
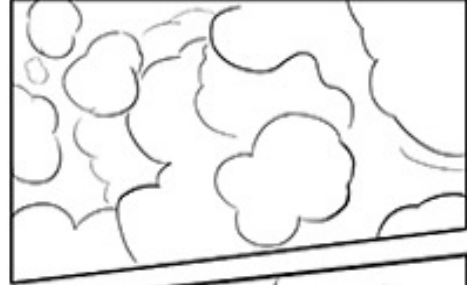
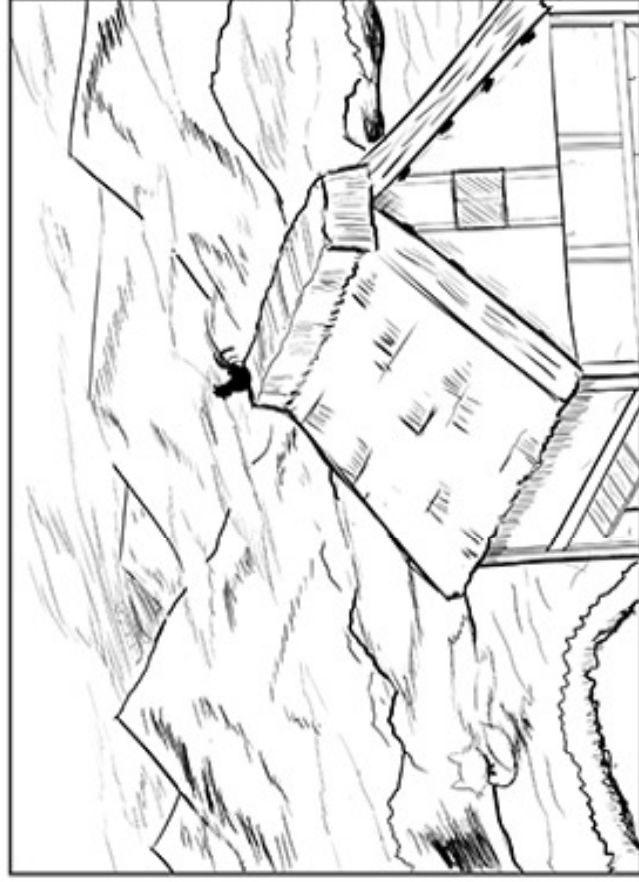


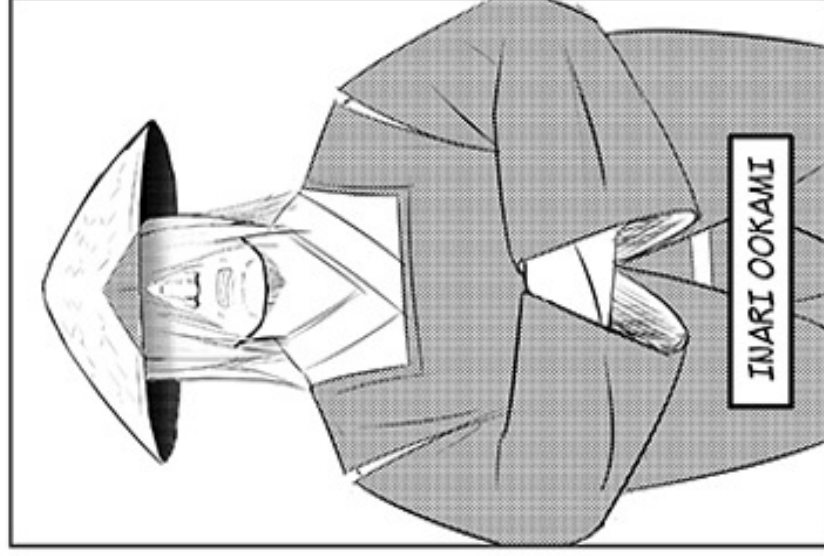
AFTER DEFEATING THE YOKAI AT THE END OF NAKA 2016, TOMO MEETS NURARIHYON. NURARIHYON ADMITS THAT THE YOKAI WERE NOT ABLE TO OVERRUN NAKA-KON OR KEEP THEIR HUMAN HOSTS, BUT ONLY BECAUSE THEY WERE ON UNFAMILIAR GROUND.



