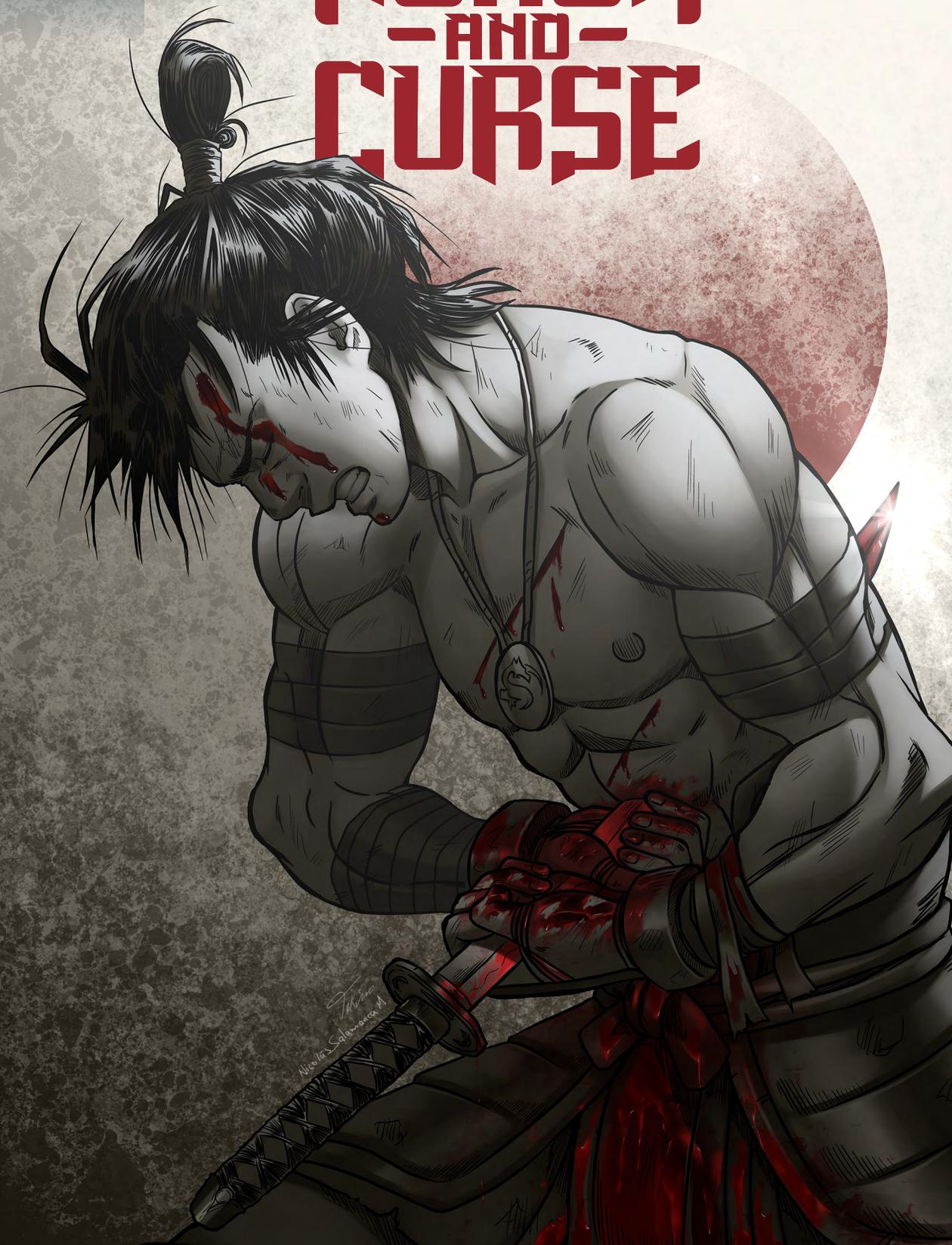




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IGA VILLAGE, JAPAN.

14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.

HE'S HEADING TOWARD THE CLIFFS.

SLOW HIM DOWN!

KILL HIM!

=SHUFF=  
=SHUFF=



WHAT'S WRONG?

NONE OF THIS IS YOUR FAULT.

=SHUFF=  
=SHUFF=



OR MAYBE IT IS.

YOU SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED ME FROM THE START.



STOP FIGHTING ME, GENSHI!!!





PATHETIC.  
YOU ARE SO  
MUCH MORE  
THAN THIS.

STAND  
UP AND  
ACCEPT YOUR  
**FATE.**

NNNGH.





PA--  
PAPA?

EVERYTHING  
IS GOING TO BE  
ALRIGHT.

CALM  
DOWN,  
GENSHI.

MAMA...



HEH!  
IT'S PAYDAY,  
BOYS.







