

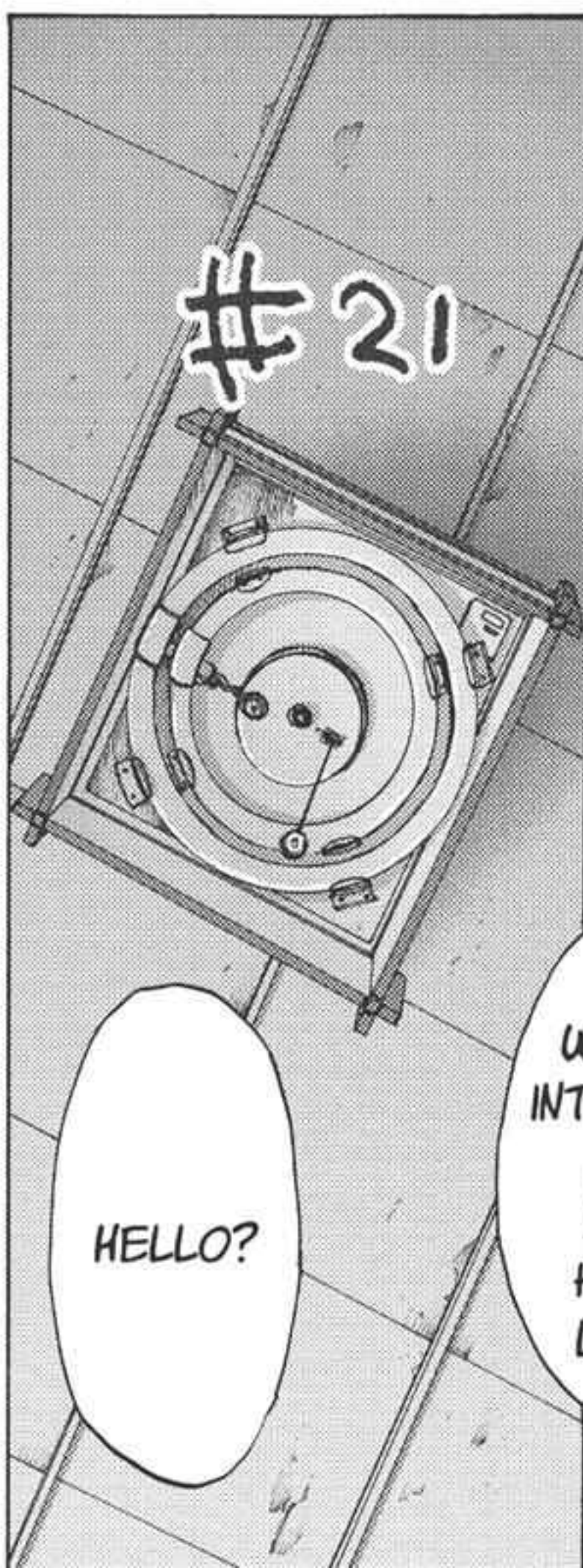


I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT GOD IS TELLING ME NOT TO WORK.

Going with the flow, I cast about for jobs at 20 companies, but...

...there's still no sign of a nibble.

HMM...?



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HELLO?

WHO'S THIS CREATURE THAT LOOKS LIKE A BEETLE LARVAE?

RESUME  
Kato Kenichi  
April 6 (Age: 24)  
ani 5-4-16



IS THIS ME?!

IF I WERE THE INTERVIEWER, NO WAY WOULD I HIRE A GUY LIKE THIS...

vrr  
vrr  
vrr







THE  
KATO  
WHO'S FAT  
AND DIRTY-  
LOOKING...?

