



The Shimmering Summoner

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Rubin comes from a powerful bloodline of people who use magic, but he can't seem to make magic work the way it should. He's a Summoner, yet he never summons what he actually wants. Instead, it's always the one thing he doesn't want that appears.

Rubin harbors an audacious dream: to defeat a dragon. One day, he inexplicably summons a mysterious child who claims to be a prince. Drawn in by the prince's words, Rubin and his companions set off on a perilous journey toward the dragon's castle. But what awaits them at the end of the road? And what hidden truth lies behind Rubin's strange, uncontrollable magic?



Author Gene

Gene is a comic artist and illustrator from Tainan, Taiwan. She won the Grand Prize in the Manga Category at the 2020 Kyoto International Manga Awards for her comic *The Guardian of the Scarecrow*, and also received the Grand Prize in the Illustration Category the same year for her work "On the Way to the Festival," achieving a rare double win and earning wide recognition as well as international acclaim. Her published works include *The Wanted Magic Girl!*, *I Want to Be with You Even at the End of the World*, and *The Shimmering Summoner*, among others. Her work *The Wanted Magic Girl!* earned a nomination for Best New Talent at the 2019 Golden Comic Awards. That same year, she also served as the illustrator for IP character designs for the Patriotic Women's Association.

Gene has been actively involved in doujin activities, and her work spans a wide range of styles. She enjoys weaving playful, humorous elements into her stories, often drawing laughter from otherwise serious situations.

A BL Adventure of Finding Strength and Light Within

by Shiuan Chiang

Classic Japanese video game–style fantasy adventures often follow a hero traveling with party members from different backgrounds. Together, they set out to defeat monsters and search for treasure. *The Shimmering Summoner* is a boys’ love (BL) adventure story built upon this familiar framework.

The protagonist, Robin, dreams of becoming a legendary hero, but in reality he is a very low-level Summoner. After running away from home, he lives with his friend Bell, an apothecary, and survives by helping Bell sell potions and hunt monsters. One day, determined to prove that he can earn bounties, Robin ventures beyond his level into a copper-level hunting ground. In the midst of battle, when he attempts to summon a weapon, he unexpectedly summons a child who claims to be a

prince. And so, their adventure begins.

As the story unfolds—featuring events such as slaying a dragon and rescuing kidnapped companions—the pasts and identities of the characters are gradually revealed. Robin, despite his seemingly low level of magic, turns out to be the son of an exceptionally powerful mage. Bell’s cute and cheerful appearance hides painful experiences. The young prince, Kyle, also carries deep scars from his childhood and family. These personal histories give depth and dimension to characters who might otherwise seem formulaic, allowing readers to empathize.

Although Robin is a Summoner, he can never summon what he intends—a limitation that keeps him from growing. Midway through the story, however, the revelation of Prince Kyle’s true identity

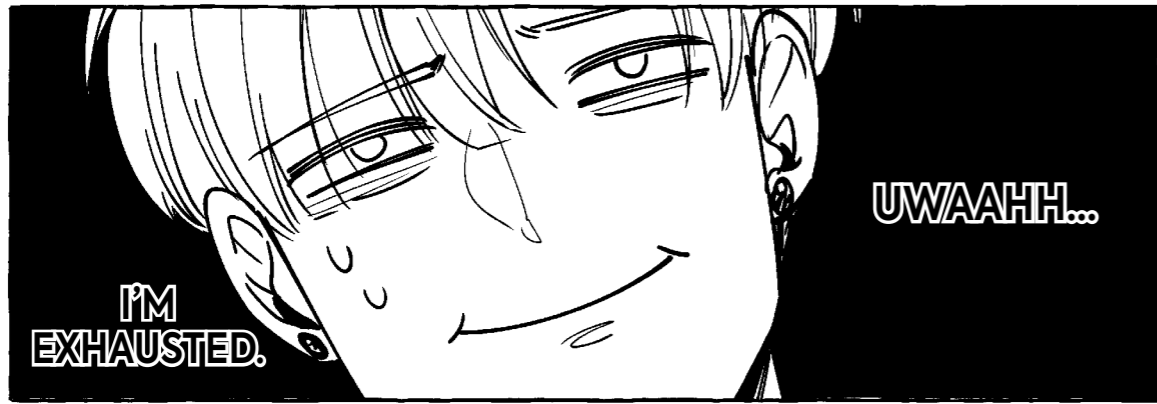
also brings Robin’s own power to light. His summoning ability is bound to a “curse” that weakens whatever he calls forth. As a result, whether he summons Prince Kyle, the apothecary Bell, or even monsters, they all appear in diminished forms.

