

# Defaming the Sacred!: Critical Looks At Popular & Classic Anime



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i.e.,

Let's see how many ppl. I can piss off  
in less than 2 hours



*I WONDER HOW MANY PPL. WILL BE LEFT WHEN  
THE PANEL'S OVER...*

# Disclaimers



- Feel free to comment/question at any point
  - However, if you only have salt to give, do not want
- I have handouts & business cards with my contact info.
  - Blog & resources will be available online
    - ✦ *So you can save your b\*tching for that >.>*
- First time doing a panel where I essentially b\*\*\*h about several series as a topic, excuse any 'inelegance'
  - Definitely open to feedback about this & any other panel of mine for that matter

# Things to Keep in Mind...



- Leave your feelz at the door
  - Nobody's feelz are sacred (mine included), I don't care how much you "love" a show, it (might) suck & it's time you came face to face with that
- If you're at the point you're about to boil over with nerd rage, LEAVE
  - Ain't nobody got time fo' that
  - Don't ruin your con for one inconsequential panel
- If all other reasoning fails, remember: this is a subjective panel about my opinions; I'm not forcing you to agree with me, just understand where I'm coming from
- I only care about what happens in the anime



# General 'Golden Rule'



- *If you truly “love” something, anything, you can accept the good, the bad, & the ugly & still love it*



# Basic Sins All Suffer From



- Too cliché/Overdone
  - Beating a pyramid of dead horses with the statue of a famous dead horse
- Boring/Uninspired
  - After 5 minutes, you're praying to God to put this series out of its misery
- Overhyped
  - Doesn't live up to the hype; if you hype a show to ungodly proportions, it's bound to fall short
- Insulting
  - Either is condescending to the audience, expects them to buy the most b.s. premises, or is generally offensive seemingly for the heck of it
- Pacing Issues
  - One minute the characters are just learning how to walk, the next they're fightin' monsters..?
- "Queenix" Principle
  - Looks great, sounds great, everything else is crap



# Con't



- Poor characterization
  - Unrealistic characters/motivations, etc.
- Single (b.s.) purpose
  - Best example: this show exists to show girls with *huge* knockers, everything else is secondary
- Assigning meaning where there is none
  - Sometimes a gun's just a f\*\*\*ing gun
- Fandom
  - Fan-dumb
    - ✦ Getting things wrong about the genre, show itself, know absolutely nothing about behind the scenes things, etc.
  - New age b.s.
    - ✦ On average (besides being overhyped), high stimulus, perfect ppl. w/ short attention spans, is the water-downed/sugar injected version of older series
  - Old age b.s.
    - ✦ Just b/c it's old = awesome/better than today's anime

# The Series in Question



*Seriously, now's a perfect time to leave >.>*





# Stein's; Gate



*GO NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE  
( & B\*TCH\*NG )*



# Generic Sins



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## *Detailed Account*

- Time travel is an overused plot
  - Time travel to prevent a tragedy, where have I heard that before...
- Also:
  - Ever 17, Never 7, Remember 11, 12Riven, Higurashi/Umineko, Cross Channel, Clannad, Fate/Stay Night, Yo-Jin-Bo, Amnesia, etc.
- Characters pretty one-note
- Pass the initial time travel hype, not much else

# Samurai Champloo



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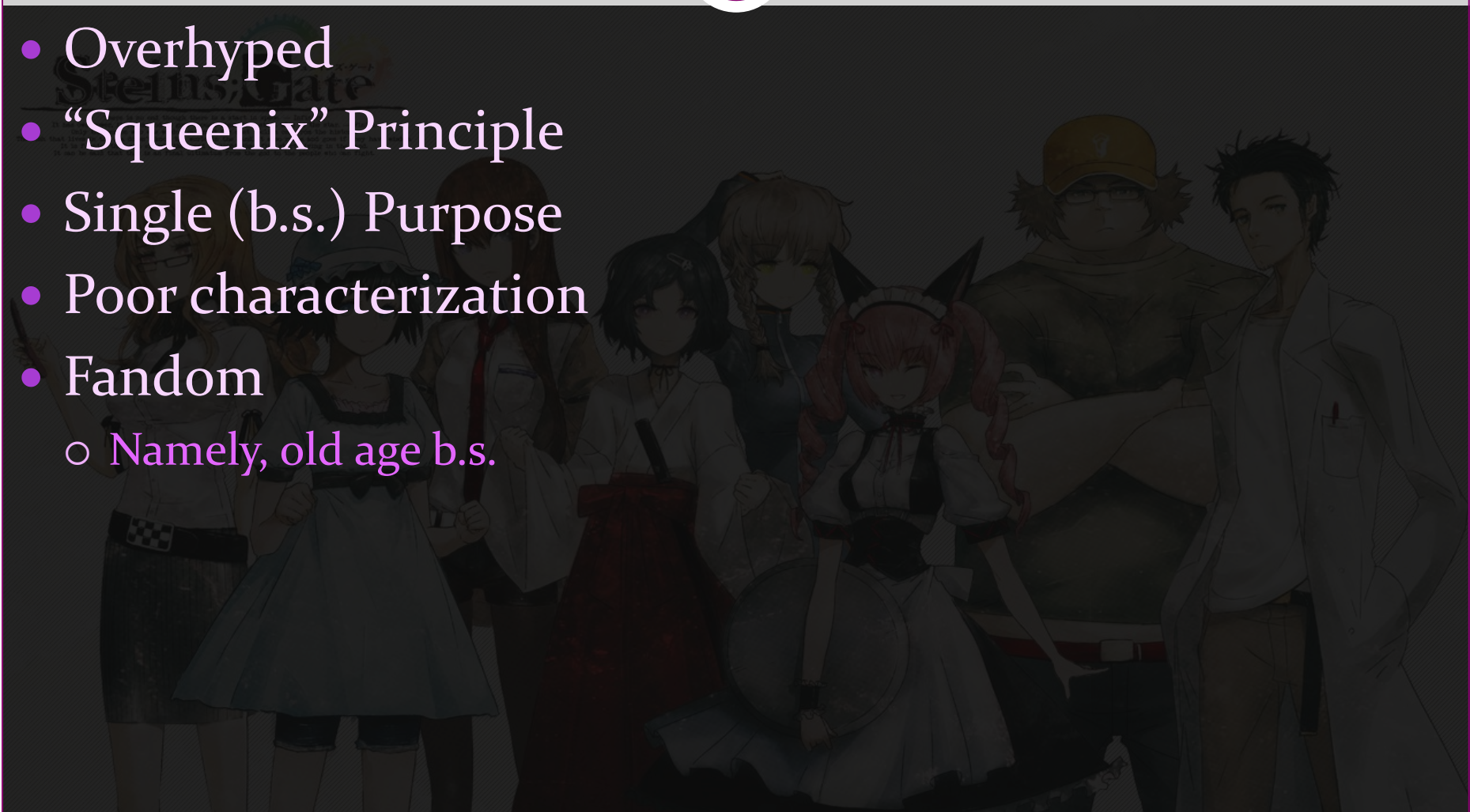




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# Detailed Account

- Overhyped
  - Btwn. Adult Swim & it being from certain ppl., old anime fans were so super hype
- “Queenix” Principle
  - Lives up to this
- Single (b.s.) Purpose
  - What would happen if Cowboy Bebop /Kill Bill creators make another anime
- Poor characterization
  - Characters aren’t anything new; fairly generic except for a few minor characters
- Fandom
  - Hey, it’s like Bebop but with bet boxing samurais XD



