BAND OF THE HAWK

“IN THIS WORLD, SOME PEOPLE BORN ARE LIKE KEYS THAT MOVE THE WORLD AND EXIST HAVING NO CONNECTION TO THE SOCIAL HIERARCHY ESTABLISHED BY MAN.”

FOUNDER: GRIFFISU

MANGA DIVISION LEADER: GATSU
三浦建太郎の好評既刊

ベルセルク◆①〜⑤巻

重厚なストーリー、魅力あるキャラクター、そして圧巻の作画、快者の心に恋に燃え
鯨駆と戦闘を繰り広げる一大コメディ!

ジャパン◆原作／武論尊

現在の日本文脈が加えられた世界を舞台として日本
人は生きていくことができるのか!? 日本人
を視野に展開するSFサバイバル・コミック!

王狼◆原作／武論尊

村の民を守る、14世紀のモンゴルに映す影
にたどり着いた冒険・シリアス・ファンのための
物語で、視覚的にも生き生きと描かれている!

王狼伝◆①巻 原作／武論尊

“王狼”シリアス・ファンとして生きる大謡を
した信者。彼の行なうように歴史を守る彼の
前を時制を経て朝陽が出現する!

画集ベルセルク◆

ダーク・ダイアモンドをはじめとした岩田光
隆とは、イラストを収録。今まで見られことの
ない、真のベルセルク・ワールドが広がる。

月刊YOUNG ANIMAL

ANIMAL

NORTH SOLUTION

タイトルデザイン／ADOX

カバーデザイン／ZEN CORPORATION
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN QUEEN
FOR A HUMAN.

I WONDER WHY?

MY, BUT YOU'RE A STRONG ONE.

NOT BEE! ELF!

YOU MUST BE THE QUEEN BEE

THAT'S AN ELF...

THAT'S AN ELF?
AN' IF THEY DO, WE KICK THEIR ASSES!

KICK HIS ASS!

ADULTS SHOULDN'T LIE!

THE LIAR!

HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH A THING?

THEY SHOULDN'T REALLY BE CALLED ELVES...

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?

THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE...

ELF MY ASS.

OH! YOU MEANIE!
LET'S GO GET HIM!

RIGHT THEN!
WHAT
....!!

HEE

GATS!

JILL NEE CHAN!
NYAH, NYAH!

HORRAY FOR YOU!

YOU OKAY?

SHOVE IT, SHOEFLY!

I DON'T CARE IF THEY'RE SOME SORT OF HUMAN!

SHUT IT!!

TIME OUT, BEFORE YOU FIGHT THEM!!

YOU LITTLE...

TIME OUT! TIME!

THEY'RE...

THOSE THINGS ARE...

THE CHILDREN.

THOSE...

AREN'T ELVES...

ISTEN !!!
SAY WHAT?

THE WAY THEY THINK AND REACT.

THAT'S HOW I KNOW.

YOU CAN TELL BY THE WAY THEY'RE BEHAVING.

THOSE THINGS ARE CHILDREN.

HUMAN CHILDREN!
MY FRIENDS AND ME ARE 'PIRKAF'!
DON'T YOU DARE CALL US HUMAN, TWIT!

ACK!

AND THE PIRKAF WILL PUNISH ALL HUMANS!
YOU ARE ROSHINU, AREN'T YOU!?  
STOP, ROSHINU!
Swordsman?

Oi, what's wrong?

EEK!

The dust on her wings seems to be some sort of insect venom...

I screwed up...

SHIT!

MY BARN!

AAAHH!

MY FOOD FOR THE WINTER!

How's it going, kid?

Can you stand?

DID YOU DO THIS!??
THAT'S THOMAS.... I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU USED A CHILD....!!

AREN'T YOU HUMAN!?!?

HA HA HA!

ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE

NOT GOOD, THEY'RE MAD AGAIN.

NORMALY GATTS DOESN'T SCREW UP LIKE THIS!

W-HA-HAT THE HELL'S SO FUNNY?

YOU MAKE ME LAUGH.
WHERE THE HELL WERE ALL OF YOU ... WHEN THIS KID CAME RUNNING OUT?

JILL, AND THOMAS, COME HERE. AT ANY RATE, WILL YOU HAND THOSE CHILDREN OVER?

JILL-NEE-CHAN!
OVER HERE!!
HURRY ...!!

JILL!!

...MOM...

JILL-NEE-CHAN?
THEY'RE CHILDREN!!?

CHILDREN

EEEK!!

IN DEATH...

THEY REVERT

GATTS

TH-THOSE ARE

AAAAAHH!
CHANGE OF PLANS.

JILL!!

STEP ASIDE.

