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Ninako has realised that her feelings for Ren is that of love. But even though she knows that Ren has a girlfriend, she confesses to him. They're her first feelings of love and all she wants to do is express them to Ren. But after being rejected, she decides to at least remain his friend.

The new school term begins and Ninako meets Andou, a person who witnessed her confession to Ren. It all start when Ren, Andou, and Ninako begin their duty as committee members preparing for the upcoming culture festival. Everyone's feelings awaken as Ninako continues to hold a love for Ren

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Brenda says

Me encanta que pueda conocer más la personalidad de Ren en cada capítulo a pesar de que se comienzan a abrir oscuros secretos del pasado.

Su relación con Ninako empieza a cambiar y podemos notar la vacilación en sus corazones.

Sobre Daiki, a mi me gustaba este personaje, sin embargo, llega una chica y se le confiesa y este joven vacila.

No no no...demasiado rápido para olvidar a la chica de quien siempre ha estado enamorado...

Esperaré paciente por el tercer tomo.

Jesus Flores says

[la declaración de Ninako a Ren (hide spoiler)]

Tammy Smith says

In the words of the manga regarding volume 1: "I wrote Strobe Edge because I wanted to craft a story that illuminated some specific emotions that everyone has. I wanted to draw the sensation you feel in the window of time between one event and another. In a single moment, people think about all sorts of things. We may never put them into words or write them down, but we feel the sensation of them flying through our minds. I thought that perhaps by examining that sensation and teasing it out here, readers will be able to sympathize with it."

Regarding volume 2: "I always think that the "sparkles" of every day life - those precious moments - are incredibly beautiful, so I want to capture as many of them as possible. But those fleeting moments are usually well hidden, so unless I really make sure to have my feelers out, I can miss them entirely. So it's very exciting when I do notice one! Yes!

With Strobe Edge, I'm hoping to portray those "sparkles" and share the thrill of discovering them - that moment of "Yes!" - with all of you."

I always read the authors intro, but I don't think I have ever read one that has got me thinking so much. It's interesting to me that Io Sakisaka is trying to capture a sparkle, a moment, a thought, a feeling in a moment of time.

Ninako is vulnerable and pretty naive. She's oblivious to the opposite sex, has never shown interest in boys and seems pretty clueless. Her best friend is Daiki, who happens to be in love with her, but he won't tell her. She can't see it, but everyone else does. All her classmates think it is just a matter of time before she and Daiki become a couple, but she just says they're friends. Her classmates won't be dissuaded in their fantasy

and talk as if she and Daiki are already a couple. Her one big flaw, though, is that she seems far too swayed by what other people say.

As an example, as volume one opens up, her mother has sent her to the store with specific instructions on exactly what to buy. She gets caught in the shop owner's snare as she eyes a juicy looking red apple. As she continues looking, he tells her, "These apples taste amazing!" So she buys one. When she gets home, she gets in trouble from her mother for buying something that was not on the shopping list. Her mother asked Ninako if she got a sample. Of course, she did not, she just bought the apple on hearsay and that basically sums her up. She believes everything people tell her almost as if she is afraid to have an opinion of her own or she doesn't trust it.

So, when Ninako's classmates ask her if she likes Daiki, she tells them that they went to the same middle school, they get along, he's nice and fun to be around and she doesn't dislike him. So the girls convince her that means she likes him. Surprised by this revelation, she takes them at their word and seems confused that she obviously has romantic feelings for Daiki when she didn't even know. She even goes so far as to say she wouldn't have known she was in love if they hadn't told her. Pathetic, right?

Still, there is something very real about Ninako. She is innocent and through her eyes, we get a glimpse into our own past. How we felt when we realized we liked a guy for the first time, how we felt when the idol walked the halls of the school, the one guy that we got up for every morning and couldn't wait to see, even if he never acknowledged us. That innocence is so precious and magical and is captured wonderfully here.

Daiki is handsome and a really nice guy and he is absolutely crazy for Ninako. He doesn't want to push her, though, because he doesn't feel she's ready for a relationship. But he starts to question his tactics as Ninako becomes aware of the resident pretty boy all the girls are crazy for. Can he afford not to say anything now? Or should he just go for it before it is too late and someone else snatches her up?