# Madoka



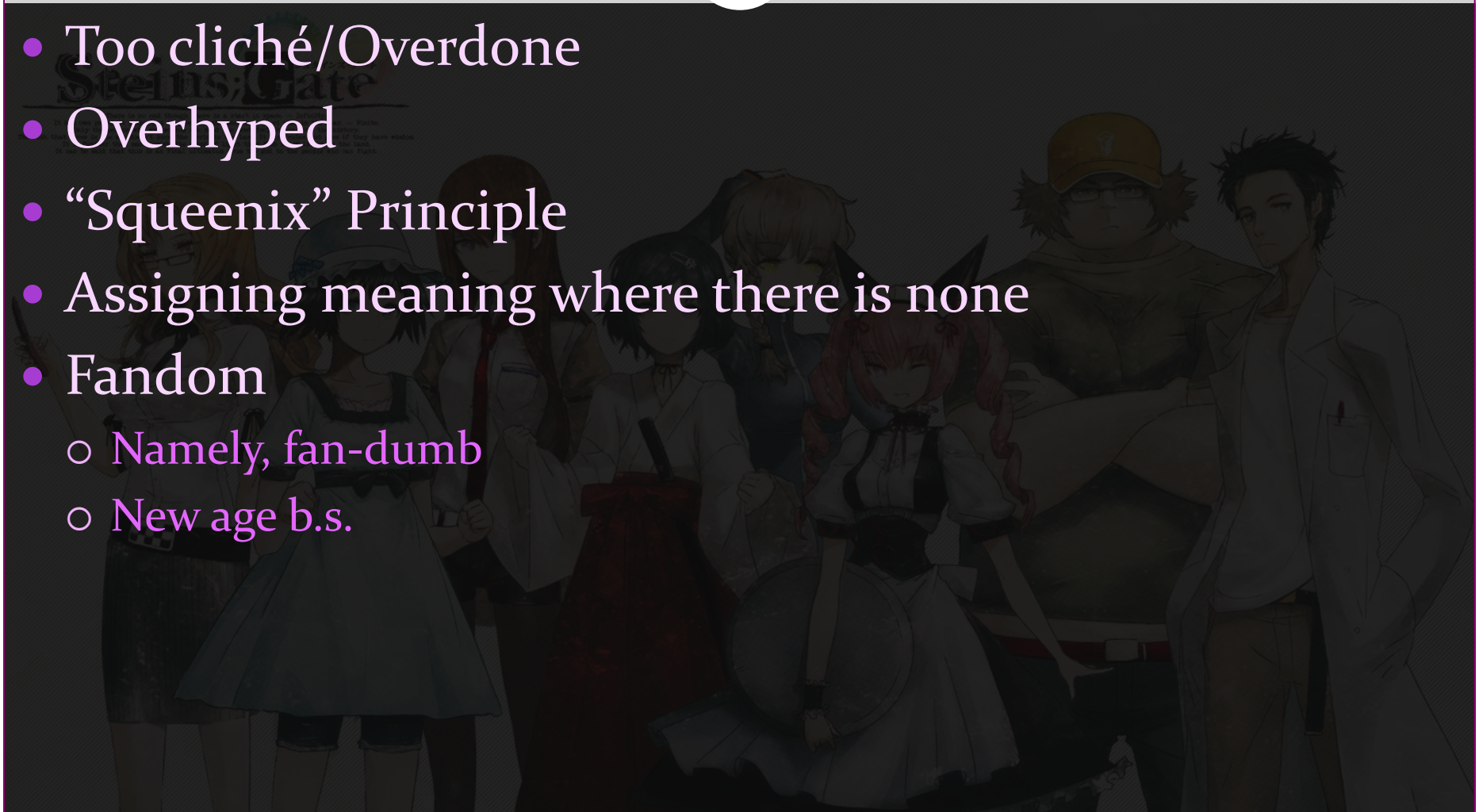
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## *Detailed Account*

- Madoka: for those who've never watched magical girl series but like to be "anime experts"
- Pretty standard deconstruction/"darker & edgier" series
  - Evangelion, Narutaru, Bokurano, etc.
- Ppl. reading way too much into things
  - Just b/c actual literary works were mentioned, doesn't mean there's a multitude of levels with **SYMBOLISM**
- If you know & understand the multitude of mahou shojou, you realize Madoka isn't really all that special
  - See: Utena, Rayearth, Sailor Moon, Red Garden, Pretear, CardCaptor Sakura, etc.
- Looking at who's writing it, you can expect certain tones, etc.



# Trigun



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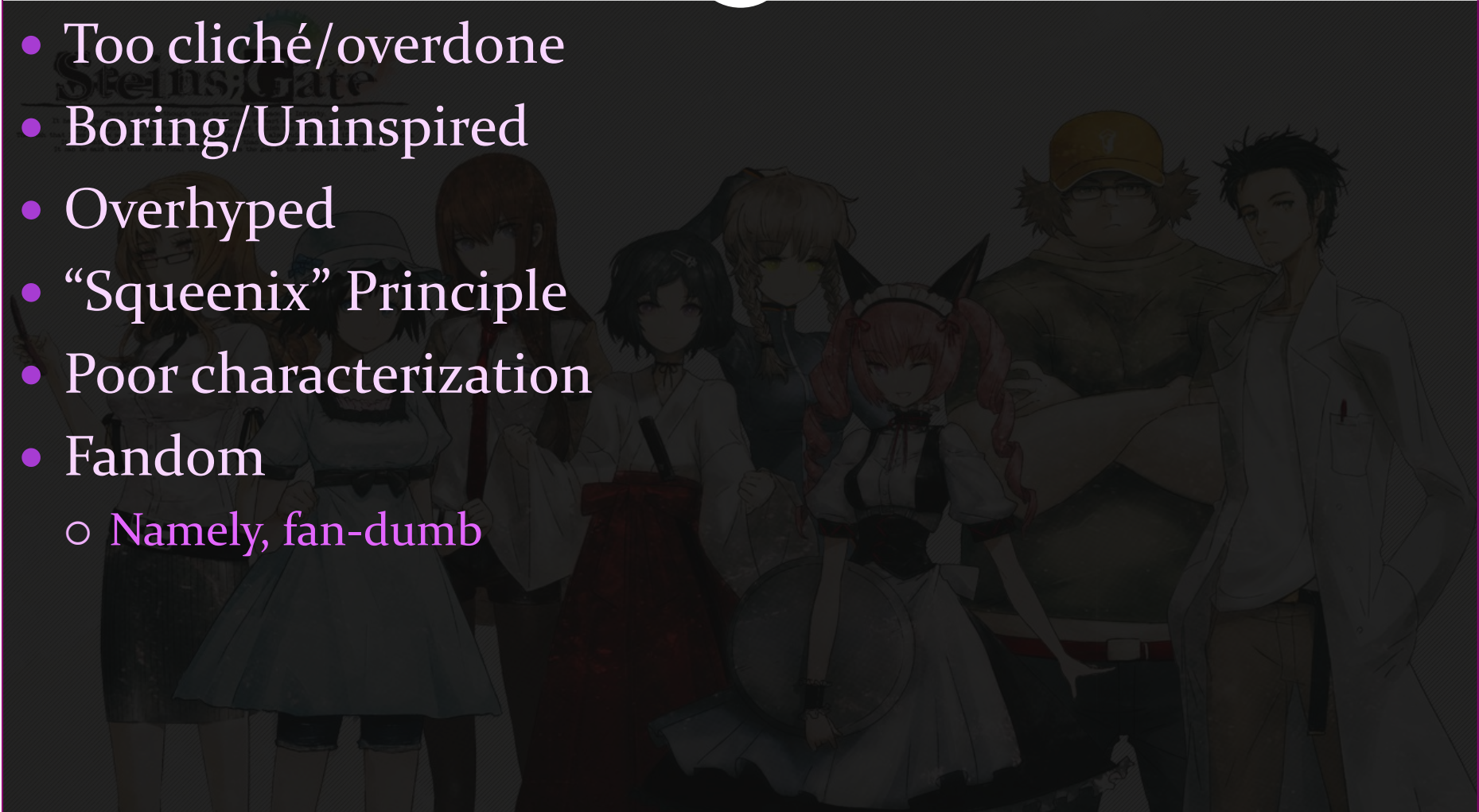


