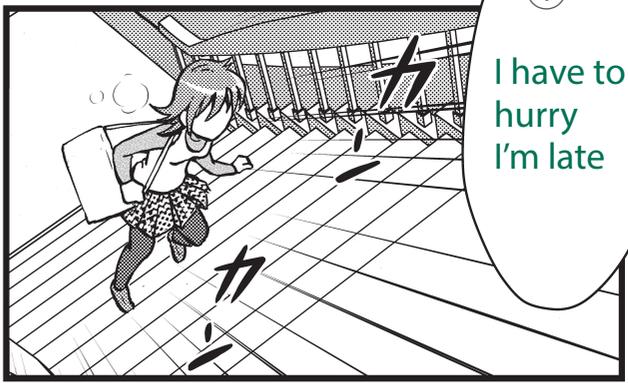
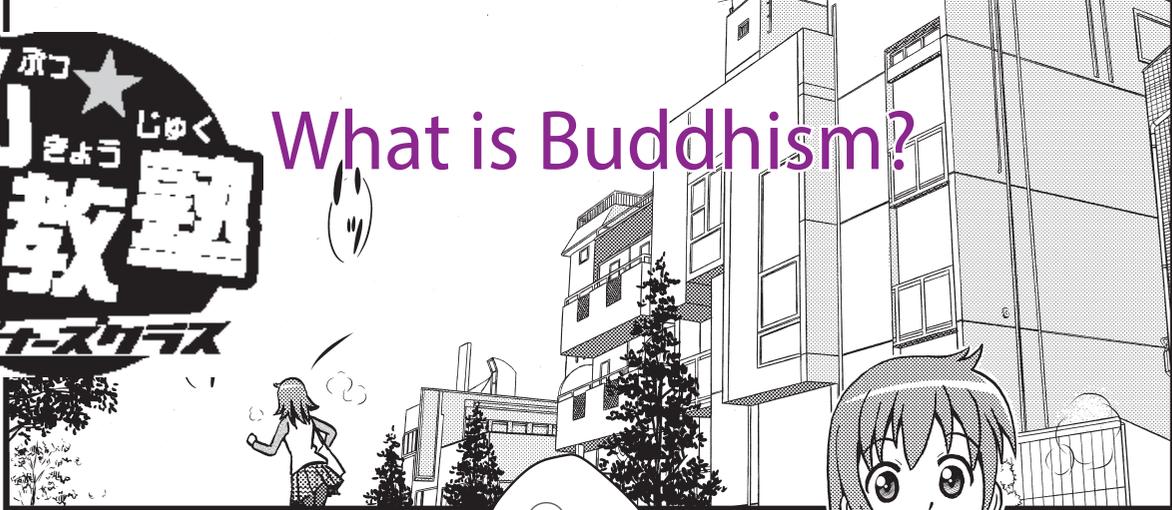
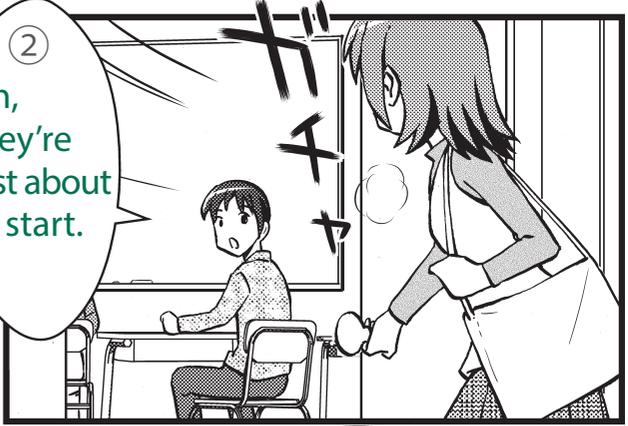


ボク★
仏教
 きょうじゆく
 マンガで分かる
 ビギナーズ

What is Buddhism?



①
 I have to hurry
 I'm late



②
 Oh,
 they're
 just about
 to start.



③
 Phew
 I made it



④
Hey, you were stuffing down donuts again weren't you?

⑤
No! Don't be rude.



⑦
This is a place to learn about Buddhism.

⑥
OK, everyone be quiet.

⑧
Let's learn about Buddhism together.

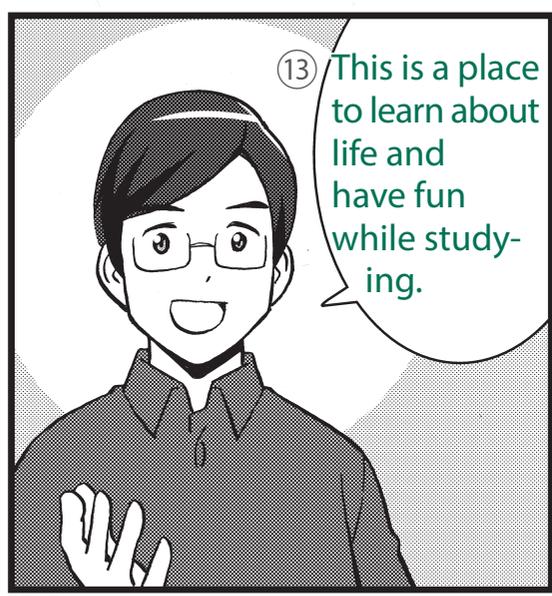


⑪ We won't do such a thing.

⑫ This isn't a place for ascetic training.

⑩ Like when they hit you when you lose concentration?

⑨ I wonder if we'll do Zen meditation like they do at a Temple.



⑬ This is a place to learn about life and have fun while studying.



⑭ OK! I'll do my best!



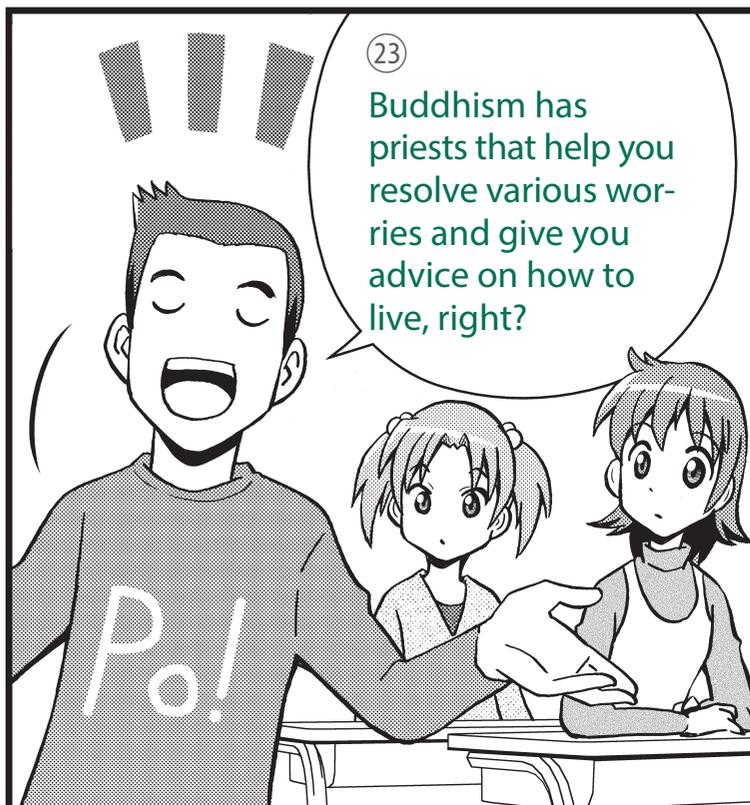
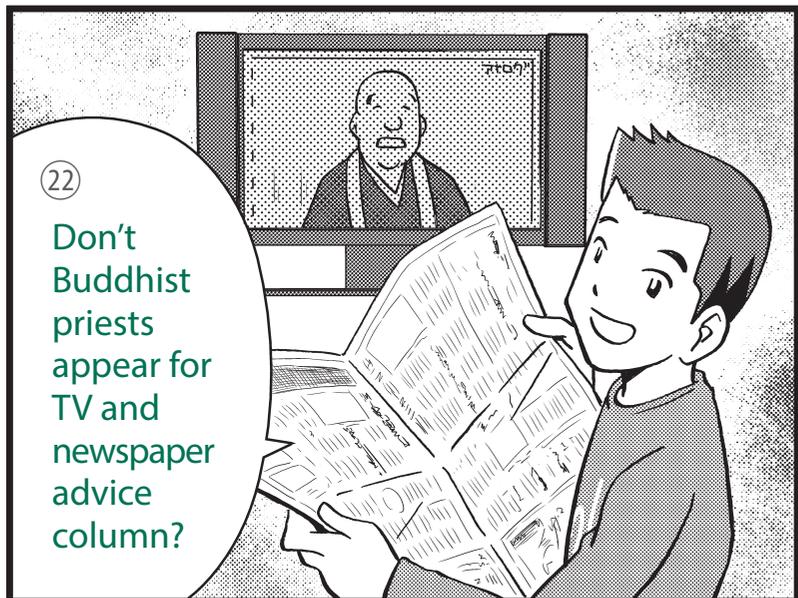
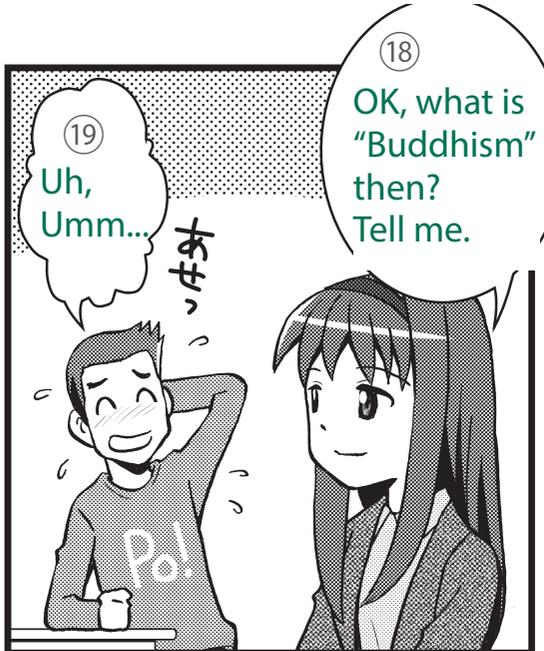
⑮ Ah.., what exactly is "Buddhism"?



