

Ramen Fighter Miki VOL 1

Ramen rivalry to the Nth degree!

Miki Onimaru is the hyperactive, klutzy poster child for her family's ramen restaurant in the local shopping arcade. Her mother cooks noodles and strikes terror into the hearts of Miki and long-suffering neighbor Akihiko. All Miki seems to do is throw bowls of ramen over the customers—not the best start.

But on her first day taking on this exulted position (i.e. waitressing), Miki comes face to face with her nemesis, Megumi Kannazuki. Both girls attended the same school, but now that Megumi is representing the bakery across the road, the pair are destined to become bitter rivals!

While the series has slipped under the radar of many an anime fan, *Ramen Fighter Miki* is a lot of fun. The animation is of a really high quality, with a good plot and plenty of laughs. Sumptuous flashbacks provide a window on the origins of Megumi's skewer-throwing (her ultimate anti-Onimaru weapon) and Miki's refusal to accept her destiny



as Ramen Shop Poster Child.

The setting of a traditional family restaurant also makes *Ramen Fighter Miki* rather different. Anyone expecting some kind of noodle-themed fighting series might be a touch disappointed, but the story is still very entertaining and well worth watching.

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