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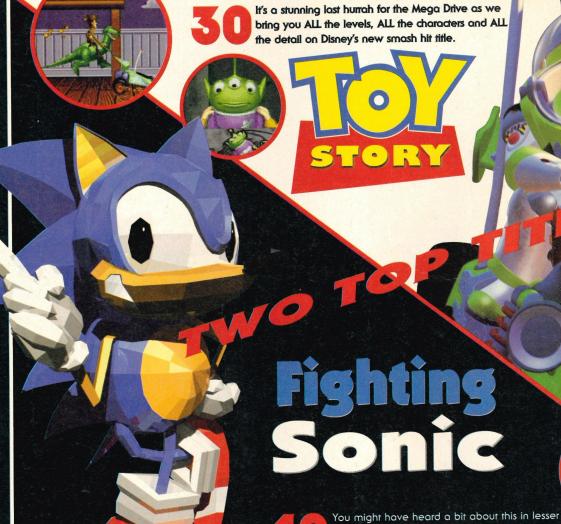
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that's the way is these days. Sorry.



titles but we've got ALL the information, pictures and gossip you could ever want on this

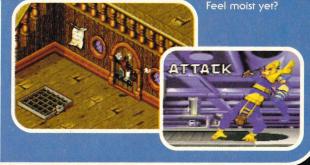
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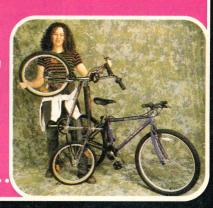
### **Power Tips**

We've got the names to get your juices flowing. X-Men is one. Spot Goes to Hollywood is another. VectorMan is not too far behind it, and neither is Worms.



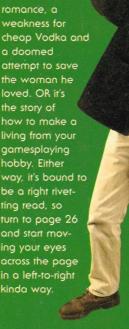
### WIN A LOVELY MOUNTAIN BIKE

Scott, we've a top BMX to give away to page 54 and take a look.



# Feature

It's the true story heartache, destiny, broken dreams, failed weakness for attempt to save the woman he loved. OR it's the story of how to make a living from your gamesplaying hobby. Either be a right rivetting read, so turn to page 26 and start moving your eyes across the page in a left-to-right kinda way.



### Johnny

about Johnny Bazooka-

Bazookatone

tone is that it's from US Gold which is hardly a good start. And all the other mags got to review it before we did, which is definitely not a manoeuvre designed to win us over. Find out what we reckon to this new Saturn release on page 44.





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# • Arcade/Saturn • Winter • Win

### The Latest News

he lastest instalment in the unstoppable Virtua Fighter series is starting to take shape. FACTS: 1) It'll use the new Model 3 arcade board (which is supposed to be rather spunky). 2) It'll have two new characters. 3) One of them is definitely a Japanese girl and the other is a fat bloke – probably a Sumo Wrestler. 4) Dural will be make a re-appearance.

> According to Manabu Tsukamoto (one of AM2's developers), Virtua Fighter 3 will "Pick up some of the original characters from VF2 for the

new game and we guess you'll see Dural too. But we haven't decided if the character will remain the same in the sequel."

Names for the new characters? Tsukamoto again: "What we do when we name characters is to choose very simple ones, like Pai and Akira. These names suit the characters and are so simple that everyone can remember their names. And we like ones which sound and look cool in English." Pai?

The sketched character printed here is rumoured to be the easily pronounceable and English-friendly Tukikage - the mother of Kage – but as this isn't confirmed, there's nothing to say that it couldn't be one of the new characters either. We'll leave you in a state of suspense.

Saturn NEW!

# **Exclusive** heat

hat could possibly be the final Sega Rally cheat has just come through to us from Sega themselves. This one allows you to race against an impossibly hard time on the ghost mode option. It was set by one of the original developers of the game, and although it's incredibly hard to beat, it'll give you a perfect idea of the correct lines for each of the tracks – if you can keep up with the car, of course.

To get it, go to the Time Attack option and when you get to the screen where you choose either 3 Laps or Free Run, highlight the 3 Laps option and hold down X and Z and then press C. When you get onto the course



### SaturnMay

oaded from Gremlin could be called a violent extravaganza of intestines, vital organs and

Gonna Get

blood and you know that'd be a fair description. It's an overhead shooty Doom-meets-Gauntlet affair which did pretty well in the PSX reviews. A full Saturn preview will arrive with the liver of a cow. Soon.



Us Ages ago

t was incredible. Sorry you weren't there - especially the three saddos who didn't even turn up, you missed a great day. If you remember a couple of months ago, we ran a compo for a day's go-karting at the Docklands circuit in London. We all did fabulously well - Dean even came away with a coveted 'Driver of the day' trophy (which he polishes every night before saying his prayers) - and the happy competition winners went away

with trophies of their very own, plus tons of Codemasters goodies.

If you live anywhere near London it's well worth checking the circuit out. You can just go along for a practice, or grab a load of you and make a day of it. The karts are pretty fast, it's an outdoor track and it's a very addictive hobby. Give them a happy bell on: (0171) 476 1234.



drive either,

but he won

Life, eh.

t went straight to number

Mega Drive • May

one when it was released. It was the best-selling piece of Mega Drive software for six months of last year. Every copy of the game made has been sold. What are we talking about? The surprise hit of 1995, Brian Lara Cricket from Codemasters.

Now we're into another year and, unsurprisingly, Codemasters are working on a sequel, called Brian Lara '96. After collecting hundreds of reply forms distributed with the game, the Codies have been smart

and listened to the buying public. Consequently, the second version will have what they asked for: better graphics, variable weather, a training ground, historical matches and teams, a new World Cup competition, and pitches from around the world. Yummy.



Did you like our 'Bat-manheadline? Pretty good, huh?



### **Quick News**

- US Gold are releasing four sports games to tie into the Olympic games and the first one, a football game, should be out around May. The only present is a multi-event sports simulator, much like the Track & Field games we used to pound away on in our youth.
- The one thing that Saturn owners crave is a spanking been released in Japan, but is unlikely to reach our shores until there's at least three different games to play on it. On this basis, you before your children make you grandparents.
- With Mystaria a fading memory and Dark Saviours about to kiss us with tongues, it would seem that the entrants to the fray are Ocean with Vanished Powers. Nothing until later in the year.
- It's called Bug! Deux, it WILL be out next Autumn and it IS the sequel to the most original game yet to float THIS IS DEFINITE.
- The AM team have Model 3 board and are working like ants to bring us some incredible arcade games later in the year. Expect Virtua Cop 3 and Virtua Fighter 3 to use the new system. (Model 1 was Rally and Virtua Fighter 2 used the second.)
- Ocean are working on a advanced helicopter simulator. Going by the name of Viper, it's claimed to be pretty good. We'll see...
- Zork is renowned as the first mass-market adventure game. Brilliant as it was, it was also somewhat texty. So Activision are going to be releasing an updated version for the Saturn. Complete with graphics AND EVERYTHING. We likey.

News Saturn • Summer

# Caffy/Litter/

his staggered into the Sega party much later than anything else. Already drunk beyond belief, it urinated into every plantpot it found and vomited onto the table of nibbles. Yes my friends, Bubsy's back. After two, much-lessthan-impressive outings on the Mega Drive, he's now turning his Bobcat-like talents towards the Saturn.

From poking around in things that clearly have nothing to do with us, we've managed to find out that it's going to be a 3D game - much like that new Mario thing. Information will filter through from our sceptical brains very soon.

### rtua Str

Saturn

he arcade game was incredible. Even the heavily cynical Simon Crook crawled to London on his bloody stumps to play it and now we can confirm that it's coming to the Saturn. We are, of course, talking about Virtua Striker. The graphics were straight from VF2 (except for the football strips) and the playability was second to none. If Sega get this one right, then there won't be a football game to touch it.





wee snippet to let you know that the very fabulous Magic Carpet from Bullfrog (which we exclusively previewed in issue number 75) is well on the way and will be reviewed in the next issue of this very mag.

Initial impressions are very positive, with the game looking like a cross between Panzer Dragoon and something that involves wizards and spells. Like we said, big and nice review next issue.

Saturn • June

t's a ridiculous headline for a news story, but hey, we liked it. Tunnel B1 is the strangelynamed new game from Ocean and it does sound quite splendid indeed. Very little information is available at the moment, but it's touted as a sort of cross between Doom, Descent and Sega Rally. Don't fret, there's bound to be

you might be interested to hear about some of the changes that Sega of Japan have included. It's no surprise that Sega Rally was 'rushed' for the American release but, fine as it was, Sega of Japan decided that a few 'tweaks' were needed for Japan and Europe. The changes are all cosmetic,

Wheely good.' We're really

f you're one of the people yet to buy a copy of Sega Rally,

really sorry about that.

Saturn

**Out Now** 

but if you care, these are they: There's a new mountain in the background of the Lakeside track, slightly better texture mapping on the tracks, better 'sky', eight new options on the style of car you race against in the Ghost mode, and four new views in the replays. That is all.



## Saturn

May

ollowing on from their very successful Syndicate game, Bullfrog are now putting the finishing touches to the 32-Bit sequel, Syndicate Wars. The game style will be similar although the option to rotate through 360 degrees, a total of 24 weapons and stiffly updated graphics have all been added.

Being nice and everything, we're sure that Bullfrog will be in a position to give us the full story in the next issue. Or the one after that. Yes, definitely by then, we're sure.

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- 2 FIFA Soccer '96 EA V
- 3 Virtua Cop Sega V
- 4 Daytona USA Sega 🔻
- 5 Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 Core
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- 8 Ecco 2: The Tides of Time Sega
- 9 Brian Lara Cricket Codemasters
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### A brief history of Sonic

Who is this superhero? Why a hedgenog:
WHAT EVIL SEGA PLOT IS THIS? Sonic was
first cooked up as a Mario-like character to
give Sega a symbol they could use
to help sell the Mega
prive. In fact, sales of the

Drive. In fact, sales of the Mega Drive, when originally released, were a tad sluggish until Sonic came along.





### Is Sonic hard enough?

### Fighting Soni

Apparently a mix of Virtua Fighter 2 and Fighting Vipers — with Sonic — the hope is that this is going to be an original game in its own right and not just a gluing-together of the best bits of other titles.



### Virtua Fighter & VF Remix

fighting games..

After the massive Virtua Fighter came Virtua Fighter Remix, putting to rights the few things wrong with the original.

Yeah, let's stick Sonic in a fighting game. After all, what

could be a tougher prospect than fighting a martial arts-

expert hedgehog? But Sega know a thing or two about

### Virtua Fighter 2

The best fighting game on any system, ever. Sega's unrivalled arcade expertise produced the definitive beat-em-up.

### **Fighting Vipers**

A hit in the USA but still to make an impression over here, this has fighters in a ring, wearing armour.









The first Sonic game pitted Sonic against Dr. Robotnik for the very first time. Although Sonic the Hedgehog looks a bit crude nowadays, it was the first hint that the Mega Drive could manage something a little more interesting than the usual type of platform game.



Sonic 2 saw Sonic property come of age and is a rare case of a sequel bettering the original. One of the best-selling videogames of all time, Sonic 2 managed to contain far more than just more of the same. Lots of new levels and a new character Tails kept the interest levels high.

Sonic 3 saw Sonic reach the ultimate levels of gameplay. Huge, varied levels, tip-top graphics and plenty of bonuses and hidden levels saw Sonic go as far as he technically could on the Mega Drive. It also saw the introduction of another new character – the echidna Knuckles.



That's what happens when you become an unbeliever. You can't keep a good fighter down. No sooner has the world's favourite videogames character been pensioned off to a retirement home on the Dorset coast, than he's unlocked the door, dodged the security guards and done a funky roll over the electric fence. Five



Not, as everyone thought, Sonic 4 but still quite obviously a Sonic game. Knuckles, introduced in Sonic 3, featured more prominently this time, co-starring with Sonic. However, the real gimmick with S&K was the ability to plug in earlier Sonic games and play new levels.



Sonic's only dedicated Mega CD outing but it failed to shift increased numbers of Sega's bedraggled disk-based machine. The game itself was not startlingly original which probably had something to do with it.



than a platform game had him trapped inside a pinball machine as the ball. A strange idea and more than a little gimmicky but playable certainly and I suppose that's what counts.



Much jumping to be had as you can see. At the moment, it's only the



1) At the height of his popularity, Sonic was better known than Arnold Schwarzenegger and

2) Sonic has appeared as an air freshener. 3) Sonic 2 is one of the best-selling games of all time. 4) Sonic has his own comic and cartoon series.

5) Sonic's two-tailed mutant pal Tails is a genetic aberration and should be culled mercilessly.





ringing the bell and demanding to be let in. The twist this time is that Sonic is no longer just a

games, backward-compatible games, probably card games. This time, AM2 are sticking him in a

Fighting Vipers previewed in these hallowed pages in



else given an invitation and with a likely hairstyle

So far the game is only about 15% creep up behind it three or so months later

Why the devil stick Sonic in a beat-em-up developers were messing about one day, stuck Sonic a laugh and hey presto, it worked. The second is to keep happy all those parents who might otherwise be



The last Sonic game to appear on any Sega format and an obvious 'Use famous character to boost average game' effort. The game plays a bit like Marble Madness and you find things in futuristic mazes. Seen worse, though. Sega Power gave it 82% in issue 73, December 1995.



A Sonic racing game for the Game Gear looking, dare we say it, a bit like that Mario Kart thing that those Nintendo people seem to enjoy so much. Although the Sonic series was definitely starting to run out of steam by this stage, Sonic Drift is still riding high in the Game Gear charts.

Based on the yet-to-appear Fighting Vipers, Fighting Sonic (provisional title) is also using routines from Virtua Fighter 2. apparently not.







Lovely graphics, we're sure vou'll garee





mutant vermin It's Tails. He's a fox. He's back. We're looking forward to seeing him getting the turkey stuffing knocked out of him by Sonic. Yeah, set pal against pal, that's a sure formula for world peace whydon't you just ... (Your losing it again aren't you, sir? - James.) (I need help - Nick.)



concerned about their little Timmy spending so much time down the arcade learning how to rip complete strangers' heads off. As AM2's Yu Suzuki puts it, the game is "calmer than other beat-em-ups"

As far as the graphics are concerned, each location is

we know and love from the Sonic platform titles. So expect to see lots of chequerboard patterns. At the moment, the only location used is the Green Hill Zone but there will be more. AM2 reckon they'll be able to cram in an impressive

60 frames per second as well.

The fighting is to take place inside a boxing ring, as in Fighting Vipers, so gameplay elements will include the ability to use the ropes to aid your fights, or throw

your opponents out of the ring, Virtua Fighter-style. Sonic's spin attack will also feature. We're also told that a number of Virtua Fighter 2 routines included, although we don't know exactly which ones yet.

Keep yer eyes peeled for this in the arcades during the summer and hope the Saturn version is



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1996 means the Saturn, Sega games on the PC and Jaguar, and an industry moving sharply away from 16-bit consoles like the Mega Drive. So what is Sega doing and where are they going to be at the end of this year? Nick finds out...



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s a new year starts, thoughts inevitably turn towards the plans that major

> videogames companies have in store for us. Already 1996 is shaping up to be one of the most interesting years ever in the history of the videogames business.

Concerns that Sega are too exposed to the 16 bit console market appear to have been recognised as the company makes its first forays into the PC world. The recent release of the near-perfect conversion of

Virtua Fighter Remix onto the PC – albeit with the aid of the £200 Diamond Edge 3D graphics card - is just the first of

a line of Sega hits that will be making their way across onto this format.

