

= Isaac and Miria =

Isaac Dian ( 1900 - 1930 , Aizakku Dian ) and Miria Harvent ( 1900 - 1930 , Miria Harvent ) are fictional characters in the light novel and anime series *Baccano !* written by Ryohgo Narita and illustrated by Katsumi Enami . Isaac and Miria are a pair of idiotic and eccentric lovers who dress up in costumes and commit strange robberies in Prohibition @-@ era United States . In 1930 , the duo are two of many characters who mistake an immortality elixir for alcohol and drink it at a celebration , inadvertently gaining immortality and eternal youth . The next year , they board the Flying Pussyfoot express train and survive the bloody hijacking that occurs . Isaac is arrested for various thefts in 1934 and imprisoned on Alcatraz Island . He is released the same year and reunites with Miria . The pair continue to live happily , finally realizing they are immortal in 2001 . Isaac and Miria appear in the other media relating to the *Baccano !* franchise , including the video game , the two drama CDs and manga adaptation .

Numerous publications in various media have been written on the subject of Isaac and Miria 's characters . Most described them as the most entertaining characters and commented on how the series would not be the same without them . One reviewer felt that they are the protagonists of the series , which features an ensemble cast . They were awarded " Duo of the Year " in 2009 by Anime News Network .

= = Voice portrayal = =

In the Japanese version of *Baccano !* ' s anime adaptation , Isaac has been voiced by Masaya Onosaka and Miria has been voiced by Sayaka Aoki . In the English version , Isaac 's role has been played by J. Michael Tatum and Caitlin Glass has played Miria . Tyler Walker , ADR director for the English version , wanted Isaac to be portrayed by someone who can convincingly portray an idiot and had a certain voice from the time period . He felt that Tatum was perfect because his voice was big , but not cheesy , and had depth . While casting Miria , he chose Glass because her voice complemented Tatum 's . He wanted a lower pitch than Isaac 's voice , but wanted the same enthusiasm for both characters .

= = Appearances = =

= = = In the light novels and anime series = = =

Within the series , set during the Prohibition @-@ era of the United States , Isaac and Miria " are a pair of idiotic lovers and thieves " who are portrayed as " always enthusiastic and optimistic " . They are often mistaken for performers because of the variety of disguises they employ during their heists , such as dressing up as mummies or as the Tramp . The duo commit a variety of eccentric robberies , including attempting to steal time by stealing watches , trying to stop anyone from entering a museum by stealing the entrance and stealing the Genoard family fortune to prevent the family from fighting over it . Miria exhibits a complete trust in Isaac and supports anything he says no matter how ridiculous it is and often goes as far to mimic his body language and his speech , although she often does not really know what she is saying . Although the pair are very idiotic , Isaac is not completely stupid and there are occasions that shows that he displays his inner intelligence . He is able to recognize a pair of plainclothes officers because he claims that he is familiar with their speech style . Isaac and Miria may have been born into wealthy families because they state that their parents ' homes and the Genoard mansion have similar exteriors .

In the *Rolling Bootlegs* , set in 1930 , Isaac and Miria decide to visit Manhattan . When attempting to buy several disguises , they briefly meet Camorristi Firo Prochainezo and Maiza Avaro and befriend the homunculus Ennis , instilling her with confidence and hope . They decide to rob the very small Martillo and Gandor families . The pair sneak into the Martillo 's speakeasy , the Alveare , to scout the area , and while they are in the storage room , Isaac is nearly killed by a ceremonial

gunshot from Firo 's caporegime inauguration downstairs . Firo and Maiza respond to Miria 's scream for help , and the couple are invited to the celebration as an apology . Shortly afterward , they leave to investigate the Gandor headquarters . Believing it contains money , they steal a box . However , they find a bottle of immortality elixir inside , which they mistake for alcohol . Disappointed there is no money , they give the bottle to the Martillo thank them for their kindness . This prompts the immortal Szilard Quates , who owns the elixir and created Ennis , to attack the Alveare to retrieve the elixir . He orders Ennis to kill Isaac and Miria , but she attacks Szilard instead . When he is about to kill her , Isaac and Miria defend her , buying enough time for another immortal to devour Szilard , the only way to kill an immortal . It is later discovered that the immortality elixir was not in the bottle the duo stole . Firo , not realizing what it was , had stolen it earlier and distributed it at the celebration , bestowing immortality and eternal youth on all the guests , including Isaac and Miria . In the anime series , the bottle the pair stole is truly the immortality elixir and they inadvertently distribute it at the party as a gesture of thanks toward the Martillo . Afterward , the two travel to California and search for gold .

In the two Grand Punk Railroad novels , set during late 1931 , the pair receive a letter from Ennis and decide to visit her in Manhattan . To buy her a gift , they create a plan to rob a train , but instead steal money from the Russo family and make their escape aboard the Flying Pussyfoot express train . There , they befriend gangsters Jacuzzi Splot and Nice Holystone and the immortal boy Czeslaw Meyer . They tell the legend of the Rail Tracer , a monster that eats train passengers , causing Jacuzzi to leave in a panic . Shortly after , the train is hijacked and they escape in the confusion . Later , the duo discover the conductors ' mutilated bodies . Believing that the story of the Rail Tracer has come true , they assume Jacuzzi has also been eaten , only to discover otherwise . Isaac and Miria make up their minds to ask the Rail Tracer to leave , oblivious to the seriousness of the situation and how dangerous the Rail Tracer is . They find Czeslaw 's body underneath the train in their search for the monster . When trying to rescue him , Isaac cuts himself , revealing their immortality to Czeslaw . Believing they are trying to devour him , the boy decides to devour them first , but changes his mind after they rescue him and promise to be his family . After the train arrives in Manhattan , they realize they never bought Ennis a present and tell her their gift is Czeslaw , who will be her younger brother .

