



ECCHI ANIME + SCI-FI = THIS!

THIS UGLY YET BEAUTIFUL WORLD

3 Episodes, ADV Films

Back in 2004, Gainax was back with an science fiction-based anime titled “Kono Minkuku mo Utsukushii Sekai” (This Ugly Yet Beautiful World).

The story focuses on Takeru. An orphan who wonders about his life, how has no ambition whatsoever.

That is until one day, coming home with a friend after work, they see what appears to be a UFO.

As the two curious friends check out the light, they see a naked woman (alien with human characteristics) who he names Hikari and all of a sudden Takeru vows to protect Hikari.

At the same time, Takeru exhibits unusual powers that can easily make him a killing machine.

Making things go a little interesting, Hikari seems to exhibit some wickedness to make you

question if she’s a good alien or evil alien.

But all-in-all, what appears to be a typical guy finds alien, guy falls for alien, alien loves guy and both live happily ever after (with the occasional challenges to their relationship), this anime somehow goes to a weird direction in episode 2.

In episode 1, where the episode tends to leave off with Takeru and friend finding Hikari and protecting her from another alien species trying to kill her, episode 2 goes full force in ecchi (perverted) anime.

In episode 2, Takeru introduces his close friends to Hikari and explaining to them that she is an alien. You get most unusual hentai scene that I’m just surprised that I can’t even describe.

Let’s just say that an American scientist moves into room at the same place that Takeru lives. But when the scientist (who happens to be well-endowed) listens to Hikari’s

problems, she offers to take a shower with Hikari and feels her up.

Granted, I’m no stranger to perverted anime but “This Ugly Yet Beautiful World” seems to bounce from being an anime that dwelves into science fiction but when it has the time to delve into perverted situations, the drama will go there. Unfortunately, in the oddest of moments.

In episode 2, the storyline focuses on Hikari as she doesn’t feel right living with Takeru and upon leaving the home and getting lost, Takeru and friends go search for her.

In episode 3, Takeru’s friend finds another alien named Akari (and similar to Hikari) that he befriends and the storylilne focuses on her as she tries to find her pet.

Although, I have only pre-viewed the first three episodes, knowing that the series lasted only 13 episodes, I’m hoping we get answers to why things happened the way they did in the first episode..

The second and third episodes really didn’t continue where the first episode left off but I’m sure we’ll learn more about why the aliens are after Hikari. Why did Takeru develop these special powers? And what was up with that wicked smile and laugh from Hikari after she defeated the alien.

Wth a release date planned for July 4th from ADV Films, I look forward to watching more of this anime but I’m hoping that the obtrusive ecchiness doesn’t ruin the storyline in future episodes.

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