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Gerdha

a "who built Grendizer" summary

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Well, actually we had some discussions in the past here about the problem of "who built Grendizer". Without placing a deep analysis on the matter again (if someone is interested, I think the previous post exchanges are still available rewinding the Forum), the situation is not so clear, but summarising:

- 1) only the french edition of the anime states that Grendizer was built by Vega. The italian edition does not states anything on the matter but Umon's speech in ep2 says clearly that Vega's goal in the attack to Flead was to take possession of a giant robot named Grendizer and his discourse infers that it was a fleedian creature only; on the other hand, nothing never in the italian edition can even remotely suspect any involvement of Vega in building the robot in dialogues. If I have understood correctly, the arabic edition talks about a sort of joint venture between Vega and Flead (Suzi, please confirm)
- 2) in the original manga written by Go Nagai himself, Grendizer is without any doubt built by Flead as a defensive weapon
- 3) another official japanese book about Grendizer states that Fleadians owned the robot by years and years at the moment of the attack
- 3) if Vega built Grendizer, there is no explanation for the fact its scientists did not own its plans and could not reply it, both from a technological point of view, its incredible power and the kind of energetic supply which is mainly different from the monsters one.
- 4) if Grendizer was built by Vegans it's inexplicable the introduction of an identification code in it. If it existed at the time of the attack to Flead, why did Vega introduce it in order to allow only DF to use the robot? If it was Umon who added the code with Actarus' help, how could Daisuke know the technology if the robot was built by Vega?
- 5) DF is able to repair Grendizer in ep13 and Umon can do the same in ep53. So Actarus knew Grendizer constructive plans perfectly. This can mean that at least the robot was created with Flead involvement
- 5) the background story of Duke Flead's engagement with Rubina could be very difficulty explained without the aim of King Vega to gain control of Grendizer. In japanese, arabic and italian versions, the engagement proposal came in fact by King Vega himself at first, and it's hard to find a logical reason for this if not his aim to take control of the planet indirectly for a major purpose.
- 6) the fact that vegans knew some details about Grendizer way of working (the solar energy, the 7 seconds issue of the transfer) can be easily explained by the fact that during DF&Vegalia's engagement Vega's officials or scientists could have obtained such kind of information during their staying in Flead. For sure vegans never knew anything "consistent" about Grendizer apart some random particulars, and it is absurd if it was Vega who built it
- 7) instead, the japanese version of ep71 talks about the relationships between Flead and Moru in a way that let suppose the possibility that Grendizer was the result of the technological exchanges between the two "twin planets"

Hope it helps ^_^

Gerdha

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Suzi

Re: a "who built Grendizer" summary

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The arabic version states that Vega had confiscated the science logos and technologies of Planet Flead to build Grendizer. More or less it is based on Fleedian technology, and that can be very well noted from the kind of fuel it uses, and its basic construction of a robot and a saucer as you have all noticed that no other vegan monster had a robot and a saucer. If you have noted that most vegan saucer animals could transform into a robot, or they are a monster robot from the start, none of them was like Grendizer, so by common sense Grendizer could never be a "purely" vegan invention.

Eventhough it was not clearly stated in ep 2, that Grendizer was still in its construction phase when the Vegans were attacking Flead, the dialogue in ep 49 clearly indicated that it did exist at the time of the attacks and that the vegans had taken control of it.

The american version of ep 2 states the same.

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No, I don't think so. If the Vegans had taken control of Grendizer during its construction, then obtaining such information was not a big deal at all. In actual fact, the arabic dialogue in ep 11 by Blaki to Gandal stated that Blaki had well noted that the Fleedian inventors of Grendizer did not consider the effects of eclipse on the machine. Which indicates that the Vegans did take control of Grendizer during its construction and forced the Fleedian scientists and engineers to complete it.

Why was Vega unable to reconstruct another weapon like Grendizer? The answer is very simple. DF had destroyed all the data related to its construction that was stored in the vegan computers prior to reclaiming Grendizer from them and escaping to Earth, and therefore Vega was unable to retrieve these data to make another "Grendizer".

