

That One Song



A Rhythm Heaven Fanbook
Written and illustrated by
average sketch

HEADS UP!

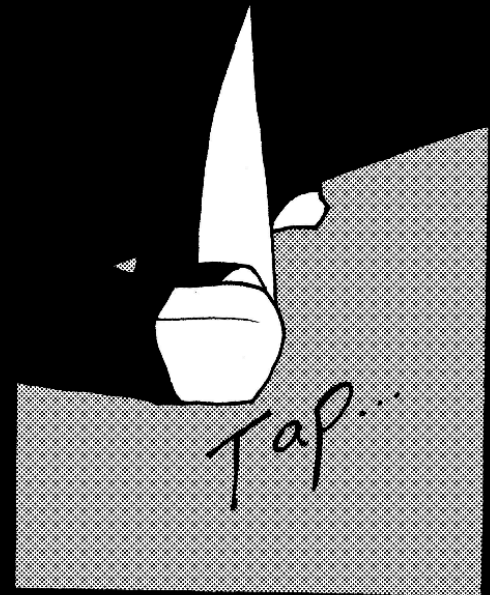
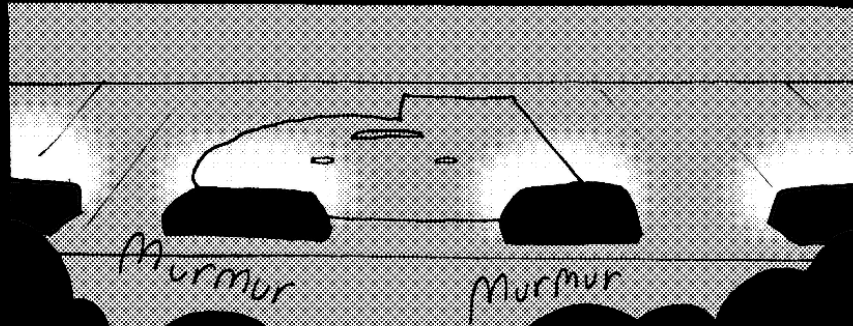


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Thanks!



that
one song:
A-side



THANK YOU
ALL FOR
COMING
TONIGHT...

HOWEVER,
I'D LIKE TO
ASK EVERY-
ONE A
QUESTION...





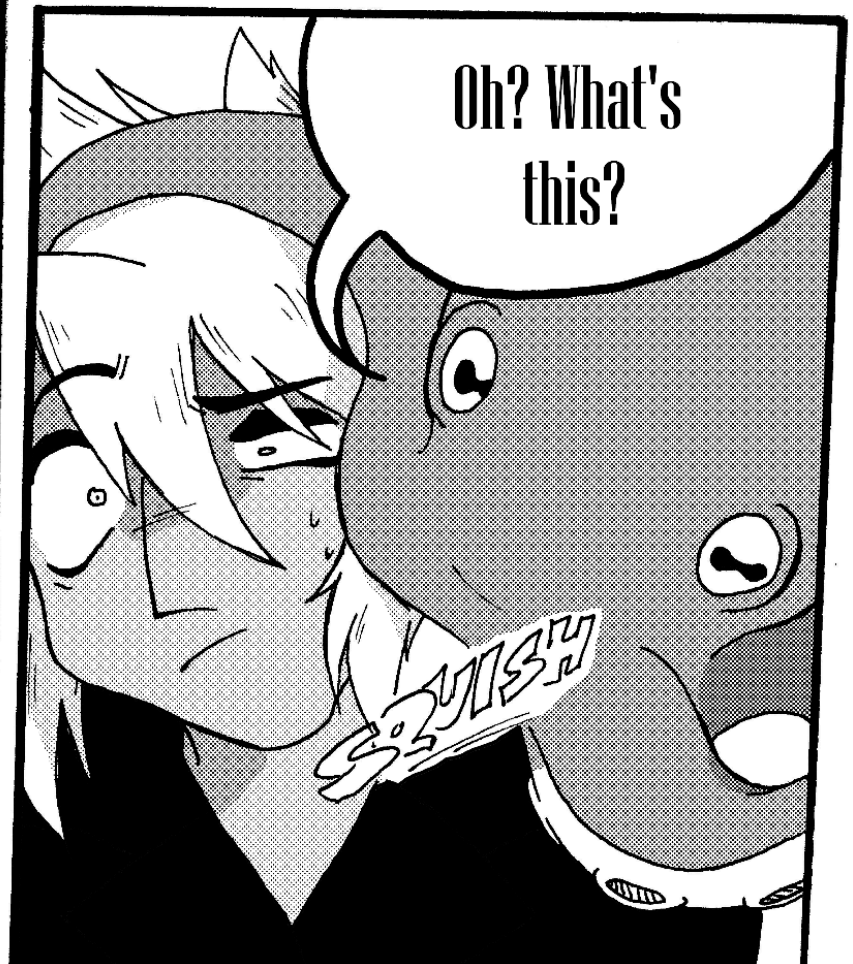
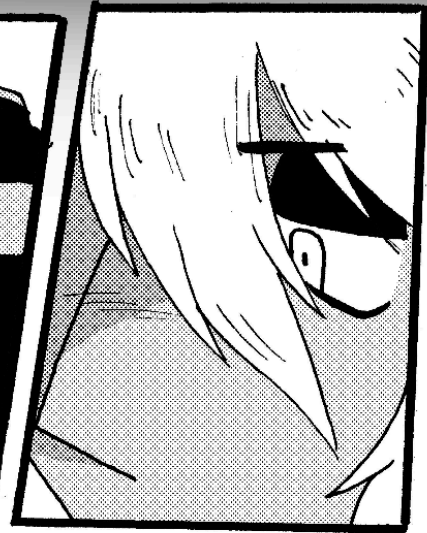
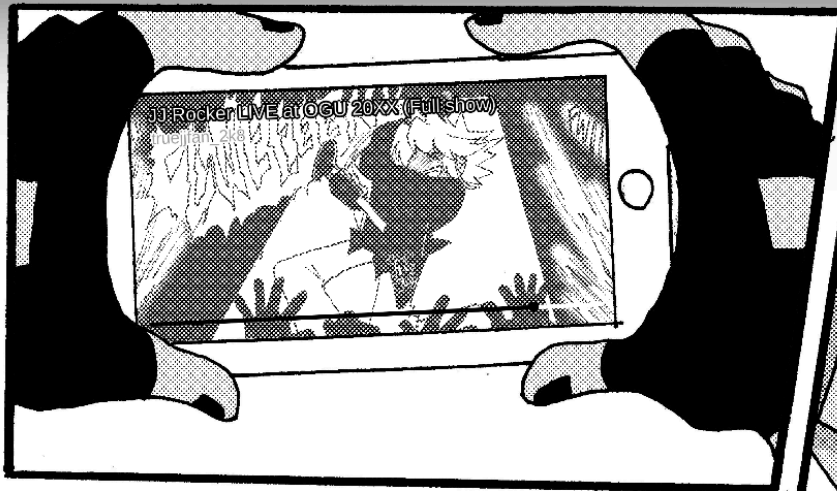
ARE
YOU
READY
TO
ROCK!?

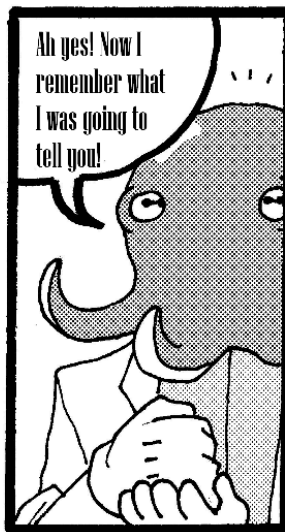
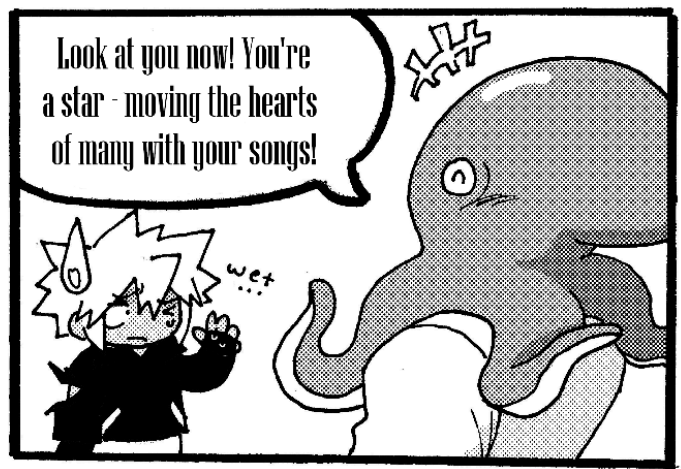
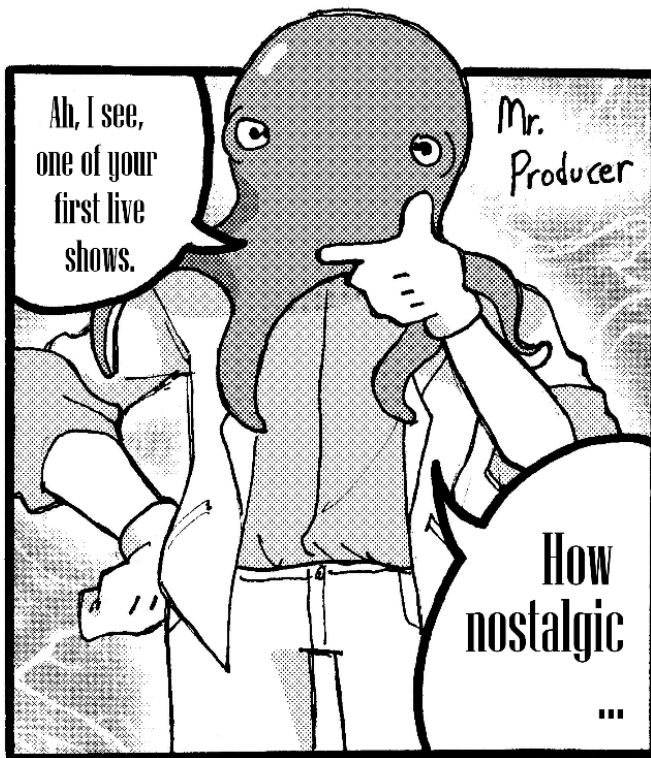
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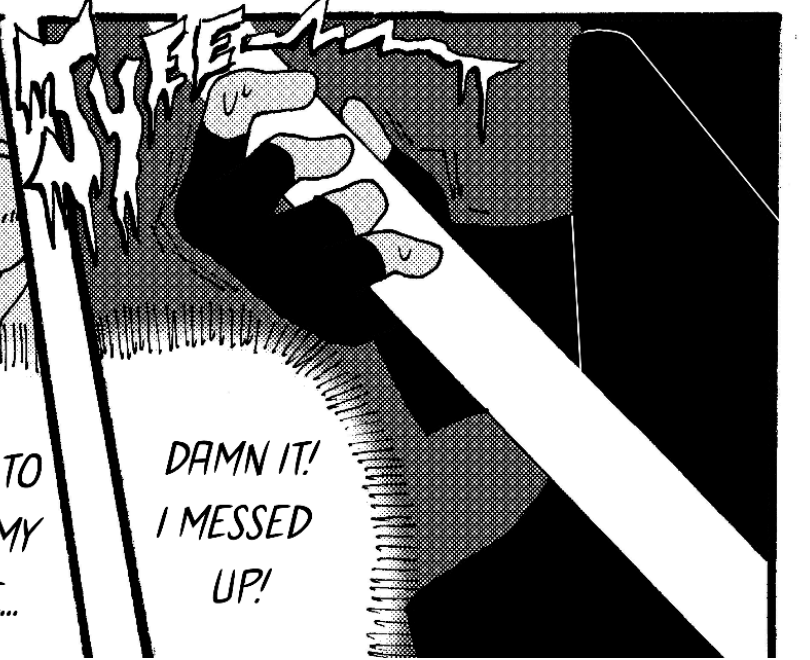
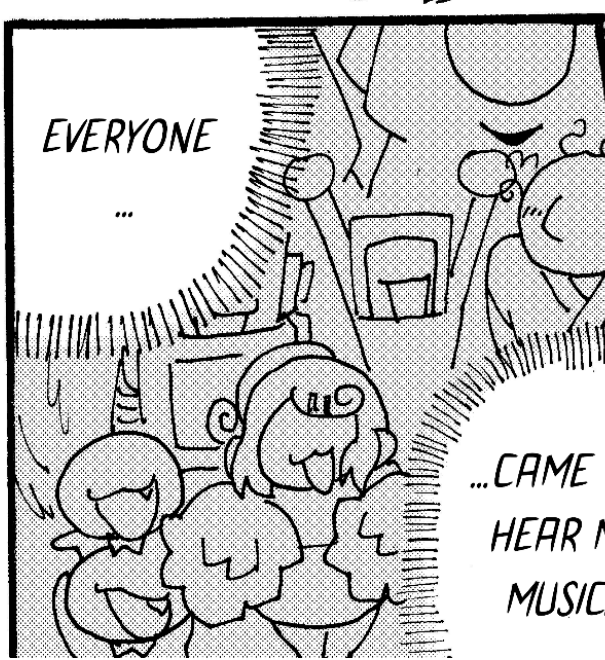
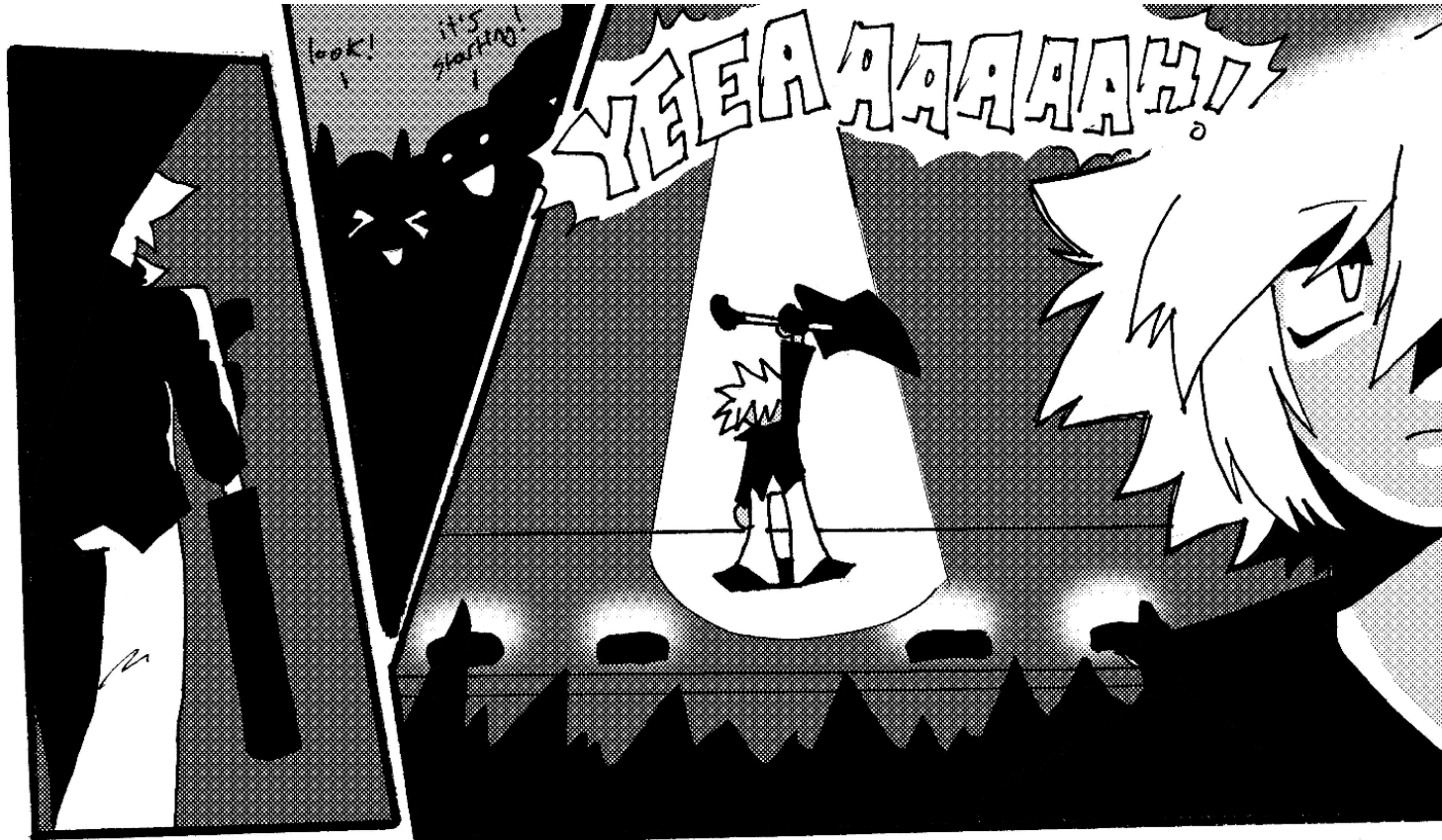
ALRIGHT!

