

Valeriano's Biggest Affection

Calimero and friends are outside playing baseball in the park. Valeriano is preparing to hit the ball Pierrot is about to throw.

"Alright Pierrot. Show me your throw!" Valeriano says and swings his bat, awaiting Pierrot's throw.

"Ha. You will never hit the ball!" Pierrot taunts him.

"Oh yeah? You will be wrong on that claim after you see my swing!!" Valeriano told him.

"Alright, here comes my throw!" Pierrot shouted and is about to throw. Valeriano is standing with the bat, ready to hit the ball. Just then Valeriano sees a young girl holding a balloon in her hand passing by.

"Huh? My, what a sight..." Valeriano said quietly to himself. Valeriano is so fixated on the girl that he forgets to hit the ball. The others shout out to him that Pierrot has thrown the ball.

"Wha? Oh, right. Almost forgot!" said Valeriano and is about to get back to the game, but can't react in time and the screen soon turns white, followed by a comedic cartoon "bang" sound effect.

After a few seconds the screen soon fades back in again. Valeriano is seen lying on the ground, having been hit on the head by the ball. The others rush over to him to check.

"Valeriano!! Are you ok??" Calimero asked him.

"Oww... Er... I-I'm fine, thank you. Did I hit the ball?" Valeriano asked.

"No, you didn't." said Calimero.

"Darn!!" Valeriano said angrily.

"Realise it, I'm a better player than you, and it will always remain that way, ha ha!" Pierrot taunted him yet again.

"Grr..." Valeriano grunted, feeling annoyed by Pierrot's constant boasting. The other guys ask him if he would like to have another round.

"Um... no thanks. Having a ball hitting me on the head is enough for my mind to say goodbye. I just wanna get back to the HQs now." Valeriano said.

"I feel the same way. Let's get back to the headquarters everyone." Calimero told the others. They get all their things and starts walking back to their HQs.

As the gang is heading back to their place, Valeriano is still thinking about the girl in the park.

"Sigh,, I just can't shake that girl off of my mind. From what I can recall, she was yellow, with brown hair. She also had a pink dress, and a pointy beak. I know she also likes balloons, but what is her name??" Valeriano thought to himself.

"What are you thinking about?" Priscilla asked Valeriano, noticing him drifting away into his thoughts.

"Oh, nothing too important." Valeriano said and is about to continue drifting into his thoughts, only to be interrupted by certain members of the group.

"But it must be something you're having on mind, I can tell that by looking at your eyes." Rosita said.

"I assure you all it is nothing." Valeriano said.

"Maybe it is about the match we did earlier?" Pierrot asked.

"Erm... Possibly. But I really don't wanna talk right now." Valeriano said and keeps drifting into his mind.

Later, in the HQs of the Green Team, sunset begins to fall over the city, and all members are sitting on the couch doing their own thing. Calimero and Priscilla are holding hands while watching the TV, Suzy is reading her fashion magazines, Pierrot is playing on his Gameboy, while Rosita is doing some cleaning around the apartment.

"Oh my, what a beautiful dress! Might as well buy it when we go to the shops someday." Suzy said as she keeps flipping through the pages of the magazine.

"Hmpf. Girls and fashion... Videogames are far better in my opinion! ... Oh come on you fat red plumber. You can do better than that! Makes me wish I bought the game with that greedy, yellow-clad anti-hero instead." Pierrot said while still having his eyes on the tiny screen on the Gameboy.

"Oh, Calimero. If it was just you and me in here, I think things could've turned much more romantic..." Priscilla said.

"Same here." Calimero said to her. He then feels Priscilla tightening her grip.

"Calimero... Would you mind if I did this, here and now?" Priscilla asked.

"Um, no. What is it?" Calimero asked. After staring at each other for a few seconds Priscilla then proceeds to kiss him on the lips, which takes him by surprise.

"Aaw, isn't that just cute?" Suzy said as she sees Priscilla kissing Calimero.

"I don't know what you mean by 'cute', but... this damn boss here is a bit of an toughie at me. Hah, take that you ugly alien!" Pierrot said, still hooked to his game.

"Sigh... you haven't got anything better to do these days, have you Pierrot." Suzy told him and resumes reading on her magazines.

Inside Valeriano's room, Valeriano is sitting at the window looking out towards the sunset. He appears to still not have forgotten about the girl he saw earlier.

"*Sighs...* I still can't forget about this girl. I know I met her years ago, but yet I can't seem to remember her name." Valeriano said while still looking out of the window. Just then Rosita comes in to do some cleaning, only to see Valeriano sitting in front of the window.

