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ISSUE NO.3

Minnie Mouse is still in trouble! Being held captive in the wicked witch Mizrabel's Castle of Illusion can't be much fun, and Mickey is the only one who can possibly be brave and ingenious enough to save her. Have you helped Mickey rescue his sweetheart yet or have you left her chained and forlorn in the strange and evil castle?

Castle of Illusion has been one of the biggest blockbusters of the last year, and everyone who plays the puzzling adventure game immediately falls in love with Mickey and his plight. They won't eat, sleep or rest until all the rainbow jewels are captured and Minnie is safe and sound. That quest takes you through six challenging levels, the last one, Mizrabel's castle, only being reached if you have the magic gems in your possession.

Those gems are hard won, being defended by gargantuan end-of-level guardians in the first five levels. You must find your way through the Enchanted Forest where killer mushrooms dance towards you; Toy Land which is a pastel wonderland of animated toys; Dessert Factory where you are chased by huge cinnamon doughnuts; the Library where you really will be mouse-size and the Clock Tower where you must swing from giant pendulums and spring from rotating gears. Then comes the castle where armoured knights and ghosts attack and the illusory witch Mizrabel herself waits.

The action is fantastic, difficult but not frustrating and always changing locations. There's no way to get bored with Mickey, at least not for a very, very long time. And

castle OF illusion



how could you get bored looking at the absolutely superb graphics and animation. Mickey's movement is as smooth as a Disney cartoon and the backgrounds, especially on the Mega Drive version are breathtakingly detailed and realistic. The Master System title also contains some of the best graphics seen on the MSII, while the quality of picture on the newly released Game Gear version is absolutely awesome. Disney's follow up game Fantasia, which is out on the Mega Drive, keeps up the tradition with more superlative graphics.

This game requires skill and dexterity, and there are some very tricky puzzles and opponents to overcome in the course of Mickey's adventures. The graphics and action make Mickey and the Castle of Illusion one of the favourite games of all time, and so we've decided that it deserves to be made **SEGA ACTION'S GAME OF THE MONTH!**

THE GAME GEAR TV TUNER has finally hit Australia. This zippy little attachment to everybody's favourite handheld enables you to watch TV and play games anywhere you want; on the train, in bed, at the dinner table...oh, don't tell your parents we said that!

Unfortunately the price we told you it was going to be in last Sega Action has altered due to the sales tax changes. The revised price is still fantastic value compared to the prices of other miniature TV's that are around. And you can't play Sonic on them can you?

NEWS

SEGA CD ROM It's been flooring them in Japan and the US, and now Sega Australia has received its first Sega Mega Drive CD Rom Unit for testing. And it's amazing! The CD Rom has custom graphic chips allowing many more colours and sprites to appear on screen simultaneously, as well as producing rotation and scaling effects to enhance the Mega Drive further. It also loads games in the blink of an eye, with a maximum waiting time of 1.4 seconds! Full motion video action is also possible with the CD technology as, of course, is CD quality sound. The Mega CD will play audio CD's as well in both 3 and 5 inch formats, so if you hook the unit up to your stereo the sound will be absolutely awesome!

The official Australian launch of the Mega CD Rom is around September this year, so you'll have to wait until then to experience it. Although the unit is on sale in Japan and the US, the Australian discs (when released) will be incompatible with the overseas units, so wait for the Aussie version if you want to play local games. Stay tuned to Sega Action for updates!

