

THE SHORT ELEGY

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Death can shake us, and it can prompt us to reexamine our lives. Death can be physical, and it can be an emotional or spiritual loss. In these short tales told through exquisite images, Animo takes a thought-provoking look at three aspects of death.

An elegy is a poem, written for the dead. We all have different answers when asked what a death means for us. It can be sadness, or shock, or a spur to reexamine our own lives. Death can be physical, but also emotional or spiritual. These three stories are visual elegies exploring everyday deaths.

In “Dry River”, a schoolboy witnesses a fatal accident on his way home. Shaken, he wonders when death will strike next. In “Home Mosquito”, the struggles of a mother and a mosquito as they both try to raise their offspring are contrasted. “The Ribbon” tells of a foreign student, a love lost, and ever-lasting memories.

Animo communicates the emotional detail of everyday life almost without dialogue. The panes combine to tell a complete story; taken individually each image has its own point to make. These are simple tales with much to say, depicted with great art and style.

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supplements of newspapers and also designs book covers. His own works include the illustrated book *The Disappearance of 366* and a collection of photographs titled *Let it Ring*. In 2020 *The Short Elegy* won the BolognaRagazzi Award for Comics - Young Adult.







































