Circle AROUND!
We've GOT him! He's backed into a CORNER!
:huhh:
:huhh:
n-NO
BLEAT!
MASER's warming up...
Target the HEAD. That SHELL looks pretty TOUGH.
:huhh:
NO!
STOP! PLEASE!
Don't DO it!
PLEASE! He's GOOD!
WARDEN?
I made some COFFEE. Want a cup?
I don't know how long you're going to be WAITING out here.
Oh, yes, sure, THANK you, KAMAKURA.
Won't be long NOW. I see her COMING.
But it's going to be a heck of a DAY.
This is the big MATSUMOTO meeting, huh?
Yeah. I was nervous ENOUGH about it BEFORE we had an escape. AND a death, and two GUARDS quitting.
She's going to want an ACCOUNTING for all that stuff if we want our BUDGET approved.
But she's been a PRISON ADMINISTRATOR for YEARS. She knows things just HAPPEN, doesn't she?
SURE, but YOU'VE met her. She's stricter than STRICT. She wants to make things run the way they USED to, back in SHOWA times.

It's just the way she *IS*.

OLD SCHOOL

Ah, *KANG*. Our man in the South *PACIFIC*.

Or so I *THOUGHT*. Bit of *TROUBLE* around here the last few *WEEKS*.

Uh, yes, w-well, *THANK* you for making the *TRIP*, Ma'am.

I-If you want to park your *MECH* here, I can take you on a short tour to help you get *REACQUAINTED* with the place...

You'll understand that I'm a little *RELUCTANT* to get out of my radiation-shielded *TRANSPORTATION*, won't you, Warden?

Seeing as how you've managed to turn the *EASTERN HALF* of the prison into an *ASHEN HELLSCAPE*?

Uh...

ABSOLUTELY. Dr. *MATSUMOTO*, I do *QUITE* understand.

H-However, we've assigned some of our inmates who are *THERMOVORES* to *INGEST* the radiation, and now everywhere but *GROUND ZERO* is back down to *BACKGROUND LEVELS*.

Ye-es, I **BET**. Plied them with extra **SPIDER CRAB RATIONS** and more **YARD TIME**, and **OTHER** perks, no doubt.

Isn't it **FUNNY** how two inmates **ESCAPE**, endangering the **WORLD**, and it's only **OTHER PRISONERS** that benefit?

It's almost **CUTE**.

I--

So **NO**, Warden, I **DON'T** think I will be getting **OUT** to walk **AROUND** with you.

In **FACT**...

...perhaps you would prefer to sit in my **JUMP SEAT**...

...and I will take **YOU** on a tour **INSTEAD**.

The **AIRLOCK** should take care of any lingering **RADIATION**.

KANG, there was a day not too **LONG** ago when we didn't **CODDLE** these creatures.

MOST of them didn't **MAKE** it to captivity. Justice was **SERVED** right there on **SITE**.

FFFFFF

ELEGANT in its **SIMPLICITY**. An **EYE** for a **RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**.

But the powers that **BE** -- far above **MY** pay grade, **BELIEVE** me -- insisted we **IMPRISON** them instead.

To be **FRANK**, I think it's all about **MONEY**, bringing them **BACK** again and again.

Ah...

I'm sure you're **RIGHT**, Dr. Matsumoto.

A-All I can say is that attitudes have **CHANGED** on what **IS** and isn't **JUST**.

And it's not always the **SAME** as what is and isn't **SAFE**.

TSSS

松本

コックピット

YOU'VE done more to keep us safe than **ANYONE**...

But not EVERYONE can be as TRADITIONAL as you.

KNOCK KNOCK

HONEY?

Honey, it's been DAYS now. You've GOT to EAT something. PLEASE.

I brought your FAVORITE. I made it just the way you LIKE it.

I'm going to come IN, okay?

CH-CHAK

Just a little something to EAT, and maybe later you can get UP, okay? Just for a LITTLE while?

Just get DRESSED and I KNOW you'll feel better.

PLEASE, Chisato, for ME.

YEARBOOK

All my FAULT, Dad.

It was all my FAULT.

Honey, LISTEN.

KOFF

These things HAPPEN. You made a MISTAKE.

And one thing I KNOW about YOU: you did what you were SUPPOSED to do.

What you were PROGRAMMED to do.

You were always my little CODE-FOLLOWER.

Not like your BROTHER-- he made the DECISION to do the wrong thing.

But YOU-- You've ALWAYS done what is RIGHT.

Now I'll set this down over HERE.
Come on, honey, up you COME.
KOFF
All right, let's get some JUICE in you, okay?
Thanks
TSST
There, now, doesn't that feel BETTER?
Oh!
Oh, okay, now you REST. GORO and I have to do quite a bit of WORK today.
Yes sir, and don't forget about your TEA.
KOFF
That's RIGHT. You make such a good CUP, Goro.
Oh, it's all in the CEREMONY. No big DEAL.
Should we get down to our little FRIENDS?
LITTLE...?
You don't worry about a THING. Just a SIDE PROJECT.
You'll always be my NUMBER ONE.
"Grown-ups, please LISTEN to me!"

