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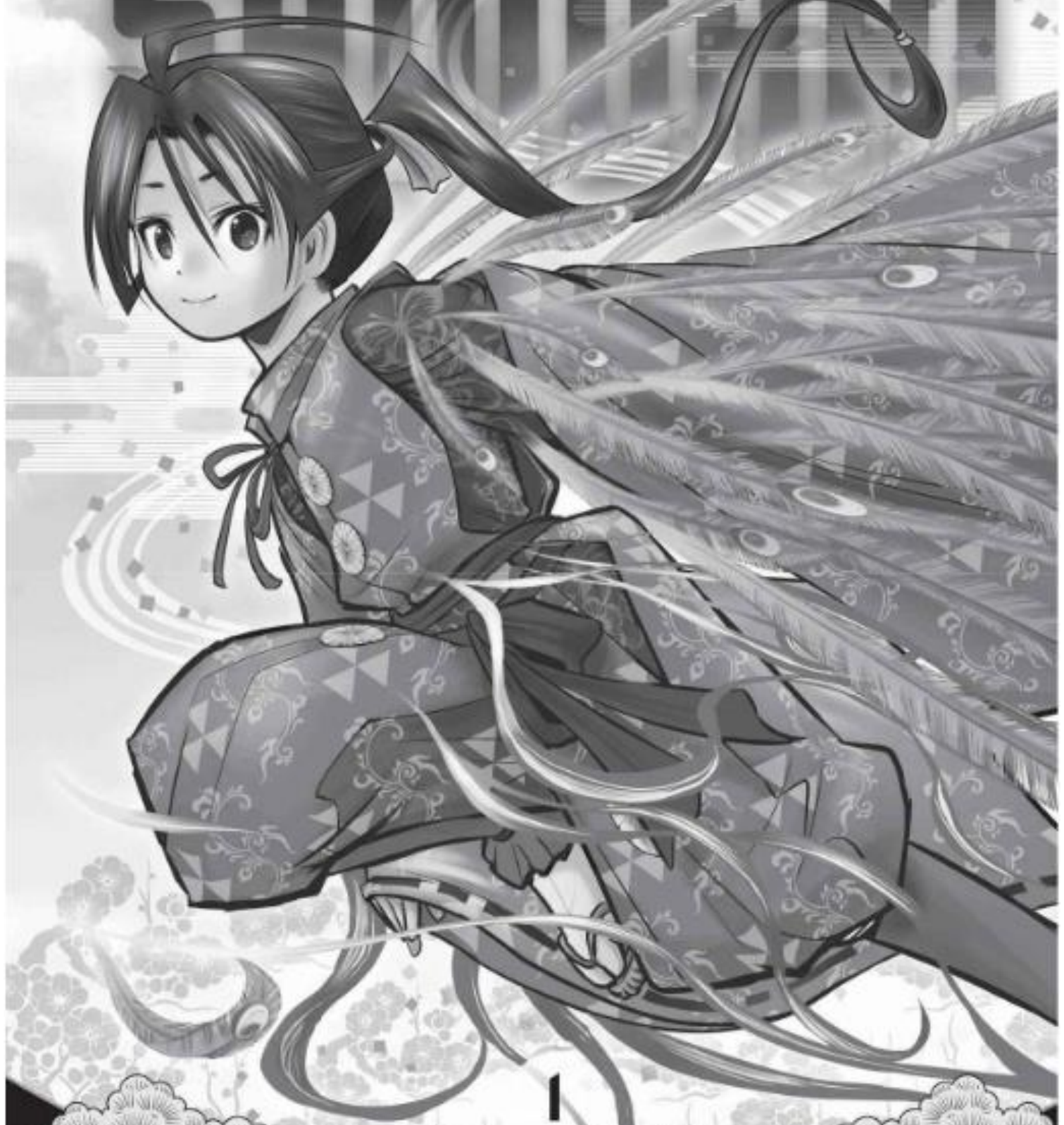
**When I was a boy, I was good at dodging in dodgeball. I would always be the last player remaining, so I felt like a hero.**

**The boy in this story is a historical personage who recreates that feeling for me. If readers find a little-known period in Japanese history to be thrilling through the unique perspective he provides, both the boy from 30 years ago and the boy from 700 years ago would be proud.**

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Yusei Matsui was born on the last day of January in Saitama Prefecture, Japan. He has been drawing manga since elementary school. Some of his favorite manga series are *Bobobo-bo Bo-bobo*, *Jojo's Bizarre Adventure*, and *Ultimate Muscle*. Matsui learned his trade working as an assistant to manga artist Yoshio Sawai, creator of *Bobobo-bo Bo-bobo*. In 2005, Matsui debuted his original manga *Neuro: Supernatural Detective* in *Weekly Shonen Jump*. In 2007, *Neuro* was adapted into an anime. In 2012, *Assassination Classroom* began serialization in *Weekly Shonen Jump*.

# THE ELUSIVE COMBATANT



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FOR A  
WARRIOR,  
HONOR IS  
BATTLE AND  
DEATH.

VALOR-  
OUS  
DEATH IN  
COMBAT  
...

NOBLE  
SUICIDE  
...



ALL  
RIGHT...

LET'S  
GET  
OUT OF  
HERE!!

**CHAPTER 1:**  
**THE SLAUGHTER OF 1333**



...AND  
LIVED TO  
BECOME A  
LEGEND.

...  
BECAME  
A HERO  
BY  
RUNNING  
AWAY...

BUT  
ONE  
BOY...





**CHAPTER I: THE SLAUGHTER OF 1333**





THE ELUSIVE  
**SAMURAI**

















I PRAY  
THAT YOU  
DO GREAT  
DEEDS FOR THE  
PROSPERITY OF  
KAMAKURA AND  
THE WARRIOR  
FAMILIES.

I...  
I KNOW WE  
CAN COUNT  
ON YOU,  
TAKAIIJI-  
DONO.

HOJO TOKIYUKI  
SON OF  
HOJO TAKATOKI

SMILE

TMP  
TMP



SOMEDAY  
YOU'LL  
GIVE HIM  
ORDERS!

YOU'RE  
THE  
FUTURE  
LEADER  
OF THE  
SHOGUN-  
ATE!

KIYOKO  
...

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
FAWN OVER  
HIM LIKE THAT,  
TOKIYUKI-  
SAMA!!





