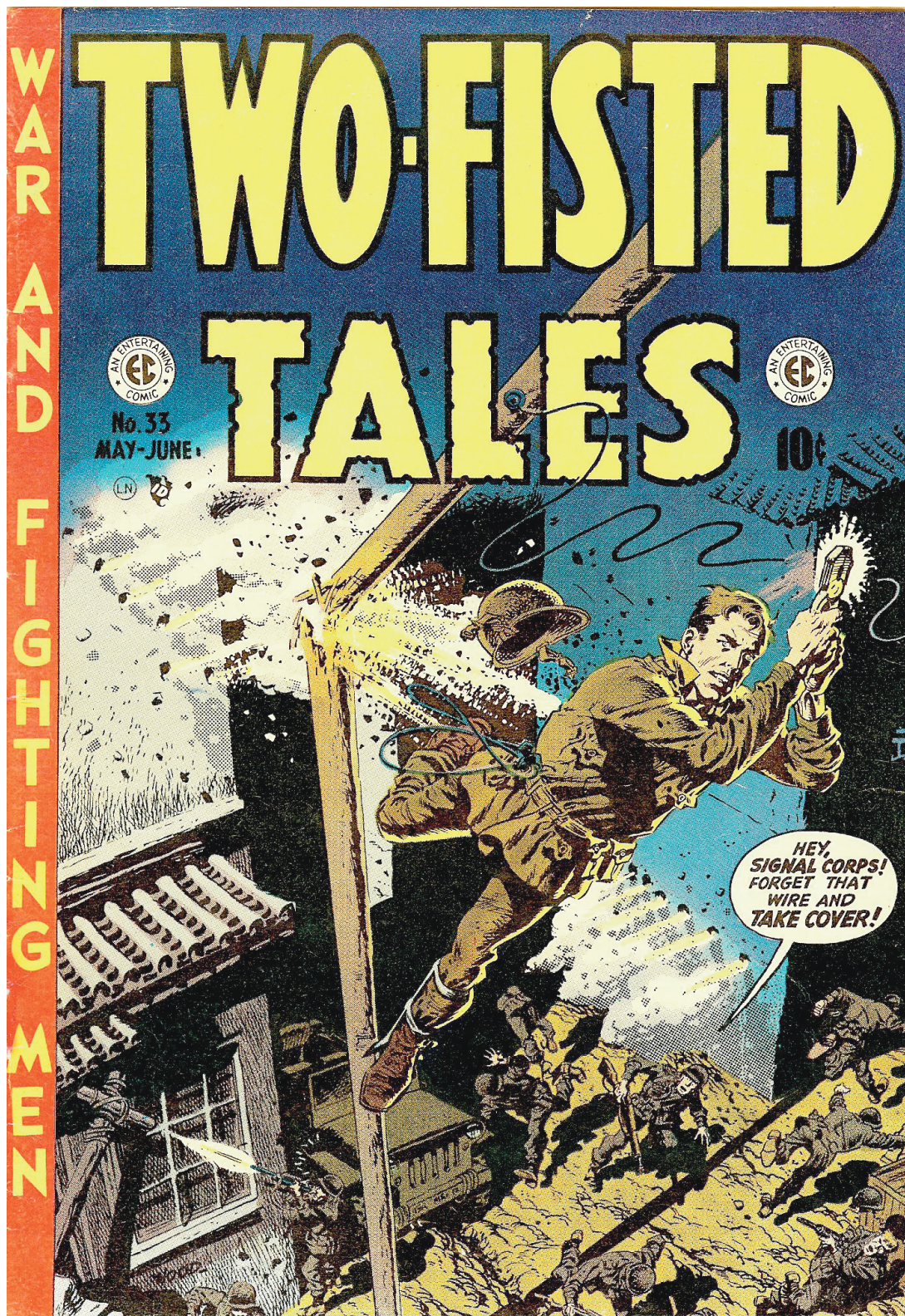

ATOM BOMB - TWO FISTED TALES

Comic de Harvey Kurtzman (scénario) et Wallace Wood (dessin)
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ON AUGUST 9, 1945... A SUNNY DAY... CITIZENS OF NAGASAKI, JAPAN, HEARD A RADIO WARNING!... ENEMY PLANES OVER SHIMBARA HEADING WEST!... AT 11:03 A.M., CITIZENS OF NAGASAKI HEARD THE *VRRROOW* OF A B-29 BANKING OVERHEAD...AND IT WAS THE LAST THING THEY HEARD BEFORE BEING BLOWN TO ETERNITY BY THE...

