



KEKKO KAMEN

4 episodes, 90 minutes, RATED: TV MA SL (ADV Films)

FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE! FREEDOM! AND THE NAKED TRUTH!

That Go Nagai! His creations of anime characters such as “Cutey Honey”, “Devilman” and many other popular titles have won many anime fans hearts but way back in 1991, “Kekko Kamen” was an anime that I never saw coming.

During those old school anime days, Go Nagai has been known as one of the great human treasures of Japanese manga and of the anime industry.

Nagai has been credited for both modern horror comics/anime and the invention of the mecha genre but Nagai and perverted anime? It’s just something that I couldn’t fathom. Could it be possible?

So, when rumors started swirling around that Go Nagai has an animation featuring a nude female superhero with a unique special move. I heard it was hentai but also unlike hentai that was out at the time (usually it was “Urotsukidoji” or “Cream Lemon” related). No sex scenes but nudity and loads of perverted humor.

When “Kekko Kamen” finally

came out in the U.S., I couldn’t wait to check it out!

The storyline of “Kekko Kamen” revolves around an interesting school known as “Big Toenail of Satan’s Spartan Institute of Higher Education” ran by the perverted, masked principal and a lecherous teacher who enjoys punishing the students (and always wearing a surgical mask).

The first OAV is about disciplining those who don’t do well in their tests and unfortunately for sleepy student Takahashi Mayumi, she accidentally is caught sleeping and she has to be punished.

Who to punish Mayumi is the much feared Nazi dominatrix.

As Mayumi is chained up and her clothes being whipped off her, who is to save her but a masked, nude and well-endowed superhero named Kekko Kamen. Multi-talented with great fighting skills and special moves such as “Muff-ication”, Kekko Kamen fights for justice, freedom and the naked truth.

And in the first OAV, Kekko Ka-

men uses S&M techniques to overpower the Nazi dominatrix to save Ms. Takahashi.

And in the next three episodes, Mayumi will continue to get kidnapped (and removed of her clothing) by the principal and the teacher as they try to find ways to capture and defeat Kekko Kamen.

“Kekko Kamen” was definitely one of the few anime at the time to start the perverted hentaish (without the sex) that we see right now but the anime was so over the top that the storyline and characters have not been duplicated.

OAV 2 features Kekko Kamen vs. a gym coach, OAV 3 features Kekko Kamen vs. an exchanged student armed with tentacles (what perverted anime can not have tentacles) and OAV 4 features Kekko Kamen vs. a perverted picture-taking samurai who just can’t stop taking naughty photos of the girls on campus.

It’s been well over a decade since I watched “Kekko Kamen” and watching it today, still works.

I guess perverted humor hardly gets old but I couldn’t help but laugh because this anime is so over-the-top and perverted.

Unfortunately there are only 4 OAV’s but for those who want more, you can also find the original manga published by Shueisha and also the “Kekko Kamen” live movies.

As for the animation, since this is old school anime, don’t expect something super.

The anime features the English and Japanese vocal track in 2.0 and for special features, original character sketches are included.

There’s no way I can knock “Kekko Kamen” because it’s so entertaining.

No matter how old the anime is, it still doesn’t disappoint. I can’t describe how zany, fun and perverted this anime is but I definitely can recommend checking this DVD out.

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REVIEW GRADE

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