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Suzi

Grendizer in Phillipines!

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Hello Everyone!

Don't wonder too much about the title because I will soon explain.

While browsing the internet I found on one of websites, a piece of information about an English version of Grendizer dubbed in Phillipines and it was the whole series not only the 26 ep which formed part of Force Five.

Since that day and the doubting Thomas inside me was trying to investigate and find out the truth about this information and finally luck has served me recently.

I met a colleague at work who is training to become a psychiatrist in Australia and he is originally from the Phillipines. I have always tried to ask him about Grendizer but I was waiting for the right opportunity, especially that he was a psychiatrist and I did not want to end up labelled with a mental illness.

Anyway, one day we had lunch together at work, and we were talking about the effect of TV programs on children's psychology and behaviour (quite an interesting subject). So I snapped the opportunity and asked him about children's programs in Phillipines and whether they aired any Japanese anime. And he said to me that most Japanese anime were aired on Phillipino TV dubbed in English. Then I asked whether a show called Grendizer was ever shown in the Phillipines, and when he said yes, my heart leapt of joy.

He told me that it was dubbed in English by local Phillipino talents, and it was a good show. Then I asked whether it was the whole series or just a selection of episodes, and he confirmed that it was the whole series.

"Did you like it", I asked him

"not much, it was nice but I liked Daimos and Voltes V more especially Daimos. Did you know that have reaired Daimos in Phillipines after 15 years and not only the older geeneration liked it but also the new generation. It had a very nice story, a combination of love and action and thrill...quite a good show. Did you like Daimos and Voltes V, Suzi?" he said

"Actually, I vaguely remember these shows eventhough their names sound very familiar, yes, yes I remmber what the robots looked like. But I loved Grendizer so much as a child and even until today I am still very fond of it", I said before I realised his facial expression when he repeated after me

"you are still fond of it until today!" he said

"Ohoh! Now I messed it up, and I am certainly going to be labelled with a mental illness by the end of this conversation", I said to myself so I had to create a diversion.

"Well you see, Jxxx, I am not the only adult who is fond of Grendizer so much. There are so many others worldwide, and they are even dedicating wbsites for it in English, French, Italian and Japanese. If you hit the search button you will be amazed with the number of the websites found, and if you visit them you cannot but admire the beautiful content and the great effort put into these websites by their webmasters. I found on one them an information about Grendizer in Phillipines and I just wanted to check it out with you." I explained

"Really, websites for Grendizer!" he exclaimed. "Don't they have anything better to do?"

Oops! now we are all mentally ill, but no I will not let him practice his skills on us, so I said "Well, Jxxx, at least these people are investing their talents in a good thing, sort of a productive fun, and personally I think that this is much better than putting porn or gambling on the internet. I am sure that all of them are pretty busy with work and life commitments yet they spare the time to do that, and they should be credited for it. It might look a bit unusual that we are so fond of a children's show, but fans who are crazy about soccer or cricket are not considered abnormal. Besides, don't you still like Daimos? You were talking passionately about him? and remember what we were just saying about the effect of TV on children"

"Ah! Yes, but not to the limit of making webpages...ok you made your point", he said.

Yes, of course I made my point. There is nothing wrong with us loving Grendizer so much. We want the children inside us to play and have real fun, otherwise our adulthood would be pretty boring and too serious to deal with.

As much as I was dying to ask him about where and how I could get hold of a copy of this version, as much as I avoided even the thought of it. I barely saved myself from being labelled "obsessive", and I certainly did not want to be misunderstood.

Even though psychiatry is interesting and fascinating, I never liked it or even considered it as a career option. I hated its jargon, it is all word salad to me. Besides, the environment that psychiatrists work in is

certainly not my cup of tea. And it is not because I could not tolerate the patients' colourful language and sexual inappropriateness (noting that I grew up in a very religious Christian home and I was taught to tolerate other human's deficiencies and have mercy on all because I am not perfect myself), but because I felt so unable to help many of them recover from the irreversible damage done to their brains by illicit drugs. And this reminded me of Daisuke's quotation in ep 22 when he explained to Koji why he refrained from any physical conflict with Banta

"You could beat your enemy physically but if you lost your mind, there is no cure for you".

