

DUGGAN - BROWN - O'HALLORAN - SABINO - GRAY



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IF OGATA ASAMI HAD STRUCK DOWN EVERY MAN THAT JOKED ABOUT HER SEX...



...THERE WOULD BE NO MEN IN KYŪSHŪ.

THE TSUBA, OR SWORD GUARDS BELONGING TO SAMURAI WERE IMPORTANT HEIRLOOMS PASSED FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.



ASAMI CARED NOT FOR HERS, AS SHE HAD NO KIN TO PASS THEM TO.



SURRENDERING HIS BLADES WAS SOMETHING THIS OLD MAN COULD ABIDE...

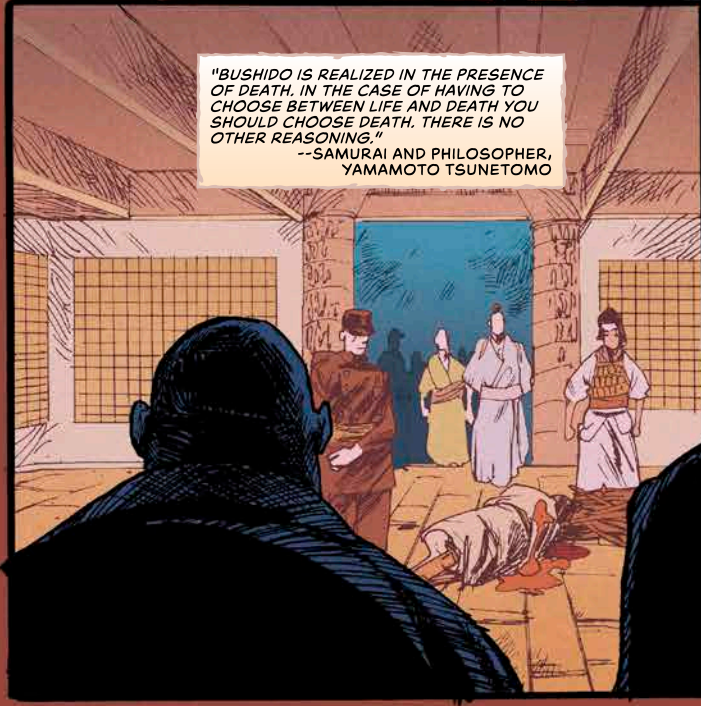


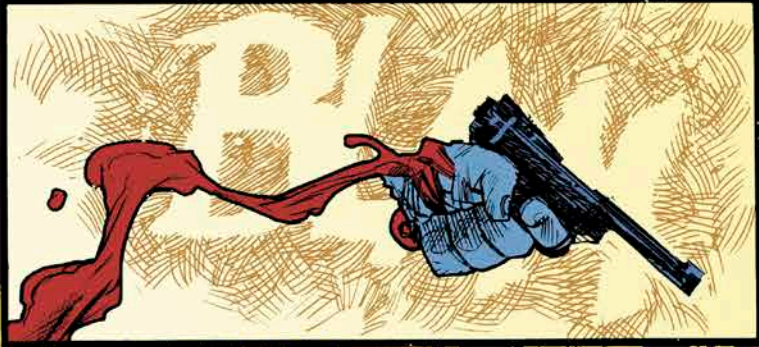
...BUT **NOT** HIS FATHER'S TSUBA.

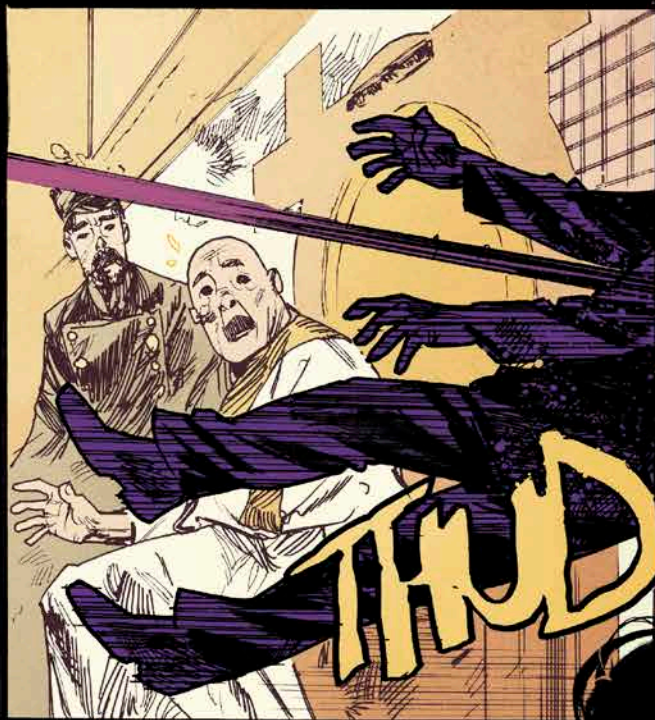
UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING LESS THAN TOTAL HUMILIATION WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE LOCAL MARQUIS.



"BUSHIDO IS REALIZED IN THE PRESENCE OF DEATH. IN THE CASE OF HAVING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH YOU SHOULD CHOOSE DEATH. THERE IS NO OTHER REASONING."
--SAMURAI AND PHILOSOPHER, YAMAMOTO TSUNETOMO







ASAMI'S FURY REIGNITED THE FLAMES OF THE SAMURAI REBELLION.