TO LOVE AND DIE ON HEIR

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Panel 1. KYLIE (a young girl, around twelve, dressed all in white) stands at attention in the middle of a dojo. The walls are decorated with deadly weapons: guns, swords, etc. Across from her stands TANJO (a large warrior with tattoos all over his body, and a ridiculously large sword strapped to his back). He towers over her.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

I was trained to be an assassin at a very young age.

- Panel 2. Tanjo gestures for Kylie to come forward.
- Panel 3. Kylie punches Tanjo.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

I took to the training very quickly.

- Panel 4. Tanjo back hands Kylie.
- Panel 5. Kylie falls to the floor with a cut on her mouth.
- Panel 6. Kylie wipes the blood from her mouth. She is furious.

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Splash page showing Kylie's training. We see her age as she learns different things: fight training (Age 12), weapons training (Age 14), poison training (Age 17), follows Tanjo on a job as an apprentice (Age 21).

CAPTION (KYLIE)

I was very good at it.

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Panel 1. TRANDOR III (a young man in his mid twenties, dressed in fancy silk clothes) opens the door to his apartment. The apartment is nice. You wouldn't necessarily look at it and say this apartment belongs to two princes of Fayrii, but it's obvious it's not a pauper's apartment either.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

There's an unspoken rule in the world of assassins.

Panel 2. Trandor walks into his living room to see PALAR (20's, similar clothes to Trandor) on the floor with his throat slit.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

Never fall in love with a Royal...

TRANDOR III

Palar?

Panel 3. Kylie (now in her mid twenties, attractive, slim, a little taller than Trandor and dressed all in black) walks out of the shadows holding a bloody knife.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

...Because you never know when you'll be hired to kill them.

KYLIE

Did you know him?

Panel 4. Trandor looks down at Palar's body.

TRANDOR III

He was my cousin.

KYLTE

Were you close?

Panel 5. Trandor looks back up at Kylie.

TRANDOR III

Not particularly, no. Who hired...

KYLIE

I can't say. There are rules.

TRANDOR III

Was it my father? My Uncle?

KYLIE

I can't say.

TRANDOR III

Right. Rules.

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Panel 1. Kylie moves to the exit of the apartment.

TRANDOR III

Am I in any danger?

Panel 2. Kylie turns back to face Trandor.

KYLIE

No. The contract was just for your cousin.

TRANDOR III

Well, that's good news. Not for my cousin, but still... you're quite pretty.

Panel 3. Kylie is confused.

KYLIE

Thank you?

TRANDOR III

This is a little awkward, but would you like to have dinner with me?

Panel 4. Kylie moves closer to Trandor holding the knife under his nose.

KYLIE

Are you asking me on a date?

TRANDOR III

Yes?

KYLIE

I just killed your cousin.

TRANDOR III

That's why it's a little awkward. I know this great place. They serve a delicious roasted runnertail.

CAPTION (KYLIE)

Never fall in love with a Royal.

Panel 5. Kylie lowers the knife and looks at Trandor. She's curious.

KYLTE

I could eat.

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- Panel 1. Kylie and Trandor have dinner at a lavish restaurant. There is a half eaten meal in front of them. She laughs at something he's said; it's not something she's used to doing.
- Panel 2. Kylie and Trandor stand next to each other at his cousin's funeral. Kylie awkwardly tries to comfort him.
- Panel 3. Kylie and Trandor have sex in Trandor's bedroom.
- Panel 4. Kylie and Trandor lay in bed together post coitus. Trandor is asleep. Kylie watches him lovingly.

CAPTION (KYLIE)
Never. Fall. In. Love. With. A. Royal.

Panel 5. Close up of Kylie with an "I'm screwed" look on her face.

KYLIE

Oh, shit.