

= Kud Wafter =

Kud Wafter (?????? , Kudo Wafut?) is a Japanese adult visual novel developed by Key , released on June 25 , 2010 for Microsoft Windows . Kud Wafter is Key 's eighth game , along with other titles such as Kanon , Air , and Clannad . Key released a version of Kud Wafter without the erotic content , and the game was ported to the PlayStation Portable and PlayStation Vita . The story follows the lives of high school students Riki Naoe and his close friend Kudryavka Noumi as they start to see more of each other in a romantic relationship . The gameplay in Kud Wafter follows a branching plot line which offers pre @-@ determined scenarios with courses of interaction , and focuses on the appeal of the title character Kudryavka , also known as " Kud " (?? , Kudo) for short .

The game is a spin @-@ off of Key 's earlier game Little Busters ! rated for all ages and its expanded , adult version Little Busters ! Ecstasy . Kudryavka appears as a heroine in both Little Busters ! and Ecstasy . Kud Wafter is an expansion of Kudryavka 's story after the events of Ecstasy and is written by Chika Shirokiri . Na @-@ Ga and Itaru Hinoue returned as co @-@ art directors . The game ranked as the best @-@ selling PC game sold in Japan for the time of its release . A manga adaptation illustrated by Bakutend? was serialized in ASCII Media Works ' Dengeki G 's Magazine .

= = Gameplay = =

Kud Wafter is a romance visual novel in which the player assumes the role of Riki Naoe . Much of its gameplay is spent on reading the story 's narrative and dialogue . Kud Wafter follows a branching plot line with multiple endings ; depending on the decisions that the player makes during the game , the plot will progress in a specific direction . Throughout gameplay , the player is given multiple options to choose from , and text progression pauses at these points until a choice is made . To view all plot lines in their entirety , the player will have to replay the game multiple times and make different choices to bring the plot in an alternate direction . Throughout gameplay , there are scenes with sexual CGs depicting Riki and Kudryavka having sex . Key released a version of Kud Wafter without the erotic content .

= = Plot and characters = =

Kud Wafter 's story revolves around Riki Naoe (?? ?? , Naoe Riki , voiced by : Tomoe Tamiyasu (epilogue only)) , the male protagonist from Little Busters ! and Little Busters ! Ecstasy , and Kudryavka Noumi (?? ?????? , N?mi Kudoryafuka , voiced by : Miyako Suzuta) , one of the main heroines of the same games and the title character of Kud Wafter . Kudryavka has her story expanded upon than what was seen in Ecstasy , which was itself an expansion on the story featured in Little Busters ! . Kud Wafter begins at the onset of the summer vacation after the events of the peaceful field trip from Little Busters ! . The other members of the Little Busters have returned home for the break , leaving Riki and Kudryavka to spend their vacation living at the school dormitories as they form a romantic relationship . However , the male dormitory is undergoing renovations due to a problem with the plumbing , leaving Riki without a place to stay . As Kudryavka has no roommate , she suggests to Riki that he live with her until the renovation on the male dormitory is finished , and Riki accepts . Riki and Kudryavka try to keep the other dorm members from finding out since it is against the rules for a boy and girl to share a room .

Also living at the dorms is a girl named Yuuki Himuro (?? ?? , Himuro Y?ki , voiced by : Kumiko Okukawa) whom Kudryavka knew and was roommates with for a time in Kudryavka 's home country ; Yuuki is half Japanese , a quarter German and a quarter Russian . She is the president of the science club at the school and came to take part in a cultural exchange program . Everyday , Yuuki is absorbed in various strange research projects and experiments and could be described as a logical genius . The head of the girl 's dormitory is Kanata Futaki (?? ??? , Futaki Kanata , voiced by : Keiko Suzuki) , the only main character other than Riki and Kudryavka to return from Little Busters ! . While Kanata is good friends with Kudryavka , she is concerned about Kudryavka 's

relationship with Riki . Kanata succeeded the previous head of the girl 's dormitory , a third @-@ year girl referred to as " A @-@ chan " (????? , voiced by : Rita) . Since she resigned from being the dormitory head , the dormitory rules have become somewhat more relaxed , but she still aides Kanata because Kanata inherited the position . A @-@ chan is the president of the home economics club , which Kudryavka is a member of , and she likes interesting and strange things .

A young girl named Shiina Arizuki (?? ?? , Arizuki Shiina , voiced by : Nana Ayase) is aiming to win a water rocket competition and she becomes friends with Kudryavka and Riki while searching for a suitable plastic bottle . Shiina is a cheerful , energetic girl without a hint of shyness around strangers . Shiina has a Welsh Corgi named ?sumi as a pet . Her dream is to become an astronaut , but her family is against it . Her mother is a picture book author and she has an older sister , Ui Arizuki (?? ? , Arizuki Ui , voiced by : Asari) , a second @-@ year high school student who also stays at the dormitory , even though her house is close to the school . Ui is a realist who does not really believe in achieving dreams . She is frugal with her money and works part @-@ time at a family restaurant . Ui used to play lacrosse , but had to stop due to an injury .

