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Manga Artist

- 1) **Who was the first anime or manga character you fell in love with? When?**
name of the work: "Cutey Honey"
character name: Kisaragi Honey
age: around 5 years old
- 2) **How did it affect you?**
It was one of the origins [for my interest in yuri].
- 3) **Have you talked about it with others? When?**
I haven't really talked about it with others.
- 4) **What is your current favorite Yuri anime or manga?**
"Maria-sama ga Miteru"
- 5) **What is your most favorite Yuri anime or manga?**
"Lovers' Kiss"
- 6) **Who is your favorite Yuri couple?**
Shimako and Noriko from Marimite. They're mellow, nice and lovey-dovey.
- 7) **What made you decide to draw/ write/ get involved in Yuri?**
There wasn't enough Yuri out there, so I decided to make my own.
- 8) **What do you think of the Yuri boom that's currently occurring? What are its good points and bad points?**
Good point: There are more choices to pick from, which makes me very happy!
Bad point: Nothing really comes to mind... I feel like it's not major enough to have any bad points yet.
- 9) **What do you think of " Yuri Shimai " and all the similar Yuri anthologies that are appearing?**
I wish such magazines had been around when I was in my teens...!
- 10) **Do you think that Yuri is more or less popular than when you started to read/draw/write it?**
I think... that what up until now was a narrow field has been clearly recognized as a real genre. Although it's still a very minor one.
- 11) **What is your ideal Yuri story?**
In an abundance of stories belonging to a variety of genres, stories that aren't about a hero and a heroine but rather a heroine and a heroine. The female-female love story wouldn't be the main theme in and of itself, but it would be a major premise of the story-- I'd like to read stories in a variety of genres that are like that.
- 12) **Please give your opinion on anything you'd like.**
I hope that Yuri will become even more plentiful and varied, as boy's love has.
First of all, I myself have to do my best, but...