Ren is the resident hottie. He is in the same grade as Ninako, but in a different class. Every morning when he walks by her class, all the girls stop to watch him and then spend their remaining free time gossiping about him before class starts. Numerous girls have confessed their feelings to him and he has turned down every one. So of course, he is the center of all the gossip. Why doesn't he go out with any of them?

Ninako is taking the train home one day and she realizes that Ren is on the same train as her. He has fallen asleep and almost misses his stop. When he gets up to rush out at the stop, he catches her cell phone on his messenger bag and accidentally steps on her phone charm. He apologizes and offers to buy her a new one, but Ninako assures him it isn't necessary.

He buys one for her anyway as a replacement. After that, they keep bumping into each other, they talk and eventually become friends. She never sees him talking to any of the other girls at school and she starts to feel hopeful, realizing she has fallen in love with Ren.

Daiki, realizing her interest in Ren has grown decides he can't wait anymore and he confesses his feelings to her. One of their classmates knowing Ninako has a crush on Ren confesses her feelings to Daiki. Ninako confesses her feelings to Ren and what about Ren? It's girl loves boy loves girl loves boy loves? Well, I'm not telling.

And volume two introduces yet another character in this string of unrequited love. Ando is the new kid who went to middle school with Ren. When he realizes Ninako likes Ren, he just can't stop teasing her and getting in her way at every opportunity. But does he really like her?

Volume 1 is all about Ninako's discovery of her feelings and what it really means to her to finally understand what it is to like someone and not just believing other people. Volume 2 is about keeping hope in your heart when it seems there is no hope at all. The heart wants what the heart wants. Your head can tell you otherwise, but ultimately it is going to make very little difference.

This is a sweet story of first love and I am really looking forward to the next installment which is due out March 5.

Frances says

Cute. I can see Ren trying his best but I know one of his love interests are going to get hurt in the end- and I mean Mayuka... I also feel that he's a bit too plain, goody-two-shoes even. I don't know what he's feeling. But that last scene makes me question these thoughts about him.

Theresa ? says

JEEZ, this manga needs an anime.

An amazing, beautiful, PERFECT ANIME to go along with it!

So. My dear review readers. When I got to the library a few days ago to return Strobe Edge 1, Strobe Edge 2 already arrived for me! I literally jumped 100 feet into the air when I saw it! My library got ahold of volumes 1-6 so far, and I'm going crazy.

BEAUTIFUL ART. BEAUTIFUL STORY. It's just . . . it's justsa dfhusghsaigfnlsadfhunsalfjisajgf sadsf

ANYWAY, here's my review.

Love.

What is . . . *LOVE*? *flails around for maximum dramatic affect*

I think Ninako is super strong, with a strong heart. She KNOWS who she loves. She knows WHY.

SPOILERS AHEAD, MY LOVELIES, but continue on . . . if you so dare.

When Nina confessed to Ren, I face palmed, right there.

Theresa: *WHY WOULD YOU CONFESS, NINAKOOOOOH?! You KNOW he has a girlfriend. You KNOW he's not available!*

It would hurt to be rejected more, wouldn't it?

Yet she still wanted to let him know. It was like she was saying, "I love you. So I'm going to let you know. To let you know how amazing you really are."

Of course, he says, "I already have a girlfriend. So . . . NO. NO, I WILL NOT CHEAT!!!"
Which is good. Cheaters are scum . . .

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CHEATERS ARE SCUM! SERIOUSLY!

(Here we go . . . Theresa's random rant in the middle of a book review . . .)

I'm going to tell you a freaking story about cheaters, okay?

Once upon a time, there was a girl in my 5th grade class named Eliz.....Let's just call her Egg.

Egg was dating a boy. Let's call him Banana.

Of course Banana liked Egg. And Egg liked Banana.

But one day, Apple asked Egg out.

Egg said, "No! I will not go out with you! Ahahahahaha!"

And Apple was like, "Alright then. FINE." and sashayed away.

