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# BEAST MASTERS INVADE JAPAN! HOTTEST TOY STORY IN THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN!

**Pransformer Beast Masters are currently** the top selling toy in Japan. For the bulk of you this will mean nothing, but just think back to the days of the original **Transformers, Optimus Prime and the Decepticons** and you'll be on the right tracks. Why are we telling you all this? Well, that's because these toys are the stars of a new show in

In order to market the toys, Takara have created a 100% CG animated Science Fiction adventure series. It's shown every week for about thirty minutes and is the first fully CG animated series ever shown in Japan. To top it all off, Takara are making a PlayStation game of the series at this very moment. It made its long awaited Japanese debut at the recent





PlayStation club festival.

The story behind the series goes something like this. Two rival groups of robots are at war with each other, and as the battles get worse, each of the robots ships suffer critical damage and crash on a primitive planet. In

order to adapt to the planet's environment each robot scans the surrounding environment and takes the form of whatever animal he finds.

The robots can transform between their metallic and animal form but when they are weakened they must return to animal guise. At the start the evil team consists of a T-Rex (leader), Pterandon, Scorpion, Wasp and Spider. The good team consists of a Gorilla (leader), Velociraptor, Rhino, Cheetah and a Mouse, and as the series continues new robots join the teams.

We reckon these toys are quite frankly awesome. Nothing else even comes close to matching the amount of moving parts and detail on the machines. The bad news though is that they are not currently available here, so the only way you're going to be able to see them is in our Gizmo Palace on pages 12 and 13. However, if you fancy getting your voices heard and these toys in the shops, give Hasbro a ring and say you think it would be brilliant if they released them. The number is 0181 569 1234. Make yourselves known readers!

With a couple of the biggest games of the year now out attentions have turned to this month's cover story-

1	RESIDENT EVIL 2	PS/SAT
2	TEKKEN 3	PS
3	ZELDA 64	N64
4	HOUSE OF THE DEAD	SAT
5	QUAKE 2	PC
6	GRAN TURISMO	PS
7	VF3	SAT
8	F-ZERO 64	N64
9	X-MEN VS SF	PS/SAT
10	SHINING FORCE 3	SAT

Some of the games that just failed to make it into the top ten this month were virtually every sort of Marvel and Streetfighter games you could think of and even Time Crisis 64 picked up a few votes. VF3 seems to have slipped a bit in your most anticipated, but *Gran Turismo* is a surprise entry. On a more humourous note, someone wanted Ed Lomas to be on the 'Tizer Refresh Your head' bit at the end of the Chart Show (why??) and quite a few of you wanted cheaper N64 games. They've bought them down once, but it's not enough ehl We're still getting votes for Final Fantasy even though it's been out for almost a month nowl But at the end of the day. Res Evil 2 stole it and by quite a margin. Needless to say, with the Japanese release looming, gore fever is hotting upl

# MORNING, MORNING. RUMOURS, GOSSIP, STORIES. \*

- The head of Sony's R&D other rumours floating around about how it will wipe the floor with the so this could prove to be a significant move to bring a fourth console into the market
- for the PC sooner than we think. A card can run 180 million pixels a
- discovered that playing games could showed that a short spell on games

- could be nothing more then hot air. another addition to the bulging
- but rumours are already starting to time yet.
- Final Fantasy movie. None of the but will still feature the heavy Sci-Fi Element and even the CG director from Soul Blade and Tekken 2
- · Lovely Lara Croft seems to be

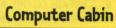
- starring in a new TV series on MTV to begin this summer. The strange
- Daytona 2 will be one of the first
- \*© CVG Sandwich man, 1997.

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# MULTLEORMAT SALES TOP 20

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	THIS	LAST	TITLE	FORMAT	PUBLISHER
	1	1	CHAMP MAN 2 '97-98	PC CD-ROM	EIDOS
	2	2	G-POLICE	PLAYSTATION	PSYGNOSIS
	3	1	CROC	PLAYSTATION	EA
	4	3	LYLAT WARS	NINTENDO 64	THE GAMES
	5	5	AGE OF EMPIRES	PC CD-ROM	MICROSOFT
	6	NE	EXTREME G	NINTENDO 64	ACCLAIM
	7	13	MARIO KART 64	NINTENDO 64	THE GAMES
	8	4	JEDI KNIGHT	PC CD-ROM	VIRGIN
	9	6	C&C: AFTERMATH	PC CD-ROM	VIRGIN
	10	7	V-RALLY	PLAYSTATION	OCEAN
	11	17	SUPER MARIO 64	NINTENDO 64	THE GAMES
	12	10	ACE COMBAT 2	PLAYSTATION	NAMCO
	13	NE	RIVEN: MYST 2	PC CD-ROM	BRODERBUND
	14	8	TRACK & FIELD: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	KONAMI
No.	15	9	ABE'S ODDYSEE: ODDWORLD	PLAYSTATION	GT
	16	12	QUAKE: REPLAY	PC CD-ROM	GT
	17	11	NUCLEAR STRIKE	PLAYSTATION	EA
	18	RE	ISS PRO	PLAYSTATION	KONAMI
	19	RE	ALIEN TRILOGY: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	ACCLAIM
	20	14	RAYMAN: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	UBI-SOFT
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# JAPANESE MULTI-FORMAT SALES TOP 10

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1	DEAD OR ALIVE	SATURN
2	POCKET MONSTERS	GAME BOY
3	EVERYBODIES GOLF	PLAYSTATION
4	FRONT MISSION SECOND	PLAYSTATION
5	FFVII: INTERNATIONAL	PLAYSTATION
6	BIOHAZARD: DIRECTORS CUT	PLAYSTATION
7	MOONLIGHT SYNDROME	PLAYSTATION
8	BREATH OF FIRE 3	PLAYSTATION
9	REAL POWER PRO BASEBALL	PLAYSTATION
10	MONSTER FARM	PLAYSTATION

# AMERICAN MULTI-FORMAT SALES TOP 10

1	RES EVIL: DIRECTORS CUT	PLAYSTATION
2	CASTLEVANIA	PLAYSTATION
3	FINAL FANTASY VII	PLAYSTATION
4	GOLDENEYE 007	NINTENDO 64
5	NFL GAMEDAY	PLAYSTATION
6	NHL '98	PLAYSTATION
7	NASCAR '98	PLAYSTATION
8	MARVEL SUPER HEROES	PLAYSTATION
9	TOP GEAR RALLY	NINTENDO 64
10	MK MYTHOLOGIES	PLAYSTATION
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1	QUAKE
2	DUKE NUKEM 3D
3	ACTUA SOCCER 2
4	DIDDY KONG RACIN
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PLAYSTATION/PC NINTENDO 64 PC CD-ROM

