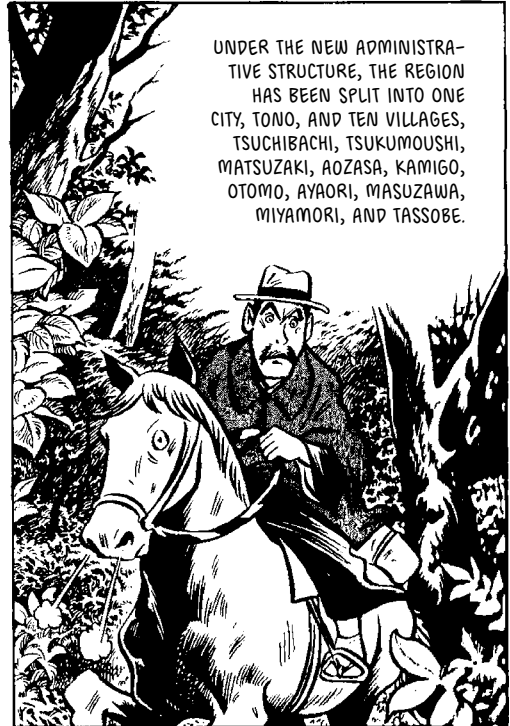




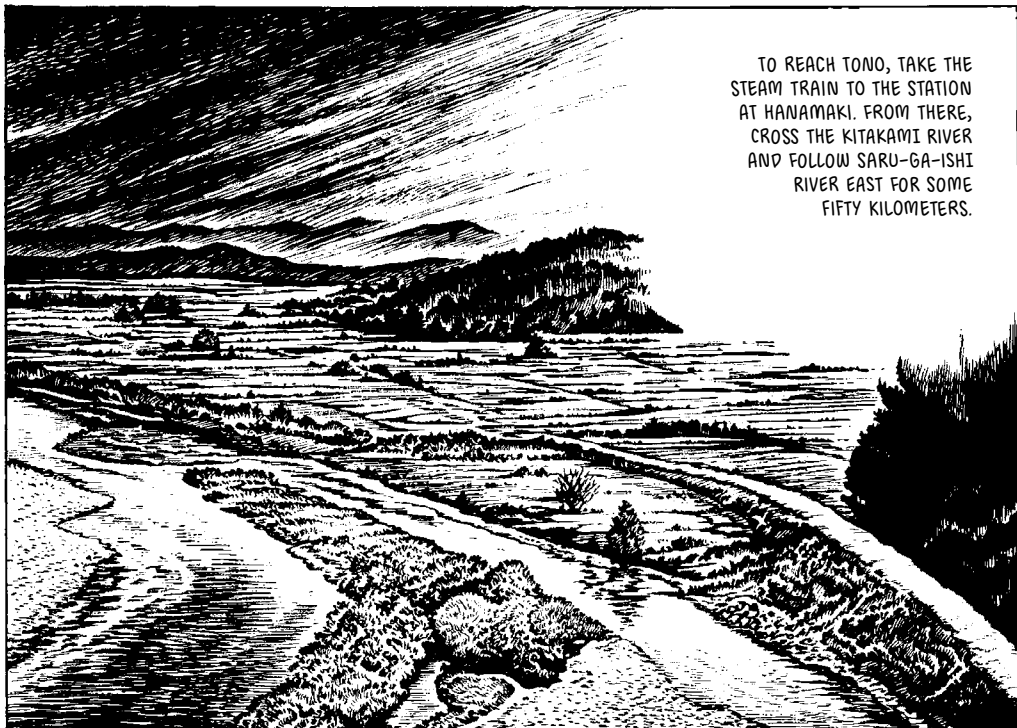
THE TONO REGION LIES IN THE WESTERN HALF OF WHAT IS NOW CALLED KAMIHEI PROVINCE. THE LAND IS A PLAIN SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS.



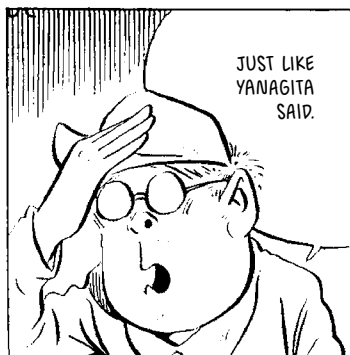
YOU CALL THIS A ROAD?!



UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, THE REGION HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO ONE CITY, TONO, AND TEN VILLAGES, TSUCHIBACHI, TSUKUMOUSHI, MATSUZAKI, AOZASA, KAMIGO, OTOMO, AYAORI, MASUZAWA, MIYAMORI, AND TASSOBE.



TO REACH TONO, TAKE THE
STEAM TRAIN TO THE STATION
AT HANAMAKI. FROM THERE,
CROSS THE KITAKAMI RIVER
AND FOLLOW SARU-GA-ISHI
RIVER EAST FOR SOME
FIFTY KILOMETERS.



JUST LIKE
YANAGITA
SAID.



LOOK AT THAT.
IT REALLY IS A
BIG BASIN.

MT. HAYACHI, MT. ROKKOSHI, AND MT. ISHIGAMI ARE CALLED THE THREE MOUNTAINS OF TONO. THREE YOUNG GODDESSES TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN THESE MOUNTAINS. THE WOMEN OF TONO ARE WARNED NOT TO WANDER THERE FOR FEAR OF AROUSING THEIR DIVINE JEALOUSY.



KAHEI SASAKI IS A MAN OF WANO, IN TOCHINAI VILLAGE. WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE USED TO HUNT IN THESE MOUNTAINS...



IT'S SAID DEEP INSIDE LIVE MOUNTAIN-FOLK CALLED YAMABITO.



IS SOMEONE THERE?



