

Feudal Japan-1274.

SUBMIT TO THE SUDA CLAN'S RULE, OR TO MY BLADE.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

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I DO NOT FIGHT FOR MYSELF. I FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE.





"...THAN THE SUBJUGATION OF THE MASSES?"

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"NINE HUNDRED MONGOL SHIPS CARRYING FORTY THOUSAND WARRIORS, SENT BY KUBLAI KHAN, CONQUEROR OF CHINA.

"THEY ARE LED BY THE RUTHLESS ZHENJIN KHAN, THE DRAGON-MASTER, WHO CONTROLS THE ANCIENT MONSTERS, GIGAN AND MEGALON.

"THE MONGOLS ARE NOT HERE TO SUBJUGATE, THEY ARE HERE TO BRING ABOUT THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND OUR CULTURE."

YOU ARE THE MOST SKILLED WARRIORS IN JAPAN. IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE, YOU MUST PUT ASIDE YOUR ANIMOSITY, AND LET YOUR PASSION FOR OUR HOMELAND UNITE YOU... ON A QUEST.





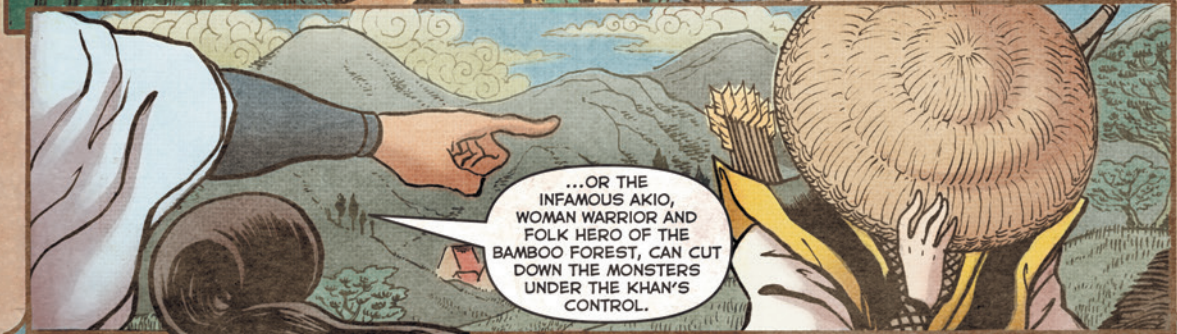


QUEST? YOU BROUGHT US HERE TO DEFEND JAPAN, NOT PARTAKE IN A FOOL'S ERRAND.

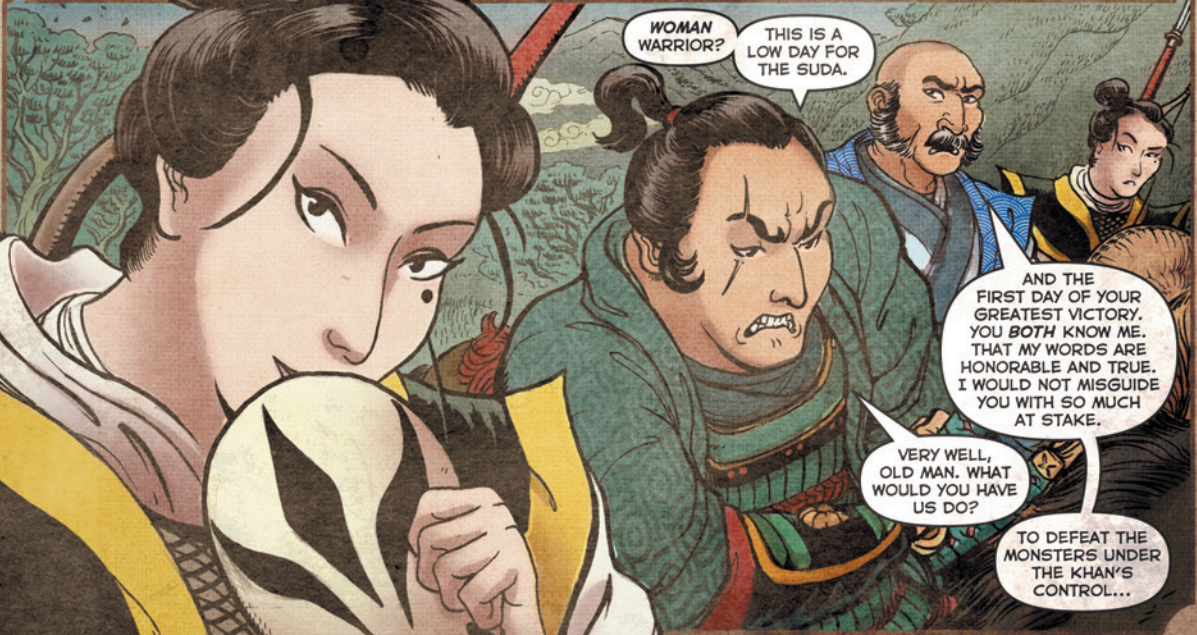
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SKILLED AS YOU MIGHT BE, NOT EVEN THE BLADE OF GOROU SUDA...