PC CD-ROM

SAT/PLAY/N64

# CVG TEAM'S MOST PLAYED GAMES OF THE MONTH

### **COMPUTER & VIDEO GAMES** MOST RECOMMENDED!

#### SATURN U.K. TOP 5

	QUAKE	SEGA
2	DUKE NUKEM 3D	SEGA
3	SONIC R	SEGA
	RESIDENT EVIL	SEGA
	MARVEL SUPER HEROES	VIRGIN

#### SATURN IMPORT TOP 5

PLAYSTATION U.K. TOP 5 FINAL FANTASY VII

TOMB RAIDER 2

BREATH OF FIRE 3

PLAYSTATION IMPORT TOP 5 PARASITE EVE

CHOCOBO'S DUNGEON

KRONOA **GRAN TURISMO** 

J-LEAGUE 3

BLADE RUNNER

ULTIMA ON-LINE

TOMB RAIDER 2

ACTUA SOCCER 2

DIDDY KONG RACING

NINTENDO 64 TOP 5 GOLDENEYE

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PC TOP 5

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SHINING FORCE 3	5
BURNING RANGER	5
PANZER DRAGOON RPG	5
GRANDIA	(
BOMBERMAN FIGHT	H

SAME ARTS HUDSON

SONY

EIDOS

OCEAN

SONY

SOUARE NAMCO

SONY

SQUARE

KONAMI

VIRGIN

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MEGADRIVE

SNES SNES

CAPCOM MIDWAY

KONAMI

EA

#### LYLAT WARS MARIO 64 NINTENDO 64 IMPORT TOP 3

1	BOMBERMAN 64
2	TOP GEAR RALLY
2	NACANO OLYMPICS

HUDSON GT KONAMI

#### 16 BIT TOP 3

1	SONIC 3
2	SUPER GHOULS AND GHOSTS
3	ZELDA 3

#### ARCADE TOP 5

1	SF3: SECOND IMPACT
2	MORTAL KOMABT 4
3	SUPER GEM FIGHTER
100 CO	

TOP SKATER

#### CAPCOM **АМЗ**

# 15 LAMEST VIDEO GÂMES CHARACTERS OF ALL TIME

- 6 SAWADA (SF THE MOVIE) 7 MR BONES

- 9 ZOOL
- **10** THE OOZE
- 11 RAYMAN
- 12 VECTORMAN 13 JOHNNY BAZOOKATONE 14 WORMS

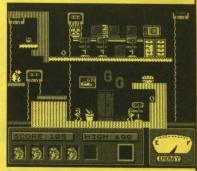
# |VIDEO GAMING| 's Retro® s this is the last month I'll be hosting

'The Cabin' (more about this later) I've compiled a slap dash guide to what ! believe makes the ultimate retro collection. Games heaven or festering electronic waste of space - you decide!

## GOBLIN'S STOCKING FILLERS!

One of my all time favourite 'modern' games is Christmas NiGHTS by SEGA, which coincidentally is taped to the front of the latest issue of SEGA SATURN MAGAZINE. Buy it NOW! I've always been a big fan of a game with a nice bit of snow or the odd ice level and here's my seasonal top three to prove it.

- 1. MOLEY XMAS. Classic Monty mayhem given away free on YOUR SINCLAIR.
- 2. XMAS LEMMINGS. Another freebie for the Amiga saw our little chums dressed up as santa and a nice bit of snow on the logo.
- 3. THE NIGHT BEFORE XMAS. A very rare Mega Drive cart that puts you in Santa's boots as you bounce your way around a platform-filled winter wonderland. (I think!)



**O MOLEY XMAS.** More monty magic from Gremlin Graphics.



#### ZX81 ('81)

If you see one of these little beauties for a fiver down your local car boot sale snap it up. especially if it's in a good box. The silver papered printer is a classic as well. Just don't leave it on too long - they melt very easily!

BEST GAMES: 3D MONSTER MAZE



#### VCS ('81)

The machine that started it all off for most of us. Some of the later carts got quite sophisticated with people paying hundreds of pounds for rare promo carts (mad!!!). BEST GAMES: SPACE INVADERS, COMBAT, MISSILE COMMAND, ASTEROIDS AND A FEW THOUSAND MORE.



#### VIC 20 ('81)

Yuk! I've never been a great fan of the Vic-20. It was very expensive and came with only 3.5k of memory built in! Yet it amassed a pretty loyal following and a few half-decent games. BEST GAMES: JELLY MONSTERS, GRIDRUNNER, ARCADIA, ALL SCOTT ADAMS ADVENTURES.



#### **INTELLIVISION ('81)**

Better than the VCS but not quite up to ColecoVision standards. Buy one with the excellent voice module for awesome computery style speech effects.

BEST GAMES: LOCK 'N' CHASE, B-17 BOMBER, BURGERTIME, DISCS OF TRON AND PAC MAN.



#### SPECTRUM ('82)

Sir Clive Sinclair's little rubber wonder won the hearts of millions of British gamers and spawned one of the largest and most original software libraries ever. **BEST GAMES: MANIC** MINER, JET SET WILLY, ALL ULTIMATE GAMES, 3D DEATHCHASE, SKOOL DAZE



#### BBC B ('82)

soon on the PC).

Once THE educational computer that was later put to much better use as a late starting games machine. BEST GAMES: ELITE is a must along with most of the Acornsoft titles including REVS, AVIATOR and

SENTINEL (update coming out



#### C64 ('82)

My favourite home computer ever! This follow up to the Vic-20 had unrivaled graphics and sound with one of the biggest software collections of all time. Don't forget the tape deck! BEST GAMES: All Jeff Minter, Epyx and LucasArts games. IMPOSSIBLE MISSION. PARADROID, BEACH HEAD II etc



#### **COLECOVISION ('83)**

A dream console that wowed punters both sides of the water. Get hold of one with a VCS convertor and the dinky steering wheel for some hard core retro console action. BEST GAMES: HERO.

MR.DO'S CASTLE, GYRUS. ZAXXON, ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE, TAPPER



#### VECTREX ('83)

Don't hesitate to buy this awesome all-in-one home console. They have been known to change hands for up to £400. The vector graphics are pure style! BEST GAMES: ARMOUR ATTACK, MINE STORM. COSMIC CHASM, WEB WARS... actually ALL of them!



#### **AMSTRAD CPC 464 ('84)**

Love 'em or loath 'em. Alan Sugar's Amstrad was a cheap all-in-one alternative to other 8-bits. Pick up the whole system including colour monitor for £15 at a boot fair near you!

