



NOTES FROM
PLANET CRAY



AUGUST
2022

August's "IMAGE": Cafe

Notes From Planet Cray is now on its 3rd issue; getting the hang of the whole process... This time, we're doing something a bit different — typically, the zine's center pages are dedicated to fanart but I started working on it later than usual and didn't have an appropriate amount of time to recruit guest artists or draw 4 pages on my own, so instead I created a "Vanguard Collaboration Cafe Menu"!!! A few years ago, there was actually an official CFVG collab cafe event (the drink names were amazing, I'll show it to you in this zine). Partially because I was inspired by that, and partially because I've been sad and nostalgic about the Gundam Cafe's closure earlier this year, I decided to make some VG unit themed food/drinks. I hope you'll enjoy this special content!

- Tempest
@dragon&blade

On a different note, this month is also the first time featuring a guest contributor's deck list (@atelierbarrel)...

LIBRARIAN BY DAY, ROCKSTAR BY NIGHT

PREMIUM FORMAT LIST BY BARREL

PATH TO STARDOM

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TL: LAUNCH AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN AT YOUR CRITICS, FLOODING THEM WITH SONG AFTER SONG, AND ENDING IT WITH A SURPRISE PERFORMANCE!



**CLOSE OUT THE GAME
WITH 3 VANGUARD AND
4 REARGUARD ATTACKS!**

[HTTPS://DECKLOG-EN.BUSHIROAD.COM/VIEW/4BW3](https://decklog-en.bushiroad.com/view/4BW3)

- X4 DETONATE SINGER, REFIA RADE "ROCK"
- X4 SINGLE QUIET, REFIA RADE
- X4 OMNIA VINCIT AMOR, BENEDETTA (HEAL)
- X4 TOP IDOL, AQUA (V)
- X4 CHOCO LOVE HEART, LISELOTTE
- X2 DUO WHITE CRYSTAL, RICCA
- X4 CUDDLE CONNECT, FANESSA
- X4 MERMAID IDOL, SEDNA (V)
- X2 BLUE-HAIRED PRODIGY, RECEUS
- X2 APPASSIONATO, JUSTINE
- X2 EQUABLE CAREER, SPIANA
- X1 MAGICAL YELL, NINA (OR) DUO CLEAR PARASOL, KURA
- X1 (ANY V STARTER)
- X2 AQUA LIGHT, ARDEL (CRITICAL)
- X4 WRAPPING CHORUS, TRUDY (CRITICAL)
- X1 (ANY LYRICAL MONASTERIO OVERTIGGER)
- X1 DREAMER DREAMER, KRUIK (STAND)
- X4 GLITTERY BABY, LENE (DRAW)
- X2 RADIATE OCEAN, HELTRAUDA
- X1 CHOUCHOU POPULAR FAVOR, TIRUA
- X2 PROGENITOR DRAGON OF DEEP SEA, BALANERENA
- X1 DEARLY DESIRED GRAND STAGE, SHANDEE
- X2 CHOUCHOU HEADLINER, LAPRIA
- X2 SCHOOL ETOILE, OLYVIA
- X1 DIVA OF SALVATION, LUCRECE
- X3 HIGHEST SOCIETY, CITRON
- X1 BLESSED SPARKLE, SANDY
- X1 HAND IN HAND, LEONA



**CAN YOU SOLVE
THE PUZZLE AND
GO BEYOND 7?**

トランプ

TL: UTILITY



discard a card from your hand



When this card is discarded



choose up to two cards from your hand, call

them to separate in different rows,





HONOLY SECURITY FIRM HAS COMPETITION!

call it to (C)

+10000 until end of turn



BE READY TO GETTING MORE POWER WITHOUT BOOSTING!



RAKE IN THE IDOL FLUNDS!



DISCLAIMER: YOU'LL NEED TO MANAGE YOUR RESOURCES WISELY.

