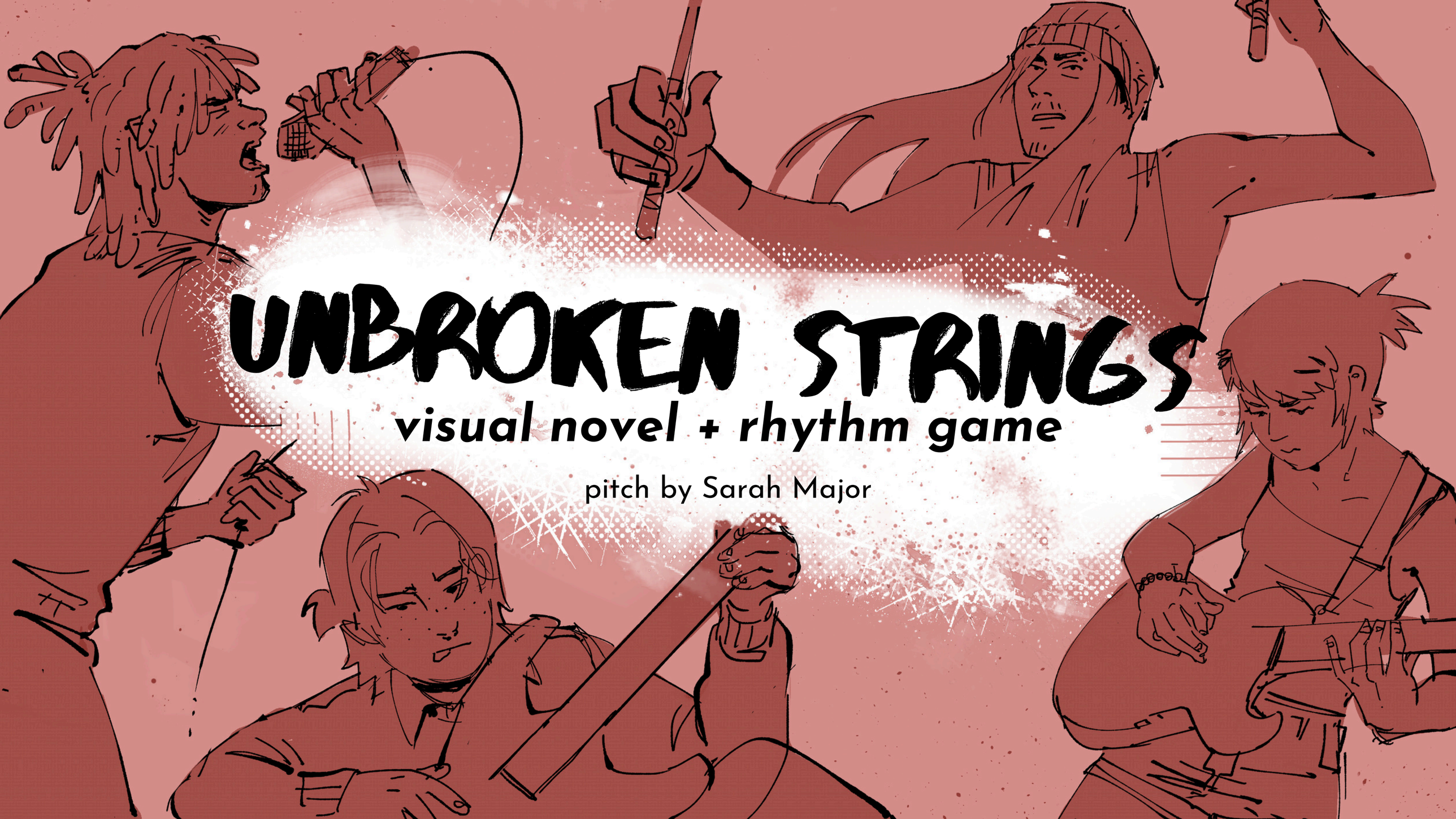

UNBROKEN STRINGS
visual novel + rhythm game
pitch by Sarah Major

SUMMARY

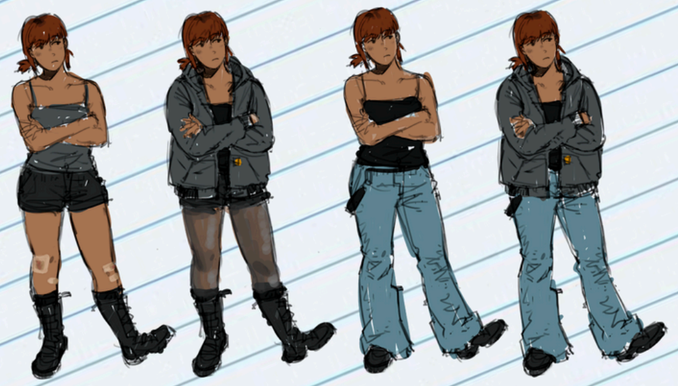
-game mechanics
-playable characters
-antagonist band
-band room
-in game example
-story act breakdowns

Bloodstrung is an up-and-coming metal band that has a competition coming up at the end of the college year. Pick which character and subsequently which instrument you want to play as, pass the band practices, make the right choices and get through the story to get to the competition! Playing through each of the characters and picking different choices will help you to get the full story and to get the best result!

BLOODSTRUNG

metal and punk influenced sounds, with a focus on a more emotional and melodic voice

lexi



Lexi is the lead guitar of the band. She is determined and strong when it comes to practicing and playing guitar- but relatively weak-willed and lazy when