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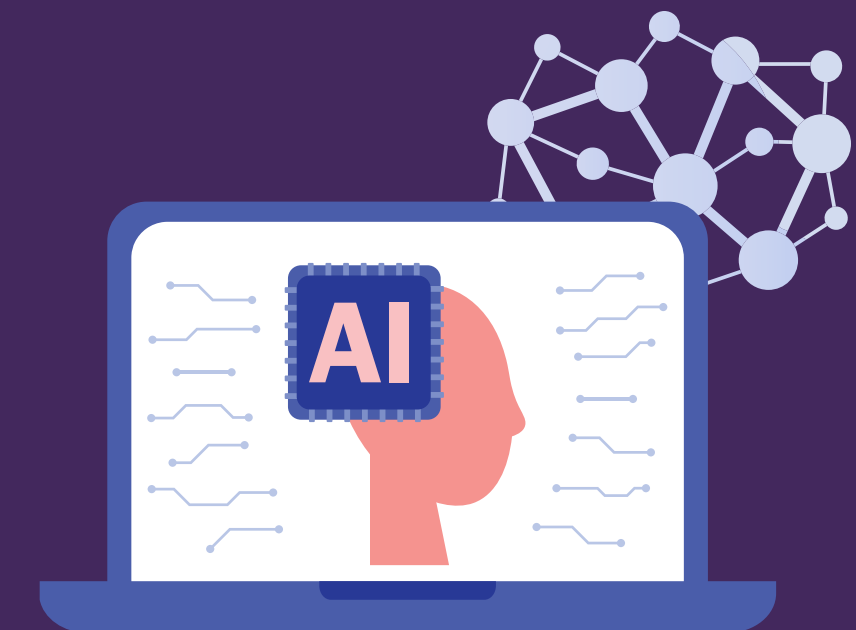
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Choose Your Own Adventure:

SPOT THE FLAGS

An Online Interactive Story





You met your partner in class at the beginning of the year. You started talking and learned you have many of the same interests and hobbies. As the connection grew, you decided to start dating. It's now been a month since you made it official, and everything has been going really well. It's Friday night, and you decide to get together at your partner's house for a movie night. You order pizza and your partner goes to answer the door when it arrives. They leave their phone in the room, and you notice it's unlocked. You feel an urge to look at it. What do you do?



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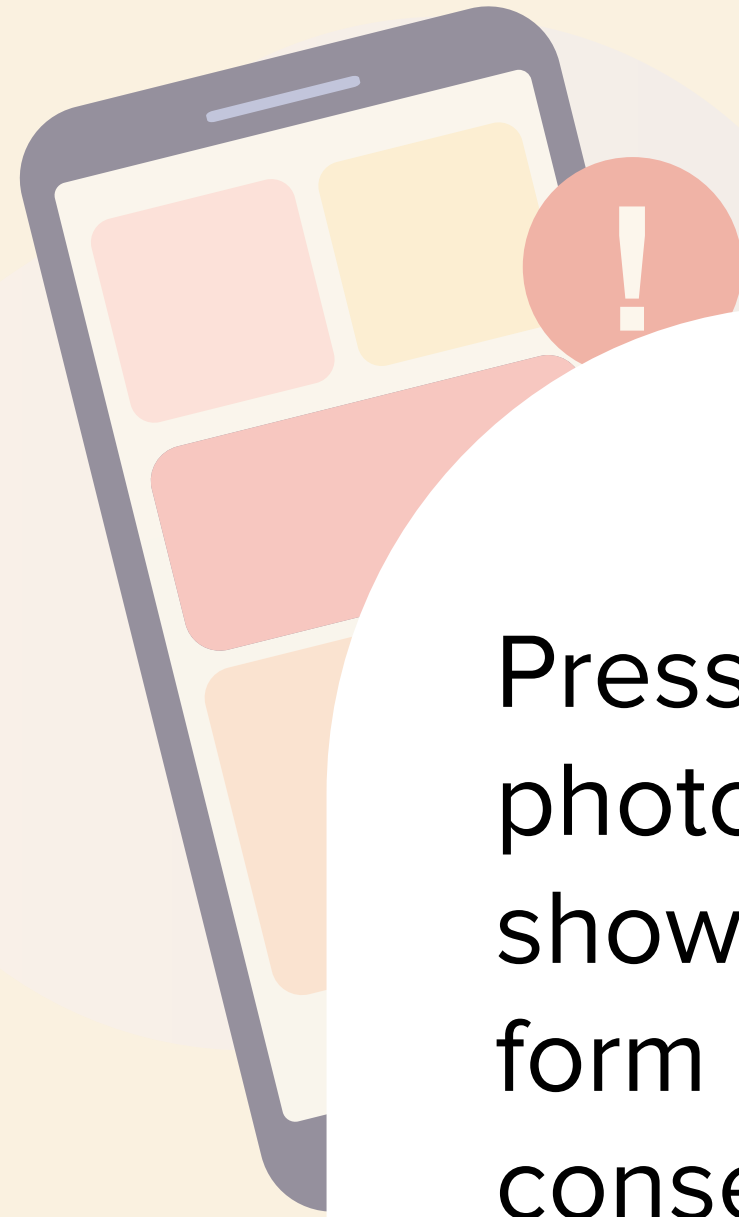
You quickly pick up their phone and start scrolling. You don't find anything out of the ordinary in their messages, but in their photos, you see they had taken some intimate photos before you started dating. You feel jealous as you realize this must have been for their last partner. Your partner comes back and finds you looking at their phone. They ask what you're doing, but you cut them off and ask why they never take these types of pictures for you. They explain they don't feel comfortable with taking those sorts of photos and say you violated their trust by looking through their phone. How do you respond?



