

THE SHIMMERING SUMMONER

微光的召喚師

His spells may always go awry, but Robin is still a summoner with a big dream – defeating a Demonic Dragon! When a mysterious and troublesome young prince leads Robin straight to the doorstep of a Demonic Dragon’s castle, he has to decide, is it time to finally meet his destiny?

Robin may be the worst summoner who has ever lived. Though his father is a great mage, Robin’s attempts at summoning always go awry, never quite delivering the object he is seeking. One day, during a magical duel, he accidentally summons a young prince. In order to at least maintain the appearance of doing the right thing, Robin decides to help the prince find his way back home.

During the night, the prince secretly leads Robin to a castle that holds the only Demonic Dragon in the world. It has always been Robin’s dream to defeat a Demonic Dragon and become a supernova-level hero, but why is the prince so interested in helping Robin fulfill his dream? And is Robin truly ready to cast off the shadow of his past failures and face the great challenge that lies ahead?

As the adventurers enter the castle and battle their way past various monsters, something even more mysterious happens... they fall in love! Combining elements of fantasy and boy’s love, fast-paced comic filled with memorable characters, resulting in a fresh twist on the conventional loser-turns-hero adventure story.

Gene

A finalist for the Golden Comic Awards Best New Talent, Gene works in the genres of fantasy, boy’s love, and coming-of-age stories. A number of her comics have already appeared in foreign markets: *Wanted: Magic Girl!* (Korea), *Being With You to the End of the World* in (Japan), and *To Die Young?* (Japan and Vietnam).



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Chapter 2









SO, KID
YOU'RE A
PRINCE?

I AM.

WHICH MEANS IF
YOU GO MISSING
EVERYONE
BACK HOME
PANICS, RIGHT?



AND IF
WE TAKE
YOU
BACK.



大臉都變成
叔了!!!

YOU'RE
TRYING
TO GET A
RANSOMI?



WE GET
A REWARD
A MILLION
SHELLS!









WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M THE PRETTIEST IN TOWN!

I'M NOT SURE BOYS LIKE BEING CALLED CUTE...

CUTE...

ACTUALLY, I THINK ROBIN IS CUTEST.



OKAY...

IT'S LATE LET'S GET SOME SLEEP

OKAY LET'S GO.

DID YOU LOSE YOUR GLASSES?

HONESTLY, ROBIN IS ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE...



OH, WE SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.

WHERE'S MY BED?

...



YOU IDIOT!
YOU'RE
TOO OLD
TO TREAT
A KID LIKE
THAT!

AFTER ALL,
WE DON'T
KNOW IF HE
REALLY IS A
PRINCE.

HE COULD
BE ANYONE.
SO IT'S
BEST TO BE
CAREFUL.

WHAT DID
YOU GIVE
HIM?

JUST RELAX!
SOMETHING
TO KEEP
HIM QUIET.

WASTING
HIS TALENTS
DRUGGING
KIDS...

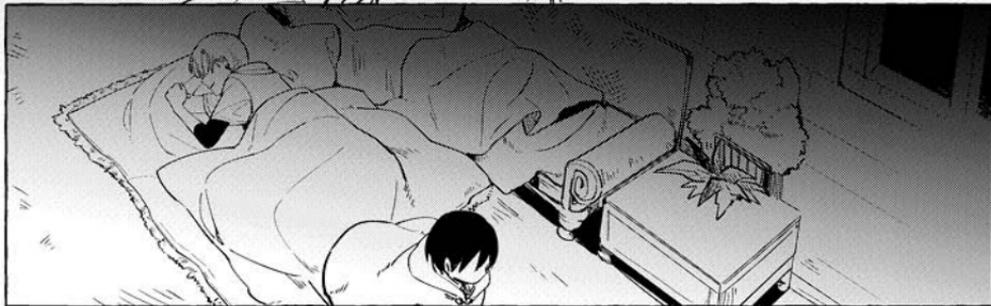
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APOTHE-
CARY,

