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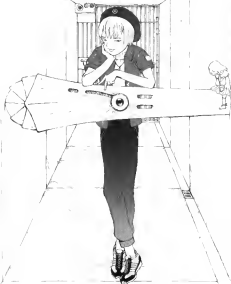
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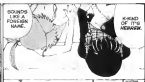
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# DARKNESS VISIBLE







"THE GODDARD FROM WHICH  
SPRANGS GOD."

THE BEGINNING  
OF  
ALL  
THINGS...

...THE  
MOTHER,  
THE  
GARDEN  
OF  
CREATION



MAY I DON'T  
REALLY  
GET IT,  
BUT...

I  
GUESS  
IT'S  
KINDA...  
COOL."

AREN'T  
YOU  
GONNA  
LET  
HER  
CLIP?

N-NO?  
I... I  
WANT...



...ACTUALLY,  
I THINK  
YOU SHOULD  
B-BE HINDS  
THAT  
I MEAN,  
HELLO.

HEHE?

BUT...  
WHY?









IF THERE IS  
SOMETHING THAT  
REALLY  
BOthers  
SOMEONE'S  
FEELINGS  
ON  
MY DAD'S  
COMPANY,  
RIGHT?



WE'VE  
GOT  
TO DO  
SOMETHING!



AM I  
UP  
TO IT?



DO  
I  
REALLY  
WANT  
TO DO  
IT?



...

WON'T  
A TV  
CRASH  
ON  
MY TV  
SHOW?



...? ...?

OH...  
SHOULDN'T  
WE JUST  
LEAVE THIS  
TO THE  
D-POLICE  
...?



WELL,  
AHEAD,  
AS IF THE  
POLICE  
ARE GOING  
BEHIND  
IN FLAME  
SOUND

SO FAR  
THEY  
HAIN'T  
BELIEVED  
ANYTHING  
MY DAD  
SAID,  
ANYWAY

END



BUT  
DARNA...

WHAT  
GOOD IS  
IT GOING  
TO DO? I...  
I MEAN...  
JUST WALKING  
AROUND LIKE  
THIS...



DARNA...



YEAH  
ALL  
RIGHT.  
GOOD  
POINT.



BUT  
WHAT  
ELSE  
CAN  
WE  
DO...?

L-LEAVE  
IT TO  
THE  
POLICE...?



BUT  
LIKE  
I  
SAID...  
FLYING  
SQUAD  
...UY

I-...!!

'THE  
ATTACK  
OF  
THE  
GRANT  
FLYING  
SQUAD'  
COMING SOON  
TO AN AIRPORT  
NEAR YOU!

10/10









WHIS SHHHH  
HUUUUH



WON,  
HE'S  
FAST !!



GO  
FOR IT,  
MOSH!!





I CAN  
BARELY  
BREATHE  
...



HAND  
IN THERE,  
MURRAY!



DAMN  
IT

WE'RE  
LOSING  
AGONY!

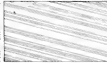


FURTER  
MURRAY!

GET A  
SITTING  
POSTURE









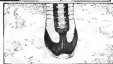






Who?









WELL...  
WELL...

...A BIT  
WOODEN



WELL...?

JUST SOMEONE  
WHO KNOWS  
SOMEONE  
TERRIBLE



OH...?



WELL,  
WELL,  
THERE  
NOW...

...AND  
I AM  
HAVING  
A BIT  
OF FUN

WELL...





DON'T  
YOU EVER  
THINK,  
GIRL?



...YOU  
CAN  
ALWAYS  
WIN.



... OTHERWISE,  
WE WON'T  
LIVE FOR  
LONG.



I'M  
SORRY,  
DADDY.

EVEN  
IF IT IS  
RECKLESS,  
BETH IF I'M  
SCARED...

... I'M  
STILL  
GOING  
TO GO  
FOR IT.

YOU  
NEED

NO-  
CALISE...



JUST...

BE-  
CAUSE...

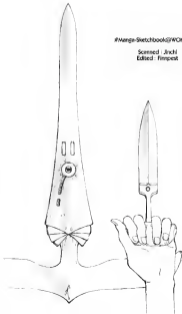


**THAT'S  
THE  
WAY I  
AM!**

# KNIFE-EDGE

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*FUHTT*



GIRL  
I CAN'T  
DO IT.  
I DON'T  
KNOW  
HOW  
PATRIOTIC

BEFORE  
YOU CAN  
REMEMBER  
WHAT YOU  
KNOW



ALL  
YOU  
KNOW  
IS  
STORAGE  
CAN  
ALL  
KNOW

NO  
DUTY.  
YOU  
JUST  
STAND  
THERE  
AND  
WAIT  
FOR  
THE  
BOSS  
TO  
DIE









WHEN YOU  
DON'T GET IN  
ADMISSION IN THE  
WORLD, WHAT  
SHOULD YOU  
DO?



