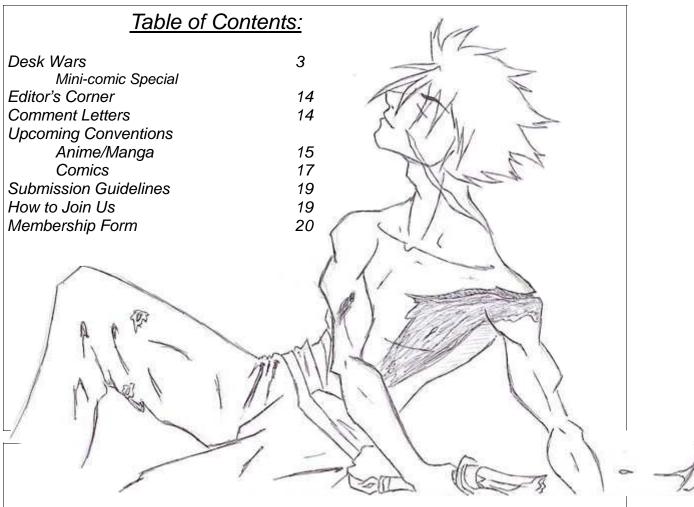


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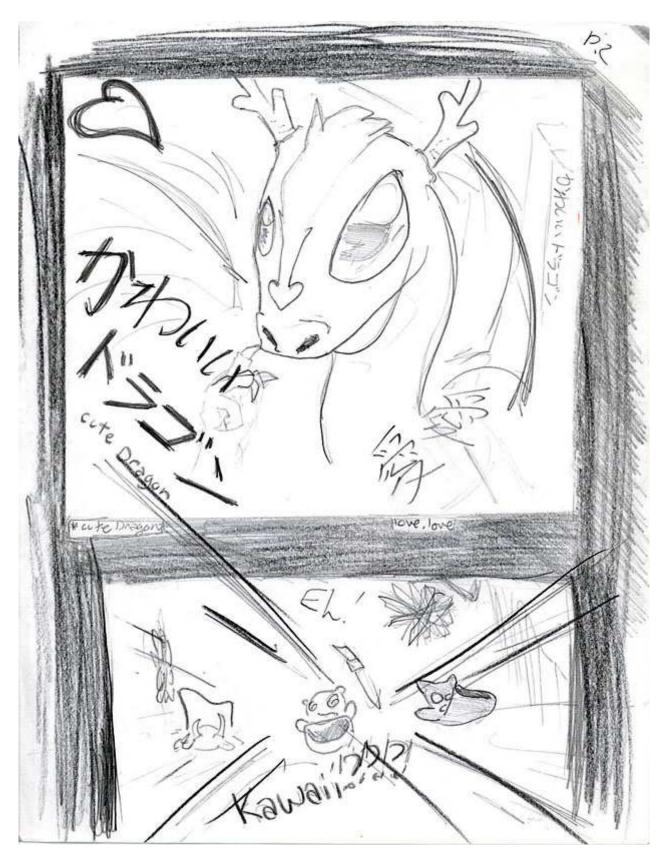
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Writer's talk. Hand puppets, dragons, I wanted to do a comic a very long time ago. My sister said



My sister said make it about hand puppets beating up a dragon. Like the fool I am, I did it and without .



much thought. I did one page, it looked pretty nice (even has a stuffed Piro). I didn't do anymore for a long



time, didn't care for the concept. After a while I disliked it and felt obligated to do it. I did 2 more pages,



rather badly. Then once again stopped, and more time passed. Then Ru-chan came to to visit (Ruthie-



chan) and somehow convinced me to do it. With my heart not in the right place and fear of physical harm



[I wouldn't have seriously hurt you. -Ed] I did some more pages with no planning or sense of direction. She



left and I said I'd finish it, but without here watching more time went by. In February I kept my promise



and finished (even though I was overrun by school work). This time I did right, with planning (especially



the last 4 pages). So, I'm sorry for the delay and sloppiness of most of it, but I hope it's still enjoyable. Thank you.



