

3-Year Anniversary

Episode 69

Lucy

Robin

(Be aware that we go off script a lot in this episode, so this script will not be even as close to 100% accurate as we normally get. Hopefully we will have proper transcripts one day soon!)

Intro

Somehow...it's been 3 years! Happy anniversary, Robin!

Happy Anniversary, Lucy!

Check-In

- Wow it's sure been 300 years hasn't it? Okay only 3 but...I'm so overwhelmed with every nuance and aspect of feeling time's speed-up-and-slow-down that I just can't tell any more.
- SPEAKING OF WHICH, as previously discussed, we're taking a break for...the first time really? No new episodes in May and June (though we may post some of our previously Patreon-only bonus episodes on the main feed to be enjoyed by everyone)
 - This was a tough decision but since Lucy's life is kind of nuts right now and Robin's is also about to be more busy than it has been in 2 years, we didn't want to rush CCS and do a job we couldn't be proud of. So we're going to handle life stuff (which Lucy will fill you in about more soon) and slowly chip away at the Year of Magical Girl episodes we've been planning before we go back into full swing in July!
 - We'll still be around on social media (and again, will be posting some of our bonus episodes) so we won't just disappear.
- We also want to issue a big congratulations to CLAMPdown! You'll remember our interview with Ian a few episodes ago, as his book was going into the crowdfunding period on Kickstarer. Well, it hit its goal and blew through it, collecting some stretch-goals along the way. Overall, we're so happy with how successful it was, and can't congratulate Ian and his book enough! Y'all are in for a treat when you get to read it.

Reflect on the Last Year/s

- We did stop doing New Years episodes...so this is kind of that, too.
- We've come a long way in 3 years! For reference, our last Anniversary episode was nestled nicely between the first half of the Rayearth manga and The One I Love.
- It's been over a year since we finished talking about X, which I have trouble believing for some reason. It's just such an important series to us!
- But so are Rayearth, and CCS...and so many others!
- We've covered 14 series over 70 episodes, and that's not even counting Bonus Episodes. And ok, we're still covering #14, but I think it counts!
- It has been amazing. And in many ways, we're just getting going! We're only halfway through the Cardcaptor Sakura manga, and there are so many influential CLAMP series that come *after* CCS. We're in prime CLAMP time now.
 - It's really exciting and we kinda want to savor this!

Personal Updates (where are we right now?)

- Personally, we've also come a long way!
- I started this podcast while I was at my old day job, before I'd even really considered going back to school for a business degree, and now I'm about to graduate with that degree and start a whole new chapter in my life.
 - I also just bought a house! With a boy! (well, he bought it, because I'm a broke college student, but who's counting?)
- You're like, paying all the bills and stuff (or you will be) so you have a system worked out! Congrats on everything, Lucy. You're doing great. She also has a new job, seriously, she's doing EVERYTHING AT ONCE and that is why we need a little time for her to graduate, get situated in more full-time hours, and MOVE across the city!
 - On my end, for the entire first year and a half of this podcast I was furiously doing 4-8 pages a day of a graphic novel, my first author-illustrator graphic novel in fact, which came out about this time last year, hopefully you can find it in bookstores and libraries (and if you're in a non-ENglish-speaking country I may have good news for you about that soon, supply-chain-issues-pending)
 - And I just turned in some ALMOST FINAL ART for a picture book project that STILL hasn't been officially announced—but soon!

- I transitioned from like, mostly comic conventions as my job to books and etsy, which has been great but is also precarious in light of everything happening ALL THE TIME.
- Also we lost our beloved mascot Office Max, and have met new recording buddies Ziggy and Stardust <3
- We also started this podcast before a global pandemic, and then had to transition from spending a day at Robin's house talking and prepping and finally recording, to tightly scripting every episode over about a week and recording remotely. It's a much better workflow, but what a way to get there!
 - Hopefully our schedules will let us do more hanging out soon, I miss that so much—even though the workflow is way better now.
 - In case anyone was wondering why we stopped doing weird drinks and desserts—that's why.
 - Yeah, we were doing the drinks as something we could enjoy before or after recording...and when the hanging-out aspect stopped, so did the fun recipes.
 - We may get back to them at some point, but honestly? They were also a lot.
 - As we've said before, the podcast and reading CLAMP together really has been like an oasis of normal in terrifying times.