CAN  
YOU  
FIT  
THE  
WORLD...



CAN  
YOU  
FIT  
YOUR  
WORLD...



I  
CAN  
SEE  
WHAT  
YOU  
WANT  
TO  
MAKE.







TO  
START  
THINGS  
UP...

...LET'S  
TALK  
ABOUT  
THE  
MILLION  
PEOPLE.



WHA  
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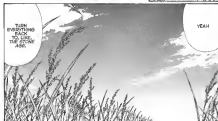


THE  
WORLD'S  
TOO COM-  
PLICATED,  
SO...

THE  
CITY  
IS  
THE  
BEST  
OF  
THE  
BEST.



NO  
ELEC-  
TRICITY,  
NO  
RUNNING  
WATER,  
NONE OF  
THAT  
STUFF.



TURN  
EVERYTHING  
BACK  
TO, LIKE,  
THE STORY  
AGE.

YEAH



WE'VE  
GOTTEN A FEW  
PEOPLE  
AROUND



BUT MOST  
OF 'EM  
WILL BE  
SPECIFICALLY  
BLACK PEOPLE,  
AND I  
DON'T  
THINK WE  
CAN  
GET  
THEY  
TO GO

THEN ALL  
THOSE  
OTHER  
PEOPLE  
ANYBODY  
LIKE  
THAT.

LET  
THE  
BLACK  
ONE



EVER  
SOMEBODY  
SAYS  
THAT  
A  
BLACK  
GUY  
WANTS  
TO  
LIVE  
AWAY.



EVERYBODY  
SAYS  
LET  
THE  
BLACK  
GUY  
HAVE  
THE  
BLACK  
SADNESS.

NO,  
NO



LIKE  
I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO  
BE  
BLACK  
FOR  
BLACK  
PEOPLE  
AND  
HATED  
ON  
BOTH  
SIDES.



BUT  
WHAT  
WILL  
I  
HAVE  
TO  
DO  
FOR  
THE  
BLACK...

IT'S  
A  
BLACK  
SOCIETY  
A  
BLACK  
SOCIETY



I  
WANT  
TO  
BE  
BLACK  
AND  
I  
WANT  
YOU  
AND  
ME  
AND  
YOUR  
OTHER  
GUY...  
BUT  
THEY  
SAY  
THAT  
A  
BLACK  
GUY  
WANTS  
TO  
LIVE  
AWAY.  
I  
WANT  
TO  
BE,  
YOU.













HIGASHI  
... 27



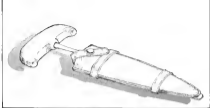
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AHY  
AKIRA!



WELL, A  
POSSIBLE



BEING  
YOUR  
BEST  
FRIEND  
FOR  
YOU  
WAS  
NOT...

AND  
DON'T  
WASTE  
MY  
TIME



CARRY  
THE  
WORLD  
WITH  
ME.

OR  
CARRY  
YOURSELF  
ALONE.

OOOOR



ALL  
YOU  
CAN  
DO  
IS  
TRY  
NOT  
TO  
FEEL  
MUCH.

JUST  
WTF...

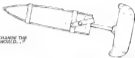
GET  
THE  
FUCK  
OFF THAT  
CRAZY  
BRAT.







CREATING THE  
WORLD...?



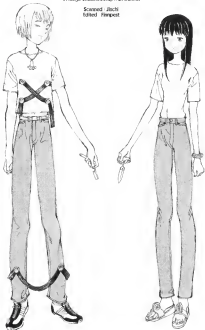
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OHNO...?



# BLOOD SACRIFICE

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OOH!  
YOU ARE  
SUCH AN  
ARROGANT  
LITTLE...  
TWERP!

YOU  
WARRI  
KILL ME?  
GO AHEAD  
AND TRY  
IT!



BET  
YOU  
CAN'T!

YOU  
D-  
DADDY!



MAYBE  
I OUGHT  
TO BRUT  
THAT WOLFE  
A BIT...

...SOUND  
TERRIBLE!