P.S. Sorry the cover's not in color, it won't come up in the issue. [Not the printed version that you get, but it will in the .PDF - electronic - version. -Ed]

Editor's Corner – extra small

The universe seems to be transpiring against me; but I shall prevail (I hope). It's been a helluva week/month. Every time I started thinking about writing some reviews I either got a monstrous case of writer's block beyond saying, "it was good/okay/horrible", or I would find brilliant writing only to be rudely interrupted by some outside force (and not always my darling daughter); my dazzling rhetoric, lost.

Did that make up for it? Sigh. I thought not.

I promise in the June ish that there WILL be reviews. They may turn out to be badly written if I end up having to force myself to write them, intact brilliance or no. Maybe the powers that be will be kind and I'll put forth powerful, even riveting, reviews. Alas, I do not hold my breath; but that's mostly due to the fact that I need oxygen.

I am hoping that next ish will have more info on some Japanese holidays/customs, and possibly another interview. I got a couple peeps in mind.

I found Usagi's mini-comic hilarious. I love the puppet weapons. She told me later that she was glad I made her finish the darned thing. Bwaha! Be sure to read the titles of the books in the background. They leave you feeling greatly amused since they pertain to what's going on.

Feel free to send in LoC's! Or any other fannish material pertaining to SF/F in Anime, Manga, and Other Comics! It'd be a nice gesture to let me know that you do appreciate my efforts, y0. Doom shakalaka Doom shakalaka Doom shakalaka DoOM.



Fans are encouraged to send in **letters of comment!** You can comment on what's being done with The MANGAVERSE, on other people's comments or on anything else you'd like to share.

Sarah Glasgow, CA

Has anyone seen the new series Avatar: The Last Airbender on Nickelodian? It's really cool. I am a nanny for a 9 year old boy and the other day he was watching the first episode. I thought I would just read or something but it was so interesting I just had to watch it. Here is the blurb about the show from Nick.com

"Avatar: The Last Airbender

"Water. Earth. Fire. Air. Only the Avatar was the master of all four elements. Only he could stop the ruthless Fire Nation from conquering the world. But when the world needed him most, he disappeared. Until now . . . On the South Pole, a lone Water Tribe village struggles to survive. It's here that a young Waterbender named Katara and her warrior brother Sokka rescue a strange boy named Aang from a cavernous iceberg. Not only is Aang an Airbender--a race of people no one has seen in a century--but they soon discover that Aang is also the long lost Avatar. Now it's up to Katara and Sokka to make sure Aang faces his destiny to save the tribe--and himself. Did we mention he's only 12?"

It's important to note that in the beginning the Avatar was an adult male. When the Avatar is discovered again he has been reincarnated (as the previous Avatar was. The Avatar's Spirit continually lives on, born into another body.)

This show has all the cool action and special effects of a typical anime without the harsh edges. I love Aang's character. Aang brings a fun, youthful, innocence to the show which I enjoy, yet when the time comes to fight the Fire Nation he is just awesome. He's a boy who likes to have fun who is coming to terms with the knowledge that he is the Avatar - the only one who can unit the nations and bring peace back to the world. What the above blurb doesn't say is that Aang has a huge flying bison with six legs for a pet. So Aang, along with his friends Katara and Sokka, get to fly around on their furry friend. (Though Aang has been known to fly on an air bubble he creates.)

I'd highly recommend this show to anyone, especially those who are a little tired of the same old anime styles (as was the case with me).

Upcoming Anime/Manga Conventions

MAY

May 5-8, 2005
TNT, Mexico City, Mexico
http://www.expo-tnt.com/
Guests of honor:
Musicians: Blood

May 6-8, 2005 Anime 2005, Almelo, Netherlands http://www.animecon.nl/

May 13-14, 2005 T-Mode, Virginia Beach, Va. http://www.endgametournaments.com/

May 13-15, 2005 Anime Central, Rosemont, III.
http://www.acen.org/
Guests of honor:
Musicians:

The Pillows, Kumiko Kato, Penny Lane All Stars; Actors:

