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A Bride's Story, Vol. 4



Synopsis

Acclaimed creator Kaoru Mori's tale of life on the nineteenth-century Silk Road turns westward, following Englishman Mr. Smith on his long journey to Ankara. Passing through a fishing village along the Aral Sea, Smith and his guide encounter a pair of spirited young girls named Laila and Leily-identical twins who are fishing not for sturgeon, but for husbands! Despite their efforts to find two wealthy, healthy, and handsome brothers to wed, Laila and Leily's plans generally only land them in loads of trouble!

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Customer Reviews

As Englishman Mr. Smith arrives at the Aral Sea on his journey across Asia, he meets a lively pair of twins who have their minds focused on finding the perfect pair of brothers to marry. Mori's story, a slice of life on the nineteenth-century Silk Road, no longer focuses solely on Amir and her child groom, but the tale's romance and beauty never fade. Her characters are vibrant enough to leap off the page, and she shows as much respect for their customs as her character Mr. Smith does. Minor nudity will likely keep this in adult collections, but older teens will enjoy laughing at the marriage-minded twins. Grades 10-12. --Snow Wildsmith

Kaoru Mori's previous series, *Emma*, about a maid and a gentleman in Victorian England, has been lauded by *Library Journal* and was named to the YALSA Great Graphic Novels list. *A Bride's Story* has only broadened her fan base in Japan and the U.S. with its elegant style and delicate story.

Volume 3 was intense and melancholy and excellent but Volume 4 brings in some much needed humor as we get the story of the twins, Laila and Leily, who live near the Aral Sea. Mischievous and resourceful, the twins save Mr Smith from drowning and bring him to their village as a 'doctor'. It is a ploy of sorts as it was meant to bring possible suitors to the village for the girls to inspect as they believe their father isn't doing enough to find them husbands. The plot seems very conventional and even backwards but the time period and setting suit the story as there is nothing meek or quiet in Leily, Laila, their mother and her friends. They are bold and strong in their own ways. It is goofy fun and the artwork, as per usual, is impeccable. All that said, my favorite chapter is before the twins' story starts as the ongoing story of the outspoken, unique Pariya meets her own possible match. There is something engaging about Pariya, who is strong willed yet finds herself clumsy in social situations, and her struggle to find her role in her village. So to see her in any situation is always intriguing.

If you liked the first three volumes you'll love this one too! This volume features a pair of female twins looking for husbands, and, of course, Mr. Smith traveling ever onwards. The art work is stunning (as always) and the story is sweet.

I always love Kaoru Mori's artwork and writing, and this series is probably one of my most favorite manga of all time. The story is so wonderfully interwoven among the gorgeous artwork, with both of them drawing the reader into the world. I'll keep reading this series.

but unlike Emma, it doesn't stay focused on the first two Main characters this time. Perhaps the writer isn't sure how to progress that tale and must pass it on to others. But I liked Emma for the couple it followed and that too wandered into other stories. A habit with her (the writer / artist) I guess. +3 stars for the story 5 stars for the Amazing art

I really liked this artist style of drawings, the patterns on character's clothes are real neat. The story helps u learn about woman in Asia part. It is common that the parents would pick their daughter's husband in the past. Could've just read it online but this manga was worth the money.

by it for the art which alone it is worth

more new chapters of a bride's story, great stories and artworks that are enjoyable almost anytime. i cannot say more because i'll spoil the story, so, enjoy.

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