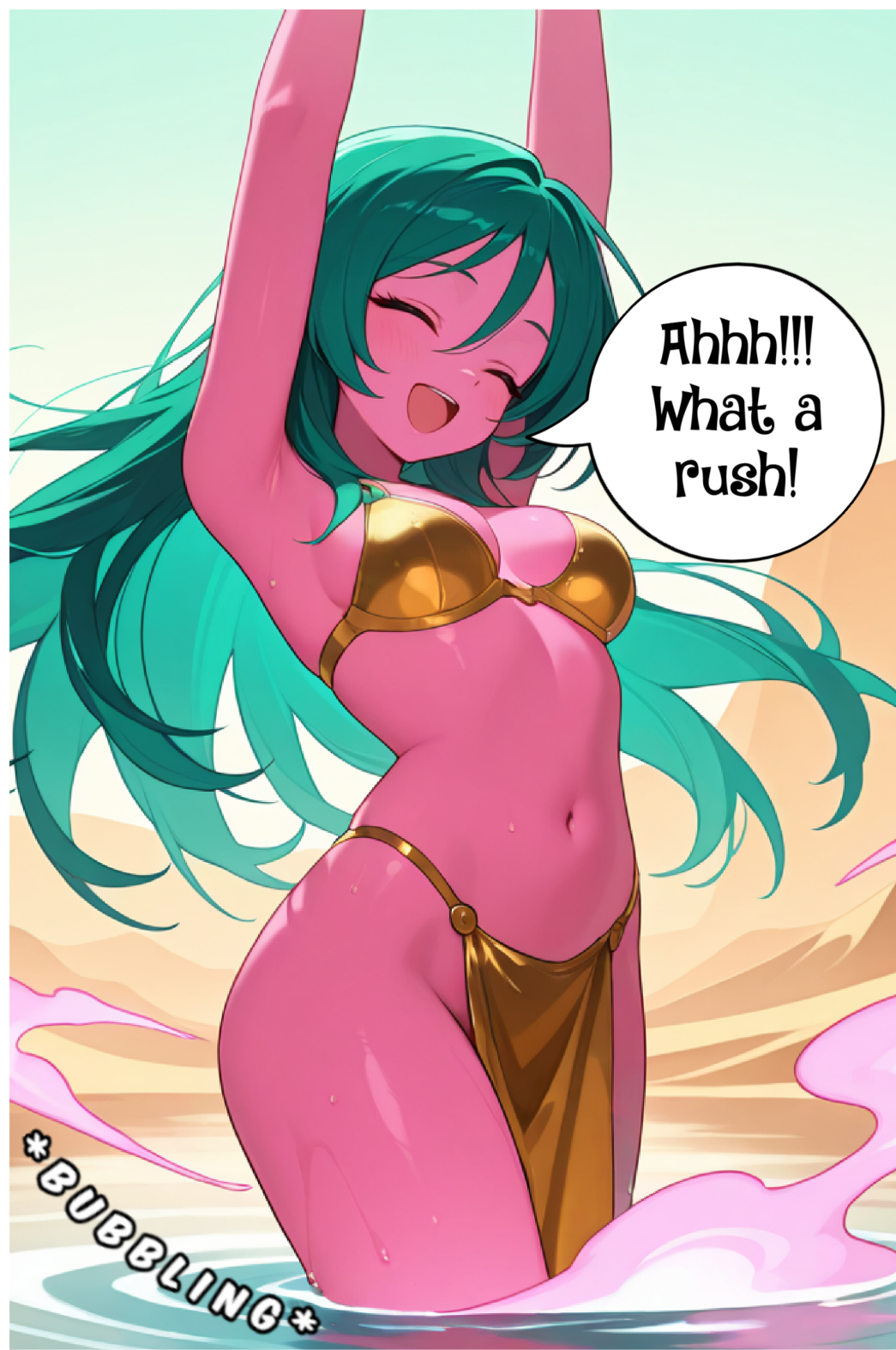


HEH, ME TOO, BUD.  
SADLY, I THINK THERE'S  
A REASON THE MOVIES  
ONLY SHOW HOT GIRLS  
GETTING PICKED UP  
WHILE HITCHHIKING.  
ALMOST MAKES ME  
WISH WE WERE G-













HUH? UHH...  
MAYBE THE HEAT  
IS MAKING ME SEE  
THINGS. WHERE DID YOU  
COME FROM? WHY ARE  
YOU PINK? AND WHAT  
DO YOU MEAN WE  
ALREADY MADE  
OUR WISHES?




Hehehe!

Don't worry, you're not seeing things. I'm a genie, and this is my oasis! I used to live in a bottle, but my bosses promoted me so now I live here! It's way more spacious than a bottle, but harder to find, so I don't get to come to the human world as often.

But you two found my oasis and drank its water, so now I'm here to grant your wishes! It's like when you rub a lamp with a genie in it, but way more refreshing, right?







Anyway, I already  
heard you two  
making some wishes  
as you drank the  
water, so you should  
be feeling the magic  
any second now!

You'll be able  
to hitch a  
ride out of  
here in no  
time!





UHHH...  
D-DAD? I'M  
STARTING TO  
FEEL KINDA  
WEIRD...

\*TINGLING\*




?

||

YEAH...ME  
TOO. I THINK  
WE MIGHT HAVE  
HEAT STROKE. I'M  
SEEING SOME PINK  
LADY SAY SHE'S  
A GENIE...





N-NO, DAD! I SEE  
HER TOO! DID SHE SAY  
THIS WATER WAS MAGIC?!  
I DON'T THINK WE'RE  
IMAGINING THIS BECAUSE  
I'M STARTING TO FEEL  
ALL TINGLY AND-

\*GURGLE\*



GHK!?!

\*CRICK!\*





GHNN-

\*POP!\*

\*CRACK!\*





GAHH!!

\*CRACKING!\*  
\*POPPING!\*

\*GROWING!\*





M-  
MARK!?!?





AHH?!?  
D-DAD?!  
W-WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO  
ME!? W-WHY  
AM I GETTING  
B-BIGGER!?!





GHN!?  
M-MY SHORTS  
KEEP GETTING  
TIGHTER! W-WHY  
ARE MY LEGS-  
NNH-

\*SWELLING\*

\*RIPPING\*





AHHN!?  
THEY WON'T  
STOP GROWING!  
IT'S GETTING TOO  
TIGHT! M-MAKE IT  
STOP BEFORE  
THEY-

\*CRACKING\*  
\*STRETCHING\*

\*YUUD\*

\*BULGING\*





GHK!?  
GHNN-

\*SMELLING!\*

\*RIPPING!\*



