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Gladly - June 29, 2016, 2:12 pm

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Synopsis

"Guts, known as the Black Swordsman, seeks sanctuary from the demonic forces that pursue him and his woman, and also vengeance against the man who branded him as an unholy sacrifice. Aided only by his titanic strength, skill, and sword, Guts must struggle against his bleak destiny, all the while fighting with a rage that might strip him of his humanity. Berserk is a dark and brooding story of outrageous swordplay and ominous fate, in the theme of Shakespeare's Macbeth."
[Courtesy of MAL]

Why should I watch this show?

Berserk is a truly epic tale, following a badass swordsman and his misadventures. The series is extremely dark, graphic, and gory, as the 2016 adaptation will most likely be. A very important thing to note is that the series is 100% CGI, so keep that in mind if you do decide to give this a watch. This series takes place after the original Berserk anime (1997) and the Berserk Golden Age Arc trilogy of films. It will follow the Black Swordsman arc of the Berserk Manga, which hasn't been animated as of yet. Many fans are speculating whether this will be good or not, but many will tell you they just want to see more of Berserk animated. If you haven't seen the original Berserk anime, I recommend you go check it out along with this.

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih2-9HwHlpw>]

Episode 1 Impressions (contains spoilers)

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

Nothing here yet.

Should You Watch?

We'll find out soon enough.

Where can I watch this?

The series is will be simulcast on Crunchyroll July 1st:

<http://www.crunchyroll.com/berserk>

Please use spoiler tags when needed, whether they be manga or anime spoilers.

Bugged Genius - June 29, 2016, 2:51 pm

I do not have high expectations of this.

Since it misses alot of the manga stuff.

SkullCandy - June 30, 2016, 2:48 am

I have been so keen for this - I honestly feel like this could be the next big, great anime out there! Will be watching it on the 1st!

Lone - July 1, 2016, 10:04 am

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Ang?I - July 1, 2016, 10:42 am

(Jul 1, 2016 10:04 AM)Lone Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I just paused this, I'm 1:11 minutes in and there is already CGI what the fuckkkk

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Lone - July 1, 2016, 12:46 pm

(Jul 1, 2016 10:42 AM)Ang?I Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You realize the entire show is completely done in CGI right?

Well I do now after watching the whole episode

Mafty Navue Erin - July 1, 2016, 5:34 pm

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Rap1do - July 1, 2016, 8:47 pm

My expectations are really low but the art is amazing.

Tomoko - July 1, 2016, 10:22 pm

Fuck this shitty adaptation.

If the next episode doesn't have better CGI then this one I'm dropping this shit. Even the movies weren't this awful.

Motherfucking in-game models from PS3 games look better than this shit.

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Yes I believe it is a ton cheaper, I really wanted to watch Ajin as the plot seemed sick but couldn't stand the CGI. I might be able to get through this one just because Berserk is the shit.

edmiux - July 2, 2016, 4:05 am

Well even if it will be far from Manga story, but they don't mess it up completely, this should be quite interesting thing to see.

Desolate Night - July 2, 2016, 4:14 am

I hope to watch this once it is completely aired.

Berserk is one of the most iconic anime series and I enjoyed watching the original series.

Hunting Rifle - July 2, 2016, 7:50 am

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credit to [?Tet?](#)

Gladly - July 2, 2016, 8:28 am

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Hunting Rifle - July 2, 2016, 8:37 am

(Jul 2, 2016 08:28 AM)Gladly Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) For some reason, I knew this would be a Kotaku article. Oh lord, the cringe.

Did you hear that guys? It outshines the old series.

Sorun - July 6, 2016, 1:38 am

OH GOD the CGI was awful and the 3d to 2d transitions my fucking lord do they just not care?

At least CGI Chibi puck is cute but fuck me in the ass its like they're not even trying. The fucking girl and old man looked like fucking robots with how clunky they were.

In?sane? - July 6, 2016, 5:40 am

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HI ANGEL, I need to visit this sub forum more.

Alright will check the old one out and the movies to.

Professor Pantsu - July 6, 2016, 6:40 pm

I fucking hate the cgi, but I'll probably still watch it because I love Berserk.

I'm just glad they finally decided to animate something that isn't the golden age arc.

Sorun - July 7, 2016, 2:01 am

(Jul 6, 2016 06:40 PM)Mad Scarecrow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I fucking hate the cgi, but I'll probably still watch it because I love Berserk.

At the same time I feel like they're going to shit on the series. Can't help but watch this train wreck I guess.

ankitkhosya - July 9, 2016, 12:20 pm

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Gotta say I'm excited for next weeks episode.

thaiguy50 - July 9, 2016, 2:09 pm

I havent watch any of the animes , but read all of the manga so far. Should i dip or is it too much cg

Black Hole - July 9, 2016, 9:01 pm

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Hey babe, how you been?

Sorun - July 10, 2016, 1:44 am

(Jul 9, 2016 11:43 PM)Black Hole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hey babe, how you been?

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Quactus - July 10, 2016, 2:48 am

Wouw i learned a lot, thanks guys!

Black Hole - July 10, 2016, 7:02 am

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Actually, no. Just picked up a new job at a growing e-commerce company and I have been crunching hours like an absolute mad man so I can get that team lead position ASAP.

On-topic - So far as I can see, the parts that this anime includes, follow the manga pretty closely.

Decim - July 10, 2016, 7:40 am

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Gladly - July 10, 2016, 9:06 am

(Jul 10, 2016 07:40 AM)Arcanecfg Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm currently about 20 episodes into the original anime. Do I have to watch the 3 OVAs before I start with this?

Do you mean the three movies? I believe the original series for the most part covers the same arc that all three movies cover, although I may be wrong. I can for sure say that the series takes place after the events that happen in the movies/1997 series though.

