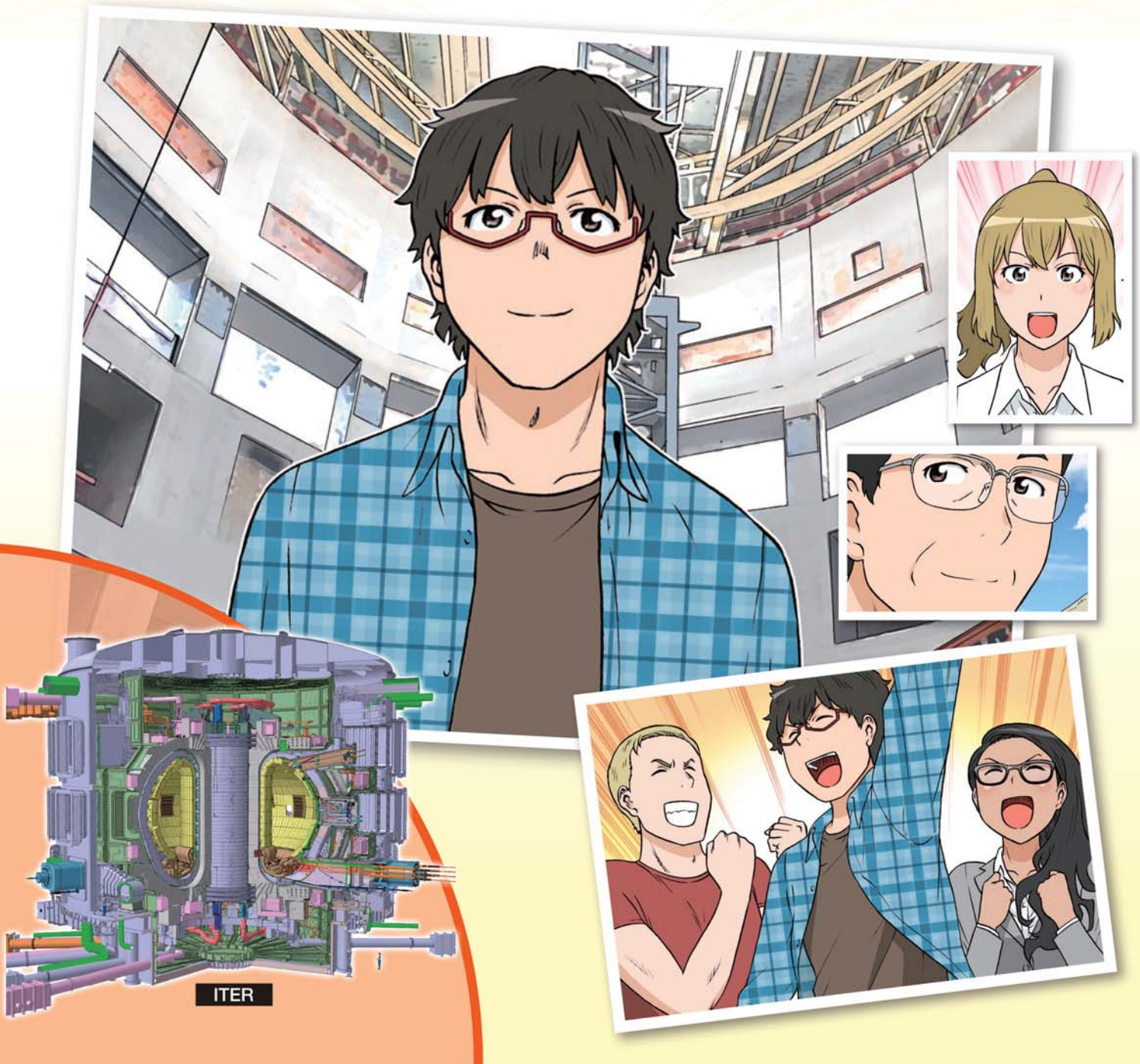


A Small Sun on Earth

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Vol.2 Internship chapter



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CHARACTERS



TAIYO TENNO

An art student who is about to graduate and begin job hunting. Very curious and willing to explore unknown worlds with an open mind. He is spending his summer vacation back in France as an intern at ITER.



SOLÉANE

A French researcher working at ITER in Saint-Paul-les-Durance. Currently lives in Aix-en-Provence. She was the one who initially got Taiyo interested in ITER when they first met one year ago.



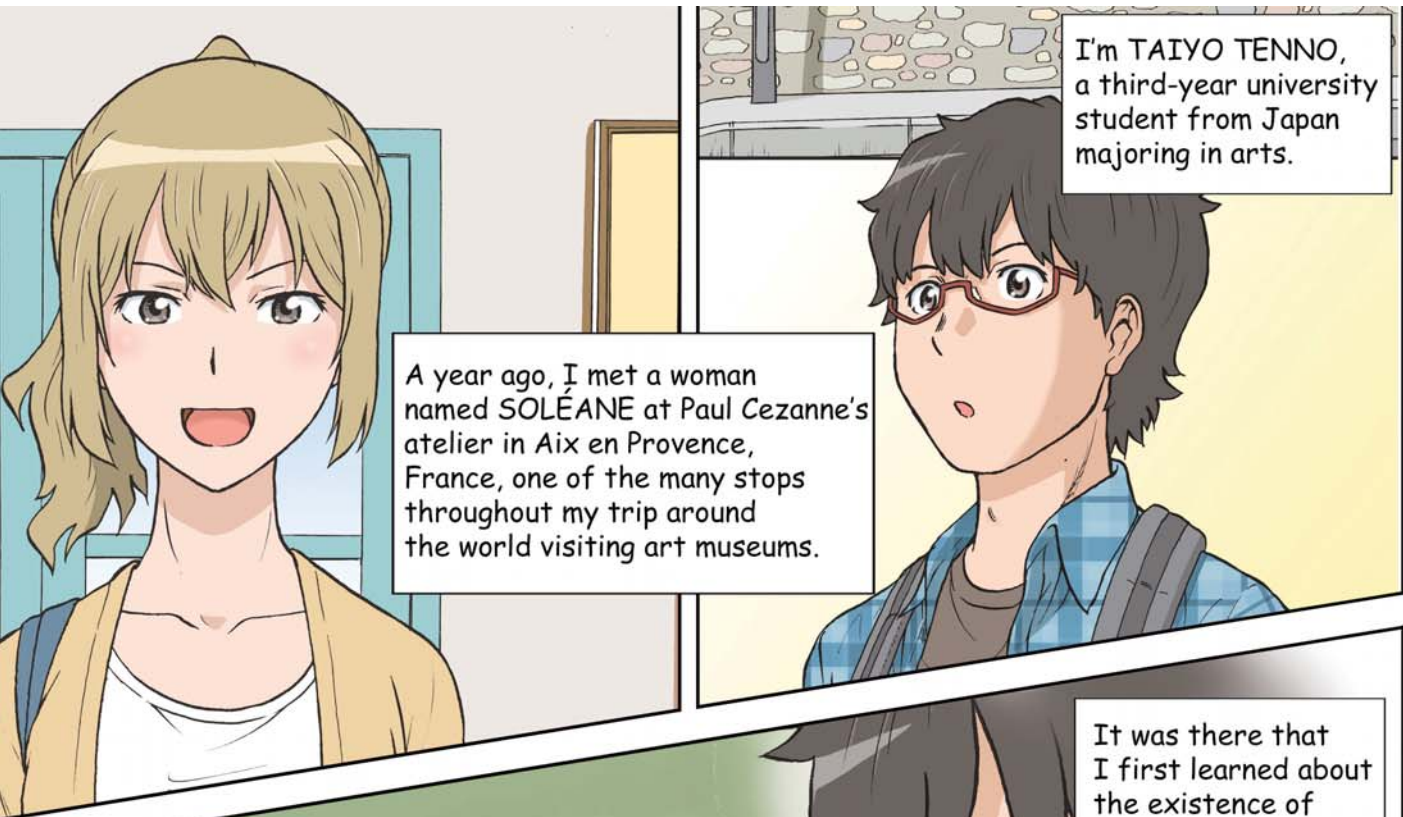
EISUKE TADA (as himself)

