

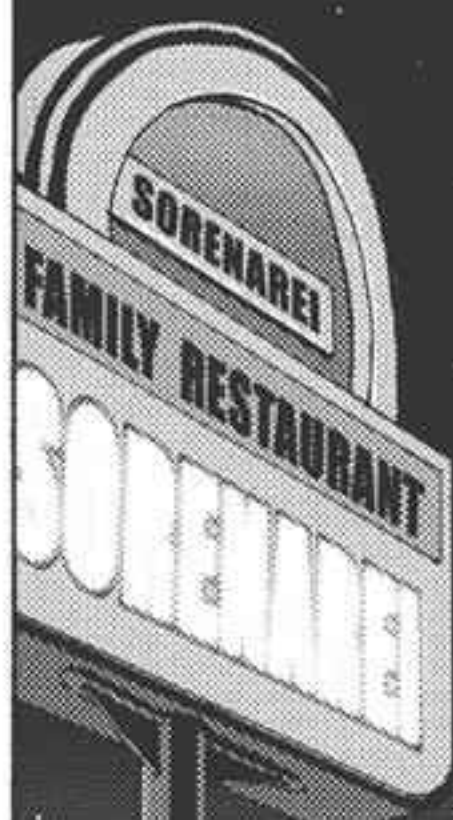






IT'S
STARTING
TO SOUND
LIKE A
SONG!!

MEIKO...!!
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
GOOD!!



WHAT...?



BUT,
YOU'RE
STILL A
LITTLE
STIFF...



SNORT
YEAH,
REALLY.

REALLY?!



OF COURSE, WE'D JUST BE THE OPENING ACT...

...SO WITH SET UP AND BREAK DOWN, WE'D HAVE 25 MINUTES. THAT'S ONLY ENOUGH FOR THREE SONGS.



A LIVE CONCERT...?!

THERE'S THIS CHICK AT SCHOOL WHO'S WORKING HARD TO DEBUT.

SHE ASKED IF WE WOULD PLAY WITH THEM.



AND WE ONLY HAVE A MONTH TILL THE CONCERT!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ONE MONTH?!



WELL... NO WAY CAN WE DO IT...

RIGHT, MEIKO?





...can a
beginner
like me
manage a
concert?



