



AS I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE, YOURS WILL BE THE FIRST UNDERGRADUATE CLASS ALLOWED ACCESS TO THIS TECHNOLOGY.

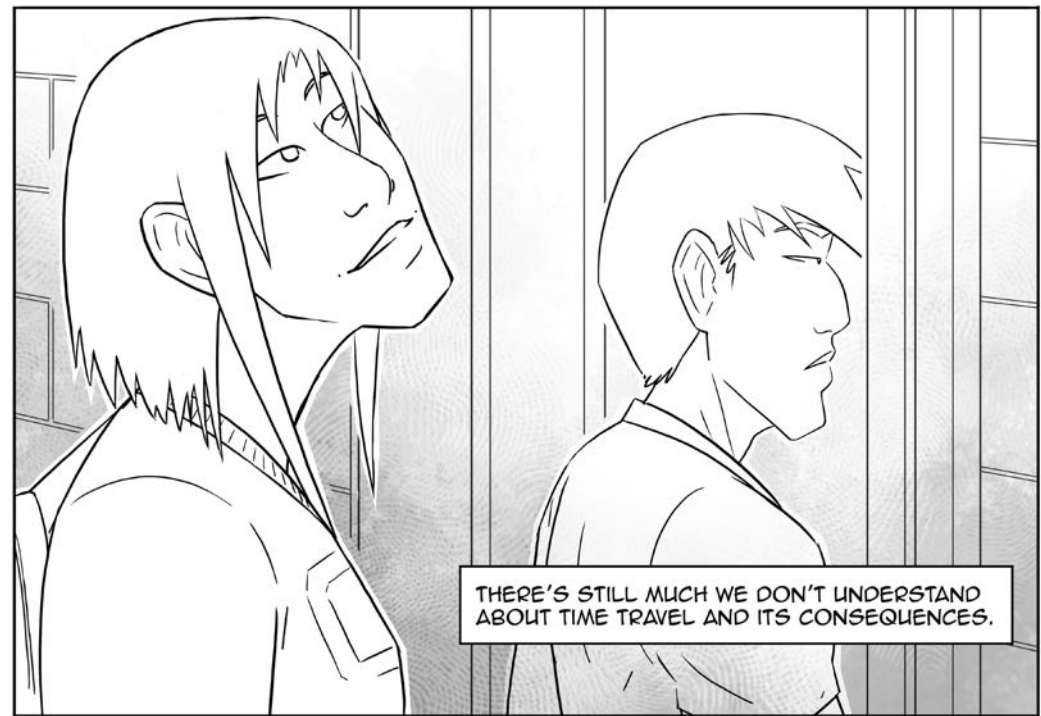


WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY LIMITED TO A HANDFUL OF PHYSICISTS, PROFESSORS AND P.H.D. CANDIDATES WILL NOW INCLUDE ALL OF YOU...

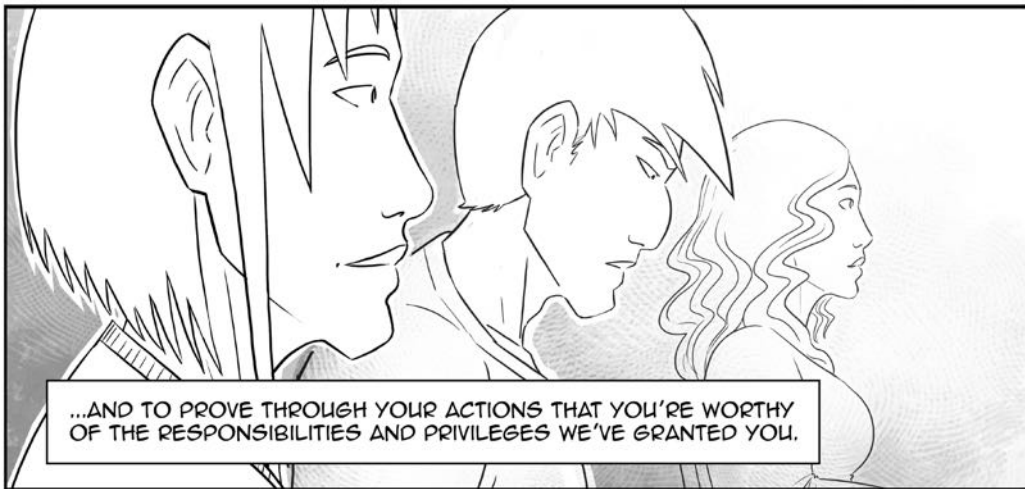
...THE **BEST** AND **BRIGHTEST** OF YOUR DISCIPLINES.

