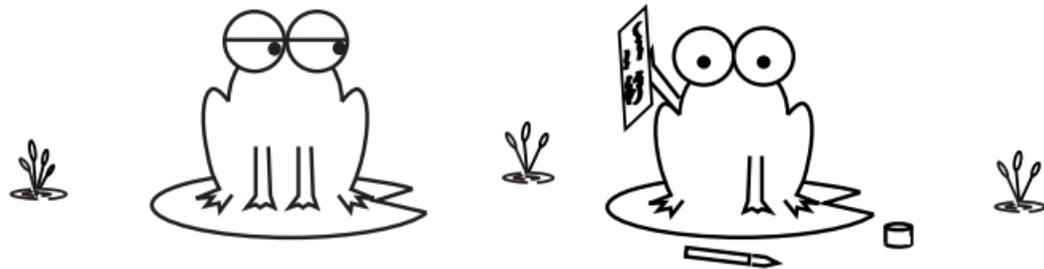


A Haiku A Day

featuring the 29 haiku-comics
created by Jessica Tremblay

NaHaiWriMo 2012



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These 29 comics were created during the second National Haiku Writing Month
from February 1-29, 2012 (a leap year!)

The objective of NaHaiWriMo
(an annual event created on Facebook by Michael Dylan Welch)
is to write one haiku a day for a month.

The daily prompts were provided by the organizer.
This year, the prompts were alphabetical: apple, boat, catfish, etc.

In the middle of the month, I got tired of writing haiku so I
illustrated haiku by Japanese masters (Issa, Shiki, Ryunosuke Akutagawa)
for the first time.

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Have you written
a haiku today?

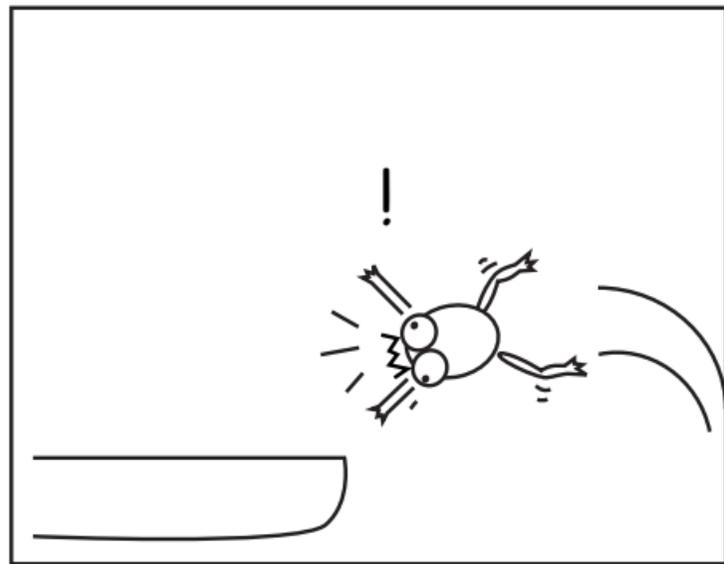


long afternoon
a fish pursues
a floating apple

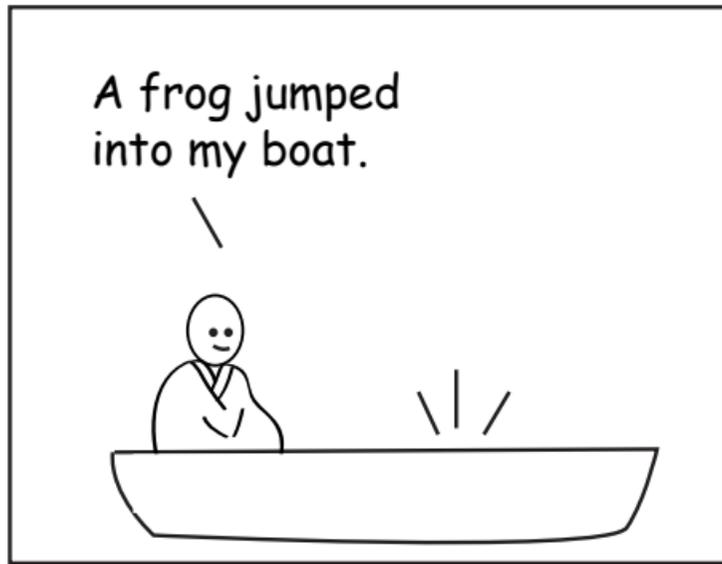
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A haiku a day
keeps Master Kawazu
away.