ITER's Deputy Director-General. One of "the seven pioneers" of the ITER project. Although strict, he is always looking out for his staff. He meets TAIYO through SOLÉANE.



The Other Interns

Two interns at ITER who started at the same time as Taiyo.



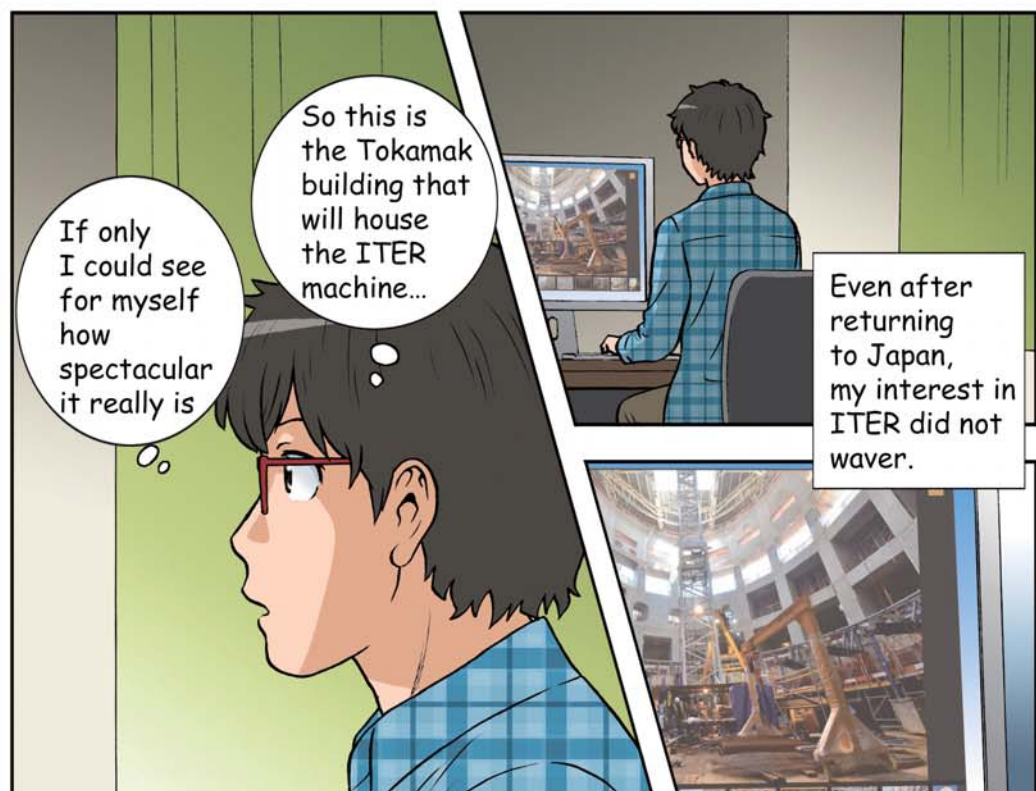
I'm TAIYO TENNO,
a third-year university
student from Japan
majoring in arts.

A year ago, I met a woman
named SOLÉANE at Paul Cezanne's
atelier in Aix en Provence,
France, one of the many stops
throughout my trip around
the world visiting art museums.

It was there that
I first learned about
the existence of
fusion energy

and the ITER Project,
a huge international project
conducting fusion research.

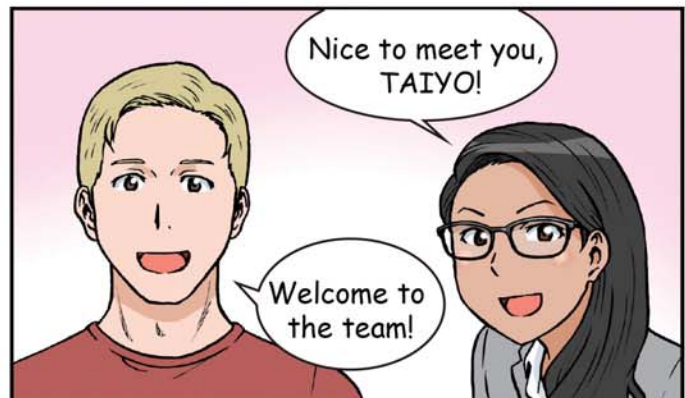
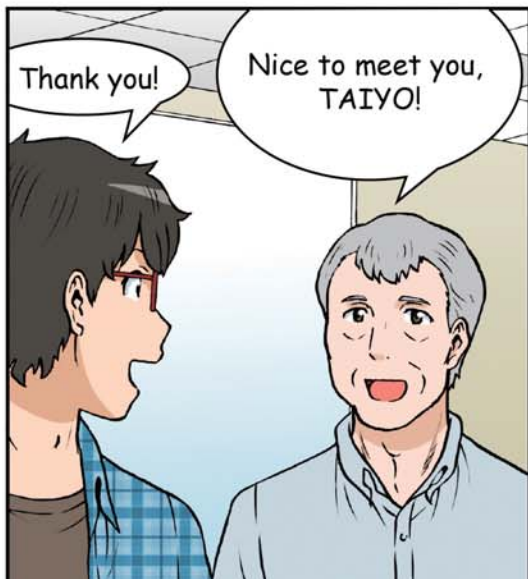
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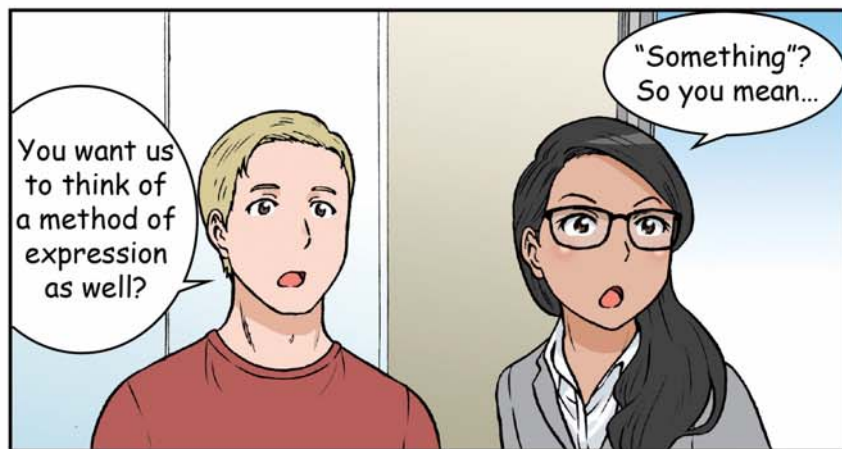


