

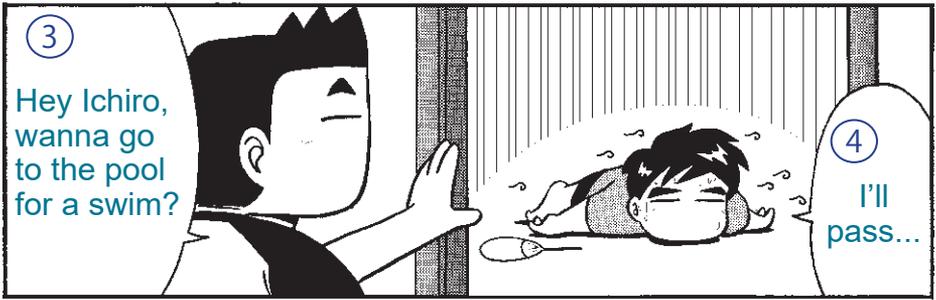


①
Man, it's hot.

②
Somebody, do something about this weather...!

Buddhism ABC

Six Paramitas Part 1

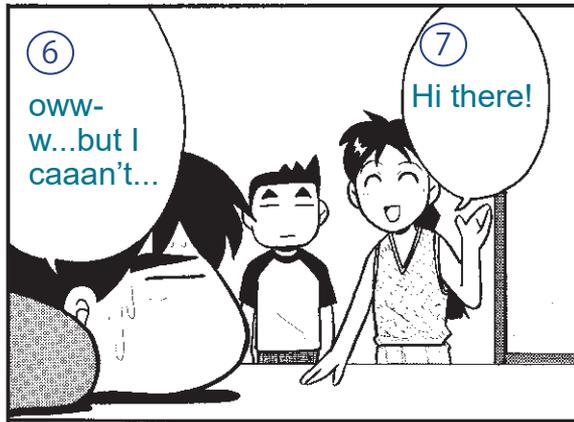


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Hey Ichiro, wanna go to the pool for a swim?

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I'll pass...

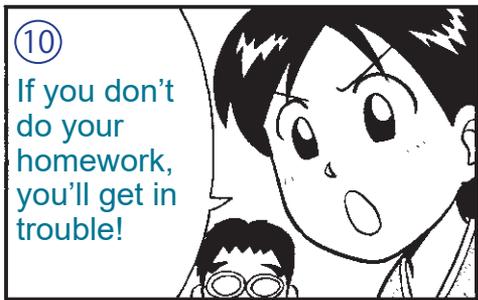


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Don't be so lazy! A little exercise is good for you!



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oww-w...but I caaan't...

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Hi there!

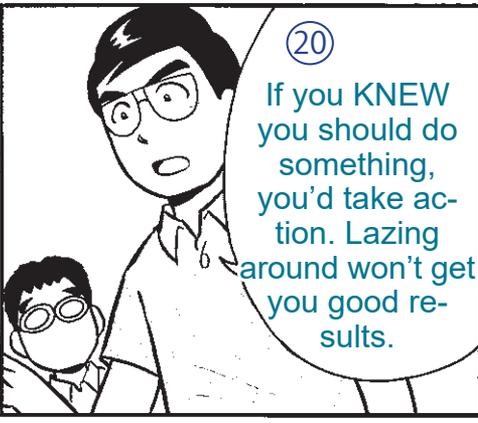




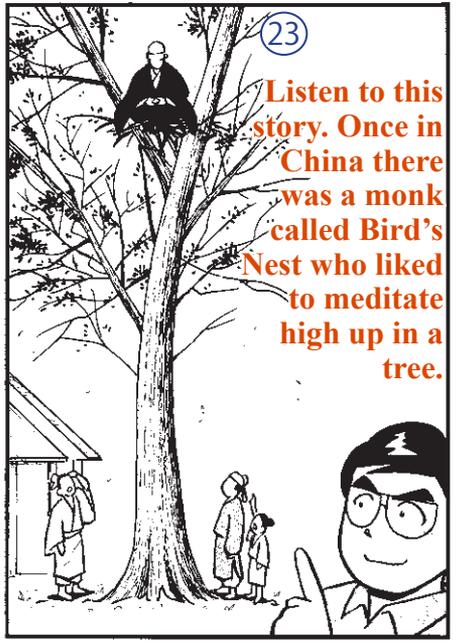
18 She's right, Ichiro. Saying "I know but I can't" just proves you don't know.