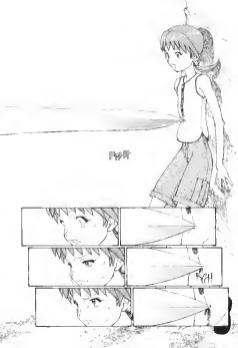




WHOOPEE...  
I GOTTA  
BE MOORE  
CAREFUL—  
NEARLY  
SLICED  
YOU IN  
HALF!









KC  
H  
CK





I WON'T MOVE IF I HURT YOU.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE POINT WITH THAT THING. DO YOU?



IT'S BUILT IN SMALL SPACE.



I...



THIS STUPID THING?

NO WAY!





NOW... THAT  
DRAGON  
THAT SAVED  
YOU THE  
OTHER  
DAY.





A DRAG-  
ON...? YOU  
REAR...  
LIKE A  
REAL  
DRAGON?

AKIRA  
SAID  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT,  
TOO...



DOESN'T  
REALLY  
MATTER  
WHAT  
WE CALL  
IT.

PEOPLE  
WENT  
BACK,  
WHICH  
MAYBE  
I'VE  
THOUGHT  
THEY  
WERE  
DRAGONS.  
I GUESS.



AKIRAH,  
WHY DID THAT  
ONE SAVE  
YOU?



THE  
DRAGONS  
ARE THE  
PROTECTOR  
OF THE  
STAIR.



THEY  
SEEM  
ALIVE WITH  
THE "REAL  
WORLD."

SO  
WHY WOULD  
ONE GAZE  
YOU??



E...

I  
DON'T  
KNOW.



YOU  
EXPECT  
ME TO  
BELIEVE  
THAT?

C'MON!



YOU'RE  
LINKED WITH  
A DRAGON-  
CHILD- I'VE  
SEEN IT!

SO  
YOU'VE  
LOOKED  
INTO ITS  
MIND,  
RIGHT?



INTO  
ITS...  
MIND?

DON'T  
PLAY  
DUNNY  
YOU'VE  
SPOTTED  
ME OUT!



I...  
I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
HONESTLY.

REALLY?

NO  
KIDDING!





WERE YOU  
UNCLE'S  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND?



HUH...  
REALLY?

I  
DON'T  
KNOW.



NO  
WAY!



IT'S  
PART OF  
YOUR  
UNCLE'S  
NAME... NOT  
EXACTLY  
BUT...  
YOUR  
NAME  
IS...



BUT...  
THE  
NAME  
IS...



SUSUMI







THEN YOU'LL  
HAVE  
TO JUST  
SIT AND  
WATCH...

...WHILE  
I KILL YOUR  
FAMILY, YOUR  
FRIENDS, AND  
EVERYONE YOU  
KNOW, ONE  
BY ONE!!





ONE  
BY ONE...  
UNTIL YOU  
FEEL LIKE  
TALKING.



I  
TOLD YOU  
I DON'T  
KNOW!



WHO  
CAREDS,  
ANYWAY?



YOU  
CAN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
WITHOUT TRAITRY  
AND IF YOU TRY  
FLYING IT  
AROUND ANY  
MORE...

...THE  
AIR  
FORCE  
WILL  
SHOOT IT  
DOWN!



BOY,  
YOU ARE  
CUELDOG,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

NOTHING  
IS-  
GOD STANDS  
A CHANCE  
AGAINST A  
SHADOW  
DIVISION.



THEY'RE  
JUST  
THIRD-  
DIMENSIONAL  
SPACE-  
TAC  
CONSTRUCTS.

THEY'RE  
NOT ABOVE  
OR  
ANYTHING  
IN THE  
USUAL  
MANNER.



WHENEVER  
IT IS, MY HAND  
GOES WITH IT. I  
CONTROL IT.



AND  
IT'LL KEEP  
DOING WHAT  
I WANT...  
UNLESS I  
DIE.



WILL  
YOU PLEASE  
MAKE ME  
STOP  
IT??













THE  
STYL  
FROM THE  
AIRPLANE











OH...

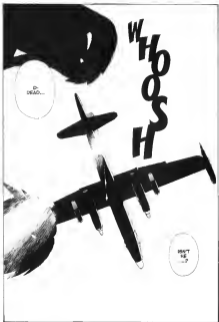
... I  
THOUGHT IF  
MAYBE I COULD  
STAND UP  
AGAINST HER...  
IF I TRIED  
BEING LIKE  
YOU... OH  
SHEILA...



OH...  
BUT...







DEAD...