Mary Elizabeth McGlynn, Beau Billingslea, Steve Blum, Richard Epcar, Greg Ayres, Chris Patton, Monica Rial; director Konaka Chiaki;

Artists:

Tadano Kazuko, Higuri You, Tavisha Wolfgarth-Simons, Rosearik Rikki Simons, Doug Smith, Fred "Piro" Gallagher, Robert and Emily DeJesus, Bruce Lewis:

<u>Animators</u>: Matsushita Hiromi, Jan Scott Frazier; Dancers: Yusuke Wakamisho, Sally Suzuki

> May 14-15, 2005 anime.au, Canberra, Australia http://www.animeau.org/

May 20-22, 2005 SogenCon, Marshall, Minn. http://www.sogencon.com/ *Guests of honor.*

Actors:

Wendee Lee, Michael Coleman, Luci Christian, Tiffany Grant, Vic Mignogna, Greg Ayres, Monica Rial, Johnny Yong Bosch, Carrie Savage, Jennifer Sekiguchi,

Travis Willingham,

Artists:

Robert DeJesus, Emily DeJesus, Chugworth Academy, VG Cats;
Singer: Kumiko Kato

May 21-22, 2005

Conneko, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany http://www.conneko.de/

May 21-22, 2005 Otafest, Calgary, Alberta http://www.otafest.com/

May 27-29, 2005
Anime North, Toronto, Ontario
http://www.animenorth.com/
Guests of honor:
Actors:

Sam Vincent, Matt Hill, Cathy Weseluck, Hillary Haag, Susan Aceron, Michael Dobson, Brian Dobson, Paul Dobson, Scott McNeil, Vic Mignogna, Travis Willingham, Brian Drummond; Artists: Stan Sakai, Ben Dunn, Les Major;

Producers: Kevin Mowrer, Rob Travalino, Carl Macek;

Director: Rob Bakewell

May 27-29, 2005 Animazement, Durham, N.C. http://www.animazement.org/ *Guests of honor.*

Directors:

Koichi Tsunoda, Yasuo Yamaguchi, Scott Houle;

<u>Producer</u>: Michihiko Suwa;

<u>Actors</u>: Chika Sakamoto, Keiko Han, Pamela

Weidner, Kyle Hebert

May 27-29, 2005 Epitanime, Paris, France http://www.epitanime.com/

May 27-30, 2005
Fanime Con, San Jose, Calif.
http://www.fanime.com/
Guests of honor.
Producer: Hiroyuki Yamaga;
Artist: Steve Bennett

May 27-30, 2005 Kunicon, Atlanta, Ga. http://atl.kunicon.com/ Guests of honor.

Actors:

Mike McFarland, Tiffany Grant, Sean Schemmel, Richard Cox, Mike Sinterniklaas, Chris Patton, Richard Epcar, Doug Smith;

Martial artist: Team Ryouko;

<u>Producers</u>: Toshifumi Yoshida, Matt Greenfield; <u>Musicians</u>: 10 Sheen, Piano Squall; Artists: Robert and Emily DeJesus;

<u>Harmony Gold representatives:</u> Kevin McKeever, Tommy Yune

JUNE

June 3-5, 2005 Project: A-Kon, Dallas, Texas http://www.a-kon.com/ Guests of honor.

Animators:

Jonathan Mathers, Philip Nelson, Jan Scott Frazier;

Actors:

Scott McNeil, Michael Dobson, Mike, Anthony Brownrigg, Monica Rial, Vic Mignogna, Mike McFarland, Kyle Hebert, Stephanie Nadolny; Artists:

Newton Ewell, Samantha Inoue Harte, Steve Kyte; Writers:

Helen McCarthy, P.N. Elrod, Michael Pondsmith, Brian Ruh, Jonathan "Jake" Tarbox; Publishers:

Antarctic Press, Radio Comix, Studio Ironcat, Rooster Teeth; Musicians: Sun String Quartet

June 3-5, 2005
C-Ace, Ottawa, Ontario
http://www.c-ace.org/
Guests of honor.
Author: Jo Walton;
Artist: Cara Mitten