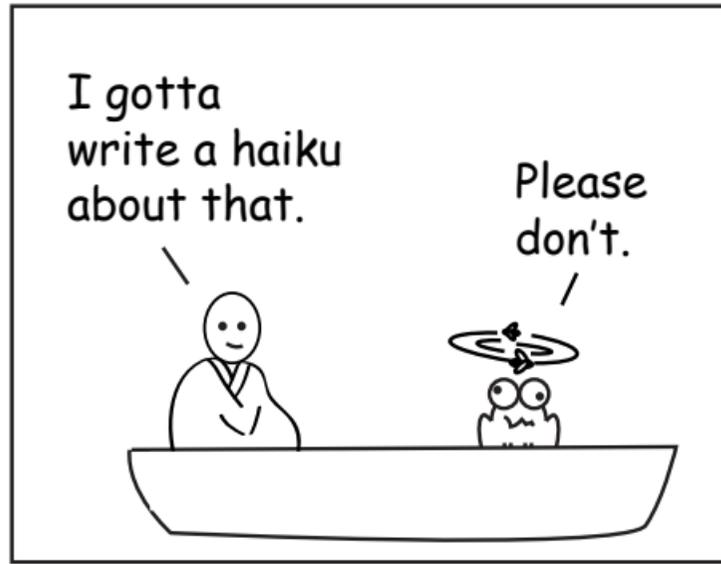


A frog jumped
into my boat.



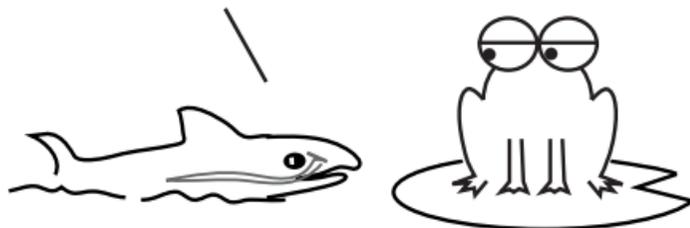
I gotta
write a haiku
about that.

Please
don't.



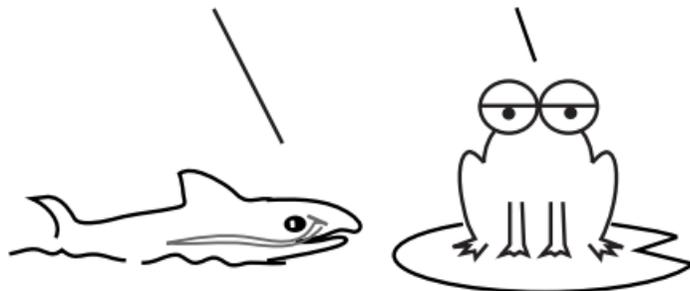
Catfish Haiku Club

At our club,
we write haiku
until ten...



Then we dig
through mud and
eat scraps.

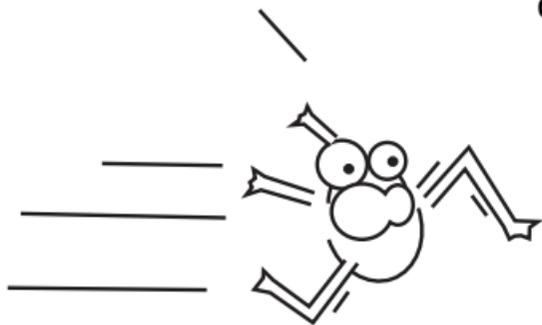
I'm in.



no right no wrong
two catfish
swim in circle

Bark
Bark
Bark

Run!