= = Development and release = =

After the release of Little Busters ! Ecstasy in 2008 , Key decided to produce a spin @-@ off of that game which focused on the heroine Kudryavka Noumi . The project 's planning was headed by Kai , who returned to Key after he last contributed to the scenario of Clannad released in 2004 . Chika Shirokiri returned after his work on Little Busters ! , in which he wrote the scenario for Kudryavka . The artists Na @-@ Ga and Itaru Hinoue were the art directors and character designers , both of whom previously worked on Little Busters ! for Key . Jun 'ichi Shimizu composed the game 's music and was supervised by Jun Maeda .

Kud Wafter was released in Japan on June 25 , 2010 as a limited edition version , playable only on Windows PCs as a DVD . As a bonus , it came bundled with the visual novel 's original soundtrack and a game demo of Key 's ninth game Rewrite . Takahiro Baba , the president of VisualArt 's , the publisher of Kud Wafter , announced via his Twitter account in April 2010 that 100 @,@ 000 copies of Kud Wafter would be produced in its initial release . To advertise Kud Wafter , Good Smile Racing took Shinji Orito 's 2003 Honda Fit and made it into an itasha (a car featuring illustrations of anime @-@ styled characters) with images of Kudryavka . The car was driven around and showcased throughout Japan between April 19 and June 26 , 2010 . The car was put onto the Japanese Yahoo ! Auction website on June 25 , 2010 and sold for 1 @,@ 699 @,@ 000 yen after starting the auction at 1 yen .

An adult version playable on Android devices was released on January 31 , 2013 . A fully voiced version playable as a Blu @-@ ray Disc was released on March 29 , 2013 by Asoberu ! BD @-@ Game , a brand of VisualArt 's . Prototype released a PlayStation Portable (PSP) port of the game titled Kud Wafter Converted Edition on May 9 , 2013 , which contains additional story events and visuals . Key released an all ages version on June 28 , 2013 for Windows , and it contains the additional content in the PSP version . Prototype released a version of Kud Wafter Converted Edition ported to the PlayStation Vita (PS Vita) on December 19 , 2013 .

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A manga adaptation , illustrated by manga artist Bakutend? and titled Kud Wafter , was serializaed between the May 2010 and February 2014 issues of ASCII Media Works ' Dengeki G 's Magazine . Six tank?bon volumes of the manga were released between February 26 , 2011 and March 27 , 2014 . Two volumes of a manga anthology titled Kud Wafter Comic Anthology were released by Ichijinsha between August and October 2010 . An anthology of a collection of four @-@ panel comic strips titled Kud Wafter 4 @-@ koma Maximum was released by Wedge Holdings in September

2010 . Harvest published Kud Wafter Anthology Comic in November 2010 . Taibundo released a manga anthology titled Kud Wafter as the first volume in their Earth Star Comics line in December 2010 . Paradigm released a novel anthology titled Kud Wafter Anthology : It 's Kud Wafter ! in September 2010 . Harvest published a novel anthology titled Kud Wafter Anthology Novel in November 2010 . ASCII Media Works published an art book titled White Fairy : Kudryavka Noumi Photo Album (White Fairy ? ???????????) on March 10 , 2011 .

= = = Music = = =

The visual novel has two main theme songs : the opening theme " One 's Future " by Miyako Suzuta , the voice actress of Kudryavka , and the ending theme " Hoshikuzu " (?? , Stardust) by Haruka Shimotsuki . An insert song also sung by Suzuta , " Hoshimori Uta " (???) , is featured in the game as well . The single of " One 's Future " was released in April 2010 . Kud Wafter 's original soundtrack was released on June 25 , 2010 , with the original release of the visual novel . The soundtrack contained 24 music tracks : 20 background music tracks , an a cappella version of " Hoshimori Uta " , a remix of " One 's Future " subtitled " Rock Band Mix " , and the original versions of " Hoshikuzu " and " Hoshimori Uta " . A ten @-@ track arrange album remixing music from the game titled Albina : Assorted Kudwaf Songs was released at Comiket 79 in December 2010 . A remix album titled DeeJay Busters ! , featuring tracks from Little Busters ! , Little Busters ! Ecstasy and Kud Wafter , was released in May 2011 . A piano arrange album titled Ripresa , which also features tracks from Little Busters ! , Ecstasy and Kud Wafter , was released in April 2013 . Each of the albums released were on Key 's record label Key Sounds Label .

= = Reception = =

In May 2010 , Kud Wafter ranked first in national PC game pre @-@ orders in Japan . The limited edition version of Kud Wafter ranked first in terms of national sales of PC games in Japan in June 2010 . In addition , Kud Wafter was reported to sell the most copies of any PC game in Japan for the first half of 2010 . At some stores in Akihabara , Kud Wafter was sold at midnight the day of its release , which is cited as not happening very often for games sold in Akihabara . Kud Wafter premiered as the No. 2 game sold on Getchu.com , a major redistributor of visual novel and domestic anime products , during the month of its release , and at No. 26 in July . The game would go on to be the No. 9 game sold for the first half of 2010 , and at No. 15 for the whole year . The PSP port sold 5 @,@ 733 units in its first week of sales . Both the PSP and PS Vita ports were reviewed by the Japanese video game magazine Famitsu , which gave them an overall score of 27 / 40 .