



YOU'RE A  
FRESHMAN,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

HEY...  
HEY...



IF  
YOU'RE A  
COLLEGE  
STUDENT,  
YOU HAVE TO  
JOIN A CLUB  
AND HAVE ALL  
THE FUN YOU  
CAN, RIGHT?

UM...

HAVE YOU  
DECIDED  
WHAT CLUB  
TO JOIN?!

UH...



ARE YOU  
INTERESTED  
IN MUSIC?



WELL...



SAY...  
LISTEN.



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UM...  
HI...

IS THIS  
WHERE I'M  
SUPPOSED  
TO COME  
TO CHECK  
OUT THE  
MUSIC CLUB?

I'M MEIKO  
INOUE OF  
THE INTER-  
NATIONAL  
LANGUAGES  
DEPARTMENT.

I'M A  
FRESHMAN  
TOO...

I'M  
YAMADA.  
"YAMA" OF  
YAMADA AND  
"DA" OF  
YAMADA.

WHAT?!  
OH, I'M  
SORRY!!





HEY...  
RIP...



YOU DON'T  
LOOK LIKE A  
YAMADA.  
MORE LIKE A  
JOHNNY OR  
A BONNY...



UH...  
THIS  
GUY'S A  
FRESH-  
MAN  
TOO.  
WE'RE  
THINKING  
OF  
STARTING  
A BAND  
TOGETHER.



NO, NO.  
JUST CALL  
ME BY  
MY REAL  
NAME!!

