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In the twenty years since the Hinamizawa disaster, the small village has become a literal ghost town. Terrible rumors about the mysterious gas leak that claimed hundreds of lives have kept even the most curious at bay. But on this night, fate has led five strangers to the abandoned mountain hamlet-among them a certain Mion Sonozaki. As the footsteps of the living echo through the abandoned halls of Furude shrine, the sleeping demons of Hinamizawa stir once again...

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Jessie Radford says

Again I enjoyed this arc and seriously wished that had more like this one.

Logan Simpson says

This one was really fun! I like the theme, and the setting being twenty years later. I'm wondering what's going on though, because I thought Mion died in the accident all that time ago. Are the others seeing a ghost or a demon? I also cannot wait to find out which of them is the killer.

Chibineko says

I have to admit that I was surprised to see this side arc. I was kind of expecting to see the answer arcs start showing up, but this does make more sense to release them this way. I only mention this because some of you out there might also be surprised by this.

It's been twenty years since the sad events of the Hinamizawa Disaster. Everyone in the village was found dead via a gas leak & those who hadn't been there at the time were later discovered to have died or gone insane. As a result the town has been deserted all this time. The rumors are that the town is still haunted by the ghosts of the villagers & that no matter what, you should never attempt to visit the town- especially during the month of June. Four people have decided to ignore these warnings & visit the town, only to find themselves lost & separated from their larger individual groups. The only person that seems to have any idea what is going on is a woman claiming to Mion Sonozaki, one of the few remaining survivors of the Hinamizawa Disaster. Have these people re-awoken the curse of Oyashiro?

While this volume took me by surprise, I was delighted to see how enjoyable it was to read. The manga does start off a little on the slow side, so I'll warn people to keep reading- it gets better. The tone for this volume differs slightly from the previous ones in the series, taking on more of a ghost story-esque feel. As the stragglers all meet up in the remains of the Furude Shrine's assembly hall, you begin to realize that something is very wrong with this scenario & that not everyone is going to make it through the night.

The best of the series? No, but it's still fun to read & even more intriguing to see what has become of the town since the Disaster struck. Fans of the series will enjoy this volume, but people new to the series HAVE to & I mean absolutely HAVE to start with the first volume.

Jordan says

A change of pace artwise and moodwise. A different set of characters, and like the one person says in the back, instead of the overlaying 'cry of the cicadas' while a person falls, dead, unheard... And the person who

loves them cries out, then the cycle continues, this is a different kind of quiet, sitting in an old building to escape the rain with a few strangers. A bit of destiny and a bit of chance brought them together. This mood takes up the entire volume. Things move a bit slower than the other arcs. The art is more realistic.

Rating PG

Not so violent compared to the others. In fact, it's nigh docile. They refer to a large amount of people dying a long time ago and that's about it.

Ivan says

This arc is okay. Not really digging the art style. It's not bad, but it's not my cup of tea, either. The story is one I don't recall seeing before, which makes it a little more interesting, but one way or another this isn't really my favorite of the *Higurashi* arcs.

Emily says

This is basically what would happen if the great gas disaster occurred, but Shion survived. Shion takes Mion's name and her place in the family, and returns to Hinamizawa years later. There she meets a man who looks exactly like Satoshi, and stuff happens. Read it if you want to know what! If you're as big of a *Higurashi* fan as I am, you'll snap this up right away.

Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says

Can I say title arc sounds really cool? And the cover is eye catching? Anyway, this was interesting. And can't say anything other than that. But still, the arc or story whatever, is still good.
