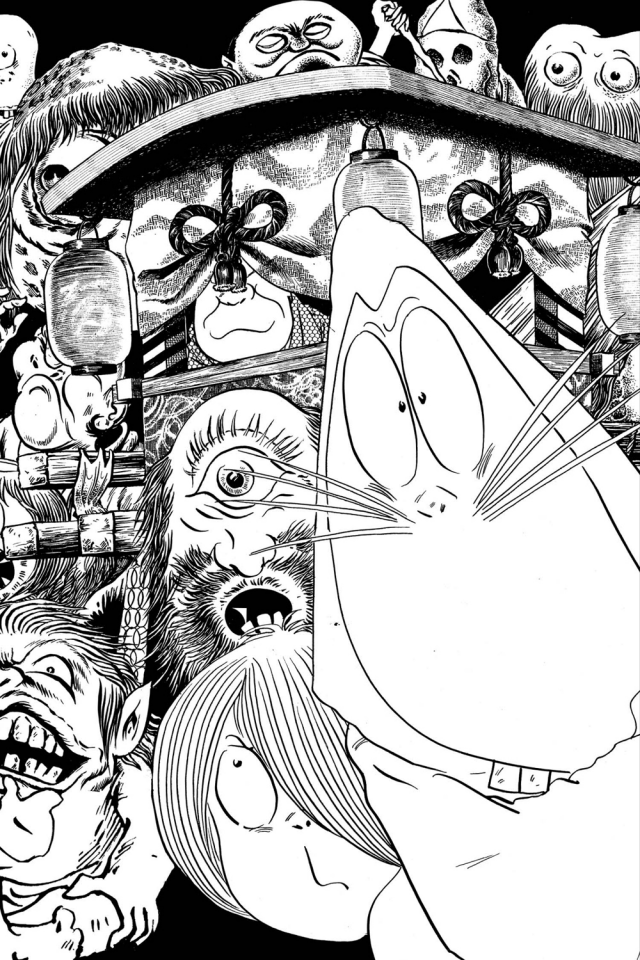
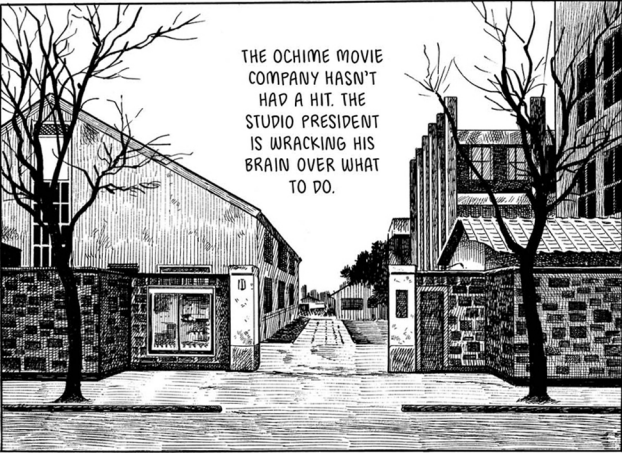
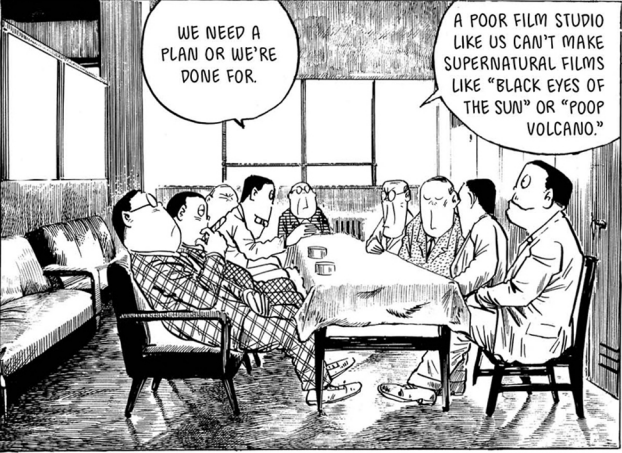


**THE TRIAL
OF KITARO**





THE OCHIME MOVIE
COMPANY HASN'T
HAD A HIT. THE
STUDIO PRESIDENT
IS WRACKING HIS
BRAIN OVER WHAT
TO DO.



