

**Narration of Appie about his past life and beliefs.**

**Sequence of butterfly spawning from cocoon as Appie speaks.**

**Appie's narration:**

Many children want to be a hero.

Since I was a boy, my father filled my dreams with fantasies of the hero and his sword,  
Bravely Traveling far to new lands  
slaying all evildoers in their path for the good of mankind.

“A childish mind will turn to noble ambition” -Shiek, Ocarina of Time

[next chapter?]

Narrate throughout the story ^^^^^^^

~~The victor of battles. The slayer of the dragon. The damsel in distress.~~

~~My dragon was the beast within me.~~

~~And the damsel, well... You'll have to keep listening to know her story.~~

~~But a hero is a vague description, dependent on the teller's perspective.~~

~~I thought he could show me how to be a warrior.~~

~~But his methods were contrary to what I believed a hero would use.~~

Close up of apple on desk

A wakizashi(Short sword) slices through it. (Appie does not use his sword in a respectful way.)

Appie is now in frame. He is selling apples on a market stand. He hands the sliced apple to a customer.

Zoom out to view market

Appie stretches and yawns. His work day is over.

Birds eye shot of Appie walking through the town street.

Appie passes a alleyway

A noise is from the alleyway, and Appie stops when he hears it. His curiosity is peaked.

Appie steps back and peeks into the alleyway.

Upon closer inspection, Appie sees that a person is being mugged by another.

Mugger- Give me the money! NOW!

Muggee- I swear! I don't have any!

Frame both mugger and mugee.

Mugger- LIAR! I will cut you if you don't cough it up!

Muggee- Please! I have nothing!

Zoom back to view appie peering into alley

Appie- An innocent soul in danger? I can finally use my sword to defend the weak! Now is my chance to be a hero!

Close up of appie's sword being drawn

Appie sneaks up on mugger. Camera is pointing at Appie's and the mugger's back.

Appie is slicing down towards mugger. Mugger looks frightened. A pair of white eyes of the Samurai in White is seen in the background of darkness.

Appie- Taste my justice!

Close up panel of Samurai in White's left hand in motion, then right hand

Wide shot. Samurai in White has both Appie and Mugger limbs in his grips, keeping them from each other's distance

Samurai steals Appie's sword and throws him away. At the same time, Samurai in White pins Mugger onto the ground.

Kneeling over holding the mugger in place, Samurai in White holds his hand in warning Appie to stay away.  
Samurai to Appie- Stay back.

Samurai in White speaks to the Mugee  
Samurai in White- Run away now please.

Mugee runs away  
Samurai in White- you really weren't going to hurt her, were you?  
Mugger- God no! I would never!

Samurai- You're lying. Do not lie to me again. Why do you feel the need to steal from others?  
Mugger- I needed the money! I needed the money way more than she did!

Samurai in White- I know little about you. But I can guess. You might have a family to take care of. You might be sick and cannot afford medicine. You might owe money **to sharks**. There are a number of reasons why you turned to crime and surrendered your honor. A number of reasons that you sacrificed your integrity.

Samurai in White- So what is the true reason? Why did you *really* need the money?

Pause... Wide shot

Wide shot  
Mugger- I'm hungry. So hungry.

Close up of Samurai  
Samurai in White- Ah.  
**Samurai- hunger makes people do reckless things.**

Close up of Mug's face.  
Sam- So, what did you want to do with your life when you were young?

Mug- I dunno...

Sam- I think you do know.

Mug-...

Mug- Work with animals or something?

Sam- That sounds like a very noble thing to do. You must be a very noble person.

**Samurai in White- I'm going to release you now. If you run, I will alert the authorities and hunt you down, but I urge you, if you want the helping hand that you desperately need, follow me. And do not be afraid.**

Samurai in White releases Mugger.  
Samurai- up.

Mugger stands up.

Samurai wraps his arm around mugger, leading forward with his free hand.  
~~Samurai in White beckons Mugger to follow.~~  
Samurai in White- Come. Let's get something to eat.