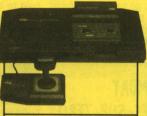
**BEST GAMES: HEAD OVER** HEALS, ARKANOID and hoards of other Spectrum conversions.



#### NES ('85)

Nintendo's little 8-bit has only recently been discontinued. Look out for the complete gamers kit including Rob the robot and zapper gun

BEST GAMES: MARBLE MADNESS, SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL, ALL MARIO BROS, STAR WARS, ZELDA.



#### **MASTER SYSTEM ('85)**

SEGA's first triumph in Europe came with this 8-bit wonder. Two versions were released but I always preferred the original with built-in ALEX KIDD game. Look out for the 3D glasses as well. They're ace. **BEST GAMES: FANTASY** ZONE I,II,II, PACMANIA, and all game 'cards' are worth getting.



#### KONIX ('89)

A dream machine with highres graphics, 25 channel sound, 4,096 colours and an ingenious controller that could be reconfigured depending on the type of game you were playing! Unfortunately it was never released and has become the holy grail of consoles.

#### AND ITS GOODBYE FROM HIM.

Well, its all change next month as I hang up my Ouickshot 2 and hand over the Cabin to Keith Ainsworth of Retrogamer Fanzine. Keith is a massive retro fan and knows more about old computery stuff than anyone in the country. So you're in safe hands (at last!)

Over the couple of years CVG has run the Cabin I've noticed a massive increase in the demand for old stuff. The internet is full of arcade and computer emulators with retro re-releases and updates coming thick and fast from all the major industry players. Original hardware and games are getting more expensive and difficult to find. (Car boot fairs are still your best bet).

In other words - retro is here to stay!

So keep on collecting and have fun!

#### CABIN FREEPLAY CLASSIFIED

P.C.B.'S, JUKE BOXES AND ARCADE CABINETS. SIMON GREEN ON 0973 720312 OR 0973 721115 FOR MORE DETAILS.

RETROGAMER (NO.12) IS OUT NOW! INCLUDED THIS ISSUE IS THE SEGA MASTER SYSTEM AND THE CHANCE TO WIN A VIRTUAL BOY. AVAILABLE FROM KEITH AINSWORTH, 52 KINGFILED ROAD, ORRELL PARK, LIVERPOOL, L9 3AW. PRICE £1.50.





Merry Christmas loyal followers. All that guff about Christmas being a time for giving is rukhish. It's a time for receiving. This year more than anything I want some top quality tips. If you want to make this the best Yale of my life, please send me tips as presents. It you're lucky I'll give you any game you want in return. Hoho.

# **PLAYSTATION**

# **CRASH BANDICOOT 2**

To get hold of 10 extra lives for nothing, go to the second warp room and jump up and down on the barking bear repeatedly. Eventually 10 lives will appear, but you can only do this once.

# **NUCLEAR STRIKE**

Use these passwords to play on the various levels and access a few hidden features.

Island
Peace
2nd Peace
DMZ
Fortress
E3 Demo
Future Strike
Commercial

CUTTHROATS
COUNTDOWN
PLUTONIUM
PUSAN
ARMAGEDDON
LIGHTNING

COMMERCIAL

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# FORMULA 1'97

Abdul Quaim (quaium@rocket-mail.com) among others wrote in about Formula 1 97's cheat modes. You need to enter these codes as your driver and team name in Grand Prix mode.

Virtual mode
VIRTUALLY
VIRTUAL
Floating ship mode
PI
MAN

Four new tracks

BONUS

Overhead camera

ZOOM LENS

## ODDWORLD: ABE'S ODDYSEE

For a level select (we REALLY recommend you avoid using these cheats until you've finished the game properly yourself) go to the main menu and hold R1. Now press Down, Right, Left, Right, Square, Circle, Square, Triangle, Circle, Square, Right, Left.

To be able to watch any of the rendered sequences in the game, go to the main menu and hold R1. Now press Up, Left, Right, Square, Circle, Triangle, Square, Right, Left, Up, Right.

# G-POLICE

To get all the weapons and infinite ammunition, go to the Weapons Loadout screen and hold

L1+L2+R1+Circle+Triangle+Square and press Left on the d-pad.

Here are passwords for the various levels which have been sent in by loads of people

loads of people.	
2	OLEFGLPI
3	WDZWTYQI
4	STXGIDEA
5	WZKVOFFA
6	GRXJTYGA
7	IMWGTDXI
8	YMPCUZYI
9	YWVFHNAJ
10	WNLUJSBJ
11	UGSIBPNA
12	QEJUXFDJ
13	UGWHVEQA
14	SFMEZGGJ

# CROC: LEGEND OF THE GOBBOS

For a level select, go to the passcode screen and enter this: Left, Left, Left, Left, Down, Right, Right, Left, Left, Down, Right, Down, Left, Up, Right

# MORTAL KOMBAT MYTHOLOGIES: SUB-ZERO

If you really have to play this game, use some cheats to get through it as quickly as possible.

NXCVSR Infinite potions
GTTBHR 1000 lives
ZCHRRY Start on level 8.
Press L1 if you die to fight Quan Chi,
or L2 to fight Shinnok
GRVDTS View credits



Perhaps before you go for a 'Peak Performance' you need some 'Peak Practice'. Nyuk! Nyuk!

#### PEAK PERFORMANCE

To get extra cars in 1 Player, Time Trial or Course Editor mode, first go to the car select menu. Highlight Garage A then hold L1 and press Circle. Now go to Garage B and do the same. Finally, go to Garage C, hold L1+R1 and press Circle.

To change the regular cars slightly, go to the car select screen in 1 Player mode and highlight Garage A. Hold Circle and press X and it'll change one of the cars. Do the same on each of the garages to change the others.

While in the Course Editor, hold the X buttons and press Triangle to get a white cone. Keep putting white cones on the course until you run out and start the race. All the cones should be footballs!

When looking at the cars in any garage, **hold L1 and press R1** to make the indicators

# SATURN

# LAST BRONX

To fight against Grey in Arcade Mode, play the game on the default settings and win the first 8 fights with more perfects than defeats. If you manage to do this, you'll fight Grey next. To play as Redeye, finish Arcade Mode with Yoko on the default settings. You can now pick Redeye by highlighting Joe or Yusaku and pressing Up

To get the stupid weapons (fish, brooms, umbrellas, etc) complete the Basic Training Courses eight times. Then, when selecting your character, hold to the side of them. If they are on the left, hold Left and if they're on the right, hold Right.

# NINTENDO 64

# EXTREME-G

Enter these names to get loads of excellent cheat modes. If you can't get them working in lower case, try them in capitals.

xtreme arsenal nitroid roller ghostly fisheye magnify antigrav als.

