

## Re: Let's learn some Japanese...BAKA! I love Dir en grey!

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On Thu, 05 Aug 2004 17:34:56 -0400, Kevin Gowen  
<[kgowenNOSPAM@myfastmail.com](mailto:kgowenNOSPAM@myfastmail.com)> brought down from the Mount tablets  
inscribed:

>*I must have started studying Japanese at university during a brief  
>intermission between these two era. There were no otaku in my classes,  
>nor did I get the sense any where there to get ahead in business. A few  
>years later when I was studying in Japan, I did encounter one student  
>who was learning it for business reasons.  
>"Psst! Bubble!" I whispered to him. The same brain surgeon also told me  
>that he didn't like Japanese food. Good thing he decided to live in  
>Hokkaido.*

Most of the students studying Japanese during my very brief foray into  
the world of higher education were Korean exchange students. They took  
it primarily because they were required to take a foreign language.  
They chose Japanese because it seemed the most likely to be of some  
use to them and, more importantly, because the Japanese classes at  
that school had a well-deserved reputation of being crib courses. Show  
up and you get an "A".

We only had one otaku. I guess she was ahead of her time. My wife  
taught the class she was in. Ms. Otaku went back home for the summer  
vacation and when her grades were mailed to her, I got to field an  
angry call from her.

"Your wife gave me an "F" ....WHY?!"  
"Because she couldn't give you a "G", Elizabeth"

She had only had a single passing grade on any paper for the entire  
semester, and that was only about 2 or 3 points above passing. She  
generally got marks in the 30s and 40s. And wondered why she failed  
the class.

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>*There was also one guy in the Japanese school who was learning Japanese  
>so he could watch anime. Um, hello? Subtitles? He used to enthral us by*

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>performing capoeira in the halls between classes. Once he even brought a  
>jambox so he could play special capoeira music. He also claimed to have  
>a girlfriend who was an Indian (dots, not feathers) princess. He was one  
>of my favorite people at that school.

We had a guy who was all the time going on and on about how he was  
victimized and downtrodden because he was an American Indian. He was  
the only American Indian I have ever encountered who was whiter than I  
am, and I do mean that in the pigmentation sense of "white".

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"I am sorry, Mr. Cash, but we are unable to accept your rap sheet in lieu of  
a high school transcript."

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