AR Issue #33 Love Game in Eastern Fantasy: Comedy Meets Demon Hunting





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The world watched as November 5 came and went. No other country but the US has elections so closely watched by the world. When Trump was elected the first time, I was going through a lot. My dad just died and I needed to channel my anger over his death to do something. So I recruited Jen Frankel and we created an anthology, asking for good and bad Trump stories since we wanted to give the man a chance. To this day, it's still one of our favorite books! Our favorite story is Koom Kankesan's *Trumptopia* in which Trump is assassinated by walking through a McDonald's drive through, his consciousness is put into a super hero robot and he is programmed to do good. The story reminds me of *A Clockwork Orange*. Theis book contains satire, poetry and dystopian stories. A mixture of everything! (click for more info and an interview with the editors).

Let's see what January brings as the Trump 2.0 enters the world...

- JF Garrard

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Artsy Fun - Love Game in Eastern Fantasy《永夜星河》review



On Netflix I have a tendency to watch dark stories, but when an ad popped up for Love Game in Eastern Fantasy I just assumed it would be more of the same. I was pleasantly surprised, there is demon hunting in the show, but it's a wacky comedy with some romance in it.

The show's intriguing plotline moves along and has many funny moments, making it one of the lighter things I've watched in 2024.

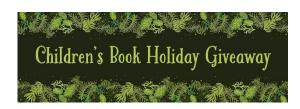
The main storyline is about Ling Miaomiao, a girl who is an obsessive reader of wuxia demon hunting novels and after she posts a bad review of the latest book from her favorite author, she is sucked into a videogame world based on the novel. To her horror, she discovers she isn't the main character, but a secondary character who is a villain in the book with a terrible fate. The "system" gives her quests, similar to an RPG game and she must fulfill them or risk losing a chance to return to her real life. One quest is to make another secondary character fall in love with her which takes up a lot of episodes because the male lead/secondary character hates her guts. Prior to entering the game, Miaomiao is a bit of an otaku, so it's funny to watch her try to charm a man and fail spectacularly most of the time!

The show has very high production quality with a lot of beautiful scenic settings in forest, mountains and ancient Chinese towns along with beautiful FX during fight scenes. (Show rating 9.0/10)

For full review, click here.

Netflix trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=019pGPkaLRQ

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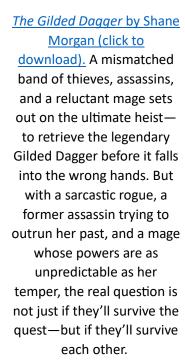






<u>Death Angel</u> by Leondre L' <u>amour (click to</u> <u>download).</u> "I see them, the Death Angels, silent shadows marking the end of life. One asks for my help. Two souls must die to fulfill their fate, but I defy her. I will not let them go."

Death Angel weaves the dark allure of supernatural thrillers like The Raven Cycle with the haunting moral dilemmas of The Book Thief, offering a tale of forbidden knowledge, defiance, and fate.



Two From the Ashes by Earl T. Roske (click to download). Pfc Bernie Lebna has been through hell. It's left a mark. Now, a random rescue has put a baby in his arms. He's the only one that seems able to keep her happy and quiet. The Shepherd recruits Bernie for the extraction. No one wants a crying baby. What should be a simple side mission goes sideways. Now Bernie must not only struggle with his own fears, but with the safety of a trusting baby girl. Can he save the baby? Can he save himself?



Dead of Winter by Jack
Adkins (click to
download). Klavin is a
broken man. When his
family is slaughtered by
raiders, he flees the ashes of
his old life in pursuit of the
band's leader. Only the head
of orc band will quiet the
voices of his slain family.



The Queen's Fixer (Ashes of Entecea Book 1) by Kacey Ezell (click for preview). All Laethine wanted was to go home. With the death of her beloved husband, the Jaerl of Antiroc, Laethine knew she had to take his place and be a good leader for her people. However, her husband had a secret, one that would thrust her into the cutthroat world of



A. K. Graves (click to download). Wraith of Carmarthen, Prince of the Vampires, Heir to the Throne, Sadist, Murderer, Traitor. Convinced New Orleans is his for the ruling, Wraith is determined to take back his throne and the kingdom forged from his

royal interplanetary politics and dark conspiracies.

own flesh and blood—
casualties be damned. His
plan to overthrow the
reigning king of the vampire
race—his own father—is the
only goal, even if it means
stomping on bones and
wading through bodies to
do it. Until he meets his
fated mate...

