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This is a film review of a Studio Ghibli animation film, Laputa: Castle in the Sky (1986) directed by Miyazaki Hayao. It is an adventurous story about a boy, Pazu who dreams of discovering a legendary castle floating in the sky, Laputa, and a girl, Sheeta who is a descendant of the royal family of the Laputa Empire. Laputa is named after the third part of Gullivers Travels, formerly part of the Laputa Empire, which ruled over the nations of the earth (Miyazaki 1996: 253). The original and possible titles were: Young Pazu and the Mystery of the Laputa: Castle in the Sky, Flying Treasure Island, or The Flying Empire (Miyazaki 1996: 252), but Laputa: Castle in the Sky (Tenku no Shiro Raputa) was formally chosen in the end. The historical background of the movie dates to the end of the 19th Century or the beginning of the 20th Century (Robinson 2013: 167). Miyazaki based his depiction of the scenery of the film on Wales, where he visited for research (ibid: 174). There is historical significance in this, from the perspective of issues of war and peacethe coal produced in the Great Britain during the age of the so-called Anglo-Japanese War (1904-1905) (Yamamoto 2013: 221). Indeed, the term alliance is one of the critical keywords in this essay. As mentioned above, the legendary castle in the sky in the movie stems from Gullivers Travels (1726), a political satire written by Jonathan Swift (1667-1745). Swift feared that the content of the book would offend the feelings of politicians and royal families so he published the book under a pseudonym (Nakano 2010: 88-89). Swifts satire regarding politics in Great Britain becomes evident in the chapter regarding Laputa (ibid: 94). Likewise, the movie, Laputa: Castile in the Sky, has a political connotation in terms of international politics and peace during Cold War politics. This review provides an analysis of the flying castle as a form of nuclear technology, as well as a lost nuclear civilisation. First, we look at the storyline as an analysis of conflict parties, through the cooperation for peace of the hero and heroine and the desire for power of the sky. Third, the symbolic implications of the Empire of Laputa will be investigated from the perspective of peace research, focusing on the number of global nuclear warheads as well as nuclear testing. In the fourth part, this review scrutinises the implications of the spell of destruction in the film and the lost civilisation for the abolition of nuclear weapons and ecological peace. Interestingly, the meaning of the spell is peace in Turkish and just as in other Miyazaki animation films, this movie contains ecological peace as well as a world free from nuclear threat. Film Review from the Perspective of Peace Research This review will adopt an interdisciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other disciplinary approach of peace research as well as international politics, which can be a core of other science, history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and international relations and so on (e.g. Okamoto 1993: 24), attempting to analyse this film with a particular focus on war and peace issues. Graph 1: Interdisciplinary Characteristic of Peace Research Note: A modified version of the graph by Okamoto (ibid). This review, therefore, combines peace research with international politics, especially the keywords of the discipline, such as power, alliance, and nuclear weapons. For instance, it is possible for political scientists or peace researchers to analyse this film as incorporating counterfactuals and virtual history (Nye and Welch 2011: 65) in relation with nuclear civilisation. Notably, this film was released in 1986 in Japan, when the number of global nuclear warheads reached as many as 70,000. Likewise, in the light of peace research, this study examines how the villain utilises the term peace in this film in order to justify his political ambition as well as the use of force, especially nuclear technology. The storyline of the film will be investigated through an application of sequence analysis (Abbott 1995), in which closer attention is paid to the sequence of the story rather than characters lines. The Levitation Stone: Cooperation for Peace vs. Desire for Power Pazu is an orphan and earns his living as an apprentice mining engineer at a mine site in Slug Valley. Meanwhile, Sheeta, who has a mysterious levitation stone, is held hostage by a secret agent of the government, Muska, in an airship. One night, the airship is attacked by the Dola family, and hides outside the window of the airship, but ends up falling from her perch (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 5-27). Both Muska and Dola, a female pirate, are villains that desire the levitation stone and the treasure of Laputa, but whereas the former is one of the most egoistic villains in Miyazakis animated films (Hirota 2004: 47), the latter is more humane and takes care of Pazu and Sheeta later on (Yumoto 2013: 214-218). When Sheeta is falling from the night sky, her levitation stone suddenly starts shining and she slowly drifts down to the mining town where Pazu safely catches her. The next morning, Sheeta wakes up and sees a photograph of Laputa taken by Pazus father. Pazu tells Sheeta that his father was an explorer and found Laputa in a storm cloud, but nobody believed the story, so Pazu wants to rediscover the legendary castle in order to prove that his father was right (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 30-88). The Dola family, Pazu and Sheeta come across a military tank locomotive operated by government agents, led by Muska. Chased by both the Dola family and the government agents, Pazu and Sheeta fall into an abandoned mine site, they meet Uncle Pom who tells them that only the Laputians know how to utilise the power of the levitation stone. Right after they come out of the mine site, they are captured by the armed forces led by Muska (ibid: 89-195). Clearly, the story divides characters into two classifications: those who wish to stop the villains from holding power and to help people in trouble (Sheeta, Pazu, the family of Pazus boss, and Uncle Pom), and