



WHEN *SHAKA*
THE BUDDHA WAS
STILL OF THE
WORLD, HE SAT
BENEATH THE
BODHI TREE...

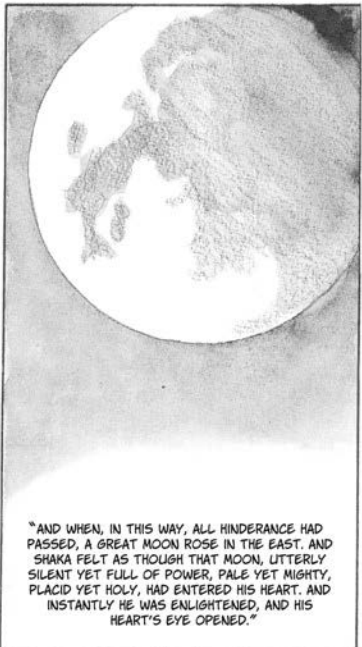
...AND SWORE
NOT TO MOVE
UNTIL HE ACHIEVED
ENLIGHTENMENT.



NOT EVEN THE
DEATH LORD, *MARA*,
COULD HINDER HIM,
FOR LIFE AND DEATH
WERE NOTHING IN
HIS EYES.



IN THE DARK OF NIGHT,
MARA CAME AS A GREAT
ARMY, AS ASSASSIN AND HOLY
MAN, AS SHAKA'S MOTHER,
FATHER AND CHILD LEFT
BEHIND IN KAPILA CASTLE.
SIX TIMES MARA TEMPTED
SHAKA, BUT HE MOVED
NOT AN INCH.



"AND WHEN, IN THIS WAY, ALL HINDERANCE HAD
PASSED, A GREAT MOON ROSE IN THE EAST. AND
SHAKA FELT AS THOUGH THAT MOON, UTTERLY
SILENT YET FULL OF POWER, PALE YET MIGHTY,
PLACID YET HOLY, HAD ENTERED HIS HEART. AND
INSTANTLY HE WAS ENLIGHTENED, AND HIS
HEART'S EYE OPENED."



WE LIVE IN
MEIFUMADO,
DEFYING RIKUDŌ
SHISHŌ.

WE MUST BEAR
THE UNBEARABLE,
DEFEAT ALL WHO
ATTACK. WE CANNOT
WAVER UNTIL WE
ACHIEVE OUR
QUEST.



SEE THE
MOON,
DAIGORO!



I NAMED YOU
FOR DAIGO, THE
ENLIGHTENMENT.
OPEN YOUR
HEART!



WHEN CREATION
SLEEPS, IT LOOKS
TO THE MOON FROM
OCEAN AND LAKE,
FIELD AND HILL
AND CRAG.

WATCH, UNTIL YOU
AND THE MOON ARE
THE WORLD, AND YOU
AND THE MOON
ARE ONE.



SHOULD
YOUR FATHER
DIE, LOOK TO
THE MOON.

THERE IS
FATHER AND
MOTHER AND
SELF. TO SEE
THE MOON IS
TO BE WITH US
ALWAYS.



LET
SORROW AND
LONELINESS
FADE AWAY...

IF FATHER DIES
AND BECOMES ONE
WITH THE MOON, THEN
YOU MUST FINISH
OUR QUEST.



SOON
WE SET
FOOT IN
EDO.

WE MUST
LET THE MOON
INTO OUR
HEARTS...



...AND
CHALLENGE
THE YAGYU TO
BATTLE!





THE MOON
LOOKS *CLOSER*
WITH ONE EYE.



BUT ALL
I SEE IS
YOU, *OGAMI*
ITTO...