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## *Detailed Account*

- *Hate Vash*
  - Creepy Oedipus Complex
  - Goody 2 shoes
  - Mary sue/God mode sue/boring invincible hero
  - Preachy & judgmental
  - Immature (for no reason)
  - Obfuscating stupidity (maximizes how annoying he is)
  - Etc.
- Minor character more interesting than main guy
- In series overhype of a character for them to lose in a curb-stomp
- Little to no explanation of a lot of things occurring in the series



# Durarara!!



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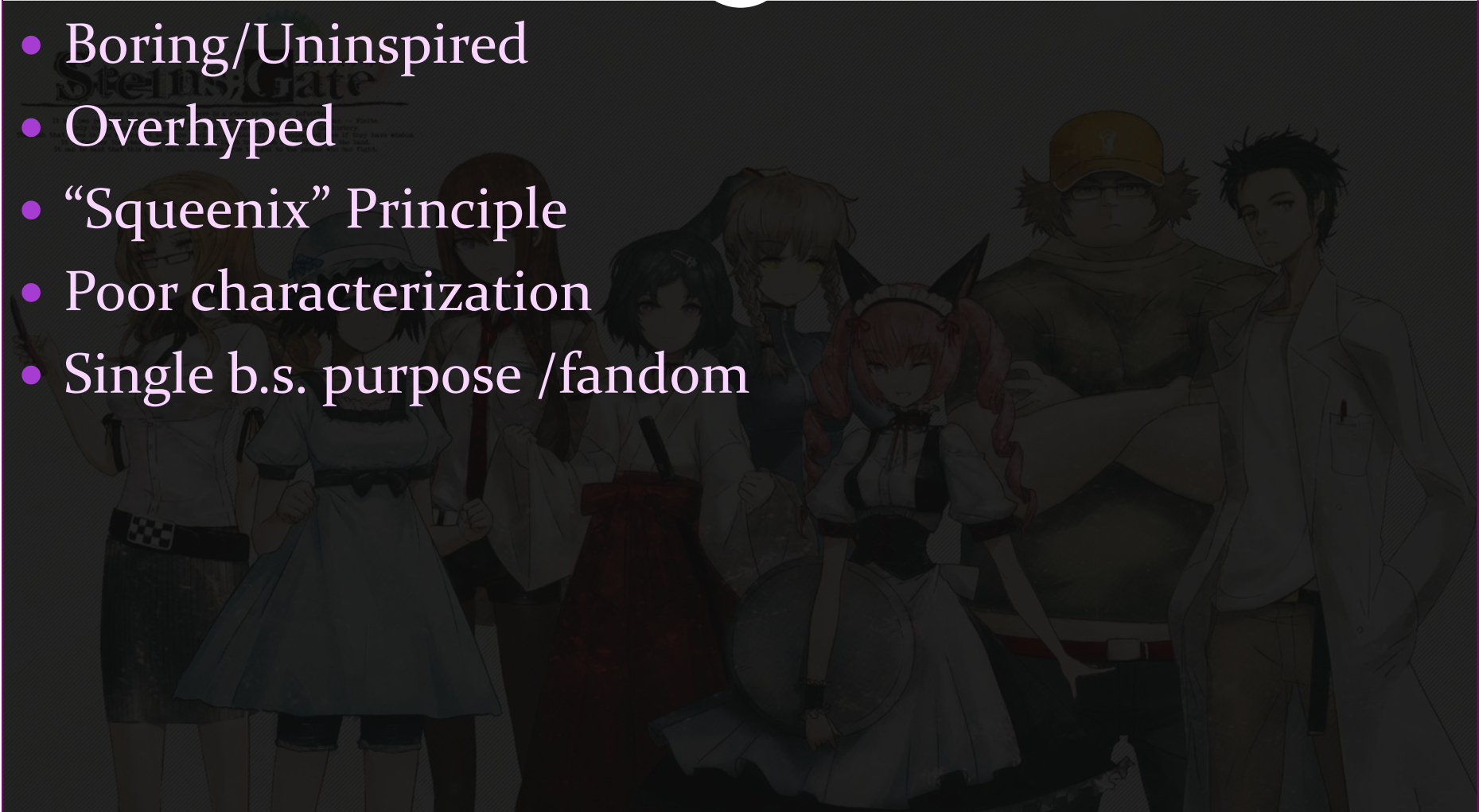
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# Detailed Account

- You're here b/c of Shizuo & Izaya, but instead you get an annoying brat, boring new guy, & mousy megane girl all high schoolers
  - Now, when I think great anime settings, of course the epitome of great anime settings is high school with run-of-the-mill HS drama
- Why the heck is *only* Shizuo super strong?
- WTF's the deal with Izaya
- Celty's interesting for all of 2 seconds, & then immediately becomes the so-so Yamato Nadeshico female character
  - I. Hate. Yamato Nadeshikos X/
  - Celty: my horse is a motorcycle
    - ✦ *F\*\*K YOU, SENGOKU BASARA DID IT BETTER DX*
- Seriously why should I be invested with any of these characters?
- Why is this show seemingly one gigantic case of plot contrivance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> season: find Celty's head...then forget about it ~.~



