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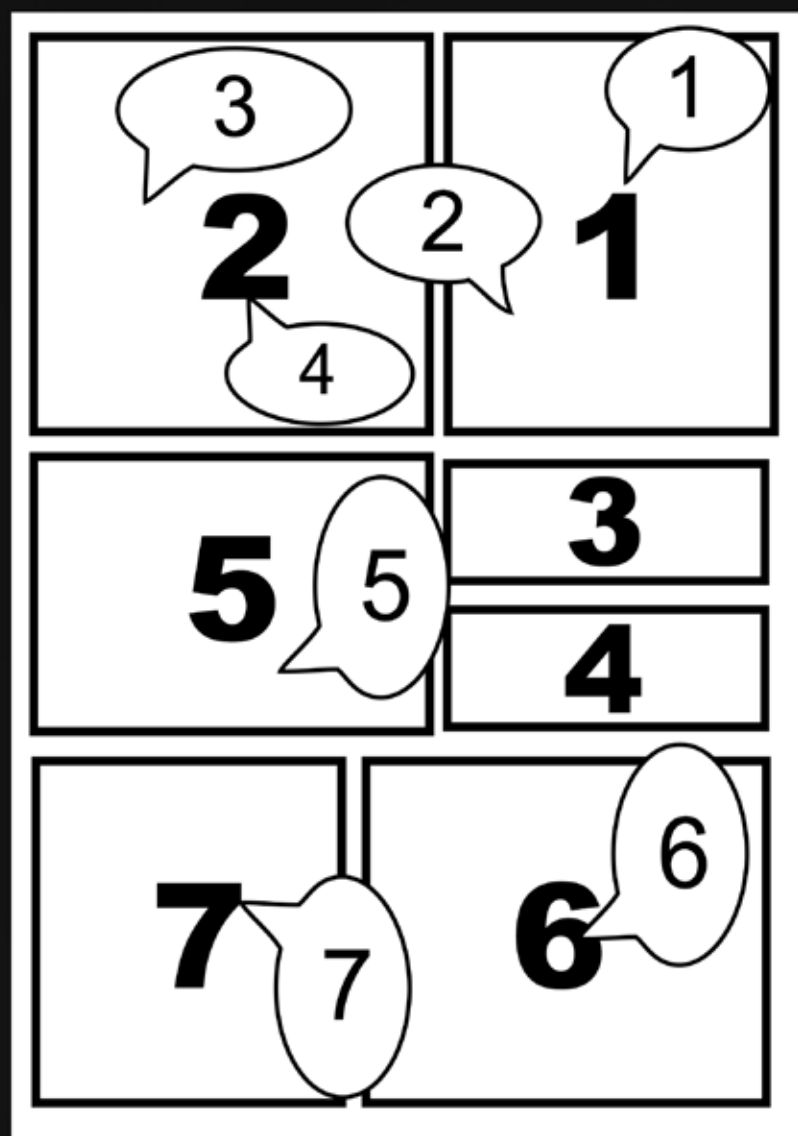
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# WAIT!

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RIGHT TO LEFT!**



**(FOLLOW ALONG THIS WAY)**



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THANK YOU!



# AKIO

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This volume contains graphic  
scenes of fantasy violence, &  
Alcohol and drug references



## CHAPTER 2: THE JOURNEY Begins

**The physical universe is but a cradle of consciousness. Soul is the medium that intertwines consciousness with matter. Therefore only the mind can widen our gaze to reveal, and command the energies that exists in the realm of the soul.**







FLICK



FLICK



DASH!



SNAASH!



GRAB!



DASH!










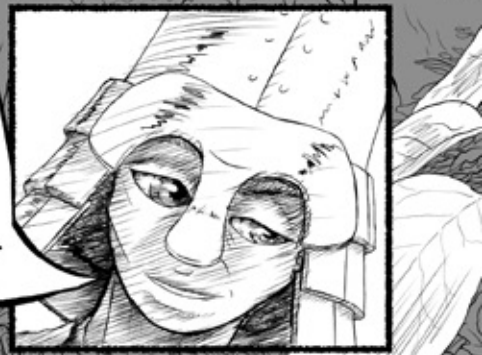
Ehh..  
Jobe and them...  
I'm not in the  
mood for it today.



**OI TAKKI!  
WAKE UP!**  
We got work...



Eurgh... It's only Akio...  
Ah well it's been a slow few weeks so we need anything we can get. Come, we go collect a few coins from him...  
Get us some lunch.



Yo,  
Aki!

ST...GTH  
Not today...  
I can't let them see the ring.



K...H!  
R...P!  
D...S!  
I hardly got any money as it is!  
If they try to lift my things i'll have to bruise these plumbs!  
Gramps can't get mad.

Where you been man?  
How long's it been?  
Nearly a month?  
What you saying?

Yes highway patrol crew...  
Yeah man i'm cool. Here I got 1 piece for you man.



You want to park all that kung fu crap and work on your maths mate...



You only have 1 piece for us? We haven't even seen you in about 4 weeks. 1 piece a week... I make it 4 pieces Aki.

Uhh.. You what?

Well... Beggars can't really be choosers can they? It's all I got so... take it or leave it...



He's Gd to Be Soking



Ay?! Beggars? Who are you calling beggars? We are professional warriors!



...Unless of course, you want to join us and help keep these roads safe! Or you can always volunteer as a practice dummy for our professional warrior skillsets?

We've been out here keeping these roads safe... You've been on your hilltop, practicing dance moves with your grandad. If you want to be safe on these roads then you need to help support us don't you? We aren't exactly asking for much are we?

PFFFT!!! IS HE SERIOUS?!



But I'm warning you now... I won't go easy on you.

