



Welcome back, man. Ready to rock 'n' roll,  
or should we ease back in slow?



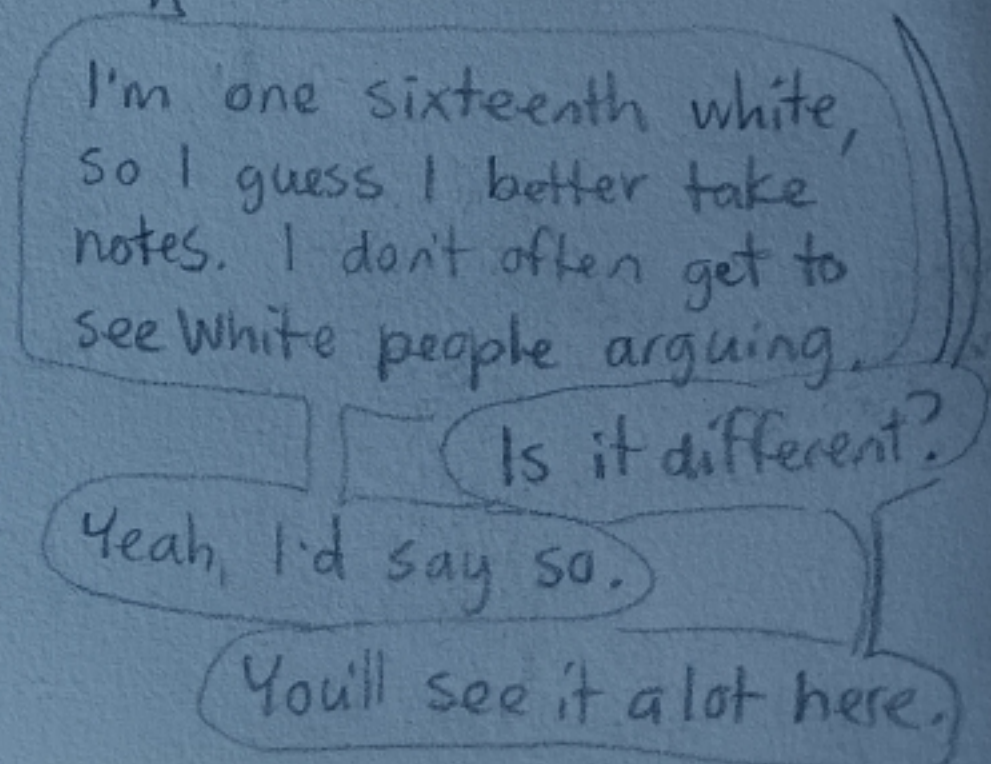
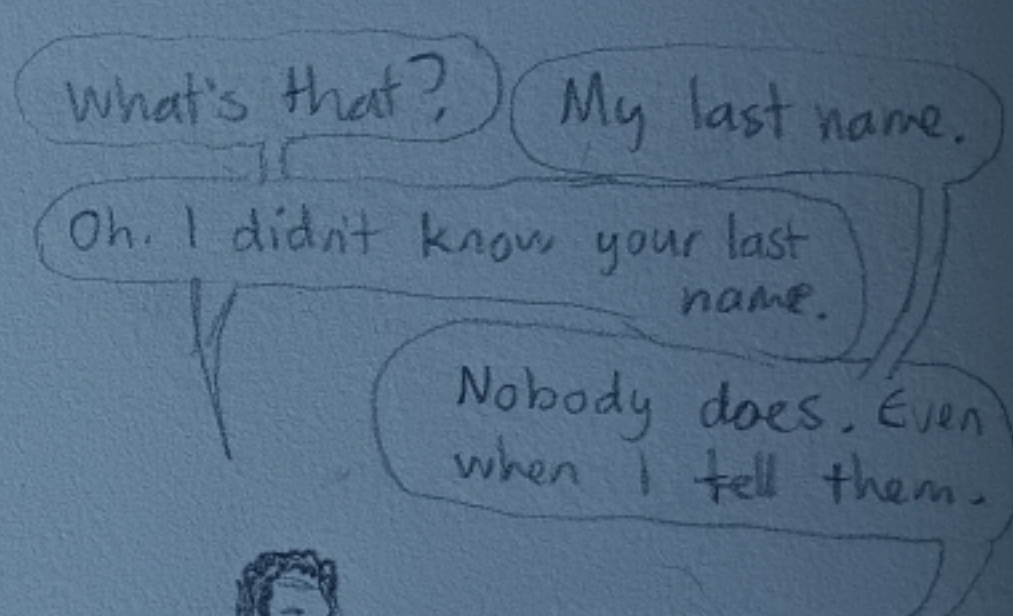
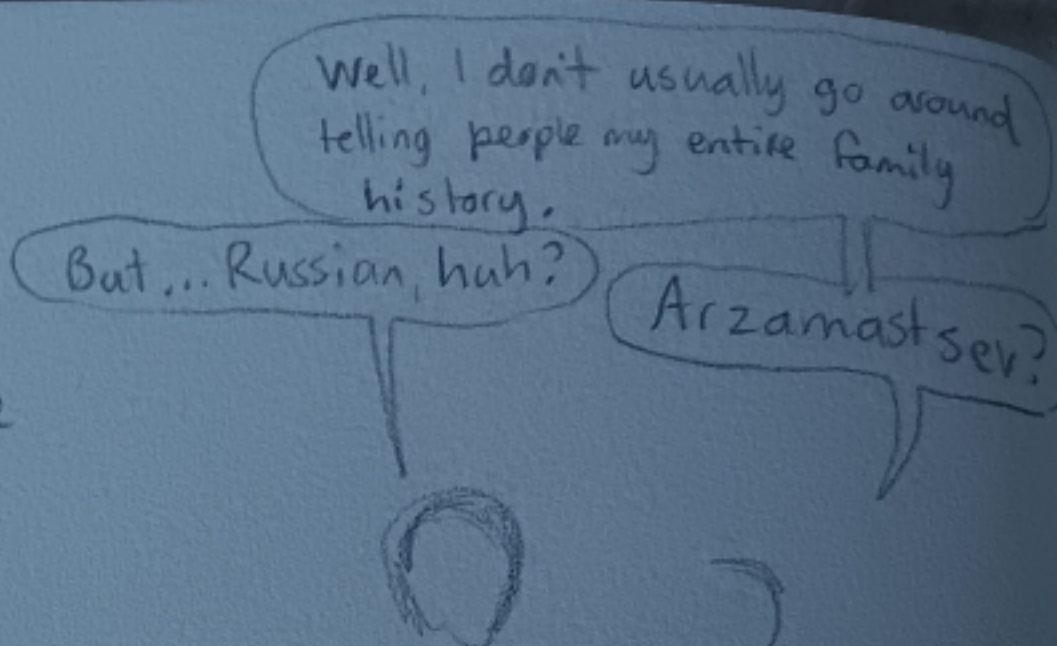
Nah it's alright lissen I  
been lissenin t' some new  
music, like Top 40 shit, an,  
wait, hear me out. There's some  
good stuff in there. Some  
Australian band that's pretty  
slick. Frontman's a lil guy  
that, like, dances around.  
We can give that one to  
Maurice. He'll be good.



