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Kanae is a university student whose "cold beauty" has led people to spread nasty rumors about his promiscuity. In truth, Kanae is a virgin, and is secretly in love with the Don Juan of the campus, Yuuichi. Poor Kanae would do anything to be with Yuuichi, even if it meant a merely sexual relationship with no feelings involved. But when the opportunity arises, can he settle for anything less than love?

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Ryes says

Body Language is pure fluff, but it's sexy fluff! This is my first introduction to Tsubaki Enomoto's art, since I don't know of any manga written by her, and I'm impressed. Her style is clean and very attractive. I hope I see more from her.

Body Language is about two characters—I'm not kidding, just two, and not a single side character—named Kanae and Yuuichi. They're both extremely popular in their university but they couldn't be more different.

Kanae is what you would call a pretty boy. He's so pretty everyone else thinks he must have tons of girlfriends *and* boyfriends. The reason he is so famous is because of his "promiscuity." Unfortunately, that's not true and Kanae is actually a virgin.

Yuuichi is famous because he's a jerk. He's also very handsome so he's able to get strings of girlfriends. Unfortunately, it doesn't take much for him to lose interest and he never keeps a single girl around for long. Because he breaks up with every one of them and isn't polite about doing it, he's labeled as a jerk. In his case, the rumors are true.

Yuuichi ends up rescuing Kanae from his classmates one day and they've been friends ever since. After a while, Yuuichi starts complaining because he hasn't had a girlfriend for a while and he needs sex. Kanae, who's been secretly in love with Yuuichi ever since he rescued him, sees this as a chance to be intimate with Yuuichi. He tells Yuuichi that if it's sex Yuuichi is looking for, then Kanae is willing to offer up his body.

That's pretty much the plot. Along the way, Kanae experiences the predictable insecurities that come with dating a womanizer. This book is basically just sexual encounter after sexual encounter. But in between, you learn more about Kanae and Yuuichi. Yuuichi is the biggest misunderstood character between the two, despite the fact that everyone falsely believes Kanae is promiscuous. Yuuichi is honest, but doesn't understand how to cushion his statements so they come out making him sound like a jerk. In fact, everything he says is the truth. He doesn't bother telling white lies.

Aside from the jarring moments of unbelievable sexual acts—eight orgasms in a night and self-lubricated buttocks—*Body Language* is steamy and a quick read. It turns out to be very romantic in the end, and is sure to satisfy fans of yaoi. Aki Morimoto has a good grip on pacing and the prose is clean and deft. The translation is also very smooth and professional. Did I mention the artist is good? A worthy investment. Go buy.

Review first posted at Lincoln Heights Literary Society

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Ann says

Two words. Pure smut. I liked it.

Didi says

I don't know whether it has bad translator, but I feel there are too many loop holes in the storyline. And so it seems like fragmented pieces compeled into a book. Talk about very light reading, no depth whatsoever. Then again, I don't know if this is true for the book in its original language.

Usagi says

Okay, die Story mag ziemlich simple und sogar lahm sein, aber ich mag das Buch und die Story. Es lässt sich leicht und flüssig lesen.

Neyjour says

This is pure PWP...one sex scene after another, after another, after another, etc. Nothing wrong with that per say, but if that's all there is, then the sex needs to be really well-written and smokin' hot...

Unfortunately, in this story, it was just kind of average. If the writing hadn't been so awkward and choppy, it might have been much better. This is my first novel by this author, so I don't know if that's just her writing style or if it's due to the translation.

Anyhow...it's a mildly entertaining read if you've got nothing better. Not completely awful, but not that great either. Although, I did quite enjoy the scene where Yuichi was molesting Kanae on the train. :P

Oh, and one warning...Kanae has a self-lubricating asshole. *sighs and rolls eyes* Why the hell do authors do that? If it's a non-human character, okay fine...I can buy that. But Humans? Ugh! So ridiculous. :(

Number of illustrations: 10

Artwork quality: average

Pynk says

So incredibly hot. There was something about the 'Cool Beauty' personality type that was exceptionally beautiful, even if the title was a bit incorrectly applied. The idea of two idols hooking up is fantasy-bait to the extreme, and the author didn't disappoint; the charmingly sexy banter between the two was top-notch, I read this story straight through without stopping to even sip my water.