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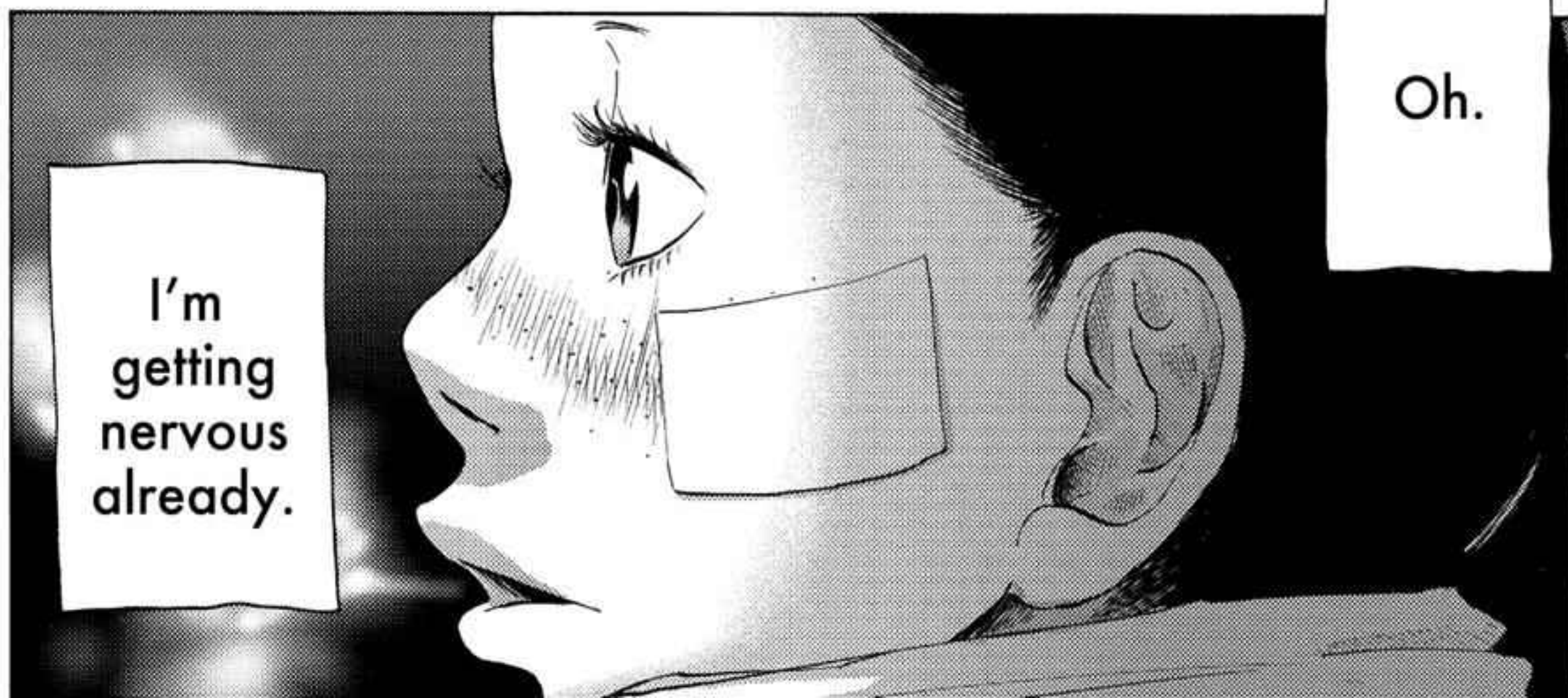


That's
what I
said,
but...



It's
something
I'd never have
thought about
six months
ago.

I've
never been
comfortable
in front of
a bunch of
people, let
alone on a
stage...



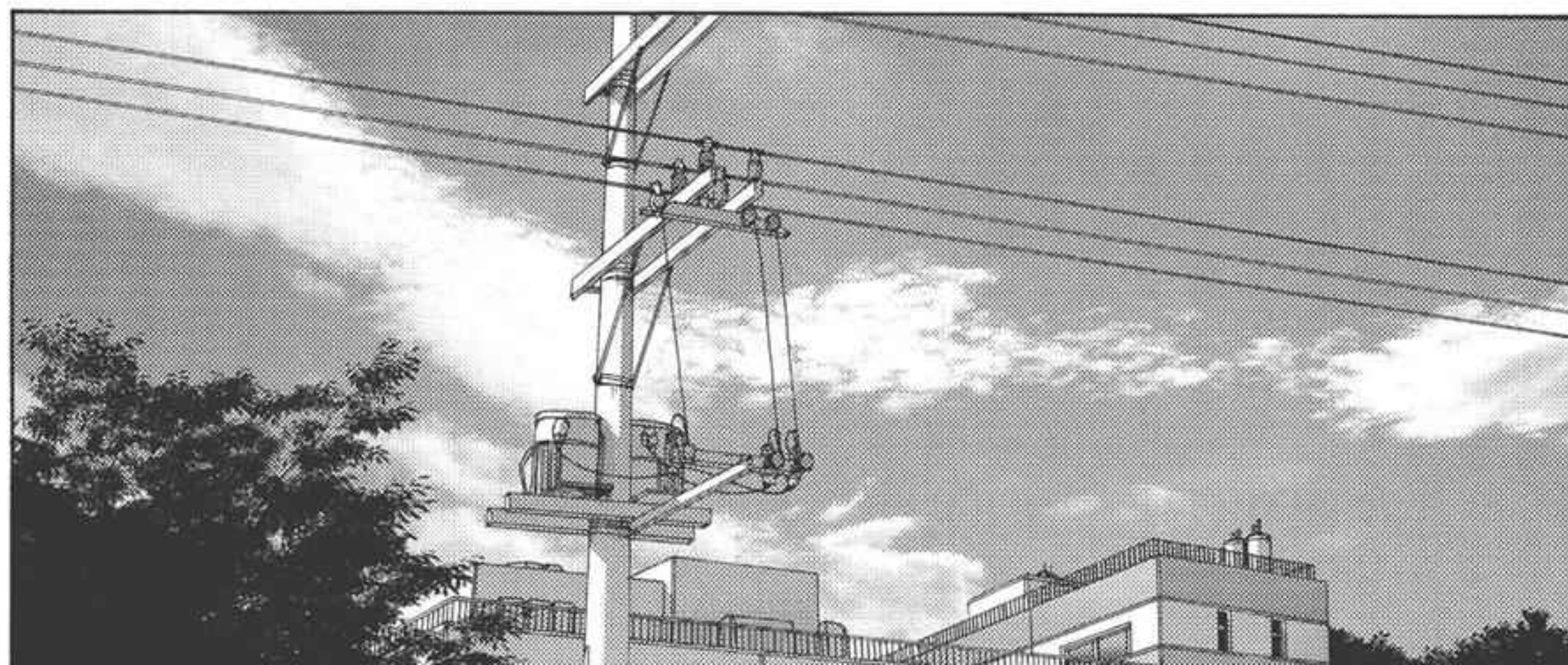
I'm
getting
nervous
already.