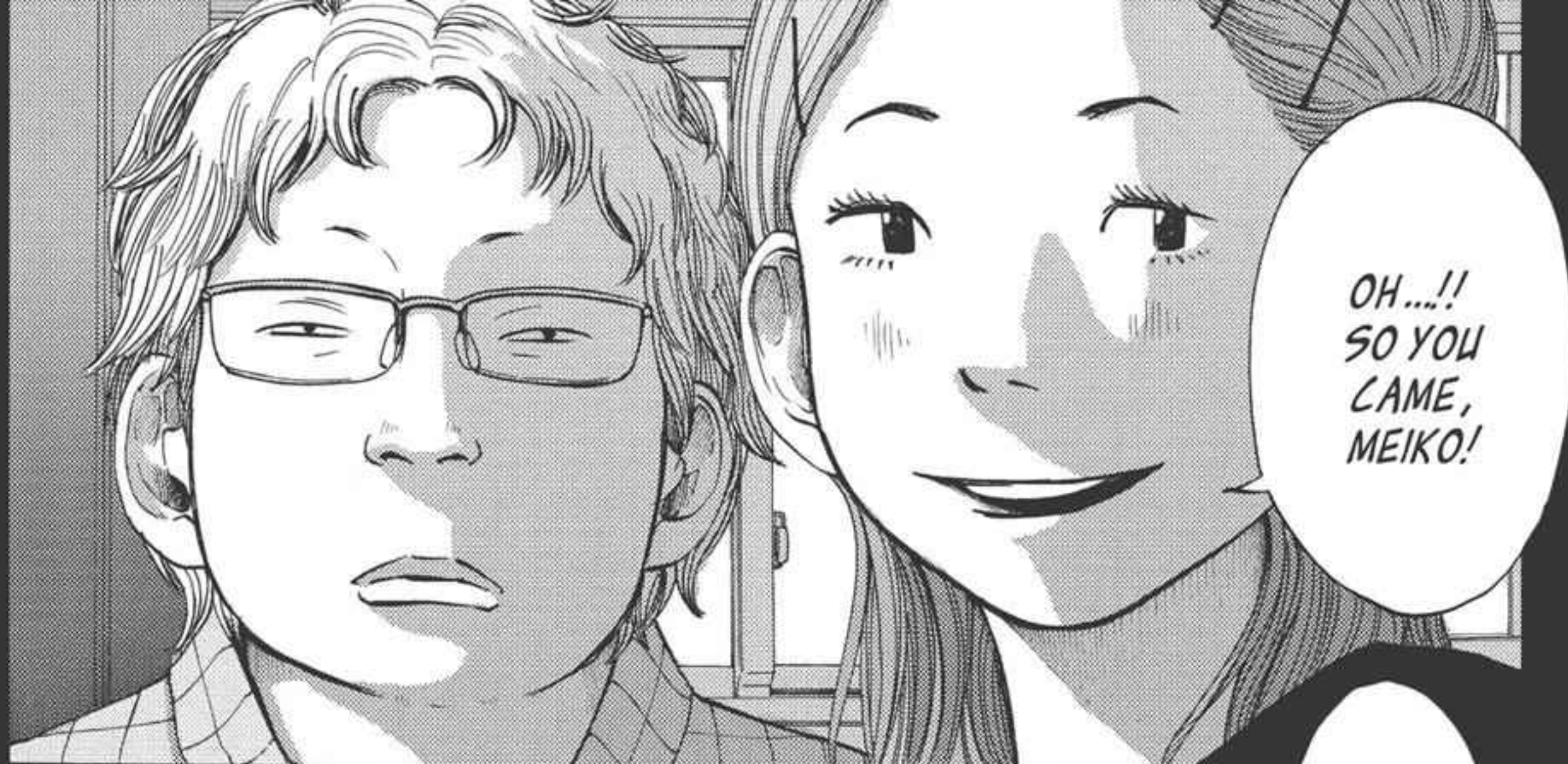


MY  
NAME'S  
TANEDA.

