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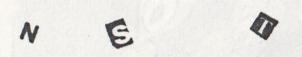
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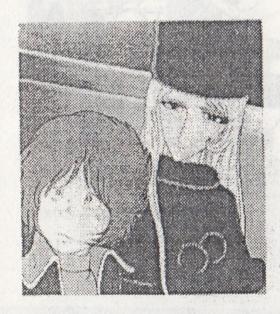
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a-hem! But seriously, to all of you Japan-imaniacs, I just wanna' like say hello, or as those Japanese over in Japan say, "Watashi no hashi doko desu ka?" I have gotten a number of letters in the mail, sent by my anime readers. I have decided to print three of the letters, and here they are:



Some anime readers wrote in and complained that even with their anime glasses and arrime contact lenses on, last issue's ANIRAG had typing which was too anime small to read. So from now on, in each issue. I will reprint anime one TV show review from the first anime issue of ANIRAG. This issue's anime enlarged review is the 1960s Japanese cartoon that ever anime appeared in ANIRAG. The program is anime called ASTROBOY. The next issue will anime feature THE 8TH MAN. The anime remainder of this issue will take up where the last one anime left off. Just as last anime issue was a 1960s issue, this one is anime a 1970s issue with



both Japanese cartoons from the 1970s that ended up dumped on us, anime. But actually, anime I really liked the 1970s cartoons, and I liked the 1970s themselves even anime more. During that decade, I actually fit in for once! Like many anime fans, I still choose a 1970s appearance: belibottom pants, wide collar, gold chain necklace, geekiest (and greasiest) hair style imaginable, mustache, and of course, massive sideburns! Naturally, my living room still has black velvet posters on the wall, with flourescent paintings; one of a bullfighter, one of Elvis Presley, one of Jesus Christ, and one of Speed Racer.

I close this anime-editorial with a loving, caring, personal message to other anime fans out there.......Don't worry, there
are others out there like you! So for
Christ sake, put down that container of
sleeping pills, suicide never solved a
thing!

Anime-Sincerely,

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ASTROBOY's original Japanese title

ASTRO BOY (1963)

dealt with a heroic robot who's name escapes me (unlike cellulite) at the moment. As I recall, the main character's name was something like Space Boy or Cosmic Kid. This robot is the creation of Dr. Boynton. Another supporting character is Dr. Elefun, who has a big nose. Rumor has it that this scientist's name was meant to be similar to that of some species of animal, though I can't tell which one. Perhaps cheetah, since that also has two Es in it. Dr. Boynton created the young robot out of loneliness, because the Dr.'s wife and son were killed in a traffic accident, so i guess that young robotic replacement should have founded R.A.D.D. (Robots Against Drunk Driving).

I haven't seen ASTROBOY since I was a sniveling little rat-faced, snot nosed brat, so my memory of it is as limited as the CFO is dead. However, I can recall seeing the title hero battling it out with giant agents in the title sequence.

\*\*\*\*FEEDBACK FROM READERS\*\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Anirag,

as a typical, loyal fan of Japanese cartoons, I just wanted to say, golly, gosh whiney, snivel!

Anime sincerely, Hiroshi Smith

Dear editors of Anirag,

what's the name of that Japanese cartoon where the hero's name is Astro Boy?

Yours anime truly,

Anime Joe

Dear sirs,

the label fell off my blue crayon! Now how am I suppose to know what color it Tommy

Special Children's Wing

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#### BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

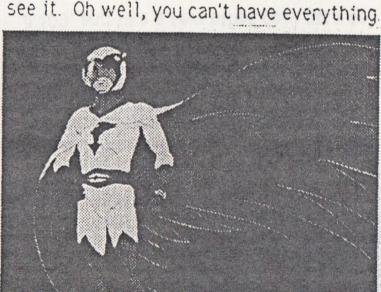
Gee wiz bazonkas! Now here's one fun little cartoon cranked out in Japan by Tit-I mean Tatsunoko Productions and stranded here in the land of Baseball, apple pie, hot dogs, Chevorlet and dumb fat hicks by someone called either Oily John or Sandy Frank. The original Japanese title was GATCHAMAN, whatever the jigoku that means. All I know is that it is pronounced the same as "Gotcha," man!" GOTCHA MAN was released to us lyankees. in around 1978, and lasted here until abthe early 1980s, when many people ceased wearing the 1970s attire mentioned earlier, like flared trousers, sideburns, etc. But I can proudly say that me and most of my anime colleagues continue to uphold those fashionable traditions from the 1970s. Anyway, BATTLE OF THE WORLDS (or whatever) ceased to exist in America sometime in the mid-1980s, as Oily Sam pulled it from release, so we don't get to see it anymore. Darn, fudge! Anyway, then they re-released it out here again under a new title, probably one of the following ..... A-FORCE, B-FORCE,

## E BATTLE OF THE PLANETS

Debut: This animalish series deals with an interplanetary watchdog team and is battles with enemy invaders from the planet Spectra. Voices ... Zoltar: Keye Luke, Jason: Fromie Scheit.



