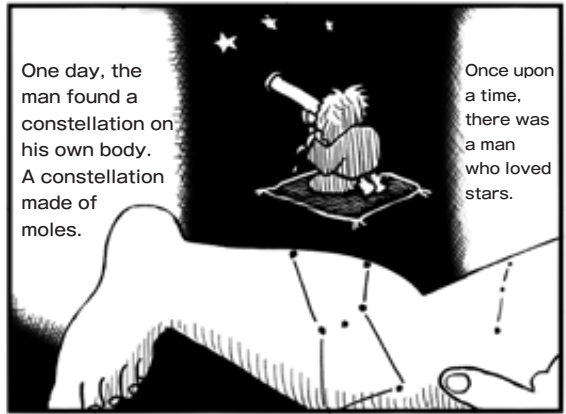


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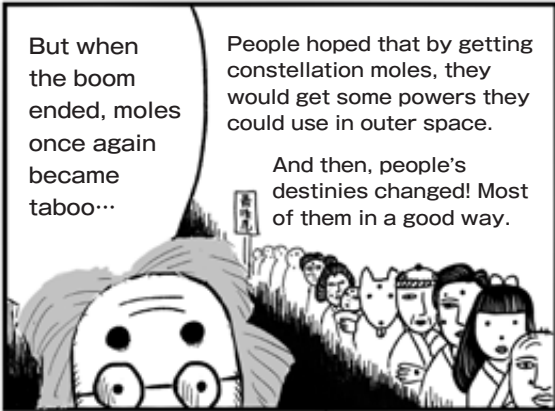
It was packed full of people every single day. Ah, the days of the first mole boom...

This book was a real hit... One man even opened a fake mole crafting studio.



One day, the man found a constellation on his own body. A constellation made of moles.

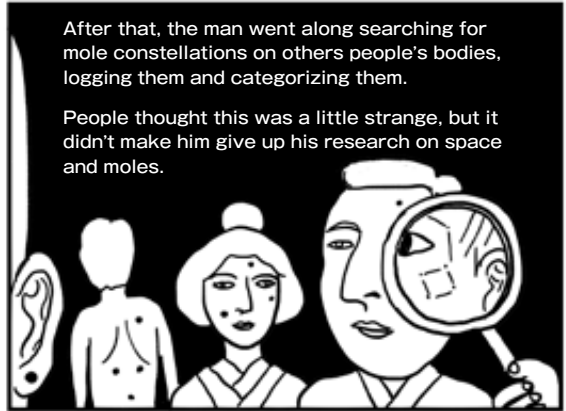
Once upon a time, there was a man who loved stars.



But when the boom ended, moles once again became taboo...

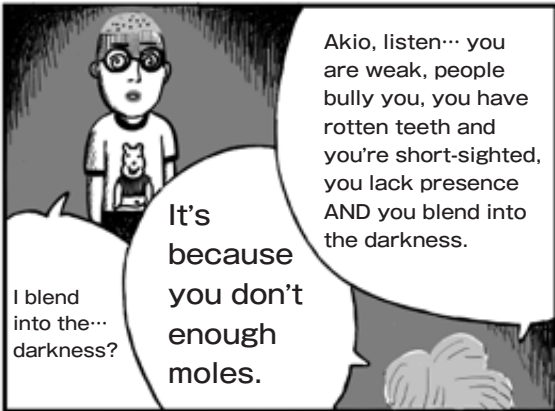
People hoped that by getting constellation moles, they would get some powers they could use in outer space.

And then, people's destinies changed! Most of them in a good way.



After that, the man went along searching for mole constellations on others people's bodies, logging them and categorizing them.