Sega have in fact acknowledged that they would be a more

are play

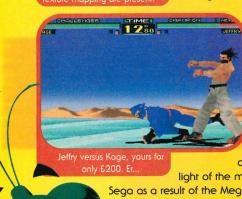
profitable company if they dropped their hardware line and became purely a software publisher like Electronic Arts. Tom Kalinske, president of Sega America, says, "Hypothetically, if someone could make a hardware unit and get it into all the homes in this country or into the vast majority of them, would we just want to be a software developer? You bet. But

Sega recognise that making games machines is an expensive business but, as Kalinske says, "Unfortunately, there isn't a way of getting software of a high enough quality into mass American homes without manufacturing and selling the hardware as well." He doesn't expect to see a situation where Sega would consider becoming a pure software developer at least until the

Sega are also committed to developing for the Jaguar although as yet nobody has seen any fruits of this arrangement. Kalinske says, "There is still work under way on both sides there. I must confess I'm not able to answer that

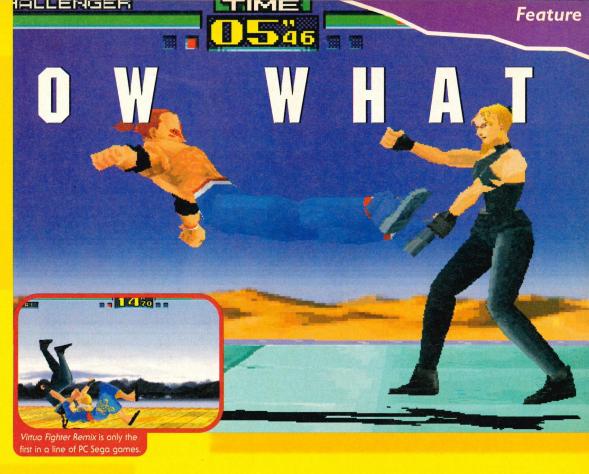
question right now. But I know there is some work under way for our titles to come out on the Jaguar and





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some of Atari's title's to come out on the Genesis or Saturn." Sega have been relying on its AM titles to keep the Saturn flag flying up to now, with Sega Rally, Virtua Fighter 2 and Virtua Cop as obvious examples. But as Tom Kalinske acknowledges, Sega are going to have to start to develop their

> own hit titles. "We've got to rely on our strengths and we rely a lot right now on translating the AM2

arcade hits to Saturn. That's terrific for us but we've also got to have original Sega hits. Hopefully we can do this with titles like Bug! or the new games coming up from the Naka group. Yes, you've got to have the right

> got to get the right play mechanics. It's got to be one of those things - like Sonic - that when you pick it up it just 'feels right' and you can play it right from the word go."

The Naka group worked on the early

character but you've also

"We've got to rely on our strengths and we rely a lot right now on translating the AM2 arcade hits to Saturn.

That's terrific for us but we've also got to have original Sega hits"

further down the list of priorities. But the success of the Saturn is also going to depend on third party support - particularly now that AM's stock of triple-A arcade titles has been exhausted. So far, the relative difficulty of programming the Saturn has made this support less forthcoming that it might otherwise have been. However, since the release of Virtua

Fighter 2, Sega Rally and Virtua Cop, which have given the Saturn a muchneeded boost and shown what

the machine is capable of when programmed correctly,

concentrates on the Saturn and the PC, with the Jaguar somewhat

developers are now showing more

interest. One said,

"If Sega are able to share their

secrets with the rest of

the industry... this changes everything"

Whatever happens, as Sega moves away from the Mega Drive and looks to the Saturn and PC to provide its future growth, it's going to be an interesting year. Watch this space...

Sonic games. Although Sega UK are unwilling to comment much

further than that, they have told us the project they're working on is "looking pretty incredible". Sadly, they wouldn't even say what type of game it was but it's being released by

It would appear that 1996 is going to be the year Sega

this year.

Sega of Japan in the middle of

### Sega games on the PC

It's true. No longer will us Sega console owners be the only group of gamesplayers favoured by mighty Sega. Either out now or on their way are the following...

Game	<b>Equipment needed</b>
Comix Zone	Normal fast PC
Ecco the Dolphin	Normal fast PC
Sonic	Normal fast PC
Virtua Cop	3D graphics card + PC
Virtua Fighter RemixDiamond Edge	3D graphics card + PC
Virtua Racing	3D graphics card + PC

We've also heard rumours about Daytona USA, and Virtua Fighter 2 (although both are being strongly denied), so make your own minds up there. Both would need the card if they did become available.



Shoot the evil green robot device monster thing.



Shoot the exit green robot device monster thing... again. And again. Let nobody tell you that 3D shoot-em-ups aren't mindlessly repetitive.

withdrew Casper for review at the last moment. You see, it's unfinished (if you've seen reviews in less honourable mags than ours, you know they cheated

Obviously, we couldn't

But Interplay are an honourable bunch too, and they recognised our distress.

Hence the

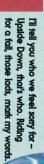
Sons of Doom...

world's first look at the aturn version of that PC mash hit, *Descent*.

Descent places you firmly in the future, as a pilot for the Post Terran Minerals Corporation, a mining outfit. PTMC mines several planets in the Solar System for elements rare or exhausted on Earth.

Since mining is not a

It's another sacenshot just like the others. How do I deal with this?





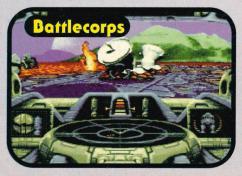
That's what we thought was going to happen when Interplay

Grate our knuckles over a cheese salad if Descent isn't the best Doom-beater around. And guess what, we have the exclusive Saturn preview. Ohyeswedo...



Far be it for us to comment on storyline similarities between this and other games but what the hell, that's the kind of guys we are. Battlecorps

**Plot:** Computer virus infects remote mining colony. **The game:** You have been sent in to



sort it all out in this 3D shoot-em-up. With guns. Lovely.

### Blam! Machinehead

Plot: Computer virus infects a nanomachine which starts to destroy everything in its path.

The game: You have been sent in to sort it out

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in this 3D shoot-em-up. With guns. (And a large bomb.)

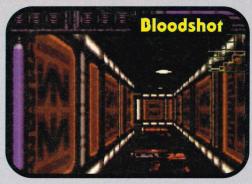
### Rise of the Robots

Plot: Computer virus infects a robot manufacturing facility, sending them all mad. The game: Who cares?





Now we know Interplay don't like Descent being compared to that other 3D shoot-em-up from those really-very-nice-guys-who-aren't-rivals-at-all id Software. However, we ARE the rudest people



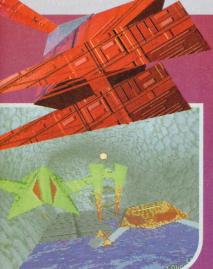
videogames industry, so here's a few other Sega conversions just fer nostalgia reasons, like... Zero Tolerance

A surprisingly good game from Accolade which really was Doom on the Mega Drive. Nothing like



Descent though. **Bloodshot** 

Domark's attempt at a Mega Drive 3D shooter in the Doom mould, it was nothing really that special.



The great thing about explosions, mayhem and mindless death is that it's FUN!



I deal with it with utter professionalism, that's how.

particularly glamorous or cheap Arthur Scargill), PTMC uses industrial

But, as in so many games (usually ones from Core Design for



.. Whatever that is. Seem to remember being told about it.

turning them from mild-manned, and whining bringers of death.

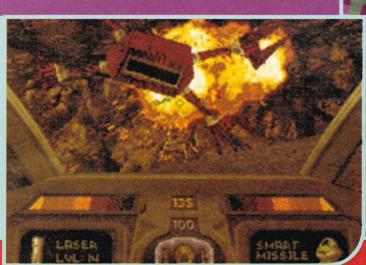


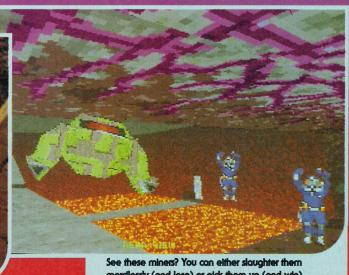
That yellow thing is a gun. That empty thing is Dean's mind.

Worse, the virus is spreading from the mining colonies back towards

Earth. If it reaches the home world, it could mean the End of We Know It

Saturn
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 Interplay







Doom

Doom didn't invent the genre. That accolade goes to Wolfenstein but it was from the same people.

Even games like Toy Story have gotten in on the act.

You should hear some of the bizame snorting noises our Art Ed. makes sometimes. Snigger at her picture on page 54.





We hope that there will be a few more baddie robots available for slaughter.

guess what? They
want YOU to sort it out, probably
on your own, as always.

The plan is to send you right into the heart of each mine, to destroy the central power reactor and rescue anyone who's still alive.

You're in a stupendously powerful fighter, armed to the teeth with more arms lying around in case your teeth start to fall out. (Eh? – James.) (Poetic licence – Nick.) (Arse, more like – Dean.)

The most obvious aspect of the

game is its similarity to *Doom*. Released on PC at the height of the *Doom* craze on the, *Descent* still managed to avoid looking completely like a *Doom* rip-off with many reviewers saying they even preferred it to id's classic.

So the gameplay will be familiar. To this end, it involves piloting your craft through loads of twisting corridors, blasting enemy robots, picking up any humans, looking for the central reactor whilst

remembering to keep an eye out for your escape route.

Several improvements over Doom have been made. The game allows you total freedom o moment. Your ship can move in full 3D – but unfortunately, so can the baddies. They might be

waiting for you above or below, to the sides or behind your ship. Nasty. This also means that the gameplay doesn't just take place whilst moving left and right through

tunnels – you'll also need to navigate air vents and secret rooms above and below as well. This flexibility has meant that the controls can be a little difficult to master but it's not too hard once you get going.

Because it's so easy to get lost in an environment as complex as this, there's a special automapping facility although it does centre on your position, which makes figuring out your best routes a tod tricky.

Best of all though, *Descent* is not too easy to play. Your opponent robots move intelligently, avoiding standing around for too long to get shot and moving around in groups so they can



surround you more easily. You have to keep both eyes focused at all times.

With 30 levels to look forward to, top-quality graphics, plenty of excitement and difficulty and loads of power-ups, *Descent* is going to be something hardened *Doom* fans should keep

an eye out for.

used to go to college with the PR person from interplay you know. Didn't speak to her once, mind.





The most important thing in any situation is to keep your own teeth.

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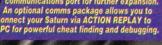
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# SaturnMarchJVC





It's another picture of planes, sky and buildings.Oh good.

HUT UP! I'm not listening! I refuse to hear your prejudiced shouts that any game involving planes in a 3D environment has to involve husky American accents, tedious missions, a distinct lack of 'fun', repetitive gameplay and bad artificial intelligence.

Deadly Skies plans to add a original element to the flying game soup and croutons are NOT an option.



It maybe true that the skies are deadly, but certainly not as deadly as seventies 'progressive' rock band, Sky. Now they were positively painful...

between, say, Thunderhawk 2 and Street Fighter (You speaky Eengleesh? – Nick). It's a game



### Deadly Skies is a cross The sky's the limit

Deadly Skies gives us a completely disturbing eight levels. These range from the desert to the Jungle to second city (set in the future). Here's FOUR pictures from FOUR of them.

### also a complete list of

To keep in with the EIGHT theme, JVC have included EIGHT planes to fly about in. Pretend you're Tom Cruise in Top Gun, massage your (NO CHANCE - Mr. Decency) and pretend to shoot down some troublesome Communists. Here's a picture of one of the planes and

A different plane of existence

the blighters.

F-15 Eagle F-1 Mirage

F-14 Tomcat

AV-8 Harrier

Mia 29

F-16 Fighting Falcon

F-4 Phantom

F-22



Um, well it could... sort of, maybe. oh, WHADDYA WANT FROM ME??

where you fight one-on-one,

character and then it's just

you versus the computer-

mano-a-mano, dogfighting in a choice of eight planes across eight

varied scenarios. You choose your



This level is, in a painfully obvious way, the jungle. The trees shown below the plane are the first giveaway.



Whaddya know, Joe? Quite a bit actually and this box is starting to look a bit tenuous. Yes, it's the ocean level.



It's the arctic level. NO IT ISN'T. Fair cop guv, take me down the station. Sigh, it's the second city level.



Ah, this one's easy. It's the seventies carpet pattern with a rogue green bouncy ball level.

controlled opponent in a bloody no-holds-barred dogfight to the death. Beat them and it's on to the next one, etc.

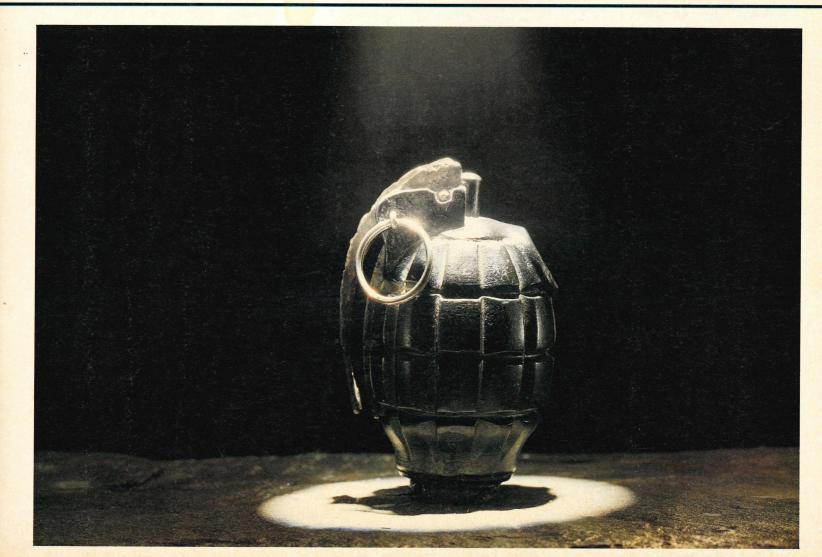
You have energy bars, powerups, special moves and multiple weapons. It's interesting. It's original

### Personality is EVERYTHING

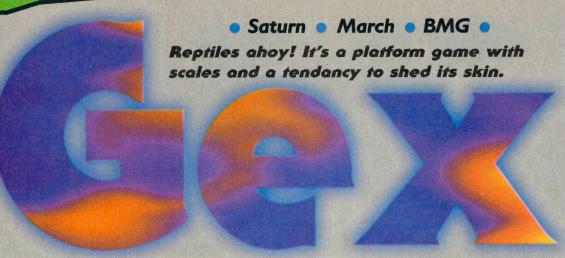




purple on its hefty sweating buttocks. It's also going to be reviewed in next month's issue. So hang on until then, OK? (We must work on new ways of saying that.)



Now that's what I call a talented bit of project All rolled and ready to throw





That's a nasty coffin you have there, better take some.



.Coffin mixture for it. Have noticed that this is a very..



.Grave level. Oh I could go on all day like this.

You could make a really nice pair of boots out of this guy couldn't you. (You're struggling here aren't you, Les? – James) (Not at all – Les) (Liar – Nick)

ex could well be the first modern day videogame hero. Forget his looks for now (admittedly they hardly put him in the Barman bracket), this lizard has a modern day attitude that makes Mario and Sonic look like the whiter than white wimps that they are.

Gex is a real MTV-generation hero. He's been watching far too much TV and it's finally gone to his

If the tomatos in your fridge do this, throw them away

than one sort of forked tongue. He's got a foul mouth and thinks nothing of sounding off, spewing media wit and banter

whenever possible. All of which

sounds really good but let's bring you back down to earth right now. This is another platform game. Ok, not just any old platform game, this one will for quite a while. Crystal Dynamics who put it all together have gone out of their way to create a superb looking gaming environment. They've used Silicon Graphics machines and 3D modelling techniques, combined with stupidly good animation to make Gex and his world really come to life.

When you see the Gexster walking, running, hurling fireballs, flicking his tail, jumping and hijacking rockets, take it from us, you'll be in for a treat. On top of

all these actions the foul mouthed lizard use his tongue to catch hold of power up insects that litter the levels making up his world.