⑯ What!? You don't even know that!?



⑰ What, Daisuke, you know?



27
I guess it's showing gratitude towards life and living together in peace.



26
Maybe it's training the mind through Zen meditation and ascetic practices so that no matter what happens, we can become strong.



25
I think it has something to do with when people die, like funerals and memorial services.



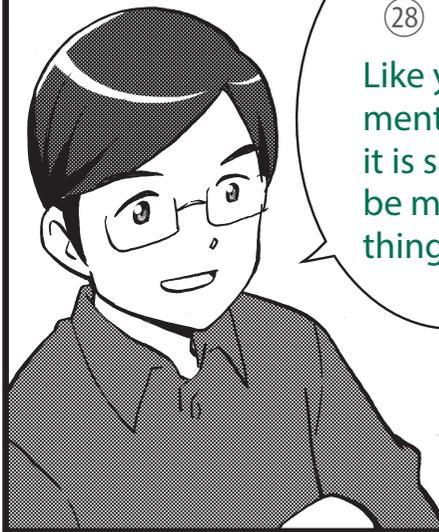
30
Well, that's vague



29
I wonder if it's contributing to society in terms of world peace



28
Like you all mentioned, it is said to be many things.



31
What does Buddhism teach?

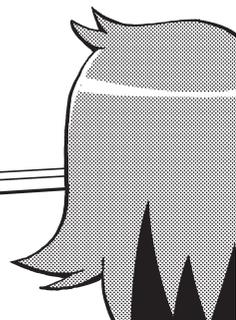
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What is the purpose of Buddhism?

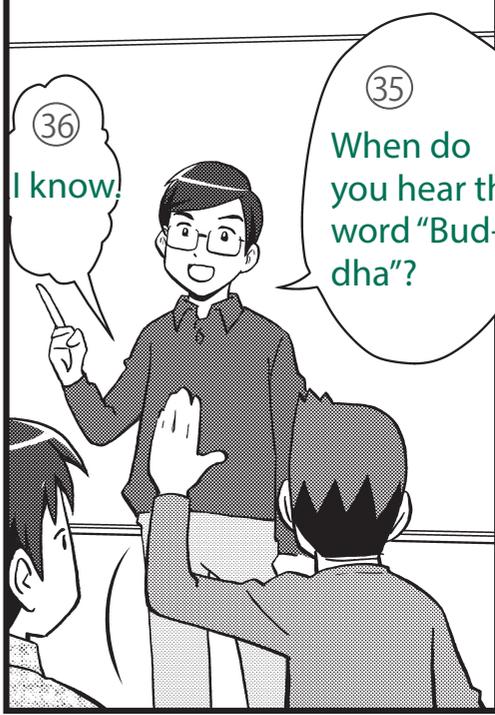
Buddha

33
First of all, we must learn about the meaning of 'Buddha'.



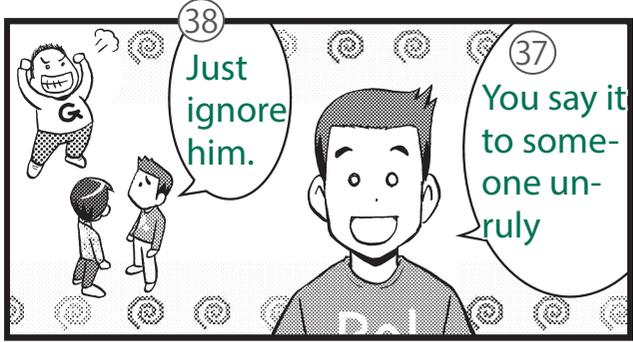
34
Buddha?





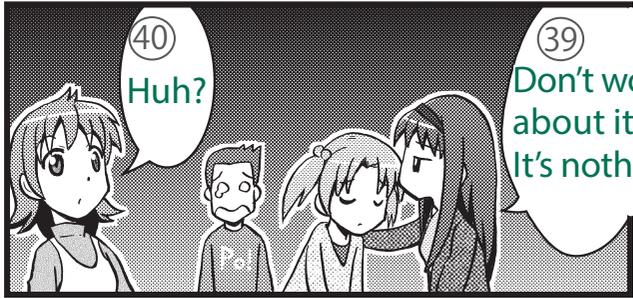
36 I know!

35 When do you hear the word "Buddha"?



38 Just ignore him.

37 You say it to someone unruly

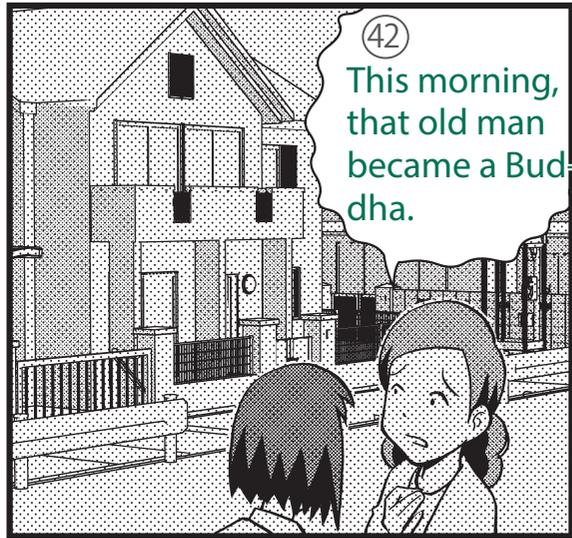


40 Huh?

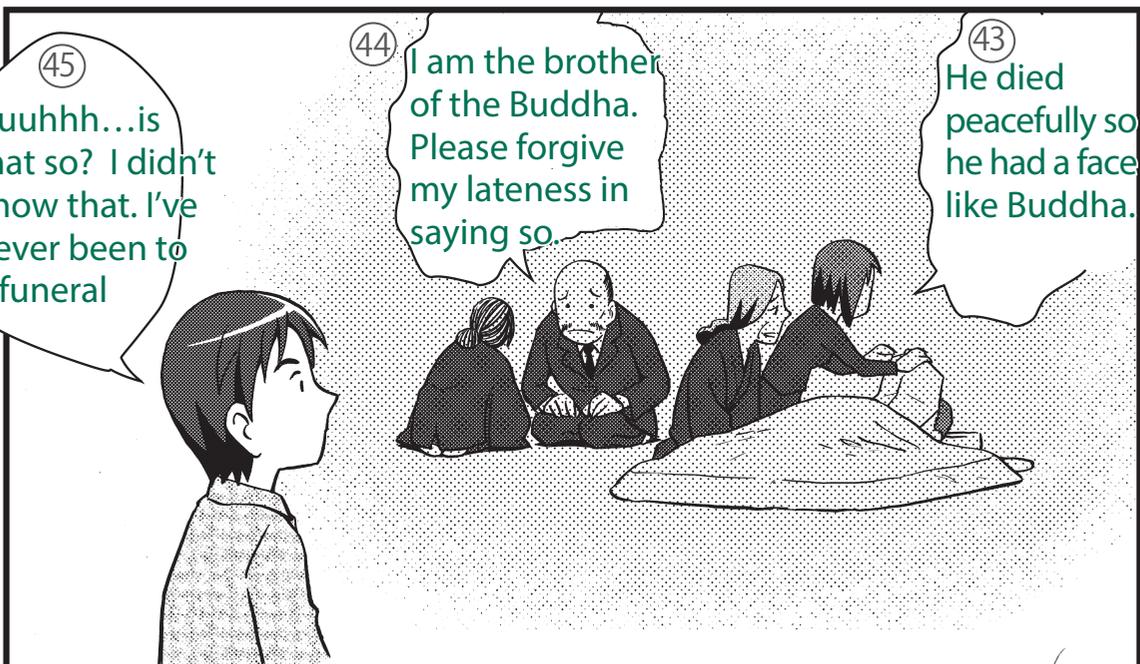
39 Don't worry about it. It's nothing.