Afterward , they stay with the Martillo and spend their time in the Alveare restaurant setting up and knocking down dominoes . In The Slash , Firo 's purposely knocks over their dominoes , enraging Isaac and Miria . The pair decide to spend the night at the Genoard mansion with Jacuzzi . When Tim and the Larvae arrive at the mansion , they believe that the display of Dallas ' immortality is a magic trick and the fights are dances . Isaac inadvertently reveals his own immortality when he receives a cut trying to praise the " dancers . " After everyone departs the mansion , the duo decide to " steal " Ronnie Sukiart and Ennis , two people precious to Firo , in an attempt to make him apologize . However , Firo wrongly assumes that Dallas kidnapped Ronnie and Ennis . Isaac and Miria are confronted by plainclothes officers in 1934 in Imprisoned Chapter Alice in Jails . Isaac knows they are in fact police @-@ in @-@ disguise and realizes that Miria is unaware of this and sends her away . He is arrested for multiple thefts and imprisoned on Alcatraz Island . Isaac is released later in the year and reunites with Miria in Chicago , as told in Conclusion Chapter Peter Pan In Chains . In Children of Bottle , set in 2001 , they finally understand they are immortal after realizing they have not aged at all .

= = = In other media = = =

Isaac and Miria appear in the series ' two drama CDs ; they survive the Flying Pussyfoot incident in 1931 Local Chapter ? Express Chapter The Grand Punk Railroad and hope to meet true revolutionaries in a small Mexican village in Firo Prochainezo witnesses the 53rd death of Pietro Gonzalez . The pair are also playable characters in the Baccano ! video game and are characters in the two @-@ volume manga ; like the first drama CD , the video game and manga adaptations recount the events aboard the Pussyfoot . The pair have also made a brief appearance in an episode of the Durarara ! ! anime series , voiced by Sam Riegel and Jennie Kwan in the English dub

, during which they are in modern @-@ day Ikebukuro , Tokyo and attend the first meeting of the Dollars , an anonymous online gang .

= = Reception = =

Isaac and Miria have been named one of two of 2009 's " Duo of the Year " by Theron Martin of Anime News Network ( ANN ) . He felt that the pair were " flawlessly in synch " and were " comedic gold " . He believed that they are " endlessly entertaining " because of their " kooky natures , dimwittedness , and talents for both disrupting the intended flow of any situation and succeeding despite themselves " . Martin also stated that the series would only be " half as great without them " , despite the fact that they are members of such a large cast . Martin praised the performances of J. Michael Tatum and Caitlin Glass , citing the actors ' ability to " steal the show in every appearance " and " sell [ the pair ] as thoroughly as any voice actors could possibly do , giving them every ounce of verve and idiotic enthusiasm that their characters ' action say they should have . " Hartel comments that the voice actors " deserve special recognition for some flat out , insane voice work . " Although Surat and Tool were not opposed to the English dubbing , they felt that Isaac 's accent sounded weird and " might get on someone 's nerves . "

In his review of the series , Martin called them as the " most entertaining characters " of the series and " one of anime 's liveliest and most entertaining couples " . He described their constant glee as infectious and their " bizarre logic " as priceless . He felt that their presence " elevates the series from merely a very good one to a truly exceptional one . " He believes that they always " make the most of their screen time " , noting how every one of their actions " give an entirely new twist to the events otherwise playing out normally . " Carl Kimlinger , also from ANN , adds that " the things those two can do to a well @-@ laid plan are simply appalling . " Davey Jones of Active Anime felt the pair was the " highlight of the story " and should have their own series . Chris Beveridge from Mania Entertainment described the two as " very off center in a colorful and fun way " and believed they stood out from the large cast because they were " far more outgoing . " He felt that the connections they make with the rest of the cast " are fun to watch and there 's only a kind of elegance to it " . Beveridge commented that " when this pair comes on the screen , [ he ] can ' t help but smile " and that he " enjoy [ s ] all of the scenes that involve [ them ] because they bring such a lighthearted aspect to the show that ' s definitely needed to break up the more intense scenes . " DVD Talk 's Todd Douglass felt that Isaac and Miria are " the uplifting and energetic component of [ the ] show , " feeling that it is entertaining to see how they influenced the events . Nick Hartel , also from DVD Talk , believed that it would be cruel not to mention them . He described them to be filled with " a maniac energy , often brought to a screeching halt by melodramatic breakdowns over trivial occurrences or bold assumptions . " Although he admit they seem to have to place in the series at first , he notes that their interactions with other characters " causes a drastic shift in tone . " He comments that as the plot progresses , the pair " become a bright spot as storylines take dark turns and serve as a reminder of the goodness that makes up the vast majority of the world . " Daryl Surat of the Anime World Order Podcast and quest Mike Toole believed that out of every other character in the ensemble cast , the pair are the " default protagonists " simply because they meet every other character . They also felt that if ignorance is bliss , they are the happiest people " in the world " because they are " that stupid " . The two characters were compared to Bonnie and Clyde , but the reviewers felt that were more like Blue Falcon and Dynamutt , characters from the animated series Dynamutt , Dog Wonder . Even if the events become grim , the reviewers could not help but smile as Isaac and Miria appear . ANN columnist Erin Finnegan described Isaac and Miria as " a couple of completely loveable weirdoes " . She agreed that the subplot revolving around them " takes some of the edge off the dark moments . " Amanda Tarbet of SequentialTart.com drew parallels between the duo and the trickster god archetype . She compared them to the kitsune of Japanese folklore , which are portrayed " as tricksters , but also as nurturing characters such as guardians and friends " . She felt that Isaac and Miria " represent this duality perfectly . " Tarbet also described them as part Bonnie and Clyde and part Rodgers and Hammerstein .

