

KIJO KAGE IN

"SHOT IN THE DARK"



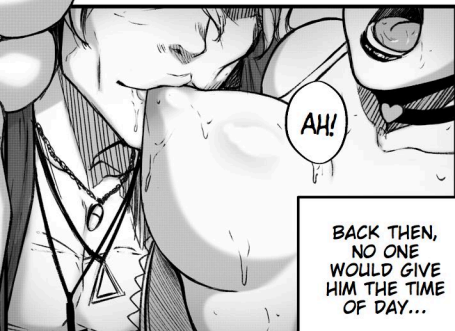
STORY:

MIDNIGHT

ART:

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SOME SAY
JONNY EDGE
IS THE MOST
DEPRAVED MAN
IN PALLAD CITY.



TWO YEARS AGO,
HE WAS JUST
A STREET THUG,
STRUGGLING TO
CARVE A NAME
FOR HIMSELF.

BACK THEN,
NO ONE
WOULD GIVE
HIM THE TIME
OF DAY...



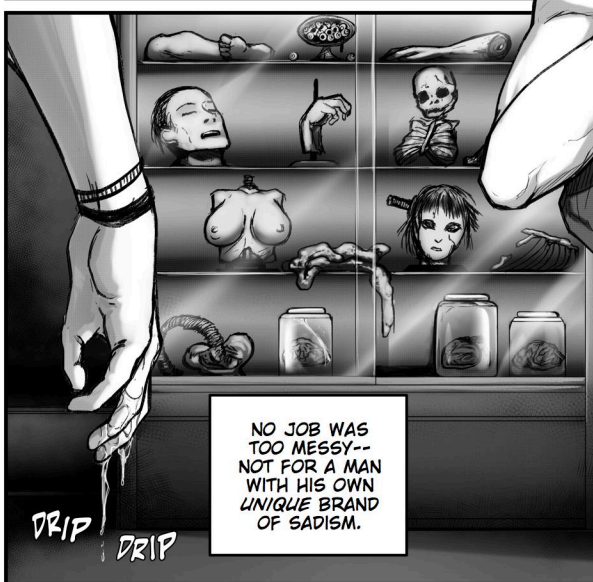
...BUT EDGE
WASN'T
AFRAID TO
GET HIS
HANDS
DIRTY.



THE BLACK
LOTUS
SYNDICATE
FOUND THAT
TO BE AN
ENDEARING
TRAIT.



DAMN.
SO
UNSATISFY-
ING...



NO JOB WAS
TOO MESSY--
NOT FOR A MAN
WITH HIS OWN
UNIQUE BRAND
OF SADISM.






HE'S NOW
ONE OF THE
TOP MOVERS
OF EUPHORIA
...



VRR

TODAY, EDGE
LIVES IN A
TOWER OF STEEL,
PRESIDING OVER
313 METERS OF
CORRUPTION AND
DECADENCE.



...A PLEASURE
DRUG SO ADDICTIVE,
JUST A TASTE CAN
TURN MOST USERS
INTO HARDLINE
ADDICTS FOR LIFE.



FOR EDGE,
IT'S BEEN
A TWISTED
SUCCESS
STORY...

...ONE THAT'S
PROVIDED HIM
WITH NO
SHORTAGE
OF ENEMIES...



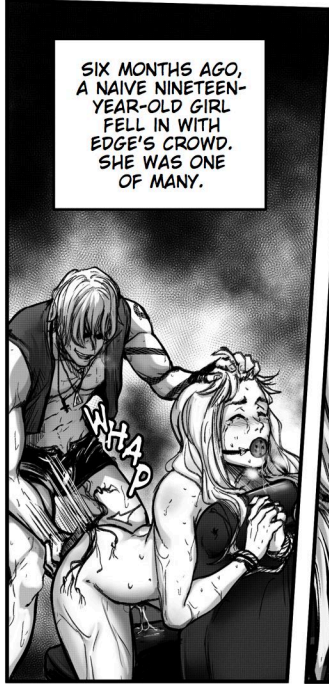
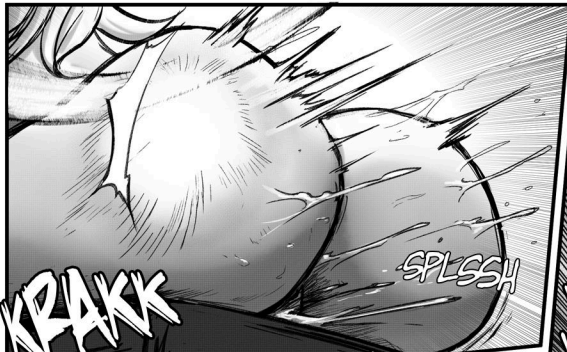
GRAB