The programmers have utilised the vocal talents of American comedian Dana Gould who you may or may not have heard of (we haven't). This makes for plenty of laughs as you throw abuse at anything and anyone as you move through the stages. For once a programmer has resisted the



NOTICE: This caption has been replaced because the original made NO SENSE AT ALL – The Management.





No we didn't just get Laura to put the grab in upside down, this is for real.

temptation to fill up the CD purely with voices and flash effects, though. All the levels in Gex offer something new in way of challenge and features. The level variety and design make this one that you'll have to stick at if you eventhing it has to

want to see everything it has to offer. It's no five minute wonder.



Find the remote controls in the levels to turn on the rest of the TV's so you can get out of here. OK?

Gex combines humour, good looking graphics and plenty of variety on the basic and, by now, pretty tired platform format. Hopefully, it'll give the likes of Rayman, Bugl

and Bazookatone a run for their money. We'll have a review of it next issue so look out then for some (forked) tongue-incheek

antics. **SEGA** 









Matthew Rathbone, Derby

What's white and floats upwards? Stupid snow.

Richard Marsh, Wigton

Three men go into a pub, two men get cocktail sticks and walk out. The other man gets a straw and the barman asks him, "Why are you all coming in and getting cocktail sticks and straws?" The man then said, "Someone's been sick outside. The other two get the lumps and I get the juice."

Matthew Rathbone, Derby

Where was Anne Boleyn be-headed? Below the chin.

Matthew Bathbone, Derby

What's long, yellow on the outside and green on the inside? A cucumber disguised as a banana.

Mat Dobson, Burbage

Simon Cook, Amersham

What's black, white and red on **Christmas Eve?** Rudolph the red-nosed penguin.

Daniel Ashmore, Stockport

What do you call a prehistoric pig? Jurassic Pork.

Sadique Ahmad, Lichfield

Did you hear about the boy who swallowed a load of money?
A few days later his mum rang the hospital and they said, "There's still no change."

What grows larger the more you take away? A hole.

G Morris, Windsor

What do you call a camel with three humps?

Michael Vest, Newcastle

### winners

will be no doubt pleased as Larry with their new copies of Virtua Fighter. Here's the five,

the lung-exploding jokes they gave us...

How does Michael Jackson pick his nose? From a catalogue.

Ian Bennett, London

an eye? Fsh.

William Turpin, Thamesmead

What's the difference between **Graham Taylor and an arsonist?** An arsonist never looses his last match.

Anthony Wearing, Bury

Why has Bugs Bunny got long

Because he's a rabbit.

Alexander White, Huddersfield

Why did the door blush? Because someone twisted his knob.

Colin Sparkes, Norfolk

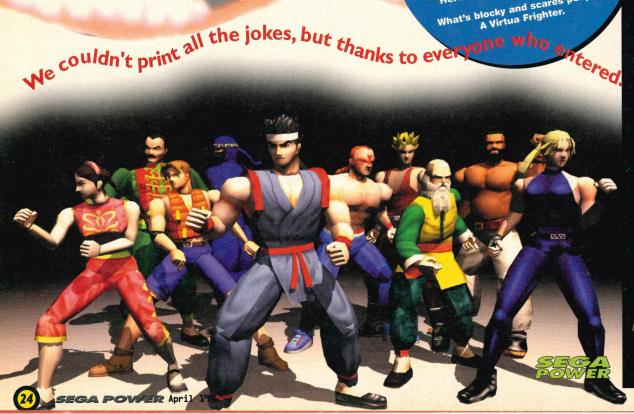
### Did you hear the one about

This bloke was, in our feeble opinion, the This bloke was, in our feeble opinion, the bestest joke person. So, Paul Cullen from Lancashire, you win a 32X with a copy of Virtua Fighter, plus five other AMAZING 32X names. Shame on you wou funnibute. VIPTUA FIGHTER, PIUS TIVE OTHER ANNAZING 32X games. Shame on you, you funny boy. Here's that winning joke, folks...

What's blocky and scares people? A Virtua Frighter.

And talking of winners the following people have won a major prize in our Christmas Toy Giveaway.

Danny Barratt, Rossendale Ian Crosbie, Liverpool Andrew Gibb, Perth Luke Shepherd, Ballater Shazli, Boulogne Stuart Ratcliffe, Kingsthorpe Richard Long, Cowes Andrew Francis, Cirencester Lloyd Callow, Pencoed Corine Green, Colchester Robert Bighann, Swfrydd Gerard Totten, Ballymena Luke Sykes, Slaithwaite Andrew Scott, Woodberry Down Brenda McFadden, Scunthorpe Adam Blake, Uttoxeter John Vannetten, Liverpool Mr. R. Brimfield, Cheltenham Mark Pearson, Aston-Under-Lyme Mrs. M. J. White, Fakenham Stuart Springthorpe, Stubbington





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### The Journalist

Thanks to an invaluable stint of work experience with your very own Sega Power, young Danny Wallace is now a bona fide journalist on Future's newest publication Comedy Review.

Of all the glamorous jobs in the games industry, games reviewer initially looks the cushiest. Although degrees in English or communication specific courses are becoming increasingly popular, the best way to get a foot in the door of computer magazines is still to bag some work experience. Sega Power's old comrade Danny Wallace reveals all:

"At school I told the careers officer I was interested in journalism. He arranged me a placement with Future Publishing's *Mountain Biking UK* magazine.

"However, I really wanted to work on Sega Power and so I sent a couple of letters to Andy Smith, the Editor at the time. Andy eventually agreed to let me work in the office for a week of loveliness.

"He had me taking game screenshots, writing captions, even labelling over 250 Sega carts and arranging them in alphabetical order.

"At the end of the week he told me to come back whenever I wanted, so I spent any free time I had in the office helping out. All the time I kept writing and writing, until eventually I had a feature published with my name at the top of it. From there I got the staff writer job on Comedy Review."

So you want to get ahead in the games industry? Becoming a games tester, magazine writer or programmer isn't as hard as you think. Come on, dive in.

Once Danny Wallace had no life, no friends

f you sleep, breathe, eat, even play videogames then it stands to reason a career in that very area would be the ideal ticket to job satisfaction. Like most industries, however, videogames are a very insular affair, and the lack of guidance on how to get in can be pretty off-putting.

However, making inroads into the neon-lit world of games development needn't be a case of knowing the right people or getting a degree in astrophysics. Check out these three case studies – you might be surprised how straightforward the route into the world of computer games can be.



**Before** 



From school-leaver to experienced games tester – 22 year old David Ward now helps Core Design turn ideas into top flight games like *Thunderhawk II*.



# The Programmer and Games Designer

From tookie programmer to head of Britain's finest software development team.

Bullfrog's Peter Molyneux has been working to bring fresh talent into the industry for several years now. He's published programming articles in magazines, launched competitions to find new employees, and even sometimes taken new recruits and trained them from the ground up. So what tips can Peter give? Impressive demos get

"Impressive demos get attention, but sometimes it's almost more useful to write in saying something like 'I really liked Magic Carpet 2, but maybe you could have done this and this.' The thing is to keep your material as brief and simple as possible – just a single page should get the essence of it across."

The academic route is one taken by about half of Bullfrog's staff. "For the qualifications route a degree in maths,

# Some simple points to remember:

- GET EXPERIENCE A work placement is the fastest way to propel you to the secret world of videogames development. A mere five days helping out a software company or computer magazine can put you in touch with the right people, show you what the job really entails, and let you try it for yourself
- BE SKILLED A knowledge of programming is going to speak volumes if you want to develop games. If games designing is your thing, try to analyse what makes existing games tick. Rookie journalists should really work at those writing skills.
- DON'T GIVE UP You may be totally ignored but don't let that stop you. There's always another company to get in touch with and another person to hassle (politely). Remember, if all else fails, just tell them Sega Power sent you.

and now... things are

computing, science or philosophy is ideal. The alternative, one which the other half the people here came to us by, is to visit for a week or two doing work experience." Many of the software companies are willing to take people on for a few days. It's a good way to get a real insight into the other side of the industry, and as Peter says, "It's a good opportunity to impress people with your ideas."

very much the same.

### The Playtester

Working as a Playtester has to be a cushy number, right? Sitting around all day being paid to play videogames is, after all, a lot of peoples idea of heaven. "Oh no, not by a long shot," warns David Ward, a playtester at Core Design.

"After I left school I got a placement at US Gold, working there four days a week in the testing department. Admittedly, at that time all I had to do was play games, but when a moved

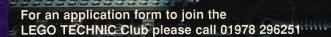
to Codemasters for a couple of years I was the sole games tester. Consequently I gained a lot of experience, dealing with samples from the duplicators and so on. Now at Core, we're just testing *Shellshock* and I've been designing some of the maps in *Thunderhawk II.*"

So what about money and prospects? "The wage isn't too bad – average when compared to other jobs. Now that I'm here, I definitely want to remain in the computer industry. I've paid for a college course to learn 'C' [the most

widely used programming language] because I wanted to do something new, and it seemed like the most suitable thing. If I don't become a programmer myself then at least I'll have more knowledge to help me deal with programmers and designers."

So what tips can he offer would-be games testers? "Once you get in there, you're sorted. I'd recommend work experience or a YTS placement to get you that initial foot in the door. The rest is up to you."

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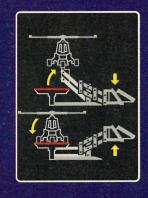






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Puncturing developers' dreams with the sharp stab of reality





True Pinball (Saturn)



Virtual Golf (Saturn)



Mystaria (Saturn)





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Use the troops to locate the baby monitor, if you can.



Red alert

Help the other toys back into the boxes before Andy appears.



Ego check

Keep up with Buzz as he races you to the end of the level.



Nightmare Buzz

Woody's ultimate bad dream – Buzz wants to kill him!



A Buzz clip

Use the car to knock Buzz behind the desk in this MM-like level.



Revenge of the toys

Avoid angry toys as you help Rex across the room.

beam, he is in danger of making Woody look outof-date.

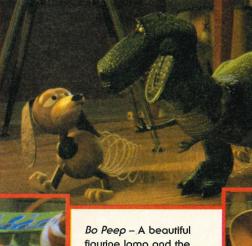
Mr. Potato Head

– A spud with
attitude.

Slinky – He's Andy's flexible favourite, a toy dog with a Slinky middle.

Rex – A tyrannosaurus with an insecurity complex, he only wants to be feared like all the other dinosaurs.

Hamm – Unsurprisingly, he's a piggy bank who happens to be a bit of a know-it-all.



Bo Peep – A beautiful figurine lamp and the light of Woody's life. See?

That's her

hat's her opposite.



wanted your Action Man with swivelling eyes to look shifty, you would set them to the left. And if you wanted your Action Man with swivelling eyes to look a bit sheepish, you'd move them to the right.

You could have sheer minutes of fun with this toy. Another way of entertaining yourself was by ripping off all his limbs, thereby creating Inaction Man but best of all, the

simple act of shoving your heel through his chest would transform him into Outofaction Man, a real hit with small dogs.

Although this game is full of toys, they're not the sort that are going to turn



You've got to race the toy car in front of you. Hence the fact that the race isn't really going that well.

• 1974 – Phong Bui-Toung invents a process for shading more accurately than Lucas founds Industrial Light and Magic (ILM) to create the special effects for Star Wars.

Mandelbrot publishe

975 - Benoit

'A Theory of Fractal Sets'. His principles allow much higher levels of realism to be developed in graphics.

• 1980 – The first flir to contain a large amount of compute



• 1980 – After the success of Star Wars, George Lucas creates Pixar as ILM's



### **Run Rex run**

Race the other toys whilst riding on Rex's back.



### **Buzz** battle

Stay out of Buzz's way as he charges towards



### Food and drink

Cross the Pizza Planet without getting hit by falling food.



### Inside the claw machine

Try to find Buzz inside the machine.



### Really inside the claw machine

It's a Doom-style level rescue the aliens.



### The claw

Stop the evil kid Sid picking up Buzz with the claw.



Watch out - don't get buzzed by the helicopter.

you into heroes and villains. Because they'd prefer to leave

that

stuff to themselves.

Based on the Disney film of the same name, Toy Story places you in control of Woody (he's the cowboy) who has to perform a series of missions to get to the end of the game.

As in the film, the game focuses



Collect the stars for extra points. The big star in the left is your number of lives.

very much on the relationship between the

two lead characters

Woody and Buzz Lightyear. And as in the film, the nature of their relationship changes as the game progresses.

The first few levels show Woody pretty well in charge of the other toys. Then Buzz

appears and shows how his assortment of high-tech gadgets make him the new toy in town.

Obviously Woody is a little annoyed by this. There's

> initially a lot of competition between the two characters - you'll have to race Buzz, fight him and watch as the other toys turn against you but

eventually, as in all proper buddy-buddy things, you'll find

Level One

Yes, it's the first level. The game starts off nice and easily where the aim is to release the small green toy soldiers who will locate the baby's monitor intercom thing for you. But because we don't want to give too much away, we'll only show you the first bit.



Help the dinosaur get off the

table. As you do.

He hires Ed Catmull to

invents Morphing.

983 - Pixar and ILM create a wireframe

1983 - Pixar and ILM Death Star for Return create the Genesis ologram of the

the first time in the film computer graphics for 1986 - Disney uses Detective.

million. (Pixar is nov Lucas sells Pixar to worth \$1 billion.)

Im use of Morphing 987 - First feature ucasfilm's Willow.

188 - Pixar creates 987 - Jim Hensor nelps invent Motion

he influential software program RenderMan.

89 - Pixar wins an Oscar for the anim-

ated short film Tin Toy

ames Cameron's The he water effects for

Foaster graphics car release the Video 1990 - NewTek



Sid's workbench

Make your way across Sid's desk without being done in.



**Battle of the mutant** tovs

Find Buzz and avoid the mutant toys.



**Roller Bob** 

Use Roller'Bob to escape across Sid's house.



Day-toy-na

Drive the car back to Andy's house in this Street Racer-style affair.



Light my fire

Head after and catch a moving van containing Buzz.



**Rocket man** 

Reach the car whilst being carried by Buzz, avoiding obstacles.

### It's a film, innit?

It's a story about toys. Therefore it's called Toy Story. Ironic, eh? The film is, as I'm sure you will have heardby now, the first completely computeranimated film EVER. It's a Disney film, but the hard work was done by top computer animators Pixar, a former Lucasfilm company.

. In 1991, the Director John Lasseter pitched an idea to Disney which eventually led to the signing of a three picture agreement. The germ of the idea was a single visual image: a toy at a road rest stop, its owner accidentally leaving it behind. "It's such an emotional thing because everybody has lost a toy that they wanted so desperately to find, that they wished the toy was looking for them," says story co-creator Andrew

Lasseter adds, "We're storytellers who happen to use computers. Story and characters come first and that is what drives everything we do. You can dazzle an audience with brand new technology but in the end people walk away from a movie remembering the characters."

Stanton.



have to help the two characters cooperate if they are to complete the game properly.

It's this intelligent following of the film's storyline which provides the excitement. There's a simply astonishing variety of gameplay elements in this game. The styles range from platformy things, to a kind of Micro Machines affair, to a Mario Kart/Street Racer level... and so on.

There are 18 levels in this 32-Mbit atch out for the falling foodlike objects. (Yes,

that's you in the drinks container.)



Mr. Woody, Woody from Cheers Woody Allen

cart, with each level divided by storyboards from the movie.

I haven't seen a platform game this good for some time. And surprisingly is that

this is from Travellers' Tales, responsible for the dull Puggsy. This is a very impressive game indeed. I'll even go so far as to say that it's probably the last

great Mega Drive game

### we'll see. pers & downers Well thought-out gameplay

Plenty to keep you occupied

Really good rendered graphics Appealing characters Top-quality all round

### **Final verdict**

"The last great Mega Drive game. A title you must have before you all upgrade to your Saturns." Nick

Toy Story.



in the use of comput cartoon making.