I... didn't say she was  
MY German chick. She  
was jus' some chick,  
We was all stuck in that place  
together.

Talkin' 'bout ourselves  
all the time. I know more  
about her than I know bout  
my own Momma.

It's like a different  
planet. Now I come back  
an I'm an ALIEN,





No, Steve, you belong here.  
Overstreet Knox IS your band.

I mean not if y'all  
take it away from  
me...

We're not, we  
promise!



Guys, we're moving too  
fast. Steve's got a point.  
Let's do our old set and  
find our groove again, if  
that's all right with you,  
Fed...



Yeah yeah, I'm down.

Hey hey yo, Space Cowboy

Oh, Steve. Hey,  
s'up?

S'practically  
**MADE** fer you.

INXS?

You're  
kidding,  
right?



Yer mixtape.



Naw naw the girls go gaga fer  
this stuff. Sher, it's a lil diff'rent...



You're not gonna make me DANCE, are you?!



It's parta their schtick. It's CUTE. An I been thinkin we don't play up yer cuteness enough. It's wasted potential.

Steve, there's no way I'm dancing onstage. The music video has low frame rate and effects



and I'm just gonna be crashing into you all like a klutz. It's not the same.

You seen it?!

Yeah. It's all over MTV,

Well lissen 'n thinka somethin we can milk this. Just play wit' it.

And another thing!



What?

Steve, are you all right?



What other thing



Nothing. I'm just uncomfortable with being called 'cute'.