it comes to doing any work or anything important. She has a short temper, but can bring smart ideas to the table if you stay on her good side.

inspirations:

CHRIS

Chris is the drummer of the band, although he only really picked drums because he thought it would give him muscles. He is laid-back to the point of getting on other peoples nerves, and won't really speak unless spoken to. He tends to butt heads with the other bandmates, but when you get to know him he will go out of his way to help you.

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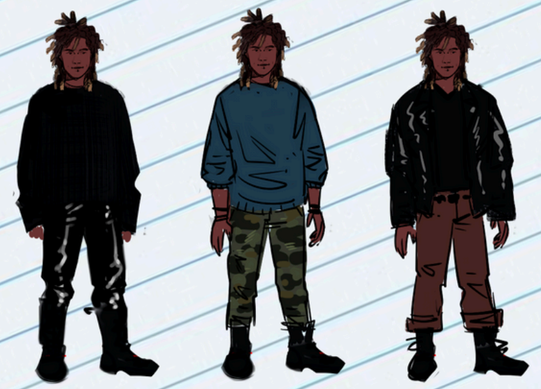
XANDER



Xander is the vocals of the band, but he can also play guitar well enough. He is the most sensible out of the group, but tends to be pretty unconfident and anxious in their work. He thinks about things more logically, and has a hard time sharing his emotions but if you get close enough to him you might be able to get him to open up.

