



Exorcisms and Pogo Sticks #1

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Creators: Stephen Doerr

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I ate dessert first, skipping over Stephen Doerr's cartoony *Exorcisms and Pogo Sticks* to read Studio Kosen's *Special Treatment*. Not that Doerr's stuff is not entertaining, far from it, but because I have a preference for romantic fantasy, especially if naughty French boys are in it. Therefore, this review is "manga-style", from back to front.

Studio Kosen's *Special Treatment* is about a bad boy who seduces the new school doctor during a routine physical exam. What a brat! Someone spank him; ah, but that doesn't happen in this chapter. There's an exquisite moment when the pair slowly separate after their first kiss; Kosen brushed in a delicate movement line to still connect the two, making the panel distinctive.

"Thanks, lover. You're the only nourishment I need," sweet-talks the irrepressible high priest player Orchiee Fairchild to his goth Raggedy Andy marionette Doodoo in the main story *Exorcisms and Pogo Sticks*. Doodoo mumbles around a buttoned up mouth; the severe speech impediment doesn't affect the Big O's understanding of his boyfriend at all. They arrive at the city of East Neatoefalma to exorcize a few demons for food money, and fame and fortune, if they can get it.

Doerr's fanciful character designs and humor-filled dialogue can put a silver lining in any cloudy day. The story won't wet your panties, but it's a naughty chuckle.

I wouldn't categorize Doerr's graphic novel as yaoi, appreciated by mostly women, though it's published by Yaoi Press. Exorcisms and Pogo Sticks is more in the vein of an ero-comic with a wider range of appeal to both guys and gals.

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