

# Anime

*TTGT11 VI: Lick My Love Pump*

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**Subject:** Anime! There are no powers. Why? Do you really *want* to power these questions?

## Toss-Ups

1. They are the greatest fighting team in the universe, supposedly. However, when they come across Goku and the gang they are defeated rather hastily, despite the ability of one to stop time and another to swap bodies with anyone else. "Burter! Jeice! Racoome! Guldo!" And the eponymous captain. "All together we are," FTP, this elite squad of Freezer's.

-The Ginyu Force

2. The ministry of Foreign Affairs created it in 2029 as an anti-espionage tool, codenamed Project 2501. However, this artificial intelligence became sentient, and decided that it was a life-form itself, with all the rights and privileges therein, and escaped. The Ministry attempts to track it down, but is eluded by the cunning entity, who comes to the Internal Bureau of Investigations and asks for asylum. This is, FTP, what enemy of Section 9 and Major Motoko Kusanagi in the original *Ghost in the Shell*?

-The Puppet Master

3. In order to keep the original cast from this TV series of the same name intact, this voice actor and his girlfriend held an online petition before this anime title was even licensed in the U.S. However, when "Slayers Premium" was finally acquired by ADV Films in July of 2003 and then released in May of 2004 the only original member of the TV series cast was none other than the same man who had started the petition.

-Crispin Freeman

4. This anime news source site contains one of the largest encyclopedias about anime found on the web. It was started in July of 1998 by Justin Sevakis and is now run by Christopher Macdonald. In the summer of 2004 this site started "Project: New Future" to aide kids diagnosed with cancer asking that anime fans volunteer at their local children's hospital or camp and in return they would receive a gift from a major anime company. The site itself is updated daily and features many regular columns including: Mrs. Answerman, Right Turn Only, and Shelf Life. Name this website.

-www.animenewsnetwork.com

5. This anime production company used to be known as Pioneer Entertainment (USA) Inc. and has released many titles including "Tenchi Universe," "Ai Yori Aoshi," and "Panda Go Panda." However, in October of 2003 the company officially changed its name after a merge with Pioneer by Dentsu. What is the current name of the company?

-Geneon Entertainment (USA) Inc.

6. Originally selling anime goods to fellow fans these two companies eventually started producing anime for U.S. release. They are known for such titles as "His and Her Circumstances," "Risky Safety," "K.O. Beast," and "Miami Guns." Many fans have praised their adaptations as staying true to the original source material and doing an exceptional job with the translation of onscreen text. Name one of these two companies as known by their retail online-store name.

-The Right Stuf International OR Animenation

7. On February 11, 2003 this film about a young girl who finds herself in a theme park that is a resort for the gods, and is not a place where humans are welcome was the first Japanese animated film to be nominated for an Academy Award. In the following month of the same year it captured an Oscar for Best Animated Film. The director for the film, Hayao Miyazaki, is well known for other films including "My Neighbor Totoro" and "Princess Mononoke." What is the name of the film that won the Academy Award in 2003?

-*Spirited Away*

8. In July of 2003 this artist released her very first solo album. This music CD featured songs which she composed for the animes ".hack//SIGN," "Noir," and "Aquarian Age," along with many original songs which showcase her unique style of dark lyrical music. On the fourth of July, 2003 she put on a live concert at the Anaheim Convention Center which coincided with the release of her first solo album entitled, "Fiction." Name this artist.

-Yuki Kajiura

9. Bandai Entertainment in March of 2003 embarked upon an anime story that would span multimedia and go beyond just a television series. At last count there were two separate television series, four games for the Playstation 2, an OVA (Original Video Animation), as well as a trading card game. The different shows' titles include sign, legend of the twilight, and liminality. What prefix do all of these titles share?

-.hack (pronounced Dot Hack)

10. His father was assassinated by Sodo Zabi during the Great Degwin's(\*) push for power that transformed Side 3 from a Republic to an autocratic Duchy. He swore to carry on the ideals of his slain father Zeon Zum Deikun and to have revenge on the whole Zabi family. He abandoned his name Casval and fought for the Zeon forces in the One Year War. His brilliant skills destroyed 5 battleships in 1 minute during the battle of Loum earning him the legendary nickname of The Red Comet. He was FTP what greatest Zeon ace the rival of Amuro Ray.