41 At funerals for example, someone who has died is called a Buddha.



42 This morning, that old man became a Buddha.



45 Huuhhh...is that so? I didn't know that. I've never been to a funeral

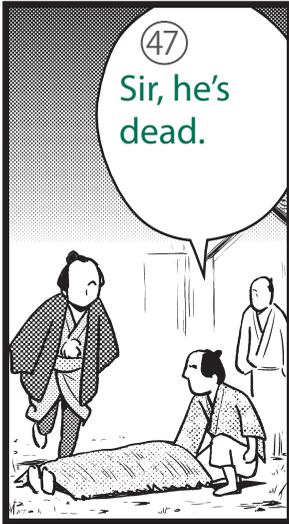
44 I am the brother of the Buddha. Please forgive my lateness in saying so.

43 He died peacefully so he had a face like Buddha.



46

It's not just at funerals. It's also on the TV.



47

Sir, he's dead.



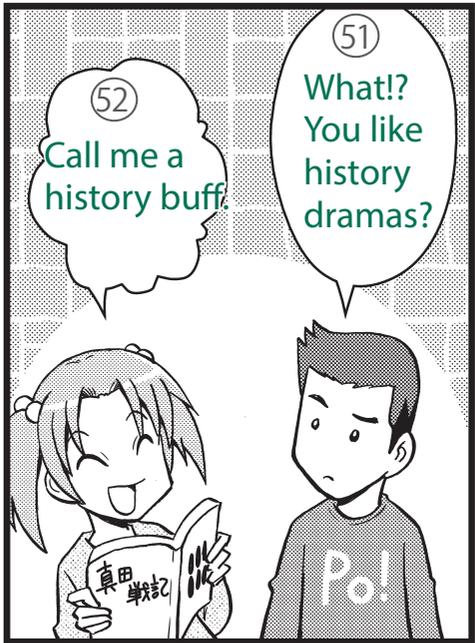
48

OK, find out who this Buddha is.



49

I will arrest you murderer!

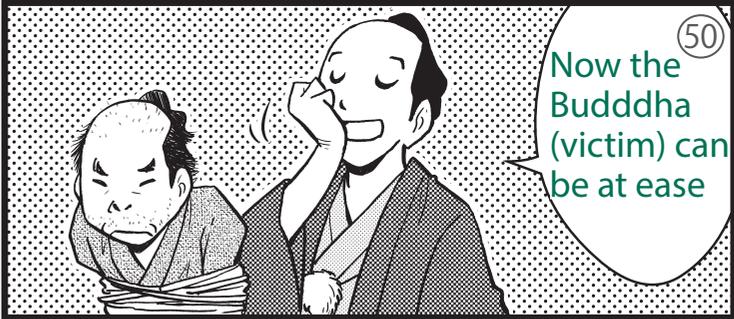


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What!? You like history dramas?

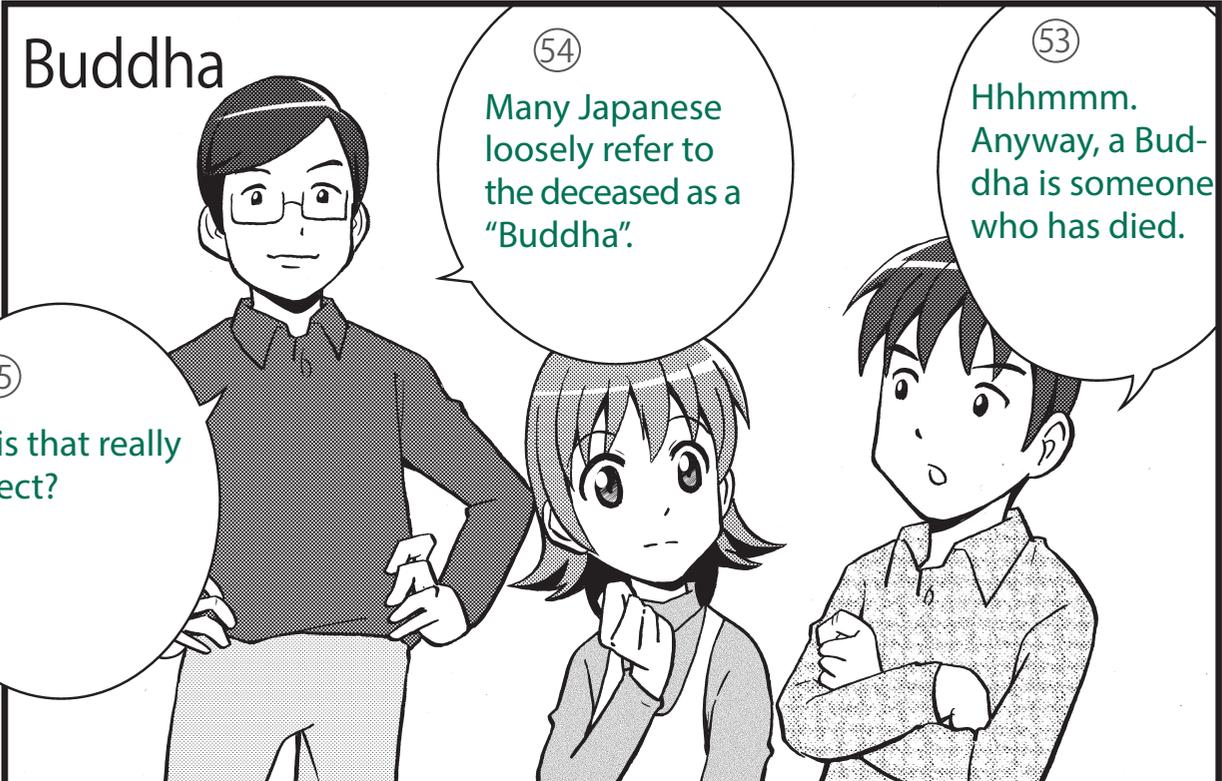
52

Call me a history buff.



50

Now the Buddha (victim) can be at ease



Buddha

54

Many Japanese loosely refer to the deceased as a "Buddha".

53

Hhhmmm. Anyway, a Buddha is someone who has died.

55

But is that really correct?

56

"Buddhism" is the 'teaching of a Buddha', 'what was taught by a Buddha.'



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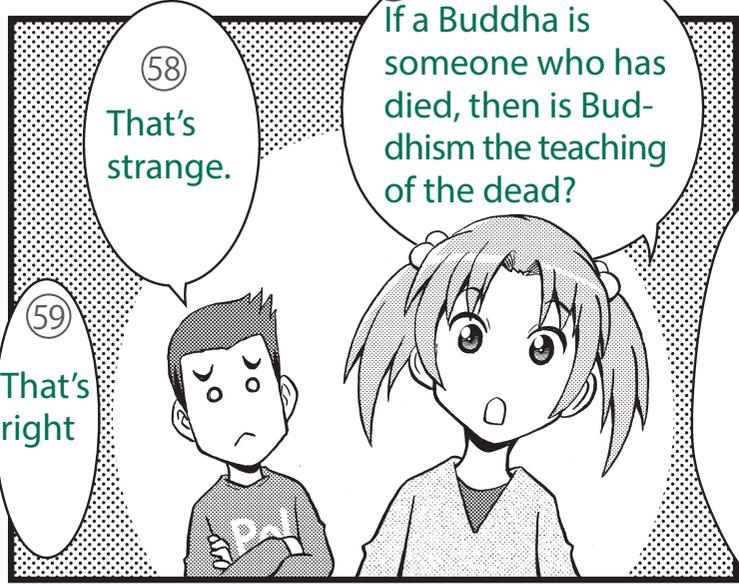
If a Buddha is someone who has died, then is Buddhism the teaching of the dead?

58

That's strange.

59

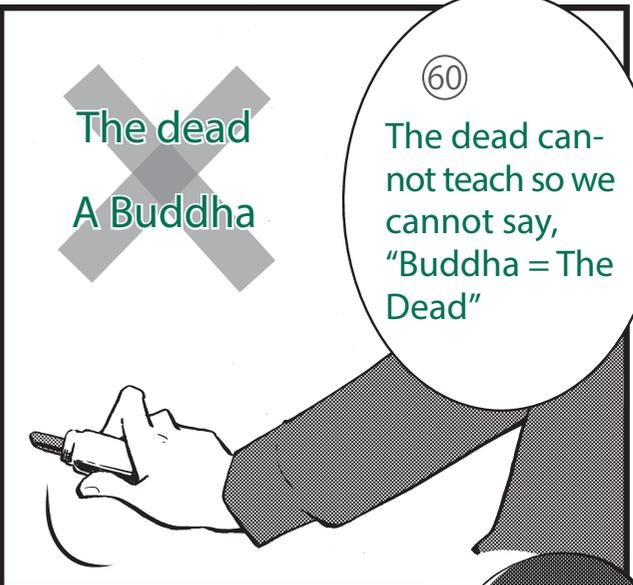
That's right



~~The dead
A Buddha~~

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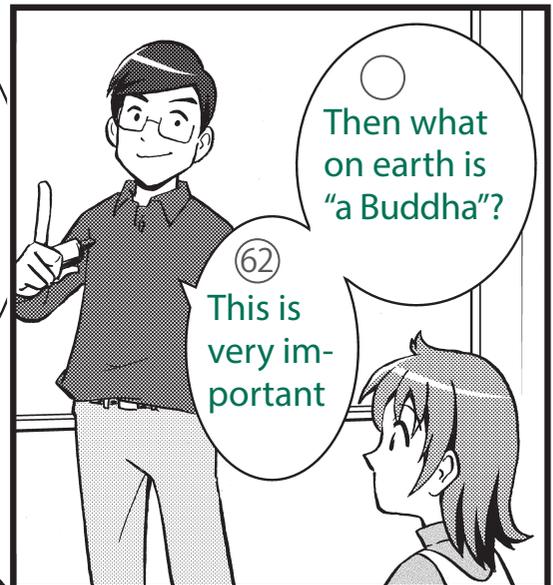
The dead cannot teach so we cannot say, "Buddha = The Dead"



Then what on earth is "a Buddha"?