...OR
VICTIMS.

HE LURES
GIRLS IN WITH
HIS WEALTH,
POWER, AND
CHARISMA--
BUT VERY FEW
DISCOVER THE
DEPTHS OF HIS
DEPRAVITY UNTIL
IT'S TOO LATE.



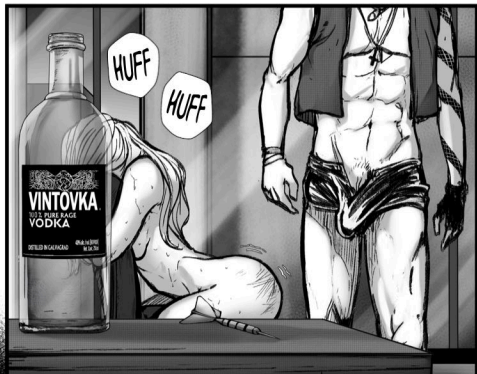
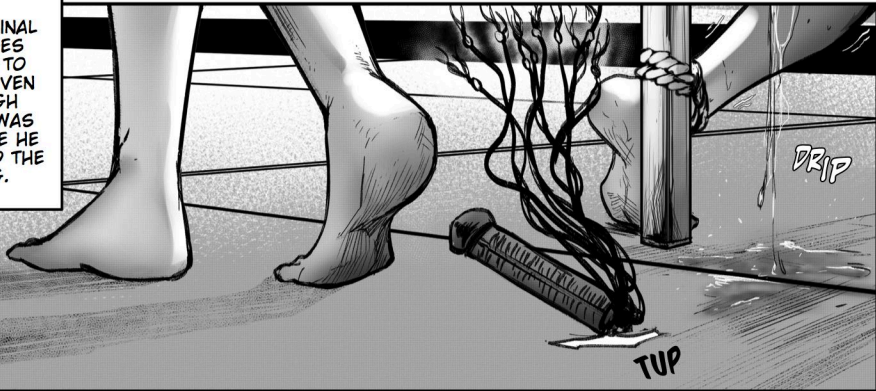


SIX MONTHS AGO, A NAIVE NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL FELL IN WITH EDGE'S CROWD. SHE WAS ONE OF MANY.



WHILE IN HIS BEDROOM, SHE OVERDOSED ON EUPHORIA AND DIED.

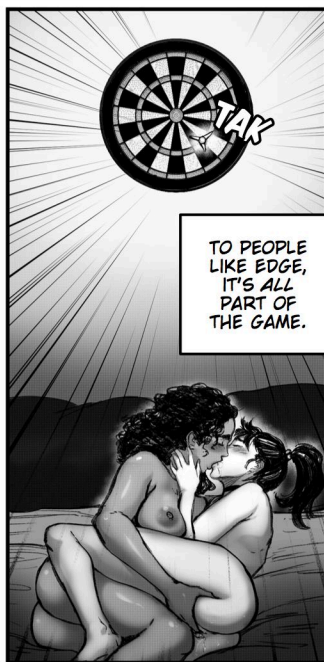
NO CRIMINAL CHARGES STUCK TO EDGE, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS EVIDENCE HE SUPPLIED THE DRUG.