-Char Aznable (accept Casval Zum Deikun before stated)

11. In a town where nothing ever happens lives this confused 6th grader. His older brother left to play baseball in America leaving(\*) behind a homeless girlfriend who likes sour foods. His lecherous father owns a bakery specializing in day old bread. While the new housekeeper is in all likelihood an insane oversexed space pirate who drives a Vespa. When she strikes him on the head he grows a horn which becomes a robot. All these events befall FTP what main character of the hilarious series FLCL?

-Nandaba Naota (accept Takun)

12. Nicknamed "Iron Maiden," this woman is at the head of England's Royal Protestant Knights, and as such is knighted. She took leadership of the Order at the age of thirteen, after the death of her father. She uses the resources of the Order, also known as the Hellsing Organization after her surname, to prevent the world at large from the vampire threat. This is, FTP, what only human able to command the abilities of the vampire Alucard?

-Sir Integra(l) Fairbrook Wingates Hellsing (accept 'Hellsing' before mention)

13. This black & white Anime series from the early 1960s was based on the manga series written by Osamu Tezuka, the father of Japanese Manga. The story of an abandoned boy robot and his quest to find the reason for his existence is acknowledged, FTP, as this first Japanese Anime to have a story arch told over multiple episodes.

-Astro Boy (Tetsuwan Atom)

14. Few Japanese artists have captured the spirit and detail of the fantasy canvas. His 1987 renditions for the characters of the original video animation of Hideyuki Kikuchi's *Vampire Hunter D* helped made it one of the earliest and most popular anime video releases in the USA. He is also well known for the character designs for the *Final Fantasy* RPG series for nearly two decades.

-Yoshitaka Amano

15. At 2004's Anime Iowa, spectators were deafened by the screaming of hundreds of fangirls as Zach Naggatz and his friend Boon cosplayed the two male leads of this series in a compromising situation. The series itself follows the exploits of a pacifist, crybaby, donut-lover and hematophobe who can't escape the 60 million double-dollar bounty on his head, though all he wants to do is live in peace. FTP, name this series that spawned the cosplay staple at Midwest cons, *Stripper Vash the Stampede*.

-Trigun

16. According to a book on this series subtitled *The After*, among its influences are the films *Reservoir Dogs*, *The Crow*, *Desperado*, *A Better Tomorrow* and *Enter the Dragon*. Almost a full third of its episodes are named after American songs. In the first such episode, "Honky Tonk Women," one of the characters dreams about Charlie Parker, innovator of the jazz style after which the series is named. FTP, name this series that follows the bounty-hunting team of Edward Wong Hau Pepelu Tivrusky IV, Ein the dog, Jet Black, Faye Valentine, and Spike Spiegel.

-Cowboy Bebop

17. Kaname [KAH-nah-may] of the series *Full Metal Panic!* Fumoffu [FOO-moh-foo] has one of these, which she uses to harass Sousuke [SOH-s'kay] if she thinks he's being irrational. Fuka [FOO-kuh] from *Kodomo no Omocha* [kuh-DOH-moh noh uh-MOH-ch'uh] will pull out hers to hit people on the head, particularly if she's angry. And Genou Sanzo [GEN-joe SAHN-zoh], the gun-toting priest from *Saiyuki* [sigh-YOO-kee], often throws his at Goku's [GOH-koo] head if Goku won't shut up or says something stupid. FTP, identify this fairly ordinary object, a staple of Japanese slapstick comedy and, when used with enough force, often has offenders "pleating" for mercy.

- a paper fan

18. *Love Hina* and *Tenchi Muyo* are two of the most often-discussed examples of this sub-genre of anime. Proponents of this sub-genre argue that it provides a light-hearted atmosphere of romantic comedy with a touch of drama thrown in; opponents complain that the genre is sexist, stupid, and way too predictable. Apparently different people have different opinions about animes which focus on one guy surrounded by at least four or five girls. FTP, give the name of this sub-genre of anime, whose name derives from an Arabic term meaning "prohibited."