62

This is very important

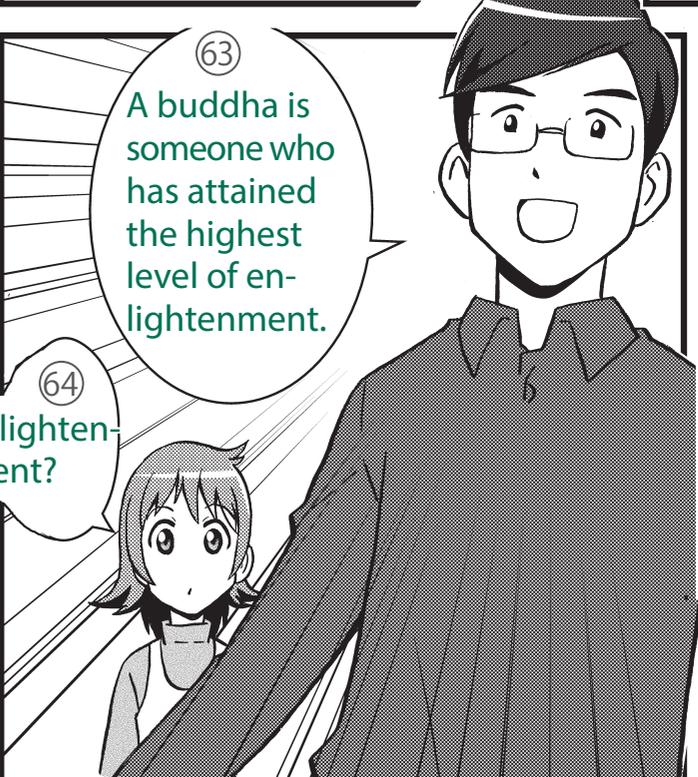


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A buddha is someone who has attained the highest level of enlightenment.

64

Enlightenment?



65

I'm enlightened. I've attained a state of nothingness.

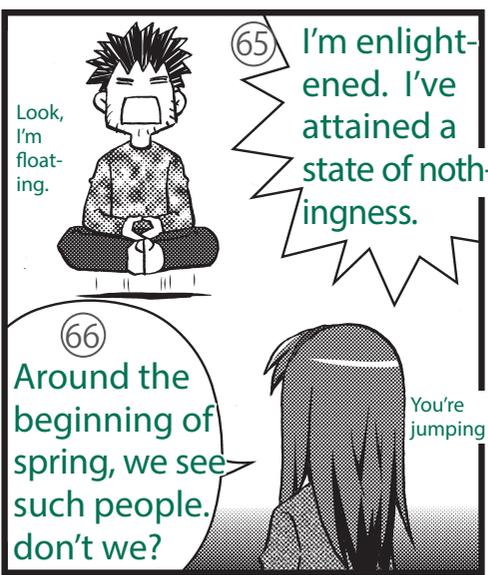
Look, I'm floating.



66

Around the beginning of spring, we see such people. don't we?

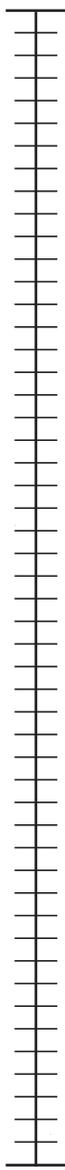
You're jumping



Enlightenment
of a Buddha

52

52 Levels of
Enlightenment



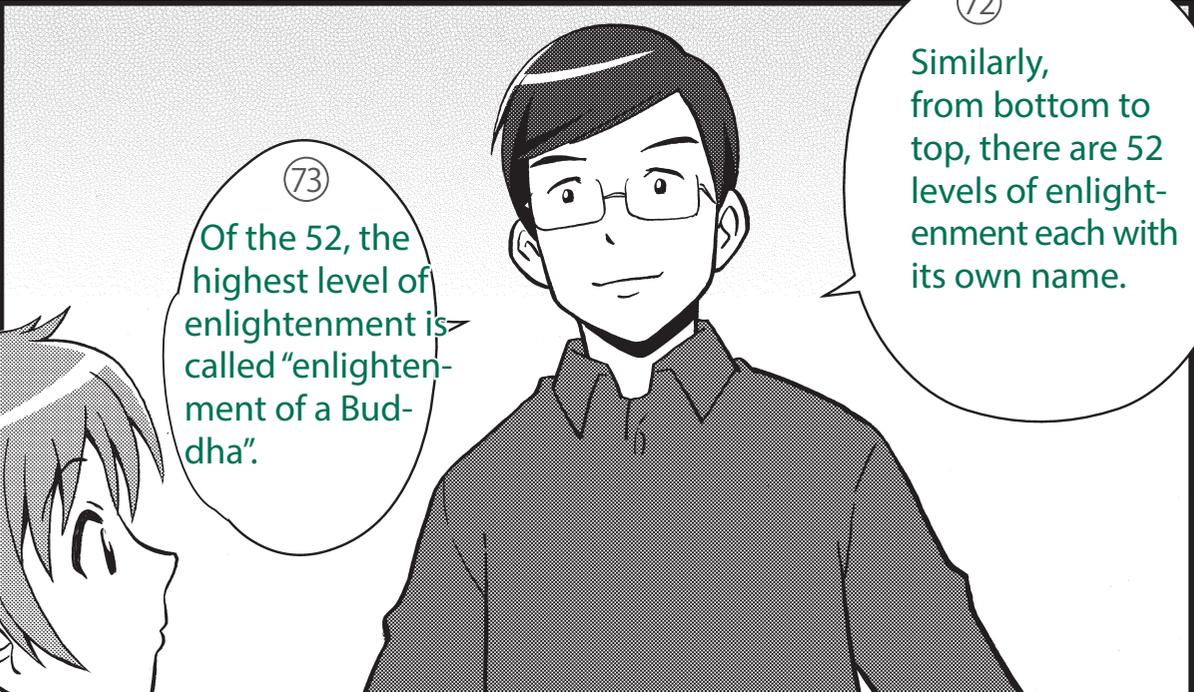
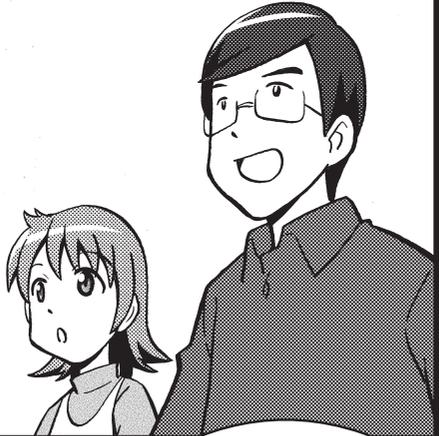
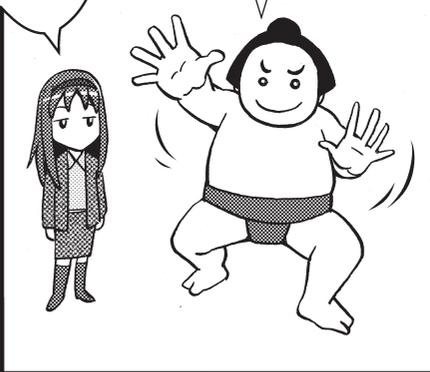
69 There are ranking in Sumo (wrestling) from the lowest level Fundoshi-katsugi to the highest levels of Ozeki and Yokozuna.

67 In short, it is taught that there are 52 levels of enlightenment, from low levels to high levels.

68 This is called the "52nd level of enlightenment".

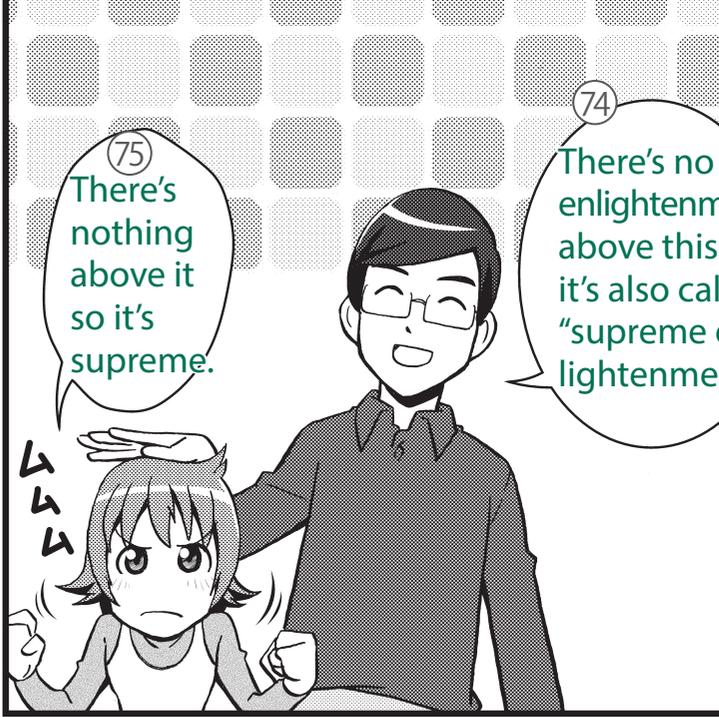
71 Don't play a fixed game.

