

Hi.
Nice to meet
you.

Kimi, let me
introduce you to
someone.

This is Ms. Mizuka
Ueno, a principal
dancer of The Tokyo
Ballet.

H-hello.
It's such a
pleasure to meet
you.

What
outstanding body
proportions!
I can't believe
we're the same
species!!

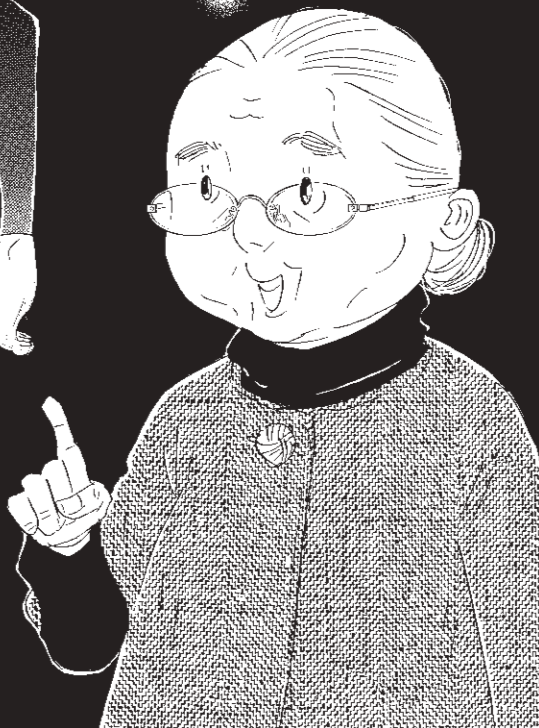
Principal!?

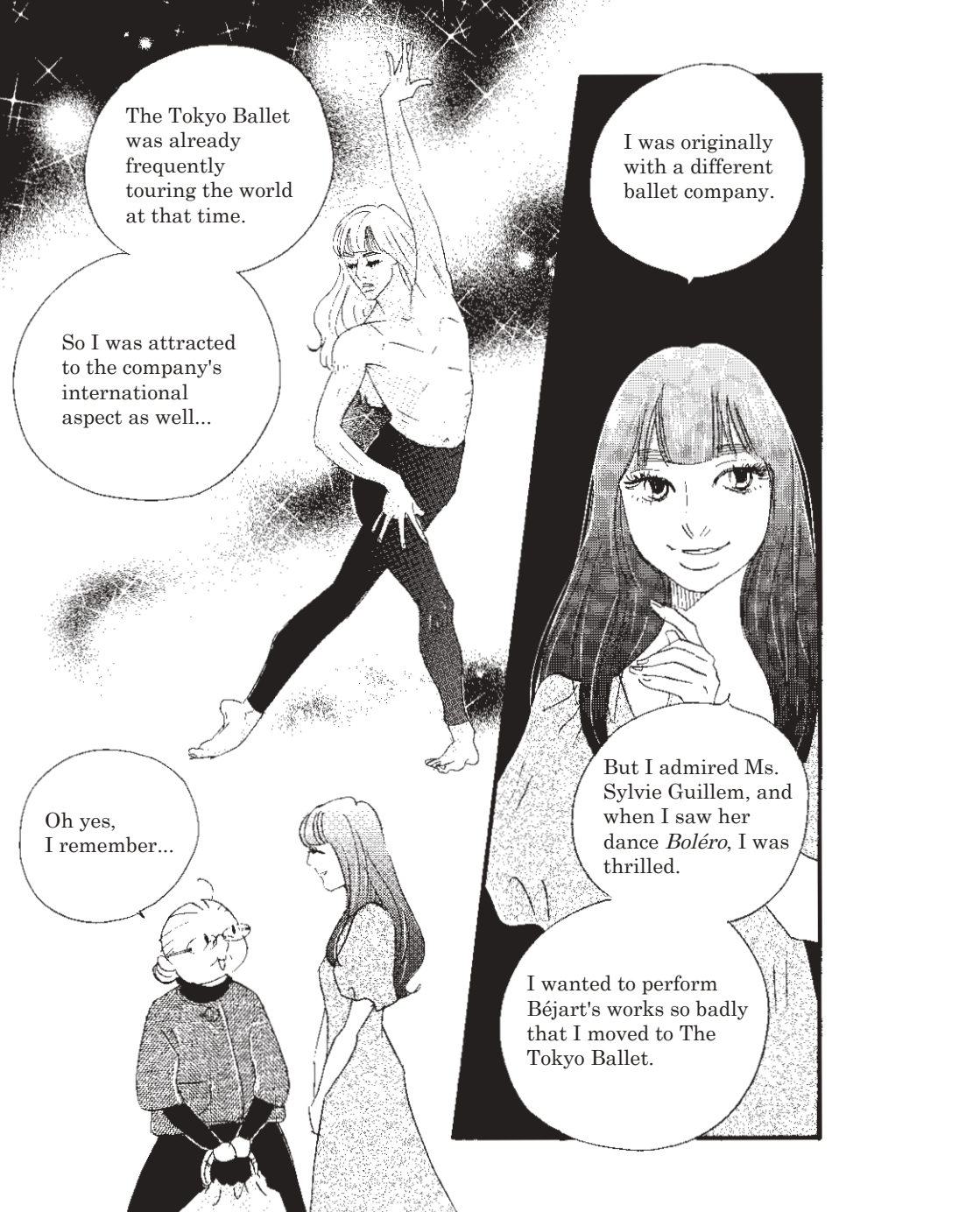
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Do you know what's so special about Mizuka?