MICKEY MOUSE

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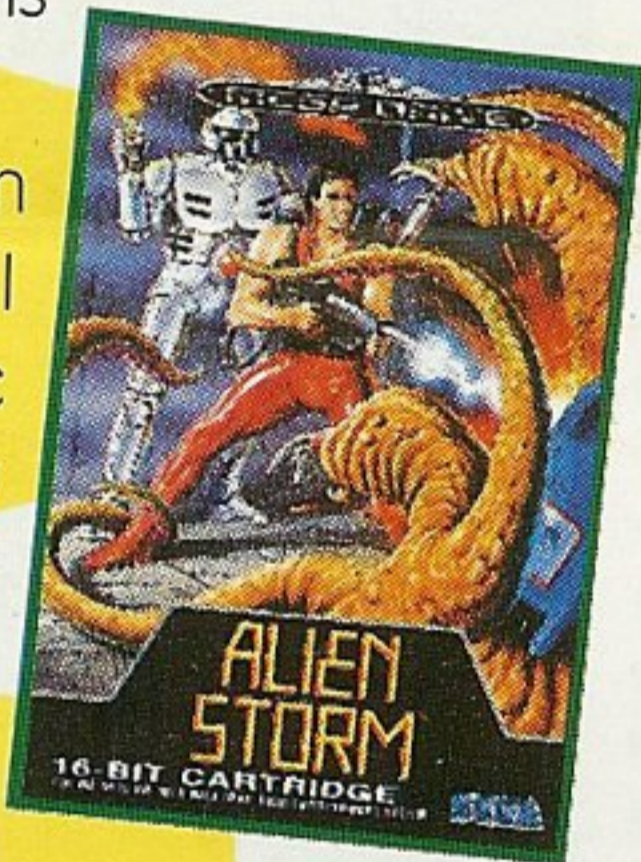
ALIENSTORM

OVERALL RATING
83

Earth is under attack from the most disgusting aliens ever seen! Chose a character and rescue the citizens before making it to the enemy spacecraft.

There are several different game modes you can choose, But the Arcade mode is the real excitement. There are 3 different types of screens to fight through and 8 levels of gameplay. The first is a normal horizontally scrolling screen where aliens change from garbage bins and attack. The 2nd is the first person perspective view and involves mass destruction with a shooting-gallery feel. The 3rd type of screen is a speedy horizontally scrolling screen where the characters run after aliens and blast them!

The graphics are great on both the Mega and MSII versions and the gruesome creatures are shockingly detailed. Destroy them all if you want to save Earth!



ASTERIX

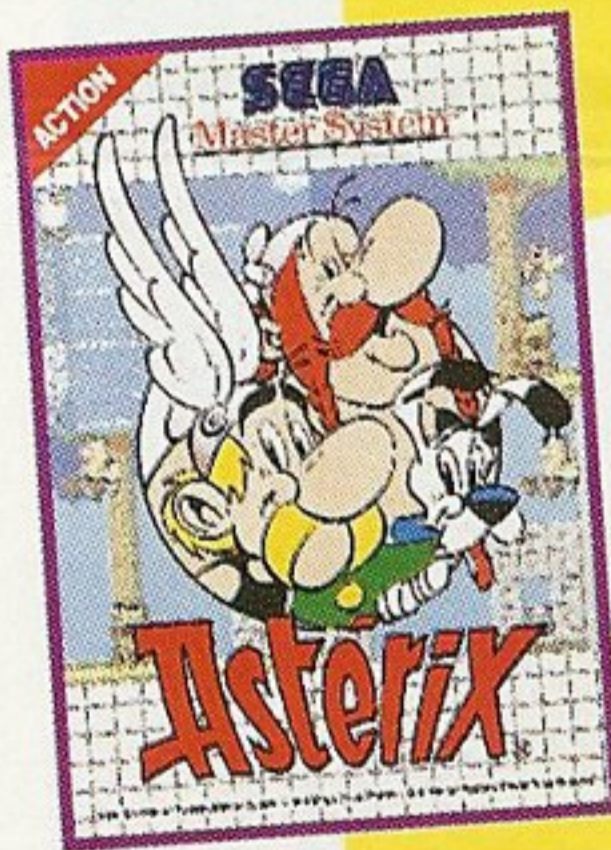
OVERALL RATING
84

Getafix, the Druid whose magic potion has kept his village safe, has been kidnapped! Join Asterix and Obelix to rescue him and the village!

