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Rurouni Kenshin...

... was originally a manga written by Nobuhiro Watsuki, focusing on fictional events during the Meiji period. It was made into an anime in 1996, but in 2012, a live action movie was also made.

The movie follows the first couple of volumes of the manga quite closely, and we are introduced to background of Himura Kenshin (played by Takeru Satou), formerly known as the *Hittokiri Battousai*, an former assassin during the Bakumatsu war. When the Bakumatsu war ended, with the victory at Toba-Fushimi, Kenshin gave up his sword, and walked away not to be seen again.

A few years later, Kenshin arrives in Tokyo, as a lonely wanderer. He meets Kamiya Kaoru, who is now running her father's Kendo school, which has gotten a bad reputation as someone calling himself Hitokiri Battousai is murdering people, and saying he is a pupil of the school.

Kenshin end up helping Kaoru, and the police, to find the mysterious new Hitokiri Battousai, and unravel the mystery of Takani Megumi, who is being pursued by the new Battousai.

The movie offers a really good live action version of the manga, and the casting of the actors is really good. Kenshin is just as calm, cool and quirky as he is in the manga, and the choreography of the fight sequences really brings to life the superior skills of Kenshin: it's fast, fierce, and a bit showy. Just as it should be in a story of a master swordsman.



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“The frog in the well knows nothing of the great ocean.”

Meaning:

a person who stays in a single environment will never gain a wider perspective of the world.

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井の中の蛙

たいかい しらず
大海を知らず

Festivals in June

- *山王祭 (Sanno-Matsuri)
Date: Beginning of June - Middle of June
Place: Hie Shrine
Tameikesanno station
- *文京あじさい祭 (Bunkyo Ajisai Matsuri)
Date: 6/7 - 6/15
Place: Hakusan Shrine
Hakusan station
- *NHK's “Kanbei the strategist” Special exhibit
Date: 5/27 - 6/13
Place: Edo Tokyo Museum,
Ryogoku station

San Ban Cho Café

If you are looking for a nice café near the Hanzomon area, this place might be worth checking out. This café is located 7 minutes from Hanzomon station so it's not too far from our school. All lunch meals on weekdays are 1000 yen. They have pasta, sandwiches, burgers, Japanese-style hamburgers and not to forget, delicious desserts. The atmosphere too is lovely, with high ceilings and an open terrace. Check out their website if you are interested: <http://sanbanchocafe.jp>



A sneak preview of the Sanno Matsuri