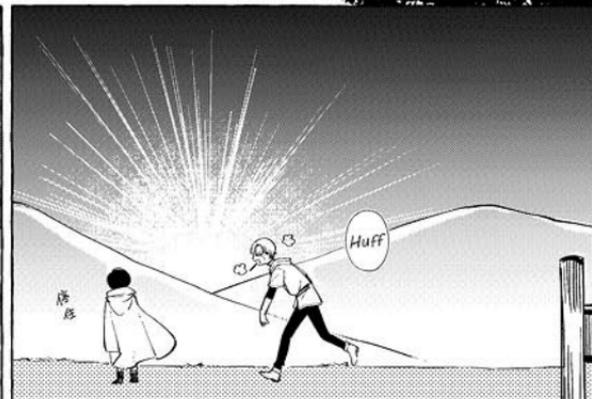
AND TAKE
THE BRAT
HOME
TOMORROW,
FIRST
THING!

OH,
HUSH!

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MAYBE I'M
GETTING
BETTER...

BUT I DID
SUMMON
UP A
PRINCE.

A FEAST...
THAT
COULD BE
DIFFICULT...



I'LL GIVE
IT A TRY!



WOO WOO!!

APPEAR!

OKAY,
FEAST!



WHAT IS IT?

I'VE NEVER EATEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

IF YOU SAY SO.

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IT IS!

IS IT REALLY THAT TASTY?



O-OF COURSE!

AND YOU REALLY ARE AWESOME, ROBIN!

YOU'VE NEVER EATEN A FRIED EGG SANDWICH? YOU REALLY ARE ROYALTY.



BECAUSE I THINK SUMMONERS ARE COOL...

WHY...

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A SUMMONER?



BUT I
DON'T WANT
TO BE LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE

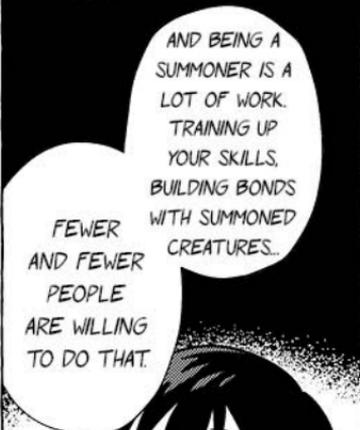


I WANT TO
BE THE
SUMMONER
WHO DEFEATS
A DEMONIC
DRAGON!

THAT'LL GIVE
EVERYONE
WHO LOOKED
DOWN ON ME
A SHOCK!



BUT ALL
THE HEROES AT
MOONLIGHT LEVEL
OR HIGHER ARE IN
TEAMS MADE UP
OF SWORDSMEN,
KNIGHTS, AND
MAGICIANS.
SUMMONERS
ARE IN
SUPPORT
ROLES, AT
BEST.



AND BEING A
SUMMONER IS A
LOT OF WORK.
TRAINING UP
YOUR SKILLS,
BUILDING BONDS
WITH SUMMONED
CREATURES...
FEWER
AND FEWER
PEOPLE
ARE WILLING
TO DO THAT.



WOW,
YOU'RE
SO WELL-
INFORMED..



EXACTLY!

AND WHO WANTS
TO FOLLOW IN
OTHER PEOPLE'S
FOOTPRINTS
ANYWAY? WHERE'S
THE GLORY IN
THAT?



ROBIN,
YOU
MEAN

EVEN
SOMEONE OF
AN UNPOPULAR
CLASS CAN
DEFEAT A
DEMONIC
DRAGON?



HEH HEH!
NOT
REALLY

YOU'RE
INCREDIBLE,
ROBIN!



I'LL BE
THE FIRST
SUMMONER
TO DEFEAT
A DEMONIC
DRAGON!

JUST
WAIT
AND
SEE!



I SEE...

NO I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SUMMONING

WHAT? DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A SUMMONER TOO?



THAT IS A FANTASTIC GOAL!

SMART KID...



BUT I'M LIKE YOU I WANT TO DO MY OWN THING!

