Sword Princess Amaltea #1: Sword Princess Amaltea

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Princess Amaltea must follow tradition: rescue a prince and get married to him. But she does so begrudgingly. The prince she rescues, Prince Ossian, doesn’t want to follow this plan either—even though Amaltea rescues him from a dragon. But as Amaltea and Ossian travel together, they begin to grow closer and learn to rely upon one another. Additionally, they begin to see the good in each other as they tackle obstacles together.

Most fantasy stories focus on the men, with women as an afterthought. This manga forces the readers to think about their own perceptions of stories and question the gender roles of society. In short, the manga shows that women are just as capable as men are. This delightful reversal will hopefully inspire its readers to think about how they perceive gender roles in their own lives. However, once Amaltea rescues Ossian, she relies upon him to solve the obstacles they face. Amaltea’s response to anything is use her status as a princess and swing her sword, which won’t solve her problems. The subversion of the genre is weakened by the princess needing the men in order to overcome her obstacles. However, as this is only the first book in a series, Amaltea certainly has room to grow and learn.

*Contains moderate sexual content, mild language, and mild violence.