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SUVIGIN VALLEY
CHAPTER 5

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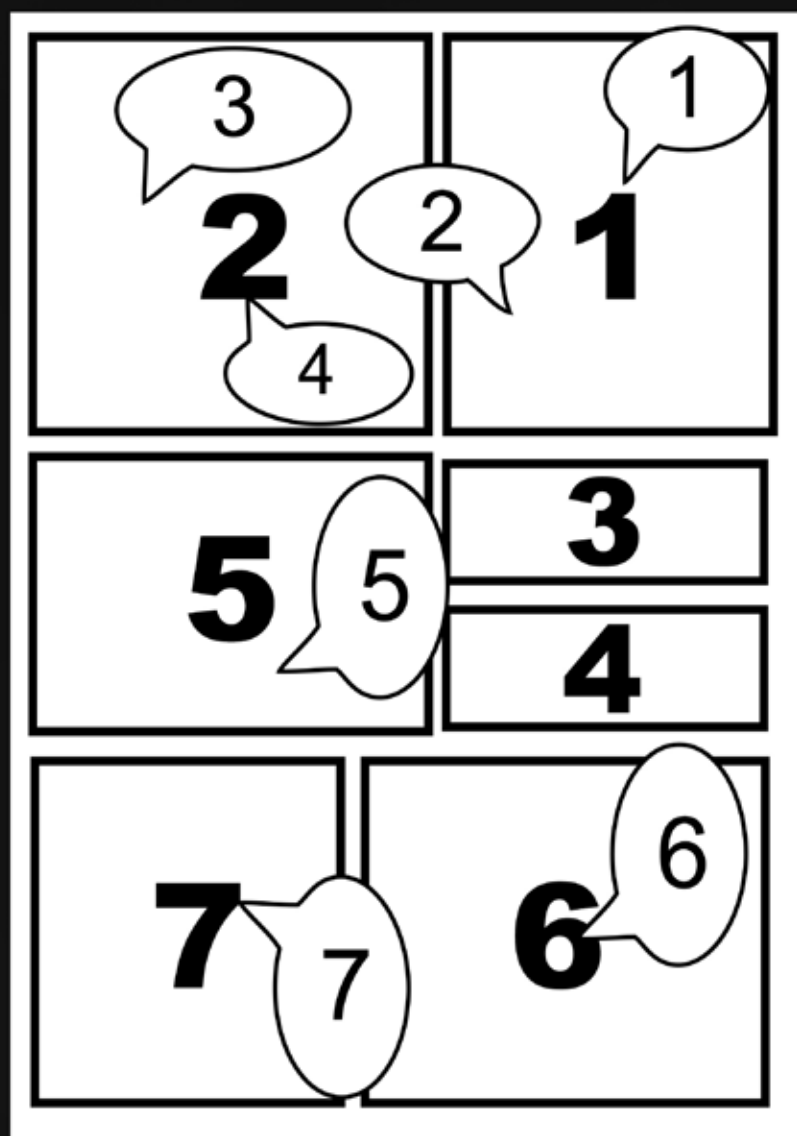
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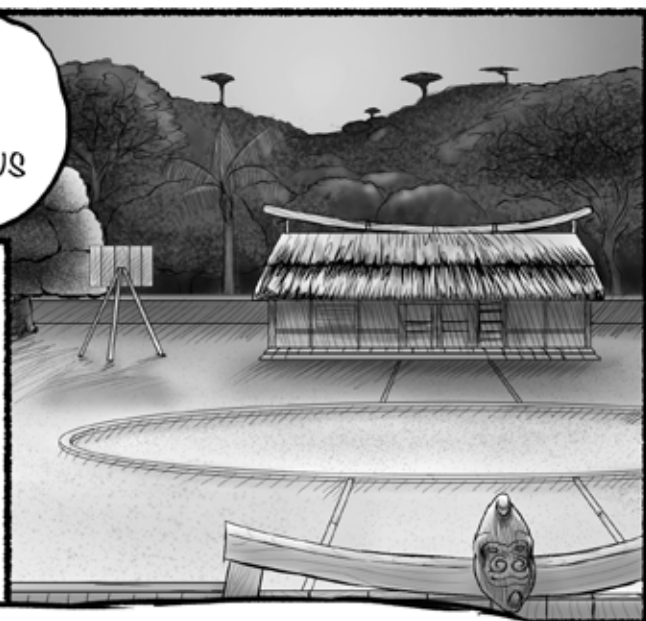
This volume contains graphic
scenes of fantasy violence, &
Alcohol and drug references



CHAPTER 5: KINDLING IN KINBOSHI.

Understanding the nature of the universe, the soul, above and within, allows the martial artist to attain supernatural abilities. The martial artist will train hard, a vigorous physical regime coupled with mental focus, in order to build and maintain **THE BRIDGE.**

Well based on this 'Intel', and what Sota has told us already, I think we will travel to **Kinboshi** from here. We'll capture the **Lord Souma**, and hear what he knows about the gemstone.



That's a bold first move isn't it?
It's basically a declaration of war on the Hikaru!
Still I like the idea of it! Just like old times!
Ay Saru?