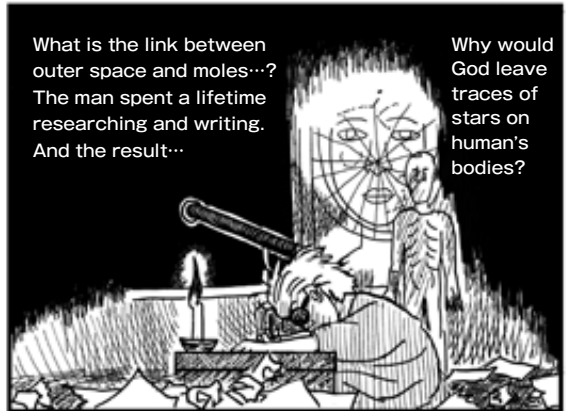
People thought this was a little strange, but it didn't make him give up his research on space and moles.



I blend into the... darkness?

It's because you don't enough moles.

Akio, listen... you are weak, people bully you, you have rotten teeth and you're short-sighted, you lack presence AND you blend into the darkness.



What is the link between outer space and moles...? The man spent a lifetime researching and writing. And the result...

Why would God leave traces of stars on human's bodies?



That was the last remaining mole craft studio in all of Japan.

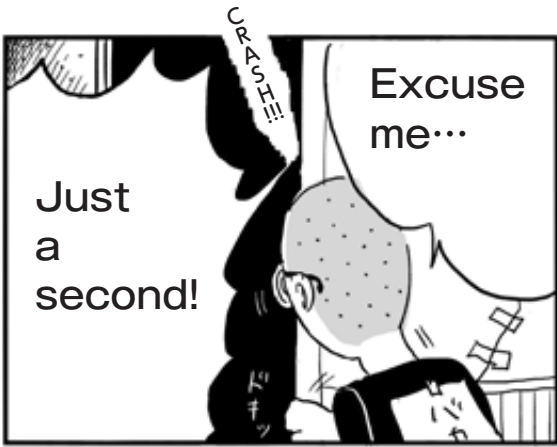
Look, go here tomorrow and get some moles.

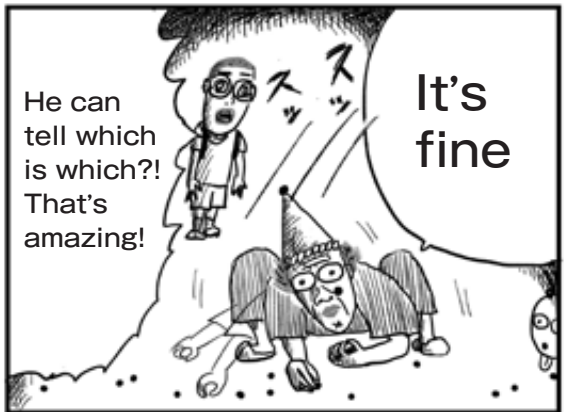
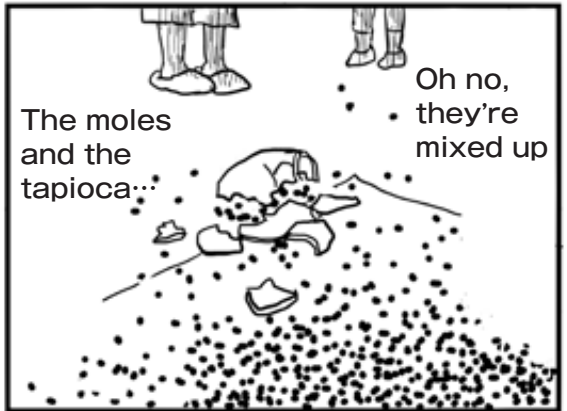
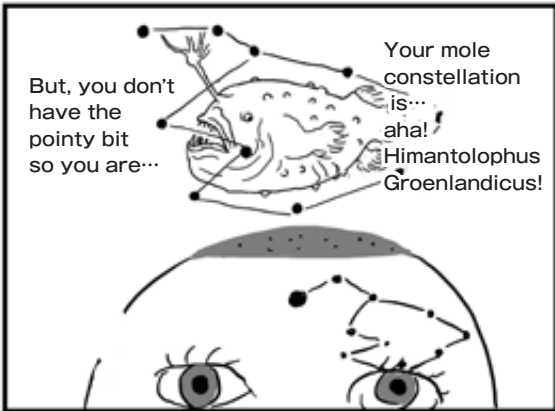
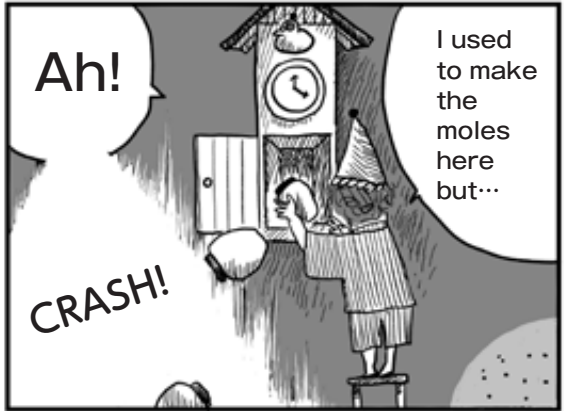
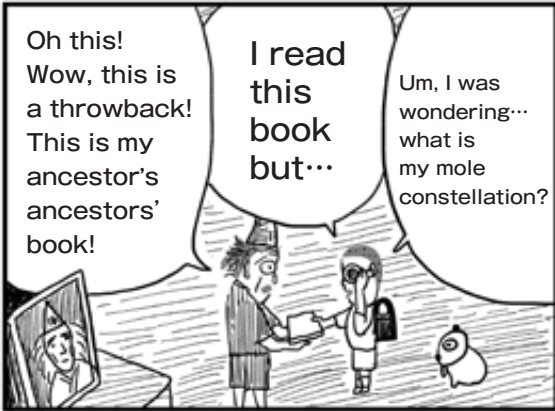


