

Featuring images from the Hokusai Manga collection in the ANU Library Rare Book Collection

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This colouring book features selected manga by Katsushika Hokusai (1760–1849), Japanese artist and wood block printmaker from the Edo period, widely known for creating the iconic print, *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*. Throughout Hokusai's life, he had limited contact with the wider world, as Japan had closed borders until the late 1850s. When the borders of Japan opened for the first time in 200 years, Hokusai's prints were exported in large numbers, initiating Western interest in Japanese manga and influencing styles of Chinese painting and art outside of Japan.

The Hokusai Manga, meaning 'Hokusai's Sketches' from the ANU Library Rare Book Collection is a set of ten volumes published between 1814–1878. The style of Hokusai's Manga is not the continuous storytelling manga that we see today, but rather individual sketches of landscapes, flora, fauna, spirits and everyday life, some reflect a touch of humour.

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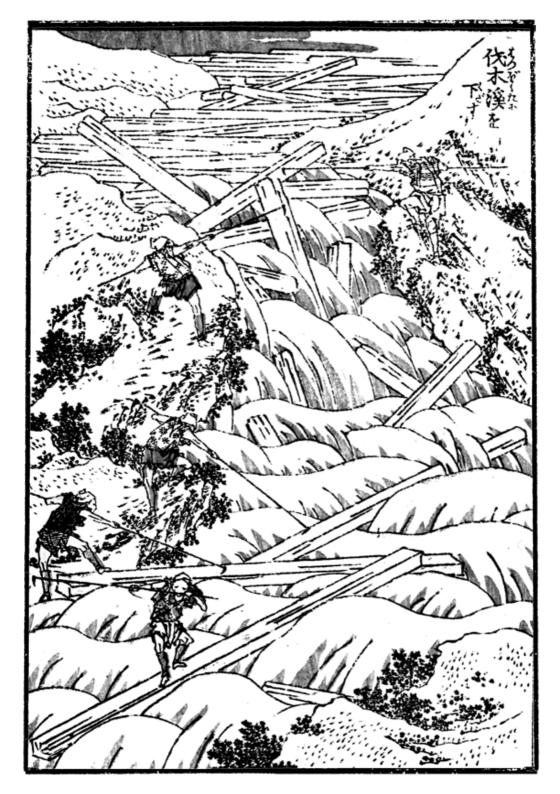
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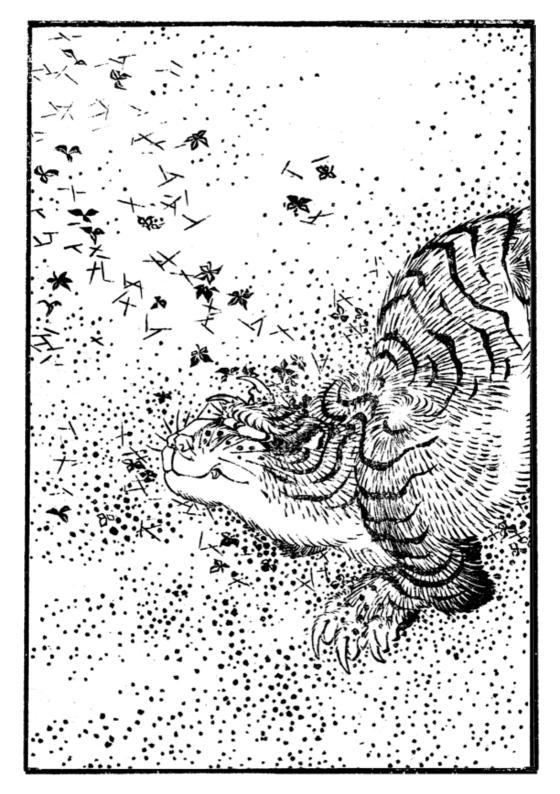
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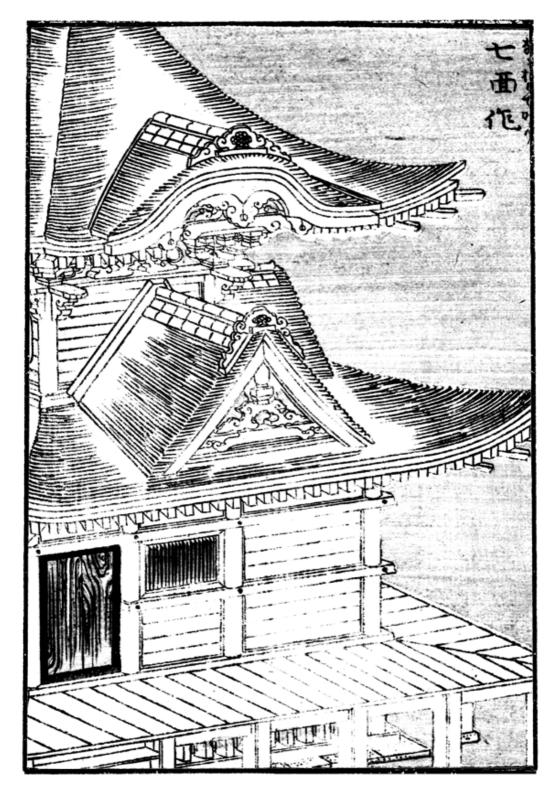












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