As for the ID code, I believe that DF had introduced it himself after retrieving Grendizer from the vegans, so that even if they manage to kill him and take Grendizer again, they will not be able to use it in destroying and killing others. Afterall Flead was a pacifist Planet and never supported wars, and DF wanted its technologies and science to be used for peace not war.

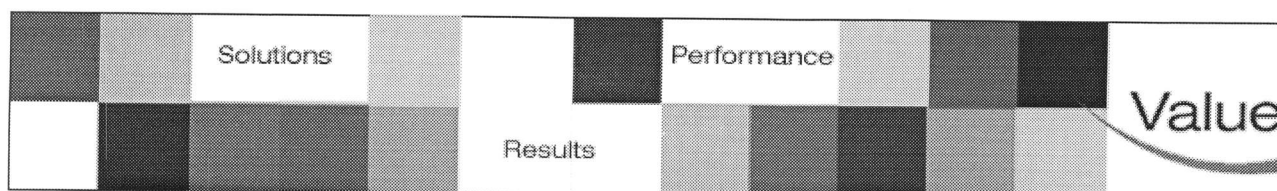
But Gerdha allow me to ask you a question

>>>> instead, the japanese version of ep71 talks about the relationships between Flead and Moru in a way that let suppose the possibility that Grendizer was the result of the technological exchanges between the two "twin planets" <<<<<

Is that clearly stated in the japanese dialogue or is it just your own assumption, as I can't recall any such statement that Grendizer was the result of a joint venture between Planets Flead and Morro?

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Gerdha

again on Grendizer construction

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Sorry Suzi, but if it was Vegans who "stole" the science of Flead to build Grendizer, why it was located in Flead? They should have constructed it on Vega instead. The fact that Grendizer WAS located in Flead is a clear indication that it was built by Fleadians. I accept that it could have been a sort of joint-venture; actually I think that Flead built the robot on the basis of a sort of "supply order" from Vega and then refused to get it to the "customer" in the end considering its puissance and the fact that it could be helpful for them to not be conquered by Vega.

I really don't understand how Grendizer could have been constructed by Vegans (even on the basis of Fleadian technology). Flead was not a "slave" planet at the time of the construction, how could have Vega "stolen" fleedian technology? And if it did it so, why did they build only Grendizer? It has no sense. Instead, all the background story of the anime let infer that Grendizer WAS the reason behind the attack to Flead. Umon in italian version says this very clearly: the aim of Vega in the attack was to take possession of Grendizer, and DF succeeded in subverting their plan taking away the robot.

I forgot to add a point 10) to my list: Uchu Enban Daisenso states without doubts that Gattaiger was a fleedian robot and DF took it escaping from his planet in order to avoid Yabarn to use it to conquer the universe. This story is consistent with italian version in ep2, and I can tell you for sure that nobody here could have had a vague idea of the existence of the pilot movie in 1978, so our translator cannot have taken inspiration from UED.

The story of DF destroying Grendizer constructive plans is absurd, Suzi. First of all, when and how could he have done a similar thing? During the attack to his planet, between bombs falling? Secondly, the hypothesis that only one mega-general plan existed is out of reality (please believe me, I work in a technical environment and this hypothesis is out of question). If you think that the plans were all memorised in unique copy in the robot so DF could do a sort of CTRL-ALT-CANC I can say this is contrary to any safe and correct development rule. And why destroying the plans if he had taken possession of the robot? How could DF suppose to repair it or enhance it in the future if he destroyed the constructive plans? Do you believe he learnt them by eidetic memory? I don't recall any dialogue or information in the whole anime that can let suppose DF destroyed the constructive plans of Grendizer. A similar hypothesis is not stated neither in both manga versions nor in any other official source to my knowledge.

About ep71, Duke Flead says that the two twin planets were used to exchange their best technology knowledges (and in fact that's the way DF and Morusu get to know each other: as exchanging students). It's my own assumption, because - as I have written in my introduction to the italian adaptation - the whole final arc is constructed in a way to validate the background story of the anime, and that particular cannot have been in my opinion introduced for a casualty. Saying that Flead and Moru exchanged their best technology means to me that Grendizer (even if ordered by Vega, I can admit the origin of the reason why it was built was on a supply order) could have been the technical result of a joint effort between Flead and Moru. It's my hypothesis, I don't understand otherwise why introducing this strange particular in ep71 dialogues.