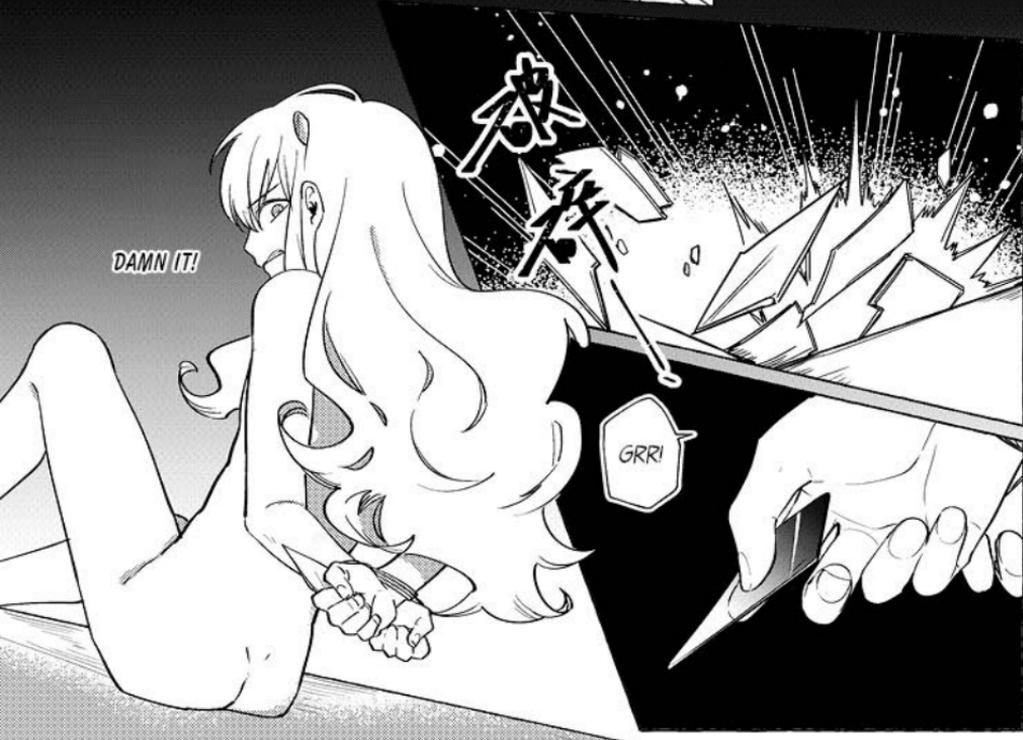
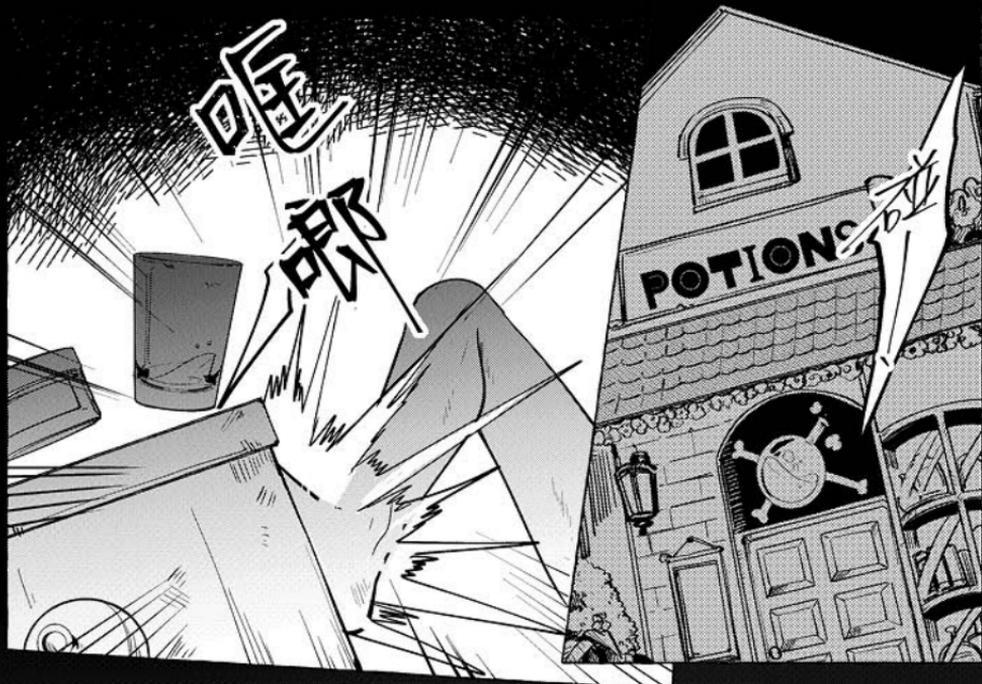
AND I WANT TO BE JUST AS GREAT AS YOU, ROBIN!



