SO, ARE THERE ANY OTHER KIDS LIVING HERE, ALREADY?

YES, THERE IS ONE GIRL, WHO IS LIKE YOU.

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

OH, YOU KNOW...

COME IN! YOU MUST BE KILOBYTE!

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING WITH US FOR A WHILE.

YES, MAAM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET YOUR NEW ROOMIE?

I'M READY!

COME DOWN HERE AND MEET K.B.!

HEY! GRAB YOUR STUFF AND COME ON UP TO YOUR NEW ROOM!

GO AHEAD, DEAR. THIS IS MIRAGE. YOU TWO CAN BE FRIENDS.

MAYBE EVEN SISTERS.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU IN FOR?

WHAT??

YOU KNOW, WHY ARE YOU IN CUSTODY?

...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY ARE YOU IN THIS PARTICULAR HOME?

FINE, I'LL GO FIRST.
POOF!

WOW! THAT'S AMAZING!

CAN YOU MAKE ANYTHING?

BUT THE PROBLEM IS, IT DOESN'T LAST LONG.

JUST ABOUT...

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. MY DAD HAD ME MAKE MONEY BUT THE LAST TIME DIDN'T GO TOO WELL AND I ENDED UP HERE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I CAN TALK TO MACHINES. THE MORE COMPLEX THE BETTER.

I HELPED MY MOM STEAL CASH FROM ATM BY TELLING IT TO GIVE US MONEY.

ANYWAY, THE BANK CAUGHT ON AND NOW I'M HERE.

SO YOU CAN TELL COMPUTERS TO BYPASS PROTECTIONS AND BLOCKED SITES?

I SUPPOSE. WHY?

I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THIS GUY ONLINE, BUT MRS. POWERS PUT THE LOCK ON SOCIAL MEDIA...

EVER SINCE SHE CAUGHT ME TRYING TO SNEAK OUT TO GO SEE HIM.
Okay, I guess I could help.

Plus, I want to see if he's cute.

Alright, we're in.

What? No way, really?

Nice!

What? Not mad because I ghosted on him.

Hey baby girl! After I never heard back from you, I thought you didn't want to talk to me anymore.

Sorry...
I got caught trying to meet you the other night, and got all my Internet access taken away.

I even started to read books—

...like, made out of paper!

It's cool... I get it, so, who's your friend?

She's cute.

That easy huh? You ain't even mad?

Okay then...

This here is K.B. She helped me with my Internet situation.

'S-ha-ha' in a way, I guess.

So, is she like you?

You know...

Mirage!

Relax.

It's okay. He's harmless.
Anyway, we have to go. Don't want to get caught on here. But I had to see you.

I'm glad you did, but when are we going to meet in person?

What about tomorrow night? I'll get K.B. here to set us up through security.

I mean, if she's cool and all.

The next morning...

K.B., I hope you are settling in.

Yes, ma'am.

Good. Just want to keep you kids safe.

I know firsthand how dangerous the world is.

—and you never know what might be waiting for you out there.

Oh man, I do not like the sound of this!

I understand.

Yeah, me and K.B. are on the up and up...

...trust me!
That night...

“’Fect come on K.B.!”

“Huff”

“Huff”

“Huff”

“Huff”

So what do we do once we get there?

You just be cool and play along.

Got this.

First, I gotta make a phone call!

Hey babe, we’re right outside.

We’ll see you in a minute!

POOF!

Here you go! 100% valid I.D.

Um—I’m short for my age.
I'm starting to get a bad feeling about this.

Relax, K.B. Dance a little. Who knows?

Maybe you'll meet a nice boy here.

...so you can stop drooling over mine.

I was not drooling!

Well, we don't need these fake IDs anymore. Now do we?

Poof!

Now to find my sugar.

Look!

There he is!

Worm! Slow down.

What's your rush?

So...

What kept you?

It's just that I was afraid you weren't going to be here...

That you were too good to be true!
LET'S DANCE!
HEY K.B., JOIN IN!

SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT ALL THIS.

WHEN!
I'M BEAT.

YOU GIRLS WANT TO GO FOR A WALK?

THERE HAPPENS TO BE A SECLUDED SPOT WITH A GREAT VIEW OF THE RIVER...

—PROBABLY HAVE IT ALL TO OURSELVES...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH A ROMANTIC.

YOU NEVER KNOW, I MIGHT BE FULL OF SURPRISES.

YEAH THAT'S WHAT'S GOT ME WORRIED!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS!

OF COURSE! WHAT COULD GO WRONG!

DON'T BE SUCH A BABY, K.B.!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK I'M A THIRD-WHEEL...

YEP AND NOW IT'S GOTTEN AWKWARD FOR THE OL' THIRD-WHEEL HERE...

' Giggle '

DON'T MIND K.B.

—SHE'S JUST JEALOUS.

NO PROBLEM...— LET'S TALK ABOUT US.

— AND ME!
WHAT THE?!?

MIRAGE!

OH YEAH! THAT'S WHAT I NEEDED!

SUCH AN EASY TARGET.

BUT NOT ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN MY STRENGTH FOR LONG.

HEY K.B.!

COME HERE.

YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME FEEL YOUNG AGAIN!

I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
PARASITE! I thought you were done robbing people of their special powers.

You're too late, Spark, Mirage's powers will help me destroy you.

Then there will be plenty of powers to absorb!

Guess again, Romeo.
HERE'S SOME POWER FOR YOU!

SHAAA!

HURGH!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT, SPARK!

HERE. PLAY WITH THIS FOR A WHILE!

URGH!

CLANG!
THANKS FOR THE HELP!

WOW!

QUICK THINKING!

I THINK I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU.

OH NO!

MIRAGE!

Nothing...

...Nothing is happening...

I can't make...

...can't make anything!

nothing...

THIS IS TERRIBLE.

PARASITE HAS TAKEN AWAY ALL OF HER SPECIAL POWERS.

why?

Inumble

I don't understand...

WILL SHE BE OKAY?
Physically she'll be fine.

Unfortunately she won't be able to stay at the house with you any longer.

But--

Why not?

Mirage has had trouble in the past.

I hate that she had to learn the lesson the hard way.

But it's good that you were here to help her, in the end.
Better yet--

"You were able to see what can happen by just trusting some randy on the internet."

"You're right, Spark. We did let him lure us into this mess!"

We totally blew it, and now look.

I almost feel sorry for the creep..."
But that means Mirage would never have lost her powers—

—if not for me!

Hey, no worries! Don't be so rough on yourself.

SNIFF

-but—

Look, these things happen. I'm just glad you learned your lesson and will be more careful online.

Come on, let's get you back home.

ZAP!
ZAP!

Okay, that was amazing!

You'll have to show me how you did that sometime.

Only if you promise to show me how you moved that SUV!

Maybe I could help you out down the road.

You know... as a thank you for tonight.

To like that but...

Let's make sure it's okay with your foster mom first.

You never know.
WHOA! THAT GIRL I LIKE WANTS ME TO GET BEER FOR THE PARTY TONIGHT.

DON'T BE A WIMP!

DO IT!

YOU WANT HER OR NOT?

TAKE IT FROM ME, THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA.

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