Well, I just wanted to share the information about Grendizer in Phillipines with you. I am sorry I could not find out more and I apologise if I have indirectly subjected any of you to any stupid speculation by my colleague. I think you are all wonderful and amazing people. I am proud to be one of you.

Viva les Goldomaniaks!

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Jérôme

^_^Since we're all mentally deficient...

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Very Funny Suzi, definitely your post was interesting for several reasons :

1) Definitely only few people can understand why we are so fond of this anime some 25 years later! I own a pretty nice robot collection (including Grendizer) and it's true that even freinds of mine do consider me as an alien sometimes. But since they know that I'm completely part of that society (I do have a steady job etc.)they accept this passion as a part of my personality. Your comparison with Soccer fans is excellent. After all to me it 's completely nonsense but I do tolerate it!

2) Have you heard of those special night organized in Paris called the Gloubiboulga nights: although I have never been to one, I knwo people who have and it's supposed to be great fun. Why? Because they braodcast in a movie theater, parts or complete episodes of all the series and shows we used to watch when we were kids espécially the grendizer era! Those nights are huge successes! This leads me to the 3rd part of my post!

3) how to analyze it Dr Freud??? In the French Psycho analysis field, a new word has appeared : adulescent (based on adulte and adolescent). It refers to those who are leading adult lives but who are still somehow nostalgic of their childhood (only in the TV shows). Since they (we)are the 1st generation to be studied. I would say that indeed it's a way to react to this harsh society in which we are leaving. before there used to be rituals which were determining the ages of life (childhood, elderly...). Now this has completely disappeared. Yet weare in a society which allows us to be free in many aspects but this freedom is often difficult to manage especially because the individual is left alone. This society has created so much loneliness somehow! I can verify it at school everyday! Some pupils have their parents but they hardly see them, it's crazy. Well I don't want to get into details here but I'm convinced that this is a way of monopolizing good memories in order to keep at a safe distance for a while the difficulties of everyday life and threats. Suzi don't get convinced that I'm an expert in psychology! I've just read many books in order to better understand myself and the people around me esp in my job. I do agree with you on what you said about the environment of psychologists and analysts, it's sometimes too much!

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Gerdha
Re: ^_^Since we're all mentally deficient...
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Jerome, you've taken the words really out of my mouth. I share a specular experience about what you've described in point 1, and I totally agree with you about point 3.

I have passed so many times through Suzi's similar experiences both with Grendizer and my favourite band, and it's really annoying, but it's anyway a good way to verify soon the "tolerance attitude" of the interlocutor, LOL!

I would add to Jerome's considerations that for me the problem lays also in the today "speed" of life. It's all accelerated, kids have no more real childhood because parents have no more time to take care of their kids and "protect" their natural evolution. Me neither want to go into details, but I am horrified to see kids treated, dressed and forced to act like adults. Childhood is a precious time, which is **NEEDED** to create a personality because it's the age when people are allowed to dream, to have hopes and to project themselves towards the future. And an adult is what he has become through all his life, including childhood. An adult personality comprises the "whole" a man/woman has been throughout his/her life. So keeping alive the childhood part means for me to keep alive the vital forces which are needed to go on despite the bad situations and difficulties of the ordinary life an adult must face. It could seem an escapade (and I don't deny that for somebody it could even be, but that's another problem) but an adult person should know him/herself enough to understand when comes the moment to leave the childhood part to take the lead and when instead it's needed a "rational" approach. It's a difficult balance, and the learning process to refine each own's (we are all different persons, and our personal balance cannot be applied to anybody else) is probably the hardest task in life.

I would also add that our generation is very unlucky from a certain point of view: we are the first who have passed through experiences which are totally unknown to the history of human kind (basically peacefully times, TV taking the lead, easy moving by car & train & flights so enhancing cultural exchanges, social changes in relationships between men and women, different approach to religion, smaller families...) so as we are experimenting them as first ever we cannot be "labelled" in usual categories. So astonishing those who are used or feel comfortable to categorise.