those who pursue the levitation stone and the power of Laputa (the Dola family, Muska, and the government). In light of theories of international politics, the former class is consistent with cooperation for peace based on human nature idealism, whereas the latter is influenced by desire for power based on classical liberalism or human nature idealism. the principal villain, Muska, shows his desire for political power by betraying his colleagues, whereas the Dola family purely pursue Sheetas levitation stone and the treasure of the legendary castle for economic power. In the next section, however, the Dola family, which does not necessarily value political power by betraying his cooperating for peace by forming an alliance with Pazu and Sheeta. Balance of Power: Pazu-Sheeta-Dola Alliance vs. Muskas Military Forces led by Muskas Muskas Military forces led by Muskas Muskas Military forces led by Muskas (Miyazaki 2013b: 130-131). In the military fortress, Pazu is imprisoned in a one-room cell, while Sheeta is treated as a guest just like a princess in a gorgeous room. Muska then explains to Sheeta that one day the robot, made of an unknown metal and endowed with destructive power, fell from the sky, presumably from the Empire of Laputa. Muska moreover tells Sheeta that she is a princess of the royal family of Laputa and must know how to utilise the power of the legendary castle (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 196-215). In this scene, Muska lectures Sheeta that it is dangerous for peace for such military robots still to exist in the sky, and that she should help discover Laputa (ibid: 213). Intriguingly, the word peace is used only one time in this movie, ironically by the worst villainMuskawho tries to conquer the world by monopolising the military technology of Laputa. This scene indicates Miyazakis satirical message on how political leaders tend to make use of the term peace in order to justify their desire for power and use of military power. Muska persuades Sheeta to ask Pazu to give up on Laputa, and Pazu, discouraged, goes back home where he finds the Dola family awaiting him. Dola, as the boss of the pirates, desires to obtain the levitation stone and the treasure of Laputa, and decides to ally with Pazu so that Sheeta can cooperate with Dola in search of Laputa. Similarly, Pazu needs Dolas expertise and cooperation in order to rescue Sheeta from Muska, and hence, the Pazu-Dola family alliance is formed as a counterbalance to the Muska-led military force (ibid: 229-245). Meanwhile, Sheetas levitation stone starts emitting its light, pointing to the direction of Laputa, and activates the military robot that begins firing at the soldiers in order to escort Princess Sheeta. Taking advantage of this emergency, Muska takes control of the armed forces from the military leaders in order to destroy the robot. In the meantime, the alliance of Pazu and the Dola family turns out to be of importance, since they succeed in rescuing Sheeta who can help to find Laputa. In this scene, Sheeta drops her levitation stone from the fortress, yet it still shows the direction to Laputa. In this scene, the Pazu-Dola alliance is extended or strengthened as the Pazu-Sheeta-Dola alliance. The Dola family is depicted as a lovable gang of pirates who accept Pazu and Sheeta look out over the top of Tiger Moth so that they can watch out for Goliath and find Laputa. Thanks to the proper guidance and surveillance by Sheeta and Pazu, the Dola family finds the gigantic cloud surrounding Laputa, but Muskas Goliath also finds the cloud and starts fighting Tiger Moth. Pazu and Sheeta on board a surveillance aeroplane leave Tiger Moth. Pazu and Sheeta on board a surveillance aeroplane leave Tiger Moth. Laputa as a Symbol of Nuclear Technology When Pazu and Sheeta arrive at Laputa, they are welcomed by a military robot of the castle. They realise that the robots (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 411-425). Clearly, the legendary castle is a lost civilisation somehow abandoned by Laputians long ago. The Dola family is taken hostage by Muskas soldiers and Sheeta is also captured by Muskas, who takes her to the central chamber of the castle where a gigantic levitation stone is enshrined as a metaphorical image of a nuclear reactor (Miyazaki 2013b: 131; Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 426-454). In taking control of the power of Laputa, Muska murders his military officers and soldiers and destroys Goliath. Significantly, Muska experiments with the thunder of Laputa (Rapyuta no ikazuchi) which creates a huge mushroom cloud on the surface of the oceanclosely similar to a nuclear test (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 461-463). The film was created during the Cold War, as was Nausica of the Valley of the Wind (1984), and therefore, it is possible to interpret that the military power of Laputa symbolises nuclear technology. As a matter of fact, both the United States and the Soviet Union continued creating nuclear weapons, and finally, the number of nuclear warheads of the world reached a peak in the year when the film Laputa: Castle in the Sky was released as shown in Graph 2. The Number of Global Nuclear Warheads and its Culmination, 1945-1986 Note: Data estimated by Norris and Kristensen (2010: 81) modified by the author. As Photo 1 below indicates, it can be interpreted that Miyazaki intentionally depicted the thunder of Laputa as a nuclear test during the nuclear technology of a lost civilisation. The scene is based on the mythical fiction that there existed a nuclear civilisation long ago, and that human civilisation, which is associated with Mohenjodaro of the Indus Valley Civilisation, was once extinct as a result of nuclear war. Likewise, the thunder of Laputa utlises the motif of Indras arrow in the Ramayana, a Hindu epic saga in which Prince Rama saves Princess Sita in war, and the God Indra utilises an arrow of thunder (Aramata 2013: 211; Miyazaki 2013a: 69; Kano 2006: 90) to burn everything on the earth (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 461-463). In this sense, it is natural to consider that the film, just like other nuclear-related movies, such as Godzilla and