I thought this
was supposed to be
a haiku walk.



end of the picnic
the dog
eats a frog

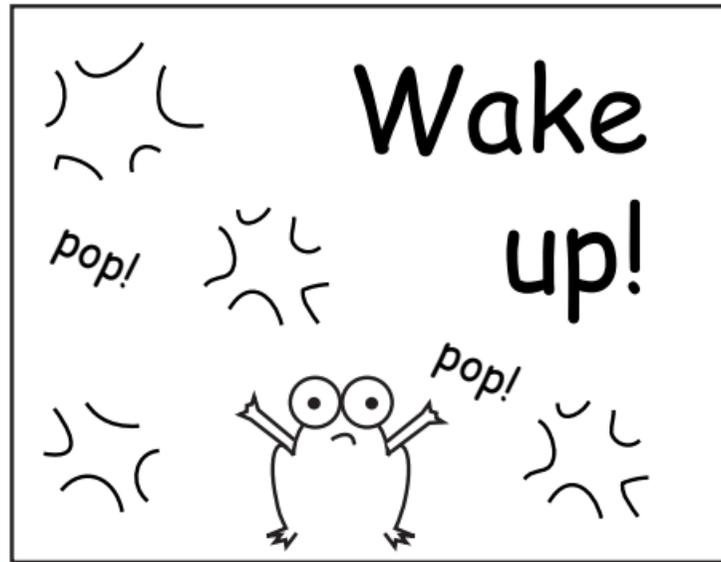
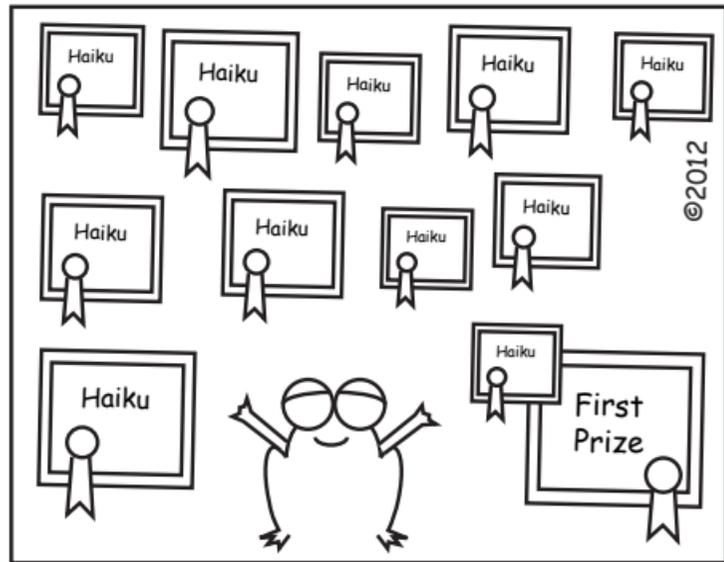
Inside this egg
could be the next
Basho or Issa.



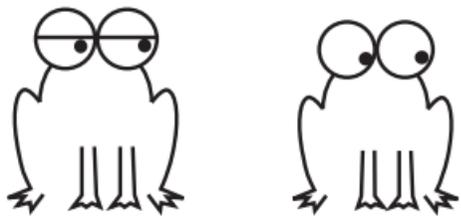
Oh, great.
You found my
earring.



a dozen eggs
picking just
one

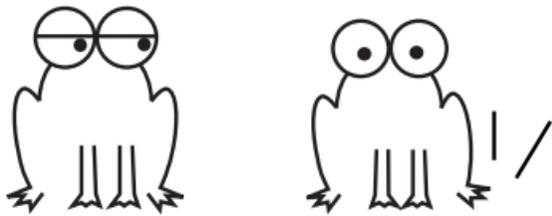


Pay
attention.



A haiku could
be hiding right
under your fee---

CRACK!



on the first steps of my journey
I end a life—
karma chameleon

Can
I wear
a hat?



No.
The Haiku Master
wears the hat.



open window
the gentle fall
of a hat



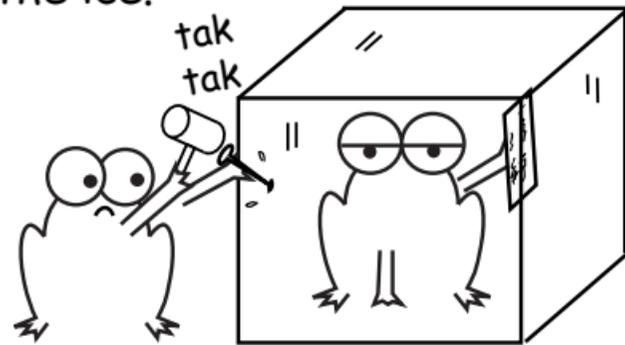
Your haiku is
so weak that
it couldn't
Blah Blah Blah...