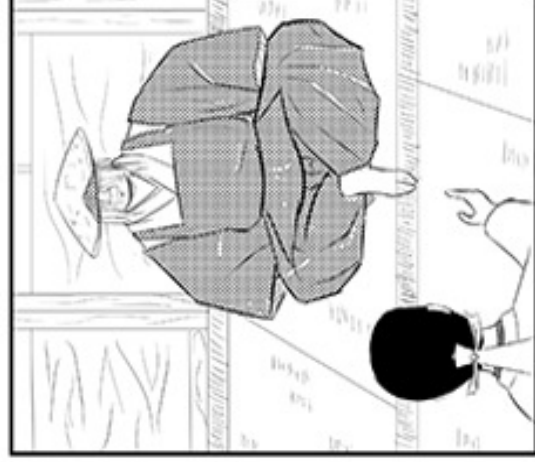
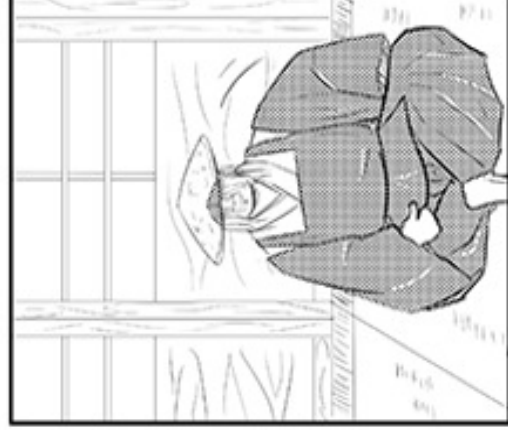
HE THEN CHALLENGES THEM TO BEAT THE YOKAI ON THEIR OWN TERMS, AT THE SEAT OF THEIR POWER.



















CALM YOURSELF. MURARI-SAN AND I  
ARE ACQUAINTED, BUT I WOULD NOT  
CALL HIM AN ALLY.



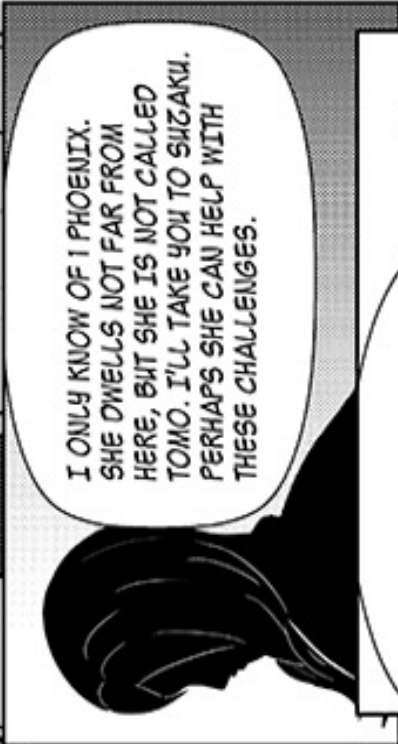
BECAUSE YOU SEEM  
SO CONFUSED,  
LET ME EXPLAIN:




AT THE SEAT OF THEIR POWER OF COURSE  
MEANS HERE, THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN,  
WHERE THE YOKAI WOULD BE THE STRONGEST.  
BUT IT ALSO MEANS WHEN.



YOU SAY THIS TOMO THAT  
YOU SEEK, SHE IS A  
PHOENIX, CORRECT?



