
An application to found the Electronic Instrument Club?
Yes!!
Rejected.
SIGNAL 8: Kohaku's Dream End Come True


Huh?
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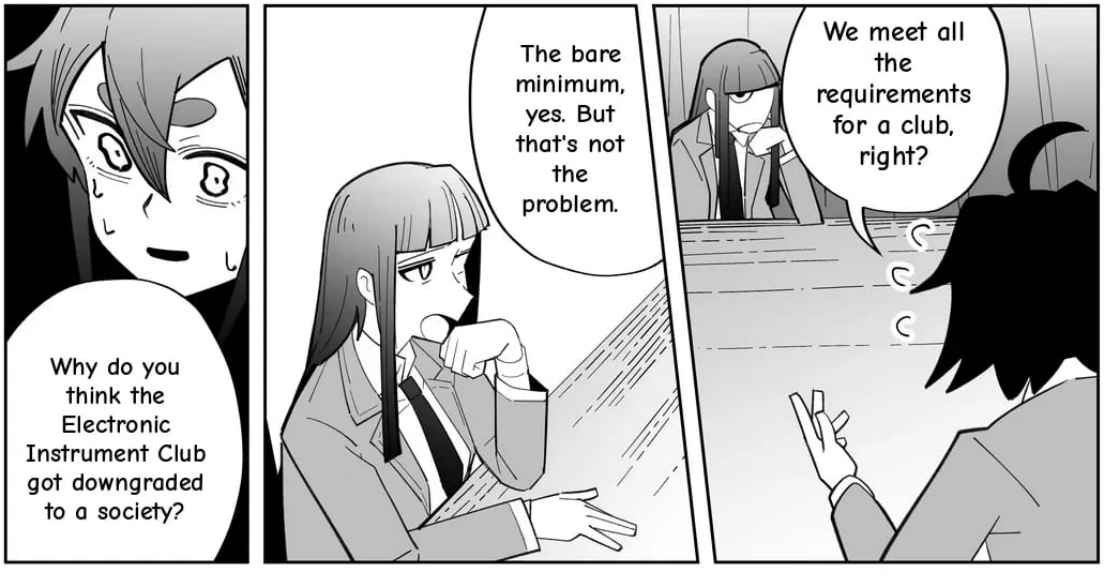
WHA—
Why is it rejected!?


We meet all the requirements for a club, right?
The bare minimum, yes. But that's not the problem.
Why do you think the Electronic Instrument Club got downgraded to a society?