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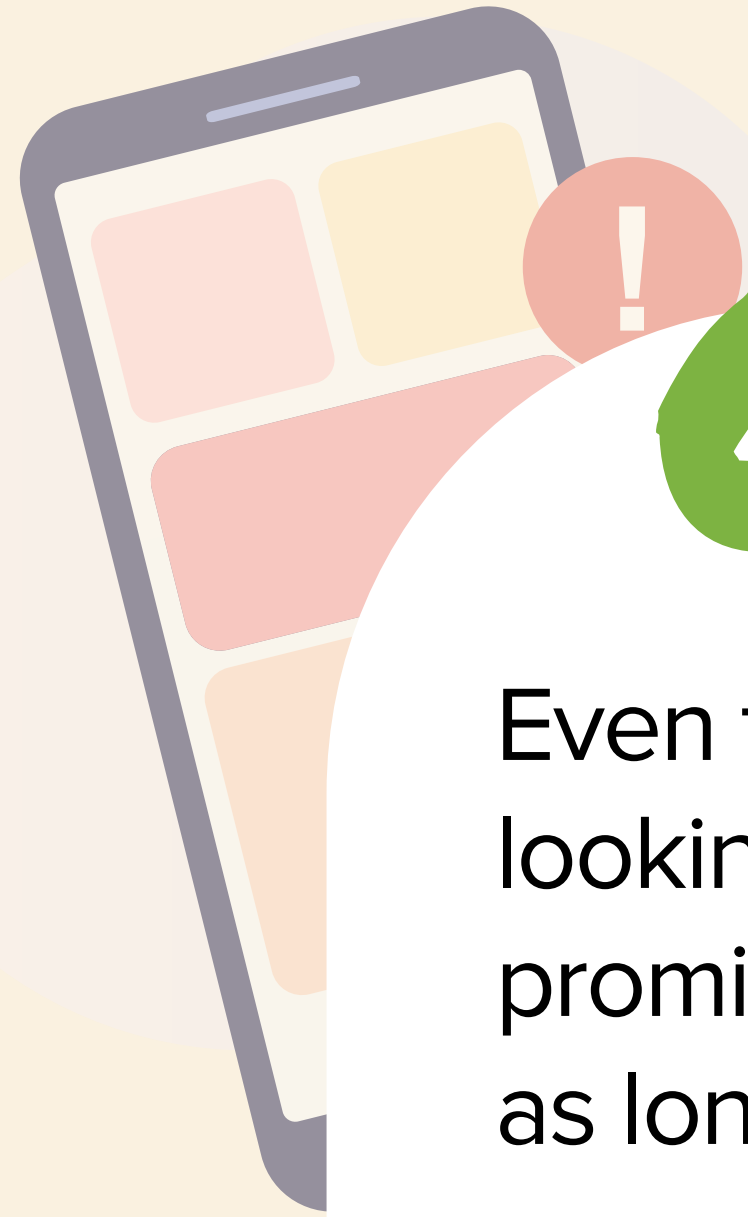
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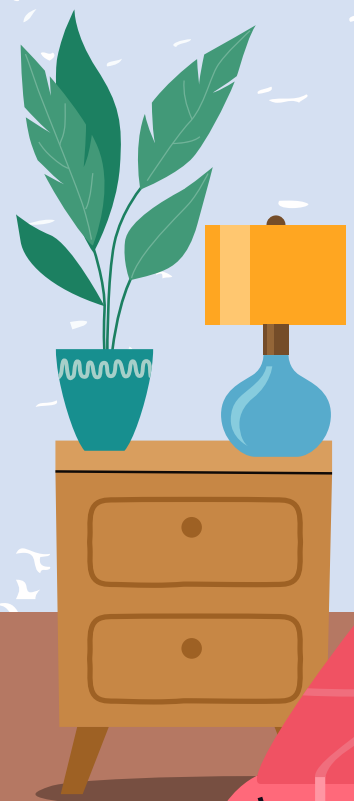
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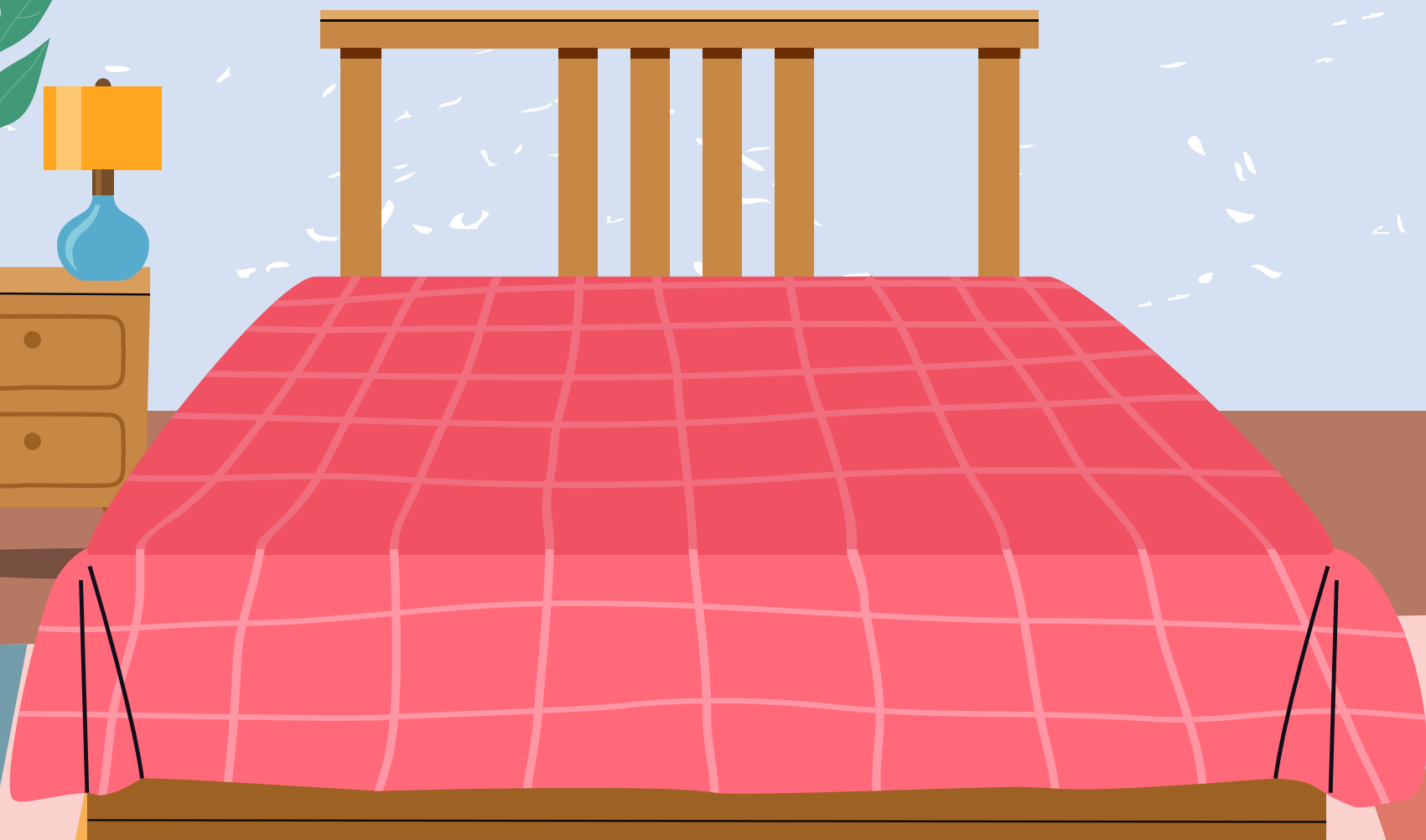
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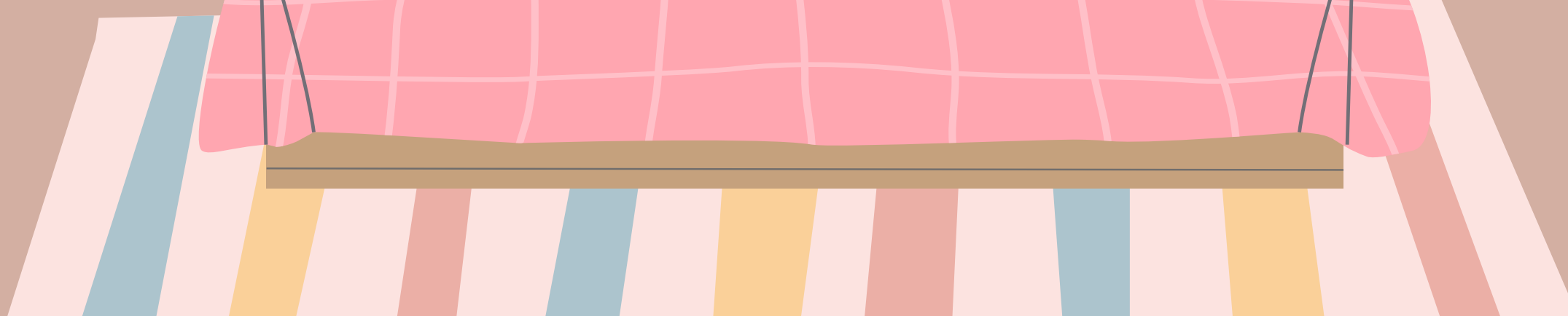
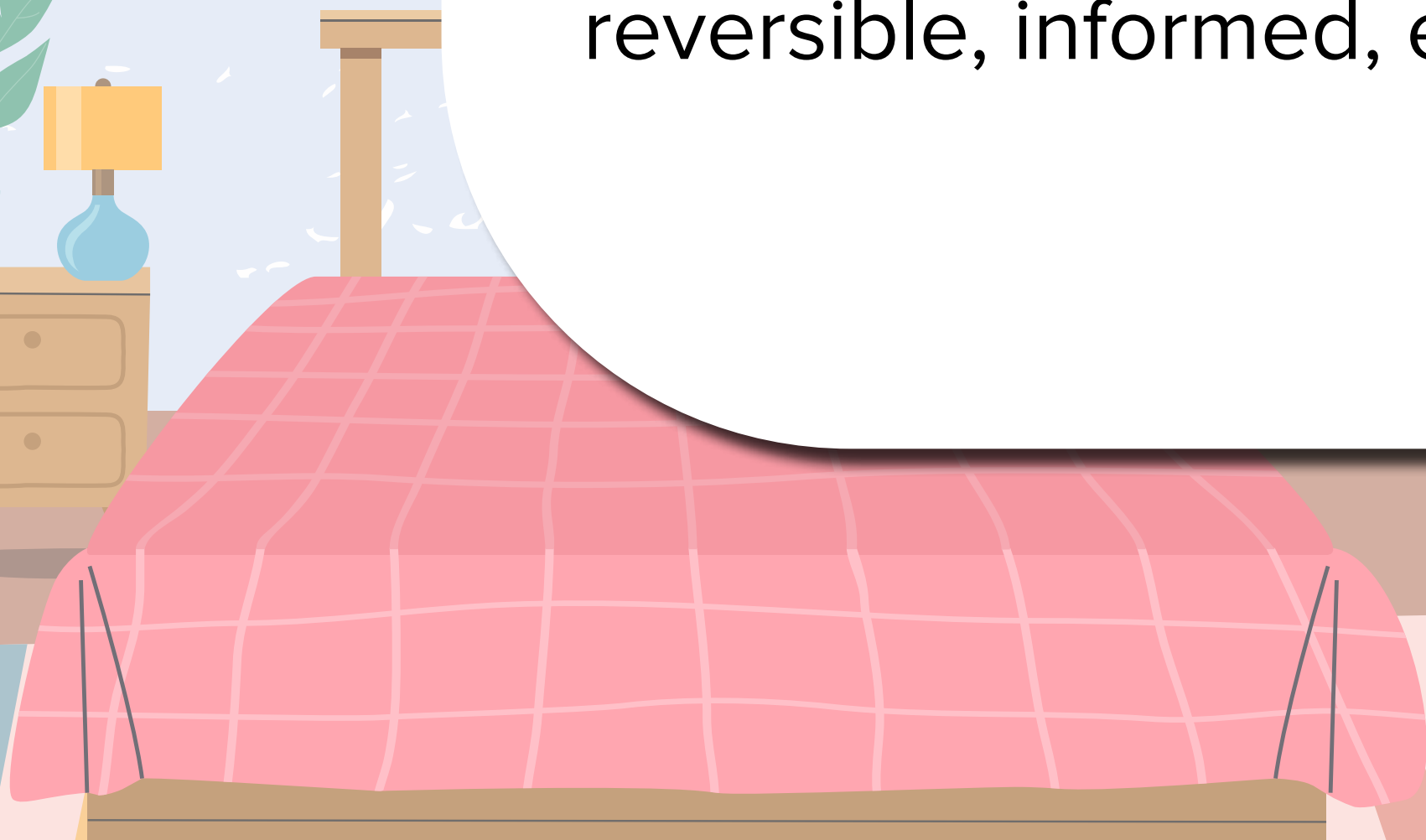
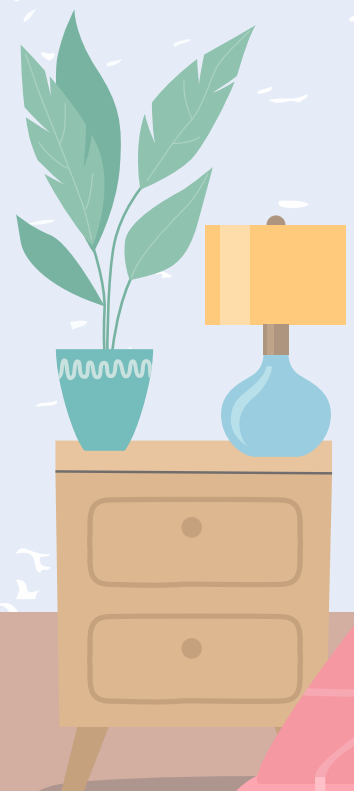
You continue to tell them you want them to take photos like these for you. You argue for an hour before your partner finally gives in but only if you stop bringing it up. A few days later you see a Tik Tok online of a provocative dance. You send it to your partner and ask if they would make a similar video and send it to you. They seem uncomfortable and tell you they won't do it. You threaten to share the photos they sent you if they don't send the video. Still, they refuse. What do you do?