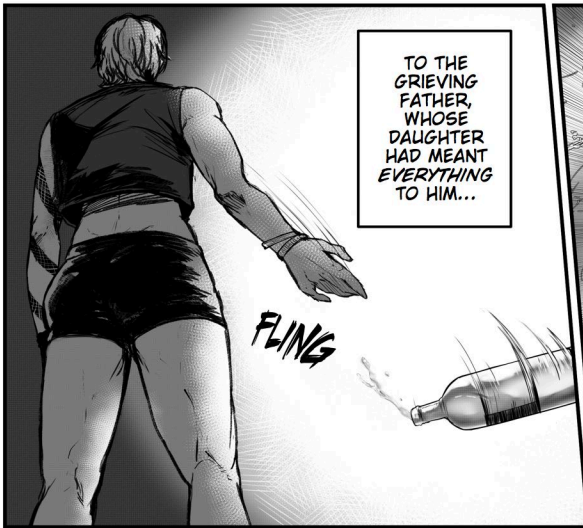
MONEY AND CONNECTIONS CAN TAKE YOU FAR IN LIFE ...



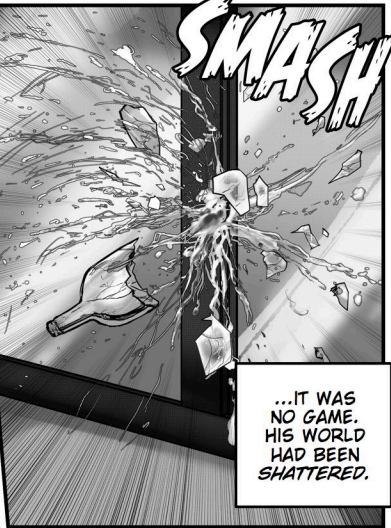
...EVEN FURTHER IN PALLAD CITY.



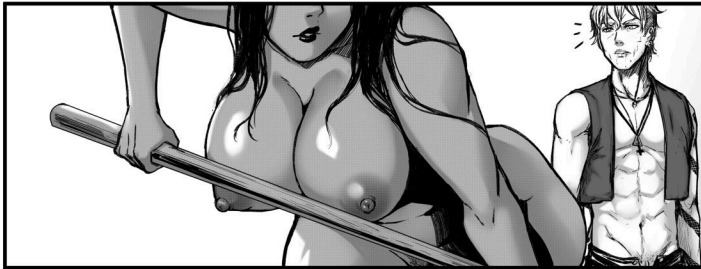
TO PEOPLE LIKE EDGE, IT'S ALL PART OF THE GAME.



TO THE GRIEVING FATHER, WHOSE DAUGHTER HAD MEANT EVERYTHING TO HIM...



...IT WAS NO GAME. HIS WORLD HAD BEEN SHATTERED.



BUT, AFTER THE SHOCK, AFTER THE WAVES OF ANGUISH AND DESPAIR, THE GIRL'S FATHER HAD REALIZED ONE TRUTH...



...EVERYTHING HAS ITS PRICE, IF YOU WANT IT ENOUGH.



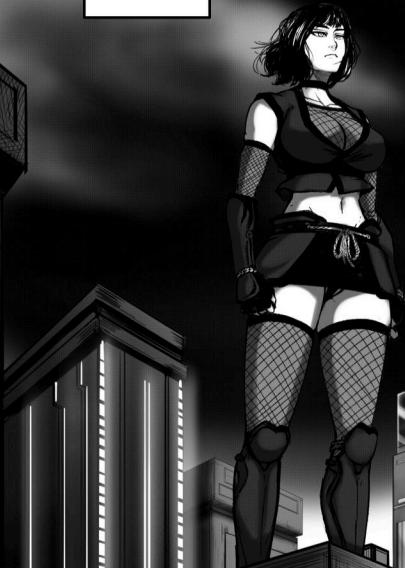
AND WHEN JUSTICE FAILS, YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY THE NEXT BEST THING...



...REVENGE.

THAT'S
WHERE I
COME IN.

I'M ALWAYS
PARTICULAR
ABOUT WHICH
CONTRACTS
I TAKE.



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THIS ONE...
I ACCEPTED
WITHOUT
HESITATION.