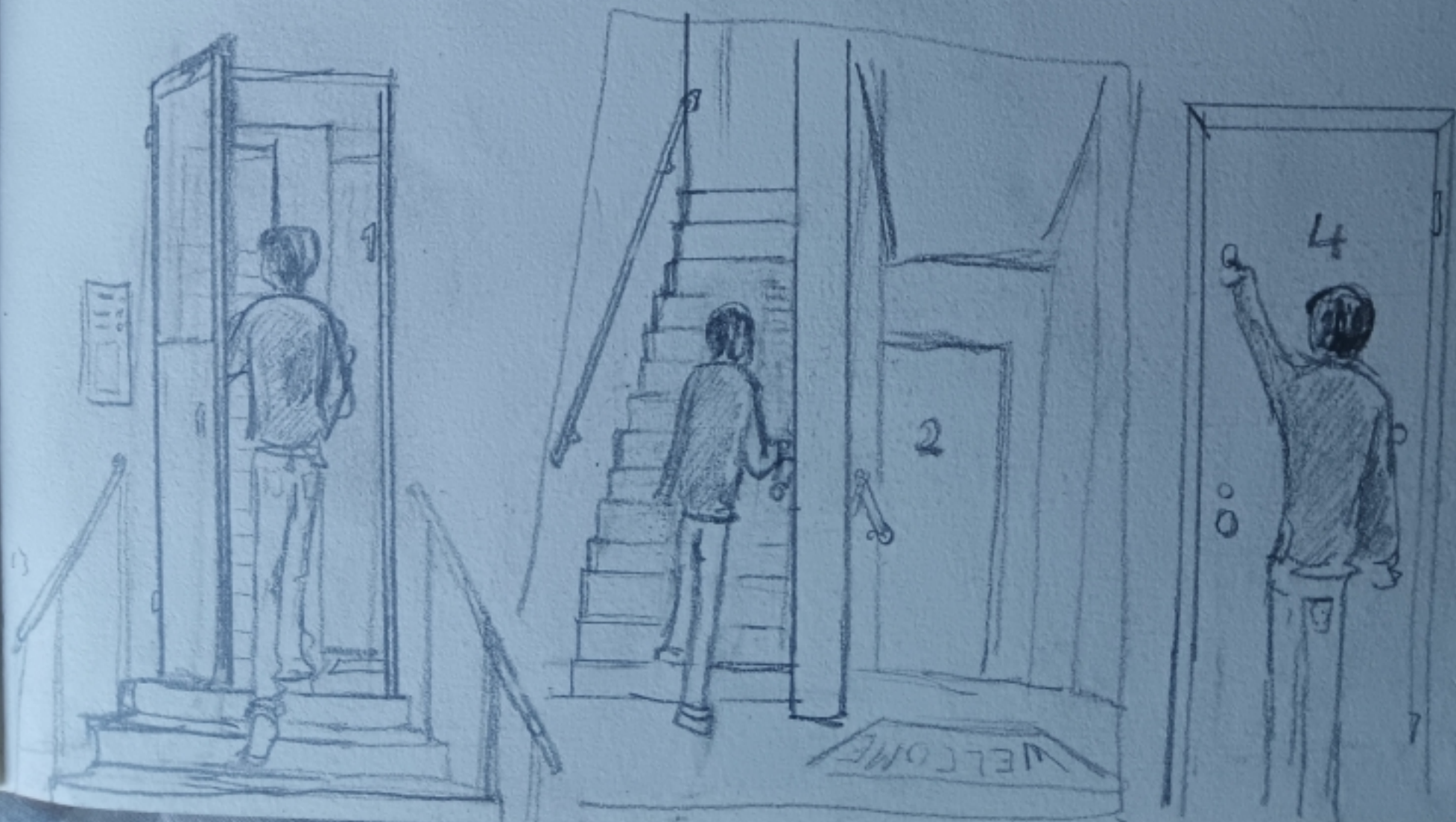
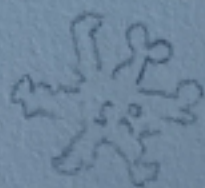
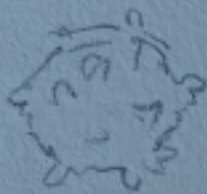
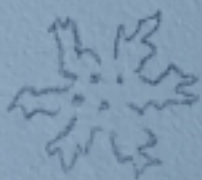
Dude,



Don't get yer panties in a bunch. It's jus' business.

All right. See you at rehearsal tomorrow.

Don't let me down lil dude





Hey, Maurz. Why so glum?



I'm not GLUM, Ren.

I'm stuck with this stupid mixtape full of pop songs that Steve's making me learn.



