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## ANIME/MANGA REVIEW MONTHLY



It Is Summer. (On June 21<sup>st</sup>,  
but close enough)

This author has been so busy working on a (60+ pages and ongoing) fan fiction so she can get to the things she actually should be writing \*sweat drop\* that she hasn't reviewed any anime.

In fact, I've only been watching Bleach and Code Geass (waiting with bated breath for the finale) and spending every other waking moment thinking about aforementioned fic.

However, as it *is* the end of the month of May (and by end, I mean countdown to summer, here), I thought it was about time I should divert some attention to you guys.

And the first thing you, as denizens of Northern Michigan, should know about summer is that the JFAX anime convention at Grand Valley State University is being held on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and is the "nation's largest free anime convention."

I, personally, find their website, year after year, to be an annoyance more than anything since they rarely have anything posted there. They claim to have guests but don't say who and run anime in screening rooms separated by rating but won't tell you what anime. All the same, it's an anime convention and with all luck, I may actually get down there this year and I would encourage anyone else reading this to try to make it too. Especially anyone who can't even entertain the thought of going to a major convention (like yours truly).

According to [animecons.com](http://animecons.com), there are actually four other conventions listed in Michigan, and that's not counting our own local convention, held at the high school last year. I had never heard of half of them. But these (3 of 4) are Fall conventions. Links to their respective websites can be found at [www.animecons.com](http://www.animecons.com).

#### [Northern Michigan Anime Convention](#)

August 8-9, 2009 Northwestern Michigan College  
Traverse City, MI

#### [Anime Detroit](#)

October 2-4, 2009 Hilton Detroit/Troy  
Troy, MI

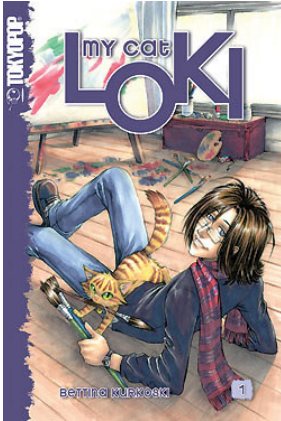
#### [Kuzuri Con](#)

October 2-4, 2009 McCamly Plaza Hotel / Kellogg Arena  
Battle Creek, MI

#### [Youmacon](#)

October 29 - November 1, 2009 Hyatt Regency Dearborn  
Dearborn, MI

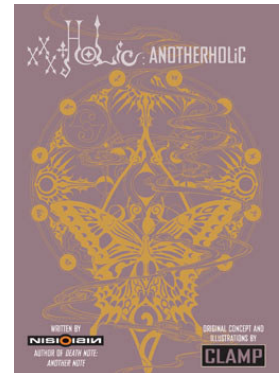
With the summer season as short as it is, you may not want to stay inside watching anime all season, but manga is a wonderful way to pass the time while you're busy sunbathing, or babysitting, or just enjoying the fresh air.



My Cat Loki is a wonderful series for all those cat lovers out there. Its author is part of the growing ranks of Americans in the manga industry. In 2003, Bettina Kurkoski placed as a runner up in Tokyopop's Rising Stars of Manga competition.

My Cat Loki, currently standing at 2 volumes with (sadly) no plans for a 3<sup>rd</sup>, follows the everyday adventures of Loki, a stray cat taken home by artist Ameya. This is a heartwarming manga for those who understand that a cat can be so much more than just an animal. They're members of the family, loved ones, irreplaceable. It's also a fun look at the secret life of a cat and it's told in an inspiring style that shows just how *human* they can be at times.

Novels are also a good way to catch up on reading this summer. Yes, I said *novels*. There are more and more anime/manga novels coming out these days. Fullmetal Alchemist has them. Death Note and XXX Holic also have them, not to mention the slew of yaoi titles hitting store shelves. I read one myself, but, while it was a fine story, didn't find it memorable.