Even faster than usual Free missiles Infinite turbos Play as a boulder Scenery is translucent Fisheye lens mode Magnified mode Race upside-down

banana stealth uglymode wired fergus

**RA50** 

**Slippery tracks Invisible racers** No graphical effects Wireframe mode Shoot 'em Up Mode drones become Fergus McGovern

Quit a race, and you finish in your current

xgteam

position Enter this name, then go back and change it to one of the program mers' first names from the credits (such as Greg, Ash, Justin, etc). You'll get their faces on the vehicles.

#### TOP GEAR RALLY

Each time you finish an entire year including all six seasons (the four regular ones, plus Expert and Professional) you get a hidden vehicle. After the first year you get a Milk Float, the second year gets you the Helmet Car (a helmet on wheels), the third year gets you the Cupra Car, the fourth year gives you the Beachball Car and the fifth year gives you an extra option. The extra option means that you can go to the car selection screen and press the C-Down button to get reflective bodywork. Very fancy indeed.

You can get a few extra car colours at any time by going to the car select screen, holding L+R+all the C-buttons. If you now press Up you make your car white, and if you press Down you can make it black.

## SAN FRANCISCO RUSH

There are masses of hidden cheat modes in this game, so if you've already bought it on import you should try them out.

As you cross the finish line of a race, crash your car. As the words "Game Over" are flashing, hold L+R+Z until the high score display demo starts. Your car will be smashed up and on fire, but will drive around as normal.

On the car select screen, press and hold C-Down then C-Up, then release them both. Now press and hold C-Up then C-Down, then release both buttons. Your car will change size. Do the cheat again to change it to anoth-

On the car select screen, hold C-Up and press the Z-Trigger four times. You'll now be able to drive a smashed up car. Do the cheat again to make it catch fire as well.

On the car select screen hold the Z-Trigger and press C-Down, C-Down, C-Down. The fog will change colour! Wooooow!

On the car select screen, press and hold C-Left then C-Right. Now let go of both buttons and press and hold C-Right then C-Left. Release both buttons and your front tyres should change size. Do the cheat again to get another size.

Again on the car select screen, press

and hold C-Right then C-Left. Now let go of both buttons and press and hold C-Left then C-Right. Release both buttons and your rear tyres should change size. Do the cheat again to get another size.

On the setup screen, hold the Z-Trigger and press Up then Down on the cross-key. Now release the Z-Trigger and press Up, Down, Up, Down. A weight will appear to show the current gravity. Enter the cheat again to get different gravity settings.

On the setup screen, press and hold C-Right then the L shoulder button. Release both buttons and press the Z-Trigger. Now press and hold C-Right then the L button, then press the Z-Trigger again. A texture pattern for the track will appear at the bottom of the screen. Repeat the cheat to get different textures.

On the setup screen, press Left then press and hold Right then C-Right. Now release both buttons and press C-Up, C-Left, C-Down, then the Z-Trigger. There should now be no car collision whatsoever.

On the setup screen, hold the Z-Trigger then press and hold C-Down then C-Up. Keep holding the Z-Trigger and let go of the C-buttons. Now press and hold C-Up then C-Down. The timer should now be off when you play.

On the setup screen, press L, R, L, R. L. R quickly. Now when you play. all the traffic cones will be replaced

Again on the seutp screen, press Up, Right, Down, Left, Down, Right, Up, Left quickly to turn all the tracks upside-down!

On the options screen, highlight Mirror and hold all the C-buttons. Press Left or Right on the cross-key to get the Extreme option. This reverses all your controls.

Win a race on any circuit, then go to the track select screen and press the Z-Trigger four times to get special car mode.

If you get half the keys on any course you'll be able to drive the cab on that course from then on. If you get all of the keys on a course you get the hotrod as well.

Start a two-player practice game and abort during the countdown at the start of the race. The timer will go to five minutes and player 2 will be "it". When you're "it" your timer goes down, so you need to tag the other player as quickly as possible. Whoever runs out of time first loses.

# MACE: THE DARK AGE

To make your fighter wear bunny rabbit slippers, go to the character select screen. Now move to Ragnar, Dregan and Koyasha in that order, pressing Start on each. Then select your character with A or B. To choose a background, go to the

character select screen, highlight

the fighter whose background you want to play in and press Start four times. Then just choose your character and start as usual.

To play as Grendal, play a 2-player game and get three wins in a row. Now go to the select screen and highlight the Executioner. Hold Start and Evade and Grendal should appear. Keep holding the buttons and press an attack to start he game in his hideous form.

To get Ichiro and Gar Gunderson as playable characters, start the game up and wait for the first copyright screen to appear. When it does, press Right, Up, Left, Down, Right, Up, Left, Down. You should hear a noise to let you know that they're now available on the select screen above the Executioner.

To play as Janitor Ned, first go to the character select screen. Now highlight Koyasha, Executioner, Lord Deimos and Xiao Long in that order, pressing Start on each. Now pick any character with A or B to choose Ned. To play as Pojo you have to perform Taria's execution in a fight. Then go to the character select screen, highlight Taria then hold Start and Evade. Pojo will show up. Keep holding the buttons and press an attack to select.

These cheats let you have 2-player fights in all sorts of strange conditions. Simply go to the character select screen and highlight the fighters in the order they're listed here, pressing Start as each of them is highlighted.

**Big Noggin** 

**Switch Heads** 

**Micronaut Mode** 

**Speed Grid** 

San Fran Rush

**Castle Mordos Kull** Macchu Picchu

**Miniature Golf** 

Al Rashid. Tekeshi, Mordos Kull, Xiao Long, Namira Takeshi, Al Rashid, Ragnar, Xiao Long Ichiro, Xiao Long, Koyasha Xiao Long, Koyasha Taria, Ragnar Namira, Koyasha, Taria Koyasha, Mordos Kull, **Takeshi** 

Ragnar, Al

Rashid, Tekeshi

Random Al (in 1-player mode) Hell Knight, Xiao Long, Dregan, Namira

# MARVEL SUPER HEROES VS STREET FIGHTER

If you pick Dan as one of your team members, then hold the Light Punch button until the fight begins, he appears with an explosion. No use whatsoever.

To get the game runnning even faster than Turbo mode, choose your team and at the Vs screen hold Light Kick, Mid Punch and Hard Kick.

To play as a hidden black and white version of Spider-Man, go to the character select screen and hold Start. Now move to Ryu, hold Down for about five seconds then press Light Punch and Hard Punch at the same

To play as Evil Sakura, go to the character select screen and hold Start. Now move to Wolverine and, still holding Start, press and hold Right so that you highlight Hulk. Keep holding the buttons and stick for about five seconds, then press Light Punch and Hard Punch at the same time.