It lost its club status because it couldn't keep itself going.
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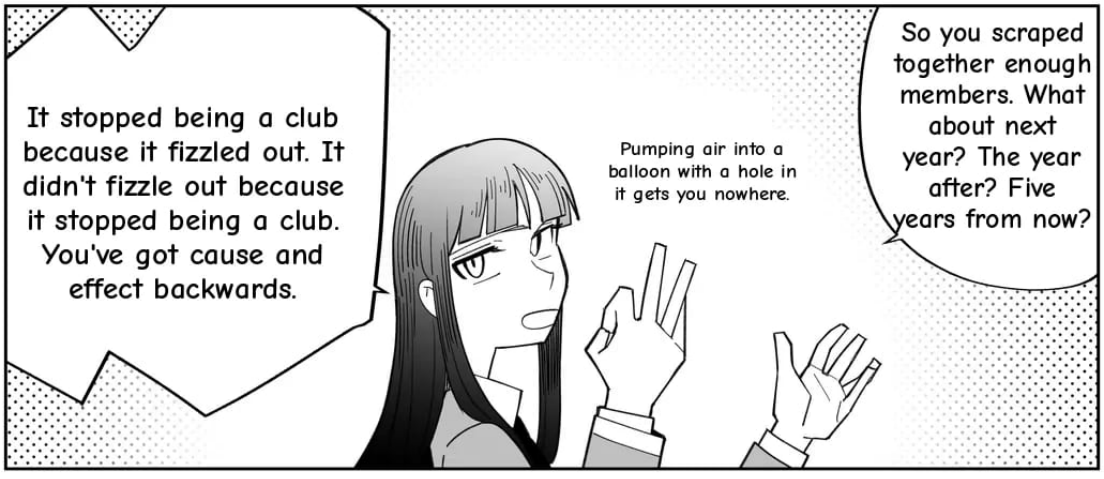
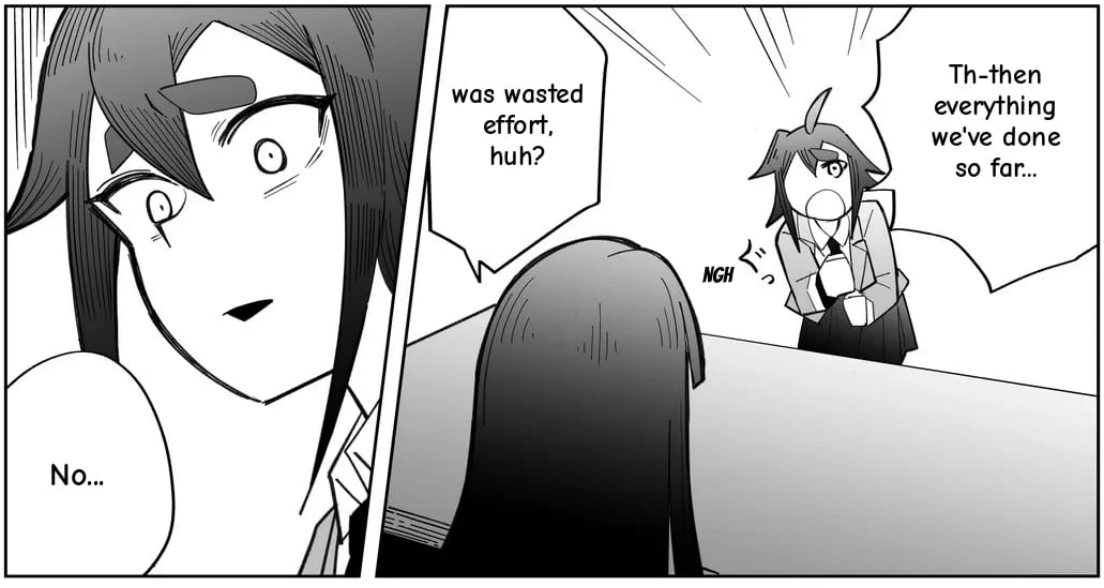
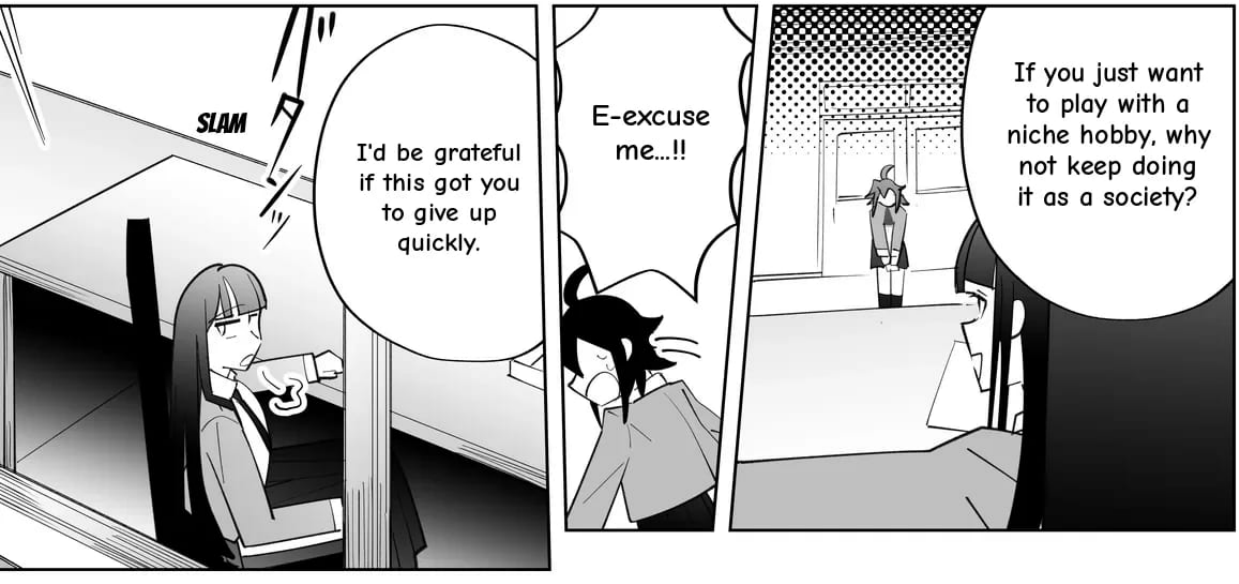
POINT
Because it had no future.


