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Cover art, entitled “Valentine’s Day Manga: Clippings” by Hannah Carroll, who graduated with an East Asian Studies major from Wittenberg University. Hannah spent her junior year studying at Kansai Gaidai in Japan. While in Japan, Hannah won the Rookie Award for a short comic, The Blue Isle of the Lost (a piece she submitted to LaLa’s LMS contest), as well as Top Pick for Best Page Layout. Hannah has created several online webtoons such as Dangerous Session and Priority #1 on LINE Webtoon and continues to create. She gives the following explanation about the artwork on the cover:

“Valentine’s Day is celebrated differently all over the world, but in Japan there are two main types of gift chocolate: giri chocolate is given out of obligation or appreciation, while honmei chocolate is given to express romantic feelings. These snippets of pages drawn in a Japanese comic, or manga, style depict two girls competing to confess their love with chocolate. Though not entirely realistic, this type of scenario might occur in shoujo manga, comics aimed towards a young female audience.”

You can see Hannah’s other work at [www.webtoons.com/en/challenge/priority-1/list?title\\_no=526716](http://www.webtoons.com/en/challenge/priority-1/list?title_no=526716) and [www.webtoons.com/en/challenge/dangerous-session/list?title\\_no=200239](http://www.webtoons.com/en/challenge/dangerous-session/list?title_no=200239).