- harem anime (prompt on "shonen" [SHOW-nin])

19. Ahiru [ah-HEE-roo] is a duck, but when she's in human form, she has the potential to become a beautiful ballerina and a tutu-clad version of this. *Pacifica Casull* [kuh-SOOL] was a "Scrapped" one of these. And these also form *Kisaragi's* [key-suh-RAH-gee] all-girls high school baseball team. Finally, *Tiara*, who is sent to Earth to retrieve the Throne of Yord, is a Shamanic version of this. FTP, identify the position of royalty all four of the mentioned anime series share in their names.

- princess

20. He murmurs his old lover's name, Yuris, right before the ship upon which he is held hostage is bombed by his first officer. He was taken prisoner on the *Delphine's* ship along with another pilot and the key to the *Last Exile*. Much of his time in the anime is spent collecting the parts of the *Mysterium*, the riddles which will activate the key *Alvis* holds. FTP, name this captain of the airship *Sylvana* and the protector of *Alvis Hamilton*.

- Alex Rowe

21. They started their careers doing fan artwork for various manga series before launching their 10-volume debut series in 1989, which was then made into 2 OVAs (original video animation). Loosely based on Hindu mythology, the debut, titled RG Veda [RIG VAY-duh] was the first in a long line of successful animes. Popular titles such as Tokyo Babylon and Magic Knight Rayearth soon followed. FTP, give the name of this 4-woman team of manga [MAHN-gah] artists whose most recent creation includes the anime X, based off their manga X/1999.

- CLAMP

1. FTSNOP, name these Dragonball, Z and GT villains.

(5) Prince of the planet of the same name, this Saiya-jin came to Earth for the Dragon Balls, but is defeated by Goku. He then fights alongside Son Goku solely because he wants to be the one to finally kill him.

-Vegeta

(5) This villain has 4 natural forms, each more powerful than the last, and after his death his father rebuilds him and he has to be killed yet again. He is easily mistaken by new viewers for a girl because of his voice.

-Freezer (acc. Frieza)

(10) This villain, who also has a few forms, turns his enemies into chocolate bars and then eats them to absorb their power.

-Majin-Buu

(10) This short, green villain wants to become God of Earth, but is thwarted twice. When he captures all the dragonballs, he wishes for immortality, and is unstoppable until sealed inside his own deadzone.

-Garlic, Jr.

2. FTSTOP answer the following questions about the anime "Fruits Basket:"

Though thirteen members of the Sohma family carry the curse of the Chinese Zodiac There is one animal that the Sohma family does not consider a true member of the zodiac. FFPE what animal is this and who carries this curse?

-the cat, Kyo Sohma

FTP In order to keep the cat's true form hidden and suppressed Kyo constantly wears this item.

-bead bracelet

Hatsuharu is usually a good natured young man. However there are times when he turns into the completely opposite personality and that personality is called Black Haru. FTP, what phrase do the characters use to say that Hatsuharu's personality has changed?

- "Went Black" Or "Gone Black"

3. FTPE, answer the following questions about Anime cons:

In 2004 this anime convention held in New York City did the most unimaginable thing ever – they cancelled their convention! Even though many fans were upset about the decision the organizers decided that if they rescheduled it would still result in conflicts with other events. So now this large convention is focusing all their attention on their 2005 program and plan to make it a superb event. For ten points name the convention, five points for the initials.

Answer: Big Apple Anime Fest (BAAF)

For ten points name the convention that caused The Big Apple Anime Fest to cancel theirs? For five points with clue - All of the hotel rooms in New York were reserved over the Labor Day weekend by another convention that wasn't up for debate, just politics.

Answer: Republican National Convention

Many anime fans like to dress up as their favorite character at conventions. They toil away making costumes that are the real life version of a characters outfit. Whether it contains hundreds of buckles, humongous swords, or barely anything at all. These fans will figure out how to make the imaginary become legendary. For ten points what is this phenomenon referred to as?

-Cosplay



4. Each Gundam Series hero needs a new mobile suit with a silly name. Identify 3 FTPE

a. The new Gundam Seed series hero Kira Yamato becomes the de facto pilot of this Gundam after the other 4 are stolen from Heliopolis.

