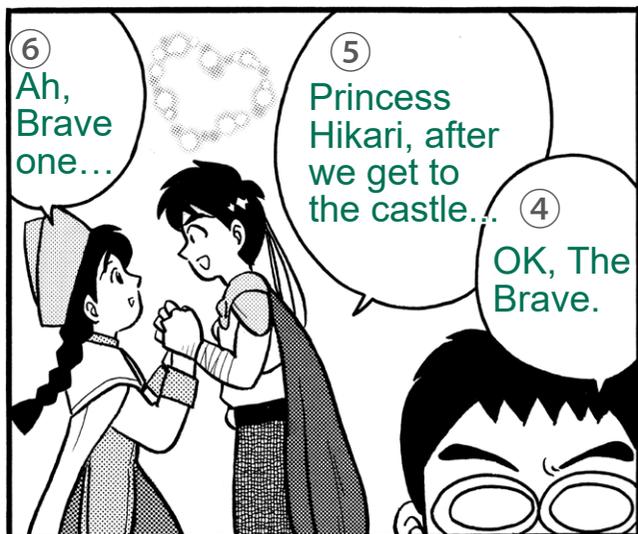
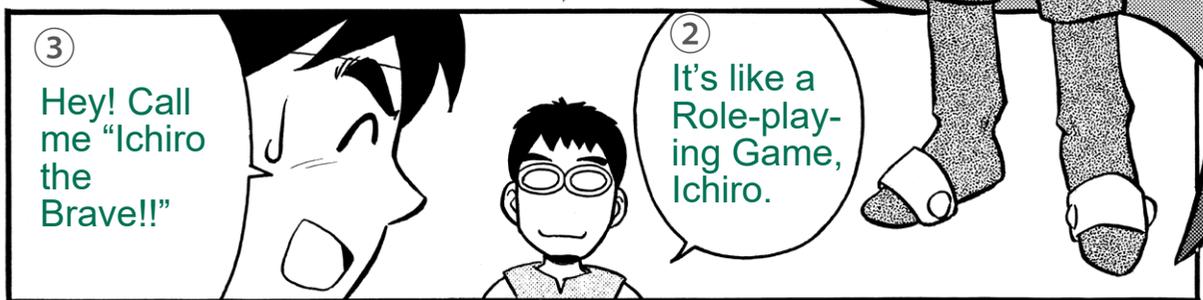
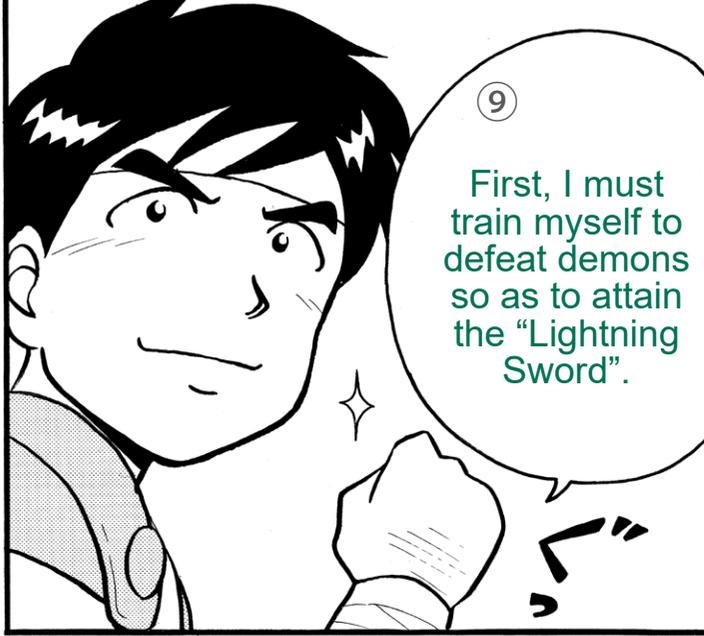


Buddhism in Graphics

# The Four and Eight Sufferings





9  
First, I must train myself to defeat demons so as to attain the "Lightning Sword".



10 Ah, there's a demon flying towards us.  
What?



12  
Oh, no!!

Battle with Naokin.  
58 points lost.



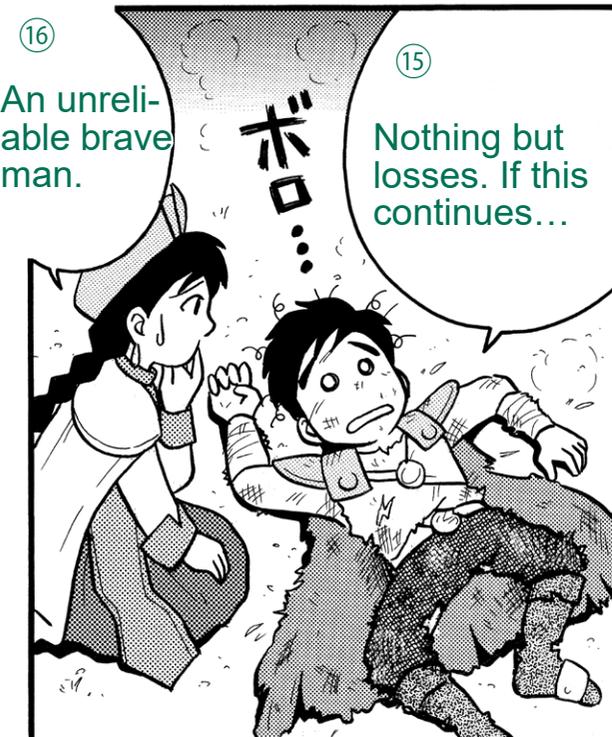
13  
Huhhh!!

Battle with Edashi.  
98 points lost.



14  
What!!!!!!

Fell to ravine's bottom.  
127 points lost.



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An unreliable brave man.

15  
Nothing but losses. If this continues...

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Don't just watch! Help me!!

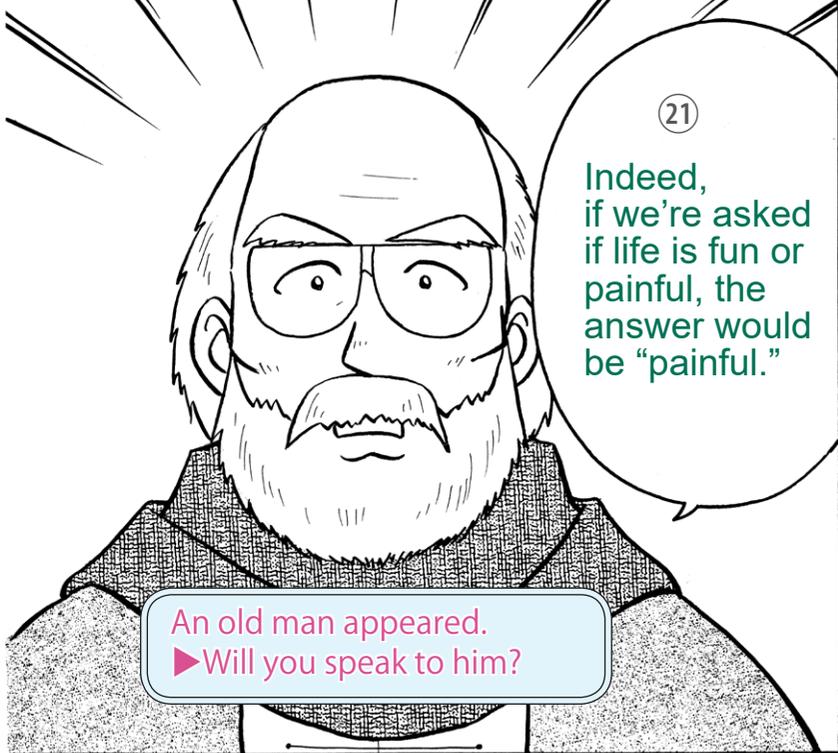
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It seems to be a case of The Four and Eight Sufferings.

