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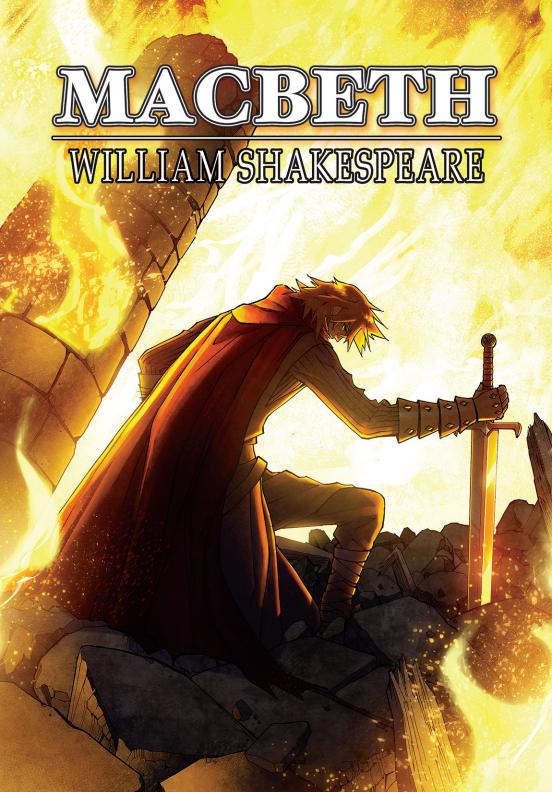




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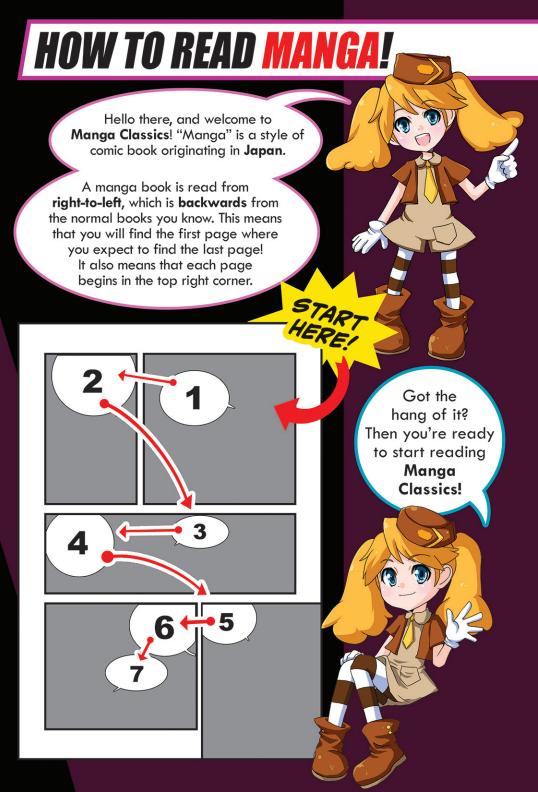
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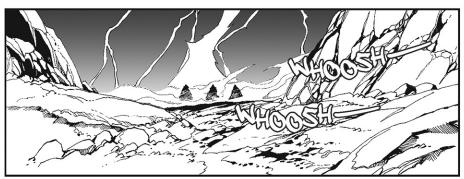
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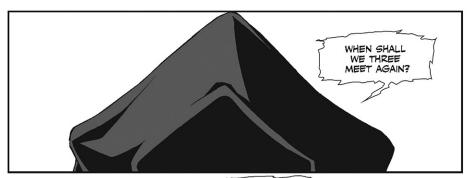
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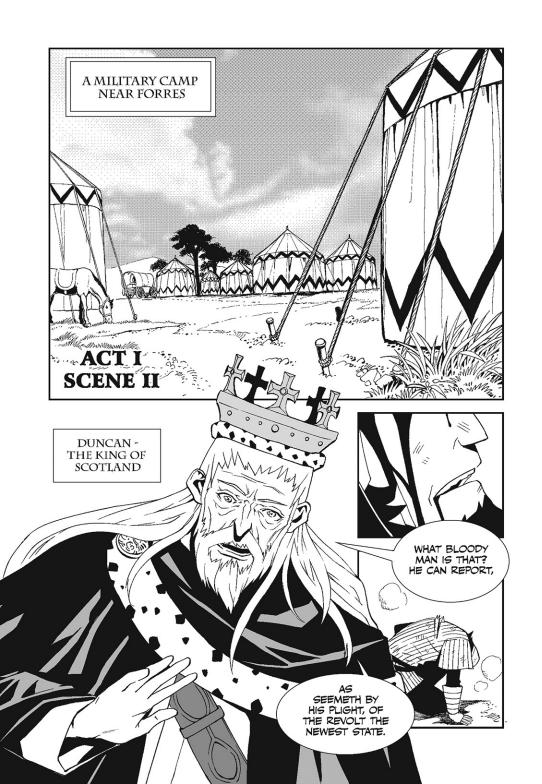
















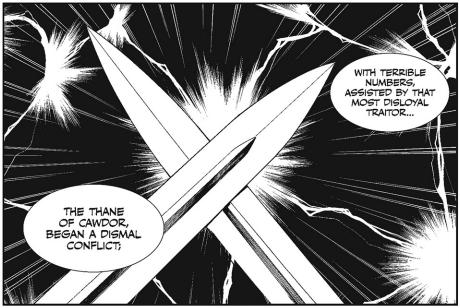






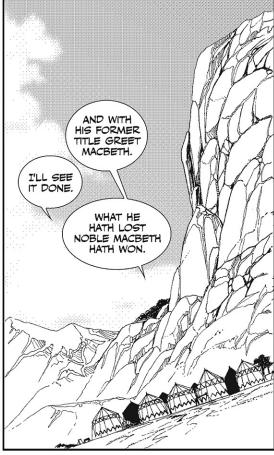




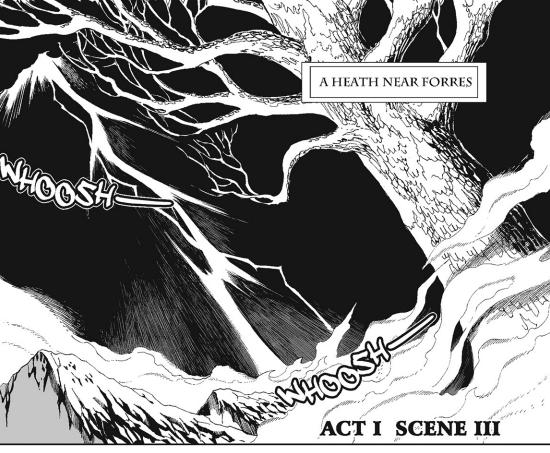


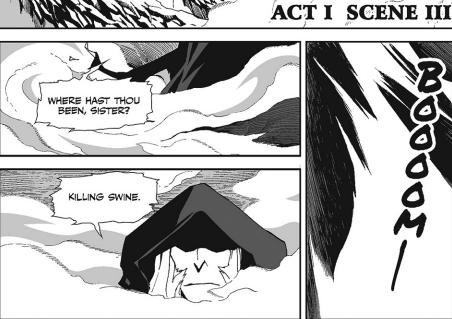






















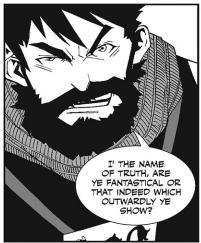




































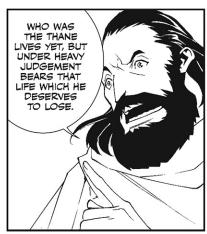




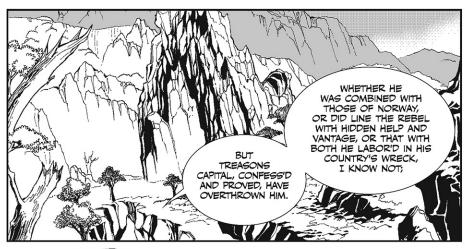




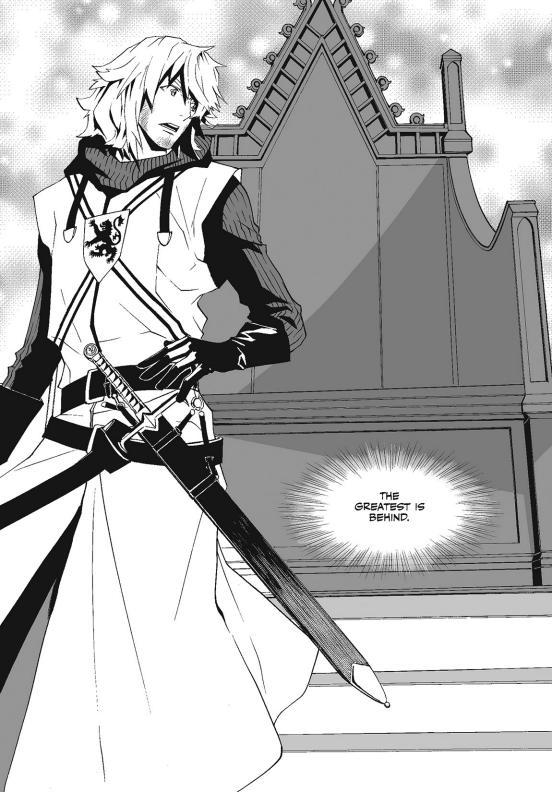










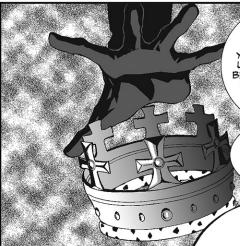












THAT,
TRUSTED
HOME, MIGHT
YET ENKINDLE YOU
UNTO THE CROWN,
BESIDES THE THANE
OF CAWDOR. BUT
'TIS STRANGE;

