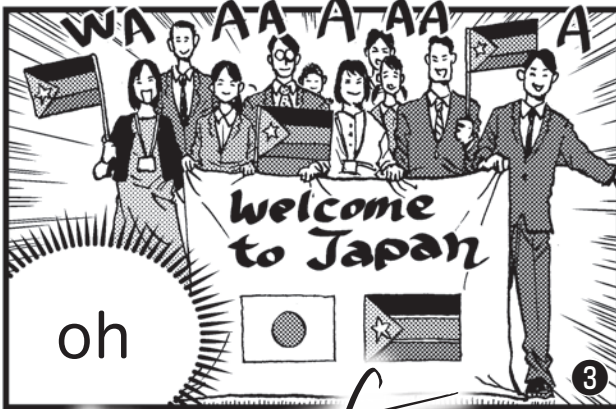


Presented by  
**Tsuyoshi Osumi**



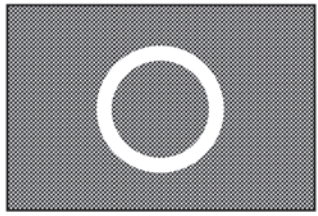


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**YAMAMOTO  
Ryu**  
Mayor of  
Maebashi City

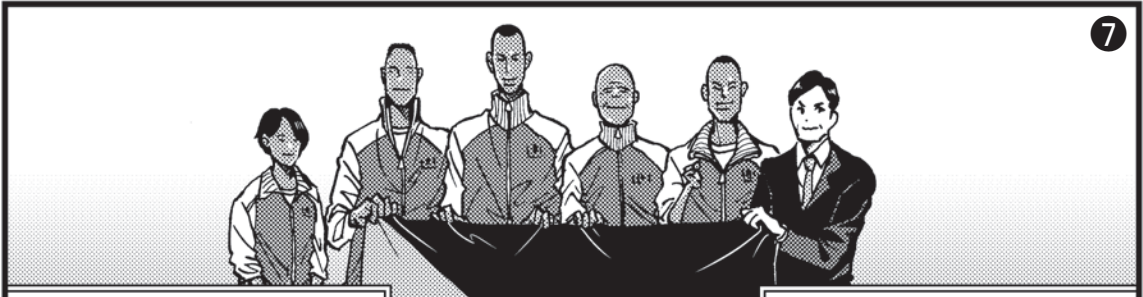
sympathized with JICA's efforts to promote peace through sports

and provided them with the opportunity of an unusually long pre-Olympic training camp.



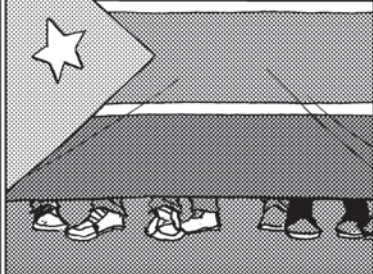
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Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture, which has become a host town for the athletes,

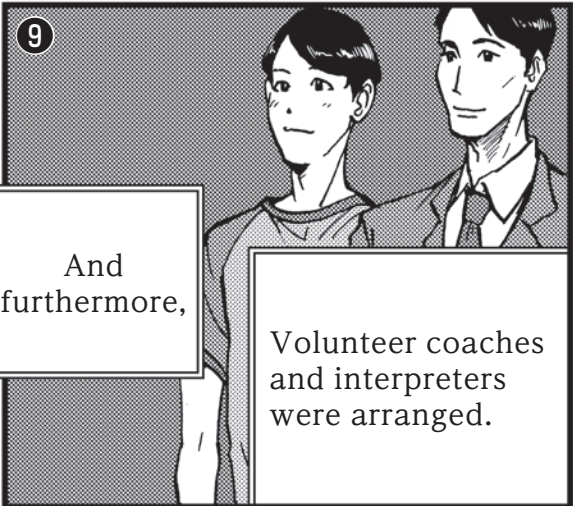


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the initiative involved not only the government but also citizens and the community.