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But, what exactly is The Four and Eight Sufferings?

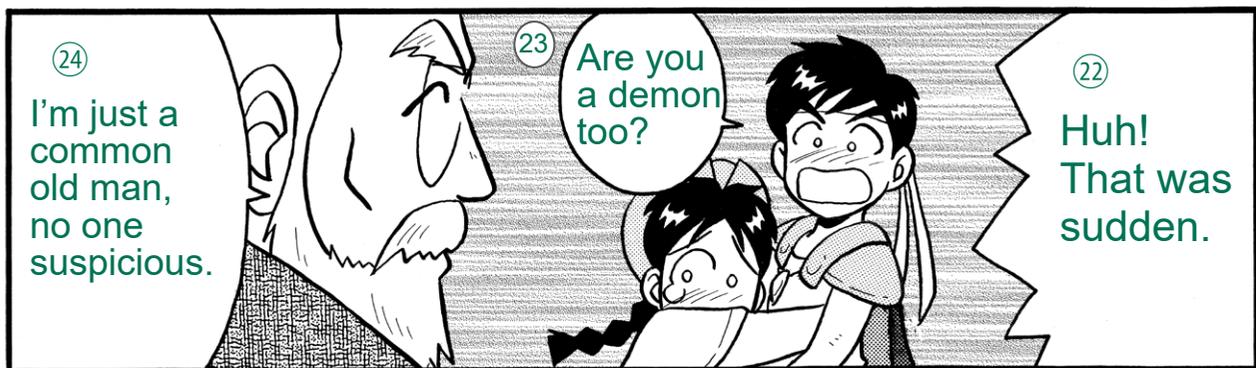


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Indeed, if we're asked if life is fun or painful, the answer would be "painful."



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Uh, well... anyway, it's a state of suffering.

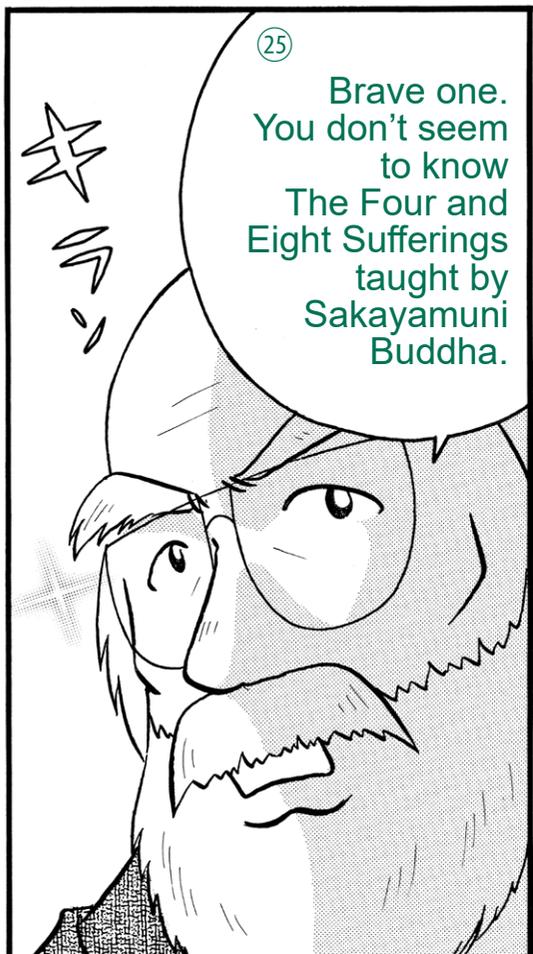
An old man appeared.  
▶ Will you speak to him?



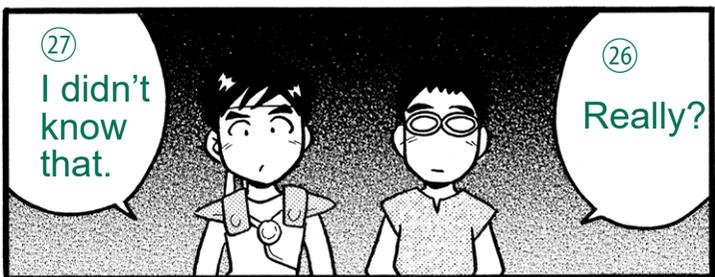
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I'm just a common old man, no one suspicious.

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Are you a demon too?

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Huh! That was sudden.

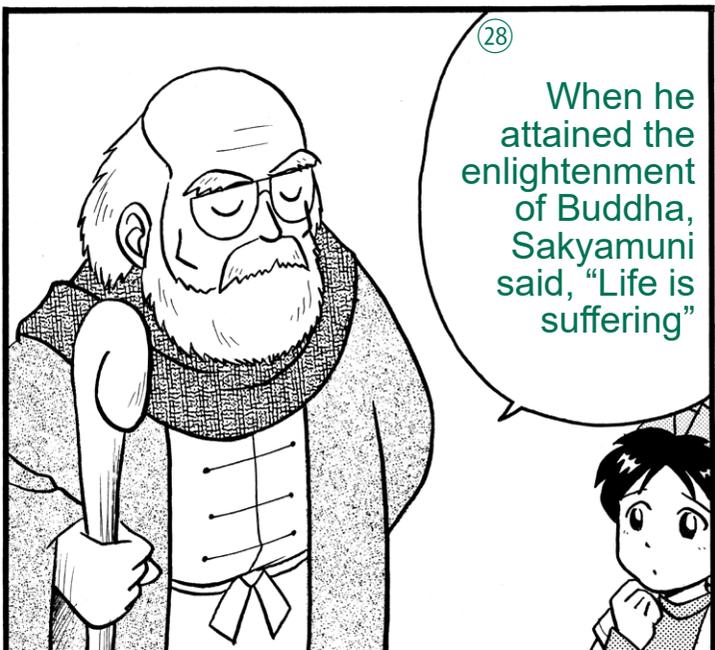


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Brave one. You don't seem to know The Four and Eight Sufferings taught by Sakayamuni Buddha.

