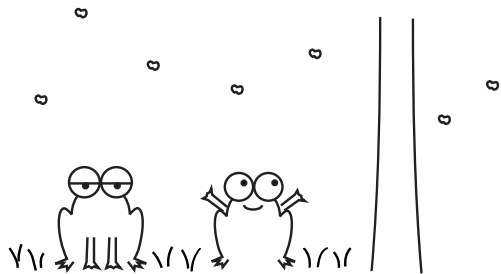


Under the cherry tree

featuring haiku-comics
created by Jessica Tremblay

Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival 2011



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To celebrate the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival,
I decided to create one comic a day from March 21-April 27, 2011

With 38 comics in 38 days, I had beaten my previous record of
28 comics in 28 days (during NaHaiWriMo in February 2011)!

After a short break, I continued to make comics from May 1-27, 2011.

In this chapter, Master Kawazu takes his young apprentice
on a cherry blossom viewing trip in Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)
where 37 000 cherry trees bloom every year.

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Before you begin
your apprenticeship
as a haiku poet...



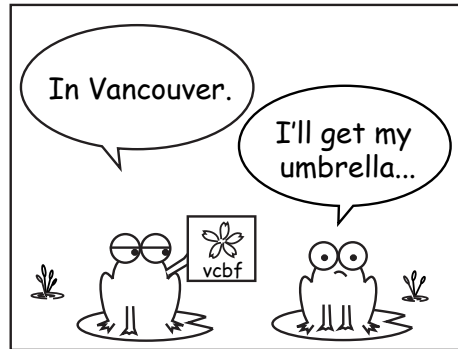
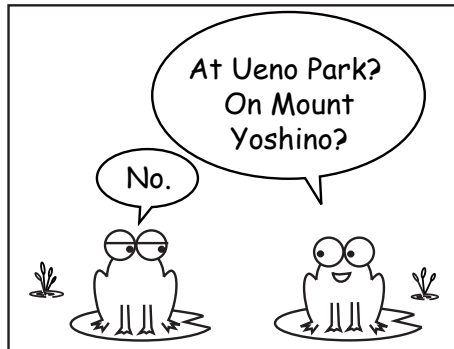
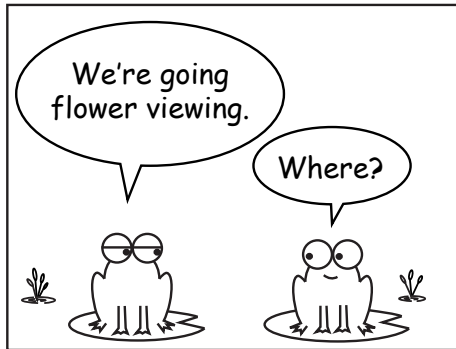
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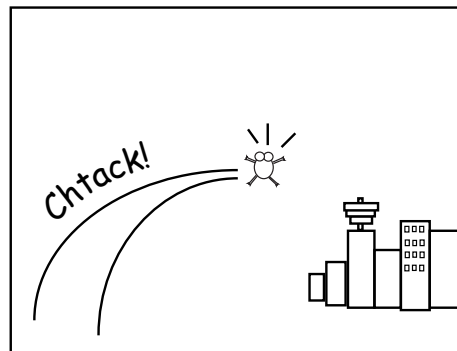
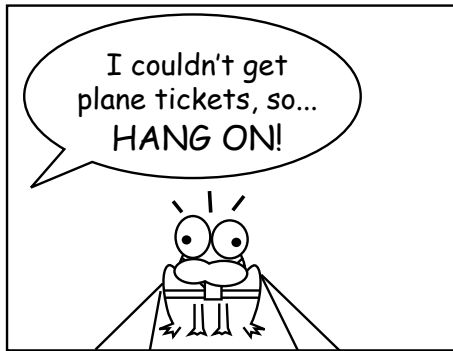
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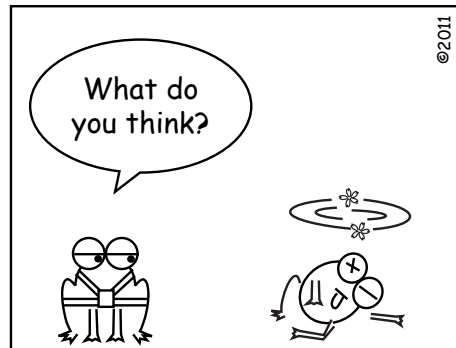
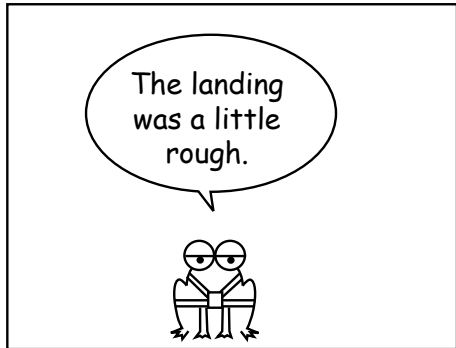


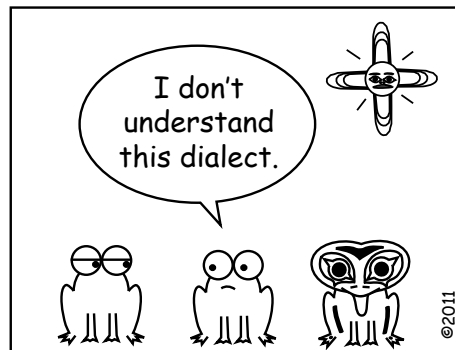
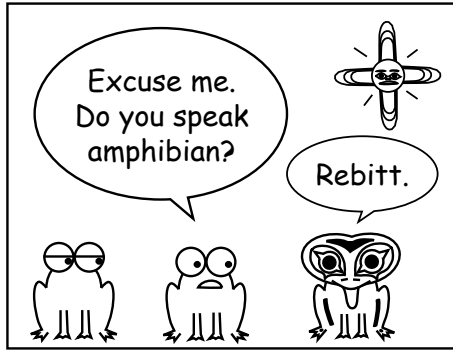
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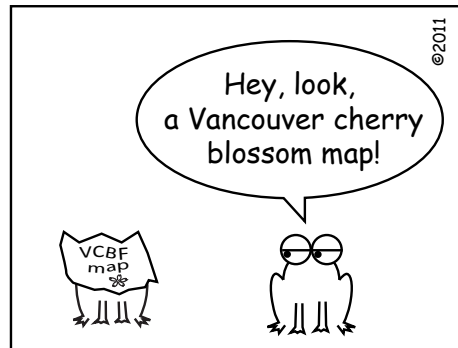
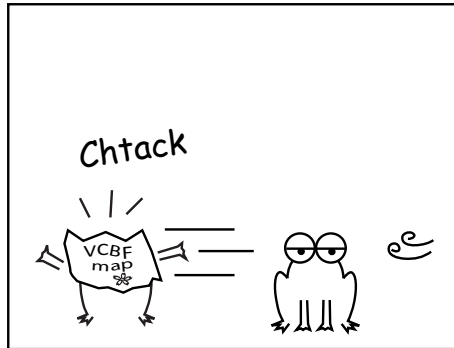
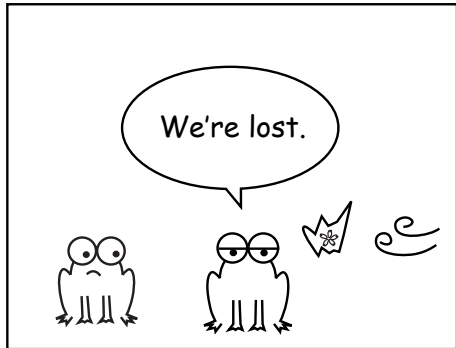












There are
37,000 cherry trees
in Vancouver.



That's a
frightening
thought...