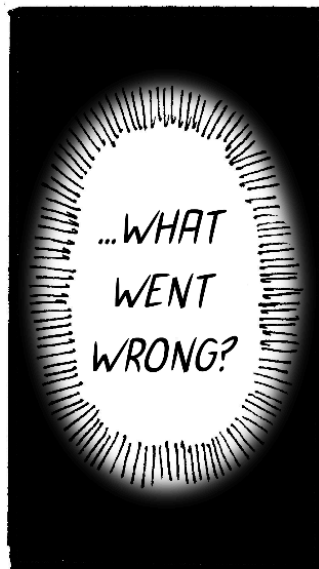
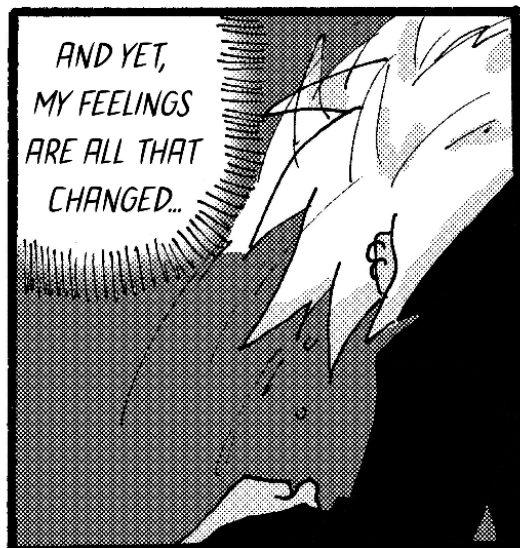
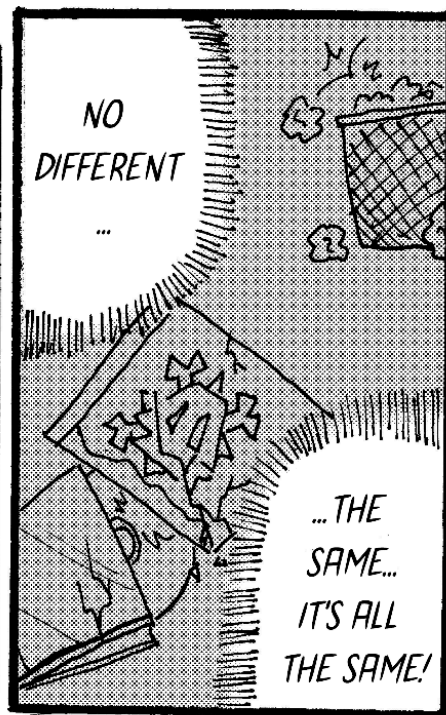
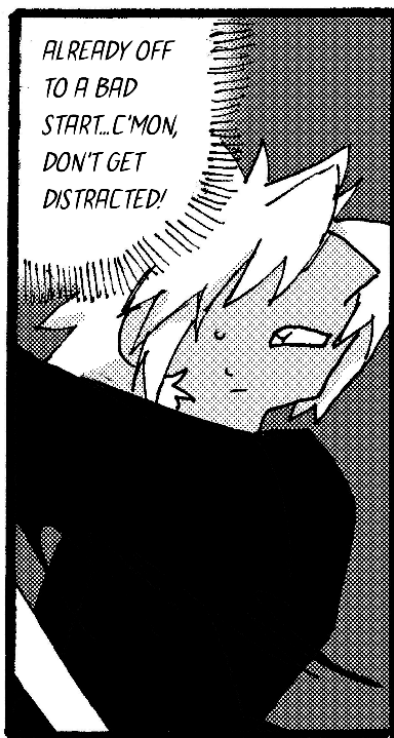
BWANG
BWANG

LAST
ONE!

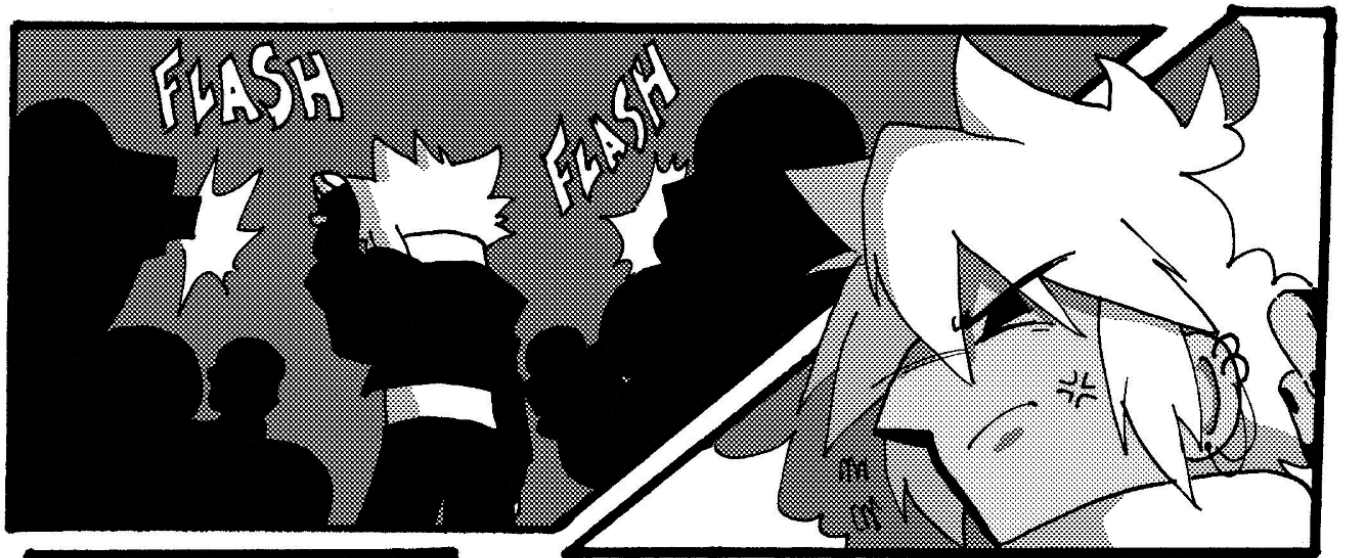












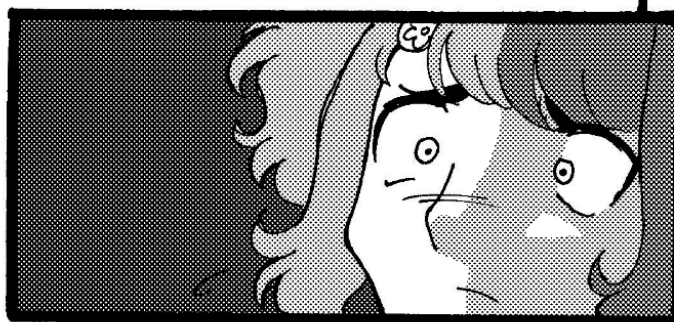


YOU'RE
WHAT?!



YES...
I'M SORRY
TO ALL MY
FANS, BUT
I WILL NO
LONGER BE
PERFORMING.

THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR ALL
YOUR SUPPORT
OVER THE YEARS.

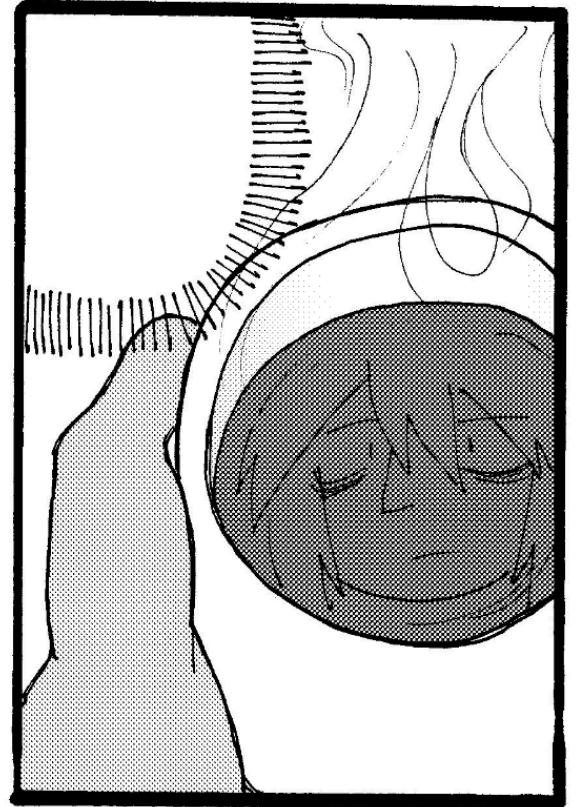
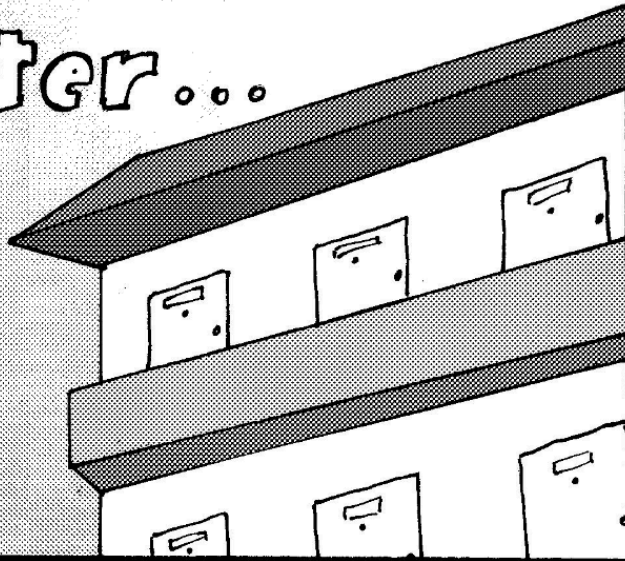


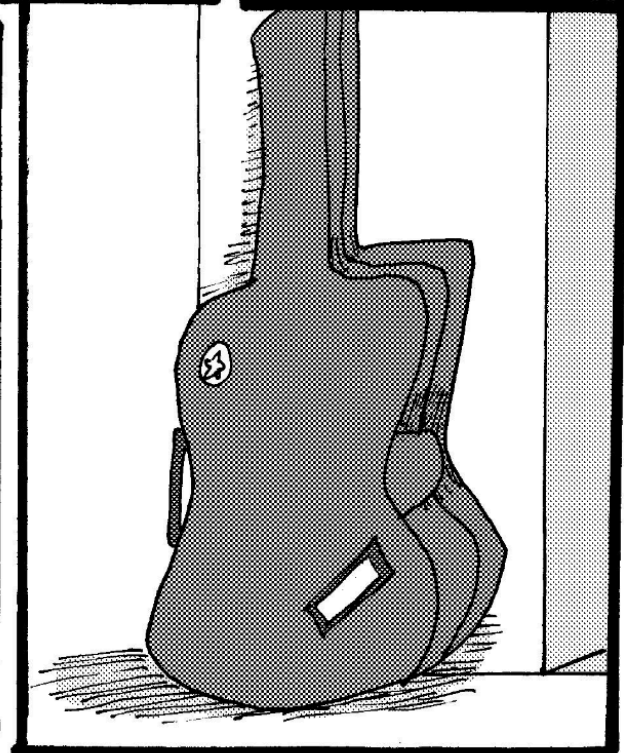
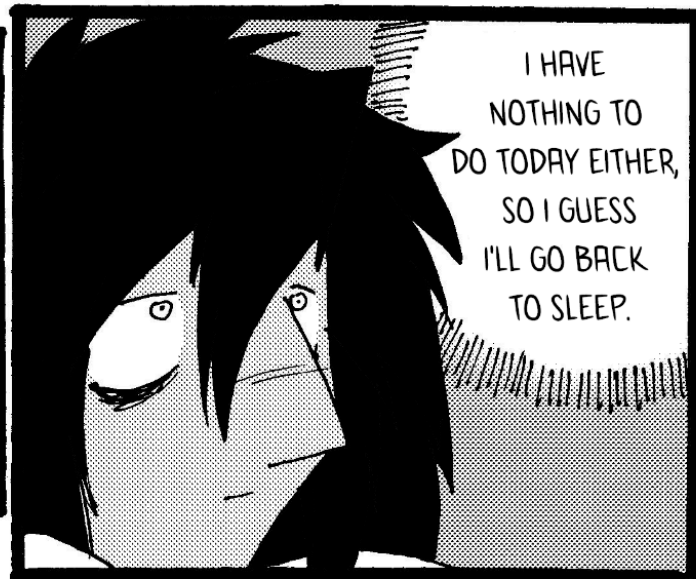
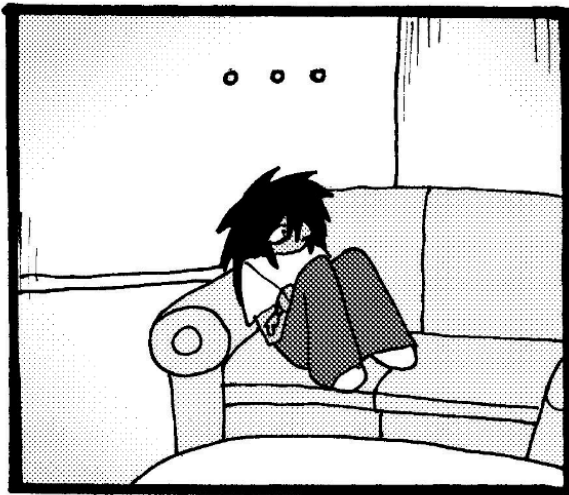
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COMMENT.