SkullCandy - July 11, 2016, 2:20 am

(Jul 10, 2016 07:40 AM)Arcanecfg Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm currently about 20 episodes into the original anime. Do I have to watch the 3 OVAs before I start with this?

Dude, this is a complete restart - the first episode of this show starts with the first story in the manga - then skips a whole ton of shit, but still has little to no affiliation with any other anime adaption.

Also, this was very disappointing - as a massive fan of the manga, the first episode was conflicting. For the most part, it was pretty spot on with exactly what happened in the manga - the manga itself is very fast paced and doesn't include a whole lot of story until it gets to the bits with the mercenaries. It's just the end of the episode spoiled it for me, where it seems to skip a whole story arc or two and jumps straight into when the story does get quite meaty. I don't know if I will watch the next episode, I am very disappointed with the show's CGI - it is shit, like honestly PS2 cutscene type shit.

Wulfa989 - July 12, 2016, 7:18 am

No! missed the episode on release date. I've been waiting for a long time for Berserk to continue

goliathv2 - July 12, 2016, 7:43 am

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That's the only thing keeping me from watching it.

SkullCandy - July 12, 2016, 6:11 pm

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This is a worthwhile reason to not watch it; it is actually awful - I thought I could put up with it, but I can't

Tomoko - July 12, 2016, 7:59 pm

Dropped it after the 2nd episode, I can't fucking deal with this shit.

Hope the studio goes bankrupt.

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I so fucking agree with the whole PS2 cutscene thing; fucking spot on! It looks like the new CGI remakes of all the old shows on the Disney channel like Bananas in Pajamas XD

The show has terrible voice acting; they made Guts look fucking weird and where are the boobs?

Seriously, this is not ecchi - but Bersek is basically the game of thrones of anime. The manga starts off with a pretty brutal demon sex scene and when it is possible that boobs come out, they came out in the show. Not always in like a sexual way - just even in like combat sequences. The end of the first episode where he was carrying that girl showed no nipples at all and she was hiding her breasts most of the time; they obviously have no intention of really bringing Berserk to anime form in it's proper way.

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Bruh don't say that. We may never get new chapters again.

Wulfa989 - July 13, 2016, 9:26 pm

The animation style is a little dated, but looking past that the new adaptation isn't too bad

darkduchess - July 17, 2016, 9:56 am

I was going to watch this but these comments are scaring me. lol Not worth the time? The graphics look interesting.

Professor Pantsu - July 18, 2016, 3:27 pm

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If you don't mind the cg animation then watch it.

Axcelerant - July 19, 2016, 2:53 pm

I just wanna sacrifice the studio that did this adaption.

BupChup - July 22, 2016, 10:58 am

Honestly, I've seen some of it, It is not good, the animation is not good whatsoever, no matter how many little tweaks they make.

creki - July 22, 2016, 9:01 pm

I really don't like the animation on the anime,

I just wish it wasn't 3D :(

Professor Pantsu - July 22, 2016, 9:06 pm

I wonder how the japs feel about all the Berserk 3d. Everyone in the west seems to think it's absolute shit, so why the fuck do they keep using cg.

Chips Ahoy McCoy - July 22, 2016, 9:18 pm

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Because it's significantly cheaper to do CG. And they figured "Hey, it's berserk so It doesn't matter how bad we make it, people will buy it!" I'm sure.

DerMensch24 - July 22, 2016, 9:45 pm

Shame to see a great manga and (the original) anime turn into this kind of stuff ./ still haven't watched this current airing yet, I might check out the first ep but seeing from you guys the reviews are in the red so might not even bother. After seeing the CGI from the films they made I assume its that bad.

#Thunder - July 25, 2016, 9:58 pm

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(Jul 25, 2016 10:26 PM)?Truth Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I find it very cool that you don't explain to us how it works instead of telling us it's wrong ?

Apologize in advance for poor grammar.

It gets a bit boring having to explain this to a lot of people who question why [X] anime has awful animation. "It's 2016, why can this anime not look like something Studio Ghibli produced?!"

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While it is true that producing anime in CG is cheaper than creating anime in 2d, there are reasons to why this is the case. The animation business in Japan has suffered quite a loss of new workers in the past few years. Often studios lack new animators and the people who are experienced often are working on other projects. You see, not every animator is assigned to one anime. Often you'll encounter the same animator working on another show, who might go unnamed in the credits. Often you'll actually have to search on Twitter or other social media to find out what shows they're working on.

People often pinpoint CG anime as some bad thing, but it really isn't. It just hasn't been perfected, just like how early movie CGI was awful when it first was being in development. If all anime were produced like Studio Ghibli, then you'd see 2D animation produced at 24 frames per second - like any other high quality anime is produced at. This unfortunately is not the case with a handful of anime that imitating a 2D art style while still remaining that is CG. You also have to realize that not all scenes in anime are produced at 24 frames per second usually. Sometimes there are tricks in the animation business to trick our minds thinking some scenes are smooth, yet if you were to analyze it closely, you'd see that there is definitely frame drops.

CG isn't the issue. People constantly whine and bitch about it, yet there are plenty of examples of why it [doesn't suck](#).

There's a lot more to comment. Honestly can talk about this for days, especially because I'm very familiar with how Dragon Ball/Z/GT/Super were animated, and I do follow some animators on Twitter.

Animation studios have to make money somehow, yet CG in Berserk has been for quite some time now. People have a false impression of how the system works. Because it may look very crappy to you, these animators are trying to make a living too. They'd most likely try to create a very high quality piece of work, but that isn't going to happen unless you're only working on that one single

anime.

I know I didn't cover everything here but I'd be willing sometime to write more.