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From Far Away #3

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Credits

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Distributor:

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It's three months later. High school student Noriko Tachiki has survived in a strange monster-filled world under the protection of traveling warrior Izark Kia Tarj. She has become fairly proficient in the native language, enough to worry Izark that Noriko will talk about the Golden Nest and the Sea of Trees where Izark found her and that someone will figure out Noriko is the foretold Awakening who will rouse the Sky Demon.

Izark doesn't want to admit it to himself, but Noriko has managed to get past his defenses. Though he had planned not to travel too long with Noriko, he may not be able to part



from her when the time comes.

From Far Away, vol. 3, doesn't move the story much further along. It's a transitional volume catching up new readers to what has happened so far and, in sporadic sidebars, includes *chibi* or cute kid versions of the characters. One veteran reader cracked, "I feel like I'm still waiting for volume 3 to come out."

Of the 192 pages in the volume, 51 pages are devoted to a contemporary schoolgirl-crush story titled "See You Tomorrow!" There is also a brief bonus "Author's Pages" section after the story; it was informative to see a full-page overhead shot of Kyoko's workroom, which serves as a combination work space and bedroom.

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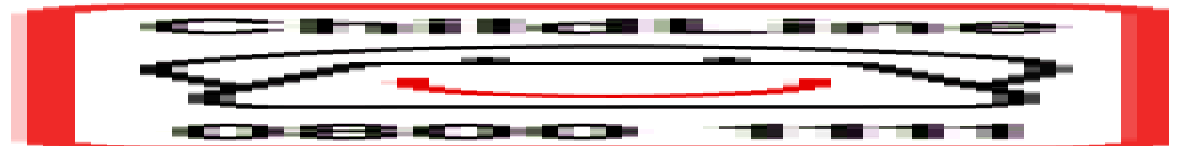
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