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Jo says

3.5 stars ??

#shortstories

#funnyshit

Leila Anani says

Probably my favourite yaoi anthology to date. Usually I'm not so keen on yaoi anthologies because the stories lack depth, but this one is surprisingly fun.

Firstly we have Three chapters/stories dedicated to the title story about a boy with a shapeshifting collie dog. Yes, it's the yaoi equivalent of the TV series Woof. Artwork's lovely and I was pleasantly surprised to find the dog was the seme.

Next we have two chapters/stories dedicated to two childhood friends parted by one of their parent's divorce and reunited 10 years later. Our dense hero is somewhat shocked to find his childhood playmate whom he always assumed was a girl is in fact a guy. Bit far fetched, but nice emotional depth.

Finally a Ponyo esque story to finish about a guy who saves a goldfish from being disposed of by some kid only to have it turn into a beautiful human lover.

Strong, sexy stories with really nice artwork.

Jesi says

There are three volumes of Inu mo Arukeba and I read all three of them... in English. I couldn't add it any other way so I just did this.

First of all, I've been DYING to read this ever since I first heard of it and I looked EVERYWHERE for scanlations but I just couldn't find any. Suddenly I got an idea and I did find it finally. Buy it and support the author, I will!

Volume 1:

That dog was so funny with his expressions and actions! It's just, so unrealistic but whatever, it was entertaining! So this stray dog is legit in love with this guy that passes everyday. The guy takes him in and names him Kuro and that's when he changes into a human.

It's so cute that when he speaks to him he explains that the he begged to the moon to become a human like him. It's also nice that the guy is really okay with suddenly being gay and ... well, it's a dog. Human, yes but initially a dog. I got over it.

This is a cute, funny yaoi, not a serious thing.

The other two volumes are about little events and it gets better. There's one part that really killed me, though. In a good or bad way? I'm still not sure... it's the part with the cop. It was so unnecessary and brief, just a little diss to gay people but he says, "I DON'T SWING THAT WAY" when human Kuro bites him so that was hilarious. Then they roll in the dirt... heh.

Seriously, I LOVED it!

Jessica Eck says

Da mir "Wild Rock" von Kazusa Takashima schon sehr gut gefallen hat, musste ich "Man's Best Friend" natürlich auch haben. Den Kauf habe ich zwar nicht bereut, denn die einzelnen Geschichten sind ein netter Zeitvertreib und die Zeichnungen sind wieder sehr schön, aber trotzdem war ich ein wenig enttäuscht.

Die ersten drei Stories ("Fallin' in Love", "Burnin' Love", "Gettin' Love") drehen sich um Ukyo, der einen Hund findet. Nur ist Kuro kein normaler Hund, wenn er aufgeregt ist verwandelt er sich in einen (ziemlich gutaussehenden) Mann. Bald stellt sich heraus, dass Kuro in seinen neuen Besitzer verliebt ist. Zwar kommt es in diesen Geschichten zu witzigen Momenten, doch das ist auch schon alles. Teilweise wird es für mich zu albern, romantische Gefühle oder gar Spannung kommen nicht auf und irgendwie scheint alles nur auf das Eine hinauszulaufen.

In den beiden nächsten Geschichten, "Summer's here again" und "Pinpoint Lovers", geht es um Kentaro und Kasumi, die in ihrer Kindheit befreundet waren, aber getrennt wurden. Als Jugendliche treffen sie sich wieder. Nur hat Kentaro Kasumi immer für ein Mädchen gehalten, jetzt stellt er sich jedoch als Junge heraus, der auch noch in Kentaro verliebt ist. Nach anfänglichen Schwierigkeiten finden die beiden dann doch zueinander. Allerdings lässt die nächste Kriese nicht lange auf sich warten.

Diese beiden Stories gefallen mir sehr gut. Die Charaktere sind sympathisch und die Story ist auch recht interessant.

In "Princess Goldfish" rettet Keisuke einen Goldfisch vor ein paar Kindern, die ihn vorher gewonnen haben und ihn nicht wollen. Aber wie in den ersten Geschichten handelt es sich nicht um ein normales Tier. Wieder verwandelt er sich in einen Menschen. Der Junge (der diesmal allerdings mehr einem Mädchen ähnelt) bietet ihm einen sehr angenehmen Dank an.

Diese Geschichte ist ganz niedlich, das ist aber auch schon alles.

Der Anhang, der auch das Thema "Wild Rock" behandelt, ist ziemlich interessant.

Im Großen und Ganzen ist "Man's best Friend" ein netter Manga für Zwischendurch, nicht mehr und nicht weniger. Natürlich erwarte ich von einem Einzelband, das auch noch aus Kurzgeschichten besteht, nicht die Tiefe von einer Geschichte, die sich über mehrere Bände hinzieht, aber wenn mir alle Stories so gefallen hätten wie "Summer's here again" und "Pinpoint Love" hätte der Manga 4 Sterne bekommen, so sind es gerade noch 3.