Pffft!!! Professional what? Haha alright yeah cool... I could use some practice too! Lets go.

Ay!? W-What! You're a big badman all of a sudden now yeah!?



You really want to test my blade against your little dance moves? Don't be dumb! Now pick up that bag and give it to me!



SHOOK!

COME GET IT YOURSELF



WOOSH!

SHIIIIING!!!  
STOP THAT SWORD...



FINISH-SWING!!  
BINK - THIS...

WATCH THE counter...

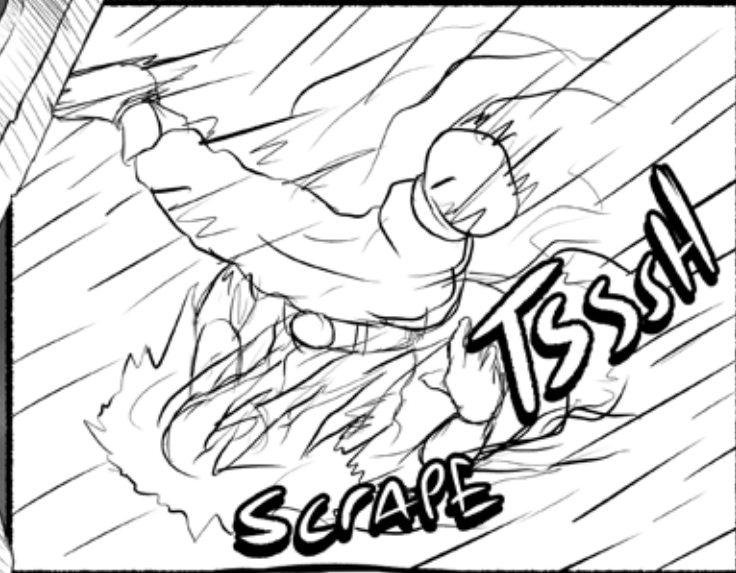
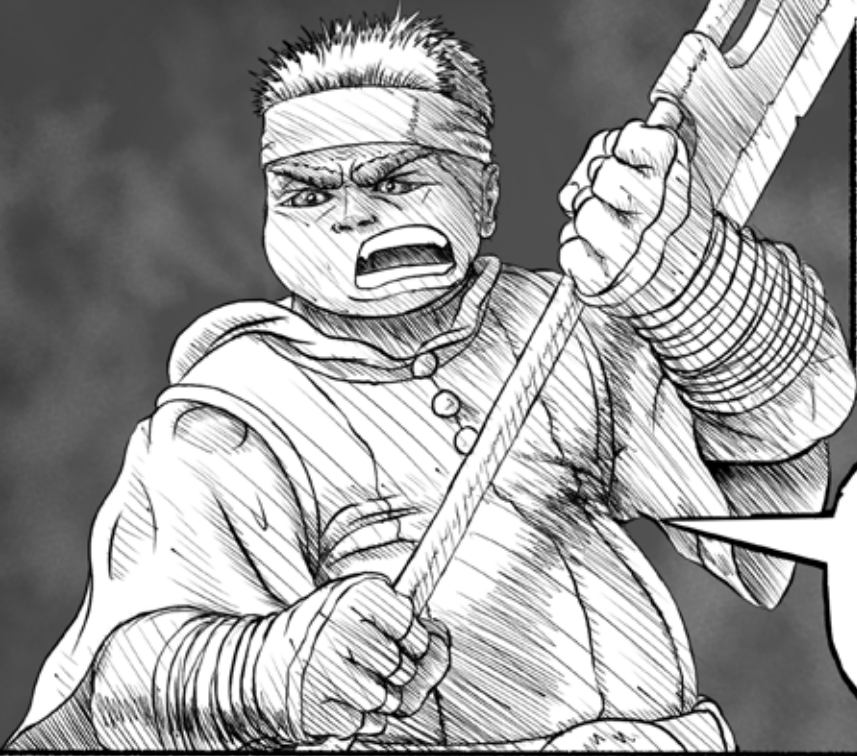
CLANK!!  
SMACK!!



CRUNCH!!

SMACK!!  
SHING!!



