



MYTHICAL DETECTIVE LOKI RAGNAROK

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For those of us who have some familiarity with Norse mythology, many of us are familiar with Asgard, Odin, Thor and Loki through comic books.

We know Thor as the good god of thunder and Loki as the father of lies and deceit. The trickster god.

This series aka "Matantei Loki Ragnarok" is based on a manga series by Sakura Kinoshita.

The anime series is directed by Hiroshi Watanabe ("Slayers", "Orphen" and "Tactics").

In "Mythical Detective Loki Ragnarok", the anime is based loosely on Norse mythology.

Loki being banished by the Allfather, Odin, from Asgard, the land of Gods.

For some unknown reason, Loki is forced to live in the world of mortal men as a child.

With limited powers of a god, he tries to uncover the truth about his banishment and how he can return home by running a detective agency with his trusted assistant Yamino and teenager, Mayura.

What Loki wants to know is why Odin is sending god after god to destroy him.

I was able to preview the first three TV episodes and enjoyed them thus far.

The first episode is actually very dark and features a demon doll who feels her child owner left her (when actually, the owner perished in a fire).

For teenager, Mayura, she is addicted to the mysterious and is amused by the powers of this young doll.

Hoping to cash in on this doll and calling all her friends, a cat steals the doll and runs off with it.

Seeing an unusual detective agency near her home, she tries to get some help until she realizes that the detective is a young child.

As Mayura finds the doll, Loki realizes that this doll is possessed by an angry spirit. For Mayura, the doll treats her as if she was the original owner and wants payback for being left.

This leads to a battle between Loki and the demon doll.

Where episode 1 is more of

an introduction to Mayura and how she becomes a member of the agency, episode 2 and 3 are more or less introductions to other gods living among mortals.

Episode 2 introduces the viewer to Thor known to Mayura as student, Narugami.

Thor was sent by Odin to kill Loki. When he found no point in doing so and refused, he was trapped in the mortal world and is now trying to find a way back.

In episode 3, we are introduced to Hiemdall, a god sent to kill Loki and faithful to Odin. He has a grudge against Loki who appears to have stolen his right eye.

So far, all I can comment on is the first three episodes. I did find the first episode enjoyable because it was a bit dark but episode 2-3 became more humorous, so I am curious how the anime progresses further on in the series. I definitely preferred the darker storyline of episode 1.

The animation looked very good thus far, especially in the first episode.

The voice acting in the English dub is well done. The voice for Loki is done very well and sounds as if a mature person is in a child's body. Right on target!

The anime left me wondering how this anime series would play off.

The main thing that left me wondering the most is if Loki is indeed a good character and through banishment, is living a life of helping people or if he's still a deceptive god. I guess we will find out.

We will have a full review of "Mythical Detective Loki Ragnarok" very soon.

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