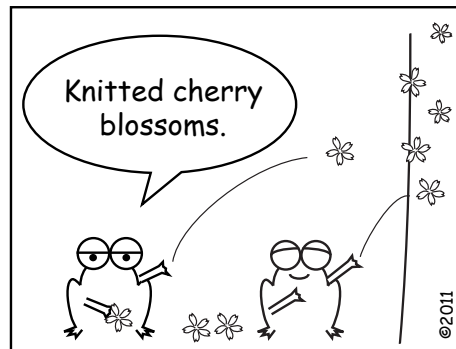
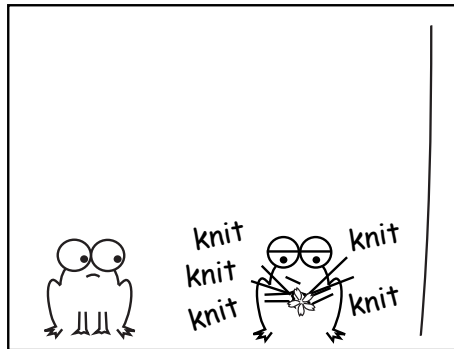
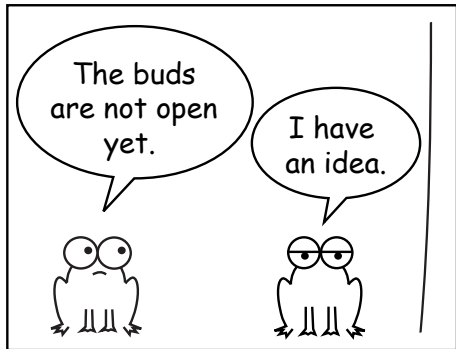


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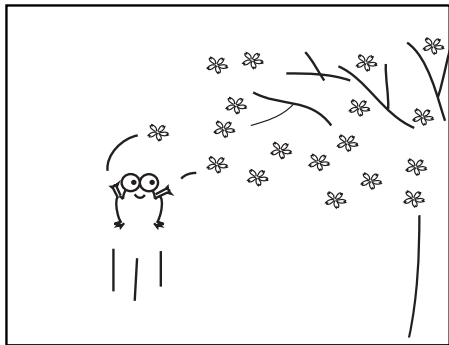
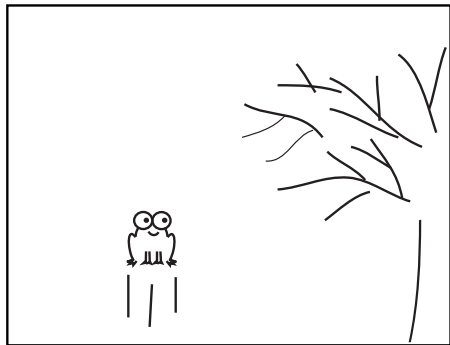


Outnumbered
by cherry trees!

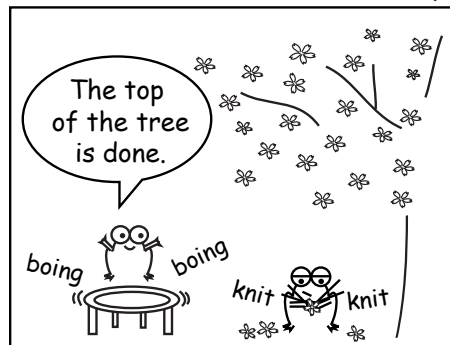




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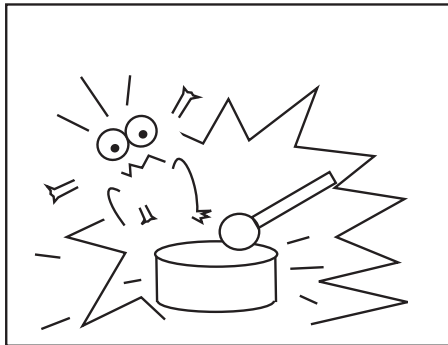
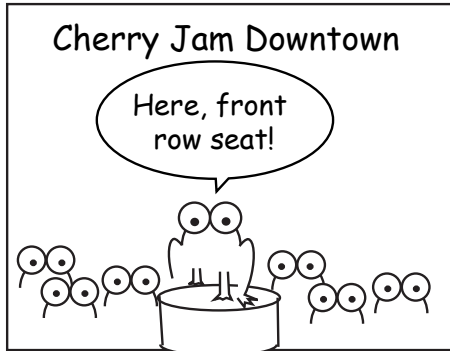


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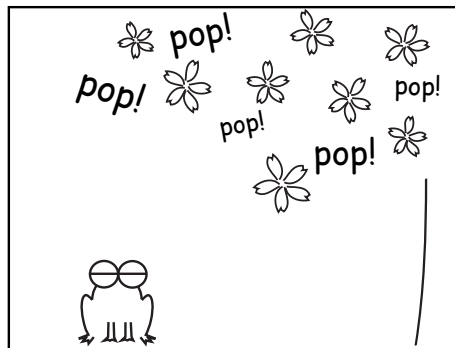
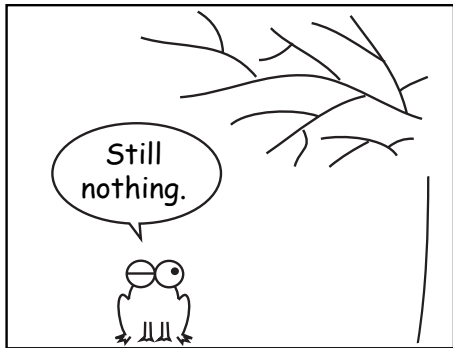
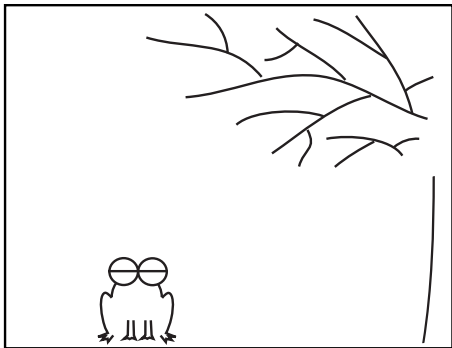


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Cherry Jam Downtown
Burrard Skytrain station
March 31, 2011
12.00-13.30

Don't sit on the taiko drum.

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What do you
want to do at
Sakura Days?

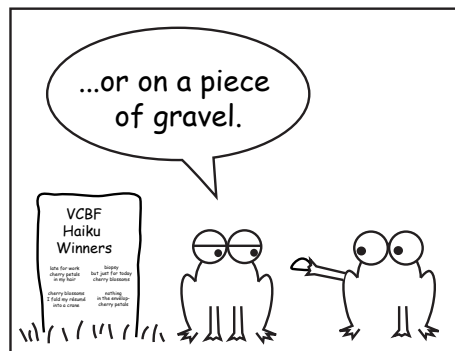
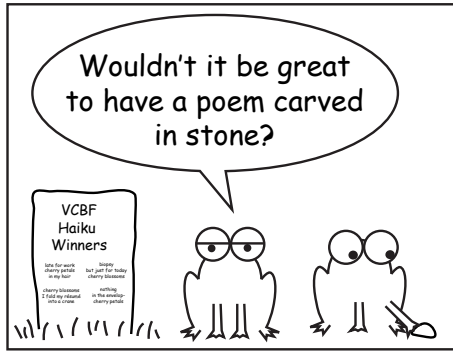
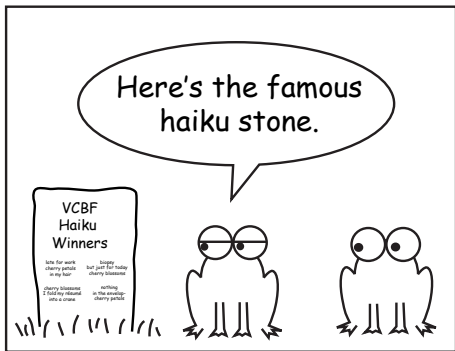


