Subject: They're _animes_, not cartoons : The Last Exile
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I return to the anime form every once in a while. After I found it at the local library, I looked up "Last Exile" on IMDb and there was a rave review for it.Not much was mentioned about the Steampunk style of the series (it's a Japanese tv series on dvd) though.Steampunk is a subgenere of Cyberpunk science fiction.Steampunk uses the steam technology of the 19thCentury to create it's alternate histories. What if atomic power was never discovered-- or buried?Where would culture be today? Steampunk asks these questions.In Last Exile there are flying ships based on some sortof resonant magnetism and 'inertia'. What is extraordinaryis the sheer flights of fancy that an alternate technologycan create. If you saw the flying aircraft carrier in Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow, you'll get the idea of what is going on here. So it's more than a cartoon. More and the same at the same time.The central characters are definately in the Japanese style ofanime human rendering. But the scenic effects and machines areworth the 'suspension of disbelief." The Japanese have the only modern and unique artform that is anime. Unique in my experience anyway. One of the finest films ever made is called "Grave Of The Fireflies." Perhaps a library collection near you has that title.