

THE TALE OF OIWA

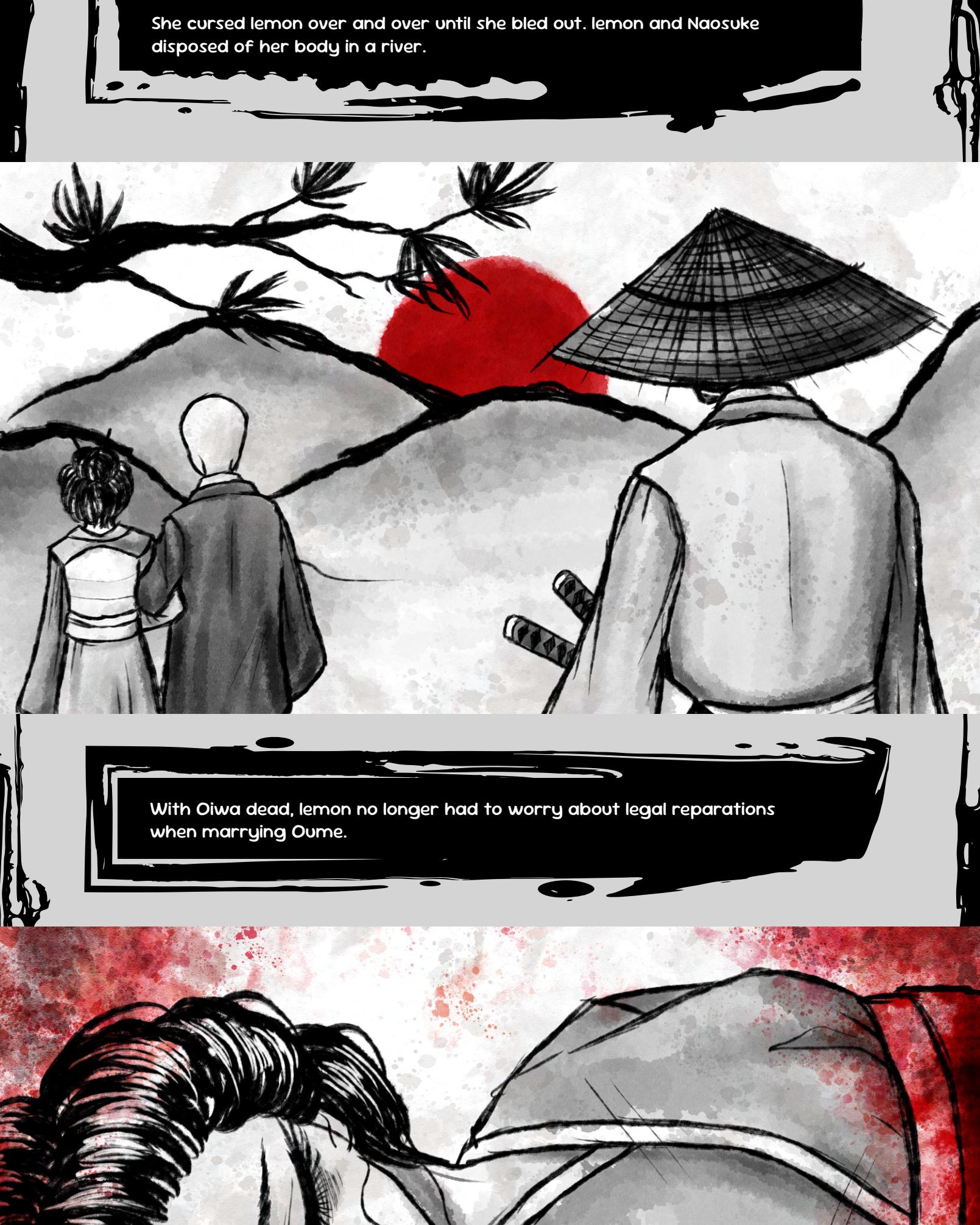
This was a video project depicting the Japanese Tale of Oiwa: originally with narration, but removed since it featured other classmates' voices, which I did not want to post without consent.

Below are the general scenes I drew for the project before I put the video together in AfterEffects. The pictures were drawn digitally with the Suibokuga style in mind. Some details and characters were left out due to the brevity of the project, and there are a few different versions with different details, but the general story is as follows.



NOT PICTURED: A disgraced samurai named Lemon desires to marry a girl named Oiwa, but faces conflicts with her father, Samon, disapproving. At the same time, a criminal named Naosuke desires to marry Osode, Oiwa's sister who already has a husband. Lemon and Naosuke conspire to kill Samon and Osode's husband, covering up their involvement from the two women. They swear to the women to avenge the deaths of their loved ones, and in exchange, Oiwa and Osode marry them. Oiwa and Lemon have a son together.