Samurai in White and Mugger start walking right.

Intrigued, Appie follows Samurai in White and Mugger.

Wide shot of characters and Inn. Samurai in White and mugger walk into a Inn

Appie follows Samurai in White into Inn

Establishing shot of Inn interior

Frame up of characters and table

Samurai in White beckons mugger to sit down.  
Samurai in White- Please sit.

Appie peers into the inn entrance and meets eye contact with the Smarurai.

Samurai beacons Appie to take a seat.

All characters sit down at table. Samurai in White on left, mugger on right, and Appie in middle.  
Lucy- Be with you in a moment hon!

Mugger- Why are you helping me?

Samurai in White- Whether or not you deserve it, you need help.

Samurai in White leans in:

Samurai in White- So why do you need help?

Samurai in White- What got you into this drab situation?

Mugger- I got fired. **ELABORATE**

Mugger- I lost my mind. **ELABORATE**

Mugger- I was thrown out onto the street. **ELABORATE**

Mugger stares downward.

Mugger- I steal because I have no money, and I have no money because no one will hire me because I steal. My reputation that keeps me from living a normal life. **Elaborate?**

Portrait of Samurai in White:

Samurai in White- So no one will give you the chance to change, and you are stuck in this awful lifestyle? A vicious cycle?

Portrait of mugger:

mugger- Exactly.

————— Samurai- You steal cause you're hungry, and you're hungry because you steal. Right?

————— Mugger- Yes.

Wide shot of table and innkeeper:

Samurai in White- Well, let's break that cycle.

Innkeeper comes to table.

Innkeeper- What can I do for you, friends?

Samurai in White- Could we get three bowls of soup, and an open job position?

Samurai in White points to mugger across the table.

Innkeeper- Who are we hiring?

Samurai in White- This fine fellow here.

Innkeeper leaves frame to get soup.

Innkeeper- One moment.

Group at table is waiting for food.

Innkeeper serves soup to the three characters.

Innkeeper- Any friend of the samurai is a friend of mine. Eat up! After you're done, I'll show you the ropes!

Zoom into Appie's face:

Appie- \*whispers\* White samurai...

Zoom into muggers face. He dips his spoon into his bowl.

Mugger eats a spoonful of soup.

Mugger has a big smile on his face. He hasn't had a meal this delicious in a long time.

Time has passed. Mugger is now at right of frame, sweeping the floor, and waving goodbye to the leaving Samurai in White and Appie.

Appie- Why did you not punish that man?

Samurai- If I threatened him with pain or punishment, he would be forced to defend himself and injury would be inevitable.

If I let him go, he might have harmed or killed someone in the near future.

He is of much greater use in giving people decent meals and bedding, living a good life.

He wanted freedom, so I gave it to him.

Appie gazes at the city behind him

Then Appie gazes at the Samurai in White in the distance

Appie hurries to catch up to the Samurai walking away.

**Appie narrates:**

But my journey would be very different from what I had anticipated.

And, I will admit, I was a little disappointed with him at first.  
But I could not let this opportunity slip by.

It's not everyday you meet such a skilled warrior.

I'm not sure if I was lucky to find him,  
But one thing is for sure.

I learned from him.

~~He does not dwell in greatness, while his opponents suffer.~~

~~He suffers in bliss. His enemies transform.~~

~~He was impeccable to me. Sinless, and righteous.~~

~~My battle would be a spiritual one.~~

~~I would follow him, and we would suffer together.~~

~~His story would end in blood and fire.~~

~~Our story ends in blood and fire, but not in the way you expect. (?)~~

[common trope WW]

*What grave does woman come out of? Research other culture's grave.*

Scene change. Zoom into grave in graveyard

A skeletal hand reaches up from the grave

A woman with a sinister smile crawls out of the grave, facing the camera

**END**

**Ask people what they would like the samurai and Appie to do in the series**