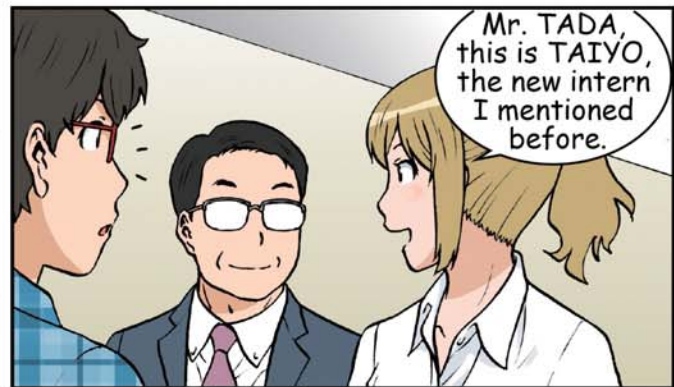
So this is
the Tokamak
building that
will house
the ITER
machine...

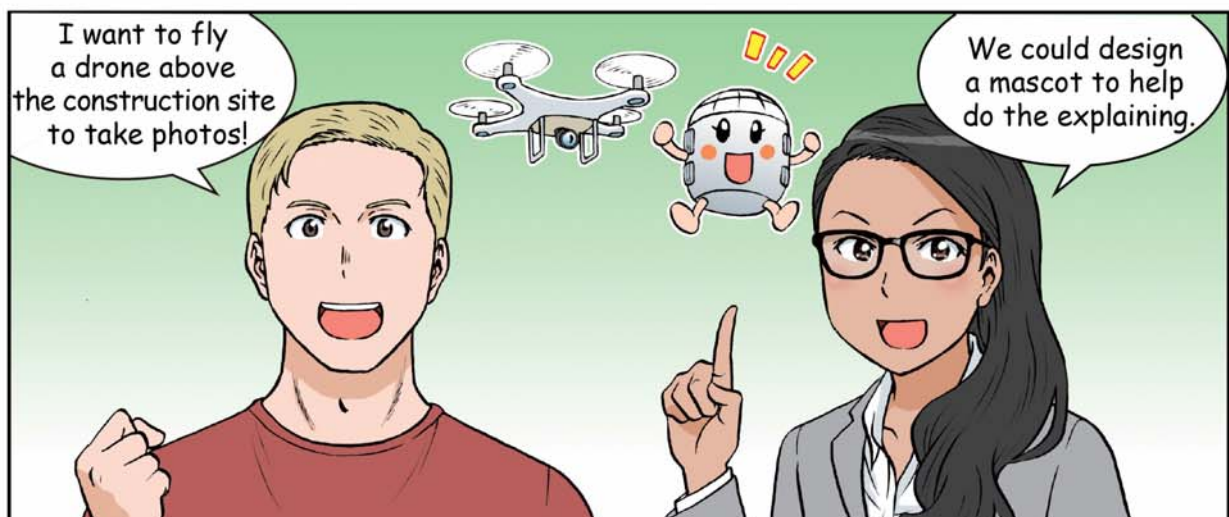
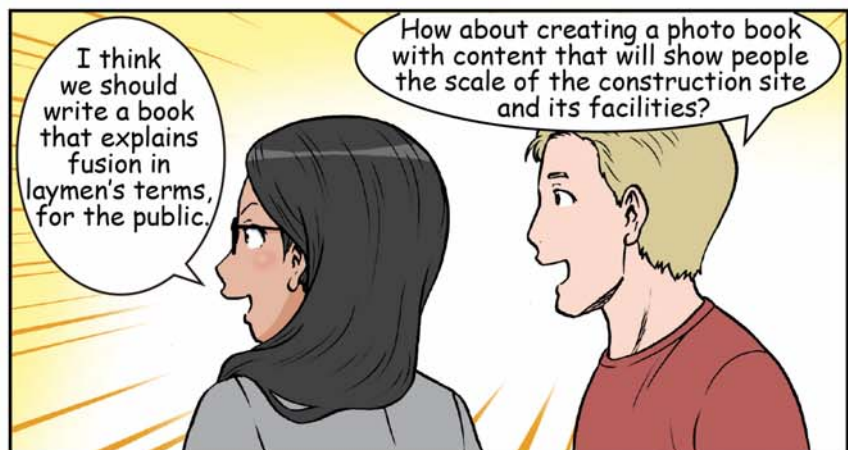
If only
I could see
for myself
how
spectacular
it really is

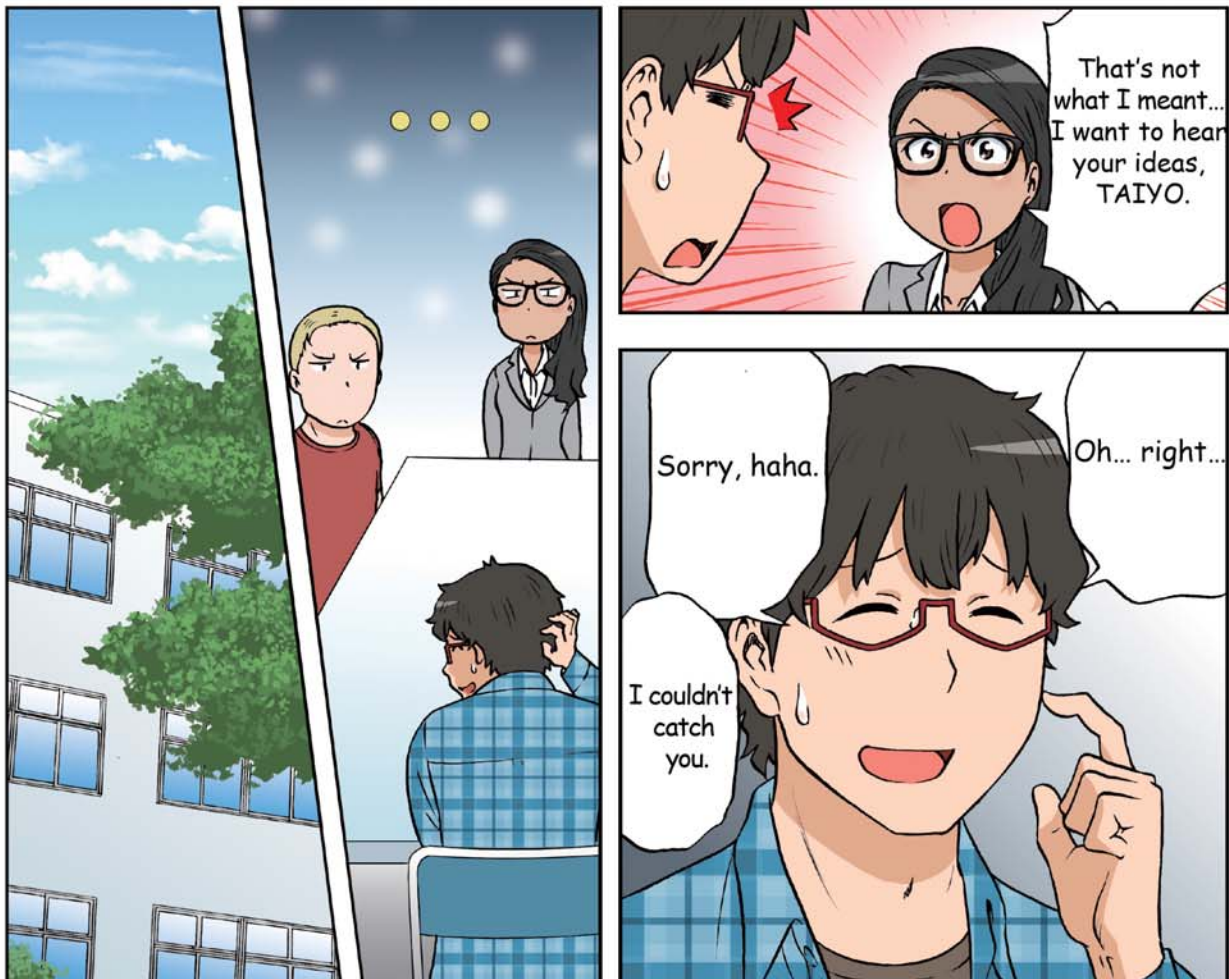
Even after
returning
to Japan,
my interest in
ITER did not
waver.



