K-Drama Review: Kissable Lips

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Abstract: A review of a new Korean BL (Boys Love) about a romance between a college student and a 500-year-old vampire.



Drama: Kissable Lips

• Country: South Korea

• Episodes: 8

• **Aired:** Feb 3, 2022 - Feb 25, 2022

• **Duration:** 11 min.

• Content Rating: 13+ - Teens 13 or older

"A sweet and bloody campus romance between Jun Ho, a vampire who is walking the path of extinction, and Min Hyun, a human with pure blood" (MyDramaList)

Review:

Jun Ho is a vampire who is 500 years old (played by Kim Ji Woong) who after breaking a critical law of being a vampire is dying with the only chance to live is to drink the blood of a pure-blooded human and become a human himself. He has almost given up hope until he meets the human he is looking for in Min Hyun (played by Yoon Seo Bin) a shy young man who may just steal Jun Ho's heart before the vampire can steal his blood. This is the main set up to this Korean miniseries.

The entire runtime of the complete season is about 90 minutes and the first thing a viewer will notice when starting the show is that it goes by quickly! In the first episode they need to set up the world and its rules, are lead character, and the main conflict in less than 15 minutes. Many details of the show appear in a blink, and you miss it way, and this happens for most of the series. The show should have been longer even having 22 minutes an episode would have helped with the pacing and given the story time to breath and for us to learn about the characters and who they are. But it all goes by very fast.

It has a plot to draw you in, but what makes the viewers want to stay will be the main characters and their romance, while like the rest of the show it gets hurt form being very rushed the main actor's chemistry can be felt through the screen and every scene, they share had electricity running through.

Jun Ho has a mysterious draw to him, and Kim Ji Woong shows the layers of a 500-year-old vampire and how even living a long life does not mean he doesn't have a fear of dying or falling in love. While Min Hyun is just sweet and warm and while is character does not have as much depth as the vampire of the duo, he is so welcoming that it doesn't matter to the viewer. These two are the heart of the show and make it worth a watch.

It is only 8 episodes and also available as a "movie" all parts put tighter as one with no breaks. It can be watched in one sitting if someone just wants a little queer vampire story for an afternoon. I do think the rush that is out on the story ends up harming it and for some could ruin the full enjoyment, but still worth a watch and a try. Plus, if anything, if you come out loving the leads, like I did, they also star in another romance together called *Roommates of Poongduck 304* which is also a quick fun watch.

Currently all episodes are available for free of Viki.

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