

I CANNOT SEE MY INNOCENT PEOPLE  
SUFFER ANY LONGER...OR WATCH MY  
COUNTRY TURNED TO BURNT EARTH.

THE TIME HAS  
COME TO BEAR THE  
UNBEARABLE.



AND PLANT SEEDS FOR THE  
NEW JAPAN THAT WILL RISE  
FROM THE ASHES.

JAPAN SHOULD ACCEPT THE ALLIED  
REPLY AS IT STANDS, WITHOUT FURTHER  
CLARIFICATION OR MODIFICATION.

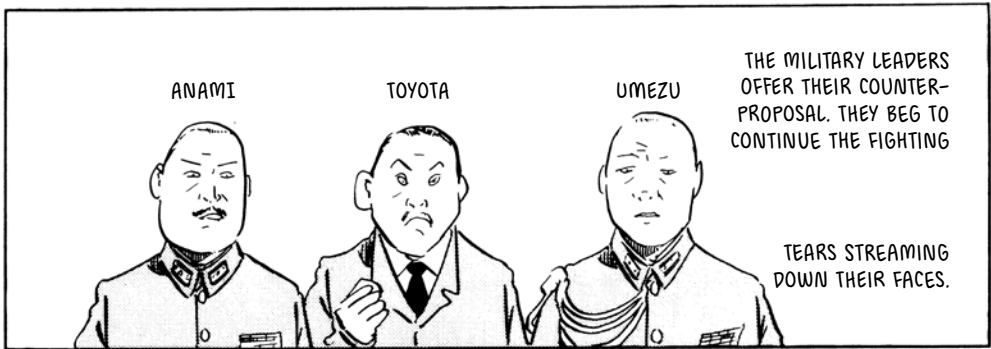


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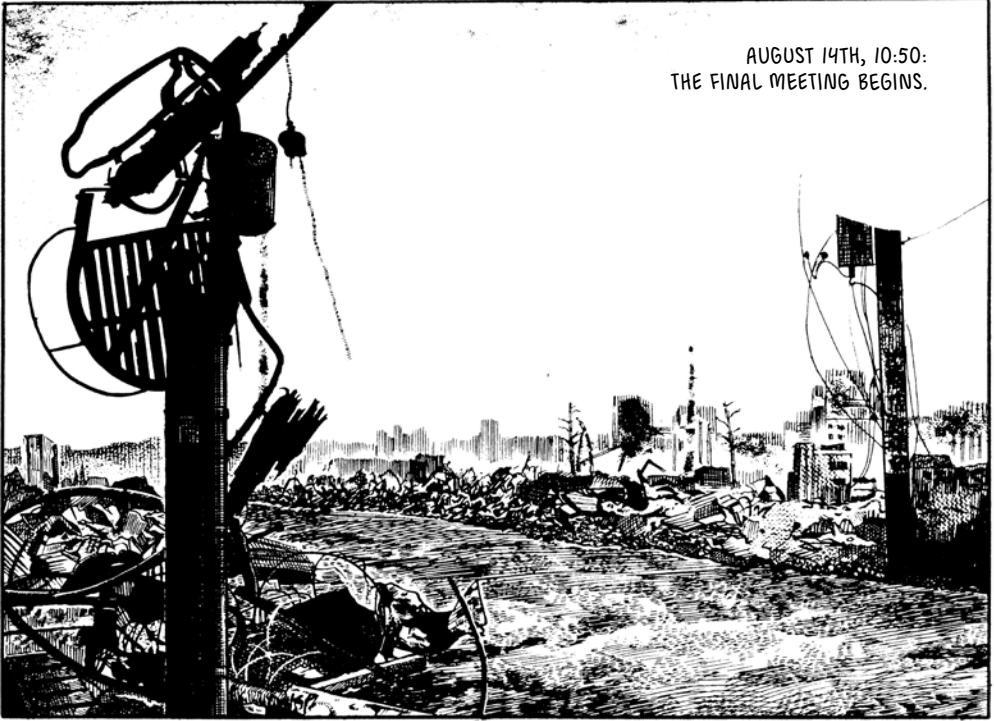
SO THE PEOPLE  
MAY KNOW MY  
WILL...

PREPARE AT  
ONCE SO  
THAT I MAY  
BROADCAST  
TO THE  
NATION.





AUGUST 14TH, 10:50:  
THE FINAL MEETING BEGINS.



