

Bunriha Kenchiku Kai True stories

Episode 2

Newcomers

The year is 1920—

just a century ago.

It's said that fewer than 1% of students in any given grade ever attended university.

A hundred years ago,

students needed a lot more than a high level of scholarship and willpower to attend university.

University was a castle in the sky only those with significant financial backing and their family's approval—or push—could climb to.

Of all universities, Tokyo Imperial University had some of the highest hurdles to entry, and it was here that a handful of (affluent) students in the university's department of architecture started Bunriha...

Except—

Perhaps as a sign of the times—this was during the rise of civil liberties and equality under Taisho democracy, after all—

some skilled individuals with no ties to imperial universities came to flourish in Bunriha.

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Bunzo Yamaguchi

※(then named Bunzo Okamura)

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Lunch break!

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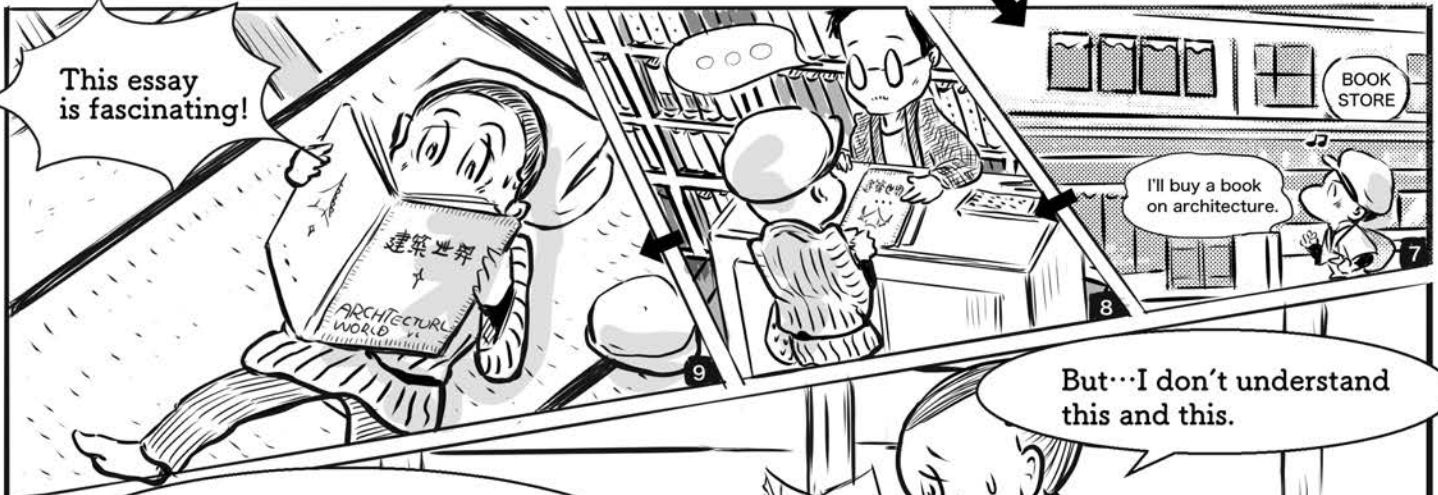
Yeah, sure.

I wanna go to college!

Born in Asakusa to Shimizu Gumi's master carpenter. After his parents oppose his attending university, young Bunzo graduates high school and resigns himself to working for Shimizu Gumi.



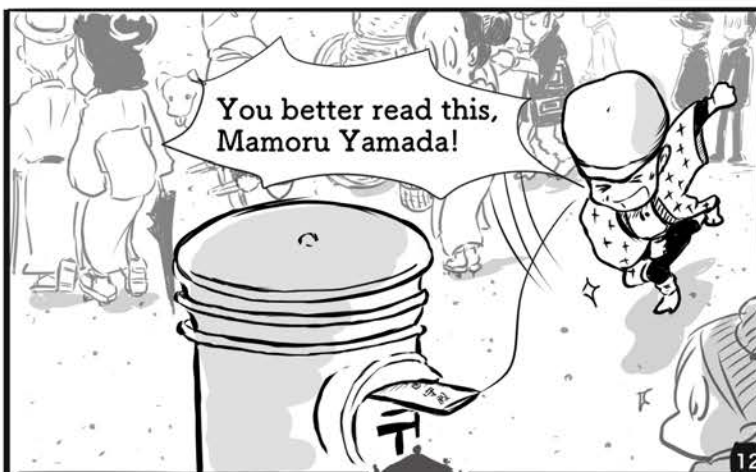
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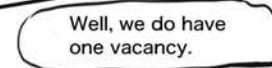
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Unable to abandon his dreams of becoming an architect, Bunzo thereafter quit the construction site...