70 Yaa.. I'll run towards the goal of Yokozuna.



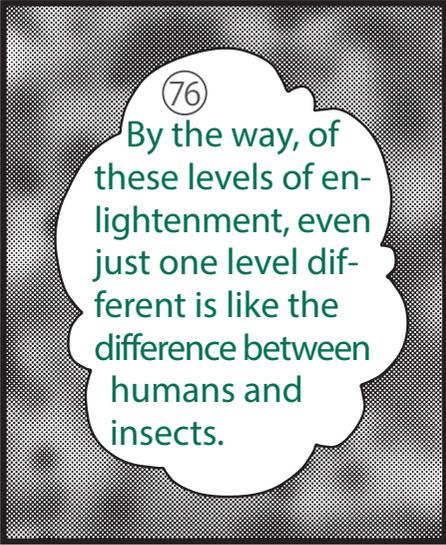
73 Of the 52, the highest level of enlightenment is called "enlightenment of a Buddha".

72 Similarly, from bottom to top, there are 52 levels of enlightenment each with its own name.

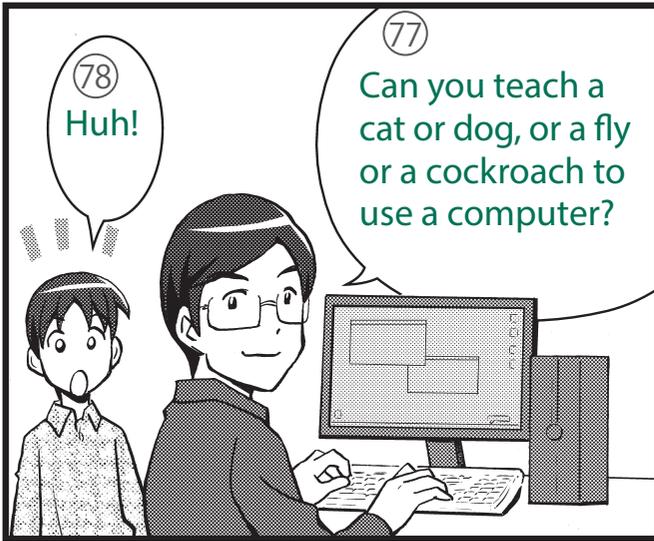


75 There's nothing above it so it's supreme.

74 There's no enlightenment above this so it's also called "supreme enlightenment"

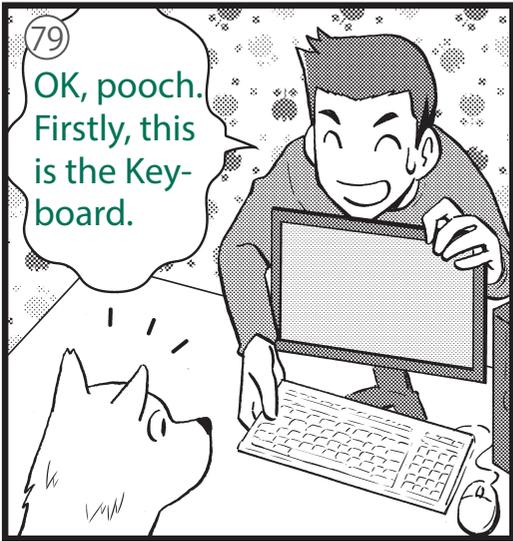


76 By the way, of these levels of enlightenment, even just one level different is like the difference between humans and insects.

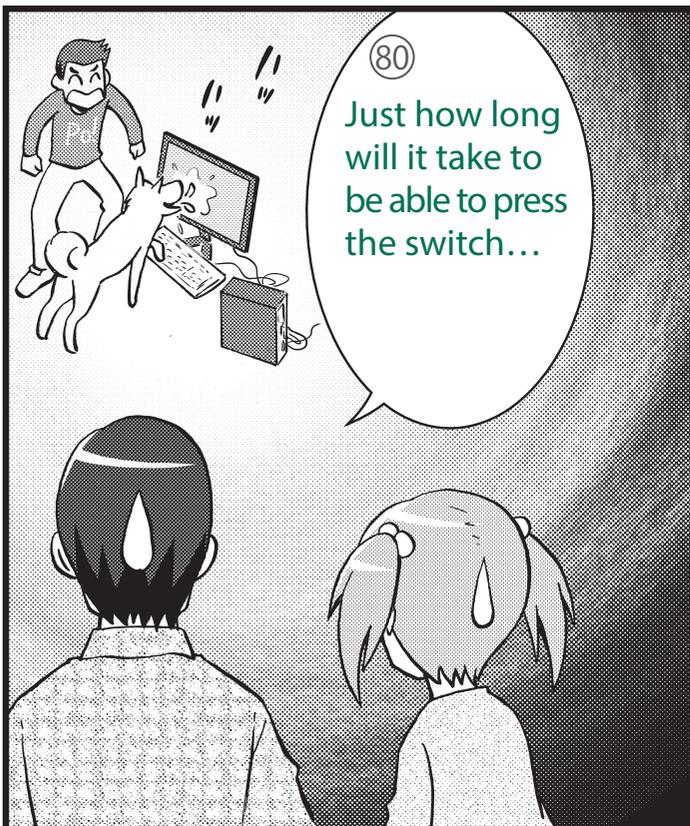


78 Huh!

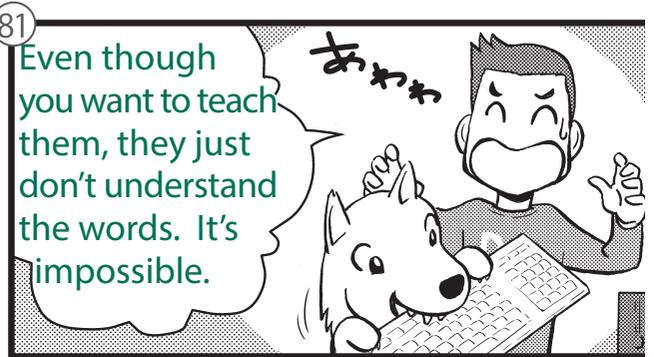
77 Can you teach a cat or dog, or a fly or a cockroach to use a computer?



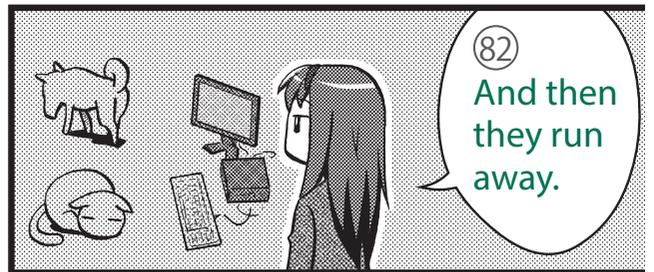
79 OK, pooch. Firstly, this is the Keyboard.



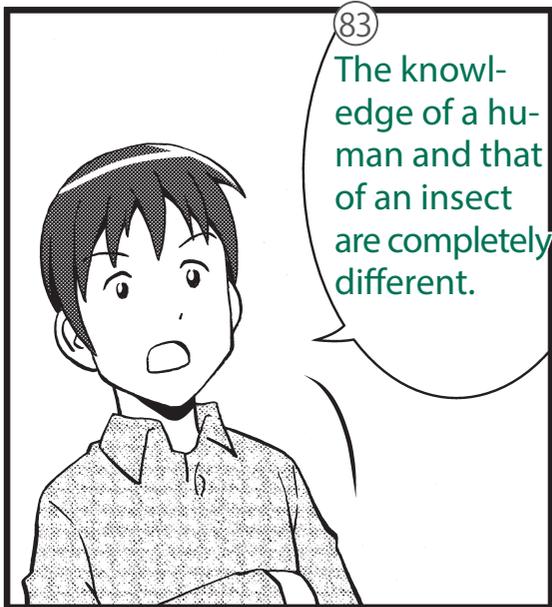
80 Just how long will it take to be able to press the switch...