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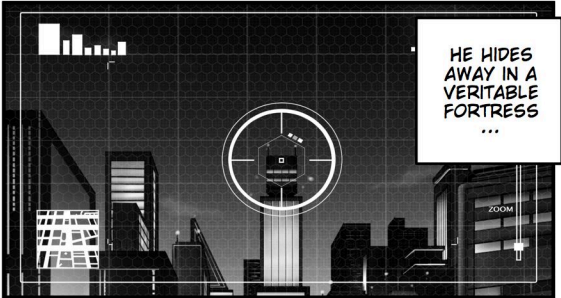
SASHA VEE
LIVE TONIGHT



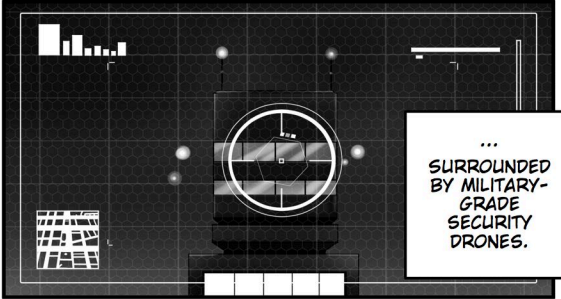


EDGE MAY EXHIBIT PSYCHOTIC TENDENCIES, BUT HE'S NO FOOL.

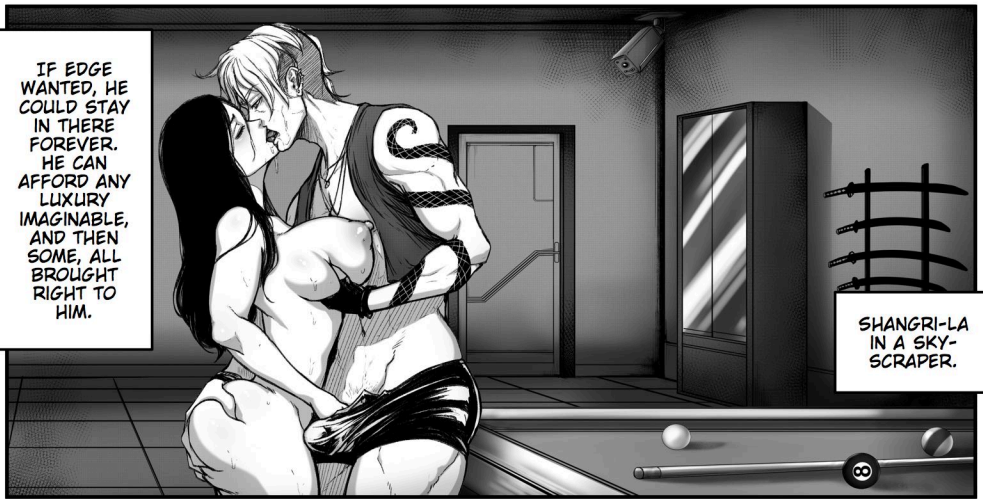
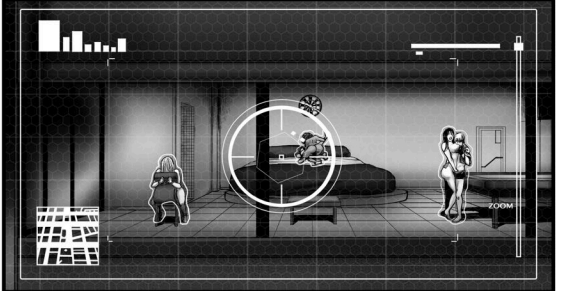
HIS PARANOIA HAS KEPT HIM ALIVE.



HE HIDES AWAY IN A VERITABLE FORTRESS ...



... SURROUNDED BY MILITARY-GRADE SECURITY DRONES.



IF EDGE WANTED, HE COULD STAY IN THERE FOREVER. HE CAN AFFORD ANY LUXURY IMAGINABLE, AND THEN SOME, ALL BROUGHT RIGHT TO HIM.

SHANGRI-LA IN A SKY-SCRAPER.