About psychologists, psychoanalists and similar, I must say that, like in every field, there are people that are good in their job and others who are not. There are good and bad teachers, good and bad managers, good and bad psychologists and so on. It's a very delicate job as it "handle" human's weakness so the danger of a manipulation of personality is high if managed by a bad professional. But I can assure you that good psychologists and similar are even able to save a life. And to understand everybody of us if we get to tell them we still love Grendizer. I am sure about it. ^_^

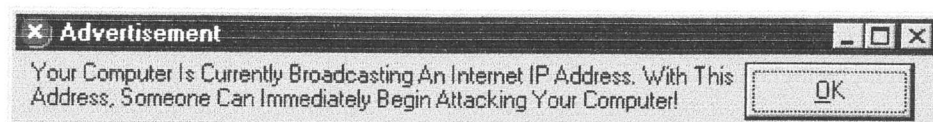
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Agnès

Re: ^_^Since we're all mentally deficient...

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just a few comments, quickly, because I am in a rush.

First of all, Suzi, sorry to keep you waiting about ep.9. To give you a proper answer would take time, which I haven't had lately.

Re: Children's programmes and "real life" ...

The adult "persona" we like to project often looks down on nostalgia as something unrealistic and not quite grown up. Yet, there in many languages, there are sayings suggesting that "there is a child in each of us", and sometimes even an adult in each child. It all depends on how we define those two concepts, and how rigid we are about them. The fact that you can get into huge discussions about childish behaviour or adult behaviour suggests to me that this is yet another binary couple adult/child in dire need of deconstruction.

Two observations: outwardly, my behaviour has become "more childish" (or less SELF-CONSCIOUS, i.e. driven by what others expect of me) as I have grown older and become more "adult". This is an evolution I have observed with many people, especially those whom I respect. Indeed, so-called "childish" behaviour often needs a good dose of humour and self-irony, which is a quality that one can only really acquire if one is honest about oneself and one's often ambiguous and even paradoxical motivations and wishes ...

Point 2: have you noticed how "general conversations" between people that don't know each other usually develop of an evening? Usually people start out sober and talking about "serious stuff" (like work, politics, the war, etc.) and gradually conversations move on to other aspects of life: what kind of music do you like (especially in one's early twenties :-))? movies? directors? ... until finally we get to that point which "everybody" shares: common childhood experiences (do you remember when we?), in our case, as suggested by Jerome and Gerdha, this often includes Children's TV programmes (of the 70s and 80s). This becomes especially apparent if you sit at a table with people with different cultural backgrounds, and they start telling jokes relating to children's shows you never saw or experienced ...

Finally, some TV channels have caught on to this "instinct": witness all the programmes about past TV adverts, or the French series of shows "investigating" TV and music of past decades; M6: "70 à l'heure", "80 à l'heure" and even "90 à l'heure" shamelessly exploit this nostalgia ... and since there's money to be made it becomes economically viable and socially respectable!

And you know (this is a BIG secret) - things were better "way back when" there was more snow, the sun shone brighter, and we were young(er), no matter what generation we belong to :-)))

So ... is there anything wrong with nostalgia? I should think not ... indeed, it can be read as a sign that we enjoy looking back, and that as individuals, we were lucky enough to have had a childhood worth looking back on. :-)))

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one more thing. It's often noticed as well that as we grow older and as we're ageing, we do get back some childish behaviours. Some older people will take back a teddy bear or a doll. It's not because they are sick or becoming mentally deficient. I guess it's a way to counteract the effects of the feelings projected by the coming of Death! The ageing process is very complicated but is profoundly linked to what we experienced in our lifetime and it's true that as a child we had the world to conquer with many possibilities. As the window of the possible narrows we may feel the need to remember those days when we had the chance to dream and not to be ridiculous about our expectations in life whatever our childhood might have been (happy or not). Those special moments (i.e. grendizer!) represent the essential time when we had a bubble of happiness and dream and expectations etc. That's why we cherish them so much I guess.

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