

The Complete Series

Elfen Lied



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As well as the usual Japanese and English audio and subtitles, the discs contain lots of interesting extras including clean opening, closing, character galleries, trailers and previews.

From the first few scenes which see the Diclonius Lucy escape – naked but for a metal helmet – from a maximum security lab, it is obvious that *Elfen Lied* is a masterpiece, something which is a little surprising given the level of blood, gore and excessive violence.

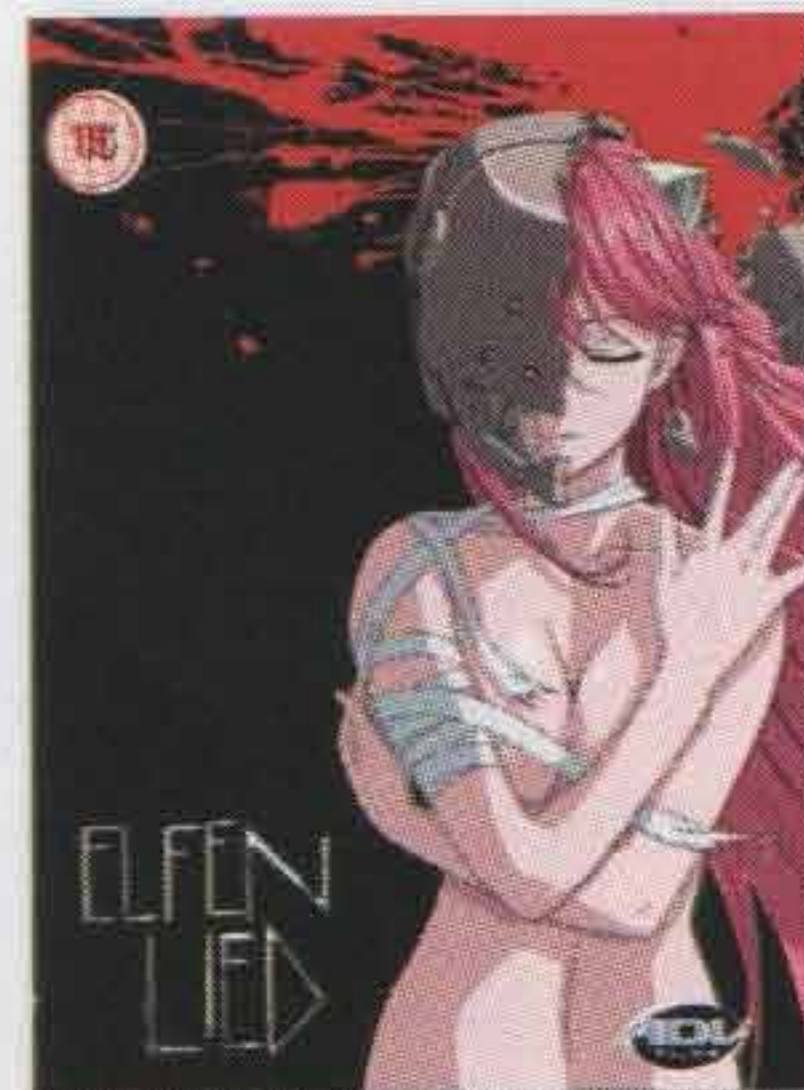
Now being re-released in a boxset by ADV, *Elfen Lied* is both beautiful and chilling. Lucy's horrific rampages are nothing compared to the moment when Department Head Kurama euthanizes his beloved Diclonius #7, Nana, after Lucy rips off her arms and legs.

While Lucy provides the tension and seriousness in *Elfen Lied*, her alter ego Nyu provides much comic relief; walking around naked and nudging Kohta into situations which in any other series would be deemed as fan service. There are also plenty of harem elements: Kohta lives in the abandoned Kaede Inn which is soon populated by various women including love

interests Yuka and the runaway Mayu, Nyu / Lucy and Mayu's dog Wanta.

The animation itself is superb, with special attention paid to the lush landscapes, right down to the falling sakura blossoms. The quality of the animation is especially noticeable in the opening theme. If you can stomach the violent decapitations, the nudity and other questionable acts hinted at in the script, *Elfen Lied* is an amazing series and well worth watching for a solid story and gorgeous visuals.

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NEO VERDICT

Beautiful and chilling, *Elfen Lied* will haunt you long after the final episode.

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