Astro Boy, was influenced by the Cold War politics in which nuclear tests were conducted by the United States and the Soviet Union (Yanobe 2013: 238). In fact, as shown in Photo 1, the thunder of Laputa is similar to the image of the hydrogen bomb test around Bikini Atoll, through which all crew members of the Daigo Fukuryumaru (Fortune Dragon Number Five) were exposed to radiation in 1954. One of the survivors of the Daigo Fukuryumaru incident, Oishi Matashichi, noted that he thought the sun rose in the west (2011); Photo 1 is visually consistent with his statement. Photo 1. The Thunder of Laputa as an Analogy of Nuclear Testing Note: Image from Laputa: Castle in the Sky (Studio Ghibli 1986) adjusted by the author After watching the experiment of the thunder of Laputa and the cruel massacre conducted by Muska, Sheeta decides to steal the levitation stone back from Muska and starts running away. Muska follows Sheeta and finally catches up with her in the royal throne throne. Pazu arrives, and negotiates with Muska, saying that he has hidden the levitation stone and is ready to give it to Muska in exchange for Sheeta. Muska suggests that they should give him the stone within three minutes, but when the time is up, Pazu and Sheeta pronounce the spell of destruction, Barus (barusu), in what has become a famous scene. Immediately after that, the levitation stone emits a strong light and Muska loses his of destruction. eyesight; the castle begins collapsing. Pazu and Sheeta successfully escape from the castle in a flying glider and join the Dola family. In the end, Laputa with its gigantic levitation stone flies away from them to the point where none of them can see it (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013b: 476-506). The Meaning of Barus and Its Connotation for Nuclear Abolition As a matter of fact, the spell of extinction, barus, which signifies close in the language of Laputa, literally means peace (bar) in Turkish (ECTACO English-Turkish Online Dictionary 2014). Although it is uncertain whether Miyazaki referred to the Turkish word, because of this potential connection, fans of Laputa tend to interpret the meaning as peace (News Trend 2014). Incidentally, it is one of the most memorable lines in the moviefans of the film simultaneously tweeted it on Tweeter when the film was broadcast on TV in 2013 (Nihon Keizai Shimbun 2013). Either way, if the military technology of Laputa represents nuclear weapons, the spell of destruction, regardless of the meaning of closure or peace, symbolises the abolition of nuclear weapons at the sacrifice of that technology (Photo 2). Photo 2. The Spell of Extinction (Barus) as an Analogy of Nuclear Abolition Note: Image from Laputa: Castle in the Sky (Studio Ghibli 1986) adjusted by the author. Although the disarmament process of Laputa was instantly complete, the global nuclear disarmament process has taken time (Graph 3). If the Empire of Laputa is a symbol of nuclear technology, it is also possible to interpret that the spell of extinction is a symbol of the abolition of nuclear weapons. This is an interesting and important contrastwhereas Muska referred to the word peace with a view to conquering the world by monopolising the military technology of the Laputa Empire, Pazu and Sheeta pronounced the word peace in order to close the nuclear empire and restore true peace. In contrast to the upward-sloping curve in Graph 3 below demonstrates the more-recent, decreasing number of global nuclear warheads. Politically speaking, it is logical to consider that the Cold War ended because, for example, the US containment policy worked, or because the competitors overstretched themselves in the nuclear race, but the most important precipitating cause of the end of the Cold War was an individual, Mikhail Gorbachev, who came to power as the Soviet General Secretary in 1985 (Nye and Welch 2011: 157). Gorbachevs foreign and defense policy was not to increase unnecessary nuclear weapons in order to avoid the classical security dilemma, but instead adopted a doctrine of sufficiency (ibid: 158), and furthermore, initiated negotiations for bilateral nuclear disarmament with US President Ronald Reagan at the Reykjavik Summit in 1986 (ibid: 177). Interestingly, the parallel worlds of the film as a counterfactual history, and the real history of nuclear disarmament since 1986 coincide as shown in Graph 3: The Number of Global Nuclear Warheads and its Culmination, 1945-1986 Note: Data (Norris and Kristensen 2010: 81; SIPRI 2010, 2013) modified by the author. As demonstrated in Graph 3, global nuclear warheads peaked in the year. In this sense, this movie was created and screened at the turning-point of endeavours for global nuclear disarmament. In 1987, Gorbachev and US President George Bush signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) in 1991, promising nuclear disarmament (Nye and Welch 2011: 177). Against this historical and political background, the total number of global nuclear warheads has continued to decline even after the end of the Cold War in 1989, the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, the 2001 Terrorist Attacks in the United States, and the following US-led War on Terror. This trend toward global nuclear abolition has been accelerated by Obama administration, bringing even closer a world without nuclear weapons. Moreover, this film has profound implications not only for nuclear abolition, but also ecological peace, as we will discuss in the next section. In the film, Sheeta tells Muska that Laputa was abandoned despite its military technology and economic prosperity, because the people who lived there became arrogant and forgot the significance of nature. Unlike the abolition of nuclear technology is not broken, and rises aloft leaving behind human beings, implying that nuclear technology might continue to exist outside the planet. Ecological Peace: a Silent Message from the Lost Civilisation As well as nuclear-related issues, this film critically deals with ecological problems. It is not explicitly explained, but the reason why the Laputa Civilisation became extinct is that those who lived in the castle worshiped only its technology and neglected their harmony