To play as Evil Zangief, go to the character select screen and hold Start. Now move to Blackheart and, still holding Start, press and hold Left for around five seconds. Still holding everything, press Light **Punch and Hard Punch at the** same time.

To play as Mephisto (Blackheart's 'parent'), go to the character select screen and hold Start. Now move to Hulk and, still holding Start, press and hold Down for around five seconds. Still holding everything, press Light Punch and Hard Punch at the same time.

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That's it for this month - Merry Christmas, my little elves! Use your holidays wisely - devising a zillion awesome cheats and tips for us to print next issue! Peace.

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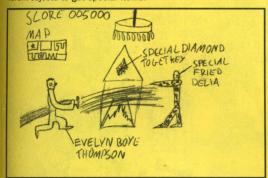


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#### SAUSAGE EVIL

Tommy To. Bethnal Green

My game is based on Capcom's Resident Evil, but is set in a bed and breakfast. All the staff have been fried due to an oil flood in the kitchen and have turn into crispy fried Delia Smiths. You, Evelyn Boye Thompson, professional B and B inspector and companion, Michelle Goh, are trapped in room 13 and trying to escape, but, exhausted after a night session. Radio connection have been terminated and the closest telephone booth is outside. Weapons include fire extinguishers, water hoses and the usual guns etc. You need to collect different objects to get special items.

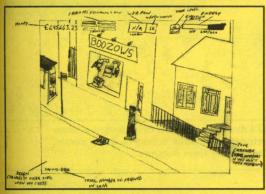




#### LIFE

Garry paton

My game is an RPG in the 20th Century. You control a guy and start in your house. To choose it you must refer to a large map of Britain, pick a town, then a street, then a house. You start with £500,000 to spend. You're a married man in your



thirties (you pick your wife out of a choice of 10, then her name). After exploring the contents of your house, of which the furniture is already positioned, you leave your house to go to shops, maybe for food or a newspaper, but when you return your house has been robbed and your wife killed!

After that you have to question people and ask them if they

After that you have to question people and ask them if they saw anything. You have to buy a car and in the process travel in aeroplanes, buses and trains! You have to gain money by performing certain jobs like being a waiter or being a stripper.

You eventually find the evildoer is a boss of a criminal organisation – who is different every time you play a different game. Saving points are places like your house or hotels. You eventually find gun shops, but you have to get a gun under 44 caliber. If you don't, you get found by the cops then get nicked! Same goes for things like shop-lifting. You don't have to get a gun, you can solve the problem in a more civilised manner like phoning the police to come and get him when you find him and have him captured.

Another thing would be collecting friends to join you to form a gang and make a base. Then you can all take over the bad guy's organisation for yourself or just defeat the bad guys (kill or get arrested) and continue just to be friends. You could decide when the game is finished, so you could continue for as long as

you like, getting more friends. I think it would make a cool game, maybe for the new 128-bit Sega machine.



#### RUSH HOU

© Scott Williams

A driving RPG. You can be 1 of 10 taxi firms driving in 52 major cities worldwide.

Idea:— To drive your chosen taxi through rush hour traffic picking up celebrities and normal citizens and dropping them off at their requested destination with time limits. Police chases occur when speeding or mowing down citizens. You also loose speed and time. Real time car damages and handling effects.

You get competition from rival taxi firms. In later levels other firms become more violent with attempts to drive you off the road and shooting at you.

You can get experience points for reaching your client and their destinations (this will allow your car to become faster and have more handling capabilities) experience points also for ramming other firms off the road and evading capture by police. You might get tips (credits) off your clients depending on how fast you get there and how well you drive (you get a map of each city).

You can custom-edit your taxi-firm – create your own car-specs and log, + car designs. Road rage will occur. Please, please Psygnosis make this game.





#### LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD + OTHER STORIES

Ez Best

You are the fairy story's characters versus each other. For example, Little Red Riding Vs The Wolf, or the Three Little Pigs Vs The Big Bad Wolf (large variety of characters then – CVG). None of the characters have weapons apart from things from the fairy tales like a basket for Little Red Riding, and a brick, straw and a stick for the 3 little pigs! You can have evil secret characters such as the Wicked Witch of the North or West or whatever.





#### LARA CROFT VS INDIANA JONES

It is the year 2000, the world has recently been



ravaged by the 3rd World War. So ravaged in fact, that humans become an endangered species, cities are turning to ruin and jungles are growing through them. The animal population thriving however (thus the Tomb Raider theme). Soon the human population rises by three million people per country and most cities are rebuilt. However Nazi's also come back into power and plan for the 4th World War (Nazis usually mean our good mate Indy). Lara Croft and Indiana Jones then come together in an epic jungle/war adventure. Indy to cruch the Nazis, and Lara because the Nazi leaderis none other than Larson's elder brother, Xavier (full name Thomson Xavier).



#### DEMON LORD

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This game would be played over the internet and would use an advanced version of the Quake engine. It takes place in the depths of Hell.

You begin by joining a tribe of puny Grunt demons (who, like every other character in the game, are controlled by other net users). You can improve your type of demon by absorbing mana from enemy demon tribes you kill. Your demon evolves according to how you play – like in Panzer Dragoon Zwei – so if you go on a mad killing spree your demon will grow large muscles and lots of weapons, whereas defensive players evolve magic abilities. Once you are powerful enough, you can build yourself a citadel and fill it with defences, and attempt to enlist the services of weaker players.

The weapons and magic in the game don't use ammo. Instead, you draw energy from the amount of human followers you have on Earth. If you team up with other demons you can take energy from their followers as well. You can go to Earth and kill enemy demon followers. You can also seduce humans and get them to sell you their souls, giving you HUGE amounts of mana, and you can have women give birth to your demon spawn, which you can control if your main demon gets killed.

The game never ends, but the goal would be to become an all-powerful Demon Lord and destroy or control all the other demons. And with players from all over the world trying to do the same thing, this would be the best game ever.





This is where budding young Leo DaVinc's and struggling Vinnie Vangoffers try to scribble their way to CVG stardom.

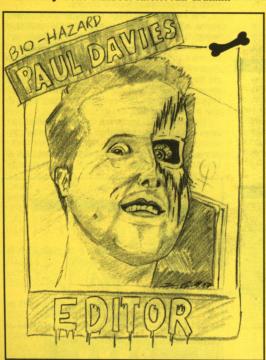
Standards have been slipping, so I've decided to come down on you hard this month, like a million tons of lead ingots. Get those weak brain boxes into gear otherwise I'll bite your fingers off and bury them at the back of the garden!



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© A dog-gone crazy K9 picture from John Nguyen. This nearly went walkies! Knerr! Ak! Grunnn!



