

what are we watching on dvd?



GODANNAR VOLUME 1

5 Episodes, 125 Minutes, Rated TV MA VS (ADV Films), 7-volume series., Rel. 10/4

In the past few years, we have seen a lot of mecha using fan service as a way to attract anime viewers and our last review of "Gravion Zwei" from ADV Films was a prime example of that.

When I first received a review copy of "GODANNAR" volume 1, the DVD case gave me an idea that perhaps this might be another T&A mecha anime. But most importantly, I was hoping to have a good storyline to go along with that fan service.

Needless to say that "GODANNAR" is an anime that really caught my attention and definitely gives a unique spin to mecha anime.

The first episode introduces the main characters. Five years ago, Anna was rescued by Goh (who pilots GODANNAR) during a time a Mimetic Beast was attacking Earth.

From that moment of being rescued, she fell in love with Goh.

Present time, Anna attends

high school, nearly every guy want to date her and she is one of the best athletes at school and is admired by her classmates.

What they don't know is that Anna is being trained to pilot a giant robot for a major group run by her mother Kiriko.

What they also don't know is that she is getting married to the man who saved her life five years ago.

As for Goh, he promises himself to never fail a love one after he loses his partner and girlfriend Mira in battle.

Also, unknown to the people in the force that Goh is getting married to Anna.

Where "GODANNAR" separates themselves from other mecha anime is despite the fact that Goh is a capable warrior in battle with his mech, only when his mech fuses in battle together with his wife Anna's mech, is when GODANNAR becomes a superior force to be reckon with.

Unfortunately, Anna is not as experienced and most of all,

Goh was not expecting his wife to be his partner in battle. He hopes that she will not be after the death of Mira. But Anna is determined to work hard and do what she can to be with Goh.

Throw in other complexities of love triangles with fellow pilot, Shirizu who is in love with Goh and also to find out that Mira, Goh's former love who is thought to be dead is very much alive and a force who is not so approving of the older adult marrying a 17-year old pilot in training, things look a bit rocky for the newlyweds.

As for those of you wondering about the T&A factor, yes... there is a lot of fan service in this anime.

As for the DVD, although we only watched a review copy with the first three episodes, "GODANNAR" definitely looks promising and I can't wait to watch more episodes.

The English dub seemed a bit frantic in the first episode with so many cut scenes but once things settle in, the dub for each characters are well done.

The DVD is scheduled to be released on October 4th and special features will include character profiles, mechanical profiles, GODANNAR Key Words and a top secret case file, clean opening and ending animations and both English 5.1 and Japanese 2.0 with English subtitles.

Definitely check out "GODANNAR" volume 1. A fun, fresh, entertaining mecha anime to come out in years.

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REVIEW GRADE

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