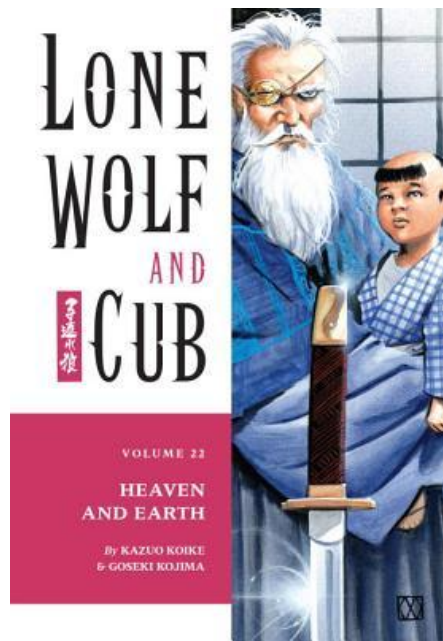




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Rain. Poison. Explosives. Vengeance. It's a deadly combination that forms a volatile mixture of deceit, betrayal, and hate as the final showdown between Lone Wolf assassin Ogami Itto and his nemesis Retsudo begins. While the torrential rains continue to pound Edo, the fiery Retsudo and his bloodthirsty Yagyu army rush along the banks of the swelling Hatcho River, racing to beat a load of explosives that's traveling down the other side, heading right into the hands of the vengeful samurai Ogami. Meanwhile, the cunning poisoner Abeno sees his chance to destroy both sides as they run headlong on their collision course — he's going flood all of Edo! Forced to put their battle aside, Ogami and Retsudo find themselves fighting side by side to save all of Edo from the floods, while Ogami's little son Daigoro wanders alone, fighting for his life and searching for his father! It's a deluge of evil, and it threatens to wash away all that stands in its path!

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William Hanley says

Magnificent. I'm still amazed by how much I feel for Daigoro. I typically read books as a causal observer. Not so when Daigoro is in trouble. :-)

Ill D says

Phenomenal.

Jedi JC Daquis says

The first of many climatic battles has already happened! And to think that there are 6 volumes left, wow! Finally, the Yagyu clan attacks in full force, a force that was only seen near the midpoint of the series.

Though used for another, much meaningful purpose, all of Ogami Itto's blood money, all thousands of ryo has been purchased for something to be used against the Yagyu. Yet because of some crazy man (curse you, Abe!), such huge investment was utilized to save Edo instead of defeating Retsudo.

There's a team-up here, and that is a great sight to see. I'm certain that the alliance is just temporary, yet the chemistry between the two characters as buddies made me happy.

Daigoro, now a fearsome warrior like his wolf dad was badass, but I felt pity on him, especially at the end of the volume. Poor Daigoro, having to experience and witness such deaths and bloodshed.

There are six more volumes left and I ready. Oh yeah, let us finish this.

Alex Sarll says

Oops. Says it all that, this far in, I've managed to skip a book without realising. Once again a denouement is dodged, but Kojima does draw some amazing storms by way of compensation.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

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Pedro says

Another great GREAT volume. Incredible showdown with the yagyu, Storm messing up with everything, the use of ogami's ryos, and the UNEXPECTED PLOT TWIST that changes everything! Well, not EVERYTHING, but it sure makes us question what will happen next.

I can't stop reading anymore, best money i've spent this year.

Helmut says

Spiel mir das Lied vom Tod

"The Last Fistful"

Abe-no-Kaii will sich aus der für ihn so böse gelaufenen Geschichte rausschleichen auf seine typische verderbte Art - und sein für Samurai so abstoßendes Wesen könnte ihm dabei helfen.

"Totekirai"

Ein weiter Rückblick in die Vergangenheit Ogami Ittos erklärt, wieso der Bombenbauer so verbunden ist mit dem einsamen Wolf.

"Heaven and Earth"

Ich musste bei dieser sehr beeindruckenden Geschichte direkt an "Der Herr der Ringe" denken - "My heart tells me that Gollum has some part to play yet, for good or ill before this is over". Auch der Giftmeister, sowohl von Retsudo als auch Itto verschont, greift nochmal in die Handlung ein, und wie es scheint, eher für das Böse als für das Gute. Wiederum überraschen die Autoren den Leser durch eine überraschende Wendung - Yagyu Retsudo ist halt im Inneren doch ein Samurai, der seine Verantwortung kennt. Quentin Tarantino würde diese Geschichte bestimmt mit Westernmusik unterlegen, und sie würde perfekt passen.

"Fire on the River of Blood"

Für die Rettung der Hauptstadt Edo arbeiten sogar ein Wolf und ein Tiger zusammen; selbst Daigoro ist dabei nur nebensächlich und muss sich allein auf der Suche nach seinem Vater durch einen Leichenberg und eine überschwemmte Stadt kämpfen.

Wiederum ist das endgültige Aufeinandertreffen Retsudos und Ittos aufgeschoben, und wiederum zeigen sich keine Ermüdungserscheinungen sowohl in den Zeichnungen als auch in der Qualität des Plots. Diese Manga-Reihe ist ein Jahrhundertereignis.

James T says

22 down...6 to go. Boom goes the dynamite (or rather totekirai).