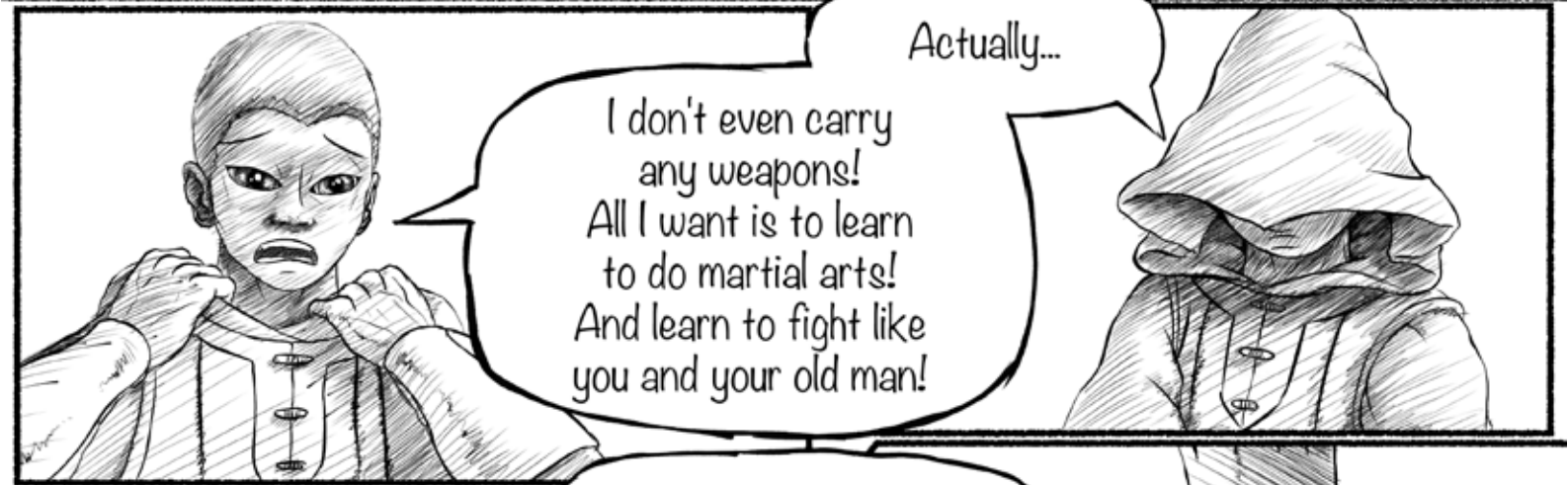


YOU JUST GOT LUCKY THERE AKI! DON'T MAKE ME HAVE TO SLAP YOU WITH THIS-





What?!  
You want  
some too!?



I don't even carry  
any weapons!  
All I want is to learn  
to do martial arts!  
And learn to fight like  
you and your old man!

Actually...



What!? Piss off Riyo!  
There's no room for thieving  
scumbags like you anywhere  
in the martial arts!

CLANK!!



That's one of the most  
important laws!  
"One shalt not steal!"  
And that's all you man ever do!  
So NO! You can't come into this!  
The best thing you could do is  
go crawl back up the hole you  
came out of!

Hah! Professionals  
my ass... All those weekly  
pieces from me, after all this  
time, and that's all  
you can do?



I demand a  
refund! How much  
you got on you?

Hmm...Feels  
kinda light still...  
It's alright though.



CHING

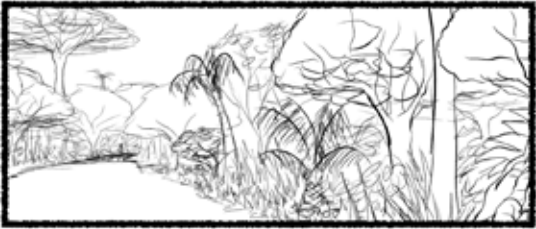
CHING  
'CHING'

Oh...  
Here's your  
4 pieces...

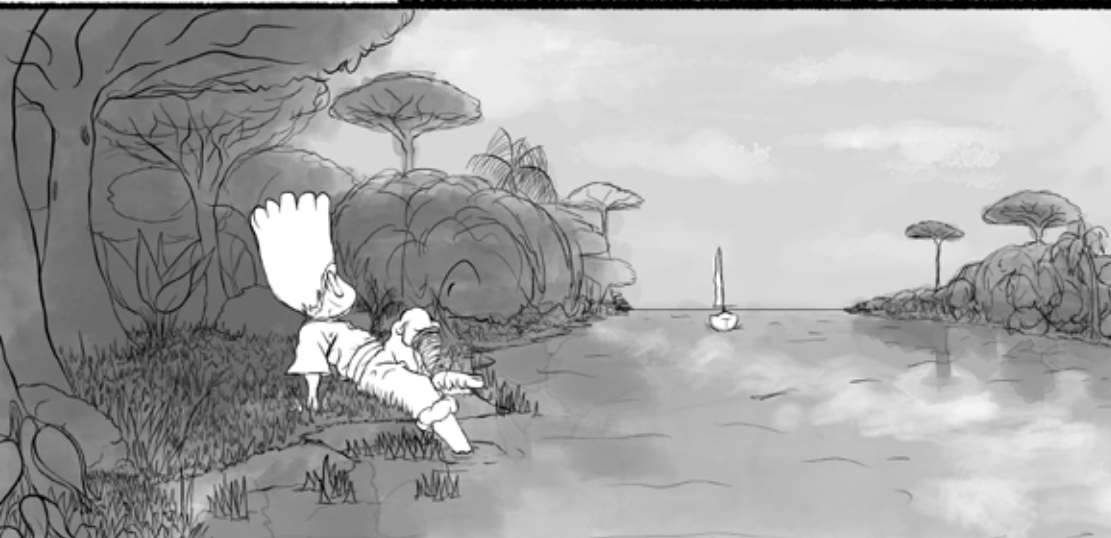
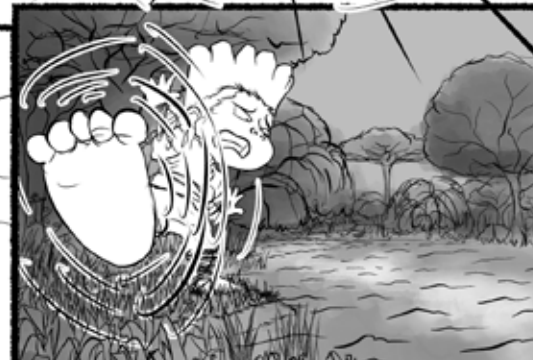
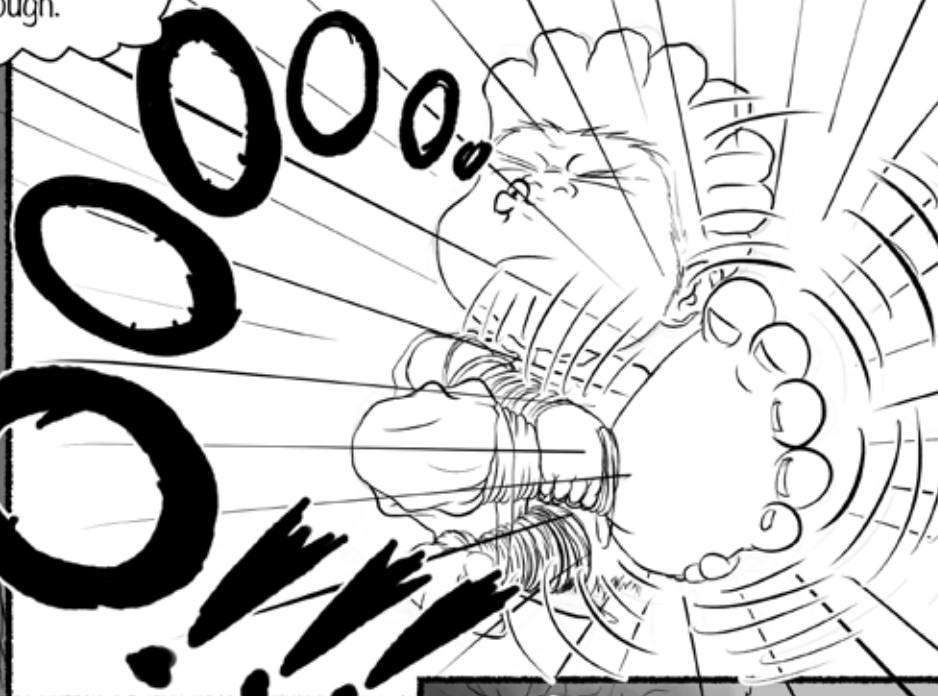
'DROP'