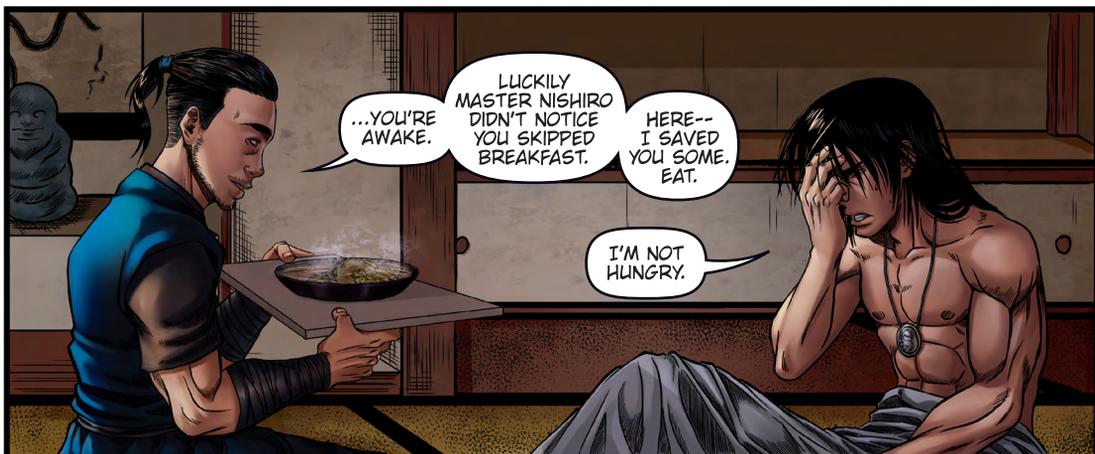
NOO!



NOW.

AH, FINALLY...

HUFF. HUFF.



...YOU'RE AWAKE.

LUCKILY MASTER NISHIRO DIDN'T NOTICE YOU SKIPPED BREAKFAST.

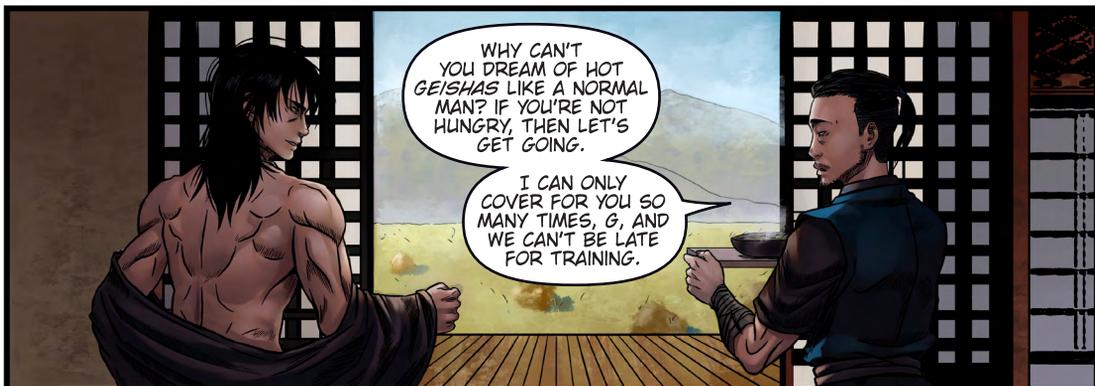
HERE-- I SAVED YOU SOME. EAT.

I'M NOT HUNGRY.



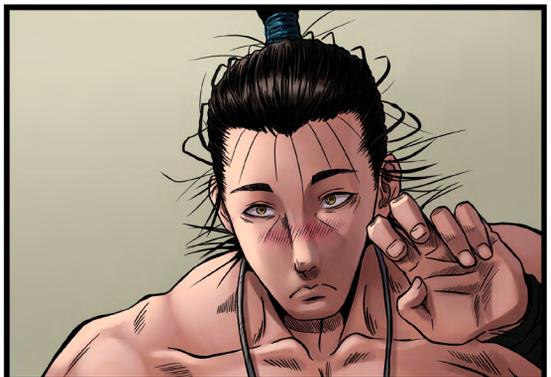
COME ON. YOU NEVER SAY NO TO MISO SOUP. WHAT'S WRONG, GENSHI?

THESE NIGHTMARES... WHEN IT'S NOT MY PARENTS, IT'S THAT...OTHER THING.



WHY CAN'T YOU DREAM OF HOT GEISHAS LIKE A NORMAL MAN? IF YOU'RE NOT HUNGRY, THEN LET'S GET GOING.

I CAN ONLY COVER FOR YOU SO MANY TIMES, G, AND WE CAN'T BE LATE FOR TRAINING.







WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'VE DEFEATED THAT OAF BEFORE...

I WAS... DISTRACTED.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE DAYDREAMING NOW, TOO.

HOLD ON A SECOND...



LADY AKEMI? ARE YOU INSANE?

LORD HARUKI WOULD HAVE YOUR HEAD JUST FOR LOOKING AT HER!

IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN...

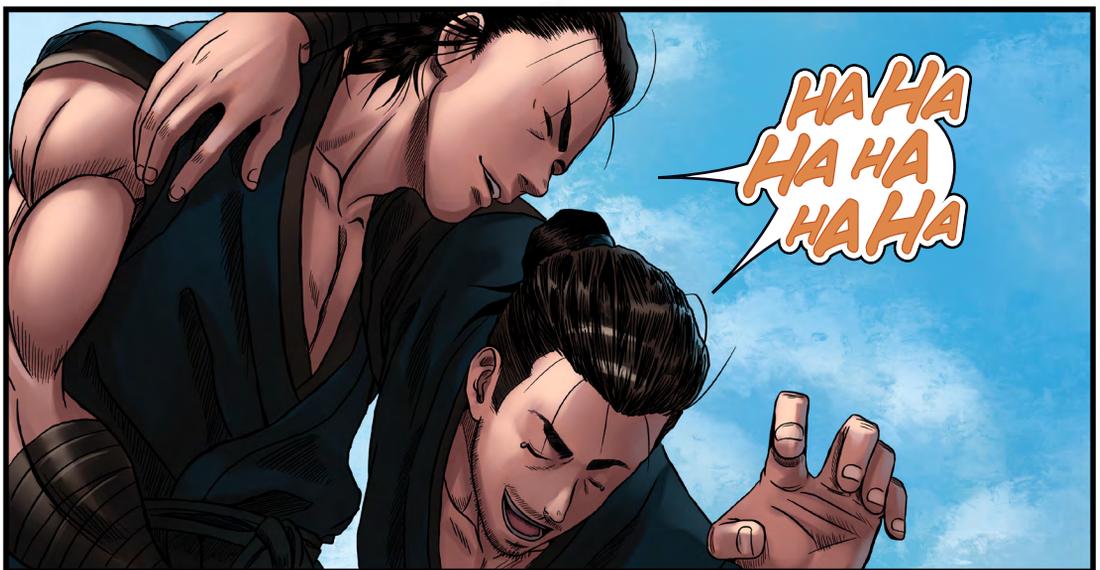
IT BETTER NOT. YOU HAVE TOO MUCH GOING FOR YOU TO BE WASTING YOUR TIME ON FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