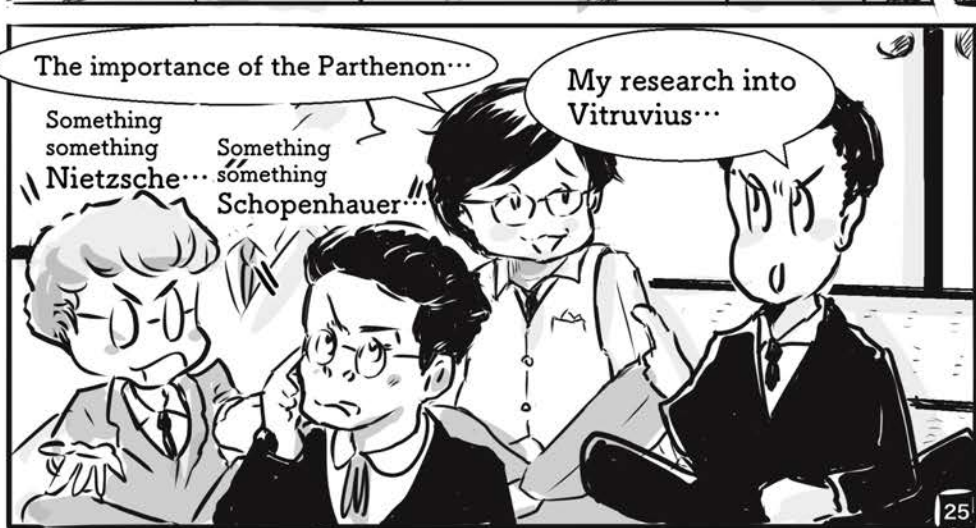
and landed a job as a drafting technician at the Ministry of Communications (later NTT and the Japan Post).