Go buy yourselves  
some food, it's on me!



Ok that's far enough.







YES BUNTI!



YES AKI!



I'm on my way to town, but I mashed up my foot just now, so i'm here cooling it off. What you saying?



WAHGWAN?



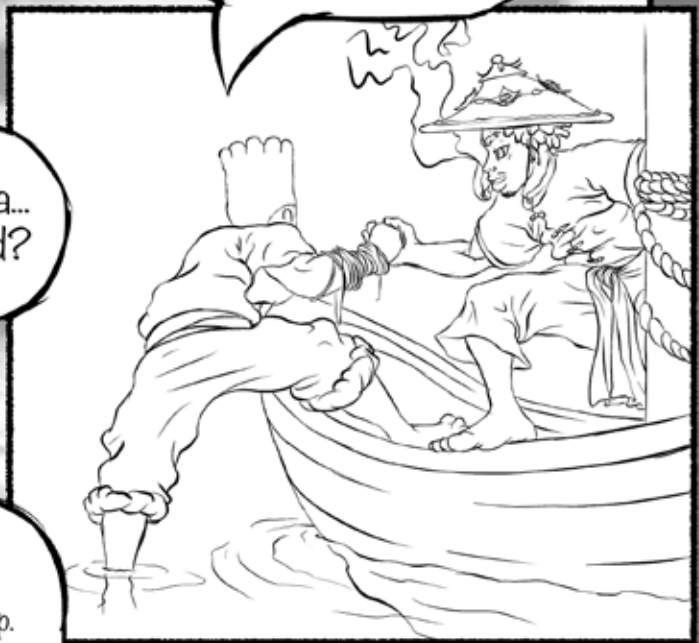
Seen, well I'm going that way now. I'll sail to you. Jump in and I can float you down river..



Yeah safe man! Saved the day.



No worries brudda... So what happened?



Ahaaaa man. So I'm walking to town, minding my own. Obviously Jobe and them were on the road so they come at me with their usual crap.

So I go to give them their l piece. Now they're trying to tell man about 3 or 4 pieces or what have you. Now i'm thinking nahh to Be fair I aint havin that. They take the piss already like. So I get to thinking i'm just gonna knock all these boys out... They've taken plenty enough liberties... Now hear Jobe about 'Ah man are professionals innit... we need this so we can...

Great!

Now he's on a boat! We should of just bagged him up earlier when I said! We've had enough chances! You're overthinking it Sota! Like you always do...

I swear we're being watched... I can sense something!

Something is definately wrong Kouki... I can sense it. The old Don isn't at his compound, nor is he with his apprentice... So where is he!?

How would I know? Hopefully he's not too far away! I don't want to have to drag the kid too far! I'm getting him next time, and I don't care what you say!

...Idiot!

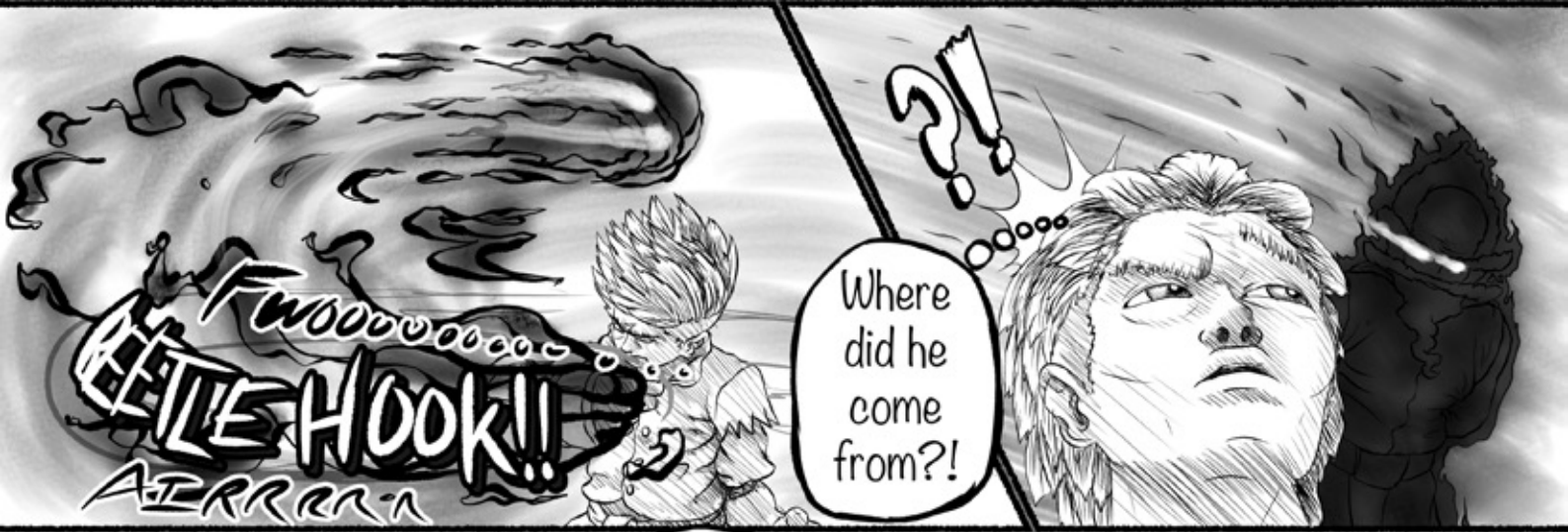
BASH!

