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Princess Nakaba of Senan and Prince Caesar of Belquat only married each other for the sake of peace between their two warring countries, yet the two find themselves drawn to each other even as political forces threaten to tear their world apart. As Nakaba becomes embroiled within the country of Lithuanel, Caesar prepares to return to Belquat to face the possibility of execution! Meanwhile, Nakaba's Arcana of Time power reveals some disturbing details about her attendant Loki's past...

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Starbubbles says

Need vol 9 now!!! Noooooowww!

And poor Loki. Though honestly, he seems to be developing in pretty much the way I thought that he would. You know, more or less. haha. Nothing too specific, can't be giving things away to a series that has been over with for a few years now. Anyway, there is a lot going on, I'm surprised it ends at vol 13. If I had known that a week ago, I would have just ordered all of them to come into the library. haha

Kate says

Ah, this is much better. *Dawn of the Arcana* still struggles with an oversimplified plot and world-building, but based on the last two volumes, the story is starting to feel a little more solid than in previous volumes.

It's good to get a little more history on both Nakaba and her loyal attendant Loki. And, I am glad to see Caesar realize his responsibilities and step up to them instead of hiding behind circumstances.

The artwork is continuing to improve. There are more backgrounds to give foundation to the characters and tone to the setting. Characters still come off as static, but I like the defined styles both in clothing and architecture for the different countries and cultures that we're visiting.

Mangaka, Rei Toma, improves with both style and substance in the last two volumes. I hope to see this trend continue.

Mladoria says

Rien ne va plus au royaume de Lithvanel, les brigands font rage, les intrigues politiques fleurissent tandis que Caesar part accomplir et assumer son statut de prince héritier. Nakaba, elle, est plongée dans ses pensées et en apprend plus sur le poids de la fidélité de Loki.

Un tome où la tendresse de la première partie fait écho aux révélations de la seconde. Encore une fois, la complexité des personnages sert l'intrigue à tiroirs dont on se demande vraiment comment elle va pouvoir se résoudre tant il y a de facteurs influents en jeu. Un très bon rythme une fois encore, des scènes mignonnes tout plein entre les deux époux et un Loki dont on ne finit pas de dévoiler les secrets. Une intrigue aux nombreuses strates qui laisse planer beaucoup de questions.

Sabrina (Soter) Sally says

"Non sottovalutarmi! Anche se non dovessi più vederti da domani, anche se dovessi sopportare innumerevoli

sofferenze, anche se non raggiungerò mai la felicità.... sono comunque tua moglie!"

Le cose per Nakaba tra le dune del deserto (Aladdin style XD), le battaglie tra i principi e i serpenti ovunque si complicano sempre più, mentre il suo potere viene sfruttato ormai a ripetizione da lei e dagli altri (l'unico che continua a non saperne nulla è il povero Ceasar, che pensa bene di andarsene pure lasciandomi più triste e sconsolata di sua moglie ¢_¢) ma nonostante ciò la carneficina di innocenti sembra non avere fine...intanto scopriamo pian piano alcuni degli oscuri segreti del vero protagonista maschile del manga...Loki XD

Addie says

Sad Caesar and Nakaba are going to be separated. Don't like Batal much either! Too bad I don't have the next volume...fun story.

Ginger Woods says

[leave Nakaba behind, what if he gets murdered back home for the death of his brother Cain? (hide spoiler)]

Christina says

Now that Prince Cain is dead Prince Caesar has come to the realization that he is useless anywhere but where he is deemed Prince. In this revelation, he decides to return to Belquat with Bellinus and Lemiria, in hopes of being of some use.

Nakaba is left behind in the midst of this with her two attendants, Loki and Rito. For she still has a mission in the kingdom of Lithuanel to both save Rito's mother and help Prince Akhil's elder brother be crowned King.

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

Princess Nakaba of Senan and Prince Caesar of Belquat marry to seal a peace treaty between the 2 nations sharing the same island. Caesar is ready to hate Nakaba before he even really meets her simply because this is a political marriage and she has red hair instead of the royal black. Then he starts to get to know Nakaba and she totally changes his point of view. And he realizes maybe red hair is something special after all...

Caesar has always taken a backseat it trying to control Nakaba or even be in her business at all! So I'm not surprised that he's chosen to let her do her thing but it makes us heart sore... (it is a very modern view of coupleship). Some of the best drawings in the series so far!! (surrounding Caesar telling Nakaba he's leaving) I'm worried for him now!! I like that she declared herself to Caesar before he left and didn't allow him to drive her away...

Nakaba immediately gets into trouble with Prince Batal... who is forcing Nakaba's ability to the surface... We learn about some pretty awful circumstances that Loki was in trying to be by Nakaba's side, really I don't understand why Nakaba and Loki aren't the couple when she's always seeing stuff about him... Will she find

another unlocked door, a more helpful one?

BOTTOM LINE: Will Nakaba master the Arcana of Time?

Amanda Setasha Hall says

A really emotional volume and you finally find out about Loki's past. My heart hurts for him. This was so good.

Julia says

Bitte kein Liebesdreieck, die Reihe ist bisher so super ohne ausgekommen!