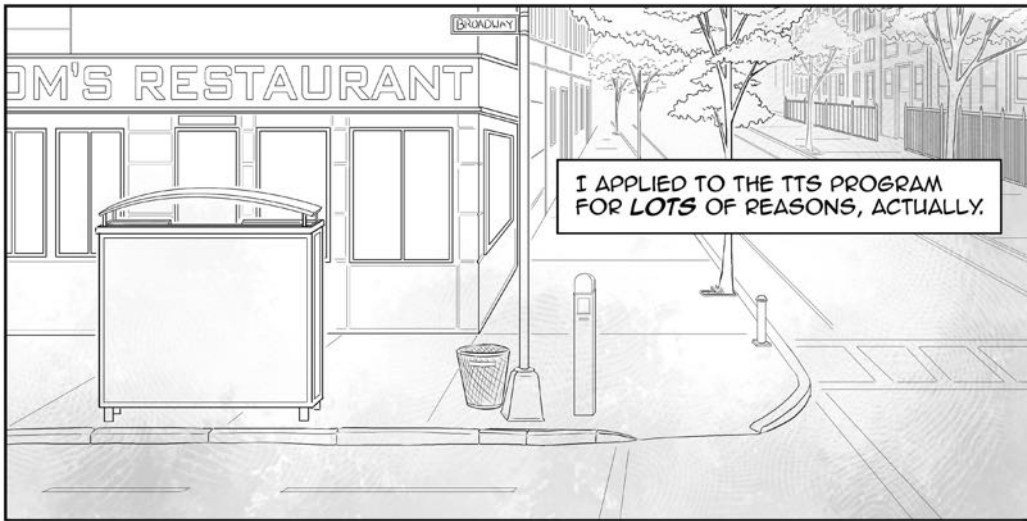


GIVEN THIS, I HOPE YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT OUR EXPECTATIONS OF YOU WILL BE VERY **HIGH**.

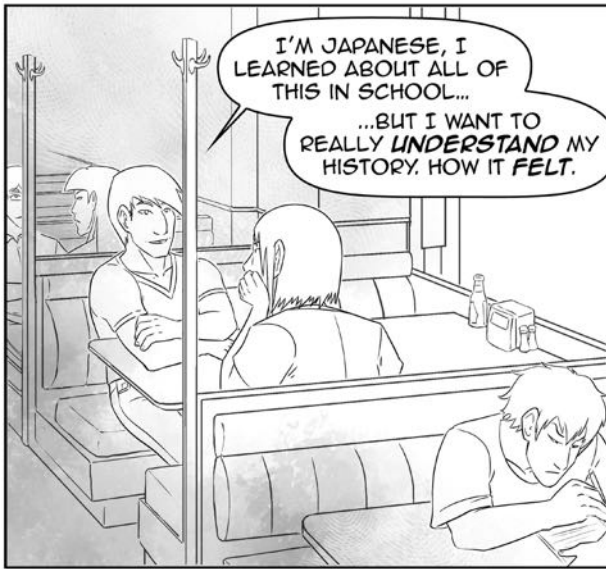


THERE'S STILL MUCH WE DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT TIME TRAVEL AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.





I APPLIED TO THE TTS PROGRAM FOR LOTS OF REASONS, ACTUALLY.



I'M JAPANESE, I LEARNED ABOUT ALL OF THIS IN SCHOOL...
...BUT I WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND MY HISTORY. HOW IT FELT.



WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE SOME KID FROM CHOSHU WHO'S TRYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.



SO MUCH OF WHAT WENT ON IN THE RESTORATION GETS ROMANTICIZED OR EXAGGERATED. I SUPPOSE I JUST WANT TO GET PAST THE MYTH MAKING.

ADMIRABLE.



WHAT ABOUT YOU? HOW DID YOU END UP AT TTS?

WEEEEEEELLLL...



IN MY ADMISSIONS ESSAY I SAID THAT I WANTED TO...

"EXPLORE THE IDEOLOGICAL ROOTS OF MODERN JAPAN, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CULTURAL AND POLITICAL REVOLUTIONS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY."



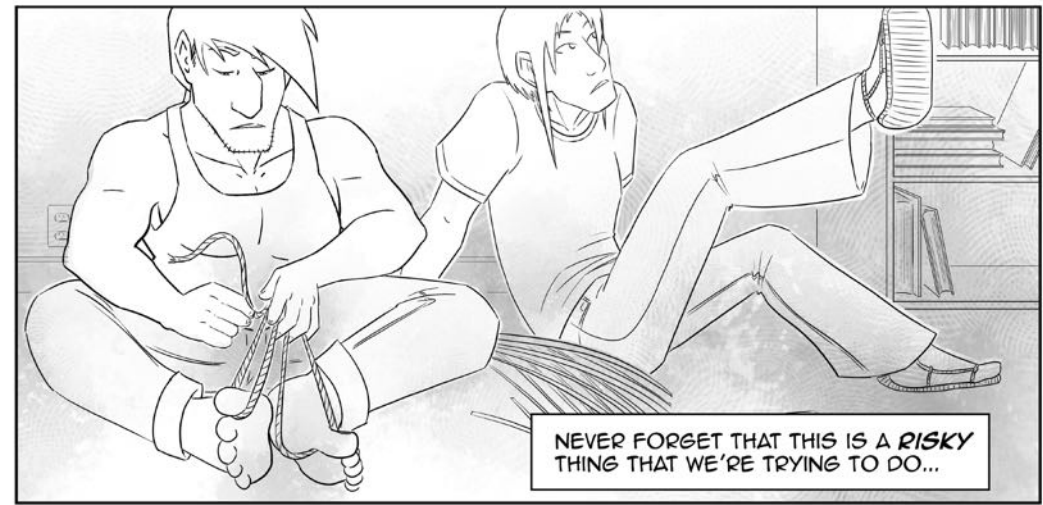
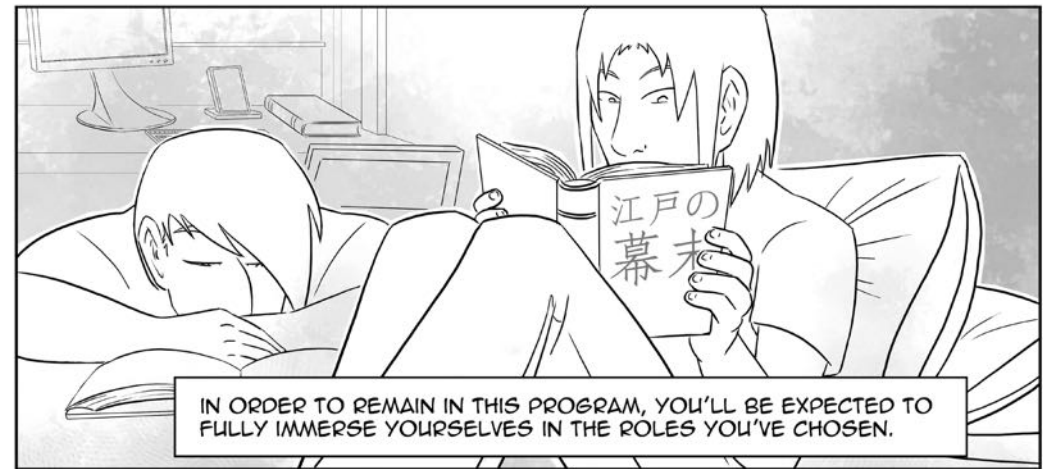