with nature (Mori 2013: 28; Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013a: 40). Anthony Lioi (2010), for example, analyses the correlation between Jonathan Swift and Miyazaki shares Swifts sense that societys flaws infect the modern project to the core and, like Gullivers Travels, Laputa is designed to carry that critique to a mass audience. In this sense, the film represents the Empire of Laputa as a deserted, lost civilisation (Hibi 2003: 68), and that the gigantic tree (nature) supports the castle (technology) which tends to go out of control (ibid: 70; Robinson 2013: 168). Global environmental problems, such as environmental destruction, global warming, acid rain, and environmental pollution by toxic chemical substances, have been issues in international politics as well (Murata et al. 2011: 280). In other words, the process of industrial development has inevitably entailed environmental destruction. In 1972, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was established, and in the same vear, the Club of Rome published The Limits to Growth (1972), warning that natural resources would be depleted within 100 years if human population continued increasing. The report pointed out that after reaching the limits of growth, the global population would start decreasing as a result of lack of natural resources as well as environmental destruction (ibid: 281). In particular, the report stressed technology and limits to growth in Chapter IV (Club of Rome 1972: 129-155). In a way, the film represents the limits to the development of technology and civilisation without harmony with environment. Likewise, some of the fictional creatures in the deserted castle are extinct. For example, the Minonohashi in the film is an imaginary, primitive mammal that already went extinct in Tasmania in the 17th century (Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013a: 43, 92). In the castle, broken robots become part of the gigantic levitation stone is enshrined, and the levitation stone is also protected by the roots of the central tree (ibid: 93). Moreover, as discussed earlier, the military robot tries to protect the eggs of flycatchers, symbolising the need for the protection of environment. We can infer that the reason why Miyazaki draws an imaginary, extinct creature and the eggs of flycatchers, symbolising the need for the protection of environment. of flycatchers is that he desired to send a message for environmental protection, especially of endangered species, commensurate with the Convention), which was signed in 1973 and came into force in 1975. Implication for Peace Education: For Young and Mature Audiences Of all other Studio Ghibli animated films, Laputa: Castle in the Sky (1986) is one of the most popular works among Ghibli fans (Robinson 2013: 163; Mori 2013: 163; Mori 2013: 196), especially younger audiences. This is mainly because the film was deliberately aimed at mainly elementary school-age children, whereas Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind (1984), for example, was created mainly for an older audience as explained by Miyazaki (1996: 252; Studio Ghibli and Bunshun Bunko 2013a: 54). This means that the former is suitable for peace education for school children who purely prefer entertaining animation, whereas the latter is for mature students and adults who can analyse the deeper implications of the content for social and global issues. Notwithstanding the target audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the Sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the film Laputa: Castle of the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and mature audiences, the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and the sky can be utilised in peace education both for young and the sky can be utilised in pe will come to see this film no matter what (ibid). Likewise, Takahata Isao (2013: 80-87) noted that this film, which depicts the importance of love and friendship, can be shared not only by children but also by all modern adults. In terms of violence, this all-ages anime airborne fantasy epic has garnered many reviews which note, for example, that: Parents need to know that cartoon violence and peril are fairly regular and sometimes intense in this spectacle, with abundant street brawling, gunfire (often aimed at children), artillery, death rays, even what looks like an H-bomb. Despite all that, no dead bodies are shown (Common Sense Media 2009). Indeed, the heroine Sheeta resorts to the use of force to escape from Muska in the airship, and hits Muskas subordinates to prevent them from capturing the heroes on the train. Also, Pazu implies that he is sometimes hit by the chief engineer, his boss at the workplace. Given the historical background of the film, it is understandable that subordinates are physically punished by their superiors, but this can be categorised as power harassmentas a form of violence nowadays. Moreover, Pazu is almost involved in a fight scene between the pirates and his boss so that he could run away with Sheeta. The important point in this scene, however, is the fact that these men are unarmed fighters (Otsuka 2013: 282) who do not intend to kill each other. Either way, the violent scenes are exaggerated, which is typical in animated films. With regard to violence, Robinson (2013: 167) observes that: In Hayao Miyazakis world, men dont hit womentheres a chivalrous code here, whichs part of the action adventure genre, seen also in Hong Kong martial arts movies or Hollywoods action comedies. But if a guy does hit a women, you can be raised as a discussion topic in peace education, from a perspective of violence against women as well as animated violence as teaching material by negative example. Muska, who utilises the most devastating violence, the film contains some educational implications that violence shall be punished in the end (Robinson 2013: 167). From an educational viewpoint, Anthony Lioi (2010) furthermore suggests that: Teachers in these cultures should expose students to this film and involve them in discussions about the way its aesthetic raises political questions and shape political desires, so that students do not simply consume