Joti says

THis one was a bit slow - Caesar leaves & heads back to Belquat since his brother, Cain, the other prince, is dead. So Nakaba doesn't want him to leave & he doesn't wanna go either but it's his responsibility so he does. Before leaving, they were gonna do IT, but Caesar said he couldn't focus then with her cuz she made him off-balance LOL

SO the band of snake thieves are still attacking Lithuanel & Akhil is pushing Nakaba to use the Arcana of time to look into the future & where they'll strike next but it's taking a toll on her. And the ARcana of time doesn't show her anything about Caesar which worries her. Also, she sees the past, before she was married & sees Prince Adel, herself, Loki & his little affairs with LAdy Bella to try to get her a dress for a ball but he killed her cuz she threatened Nakaba's life. So it ends there & someone took her captive - maybe one of the other Princes of Lithuanel?

But yeah, looking forward to Vol 9 :D

CAESAR!!! <3

Cat says

review for complete series, v1-13

This is the type of shoujo manga that makes me like the genre. The heroine, Nakaba, has been discriminated against just because of her hair color (hair color is given the same negative tones and descrimination as skin color is given in the real world which does a good job of bringing to light how silly it is to treat someone differently based on something they're born with and can't control). Her mother, a princess of Senan, ran away to be with the man she loved (why she had to run away to be with him is explained throughout the story) and after her death, Nakaba is brought back to her grandfather, the king. He stows her away in a tower of the castle and that's where she grows up.

In another kingdom, Ceasar is born as the second son to the king of Dequat but because of his black hair and the fact that the eldest son, Cain, is blond, there's hidden deceptions and factions working to make Ceasar the

next king. All Ceasar has wanted is the love of his family though and because of the choices made by the adults in his life, he grows into a young man who has a negative outlook and distrust of people.

To try and prevent war, the kings decide to make a treaty and Nakaba is sent to "seal the deal" to be Ceasar's wife. At this point, two kingdoms who care little of these two as people but only see them as pawns, put them together and - to everyone's surprise and disgust - they start to not only get along but fall in love.

Not only do these two have to deal with the machinations of their kingdoms and the individual discriminations against them but there's also the racism against a separate group of people called Aijin who share traits with various animals and there's also the mysterious powers known as the Arcana that gift their bearers with anything from control of an element to the ability to see the future. (Nakaba has been gifted with the Arcana to see the past and future.)

This series brings together all the good points of a love story with the fantasy saga of two kingdoms who are at war. The heroine has to overcome the discrimination against her, the power she's been given that can be terrible, her growing love for a man she should hate, and fighting for the Aijin. The hero of this tale has to decide to set aside his uncaring attitude and decide what he wants to fight for while he learns what lengths he'll go to and what strength he has for a woman he loves.

This series made me fall in love with the characters, root for their fights and cry for their losses. It has surprises throughout and keeps you just enough off balance that you aren't sure what will happen next. I highly recommend this title to anyone who enjoys fantasy, a relationship between two people who don't immediately care about each other, a strong heroine, or people with animal traits (for lack of a better term, furries).

Louissha Murel says

Why are Lithuanel's princes even more gorgeous than our female protagonist?

Caesar you're my favorite character, and I think hiding in the old you is better.

I feel bad for him actually. He's now the heir to Belquat, and because he loves Nakaba, he's not doing anything but just watch as these sub-people spy from his country and as Nakaba tries to break the alliance of Lithuanel with his own country.

Nakaba changed, but only a little. She can control her arcana now by looking at blood to see visions but I don't like it how she . . . invades other people's privacy by looking at their past just like what she did with Loki's. (view spoiler)

In the earlier chapters than 31, Loki was really mysterious. He is still now but because of Nakaba's privacy-invading-power we got to see some of what happened to Loki.

I'm torn. I like Caesar—and actually my favorite character here—because he's just a normal human. He doesn't have a lot of secrets (unlike Loki), he's strong (unlike *her*), and he went from this, 0 to 100 development. He changed, unlike . . . Anyway, in the first chapter he's just plain b*astard but when his hair became shorter, it was like that attitude left with that hair. The more I read the more I like him.

Loki. The more I saw Loki's past the more I think he'll be better for Nakaba. Because he knows many things about her. He knows she has the arcana and he will protect her no matter what. Caesar barely knows Nakaba. But the more she stays with Loki the more she'll get in trouble.

It just that I think, Caesar is not for Nakaba. They are enemies, and his country will fall down the more he loves her. Remember that she even agreed to keep Loki's plan to earn Caesar's trust and kill him? She can just go with Loki in Senan and forsake Caesar in Belquat, please.

Michael (Mai) says

As always it was amazing with amazing art. In this one we get to see Cesar and Nakaba actually declare their love in a more intimate setting, making it more real for Cesar. We also had to see Rito's hopelessness for his mom. It's rough. I really wonder if they'll be able to save her.

Kirsten Simkiss says

Aaaaand we're back to the dysfunctional relationship. I still think Loki's feelings toward Nakaba are creepy considering he practically raised her. Romantic grooming will always be creepy to me. I also don't know how this ability will work or if Loki is actually telling the truth about the Arcana of Time.