What would you rather be doing?

Blues!



But now Steve doesn't want us to be a blues band, so we can't be a blues band.



Ted was improv'ing some blues riffs and it was so... so... je ne sais quoi, and I SO wanna do that myself!

Can't you do both?



Jodie thinks he'll come around eventually, and she knows him best.



So get a head start. You always see this as work.

It IS work.

But it could be fun, if you made it fun.



You have no idea how badly I wish I could pick up a guitar and make a party come out.



What? Oh.

First we'll make a C chord. Put your fingers

Dude, no, I can't.

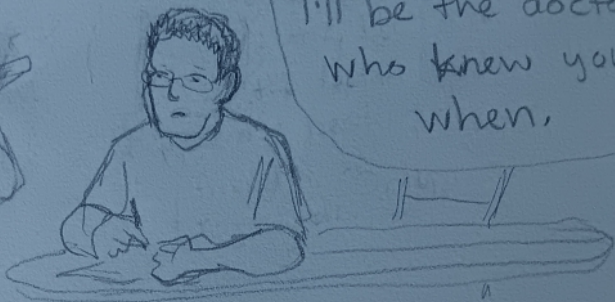




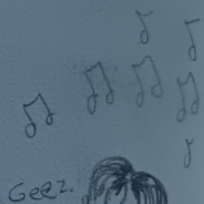
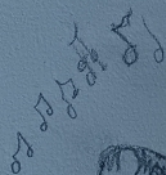
You mean you WONT.  
The guitar doesn't care  
who's touching the strings.



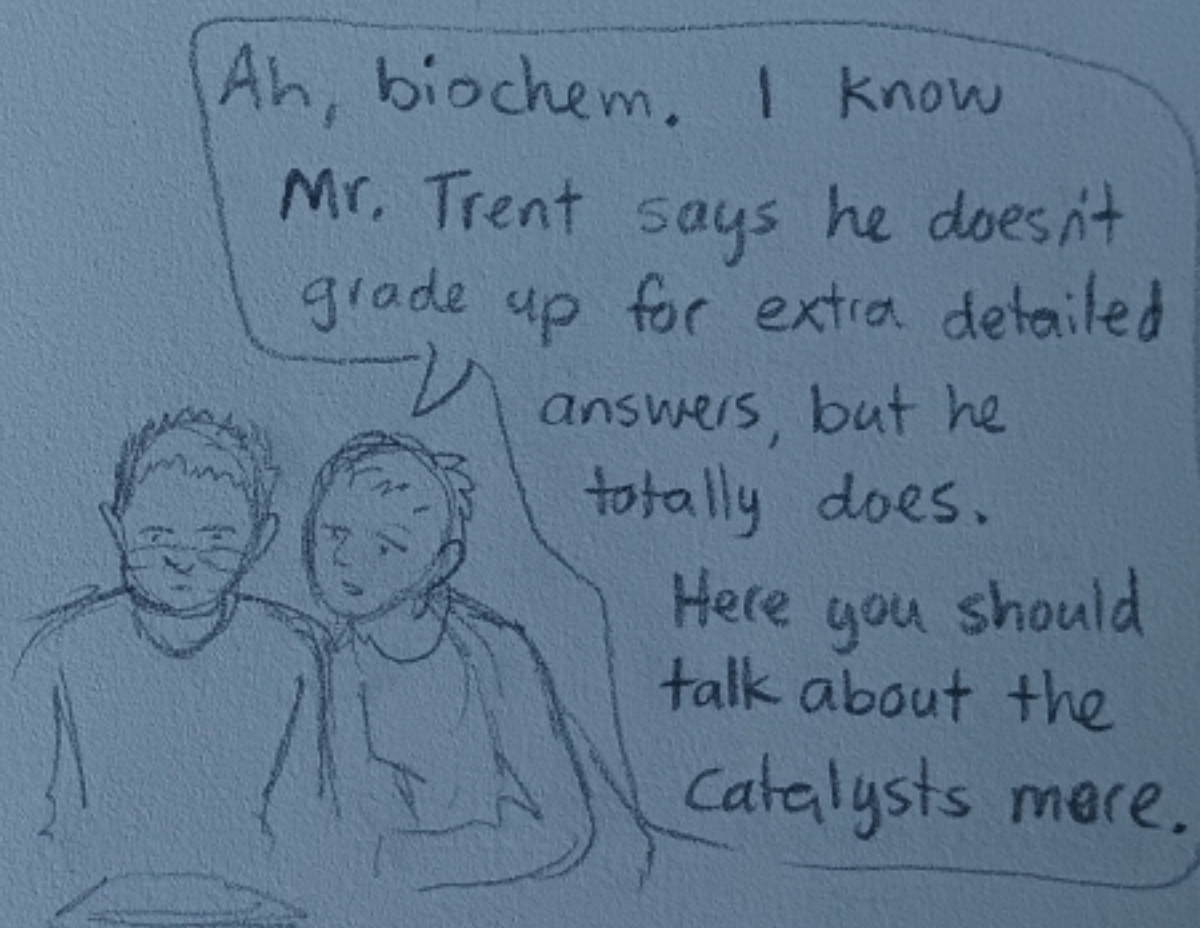
I'm fine with that.  
You be the rockstar  
of the family.  
I'll be the doctor  
who knew you  
when.