AND OFTENTIMES, TO WIN US TO OUR HARM,









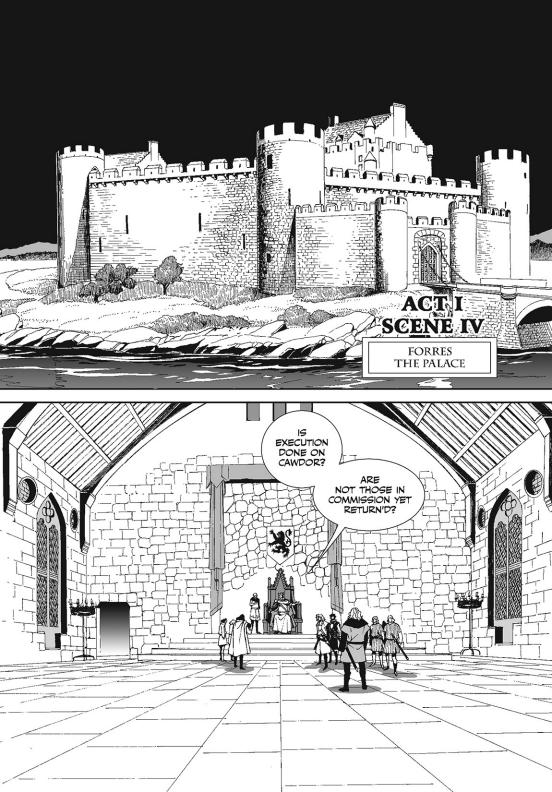






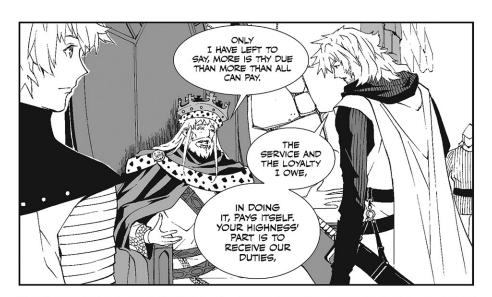








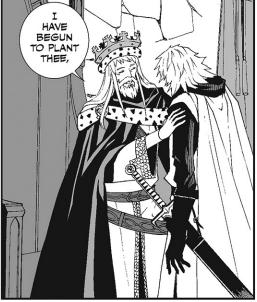


















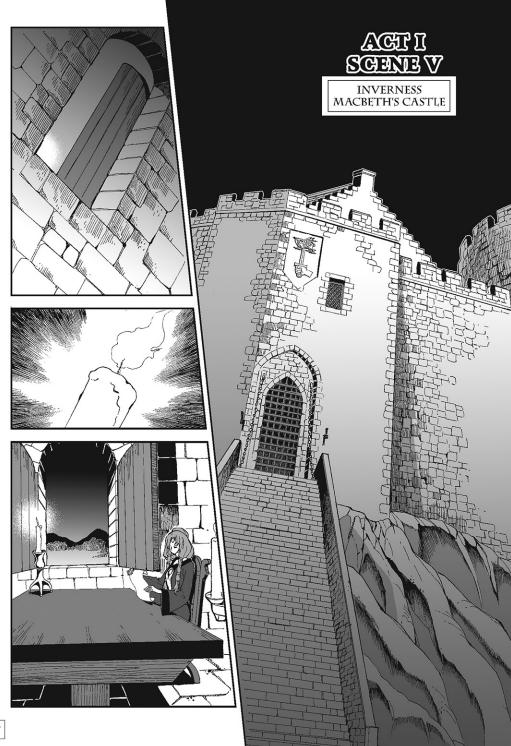




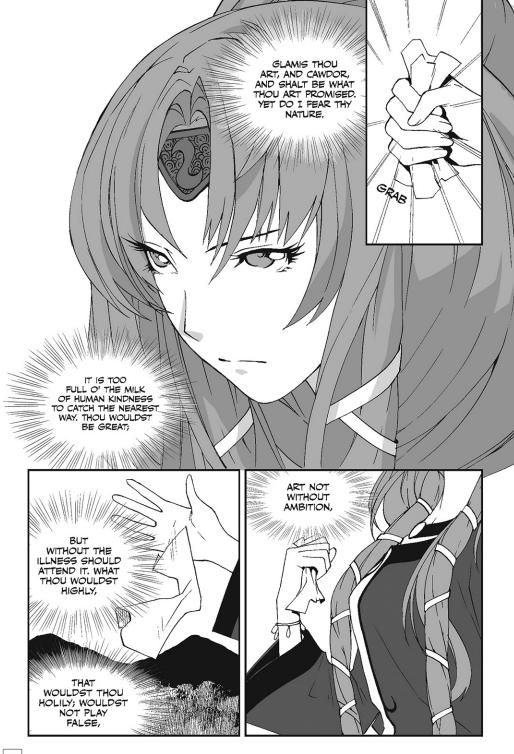






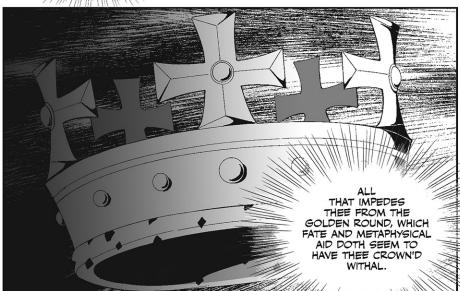


They met me in the day of success, and I have I rey met me un vie uny of success, and I prove in learned by the perfectest report they tarned in learned they have more in rearned by the perfectest report they have more in them than mortal knowledge. The share them than mortal knowledge them them than mortal knowledge. mem man mortal knowledge. When I ourned in themselves they made themselves the made themselves themselves the made themselv uestre w question them surmer, they made memselves air, into which they vanished. Whiles I stood rapt in air, into which they vanished. an, mu writer truey varustreu. vv rives 1 stood rapt in the wonder of it, came missives from the king. in the wonder of it, came at Candad. La. a. daid in the worder of it, came at Candad. the wonder of u, came missives from the ring, which title, all-hailed me trained airtain and make of cawdor; by which title, all-hailed me trained airtain and make and make all-hailed me arrained airtaine and make and m un-runen me meird sisters saluted me and referred before, me and referred vejuie, the coming on of time with Hail, This have I wing that shall be!!. thought good to deliver thee, my dearest partner of greatness, that thou mightst not lose the dues of rejoicing, by being ignorant of what greatness is promised thee. Lay it to thy heart, and farewell. Macbeth