HEEE

Destroying this MONSTER is a TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

This is not a BEAST from outer SPACE, like those sinister GIGLOGONS, whose flying TOROID SHIPS held the city in a GRIP of TERROR last week...

This is ZUGAIGO, PROTECTOR of ALL ASIA!

I know that ZUGAIGO is not BEAUTIFUL like a CRANE or a SUNRISE after a STORM...

But his HOME is EARTH, and has been for MILLIONS of years! He will RISE from the DEPTHS to DEFEND it from ALL THREATS!

Grown-ups, I ADMIT I once thought like YOU. That ZUGAIGO was FRIGHTENING, even MONSTROUS...

...but it was just that we could not UNDERSTAND the COMPLEXITY of Zugaigo's THOUGHT PROCESS! The WISDOM of this ancient CREATURE was simply TOO MUCH for us HUMANS!

It took my SISTER, even though she is just a silly GIRL, to see the KINDNESS that is in Zugaigo's FOUR HEARTS.

To see that EVERYTHING he DOES is to HELP the people of ASIA.

She had the EMOTIONAL SENSITIVITY to see that ZUGAIGO was in a HURRY to help us against the GIGLOGONS, and that is why he WRECKED all those SHIPS!

And my crazy FOREIGNER friend, he saw it TOO!

Even though he is a hilarious PRANKSTER, he is a GENIUS with ELECTRONICS!

HALLO!

HE saw that Zugaigo falling onto the POWER PLANT prevented the GIGLOGONS from siphoning its ELECTRICITY for their LASER BOMB at that crucial MOMENT!

And when he knocked the GIGLOGON MOTHERSHIP from the SKY?

To the grown-up EYE, he may have simply seemed to be batting away an ANNOYING OBJECT. Not SO! ZUGAIGO came to our rescue once AGAIN!

GUHURR

ZUGAIGO has saved EACH of our lives from the GIGLOGONS this week!

He makes his intentions KNOWN, i-if only we would LISTEN! if only the WORLD could listen in PEACE, together.

YEAH! That is ALL RIGHT!

HEY!!

BLAST! He's getting AWAY!

Swing the TURRET around-- NO! He made it behind those BUILDINGS!

You darn KIDS with your FANCY TALK need to get out of the WAY and let the ARMY handle this.

That thing's been a MENACE for DAYS and it's up to US to blast it to the MONSTER GRAVE-YARD in the SKY.

Bring those TANKS up here!

There's nothing else that can pierce that SHELL. Tell the PLANES to turn back. They're no HELP here.

And you KIDS--

Go HOME to your PARENTS!

HECK! That is NO GOOD, fellows!!

You SAID it. We didn't CONVINCE them! OKAY, gang, we've GOT to help ZUGAIGO.

And I THINK I've got a PLAN.

"Anyone ELSE remember where the MOTHERSHIP crashed?"

I have to TELL you, Warden...

There are **CHANGES** afoot at **HQ.**

This latest **ESCAPE** has really rattled their **CRYSTALS** up there.

SOME of those **RUBBER SUITS** are actually starting to **LISTEN** to my **SUGGESTIONS.**

Like **WHAT?**

For **ONE**, they're getting **PRETTY** close to passing an **LTF ORDER.**

THAT ought to make **YOU** happy. Get out of the **WAY** and let **NATURE** take its **COURSE?**

NO, Ma'am, that's not what we **WANT** here.

NO?

No, the **LOCK-DOWN** is just about to come to an **END.**

We've got **NEW STAFF** coming in, and we should be back up and **RUNNING** in a few **DAYS.**

A few **DAYS?**

You must be **MAD.**

Will you be giving the prisoners all a gentle **DUST BATH** and a complimentary **F-4 PHANTOM** to chew on as **WELL?**

Ma'am, if we let the inmates stew in their own **JUICES** too long, we get **MONTHS** of **DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS.**

We **HAVE** to return our prison to working **ORDER.**

We have to heal this **INJURY.** We **HAVE** a system. It **WORKS.**

"WORKS."

You're living in a **FANTASY LAND,** Warden.

That kind of **PIE IN THE SKY** thinking is what wipes **WHOLE CITIES** off the--

NNFF

HM?

JUST a moment, Warden.

TK TAK

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BOUCHON de RIVIERE

HABITAT: CONGO RIVER BASIN

STREET NAME: M. MACHINE

CHARGE: AGGRAVATED LURKING

Yep, I **THOUGHT** so.

Uh, Dr. Matsumoto, he's out of his **CRATER** on **MY ORDERS.** He's --

HEY! INMATE!