But Egg realized . . . WHAT HAS SHE DONE??!

So she goes to Banana and says, "I'm breaking up with you, Banana," and sashays away before he could even respond.

Of course Banana is hurt.

Egg goes to Apple and says, "Okay, I'll go out with you!"

But Apple simply narrows his eyes at her and says . . . "No. I don't want to date you, I changed my mind."

Egg shrugs. Oh well.

She goes back to Banana and says, "Okay, sorry, nevermind. We're back together again!"

And Banana glares at Egg and says, "ARE YOU CRAZY?! NO, I'm not getting back together with you!"

And so Egg is now all alone.

Because she was selfish.

. . . . I guess that's not cheating because she did break up with Banana before she tried to get together with Apple, but still . . . it is sort of two timing. To use two guys to her advantage so that she could get whatever she wanted--NO!

Guys might be dummies, but they're people too!

I don't know why I told that story

Anyway, Ninako was really, really, really strong in here, that's why I like her character.

Even though she was rejected. Even though the love she had did not love her back, she didn't care. She kept loving him anyway, even though it hurt.

It was okay to her. She didn't want to move on.

THAT'S what I admire about this girl. That takes GUTS. SPUNK. MOXXY. (I just quoted a movie there, ohohohohoho!!!)

But really. Really, that does take guts, and a strong heart, and a strong love.

This volume is also the volume where Mayuka appears. The pretty girlfriend, the MODEL, the girl the readers are jealous of. And though some fangirls might say, "NO MAYUKA, GET OUT! Ren belongs to NIIIIINAAAAA!" I don't dislike Mayuka.

But think about how Mayuka loves Ren. She really does care for him, she DOES. Because he was there for her when she needed him, and she realized that.

But she's in a state of love where she's AFRAID. Afraid that some girl might take Ren away, or that Ren might try to go somewhere else. She thinks that she's not enough to hold Ren by her side, and THAT, my

fellow review readers, is VERY VERY DANGEROUS TO THINK INDEED.

That's why she's a model.

Maybe if she was a model, it'd give Ren a reason to stay with her. Even if you couldn't eat as much cake as you wanted. (*sigh)

But when I think about it, it's shallow. It's a shallow way of thinking.

Even if she wasn't a model, Ren would stay with her--it was obvious, right?

They'd also have more time to spend with each other.

And if I was a model, I would want the guy I'm dating to date me only because I'm a model!

Gaaaah . . . Mayuka

The whole irony is . . . in the end, Mayuka . . . (*OOOOPS, almost said too much. MOVING ON.)

Maybe I do want to bop Mayuka in the head after all

Anyway, it's really cute how Ren realizes that Ninako really does love him, especially after she proves it. Those ex-Ren-fangirls were ganging up on Ninako all like

"COME JOIN UUUUSSSSSSS! We don't deserve to be rejected! Any guy who rejects us REJECTS BEAUTY AND LIFE! Come with us . . . come with uuuuuusssssss!"

and pretty much insulting him saying

"He probably thinks he's some kind of KING, rejecting all of us! Does he enjoy it?! Does he bask in having all these girls confess to him??"

and they step closer and closer, fangs popping out of their mouths and horns growing out of their heads.

"Niiiiinaaaakooooooooo! Jooooooooo usssssss! Our precioussssssssssssss."

Just kidding, they don't really do that, but they might as well have because Ninako was like

"OHEMGEEZAY, NO! I will NOT JOIN YOU! I still love Ren! You can charge at me ALLL YOU WANT, but I'm as stubborn as an ox!"

And even though those girls now disapprove of her and think she's foolish and crazy, Ninako didn't mind. She didn't ever once think that liking Ren was a burden at all.

And that is something to admire.

5 stars. Of course I know what happens in the next few volumes because I did read up to volume 6 on Mangafox. But now that the books are at my library (like a miracle sent by the angel of lovey dovey romancey books), I don't mind rereading and actually finishing this time.

5 FREAKING SPARKLY, EYE-BLINDING STARS.

CLICK FOR MY TUMBLR! You know you want to!

