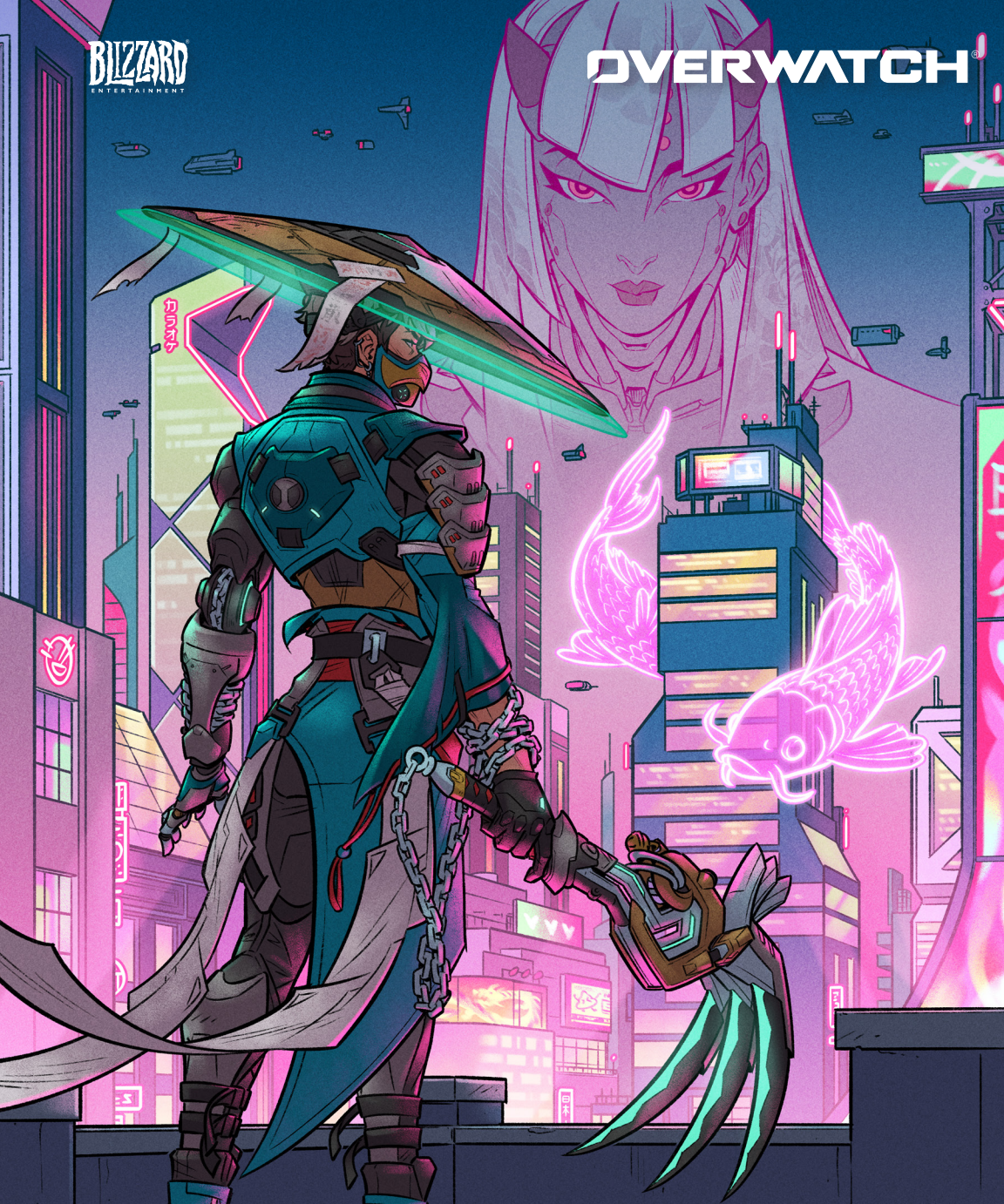


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Since he was taken in by the Hashimoto, Mizuki has always left his fate in the hands of others. But a time is coming when Mizuki will be forced to make a choice, one that will seal his fate...or haunt him forever.

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I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO WRITE THE **BEGINNING** OF MY STORY.

WELCOME TO THE HASHIMOTO, MIZUKI.

THIS IS YOUR **NEW HOME**.

