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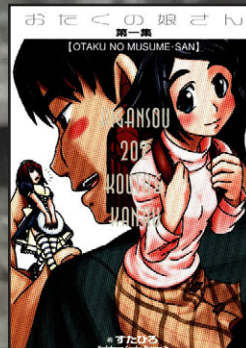
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Editor's Note

Spring is at hand and so is the new anime season. Last season was somewhat mediocre, but there was enough for all sorts of fans to watch. With not that much new anime last season, it gave me time to catch up on old stuff that touched upon briefly. One such example is Kenichi: The Mightiest Disciple.

Spring also marks the beginning of the convention season. Animé LA back in January was probably the biggest anime convention we attended in the Los Angeles area in winter. So a plethora of conventions abound all around the word.

This also brings us to the latest news from Japan...the earthquake and tsunami that hit Miyagi Prefecture the hardest. As an anime fan myself, this was pretty hard—even not being Japanese. This is the land where our hobby stems from. A lot of the fan event that were scheduled were either cancelled or rescheduled. Also this event could have an adverse effect to conventions here...with fewer Japanese guests making appearances. Anyway, as anime fans, we should go our part, no matter how little, to help out.

- Ed Gomez

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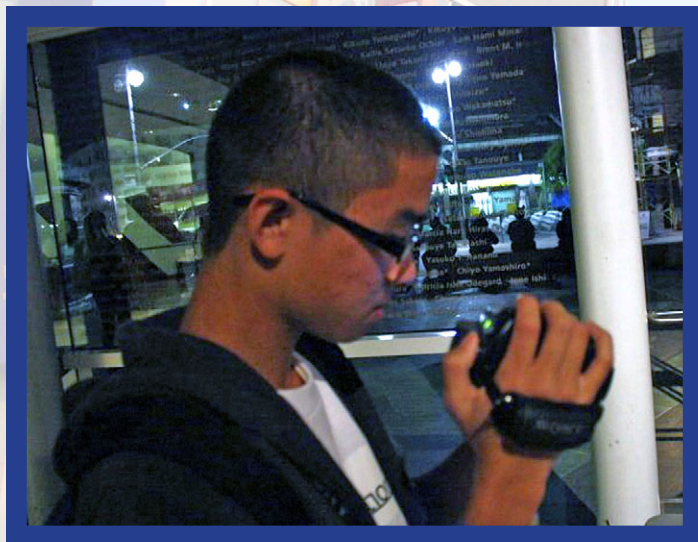
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mTANGproductions' Michael Tang



Michael Tang is a convention reporter, anime reviewer and the works. Though if he could only name one thing about himself, it would be Convention Reporter. But once again, if he could, he would name them all. I had a chance to talk to Michael, whom I've met indirectly last year at Anime Expo 2010. I've seen a lot of his video-work, podcasts and reviews which are all very, very good. Over the year, I've seen a lot of anime video blogs, a lot very mediocre, few were good. I've even seen most professional reporters blast anime. As I watched more and more of his works, a lot of them are very interesting and puts our beloved hobby to a new positive light. So, let learn a little more about Michael in this interview I had with him.

Ed: So let's start with the most basic question. How were you first introduced with anime?

Michael: I guess I was informally introduced when I was younger watching shows on KidsWB. Shows like Pokemon, Card Captors (Sakura), and Digimon. I thought of them more as cartoons instead of anime at that time of course. I started to rent Dragon Ball Z VCR episodes from the library. They were donated I think so they never had a consistency in the seasons or episodes. Then after that, I think the biggest hook was my brother when he started watching Love Hina online.

Ed: In a way, that's how I started out. Except 20 years earlier. At least when you started out, there were already a lot of stuff on TV. As you began watching more and more anime, were there any clubs...in school or outside school that you joined?

Michael: Well, as you know, Elementary and middle school had no clubs. High school had an anime club but it wasn't going in the direction I thought it would go. I never joined, in all 4 years.

Ed: Wow, in my 10th grade year, I happen to find an anime club in

Gardena. I lived in Carson at the time and joined it with a friend of mine. I guess if things don't go your way, have you considered starting anything pertaining to anime about that time?

Michael: Well, I'm in my final year in Highschool right now and I think that starting a club or something isn't something I'll be interested in doing. Rather, I like to promote my love and passion for anime and Japanese culture through videos and media.

Ed: Those are excellent ideas. I wish you well. When was the first time you realized that there were anime conventions going on? My generation pioneered them, but during the first time, I wasn't able to go. Did you ever face anything similar...not being able to because for parents, transportation or lack of funds?

Michael: That's an interesting question. The first time I heard about them was in the summer of 2006, just days after Anime Expo '06 ended. I was upset that I didn't get to go and I promised myself I will go next year ('07) in which I did. I faced many challenges of course. My parents never approved so much on anime, especially a 14 year old going to a convention by himself. I was able to convince them, and the hardest part was getting to Long Beach CC (where AX was being held in '07). It was about an hour or so drive from my home, and my father had to drive me there, go home, drive there again to pick me up, and drive back again, for 4 days. I was able to sneak in a few hundred bucks which I also spent at the con, not on food, but I think it was well worth it.

Ed: That's cool, but hard on your folks. For me, after high school, I went incognito...with college and all. I first heard of AX back in 1994 when I just happen to go to a bookstore in L.A. After my first AX in 1994, I went to every one since. I have some fond memories of AX 07. What did you do on your first Expo? Did anything stick out for you? And what did you like least of Expo?

Michael: I also have fond memories of '07 as well, since it was my first expo (luckily for me, the biggest in NA). My first anime expo was all about the people...cosplayers, cosplayers, cosplayers. At the time, I never really knew it would be as cool as it was, and I just took a butt load of pictures. I never really attended the events, a concert here or there, but that was about it. The biggest memory of '07 was the concert by Oreskaband. I was a fan of them before I even knew they were performing the day I saw them. Of course, they are known for their unique style and their ending for Naruto as well. I think the least liked thing about '07 was the lines and the separation of locations for the con. I walked a lot just to get to one place, then walked back to the other, it was a nightmare. Oh I forgot, not only was the concert good, but there was a specific moment where i will forever remember. They played a song, perhaps the one from naruto, but everyone just whipped out their phones and made them seem like lighters*, and we all moved them side to side in sync. It was the craziest thing ive ever seen, thousands of people waving in synchronization. Just had to throw that in there.

Ed: That's amazing! I remember...the foot blisters. I missed Oreskaband, but I got to see SKIN and all they destroyed their instruments! And I know that Expo is overwhelming. Some of the people we went with had anime overload and went home early. How did anime influence you, as in who you are and what you will do in future?

Michael: Well you can thank anime for allowing me to realize my dream of working and living in Japan. It also influenced me indirectly, allowing me to learn about Japanese culture and showing me I love Japanese dramas and commercials, eventually I expect myself to be working for a production company that does those things.

Ed: Same for me. I started learning about the culture, learned the language in school and wanting to live there and work for a large company. But it wasn't about anime for me at the time, it was because Japan was big back in the day. In working for a production company, what kind of work will you be doing? Or expecting to do.

Michael: Hmm...I expect myself to be a production supervisor or producer. Someone who has power over all aspects of the production rather than just a single role.

Ed: I see. Aside from production, I remember you saying...last year, if my memory serves me...did you still want to continue in journalism if it's still on of your options?

Michael: I suck at grammar and reporting (text based). I'm better on camera or behind camera. I don't think journalism is something I was interested in, but if I ever said I was, I'm not now.

Ed: Since you want to get into production, was it anime conventions that inspired you to start doing video con-reports? How did you go about starting it?

Michael: Initially I got into video production separately from anime. At the time, both were a major interest to me and I just combined both (which ended up as video con reports). I took a video production class in middle school which sparked my interest and then at the same time I got into anime. Both just blended together naturally. I also felt that there wasn't enough "fan point of view" reports. So I wanted to help spread awareness on anime and conventions through video, which was another hobby of mine.

Ed: Oh ok. But there's one thing I like to let you know. I know when we first met, it was a rocky start. I hope that behind us now. But the truth of the matter is that it was you who really inspired me to start doing this magazine. Getting into production, would I dare say...an animation company or something more mainstream?

Michael: Did we? If we started off on a rocky start, its something of the past. But back to your question, animation company is definitely big. Is it possible? Absolutely. But something like that is as a small town basketball player making it into the NBA. Its there, but just because its there doesnt mean you will get it.

Ed: That's true. It's good to try. Besides you have plenty of time. There's still college to look forward to.

There you have it, the insight of Michael Tang. Be sure to visit mTANGproductions' webpage at www.mtangproductions.com and his YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/mtangproductions. Like I mentioned before, these reports are very good. It's very hard to impress an old otaku whose been there, seen it, done it and cynical for a very long time. I'm impressed with is. ♦



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GATA KEI



I happened to stumble upon an anime that was totally different from what I expected. The anime that surprised me was “B Gata H Kei.” Though just browsing around to see what is new, this anime caught my eye. My perception of this was a coming of age, a shy boy asking a cute girl out and the romance begins. After watching this anime, it turned out to be one of the funniest comedic animes that I have seen that was totally opposite from what I originally anticipated.

This anime is about a girl named Yamada, the most beautiful and popular senior in her high school, with a goal of having 100 sexual encounters. She wants to reach her goal but the things that are stopping her are her over thought schemes, imagination and her virginity. Yamada tends to over think too much about how to approach and that people may laugh at her because for being inexperienced. She then comes up with a plan, to find a guy who is inexperienced as well, to get the first time out of the way. She actually then bumps into that guy and finds out that he sits next to her in the same class.

The guy that Yamada bumps into is named Kosuda Takashi. Kosuda is a plain guy who just comes to school, attends the photography club and then goes home. He is a very quiet and nice guy. He is oblivious when it comes to girls showing signs that they like him. As soon as he bumps into Yamada, his quiet life was going to be turned around.

From the animes that I have seen, usually the guy tends to be the pervert but in this anime the girl is the pervert and the guy is the victim. I liked this anime because it shows how Yamada tries to get Kosuda in her own weird ways. I was amused by her thoughts and schemes to get Kosuda to be her first. It is an entertaining anime from the very beginning to the end that just keeps you laughing. If you want anime with hilarious comedy, pick up and watch B Gata H Kei, you will enjoy it. ♦ Yukimura82



Convention Schedule

Spring 2011

Shuto Con

March 25-26, 2011
Lansing Convention Center
Lansing, MI
www.shutocon.com

AggieCon 42

March 25-27, 2011
Hilton Hotel and Conference
Center College Station
College Station, TX
cephvar.tamu.edu/aggiecon

Anime Conji

March 25-27, 2011
Town and Country Resort Hotel
San Diego, CA
www.animeconji.org

Con-nichiwa

March 25-27, 2011
Holiday Inn Palo Verde
Tucson, AZ
www.con-nichiwa.com

Conbust

March 25-27, 2011
Smith College (Seelye Hall)
Northampton, MA
www.sophia.smith.edu/conbust

MegaCon

March 25-27, 2011
Orange County Convention
Center
Orlando, FL
www.megaconvention.com

Animarathon

March 26, 2011
Bowling Green State
University
Bowling Green, OH
www.animarathon.com

Mizuumi-Con

March 26, 2011
Our Lady of the Lake
University
San Antonio, TX
www.mizuumicon.org

Jaycon

March 26-27, 2011
Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, PA
www.jaycon.weebly.com

GIJoeCon

March 31 - April 3, 2011
Walt Disney World Dolphin
Resort
Lake Buena
Vista, FL
www.gijoecon.com

Tekkoshococon

March 31 - April
3, 2011
Pittsburgh
Wyndham Grand
Pittsburgh, PA
www.tekkoshococon.org

