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We're here! Where do we go?

(Some thoughts on December and beyond)

By Peter Tatara

New York City just experienced its first snowfall of the year. Waking up, it was magical to see the streets and skyscrapers glistening white. Granted, it was something else plodding through the slush on the way to work. Regardless of the weather outside, it's nice and temperate in the CPM office, but the red and white caps placed atop various Hoshimaru plushies on my desk tell us what time of year it is.

Yet as the year's coming to a close, we're still moving full steam ahead here at CPM. We've got a number of big releases coming up in 2006 including *Animation Runner Kuromi 2*, *Munto 2*, and *Armored Trooper VOTOMS*. We're also going to be cranking out manga at a rate of three or four a month, so as you're preparing for your holiday break, CPM's burning the midnight oil to get it all done.

Besides books and DVDs, there'll be a lot of changes in the way CPM appears and communicates with fans (it's what those in the know call *B2C*), and *Gogai! Gogai!* is a part of that. We keep on growing, adding about five new individuals or clubs every day, and we're proud we're getting to be a big fish, but as *Gogai! Gogai!* expands we're looking at our pond and wondering about renovations. Nani? There may be some changes in the way *Gogai! Gogai!* gets to you in 2006, but before we make any changes, I want to know what you all think.

I created *Gogai! Gogai!* from four years of experience in a college anime club as well as the input of clubs throughout the summer. I'm pleased with the current state of things, but I'm tinkering, thinking about what we could do better. To this end, as we celebrate the holidays

and New Year's, spend a few moments of your time thinking about *Gogai! Gogai!* and write whatever comments you have to animeclubs@teamcpm.com.

I'm curious to know stuff like: Do you actually read all of *Gogai! Gogai!* and have you ever purchased from the store? What kind of exclusives and deals are you looking for? If you're part of a club, how do you pass out the swag we send over? Are there other types of articles or content you'd like to see? Should *Gogai! Gogai!* be more focused on club-related features or appeal to a wider anime audience? Do you like getting *Gogai! Gogai!* as a PDF? Would you prefer it if all the content was instead viewable as a website online? Would you rather *Gogai! Gogai!* be something crazy like a monthly TV show starring me as I go around inside CPM that you download?

I'm serious about all these questions. Even that last one. CPM and I are committed to making an experience that you'll enjoy, 'cause if you're not happy, then we're not going to be smiling either. So, give it some thought. *Gogai! Gogai!* exists for you. I've been pondering some experiments in '06, and I'd like to hear what, if anything, you all feel.

Of course, it's not 2006 yet, and as I muse on about ethereal things, my inbox is filling with more work to do. *Gogai! Gogai!*'s December issue is stuffed full of news and notes about what's going on in the CPM office this month, so as you're relaxing over your holiday break, pour yourself some egg nog and learn what we at Central Park Media are running around doing.

Also, all hail the *Gogai! Gogai!* mascot!

Don't &%# With The Scopedog

(Scopedog's Inaugural Address)

By Scopedog



fig. 2: Armored Trooper VOTOMS © 1983 Sunrise / 1/12 Scopedog courtesy Yamato Toys

Greetings fleshy Earth humans, my name is ATM-09-ST Scopedog, and I'm your new lord and master. You foolishly elected me *Gogai! Gogai!*'s mascot last month, and as such, you are now all my helpless subjects. My reign, though, won't be all mindless torture and target practice. No, I can be a kind and gentle mechanical overlord. For your knowledge, here's a little more about me.

I'm 3.8 meters tall, weigh 6.6 tons, have 14mm of armor around my belly, and never leave home without a GAT-22 30mm heavy machinegun, GAT-49min 50mm Pentatrooper, SAT-03 60mm solid shooter bazooka, SMAT-38 9-tube shoulder missile gunpod, and GAT-35 long gun. I like classical jazz. My favorite color is violet.

Understood? Good. Looks like there won't be a need for beatings my first day

in office. As CPM's explained to me, it is now my job to issue edicts and pose for various photos until I'm ultimately deposed in some sort of coup rising out of the rabble. Until that day, though, I look forward to working with you to build a better future for humans and robots (mostly robots) alike.

How can you contribute? Two ways. 1) I'm partial to motor oil with a hint of spearmint. 2) Click over to www.centralparkmedia.com/votoms/ to learn more about my glorious exploits and pick up the entirety of *Armored Trooper VOTOMS* for only \$100. The humans at CPM tell me when the thing hits stores, it'll cost \$150, so if you pre-order, you can save yourself some Earth money - and invest it in spearmint-infused oil for a certain android dictator. It seems CPM's incompetence has left me running out of space, but you need fret not, I'll be back!

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Cocoa-Colored Sanctuary

By Joey Tripp of
Animation Exclamation

(A creamy escape from December's cold)

December is the month of endless shopping and celebration. On the other hand, with party planning, battling the holiday rush, and cooking for family, it can become a stressful time of year. What better way to combat the stress than to relax with a warm blanket, your favorite anime or manga, and a homemade cup of hot cocoa? You can buy your hot cocoa mix at your local grocery store or make your own using the following recipe...

