



COULD IT BE THAT YOU TOO...



A LONELY EXPRESSION FLOATED ON THE FACE OF WHAT SEEMED TO BE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID.



I WAS SURPRISED THAT SOMEBODY ELSE WAS THERE ALREADY.



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IN THIS WORLD THERE ARE MONSTERS THAT CANNOT BE SEEN WITH THE EYE

WHEN YOU LOOK DEEP INTO THE ABYSS OF SADNESS

YOU HEAR ITS MOUTH DEVOURING HUMANS

YOU HEAR THE MONSTER'S GAPING MOUTH

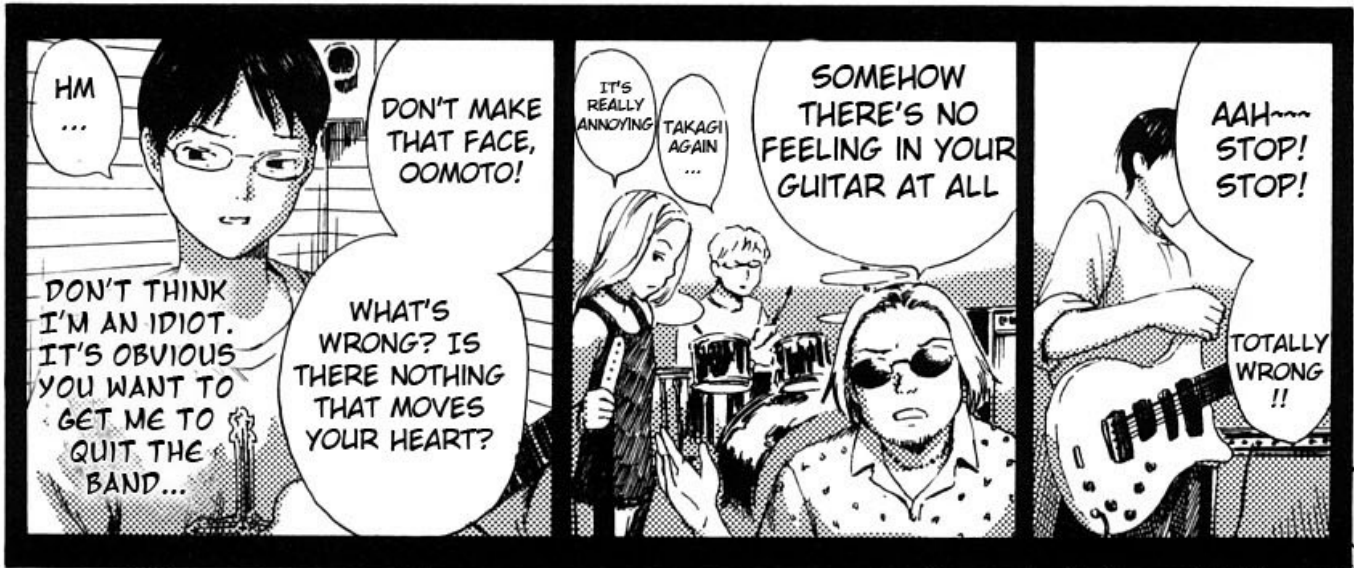
WHEN YOU PLUNGE INTO THE PIT OF DESPAIR

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO NERVOUS, IT'S NOTHING TERRIFYING.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5TH GRADER ...

MEANING IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, RIGHT?

SHE'S SMALL FOR 11 YEARS BUT SHE LOOKS LIKE A SHE'S BEING BROUGHT UP WELL ...

YOU'RE GETTING A LITTLE WET



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WELL, I'M PUTTING MY FINGER IN