Stop asking and apologize for pushing.

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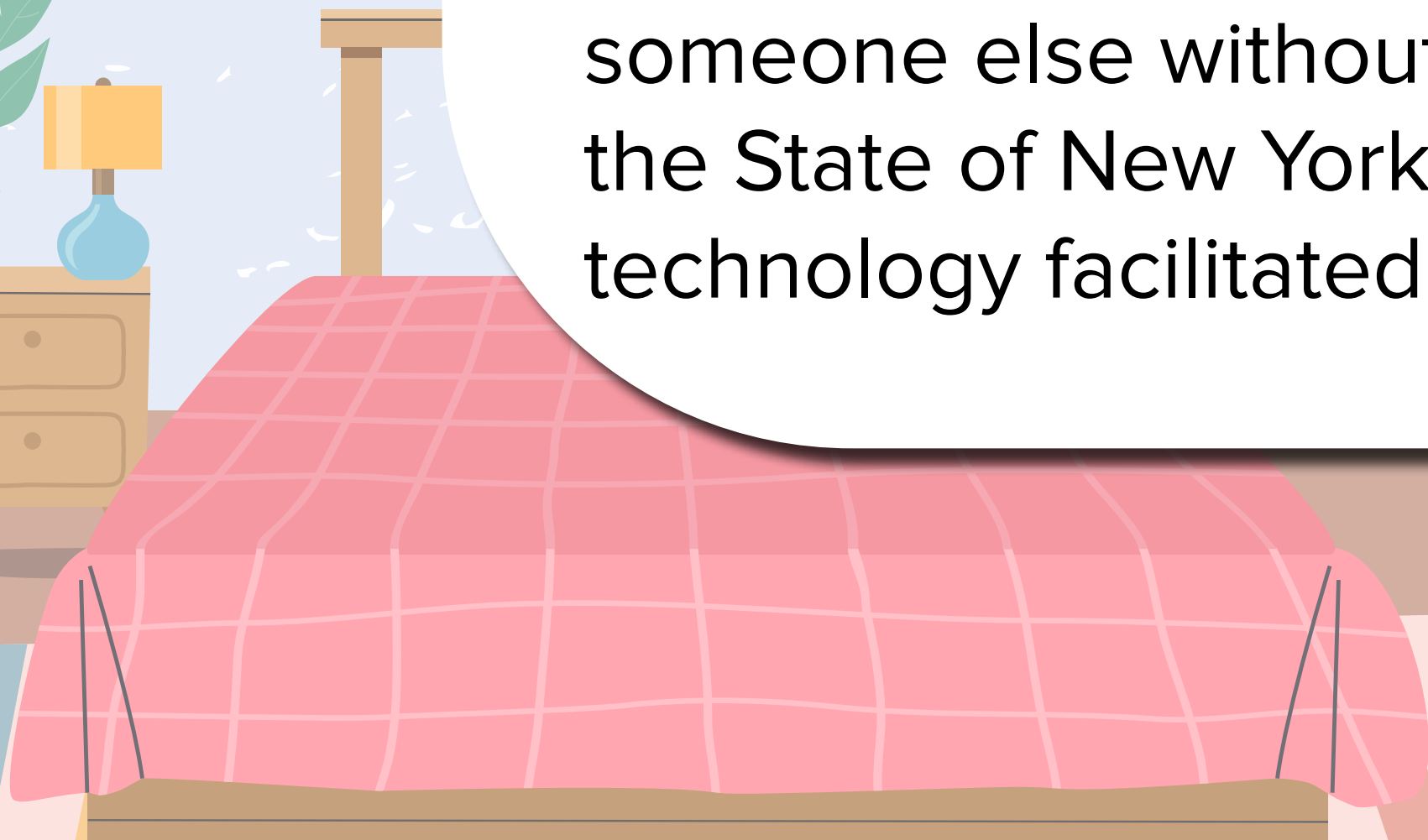
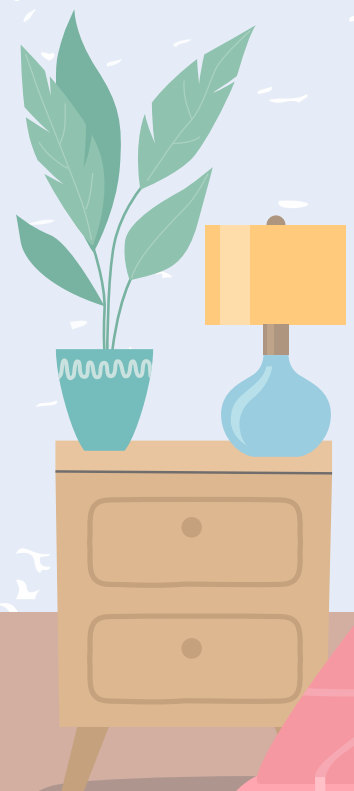
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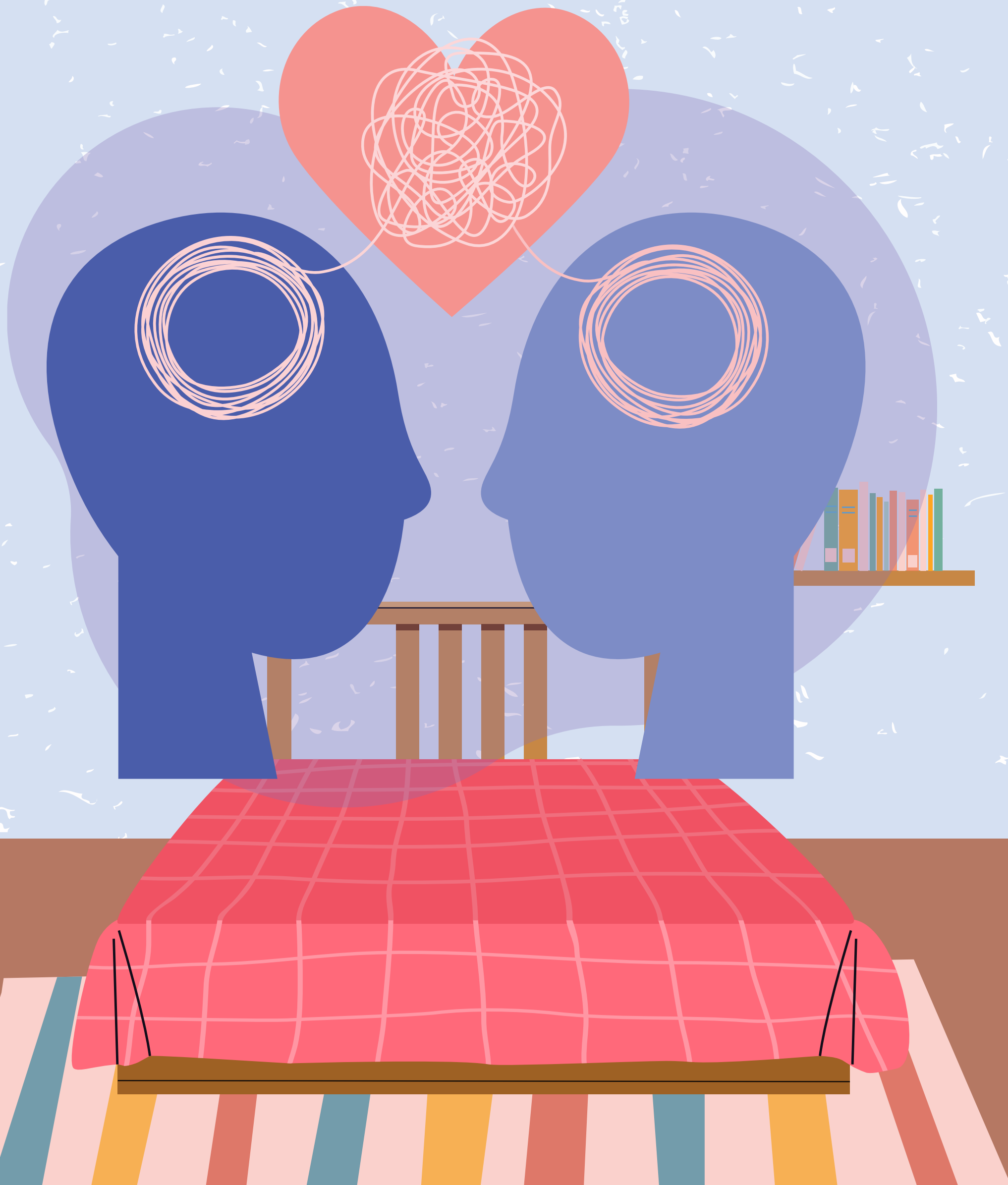
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Your partner is still upset that you would bring it up after they asked you to drop it. They say they don't want to break-up, but you looking at their phone and demanding photos is unacceptable. Your partner says it might be best for you to both take a break and reflect on the situation. Your relationship is holding by a string and unless you can take this break in stride and really improve your behavior, the relationship may not last.



