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R says

Interesting storyline and a new town! Glad some things got resolved but others are still up in the air! Can't wait to read the next volume!

Mike says

+Anima is starting to dig in a bit on long running plot points. It's possible to understand things starting here but it's best to go back to the beginning.

This volume features the longest arc for +Anima yet, the five chapter long Maggie Coliseum. Cooro and company stumble upon an opportunity to earn some money when they travel to Maggie Village and their tradition of coliseum fights. But there's something off about their host, and a familiar face from their travels shows up with problems of her own to share...

It's nice to see a somewhat more complex story in +Anima. In addition to some interesting predicaments and questions raised we get more background on +Anima themselves and their origins. This is also an important arc for Rose, as we meet the younger brother she's been working to support. While I would have liked it to get even deeper into some of the sub-plots, there's a good amount of new information here and the tale itself is engaging and well told.

The final chapter, called Little Flower, settles things down a bit again with a peek at the everyday attempts of the group to find work in a new town. I assumed from the title and Senri's collecting habits that this chapter would be about him, but it instead focuses primarily on Nana and Husky. It's a cute Little story with several nice character moments.

So this volume gives us the first long arc of the series, a great deal of new insight into numerous outstanding plotlines and has great spotlight moments for our characters. A very strong installment overall.

Evelyn says

This is the point in the series where things get a little darker. In Maggievil the arena is all the entertainment you need... but when you're the entertainment for those pulling the strings, that changes things. And the collection is more like slaves.

Ever wonder how you get +Anima powers? This volume reveals the secret that is a lot darker than you think. You get them when having them is the difference between a life or death situation. Now the question is...how did our main characters earn theirs?

This series has 4 volumes.

Christina says

Cooro and company visit a town that goes by the name of Maggie Vil', named after a highly beloved woman from almost fifty years ago whom was named Maggie. Now days, Maggie Vil' is run by that woman's daughter and somewhat her daughter as well. Maggie's daughter, Maggie, runs the coliseum that quite resembles that from Roman times, just not near as brutal. Cooro and Husky decide to participate in a match when they find out that the prize money is one thousand gillers! But will they be able to face up against muscle toned macho guys? And when Rose finds her brother in that village, will her and her brother ever be able to go back to their relatives again?

Ayyaah, another cute volume~. I believe that this may have been the volume that I stopped at. I think I stopped after the Maggie Vil' chapters. Maybe? Well. All I've got to say is it sure was an enjoyable read, back then, and even now! :*

Sarah Maddaford says

Although better than the last about skipping around, we still only got glimpses of anything bigger than traveling around and trying to make enough money to feed Cooro. This whole volume is spent at a coliseum in a huge town run by a woman named Maggie and her daughter Magdala. The fights are much tamer than historical gladiator battles, with serious injury and killing being against the rules. Magdala is a spoiled child, used to getting her way with everything. I can see where Nana would be tempted by the lifestyle, but Nana proves too easily swayed by pretty things more than once in this volume. The idea that her goal is to own jewels is pretty shallow to me. Of course, Cooro's biggest goal is his next meal and Husky is fairly materialistic as well. Although there isn't anything terribly shocking (violent, sexual or otherwise) this volume manages to convey some pretty heavy themes. One of the big questions is: Is safety and security worth giving up everything for? Of course I'm even more interested in the back story of the characters now that I know the conditions for turning into a +Anima.

Sarah Carpenter says

I really liked the part when Cooro and friends were in Maggie Vil and at the colosseum. It was also nice to see Husky showing a different side rather than him just being this grumpy guy who always seems ticked off at everyone. I hope there will be some more growth in his and Nana's relationship. It was really nice to see him starting to get over his hatred towards girls, and it seems like there might be a really nice friendship (and possibly more?) starting to develop.

Anyway, I look forward to finding out what everyone's stories are concerning how they became +anima. On to the next volume!

Bri says

This book swept me away to this other wonderful world. The setting was brilliantly set. I could totally see it in my mind. But the characters were definitely my favorite part. They are all so colorful, interesting,

exciting, and hilarious. The main character is just perfect. The plot moved fast enough that I couldn't stop reading lest I miss something, but the author still took the time to flesh out the details. The details are what really make or break a story.