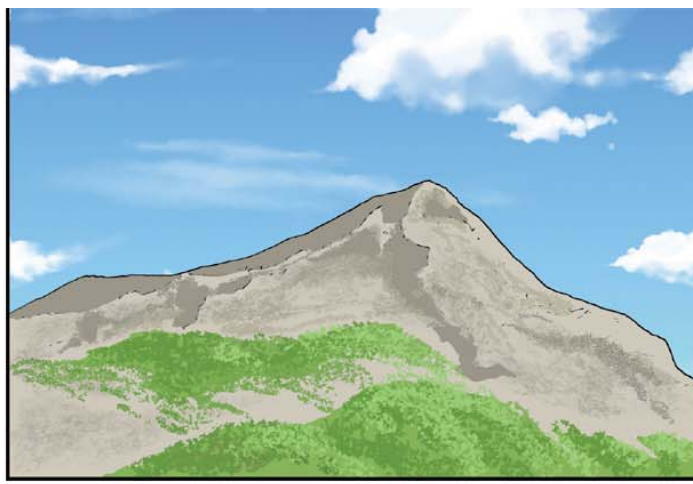










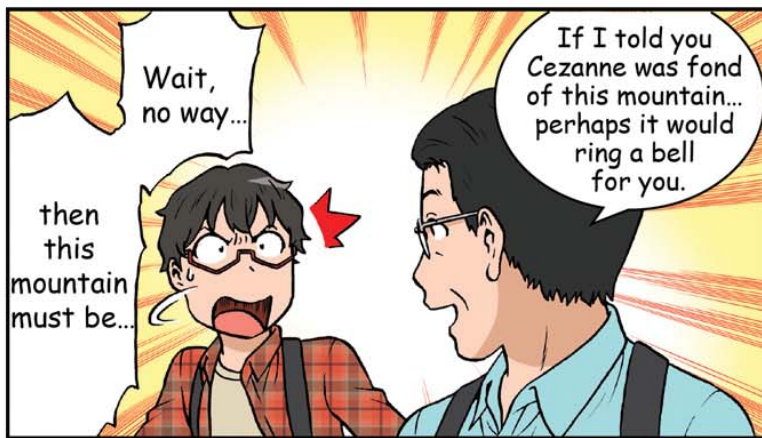


Mmmmm!!!!



Very!

Feels good, doesn't it?



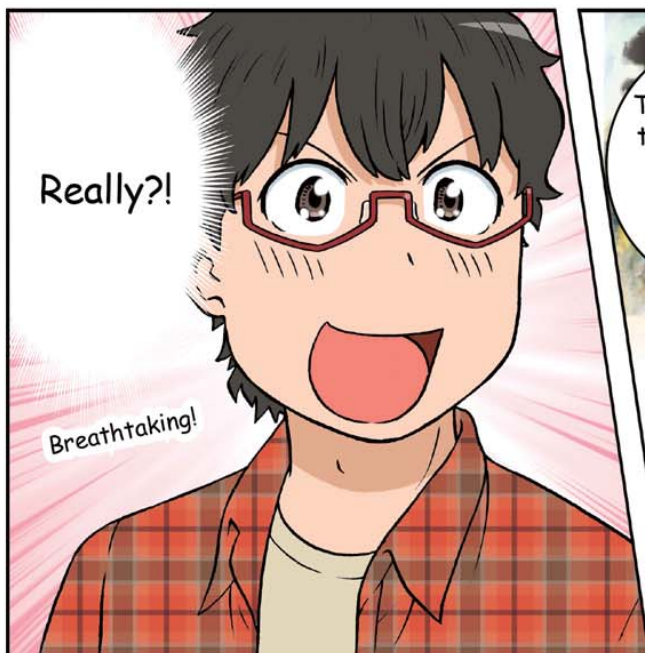
Wait,
no way...

then
this
mountain
must be...

If I told you
Cezanne was fond
of this mountain...
perhaps it would
ring a bell
for you.

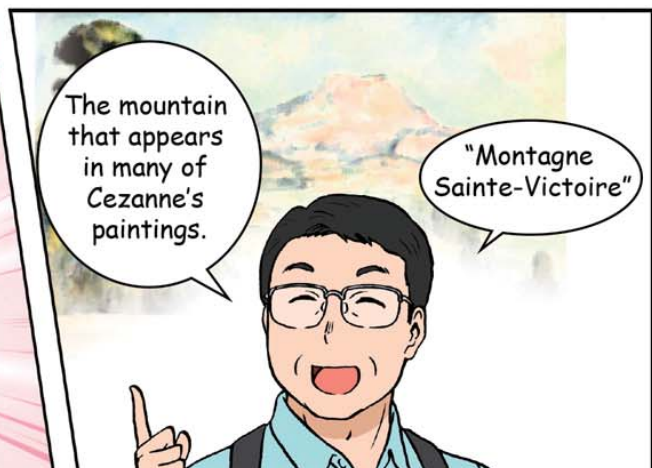


I come here
often with
colleagues, too.
It's a nice change
of pace.