-Strike Gundam

b. Domon Kashu of the wretched G Gundam series pilots this martial arts gundam made for him by the nation of Neo Japan. Its itching finger compels him to battle!

-Burning Gundam

c. Effeminate pretty boy Heero Yue pilots this Gundam in his quest to achieve global pacifism through acts of massive violence and carnage.

-Wing Gundam

5. The Earth Federation's V Project created 3 mobile suits that helped turn the tide of the one year war. You will receive a hardcore 10 points for each if you can identify the V project mobile suit by just the designation number, 5 points if you give just the colloquial name.

(A hint for the hardcore all designation numbers start with RX and end with the year that the design was started.) (Colloquial names all start with Gun)

a. The least advanced, this mobile suit consists of a tank tread and dual cannons, usually piloted by Hayato Kobayashi and Ryu Jose

-RX-75 or Guntank

b. Usually piloted by Kai Shiden this red mobile suit features bipedal motion and powerful dual cannons.

-RX-77 or Guncannon

c. The legendary white mobile suit, it helped decisively end the One Year War. Amuro Ray used this final design of the V project to protect his friends on Whitebase.

-RX-78 or Gundam

6. Poor Inuyasha faces a veritable rogue's gallery of foes each episode. FTPE answer these questions about Inuyasha's greatest enemies.

a. He is the chief architect of Inuyasha's woe. A deceitful half-demon he usually takes the form of a man wearing a white baboon cloak.

-Naraku

b. He is Inuyasha's evil brother, a full demon who seeks to strip his brother of the blade Tetsaiga left to Inuyasha by their father.

-Sesshomaru

c. He is Inuyasha's chief rival for the affections of Kagome. He is an extremely fast wolf demon who occasionally teams up with Inuyasha to fight mutual foes.

-Koga

7. The Pokemon anime originated from Nintendo's Gameboy game series. For five points each, name the versions of Pokemon games that involve capturing and raising pokemon that have been released in the U.S.

-Red, Blue, Silver, Gold, Yellow, and Crystal

8. Not all Anime is innocent enough for children. Name these terms from the Anime red-light district FTPE.

Though fans of erotic anime and manga prefer the terms “Poruno Anime” or “Ero,” this is the most common term for it, from the Japanese for “pervert.”

-Hentai

Whereas in American culture, many straight men have a fascination with images of lesbians, in Japan there is a subset of hentai created for women, depicting graphic male-on-male sex. Its name is this acronym word that, expanded, means “no climax, no point, no meaning.”

-Yaoi (YOW-ee)

Similar to Yaoi in subject matter, but not in extent, this type of anime that literally means “boy love” focuses on a male-male romance, not sex.

-Shounen-ai (SHOW-nen EYE)

9. Japanese anime has a tendency to use bad puns as titles. FTSNOP, answer the following questions about the celestial characters of the series “Oh! My Goddess!”:

(5) Keiichi [kay-EE-chee] means to call for the pizza delivery service but winds up talking to this unlimited 1<sup>st</sup> class, 2<sup>nd</sup> category license-carrying goddess instead.

- Belldandy

(10) Her agency and Belldandy’s are rivals, and she becomes obsessed with granting Keiichi’s “heart’s desire,” which is—according to her—getting Keiichi and Belldandy to sleep together.

- Peorth [PAY-or’th, accept variations]

(15) Belldandy spends an entire episode trying to remember the name of this character, Belldandy’s “doublet,” who threatens to destroy the world if she can’t remember.

- Velsper

10. If you’re the hero of an anime, you have to have a multi-part name, such as Magical Pretty Girl Defense Force Sakura-chan. FTPE, answer the following questions about Vampire Princess Miyu—the TV show, not the OVA.

(A) This is Miyu’s guardian and the first character she shares blood with after becoming a vampire.

- Larva

(B) She helps Miyu, she annoys Miyu, and she carries around that creepy wooden doll. Give the name of this character, the elemental opposite of Miyu.

- Reiha [RAY-hah, accept variations]

(C) What *is* the element that Reiha uses to attack? Hint: Miyu is a flame-user.

- ice (accept “snow”)

11. What *is* it about random girls getting transported to strange worlds and then having to become the savior of that world? FFPE, identify the series the following transportation sequences come from. You’ll get another 5 points if you give the name of the character.