NEXT TIME WE GO TO TOWN, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO KIMO!



THE FAT LADY THAT SELLS THE TERRIBLE SAKE? WITH THE EYE PATCH AND NO TEETH?

THAT'S THE ONE. TRICK IS TO CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LET HER DO ALL THE WORK.



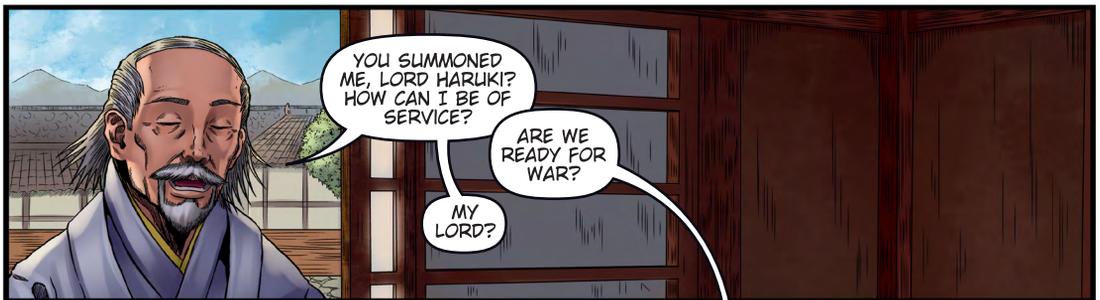
HA HA  
HA HA  
HA HA



FATHER, IS SOMETHING WRONG?

I FEAR THE KOGA ARE GROWING STRONGER.

THE STOLEN CATTLE. THE FIRES IN THE RICE FIELDS... THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.



YOU SUMMONED ME, LORD HARUKI? HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE?

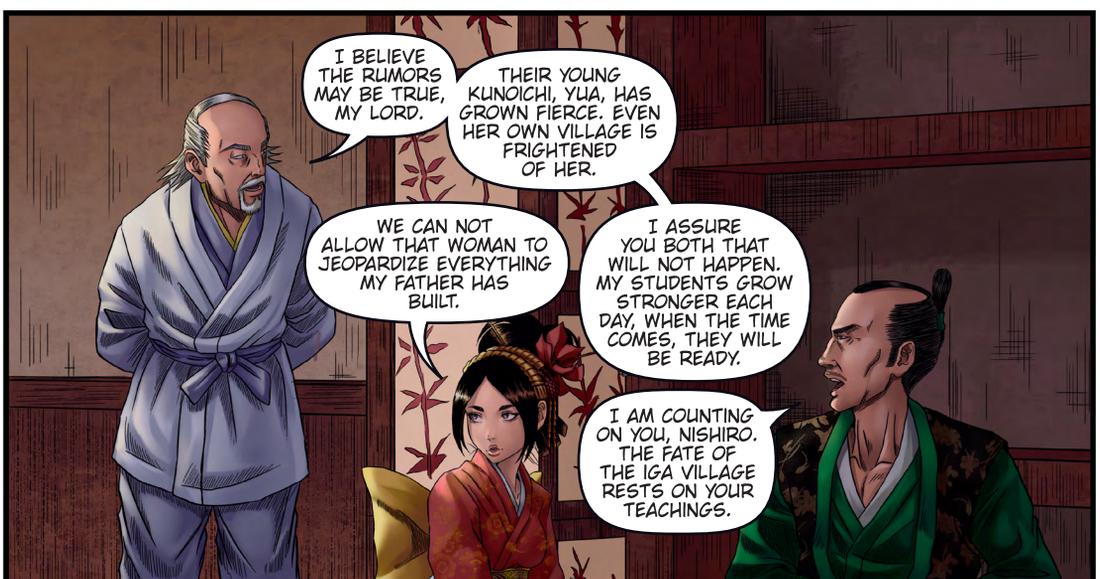
ARE WE READY FOR WAR?

MY LORD?



I'VE RECEIVED UNSSETTLING REPORTS FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES THAT THE KOGA HAVE BECOME EMBOLDENED.

IS A FULL-FLEDGED ASSAULT ON OUR VILLAGE IMMINENT?



I BELIEVE THE RUMORS MAY BE TRUE, MY LORD.

THEIR YOUNG KUNOICHI, YUA, HAS GROWN FIERCE. EVEN HER OWN VILLAGE IS FRIGHTENED OF HER.

WE CAN NOT ALLOW THAT WOMAN TO JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING MY FATHER HAS BUILT.

