

Hi,
I know who
you are,
"HERO"...

...HOWEVER,
THOSE DAYS CAME
TO AN END WHEN I
RECEIVED A
REQUEST TO
DEFEAT A CERTAIN
WITCH...

IN THE
PROCESS,
PEOPLE
BEGAN TO
CALL ME
"HERO"

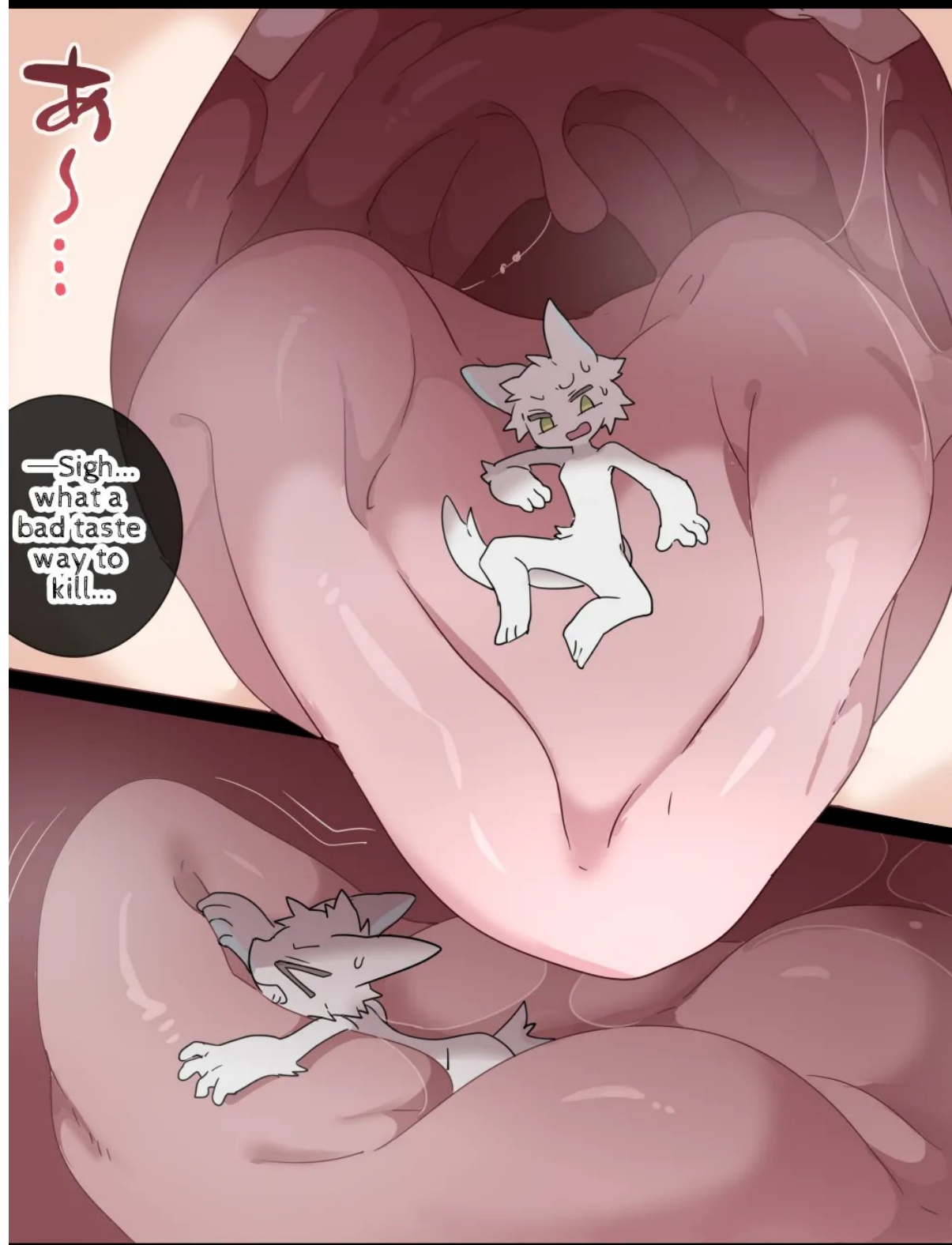
I HAVE
HUNTED ALL
KINDS OF
DEMONS AND
BAD GUYS TO
MAKE MONEY

WHEW...
THAT WAS
CLOSE,
I'M SO GLAD
MY SHRINKING
MAGIC MADE
IT JUST IN
TIME!