Jesi says

My review of all three novels are on the other volume here

Sarah says

When Ukyo rescues a stray dog, he soon learns that he may have made a rare find. His new dog, who he's named Kuro, can talk! And if that's not crazy enough, soon Kuro is able to magically transform into a human! With his dog now taking the form of a hot man and licking him in various places, what is Ukyo to do?! From the artist of Wild Rock comes Man's Best Friend! Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

From Blu.

This was a seriously cute read and I am so glad I picked it up. I have read Wild Rock by the same author and enjoyed it, and yep, it was totally pron romantic and angst!

The story is well scripted and I was totally engaged from start to finish. It was at times amusing, smexy and just plain fun. The trials and tribulations of life with a partner who is a shifter and a cute pooch, as opposed to some behemoth of a wolf, was a little different from most of the paranormal stuff I read and enormously appealing.

There were three separate stories about Ukyo and Kuro with much ummmm... licking, walking and smex. (it's good honest!) There are also two other short stories about Kasumi and Ken, who meet when they're younger and have this whole passionate avowal of 'I'll always wait for ewe,' thing going on (it was sweet!). I totally felt like I got much bang for my buck. The final short is about a shifting goldfish... O-o ... which was a little different I must say, although not as weird as a shapeshifting seagull.

The art is gorgeous and, did I already say, cute? Seriously, it is all beautifully drawn and the panels just flowed. I liked it much!

You can check it out here at Blu, buy via Amazon, and do have a look at this great review at Sequential Tart. If you're keen on this kind of story then I recommend Anne Cain's Paw Prints series too, which you can get here at Loose Id or All Romance ebooks.

<http://sharrow.wordpress.com/2009/06/...>

Mara Arriagada says

Una graciosa y tierna historia de amor entre un chico llamado Ukyou y su perro Kuro, el cual por puede convertirse en humano. Un manga yaoi (hombre x hombre) recomendadable para los que quieren reír un rato, aunque hay que advertir que tiene escenas subidas de tono, pero no son tan explícitas.

Anna says

Not as good as I remembered it. I think the art for "Wild Rock" was better - many times, in these stories, the art got sloppy and I wasn't a fan. I also noticed how poorly written these stories were - at least "Wild Rock" and other yaoi manga like "Yellow" have decent storylines. These were full of pansy boys, stupid arguments,

and pretty much anything that makes it more of a porn story or a romance novel. All sex and no substance. I guess I understand my phase with this medium better now...

And for the record, I think the "Princess Goldfish" story was the cutest, even though the random sex was just as stupid as the other ones. Yet reading over the Inu Mo Arukeba stories made me a little uneasy since Ukyo has sex with a dog...

Jo R. Lee says

I pick this up every so often when I need a short fix of some funny, light yaoi. I just love Kuro to bits, and it makes me laugh the way Ukyo reacts to everything he does.

I also love the 'Princess Goldfish' story at the end.

Britt Marczak says

Got this manga in college from a friend and it's definitely memorable. I picked it up again to reread tonight because I wanted to pass a little time. I forgot it was an anthology, but the first stories (with Ukyo and Kuro, the dog who turns into a human when he gets too excited) will always be my favorite.

These are ridiculous cute stories (the second set has more angst), but good for fun, fluffy (no pun intended) reading.

Penniphurr says

The book is so silly! The best part is you know the mangaka is having a blast w/ it. In her commentary about the characters - this is so-and-so, he's stupid; and this is so-and-so, he's stupid too!

This is nothing more than gratuitous porn. This makes "Wild Rock" look like a Shakespearian drama

Gabrielle Blaque/~Bhlack Benehvolence~ says

This was a sweet, quick little read. It's cute, short and kind of smutty so if you like that then you might like this.

Sherry says

This manga contains a few short stories. The title story is told in a few loosely linked chapters. I wish the whole volume was full of those because they were absolutely hilarious in my opinion. The story itself is nothing to write home about (pretty PWP) but I adored these chapters none the less; they were really

entertaining.

The other stories were alright, I guess, but really nothing special.

78sunny says

Den Manga fand ich eher durchwachsen. Irgendwie war alles sehr oberflächlich und es gab keine wirkliche Handlung. Alles plätscherte vor sich hin. Hier sind zwei Kurzgeschichten enthalten. In einer verwandelt sich ein Hund, wenn er besonders aufgeregt ist in einen Menschen und lebt bei seinem Schwarm/Herrchen. Das war ganz süß aber wirklich Sinn ergab das alles nicht. Die zweite Geschichte handelt von zwei Kindheitsfreunden, die sich dann im Erwachsenenalter wiedertreffen. Aber auch hier ging alles zu schnell. Also es war ganz nett zu lesen, aber nichts besonderes.

Meine Wertung:

3,4/5

Teetee says

Another one of the first yaoi I read and a top favorite as well! Love the artwork and storylines-very funny stuff, and sexy too!