WHOOSH

LASH

# NIGHT OF EVIL DREAMS



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(Sighs)

WELL,  
IT'S  
HOT.



SHOULD  
I FILL  
THE TUB?

LATER'S  
OKAY,  
AFTER IT  
GETS  
A LITTLE  
COOLER.



SEEMS  
LIKE YOU'RE  
IN A GOOD  
MOOD.

YEAH...  
I GOT  
IN SOME  
JET  
HOODS.



WHOA...  
LOOK AT  
ALL THIS  
FOOD!

WHY  
THE BIG  
FEAST?



TODAY  
SPECIAL  
FOR SOME  
REASON...?



NO,  
NOT REALLY...  
I JUST GOT  
INTO IT  
WHEN I WAS  
COOKING.







AWWW,  
I  
NEEDED  
THAT  
BATH.



YOU  
LEFT  
THE  
WATER,  
RIGHT?  
I'LL  
TAKE  
ONE,  
TOO.



....  
....

















# THE STAR CHAMBER CLUB

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HEY!  
DID YOU  
SEE THAT?

SHY  
BABY?



I'M  
DREAMING,  
MAN!

THOSE  
AIN'T RED  
STOCKINGS  
ARE THEY?  
NO WAY!

FOR  
A HIGH  
SCHOOL  
LIBRARY  
GET OUTTA  
HERE!



HUH?  
YOU'VE  
NEVER  
HEARD OF  
THEM?  
THEY'RE  
FAMOUS,  
MAN.

BAWDA  
ACADEMY  
FOR GIRLS.  
A FANCY-ASS  
GIRL'S SCHOOL  
FOR LITTLE RICH  
BITCHES...  
SHIT.



THE  
FAST  
TRACK  
TO HIGH  
SOCIETY,  
MAN.



THEY CHECK THE PARENTS' EDUCATION, JOBS, INCOME, HOME ENVIRONMENT... PLUS ALL THE USUAL SHIT FOR THE KID.

ANY DOUBLES AND TRIPLES AND IT'S SO BAY, JOE!



AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING, TOO—NOT THAT THEY'D EVER ADMIT IT.

IT'S THAT UNIFORM, MAN?

HUH?



IF YOU DON'T SHUT THE LOCKER, YOU CAN'T PULL IT OFF. SO THEY ALL GOTTA BE BAYERS, TOO!

OH, MAN... SOMETIMES LIFE'S SO UNFAIR!



THAT KINDA CRAP MAKES THE WORLD SO "BAYED," DUDE!

ALWAYS GONNA BE THAT WAY.





GOD-DAMN IT, SATOMI!  
YOU'RE LATE AGAIN!

HOW LOW  
ARE WE  
SUPPOSED TO

HUNNY  
HEY!



THERE ARE  
TWO KINDS OF  
PEOPLE IN THIS  
WORLD, KAZUMI:  
THOSE WHO WAIT,  
AND THOSE  
WHO MAKE  
THEIR WAY.





YES, I'M SURPRISED YOU PICKED A PLACE LIKE THIS.

THERE'S NO SPECIAL MEANING TO IT.

AWHAY -- NOT WHY THIS MEETING?

BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MIND.

WE HAVE A SMALL PROBLEM.



A PROBLEM ... IS



IT'S KOWORI.

HE'S GONE MISSING.



HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW  
IT...

...OUR  
BASTY  
ANGRY BOY  
ISN'T HERE,  
IS HE?



HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW  
THAT A  
PROBLEM?

I  
CAN'T  
STAND  
THAT  
LITTLE  
BASTY!



WHAT'S  
UP,  
YOU  
FOOLISH?



WELL...  
I CALLED  
MR. HONG,  
APPAR-  
ENTLY,  
HE NEARLY  
CAME  
BACK...

...SINCE  
THE NIGHT  
BEFORE  
LAST



HONK!  
PROBABLY  
JUST RAN  
AWAY FROM  
HONK!

THAT  
WAS  
IN  
THE  
PAST



NO,

HE  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
HAD  
TO  
BEYOND  
HONK!







... DIDN'T  
HE KILLED SOMEONE?



YES, HE DESTROYED  
ONE OF THE PLANES.



TR...  
... THAT'S  
JUST  
NOT  
FAIR!



EVEN  
I HAVEN'T  
KILLED  
SOMEONE  
YET...



DIDN'T  
YOU TELL  
HER NOT  
TO GO  
RUNNING  
OUT ON  
HER OWN?

OF  
COURSE  
HE DID!