It stopped being a club because it fizzled out. It didn't fizzle out because it stopped being a club. You've got cause and effect backwards.
Pumping air into a balloon with a hole in it gets you nowhere.
So you scraped together enough members. What about next year? The year after? Five years from now?


No...
was wasted effort, huh?
NGH
Th-then everything we've done so far...


Founding a club means I have to take it to the board of directors. You get that, right?
Just so you know, I'm not trying to be mean.

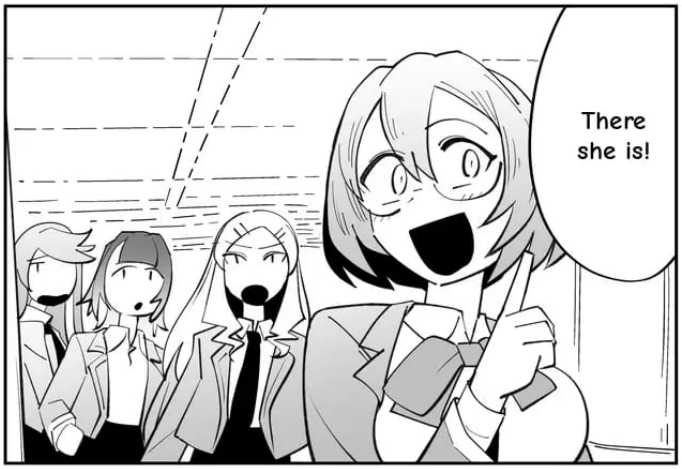

Well, it's not like there was anything you could've done anyway.
At least show me some vision for the Electronic Instrument Club's future!


SLAM
I'd be grateful if this got you to give up quickly.
E-excuse me...!!
If you just want to play with a niche hobby, why not keep doing it as a society?


It was all for nothing.
And I was the one who pitched it and got it started.
We'll fix it!
I didn't want you to be sad, Senpai.
私だって
I dragged everyone into this...


And I can't do anything.
Kohaku!


Everyone...


There she is!


Huh!? Why?
That face... The president turned you down, didn't she?
I'd been thinking we needed to prepare a little more before applying.
I knew it.
No continuity, I'd wager?
FLINCH
Right?
That's not...
It's... my fault...
You could restore the instruments without me anyway, couldn't you!?
I can't do anything!


W-well, I mean...
HMMM
If we really tried, maybe we could?
Hey!!
Oh no—
GRAB
Kohaku, that's not what I meant!? I didn't mean it like that—
WHIP
HUH?
Kohaku!!
DASH
DASH