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN - QUEEN - THE END
RETRIBUTION.
LOST CHILDREN WILL O' THE WISP

STEP ASIDE.
JILL...........

DON'T!

GATTIS...!!

JILL-NEE-CHAN...!!

THAT GUY'S IN LEAGUE WITH THE ELVES?!

AN ELF... IT'S AN ELF!!

LOOK!!

CHEY!! WHAT'RE YOU ?!

I KNOW YOU PRETTY WELL, BUT NOW YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR! THIS IS COMPLETELY OUTTA LINE! JESUS!

NOW I'VE REALLY DONE IT

OH CRAP, OH CRAP!
LET ME THROUGH!

YOU STAND A VERY GOOD CHANCE OF BEING SHOT DOWN BY HIM IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE!

EVERYONE PLEASE BACK AWAY.

MOTHER...

JILL...
Think about it, it's insane to leave the house with a withered old carcass like yours.

We're all outta options... oh no, oh no, oh no... oh no... ma'am!

You aren't human...
YER FINE. GO ON HOME.

HEY NOW

HOW IS THIS 'FINE'?!

YOU CUT A LITTLE GIRL'S NECK WITH A KNIFE!

FAR ENOUGH.

BLOOD CAME OUT. BLOOD!

AND... AND SORRY

AND THEN IT STOPPED.

BYE

AND THEN IT STOPPED.
COMING TOO

I'M

DON'T GO...

YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE GOING TO MISTY VALLEY?

YOU ASS HOLE

SHE MAY HAVE BEEN A FRIEND OF MINE WHO MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED A LONG TIME AGO, AND SO...

THE BIG ELF...

THAT KID...
AND...
WHAT?

WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO COME?
I'M GOING TO KILL YOUR FRIEND.

THIS ISN'T A CHILD'S GAME.
DON'T FOLLOW ME.

WHA?
...
LET THAT
IS THAT IT?
DON'T GO

EVERY DAY SPENT THERE...

BEGIN AGAIN?

UNTIL NOW...

NO THING EVER CHANGING...

NO THING EVER HAPPENING...

NORMAL...

THAT IS...

GUESS...
A big man like you can hurt a little girl being that blunt!

Wyyyyy did you say something like that?

This is constructive criticism! It's wrong! People don't do this!

This is how you repay her for the shelter and the meal!

Let me see.

Hey your hurt.
I'm on edge, so I spoke too directly.

(...lots of yelling to little end.)

And you're making other people suspicious of me.

I don't remember making you my pet.

Without me around, the story'd be too dark! Our livelihood depends on this manga.
I HAVE THIS GROWING URGE TO CRUSH YOU TO A PULP.

I SHOULDERE'SHRED THIS BEFORE WHILE I WAS RUNNING FROM THE BUGS OR WATCHING THE SO-CALLED ELVES...

I FINGER JAB YOU REPEATEDLY!!

HEY! WHAT THE HELL? DONE ALREADY? I WASN'T! TAKE MORE'N YOU TO KILL ME!
NOT ENOUGH

GOTTA FIGHT THE POISON

COCA SPRIG

BLOOD

I CAN'T SLEEP

URP

GAH
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE...

A LONG NIGHT.
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WHAT THE....!?
SO IT'S YOU!

JUST TRY AND TAKE ME WITH YOU!!

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN - WILL O' THE WISP - THE END
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
PIRKAF THE RED-EYED
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 Damn you!
I can feel each and every one of you.
THAT'S NICE...

SO YOUR INCESSANT WHININ' IS SUPPOSED TO DEFEND THOSE BRATS...

AND FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE MUD BEFORE DAWN!

CAUSE I'D HAVE JUST SPENT THE NIGHT PUKIN' BLOOD.
NO NEED TO WORRY 'BOUT ANIMAL ATTACKS WHILE YOU'RE WITH AN ELF!

ABOUT WHAT?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, JILL?

I MEAN, A GIRL ALONE AT NIGHT... KINDA DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT?

WELL, YOU KNOW BEING WITH ME THIS MUCH... HOW OLD IS HE? AT THE LEAST, HE'S VERY STRANGE.

THE IDIOT'S RESPONSE IS THAT-A-WAY.
AND WHEN YOU GET THERE YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TURN THE QUEEN HUMAN AGAIN AND...

YOU JUST MIGHT END UP SORRY YOU EVER STARTED, IS ALL.

BACK IN TOWN I DID GET A RESPONSE OUT OF HER. OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

YOU'RE PROBALLY RIGHT.

EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST RUNNING AFTER HER NOW...

I PRO WILL BE Bably...

SORRY... Hm?

IF I DON'T...

COME AFTER HER NOW...

BUT...