1993 – ILM create he Dinosaur effects animation applied



'historical' effects 1994 - ILM create for Forrest Gump.



world's first completely

### Table for four, Sir?

Pinball is, technically, all about tables with pins. Hit the ball bearing around the table, score points and avoid the bit at the bottom. Lovely. All very sophisticated now, though, with mini video games, animatronics and small electric shocks for the unworthy heathens. Ladies and gentlemen, for your pleasure I give you, THE TABLES.



This is Nick's favourite table because it's got gambling bits, fast cars and pretty girls in bikinis that look like they know a thing or two.





himself couldn't caption this!



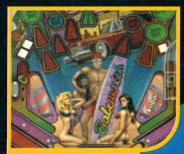
Pinball fact: The word pinball is derived from two words PIN and BALL. Take this fact and use it on a regular basis.



In a word, crap. Boring tables and plays like a spaz.

Polish me balls and whack me flippers. Pinball's on the menu again, and I'm sleeping with the head waiter...

rue Pinball is, of course, not. You remove the menacing stares from the large character at the bar who spilt YOUR pint, frisked YOUR girlfriend and still plans on removing your colon with a pool cue 'after closing'. You lose the giggling 16 year old girls who insist on playing Slash & Burn by the Manic Street Preachers repeatedly



Babewatch? Get it? Like that shite TV programme? HA HA.

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on the jukebox and you lose the embarrassment of spilling EVERYBODY'S drinks every time dontcha eh? Eh? EH? Just love it?

Three views (explained not here), four tables (explained not here) and small video game bits that give you an incentive to get those bonuses by hitting endless ramps. And that. You have yer flashing lights, snappy sound effects and multi-ball, multiflipper, multi player, multi-jointed extras that they've all got, and what more?

Surely the most important thing about a pinball game is the ball movement, correct? True



The ball bearings in pinball tables are made from skulls



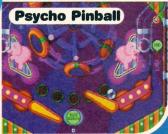
This is Dean's favourite table. Because, naturally, his athletic ways tend to lean lowards the sportier side of life. (Are we talking about the same Dean lames) And he likes the man's eyes.



This is James favourite table. His tendencies towards the legal profession means that not a sentence passes his lips without the word 'JUDGE'



Finally, Laura. She likes the Viking table for the burly men with chunky beards and big spiky helmets. NICE!



On the Mega Drive and still better than anything else.

Pinball manages to do the job in a correct and 'proper' fashion but there are a couple of times when you think that physics tells a different story to the silver sphere. Not a percentage-slashing problem but enough to make you go 'Hmmm'. Understand?

Simply put, it's good. It's the best pinball simulator for the Saturn and challengers are few.



Should be good, and we've got an exclusive review soon.



Much like the real game, you can tilt the table and lose your ball. Interesting facts like this are hard to come by.

Pinball fact: Nick's uncle invented pinball on a visit to see Star Wars with his family. They went to a launderette.

### ers & downers

- Good table design
- Spunky graphics
- Plenty of bonuses
- It's better than Sega's effort
- ▲ Too fast for the 2D view

### **Final verdict**

"It's a pinball sim and a pretty flipping good one at that. Everything's here that you'd expect, but little else." Dean

Sound Addiction Lifespan It's meant to be an adventure game so it has puzzles. This one's a bomb strapped to the underside of your plane and you've got to diffuse it.

On the one hand...

However, like the rest of the puzzles, the answer (a correct series of button pushes) is random. Get it wrong (which you will many, many times) and it's Game Over



Some tosser's stuck a bomb on the underside of me plane. Wonder how you diffuse it?



Hmmm lots of buttons. One of these must deactivate it.
Perhaps it's this one here?



Whoops.

In the future collective reality will be replace by individual fantasy.

If you buy a
PC you have to
play games like
Cyberia. FOR EVER.
That's the rules.

hink of two good board games. Monopoly – Dog, Iron, Angel Islington and Fenchurch Street – yep that's a good one. Mousetrap – ratchets, ball bearings, springs and a plastic basket – top fun we'll have that one as well.

We'll make a mint.

Right, my theory is if we take all the best bits of these two and bolt them together not only do we come up with a massive selling blockbuster but we'll also create a whole new type of game.

Thus, behold Mousepoly, the first game of the next board generation. We'll have mice on Pall Mall and the Waterworks held up on those plastic trestle things.

This caption is here to officially relate the picture (below) to the text (above). I hope that's clear now. (You die – Nick.)

hardware. Panzer Dragoon was a noble effort but the amount of money it cost and the mixed reaction it got on release clearly show IT'S NOT AS EASY AS BOLT-AND-BUILD.

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Alright, I

admit it's not

my idea. Ever since the 32 Bit hullabaloo blew up games

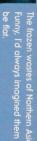
designers have been struggling to

come up with different types of

games to exploit the new

So now Interplay throw out Cyberia and kiss blow me, if it isn't another dart in the rapidly deflating Next Gen balloon. A Sci-Fi adventure game with exciting arcade action or tragic example of concept over gameplay? Er, the latter actually.

OK, so in the future terrorists get hold of some Doomsday device. You've got to wrest it back and save the world, get the girl, etc. etc. Good start in the race for originality there then.







Purposeful striding, that's what we like.



The most dangerous drug



# But on the other...

it likes to think of itself as a bit of an arcade act. Here you're employed to defend a rig from a whole range of unconvincing enemy flying things. A lot of the other arcade bits follow a Panzer Dragoon-style set flightpath. Most of it falls flat and is almost as repetitive as the adventure stuff.



The rig's come under attack from some nasty alien-type things. Time to get shooting I suppose, sigh.



Bang, bang. Yes very entertaining. What happens if I don't shoot at the speed of light?



What a surprise.

# • Saturn • £45.99 Out Now Interplay

Half of the game consists of a walk around, D's Diner-style adventure. Although this bit looks ok - it's full screen and reasonably fast - it just doesn't work as a game. The puzzles are mostly trial and error

(you try, you die, you start again) and instant death lurks around every corner. Because you have to die so often to progress, you can never get particularly engrossed.

The rest of the game breaks down into the laughably titled 'fastaction shooter sequences'. There's shooting admittedly but fast it's not The landscapes are bland, simplistic and betray the game's PC origins.

A pre-arranged flight path maximises the boredom.

Again, it's far too

couple of go's you just don't care what the terrorists have got their hands on, they're welcome to it.

No, Cyberia is not the allconquering hybrid I'm sure everyone wanted it to be. In truth it's more of an scabby, old mongrel. Unless you're a vet intent on doing the humane thing, it's probably best avoided. **POWER** 

SHOOT IT, SHOOT IT!
(It's been rude to you.)

This woman wants a snog because you've just demonstrated your shooting prowess defending the rig. Admittedly, a few minutes earlier she tried to kill you but such are the narrative contradictions of game designers.





- Oh dear...
- Not very good at all
- Lacking in atmosphere
- Tests patience not skill

## **Final verdict**

"Takes all the worst bit from the Arcade and Adventure formats and tickles your boredom bone till it bleeds." Jan











# **Muppets ahoy!**

They look like muppets, they talk like muppets and I wouldn't be surprised if they smelled like muppets. You start the game with a meagre five characters, but progressing around places, you'll bump into a few more. Here's a selection of my personal



In the old days it was customary to pave the streets of small towns with lino.



In a intellectual's role-playing game, the pun is a dangerous attack.

## Yawning fish! Watch our glad faces as another RPG lumbers past us...

e went Go-Karting yesterday. It was at this brilliant ourdoor arena thing, with fast carts and food and prizes (I won best driver of the day because I'm good). We took a few 'readers' – it was all to do with that compo we ran a couple of months

lo... pane | wouldn't have it ar

ago, you bloody stuff. All dull, of course

Anyway, you really should try it – if you haven't already – because you really do feel like you're going very fast.

Oh, sorry, am I writing a game review? Ah, apologies.

The thing is, see, that the first paragraph of any game review tends to cover a little obvious statement

about the style of gameplay, then it's straight into a few banal sentences about the story, etc. For Mystaria

neither of these two items deserve, I believe, more than a word. Game: RPG. Story: shite, Job: done, By the thorny

By the thorny prickles of a chimp's arse, it doesn't take a swellhead to deduce that role-playing games are,

at the end of the day, all about battles. You wander through the forgetful forest of Basingstoke and you battle some orcs. You stumble through unpronounceable towns and you battle some foolish

Check?

blobs. You climb up a mountain and you battle some rampant sparrows. These are the only interesting parts.

Saturn • £44.99 • UK Re

Wandering around itself is as interesting as paper – all you do is buy and find things to prepare you for the next battle which is surely bound to be a stone's throw from wherever you are.

Thinly veiled cynicism aside,

Mystaria is pretty good with
plenty of battles,

dungeons, monsters and collectable items. The 3D works well, the



...it allows you to cook the perfect souffle. Perhaps not.



Occosionally you'll find a chest on your travels. These can contain anything from health to food to old peoples' clothing.





# Save me from myself

This is the save screen. It's a temperamental cuss at the best

of times and sadly only appears

when it feels like it. Yes furballs, you do not have the ability to save at any point in the game. This hurts like a rampant spike. Here's the screen you'll see, shy as it is.



# lease • Sega •

graphics are spunky and there's certainly a large amount of gameplay there for your hard-earned Earth money. A lot of time's been spent on the fight sequences and lengthy as they are (some can last up to an hour), they're

pretty good. Giving it the 3D

> element gives you the feeling that the programmers tried to make

Weaponry You've changed your mind? thing else today?

The old man, Hector, uses his special spaghetti attack. Pasta and rice attacks are his speciality in the later levels

It's a shop that sells weapons. What do you

the game look a little less sad then say, Phantasy Star 4.

At the end of the day, though, when the chimps are down, it is a role-playing game and they do

After each section, most of the characters bump up a level and gain good things

have a reputation for being as

boring as Easter. Mystaria, with its fancy fighting stuff, and the fact that its competition is Virtual Hydlide, is a good effort.



I need not resort to such petty

Aragon uses a lightning strike on a large red thing. Aanndd there's some grey hilly thing behind him aanndd he has a lovely red cloak

# more restless amongst you.

- Large graphics
- Tough gameplay
- Plenty to explore
- Pathetic storyline
- Awful save game facility

"Given the alternatives, it's the best RPG on the Saturn, and not a bad game to boot." Dean











# them views

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and allows you to see exactly where the ball's going to end up.

The secret to Virtual Golf's success is its view variation. You can choose from a whole selection at any point in the game and you can play many interesting games with your friends, such as 'Guess The View' or 'Which View Next'. Those long Winter evenings will just fly by...



If you had a really big crane and you had a TV camera on top of



Imagine running really fast down a golf hole and waiting for the ball to appear in your view. That's all I can think of to describe this.



Saturn
 £39.99
 UK Release
 Core

After careful research and painstaking effort, I've finally analysed the various ways you can start a review...

The normal approach: Virtual Golf is Core's first sports game, and it's very good indeed.' Normal is good, factual but about as interesting as metal rulers. 2) The stupid approach:

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'Arsechimpcheesehellosirmybacksid fields hitting blah-de-blah.' Good elookslikeapepperonipizza.' Yes well, we got away with it for a while, didn't we?

3) The storyteller approach: 'My dad plays golf. Spends hours walking around

space filler, but goes on for hours and not usually interesting or funny.

4) The slightly irrelevant, but strangely interesting at the same time approach: 'Affer careful research and painstaking effort... etc. Yes, this way. Nothing much about the game, but half a page

is already filled and by Jimminy, you've read it. Now I like golf games. Good with friends, perfect for playing after long night drinking far too much at the local

flea-infested ale house. Arguments usually erupt concerning wind

speeds, bad clothing or hair, but it's good fun. Good clean honest fun. I LIKE IT.

Core have created a golf game that manages to give us several



It's a UFO. PLease don't ask me why, it's just there

new features. Not only do you have your four courses, plenty of play modes, wind, speech, water and the like, but multiple shot views and superb scanning of the hole have also been squeezed in. No more of this wait 10 years while





Here's another picture of a 'green' which, strangely, is. Very

Here we have the classic golf pose. I've been told it's all in the knees and you have to keep your eye on the ball. Interested? Not me

# Them games them strange people play

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Practice your feeble driving on a hole of your choice. Work out the wind things, plus the added joys of snap and slice. LOOK CONFUSED! A golf game without different game types would be like a chicken without legs, so

Core have kindly included several to choose from. Look at the main picture in the middle and then sort of de-focus your eyes. A game type will leap out at you from the page and this one will then be your favourite...



Practice

Driving Range

Sienlochrie Oper

Tournament

Shirts Cilqueng

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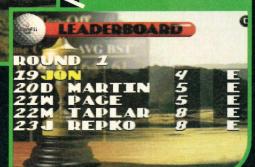
Options

Play for money, thrash the computer chimps and win all the mooley. It's only make believe of course, you can't buy a caravan or anything.



two rearns of players take to hit the ball around a common pleasant choosing.

Up to four 'real' people and 65 computer ones in a large two/four round tournament. Very hard, but the best fun of the lot. Official!



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Eut yer greens

When you've dragged your flabby carcass around 400 yards

of foliage, you'll be just about ready to try to knock the ball into a minute cup. There's no complicated grid system or any crap like that to worry about – using the circle clearly shown on this grab

you can easily work out the lay of the land.

Y'see, it moves and undulates as you move it backwards and forwards between yourself and the hole. This shows you the angle at which you need to hit the ball.

Delicious.



Look at the circle, look at the hole, hit the ball and prey to whichever God you favour.

The tee just in front of this one is for women. Apparently women can hit THEIR ball from a shorter distance 'cos they're cheats.

the screen updates rubbish, you can pan around your position and view your shot from countless

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Grass is usually green. Here's some for you to look at.

angles. Yes, I like that.

Up to four human players, can play, there are countless computer-controlled ones and Core have included all the rest of

the usual golf malarky. Virtual Golf is the best golf simulation I've seen on a Sega system. 'Tis true, now

SEGA POWER Power points
Release date March
Players 14
Courses 4
Difficulty Essy/Medium
Core .....(0132) 297797

Virtual Golf

#### **Uppers & downers**

- ▲ Lots of options
- ▲ Four courses
- ▲ Very fast
- ▲ Hard to better▼ Well, it is golf

## bettered for quite some time." **Dean**

...

"Certainly the best golf

game on the Saturn

and unlikely to be

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Saturn

# Saturn • £44.99 • Out Now • US gold •



Game over and it's straight to hell. After playing this you have to OSK, WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT THAT THEN?

Look out, Guvnor he's got a, er, shooting guitar with a, um, hoover attachment

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Johnny has a wind-up gun thing which I didn't use much. thing on the end. Purple quiffs ahoy, it's Mr. Bazookatone.

ega Pro, Saturn+ and Game Pro have all reviewed Johnny Bazookatone and they each gave it 90% or more. Having played it for hours of my precious life time, I've got to ask why.

If you remember from our issue 75 preview, Johnny is the



This game is only possible due to the Saturn's excellent purple capabilities.



These are zombies and they want to kill you.

biggest pop star of the 21st century, something he's achieved in spite of a large, bouncy purple quiff and a disturbing seventies guitar-playing style. Having seen the all best tunes going to someone all too earthly, the devil (Mr. L. Diablo) steals Johnny's guitar and uses it to lure our 'hero' into a cunning trap. With a story like this, it could only be a platform game.

And that's what we've got, in its very basic sense. Apart from nature's natural imperative to move left to right, completing all the levels and defeating the boss at the end, there are the obligatory things to collect to



Shoot them and they explode most impressively.



score department. OK, so those are the mechanics, what's the game like?

The background elements, whilst graphically



Don't touch the cactus, it'll take energy off you.

# TO



Why don't we just make Fitday the first day of the weekend and have done with It? It's not exactly the most productive day of the week, is It?