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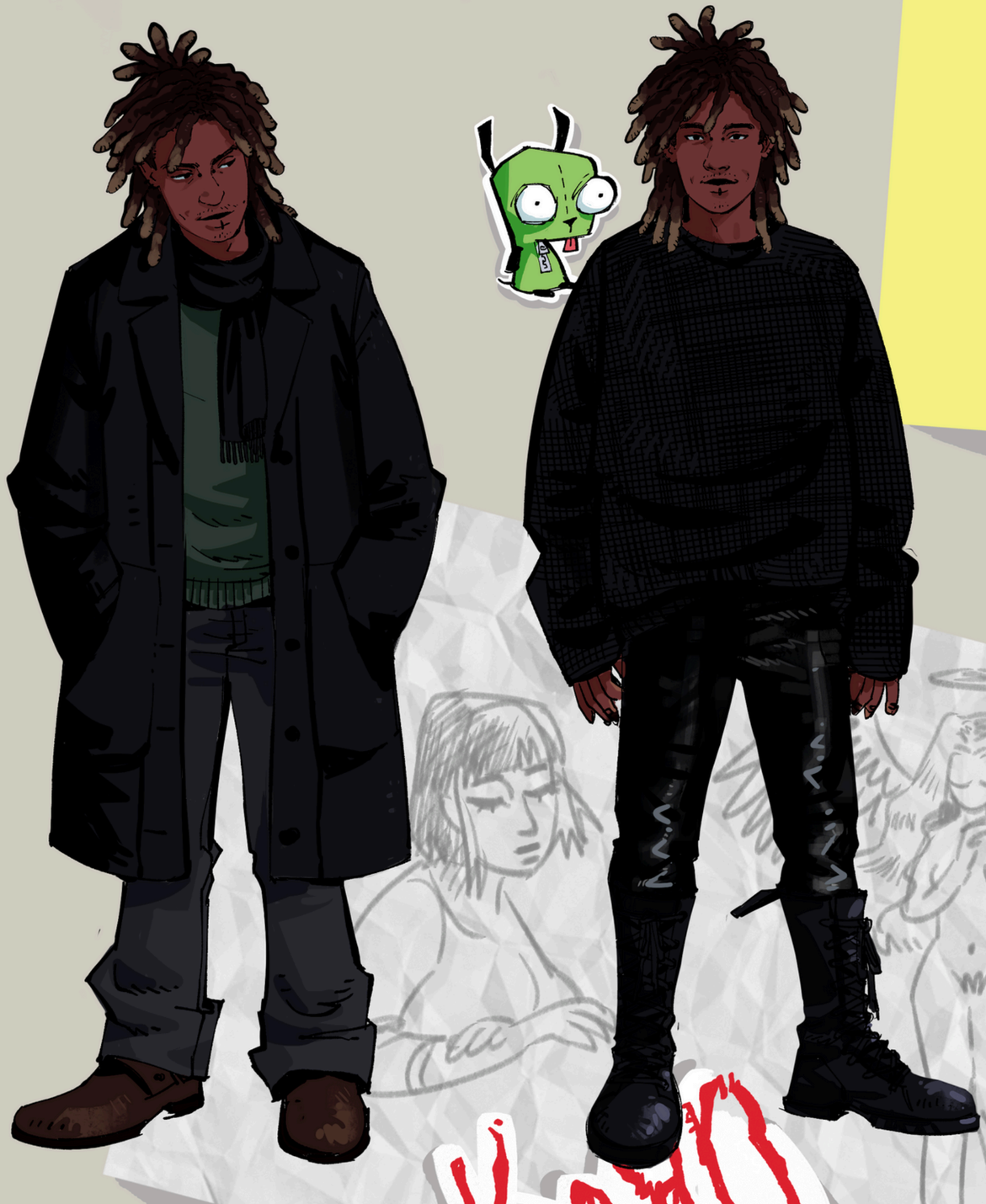

ROAN

Roan is the bass guitar of the group. They are a bit of a downer on their own, but with the group they act as a bit of a middle-man to everyone else's arguments. They originally were working with the opposing band, but fell out after a disagreement. Their taste is a bit different from everyone else's but they may bring just the influence the band was looking for.