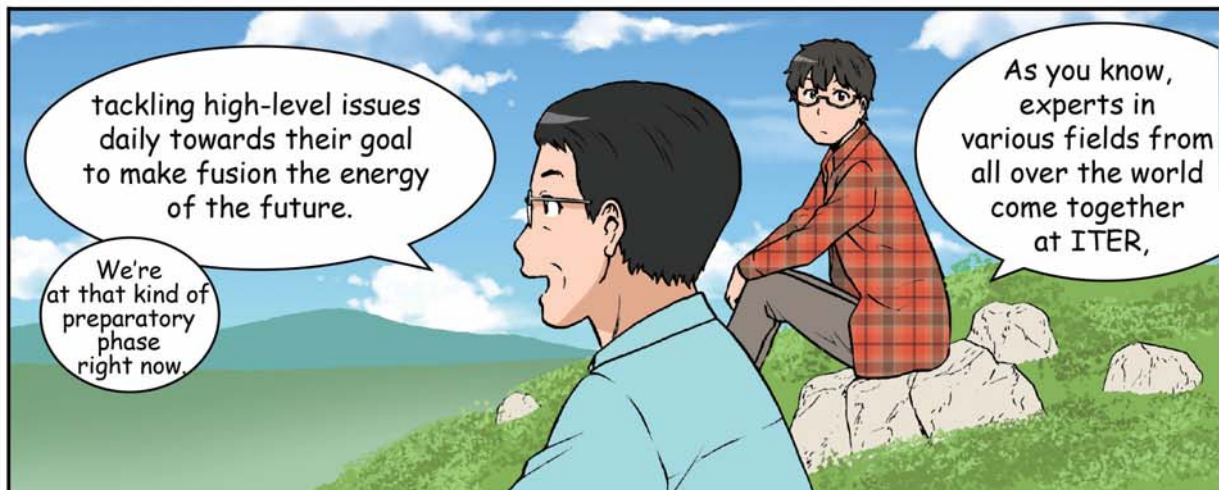
Really?!

Breathtaking!



The mountain
that appears
in many of
Cezanne's
paintings.

"Montagne
Sainte-Victoire"





I'm going to go back
and tell my colleagues
what I really think.

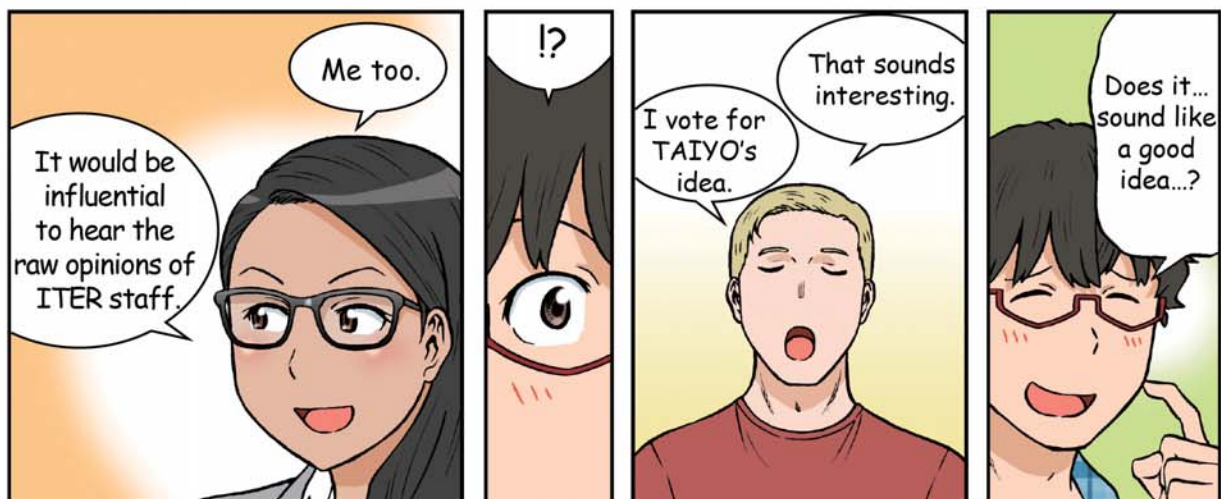
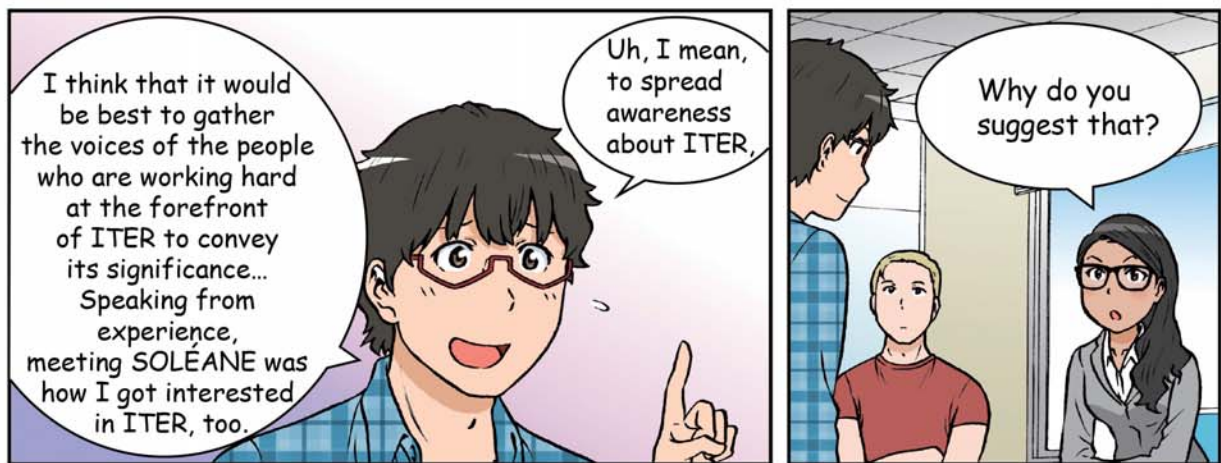
The main reason
I came here...

I just remembered
something
very important!



I will!

Make Japan proud,
TAIYO TENNO!





through
conducting
interviews
with
staff
members

There's
a few things
I've come
to realize
again



Facilities of
various sizes
are constructed
on this massive
site measuring
* 42 hectares.

One is
the vast
scale of
this project.