HELLOOO?
Sis, dinner's ready!
Not hungry.
SHUFF...
KOHAKU'S ROOM
コハクのヘヤ
KNOCK
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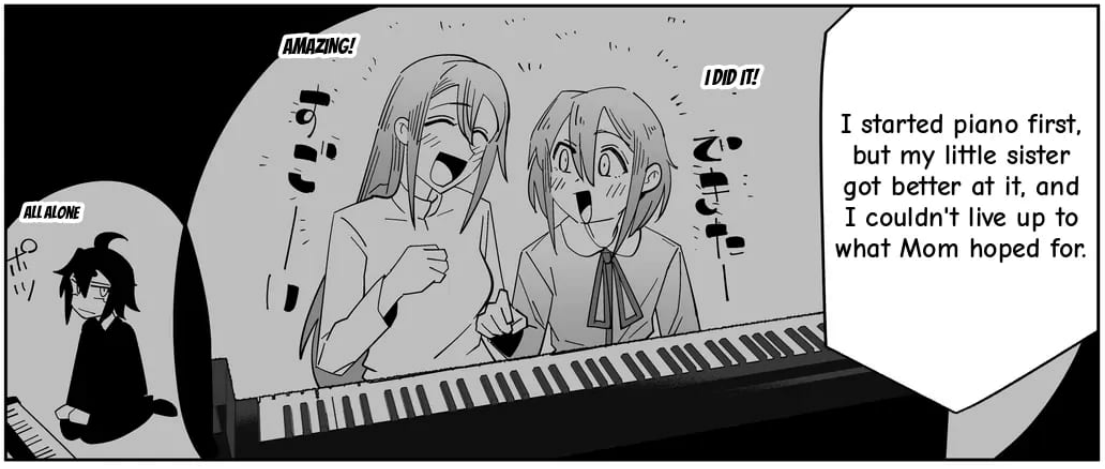
I'm hungry...
I guess I'll never amount to anything.
Will it always be like this?