She is the only female dancer in Japan who has been permitted by Mr. Béjart to dance *Boléro*.





The Tokyo Ballet
was already
frequently
touring the world
at that time.

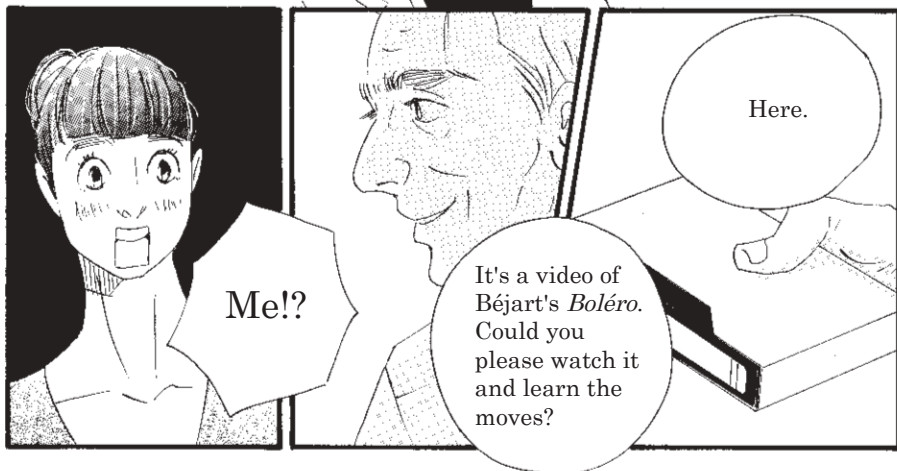
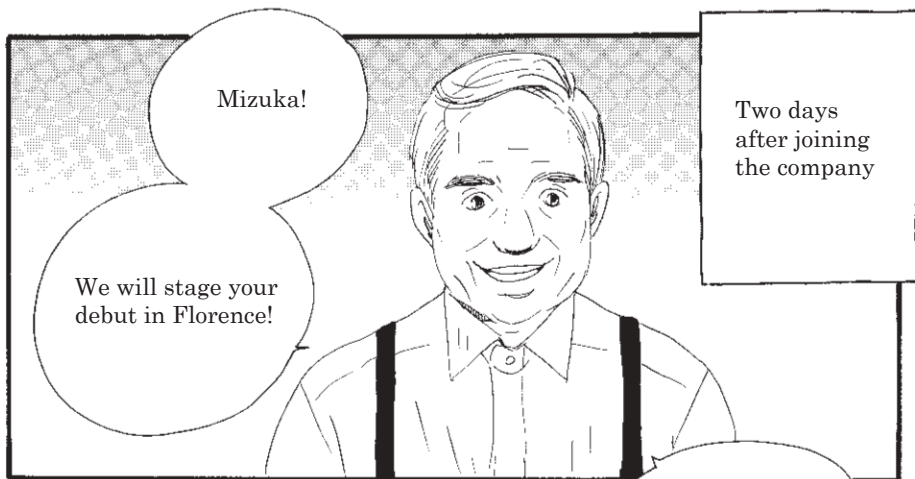
So I was attracted
to the company's
international
aspect as well...