...OR THE INFAMOUS AKIO, WOMAN WARRIOR AND FOLK HERO OF THE BAMBOO FOREST, CAN CUT DOWN THE MONSTERS UNDER THE KHAN'S CONTROL.



WOMAN WARRIOR?

THIS IS A LOW DAY FOR THE SUDA.

AND THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR GREATEST VICTORY. YOU BOTH KNOW ME. THAT MY WORDS ARE HONORABLE AND TRUE. I WOULD NOT MISGUIDE YOU WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE.

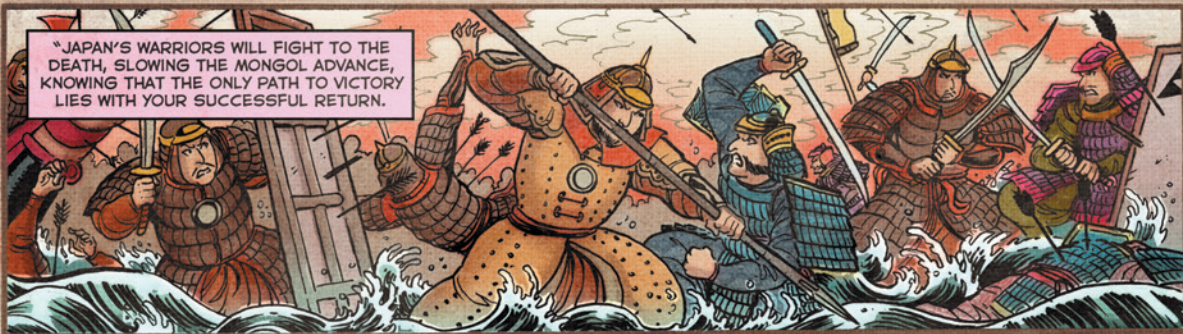
VERY WELL, OLD MAN. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?

TO DEFEAT THE MONSTERS UNDER THE KHAN'S CONTROL...





"YOU MUST EMBARK ON A LONG AND PERILOUS JOURNEY, THROUGH LANDS BEST AVOIDED, AND LONG FORGOTTEN."



"JAPAN'S WARRIORS WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH, SLOWING THE MONGOL ADVANCE, KNOWING THAT THE ONLY PATH TO VICTORY LIES WITH YOUR SUCCESSFUL RETURN."



"BUT THE ROAD AHEAD WILL NOT BE EASY. ANCIENT EVILS ROUSED BY THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE WILL SEEK YOUR DESTRUCTION."

"YOU WILL EITHER RISE TO THE CHALLENGE TOGETHER, OR PERISH SEPARATELY..."



"ALONG WITH YOUR COMPATRIOTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD."



"AT THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT PUROTEKUTA YOU WILL FIND THE SHOBIJIN TEMPLE. JAPAN'S SALVATION AWAITS YOU THERE. BUT BE WARNED..."



"...THE ONE YOU SUMMON IS AS FORMIDABLE AS IT IS ANCIENT."

BARA

THE SUMMIT IS IN SIGHT.

WHAT IS THAT?

BARA-BARA

EARTHQUAKE-GAH!