BUT?
THOSE 
ARE ...!?
THAT'S NOT HIS NORMAL SWING...
SWORESMAN -SAN!
YOU'RE HEAVY. GET OFF

Eh?

OH

THE PIP SQUEAK'S STILL THERE?

SPRINKLE SOME OF HIS DUST OVER ME

I'M STIFF AS A BOARD FROM THE IMPACT AND I CAN'T MOVE. I CAN'T STAND THIS.

WHY'D YOU COME?

I'M SORRY.

U-HH

FINE, JUST HURRY
Any child around here could tell you... It's a fairy tale.

Pirkaf, who had no one...

What's that? She said 'Pirkaf.'

Since the boy had those eyes and ears he was always tormented by the other children in the town.


Once upon a time there lived in a small town a pointy-eyed red-eyed boy named Pirkaf.

Pirkaf thought, 'This is not my real home. These people are not my real parents...'

His parents were kind and loving, but.
Eventually he came to a forest where the elves lived. He had been told they had no need of adults. Searching for his real parents, for where he should have been living. And so one night, he slipped out of the house. No, of all the people in the town...

Because Pirkaf's father and his mother... not one had red eyes or pointy ears. They had red eyes and pointy ears.

They looked just like Pirkaf.

Pirkaf was confused, so they told him one thing more:

"Are you one of us? No, not quite... you have no wings to ride upon the wind."

A long time ago, a human couple who's baby had become sick and dying, came to us.

"They had come into this forest against the laws of their town to save the child."

Please save this child's life somehow. The couple begged, holding the baby's body.

But seeing Pirkaf's delight, they said...
The baby's life was saved, but half of it had been replaced.

Because their child was alive.

The elves listened to the request and used their magic on the baby.

The couple shed tears of joy.

And on a little hill between the trees the elves had made because they were unable to forgive the people of the town for not telling people who they were.

Pirkaf, who had no one cried and cried until his red eyes were made.

But when Pirkaf reached his house he found he was too late.

A mysterious forest had sprung up overnight as if it had been there for a hundred years.

When Pirkaf had heard this tale, he ran from them in great confusion.

Back the way he came he ran, crying.

Roshinu-nee-chan loved that story.

Sad story...
Roshniu said...

"I am just like Pirkaf."

Retribution: Lost Children - Pirkaf the Red-Eyed - The End
I'm an only child; she really seemed like my older sister.

Roshinu lived across the street from me; she was four years older.

Retribution: Lost Children's Childhood Memories
She was a tomboy, always playing in the forest and the river.

She would always proudly show me insects and small animals she had caught.

She had tons of odds and ends, like a boy's treasure trove.

The strangest thing she found she said she'd picked up by the river. It was a stone that looked like an egg with a human face. It was always important to her.

Sometimes it would get dark while we were playing in the forest or river...

But now I think Roshiunu didn't want to go home...

That was fine by her.
Jill... There's a mistake in that Pirkaf story.

One time, I asked her why her cheeks and arms were bruised so often.

And he lived happily ever after with his real mother and father in the land of the elves.

In the real story, Pirkaf was really a elf child.

I'm really supposed to be living in the land. I am just like Pirkaf.

I've been hiding something.

She seemed to be in very high spirits.

Roshin laughed, seeing that I believed every word.
ROSHINU Grew up hearing her parents argue a lot.

IT SEEMS some of the women ran too late.

One of them was Roshinu's mother.

Before I was born, my town had been involved in a huge battle.

I was told about it later...

Most of the villagers took refuge in the forest, but...

"Is that really my child?"

And then, one night there came a violent storm.

Jill...
I'M LEAVING!

JILL

WHO'S THERE?

GOODBYE!

ROSHI NEE-CHAN!

SHH!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

GOODBYE?

THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING...

THE LAND OF THE ELVES!

ROSHIN NEE-CHAN!

THE MISTY VALLEY!

I THINK I'VE DECIDED...

MY TREASURE... IT'S ALL YOURS!

FAREWELL, JILL!
But they were unable to find her.

The adults combed the forests and the mountains for days, searching for Roshini.

It was as if they had followed her.

And a few days after this mysterious event, Roshini's parents also vanished off the face of the earth.

It was all there.

Roshini had packed the treasure she said was now mine in a wooden box.

Except for that strange stone.
NOW, I THINK I SYMPATHIZE ...

WITH WHAT ROSHINU FELT THEN.

DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT WHEN I WAS LITTLE, BUT...

AND SHORTLY AFTER THAT,

THE ELVES BEGAN TO ATTACK LIKE THIS.

Ooh, ooh.. that weird stone Roshinu had..

Was it like THIS?
WE'VE SEEN THIS OFFA SOMEONE. IT'S WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL BECCHI OF DARKNESS...

HOW DID... IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME!

