

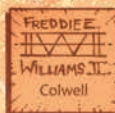
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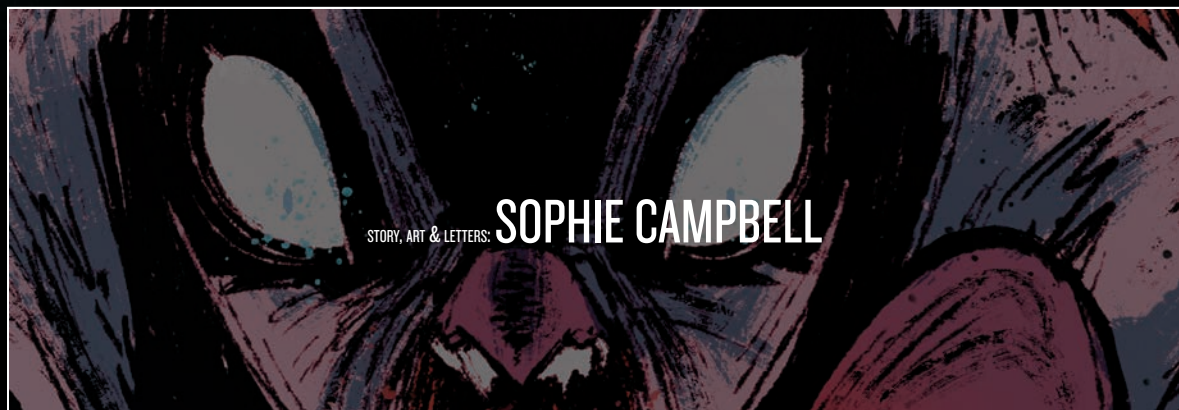
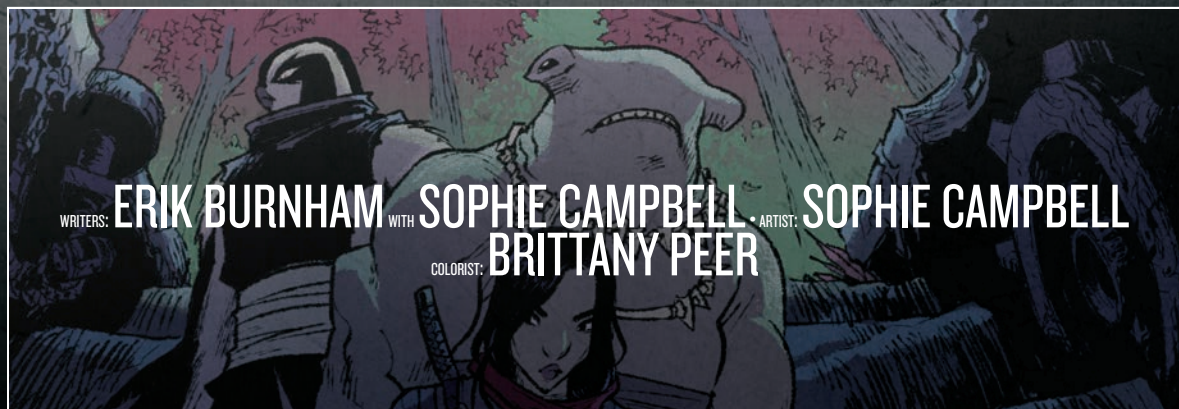
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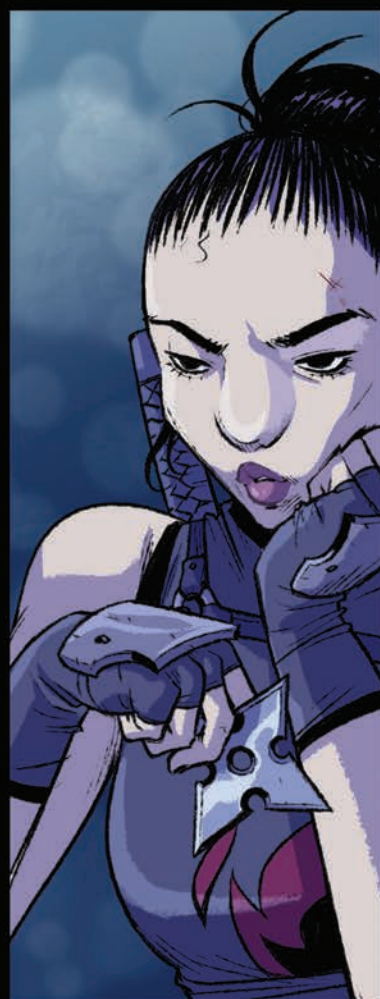
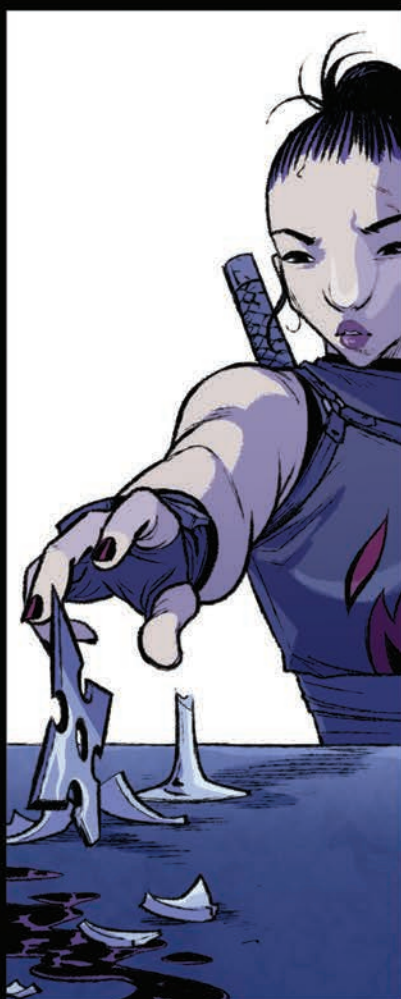
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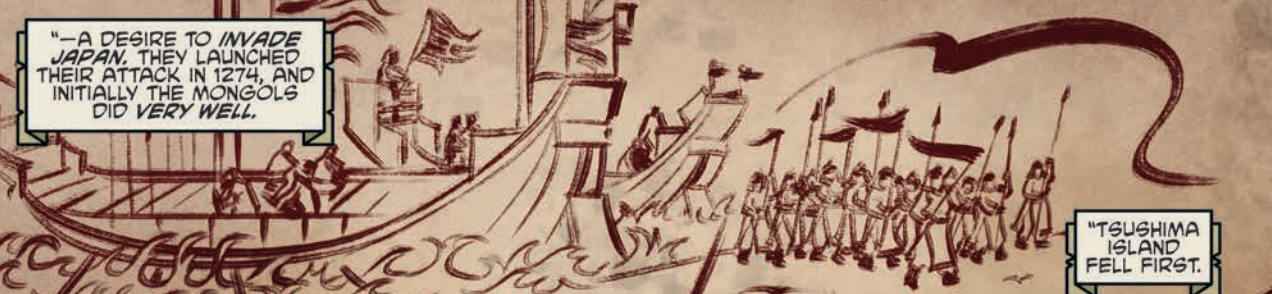
"THE GREAT MONGOL
HORDE HAD JUST
ASSUMED CONTROL OF
WHAT IS NOW KOREA,
SEALING THE UNION BY
WEDDING A MONGOLIAN
PRINCESS TO THE KING
OF THOSE LANDS.

