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MABURAO

2 Episodes Reviewed, 50 minutes (ADV Films)

What happens when teenager, Kazuki Shikimori has the hottest girls from his school wanting to marry him? You run? You hide? Be happy?

Well, for poor Kazuki, life at the elite Aoi Academy has changed for the young teenager who comes from a line of world famous magicians.

Unfortunately for Kazuki, he's not a world famous magician.

In fact, if he uses his magic eight times, he will turn to dust.

Therefore, at his school where everyone is quite good at using their own personal and powerful magic, Kazuki is pretty much the outsider or as his classmates may think of him as a loser.

But one day, life for Kazuki will not be the same when he comes back to his dorm room to find a beautiful pink-haired girl named Yuna Miyama.

Yuna happens to be a childhood friend (that he doesn't remember) that came back to fulfill the promise she made to him to be his wife.

For Kazuki, having this nice and beautiful (and also semi nude) girl in his room maybe be a bit too

much for him.

But Yuna isn't the only girl that seems to have fancied Kazuki.

When Kazuki returns to school, he realizes that more girls want to be his wife.

Kuriko Kazetsubaki, the hottest girl from Aoi Academy. With her curvaceous body and long blonde hair, she's also the daughter of one of the most powerful families in Japan.

And there's Rin Kamishiro. A purple-haired, sword carrying, traditional girl who seems to rather want to kill Kazuki than be with him.

But why are these women wanting to be with Kazuki?

It's all in the family genes as Kazuki's genes has the potential to create the most powerful magician offspring.

And with this revelation, now the girls of Aoi Academy want a chance to prove that they can be his wife and the guys of Aoi Academy are in a jealous rage.

For Kuriko, Kazuki's genes can advance her family's position.

For Rin, the potential heir could be the head of the family's evil spirit purging business.

As for Yuna Miyama, does

Kazuki's genes mean anything to her? Maybe, maybe not.

So, the race is on as the women try to win his affections. But is he remotely interested in any of them?

"Maburaho" is definitely a fresh, exciting twists on the love triangle anime (although triangle is not a good word to use for the many love connections).

Based on a popular manga series by Toshihiko Tsukiji, character designs by Eiji Komatsu and art by Miki Miyashita, fans of anime such as "Tenchi Muyo", "Love Hina", "Ranma 1/2" and "Ai Yoru Aoshi" will definite enjoy "Maburaho" when both the manga and anime series are expected to be released in April by ADV Manga and ADV Films.

"Maburaho" originally aired in Japan in 2003 with a total of 24 episodes.

So, far we have only watched the first two episodes of "Maburaho" and I can tell you that I enjoyed it a lot!

I really liked the animation and to see a new romantic comedy with the magic twist, makes it different from other anime of the same genre. So, this one has definitely caught my interest.

As for the sound, I only watched the series via English dubbed and although I'm more privy to watch anime in Japanese with English subtitles, the dub was ok.

Although, I don't like flashback scenes when characters are young and they use the teen or older characters voice to do a young version of the character.

But all in all, I think the voices of the three female characters are done very well. For Kazuki, he came off sounding a bit emotionless at times but perhaps it works well for his character.

All in all, "Maburaho" has been enjoyable.

I look forward to watching more episodes, so stay tuned for an upcoming and much more thorough review of the popular anime series.

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