"What are you looking at Valeriano?" Rosita asked him.

"Waah!? ... oh, Rosita, it's only you." Valeriano said after calming down a little.

"Yes Valeriano, it is me! I'm coming into your room to do some cleaning. Now answer my question please." Rosita said.

"Oh, er... nothing too important, I guess." Valeriano said.

"Are you sure? You seemed to be thinking of something when I saw you sitting here." Rosita said.

"I-I... I assure you it wasn't anything special." Valeriano said and heads out to the kitchen to get himself something quick to eat.

"Hm? How come Valeriano is acting like this? Ah well, he might just be a bit tired due to being hit by that ball earlier today." Rosita said to herself and starts cleaning around in his room.

During the night when everybody else has gone to bed, Valeriano is still awake, thinking about the girl.

"Ooh... I hope to spot her again tomorrow from my bedroom window. I know I remember having met her, but does she even remember me? All these thoughts keep going around in my head right now..." Valeriano said to himself. After staying up for some time he then goes back to sleep.

During the morning after breakfast, everyone is carrying on with their usual routines. Except for Valeriano, who always appears to be too drifted away in his own thoughts.

"I wonder what's with Valeriano today. He doesn't appear to be like himself..." Priscilla said.

"Who knows. Maybe he's grieving over the match he lost yesterday, heh heh..." Pierrot joked.

"Hah hah, very funny Pierrot... Hallo, Valeriano?" Calimero tried to talk to him, but he doesn't answer.

"Valeriano? A-are you alright buddy?" Calimero asked him again. Valeriano still doesn't respond, probably out of fear that Rosita might overhear him if he told them.

"No response. He did look at me for a second, but other than that I can't get a word from him." Calimero told the other guys.

"Maybe he's holding on to something he feels that none of us should know of?" Suzy said.

"Possibly..." Calimero said.

"Valeriano, where are you going?" Rosita asked him.

"Er... I-I'm just going into my room to replace the objective on my camera with this new one I bought a few days ago. Should have done that earlier, but other things came in my way." Valeriano said and goes to his bedroom to get the camera objective replaced.

"Hm... I'm feeling suspicious over his current way of acting like. I better go into his room and see what he might be up to." Rosita said and proceeds to enter Valeriano's room.

Inside his bedroom Valeriano has already replaced the objective on his video camera with the new one he's got, and now sits in front of the window again looking out for the girl he saw the previous day.

"This time I'm really hoping to spot her. My new objective certainly won't miss such moments..." Valeriano said and adjusts the camera so it points down on the street just outside the building to their apartment. After filming for a while he grows tired of waiting.

"*sigh...* been waiting for minutes by now, and I still don't see her... maybe I should just give it up and go back to being my usual self." Valeriano said to himself. Just before he leaves though he then sees the girl walking by down on the road with a balloon in her hand. The girl notices him from his bedroom window.

"Hi Valeriano!!" the girl shouted his name and waves up at him.

"Huh? She still remembers me?? Hello to you too!! ... whatever your name may be again!!" Valeriano shouted back and waves down at her. But just as he does that Rosita then comes in and sees him sitting by the window again. She slowly approaches him with her arms behind her back.

"Who is it you're shouting down to?" Rosita asked him.

"Waah!!" Valeriano said as he heard her voice. He quickly turns to face Rosita, who doesn't look to happy.

"Who are you looking at Valeriano?" Rosita asked again, glancing down to where the girl is standing.

"Goulp... Oh, um... I was just waving at the birds that passed by!" he tried to lie to her.

"I'm not fooled Valeriano. I saw you were waving down at that lady down there!" Rosita said and points down to the girl outside.

"Hey, Valeriano!" the girl shouted to him again.

"Hmpf... sorry if I'm asking this, but... do you think I'm less pretty than that girl down there??" she asked Valeriano, feeling a bit jealous.

"Aw come on, you're not hideous to me. I... I just happened to see her crossing the road as I was looking out, that's all. You're mad at me just because of such a small occurrence?" Valeriano said. Rosita lets out a small giggle as he said that.

"Oh, I'm not mad at you for just looking down at a girl like the one down on the street there..." said Rosita.

"Phew..." Valeriano sighed in relief.

"... BUT if I ever see you trying to make her your new girlfriend, then I WILL be teaching you a lesson, and it's one that's definitely going to hurt!" Rosita told him.

"I promise I won't be dumping you for that other girl down there. But could I at least go out and talk to her maybe, or is that a big no-no?" Valeriano said.

