

# RENTIN

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'NO GOING BACK...'

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# RONIN

NAME: RONIN

AGE: 19 YEARS OLD

GENDER: FEMALE

RACE: ONI (HALF DEVIL/HALF HUMAN)

**BIO:**

RONIN WAS FOUND AND RAISED IN AN ORPHANAGE, WHERE SHE WAS PART OF A HAPHAZARD BUT LOVING FAMILY. SHE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CHILDREN WITH HER STRANGE EYES AND A SINGLE PROTRUDING HORN. SHE LIVED HAPPILY AT THE ORPHANAGE.

THAT IS UNTIL ONE DAY HER HOME CAME UNDER ATTACK BY A DEVIL, A DENIZEN OF THE NINE HELLS SENT FOR HER. THE DEVIL MURDERED HER FAMILY AND RAZED HER HOME TO CINDERS. SHE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ATTACKER BY RELEASING HER INNER DEVIL WITH THE HELP OF HER FATHER'S SWORD. A STRANGE BROKEN TWO-HANDED KATANA THAT CAN EMPOWER THE DEVIL'S BLOOD WITHIN RONIN TO TAKE ON A FORM OF A DEVIL.

WITH HER FAMILY MURDERED AND BURIED AND HER HOME DESTROYED, RONIN SEEKS PEOPLE TO CALL FAMILY, WHICH IS DIFFICULT WHEN EVERYONE REGARDS YOU AS A MONSTER. THOUGH THIS DOESN'T STOP HER HELPING ANYBODY PLAGUED BY A DEVIL, BECAUSE SHE HAS SEEN WHAT A DEVIL CAN DO IF GONE UNCHALLENGED. SHE NEEDS TO KNOW WHY SHE IS PURSUED BY HELL ITSELF.

RONIN IS ON A QUEST TO FIND OUT WHO HER PARENTS ARE, SO SHE CAN FIND OUT WHO SHE IS AND HOW TO LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE FROM HELL. THIS JOURNEY WILL HAVE HER ENCOUNTER NEW PLACES, PEOPLE AND COMPANIONS. IT WILL BE FULL OF PAIN AND JOY AND REVELATIONS,



HELL

IN ITS PERFECT  
INFERNAL HIERARCHY,  
THERE IS ONE AND ONLY  
ONE KING.

IN ALL NINE LAYERS OF  
HELL, EVERY BEING FROM AN  
ARCHDEVIL TO A WRETCHED  
LEMURE IS IN SERVICE TO  
THIS ONE KING.

THE KING RULED ABSOLUTELY  
BUT RULED A KINGDOM OF  
TREACHERY AND SCHEMING.  
SO HE REMAINED ISOLATED  
AT THE VERY DEEPEST  
PIT OF HELL, ALONE.

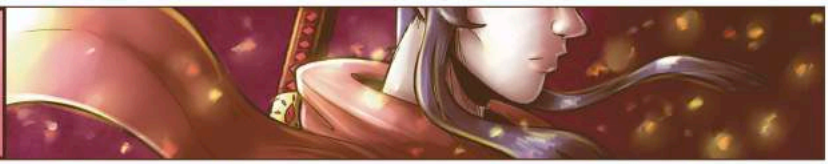
BUT THE KING  
VANISHED, LEAVING AN  
EMPTY THRONE AND A  
KINGDOM FULL OF  
DEVILS, EACH READY TO  
TAKE IT FOR THEMSELVES.

THE GATES OF HELL ARE  
NOW OPEN AND THE  
WAR FOR THE EMPTY  
THRONE HAS SPILLED OUT...

ALL STORIES HAVE A BEGINNING...

..AND ALL STORIES HAVE AN END.

THIS IS MY STORY.  
THIS IS HOW I  
CHANGED, HOW MY  
SIMPLE HAPPY WORLD  
WAS SET ABLAZE.

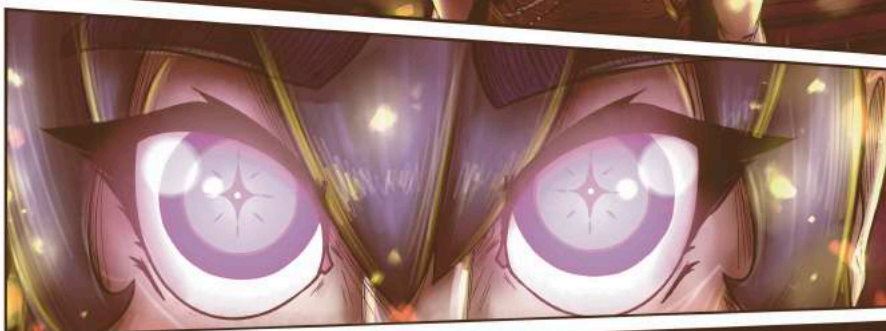


MY STORY USED TO BE HAPPY...