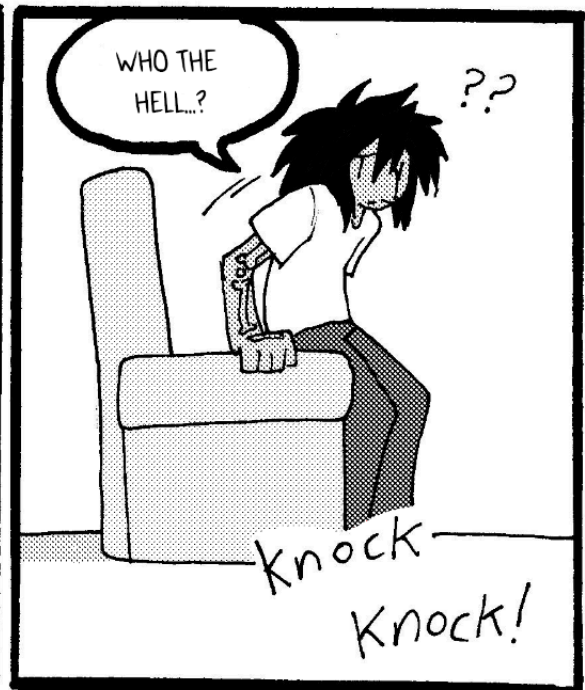
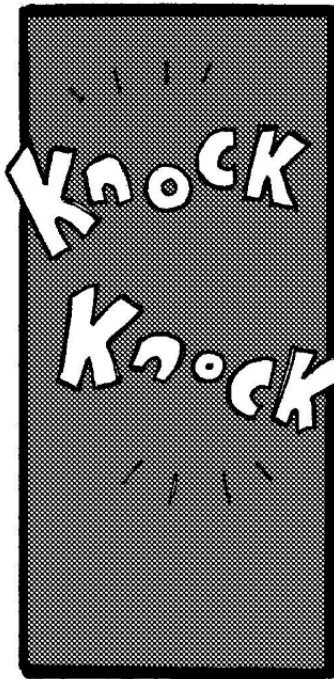
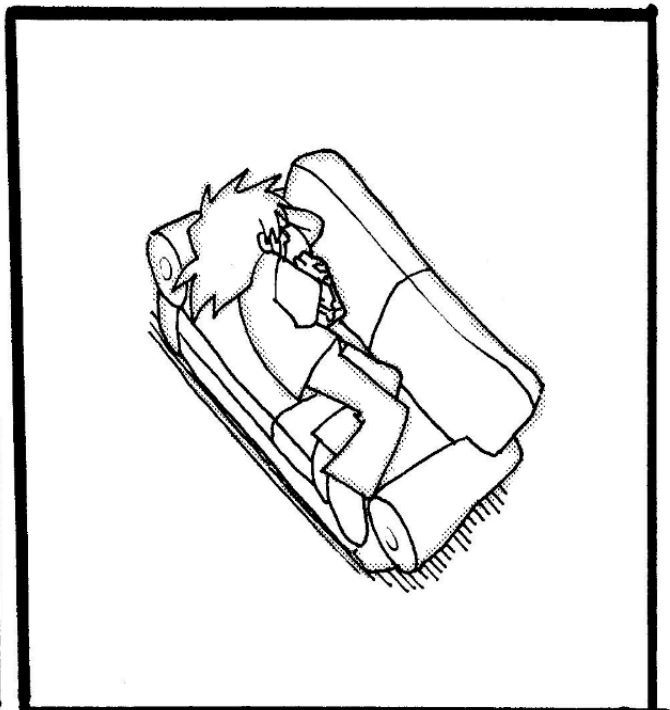


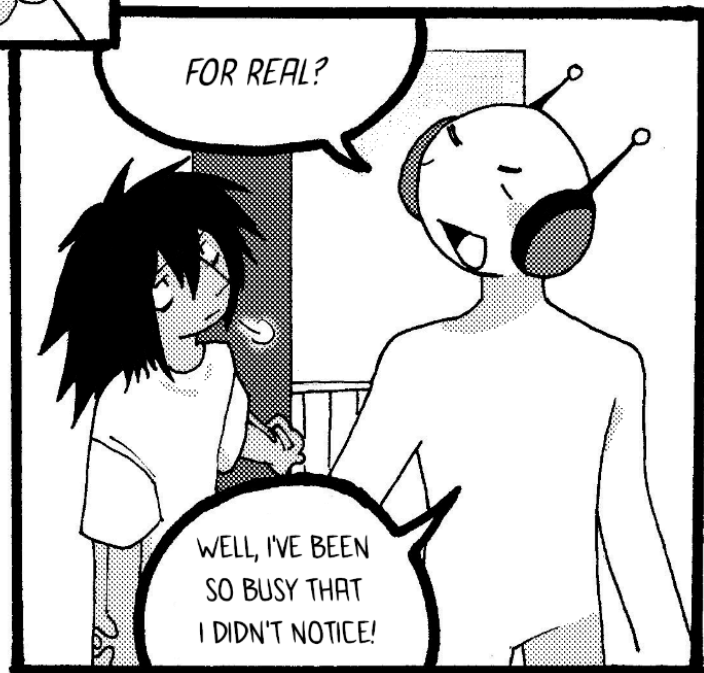
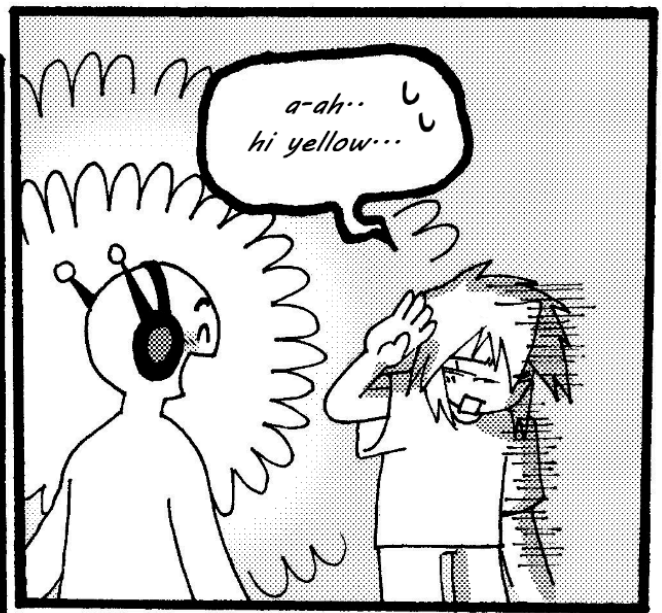
5 Years
Later...

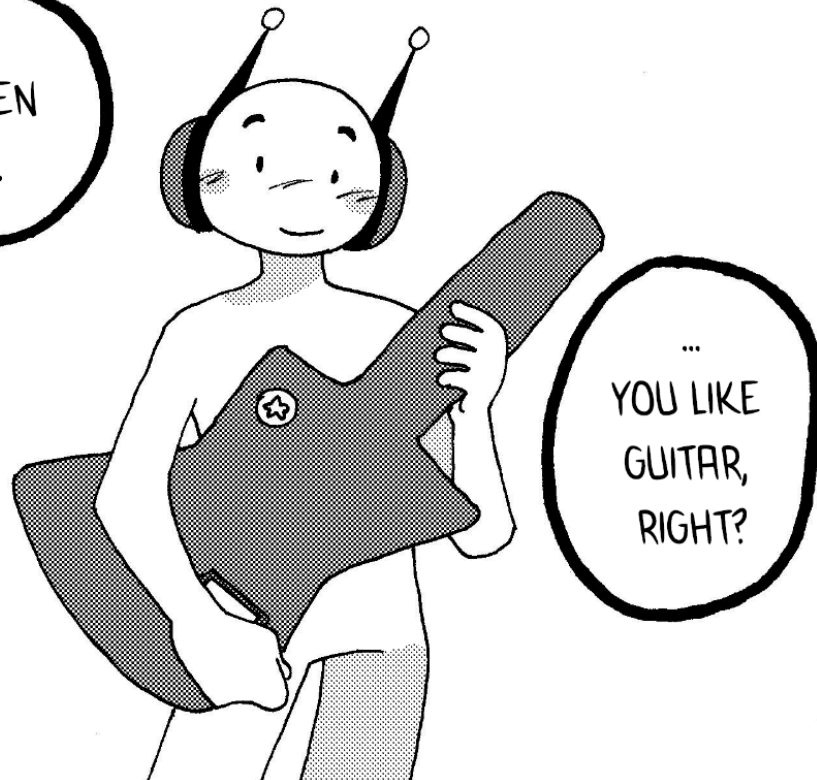
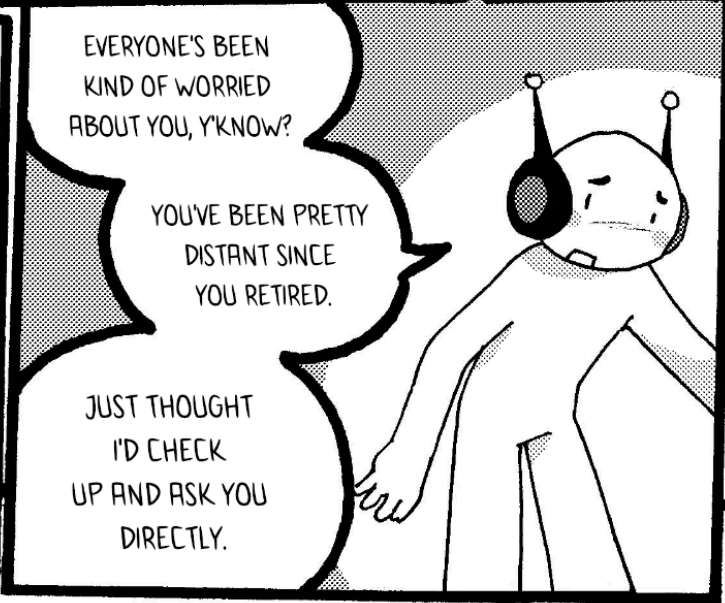
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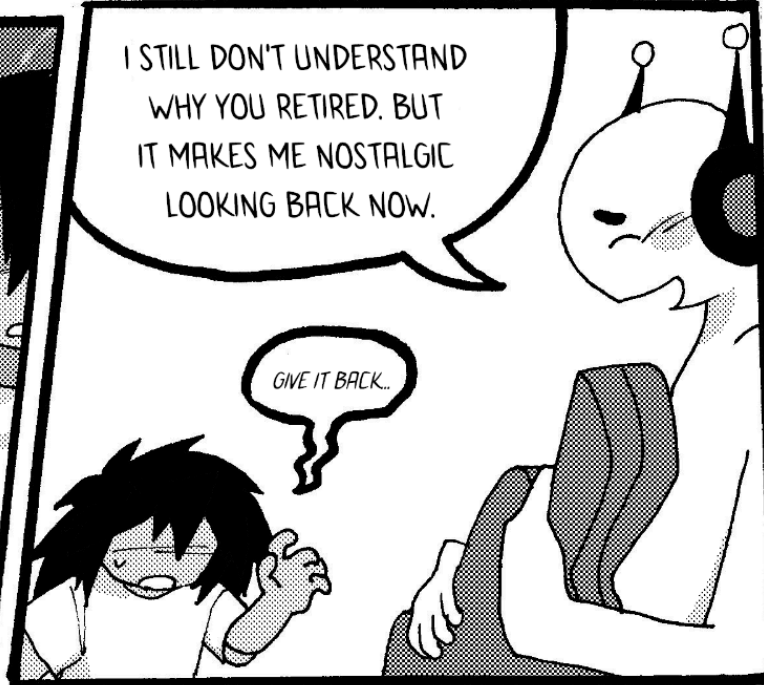
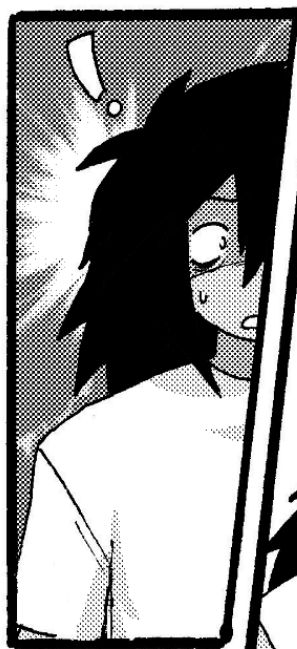










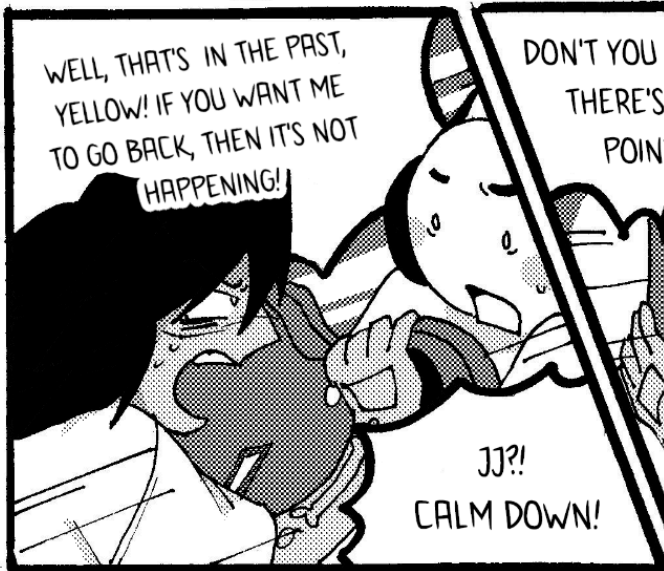


I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU RETIRED. BUT IT MAKES ME NOSTALGIC LOOKING BACK NOW.

GIVE IT BACK...



WHEN YOU PLAYED GUITAR, YOU ALWAYS LOOKED SO HAPPY-



WELL, THAT'S IN THE PAST, YELLOW! IF YOU WANT ME TO GO BACK, THEN IT'S NOT HAPPENING!

JJ?!
CALM DOWN!



