

Fruits Basket by Natsuki Takaya



The graphic novel that I read was Fruits Basket by Natsuki Takaya. I would give this book a 4-star rating. The story is about a young girl name Tohru Honda, she lives by herself after a tragic car accident that her mom was in. She lives in a tent outside of the Sohma family estate, who unfortunately is a part of a family curse that goes back hundreds of years.

What the Sohma family curse is that they are each an animal of the 12 Chinese Zodiac animals. And When someone of the opposite gender makes physical contact with them, they turn into their animal.

Yuki Sohma(the rat) and Shigure Sohma(the dog) are one day taking a stroll around their property talking and see Tohru's set up. Immediately Shigure begins to laugh at Tohru and her pitiful sight. Yuki is shocked to see her there, knowing her from school he wonders why she is in the middle of the forest. Tohru is completely embarrassed that the most popular guy in her school, and his family member knows about her secret.

Suddenly Shigure senses there is going to be some bad weather in the area and welcomes Tohru in to their house, they soon find out that it was a mudslide and that her camp site was completely wrecked. In a panic Tohru is trying to look for the only thing of her mom she has left. She searched and searches in mud until she makes herself sick. The Sohma's feel bad for the girl and take her in permanently. Not without a price though, which Tohru is completely okay with, she is asked to cook and clean in exchange for paying rent.

Tohru being completely oblivious to the family's curse come across an edgy Sohma who has been casted out of the family. Kyo Sohma, the cat of the zodiac. They get into an argument

and at the end she hugs him, and not knowing about the curse. She then freaks out when she sees that she is now holding a cat in her arms instead of a boy's torso.

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