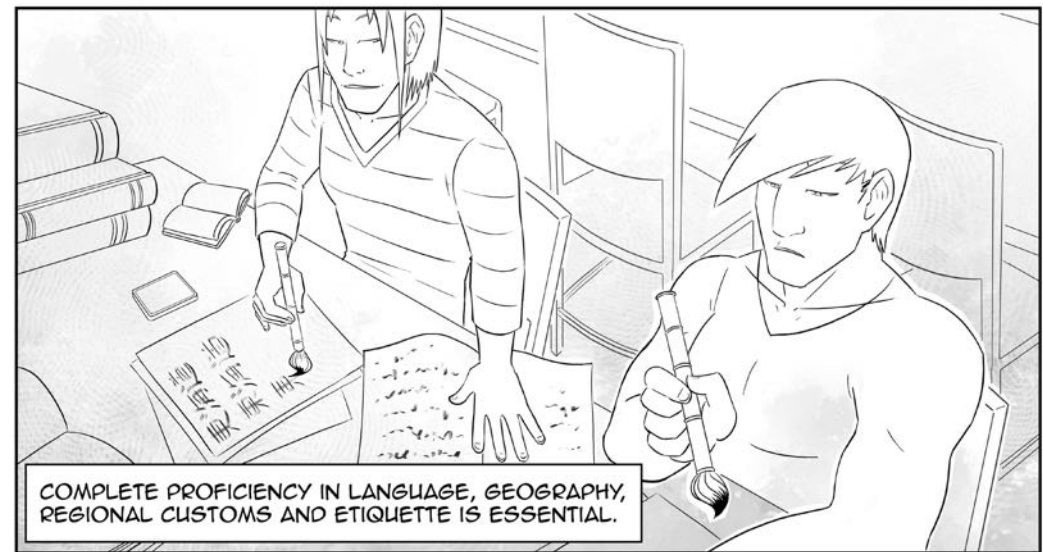
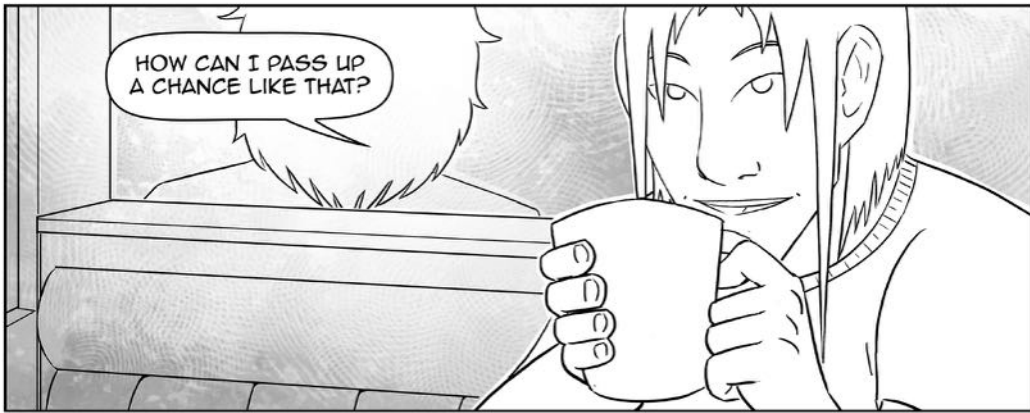
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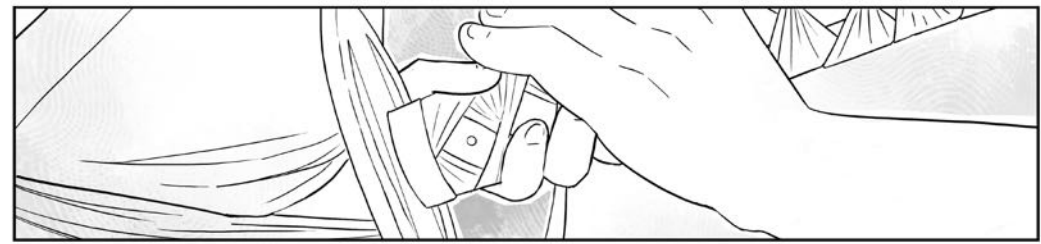
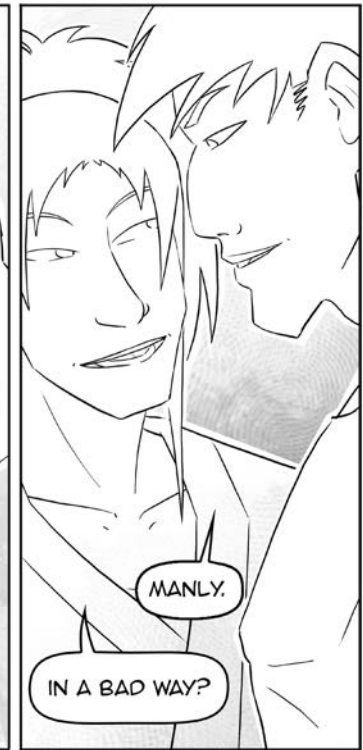
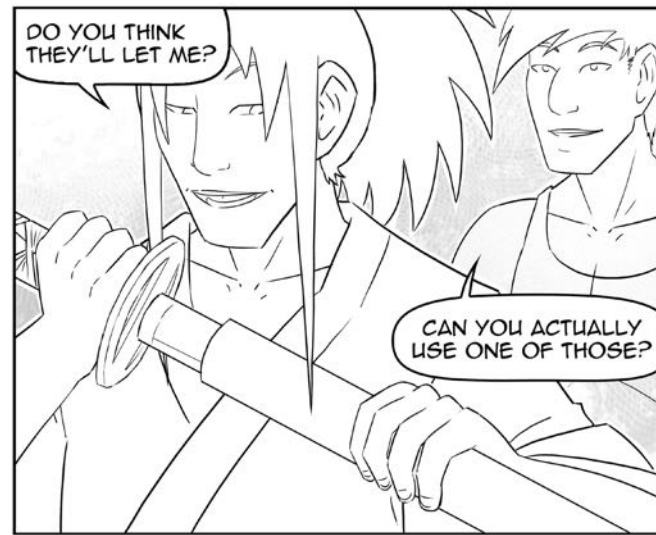
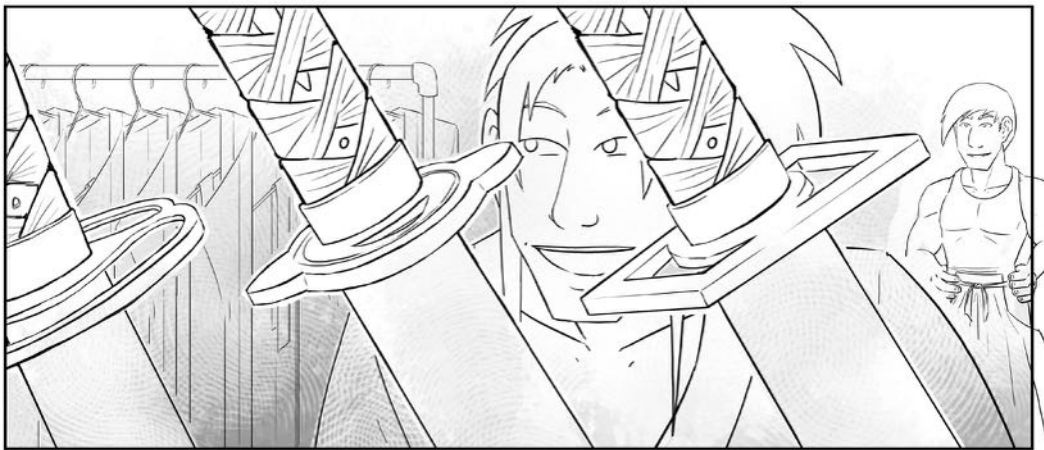
LET'S JUST SAY THAT I'VE READ "RONIN KEN" A FEW TOO MANY TIMES.