Oh yes,
I remember...

I was originally
with a different
ballet company.

But I admired Ms.
Sylvie Guillem, and
when I saw her
dance *Boléro*, I was
thrilled.

I wanted to perform
Béjart's works so badly
that I moved to The
Tokyo Ballet.



Dancing *Boléro* was one
of my biggest dreams.

I'm thinking of
casting you for
Boléro.

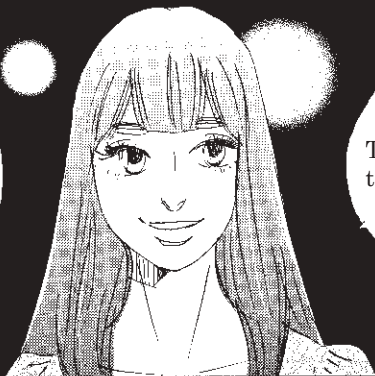
I never told Mr. Sasaki
about it, but it was as
though he could see
into my soul.

We are going to send
a video of your dance
to Béjart, so be
prepared.



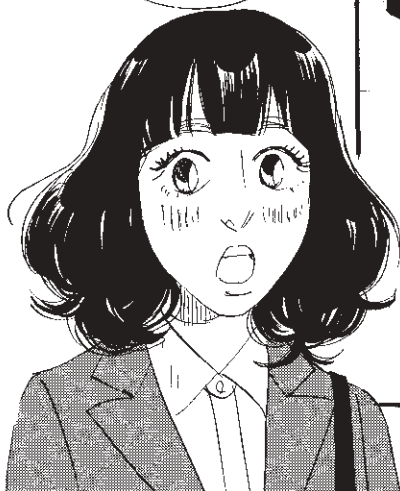
So I'm grateful to Mr. Sasaki for making my dream come true.

That was how I got to dance *Boléro*.

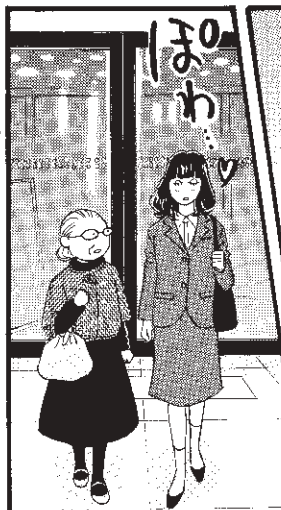


... No, I'm totally starstruck.

Watching such a spectacular performance, bumping into such a big star, and hearing such an intimate story...



Kimi, are you ok?



Please come and visit our studio some time!



Thank you, Mizuka.



Now I'm
interested in
Mr. Béjart's
other works.

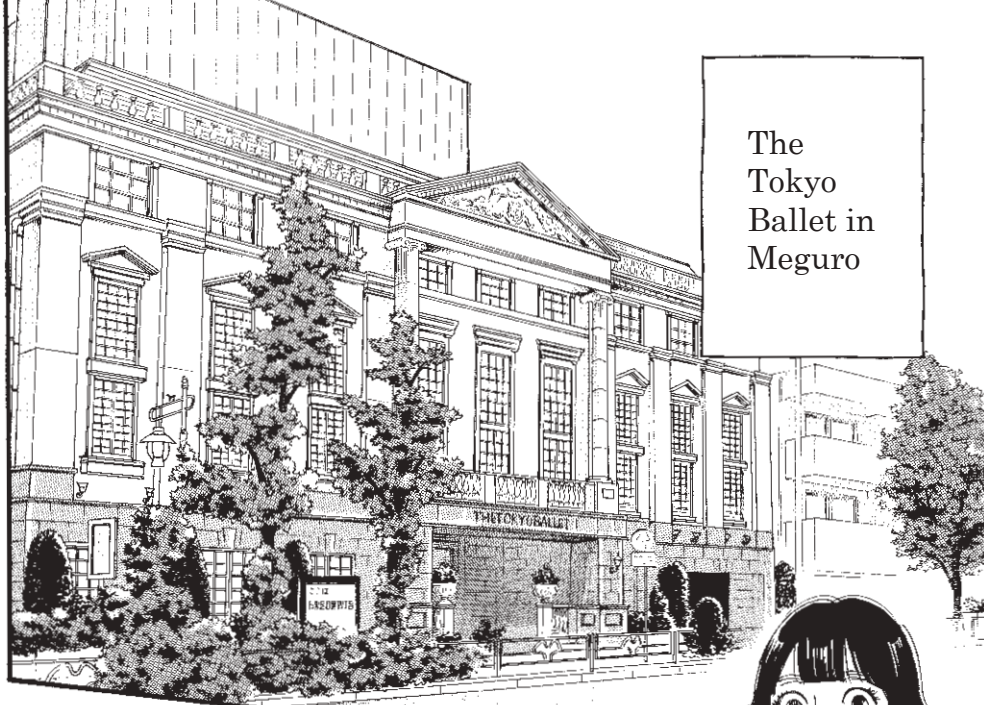
But actually...
I want to know
more about what
Mr. Sasaki was like!