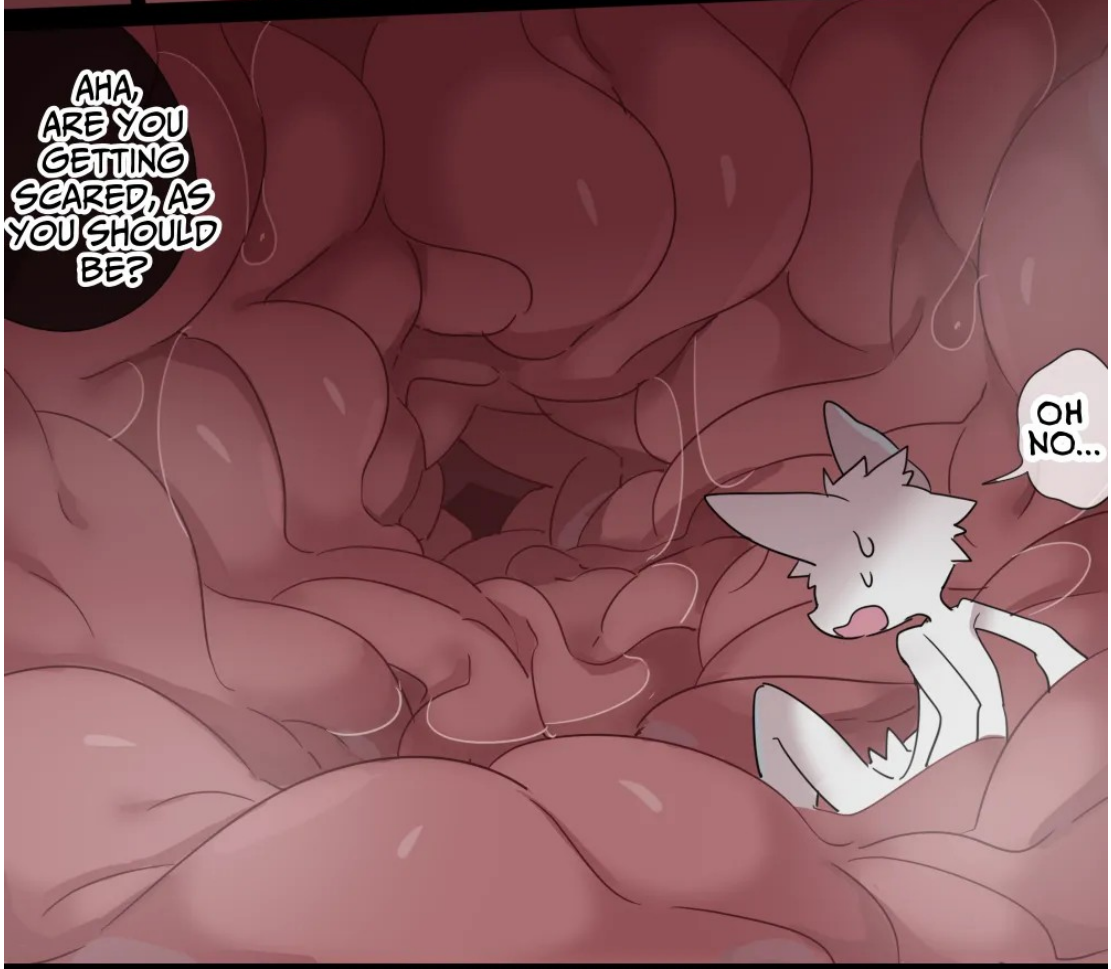
NOW THE
GAME IS
SETTLED.
IT'S YOUR
LOSE

Ugh...











すり
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**BUT JUST
SO YOU
KNOW,
I CAN DO
MAGIC**

**I CAN KEEP
MY PREY IN
MY STOMACH
FOREVER
WITHOUT
DIGESTING
IT...**

**...I'VE
TAKEN A
LIKING TO
YOU**



**I'LL NOT
LISTEN TO
THESE
CRAZY
OFFERS...
I'M NOT
GIVING UP...!!**

**WOULDN'T
YOU LIKE TO
CONTINUE TO
LIVE OUT THE
REST OF YOUR
PEACEFUL LIFE
AS MY PET?**



**THE
COLDLY
PART OF
MY MIND
SAYS
SO...**

**WHAT
COULD I
POSSIBLY
FIGHT BACK
IN THIS
SITUATION?**

**...BUT
EVEN IF I
THINK
"I'M NOT
GIVING
UP"...**

In the first place,
does it make sense
for me to return to
the life of a "hero"
who endlessly
fights demons?