No official japanese source talks about any Vega involvement in the construction of Grendizer, and what is inferred in the anime is only that Vega knew some particulars about its functionality.

So, summarising, my opinion is like that:

- Grendizer was built on a supply order basis from Vega (which communicated the technical specifications and so on) by Flead with a possible help from Moru
- once completed the robot, Flead refused to give it to the customer thinking to keep it as a defensive

weapon given the political situation

- to get control of Grendizer, King Vega first tried through the engagement of his daughter to the prince of Fleed, then - for reasons still under discussion ;-) - decided to attack the planet
- DF succeeded in taking away the robot
- DF never needed to destroy its constructive plans as Vega never had them nor had enough technical knowledge to reply it (otherwise Vega would have constructed it by itself). Vega only communicated the main functional specs (solar energy, etc) but never knew how fleedian implemented them (I want an increase salary by my boss for this, ahahah)
- I believe the ID code was introduced by fleedian scientists before the attack of Vega, but I have no problem to admit that it could have been DF himself soon after taking possession of the robot
- for sure, I don't believe Vega had anything to do with the concrete building of Grendizer

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Gerdha

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Suzi

Re: again on Grendizer construction

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You don't have to be so defence Gerdha,
You have asked me for clarification of what is said in the arabic version and I did. My impressions and my theories come from the version I understand the most, the arabic one. Just like you forming your impressions and theories based on the italian one.

I believe that Grendizer was initially a pure Fleedian project invented by Fleedian scientists for Flead itself without foreign influence or orders from Vega or any other alien force. But at the time of Vegan attacks it was still "incomplete" and Vega had completed its construction.

And please allow to calmly discuss a few points with you.

>>>>.but if it was Vegans who "stole" the science of Flead to build Grendizer, why it was located in Flead? They should have constructed it on Vega instead The fact that Grendizer WAS located in Flead is a clear indication that it was built by Fleedians<<<<

I don't disagree with that but at the time of the Vegan attacks it was incomplete from a construction perspective and Vega confiscated its construction plans and completed the project on Flead itself because it could have been possible to transport the incomplete project to Planet Vega. Besides the workshop of Grendizer, or the place of construction was on Flead along with the computers containing the data (this is what Vega has confiscated and what DF might have destroyed before leaving Flead) as well as the workers and the inventing scientists. As you can see it would have impossible for Vega to transfer all this to Planet Vega to make Grendizer there.

>>>Flead was not a "slave" planet at the time of the construction<<<<

In ep 72, Vega was telling Zuril that he had abolished all the authorities and influence of King Flead prior or around the time of sending his daughter Rubina there. What does "abolish a King's authority mean", other than that his kingdom is "enslaved" to another power?

>>>Umon in italian version says this very clearly: the aim of Vega in the attack was to take possession of Grendizer<<<

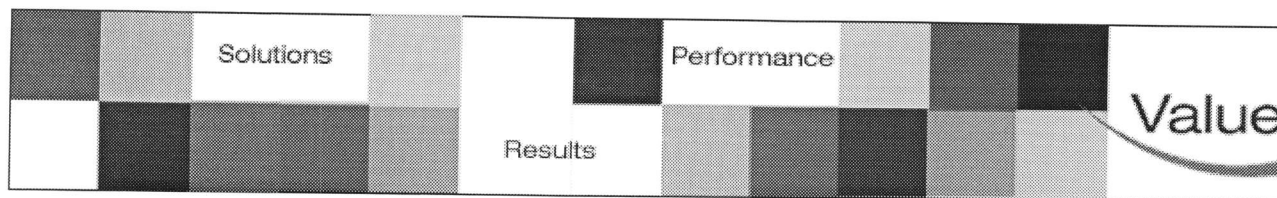
Did the italian dialogue state in what form did Vega take Grendizer? I mean was there any specificity about taking hold of the "completed" robot itself or just its construction plans or its semi constructed form?