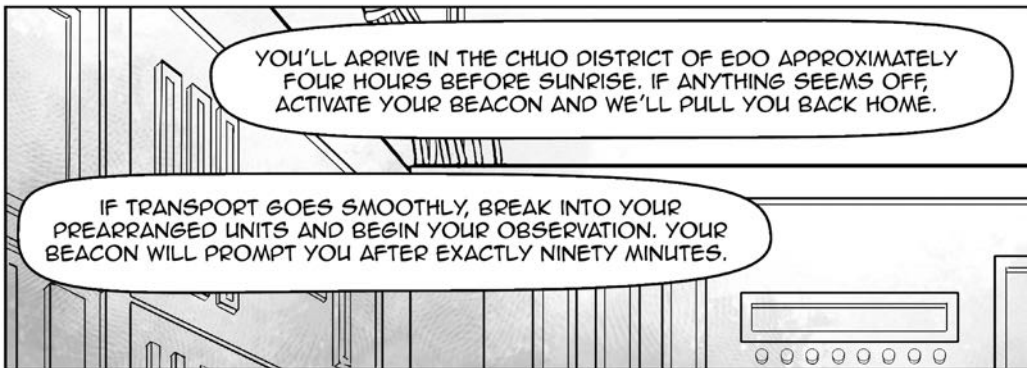
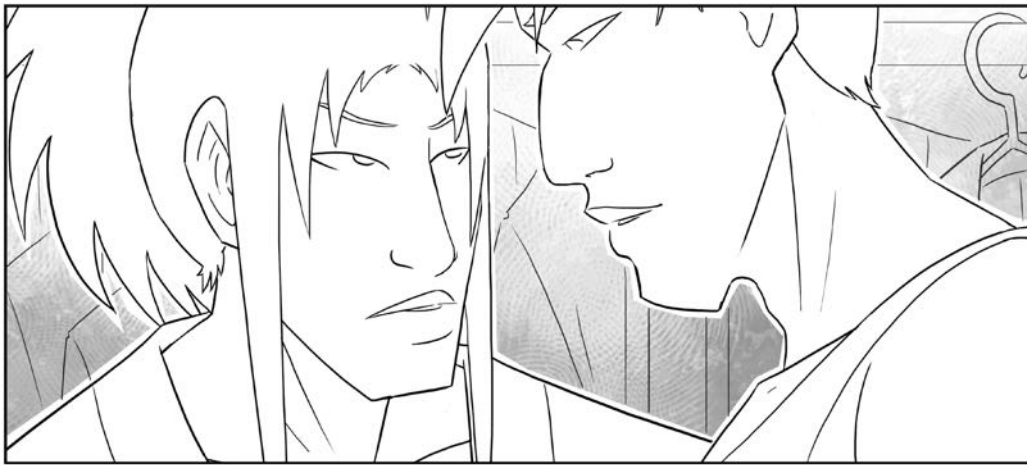


IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ANYTHING LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.

OF COURSE NOT, BUT COME ON...GETTING TO SEE EDO FOR MYSELF, WALKING THOSE STREETS, MEETING REAL SAMURAI?







YOU'LL ARRIVE IN THE CHUO DISTRICT OF EDO APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS BEFORE SUNRISE. IF ANYTHING SEEMS OFF, ACTIVATE YOUR BEACON AND WE'LL PULL YOU BACK HOME.

IF TRANSPORT GOES SMOOTHLY, BREAK INTO YOUR PREARRANGED UNITS AND BEGIN YOUR OBSERVATION. YOUR BEACON WILL PROMPT YOU AFTER EXACTLY NINETY MINUTES.



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REMEMBER: NO EATING OR DEFECCATING, KEEP INTERACTIONS WITH CONTEMPORARIES TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AND LEAVE ALL ANACHRONISMS HERE. NOTEBOOKS, PENS AND PENCILS, WATCHES, **EVERYTHING**.



YOUR BEACONS ARE THE **ONLY** EXCEPTION.

