

**QUARTERMANN'S**

# **Q-LETTER**

**GOSSIP FOR EGM SUBSCRIBERS ONLY!**

Coming at you from Earth, Saturn, and all points in between, the Q-Mann is here once again to dish up a special selection of gaming gossip for your eyes only! No where else will you find info this hot - that's Quatermann guarantee! I've pulled out all stops for this special edition, Q-fans, so without further delay let's jump into the best that video gaming has to offer...

...The Q has a bag full of new Saturn rumors straight from the land of the Rising Sun. For all the uninitiated, the Saturn is Sega's upcoming stab at the super system market, with 32-Bit firepower, a CD mech up top, and Sega's long-term software commitment. The big boys at the big 'S' want to take out 3DO and this is their dream machine! The latest rumblings on the street have the Saturn decked out with a high-speed disc drive that moves at four times pace of your average machine. This mean machine is also said to be equipped with seven (you heard right, that's SEVEN) processors. The brains of the console will handle everything from graphics to sounds independently. Also, sources close to yours truly have disclosed that Sega will be packing their fifth generation 32-Bit arcade hardware into the Saturn with the ultimate goal of giving gamers the chance to play their favorite quarter-munchers at home. Finally, the group leader responsible for Sega's upcoming polygon fighting game called Virtua Fighter, let slip that this new arcade bash-em-up will likely be the pack-in game when the Saturn debuts in the States next year...

...Looks like Sega finally got wise and plans to follow Nintendo's lead with a port of the Neo-Geo classic Art of Fighting onto the Genesis...With the demise of the Lynx and Gameboy on a decline, it looks like the Game Gear may soon be the portable king of the hill. Sega is unleashing a number of new titles that expand upon the 16-Bit originals (like X-Men, which will feature additional characters on the GG). Also hold on tight for a special GG translation of the upcoming Sega epic, Eternal Champions...

...Just what is the mega-buck Sega Multimedia Studio really doing? Sure there are some CD-ROM titles finally hitting the shelves, but they're all coming from sources other than the big 'S'. The Q-Mann hears that things are getting tense inside the house of Sonic and that the white shirts of Sega are banking on the Jurassic Park CD to save their skins...Acclaim is committing to 3DO in a major league way, with several titles in the pipe. The Q Rumor Mill sez that the first release will be NBA Jam, hitting the court the first quarter of 1994...SNK is looking to be the big boy on the fighting game block and they're putting their money where their cart slot is! The newest fighting game for the Neo-Geo is rumored to be a 200 Meg monster cart called The Survivor and feature characters from both World Heroes and Fatal Fury. Although the bash-em-up scene is getting crowded, the Q-Minator can't wait...

...With the Sega CD approaching the magic million mark, more companies are starting to give the CD-ROM platform a closer look. Data East has thrown their support behind the disc machine, with an enhanced version of their popular Side Pocket pool simulation. Look for mouse compatibility on this pup...The last holdouts waiting to bring out hit games for Nintendo and Sega simultaneously will dwindle by one shortly. Hudson Soft has gotten the nod from Sega of America behind closed doors and may start producing their super softs just in time for the holidays. Other big guns like Interplay and the leading Brit firm, the Sales Curve, will also sign on to Sega before the end of the year. In fact, the Q-Mann got an advance screening of an absolutely incredible version of the The Lawnmower Man on Sega CD that will blow your minds!...

...Now that Sunsoft has captured virtually every Loony Tunes character you can think of, the Q-Mann has it from the inside that a whole slew of comical games are on the way. In addition to their current crop of hits, Siller and Co. plan to produce carts based on Sylvester and Tweety, Porky Pig, and Speedy Gonzales! Also keep your eyes peeled for a Scooby Doo game for next year...Hold onto your wallets! If you thought the 3DO put a dent in your bank account, wait until you see what Pioneer has in store for the die hard gamer. The base LaserActive system will list at over \$900 and the Sega CD and Duo CD add-on modules will lift the package another \$600 bucks! With games that are retailing for 120 clams, the LaserActive is threatening to take the claim of "Most Expensive Game System" away from SNK without a second look...

...That's it for this inside trek around the gaming industry!

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The Q-Mann Top Ten will be back again next month, kiddies, so that EGM can bring you this important announcement...

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**THIS IS YOUR  
CHANCE TO WIN  
YOUR VERY OWN  
MORTAL KOMBAT 2  
ARCADE MACHINE!**

... 'Tis true, Quarter-Fanns, the one and only guru of gaming info has twisted the Boss' arm to give you the ultimate contest for the readers of the ultimate game mag! This is your chance to connect with EGM and get the goods in return - your very own Mortal Kombat 2 machine delivered right to your door! What a deal!...

... Simple fill out your name, address, phone number, age, and favorite Mortal character to Sendai H.Q. for automatic entry into this killer contest! The rules are the same as all the other Sendai contests, and the decision of the judges (that's me) is final!...

... So show your stuff and get the card in today, bucko, because the Q-Mann's only gonna wait until January 1st for the cards to get here - after that and you're dropping quarters at the arcade! Act today and remember, void where prohibited by law, taxes are the responsibility of the winner, the decision of the judges is final (you already said that stupid), and the random drawing will be made from all entries received before January 1, 1994. Got it? Good!...

# THE Q-MANN DIGS INTO THE GUTS OF MIDWAY'S MK2...

Midway denied that it existed, but the Q-Mann fought his way behind enemy lines to get a sneak peek at a sequel even more incredible than Super Street Fighter, a perfect game that has now met its match

... When yours truly took a bite out of Super Street Fighter last month, I couldn't think of a way that fighting games could be pushed any further - until I fell into the AMOA and into the ultimate feast for fighting fans - the long-awaited Mortal Kombat 2! Mortal K. 2 is packed with new characters, new storylines, new moves, and more hidden goodies than you can shake a stick at! If you're looking for a truly complete game (fighting or otherwise), then this is the coin-op your quarters have been waiting for!...

... Mortal Kombat 2 not only features new faces with new moves, but also most of the original MK crowd, back to their old antics as you fight your way to the top of the pack! In addition to the required selection of unique attacks designed to keep fans of the original all woody, the gurus of gaming at Midway have selected a number of new characters - decked out with new techniques - to keep the fight as fresh as ever. The game also enhances overall play by wrapping the mayhem together with an ever-changing storyline (including the mystery surrounding the disappearance of my girl Sonya) and power moves that actually change as your character progresses through the game! In MK2 your abilities are ever-changing, becoming more powerful as you learn new skills and hone your talents!...

... The biggest draw for Mortal K. 2, however, is the incredible number of hidden characters, enhancements, moves and other secrets that are guaranteed to keep player salivating for months to come (we're talking literally a dozen additional baddies - many of whom make Goro look like the Kool-Aid Man). All in all, this game burns...

**Q-MANN RATING: A MORE PERFECT 10!**

... Sorry for the change in contests, o'blessed Q-Fanns, but when yours truly went one-on-one with Mortal K. 2 I knew that the real champ of the fighting genre had been found. Send in your entry and see if you can't cash in on the good stuff...