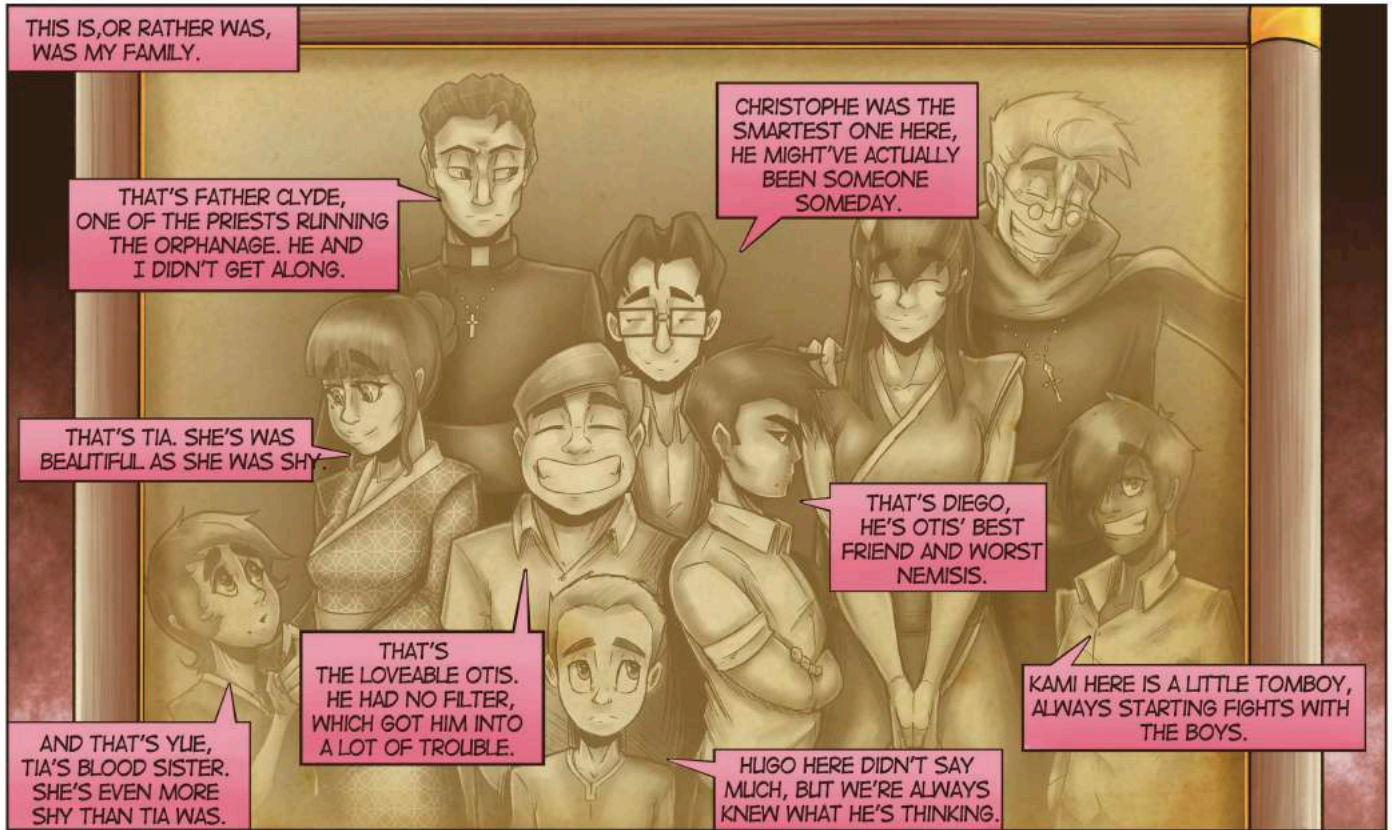
..I WAS CONTENT WITH MY  
LIFE AS IT WAS.



BLIT STORIES CHANGE.



