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Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

This arc with Kurotabo and the cursed girl was quite good. I loved the frame at the end with the cranes and how Lord Senba was touched by the 1000 the girl had made.

The 88 Demons are starting to come out. We get a long arc with back story on Tamazuki and Inugami. I didn't find his ability that nasty or incredible, I was more shocked what Tamazuki did to win his loyalty.

BOTTOM LINE: A little boring :(

Mello ♡ Illium ★Harry★ ?Myrnin? Torin Ichimaru says

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My Thoughts:

The 88 Demons of Shikoku are really making their move now! They're terrorizing Ukiyoe Town and have even attacked one of his classmates! Thanks to Kurotabo and Lord Senba, Natsumi is saved and the evil Sodimoge is destroyed, but now Inugami is the next to go after Rikuo.

It turns into a pretty fierce battle. It looks like Rikuo has beaten him, though. It was even all the more fierce because it occurs in the school gymnasium with practically the entire school in attendance to listen to speeches for the Student Council President nominations. Thanks to Kiyotsugu's spectacular presentation, the fight was able to come across as some kind of stage play. Once again, Rikuo was able to keep anyone from discovering who he is. Which is just a bit odd considering Inugami kept screaming Rikuo's name at the top

of his lungs. It was also surprising because Rikuo changed during the day. If it hadn't been so dark thanks to Kiyotsugu's presentation, he wouldn't have been able to pull that off and that fight would have gone very differently.

What I want to know is why Tamazuki and his 88 demons have come to Ukiyoe Town in the first place. Is something going on in Shikoku that made them have to leave? Maybe he's trying to prove something? I'm gonna go ahead and start v.5 so that I can find out.

Nicola Mansfield says

Reason for Reading: next in the series

Once again Nura's turf is being challenged. This time seven mysterious travellers arrive to take over Riku's new position and the whole Nura clan. They infiltrate Riku's school and plan to take him down without a care to any human casualties. Riku will have to call upon his entire Yokai Clan to fight this battle.

While the majority of this volume is dedicated to the one plot, there is a side story which introduces us to another type of being that also makes up a yokai clan. There are the yokai themselves but there are also tochigami's which are creatures that inhabit shrines, the more often a shrine is worshipped/prayed to, the more powerful the tochigami. This volume also introduces the most horrific yokai we've seen to date, truly a demon who requires all of Riku's powers to battle. Riku's school friends turn up briefly, playing small parts so we don't forget about them, but they are not integral to this volume. Volume 5 certainly is enticing with a title of "A Yokai with Wings Darker Than Night"! This series' every third month release schedule keeps the story fresh in one's mind, but the short "Story So Far" that starts each volume helps to refresh the memory. A good read with a dedicated plot.

Gabriela says

New villains have entered the picture. Rikuo is growing up and taking leadership. This is just all so very exciting!

Swiftsea says

The moment you pick this series up, it's hard to put down.

Cody says

Not as good as the first 3. A great continuation of this very enjoyable, spooky, frantic, creepy-yet-goofy brand of storytelling we have come to expect from the series.

Ronelle says

loved it.

MissAnnThrope says

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? Second verse, same as the first... ?

The plot for every volume has followed the exact same recipe: outside yōkai clans wage war against the Nura clan in a political cockfight, ending with Rikuo transforming and saving the day. Surprisingly, it doesn't feel overly redundant. I believe this is in part due to the huge array of new interesting yōkai characters continually being introduced. Plus, I love it when Rikuo takes on his badass yōkai form. It never gets old.

In *Nura: Rise of the Yokai Clan, Vol. 4: The 88 Demons of Shikoku*, yet another rival yōkai clan arrives in Ukiyoe Town to challenge the Nura clan for their seat of power. The Seven Phantom Travelers are so dramatically introduced in the beginning of the book, making me really excited to learn more about these seemingly sinister and mysterious yōkai.

Unfortunately the identities of the Travelers or the executive members of the 88 Demons of Shikoku is a bit disappointing. I was expecting yōkai on the same level as, say, Gyuki, but instead the new baddies appear to be bratty school kids. Tamazuki didn't feel so threatening, but rather came across as a spoiled rich kid with a bullying streak. It was also hard to find Inugami threatening with his tongue perpetually stuck out like Mr. Winkle.

(view spoiler)

Kurotabo really stole the spotlight in this volume. I certainly hope that the focus will shift more towards the awesome yōkai who kick bootay rather than the school friends of Rikuo. Kurotabo was amazing in his fight with creepy Lord Sodemogi. This series has given me some serious goosebumps with some of the eerie demons it has portrayed.

(view spoiler)

Another interesting aspect to this storyline is learning the hierarchy of the different levels of yōkai, including the role of the *tochigami*. Lord Senba, one of the Nura's *tochigami*, had the most heartfelt moment in the story. I hope that we continue to learn more about the *tochigami* in future volumes.

The ending was exciting and suspenseful. I can't wait to find out what happens in the next volume. Where the heck did Nurarihyon go? I hope Gyuki gets some face-time in the next volume and more of Kurotabou would be nice too!

Ash says

This series is receiving a solid 5 star rating and this review will be placed on every volume for organizational purposes.

Nura: Rise of the Yokai Clan, or just titled Nurarihyon No Mago ("Nurarihyon's Grandson", if I'm not mistaken) is something very dear to my heart. For one thing, I have never ever loved something so unconditionally that I would watch the anime in days and read the manga in days. I have loved many, many series, but not to where I actually felt the need to watch and read every part of the series. Another thing is, you know you love something when even though the last time you saw the title of that series was years ago, you somehow have learned the ability to not misspell the title no matter what. Serious love right there. Nura is a 25 volume, 200 something chapter series. Needless to say, it is a long series. Now usually, this is where I get bored. This is normally the epitome of why I don't read much manga: the length. Even graphic novels get tiresome after fifteen or twenty volumes. But, while reading this series, I was entertained the entire time. I remember loving all of the arcs, the backstory. I remember loving all of the characters- even the most villainous ones, I loved them, especially the Kitsune- for one reason or another. Because of that, I could easily give this five stars. Not to mention the fact that I just generally loved the story line. This is character driven, and when you love all of the characters, that's a fantastic thing. I love the action, the coming-of-age aspect, the slight bit of romance, and lord have mercy the background of Rikuo's (the protagonist) grandfather and father is so heartbreakingly tragic. Especially his father. Rikuo is basically a 1/4 yokai, which is in a way, a fancier name for demon. His father was a halfbreed and grandfather a full demon, breeding with humans each and every time. The entire character plot is focused on Rikuo accepting his heritage, taking on the responsibilities with it, and learning the skills he needs to properly lead his demon clan- the Nura Clan, as they were named. Generally, this is not a very original thing- the child of a demon, learning to accept heritage and responsibilities kinda thing- but everything surrounding it, is so unique and amazing and definitely put a lot of time and thought into. I've never seen anything like it, and if you're willing to read 25 volumes worth of lovable characters and good art and wonderful development, please do.

Nura says

adding another stars because Kurotabou's cover :p katanya bakal diterbitin tahun depan sama M&C. crossing fingers.

Ashlet says

finally i was able to give 4 stars to this chapter! it really really was better than its previous volumes. i really liked the comedy and the most funny thing od all kiyotsugu-kun has come with an hillarious name for his group- Kiyo Cross Supernatural Investigating Squad! really how did he come up with it! also the most interestingface a omyoji clan girl named keikain yura. i really think this manga is gonna get better and better!