IT'S A MAGIC STONE

THIS MAGIC STONE...

IT SUMMONS AN ANGEL WHICH IMPARTS POWER UNTO WEAK HUMANS.

OR SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THAT.

...OR MAYBE JUST A DEVIL IN DISGUISE.

AN ANGEL......
AND WITH IT IN HAND, SHE CHANGED HERSELF INTO AN ELF IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM.

SOMEONE I KNEW USED ONE OF THESE, SOMEHOW. I'M NOT SURE.

BUT... YOUR FRIEND PROBABLY LEFT TO USE IT TOO.

IN THAT FAIRYTALE YOU TOLD SO WELL, PIRKAF'S EYES AND EARS WERE THE SAME.

LOOKING BACK ON IT, IT'S A FUN STORY.

IN EXCHANGE FOR POWER, THEY TAKE THE PERSON MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU. THEY DEMAND A SACRIFICE.

A FEW DAYS LATER

HER PARENTS VANISHED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH. YOUR WORDS...
AS SACRIFICES.

ROSHIN OFFERED THEM UP.

SHE DOOMED HER PARENTS.

SO THAT HER DREAM CAME TRUE.

AROUND HERE
AND THEN...

THIS PIRKAF THING ISN'T JUST A KID'S FAIRYTALE.

IT'S A BLOOD DRENCHED STORY FOR ADULTS...

WHEN YOU CUT THROUGH THEIR NECK...

THIS SWORD STOPS THEIR SOUL.

THEY DIE.
This ain't the sort of place to wander around in.

You're in the way.

Because your old lady can't do nothin' with your loser father, you slunk away like an airheaded brat.

Hey, come on man, that's a little harsh...
KIDS SHOULD BE LISTENING TO KID'S STORIES.

HIDE BACK IN YER PIRKAF.

NOT THIS AGAIN.
CHILD ABUSER! SHE COULD SUE!

THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE VERY STRICT! ALL THIS SORT OF EXCESS HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY BANNED!

WAIT, WHAT THE HELL AM I TALKING ABOUT?

WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?

IT'S ALL "KID KID" WITH YOU, AND YOU'RE THE ONE ACTING LIKE ONE!

SPEAKING OF FAIRY TALES.
HE CARES ABOUT YOU, AND HE CARES ABOUT ROBIN!

His cold eyes were because of the other children; the world's just screwed up that way.

Jill, I don't pay him no mind! He sometimes says rotten stuff like that. He doesn't mean it!

He just doesn't want to have to be responsible for a child!

And I wish he hadn't...

It was embarrassing.

Jill, we should get out of here!
IT'S BEEN SIMPLY AGES, JILL.

ROSHIN LI-NEECHAN...

ROSHINU...

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN - CHILDHOOD MEMORIES - THE END
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN THE LAND OF WINGS
SOON YOU'LL BE AS TALL AS I AM.

YOU'VE GROWN UP, JILL.

HENNY HEEENHH!

BUT YOUR BODY.

IT'S REALLY YOU, ROSHI NII.

HEEYYY!

SEE, SEE?
YEP

YOUR TRUE

THIS IS MY TRUE FORM!

WHY
WHY, I TOLD YOU THAT AGES AGO!

AN ELF QUEEN

SHE DOOMED HER PARENTS AS SACRIFICES.

ROSSHI OFFERED THEM UP. SO THAT HER DREAM CAME TRUE.

SO I'M GOING TO INVITE YOU...

I'M JUST REMEMBERING ALL THE THINGS WE USED TO DO!

KAY?

NE, JILL ...
TO MISTY VALLEY!

TO THE LAND OF THE ELVES!

FIINE, FIINE, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO WORRIED!

BUT, I...

MISTY VALLEY...

DOES EVERYONE AGREE?

WAIT, I...

W...
OH NO, JILL!
I WON'T EAT YOU!
IT'S OKAY.

EEK!

LUNTILL WELL AFTER DARK.

IT'S NICE THERE.
WE PLAY ALL KINDS OF FUN GAMES...
STOP IT...

ROSHINUI!

PLEASE.

PLEASE.
Looks like I'm gonna have to kill Jill too.
YOU KNOW WHY.

KILL HER TOO!!?

JILL

CHI-YAH!

ALBATROSS CHOP

ROT IN HELL!

R-RRR...
YOU JUST DO SOMETHING STUPID!

ANYWAY, I'M GOING!

AHH.. I'VE GOT CATCH UP WITH THEM!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, HEARTLESS SWORDSman!

COMPARED TO YOU, A ROTTEN ZOMBIE IS LESS REPREHENSIBLE! YOU INHUMAN HEARTLESS WORTHLESS BASTARD!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU EVER SAID ANYTHING THAT DESPICABLE! I'VE NEVER THOUGHT SO LITTLE OF YOU!!