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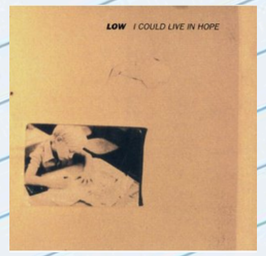
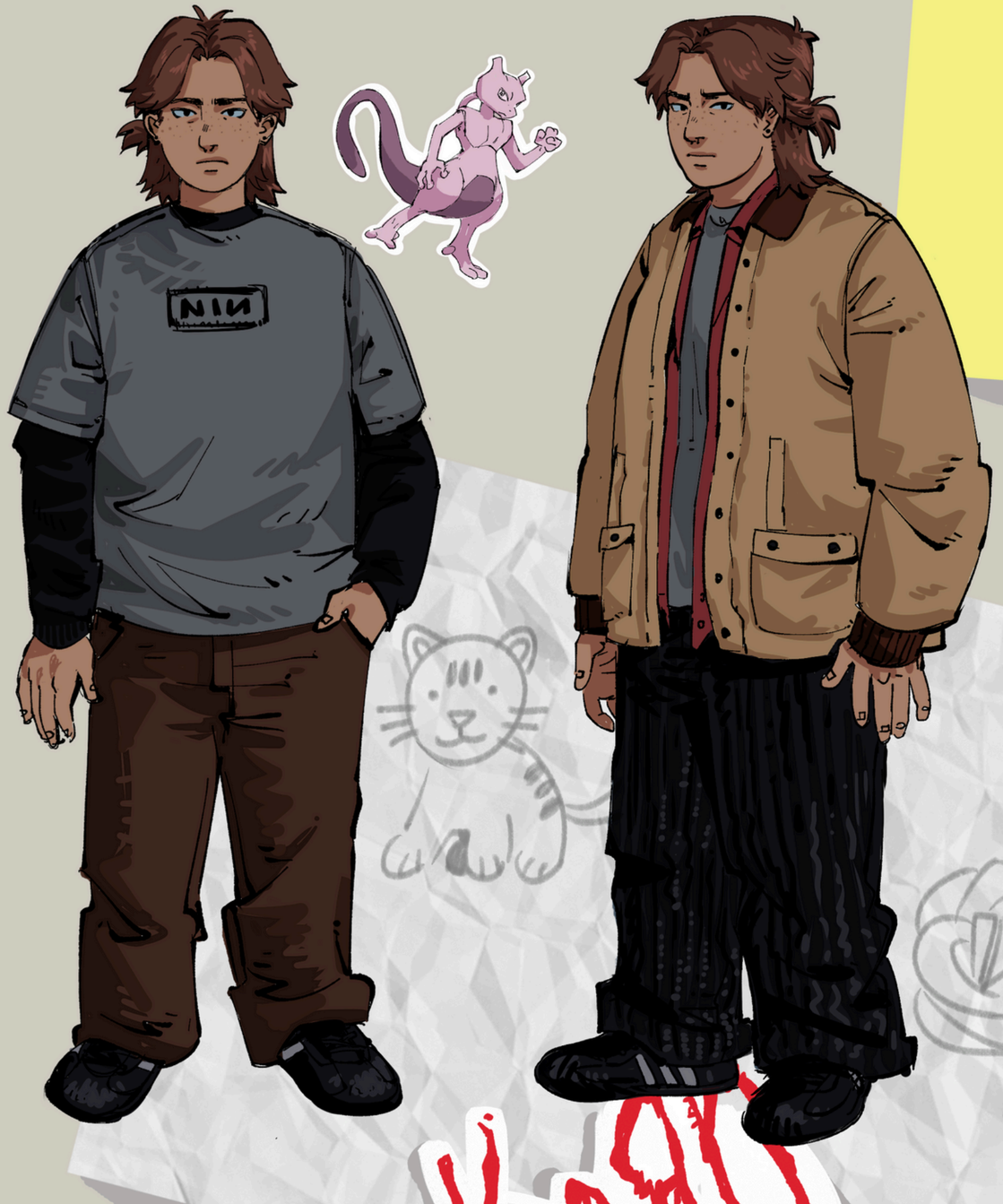