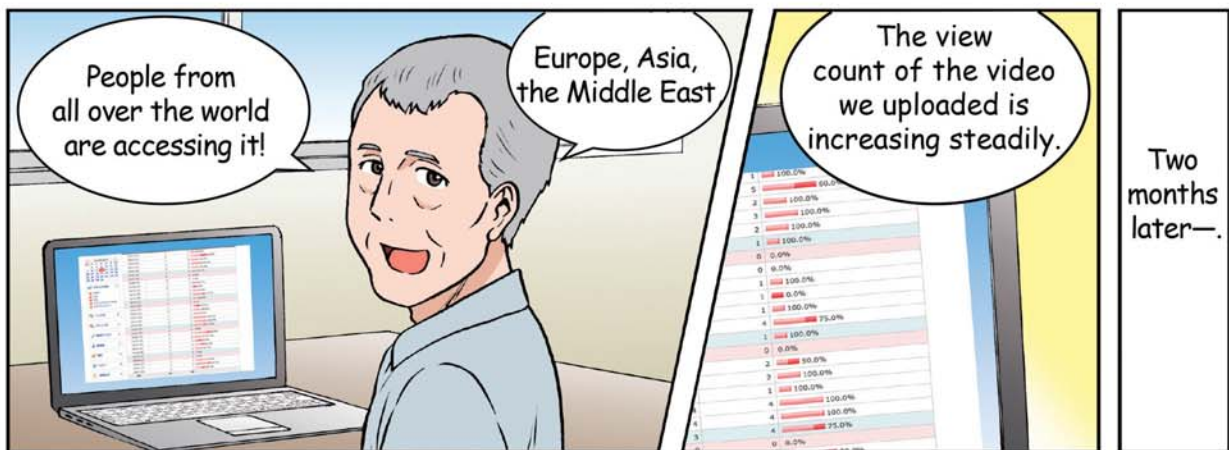
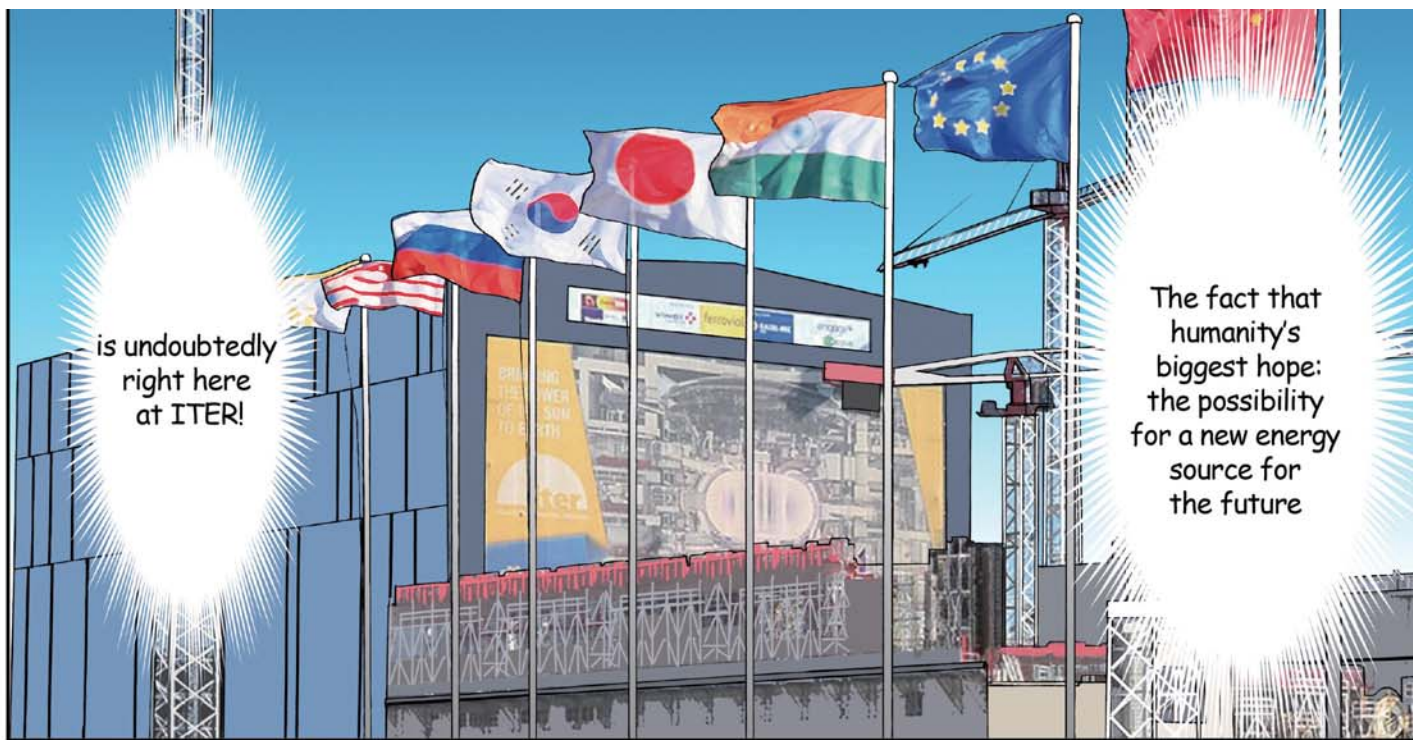
Of those facilities,
the presence of
the Tokamak Building
at the heart of ITER
is particularly
overwhelming.

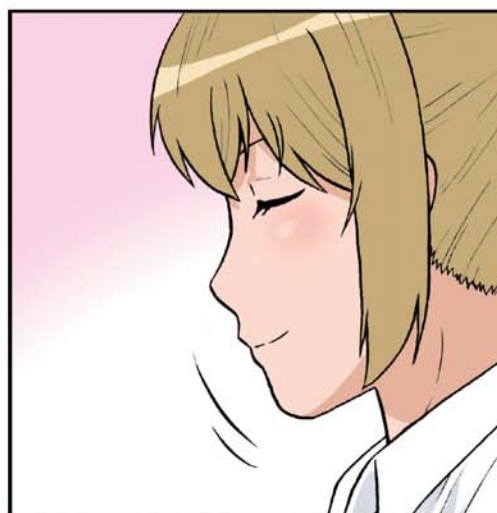
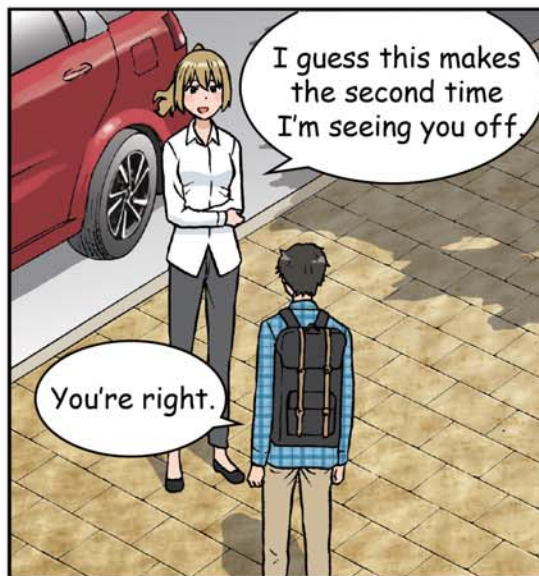
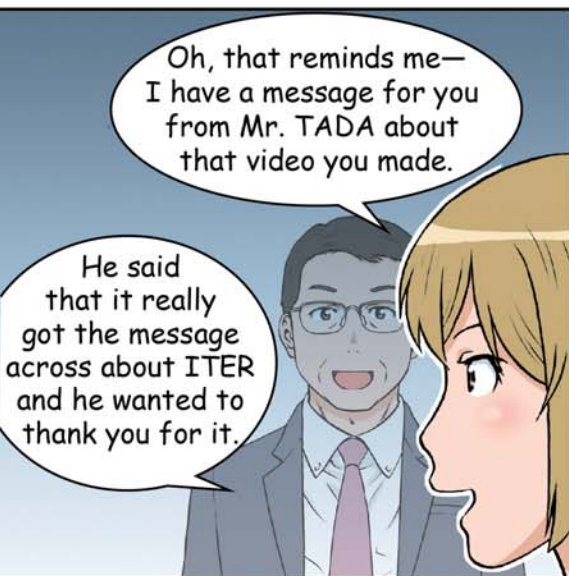
* one hectare is roughly equivalent to the size of an international rugby field.