What are
you doing?



Breaking
the ice.



Workshop "Haiku in a bottle":

My haiku
is jammed.



Let me see.



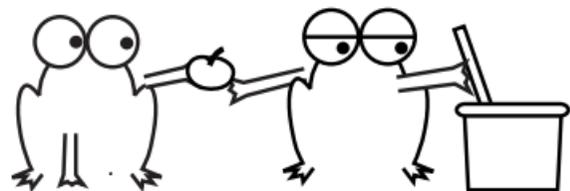
Perhaps you
should have emptied
the jar first.



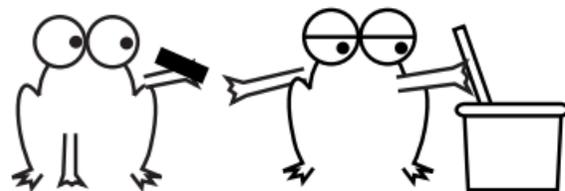
late for work
closing the jar
with sticky fingers

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Apple.



Juxtaposition.



When will our
NaHaiWriMo haiku
be ready?

In 24 hours.



What are
you doing?

Washing my
frog outfit.



Don't look.
That weird toad
is back again.



spin cycle
it's almost
over



the distant mountains
are reflected in the eye
of the dragonfly

Kobayashi Issa

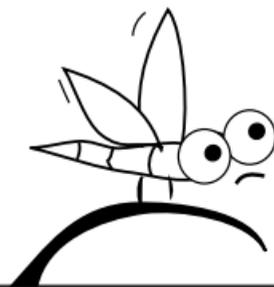
Get it out!
Get it out!
Get it out!

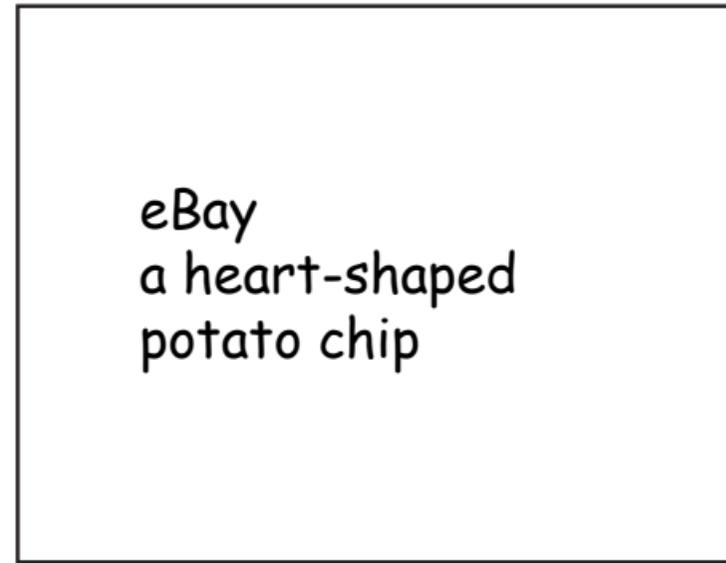
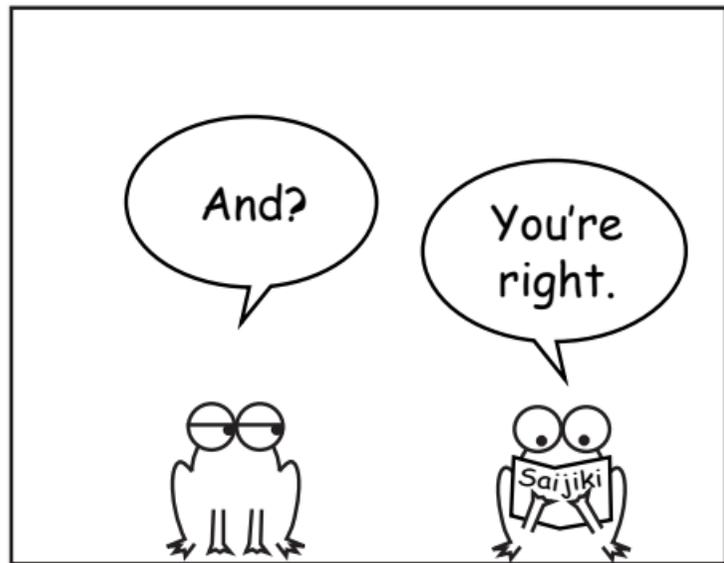