THEY MEET IN A  
BUNKER UNDER THE  
IMPERIAL PALACE.

SUZUKI AND  
TOGO MAKE THEIR  
CASE TO THE  
ASSEMBLY.



I SEE MANY DISCREPANCIES IN THE MILITARY'S PLAN. WE CANNOT RAISE NEW DIVISIONS, NOR SUPPLY THEM.

I DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN REPEL THE INVADERS.

HOW THEN, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT?



HEARING THIS, SUZUKI VOWS TO END THE WAR.\*

AND PROLONGATION OF BLOODSHED AND CRUELTY IN THE WORLD. I DO NOT WISH THIS.

CONTINUING THE WAR CAN ONLY MEAN DESTRUCTION FOR THE NATION



PEOPLE LIVE FULL-TIME IN BOMB SHELTERS.

THEY REALLY HAVE IT ROUGH.



THE MILITARY IS STILL NOT READY TO CONCEDE. THEY ISSUE A PROCLAMATION STATING "THE BOMBING OF NAGASAKI IS NOTHING TO FEAR. WE HAVE COUNTER-MEASURES."

AUGUST 9TH: THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETS TO DEBATE THE ISSUE.

WE MUST FACE FACTS, NO MATTER HOW UNDESIRABLE.

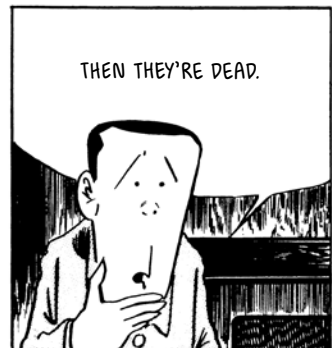
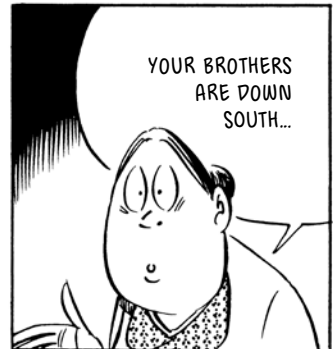
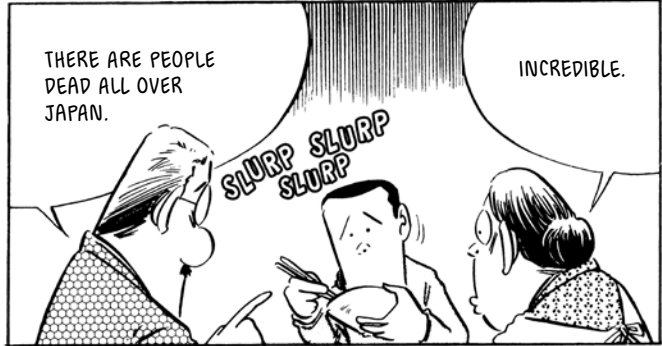
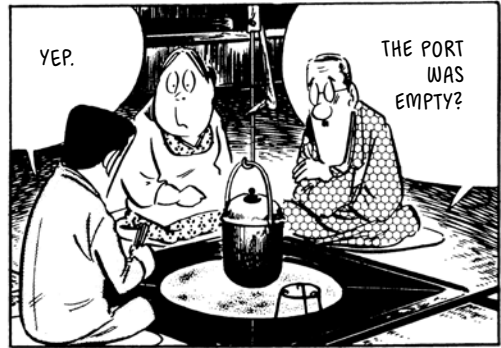
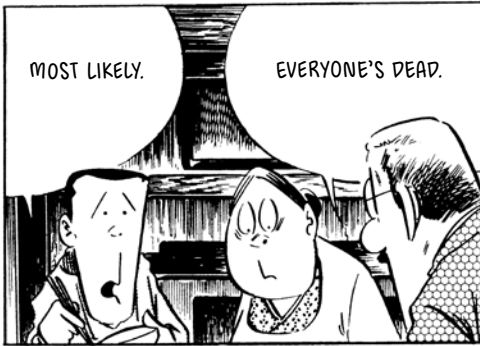
WE OWE THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN MORE THAN ABJECT SURRENDER. (ANAMI KORECHIKA\*)