Races of Planet Cray: Aquaroid

Aquaroids are artificially created humanoid beings made from mana-imbued water. They are born of the Aqua Force navy and live and die by the navy. They can breathe underwater and many are able to instantaneously liquify their bodies. They do not age in the way humans do.

Diamantes,
from the very
first AqF set
and Skyros,
from G era
... actually
share a
generation?



Aquaroids are assigned a generation number that roughly corresponds to when they were created/born. Those of the same generation often share some characteristics (some of this has to do with the 'era' they were born in). Some of the known generation numbers:

Diamantes and Skyros: 2nd gen

Benedict: born before numbered generations

Galleass: "Irregular Number" (4th gen, faked)

Sebastian: 59th gen

Eldermoss: 202nd gen

Foivos: 501st gen

Thavas: 555th "Lost Number" (554th, faked)

Lambros: 3822nd gen

Biology of Aquaroids:

Most aquaroids have a pair of “water wings” that allow quick movement through water. These wings are typically fluid and either amorphous or ‘bird wing’ shaped (see Tear Knights Valeria, Cyprus, and Timos for examples).

-Earlier generations did not have wings
(ex. 2nd gen Diamantes).



-Some aquaroids, like Lazarus, instead have tear dragon wings due to their lineage.

Supported speculation: The equipment/boosters seen on the backs of many aquaroids and briefly mentioned in lores are meant to augment these wings.

An aquaroid’s body is composed of over 90% water, although the exact content varies. Those with higher water content, like Alecs from the Ripples Fleet (at 98.5%) can fully dissolve their bodies in water and have excellent impact resistance.

Genetic material of aquaroids appears to come from various sources. Many of them display features such as fins or gills, likely from incorporating genes from other aquatic races. The cells of existing soldiers can also be used to create new aquaroids, via cloning or (supposed) recombination.

Lazarus - “descended from tear dragons”

Miltiadis - “small amount of mermaid genetic factors”

Alecs - created from Genovious’s cells (non-clone)



Injury/Illness/Ethics?:

Normally, aquaroids can heal from injuries and regenerate body parts as long as their core remains intact. They are not, however, immune to 'illness' or permanent affliction/disability.

Known examples:

Orest - 'unstable mana'
chronic illness

Lambros - mechanical right
arm, is likely a
prosthetic

Foivos - acquired resistance
to healing magic



A number of aquaroids have had their personalities modified in their creation. Typically this is done to uh.....produce "efficient soldiers" and results in individuals who are completely incapable of certain emotions (ex. Skyros, who cannot feel anger or sorrow, or the mass production sailors, who do not even have an intact sense of self or the ability to experience fear).

By the G timeline era, the Aqua Force navy has banned such personality modifications.



Interesting note:

It is mentioned that aquaroids are able to replenish energy without food, but most prefer to eat anyways.



Blooming Fruit Tea

Peach white tea with kiwi fruit, honey, and cranberry ice.



Time Rift Soda

Ginger ale on blue lemon jelly with strawberries.



Blue Sky Tea

Ceylon black milk tea with cardamom, anise, and vanilla. Topped with butterfly pea tea.



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Aqua Force Sailor's Curry

"It's curry on Fridays!
That's the secret to strength!"



Pilot's Victor-y Lunch Set

Fried rice, salad, and vitamin jelly.
Served with hot coffee.

ard's Cafe

Lunch Menu



Sanguine Soul Parfait

Decadent layers of chocolate ice cream, red velvet cake, brownie brittle, and cranberry jelly, topped with chocolate wafer cookies, pomegranate seeds, strawberry macaron, and dark chocolate.



Bermuda Bacon Burger

Cheeseburger with bacon, mizuna greens, and heirloom tomatoes. Served with fries.