Anime Detour

April 1-3, 2011
Sheraton Bloom-
ington Hotel,
Minneapolis
South
Minneapolis, MN
www.animedetour.com

EvilleCon

April 1-3, 2011
Evansville Airport Marriott
Evansville, IN
www.evillecon.com

Kitacon

April 1-3, 2011
Hilton Birmingham Metropole
Hotel
Birmingham, UK
www.kitacon.org

Karoshi-con

April 2, 2011
Northern Illinois University,
Holmes Student Center
Dekalb, IL
www.sa.niu.edu/anime/k_generalinfo.html



FreeCon

April 8-9, 2011
Florida State University Student
Services Building
Tallahassee, FL
www.tallahasseeanime.com/freecon

UBCon

April 8-10, 2011
University of Buffalo, North
Campus
Buffalo, NY
www.ubcon.org

CHS Otaku Fest

April 9, 2011
Centennial High School
Ellicott City, MD
www.chs-otakufest.com

Sukoshicon: Anniston

April 9, 2011
Courtyard Anniston Oxford
Oxford, AL
www.sukoshicon.com





Nadeshicon

April 9-10, 2011
Université Laval
Quebec City, Quebec
www.nadeshicon.com

Castle Point Anime Convention

April 10, 2011
Stevens Institute of Technology
Hoboken, NJ
www.stevens.edu/anime/cgi-bin/cpac/

Anime St. Louis

April 15-17, 2011
Gateway Center
Collinsville, IL
www.animestl.com

No Brand Con

April 15-17, 2011
Plaza Hotel and Suites
Eau Claire, WI
www.nobrandcon.com

Decepti-Kon

April 16-17, 2011
Red Lion Hotel Sacramento at
Arden Village
Sacramento, CA
www.decepti-kon.com

Tora-Con

April 16-17, 2011
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY
www.toracon.rit.edu

Anime Boston

April 22-24, 2011
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA
www.animeboston.com

Anime Punch!

April 22-24, 2011
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, OH
www.animepunch.org

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April 22-24, 2011
Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge, LA
www.louisiananime.com

Middle Tennessee Anime Convention

April 22-24, 2011
Sheraton Music City
Nashville, TN
www.mtc.net

Sakura-Con

April 22-24, 2011
Washington State Convention &
Trade Center
Seattle, WA
www.sakuracon.org

Hoshicon

April 23, 2011
University of North Carolina at
Charlotte
Charlotte, NC
www.hoshicon.webs.com

Kawaii Kon

April 29 - May 1, 2011
Hawaii Convention Center
Honolulu, HI
www.kawaii-kon.org

Shinboku Con

April 29 - May 1, 2011
Holiday Inn Cleveland - West
(Westlake)
Westlake, OH
www.shinbokucon.com

Costume-Con

April 29 - May 2, 2011
Hilton Hasbrouck Heights/
Meadowlands
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
www.cc29nj.com

Columbia Anime Con

April 30 - May 1, 2011
Jamil Shrine Center
Columbia, SC
www.columbiaanime-con.com

Anime 2011

May 6-8, 2011
Theater Hotel
Almelo
Almelo, Netherlands
www.animecon.nl

Animefest

May 6-8, 2011
Hotel International
- Brno
Cultural Center
Brno, Czech
Republic
www.animefest.cz

SVSCon

May 6-8, 2011
Sportscenter Herning
Herning,
Denmark
www.svscon.dk

O-Conn

May 7, 2011
Sandra Day O'Connor High
School
Helotes, TX
www.o-conn.blogspot.com

Hanami

May 7-8, 2011
Kulturzentrum
Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany
www.hanami-ludwigshafen.de



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Spring 2011 *Continued*

Tiger Con

May 13-15, 2011
University of Memphis, University Center
Memphis, TN
www.tiger-con.mfbiz.com

Sukoshicon: Montgomery

May 14, 2011
Hilton Garden Inn - Montgomery East
Montgomery, AL
www.sukoshicon.com

JapAniManga Night

May 14-15, 2011
MZA Teuchelweiher
Winterthur, Switzerland
www.japanimanga-night.ch

Anime Central

May 20-22, 2011
Hyatt Regency O'Hare / Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.acen.org

Las Vegas Super Con

May 20-22, 2011
Henderson Convention Center
Henderson, NV
www.lasvegassupercon.com

Mobicon

May 20-22, 2011
Ashbury Hotel & Suites
Mobile, AL
www.mobicon.org

Otafest

May 20-22, 2011
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta
www.otafest.com

Anime Oasis

May 26-29, 2011
Grove Hotel / Quest Arena
Boise, ID
www.animeoasis.org

Phoenix Comicon

May 26-29, 2011
Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, AZ
www.phoenixcomicon.com

Animazement

May 27-29, 2011
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC
www.animazement.org

Anime North

May 27-29, 2011
Toronto Congress Center
Toronto, Ontario
www.animenorth.com

Comicpalooza

May 27-29, 2011
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX
www.comicpalooza.com



Florida Anime Experience

May 27-29, 2011
Ramada Orlando Celebration
Resort
Kissimmee, FL
www.floridaanime.com

London Movie Comic & Media Expo

May 27-29, 2011
ExCeL Convention Centre, Royal
Victoria Dock
London, UK
www.londonexpo.com

FanimeCon

May 27-30, 2011
San Jose McEnery Convention
Center
San Jose, CA
www.fanime.com

Otaku Central

ChibiCon
May 28-29, 2011
Nixa Community Center
Nixa, MO
www.chibicon.org

Colossalcon

June 2-5, 2011
Kalahari Resort and Convention
Center
Sandusky, OH
www.colossalcon.com

HamaCon

June 3-5, 2011
Holiday Inn Huntsville Downtown
Huntsville, AL
www.hama-con.com

OMGcon

June 3-5, 2011
Julian Carroll Convention
Center
Paducah, KY
www.omgcon.com

Seishun-Con

June 3-5, 2011
Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NW/
Marietta
Atlanta, GA
www.seishun-con.com

UppCon

June 3-5, 2011
Uppsala Konferens & Kongress
Uppsala, Sweden
www.11.uppcon.se



PariahCon

June 10-11, 2011
Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites
Lakeland, FL
www.pariahcon.com

A-Kon

June 10-12, 2011
Sheraton Dallas Hotel
Dallas, TX
www.a-kon.com

AnimeNEXT

June 10-12, 2011
Garden State Exhibit
Center
Somerset, NJ
www.animenext.org

Anime Mid-Atlantic

June 17-19, 2011
Chesapeake
Conference Center
Chesapeake, VA
www.animemidatlantic.com

Metrocon

June 17-19, 2011
Tampa Convention
Center
Tampa, FL
www.metroconventions.com

QC Anime-zing!

June 17-19, 2011
RiverCenter
Davenport, IA
www.qcanimezing.com

Kintoki-Con

June 18-19, 2011
Hyatt Regency Sacramento
Sacramento, CA
www.kintoki-con.com

Knoxville Comic & Anime Con

June 18-19, 2011
Holiday Inn Knoxville - West
Knoxville, TN
www.knoxvillecomicanimecon.com

Nemacon

June 18-19, 2011
Middlesbrough Town Hall
Middlesbrough, UK
www.nemacon.org.uk

PortConMaine

June 23-26, 2011
Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel
South Portland, ME
www.portconmaine.com

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It was Friday. It was just another day at work for me. Being all alone in the office, I switched on the office TV to the music video channel. Otherwise the TV would have been turned to the news all day. I haven't been online for a couple days also because of the magazine deadline. And if I was online, I wasn't too interested in the news. So as the day passes by, I'm completely oblivious to what's going on around me, much less around the nation or even more much less—the world.

At the end of the day, I run the usual Friday errands and head on home. Once at home, I turn on the TV and watch whatever anime or interesting show that's usually on a Friday afternoon. It's early evening now. After a good relaxing couple hours before going back to work on the magazine deadline, I happen to turn on the news to get a recap of what went on during the day.

As I turned the channel to our local news, there it was! An earthquake hits Japan! Holy hell! What's going on? My jaw just dropped when I heard this. It's unbelievable! At first, I thought they were just showing scenes from the Kobe earthquake over decade ago because of the earthquake from New Zealand. But then, reality set in. As I continued listening to the news, it clearly became evident that it wasn't about earthquake preparedness.

A massive 8.9/9.0 magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific Ocean nearby Northeastern Japan at around 2:46pm on March 11 (JST) causing damage with blackouts, fire and tsunami. Tsunami? When is it going to hit? Since the earthquake was close, did the tsunami already hit land? And then there it was, news coverage of a tsunami coming inland engulfing a city and into farmland, destroying everything in its path. Totally unbelievable! Seeing the sheer raw power of the tsunami is just blood-curling. So now that there's tsunami, when is going to reach the rest of the Pacific nations. I heard that there were tsunami warning all around the Pacific: the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, Chile, Mexico and the United States. It already hit the nations closest to Japan and is slated

to hit our California coasts that Saturday morning. When Saturday morning came, there were only an average of three feet waves. There areas where it caused more damage were along river deltas and harbors where the tsunami energy intensified.

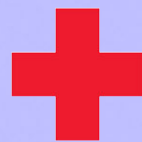
Reports came in that a nuclear power plant was damaged. Reports say that the coolant pumps were damaged therefore not cooling the reactor rods. There was imminent meltdown. About a 10 km (six mile) area around the reactor would be affected. As of today, residents were told to day indoors because of radiation released from the reactors. Around the area are radiation checkpoints.

This disaster reminded me...about a year and half ago, there was a little known anime called Tokyo Magnitude 8.0. In the story, a magnitude 8.0 hit metropolitan Tokyo causing the the same destruction everywhere. The story centers around a middle school girl and her elementary school brother surviving the earthquake while a a robotics convention. Along with the other survivors, they try to make to one of many relief areas. They team up with a woman who helps them try to get home back to your home town in concern for their parents. Through their tribulations, they make it to their destinations. But it's not a happy ending. Even though this is an anime, it's too eerily similar to what going on right now that it makes my skin crawl. Could this anime be a premonition from the author? Who knows.

Along the coast, 6,000 are officially confirmed as either dead or missing, according to the police tally as of today and is expected to climb.



Scenes from Tokyo Magnitude 8.0



American Red Cross

Many more are unaccounted for. Officials in one prefecture estimate that at least 10,000 of its 2.3 million citizens were killed by the tsunami and quake.

Hospitals, short of medicine and supplies, are struggling to treat seriously injured or ill patients, news agencies said, and overwhelmed local officials have not been able to secure enough space for morgues and coffins. The continuing blackout has made it impossible to create dry ice to pack the bodies.

In the aftermath, on the brighter side, rescue efforts from around the world are coming into Japan to help. There's news about miracle rescues. A 16-year-old boy clinging on wooden debris was found in the ocean after being swept away by the tsunami and so on. You have Japanese celebrities from all over Japan doing their part to help out their countrymen. Lady Gaga, as well as other American celebrities and celebrities from around the world helping out also. In the chaos and devastation, there are no reports of looting. Solidarity seems especially strong in Japan itself. Perhaps even more impressive than Japan's technological power is its social strength, with supermarkets cutting prices and vending machine owners giving out free drinks as people work together to survive. On the other hand, if a similar...much, much less of a disaster was to happen in...let's say, Los Angeles, our society would easily crumble to

where most men will kill their fellow man to survive. I've seen this first hand...the LA riots. So where do you want to live when a disaster strikes?

In the anime industry, all anime, manga and game events are either going to be cancelled or rescheduled for a later date. A lot of the new anime episodes and debuts airing for this week are going to be aired to a much later date. Shogakukan's weekly and monthly publications are delayed and slated to be release sometime in the near future. Many of the spring DVD/Blu-Ray (Japanese) releases are delay and no new release dates are given. Events from Yokohama to Tokyo Big Sight are also cancelled and delayed.