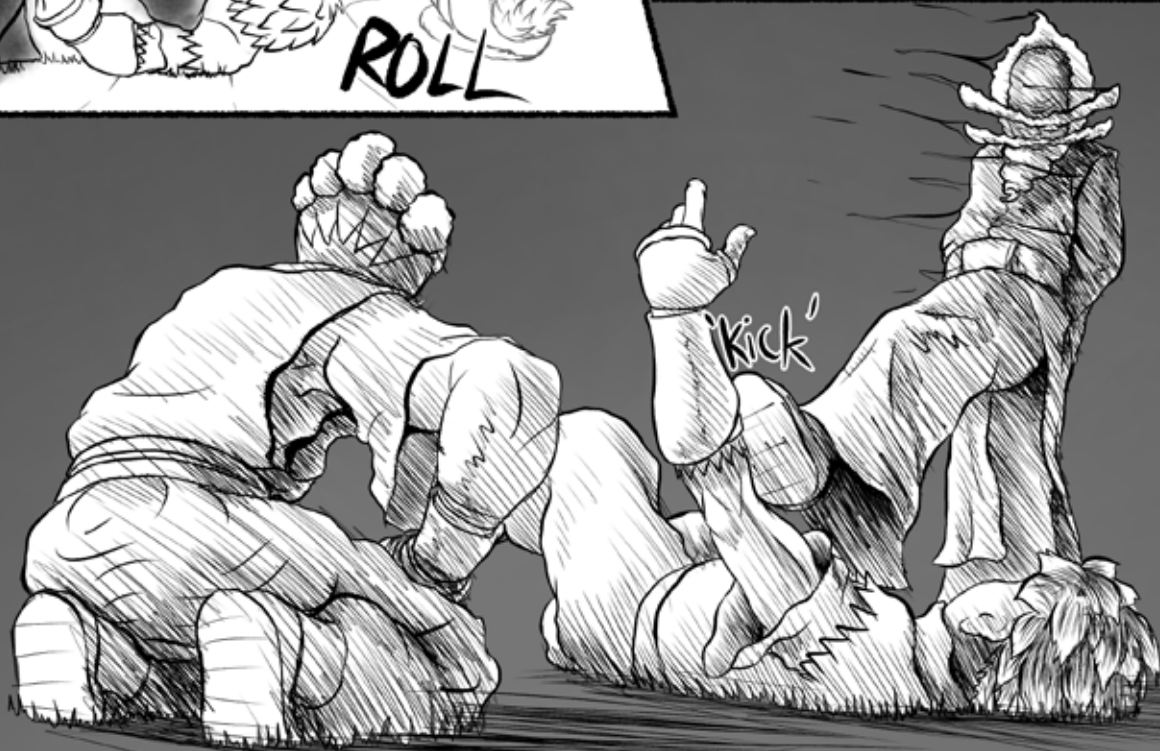
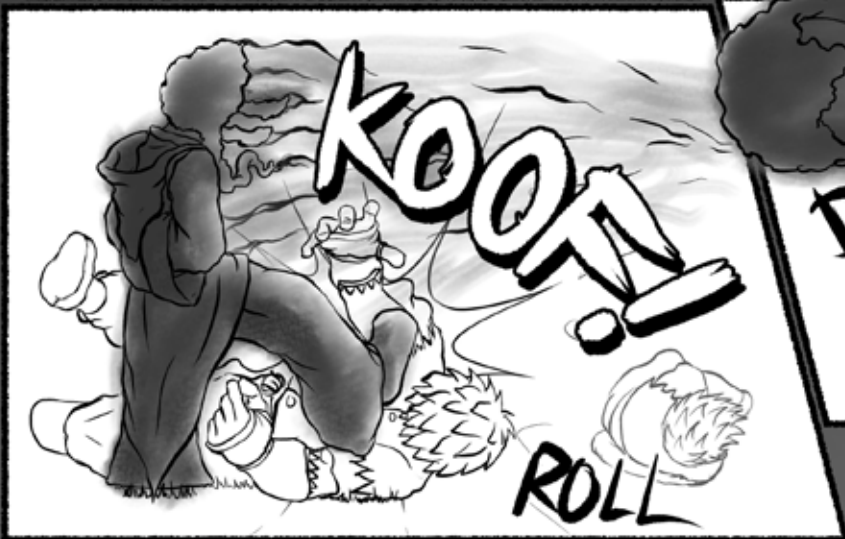
DRAG!

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!?