# Attack on Titan



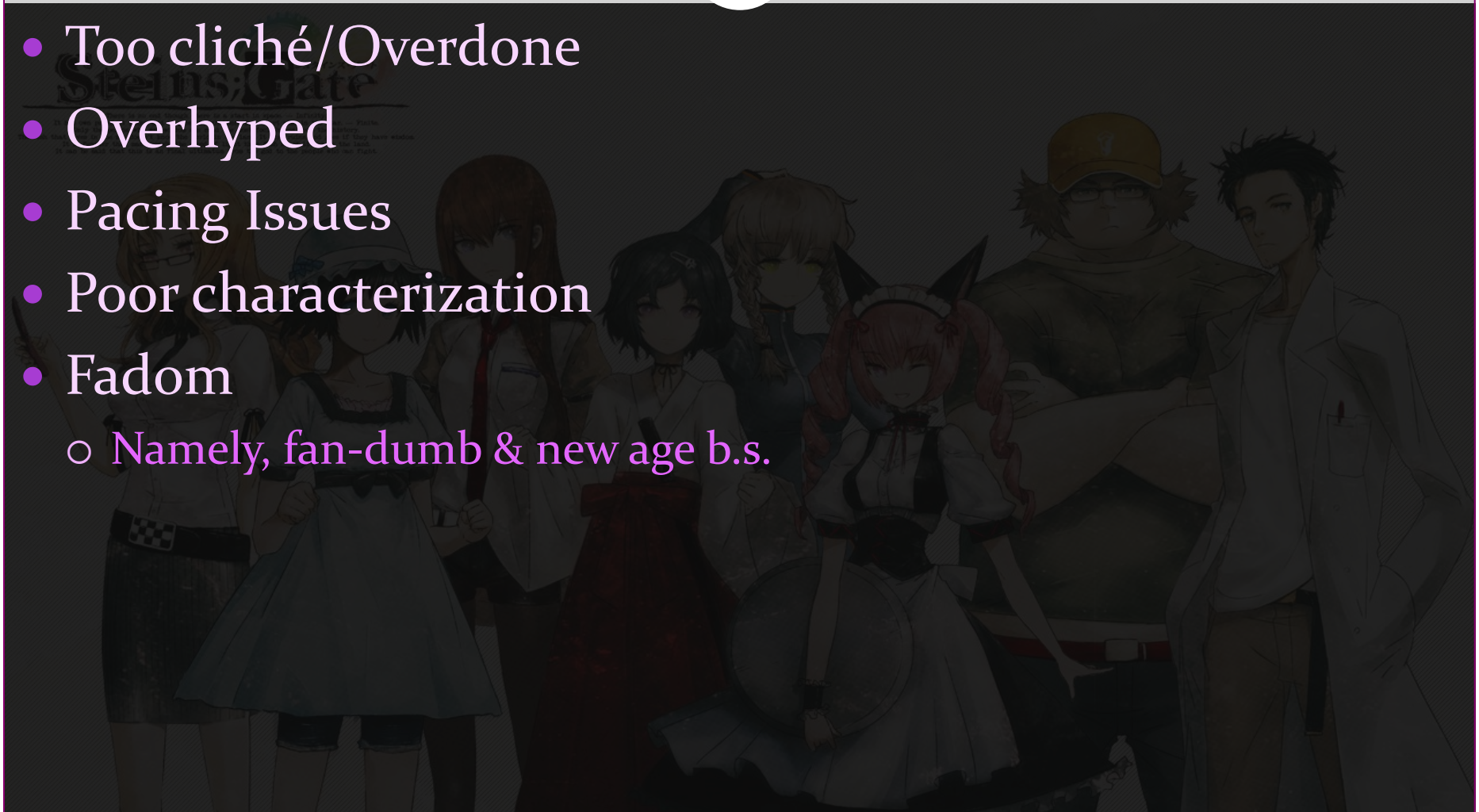
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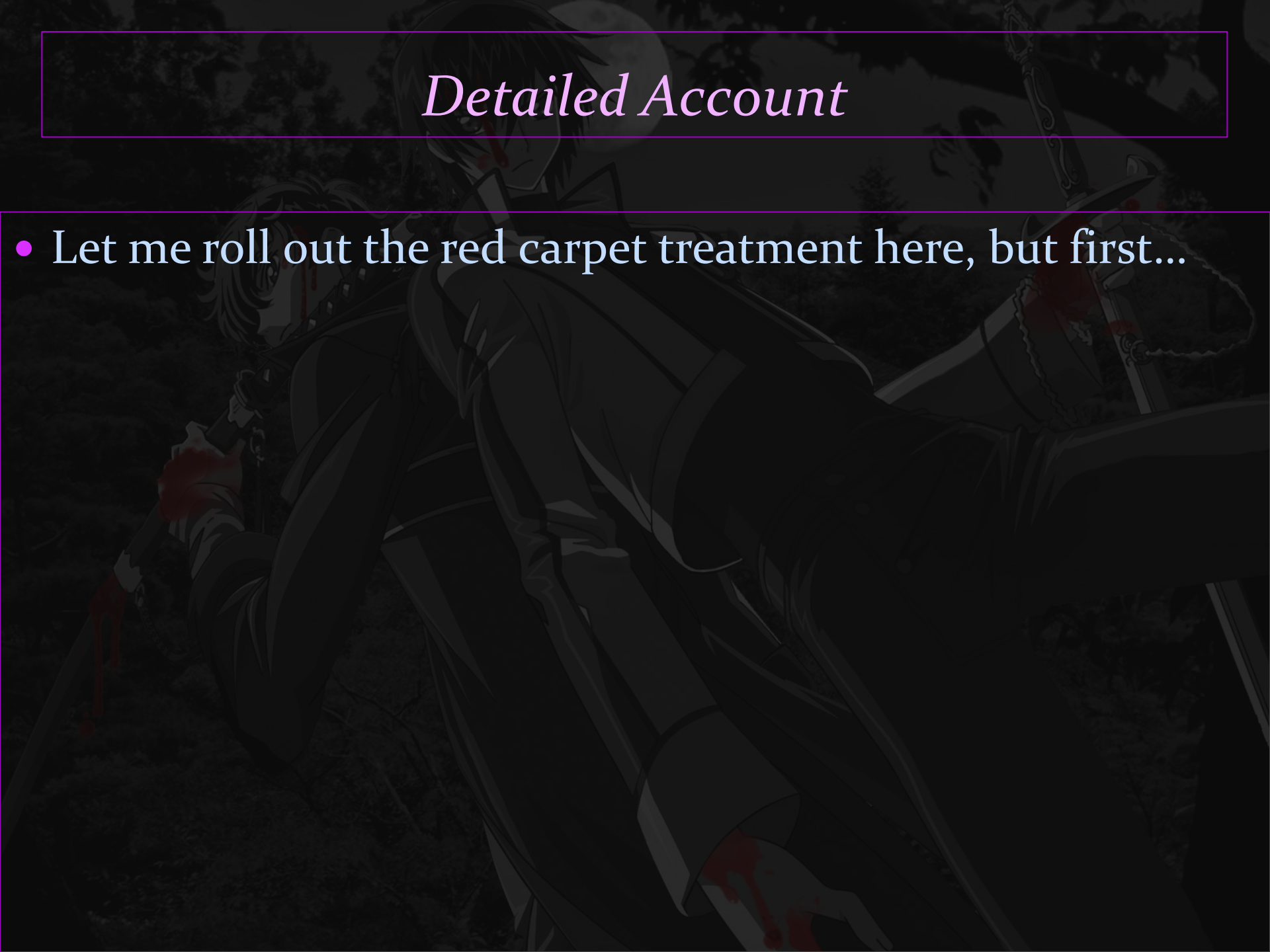