According to the Anime News Network, "the creators in Kodansha's Monthly Nakayoshi shōjo manga magazine and other publications are planning to make a charity dōjinshi (self-published work) to raise funds for the victims of the March 11 earthquake (Tōhoku Chihō Taiheiyō-oki Jishin) and tsunami.

The creators launched a placeholder website for the tentatively titled Higashi Nihon Daishinsai Charity Dōjinshi (The Great Eastern Japan Earthquake Charity Dōjinshi) on Tuesday, and they plan to release the dōjinshi at the Comitia 96 event at the Tokyo Big Sight convention center on May 5. More details about the release will be announced later." ♦

Ed Gomez

Anime Schedule 2011



Moshi Kôkô Yakyû no Joshi Manager ga Drucker no Management o Yondara

もし高校野球の女子マネージャーがドラッカーの『マネジメント』を読んだら

Production I.G. • March, 21 • NHK

When 2nd-year high-school student Kawashima Minami's close friend, Miyata Yuuki, is admitted into the hospital, Minami declares that she will take over Yuuki's role as manager of the baseball club. However, Minami has absolutely no idea of what it means to be a "manager" of a baseball club, so she goes to the bookstore to get some source material...and picks up one of Drucker's management books!



Kämpfer: Für die Liebe

けんぷファー fur die Liebe

Nomad • March, 31 • TBS/BS-TBS

The two-episode TV special anime Kämpfer: Fur die Liebe is once again created by studio Nomad, based on Toshihiko Tsukiji's school harem action/comedy light novels Kämpfer, and serves as episodes #13 and #14 for the 2009 anime series. The original story follows Natsuru Senou, a generic high school boy who one day wakes up as a not-so-generic girl. Add to that the fact that (s)he gets chosen to fight in the "Kämpfer battles" with other girls - with either guns, swords or magic - and you get one hell of a mix.



X-Men

Madhouse • April, 01 • ANIMAX

The TV anime series X-Men continues the four-part Marvel Anime project created by studio Madhouse, which began in 2010 with the Iron Man anime and continued in early 2011 with the Wolverine anime—the fourth project being the Blade anime. The story begins with the X-Men being reunited after the death of a teammate. They are summoned by Charles Xavier to Japan, following the abduction of Hisako Ichiki (Armor). There, they confront the U-Men, a lunatic cult that steals and transplants mutant organs to further strengthen their own army—and the battle for justice is on.



DOG DAYS

Seven Arcs • April, 2 • Teletama

Republic of Biscotti faces a predicament by the invasion of Galette Leo Knights. In order to save the country, Princess Milchore summons a "hero" from the outer world. Shinku, a junior high school boy living in the Earth, is chosen as the hero.



Hen Zemi (Abnormal Physiology Seminar)

変ゼミ

XEBEC • April, 2 • MBS

Nanako Matsutaka has been assigned to the Abnormal Physiology Seminar, even though she herself is a rather ordinary person with no abnormalities in particular. On the other hand, her classmates, including the college upperclassman Komugi Musashi, have just about every abnormal condition to speak of.

Spring Season



Jewelpet Tinkle

ジュエルペット ていんくる☆

Studio Comet • April, 2 • TV Tokyo

Ruby is a Jewelpet, a creature whose eyes are jewels, living in the magical world of Jewel Land. In order to find a partner, Ruby travels to the human world and meets Sakura Akari. The two form a pact to compete together in a magic contest being held in Jewel Land.



Nichijou (Everyday)

日常 TV

Kyoto Animation • April, 2 • TV Aichi

While the title suggests a story of simple, everyday school life, the contents are more the opposite. The setting is a strange school where you may see the principal wrestle a deer or a robot's arm hide a rollcake. However there are still normal stories, like making a card castle or taking a test you didn't study for.



Pretty Rhythm: Aurora Dream

プリティーリズム オーロラドリーム

Tatsunoko Production • April, 2 • TV Tokyo

Prism Stars are performers on the new popular ice show, Prism Show. They are superidols whose techniques, singing and fashion sense are a cut above all others. Aira and Rizumu are two Prism Stars whose goal is to become the best, the Prism Queen. However, the road to success is bumpy.



Tiger & Bunny

Sunrise • April, 2 • Tokyo MX

The city of Shutenbirt is home to many people of different races, backgrounds, and those who are called "Next." "Next" are people who possess special powers. They are the superheroes who protect peace within the city. These heroes all have a corporate sponsor whose logo is displayed upon their backs. As they overcome disasters and save people, they improve the image of their sponsors. In addition, they earn Hero Points which determines their ranking on the popular Hero TV programme. The Hero with the most points gains the title of "King of Heroes." One of these Heroes is Wild Tiger (Kaburagi T. Kotetsu), a hotheaded veteran with a strong sense of justice. One day, he is suddenly partnered-off with newbie Barnaby Brooks Jr.



Yondemasuyo, Azazel-san.

よんデますよ、アザゼルさん

Production I.G. • April, 2 • MBS

Akutabe is a detective who summons devils to solve the troubles of his clients. One day, a low class devil Azazel Atsushi is summoned by Akutabe and is used harshly by him and his assistant Rinko.

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Hana-Saku Iroha (Blooming Flowers ABC)

花咲くいろは

P.A. Works • April, 3 • Tokyo MX

Matsumae Ohana, a 16 year old girl, moves out of Tokyo and starts working at a hot spring hotel, which is located on a hill surrounded by cherry blossoms. Matsumae has yet to decide her future. The story will also feature other teenage girls who are looking for their dreams and excitements.



Showa Monogatari Gekijouban

昭和物語 劇場版TV

Wao World • April, 3 • UHF

Dramatic story of the Yamazaki family during the year Showa 39 (1964), the year that Tokyo hosted the Summer Olympics. The Yamazaki family lives in Tokyo. Its members are Yuuzou, the father, Kanoko, the mother, Yoshi, the grandmother, Taichi, eldest son and university student, Yuuko, eldest daughter and high-school student, and Kouhei, the youngest sibling and primary school student. Currently, the Yamazaki family is in a state of flux and discord. However, they are brought together by the activities and festivities surrounding the Tokyo Olympics.



Gintama' (2011 Series)

銀魂'

Sunrise • April, 4 • TV Tokyo

Continuation of the Gintama seers. The samurai don't stand a chance. First, the aliens invaded Japan. Next, they took all the jobs. And then they confiscated everyone's swords. So what does a hot-headed former samurai like Sakata "Gin" Gintaki do to make ends meet? Take any odd job that comes his way, even if it means losing his dignity.



Ore-tachi ni Tsubasa wa nai (We Don't Have Wings)

俺たちに翼はない

Nomad • April, 4 • UHF/AT-X

A big city filled with people and buildings. It is now winter. When you look up, there is the cold white sky. Young people with anxiety. Love. This is just a story you can find anywhere.



Sengoku Otome ~Momoiro Paradox~

戦国乙女〜桃色パラドックス〜

TMS Entertainment • April, 4 • TV Tokyo

Hideyoshi is a normal modern middle-schoolgirl. However, she is one day transported to a world very similar to feudal Japan, with the exception that there are no men! There, she meets Oda Nobunaga whose ambition it is to unite all the land under her rule and gather together the "Legendary Crimson Armor."

Spring Season *Continued*



Gyakkyō Burai Kaiji: Hakairoku-hen (Kaiji 2)

逆境無頼カイジ 破戒録篇

Madhouse • April, 5

The second TV anime series Kaiji once again adapts Nobuyuki Fukumoto's gambling manga Tobaku Mokushiroku Kaiji (previously animated as a 2007-2008 TV series). The new anime follows the "Chika Chinchiro" and "Pachinko Numa" stories from the manga.



Hoshizora e Kakaru Hashi (A Bridge to the Starry Skies)

星空へ架かる橋

Dogakobo • April, 5 • AT-X

Kazuma has moved to a small town in the country. On his first day at school, he meets Ui when he is lost his way. They go to school together, but Kazuma accidentally slips and kisses Ui. To make matters worse, Ibuki, Ui's close friend, sees it...well, what will happen to his new school life?



STEINS;GATE

シュタインズ ゲート

WHITE FOX • April, 5 • Teletama

Its set in the summer of 2010, approximately one year after the events that took place in Chaos;Head, in Akihabara. Steins;Gate is about a group of friends who have customized their microwave into a device that can send text messages to the past. As they perform different experiments, an organization named SERN who has been doing their own research on time travel tracks them down and now the characters have to find a way to avoid being captured by them.



30-sai no Hoken Taiiku (Health and Physical Education for 30-Year-Olds)

30歳の保健体育

Gathering • April, 6 • Tokyo MX

According to the free paper of Mainichi, an instruction book series "30-sai no Hoken Taiiku (Health Education for 30 years old men)" was announced to get an anime adaptation. The guide books teaches shy men around 30 how to date and have sex with women.



Happy Kappi

はっぴ〜カッピ

Shogakukan Music & Digital • April, 6 • TV Tokyo

The story revolves around Kinoshita Suguri, a nine-year-old third-grade girl who loves animals and making fashion accessories. One day, while Suguri is out buying materials for accessories, she comes across an unusual rock. Thinking it would look cute on a bracelet, she goes to pick up the rock and discovers a creature named Kappy. Kappy happens to be the three-year-old prince of Kapimeshia.

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A Channel

Aチャンネル

Studio Gokumi • April, 7 • MBS

The TV anime series A Channel is created by Studio Gokumi (Koe de Oshigoto!), based on bb Kuroda's comedy/slice-of-life manga about four high school girls: the flighty Run, the reckless Touru, the timid Yuuko, and the level-headed Nagi.



Denpa Onna to Seishun Otoko (Electromagnetic Wave Woman and Adolescent Man)

電波女と青春男

SHAFT • April, 7 • TBS/BS-TBS

The story revolves around a highschool boy named Niwa Makoto who lives with his aunt's family. It is there where he meets his mysterious cousin of the same age Touwa Erio—who to tie a futon mattress around her upper body and is a self-proclaimed alien. Erio had been missing for half a year and was found floating in the sea. She doesn't remember anything about what happened during that period of time, but thinks that it was the act of an alien and wanders the neighborhood wrapped in the futon.



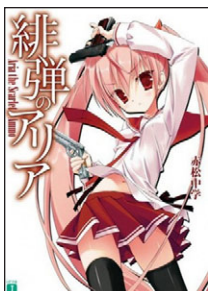
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Brain's Base • April, 7 • MBS

Remake. Monsters are coming to the human world from the Hell in order to get human spirits. As people's minds are getting dirty, being attracted by the dirty spirits, the monsters break the rule to go to the human world.

Tsutomu, a boy who goes to Yokai Elementary School, is suddenly assaulted by monsters. Those who save him from the monsters are Emma-kun, the son of Emma, Yukiko, a snow fairy, and Kapaeru. They are members of Monster Patrol that are sent to the human world to arrest monsters.



Hidan no Aria (Aria the Scarlet Ammo)

緋弾のアリア

J.C. Staff • April, 7 • TBS/BS-TBS

The story takes place in Tokyo Butei High School, a special school where armed detectives — "Butei" — are trained to use weapons. Kinji Tooyama is a second-year-student who has a special ability, but he keeps it a secret to maintain an ordinary, peaceful life. However, when he gets caught in a bombing on the way to school, he encounters H. Aria Kanzaki, the most powerful S-Rank Butei student in Assault Studies.



Hyouge Mono

へうげもの

Bee Train • April, 7 • NHK-BS2

The story is set during Japan's Sengoku Jidai (Era of the Warring States) and centers on Furuta Sasuke, a vassal of the great warlord Oda Nobunaga and a man obsessed with tea ceremony and material desires in his pursuit of a fortuitous life. Having learned from Oda and the legendary tea master Sen no Soueki, Furuta walks the way of the Hyouge Mono.