Fufufu... Yeah well, I have no problem warring with the Hikaru... However, it's dragging my grandson into this I am conflicted about... I often think that I should have taken him as far away from Dalos as possible. That I should have taken the opportunity to leave all this nonsense behind and be free of it once and for all...

...This never ending war, it only seems to get more and more atrocious the more we fight. In the old days our clans knocked off monarchy after monarchy across every kingdom in Dalos... Yet there was always another, ready and waiting to replace them... And each time around it only gets sicker and sicker...
What's it all really about?

Well... I suppose that's what we're fighting for isn't it?
To find out what it's all about...

Hmm... I hope you're right Gussie...
So what are you going to do?
Are you coming with us?



You know.. I have taken
in five apprentices
since we last met.
I think i'll be staying here
for at least a little while...
Until I feel they can fend for
themselves. After that... I plan
to head back to Yosai, you know...
finish what I started.



Wow! has it really been
that long? Well alright then.



Mhmm... Look at you,
you boys are an absolute mess!
You can't even hold your heads
above your shoulders...
Akio! Imagine you were
attacked for the stone
again! In the state you're in
you'll lose the stone,
and likely be killed!

As I have told you already...
While you are carrying
this stone, you cannot afford
to be incapacitated
by partying, drink and smoke.
You must stay vigilant at all times,
for we can never know
when someone will try us for it again.

Errgh...
Don't worry
Gramps...
I'm never
drinking again...

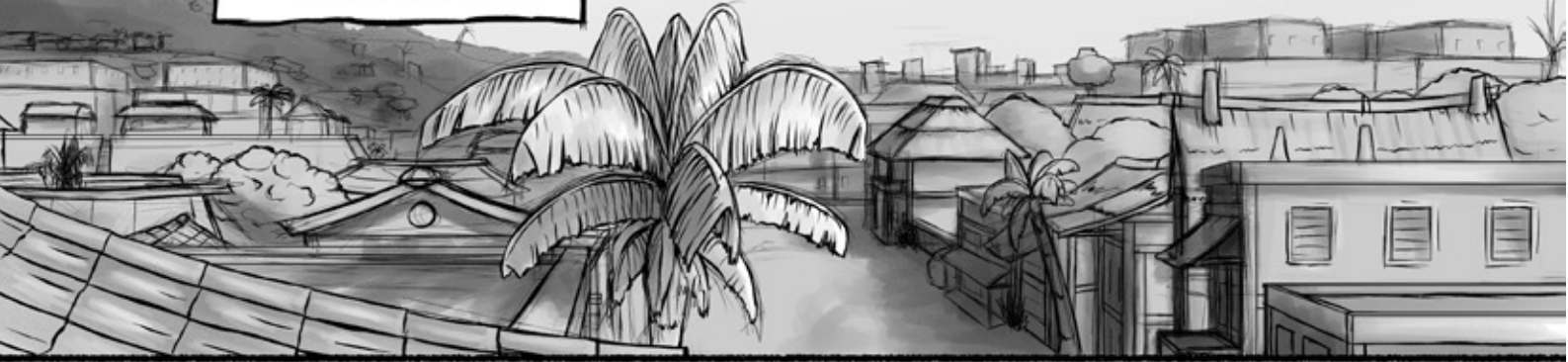
Fufufuu... Those famous old words...
We'll see about that. We'll be leaving
for **Kinboshi** soon. As you are in such
a state today, we will have to begin
training tomorrow.

Before we leave Suigin,
you must be able to see and use the power
of the soul you were using last night.
But without the influence of external
potions and medicines. Now you have seen
the power of the soul with your own eyes,
there should be no shadow or confusion
in your mind about my teachings...



NORTH-WEST
KINBOSHI
"THE JUNGLE"

MEANWHILE...



Sandy?!
What are you up
to now!?

MAYA!



Just hold onto these for us!

Don't worry,
Maya.



We'll meet
you at yours
later!

SHUMP





They're always up to no good!

Mix with trouble and you'll make a mess Maya!



Dammit!

Tricky little bastards!





I'm gonna mess these little pricks up!

Wait...

GRAB!

SHOOF!

SCUFF!



WHERE ARE THE BAGS!!

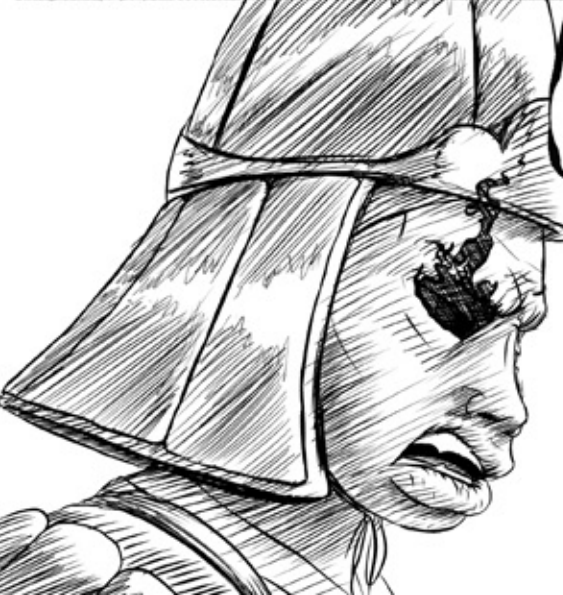
HEY! There's nothing to see here! These kids are thieving scum! Now go on and mind your own business!