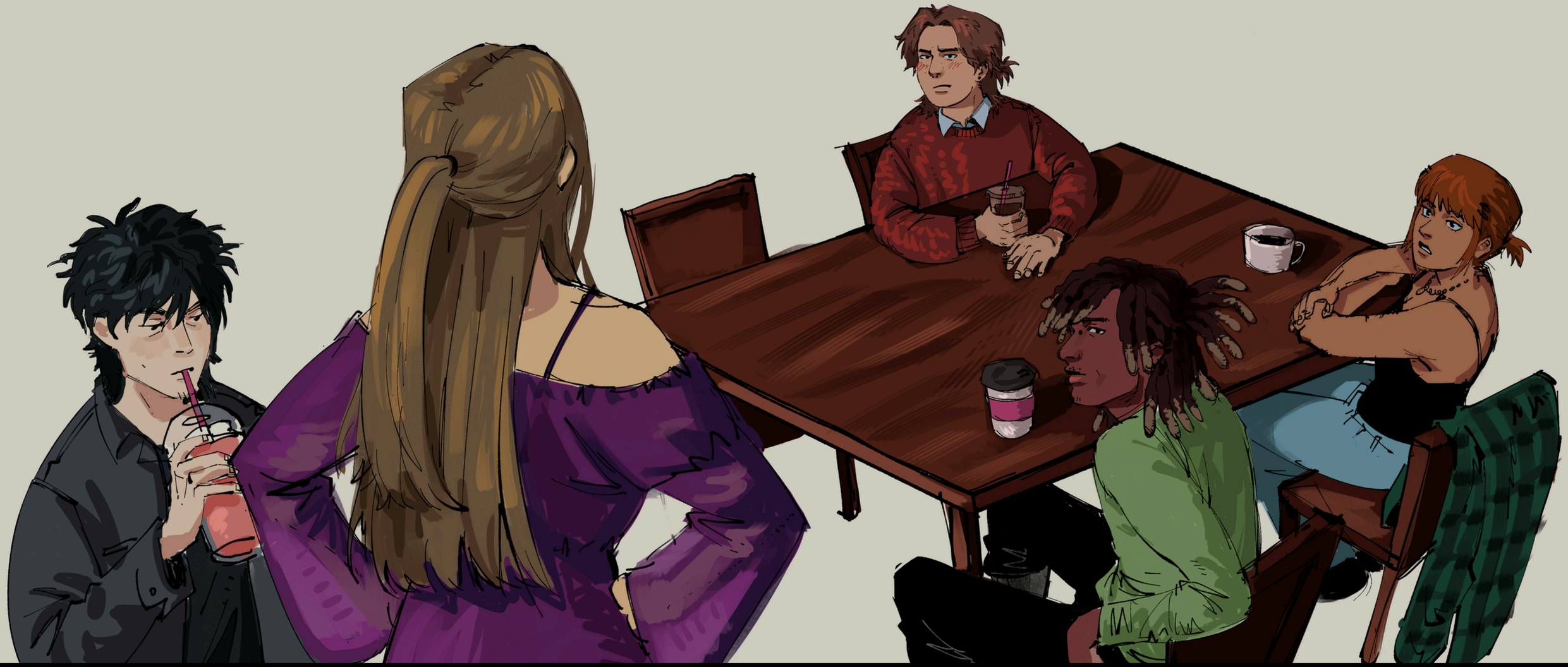
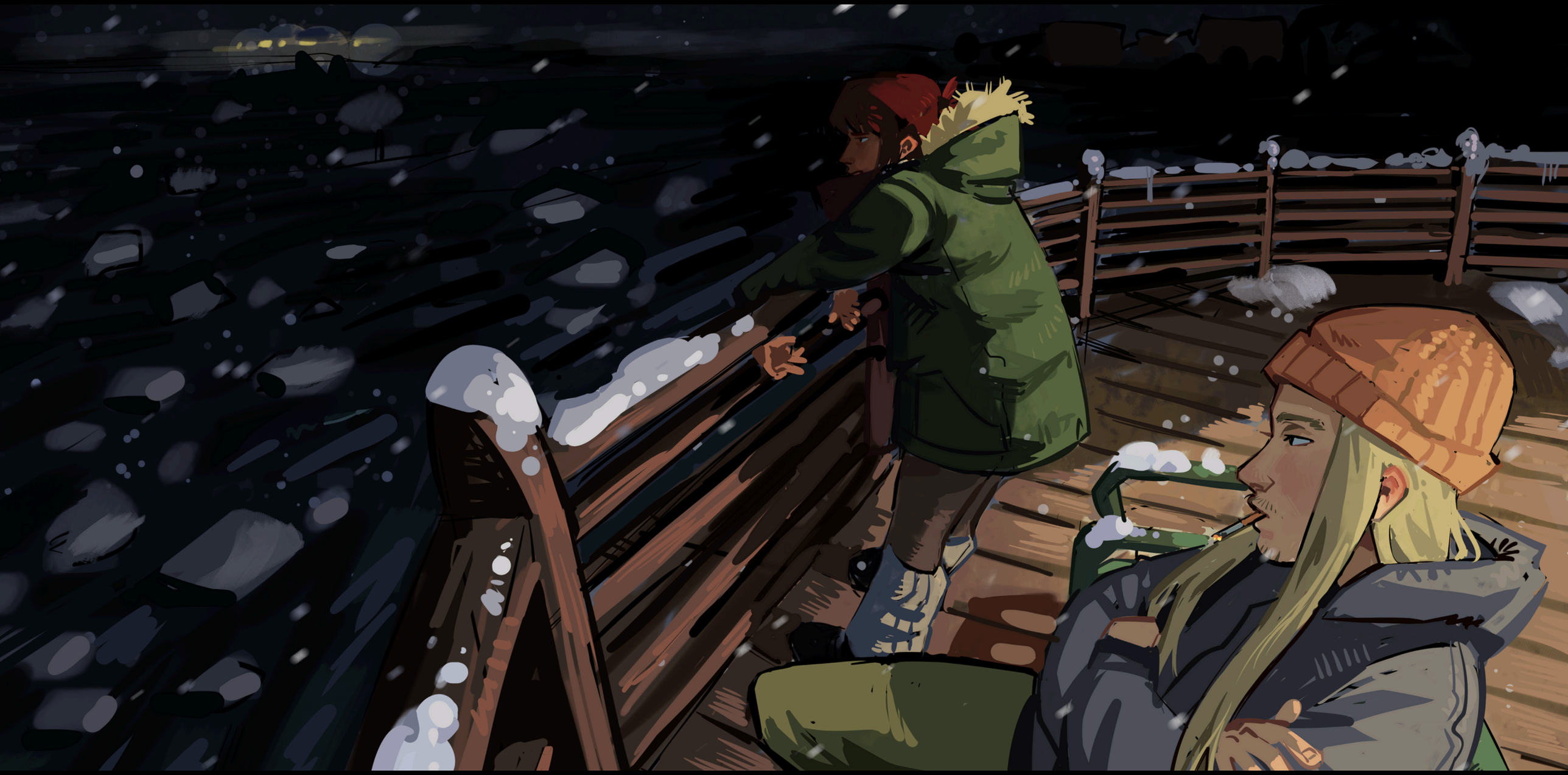




