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Posted by [cosmosamurai](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2016 04:17:10 GMT

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2016 05:03:44 GMT

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Originally posted by: Bobbie Sellers

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Posted by [Kenneth M. Lin](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2016 17:44:42 GMT
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Many manga artists pass away around the age of sixty because of overwork. I
can't imagine how anyone could handle a weekly deadline, let alone juggling
more than one. (Ironically Tezuka is the most well-known exception as he
often did two weekly and several monthly in addition to newspaper strips.)

Here is another Shonen Jump artist from the same era who also developed
health issues and haven't done much work since. He was planning on doing
High School! Kimen-Gumi for only three years (that's how long high school
lasts in Japan and the series began as the final year of junior high) but
Jump begged him to do another year even though he wanted time off. The
fourth year was handled as the final year of the school -- which was already
shown -- but overlapped with what was depicted in the prior year of
serialization.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motoei_Shinzawa

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_School!_Kimengumi

According to Japanese Wikipedia, he developed severe back pain that prevents him from sitting.

<https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E6%96%B0%E6%B2%A2%E5%9F%BA%E6%A0%84>

Ken