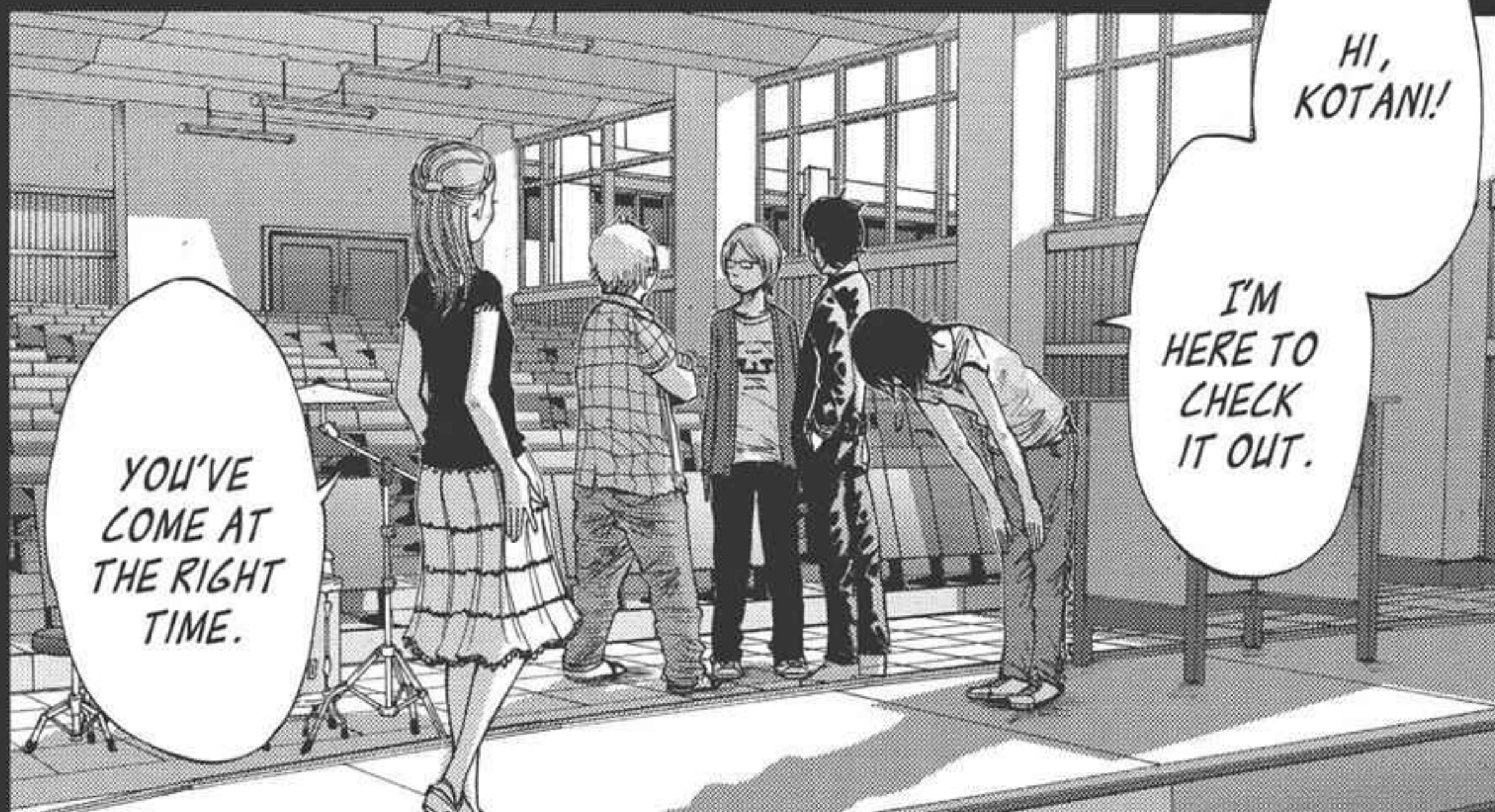


HELLO...





OH...!!  
SO YOU  
CAME,  
MEIKO!



HI,  
KOTANI!

I'M  
HERE TO  
CHECK  
IT OUT.

YOU'VE  
COME AT  
THE RIGHT  
TIME.



YOU  
WANT TO  
TRY OUT  
AS A  
VOCALIST,  
RIGHT?

YES!!

BUT  
I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
BAND  
EXPERIENCE  
OR  
ANYTHING  
...



HIS  
HAIR IS  
WEIRD.

WHAT'S  
UP,  
KATO?