The adventures of comic hero Asterix the Gaul has finally come to life on the Master System II. Graphics are great, and the gameplay is in the fun style of Alex Kidd and Wonderboy. There's platform and scrolling screens, and if you're Obelix the chance to squash opponents by sitting on them!

Each round's design and layout changes according to whether you're playing Asterix or Obelix, and the two characters have unique strengths and abilities. It might seem easy at first, but as you progress the action becomes increasingly harder and the self-scrolling screen won't let you rest.

Asterix is an out-standing game, and won't disappoint fans of the well-loved comic character.



BUCK ROGERS

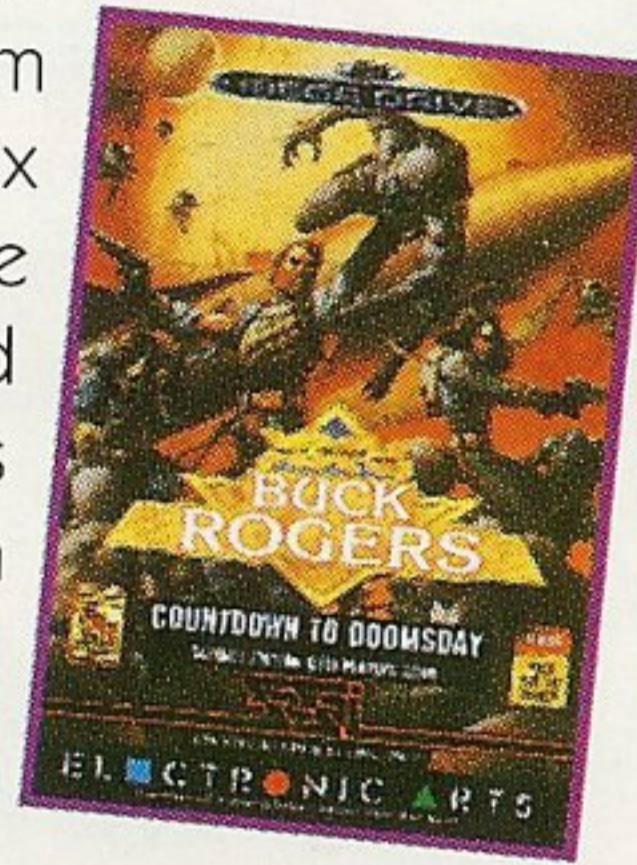
OVERALL RATING
85

Like the television series, Buck Rogers: Countdown to Doomsday, (a new Mega Drive role play) is set in the 25th Century. There is a bitter and bloody civil war being fought between NEO (the New Earth Organisation) and RAM (the Russo-American Mercantile). With the help of Buck Rogers, NEO has taken control of Earth,

but RAM has developed a device called the Doomsday Laser; a powerful weapon capable of destroying Earth.

You have assembled a team of agents who are out to locate and destroy the device before RAM can use it to control the solar system. There are several missions to undertake though, before the destruction of the laser, and you'll need all your skill and intelligence to survive them.

Create your own team with a maximum of six members, or play with the computer's pre-generated team. Players attributes need to be chosen carefully and the team well balanced in order to succeed.



LUCKY DIME CAPER

OVERALL RATING
92

The evil witch, Magica de Spell, has kidnapped Huey, Dewey and Louie, along with their lucky dimes. Brave Uncle Donald sets out for the rescue attempt.

Donald must first rescue his imprisoned nephews, as he then has access to the next three levels, where he locates the missing dimes. If he gets through that Donald enters the witch's castle for the final confrontation!

Donald Duck is one of the most spritely heroes yet seen on the Master System. He's also well-armed, starting the game with a massive mallet that's used to squash any evil sprites. Later power-ups give him frisbees and boomerangs.



The graphics are great, and the action is accompanied by an excellent soundtrack. As always, it's the gameplay that makes or breaks it and fortunately Donald is very playable.