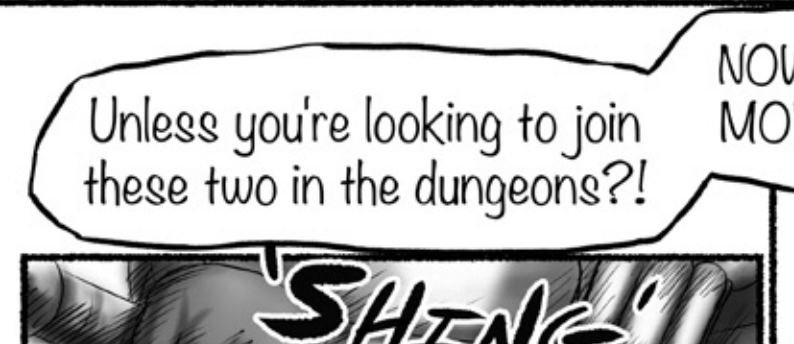
Beating up the kids now are they?

Animals!

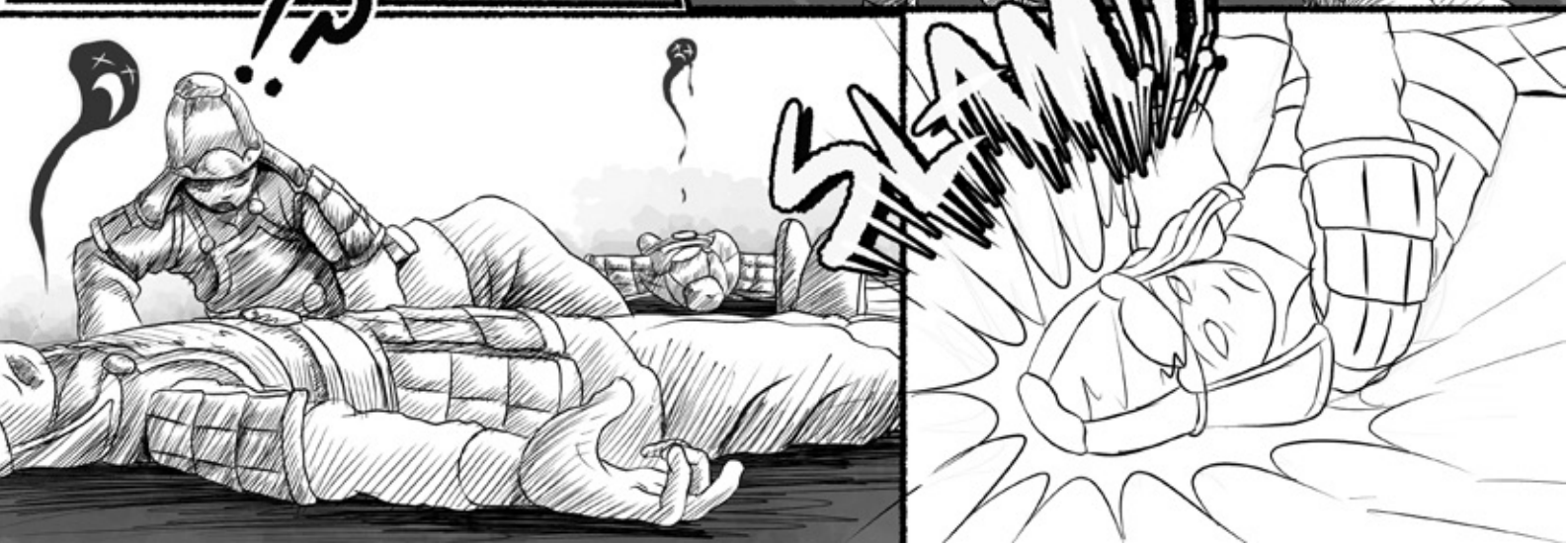