>>>>The story of DF destroying Grendizer constructive plans is absurd, Suzi<<<<

Actually Gerdha this was stated in the american dialogue of the ep 2. I did not make it up. But it sounds very plausible if you think about it calmly. DF could have easily made all the copies of the Grendizer construction plans that he wanted and kept it with him safely before destroying the computers containing these information. Besides Gerdha, he could have simply introduced a "virus" to wipe out all the relevant information in all the Vegan computer network. That is not impossible and it is not an absurd idea.

>>>No official Japanese source talks about any Vega involvement in the construction of Grendizer, and what is inferred in the anime is only that Vega knew some particulars about its functionality<<<

I am currently working on the Japanese dialogue of ep 2, and we could all (including myself) be in for a surprise, my dear ^_^.



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Gerdha

Re: again on Grendizer construction

Thu Jun 26 21:51:12 2003

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I am not defensive, Suzi, I am only writing during lunch time at work and I have not much time available (even now!) to refine my wording. Sorry.

I really don't understand why you suppose that Grendizer was unfinished at the time of the attack of Vega. The flashback in ep2 shows Vega seeing Grendizer COMPLETED, and DF AFTER it attacking the vegan army. So Grendizer WAS COMPLETED at the time of the attack of Vega. I know you think that the conquest of Flead lasted years, but I disagree with this, I don't think it took such a long time (maybe some weeks at maximum). There is no indication of a possible incompleteness of Grendizer in the anime in whatsoever edition (unless the Japanese one which I don't know).

If the planet was under destruction, how could Vega have had the resources to complete Grendizer? To construct something needs material, people, good infrastructures. Vega did not have enough scientific knowledge to do it, otherwise they would have built Grendizer by themselves. How could Vega "complete" Grendizer on Flead during the destructive attack?

And why attacking Flead then if it was already an enslaved planet? Why the story of the engagement? For what reason should have King Vega thought to engage his only daughter and heir to his throne to the prince of an already enslaved planet? From a political point of view it would have been an illogical decision. The dialogue you are referring to in ep72 is in the Arabic edition? The Italian one does not say anything like that; instead it infers King of Flead had still a perfect authority on his realm. As a matter of fact DF NEVER says anything about Vega having "destroyed" his father's authority before the attack. During the whole anime the attack to Flead is always presented as a surprise. Also in the Japanese ep71 (the loudspeaker says "Vega forces are here! Vega forces are going to attack us!!!"), and DF talks with Morusu clearly inferring that Vega's attack was not expected and they were still a free planet.

I don't trust the American dialogues, Suzi, that edition is well known as terrible. I can trust the Arabic, the Italian, even the French, but not the American one, sorry.

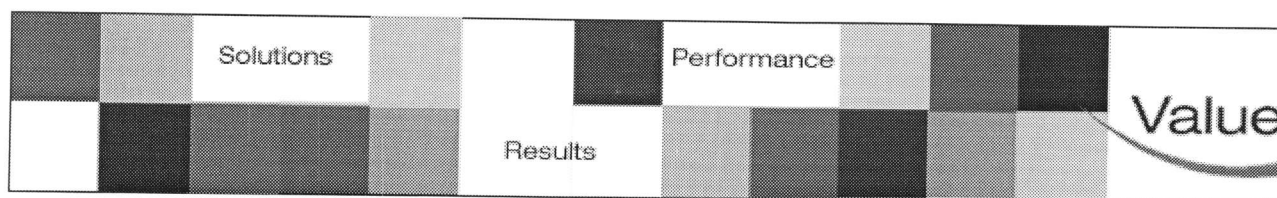
We can play with our theories, Suzi, you know I love this game ^_^, but as a matter of fact no source (manga, books, Roman album, Grendizer Bible, UED) let understand anything like an incomplete Grendizer finished by Vega, DF destroying the constructive plans, King of Flead without effective authority at the moment of the attack.

Sorry for the rushing wording, I have really few moments available for writing. Please don't be offended by anything I have said! ^_^

Ciao,
Gerdha

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Suzi

When is this discussion going to end?