I'm redoing all my S.E. reviews, but I'll keep the old ones there, just because it'll tear me up to delete them.

REJECTED.

But Ninako still wants to remain friends in order to keep talking to Ren the same way, and to remain friends. I LOVE THE EXAMPLE THAT SHE SETS HERE BECAUSE SOME GIRLS--WHEN REJECTED--START TO AVOID WHO THEY REJECT AS IF THEY WEREN'T EVER IN LOVE WITH THEM!! Anyway, Ninako still has her feelings towards Ren, even though they're unrequited. (TRUE LOVE, HYAAAH!)

So in this volume, Ninako attempts to talk to Ren when he walks down the hallway, and she accidentally mistakens another dude for Ren.

Andou is a somewhat arrogant ladies man, so I have a feeling that he'll be a major character.

A while later, Ninako is confronted by a group of girls. They reveal that they are the group of girls that have been rejected by Ren and that they understand Ninako's feelings. However, they begin to mention how it was jerky that Ren had the nerve to reject so many girls. They begin to say horrible things about Ren. Andou, watching what is happening from the 2nd floor, invites Ren to come see what's happening.

Ren witnesses Ninako defending Ren, asking "Were you guys really in love with Ren?" Because she notices that the girls around her don't understand that Ren rejected them only because he was already dating someone.

Ninako reveals that regardless of being rejected, she still likes Ren because she knows that beyond his exterior looks, he's really kind. The girls leave Ninako, stating that she's being deceived.

THIS IS A LIFE LESSON STATING THAT WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, YOU DO NOT GET UPSET WHEN THEY REJECT YOU!! Being in love means that regardless of their feelings towards you, you still love them the same way. And you notice the good things about them!!

I love life lessons like these.

Anyway, I'm glad Ren was able to hear Ninako say this. ^w^ I feel a hint of love in the air!!

Ren's girlfriend, Mayuka, is also introduced in this series. When the four of them, Ren, Mayuka, Ninako, and Andou decide to go shopping together, Ninako realizes how kind of a person that Mayuka is. But she also realizes that her liking Ren probably won't effect Ren and Mayuka.

However, when Mayuka and Ren cross the street, and Andou and Ninako accidentally get caught by the red light, Andou grabs Ninako's hand and runs away with her. Ren, seeing Andou pulling Ninako away, attempts to go after them, but Mayuka states that there's not much left to shop for, so she suggests that Ren should let them be.

However, Ren keeps turning around and pondering where Andou and Ninako could have gone. COULD THIS BE A SIGN OF JEALOUSY?!

OHOHOHOHO y'know, this review is looking more like a volume summary than a review . . .

Anyway, in the next chapter, Ren confronts Andou and tells him not to hurt Ninako by making her one of the many girls that Andou tries dating. Andou bluntly deletes all the other girls' numbers off of his phone, showing that he won't do anything like that to Ninako.

However, when Ninako is crying because she feels that Ren is angry at her, Andou kisses Ninako on the forehead, which I really think is adorable.

The next thing Ninako does is run away. I laughed at this because if I were in the same situation, I'd probably run away too. (I run away from EVERYTHING. My best friend says "Theresa, what are you going to do when you're in a wheel chair?" She suggests that I shall "Roll away!" which is most likely to happen, but ANYWAY . . .)

Ninako runs into Ren, and when Ren hears Andou calling after Ninako, he pulls her into a room in order to hide. When Ninako notices that Andou's calls are getting fainter, she tells Ren that everything is okay. But he still continues to hold onto Ninako--AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!

WHAT. AN. AMAZING CLIFFHANGER!!! EEEEEEEYAAAAH!!!!

So anyway, yes, this volume was very, very, very adorable. :) I love it's originality, the art, and the fact that this manga made me smile. So yes--it recieves a whopping 5-stars--WHOO HOO.

Anyway, there is one more chapter in the volume. It's basically Chapter 7.5 and it's a chapter about how Mayuka and Ren meet.

First the love between them grows fairly fast. Ren was being bullied by macho dudes, and Mayuka grabs him and runs away, fooling the machos and saying "AAAH! LITTLE BROTHER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SO LATE?!"