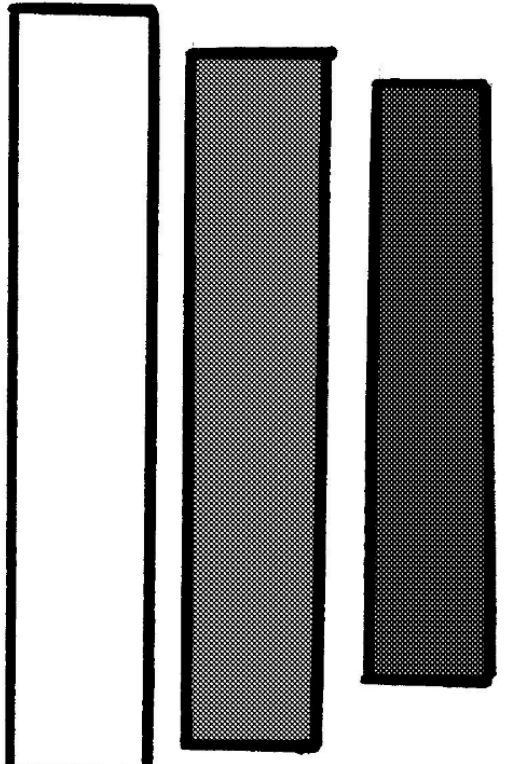
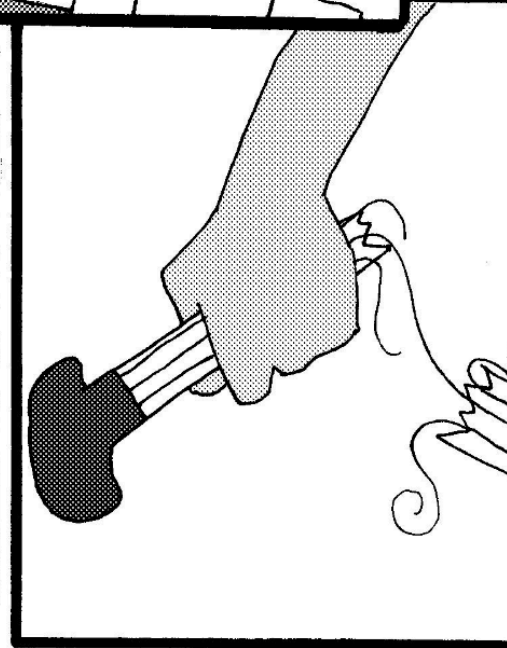
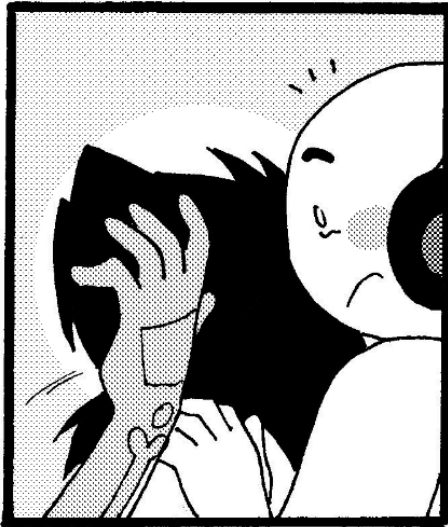
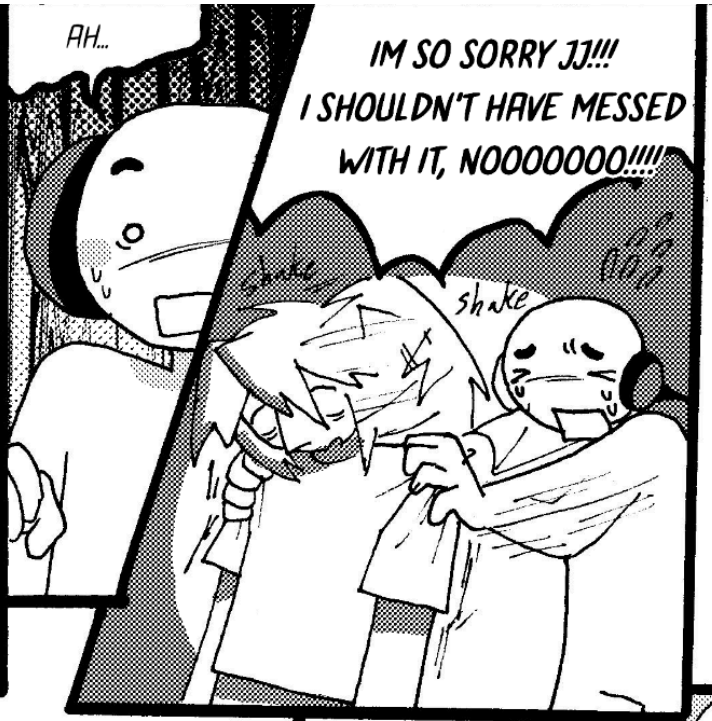
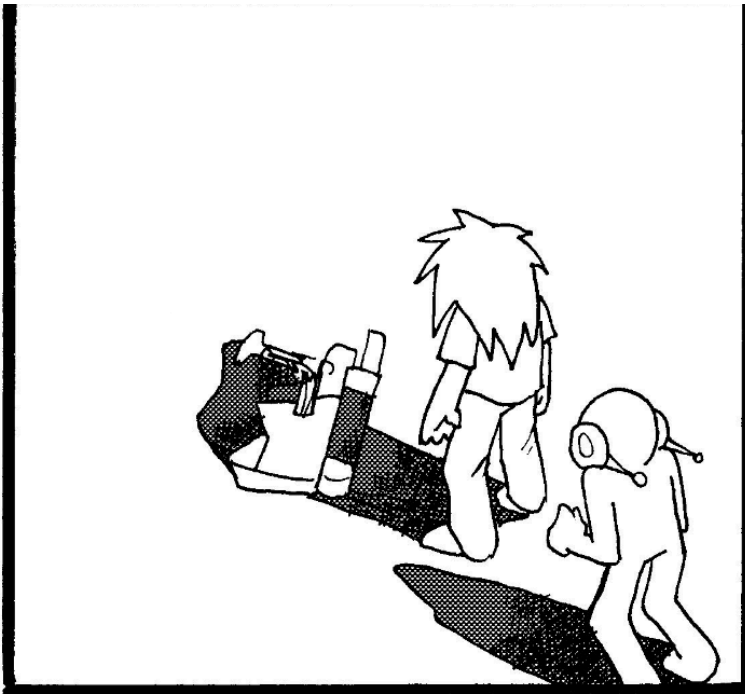
DON'T YOU GET IT? THERE'S NO POINT!

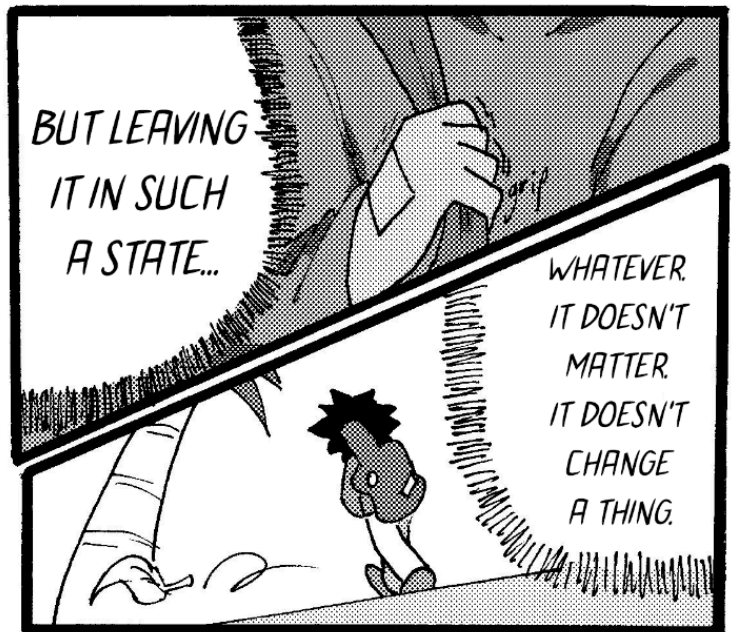
MY TIME IS OVER!



AH-





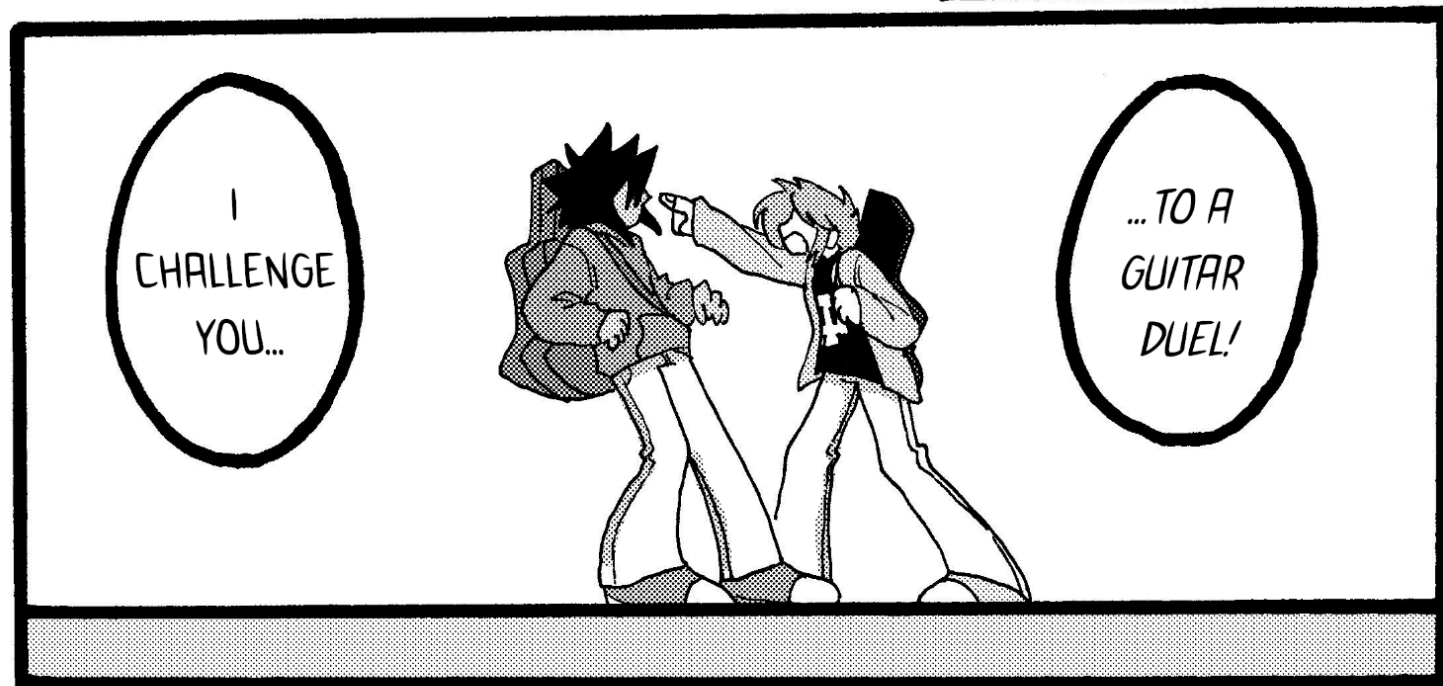




WHAT--



!!?



I
CHALLENGE
YOU...

...TO A
GUITAR
DUEL!



...HUH?

u u

that
one song:
B-side



FOR A
LONG TIME

...

...
I NEVER
HAD ANY
-THING TO
GET SERIOUS
ABOUT.

I'VE BEEN DYING TO SEE THAT
MOVIE, SERIOUSLY!

OH? I'VE NEVER
HEARD OF IT.

SERIOUSLY?!
C'MON! EVEN
RK WOULD
HAVE HEARD
ABOUT IT!

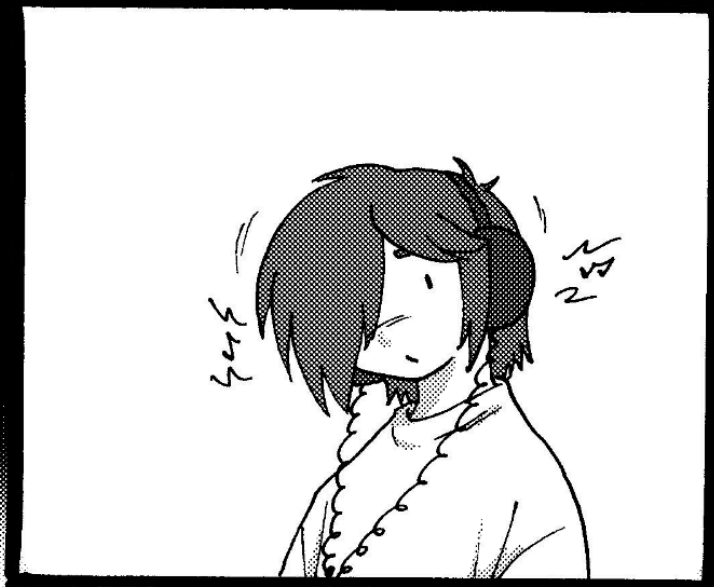
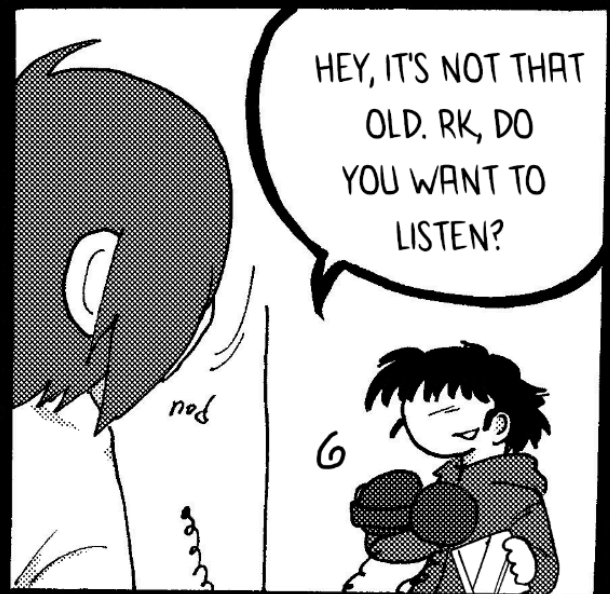
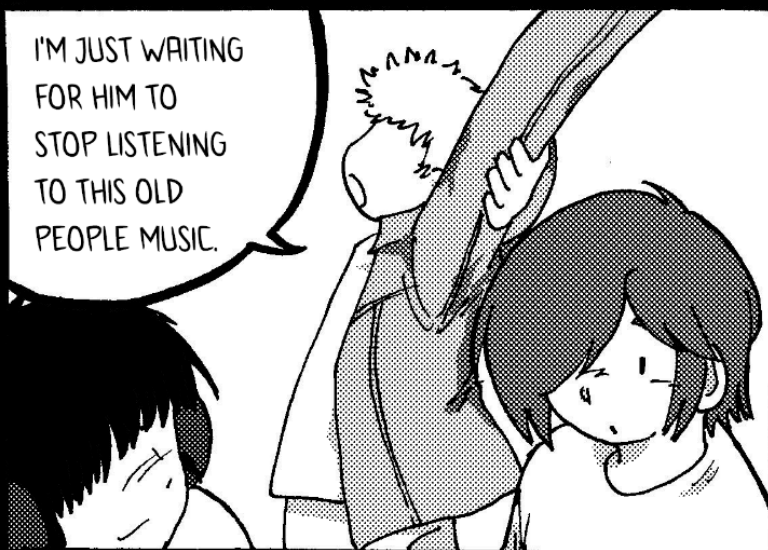
YEAH, I'VE
HEARD OF IT.

SEE? I TOLD YOU! EVERYONE
KNOWS ABOUT "CHAINSAW
BLOOD PARTY NIGHT"!

IF YOU'RE SO
EXCITED ABOUT
IT, WHY DON'T
WE ALL WATCH
IT TOGETHER
SOMETIME?
IT'D BE FUN!









SO?

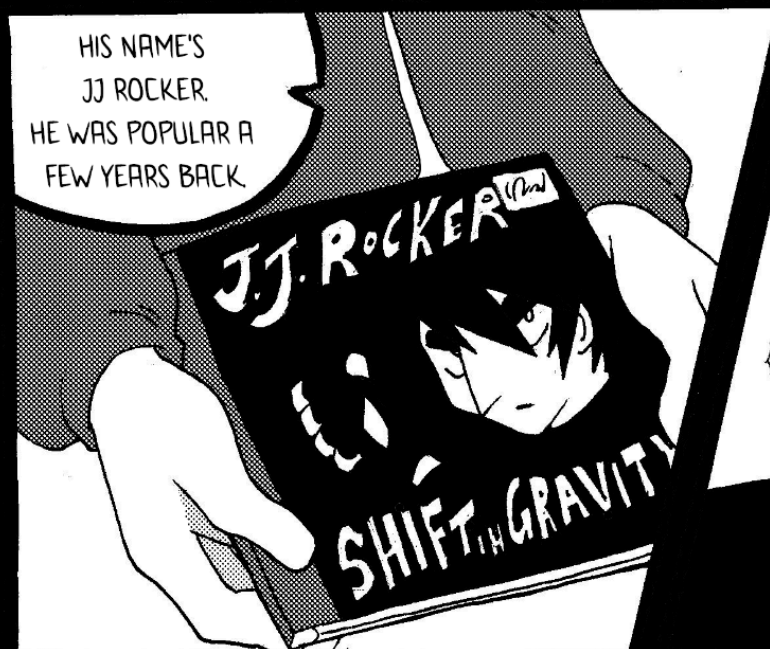


COOL!!!



HEY! WHAT WAS THAT?
WHO MADE IT?
SHOW ME! SHOW ME!

okay,
okay...



HIS NAME'S
JJ ROCKER.
HE WAS POPULAR A
FEW YEARS BACK.

JJ. ROCKER
SHIFT IN GRAVITY



DO YOU WANT
IT? I ALREADY
HAVE THIS
ALBUM.

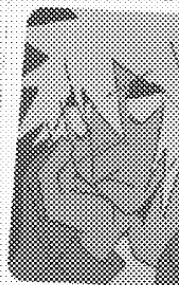
YEAH! DEFINITELY!
THANKS!



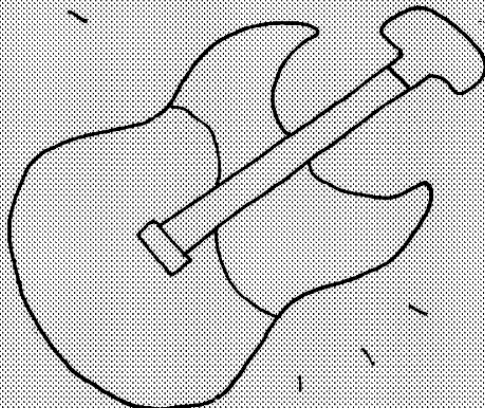
I'D LIKE TO
BUY THIS
PLEASE!