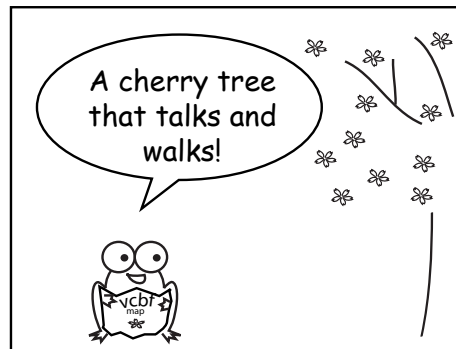
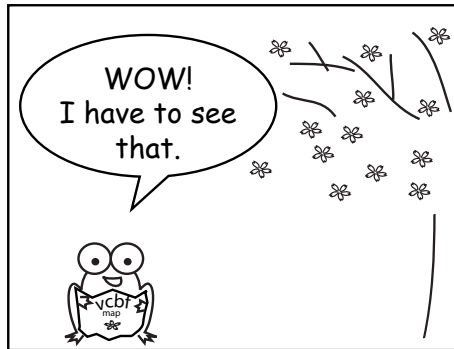
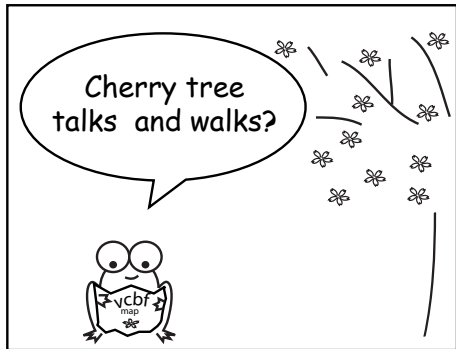
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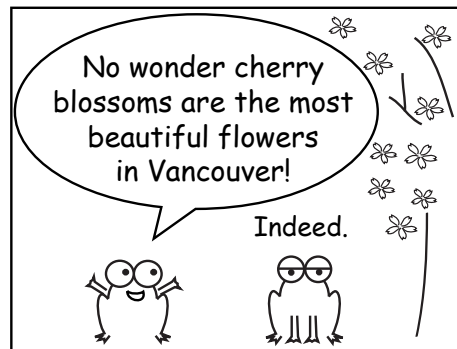
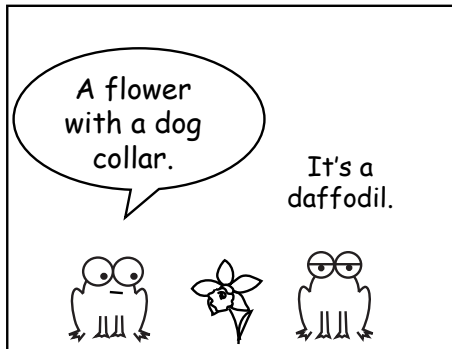
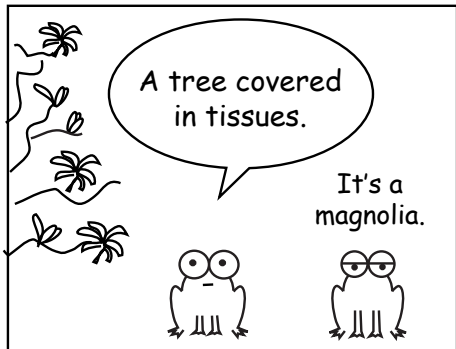


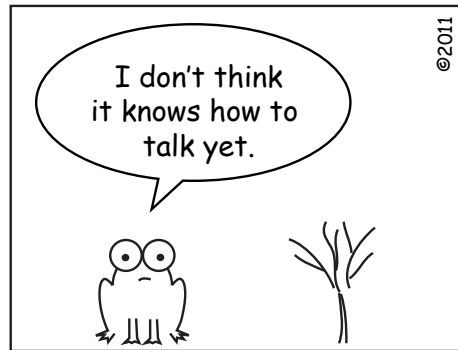
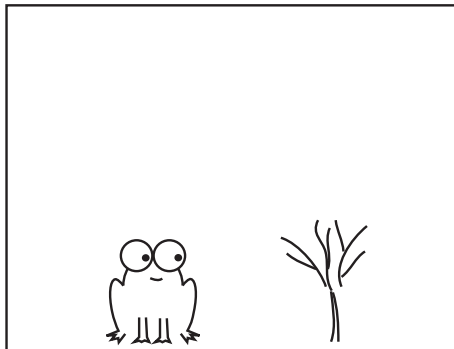
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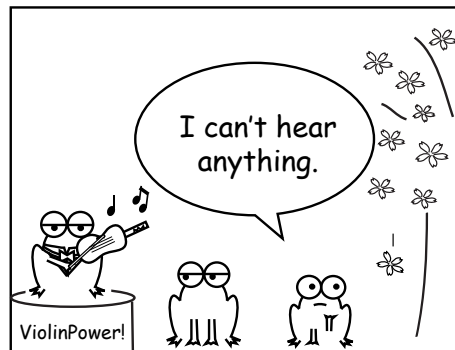
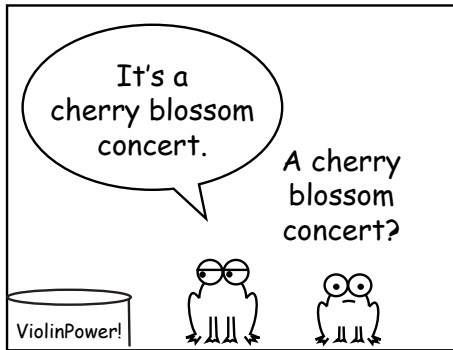
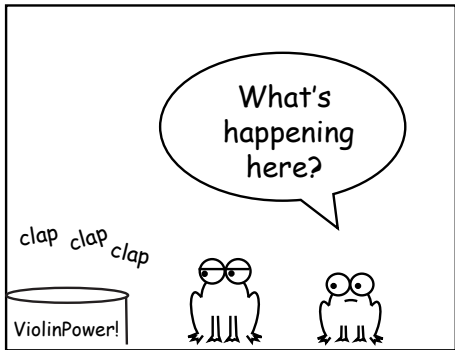


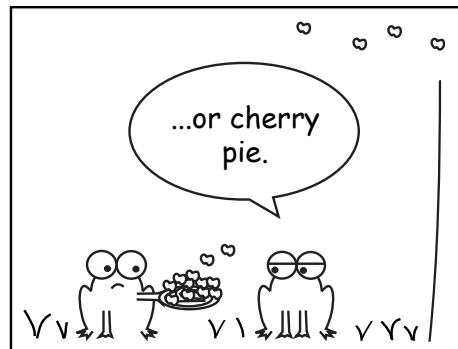
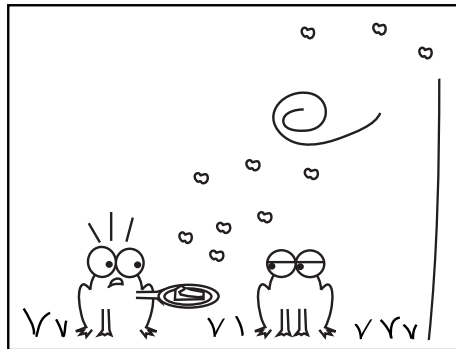
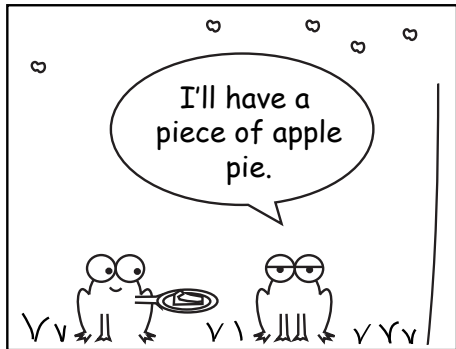




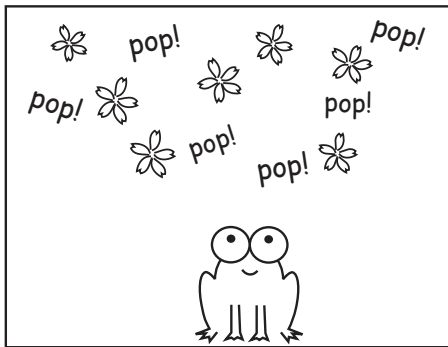
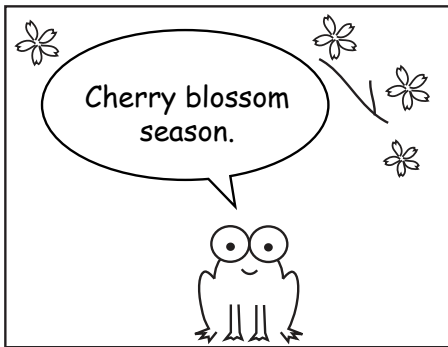




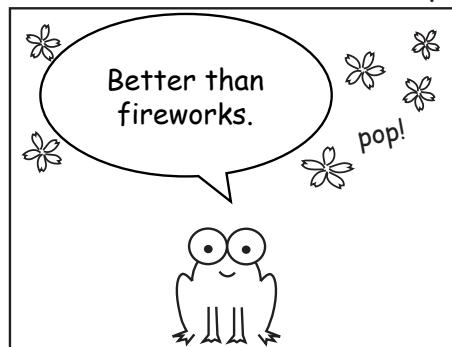




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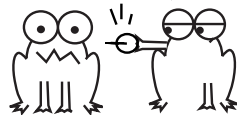