JUST REPORTING THAT THE HOURLY PERIMETER CHECK'S DONE...

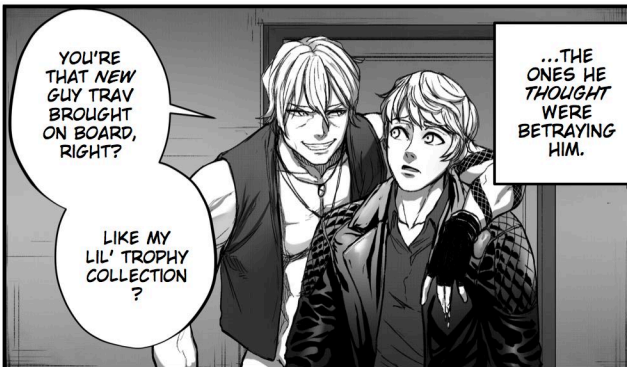
BESIDES, INSIDE HE'S GUARDED DAY AND NIGHT.



...UH, A-ALL LOOKS C-CLEAR.



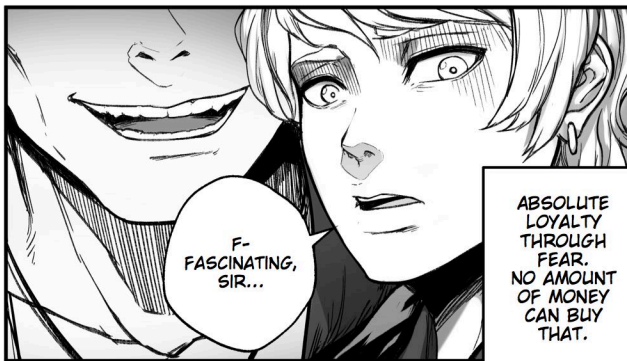
COLLECTING BODY PARTS IS A PASTIME FOR EDGE.



YOU'RE THAT NEW GUY TRAV BROUGHT ON BOARD, RIGHT?

LIKE MY LIL' TROPHY COLLECTION?

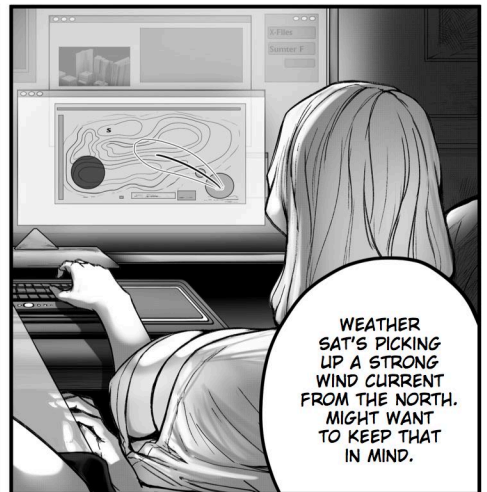
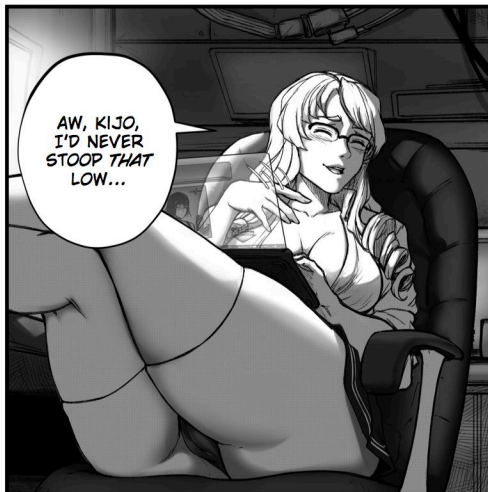
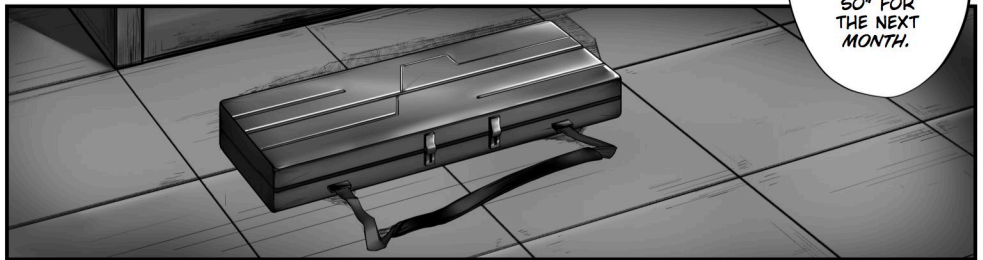
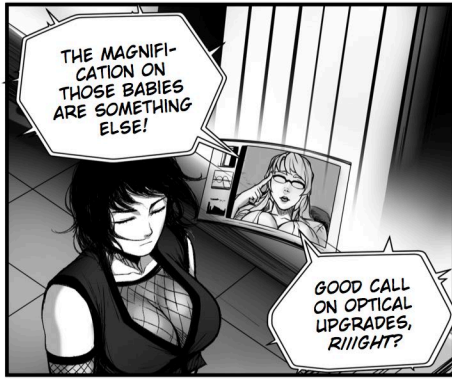
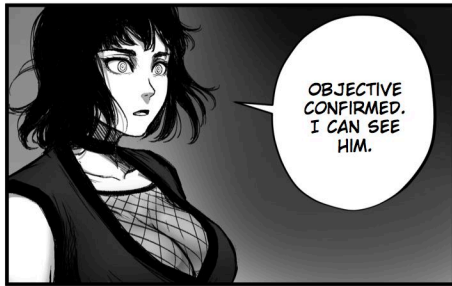
...THE ONES HE THOUGHT WERE BETRAYING HIM.