2 lb. box of powdered chocolate milk mix
1 lb. box of powdered sugar
11 oz. box of powdered coffee creamer
8 qt. container of powdered milk

Mix all of these ingredients together and sift into a large bowl. After you make the mix, store it in a glass container with a lid. To make, add a 1/3 cup of mix to a mug of hot water; however, you can add more or less to suit your taste.



fig. 3: A CPM mug filled with steamy cocoa

It Burns, Sempai, It Burns!

(Spotlight on the Animeniacs)

*An Interview with
Animeniacs's Alberto Principe*

CPM's spotlight is on Alberto Principe of the Animeniacs this month. Let's see what makes him tick before he melts in the 400 tetrawatt bulb...

How did Animeniacs come to be?

Upon my return from Japan in 1997, I wanted to share my collection of all these great anime movies I had brought back with me. I was sent to Fort Stewart and became a squad leader for a group of ten medics. I was well liked by my troops since I always put their needs before my own. I took care of them by keeping them informed and giving them some free time to spend with their families whenever possible and then started inviting the squad to my place to watch some anime and play some tabletop strategy games.

How many members do you have?

Right now we have about 12 active members. We are waiting for the return of the 3rd Infantry Division to come hang out.

You're in the military?

I was in the US Army, stationed in Camp Zama in Honshu for three years.

How often do you meet?

Saturdays at 2030.

When did you fall in love with anime?

When I was a child I always loved *Mazinger Z*. I never missed a show and had the action figures. While growing up, I lost touch with my anime interest until I got stationed in Japan. I only was able to watch three channels in English on TV, most of it soap operas, so I would channel surf looking for something interesting in Japanese. One time I happened to stumble across anime again and was hooked.

How was your time in Japan?

Unlike anything I have ever experienced. I love it there. My daughter was born in Tokyo. I used to hang out with my Japanese co-workers on my time off and was

always on the train from Sagami-hara train station to Shinjuku or wherever I felt like traveling. The military paid for my trips to Hiroshima and Kure. I want to go back someday and work there for a while if I can. I brought back lots of mini *Mazinger Z* toys to show my brother, some manga, a walking stick from Mt. Fuji, a set of samurai swords (typical gaijin), and a couple of door hanging curtains. Anime-wise, too many shows to even try to list here. You know what? Discussing Japan always makes me miss the good old Beef Bowl from Yoshinoya!

From your observations, are there many anime fans serving in the army?

You have to be kidding. I could easily find a fan every ten minutes if I was to do a survey. Of course, they would mention the popular ones like *Akira* and *Ninja Scroll*, but every now and then I run across someone who knows a bit more than the average Joe.

How does anime compare to American animation?

I wish all cartoons were drawn up in anime fashion, the level of detail is amazing and the stories are great. I stopped watching most American cartoons with my kids after getting into anime.

What shows are hits with Animeniacs?

This one is tricky. I feel the club is influenced greatly by what I like since I see most of the movies first and tell them which ones I think are good. We are currently into *Samurai Champloo*, *Samurai 7*, and *Cowboy Bebop*. We have our classic selection as well, shows like *Record of Lodoss War*, *Hellsing*, and *Dragonball GT*. Those are some of our favorites.

Gogai! Gogai! thanks Alberto Principe and the Animeniacs for sitting down with us. We look at a club every month, and if there's something special about yours, tell us at animeclubs@teamcpm.com!

Tokyo News You Can Use!

(Well, not really, but it's still a fun read) By Peter Tatara

Ever heard of ABA Games? Kenta Cho? No? Well, you should have. Kenta's a Japanese fellow who programs freeware games with abstract names like *Gunroar*, *Noiz2sa*, and *rRootage* that all have perfectly esoteric graphics to match. Possessing dazzlingly vivid wireframe designs and a hardcore retro feel, the games cooked up the ABA Games kitchen are packed with non-stop adrenaline and some unnamable substance that is abjectly addictive. My favorites are *Gunroar* and *Torus Trooper*.

I've been playing his games until I passed out every night this week and wanted to share 'em with you. You can find all of the ABA Games library for free for the PC at the link below. Googling will get you the games all formatted for OS X.

http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~cs8k-cyu/index_e.html

Asashoryu's become the first sumo wrestler ever to win seven consecutive Emperor's Cups. Asashoryu claimed his seventh in Kyushu by besting Kaio (my personal favorite) in the final round. Asashoryu, from Mongolia, and Kotooshu, a Bulgarian, have received tremendous press as of late not for their stellar performances but for their countries of origin, many in the sumo world troubled with foreign powerhouses devastating Japan's finest. A quota system now in place limits the number of foreigners accepted in the Japan Sumo Association, and while there's popular support for keeping the cap to protect the *Japaneseness* of sumo, there are a few voices calling for removing it entirely, believing that by opening the door to all foreign sumo hopefuls the sport will gain a much greater following overseas.