When you find a key, you'll need to pick it up...

excellent and well-differentiated level to level, soon become all too familiar. As you move left to right, the same things reappear, sometimes so often it's a bit confusing as to where you are. The level design itself is pedestrian. There are no alternative routes (well not that I could find) and the direction of travel is almost always one-dimensional – left-right or down-up.

> There's no doubt that Bazookatone



...So you suck it up with the end of your guitar. Obviously.

challenging game, like Rayman and Bug! it's not something you're likely to complete too quickly. However, it seems to lack that certain sparkle that sets a minority of platformers apart from their under-achieving cousins. Bug! had character and innovation, Earthworm Jim had excellent level design and mental humour, and the Sonics had raw speed. Bazookatone has purple hair and rendered intro sequences. Not really enough.

So what overall then?

# Level 2





First off, you find this green jelly thing.



Use your shooting guitar to



on it to collect the goodies.

# Level 3









Where are all the stiffs, then?

# Johnny Bazookatone

# Final Level





here and.





# The Things



energy points.







They're worth ten notes.

Bazookatone is technically accomplished - it looks good. But then with the power of the Saturn it bloody-well should. Run-of-the-mill Mega Drive platformers would look like this if they were ported to the Saturn. 90%? Not in anyone's book. I



Playing with my organ. Jokes 'R' Us on Sega Power.



Johnny's bass player is called Sven. He's an experienced session musician and backed Swedish superstars ABBA on their infamous 1976 tour of Finland.



Since when was the devil green? That's what I'd like to know. No I wouldn't, I'm lying.

wonder

Johnny Bazookatone



persuaded them.

It's quite challenging

It looks good Electric guitars

A bit ordinary... ...Gameplay-wise.

"For all its graphical niceness, it's no a monster riff in the world of Sega gaming."





And this is the end of game

stats thing. Interested?





Addiction Lifespan

# Super

# Retun of the Jedi

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Long ago in a galaxy far, far away the Star Wars trilogy started its

long run to milky dryness.

was ten years old when Return of the Jedi came out. I think that says it all really – the whole Star Wars thing is so long in the tooth, its decaying incisors drag on the ground as it walks. All that's left

Hello Mr. Hairy

Only one

Sir -

a choice of five

minute,

blobby

SSWROTJ has

minute blobby

characters.

Yes, FIVE!

you can't

play all of them on any particular level, over the four game scenarios there's Luke, Leia, Han, Chewie or Wicket (the Ewok, stupid face) to

Although

character?

Not for me,

Game Gear
 £29.99
 Out Now
 Sega

to admire is the marketing – sell the 'original cut', wait three months and then sell the 'directors cut'. Arse. Anyway Talk.

Conversion. Now. Black Pearl (the people behind the rather good Arena) are claiming development responsibility and I don't think they've got too much to be embarrassed about. As

side scrolling beat/shoot/light saber-'em-ups go this one's, er, alright. It's not going to set your pants on fire but what does nowadays.

There are four missions. The first has you rescuing Han Solo from the wobbly clutches of Jabba the Hut, the second, destroying the Death Star shield unit on Endor. Next up it's a

This is the boss at the end of level 1. It. Is. Hard. And, Dull.

Darth Vader/Emperor death match and finally the Death Star beckons your reactor

missile thingys.

Graphically, it's not as impressive as *Arena*, there's very little background detail for instance.

There's a good range of enemies but the difficulty curve's set too far to the 'bloody hard' area of the spectrum to get that much enjoyment out of it.

So it's an elderly licence supported by an 'OK' game. Not brilliant but certainly a little more interesting than those, cuddly, cutesy platform things that Sega like so much.



"dflmngflmtrl rel trlmtrlmtrl rel", said the metal spider thing.



I've been to more animated,

per Star Wars..



That'll be Princess Leia in a

an in-game shot you'll be ised and devastated to learn.

choose from. They've all got

their own special weapon but two have excess body hair.

> Meanwhile, on Luke's home planet Tatooine, the mysterious bounty hunter Boushh races towards Jabba the Hutt's palace.

# **Uppers & downers**

- ▲ Five lead characters
- ▲ Decent mission variation
- Capo ise's is it as a stall arra
- ▲ C3PO isn't in it metal arse
- ▼ Graphics aren't brilliant▼ Not really that much fun

"Alright I suppose but certainly not good enough to cause much of a disturbance in the Force." James

**Final verdict** 







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# Walk this way...

To fully appreciate the many options and things in Tour '96, here's a little walk through thing of me playing the game. No, don't thank me, I do this for money, not fun.



Here's me Bob! Right at the start and I'm going for tournamenttype thing.



Choose all the boring things like clubs. names and that and then you're off on the first hole.



With everything taken into account (wind and the like), I take my first shot.



This map thing now kindly shows me how far I've gone and how far off the green is.



...aanndd I've landed in a bunker. Ar...(NNO OO!! Think about the children - A Policeman)

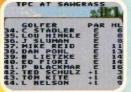


BALL IS 10IN. BELOW THE CUP

I've chipped onto the green. Invade small thirdworld countries while you wait for this beast to load.

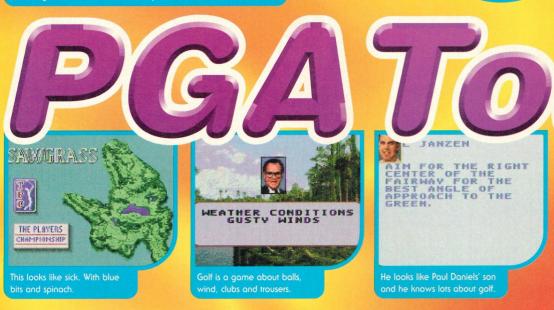


Putting is as simple as eating and talking at the same time.



The hole's over and here's the state of play. Now. Do. The. Whole. Thing. Over. Again.





# • Game Gear • £31.99 • UK Release • Sega •

Limp pear juice! The Game Gear revival continues with... Another golf game. Sigh...

ere it is, and in a nutshell, s'alright. It's as damn good as the flabby Game Gear can manage. PGA Tour '96 takes each one of the Game Gear's eight bits and rings them

confidently through the mangle and hangs them out to dry.

The courses have trees and all the proper golf course stuff like water, grass and sand. You get all yer clubs, three courses, tournament mode, skins mode (you play for money, but not real money - like

ower

Monopoly, but without the paper) and you

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can practice anything you want enabling you to confidently stencil 'Fuzzy Zoeller' onto your forehead.

You've all seen the format before, so I

can probably stop wittering now. Other interesting

information-type things might include me telling you that there's a 3D grid impression of the



### **Uppers & downers**

▲ Lot of options

One more Game Gear game

Three courses

Graphics a wee bit...

...Sssslllloooowwww

## Final verdict

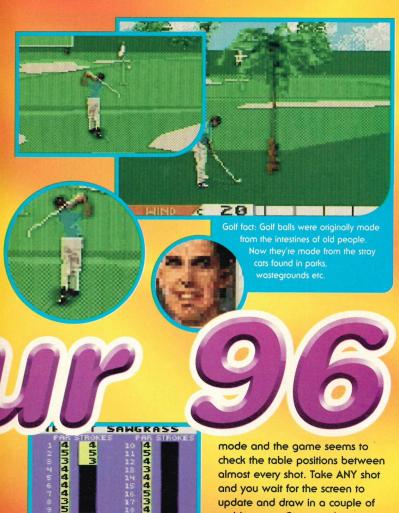
"One of the last transfusions before they switch off the GG life-support machine. Playable, just." **Dean** 







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Golf fact: Golf clubs are made from metal and are not cheap.

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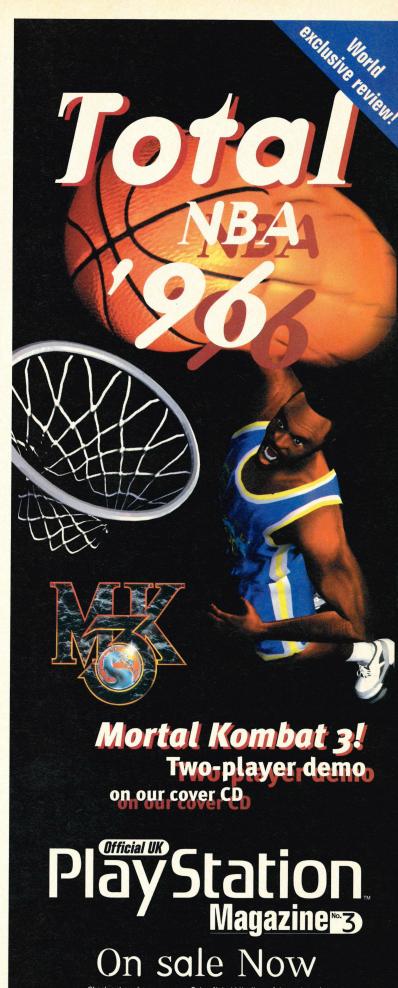
green, save game option, tips for each of the holes and plenty of lovely stats.

I suppose you can never really expect things like this to speed along on the Game Gear, but unfortunately this is painfully ssllooww. Play in the tournament

mode and the game seems to check the table positions between almost every shot. Take ANY shot and you wait for the screen to update and draw in a couple of scabby trees. Get onto the green thing and you could produce a child in the time it takes for the green grid thing to appear. Fair enough, you can turn this option off but how else are you to tell the angle of the dangle?

I could be accused of being 'picky', but when you find your mind wandering after only a few holes of play, then I guess it's fairly relevant. The 8-Bit format badly limits most games but PGA (slowly) makes the most of what little it offers.







A teen witch, a rabbit without a mouth and a gutburst of ferocious ultra violence. Yaaay, it's Japanese video game for children!

ello darlings, and a sodding great grumble to anybody who seems to think that lemonades, such as Hooch, Two Dogs and Vitamin Sick, are a danger to society. What an astonishing mound of knockers. In my day, all we were given to drink was kidney liquid like Dandelion and Burdock, made out of REAL Dandelions and REAL Burdocks. Sometimes you'd crunch on a bit of

wouldn't be seen for five days. Lemonade? DANGEROUS? COBBLERS! Listen, you ban Burdock, you stop wars.

in Japan, glugging it down on the way to work, during work and after work. That's why they're all seem so crazy cakeship. That bloke who came up

roque Burdock and - BAM! - you

Of course, they all drink Burdock with the idea for

selling other people's pants through vending machines? On Burdock. Sumo wrestlers? On Burdock. The team that thought up a game involving a witch-girl and a rabbit without a mouth and called it Gunbird? Definitely on Burdock.

Based on some jittery cartoon, Gunbird is an astonishingly ancient Raideny shoot-'em-up, small of graphics, vertical of scroll, annoying of noise. Before I sink into a fit and froth about the-Next-Generationbeing-about-rendering-and-scalingand-that, I may remind myself that not too many months back I was

addicted to some dappy, Jappy shooter called Parodius, a well over-Burdocked game of such staggering mental instability and eye-dribbling fastness that it had my head in a vice when it came to

dream time for days. It looked cack, but it got the KILL **EVERYTHING** primitive instinct roused and spanked. Gunbird.... doesn't.

Let's get the red biro out and scribble over the mistakes.

B) There are five characters in all but with only two-power-ups and a smart bomb each? This is definitely a BAD THING.

U) When you hit an enemy YOU DO NOT DIE. When you hit a bit of



If you reallyreallyreally must know, I 'am' Tetsu, a traditional Japanese pensioner on a laser trike. I do not joke. Straaange heroes

# Witch-Girl and Rabbit-Without-a-Mouth







shrapnel, YOU DO DIE. In simpleton terms this turns *Gunbird* into a very fast game of avoid the dots.

Would you really want to 'be the one with big hair? WELL?

R) Far too many continues allow you to finish the game at the first sitting. Lastability of a Bosnian roof. D) The sub-*C.I.T.V* music? You. Can.

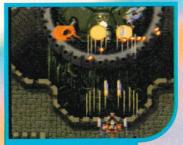
Not. Turn. It. Off.

O) Hefty mid-level bosses, but I did not come all this way to 'do' battle with what turns out to be a bit of

an angry rabbit.

C) The two-player achtung is smashing, but the screen's too flaggin' small. Nitpick!

K) The 'arcade' option plays horizontally which is all very nice but in order to play it you have to that the easiest skill level is called 'monkey', and the next one is called 'child', allowing you to spell the word 'monkeychild' on your screen, there's little here to make you smile continuously. Want adrenaline drilled into you from a speedybrillspazout shoot-'em-up? You'd be better off



Notice how many bombs I have. And please. Write in

with Paradius...

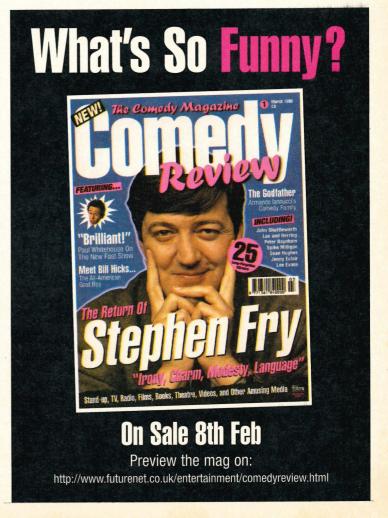
Thanks to the accessibly circular power of the CD, *Gunbird* allows you to open up an endless visual archive of Witch-Girl and Rabbit-Without-a-Mouth. Problem is, it's been scribbled by obsessive fans. Fans with

felt tips. Fans with pencil sharpeners. Fans that aren't a million miles away from the sort that send in psychopathic notes to The Sega Power Gallery.

After 15 pints of Burdoo like to sit back, relax and feed Rabbit-Withou Mouth by throwing a arry selection of onlions oe Akirioro, 58

"Witch-girl! Witch-girl! I MUST HAVE THE WITCH-GIRL, SO HELP ME JAPANESE JESUS." Iku Kurusawa, 2







charging so much money for something so uninteresting.



The shields are the power-ups. The green thing around your ship is your deflector. As for the fish, we have no idea.

• Saturn • £59.99 • Jap Import • Acclaim •

Shoot me with a jet of Fairy if Saturn shoot-'em-ups aren't a pile of tired crap. Here's another to add to the heap.

ony Blair Sucks on the Flesh of Dead Children! Mail 'investigation', we reveal the

shock news that schools all over the

danger from the

The danger is similar to taking cocaine, according to

language

And it's a grab. Oh, the sheer variety of the English

this grab f

the computer experts at the Daily Mail, who Party come to

power it plug every school into the system. Experts fear this could lead to the

Darius Gaiden

same addictions

computer games

videogames than anyone else in the world (probably) and it's only now that we have noticed

videogames and the foul fluids and pastes pedalled by the Cali drug cartel. Just look at these:

Shoot-'em-up:

Reference to tying yourself with class-

Split-screen: Well-

Parallax: Film starring Warren Beatty about drug-

The game starts with an invasion. Don't they all?

induced mind control. THQ: Psychoactive compound 32-Bit Processor: Someone who makes drugs out of raw 32-Bits.

Far be it from stupid mistakes as far as I'm concerned - but it has to be said

that if all games Darius, we wouldn't be



The boss at the end of the first level. Is. A. Fish. Why not make it a cat and REALLY freak us out?

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## pers & downers

- Hardly any addictive qualities
- Dull and boring
- Unimaginative and stupid
- Perfect for Daily Mail readers
- ▲ CD's are quite pretty really

### Final verdict

"Scarily unentertaining for an entertainment product. You'll have more fun tying your shoelaces." Nick













The only great thing about this is that you are given the chance to choose your own path through the game

# only problem with starfish is the ego problem. What kind of a name is Darius

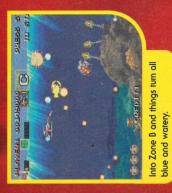
Gaiden anyway?

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hearing any more nonsense about dullest shooters I've played for quite some while.

YAWN at the kind of graphics last seen on arcade machines in 1990. STRETCH as the operatic soundtrack begins to Iull you to sleep. SNORE as the action as a spider catching kippers.