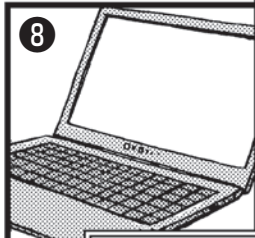
Also, as they wanted to "provide an opportunity for citizens to think about peace,"



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And furthermore,

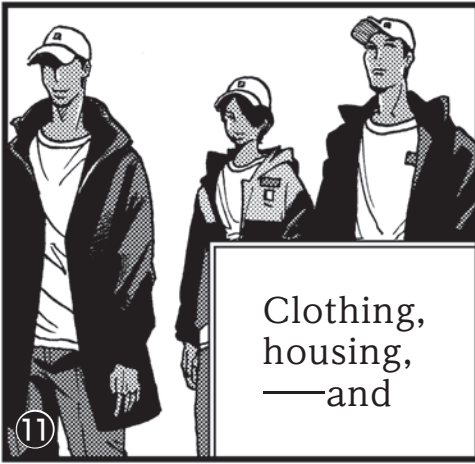
Volunteer coaches and interpreters were arranged.



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One example of this was the use of "Furusato Nozei (hometown tax)."

Activities were funded through crowdfunding.



Clothing, housing, —and

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sponsorship by private companies was sought.

Language schools conducted Japanese lessons for us.

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training facilities were provided.

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Oh my gosh, wow!!



We will be able to fully prepare for the Olympics!

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But the celebration did not last for long. We were hit with an unprecedented anxiety.



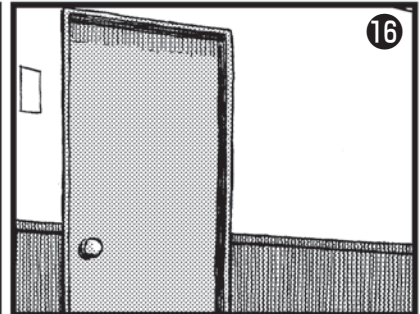
Japan is so amazing!!