This is not what I expected?!

Lucky color! Love chemistry test!

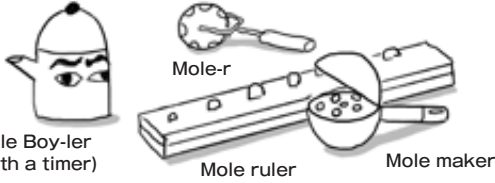
Was this book.





When production couldn't keep up with the mole boom, it was possible to produce good quality moles in large quantities with these tools.

The Pret-a-Porterfication of moles!



Mole Boy-ler (with a timer)

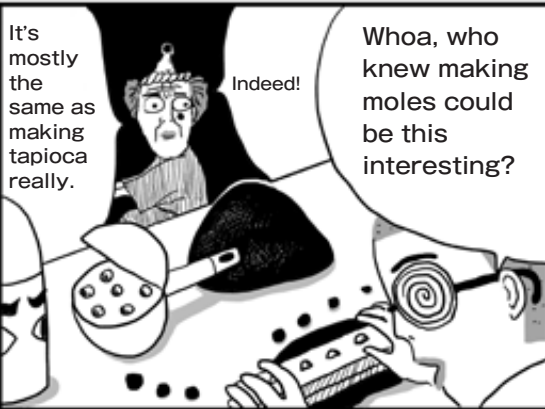
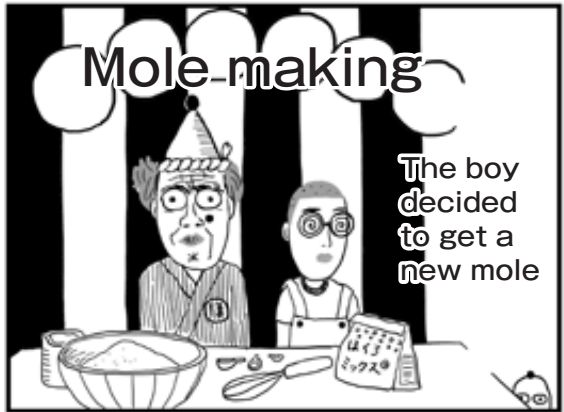
Mole-r

