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The Devil Is A Part-Timer!, Vol. 7 (light Novel)



Synopsis

A door-to-door fraudster arrives in the neighborhood, swindling Urushihara! Already strapped for cash, Maou visits the office to contest the transaction, only to find himself tongue-tied at their vehement refusal! Unable to face the heat, is Maou truly out forty-five thousand yen?! Not if the Hero has anything to say about it... Other adventures await Maou and the crew in this volume of short stories--from becoming new cat owners to a family shopping trip to the story of how Chiho met Maou.

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Customer Reviews

029 (Oniku) is the illustrator for the series The Devil is a Part-timer! Satoshi Wagahara is the author behind the hilarious fantasy light novel series, The Devil is a Part-timer!

Seeing as this is volume 7, I've been reading these novels for a while. This is one of my favorite just because of the side story about futon shopping. Each story was unique and had it's own flair to it.

This series continues to entertain. Wish they would put together a second season of the anime, but for now I will happily continue to read the novels.

Short version: If the anime series had continued, this would be effectively known as filler. It's not...bad, but I think it's safe to say that we all collectively groan whenever filler comes into a story.

Plus, when the filler goes BACK in the timeline of the story, it's even worse. Long version: Man, I love this series. The tension between the characters is great, and the obvious not-in-love-but-starting-to relationship that Maou and Emi have is probably one of the funniest things I have ever read. Reading about Maou completely failing to understand why the things he does pisses off Emi and causes Chiho to panic. Also, seeing Suzuno's possible blooming love for Maou is great as well--or maybe she's starting to slip for the Fallen Angel, Urushihara. They do seem to get paired together more and more. Plus, we have an interesting actual story that is building up. There's a secret that the Angels of Heaven know that has them in a panic and scrambling to collect sacred stones from the world tree. There's also the reveal that the Angels aren't divine beings, and Suzuno suggested that perhaps the demons are the same as well. Not to mention the return of Emi's Angel mother, Emi and Maou's daughter Alas Ramus, and the strange attempted overthrow of power happening back in Emi's homeland. This series is a great mix of intrigue and romantic humor. Too bad this entire book doesn't deal with ANY of that. Okay, that's not fair--we do get a story about Emi and Maou shopping for a bed for Alas Ramus together, but that's about it. This book is a collection of short stories, and sadly, none of the stories do anything to further the plot. Most of them take place during the events of previous novels--and when I say previous, I mean several volumes ago. Heck, one of them takes place BEFORE the series really even started. 1) The first story is about the time Urushihara got scammed. Remember how the anime ended on that strange episode that didn't really feel like an ending? Yep, that's the first story. 2) The second story is about the time Maou and his Kingdom (Urushihara and Ashiya) find a cat. Obviously they can't keep it because of money reasons (and Urushihara is really allergic to it, to the point where he hides in the closet and sneezes constantly), but it's not long before they all start falling in love with it, Suzuno included. But hey, the art for this story has Emi in a cat suit with cat ears, and I suddenly need a figure of her in that outfit. 3) The third story is about Maou and Emi looking for a bed. If you're familiar with any of the not-dates these two have, you know how this one goes--Maou acts like a decent human being all the time, baffled by the simplest things, and ends up doing something sweet for Emi that causes her to get mad because they're sworn enemies, darn it! 4) And here's the story that ultimately causes me to take off a star. This story is about Chiho getting her job at McDonald's. It introduces two new characters who are apparently really good friends of hers, except we've never heard of them before this story so they can't be THAT good of friends. We find out why she likes the Japanese archery that she is shown doing in the credits of the anime, but she also goes through the same storyline of "smart teenager isn't sure what she wants to do with her life and it's starting to freak her out" and it's just...boring. We also find out why she falls for Maou, and it's nothing beyond

him being nice to her at work. Look, none of these stories are bad. Even Chiho's, which I didn't really care for but if you're a fan of her great, isn't terrible. It's just that none of these stories advance the main story in any way, shape, or form. Yes, we do get some more info on some characters, but it's info that we really already knew simply because we've been following these characters for six books now. If you want an example of a collection of stories passing off as a light novel in a series, go read 'Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in A Dungeon? Volume 8', which also just came out. That one is the same idea--a collection of stories--but it takes place during current events, and things that happen in it advance the overall story in some way. This volume of The Devil is a Part-timer is just filler, and while it's not bad filler, it is kind of a letdown for those of us who were looking forward to seeing what happens next. Bottom line: If you're like me, you're picking this up and you're going to read it because you are compelled to complete the series. However, and it kills me to say this, you really could skip this volume and you'd lose out on nothing. Maybe if these stories took place during current events, and then Chiho's was the final one, then it would have worked better, but as it stands, jumping back in time when we were getting some serious answers and questions in the last novel ultimately hurts this book a little.

Volume 7 is by no means a bad book, but there was little to no plot progression storywise. As someone else mentioned in their review, this is more or less filler content that has no consequences towards the storyline from what I've read. The skipping timelines creates a sense of confusion as you first read off due to its lack of explanation that the story goes back in time. If you're looking for more to read in the universe then this would not be a bad volume to pick up. However if you're more interested in plot progression then you can skip this volume and not worry about missing anything particularly important later down the road. Honestly this should have been titled as a spin off or side story rather than dumping it into the main story volumes.

After buying all the previous light novels, all the up to date manga, and the spin off series, while also having watched the anime, I was expecting something new to come in the new edition. Little did I know I would spend twenty dollars on a bunch of piled together flashbacks.

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