ATOM BOMB!



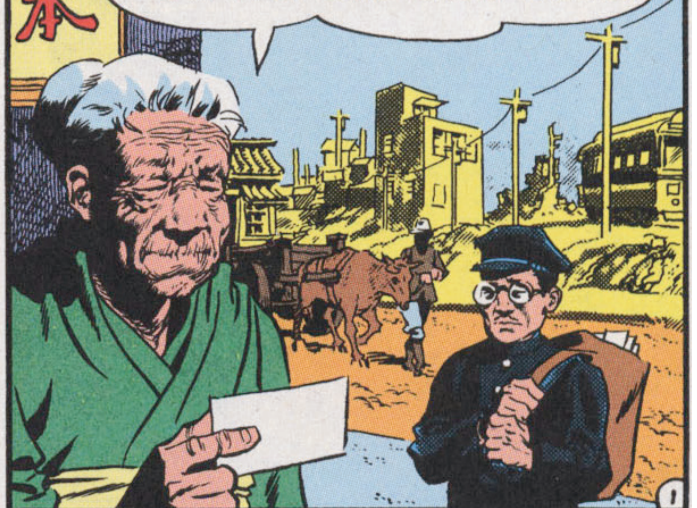
OHIO GOZAIMASU,
YUBINYA-SAN! I HOPE
YOU HAVE A LETTER
FOR ME TODAY!

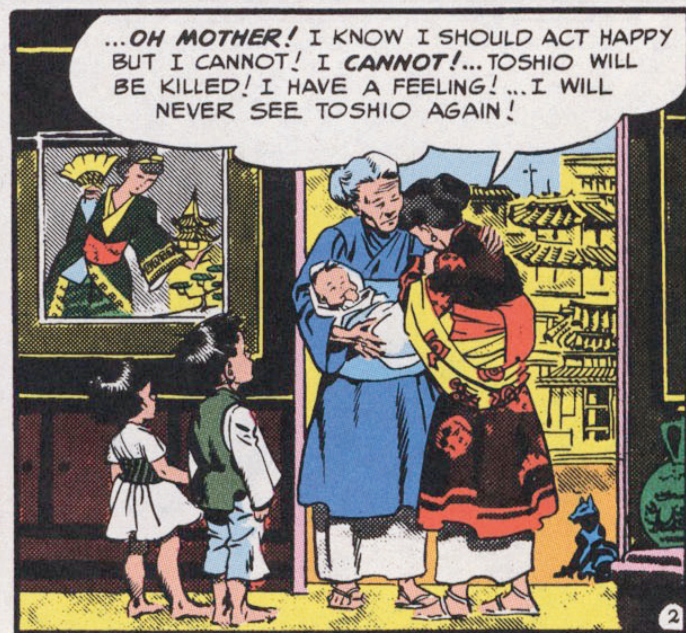
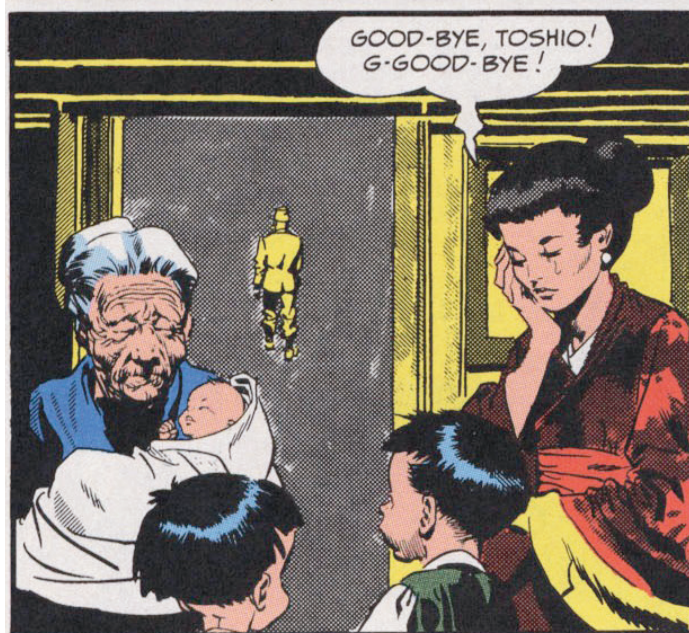
OHIO, TAGAWA-SAN!
I HAVE A POST CARD
FOR YOU FROM
FAR AWAY!