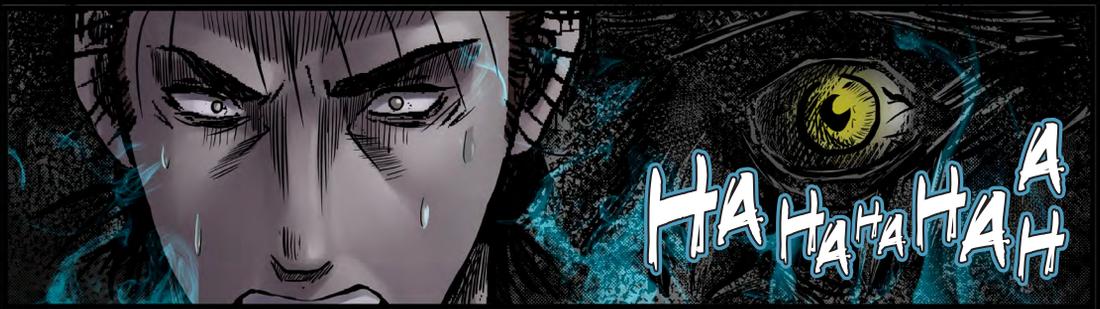
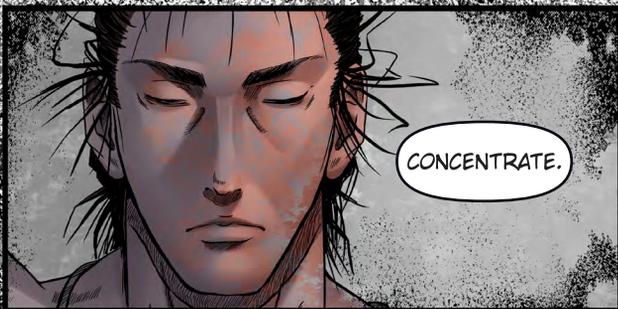
I ASSURE YOU BOTH THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN. MY STUDENTS GROW STRONGER EACH DAY, WHEN THE TIME COMES, THEY WILL BE READY.

I AM COUNTING ON YOU, NISHIRO. THE FATE OF THE IGA VILLAGE RESTS ON YOUR TEACHINGS.

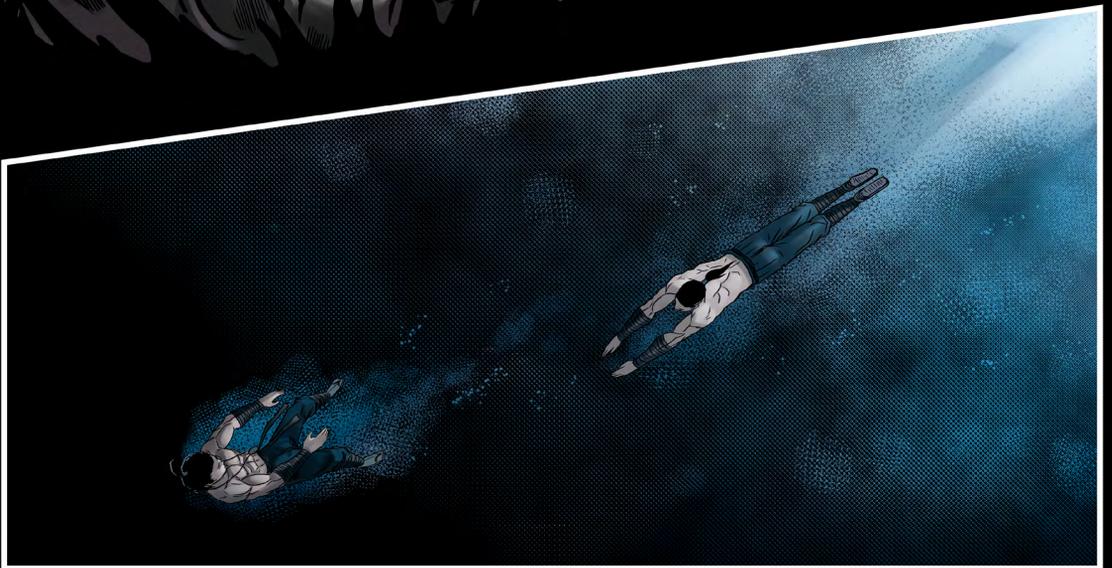


IN ORDER TO  
BECOME SHINOBI,  
YOU MUST STRENGTHEN  
BOTH BODY AND  
MIND.

LET THE WATER  
FLOW THROUGH YOU  
AS YOU HOLD YOUR  
STANCE... BECOME ONE  
WITH THE WATER.









HUH? WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, AKEMI? WHERE AM I?

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU LATELY, GENSHI? FIRST, YOU LOSE TO TOHO, THEN YOU ALMOST DROWN...



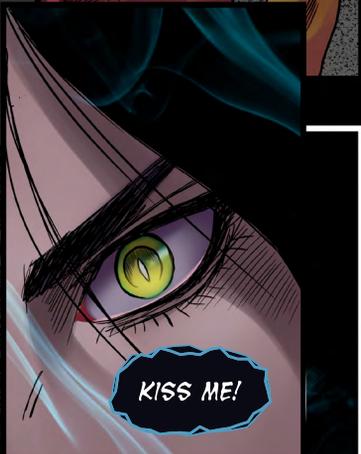
NO. IT'S SOMETHING ELSE. IT'S LIKE...

IS IT YOUR PARENTS AGAIN?



