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Werewolves at the door...and in the house

Born into a family of “Hunters,” Takamichi’s destiny is to pursue and slay demons. When her twin brother is killed, she is saved from despair by a pair of Jiu Jiu—shape-shifting familiars—in the form of two wolf pups named Snow and Night. Now Takamichi is in high school and an active Hunter. Snow and Night can’t wait to attend school in their human form to “protect” her. But are they ready to go off leash...?

Takamichi’s Jiu Jiu Obedience Training Goals

1. Don’t run away before a critical meeting of the Hunter Clans. (If only there were leash laws for Jiu Jiu...)
2. Speak now or forever hold your peace.
3. Get along with other shape-shifting familiars, little doggies.

Reads R to L (Japanese Style) for teen plus audiences.

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From Reader Review Jiu Jiu, Vol. 3 for online ebook

Judy (Geeky Reading) says

~4/5

[This review is also available on my blog.]

I am obsessed with this series. Like, obsessed. I cannot get enough. I can't even get close to enough. The next volume I should be getting soon, and then I have to wait a while for the one after that, which will be the last one, and what will I do after that? I just... I don't know. I don't want it to end. Ever. It's amazing. And I love it.

For some reason, the contents of each volume seem to blur a little bit, which sucks. But then, when I go to write up the review for that volume (as I'm doing now, obviously), I flip through the pages to recap it, only to end up grinning and re-reading the volume. It's a horrible cycle, really. Horrible in the not-horrible-at-all sense, of course, because I get to read the volume again, and I love it. Although it kind of also just makes me want to gush about the characters, mainly Snow and Night, which distracts me from actually talking about the volume.

So, things are getting intense in this volume. It starts out all fluffy and adorable and sweet (calm down, my heart), but quickly gets serious. We meet a couple new characters in this volume, including Takamichi's ex-fiance and current fiancé, and their jiu jiu, and a whole bunch of other Important Hunter Family Members/Elders. Takamichi is getting older, closer to marrying age, and the hunter families are having a big family meeting. Also, we get to see Takamichi's father more, and get some history and a flashback to when Takamichi was younger and actually see her twin brother.

There's a family party after the meeting, where everyone is drinking. Including Takamichi's father, who is horribly sadistic when drunk, and Takamichi forcing her fiancé, Seijiro, to get drunk. Then there's a possibly romantic scene between Takamichi and Seijiro, and a not good scene between her and her ex-fiance, then a violent one involving Snow and Night, and then Takamichi and her ex-fiance and another person. The ending to the volume is not particularly good, leaving some questions, and I'm sure even more serious stuff will get cleared up in the next volume. Also, there were a couple cute comic strips at the end of the volume; there usually is, and it's usually adorable.

So, the new characters. Seijiro seems really sweet, and like he's upset with the troubles he's having with the fiancé thing, in that he wants to do it and Takamichi doesn't. His jiu jiu, Ripple, seems nice and has a thing for Snow, which will be interesting and possibly adorable, I'm sure. Mika, her ex-fiance, seems like a bit of a jerk. Not a very big fan of him at the moment, and I feel a little bad for his jiu jiu, White, who seems oddly quiet but intriguing.

I liked seeing Takamichi's father, since we've only got very small glimpses of him before, although I would like to see more of how him and Takamichi get along. We also got to see his jiu jiu, Moon, who is like an older, more experienced influence on Snow and Night, which is just rather entertaining. Also, I feel bad for him because of how Takamichi's father acts when drunk. (He's kind of horrible to Moon when under the influence of alcohol.)

I love Snow and Night. They are my favorites, all the way, and I just love them. I cannot get enough of them.

I feel really bad for them about this whole fiancé business, and how they're not taking it very well. I'm hugely conflicted about it, myself. I think Seijiro is sweet and honest, and I like him, but I'm starting to think that Night has romantic feelings for Takamichi more so than Snow, and so I'm rooting for him all the way. I just... I don't think I'll be happy if there isn't something, but I also don't really think that the marriage isn't going to happen. I'm just not particularly happy with the direction this is all going; at the least, I'm conflicted and wary.

Mainly, though, I'm loving it. This series is so unique, and sweet, and adorable, and gorgeous, and heatwarming, and grin-worthy and fangirl-worthy. I'm just in love with this series, and these characters, and I really want the next book to arrive so I can start it right now.

Kate says

New information is revealed in this volume on the two wolf brothers who are Takamichi's guardians (jiu jiu). We also meet new characters (both hunters and jiu jiu), that will all likely play pivotal roles in the future. I can now only speculate on the wolves Snow and Night (are they new versions of Hati and Skoll?). Can't wait for info on their pasts along with the hunter's!

Kyrstin says

Loved it! And I love the new characters!!!

Miss says

Confusing but hey, flashback featuring adorable headstrong children! I'll award points for that. 2.5 stars

Holly Letson says

Love this series, probably more than I should. Go through these volumes in 1 sitting usually. Thanks so much to VIZ Media and Edelweiss for providing me with eBooks of V2 and V3 to read and review.

In this volume, the family heads meeting takes place. But, as much else in Takamichi's world goes, nothing goes as previously planned. Turns out that Takamichi is betrothed to a member of another of the 8 clans, and she doesn't like this at all. Her first fiance', not the present one, used to make fun of her and tease her all the time. She feels like this one will do the same, so she plans to skip the meeting. Instead, she ends up being late, and having to explain her tardiness.

Her new fiance', Mr. Shiratori, ends up getting drunk, and spilling all his feelings to her about how he fell in love with her 10 years ago, and we are filled in about everything that happened back then with an extensive flashback, of course. Now that we know the story, we are supposed to identify with him more, as is she. But, I still feel no special closeness to Shiratori, and wish that Takamichi could marry Night or Snow instead. Speaking of that, Snow and Night--especially Night--are now sad that Tachamichi will be marrying soon, and feel like she will no longer want them around or want to have anything to do with them at all. But, she

has assured them that everything will be the same. I wonder how her hubby would feel about two other "men" sleeping in the same bed as his wife.

There's also a cute side-story at the end of the volume about sleeping on the tatami.

Emmy Lou says

I am so confused at to what is really going on...

Chibineko says

I think that one thing I'd say about this series is that after a while it becomes something that is better in small doses. This volume veers off from the more cute elements introduced in volumes one and two, which makes it a little harder to read after you've just finished the previous volumes. Tobina tries to take a more serious tone in this volume and after a while it just felt like it dragged more than thrilled.

Now don't get me wrong. This is the time when more serious plot points should be brought in and family drama is the most likely candidate for this series since it doesn't seem to want to be an action manga. I just can't help but occasionally feel a little bored with the family drama, especially since so much of it centers on who Takamichi's affections might center on. I think that this might be due to this being such a dramatic switch to drama after being so heavily comedic for the previous two volumes. There are several cute scenes in this volume, but the focus here is more on drama at times. It's not the die-hard drama-drama, but it's enough to where it just doesn't feel balanced at times.

Now aside from that, I am still interested in the series to where I'll probably continue to read it as the books are released. I just really hope that at some point the series finds a happy balance between manic cute comedy and somber drama. This just feels like it could be more than what it is, but it just hasn't reached that point yet.

Dorcas says

The family heads are introduced, and I'm so confused about what's going on with the fiancée's and yuki's death. They've veered off the cute and are taking a detour into the family politics.
