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PEARL TANAKA IS HAVING A LATE-NIGHT FOOD CART SNACK WITH HER FRIEND KIM WHEN SHE MEETS RICK, WHO ADMIRES HER VERY SPECIAL TATTOO. THIS MEETING IS INTER-RUPTED WHEN TROUBLE-MAKERS FROM A YAKUZA CLAN CRASH THE FOOD CARTS TO ASSASSINATE RICK AND HIS FRIENDS.

PEARL SURPRISES EVERY-ONE BY PULLING OUT A SMALL GUN AND TAKING CARE OF THE SITUATION QUICKLY.

PEARL IS A VERY TALENT-ED TATTOO ARTIST FOR ELITE MEMBERS OF THE YAKUZA, INCLUDING HER IMMEDIATE BOSS, MR. MIIKE. PEARL'S FATHER HAD PROTECTED HER FOR MANY YEARS BUT IS NO LONGER AROUND TO DO SO.

MIKE MAKES IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE EXPECTS PEARL TO DO MORE THAN JUST TATTOOS FROM NOW ON.

PEARL IS DISAPPOINTED TO FIND ONE OF THE NAMES ON HER MIIKE TO DO LIST IS RICK ARAKI, THE BOY SHE SAVED AND HAS SINCE REJECTED BECAUSE OF HIS CLAN AFFILIATION. SHE IS TORN BUT COMES TO THE CLUB RICK IS 'PERFORMING' HIS TATTOO WORK. AS SHE PULLS HER GUN TO END HER DEBT, A MYSTERIOUS ELABORATE TATTOO BEINGS TO CRAWL ALL OVER PEARL'S SKIN.

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