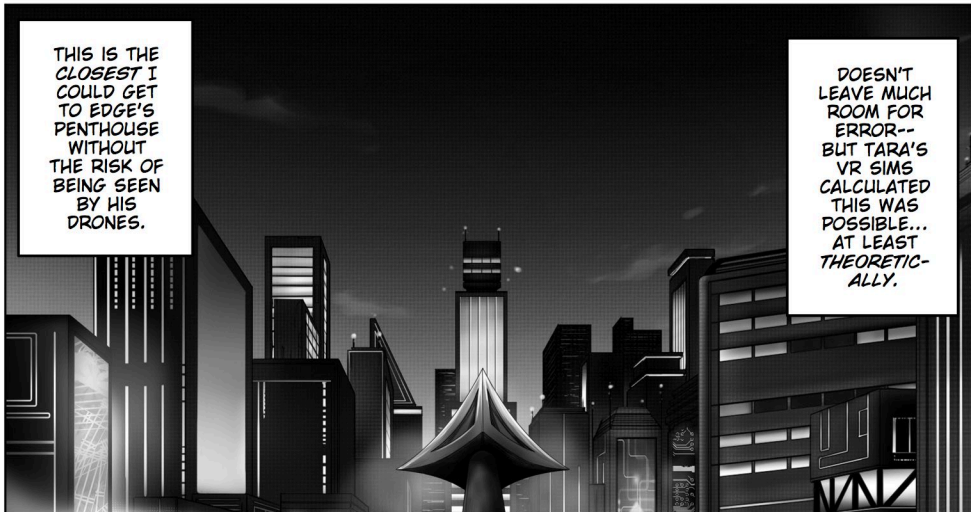
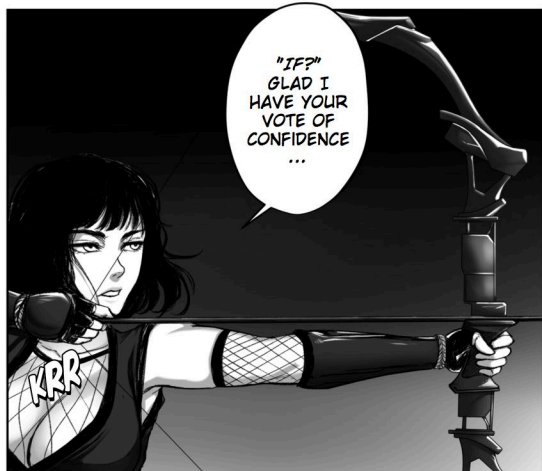
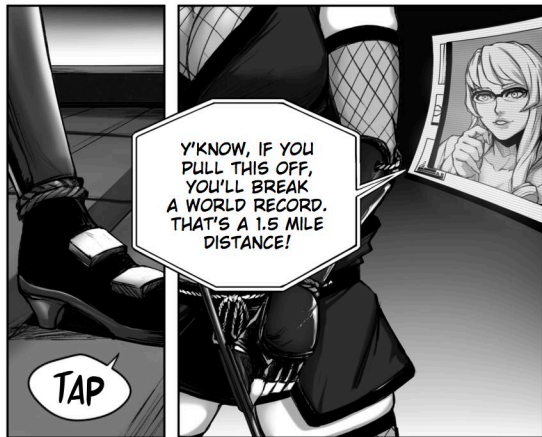