WOULD A *KISS* MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, G?

AKEMI... I...



**KISS ME!**



**KISS ME!**



AAAAHHH!



WAKE UP!  
IT'S ONLY  
A DREAM,  
DAMN IT!



=GASP=  
IT'S GETTING  
WORSE,  
TAKESHI.

I CAN'T TELL  
WHERE REALITY  
BEGINS AND THE  
NIGHTMARES END  
ANYMORE.

RELAX.  
YOU'RE JUST  
EXHAUSTED FROM  
THE TRAINING.

BUT YOU  
NEED TO FOCUS.  
MASTER NISHIRO  
WILL NOT BE PLEASED  
IF YOU FAIL YOUR **NEXT**  
**TRIAL**--HE WILL SEND  
YOU TO THE RICE  
FIELDS.



FOCUS AND YOU  
SHOULD BE FINE.  
NO MORE DREAMS.  
UNDERSTOOD?

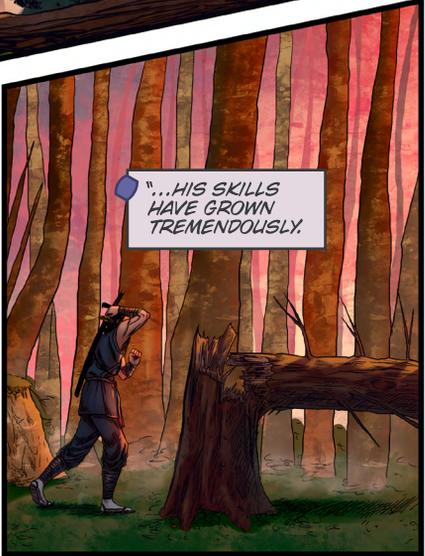


"WHEN I FOUND HIM, HE WAS JUST A FRIGHTENED ORPHAN..."



"SINCE THEN..."

**CRACK**



"...HIS SKILLS HAVE GROWN TREMENDOUSLY."



"HE HAS NOW BECOME A FORCE FEW MAY RIVAL."

**YAH!!!**



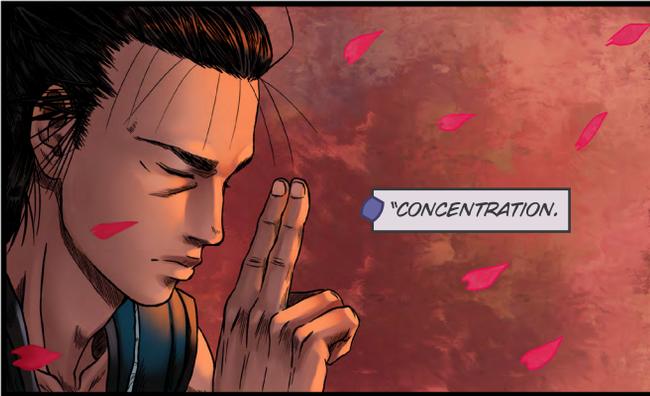
**SHK**

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"DETERMINATION."



"CONCENTRATION."



"SPEED."

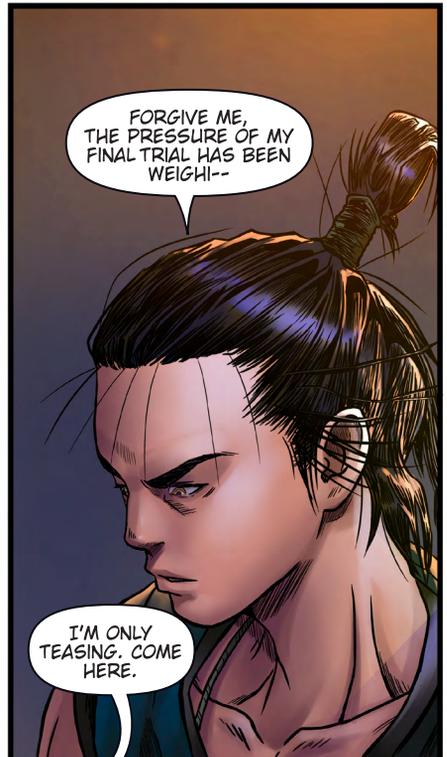
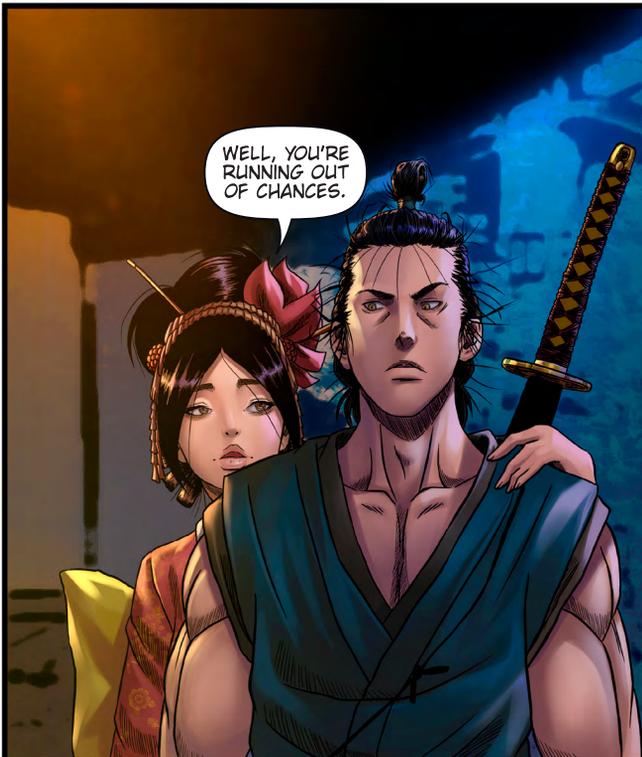
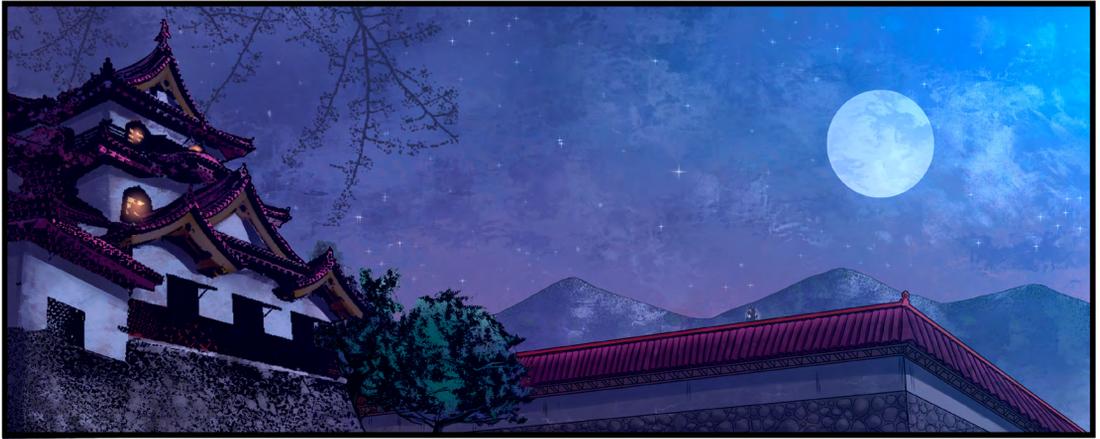


