

NAGASAKI, JAPAN
SOME TIME AGO...

A WEDDING TAKES PLACE.

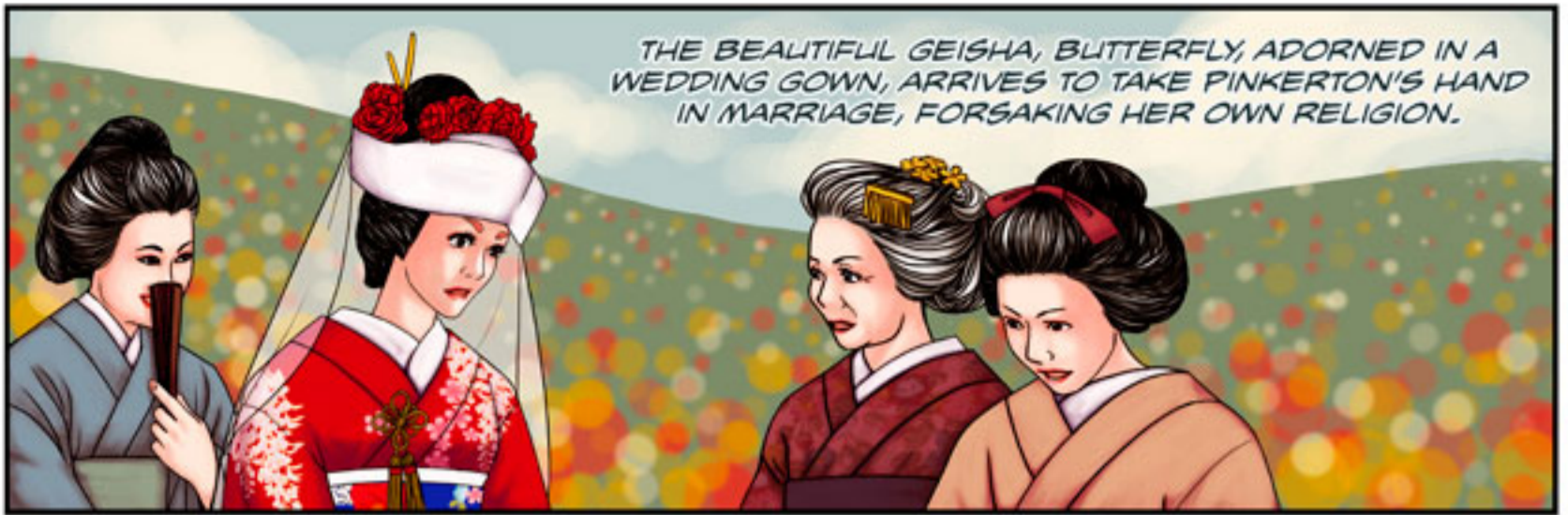
AN AMERICAN OFFICER NAMED PINKERTON
TAKES A YOUNG GEISHA'S HAND IN MARRIAGE.

PINKERTON, I KNOW
HOW YOU ARE WITH WOMEN.
BUT, REMEMBER THAT GIRL,
BUTTERFLY, IS AS DELICATE AS
HER NAME IMPLIES.

AWW, C'MON, SHARPLESS.
GET OFF MY CASE WILL YA?
QUIT BEING SO RIGHTEOUS
ALL THE TIME.

SOME QUESTION PINKERTON'S
MOTIVES AND WORRY ABOUT
WHAT WILL BECOME OF
SOMETHING SO FRAGILE...

...IN THE HANDS OF
SOMEONE SO CARELESS.