it as entertainment, but engage it as a tool for philosophical reflection and political action. Accordingly, this film can be utilised as a source of peace education of violence, renunciation of violence, renunc community which depends on nuclear technology (Mori 2013: 28-29: Yumemakura 2013: 251). This is because the levitation stone of Laputa Civilisational topic also should be discussed in a peace education classroom so that students can consider the issues regarding ecology and energy. The film, moreover, conveys the inspiring message that children (Kanehara 2013: 112) can save the world from war, environmental destruction, and civilisational collapse, and hence, this film can be suitable learning material in peace education for both young and mature age audiences. Conclusion This review has analysed the Studio Ghibli animation film, Laputa: Castle in the Sky (1986) in terms of international political, economic, and military power of the Empire of Laputa. Yet, it turns out that the Dolarity content of the Empire of Laputa in the Sky (1986) in terms of international politics and peace research. We have clarified that the Dolarity content of the Empire of Laputa in the Sky (1986) in terms of international politics and peace research. We have clarified that the Dolarity content of the Empire of Laputa in the Sky (1986) in terms of international politics and peace research. family only pursue the treasure of the empire, and Pazu becomes an ally of the pirates in order to rescue Sheeta, kidnapped by Muska in the fortress. It has been pointed out that Muska, who wishes to conquer the world under the violent military robot, indicating Miyazakis satirical perspective on how political leaders use force and violence in the number of global nuclear warheads from 1945 to the present. As Graph 2 shows, the number of nuclear warheads from 1945 to the present. As Graph 2 shows, the number of global nuclear warheads from 1945 to the present. that the thunder of Laputa, exploited by Muska, is a symbol of nuclear tests conducted by the leaders of the nuclear-armed states during the Cold War. At the same time, this study analyses the meaning of the spell of destruction in the light peace studies. We have revealed that the meaning of the spell means peace (bar) in Turkish, and therefore, it is possible to interpret that the destruction of the empire symbolises the abolition of nuclear weapons. To relate this argument to the real political situation, we have provided figures on the shift in the number of global nuclear weapons has been on the decrease slowly but steadily. The implications of the lost nuclear civilisation was considered in terms of ecological peace by contextualising the development of the UNEP, the publication of The Limits to Growth, and the conclusion of the Washington Convention. As well, we have discussed the implication for peace education in terms of the strong message of the film for ecological peace and nuclear-related issues. In conclusion, this essay suggests that this film should be utilised as a learning tool in peace education so that students can discuss ways to achieve the world without nuclear threats as well as sustainable ecological peace. 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However, as with other systems, any significant head tilt will result in incorrect parallax and prevent the brain from correctly fusing the stereoscopic images. The high-resolution, digital cinema grade video projector alternately projects right-eye frames, switching between them 144 times per second. The projector is either a Texas Instruments Digital Light Processing device or Sony's reflective LCOS (liquid crystal on silicon). A push-pull electro-optical liquid crystal modulator called a ZScreen is placed immediately in front of the projector lens to alternately polarize each frame. It circularly polarized glasses that have oppositely polarized glasses that ensures each eye sees only its designated frame. In RealD Cinema, each frame is projected three times to reduce flicker, a system called triple flash. The source video is usually produced at 24 frames/s), which may result in subtle ghosting and stuttering on horizontal camera movements. A silver screen is used to maintain the light polarization upon reflection and to reduce reflection loss to counter some of the significant light loss due to polarization filter absorption. The result is a 3D picture that seems to extend behind and in front of the screen itself.125min - Japanese, Norwegian, or Castle in the Sky was the first Miyazaki film that I can remember seeing. It's an epic adventure set in an imaginative land, and it also features one of the best Joe Hisaishi scores. Along with Spirited Away and Kiki's Delivery Service, Laputa is finally seeing a Region 1 DVD release as part of Disney's first wave of two-disc Miyazaki titles, and despite being a little slim on the extras; it was worth the wait. The Movie Castle in the Sky is an epic action-adventure from the premier mind in animation, Hayao Miyazaki. It takes place in a land filled with giant airships and tells the story of Pazu and Sheeta who go on a huge adventure to find the mythical floating city of Laputa. While Pazu wants to hold up the good name of his father, Sheeta holds a secret that links her to Laputa. Castle in the Sky is filled with enough action, enough characters, and enough characters so likable that you never get bored, you always want to see what adventure is next for them right up to the end. This film, as with the ones that followed it (Mononoke, Spirited Away, etc.), is yet another example of the explosive imagination that Miyazaki has. The world of the movie looks to use early 20th Century technology, yet it's filled with these giant airships and flying cities. There's a giant, yet lovable, robot that instantly becomes one of the most memorable characters in the film. Combine all of that with an excellent and memorable Joe Hisaishi score, and you have a jewel of animation. The US DVD release the best of any that preceded it. Firstly, they asked Joe Hisaishi to re-score the film. The original score for Laputa was only about an hour long, in a two-hour-plus film. So he went in and re-did his great soundtrack to flesh it out a bit, and the result is excellent. Instead of fundamentally changing the impact of his score, he actually made it bigger and better than before. It's like you're just getting more of a good thing. For you purists, the original score is preserved on this DVD in the Japanese 2.0 track. Next, Disney produced and all-new English dub that's heard for the first time on this DVD. It features James van der Beek as Pazu, Anna Paquin as Sheeta, Mandy Patinkin as Louie, Cloris Leachman as Dora, and Mark Hamill as Muska. While I liked Disney's dub for Spirited Away a bit more, this I think this one is still better than the Mononoke dub, and I like Anna Paquin as Sheeta and you can't complain about the best Joker ever as Muska. 