

NINJA ECLIPSE

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A TALE OF SWORDS
AND THE SUPERNATURAL
IN FEUDAL JAPAN



NINJA ECLIPSE™

JAPAN, LONG AGO.

IT IS A TIME OF LEGEND, WHEN MIGHTY LORDS WAGE WARS OF CONQUEST WITH THEIR SAMURAI ARMIES, AND HIRED NINJA ASSASSINS STRIKE FROM THE SHADOWS.

IN STILL DARKER PLACES, SUPERNATURAL YOKAI AND ONI CREATURES WANDER THE NIGHT AND LOOK UPON THE HUMAN REALM WITH HUNGRY EYES...

THE STORY BEHIND THE
NINJA ECLIPSE PINBALL GAME
BEGINS HERE!

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BEHOLD
MY MOST
POWERFUL
CREATION!

AT LAST
THE MIGHTY
ONI SWORD
IS
COMPLETED!



MOTHER
WAS HUMAN.

FATHER
WAS YOKAI!

AND SO
THERE WAS NO
PLACE IN THIS WORLD
FOR ME BUT THE
FORGE...

... WHERE
I BECAME THE
SWORDSMITH,
THE GREATEST
WHO EVER
LIVED!



GREAT
RULERS HAVE
SOUGHT MY CRAFT,
COUNTLESS BLADES
HAVE I MADE,
AND YET...

... MY HUMAN
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS WILL NEVER
ACCEPT ME AS ONE
OF THEIR OWN.

I REMAIN...



AND SO
I TURN MY
BACK UPON THEM
AS THEY DO
ME!

BY THIS
ONI SWORD I WILL
LEAVE BEHIND THIS
HUMAN REALM
AND SEIZE MY
DESTINY...

...ALONE
AND
UNLOVED.



... FOR IT
POSSESSES THE
POWER TO TEAR
OPEN A RIFT INTO
THE **SHADOW
REALM!**



THERE MY YOKAI BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL WITNESS THE MIGHT OF THIS WEAPON, AND EMBRACE ME WITH OPEN ARMS AS THEIR CONQUERER AND RULER!

SSHHING



YES, AT LAST YOU WILL BE ACCEPTED. YOU WILL BE LOVED. YOU WILL BE FEARED!

AS IS YOUR RIGHT. YOUR BIRTHRIGHT.

YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, THE WIELDER, NAY, THE CREATOR OF THE GREAT ONI SWORD.

YES, HA HA, YES!



IN THE SHADOW REALM RESIDE YOKAI, OBAKE, ONI--CREATURES THAT DEVOUR, CORRUPT, DESTROY. THEY ARE UNBOUND BY THE CHAINS OF MORALITY, HONOR, LOVE.

THEY ARE DRIVEN BY A LUST FOR POWER, OR OBEY OUT OF FEAR OF GREATER POWER...AND YOUR WIELDING OF THE GREAT ONI SWORD WILL MAKE THEM BOW TO YOUR EVERY WHIM.

THEY WILL BE PUPPETS, AND I WILL HOLD THE STRINGS.



AND ONCE ALL THE CREATURES OF THE SHADOW REALM BOW TO YOU, YOUR REIGN WILL GROW EVER GREATER.

WAIT... YOU SAID I WILL BE LOVED... BUT IF YOKAI ARE UNABLE TO LOVE, THEN HOW--?

YOU WILL USE THE ONI SWORD TO TEAR OPEN THE RIFT ONCE AGAIN...



...AND THE HUMANS WILL BECOME FOOD...AND THIS WORLD WILL BE ECLIPSED BY THE SHADOW REALM, AND ALL...

UNGH... NO--

... ALL WILL BE MINE.



NO!

YOU ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED, SWORDSMITH. YOUR CREATION'S POWER EXCEEDS THAT OF ITS CREATOR.



I HUNGER FOR MORE THAN THE COLD AND THE DARK OF THE SHADOW REALM. THIS HUMAN REALM WILL ALSO BE MINE.

≡MMF≡



I DESIRE A WARM BODY TO BE MY VESSEL... MY PUPPET.

WHY NOT YOURS? HA HA.

UNGH...



YOU CANNOT RESIST ME FOR MUCH LONGER. WHY FIGHT?

SUCCUMB TO THE DARKNESS.



HAA!

SHUK

-KLIK-



≡HUFF...HUFF≡

I WAS A FOOL... BLINDED BY LONELINESS AND AMBITION... TO TURN MY BACK UPON HUMANITY.

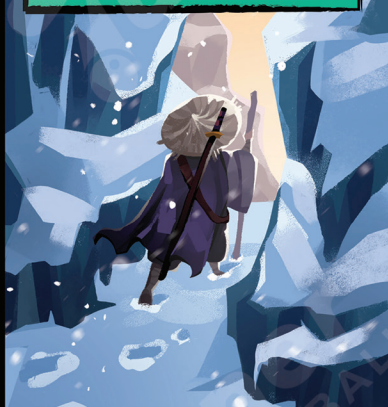
I ALMOST LOST MY SOUL AND OPENED MY WORLD TO BE DEVoured BY THIS UNHOLY BLADE.