ONE DAY, I'LL FIGHT A DEMONIC DRAGON...

IT'S A DEAL!

WHEN YOU'RE GROWN UP I PROMISE WE'LL TEAM UP AND FIGHT A DEMONIC DRAGON!





HE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
OUT COLD
UNTIL
MORNING.

SHOULD I
HAVE GIVEN
HIM A BIGGER
DOSE? OR
DID HE KNOW
I'D PUT
SOMETHING IN
THE MILK?



THAT LITTLE
BRAT DRUGGED
ME WHILE I
WAS ASLEEP.

THEN STOLE
ALL MY
CLOTHES!



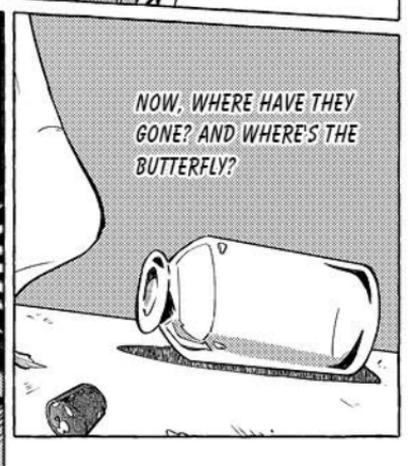
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN
MORE CAREFUL...

JUST
WHO
IN THE
WORLD
IS HE?



ARGH, MY
HEAD IS
SWIMMING!

ROBIN
WOULDN'T
LEAVE WITHOUT
SAYING
GOODBYE!



NOW, WHERE HAVE THEY
GONE? AND WHERE'S THE
BUTTERFLY?

THE KID MUST HAVE HIDDEN
MY CLOTHES SO I COULDN'T
GO FOR HELP.

HE'S TRYING TO DELAY ME!

WAS THIS ALL
PLANNED FROM
THE START?

THINKING
ABOUT IT,
KAI NEVER
SAID WHERE
HE COMES
FROM.

BECAUSE IF SO—

ROBIN IS IN DANGER!





AND HOW
COME IT'S
SO EMPTY?

IT'S LIKE A
GHOST TOWN...



SOMETHING JUST
DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

I MEAN, IT'S A SUNNY
DAY. BUT THOSE CLOUDS
OVER THE CASTLE LOOK
OMINOUS...



ROBIN,
YOU SAID
YOU WANTED
TO DEFEAT
A DEMONIC
DRAGON,
RIGHT?

YES...?



KAL..?

ARE YOU
SURE THIS
IS THE
RIGHT
PLACE?



A D-
DEMONIC
DRAGON!?

WHAT!?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

YOU MEAN
THIS
CASTLE? AND
A REAL
FIRE-
BREATHING
DRAGON?



YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT?



WELL,
THIS
IS THE
DRAGON'S
CASTLE!



SO YOU
CAN
FIGHT
IT!



YOU'LL DEFEAT THE DRAGON EASILY

BUT ROBIN, YOU'RE THE MOST POWERFUL SUMMONER IN THE WORLD!



UNLESS... YOU WERE LYING?

WHAT?