You've
worked
so hard...

From now
on, all you
have to do is
slumber
inside me all
the time

—INDEED,
THE WARMTH IS
COMFORTING...



AND
IT'S SO
SOFT

I FEEL LIKE IT
WOULDN'T
BE A BAD
IDEA TO STAY
HERE FOR
THE REST OF
MY LIFE...

A blonde anime girl with large, pointed fox ears and long, dark grey gloves. She is smiling and looking towards the viewer. She is wearing a white strapless top. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a blue sky.

**THERE'S NO
PAIN, NO
HARDSHIP...
AS LONG AS
YOU'RE
INSIDE ME,
EVERYTHING
WILL BE FINE!**

**FROM NOW
ON,
YOU AND
I WILL
SHARE THE
DELICIOUS
FOOD TOO**

**ISN'T
IT?**

**LET'S FORGET
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
OUTSIDE AND
LIVE AS MY
CUTE LITTLE
PET!**

A white cat with green eyes is lying down, partially covered by a large, red, fleshy mass. The cat's head is visible, and it has a relaxed expression. The background is a solid red color.

AS SOON AS I
HEARD HER
WORDS, I
FOUND MY
WHOLE BODY
RELAXED,

...

I SUNK INTO FLESH ALONG WITH THE SENSE OF HAPPINESS...

And so,
the hero
disappeared.

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had disappeared,
the witch ruled that
land more and more
strongly.

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俺は
日銭を稼ぐため
多くの魔物や
悪人を狩ってきて

そのうち
勇者だの英雄だの
称えられる
ようになった

…しかし
そんな日々も
今回の「魔女」
討伐依頼を機に
あっけなく
終わりを迎える

ふうん
貴方が噂の…

いやあ…
私の縮小魔法が
間一髪で間に合っ
てよかった！

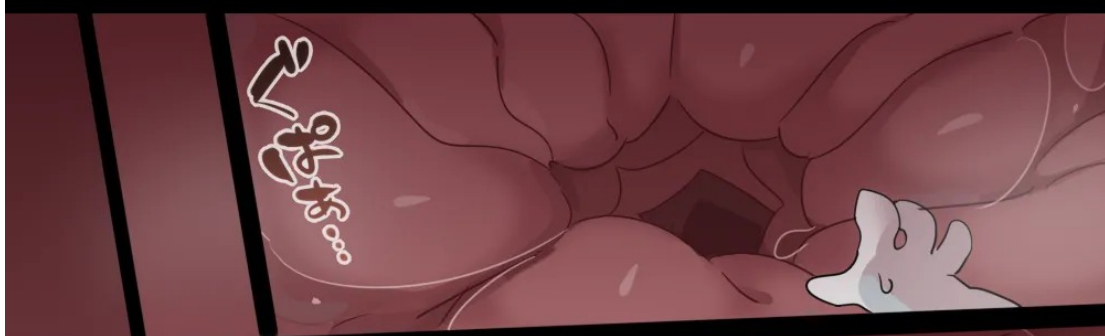
こうなればもう
勝負は決まった
ようなモノだね

くっ…











けど知っての通り
私は魔法が
使えるからね

獲物を消化せず
お腹の中でずっと
飼ってあげることが
できる…

私は貴方が
気に入った
んだよ

すり
すり



このままペットとして
穏やかな余生を
送りたくないかい？

こ、こんなイカれた誘いに
耳を傾けちゃいけない…
諦めちゃ…ダメ…だ



…でも
諦めないって
言っただって…

こんな状況で
今さら何の抵抗が
できるって言うんだ？

…そんなもう一つの
心の声が木霊する

そもそも
延々と魔物を
屠る「勇者」の
人生に戻ることに
意味はあるのか？



今まで
貴方はよく
頑張った

これからはもう
私の中でずっと
まどろんでいるだけで
良いんだよ

——確かに
あたさが
心地いい…



それに
とても
柔らかい

何だかもう
一生ここに
いるのも
悪くない
気がする

苦しいことも
痛いことも何も無い…
私の中に入れば
何もかも大丈夫！

美味しいものも
一緒に分け合おう

ね？

外のことは
なにもかも忘れて
私の可愛いペットとして
生きようじゃないか





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「勇者」は消息を絶った

脅威が無くなった

魔女はますます強固に
その地に君臨したという

…そんな彼女が

いつも愛おしそうに

腹を撫でている理由を

知る者は1人としていない…