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Lullaby, and Good Night...

After mistakenly putting Elias under a sleeping spell, Chise can't find a way to wake him up! She turns to Angie for help, and brews a potion meant to undo the spell--but the process is so exhausting, Chise ends up falling asleep herself. Upon entering a dream world, she crosses paths with the person she least expected: Cartaphilus. But something's off--the amoral alchemist seems to have lost his threatening edge. Meanwhile, in the outside world, trouble is brewing...on a dragon-sized scale!

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Rod Brown says

I spent the first half of this volume trying to remember who the hell all these dozens of characters are and what's going on. By the time the dragon auction began, I felt myself getting drawn in again, but just barely. Maybe I should wait until I can read two or three volumes at a time before continuing with this series.

Brandon says

Just kinda meh, sadly. The real detriment to manga is their over-reliance on cliffhanger chapters to keep you coming back. I understand that most of these are published in magazines originally, but it's still kind of frustrating to come back to a series and have to think "wait...what's happening?"

This series continues to be little more than an exposition dump with characters. Although this time around you did get some fairly interesting character interactions and they finally seem to be laying groundwork for some kind of overarching story.

Teresa Sporrer says

Was ist das nur für ein Ende O_O

Julia says

Die Beziehung zwischen Elias und Chise ist in diesem Band irgendwie seltsam. Vor allem am Anfang ist es etwas seltsam und creepy.

Shawna (BacchusVines) says

WHAT THE HECK WAS WITH THAT ENDING?!?!

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Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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We first meet Chise, chained by the neck and wrists being passed over to her new owner, a bone-headed mage whose name she learns later is Elias. A penniless orphan sold on the black market she learns about herself, the magical world filled with fairies and other fantastical creatures as well as what it means to be a part of a family. Her new life as a mage's apprentice is just the beginning as it comes with the secondary title of Ancient Magus' Bride...

The cliffhanger from volume 6 was MAJOR! I was on tenderhooks and in classic Yamazaki fashion we're kept guessing! I'm dying to know whose hand that was... This volume though is mainly centered on the alchemist college and meeting some of Renfred's colleagues there. The dragons are pulled in as is Chise's past and it's a whole tangled mess of excitement and unexpected twists by the end!! I totally didn't see any of it coming...

And boy was it exciting! Yes, there's a lull in the middle of the volume as we get setup with the college colleagues but it was certainly neat meeting those that Renfred hangs out with. But mainly I was on tenderhooks like I said about what was going to freakin happen next! This series is so, so good at mixing fantasy, romance, mystery, and comedy with slice of life and a plot driven narrative... you never really know what will come next but even when its an interpersonal moment you are loving what you are experiencing...

We meet a bunch of new characters! I'm not sure if I want to give too much away because its fun learning who everyone is... but we meet a significant other that was super exciting! And the colleagues, of course. But my favorite was a blast from the past... we only got glimpses of him in the first volume and now we learn a lot more about what he does! That was neat and a great way for Chise to contribute some knowledge this time. I found the twining of her past very authentic as was the whole college aspect and the tension between Renfred and Elias over it.

The frames from the situation in the beginning of the volume were quite impressive! I felt like I was there with her and wow, she kept her cool... the art through the entire volume is quite good, of course but I love how the super natural parts come to life! And that is no more true than at the end of the volume when a dragon goes out of control!! I could not believe that end and the art is what TOTALLY SOLD IT!! Really I am so in love with Kore Yamazaki's style it can not be overstated how much I love the art and it makes this entire series.

The Ancient Magus' Bride vol. 7 is the best volume yet! This series is so good and knows how to bank on its supernatural elements and ground them through gorgeous interactions between two mental health stricken souls and the lovely people who surround them. I can't wait to see what that end will bring to bear on Elias and Chise's life together!

????? Authenticity

????? Tension

????? Plot

????? Art

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DonutKnow says

Lol, Elias I'm not sure saying 'She's mine, that is what she wants' is really proving your point of letting Chise do what she wants ? However true that may be, it should be Chise saying this, or else I think there is a conflict of interest ?