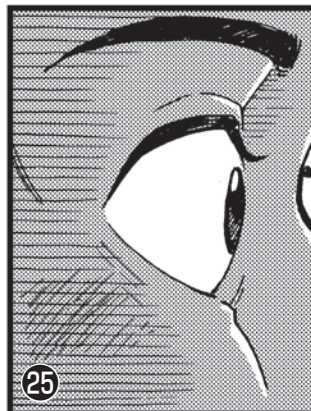
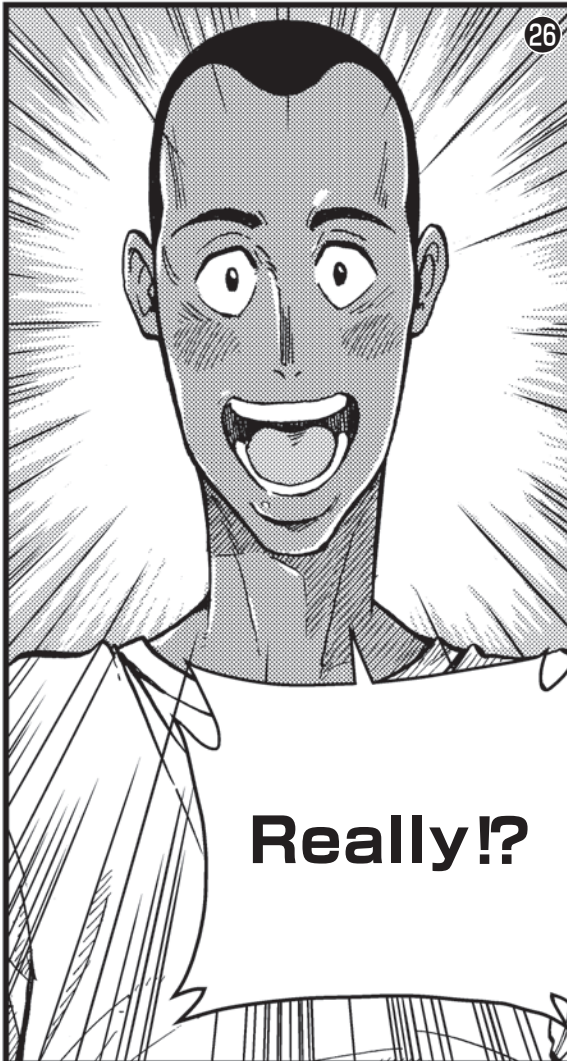
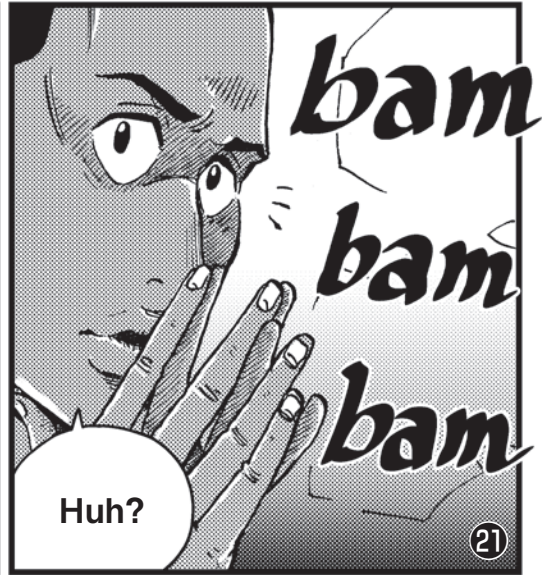
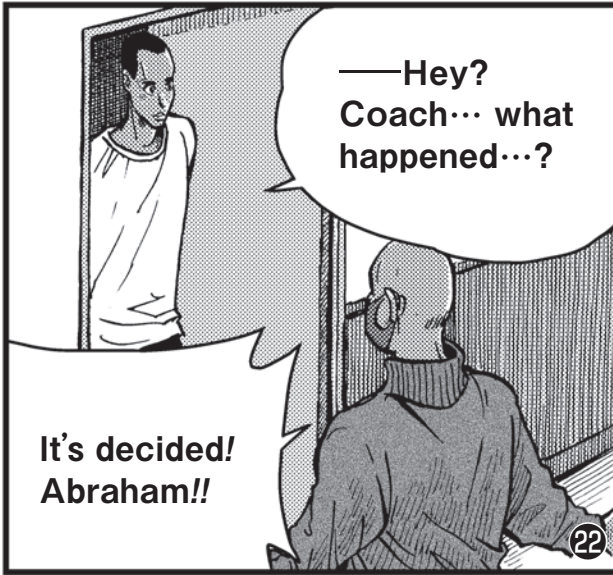
Can we really train on this track!?

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**“Due to the spread of COVID-19,  
the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be  
postponed”**





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If I can train at a high-level in Japan for this one year,

I will surely become even faster!!

*huff* *huff*

I was worried about the holding of the Olympics but quickly switched my thinking.

前橋総合公園

*huff* *huff*

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How was that!?

*huff* *huff*

Click!

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Hmm... Well...

it was quite difficult to improve my times

*Clench*

while running alone.

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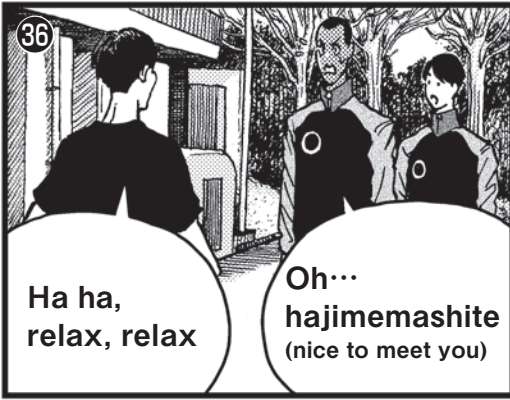
Hmm...