Mole ruler

Mole maker

# Mole-making

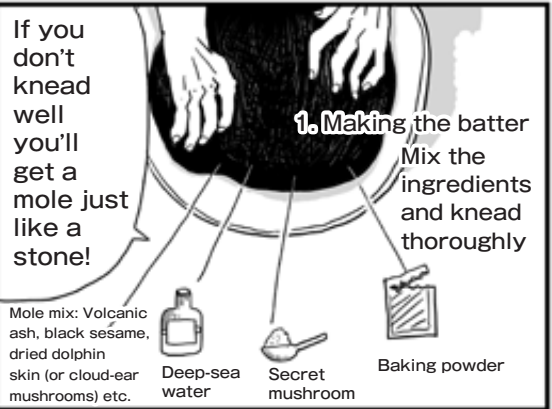
The boy decided to get a new mole



It's mostly the same as making tapioca really.

Indeed!

Whoa, who knew making moles could be this interesting?



If you don't knead well you'll get a mole just like a stone!

1. Making the batter  
Mix the ingredients and knead thoroughly

Mole mix: Volcanic ash, black sesame, dried dolphin skin (or cloud-ear mushrooms) etc.



Deep-sea water



Secret mushroom

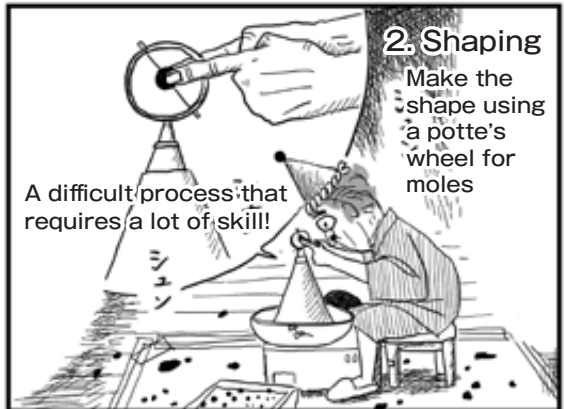


Baking powder



R-really?! You sure!? Thanks!

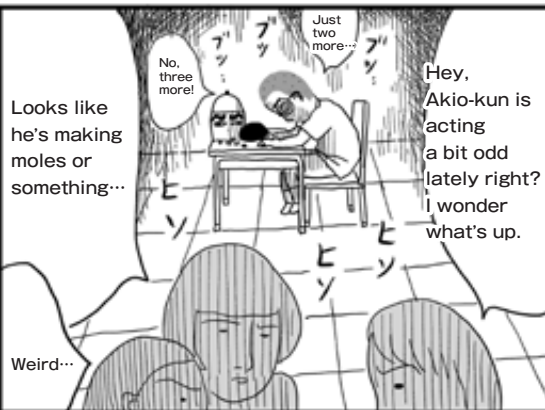
Okay, these are the rejects. Take these home and practice.



2. Shaping

Make the shape using a potter's wheel for moles

A difficult process that requires a lot of skill!!



Looks like he's making moles or something...

No, three more!

Just two more...

Hey, Akio-kun is acting a bit odd lately right? I wonder what's up.

Weird...