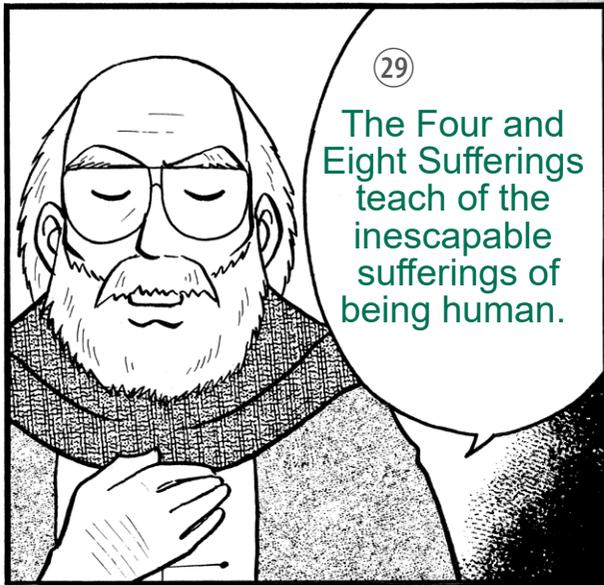


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I didn't know that.

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Really?

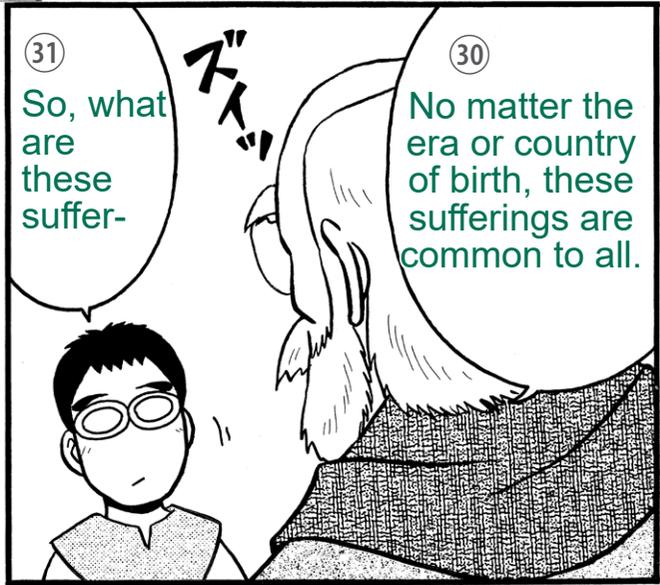


28  
When he attained the enlightenment of Buddha, Sakyamuni said, "Life is suffering"



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The Four and Eight Sufferings teach of the inescapable sufferings of being human.

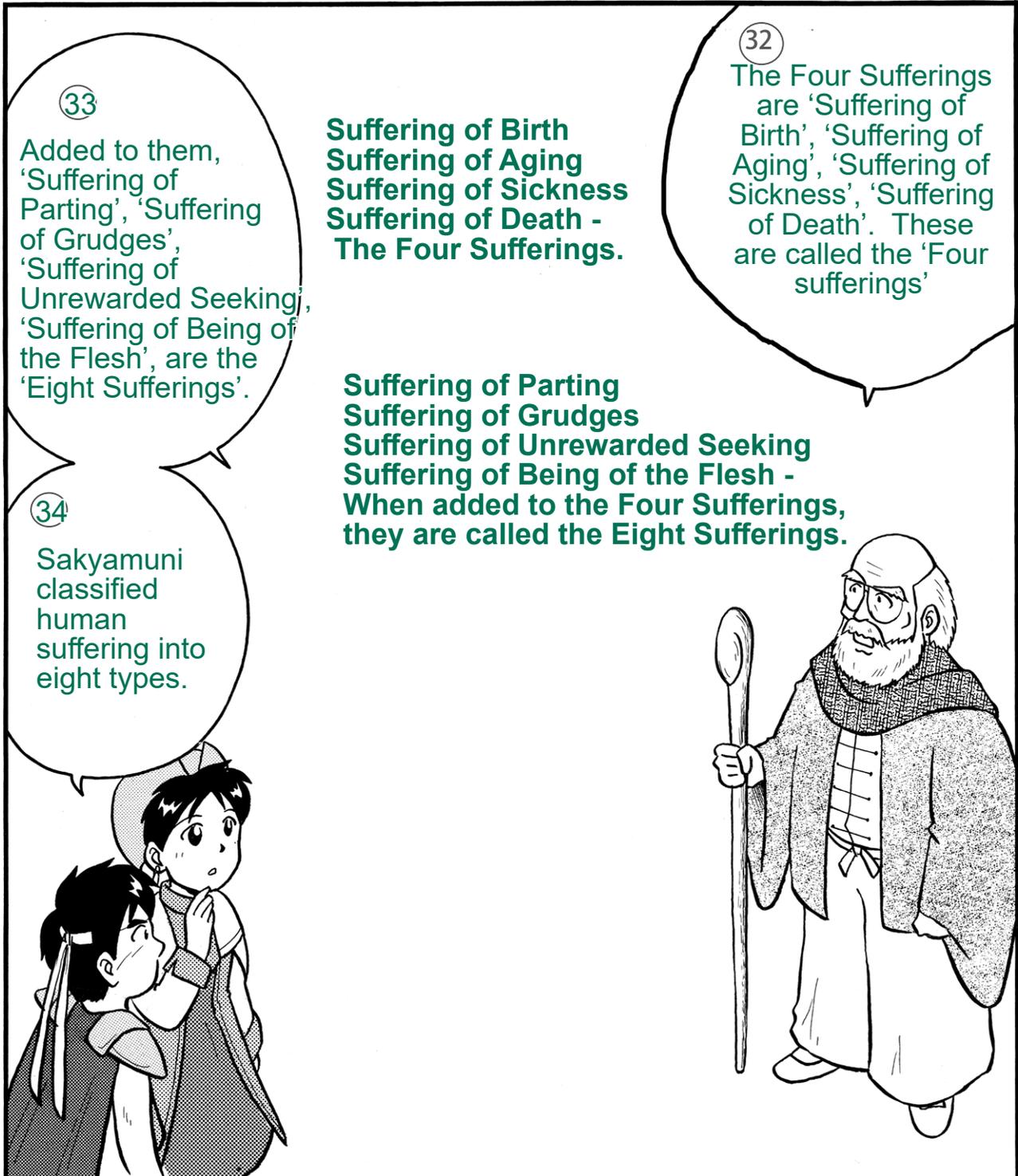


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So, what are these suffer-

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No matter the era or country of birth, these sufferings are common to all.



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Added to them, 'Suffering of Parting', 'Suffering of Grudges', 'Suffering of Unrewarded Seeking', 'Suffering of Being of the Flesh', are the 'Eight Sufferings'.

**Suffering of Birth  
Suffering of Aging  
Suffering of Sickness  
Suffering of Death -  
The Four Sufferings.**

32

The Four Sufferings are 'Suffering of Birth', 'Suffering of Aging', 'Suffering of Sickness', 'Suffering of Death'. These are called the 'Four sufferings'

**Suffering of Parting  
Suffering of Grudges  
Suffering of Unrewarded Seeking  
Suffering of Being of the Flesh -  
When added to the Four Sufferings,  
they are called the Eight Sufferings.**

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Sakyamuni classified human suffering into eight types.