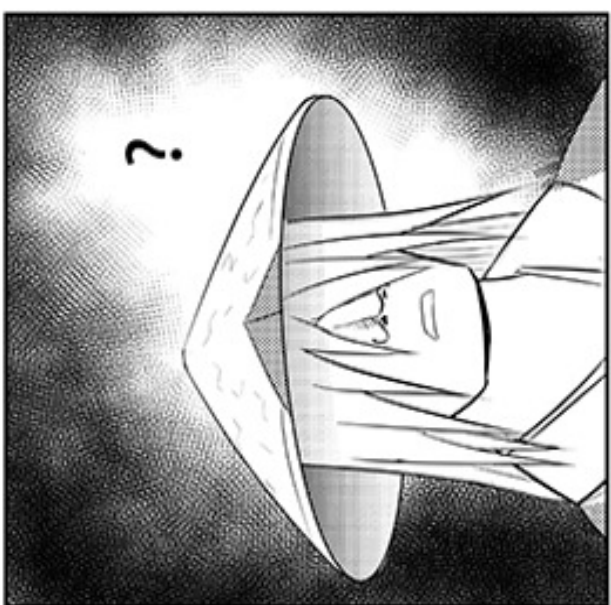
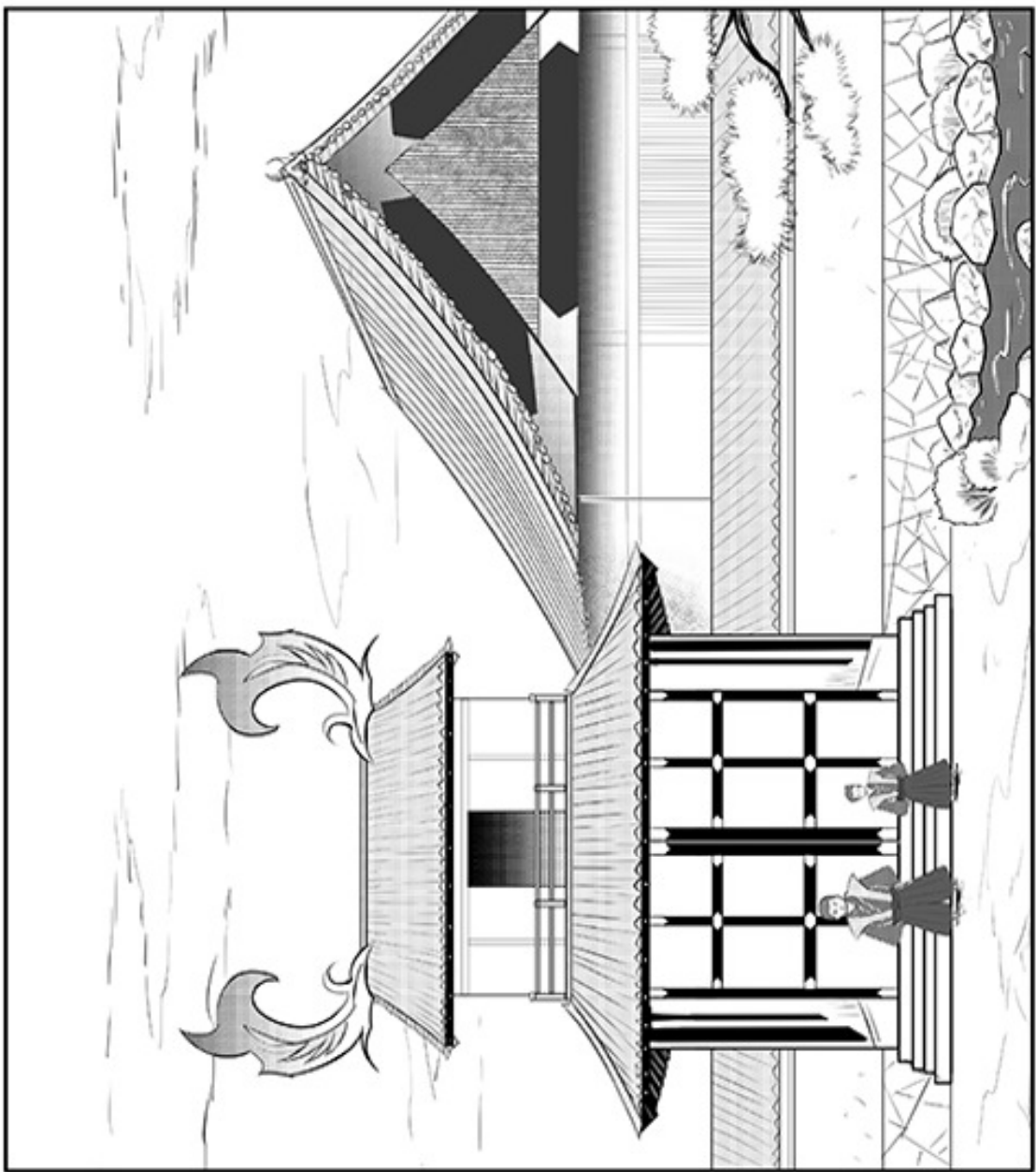
I ONLY KNOW OF I PHOENIX.  
SHE DWELLS NOT FAR FROM  
HERE, BUT SHE IS NOT CALLED  
TOMO. I'LL TAKE YOU TO SUZAKU.  
PERHAPS SHE CAN HELP WITH  
THESE CHALLENGES.



