

# Hiroko UTSUMI



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The timeless manga series written and illustrated by Akimi Yoshida, has finally been adapted into TV animation series and is gaining popularity among young anime fans.

In the streets of New York, Ash Lynx, a 17-year-old Adonis, is a street gang leader with extraordinary fighting skills. One night, a man shot by one of Ash's juniors utters the phrase "banana fish" along with an address. It was a phrase Ash had sometimes heard from his older brother Griffin, who now might as well be dead. Around the same time, he meets Eiji Okumura, a young Japanese man who came to the United States as a photographer's assistant.

### COMMENT

*Hiroko UTSUMI's work is fresh and sexy; it has the power to draw people in. She has the ability to create effects that enhance the story's drama factor as well as the characters' emotions.*

by *Masahiko MINAMI*

### Hiroko UTSUMI

Animator and animation director, Hiroko UTSUMI made her directorial debut with *Free! and Free! —Eternal Summer—*. Her capacity to create detailed expressions of character emotions is highly acclaimed.