Through this clever setup, the author Gene playfully explores how the meanings of “strength” and “weakness” can be relative and fluid. From Robin’s initial conviction that he is a “useless Summoner” to the shifting fortunes of those around him, the story delivers not only an exciting adventure but also a thoughtful layer of reflection. The “shimmering light” of the title symbolizes Robin’s true power: an ability that awakens tenderness in the heart, offering warmth, comfort, and protection.

The romantic BL elements woven

into the adventure lend the story a gentle sweetness. Prince Kyle’s age reversal, tied to his true identity, and the relationship between Bell and his beastman childhood friend are not central to the main plot, yet both are portrayed tenderly. Gene’s delicate artistry and skillful character development render *The Shimmering Summoner* a captivating manga that will appeal to readers regardless of whether or not they are fans of BL.

Shiuan Chiang was born and raised in Taipei, with time spent in Hsinchu, Tainan, and London. With a background in anthropology and art history, Shiuan has spent much of her time reading and writing descriptions of museum exhibitions and artifacts.



I'M EXHAUSTED.

UWAAHH...



TAKE THE CHANCE TO BECOME A FIGHTER THEN. YOU'RE BIG LIKE A BULL NOW.

IT'S MEANINGLESS NOW THAT I LOOK LIKE THIS.

SHUT UP! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD I WORK TO LOOK ADORABLE LIKE I DID?

YOU'D BEEN STUDYING HOW TO SUPPRESS YOUR GROWTH. THIS IS HOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LOOK.

YOU'RE A MAN. STOP CRYING!



DOES THE SPELL WORK DIFFERENTLY?

THE MONSTER DRAGON SHRANK, BUT BELL GOT BIGGER...

I HEARD ABOUT SPELLS THAT MAKE PEOPLE GO TO SLEEP FOREVER, OR TRANSFORM PEOPLE TO BEASTS...



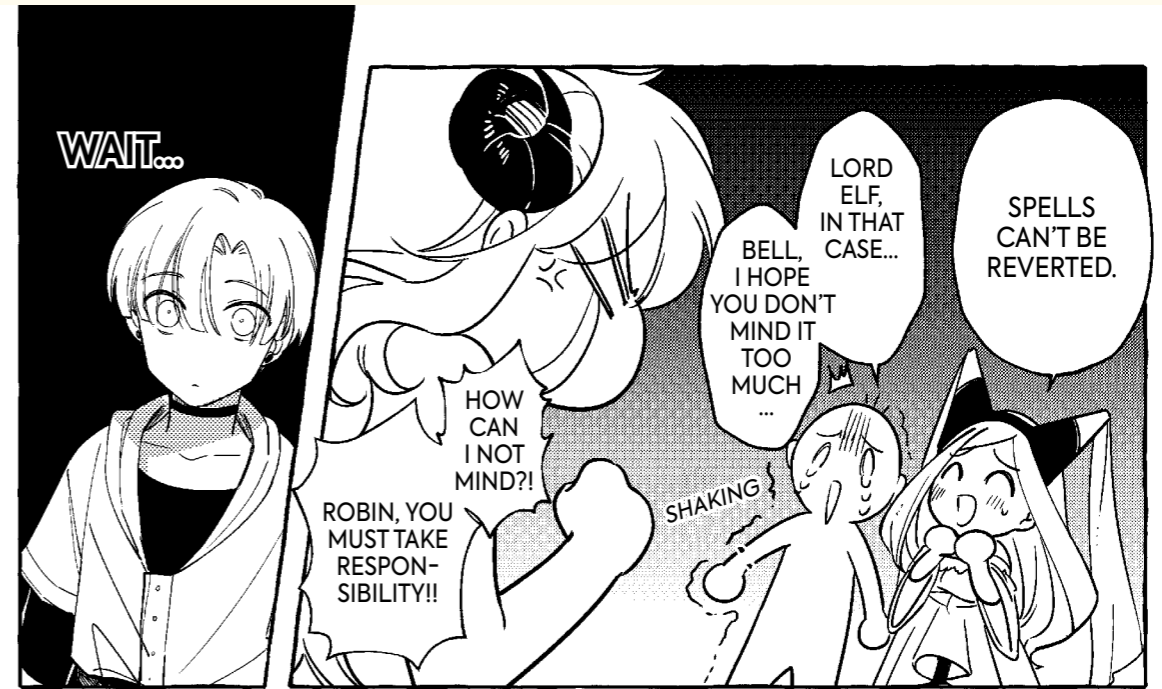
DON'T ADDRESS YOURSELF IN THIRD PERSON!

BELL IS NO BULL!

CAN I TOUCH YOUR MUSCLES?

NO, YOU CAN'T TOUCH BELL'S BODY!

AAH!



WAIT...

ROBIN, YOU MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!!