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FAR AWAY?... SIBERIA! WHERE THE
RUSSIANS ARE HOLDING TOSHIO
PRISONER! ARIGATAI DESU! IT
IS A POST CARD FROM TOSHIO!





MAH MAH... THAT WAS HOW WE ALL FELT INSIDE! WE WERE STAYING SAFE IN JAPAN WHILE TOSHIO WAS GOING TO WAR TO BE KILLED!... NOW LET ME SEE WHAT HE SAYS!..." HOW ARE YOU, TIMO..."

...TIMO! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIS POOR WIFE! WHEN THE B-29 CAME, I BEGGED HER TO RUN...

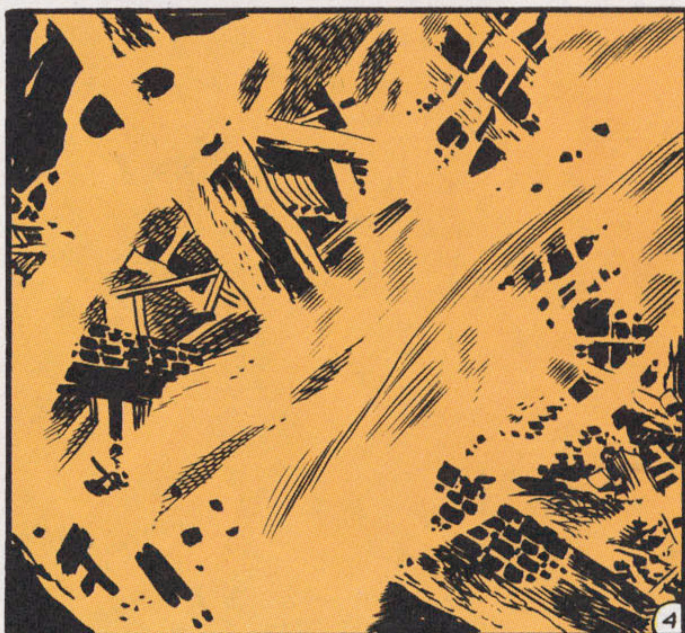
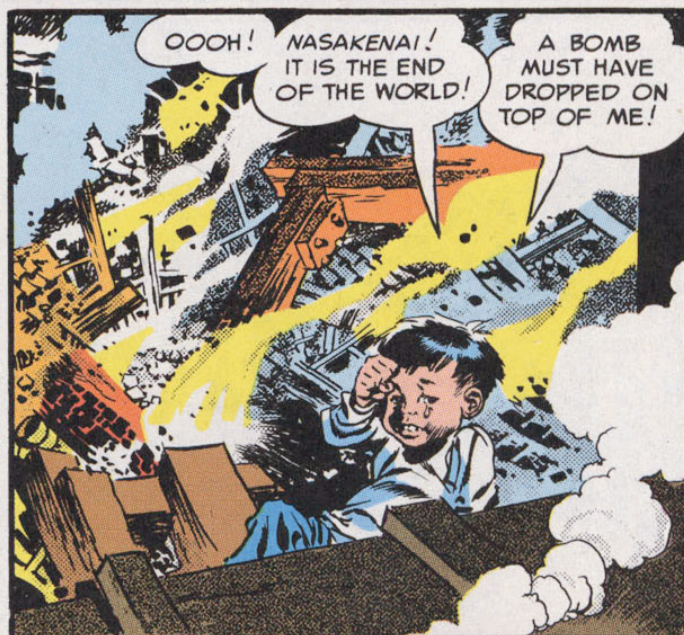
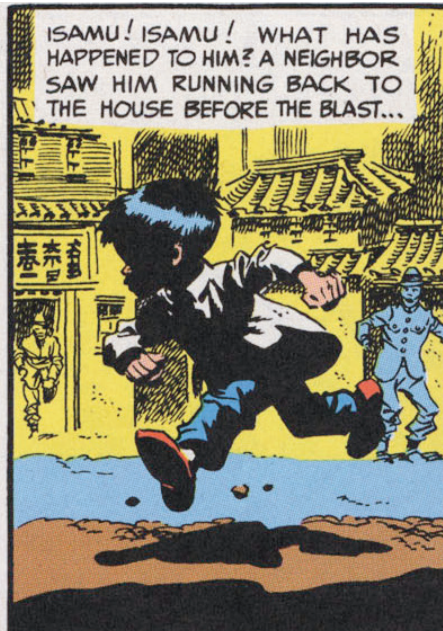
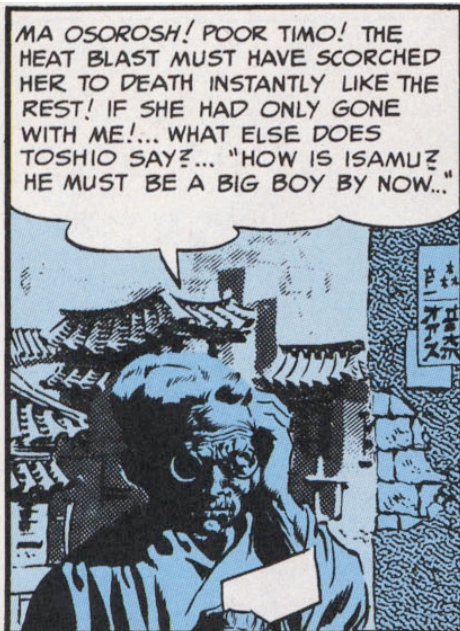
... BUT SHE INSISTED ON GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE ...