9 out of 10 The Video Presented in 2.0:1 anamorphic widescreen, Castle in the Sky looks pretty good on its first official Region 1 DVD release; if not for one nagging problem. Colors look great without too much fading. There really aren't any aliasing issues with the lines, which some other animated discs have suffered from, and the overall picture looks very good; if not for some very heavy edge enhancement. In fact, this is some of the heaviest EE that I've seen on an animated DVD and I found it very distracting. If it weren't for that one big issue, the transfer would've scored much better. 7 out of 10 The Audio The DVD includes the original Japanese language track (complete with the new score), and a French 2.0 mix. The original Japanese track sounds very solid on the disc, with perfect clarity and no distortion at all. The 5.1 English mix rarely takes advantage of the rear surrounds: with most of the audio centered in the forward sound channels, and the newly re-scored soundtrack by Hisaishi sounds excellent. It's also a huge plus that the disc gives purists the original Japanese track complete with the original score so it won't be lost forever. 8 out of 10 The Extras As with the other Miyazaki films that Disney is releasing on Region 1 DVD, this is a two-disc set, but the extras are a bit slim when compared to the Spirited Away release. Disc one features another respectful introduction by John Lasseter that plays when you start up the film, or you can select it from the "Bonus Features" menu. There's a five-minute featurette on the English voice talent and features interviews with James van der Beek, Mark Hamill, Mandy Patinkin, and Cloris Leachman, but no Anna Paquin. The disc also features all of the original Japanese trailers for Laputa as well as trailers for other upcoming Disney DVDs such as Kiki and Spirited Away. The only special feature on disc two is the option to view the entire film in storyboard film with either English or Japanese dialog. The problem here is no subtitle option for the Japanese dialog. to-film comparison. Still, it's a cool feature to have if you want to see the original storyboards for this Ghibli classic. 7 out of 10 Overall Score (not an average): 8 out of 10 Laputa: Castle in the Sky Tenk no Shiro Rapyuta, renamed Castle in the Sky Tenk no Shiro Rapyuta, renamed Castle in the Sky Tenk no Shiro Rapyuta. ancient city in the sky. SummaryAccording to legend, humans were fascinated with the sky; therefore they created increasingly sophisticated ways of lifting aircraft from the ground. For cities and fortresses. Over time, the cities came crashing back to the ground, for cing the survivors to live on the ground as before. One city, Laputa, is said to remain in the sky, concealed within the swirling clouds of a violent thunderstorm. While most people consider it to be fictional, some believe the legend is true and have sought to find the ancient city. Airships still remain in common use. Aboard an airship, a young girl, Sheeta, is escorted to an unknown destination by sinister-looking agents under Colonel Muska. The ship is attacked by a group of sky pirates; in the resulting disorder, Sheeta takes a small pendant from Muska and escapes. The sky pirates, led by an old but vivacious woman Dola, attempt to seize her and the pendant, but Sheeta accidentally falls from the ship. As she falls, the pendant radiates a blue light and she gently floats to the ground. A young boy miner, Pazu, witnesses this in amazement and catches Sheeta. He takes her back to his home, where she finds a photograph of Laputa. Pazu explains that his deceased father, an aerial pilot and adventurer, took the photo, but was disbelieved by his contemporaries. Pazu believes the city exists, however, and wants to find it someday himself. Dola's band of sky pirates arrive at Pazu's house, forcing the children to escape on a railway. Their path is eventually blocked by an armoured train; the government agents inside attempt to capture Sheeta. With both pursuing parties fighting each other over the girl, the children fall from a collapsing rail trestle, but are saved when Sheeta's pendant activates once again, allowing them to float safely into an abandoned mine shaft. There they meet an old miner, Uncle Pom, who tells them of "volucite" ("aetherium" in Disney's English language dub), the crystal that provided Laputa with its power. He reveals that Sheeta's pendant is one of the largest and purest of such crystals in existence, and counsels Sheeta to remember that the crystal's power rightly belongs to the earth, and that she has inherited an ancient "secret name": Lusheeta Toel Ul Laputa (Laputian for "Sheeta, True Ruler of Laputa"). Government agents suddenly appear and take them both into custody. They are taken to a fortress and separated. The general in command of the fortress discusses with Muska the government-sponsored search for Laputa, and agree that Sheeta and her crystal are the keys to its discovery. Muska reveals to Sheeta his knowledge of her true name, shows her a huge android robot believed to have been created in Laputa, and tells her that unless she cooperates with him in the search of Laputa, Pazu is likely to come to harm. Seeking to protect her friend, Sheeta tells Pazu that she has agreed to cooperate with Muska and the army in search of Laputa and asks him to forget her and Laputa. Stunned by this apparent rejection, Pazu tells Dola of his experiences; when the pirates learn that Sheeta, Muska, and the general will depart the fortress in search of Laputa aboard the gigantic military airship Goliath, Pazu begs Dola to take him with her. In the fortress tower, Sheeta absent-mindedly recites a spell given by her grandmother, causing it to catch on fire. The robot rescues Sheeta, demonstrating its loyalty, before it is destroyed by the Goliath airship. In the meantime, Dola and Pazu show up and rescue Sheeta from the burning tower. The children and Dola's pirates pursue the Goliath aboard the pirate ship Tiger Moth, intent on finding Laputa before it is destroyed by the Goliath and Pazu show up and rescue Sheeta and Pazu show up and rescue Sheeta from the burning tower. 