They continue to hang out with each other. When Mayuka finds out that her parents are getting divorced, she tells Ren--refusing to cry. Ren states that she doesn't have to be strong around him and she starts crying. This is basically how they realize that they like each other.

They start dating, and Mayuka wonders if Ren will ever sprout wings and fly away from her (that's figuratively speaking, of course).

When she tells Ren she has decided to work as a model, she doesn't get the response that she had hoped for. She begins to lose weight, and instead of being happy, Ren becomes concerned. Mayuka doesn't understand why he isn't happy because she's losing weight, becoming a model, and becoming prettier.

She coldly states that she doesn't get why Ren doesn't understand, and how she doesn't get that Ren isn't happy with her becoming prettier.

In the next few pages, she breaks up with Ren saying "I'm tired of dating you." purely because he isn't happy with how she's changing. However, she notices what she's done and she quickly takes back what she said.

That is how fast the break up and the reunion occurred. This manga made it cute, but if I ever saw that in real life, it'd just be really weird.

Anyway yeah . . . this review was more of a summarizing thing, but ANYWAY!!! I totally looking forward to volume 3!!

This was a really long review/summarizing thing just for one manga volume. Ahaha...anyway, I hope those of you who've read my review are looking forward to volume 3 as well!!

I'll show you a sweet dream next night.

Kristine Hansen says

This series is looking up! Ninako is staying true to her love, but it's hard, especially when Ren has such an amazing girlfriend. There's no bad guys here, but a lot of bad timing. I like how this is growing more complex as it goes, and how there are no easy answers. You really don't know who's going to wind up with whom. I like the introduction of Ando and can't wait to know him better.

Mary says

Well crap. I freaking adore this series right now...

"Even if the person you love loves someone else...You still love them. You can't help it."

I used to detest shoujo. I used to like romance anime when I was younger, but reading shoujo manga irked me to no end with its shallow, impulsive, tsstl heroines. Had I realized sooner though that this was common to the genre, but most certainly not what this was about, I would have paid more attention to it. So when I read Kamisama Kiss I started to look for more shoujo to read, and while I haven't found a series that's captured my heart quite like that one has, I definitely have come to find little gems along the way, like Library Wars and Strobe Edge.

In this volume we get some development for the popular manwhore of the school, Ando.

EXCEPT, this guy is actually not unlikable!! *Mind=Blown*. I have NEVER liked the playboy characters in any kind of medium so to say that I have started to root for him has just made me reevaluate myself several times. He's started to see girls no longer as things to use. He's never experienced love and after seeing the adoration Ninako has for Ren, it stuns him. He becomes so attune to her feelings that he gets her out of close calls where her feelings might resurface and mess up the friendship she has with Ren.

Of course, being as "experienced" (horny) that he is, Ando can't keep his hands to himself. Sure, he's comforting her in times of need, but he leans in to kiss her forehead and naturally, freaks out Ninako. Seeing as Ando has so much experience with women, but can't seem to learn the ways of real romance is hilarious and heartwarming to watch. He's just like Ninako and seeing this is making me wonder what it would be like if he became the main love interest...though I doubt it.

Still, I am beyond pleased with his character.

And then we get some harsh life lessons. Jealousy, intimidation, feeling self-conscious, first love, bullying, friendship, friend zone, etc. all that is here. And handled so tastefully that I have to applaud the mangaka. The bullying isn't there to make the heroine seem like a saint. They're there to show that you can stand up to them, that you don't have to take their crap.

And Ren is stupid in this volume. Like srsly dude? However, because Ninako loves him, I gotta root for him to come around. And it better be handled well since he's got a girlfriend.

IzamaRi H. Fabela says

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A pesar de saber que Ren tiene novia, Ninako ha decidido declarársele pues para ella es más importante vivir al máximo la experiencia de su primer amor y no quiere tener ningún arrepentimiento. Como era

de esperarse Ren la rechaza pero sigue tratándola igual por petición de la misma Ninako pero cuando regresan de las vacaciones las cosas se pondrán raras entre ellos pues toda la escuela se entera de la confesión. Algunas chicas están de parte de Ninako e intentan integrarla al “club de las rechazadas por Ren” mientras que otras sólo se burlan de ella.