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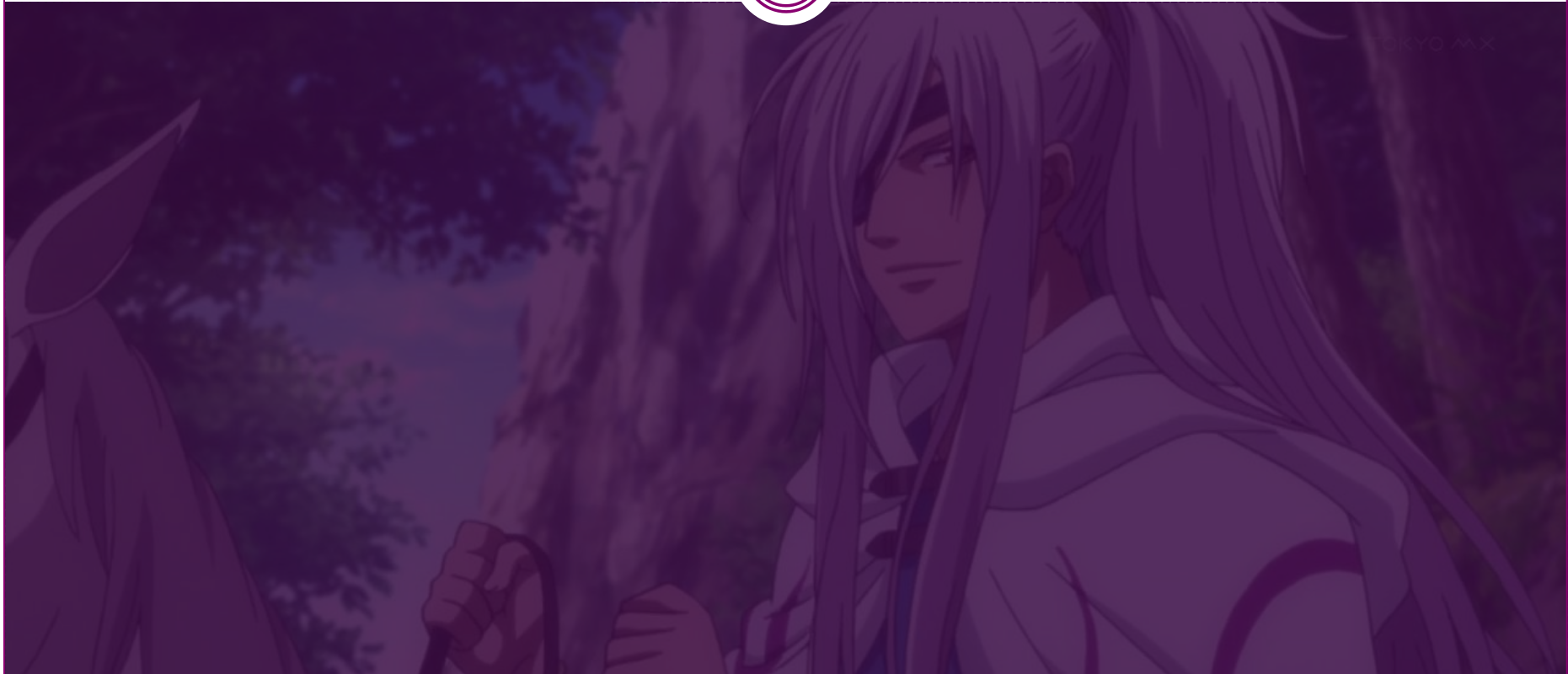
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- Let me roll out the red carpet treatment here, but first...





# Some Thought Provoking Questions



- Where the f\*\*k are the ppl. of color?
  - When the Titans attacked, did they first start with a genocide of all races?
    - ✦ Except for Whites, of course; they're precious gifts from a White God X/
- Why's the only Asian (in existence as far as the anime's concerned) the strongest character?
  - At least in her class
- Why does physics ignore Levi?
- How did Armin (or Krista for that matter) make top 10?
- & most importantly:
- Who the f\*\*k was Marcoh?
  - Tumblr tells me that he's Jean's gay lover, but that can't be true >.>

- Begin deluge, but first (2<sup>nd</sup>):

F\*\*k

Mikasa

(keep this in mind as I list off my complaints)

- What's her purpose in the series? 'Protect' Eren with all the effectiveness of Orihime from Bleach
  - & still find a way to magically piss me off more so than boob bomb from Breachiru X/ *(don't worry, I'll s'plain it)*



# Present SJ Trinity of Bleach, Naruto, & OP



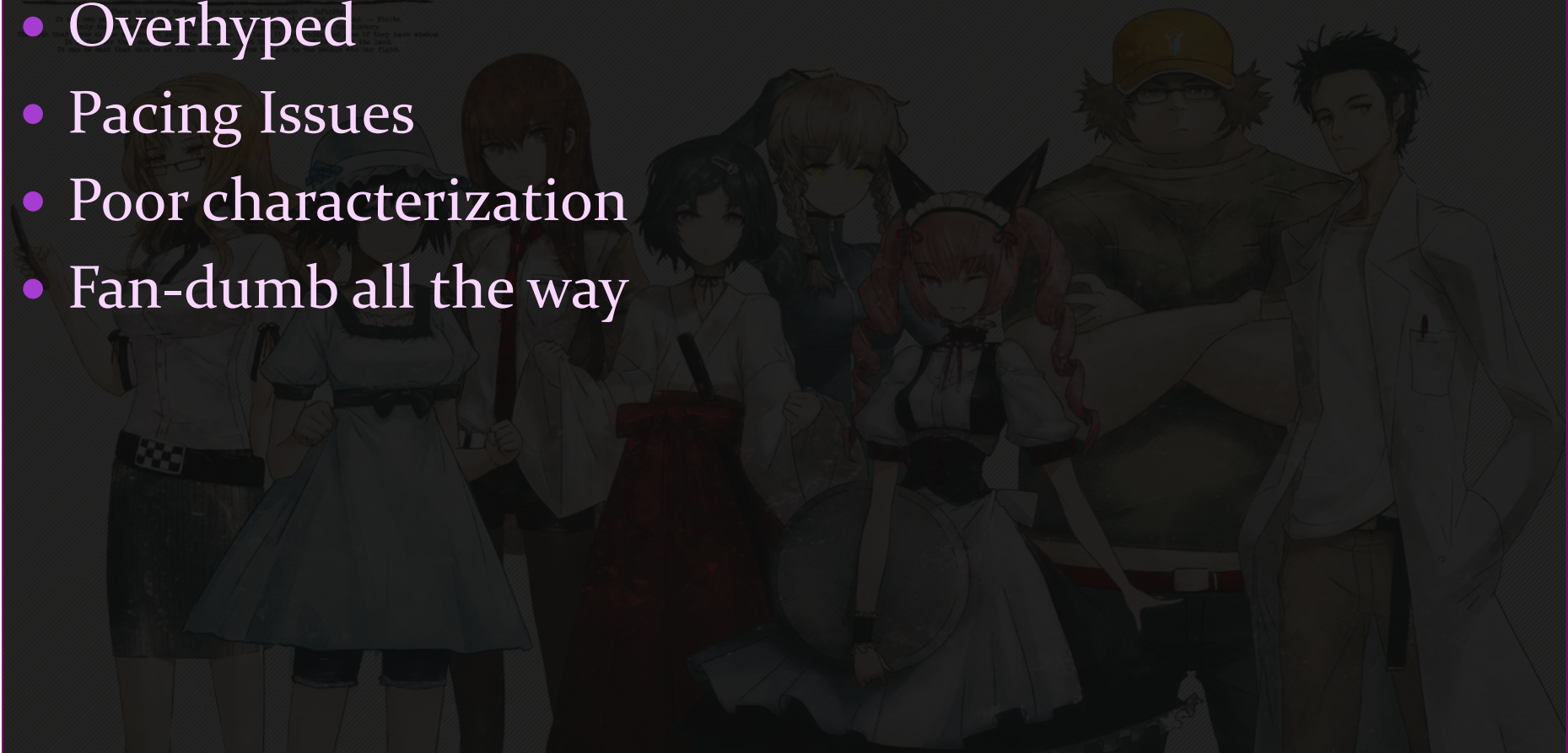
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- ~~Too cliché/Overdone~~ S\*\*tstorms, all of 'em
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- Poor characterization
- Fan-dumb all the way





## *Detailed Account*

- It's hard to criticize any one w/o it also applying to the show that's being favored
  - Even if you find a unique issue for an individual show, you can do the same for all of them & you're still at par
- At least fandom wise, they're all doing about the same
- Oh, OP fans...
- They're all exemplary cases of 'typical shonen'
- There's a difference btwn. subjective preference & objective "this show's definitely better than the rest"