AMAZING!
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I DID IT!
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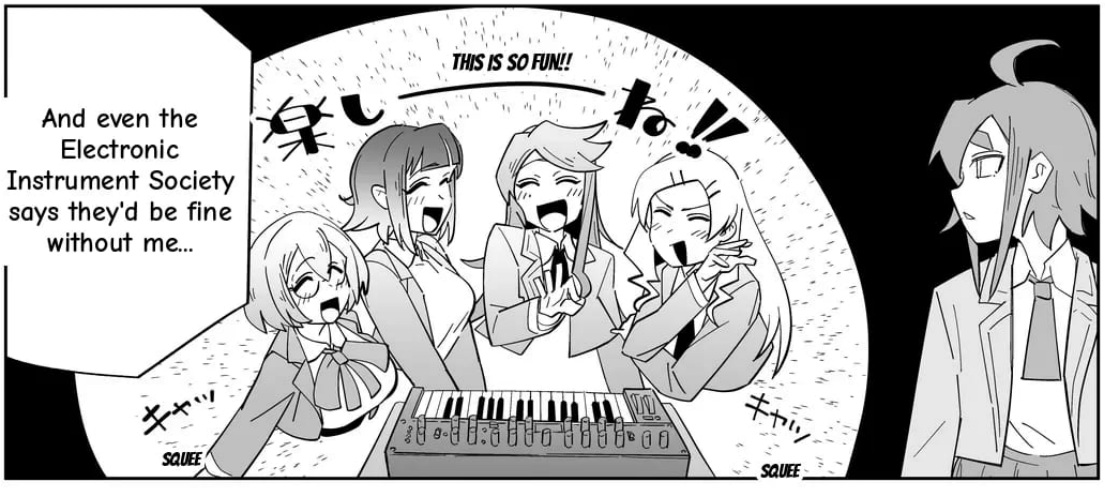
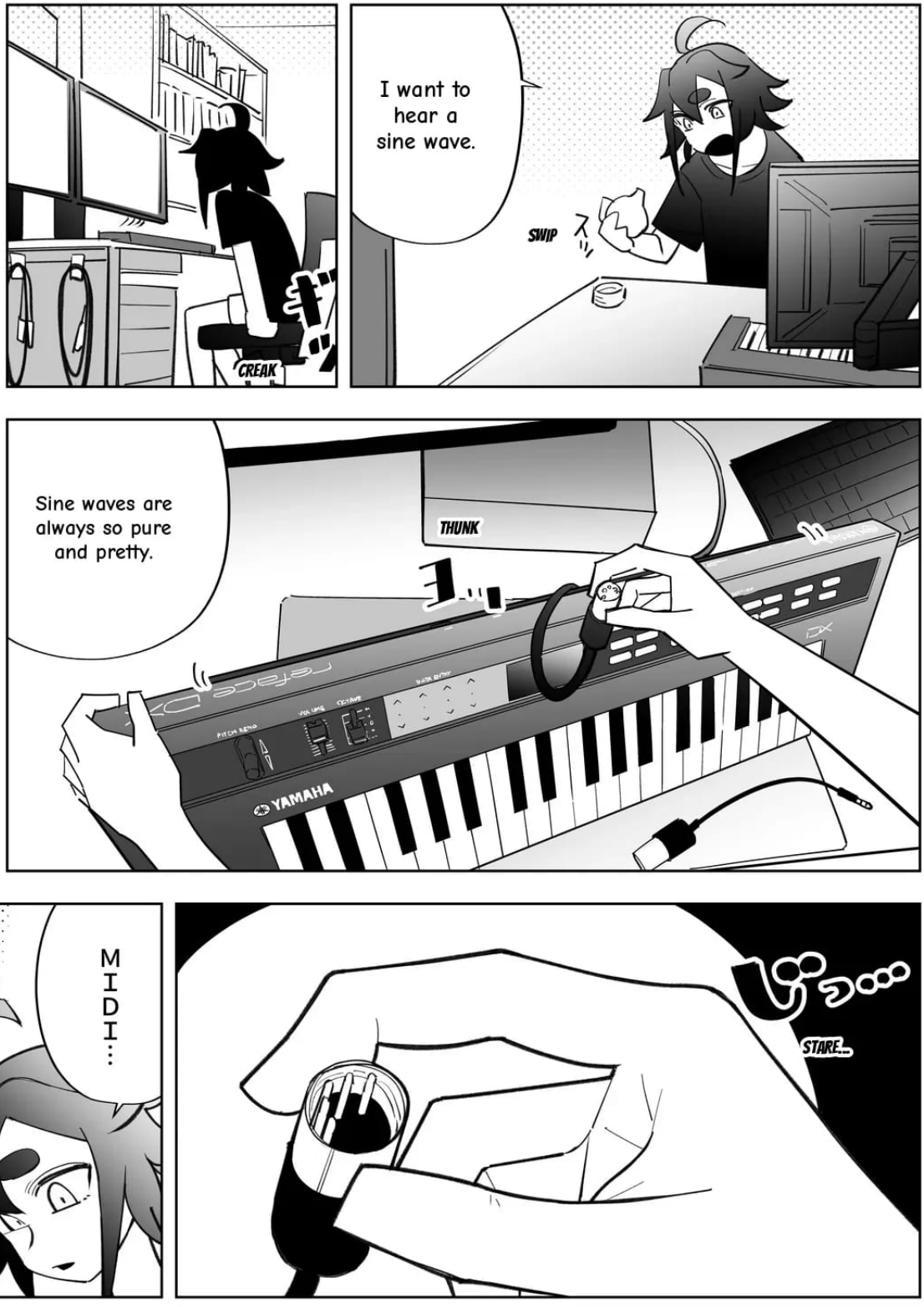
ALL ALONE
I started piano first, but my little sister got better at it, and I couldn't live up to what Mom hoped for.


And even the Electronic Instrument Society says they'd be fine without me...
THIS IS SO FUN!!
楽しいね!
キャッ
SQUEE
キャッ
SQUEE


I'm amber. And amber can never become a mineral.
FWISH


CREAK
I want to hear a sine wave.
SWIP
Sine waves are always so pure and pretty.
THUNK
YAMAHA
MIDI…
STARE...

MIDI?

Yep! It's not an instrument itself, but it's super important when you work with electronic instruments.

MIDI(Musical Instruments Digital Interface)

A standard (protocol) for the hardware (send/receive circuits) and software (data format) that link electronic instruments, computers, sequencers and so on so they can exchange information.