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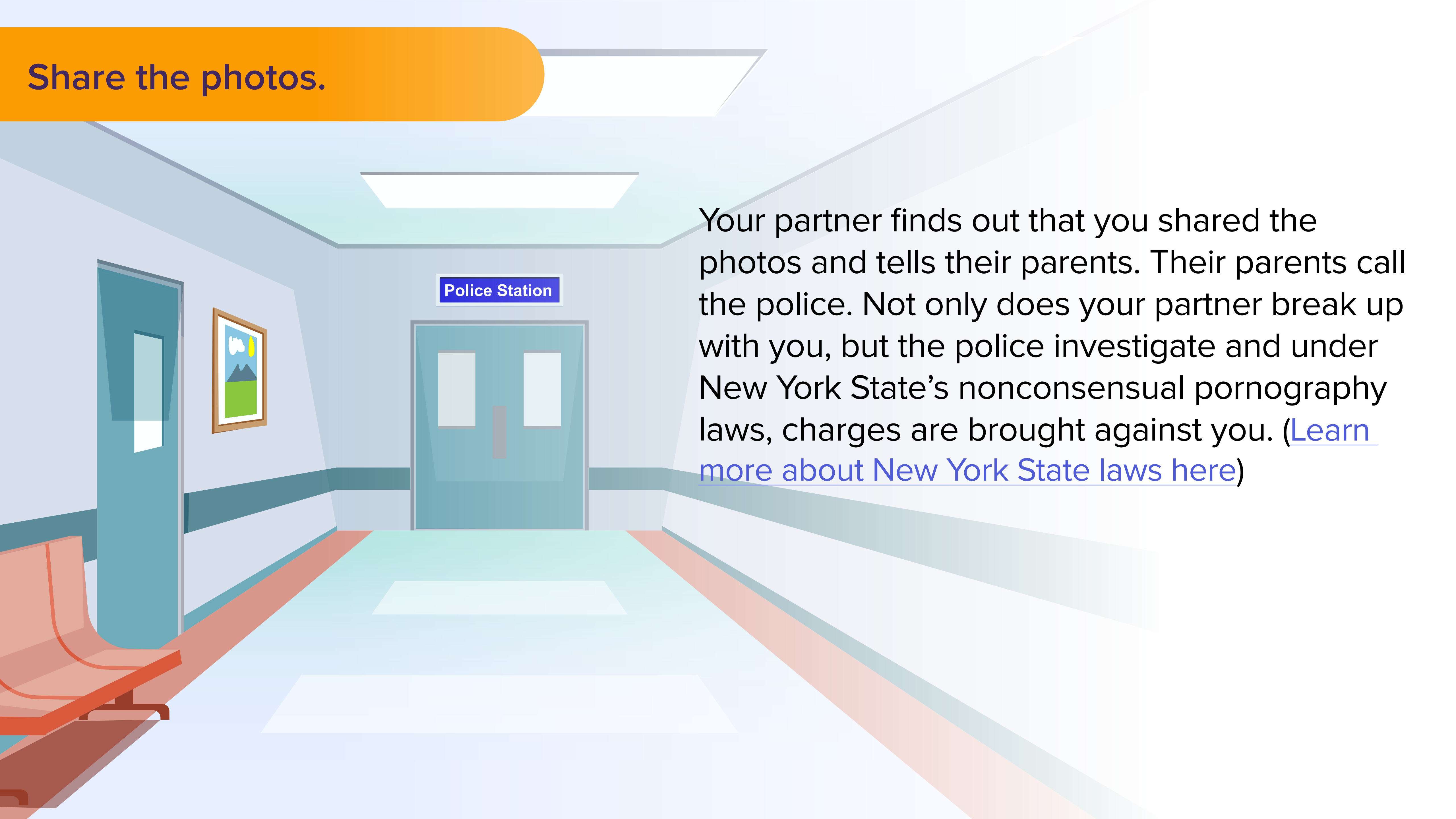


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An illustration of a police station interior. In the foreground, there are orange plastic chairs. A light blue hallway leads to a room with a door labeled "Police Station" in a blue sign. To the left of the hallway, there is a doorway and a framed picture of a landscape with a yellow sun. The ceiling has recessed lighting.

Share the photos.

Your partner finds out that you shared the photos and tells their parents. Their parents call the police. Not only does your partner break up with you, but the police investigate and under New York State's nonconsensual pornography laws, charges are brought against you. ([Learn more about New York State laws here](#))

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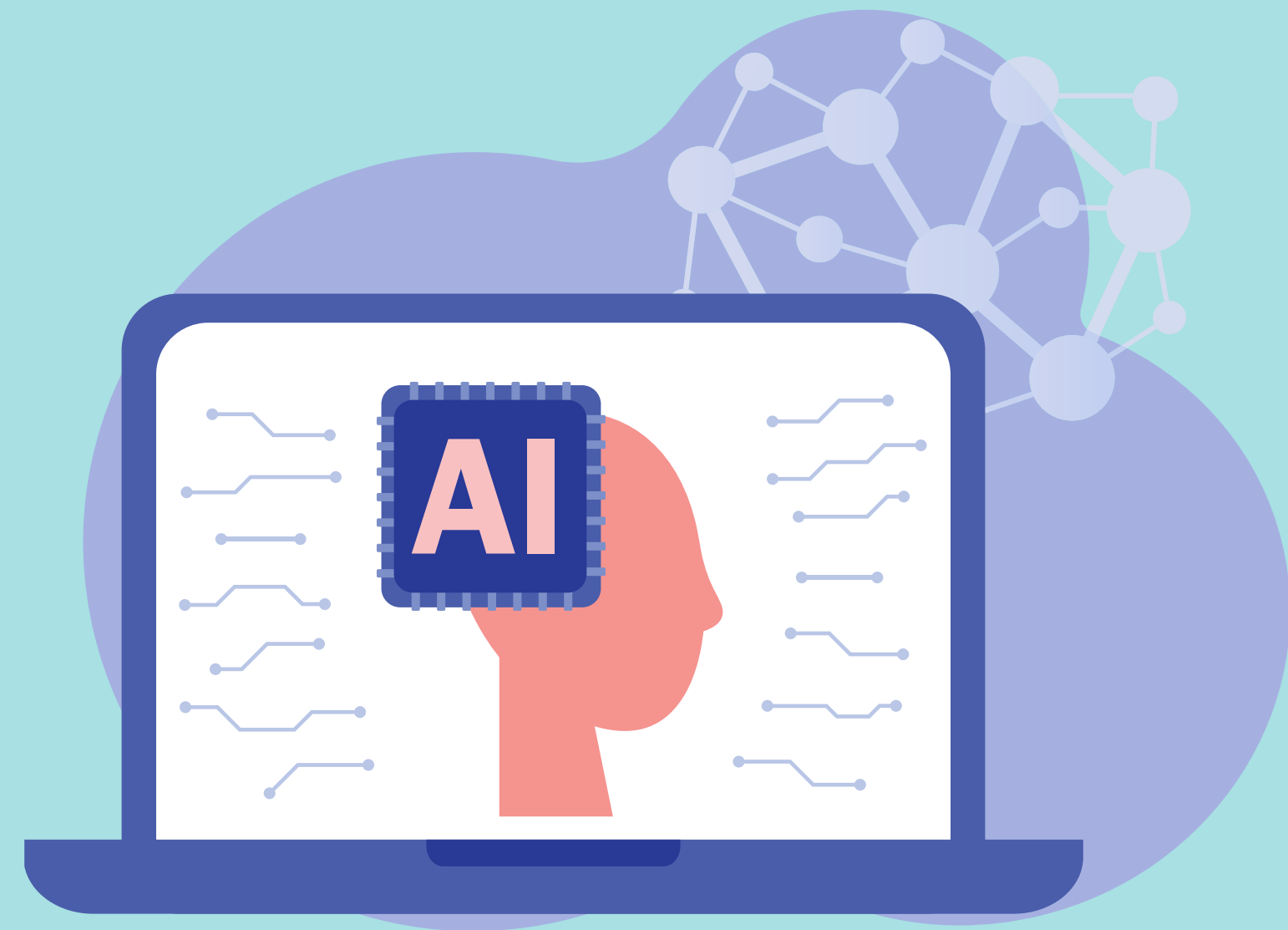
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Apologize and promise not to do it again.

Your partner accepts your apology and you both enjoy the rest of your date. Back in school you tell your friend about the situation on movie night, and they suggest a program to make a deepfake photo of your partner instead. You're not sure that's a good idea but your friend says it's easy to do and no one would ever know. They even admit to making some of other people and offer to help. What do you do?



Make a deepfake of your partner.