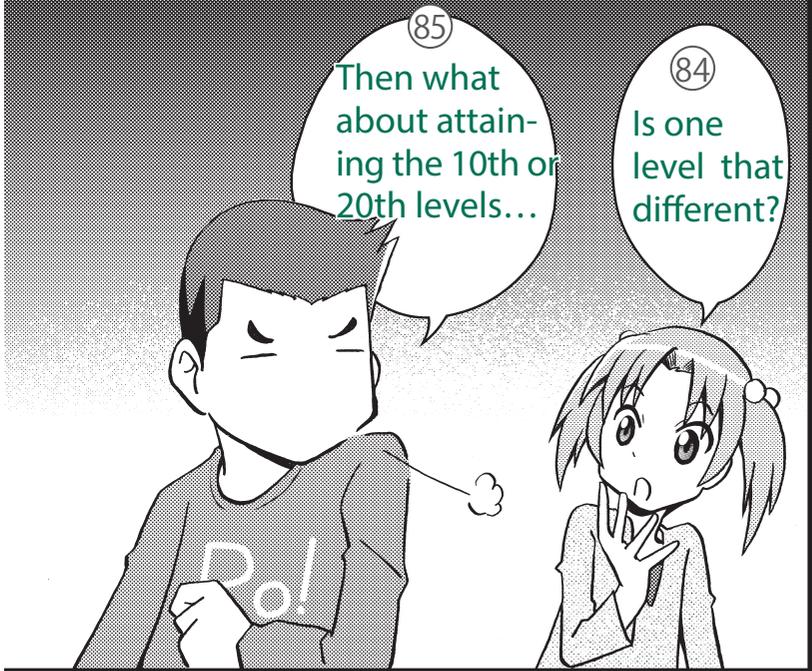
81 Even though you want to teach them, they just don't understand the words. It's impossible.



82 And then they run away.

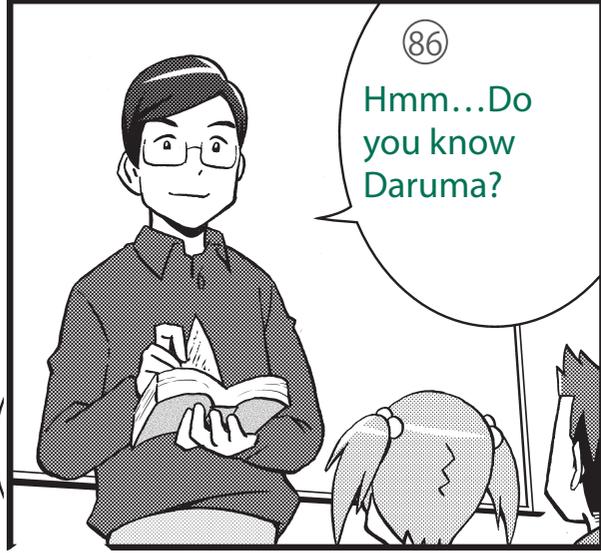


83 The knowledge of a human and that of an insect are completely different.

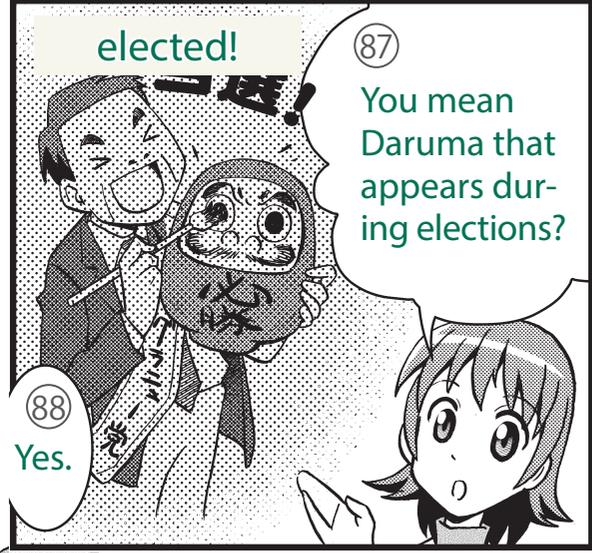


85 Then what about attaining the 10th or 20th levels...

84 Is one level that different?



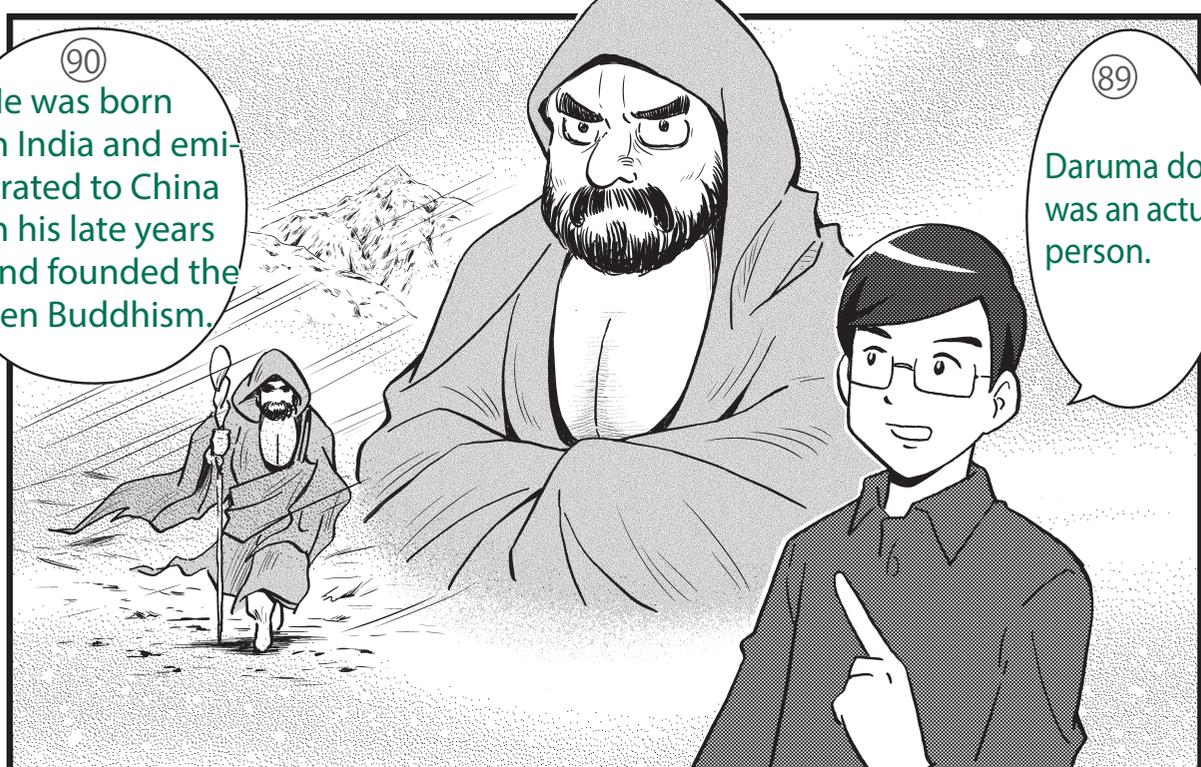
86 Hmm...Do you know Daruma?



elected!

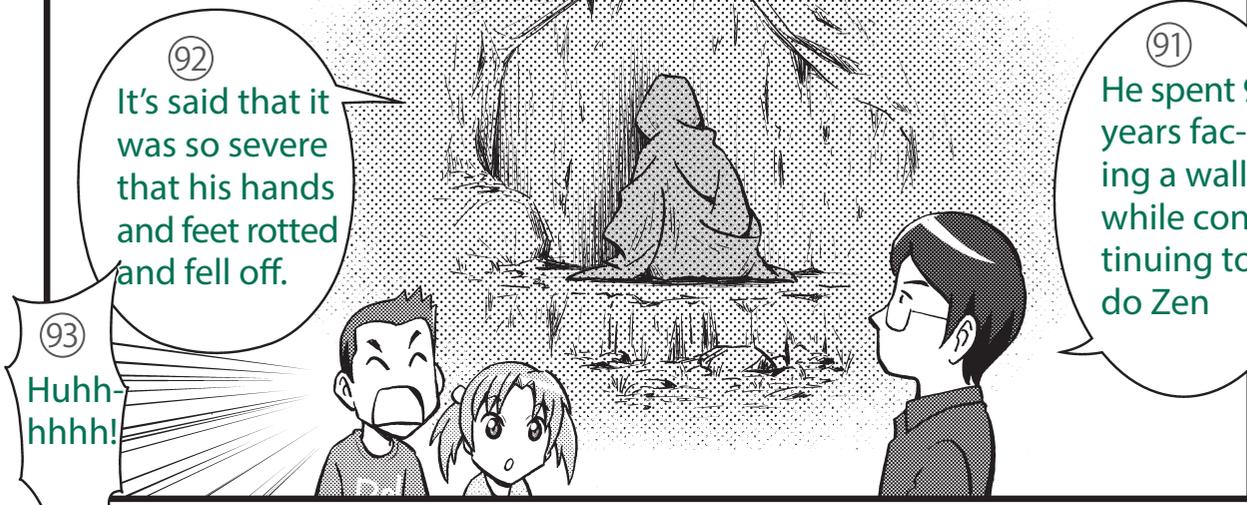
87 You mean Daruma that appears during elections?