I QUICKLY
BECAME
OBSESSED
WITH HIS
MUSIC.

JJ Rocker



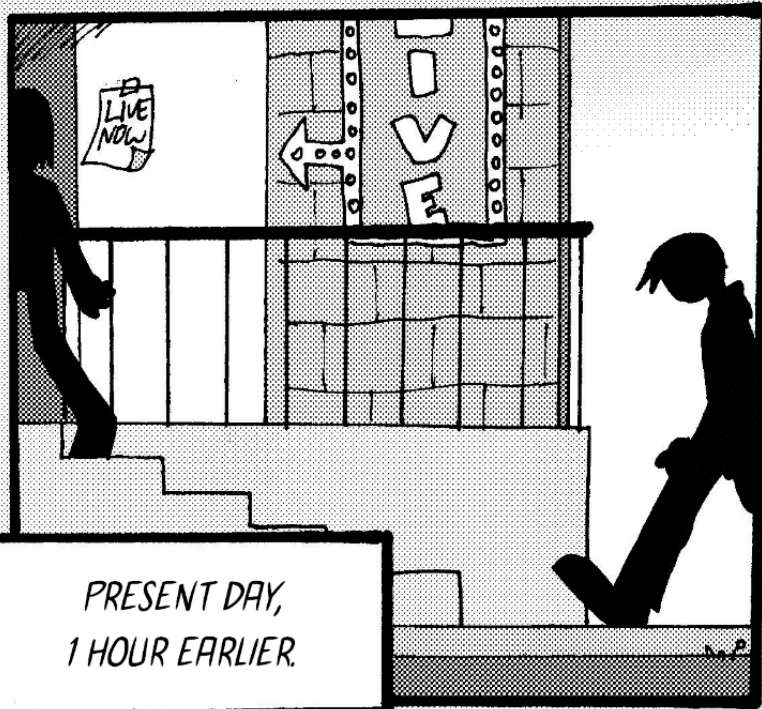
FROM WHAT
I GATHERED,
HE SEEMED
SO TOUGH
AND COOL.



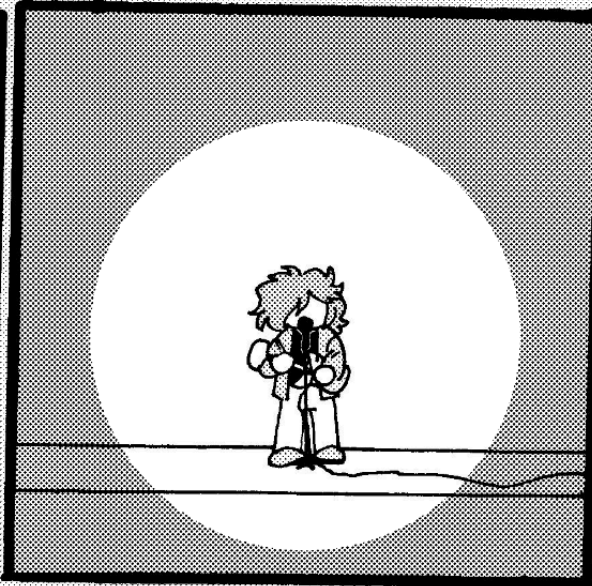
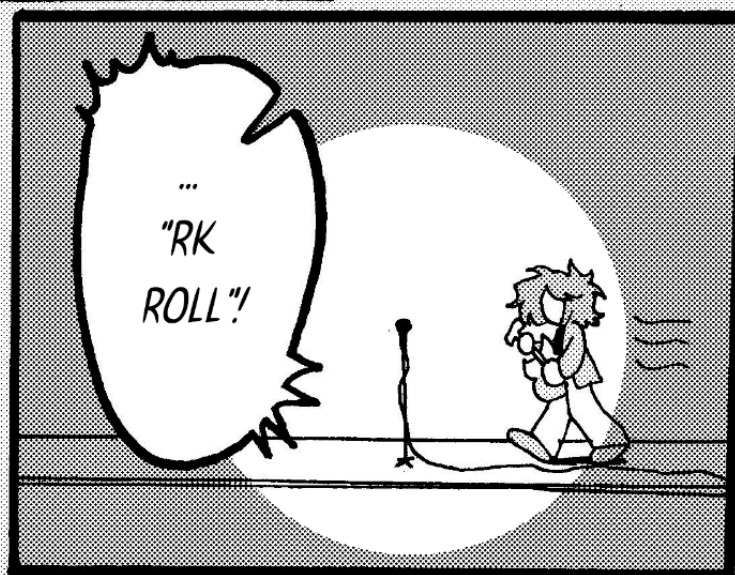
...
I REALLY
WANTED
TO BE
JUST LIKE
HIM.

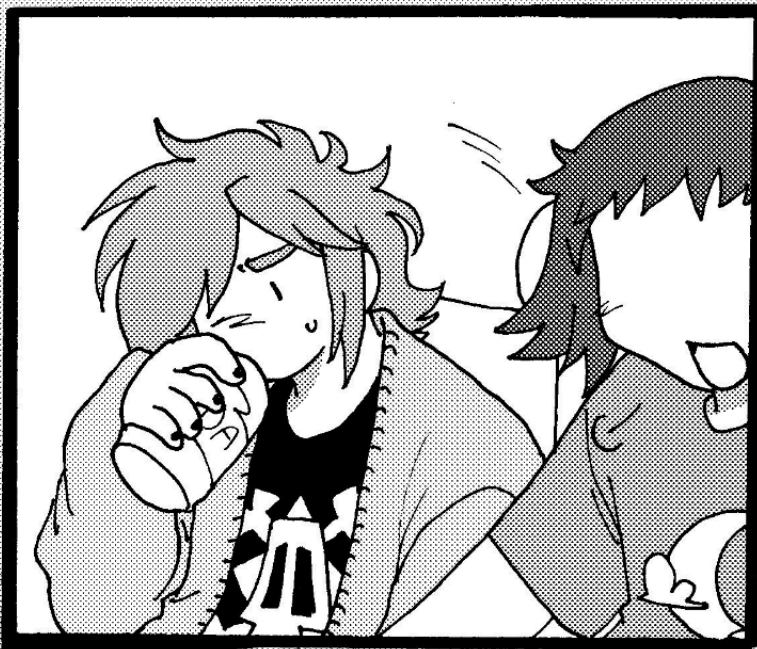
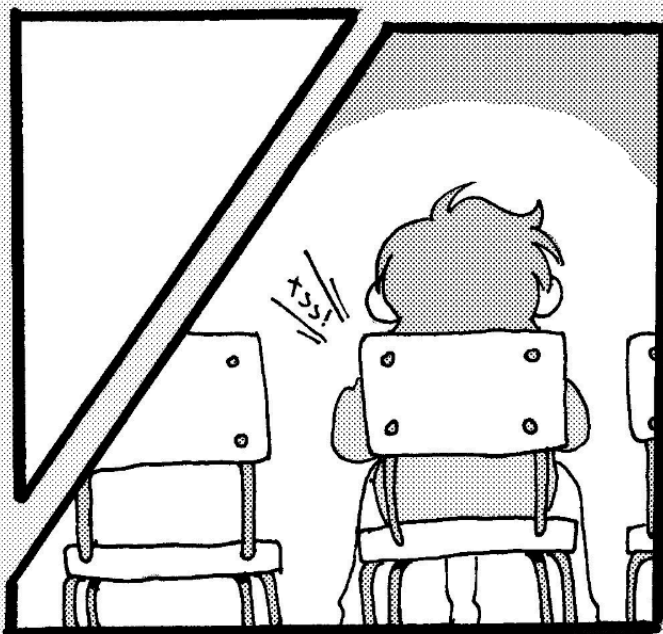
yeah, yeah,
that's great.





PRESENT DAY,
1 HOUR EARLIER.





...IS THAT
SO?

S-SORRY! I JUST MEANT...
THE BLANDNESS WAS
UNIQUE!

WELL, AT LEAST
LET ME BE HONEST:
YOUR MUSIC DIDN'T
STAND OUT. IT
SOUNDED TOO
GENERIC.

IT SOUNDED LIKE
SOMETHING
SPECIFIC,
TOO...

AH!

IT'S OKAY.
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
COMFORT ME.

WAS IT...
JJ ROCKER?

YEAH!

...UH,
I MEAN,
YES.

WELL, ALL I CAN
SAY IS THAT
TRYHARDS ARE
ANNOYING.

JUST DO YOUR
OWN THING,
YOUR OWN
STYLE.

WELL, I'VE TRIED
THAT...
BUT I GUESS
IT NEVER
WORKS OUT.

IT FEELS
LIKE NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH I
TRY, NO
ONE LISTENS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK
I SHOULD DO?

HMM, THEN I DON'T
KNOW...THAT KIND OF
STUFF TENDS TO
HAPPEN EVENTUALLY.

YOU DON'T REALLY
HAVE MUCH OF
A CHOICE.



AH? WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?



I'VE ALREADY DONE WHAT
I CAME HERE FOR, SO
I'M HEADING HOME.

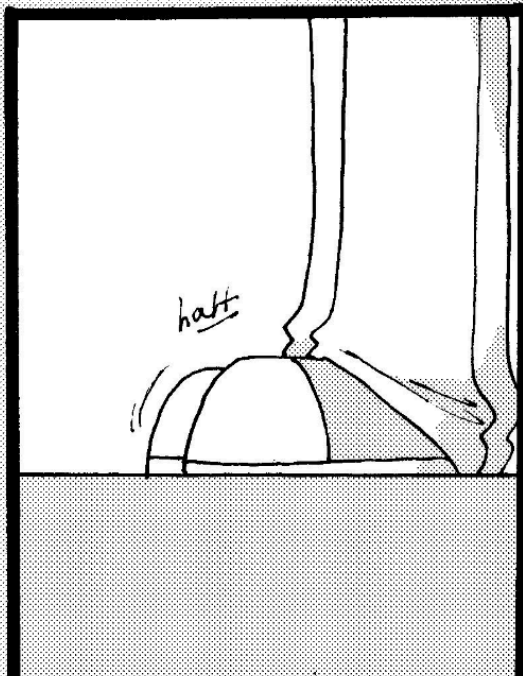


"I GUESS IT'S
ALRIGHT..."

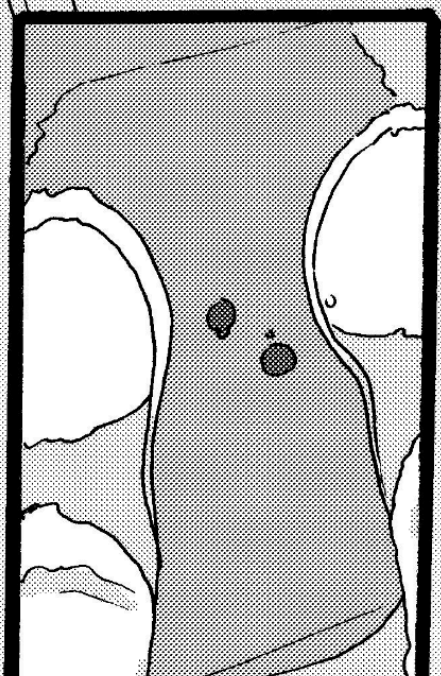
"IT'S JUST
NOT WHAT
WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR."



"ARE YOU
SURE YOU'RE
SERIOUS
ABOUT
THIS?"



hah





OF
COURSE
I'M
SERIOUS!

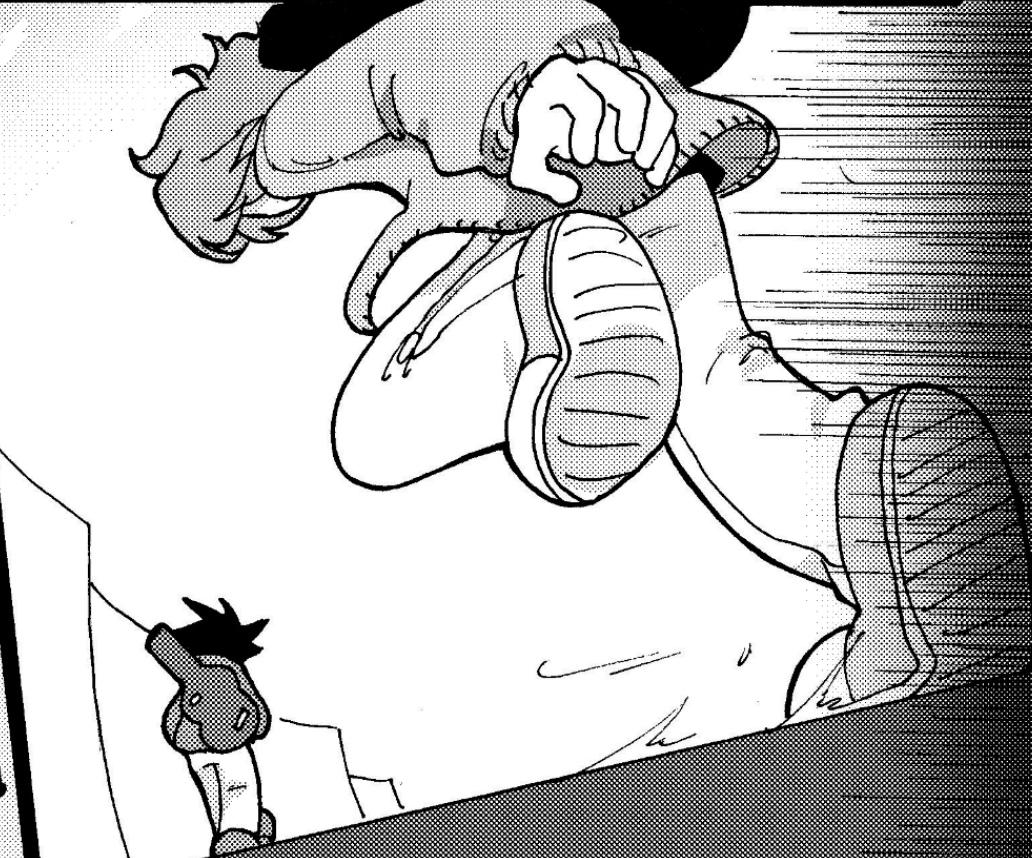
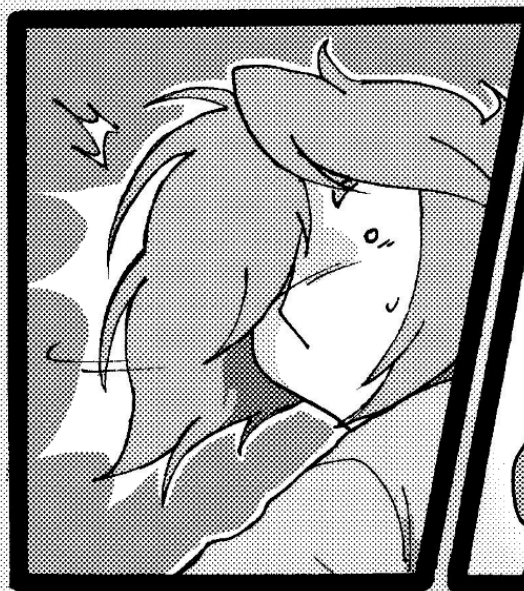
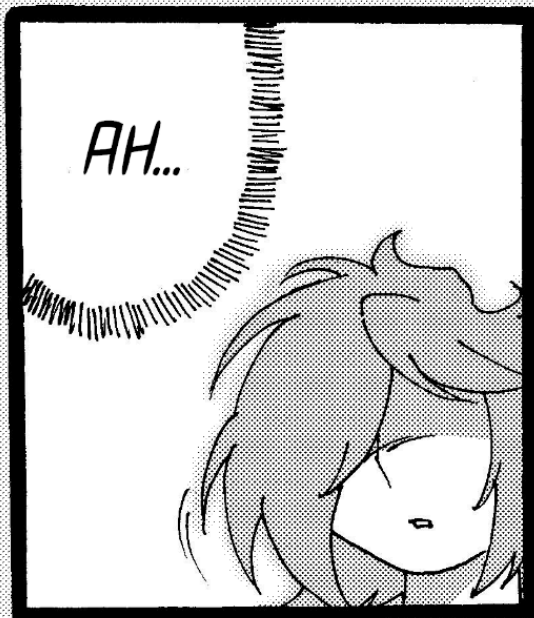


NO MATTER
WHAT I DO,
NOTHING
CHANGES.

