



Kanpai! Vol. 1

Can I count the ways
that I love your nape?



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KANPAI! IS AN ODD NAME FOR A manga. The Japanese title *Kimi no Unaji ni Kanpai* translates as, 'a toast on the completion of your novel', but the story is actually about monsters, their protectors and exorcists. Weird, eh? Actually no, as Unaji is a pun and can also mean 'nape of the neck'; something which is very important in the story.

Shintaro is a trainee monster guardian who is tasked with keeping monsters away from exorcists and anyone else who might harm them. However he doesn't bargain on his feelings for Nao – more specifically her neck. The story is a welcome twist on the popularity of supernatural manga series, the artwork is gorgeous and the characters are larger than life. Kanpai! is great fun to read and we can't wait for volume two.

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NEO Verdict

Weird title but nice artwork and a quirky plot.