Actually

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Your time is not improving...

What?



Ha ha, relax, relax

Oh... hajimemashite (nice to meet you)



I look forward to running with you today.

Oh...yes! I look forward to it too!



While we were occupied with these issues, through an introduction from JICA

we met "Him."

Nice to meet you, Abraham!

**YOKOTA Masato**  
Leader and coach of the track club "TWOLAPS" and former Olympian

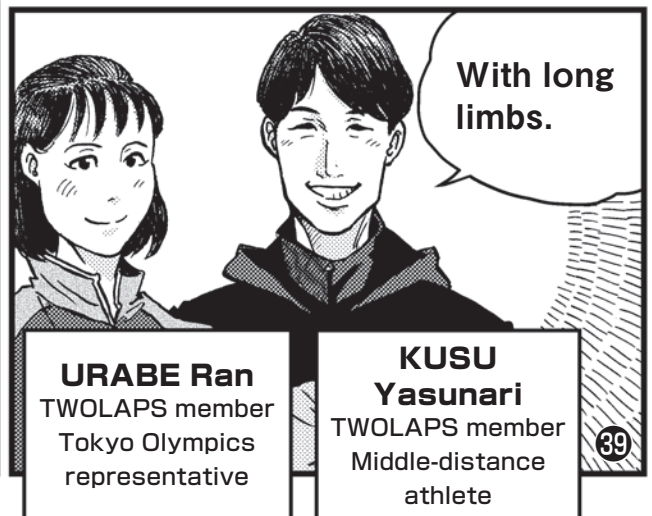


Ah... sukoshi dake (just a bit)...

Do you speak Japanese? Japanese!



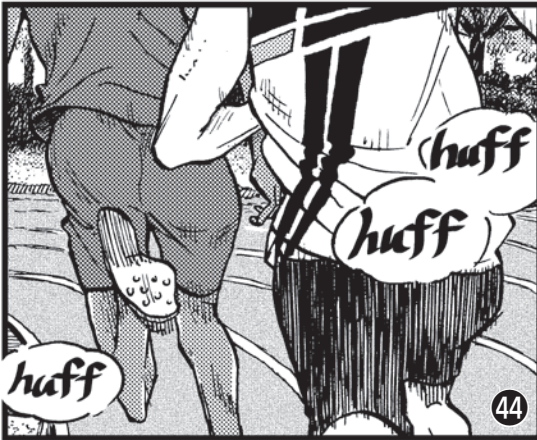
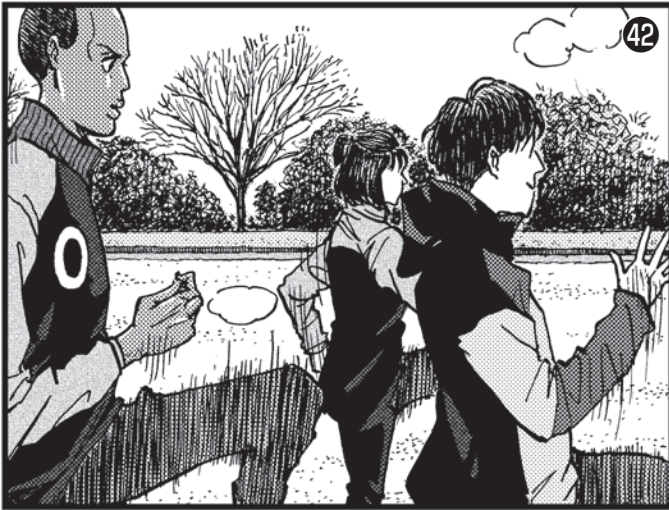
Wow, Abraham. You're such a tall guy!