I WAS **BROUGHT** TO THIS PLACE TO BE **SHAPED** AS A **WEAPON**.

I DON'T GET IT, LADY SHION. WHY'D YOU EVEN **WANT** THE KID? HE DOESN'T **LOOK** LIKE ANYTHING **SPECIAL**.

NOT YET. BUT I'LL TRAIN HIM.

FOR THE **HASHIMOTO**?

FOR **ME**.

A WEAPON OF BOTH **FORCE...AND MANIPULATION**.

THIS IS THE **BLADESMITH**. WHY DON'T YOU GET TO KNOW HIM?

TOSHIRO. I THOUGHT YOU COULD USE SOME MOTIVATION. PICK UP THE PACE OR MIZUKI HERE WILL PAY THE PRICE.

WELCOME, MIZUKI.

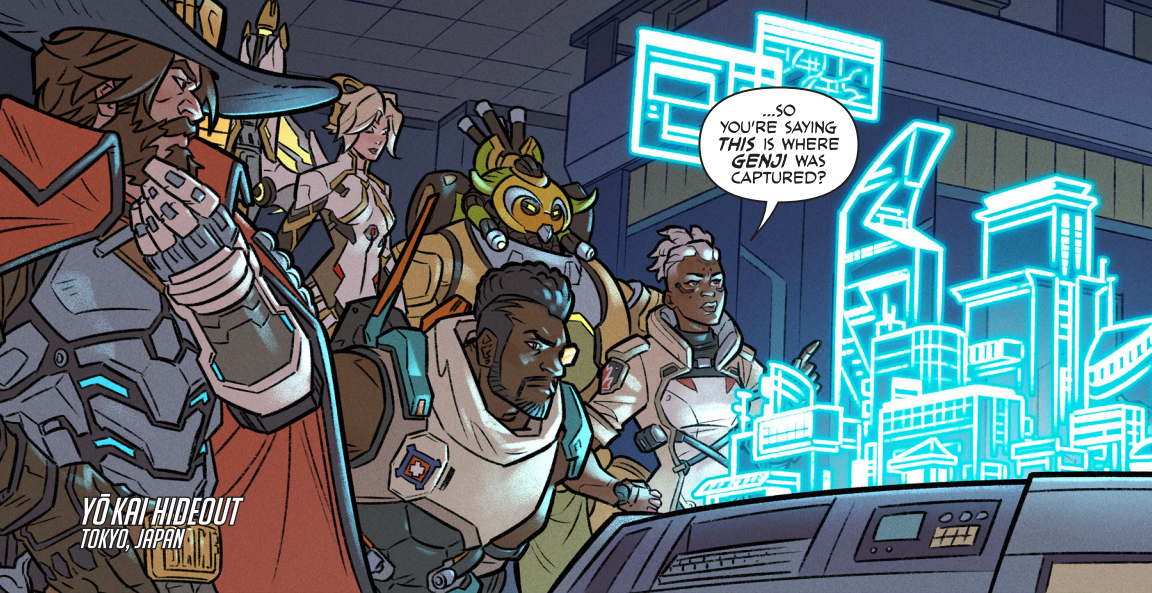
A WEAPON WIELDED WITH ONE PURPOSE... TO SERVE LADY SHION.

TO DO ANYTHING SHE SAID, NO MATTER WHO GOT HURT.

GOING UNDERCOVER IN KANEZAKA... WAS THE FIRST TIME I COULD HEAR MY OWN VOICE OVER HERS.

KIRIKO, THEY'VE ANSWERED YOUR **DISTRESS CALL**.

OVERWATCH IS HERE.



...SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS WHERE GENJI WAS CAPTURED?

YŌ KAI HIDEOUT
TOKYO, JAPAN



NOT JUST WEAPONS. ANIMA WEAPONS... LIKE GENJI'S BLADE.

OUR INTEL TELLS US THAT THE EXCHANGE IS HAPPENING TONIGHT, AT THE TRAIN STATION.