June 10-12, 2005
ColossalCon, Independence, Ohio
http://www.colossalcon.com/
Guests of honor:
Musicians: Peelander-Z

June 17-19, 2005
Anime Mid-Atlantic, Richmond, Virginia http://www.animemidatlantic.com/ *Guests of honor.*

Actors: Greg Ayres, Doug Smith;
Artists:

Mark E. Rogers, Steve Bennett, Austell Callwood;
Authors: Robert V. Aldrich, Eirik Blackwolf;
Producer: Keith Burgess

June 17-19, 2005
AnimeNEXT, Secaucus, N.J.
http://www.animenext.org/
Guests of honor:

Actors:

Caitlin Glass, Mike Pollock, Ed Paul,
Vic Mignogna, Travis Willingham, Marc Diriason,
Lauren Goodnight, Wayne Grayson,
Mike Sinterniklaas
Located five miles west of midtown Manhattan



June 17-19, 2005 Kunicon, Greenwood Village, Colo. http://den.kunicon.com/

June 24-26, 2005
PortConMaine, South Portland, Maine http://www.portconmaine.com/
Guests of honor:
actor Daniel Kevin Harrison;
Artists:

Nick Johnson, Kevin Brunelle, Nate Frisoli, Megan Campbell; Game designers:

Peter Rimkunas, Sean Edwards, Alex Karantza, Jared Sorensen; <u>Dancer</u>: Cat Dancer

> June 24-26, 2005 Metrocon, Tampa, Fla. http://www.metroconventions.com/ *Guests of honor.*

Artists:

Monkey Punch, Robert and Emily DeJesus; Actors:

Johnny Yong Bosch, Greg Ayres, Luci Christian, Cynthia Martinez, Vic Mignogna, Chris Patton, Monica Rial, Doug Smith; Producer: David Williams

> June 25-26, 2005 JAFAX, Allendale, Mich. http://www.jafax.org/ *Guests of honor.*

Actors:

Trevor Devall, Michael Coleman, Amy Howard Wilson;

Artists:

Jan Scott Frazier, Robert and Emily DeJesus, Bruce and Mundee Lewis, James Dawsey; Costumer: Nickey Froberg



Upcoming Comics Conventions

MAY

May 1

Chicago Comic Book Marketplace, Chicago, IL http://www.chicagocomicconventions.com/

May 1

Charlotte ComiCon Charlotte, NC http://davescomicsonline.com/Scripts/coninfo.asp

May 1

Knoxville Comic Book & Toy Show, Knoxville, TN http://www.comicbookconventions.com/knoxville.

May 1

Canton Comic & Sci-Fi Convention Canton, OH http://www.harpercomics.com/conventions/

May 1

Nashville Comic and Toy Show Nashville, TN http://www.comiccitytn.com/

May 1

The Comic Book Show Nashua, NH http://www.thecomicshow.com/

May 1

ClickBurg 2005 Webcomics Convention Tilburg - The Netherlands http://www.clickburg.nl/

May 1

Toy Con Bridgeview, IL http://www.toycontoyshow.homestead.com/

May 6-8

Superhero Celebration Los Angeles, CA http://www.dg-promotions.org/conventions.htm

May 6-8

LepreCon 31 Carefree, AZ http://www.leprecon.org/lep31/lep_31_001.htm

May 7

CAPE!: Comic And Pop-Culture Expo Dallas, TX http://www.herorealm.com/cape/

May 7

The Ultimate Allentown Comic Con Allentown, PA http://www.ultimatecomicdreams.com/

May 13-15

Motor City Comic Con Novi, MI http://motorcityconventions.com/

May 13-15

NecroComicon: Friday the 13th 25th Anniversary Los Angeles, CA http://www.necrocomicon.com/

May 14

New York KISS Expo & Hard Rock Convention Secaucus, NJ http://www.starzcentral.com/kissexpo/

May 14-15

Comic Expo 2 Bristol - England http://www.comicexpo.net/home.html

May 14-15 Sci-Fi Expo Plano, TX http://www.scifiexpo.com/

May 14-15 London MCM Expo London - England http://www.londonexpo.com/

May 15

Providence Comic Book & Toy Convention
Providence, RI
http://www.thetimecapsule.com/images/flyer.jpg

