

The Specially Created Exhibition

The Situation Is Threatening!

THE INSECT CASTLE

~ A Battle Record Of Beetles ~

“The Insect Castle”---The legendary castle ruled by beetles. Where in the world is it ?

To tell you the truth, it is said that the castle is now being targeted by enigmatic enemies.

Well, let's set out on a round-the-world trip in search of the castle together with the “Kabutozamurai” incarnation of the beetle! And we'd like you to find your way to the castle and conquer the critical situation.

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A lot of insects from all parts of the world stand in our way. We have to rise to their challenge and resist their temptation so that we can be successful in reaching the castle.

A representative of **Colombia**

Much valued

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Lichy Blue

*(Pale blue-colored individual of *Dynastes hercules lichy*)*

Very popular on TV and in comic books!

Having been exposed to ultraviolet rays, “Lichyi Blue”, one of the strongest beetles in the world has been entirely transformed into a pale and cool beetle!

A representaive of **Egypt**

Scarabeus sacer

The most divine grace in the world!

Because of the image of rolling droppings, it is said to be a holy insect to roll the sun, and was adored as the Sun God “Khepri.”

A representative of **Brazil**

Laternaria laternaria

Similar to an alligator?

Or similar to a frog?

Why does it have a face? It remains a mystery.

A representative of **Papua New Guinea**

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Ornithoptera allottei

The most costly butterfly in the world!

It is a very rare butterfly which was sold at an auction in France for 10,500 franc (760,000 yen as of 1966).

A representative of **Malaysia**

Phyllium pulchrifolium

No sign of recognition! A Ninja in the forest.

It is in hiding in a forest just like a leaf. Now, it can't be easily found out.

At last we struggled along to---

The Visionary Castle

The Showdown between the Lord of the Castle and the enigmatic enemies!

The Result of the Showdown?

Why on earth are they obliged to fight each other?

What can you do for the sake of peace of the castle?