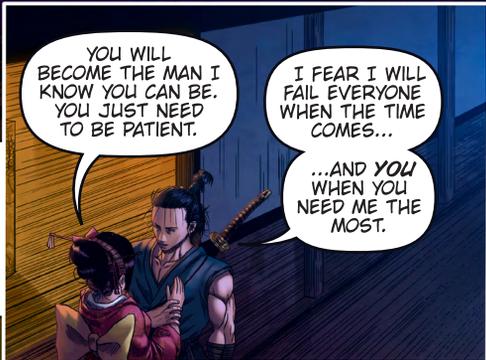
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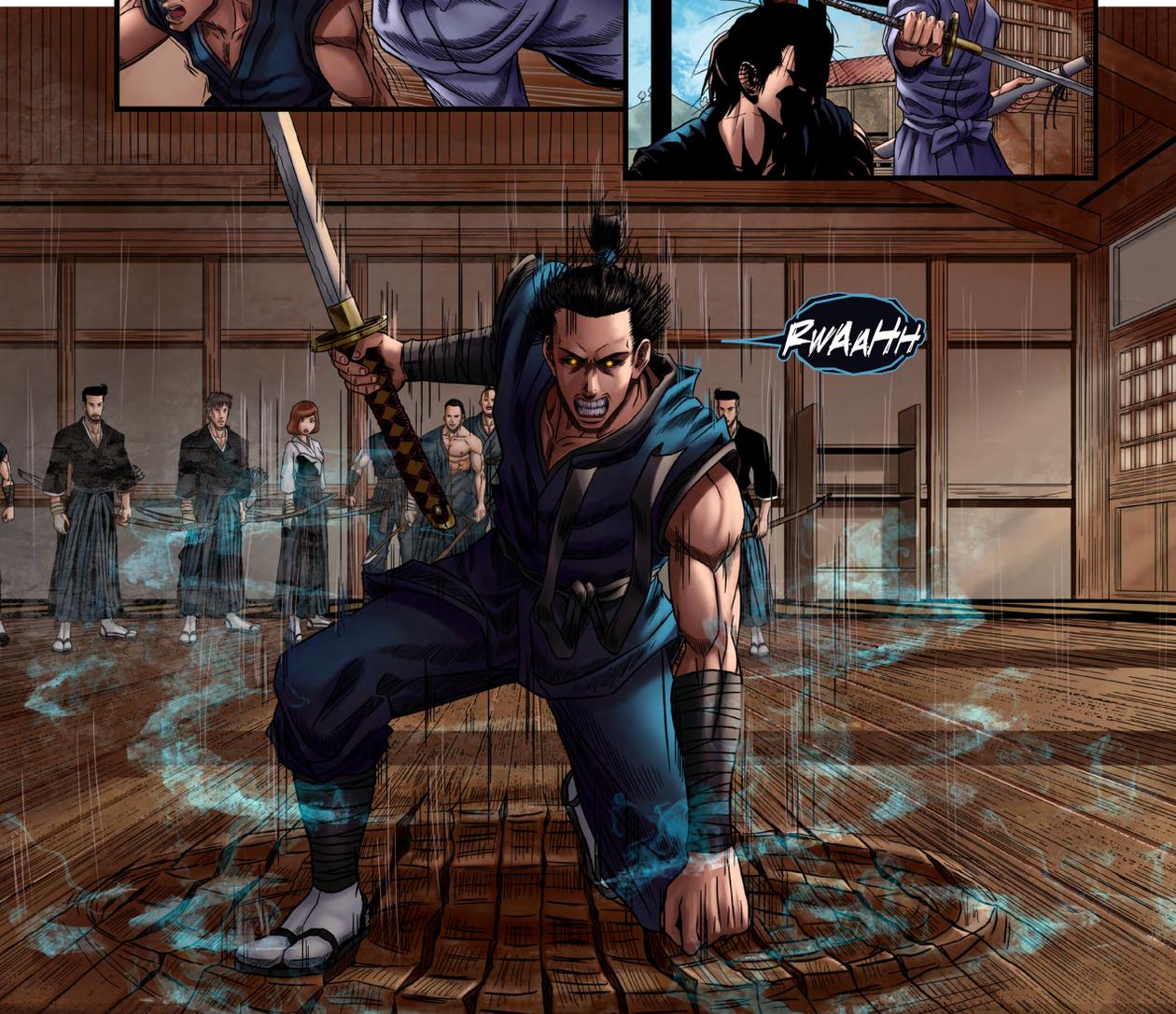
"IF HE PASSES ONE MORE TEST, HE WILL HAVE PROVEN HIMSELF WORTHY."

