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Dear reader, welcome to the second issue of ORIENTAL CINEMA! I hope you will like it!

NEWS UPDATE: The movies MINYA'S REVENGE and GODZILLA VS. DEVIL and SPACE GODZILLA are just rumors! No such movies will ever be made!

New superhero programs in Japan this year include RED TIGER, KOSEIDON and even Toei's new version of SPIDERMAN!

New kung fu movies in China include MAGNIFICENT BODYGUARD, MORTAL COMBAT, and SNAKE IN THE 'EAGLE'S SHADOW.

Bye,

Damon



# MAJIN, MONSTER OF TERROR

BY  
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Majin is the name of a giant monster which stars in this movie that was made in Japan. Majin is a giant monster who is a giant samurai. The movie is taking place in old time Japan when the samurai warriors were around. I am not too sure about the plot so it will not turn out good at all. The plot: An evil man had planned on conquering Japan and he got his men to attack a city. After he had almost destroyed the city, he made people slaves and after a while, a lady prayed to a

statue known as Majin.

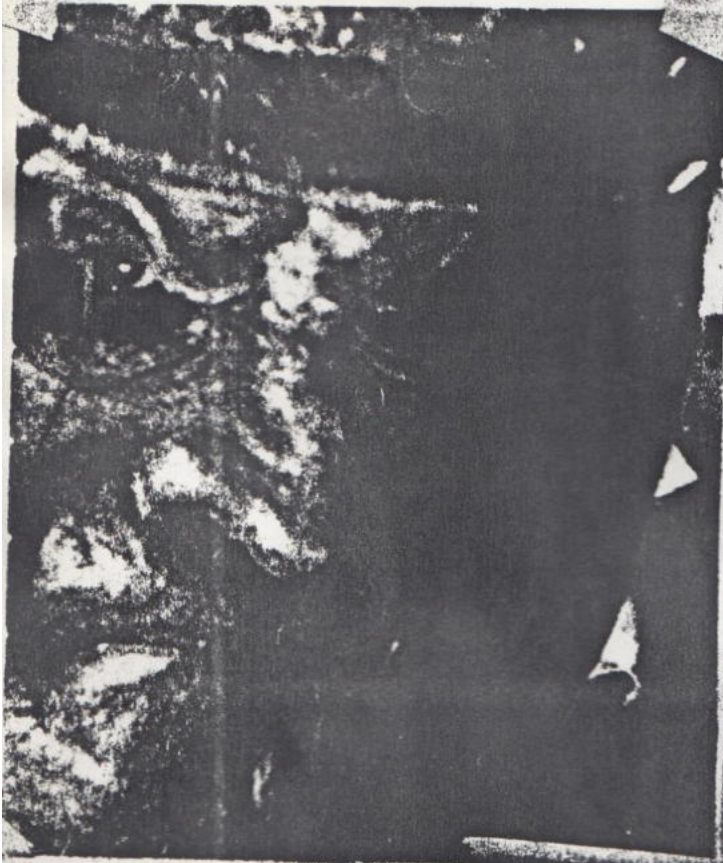
She was praying that her friends & relatives could be free from the evil shogun.

The statue came to life and attacked the city and stomped the shogun's men and killed the evil shogun and the world is at peace once more.

I know I did a terrible job but so what. I can not remember the plot very well so that is another thing wrong with this damn article and also, this is a messed up type-writer and I can't type too good so I had to write in these last words with a pencil.



That is about it for this article and this page I did not mean to have in the article. I just have this page so I can have more photos from the film.