'Suffering of Birth'

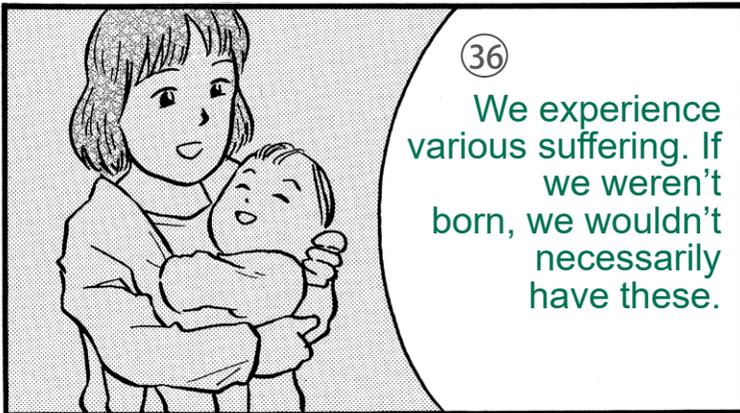
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First, 'Suffering of Birth', is the hardship of birth and life; being born and living.



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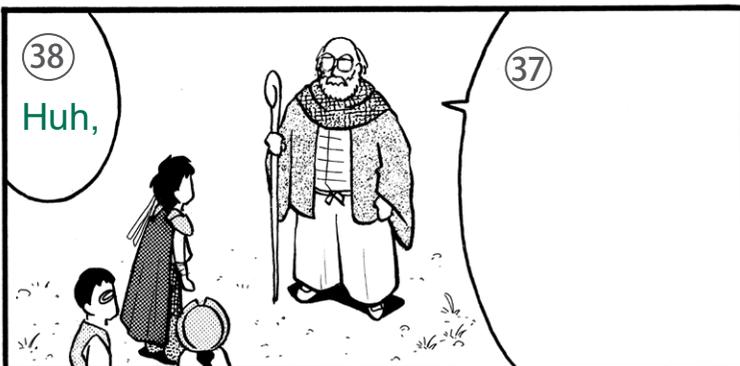
We experience various suffering. If we weren't born, we wouldn't necessarily have these.



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Huh,

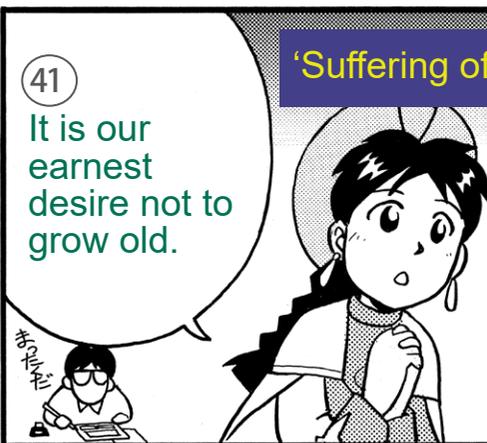
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'Suffering of Aging'

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It is our earnest desire not to grow old.



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It is suffering from growing old.



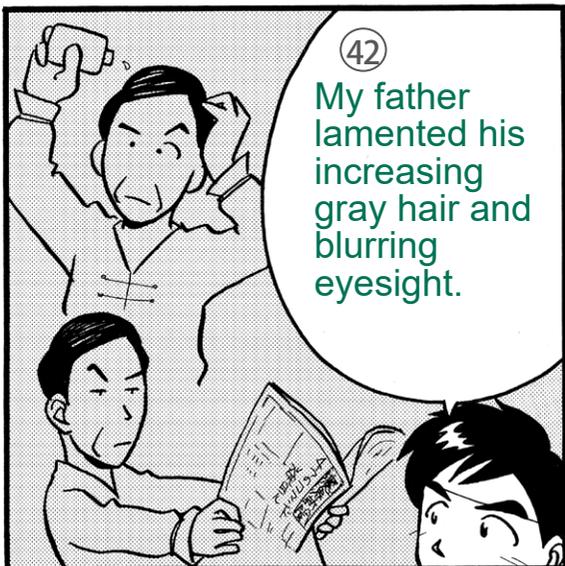
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Next, 'Suffering of Aging'



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My father lamented his increasing gray hair and blurring eyesight.

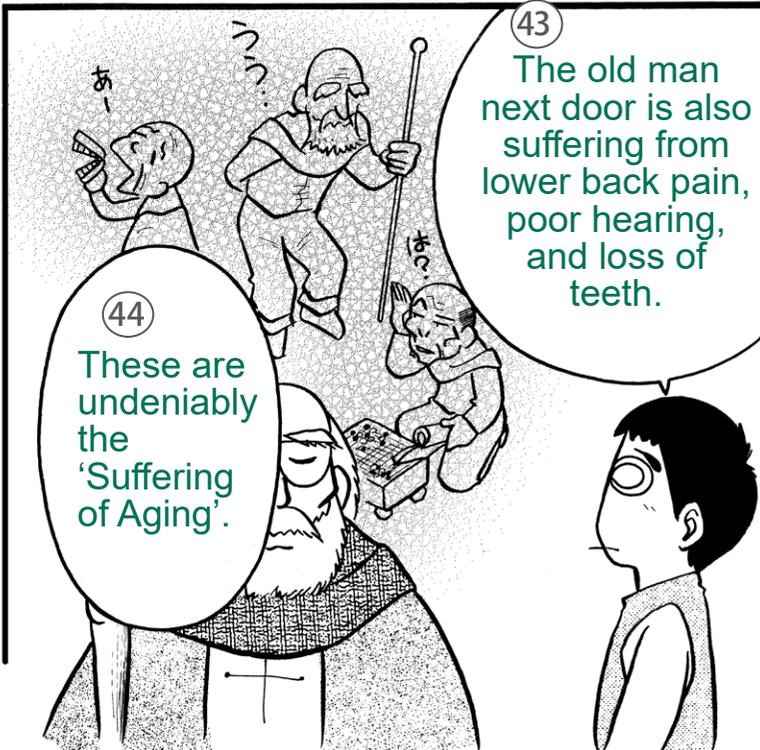


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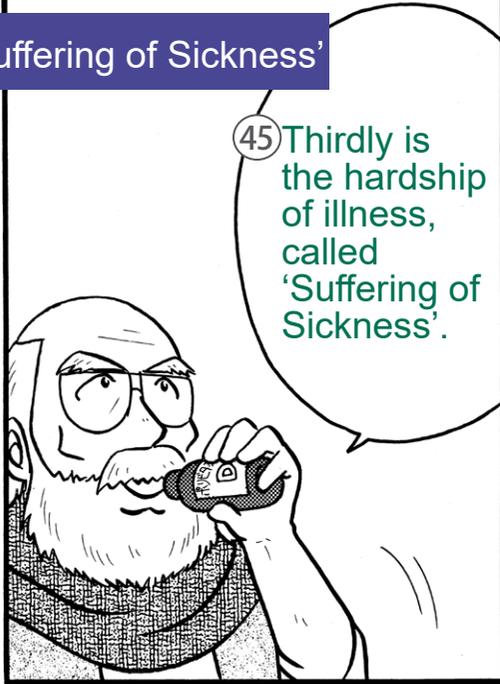
The old man next door is also suffering from lower back pain, poor hearing, and loss of teeth.

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These are undeniably the 'Suffering of Aging'.