# Free!



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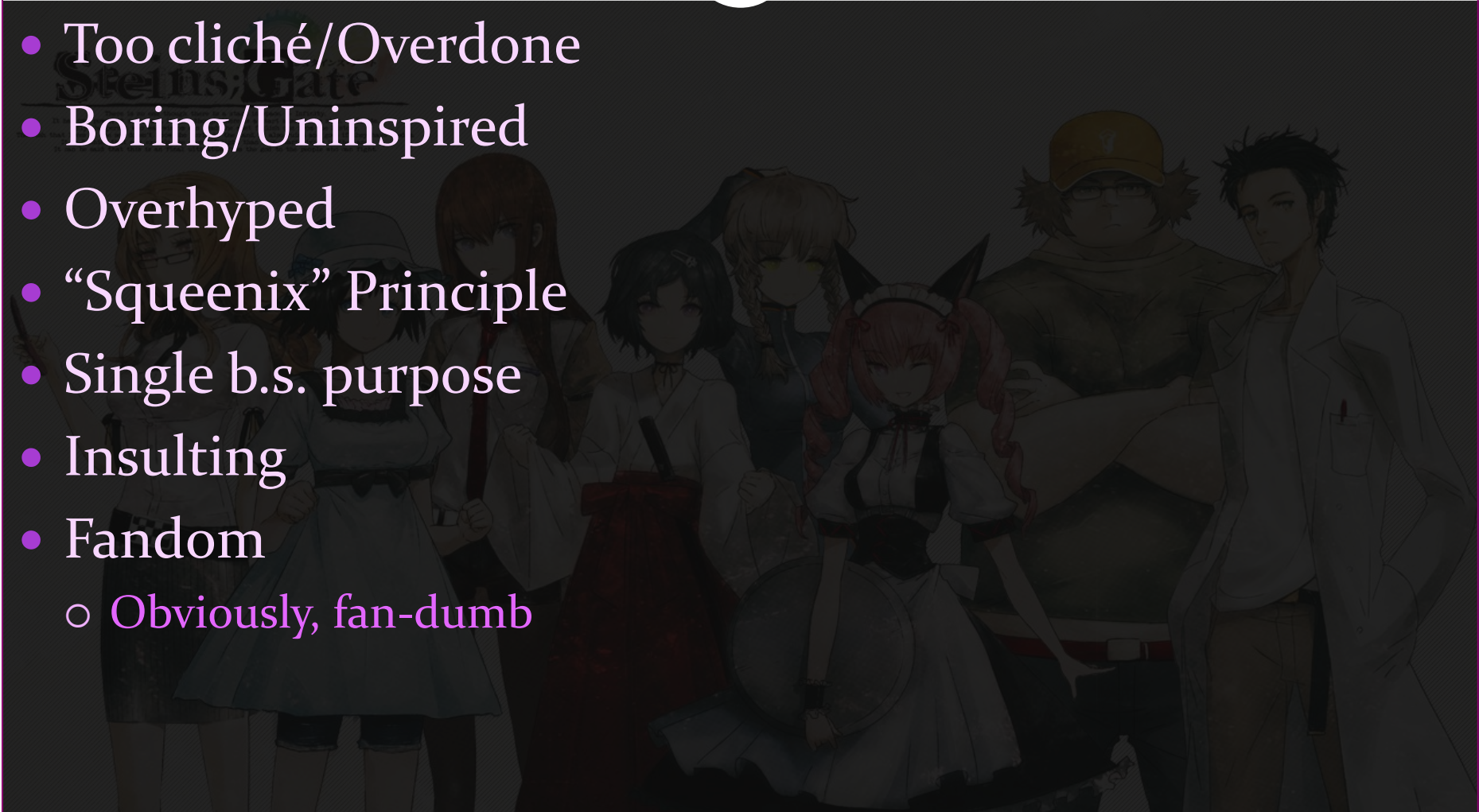
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ryugazaki rei / matsuoka rin ++++++ 2013.6

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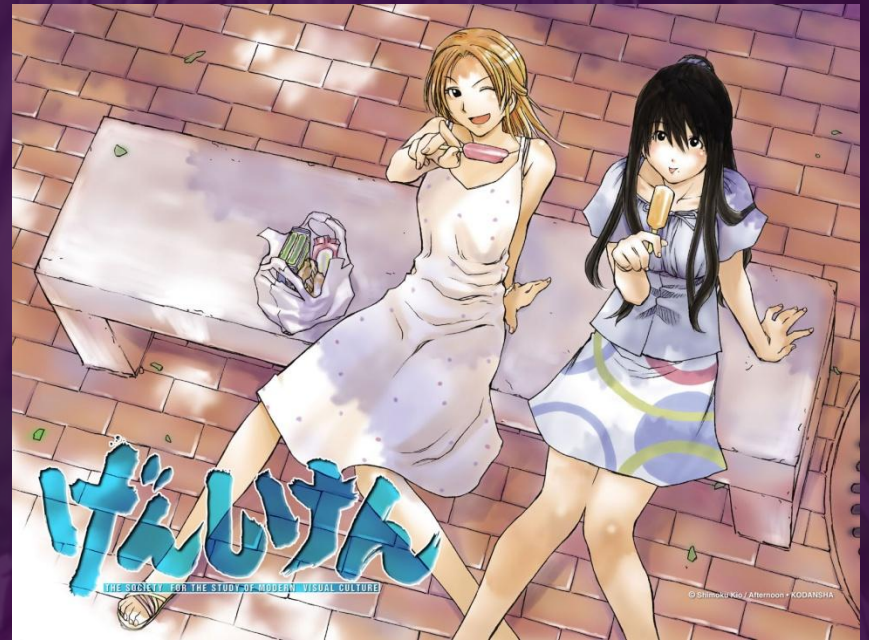
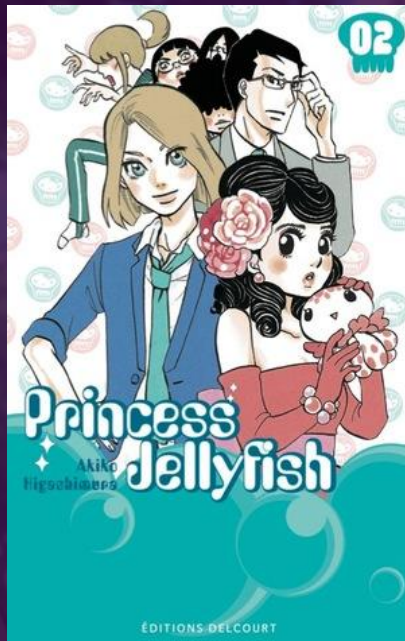
- Insulting
  - So apparently the only thing women anime enthusiasts can take is super homoerotic subtext but no plot or depth...X/
- How many times do you need to see the same thing but w/ a different sport?!
  - Basketball, baseball, tennis, Goh, now swimming ~.~
- It's really pretty with great animation quality & character design...& wtf else is there to it
  - Besides homoerotic subtext
- As a female anime fan, I demand better anime targeted towards women
  - Basically, josei vs. shojou/"how gay can we make this w/o them actually having sex"