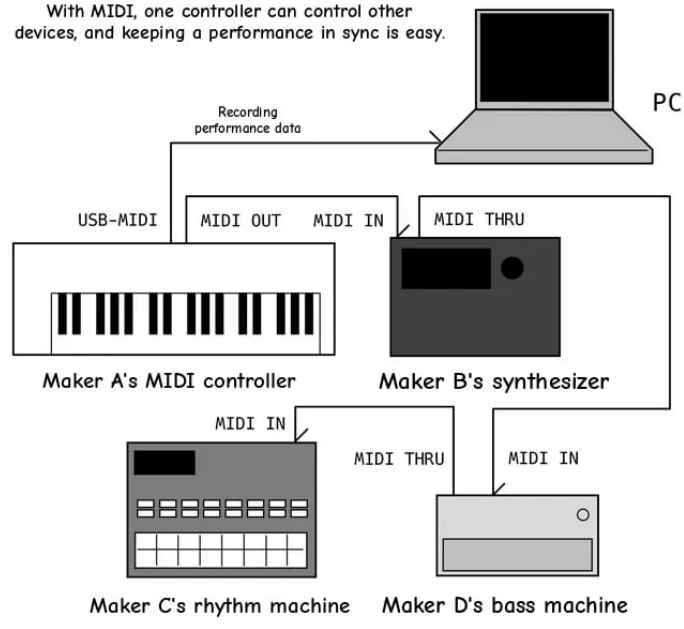
MIDI is a standard for sending performance data between electronic instruments.

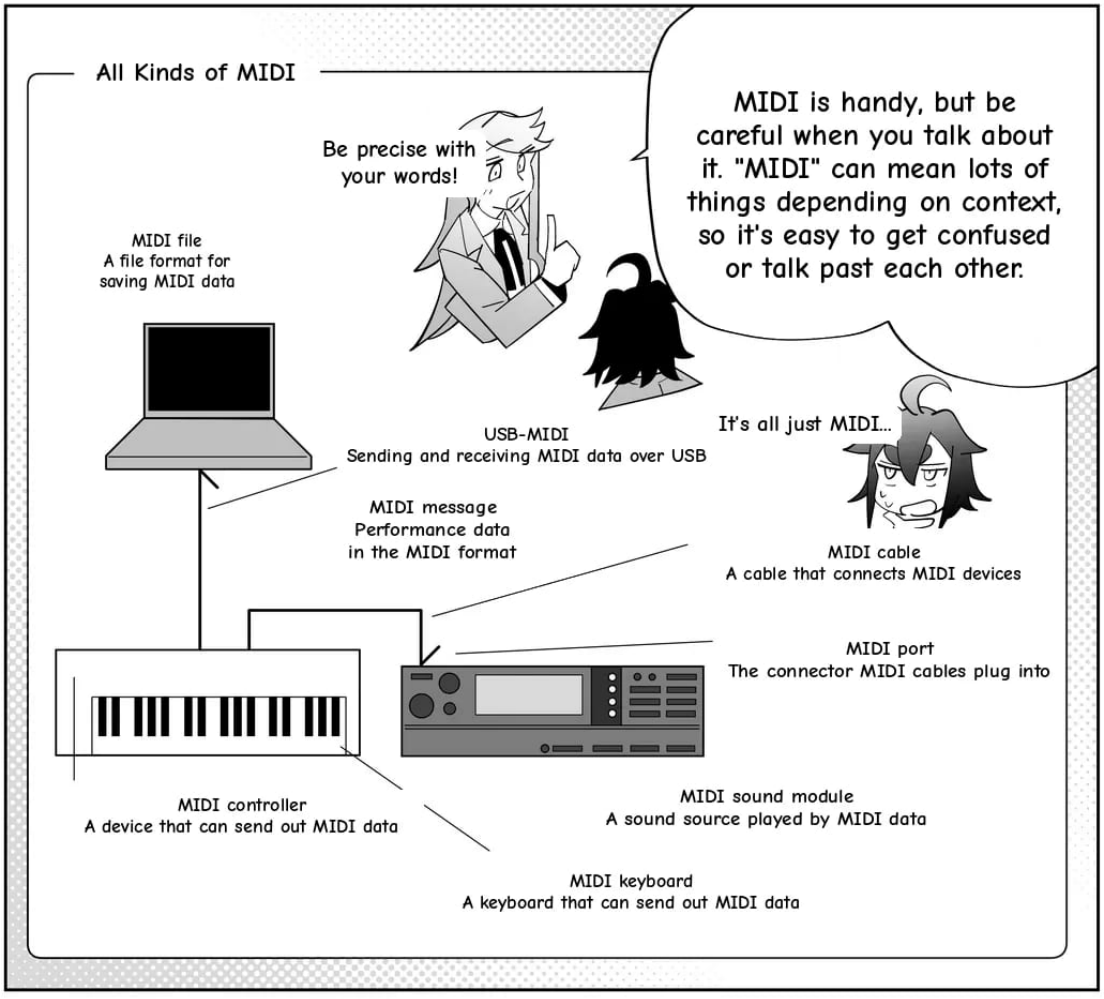
A MIDI port at a glance: 180° DIN, 5-pin