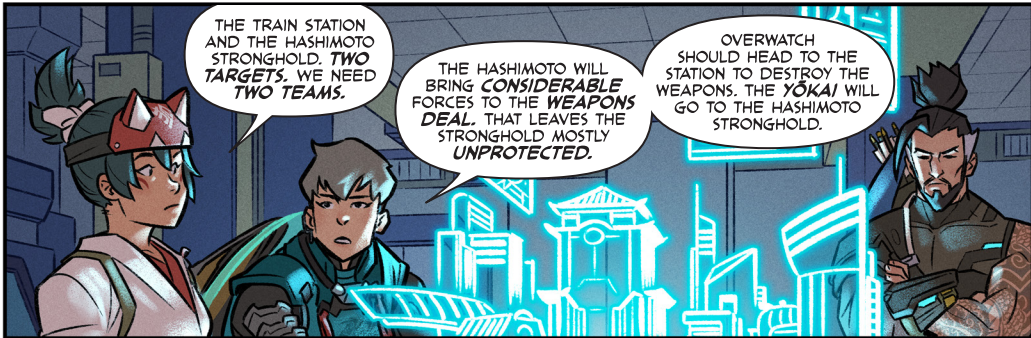


AND YOU'RE SURE WE CAN TRUST THIS INFORMATION?



I KNOW WE LOOK LIKE A GANG OF KIDS TO YOU, BUT WE'VE BEEN IN THIS FIGHT A LONG TIME.

THE INTEL IS GOOD.



THE TRAIN STATION AND THE HASHIMOTO STRONGHOLD. TWO TARGETS. WE NEED TWO TEAMS.

THE HASHIMOTO WILL BRING CONSIDERABLE FORCES TO THE WEAPONS DEAL. THAT LEAVES THE STRONGHOLD MOSTLY UNPROTECTED.

OVERWATCH SHOULD HEAD TO THE STATION TO DESTROY THE WEAPONS. THE YŌKAI WILL GO TO THE HASHIMOTO STRONGHOLD.



YES, NEAR SHIBUYA. HE WAS PINNED DOWN... THERE WERE TOO MANY. AND THEY WEREN'T ALONE.

TALON IS BACKING THE HASHIMOTO IN EXCHANGE FOR WEAPONS.

I'M SURE YOU'RE VERY TOUGH. BUT IF THE HASHIMOTO HAVE TALON'S FIREPOWER, WE CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THEM.

A KNOCK ON THE DOOR ISN'T GOING TO CUT IT.

LEAVE THAT TO ME. I CAN GET US IN.



THERE'S A BACKDOOR-- HERE. IT'S HOW THEY MOVE GOODS IN AND OUT.



WE'LL GRAB GENJI AND THEN DETONATE THE FORGE.

EXPLOSIVES? I'M NOT SURE--

WE BLOW IT UP AND THE HASHIMOTO CAN'T MAKE MORE OF THOSE WEAPONS.



OKAY, THEN. SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN.

HASHIMOTO STRONGHOLD
TOKYO, JAPAN

IT WAS TIME TO TAKE MY STORY INTO MY OWN HANDS.



LOSING YOUR NERVE, MIZUKI?

I'M FINE. LET'S JUST GET THIS DONE.



YOU HEARD HIM! COMMS ON, LET'S DO THIS THING.



MIZUKI, THERE'S ONE MORE THING I NEED TO DO WHILE WE'RE HERE.

NAME IT.

I'M SURE SAKURA TOLD YOU, BUT MY FATHER, TOSHIRO, HE'S BEING HELD PRISONER HERE.

YOU WANT TO GET HIM OUT AS WELL?

THIS MAY BE MY ONLY CHANCE.



THEN WE'LL MAKE IT COUNT.

ARE WE MOVING IN OR WHAT?



LET'S GO.

NICE. YOU SWIPE THAT KEY CARD OFF SOME GOON?

YEAH... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



THERE ARE CELLS TO THE RIGHT. THAT'S WHERE THEY KEPT ME WHEN I WAS PRISONER HERE.

THE FORGE IS DOWN THE MIDDLE.

KIRIKO...SOJOURN HERE...GOOD NEWS IS ALL WEAPONS CRATES WERE DESTROYED, EXCEPT ONE.

AND THE BAD NEWS?

WE WEREN'T ABLE TO STOP THEM COMPLETELY. WE HAVE TO ASSUME THEY'RE HEADING BACK TO THE STRONGHOLD. YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

UNDERSTOOD.



WE BARELY MADE IT INSIDE. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN--

WE CAN'T JUST TURN BACK--

EVERYONE CALM DOWN! WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE, BUT NOT IF WE STAND HERE PANICKING!



