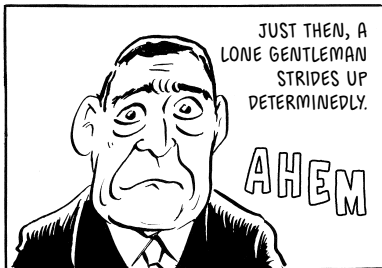


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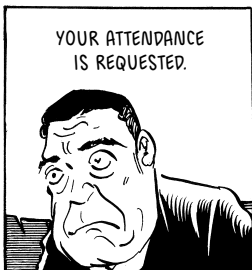


THE PRIME MINISTER!

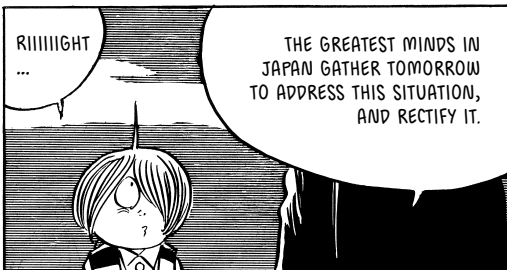


JUST THEN, A LONE GENTLEMAN STRIDES UP DETERMINEDLY.

AHEM

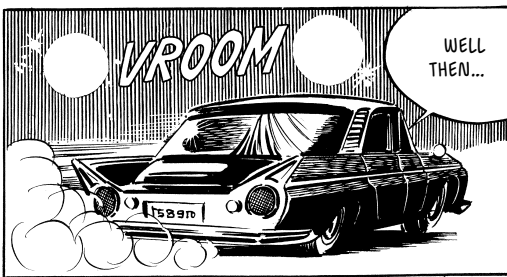
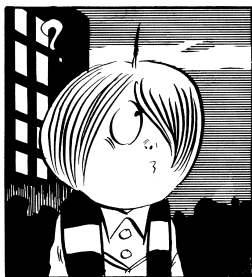


YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED.



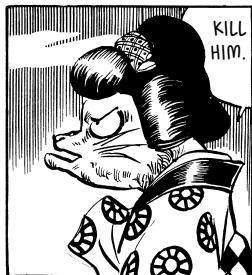
RIIIIIIGHT ...

THE GREATEST MINDS IN JAPAN GATHER TOMORROW TO ADDRESS THIS SITUATION, AND RECTIFY IT.

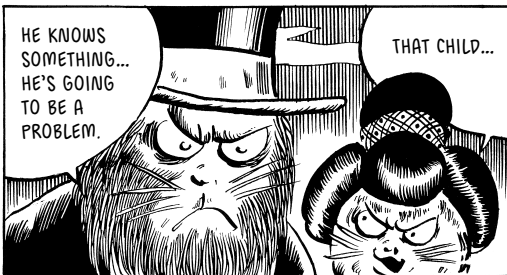


VROOM

WELL THEN...

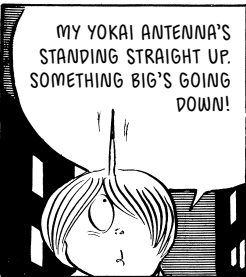
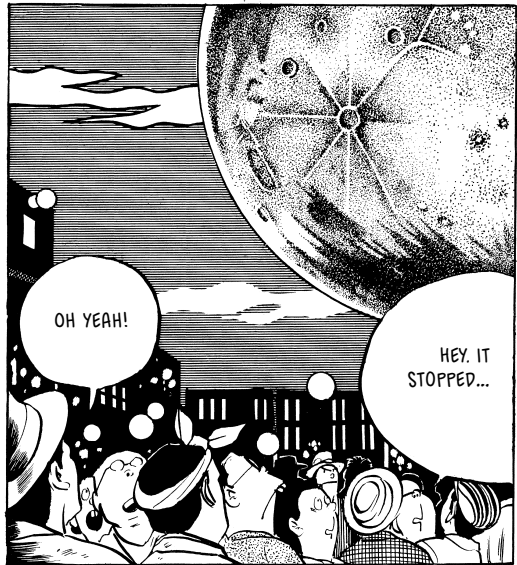
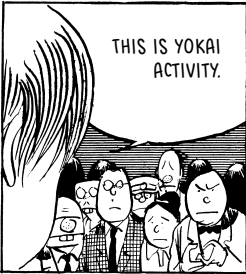
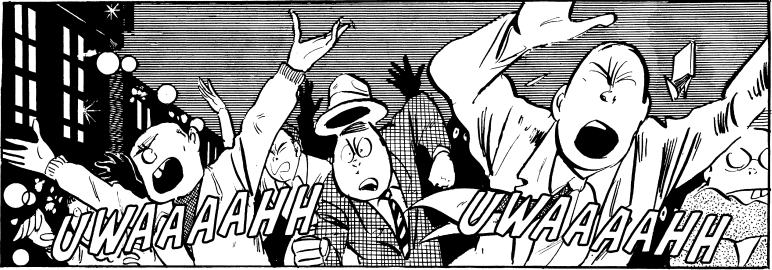


KILL HIM.



HE KNOWS SOMETHING... HE'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

THAT CHILD...