© Hidden talent from the wee brain and wee pencil of wee Jamie Campbell. Wee-wee breath.



Mario's been playing away from home. From D Gaudion.



• Ray Higgins and his pals play kiss-chase in the playground.



 How can he scream with his head chopped off? Grit-Brain.

Elliot Crispin Brown.



**1** You betcha Michael Watson.



I dun killed more'n fifty hunerd o them wriggerely critters 'n they're a-still comin. Chris Dufor from Belgium.



Hunter's fat uncle Cruncher, from Cian O'Brien aged 10.



@ Femi strikes again. Ooorraaaagghhhhhhhhgaaaaa!!!!!



Fat, sweaty, squirming little brats all dressed up and pretending to be heroes. From David Omigie.



This looks like you and your girlfriend, Greg Hannan.



From the deranged mind of **Nick Morrison.** 



By Asif Shaikh. Yeah.

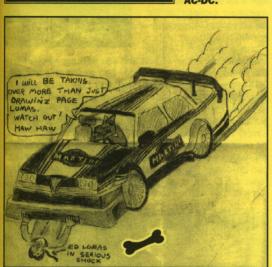


@ Croc=Crap.



**Yo dudes** watch out. From Sarah Cabry.





@ Good, crush his puny Pink Floyd skull. Luke Rolltit.







@ Boring, boring, all the same, this is boorrinngggg, boring, bo-or-or-oring. Boringz wot you dun, 





**A** mediocre effort from Deen Lim.



① Ohh yeah baby. This months winner, of err not much apart from widespread critical acclaim throughout the land. Rebecca Morris.

# MORTAL KOMBAT 4

**VERSION 2.1 CVG'S FREEPLAY STRATEGY GUIDE** 

ere's the strategy guide you need to konquer the viciously violent fourth edition of Midway's premiere fighting series, Mortal Kombat. Version 2.1 is now out and it fixes most of the bugs of the glitchy version 1.0 we covered a few months back, and (apparently) all the Fatalities, Kombat Kodes, and other secrets are now active. Rip this out and bring it with you to the arcades, then start ripping off a few heads, spines, and other body parts. In the game.

# PLAYGUNE

# NERAL IRA

Those who remember MK 3's ridiculously complicated dial-a-button ground kombos will immediately note that ground kombos have been vastly simplified in MK 4. First of all, the options are exactly the same for everyone. You basically have three choices, as shown below



Three Hits: Hit HP.HK.HK



Two Hits into Special Move: Hit HP or HK, HK, then immediately do the motion for a special move. The special move's animation will cut off the last HK, much like a Street Fighter two-in-one.







Launcher: HP, HK, D+HK; this will knock them into the air, setting them up for a juggle



HP = High Punch LP = Low Punch HK = High Kick LK = Low Kick BI = Block

RN = Run U=Uo F = Forward B = Back D = Down

To initiate a juggle kombo where you knock the opponent off their feet and into the air, jump in with a High Kick. To start a ground kombo, jump in with a High Punch. Jumping in with a Low Punch or Low Kick will knock the opponent down onto the ground, so don't use those if you want to start a kombo

Another great way to start a kombo is knock a jumping opponent out of the air with a standing High Punch. The distance and positioning to make this work is much different from previous MK games; you must be farther back than usual. Make sure your HP connects with the tip of their foot, otherwise you might take the hit!

A new (and in my opinion, utterly ridiculous) addition to MK 4 version 2.0 is the maximum damage barrier for kombos. Once your kombo hits 40% or higher damage, the Max Damage



indicator flashes on-screen and you're flung away, ending the kombo. If you use mad skill and you're able to reach 39%, your final hit could theoretically take you into the high 50s, but that's the best you're gonna get. Now don't misunderstand me, I am definitely in favour of damage control on kombos, but this is just TOO much... why not simply tick the damage down to one or two percent per hit over 40%? That way the bad-ass players could show off, without the damage being too high. As it is, ANYONE can do one of the simplistic maximum damage kombos, leaving no room at all for showboating! Goodbye to all the fun Kai kombos from version 1.0...

You can pick up almost anything, such as your own dropped weapon, an opponent's weapon, rocks, skulls and other goodies simply by hitting D+RN. You'll throw rocks and similar objects automatically when you grab them. If you want to throw a weapon, simply use your standard weapon draw motion.







been scrolled out of play by camera rotation. However, it's not as useful as ward. This is a useful technique to use to retrieve a lost weapon which has Tap RN, RN to dodge upward into the screen, or D+RN, RN to dodge down-

possible to follow up either one with a kombo (such as Kai's limb breaker are executed with LK at close range. Unfortunately, in version 2 it's not

Throws are done with LP when standing close, and the new limb breakers

projectile, or when they're in close and you want to surprise them. it's perfectly timed you'll still get hit. Use it when the opponent throws a sidesteps in other 3D games, because the dodge is so fast that unless

# LOOI RVMES

Remember, you must be holding down and away to block a throw. standing LK to keep opponents away when they try to throw you. reducing their effectiveness. You might want to try the ducking LK or even a previous MKs, they have been drastically slowed down in MK 4, thus While sweeps were an intricate part of close-range "foot games" in

many there are in total. Stay tuned to CVG for further updates. yet, not all the fatalities have been found, and it's not yet clear just how MK 4 is rumoured to have between two and five Fatalities per character. As



020-020 (the rain turns red on the mountain stage)

012-012 (possibly enables a fight against Noob Saibot,

123-123 (start off one hit away from death; great for fatalities!)

but the method is still unknown)

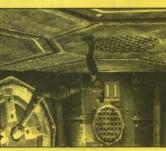
555-555 (weapons litter the arena)

002-002 (you never drop your weapons)

333-333 (randomly morph into other fighters)

222-222 (begin fight with random weapons)

050-050 (final hit causes loser to blow up)



# NZ ZCREEN KODEZ

screen kodes thus far: indicates the number of times you must hit the appropriate button. Here are the known Vs below. Enter the kodes with player 1 and player 1's LP, BL, and LK buttons. The number Much like MK 3, MK 4 has Vs screen kodes which can produce various effects as noted

(No ei sieum) 333-333 Armed and Dangerous 444-444 (start off with weapon equipped) Throwing Disabled 100-100 (no throws allowed) (bnuov ett to start of the round) LLL-LLL Free Weapon

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**Noob Saibot Mode** - ET# epoy Weapon Kombat - TT# epoy Randper Kombat - 6# эроу өроу

Red Rain

- Z# epoy

- T# 9poy



## Reptile Hold Start (LP+BL+LK) Shinnok Hold Start (HP+BL+LP) Hold Start (HP+BL+LK) IBA

colour swap or as complicated as a new garment or face

Yang symbol, then select the character and you'll be clad

indicated buttons to flip around their icon, revealing a Yin Move the cursor onto the desired character and push the

indicated motion for your character while standing close.

opponent into the sharp, rapidly rotating blades of a fan. Simply do the can 'execute' this Fatality on the Prison Stage where you uppercut the This is similar to the 'pit' stage fatalities from past MKs. All the characters

in a slightly different costume, which might be a simple

(Sub-Zero, for instance, takes off his mask).