MY NAME IS RONIN.  
THIS IS WHERE MY LIFE  
CHANGED FOREVER.  
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF A  
BROKEN SWORD AND THESE  
CURSED EYES I INHERITED.



THIS IS, OR RATHER WAS, WAS MY FAMILY.

THAT'S FATHER CLYDE, ONE OF THE PRIESTS RUNNING THE ORPHANAGE. HE AND I DIDN'T GET ALONG.

CHRISTOPHE WAS THE SMARTEST ONE HERE, HE MIGHT'VE ACTUALLY BEEN SOMEONE SOMEDAY.

THAT'S TIA. SHE'S WAS BEAUTIFUL AS SHE WAS SHY.

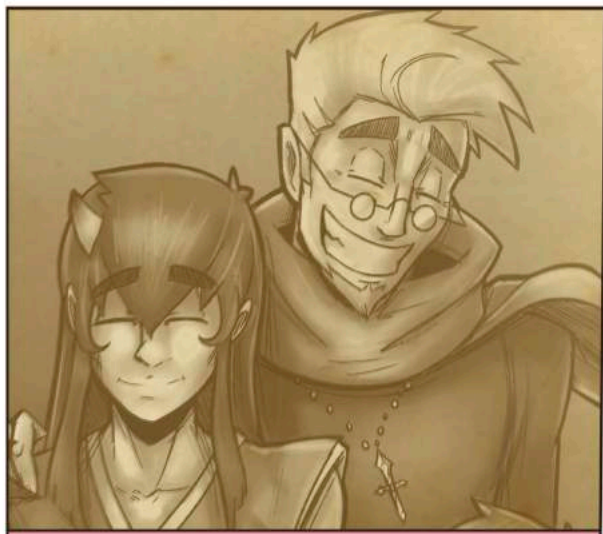
THAT'S DIEGO, HE'S OTIS' BEST FRIEND AND WORST NEMESIS.

THAT'S THE LOVEABLE OTIS. HE HAD NO FILTER, WHICH GOT HIM INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE.

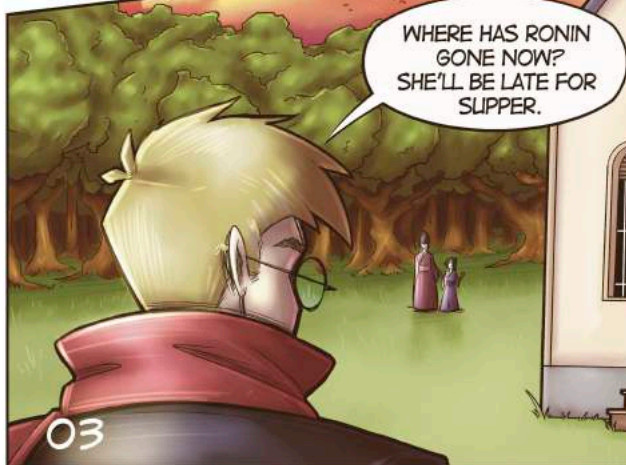
KAMI HERE IS A LITTLE TOMBOY, ALWAYS STARTING FIGHTS WITH THE BOYS.

AND THAT'S YUE, TIA'S BLOOD SISTER. SHE'S EVEN MORE SHY THAN TIA WAS.