Guess I better  
get started.







♫ ♫  
♫ I need you  
girl and I'm not ♫ ♫

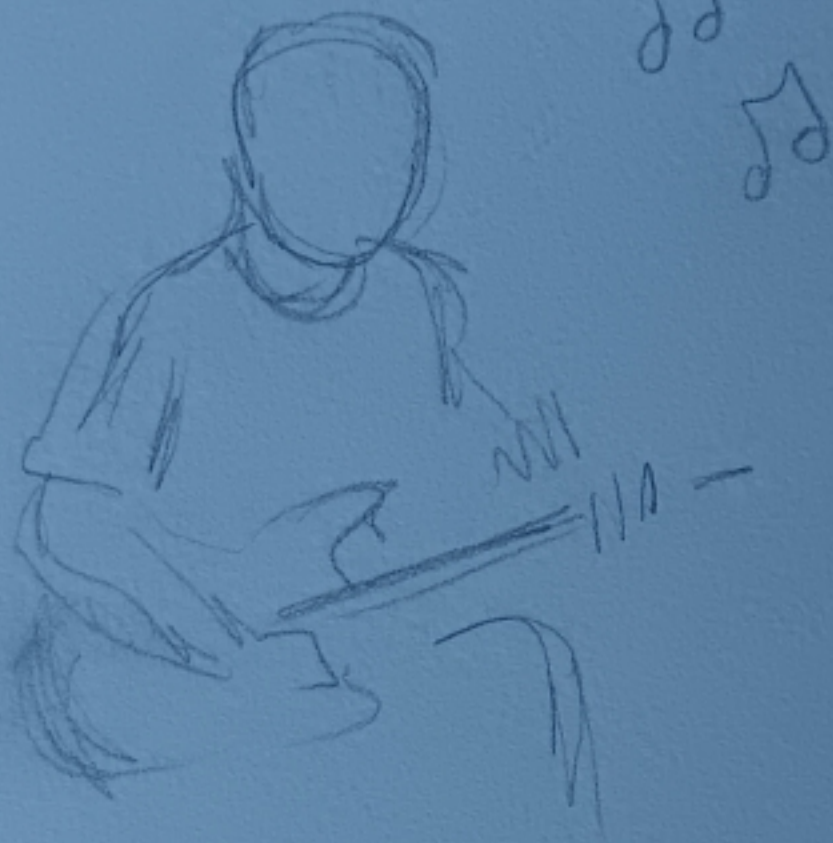


♫  
I won't dance for you  
No, I won't dance for you  
Don't look at me  
with your big sad  
eyes then cut  
me down in front  
of other guys

~~Handwritten scribbles~~



Then you dare to ask  
me to dance for you.



That's really great!  
Did you write  
that?



Is it about the  
French girl?

No, it's about STEVE.  
He suddenly thinks pop  
songs with dance routines  
are gonna bring us fans.