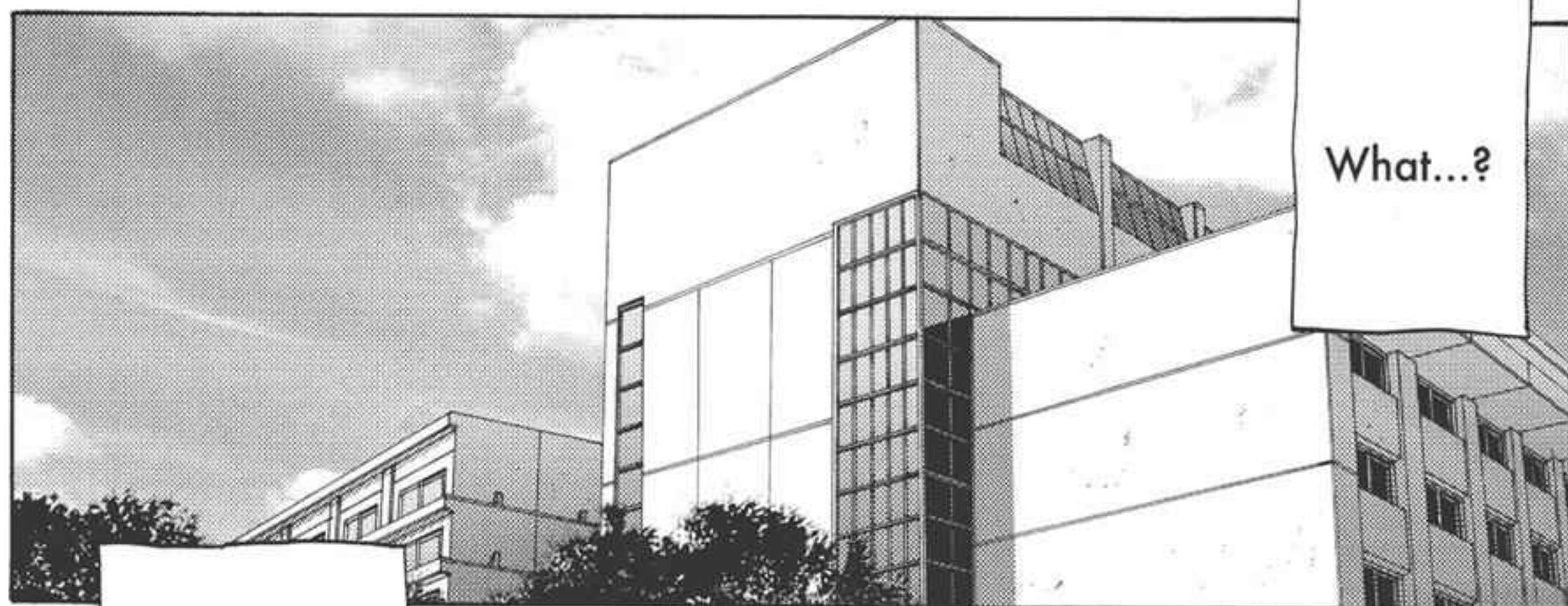
OH...  
YEAH,  
THAT'S  
ME.