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sweep kombo in version 1.0).

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# LIU KANG

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Liu Kang has changed very little, if at all, from previous *MK*s. In fact, in version 1.0 he could do the Bike Kick without charging, so he's been greatly weakened in version 2.1. You want to either hang back and win the fireball wars with Liu Kang's superior projectile arsenal, or get in their face and go for kombos into the Bike or Flying Kick.



Fan Fatality F

F,F,B,LP



Dragon Fatality F,F,F,D,BL+HK+LK(Sweep distance)

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Flying Kick







**FATALITIES** 



Standing HK, standing HK, D+HP, jumping HK, Air Fireball Defensive HP, jumping HK, Air Fireball

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Jagged Sword B,F,LK

High Fireball F,F,HP (can be done in the air)

Low Fireball F,F,LP Flying Kick F,F,HK

Bicycle Kick Charge LK three sec., release

# SONYA

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Sonya Blade was one of the dominant characters in version 1.0 of *MK 4*, but sadly the developers decided to add a pause after her Cartwheel. Whereas before the move could be used with impunity to harass opponents, now it's been reduced to use only in kombos or if you block an attack which leaves them vulnerable. Go for the Leg Grab whenever they twitch, use the Bike Kick as a defensive counter, and the Square Wave anytime you think they'll jump. Be offensive and make them afraid to do anything but turtle, then run in and throw them.



Fan Fatality D,D,B,B,HK



Kiss of Death D,D,D,U,RN (Sweep distance)

#### KOMBOS Jump in with HK, Cartwheel, Square Wave Flight







Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Ring Toss Defensive HP, standing HP, jumping HK, Air Throw

#### **MOVES**

Weapon – Spinning Blade F,F,LK
Cartwheel D,F,LK
Ring Toss D,F,LP
Leg Grab D,LP+BL
Bike Kick B,B,D,HK
Square Wave Flight F,B,HP

Air Throw BL when close in the air

# REPTILE

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

When has there ever been a version of *MK* in which Reptile didn't suck?! *MK 1*, I suppose (of course, he wasn't playable). Adding the Ground Krawl to Reptile's repertoire in version 2 just wasn't enough. Stay away from this character unless you're an expert; his slow projectile (which is utterly duckable by the way) and lack of kombo potential cripple him. However, if you're playing in a mismatch, the best way to use Reptile is to disappear and harass them with a mix of long-range Acid Spits and close-range throws, ducking Low Kicks, and other cheap taktiks.



Head Chew Hold [LP+HP+LK+HK],U (close)



Fan Fatality D,F,F,LP

#### KOMBOS Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Dash Punch









**FATALITIES** 

Jump in with HK, Ground Krawl Defensive HP, standing HP, Ground Krawl

#### **MOVES**

Weapon – Axe B,B,LK
Ground Krawl B,F,LK
Acid Spit D,F,HP

Invisibility BL+HK (repeat to reappear)

Dash Punch B,F,LP

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

The thunder god is back, but unfortunately he's not the superpower he once was. Deprived of his shocker and burdened with a longer-than-usual delay when he throws the Lightning Bolt, Raiden relies mainly on his killer Superfly and Teleport confusion tactics. Be careful, however, a blocked Superfly leaves him vulnerable as always. On the bright side, Raiden's weapon, the Mallet, is possibly the best weapon in the game and a great kombo starter... Use it at close range in foot games.

# **KOMBOS**

**B+HP Mallet** swing, B+HP Mallet Swing, Superfly





Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Lightning Bolt Standing HK, standing HK, Down+HP, jumping HK, Air Superfly



#### **FATALITIES**

Fan Fatality D,F,B,BL

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Mallet F,B,HP

Superfly F,F,LK

(can be done in the air)

Lightning Bolt D,T,LP

D.U Teleport

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Repeat after me: "Don't jump." That's what you should tell your opponents, because Scorpion can punish any jumping opponent with a huge defensive juggle kombo or even a teleport. Follow any knockdown with a teleport and then a throw or a limb breaker. His new Hades Flame move is almost completely worthless, as it's slow and can't be used in any good kombos. Scorpion is 100% old skool.

Standing HP, standing HK, Down+HP, Spear, HK, Down+HP, jumping High Kick







Fan Fatality Toasty!

B,F,F,B,HP+BL (just outside sweep distance)

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK. Spear. Roundhouse Kick





Defensive HP, defensive HP, Teleport, Spear, standing HK, Down+HP, jumping High Kick, Air Throw







# **MOVES**

Weapon - Sword F,F,HK B,B,LP Spear

Teleport D,B,HP (can be done in the air)

Air Throw BL when close in the air

Hades Flame D,F,LP

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Scrub-Zero's back and he's been weakened again! Now he doesn't even has his Ice Shower or Ice Puddle... and the Ice Clone is totally lame, as it's deactivated any time you're close. The only use for the Clone is to lay one when the opponent's jumping and so they land on it. Otherwise, this character's back to the MK 1 basics... Freeze if they're going to jump, Slide when they twitch, and play foot games.





Head Pull+Spine Hold BL+RN [F,B,F,D,HP] (Close)

D,F,HK

#### **KOMBOS**

Standing HP, standing HK, D+HP. Jumping HK, Slide



Defensive HP, Freeze, Jumping HK, jumping HK



Jump in with HP, standing HK, Freeze, step back, jump in with HK, Slide







**MOVES** Weapon - Ice Staff Freeze

D,F,LP LP+BL+LK Ice Clone D.B.LP

(can be done in the air)

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Reiko is Noob Saibot with a makeover. He still has the old Teleport Throw, but gains a Flip Kick, Shurikens, and an entertaining Circular Teleport. This guy's not the greatest character, in fact he's pretty weak against MK 4's elite. Use the Teleport Throw as an occasional surprise, pelt them with Shurikens from a distance, and occasionally whack 'em with your club.





F,D,F,LP+BL+HK Torso Kick + LK (Close)

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Spiked Club D.B.HP Teleport Throw

D,U (BL to throw when close)

Flip Kick B,D,F,LK Shurikens D,F,LP B,F,HK Circular Teleport

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Shurikens









Jump in with HK, Flip Kick, Teleport Throw Defensive HP, Flip Kick, jumping HK

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Almost by default, Shinnok is the best character in the game. Given the ability to impersonate any other character (with far less transformation time than Shang Tsung players are accustomed to), he can adapt to any situation and emerge victorious. He's the expert player's character of choice. Unfortunately, as he has no unique moves of his own, he is a bit boring.