WE NEED MORE TIME.

I'LL CAUSE A DISTRACTION... THE REST OF YOU COMPLETE THE MISSION.



MIZUKI, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. WE'LL... FIND ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

NO, KIRIKO. WE'RE GETTING YOUR FATHER.

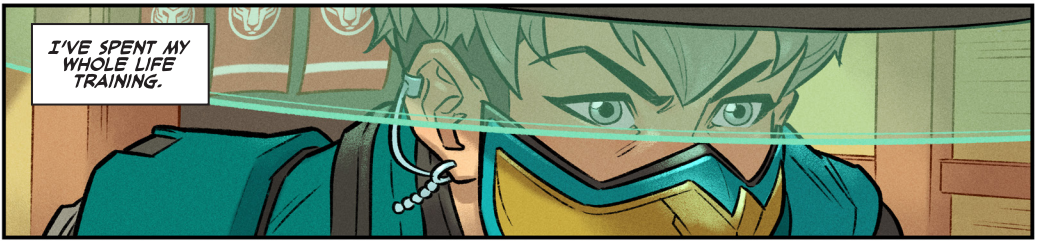
MIZUKI--

GO GET GENJI AND THEN HEAD TO THE FORGE, I'LL MEET YOU THERE.



IT WAS TIME TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICE.

MIZUKI! WAIT!



I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE TRAINING.



GET UP.

LIFE IS ABOUT PAIN, MIZUKI. YOU EITHER GIVE INTO IT...OR YOU LEARN TO WIELD IT.

I TOOK YOU IN BECAUSE YOU WERE A SURVIVOR. NOW *SURVIVE*.



TRAINING TO BE A WEAPON.

FOR ME?

OF COURSE. YOU'VE EARNED THEM, OBAKE-KUN. SURVIVED EVERYTHING I'VE THROWN AT YOU AND REFUSED TO BREAK.

NOW YOU ARE A TRUE HASHIMOTO.



S-SHE SAID IT WAS A MESSAGE...THAT IF YOU DON'T WORK *FASTER*, SHE'LL TAKE *MY ARM* FOR REAL...

...I DON'T UNDERSTAND, TOSHIRO-OJISAN. SHE CAN BE SO *CRUEL*...BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I *KNOW* SHE JUST WANTS ME TO BE BETTER. SHE CARES ABOUT ME...DOESN'T SHE?

YOU HAVE A *KIND HEART*, MIZUKI. YOU LOOK FOR THE *GOOD* IN EVERYONE. EVEN WHEN THERE IS *NONE* TO BE FOUND.



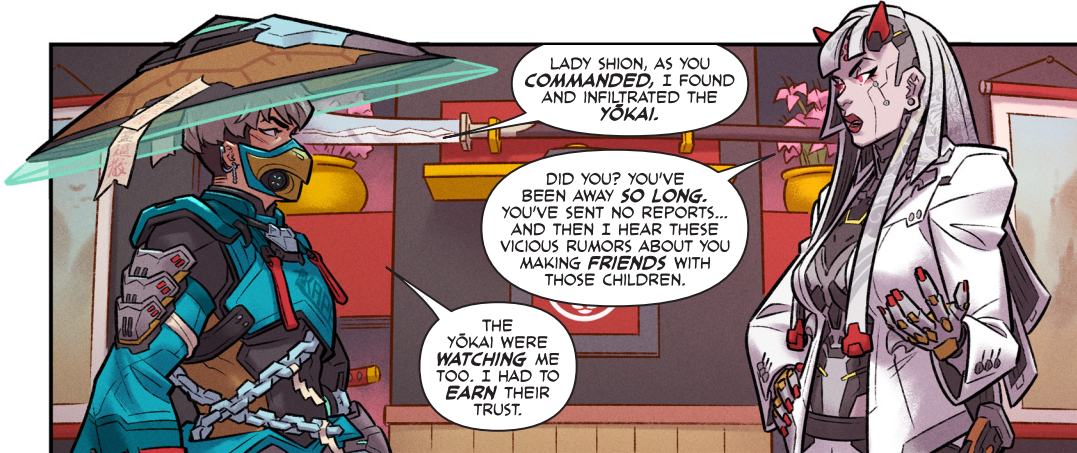
IF I'M GONNA BE A WEAPON...