OUTRUN

OVERALL RATING
74

Strap yourself in for a thrilling life and death ride in this classic car racing arcade conversion. The gameplay is extremely realistic and will give you an amazing sensation of movement and speed. There are all the features you would expect in a real race; acceleration, lane changes, diversity of terrain, sudden curves, dips and so on.

Your objective is to reach any one of the five goal lines to be considered a winner. To get to one of the five winning scenes you will need to make it through many other tracks.

When you're racing through a scene, you will encounter forks in the road which allow you to chose which goal line you'll reach. In this way Out Run Europa is never predictable. Only your skill and determination will get you all the way through Europe!



PAC-MANIA

OVERALL RATING
82

Pac-Mania is a 3D Pac-Man for the '90's. The basic elements of the game are the same as the original blockbuster; you must zoom around a maze, popping pills while avoiding the ghosts. The four power pills are your defences against the ghoulies.

But this is where the similarity ends, as there are extra defences, like jumping and the optional Pac-booster. If you're in a tight corner you can now jump straight up in the air, with the ghost passing harmlessly underneath you. The only trouble is that at higher levels the ghosts can jump too! The Pac-booster however really is a cheat, as you can go into overdrive when needed and outrun the ghosties.

The biggest noticeable difference with Pac-Mania though is the 3D view of the maze. If you liked Pac-Man, you'll love Pac-Mania - great fun and immensely addictive!



SHADOW OF THE BEAST

OVERALL RATING
81

You are the Beast, a huge but grotesque creature who has spent his life in slavery to the Beast Lord. Now you're free and out for revenge!

The arcade action takes place over six stages of smooth scrolling action, with superb graphic quality on both the MSII and Mega Drive versions. Unfortunately, the Beast Lord's has sent 132 varieties of awesomely ugly beasts to search out and destroy you.

You must battle your way through forests, visit the magic well, find your way out of the underground caverns, and explore the Beast Lord's Castle. At the end of each stage, there are enormous guardians for you to challenge. And that's not all! Each domain also has a fair share of bizarre puzzles that you must solve in order to progress ever onwards to the final confrontation with the Beast Lord!

Phew! That's some challenge. This beast of a game certainly will keep you playing for some time.