I MUST GET THE SEWING MACHINE!

AFTER ALL, NEXT TO THE FAMILY, THE SEWING MACHINE IS MY MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION!

OYA OYA! THERE IS THE NOISE THEY MAKE WHEN THEY DROP BOMBS!

MMR ROW W



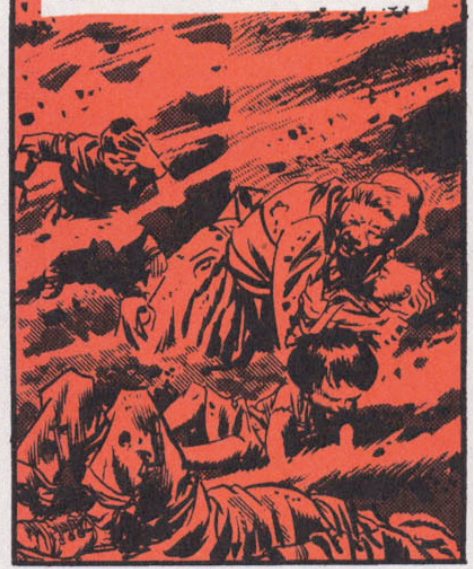
AH TOSHIO! POOR ISAMU...
VANISHED! NOBODY FOUND A
TRACE OF HIM AFTER THE ATOM
BOMB!... WHAT MORE DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW, TOSHIO? "AND
WHAT OF MATSU... DOES SHE
MISS ME...?"



DEAD! MATSU IS DEAD LIKE
THE OTHERS! SHE WAS WITH
ME AND THE BABY IN THE
SHELTER WHEN THE BOMB FELL...



...AND I WAS LIFTED UP AND
THROWN AGAINST THE OPPOSITE WALL...