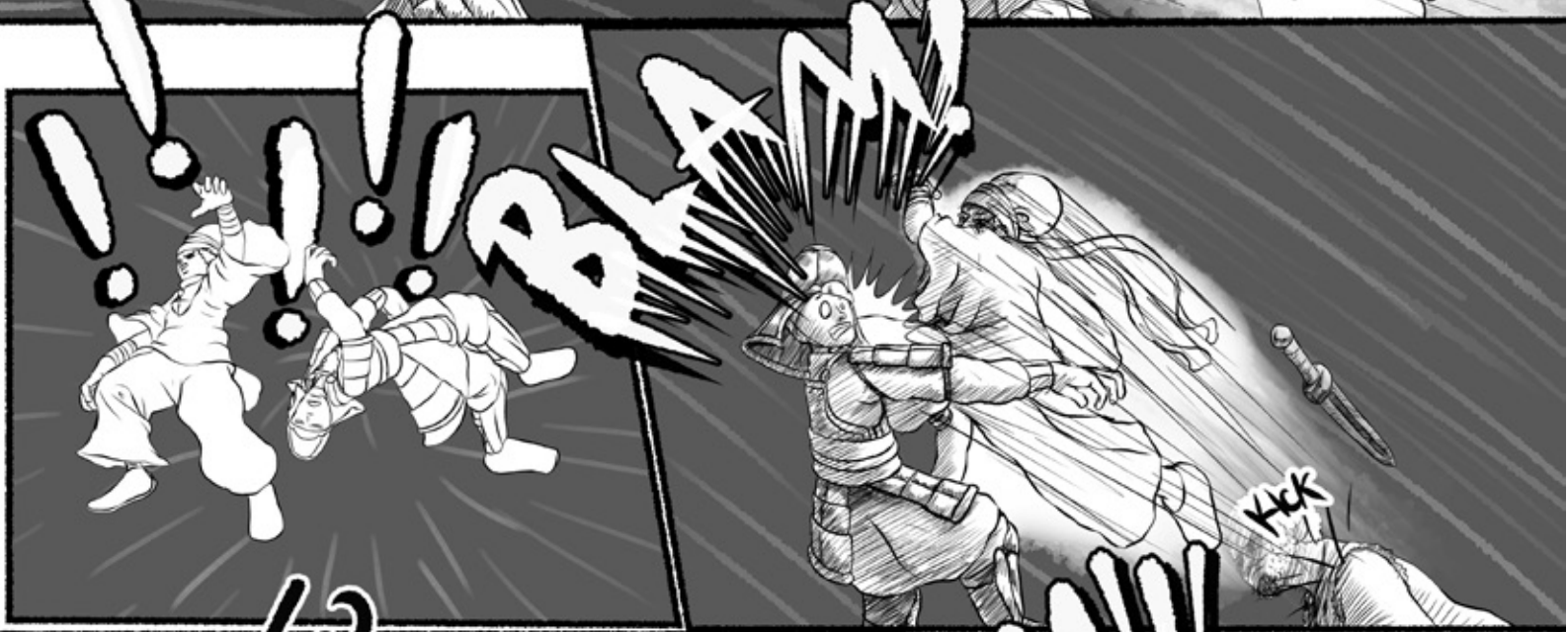
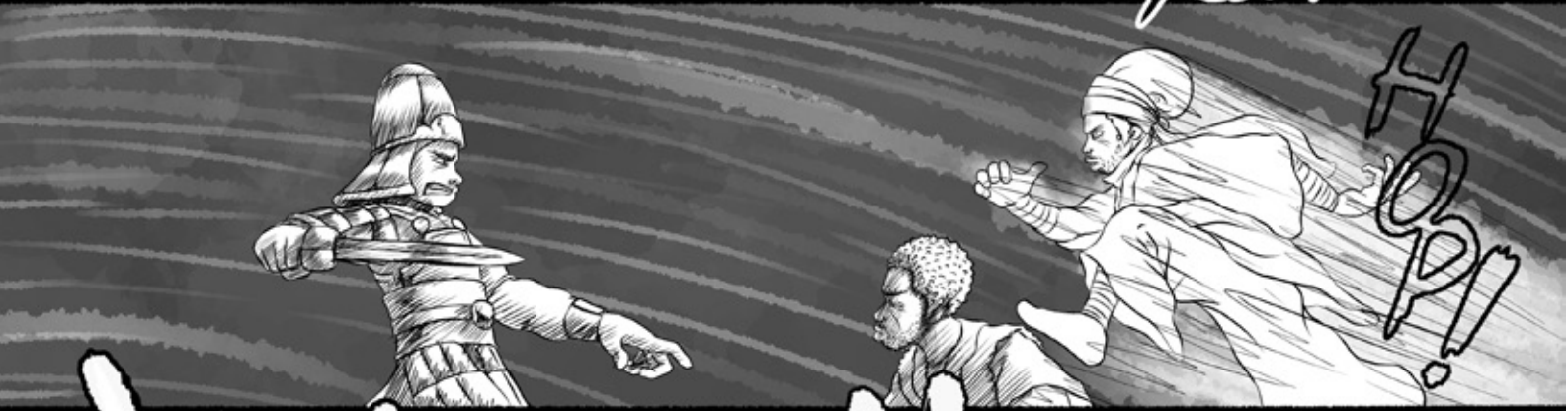
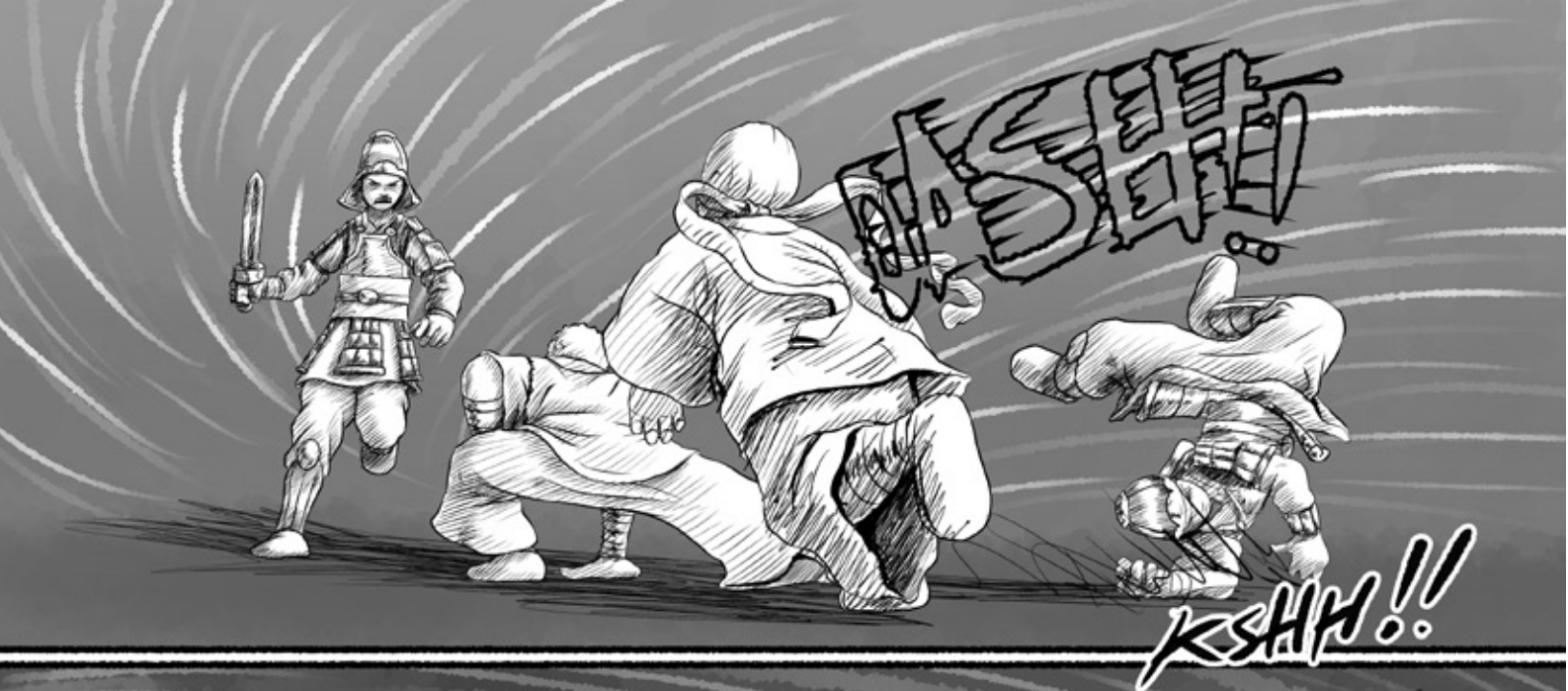
Oh My!

