



GRAVION ZWEI

2 episodes, suggested for TV MA VS (ADV Films)

GRAVITY KNOWS NO BOUNDS IN GRAVION

In 2002, the original “Gravion” anime series debuted in Japan.

Animated by GONZO (“Full Metal Panic!”, “Chrono Crusade”), the 13-episode TV series featured an interesting mecha storyline reminiscent of old school mecha series such as “Voltron”, human vs. alien storyline like “Macross” and women that are immensely endowed that gravity has no bounds that no animated TV character can compare. That’s Gravion.

Of course, “Gravion” is more than beautiful endowed women and cool mecha, it’s about the human race kicking ass. In 2041, the alien race known as Zeraiba are on a path of destruction.

That is every planet they cross, they bring destruction and now their sights are set on Earth.

What the Zeraiba don’t know is that Earth has been planning on their invasion thanks to Kurain Sandoman (Mr. Sandman) who commands the Aasu Garatsu army.

And they have a special weapon known as “Gravion”, that features vehicles (known as GD) that can form into the mecha Gravion.

The first television series focuses on the various pilots of different GD’s and banding together to form Gravion and to fight against the Zeraiba.

The second animated TV series which debuted in 2004, “Gravion Zwei” (zwei means two in German) which is a storyline to learn more about Sandman and the intentions of the Zeraiba.

I recently had the opportunity to watch the first two episodes of “Gravion Zwei” and so far, the anime manages to keep up with the fan service but episode 1 features some of the GD pilots having to work as maids after one of the pilots lose a bet and episode 2 features one of the GD vehicles gone crazy.

The episodes thus far are a bit too crazy and although you get to see the Gravion in battle, I admit that I was pretty much lost with the first

two episodes.

It seems the first two episodes are a bit of a resting period for our characters before the major battle begins.

So, It’s really too early for me to give a review on this title because there is definitely a buildup for something bigger coming up for the series.

If there is one negative that I could find with “Gravion Zwei” (from just watching the first two screener episodes) is that this second series kind of requires you to have knowledge of the previous series.

Unlike other anime with multiple seasons will go into a brief introduction of what happened before, you really don’t get that with “Gravion Zwei”.

You are automatically introduced to over a dozen characters or more from the first episode and if you have no familiarity with the previous “Gravion” series, you will be lost.

Last, I think the cover of “Gravion Zwei” gives off an impression that this anime may be a “for adult” hentai type of anime with scantily clad women in lingerie greet the front cover of the DVD.

Especially with the big, catchy headline on the back cover with “GRAVITY-DEFYING BREASTS!”

Despite the emphasis on humongous well-endowed women, since this was a TV series, I think “Gravion Zwei” has a competitor with the release of “Divergence Eve” (also released by ADV Films) in the fan service department.

But I did enjoy the original “Gravion” series and it’s great to see a new series.

So, make sure to catch “Gravion” now available on DVD and “Gravion Zwei” which will be out in March 2005 from ADV Films.

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REVIEW GRADE

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