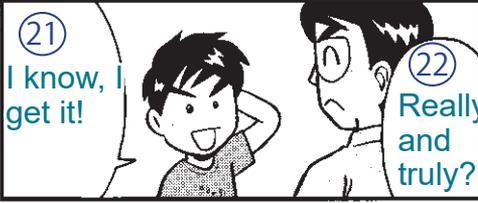
19 Agh! It's the teacher!



20 If you KNEW you should do something, you'd take action. Lazing around won't get you good results.



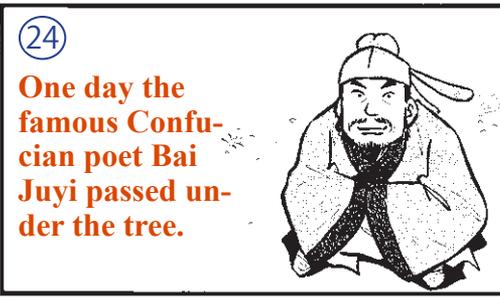
23 Listen to this story. Once in China there was a monk called Bird's Nest who liked to meditate high up in a tree.



21 I know, I get it!



22 Really and truly?



24 One day the famous Confucian poet Bai Juyi passed under the tree.

25 Thanks, I'll pass...



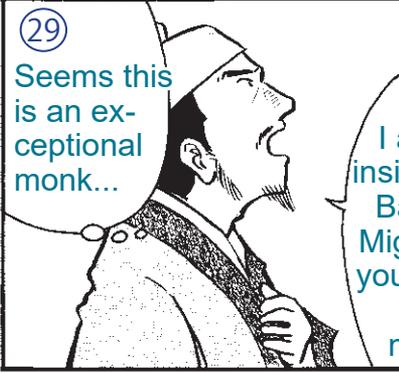
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Hey, up there!
Isn't it danger-
ous to sit in a
high tree with
your eyes
closed??



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It is you
that is in
danger!



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Hmm?!

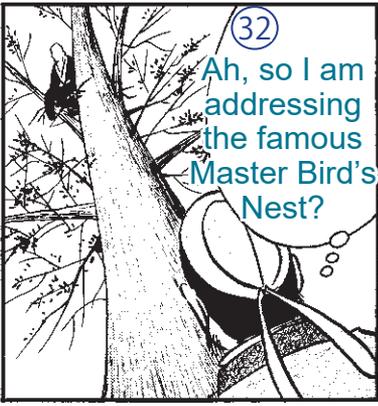


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Seems this
is an ex-
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monk...

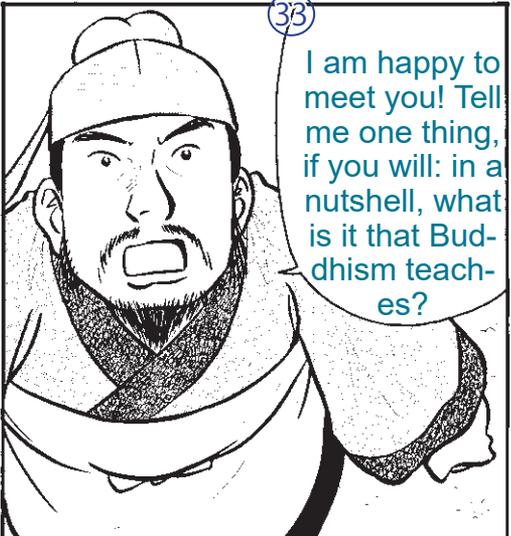
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I am the
insignificant
Bai Juyi.
Might I ask
your name,
good
monk?