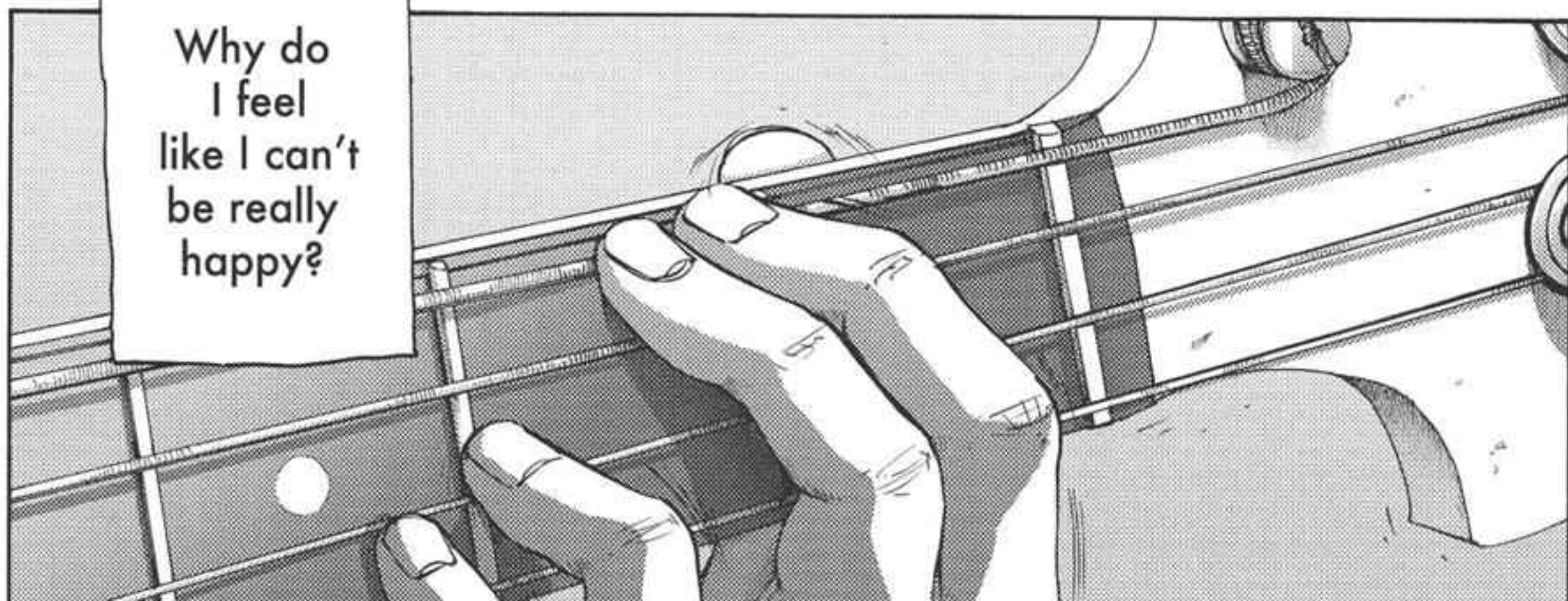
UH...  
DID YOU  
GET ME  
MIXED  
UP WITH  
ANOTHER  
KATO...?



I'M  
HIRED?



What...?



Why do  
I feel  
like I can't  
be really  
happy?



...in-  
dis-  
tinct  
feel-  
ing?  
!!

What's  
with  
this  
in-  
des-  
crib-  
able  
...

I  
GUESS HE  
SUDDENLY  
GOT THE  
URGE TO  
PLAY THE  
BASS.

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
GROW UP  
AND BE  
LIKE HIM...

HE  
HASN'T  
BEEN AT  
SCHOOL  
IN A  
WHILE...

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
KATO?

SILENCE

WHIP





OH...!!



IT'S  
BEEN A  
LONG TIME,  
KATO.



WHO'S  
THAT?

HEY,  
LUCY!  
HOW YOU  
BEEN?!

OH  
YEAH,  
I  
REMEMBER  
YOU.

Hmm...?



THE  
NAME'S  
AYUKAWA.

YOU'RE  
SABAKAWA,  
RIGHT?!





I'VE  
EVEN  
FORMED  
A BAND,  
AND WE'VE  
PLAYED  
GIGS.

I'M NOT  
LIKE THAT  
AT ALL.



I  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
ONE OF  
THOSE  
STUDENTS  
WHO'D QUIT  
AFTER SIX  
MONTHS.

THIS IS  
REALLY A  
SURPRISE...

I GUESS  
WHEN YOU'RE  
YOUNG,  
YOU CAN  
STILL  
CHANGE...

BACK  
THERE, IN  
THE HALLWAY,  
YOU WERE  
SURROUNDED  
BY KIDS.

YOU DIDN'T  
LIKE CROWDS  
BEFORE...

YOU  
WANT  
ME TO  
HIT  
YOU?



AS SOON AS  
THEY HEARD OUR  
BAND WAS CLOSE  
TO A CD DEBUT,  
THEY STARTED  
HANGING AROUND.