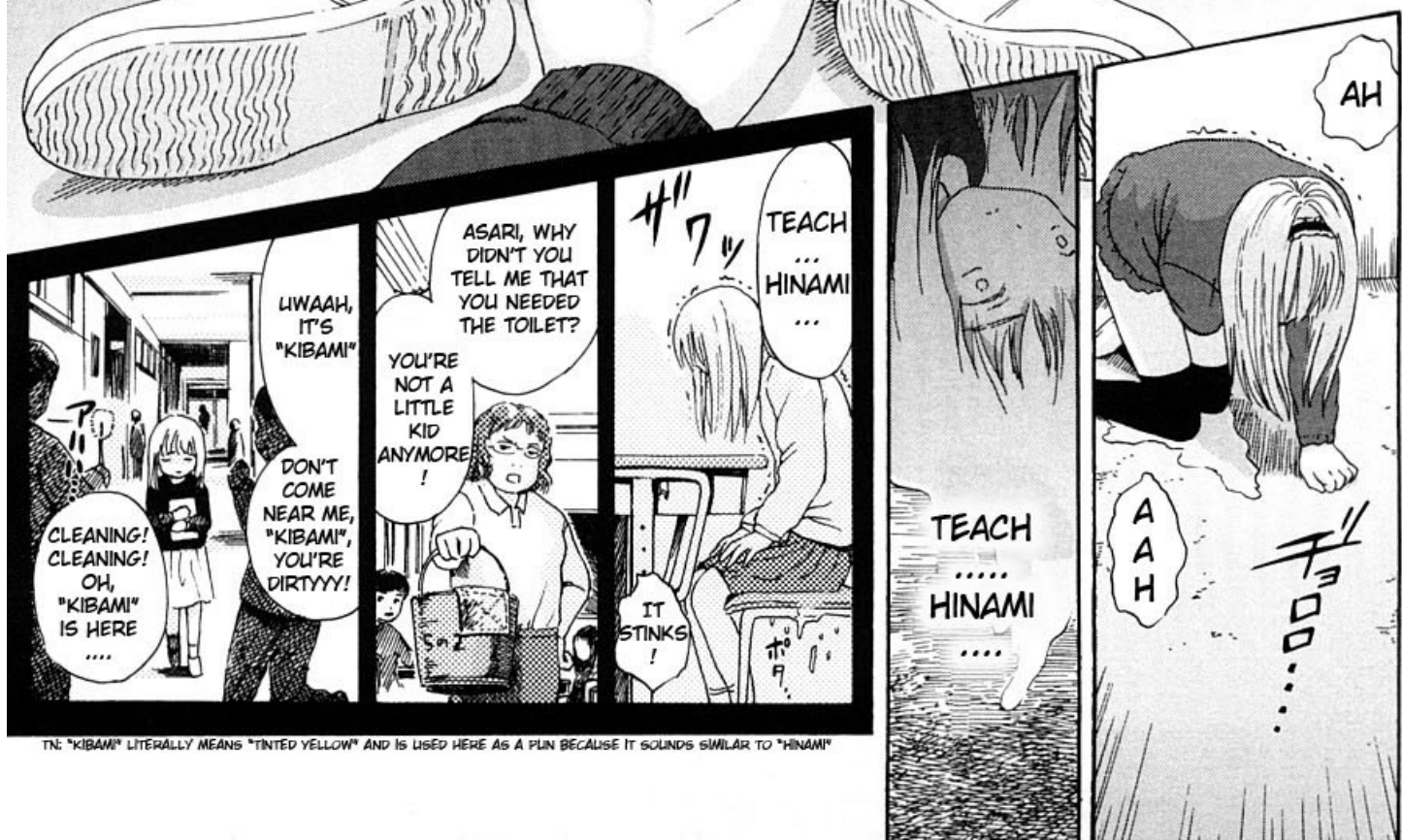
SORRY ... YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY

WHY WOULD SOMEBODY LIKE YOU ...?





AH



CLEANING!  
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OH,  
"KIBAMI"  
IS HERE  
....

UWAAH,  
IT'S  
"KIBAMI"

DON'T  
COME  
NEAR ME,  
"KIBAMI",  
YOU'RE  
DIRTYYY!

ASARI, WHY  
DIDN'T YOU  
TELL ME THAT  
YOU NEEDED  
THE TOILET?

YOU'RE  
NOT A  
LITTLE  
KID  
ANMORE!

TEACH  
...  
HINAMI  
...

IT  
STINKS!

TEACH  
....  
HINAMI  
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TN: "KIBAMI" LITERALLY MEANS "TINTED YELLOW" AND IS USED HERE AS A PUN BECAUSE IT SOUNDS SIMILAR TO "HINAMI"



SO ...

SORRY ...

SORR...Y

... SORRY

SORRY ...

...RRY

... ORRY ...



CAUSE

I... AM..

WHY DO YOU APOLOGIZE ?

DIRTY ....

YOU'RE NOT DIRTY!

B... BUT...







BUT THE PAIN IS PROOF THAT YOU'RE ALIVE

... AH!  
IT HURTS ...

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M CONNECTING WITH YOUR MOST SENSITIVE PART

YE ...

YOU OKAY ?



1.5  
4  
3.5"

DON'T WORRY, IT GETS EASIER AFTER I PUT THE TIP IN.

SEE? IT'S STEADILY GOING IN !

AH

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YEAH

THIS IS ALSO PROOF THAT YOU'RE ALIVE ...

SO  
HOT  
...

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THIS REALLY IS THE PART MOST LIKE THE HEART

BEING ABLE TO FEEL WARMTH AND PAIN AT THE SAME TIME ...