Moles made on the potter's wheel have a warmth not seen in manufactured types

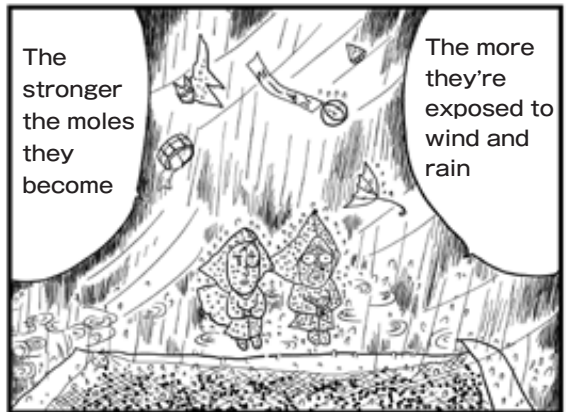
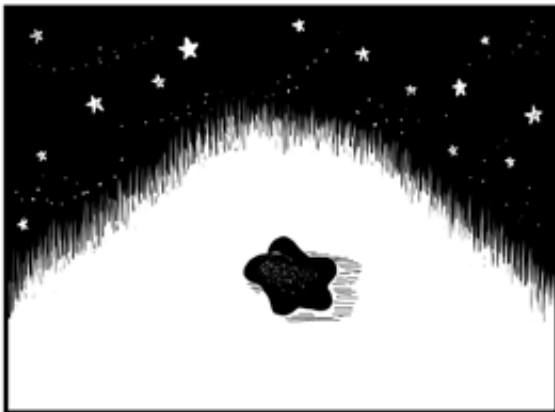
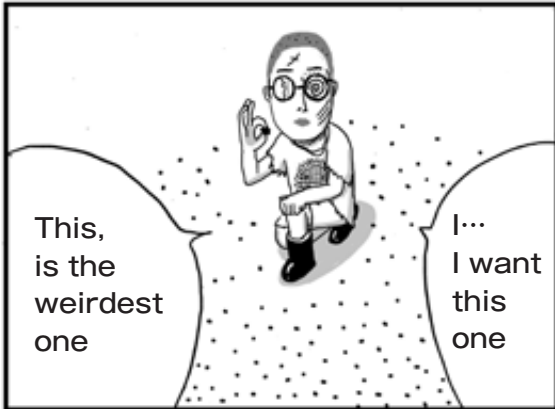
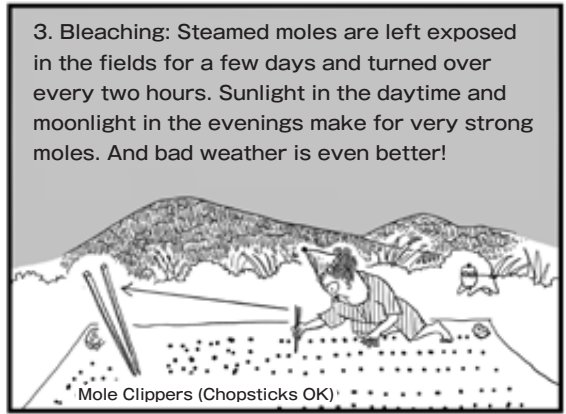