Hand of Death D,B,F,D,RN (Close)

**FATALITIES** 



Fan Fatality D,D,F,HK (Close)

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Bladed Staff B, F; LP

impersonations:	
Fujin	F,F,B,HK
Kai	F,F,F,LK
Reptile	B,B,F,BL
Scorpion	F,B,LP
Liu Kang	B,B,F,HK

Sonya	F,D,F,HP
Jarek	B,B,B,LK
Sub-Zero	D,B,LP
Quan Chi	B,F,B,F,LK
Tanya	B,F,D,BL
Raiden	D,F,F,HP
Cage	D,D,HP
Jax	F,D,F,HK





#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Crossbow B,B,LP

Whirlwind F,D,LP (hold LP) Levitation F,D,F,HP

**Body Slam** B,F,D,LK (after Levitation)

Dive Kick D+LK (in the air)

Flying Knee D,F,HK

Fan Fatality



D,D,D,HK (Close) Crossbow Explosion BL+RN x4 (Half screen distance)

## **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HK, jumping HP, Dive Kick







Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Flying Knee

Standing HP, standing HK, D+HP, Levitation, Body Slam, standing HP, Flying Knee

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Kai is the most skilled, skills-based skillerado in the game. Meaning, he totally kicks ass, and could be the best MK 4 kombatant (short of Shinnok). Harass opponents with constant Rising Fireballs, especially when jumping... if one connects you have numerous juggle kombo opportunities. The Handstand is awesome, fast, and annoying, but the removal of Kai's leg throw from this position (which was in version 1.0) definitely weakens him. If they are trying long-screen fireball wars, you can always trade hits with Falling Fireballs. Maximum damage certainly ruins Kai's bigger kombos, but you can still bust out some nugget busters.

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HK, jumping HK, land into Flying Punch







Near the corner: Rising Fireball, standing juggle HP, Rising Fireball, standing juggle HP, standing juggle HP, Flying Punch

**FATALITIES** Fan Fatality F,F,D,BL

#### MOVES

Weapon - Bladed Staff

Handstand

D.B.LP **BL+HK** 

(BL to return to feet) (while in handstand, HK

or LK to kick, hold LP to spin)

Falling Fireball

B,B,HP

Rising Fireball F,F,LP (can be done in the air)

Flying Punch D.F.HP

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Oh my bride! Tanya's a little better in Version 2.0 with her Drill Kick, in fact she's a lot better! She's right at the top with Shinnok and Kai. You can harass people constantly with her fast moves, and bust out the Drill Kick as the perfect anticipation counter. Be careful with the Cartwheel however, it's not that fast and easy to counter if it misses or is blocked. Her Air Fireball is good, and her Boomerang is a very pesky weapon.

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Boomerang F,F,HK Fireball D,F,HP Cartwheel Kick

D,B,LK Air Fireball D,B,LP (in the air only) Drill Kick F,F,LK

FATALITIE



Kiss of DeathD.D.U.D.HP+BL (Close)

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Drill Kick







Standing HP, standing HK, D+HP, Cartwheel Kick Defensive juggle HP, standing HP, Drill Kick

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Dagger Air Throw

BL when close in the air

D.B.HK

Green Skull Steal Weapon Teleport Stomp Slide

**FATALITIES** 

Fan Fatality F,F,D,HP

F,F,LP F,B,HP F,D,LK F,F,HK

Jump in with HK, Green Skull

**KOMBOS** 



Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Green Skull

Defensive juggle HP, standing HP, Slide

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Jarek makes it all happen with fierce tactics. His Cannonballs are utterly dominant, and with no charge time he's even better than Kano at 'em! The Ground Slam, even more powerful than Jax's Earthquake, is a cheap-ass damage inducer and great to use to konklude any kombo. The TriBlade is a fairly good projectile. All in all, Jarek is one of the best characters and can hold his own in almost any fight... Be sure to use the Ground Slam any time they get too defensive and stay on the ground.

# FATALITIES



Heart Rip F,B,F,F,LK (Close)

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Scimitar F.F.HP Cannonball B,F,LK

**Ground Slam** B,D,B,HK

TriBlade D,B,LP

Vertical Cannonball F,D,F,HP

#### **KOMBOS**

Defensive juggle HP, standing HP, Cannonball







Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Cannonball Standing HP, standing HK, D+HP, Jumping HK, Ground Slam

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HK, Nut Punch (Vs. males only in the corner)





Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Shadow Kick

Defensive juggle HP, standing HP, Shadow Uppercut

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Apparently back from the grave, Johnny (pronounced "Gianni") Cage, who was rumoured to have been killed at the end of MK 2, has most of his old moves. In fact, he is the same character he's always been, minus the ability to do a kombo after the Nut Punch (too bad). His Fireballs can still be used in an excellent confusing game of keep-out. Throw the low one at close range and the high one from far, occasionally alternating, and the enemy will be afraid to move, jump, or even twitch. The Shadow Uppercut is a perfect counter to any jumping attack. Cage is good, but not one of the best.

#### **MOVES**

Weapon - Sword F,D,F,LK Shadow Kick

**Nut Punch** BL+LP (can't use on women

'cause they don't have nuts to punch)

**Shadow Uppercut** B,D,B,HP Low Fireball D,B,LP High Fireball D,F,HP



#### **FATALITIES**

D,D,F,F,HK (Close) Fan Stage F,B,D,D,HK (Close) Torso Rip

#### **GENERAL STRATEGY**

Jax is back on the scene and he's gonna throw you DOWN, baby! Jax was one of the kings of MK 2, but by now his status has slipped a bit, especially with the loss of the Gotcha Grab and the Quad Throw. Go on the offensive with Missiles and Dashing Punches, then when the opponent starts to turtle up, unleash a few Earthquakes to sting them for unblockable damage. If they start to get any funny ideas about jumping at you, counter with a jumping HK into Backbreaker or a defensive juggle kombo. All around, Jax is a solid character.

#### **MOVES**

Weapon

Spiked Klub Earthquake

Dashing Punch

Missile

D,F,HP F,F,D,LK F,D,B,LP

Backbreaker BL in the air when close D,B,LP

**FATALITIES** 

Fan Fatality F,F,B,LK

#### **KOMBOS**

Jump in with HK. then jump at them again and do the Backbreaker





Jump in with HP, standing HK, standing HK, Dashing Punch

Defensive juggle HP, standing HP, jumping HK, Backbreaker

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