Atrocious!



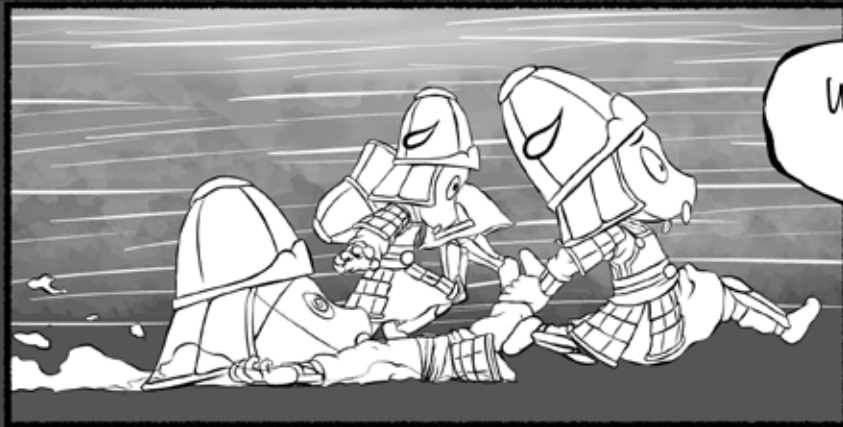




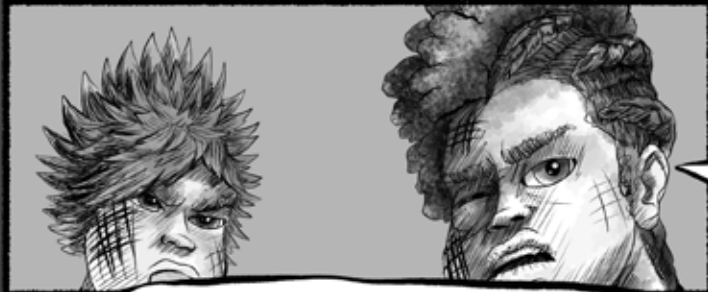




Now F◇%# off and don't let me catch you around here again!



Whoa! They just saw those soldiers off! Unarmed and outnumbered!!



Th-Thank you!.. Yo they took our sister Sandy! We got to get after them!!

