

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime

That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime (Japanese: 転生したらスライムだった件, Hepburn: *Tensei Shitara Suraimu Datta Ken*) also known as **TenSura**^[4] (転スラ) or **Slime Isekai**^[4] is a Japanese fantasy light novel series written by Fuse, and illustrated by Mitz Vah about a salaryman who is murdered and reincarnates in a sword and sorcery world as a slime with unique powers and gathers allies to build his own nation of monsters.

It was serialized online between 2013 and 2016 on the user-generated novel publishing website *Shōsetsuka ni Narō*. It was acquired by Micro Magazine, which published the first light novel volume in 2014. Sixteen volumes have been released as of March 2020. The light novel has been licensed in North America by *Yen Press*, who published the first volume in December 2017. It has received a manga adaptation published by *Kodansha* along with three manga spin-offs published respectively by Micro Magazine and Kodansha and an anime television series adaptation by *Eight Bit*, which aired from October 2018 to March 2019. A second season of the anime series was slated to premiere in October 2020 but was pushed to January 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and an anime adaptation of the second spin-off manga was slated to premiere in January 2021 but has been delayed to April 2021 due to the same circumstances.

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Plot

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The cover of the first light novel

転生したらスライムだった件

Genre	Fantasy, ^[1] isekai ^[2]
Novel series	
Written by	Fuse
Published by	Shōsetsuka ni Narō
Original run	2013 – 2016
Light novel	
Written by	Fuse
Illustrated by	Mitz
Published by	Micro Magazine
English publisher	^{NA} Yen Press
Imprint	GC Novels
Demographic	Male
Original run	2014 – present
Volumes	17
Manga	
Written by	Fuse
Illustrated by	Taiki Kawakami

Satoru Mikami is an ordinary 37-year-old corporate worker living in Tokyo. He is almost content with his monotonous life, despite the fact that he doesn't have a girlfriend. During a casual encounter with his colleague, an assailant pops out of nowhere and stabs him. While succumbing to his injuries, a mysterious voice echoes in his mind and recites a series of commands which he could not make sense of.

After regaining consciousness, Satoru discovers that he has been reincarnated as a Slime in an unfamiliar world. At the same time, he also acquires new-found skills, particularly the ability called "Predator," which allows him to devour anything and mimic its appearance and skills. He stumbles upon Veldora Tempest, a Catastrophe-level 'Storm Dragon', who was sealed for 300 years for reducing a town to ashes. Feeling sorry for him, Satoru befriends the dragon, promising to help him in destroying the seal. In return, Veldora bestows upon him the name Rimuru Tempest to grant him divine protection.

With his newfound powers and his wisdom, Rimuru gains the friendship and loyalty of the monsters inhabiting the Great Jura Forest, who accept him as their leader and together they found the nation of Tempest. As their new nation quickly grows in strength and influence, Rimuru and his subjects draw the attention of the nearby foreign powers, from monarchs and legendary heroes to demon lords, some seeking to become their allies, while others intend to just take advantage or destroy them completely for the sake of their plans.

Media

Light novels

Fuse originally serialized the series as a web novel on the user-generated content site Shōsetsuka ni Narō between February 20, 2013 and January 1, 2016.^{[1][5]} The series was acquired for print publication by Micro Magazine, who published the first light novel, with illustrations by Mitz Vah, under their GC Novels in May 2014.^{[1][6]} On April 15, 2017, English publisher Yen Press announced during their panel at Sakura-Con that they had licensed the series for release in North America.^[7]

Manga

Taiki Kawakami launched a manga adaptation in Kodansha's shōnen manga magazine Monthly Shōnen Sirius on March 26, 2015.^[8] Kodansha USA announced their license to the manga during their panel at New York Comic Con on October 6, 2016.^[9] A spin-off manga, titled *That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime: How Monsters Walk* (転生したらスライムだった件〜魔物の国

Published by	<u>Kodansha</u>
English publisher	^{NA} <u>Kodansha USA</u>
Magazine	<u>Monthly Shōnen Sirius</u>
Demographic	<u>Shōnen</u>
Original run	March 26, 2015 – present
Volumes	16
Manga	
<i>That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime: The Ways of the Monster Nation</i>	
Written by	Fuse
Illustrated by	Shō Okagiri
Published by	Micro Magazine
English publisher	^{NA} <u>Yen Press</u>
Magazine	<u>Comic Ride</u>
Demographic	<u>Seinen</u>
Original run	July 28, 2016 – present
Volumes	7
Manga	
<i>The Slime Diaries: That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime</i>	
Written by	Fuse
Illustrated by	Shiba
Published by	Kodansha
English publisher	^{NA} <u>Kodansha USA</u>
Magazine	<u>Monthly Shōnen Sirius</u>
Demographic	<u>Shōnen</u>
Original run	March 2018 – present
Volumes	4
Manga	
<i>That Time I Got Reincarnated (Again!) as a Workaholic Slime</i>	
Written by	Fuse

