



Boy Princess #1

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I didn't care much for ***Boy Princess*** after the first reading, because I was disappointed by the quality of the translated manuscript, which is filled with misspellings and awkward punctuation and phrasing. This may be acceptable for a free online translation, but it is a poor debut for a press competing for bookstore shelf space against the likes of **Viz** and **TOKYOPOP**.

However, I reread ***Boy Princess*** when my yaoi-HATING sister said she liked its humor. This is a sister who normally looks at me like I'm some kind of pervert whenever I try to recommend a yaoi title, such as Kazuma Kodaka's romantic and suspenseful ***Kizuna: Bonds of Love***. (Ah, she doesn't know what she's missing out on!) So, I have to take it seriously when she buys a title labeled on the back as "Fantasy, *SHONEN-AI*" (emphasis mine).

Seyoung Kim's story has charm, and the drawings aren't bad. Prince Nicole is forced to disguise himself as his sister Princess Elena when she runs away from her upcoming marriage to Prince Jed of a more powerful kingdom. Will Jed be very upset when he discovers his beautiful bride is a boy?

I resisted the temptation to red-pencil the script, though you might want to do it to make subsequent readings easier. You'll find yourself backtracking to second-guess the author's intent for certain panel sequences. However, readers are often willing to overlook a lot for the sake of an entertaining story. You may want to give **Boy Princess** a second chance like I did.

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