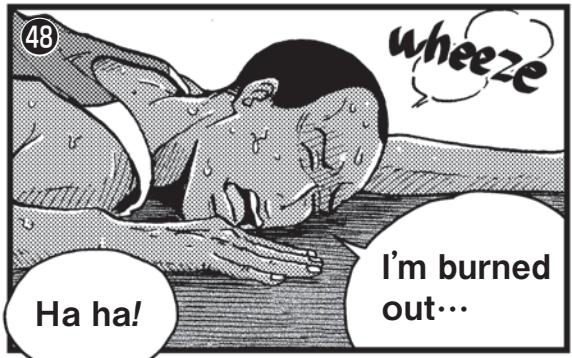
With long limbs.

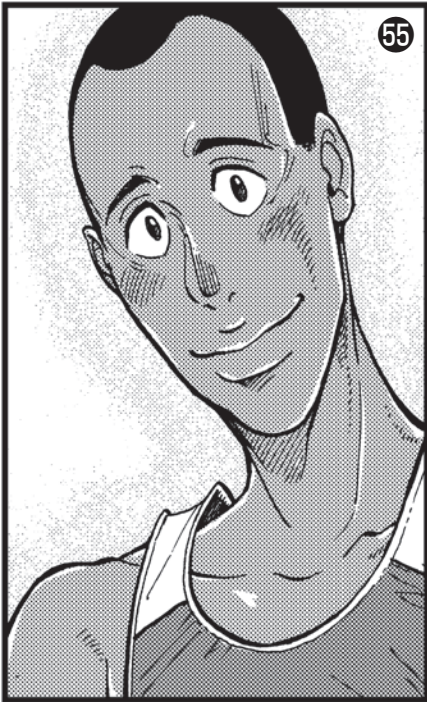
**URABE Ran**  
TWOLAPS member  
Tokyo Olympics representative

