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OF BLOOD AND DESTINY

The titanic battle between the clans rages on. Akeginu and the blinded Oboro of the Iga clan encounter a powerful aristocrat named Ofuku, who will do whatever it takes to make her godson, Takechiyo, the next Shogun. If Ofuku and her troops join forces with the Iga, will the Kouga still have a chance at victory?

Meanwhile, the Kouga leader Gennosuke, also blinded, and his comrades—including the shapeshifter Saemon and the deadly seductress Kagerou—embark on a long journey to Sunpu to find out exactly why the truce was dissolved. They will face the fury of the calculating Tenzen and the whirlwind-wielding Koshirou. In the end, who will survive this bloody game of deception and politics?

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Gianfranco Mancini says

The flashbacks, the appearance of Hattori Hanzo and clan Tokugawa (if you never heard about them this manga is really not for you, just skip it), the great fight Koshirou vs Hyoma, and the author working a lot much more on the plot instead of showing nudity like on previous issues, make this one the best volume of the series.

Carole Rae says

This is the 4th manga in the series. Unlike the other two, I wouldn't read this as a stand alone. Many references one can only understand if they read the last 3. These references and back-knowledge are important to understand what's going on.

I've been dying to read this, because I believe that this is the best of the series. I still think so (so far), still have one more to go, so we shall see. So much is going on, but I love every second of it.

I especially love the number of flashbacks that are showed. Awesome and the little cute, romantic scene between Hotarubi and Yashamaru. Super cute! The flashbacks are really bittersweet though, because you really wish the treaty was never broken by the corrupted politics. Damn them. Things had been looking up for both clans with the engagement between Oboro and Gennosuke. Meh.

This manga also was bittersweet, because a couple really awesome characters are slain. I know it's gonna happen, but I still get upset when it happens. I especially am bitter, because one of my least favorites has a hand in the killings. >_> Stupid tragic manga....

ANYWAYS....

This is and was my favorite of the series. So much going on, but it's just so good. I can't say more without spoiling it. I do believe my favorite parts of it are the flashbacks. So bittersweet. *sighs* Well, I shall HIGHLY recommend this manga to those that love this genre. So fantastic. I wish it was more popular, because it does deserve the attention. It really does. In the end, I shall stamp this with 5 stars.

Favorite Character(s): Gennosuke, Koshirou, Hyouma, and Saemon (awesome power)

Not-so Favorite Character(s): Oboro (meh), Tenzen (asswipe), and Kagerou

Maud says

We're finally beginning to see what's behind all this.

Dopeimmortalsoul says

Lots of rape in this edition, nice analogies. But the trama gets heavy, no wonder it just lasts 5 books. Ofcourse the story of this is too wide, the trama is about the battle of the kouga and the iga. Now the 10 show their powers and a greedy grandma appears to put some level in the fight, because the kouga were the best.

Dominique "Eerie" Sobieska says

Iga - 3 Remain
Kouga - 3 Remain

Christine Jones says

A tightly written, well illustrated glimpse at classic manga, worth a read.

Angel says

The battle between the Iga and Kouga clans continues, leaving only 5 ninjas left by the end of this volume (out of ten per side that started out). A noble lady decides to meddle, which could make things interesting. Once again, the pace on this one moves along very fast. One of the things I am noticing in this series is the amount of detail. I may reread the series soon just to appreciate it some more. Oh, and in this volume, did that last ninja to die, Tenzen, actually die? Seems a shapeshifter is involved. Maybe instead of 5, there may still be 6 ninja left. Another cool thing about this series is that the ninjas all have different techniques and powers from the shapeshifter to the woman who can stop any ninja technique with just her vision. This is a nice blend of fantasy and action. Well worth the reading, and I am heading along to read volume 5 to find out how it all ends.

Conan Tigard says

This series is just an absolute pleasure to read. The drawing look like artwork and the story is both exciting and action-packed. I just couldn't put the book down. To tell the truth, I read books 2 through 5 in one sitting, unable to wait until the next day to find out what was going to happen.

Basilisk is a hell of a story and one that I will always treasure and a true Japanese manga. Masaki Segawa is an utterly incredible artist and his work speaks for itself. Basilisk: Volume 4 is another stupendous manga book in this fantastic series that DelRey Manga has published. If you never read another manga series, this is the one you need to pick up. It is totally spectacular!

Overall, Basilisk: Volume 4 is a bodacious story that will leave you sitting on the edge of your seat wanting to finish the series by reading Basilisk: Volume 5. So, be prepared for a sword-wielding story of magic and misunderstandings that leaves blood dripping from the pages.

I rated this book a 10 out of 10.