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NO!

I WON'T CRY ANYMORE ...

DON'T STOP

I'M SORRY ...



MORE ...

I'M SORRY ...

DO ...

A LOT

\*SNIFF\*

I WON'T CRY ANYMORE ...



IT'S OK TO CRY ...

I WON'T TALK ABOUT STOPPING ANYMORE



LET'S KEEP GOING TILL TOTAL EXHAUSTION AND FEELING GOOD ALL OVER

YES ...



ONII-SAN ...



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MY FIRST KISS ...



WHAT AN HONOR ...



ONII ... SAN IT FEELS SO GOOD ...

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IT FEELS GREAT ! YEAH

DO YOU ... FEEL GOOD TOO ?



ONII  
SAN  
...



THAT  
THIS  
KID  
IS  
DEAR  
TO  
ME  
...

NOW  
I'M  
BEGINNING  
TO  
THINK



DIDN'T I  
HAVE NOTHING  
BUT MY  
GUITAR  
SKILLS?  
(LAUGHING)



WHAT'S  
THIS...  
MY HEART  
ISN'T REALLY  
BEING  
MOVED,  
BUT...



I CAN'T HOLD STILL ..

ONII-SAN... SOMEHOW... I'M FEELING... WEIRD...  
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MY BODY SEEMS TO GO WILD ... !!

I'M SORRY ... RUB MY PUSSY MORE ...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY BODY ...!?

HOLD ME DOWN ...

IT'S SCARY !



ONII-SA ... -N ...  
URGH

Y ... YEAH



IT'S NOT SCARY AT ALL!

DON'T BEAR IT BUT FOLLOW WHAT YOUR BODY IS TELLING YOU!

IT'S OK !