**KUSU Yasunari**  
TWOLAPS member  
Middle-distance athlete

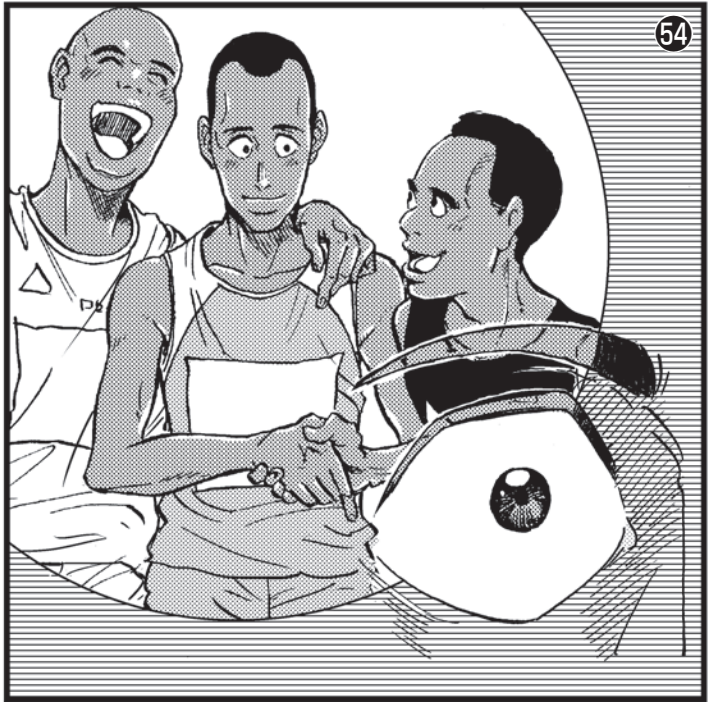




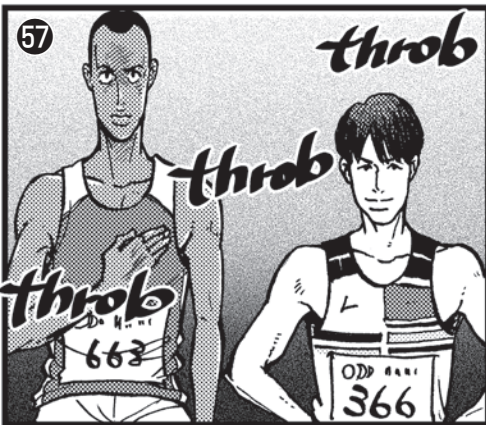




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Then  
on the day of the  
Tokyo Athletics  
Association  
middle distance  
challenge...

I've got something  
I'd like to tell the  
people of my  
country and the  
whole world.



On your  
mark

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**BANG!**

But I can tell you one thing.

It is very important to love one's country.

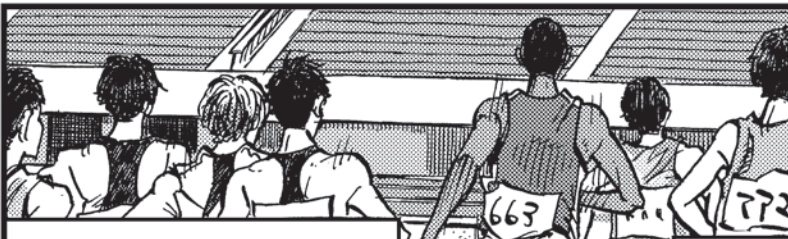
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I lost a brother-in-law in the civil war.

I didn't grow up in a wealthy family.



I wanted to use that power for the development of my country.

When I first participated in the National Unity Day

and experienced the power of my running

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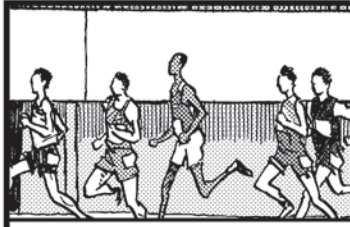
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Now that I am interacting with the Japanese athletes, I am convinced that I was right.

That was my way of showing "I love my country."

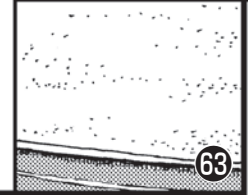
killing each other with guns.

Of course, that does not mean



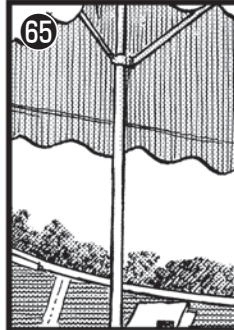
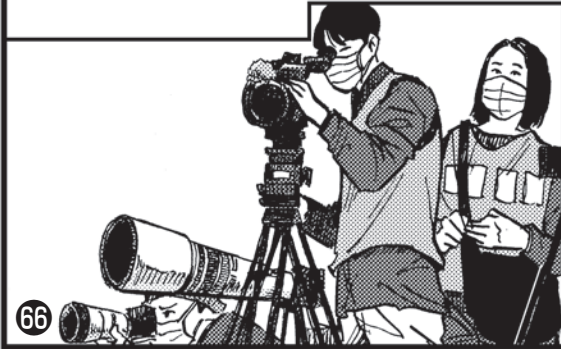
I believe that loving one's country

means to think positively about what's good for the country.



may be saving someone's life somewhere in the world.

If you are a farmer, the crops you are growing



If you find happiness in teaching others,

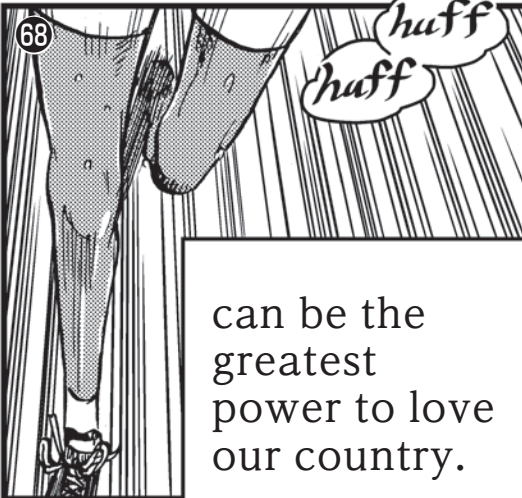
you have the power to become a teacher and contribute to your country's education.



