

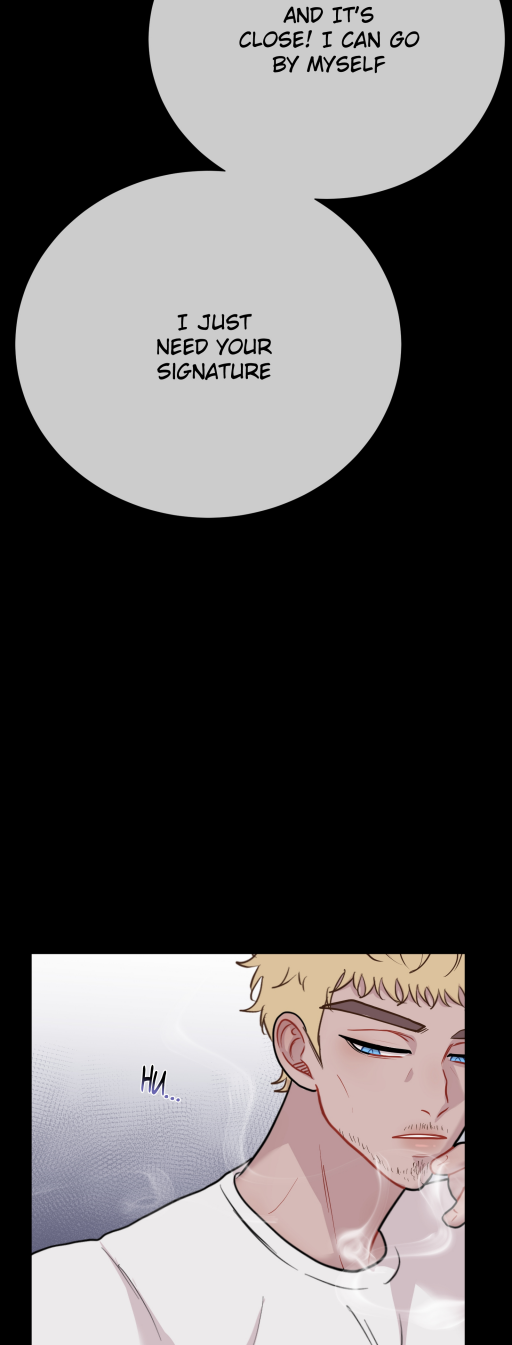
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THIS EPISODE CONTAINS THEMES OF ABUSE OF
A MINOR, CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
AND HOMOPHOBIA

Boy Girlfriend



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THERE-
THERE'S A FREE
MUSIC CLASS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!
IT'S FOR KIDS



AND IT'S
CLOSE! I CAN GO
BY MYSELF

I JUST
NEED YOUR
SIGNATURE



FREE?
HUH...

WHATEVER,
THEN. DO WHAT
YOU WANT

THAT WAS
THE CLOSEST THING TO
PERMISSION I EVER GOT

FOR REAL?



THANKS...



WHATEVER.
JUST GIVE ME THE
PAPER

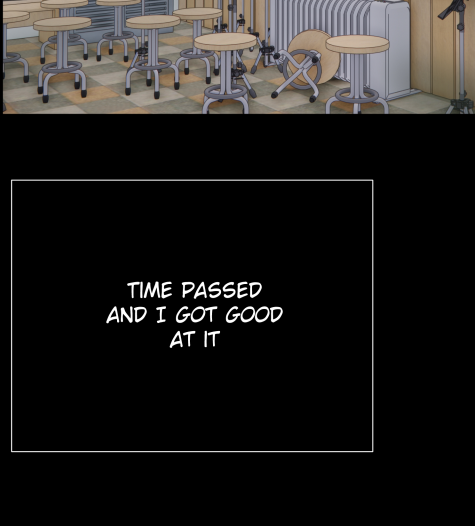
I WAS EXCITED.
LOOKING BACK... I THINK IT
WAS THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS I
FELT EXCITED ABOUT ANYTHING



THE PLACE
WAS OLD AND
RUNDOWN

IT ALWAYS HAD
THIS DAMP AND
MUSTY SMELL

I WAS THE ONLY
KID THERE FOR
DRUMS



TIME PASSED
AND I GOT GOOD
AT IT

IT FELT
GOOD WHEN
I PLAYED



MY HEAD WOULD
CLEAR AND EVERYTHING
ELSE DISAPPEARED



THE MUSIC
TEACHER WAS
NICE, TOO

GOOD
TEMPO

YOU'RE A
NATURAL,
YOU KNOW
THAT?