# Shows like Genshiken & Princess Jellyfish



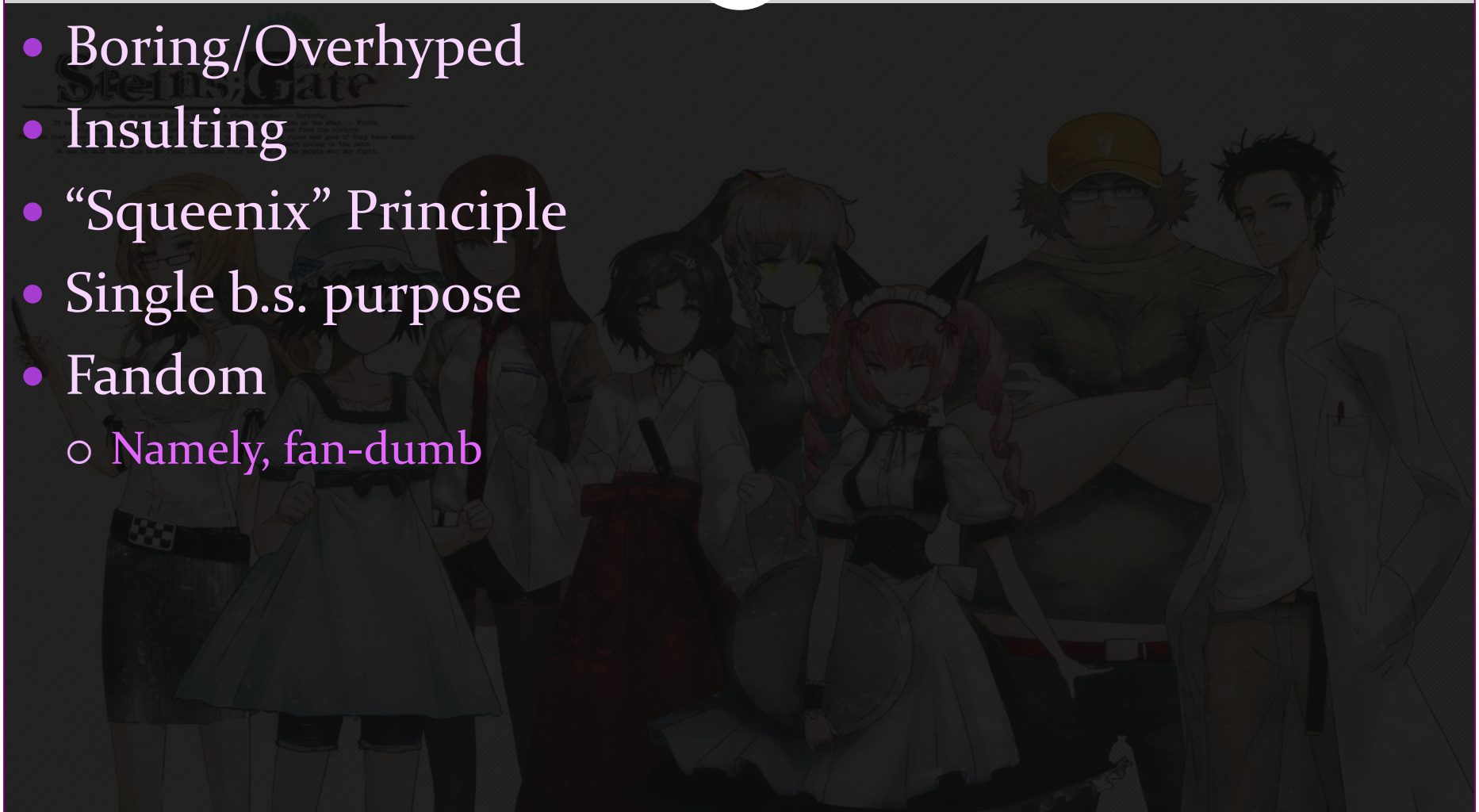
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## *Detailed Account*

- So, do ppl. like this *b/c* it insults anime fans to their face or am I the only one that notices this?
  - Maybe I'm missing something
  - If you want to see that played straight, [Welcome to the NHK](#)
- At no points are either of these shows not ripping 'otaku' to pieces
- Worse than soap opera, what's the need to see an even more boring account of your regular day-to-day life
- I don't understand how any of these characters from either show is endearing
  - Is it *b/c* they're boring & uninteresting?



# Eden of the East



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Please, kami-sama, grant me the  
power to control my nerd rage