FROM NOW ON YOU CALL YOURSELF THE HEARTLESS SWORDSMAN!

HEARTLESS SWORDSMAN

COULD I HAVE...

IS THERE SOMETHING I OVERLOOKED?

NO
This is a view that has never been seen by human eyes.

Aaah!

Look.

I will not drop you.

Don't be frightened, Jill.
THE FORESTS
AND THE RIVER
THEIR SO FAR AWAY
IT'S INCREDIBLE.
US ELVES, THE WORLD HAS ALLOWED ONLY CREATURES WITH WINGS TO SEE THIS.
THE SKY

IT'S SO OPEN...

IT'S BEAUTIFUL...

THE WORLD...

CAN BE A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO LITTLE...

MY TOWN...
I was scared of something so small...

It's a very small place...

We can fly as much as we want...

You can fly as much as you want...

You join us.

If, Jill...
WE CAN FLY AS MUCH AS WE WANT...
YOU CAN AS OFTEN AS YOU FEEL LIKE IT...

IF, JILL, YOU JOIN US.

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN GUARDIANS (1)
ME, AN ELF?

WHO?
The Black Swordsman...

EH?

DO YOU LIKE HIM?

JILL...

RIGHT. I DON'T EVEN REALLY KNOW HIM.

IT'S NOT LIKE...
BY SOME TRUSTED ADULTS
THE MISTY VALLEY IS PROTECTED.

I WONDER WHAT HE HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH.

IT SEEMS HE'S HEADED FOR THE MISTY VALLEY.

SOME PEOPLE ONCE TRIED TO HARM MY CHILDREN.

SO THAT WE COULD NEVER BE HARMED AGAIN, WE MADE THEM PROTECT US.

ADULTS ...

YEP

THE CHILDREN'S MAIN PROTECTION

THE FOREST GUARDIANS
I must be near the misty valley.

They weren't kidding about the mist.

I can feel it...
WE MEET AGAIN...

SHEEE...SHEEE.

YOU CAN'T SPEAK...

HE'S FORGOTTEN US.
YOU'RE HERE NOW...

AND NOBODY GETS PAST US.

YOU CAN'T GO...

YOU'LL HARM THE CHILDREN...

IT SEEMS YOU QUIT BEIN' HUMAN, TOO.

SO YOU QUIT BEIN' THIEVES AND WENT INTO THE CHILD PROTECTION RACKET.
WE WON'T LET YOU GO...

TO HARM THE CHILDREN...

I'M NOT GON' ANYWHERE!

NO KIDDING?

IT'S GONNA JUST BE ONE CONSTANT STREAM...

OF SMASHED LICE.

EVEN IF YOU ALL WANT ME TO.
I'M COMING THROUGH!

DON'T BEG FOR MERCY... I'M NOT GONNA STOP TILL I'VE TRAMPLED THE LOT OF YOU!

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN, GUARDIANS (2)
There's no way any man could let this slide!

(Of course, I'm only an elf.)

ARGHH! Gatts is stupid stupid stupid stupid stupid stupid!

BLECH...
SICKENING!

He won't even admit that elves are any better than insects! (The nerve!)

That asshole won't even consider anyone else's point of view!

Hey, don'tcha think that human down there's got a screwed up personality?

He doesn't understand how important I am to him.

How the hell I put up with it all this time I'll never know.

Oh, this is just great.

GOD FORBID

What the...?

He's got that personality, so I'll just have to deal...

And does any of this have anything in particular to do with this crow?

(His memory capacity is limited.)

What the hell did those god things do to Gatts, anyway?
JEEZ, I'VE NOTHING TO KEEP ME WITH THE GUY.

AHHHH, STOP IT! STOP

HE'S GOT NOTHING...

JEEZ, I'VE NOTHING TO KEEP ME WITH THE GUY!

YOU COULDN'T JUST SAY SOMETHING!
JILL'S IN THAT MIST SOMEWHERE...
O-ON THE OTHER HAND...

THIS IS A JOB FOR ME!

YOHAAKAY
AWRIGHT!

TO THE RESCUE!

HE'S COMPLETELY WRONG ABOUT ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE.

I CAN TAKE EM SINGLE-HANDEDLY!

WAIT FOR ME, JILL, I'M COMING!

I CAN DEFEAT THEM SOMEHOW!

CAUSE I GOT SOUL!

CHERRY BLOSSOM LIFT OFF!
I don’t believe it...

But one man really did crush us all.
IS HE REALLY HUMAN?

YA DONE TALKIN YET?
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN PURSUERS
Hey, get a hold of yourself. That could be our son in there!

We don't know that!
DID SOMEONE SEE HIM?