C-FORCE, D-FORCE, E-FORCE, F-FORCE, H-FORCE, I-FORCE, I-FORCE, N-FORCE, O-FORCE, P-F-ORCE, M-FORCE, N-FORCE, S-FORCE, T-FO-RCE, U-FORCE, V-FORCE, W-FORCE, X-FORCE, Y-FORCE, or ANIME FORCE. It was re-released, re-dubbed, re-edited, re-scripted, re-everythinged, and even re-cancelled. So again, most of us will never get to see it. But it's nice to know it exists out there, even if we'll never see it. Oh well, you can't have everything.



The story behind WAR OF THE PLANETS (whatever) deals with the incredible robot 7-Barf-7, I mean 7-Bark-7, no, hey wait, at least I know I got the second 7 right! Oh yes, 7-Zark-7 is this trash compactor's name, and his mecha mutt is 1-Rollover-1, or something like that. The footage of these two characters looks much different than that of the heroic members of G-Team, I mean G-Squad, or whatever. This difference in quality of film, art and animation (I mean anime) makes the wonder if maybe the Americans added footage of their own to the yankee version. I suspect that the two cute little robots came from Tatsunoko's designens Tatsuc Yoshida and Ippel Kuri, and that the heroes were added by Cily John's henchmen. Speaking of the heroes, their names are Mark (Ken in the Japanese version), Jason (Joe), Princess (Jun), Tiny (Ryu), and Keyop (Jinpei). They all dress



up like birds and ride around in a spaceship called the Phoenix. Oh yes, and they each have their own weapon, which they use to battle some pink-lipped faggot called Zoltar, who's planet Spectra is always attacking them.

### GATCHAMAN VOICE CREDITS

CHARACTER
Zoltar/Berg Katse:
Mark/Ken:
Jason/Joe:
Princess/Jun:
Keyop/Jinpei:
Tiny/Ryu:
Anderson/Nambu:
Spirit/Generalissimo X:
Kronus/Kentaro Washio:

VOICE Mikio Terashima Katsuji Mori Isao Sasaki Kazuka Sugiyama Tsubasa Shioya Shingo Kanemoto Tohru Ohira Nobuo Tanaka Hisayoshi Yoshizawa

#### STARBLAZERS

Fans of cartoons and fans of soap operas alike have enjoyed this influential Japanese cartoon from Japan, made in Japan by Japanese who make Japanese cartoons.

The story takes place in the year 2199, which I don't think has happened yet, so I guess that's in the future. There's this dude called Desslock from the planet Spectra, I mean, ugh, oops! Wrong series! Ummm, I mean Gamillon, yeah, that's the place! And those evil invaders give medgoose bumps of fear just mentioning their

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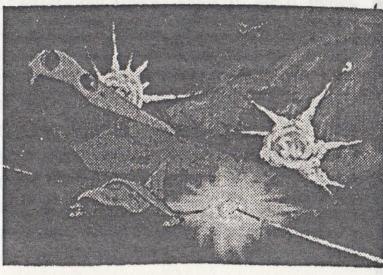
mame. Oh my, god, I'm freaking cut, there must be some way I can calm myself down! I know, I'll get out the old vaseline and masturbate.

Later that evening.....

Okay, I'm finished, I washed my hands and now I'm just sitting back smoking a cigaret. My last sexual encounter was a beautiful experience. I just wish there had been somebody else here to enjoy it with me. I'm so good I scream my own name when I cum. Anyway, now that I'm relaxed in a mellow, tranquil state, I can continue to discuss the story behind STARGAZERS.



Okay man, like there's these bummer ludes from far out places like Planet Gamlon and the Comet Empire who like, are otal uncool bummers and wanna' give us earthlings a bad time. So like a bunch of ar-out dudes like Derrick Wildstar, Capain Avatar, Mark Venture, Nova, the robot 109, and like a few other cool cats get



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STAR BLAZERS—Cartoon

into a groovy spaceship (former battle cruiser in the sea) called the Argo (a.k.a. the Yamamoto) and head off into the totally cool cosmos. They're off to planets like Telezart and Iscandar, guided by far out space chicks like Tralayna and Starsha. Can you dig it man?

STAR BLAZERS graphics

Produced in the United States by CLASTER TELEVICION PRODUCTIONS Originally Produced in Japan by Yoshinobu Nishizaki, under the title of "Space Cruiser Yamato" Based on the original story by Yoshinobu Nishizaki General direction by Leiji Matsumoto

Screenplay written by Keisuke Fujikawa and Eichi Yamamoto Planning by Yoshinobu Nishizaki Music composed by Hiroshi Miyagawa

Published by Nippon Columbia re-

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Animation director Noburo Ishiguro

Production supervision by Eichi Yamamoto, Toshio Senda, and Arin-

obu Toyoda

USA and Canada distribution by WESTCHESTER FILM CORPORATION Storyboards by Yokatsu Yasahiko, and Yoshiyuki Yomiko

Animation supervised by Toyo Ashida, Takeshi Shirato, and Kazumiko

Udagawa

Backgroung artwork by Hachiro Tsukima

Character design by Leiji Matsumoto Assistant direction be Hiromi Mikemoto

Photographics by Tadao Haraya Edited by Kazuo Inoque and Tomoko Etsuno

Sound direction by Atsumi Tashiro Special effects by Mitshuro Kashiwara Assistant director Kazunori Tanahashi