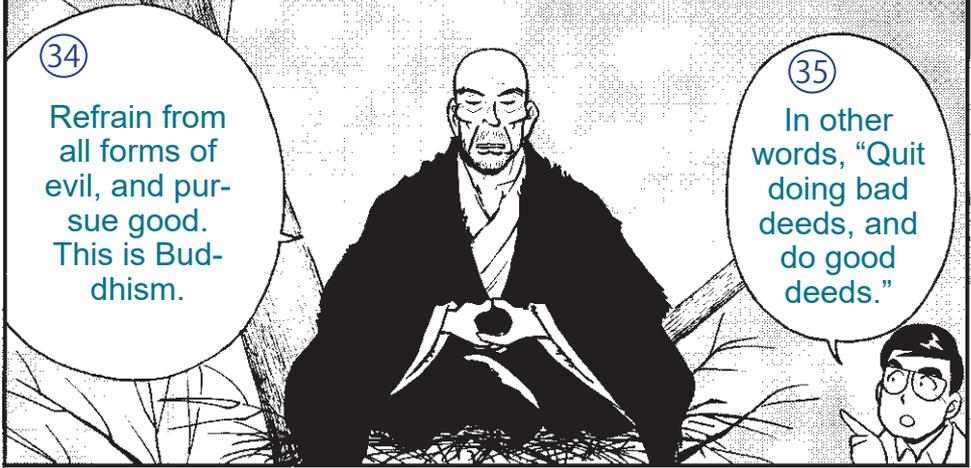
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I am the
insignif-
icant
monk
Bird's
Nest.



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Ah, so I am
addressing
the famous
Master Bird's
Nest?



33
I am happy to
meet you! Tell
me one thing,
if you will: in a
nutshell, what
is it that Bud-
dism teach-
es?



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Refrain from all forms of evil, and pursue good. This is Buddhism.

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In other words, "Quit doing bad deeds, and do good deeds."



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Hah!



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Bird's Next shot back,

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An infant of three knows it, but even an old man of eighty finds it hard to carry out!



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Even a three-year-old infant knows that!

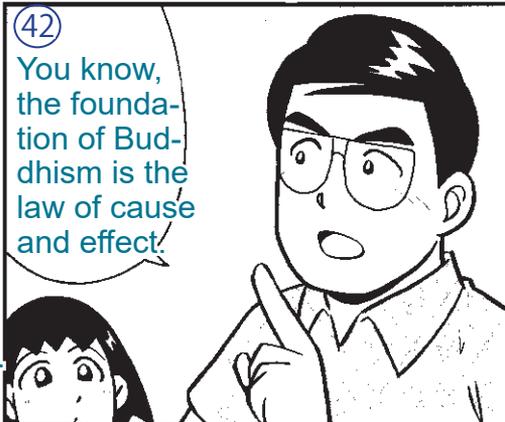


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Even little kids know they should do good, but grownups still can't really do that, right?

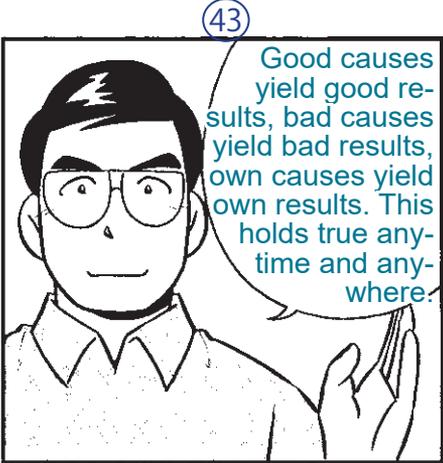
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Hmm...



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You know, the foundation of Buddhism is the law of cause and effect.



43 Good causes yield good results, bad causes yield bad results, own causes yield own results. This holds true any-time and any-where.



44 Do good deeds, and good things will happen!

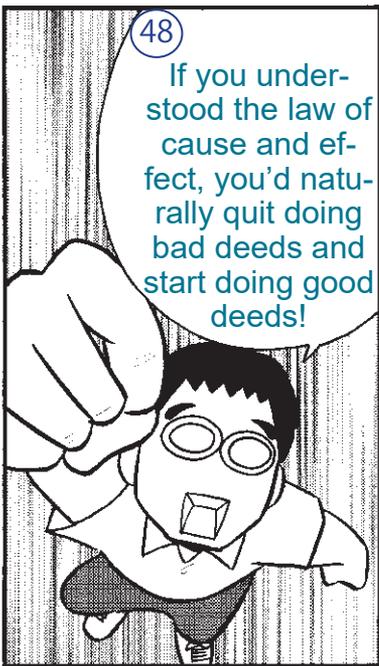
45 Do bad deeds, and you're head-ed for mis-fortune.



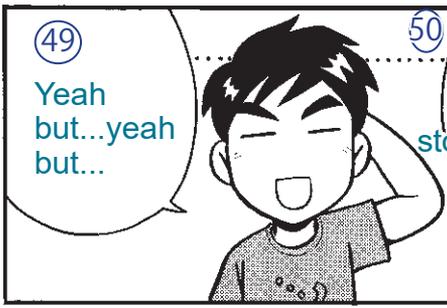
46 You are sure to reap the results of the seeds you sow.