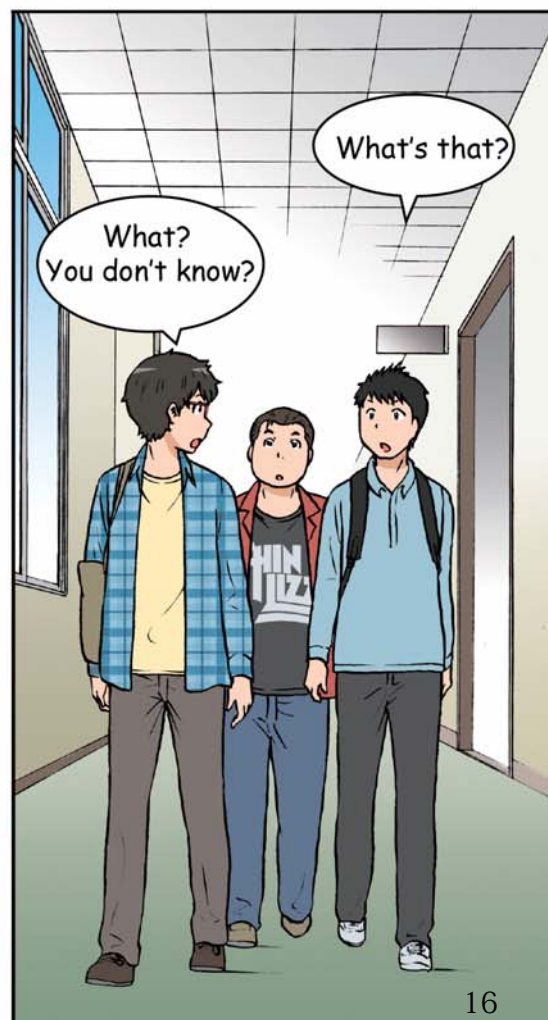
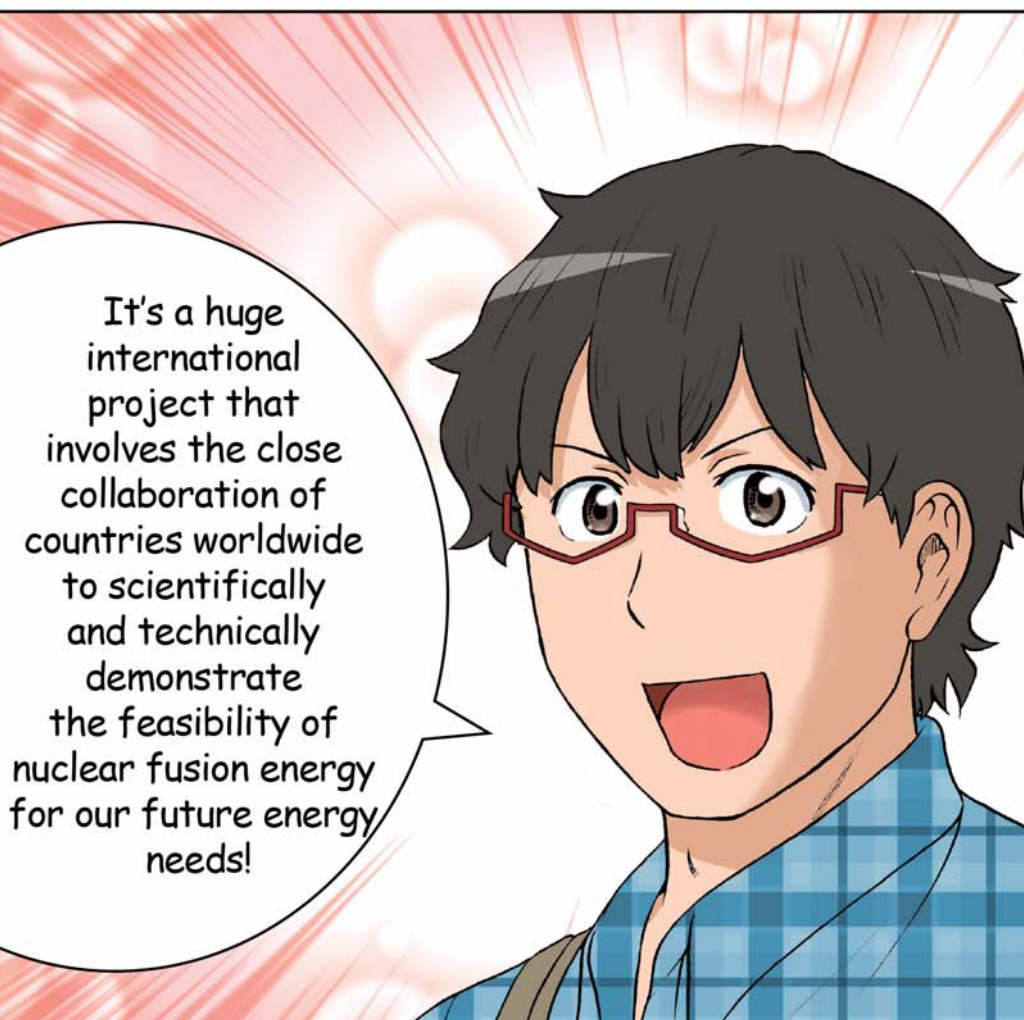
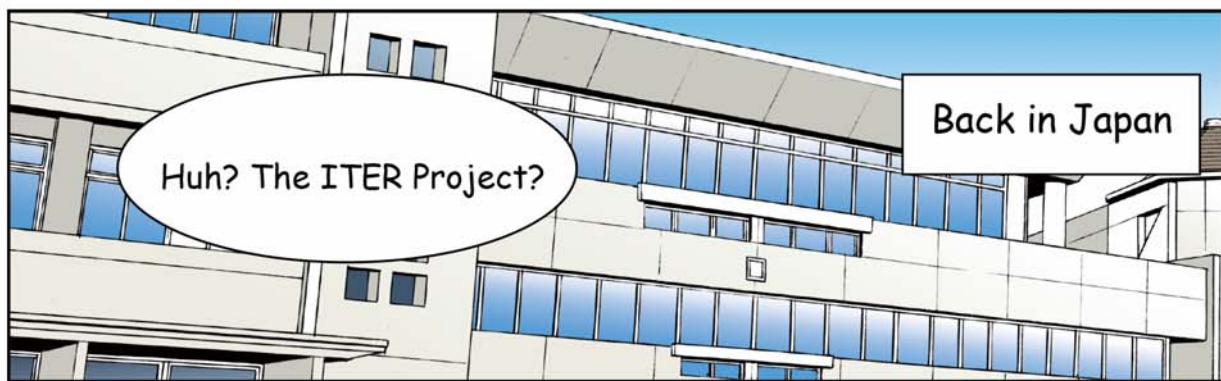
What
I've realized
more than
anything though,
is what
SOLEANE
told me
a year ago—

It made me
realize
just how huge
ITER is as
an international
joint research
project.