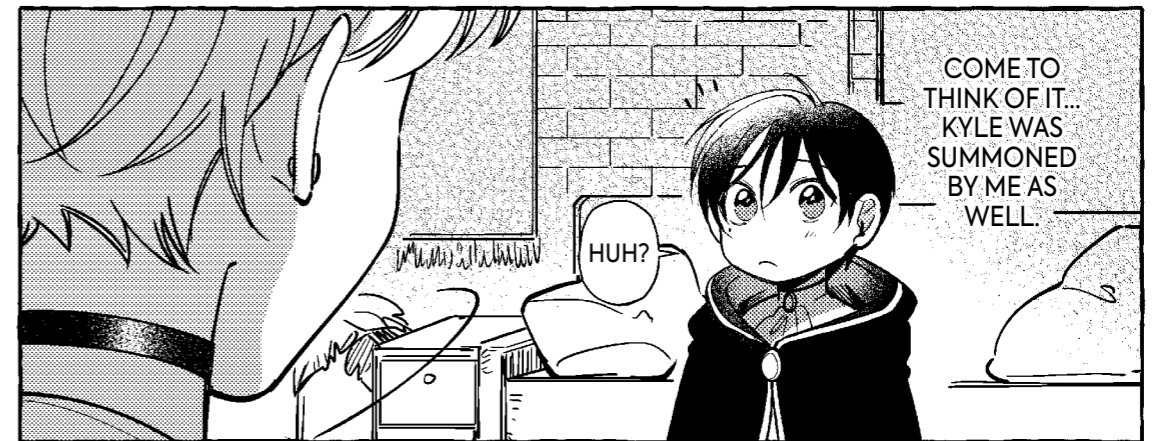
HOW CAN I NOT MIND?!

SHAKING

BELL, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IT TOO MUCH...

LORD ELF, IN THAT CASE...

SPELLS CAN'T BE REVERTED.



HUH?

COME TO THINK OF IT... KYLE WAS SUMMONED BY ME AS WELL.



KYLE MUST HAVE SUSTAINED A SIMILAR SPELL

I WAS THINKING ABOUT A PRINCESS WHEN I SUMMONED HIM, BUT I COULDN'T SATISFY THE SINGULARITY CRITERION. THEN, KYLE APPEARED.



BUT PROMISE ME YOU'LL BE MY PRINCESS.

YOU CAST A SPELL ON ME. LET'S CALL IT EVEN, SHALL WE?

HUH?

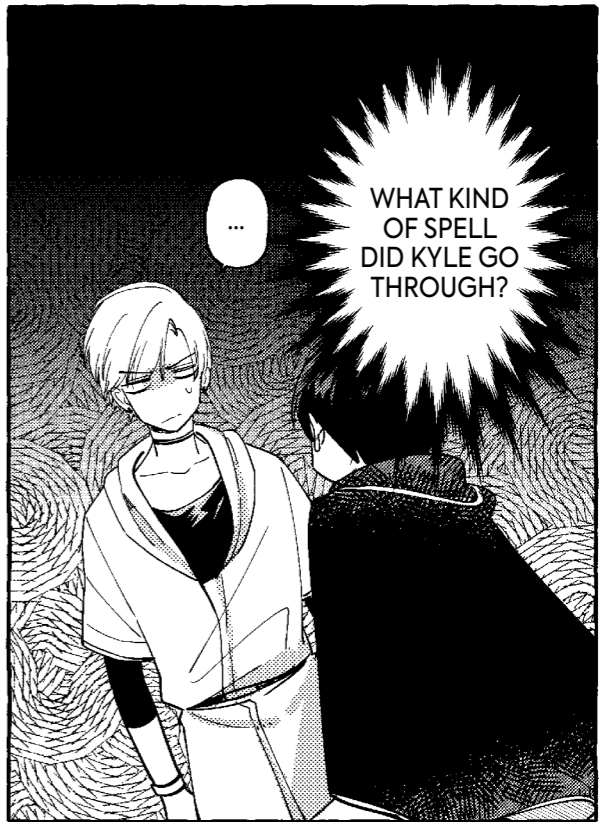
ROBIN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIFT THE SPELL FROM ME.

GRABS HIM



COULD IT BE...

KYLE, WERE YOU A PRINCESS WITH BIG BOOBS AND FAIR SKIN?



...

WHAT KIND OF SPELL DID KYLE GO THROUGH?



I KNEW IT!! HE'S NOT A KID!!

TAKE A GUESS.



SO, YOU WANTED TO USE ME TO DEFEAT THE MONSTER DRAGON RIGHT FROM THE START, DIDN'T YOU?

HAHA.

19 YEARS OLD.

I'M 19, TWO YEARS OLDER THAN YOU. I REALLY AM A PRINCE.



I CAN'T HIDE IT FOR LONG ANYWAY.