HE WAS
KIND

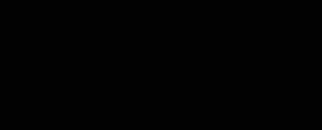
AT FIRST...
IT FELT LIKE
ATTENTION



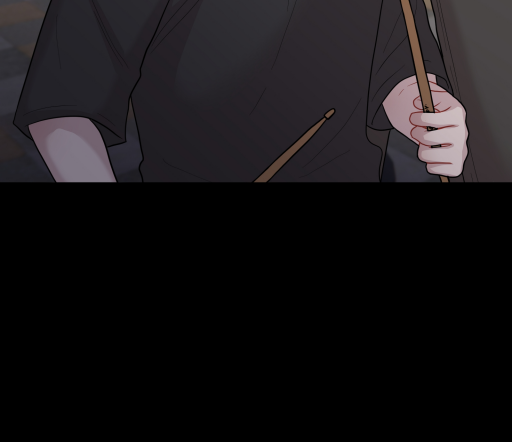
THE KIND
I DIDN'T HAVE
TO EARN

I DIDN'T
NOTICE WHEN THINGS
STARTED TO CHANGE

LET ME
SEE...



NO, YOU'RE
HOLDING THEM
WRONG



HERE, THAT'S
THE CORRECT
GRIP



OR MAYBE
I DID

I JUST DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO
CALL IT



SO, TELL
ME AXEL



WHAT MADE
YOU WANT TO
LEARN THE
DRUMS?

I.. DUNNO

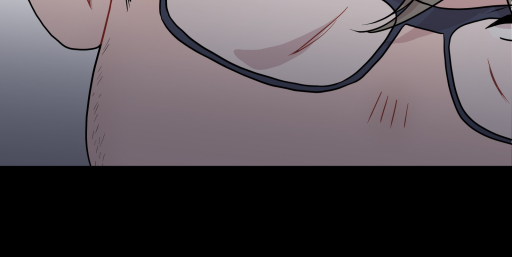


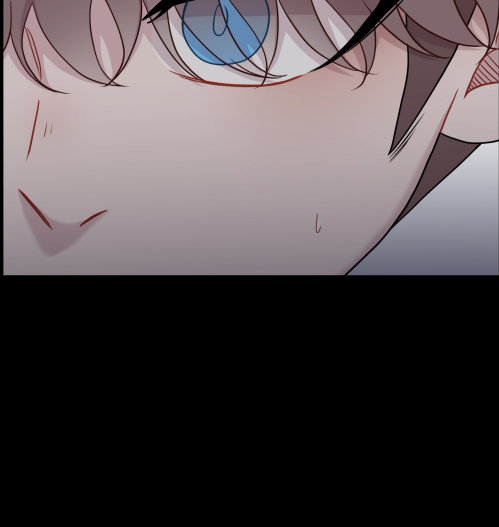
I JUST
THOUGHT THEY
WERE COOL

I SHOULD
HAVE JUST LEFT
IT AT THAT

BUT THE
WAY HE WAS
LOOKING AT ME...

WHAT?
THAT'S ALL?





MADE THE NEXT
WORDS SLIP OUT
BEFORE I COULD
STOP THEM

THERE'S...
THIS KID IN MY
CLASS. HE PLAYS
THE GUITAR



HE SAID
HE WANTS TO BE
IN A BAND WHEN
HE GROWS UP

I JUST
THOUGHT...
THAT WAS
KINDA COOL

I'LL NEVER
FORGET THE LOOK
ON HIS FACE AS I
SAID THAT

YOU LIKE
THAT BOY,
DON'T YOU?