AH... IT'S  
JUST THAT  
EVERYBODY'S  
SO CRASS.

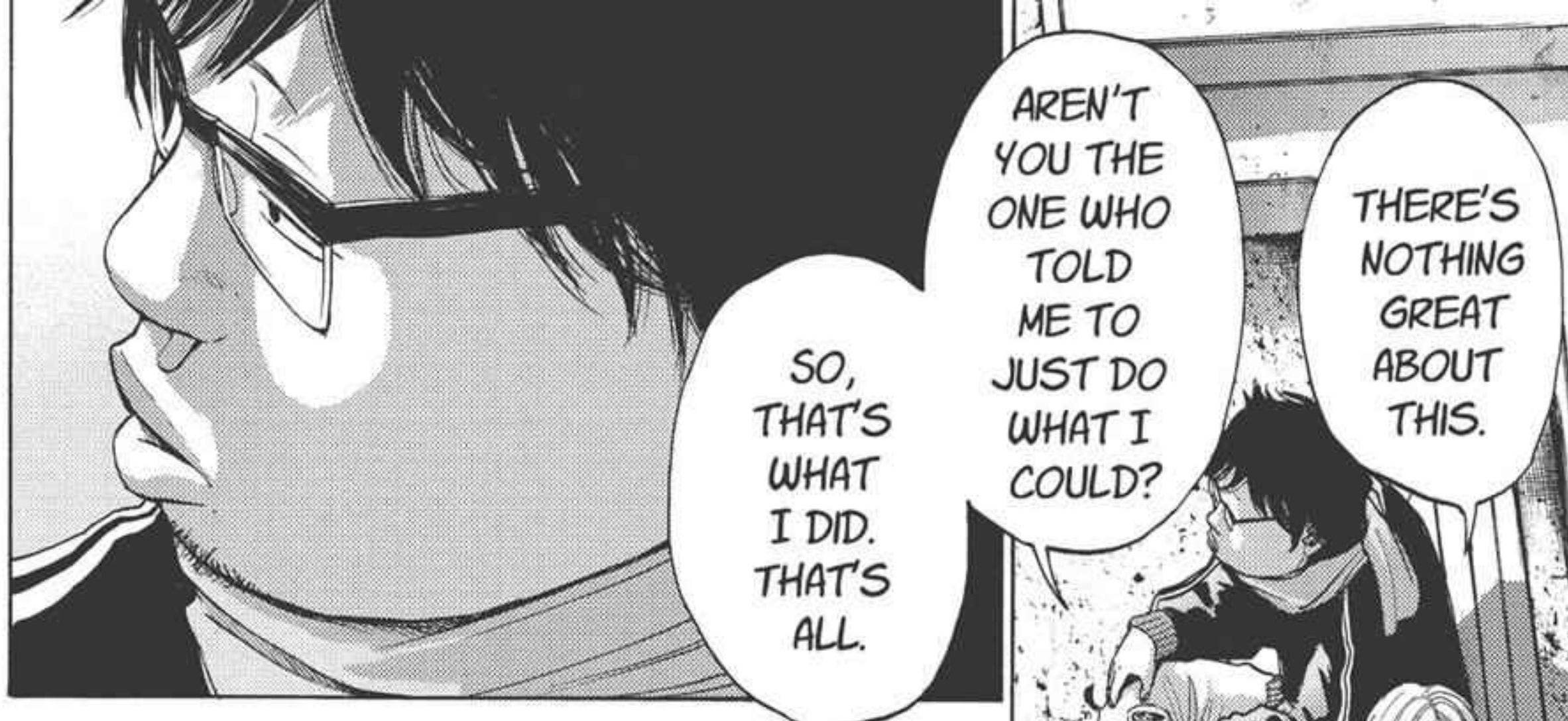


DEBUT...?









SO,  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
I DID.  
THAT'S  
ALL.

AREN'T  
YOU THE  
ONE WHO  
TOLD  
ME TO  
JUST DO  
WHAT I  
COULD?

