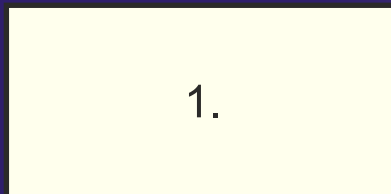


# YONKOMA MANGA

## 四コマ漫画

*Yonkoma manga* is a type of comic strip that is often used by aspiring manga artists to hone their storytelling skills. The word *yonkoma* translates as 'four panels' and refers to the vertical structure of equal-sized panels read from top to bottom, although some variations in layout occur depending on the needs of the publication.

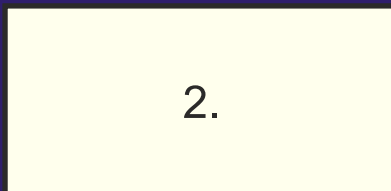
The idea of using panels in comics came from American and European influences but the narrative arch of *yonkoma* uses the East Asian storytelling structure of *kishōtenketsu*.



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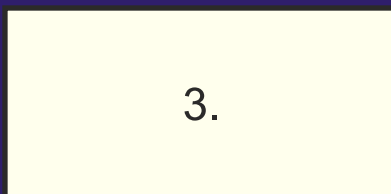
The first panel introduces the story to the reader.



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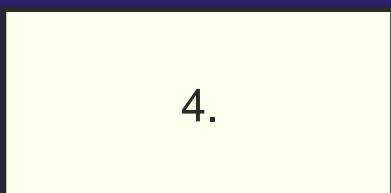
The second panel develops upon the foundation of the story laid down in the first panel.



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*TEN:*

A new or unforeseen development typically occurs here.



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*KETSU:*

The conclusion is outlined in the final panel, showing the effects of the third panel.