# GODZILLA VERSUS THE THING

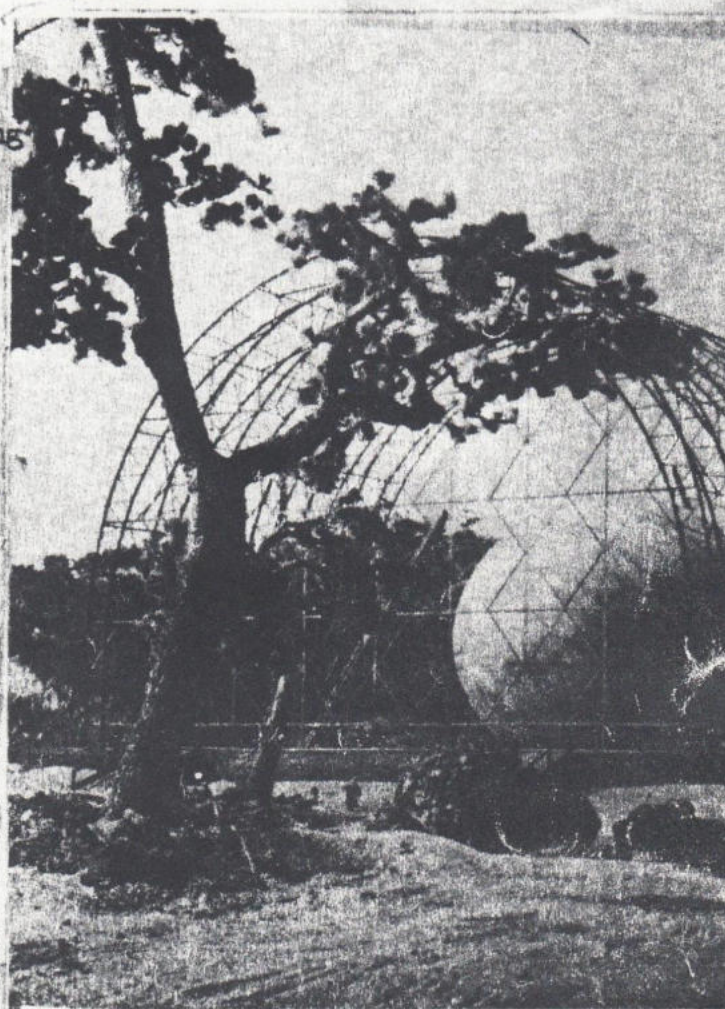
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GODZILLA VS. THE THING is a Godzilla movie that was made in 1964 and the thing bad about this movie is that Godzilla loses a fight by getting knocked in the water by 2 measly catapillars who were only about as big as Godzilla's tail. The Thing is Mothra and Godzilla gets in a fight with Mothra and kills Mothra but then Mothra's egg hatches and out come two catapillars who knock Godzilla into the sea. They do it by spitting silk at him.

Godzilla has a very strange top lip in this movie. His lip is too big. It is ok though. The plot: A giant egg washes ashore and 2 men buy it from the ones who's waters that the egg had drifted into.

The 2 men were the managers of Happy Enterprises.

While they make plans on putting it in an incubator to keep it warm. While they plan on putting it in a giant incubator, they encounter two little ladies who are about only 1 foot tall! The ladies say that the egg is theirs and it belongs on their island and they want it back. The 2 men would like to have the two ladies so they can use them as a tourist attraction to go with the egg. The ladies escape and soon meet up with some news paper reporters who are friendly to the ladies. The ladies ask the reporters to return their egg but the 2 girls leave after the