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
GREAT  
ABOUT  
THIS.



UH...



KATO,  
WOULD YOU  
DO ME A  
FAVOR?!

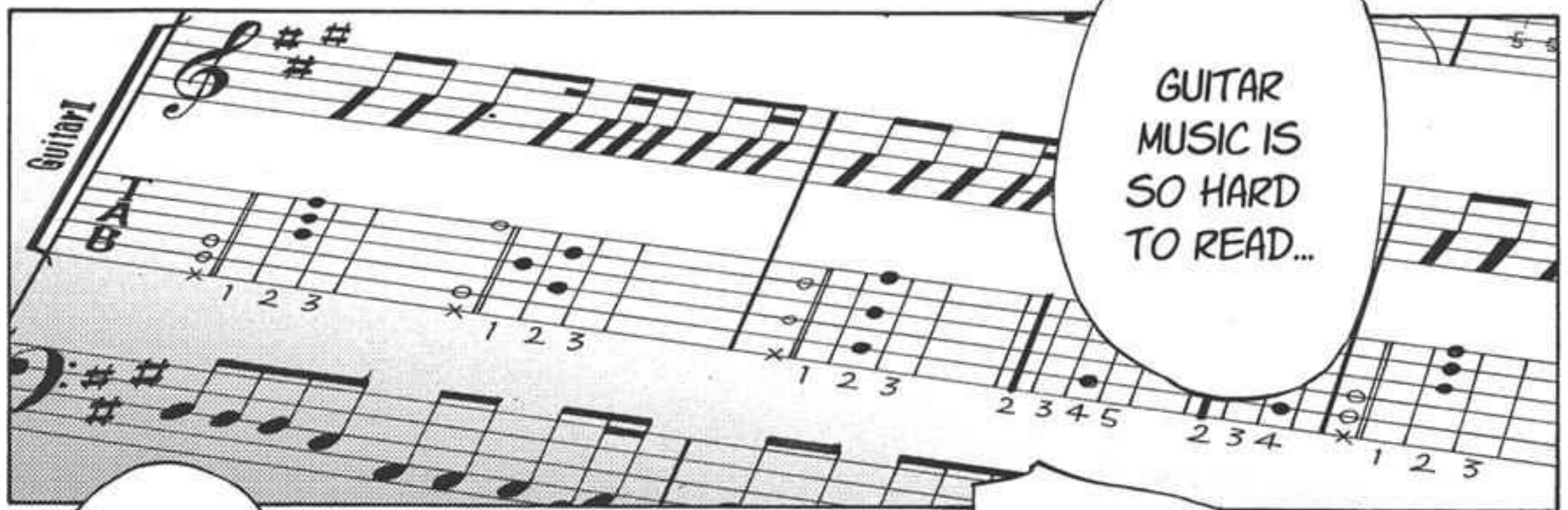
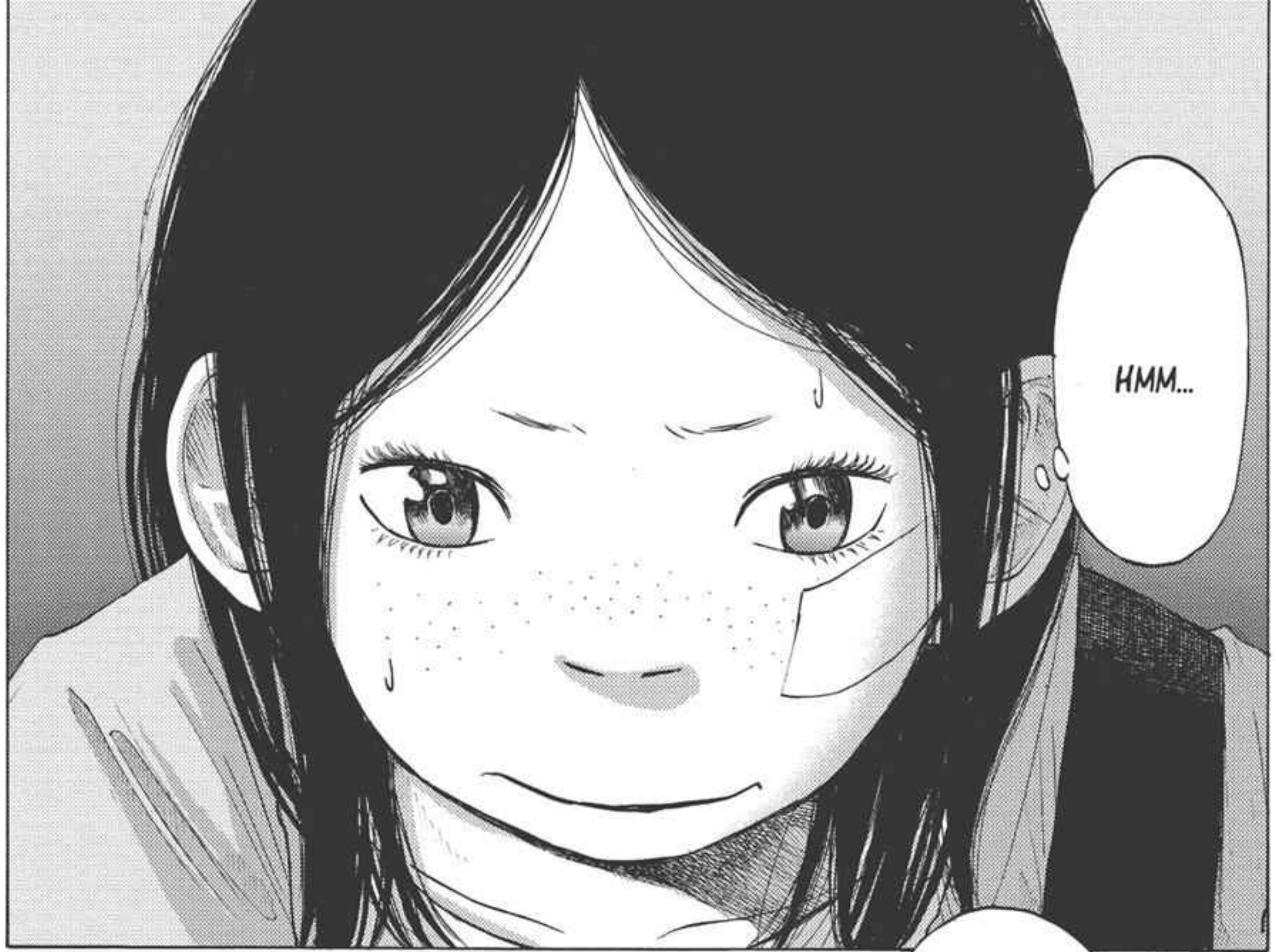
OH  
YEAH!!