"AND FOR A
BRIEF TIME,
KUBLAI KHAN
WAS CONTENT.

"BUT THE LUST FOR
CONQUEST WAS
REIGNITED, LEGEND
HAS IT, BY A VISITOR—

"THE GOD
OF WAR
HIMSELF,
CHI YOU.

"THEY SPOKE
FOR THREE DAYS,
AFTER WHICH THE
GOD HAD PLANTED
AN OVERWHELMING
DESIRE IN THE MIND
OF THE KHAN—"




"—A DESIRE TO INVADE JAPAN. THEY LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK IN 1274, AND INITIALLY THE MONGOLS DID VERY WELL.

"TSUSHIMA ISLAND FELL FIRST.




"AND THEN IKI.


"HIRATO SOON FOLLOWED, AND OUR ANCESTORS KNEW FEAR.



"HISTORY REMEMBERS A SMALL COMPANY OF SAMURAI THAT TURNED THE TIDE OF THAT FIRST INVASION, HOLDING OFF THOUSANDS OF MONGOLS UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED AND FINALLY TURNED THE INVADERS BACK.



"BUT LEGEND SAYS IT WAS ONE MAN. ONE MAN WHO MADE A BARGAIN WITH GODS.



"THEY PROVIDED HIM WITH A SWORD OF GREAT POWER, ON THE CONDITION HE RETURN IT WHEN THE MONGOL THREAT HAD PASSED."