Spring Season *Continued*



Maria†Holic: Alive (Maria+Holic 2)

まりあ†ほりっく あらいぶ

SHAFT • April, 7 • TV Tokyo

The TV anime series Maria Holic Alive is the second season of the 2009 anime Maria Holic, once again adapted by studio Shaft. The series is based on a romantic comedy manga by Minari Endou, about the love of two “girls” from an all-girls school—one of which is actually a sadistic cross-dressing boy in disguise. While the real girl has a phobia of men and wants to find her destined yuri partner.



Sket Dance

Tatsunoko Production • April, 7 • TV Tokyo

The manga focuses on the misadventures of the “Campus Support Group” or “Sket-Dan,” of Kaimei Gakuen, a club devoted to solving any and all problems brought to it by the staff or student body for the general improvement of campus life. Due to its general lack of meaningful assignments and unglamorous group of handymen’s reputation the organization is treated with widespread contempt and it is composed of only three members.



Sofuteni (Soft Tennis)

そふてにっ

XEBEC • April, 7 • Chiba TV

The tennis comedy centers around the members of a female middle school soft tennis team and the twists and turns that their lives take as they aim for the nationals.



Sekai-ichi Hatsukoi

世界一初恋 TV

Studio DEEN • April, 8 • Teletama

Onodera Ritsu has just transferred from his father’s publishing company to Marukawa Shoten. Assigned to the shoujo manga division, he crosses path with the person he’d least expected to meet. Takano Masamune is the editor-in-chief of the division Ritsu’s been assigned to, and the two seem get off on the wrong foot right from the very start when Takano unexpectedly kisses him. There is more to than what meets the eye: Takano is actually Saga, Ritsu’s senpai and high school love, whom Ritsu had thought to have played him for a fool by taking his affections for granted when he confessed and summarily dumped him.



Ao no Exorcist (Blue Exorcist)

青の祓魔師(エクソシスト)

A-1 Pictures • April, 10 • MBS/TBS

This world consists of two dimensions joined as one. The first is the world in which the humans live, Assiah. The other is the world of demons, Gehenna. Ordinarily, travel between the two, is impossible. However the demons can pass over into this world by possessing anything that exist within it. Satan the god of demons, but there’s one thing that he doesn’t have, and that’s a substance in the human world that is powerful enough to contain him!! For that purpose he created Rin, his son from a human woman, but will his son agree to his plans? Or will he become something else...? An exorcist?

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Ring ni Kakero 1: Sekai Taikai-hen (Ring ni Kakero 1: World Tournament Chapter)

リングにかける1 世界大会編

ANIMAX • April, 10 • Tokyo MX

After defeating Black Shaft's makeshift Team USA and proving their worth to the Shadow Clan, Team Golden Japan Jr. will finally enter the World Jr. Boxing Tournament. In order to fulfill their goal of a perfect victory they'll have to take on teams from countries like Mexico, Italy, France, Germany, and the mysterious and godlike Team Greece.



Rotte no Omocha!

ロッテのおもちゃ!

Diomedea • April, 10 • Chiba TV

In the medieval fantasy world of Altheimr, succubus princess Astarotte Ygvar, the first princess of the kingdom of Ygvar, has just reached the age of 10. For the coming years of a young succubus' life, it is necessary for them to have a male harem. In order to maintain their body and preserve their beautiful appearance, they must consume a substance only found on males. This substance is a liquid called Sauzfryma, better known as semen. The princess, however, bears a great dislike against men, and only agrees to create a harem if a human male is to join.



Kami nomi zo Shiru Sekai 2 (The World God Only Knows 2)

神のみぞ知るセカイ 2

Manglobe • April, 11 • TV Tokyo

The second season of the TV anime series Kami Nomi zo Shiru Sekai (The World God Only Knows) is once again adapted by studio Manglobe, based on Tamiki Wakaki's manga about a high school boy who is known as the "Capturing God," for his success at romance simulation games. However, thanks to a contract with a devil, he now has to capture the hearts of real girls to catch the runaway spirits hidden in those hearts.



Seikon no Qwaser II

聖痕のクェイサー II

Hoods Entertainment • April, 11 • UHF/AT-X

The second season of the TV anime series Seikon no Qwaser is once again created by Hoods Entertainment, based on a manga authored/drawn by Hiroyuki Yoshino and Kenetsu Satou (Mai-HiME, Mai-Otome), with the titular "qwaser" denoting a manipulator of the element of iron. The original work is famed for its abundance of fan service, and the anime version makes no exception, either.



Yu-Gi-Oh! Zexal

遊☆戯☆王 ZEXAL

Studio Dice • April, 11 • TV Tokyo

The series is set in the near future. Yuma Tsukumo is the number one bad boy at his school. Something unexpected happens as Ryoga Kamishiro challenges him to a Duel. When the mysterious entity Astral appears before them a new legend begins.



Spring Season *Continued*



Honto ni Atta! Reibai-Sensei

ほんとにあった! 霊媒先生

DLE Inc. • April, 12 • NTV

Kibayashi Juri is an eccentric teacher of a junior high school. Her pupils get involved in the troubles caused by ghosts and yokai demons summoned by Juri. In a history class, Juri summons the spirit of Nobunaga into a calm girl called Nitta Eri which makes her a spunky girl.



Ano Hi Mita Hana no Namae wo Boku-tachi wa Mada Shiranai.

あの日見た花の名前を僕達はまだ知らない。

A-1 Pictures Inc. • April, 14 • Fuji TV

Six childhood friends grew apart in high school. One of them is Jintan, now a shut-in. He gets a request to fulfill a wish for Menma, the only one of their friends to have stayed the same over the years. In order to grant her wish, he will have to find and reunite their old friends.



C: The Money of Soul and Possibility Control

Tatsunoko Production • April, 14 • Fuji TV

The Japanese government was rescued from the brink of financial collapse by the Sovereign Wealth Fund. For its citizens, however, life has not improved, and unemployment, crime, suicide, and despair are rampant. Kimimaro, raised by his maternal grandmother after the disappearance of his father and the death of his mother, is a scholarship student whose only dream is to avoid all this and live a stable life. One day, however, he meets a man who offers him a large sum of money if he'll agree to pay it back. From then on his fate is radically altered as he's drawn into a mysterious area known as "The Financial District."

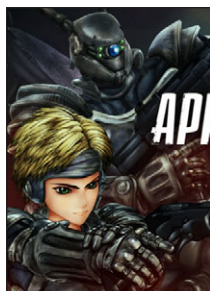


Deadman Wonderland

デッドマンワンダーランド

Manglobe • April, 16 • TV Kanagawa

Ganta Igarashi has been convicted of a crime that he hasn't committed, and sent to a new, privately owned and operated prison, where the inmates are the main attraction in a modern day twist to the gladiatorial coliseums of ancient times. Throw in a healthy dose of weird little girl, some new-found super powers, and a little conspiracy theory, and you have Deadman Wonderland.



Appleseed XIII

アップルシード XIII

Production I.G • June, 13

Following a world war that killed half the world's population, the city-nation of Olympus stands as a beacon of hope in a world of chaos and conflict. The utopian metropolis is governed by Gaia, a vast artificial intelligence, and administered by genetically engineered humanoids known as Bioroids. Although Olympus seems like a peaceful city on the surface, racial (human vs. bioroids vs. cyborgs), religious, and political conflicts lurk underneath—threatening to overturn the delicately balanced "peace."

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Tōma Kamijō is your typical high school student, in a city where psychics abound and their powers nurtured. Without any psychic powers, he possesses the “Imagine Breaker” in his right hand. It’s not any type of specific power, but it negates all psychic, magic and supernatural powers it comes in contact with. One day, a girl shows up hang on the balcony right outside his apartment. Tōma take her into his apartment and feeds her. The girl, Index, turns out to be a nun from Church of England who holds 103,000 magical texts from around the world in her head.

From here onwards, Tōma and Index go through a lot of adventures. And over the course of their adventures, Tōma loses his memory in order to save Index from losing hers. Once a year, Index goes through maintenance because of the magical text she holds in her mind. During the course of the year, she builds memories and when it reaches a certain level, she’ll die. Maintenance entails removing those memories that have accumulated over the year. In the end, the maintenance was just a ruse, but Tōma still lost his memories.

The second season of *Toaru Majutsu no Index* continues the adventures of Tōma and Index. In the beginning of this season they both get caught up with the rescue of the title character of the arc, Orsola Aquinas, a member of the *Roman Catholic Church* who has found a way to decipher the mysterious *Book of the Law*, a grimoire that is said to hold great power. This marks the first time Tōma battle against the *Roman Catholic Church*, as well as the first as the first time two different Christian sects – *Anglican Church* (specifically *Necessarius*) and the *Roman Catholic Church* (specifically *Agnes Forces*) – come into conflict.

After this incident with the *Roman Catholic Church*, there’s little respite for Tōma and Index. It’s the end of his summer vacation. As school starts, everyone is looking forward to the city’s annual *Daihasei Festival*, a sporting event that pits ability users from across the various schools of the city against one another in a series of contests. For Tōma, this year’s festivities have come with a twist as he finds himself having to foil a plot that could wreck the fragile balance between the worlds of science and magic.

In another encounter with the *Roman Catholic Church*, Tōma and Index wins a trip to Northern Italy. Could this be due to good luck? Not this time. Since when did Tōma have any good luck. Here, he is suddenly caught in another conspiracy by the *Roman Catholic Church*, this time regarding the mobilization of an ancient weapon against Venice – *The Queen of the Adriatic Sea*.

It’s now the end of September and they’re back in Academy City. After a few mishaps at school Tōma is late for the arranged penalty game meeting which Misaka responds by throwing lightning at him which he negates using *Imagine Breaker*—a date. While on a the “date,” Tōma comes across Misaka’s other “sister” and the small “sister”—the *Last Order*. Meanwhile, Accelerator gets attacked by Kihara Amata and his *Hound Dog* units. When Tōma agrees to help *Last Order* and Accelerator and are being chased by *Hound Dog* units. A woman attacks the pillar they were hiding in and Tōma starts by covering *Last Order*’s body to protect her and starts to scan the area and then he sees a lone woman with a huge hammer and multiple piercings standing there before him. She introduces herself as *Vento of the Front* a member of *God’s Right Seat* and tells him that he’s one of her targets that needs to be disposed of quickly.

Where will this lead to? How will Tōma and Index get over this latest incident? How will Accelerator beat Kihara? Will Tōma get over his denseness and finally realize Misaka’s feelings? As a matter of fact... all of Misaka’s sisters too. What further conspiracies will Tōma and Index get involved in once again? *Toaru Majutsu no Index*, the second season is coming to end. Watch the rest of the series to answer all these questions and more. ❖ Ed Gomez



Kamijô, Tōma

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Antique Bakery Collection

Nozomi Entertainment
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Girl Who Leapt Through Time

Bandai Entertainment
Blu-ray • MSRP \$39⁹⁸

Moribito: Guardian of the Sacred Spirit Part 2

Media Blasters
Blu-ray • MSRP \$49⁹⁸

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Sentai Filmworks
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The Girl Who Leapt Through Space

Bandai Entertainment
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Twin Angels

Kitty Media
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FUNimation Entertainment, Ltd.
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Nozomi Entertainment
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Shingu: Secret of the Stellar Wars
Nozomi Entertainment
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Hoshizora Kisek (Coffee Samurai)
Sentai Filmworks
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Kiddy Grade Complete Collection (Classic Line)
FUNimation Entertainment, Ltd.
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Allison & Lillia Generation 1
Sentai Filmworks
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Air Gear Complete Series (S.A.V.E. Edition)
FUNimation Entertainment, Ltd.
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Queen's Blade 2 Part 1
Media Blasters
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Shin Koihime Musou - Otome Tairan Complete Collection
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • MSRP \$49⁹⁸

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Durarara!! Part 3
Aniplex USA
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Guin Saga Collection 2
Sentai Filmworks
DVD • MSRP \$59⁹⁸

Mazinkaiser SKL
Media Blasters
DVD • MSRP \$19⁹⁸

June 21, 2011


Ghost in the Shell: Solid State Society
Manga Entertainment
Blu-ray • MSRP \$34⁹⁸

Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex: 2nd Gig: Individual 11
Manga Entertainment
Blu-ray • MSRP \$34⁹⁸






Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex: The Laughing Man
Manga Entertainment
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Manga Releases



Maid Sama! Volume 8

by Hiro Fujiwara

TOKYOPOP • March 28, 2011

Misaki gets involved in Sakura's love life when she's invited along to meet Sakura's favorite (goth-rock) band. But when Sakura's crush is more interested in everyone's favorite maid-in-hiding than Sakura herself, it's up to Usui to intervene!