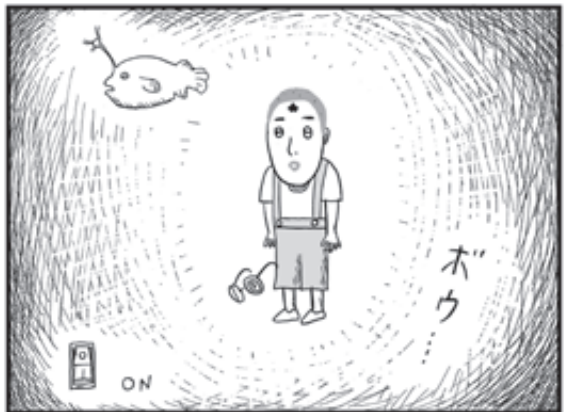
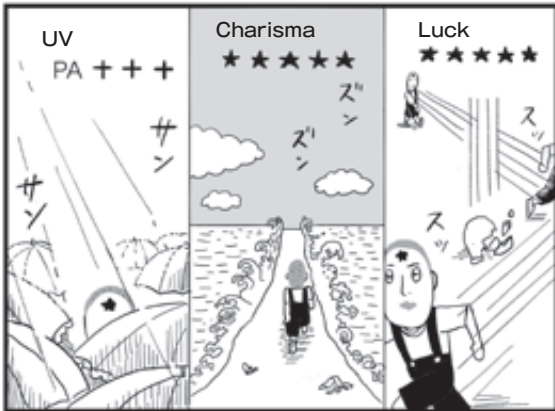
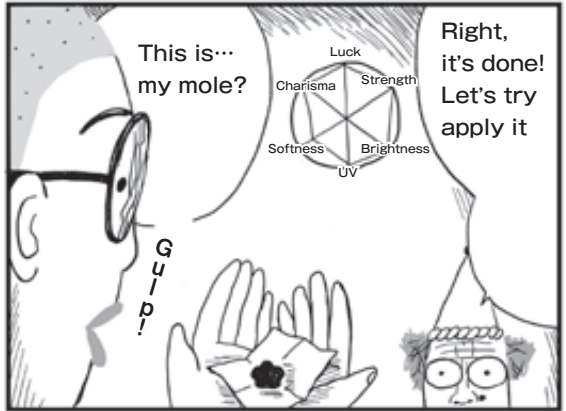
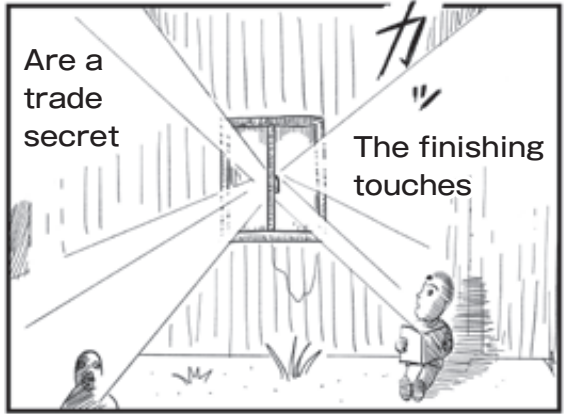
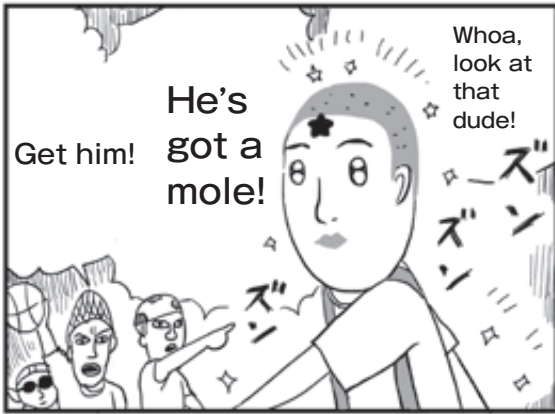
Commercial Moles

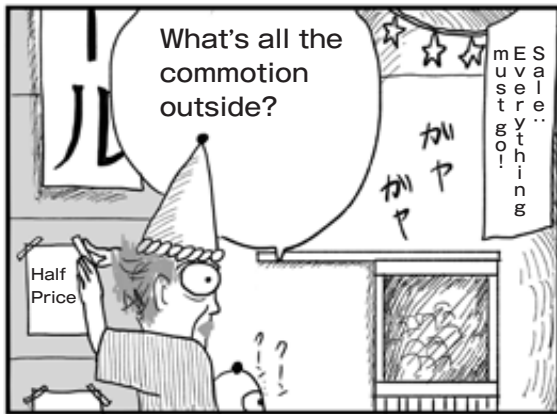
If you line them up, the contrast is evident



Potter's Moles







What's all the commotion outside?

Everything must go!

Half Price



Closing Sale

WHY?!?!



Everyone wants to get moles!

What is this?



There used to be a lot of old stores here but... Well, they all closed down.

There's going to be a huge apartment block built on this site...

You're closing?!