I would recommend non-yaoi titles for reading in novel format. Save yaoi for the manga and fanfics. The XXX Holic novel, ANOTHERHOLIC, was a good read, if a bit long-winded. It was spot-on when it came to the feel of the series, which makes it an instant must-read all on its own, but was severely lacking in Mokona and Doumeki, who both had important roles that were missing from the novel.

## FANFICTION!

Who remembers The Brave Little Toaster? It was a movie about a toaster and a group of appliances and somebody wrote a parody for Tsubasa! Obviously, it had to be shared so here are a few of the Appliance Love drabbles written by zeeofgreeneyes on livejournal. Pairings are KuroxFai and SyaoranxSakura.

Fai = a lamp

Kurogane = a vacuum

Syaoran = a toaster

Sakura = a blanket

Yuuko = bathroom mirror

Tomoyo = ceiling fan

Ashura = an ice box

Mokona= the Master

### Appliance Angst

"Get away, Kuro-suck! I'm damaged goods!"

"What the hell're you talking about?"

"I guzzle batteries without an outlet plug and I made Syaoran-kun short-circuit! I'm DEFECTIVE!"

"God damn it, lamp, you're not defective. The kid's been sucking dirt in his cogs for days, something was bound to happen."

"Nooo, I need to leave, to keep you all safe!"

"Where the hell're you gonna go? You need batteries to function without a wall socket."

"Goodbye, Kuro-clean, goodbye forever!"

The vacuum's cord wrapped suddenly around the lamp's body, halting it.

"Stay," the vacuum barked, irritated and fierce and worried all at the same time. Fai threaded his cord through Kurogane's. "The kid's alright. Stay."

"...Okay, Kuro-vroom."

**Note:** Syaoran = toaster. And sucking dirt in his clogs came about because toaster! Syaoran wants to make sure blanket! Sakura is always clean and safe, so he gets Kurogane to teach him how to clean. Aha.

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The half-assed wooing attempts of a lovesick vacuum.

"Hey. Lamp."

"Kuro-zzoom? You've come to visit me?"

"As if! I'm just over here hiding from that freaky radiator!"

"Ah, you mean Kuro-whir's rascally admirer?"

"Shut up!! Don't call him that! Don't call ME that!"

Fai-lamp hopped off the desk to stand at near eye-level with the massive vacuum.

"Done lots of good sucking today, Kuro-swipe?" lamp! Fai chirped. Kuro-vacuum grumbled and huffed, his engine whirring. There was a clink as something tiny fell to the ground in front of Fai-lamp from one of Kuro-vacuum's attachment pockets.

"I was vacuuming last week and this wouldn't let me suck it up, it just got stuck. So you can have it if you want," he muttered, looking away embarrassedly. Fai lamp scooped up the earring with his cord, peering at it. He flicked on his light so that the earring glittered.

"Is Kuro-valve giving me a present?" Fai-lamp asked, glowing. The vacuum huffed and putted away pointedly.

"As if I would! It's just blue like you so I thought you could take it off my hands! Stupid things should stick together!"

Fai-lamp clipped the earring onto his shade and grinned.

"Kuro-vroom doesn't have hands!"

"SHUT UP! Damn lamp!"

## The jealous vacuum.

That damn kettle was whistling again. Kuro-vacuum huffed and tried to concentrate on cleaning the bathroom floor. If that idiot was whistling it could only mean lamp!Fai was flirting. Which made Kuro-vacuum suck harder and nearly choke on the bathmat.

"Is everything quite all right, Kurogane?" asked Tomoyo from above, feigning obliviousness. Kuro-vacuum hacked and spit out the bath mat, sensing the knowing tone beneath the lie.

"Everything's fine," he grumbled, feeling irritated and angry.

"I think Fai-san was looking for you earlier," Tomoyo said, rotating softly on the ceiling and fanning Kuro-vacuum with cool air.

"He seems to be fine with his best friend the **kettle** over there," he grouched, his engine whirring. Tomoyo slowed.