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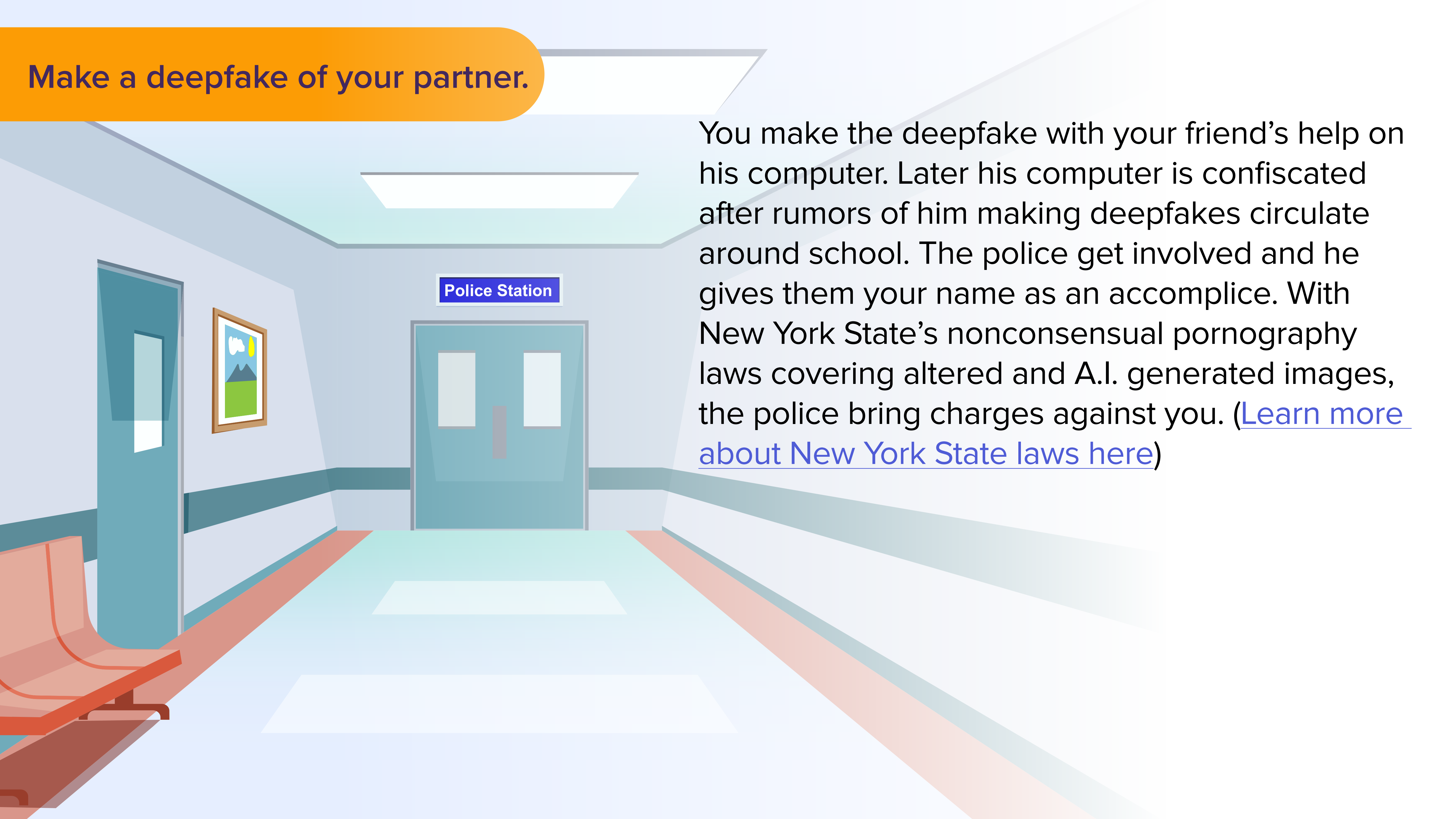
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You make the deepfake with your friend's help on his computer. Later his computer is confiscated after rumors of him making deepfakes circulate around school. The police get involved and he gives them your name as an accomplice. With New York State's nonconsensual pornography laws covering altered and A.I. generated images, the police bring charges against you. ([Learn more about New York State laws here](#))



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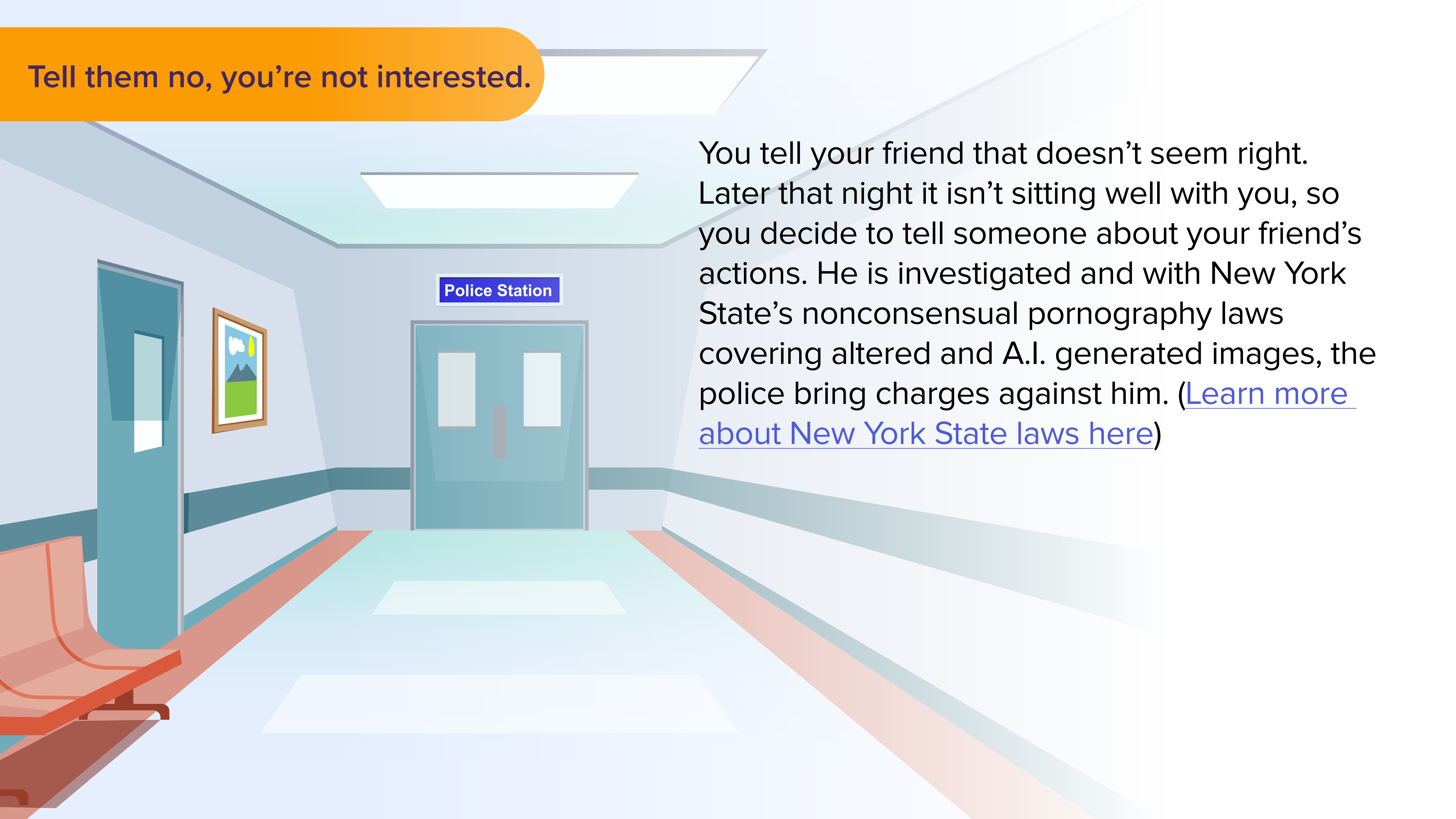
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Tell them no, you're not interested.

You tell your friend that doesn't seem right. Later that night it isn't sitting well with you, so you decide to tell someone about your friend's actions. He is investigated and with New York State's nonconsensual pornography laws covering altered and A.I. generated images, the police bring charges against him. ([Learn more about New York State laws here](#))



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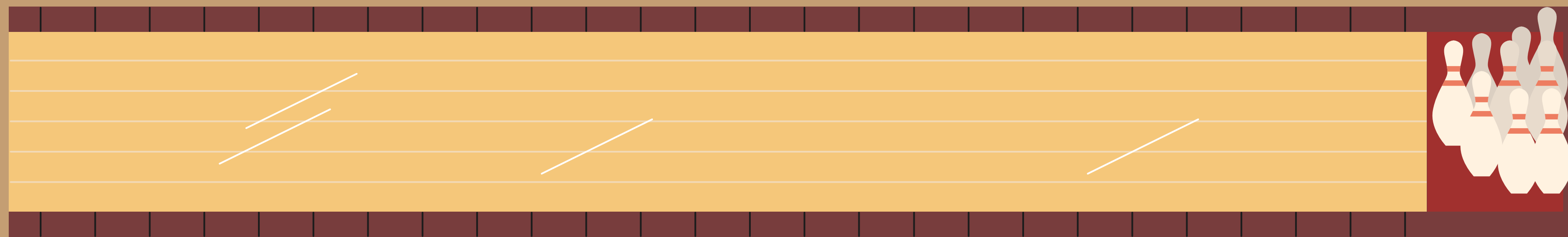
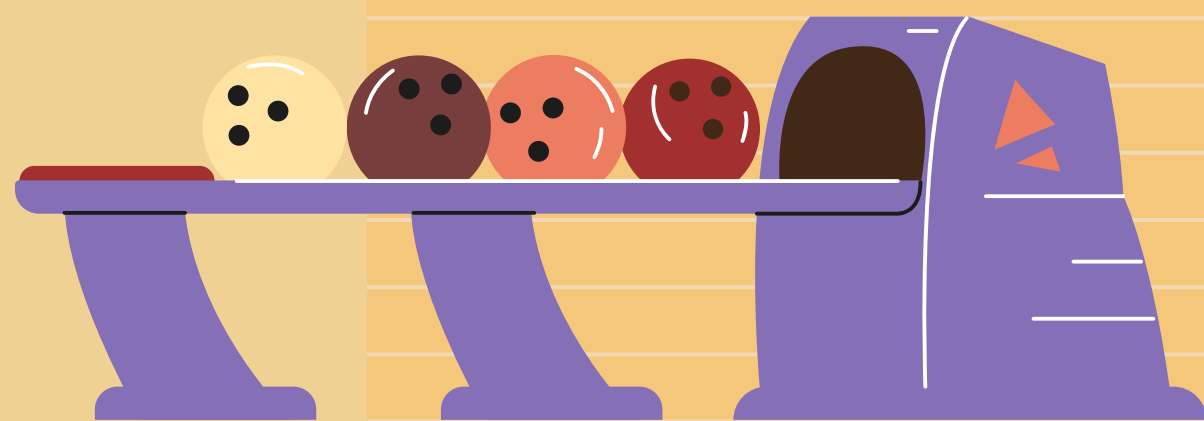


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Don't look through their phone.



You decide not to look through their phone. As their phone fades to black you get a message on your phone. Your cousin invites you to go bowling with them tomorrow. You text back yes. Your partner comes back with the pizza, and you have a nice date night. The next day your cousin brings a friend to bowling and takes a pic of the group. They tag you on social media. Almost immediately you get a text from your partner asking what you're doing. You explain and they say you should share your location with them. You don't see the point, but your partner says they just want to make sure you're safe. What do you do?