...IT CAN'T BE, NOT HERE...

E-EVERYONE, TO THE FOREST!

HURRAY!

MORE FIGHTING?

-AN ARMY? WHY ARE THEY HERE?

FATHER HOBBS...

WAIT! THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY!
I am known as Hobbes.

It is my honor.

You are the priest in character of this parish...

Company halt!

Forgive the rudeness of my compatriots.
AND WHY THESE BORDER LANDS?

FORGIVE ME, BUT IT IS CONNECTED TO THIS MATTER.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE?

I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS, FARNEZ!

I HAVE ACCEPTED A DUTY FOR DIVINE AUTHORITY BEFORE THE VATICAN. THEY HAVE DISPATCHED ME TO THIS LAND.

I CANNOT SPEAK BEFORE THEIR GRAVE.

LET US DISCUSS THAT IN THE TOWN CHURCH.

HELP FILL IN THE GRAVE IN SHIFTS! AT EASE, MEN!

AH CERTAINLY... SIR!

AZAN SERPICO! GO WITH ME!
THE BLACK SWORDS-MAN.

ELVES AND...

THOUGH IT IS CERTAINLY A SURPRISE, I WANT TO BELIEVE YOUR STORY.

I Swear before God that every word is true.

They are actually our children...

YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE ME.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR VISIT TO YOUR LANDS IS TO DETERMINE WHAT IS TRUTH AND WHAT IS LIE.
YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED US WITH ALL THE DETAILS, BUT...

FOR A FEW YEARS NOW, EVIL HAS BEEN SPREADING LIKE AN EPIDEMIC IN EVERY PLACE.

I THINK WE ALREADY KNOW.

AND IT SEEMS IT IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY MANY SUCH REPORTS.

ARE IN PURSUIT OF THAT BLACK SWORDSMAN.

REPORTS...

THOSE WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE STRANGENESS HAVE BEEN FLOWING INTO THE VATICAN IN INCREASING NUMBERS OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE VATICAN IS DEALING WITH THIS ONE STEP AT A TIME.

THEY DESCRIBE THE EVIL SPIRITS THAT TRADITIONALLY INHIBIT RIVERS, MOUNTAINS, AND THE LIKE.

THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE FOR US TO DISMISS THE RUMORS AS UNFOUNDED OF COURSE.
And that...

There is but one thing common between all the reports we have received.

Is the black swordsman.

The scale of the carnage he leaves in his wake is astonishing.

We have been pursuing him, relying on the flow of those rumors.

With this matter here...

And...

Or rather, this is no mere evil escaped criminal dogged by rumors...

Or rather...

In truth, I cannot pretend that he does not make us uneasy.

Whoever that man...
I did not meet the man myself, so am uncertain as to his appearance.

I do not fully understand the matter, but it seems you have sufficient reason to move again that man.

Perhaps one of them will be able to lead you, but I have no idea who.

And most of the townsmen are hard at work restoring the town's defenses.

Y-your eminence!

Furthermore, I am too frail to face the black swordsman. I am told he has gone into the misty valley, an exceedingly dangerous place.

This affects our very faith.

Or rather...
HEH HEH...

JILL...

WAIT BUT A MOMENT, GOOD SIRS.

HEH HEH...

I'M LEavin' IN A SEC. DEAR?

IT?

IT, WOMAN, IT!

OH! WHERE THE HELL IS IT

HAAAAAAH HAH HAH! I'M GONNA GET 'M NOW!

I'M GONNA BE FIGHTING SO I NEED THE HELMET I HAD IN HERE!

BUT THE GODS ARE WITH ME TODAY!!

HAH HAH! I'M NOT SURE HOW...
They're much smarter than the other insects...

I see. The rest were mere infantry, troubling only in quantity.

Makes sense.

We were knights.

The strong ones...
SHIT

THEY'RE COORDINATING THEIR ATTACKS...
While I dodge one, the other attacks. NOT GOOD!

I can't get them both in one shot.
Both charging at once...

Even if I avoid the big one, I can't match the speed of the other.

I can't dodge this one...

How can I...?!

If they come front and back.

Then I'll kill them both at once!
RETRIBUTION. LOST CHILDREN - PURSUERS - THE END.
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
MISTY VALLEY (1)
I FEEL SICK...

MY PULSE IS WEAKENING...

I'VE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD

FAIRY DUST...
RUNNIN' OFF WHEN I MOST NEED HIM.

THAT BASTARD.

SHIT.
NO RESPONSE...

RAR! RAR!

YEAH, YEAH, I CAN TAKE YA, I'LL KILL YA

MISTY VALLEY...

THIS IS...
Something about them makes me feel all relaxed and reflective.

So strange to find these flowers in the fall...