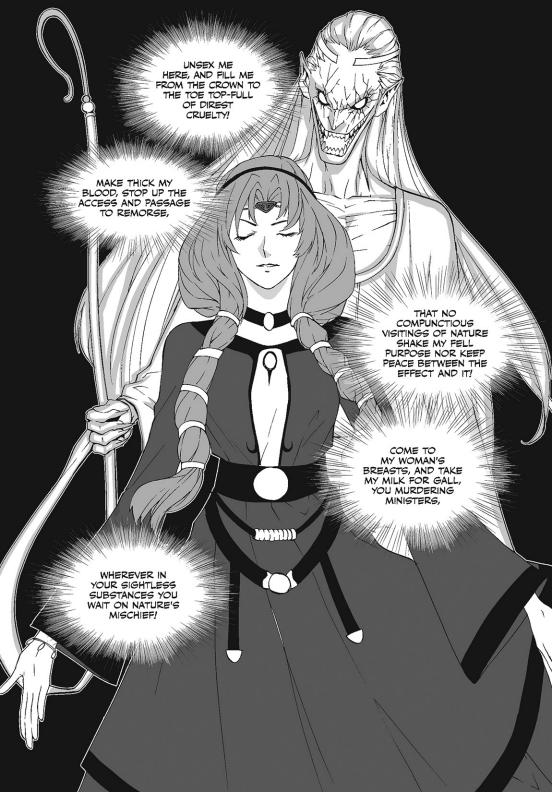


















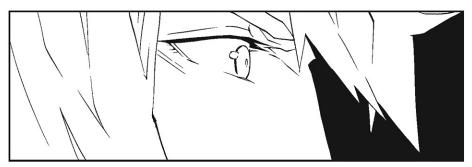
















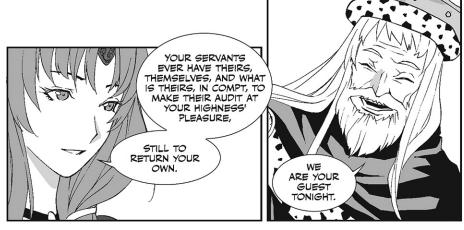


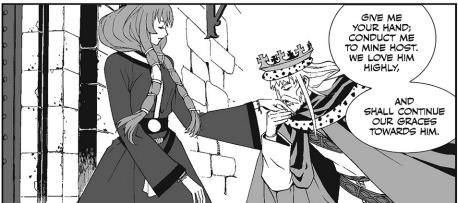






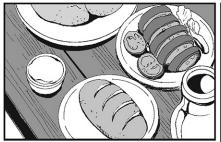




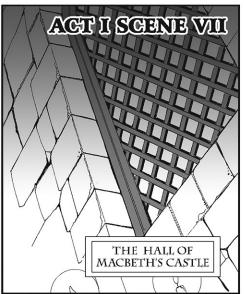


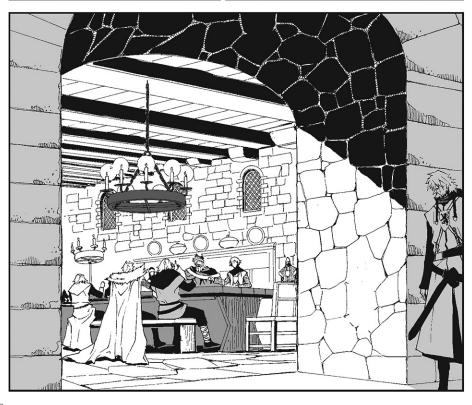


































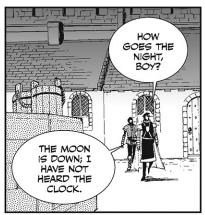


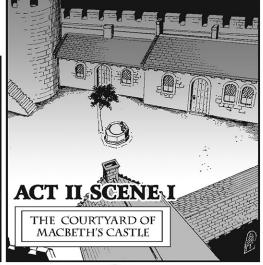






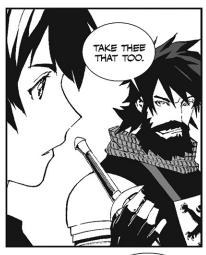




































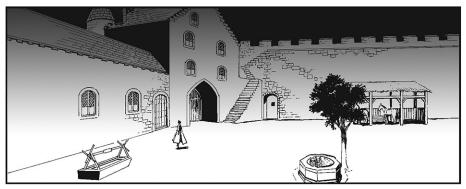


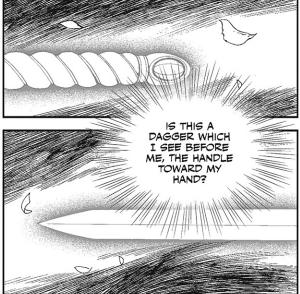


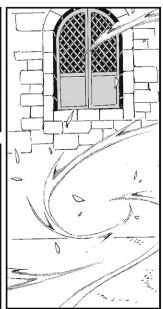














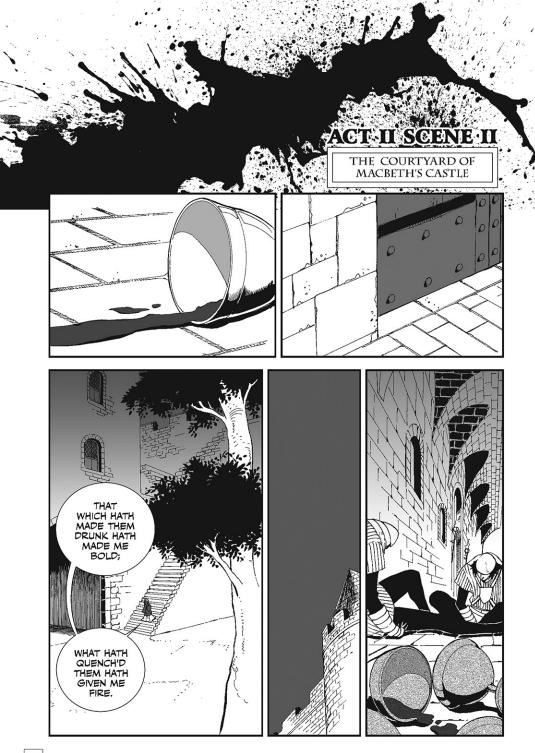














































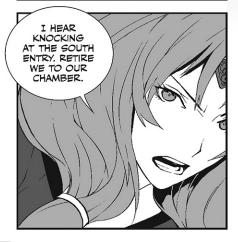










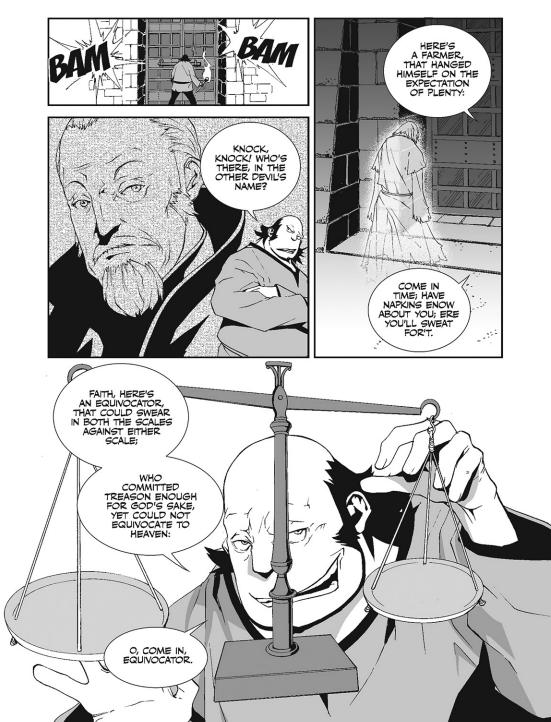




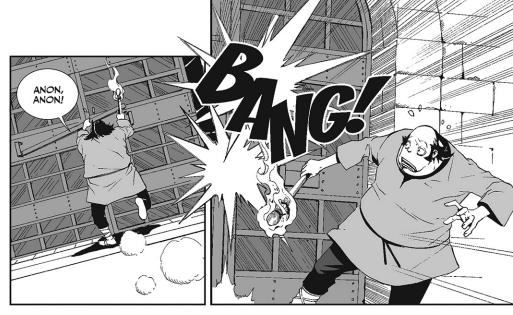
