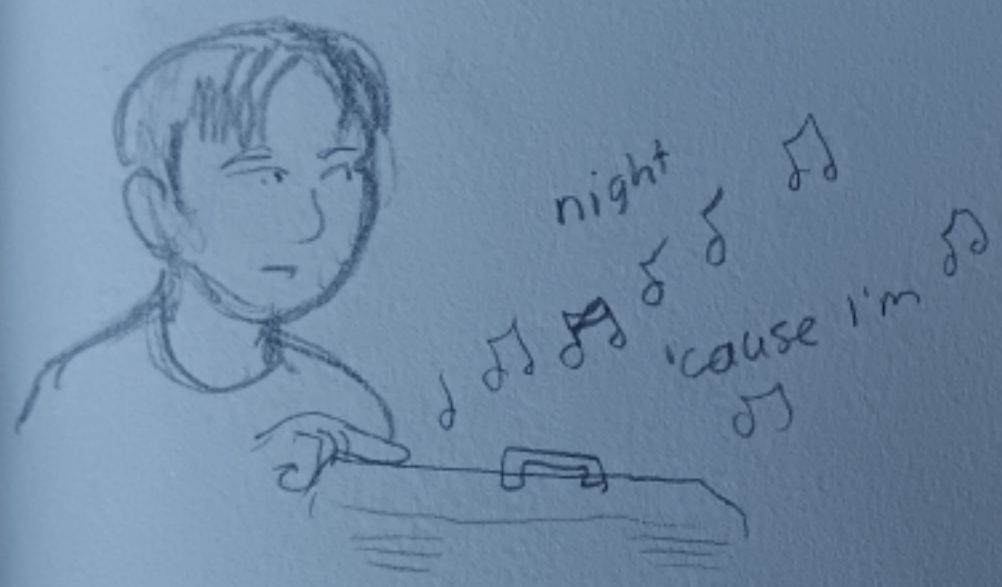
Maybe you should  
write a love song.  
It seems like if you write  
a song about being mad  
at Steve, you'll be  
stoking drama.





It was just improv.  
I'm not s'posed to be  
writing songs. Just learning  
these new ones.

That's danceable.  
Christine, may  
I have this  
dance?



Hee hee! Of course!



[Dance scene]



Worth a try. We're adding to our set already.



Jodie tell you 'bout the new guy?

Uh. Sorta.

He's... different.

Cool. Cool.

You seem like you're doing well. You're more... present.

Sure, sure.

Got a new kick?



These bad boys, right here.

Nice.



Wanna try one?

Nah, I'm an all-natural, garden grown guy myself.



It ain't good to mix.

Listen, Steve. To get good use outta these, you gotta follow the directions they give you. And don't mess around.



And no sharing.



[Dance scene]

Aw, Maurice, what's wrong? It's a fun song.

Can't you tell him you'll play it without dancing? Let the customers dance. Maybe he'll also let you do what you want to do Blues and stuff.

I'm not arguing that.

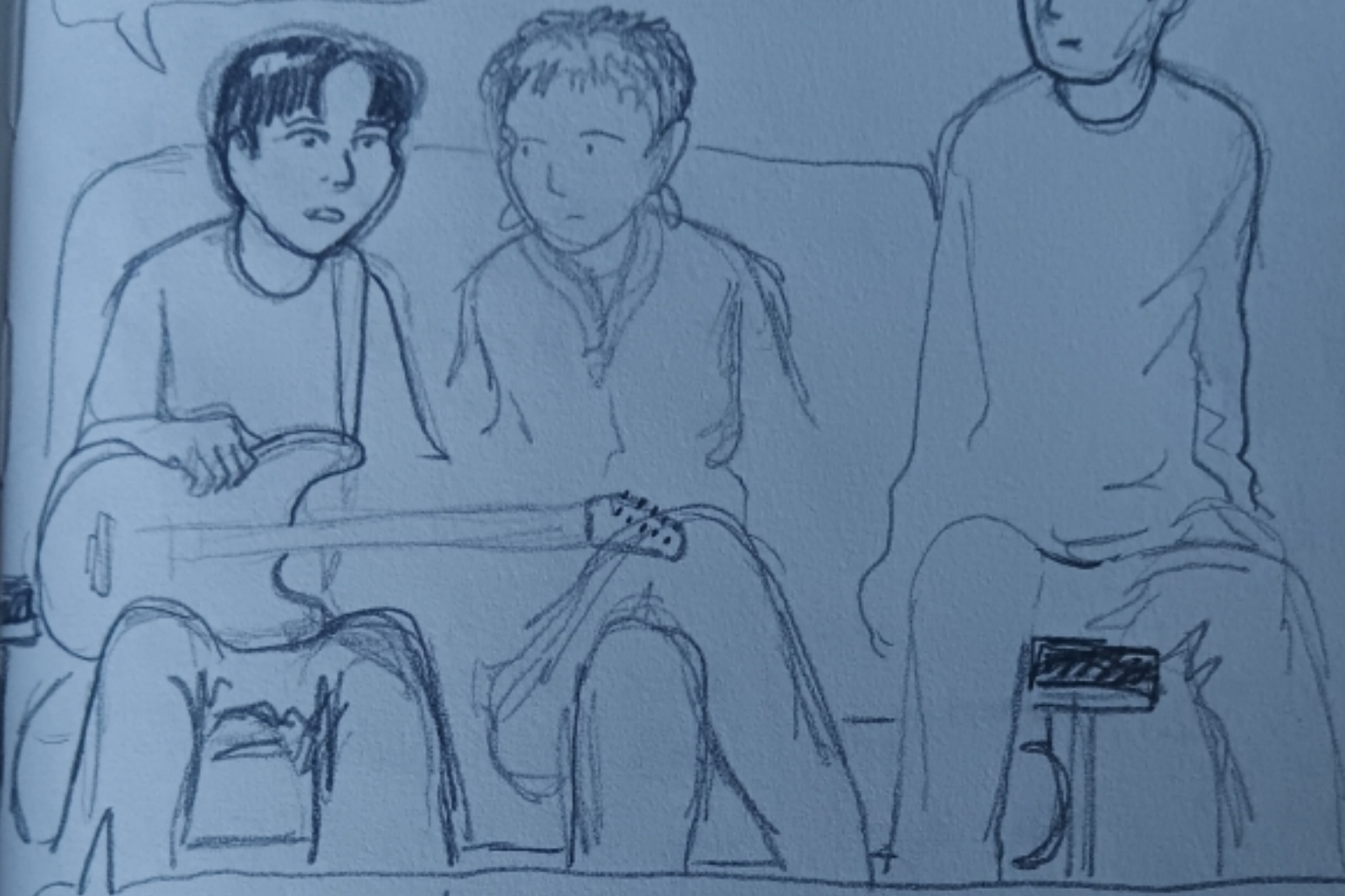
He's acting like a big ol' psychopath.