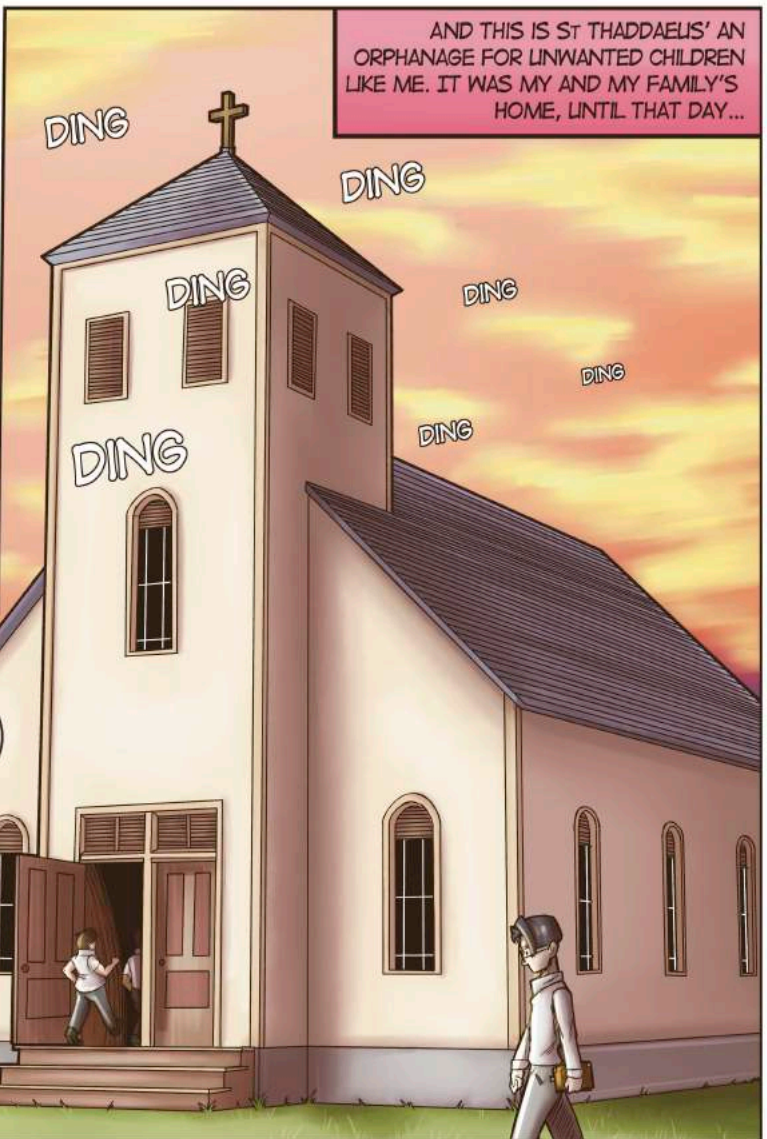
HLIGO HERE DIDN'T SAY MUCH, BUT WE'RE ALWAYS KNEW WHAT HE'S THINKING.



THAT'S ME WITH FATHER ANDERSON. HE'S HEAD OF THE ORPHANAGE. HE'S THE ONE THAT TOOK ME IN AND IS THE CLOSEST THING I'VE HAD TO A REAL FATHER.



WHERE HAS RONIN GONE NOW? SHE'LL BE LATE FOR SUPPER.



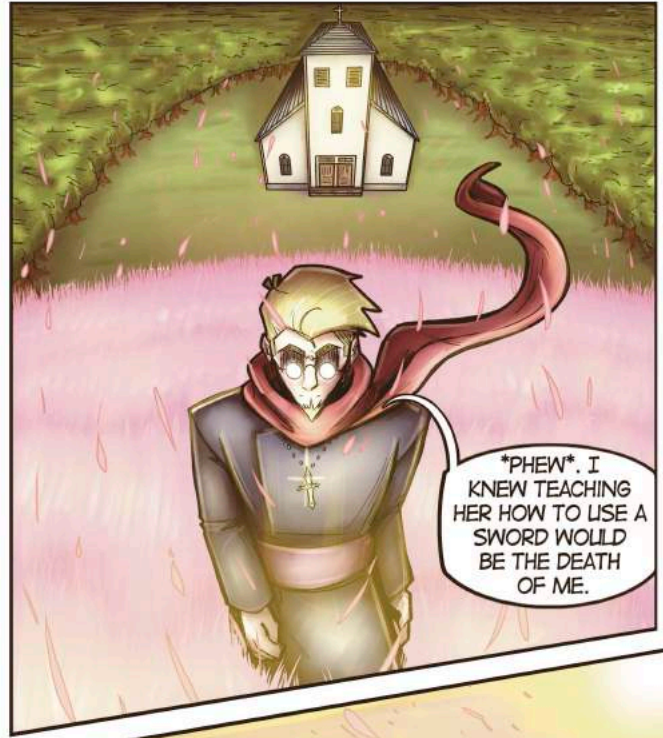
AND THIS IS ST THADDAELIS' AN ORPHANAGE FOR UNWANTED CHILDREN LIKE ME. IT WAS MY AND MY FAMILY'S HOME, UNTIL THAT DAY...