WE NEED A
PLAN OR WE'RE
DONE FOR.

A POOR FILM STUDIO
LIKE US CAN'T MAKE
SUPERNATURAL FILMS
LIKE "BLACK EYES OF
THE SUN" OR "POOP
VOLCANO."



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHO
I AM?!



*CARD: KITARO'S MANAGER, NEZUMI OTOKO. ADDRESS UNCERTAIN.



AIN'T
YOU THE
RUDE
ONE!

JUST THEN OUT-
SIDE THE FILM
STUDIO, A GUARD
CATCHES A SUSPICIOUS
CHARACTER.



YOU KNOW KITARO,
RIGHT? HE'S
ALWAYS
SAVING
EVERY-
ONE.

A
MEET-
ING
ABOUT
WHAT?



HE'S IN
A MEETING
...

TAKE
ME TO
THE
BOSS.



SORRY TO BURST IN
LIKE THIS, BUT I THINK
WE SHOULD
CHAT.

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT...?

THE GUARD
INFORMS THE
STUDIO HEAD.
NEZUMI
OTOKO
IS SOON
BROUGHT
INTO THE
MEETING.

KITARO GETS RID OF BAD YOKAI, PROTECTING PEOPLE AND SOCIETY. HE LOVES VIRTUE AND INTEGRITY.



YOU KNOW HIM, OF COURSE... YOU'VE HEARD OF WHAT HE DOES, OR SEEN HIM ON TV.

EVERYONE, I REPRESENT KITARO.



EVEN REFUSES REWARDS AND PAYMENT.



YOU TALK LIKE HE'S A CANDIDATE FOR YOKAI NATIONAL TREASURE.

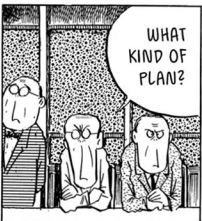
THAT'S TERRIBLE.



HOWEVER, IT AIN'T LIKE HE CAN LIVE OFF EATING AIR. EVERY DAY HE DIGS IN RUSTY GARBAGE CANS FOR SOMETHING TO EAT.



WHAT KIND OF PLAN?

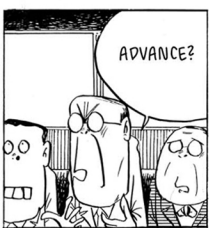
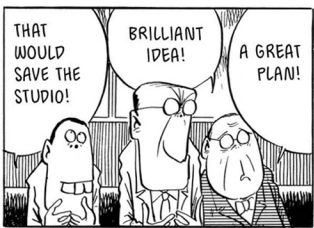
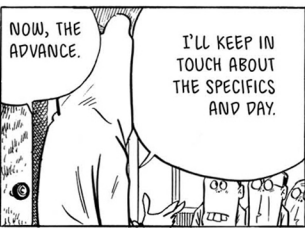
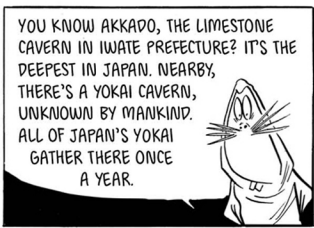
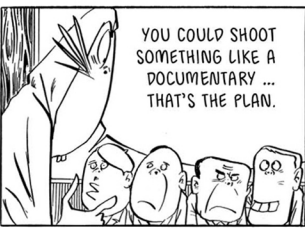
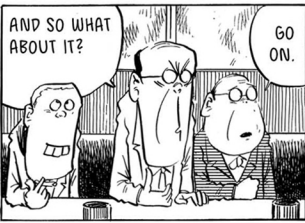


I'M HERE TO PROPOSE A SPLENDID PLAN THAT WILL PUT A LITTLE MONEY IN ALL OUR POCKETS.