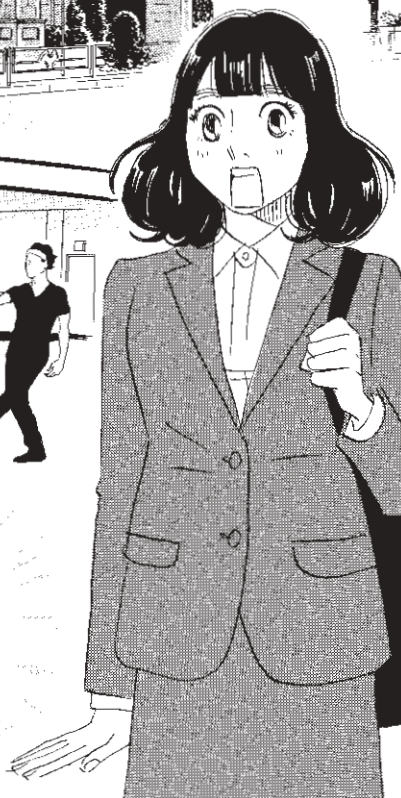
Well then, as
Mizuka kindly
invited us...

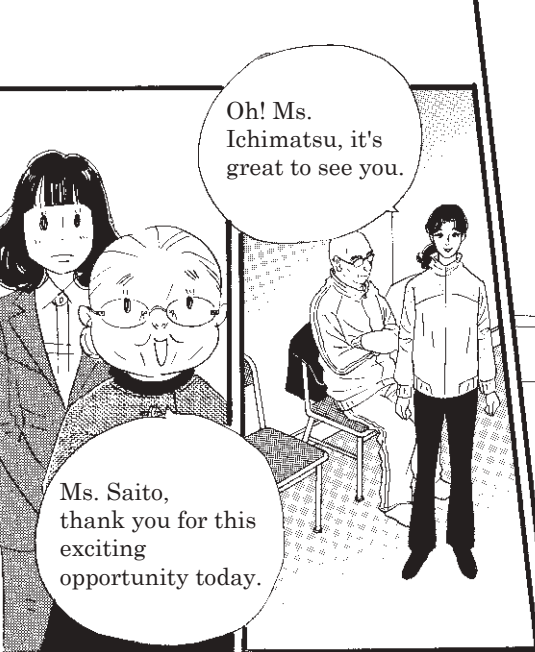
Why don't we go and
visit their studio?

The
Tokyo
Ballet in
Meguro



Wow.....!!





Oh! Ms. Ichimatsu, it's great to see you.

Ms. Saito, thank you for this exciting opportunity today.



Why don't you take some time and look around the building?

