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The Devil Is A Part-Timer, Vol. 1 - Light Novel



Synopsis

Do you want fries with your hellfire? Being soundly thrashed by the hero Emilia, the Devil King and his general beat a hasty retreat to a parallel universe...only to land smack in the middle of bustling, modern-day Tokyo! Lacking the magic necessary to return home, the two are forced to assume human identities and live average human lives until they can find a better solution. And to make ends meet, Satan finds gainful employment at a nearby fast food joint! With his devilish mind set on working his way up the management food chain, what will become of his thirst for conquest?!

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•Several supernatural beings with otherworldly powers who represent the forces of good and evil find themselves in modern-day Tokyo, where suddenly their powers no longer work. The story mixes action with comedy, as the Devil King navigates our ordinary world, even taking a part-time job at a fast food restaurant called MgRonald to make ends meet. But the longer he works there, the more his focus shifts from conquering the world to making his way up the management chain at his restaurant. And then the Devil King's archenemy Emilia Justina the Hero shows up to try to finish what she started. This "light novel" with manga-style illustrations is very densely written, and is packed with so much exposition that in many ways it does not feel like the beginning of a series at all. This work has been adapted into an anime, which aired in 2014, so it would be most appreciated and understood by readers who saw it and are looking for more information about the story and the characters. VERDICT For fans of the The Devil Is a Part-Timer anime.
•Andrea

029 (Oniku) is the illustrator for the series The Devil is a Part-timer! Satoshi Wagahara is the author behind the hilarious fantasy light novel series, The Devil is a Part-timer!

First off, if you are buying this book and it has a blue cover, it is the light novel. If it has a red cover, it is the manga. Another way to tell the two apart (since it can be a royal pain in the butt on) is to look at the cover, and check if it says "Illustrated By". All light novels list the artist under "Illustrated by", as the books only contain limited spot illustrations. Now that all that is out of the way, let's get to the actual book. I really enjoyed the anime, and I thought I would give the original light novel a chance. If you have seen the anime, then you are already well versed in what happens in this book. The only real difference is added insight into the minds of several of the characters, plus a few extended moments with Emi's friend, Rika. Even though I was already pretty familiar with the plot, I seriously enjoyed this book. The writing is fast and fun, the plot moves, and the interesting and colorful characters keep you engaged. It is also interesting to see where both the anime and manga series started, and how closely they hold to the original text. While it may take a book or two to get past what the anime covered, I am for sure going to keep reading, as I found this book to be immensely enjoyable. I also enjoyed the little character "resume" forms, and the attractive color art presented in the beginning of the book. If you are a fan of The Devil is a Part-Timer in its anime form, then I highly recommend checking out the original source material. Very well written, and highly entertaining.

Alright. First, I'll give you the differences between the manga, and the light novel: Light novel: Has a blue color theme. Manga: Has a red color theme. Next, I'll give you a rundown of the story. Satan, after a huge battle in the world of Ente Isla, against the hero Emilia, retreats through a portal, and lands in the middle of Tokyo with his trusted ally Alciel. The two then learn info about their current situation, the Japanese language, and so on. They get an apartment from a landlady (who--as it says in the novel "looks like a giant, purple potato that was peeled in random areas,") and they begin their normal life. Soon after, though Satan (now going by Maou), encounters a strange girl on the sidewalk, and lends her his umbrella. The girl turns out to be the hero, Emilia, who had chased down Satan and Alciel, following them into Japan! However, things aren't completely peachy, as a mysterious person soon begins attacking them! Can the two work together long enough to protect Japan--even more so--their lives?! ART: 10/10 The art is extremely good In the cover art, and the

illustrations throughout the novel. **WRITING:** 10/10 I haven't stumbled across any weird wordings, or anything. **QUALITY:** 8/10 The shipping quality was okay, but not the best. There were tears along the cover, and both covers were bent. **OVERALL:** 4/5 **STAR** Everything was good, except for the shipping quality. I definitely recommend it, if you are a fan of the anime, as this is the source material. Everything from the anime and manga, was born from this novel.

A great story and opening into the series. As a long time fan of the anime I was extremely disappointed when the anime ended with only 12 ep and I was left hanging. However, after seeing the light novel finally getting license I instantly got the copy and started reading. *Hataraku no Maou* or *The Devil is a Part-Timer* is a rare story capable of blending in hilarious comedy and intense action with little shortcoming. Although many anime and light novels in the past have attempted the trope of Hero vs Maou, majority of them are cliché and are executed poorly with one dimensional characters usual with the hero gathering comrade as he powers up to slay the "evil" demon lord. This story takes it a step further and portrays the relationship of the hero and the demon lord after he is defeated and escape to the modern world we know of. The tale of the demon lord as he struggles to make a living in a one store apartment while trying to get a promotion at a fast food chain is probably the most brilliant plot line I could ever imagine. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys a unique story that mixes action, supernatural, comedy, with a slight touch of romance. The unconventional setting and reaction of the demon lord as he interacts with the hero makes for a great laugh. If your unfamiliar with the format of a light novel each Volume is fairly short with around 200-300 pages and usually 4-5 illustrations. So the series overall isn't a heavy read even for a person like myself who rarely reads books.

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