88 Yes.



90 He was born in India and emigrated to China in his late years and founded the Zen Buddhism.

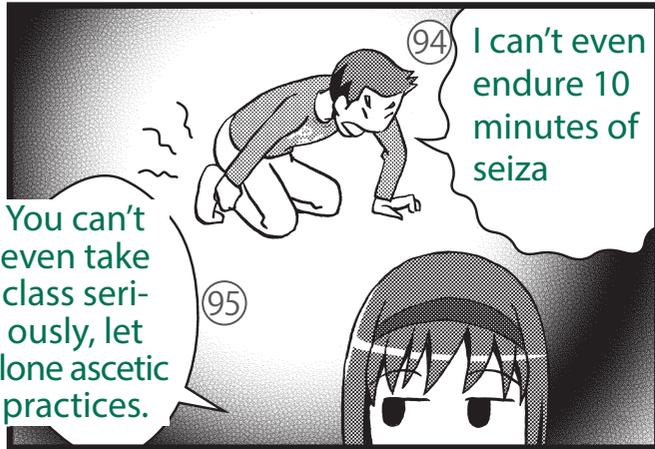
89 Daruma doll was an actual person.



92 It's said that it was so severe that his hands and feet rotted and fell off.

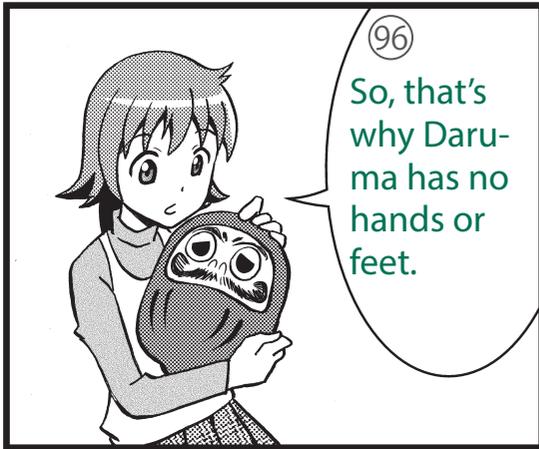
91 He spent 9 years facing a wall while continuing to do Zen

93 Huhh-hhhh!

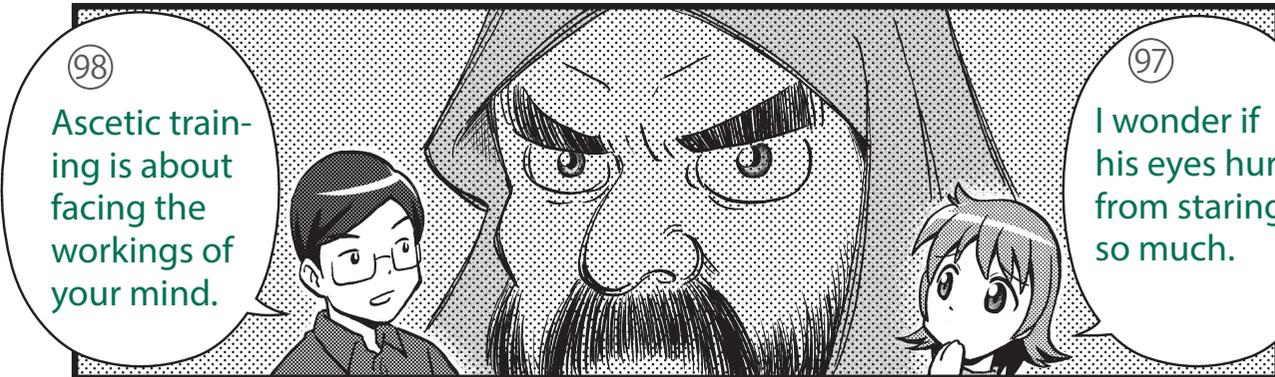


94 I can't even endure 10 minutes of seiza

95 You can't even take class seriously, let alone ascetic practices.

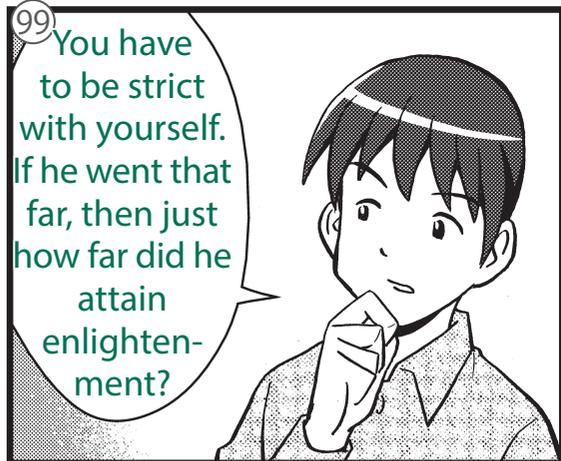


96 So, that's why Daruma has no hands or feet.

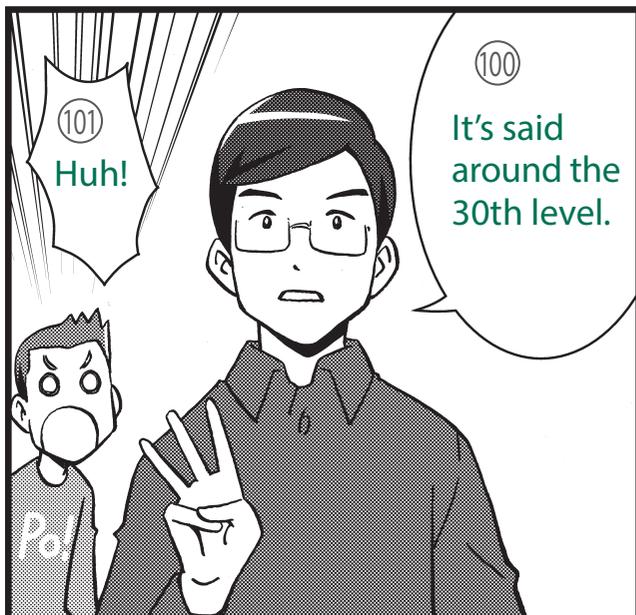


98 Ascetic training is about facing the workings of your mind.

97 I wonder if his eyes hurt from staring so much.

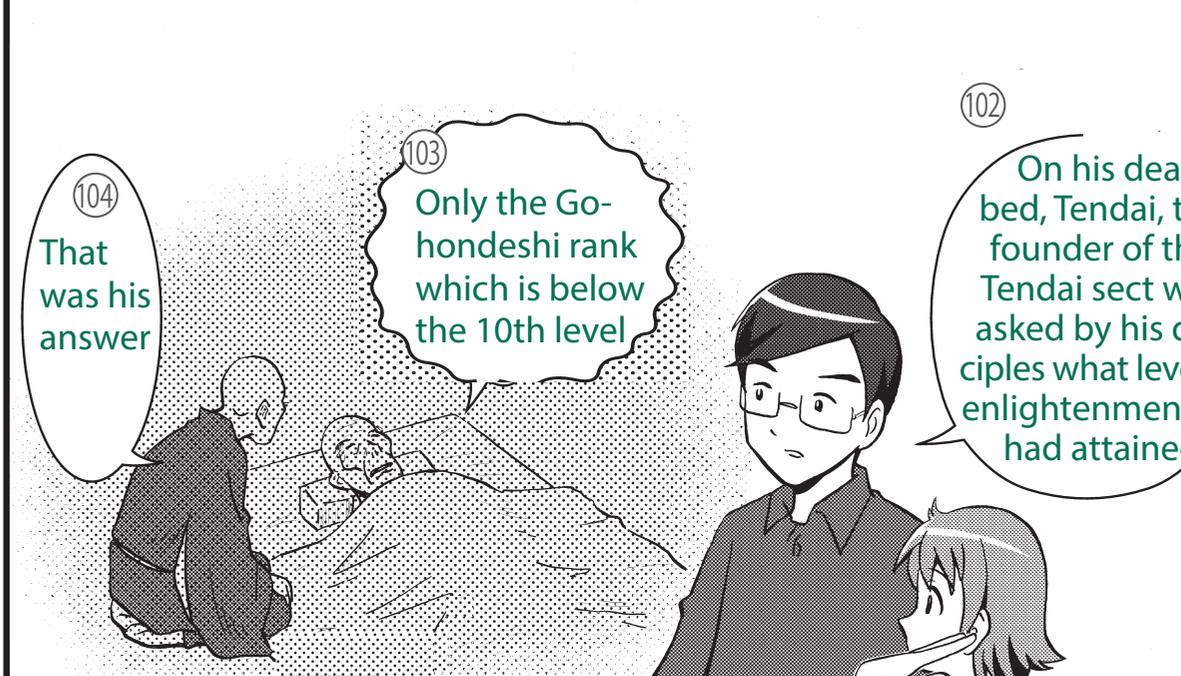


99 You have to be strict with yourself. If he went that far, then just how far did he attain enlightenment?



100 It's said around the 30th level.

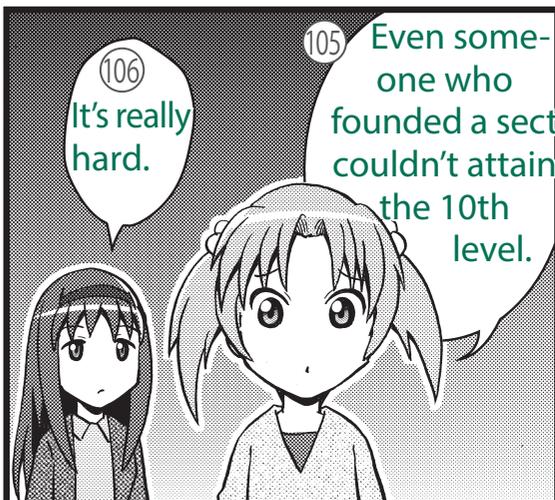
101 Huh!