...I'LL BE A WEAPON IN MY OWN HANDS.

OBAKE-KUN, YOU'RE BACK.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.



LADY SHION, AS YOU COMMANDED, I FOUND AND INFILTRATED THE YŌKAI.

DID YOU? YOU'VE BEEN AWAY SO LONG. YOU'VE SENT NO REPORTS... AND THEN I HEAR THESE VICIOUS RUMORS ABOUT YOU MAKING FRIENDS WITH THOSE CHILDREN.

THE YŌKAI WERE WATCHING ME TOO. I HAD TO EARN THEIR TRUST.



OF COURSE. BUT YOU UNDERSTAND MY WORRY, DON'T YOU? I'VE SPENT YEARS LOOKING AFTER YOU, TRAINING YOU...

...SHAPING YOU INTO SOMETHING TO BE FEARED.



NOW, TELL ME SOMETHING THAT SHOWS YOU WERE WORTH THE EFFORT.

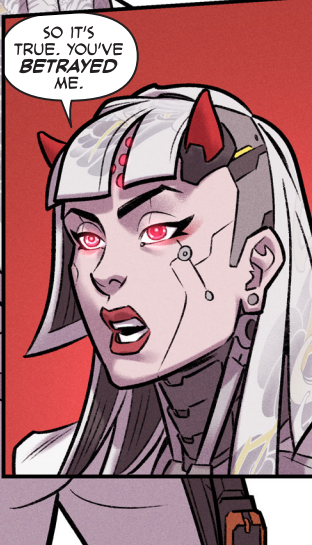


WHEN YOU BROUGHT ME HERE, YOU TOLD ME THE ONLY WAY TO FREE MYSELF OF MY FAMILY'S GHOSTS... WAS TO BECOME LIKE YOU. RUTHLESS. HARD.

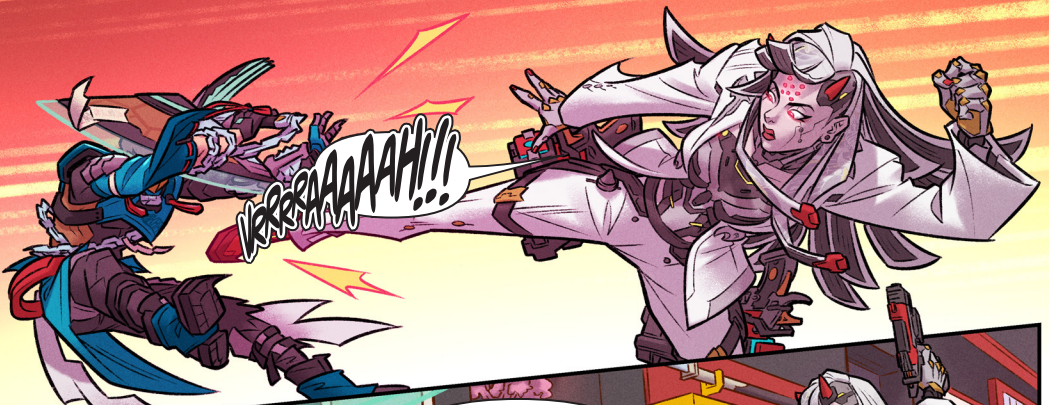


YOU KEPT ME ISOLATED... TRIED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE ALL I HAD. BUT YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE.

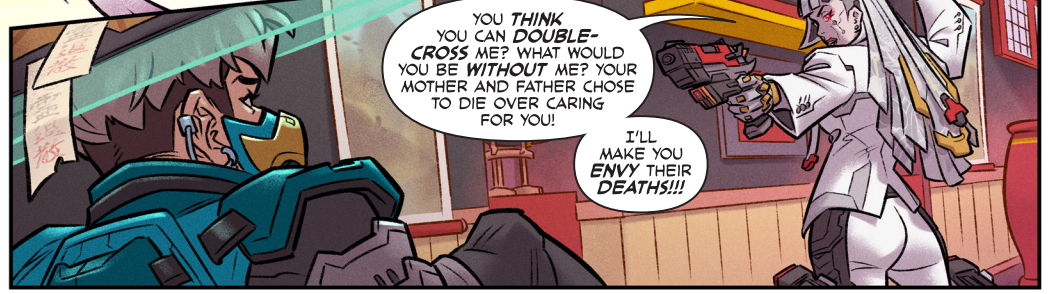
YOU LET SOMEONE ELSE SHOW ME THERE WAS GOOD IN ME. THAT I'M NOT ALONE. THAT I'M MORE THAN A WEAPON.



