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Drifting Classroom has a creepy Twilight Zone premise which immediately hooked me in the first volume. In volume 2, the writing, or more accurately, the characterization, reaches a stumbling block. Some of the characters, especially the adults, reach their breaking point too soon.

Plot summary[edit] Sho Takamatsu, a sixth grader, proceeds to school following a bitter argument with his mother about her throwing out his things. But as Sho attends his class, a tremor suddenly shakes the facility, and the students and faculty find that the school has somehow been transported into a wasteland. In time, they find others wandering through the strange landscape, lost. One of them, a three-year-old boy named Yu, shows Sho a memorial buried in the dust which commemorates the disappearance of their school - indicating that they somehow have landed in the future. As it later turns out, the world succumbed to a variety of environmental disasters some time after the school was time-warped, leaving the Earth nearly depopulated at the end of the 20th century. In the face of this unexpected and frightening development, many of the adults and students at school lose their wits. In this desperate situation, Sho attempts to take charge in order to ensure the survival of all. He meets Nishi, a fifth-grader from Nagao, who has the mysterious psychic power to reach into the past. The stranded children meet many challenges in their desperate fight for survival. They encounter hostile monsters which claim the lives of several children. They are also affected by a deadly plague, the growing shortage of food and water, hostile delinquents who sow dissension amongst the students and threaten inner stability, and most of all, creeping madness. However, in the future the children happen upon several beneficial factors which promise the return of life to the devastated Earth and their own survival, and they resolve to stay and try to rebuild the world from the ashes of the past.

Main characters[edit] Sho Takamatsu The main character of the story. Sho is noble and brave, and rather selfless. He consistently refuses to sacrifice anyone for the good of the rest. He is good friends with Ikegaki and Otomo, and later becomes good friends with Sakiko, Gamo, and the other officials. She is a latent psychic who is capable of telepathically linking the past and the present, a gift which becomes crucial for the stranded children - especially Sho and his desperate mother - at times and which may also be one of the causes which got the school time-stranded. However, she is very insecure, believing she brings bad fortune to everyone around her. In the end she falls comatose when Sho is operated on his appendix and his pain links his mind to his mother through her power, but the children are still able to tap into her power, sending at least one of them back. It is uncertain though not unlikely if she survived her ordeal. Sakiko Kawada A friend of Sho, on whom she has a secret crush. She is a sixth grader from class 3 and she has a brother, Takeshi, in the third grade who dies from an illness shortly after their arrival in the future. When everyone else doubts Sho, she sticks up for him. After the Nation of Yamato Elementary is formed, she seems to be a cook or a server when it is meal time. Sho eventually tells Sakiko that, even if she comes to hate him over his close relationship with Nishi, he still cares about her deeply. Otomo A sixth grader who is in class 3. He is also very brave and athletic, and extremely pragmatic. However, he has a dark side: Worried about being found out, he opposes Sho at every turn and eventually leads an armed revolt against him. Despite this, he still has honor through most of the novel; he helps Yuichi make the chasm jump, and also tells Sho to chase Sekiya who is fleeing with the food rather than help him and Sakiko face the monsters. At the very end, he admits to his sins and helps reunite the school. She is eventually deified by the older children in order to keep morale up amongst the younger students. Yu Yuichi A three-year-old boy who along with the school in the time shift when he was playing nearby, waiting for Sho. He stops Sekiya from leaving Sho to be eaten by the monster, and he leads a defense force against a monster attacking the school, buying Sho time to save the other children. Though stripped of one hand, he still fights on until he dies. Hata A jokester who has a hard time taking any tell-tale news seriously. Okubo A boy who participates in the attempted liberation of Aikawa, and is accidentally shot by Hata when the latter is stabbed by Sekiya. Yoshida A nice boy, but very clueless. Otomo gets mad at him when this turns out to just be peach flowers. He freaks out when told that he must leave the school due to being a plague risk, and needs to be restrained. Yanase He is a son of a doctor and also wants to be one when he grows up. He helps in examining

what is wrong with Hashimoto and discovers that Hashimoto has the black plague. He is very knowledgeable about medicine, and although full of hesitation at the first time, he is able to perform surgery later.