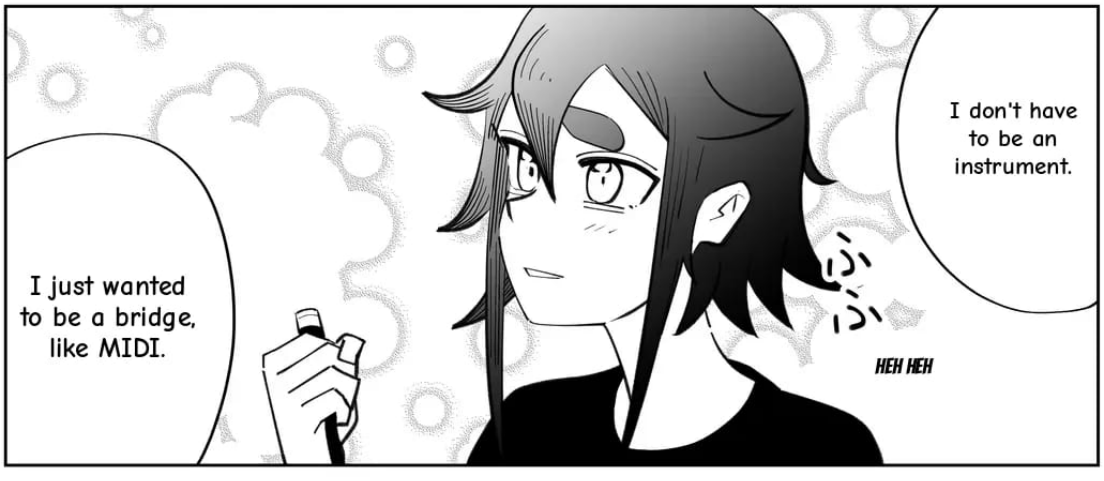
Even if the makers and kinds of instruments differ, MIDI makes it easy to play them together and record them.

The data only flows one way, so the setup is easy to follow.

Fig. Example MIDI system




All Kinds of MIDI
Be precise with your words!
MIDI is handy, but be careful when you talk about it. "MIDI" can mean lots of things depending on context, so it's easy to get confused or talk past each other.
MIDI file
A file format for saving MIDI data
USB-MIDI
Sending and receiving MIDI data over USB
It's all just MIDI...
MIDI message
Performance data in the MIDI format
MIDI cable
A cable that connects MIDI devices
MIDI port
The connector MIDI cables plug into
MIDI controller
A device that can send out MIDI data
MIDI sound module
A sound source played by MIDI data
MIDI keyboard
A keyboard that can send out MIDI data


I don't have to be an instrument.
HEH HEH
I just wanted to be a bridge, like MIDI.


Kohaku! We couldn't reach you after that yesterday. I was worried!
Sorry, Theremin.
Are you okay...?
Senpai totally didn't mean what she said, okay?
I know.
Thanks.
STEP
STEP
GRIP
ぐっ


SLIDE
Oh!
ガラッ
CLATTER
Everyone, I'm sor—
DASH
I'm sorry!!
SQUEEZE
I must have given you the wrong idea.


When I said we could do it without you if we tried, I meant it was technically possible.
Um, so...
But without you, none of us would even want to try!
Come on!
Send us an FBH (Continue), Kohaku!
YAAAY!
YAAAY!