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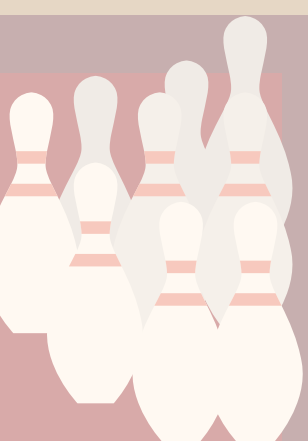
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You share your location with them, and they still don't seem happy. You tell them you'll talk to them later and focus on bowling and having fun. On Monday in school, you're hanging out with your partner, and they bring up bowling. They say it looked like you had fun in your photos. They ask if they can use your phone and pick it up, asking for your password. You say you'll put it in yourself, but then they say, "What, you don't trust me enough to know your password?" You explain that might not be something you're comfortable with, but they insist. What do you do?



Refuse and explain that this is a violation of your personal boundaries.

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You don't *need* to give your partner your phone password if you're not comfortable. It's important to maintain privacy and set boundaries within a relationship. When a partner insists on knowing your password, that can be seen as a lack of trust or an effort to control you.



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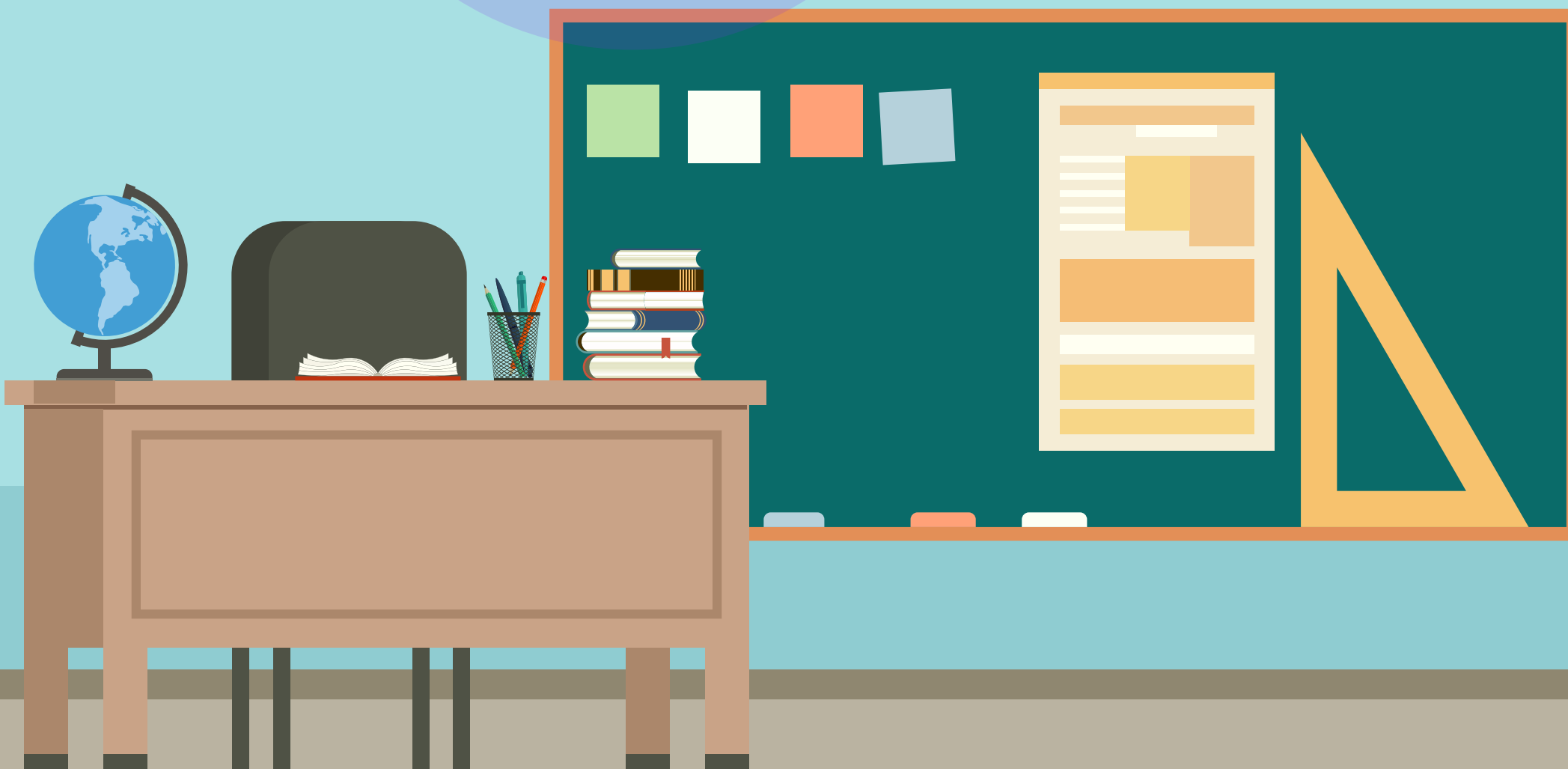
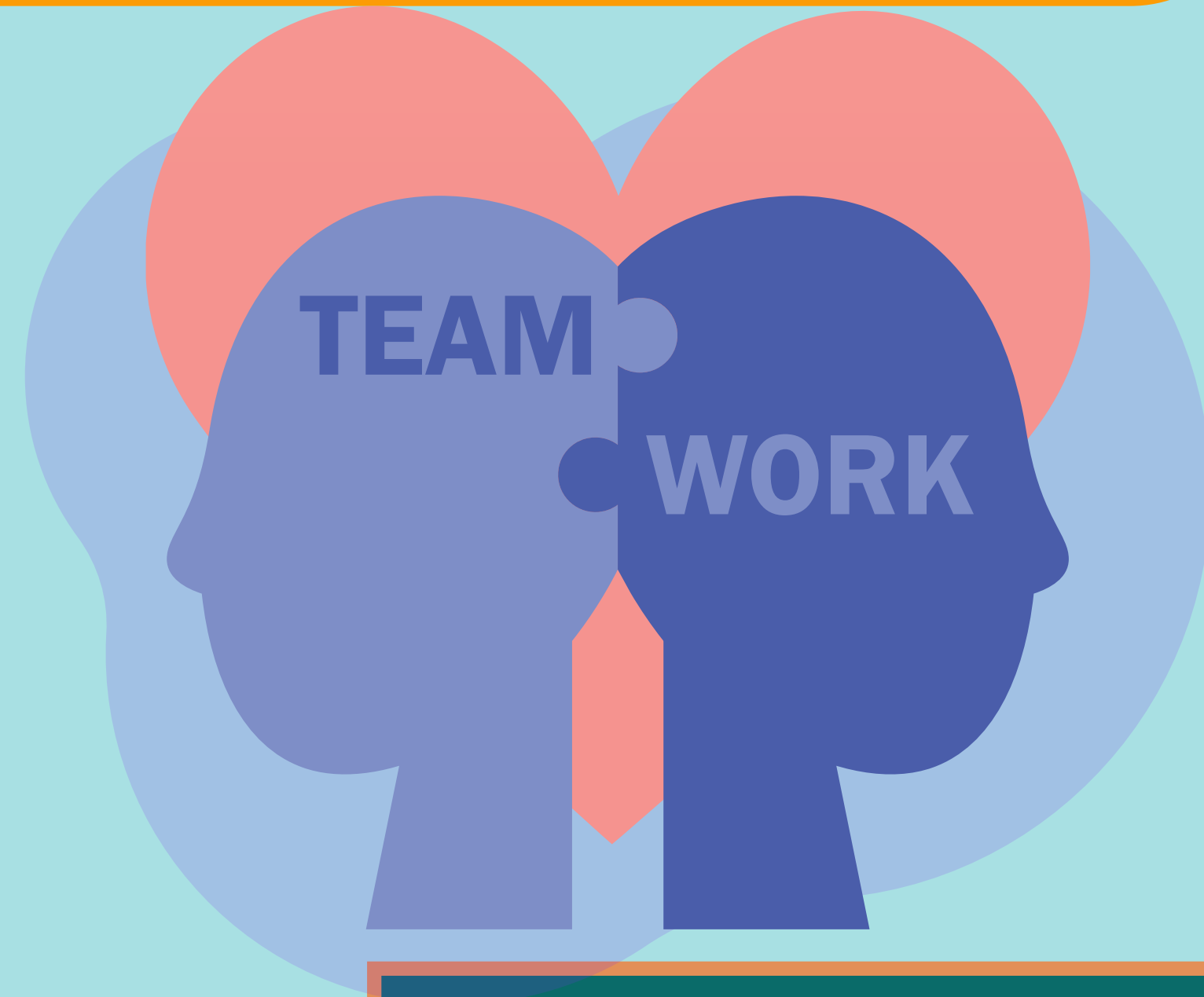
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You tell your partner that this isn't ok. After the location sharing incident and now this, you feel like they're not respecting your boundaries. They apologize and say they didn't realize their actions were coming off that way. They discuss boundaries with you and agree to respect yours and work on better communication. The relationship takes a positive turn as you work together to have a healthier relationship.