"I wonder what their children would look like?"

"What?! They're appliances!"

"If they could have children, do you think they would be kettles with lightbulbs or lamps with spouts?"

"Shut up! I don't wanna hear this! The damn kettle can't have him!!!"

"I'm sorry, Kurogane, have I upset you?" Tomoyo said, once again feigning surprise. Kuro-vacuum glared at her, trying to block out what he had just said.

"I hate you," he said, whirring off to rescue Fai from that stupid kettle.

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Blanket/Lamp and Vacuum/Toaster bonding.

"Fai-san? What to you do if you want another appliance to like you best?"

Fai!lamp switched on.

"You mean Syaoran-kun?" he asked, grinning. Sakura-blanket blushed pinker and nodded. Fai!lamp tapped his chin with his plug, thinking. "I'm not sure, Sakura-chan, I think you just need to be yourself and Syaoran-kun will like you just as you are!"

"I hope so," Sakura-blanket said. Fai tapped her on the head with his plug and smiled.

"I'm sure Syaoran-kun likes Sakura-chan the best. Every time you smile he heats up and he's always protecting you from dirt even though that's Kuro-valve's job!"

"You really think so, Fai-san?" Fai-lamp nodded and Sakura-blanket draped herself over him in a makeshift hug.

Across the room, Syao-toaster sighed as he watched Sakura-blanket hug Fai-lamp. She was always doing that and the two were always together, laughing and smiling. He looked down sadly.

"Hey, kid, what's wrong with ya? I thought you were helping me clean. Not that I need it, but-"

"Kurogane-sensei, how did you get Fai-san to like you best?" the toaster asked quietly. Kuro-vacuum's engine whirred wildly at that, and he nearly swallowed his cord in surprise.

"W-what makes you think he does?!" he sputtered, tangling up his cord nervously. "D-did he say that?!"

"Syao-toaster looked suddenly embarrassed.

"Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you two-"

"We're not!! Not at all! Never!!" Kuro-vacuum insisted, though his eyes flicked over to the hugging appliances on the desk. "H-he just likes to tease."

"But he teases you the most, so I thought... I'm sorry, Kurogane-sensei, I shouldn't assume!"

"It's fine, it's fine, just... get back to work."

"Yes, sir!"

## Domestic Bliss

Fai-lamp hopped up on top of Kuro-vacuum and clung on with his cord as best he could.

"Gaaak, what are you doing!?"

"We're married now! You need to roll me over the threshold! I'm too small to carry you!"

"DON'T YOU EVEN TRY!" the vacuum barked, begrudgingly whirring into the closet and waiting for Fai-lamp to hop off. He was too big to move onto Fai!lamp's home on the desk, and so Fai-lamp had agreed to move into his closet with him. He humphed and settled down in his usual corner.

"So this is where Kuro-chrome sleeps at night, dreaming of me?"

"SHUT UP!" he shouted, though he didn't deny it had happened a few times. Or something.

Fai-lamp hopped over and curled up against Kuro-vacuum for a nice long sleep. It was the most "electrifying" honeymoon ever!

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We won't be meeting this summer due to construction so make sure to have at least twice as much fun to make up for it!

Classifieds:

Wanted: Volume 2 and up of the Manga Yu Yu Hakusho. [youcantfathom\\_me@yahoo.com](mailto:youcantfathom_me@yahoo.com)

Brian and Kris are looking to purchase common Yu-Gi-Oh cards. They are willing to pay up to .25 (a quarter) each. See at next anime.

Kris is looking for any Sailor Moon Manga. See at next anime.

Wanted: Balder's Gate 2 (PS2)

For Sale or Trade: volume 2 of Cyborg 009 edited, volume 6 of Betterman

What to submit your own fanfic. You can send it to [liedekea@cadillaclibrary.org](mailto:liedekea@cadillaclibrary.org) we will read it to make sure it is appropriate for all readers and then if it is included we will email you back.