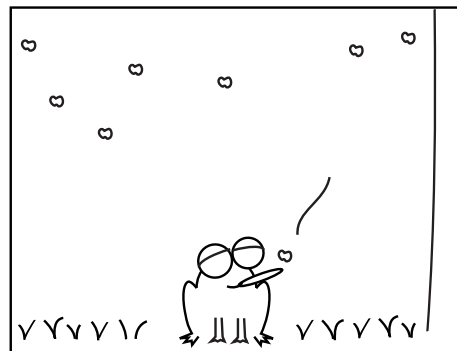
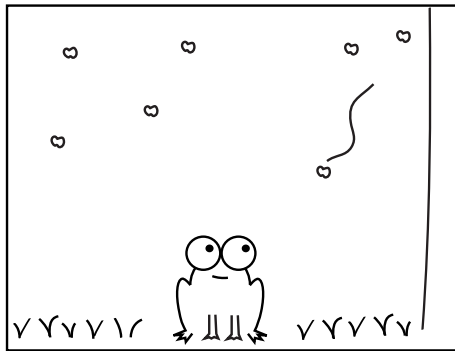
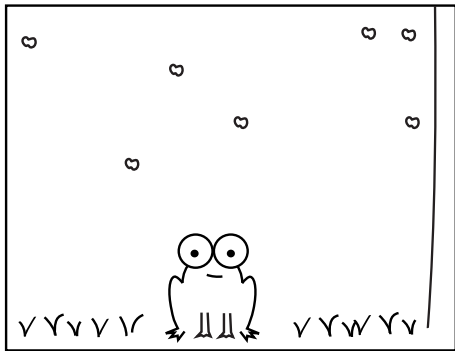
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so...

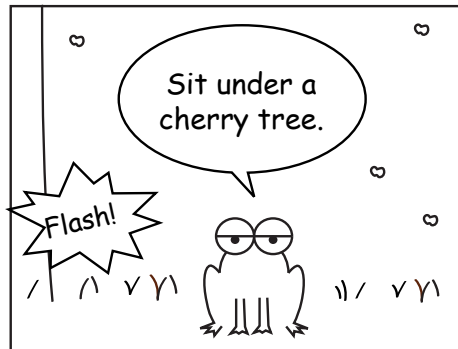
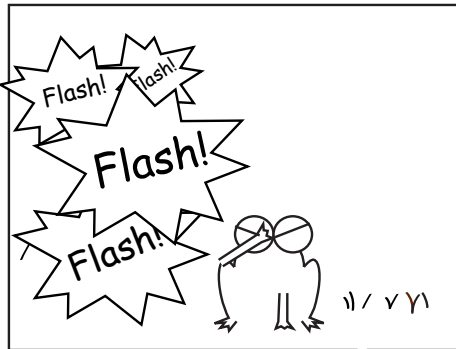
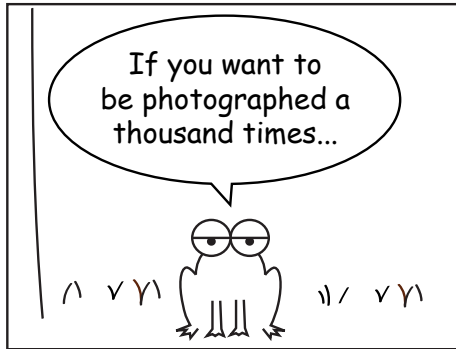


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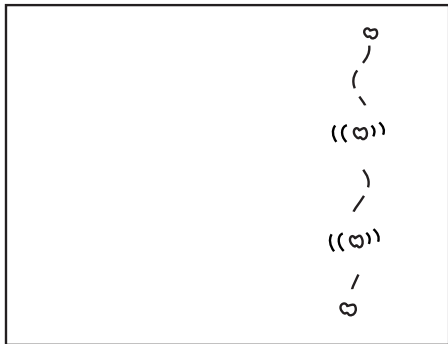
It's
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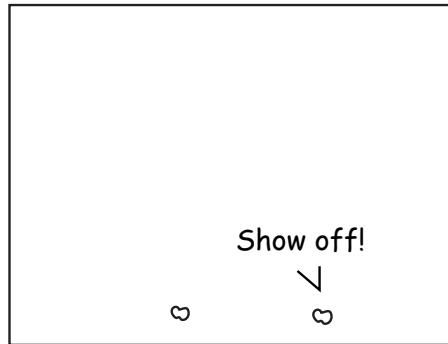




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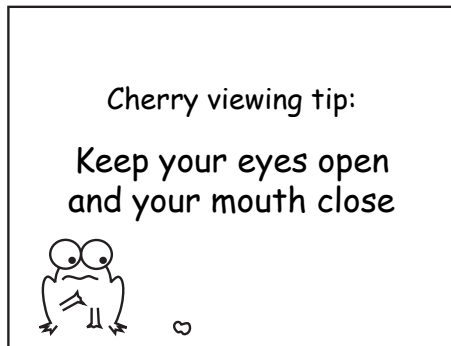
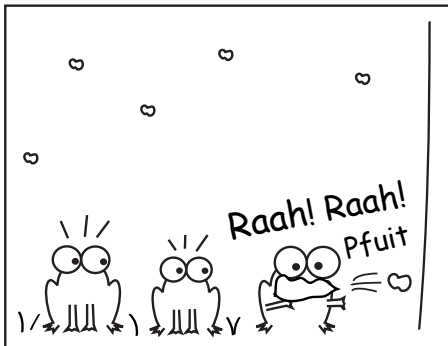
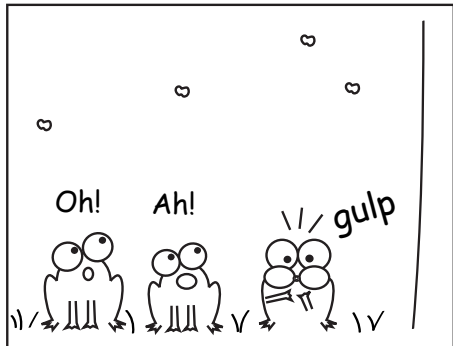
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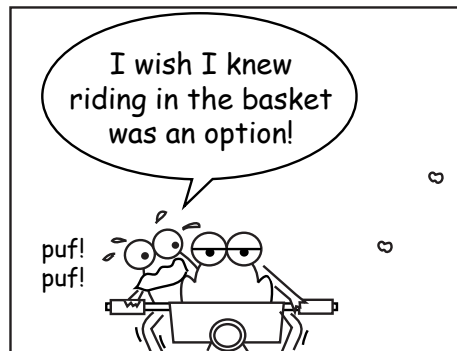
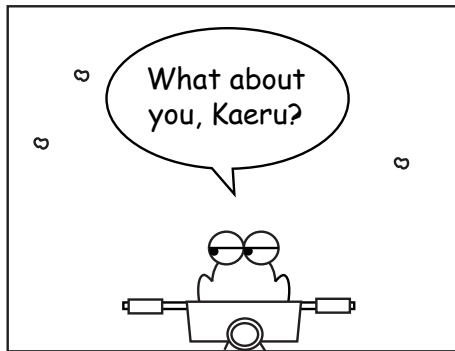
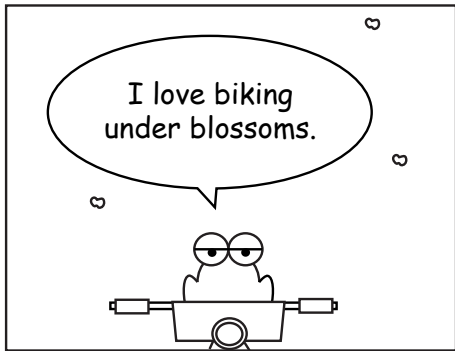


