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A curse is a difficult thing to break. Vald, prince of Alsvieth upon taking up arms to defend his country was beset with a curse that transforms him into a ravenous cannibalistic beast.

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Leila Anani says

The black sorcerer who created the curse behind the magic sword manages to capture and brainwash Halvir and Prince Vald rushes to the rescue and gets captured himself.

Highlight has to be the prison bar sex scene at the end. I love how despite being brainwashed Havi is still drawn to the prince. I also really like the scene where Vald, having been kissed by Halvir for the first time in his prince persona rants to the jailed thief - so funny.

Beautiful artwork on this a good story, plenty of sexy scenes but balanced with slow emotional build. For those who like fantasy based yaoi this is at the top of its game.

Jamie says

Much like volume 1 of this series the artwork enchants me once more. It is the biggest asset this series starts. I love looking at each image. Especially Vald in his demon form. He gets the most delicious markings!

The story is still sadly lacking. We get a bit of a better feel for Havi and Vald. Havi seems to really like taking advantage of Vald in his demon form. I can't help but wonder how Vald will react when he finds out. I am still questioning and wondering at Havi's role in everything. I want to trust him, but as of this volume I just can't. How he uses Vald against his knowledge does not help.

My favorite series character, Rulca plays such a small role but I love him. I want more of him. Keep an eye on Vald, Rulca!

I really hope the story picks up the pace soon. If not for the gorgeous artwork I would have given up on this series. If just has not grabbed me yet. I see potential but it is just invisible right now. I hope volume 3 pulls things together more.

Please note, this is a mature, ages 18+ Yaoi.

I received an ecopy of this volume from Viz Media via Edelweiss in exchange for a fair, honest review. All opinions expressed are strictly my own.

Emily G says

I can't get over the quality of these books, it really brings the gorgeous artwork to life! Also I like the way that the story is progressing, as Vald is finding out more about what Havi does to calm the demon inside him *g* and coming to terms with it. I'm on tenterhooks for the next installment, I hope we don't have to wait too long!

Michelle says

Someone is spying on Havi and Vald! Havi gets robbed, a town gets attacked, Havi is taken prisoner and Vald quickly follows into the clutches of the villains. New traveling companions join the crew. Action! Adventure! Hot demon sex! I love Ayano Yamane and this story.

Lucy Westenra says

Pues no sé si quiero que rompan la maldición, que Val de tigretón es hotez pura e.e
Minipunto para Ruruka, qué conejo (parece un pokemon!) más gracioso!!!

Charles says

Not For the Faint of Heart - Crimson Spell Vol 2 Review

Thus continues the glorious Crimson Spell Not For the Faint of Heart Double Header (still teehee)! This Sunday is go for reading both volumes of the lovely and alluring Crimson Spell, sadly the only two volumes available in the US. The third and fourth volumes are both out in places like Japan and Germany, but for those like me who speak neither of those languages, this is the final volume currently out. Shame on you, America, for neglecting such an amazing manga! SHAME!

Ahem, but yes, to continue. With this volume the story of Crimson Spell really takes more of the center stage, with the sex lessening rather starkly and the characters all getting a bit more complicated. We learn more of the mage's back story while the prince begins to have strange feelings for the man and a bevy of new characters are introduced. We get to see the mage as a boy and learn how he learned magic, and we also get at least part of the story behind the cursed sword the prince has and the demon that was bound within. There are still a few juicy bits as well, and this volume keeps up the proud traditions set by the first volume and keeps the quality of the series very high.

Here we start to see something of an overarching story, as well, which is interesting and seems more like a normal (read not sex-filled) fantasy manga, complete with demons trying to take over the world and errant swordsmen and inept magic users. It is all well done, and the side characters also get their moments to shine, from the flying rabbit guy to the magic user with the forgettable name to the swordsman who seems to always get into trouble. And with that focus the setting seems more and more fleshed out (teehee). We also get the first of what I assume are the main villains, with demons kidnapping the mage and eventually capturing the prince as well.