MANKIND MAY NEVER ACCEPT ME... NEVERTHELESS, I MUST MAKE PENANCE.

DESTROYING THE ONI SWORD PROVED IMPOSSIBLE. ITS MYSTIC BLADE COULD NOT BE UNMADE.

EACH TIME I DREW IT FORTH TO MAKE THE ATTEMPT... ITS SEDUCTIVE VOICE BECAME HARDER TO RESIST.

AND SO I TRAVELED FAR AND WIDE, SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION.



ULTIMATELY, I SETTLED UPON THE LAST AVAILABLE TO ME.



THE ONLY WAY TO CONTAIN THE CURSED WEAPON WAS TO KEEP IT FOREVER SEALED IN ITS SCABBARD, AND THEN TO HIDE IT DEEP WITHIN A WELL SURROUNDED BY HIGH WALLS...

...LOST FOREVER FROM SIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE.

EVEN SO, I WAS DETERMINED TO REMAIN VIGILANT, TO EVER BE READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED.



AND YET FATE HAD A SURPRISE FOR ME STILL.

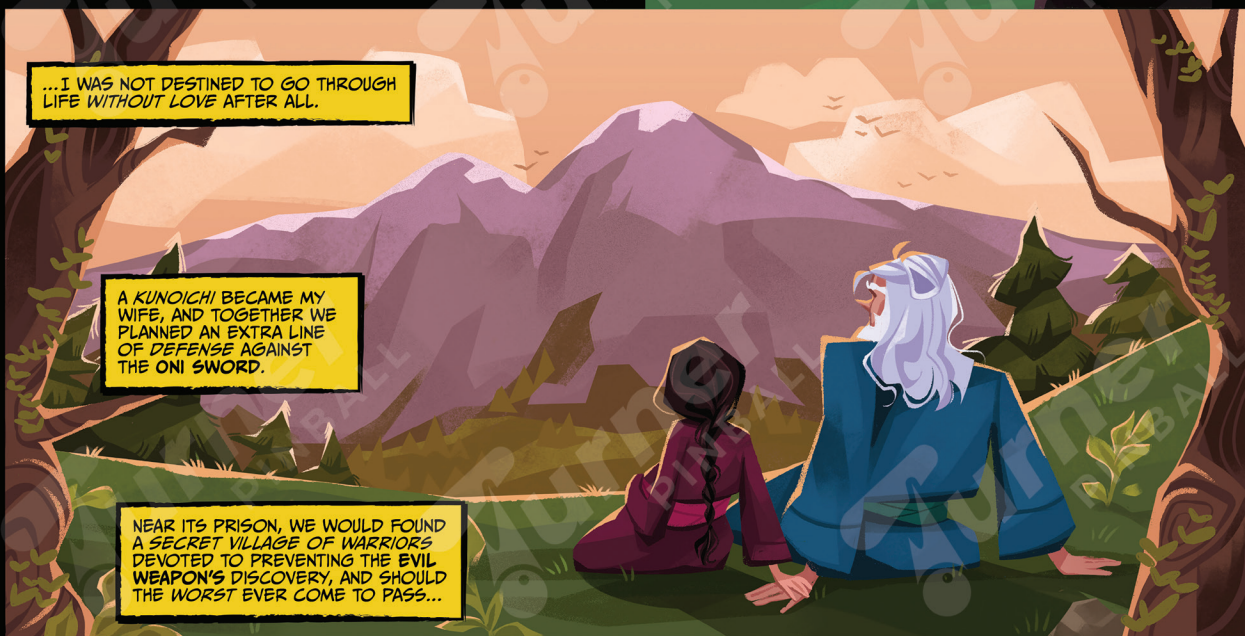


AS IT TURNED OUT...

...I WAS NOT DESTINED TO GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT LOVE AFTER ALL.

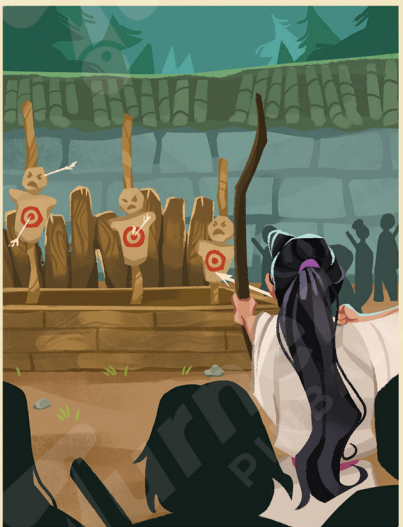
A KUNOICHI BECAME MY WIFE, AND TOGETHER WE PLANNED AN EXTRA LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST THE ONI SWORD.

NEAR ITS PRISON, WE WOULD FIND A SECRET VILLAGE OF WARRIORS DEVOTED TO PREVENTING THE EVIL WEAPON'S DISCOVERY, AND SHOULD THE WORST EVER COME TO PASS...



...THE WORLD WOULD NOT BE UNPROTECTED.

500 YEARS LATER...
IGA NINJA VILLAGE



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