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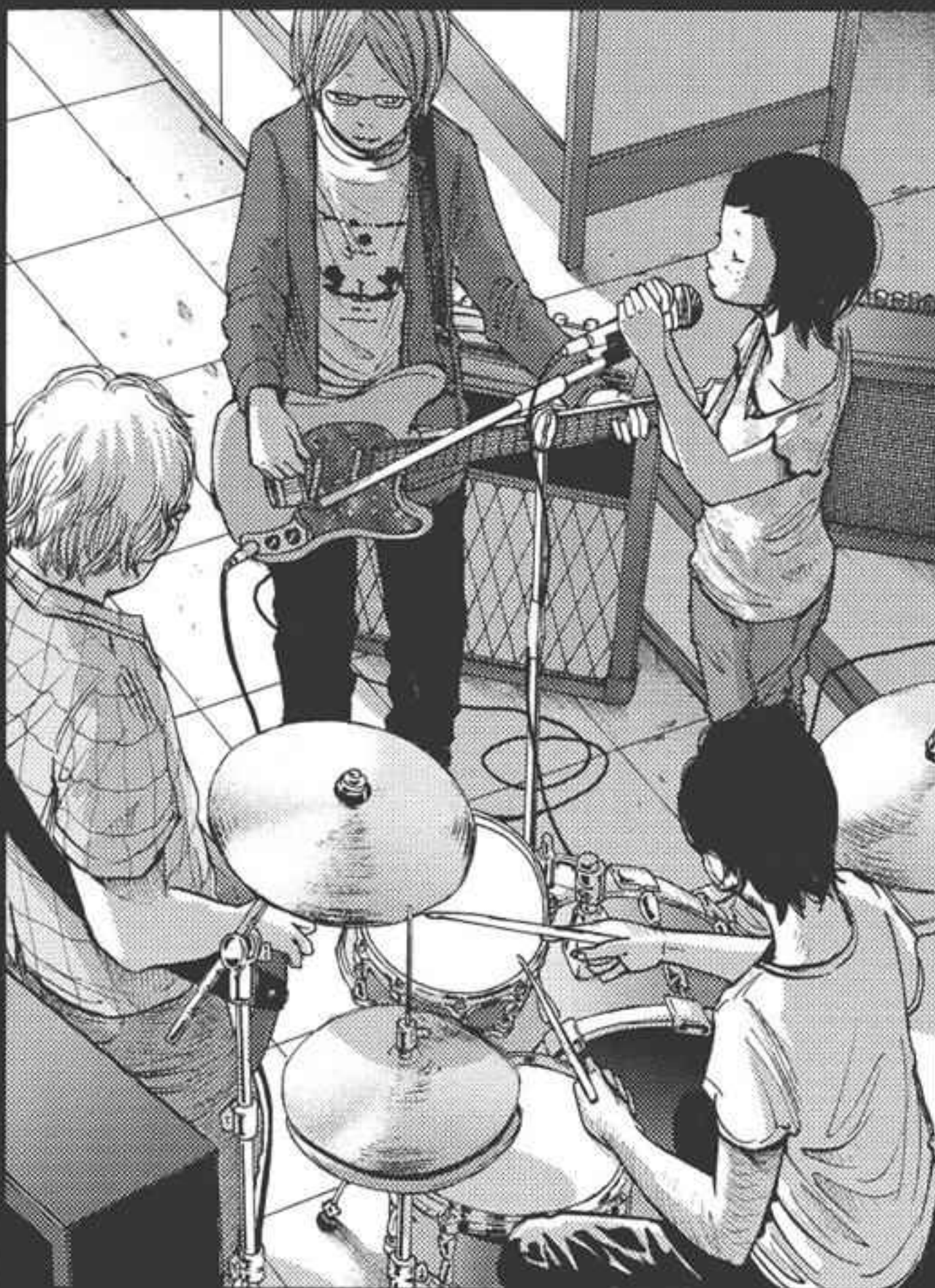
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