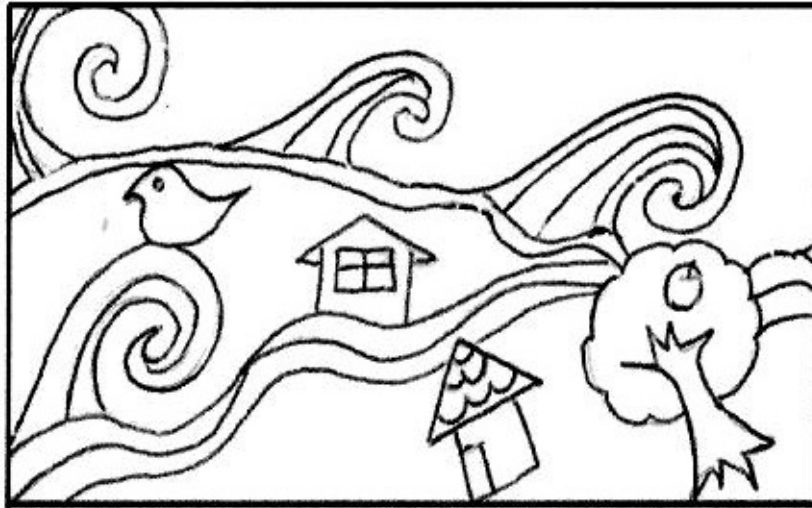


THE
MYSTERIOUS
FLOOD



A Graphic Novel
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Back when the world was young,
in a little village called Eno
on the main island of Japan...



there lived a boy named
Ringo. He was 12 years old.



Ringo lived in a little house
with his dad and little sister
Momoka. She was 7.



His father owned an apple
orchard. Everyday Ringo
helped his father grow apples.



Life seemed perfect,....



... in hot, dry summer, a mysterious disaster struck. A big river nearby suddenly flooded. The water..



... Spilled into the roads and fields, covered the orchards, and invaded the houses and the barns.

All the neighbors were fleeing from the village ...

Hurry!
We must find a safe place!



Dad! What should we do?

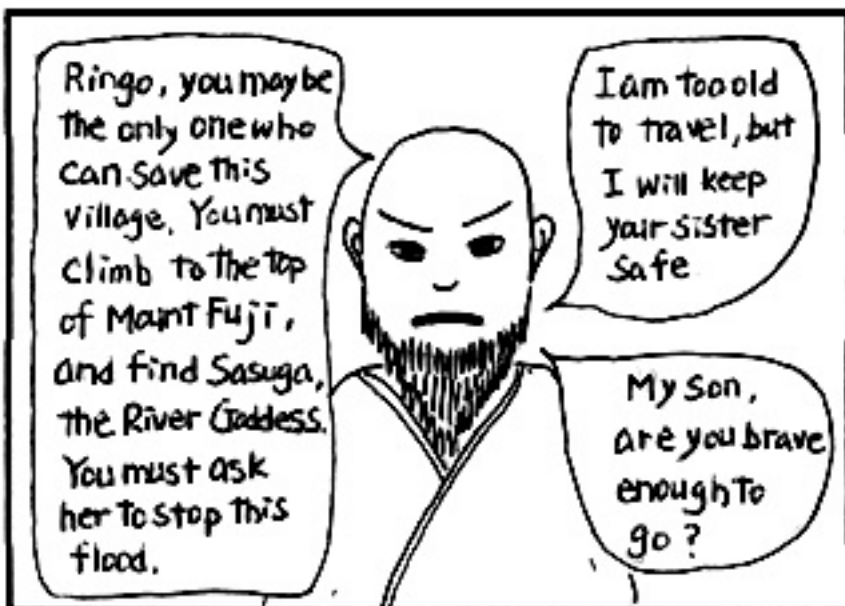
I'm scared !!