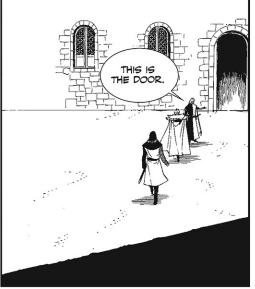














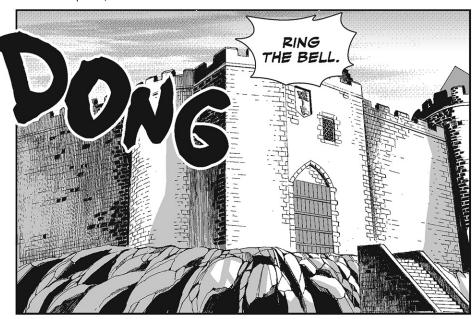






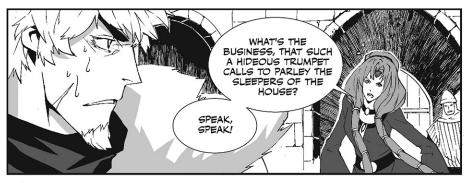












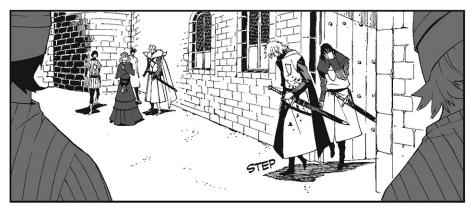


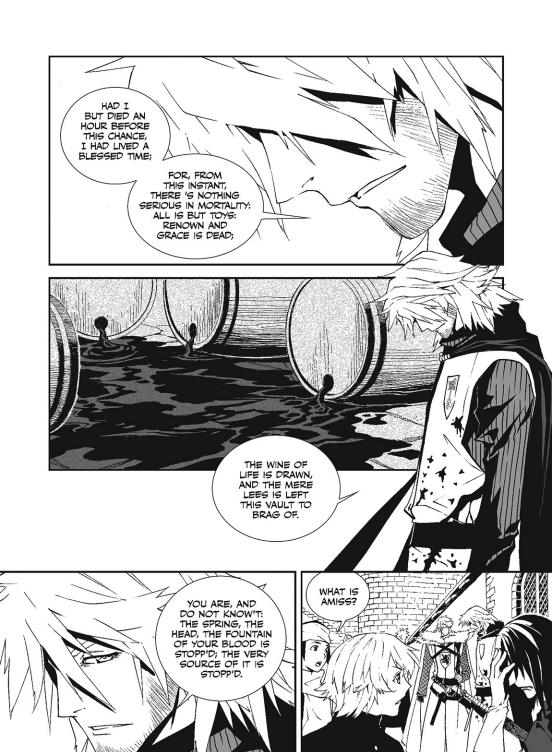




















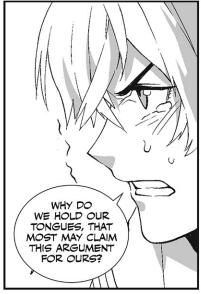
























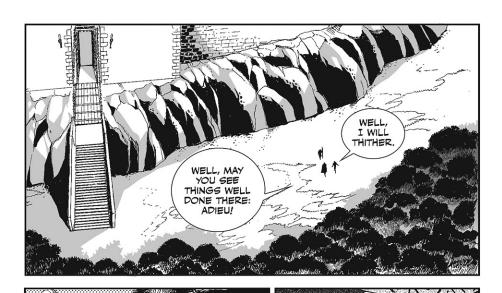






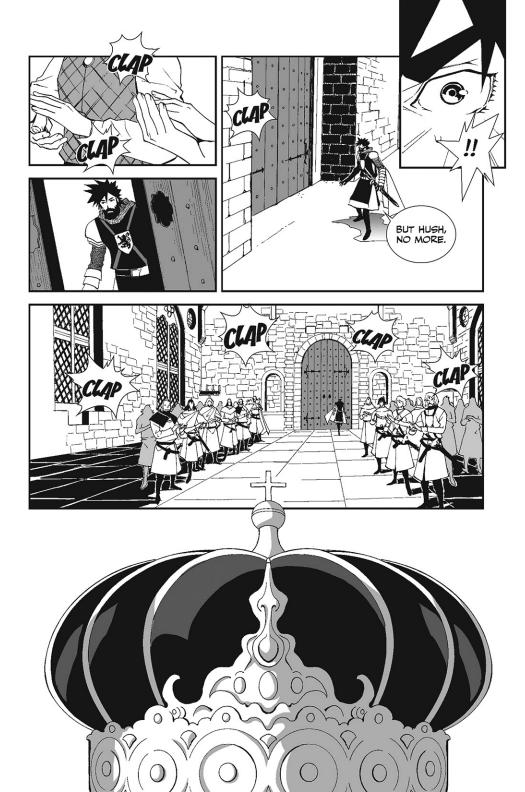






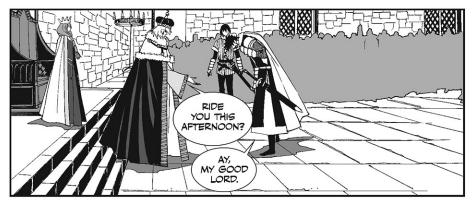










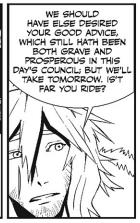


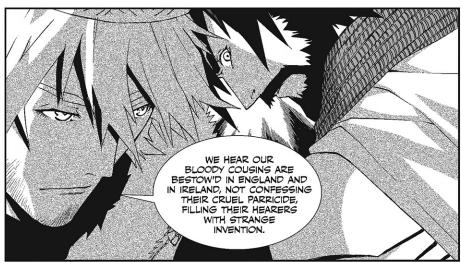






AS FAR, MY
LORD, AS WILL FILL
UP THE TIME 'TWIXT
THIS AND SUPPER. GO
NOT MY HORSE THE
BETTER, I MUST BECOME
A BORROWER OF THE
NIGHT FOR A DARK
HOUR OR TWAIN.

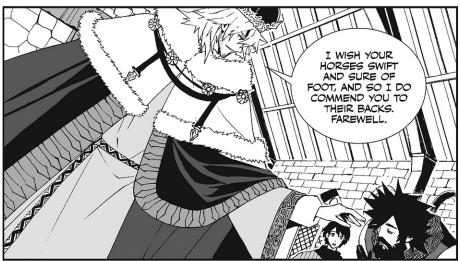


































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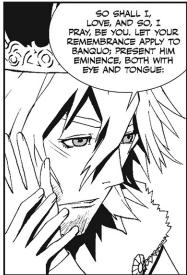