(A) A centipede demon pops out of a well and drags her, through the well, into a different world.

- series: Inu Yasha [EE-new YAH-sha]

- character: Kagome [KAH-go-may, accept variations]

(B) While she’s running on the track field, a boy with a sword shows up, kills a dragon in front of her, and then disappears. Of course, she floats into the air and follows him.

- series: Escaflowne [ES-kuh-FLOW-nay]

- character: Hitomi Kanzaki or Kanzaki Hitomi [Hee-TOE-mee, accept variations]

(C) She gets led onto the rooftop of her school by a blonde stranger, who gives her a sword and tells her to kill the giant bird-creature that attacks. She then gets sucked through a hole in the bay over the city.

- series: The Twelve Kingdoms or Juuni Kokki [JUNE-ee KOH-kee, accept variations]

- character: Youko Nakajima or Nakajima Youko [YOH-koh]

12. The Japanese have gods for everything; gods of death seem to play a particularly important role in anime. FTSNOP, answer the following:

(5) What is the Japanese term for a god of death? The term literally translates into “death.”

- shinigami [SHE-nee-GAH-mee, accept variations]

(10) Known as Yami no Matsuei [YAH-mee noh MAHT’soo-ay] in Japan, this series focuses on a group of shinigami who work for the EnmaCho’s [EN-mah-CHO] Shokan [SHOW-khan] Division and bring the dead to court for judgment.

- Descendants of Darkness

(15) Secretary of the Shokan Division, this shinigami is one of the two people working in EnmaCho who can manipulate shadows and use shadow magic.

- Tatsumi Seiichirou or Seiichirou Tatsumi [TAHT’sue-mee, accept variations]

13. Based on their popularity in anime, you’d think that computers that look and act like cute girls actually exist. FTPE, answer the following:

(A) This wildly popular CLAMP series features a world where all the computers look like well-dressed (or sometimes undressed) shapely females called “persocons.” Get it?

- Chobits

(B) Arguably the most famous persocon out there, she’s supposedly one of the legendary Chobits. She’s called this because, for the longest time, it’s the only thing she seems to know how to say.

- Chii [CHEE] (do NOT accept variations!)

(C) She is Chii’s alter-ego’s counterpart and the first Chobit ever made.

- Freya (do NOT accept “Elda”)

14. Lapin, coney, rabbit, bunny—whatever you call these furry little creatures, they seem to find their way into a lot of different animes. FTPE, answer the following rabbit-related questions.

(A) She’s the part rabbit, part cat, part spaceship created by Washu [WAH-shoo] of the original Tenchi Muyo [TEN-chee MOY-oh] series.

- Ryo-ohki [REE-oh’OH-key, accept variations]

(B) The lead singer of legendary Japanese rock group Nittle Grasper, he carries around a stuffed rabbit named Kumagoro [COO-mah-GOH-roh], which he’ll throw at you if you upset him. Kumagoro beam!

- Ryuichi Sakuma or Sakuma Ryuichi [REE-ooo-EE-chee, accept variations]

(C) The American translation of her name was “Bunny,” but what is the original Japanese name of this pretty-suited Sailor Scout who punishes in the name of the moon?

- Usagi Tsukino or Tsukino Usagi [ooo-SAH-gee, accept variations]

15. The number “7” is a very magical number. FTSNOP, identify the following, which are somehow related to sevens:

(5) The popular series Fushigi Yuugi [foo-SHEE-gee YOO-gee] features two opposing teams of 7 Celestial Warriors; one team is united under a phoenix and one under a dragon. Give BOTH the name of the phoenix and the dragon and specify which is which.

- Suzaku [SOO-zah-koo, accept variations] is phoenix, Seiryuu [SER-ee-yew, accept variations] is dragon

(10) When Himeno finds out that she’s destined to become the Prétear (pre-tear [tear a piece of paper]), she has to work with 7 men to hone her combat abilities. These 7 men are known as the Knights of what?

- Leaf [like a leaf on a tree]

(15) Name the series: Nana decides to bake a cake for her crush on Valentine’s Day, but when the microwave goes haywire, she accidentally winds up making six little clones of herself.