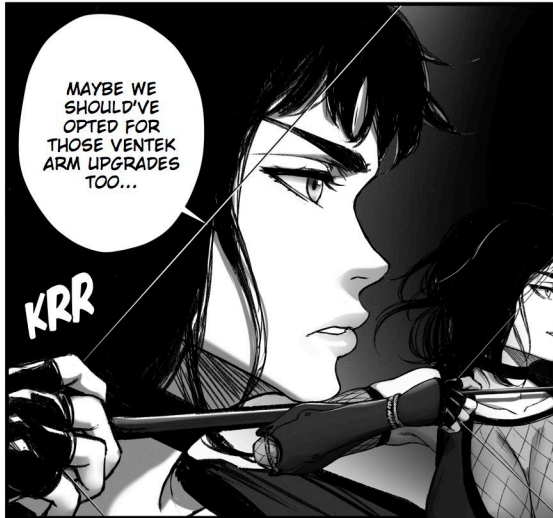
F- FASCINATING, SIR...

ABSOLUTE LOYALTY THROUGH FEAR. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY CAN BUY THAT.

SOME COME FROM HIS OWN MEN...







MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE OPTED FOR THOSE VENTEK ARM UPGRADES TOO...

KRR



HEH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS WAITING TO HEAR...



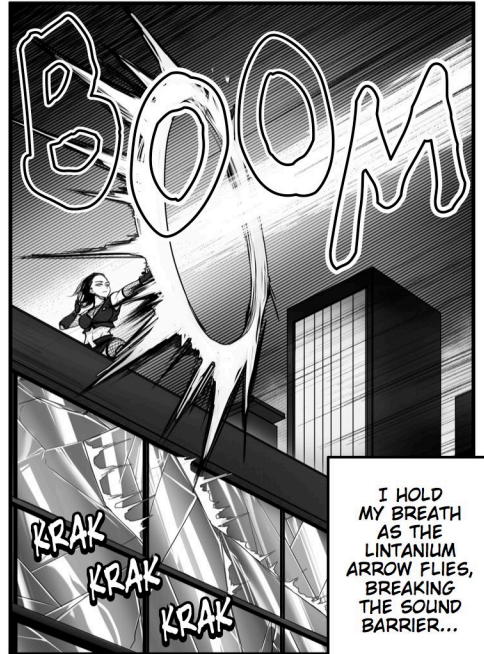
I TOLD YOU SO!

WIND'S SHIFTING AGAIN-- THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY. ONE SHOT'S ALL I GET.



NOT MANY PEOPLE UNDERGO FULL-BODY CYBERNETIC PROSTHESIS.

FORTUNATELY, MY BODY'S DESIGNED TO PULL OFF THE IMPOSSIBLE... OR SO I TELL MYSELF.






THEY SAY
JONNY EDGE
WAS BORN
WITHOUT A
HEART...



...THAT
SOMEONE
SO SADISTIC,
SO CRUEL,
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
POSSESS
ONE.



THE
TERRIBLE
REALITY IS
THAT HIS
HEART BEATS
THE SAME AS
ANY OTHER...