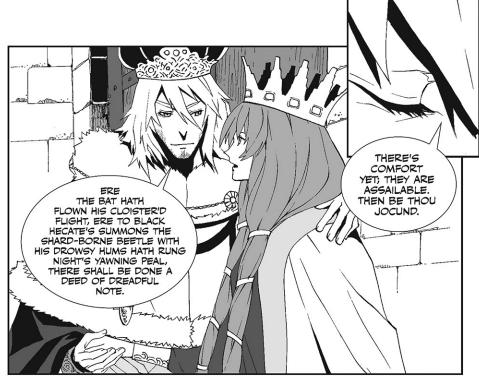


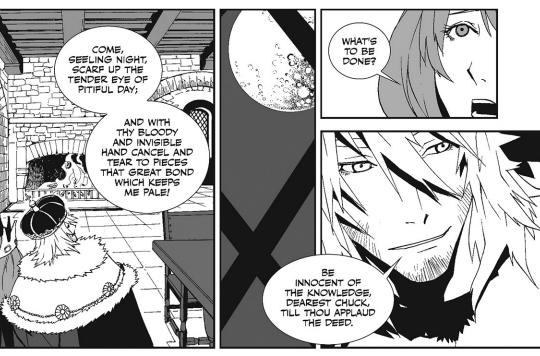




































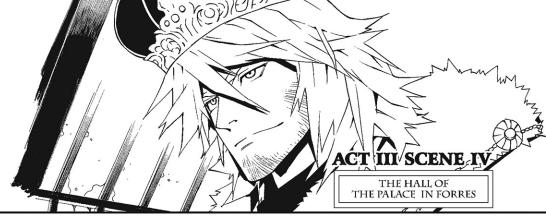




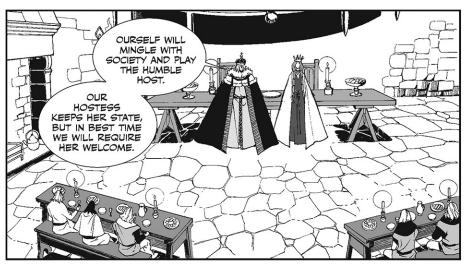








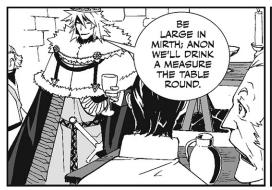




















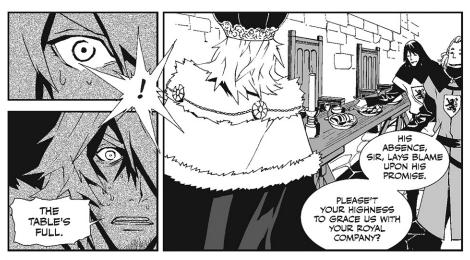


























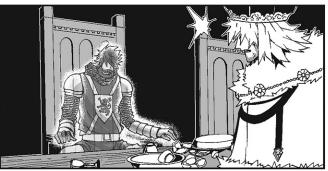


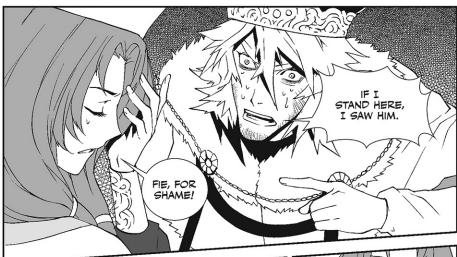


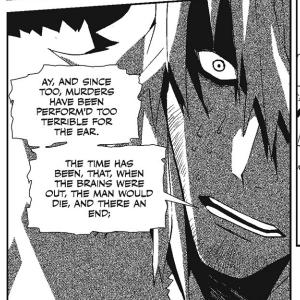


































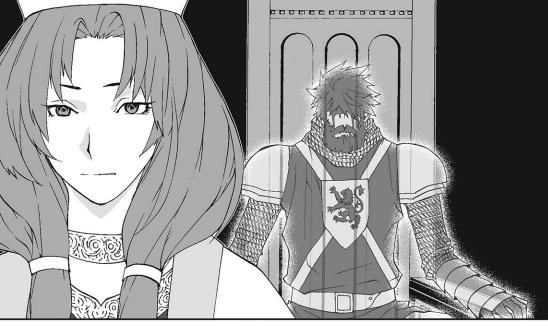


























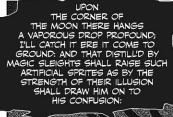




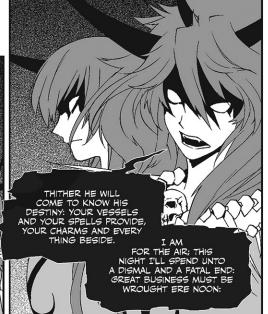






















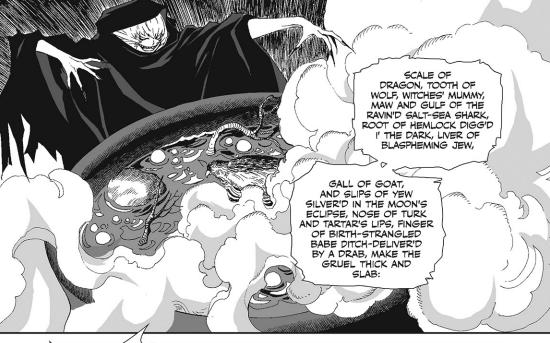


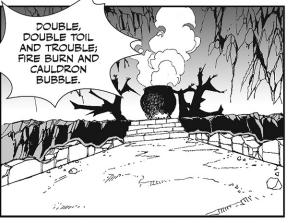




















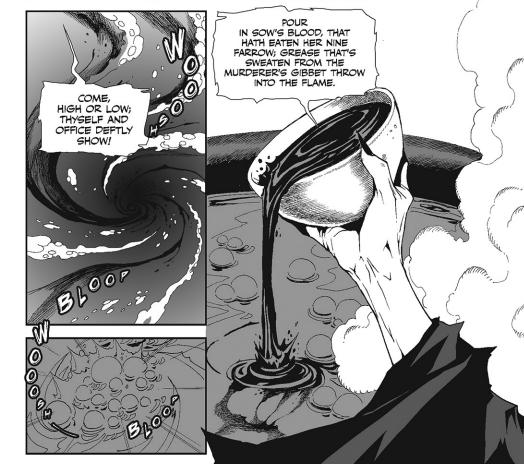




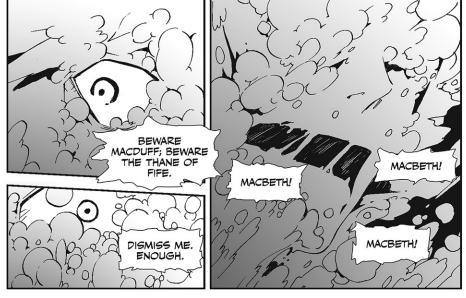










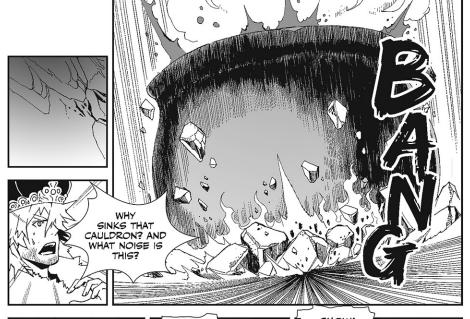
































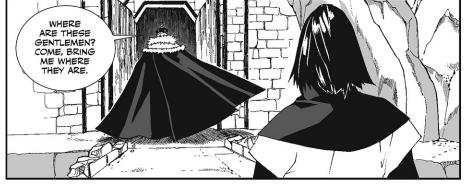








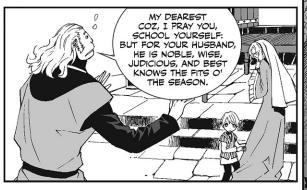














I DARE NOT SPEAK
MUCH FURTHER; BUT
CRUEL ARE THE TIMES, WHEN
WE ARE TRAITORS AND DO NOT
KNOW OURSELVES, WHEN WE
HOLD RUMOUR FROM WHAT WE
FEAR, YET KNOW NOT WHAT WE
FEAR, BUT FLOAT UPON A WILD
AND VIOLENT SEA EACH
WAY AND MOVE.