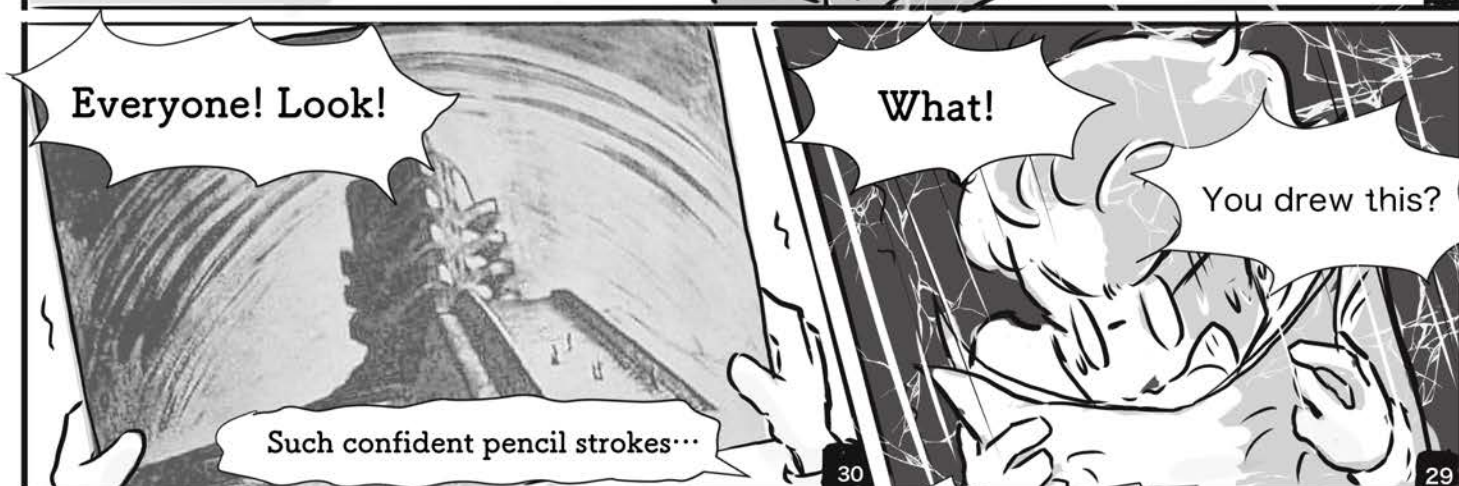
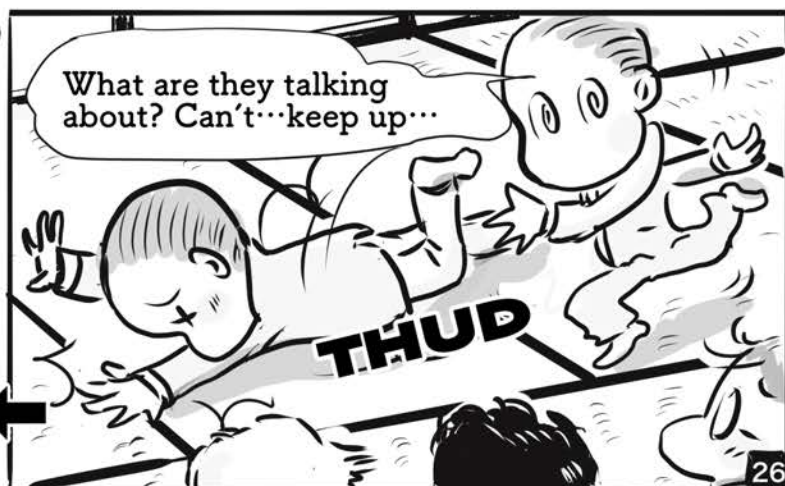
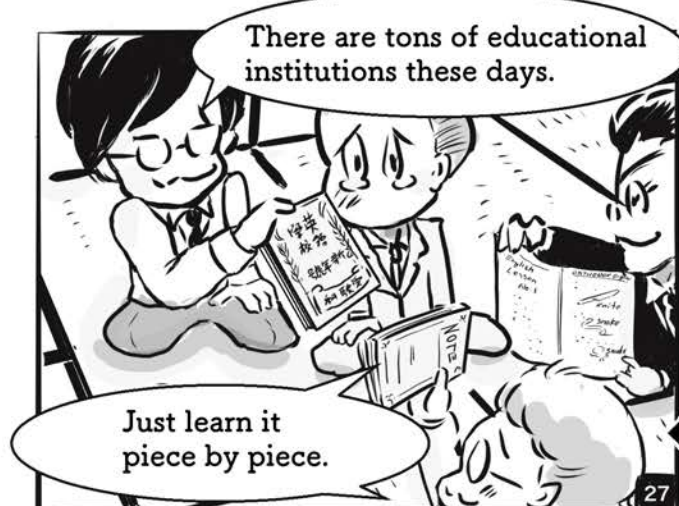