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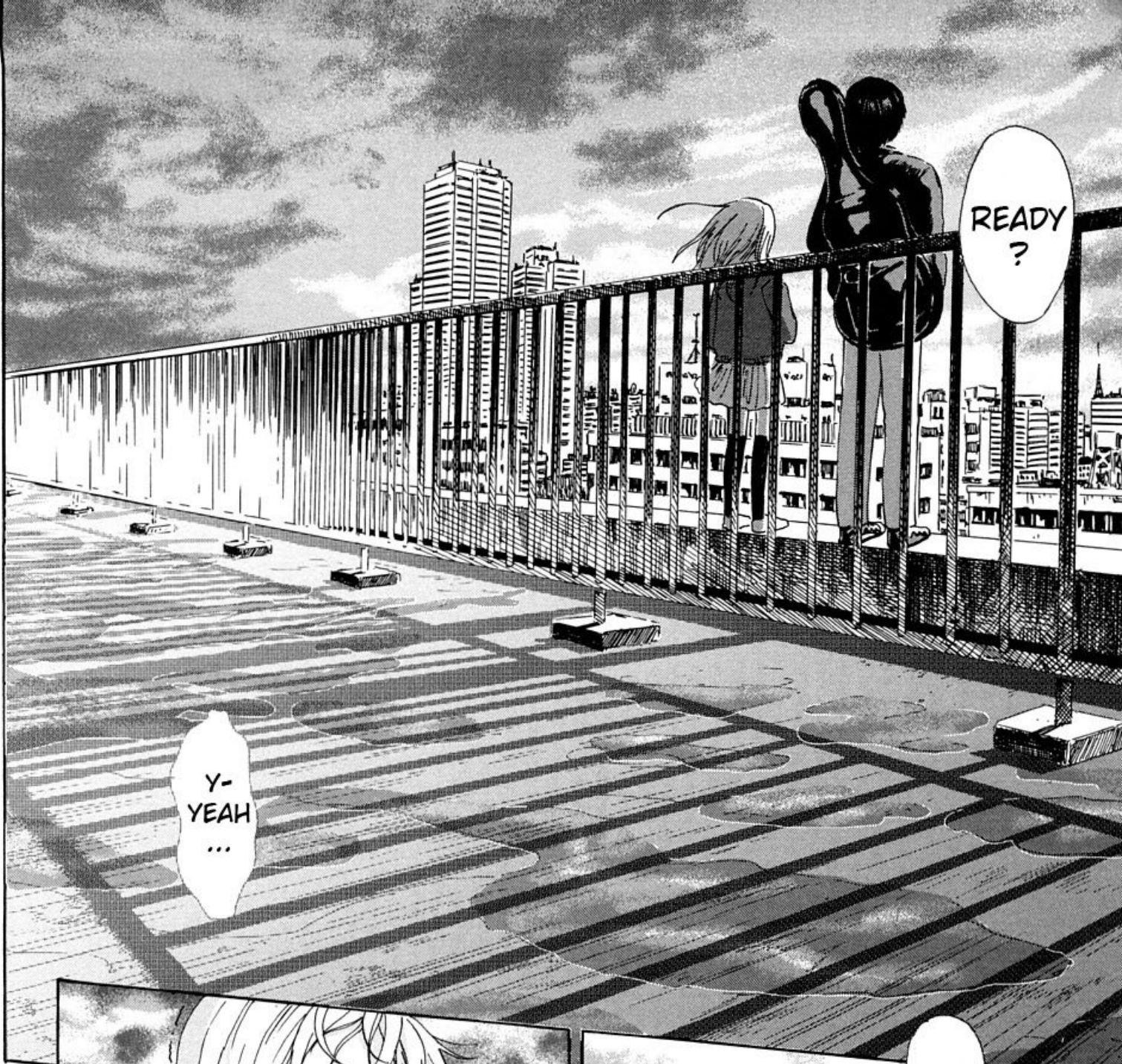
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ALRIGHT  
MONSTER  
...  
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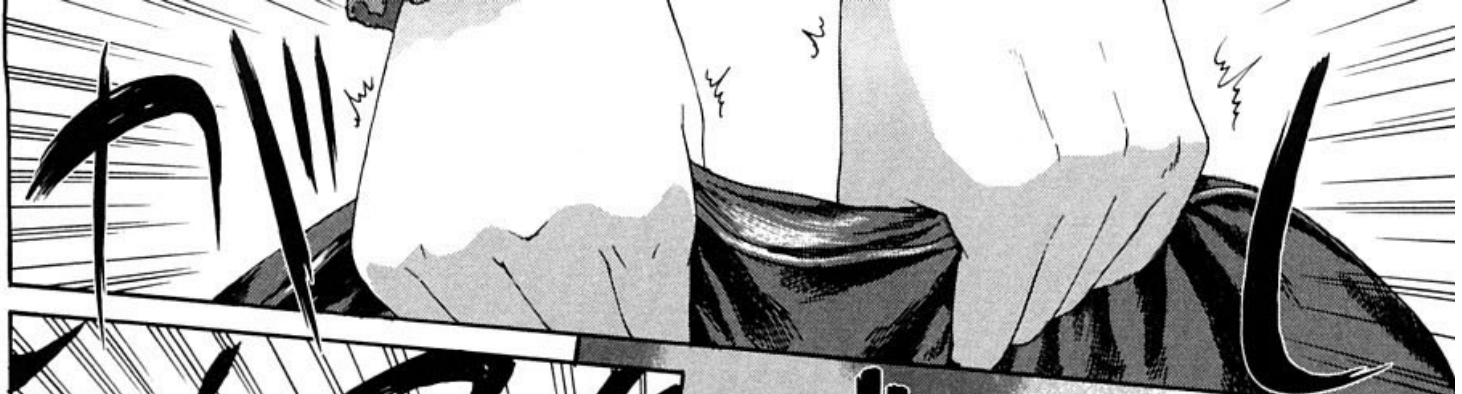
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I'LL  
SAVE  
YOU  
AFTER  
ALL



WHEN I GET  
REBORN THIS  
TIME,  
I WANT TO  
PLAY THE  
GUITAR  
FROM WHEN  
I'M THREE...



WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING  
!!

LET  
GO  
!!

YOU'LL  
FALL  
TOO  
!?



SOMEBODY WHO'D TELL ME THAT IT'S OK TO LIVE ON ...

ALL THIS TIME... I WAITED ... FOR SOMEBODY ...

SHIT  
IT'S STUCK, I CAN'T GET IT OFF ...

SOMEBODY WHO WOULD HOLD THIS WOUNDED ME ... GENTLY IN HIS ARMS ...

ALL THIS TIME ...



ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR YOU !?



I DON'T HAVE A JOB ...

AFTER ALL THIS TIME ...

WE WENT THROUGH 7 YEARS TOGETHER ...

DON'T THINK BADLY OF US. WE DIDN'T DECIDE THIS

AFTER THE DEBUT THE BAND HAS TO GET RID OF THE WEIGHT



I WANT TO ... LIVE

I... DON'T WANNA... DIE ANYMORE

LIVE ...

I WANT TO BECOME HAPPY ...



WOW, THAT WAS A BIG HEALING SPELL ...

EVEN THOUGH YOU COULDN'T EVEN OPEN A CAN OF JUICE



**SO DON'T DIE !!!**



**I CAN KEEP GOING ...**

**IF I CAN DEPEND ON YOU !!**

THIS  
STORY/  
REALITY  
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OVER  
YET





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