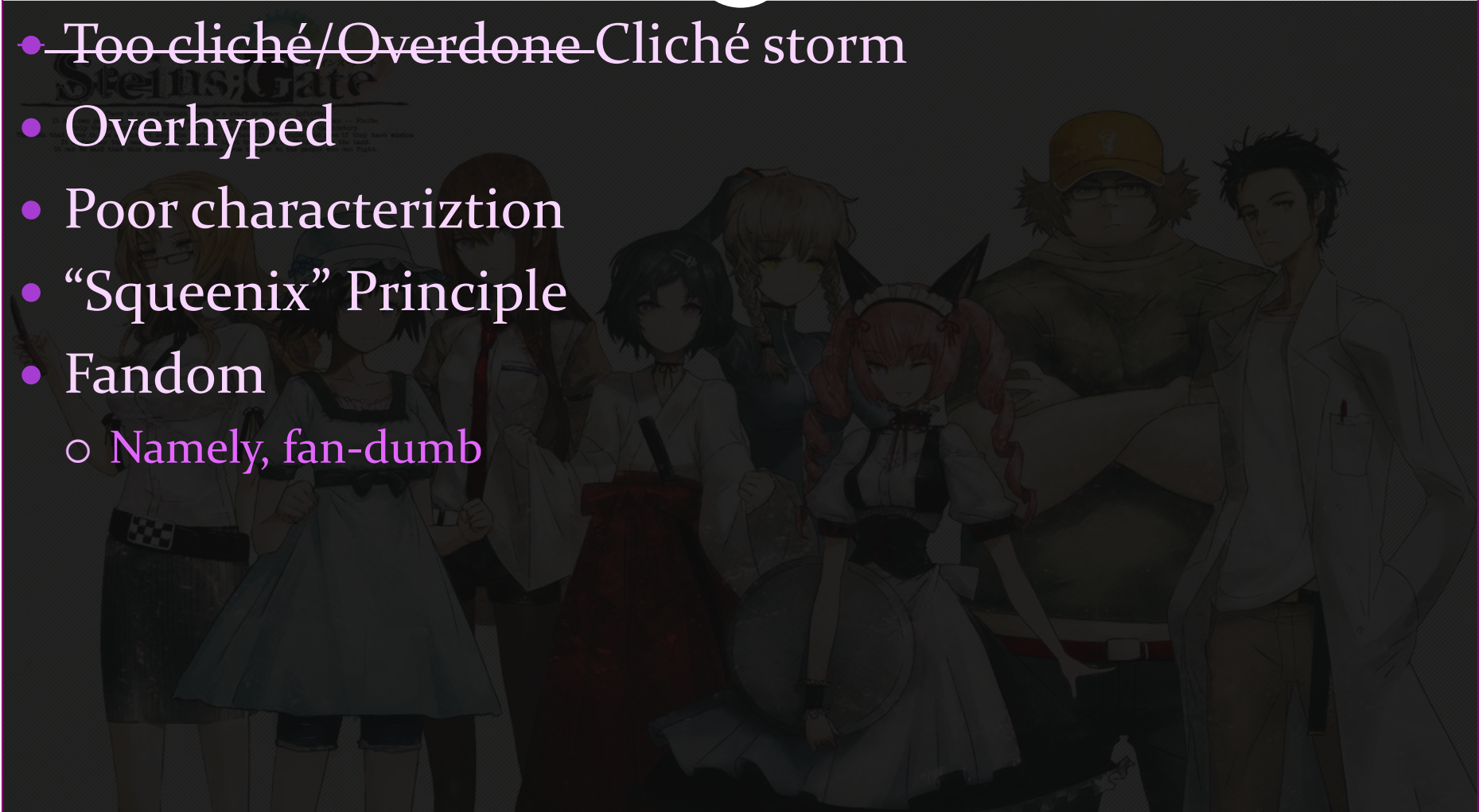


*AMEN*

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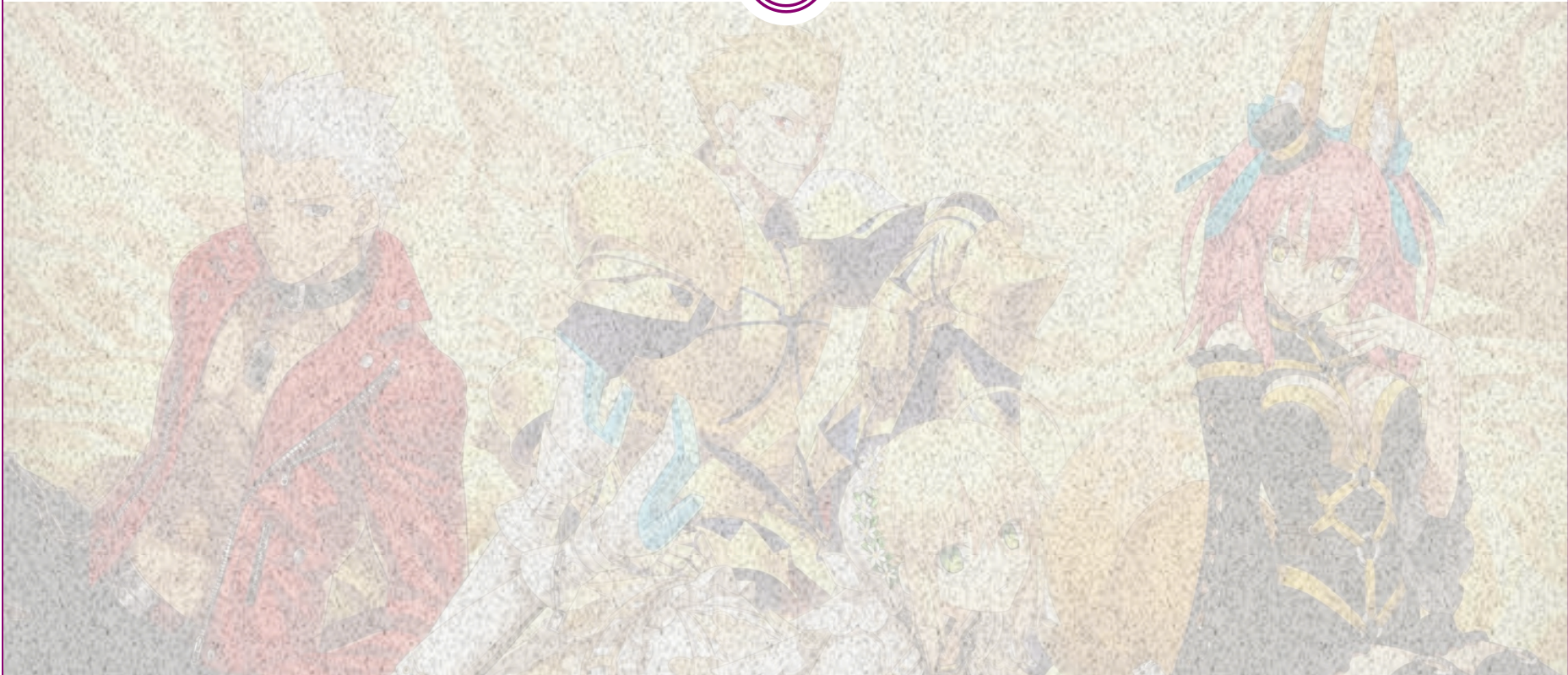




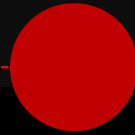
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- No, just NO!
  - Never liked it, it being hyped made me nerd rage even more
- Boring vagina, uninteresting/unfunny penis
  - They have no other characteristics besides these
  - “Quirky main guy needs to accomplish XXX with the help of the lead female who”—oh kami-sama, make it stahp -\_-
- Lead female only existed to get main guy from point A to point B
  - & was unnecessary passed that
- The series needed 2 movies to wrap up this s\*\*t train, really?!
- Too many convenient plot contrivances to help the lead dude avoid having to directly deal with most of his problems
  - Defeat = friendship my a\*\*
    - ✦ Or, convenient major character deaths ~.~
- Lead vagina doesn't even get the guy in the end nor does his winning the tournament really accomplish anything major...why the f\*\*\* am I watching this series again
  - How the heck is it popular???

# Honorable Mentions



i.e., if you aren't pissed off yet...



...HERE'S SOME MORE REASONS TO STORM OUT  
THE ROOM





カウボーイ  
COWBOY BEBOP  
ビバップ





# Specifically



- Too easy
  - Big O
  - Evangelion
  - Hetalia
    - ✦ definitely also qualifies for “have you. Ppl. ...”
- The fandom needs to die (hype wise)
  - DBZ
  - Shakugan no Shana
  - Pokemon
  - Sailor Moon
- “Have you ppl. never seen XXX before?!”
  - Gurren Lagann
    - ✦ Parody, mecha, or shonen series
  - Fairy tail
    - ✦ Shonen in general

# Con't



- Old school vs. new school b.s. hype
  - Cowboy Bebop
- Typical manchild likes (i.e., *grow the f\*\*k up*)
  - Gundam
  - Hellsing
- Tits = great series (can also go under manchild)
  - Sword Art Online
    - Freezing, HS DxD, Maken Ki, Seikirei, Nakaimo, Majikoi, etc. ~.~
  - WitchBlade
    - ✦ One more mofo that tells me 'she's a good mom' & I'm goin' UNLIMITED BLADE WORKS up in this biznitch >.<
- Hype w/o a cause
  - Space Dandy



# Which Ones I Liked/Didn't Like



## Yay! This is Awesome >.<

- Cowboy Bebop
- Hellsing
- Gurren Lagann
- Gundam
- Big O
- Evangelion
- Shakugan
  - Despite *despising* the main dude

## Hated It

- Hetalia
- Pokemon
  - The fandom, not the games

### Meh:

- Space Dandy
- Sword Art Online
- Fairy Tail
- DBZ
- Sailor Moon
- WitchBlade

# Handouts & Junk



- Help yourself to my business cards & handouts with appropriate links
  - Includes link to my blog, my e-mail address, & list of resources
- If you have any questions, comments, feedback, fandom rage, death threats, etc., contact me however
  - E-mail form on my blog, e-mail, comment on a relating blog post, smoke signals, carrier pigeons, whatever tickles your fancy
  - Or suggestions of what series I should add to this list



# Other Panels



- ~~Bara vs. Yaoi: A Look Into the XY/XY Love Categories~~
  - ~~Sat. Live 5, 12:15a - 1:15a~~
- Defaming the Sacred!
  - *It just happened >.>*
- Figures to the Max!
  - *Guess what's the next panel!*

\*When in doubt  
Live 5 ^.^



*Ciao!!*



DON'T NERD RAGE TOO HARD XD