<http://www.japantimes.com/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20051125f2.htm>

A Japanese panel commissioned to determine whether or not to allow female ascension to the imperial throne has come back supporting allowing the installation of an empress. If the panel's advice becomes law, Princess Aiko will become Japan's first empress since the 18th Century. Conservative pundits have come out venomously opposed to the idea of a female monarch, citing that it would break with tradition. They fail to see that not allowing female succession will lead to a quagmire in which there's no clear direct descendant.

Get your fix on imperial happenings in the two stories I've listed below. Tell your professors and earn some extra credit!

<http://www.japantimes.com/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20051125a1.htm>

<http://www.japantimes.com/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20051126a3.htm>

I'm looking forward to seeing *Sengoku Jieitai 1549*, a time-traveling Japanese military thriller about an SDF officer who goes back in time to take over feudal Japan and the SDF detachment sent back to stop him from altering the future.

It all comes down to a tank vs. samurai battle, and the more I hear about the plot, the more I'm intrigued. Further, it's based on a novel by Harutoshi Fukui, an author whose previous books were turned into the films *Lorelei: Witch of the Pacific* and *Aimless Aegis*.

While reviews of *Sengoku Jieitai 1549* haven't exactly proclaimed it as high art, everything I've read has said the thing's a fun piece of popcorn action fluff.

Check out the official site along with trailers below.

<http://www.sengoku1549.com/>

By Peter Tatara

Be Beautiful's Beautiful Corner

(Two Kazuma Kodaka happenings)

CPM doesn't just publish anime. No, we publish manga, too, and it's not just normal manga. Nope, CPM's the industry leader in the world of yaoi! I know you're proud, 'cause my mommy is, and I've got two bits of Be Beautiful news to share.

First up, Be Beautiful acquired the rights to Kazuma Kodaka's samurai yaoi – *Midaresomenishi* – earlier this year and gave fans the chance to decide the book's English name. We gave voters three choices: *Swords of Passion*, *Entangled Flames*, and *Midaresomenishi: A Legend of Samurai Love*.

With all the votes tabulated, we can now announce the clear winner to be *Midaresomenishi: A Legend of Samurai Love*. We got it, you guys like to keep things in Japanese. Look for *Midaresomenishi: A Legend of Samurai Love* in 2006.

Be Beautiful isn't done yet. Nope, we've got more Kazuma Kodaka news to tell. Because of the tremendous response to Be Beautiful's *Kizuna* DVDs we've gone back and will be releasing a special collector's edition containing interviews, commentary, and footage of Kazuma Kodaka along with some physical pieces of art to be included inside the package. To top it all off, Kodaka-sensei was nice enough to give us a signature at Yaoi-Con 2005, and each and every one of our collector's edition boxes will include a reproduction of her autograph.

We'll have more information about the *Kizuna: Kazuma Kodaka Signature Edition* in the coming months, including a special promotion giving you a chance to win some doujinshi drawn and signed by Kodaka-sensei herself.

Lastly, yes, I know, they're beautiful.



Pre-Order The Scopedog

(Details about CPM's VOTOMS DVD Pre-Order Campaign) **By Scopedog**

Greetings, humans, it is Scopedog again. I've returned to dish all about CPM's coming release of anime masterpiece *Armored Trooper VOTOMS* as well as an exclusive pre-order campaign allowing you fleshbots to be the first to own all of *VOTOMS* at a special price.

Over twenty years ago, *Armored Trooper VOTOMS* defined the sci-fi war story genre of anime. Vertical One-Man Tanks for Offense and Maneuvers (*VOTOMS*) were supposed to usher in a new era of peace but instead only further sank the Astragius Galaxy into a hundred-year war. Now, as this long night is about to come to an end, a peace treaty becomes the opening volley of the personal war of Armored Trooper pilot Chirico Cuvie. Thrown into an underworld of corruption, betrayal, and shadowy regimes, Chirico must cross the galaxy to discover his past and mankind's destiny. (And, he crosses the galaxy inside me!)

From Ryouzuke Takahashi, Kunio Okawara, and Hiroyuki Okuno, the talents behind *Samurai 7*, *Last Exile*, *Ronin Warriors*, *Gundam 0083*, *Gundam Wing*, and *Gundam SEED*, the footprint of *VOTOMS*'s 52 episodes can be felt in every war and robot animation produced today, and now, with restored and remastered video, commentary with the saga's creators, and all inside a custom metal case, Central Park Media has proudly revealed the definitive North American DVD release of *Armored Trooper VOTOMS*.

The story of *VOTOMS* spans four story arcs spread across four vastly different worlds, and throughout 2006, CPM will be releasing the chronicles of Chirico Cuvie in four digipak collections, each completing one of the *VOTOMS* arcs. The sets will be released in March, April, June, and August 2006, each at \$34.95.

