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Subject: Five More New Shows from My "Hopeless" List  
Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Mon, 16 Jan 2017 03:14:56 GMT  
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My surprise pleasure at the first episode of Youjo Senki lead me to try out another handful of new anime from my "hopeless" list. Granted, my expectations weren't very high, but I did find some more watchable shows.

BTW – My initial rating for "Youjo Senki" is B.

"Spirit Pact" is a Chinese/Japanese co-production that is based upon a Chinese web manga. A 20-something fortune teller is killed in an odd accident and because of his spiritual powers he is offered the chance to be a ghost partner to a spirit hunter. The first episode has a lot of very loud yelling by the protagonist, and some so-so humour, but it wasn't as bad as it could be, so I'm going to try out a second episode just in case it finds a way to be consistently entertaining. Initial rating: C.

"Hand Shakers" is a psychic powers fighting story about a teen who is good at repairing things who gets paired up with a mysterious girl and must fight psychic battles without knowing why. The concept is well worn but the implementation and visuals in the first episode make up for that. I'll stick around a bit to see if it can go any new directions. Initial rating: C+.

"eIDLIVE" is a shounen science fantasy about a middle schooler who gets recruited by the Space Police and finds out that he has an ancient and rare alien living on him. There wasn't anything special going on here so I won't bother with more. Final rating: C-.

"Chain Chronicle" is a game adaptation that looks and feels like an MMORG. The first episode starts right out with a massive attack by an allied force on an evil king's fortress. Unfortunately, the Evil King is too strong, the Allies and their Heroic Leader are defeated, and they then have to ignominiously retreat across an increasingly hostile countryside. The first episode was competently done but I'm not sure if the writers can do anything unique with this setup. Never-the-less, I'll stick around a bit to see where it goes. Initial rating: C+.

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Dave Baranyi

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Subject: Re: Five More New Shows from My "Hopeless" List  
Posted by [David Johnston](#) on Mon, 16 Jan 2017 05:50:17 GMT  
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Posted by [Dave Baranyi](#) on Mon, 16 Jan 2017 11:45:53 GMT  
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I think so too. If that's the case this is one of the more entertaining game adaptations.

Dave Baranyi

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