
Subject: Re: Ghost in the Shell

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I enjoy talking anime and have seen Akira a couple times. Not my favorite. I like Last Exile because I'm fascinated by the Steam Punk genre and the classic "Grave Of The Fireflies" takes the animated art to a place I really didn't think was possible. And I'm not talking about _hentai_ either. When possible I try to tie these film remarks to the speaker stuff we usually discuss. Last Exile has some very good and strange tuneage in it. The score uses bagpipe, Celtic dances and some techno in the theme. But I like to try to see the film in its context of a tv show. In the world of Last Exile, 14 and 15 year olds are on their own. They have independent lives and jobs and are self sufficient. I think this is an important message in what we have come to see as a world of infantilization and prolonged childhood: not achieving or wanting adulthood well past 30 these days. OTOH a lot of anime is just cartoons without much significance. But that rare find like Grave Of The Fireflies or Last Exile keeps me looking for more of that quality. Armatige comes to mind as being pretty good. Do you know Kaena? I've seen that in the stores.