CLAMP News?

XXXHolic movie looks so good so far! I wanna see it so bad!

Me too! Though I haven't been looking too much because I *maybe* never finished reading xxxHolic...

Tokyo Babylon getting new special edition covers—will it come back into print in English, too?

God I hope so! There's a whole new generation of fans that I know would love it!

No news on Tokyo Babylon anime...but maybe new XXXHolid Rei stories coming up eventually?

Fingered crossed?

We're hoping for a Clear Card ANime season 2 announcement as the manga will be coming to a close very soon AAAA

Yeah, that's wild. And also I'm selfish and hope that finishing Clear Card will free them to to maybe FINISH SOME OTHER SERIES, but we shall see...

Corrections

We do have one correction this time! We said Toshihiko Sahashi composed the music for the Rayearth anime, but he was actually the composer for the OVA. The composer for the tv anime was Hayato Matsuo. A big thank you to @MarZelSonMet11 for pointing this error out to us!

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[@CLAMPcastpod](#) Hi. I watched your podcast on Magic Knight Rayearth's first season and would like to correct a minor mistake you made in it. Toshihiko Sahashi composed the music for the OVA, and the TV anime's music was composed by Hayato Matso, who also did music for HellsingOVA

Itunes Reviews

We do have one new iTunes review since last year!

Great podcast ★★★★★
by dancer206 – Apr 9, 2022

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This one is from dancer206, with a five-star rating, titled "Great Podcast"

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Thank you so much!

Stargazing!

Last year, Robin "lost" (got too many points) and had to write us a very short fanfic, based on some prompts that our Patreon supporters voted on. She finished it just in time to go with this episode, so there is a link in our show notes!

The results for this year are in...and Robin, again, had the most points! But like, she had two and I had one...we did pretty well this round!

We will figure out a Stargazing penalty for Robin. Any ideas?

Questions

Now, time for questions from our listeners!

Chibi Yuuto ~CLAMP 33rd Anniversary~ @chibiyuuto

Congratulations for your 3rd anniversary! Good job on keeping up with the pacing! I am a big admirer of the podcast, thank you for making CLAMP more accessible (really, as in accessibility). Question: what work would you recommend to someone starting with CLAMP and why?

-Chibi Yuuto is such a PRINCE and now I feel like 'oh no we are not in fact keeping up the pace'--but the BRIEF hiatus is so that we can keep up the pace, like, ever again.

-When we started this I didn't realize how much accessibility was going to be an issue with these books. Hopefully we can get some stuff back into print just by generating buzz, but wow book printing is in such a bad place right now! Digital editions need to be even more plentiful and optimized, I feel.

-SO My pick for a 'first CLAMP' depends on the age of the reader. I think kids should start with Cardcaptor Sakura, its excellent and timeless and actually so good for kids. For older readers I want to say that Tokyo Babylon or XXXHolic might be a good in, since they're more cerebral and tight and incredibly beautifully designed? Also they both have...something like an ending, and yet will suck you into their other giant endless unfinished works and THAT is the True CLAMP Experience™.

-How about you, Lucy?

-Yeah, definitely start with Cardcaptor Sakura or Angelic Layer, especially if you're younger. I mean they are both delightful regardless, but they're perfect for kids (god, I hope so? It's been so long since I read Angelic Layer). Rayearth is also good for kids, but maybe read it and Wish when you're more in middle school? And then graduate to X and Tokyo Babylon and Holic whenever you feel ready for some darker stuff.