104
That was his answer

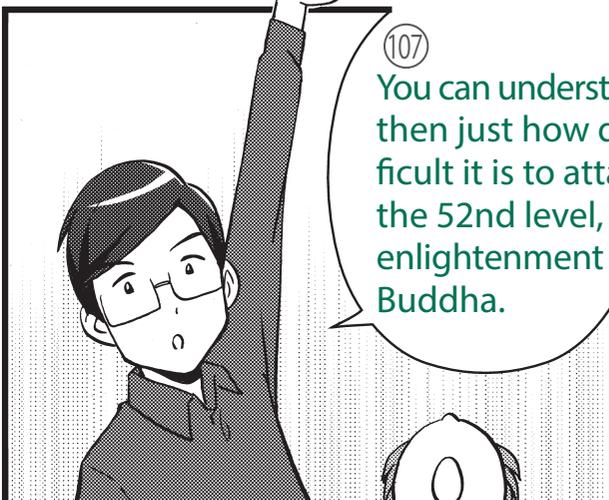
103
Only the Go-hondeshi rank which is below the 10th level

102
On his deathbed, Tendai, the founder of the Tendai sect was asked by his disciples what level of enlightenment he had attained.

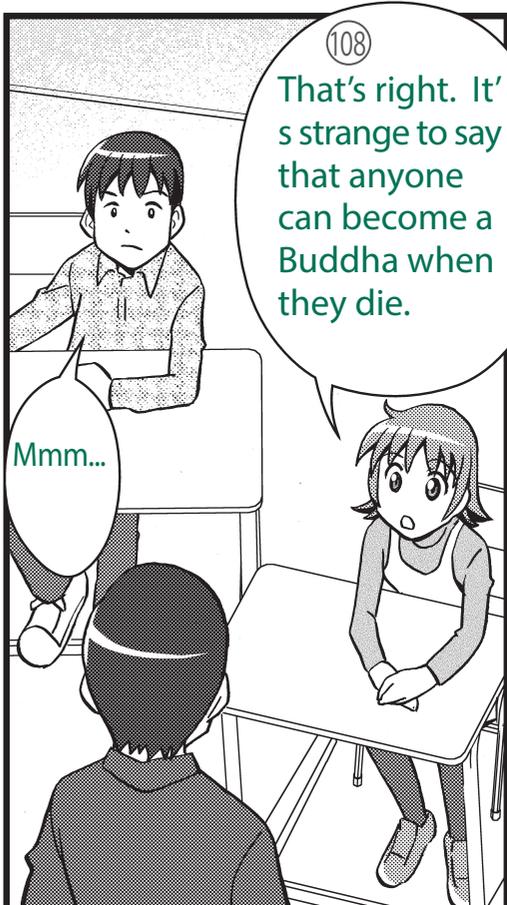


106
It's really hard.

105
Even someone who founded a sect couldn't attain the 10th level.



107
You can understand then just how difficult it is to attain the 52nd level, the enlightenment of a Buddha.

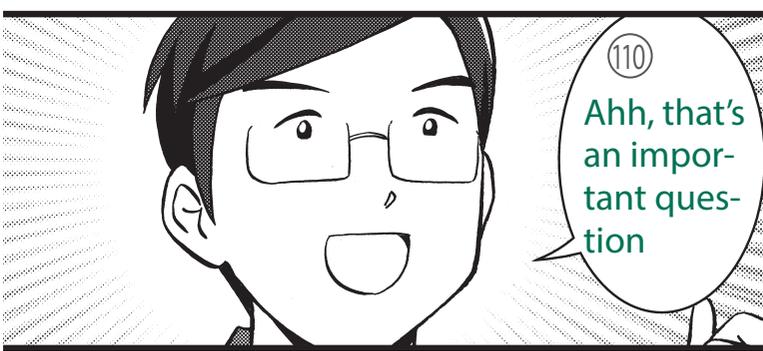


108
That's right. It's strange to say that anyone can become a Buddha when they die.

Mmm...



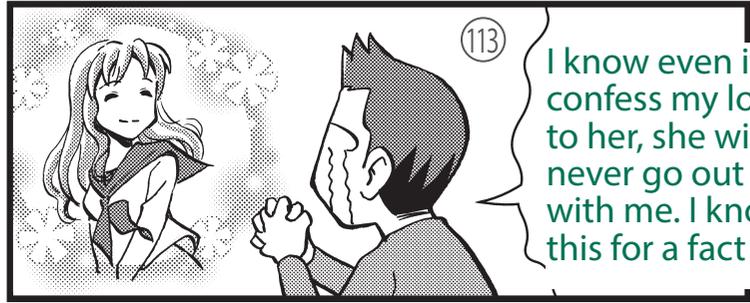
109
But what exactly is attained through enlightenment?



110
Ahh, that's an important question



111
I'm enlightened



113
I know even if I confess my love to her, she will never go out with me. I know this for a fact

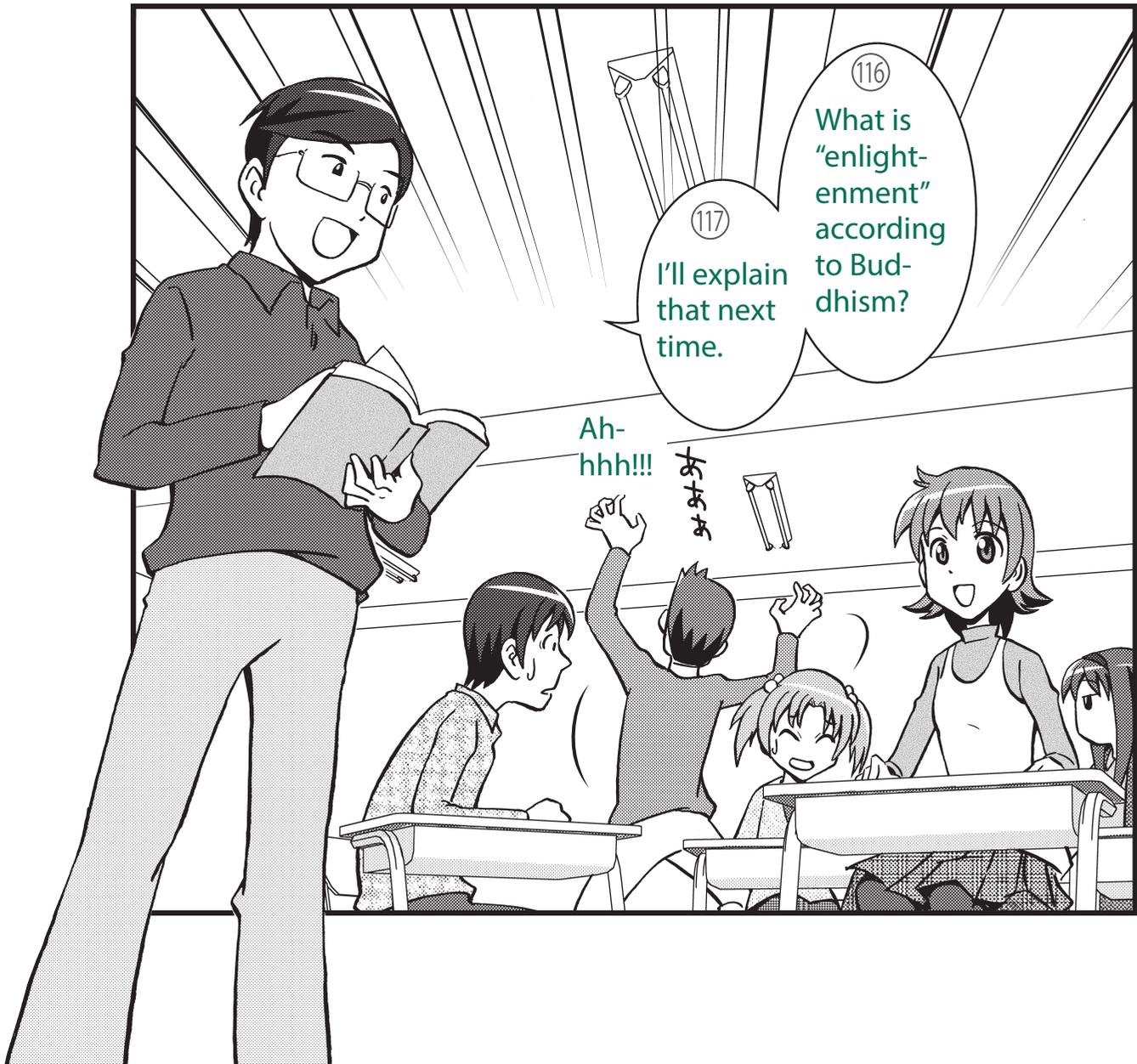


112
Huh!



115
Maybe he's already given up.

114
Is it because she already has a boyfriend?



116
What is "enlightenment" according to Buddhism?

117
I'll explain that next time.

Ah-hhh!!!