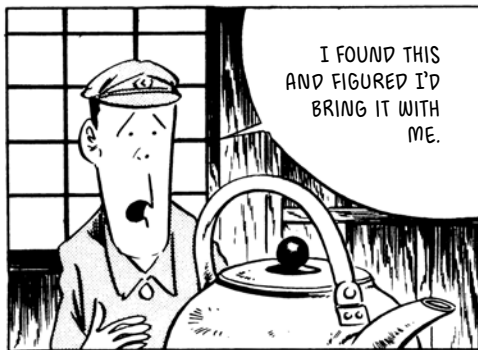
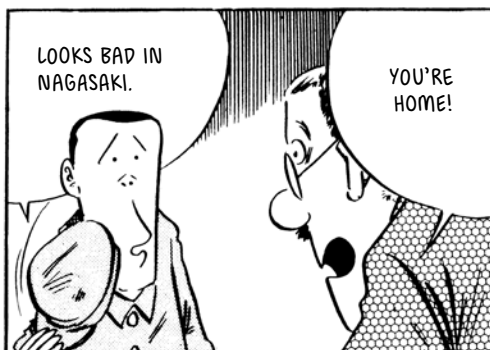
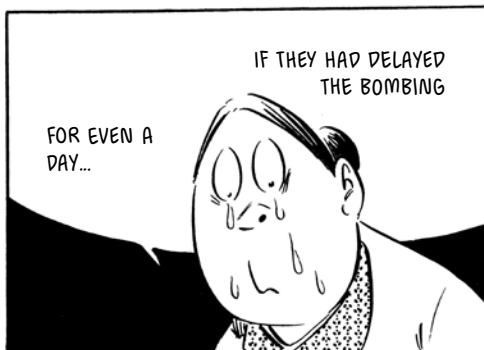
SUZUKI AND TOGO SIDE WITH YONAI, WHILE UMEZU YOSHIJIRO AND TOYODA SOEMU SIDE WITH ANAMI.

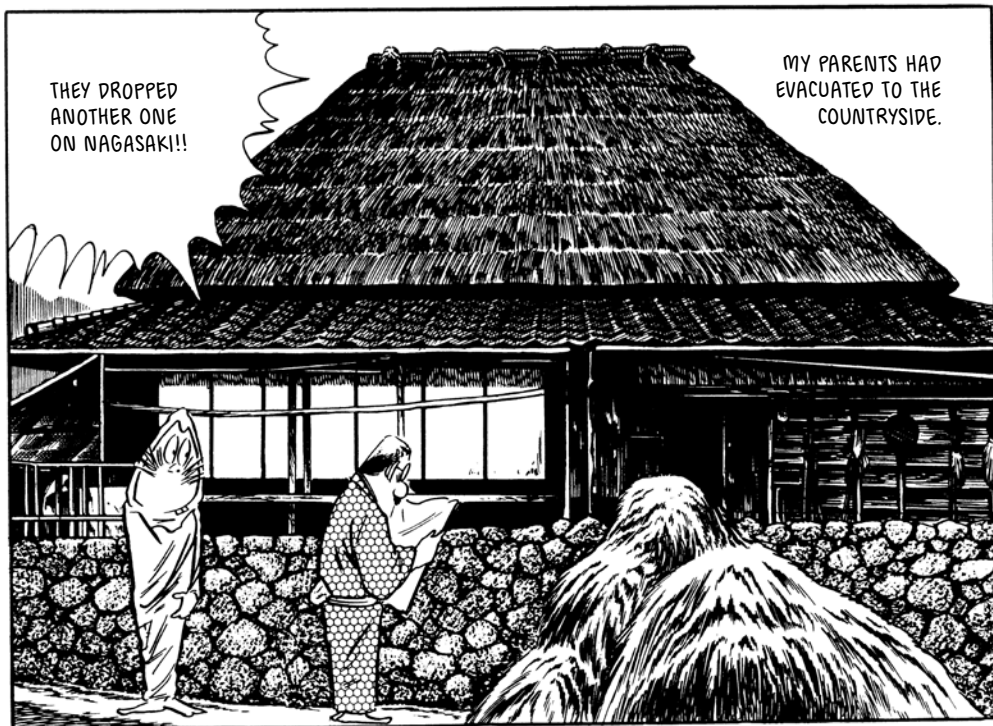
WE HAVE LOST. ALL WE CAN DO IS SALVAGE WHAT REMAINS OF OUR COUNTRY. (YONAI MITSUMASA)

AND SO...

IT'S A STALEMATE. SUZUKI FINALLY APPEALS TO THE EMPEROR TO INTERCEDE, AND DECIDE BETWEEN THE TWO PATHS.