The lasers and power-ups are managed to collect the power-ups, you get fatter splodges and missiles. There's a space warp thing in the middle of the screen which I



think is some kind of smart bomb but it's pretty useless and confusing.

Plenty of bombs. WE LIKE THIS

NOW THERE'S A CEASEFIRE.

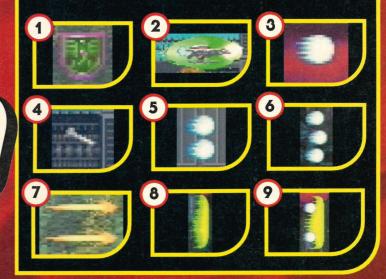
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! The screen area is too small. The backgrounds are dull. The gameplay is EXACTLY what we've come to expect from bombing shoot-'em-ups EXCEPT that unlike other games, it utterly fails to engage the attention. It's just not

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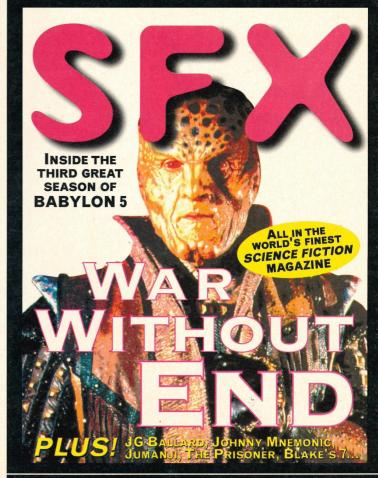
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# Mountain

It's another top-quality Sega Power compo, and this time we want you to get mobile. We're tired of being blamed for encouraging thousands of people to never leave the sofa and the TV, so it's time to get you off your arses and into the saddle.

We're giving away one of these superb bikes to two lucky readers (although Laura, our Art Ed. will have to stay here folks. Sorry, she's needed.). All you have to do is answer these two eeeeaaaaassssyyyy questions, bung 'em onto a postcard and get them into the usual address.

You can thank Scott Bikes for this little compo too. A hearty man-size round of applause goes out to them.

- 1) How many gears does the Scott Arapahoe have?
- a) 3
- b) 6
- c) 21
- 2) Which metal is often used in bike frames?
- a) Lead
- b) Aluminium
- c) Tin

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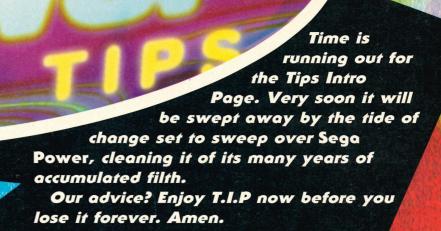
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and he is a Frome survivor.



Your answers questioned and your questions answered... maybe. Now will you step back so I can get on with it? YES? Thankyou.

# Lion King

I've bought the Lion King for my nine year old son which he's had for

a month. But he is stuck. It's a level called 'Be Prepared (Jungle Caverns)' - where the bats, lava and geysers are. I've had a go but we don't know what to do. Can you please help me and my son? Thankyou, Mr. M.R. Trowman,

# Shinobi-X

#### Saturn

Shinobi-X was a great game (if you like poor conversions of tired series onto supposedly nextgeneration consoles that is). Anyway, so you're playing it and

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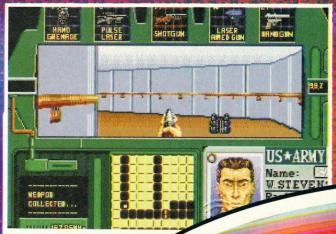


you find it a bit tricky. You can

# Zero Tolerance

Remember that kid Kris Sum from Exeter, who wrote in a couple of issues ago about cheats for Zero Tolerance on the Mega Drive? Well he must be really crap at it if he's stuck on the sub-basements.

There's only one cheat for the garne. Go to the Options screen. Turn the music off, then go to the sound test and put the number to 03. As soon as you start playing, move up to the sound option and turn it back on. The music should now play weirdly.



That'll be body armour on the floor. Not very good is it?

do one of two things: throw it away and try something else, or better, go to the options screen, hold the L and R buttons and press C, A and B. Hey presto, you now have the unrivalled joy and rapture of being able to chuck 999 (How many? – James)

shurikens about the place.

For a level select, pause the game and press A, B, A, B, C. The number 1-1 will appear on the screen. Select the level, then un-pause to 'go' there. (Thanks to M. Al Buloshi for this last one. Definitely a tips star in the making.)

# Toshinden

Well, it's out for the Saturn now reviewed by us a couple of issues ago. To access these hidden characters, please do the following:

For Gaia: At the title screen

Back from the dark days of Saturn gaming comes Shinobi. Not really

# ortaction - Dig Tips book

For Desert Strike on page 16, the code IQQQLOM does not give five lives as printed, but three. For five lives, try TQQQLOM. For 10, BQQQAEZ. To skip to level 2, WQALOBO. Level 3: WLALBED. Level 4: BTTIKLK, Cheers to Martin Burnside in Scholes for this.

Ever noticed the similarity between the spelling of 'Power' in Sega

Power, and 'power' as in the title of Power Tips? Yes, they're the SAME! At times like this you must be glad you read this mag.



Also, here's a set of codes that should give you more than a fighting chance against the enemy

Docking bay level 1 Docking bay level 2 Bridge level 1 Engineering level 1 Engineering level 2 Engineering level 3: Engineering level 4: Greenhouse level 1 Greenhouse level 2 Greenhouse level 3 Bridge level 2: Reactor level 1 (boss)

Reactor level 2 (Space Station High rise rooftop High rise floor 164 High rise floor 163

High rise floor 162 High rise floor 161: High rise floor 160 High rise floor 159 High rise floor 158

High rise floor 157:

TLi5CrGhi High rise floor 156: High rise floor 155: High rise floor 154 crh5CrGh

cU5CrGh! High rise floor 153

> 7rh5CrGh7 High rise floor 152 (boss)

TU5CrGh7

e. That's the Zero wanted to be Doom but ended Tolerance story up a bit

aL8\*CrPtk

Wr6\*CrPtk WL8\*CrPtk

ar6\*CrO!V aL8\*CrO!V

Wr6\*CrO!V

WL8\*CrO!V or6\*CrOik

aL8\*CrOik

Wr6\*CrOik

WL8\*CrOik

GLq\*uvMq2

TLi5CrG!

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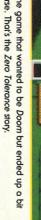
Trh5CrGt7

TLI5CrGt7

crh5CrGtQ

cLi5CrGtQ Trh5CrGhj

Trh5CrG!j





High rise floor 151 (high rise):	OPJXv-BBQ
Sub basement 1:	.Kro82qNEj
Sub basement 2:	KLp82qNEj
Sub-basement 3:	.Gro82qNEj
Sub basement 4:	.GLp82qNEj
Sub basement 5:	.Kro82qNE7
Sub basement 6:	.KLp82qNE7
Sub-basement 7:	.Gro82qNE7
Sub basement 8:	.GLp82qNE
Sub basement 9:	.Kro82qN)j
Sub basement 10:	.KLp82qN)j
Sub basement 11:	
Gro82qN)j	

Chris Robertson, Stanley

screen choose Kayin and hit any able to play as Sho.

# Virtua Cop

#### Saturn

Play all the way through without being wiped out annundddd you funky options screens and things.

There's a mirror mode, a wider selection of difficulty levels and various other options, including a

Virtua Fighter-style ranking mode. Do it now!

# Clockwork Knight 2

#### Saturn

If you haven't got massively tired of this already, we have two cheats for you, courtesy of M. Al Buloshi.

For a level select, go to the start screen (with the horse) and put in the following d-pad codes: R, U, L,

For 999 lives, try: R, U, L, D, R, D, R, U, L, D, R, D. But don't blame us. Ever.

For anything



is it my head. One of the two



EASY, EASY, EASY, EASY,

(when the words come sliding down from the sides onto the screen), do a fireball (Down, Diagonal Down-Forward,

Forward) and a Dragon Punch. You will hear the pleasing word 'Fight!

Now, at the character select screen, hold up on Eiji and hit any attack button. You should now be able to play as Gaia.

For Sho: When playing as Gaia, lose to your first opponent but don't continue. Make sure you have a second d-pad plugged in.

As with the Gaia code, go to the title screen. Do Forward, Down, Diagonal Down-Forward and Dragon Punch. After hearing 'Fight!' at the character select



Yes, this is a shot of Virtua Cop 2 BUT THE PRINCIPLE'S THE SAME. Shoot the bad guys in a fit of extreme moral prejudice

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Mortal Kombat II - not particularly my cup of Lucozade...



.But you lot seem to go bundles on it.

# Mortal Kombat 2

In issue 74, Craig Dulake asked for Kung Lao's fatalities. I met his mate Goro – he's not a nice bloke.

- 1) Stand two steps back from the 'dizzy' character and hold Block. Press Forward a few times and release Block. Now press Low Kick.
- 2) Hold Low Punch for three seconds and go a full screen away. Press Back, Forward and release Low Punch. Kung will chuck his hat at Mr. Dizzy. Press Up as it comes just into contact with him.
- 3) The 'Pit' Fatality is simple enough up close. Press Forward three times and then High Punch.
- 4) The 'Blood pools' fatality is done by holding both kicks and Low Punch. Next do an uppercut to get them in.

Now, please can anyone help me do Mileena's Sai Stab and Shang Tsung's Soul Stealer?

Gareth Trew, West Glamorgan

Cheers for this Gareth. A T-Shirt's in the post. Probably.

three Star Wars films) now commands a their struggle against a completely



# **Toy Story**

### **Mega Drive**

Now available on import over here but not actually properly released until March this year, Toy Story is looking like it's going to be a title to watch out for.

In the meantime, if you do have a copy, here's the country's very first cheat! For a level select, enter A, B, R, A, C, A, D, A, B, R, A at the poster-like Toy Story screen.

For invincibility, collect seven stars at the second stage then jump into the toy box and duck down for



games? Eh? What was it then?

Can anyone help here? There's a level select elsewhere on these pages which should keep you going in the meantime.

## Road Rash 3

#### **Mega Drive**

I need some help with Road Rash 3. I always seem to come tenth. Michael Foster, Mill Hill

on level three enter Ø1ØBØ Ø1DB5 UQPØ6 37UN9 at the password

## Probotector

#### **Mega Drive**

I am very peed off about a good hard game called Probotector so could you give me a tip or I'll burst with frustration (Don't do that. The thought upsets me - Dean.) Anton O. Flanders. No address

Cheers for the Christmas card Anton. Hope you had a good time yourself. No joy with the tips unfortunately. Can anyone else out there help?



five or six seconds.

Now you won't use those cheats until you've had a good try at the game, now will you. Good.

# Psycho Pinball

#### **Mega Drive**

It's another tip from our mate M. Al Buloshi (Is there no stopping the man? - James). To get extra balls, pause the game and press Down, B, C, B, Right, Right.

# Lion King

#### **Mega Drive**

Some people do seem to be having trouble with this 'Disney Classic' so we thought 'what the blimeny, let's wheel out a cheat for it.' And here we are

For a level select, press Right, A, A, B and Start. Then Left and Right to move through 'em.



time, so that's good

## Ballz

#### **Mega Drive**

My, my what a naughty name for a computer game. Did the critics refrain from the obvious copy clichés – Ballz up, Knee in the Ballz etc. etc.? Well we did but don't ask Sega Pro

To advance the fighters, at the title screen enter the codes for either the red or green belt. Red: A, Down, Down, B, B, B, C,





Left, Right

Green: A, A, Down, C,

B, A, Up, Up, Down. Are you what you want.

# Star Wars Arcade

happy now?

32X

Never thought we'd hear from this little 32X title again. Never thought we'd hear from the 32X again, come to that.

Anyway, for infinite time, press Down, B, B, Up, Right, Left on controller 1. When R2D2 screams, what you want.
Thanks ONCE AGAIN to
M. Al Buloshi.

# Alien 3

#### Game Gear

Here's a handy little cheat and what's more, it's so easy even a no fingered chimp from Shropshire can manage it. (Oi – The Shropshire Chimp.). For lots more alienexterminating ammo, enter your name as CHEAT.

in another magazine before!

# Shaq Fu, Super/ Thunder Blade

#### **Mega Drive**

- 1) I have *Shaq Fu*. Are there any good cheats for it?
- Super Thunder Blade is rubbish and we need some cheats or we'll take it outside and blow a few rounds off on it with my submachinegun.
- 3) I noticed that Nintendo mags have an index of the percentages of all the best games and I

I've got to go to a meeting now. Look Mummy I'm an executive.

thought that would be good-ish.
4) Finally, which should I buy – an Atari 2600 or a Sega Saturn?
Ashley Berry,
Crosses Monaghan

- 1) No. Anyone else able to help?
- 2) Erm... anyone?
- 3) Expect to see some changes quite soonish.
- 4) A ZX-81.





From now on, we'll be giving away a free cart to the person who submits the best tip to this section. To send in a tip, please fill in the following form and send it to: Power Tips, Sega Power Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth St., Bath, Avon BA1 2BW.

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## Designed by: Mark Stockley Course Name: Mini Silverstone

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QVKV KVKV 2MRE GTOS **EGCU** DVLB FINE



## Designed by: Nicola Clarke Course Name: Oh!

PIAA GVQV KVLG NRKT GXCU AAAA AAAA LU1Z MVKW MZRS MUHD GW3G KQMU

ZCVK # FBCV I4KZ LGMV KHAA CQCA FPBA IBK5

LXOV LQOF MUZW KHCV KVK5 KTM7



## Designed by: Richard Tallent Course Name: Zig and Zag

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## Designed by: Christopher Ballard Course Name: The Devil Jump

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... ZVQX YVKF AMKV LSO3



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ONKR

MVOE

Edit Map. C to Change B



Can't get your track to work? Try replacing \$ with 5, 1 for 1, O for 0 and so on. We'd love to take responsibility for wasting your time with tracks that don't work, but sadly there's no chance of that. These tracks were created by YOU and we'll laugh in the face of your lawsuits.

F - Forward

P - Punch

K - Kick

FD is the diagonal move Forward/Down

**BD** is the diagonal move Back/Down

a means press button a

b means press button b

c means press button c

y means press button y

...and so on

These moves assume you have autoblock deactivated.

We could crack gags like 'the joy of X' or 'X-rated' or 'X-travaganza' but we're not as sad and unimaginative as Mean Machines. We could produce a full players' guide for X-

Men: Children of the Atom. Er, so we have.

# Colossus

## X-Moves:

Giant swing: D, FD, F, P Power tackle: D, FD, F, K Body Press: D+P

## X-Abilities:

Super armour: D, BD, B, abc



Real name Peter Rasputin, he has the uncanny ability to transform his skin into hard steel. Maybe he needs to try a new moisturiser.

# Cyclops

Real name Scott Summers, he can shoot laser beams out of his eyeballs. This makes him a real hit with the ladies when he's out on the pull.



Optic blast: D, FD, F, P Gene splice: F, D, FD, P



# Iceman

#### X-Moves:

Ice beam: D, FD, F, P Ice avalanche: P+K

#### X-Abilities:

Ice fist: D, BD, B, abc

#### **Hyper-X:**

Arctic attack: D, FD, F,

Bobby Drake, Ice is dead useful to have around when the air

Real name







recter – but how do you get him? Hmm, tricky. of yer side, move to Spiral and wait for three seconds. , move to Silver Samurai, Psylocke, Colossus, Iceman, Sps, Wolverine, Omega Red, Silver Samurai. Wait for three

seconds then hold x+c+z

On the second player side, move to Storm and wait three seconds. Without stopping, move to Cyclops, Colossus, Iceman, Sentinel, Omega Red, Wolverine, Psylocke, Silver Samurai, Spiral. Wait for three seconds then

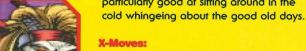
If you've got it right, the character you

seem to select will not appear. Your side will stay empty until you choose which type of block you wish to use. Gouki will then appear.