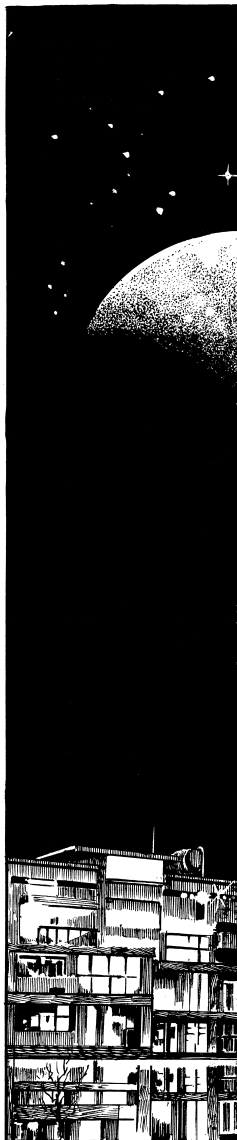
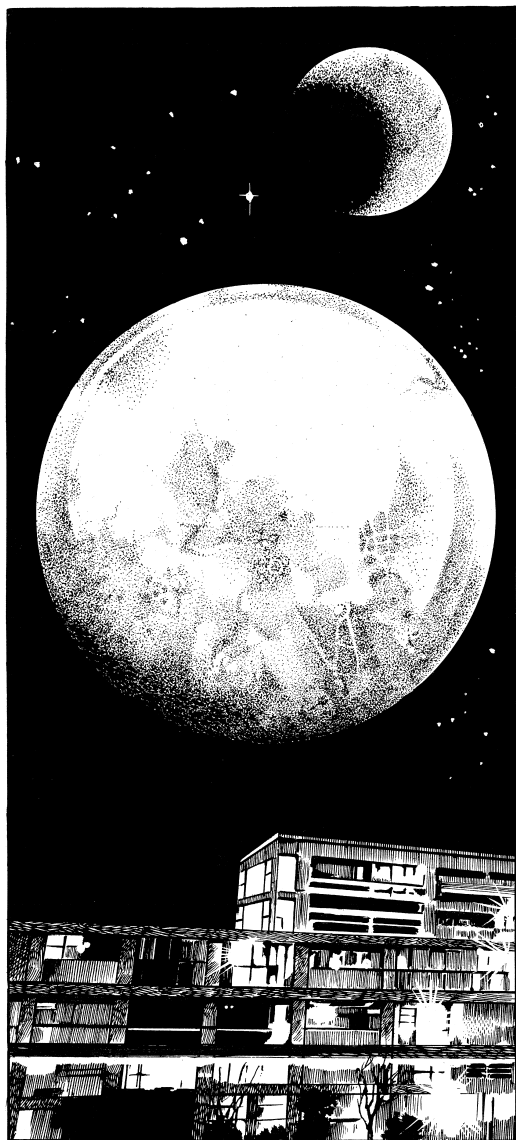


UWAAAAHH
UWAAAAHH

IT'S THE END OF
THE WORLD!!!

THEY'RE GONNA
COLLIDE!!







A MONTH LATER, A MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENON APPEARS OVER THE SKIES OF TOKYO...

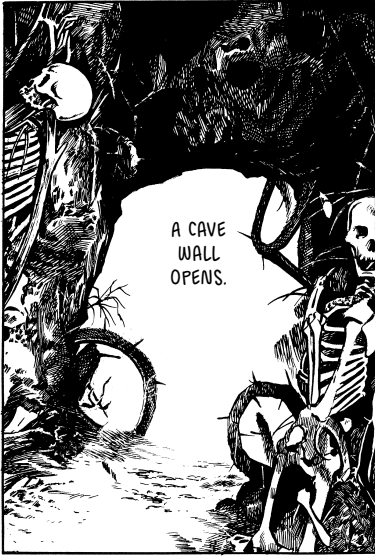


NOT JUST ONE OR TWO.
ALL TOLD, 800 TANUKI
EMERGE FROM THE CAVE.
STUNNED CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS THROW DOWN
THEIR TOOLS AND FLEE.



BEATING THEIR
BELLIES LIKE GREAT
DRUMS, THE TANUKI
GATHER IN A NEARBY
VILLAGE TO HOLD
THEIR ASSEMBLY.

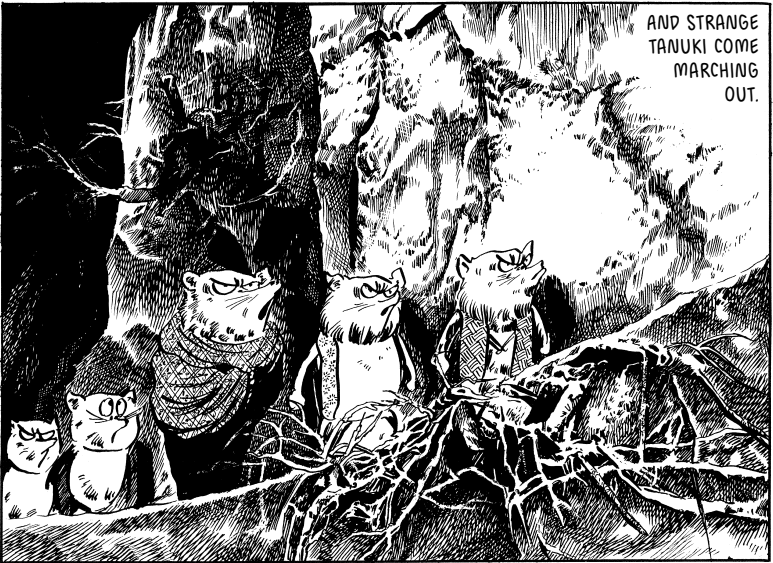




A CAVE
WALL
OPENS.



YAMANAKA,
SHIKOKU. DAM
CONSTRUCTION.



AND STRANGE
TANUKI COME
MARCHING
OUT.



SHIGERU MIZUKI'S

KITARO

THE GREAT TANUKI WAR