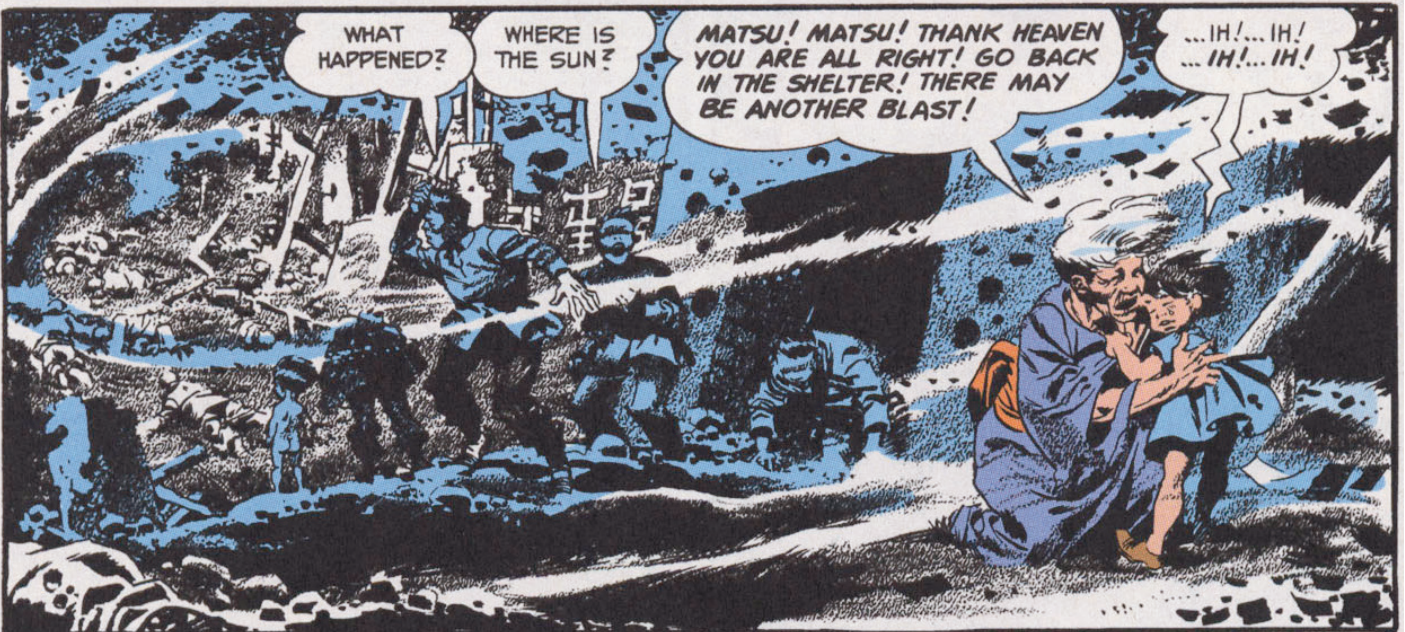


WHAT
HAPPENED?

WHERE IS
THE SUN?

MATSU! MATSU! THANK HEAVEN
YOU ARE ALL RIGHT! GO BACK
IN THE SHELTER! THERE MAY
BE ANOTHER BLAST!

...IH!... IH!
...IH!... IH!

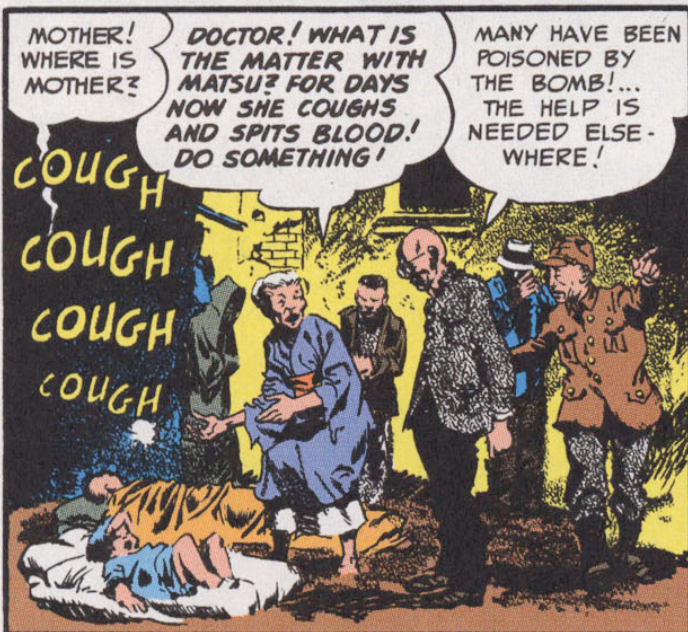


MOTHER!
WHERE IS
MOTHER?

DOCTOR! WHAT IS
THE MATTER WITH
MATSU? FOR DAYS
NOW SHE COUGHS
AND SPITS BLOOD!
DO SOMETHING!

MANY HAVE BEEN
POISONED BY
THE BOMB!...
THE HELP IS
NEEDED ELSE-
WHERE!