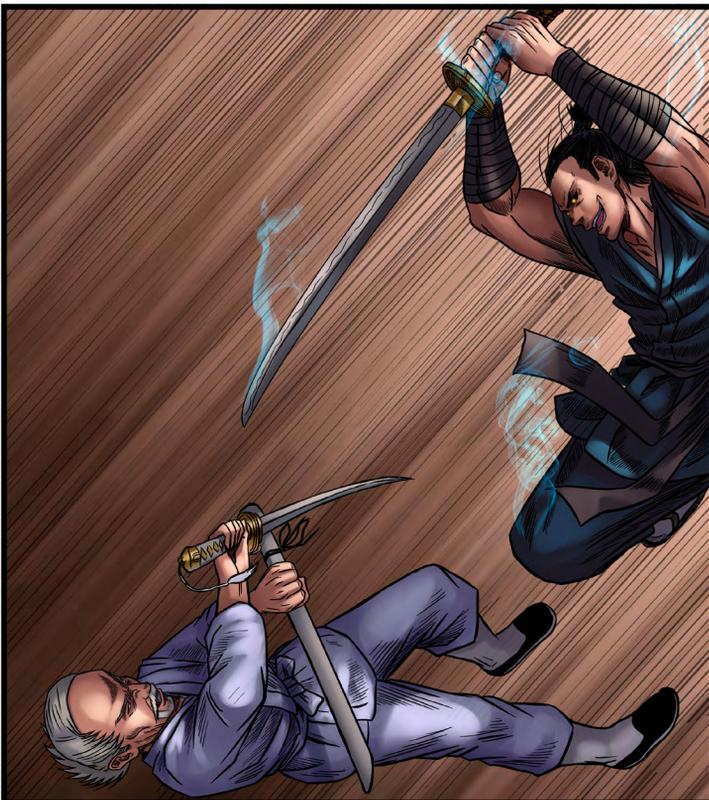
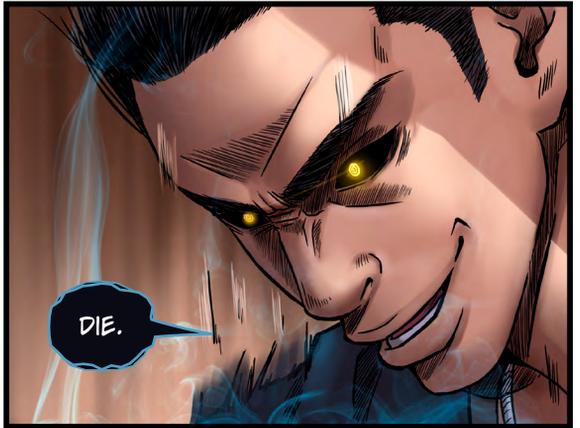
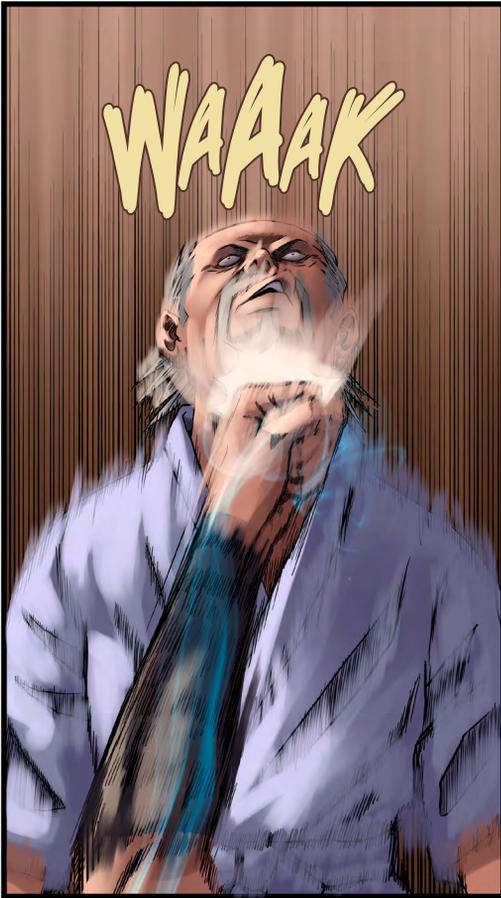
"I AM PROUD OF ALL MY STUDENTS, BUT ESPECIALLY GENSHI."