Easy now yout man... You don't want to end up in the dungeon with her... Trust me.



There's nothing we can do for her right now... We'll get her back before they move her. Right now we need to leave, this whole area will be crawling with pigs within the hour!



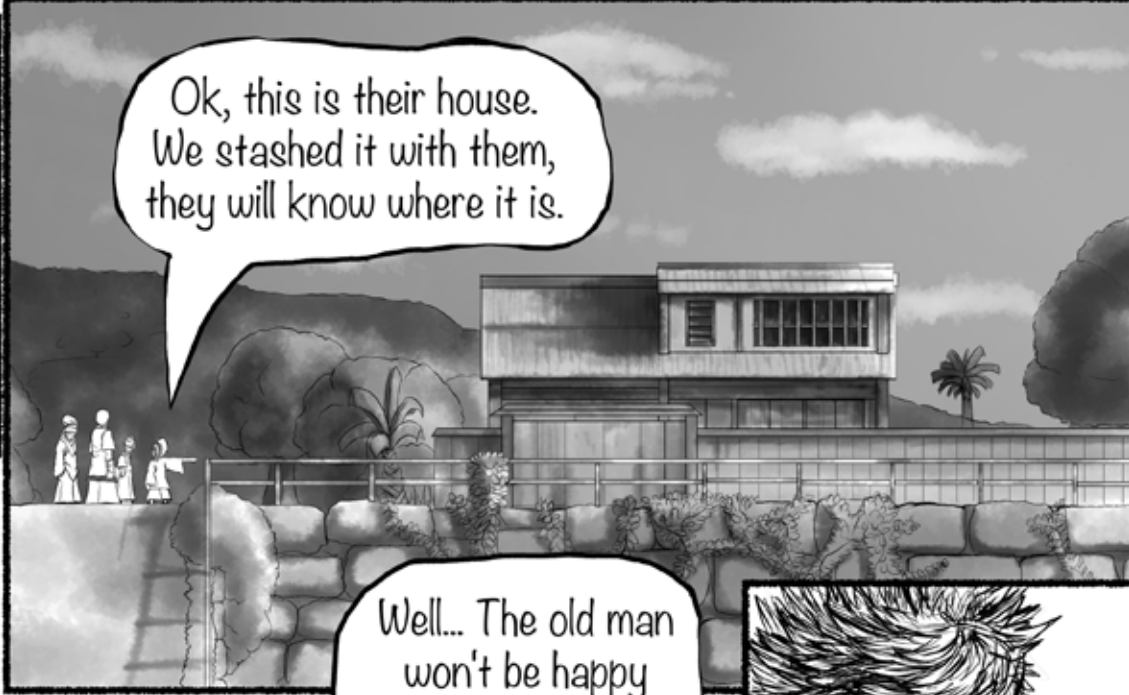
But, first things first... You'll be giving us the loot you just stole...



Or it wont just be the pigs that you will need to be running from, seen?



Ok... So what are you waiting for? Lead the way...



Ok, this is their house. We stashed it with them, they will know where it is.



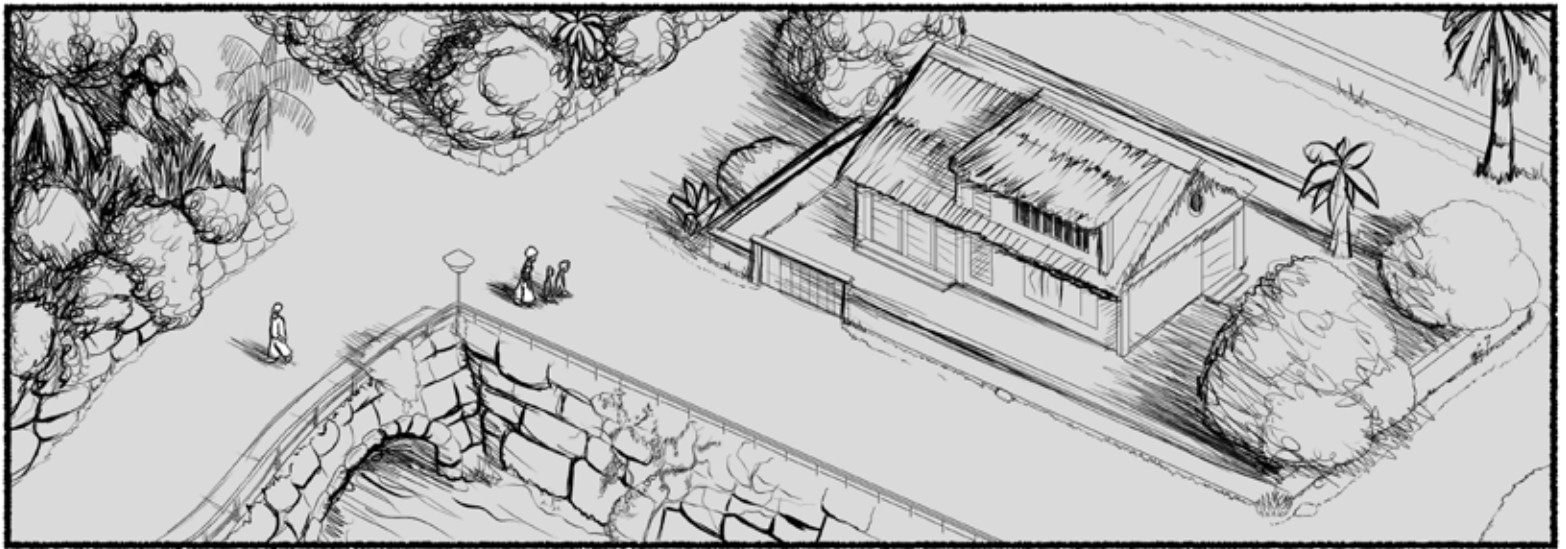
You Wh-? Yo I don't care about all that! We're getting back those bags right now, so go on!