-For an adult just getting into CLAMP, I'd recommend xxxHolic. I know we haven't gotten to it yet, but I think it encapsulates so much that we love about CLAMP, and does it in a tighter and more refined way than some of their earlier series. I personally know many people who first discovered CLAMP through Holic, and I think it's a great way in for older fans.

-But like, still please read CCS and Rayearth and Tokyo Babylon and X and everything!

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What are you most looking forwards to covering?

-We already did Tokyo Babylon so its all downhill from here (JUST KIDDING)--I think I'm personally excited to cover Chobits because I've never read it! I've read a lot ABOUT it and have opinions I've been carrying since I was a kid from that experience and I'm tired of it all being second-hand, I want to actually know XD

Yeah, it's hard because I'm excited for SO MUCH that is coming. Chobits is pretty high on my list, too, but for opposite reasons. I really loved it as a teen, and there were things about it that were really important to me...and I'm curious to see how I feel about those things as a full-ass grown adult with like 15 years of distance from it.

There are some series far in the future, like Tsubasa and Kobato, that I've never finished or never actually started, and I'm really excited for those too! But as far as things we're covering in the next year or so, Chobits is probably the one I'm most excited for. But bring on Clover and Angelic Layer and everything, I'm ready!

Yeah Clover is the one I'm dying to just dive into and live in for a while~~

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Hi girls , congratulations ! Here are my three CLAMPY questions .

1. Who would be the best CLAMP husband/wife for your cohort ?

2. Which CLAMP ship would you like to be official ? For example , I wish Kurogane and Fai were an actual couple even though they already seem like one

3. If you could create a Clow Card which ability it would have ? And how it would look like ?

Hope you have fun answering these questions .

THESE ARE FUN! THESE ARE SO FUN!

1. Who would be the best CLAMP husband/wife for your cohort ?

1-Lucy I'm going to assign you Tomoyo. I know you kind of identify with her, but like...you've been a Tomoyo for people before and you kind of deserve one-plus you know what a Tomoyo-type needs. (Don't worry Lucy's Boy is extremely sweet to her and is very supportive and also her adoring fan this is not an indictment of him XD)

-You know, he is a photographer...

For you, Robin, I'm assigning you Yuuko because I think you can handle her chaotic majesty, and also because she's generally amazing. As an honorable mention, though, I'd like to collect all the Sad Bois and Sad NBs for you so you can form some kind of Sumeragi Rehabilitation Center or something.

2. Which CLAMP ship would you like to be official ?

2-Honestly I am stuck between EXACTLY Kuro and Fai (like, boy do i think they ARE canon but I'd like them to say 'i love you' or get married not just vampire blood-cow married) or Hikaru/Eagle/Lantis, who I also think are canon TBH XD

-hmmm Kamui and Subaru? I mean I guess it's still possible for them to canon, but I kind of doubt it, what with the Seishiro and the Fuuma of it all. But I think they'd be great for each other, if they could settle down and get over their chaos exes.

-Also, I'm team #GiveTomoyoAGirlfriend, so please...anyone...just let her not linger in forever unrequited love of Sakura. Not that Sakura isn't a great friend to her, but she deserves someone who feels the same kind of love back at her.

3. If you could create a Clow Card which ability it would have ? And how it would look like ?

3-I would create the ARMS card and it would be a cut harlequin with like, six arms and it would give you extra arms. Basically Nico Robin from One Piece but a Clow Card. I need extra arms guys. Badly.

-It might make me a JoJo villain, but I think I'd create Pen, which would look kind of like a Miyuki-chan-in-Wonderland version of a calligraphy pen (kind sexy and sleek, lots of black)...and when you wrote with it, it would make whatever you wrote come to life.