Finder, Volume 3: One Wing in the View Finder (Yaoi)

by Ayano Yamane

Digital Manga Publishing • March 28, 2011

Fei Long, the Chinese crime lord, goes to Japan hoping to lure Akihito, a freelance photographer, into his twisted web of conspiracy and sex. But when his friends fall prey to Fei Long's diabolical schemes, Akihito has only one person he can turn for help; the person he despises more than anyone else - the Yakuza boss Asami, who once made Akihito his sex slave. How will Asami respond to Akihito? Will he help him? And if he does, what is it going to cost him? What kind of new humiliations are in store for him?



Right Here, Right Now!, Volume 2 (Yaoi)

by Souya Himawari

Digital Manga Publishing • March 28, 2011

At the war's height, Takakage and Mizuo once again cross paths. The two embrace, profess their unending love for each other, and swear mutual oaths...but there is talk of Takakage getting married. With their personal crisis and the war ripping apart the nation, how will the two men be able to stay connected?



Nabari No Ou, Volume 6

by Yuhki Kamatani

Yen Press • March 28, 2011

Apathetic schoolboy Miharu Rokujou is content to meander through life in the sleepy village of Banten. But his quiet existence is shattered when the Grey Wolves of Iga, a powerful ninja clan, attempt to kidnap him in broad daylight. Only then does Miharu discover that the ultimate power of the hidden ninja realm - a power that can do both great good and great harm is sealed within his body. As battles erupt among rival ninja clans seeking to control him, Miharu must overcome his apathy and learn the ways of the ninja if he wants any shot at survival!



K-On! Volume 2

by Kakifly

Yen Press • March 29, 2011

It's been almost a year since the girls of the pop-music club started jamming together, but the start of the new year is no time to look back on their journey. It's time to recruit new members! Despite their inexperience, the girls' passionate performance at the entrance ceremony impresses first-year Azusa, a budding guitar player who can't wait to join. But she didn't expect there to be so much tea-drinking in the pop-music club. Or...When do they get around to making music?!



Dance in the Vampire Bund Gaiden: Dive in the Vampire Bund (First Edition)

by Nozomu Tamaki

Seven Seas Entertainment LLC • March 29, 2011

In this stand alone spin off of the wildly popular series, two tourists to the Vampire Bund are unexpectedly turned, and have forty eight hours to find a cure or must remain on the Bund, as vampires, forever!

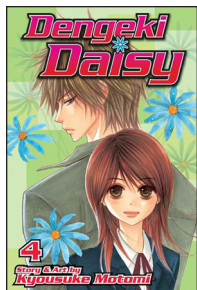


Bamboo Blade, Volume 8

by Masahiro Totsuka

Yen Press • March 29, 2011

When word of Kojiro's angry outburst at the supermarket gets around to the chairman of the school board, Kojiro's future at Muroe High is in jeopardy! But there's really nothing the kendo club can do to help...or is there? Surely the principal wouldn't dismiss the coach of the kendo team that won the National Tournament?!

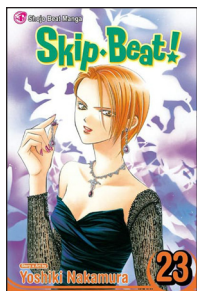


Dengeki Daisy, Volume 4

by Kyouzuke Motomi

VIZ Media LLC • April 5, 2011

After orphan Teru Kurebayashi loses her beloved older brother, she finds solace in the messages she exchanges with DAISY, an enigmatic figure who can only be reached through the cell phone her brother left her. Meanwhile, mysterious Tasuku Kurosaki always seems to be around whenever Teru needs help... Could DAISY be a lot closer than Teru thinks? Discovering DAISY's true identity not only shocks Teru but makes things more confusing for her as well. Meanwhile, someone pretending to be DAISY threatens to spread a computer virus at school! But who's the true target of this attack?



Skip Beat!, Volume 23

by Yoshiki Nakamura

VIZ Media LLC • April 5, 2011

Kyoko Mogami followed her true love Sho to Tokyo to support him while he made it big as an idol. But he's casting her out now that he's famous! Kyoko won't suffer in silence—she's going to get her sweet revenge by beating Sho in show biz! Chiori's rage threatens the whole production when she lashes out and hurts Kyoko. Kyoko is used to overcoming obstacles, and she uses her injury as an excuse to push Chiori into exploring her acting. But Chiori has a traumatic past. Will focusing on the dark side of her character bring it all rushing back?!



Cross Game, Volume 3

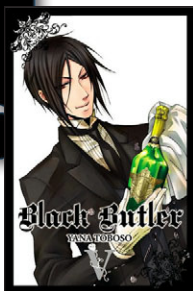
by Mitsuru Adachi

VIZ Media LLC • April 12, 2011

Cross Game is a moving drama that is heartfelt and true, yet in the brilliant hands of manga artist Mitsuru Adachi, delightfully flows with a light and amusing touch. The series centers around a boy named Ko, the family of four sisters who live down the street and the game of baseball. This poignant coming-of-age story will change your perception of what shonen manga can be. It's time for Ko and the other mist Portables to either put up or shut up. If they lose against the varsity players, they'll be kicked off the baseball team forever. But will a newbie like Ko be good enough to take on an elite squad of recruits?!

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Manga Releases



Black Butler, Volume 5

by Yana Toboso

Yen Press • April 26, 2011

For an impeccable gentleman's butler like Sebastian Michaelis, the word "impossible" is just not in his vocabulary. Everything demanded of him under the English sun is well within his grasp. But do his talents extend to things under the scalding Indian sun?! As Harold West Jeb's plan to use Agni, Prince Soma's superhuman butler, in a curry battle to win himself a Royal Warrant is exposed, along with his role in the attacks on Anglo-Indians throughout London, Earl Ciel Phantomhive sets Sebastian to the task of creating an incomparable curry to defeat the despicable trader. But how can Sebastian possibly best Agni, the man with the Right Hand of God?! The Black Butler and the Yellow Butler face off in a climactic showdown!



Black Jack, Volume 14

by Osamu Tezuka

Vertical, Incorporated • April 26, 2011

The Third Call: A man whose mother recently passed away calls Black Jack's home office. As soon as the surgeon picks up the phone, the stranger on the other line goes into a long tirade about hospital conditions and the lack of care his mother's doctors were able to provide. **Transcient Love:** A young woman is dying from what has long been considered a terminal illness. With only about a month or so to live she shares her dying wish with her parents.

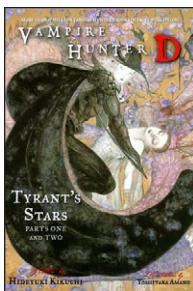


Highschool of the Dead, Volume 2

by Daisuke Sato

Yen Press • April 26, 2011

Separated from the rest of the survivors from their high school, Takashi and Rei make their way through town, taking in the full scope of the sudden outbreak that's turned most of the residents into undead terrors. Though the immediate threat of attack has subsided, their survival instinct is still on high alert. Among those untouched by the disease, anarchy is the only law, and when anything goes, Takashi and Rei may have to become monsters themselves if they want to stay alive.

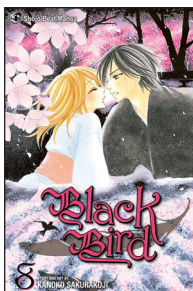


Vampire Hunter D, Volume 16: Tyrant's Stars, Parts 1 and 2

by Hideyuki Kikuchi

Dark Horse Comics • April 26, 2011

In this chilling adventure, Vampire Hunter D has been dispatched to vanquish the ancient vampiric Noble Count Brohj, guardian of an ancient buried treasure. But when a mysterious object crashes into the earth, destroying half of the northern Frontier, D faces an even more terrifying opponent—the renegade vampire Valcua, the Ultimate Noble! Having been exiled to outer space, Valcua took his entire kingdom of strange and deadly creatures with him, and swore that when the time was right they would return to have their revenge. Unfortunately for D, that time is now.

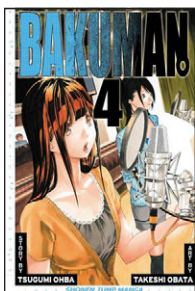


Black Bird, Volume 8

by Kanoko Sakurakoji

VIZ Media LLC • May 3, 2011

There is a world of myth and magic that intersects ours, and only a special few can see it. Misao Harada is one such person, and she wants nothing to do with magical realms. She just wants to have a normal high school life and maybe get a boyfriend. But she is the bride of demon prophecy, and her blood grants incredible powers, her flesh immortality. Now the demon realm is fighting over the right to her hand...or her life! Raiko, the demon hunter who has been staying at Misao's house, is determined to save her—even if that's the last thing she wants! Kyo won't allow a threat to Misao to go unchecked and plans to take care of the problem in his own special way.



Bakuman, Volume 4

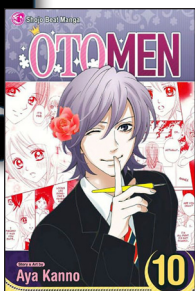
by Tsugumi Ohba

VIZ Media LLC • May 3, 2011

Average student Moritaka Mashiro enjoys drawing for fun. When his classmate and aspiring writer Akito Takagi discovers his talent, he begs Moritaka to team up with him as a manga-creating duo. But what exactly does it take to make it in the manga-publishing world?



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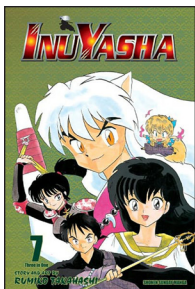


Otomen, Volume 10

by Aya Kanno

VIZ Media LLC • May 3, 2011

Asuka Masamune is a guy who loves girly thing—sewing, knitting, making cute stuffed animals and reading shojo comics. But in a world where boys are expected to act manly, Asuka must hide his beloved hobbies and play the part of a masculine jock instead. Can Asuka ever show his true self to anyone, much less to Ryo Miyakozuka, the girl that he's falling for?



Inuyasha, Volume 7 (VIZBIG Edition)

by Rumiko Takahashi

VIZ Media LLC • May 10, 2011

Dueling Emotions Kagome's friends each face difficult challenges as Naraku intensifies his efforts to gain complete control of the shards of the Shikon Jewel. Kohaku struggles to free himself from Naraku's grip, but doing so means facing up to the terrible deeds of his past. Then, while Inuyasha battles one enemy after another in his search to gain mastery over the heirloom blade Tetsusaiga, Kagome confronts Tsubaki, yet another pawn of Naraku's and one that may poison her soul. And even Naraku's servants scheme against him when Kagura tries to bring Koga into an attempt to free herself from Naraku's control. The coming of the new moon risks exposing Inuyasha's secret—how much has Kagura seen?