Yukari Saito,
Artistic
Director, The
Tokyo Ballet

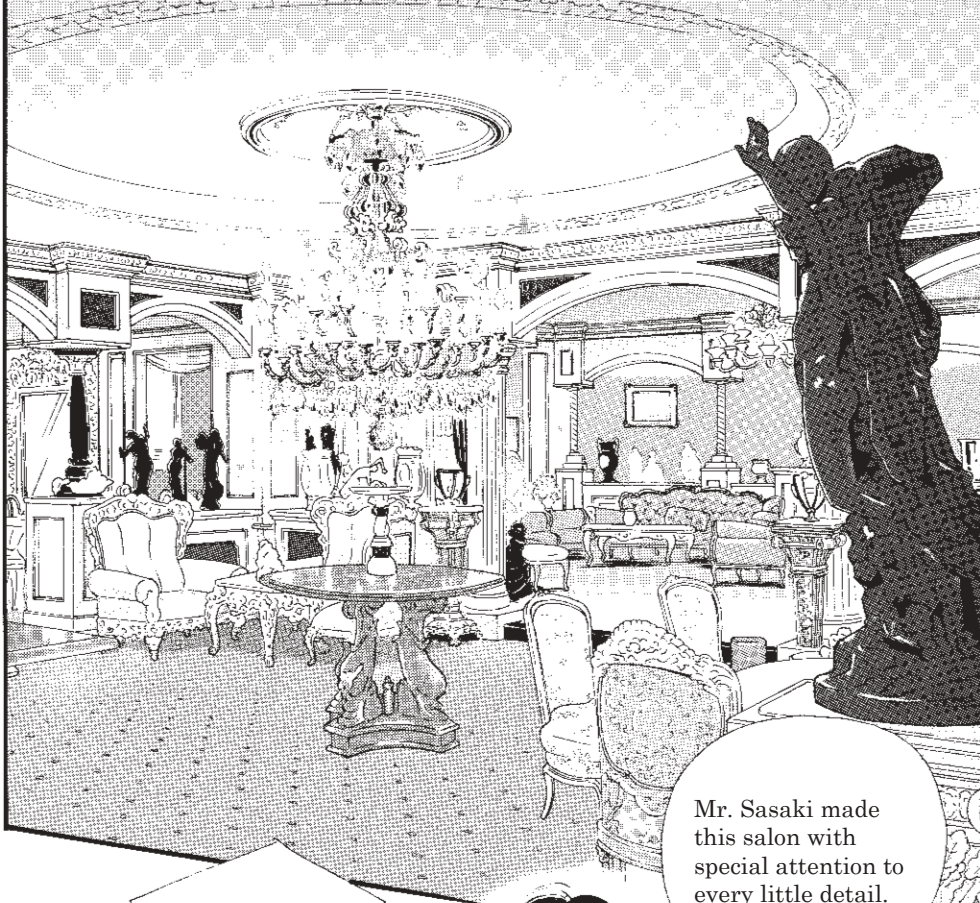


The Tokyo Ballet has frequently toured internationally since its establishment.

Actually, they have given as many as 758 performances in 153 different cities in 30 countries.*

Phew! That is an astonishing number.

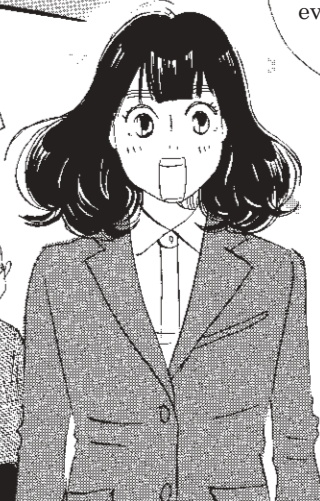
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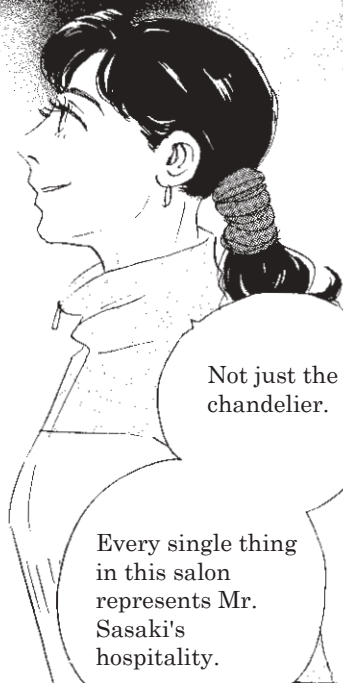


Oh my!
It's like a
dream world.

Mr. Sasaki made
this salon with
special attention to
every little detail.

It's just like a
theater...!!





Not just the chandelier.

Every single thing in this salon represents Mr. Sasaki's hospitality.