ALL I
CAN
DO NOW
IS...

ALL I
CAN
DO...





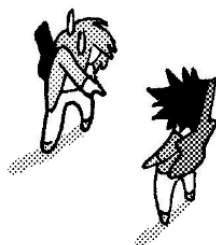
AND
NOW

...



HUH?
HOLD ON,
WHAT AM
I DOING?

A DUEL? A
GUITAR DUEL??
I'VE NEVER
DUELED
ANYONE
BEFORE!



AND
THIS IS THE
JJ ROCKER!! I'M
BEING SO RUDE...
CAN I STILL ASK
FOR AN
AUTOGRAPH?

AND PEOPLE ARE
LOOKING THIS WAY!!
NOOO!!!

What's
going on?

whoaa!

Wow!

i wanna
see!

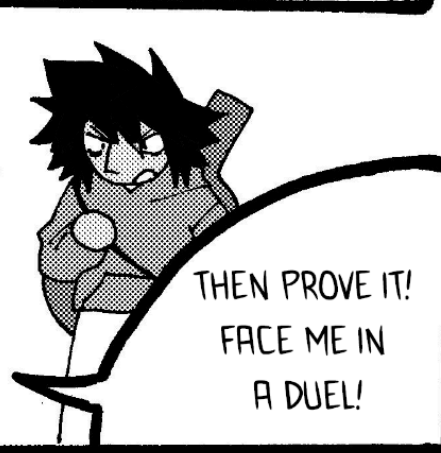
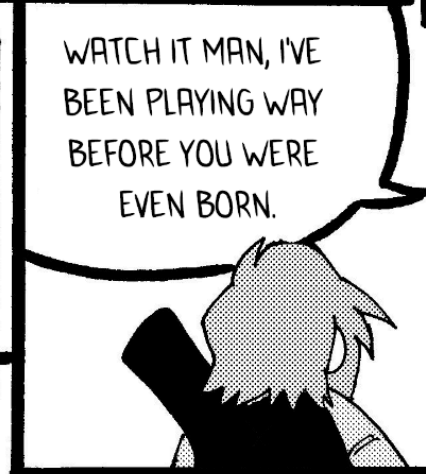
a guitar
duel?

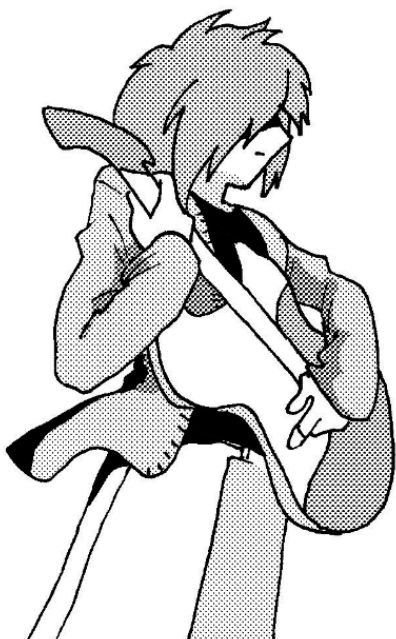
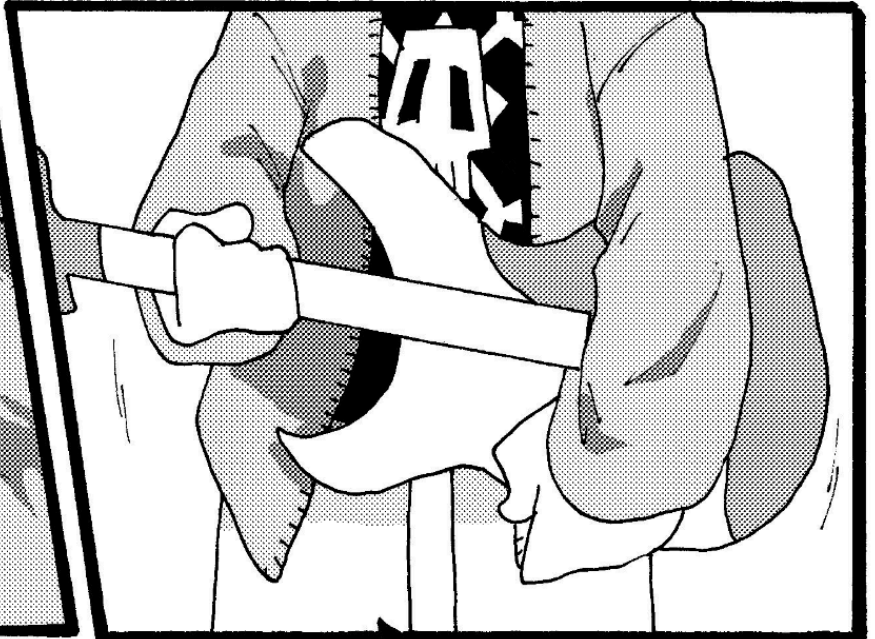
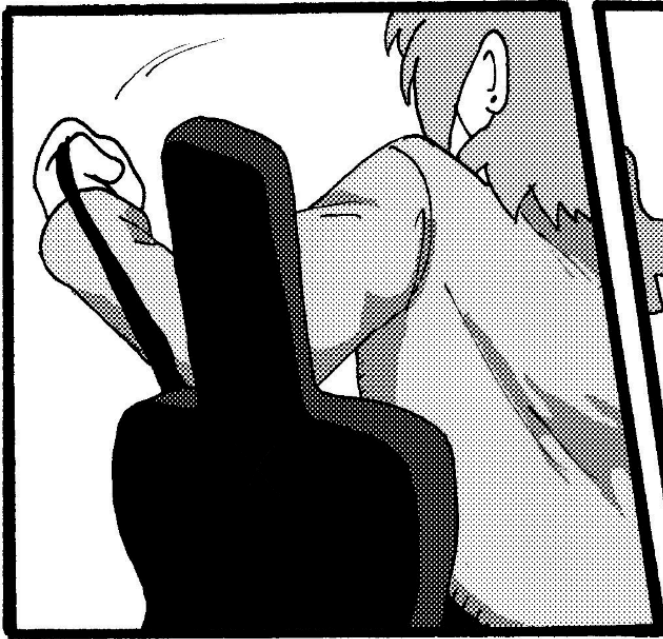
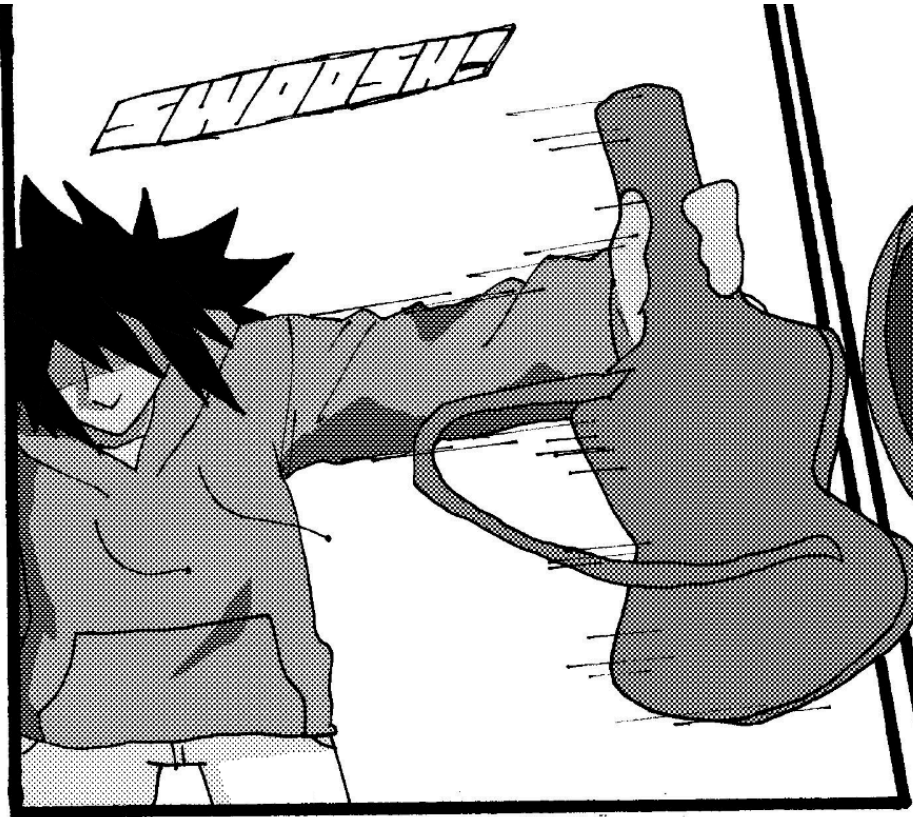
ALL THIS
TROUBLE, AND
FOR WHAT?!
AHH, I WANNA
GO HOME...

...

"YOU DON'T
REALLY HAVE
MUCH OF A
CHOICE."



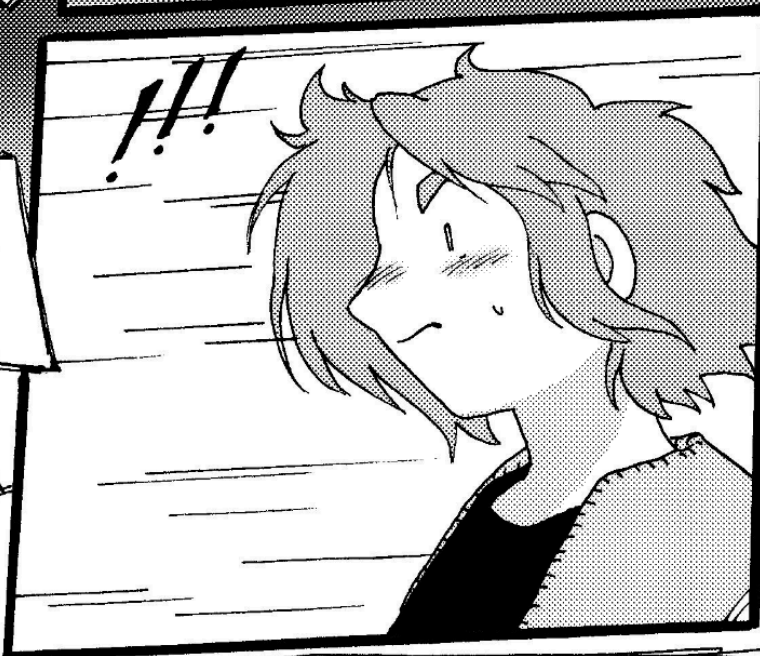




IT'S NOT BAD. I WAS A
LITTLE WORRIED HE
WAS ALL BARK
AND NO BITE.







I'VE ONLY
HEARD THIS
IN VIDEOS...

BUT THIS FEELS
LIKE WATCHING
A LIVESHOW!

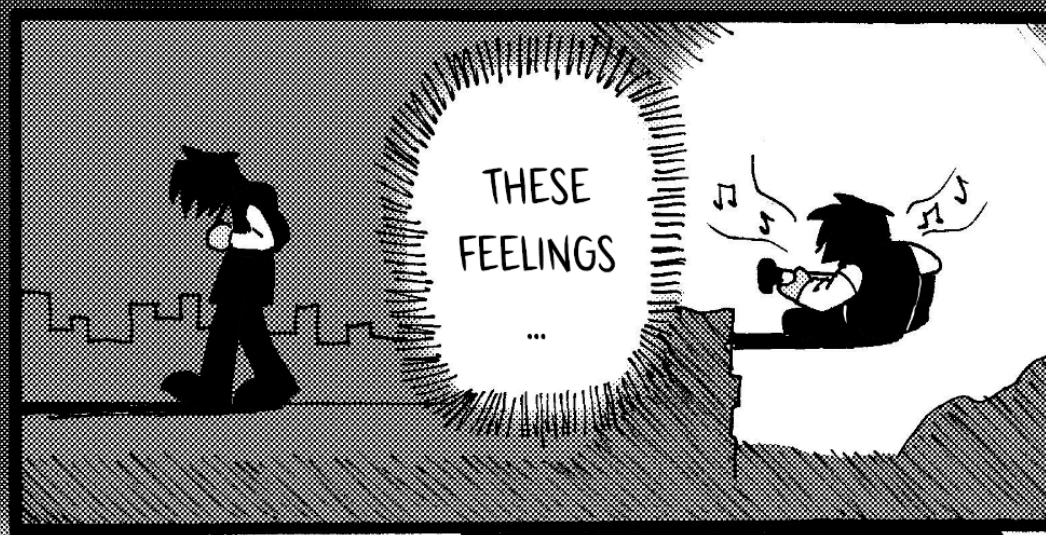


IT'S THE KING
OF HEADBANGING!



IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE
I PLAYED...
IT'S LIKE BEING
WITH AN OLD
FRIEND...

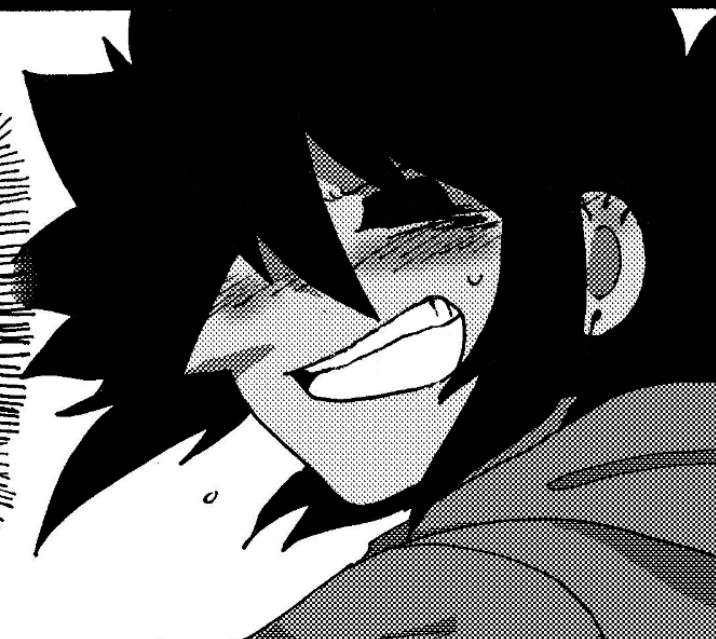
...A DEAR
OLD FRIEND



THESE
FEELINGS
...



...
DID I
REALLY
FORGET
THEM?