May 15

Last Century Promotions Toy Show Eatontown/Tinton Falls, NJ http://www.lastcentury.net/

May 20-22

Monster-Mania Con 3 Cherry Hill, NJ http://monstermania.net/Convention.htm

May 21

East Texas Comic Book Show Tyler, TX http://www.jmventertainment.com/comicbooks.html

May 21-22

Golden State Comic-Con Oakland, CA http://www.super-con.com/

May 22

Shoff Promotions Comic Book & Nonsports Card Show

Tysons Corner, VA http://shoffpromotions.com/

May 22

The PBBZ Comic Con and Small Press Fest Portsmouth, NH http://www.pbbz.com/

> May 22 MajestiCon XII Denver, CO http://www.majesticon.com/

> > May 27-29

Toronto Comic Arts Festival Toronto, ON - Can. http://www.torontocomics.com/tcaf/

> May 27-30 Fanime Con 2005 San Jose, CA http://www.fanime.com/

May 28-29 WonderFest Louisville, KY http://www.wonderfest.com/

May 28-29

Superstar Autograph Show Valley Forge, PA http://www.b-lproductions.com/

May 29

Washington DC Comic-Con Washington, DC http://www.capitolcollectibles.com/

JUNE

June 3-5

Wizard World Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/ philadelphia.cfm

June 4

Austin Comic Book Show Austin, TX http://www.jmventertainment.com/comicbooks.html

June 4-5

Carnivale of Horror New Orleans, LA http://www.twistednightmareweekend.com/coh/

June 5

X-Trava Con Livonia, MI http://motorcityconventions.com/

June 5

Cleveland Comic & Sci-Fi Convention, Cleveland, OH http://www.harpercomics.com/conventions/

June 11-12

MoCCA Art Festival New York City, NY http://www.moccany.org/artfest-main.html

June 12
Pop Culture Fest Cleveland, OH
http://www.popculturefest.com/

June 12

Capitol Associates Comic Book, Toy & Card Show Tysons Corner, VA http://www.capicons.com/

June 12

Sacramento Comic Book, Toy and Anime Show Sacramento, CA

http://www.sacramentocomics.com/

June 17-18

Big Apple Comic Book, Art, and Toy Show New York City, NY http://www.bigapplecon.com/

June 18

Comic Book I-Con Des Moines, IA http://www.iowacomicbookclub.org/

June 18-19

Adventure Con Knoxville, TN http://www.adventurecon.com/

June 24-26

Heroes Convention 2005 Charlotte, NC http://www.heroesonline.com/con-update.htm

June 25

Comic Book & Toy Show Burnaby, BC - Can. http://www.geocities.com/turnbuckle99/

June 25-26

WQLZ Music & Comic Con Springfield, IL http://thewarehouse.us.com/

June 26

Philadelphia Comic-Con Essington, PA http://www.philadelphiacomic-con.com/

June 26

Central Virginia Comicon Richmond, VA http://www.philadelphiacomic-con.com/



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If you have any questions email me at ruthiechan@xarph.net or snail mail me.

How to join The MANGAVERSE

By Ruth R. Davidson

Two steps are required when joining The MANGAVERSE.

Step one: Join The National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F or NFFF).

A membership form is available to you on the last page of this issue and on the web at http://nfff.org. The MANGAVERSE is run in affiliation with N3F, a science fiction and fantasy club founded in 1941.

Step two: email me after you complete step one.

After you email me, I will then confirm with the N3F secretary that you indeed accomplished step one. This is because depending on when you join it may be a while before you see the official publication of the N3F (which is quarterly), and you could miss out on stuff otherwise.

Step three: join in the fun!

After step one and two are completed, feel free to join right on in and submit some anime, manga, and/or comic fannish material to me for publication.

Happy reading! *big smile*

You can also join my related yahoogroup Science Fiction and Fantasy in Anime, Manga and Other Comics at SFFAMOC@yahoogroups.com.

You do not have to be a Neffer to join the yahoogroup.



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