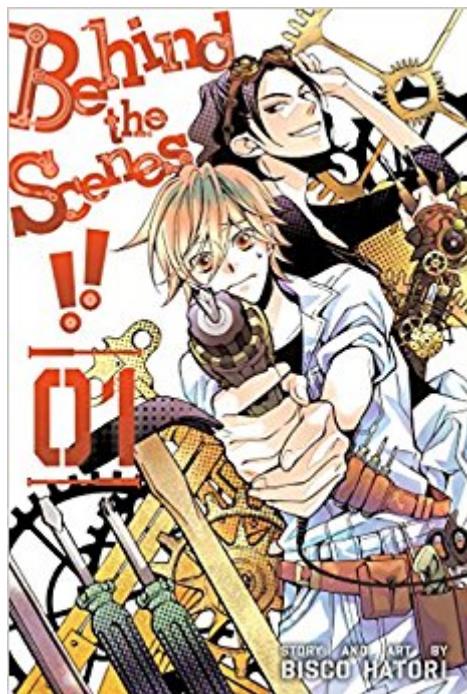


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# Behind The Scenes!!, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

Ranmaru Kurisu comes from a family of hardy, rough-and-tumble fisher folk, and he sticks out at home like a delicate, artistic sore thumb. It's given him a raging inferiority complex and a permanently pessimistic outlook. Now that he's in college, he's hoping to find a sense of belonging. But after a whole life of being left out, does he even know how to fit in?! It's two months into Ranmaru's college career, and if he's learned one thing, it's that he's really uncomfortable around other people. But when he stumbles into a zombie mob attack, he's forced out of his comfort zone in the most dramatic way possible! Of course it's just a movie shoot, but when he wakes up from his ignoble faint, he's been whisked away behind the scenes with the Art Squad! Could this group of weirdoes be what Ranmaru's been looking for all his life?!

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up •Ranmaru grew up in a family of fishermen, but now he is a first-year college student. He has trouble fitting in with the other students, but when he accidentally stumbles onto a film set, he finds his calling with the Art Squad, a group that is in charge of creating sets, props, costumes, and makeup effects for all four of the college film clubs. Ranmaru is artistically talented and has his own collection of art supplies, which makes him a valuable member of the team. This is a funny, fast-paced, and lighthearted manga, filled with many entertaining scenes in front of and behind the camera. Unfortunately, some readers will find it hard to empathize with Ranmaru, which

may detract from the story. Ranmaru has low self-esteem and keeps apologizing for things and overreacting to any and all criticism, sometimes crossing the fine line between a comic character and an annoying one. Hatori's artwork is filled with energy, action, and surprised reaction shots. VERDICT For fans of Hatori's spin on school life (such as "Ouran High Host Club") and film and theater buffs. •Andrea Lipinski, New York Public Library

Bisco Hatori made her manga debut with *Isshun kan no Romance* (A Moment of Romance) in *LaLa DX* magazine. The comedy *Ouran High School Host Club* is her breakout hit. When she's stuck thinking up characters' names, she gets inspired by loud, upbeat music (her radio is set to NACK5 FM). She enjoys reading all kinds of manga, but she's especially fond of the sci-fi drama *Please Save My Earth* and *Slam Dunk*, a basketball classic.

It was good but not amazing haven't decided if I will buy the rest. The art is a thumbs up but while the stories are cute I think the author is trying too hard to build them as mysterious when the ending is obvious. The characters are still being fleshed out in this vol. The entire story is about the main character finding him self but he is still an indistinct character by the end and two other characters are by far more interesting, I wish the story was told from their angle.

This manga is drawn and written by one of my favorite manga artists. *Ouran High School Host Club* was the series that got me obsessed with Manga. This manga has potential and I looking forward to more updates. However it is the beginning of the series meaning that some characters are not as fully fleshed as the artists is still trying to determine where she is going with this piece. Knowing this artist though we have lots of good stuff to look forward to in the future.

I'm an avid fan of OHSHC, so was pleased to see Bisco Hatori came out with a new series. While it maintains the silliness amongst stronger emotional scenes, the characters haven't left much of an impression on me. That being said, I love the animals!

This was great! I might be a bit biased because I love everything Bisco Hatori does but I can't wait to read more about these characters!

You can clearly see the amount of painstaking research Hatori has done in the story and how well she weaves it into the tale. Never once does anything feel heavy-handed. Also, she's created a

lively cast of distinguishable characters, especially Ranmaru, who I related with the most. Plus, the manga's hilarious and upbeat, with a great message. I can't wait to read the next volume.

I love how this manga takes a look at the male perspective when dealing with social insecurity and new areas. The supporting characters are fun and know how to push the hero forward without making it weird. The setting is perfect for making fun leaps and adventure. So, I don't see it slowing down any time soon. As for being the first in the series it flows perfectly and keeps you hooked.

Bisco Hatori has done it again! I love this quirky story and can't wait to read the rest of it. The manga possesses elements from her other work and kind of reminds me Ouran, but at the same time it is very different. They can't release these fast enough for me. I want #2 in my hands now! If you are a fan of sensei's work, pick up this one today!!

From the author of Ouran Host Club, we now meet a new club who use their talents to help make movie magic. Loads of fun for any manga fans and fans of behind the scenes film.

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