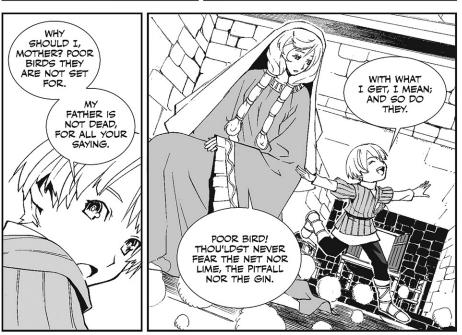








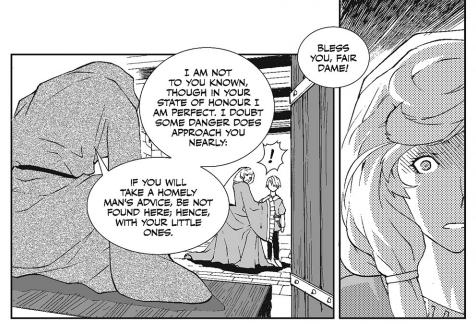


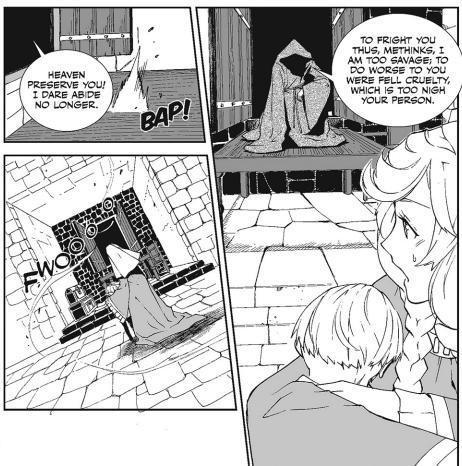




















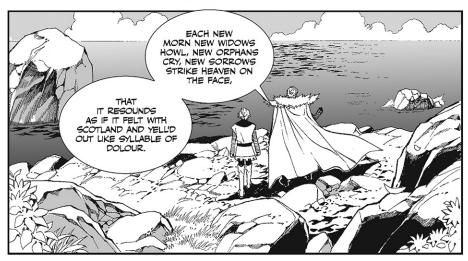


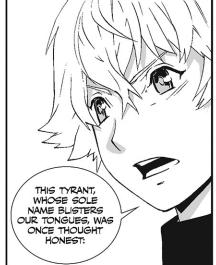










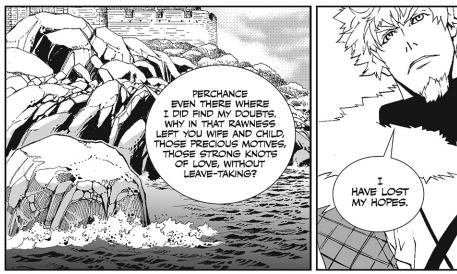










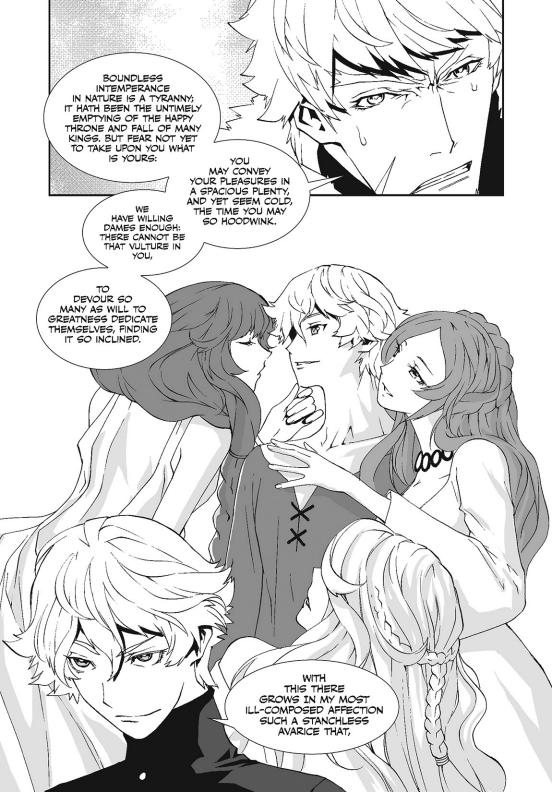


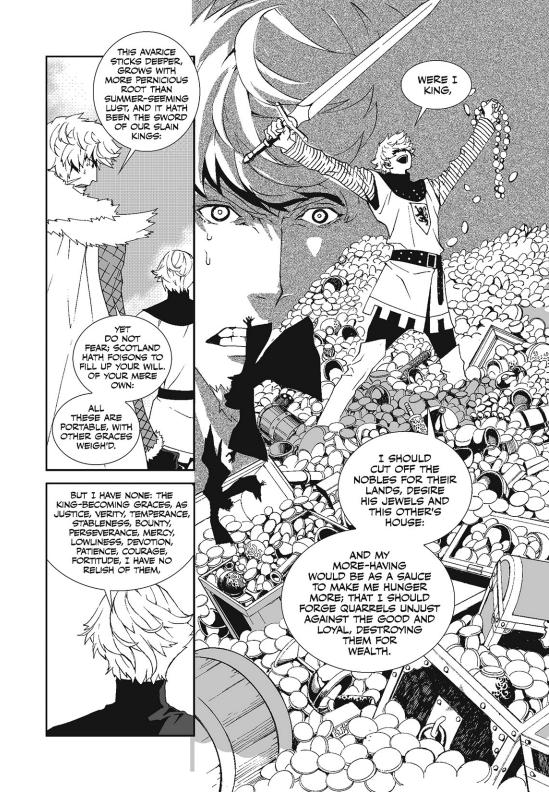


























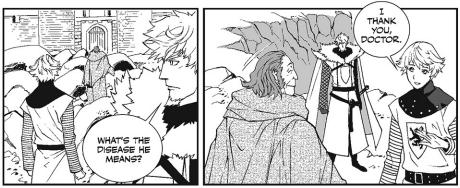
























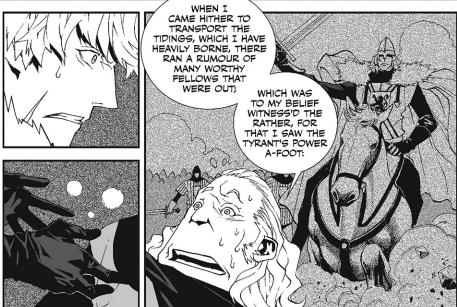














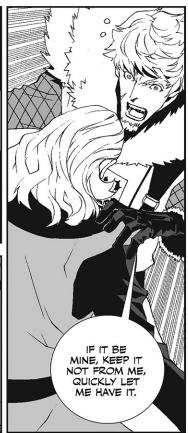








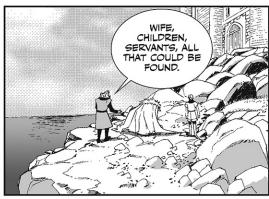










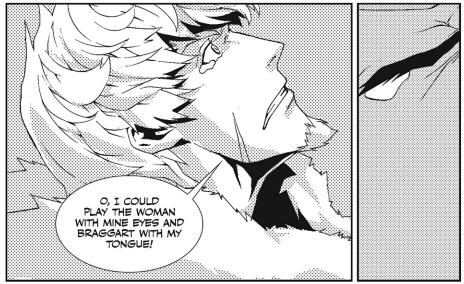
















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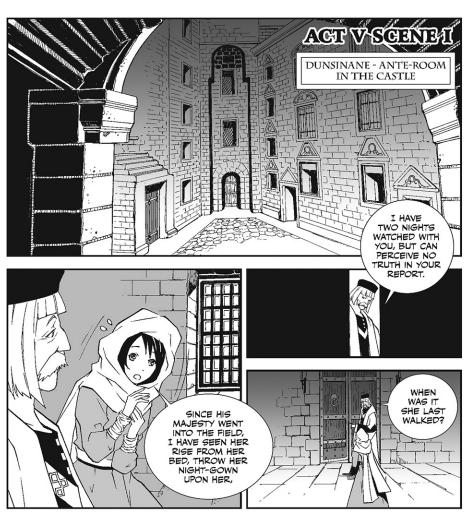
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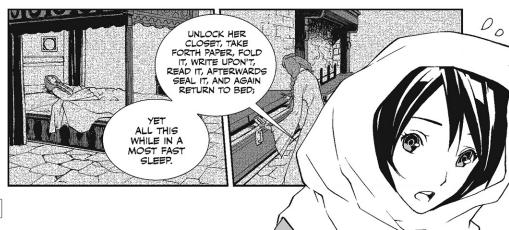