Overlord Scopedog, however, is giving

the most dedicated *VOTOMS* fans a chance to own all of *VOTOMS* immediately with a special pre-order campaign that launched December 1 at www.centralparkmedia.com/votoms/. Those who visit CPM's *VOTOMS* site from now until February 7, 2006 will have the ability to pre-order all four volumes of *Armored Trooper VOTOMS* for only \$99.95 – \$50 less than the retail price of the four volumes individually. Each volume will be shipped automatically as they hit street date, and as a special bonus to fans, as part of the final shipment, CPM will include a metal *VOTOMS* ammo can to hold all four volumes of the television series.

The limited-edition *VOTOMS* ammo can will be available only from CPM and, in addition to housing all of CPM's *VOTOMS* release, will include a printed *VOTOMS* field manual exploring the many worlds, relationships, and robots of *Ar*

mored Trooper VOTOMS as well as a special DVD encyclopedia documenting and archiving everything that is *VOTOMS*.

Protoculture Addicts calls *VOTOMS* "one of the most realistic war stories in anime." SciFi.com says *VOTOMS* flows "like any well-crafted novel." Anime on DVD, speaking of *VOTOMS*'s impact on the mecha genre, states "the realistic mecha drama of *Gasaraki*, the movement disc of *Patlabor*, even the dummy plug system of *EVA* all draw from this show."

But what do I, Scopedog, have to say?

"Get out there and pre-order the entire box! *VOTOMS* is the gritty tale of my glorious exploits and the ultimate test of manhood! Are you brave enough to own all of *Armored Trooper VOTOMS*? Look yourself hard in the mirror to decide. I'll be waiting for the strong."

By Peter Tatara *(Helpful holiday hints from CPM's family to yours)*

Of Gifts and Cakes

Ho Ho Ho Nihongo

*(Essential Japanese
... in English)*

The holidays are fast approaching and as an excuse to make shopping for my co-workers extra simple, I took a poll to find out CPM's top ten most-wanted holiday gifts of 2005. Let's go!

10. Pocky
9. Pumpkin Taffy
8. Jet Pants
7. Lifetime Metrocard
6. Life-Size Scopedog
5. PlayStation 3
4. Kakurenbo Plushie
3. Newton Grant
2. Kakurenbo Mask
1. All-Region DVD Player

Next up, CPM presents you all the recipe for the centerpiece of the Japanese Christmas celebration, the Christmas Cake. Really? Yeah. Look it up.

For cake:
1/3 cup all purpose flour
1/3 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup sugar
3 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
1/5 cup melted butter

For whipping cream:
2 cups heavy cream
4 tbsp sugar
16 whole strawberries

Start out by buttering a round cake pan. An eight-inch pan is best. Next, put the eggs, egg yolks, and sugar in a bowl and whisk well. Then, sift in flour and cornstarch and add the melted butter. Mix everything quickly. Once it's reached batter-like consistency, pour everything into the cake pan. Now, place the pan in

a 350-degree oven for 30-40 minutes. Remove when a fork slides cleanly out of the cake. Now, let it cool and cut in half horizontally.

To the icing! Whip your heavy cream and sugar in a bowl. Slice eight of the strawberries into thin strips and add them to the cream – which should look like icing if you're doing this right. Take half the whipped cream and spread it atop the first half of the cake. Place the second piece of cake atop the first and cover the entire thing with the remainder of the whipped cream. Finally, decorate the cake with the eight remaining strawberries.

You believe me about this being a Christmas Cake, right? You're going to look it up, right? Google it just to humor me.

