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THE LOW-DOWN ON UPCOMING ANIME, MANGA ACTION AND OTHER WEIRDNESS

She's *no* Angel





Jun is a beautiful model with an ugly secret: she's a little devil. It was only a matter of time before Go Nagai's latest manga creation made it to the small screen, and *Devilman Lady* is now airing on Japanese television in the dead of night. Although members of Nagai's original *Devilman* cast do make appearances, this is very much a different direction from the 1972 television series. For the anti-heroine heself, Nagai has cast one of anime's flavours of the moment, Junko Iwao. Those of you who have heard her screaming her adenoids off in *Perfect Blue* will know she's ideally suited for the job. Original creator Go Nagai produces, while *Vampire Princess Miyu*'s Toshihiro Hirano directs. And the script is by the overworked Chiaki Konaka, who is already penning *Lain* and *Bubblegum Crisis 2040*. Poor lamb, all work and no play. ●

The J-TEAM

He's back, and this time he's brought his Dad. Half British, half Japanese, all trouble, Taichi Keaton is a former SAS officer, impoverished archaeology lecturer and freelance investigator for Lloyd's.

The long-running manga *Master Keaton* was written by Hokusei Katsuchika and drawn by *Pineapple Army*'s Naoki Urasawa; now all 18 volumes are set for the television anime treatment, in late-night broadcasts courtesy of the Madhouse animation team. Overseen by Tatsuhiko Urahata but directed by Masayuki Kojima, the *Master Keaton* anime also features two other members of the Keaton family, his daughter Yuriko (an Oxford wannabe) and his crusty old Dad Hiraga.

If someone's up to their neck in fraud, you can guarantee that Keaton's the one to sniff it out, in a bizarre mixture of *film noir*, Indiana Jones and the wacky world of insurance claims. So far our jet-setting insurance man has already fought terrorism in Dusseldorf, tracked a runaway in Milan, hid away from the Russian Mafia and investigated stone monuments in the Scilly Isles. We'll be investigating *him* next issue. ●