Ringo, you may be the only one who can save this village. You must climb to the top of Mount Fuji, and find Sasuga, the River Goddess. You must ask her to stop this flood.

I am too old to travel, but I will keep your sister safe.

My son, are you brave enough to go?



Yes, Dad, I will go.



Fear and determination mingled in Ringo's mind...



... AS he battled the raging water traveling up the hill to reach Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan



The 3-day journey took him through dark, wet forests..



Up and up he kept climbing, with little rest or sleep.

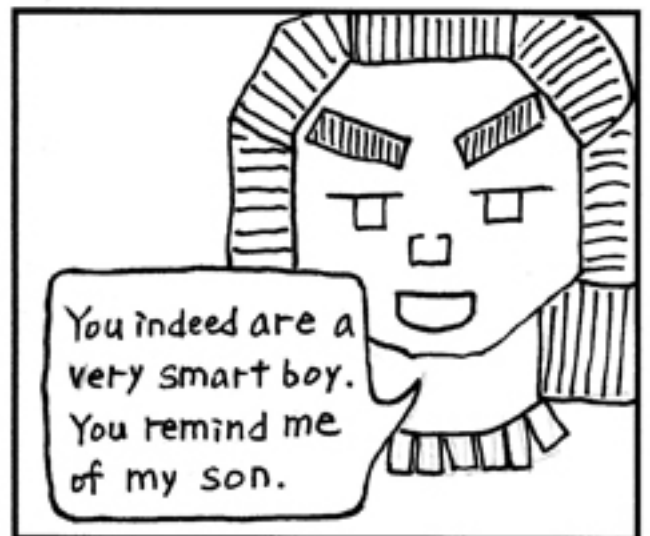
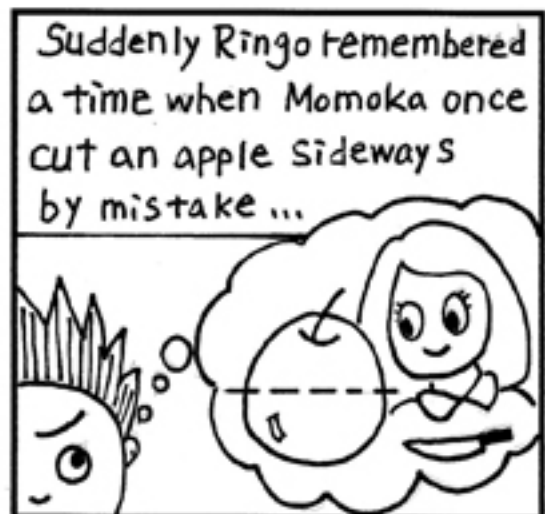
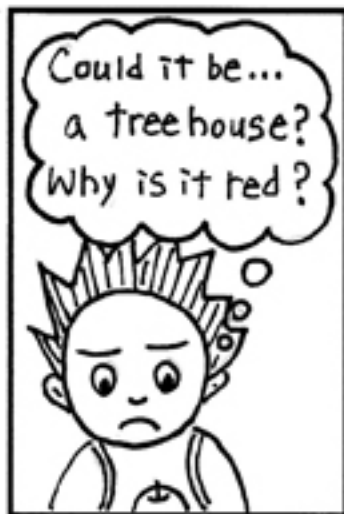
Finally he reached the highest peak. A massive, jagged, gray rock loomed in the sunset.



Suddenly he saw..

... the massive rock turned wise.
It was a gigantic woman! She
was weeping silently. Enormous
teardrops fell from her hollow eyes.





All through the night, Ringo listened to Sasuga tell stories about her son. In the morning, it was time to say good bye ...



As Ringo rushed home, he saw the water had receded. The river flowed peacefully again.



Ringo and his family lived happily ever after ...



until his next adventure!
TO BE CONTINUED...



Ringo is an ordinary kid who lives on a family farm. But when a mysterious flood strikes the village, Ringo may be their only hope. Can he overcome his fear and save everyone?

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