Well... The old man won't be happy with us at all and he's brutal! We were just going to link up wi-



Alright, safe.

I'll get back. Make sure everything's cool.

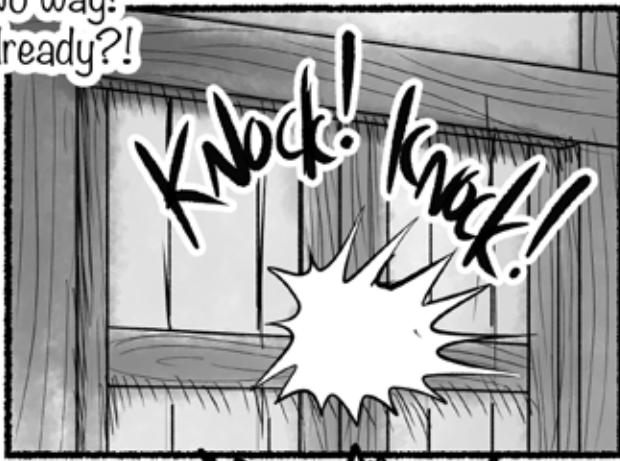


Oh have mercy!
Big bags of cash and opium?!
Your little friends have really
out-done themselves with
this one!

Maya!
We have to leave
right away! If even one of
your friends got caught
a whole heap of soldiers
will be kicking our door off by
tomorrow! Mark my words!



No way!
Already?!



GO
ON!

Who's there?!

It's us,
Master
Ketill!






HOW MANY TIMES
MUST I SAY IT!?



LEAVE MAYA OUT
OF YOUR
SCHEMES!!!




DO I LOOK FRIGHTENED
TO YOU BIG BOY?!



You know I thought you'd be
happy to see me Master K!



Wha-?!



Who's this?
What's he trying?



It's me!
Elezar!



No way!
Is it
really
you?!?!?





Of course... You better come inside!

It's a long story and we may not have much time...

What happened to you?

Now look at your faces! And where's the other one? ... Let me guess. She got caught didn't she?

IDIOTS! What were you thinking? In broad daylight?!



NO!! SANDY! ...YOU IDIOTS!



What do you mean, why am I here? To finish what we started of course... As for these two. They stole a big cache from the Hikaru soldiers, that we were going to take. They said it should be here.

I have countless questions for you... But as we're pressed for time, for now I'll just ask; Why are you here? And what are you doing with these two?



After everything that's happened... You still believe the Hikaru can be stopped? And who's *we*?



We're
STRIKE.

We're going to
take over
this city and
make it our
first stronghold.



Sounds just like any
of the other
gangs on these streets...
Squabbling over
cash and drugs.

Ha. Yeah well...
Everyone's got to
start somewhere right?



What about Sandy?
Will Strike try
to help her?

Well...
The quicker we
take control
of this city.
The more chance
we have of saving her...
If you want to help,
come see us tomorrow.

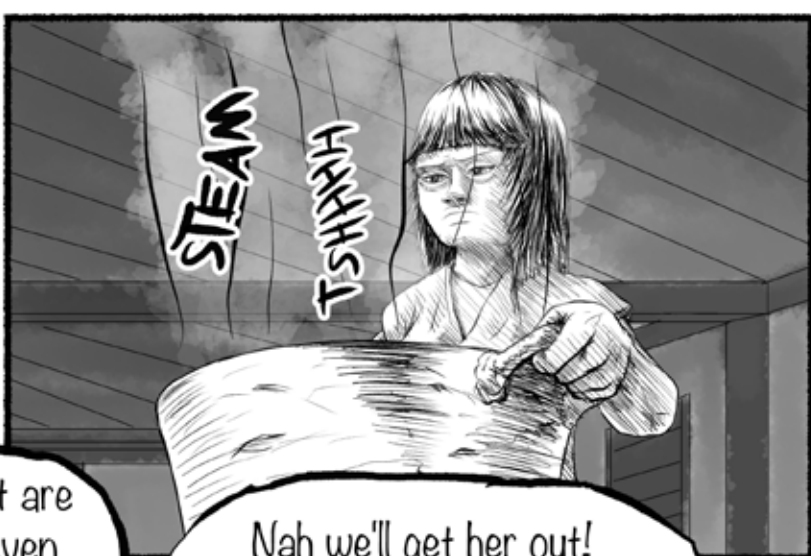


...
What if she's already been taken away?