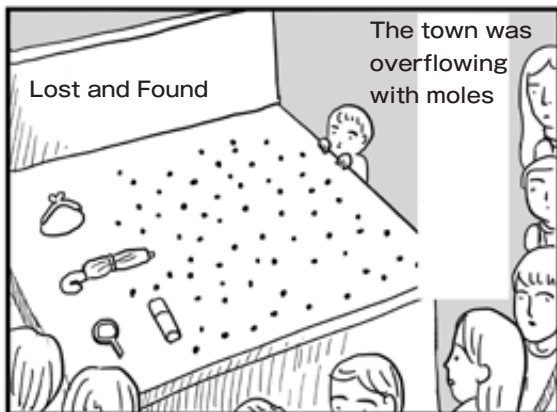


The store was busy for days with people inspired by the boy's mole



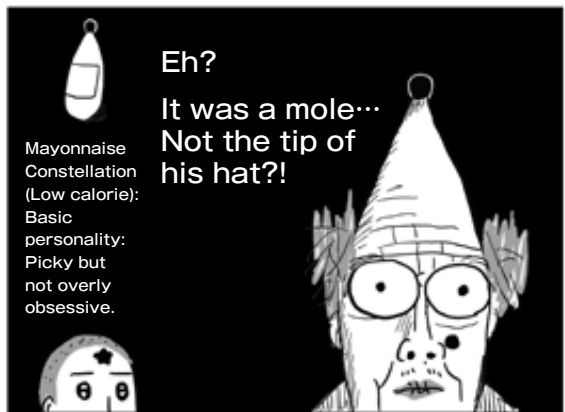
Thank you

I'm glad I was able to make your mole last



Lost and Found

The town was overflowing with moles



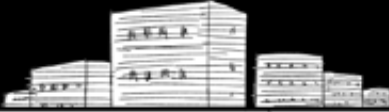
Eh?

It was a mole... Not the tip of his hat?!

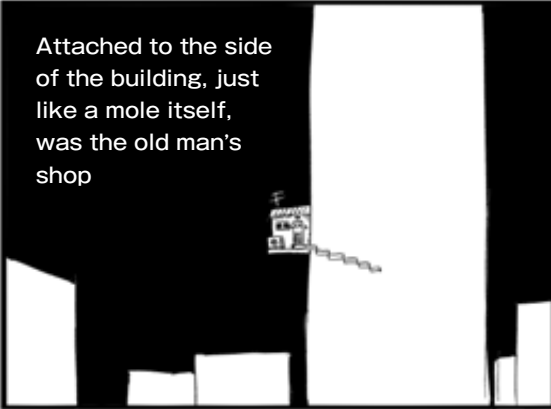
Mayonnaise Constellation (Low calorie): Basic personality: Picky but not overly obsessive.

After that, the apartment block was built as planned and the scenery completely changed.

But...



Attached to the side of the building, just like a mole itself, was the old man's shop



The craftsman continued making moles and lived to 100 years.



And as for his moles,

They were so tenacious and strong that they remained unburned even after he was created.

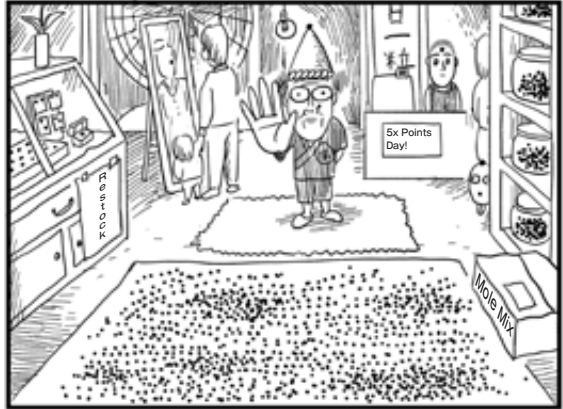


The end.

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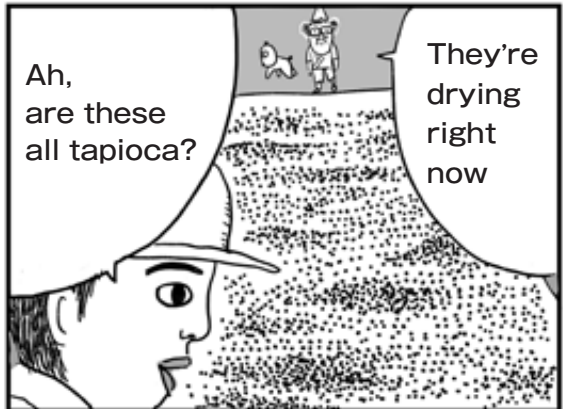
CRASH!

Excuse me, do you make tapioca here?



Ah, are these all tapioca?

They're drying right now



Moles.

No, these are

Moles ?!