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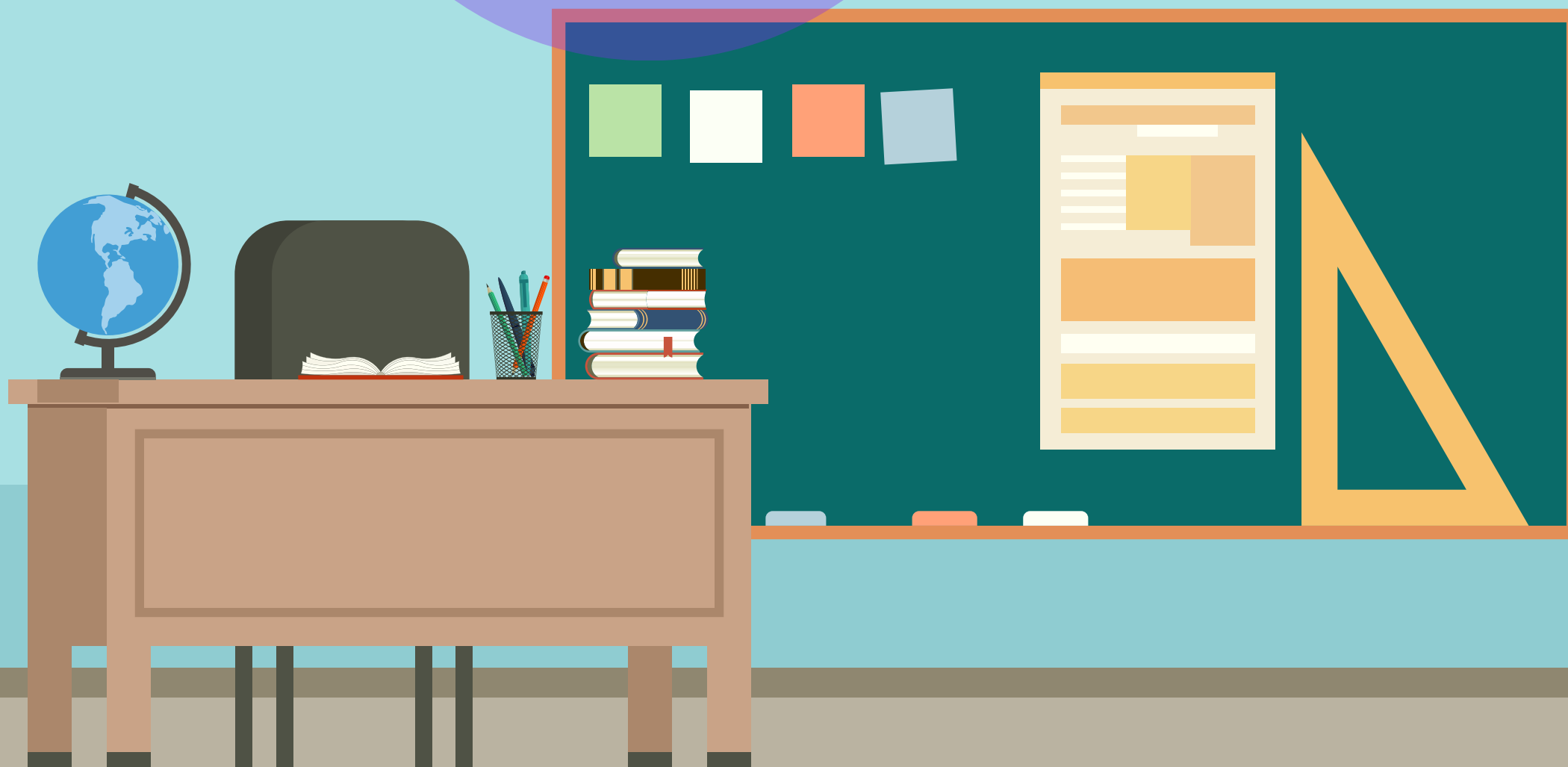
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Give them your password.

You give them your password and now they have free reign of your phone. From that point on they seem to pick up your phone whenever they want and look through your messages and photos. They're always keeping track of your location and you feel suffocated. This continues to get worse, and you wonder if this relationship is worth continuing.



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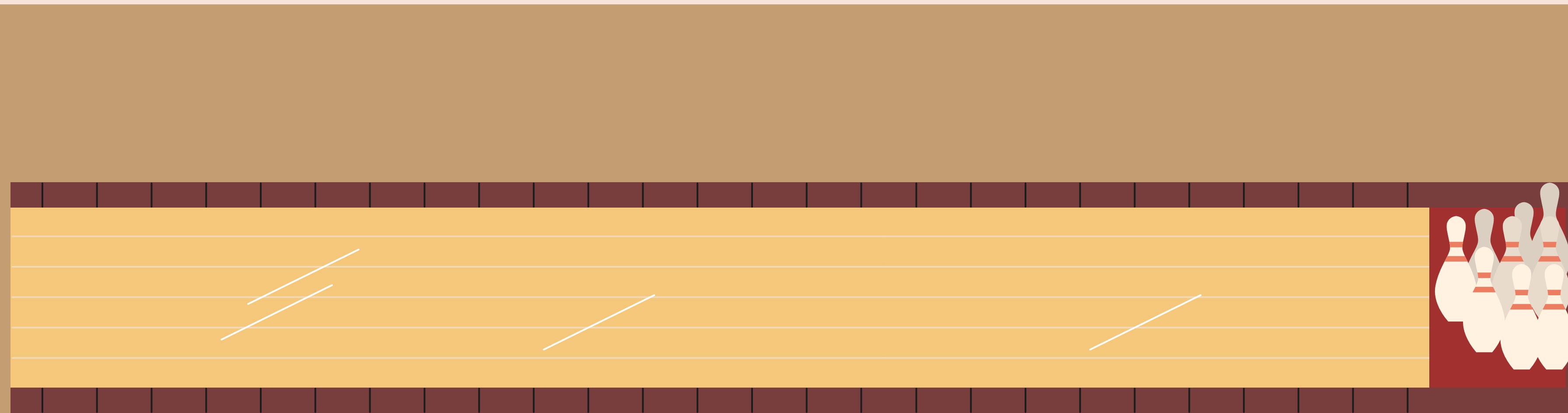
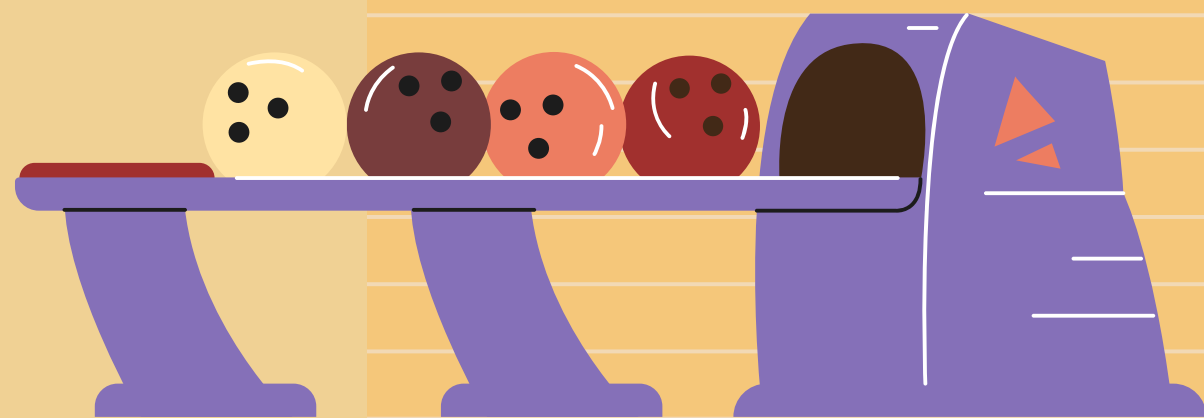