Rhapsody says

I really liked this volume, in which all the chapters except the last were focused around the same adventure, opposed to the earlier volumes which had a different encounter each chapter. The group visits a city called Maggie Vill, where people earn money by fighting in the Colosseum. Cooro and Husky decide to make money that way, and Nana is taken in by the ruler's young daughter, who is keeping lots of children prisoner as her "friends." Husky and Cooro are imprisoned when they attempt to escape and Rose, a cat +Anima, discovers her brother Pinion has been kidnapped by the Astarium researchers for his unique abilities. With Senri's help, Pinion is freed and when the researchers attempt to take him back, the young princess helps the group escape.

The last chapter is about Nana, who wants jewels but can't afford them, and how she and Husky become a little closer even though he hates girls. I really liked this last chapter, which was just really sweet.

We also learn a little more about +Anima. People apparently aren't born +Anima, which is what I assumed. They become +Anima when they're near death. A boy Shinion who was imprisoned and then attacked by giant cats turned into a waterbird +Anima to escape. I am really liking how bit by bit, we're learning more about +Anima.

Rena says

The Colosseum segment was interesting. They finally reveal how someone actually becomes a +anima. Though, it feels much more tragic now that I know the truth. I was thinking that is was just something that you could be born with, but apparently you have to go through a near death experience. *shudders* I feel so much more sympathy toward these kids now.

But... Awww!! Husky did something very sweet for Nana. That was very adorable.

Michael Beyer says

This is an anime-style manga cartoon with charming detailed artwork and a weird-but-satisfying story line about shape-changing animal children trying to find their way in the world and only managing to find comfort and friendship in each other. A crow-boy, a fish-boy, a bat-girl, a bear-boy, and more, unusual creatures with engaging personalities. I recommend it if you can still find copies of it anywhere.

Brianna says

I love these books! They are so adorable and lovable. They are well-thought out and interesting and

wonderful. Her characters all seem so real. They all have problems and really specific and personal histories that go back pretty far. Her characters aren't perfect, and she is able to make them come to life and feel like real human beings.

I love the idea behind this manga. I love the idea of being able to transform into an animal and have cool powers and be special. (I wish I could do it. That would be so cool!)

My best friends gave these to me to read. They were the first manga I ever read in my entire life and I didn't get it at first. They had the books and I tried reading it, but I couldn't figure out how to read it backwards, and so the first book they read it out loud to me <3 Aren't they sweet? Anyways, I decided that I wanted to continue reading them online, and I was just planning to just look at +Anima a little bit and I ended up reading like the first 7 books in two days (It would've been sooner except I had school and sleep and whatnot, stupid distractions!)

Senri is my favorite!! He is so adorable! I definitely recommend these books to those who love mangas, and to those who love animals, and to those who love interesting stories. This is a very good series with wonderful writing and amazing art!

M. Illum says

In this book, the group comes to a city called Maggie Ville. Huskey, a fish + anima, and Cooro go to the arena to fight and try to win some money. Nana, a bat + anima, meets Maggalina, the daughter of Maggie, the head misterest of Maggie Ville. Nana becomes one of Maggalina's so-called friends. When the whole group meets again in the middle of the arena, a different boy transforms into a bird + anima for the first time.

Leila Anani says

In this instalment Cooro and his fellow +Anima arrive at Maggie Vil a town famed for its gladiatorial combats ruled over by a woman named Maggie who isn't as good as she seems. Husky becomes the prisoner of Maggie's daughter Magdela.

We also learn how +anima are born - it seems like when a child/adolescent is in a life threatening situation they can manifest +anima powers.

Story is OK, still a little directionless in terms of major plot arcs, but the artwork is absolutely gorgeous. So cute! and the characters are great fun.

If you like things like Saiyuki you'll adore this.

Lys Robison says

Check out my thoughts on the book by reading them on my blog <http://lysbooklist.blogspot.com/p/ani...>

Lanie says

2.5 stars.

Slightly better than the last couple of books, since we had a story that lasted longer than 1 or 2 chapters. & the ending story with husky giving nana a present was super sweet.

The art was nice of course & we finally got to see some world building. Yay for kind of explaining where anima+ come from. Even if I do think I was really lame... -_-

But again, my main issues still stands. Very little character development, seemingly no over arching plot, and just much lost potential that I want to cry.

Anima+ could have been so great... But it's just to little kiddie for me to get all fan girly over.

Sigh!

Still. Slightly better. Maybe it's heading in the right direction? Here's hoping. I'll read the rest, but still not something I find super awesome or anything. Maybe this really is best read by kids? Hate to say it, but I think it's true.
