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# Mal says

hey?????? my name is?????. what's yours?

# Nicola Mansfield says

Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says

Another splendid volume in this series! This time things take a darker turn and we don't have much humour as action and battling is the order of the day here. Focusing in on Alibaba and Sinbad, mostly, we start off with a background story then quickly come back to the action at hand which is a land, Balbabb, in turmoil. Various factions are fighting against the rotten King and in turn, Alibaba finds himself challenged against multiple, um, challengers! The cast has become larger now, everyone is together and even though the focus is on someone else the others still all make appearances and have input. My mind wandered a little as all the, shall we say political, situations were explained but it is necessary to the overall plot. So not my favourite volume but still a fine entry with a worrisome cliffhanger ending!

# Good volume.

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#### dani! 🏶 says

This volume just proved that the manga can stand on its own. This was absolutely stunning.

I'll start with the new characters, or those who really just got to shine. I originally didn't understand why people seemed to like Sinbad so much... but this volume made me realise why. He's totally hilarious, crazy, and sometimes stupid... but also very strong, and a downright awesome guy with good goals and intentions. He's truly incredible, and I like him a lot. I see why Alibaba would admire this guy. I really liked Ja'far's defense of Sinbad, it made me appreciate Ja'far more and I liked seeing the depth in their relationship. That was kind of sweet. Next up is Ahbmad, who is pretty successful in his role of being a total jerk and making me very, very angry. Judal, however, is... interesting. He's one of those characters that is an antagonist, they cause trouble for the mains and you get angry at them, but they're generally interesting to see because they're just really fascinating characters. I'm not sure I can totally get over my anger because of what's happened because of him, though! I still have my strong connection with the protagonists--which is even stronger than I realised--and I couldn't help feeling for them.

Alibaba's past probably isn't entirely unique, I'll admit that, but the way it was done was sweet and I still give him all of my love. I'm glad his intentions were made clear and I'm rooting for him completely... he really is amazing, in his own, normal kind of way. I love Ali, and I love that even when he's practically being spat on, he didn't give up and kept pushing for everyone's sake. He's admirable.

The fight in the second half of the volume was... indescribable. It's rare that a manga grips me so totally that every page has me excited and engaged, but Magi has done it. I cared so much for everyone and don't think I can get all of my thoughts down. I loved Aladdin's defence of Alibaba, their friendship is incredibly sweet. I also really loved Morgiana and Alibaba stepping in to help, that was brilliant! Plus, I was really surprised by my caring for Ugo... I hadn't realised I'd gotten attached to any Djinns here, but I was really scared. (view spoiler)

I'll cut this short here. In conclusion, Magi is turning out to be one exceptional manga. Man, I can't wait to see this animated.

# Doc says

The book is rated Teen from the fine folks at Viz media. If you read this book it will have political upheaval, betrayals, and more Magi for your buck.

Picking up after bringing Aladdin's friend Alibaba to him we find out more about the troubled youth you has taken on the role of leader of the Fog Troops who are uprising against the crown who doesn't seem to care about the poor. Sides have been chosen and major players are starting to appear as the conflict picks up.

My fave part of the book is when Ugo fights and ends up going berserk. Just wait till you get to see a mammoth djinn tear things up when it is important.

# Chivitouille says

El saber más de la historia de Alibaba resulta interesante, ver cómo poco a poco va cambiando, todas las preocupaciones que tiene y el esfuerzo por hacer lo correcto a pesar de lo difícil que sea lo va convirtiendo en un personaje sumamente genial.

Me encanta mucho como la amistad juega un papel importante y la incursión de nuevos personajes sigue enriqueciendo la historia.

Sin duda a pesar de saber de antemano lo que ocurrirá debido a haber visto antes el anime, no le resta para nada la emoción y la impresión de ciertas partes.

Una vez más, diré que es una historia que vale la pena conocer, tanto por lo precioso de su dibujo como por la trama creativa.