の歩き方〜, *Tensei Shitara Suraimu Datta Ken: Mamono no Arukikata*), with art by Shō Okagiri, has been serialized on Micro Magazine's *Comic Ride* website since July 28, 2016.^{[1][10]} A second spin-off manga, titled *The Slime Diaries: That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime* (転スラ日記 転生したらスライムだった件, *Tensura Nikki: Tensei Shitara Suraimu Datta Ken*), with art by Shiba, has been serialized in Kodansha's *shōnen* manga magazine *Monthly Shōnen Sirius* since March 2018, compiled into three volumes as of November 2019, and licensed in English by Kodansha USA. A third spin-off manga titled *That Time I Got Reincarnated (Again!) as a Workaholic Slime* (*Tensei Shitara Shachiku Datta Ken*, 転生しても社畜だった件) and illustrated by Shizuku Akechi began serialization on the Niconico website on September 26, 2018, and has been compiled into one volume as of July 9, 2019.^{[11][12]} On June 3, 2020, Kodansha USA announced that it has licensed *That Time I Got Reincarnated (Again!) as a Workaholic Slime*.^[13]

Anime

An anime television series adaptation aired from October 2, 2018 to March 19, 2019 on Tokyo MX and other channels.^{[1][14][a]} The series is animated by Eight Bit and directed by Yasuhito Kikuchi, with Atsushi Nakayama as assistant director, Kazuyuki Fudeyasu handling series composition, Ryouma Ebata designing the characters, and Takahiro Kishida providing monster designs. Elements Garden is composing the series' music.^[15] The first opening theme is "Nameless story" performed by Takuma Terashima,^[16] while the first ending theme is "Another colony" performed by True.^[17] The second opening theme is "Megurumono" (メグルモノ) performed by Terashima, while the second ending theme is "Little Soldier" (リトルソルジャー, *Ritoru Sorujā*) performed by Azusa Tadokoro.^[18] The series is simulcast by Crunchyroll^[19] with Funimation streaming an English dub as it airs.^[20] The first season ran for 24 episodes. An original animation DVD was originally scheduled to be released on March 29, 2019, bundled with the 11th manga volume,^[21] but it was delayed to December 4, 2019, bundled with the 13th manga volume.^{[22][23]} A second original animation DVD was released on July 9, 2019, bundled with the 12th manga volume.^[24] Three more original animation DVDs have been announced, with the third OAD being released on March 27, 2020, bundled with the 14th manga volume.^[25] The fourth OAD is being bundled with the 15th manga volume, which released on July 9, 2020. The fifth OAD will be bundled with 16th manga volume, which releases on November 9, 2020.^[26]

A second season premiered on January 12, 2021 due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Japan. In an official statement, the anime production committee explained that they were "proceeding with the production with a sufficient preparation period" but the

Illustrated by	Shizuku Akechi
Published by	Kodansha
English publisher	^{NA} Kodansha USA
Magazine	<i>Suiyōbi no Sirius</i>
Demographic	<i>Shōnen</i>
Original run	September 26, 2018 – present
Volumes	2
Anime television series	
Directed by	Yasuhito Kikuchi (#1–24) Atsushi Nakayama (#25–) Assistant director: Atsushi Nakayama (#1–24) ^[3]
Produced by	Yōhei Itō Shigeto Sugimoto
Written by	Kazuyuki Fudeyasu
Music by	Elements Garden
Studio	Eight Bit
Licensed by	^{NA} Crunchyroll Funimation ^{SA/SEA} Muse Communication
Original network	Tokyo MX, BS11, tvk, MBS
Original run	October 2, 2018 – present
Episodes	32 + 5 OVAs
Anime television series	
<i>The Slime Diaries: That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime</i>	
Directed by	Yuji Ikuhara
Written by	Kotatsumikan
Music by	R.O.N
Studio	Eight Bit
Original network	Tokyo MX, MBS, BS11, TV Aichi, TVh,

"announcement [of Japan's state of emergency] has had a great impact on the originally planned production schedule" so they decided to postpone the second season.^[27] The second season is a split-cour anime and the second half has been pushed from April 2021 to July 2021.^[28] Eight Bit will still animate the series, with the staff and cast members reprising their roles.^{[29][30]} The opening theme is "Storyteller" performed by True, while the ending theme is "STORYSEEKER" performed by STEREO DIVE FOUNDATION.^[31]

	TVQ, GYT, GTV, TV-U, AT-X, Animax
Original run	April 6, 2021 – scheduled

A spin-off anime series based on the *Slime Diaries: That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime* manga was scheduled to premiere in January 2021 but has been delayed to premiere in April 6, 2021 due to COVID-19.^[32] Eight Bit will also animate the series, with Yuji Ikuhara directing the series, Kotatsumikan writing the script, Risa Takai and Atsushi Irie as character designers, and R.O.N composing the music.^[33] The opening theme is "Brand new diary" performed by Akane Kumada.^[34]

Reception

The light novel series has over 4.5 million volumes in print.^[1] It was the fifth best-selling title of 2018 with 539,277^[35] and its manga adaptation was the ninth best-selling title of 2018 with 3,460,066 copies. It also became the first manga series based on a light novel with at least 20 million total copies in print.

The light novel ranked eighth in 2017 in Takarajimasha's annual light novel guide book *Kono Light Novel ga Sugoi!*, in the *tankōbon* category.^[36] It ranked sixth in 2018^[37] and fifth in 2019.^[38]

In 2019, Rimuru Tempest won Best Protagonist on the *Crunchyroll Anime Awards*.^[39]

Awards

The manga adaptation has won the 2018 Bookwalker Award.^[40] The light novel and anime have also received recognitions.

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- Tokyo MX listed the broadcast times as Monday nights at 24:00, meaning the first broadcast technically occurred on Tuesday at 12:00 am. JST.

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