CRAY ZOO - RICE BALLS SET



Trickstar:

- white rice
- chili pepper
- spicy cod roe



Lotte:

- curry rice
- salmon
- spicy rice crackers



Base:

- white rice
- fried shrimp
- cheese



Matt:

- brown rice
- fried chicken
- sliced ham
- rice crackers

Time Rift Soda

Ingredients:

- agar powder or gelatin
- lemon juice
- sugar
- blue food coloring
- strawberries
- ginger ale



1. Heat agar/gelatin, water, lemon juice, and sugar in a pot until boiling. Add blue food coloring.
2. Pour the mixture into a glass, roughly 25-30% of its height, and let cool/jell in the fridge while rested in a large bowl to maintain a tilted position.
3. When the jelly is firm, fill the remainder of the glass with ginger ale.
4. Slide strawberries onto a long cocktail pick and carefully stab the end of it into the jelly.
5. Add another drop or 2 of blue food coloring into the glass, letting it sink onto the jelly surface. (If the food coloring used is lighter than the soda, do this before step 3 or mix the coloring with a heavy syrup first.)

** It would be interesting to try making this drink with strawberry popping boba!*

Blooming Fruit Tea

Ingredients:

- white tea leaves
- cranberry juice
- kiwi
- honey
- peach syrup



1. Pour cranberry juice into an ice tray and let freeze.
2. Brew the white tea and when it cools a bit, add honey and peach syrup. (If no peach syrup, substitute juice, dried peaches, or strained puree.)
3. Remove the kiwi skin and cut the fruit into very small pieces (do not lose the juice.) Fill the bottom of a glass with the kiwi bits/juice.
4. Pour the tea slowly down the side of the glass, filling it to the 75% mark or so.
5. Add the cranberry ice.

** You can try freezing chunks of fruit or whole berries in the ice!*

** Try it with a variety of fruit flavors; strawberry, apricot, mango suggested...*

Blue Sky Tea

Ingredients:

- ceylon tea leaves
- butterfly pea flowers
- fresh milk
- ground cardamom
- star anise (1pc)
- brown sugar



*Can be prepared hot or cold

1. Brew the ceylon tea and add the spices and sugar to taste.
2. Steep a few butterfly pea flowers in a cup of hot water until a deep blue color is achieved.
3. Pour the tea into the glass, filling it 60-75% full. Add milk to roughly 80-85% full.
4. Carefully pour the butterfly pea tea over the back of a spoon, onto the top of the milk to make the sky blue colored layer.

* Putting vanilla bean pods in the sugar jar for a few weeks makes a great addition

* If having trouble with step 4, you can also use the spoon directly to pour 1 spoonful at a time, along the sides.



Sweets Barrage

V-Premium Battle Sister
- by Tempest

Back to the 'basics'
with card advantage
and trigger optimization
- Business as usual at OTT

- 4x Battle Sister, Fromage [+2], [-1] [-1], [+X]
 1x Heretic Battle Sister, Fromage "Reverse" ↑
 4x Goddess of the Sun, Amaterasu
 -
 4x Battle Sister, Trifle [+1]
 4x Battle Sister, Chouquette
 3x Battle Sister, Macaron
 -
 4x Battle Sister, Torrijas [+1]
 3x Battle Sister, Panettone [-1]
 3x Battle Sister, Cassata
 3x Divine Sword, Ame-no-Murakumo
 -
 4x Divine Sword, Kusanagi [C] [Sentinel]
 4x Battle Sister, Ginger [C]
 4x Psychic Bird [C]
 2x Battle Sister, Brioche [H]
 2x Goddess of Water Dragon, Toyatamahime [H]
 1x Lozenge Magus
- Card advantage gained by deck unique card abilities*
[±X]
32/49
"Battle sister" name

<https://decklog-en.bushiroad.com/view/B4Y1>

Battle Sister units, in general, are not picky about how you look at your deck. Trifle, Macaron, and Torrijas can gain power from any look/search/reveal deck instance. Amaterasu must be REVEAled from deck for her first effect to go off. This is the only +critical the deck gets outside of triggers, so I'd consider it worthwhile to accommodate.

