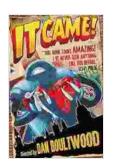
# It Came from Volume 1: An Introduction to the Allure of Manga

#### What is Manga?

Manga is a term used to describe Japanese comics and graphic novels. It is a vast and diverse medium that encompasses a wide range of genres, from action and adventure to romance and comedy. Manga is often characterized by its distinctive art style, which is typically black and white and features large, expressive eyes and exaggerated features.



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#### A Brief History of Manga

The origins of manga can be traced back to the 12th century, when Japanese artists began to produce illustrated scrolls called *emaki*. These scrolls were often used to tell stories or to illustrate religious texts. Over time, the *emaki* tradition evolved into the more modern form of manga, which began to flourish in the 19th century.

One of the most important figures in the early development of manga was Hokusai Katsushika. Hokusai was a master ukiyo-e artist who is best

known for his series of woodblock prints called *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*. Hokusai's work had a profound influence on the development of manga, and his distinctive style can still be seen in many contemporary manga series.

#### The Golden Age of Manga

The 1950s and 1960s are considered to be the "Golden Age" of manga. During this time, a number of influential manga artists emerged, including Osamu Tezuka, Shotaro Ishinomori, and Fujio Akatsuka. These artists helped to popularize manga and to establish it as a major form of entertainment in Japan.

One of the most important manga series of the Golden Age was *Astro Boy*, created by Osamu Tezuka. *Astro Boy* was a groundbreaking series that told the story of a young robot boy who fought to protect humanity from evil. The series was a huge success in Japan and helped to introduce manga to a global audience.

### **Manga Today**

Today, manga is more popular than ever before. It is read by people of all ages and from all walks of life. Manga has also had a significant impact on popular culture, inspiring everything from anime to video games to fashion.

There are a number of reasons for the enduring popularity of manga. First, manga is a very accessible medium. It is easy to read and understand, and it can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Second, manga is very versatile. It can be used to tell any kind of story, from action and adventure to romance and comedy. Third, manga is often very visually appealing. The art style is

often very expressive and engaging, and it can help to bring the story to life.

#### The Allure of Manga

So what is it about manga that makes it so appealing to readers? There are a number of factors that contribute to the allure of manga, including:

- The art style: The art style of manga is often very distinctive and expressive. The large, expressive eyes and exaggerated features can help to convey a wide range of emotions and to create a sense of drama and excitement.
- The storytelling: Manga is often very well-written, with engaging plots and characters. The stories can be very complex and nuanced, and they can explore a wide range of themes and issues.
- The cultural significance: Manga is deeply rooted in Japanese culture. It reflects the values and beliefs of the Japanese people, and it can provide a valuable insight into Japanese society.

Manga is a fascinating and diverse medium that has something to offer everyone. Whether you are a fan of action and adventure, romance, comedy, or anything in between, you are sure to find a manga series that you will enjoy.

If you are interested in learning more about manga, I encourage you to check out the following resources:

 The Manga Bible: The Complete Guide to Japanese Comics by Jason Thompson

- The History of Manga by Frederik L. Schodt
- The Kodansha Encyclopedia of Manga by Jason Thompson

These resources will provide you with a comprehensive overview of the world of manga, and they will help you to discover the many different types of manga that are available.

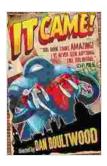
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\* \*\*Image 1:\*\* A black and white illustration of a young boy with large, expressive eyes and exaggerated features. He is wearing a tattered cloak and holding a sword. \*\*Alt attribute:\*\* A young manga character with a determined expression. \* \*\*Image 2:\*\* A full-color illustration of a group of people standing in front of a traditional Japanese house. They are all wearing kimonos and smiling. \*\*Alt attribute:\*\* A group of people celebrating a festival in Japan. \* \*\*Image 3:\*\* A full-color illustration of a young woman with long, flowing hair and a beautiful kimono. She is standing in a field of flowers. \*\*Alt attribute:\*\* A young woman in a beautiful kimono admiring the flowers. \* \*\*Image 4:\*\* A full-color illustration of a group of people fighting in a battle. They are all wearing armor and wielding weapons. \*\*Alt attribute:\*\* A battle scene from a manga series. \* \*\*Image 5:\*\* A full-color illustration of a young couple sitting on a bench in a park. They are holding hands and smiling. \*\*Alt attribute:\*\* A couple enjoying a romantic moment in the park.

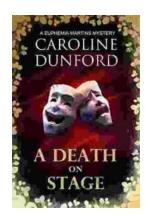
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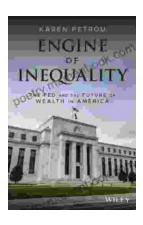






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