Para empeorar las cosas un nuevo chico llamado Takumi Ando ha llegado a la escuela, un chico que al parecer tiene una historia con Ren y quien de inmediato sentirá una inclinación por Ninako al conocer su historia.

Como ya he dicho muchas veces Io Sakisaka no se caracteriza por escribir historias originales precisamente pues sus historias están llenas a más no poder de clichés pero aún con ello la autora es capaz de sorprenderme y emocionarme con sus historias. Por ejemplo yo ya daba por sentado que el triángulo amoroso iba a ser entre Ren, Ninako y Daiki pero en este tomo con la introducción de Takumi me hizo replantearme mi teoría y más cuando la novia de Ren, Mayuka también hace su aparición para complicar la historia. Debo de decir que muero de ganas por saber cómo se va a enredar esta historia que si bien su principal punto es el romance también contiene un humor muy blanco que aligera las cosas...

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Ady Weasley says

Este tomo fue un tomo de revelaciones, varios personajes decidieron declararse antes de empezar las vacaciones y ahora hay que enfrentarse a las habladurías. Ninako es una chica valiente pues a pesar de todo no se deja vencer y sale adelante.

Para complicar las cosas ahora conocemos a Ando un chico un tanto mujeriego que parece va a formar el triángulo amoroso. A Mayuka la novia de Ren... esto se va a poner muy interesante.

Solo agregare que el final del capitulo me dejo en Shock... acaso los sentimientos pueden cambiar tan pronto.

Hardian says

This second volume is very funny and entertaining, characters get interesting.

Harriet says

All the love triangles! Can't wait to see what happens in the next one. With more love interests with the addition of Ando there are so many possibilities!

Sesana says

I just want to register my appreciation for a book that's written from the point of view of a smitten girl that doesn't cast her crush's current girlfriend as a bitch. That Ren's girlfriend is a genuinely nice girl and has an authentically touching romance with Ren herself is quite a change of pace. It's quite a change from the wish fulfillment "his girlfriend is really a bitch so it's ok if I follow him around and hit on him and he'll eventually realize that I'm perfect for him anyways" that I see too much of.

Chibineko says

I have to say, I'm more impressed with this series the more I read of it. The relationships in this are rather complex. Ninako loves Ren, who already has a girlfriend. This becomes even more complicated further on in the series, but what makes this even more difficult in this volume has to be the extra chapter at the end.

You can't help but root for Ninako even though she (and the reader) knows that it's wrong for her to continue to pursue Ren. She claims that she just wants to be his friend, but it's easy to see that despite her good intentions, Ninako is deep down hoping that Ren will turn to her. I doubt that she herself really realizes this, but it's a decently ugly edge to her character that makes her more than just the cute innocent girl that she's otherwise portrayed to be.

What really pushes this series past the score of similarly themed manga would have to be that it tries really hard not to portray anyone as "bad" so far. Ren's girlfriend Mayuka would be so easily made into a bad guy, if not for her whole-hearted love for Ren and her somewhat tragic past. Granted, she's not the uber-tragic heroine, but her initial inability to move past the breakup of her family and her early interactions with Ren make for an appealing character. I like that she's the type of girl that we'd be rooting for if the focus of the series was on her rather than on Ninako.

Also good is that I really can't predict how the series will end. Will she end up with Ren? Someone else? I'm glad I gave the second volume a try because this really is a more promising series than I'd initially given it credit for.

Phoenix2 says

Wow, this one gets better and better!! The art has a small improvement, but the story and the dialogues are the best!! Seriously cute!

Seobin Baeg says

Ninako shows some improvement in the series- at least she has some decency. The rejection club people are just..... so shallow!!! Actually, most of the girls present in the manga... I just don't find them likable... Maybe Ninako's friend, Sayuri seems nice and loyal enough. She is one of the few mature characters in the whole story, excluding Ren. Daiki's sister seems friendly but is just weighing Ren down.