Negima! 29: Magister Negi Magi

by Ken Akamatsu

Kodansha International • May 17, 2011

A ten-year-old wizard, Negi Springfield, is also a teacher with a wide variety of strange and unusual students. With every new adventure, they learn more about each other and themselves.



Spice and Wolf, Volume 4 (Manga) (Not Appropriate For Children)

by Isuna Hasekura

Orbit • May 31, 2011 (Not Actual Cover)

After turning a healthy profit following his adventures in Pasloe, Kraft Lawrence is eager to reinvest his capital with an eye to the future. When the deal turns sour, though, Lawrence finds himself deeply in debt and facing a very bleak future indeed. Luckily, Holo is at his side with a risky (and less than legal) scheme that may just save the merchant's neck and a promise that, no matter what, she will guarantee his safety. Is their relationship blossoming into something more than just a business arrangement?

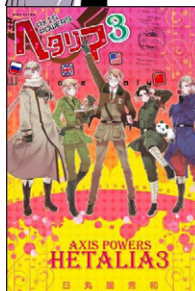


Black Jack, Volume 15

by Osamu Tezuka

Vertical, Incorporated • May 31, 2011

A Life to Live: Black Jack is called in to treat a young flower arrangement master. The talented artisan is suffering from acute porphyria which is impacting her digestive and nervous system. A Star is Born: In a rare chapter where Black Jack does not perform an operation, the good doctor must treat a previous patient's heart and soul. Award-winning actress Igusa Sugunami says she owes all her success to the treatment she received from BJ years ago.



Hetalia Axis Powers Volume 3

by Hidekaz Himaruya

TOKYOPOP • May 31, 2011

This is hysterical history—kinda. All of the world's countries are goofy high school children and it's a world at play! In this third collection of the outrageously popular Hetalia comic, England fondly remembers America's childhood, Iceland and Norway are reunited, Japan goes on a diet, and Italy's in the way—again! Don't miss this adorable installment—we're meeting all the Northern European nations in this volume.



Maid Sama! Volume 9

by Hiro Fujiwara

TOKYOPOP • May 31, 2011 (Not Actual Cover)

What will the uptight class president do when the sexy bad boy finds out she works at a maid cafe?! More hilarious shenanigans unfold, when the uptight class president moonlights at a maid cafe!



Sumomomo, Momomo: The Strongest Bride on Earth, Volume 8

by Shinobu Ohtaka

Orbit • May 31, 2011

Until now, Kôshi is cursed by the fate which had been given by birth to its family, and sheltered behind its dream. But today, she finally decides to begin the drive! To be able to live in peace, she's ready to accept the gibes, the insults... And to even become one of these degenerated martialists!



Fullmetal Alchemist (3-in-1 Edition), Volume 1

by Hiromu Arakawa

VIZ Media LLC • June 7, 2011

In an alchemical ritual gone wrong, Edward Elric lost his arm and his leg, and his brother Alphonse became nothing but a soul in a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, seeking the one thing that can restore his and his brother's bodies...the legendary Philosopher's Stone.



Bakuman, Volume 5

by Tsugumi Ohba

VIZ Media LLC • June 7, 2011

Big changes are in store now that Moritaka and Akito have their very own series in Shonen Jump. Hanging out with their favorite manga creators, hiring assistants, keeping track of the weekly reader surveys—life as a professional manga artist is tough! Can these two survive the pressure...?

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Manga Releases



Claymore, Volume 18

by Norihiro Yagi

VIZ Media LLC • June 7, 2011

The Ashes of Lautrec After finding herself mysteriously drawn to the lair of Riful of the West, Clare made contact with the fused form of Rafaela and Luciela, which Awakened and transformed into the terrible being known as the Destroyer. Now, the entire land of Lautrec is subject to its dreadful, relentless assault. It seems that nothing, and no one, can halt the devastation. But there may be one force that is greater still...

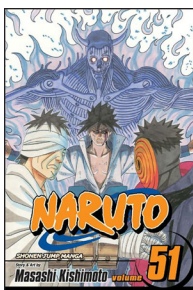


Ouran High School Host Club, Volume 16

by Bisco Hatori

VIZ Media LLC • June 7, 2011

The two senior members of the Host Club are graduating and will lead separate lives at university. Everyone is mourning the loss of the "Hunny-Mori Combo," but the longtime duo already seems to have ended their close friendship. Now Mori has challenged Hunny to a duel—but why?



Naruto, Volume 51

by Masashi Kishimoto

VIZ Media LLC • June 7, 2011

A Hokage's Resolve Sasuke finally takes on Danzo, the leader of Konoha, determined to interrogate him about the Uchiha clan and what really happened between the political factions of Konoha and his brother, Itachi.

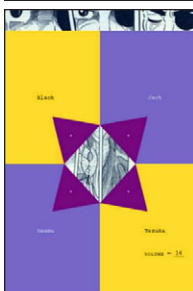


Soul Eater, Volume 6

by Atsushi Ohkubo

Yen Press • June 21, 2011 (Not Actual Cover)

Maka is a weapon meister, determined to turn her partner, a living scythe named Soul Eater, into a powerful death scythe—the ultimate weapon of Death himself! Charged with the task of collecting and devouring the tainted souls of ninety-nine humans and one witch, Maka and her fellow meisters strive to master their weapons as they face off against the bizarre and dangerous minions of the underworld. But the meisters' own personal quirks may prove a bigger obstacle than any sultry enchantress!



Black Jack, Volume 16

by Osamu Tezuka

Vertical, Incorporated • June 21, 2011

Black Jack is a mysterious and charismatic genius surgeon who travels the world performing amazing and impossible medical feats. Through highly trained, he freelances without...



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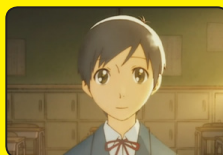
瀬戸 麻沙美

DOB: April 2, 1997

Blood Type: NA

VOICE ACTING DEBUT

Current Roles...



Takatsuki, Yoshino
Hōrō Musuko



Kitamura, Eri

喜多村 英梨

DOB: August 16, 1987
Tōkyō

Blood Type: A

Current Roles...



Takanashi, Nao
Oniichan no Koto



Sayaka, Miki
Puella Magi Madoka Magica



Takagi, Saya
Highschool of the Dead



Todoroki, Yachiyo
Working!!



Majima, Junji

間島 淳司

DOB: May 13, 1978
Nagoya, Aichi

Blood Type: A

Current Roles...



Aikawa, Ayumu
Kore wa Zombie Desu Ka?



Prinny
Cross Edge



Racer
Fairy Tail



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Shugo Chara!



Kana, Ueda

植田 佳奈

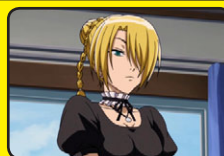
DOB: April 2, 1997
Higashiōsaka, Osaka

Blood Type: NA

Current Roles...



Celica
Tegami Bachi Reverse



Hildegard
Beelzebub



Ashley
Uragiri wa Boku



Subaru
Kaichō wa Maid-sama!



Konishi, Katsuyuki

小西 克幸

DOB: April 21, 1973
Wakayama

Blood Type: B

Current Roles...



Oga, Tatsumi
Beelzebub



Seo, Kaoru
Sekirei



Ozma Lee
Macross Frontier



Tanaka, Tom
Durarara!



Mamiko, Noto

能登 麻美子

DOB: February 6, 1980
Kanazawa

Blood Type: O

Current Roles...



Satellizer el Bridget
Freezing



Himegami, Aisa
Toaru Majutsu no Index II



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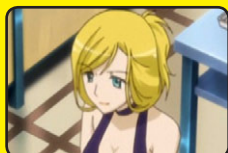
DOB: January 20, 1985
Tokyo

Blood Type: AB

Current Roles...



Rio Rollins
Rio: Rainbow Gate!



Françoise
Yumeiro Patissiere



Miyamoto, Rei
Highschool of the Dead



Tsukiumi
Sekirei: Pure Engagement



Koyama, Rikiya

小山 力也

DOB: December 18, 1963
Kyoto

Blood Type: O

Current Roles...



Logan / Wolverine
Wolverine



Fukuro
Fairy Tail



Souda Emonzaemon
Katanagatari



Yamato
Naruto: Shippuden



Toyonaga, Toshiyuki

豊永利行

DOB: April 28, 1984
Tokyo

Blood Type: B

Current Roles...



Takanashi, Shūsuke
Oniichan no Koto



Okura, Kaname
Umishō



Aoi, Kentarō
The Prince of Tennis



Ryūgamine, Mikado
Durarara!!



Namikawa, Daisuke

浪川 大輔

DOB: April 2, 1976
Tokyo

Blood Type: B

Current Roles...



Baka Ki El Dogra
Level E



Kaze-haya, Shota
Kimi ni Todoke



Gachi Ranger Blue
Mitsudomoe



North & South Italy
Hetalia - Axis Powers



Uchiyama, Kōki

内山 昂輝

DOB: August 16, 1990
Saitama

Blood Type: NA

Current Roles...



Orimura, Ichika
IS (Infinite Stratos)



Banagher Links
Gundam Unicorn



Midnight
Fairy Tail



Yūki, Natsuno
Shiki



Eguchi, Takuya

江口 拓也

DOB: May 22, 1987
Ibaraki Prefecture

Blood Type: NA

Current Roles...



Kazuya, Kujō
Gosick



Osugi, Satoshi
Eden of the East

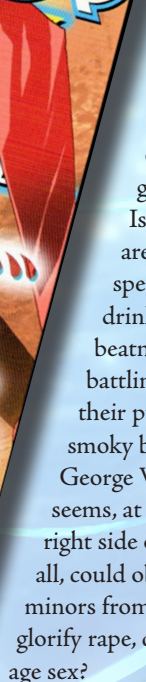


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What's Really At Stake In Japan's Revised Pornography Laws?



The controversial manga censorship ordinance pushed through by the Tokyo metropolitan government late last year has been much talked about but widely misunderstood. Specifically, the act aims to regulate manga that “unreasonably praise or exaggerate” extreme sex. When ten major publishing houses announced they would protest the law by boycotting the upcoming Tokyo International Anime Fair and holding a rival festival, the stage was set for a fight of comic book proportions.



On one side is the Tokyo metropolitan government (TMG), led by the people's hero, the lovable and famously open-minded (cough, cough) governor himself, Shintaro Ishihara. Facing off against him are the motley defenders of free speech—long-haired, absinthe-drinking manga-ka, Japanese beatniks for the computer age battling for their smutty art while their publishers count rolls of yen in smoky backrooms. Despite Ishihara's George W Bush-like grace, the man seems, at least at first glance, to be on the right side of the moral divide. Who, after all, could object to the idea of preventing minors from seeing graphic images that glorify rape, child abuse, incest and under-age sex?

The new regulations are being depicted by the publishers as a wider attack on freedom of speech, but, in fact, they place no restrictions on the sale of manga to adults, nor do they restrict what manga-ka are allowed to create. When the new rules go into effect this summer, the outcome will simply be that a greater number of manga get slapped with an R-18 rating. This designation means that the publication must be placed in a separate adults-only section. The publishers cry that this will significantly damage their business—giving the books an R-18 rating, they say, not only keeps them out of the hands of minors, it reduces the numbers of adults who will buy them. In convenience stores, where space is at a premium, the adult-only section

is very small or nonexistent, thus reducing the chance that an R-18 manga will even reach the shelves.

But a deeper look suggests that this is about something more than just publisher profits. Censorship of pornography in Japan, be it animated, photographed or filmed, has always been superficial, focusing on blocking out or blurring the sex organs. At the same time, the actions depicted onscreen, and the wider themes of the story, are entirely free of any restrictions. In other words, even after the new law goes into effect, a hardcore film about rape can be legally circulated as long as there is a small fuzzy spot over the center of the actors' genitalia. This is diametrically opposed to the

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Western style of censorship, which allows full nudity but which takes a tougher line on rape and sexual violence. Japan's new law, insofar as it strives to regulate more than just the surface images to look at the overall theme of the story, suggests that the country is moving in a Western direction.