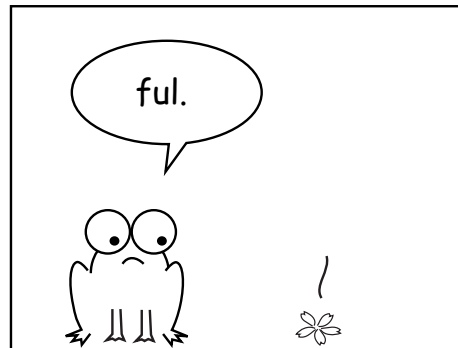
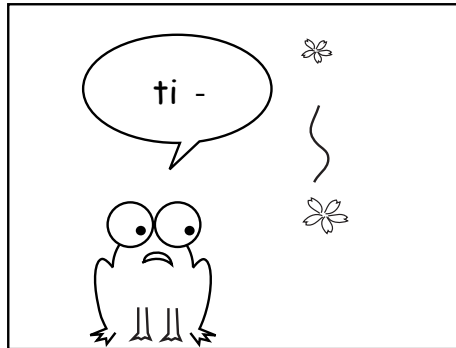
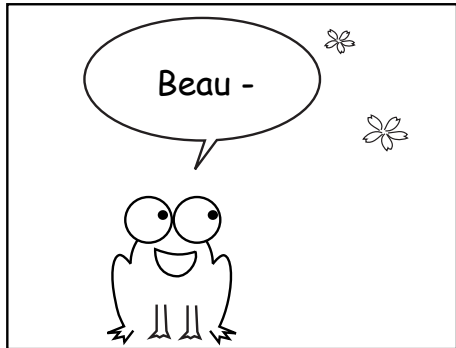
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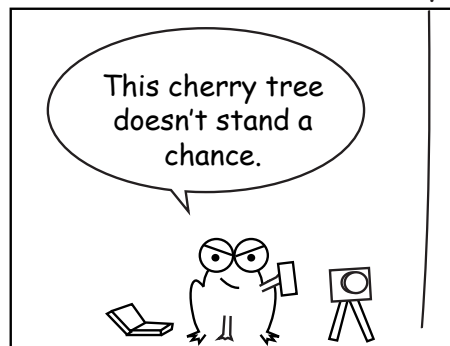
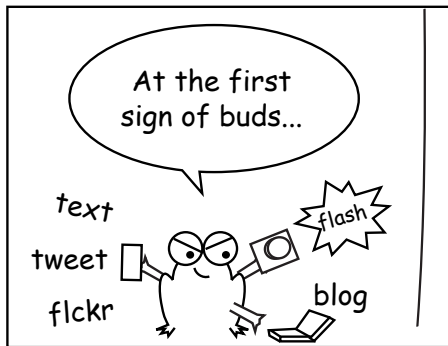




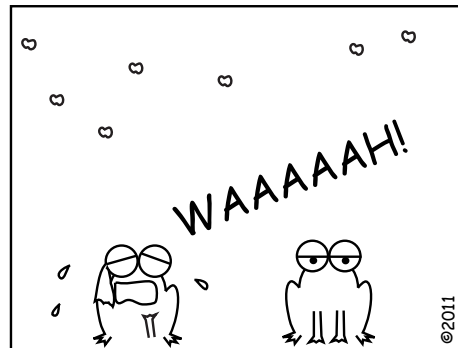


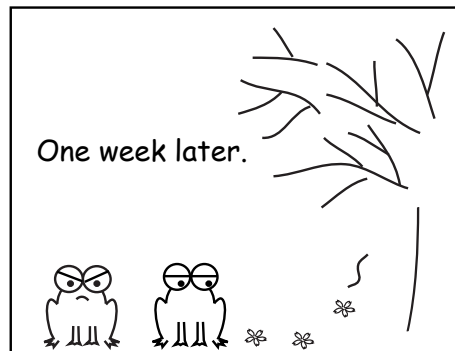
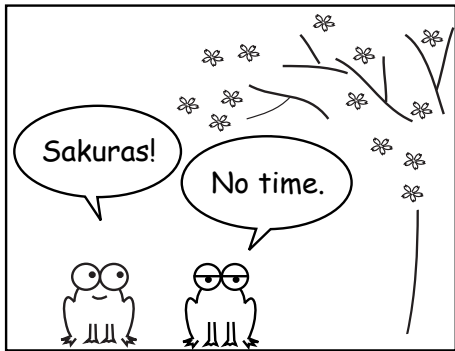
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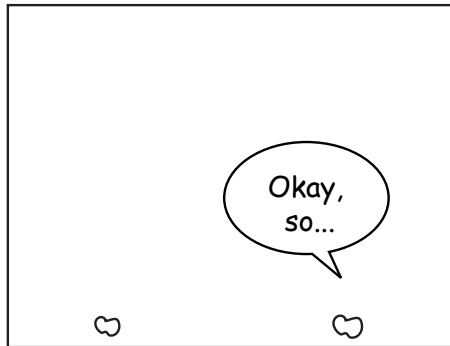
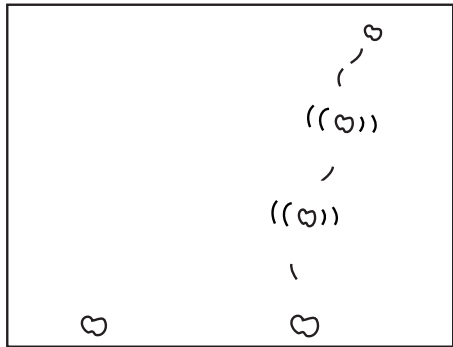


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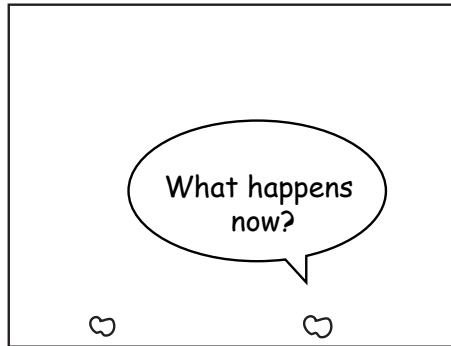


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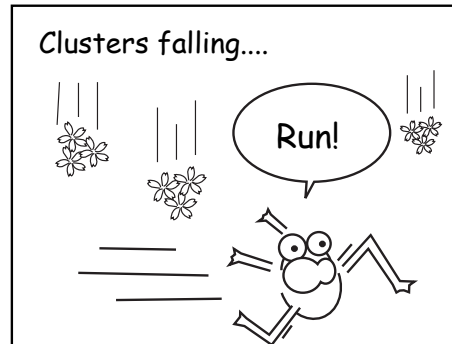
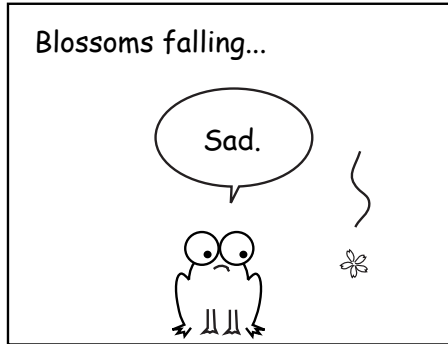
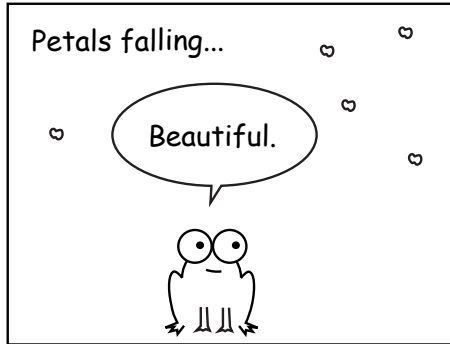
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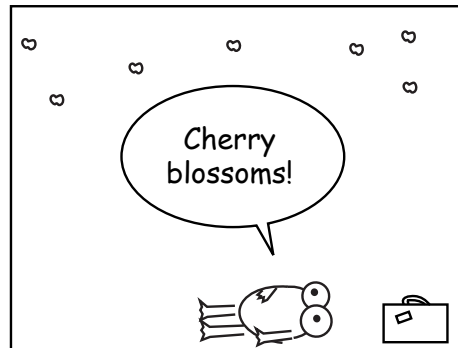
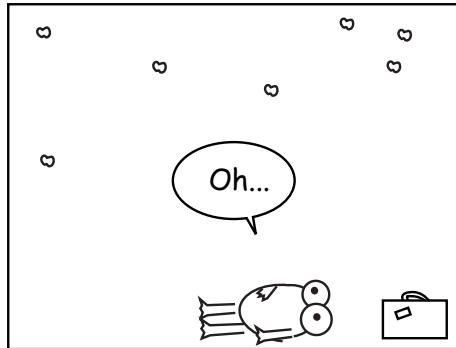
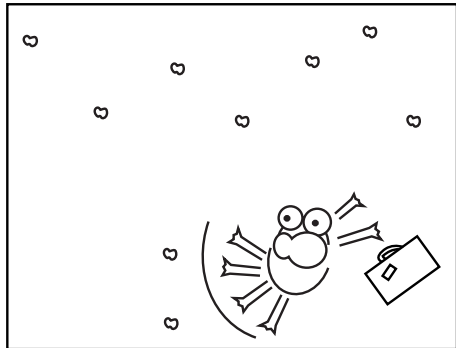
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There are
THOUSANDS of
reasons to love cherry
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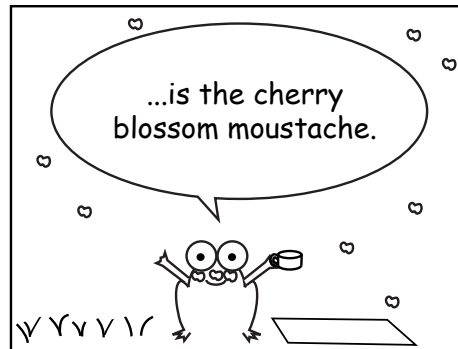
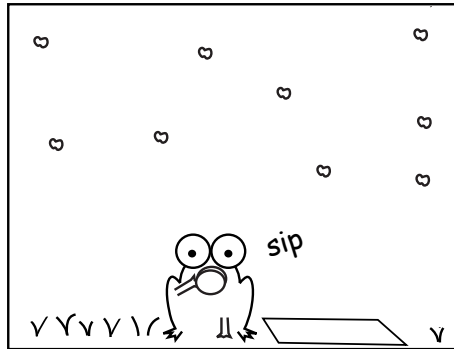