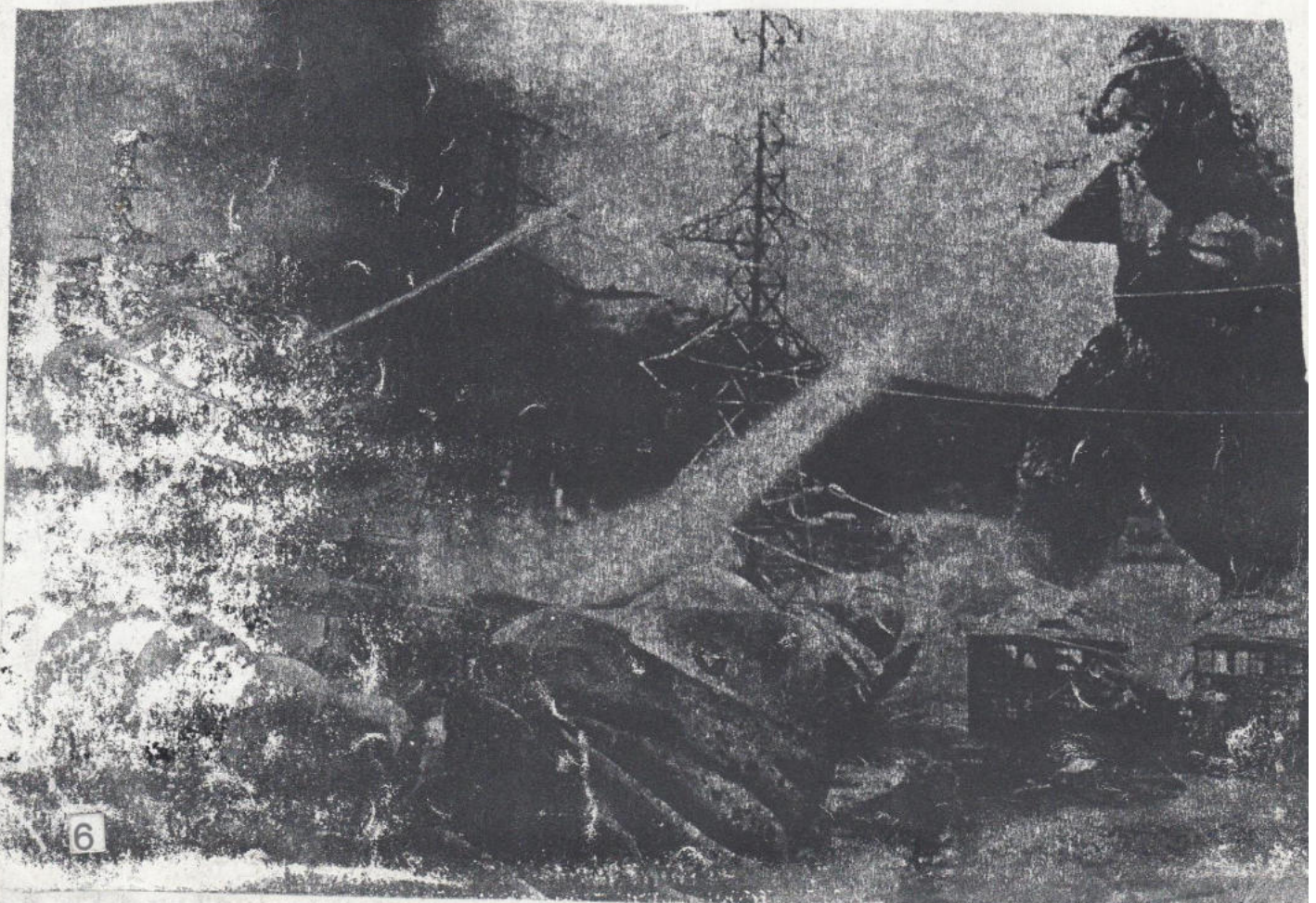




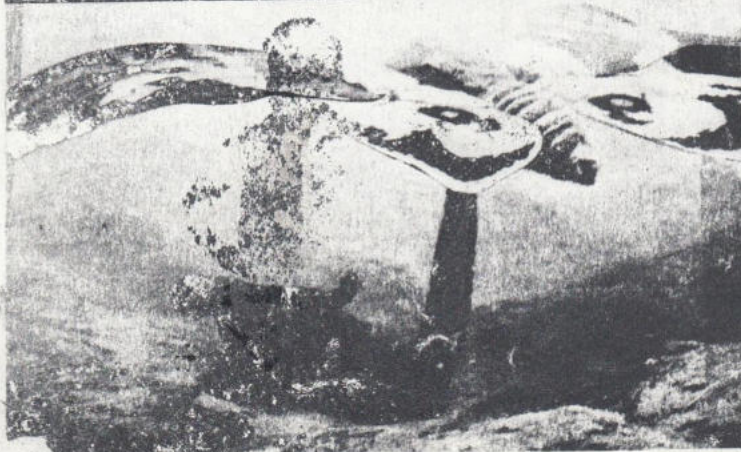
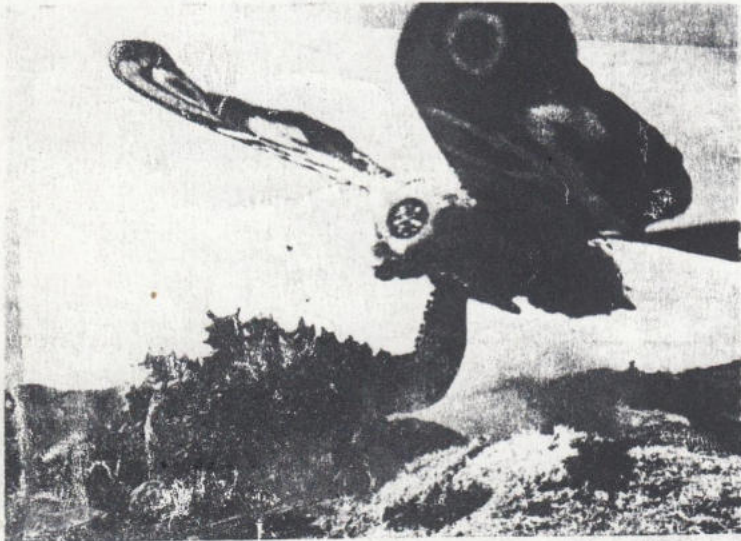
reporters say that they are unable to help them. A while later, the reporter go some where and one of the reporter sees the ground move and it is GODZILLA! He came out of the ground.