47 Like we learned before.



48 If you understood the law of cause and effect, you'd naturally quit doing bad deeds and start doing good deeds!



49 Yeah but...yeah but...



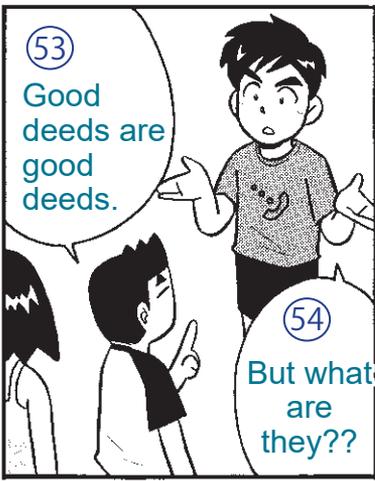
50 If you really understood, you would!



51 Easy to say "good deeds," but ... just what should we do?



52 Are you deliberately being difficult?

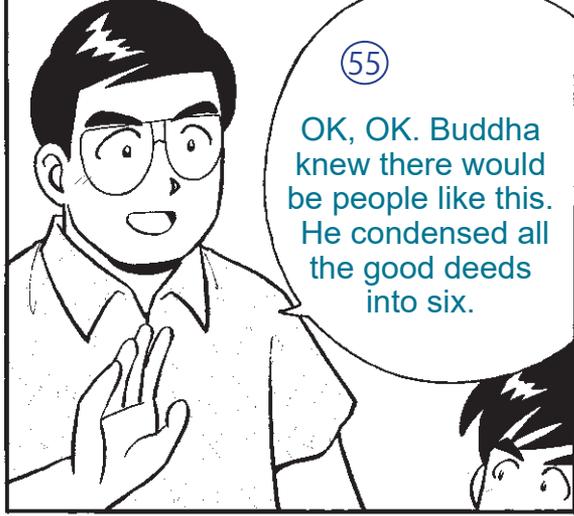


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Good deeds are good deeds.

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But what are they??



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OK, OK. Buddha knew there would be people like this. He condensed all the good deeds into six.

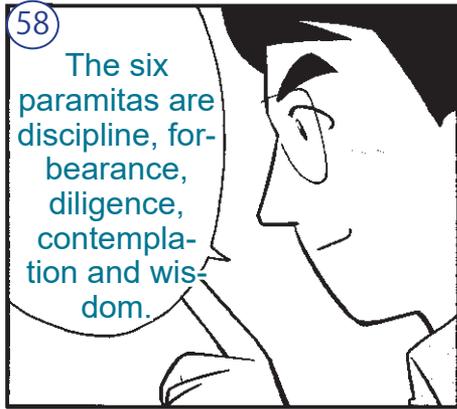


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These six deeds are called the "six paramitas."

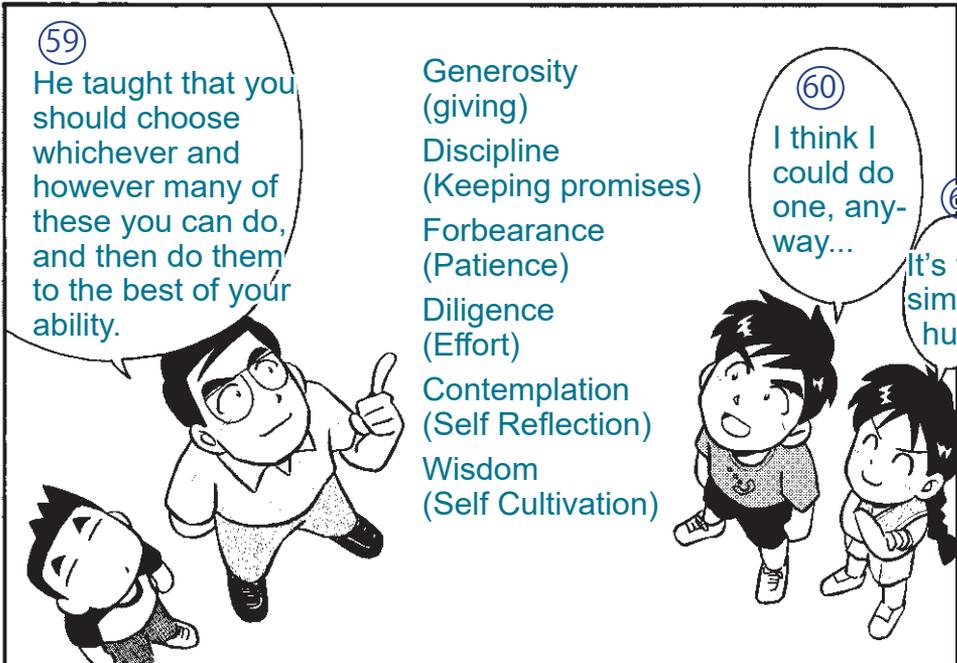
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Six paramitas?