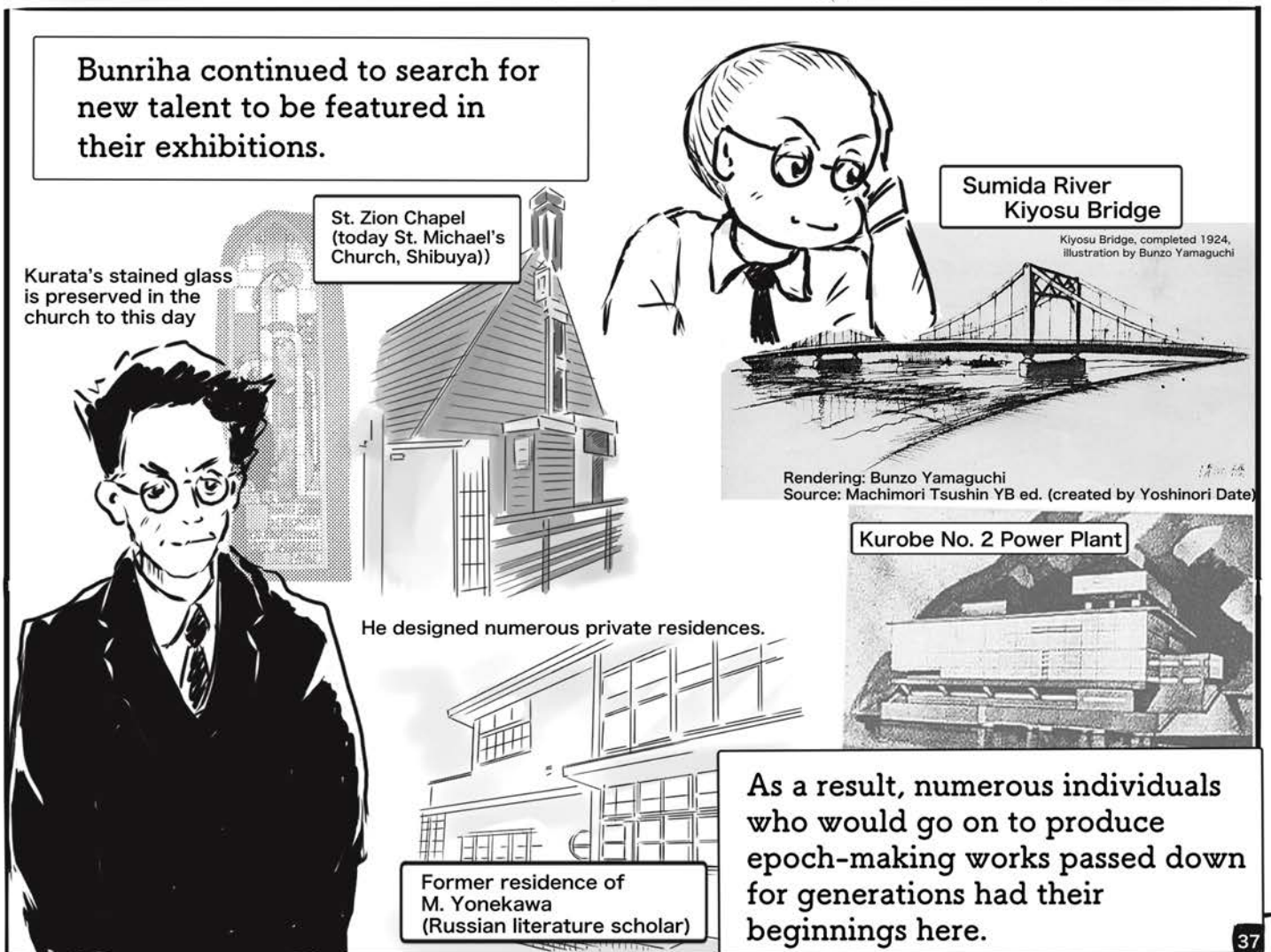
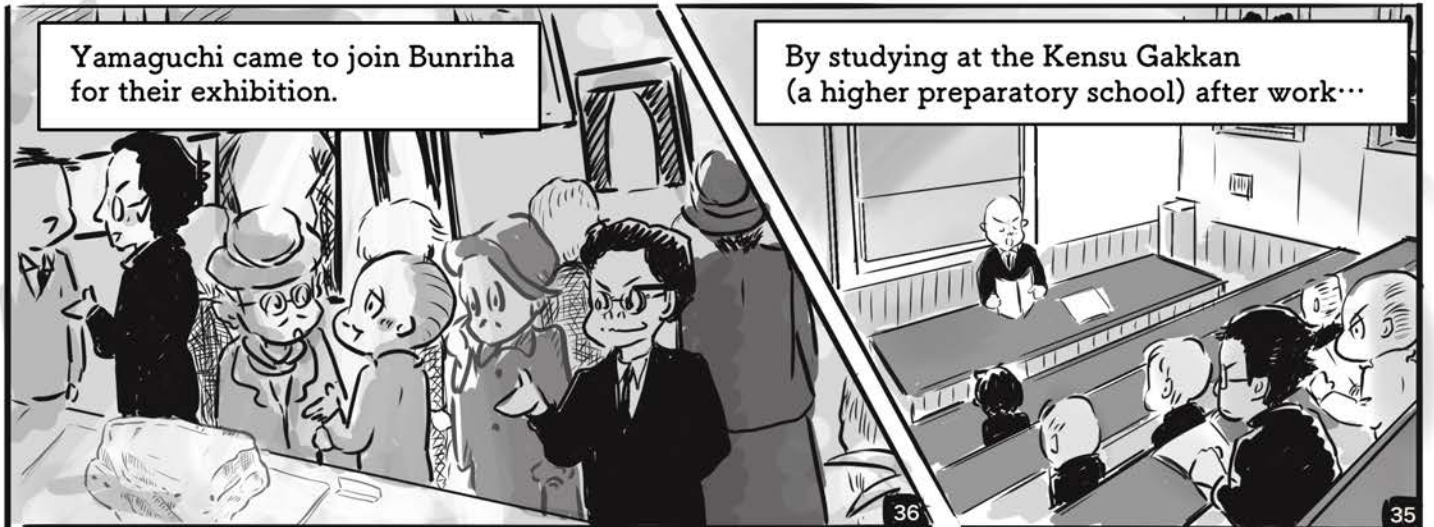
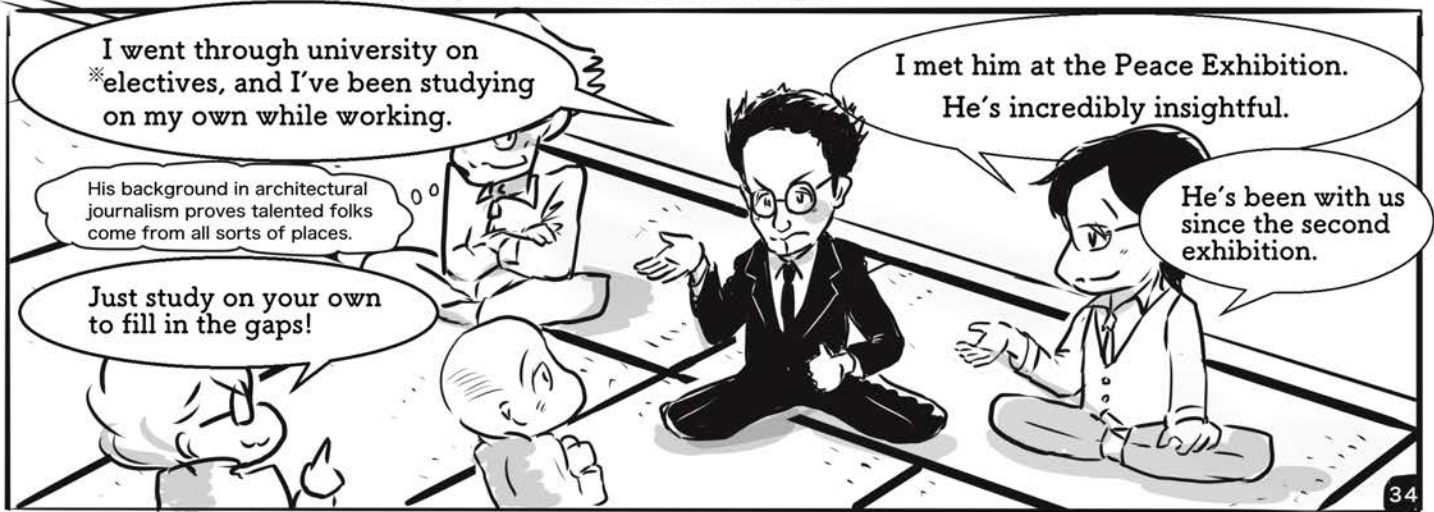
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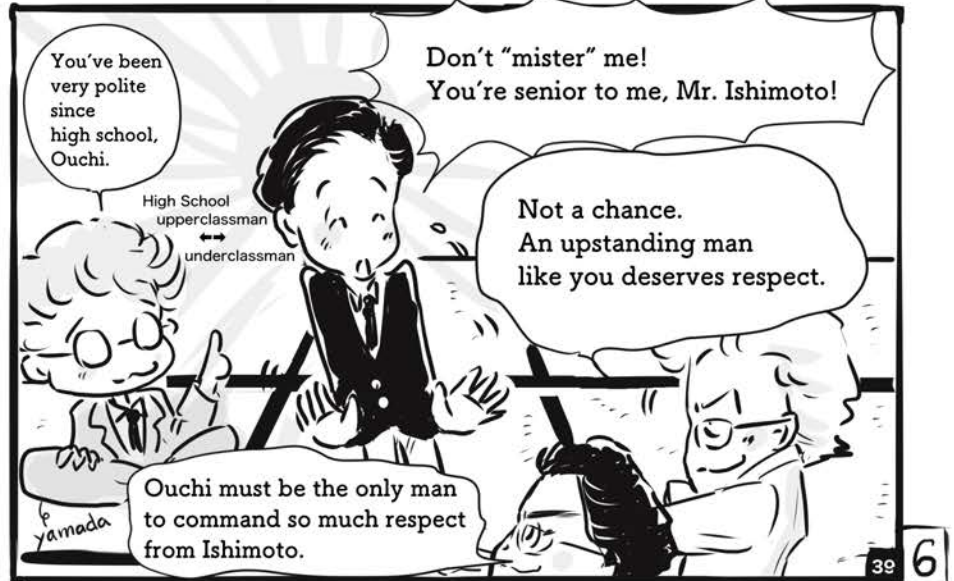
This upstanding character, Shuichiro Ouchi, would join Bunriha since the 5th Exhibition.

It has been a great pleasure to accompany Mr. Horiguchi to Europe and befriend the members of Bunriha.



He later designed the Osaka Municipal Electric Science Museum, the first in Japan to incorporate a planetarium.

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