HE IS.












ACTUALLY, I
THOUGHT I MIGHT
LEND A HAND
ON THIS LATEST
SCHEME.



I'VE
LONG AD-
MIRED THE
WORK OF
NEZUMI
OTOKO.

I'M NOT
TRYING TO
ROLL YOU
FOR ALL
YOUR CASH.



HERE'S
THE
DEAL
...

**WHISPER
WHISPER**



NOW, I DON'T
WANT TO STEAL
YOUR THUNDER
WITH THIS KITARO
THING, BUT...

A KIN-
DRED
SPIRIT!



THAT'S
TOPS!
LET'S DO
IT, PAL!



I COULD USE
A LITTLE
SEED
MONEY.
SAY HALF
...?



YES,
BOSOM
FRIEND?

SO, MY
COM-
RADE.



AH! FROM
KITARO!



SOON
AFTER A
LETTER
ARRIVES
AT THE
STUDIO
FROM
KITARO.

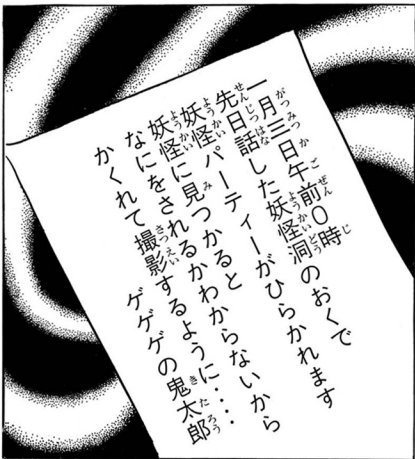


YOU TOO....
HEH HEH
HEH.

A KIN-
DRED
SPIRIT
INDEED!



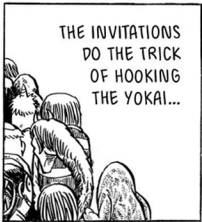
I SEE.



一月三日午前0時
妖怪洞のおくで
先話した妖怪パーティーがひらかれます
妖怪パーティーで見つかるかわからないから
妖怪にをされるかのように...
なにくれて撮影するよう鬼太郎
かくれて撮影するよう鬼太郎



IN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS, EVERY
YOKAI ALSO GETS
AN INVITATION
TO THIS PARTY.



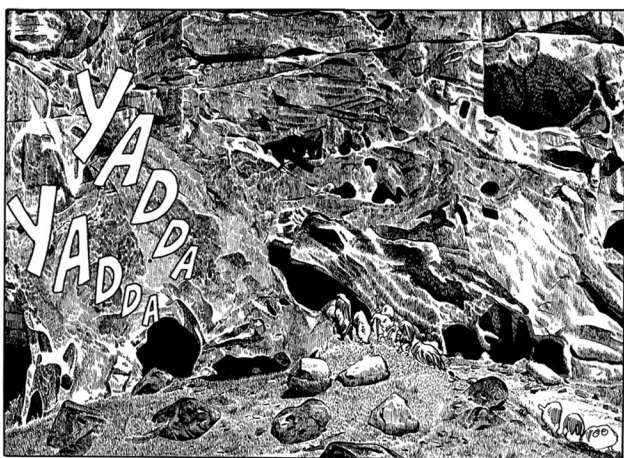
THE INVITATIONS
DO THE TRICK
OF HOOKING
THE YOKAI...