BUT BE WARNED. SHE IS  
NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH.



NOO =



AS THEY APPROACH THE IMPRESSIVE GATE,  
THEY HEAR A WOMAN'S VOICE AND  
A CHILD'S LAUGHTER.







I BROUGHT "GUESTS FROM AFAR"  
TO SEE LADY SUZAKU.



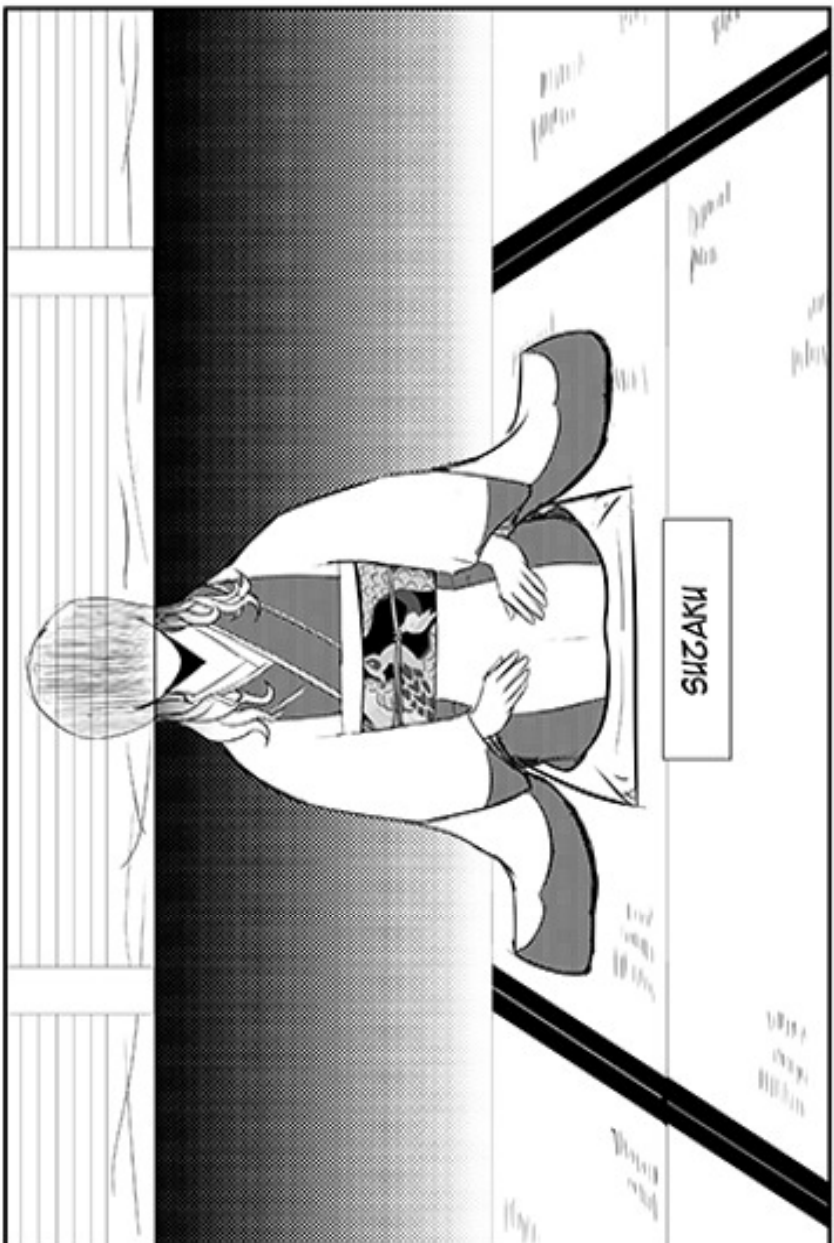
HER LADYSHIP IS NOT  
EXPECTING GUESTS.



NEITHER WAS I. BUT PLEASE  
INFORM HER THAT INARI IS  
HERE ON URGENT BUSINESS.



MY LADY SAYS  
SHE WILL SEE YOU  
NOW.





MY COMPANIONS ARE...

AIKO

VINNOBIKE

SHINTARO

HAUSHIKE

MIYO



