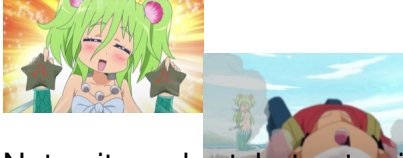


Takkun's minding his own business fishing when he hooks a rather unusual prize - a mermaid, by the name of Muromi-san. Rather than being shocked and startled by catching something that's not supposed to exist, though, Takkun finds that having a mermaid take an interest in you can be rather annoying, as Muromi just won't leave him alone...



Not quite a short, but not quite full-length either, *Muromi-san* clocks in at 12 minutes - and a fairly entertaining 12 minutes, at that. Muromi's not the smartest person you'll ever meet, but her conversations with Takkun betray a certain childish outlook on life that's quite endearing - even if her attitude sucks. This episode concentrates on them just sitting and chatting, with a few interruptions - fish can't come onto land without birds and cats taking a certain interest, after all - but that works well as an introduction.

Going by the OP sequence, Muromi has a few friends we'll be introduced in the not-to-distant future, which should broaden the scope and help to keep things fresh. We'll have to wait and see how that plays out, though.

THE GOOD: Simple fun that doesn't tax the brain. Episodes are short enough that the idea doesn't get a chance to wear itself out.

THE BAD: Character designs have a vaguely *Slayers* feel to them that's a bit out-dated.

I like it, so far - just the sort of craziness that appeals to me in a comedy, and the shorter episode length helps with that. One to keep an eye on.

Muromi-san is streamed by Crunchyroll.