HE'S not fair!  
We give him passes for everything and it's never enough.

Maurice, that's not fair.



Steve only met Ted for 2 minutes before he was moaning about Ted's influence



and Ted went right into apologizing for even being there, and it didn't sit right with me.

I wasn't there so I can't say for sure what happened, but everyone knows artists are flighty and ... SENSITIVE.



But if you're concerned about Ted, maybe talk to him privately. Maybe he's unsettled by Steve, too.

How did I end up being a mediator?

Hah! I'm a mediator all the time! Sack it up, Buttercup!







Whoa, nice car,  
Thanks.  
Hey, Ted.



But, why? Why treat it like work when it's s'posed to be FUN?!

It's fun. That first little ditty was hoppin', dontcha think?



Can I just... do you... like the new pop set list?  
Do I LIKE it? My man, I ain't here to like it.

Ugh, yes. That's the one with the awful music video.  
So you DO like it?

Ever  
"You  
before

Yo



But  
whe  
It's  
nam  
get  
dolla  
have



Ever heard the phrase,  
"You gotta pay your dues  
before ya sing the blues"?

I wish we were singing  
blues. I don't know why  
Steve has to shut all  
that down.

You don't?

...no, I don't!  
It's fun, it's fresh!  
We can make it  
up and then it's  
**OURS!** Instead of  
copying every note.

But popular music's  
where the money's at.  
It's right there in the  
name. And I wanna  
get me some fun, fresh  
dollar bills. I'll still  
have the blues in my  
heart.

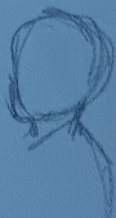
What about all  
Steve's nonsense?  
You're just gonna take  
it?



You really want me to be a crusader- to stand up for what's right.

Well, yeah!

Okay, well, listen. Me an' Steve are on the same page, It's just business.



He's got his little schemes, and some of 'em are gawdawful. But someday he's gonna get his head on straight, or burn out trying.

I appreciate you looking out for me. It's good to know I have a friend.

It's in our best interest to hope for that first one.



After that... hmmm?

Hm, I guess.

I'm still not dancing.





Well, here's Ted.  
Ted, meet Steve.

Hey. What's goin on. I'm,  
uh, excited to jam with  
you.

Ted's AMAZING,  
Monkey! Just  
you wait!



Though we just have  
him on bass for now.

Gang's all here,  
Let's tune up and  
then talk about  
set changes.



Would you...rather do  
bass? You get dibs.

Yeah, whatever you want,  
brother. I'm, uh, versatile.

Maurice!

Yes!

Steve, d'you hear Maurice  
was gone too? He went to  
France.



Space cowboy.  
See, I remembered.

I see!  
Awesome.