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Dola, who is awake in bed, overhears their discussions through the intercom. Amid their conversation, Pazu sees the Goliath rise from the clouds. The airship attacks, but the Tiger Moth escapes unharmed. The Tiger Moth enters a storm, and Dola tells the children to keep watch above the clouds by turning the crows nest into a glider. Soon a massive cloud becomes visible. Pazu recognises it from his father's descriptions as Laputa's hiding place. As they try to find a way in, the Goliath attacks again and the glider Sheeta and Pazu are riding is blasted away from the pirate ship. The children land in Laputa, only to find the city devoid of human life, having only a single robot among the ruins taking care of the grounds. This robot is implied to be "friends" with small animals. In the grounds is a gargantuan tree, whose roots have pervaded Laputa's base. The Goliath arrives at Laputa, whereupon the soldiers plunder the city's vast treasures. The Tiger Moth is found wrecked on the surface, with Dola and the pirates being held captive. As Pazu attempts to rescue Dola, Sheeta witnesses Muska locating a hidden entrance to a large sphere that surrounds the city's core; she is subsequently captured and taken inside. Pazu frees the pirates and, after many difficulties, finds another way into the sphere. Muska takes Sheeta into Laputa's core, a chamber holding a gigantic Volucite/Aetherium crystal that serves as the city's power source, and reveals that he is also an heir to the throne of Laputa. He takes control of Laputa and all its technology and demonstrates the power of the city to the army by beaming an immensely powerful blast toward the surface. He then activates hundreds of robots to wipe out the army and the Goliath while Dola and the pirates hide from the robots inside the remains of the Tiger Moth. through the core with Muska in close pursuit. Eventually, she finds Pazu and passes the crystal to him. Muska corners Sheeta in the city's throne room. He brandishes a handgun at her, blasting off her pigtails. Pazu then enters and asks for a moment to talk to Sheeta, which Muska grants. Together, the two children decide to use the Spell of Destruction; with a single word, the pendant releases an enormous power surge that triggers the collapse of the city's core. Muska is blinded by the flash and, helpless, subsequently falls to his death; Sheeta and Pazu are hurled into the tangle of roots from the giant tree. Afterwards they find their way back to the glider and leave Laputa. The Dola pirates also survive Laputa's destruction aboard their moth fighters, and are overjoyed to be reunited with Sheeta and Pazu in midair. The pirates also survive Laputa's destruction aboard their moth fighters, and are overjoyed to be reunited with Sheeta and Pazu in midair. (This summary was taken from Wikipedia) ThemesStrength of Communities is reflected through much of Castle in the Sky. The townspeople all band together to help Sheeta and Pazu, as well as to fight off the pirates. They take on their problems together. Later in the film the pirates join with Sheeta and Pazu, becoming a small community of their own. They also look out for each other, and are unfailingly loyal. Even the pirates, who could be expected to be dishonest and selfish, care for the children as if part of their band. Influences the pirates, who could be expected to be dishonest and selfish, care for the children as if part of their band. Influences the pirates are community of their band. island by the same name. In the film, Pazu states that Swift's Laputa "is just a story in a book," whereas the one in the film is real. Some of the buildings in the movie were inspired by a Welsh mining town. When Miyazaki first traveled to Wales in 1984, he witnessed a miners' strike that was occurring at the time. He returned two years later in order to prepare for Castle in the Sky. Miyazaki is quotes as saying, "I was in Wales just after the miners' strike. I really admired the strength of those communities in my film." As he told The Guardian, a British newspaper, "I admired those men, I admired the way they battled to save their way of life, just as the coal miners in Japan did. Many people of my generation see the miners as a symbol; a dying breed of fighting men. Now they are gone. "ReceptionCastle in the Sky was well-received. It earned a 93 on Rotten Tomatoes, and won several awards, including Best Anime at the Anime Grand Prix. The title was altered in several countries from Laputa: Castle in the Sky to simply Castle in the Sky. In Spanish, the phrase "la puta" translates to either "the prostitute" or "the bitch." Either way, not a nice word. It is unknown whether or not Miyazaki was aware of this when naming his film. Awards Ofuji Award--Mainichi Movie CompetitionFirst Place--Pia TenFirst Place--Japanese Movies, City RoadFirst Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Second Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Second Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Second Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--State Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--State Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--State Films Best 10Eighth Place--Kinema Junpo Best 10, Japanese Films Best 10Eighth Place--State Films Best 10Eighth Place--Stat WelfareSpecial Award--ReviCastJapanese:Pazu - Mayumi TanakaSheeta - Keiko YokozawaDola - Kotoe HatsuiMuska - Minori TeradaUncle Pom - Fujio