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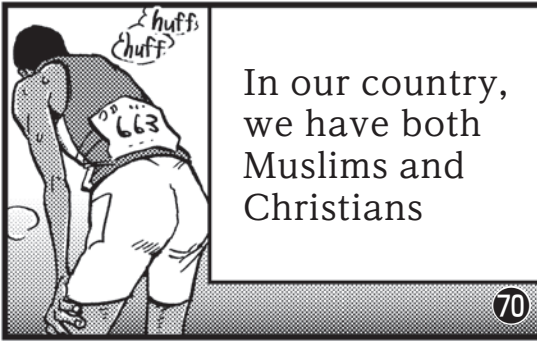
*huff*  
*huff*

can be the greatest power to love our country.



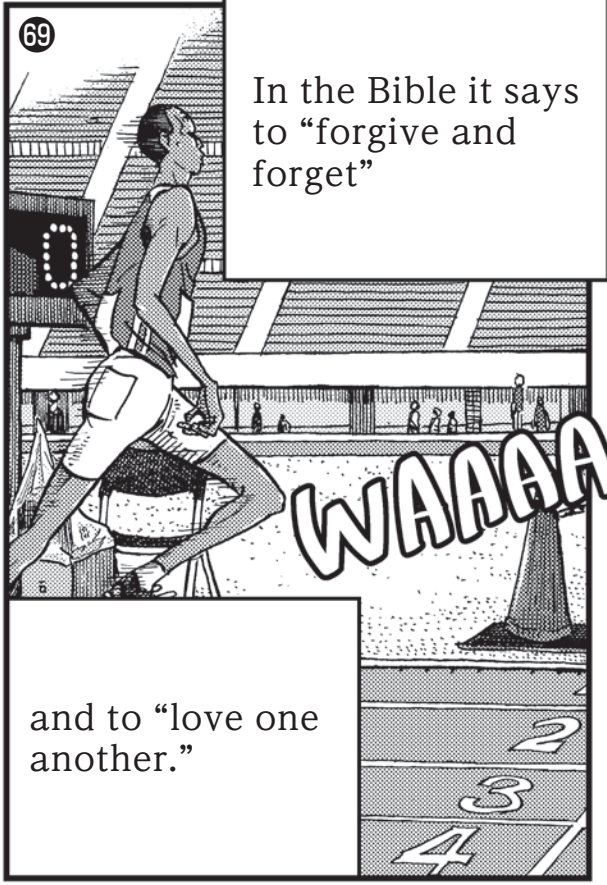
The everyday power that all of us have and our daily mission,

if we look at it in a positive way,



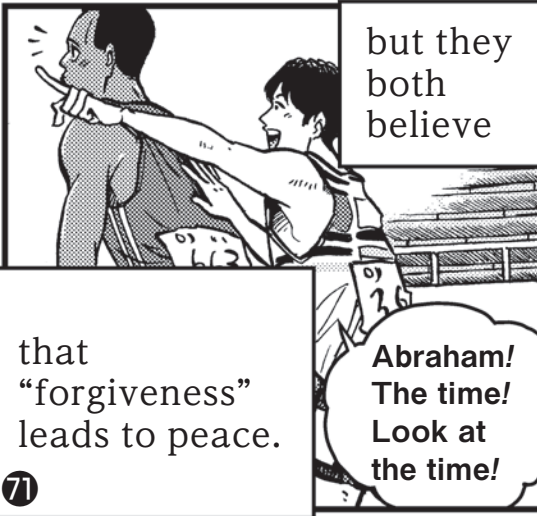
In our country, we have both Muslims and Christians

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In the Bible it says to "forgive and forget"

and to "love one another."

