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Reads R to L (Japanese Style), for audiences rated teen.

Ageha Yoshina just got transported to a warped alternate dimension where you've got to fight your way back to our world--or die trying.

Visions A video recording shows a dark vision of the future, where many of Ageha's friends are ruthlessly killed. To escape the danger posed by W.I.S.E, Ageha, Sakurako and the others must battle their way to freedom. But even if they escape, can they really fight fate and alter that treacherous future?

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Lissibith says

While stuck in PSYREN, our heroes make a horrifying discovery - and one that hits exceedingly close to home for them. But the newfound information about where the creation of this horrific world began comes with another tough twist - A man named Dolkey and his lackeys come to confront the group.

I thought it was probably a good idea, the way the fight got split up in this issue. Not only does everyone get a chance to shine, but we see one specific character come into his own and grow in an unexpected way (and another show a side of himself they've been hinting at for quite some time now). However, I'm really hoping we get to see more of them all working as a group in future volumes, because the power sets they have are pretty fun and I'd like to see how they combine.

Mariana Duarte says

Like it

SpookyBoogie says

Everyone is powering up and the WISE show up at last.

Takkun says

Listen I wanted to like Psyren, I really did. I was really taken in by its setting made more interesting by the mystery. But I'm starting to think that the shonen market is all about the vending machine effect, where what's predictable sells. This made me a little sad because the author had a lot to say about books he reads and I wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt that he has the taste to pull off a good story. Yet though either the pressure of his publisher or overabundance of characters to lasso a plot around, Psyren falls into the broad demographic of drab shonen that doesn't impress me.

If it has one thing going for it it's the premise. Psyren's setting and stories are nestled between the venn diagram of Bleach and the Matrix. Except all of the action is Bleach and none of the thinking is the Matrix. Yet the mystery that's initially set up of the contemporary world being so different from the Psyren wasteland was really compelling and hooked me to the story. I was at first impressed with the characters fixing time in the past present and present future, but that quickly waned after the characters had less of a reason to do it more for the sake of the plot than for themselves. And the semblance of characterization that was there consisted more of archetypes than substantial players of the game. The character models and designs are all really sharp and cool but didn't add much more to the story, and that's the story that was squeezed between explosions that took up whole and chapters.

The severe lack of motive is something I found made the books really flat overall. Save the world because you should save the world. Yet it sets up a whole mess of characters you don't care if Ageha saves or not. Everyone he's fighting to save he shared a comedic moment, brodown, boob grab or info dump in response to a question. The books never give the characters time to simmer and build on each other and the point of the series seems moot if that's what we're given. It had potential all the way through to elaborate on some interesting storylines, yet the final result is so top heavy from its characters it's hard to say any of them were worth reading. I would say it's worth reading if you're looking for something different in shonen, even if it isn't super different. But it certainly didn't show me that the genre has mature or thoughtful stories to tell, but just gave me more pointy-haired high school sword flingers saving the world.

Mike says

Psyren takes place a carefully constructed world and its overarching plot continually builds chapter by chapter. Don't start here - it really must be read from the beginning.

Still reeling from their small glimpse of the near future, Ageha and friends have no time to recover as they've been noticed and surrounded by the agents of W.I.S.E., who expect them to answer some pointed questions... or else.

The action reaches a fever pitch in this volume as our heroes are severely overmatched. The way they try to cope and use their powers in unexpected ways is a joy to watch and makes the battle riveting all the way through. Along the way a big revelation comes to light, we learn more about Psi powers and their uses, and further information is supplied about W.I.S.E. and their methods.

Another perfectly paced entry in the ongoing story of Psyren. The end of the volume promises interesting developments and an intriguing possible change in tone and/or direction. Looking forward to see where it all leads.

Miss says

I really like that this manga's answer to what kind of people could survive suddenly being thrust into a post-apocalyptic world with only the benefit of new psionic powers is 'well. Really worrying people actually. But on the bright side at least they're self-aware enough to recognize it's weird their conscience doesn't pang at them killing humanoid presenting creatures? :DDDDDD?' Don't take me wrong though, I love this cast, pop stars with a penchant for experimenting on chimera creatures and all. Also this story has really excellent fight scenes, like I am the worst about getting bored with fights (reasons why Bleach slides lower and lower down my list of shonen I bother picking up from the library) but these ones keep me consistently interested.
4 stars

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?Meredith (????) says

I love this volume!! I especially loved the introduction of Kabuto's new powers, they're so cool! Of course, I'm prejudiced since I love that little guy anyways... :3

B. says

The problem with forgetting to review manga is that you tend to forget what happens from one volume to the next.

That being said, I do remember certain things in this volume that really made it spectacular. Kabuto received some nice development, and the world became even more intriguing as we learn more about it.

Matt says

Design, vols 5 and up.

7olivia says

Ageha, Sakurako, Kirisaki, Hiryu and Oboro are transported back to the world of Psyren. Once there, they discover Kirisaki's uncle's bomb shelter. Inside the bomb shelter they find preserved newspapers and video recordings. These documents help them to understand how and when the future of the world falls into chaos. They find that the end of the world is only a year and a half away and an organization called W.I.S.E is behind all of the destruction.

I thought this book was action packed and thrilling! You get to see a more serious side of Kirisaki and you get to see him get angry. Kirisaki's character is very easy going and he doesn't have a wide range of emotions. Seeing him get angry and passionate about something was very refreshing. This book also left on a cliffhanger, so I am excited to read the next one! I would recommend this book to people who like manga and action books.

-A says

so amazing. words are not enough.

Kate says

Very Bleachy.

Christina says

I never thought reading could bring such peace to my mind but wen reading this manga I have felt utter peace.

5seifert_ethan says

It is really cool that kabuto is a special psionist like the other and that he can sense attacks. When I read this book and the girl dies but its a fake i completely fell for it when done Toshiaki Iwashiro

Kenneth Jr. says

Fast pace and made me want to keep reading one chapter after the next.

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

I thought the previous volume pretty cool but this one is the cherry on top! Pretty much events revolve around the group fighting Dolkey and his patrol officers. I loved seeing Ageha gain some control and how Oboro's motivation was just to "see what would happen". Plus we got to see Kabuto's ability come into being! "Ha. You think you're so powerful but there are some things only a worm can see!"

As a highlight we meet the star commanders! Dolkey was interesting but Shiner is so much better! And now I can't wait for them to fight more!

BOTTOM LINE: They get better and better...

Michael Pillarella says

Volume 5 introduced Yoshina's improved skill and a ranking system within the Star commanders. It also introduced several high ranking star commanders. Unfortunately it seems as though Mochizuki had a bit of a dark edge with his Cure ability that I hope gets worked out and prevents him from going over the edge.