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Ok, I really wasn't keen on carrying this discussion but you are tempting me.

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These flashbacks could have been after the completion of the project, or let us say at the "baptising" ceremony of Grendizer. I mean Vega coming to receive the completed project. The project Gerdha, could have been "near completion" at the time of the attack of Flead which even if took weeks as say, completing the project by Vega is not impossible.

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The workshop of Grendizer could well be underground unaffected by destructive attacks and that explains what I perceive as a glass lift (elevator) that DF used to reach Grendizer in ep 2 (you know the thing you interpreted as a glass prison)

Besides Gerdha, in a war with a strong army like Vega it is not difficult to have a good infrastructure, and it is not difficult to use Flead's natural resources to finish a nearly finished project.

>>>The dialogue you are referring in ep72 is in the arabic edition? <<<

Yes, it is and the dialogue actually goes like this:

Zuril: King Flead wanted DF to marry Rubina to enforce peace

Vega: umh even if We made King Flead without influence, it was a mistake to leave Rubina on his planet.

>>>. During the whole anime the attack to Flead is always presented as a surprise. Also in the japanese ep71 (the loudspeaker says "Vega forces are here! Vega forces are going to attack us!!!"), and DF talks with Morusu clearly inferring that Vega's attack was not expected and they were still a free planet<<<

The arabic version does not contradict that and even in ep 2 it stated that the Vegan attacks were sort of unexpected for no good reasons. Even the dialogue of ep 71 is consistent with that but I am not sure about "still a free planet" bit because that dialogue (I mean the arabic) indicated that that attack was not the first, but followed a number of others that almost destroyed most of Planet Flead, and that the Vegans were going to attack Planet Moru too.

>>We can play with our theories, Suzi, you know I love this game ^_^, <<

I like it too ^_^

>>>Sorry for the rushing wording, I have really few moments available for writing. Please don't be offended by anything I have said! ^_^

I am not offended Gerdha, it takes really a lot to offend me, and I literary mean that "a lot". Besides, I readily understood from your previous post style that you were in a rush and busy. And I understand that.

I just meant by saying that you were defensive that in your rush you did not read my post carefully and got so worked up (which I also understand). And I do understand too how we all want to prove that our theory is the "only" logical and the best answer.

More or less Gerdha, I deal with science which is facts, hypotheses and theories and therefore I am very open minded to what others want to say as long as there is "good evidence " for it. I even evaluate their statements and try to analyse it rationally. I think you have already noticed that.

I don't see your theory absurd or funny, it is quite bright, but I am not convinced with it and I disagree with many parts of it. I understand that these differences in interpretation did stem from dialogue differences and personal interpretation of the anime, and that is why we visit this forum and discuss our points of view. Yes, I do pay attention to detail, even minor ones, which might annoy a lot of people but that is because of my work which has greatly influenced me. The smallest detail can make the difference between a heart attack and a muscle sprain.

I am sorry if you find me analysing, discussing or questioning minor fine details annoying in any way, but even when I do so I try not to be an "attacker" but an "analyser" although stress and rush might sometimes result in a different outcome.

In short I am not offended and I understand and I do enjoy our discussions very much ^_^
Ciao!

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Gerdha

one little last comment

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Okay, we disagree on the matter of Grendizer construction story. Or better, we agree it was not a purely vegan creature and it was mainly built by Flead. After all, the discussion started about this point, so I hope our friends here are now convinced at least that the situation is not clear at all and a lot of theories can be imagined on the matter.

But I need to clarify a last note about ep71. I am sorry, but the arabic version is wrong, Suzi: Duke Flead's speech at the balcony in japanese edition does not infer in any way a multiple attack of Vega or anything to the extent you have reported. DF's exact words at the balcony once he has saved Morusu from falling are "As Vega is attacking this Planet Flead, also your Planet Moru could be in danger. Morusu, don't think about me and come back to Planet Moru immediately" That's all. No reference is done before nor later to the attack of Vega, and these words cannot be intended as the attack lasted from a while; the attack started when the loudspeaker announced the arrival of vegan spacers (the wording is clear in japanese).

Ciao!

Gerdha

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