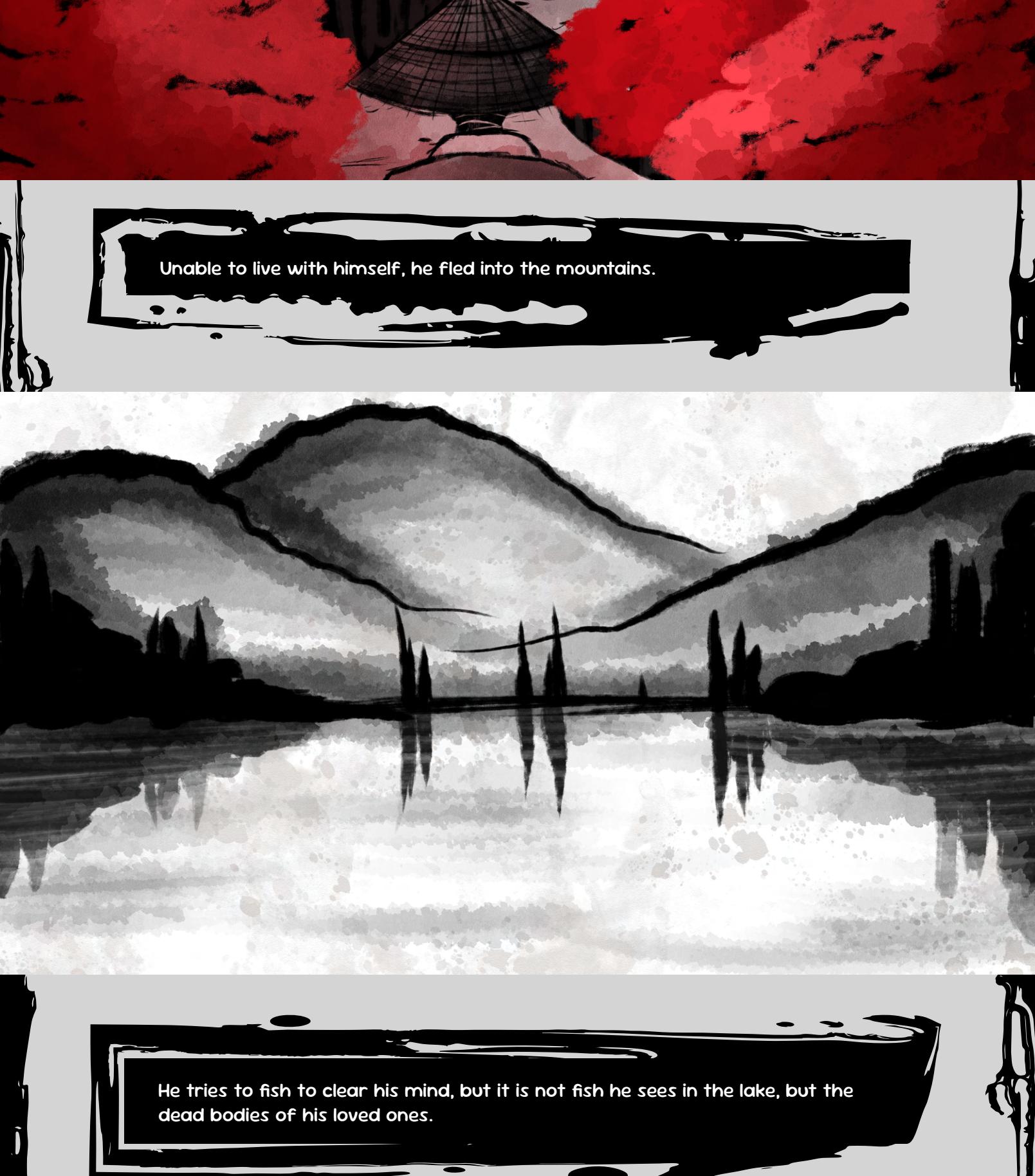
After the birth of their son, Oiwa begins falling ill and Lemon begins to resent her for it. At this time, he meets Oume, the daughter (or granddaughter, depending on the version) of a rich doctor, and sees her as a chance to amass wealth and escape his sickly wife.



Aided by Naosuke, he gives his wife a poison (or a face cream in some versions) that horrifically disfigures her face.



Terrorized by her own appearance, Oiwa takes the life of herself and her son.



She cursed Lemon over and over until she bled out. Lemon and Naosuke disposed of her body in a river.



With Oiwa dead, Lemon no longer had to worry about legal reparations when marrying Oume.

However, on their wedding night, Oiwa haunted Lemon, tricking him into killing his new bride and her father.



Unable to live with himself, he fled into the mountains.

He tries to fish to clear his mind, but it is not fish he sees in the lake, but the dead bodies of his loved ones.

Constantly haunted by Oiwa, Lemon ends up falling into madness and takes his own life (in some versions, different characters of the remaining cast kill him).