#### Aleece says

Alibaba begins to reveal his past as well as who he truly is to Aladdin and Morgiana (with Sinbad listening in). However, Cassim interrupts the group and tries to take Alibaba back which leads to a fight between the Fog Troop and Sinbad. Later on a character named Judar shows up and Sinbad later reveals him to also be a

Magi, a Magi that is bored and only wants war now. Aladdin and Judar face off and more is revealed about a Magi's abilities.

This was a volume that I originally thought was going to be mainly backstory but when Judar came into the picture it changed and became really interesting. The clash between the Magi was very interesting and well depicted with the artwork. Things got a little intense and I hope this continues in the future.

I received this advanced copy from VIZ Media through Edelweiss in exchange for my honest review.

## Karissa says

This is the 5th volume in the Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic series by Ohtaka. This was an excellent continuation of the story, lots of action and lots of background on our characters. I really enjoyed it.

Aladdin and Morgiana have found Alibaba and are trying to figure out why he is running the Fog Troop in Balbadd. He offers to tell them his history and the story of how him and the other leader of Fog Troop, Cassim, grew up together. He also tells the tale of why he fled Balbadd in the first place and what he was hoping to accomplish on his return.

This book really features Alibaba, we learn a ton about his past and background and it was a very interesting and well told story. Alibaba grows a lot as a character during this story and by the end of it you can really understand him better and sympathize with him.

Sinbad is also in the story a lot and I really enjoyed him as a character, he is funny and has noble intentions...even if he does some stupid things now and then.

We also finally meet Judar, he was mentioned in Vol 4...so we know he is another Magi. In this book however we get to meet him in much more detail. He is one of my favorite kinds of villains. Judar is a Magi, but he also seems to like to create chaos just for the sake of chaos. He is fascinating and evil all at once.

We see a lot more of what a Magi can do when Aladdin and Judar get into an absolutely action and magic packed battle.

Aside from all the drama between Alibaba and the King of Balbadd there is still the continuing story of the Kou Empire taking over everything. This storyline is still mostly in the background, but I am curious to see how the theme of the Kou Empire conquering the world will play out in future books.

Overall a very well done fantasy manga. I continue to enjoy the world, the action, and the wonderful characters that I really engage with and care about. There is some great humor in here as well as some truly awesome battle scenes. I have really been enjoying this series and can't wait to see what volume 6 holds for us! Highly recommended to fans of fantasy manga.

#### Mary V.d.kroef says

A review for books 1-26

This Manga starts our humorous. I really enjoyed the characters at the beginning. The farther you read the deeper the plots become. Enjoyable at the beginning, and a must read for the later books. I can NOT wait for books 27 + Characters are real and raw. Everyone has there faults and I feel the author/artist dose a wonderful job of bringing everyones points of view, twisted though they might be, in to clear focus.

(note: I wouldn't recommend this manga for young teens. I fine the sexual innuendos pretty funny as an adult, but not really appropriate for younger audiences. Also the plot gets pretty dark at times.)

I read the English translation on KissManga.com

### The Fangirling Booknerd says

Judar is so cute!!! He's so evil and it's amazing!!! SOME ONE HELP ME I'M FINGERLING!

### Asma says

Loved this volume!!!!

# Hannah Belyea says

Now in Balbadd, Aladdin and Morgiana has reunited with Ali Baba, only to find him leading a gang - so he decides to reveal his shaky past, all while a mysterious new Magi shows his devious face. Ohtaka is sure to give fans chills and thrills with this informative entry. Ali Baba may be willing to share his childhood, but will it change the way Aladdin sees him?

#### **Danielle Brenner says**

judar is rood

# Jamie says

This volume is a bit darker than past volumes. It picks up with the explaination of what Alibaba is doing with Cassim's gang. We learn what happened since the dungeon, and a lot about his past. He has some crucial trials to overcome in this and I love seeing him grow as a character.

The other focus here is Judar. Another Magi and trouble like non other for young Aladdin! This second focus on the book tests Aladdin in new ways. Yet there is still so much to learn about the Magi!

A different balance of action and story in this one. Less humor and more serious than previous volumes. I loved the new depth we are given into the characters!

*I was given a digital copy of this manga in exchange for a fair/honest review.*
Guadalupe says

Por fin empieza a animarse la cosa!!