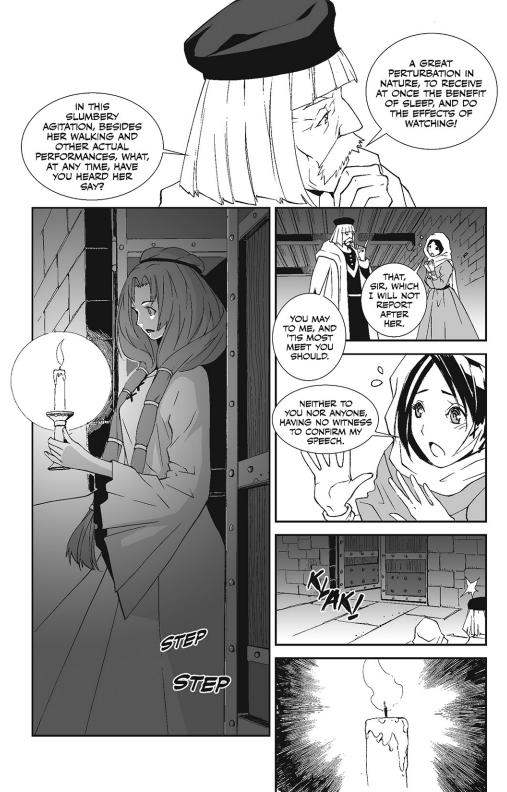


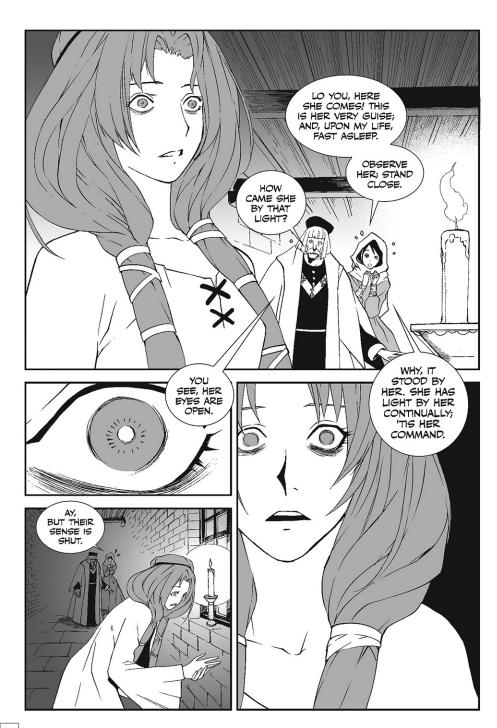








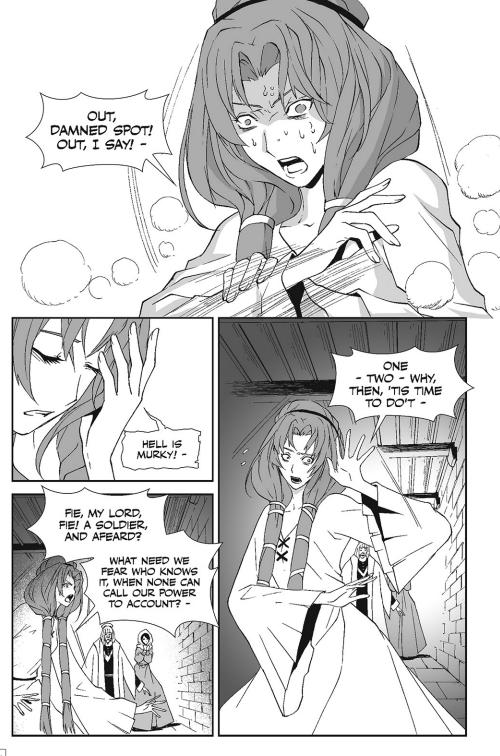










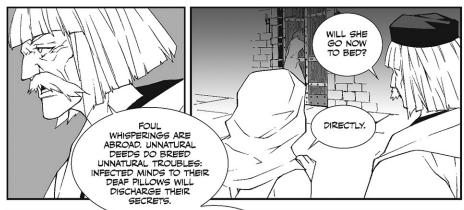


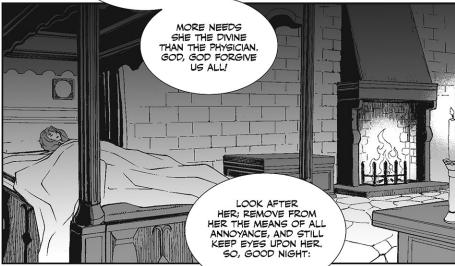










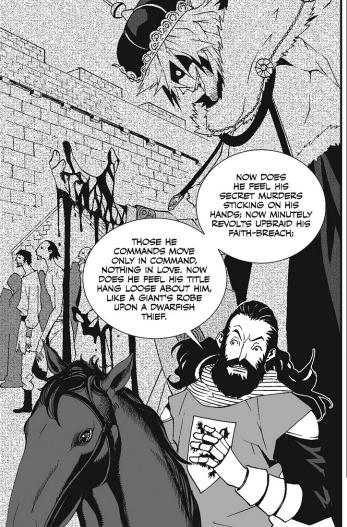






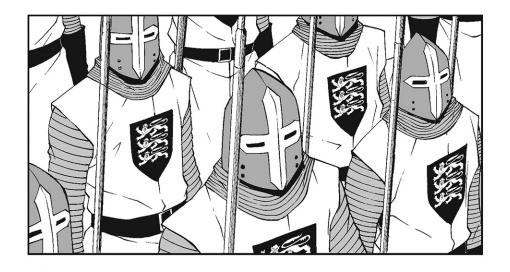






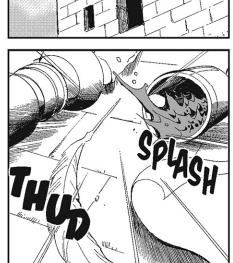




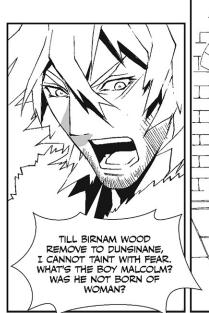


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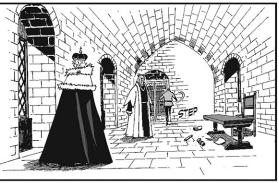








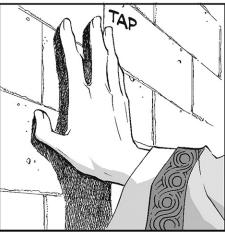








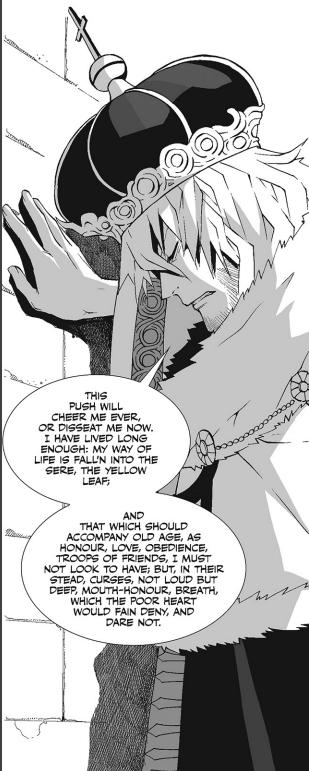






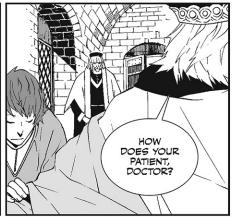












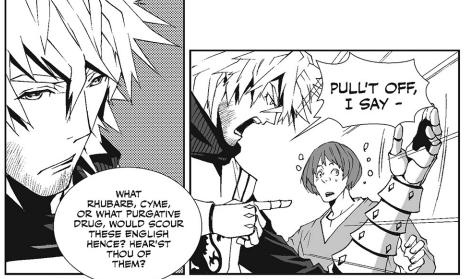


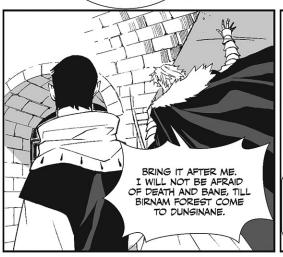




































SHE SHOULD HAVE DIED HEREAFTER; THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A TIME FOR SUCH A WORD. TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, CREEPS IN THIS PETTY PACE FROM DAY TO DAY TO THE LAST SYLLABLE OF RECORDED TIME, AND ALL OUR YESTERDAYS HAVE LIGHTED FOOLS THE WAY TO DUSTY DEATH.



































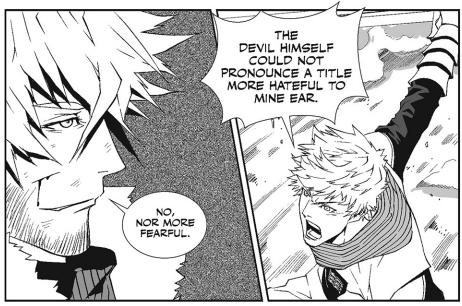


















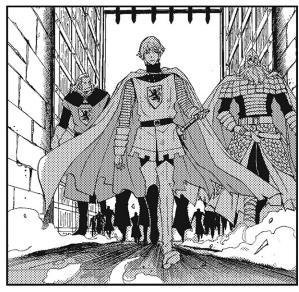








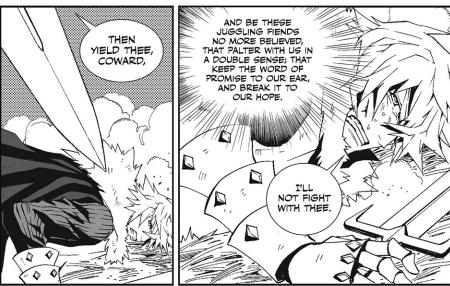








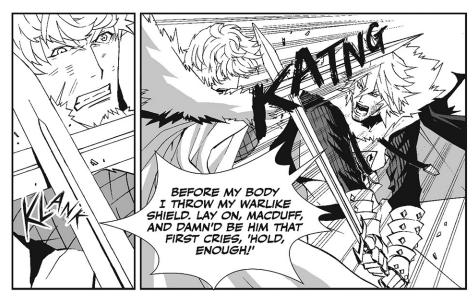
















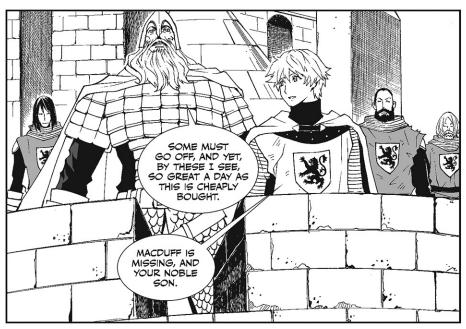






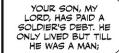












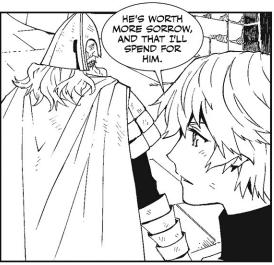
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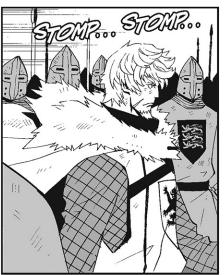




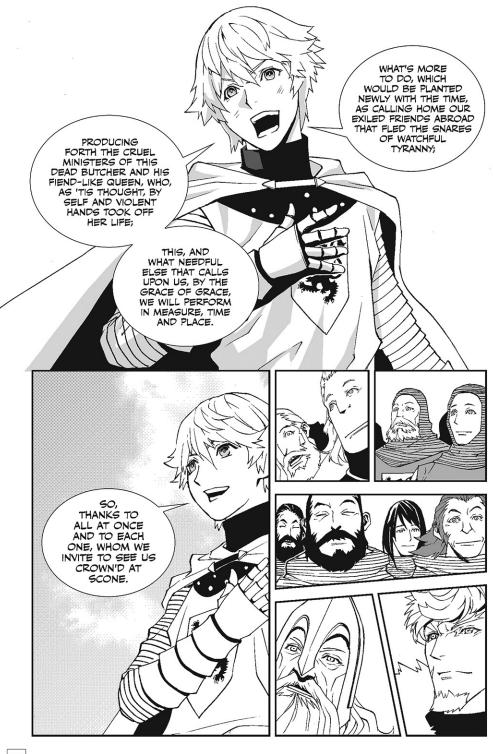


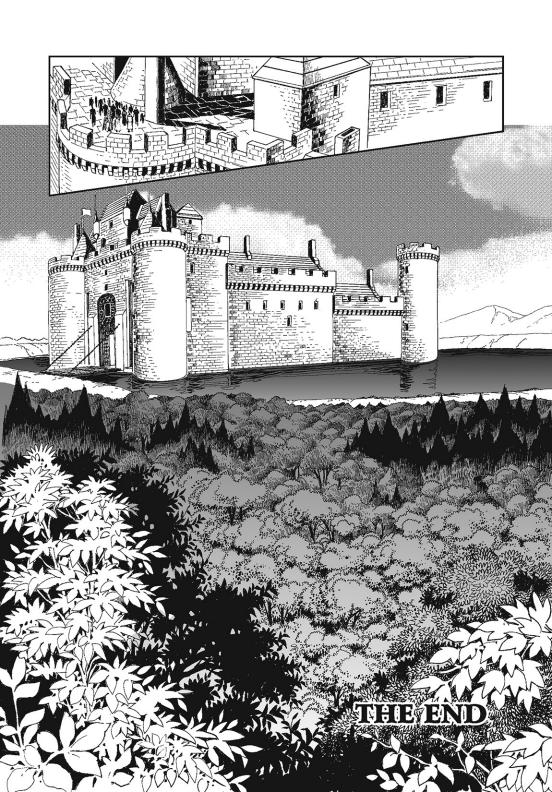












It was such a challenge for me to work on **Shakespeare**'s **Macbeth**, mainly because there are very few references to use for the settings and characters. The story happens long before photographic records existed, and a lot of the architecture has long been in ruins. Our creative teams spent days and days looking for any trace of reference material they could find, but the rest was up to me - to create an accurate and realistic Macbeth for our readers to enjoy.

