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Thread: [Shokugeki no Souma is a Disaster](#)

neightworks - September 23, 2015, 9:58 pm

Shokugeki no Souma is honestly fantastic, the story is great, the art is high quality, the characters are all well done, there is actually noticeable character progression, and it's just all around fun to watch. This is an anime I look forward to watching every week despite not watching too much anime anymore.

So why is it a disaster? Purely because this is a perfect gateway anime that is ruined with ecchi. Don't get me wrong the ecchi to a seasoned anime viewer is fine, sometimes it goes over the top sure, but it's definitely not something people who dislike ecchi will avoid, however, people who have never watched anime before will be completely off put which is a damn shame because this should be the Initial D of food shows, where people who have zero interest in the anime world will watch it just because it's about cars, people who enjoy cooking or food shows should absolutely love this, but because of the animated sexual theme this will never be the case. Now, I know this wasn't made for anyone outside of Japan where this isn't seen as ludicrous however, I think if they thought about it logically they could have made a much larger profit if they also attempted to market it to westerners. This would have been an amazing show to air on Toonami, hell even to air on the Food Network if it wasn't plagued with such content.

The manga however can be as ecchi as it want's, no peasant is going to read the manga.

tl;dr: Shokugeki no Souma is a beautiful anime that has the potential to be broadcasted all over the world but because of it's sexual themes western media and the western mentality will never accept it.

Ideya - September 23, 2015, 10:58 pm

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neightworks - September 25, 2015, 9:17 pm

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Not so much scrap it as better placement.

Lone - September 25, 2015, 9:40 pm

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Pawerful Nekomancer - September 25, 2015, 9:42 pm

Is ecchi the part where it gets a bit overly sexual when they eat the food?

Because I completely agree with this post, and I'm one of those people who were caught off guard lol.

I like the story, but the part where they have overly dramatic orgasms over the food is just a bit wtf.

neightworks - September 25, 2015, 10:35 pm

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It's does but this is such a quality anime it shouldn't need ecchi to make it more popular.

Kiyoshi - September 25, 2015, 11:15 pm

I'm pretty sure they don't really think, or care about getting the show aired outside Japan. Also, the ecchi-ness is just a small part of the anime imo, so who cares. I guess you could say, it "spices" the anime up. hue

PS - the manga is good.

Mac Marvin - September 26, 2015, 1:16 am

I really felt that the ecchi moments were unnecessary, my literal first thoughts while watching the first episode was "What the heck, this show don't need this ecchi shit yo" Maybe the writer didn't have any other way of showing how good the food is or some shit. It felt out of place at least, would have been better off without it in my opinion. The average 12yo anime viewer is gonna disagree though ?

SavageBoys - September 26, 2015, 9:32 am

There are other anime/manga in this niche, Shokugeki no Souma isn't special in that regard.

Sure its the first to be made in recent years and benefits from better production due to that but its hardly a unique little snowflake.

For example give Chuka Ichiban!(Cooking Master Boy), or Yakitate!! Japan a look. The first is super old but brilliant and the second is similar to Shokugeki no Souma in that what they create tends to have OTT reactions. (non-ecchi)

You can also follow the recipes from both of those and actually create something real, Shokugeki no Souma has a habit of focusing on one or two ingredients and glossing over the rest of the process which I find frustrating.

Tsu-kun - September 26, 2015, 10:57 am

I remember making a thread about how fucking stupid it is, but it became really dear to me and the ecchi scenes decreased..

The anime is very good, I can tolerate that much ecchi if a show was as good as Shokugeki no Souma <3

Eh wait fuck. Why did they have to do that :/

This really sucks, I feel like recommending it to my sis and friends but it's just disgusting.

Still doesn't change the fact that the anime is amazing, but man they went a bit too far at the last ep.

Ang?I - September 26, 2015, 11:51 am

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Galaxias - September 27, 2015, 12:28 am

Does anyone have an idea or think that this anime will get a second season?

I really dislike how they had to end it T_T

neightworks - September 27, 2015, 3:19 am

(Sep 26, 2015 11:51 AM)Ang?I Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I feel like no matter how good a show is, some people will always find something wrong with it.

I agree but not every anime is a disaster.

GroveStreetOG - September 27, 2015, 11:38 am

I agree, the sexual themes are what kind of turned me away from it, I still think the anime is 9-10/10 worthy, I feel the main problem was it got kind of slow towards the final episodes of the first season (I believe they are making a season 2 because it didnt end where the manga is at)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Some people do however like the sexual aspect of it, so it appeals to them more, and its not like its anything too bad tbh

I--I - September 27, 2015, 1:15 pm

I've never really seen ecchi as that big of a deal. I've been watching ecchi anime since I was a kid, I think the first one I saw was Chobits and then Air Gear. Didn't bother me then, doesn't bother me now.

Korean™ - September 27, 2015, 7:51 pm

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Tsu-kun - September 28, 2015, 4:15 am

I just don't see why would it be good. It fucking sucks to be honest. Like those bouncing boobs I might overlook (though they're a huge factor), but Isshiki's weird clothes are so fucking stupid.

neightworks - September 28, 2015, 5:57 am

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Tsu-kun - September 28, 2015, 8:47 am

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That think they're adult-ish if they watch such things.

Happeh - September 28, 2015, 2:43 pm

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Then you can look past it and watch it for the plot. If the ecchi bothers you that much, you can simply just stop watching and find another anime to watch. Simple as that.

As much as I'd hate to admit it, the people who add ecchi roll in money, just for adding these things.

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What's wrong is that this is a perfect anime that could be aired on several different western channels and get new people into anime, but because of the ecchi that will never be the case.

I don't think you understand my post.

Also everyone saying ecchi rolls in money are hilarious, very few ecchi anime even make enough to even finish, however shows like Durarara that have a huge following in both Japan and Western areas pull in enough money for 4 seasons. Typical Shounens pulls in way more than any ecchi anime besides a rare few like DxD.

skelly76 - September 28, 2015, 7:58 pm

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neightworks - September 28, 2015, 9:04 pm

(Sep 28, 2015 07:58 PM)Axno Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't mind the echii, it's still awesome.

This thread has nothing to do with you minding the ecchi, I even talked about that in the thread. It's the anime virgins minding the ecchi

Chad ThunderCock - September 29, 2015, 3:55 am

Meh I guess it depends, if you look at it most anime "newbies" like isn't usually that great for the more "experienced" anime viewer. When producing an anime you want to target a demography, you can always hit them all but doing it efficiently is hard and some demography's won't be as attracted to it.

Japan is heavily into ecchi, if you look at top sales it's usually shit with either some of the best lore/story or has tons of ecchi/fan service in it, it's normal for producers to target ecchi fans since they're the ones who will be bringing most money. All in all, I also dropped Shokugeki no Souma the first time I watched, I saw 5 minutes and dropped it immediately due to the ecchi, thought it was dumb as fuck, which in a way it is but now that I'm used to it I don't mind it at all.

3 days later I was bored and decided to check the whole episode which triggered my interest and made me rate it 9/10 by the end of the anime.

Jeff Winger - September 29, 2015, 1:29 pm

Yeah, I agree. When I watched the first episode, I thought it had a good plot, but the scene of orgasm's after eating food kinda was eh. I don't mind it, but I can see why it won't appeal the western world.

