

# How to Spot a Fake

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To help demonstrate how to check if a cel or sketch is fake we will examine a few examples of fake animation artwork in detail below.

## **Exhibit 1: A fake Nausicaä sketch**

Here is douga which claims to be from Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind. Ghibli artwork is highly sought after and fetches high prices so it's a prime target for counterfeits. One of the easiest way to confirm if the art is fake is to take a screenshot of the matching scene and overlay it over the cel/sketch and do what some call the "flicker test" by turning the layers on and off quickly to check for inconsistencies.

Even before doing the flicker test there are a few red flags about this douga.

1. it is the wrong dimensions
2. there are no peg holes
3. the shading indicating shadows is done in graphite here but is usually done with colored pencils
4. there are paint colors marked in red pencil all over the sketch. You can see paint colors marked on douga occasionally but I've never seen it done on Ghibli art. The amount of paint indicators is more reminiscent of DIY cel painting kit instructions.
5. overall the pencil line quality is quite wobbly and not indicative of an experienced artist's hand







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CCS Forgery  
Source: Unknown  
Layers: 1  
Sketches: 1  
Cel Number: A7  
Standard size

No Background

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Recently, I won this cel from a dramatic moment in *Cardcaptor Sakura*, showing the magical protector Yue holding an unconscious Touya at the start of Sakura's final trial in Ep. 69.



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