'Suffering of Sickness'



45 Thirdly is the hardship of illness, called 'Suffering of Sickness'.

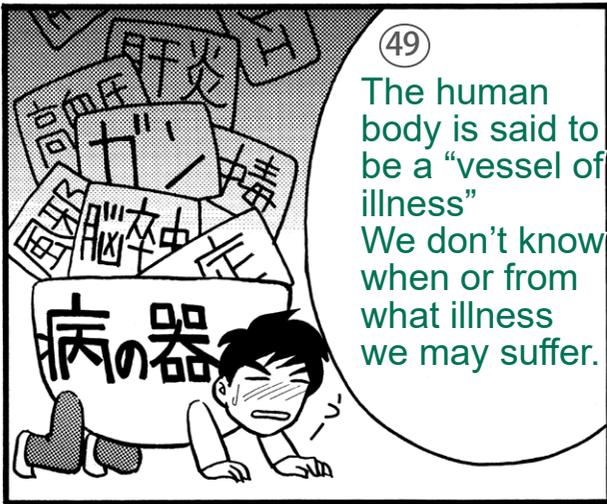


46 This is tough. I've gotten worse since last time.

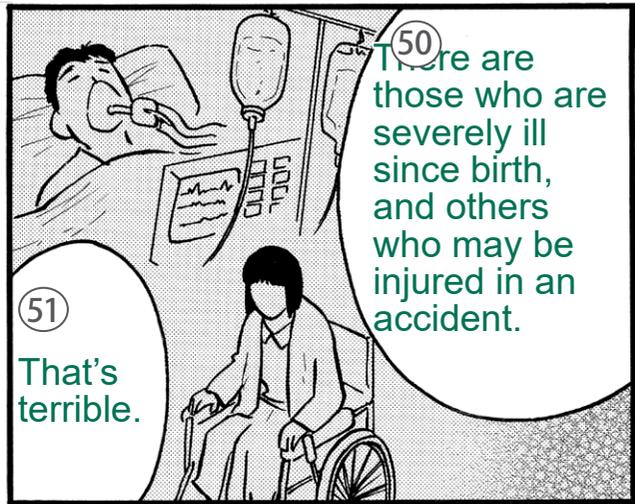


48 I dropped a level.

47 Even The Brave one catches a cold.

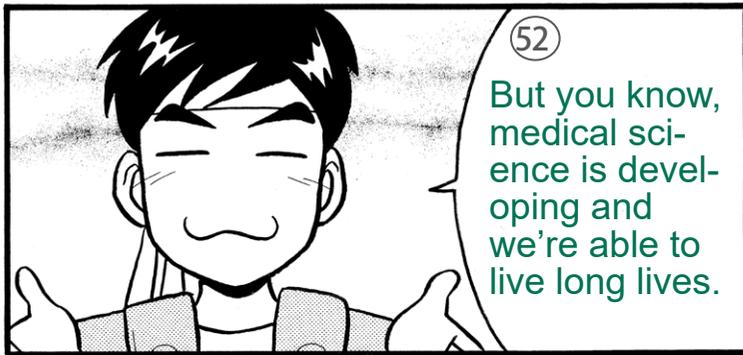


49 The human body is said to be a "vessel of illness" We don't know when or from what illness we may suffer.



50 There are those who are severely ill since birth, and others who may be injured in an accident.

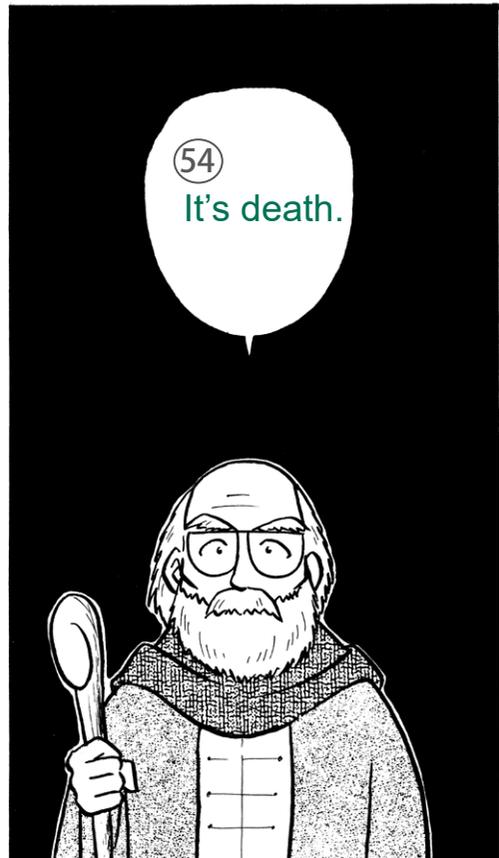
51 That's terrible.



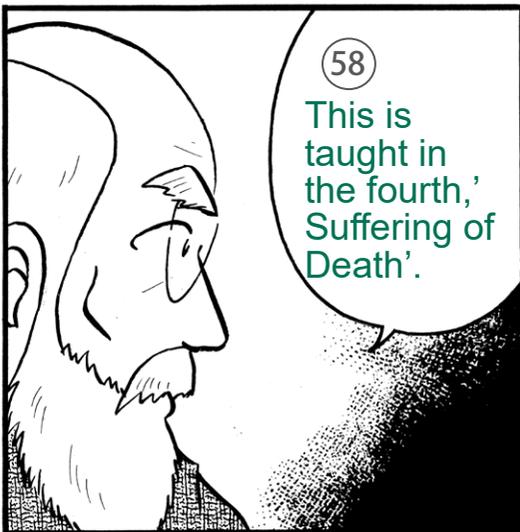
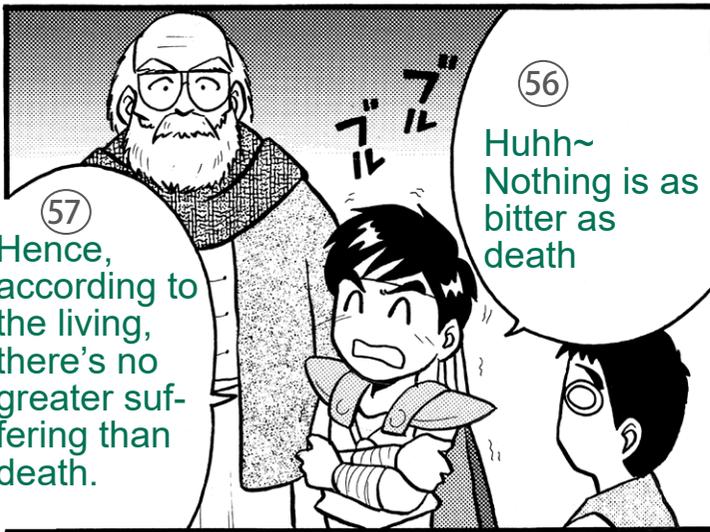
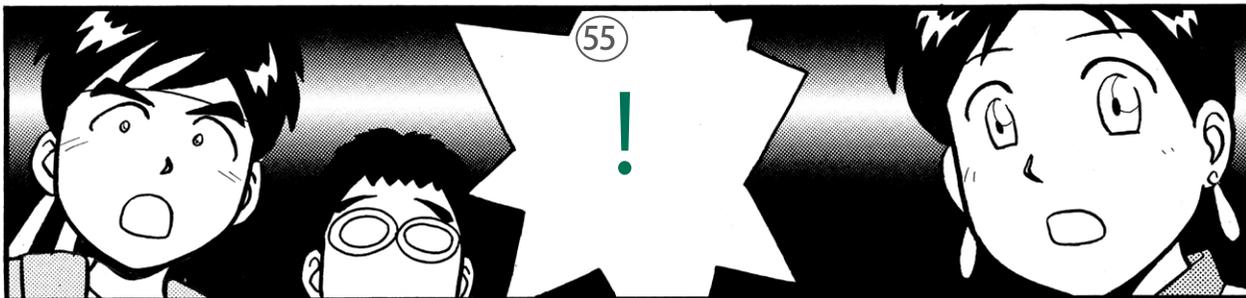
52 But you know, medical science is developing and we're able to live long lives.



