

ENOUGH!  
LEAVE US.



HMPH!



STOP! YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE  
DOING...



AND DON'T  
LOOK AT ME  
LIKE A BEATEN  
PUPPY. I HATE  
THAT.



YOU KNOW  
FULL WELL THE  
TERMS OF OUR  
AGREEMENT.

YOUR CLAN  
AND MINE ARE  
AT WAR!



TO PREVENT  
MORE NEEDLESS  
SLAUGHTER, OUR  
FAMILIES OPTED TO  
ARRANGE A PEACE.

THEY EXCHANGED  
HOSTAGES TO  
GUARANTEE A  
LASTING TRUCE.



LIKE IT OR  
NOT, YOU'RE  
MY HOSTAGE!



IF  
IT'S ANY  
CONSOLATION...



...REMEMBER  
YOUR FAMILY'S  
DOING THE SAME  
THING TO MY  
DAUGHTER!



MY FRIENDS,  
EVERYTHING SEEMS  
TO BE GETTING  
OUT OF HAND.



THE RAINS,  
THE EPIDEMIC,  
MAGOBEI'S  
FAILED PLAN...

WHAT WILL  
BEFALL US  
NEXT?

OH,  
EASY!



NOBUNAGA  
WILL LOSE HIS  
MIND WHEN HE FINDS  
OUT WE'VE GOT NO  
CHAMPION THIS  
YEAR!



YEAH, AND THEN  
HE'LL SLAUGHTER  
EVERY LAST ONE OF  
US WHEN HE FINDS OUT  
WE DON'T HAVE A YEN  
TO GIVE HIM!



PERHAPS NOT...  
NOT IF WE  
CAN FIND A  
REPLACEMENT...!

THAT SAMURAI  
IN THE VILLAGE THIS  
MORNING WAS  
REMARKABLY  
SKILLED.

IF HE  
CONSENTED TO  
FIGHT FOR US---



WE SAW HIM  
LEAVING THE VILLAGE  
MORE THAN AN  
HOUR AGO,  
MASTER.



THEY  
COULD BE  
ANYWHERE  
BY NOW.



I'D LOVE TO LEARN HOW TO FISH BY HAND. LOOKS PRETTY USEFUL.

IT'S DEFINITELY GOOD TRAINING!

HAVE TO SHARPEN MY REFLEXES IF I EVER WANT TO BE A SAMURAI!

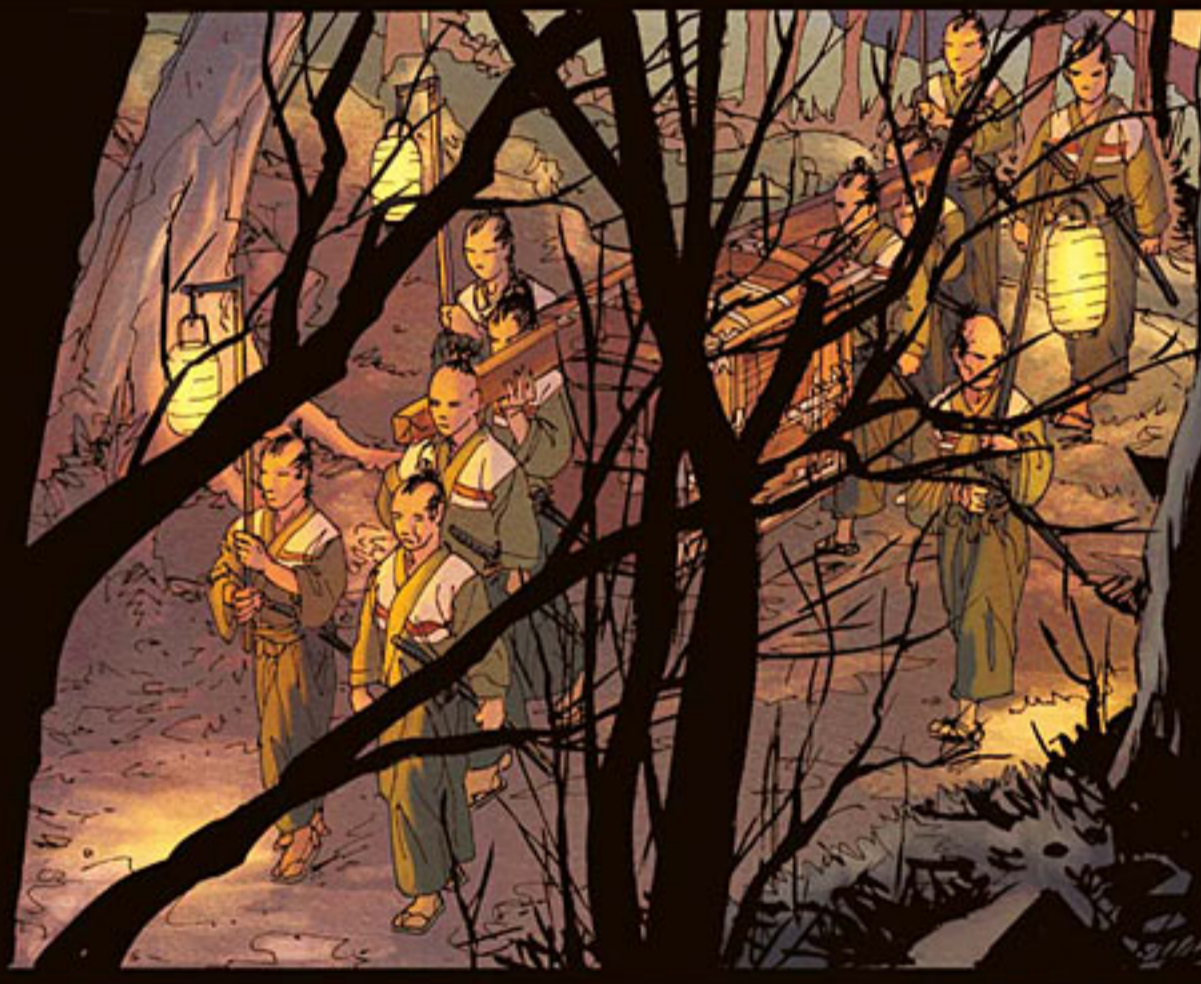
ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS GOING OFF TO WAR.

BUT I'D BRING YOU WITH ME, IWA!

I MEAN, IF YOU WANT...

H-HEY, WAIT!

I HEARD A NOISE...



THIS WAY! HURRY, IWA -- BUT QUIETLY!



OUT! OUT AT ONCE!