What did the president say to you?
Now that everyone's calmed down, I'd like an explanation.
As the one who already let it die once, that stings.
That's a tough one...
Even if we found the club, unless it looks like it can last for years...
It's just like Kuroda said yesterday: continuity.
HMMMMM...
Um... I was thinking about it a bit yesterday...
OH?
オッ?
RAISE


Come to think of it, how did the Electronic Instrument Club manage before?
GASP
ハイ!
OH
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Oh, good point.


No idea.
It was already a ghost town when I joined.
SERIOUSLY...?
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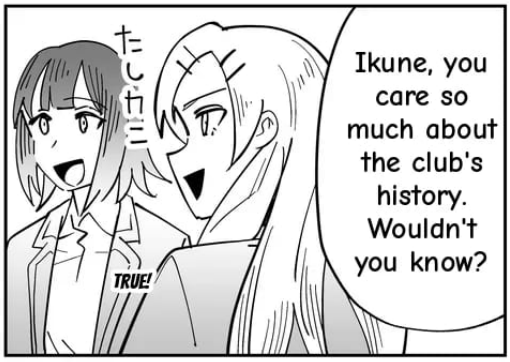
Ikune, you care so much about the club's history. Wouldn't you know?
TRUE!
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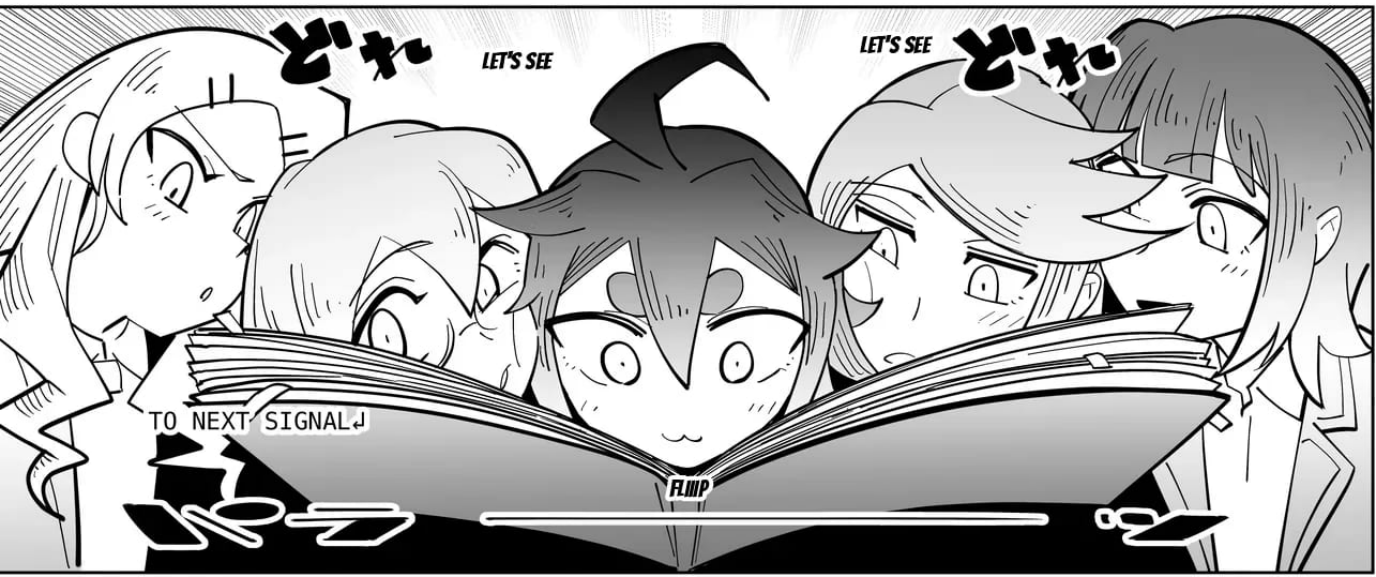
I saw it on the bookshelf while I was sorting papers.
Maybe something in there will help.
Ooh!


Oh, right! The logbook!
Hm?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LET'S SEE
LET'S SEE
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TO NEXT SIGNAL↲
FLIP