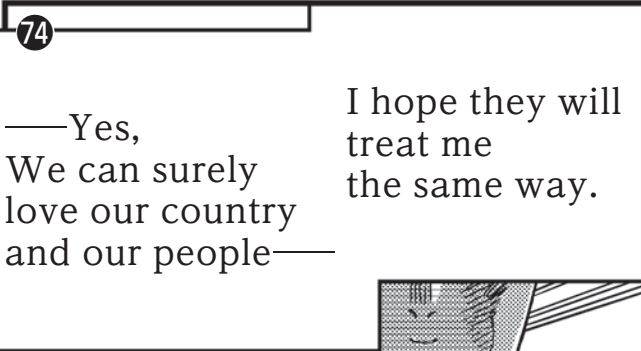


but they both believe

Abraham! The time! Look at the time!

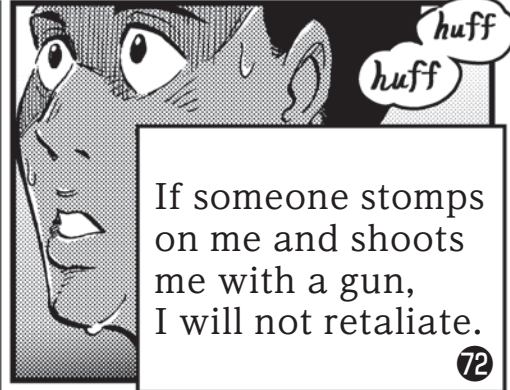
that "forgiveness" leads to peace.

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—Yes, We can surely love our country and our people—

I hope they will treat me the same way.



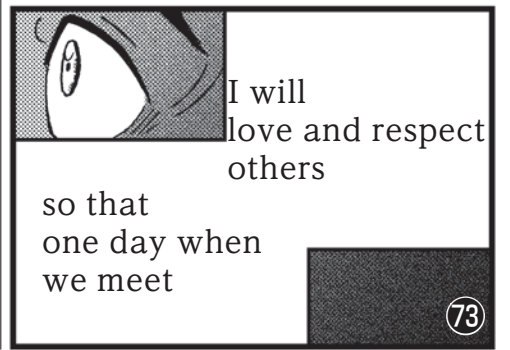
If someone stomps on me and shoots me with a gun, I will not retaliate.

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What?! A South Sudan new national record!? Really!?

National Record...



I will love and respect others

so that one day when we meet

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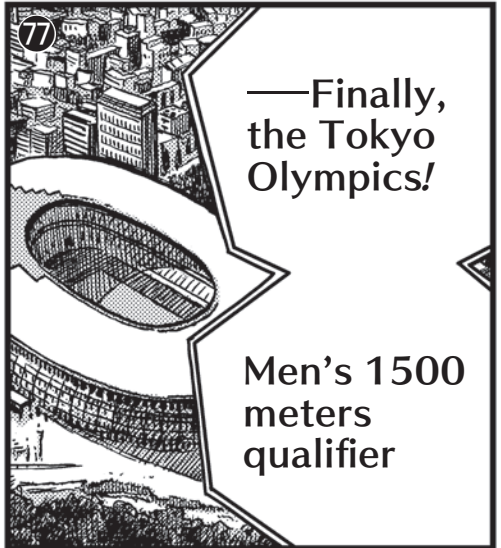


**That's  
because  
we are  
"one."**

August 2021 —



The starting time is approaching.



—Finally, the Tokyo Olympics!

Men's 1500 meters qualifier



Thank you... to everyone I ever met.



*breath in...*

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For Peace  
and for  
Love.

On your mark...

BANG!



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● END...