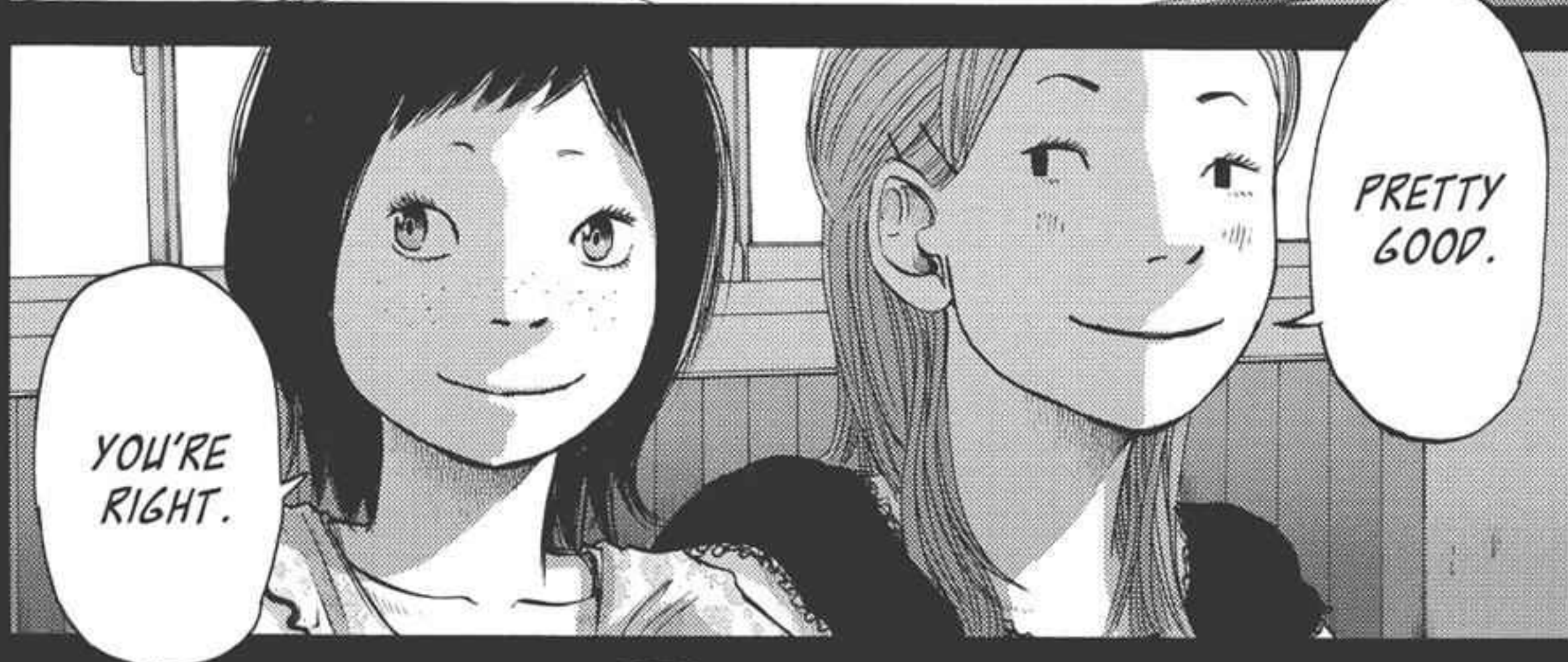
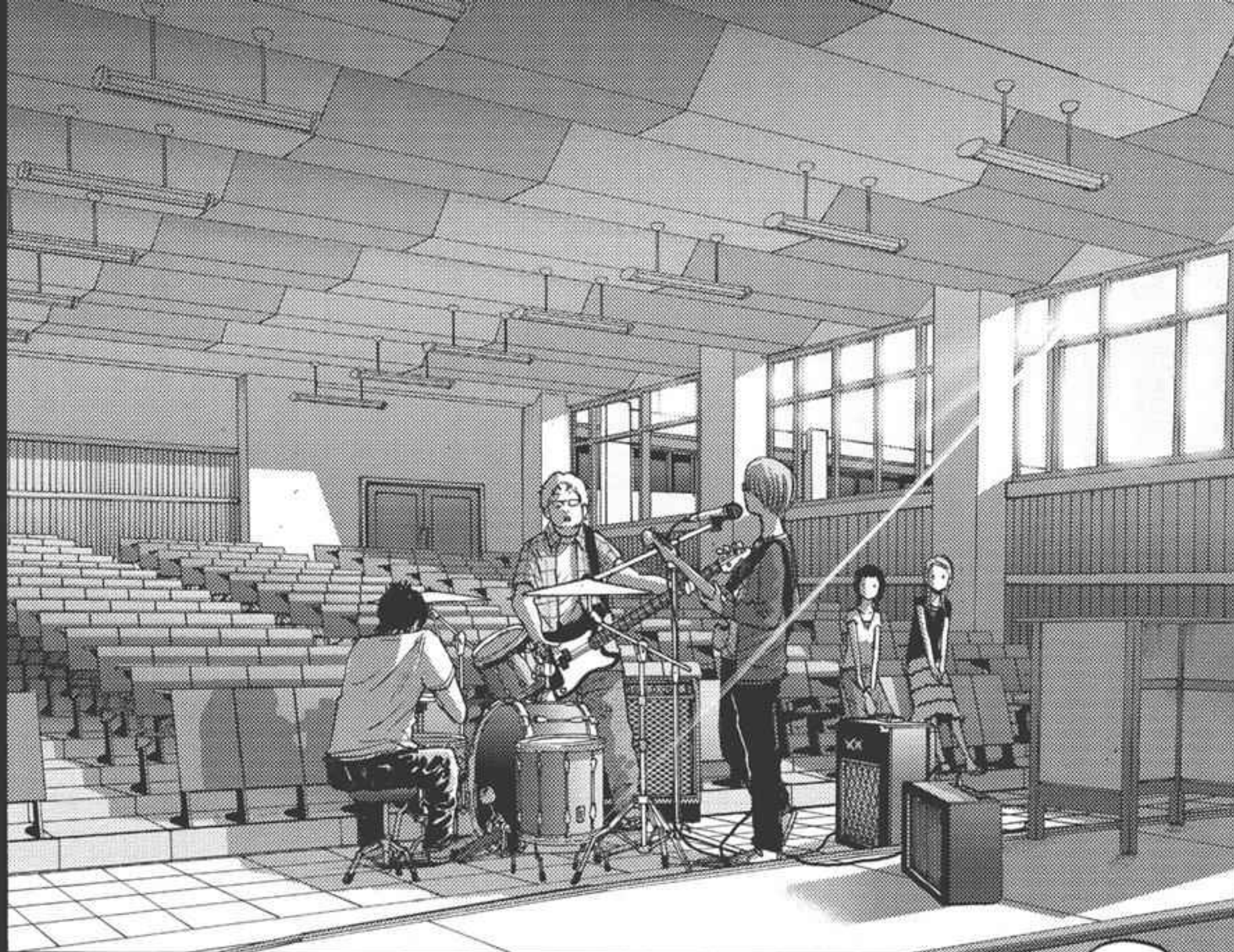




