Shawn H. says

I really liked this story from the beginning. Aki Morimoto has created two characters who are the complete

opposite of each other, but who no doubt are sexually attracted to each other. Yuichi is the typical bad boy; he skips school, dates a lot of women and never stays in a relationship long, while Kanae is sort of quiet, doesn't date and does well in school. Rumor has it that Kanae sleeps with boys, and even though it's not true Kanae does his best to pretend that sex with Yuichi the first time doesn't hurt because he's afraid that Yuichi will reject him when he finds out that he's inexperienced. But he didn't know that Yuichi just didn't care as long as he's having sex and lots of it.

I found Yuichi a bit selfish and quite frankly I don't know anyone who can ejaculate eight times during a day of sex. Heck, I don't know anyone who can have sex all day, but it's fiction and anything is possible. I don't care how much lotion you use, and I don't think they used any; Kanae should have been a sore as hell, if you know what I mean. But the book is funny and entertaining and a great read.

Would I recommend this book? Yes

Would I read it again? Yes

Elisa Rolle says

I made an error: I bought this book thinking it was a graphic novel (the cover is pretty cute) and instead it's a yaoi novel. It's my first time I read a true Japanese yaoi novel and my feelings are puzzled.

Overall I have to say that I like it, but it's clearly a novel written by a woman for women. Why I say this? Cause, after reading hundreds and hundreds of gay romance, I know certain things about gay love (maybe more than I want) and there are some sex scenes in this book that are impossible, "realistic" impossible. But still it's almost an erotic novel, with a lot of sex, and I think that it reaches its goal, to entertain you for some enjoyable hours.

Kanae is a beautiful guy, almost too pretty that he can be mistaken for a girl. He is an out of town college student, and so, without long time friends, and being helplessly shy, he has made a reputation of cold beauty. Rumors say he is bisexual and that he is an host. Instead Kanae is virgin and he has chosen to ignore all the rumors without denying them nor confirming. But one day Yuuichi, the most notorious womanizer of the university, decides to be his knight in shining armor and to rescue him from all the people who mock him. And Kanae falls in love at first sight for this handsome guy with an incorrigible behaviour.

They are friends but Kanae yearns for more and what he has the chance, he proposes to Yuuichi: better some days as his lover than a life as his friend, in this way he will have the memories to warm him. He knows that Yuuichi's interest is easily lost after some days he makes sex with a girl, and he is surprised to realize that their relationship grows steady more the days pass. But Kanae is not sure of Yuuichi's love, and he counts the days to their break.

As I said, there is a lot of sex in this novel: the two guys can't be in the same scene without making sex and they are the only two characters of the novel, so, you can understand how much sex there is. But I find it exciting and not boring, so, if you start reading this novel knowing what you will find and not searching to noblize it to something more, it's a pretty good read.

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Reader17 Der says

I liked this Yaoi novel. It was a light and fast read. It is about two friends Kanae and Nagao. Kanae has a crush on Nagao who likes to sleep around with lots of women. One night these two decide to sleep together. They are still good friends with benefits and for awhile it seems to work. But Kanae really likes Nagao and starts to be afraid of being hurt and is wondering if it better just to be friends.

Tam says

Kanae had a rep at the college of being a bisexual slut (he's a virgin) and Yuichi IS a slut and has a new girl every week, has gotten a few pregnant then dumped them. They end up being friends and when Yuichi is lamenting the fact that there are no girls who will date him, Kanae on a whim says "Why not fuck me?". So he does. They start hanging out and dating with Kanae waiting for the day he is dumped like the girls but is madly in love. He sees Yuichi with a girl and does the classic "break up with him first" leading to the big climax. Oh wait, climaxes. I have to wonder how old this author is and how sexually experienced. Now I'm not saying virgins can't write great books, but these guys are regularly having sex 4-6 times in an evening, day after day and Yuichi claims his record is 9 times. I'm sorry but he'd be shooting powder by about #6. Oh and did I mention the self-lubing asshole that Kanae has? Several times it's mentioned that there is clear fluid or "he's not wet enough yet". Pre-cum of the butt? WTF? It was an okay story with Kanae liking Yuichi despite the fact that he's pretty much an asshole but the over-emphasis on quantitative sex and the weird self-lubing kind of made me go "huh?".

