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In this second installment of Fumi Yoshinaga's deliciously charming slice-of-gay-life, we delve into the beginnings of Shiro and Kenji's relationship.

Shiro continues to expand his culinary creativity while dealing with problematic clients and his well-meaning but misguided mother, who comes to rely on him when a health scare hits close to home.

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Ruth says

Much like the first volume of the series, What Did You Eat Yesterday? volume 2 meanders a bit from chapter to chapter, with a loose theme and a focus on Shiro's cooking. The loose theme in this volume is relationships. First we're treated to how Shiro and Kenji first met. We also get to see other past relationships that Shiro has been through (including one where he was rather taken advantage of), uneven friendship's of Kenji's, the relationships of divorced couples (and their new partners), and even Shiro's parents. Yoshinaga doesn't hold any punches when it comes to making choices that the reader might not like. When a divorced mother watches her son from afar interacting with his stepmother, the son doesn't notice her and run to her for comfort, but rather is shown basking in the glow of his new mother. At least as a Western reader, I felt an urge that biology (and his biological mother's love) would trump that of a newcomer, but it didn't. On the other hand, I was soothed by scenes of Kenji taking care of household tasks (without being asked) in contrast to one of Shiro's previous boyfriends who left everything to him. There's this sense of give and take in the series--sometimes you get what you want or expected, and sometimes you get something else. It helps to keep a bit of intrigue in a manga that is very much just a slice out of the life of an amateur culinarian.

There isn't much different about volume 2, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't purchase it. In the end, the series is all about the cooking, and this volume does not disappointment with a plethora of new meal ideas and detailed enough descriptions to make it possible use it as a recipe reference. If you liked volume 1, Go ahead and get volume 2. The food looks delicious!

Miriam says

Wow, Shiro does not understand his parents very well. No wonder there seems to be something missing in his relationship with Kenji. I wonder if this will be addressed in the long run, or if it is simply a feature of the set-up.

The food looks good, but I haven't tried making any dishes yet because it would involve buying a lot of things, and because this volume had a lot of soup and baked dishes and it is 100 degrees where I am.

Aurora Serenity Sildatke says

I don't know if it's just the translation I'm reading... but Shiro can be a bit of a jerk sometimes. Other than that, I love this manga because of all the recipes in it, and I can't wait to try vegan adaptations of some of them.

Judy says

Loving this series, even if it makes me hungry and almost willing to try tofu.

Ajdesasha says

All my issues and praise from the first volume remain in this one. It's a sweet, though mostly completely weightless piece of fluff with little to no story. One problem, that I've seen others point to as well, is I'm increasingly not sure why the two characters are together. Their relationship seems to have serious communication problems, they seem to have little in common, and honestly aren't even very affectionate with each other. I am curious as to whether or not this is purposeful on the mangaka's part, and whether the story will address this further. But as for now, their relationship simply isn't developed enough, and - each chapter containing such long cooking scenes - what development there is happens so slowly. 16 or so chapters in, and their relationship is basically reduced to Kakei being annoyed by having to listen to Yabuki's problems and Yabuki being constantly jealous. I'll probably give it another volume or two to pick up, but I worry that the mangaka is simply happy having such a slight story with the recipes being the main focus.

Tasha says

Not as good as Volume 1, but still enjoyable.

Nina says

Yeah, this one is a bit of a lull. It's starting to show Shiro a little more, and he's kind of a butt sometimes. Looking forward to more development of his character.

N. says

This manga series is my perfect place to hide from the world. I buy a volume whenever I feel I deserve a treat or accomplished a big thing.

I loved the recipes in this volume and would like to try a few of them. In this case, I was introduced to Nikujaga (????) and I want to have this dish ASAP. It sounds like the ultimate comfort dish for the coming fall nights.

I also enjoyed learning more about how Shiro and Kenji met and how they came to live together.

Jumper says

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Amy says

This got a little more boring with the second installation. A lot of cooking! (I am surprised that I found

cooking boring in manga form.)

Lauren says

Not as much story in this one, but the recipes all sound delicious.

Nathaniel says

See my review on volume 1.

Laura says

I like this graphic novel - odd mixture of graphic novel and cook book - makes me so hungry.

Kit Feral says

I hate cooking so I really don't know why I like these... but I really do. they're so good! if you like cooking you should definitely give them a try.

Denise says

Man, Shiro is a jerk.