# Omega Red

Real name Arkady Russovich, he's a genetically engineered Russian super-soldier which means he's particularly good at sitting around in the



Carbonadium coil: D, FD, F, P or K Flip and Smash: Any direction + P Omega Strike: D, FD, F, K Chouhatsu: y, a, D, x, b

#### X-Abilities:

Death factor (after coil): P Energy drain (after coil): K

Omega destroyer: D, FD, P, abc

## **Psylocke**



Real name

Elizabeth

Braddock,

power to mess with your brain.

She's psychic,

you see. Just

don't ask her

when you're going to meet that tall, dark stranger.

X-Moves: PsiFlash: D, FD, F, P Psiblade spin: D, FD, F, K Chouhatsu: Press start

#### X-Abilities:

Ninjitsu: D, BD, B, P or K

## Hyper-X:

Psithrust: D, FD, F, abc



### Hyper-X:

# Created by Mojo in a fit of

vengeance against those who named him after a small liquorice sweet, Spiral is a bit of a swordsmeister.

#### X-Moves:

Dancing swords: F, FD, D, BD, B, abc Sword toss (need halo): D, FD, F, P Six-hand grapple: D,

### X-Abilities:

Sword explosion (need halo): D, FD, F. K Switch dance: D, BD, B, a Teleport dance: D,

BD, B, b Power dance: D, BD, B, x

Speed dance: D, BD, В, у Dimensional force:

D, BD, B, z

### Hyper-X:

Metamorphosis: D, FD, F, abc

# Storm



Real name Ororo Monroe, Storm has the ability to control the Earth's weather to a limited extent. Ideal company for summer weddings and trips to the coast.

#### X-Moves:

Typhoon: D, FD, F, P Lightning attack: P Flying: D, BD, B, abc Kazekoshi: D, BD, B,

#### Hyper-X:

Lightning storm: D, FD, F, abc Hail storm: D, FD, F, press Start





Spiral

Gouhadouken: D, FD, F, P

Shakunetsu gouhadouken: B, BD, D, FD,

Zankuuhadouken: D. FD. F. P. Goushoryuken: F, D, FD, P

Tatsumaki zankuukyaku: D, BD, B, K

Diving kick: D, FD, F, K

#### X-Abilities:

Ultimate throw: D, BD, B, P Ashurasenkuu: F, D, FD, a+b+c or x+y+z or:

B, D, BD, a+b+c or x+y+z

#### Hyper-X:

Goushinkuu hadouken: (D, FD, F) twice, P Goushoryreppa: (F, D, FD) twice, P

## Juggernaut

Real name Cain Markon, he's the half-bother of Professor X.

X-Moves: Earthquake, Power punch

X-Abilities: Red glow; Girder bash



Hyper-X: Red shoulder

# Magneto

Real name is Erik Magnus Lehnsherr (Who thinks of these names? -James.). He's tough. Very.

X-Moves: Magnet pulse, Flying, Plasma burst, Blackout, EM Pulse

#### X-Abilities:



Magnetic tempest, Hyper grab, Magnetic bubble

Hyper-X: Shockwave

## The Bosses

It's not possible to play as any of the bosses. However, there's a list of their moves in this box so you can be prepared.

# Sentinel





Rocket punch: D, FD, F, P Sentinel force: D, FD, F, P

Body press: D+P

No real name! A sentinel is an anti-X-Men battle robot and is therefore not something to tangle with lightly. Playfully is fine.

#### X-Abilities:

Flying: D, BD, B, abo

#### Hyper-X:

Plasma storm: D, FD, F, abc

# Silver Samurai



Shuriken: D, FD, F, P Hyakuretsutoh: F, D, FD. P

#### X-Abilities:

Blink: D, FD, F, K Tohgi: D, BD, B, P Bushin: D, BD, B, xyz

Harada, he prefers the name Silver Samurai because he's silver and a samurai. He has black hair. (What? -



Raimeiken: D, FD, F, abc Triple shuriken: D, BD, B, abc

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Called



# Wolverine

Real name Logan, Wolverine is from Canada. Despite this, he's worth taking seriously as he has those nasty big claws.



Tornado claw: F, D, FD, P

Drill claw: P + K

#### X-Abilities:

Absurder charge: D, BD, B, abc Healing factor: D, BD,

Chouhatsu: a, y, y, c, b B, xyz



### typer-X:

Absurder barrage: D, FD,

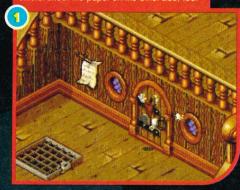
P, abc







Extra stuff can be gleaned by shooting these portolalist shoot them all you'll get an extra life, a spot and a







This, as you've probably already guessed is an exit. Each level has one and. They. Are. Good.

# **Level Two**







Level Three Underwater, finding the final elusive spots isn't easy. You only need 40% to





# **Octopus Monster**

Simplicity itself, easier than walking in a stroight line in fact. Just stand in front of the monster and when you hear the sound of a bomb about to land, walk away, then go back towards it and continue firing.



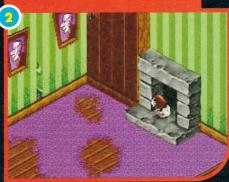
# **Level Four**

This level contains plenty of puzzles which must be completed before you can even dream of collecting all the red spots. This is best achieved by repeatedly banging your head against a radiator. Stop when your parents cry.



Move the jardiniere thing over the worn carpet bits to open the hidden door above.

If you haven't already found it, there's a secret room tucked away inside this fireplace...





# **Level Five**

Puzzles are again the dish of the day, with monsters and water making guest appearances on the desert menu. Some of them are explained here, but they're all fairly obvious and even YOU should be able to do them.

Knock this stone down to block the sensor below and allow you access to the rooms





The key to finding the hidden platforms is to



When you're on the raft, explore the whole area, there's plenty stored away.

# **Level Six**

Death is all too frequent here as there's plenty of horrendous drops and unseen horrors. Tread carefully young person and when you're on the dissolving platforms, run like buggery.



he sensor at the top lett of the picture turns off the fire and allows to access to treats.

Getting past the bouncing pumpkins can prove a problem. Not so if yer careful and take time.





The level's full of trapdoors that cause instant death. Keep an eye out for them.





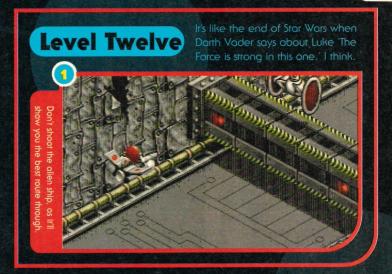




The most boring level of the game; don't know why, I just hated playing it.



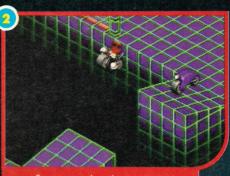




# **Level Thirteen**

Ah, now the secret to this is to realise that you can't actually stop the bike moving. After that, you'll get on a lot better. Tips ahoy!

These infernal things are a pain in the arse and stick to you like body sewerage.



To get across these jumps, you must always take them at full pelt.



If you're quick you can get the spot hidden here, turn around and still avoid the bomb.

# Spider Monster

This throws out a web thing that's
easy to avoid, it's the bomb that
follows you around the
grid that's harder. From time to time
bits of the grid drop away. This is meant
to complicate things, but laugh
at the programmers and
avoid the tricky bits. Hit the main body of

**Passwords** During the course of tipping this thing I managed to glean these few meagre passwords. They're all for later stages in the game and should help you NO END.

EYQFOYYJ PB5U6UN1 B5HSQMLT HU7UWWL5 3D11NASW DQP65GLL LFN64EM7 DQPJAGZ

# Level Fourteen

Full of Aliens, Face-Hugging things and spooky corridors. It's the very lastest level and, well, read the bleedin' captions...



Don't know what's going on here. Dark and atmospheric, though.



Alien Mother Monster

thinking this is a tricky monster but it isn't.

Just stand in this position, jump up and dow

position, jump
up and down
firing wildly.
Me thinks it's
a bit of a
problem in
the
playtesting, but

you should manage to kill the boss without getting hit

more than a couple of times.





The rock columns are exclusive to this level.

# Day 13 - Dark ruins

Wherever you see one, climb to the top. Either there will be a TV waiting or some way of climbing higher or exploring new fields. You can also stand on the flag poles, and where awkward jumps come into play, use your hover boots.

This is a familiar enemy in that it appears on a couple of levels in the game.
Destroy it as it signals back to the metal bandits that you're in the area.
Proceed to the right to collect more items and points and then go back left to where you entered the section.



toil blo we It's the second part of our fantastic guide to the Mega Drive's hardest game for ages. We've

toiled long and hard, so you'd better blooming well appreciate it. If you don't we'll be straight round to your house to shoot your pets. You have been warned.

procedure of knocking away the batons, you'll need to spot the gaps that appear around the blue box in the centre. When it opens in the middle, you'll have a clear shot at the whisk. But it will fire a bolt of lightning which you must avoid.

Whilst you're in the



After repeated fire on both sides of the box, it will eventually explode, enabling you to proceed to the next level. No energy points are available on this level, so if you have only one or two left you could in for a few problems.

# Day 14 - Underground vault



Birds remain the bane of Vectorman's life (although they are a useful means of getting energy points). They always seem to arrive just when you thought it was safe to go forward and hurt (obviously). The best tactic is to stand still and shoot for all you're worth. If you rush through you'll pay the highest price.

At the start of the level, you'll need to drop down to the left after falling from the first platform. Once there, you'll find a TV set, points and thousands upon thousands of pesky birds. By collecting the TV you'll be able to fly which should help in your bird-scaring activities

A useful icon assuming one thing – you know how to find it. If you don't you'll just repeatedly bang your head as you drift aimlessly around the screen. Plan your route in advance once you've located the whereabouts of the aforementioned splodgy thing.





This level poses many problems, although in essence it's very similar to one of the previous levels. Loads of TV's are to be found but access to them is by locating all the hidden areas, secret platforms and by darn well exploring everywhere. You'll have to persevere to get everything out of this one.

Locating many of the TV's in Vectorman is a case of trial and error. This one comes towards the end of section. You need to stay on the ground level to reach, then blow up the wall when you've morphed into a bomb.

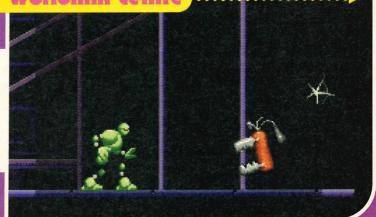


This can only be accessed by drilling open the fragile platform. The TV containing the drill icon is above and to the right. When you've got it, smash through and drop below. It

gives access to a wealth of extras and as the frustration builds, you need all the help you can get.

# Day 15 - Worldlink centre ·····

Crocodile clips will pursue you throughout the level and, if you don't shoot them quickly enough, they'll take energy from you. Some of them even have the audacity to throw you high into the air. This can be beneficial as it may lead to treasure.



## Players' Guide

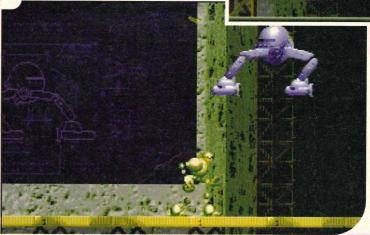


deceptive. You that they'll explode in your they don't. They don't even provide cover from the

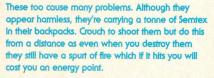
may be thinking face, causing first degree burns but continuous bird and bomb attack, so they're really only

The barrels are

When you've finally negotiated your way to the end of the level, you'll see a platform to the right. Jump on to it and the jump up again. Here you'll find a series of invisible platforms. From here jump up and to the left. Repeat the procedure to the right and follow this pattern until you find the TV set. Hopefully you'll have a X5 bonus which will multiply this free life bonus by five.



After getting your extra lives, drop down to the bottom where you'll see this blue board. Unfortunately, you've now stumbled upon the terrible three who will seriously impede your progress. The most important thing here is to avoid his legs which he'll wave at you in attack. Follow him around the screen shooting as much as you possibly can, but remember to duck when he returns the compliment. Defeat him and you're on your way to the next level.







Similar to the deformed Orbot from level five, this mutated metal canine is about as hard to kill as Van Damme in a dress. Simply shoot the offending creature in the head as quickly as possible to proceed to the end of this rather easy level.

This may not seem like trouble but when you've got six at every jump it is. As you jump up the platforms, shoot upwards. When they're on the opposing side jump and shoot to the left or right, then you'll be safe.

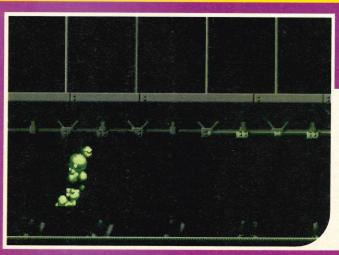


# Day 16 - Twist & show

The last and final level which I can assure you is totally frustrating. You'll be sucked up into a whirlwind in order to meet the final boss. On the way up, park benches

and TV's will aim straight for vou. If you're hit you'll lose valuable energy. Use your fire to shoot them well out of harms way. Good luck!

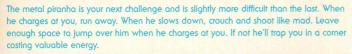


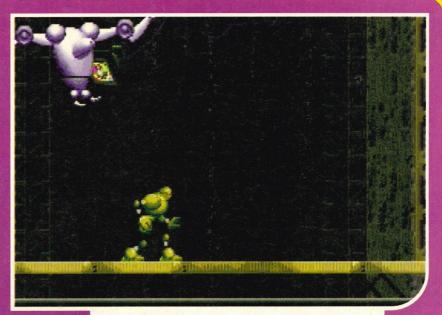


As with the sixth level, moving platforms make progress hard. The tracks will take you one way, when half the time you want to go in the opposing direction. Jumping onto the up and down moving wooden bars will take you where you need to go.

The cameras scattered around the level will obstruct your route. The TV sets above can not be landed on, so your only way forward is to jump over the camera and go to the right. Be prepared for some action.







And by Jove you're going to need that energy. This metal monkey will spin from the bar above. Angle your weapon as he's swinging. Immediately he drops, keep a distance and fire and take care to avoid the flame pellets he'll discharge. There is a TV set containing an energy point, but only claim it if it's absolutely necessary. It won't reappear if you die.

After avoiding all previous trouble with your energy intact, you'll need to jump onto these rooftops. They drift from left to right and can take you into the path of the big boss.



This is the one you need to kill to complete the game, and by Jimminy he's well hard. Using the roof-tops, skip from left to right and vice versa, shooting at his head. Avoid his huge arms and when he fires flame pellets, either duck or jump and use your hover boots. It's very difficult not to lose a couple of energy points. They will appear from the monster, but being too greedy by jumping in at the wrong time will cost you your life. The only way to finish him off is to deploy

patient tactics. Watch his pattern and then go for it.

You've just completed one great game. Now play it again, without looking at the screen. Money goes to the person who can prove they got the furthest.

gratulation



Again where it seems that there is nowhere to go, jump and use your hover boots. A TV is located to the left, so it's a process of jumping and firing until you find something vaguely useful.

This level is more like an excursion through a TV studio than a level of the future. You cannot jump onto the TV's, and they do nothing more than look good. However, they often point the way to areas you thought otherwise inaccessible.

The wooden bars will take you everywhere you need to go.

Don't stay on them too long, as
you'll be smashing your head
against the roof. This doesn't
lose you any energy but it
does cost you seconds
and time is certainly of
the essence.



#### Cheats!

To make the game a little easier we've supplied a few cheats. But as Vectorman rightly says, try to finish without cheating - it's much more satisfying.

To turn Vectorman into an arrow and go anywhere in the stage killing enemies on the way: Press Pause then C, A, left, left, A, C, A and B.