Last but not least, friend-of-the-pod Ian sent us exactly what you might expect of someone who writes for and about British Comedy/Quiz shows—basically pages of British Comedy/Quiz Show Questions. We'll make these available to anyone who wants to enjoy them but also here are the highlights and our answers (plus a few answers supplied to me by editor Will)

General Knowledge Questions

- What is time?
 - Will says A closed, baseball diamond-like space.
- Have you ever seen or eaten a wind dried puffin?
 - No but I have eaten lots of sun-dried squid?
- Do you ever feel macho after putting together flat-pack furniture?
 - YES I FEEL LIKE A GOD
 - Omg yes! I put together, and later deconstructed, an IKEA loft bed almost single-handed, and I AM a god, no one can stop me.
- Who would win in a match between Stockton Town FC and Portland Timbers?
 - I would guess Stockton, Football is a religion there right?
 - I feel like I have to say the Timbers because of solidarity? Go sports?
- How many rats does it take to change a light bulb?
 - It only takes one rat to change a light bulb into broken glass if it knocks it off a table.
- What will happen in the future, in either chronological or height order?
 - Bad things, Worse Things, Terrible things.
 - An upward shift followed by a slow downward shift
- What was the last flipped manga you read, and did you flip it in a pan or by hand?
 - Always pan-flip your manga
 - I've been flipping CCS by hand for months!
- How many digits of pi can you ice onto a standard-sized Victoria sponge at dawn?
 - Depends on how small the pastry tip is
- Has anyone who has passed someone playing Pokemon Go immediately collected \$200?
 - Only if they're a really good pickpocket.
- Who is most likely to win the World Snooker Championship and is that same player the most likely to make 147?
 - Will says Louis Kensibridge Uxbarge from Hamshortage and I say no.
- Is there a Joy Division tribute act called Misery Multiplication?
 - There will be once I ask my brothers to join me
- On daytime TV show the The Repair Shop, how many times has leather restorer Suzie Fletcher had to reject items for being too kinky?

- Oh I hope many, many times
- Would the White House work more efficiently if it was mauve?
 - I am certainly not interested in it working more efficiently, that would just mean evil happening faster, so I have not investigated this question.
 - Well mauve is purple, and purple is pretty gay, so I say it could only improve things.
- Given that it involves massive wooden paddle-like bats and leather balls, how surprising is it that there's yet to be a homoerotic anime about cricket?
 - Will says Not very since a single match could take multiple seasons.
- What is the opposite of Toblerone?
 - Hm, not quite the opposite, but like, the inverse-but-still-chocolate I think would be the Idaho Spud.
 - I'm not 100% what the reality of a Toblerone is.
- What is the average annual number of visitors to the Derwent Pencil Museum?
 - It will be more one if I ever get to travel there!
- If -according to one publication's readers- an office worker is similar to a short-lived 19th century English pioneer of Art Nouveau, a former party leader looks like a British half of a comic double act, and a journalist is akin to a dictator, why is it fine to compare one controversial stand-up to a Nazi?
 - Applying logic to this will just make your head hurt

CLAMP-related questions

- CLAMP are on a train from Kyoto to Tokyo traveling at an average speed of 125mph. Which stations are they most likely to use and how much coverage will it be given by Anime News Network in sentences?
 - Not enough, we need more discourse about high speed rails in English.
- Yuko Ichihara, Subaru Sumeragi, Kamui Shiro: shag, marry, kill?
 - Shag Yuuko, Marry Kamui, Kill Subaru (because that's what he wants I guess? Unless that counts as shagging or marrying him, which maybe it does, so the game implodes. Also I don't want to shag or marry Kamui, honestly shag yuko, marry subaru, kill kamui, but even that is just a misery-hole. Just...don;t marry Yuuko, she'll ruin your life-though I guess she made Watanuki drastically hotter so...HMMMMM)
 - Editor Will says: Yuko (impossible.), Subaru (impossible?), Kamui (IMPOSSIBLE!)
 - My real answer is marry all three, they'd be good for each other (well Kamui and Subaru would, and Yuuko would definitely guarantee your life would not be boring).
 - But to really answer the question, it's definitely shag Yuuko, marry Kamui, and kill poor Subaru as a kind of mercy-killing thing. Am I going to hell now? Is this what hell is like?
- What's the filthiest CLAMP fan-work you've ever read?
 - Editor Will says We have such sights to show you...