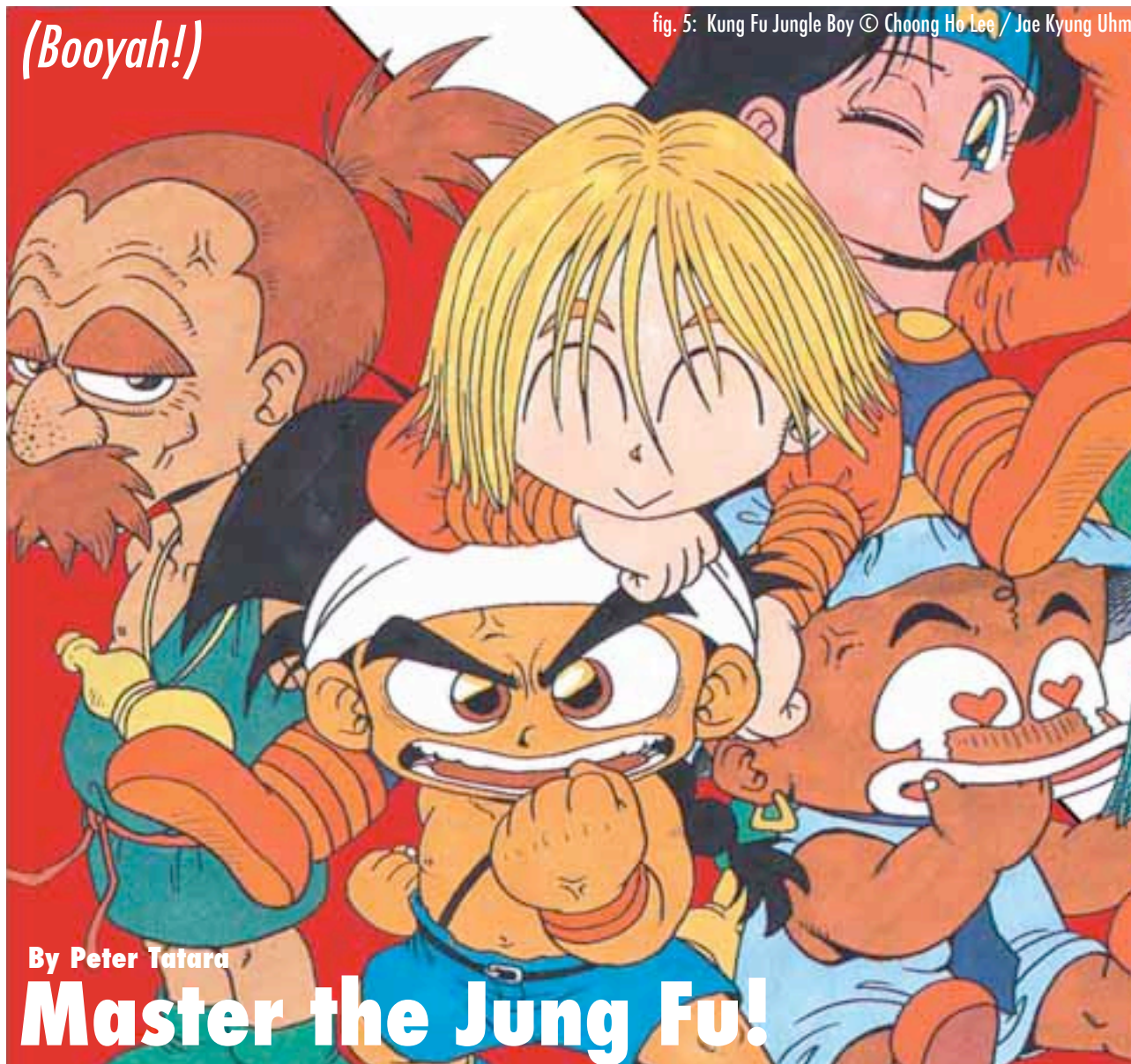
Should you get lost in rural Japan on Christmas or Boxing Day, *Gogai! Gogai!* has some helpful phrases to help you get back home. Actually, they probably wouldn't help you find your way, but they could land you a vegetarian girl from Shinjuku.

Do you believe in destiny?
Unmeitte shinjiru?

Do you have a girlfriend?
Garufurendo ga iru?

Do you have any vegetarian food?
Niko mo sakana mo haitte inai ryoori ga arimasu ka ?

Where can I buy a ticket to Tokyo?
Tokyo made no kippu wa doko de kaemasu ka?



(Booyah!)

fig. 5: Kung Fu Jungle Boy © Choong Ho Lee / Jae Kyung Uhm

By Peter Tatara

Master the Jung Fu!

Last month, CPM offered the first volume of *Angel Shop* exclusively to *Gogai! Gogai!* readers and was very happy with the results. This month, CPM is making the first volume of another title available exclusively through the *Gogai! Gogai!* store – *Kung Fu Jungle Boy!*

What's a *Kung Fu Jungle Boy*? 1) A child born in a magical land who possesses a super human strength matched only by his super human appetite. 2) A hilariously over-the-top manhwa written by Jae Kyung Uhm and illustrated Choong Ho Lee.

CPM will be releasing *Kung Fu Jungle Boy* in bookstores in 2006, but we've got a limited number of the books on hand now and are offering them straight to you. *Kung Fu Jungle Boy* is a non-stop adventure with a heaping helping of humor thrown in.

To be the first to own a copy of *Kung Fu Jungle Boy*, visit www.centralparkmedia.com/animeu/ and click on *Store*. Enter code *JUNGFU* and you should see *Kung Fu Jungle Boy* at the very top of the page for only \$10 just for you!

By Peter Tatara *(Don't listen to a single medical thing I say)*

I Am Not A Doctor!

Last month, I recounted my harried trip to the hospital for what I thought was appendicitis but turned out to be kidney stones. My doctor recommended I keep well hydrated, advice I passed on to you. My boss, though, made sure I mention that I am NOT a medical professional and you shouldn't listen to anything I say (apart from buying some fine, fine CPM DVDs). To further drive this point home, while I encouraged you all to be sure you drink lots and lots of water, it's come to my attention that one can drink too much water.