Ah, so soft...
Nice little nap...

Already in relax mode.
I wonder...

Those...

Are the guys that attacked Jill's town...
HE'S DIFFERENT
THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG
HIS HEAD'S WEIRD

OHYYYY
NOOOOO
!!
I DID
IT AGAIN
!!

INfiltration
SUCCESSFUL

WHew..
I'm not exposed, they haven't got me.

A human... Golden Cedar!

Ooh, wow!
TH-THOSE ARE...
NOW THEY
Isn't it lovely?

Oh, thank you.

Y-Yeah... So, do you like it? Misty.
NOT LIKE IN TOWN.

YOU'LL NEVER GROW HUNGRY OR FREEZE IN THE MISTY VALLEY.

EVEN IN THE WINTER, IT NEVER GETS COLD.

IT'S WONDERFUL... THE FLOWERS ON THE TREES BLOOM ALL YEAR ROUND.

THE LAND IS ONLY FOR US.

HUMAN ADULTS WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED IN HERE.

AND ALL THIS IS OURS ALONE.

THE ELVES SECRET FLOWER GARDEN...

AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MISTY VALLEY.

I'M SURE YOU'LL WANT TO JOIN US EVEN FASTER.
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN - MISTY VALLEY CD - THE END
DO YOU LIKE IT HERE?
WILL YOU JOIN US?

SO, JILL.

SORRY, ROSHINU-NEE-CHAN.
I DON'T KNOW YET.
SORRY!

BUT JILL...

THAT'S OKAY.
I'LL LET YOU SLEEP ON IT.
MORE FUN THAN FLYING THROUGH WAS THERE SOMETHING...

WAS ANYTHING IN THAT TOWN FUN?

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN MISTY VALLEY (2)
I swear, no matter how long I live, it ain't enough to prepare me...

Why'd you come here?

Why'd you come and save me?

Ah, no, there were 13 of 'em... I just got mugged by like... Maaaan, was it hard sneakin' in here...
TO SAVE ME...

OHHH YEAH

HOW IS HE?

THE BLACK SWORDS-MAN?

YEAH, YEAH.

GATS?

OH, I TELL A LIE, THERE WERE 18

THE TWO OF US ARE THROUGH.

I'VE WASHED MY HANDS OF HIM

AFTER YOU LEFT, HE SAID HE WAS GONNA KILL YOU TOO!

HE ISN'T WITH YOU?

YEAH, YEAH.

I WONDERED...

IF HE WOULD.

I SEE.

IT'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU!

LET'S HURRY THE HELL OUT OF HERES!

... I SEE.

Lum, Pakk...

... CHE WOULD!
TO BE AN ELF?

THEY ASKED YOU, DIDN'T THEY?

HOW COULD YOU BE OKAY WITH THAT?

JILL... JILL, WHY WOULD YOU?

I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW IF I WILL...

BUT

IF I DO, WILL IT MATTER?
BUT... THEY MIGHT DO THAT... WILL IT MATTER?... THEY'RE EVIL!! THOSE ARE NOT REAL ELVES!!

HERE, THEY PLAY LIKE CHILDREN...

THEY'RE VERY PEACEFUL.

HOW CAN YOU EVEN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, JILL?

THEY ATTACK HUMANS AND EAT THEM!

THE ATTACKING AND EATING PEOPLE... IT'S JUST LIKE WOLVES.

WOLVESdidn't use to do that either.

THEY USED TO BE...

BESIDES... THEY AREN'T HUMAN, SO THEY MAY NOT FOLLOW THE SAME RULES.

STAY AND HAVE FUN WITH THESE CHILDREN...

I'LL NEVER BE FOUND.

NO ONE WILL FIND ME...
Worrying about the weather every day...

Afraid of thieves...

Afraid of fights...

Being hungry...

Or cold...

Without an end in sight...

More...

And more...

And more...
B... BUT, BUT... (UH) YOU SAID YOU DON'T KNOW ANYONE!

WHAT OF?

I'M SENSING A MASSIVE, SHUDDERING FEAR...

YES! YOUR MOTHER IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

I WONDER IF I'LL EVER BE LIKE HER...

MOTHER, YES...

HOLD ON...

AFRAID MY CHILDREN MIGHT BE ATTACKED...

I'M NOT SURE I COULD... I'D BE TOO AFRAID.

SOMETHING MIGHT MAKE THEM CRY...

I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD BEAR THAT...
Would the children slowly become frightened of him?

That would be...

And what would their father be like?

That's it.

That's... JILL...

You're hurting me, JILL!

That's what there is for a human girl.

That's my...

I...

Sorry, PAKK.

Squeezed the life outta me...
CHARGE! ウォッホン

A PLAY WARP? WHAT'S THIS?