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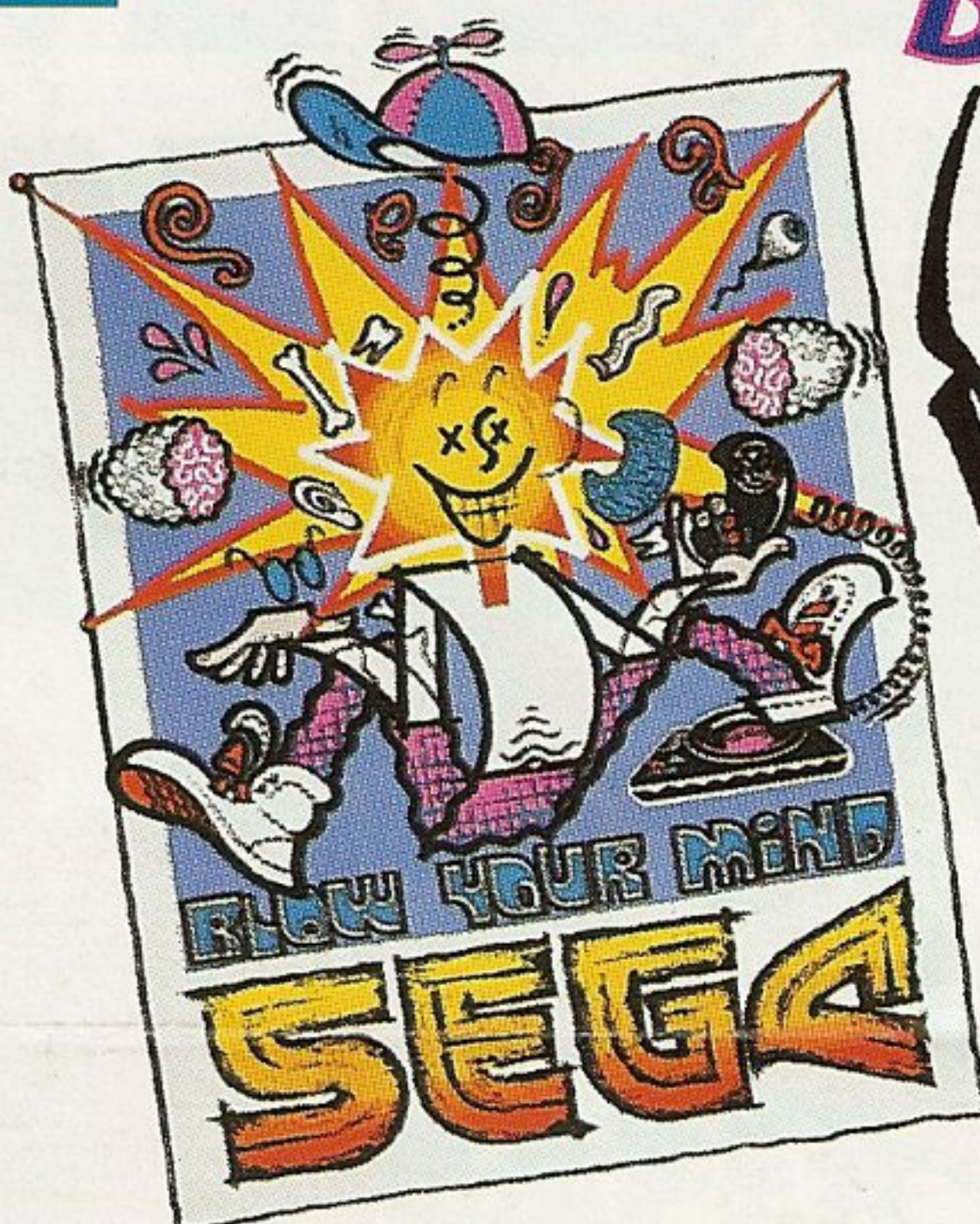