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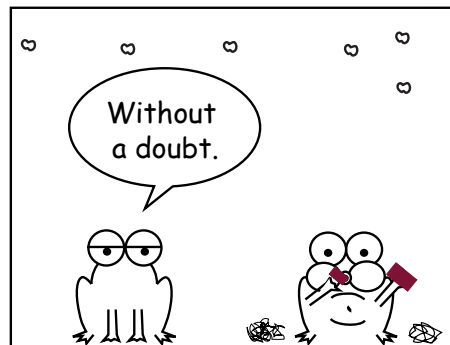
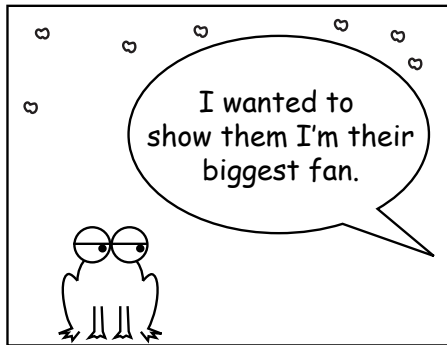
They're
AWESOME!



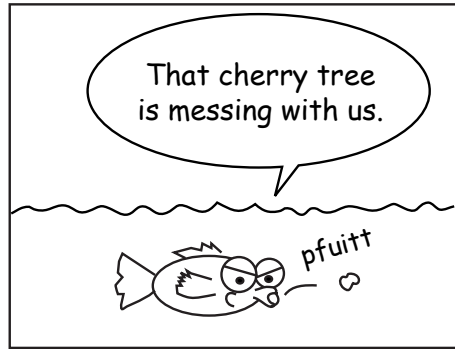
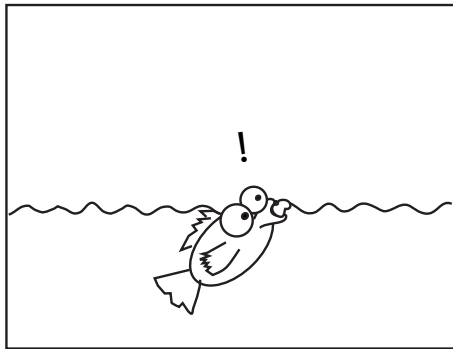
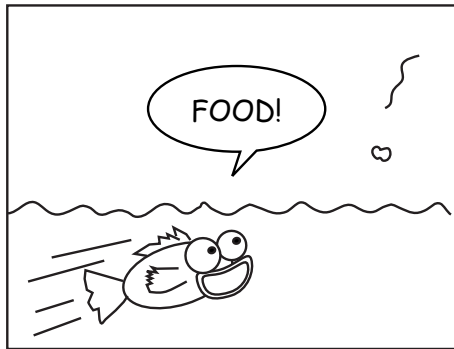



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I've been taking pictures of cherry blossoms all morning.

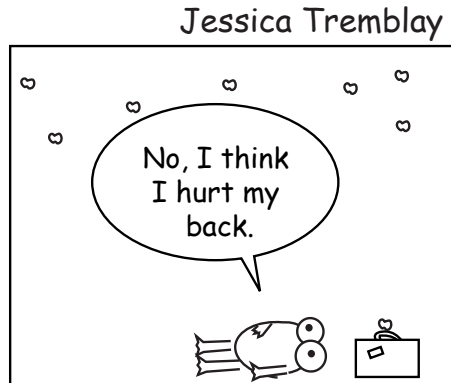
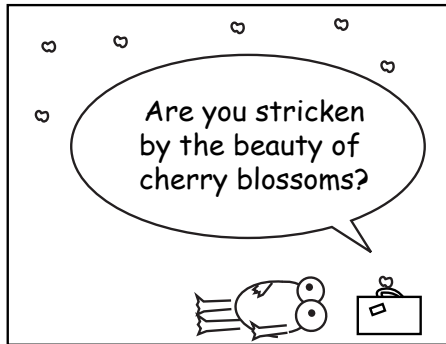
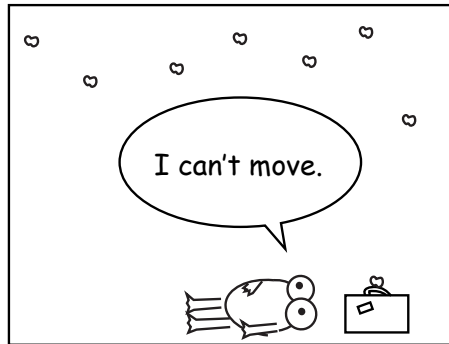


In extreme close-up?



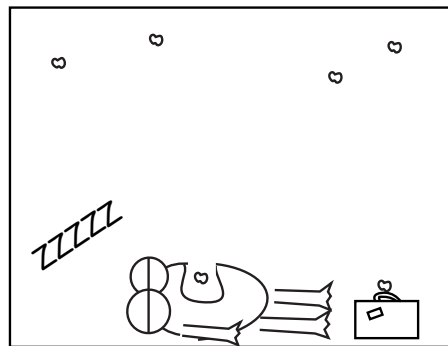
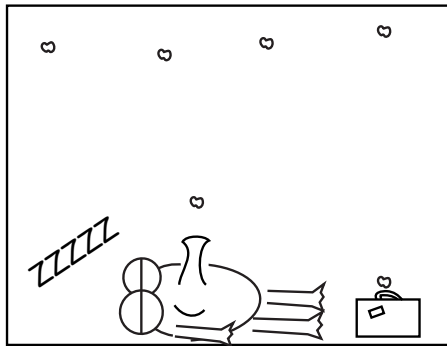
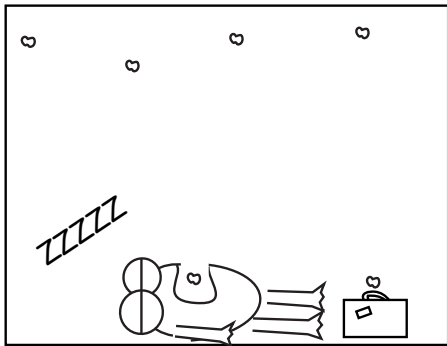
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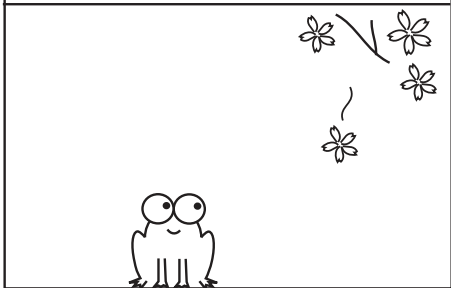
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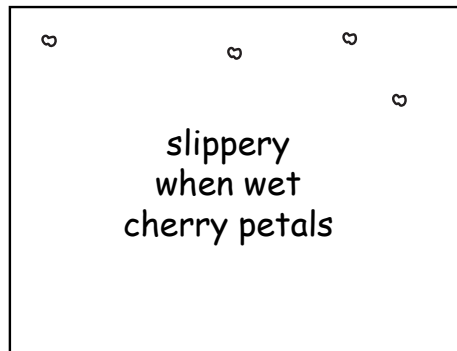
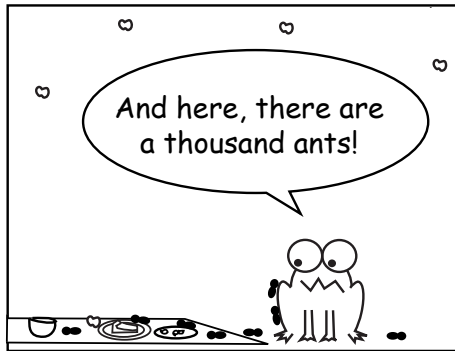
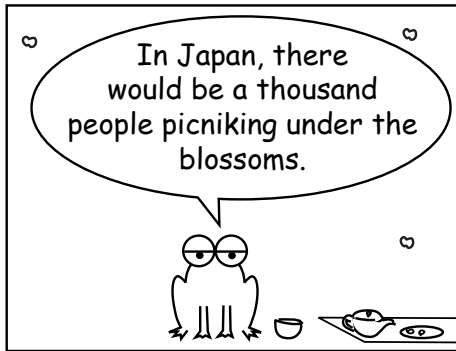
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Cherry blossom viewing.