Yoshikawa A girl who wants to be a singer. After eating strange mushrooms, she proceeds to mutate and create the One-Eyed cult, which creates a temporary schism in the school. Her cult eventually collapses after her subordinates actually see the "One-Eyed God" one of the mutants; see below. She is stopped from fleeing with the rest of the cult by her friend Koyami, but when the monsters come to the school, she leaves with them. She later helps Sho and his friends escape from the monsters when in the subway tunnels, and is presumably killed by the mutants for her betrayal.

Mari A girl who suffers from achluophobia. She becomes infected with the black plague, but is cured. It is unknown if she survives the end of the series.

Yamamoto A sixth grade girl who, right after the school is time-stranded, attempts to climb the safety fence of the school roof, falls off and thus becomes the first casualty in the school.

Shinichi Yamada A classmate and friend of Sho, and the only student of the school who remains in the present because he had returned home to fetch his forgotten lunch money on the morning the school disappeared.

Other 6th Graders[edit]

Otsuki A practical joker with suspenders and an annoying sense of humor. One of the government officials, and he seems to be in charge of the census. He is appointed to his position by Sho. Otsuki proceeds to run off into the desert and mutate into one of the future humans. He helps protect Sho and his friends when the mutants catch them, and is presumably killed later.

Ishida A quiet kid who runs the garden. One of the governmental officials. When escaping the mutant tunnels, a volcano eruption bursts his eardrums, and then Otomo pushes a billboard on top of him, killing him.

Shibata A kid with a black shirt. More loyal to Sho than Otsuki and Ishida. He is the construction minister. He is decapitated fighting the monsters after escaping the tunnels.

Akabane A cowardly boy, he is among the students taken by Sekiya to see the insect. Akabane and Tashiro beat up Otomo rather than fight the monster to buy Yu time, then he lies and says that Sho was a coward. He sides with Princess in the election, but once Sho wins, he apologizes. It is unknown if he survives.

Tashiro He goes with Sho and everyone to find the forest in the desert. After being attacked by the insect monster, he, Otomo, and Akabane escape. Akabane and he beats up Otomo after he suggests that stay and fight the monster instead of escaping. At the last moment, he has a change of heart, and attacks the beast head on, and is eaten by the monster.

Nagata While Sho, he, and a few other classmates are out searching for supplies, they are all attacked by Mr. He manages to escape Mr. He makes his way back to the school, but collapses dead right after reaching it when the jungle plants he ate turn into sand inside his body.

Tatsumi The school bully. Sho manages to save him, but it is unknown if he survives the series.

Ando One of the five people who went with Mr. Wakahara to search for food. Sho managed to pull off a plastic bag wrapped around his head and he points out Mr. Wakahara as the attacker. He is the second to be struck down and killed by Wakahara when he attacks the group with his car.

Seino One of the five people who went with Mr. He was the first to be killed by Wakahara using his car.

Uemura He is devoured alive by the insect swarm when he investigates his classroom after people heard the strange sound coming from his class.

Hatsuta Goofy and weird, he almost breaks his teeth biting a can of pineapples.

Murata A non-athletic student who drowned in quicksand during a flood. Frail and weak, but a loyal friend and, just like Nishi, a latent psychic. When he is hungry, he summons insect monsters with his mind. At first unbelieving, he eventually commits suicide to stop the monsters from eating Nishi.

Gamo He is the smartest student in the whole school with an IQ of He has a natural aptitude for science and often helps with explanation, such as telling the student body about their time travelling. He is incredibly loyal to Sho, casting the deciding vote for him during the elections and risking the plague to stay with him in the desert. He survives the series.

Faculty[edit]

Mr. At first Wakahara appears as a stout-minded and dependable father figure, but after seeing Sakura commit suicide, he suffers a mental breakdown that causes him to go insane and murder all the teachers and several students. His murder spree is interrupted by Sho, who stabs him with a knife left behind in the ruins of the Keiyo Hotel by his mother; Wakahara then falls to his death.

Sakura A teacher who is prone to hysterics.

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