Hm?  
What  
gemstone?



Who are you?  
How did you find me?  
And what do you want  
with the gemstone?

**DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL!** You were just swinging  
the exact same beetle style that you used yesterday!  
Now answer my questions or lose your life!



You can't talk to me like that!  
This valley will be swarming  
with Hikaru soldiers by sunfall.  
We know who you are Saruwatari!  
We've already sent for backup.  
Give us the gemstone, and we'll  
spare you and the kid!



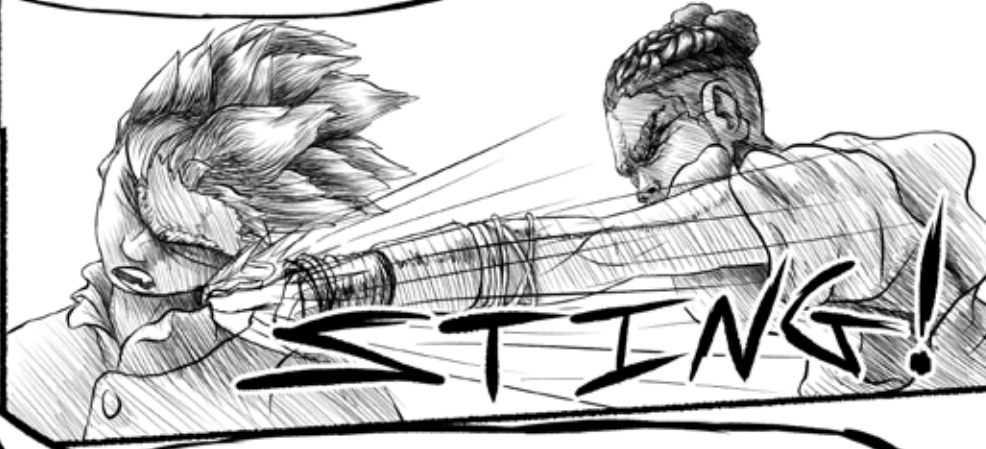
If that's the case then I'll remove both your heads now.  
Staying one step ahead of Kohdon soldiers is my speciality,  
you're not very observant.



One step ahead won't be enough as  
long as you carry that gemstone.  
But i can help you stay five steps ahead.  
In fact I never sent any message back  
to Kinboshi at all...



**YOU WHA-!?!**



**STING!**

I've been waiting to shut him up for a long time...  
It's an honour to finally meet the Dragon Don himself.  
My name is Sota i have a lot to tell you, and i fear,  
even more to ask.

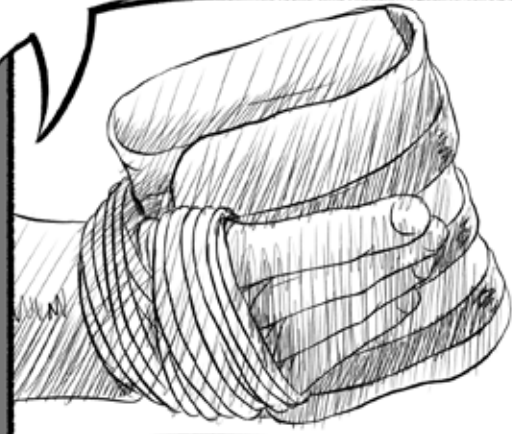
As ridiculous as this may sound... We just chanced upon your compound during a standard border security and recon mission...

Why would I listen to a Hikaru dog? I've seen the likes of you sink much much lower than this just to save their own skin!



It's true, I am but a cog in the Hikaru elites war machine. However I have a spanner that I plan to throw into the works, with your help...

...Intelligence on the Hikaru army along with transcripts from several meetings between Hikaru Lords where your name is mentioned more than once.



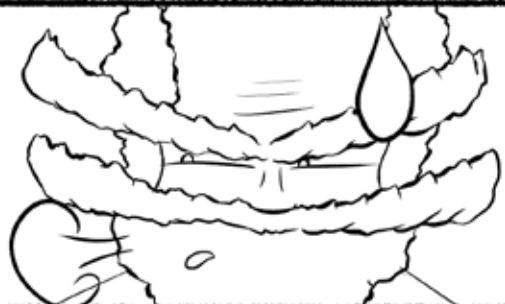
Suppose I believe what you have said, what is it you fear to ask of me?