Oh.



Eek...!







...BUT
I DON'T
CARE IF I
FAIL. I'LL BE
THERE TO
SEE YOU.

OUR
MIDTERM
ASSIGNMENTS
ARE BEING
ANNOUNCED
THAT DAY...



ACTUALLY,
I WANT YOU
TO TEACH ME
TO PLAY THE
GUITAR.



YOU'RE
SUDDENLY
GOING TO BE
GUITARIST/
VOCALIST
IN A LIVE
CONCERT?

WELL,
UH... THIS
IS PRETTY
SUDDEN,
ISN'T IT?



I
THINK...

...THE BEST
THING TO
DO IS TO
PLAY IT WITH
STYLE.

I'M NOT
VERY GOOD
AT THE
GUITAR
EITHER...



ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO
IS GIVE IT
YOUR ALL
AND PLAY
LIKE YOU
MEAN IT.

THE
REST
DEPENDS
ON YOU.

...BEAUTIFUL
CHORD OR
NOT, YOU CAN
GET GREAT
SOUNDS OUT
OF A GUITAR.

EVEN IF
YOU STINK,
OR KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT MUSIC
THEORY...



...THAT'S WHAT
I LOVE ABOUT
THE GUITAR.

THIS IS AN
INSTRUMENT
THAT GIVES LIFE
TO A PLAYER'S
FEELINGS, USING
THE STRINGS,
PICKUPS AND
AMP.

MAYBE
I'M BEING
OVER-
DRAMATIC,
BUT...



ANYBODY
WHO LOVES
THE GUITAR
CAN PLAY
IT!!

ANYWAY!!

SN
ORT

THAT'S A
GUITAR
LOVER FOR
YOU. YOU
EXPLAIN
IT WELL.

HUH?!