Nevertheless I'm very intrigued to know what happens next...what happened to Chise's arm?? ?

Douglas Cootey says

Slow, fractured beginning; dramatic ending. This volume disappointed me at first. I realize I read the last volume months ago, but the beginning fifth or so of this volume was confusing with frequent flashbacks interspersed with vague descriptors and exposition. Only after the dream sequence did the volume begin to have a driving focus. Then the widened cast of characters were no longer confusing or distracting, but all dedicated to moving the plot forward. Yamazaki successfully tied most of the subplots together into the auction scene where even the pandemonium felt focused—like a wave of chaos moving in one direction. Chise is proving to be an interesting character, if a little too perfect. The subplots left unresolved are teasers for future development.

The art was also excellent, though the best art was saved for the climax. Dialogue scenes aren't super exciting when emotions aren't at play. However, there were wonderful otherworldly touches throughout the volume. I look forward to the next volume.

Lauren says

How I love old Bonehead and Chise! <3

This volume read like two separate halves - the first half I found to be quite slow and a bit pointless really but the second half was full of action and that cliffhanger!! Damn it...I'm going to have to pick up vol. 8 now.

RTC

Chelsea Gouin says

Elias is in his crazy demon form and has Chise locked in his grip, refusing to let go. This is a great moment for Chise's character as she is mature enough to assess how Elias is feeling, even if he can't. She's able to summon her staff and save herself, just as Ruth shows up to help. She also brews a potion to help a sick Elias but over exerts herself...again...and then is connected in the Dreamscape with the Alchemist for a bit of uncomfortable background. Also, some dragons get kidnapped and the college swoops in to assess Chise and try to scoop her up to study her...but also they need her help to save the baby dragons. Things got crazy at the end there with an amazing cliffhanger of a panel that makes me anxious to dive into the next volume!

Annie says

Solid 3.5/3.74 star read.

This review applies to most of my current Ancient Magus' Bride reads, so prepare for a copy and paste to each.

While the story started off with a lot of explanation to the world and the magic, this series has delved into the confusion of itself, whether that be due to the story writing styles of Japan or translations, as this is a feature I notice in many manga.

There is an emphasis on unnamed issues, feelings, and peoples which can leave the reader confused and distanced from the characters, causing a rift between the reader and the story in that they are too confused and puzzled to delve into the world itself. The constant struggle to cure or keep Chise safe has, at this point, grown redundant. As much as I'm loving the story, I'm at a loss as to how we've made it as far as we have because it feels like nothing has happened. The big bad villain--if he indeed even is one--has been scarce, conflict is based around TV show-styled action and plot, making each book both stand on its own as well as give enough tidbits to the overarching plot to make the reader curious.

I'll keep reading, but I'm worried that the story is going to be dragged out and become redundant and pointless.

Shannon says

I absolutely *adore* this series. It's full of just the right mix of fantasy, romance, mystery, comedy ... I can't sing its praises enough. And I'd be lying if I didn't say some of the lessons Chise and others learn didn't make me think about myself and my world.

I just want this to go on forever.

Katja says

The series is awesome but I didn't like this volume as much as the last one. There's a conclusion to the cliffhanger of the vol. 6 but it's a bit of let-down because although Chise says some wise things and so on, it felt a bit non-resolve. Maybe they come back to it later, dunno.

The new arc starts somewhat confusingly but looks to be interesting case with good chances for characters to grow. Chise keeps taking herself to the limits of her strength despite everybody warning her against it and I wonder how long she can go on like that...

This volume doesn't have the slow-paced atmospheric tone actually, there's quite a bit action and also lots of talking, and not much magic. But it's okay, it brings some variety. Art is consistently good and print quality (of the Finnish edition) is great.

Jessica (HighFantasyFanatic) says

Oh Damn! I can't believe i have to wait till february to find out what happens next.

Viviana Almendra Rehbein says

DEFINITIVAMENTE MI NUEVA AMBICION!!!