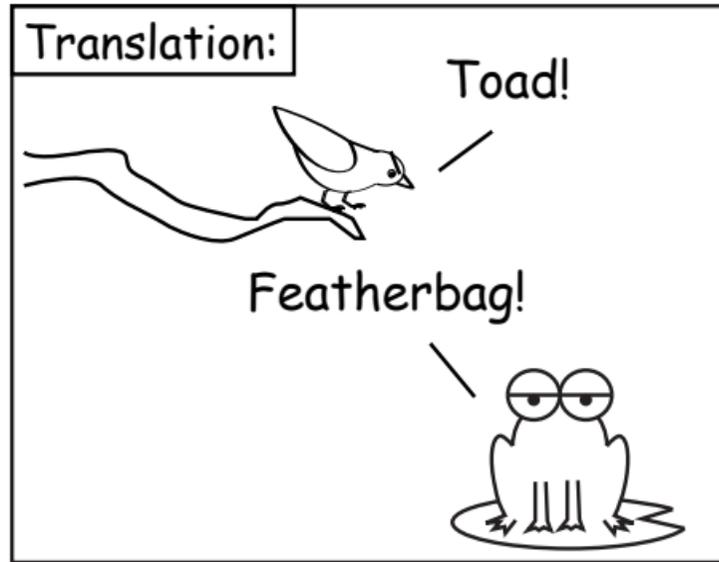
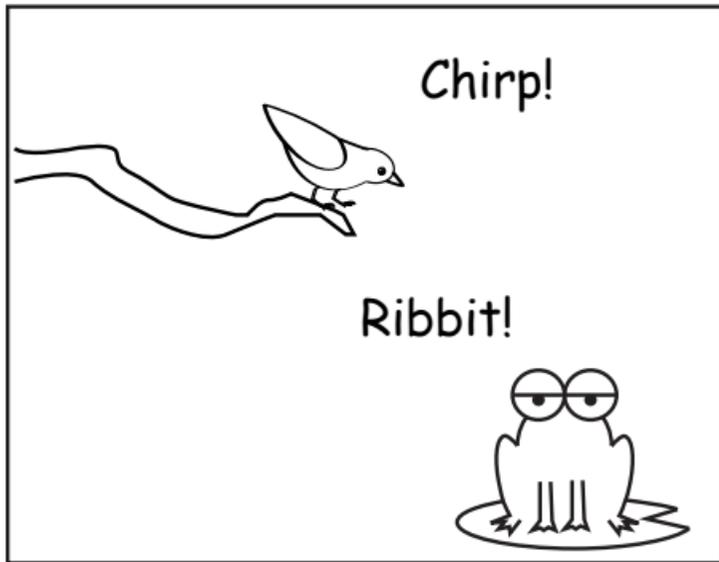
Stop
moving!



How did a
mountain get into
your eye?







On how to sing
the frog school
and the skylark school
are arguing

Shiki

And Master
Basho said—



You brought
your kids to your
haiku lesson?

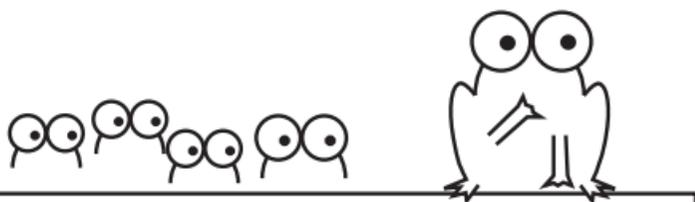


They love
coming to the
pond.

in the pool
a swimsuit floats
spring break

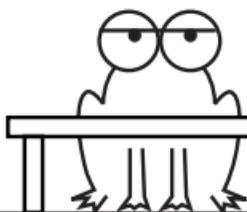
Haiku Idol Auditions

Old pond...