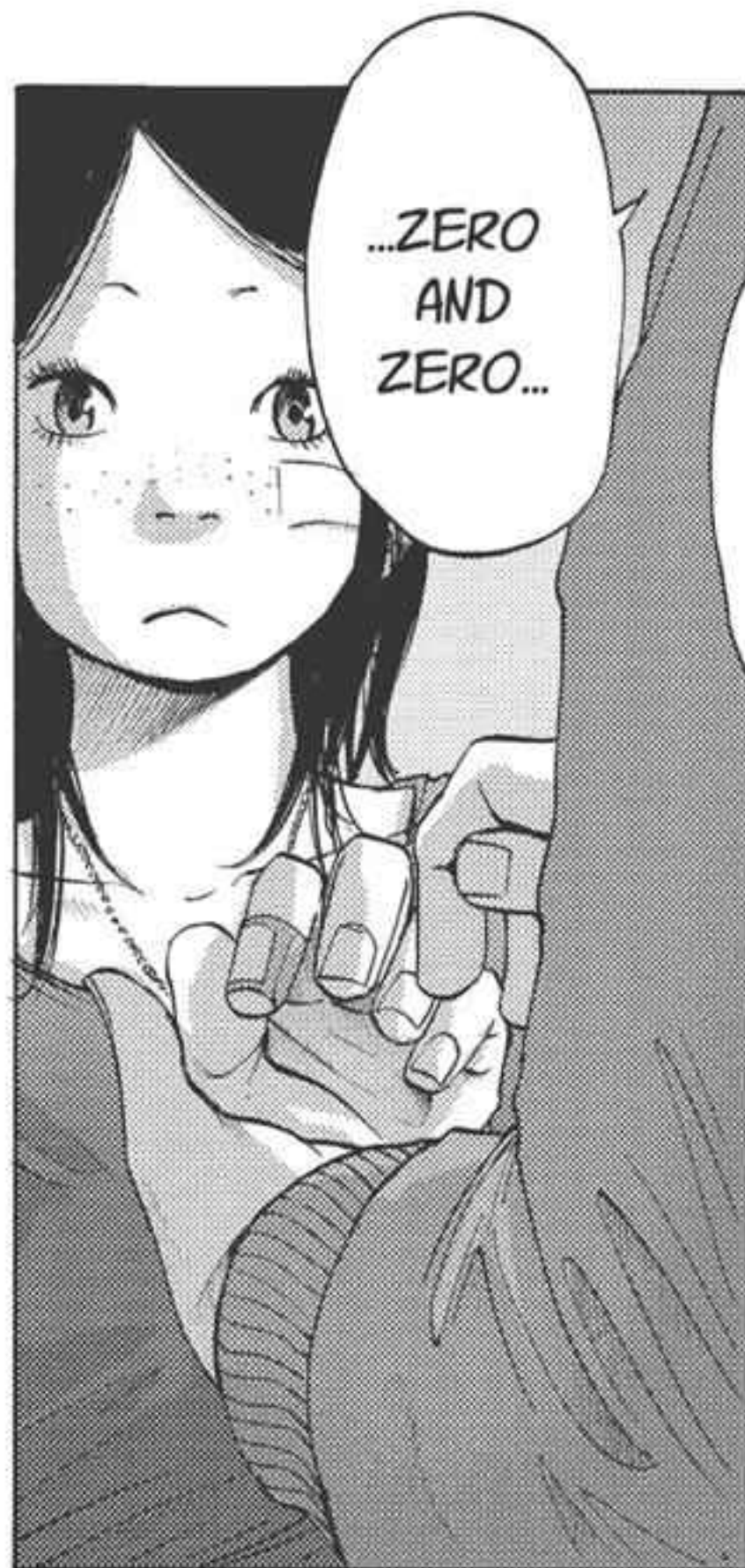
I
CAN'T
PLAY
IT AT
ALL ANY-
MORE.

THE
ELECTONE
ORGAN
UNTIL I
WAS
FIVE...

...HAVE
YOU
TAKEN ANY
MUSIC
LESSONS,
MISS
INOUE?

BY
THE
WAY...

WAS I
BABBLING...?
THIS IS
REALLY
EMBAR-
RASSING...



...ZERO
AND
ZERO...



BUT
WHEN MY
OTHER
UNTALENTED
FRIENDS
AND I GOT
TOGETHER
WITH SOME
INSTRUMENTS...

ME
TOO...

UNTIL
I GOT
TO MIDDLE
SCHOOL, I
COULDN'T DO
ANYTHING
WELL, AND
I HAD NO
GOALS.