"Hm... well, as long as it is just normal talk, I won't mind." Rosita said.

"Alright, thanks Rosita. I'll be back soonish enough." Valeriano said and rushes out to see the girl. Rosita is still standing in his room, feeling unsure if Valeriano was telling her the truth.

"I'm not sure if Valeriano is being true to his word..." Rosita thought to herself. She is about to consider standing at his bedroom window and spy down on him, but then decides not to worry about it and starts to do some cleaning around in his room.

Outside the building, the little girl is standing just outside the entrance. Valeriano then comes out, but upon seeing the girl in front of him he becomes nervous.

"Oh, er... h-hello... I-I... I'm... um..." Valeriano tried to speak, but is unable to due to his body constantly shaking. The girl walks over to him and gives him a hug to make him feel more relaxed, much to his surprise.

"Wow... Oh, um... well... I didn't expect you to do that." Valeriano said. After calming down his nerves he then greets himself.

"Right, I'm Valeriano. I know I've met you before, but I can't remember your name..." Valeriano said, trying to remember the girl's name.

"Oh, right then. Well, nice to meet you again Valeriano. If you don't remember, my name is Graziella!" She introduced herself to him.

"Graziella? ... Ah, so that's what your name is! How could I ever forget that." Valeriano said, smacking himself on the forehead.

"Don't worry about it now Valeriano. After all, it has been quite some time since we last met." Graziella said.

"It reminds me though... about that time when you were kidnapped by that balloon seller guy, who later turned out to be a childrens kidnapper.." Valeriano said.

"Right. I remember those events as well. Not to any real benefit though, because I really hope to not have that happen to me again. You came to my rescue, and I'm very glad for that!" said Graziella.

"Aw, it was nothing really." Valeriano said.

"Anyway, may I tell you something...?" Graziella asked him.

"Right, go ahead." Valeriano said.

"Well... I've been living quite a lonely life as of late, and... I've always wanted friend of my own... would you want to be my friend?" Graziella asked.

"Oh... well. I've helped you years earlier, so... of course I can be your new friend!" Valeriano told her. Graziella gives him kiss on the cheek as her way of saying thanks. She then takes notice of Valeriano staring at her again.

"Say, you seem to be quite attracted to me, aren't you?" Graziella asked him with a shy smile on her face."

"What? Er, no. I..." Valeriano said and tries to think of something else.

"Oh, I'm not embarrassed at all. I have also been trying to take glances at you when your girlfriend doesn't notice! That way I was hoping to one day catch your attention..." Graziella admitted.

"Oh, heh heh... I... I didn't know that." Valeriano said.

"Also, for a long time I have always been dreaming of being a girl of much greater heights..." Graziella said.

"What exactly do you mean by that?" Valeriano asked.

"It's a secret for now. I can't tell you about it until I feel we're at a place where things can be more private between us." Graziella said.

"Er... Sure." Valeriano said and looks up at his bedroom window to see if Rosita might be spying on him. They then head off together. Inside his bedroom, Rosita has been overhearing their little conversation outside.

"Hrrm... I have my suspicions there. I wonder where they will be off to..." Rosita said to herself and with a slight frown on her face she walks out to the living room.

In the living room everyone is doing their own thing; Pierrot is reading a comic with Suzy trying to take a peek despite Pierrot not wanting her to, and Priscilla is having Calimero taking pictures of her.

"Um... a-are you sure that is the pose you intend to be in for this picture?" Calimero asked.

"Yeah, I'm fairly certain about it." Priscilla said, standing with her arms behind her back, having one of her eyes closed, giving the impression of her winking to the camera.

"Well, just remember that we're trying to snap some pictures of your times with us guys in here for your parents to see and remember, not to envision their daughter as a flirty chick!" Calimero said.

"Aw, come on. It's just a one-timer. Besides, my parents needs to see their daughter growing up in one way or another." Priscilla said, still holding the same pose as earlier.

"Sigh... Ah well, I guess the resulting picture won't be so bad after all..." Calimero sighs to himself and takes her picture.

"Perfect. Ok Calimero, now, it's gonna be a regular photo... hm, what should the next photo be?" Priscilla pauses and starts thinking about the next shot. After some thinking she sits down next to Calimero.

"I want both of us to be in this photo. My parents has to see that you and I really get along together." Priscilla said.

"Yeah. But only problem is, we haven't got anyone in here to take the photo for us..." said Calimero.

"Oh yes... so we're stuck there I suppose..." Priscilla said to herself in slight disappointment.

Just then Rosita comes in with a frown on her face, which everyone in the room takes notice of.

