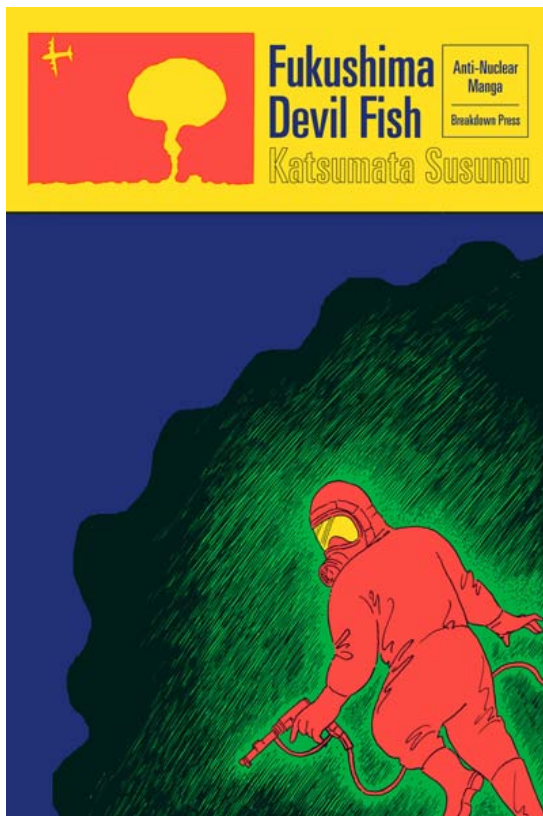
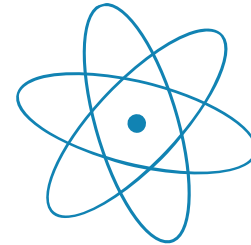
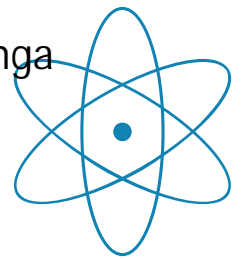


Fukushima Devil Fish



Katsumata Susumu's Antinuclear Manga



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Critiques of nuclear energy in Japanese manga did not begin with the Fukushima Daiichi meltdowns in 2011. One of the regulars of the legendary alternative manga monthly *Garo* in the magazine's heyday of the late 1960s and early 1970s, Susumu Katsumata (1943-2007) has the curious distinction of having risen within the world of political cartooning and literary comics while studying toward a graduate degree in nuclear physics in Tokyo. In the late 70s, he began drawing frequent humor strips about the dangers of nuclear power and stories about the "nuclear gypsies" who maintained Japan's nuclear plants under oppressive work conditions. This talk will survey Katsumata's work on the subject of nuclear power, which is the largest, most diverse, and most trenchant such oeuvre in Japanese visual art. It serves as a preview of two upcoming publications: a collection of Katsumata's manga titled *Fukushima Devil Fish* (SISJAC and Breakdown Press) and *No Nukes for Dinner: How One Japanese Cartoonist and His Country Learned to Distrust the Atom* (publisher TBD).

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