There are more big fights in this volume, and while that comes (teehee?) at the expense of some of the sex scenes, those that are there are great and really work to start bringing the characters together as more than just sexual partners. They are starting to fall for each other, basically, if they haven't already, and to see that is fun and romantic and cute. In the mean time we get to enjoy the complicating storyline that looks to be taking in more and more places on the map. Again, it all works, and I wish that there were more series that treated sex as both an element in the story and as something that is fun and sexy. And while yes, again, there

is something of a consent issue, it really isn't annoying because of the fantasy aspects of the story.

And again, the art is amazing, and the fights and the sex scenes are all done incredibly well. It is just fun to see what the artist does with the characters, and how she draws them is breathtaking. So yes, still highest regards for the art and the story and the series as a whole. It is just refreshing to see how it works, and to have a good story that also happens to have great sex. It is incredibly sad that there aren't more volumes out in the US, but one can hope that maybe it will happen soon. This is definitely one of, if not the best Yaoi title I have read. So someone print more of it. For now, though, volume two gets a solid and throbbing 9.5/10.

Bookwatcher says

I just want to show....

The simplicity of a kiss

The beauty of a half page draw

Do I recommend it?

I think the two images I post are enough to show you how much I adore this serie up to now.

5 stars. No doubt, it's the best draw Yaoi I ever read.

Rogier says

it is still a three but at least it has more storytelling . the non consensual sex/rape scenes are not okay in my book. thats what you get when reading yaoi

Miriam says

The different aspects seem better integrated now.

I like that the smut is relevant to the plot.

Sarah says

This has to be one of my favourite mangas. I cannot get enough of Ayano Yamane's beautiful work and I have read these two books several times. While I think Vald is utterly delicious, I adored Havi. He is quite

unscrupulous and when he discovers Vald has no memory of his time as a demon he quickly takes advantage. It seems Havi's touch is one of the only things that calms the unruly demon down and Havi is quick to capitalize on this. Bad, bad dirty man... but so good!

It is a bit of a double edged sword however as Havi beings to develop feelings for Vald, all the while Vald knows nothing of their nightly sexorin! But, I did wonder just a bit. Vald is supposedly unaware of what goes on with Havi while he is in his demon form but he does get pretty worked up when Havi is in danger. Maybe he is not totally oblivious!

The artwork is gorgeous and I really appreciated the fact that I could see everything. Often the best bits are blurred in yaoi manga and I do miss having that complete visual experience! The cock, is good! As is the man goo! Her boys are just beautiful. She manages to convey Havi's slightly stern, cold manner perfectly all the while allowing you to feel Vald's warmer, more noble self and his inclination towards brash heroics. The detail in the clothing is quite ornate and would totally give Prince a run for his money. There is much smex and I enjoyed the power dynamics between Vald and Havi. Yeah, and the whole cuffed and tattooed demon thing, hot!

It is only up to volume two at the moment so I am hoping that there is more to come.

A great fantasy story with loads of cool adventures, swords, pillaging plant life, nasty magicians, magic, sex, bad guys and a bunny. A definite must read.

<http://sharrow.wordpress.com/2008/10/...>

DeeNeez says

Havi's relationship has bonded emotionally and sexually to Vald's demon side, but trouble arises when he tries to have the same connection with Vald's human side. Plot wise with all the new side characters introduced, it seemed a bit thrown together.

Teetee says

Beautiful story and artwork by the very popular author who bought us the Love in the Viewfinder series. I have v. 1-2, they became scarce when I was trying to get copies years ago so this fell off my radar. I read some scans of it but never finished it. I think its been released but I haven't followed up to be sure.

Maxine Livingstone says

Prince Vald is starting to realize what type of relationship him and Havi have. This makes me happy since I was sort of freaked out from the first book.

Kiki says

Not quite as fresh as the first volume, but I'll keep reading. The coherence and actual artistic value of this manga continues to amaze me. Who knew?

Eva Rose says

So after all the clichés and awkward moments of book 1 we finally get some meat on the story. There is emotional development between Havi and Vald and the sex turns into love making. Beast!Vald is obviously in love with Havi even if Human!Vald is still in the moon when it comes to their ongoing nightly sexual activities. The villains however are so cartoonish that they are obviously there to pad the story with something else than Beast!Vald and Havi sex.