IS THIS FOR REAL?
TH- THAT'S NOT PLAY...

KILLING EACH OTHER...

THEY'RE REALLY...
MONSTERS:

THEM AND...

ONLY HUMANS...

ONLY HUMANS...

ACT LIKE THAT...

THINK KILLING THEM LOOKS LIKE FUN...

DANCING...

DANCING...
ADULT ATTACK. ADULT ATTACK!

WAIT, WAIT!

WIRP

...
Kee!
Kee!
A GIFT!
A GIFT FOR YOU!

イナアア！
YOU HIT ELVES
YOU HIT US
YOUR GIFT WAS NOT ACCEPTED
NOT ACCEPTED

ONE OF US?
AREN'T YOU.
AREN'T YOU ONE OF US?
WHY
UH-OH... I REALLY DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS IS GOING...

SCRAM!

RUN AWAY, JILL.

THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE PLACE TO BE SCARED STEF!

THEY GET PISSED IF CROSSED, SO LET'S GO SLOWLY...

NOW!
IT'S MISTING UP AGAIN!

C'MON, STAND UP! THEY COULD BE HIDING IN THE MIST!

WHERE ARE WE?

SPEAKING OF WHICH...

I CAN'T RUN ANY MORE!

I DON'T THINK WE COULD FALL IN A HOLE!

B- BUT WE CAN'T SEE WHERE WE'RE GOING!
ARE THEY...

WHAT ARE THOSE?

Eeeeeew, get it off, get it off!

SOME NEW SORT OF FRUIT?
TH-THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE!

STUPID STICKY FRUIT!
A COCOON...

THEY'RE ALL COCOONS!

EVERYTHING HANGING HERE...
This is the place where human children emerge, changed into elves.

This is where we emerge.
JILL, WHY DID YOU RUN AWAY?

NO...

AH, THE PLAY BATTLE?

WHAT DID THESE CHILDREN DO TO YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

ISN'T THAT WHAT HUMANS ALWAYS DO?

THESE CHILDREN...

THEY KILLED EACH OTHER!

IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU'RE AFRAID! JUST THINK OF THE FUN YOU COULD HAVE.

THAT'S RIGHT; HUMAN CHILDREN ARE COWARDS, SO...
THE ONLY ONE WHO HATES IT IS A HUMAN!

IT'S SORT OF FUNNY! WHEN WE PLAY HUMAN...

YOUR FRIENDS WERE KILLING EACH OTHER!

TH-THAT'S NOT PLAYING!

THAT'S OKAY. I'LL BE GETTING MORE FRIENDS SOON.

W-WITH DEATH?

THAT'S WRONG...

NO...

BUT IF YOU GO HOME NOW...

YOU SAID WE CAN'T CALL IT PLAY FIGHTING...

ISN'T THERE A GOOD CHANCE THE REAL HUMANS WILL BE FIGHTING?
ALL, ALL...
...IF YOU BECOME AN ELF...

OF YOUR DREAMS CAN BE REAL.

BUT HERE, EVERYTHING IS FUN!

REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE LITTLE...

AND THE TWO OF US WOULD ALWAYS PLAY TOGETHER.

YOU'LL BE HUNGRY...
AND COLD...
YOU'LL BE BEATEN...

AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

IT WAS ALWAYS FUN WHEN WE WERE OUTSIDE THE TOWN.

IN THE FOREST
IN THE RIVER

IN OUR DAYDREAMS...
OUTSIDE OF LIFE'S REALITIES...

IN A HUMAN TOWN, HUMAN CHILDREN GET NOTHING BUT HATE.
WITH OUR DREAMS...

IT'S OKAY.
YOU'LL BE AN ESPECIALLY SPLENDID ELF.

STRONG AND PRETTY...
NO ONE WILL EVER HURT YOU.
I'm sleepy?

What?

I'll have fun dreams while you're in the cocoon.

But I didn't.

Just fall asleep for a little while...

Don't be frightened...

Ah...

Dreams about flying in the air...

Everything is fine...
Hey!

No wonder Jill's acting so weird!

You ain't a Pirkaf!

Jill! Hang on!

She's a monster!
THE ELVES' COCOONS!

MY COCOONS

THEM BURNING...!!

WHAT?...
MR. SWORDSMAN!

GATTS!!

HE'S ALIVE!

IT'S HIM!
AND THEN BEFORE MY EYES...

JILL, WHEN HE LOOKS LIKE THAT, IT'S TIME FOR US TO LEAVE!

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

ONE SECOND THERE WAS A MAN SWINGING HIS FIREY HANDS...

HE SEEMED MORE LIKE A FEARSOME MONSTER.

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN - COCOONS - THE END