As Godzilla causes trouble, the reporters go to the island of Mothra to get Mothra to come to Japan and kill Godzilla. After arguing with

the natives, Mothra does come to fight Godzilla. The 2 men start to fight over the money and one of them shoots the other and then he sees Godzilla coming so he takes the money but soon Godzilla gets to him and kills the man. Just as Mothra arrives, Godzilla has almost destroyed the egg. After they fight, Godzilla kills Mothra and then the egg hatches and the fight continues as Godzilla fights the catpillers. Godzilla is soon defeated.



That was the basic plot of the movie and I have to admit that I left a lot of parts out and I made out some other mistakes too. I hope you liked it. I didn't.



モスラ、つばをひきずりまわすモスラ。

ギャッター、モスラの攻撃にタジタジのゴジラ。

# GAMRA VS. MONSTER X

By D. Foster

Gamra vs. Monster X is a movie made in Japan and it was made by a company known as Daiei. The movie deals with 2 giant monsters and the good one is a giant turtle who is able to fly by curling up into his shell and spinning around. Jiger is the name of the bad monster who almost kills Gamra. Jiger can fly, shoot out an ultra violet ray, and he can also fire spikes out of the horn that is in front of his head. Unlike Godzilla, Gamra fights much worse than Godzilla can. Gamra does not throw even one punch in the entire movie. There is a scene where he flies in the air and he hardly touches Jiger but Jiger goes flying off with Gamra. Another dumb scene shows Jiger jump in the air and then Gamra grabs part of a building and Jiger falls on the other end and sends Gamra up in the air like a see saw! Another mistake in the movie is that the little girl (Suzan) has a terrible accent and a terrible voice. Actually, it is a fun film to watch. Well, now I will get into the plot which is: Expo 70 was kind of like a big fair that a lot of nations were attending in. It had a lot of exhibits and one of them was a mini submarine for kids. It was almost finished but all it needed now was to be made so it would not go to deep. It was for kids and it was not supposed to go to deep just only about 3 feet. Another exhibit was an ancient statue made by a tribe of natives and the man who planned on making it an exhibit for expo was a man known as Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams had some kids. A son & daughter. The man who was making the submarine also had some kids. The son, was 13 and so was Dr. Williams son. The 2 sons knew each other and were best friends. Then while Dr. Williams was getting the statue, they were suddenly attacked by Gamra who did not want them to get the statue. Gamra leaves and after they take the statue, a giant monster comes out of the area where the statue was before Dr. Williams had taken it away. The monster is known as Jiger and all of the sudden Gamra returns and the 2 monsters begin a fight and Jiger shoots out 2 spikes which make Gamra unable to move. With Gamra eliminated, Jiger goes to Japan and causes trouble and wrecks buildings and stuff like that and he begins to use his power to shoot out an ultra violet

ray which can destroy any



thing. Meanwhile, Dr. Williams' kids went to visit the son of the man who is making the submarine at EXPO 70 and as the 3 kids talk, they ask questions like "when will Expo 70 open?" As Jiger causes trouble, Gamra is on his way again and is ready to fight! The 2 monsters fight and since Gamra is the good guy, every one wants him to win. Unfortunately, Jiger pumps some larva into Gamra's leg and Gamra retreats and falls into the water. The larva came out of a stinger in Jiger's tail.

Gamra has been knocked out once again and this is the 2nd fight that he has lost. This time however, it is much worse than last time because now there is more chance of Gamra dieing!

The son of Dr. Williams and the son of the man who made the submarine both got inside the submarine and as they went in the water, they went inside Gamra who had his mouth in the water and the reason that they went in was so that they could try to help Gamra. They got out and as they walked around in Gamra's stomach, they are soon attacked by the larva which looks just like the real Jiger only it is smaller. Soon the boys kill the Jiger larva and

after a while Gamra gets up and fights Jiger. Gamra wins this battle and Expo 70 is saved.



