

The Dirty Pair Strike Again (The Dirty Pair, #2) By Haruka Takachiho How did the miner survive his wounds and what are the ulterior motives of the company-town's superiors - the enigmatic religious leader the town mayor and the owner of the mining facilities? The answers will shock the two women and embroil them in yet another highly dangerous - and highly destructive - adventure The Dirty Pair Strike Again (The Dirty Pair #2)



[高千穂 遙](#) [高千穂 遙](#) Question: how do you follow up on two action-packed novellas in which clairvoyant women solve strange cases and leave considerable destruction in their wake? If you answered why you write a full-length novel for those two women and turn the dial on everything up to a ten! then you are correct. What Dirty Pair creator Haruka Takachiho did here was to take a seemingly simple premise and layer it so effectively that there was really no way to guess what directions in which the story would go. Before their chief even lets them out of the starting gate the race is on as mysterious assassins in powerful battle suits attack the WWA and attempt to wipe out our lovely heroines. And of course their fight with their strange attackers causes more than enough damage for the chief (and other citizens of planet Lyonesse) to see them off on their mission to Chakra with nothing less than absolute fury. Unlike later incarnations of the Dirty Pair this series consistently pits them against a powerful criminal organization called Lucifer which again is revealed to have connections to a case of theirs. This time however Lucifer doesn't play the sort of role one might expect and as Kei and Yuri come ever closer to uncovering the truth they find surprisingly they have bigger fish to fry. And of course with the story being told from Kei's perspective we're treated to more of that amusing conceit and reactionary thought that help make the Pair's stories so much fun to read. The only minor gripe I have is with the proofreading of the English-language version as a couple of formatting problems and a few punctuation errors managed to make it past the editor's radar,

When a miner on the industrial planet Chakra is attacked by an unknown animal yet somehow survives trouble consultants Kei and Yuri are called in to investigate, And that's just what The Dirty Pair Strike Again is: the first full-length Dirty Pair novel and the story that kicks it up a notch. Right from the beginning the story is intense and filled with action but it's not a mindless string of fights and chases. There's a major plot here slowly unraveled as the Pair Kei and Yuri unwittingly get themselves in way over their heads. But the Dirty Pair being the Dirty Pair they just barely worm their way out of danger if not without a few bruises, Chakra a remote mining planet has a thin crust and an unstable economy but its inhabitants get by, or rather they did until an invisible beast started taking big bites out of things including the populace. The fact a miner actually survived an encounter with this creature prompted the enigmatic mayor to request WWA Trouble Consultants. But no sooner do Kei and Yuri arrive than they find themselves under attack, And in their usual fashion they make enemies everywhere they go. Not surprisingly Kei falls for the lone city's hunky sheriff Jeff and competes with Yuri for his attention while their powerful pet Mugi watches their backs. Mugi is more than just an accessory in this story; without him Kei and Yuri would be outmatched by their unseen foe, Of course Mugi can't do all the work so when she's not busy fawning over Jeff Kei manages to work together with Yuri just enough to form a plan of action, Naturally that plan

requires changes as the pieces of the puzzle slowly start to come together. The Pair's ESP abilities are put to very good use in this story. While they were a convenient way for the duo to solve their earlier cases here they are allowed to do more: We are given interesting examples of what powered-up espers can actually do. What follows would not happen were it not for this gift making it feel more inspired here than it did in previous adventures: Takachiho weaves a good solid web of a story saving the really big surprises for the book's final pages and keeping readers guessing right up until the climactic battle. Illustrator Yoshikazu Yasuhiko provides a handful of well-drawn pictures that give us a chance to see the action a bit more clearly: They are glaring enough to prove distracting but small enough that one can see why they weren't caught: Still the translation is good and the narration and dialogue well-handled giving the book the readability it needs to be enjoyable, *The Dirty Pair Strikes Again* is an intense solid action story that should please any Dirty Pair fan, Hopefully Dark Horse will be able to bring more of Takachiho's works to the English-language market; I suspect we'd be missing quite a lot of good stuff otherwise, 9781595821010 Action-filled wildly unpredictable a fine series I'd dearly like to read more of: but right now it looks like I'd have to learn Japanese. Thanks for printing them Dark Horse- any more where that came from?

9781595821010 I really wanted to like this more, As a long-time fan of the Dirty Pair I was excited to read Haruka Takachiho's original pulp novels: All the fun humor intrigue and charm of the Dirty Pair are present in this book, Unfortunately this edition suffers from a **very** dry translation of the original Japanese. Much of it feels like a straight one-for-one transcription rather than a stylized adaptation to English. On the upside we do get a first look at Kei and Mei's beginnings in prose: 9781595821010 Maybe it's the translation but this volume came across as rather awkward and juvenile: I'm a big fan of the manga and anime but this reads more like an amateur retelling one of those stories (from Kei's narcissistic point of view) than the story itself: There's a strange disconnect but I don't know whether it comes from the original work the translator or the shift in culture between Japan and America: As usual Kei and Yuri are sent to investigate a strange incident: They arrive havoc and bloodshed ensue and the incident is only the tip of a much larger (and more dangerous) iceberg. The newly-revealed threat is defeated but only through staggering amounts of property damage and loss of life, I could see this as the basis for a pretty good OVA; I just wish the book were as good as the video could be: All in all I'm not surprised that Dark Horse hasn't released a third novel. Also the cover art and internal illustrations are excellent. All the plot points are there but they just feel off. It's probably a combination of all three. Anyway the overall plot's pretty straightforward. As I said pretty standard Dirty Pair fare. 9781595821010.