It was also challenging to settle on an art style for this book. This was actually the first Shakespeare book we started work on, even before **Romeo and Juliet** - my previous **Manga Classics** title was **The Jungle Book**, which had a very different feel to it. I did a lot of different designs for Macbeth, but we just weren't feeling it - after reading everyone's comments, I scrapped all the designs and started over, ending up with a more mature and heroic approach. While I was working on that, my boss decided that my **Romeo and Juliet** designs were ready to go, so we put **Macbeth** aside. **Romeo and Juliet** became our first Shakespeare **Manga Classics** title.

When I started drawing Macbeth and immersed myself in its world, I could feel the story of his tragic life happening right in front of me. Macbeth is like many people he was supposed to just mind his own business and play his own part. But life can be unpredictable. When the witches showed up and tempted him with power, he overcame his own internal struggle and climbed up the chain of command, beginning a journey towards power from which he could never return. I admire his determination! Not too many people have the motivation to overcome their place in our society and achieve such a task.

As he reached the top, he gained some things and lost others. The price he had to pay was hard to bear. He sacrificed his friendships, his settled life, his physical and mental freedom - and he ended up alone, without the woman he loved. All he had left was a body and soul soaked in blood. Was it a fair exchange? Or is that just... life?

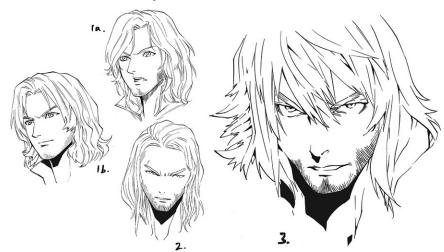
Macbeth is a very 'real' character, more like flesh and blood than words on paper. I hope my art conveys that to all of you!

Thank you for reading Manga Classics!

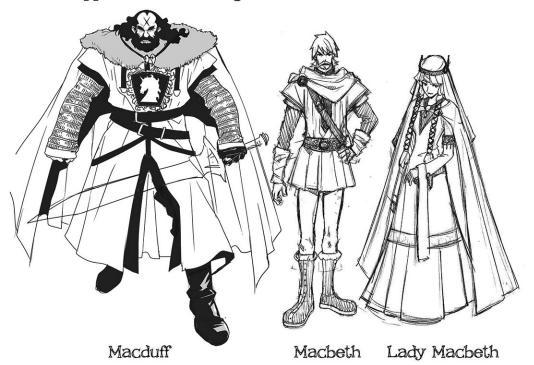
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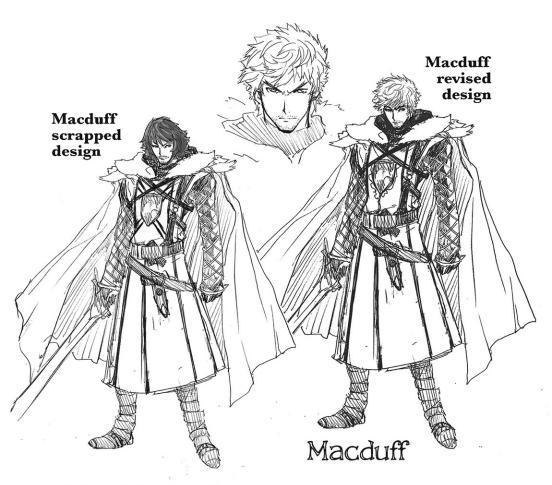
CHARACTER DESIGN SKETCHBOOK:

Macbeth - head study



Scrapped character design





CHARACTER LINE-UP



Duncan

Banquo

Macbeth

Lady Macbeth

CRYSTAL S. CHAN: ADAPTING MACBETH

Macbeth is a world-renowned play, but the way it's interpreted on stage is completely different than the way it can be interpreted in manga. When I did this adaptation, therefore, I had to make some adjustments. Here's what I had to do.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MANGA VISUALS:

Shakespeare's play Macbeth originally written in the 17th century. Stagecraft was quite primitive at the time, so a lot of things had to be left up to the audience's imagination, including the metaphors in the dialogue. Manga has a much broader range of imaginative and narrative tools, however, so we can show what the original text only implies. For example: in Act 2, Scene 4, Macduff says, "Lest our old robes sit easier than our new!" By 'old robes' he means Duncan's rule, and by 'new robes', he means Macbeth's. I suggested to the artist that he use a triple-layered layout for this, with Macduff in the foreground talking, a fallen Duncan in the middle ground to represent the 'old robes', and a looming Macbeth in the background to represent the 'new'. I hope that this made the metaphor clearer to the audience.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

Macbeth was very loyal to Duncan at the beginning, but the three witches tempted him on his way back from his victory and contaminated his mind. He ended up coming up with an evil plan to murder the king and claim the throne for himself. This kind of character development is a common theme in classic literature (and also in modern manga and anime!) The Japanese

term for such change is *haraguroi* <はらぐろい、腹黒い>. 'Hara' means belly, and 'kuroi' means black, so 'haraguroi' literally means that your internal organs are turning black - how appropriate! In order to demonstrate this development in our protagonist, we slowly changed Macbeth's facial expressions over the course of the story, from kind and gentle to fierce and cunning. The first sign of this change comes at the end of Act 1, Scene 1, when one of the witches' prophecies becomes real and a dark grin spreads over Macbeth's face - the first sign that he is going down a different path. Did it give you chills, seeing that?



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LET THE DETAILS TELL THE STORY:

In addition to helping the artist express the dialogue, I also gave additional pointers to help visualize the setting. Things that might not have been specified in the play needed to be specified in our adaptation, because the manga version had to show more detail. It was also my job to oversee the



<BEFORE THE KILL> <AFTER THE KILL>

costumes, locations, and sets as the artist drew them. For example, take Act 2, Scene 3, in which Macbeth kills Duncan's guards. The violence of their deaths meant that blood would have splattered onto Macbeth himself; when I wrote the scene, I added a note to the artist to make sure that there was blood on Macbeth's clothing afterwards.

WORKING WITH JULIEN:

I work with many different artists and I always adapt to suit their needs. This is my third time working with Julien (we worked together on The Jungle Book and Romeo and Iuliet) so we already had a great working relationship. Julien is a big fan of Chinese history, so when we discussed characters' feelings and motives, I would juxtapose them with historical Chinese figures to give him a better idea of what we were talking about. For the big fight scenes, I introduced him to a few popular American TV shows - you know the ones! - and he found a lot of inspiration in those.



Although we worked together on other Shakespeare titles before, **Macbeth** is very different. **Romeo and Juliet** is mainly a love story, with dreamy and romantic visuals; we used a lot of screen tones and special patterns to create the feeling of love brewing on those pages. **Macbeth**, however, is a hardcore adrenalin-fueled story about the lust for power, so we decided to use fewer patterns; instead we used sharp black and white, harsh shadow and light, to create a heavier feel.





<PAGE FROM ROMEO & JULIET>

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The Shakespeare *Manga Classics* titles all use the unabridged original text. You might think that that would make my job easier - but, in fact, it's a much bigger challenge! Older English is much harder to understand than modern English, so we have to work very hard on the visuals to help the readers follow along. We spend a lot of time plotting out every panel and creating beautiful art, in hopes that we can help the readers get the best out of Shakespeare's elegant language and metaphors.

I hope that this manga adaptation helps readers shake off that feeling that Shakespeare plays are boring and hard to understand. I also hope that it sparks some newfound interest in this classic literature - that's what we at **Manga Classics** set out to do in the first place.

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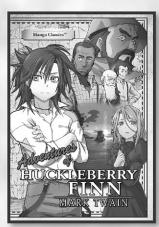
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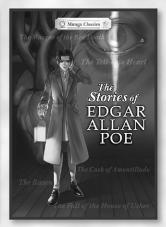
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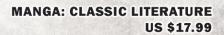
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