NEXT!

sigh



black cat
a man leaves
the queue

It's broken.



What?



Listen.

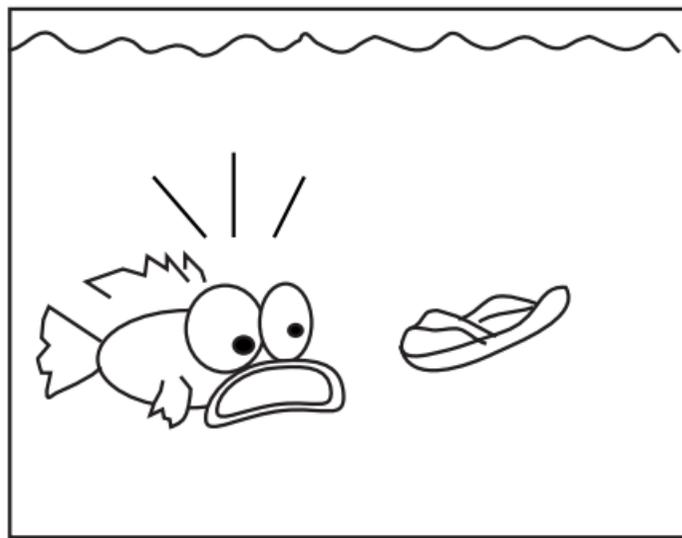
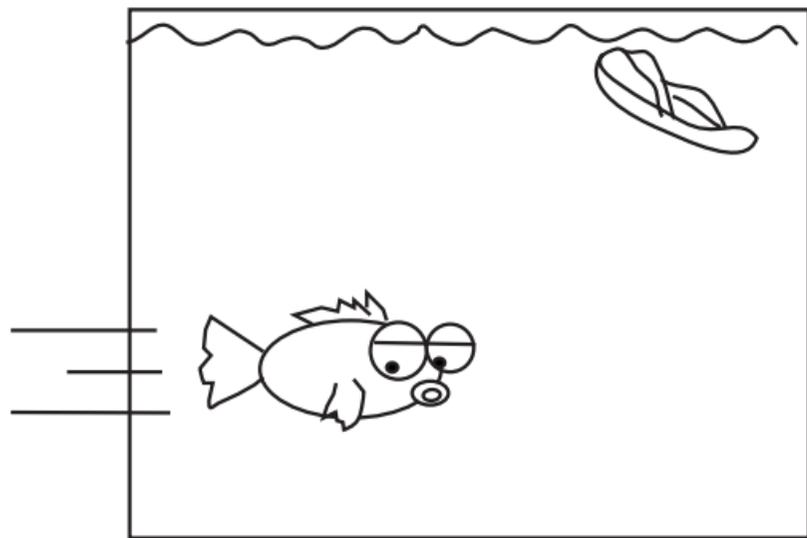


rattle
rattle
rattle

How can
a haiku be
broken?



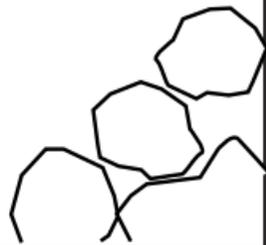
kitchen samba
dried beans
in a glass jar



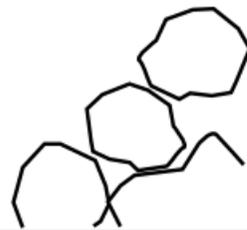
capsized
my flip-flops float
his sandals sink

You climb
first.

Why me?!!



You said
you had hiking
experience.