SO IT'S TRUE. YOU'VE BETRAYED ME.



VRRRAAAAHH!!!



YOU THINK YOU CAN **DOUBLE-CROSS** ME? WHAT WOULD YOU BE **WITHOUT** ME? YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER CHOSE TO DIE OVER CARING FOR YOU!

I'LL MAKE YOU **ENVY** THEIR DEATHS!!!



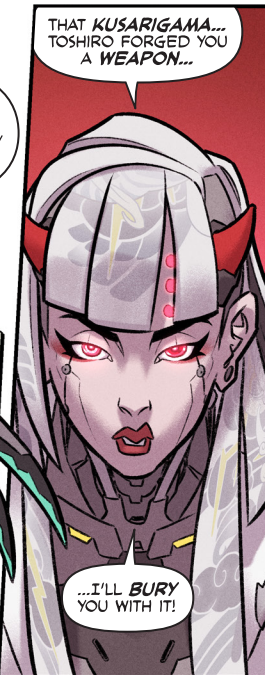
ONE TASTE OF **FREEDOM** AND YOU FORGET WHO MADE YOU.

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VREEEEET



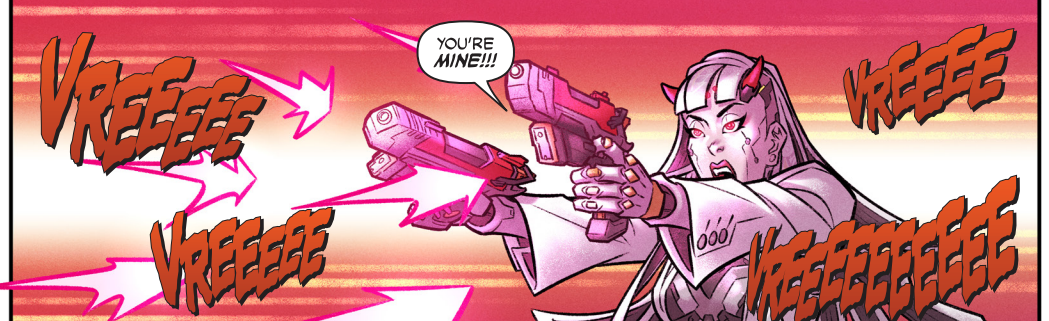
ALL MY LIFE YOU DID **EVERYTHING** YOU COULD TO KEEP ME **AFRAID**, SWORE YOU WERE THE **ONLY ONE** WHO COULD PROTECT ME.

BUT YOU NEVER **CARED** ABOUT ME. I WAS A **WEAPON** YOU COULD **AIM**. HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE I HURT IN YOUR NAME?



THAT **KUSARIGAMA**... TOSHIRO FORGED YOU A **WEAPON**...

...I'LL **BURY** YOU WITH IT!



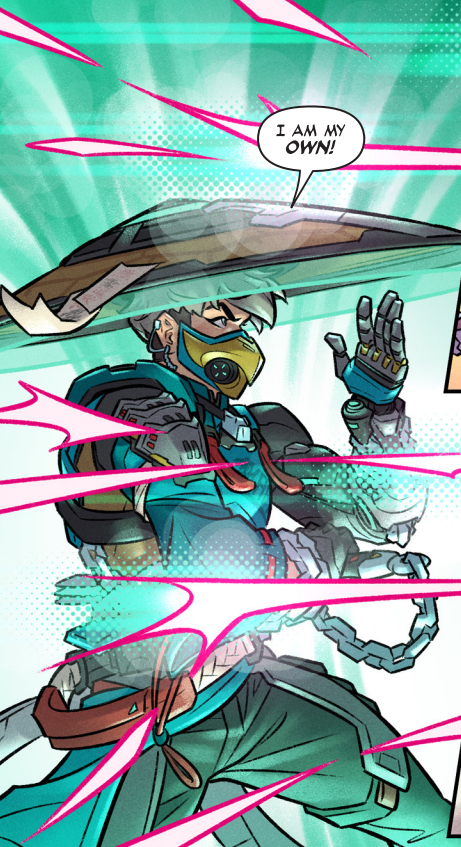
YOU'RE **MINE**!!!