- Seven of Seven or Shichinin no Nana [she’CHEE-nin noh NAH-nah, accept variations]



16. All I know about the Japanese language I learned from anime. Given a situation, provide the most appropriate response or phrase IN JAPANESE. Don't over-think the questions; if you've watched any anime, you've heard these phrases at least once. TPE. (Moderators, use your best judgment on accuracy of pronunciation.)

(A) You just came home from school, work, or killing evil monsters. This is what you say when you enter the door.

- Tadaima [tah-DIE-ee-mah]

(B) If anybody is at home to greet you, this is what they say in response.

- Okaeri [oh-KIE-ree] or Okaerinasai [oh-KIE-ree-nah-SIGH]

(C) Supposing that the somebody who greets you is really nice and has made you dinner. You say this before you dig in.

- Itadakimasu [ee-tah-DAH-kee-mahs]

17. Next time you go to a Japanese restaurant, impress the waiters by ordering in Japanese, using the Japanese you learned from watching anime! FTSNOP, identify these foods which show up in a lot of animes.

(5) This chocolate-covered cookie stick was made popular by Mizuho Kazami [MEE-zoo-ho KAH-zah-mee] of the series Onegai [oh-nay-GAI] Teacher.

- pocky stick [POCK-ee] (do NOT accept it if it's pronounced "poke-ee")

(10) Traditionally made of 4 parts rice, 3 parts meat or fish, 2 parts vegetables, and 1 part dessert, lots of anime girls like to make these boxy lunches for their crushes or boyfriends.

- bento box [BEN-toh]

(15) These started off as round balls of plain salted rice wrapped in bamboo and have gradually evolved into the triangle-shaped rice mounds of today. Fillings include anything from pickled vegetables to curried meat to seaweed and scrambled eggs.

- onigiri [oh-nee-GIR-ee, accept variations] (prompt on "rice balls")

18. You learn the most random words from anime, just because characters say them a lot. FFPE, translate the following Japanese words into English. (Sorry moderators, but there're only 6 of them...!)

(A) mina-san [MEE-nah sahn]

answer: everyone (accept equivalents)

(B) inu [EE-new]

answer: dog

(C) uso [ooo-SOO]

answer: lie [as in, untruth] (accept equivalents)

(D) yakusoku [yah-k'SOO-koo]

answer: promise

(E) tsuki [t'soo-KEE]

answer: moon

(F) baka [BAH-kah]

answer: stupid (accept equivalents)

19. Every cool Japanese anime female has to have a gun. FTPE, identify the following chicks who pack heat.

(A) She and her partner Mireille [MEER-ee-elle] form the assassin team NOIR, but she's arguably the better shot, especially with her little scatter-popcorn-then-listen-for-sounds-and-then-kill-them trick.

- Kirika Yuumura or Yuumura Kirika [KEE-ree-kah, accept variations]

(B) Her chosen profession? Gunsmith. Her favorite model of gun? CZ75. Her trademark move? Shooting your trigger finger off so you can't fire back.

- Rally Vincent (accept Irene)

(C) After her family is murdered and she herself badly hurt and left for dead, the Italian government turns her into a cyborg-assassin. She carries an Italian P90 machine gun in her violin case.

- Henrietta

20. Every other cool Japanese anime female has to carry a sword. FTPE, identify the following chicks who really know how to wield a big chunk of sharp steel.

(A) When we first meet this character, her supervisor warns a co-worker to not piss her off because, as far as they know, she's the last of the originals. This is probably good advice, since she's just killed a demon in the subway car and left a bloody heap on the floor.

- Saya [SIGH-uh]

(B) One of the Dragons of Heaven, she's the Priestess of Ise [EE-say] Shrine and can materialize a sword from the palm of her hand.

- Arashi Kishu or Kishu Arashi [AH-rah-shee, accept variations]

(C) Her sword isn't metal, but she's learned to channel her energy through her wooden bokuto [boe-COO-toe], which allows her do cool things like slice entire buildings apart the long way. She goes by the alias "Twilight" because of her custom of killing people by the light of the setting sun.