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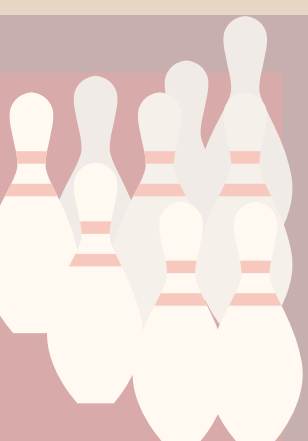
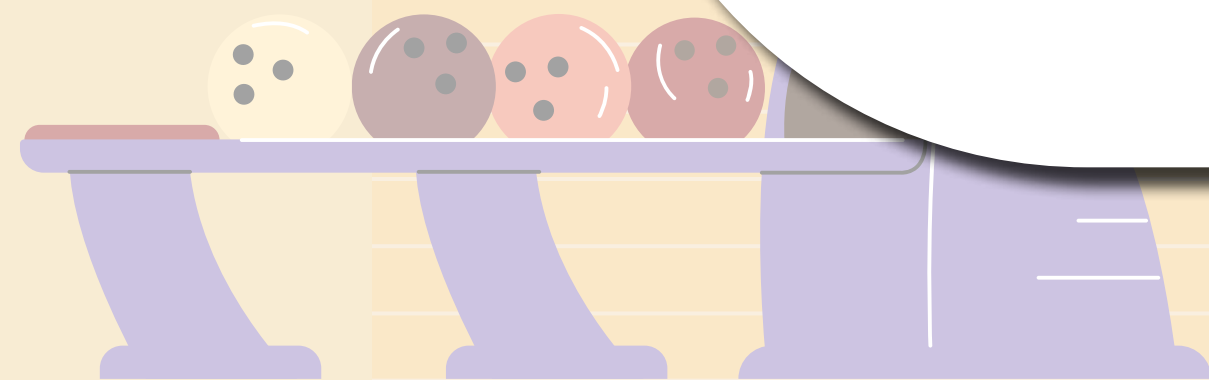
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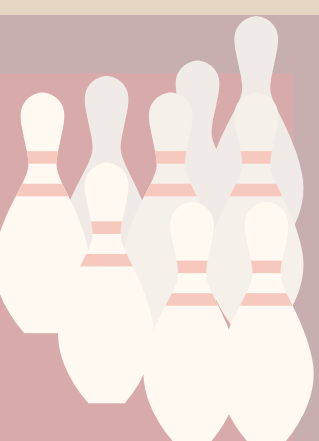
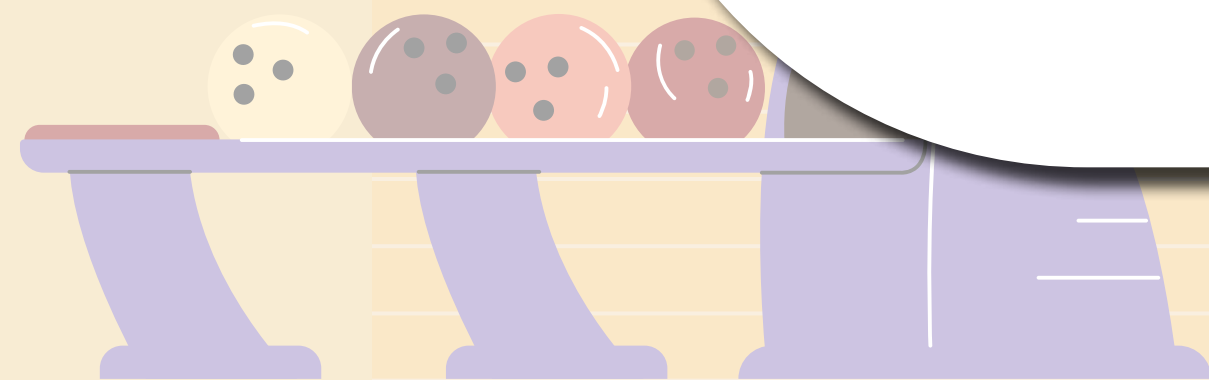
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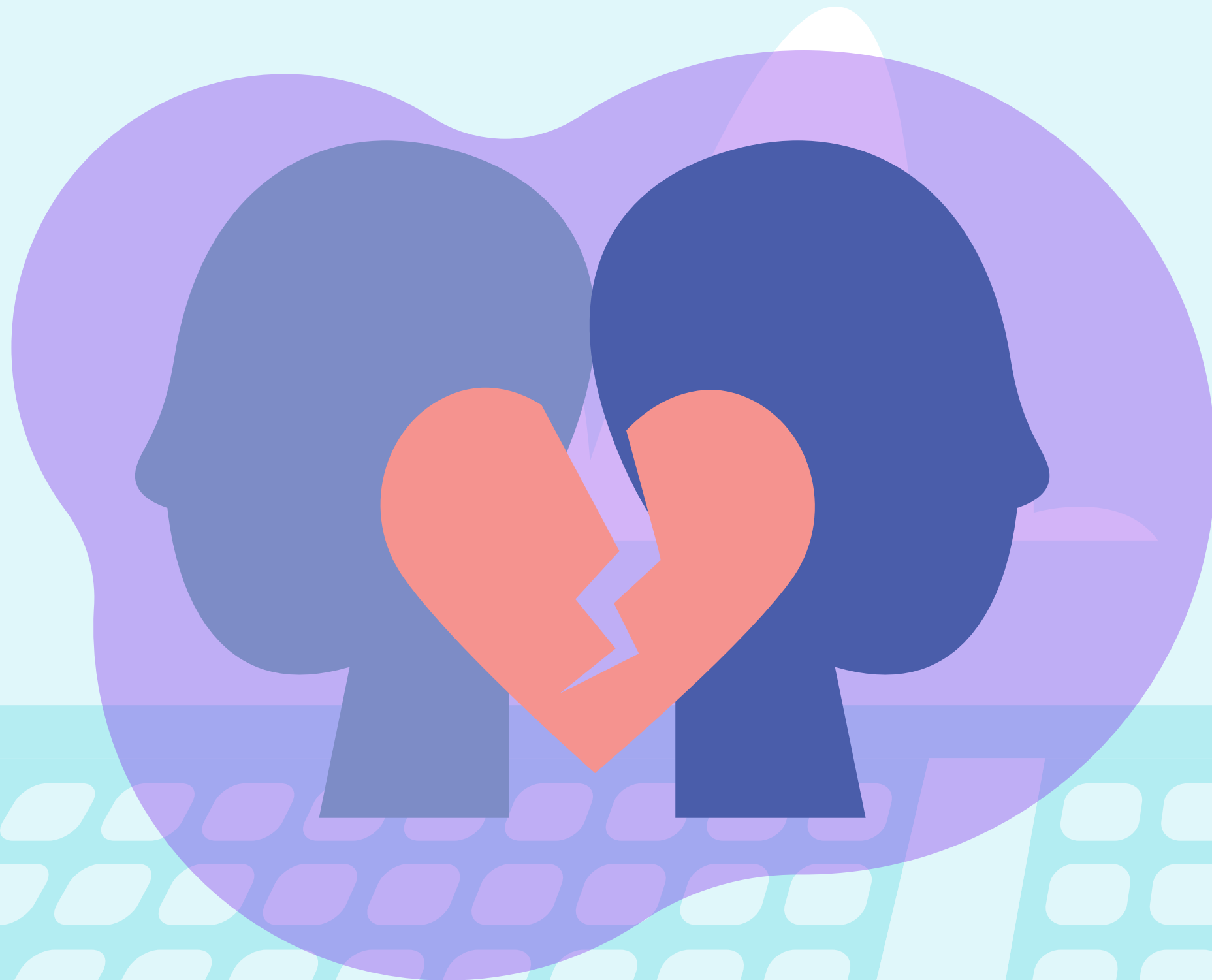
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You leave and go home. After this event your partner seems to be more controlling and expects you to leave any event they're uncomfortable with you being at. Feeling guilty, you quit several clubs and teams you were a part of, and it is clear your partner's jealousy is getting out of control. You realize you need to rethink this relationship.



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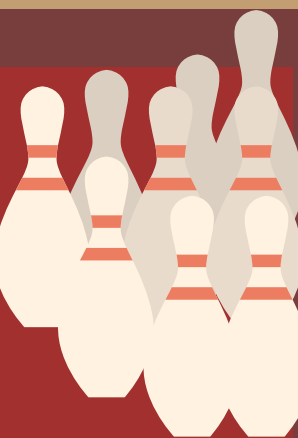
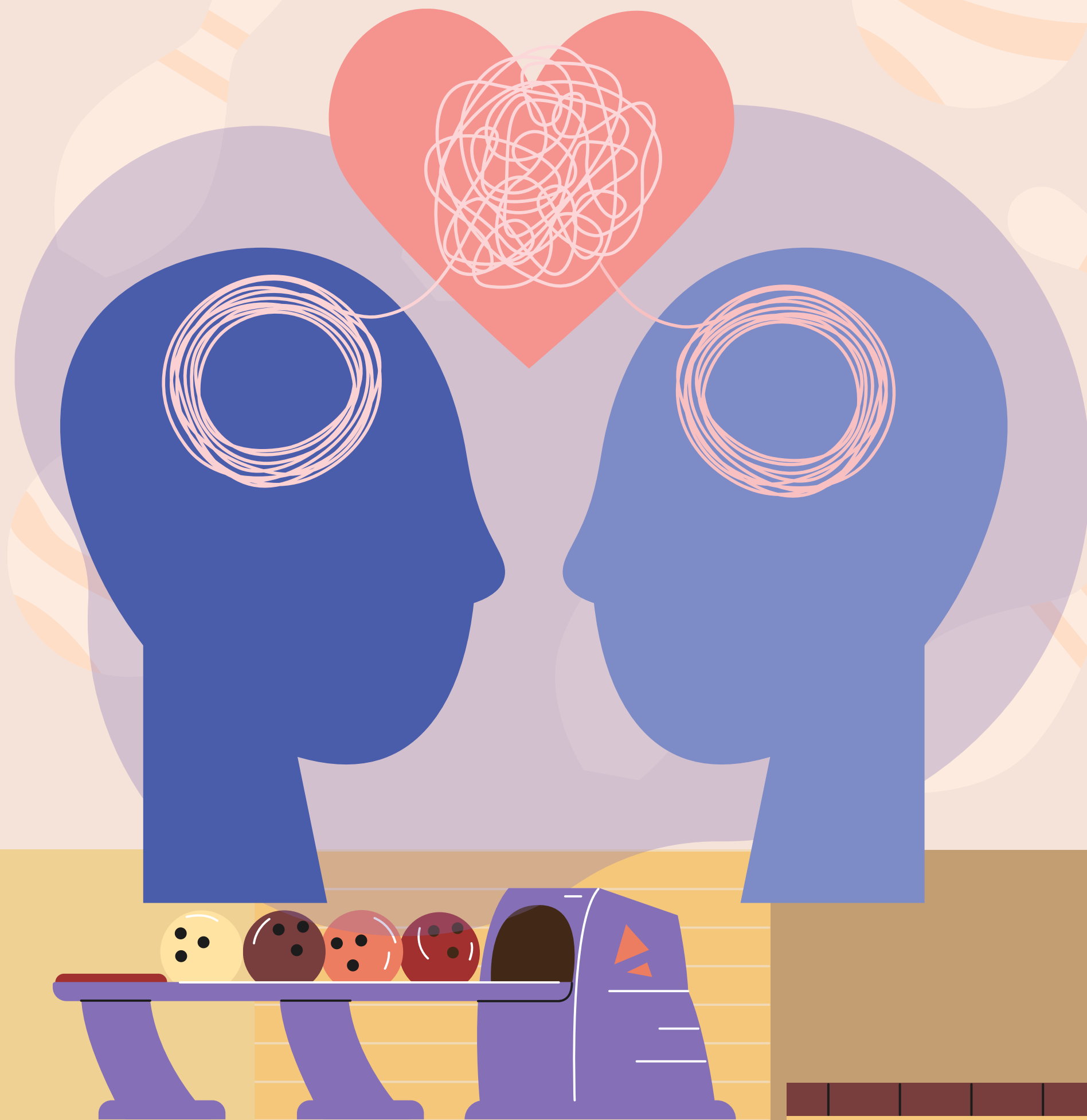
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You tell them you feel that is unreasonable and explain their request for location sharing and telling you to leave seems controlling. After hearing this your partner apologizes and says they didn't mean to come off that way. You emphasize that respect for personal boundaries and open communication are key to a good relationship. They seem to agree but if their actions don't change you may consider ending the relationship.



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