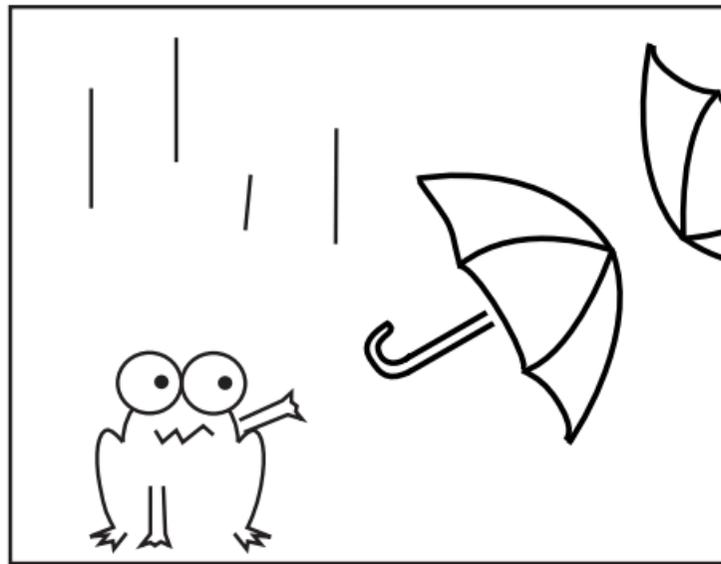
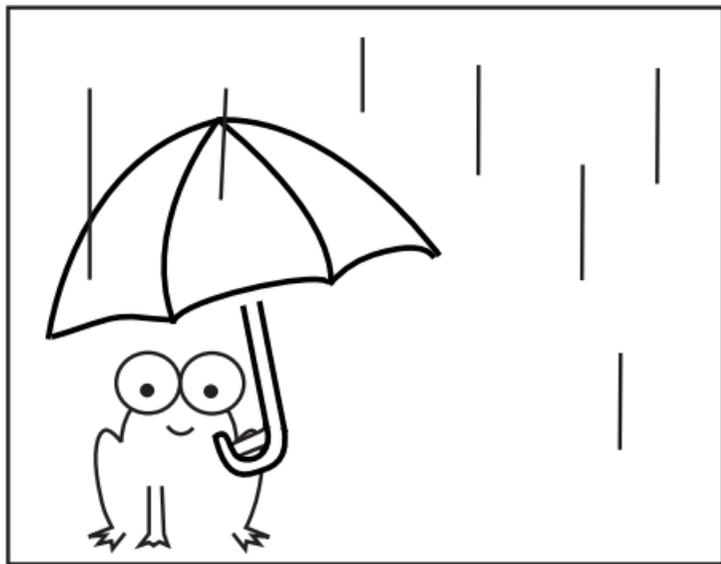


little snail
slowly, slowly
climb Mount

FUJI->

Issa





What is
today's lesson?

Impermanence...



paper plate
the ant
hangs on



The makeover:

What do
you think?



I think haiku just got
a waaaay lot cooler!



garden view
a wig over his eyes
my neighbor suntans

The X on my haiku...



It means
"Exceptional"?
"Extraordinary"?



Not
exactly.

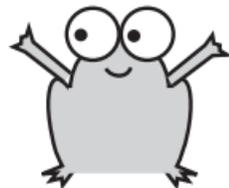


waxing moon
on his admittance form
checkmarks and X's



green frog
is your body also
freshly painted?*

YES!



Don't go back
to that spa.



*Haiku by Ryunosuke Akutagawa (1892-1927)

Zurich

Zhis haiku suckz.



I learned ZIP.
This master is worse
than the other one.



his excuses
come too late
wrong zip code

Haiku Hell

What did you do to end up here?

I lost a haiku competition.
And you?



I used "I"
in a haiku.



his bad breath...
I lean closer
to the exit

Haiku Generator:

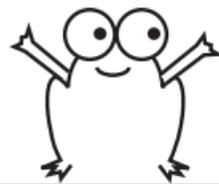
oafishly dreaming
bluebirds potter inwardly
grainofsand descends



mmmphhht!

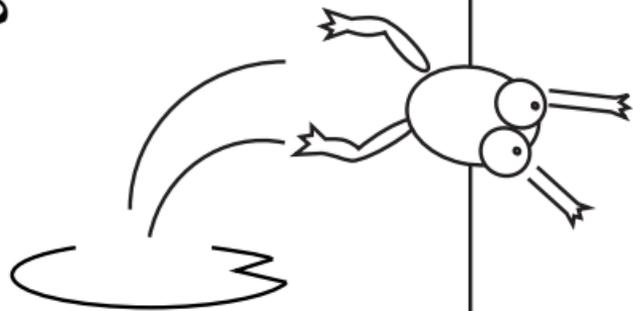
After the rewrite:

bluebird's nest
a grain of sand
falls into the pond



February 29

Have you written
a haiku today?



March 1

leap year
back to my old
self



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