I'LL  
DO  
ANYTHING  
EROTIC!!

HUH?  
SURE!!



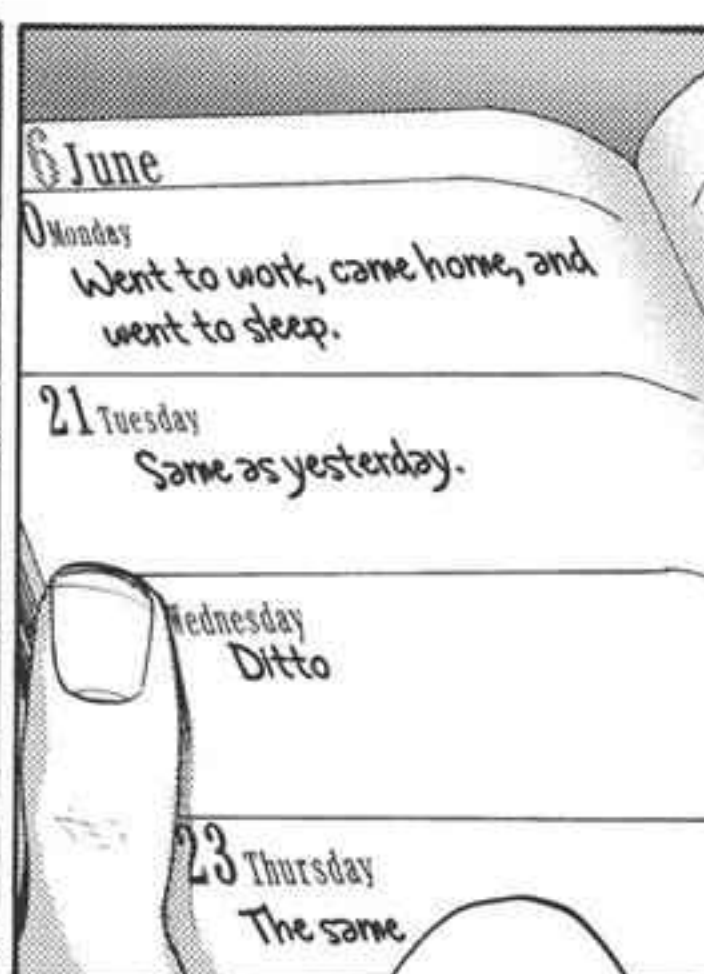
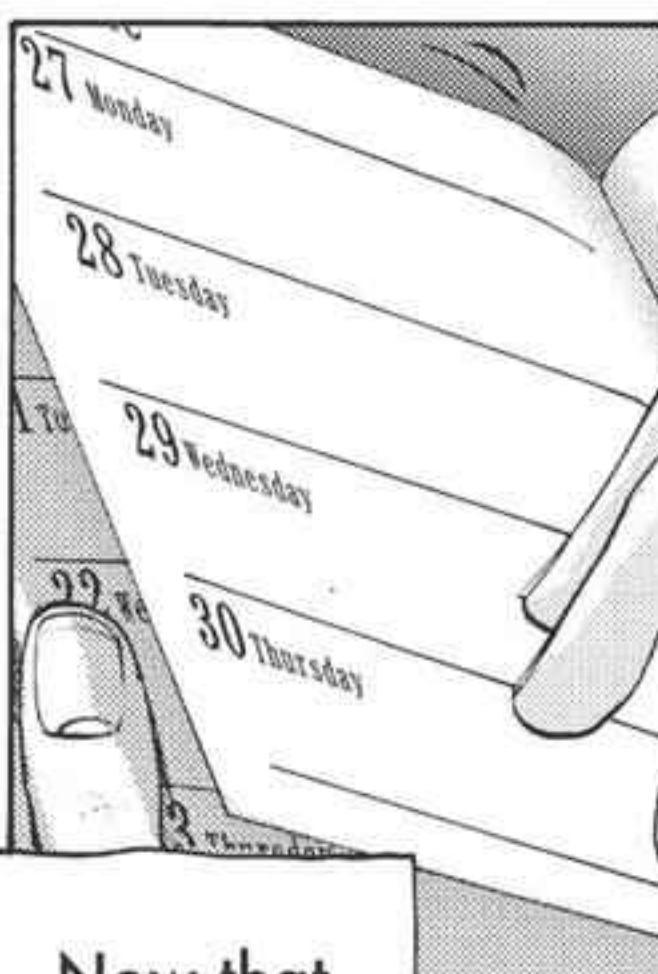
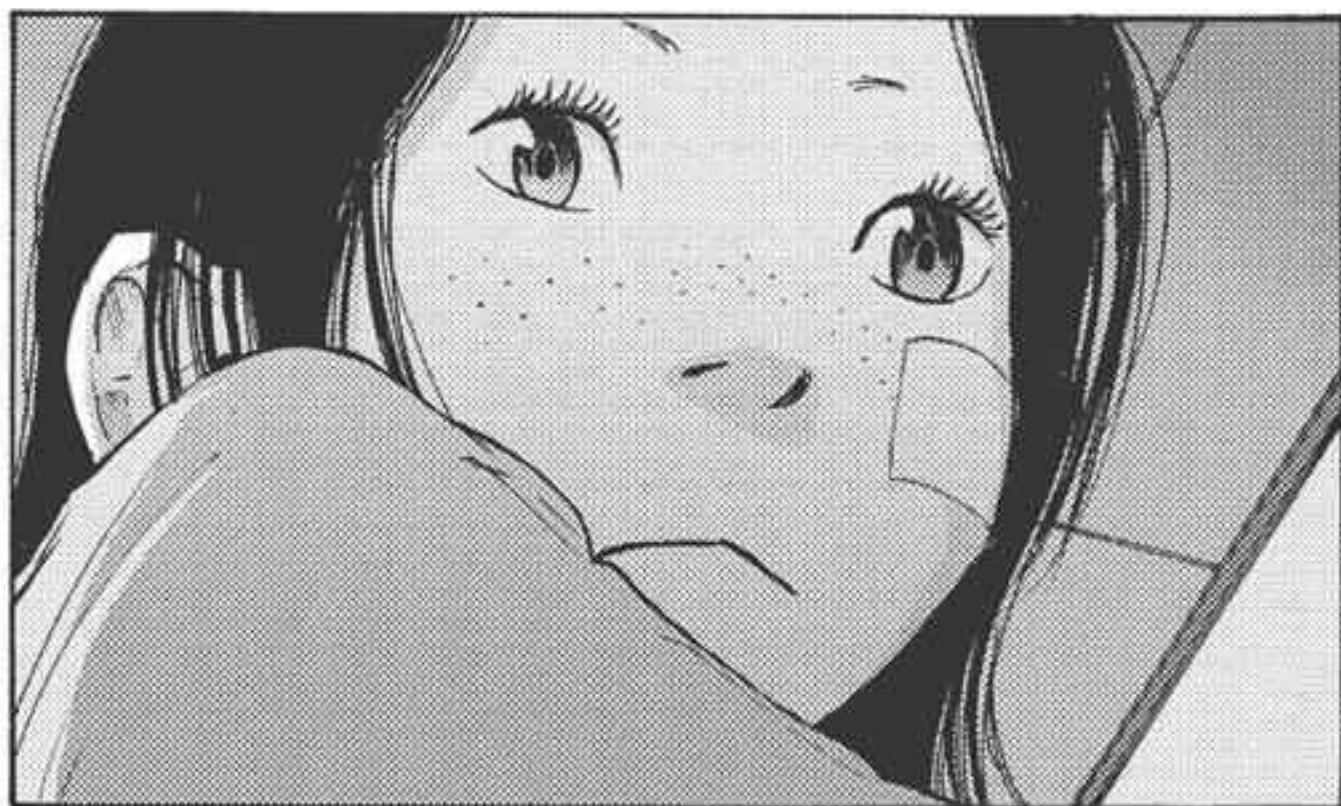




TANEDA'S  
DIARY...

WHOMP

It  
suddenly  
got cold in  
November,  
so I took my  
space heater  
out of the  
closet.



Now that  
I think  
about it,  
I'd forgotten  
how hot it  
was this  
summer...

...and now  
winter is  
coming on,  
just like  
always.

Can't  
stick to  
anything.

HE'S  
JUST  
LIKE  
ME.





9 September

1 Thursday

I have a feeling I've found my answer.

I'll keep working on it tomorrow.

Oh...

2 Friday



That  
was  
the  
day...

...were the lyrics to "solanin," as thought he'd been trying to confirm some feeling.

6 Tuesday

If I had done this then, if I could return to then.

~~But I can't become the boy I was.~~

Good-bye... It's all right

Be well wherever you are  
I too will stay alive

Good-bye. Yes I will.

7 Wednesday

On the page opposite from the words he'd written when we were still in short sleeves...





I'm  
going to  
master the  
guitar.

I'll  
do my  
best,  
too.





