




Chapter 4



Sunset



I HAVE
SOME QUESTIONS
FOR YOU, TAMASHI.



IS THERE
SOMETHING
YOU'RE NOT
TELLING ME?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



I WENT
TO THE PLACE
WHERE YOU
WOKE UP...



I WANTED TO INVESTIGATE SOME MATTERS. I FOUND THE TREE YOU SAID YOU FELL FROM;



ALONG WITH THE BABY YAMA BEAST,

WELL, WHAT WAS LEFT OF IT.

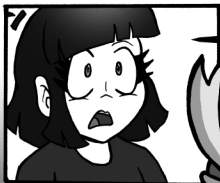


NOW YOU FIRST USED YOUR POWER WHEN THE YAMA MAMA ATTACKED YOU, CORRECT?



OH!

THEN HOW DID THE BABY YAMA BEAST GET CUT IN HALF?



IT WAS
THAT GUY!


A SAMURAI
DRESSED IN
BLUE - HE
SAVED ME!




HE CAME OUT
OF NOWHERE AND
DISAPPEARED
AFTER.

HE CUT THE
MONSTER IN HALF
AND TOLD ME THE
CHANT!






FROM YOUR
DESCRIPTION
I BELIEVE YOU WERE
SAVED BY THE
CALM WARRIOR.



THE CALM WARRIOR
IS A SAMURAI WHO
HAS BEEN KNOWN
TO TRAVEL THE
ANCIENT LAND,
HELPING THOSE
IN NEED.



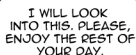
HE'S CALLED THE
CALM WARRIOR DUE TO
THE FACT THAT HE HAS
NEVER SHOWN EMOTION.
HE BATTLES WITH A
CALM EXPRESSION AND
NEVER BREAKS HIS
FOCUS. HIS IDENTITY
AND MOTIVES REMAIN
UNKNOWN.



BUT HOW
DID HE TELL
ME MY CHANT?



THAT'S A GOOD
QUESTION. ONLY
CHILDREN SHOULD
KNOW THEIR
CHANTS.



I WILL LOOK
INTO THIS. PLEASE,
ENJOY THE REST OF
YOUR DAY.



RYU!



YES
FATHER?



HAVE THE
BOYS SHOW
TAMASHI
HOW THEY
SPEND
THEIR DAY.



GLADLY.



T-THANKS
FOR THE HELP.
SORRY FOR ALL
THE TROUBLE.




NO TROUBLE AT
ALL, TAMASHI. TELL THE
BOYS I HEARD ABOUT
THEIR EXCELLENT
COMBAT REVIEW.



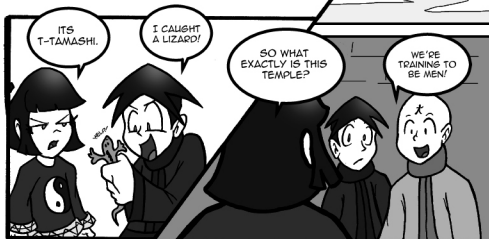
FIRST THE CHILD
OF THE MOON
FINALLY APPEARS
AND NOW THE
CALM WARRIOR
HAS RESURFACED
TOO?

THIS SEEMS
TOO PERFECT
TO BE A
COINCIDENCE.



BY THE VERY SPIRITS,
JUST WHAT IS GOING
TO TRANSPIRE?

HEY!
NEW GIRL!
COME SEE!



A NUMBER OF FAMILIES ARE ASSIGNED TO THIS TEMPLE. THE FIRST BORN SON IS TO BE SENT TO THE TEMPLE TO LEARN.



WHEN WE TURN SIXTEEN, WE LEAVE THE TEMPLE AND START A FAMILY OF OUR OWN.



FATHER, ALONG WITH OTHER TEACHERS, TELL US ABOUT THE WORLD AND HOW TO DEFEND OURSELVES.



THEN OUR FIRST BORN SON IS TO BE SENT BACK TO THE TEMPLE.



COOL
HUH?

SURE.

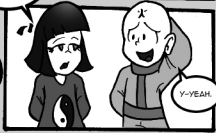
MY WIFE
IS GONNA BE
SO HOT! SHE'S GOING
TO HAVE ALL THE
RIGHT CURVES
EVERYWHERE.