THIS IS
THE FUCKIN'
LIFE, LET ME
TELL YA--

...AND
THERE ARE
THOUSANDS
MORE OUT
THERE JUST
LIKE HIM IN
THIS CITY.

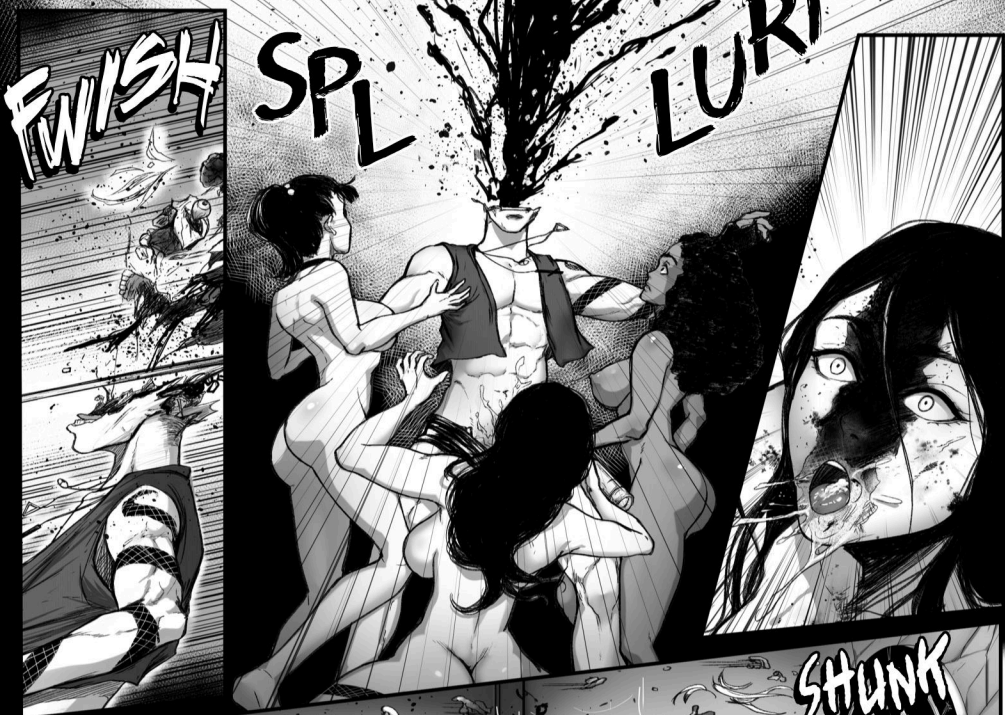
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SUCK

BUT,
IN 1.3
SECONDS,
THERE WILL
BE ONE LESS
JONNY EDGE
...

KRASH!

...AND
THAT'S
A GOOD
START.



KIJO,
I'VE HACKED
INTO ONE
OF EDGE'S
SURVEILLANCE
DRONES.

JUST RAN
A FACIAL
SCAN
ON A TIED UP
GIRL IN HIS
PENTHOUSE--
FOUND A MATCH
ON THE NET.
NAME'S NINA
GARNET.

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HACKED BY
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LOCATION
52° 28' 46.506", 62° 11' 7.0002"



IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
BEEN MISSING
FOR NEARLY
TWO WEEKS.

I'VE
SENT AN
ANONYMOUS TIP
TO THE PALLAD
CITY POLICE.

THEY
SHOULD BE
THERE IN
LESS THAN
TEN MIN-
UTES.



NICE WORK,
TARA.

INFORM OUR
CLIENT THE
CONTRACT'S
COMPLETE.

NO
PROB.



I AM
KIJO KAGE
AND I LIVE
A LIFE
SHROUDED
IN SHADOW...



...A LIFE
BOUND TO
THE ANCIENT
ART OF
ASSASSIN-
ATION.

I AM THE
LAST LIVING
DESCENDANT
OF THE
KAGE CLAN--
THE LAST
NINJA.

AND MY
WORK IN
THIS CITY
HAS ONLY
JUST BEGUN
...



END