"What's wrong Rosita?" asked Calimero.

"It's... it's Valeriano." Rosita said.

"What's he done or said to you?" asked Suzy.

"Nothing. I keep thinking about him cheating on me. He might as well be sneaking out of the town together with that little girl by now..." Rosita said while rolling her eyes a bit.

"You mean the girl we helped rescue a long time ago?" asked Calimero.

"Yes. That's the one I'm talking about." said Rosita.

"Aw, it might be nothing special. Maybe Valeriano's offered her to follow her home, or they just simply wanna spend some time together knowing each other more?" said Priscilla.

"Hm. Maybe you guys are right. I might just be overthinking it all." Rosita said and goes back to her cleaning duties. She still doesn't feel too sure about it though, but decides not to bother about it.

Later, Valeriano and Graziella are standing together at some place far away. Graziella sighs as she looks up towards the skies, finding the formations of the clouds beautiful.

"Aaw. I can sometimes stand around and gaze up at those clouds for hours. They sometimes form things like balloons or hearts..." said Graziella, still gazing up at the clouds.

"I'm still feeling a bit puzzled though..." Valeriano said.

"Over what?" asked Graziella.

"I'm puzzled over what you said earlier. You said something about being 'a girl of greater heights'..." Valeriano said. Graziella then turns to him to speak.

"Well, what I meant by that is... I want to be the tallest girl in the world!" Graziella answered him.

"Oh, so you mean... you want to be bigger?" asked Valeriano.

"Exactly. Do you know of a way to make it happen?" she asked.

"Actually I do." Valeriano said and pulls something out of his pocket.

"Er... what... w-what is that thing?" Graziella asked with a perplexed look on her face.

"It might look like some kind of toy, but it's actually a device capable of shrinking persons with. I happened to keep it since the day my friend Calimero found it. I also adjusted it a little so it can also grow subjects." said Valeriano.

"Oh, I didn't know you were tinkering with such things." Graziella said.

"Well, I don't have that much of technical expertise, but the time I've spent on figuring out how the device works has led me to mess with it..." Valeriano said, pausing for a moment to think.

"Now that I'm thinking about it, it was Suzy who suggested to me to modify the device to grow subjects in addition to shrinking them." said Valeriano, finishing his sentence.

"What a neat idea! Can I use it on you please??" Graziella asked him out of excitement.

"Sure you can! ... The growing part hasn't been tested yet, but I suppose it should work." said Valeriano and hands the gun over to Graziella.

Graziella then aims the gun at Valeriano and pulls the trigger. To her delight Valeriano starts to shrink. She watches as he keeps shrinking down until stopping just below her knees.

"My, how tiny you've got!" Graziella said.

"... I... I'm speechless... Graziella's bigger than I could've ever dreamt of!" Valeriano said to himself while in awe over seeing the girl he helped standing above him. Graziella then picks him up and places him in her hands.

"You know Valeriano, you look rather cute at your new size." Graziella said.

"And you're the cutest and most beautiful girl when you're big..." said Valeriano and keeps staring up at her. She blushes and starts to giggle upon hearing that.

"Thank you for saying that." She said and gives him a hug. They then head off together.

Meanwhile, back to the Green Team HQs, Rosita has just finished off her cleaning duties and is heading out to the living room to take a break. Calimero and Priscilla are still trying to get their photo done, but asking Pierrot to hold the camera for them proved to be useless since he were too occupied reading on his comic, and Suzy couldn't even keep the camera still.

"Hrm... Pierrot was of no real help there." Calimero snorted.

"And Suzy wasn't able to hold the camera still, and ended up taking the photo at the wrong angle and direction. I know she tried to do her best, but even with that failing, we just have to do it ourselves..." said Priscilla.

"But how? I mean, neither of us can just put the camera on the table and try to press the button..." Calimero said.

"Hm... You know Calimero, never say never! I'm sure it could be done. Wait here!" Priscilla said and rushes off to get something. She then returns again with a camera of her own.

"Um, why would we need a second camera when we already have one here?" asked Calimero in confusion.

"Well, I just realized that I bought my own camera last week, and it also has a timer function, so we can prepare our shot before the picture is taken!" Priscilla said.

"Wow, great! If only my camera had such a handy feature..." said Calimero.

"I know Calimero. Anyhow, let's get it all set up!" Priscilla said and starts preparing her camera. After getting into their seats on the couch, Calimero tries to figure out how the camera timer works.

"Er... sorry if I ask, but... how exactly does this timer thing work?" Calimero asked Priscilla.