Yeah, I  
told him.



He had a LOT of fun, if you know what I mean.

Oh God, Jodie, Jodie, no.

Show him the photos.

I don't carry the photos with me all the time!!

Yes, you do. They're right here in your guitar case.

Liar.

Argh  
Jodie

Check it out, Steve.

A...bridge. Kay. No!

The little HOTTIE!

Jodie - Look how LITTLE she is!

Maurice, I really had you pegged as a chest guy.

He met a REAL FRENCH GIRL! And went to TOWN on her! Look here, and here!

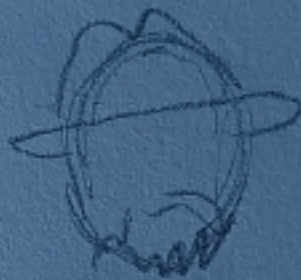
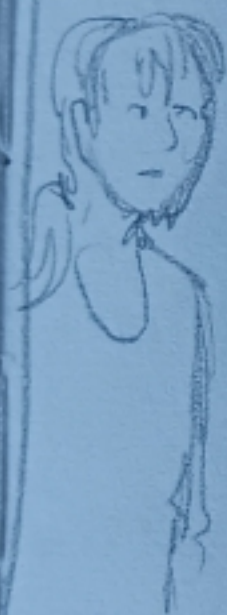


It's not a vacation 'till you  
get a little action, I always say.

I just think it's  
sweet. He's one  
of ours! I'm happy  
for him, is all.



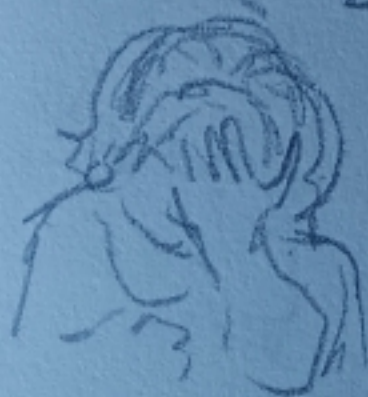
There... there was a hot  
German chick on the ward.



Oh.

Okay.

Jesus Christ.



Yo, uh. Maybe we should  
get started?



Don't we only have a  
couple hours for rehearsal?



Yeah, let's get to work.  
Steve, you got new  
material for us?

Uh. Nah. Lemme  
make a mixtape  
when I got, uh. Time.



Right, so, Ted.  
We were gonna  
try out some oldies?



Well, like, Bill Withers  
and Robert Cray - not  
OLDIES.



Bill Withers? Who all is  
Bill Withers?



He's an R&B  
singer.

Why?

Why is he an  
R&B singer?!





Why... why we  
gotta do that  
we already got  
Led Zep ain't they  
blues enough

I mean, hell,  
we HIRED Robert  
here t'be...

...  
Maurice to be  
Robert Plant



Maurice is  
still Robert Plant.

That's wha'm sayin  
He don't gotta be  
no Robert Cray too.  
We don't need all the  
Roberts

Maurice ain't Robert  
Cray, Ted is.



Thought he was  
just the bassist

Well, know what, STEVE, we been  
working hard while you were gone,  
an' we added a BUNCH of STUFF.



We all got our strengths, an' we all get a turn to SHINE...

When it ain't the STEVE SHOW.



Jodie, it's okay. Drop my songs. I can do Zeppelin.

Listen, see?



Don't gimme that. I'm literally the frontman. I AM THIS BAND.

Yeah?! You gonna kick me out?!

I'm LITERALLY a founding member as much as you!

I'm SORRY I don't get to do much anymore while I'm CARRYING YOUR KID!

Maybe go start a NEW band with your German chick!

Maybe I will! I seen you eyeing Rob-Maurice. Why'nt you go off w' HIM?!



Maurice? MAURICE?!  
I would NEVER... Steve...



Holy crap,  
Steve, I'd  
NEVER cheat  
on you with  
Maurice.

Maurice is... I like him an'  
all, he's... cute, I guess...  
but he's cute like a puppy.

I wanna hug  
him an' pet him  
but I ain't gonna  
dump you fer a  
puppy.



...Hey.

An' I'm sure he's great w' kids,  
but everyone's gonna know that  
Space Oddity ain't his when  
she doesn't come out Chinese,



I'm not Chinese!

Heh.



What are you?

Half Vietnamese,  
half Russian.

I didn't know that.



Steve, baby, monkey,  
I LOVE you.

I love the band too.

I'm only doing what's best for it.