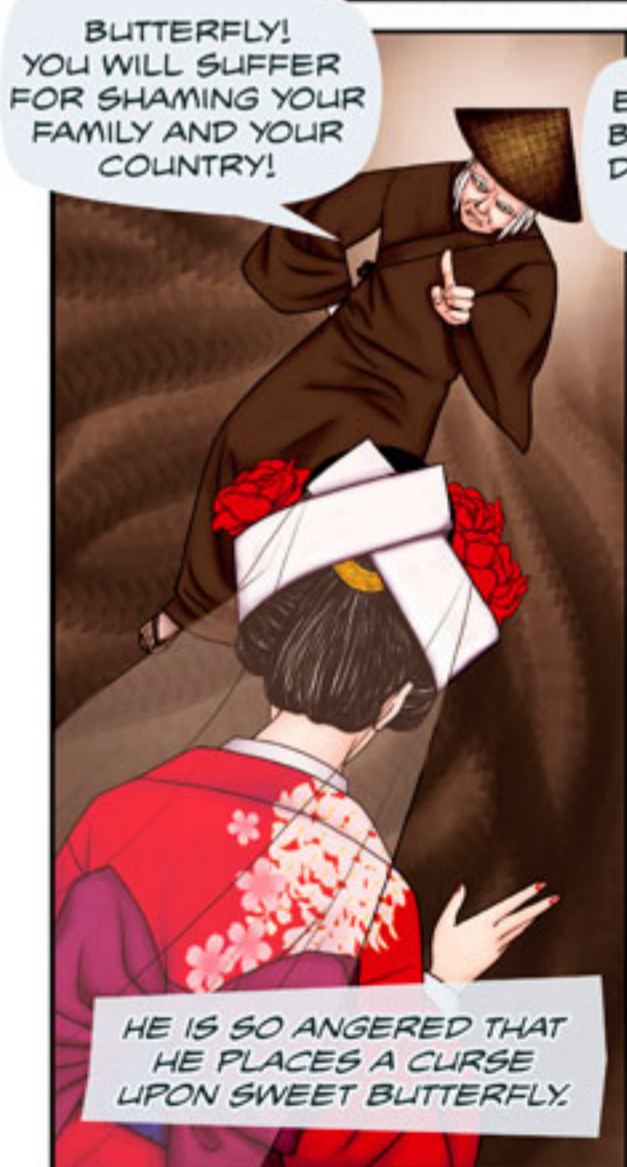


THE BEAUTIFUL GEISHA, BUTTERFLY, ADORNED IN A WEDDING GOWN, ARRIVES TO TAKE PINKERTON'S HAND IN MARRIAGE, FORSAKING HER OWN RELIGION.



THE VOW INFURIATES HER UNCLE, THE BONZE, A DEVOUT BUDDHIST PRIEST.

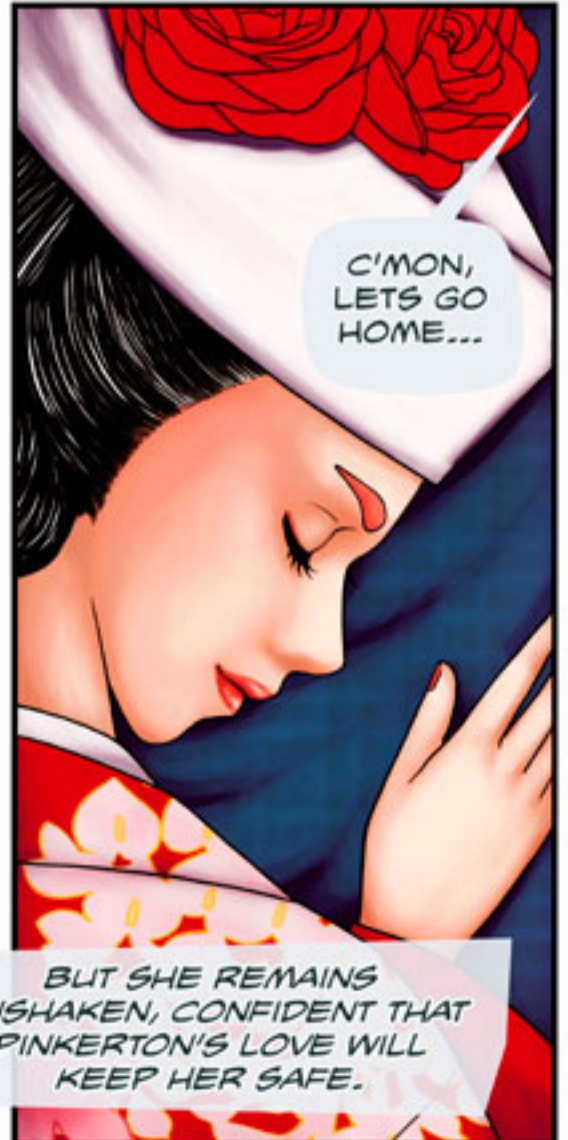
THIS IS HERESY!



BUTTERFLY!
YOU WILL SUFFER FOR SHAMING YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COUNTRY!



EASY, OLD MAN. BUTTERFLY ISN'T DOING ANYTHING WRONG!



C'MON, LETS GO HOME...

HE IS SO ANGERED THAT HE PLACES A CURSE UPON SWEET BUTTERFLY.

BUT SHE REMAINS UNSHAKEN, CONFIDENT THAT PINKERTON'S LOVE WILL KEEP HER SAFE.



WITH NIGHT UPON THEM,
PINKERTON TAKES HIS NEW
WIFE INTO HIS ARMS...



...AND HIS LIFE.



3 YEARS PASS...



MISTRESS!?

SUZUKI PRAYS THAT
HER MISTRESS WILL
SUFFER NO MORE
SORROW.



ABANDONED BY
PINKERTON, BUTTERFLY
WAKES EACH DAY
EXPECTING NEWS
OF HIS RETURN.

SUZUKI, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY.
HE WILL RETURN SOON.
I KNOW HE WILL...



