

*“The Hinomoto Rebellion: Book One of the Aka Ryuu Chronicles”* An Anime Fiction Novel by Liz Staley

After the test run of a power source that would allow mankind to travel beyond its solar system failed, all of Earth’s technology was rendered useless. Only a year after this accident, in 2033, the citizens of Hinomoto rose up against an unjust government. Their victory brought about a short-lived era of peace and equality until the new democracy corrupted itself. It then outlawed the very thing that overthrew the previous leaders: Martial Arts.

Five-hundred years later, humanity has regained their mastery over technology and science. Those who practice Martial arts are seen by law enforcement and the government as the most dangerous of criminals. Despite being arrested or murdered in the streets by the police, these *ronin* still struggle to keep their fighting traditions alive. While the Shogun tries to protect his family from a power-hungry Daimyo, a rebellion begins to grow in the bars and underground dojos that will test the limits of a group of Martial Artists as they attempt to restore the balance of power.

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