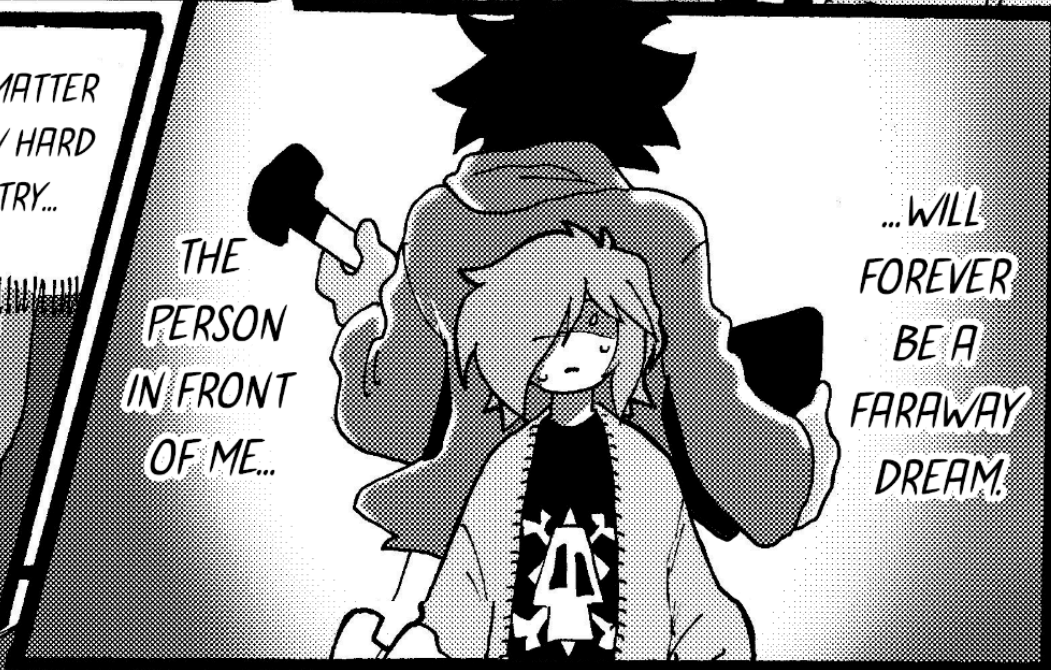




YES...IT'S
UNDENIABLY
THE JJ
ROCKER
...

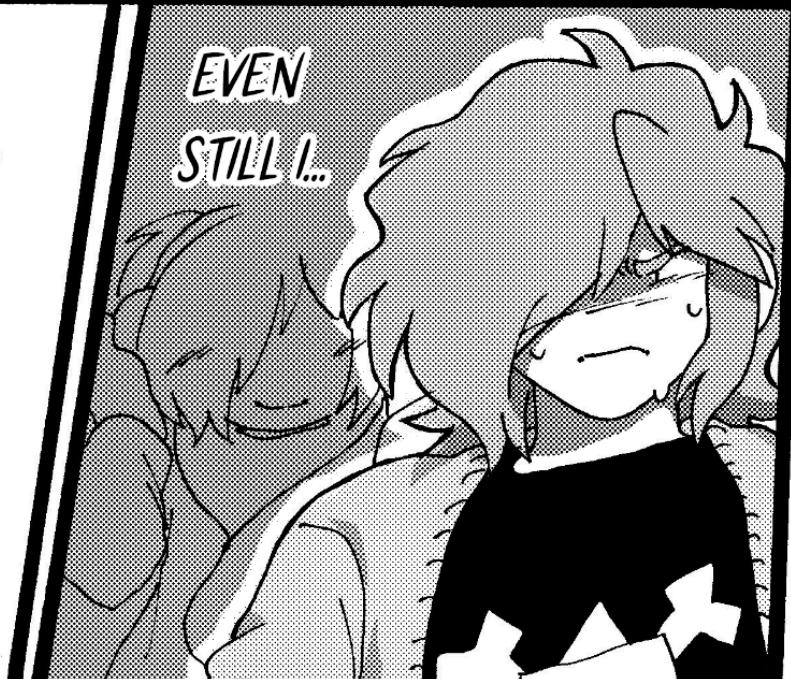


NO MATTER
HOW HARD
I TRY...



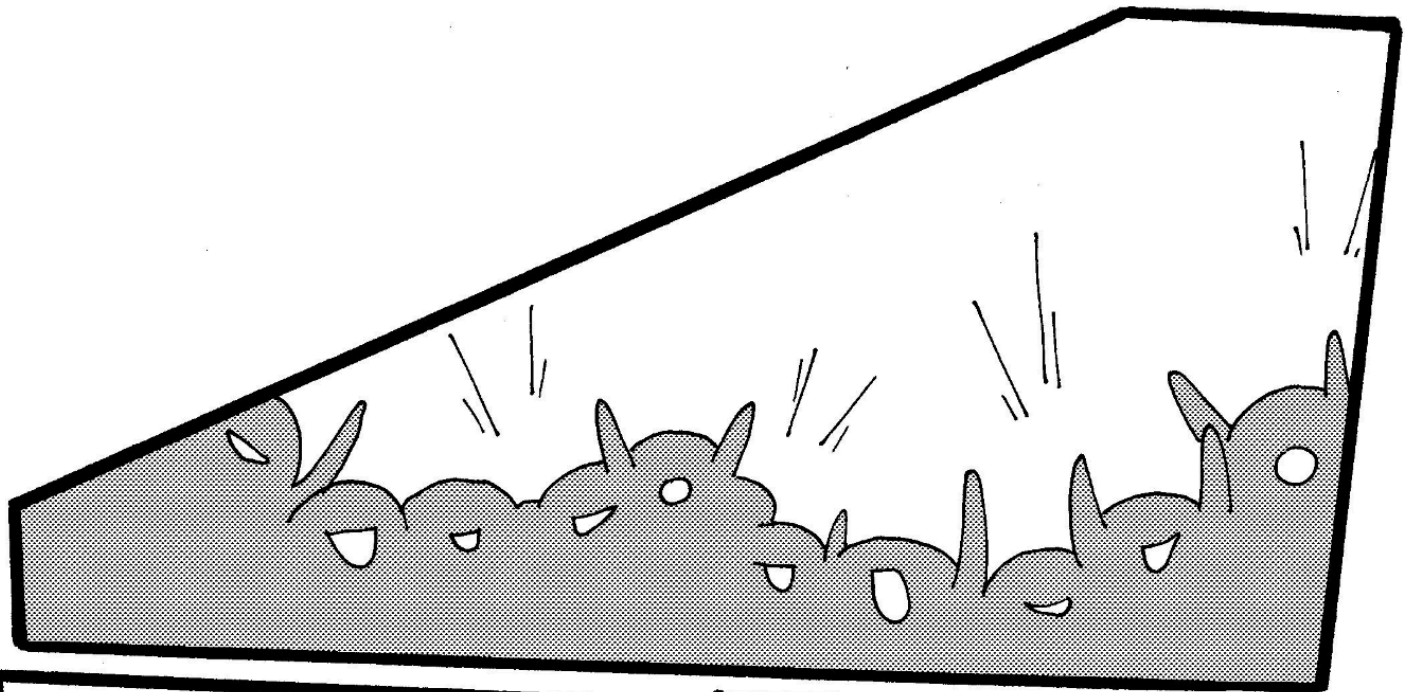
THE
PERSON
IN FRONT
OF ME...

...WILL
FOREVER
BE A
FARAWAY
DREAM.



EVEN
STILL I...





JJ!

JJ!

JJ!

JJ!

YAY!

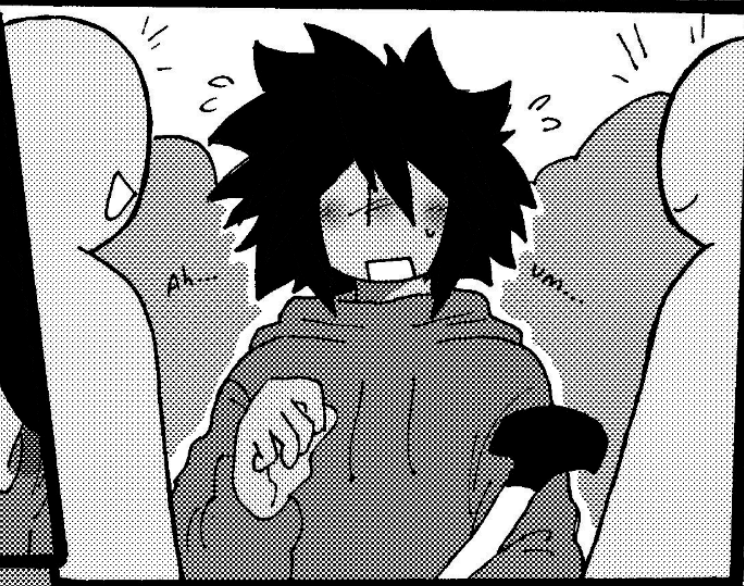
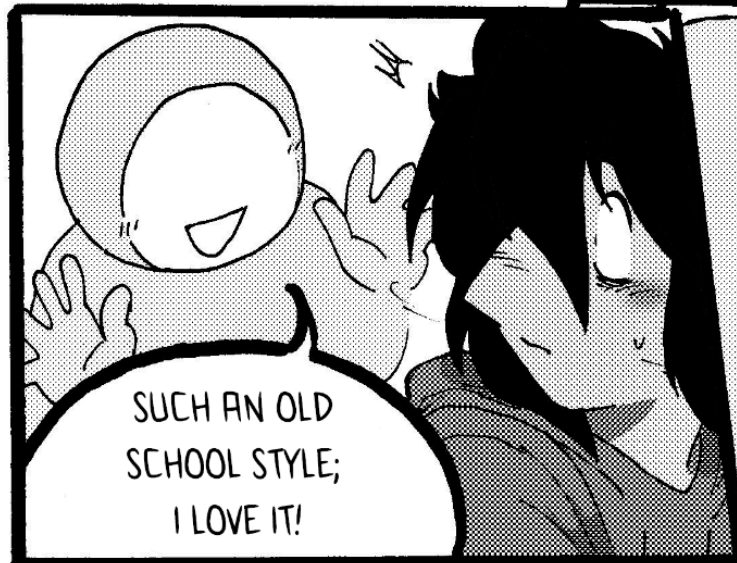
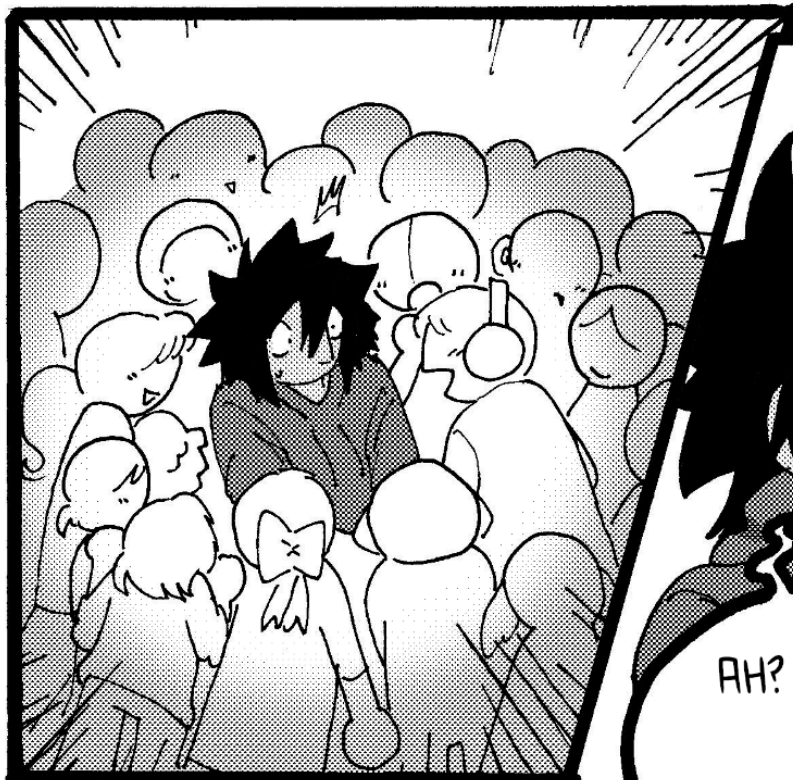
AWESOME!

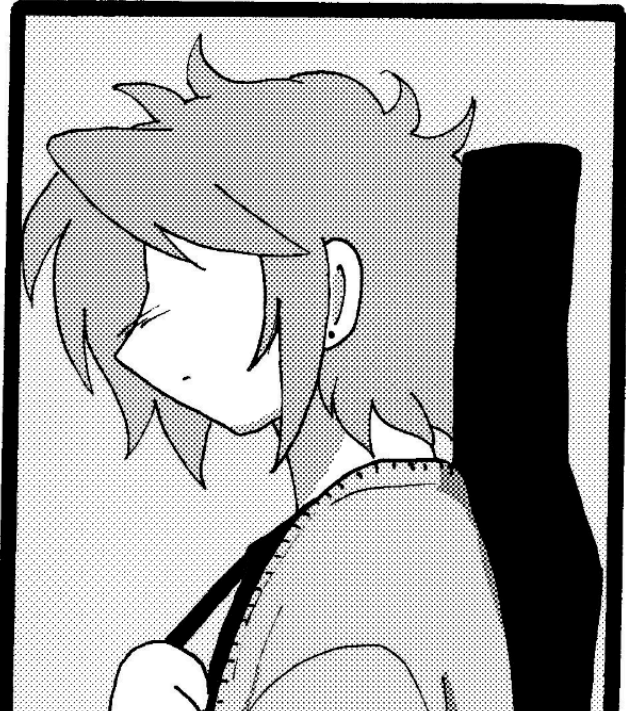
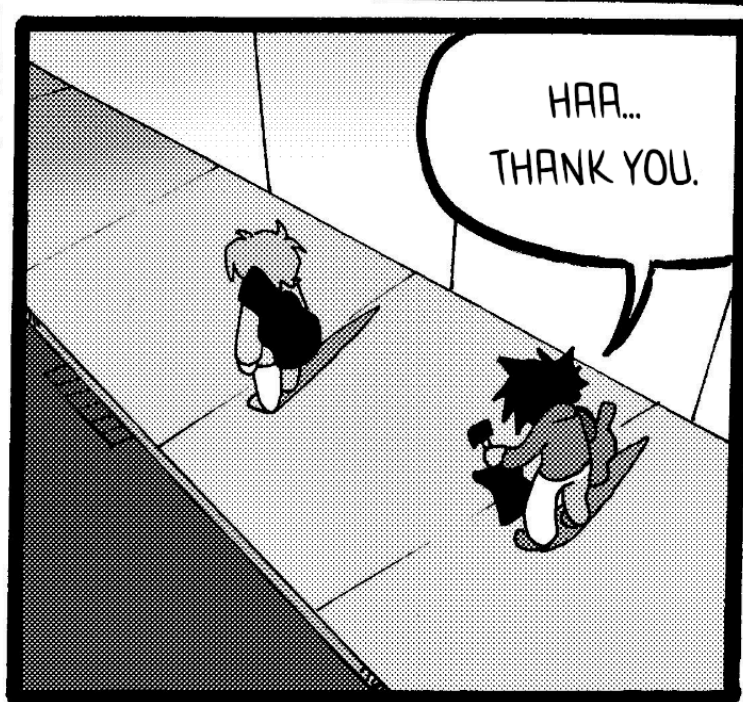
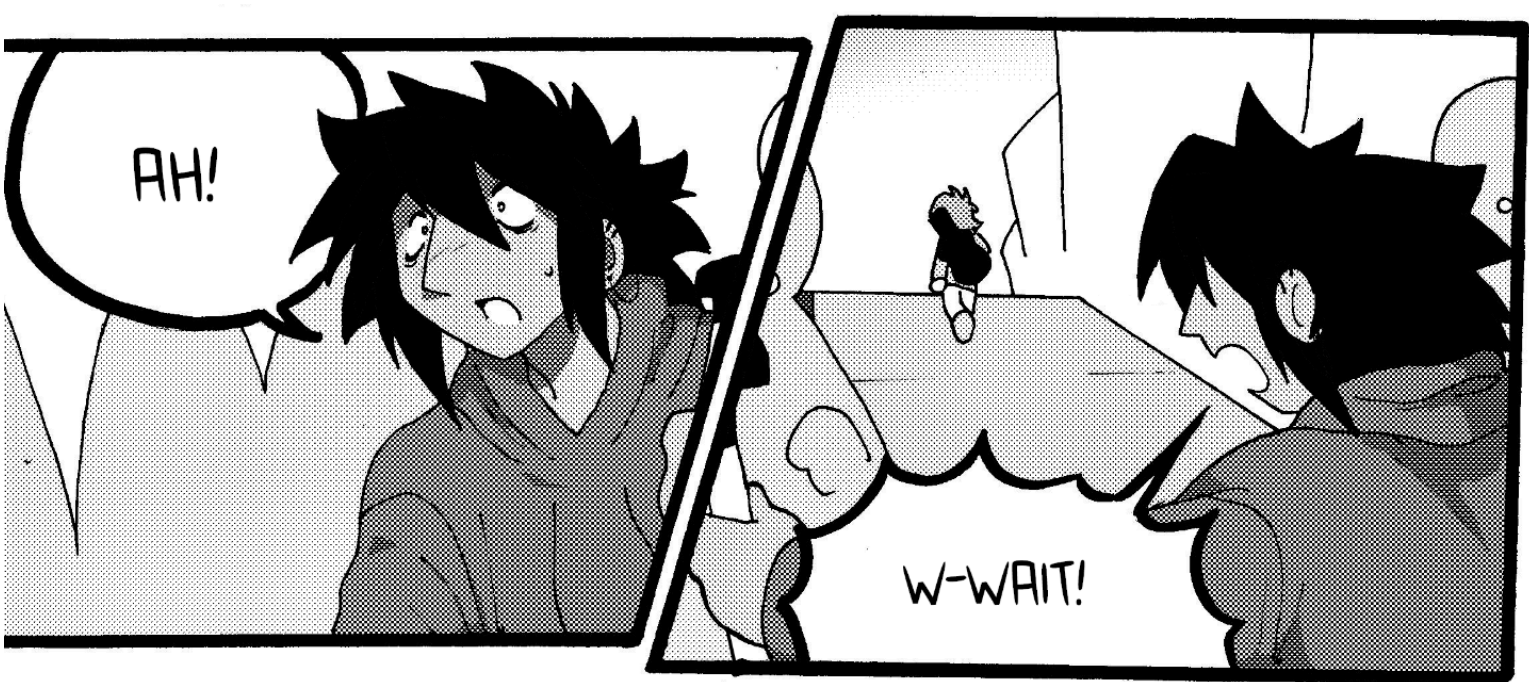
WOO!