UNFORTUNATELY,  
HE SEEMS  
TO BE OF THE  
OPINION THAT  
HE CAN ACT  
ON HIS OWN.



OVER-CONFIDENT  
LITTLE  
JERK.

HE  
THINKS  
EVERYONE  
BUT HIMSELF  
IS TERRIBLE.

CERTAINLY  
IT WOULD BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO PROVE OUR  
CRIMES.

AND EVEN  
IF THE POLICE  
COULD, ALL  
THEY CAN DO  
TO US AS  
MURDER IS  
GIVE US  
"GUIDANCE."

THAT  
WOULDN'T  
HURDER OUR  
ACTIONS  
IN THE  
LEAST.

AND  
YET...

THE  
ADULTS  
AREN'T  
BLIND.

I WOULD  
BE SURPRISED  
IF THEY ARE  
NOT ALREADY  
MOVING AT THE  
GOVERNMENTAL  
LEVEL.

"OUR  
SHADOW  
DRAGONS  
THEMSELVES  
MAY BE  
IMMORTAL.



"BUT AS FOR  
OURSELVES,  
WE ARE,  
OF COURSE,  
ONLY ALMAN,  
ONLY FLESH."

WE HAD  
BETTER  
BE  
CAREFUL.

SO... YOU  
THINK THE  
POLICE--OO  
SOMEONE LIKE  
THAT-- HAS  
MOROSE?

I DON'T  
KNOW. I  
DON'T KNOW  
AT ALL.



\*THE JAPANESE MILITARY (SELF DEFENSE FORCE)

SO THAT COMPANY'S  
GUESS ONLY  
CLUE



SHALL WE  
CHECK THEM  
OUT BEFORE  
SUMMER  
VACATION'S  
OVER?

OH, BUT  
LET'S  
CHECK TO  
KNOW  
THE

YES-

HEY,  
GAYOM,  
THAT  
MEANS  
YOU TOO,  
GIRL!

BECAUSE  
I'M ASKING  
YOU, MISS  
GAYOM.

WHAT?  
MISS?

WHY  
SHOULD  
I?





THEN I'LL  
APPRECIATE  
THEM MY  
SELF.

HEY,  
HEY!

BE  
NICE,  
BABE!



FORGET IT!  
I WILL NOT  
BE ASH-  
CATED...

...WITH  
THAT  
DISGUSTING  
...THING OF  
YOURS!



HONESTLY  
WHAT ARE  
YOU THINKING  
FOR IT TO  
TURN OUT  
THAT WAY?

I'VE  
REALLY  
STARTED  
TO WONDER  
IF YOU'RE  
SICK IN THE  
HEAD OR  
SOMETHING,  
KAZURU!



SO  
THAT'S  
WHY YOURS  
IS ALL MOUTH  
AND LITTLE  
POOPY  
EYES...?



WHAT?  
WHAT  
DID  
YOU  
SAY?

OHAY!  
YOU  
ARE SO  
SHALLOW!

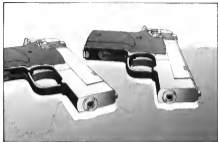


OHAY,  
OHAY...  
WHAT?  
EVEN?



BUT WE  
SHOULDN'T  
TAKE OUR  
SHADOW  
DRAGON,  
ANWAY.





I FIGURED  
THE PRINCESS  
HERE WOULD HATE  
THE IDEA, SO I  
JUST DID THREE  
OF THEM.



DID  
YOU  
THINK  
FIVE  
THIRD?

I DID  
INDEED.  
THEY WORK  
LIKE A  
CHADA.



AT LEAST  
LEARN HOW  
THEY WORK,  
CRACK  
GATOR?

WTF,  
WTF!



AND  
WHILE I  
WAS AT IT,  
I TRIED  
WORKING UP  
THREE.





BUT WHEN  
SETTLING  
THINGS AT  
A LOOSE  
LEVEL...

...I WANT  
TO AVOID  
BLOODSHED  
AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE.



BLOOD...

...IS  
DEFLENT.



BY ADD  
CREATING  
A SOCIETY OF  
EQUALS.

THE HIGH  
SHALL FALL, THE  
POORER SHALL RISE.

DISCRIMINATION...



...CREATES  
EQUALITY.

# STAR CHAMBER II: THE SPECIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ON MILITARY BALLOONS

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MAN, IF HE  
DONT LEAVE  
SOON...

OH...  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

SUCH  
A...  
HEAVY  
FEELING.

THINKING





AND I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS DAY...