ONE DAY, THE AMERICAN COUNSUL, SHARPLESS, ARRIVES WITH A LETTER FROM PINKERTON.



I KNEW HE WOULD COME!

LISTEN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT MAN...

SHARPLESS KNOWS THAT PINKERTON HAS MARRIED AN AMERICAN WOMAN, BUT BUTTERFLY DOES NOT LISTEN WHEN HE ATTEMPTS TO PREPARE HER FOR THE SHOCKING NEWS.

STUBBORNLY FAITHFUL TO HER HUSBAND, SHE CALLS TO "SORROW", THEIR SON, BORN WITHOUT PINKERTON'S KNOWLEDGE.

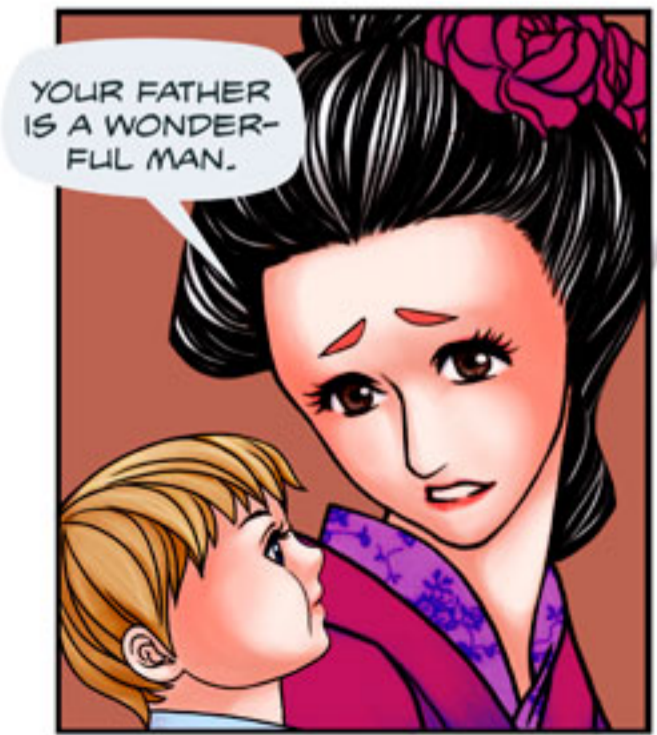


MAMA?

SORROW, YOUR FATHER IS FINALLY COMING TO TAKE US!

THIS IS... ..PINKERTON'S CHILD!

SHARPLESS IS SHOCKED AND IS UNABLE TO BRING HIMSELF TO TELL BUTTERFLY THE TRUTH.



YOUR FATHER IS A WONDERFUL MAN.



NOT LONG AFTER, PINKERTON'S SHIP ARRIVES.



MISTRESS!

A CANNON SHOT MARKS ITS ARRIVAL, AND BUTTERFLY HAS THE HOUSE FILLED WITH FLOWERS TO WELCOME PINKERTON.



YOU CAN FINALLY BE HAPPY!

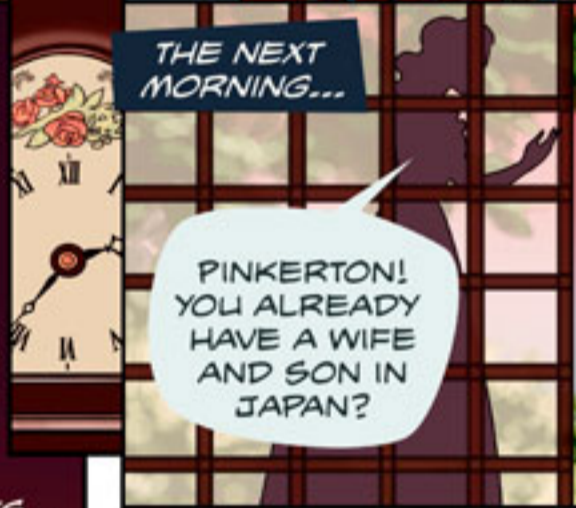


WE MUST SHOW HIM HOW MUCH WE LOVE HIM!



BUTTERFLY WEARS HER WEDDING DRESS AS SHE WAITS...

AND WAITS...



THE NEXT MORNING...

PINKERTON! YOU ALREADY HAVE A WIFE AND SON IN JAPAN?



GEEZ KATE, WILL YOU CALM DOWN.



AND WAITS...



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THIS TO ME BEFORE WE GOT MARRIED?!

LET'S TAKE THE BOY BACK TO AMERICA AND RAISE HIM AS OUR SON.

FINE, DO IT AND LET'S GO SOON.

*SHE TAKES HER LIFE
FOR THE LOVE OF THEIR SON...*

*... AND THE SAKE OF
HER HONOUR.*