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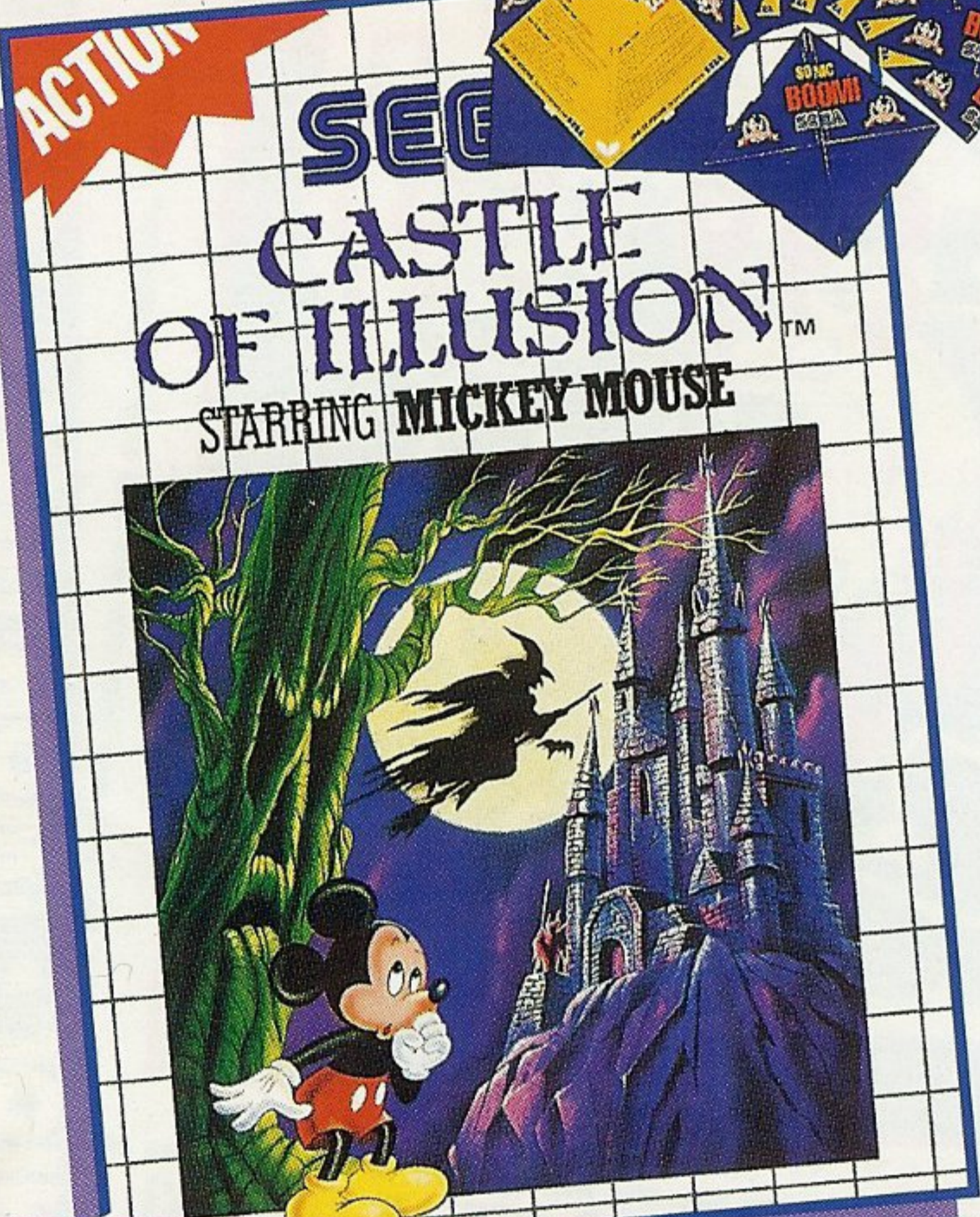