HA  
HA HA.  
HOW  
CHILDISH...

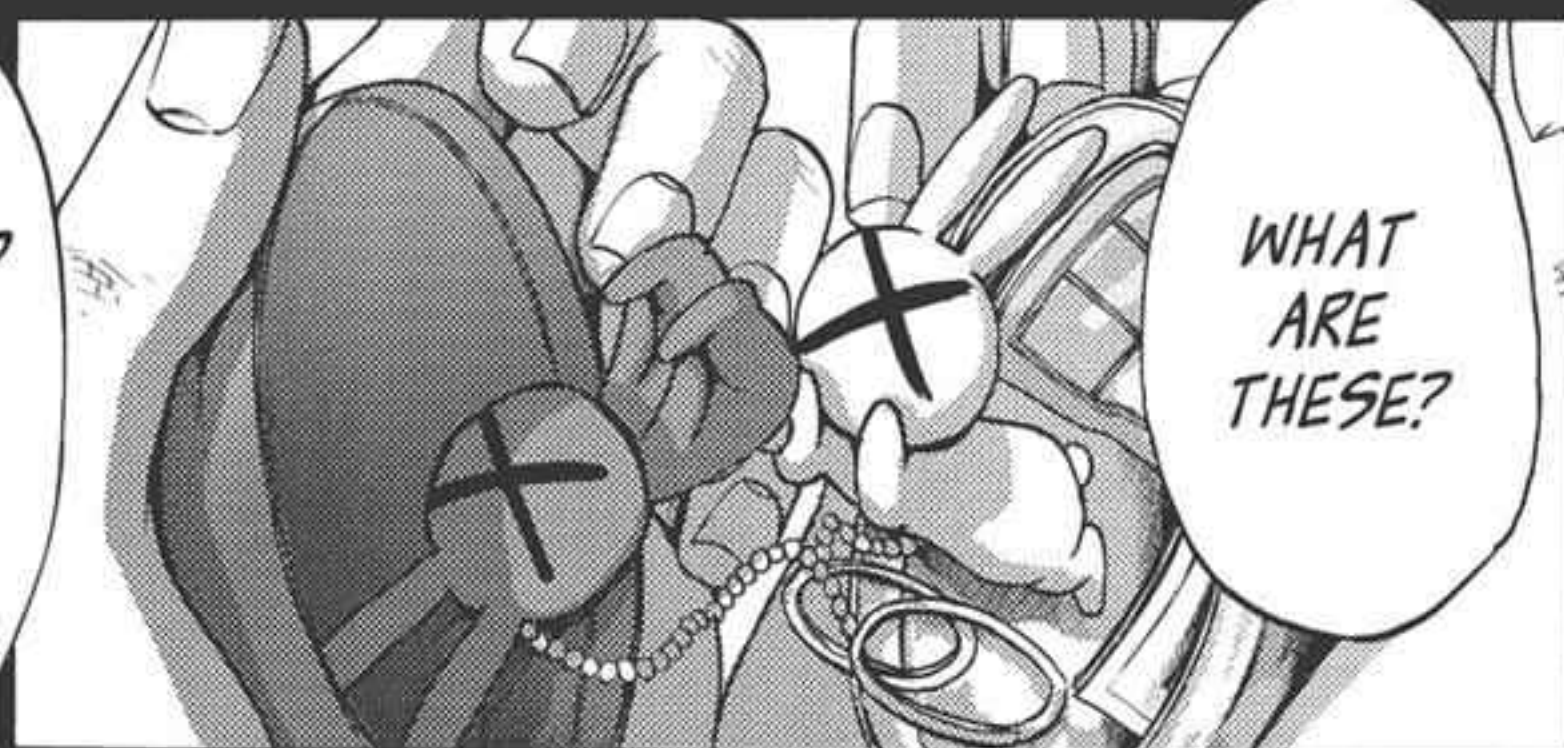
OH...  
A TOY  
VENDING  
MACHINE.  
I LOVE  
THESE.