PERHAPS BECAUSE IT'S NEARLY THE END...?

SHINJI



WIFE FUMIYUKA— ANSWER THE PHONE, WILL YOU PLEASE?

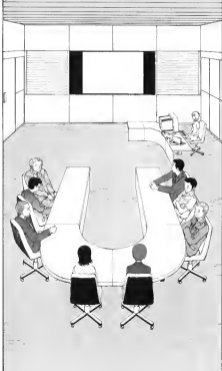
WIFE KAREN'S COMING WITH ME.



SURE, UN... WHERE ARE YOU...?



CABINET RESEARCH OFFICE (YONGO)







HEY,  
SORRY TO  
KEEP YOU  
WAITING.

MY  
APOLOGIES!



I'M AFRAID  
I SHALL HAVE  
TO DISUSE  
MYSELF.  
GENTLEMAN—  
LADIES.

A  
MOMENT  
IF YOU  
PLEASE,  
DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF  
STAFF  
YOSHII.

WHA—? YOU?  
DON'T TELL ME  
SPECIAL SECTION  
TWO IS RUNNING  
THIS SHOW?  
A CIVILIAN  
AGENCY...??





YOU WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO COME HERE. PLEASE AT LEAST HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.



LET'S SEE... YOU HAVE A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, DO YOU NOT?



OH THAT'S--

1980  
1981  
1982  
1983  
1984  
1985



WHY DO WE HAVE NEED? IF IT WEREN'T YOUR DAUGHTER'S ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE AND ROUTES TO SCHOOL!



THEY SAY A CHILD BORN LATE IN LIFE...

...IS ESPECIALLY DEAR TO HER PARENTS, HMM?



TH...  
THERE IS AN  
OUTRAGE!  
HOW DARE  
YOU—

NOW,  
NOW...  
CALM  
DOWN.

JUST  
MAKING  
A POINT  
ABOUT  
SECURITY.



NOW—  
LET'S  
ALL WORK  
TOGETHER,  
BUT?

"ASK  
WHAT YOU  
CAN DO  
FOR YOUR  
COUNTRY"  
AND ALL  
THAT...  
RIGHT?



OHAY  
CERTAIN  
FUNCTIONS OF  
THE CABINET  
RESEARCH  
OFFICE'S  
SPECIAL  
SECTION TWO  
HAVE BEEN  
SHOWN  
OUT AND  
REASSIGNED...

NEWS

"I'LL BE  
THE BACK  
OFFICE FOR  
THE 'MEDICAL  
RESEARCH  
COUNCIL ON  
MILITARY  
BALLOONS!'"



"MY NAME,  
AS SOME  
OF YOU KNOW  
IS TETSUJI  
KIMURA.  
I'VE BEEN  
HONOURED  
TO BE  
APPOINTED  
DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR."

"AND NO,  
COUNCILOR  
HOSOKAWA - YOU'RE  
THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEFENSE  
AGENCY'S BUREAU  
OF DEFENSE  
POLICY. SHALL WE  
HAVE YOUR REPORT  
ON THE SITUATION  
NO. 1 AFB?"



"I BELIEVE  
OF THOSE POSIBLY  
ONLY SHOULD SELF-  
DEFENSE FORCE DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF STAFF MORI  
AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
ESAKI OF THE NATIONAL  
POLICE AGENCY SPECIAL  
SERVICES BUREAU HAVE  
NO IDEA WHY THEY'VE  
BEEN CALLED  
HERE TODAY."



"ALL  
RIGHT...  
I'LL SPEAK  
FIRST."

"BUT  
MOST OF  
THE REST OF  
YOU HAVE  
HEARD ONLY  
PARTS OF  
THE STORY.  
GO..."



"LET ME...  
ALL...  
UNSYMBOLIC  
COLLECTIVE  
AND ORGANIZED,  
SHALL WE?"



ABOUT 300,  
THIS YEAR  
ONE OF OUR,  
UP...ARRCS  
RADAR AIRCRAFT  
LOTTING NEAR  
THE OCH-SARADA  
ISLAND PICKED UP  
AN UNIDENTIFIED  
AIRCRAFT.



SPEED,  
APPROXIMATELY  
THREE HUNDRED  
KNOTS...UH...  
THAT'S ABOUT  
THREE HUNDRED  
FIFTY MILES  
AN HOUR  
COURSE...  
BEARING  
OUR SOUTH,  
WEIGHT  
TOWARD  
TWO.



