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Feedback #4 – Manga and Culture- wrapped in one.

I can't believe how much the idea and production of Manga has both flourished and become such a legendary cultural influence on the world. Japan, publishing these kinds of books/comics had made Japan one of the world's most printed-saturated nations. That's insane. Just thinking about how paper we, as consumers, go through around the world every day is incomprehensible in realizing one nation has such a status. I never gave much thought of how much this side of culture has imprinted the reading world so crazily. When I think of Manga, I think of a different country publishing their comic book like how America or Europe might publish their comic books.

However, a whole different and new revelation came with Japanese's comic books. Finding out that the most common form of Japanese comic is the story-comic makes the pop-culture of Japan make even more sense of perhaps why the popularity. A story-comic is more than just a Japanese style comic. It's a graphic novel, many

different lives within pages, maybe even numerous opportunities to presenting a possible world that just about anyone who could and would want to be within that place.

But why would it stop there? I feel the industries work together as well. Perhaps not by contract, but by opportunity that may present itself. Upon reading Alison's Article, "From Ashes to Cyborgs", I see it as another outlet in getting closer to the place that the reader or buyer knows they can never truly reach to. Alison had enlightened the fact of people having fantasy desires needing to be met. I feel that the manga can only take you so far or help develop the imagination with more creative and relative ideas of one's own world that they surround themselves in. At least until the reader or watcher perhaps would be push into desiring something material to hold on to in order to meet that physical and mental imaginative need. It is sort of like a key, souvenir or excuse to own such items at any age. On the surface, the populace now would see it as a hobby. While deeper still, it could be just a cover for someone really "connected" to that world. I should know...I am one of them.