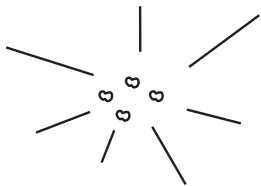


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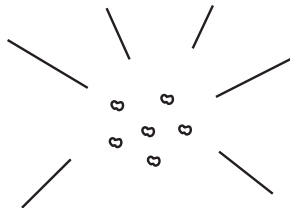


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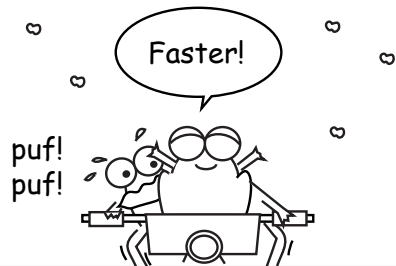
Faster!


to come home -




Faster!

cherry blossoms



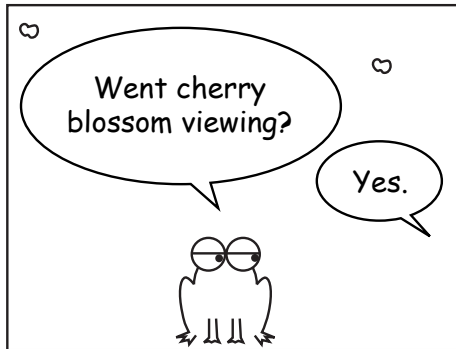


It's difficult
to photograph cherry
blossoms these days.



All you see is
big angry clouds.

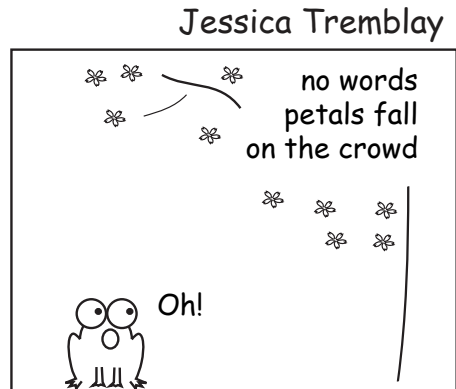
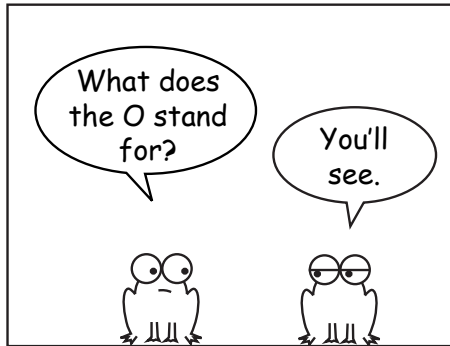
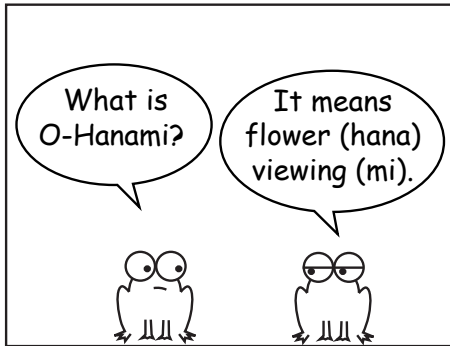
hail stones-
cherry petals
hit the pavement



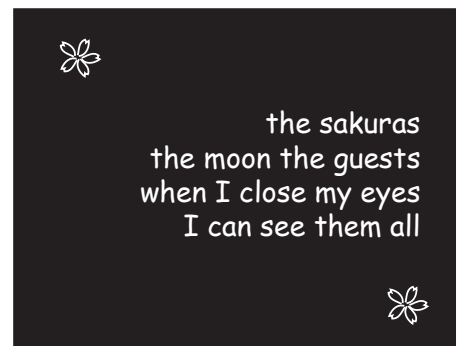
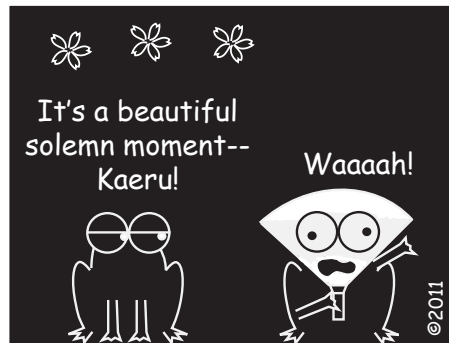
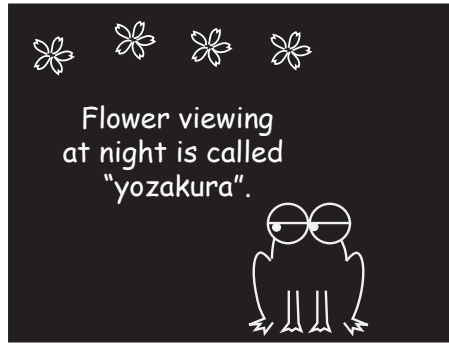
never mind the blossoms
the crow breaks
a twig

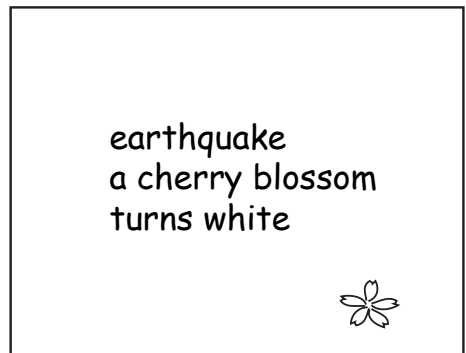
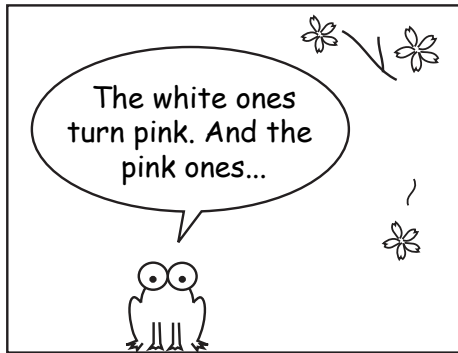
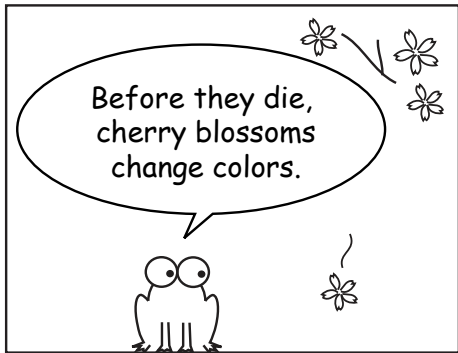
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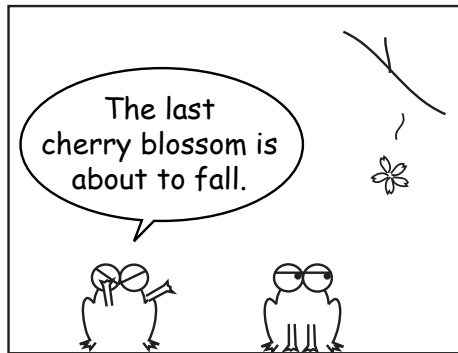
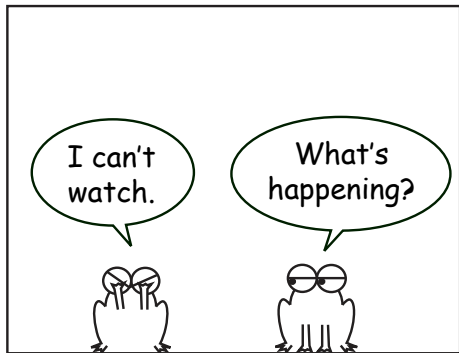
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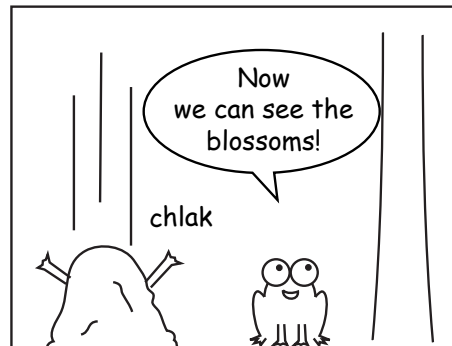
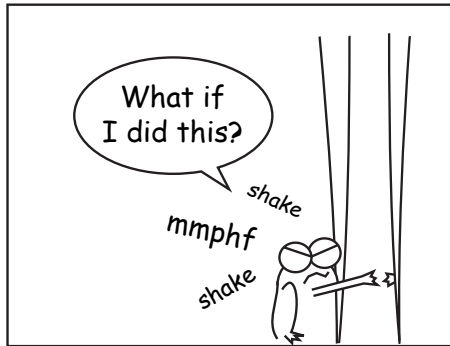
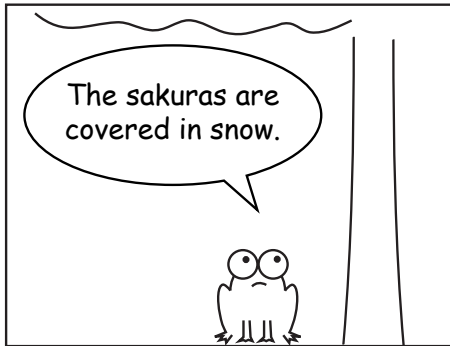