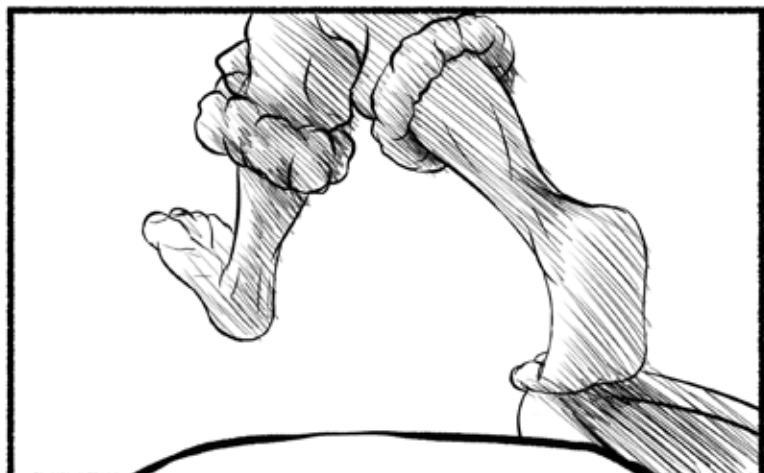
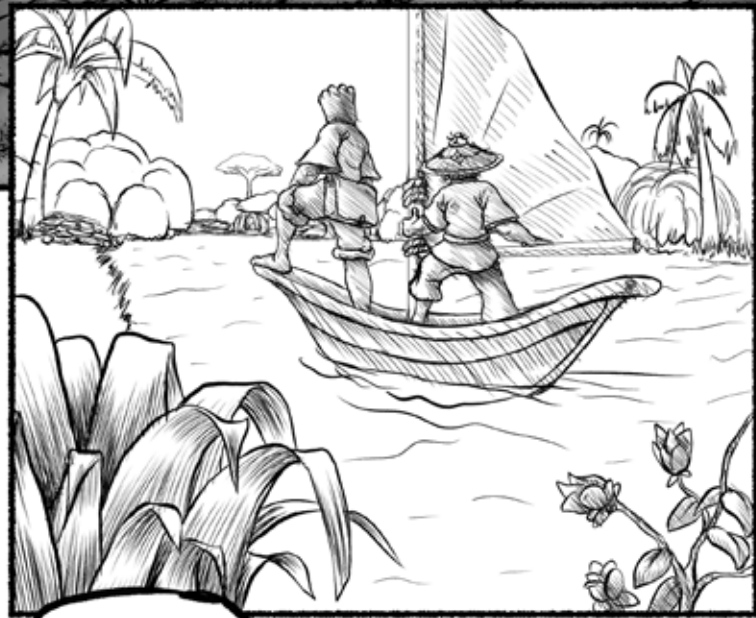
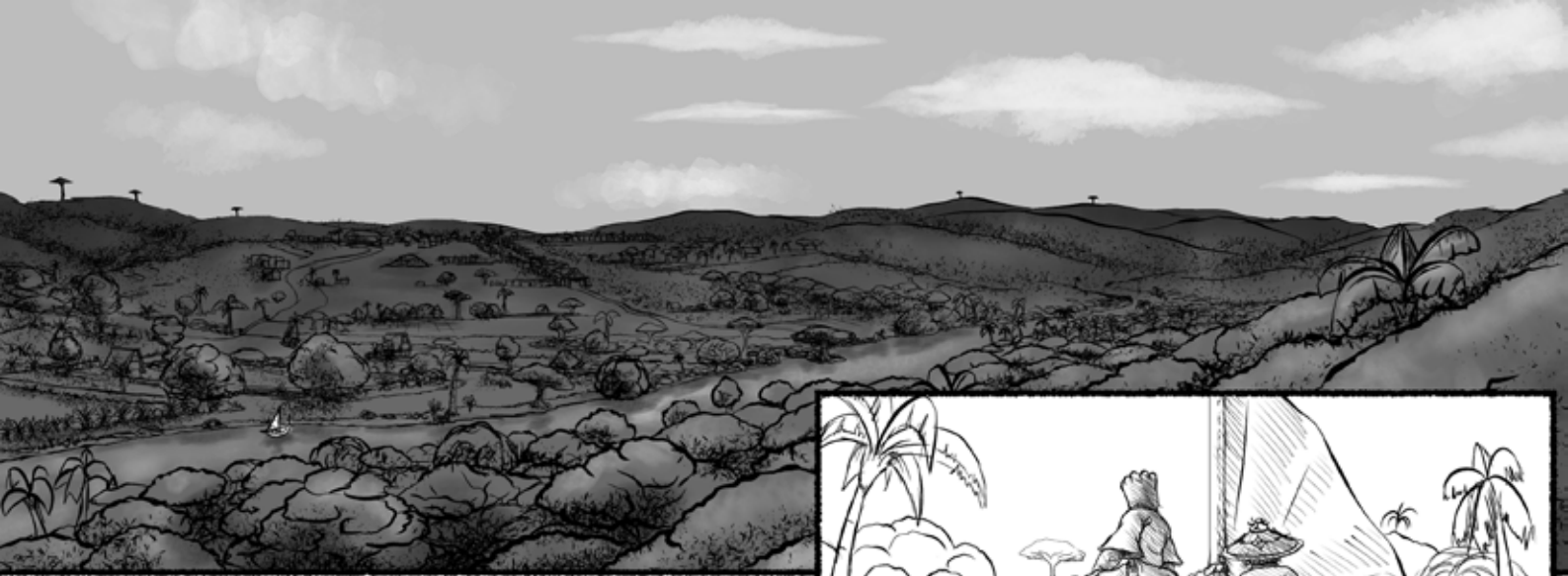
It was never my intention to fight for the Hikaru. I only wanted to take from them as much as I could. It seems they have lead me right to the highest prize in the form of one of Dalos' most legendary martial artists. If I fight for the Hikaru, I will never ever be shown the true ways of the martial arts. So I fear to ask you... To take me on as a second apprentice!



Errghhhh...  
Let me see those documents then!

SIGH





Somebody attacked me and Gramps yesterday at our house... He was after the gemstone in this ring.... You 'deal' with a lot, of jewel merchants, so I wondered if you've ever heard anything about any gems like this?

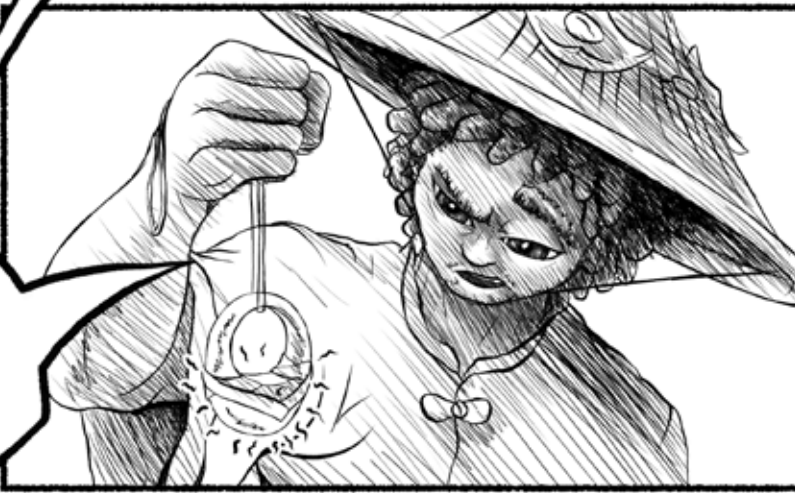



Oh. Before you go, I was gonna ask you about this.



