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"A Redtail's Dream" is a webcomic about a young man and his shapeshifting dog on an involuntary journey on the other side of the Bird's Path in the realm of dreams. They have to rescue their fellow Villagers before their souls pass on to Tuonela, the land of eternal sleep.

A Redtail's Dream Details

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Alyssa says

I really enjoyed this book.

The art is beautiful and cute with wonderful colors (and the book itself is so pretty). The story brings a nice use of Finnish mythology (although I'm not too familiar with it) while keeping the story simple enough not to get confused, so it was also enjoyable for this aspect of the book.

Phoebe says

When I downloaded this graphic novel in place of the book I really wanted to read (the author's Stay Still, Stay Silent: <http://www.sssscomic.com/>), I had no idea it was 610 pages! I was both impressed/intimidated, and the going was a little tough at first as I struggled to invest in characters and plot. Magical foxes, what? People preparing for a meal *outdoors* in the *snow*? What could have been compelling was rather mundane, and I didn't understand (or care about) the conflict I saw developing. Then, before I gave up, I met the protagonist Hannu and his pup Ville on page 21. And I was in.

The art in this novel is wonderful -charming, colorful, heart-felt. The plot, once its gets its legs, is intriguing. (Perhaps not 5 or 4-four stars intriguing, but the skill and effort in illustration make up for what it lacks.) I've always loved stories that have their base in mythology. However, I suspect I missed some of the nuance of this book because I know next to nothing about Finnish culture.

Finally, once I understood (as I see it) Hannu's casual amorality and, as a counterpoint, Ville's deep morality and conviction, the book got a lot more interesting. Watching Hannu's attire change, and Ville's *body* change, is fascinating. Worth a look.

Kristin Hatlen says

This is a lovely comic, an adventure tale wrapped in the eternal themes loyalty, responsibility and caring. The artwork is beautiful. Landscapes are spectacular and detailed, characters are lively and expressive.

Jenan says

Such a beautiful comic! After reading it, I felt I had to write a thank you note to the person who recommended it to me. Allow me to do you the same favor by suggesting you read it as soon as you possibly can.

Nighteye says

One of the best webcomics I ever read. Over 600 pages long and with its roots in the finnish epos Kalevala.

<http://www.minnasundberg.fi/comic/pag...>

Robin P. says

Minna Sundberg is my new comic illustrator (writer and artist) inspiration. I love how she tells stories.

I read this, in it's entirety, in a single day (and it is LONG). That's how good it was. Set in Finland and (I believe) based off of Finnish folklore. Lots of humans' relation to the natural world and to animals themes. Also traveling to the land of the dead and facing magical otherworldly spirit beings. :D :D

Minor things I didn't like were: how the narrative treats teenagers (might be an abuse trigger for some? But luckily that chapter is short). Also Hannu can be kind of a grumpy asshole. But that's Hannu.

Suddenly at the end, two characters become very ship-able. :)

If you like A Redtail's Dream, you'll like her current comic: "Stand Still, Stay Silent," which is EVEN BETTER.

Ian says

A truly gorgeous graphic novel, choke full of Finnish mythology, grumpy characters, and a very helpful dog. :)

Tym says

Absolutely gorgeous art and a real sweet tale of a young man and his dog, sort of

Nella says

All the love to this beautiful story, its not-very-heroic heroes and the awesome finnish mythology. Full review in Swedish here

Josh Lane says

The webcomic is GORGEOUS and you should read it. The story is like, good, and interesting, but the ART

and the CHaRaCTERS are just so incredible.

Oh, and the entire thing is free on her website

Nora says

Gorgeous art, sweet story, fascinating use of mythology.

Ben says

I love this comic. The art is spectacular! The story is a bit repetitive as they go through their adventure, but it doesn't ruin it. I love the dog, he's very fun.

Teresa Pegan says

Absolutely beautiful art! Which is why I gave it 4 instead of 3. The story is interesting but the characters' personalities are a little annoying sometimes and many of them share the same mannerisms - they aren't well-defined personalities so much as variations on a theme. I wasn't a fan of the mentally incapacitated birds or Hannu's zeal for killing things, either.

Brynna says

So very enjoyable! The first few chapters are a little rough, but the story and art really blossom in the seal/pike chapter. Also a beautiful hard-copy version of a lovely webcomic.

Earnest says

A Redtail's Dream is something that isn't often seen in mainstream comics. There are no superheroes, excessive violence, grittiness or sex. What we have instead is a modern adventure making use of the folklore of Finland to create a resonant and beautiful tale of friendship.

Hannu and Ville, though having the generic personalities that should fit among those that undertake the hero's journey, are easily relatable. Plus, their back and fourth snipings with each other are really funny. Throughout the story, their friendship becomes deeper and at the end goes through, for me, an unexpected twist.

The way that Minna Sundberg combines the two worlds is wonderfully executed. There are countless stories of boys taking on ancient evils to save the modern world, but here the ancient myths are not used cheaply or gratuitously to fit the author's plot. The ancient myths still holds the same mystery and wonder as if this tale is set in once-upon-a-time ago. The reader gets a sense that the gods still hold power among the destinies of

man and the spirits still roam the forest beyond our established pathways. Minna Sundberg matches the atmosphere of her story with stunningly beautiful artwork that perfectly fits the fairy tale nature of the book.

When reading webcomic like this one must applaude the creator for making it as beautiful as possible; it shoule be published professionally so that it can achieve the wider audience that it deserves