Called Hyponatremia, it's also known as Water Intoxication and happens when you – as you can guess – drink too much water. A massive influx of water into the body increases the amount of blood plasma, diluting the salt content in blood. If the salt content dilutes

enough, the number of electrolytes available to tissues decreases to a point where it can interfere with brain, heart, and muscle functions. Gasp! Shock! Horror! It gets even worse!

Hyponatremia, if undiagnosed and untreated, can lead to a coma or death! Double gasp! Double shock! Double horror!

How do you know if you have hyponatremia? (Like, hypothetically if you've been drinking five gallons of water on your way to CPM every day since going to the hospital where you were told to keep hydrated.) While hyponatremia is caused by too much water and dehydration caused by too little, the symptoms are actually pretty similar. If you've been chugging bottled water and appear faint, tired, nauseous, and confused,

you might just be over hydrated. How does one cure hyponatremia? Drinking less water is one solution. The other's ingesting more electrolytes, chiefly Glucose, Sodium Chloride, Trisodium Citrate, and Potassium Chloride.

Again, this is where I tell you I'm not Doctor Black Jack, and before following any of my suggestions you should consult a trained medical physician.

In fact, my description of hyponatremia probably isn't that accurate as reading more into the subject, there are lots of latin words and two sub categories of hyponatremia... Pseudohyponatremia and Hypoosmolar Hyponatremia.

So, if you want to know what the difference is between these two, call up your doctor. Don't just trust Google, because

Google told me I had appendicitis, and my trip to the ER, etched clearly in my head thanks to a hefty medical bill, proved the website wrong. (No, Wikipedia doesn't count as a doctor, either.)

The moral of this story, because every story needs a moral, is that too much of something is just as bad as too little. While excesses and extremes are nice on occasion, eating a gallon of ice cream every day or downing five gallons of water will lead to unhealthy consequences.

Thusly, it's advised you lead a life of moderation, exploring and sampling different things, but not jumping overboard into any one habit, hobby, fad, or vice. Again, though, I must caution you that I am not a doctor, and you shouldn't listen to a single medical thing I say. Got it? Good.

By Tony Damigo of Otaku Kai

(A declaration of love for the written word)

Hooked On Manga

Friends have asked me, "Tony! What's so special about manga?" Well, there are many reasons to enjoy reading manga (Japanese graphic novels). For one, many of today's manga come from, or are the basis for, the marvelous animated movies and series that I love. But aside from that, I find reading manga is a great way for me to relax and to spend some of my extra time. With every turn of the page I sink deeper and deeper into the world of a writer's limitless imagination. Here I am swept away to far off lands and thrust into the middle of fantastic journeys. Manga can take me to places where dragons and wizards are the scourge of the land, or to a time where warriors of the past and present join forces to fight a common foe. Manga can also take me to the lighter side... where boys and girls have whimsical lifestyles and comical rivalries abound. In fact, manga can take me anywhere I wish to go.

From the deepest sea, to outer space, to strange planets in the furthest galaxy, manga leads the way. And unlike written novels, manga also has the ability to take me into the author's eye so I can ac-

tually see the action unfold through his or her art.

From my prospective, I see manga as one of the greatest forms of entertainment available today. Not only does it cover every possible genre from action and comedy to drama and insanity, it easily draws your emotions to the surface by provoking your anger, causing you to laugh, or even perhaps by wounding your heart through the loss of a character that you've come to know and love. I believe that manga reflects the author's true skill and ability. By providing memorable characters, a great plot, and a creative storyline, the author can hold my attention and make the whole experience extremely worthwhile, and all this is accomplished with only the use of pen and ink - no special effects.

Over the years the manga industry has provided me with countless hours of fights, spills, thrills, evil villains, and enough cute girls to give any boy a bloody nose. Its portability makes it a great choice for passing time at the doctor's office, at bus station, in the quiet shade of a green tree, or in the solitude

of my room. I even keep one or two books in the bathroom. Am I crazy? Not according to the millions of other manga fans throughout the world. I love this stuff and so do they.

For anyone who doubts the popularity of manga, just go to your nearest bookseller. Chances are they'll tell you that it's one of their best-selling products in the store. Or better yet, peruse through the manga section yourself. I'll bet you'll find something that peaks your interest. But be warned, once you do you'll be hooked on manga, too!

Manga & Manhwa Quiz

Think you know manga and manhwa? Take this brief manga and manhwa quiz! Below are some of the top names in Japanese and Korean graphic novels. Can you name some of the books they've written?

Kia Asamiya	Tomoko Taniguchi
Hyun Se Lee	Ai Morinaga
Hideyuki Kikuchi	Jiro Taniguchi
Youka Nitta	Sook Ji Hwang
Young Hee Kim	Tomohiro Marukawa

CPM Make Your Own Boxsets Boxing Day Sale *(Small print! Big savings!)*

CPM's full of holiday spirit this month and wants to share it! We thought about different things to offer. Fruit cake? Egg nog ramen? Slightly bent paperclips? The list went on and on, but we then stumbled upon an answer. DVDs!