STEAM

TSHHHH



I'm glad you're so optimistic... But what are you talking about? We'll be lucky to even get into central, much less find out what cell Sandy is in... Our best bet is with that... That strike guy, we will go tomorrow.

Nah we'll get her out!
We'll go tonight and find out where she is... Then we'll make a rescue plan!



What? How can we trust him? He's cold! He didn't even try to rescue Sandy earlier... He only saved us to find out where the bags were it's obvious!

SPLISH SLOSH



SPLISHH

Well if you weren't out thieving all the time, then she would never of been cuaght up would she?!... Why should he care about you? He doesn't know you, to him your just petty thieves... You're lucky you're not both in the cage with Sandy!... Like REALLY lucky!



Now let's get you two cleaned up!

WRING

DRIP

DROP



Yeah exactly... You won't get so lucky next time... So take time... We'll go and find out about this **Strike** team



HmHmHm!!

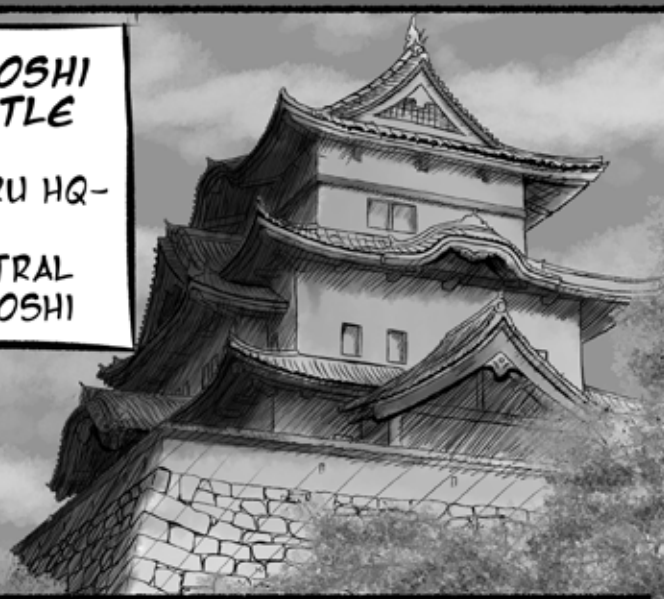
Well... Things are certainly heating up nicely around here! The rabble can't stop killing each other off for us!

Surely, it won't be very long until they start a rebellion right?

KINBOSHI CASTLE

-HIKARU HQ-

CENTRAL KINBOSHI



Well it seems like they have already started on our men. A group of our tax collectors got attacked in the Jungle earlier today.

While arresting some thieving kids they were attacked by a big, angry mob who chased them out of the area!

Haha! More and more good news!

HAHA! YES SIR!

Push up those taxes on all business in the area! Somebody has to pay for the extra security right?

Well, there's our excuse to ramp up our numbers in that area!

Aha! Yes indeed! We will bleed those plebs dry! Just look at how many bags full of their cash we have from this month alone! They will leave or starve I don't care... I just need them out!



The thing is.. Our men failed to recover any of the stolen goods and monies... Plus, they only managed to arrest one of the kids... **AND** rumour has it, that the 'Angry mob' who chased them out was actually just two unarmed men...



How embarrassing... That certainly makes us look weak... But, seeing as in we are trying to provoke hostilities with the serfs, this could hurry things along nicely!



Evening gentlemen... May I speak privately to the Lord Souma?



Of course my lord... We'll take our leave.



CRACK!

'STEP'

STEP

'STEP-STEP'



Well...
Do you have
the reports
from the
recon units?

We have received reports from all units except
for one from the third rangers division...
All of the reports we have received contain
no information on the gemstone's location...

What location was the
missing unit assigned to?

The Suigin Valley lord...
I suspect that they have met
some resistance from the locals there.
They are known to sympathize with
the banished Heathens in that area.

Kinboshi is fast approaching a critical point.
Without the gemstone this chaos will escalate
out of your control. We suggest you pull back your
'disruption and displacement' regime... For now,
focus on obtaining the gemstone, this is how
we will secure the power you have acquired.

Your council is of great value and
your suggestion will be acted on.
However, the chaos has provided many
prisoners that are well suited for
your requirements. Come with me to
the dungeon and allow me to show you...

They are all under sixteen... Many of them aren't even ten yet!

I am certain you will be pleased with this harvest!

CENTRAL KINBOSHI DUNGEONS



Hmph!
You old
farts can't
hold me
too long!

See
for
your-
self.

Hmhmhmmm..
Very good...
I will personally
transport them
back to Savon!

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UNTIL NEXT TIME,
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SAFE!



AFTERWORD

FROM THE TEAM

It has been around 3 years since we began really working on this 'Akio' project... Finally, after much, much ado, book 1 is here!

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We hope you all enjoyed it, and stick with us for **book 2!**
and all the other cool stuff coming out for **AKIO**
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I'LL SEE YOU IN

BOOK 2
YEAH?!