53 Hum, even so, life is certain to end.



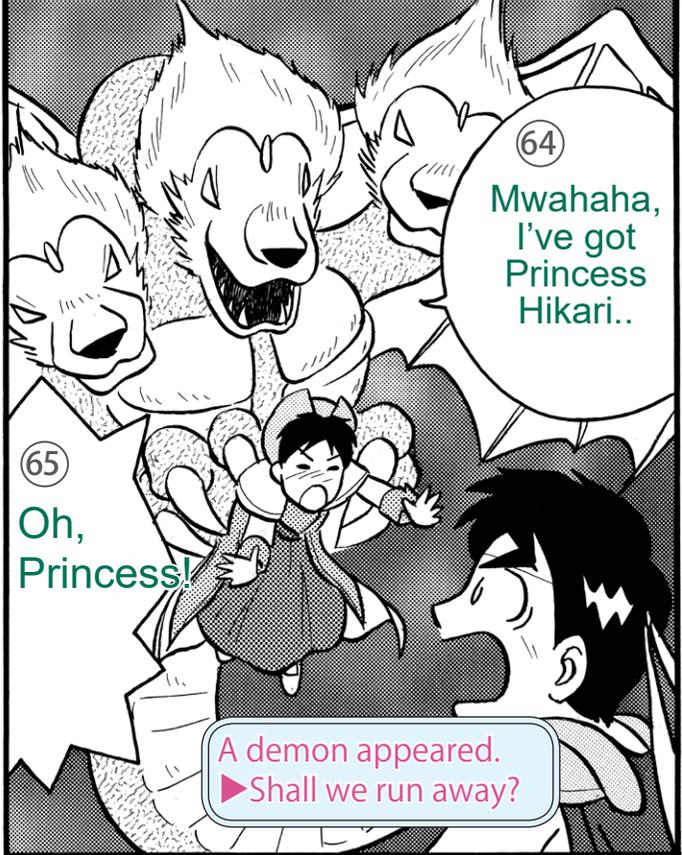
54 It's death.





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Ichiro!!



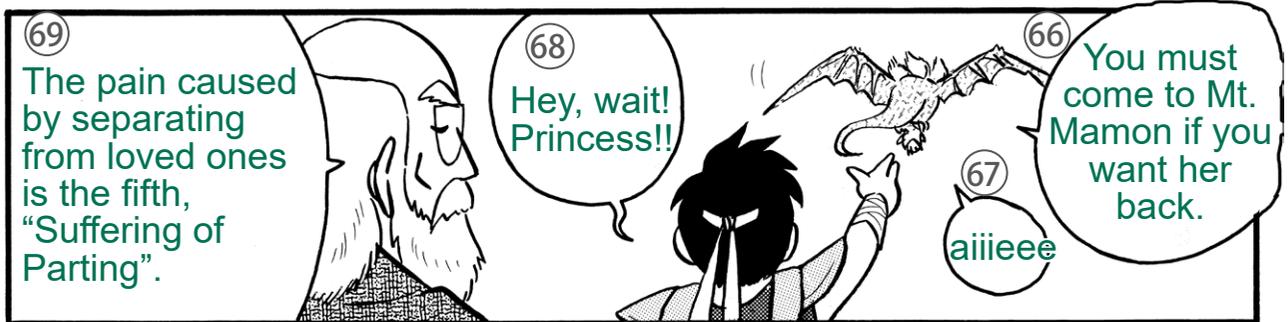
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Mwahaha,  
I've got  
Princess  
Hikari..

65

Oh,  
Princess!

A demon appeared.  
▶ Shall we run away?



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The pain caused  
by separating  
from loved ones  
is the fifth,  
"Suffering of  
Parting".

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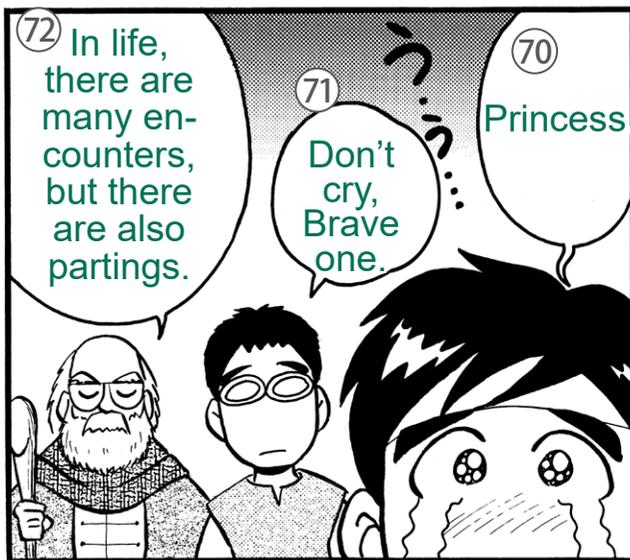
Hey, wait!  
Princess!!

66

You must  
come to Mt.  
Mamon if you  
want her  
back.

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In life,  
there are  
many en-  
counters,  
but there  
are also  
partings.

71

Don't  
cry,  
Brave  
one.

70

Princess...



73

Separations,  
parting at death,  
we think we'll  
always be with  
our beloved but  
this is seldom  
so.





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74 Hey, Brave one, there's another demon.

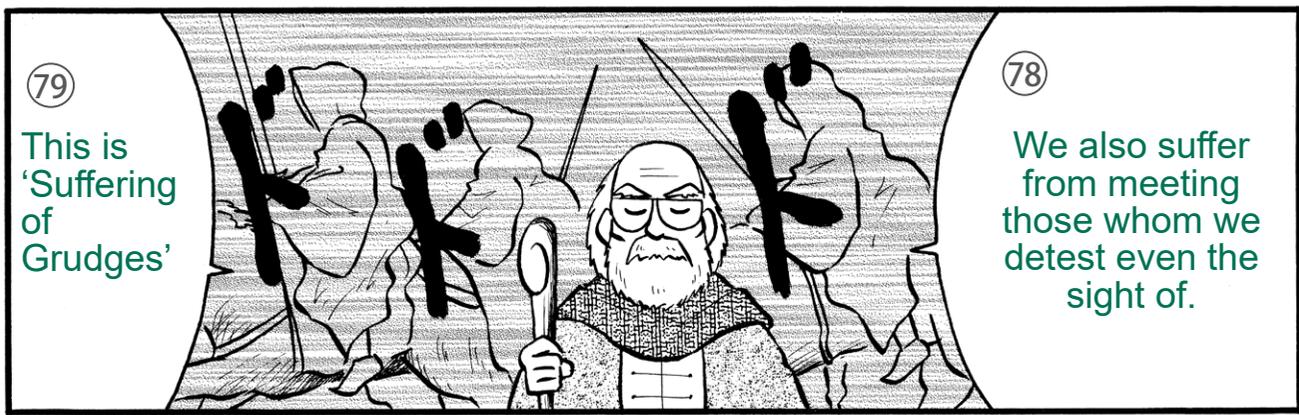
The Dark Knighthood appeared. ▶ Shall we fight?