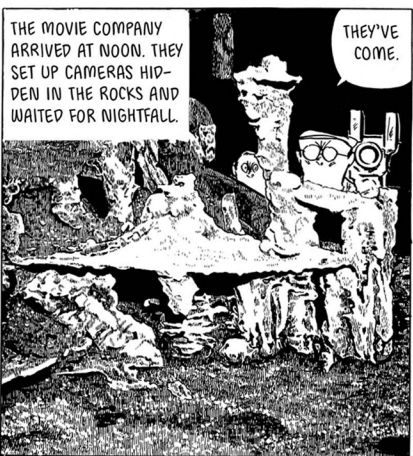
HUH.
GUESS WE
BETTER GO
THEN.

THAT'S WEIRD.
KITARO'S
HOSTING
A PARTY.

LETTER: JANUARY, 3RD, MIDNIGHT. THAT'S THE DATE FOR THE YOKAI PARTY WE SPOKE OF PREVIOUSLY. NOW, IF THE YOKAI DISCOVERED YOU, I COULDN'T VOUCH FOR YOUR SAFETY. YOU MUST FILM IN DISGUISE. SIGNED, GEGEGE NO KITARO.



THE MOVIE COMPANY
ARRIVED AT NOON. THEY
SET UP CAMERAS HIDDEN
IN THE ROCKS AND
WAITED FOR NIGHTFALL.





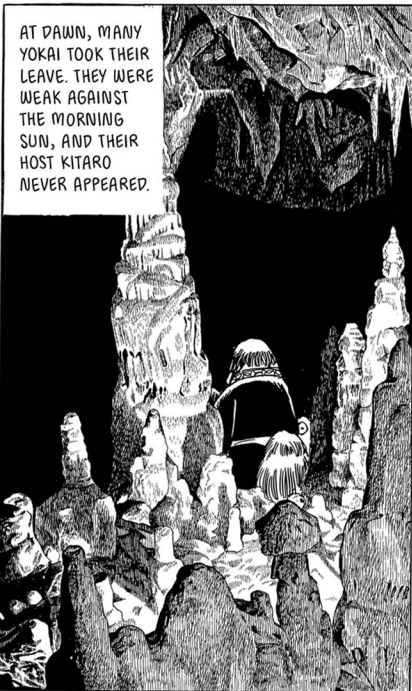
HAVE SOME
YOKAI
LIQUOR!

BUT
WHERE'S
KITARO?



YOU
CAME
TOO?

HEY! IT'S
BEEN ABOUT
ONE HUNDRED
YEARS, EH?



AT DAWN, MANY
YOKAI TOOK THEIR
LEAVE. THEY WERE
WEAK AGAINST
THE MORNING
SUN, AND THEIR
HOST KITARO
NEVER APPEARED.



THERE'S A
YOKAI SHRINE
OVER HERE.



THE YOKAI
DANCE IS ABOUT
TO START!



WA
WA
WA

RIDING THE
YOKAI BOOM,
THIS'LL BE A
HUGE HIT!

THE MOVIE CREW
RUSHED THEIR
FILM TO SHOW
THE STUDIO HEAD.
EVERYONE WAS
EXCITED.

BOSS! OUR
COMPANY
WILL MAKE
A MILLION A
DAY!

WE
LEAKED
IT TO
THE NEWS
CHAN-
NELS.

『これが妖怪だ!!』
世紀の妖怪の世界! 人類の死の影! 妖怪の大パーティー!!

WE GET
ON TV, 2
MILLION A
DAY ...

MAAY-
BE.

A FEW
DAYS
LATER,
ON TV
...

YEEAAA!

* SCREEN: A DEATH-DEFYING FILM! THE YOKAI WORLD, PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME BEFORE HUMAN EYES!! THE YOKAI PARTY OF THE CENTURY! THIS! IS! YOKAI!!!



AH!



BOOGIE
WOOGIE!

WAHOO!
WAHOO!



THIS IS
AMAZ-
ING!



YEAH! WOO! YAHOO!



きょうりょく
協力

き た ろ う
ゲゲゲの鬼太郎



INCRED-
IBLE!



ZUB
ZUB!!