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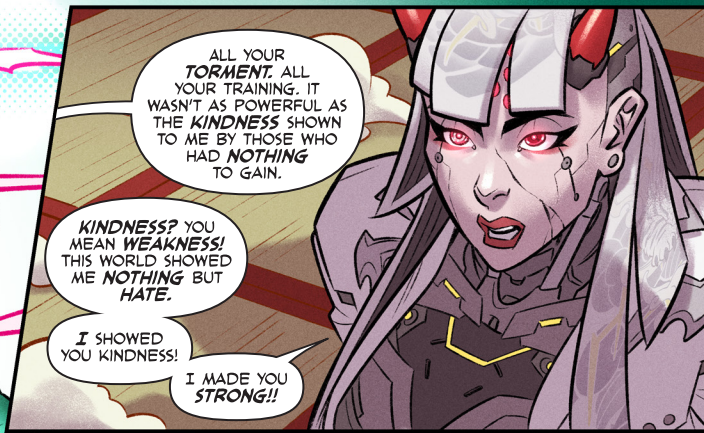
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I AM MY OWN!



YAH!!!



ALL YOUR TORMENT. ALL YOUR TRAINING. IT WASN'T AS POWERFUL AS THE KINDNESS SHOWN TO ME BY THOSE WHO HAD NOTHING TO GAIN.

KINDNESS? YOU MEAN WEAKNESS! THIS WORLD SHOWED ME NOTHING BUT HATE.

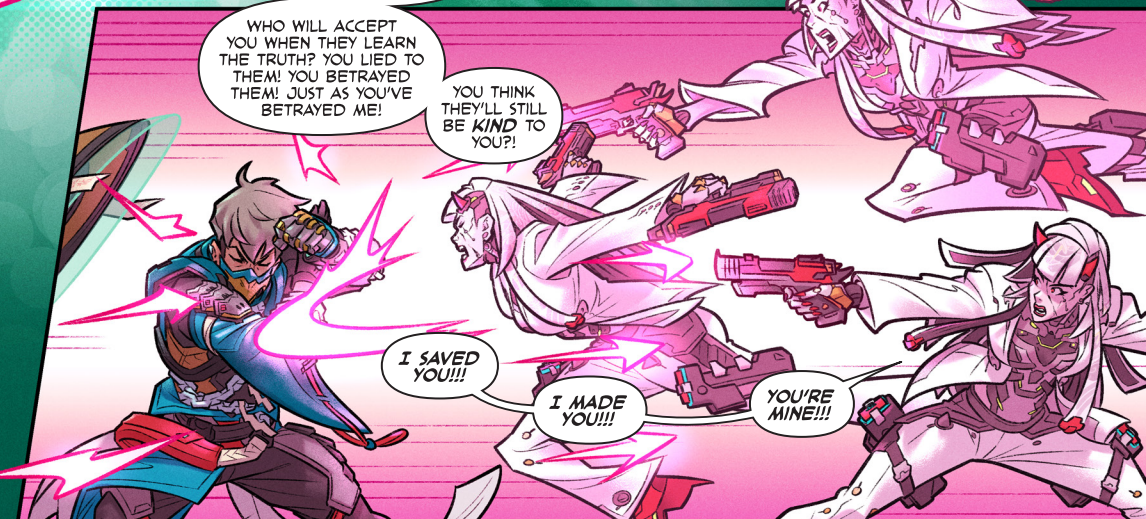
I SHOWED YOU KINDNESS!

I MADE YOU STRONG!!



THOK

YOU THINK THOSE CHILDREN ARE YOUR FRIENDS?! WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF YOU WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE?



WHO WILL ACCEPT YOU WHEN THEY LEARN THE TRUTH? YOU LIED TO THEM! YOU BETRAYED THEM! JUST AS YOU'VE BETRAYED ME!

YOU THINK THEY'LL STILL BE KIND TO YOU?!

I SAVED YOU!!!

I MADE YOU!!!

YOU'RE MINE!!!