This appears to be a more healthy approach, especially when dealing with impressionable minors, but it also dips into the murky waters of subjective interpretation. The publishing industry is rightly concerned that the new regulations are too vague and potentially broad in their application. They are worried the restrictions will be used to wedge open the door to wider controls on the representation of any illegal activity, including manga with educational value. For example, a story set in the Edo era could be banned if it includes a scene of horny samurai bonking in the Yoshiwara.

Sex today, violence tomorrow—soon, there is very little which can be shown in a comic

book. The TMG has assured publishers and fans that only manga encouraging "indecent" sexual behavior among minors will be censored. It claims that tasteful depictions of "normal" sexual relations between a husband and wife, for example, will not be censored, nor will "positive" stories in which (say) a young person who is sexually abused winds up overcoming this hardship. But is the TMG really qualified to make difficult judgment calls like this? Is it really possible to determine what "normal" sexual relations are? Different people have different values about human sexuality and what kind of content is appropriate for teenagers to look at. And don't forget—after hours and hours of discussion and pointless aisatsu between overworked bureaucrats and militant PTA mothers, one man gets to make the final decision about whether your kids can or can't read a comic book.

And that man is Gov Ishihara, the courageous defender of that downtrodden and disenfranchised sector of Japanese society—the rich, middle-aged, middle class male Japanese businessman without Korean or Chinese ancestry who invariably likes golf. Let's keep the kids safe, but not let this city turn into Ishihara's personal 1984!

A group of cartoonists including Tetsuya Chiba, illustrator of popular manga series "Ashita no Joe" (Tomorrow's Joe), voiced their opposition Monday in Tokyo to a proposed ordinance revision aimed at regulating sexual imagery in comics and animations. Arriving at the Tokyo metropolitan government, the cartoonists voiced concerns over the proposal, to be put before a vote Friday, which calls for restricting comics and animations that contain sexualized depictions of "nonexistent minors"—a controversial concept described in the draft regulation, referring to characters that people would assume to be minors.

Cartoonist Machiko Satonaka, one of the participants, in the afternoon told reporters the proposed regulation "pertains to freedom of expression and is open to varied interpretation," and she was "horrified that the government will even regulate comic characters, despite no one actually being harmed."

"I have seen cases of our culture losing power because of regulations. We want readers to decide them," said Chiba, in a speech he gave at a morning meeting of Democratic Party of Japan legislators at the Tokyo government. The ordinance calls upon the animation and comic industry not to sell to minors works that depict sexual situations involving minors, while also designating other works that deals with materials such as rape as "harmful materials" and ban minors' access to them. ❖ Simon Scott & Kyodo



Tokyo Governor
Shintaro Ishihara

Videogame Releases

Spring 2011

Mar 22, 2011

TrackMania: Build to Race

City Interactive
Wii

Monster Tale

Majesco
NDS

LEGO Star Wars III: The Clone Wars

LucasArts
NDS, PC, PS3, PSP, Wii, X360

Naruto Shippuden: Kizuna Drive

Namco Bandai
PSP



Dissidia 012 Final Fantasy

Square Enix
PSP

Raving Rabbids Party Collection

Ubisoft
Wii

Get Fit With Mel B

Deep Silver
Wii

PlayStation Move Heroes

Sony Computer
PS3

Titanic Mystery

O-Games
NDS, Wii

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Classic Trilogy HD

Ubisoft
PC, PS2, PS3

Prince of Persia Classic Trilogy HD

Ubisoft
PS3

Crysis 2 (Limited Edition)

Electronic Arts
PC, X360

Crysis 2 (Nano Edition)

Electronic Arts
PC, X360

Dynasty Warriors 7

KOEI
PS3, X360

Sniper: Ghost Warrior

City Interactive
PS3

Tomb Raider Trilogy

Eidos Interactive
PS3

Nanda's Island

MumboJumbo
NDS

PlayStation Move Heroes (Game & PlayStation Eye Camera)

Sony Computer
PS3

Chainz Galaxy

Jack Of All Games
NDS

March 24

Crysis 2 (Limited, Nano Edition)

Electronic Arts
PS3

March 27

Nintendogs + Cats: Toy Poodle & New Friends

Nintendo
3DS

Ridge Racer 3D

Namco Bandai
3DS

Madden NFL Football

Electronic Arts
3DS

Samurai Warriors Chronicles

KOEI
3DS

Super Street Fighter IV 3D Edition

Capcom
3DS

The Sims 3

Electronic Arts
3DS

Asphalt 3

Ubisoft
3DS

Pro Evolution Soccer 2011

Konami
3DS

Combat of Giants: Dinosaurs 3D

Ubisoft
3DS

Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Shadow Wars

Ubisoft
3DS

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell 3D

Ubisoft
3DS, PC, PS2

PilotWings Resort

Nintendo
3DS

Super Monkey Ball 3D

SEGA
3DS

Steel Diver

Nintendo
3DS

Bust-a-Move Universe

Square Enix
3DS

Nintendogs + Cats: French Bulldog & New Friends

Nintendo
3DS



LEGO Star Wars III: The Clone Wars

LucasArts
3DS

Rayman 3D

Ubisoft
3DS

Nintendogs + Cats: Golden Retriever & New Friends

Nintendo
3DS

March 29

Mayhem 3D

Rombax
PS3

Winter Sports 3: The Great Tournament

Zoo Games
PS3, X360

WWE All Stars

THQ
X360, Wii, PS3, PSP, PS2

Shift 2 Unleashed

Electronic Arts
PC, PS3, X360

Centipede (2011)

Atari
NDS, Wii

NASCAR The Game 2011

Activision
PS3, Wii, X360

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12: The Masters

Electronic Arts
Wii

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12: The Masters

Electronic Arts
PS3, X360

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 12: The Masters (Collector's Edition)

Electronic Arts
PS3

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell 3D

Ubisoft
Xbox

Hop

505 Games
NDS

Country Dance

Game Mill Entertainment
Wii

ZhuZhu Puppies

Activision
NDS

Sonic The Hedgehog (Classic)

SEGA
PS3

The Legend of Heroes: Trails in the Sky (Premium Edition)

Xseed Games
PSP

Mayhem 3D

Rombax
X360

The Legend of Heroes: Trails in the Sky

Xseed Games
PC, PSP

Pinkalicious

Game Mill Entertainment
NDS

The 3rd Birthday

Square Enix
PSP

March 30

Lucha Libre AAA: Heroes del Ring

Slang
NDS, PSP

Fit in Six

Ubisoft
PS3

Tower

Sony Computer
PS3

Soccer Up

EnjoyUp
Wii

Rush'n Attack Ex-Patriot

Konami
PS3, X360

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell 3D

Ubisoft
3DS

Red Faction: Battlegrounds

THQ
PS3, X360

Reaper

Fried Green Apps
PSP

Beyond Good & Evil HD

Ubisoft
PS3

Space Channel 5, Part 2

SEGA
PS3, X360

Fit in Six

Ubisoft
Wii

Dream Trigger 3D

D3 Publisher
3DS

Fit in Six (Game & Camera)

Ubisoft
Wii

Zoonies – Escape from Makatu

Kiloo ApS
DSi

Assassin's Creed Brotherhood: The Da Vinci Disappearance

Ubisoft
PS3, X360

Islands of Wakfu

Ankama Studio
PS3, X360

March 31

Mr. Bean

Conspiracy Entertainment
PC, Wii

Get Fit With Mel B

Deep Silver
X360

Spearfishing

Biart Company
X360

Bonk: Brink of Extinction

Hudson Soft
PS3, Wii, X360

ClayFighter: Sculptor's Cut

Interplay
DSi, Wii

Videogame Releases

Spring 2011

Alive & Undead

Shortfuse Entertainment
PS3

Man vs. Wild

Crave Entertainment
X360

Learn Math Advanced

DreamCatcher Interactive
NDS

Majesty 2: Pocket Kingdom

Paradox Interactive
NDS, X360

Puzzle Overload

Telegames
DSi

Othello

Aksys Games
DSi

Mecho Tales

Oyaji Games
PSP

Days of Thunder: Arcade

Paramount Digital Entertainment
X360

Dream Chronicles

Hudson Soft
PS3

Vektar Beat

Just Add Water Developments
PSP

Nexuiz

Illfonic
PS3, X360

Sneezies

Chillingo
DSi

Challenge Me: Brain Puzzles 2

O-Games
Wii

I.Q. Trainer

DreamCatcher Interactive
NDS

Animal Color Cross

Little Worlds Studio
PS3

Gabrielle's Ghostly Groove

Natsume
NDS

Nat Geo Quiz! Wild Life

D3 Publisher
X360

Playmobil: Top Agents

DreamCatcher Interactive
NDS

Spirit Hunters Inc: Shadow

Nnooo
DSi

Spirit Hunters Inc: Light

Nnooo
DSi

Eufhoria

Omni Creative
PS3

Hoard

Big Sandwich Games
PSP

Lucha Fury

Punchers Impact
PC, PS3, X360

Jurassic Park: The Game

Telltale Games
PC, PS3, Wii, X360

Spare Parts

Electronic Arts
PS3

Slam Bolt Scrappers

Sony Computer
PS3

Junior Mystery Stories

GSP (Global Software Publish-
ing)
NDS

UFC Trainer

THQ
PS3, Wii, X360

Red Dead Redemption: Free Roam

Rockstar Games
PS3

Where is my Heart?