"The timer automatically starts itself as soon as the button is pressed." Priscilla said.

"Oh, I see." Calimero said and presses the button on the camera and puts it on the table, facing him and Priscilla.

"How long does it take until the picture is taken?" Calimero asked.

"The default setting is about 10 seconds. I don't know how it can be adjusted yet, since I've barely tried the camera out since I first got it." said Priscilla and gets herself and Calimero into their pose. They look into the camera for a few seconds until the timer on the camera reach 0, and their picture is taken.

"It works!" Priscilla said in excitement.

"Let's take a look at the picture." said Calimero and takes the photo out of the camera to have a look at it.

"I think it looks pretty good. What do you think Priscilla?" he asked her.

"Aw, how cute we look together on that photo... If only such perfect photos could be replicated over and over again." Priscilla said to herself in awe.

"Let's do it again!" Priscilla said and prepares the camera once again. They end up taking a couple more pictures of themselves.

"You know Calimero, I think these pictures turned out even cuter." Priscilla said while looking at them one by one. The first one has Priscilla hugging Calimero. The 2nd one shows Priscilla leaning herself down on Calimero's lap. The 3rd picture shows priscilla giving Calimero a kiss on the cheek. Priscilla is looking at the camera in all three photos.

"And I thought you were done with that sort of stuff by now..." Calimero said quietly.

"Aw, I don't think my parents will take these pictures too badly. They're not even explicit in nature!" Priscilla said.

Just then Rosita comes in and sits down on the couch, all exhausted after all the cleaning around she's been doing.

"Hey guys, what are you doing?" she asked Priscilla.

"We're taking pictures for my parents to see and look at. I always wanted to show them how much of a great life I'm living with you guys." said Priscilla.

"That's good to hear! I'm sure they will be appreciating seeing you grow up into a big girl, and having a life of your own as well." Rosita complimented her.

"Thank you, Rosita!" said Priscilla. She notices that Rosita is still in a bit of thought.

"Say... what are you thinking about?" Priscilla asked her.

"It's Valeriano and that girl again. I just can't shake off that feeling... what are those two going to do together?? I mean, I know that nothing too serious might happen between them, but the thought is still there... what if Valeriano's cheating on me?!" Rosita said.

"Please Rosita, just take it easy for a moment now. You've been up and cleaning around almost all day now, so... I suggest you just try to relax and not think too much about what Valeriano's doing." Calimero told her.

"Yeah. I don't think Valeriano's trying to cheat on you for another girl. On the other hand, if either of them doesn't come back, especially Valeriano, then one of us better go out and look for them." Priscilla said.

"... Alright then. Maybe it isn't as serious as I think it's going to be... besides, I'm far too tired right now to even think about it." Rosita said.

"I'm sure Valeriano will be back soon Rosita. No need to worry." said Priscilla while getting her to relax.

"I personally never found Pierrot to be cheating on me. Not that I know of anyway." Suzy said, trying to add to the discussion.

"Aw, why would I ever do that. You're one of the best friends I've ever met in my life." Pierrot said to her. After saying that he receives a kiss on the cheek from Suzy.

"Well, I never said you did, but thanks for telling me that anyway." Suzy said.

"Heh... Y-you're welcome Suzy." said Pierrot and goes back to watching the TV.

Elsewhere, Graziella is walking with Valeriano in her hands. They're both staring at each other affectionately as they walk on.

"Sorry if I ask, but... I just wonder, if you have had any friends before?" Valeriano asks Graziella.

"To be honest, I've never had that many friends back in the day. Not that it bothered me much back then, but now is a different thing." said Graziella.

"Ah, ok. Just wanted to know." Valeriano said.

"May I use your size changer gun to grow myself taller?" asked Graziella.

"Sure you can, but... why did you shrink me first instead of making yourself grow big from the get go?" he asked her.

"Oh, well, te hee... I just wanted to go a bit easy, and not rush things through. If I did I would've of been less excited than I am now" said Graziella.

"I understand. Better do it the way you like I suppose." said Valeriano. Graziella then pulls the size changer gun from her pocket and uses it to grow herself to twice her original size. She giggles excitedly at her new scale.

"Enjoying your new size?" Valeriano asks her.

"Enjoying it? I'm overly excited! So much excited over the fact that I could grow a couple feet taller if I wanted to!!" Graziella beamed and pets Valeriano on the head with her left index finger, and in response Valeriano hugs it. Graziella turns her head to the side slightly while blushing.

"Heh... you know, we seem to be growing a good friendship by now... or maybe even a relationship...?" Graziella giggled.