Rather than the usual three or four items we've been putting in our monthly store, this time around we're going to give you all a little something extra.

Where's the *Gogai! Gogai!* store located? If you visit us online at www.centralparkmedia.com/animeu/ and click on *Store* you'll be asked for a password. Enter code *JUNGFU* and you'll be there!

This month, we've got a number of festive savings – so pick up whatever you'd like to make some boxsets of your very own. It's first come, first serve, though, so if you don't order quick, what you want is probably going to disappear.

Exclusive Books

Angel Shop - \$10
Kung Fu Jungle Boy - \$10

\$7 DVDs

Agent Aika: Vol. 1 - \$7
Agent Aika: Vol. 2 - \$7
Birdy the Mighty: Vol. 1 - \$7
Birdy the Mighty: Vol. 2 - \$7
Classics of Japanese Lit: Vol. 1 - \$7
Classics of Japanese Lit: Vol. 2 - \$7
Classics of Japanese Lit: Vol. 3 - \$7
Classics of Japanese Lit: Vol. 4 - \$7
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Hades Project Zeorymer: Vol. 1 - \$7
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Ping Pong Club: Vol. 4 - \$7
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Tokyo Mafia: Vol. 2 - \$7
Tokyo Mafia: Vol. 3 - \$7
Tokyo Mafia: Vol. 4 - \$7
Zero Woman: Vol. 1 - \$7
Zero Woman: Vol. 2 - \$7
Zero Woman: Vol. 3 - \$7
Zero Woman: Vol. 4 - \$7

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Black Jack: Vol. 1 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 2 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 3 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 4 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 5 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 6 - \$14
Black Jack: Vol. 7 - \$14
Cat Soup - \$14
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Gall Force: Vol. 2 - \$14
Gall Force: Vol. 3 - \$14
Gall Force: Rhea - \$14
Gall Force: Earth Chapter - \$14

Gall Force: New Era - \$14
Hammerboy - \$14
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Munto - \$14
Shootfighter Tekken Tough: Vol. 1 - \$14
Shootfighter Tekken Tough: Vol. 2 - \$14
Shootfighter Tekken Tough: Vol. 3 - \$14
Spirit Warrior: Vol. 1 - \$14
Spirit Warrior: Vol. 2 - \$14
Spirit Warrior: Vol. 3 - \$14
Spirit Warrior: Vol. 4 - \$14
Spirit Warrior: Vol. 5 - \$14
The Boy Who Wanted To Be A Bear - \$14
Time Bokan - \$14
Urusei Yatsura: Beautiful Dreamer - \$14
Wrath of the Ninja - \$14

The sale officially ends on January 19, 2006, but as I've said, supplies are limited. Hurry and pick up holiday gifts for all the aunts and uncles you forgot! And after the holidays are over, spend some of that money those same aunts and uncles gave you on all of *Shootfighter Tekken Tough!* *Tekken* always puts me in the holiday spirit. Wait, no. It doesn't. It will teach you all the moves you'll need to survive your spring semester, though.

fig. 6: Chibi-Shinigami by Petrina Cheng of the Anime Society of Ithaca College



Free Swag

(Did you win? Did you? Did you?)
By Peter Tatara

Every month, *Gogai! Gogai!* picks two individuals and two clubs to take home a prize pack of a few new and classic CPM DVDs, this month's prize including *Geobreeders*, *Birdy the Mighty*, and some genuine CPM office supplies!

But, the big question is who won? First up, randomly selected from all entrants in the *Gogai! Gogai!* Mascot Contest, Annie Dzus and the Delaware Anime Society's Kanameiji Chapter will be getting one prize pack sent out to them! Second, the second collection of DVDs and paperclips goes to Tony Damigo and Otaku Kai for Tony's article on the world of manga.

Look for your packages in the mail!

So, what do you do if you want free stuff? It's simple. Anything you send to *Gogai! Gogai!*, be it art, recipes, essays,

editorials, reviews, or photos, will be entered into a monthly drawing. If you're not the creative sort, *Gogai! Gogai!* also selects one winner randomly from respondents to each month's poll. In November, we asked you all to pick our mascot and 48% including Annie voted Scopedog (with 28% voting Anthony and 24% voting Munto). I actually got a vote, too, but Scopedog threatened to pop a cap in me if I officially entered the race.

What's December's poll? We've got two questions for you.

Have you been naughty or nice in 2005?

and...

Dubs or subs?

Send your answers to animeclubs@teamcpm.com with *Poll* in the subject.