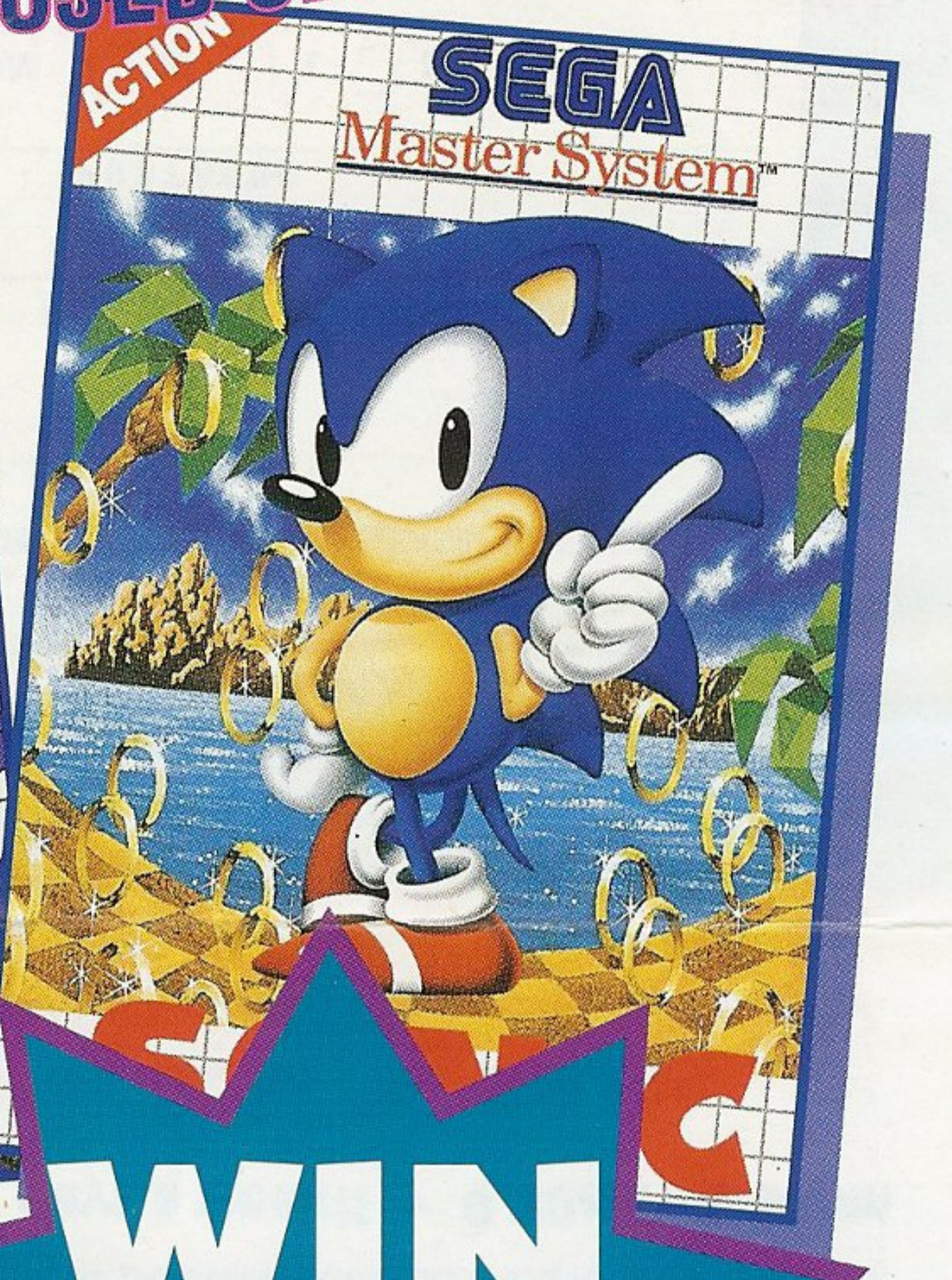
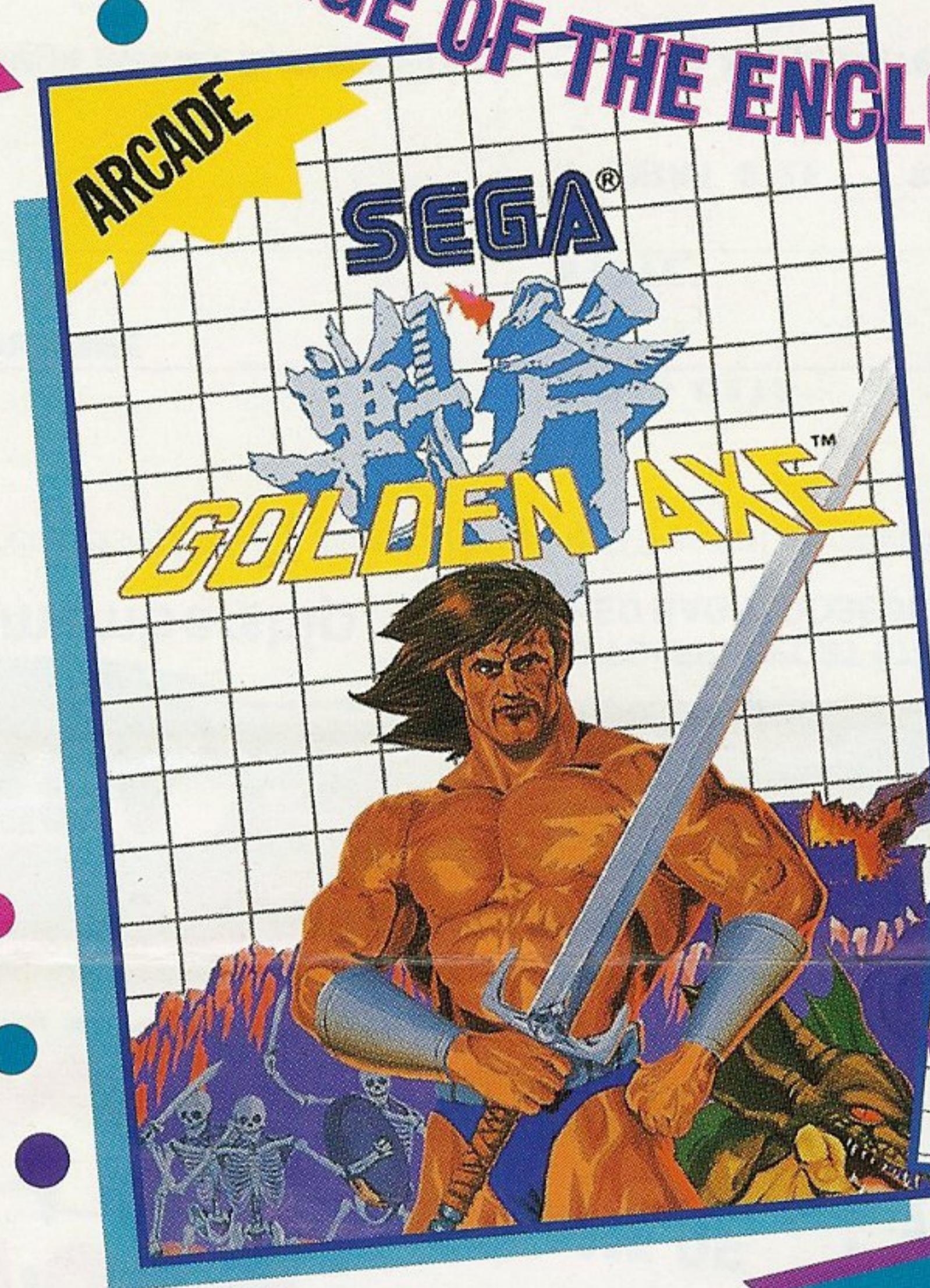
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