"Yeah, so do I think as well. As for the relationship part... I still have my friend Rosita, and she would be mad at me if I made you my permanent girlfriend..." Valeriano said.

"Yes, of course I know she's your girlfriend. But will that stop us from spending time together? At least I don't think so." Graziella said.

"You're right. As long as it's just a friendship, I guess we'll be alright. *thinks for a moment* lucky me that I managed to bring my camera with me... say, would you mind if I started filming you?" Valeriano asked.

"Oh no, not at all. You can film me as much as you'd like, I won't mind." Graziella said.

"Alrighty then, up my video camera goes then!" Valeriano said and starts to film Graziella. She can only giggle as she watches him filming her. She then continues walking on with Valeriano in her palm.

Later on, inside of Calimero and pals' apartment, Rosita's been sitting on the sofa trying to push aside the thought of Valeriano cheating on her. Despite that though, she now seems to have almost lost her mind and simply can't shake it away.

"Oooh, that's it. I just can't hold it any longer! Whatever Valeriano's up to together with that girl, I will find it out in one way or another!!" Rosita shouts out.

"Agh, would you please stop screaming like that?? You nearly made someone hearing impaired here!! Besides... you really oughta calm down before..." said Pierrot.

"Keep quiet you lazy, work-avoiding green goose!! Since when have you ever done anything useful besides sitting and just minding your own thing since our early days have come and gone, hunh!?" Rosita shouts back at him.

"Rosita, please settle down!" Suzy said as she and Priscilla tries to make her calm down. But Rosita gets up from the sofa and shouts to the guys in the room.

"I won't be calming myself down. I know exactly what Valeriano's up to! If he thinks he can just dump me to be with that other girl, then he's just sooo wrong!! I'm so gonna teach him a lesson when I see him again!!" Rosita said and storms out of the apartment, determined to find out where her boyfriend and Graziella's gone.

"Oh boy, Rosita's really lost her mind now for sure!" Suzy said.

"Quick everyone, we gotta catch up with her and stop her before something bad happens!" Priscilla tells the other members. They rush out after her with Pierrot reluctantly joining them, not wanting to leave his comfy armchair.

Outside, Rosita is standing in the middle of the street looking out for Valeriano. She keeps standing there for a time, and eventually she sees him returning again, and as she's predicted Valeriano's with Graziella, small, and appearing to be looking more at her than Rosita.

"Hm... Say, isn't that Rosita over there?" Graziella asks Valeriano.

"What..? Uh ooh... yep, I can see it's her, and... she sure doesn't look too happy!!" said Valeriano in shock. Rosita is quite angry indeed, and is now heading to their spot.

"So it's just as I thought. You were cheating on me! And don't tell me that you two are just out having fun together, I can see it in your eyes that you're more attracted to this girl here who's holding you, and bla bla bla, yada yada ya!!..." Rosita keeps on scolding her boyfriend for a few minutes, and even telling bad things about Graziella. Eventually Graziella just can't stand it anymore and tries to intervene.

"Please, just stop now!! Can't we at least be friends together without you getting in our way?? Besides, you don't just..." Graziella tried to finish her sentence.

"Hah, you're not having my boyfriend, ever!" Rosita tells her and is about to push her down onto the ground, but before she can even do that she comes to a stop and gets an idea.

"Valeriano, you don't happen to have that shrinking device of yours, do you?" she asked Valeriano.

"Um... Actually... well... Graziella has... ha-has it..." Valeriano nervously tells Rosita. Without further thinking Rosita snatches the gun from Graziella's pockets.

"Just so you know hun, I will be teaching you a lesson after I'm done showing this petty lady here who's the BIGGEST girl around!" Rosita said and uses the gun to grow herself to Graziella's own height.

"There you go my pointy-beaked madamé. Whaddya' say now, huh??" Rosita mocked Graziella. Feeling herself being challenged by the other girl, Graziella swears to prove her otherwise.

"Seriously, just stop it! And you don't just call me nasty stuff like that!! Give the gun back to me!" Graziella said and attempts to take it back from Rosita, but Rosita keeps it out of her reach. She then uses the gun to grow herself taller again.

"Hah, what are you gonna do about it now? There's no chance you can try to outgrow me at this point! And by the way, you're a disgrace to even be considered Valeriano's new girlfriend, and you know it pretty well!" Rosita taunts her yet again.

"Oh yeah, let's prove who's wrong here!" Graziella said and tries again to reach for the gun, this time grabbing ahold of it.