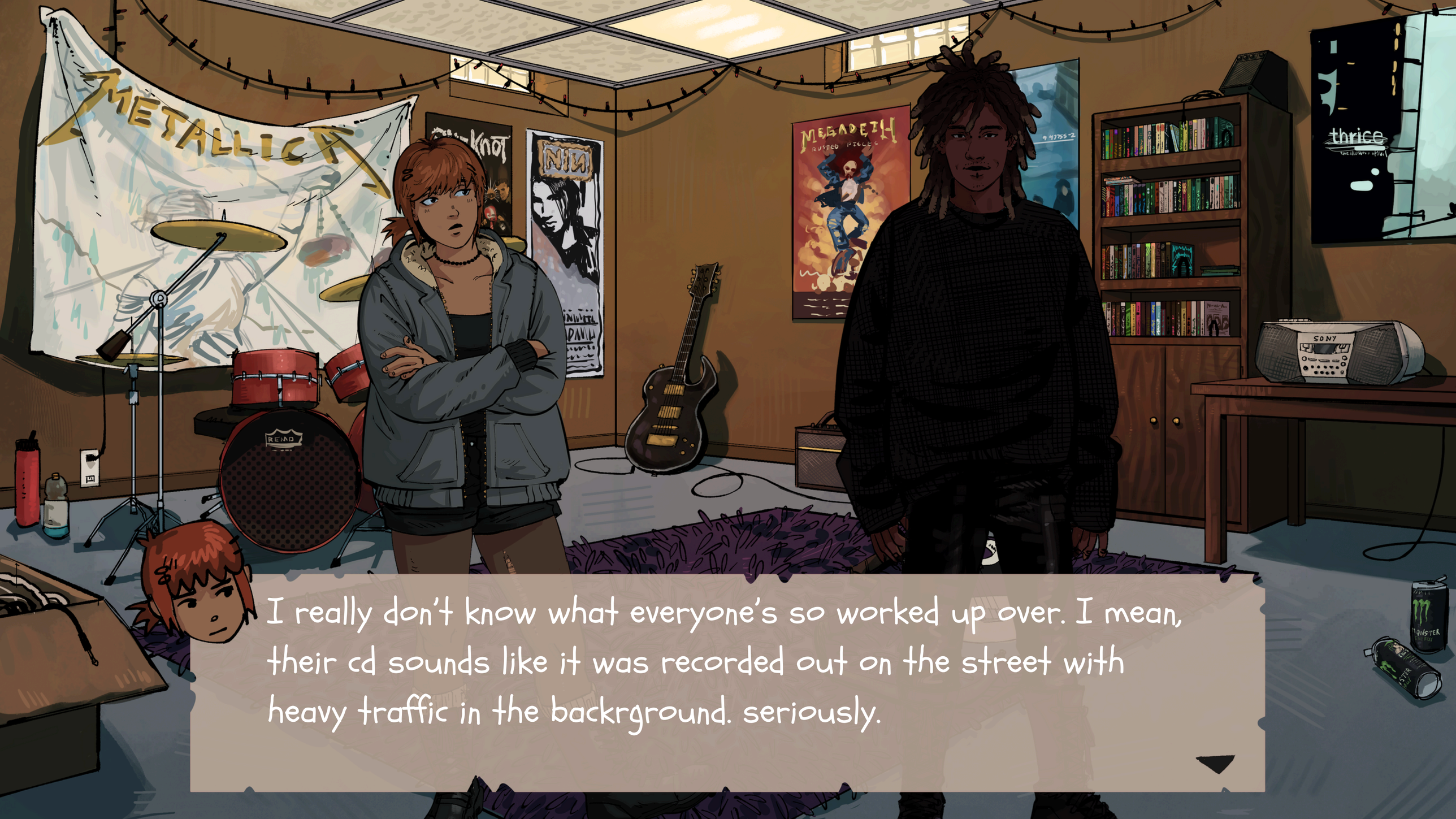


VELVET SUNDOWN

Gothic and new-wave influenced, including some metalcore elements in the guitars and drums



band room (Chris' basement)


METALLICA
Korn
NIN
MEGADETH
RUSTED PIECES
thrice
SONY
REMO
I really don't know what everyone's so worked up over. I mean, their cd sounds like it was recorded out on the street with heavy traffic in the backrground. seriously.

. . . I can't tell if you're joking right now. . .

act1- The band has just decided to put themselves in the ringer for a local competition as their senior semester starts, but they need a new bass player. They find Roan who is willing to join, but Roan was originally working with the band's mostly friendly competition- Velvet Sundown. The band quarrels over this internally, and gets taunts from the lead of velvet over this. It is noticeable that Roan gets embarrassed over it but they wont share why (if playing as Roan, they used to and still do have a huge crush on the lead). other band members mostly going through normal things at this time

act2- if lexi -> then chris
if chris -> then lexi
if xander -> then roan
if roan -> then xander
insert said character is dealing with a problem that the player must go check on them for. Its affecting the band, and they havent showed up to practice in a good chunk of time. persuade them to come back by listening to their problems and responding accordingly. if you fail to properly respond, they will still reluctantly come back, but it may be harder to get the scores you need to pass during band practice.

act3- velvet sundown has just released a cd as the competition is nearing, and the band (besides lexi) all agrees.... its pretty good. while the band is going thro a second wind of encouragement, one of the members from the opposing band starts hanging out with the band a bit more because he was good friends with roan. Could you be able to become good enough friends with him to put a wedge into the competiton? or make him annoyed enough he puts more effort into beating you.

