



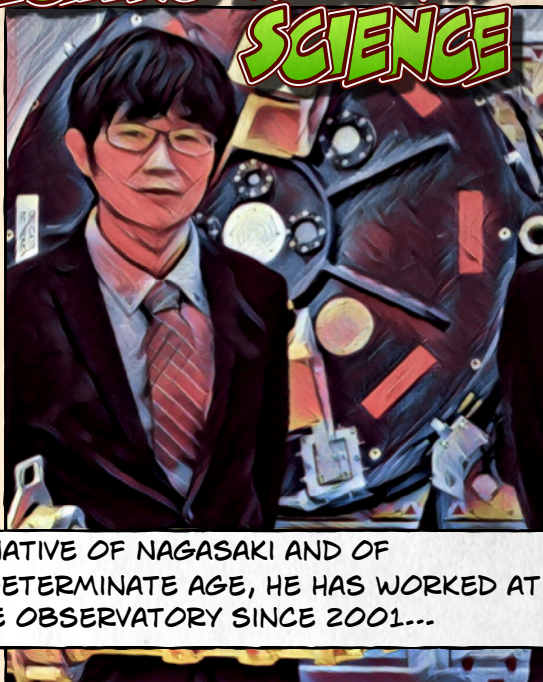
TIME TRAVELER

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF SHIN'ICHIRO ASAYAMA

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THIS IS SHIN'ICHIRO ASAYAMA... AS ALWAYS, HE LOOKS VERY CONCENTRATED IN HIS OFFICE IN ALMA

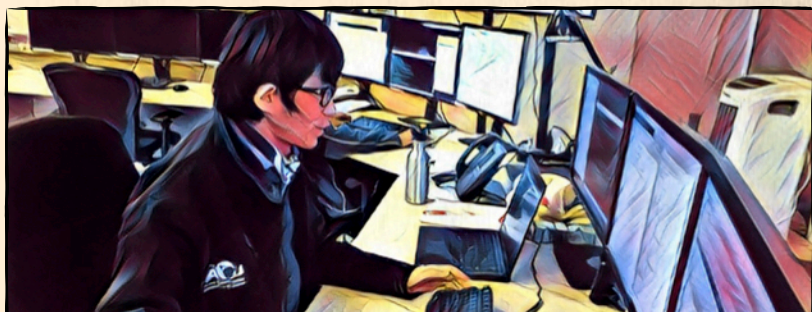


A NATIVE OF NAGASAKI AND OF INDETERMINATE AGE, HE HAS WORKED AT THE OBSERVATORY SINCE 2001...

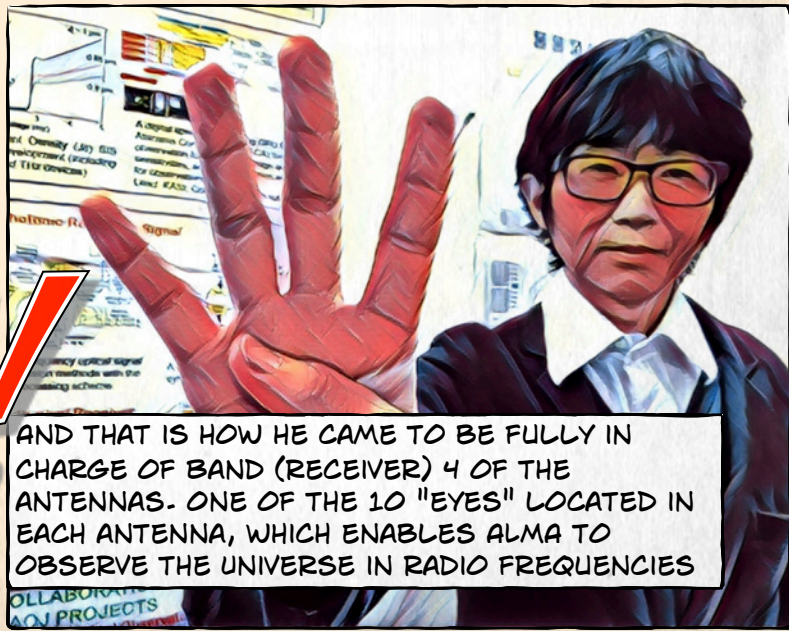
...AND HE HAS BEEN WITH THE NATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OF JAPAN (NAOJ) -ALMA'S JAPANESE PARTNERS-, FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS!



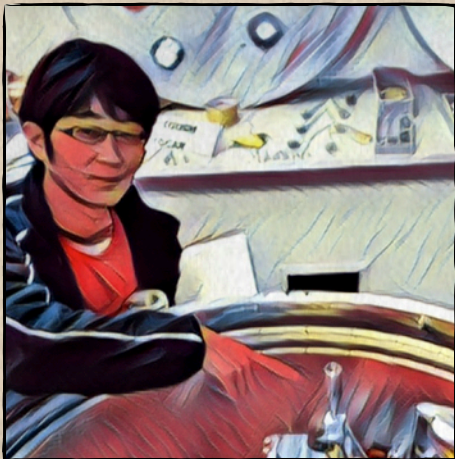
SINCE HE WAS A STUDENT AND WAS IN THE NANTEN OBSERVATORY IN CHAJNANTOR, SHIN'ICHIRO KNEW THAT ONE DAY HE WOULD CONQUER THE DRIEST DESERT IN THE WORLD



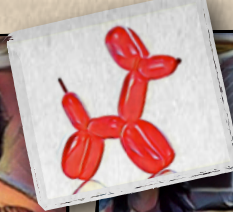
THIS WORK MACHINE "MADE IN JAPAN" STARTED OUT BY STUDYING ASTRONOMY, BUT GREW FASCINATED WITH ENGINEERING. WHAT TO DO, THEN? STUDY BOTH, OF COURSE. EASY.



AND THAT IS HOW HE CAME TO BE FULLY IN CHARGE OF BAND (RECEIVER) 4 OF THE ANTENNAS. ONE OF THE 10 "EYES" LOCATED IN EACH ANTENNA, WHICH ENABLES ALMA TO OBSERVE THE UNIVERSE IN RADIO FREQUENCIES



THIS IS A JOB THAT FILLS HIM WITH PRIDE, BUT HE IS ALSO IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JAPANESE ANTENNAS, OF THE JAPANESE CORRELATOR, AND "AS A HOBBY", OF THE ASTE OBSERVATORY!



SHIN'ICHIRO WANTS EVERYBODY TO BE HAPPY. HE IS FAMOUS FOR GIVING OUT BALLOONS TO CHILDREN VISITING THE CAMP

AS AN ENGINEER AND ASTRONOMER, HE KNOWS THAT EACH DAY OF WORK IS LIKE TIME TRAVEL THROUGH MILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS...



SHIN'ICHIRO IS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE EVERYONE ADMIRES FOR BEING HUMBLE. FEW PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE LEADS GROUP OF UP TO 30 PEOPLE!



THIS IS GOING TO MY LLAMINSTAGRAM

...ALTHOUGH HE ALSO LIKES TRAVELING CLOSER TO HOME, TO GLACIERS, CUZCO... AND THE CARIBBEAN



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TO BE A SCIENTIST AT ALMA, YOU HAVE TO ALWAYS KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME



MADE IN JAPAN