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I don't like them. Run!

77 Is there anything you don't dislike?



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This is 'Suffering of Grudges'

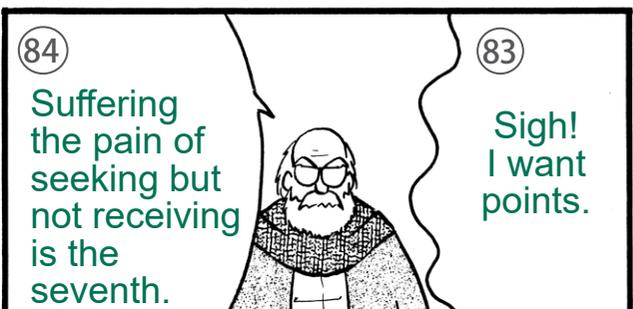
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We also suffer from meeting those whom we detest even the sight of.



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I wish I were stronger...



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Suffering the pain of seeking but not receiving is the seventh.

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Sigh! I want points.



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I wish I had something to slay my enemies

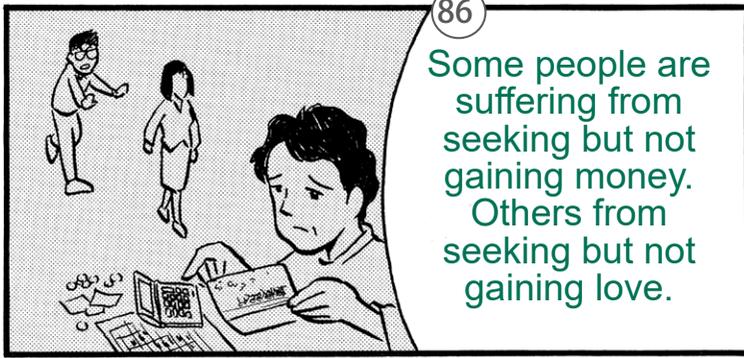
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If you don't fight and get points, you won't advance.



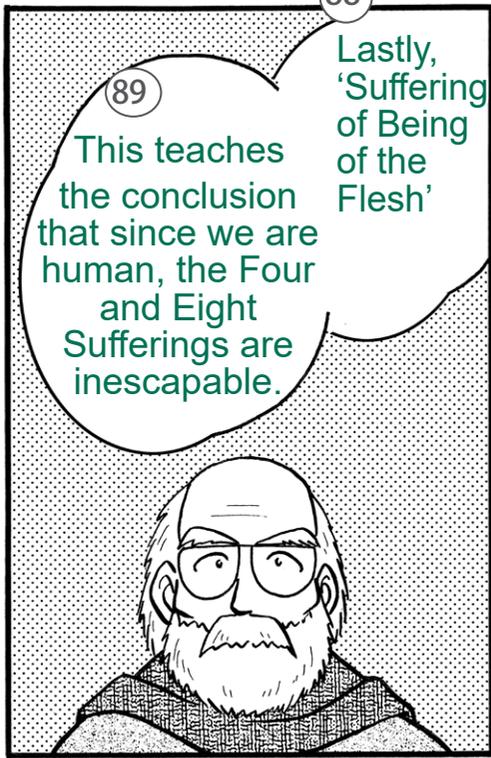
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Don't fret Brave one.



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Some people are suffering from seeking but not gaining money. Others from seeking but not gaining love.



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Lastly, 'Suffering of Being of the Flesh'

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This teaches the conclusion that since we are human, the Four and Eight Sufferings are inescapable.



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The things we want are limitless, but when we aren't able to acquire them, we suffer.

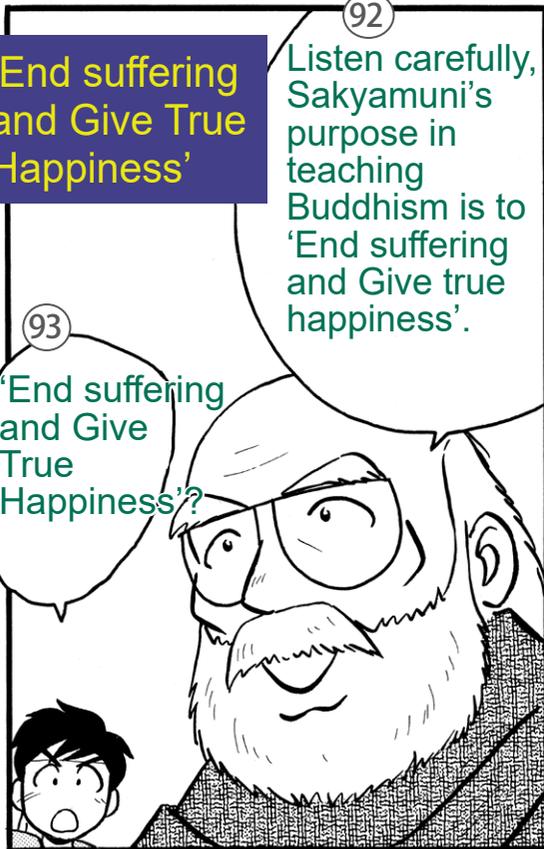


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There's no such thing.

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It hurts. I can't go on. Push the reset button.



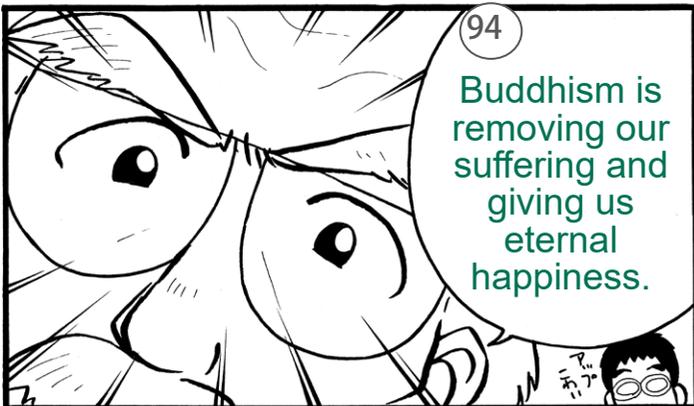
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Listen carefully, Sakyamuni's purpose in teaching Buddhism is to 'End suffering and Give true happiness'.