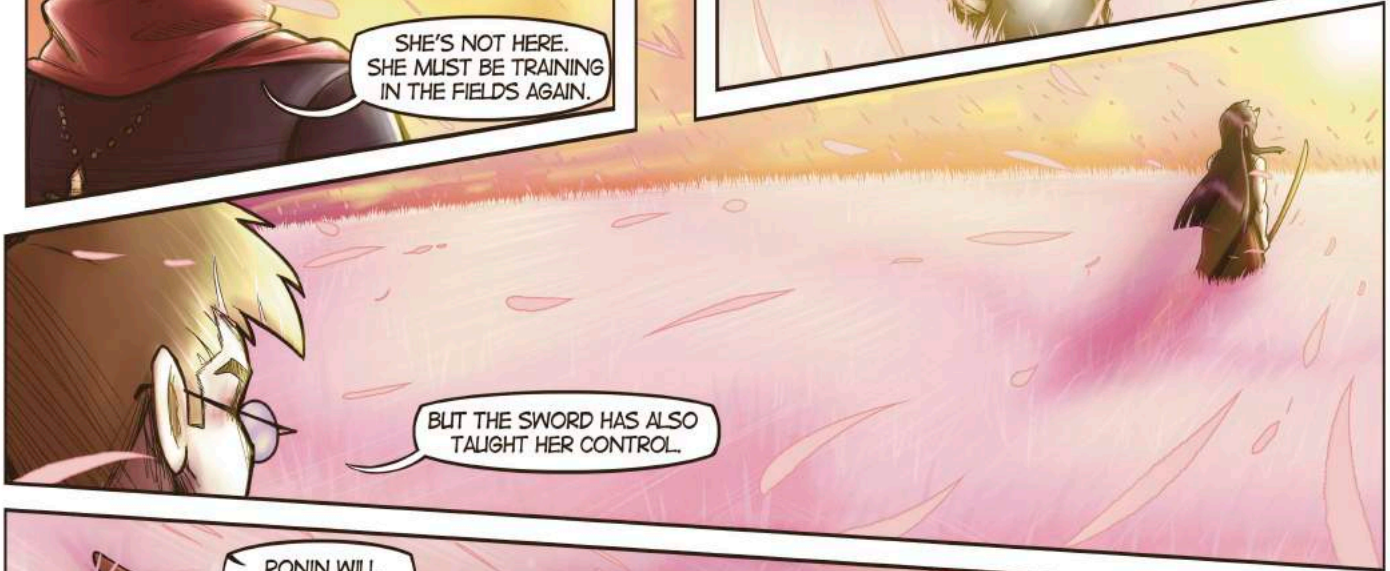
RONIN!! WHERE ARE YOU?!!!



SHE'S NOT HERE. SHE MUST BE TRAINING IN THE FIELDS AGAIN.



\*PHEW\*. I KNEW TEACHING HER HOW TO USE A SWORD WOULD BE THE DEATH OF ME.



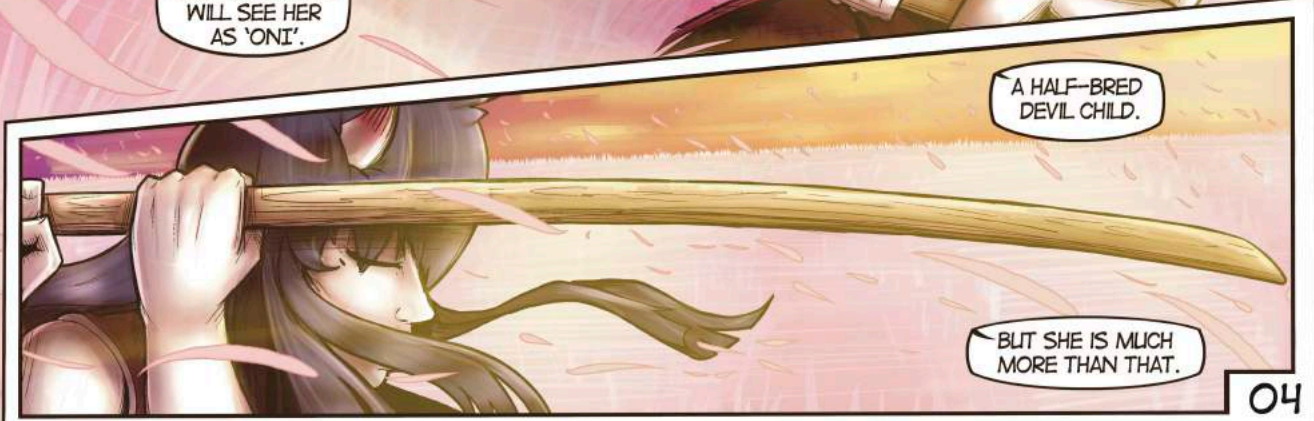
BUT THE SWORD HAS ALSO TAUGHT HER CONTROL.