WELL,  
I AM A  
CHILD.



THERE  
WAS A BAND  
I FELL IN  
LOVE WITH  
IN HIGH  
SCHOOL.

WHAT  
ARE  
THESE?



SO...

WHY'D  
YOU  
START  
PLAYING  
THE GUITAR,  
TANEDA?

BACK THEN,  
I WAS SO  
BORED EVERY  
DAY. I WAS  
PITIFULLY  
GLOOMY.







IT GOT  
TO BE SO  
MUCH FUN.



THAT GOT  
ME STARTED  
AND I WENT  
AND BOUGHT  
AN EXPENSIVE  
VINTAGE  
GUITAR.



WHENEVER  
I PLAYED  
THE GUITAR,  
I FELT  
INVINCIBLE!!



I PLAYED  
LIKE CRAZY  
EVERY DAY.



...I KNOW  
THERE MUST BE  
SOMETHING  
PRECIOUS  
OUT THERE.



THAT'S  
WHAT I'D  
LIKE TO  
BELIEVE,  
ANYWAY.



JUST  
LIVING  
IS HARD  
FOR MOST  
PEOPLE.



THE WORLD  
IS SO FULL  
OF STUFF  
THAT IT'S  
CONFUSING,  
BUT...




...I HAVE A  
FEELING THAT  
I CAN CHANGE  
THE WORLD,  
EVEN IF IT'S  
ONLY A LITTLE.



IF I KEEP  
PLAYING  
MUSIC AND  
BELIEVING  
IN THAT...






...THAT WOULD BE A LAUGH. NO, I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE LAUGHING.

...IF I END UP SITTING IN A COMMUTER TRAIN, DULL EYED AND THINKING, "I WAS YOUNG ONCE" ...

SO IF...



I...

YOU WANT TO JOIN A BAND, DON'T YOU?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

...FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, TEN YEARS...



I'M ALWAYS HALF-ASSED ABOUT WHATEVER I DO.

I JUST WANTED TO TRY SOMETHING NEW.