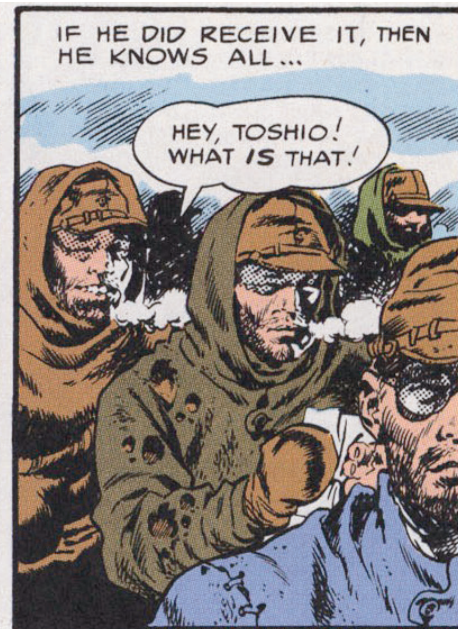
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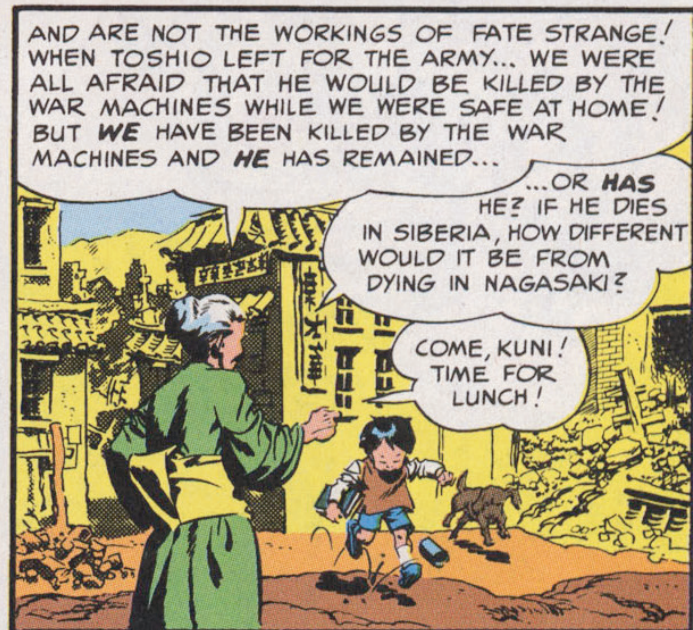
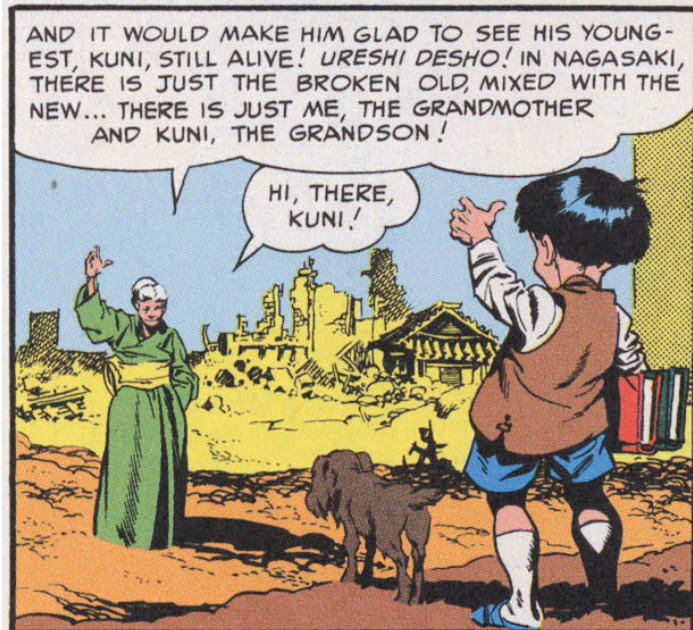


OH DOCTOR... MATSU'S HANDS
ARE SO COLD! IT IS A WEEK
SINCE THE BOMB WENT
OFF! SHE WASN'T TOUCHED
BY IT... **WASN'T TOUCHED!**
CAN YOU NOT HELP HER?

...NOT NOW!
NOTHING CAN
HELP HER NOW!
...SHE WILL
SUFFER NO
MORE!







ON AUGUST 9, 1945, THE A-BOMB KILLED 29,793 PEOPLE AND DESTROYED 18,409 HOMES! BUT **HOPE** WAS NOT DESTROYED IN NAGASAKI! AND LIFE NURTURED BY HOPE, BLOOMS AGAIN! PLANTS, BUILDINGS, CHILDREN GROW IN NAGASAKI, FOR THERE IS **HOPE** IN NAGASAKI! THERE IS **HOPE** IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