THE ROOM STARTED
SPINNING

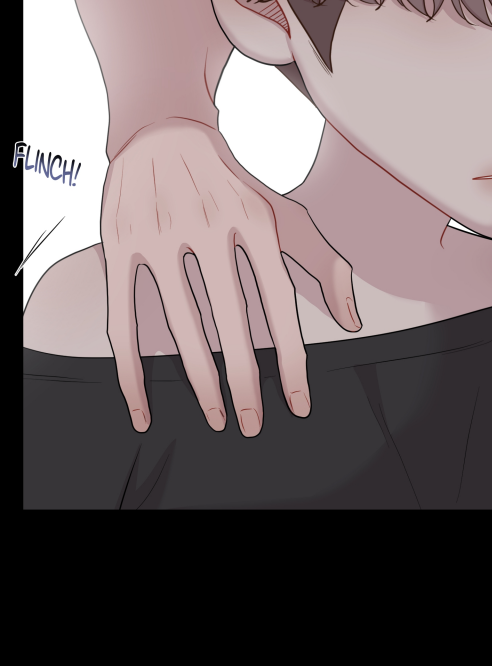


N-NO..-!



OF COURSE
NOT! HE'S
A-!

SHH...



NOW, NOW...
THAT'S ALRIGHT,
AXEL. YOU DON'T
HAVE TO HIDE
FROM ME



I WON'T
TELL ANYONE

THIS CAN
BE...

SLIP...

OUR LITTLE
SECRET

SEE, IT'S NOT
SO BAD FOR A BOY
TO LIKE ANOTHER
BOY...

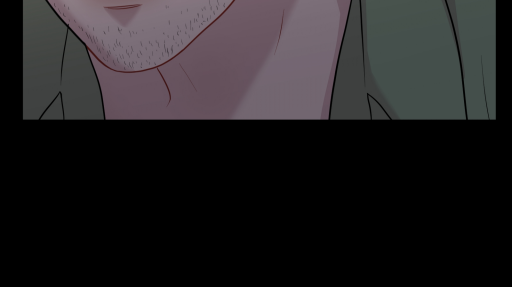
I ALSO
HAPPEN TO
QUITE LIKE YOU
TOO, AXEL



SQUEEZE

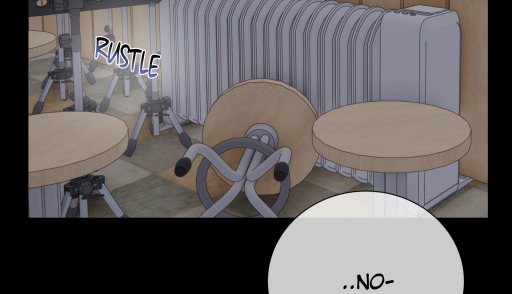
IN EXCHANGE
FOR ME KEEPING
YOUR SECRET, CAN
YOU KEEP MINE
TOO?

WHY
DON'T YOU BE
A GOOD BOY AND
STAND STILL FOR
ME, ALRIGHT?



RUSTLE

W-WHAT..-



RUSTLE

..NO-

WAIT..-



**N-NO-!
STOP!**

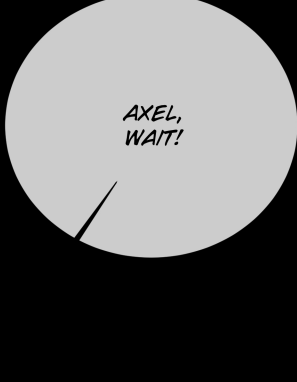


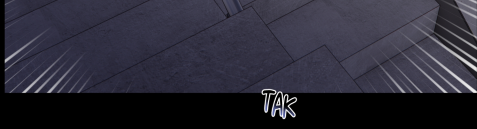
DON'T-!

**DON'T
TOUCH ME!**



**AXEL,
WAIT!**





CLICK

(HUFF)



HOW WAS
SISSY
PRACTICE?

TAK



TAK



HUFF..

HUFF..

SHAA...

...AH

Hic!

HA..

Sob

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

HEY! DON'T
GO WASTING ALL
THE HOT
WATER!!

MONEY DOESN'T
GROW ON TREES,
YOU KNOW!

HAA..

TREMBLE

HAA..

YOU HEAR
ME!?



TO BE CONTINUED...

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DON'T
FORGET TO
LIKE, SUB AND
COMMENT!



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