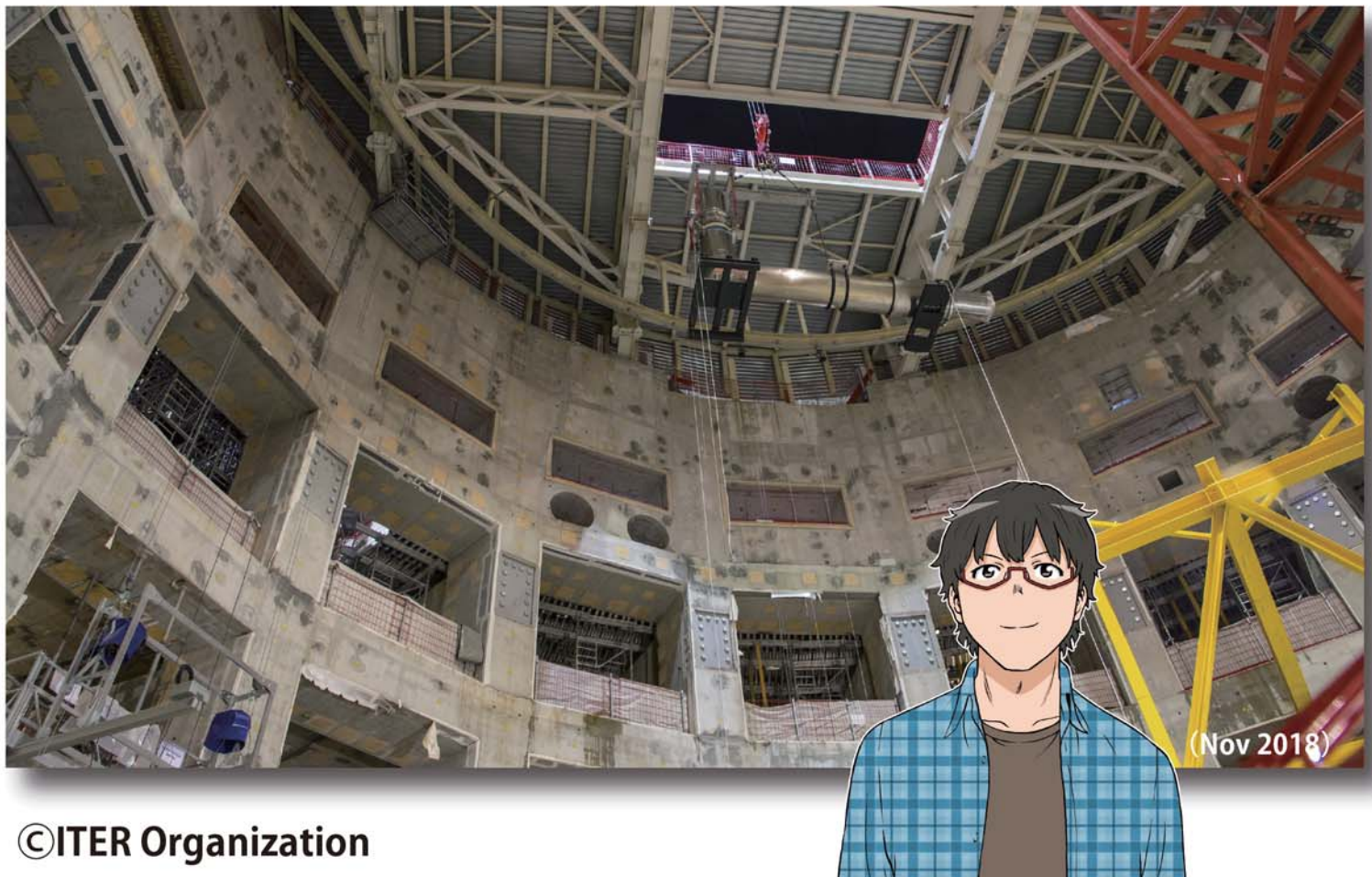
The enthusiasms
of experts near
and far combine
and flourish
on site.



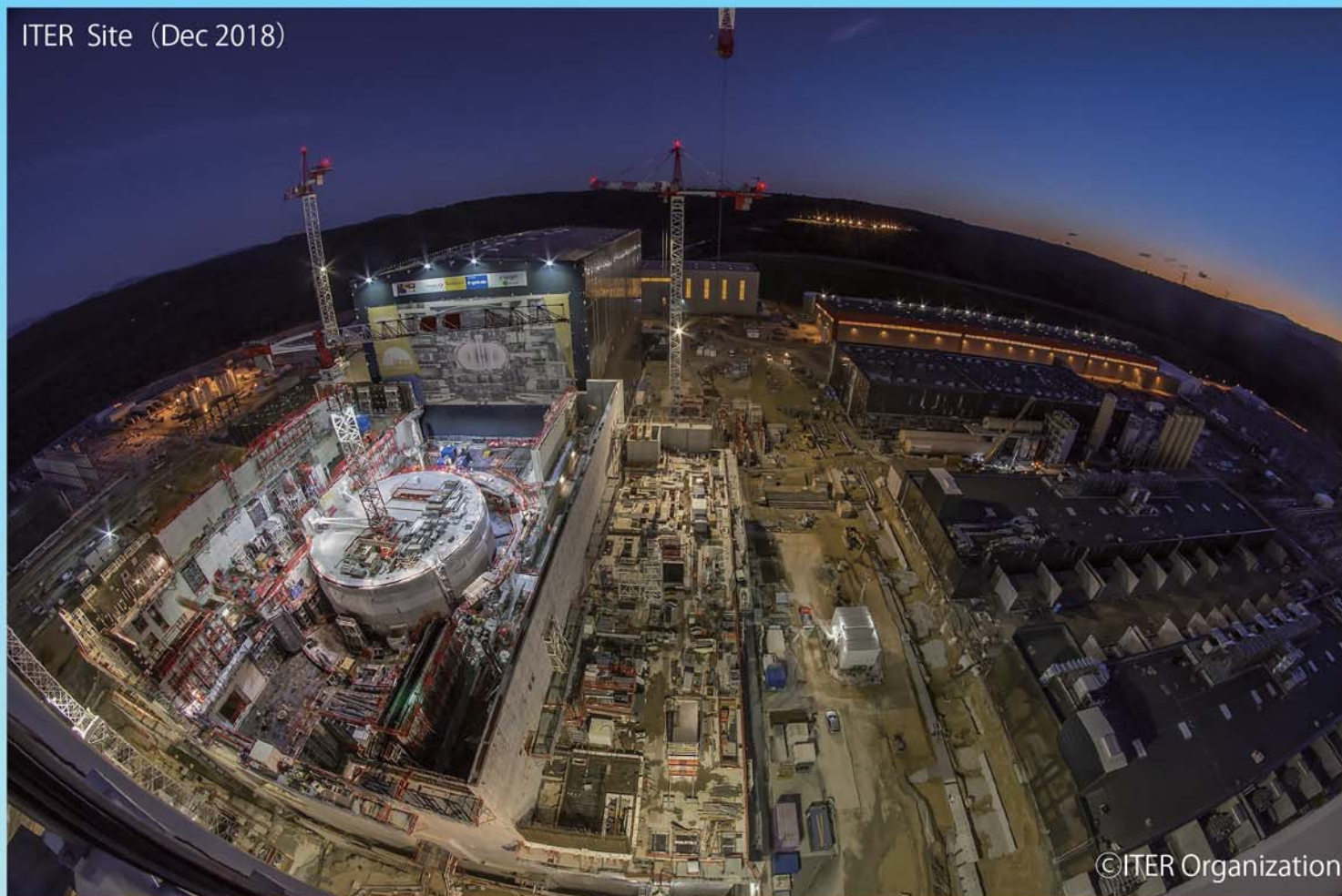




Tokamak Complex Building



ITER Site (Dec 2018)



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