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ジャイガー二世退治でヒントを

# SHOGUN WARRIORS

BY  
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The SHOGUN WARRIORS are 5 different toys and each of them are a different character and their names are: RAIDEEN, MAZINGA, GETTA DRAGON, GETTA POSIEDON, and GETTA RAIGER. Each of these warriors had his own tv show except the ones with Getta in their names.

The ones with Getta are all from one tv show and it is called GETTA ROBO G. In Japan, these shows were bigger than Godzilla movies so toy manufacturerers bought the rights to make dolls and stuff of them and they were a big hit in Japan so Marukai, (the toy makers) let Mattel have some of the molds to make their own in America but they changed the names. RAIDEEN'S new name is Raydeen.

GETTA DRAGON was changed to Dragun. GETTA POSIEDON was just shortened to Posiedon. GETTA RAIGER was changed to Raider. I am not to sure about MAZINGA. These new names are terrible! I have one of the original modles of Raideen and when I compaired it with the one made by Mattel, the Japanese one is much better. On one arm, Raideen has something like a bow&arrow and on the American one, they took it off and added an ax blade! Also, Raideen's modle it is a much better texture of plastic than the Raideen. I don't think there is anything with the DRAGUN modle because it looks just like the original character. The Japanese price for the dolls are about 20.00 \$ and the American ones cost about 11.00 \$ and they are about 2 feet high and ones about 4 feet high and cost about 8 \$ and they may be small but these metal and they match the real characters good. They shoot out rockets.

Posiedon and Raider don't come 2 feet high and the only way that they come are 4". Raydeen only comes 2 feet and Mazinga and Dragun come in both small and large.

The Shogun Warriors are not the only monster toys that have been in the stores made by Japan and if you find your self in toy store and you see Japanese writing, it is probably some kind of super hero of Japan.

Since the Shoguns are not to good, let's take time out to read about the real characters.

## RAIDEEN

The tv show that is called Yusha Raideen and it is almost as popular as Godzilla and it is about a man named Hibiki Akira who can get into a giant statue and once he is inside he can control all of the statue's move ments and the statue is 52 meters high and the statue has a name. Raideen. The only time that Hibiki gets into Raideen is when a giant monster attacks a city. Among the monsters there is

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# GATTIGER

BY DAMON FOSTER

Gattiger is a Japanese TV show. This show is about 5 cars and these cars are racing cars. Each of the 5 can all merge together and become one giant car and this car is called Gattiger. One car goes in the middle and it's called the center car. One car goes in the back and is called the back car. The other two cars go on the sides and they are the left car and the right car. Among the drivers who drive these cars, there are Joe, (he's the main character of the show) Sachio, (the only female of the group) Katsumi, (a young boy) Ken, (an Indian) and Hiroki. Hiroki is the most popular member. Each of these five people are a team that is called "the Tiger team". Katsumi, the youngest member, has a pet hawk and this hawk is named Taro. In this show, Taro does many stunts including fighting a big vulture, rescuing Katsumi from a mad dog, and Taro even saved a baby seal who was drifting away on a piece of ice.

In this show, the Tiger team has some deadly enemies. These enemies are the Demon Gang and the Demons (as usual) plan on conquering the earth. The queen demon is actually Joe's mother but if she tells Joe, she will be punished.

In each episode Joe is always trying to find out if queen demon is his mother or not because he is not sure. Before Joe's dad died, he gave Joe a pendant and in the pendant is a picture of Joe's mother and this photo looks very much like queen demon. This is Joe's only clue as to who his mother is.

In each episode, the demons create another racing car and each race car is sent to destroy the tiger team. But this is never accomplished.

Among the other things that the demons send to attack the tiger team, there are mad dogs, bionic elephants, and giant attacking sea weed. Erik is the name of a demon who creates most of the things used in destroying the Tiger Team. In the last episode, Joe knocks Erik and his car off the cliff and kills Erik. The king demon knows that his group is no good without Erik so King Demon destroys the entire demon base and commits suicide. Earlier in this episode, Erik discovers that Queen Demon was helping Joe escape from the other demon cars so this gets Erik real mad and he kills queen demon.

Also in the last episode, the demons re-create all the cars of the past (I do not know how) and each of these cars fights the Gattiger once more.

The Gattiger has many powers and one of them is the center chain saw. This weapon comes out of the middle and it cuts the enemy cars in half. The top car (Katsumi's car) can fire missiles. The center car has another power. It's a laser beam and it's called the center beam.

