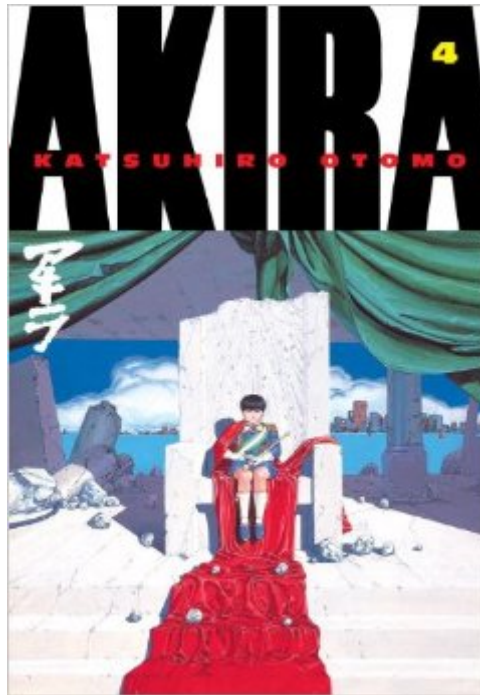


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# Akira, Vol. 4



## Synopsis

Suffering the fate that beset its namesake three decades earlier, twenty-first-century Neo-Tokyo lies in ruin. Set off by the bullet of a would-be assassin, the godlike telekinetic fury of the superhuman child Akira has once again demolished in seconds that which took decades and untold billions to build. Now cut off from the rest of the world, the Great Tokyo Empire rises, with Akira its king, the psychic juggernaut Tetsuo its mad prime minister, and a growing army of fanatic acolytes ready to go to any length to please their masters. Forces on the outside still search for a way to stop Akira, and the answer may lie in the hands of the mysterious Lady Miyako, a powerful member of Akira's paranormal brotherhood. But the solution to harnessing Akira may ultimately be more dangerous than Akira himself.

Twenty years since its original release in Japan, Akira remains one of the most widely acclaimed and influential works of graphic fiction, and creator Katsuhiro Otomo has become a legendary storyteller in animation as well as manga. Akira is a science fiction tour de force, a breathtaking vision of innocence, infamy, and insanity.

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Another action packed Volume! In volume 3 we see Akira show off his power by leveling Tokyo... again. In Volume 4, We pick up a little while after, where we see the people of Tokyo divided in 2 factions, those who worship the mysterious number 19 and those who worship poor little Akira and his maniacal assistant Tetsuo. Luckily, it seems all the major players survived the destruction except poor Kaneda. Kei really shines in this volume and goes from being a pretty solid character to

probably being my favorite character yet. She is tough and ready to take command, even willing to stand up against the wise number 19's direct orders. Chiyoko is, once again, one of the toughest characters and the source of a lot of the volumes action. The Espers also survived the destruction but are in critical condition (a lot of the volume is devoted to getting them to a safe place or getting them the proper medicine they need). Tetsuo seems to have a firm grip over his fanatical followers and also seems to speak for Akira... although cute little Akira seems to just want to live the normal life of an average child. In one of the more interesting aspects of the volume, we see Akira mentally abuse Tetsuo and force him to confront his addiction to the pills that suppress his power. He tries to kick the habit but it is evident that this could mean bad news for the survivors of Neo-Tokyo. Other characters like the Colonel, Ryu and a very welcome survivor from Kaneda and Tetsuo's biker gang all get plenty of screen time (or panel time, I suppose?). We are introduced to many new and interesting characters as well, like, the mysterious psychic with the eyeball on his head that seems to show up at all the wrong times.

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