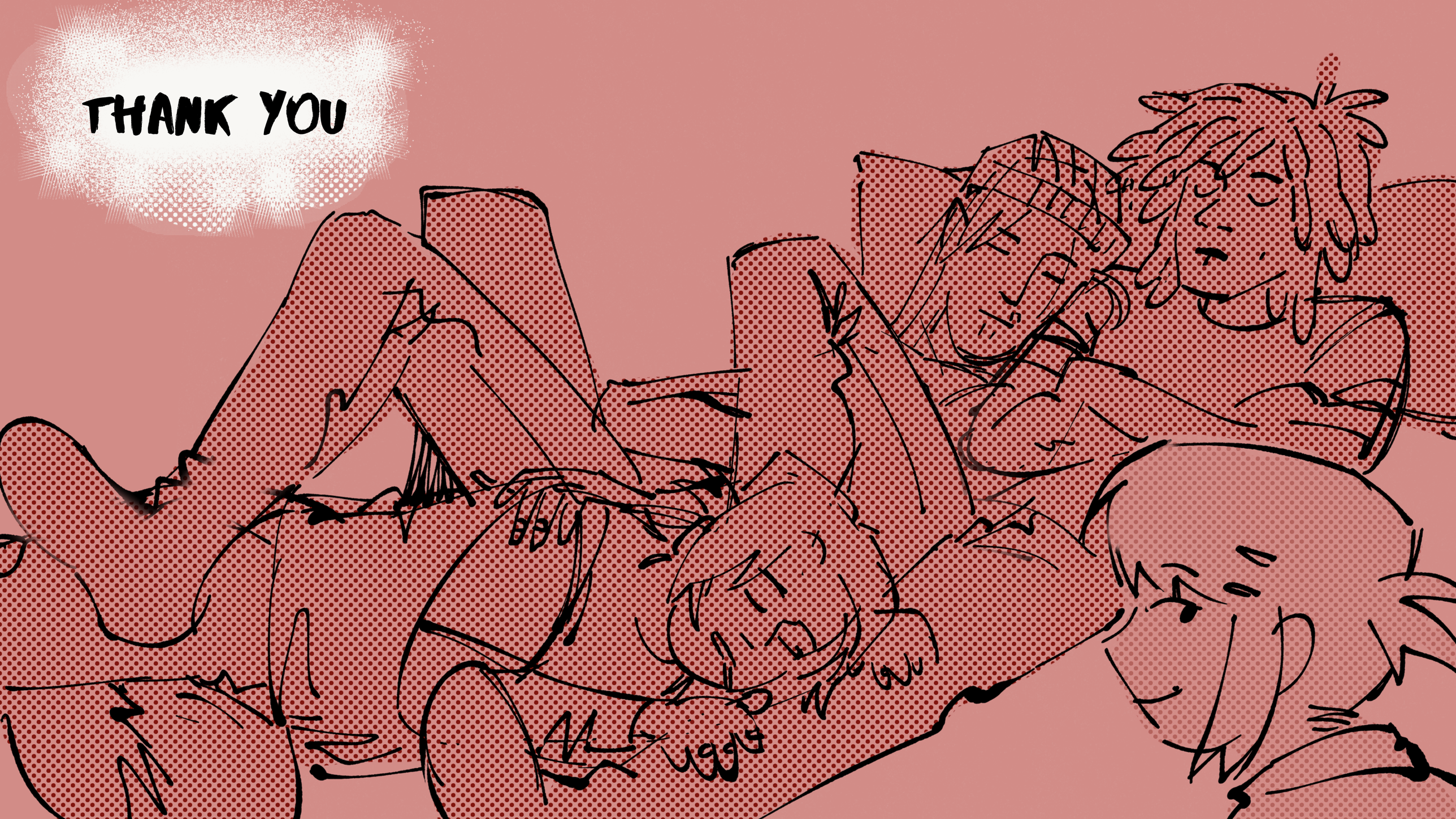
COMPETITION RESULTS- you can rank poor, fair, and excellent, each of which will get you a different ending. and depending on your previous choices, it may be harder or easier to win. if you rank poor, the band breaks up all together. depending on who youre playing as certain bandmates may call you out specifically.

if you rank fair, one other bandmate will leave the band, depending on who you play as and your choices with them

if you rank excellent- you win !!!!!!

act 4- if lexi -> then xander
if xander -> then chris
if chris -> then roan
if roan -> then lexi

the competition is right around the corner, and said bandmate is dealing with a certain problem. go help out said bandmate while also dealing with the tension of the competition weighing on everyone in the group, while also getting higher scores on band checks to make sure you really are up to the test of winning against velvet sundown.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