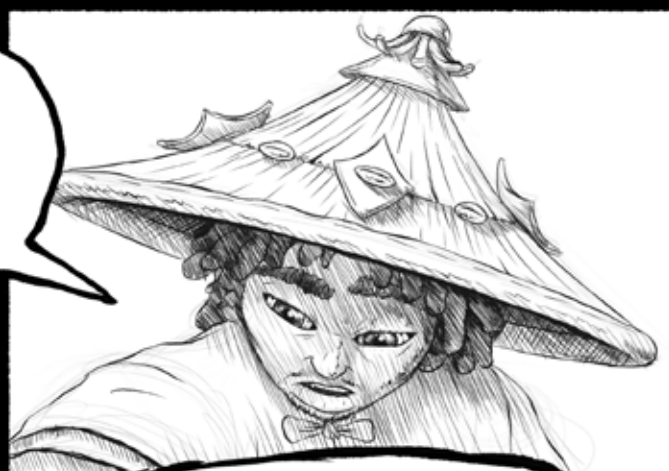
Hm... Doesn't even look like any valuable stone... Looks like any polished crystal really... It's only slight, But I swear I can feel some funny vibrations coming off of it... Strange...

WHAT?! You serious?






Strange.... But nah that's beyond my expertise... What's it for, and what are you doing with it?



I dunno man. Gramps just gave it to me yesterday and told me to bring it to Elder Augustus I was hoping you might have heard something on the job. Alright well don't tell anyone about it obviously.



Alright, say no more man. I'll keep my ear to the ground anyway... See you in town tonight yeah?



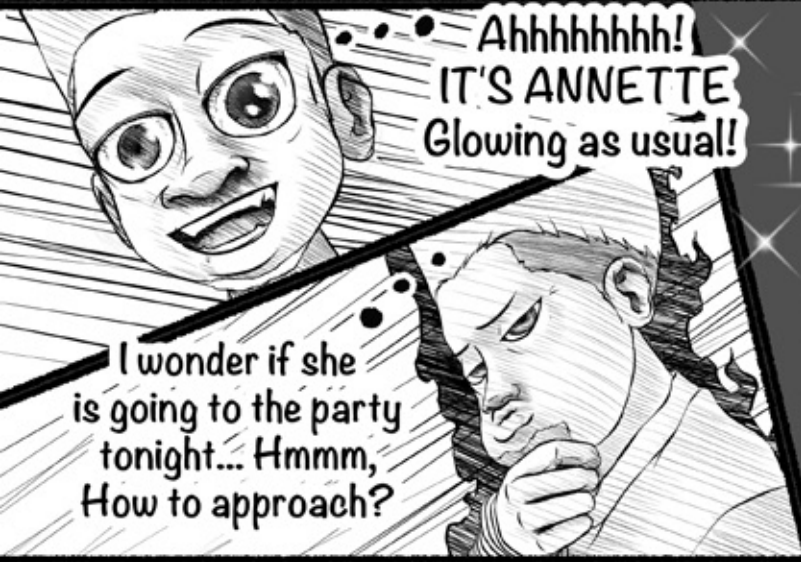
Yeah man no doubt! Bless.



BUMP!

Alright, Safe.





Ahhhhhhhh!  
IT'S ANNETTE  
Glowing as usual!

I wonder if she  
is going to the party  
tonight... Hmm,  
How to approach?



I'll use the  
element of  
surprise, and  
break the ice!



STEP 1:  
SNEAK

STEP 2:  
SURPRISE!

STEP 3:  
LAUGH!

STEP 4:  
GET IN!!!

SOLID  
PLAN!

HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
HA!  
you're  
so  
FUNNY  
Aki!

SHAKE

SHAKE

SHAKE

ANN-!

OH MY GOD!  
AKI!?

BOOX

Oh sorry Aki!  
Yeah I'm going with Paulette  
and Suzette, It's going to be fun!

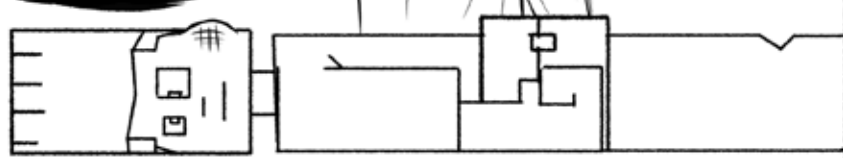
Haha, sorry.  
I was going to ask  
if you're coming  
to the party  
tonight?

Why are you  
sneaking  
around  
like that!

RUB RUB RUB

I didn't  
hit you that  
hard...

Alright get  
up Aki.





Hmhmhmm...  
Alright Aki,  
well I have to  
get ready so i'll  
see you  
tonight then!

I'm just...  
Just give  
me a minute

WHATY  
DO I  
SAY?!

Ha! No no  
It's not that,  
I'm just...



BUT HEY!  
She said she will  
see me tonight!!!  
What a result!  
I'll cut my loses there  
and get going...  
I can redeem myself tonight!



THAT DID NOT  
GO AS  
PLANNED!

Later that evening...



This must  
be  
the place...



END OF  
Chapter 2

SAFE