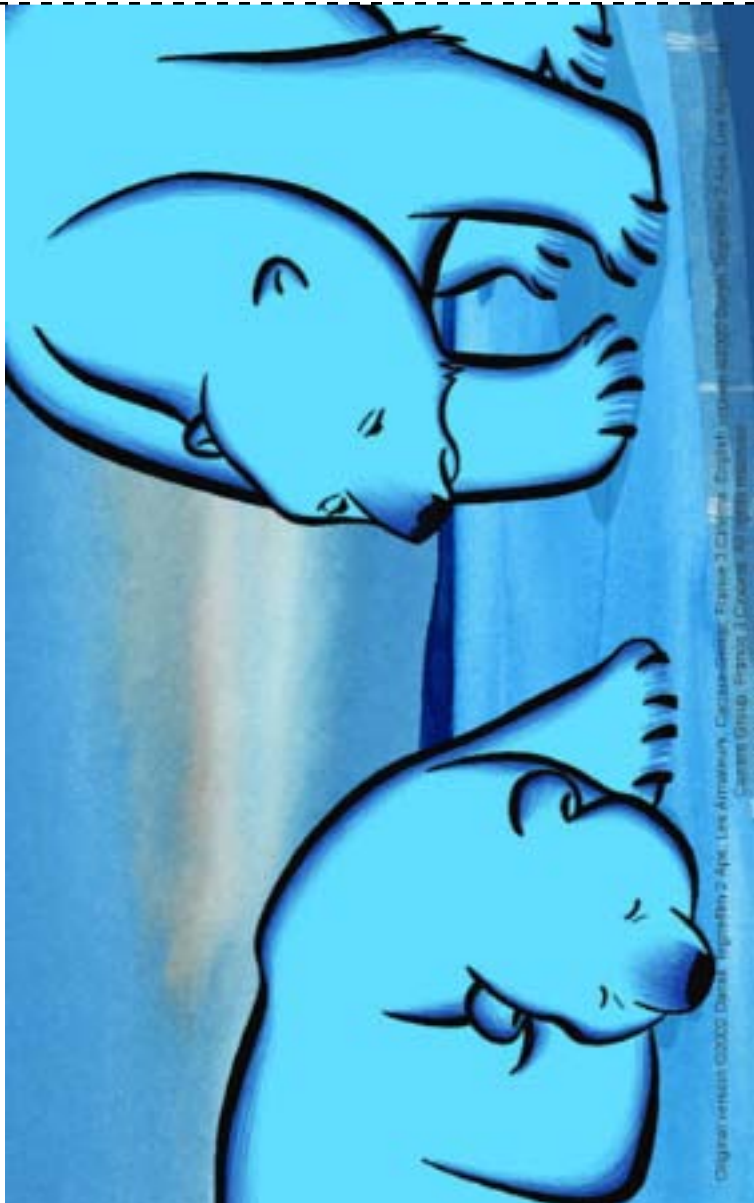
Contingency Card Plan

If you're sending out holiday cards and gifts, you may forget someone – be it an aunt, neighbor, or best friend's pet. And if you're racing around last minute to include said aunt, neighbor, or best friend's pet, CPM is here to help. Simply clip out this holiday and New Year's card, fold down the middle, sign, and stuff in the mail. Another problem solved thanks to the ingenuity of CPM.

fig. 7: The Boy Who Wanted to Be a Bear © Dansk Tegnefilm 2 Aps / Les Armateurs / Carrère Group / France 3 Cinéma

Here's a special holiday and New Year's greeting from CPM and me to you!

Don't be blue, I didn't forget about you!



Spirit Gun

CPM's got some big news for all the *Yu Yu Hakusho* fans out there (and I know there's a lot of you). CPM will be releasing *Yu Yu Hakusho: The Movie - Poltergeist Report* in late January '06. More, we're pricing the film at only \$9.95. I have a feeling I just made a lot of *Yu Yu* fans very happy.

Poltergeist Report takes place following an unnatural rain in the spirit realm that threatens to overflow onto the Earth. And guess who's the only boy with an umbrella? That's right, Yusuke Urameshi!

Topping it off even more, if you visit www.centralparkmedia.com/yuyu/ in January, you'll find a *Yu Yu Hakusho: Poltergeist Report* pre-order page. Want *Poltergeist Report* for \$9.95 with free shipping and goodies? We'll see what we can do.





fig. 9: Kakurenbo © YAMATOWORKS / D.I.C.

New Year's Hide and Seek

(Play a game of Kakurenbo with us on December 31)

Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? If you're in Boston, head over to the New England Anime Society's First Night Party. I'll be there and will be giving away CPM DVDs all night long. We'll also be screening *Alien Nine* and *Animation Runner Kuromi*, too!

If you can't make it to Boston, be sure to visit www.centralparkmedia.com/kakurenbo/ on December 31 because we'll be giving away one copy of *Kakurenbo* every hour of the day! If you can make it through our online *Find Sorincha in time for New Year's* game, you'll be entered to win, and each hour you play you'll get another chance to win!

Also check out www.AnimeOnDVD.com on January 1 for another CPM contest, this one for some advance copies of *Outlanders*. Haven't heard of *Outlanders*?

You will!

Super Bonus Happy Wacky Silly Crazy Small Text!

To protect ourselves from lawsuits, it's time to conclude with some legal jazz...

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