earthquake
a cherry blossom
turns white

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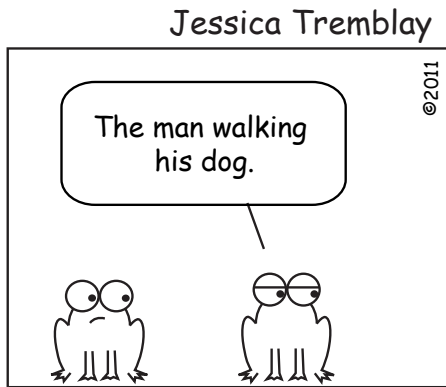
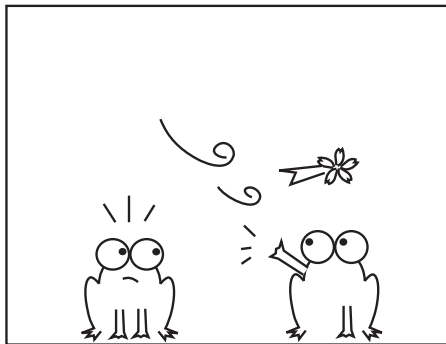
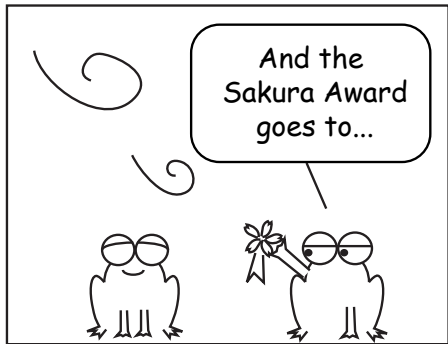
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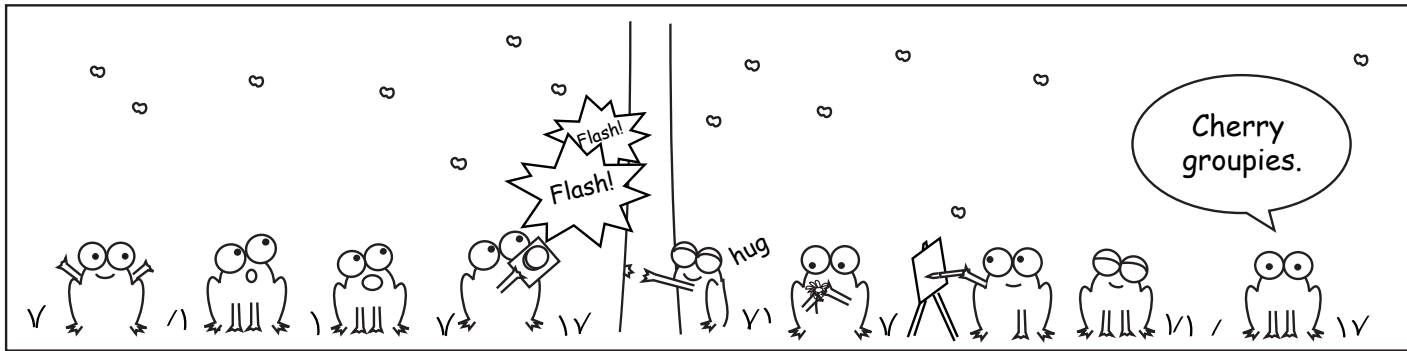


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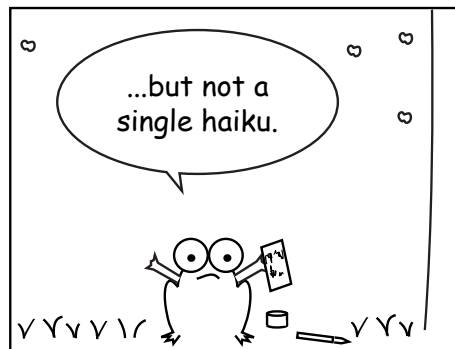
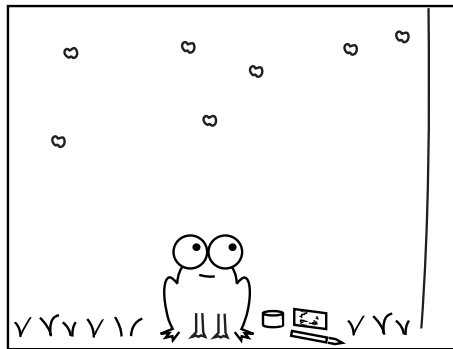
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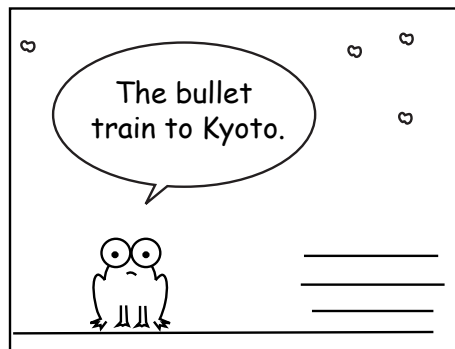
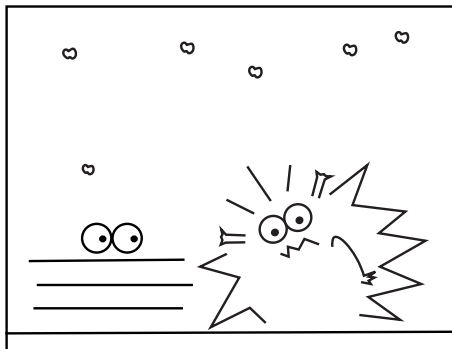
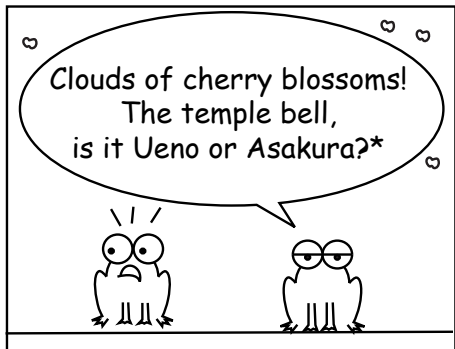


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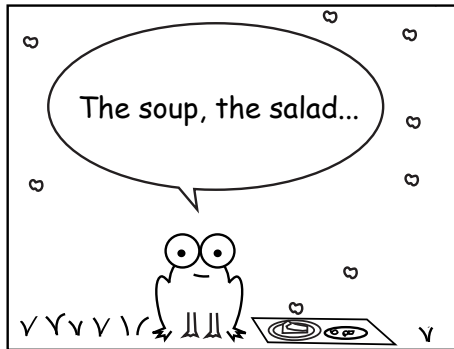
Haiku by Basho





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I was asked
to demonstrate how
cherry blossoms
fall.



But all the
flowers are gone,
so...



Banzai!



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