"H-hey, let go of the device you, you... toy-snatcher!!" Rosita said and tries to make her let go of it, but Graziella successfully takes the device from her and uses it to grow herself taller than Rosita.

"Te hee, who's the 'biggest girl' around here now?" Graziella chuckled to herself. Rosita snatches the gun from Graziella again and makes herself grow bigger.

"But not for now I'm afraid!" Rosita taunted her again. Graziella takes the gun again and makes herself grow taller. Rosita takes it back and grows bigger, and so on and on.

They both keep it up for a while, trying to outgrow each other. However, they don't notice that as they go on about their game of size, Valeriano's size is ALSO being affected due to him being within Graziella's range, and each time Graziella grows bigger, so do he as well.

"You're sure not giving up that easily, are you??" Rosita asked.

"Absolutely not. You dared to challenge me, and I'll do anything it takes to beat you!" Graziella mocked her.

"Hah, you can only wish for it, my gracious little... dirtbird!!" Rosita shouted.

After they both reach a certain height Graziella uses the gun on her yet again, but in the process she makes Valeriano slightly outgrow the girls.

"Oh, uhm... Graziella. Looks like someone's inadvertently joined in on our little size battle here." Rosita said.

"Oh yes, I... I can see that. Hi to you Valeriano!" Graziella said to him.

"Well, heh... h-hello girls... anyway, ain't I supposed to be smaller than you?? I mean, after all this is a GTS story, and... wouldn't it be a standard rule that the girls always be bigger than the boys you think?" Valeriano said. Sighing, Rosita uses the size gun on him to shrink him down to just below their own height.

Meanwhile down on the ground, the other members of Calimero are watching as the two girls continue their fight.

"My my... I wonder how much bigger they'll be getting." Suzy asked herself.

"Who knows... maybe they'll outgrow the entire planet if they keep this up!" responded Priscilla.

"Too bad I didn't think of the popcorn by now, because this could turn out to be a pretty great watch in my opinion!" Pierrot said.

"Pierrot!" they all said to him in disapproval.

"Alright, sorry then... where's Valeriano by the way?" Pierrot asked.

"I can see him up there!" Suzy said.

"And how do you know it's him?" asked Pierrot again.

"Well, the green color first and foremost, and I can see his blue west somewhat... none the less, it's hard to get a clear sight with all the clouds in the way up there." Suzy said.

Eventually the girls and Valeriano outgrow the earth, with both Rosita and Graziella almost hitting their heads just below the moon. As they keep arguing, Valeriano, who is now standing just below their knees, is looking down at the earth below, barely able to see the streets.

"Woah!! We sure are much bigger than everything else by now!" Valeriano exclaimed in surprise.

The girls keep on fighting. Rosita is constantly calling Graziella foul names, with Graziella herself doing the same in a self-defensive manner.

"And all of what I just said about you I find to be 100% true. Oh, one more thing; You're a dirty balloon-snatcher. Why are you so much into balloons anyway? It's not like just one or two is enough for you... apart from the possibility that maybe you're also into stealing other kids' balloons!" Rosita said.

"I am NOT like that at all, you goggly, jealous chick! And I would NEVER take balloons from children!" said Graziella and tries to push Rosita down. Rosita tries to do the same in response. Valeriano starts to grow slightly frustrated with the girls' constant fighting.

"Erm, helloo! Will you two please stop fighting, we have nearly outgrown the entire planet!!" Valeriano shouted up at them. They snap out of their fight and look down, now realizing they have almost outgrown the planet.

"Uuh... I-I'm starting to... to feel dizzy now after seeing myself stand hundreds of feet tall..." Graziella said, not being used to this kind of scale.

"If you girls keep this thing up, we could be becoming even bigger than the entire solar system!! I think it'd be a good idea to shrink ourselves again!" Valeriano said.

"Not until I've taught this fellow here her... *tries to inhale, but finds it pretty difficult to breathe* Ooh... um... well, ma... maybe you're right, Valer... Valeriano! *starts to lose more oxygen from her lungs*"

"Suppose we better use that gun now then! ... *feels his lungs unable to get any more air* And... do it... fairly quickly!!" Valeriano said.

"Ok then... here... here goes..." Rosita said and tiredly uses the gun to shrink themselves down.

Back on earth, everyone is now trapped under the feet of Graziella, trying to free themselves to no avail.

"Hnn... well, I've been in pretty tight situations before, but this is just too much!!" Priscilla said, still trying to get out from under Graziella's feet.