THEY DROPPED  
ANOTHER ONE  
ON NAGASAKI!!

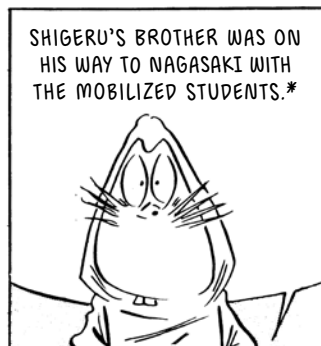
MY PARENTS HAD  
EVACUATED TO THE  
COUNTRYSIDE.



THAT'S AN  
INCREDIBLE  
STROKE OF  
LUCK.

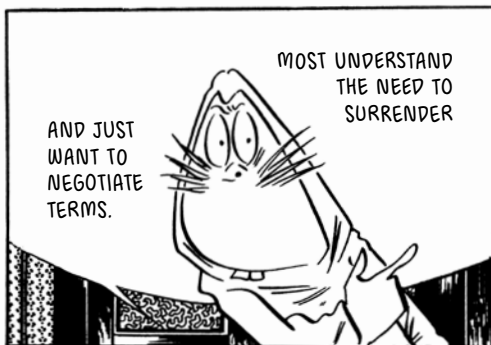
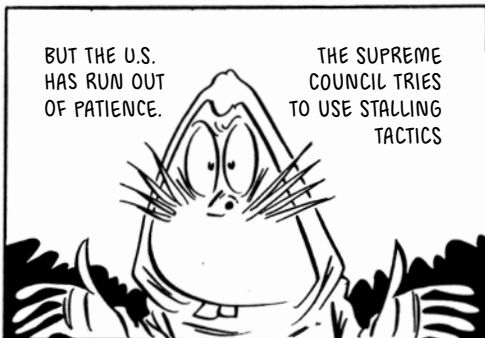


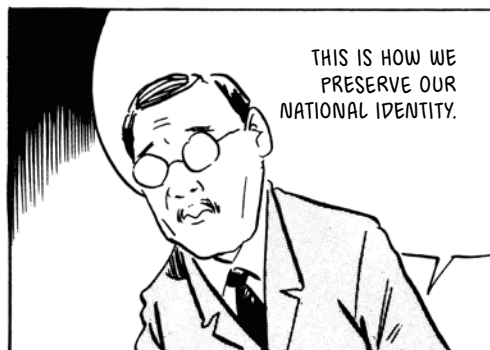
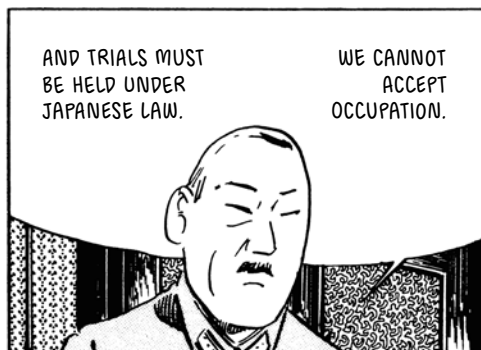
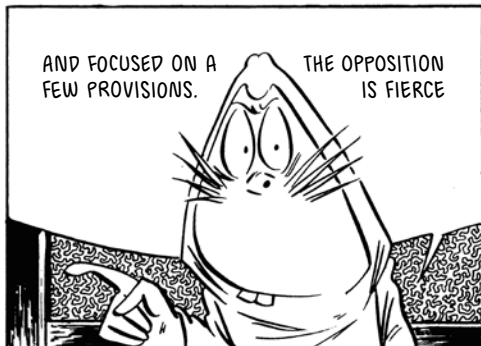
THEY JUST MISSED  
YUKIO!



SHIGERU'S BROTHER WAS ON  
HIS WAY TO NAGASAKI WITH  
THE MOBILIZED STUDENTS.\*









AUGUST  
8TH

PRIME MINISTER SUZUKI\* CONTACTS  
CABINET PLANNING BUREAU CHAIRMEN  
IKEDA SUMIHISA, AND IS TOLD  
"THE KWANTANG ARMY IS HOPELESS."  
THEY FALL WITHIN 3 WEEKS.

NOT JUST MANCHURIA. THE  
RUSSIANS ALSO ATTACK THE  
KURIL ISLANDS.



NORMALLY, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD RESIGN IN SUCH  
CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT SUZUKI FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING  
THE WAR THROUGH TO ITS END.