Joe controls the center car, Sachio controls the left car, Ken controls the back car, Hiroki controls the left car and Katsumi controls the top car.

Joe is the hero of the show and in a few episodes, Joe does Karate.

By the way, this show is a cartoon. I know that many of my readers do not like Japanese cartoons so I didn't mention that this is a cartoon because I know that people that don't like cartoons would not have read this article if they knew that Gattiger is a cartoon.

As usual, Gattiger has the same drawings as Speed Racer, Yusha Raideen, Soccer Boy, Prince Planet, Dai Apolon, Space Cruiser Yamato, and Battle of the Planets.

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Bastodon, Diamodon, Bira, Garda, and Shiba, and much, much more.

It is a good show and all of Raideen's enemies come from hell and the commander of the Devils is Prince Shyakin and there is Darudan and General Agyaru. (2 other devils) In each episode Raideen fights another monster.



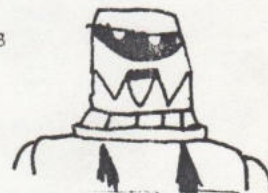
#### GETTA DRAGON

Getta Dragon is from a tv show called Getta Robo G and I have not seen it so I don't know what to say. I will just try to describe him to you. He has 2 spikes coming from his mouth and cheeks. 3 spikes come out from the back of his head. He is mostly red. He has a little blue on his arms and legs but his hands are red and he has 2 saw blades on his wrists.



#### GETTA POSIEDON

I haven't seen Getta Robo G so once again I will just describe this warrior. He shoots out missiles from his back and he has wheels on his feet. He has blue hands. He has rockets on his back so that they fly in the air. Like Getta Dragon and Getta Raiger, he turns from jet plane to robot.



#### GETTA RAIGER

Once again I will describe this robot. He has two ear-like things on his head and he can shoot out a missile out of his hand. Oops I did not mean to say hand because I meant to say sword. He has a sword instead of a hand. He can fly because of rockets on his back. His legs are red. Most of his body is blue though. His sword opens up like a banana peel.



#### MAZINGA

He has two wings (I think) and he has a rocket-ship in his head and in the tv show some guy gets in it and it leaves from Mazinga's head. He has some swords that are red. By the way, all of the cartoons in this article are made by a group called TOHOKUSHINSHA LTD. They have made at least a hundred cartoons and Speed Racer is one of them.



YUUSHA RAIDEN

Planned by Tohoku Shinsha  
Original story by Suzuke Yoshitake  
Music by Komori Akihiro  
Lyrics by Keisuke Yamakawa  
A production of Tokyo Broadcasting System,  
Network TV, and Tohoku Shinsha  
Subtitles by KIKU TV, HAWAII  
Translated by David M. Kalischer

A young man called Hibiki Akira is the inner controller of a super-robot called Raideen. Hibiki, attired in his space-age costume and riding on his futuristic motorcycle, gets into Raideen's body by yelling the words, "fade in." Thus, Hibiki's body goes right through a spot on Raideen's forehead and Hibiki's body re-materializes inside of Raideen's chest. Using a panel of levers and buttons, Hibiki can now control all of Raideen's powers and movements.

But the producers of this enjoyable cartoon know that this program should have a team of evil monsters for the hero to destroy (now what's a Japanese fantasy series, if it does not have evil monsters?). In this one, the evil monsters are devils from Hell. The leader of the devils is Prince Shyakin. Two other devils are General Agyaru (who was eventually destroyed

by Raideen) and Admiral Darudan (a replacement for Agyaru).

On the good side, is an army-base shaped like an oyster. It is called the Metropolis. Hibiki lives there, and so do two other soldiers, who drive an air-vehicle called the Bloogar. The names of the pilots are Rei and Poindar. Other heroic characters include: Dan Araso, Koppe, Tobishu (members of Hibiki's soccer team) and Atchan. Marie is Hibiki's token girlfriend.

So, in each episode, the devils send another monster (called a "fossil beast") to attack Japan. Raideen (52 meters high) arrives, and after a superb battle, eliminates the fossil beast. Other devil-monsters include the "deromes" (flying jelly-fishes that spit fire), and a five-headed creature (shaped like a hand) called "Gante."

This is a typical, traditional Japanese super-robot cartoon. It doesn't break new grounds, or really offer any-

thing especially new. But this entertaining program is fun, and that's what counts.