Copenhagen Game Collective
PSP

Dueling Gentlemen

Sony Computer
PS3

Minor Battle

Sony Computer
PS3





Super Awesome Mountain RPG

Sony Computer
PS3

Cogs in 3D Multiplayer

Sony Computer
PS3

Mahjong Quest III: Balance of Life

Game Mill Entertainment
Wii

Ultimate Battle of the Sexes

Conspiracy Entertainment
Wii

Dwarfs

Tripwire Interactive
X360

Dungeon Defenders

Reverb Publishing
PC, PS3, X360

MotoHeroz

Red Lynx
Wii

Swarm

Ignition Entertainment
PS3, X360

Fighting Fantasy: Talisman of Death

Laughing Jackal
PSP

Learn Math: Genius Edition

DreamCatcher Interactive
NDS

Section 8: Prejudice

TimeGate
PC, PS3, X360



Enigma

Beatshapers
PSP

Jewel Quest Solitaire Trio

Destineer
NDS



Jelly Kingdoms

Schell Games
DSi

Vampires vs. Werewolves: Angels of London

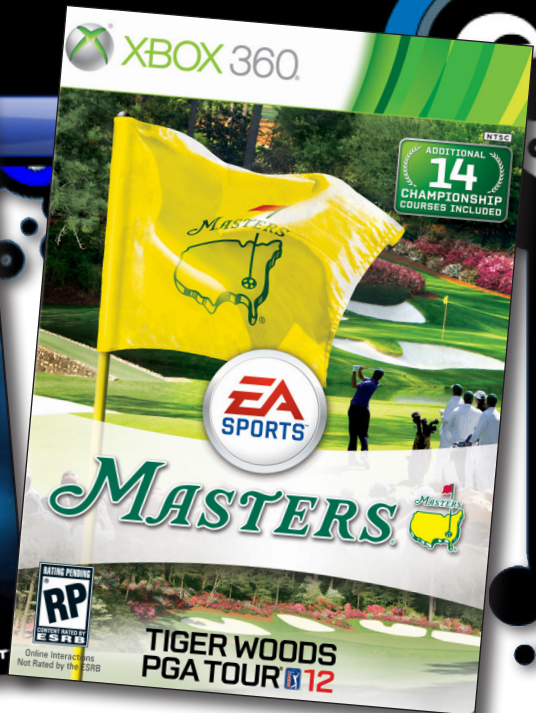
Oyaji Games
Mac, PC, PSP

Star Raiders

Atari
PS3, X360

SEGA Bass Fishing

SEGA
PS3, X360



Trouble Witches Neo

SNK Playmore
X360

Honda Fever

Storm City Games
Wii

MotoGP 10/11

Capcom
PS3, X360

Test Drive Unlimited 2: Casino Online

Atari
PC, PS3, X360

Scary Girl

Touch My Pixel
PS3

Yars' Revenge

Atari
PC, PS3, X360

Costume Quest: Grubbins on Ice

THQ
X360

House M.D. – Case #1

Legacy Interactive
DSi

Conspiracy

Jet Set Games
PS3

Absolute Baseball

Tasuke
DSi

Mushroom Wars Online

Creat Studios
PS3

Castlevania: Lords of Shadow – Resurrection

Konami
PS3, X360

Solar Struggle Survival

Red Spot Games
X360

3D Twist & Match

BulkyPix
PSP

Captain Blood

1C Company
PC, Xbox, X360

Arcania: Gothic IV

DreamCatcher Interactive
PS3

NightSky

Nicalis
Wii

April 1

Sorcery

Sony Computer
PS3

Cake Mania: Main Street

Majesco
NDS

April 4

Shadow Harvest: Phantom Ops

Viva Media
PC, X360

Duke Nukem: Critical Mass

Apogee
NDS, PSP

Videogame Releases

Spring 2011

April 12

Michael Jackson: The Experience

Ubisoft
PS3, X360

TrackMania: Build to Race

City Interactive
NDS

MotorStorm Apocalypse

Sony Computer
PS3

Patapon 3

Sony Computer
PSP

Deep Black

505 Games
PS3, X360

Fantastic Pets

THQ
X360

Yu-Gi-Oh! 5D's World Championship 2011: Over The Nexus

Konami
NDS



Carnival Games: Monkey See, Monkey Do

2K Play
X360

SpongeBob SquigglePants Wii

THQ
3DS, Wii

Brink

Bethesda Softworks
PC, PS3, X360

April 15

Balloon Pop 2

UFO Interactive
3DS

April 19

SOCOM 4: U.S. Navy SEALs

Sony Computer
PS3

Conduit 2

SEGA
Wii

Conduit 2 (Limited Edition)

SEGA
Wii

Mortal Kombat (Kollector's Edition)

Warner Bros. Interactive
PS3, X360

Mortal Kombat (Tournament Edition)

Warner Bros. Interactive
PS3, X360

Final Fantasy IV Complete Collection

Square Enix
PSP

Johnny Test

505 Games
NDS



Sonic the Hedgehog 2

SEGA
PS3

Duel Invaders

Laughing Jackal
PSP

Mortal Kombat

Warner Bros. Interactive
PS3, X360

April 21

Portal 2

Valve
Mac, PC, PS3, X360

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell 3D

Ubisoft
X360

April 26

The First Templar

Kalypso Media
PC, X360

Tropico 4

Kalypso Media
PC, X360

April 27

Super Street Fighter IV 3D Edition

Capcom
PS3, X360

April 30

Driver: San Francisco

Ubisoft
Mac, PC, PS3, Wii, X360

Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath

Just Add Water Developments
PS2, PS3, Xbox

Squinkies

Activision
NDS

Battle: Los Angeles

Konami
PC, PS3, X360

May 3

Duke Nukem Forever

2K Games
PC, PS3, X360

Thor: God of Thunder

SEGA
3DS, NDS, PS3, PSP, Wii, X360

Pinball Hall of Fame: The Williams Collection

Crave Entertainment
3DS

Duke Nukem Forever (Balls of Steel Edition)

2K Games
PC, PS3, X360



May 7

Supremacy MMA
505 Games
PS3, X360

May 10

WRC FIA World Rally Championship
Deep Silver
PC, PS3, X360

Superstars V8 Next Challenge
Deep Silver
PC, PS3, X360

Hunted: The Demon's Forge
Bethesda Softworks
PC, PS3, X360

May 17

Fable III
Microsoft
PC, X360

Dead or Alive Dimensions
Tecmo KOEI
3DS

Streets of Rage 2
SEGA
PS3

L.A. Noire
Rockstar Games
PS3, X360

The Witcher 2: Assassins of Kings
Atari
PC, PS3, X360

May 22

The Lord of the Rings: War in the North
Warner Bros. Interactive
PC, PS3, X360

May 24

F.E.A.R. 3
Warner Bros. Interactive
PC, PS3, X360

Dirt 3
Codemasters
PC, PS3, X360

Operation Flashpoint: Red River
Codemasters
PS3

May 30

The Mysterious Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
O-Games
NDS, PC

Cartoon Network: Punch Time Explosion
Crave Entertainment
3DS

May 31

Dungeon Siege III
Square Enix
PC, PS3, X360

Transformers: Dark of the Moon
Activision
3DS, PS3, Wii, X360



LEGO Pirates of the Caribbean: The Video Game
Disney Interactive Studios
NDS, PC, PS3, PSP, Wii, X360

Transformers: Dark of the Moon – Autobots
Activision
NDS

Transformers: Dark of the Moon – Decepticons
Activision
NDS

Red Faction: Armageddon
THQ
PC, PS3, X360

June 1

Pro Angler Moves
Interworks
PS3

June 2

The Sims 3
Electronic Arts
3DS, Mac, PC

June 4

Alice: Madness Returns
Electronic Arts
PC, PS3, X360

June 7

Infamous 2
Sony Computer
PS3

Infamous 2 (Hero Edition)
Sony Computer
PS3



June 11

Kevin VanDam's Big Bass Challenge
Zoo Games
PS3, Wii

June 14

Golden Axe II
SEGA
PS3

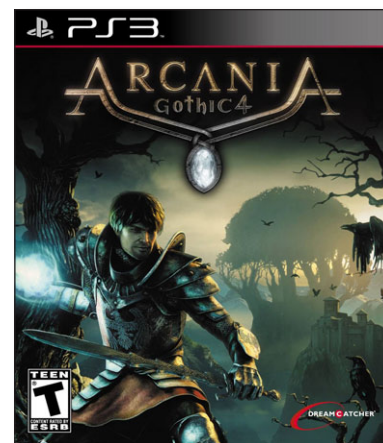
Shadows of the Damned
Electronic Arts
PS3, X360

June 15

Michael Phelps: Push the Limit
505 Games
X360

June 21

Combat Wings: The Great Battles of WWII
City Interactive
PS3



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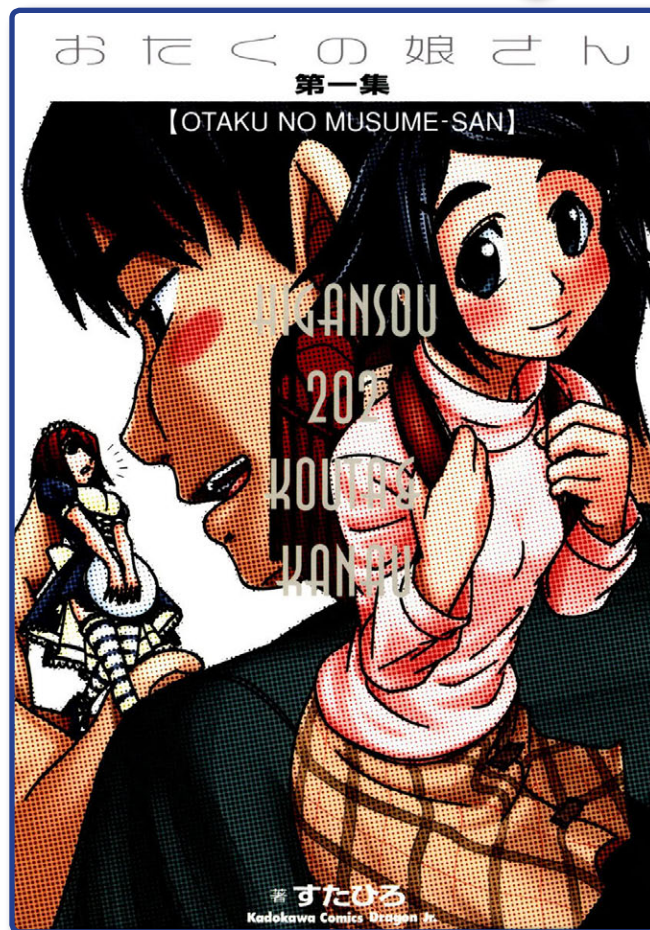


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Otaku no Musume-san

by
Stu-Hiro
Chapters 6 to 10

Let's meet Kouta Mirosaki, assistant mangaka. He's just your over-average otaku; collectioning figures, watching anime, reading manga, playing eroge games and so on. Being single for all his young adult life affords him time to do all his hobbies while working as a manga assistant for a well-known mangaka.

One day, a little girl show up claiming to be her daughter. Kouta is totally shocked about this and doesn't know how to take it. After a short and believable explanation by Kanau, her accepts her as his daughter. Kanau starts her life with her father, Kouta, in their apartment complex.

How will Kouta cope with a sudden change in lifestyle? How will Kanau feel about his father being a hard core otaku? Will both of them find common ground? What about the other residents and friends feel about Kouta and Kanau?



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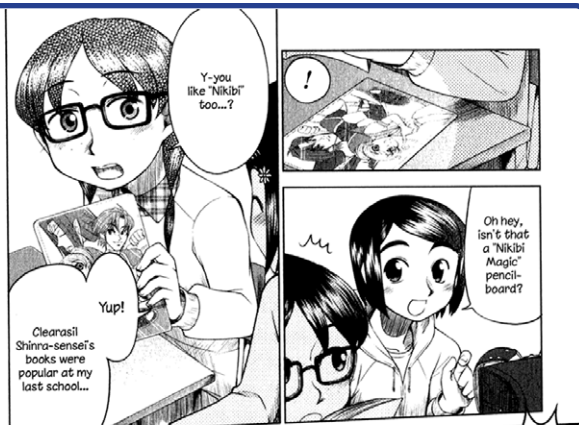
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CHAPTER 7 『KANAU GOES TO A NEW SCHOOL』





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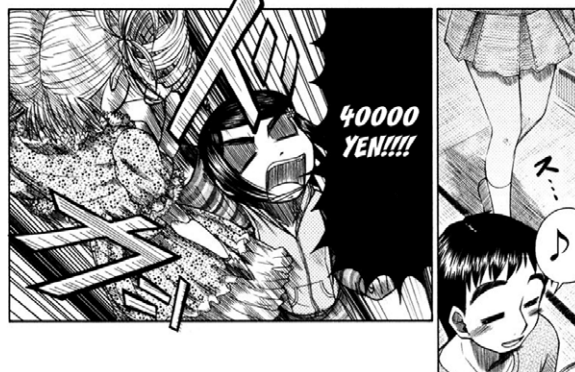
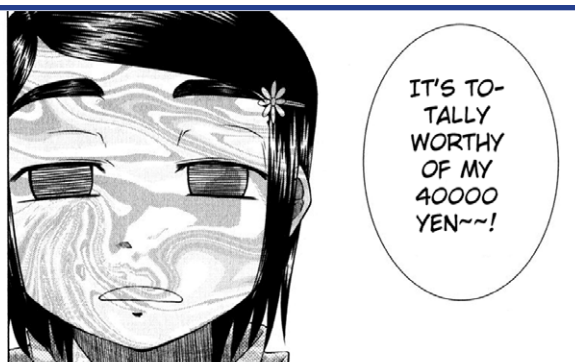
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