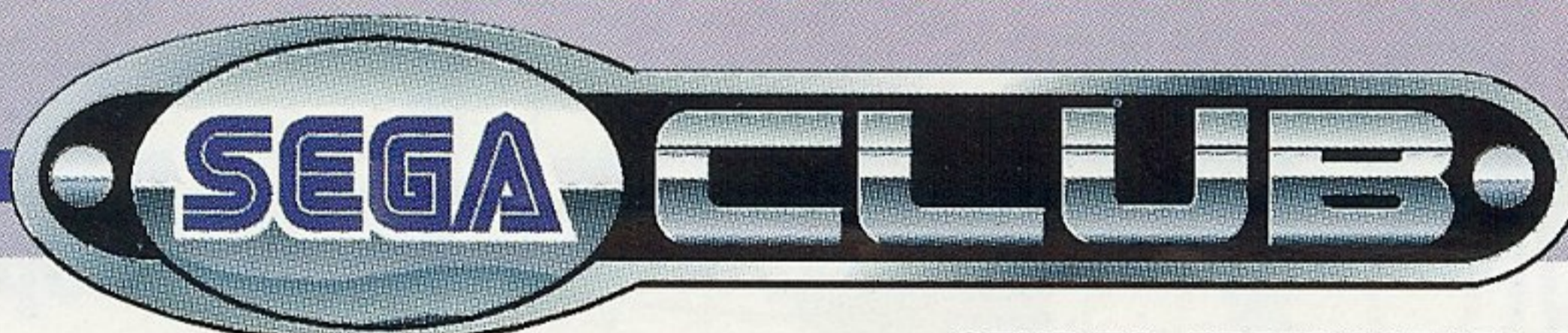
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