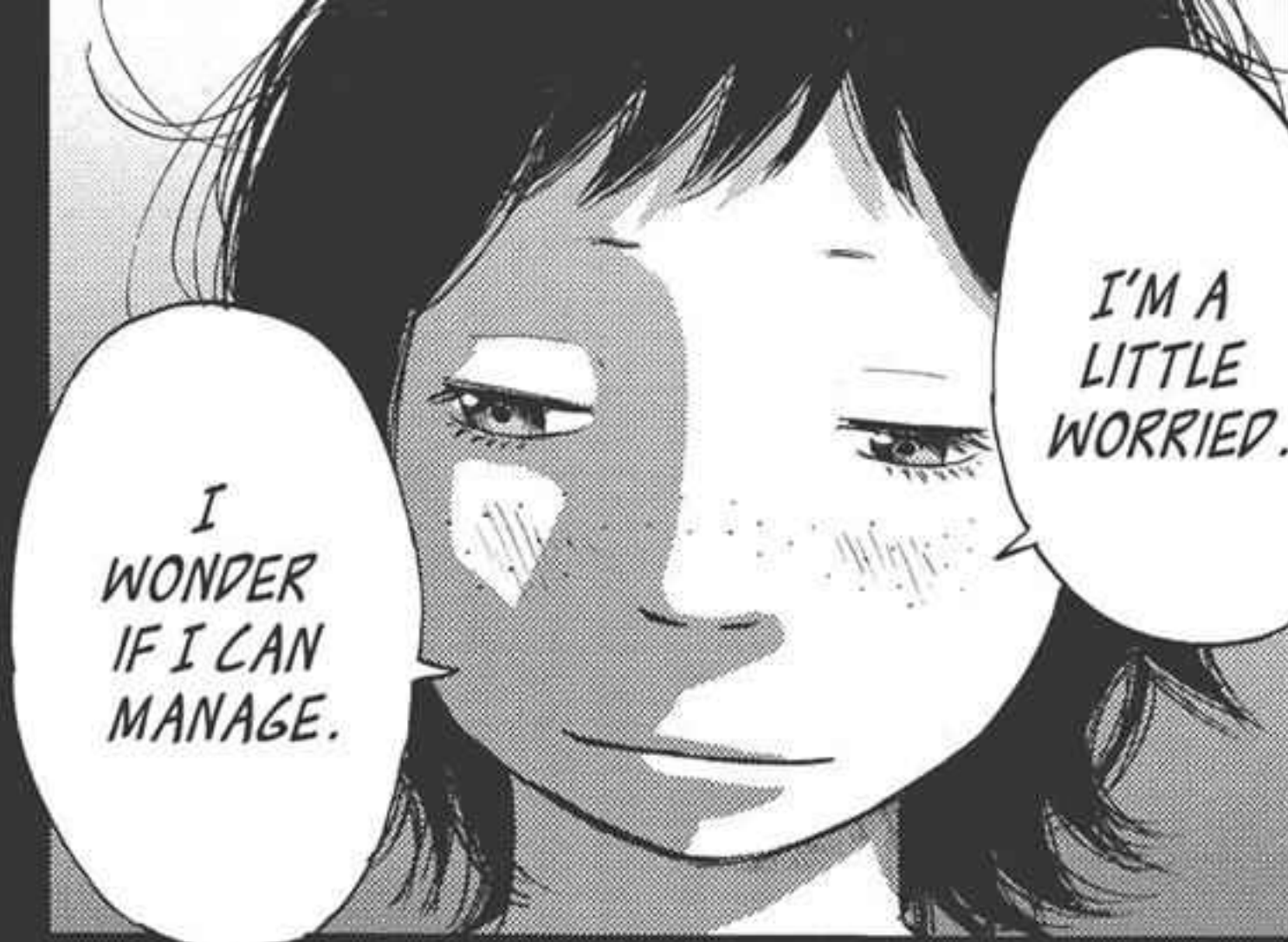
BUT I DON'T THINK I'M CUT OUT FOR IT.



WHAT?!

THAT'S WHY I'M THINKING OF QUITTING THE CLUB.





I  
WONDER  
IF I CAN  
MANAGE.

I'M A  
LITTLE  
WORRIED.



REALLY...?

HMM...



YOU  
THINK...  
THAT'S A  
GOOD  
IDEA?



...IF WE  
STICK  
TOGETHER,  
WE CAN  
WORK  
THINGS  
OUT.

I'LL  
BET  
YOU...





*DON'T...*



*DON'T  
EVER...!!*



*DON'T  
YOU EVER  
LET GO  
OF ME!!*