'End suffering and Give True Happiness'

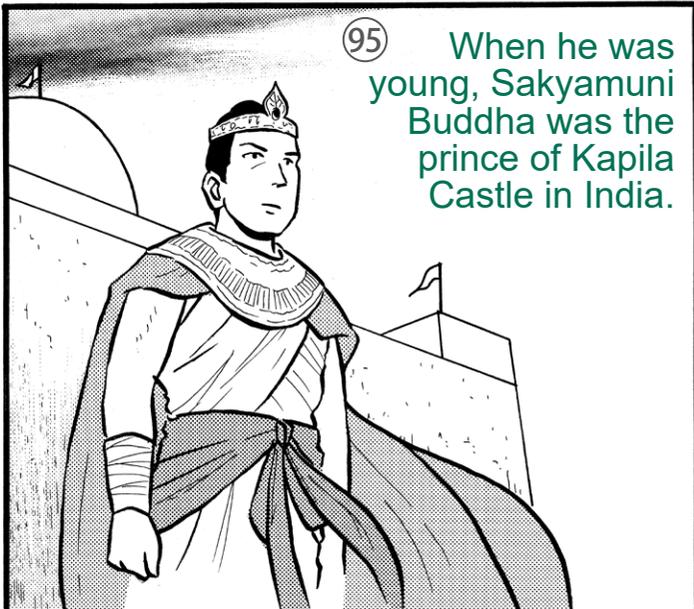
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'End suffering and Give True Happiness'?



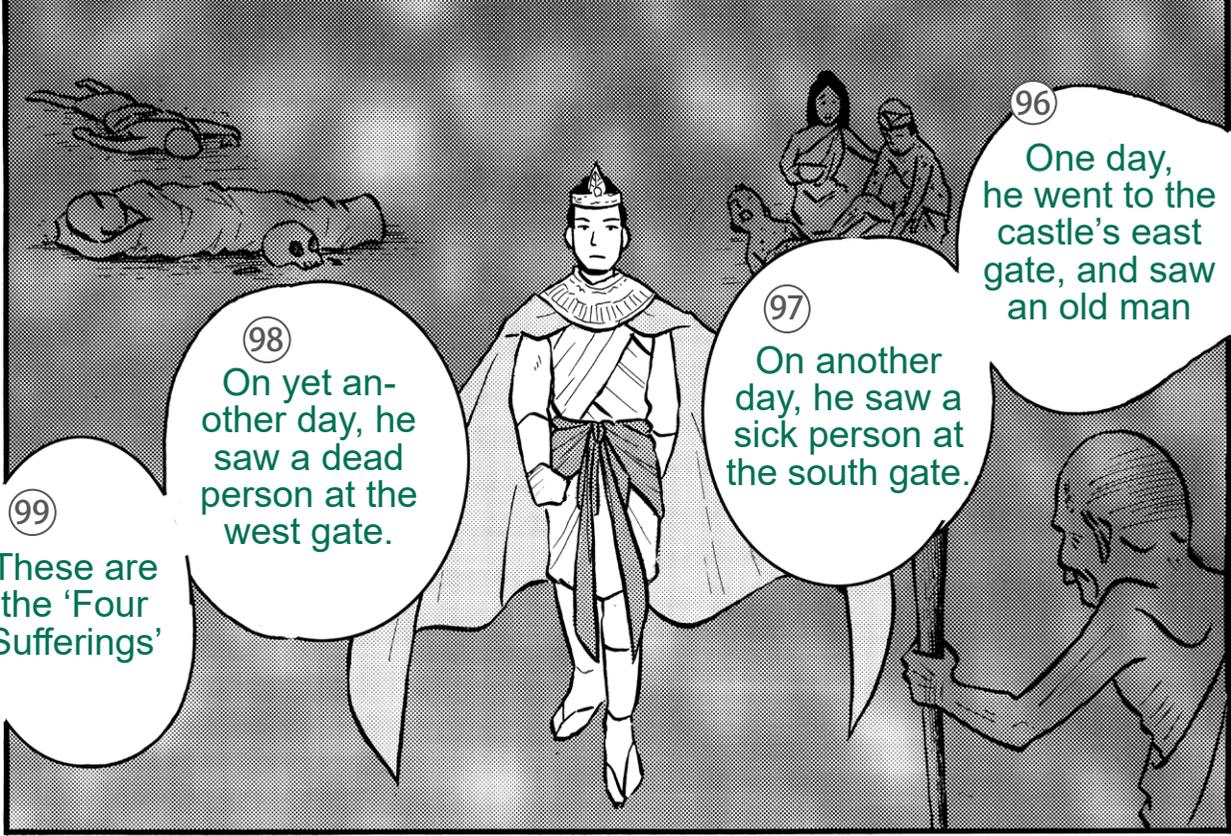
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Buddhism is removing our suffering and giving us eternal happiness.



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When he was young, Sakyamuni Buddha was the prince of Kapila Castle in India.



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One day, he went to the castle's east gate, and saw an old man

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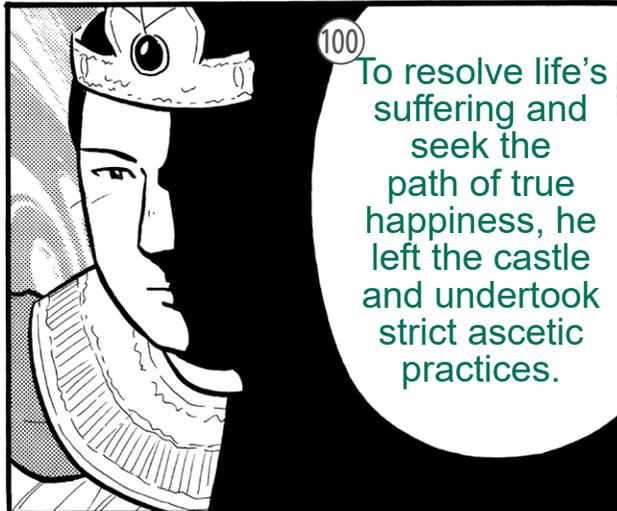
On another day, he saw a sick person at the south gate.

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On yet another day, he saw a dead person at the west gate.

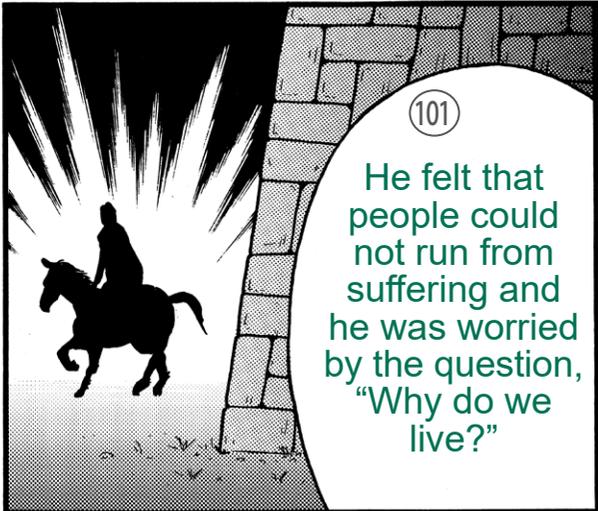
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These are the 'Four Sufferings'



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To resolve life's suffering and seek the path of true happiness, he left the castle and undertook strict ascetic practices.



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He felt that people could not run from suffering and he was worried by the question, "Why do we live?"



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And taught of the path of salvation to unchanging happiness.

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Finally, he attained the enlightenment of a Buddha.

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That is Buddhism.

