

Laputa's Lost Ending Finally Released!!!

Three years ago, in "Laputa's Urban Legend: Are There Two Endings?", I headlined the alleged ending of Laputa:

- in Gondoia, they shake hands and split up
- shaking hands in Gondoia (Pazu has a kite?)
- Pazu goes to meet up in Gondoia
- the Gondoia villagers greet him (there is no dialogue)
- scene of playing with cows (yaks?)
- while Sheeta is grazing with the yaks, Pazu comes to see her
- a scene about how the Levystone is hidden in Sheeta's fireplace
- "So this is where Sheeta grew up." talking in front of the fireplace
- is not a video, but actually still frames

There was a testimony along the lines of,

"Finally! Finally! I got images."

There was an eyewitness testimony on the [mixi community] (requires a mixi account), and our readers sent in this information.

We were able to post the images on USO800 with the permission of the original poster.

(It seems that the screen was captured with a mobile phone)

img1 "Pazu and Sheeta hug each other"

img2 "Sheeta and water buffalo"

img3 "Two people riding a kite"

img4 "Pazu came to see Sheeta"

img5 "The End"

For sure, the staff names appear on each shot.

The regular Laputa is different because the trees are floating.

According to the account, this ending played after the film's end and the sponsor bumper and commercials.

I don't know if these shots are animated or still images, but there's a mixture of illustrations and still shots, and I'm wondering if some of the shots were different here.

But if we take a closer look, we've seen this shot somewhere, right?

The only shots that could be illustrations seem to be of the reunion between Theta and Pazu.

Matchups below...

comp1 "Right before "Balse!"

comp2 "Just before "Uncle Pomme!"

comp3 "Right after the collapse"

comp4 "Original painting?"

comp5 "Kimi wo Nosete" begins"

This version seems to reuse the movie clips but mix in illustrations? and then rolled the credits over it.

Maybe the TV station didn't have time to play the full ending, so they replaced it with a simpler version,

which wouldn't be surprising to see.

Many of these testimonies--

-in Gondoa, they shake hands and split up

→was this confused with the movie's hug scene?

-shaking hands in Gondoa (Pazu has a kite?)

→was this confused with the movie's kite scene?

-Pazu goes to meet up in Gondoa

→was this confused with the above illustration?

-the Gondoa villagers greet him (there is no dialogue)

→was this confused with an earlier scene in the film?

-scene of playing with cows (yaks?)

→was this confused with the water buffalo scene?

-while Sheeta is grazing with the yaks, Pazu comes to see her

→was this confused with the water buffalo shot and the illustration?

-a scene about how the Levystone is hidden in Sheeta's fireplace

→is this confused with the movie's scene where grandma teaches spells in front of the fireplace?

-"So this is where Sheeta grew up." talking in front of the fireplace

→was the previous shot a flashback?

-is not a video, but actually still frames

→is this correct?

--fit along the same basis.

It seems that it's not clear when and which broadcasting station aired this, but after all, it was a simple ending created by the broadcasting station (using shots from the movie because it'd be a problem if they drew new ones without permission?)

By the way, the story of the [Laputa: Castle in the Sky novelization] published by Animage Bunko contains a few scenes set after the movie. The official "epilogue" may just be in this.

If you have a reaction to the above images, and have a comment like, "I saw it and it was absolutely different!!!", please feel free to contact us.

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