In general, it is useful to keep in mind the distinction between "look at deck" effects, and "reveal from deck" effects. The latter is a subset of the former, although it exposes information to your opponent that would otherwise be unknown to them. Amaterasu's effect is also significant in this respect, essentially binding the reveal and keeping the top of the deck 'unknown'.

"Look"





Battle Sister Framago
12000



Battle Sister Trifle
9000



Battle Sister Panetone
6000

"Reveal" →

G3 only →



Battle Sister Chouquette
9000



Battle Sister Torrijas
8000



Battle Sister Amaterasu
10000

Guaranteed 'Reveal'

Normal unit ↑

General Notes:

- Aim to get at least 4-5 Battle Sister units with different names on field whenever possible to get the most out of Fromage's effect, BUT don't hold back the skill if you can't!
- Trigger consistency is KEY. If you aren't hitting any in OTT, you aren't winning. Use Panettone and Amaterasu to fill in when Fromage falls short.
- If Fromage's check top 5-6 goes well, you can even stack triggers into your next damage checks. It's not very discreet, but there is room for some mind games...

Regarding choice of trigger lineup:

- Crits are good! Run lots of crits! You'll thank me later!
(There's no multi-attack here; how else will you push damage?)
- Battle Sister heal vs heal guardian? There is advantage to either choice:

20000 shield

Battle Sister name synergy



V.S.



G3 can be searched by Murakumo or stacked by Chouquette

Skill versatility

Cute art!

Also cute art!

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<p>私が守る</p>  <p>抹茶フロート+牛乳 ホイップ+いちごフルーツミル</p>	<p>正義のころも</p>  <p>ラムシロップ+CCレモン+ プラッドオレンジフロート</p>	
<p>香水水</p>  <p>黒ごまソース+牛乳+フラッシュドベリー+ホイップ+ガムフロート</p>	<p>ラミーラビンスフロート なみだあじ</p>  <p>ブルーベリーソース+ワイルドウォーター シューアイス+ブルーベリー</p>	<p>クロノと伊吹</p>  <p>ストロベリーシロップ+牛乳+ホイップ+ストロベリー</p>

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A piece of the past which started this month's zine idea

An official collaboration with a karaoke chain from 2016. 7 vanguard G inspired drinks, featuring some absolutely unhinged naming choices; Shinonome Shouma's "maiden who just got a nice surprise" coffee, and the Rummy Labyrinth 'tears flavored' float....Stride Gate sure was wild, huh?

The drinks were 500 yen each and came with a double sided coaster for you to take home.

EDIT: On the very day that I completed this month's zine, with this page long since done, I see that WILL+DRESS is collaborating with joysound karaoke with another character drink menu, much like this one.

Upcoming Releases/Events

8/13 - EN Lore 022 (Earnescorrect Leader, Clarissa)

8/19 - V Clan Collection Vol. 5

- V Clan Collection Vol. 6

8/27-28 - BCS Houston, TX (NA)

9/2 - JP release Lyrical Booster set 3

9/3-4 - BCS Duluth, GA (NA)

- BCS Taiwan (AO)

9/9 - Shaman King Title Booster Vol. 1

- Shaman King Trial Deck

9/14 - TCG Strategy Presentation (13:00 JST)

9/17-18 - BCS Rosemont, IL (NA)

- BCS Germany (EU)

9/24-25 - BCS Spain (EU)

9/30 - JP release D-BT07

10/1-2 - BCS Toronto, ON (NA)

10/7 - D-TD01: Urara Haneyama (Lianorn)

- D-TD02: Michiru Hazama (Drajeweled)

- D-TD03: Raika Koshiba (Youthberk)

10/8-9 - BCS Mexico (NA)

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11/17 - VG Dear Days release date

Feedback survey link:

<https://forms.gle/bCLnUHE8oUkYqPtU8>