THERE  
WAS NO RF  
RESPONSE,  
NO WATCHING  
FLIGHT PLAN  
ON FILE.

WE  
IMME-  
DIATELY  
SCRAMBLED  
TWO F-ONE  
EIGHTERS  
FROM  
WYOMING  
AIR BASE.

THEY  
MADE  
VISUAL  
CONTACT...  
AND,  
UH...

...IMME-  
DIATELY  
TURNED  
ON THEIR  
GUN  
CAMERAS.

THIS IS  
WHAT THEY  
SAW--AN  
UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING  
OBJECT  
APPROX-  
IMATELY  
SIXTY-FIVE  
FEET IN  
LENGTH





WHEN THE FIGHTERS CLOSD TO UNDER ONE MILE, THE UFO ACCELERATED, AND PLUNGED STRAIGHT INTO THE OCEAN, IMPACTING SOME FEET AT FULL VELOCITY

TO PREVENT THE WRECKAGE... OR ANY... BODIES...

...HE DIVERTED A J-5C ENERGY OUT OF A TOSU NAVAL AIR STATION



THE DESTROYER ESCORT MURPHY WAS ALREADY IN THE AREA.

THEY WERE DECIDED TO SEARCH THE CRASH ZONE FOR RECOVERABLE DEBRIS

HOWEVER...





MEANING, IN...  
HOW TO PUT  
THIS...?



THE DO  
VERBLES  
MULLI SLAME  
AND  
LUNGLI...

...SALIED  
FROM  
HONOLULU  
NAVAL  
BASE AND  
JOINED THE  
DIVISION



BUT...

...NONE  
OF THEM  
FOUND  
ANYTHING

WHAT  
ON EARTH  
WAS THAT  
THING?

WELLY

THERE'S  
MORE



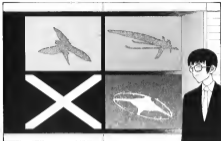
YESTERDAY  
WE RECEIVED  
REQUESTS FOR  
INFORMATION VIA  
BOTH MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND DEFENSE  
AGENCY CHANNELS...

DIRECT  
FROM THE  
UNITED  
STATES  
GOVERNMENT.

APPARENTLY  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
WAS  
DROPPING  
ON OUR DATA  
LINK WHEN THE  
FLIGHT MADE  
CONTACT.

TOGETHER  
WITH THE  
REQUEST, THEY  
UNCONDITIONALLY  
SUPPLIED  
US WITH  
THESE





ACCORDING TO THE ACCOMPANYING DOSSIER...

...IT WOULD SEEM THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN FLYING AROUND RIGHT ABOVE OUR HEADS—USUALLY BEYOND THE STRATOSPHERE—FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

H-HOW LONG...

AT THE VERY LEAST... SIXTY YEARS.

SIXTY YEARS?

IN OTHER WORDS, THAT'S HOW LONG U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THEM. ABOUT THE SAME TIME THEY CREATED THE CLandestine BRANCH FORCE DIVISION INSIDE THE U.S. AIR FORCE, I ASSUME.

SO, FOR AT LEAST THE PAST THIRTY YEARS THESE OBJECTS HAVE BEEN CIRCLING THE EARTH.

BUT THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY SATELLITES. THEY APPEAR TO BE FLYING UNDER THEIR OWN POWER.

WE SEE THREE DIFFERENT FORMS HERE, BUT ARE THERE ANY STANDARD TYPES...?

I DOUBT THESE ARE THE ONLY ONES THE AMERICANS HAVE IDENTIFIED.

HOW MUCH THEY'RE WILLING TO SHARE WILL DEPEND ON HOW WE DISCLOSE OUR INFORMATION.

GOOD QUESTION.

BUT IN THIS CASE, WE HAVE THE JUMP ON THEM.

YOU SEE, THEY STILL HAVEN'T MADE CLOSE CONTACT.

WHAT ARE THEY, THEN?

FRANKLY, WE DON'T KNOW.

BUT THE RESEARCH TEAMS AT THE PENTAGON HAVE BEEN CALLING THEM...

...DESIGNS.

WE CAN NO LONGER REASON TO CHARGE THE DESIGNATION.











\* Highest professional bureaucratic post in the Japanese Agency. The posts above it are all political appointees.



WHAT I  
INTEND TO  
SPEAK ABOUT  
FIRST TODAY  
IS THE WORLD  
OF FICTION.



IN THE END,  
IT MAY HAVE  
NOTHING AT  
ALL TO DO WITH  
REALITY AS  
WE KNOW IT.