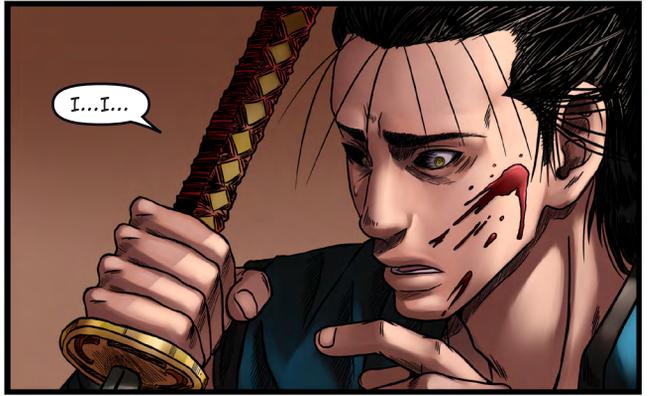
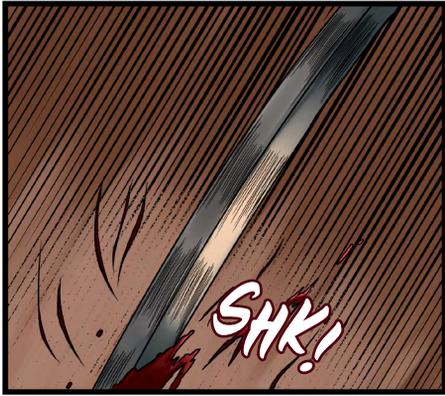














ARE YOU SATISFIED, MY LORD?

I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE COME BACK FROM A BLOW LIKE THAT.

HE WAS AN ODD CASE AT FIRST, BUT WITH DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING, HE HAS BLOSSOMED INTO THE SHINOBI WE NEED.

HE WILL BRING YOU PRIDE AS HEAD SHINOBI OF THE IGA CLAN.



ARE YOU CERTAIN THEY ARE READY? THAT...HE IS READY?

DO YOU STILL HAVE DOUBTS, MY LORD?



NISHIRO, WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU IS FOR YOU ALONE. NOT EVEN AKEMI CAN KNOW.

WE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER. THE KOGA ARE COMING AND GENSHI'S SECRET WILL PUT THE VILLAGE AT RISK.



MY LORD... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU SAYING?



I NEED YOU TO KILL HIM.

I NEED YOU TO KILL GENSHI.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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A POWER STRUGGLE  
ERUPTS AMONG THE  
**ARCHANGELS...**



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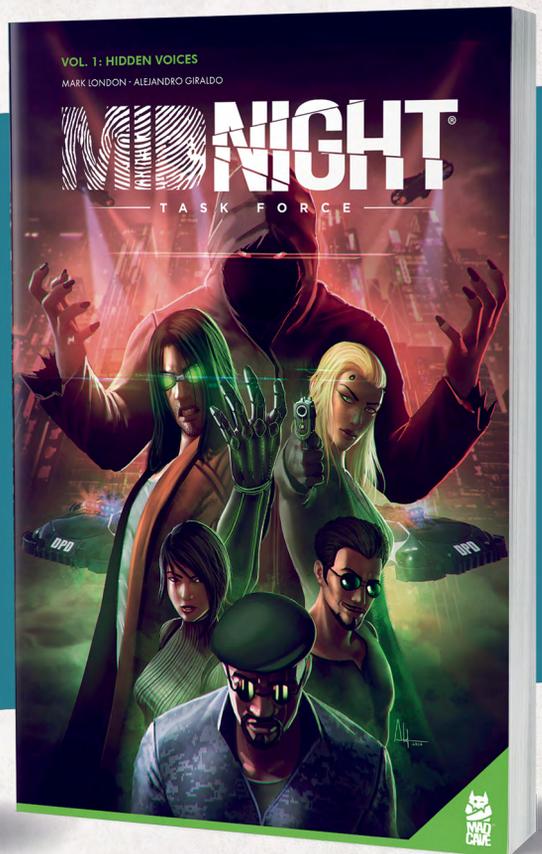
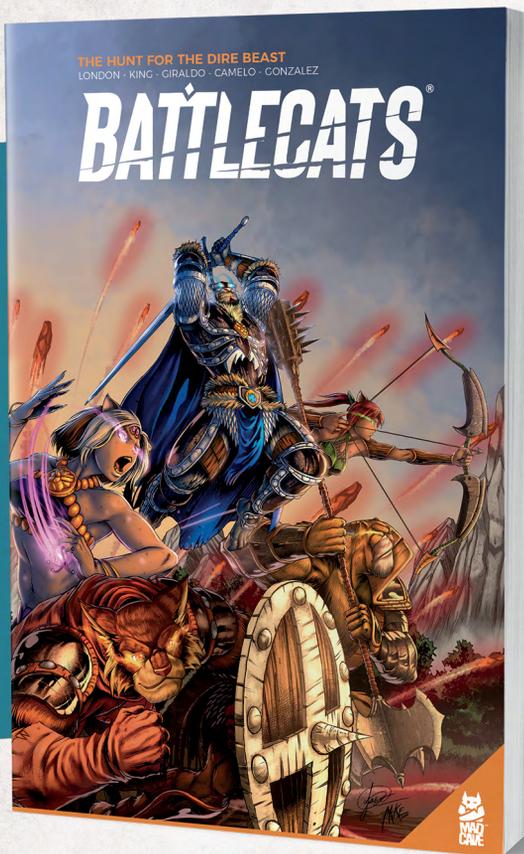


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