WE'LL HAVE,
LIKE, TEN KIDS AND
SHE'LL MAKE THE
ABSOLUTE BEST
FRIED RICE.

HEH,
YOU'LL
SEE.

HE
SEEMS
NICE.

Y-YEAH.



AFTERNOON

THIS IS
OUR GARDEN.
KAZUKI LOVES TO
HANG AROUND
HERE.

I SEE.

MOST OF
OUR FOOD IS
GROWN HERE.

KAZUKI,
SHOW HER THAT
CREEPY FRUIT.

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THIS IS A
DEATH
FRUIT.


IT CAN
KILL YOU.





THE
DEATH FRUIT
IS A REALLY RARE
AND VALUABLE
FOOD SOURCE.

IT
CONTAINS A
WEEK'S WORTH OF
NUTRIENTS IN IT'S
SOFT, WHITE
CENTER.



THE
ONLY PROBLEM IS
THE BLACK, POISONOUS
SPINES THAT WILL KILL
YOU IF YOU PULL
THEM THE WRONG
WAY.



SO HOW
DO YOU GET
THE CENTER?



PULL THEM
THE RIGHT
WAY.



**YOU
JUST
BROKE
TRIAL
AND
ERROR!!!**

MUNCH
MUNCH

EVENING

TAMASHI,
COME SEE
THIS!





AMAZING
RIGHT?



THIS
MOUNTAIN IS JUST A FEW
MILES OFF THE COAST,
SO THE SUNSET LOOKS
BEAUTIFUL FROM
HERE.



I...
LIKE
WATCHING
THE SUN.
IT MAKES
ME FEEL
STRONGER.



CAN I
SIT?



OH,
YEAH OF
COURSE.



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MY DAD'S
NAME WAS
SUN.



SUN TAKAMEI

FATHER HAS TOLD ME
MANY STORIES ABOUT
HIM. HE SAYS HE WAS
ONE OF THE MOST
PASSIONATE STUDENTS
AT THE TEMPLE.



HE WAS AS LOUD AS A
GREAT LION'S ROAR.
HE WAS AS STRONG AS
A DRAGON. HE GOT INTO
MANY FIGHTS WITH OTHER
STUDENTS AND FATHER
MONK HIMSELF.

THERE WERE VERY FEW PEOPLE
LIKE HIM. HE BELIEVED IN
LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST.
ANY DAY HE WAS NOT GETTING
STRONGER WAS A DAY NOT
WORTH LIVING. HE WANTED HIS
SOUL TO BURN RED WITH
PASSION.





FATHER FOUND
HER HUDDLED BY
THE ENTRANCE,
CRADLING ME
IN HER ARMS.



SHE
TOLD HIM
ABOUT MY
DAD...



AND DIED
SHORTLY
AFTER.



SHE WASN'T
EVEN ABLE TO
TELL HIM HER
NAME.



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FATHER
ONCE SAID THAT
THE GREATEST THING
YOU COULD DO FOR A
LOVED ONE IS GIVE
YOUR LIFE FOR
THEM.

MY MOM AND
DAD WERE STRONG.
THEY BOTH GAVE THEIR
LIVES JUST SO I COULD
LIVE MINE. MY FATHER
INSPIRED MY MOTHER, AND
THAT'S WHAT ALLOWED
HER TO GET ME
HERE.





THIS TEMPLE ISN'T
A FOSTER HOME.
IT'S A SCHOOL.



AKIRA, SANYU,
ODA, AND
KAZUKI - THEY'RE
JUST FRIENDS
OF MINE,

WHILE
FATHER AND
RYU-SENSI
ARE JUST MY
TEACHERS.



THEY ARE
SPECIAL TO
ME...



BUT THEY'RE
NOT MY
FAMILY.



THEY ALL
HAVE A HOME
TO RETURN
TO.



I DON'T KNOW
WHERE MY
HOME IS.

I'M LOST IN
A WORLD, JUST
LIKE YOU.



THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE LIKE
ME,

AND
BECAUSE
WE'RE SO
ALIKE...



YOU'RE THE
CLOSEST I'VE
HAD TO A
FAMILY.



BLUSH!





SURE.

TAMASHI
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END