2 Slow down when hit: Press Pause then press D-pad right, then A, C, UP, left and A.

3 Change the life meter into X and Y coordinates: Press Pause then B, A, lef and down.

## The "I'll get you for that" tastics

# Mines 1 FORTH HOOD FORTH HOO

Oh these are fun. Your opponent may think he's safe if a shot goes slightly wayward but watch his face drop as a mine drops off a cliff, explodes next to him and blows him sideways. Of course if there's another mine in the way then he'll get hurt twice as much.

The runaway worm went over the bridge and he died. On any level that contains a bridge the first thing to do is get all of your worms off of it. Then blow a hole in it with a grenade. Now the nasty bit, explode a grenade or missile (or anything that goes bang) behind a single worm, or a group of them if you're lucky and watch as they all slide straight over the edge. Bye bye.

#### The Edge of the Screen

Bet you didn't know that the edge of the screen can be your best mate. Well it can. If any worm is standing within a couple of inches of the edge when it's your go, then consider it history. Hit it with any projectile and it will fly off the screen, dying instantly. If you want to gloat a little then walk up to him and punch him off – it's even more fun.









Of course, the mother of all nasty tactics. If there are a number of enemy worms close together, or a sole survivor low on energy, just call in one of these suckers and watch everyone get thoroughly roasted and toasted.



If you have a worm on his last legs (so to speak) get him near an enemy worm. Then when another player hits him there is a good chance he'll take someone else out with him when he snuffs it.

Airstrike





## Blot on the Landscape

This is another good level with plenty of places to hide. Watch the trees and the huts as they to have mines in them. These will tumble onto some poor unsuspecting worm on receipt of a well-placed bazooka shot.



bit under-strength to you at first but just watch the wind strength bend around corners. Master the wind and no worms are safe regardless of where they might be hiding.



Forest/Jungle

Level

100- 100-0



#### **Green Onions**

Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou for the best ever Sega Power magazine. I am of course talking about issue 74 (January). The MASSIVE eight page Mortal Kombat 3 pull-out was spectacular, really FAB. (Perhaps you should lie down for a moment, sir - Dean.) Thanks to you, I can proclaim my happiness and kick my brother's backside at MK3.

Sega Power magazine is the best. I would recommend it to any Sega gamesplayer. I'm over the moon and head over heels about it. Keep up the brilliant work. Your magazine is the only magazine I would buy.

Andi Bunn, Clwyd.

The ONLY magazine? How do you find out what's on the TV? What if you want a new record? I mean, I know we're ace and all, but as good as we are, relying on us for cooking tips or advice on how to clean your fishtank might be a bad idea.

Enjoy kicking your bother's butt. Just remember you'll need that extra 'bit' to the MK3 guide we printed in issue 75. (Sorry about that again. Really.)

#### **Red Peppers**

I know you like short letters which get to the point. So please can you send me a copy of

Scary writing

> can't have language like this in Eh what? We the magazine! KILL THE HERETIC! KILL HIM NOW! (Seems a little harsh -James.) We won't print his name because we don't want to encourage him. That's just the way it's going to be around here from now on.

ARSE ARSE

Sensible

Thunderhawk or Batman Returns on

the Mega CD? Stephen Mullins, Southampton

Equally, no.

#### **Parma Violets**

I'd like to thank you for

maintaining this terrific site. I've had my Genesis for about two years. I thought it was the worst money I'd ever spent but your Web site changed my mind.

I am a 26 year old engineer in Silicon

Valley. I don't have the time to figure out all the hints and get the highest points. I usually end up playing extremely simple games like Outrun.

I've just found your Internet site. And I also found your code/cheat section. And I found myself ignorant of the most famous cheat in the console game history. But no more. Now I can finally get some fun out of Sonic the Hedgehog. Thanks. William Liao, wliao@netcom.com

Hurrah. We're glad you like our Internet site on



Simon Stubbs knows his name BUT NOT HIS ADDRESS (What is it with you art types?). With his new Christmas crayons Simon has drawn this for us all and included the word 'turd'. Lovely.

My, my if it isn't a very louche Nightwolf from MK3. Kevin Seerey is the man we shouldn't be encouraging to give up his

POWER Well, Mark Henry you may

well have dedicated Cosmic to Sega Power but YOU FORGOT TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK. Write in if you want your t-shirt. Chimp.

The Gallery

FutureNet
(http://www.futurenet.co.uk).
If you haven't already
travelled to Sega Power's
pages, DO SO NOW!

#### **Blue Cheese**

I am enquiring about becoming a computer games reviewer. I am 12 years old and spend my time reading, writing, playing computer games and sketching out my own ideas for a computer game.

I would like to write reviews for your magazine. I would be grateful if you could consider me doing this. I would like to be a games author when I am older and would like this opportunity to get into the industry.

Jacob Rodgers,

Redcar.

So you want a cushy job

So you want a cushy job in the videogames industry then DO YOU? It might look like fast cars, cheap women and drinks on the house to you but on the inside, WE'RE HURTING!

Um, yes. Anyway, consider this:
(1) A job in the games biz involves
much face-to-face journalism, like.
So sitting inside, continuously
honing those writing skills, playing
Sonic but never getting out into
the real world is NOT A GOOD
IDEA. Breathe some fresh air
too. You'll like it.

(2) If your real ambition is to be a games author then you're going to have to learn to be a

programmer. Games journalism can occasionally lead

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into software

Production or more likely,
Public Relations but your future
employers are more likely
to smile upon you if
you have

Qasim Ali sent this in and begged us to print it. What is going on with those fingers, though? I mean, they're enormous.

relevant qualifications for the job you are doing at that moment. So: Get yer GCSEs. Get yer 'A'

levels. Get yer degree. Look in the Monday Guardian for jobs on videogames magazines, or Edge for jobs as a games programmer. If you're lucky, one day you might make it. Good luck.

#### **Yellow Beans**

Greetings from New Zealand! I have noticed of late that you have become more Saturn oriented. This is a good thing as the gaming industry needs a kick up the arse (*There's that word again* – James.).

I was reading somewhere recently about how videotapes are going to get replaced in the near future by DVDs (Direct Video Discs). Will the Saturn support this? I know it has a video card or something but are these two standards compatible?

David Butterfield.

The Saturn doesn't come with a video card installed, but crossing Sega's greasy palm with £100 or so will get you one. And yes, this card is compatible with the new DVD format although (and I'll

whisper it softly) it's unlikely (in my humble opinion) that DVD will be good enough to cause people to move away from videotapes to DVD

New Zealand.

Orange Juice

T-Shirt winner

Despite being a really dull person, I am also an incompetent fool. For this reason I would like Dear Mr.
Sega to con me into spending my precious little pennies on a Mega CD and a 32X for they are indeed supported by games of an infinite quality. They are not, for example, cynical attempts to squeeze money out of ridiculous Sonic worshippers. Oh no. A Saturn will not be bought by me until I am foolish enough to

believe the propaganda. I don't trust you any more, Mr. Sega. am however a really dull person.

John 'Dull' Austin, Loughborough.

Ah, you'll like the Sega Power T-Shirt then.

CDs. You see, it doesn't offer much new over tapes. And you can't record on them.

#### Pink Gin

I am a great fan, I've been getting your mag since issue 43. I love your mag so much I've even started up my own religion, 'Sega Powerism'. I have built a shrine out of Sega consoles and I sacrifice crap games like Rise of the Robots and Ariel The Little Tart

Mermaid.

I was looking through my shrine when I found a few things which I've picked up from you. I feel I've given my thanks enough and now I have some questions:

1) How does it feel to be more popular than the God fellow?
2) How can you be so

Barry Muzyczuk swears blind that 'pap' is another amusing word for poo. According to my dictionary though it's either semiliquid food (esp for babies or invalids) or a dialect term for the nipple.

brilliant all of the time?
3) Is it worth getting a 32X now that *Virtua Fighter* and *Doom* have

4) Could you send me issue 58 coz

it's the only issue I've missed?

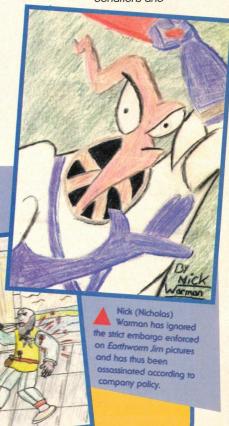
5) Does Mr. Woody have a girlfriend or wife?

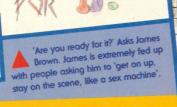
James Wright,

come out?

Dover

We have to admit that we kind of like the idea of people bowing down to worship us all (except Laura, who'd prefer if it was just her). Just remember to send all donations and





## Oi, ansa me!

#### **Black Gammon**

Greetings from Bonnie Scotland! are AAAAACCCCCCEEEE!! Now I've finished having a fit, can you answer some

Earthworm Jim 2 have 2) What is the best game

3) And what chance of Bug! on the Mega Drive?

4) WHAT HELL CHIMP COUNT?

5) Do you live in a time warp or can your editors not tell what are the issues dated two months later than when they actually come out?

Matthew Taylor, Achnasheen (Bless you - Dean.)

1) 95%

VectorMan, Earthworm Jim 2.

3) For the last time

NNNN00000000000!

counting all the times we said the word 'chimp' in an issue. Unfortunately, none of our readers ever checked our count with the ACTUAL

number of times we said the word 'chimp' have been

a cart in it for the first person to NOBODY DID! We likey tricks like that AND THERE WILL BE MANY MORE.

5) Don't blame us. guv. It's what is unnervingly and called an

#### **Purple Heart**

I love your mag. I am saying this not mag strangely Everyone else does

because anyone who puts I LOVE SEGA POWER at the start of flies on this one - Dean) ANYWAY.

charts for the top five Master reviews or cheats.

2) Have your writers had bugs tipped into their ears which slowly eat away at their brains? best computer mag I've ever read, the captions are not nearly as funny as they used to be.

3) What happened to the Nomad thing?

4) Will you please your maa?

questions or I'll

come around,

kick you in the

balls, smash your

heads and take all

Gods aren't what they used to be.

White meat

A big 'hello' to everyone down at

1996, Sega Power should make a

calendar. It should have pictures of

Sega Power. Right, OK. I've had

an excellent idea, people. For

the crew on it. Y'know like say

Hailey,

Scotland

Dean (♥) for January and so on.

5) Bring back the Games Diary, it was good. David Conley,

/HEELS

launch of

1) Yes, it's dead. There's a small second hand/discount market for Master System games which is why we still print the charts.

2) Because (Nick gets all captions are there, at the end of the day, to relate the pictures to had to bring the captions back in line with reality. But not all of them have gone arsey. Some of them are still worth a smirk.

3) Sega have decided it's not going to get a UK release.They think it won't sell.

'kind, category or sort, esp. of literary or artistic work'.

5) No, don't want to.

address? PLEASE? DEEEAAAN I lurrive yoooouuu!

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this good a mere calendar is not going to be sufficient. Dean would his likeness into a sixty foot marble statue, James would prefer a after him, Laura rather fancies the idea of her own tropical country (failing that, the Great Barrier Reef will do), while I have humbly requested a couple of galaxies

PS. You're mad.

# (Code mosters br I know I'll make a go which involves Cows driving round a rock (Codemasters Ca

collections to the usual address, folks. 1) Well, we've got a letter from the Man Himself this month so the sexy babes off the Earth. clearly we must be doing 1) What... (No, too boring – James) something right. God, Barrow-in-Furness.

2) We take our brains out at night and sterilise them in vinegar and brown sugar.

3) Only if you would be happy with only those two games forever and ever.

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5) Oh dear.

#### **Brown Berries**

I AM GOD. Now answer these

PS. Can I have Dean Mortlock's

What is going on this month? Three letters worshipping us (one of them from God too.) Clearly, since we're much rather someone hand-carved nuclear aircraft carrier to be named (just the pretty ones mind).

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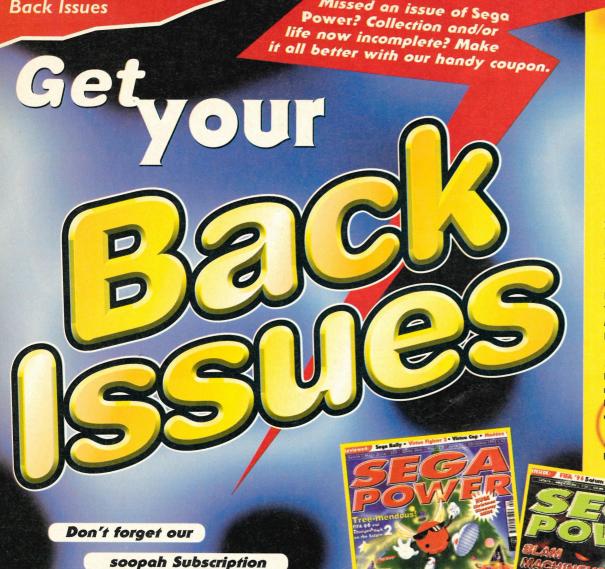
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It's all bouncy bouncy fun fun ffuuunnn here at the jolly Sega Power offices, and in-between violent fits of giggling stupidity and side-splitting projectile vomiting, we've managed to put together this fine and mildly amusing magazine that you're now coming to the conclusion of.

We're very

we're planning

you a

on bringing

couple of 'first looks'

at some of

the BEST Saturn

grandparents and earn their favours with word of the month! This month... Hooch An alcoholic drink, including (possibly) illegally distilled spirits. The word originates from an American word, Hootchinoo, which is the name of an Indian tribe that distilled a potent brand of liquor. It's also one of

the favourite words of many 14 year-old-girls.

Baffle your

Are you a you alcoholic?

With all the talk of the 'Youth' drinking far too much of this Hooch crap, we thought we'd test your young brains and find out if you drink alcohol in a sensible and responsible way...

1) It's your Mother's birthday. You've got yer last ten pounds in your pocket and you're not going to be paid for about a week. Do you...

A: Buy her a modest bunch of flowers, a card and pop 'round there for tea, and smirk when your Aunties tell stories about you eating dog mess when you were three years-old?

B: Have a quick short while you worry about what you're going to buy her, then send her a bunch of flowers, sit in and watch TV?

C: Buy a bottle of vodka?

2) You've managed to land yourself a top date with a fine example of the opposite sex. They want to go to the cinema, you want to go to the pub. Do you...

A: Compromise and go to the cinema after a couple of drinks at the local?

B: Panic about making a decision, have a couple of drinks, panic, blow your date out, sit in and watch TV?

C: Buy a bottle of vodka?



3) You've got an important interview for a job you'd love, it's the morning of the appointment and you're a little bit nervous. Do you...

A: Know that if you're meant to get the job it'll happen, dress carefully and leave full of confidence?

B: Panic about not getting the job, have a couple of drinks for 'Dutch courage', panic some more, cancel the interview, sit in and watch TV?

C: Buy a bottle of vodka?

4) Somebody gives you a bottle of vodka for your birthday. Do you...

Joke

the Month

Many many apologies to James

was just a little too late for the 32X

Here it is, tell it to everyone

you know.

Q. What do you say to a constipated cat? A. Have a break, have a

shit cat.

A: Share it with your friends and all get pleasantly drunk?

B) Panic because vou didn't buy that person a present

and watch TV all week?

C: Drink it, buy another and drink that too?

birthday, drink half the bottle, cry

Evaluation

on THEIR

Mostly A's: You're a model citizen. You scrub behind your ears before going out and you're liked by everybody. You almost certainly don't exist and if you do then I'd certainly like to meet you.

Mostly B's: Ooh, got a bit a bit of a problem, haven't you? You're not quite at that 'Using vodka instead of milk on my cornflakes' stage, but there's definite potential here.

Mostly C's: You're a lush. You Willoughby from Huddersfield, who's joke read this as competition draw. Unfortunate, as it would you slip in probably have been one of the winners. and out of

probably can't consciousness but here's hoping, eh.

### Next Month!

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