- Like, work of theirs, or work about theirs? Either way it's probably just Mikuiki-chan...
- What drug was dropped in Drug & Drop?
 - Editor Will says Oregano but they were told it was pot.
- Does Kero count as a furry and if he does approximately how much yiff has there been made of him?
 - Editor Will says: Yes & WHERE WE'RE GOING, WE WONT NEED EYES TO SEE
- If Ashura, Yue, Nataka, Kohaku, and Hana were to all attend Hogwarts, how angry would JK Rowling be?
 - Hopefully enough to die mad about it
 - Yeah, like, on the spot, so she can stop making everything worse
- If Sakura were to be drawn by CLAMP wearing decora fashion, how much money would the picture generate on eBay?
 - If this were 2010, quite a bit. But I think at this point the time has passed, sadly/
- Which CLAMP character has the most big dick energy?
 - Kurogane, because the big bois from Gate 7 are all too under-written to have any presence. I dunno, Satan's son becomes a useless freeloader who doesn't help out at his partner's drugstore, so I don't think he gets to claim that title. A lot of CLAMP characters have transcended their dicks to the point where its clearly not a part of their powerful presence (or again, they're basically just a cardboard cutout) but I do think that Kurogane has like, everything that makes Zoro from One Piece cool but without being the actual dumbest motherfucker on the planet, and also he has more feelings, and that just say BDE to me.
 - I was gonna say Yuuko, because I can't think of anyone who could go up against her and not leave crying—LUCY IS RIGHT I'M SORRY FOR BEING TOO GENDER BINARY POISONED
- If God uses a rabbit holding a flower as a messenger, what does Satan use?
 - Apparently a hot twink with two sexy cats
- Given her fondness for filming people and her love of Sakura, what are the chances that when she grows up Tomoyo will go on to have a career in pornography?
 - I actually think not high, because she's so into clothes? As opposed to not-wearing-clothes? Maybe latex fetish work, but I think her fetishes aren't necessarily things that would be easily interpreted as pornographic?
 - I think if she went that direction at all, it'd be a very fashion-centric Only Fans, where there was nudity, but everyone was also dressed to the nines.
 - I could see her making very tasteful and high-brow art films that also involved some nudity, though.
- How easy would it be to "borrow" a million quid from Hinata?
 - Impossible because she only has yen on hand
- Who would win in a fight between Kurogane and a bear?
 - It depends—the animal? Kurogane. The gay subculture? The bear, because I think Kurogane would be into that if he tried it.
 - Wait is he not a bear?

- If you were to collect all the lost eyes of every CLAMP character how long a sausage could you make?
 - I disqualify this question because the asker did not indicate how much filler would be used which is a major factor in sausage-making!
- If you said “Seishiro Sakurazuka” five times while looking into a mirror, would he come and kill you?
 - Convention goes should def try this game out in their hotels rooms and let me know how it goes.
- What are the chances that the pig from Murikuri has been butchered and eaten by now?
 - 100%, CLAMP love food so much, I follow their instagrams.
- What is the volume of Kobato’s bottle, in fluid ounces?
 - Big enough to hold the entire plot.

Thank you again, Ian!

Outro

And that’s it for this episode! Thank you so much for a wonderful 3 years...and many more to come!

In our next episode, we’ll be discussing Cardcaptor Sakura volume 7...once we return from our May-June, that is. Until then, we love you all!

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Thanks for coming with us on our journey through CLAMP’s Wonderland!

Until next time, remember that everything will definitely be alright—

—and try not to lose an eye!