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### **Blade of the Immortal**

by Hiroaki Samura

Dark Horse Comics ([www.darkhorse.com](http://www.darkhorse.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?bladeoftheimmortal>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Blade, Samurai Jack*

Rin is a young woman looking to avenge the death of her parents. She is joined by Manji, a ronin who has been cursed with immortality until he can kill one thousand evil men. Together, the body count rises.

### **Lone Wolf & Cub**

by Kazuo Koike, Goseki Kojima

Dark Horse Comics ([www.darkhorse.com](http://www.darkhorse.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?lonewolfandcub>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Akira Kurosawa*

During the dark days of Japan's history, this is the story of a samurai who was once the Shogun's executioner. Known as Lone Wolf, Ogami travels with his young son.

### **X/1999**

By CLAMP

Viz Communications ([www.viz.com](http://www.viz.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?x1999>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: The Fifth Element*

The Dragons of Heaven and Earth are gathering to battle for the fate of the world. In the end, though, it will come down to the choice of a single individual. Follow Kamui and Fuma to the brink of apocalypse.

### **Battle Angel Alita**

by Yukito Kishiro

Viz Communications ([www.viz.com](http://www.viz.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/battleangelalita>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: The Dark Angel TV Series*

Alita was found on the scrap heap beneath Tiphareth, and rebuilt to become a bounty hunter and much more.

### **Neon Genesis Evangelion**

by Gainax/Yoshiyuki Sadamoto

Viz Communications ([www.viz.com](http://www.viz.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/evangelion>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Power Rangers, Ender's Game*

Fifteen years after an "angel" triggered an almost total "End Life Event," cities have been rebuilt and the world's trying to recover. But now other "angels" appear determined to destroy Earth. Can a group of child pilots in incredible machines defend the world against an ultimate evil?

## **Recommended Reading List: Shounen**

From samurai dramas to kung fu comedies, shounen manga covers a broad range of what's considered 'men's comics' in Japan. But shounen manga can appeal to everyone! If you're a fan of Kurosawa movies, Japanese culture or epics, check out the manga we've gathered here.

### **Island**

by In-Wan Youn and Kyung-Il Yang

TOKYOPOP ([www.tokyopop.com](http://www.tokyopop.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?island>

**[MATURE READERS]**

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Angel*

Won Miho was bored with her life and wanted a change. Her father got her a job on the island of Cheju - a place that looks like veritable paradise, but houses dark, unspeakable evils. When she becomes the target of demons, who will save her?

### **Akira**

by Katsuhiro Otomo

Dark Horse ([www.darkhorse.com](http://www.darkhorse.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?akira>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Ghost In The Shell, Mad Max*

The race is on to find and control Akira before he awakens fully. Unfortunately the desperately unstable gang member Tetsuo gets to him first, and the destruction of the world has never been closer.

### **Dark Angel**

by Kia Asamiya

CPM ([www.cpmmanga.com](http://www.cpmmanga.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?darkangel>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: The Lord of the Rings*

Dark Angel tells the story of the Phantom Saints and their struggle to maintain balance and peace.

### **Ranma 1/2**

by Rumiko Takahashi

Viz Communications ([www.viz.com](http://www.viz.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?ranma>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Princess Prince, Jackie Chan*

Ranma Saotome is a fantastic martial artist. Unfortunately for him, his training had a nasty side effect. Due to falling into a cursed spring while fighting with his father, Ranma now turns into a girl when splashed with cold water.

### **Ah! My Goddess**

by Kosuke Fukushima

Dark Horse ([www.darkhorse.com](http://www.darkhorse.com))

<http://read.sequentialtart.com/?ahmygoddess>

*You'll enjoy this if you like: Weird Science*

Ah! My Goddess is a gentle, affecting romance between an angelic goddess and the young man whose errant wish has made her into his girlfriend.

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