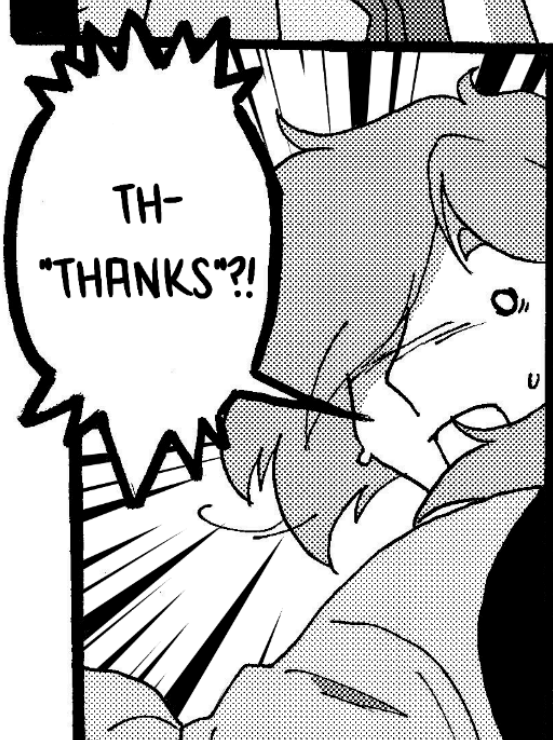
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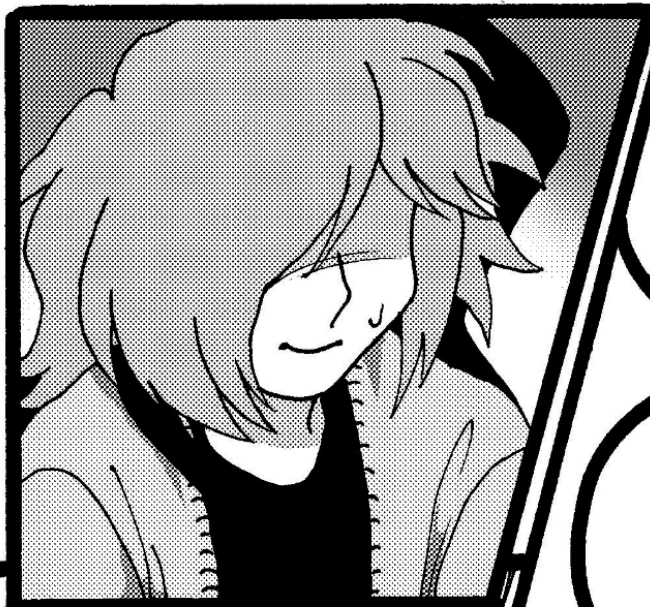
SO COOL!











...THAT'S
NOT
RIGHT.

HUH?



SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
THANKING
SOMEONE
LIKE ME...



IT ISN'T
RIGHT!
PLEASE,
DON'T
PITY ME!



WHY DO
YOU PLAY
GUITAR?

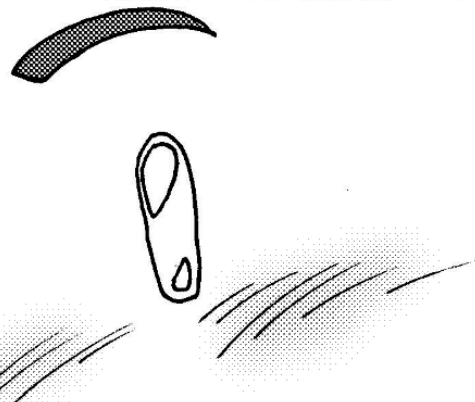
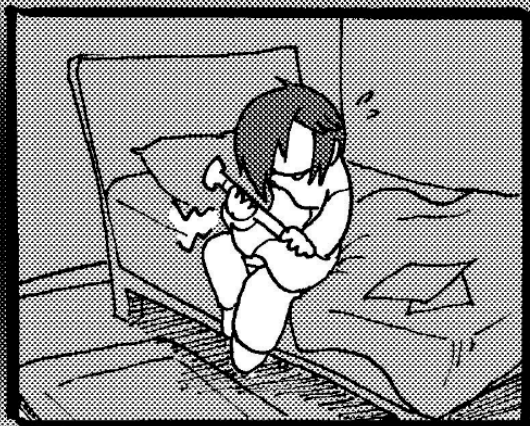


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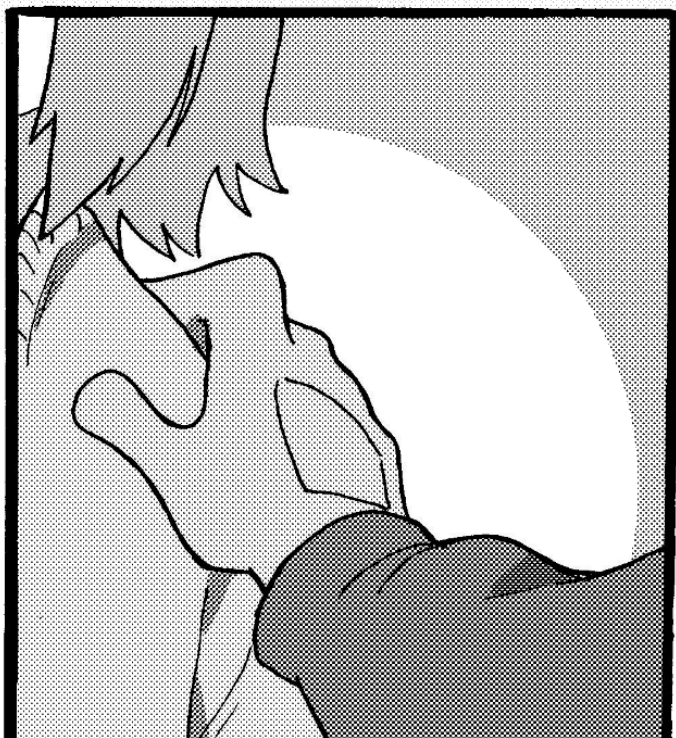


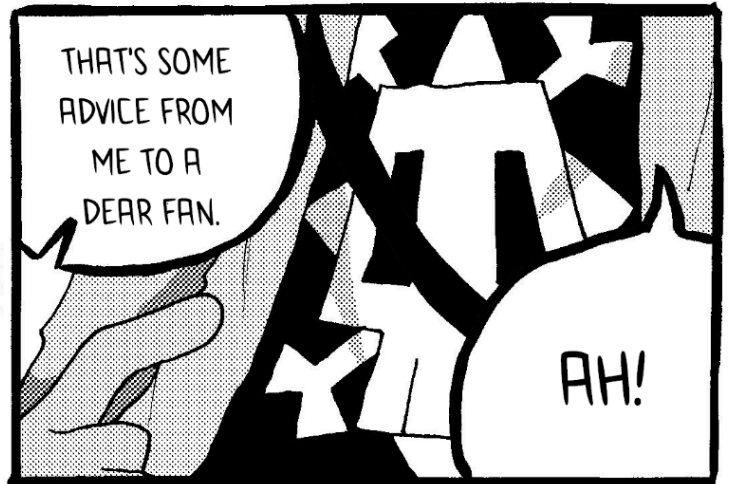
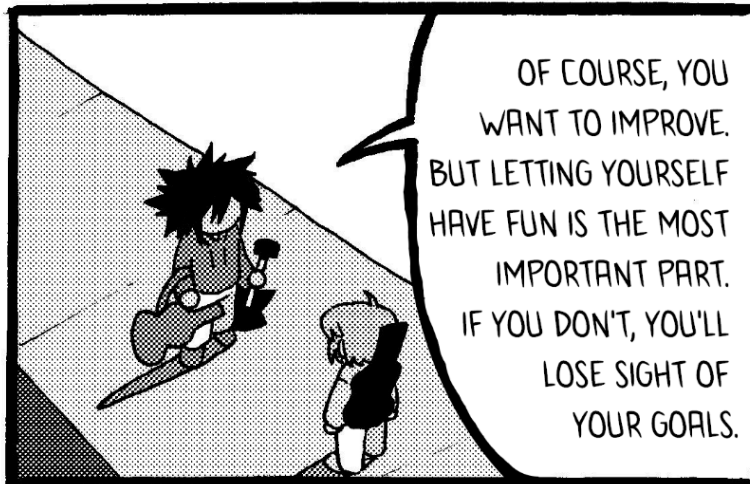
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WHY DO
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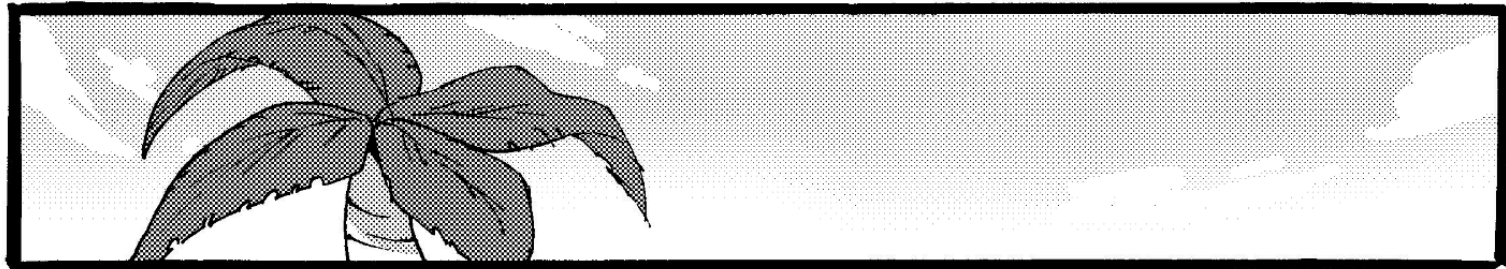
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I GUESS.







That One Song: End.

That
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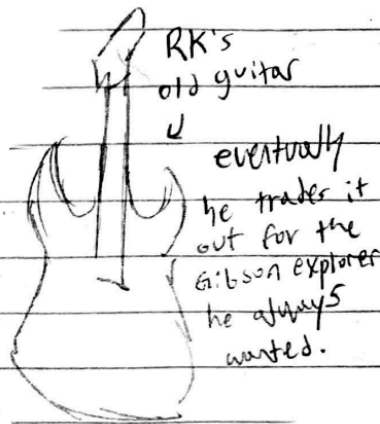
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(sorry for the bad handwriting! (_ _*))

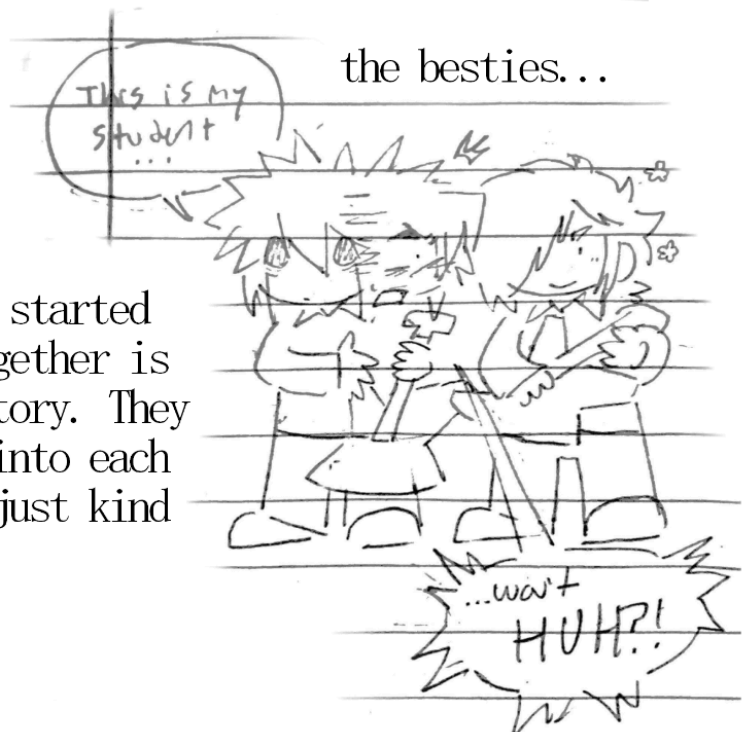


Originally, the Producer was a normal man with octopus tentacles. I decided to switch it around for this comic. I got into Splatoon recently, so I've gotten better at drawing octopi :)

Back when JJ was still retired, Yellow visited very often to check up on him.



Sketches for RK's design.



How these two started performing together is a different story. They kept bumping into each other and it just kind of... happened.

Afterword

Hello everyone. Average Sketch here. How did you like this book? This is my second fanzine/fanbook. I don't know, the length made me feel like it should be called a fanbook instead of a fanzine. But - at least in this context - they're both the same, no? Anyways, this book was tough to make! I started in August of 2024 and planned to finish this by November of 2024, but I only finished this now! I got stuck a lot of times too, but I feel like I learned a lot while making this! Big thanks to my friend for helping me with the screentoning!

This fanbook is actually based off of an old fanfiction I made back in 2022. I only wrote the A-Side chapter, so it was never finished. 3 years later, I finally finished it (even though it's a different format). The Rocker's backstory has been something I wanted to write for a long time now. I'm glad I was finally able to finish this! Again, this book was tough to write, so I hope the story was clear and understandable.

A day before I released this, something amazing happened: Rhythm Heaven Groove was announced!!! I'm so so happy! The announcement gave me enough energy to finish this book just in time! We'll have to wait a year...I don't know if I can wait that long! I wonder what games will come back!

I still want to make more fanzines, they're really fun. I have a couple of ideas to write. I'd love to write about the rest of Rhythm Heaven's characters, so please look forward to that!

I hope everyone is just as excited as I am. Let's all get into the groove! I can't wait for 2026! Thank you so so much for reading! Have a wonderful day, night, month, and year!

- average sketch

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