TokitaShogun Mouro/General - Ichiro NagaiOyakata - Hiroshi ItoShalulu/Charles - Takumi KamiyamaLui/Louis - Yoshito YasuharaAnli/Henri - Sukekiyo KameyamaOkami - Machiko WashioOld Engineer Ryuji SaikachiMadge - TarakoEnglish (Original):Pazu - Bertha GreeneSheeta - Louise ChambellDola - Rachel VanowenMuska - Jack WitteUncle Pom - Ed MannixShogun Mouro/General - Mark RichardsBoss - Charles WilsonShalulu/Charles - Bob StuartLui/Louis - Daniel MorrisAnli/Henri - Ernest FesslerEnglish (Disney dub):Pazu - James Van Der BeekSheeta - Anna PaquinDola - Cloris LeachmanMuska - Mark HamillUncle Pom - Richard DysartShogun Mouro/General - Jim CummingsBoss - John HostetterShalulu/Charles - Michael McShaneLui/Louis - Mandy PatinkinAnli/Henri - Andy Dick Castle in the Sky is the third feature film by the Japanese grandmaster of animation, Hayao Miyazaki, and the first movie released by Studio Ghibli. Despite being successful in Japan and cementing Miyazakis reputation in the worldwide animation community, Castle in the Sky never received a widespread theatrical U.S. release. The movie played in some North American festivals during the late 1980s but it was unavailable until 2003 when, after several delays, Disney made it available on DVD. A new Blu-Ray version, distributed by GKids, includes the original Japanese soundtrack (with subtitles) and the English-language dub. Castle in the Sky may be the most straightforward action/adventure movie Miyazaki has made (and thats saying something). Its also the least thematically dense. Although there are echoes of anti-war and pro-environment messages, they are in the subtext. This is in contrast with many of Miyazakis later, better-known films (like Princess Mononoke). The director stated that his intention with Castle in the Sky was to make a film that children would enjoy. In that, he succeeded. To steal a phrase from a Christmas song, it works for kids from one to 92 (although it might be considered a little scary for those on the lower end). The story, which takes place on a girl named Sheeta (voice in the English dub provided by Anna Paquin), who has been kidnapped by a government agent named Muska (Mark Hamill) and is being transported via airship when it comes under attack by a group of pirates led by the cranky Captain Dola (Cloris Leachman). Their goal: a crystal amulet Sheeta wears around her sons, Sheeta loses her balance and falls. The power of the amulet allows her float light as a feather to land, where she is rescued by the boy Pazu (James Van Der Beek), who brings her to his home. Later, chased by the pirates and the government, they hide out in an abandoned mine. There they meet a bizarre old man who tells them tales of the floating island Laputa and the crystal that keeps it aloft (it happens to be the same kind of crystal in Sheetas amulet). After exiting the mine, the children are captured by Muska. He informs Sheeta of her destiny and demands that she send Pazu home (for his own safety) and accompany him on his quest for Laputa a goal he expects to fulfill now that he has the amulet. Viewed from a purely narrative perspective, Castle in the Sky is a fun, engaging two hours. Miyazaki knows how to keep things moving without belaboring certain scenes. He doesnt speak down to his audience and isnt afraid to mix in exposition with action. The movie contains strong fantasy elements but works in large part because the protagonists, Sheeta and Pazu, are recognizably human and relatable. Sheeta is abnormally strong and forthright for a girl in a mid-1980s movie (when films were almost universally targeting boys). Shes the hero and Pazu is the sidekick. Muska makes for a diabolical villain bad to the core with no redeeming characteristics. The pirates exist in the gray, with Dola being a cross between mother hen and conniving witch. The name and concept of Laputa come from Jonathan Swift. Indeed, many of Miyazakis influences are Western in nature. The army, for example, seems to be vaguely European (circa World War 2) in nature and the character designs are less traditionally manga and more universal. Often, its possible to make a stylistic determination that a type of animation originated in Japan, but thats not the case here. The quality of the artwork is impressive easily as good as anything coming out of Disney at the time. (The Black Cauldron being the contemporaneous release, the images really pop. Lately, viewers have become so accustomed to CGI animation that watching a full-length hand-drawn feature triggers equal parts astonishment and nostalgia. Its like the difference between a photograph and a painting. Both have their strengths but there are times when artwork is preferable to realism. Throughout his career, Miyazaki has been known as anti-violence. Castle in the Sky is one of his least pacifist movies, with the heroes using guns and an exceedingly large body count. (Mostly bad guys but still) By the standards of most modern cartoons, Castle in the Sky is by no means exceptionally or gratuitously violent but it offers a different flavor than some of Miyazakis later films. This is a product of pure storytelling; he injected his views more forcefully into many of his other projects. Which is the preferred version to watch (since both are available): the dubbed version or the subtitled one? To present a little history, when the dubbed version was first made available in 2003, there were significant alterations to the original soundtrack, including a reworked score (orchestral instead of electronic) and a lot of unnecessary background chatter. For the 2010 release, the dub soundtrack had been remastered to bring it closer to the Japanese version. Unfortunately, dubtitles (subtitles based on the dub-script rather than the original language script) were used for the Japanese option. The Blu-Ray utilizes the 2010 English-language dub with new subtitles for the Japanese-language soundtrack based on the original script. Which is better is determined by your preference. Purists will always prefer the original, but theres no writing/reading to distract from the story. Both are available so theres no need to sacrifice one for the other. Castle

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