- Twilight Suzuka [sue-ZOO-kah, accept variations]

21. The rest of the cool Japanese anime females can make weird things come out of their bodies. No, this isn't going to be a hentai-oriented question. FTPE, identify the following anime girls who... well, can make weird things come out of their bodies.

(A) She's the Rose Bride and the vessel for "the Power to Revolutionize the World," symbolized by a huge rapier-like sword which various duelists can pull out from a spot just below her ribcage.

- Anthy [AN-shee, accept variations] or Himemiya [hee-MIH-mee-ah, accept variations]

(B) Known as the Ultimate Weapon, this little girl sprouts wings and destroys entire cities on command. When she senses danger, bombs and missiles start falling out of her back, much to her and her boyfriend Shuji's dismay.

- Chise [CHEE-say, accept variations]

(C) She also sprouts stuff from her back—within her first couple of days of arriving at Old Home, she grows a pair of light grey wings. Between her wings developing black spots, her not being able to remember who she is, and the crows of Old Home harassing her, it's a wonder she manages to stay calm.

- Rakka [RAH-kah]

22. Let's play six degrees of Kenshin-ation [KEN-shin]! Okay, bad pun. Identify the following characters based on a description of their relationship to Himura Kenshin. TPE.

(A) He was hired to start a fight with Kenshin only to end up losing the fight and becoming one of Kenshin's closest friends.

- Sanousuke Sagara or Sagara Sanousuke [san-OH-s'kay, accept variations]

(B) He replaced Kenshin as the Hitokiri Battosai [he-toe-KEE-ree BAH-toe-sigh] at the end of the revolutionary period, but now he just wants to take over Japan. Will they let a guy who looks like a mummy rule the country?

- Makoto Shishio or Shishio Makoto [MAH-koh-toe, accept variations]

(C) Kenshin seeks out this man, the 13<sup>th</sup> master of the Hiten Mitsurugi Ryu [HE-ten me-t'soo-ROO-gee REE-oo] school of swordsmanship, to master The Succession Technique, but all this man seems to do is drink sake and verbally abuse Kenshin.

- Hiko Seijuurou or Seijuurou Hiko [HE-koh]

23. And you thought you'd be able to escape doing math problems. Pencil and paper ready—what follows are basic math equations based on numbers drawn from anime. For example, if I asked you to calculate the number of seasons of Sailor Moon PLUS (+) the number of Sailor Soldiers MINUS (-) Sailor Moon and progeny, your answer would be 13 ( $5 + 10 - 2$ ). Remember to follow the order of operations! 15 points each; you'll have 10 seconds.

(A) The number of Paper Sisters from Read or Die the TV series PLUS (+) how old Wolfwood was when he killed his first man TIMES (x) the number of rounds in Sanzo's banishing gun.

- 38 ( $3 + (7 \times 5)$ )

(B) The size of the rounds, in millimeters, of Alucard's [ah-loo-CARD] Casull gun MINUS (-) the number of perfumes Himiko Kudo [HEE-mee-koh COO-doh] from Get Backers uses as weapons TIMES (x) the total number of Clow [CLOH] Cards in Card Captor Sakura [SAH-coo-rah].

- negative 351 ( $13 - (7 \times 52)$ )

24. There's a reason the subtitle for the series "Excel Saga" is "experimental quack anime." FTPE, answer the following questions about characters in Excel Saga, who are just as experimental and quack as the anime itself.

(A) The leader of the ACROSS organization, he is Excel's boss and her one true love. To be fair, he'd probably rather shoot her through the skull than reciprocate, if only because she's always screaming "HAIL!" at him.

- Lord Il Palazzo [ILL puh-LAH-zoh]

(B) Excel's partner has a bad habit of falling over dead in every episode, so this character was created to restore life to the dead. Later on, she falls in love with Pedro, the Unluckiest Man on Earth.

- the Great Will of the Macrocosm or Daiuchuu no Ooinaru Ishi [DIE-choo noh OH-ee-NAH-roo EE-shee]

(C) Obviously a parody of the anime "Lupin the Third," this character runs about with a red sports coat and a large afro and is voiced by Watanabe Shinichi, the director of Excel Saga.

- Nabeshin [nah-BAY-sheen, accept variations]