

## **Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant**

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Delilah Dirk isn't your typical kind of girl, she's a daring woman of many talents! She's traveled the world far and wide and soon enough she's captured by the Turkish army. Delilah is interrogated by Lieutenant Selim, who begins to learn about her boisterous personality, elite background, and extraordinary combat skills. His findings aren't all that convincing to his higher ups, scoring him an execution. But then Delilah manages to break out of prison and save Selim from his own deathbed. Being totally caught off guard, Selim finds himself on a flying boat with Delilah Dirk off on a wild adventure to pilfer from a pirate that had wronged her. Ever so polite and kind, Selim decides to tag along to repay Delilah for saving his life. And at times he gets in the way, but Selim's delightful tea and friendship never gives up on this journey of a lifetime.

Tony Cliff's graphic design and artistry is certainly bursting from the pages of this story! Readers can enjoy the vivid scenes that provide a glimpse into 1800's Turkey and become more interested in the country's history. There is also a multitude of dynamic and free flowing scenes that are sure to pack a punch! All the characters have very animated movements and expressions that made for a richly dramatic reading experience. And having a bold character like Delilah is certainly a breath of fresh air from the typical powerlessness of female characters. I'm sure many readers will be drawn to her assertive personality and adventurous attitude, as well as her unlikely friendship with ever so polite and selfless Selim.

There are violent elements within this book to look out for, with intense combat, injuries, and explosions. Because of that, the story doesn't necessarily encourage positive and diplomatic actions. Another thing to mention is the fact that Delilah's dress is a tad bit revealing and may not be best for some readers. I feel that I may have better enjoyed this graphic novel had there been more depth to the plot. Knowing all of this, I would recommend this novel for anyone 11 years or older. Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant would make a great gift to fans of Indiana Jones, Tintin, and anyone looking for an action-packed graphic novel.

### **Recommended Titles:**

The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks

Delilah Dirk and the King's Shilling by Tony Cliff (Delilah Dirk #2)

Friends with Boys by Faith Erin Hicks

Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen

Beware the Kitten Holy by Noelle Stevenson (Lumberjanes Vol# 1)