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The six paramitas are discipline, forbearance, diligence, contemplation and wisdom.



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He taught that you should choose whichever and however many of these you can do, and then do them to the best of your ability.

- Generosity (giving)
- Discipline (Keeping promises)
- Forbearance (Patience)
- Diligence (Effort)
- Contemplation (Self Reflection)
- Wisdom (Self Cultivation)

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I think I could do one, anyway...

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It's that simple, huh?





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Well, let's go through them one by one. First, generosity ...

63 Mr. Sugino!



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We've run out of pages for this issue.

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Oh dear. Well, it'll have to wait till next time.

Who's this guy?



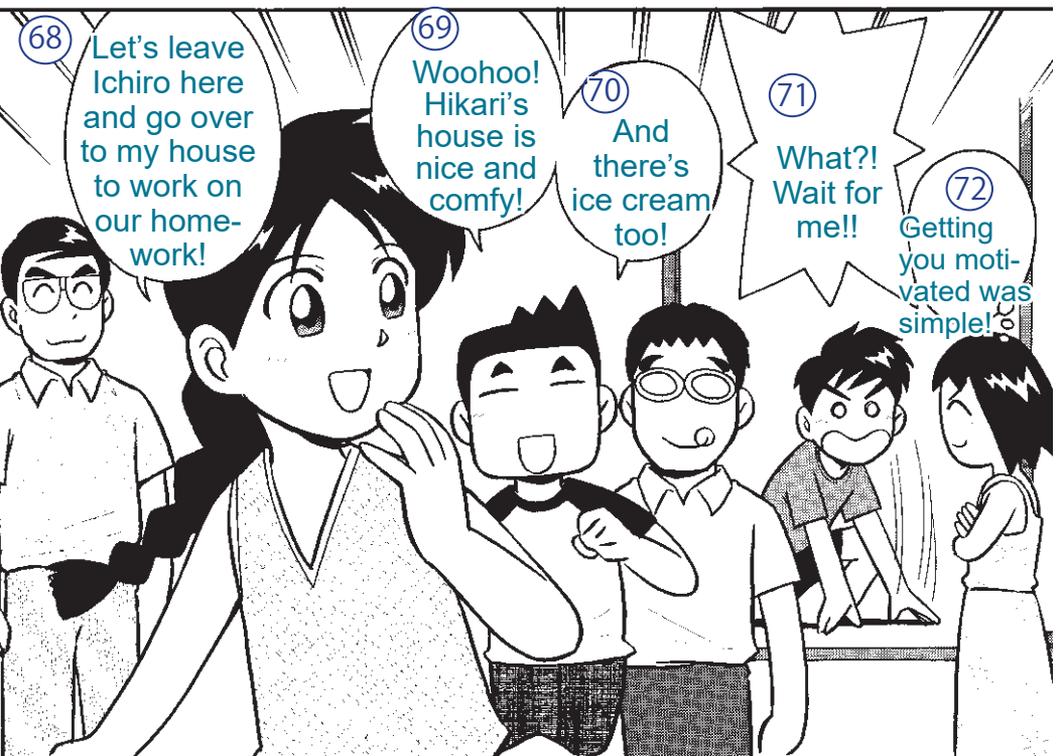
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Yay! Then we're done for today...

flop

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There he goes again, the lazy-bones!



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Let's leave Ichiro here and go over to my house to work on our homework!

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Woohoo! Hikari's house is nice and comfy!

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And there's ice cream too!

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What?! Wait for me!!

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Getting you motivated was simple!