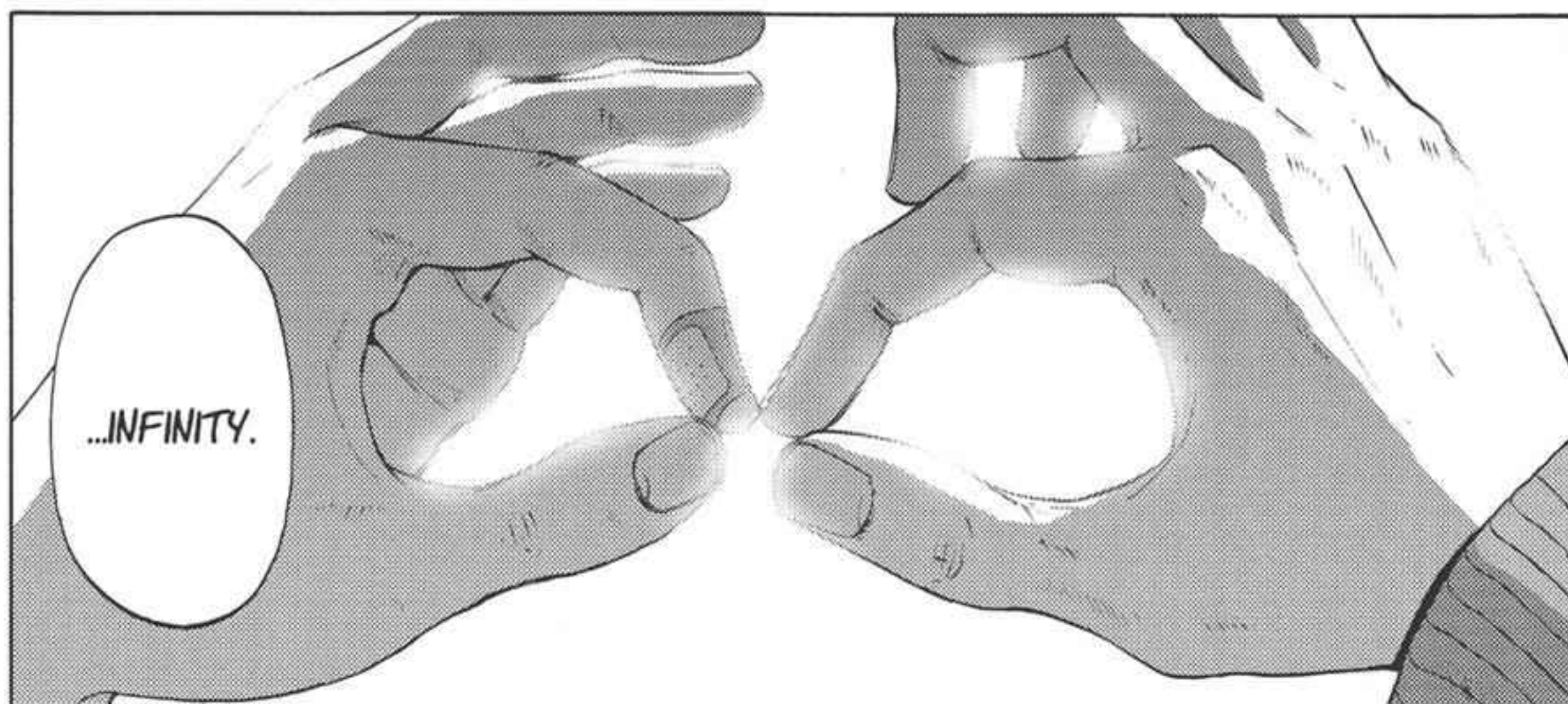


IT
WAS
LIKE...

...IT WAS
LIKE OUR
WORLD
OPENED
UP.



...GOT
TOGETHER
AND MADE...



...INFINITY.