RONIN WILL NEED THAT...

FOR THE CHALLENGES TO COME.

BECAUSE THE OUTSIDE WORLD WILL SEE HER AS 'ONI'.



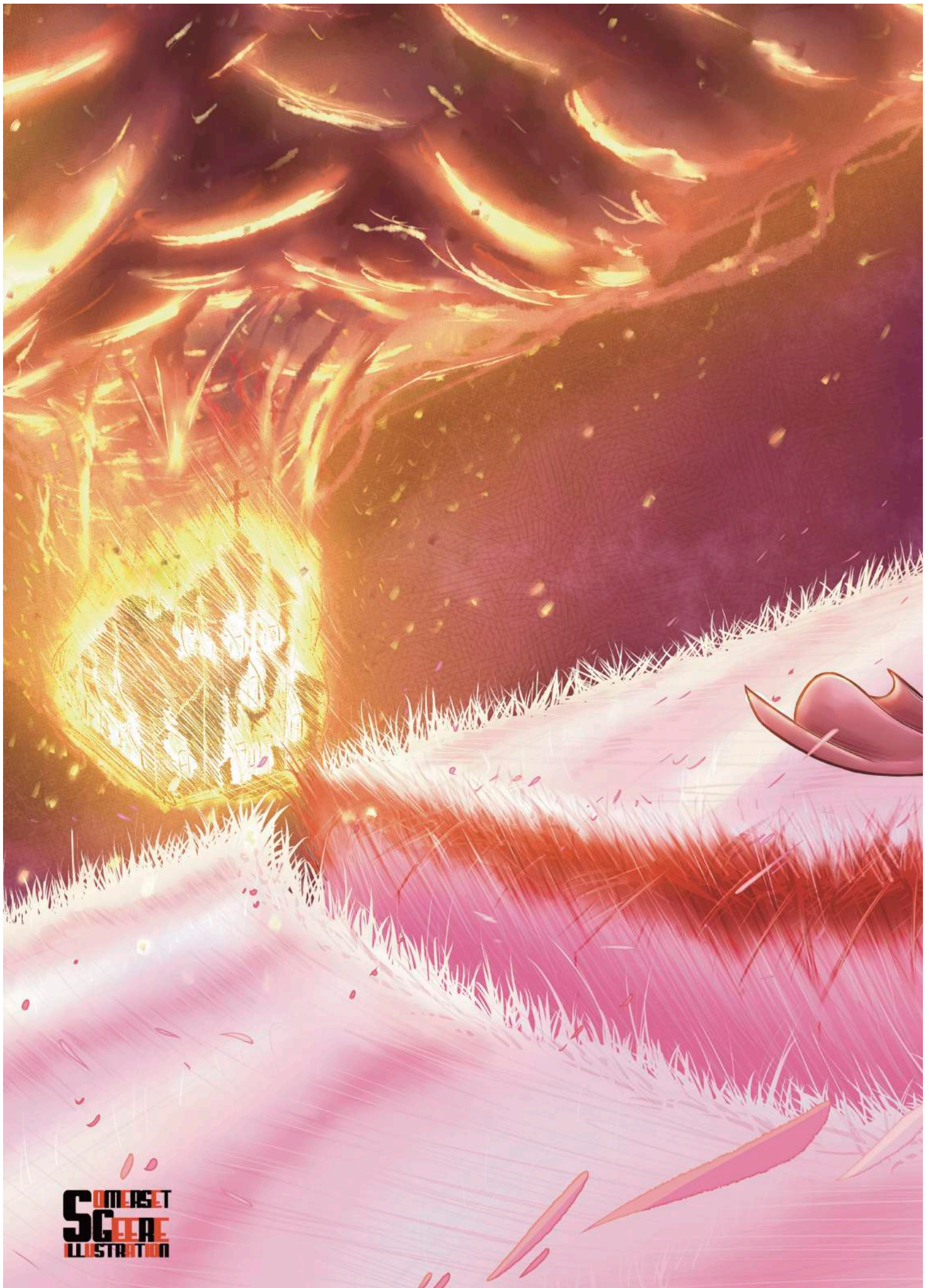
A HALF-BRED DEVIL CHILD.

BUT SHE IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT.









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