"It's no use to try to get ourselves free guys. We'll likely be stuck under here forever, considering that Graziella's bigger than nearly the entire planet... but at least she seems to have stopped growing by now." said Calimero.

"You know, I already have a girlfriend of my own, and I'd prefer her feet better than this ginormous lady!" Pierrot said to himself.

"Oh, really Pierrot?? Well then, after we get out of here in some way maybe you could try to devote some time to my feet if you love them so much!" Suzy said while giving off a flirty wink to Pierrot.

"Goulp... um, never mind that. Forget I ever said anything..." Pierrot said and keep on trying to free himself.

They appear to be trapped under Graziella's feet for eternity, but suddenly the weight that keeps them pinned in place starts to lessen.

"Hunh? The pressure's starting to decrease." said Calimero.

"Yeah Calimero, I can feel that!" said Priscilla.

They all look up to see what's happening; Graziella's shrinking again, and real fast! After getting back up on their feet they rush over to her to see if she's alright.

"I'm ok guys. Still feeling a bit dizzy after my experience of standing above the surface of this planet though..." said Graziella.

"Where are the other guys?" asked Priscilla.

"Valeriano's safe and sound beside my feet here. He became smaller again though." Graziella said.

"But... where's Rosita?" Suzy asked herself. Not seeing her anywhere, Suzy and the others go and look for her. Eventually they find her sitting on the street, now being tiny as well, much smaller than Valeriano even. Rosita regains her consciousness and is shocked to see the world being much bigger than her.

"What... s-since when did this place get so big?!!" Rosita said. The others starts laughing over her situation.

"Hey, cut that off you guys! This isn't funny!!" Rosita screamed up to them.

"Heh heh... s-sorry about that Rosita, but seeing you this tiny really made me burst out in laughter." Priscilla apologized to her.

"We will grow you back to normal size as soon as we get back into our apartment." Calimero said.

"Hrm... I don't think she deserves to return to normal just yet, especially considering what she's done to me! I think she should be having herself a little punishment first." Graziella said. Rosita doesn't like the sound of this.

"And I wonder what this sort of punishment would be like..." Rosita thought to herself, and the scene soon transitions into Rosita running on a little hamster wheel, with Graziella watching her.

"Remember that you're not allowed any breaks until you've run on the wheel for about two hours. Keep going, and don't stop until you're done!" Graziella said.

"Yeah yeah yeah, I'm running for as long as I possibly can!! that is, if my little chick legs will bear it out till the end..." Rosita said and starts to utter some mean things under her breath.

Graziella looks down to her left hand where Valeriano is sitting and admiring her.

"Hi there my little boy. Liking the sight of me?" asked Graziella.

"Definitely..." said Valeriano. Without anything else on mind, he grabs Graziella's little left finger and hugs it affectionately, which makes her giggle in response.

"Oh my... never have I seen or even known someone who loves me as much as you do Valeriano." She said and began to blush.

"Aw, look at those two. Aren't they just the cutest couple we've ever seen??" Suzy said in awe.

"Well, I don't know what to make of that. Today's day has really tired me out, and all I can think about is sitting here and reading my comics..." Pierrot said and resumes reading again.

"Me and Calimero here certainly think so too." said Priscilla.

"Yeah... However, even if Valeriano and Graziella would see themselves as a couple by now, it is still going to be Valeriano and Rosita no matter what." Calimero said.

"I know. But even so, Graziella doesn't have that many real-life friends. I believe we should make her part of our group, maybe she could be a great help to us in our future investigations." said Priscilla.

"You're definitely right there Priscilla." said Calimero.

"Hm... say Pierrot, would you like to have me shrink you and hug my finger as well?" Suzy asked Pierrot.

"W-what??... Um, er... I... I'll just get out of my chair now and do some tidying..." Pierrot was about to finish, but before he can do anything Suzy keeps him in place and uses the size device to shrink him down.

"There you go. And just the right size for me as well." said Suzy. She then handcuffs tiny Pierrot to her little finger with tiny-sized handcuffs and prevents him from running away by placing her right hand over him.

"There. Now I have you all to myself. Now, hug this little finger of mine here, namely the one I just handcuffed you to."

"B-but..." Pierrot tried to speak.

"Aw come on, it will be a great experience for the both of us, I promise you. After we're done hugging fingers, maybe be a gentleman duck and rub my feet for me as well?" said Suzy.

"*Sighs* ... well, looks like it was my fault for saying I liked Suzy's feet better than anyone else's..." Pierrot sighed to himself as the other guys in the room starts laughing at the two ducks, finding Pierrot's situation rather amusing much to his dismay.

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