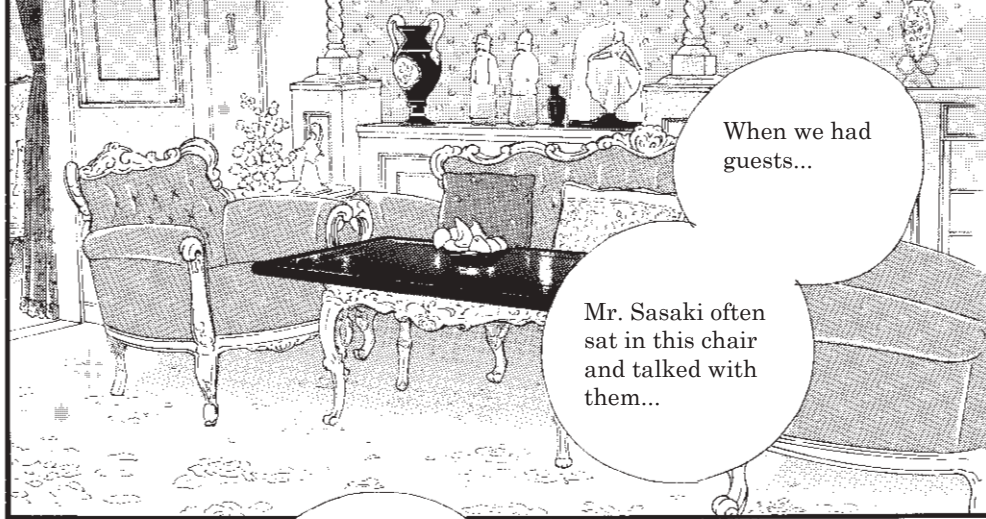


With a sincere desire to entertain guests from all over the world....

Mr. Sasaki finally found it after searching through eight countries.



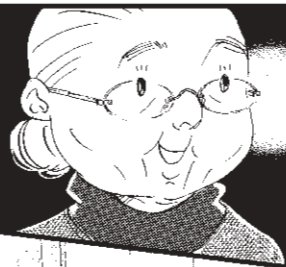
Gosh, it's totally magnificent...!!



When we had guests...

Mr. Sasaki often sat in this chair and talked with them...

When I think about it, I can feel his presence in every corner of this room.



And could suddenly come out and say hello...



It's as if he were still alive...

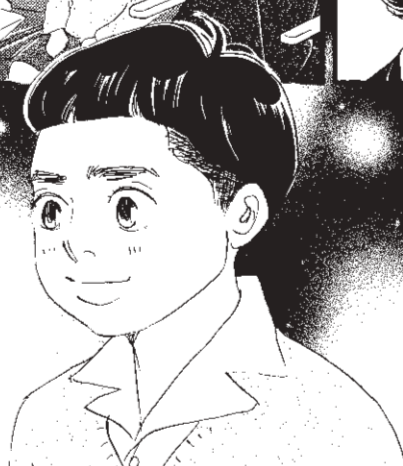
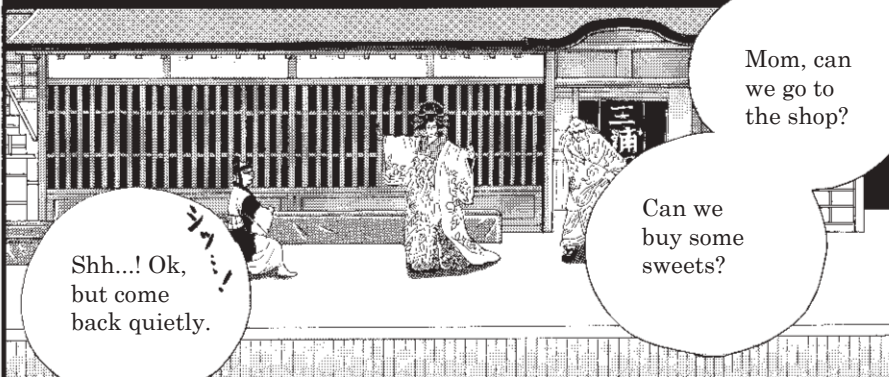
Tadatsugu Sasaki
was born in 1933
in Hongo, Tokyo,
as the second of
six sons.



His father was a
businessperson,
and he grew up
in a rich family.

His mother liked to
go to the theater,
and often took the
children with her.





I'm going to be
a brave soldier
when I grow up!

So am I!

Hmm...

What's so good
about war...

When Tadatsugu
was a third
grader in
elementary
school, the Pacific
War broke out.



And Japan
plunged into war.