AND YET,  
IT IS CLEAR  
THAT THESE  
THINGS WE ARE  
NOW CALLING  
"DRAGONS"  
DO, IN FACT,  
EXIST.



TO ANYONE  
WITH EVEN  
AN ELEMENTARY  
GRASP  
OF QUANTUM  
PHYSICS,  
IT IS CLEAR  
THAT "REALITY"  
IS A SLIPPERY  
CONCEPT.

...THEN  
IT IS PROBABLE  
THEY ALSO  
INTERACTED IN SOME  
WAY WITH ANCIENT  
PEOPLES.

IN ANY CASE,  
WHETHER THEY COME  
FROM OUTER SPACE,  
OR ELSEWHERE,  
THERE IS CLEARLY  
EVIDENCE THAT THERE  
IS A DEGREE OF  
INTERACTION BETWEEN  
THEM AND  
OUR WORLD.

AND  
SHOULD  
IT PROVE TRUE,  
AS HAS BEEN  
SUGGESTED,  
THAT THEY HAVE  
BEEN HERE  
SINCE  
ANTIQUITY...



IN THAT  
CASE, THEY WOULD  
BE SPOKEN OF IN  
MYTHS AND FOLK  
TALES, IN ORDER TO  
LEND CONTEXT TO  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
SO FAR, AND MAY  
YET OCCUR...



...THESE  
MAY PROVIDE  
AN ESSENTIAL  
KEY.

THEYFORE,  
LET ME FIRST  
SPEAK OF THE  
DRAGONS OF  
MYTH.

FOR THE  
MOST PART, IN  
MYTHOLOGICAL  
TERMS, YOU MAY  
CONSIDER "SHANE"  
AND "DRAGON"  
INTERCHANGE-  
ABLE.

IMAGES  
DERIVED FROM  
THESE SOURCES  
ARE AMAZINGLY  
CONSISTENT  
IN CULTURES  
ALL AROUND  
THE WORLD.

THE ORIGIN  
OF ALL THINGS,  
THE BEGINNING  
OF LIFE, THE  
PARENT-GOD  
OF ALL LIVING  
THINGS.

SHAPE-  
CHANGING  
AT WILL,  
CONSCIOUS,  
BUT  
IMMATERIAL.

UNITED  
OF  
OPPOSITE  
SYNTHESIS.

HERMAPHRODITE,  
ANDROGYNOUS.

THAT  
WHICH  
WANTS  
BOTH  
ITSELF...  
SWALLOW  
ITS OWN  
TAIL.

THE UN-  
CONSCIOUS  
CHAOS.

THE  
CYCLE OF  
LIFE AND  
DEATH.

THAT'S NOT ALL. DRAGONS AND PHOENIXES ARE COMMONLY LINKED TO THE ARCHETYPE OF THE EARTH GODDESS.

THEY ARE THE AVATARS OF MOTHER EARTH, OF GAIA.



JUST ONE MOMENT.

IN CHRISTIANITY, ADAM'S BRAGGIE AND DRAGONS SCARIFYING OF A TROOP... P

IN CHRISTIANITY... THE BRAGGIE.

CHRISTIANITY IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY RELIGION TO UNIVERSALLY DENY THE BRAGGIE.



IT'S PROBABLY QUITE ARBITRARY.

REALLY AVENGED BELIEVERS AND WIFES OFTEN RECAST THE GODS OF ANOTHER FAITH AS EITHER THE ENEMIES OR SUBORDINATES OF THEIR OWN DEITIES.



IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY... MEDUSA, ORIGINALLY A BELOVED GODDESS OF BEAUTY, CELEBRATED FOR CURING BLINDNESS.



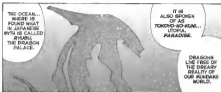
SO, THE DRAGON.

BORN FROM THE EARTH...

...YET SOARING THROUGH THE HEAVENS...

...AND LYING IN THE OCEAN DEEPS.





THE OCEAN...  
WHERE HE  
FOUND WHAT  
IN JAPANESE  
MYTH IS CALLED  
RYU, THE  
DRAGON  
PALACE.

IT IS  
ALSO SPOKEN  
OF AS  
TOROMO-NO-KUNI...  
LITTLE  
PARADISE.

DRAGONS  
LIVE FREE OF  
THE DREARY  
REALITY OF  
OUR HUMAN  
WORLD.



AND  
ALSO...



DRAGONS...

...EAT  
PEOPLE.

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