Kristy says

Familiar BL (PWP) story where the uke believes he is harboring a one sided love for the seme. The book wasn't too bad but the smut could have been written better. The first time the main characters have sex is great and very descriptive, but then the author gets lazy and dedicates a paragraph at most for each subsequent encounter. Overall it was an okay story and if you're looking for some PWP with stereotypical BL characters it's a good way to kill an hour or two but I wouldn't go out of my way to read it again.

Isana says

This book fits the phrase "yama nashi, ochi nashi, imi nashi" perfectly, which I suppose makes it true yaoi.

Filled with sex at every turn, the book is starving for a true plot. It highly resembles the plot of a Minami Haruka manga. What is that you say? A Minami Haruka manga has no plot? That's exactly the point; however, this book does not come anything close to being as entertaining as a Minami-sensei manga.

It is almost sickening how lacking this book is. The character's are the classic oblivious uke and aggressive seme that never bother to talk out their problems (which is a yaoi wide problem emphasised in this book).

It does have its few good points, however. Some of the scenes are funny and cute but this does not make up for the lack of plot.

If you love pointless sex, even when not pulled off correctly, this is for you.

Chelsea says

this was amazingly adoreable. bothe the charecters were wonderfully developed and well rounded. the names did get really confusing tho.

K(n)itsune says

Full disclosure: When it comes to yaoi, I am not into novels. I'd way rather read manga, but I ordered this by mistake. After I finished it I asked myself "would being a manga have improved this book?" and I had to conclude that the answer is no. Body Language dwells in the realm of mediocrity. It wants so desperately to have a plot (going so far as to repeat the supposed sources of conflict every single page, seemingly to remind the reader), but it just doesn't. What it does have is sex. One thing I'll say for novels is that by and large they tend to be dirtier, and Body Language is no exception. A refreshing amount of attention is even granted to sexual mechanics and process. At first, it's all very plausible and fun to read. However, the sex quickly becomes monotonous in its prolificness and even the author begins to gloss over it. I can see how this title could be stimulating to plenty of people, though. Plus, there's a pretty hot crowded-train scene.

The illustrations are fine, but contribute little to the book. They come in random places that didn't particularly need illuminating, and are markedly absent in places where a picture would have been nice. It seems to me this would basically be the same book without them.

Overall it's hard for me to imagine this being a treasured denizen in anyone's yaoi collection. In addition to its general half-bakedness as a work, the translation has idiosyncrasies of voice that make it hard to follow at times. Nothing major, but some sentences required rereading. If you do buy this book I sincerely hope you enjoy it.

Itchel says

Hace no mucho que acabé esta novela, aunque ya sabía de su existencia desde hace algún tiempo. Me rehusaba a descargarla porque soy muy quisquillosa al elegir que leer así que cuando me quedé sin libros, me di por vencida y la busqué.

Al principio Yuichi me parecía un hijo del carajo y sentía que no iba a empatizar mucho con el libro porque no soy mucho de novelas donde alguno de los dos son unos desgraciados a más no poder.

Principalmente me empezó a gustar por el lemon que estaba bastante bien escrito, así que se ganó un punto conmigo por eso. Pero conforme fui leyendo pude quitarme la primera mala impresión de Yuichi por la actitud tan atenta con Kanae (incluso cuando lo hacía desantinar xD)

Pero por lo que se convirtió en mi favorita fue por el final. No me esperaba la escena tan angst y conmovedora que se iba a armar al final cuando Kanae cree que sólo sale con él por sexo cuando en realidad Yuichi también tiene su corazoncito y confiesa estar enamorado de él desde que lo vio l primer día. De empezar mirándolo mal termine amándolo porque Morimoto muestra que a pesar de los malos rumores sobre él, cuando se enamora es de forma verdadera, fiel y honesta.

Incluso estuve lagrimeando durante toda esa parte final x'D Fue algo totalmente inesperado e incluso podemos decir que demasiado cursi pero creo que eso fue lo que me encantó de todo esto.

