

PREPLAY

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MIYAMOTO vs SUZUKI NINTENDO AND SEGA SUPREMOS FACE OFF!

Among all of the excitement at the Tokyo Game Show, spectators were also able to witness a showdown between two of the biggest names in the videogame world – Yu Suzuki and Shigeru Miyamoto!

On the second day of the Tokyo Game Show, an event called the Game Creators' Conference was held. An incredible gathering in which famous figures from the industry sat together to discuss – and question the others – about their upcoming software.

One particular session involved four guest speakers – Mr Okamoto of Capcom, Mr Nakamura from Chunsoft, Nintendo's Mr Miyamoto and Sega's Mr Suzuki. During the interview, the head of Sega's R&D department said he

would like to work on *Virtua Fighter 4*, however, he and all the AM2 staff are busy on other projects and wouldn't be able to begin work this year. Exactly what project he's currently involved in is unclear, but he did say that having worked with VF up to its third instalment he's keen on making something new (word is it's his own Model 3 follow-up to *Daytona*).

Talk of *Virtua Fighter 3* led to queries about the as yet unseen Saturn version (which is supposed to be released by the end of this year). The question coming from none other than *Mario* creator Shigeru Miyamoto! In a teasing mood, he asked "What happened to VF3 for Saturn?" However, the AM2 chief coolly managed to evade directly answering the question. Later though, the tables were turned when Mr Miyamoto was asked about the

current status of the much-shrouded *Zelda 64*. He didn't give an answer either!!

The full interview during which this titanic confrontation took place is quite lengthy. However, we're hoping to get a full transcript of it soon, when we'll give you more highlights from it!



Virtua Fighter 3. Nothing yet to see.

SO WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH...

ZELDA 64?

Nothing new since we reported last month that Nintendo are working on both a cartridge AND 64DD version of the game – the cart version scheduled for Japanese release this Autumn. There is, however, fresh talk about the 64DD itself. Latest claims are that the machine will feature a built-in chip stor-



ing over 10,000 pre-sampled sound effects – instruments, explosions, gunshots etc. Also, there will be a phone socket at the back – for on-line gaming! Supposedly you'll be able to call a friend direct and play them. Awesome if it's true!



Zelda 64. This autumn!

VIRTUA FIGHTER 3?

Latest word on the grapevine (and we don't endorse any of this, we're just telling you!) is that Black Belt is actually the name of the booster cartridge for Saturn VF3. Their 64-bit console in development (see last issue) is now codename Dural! Said to house Hitachi's new SH4 chip, a 200Mhz 64-bit CPU, new 3D FX technology and a Microsoft operating system. It's supposedly scheduled for release at the end of next year with *Scud Race* and VF3. We'll believe it when we see it!

READERS MOST WANTED CHART

Incredible, no sooner is the N64 released then you holler for a price drop (quite justifiably).

1	RESIDENT EVIL 2	SAT/PS
2	N64 AND GAMES PRICE CUT GAMES	UK
3	MARIO KART 64	N64
4	FINAL FANTASY VII	PS
5	ZELDA 64	N64
6	VIRTUA FIGHTER 3	SAT
7	SATURN SONIC (BY YUJI NAKA)	SAT MK4
8	FIGHTERS MEGAMIX	SAT/ UK
9	64DD	ANYWHERE
10	TIME CRISIS	PS

Just failing to make the chart was *Worms 64* (thankfully). Others include *NIGHTS 2*, *Ultimate Fighting Universe* (you fools), a Sega/Sony console, the failure of PlayStation, *Street Fighter Megamix* (it's happening!), *Tekken Trilogy*, *Ridge Racer Trilogy*, a *Sega Rally* sequel, *Theme Town* (isn't that *Sim City* moron?), a Nintendo handheld (heard of Gameboy?) and a 3D Spiderman game on N64. Keep sending them in, but while your humorous ones sometimes amuse us (*Buttomania Monkey?*), they're mostly unfunny (*invisible cream*). Send in proper ones, dickwads!

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THE RED-HOT RUMOURS DEPT! HOTTER THAN EVER!

All the rumblings from the gaming underground. We keep you informed!

Sony are scrapping the PlayStation link-up cable, developers have been told not to make games support it! • *Hexen* on Saturn is definitely link-up. *Biohazard 2* is confirmed for Saturn. The PS version won't be released until March next year! • Sony have built a new PS

manufacturing plant in Japan, and after E3 they're dropping the price of a US PlayStation to \$99.99.

- Expect to see PS *Vampire Saviour*, *Ghouls 'N' Ghosts 64* and *Zelda 64* at the E3. Namco will unveil their first N64 games there also – an RPG and a sports title.
- PlayStation *Tekken 3* will not use an upgrade cartridge, Namco intend on converting the game as closely as possible without one!

- The President of Sony Japan has said there won't be a PlayStation 2 for at least another 3 to 4 years.
- Top on-line services AOL and Compuserve are to merge.
- Core are working on *Tomb Raider 64*, said to be ready in six months.
- *Street Fighter 3* is coming to PlayStation and Saturn this December. N64 version also rumoured.
- *Exhumed 64* is confirmed.

UK MULTI-FORMAT SALES TOP 20

THIS	LAST	TITLE	FORMAT	PUBLISHER
1	NE	MICRO MACHINES V3	PLAYSTATION	CODEMASTERS
2	1	MARIO 64	NINTENDO 64	NINTENDO
3	NE	MANX TT	SATURN	SEGA
4	NE	RIDGE RACER: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	SONY
5	6	DESTRUCTION DERBY: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	SONY
6	3	SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE	NINTENDO 64	NINTENDO
7	11	TOMB RAIDER	PLAYSTATION	EIDOS
8	5	TEKKEN: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	SONY
9	2	LEGACY PF KAIN	PLAYSTATION	BMG
10	8	WIPEOUT: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	SONY
11	14	DESTRUCTION DERBY 2	PLAYSTATION	SONY
12	12	TOMB RAIDER	PC CD-ROM	EIDOS
13	10	PILOWINGS 64	NINTENDO 64	NINTENDO
14	19	CHAMP. MAN 2: DOUBLE PACK	PC CD-ROM	EIDOS
15	9	AIR COMBAT: PLATINUM	PLAYSTATION	SONY
16	13	C&C: RED ALERT	PC CD-ROM	VIRGIN
17	RE	FIFA '97	PLAYSTATION	EA
18	17	DIE HARD TRILOGY	SATURN	EA
19	NE	EXCALIBUR	PLAYSTATION	TELSTAR
20	RE	FORMULA ONE	PLAYSTATION	SONY

COMPUTER & VIDEO GAMES MOST RECOMMENDED!

These may not be the hottest games around or the newest, but these are what we recommend this month for each system.

SATURN U.K. TOP 5

1	FIGHTERS MEGAMIX	SEGA
2	BOMBERMAN	SEGA
3	SOVIET STRIKE	EA
4	VAMPIRE HUNTER	VIRGIN
5	NIGHTS	SEGA

SATURN IMPORT TOP 5

1	KING OF THE FIGHTERS '96	SNK
2	CYBERBOTS	CAPCOM
3	PUZZLE BOBBLE 3	TAITO
4	SAKURA WAR	SEGA
5	PUYO PUYO SUN	SUNSOFT

PLAYSTATION U.K. TOP 5

1	EXHUMED	BMG
2	RAGE RACER	SONY
3	PORSCHE CHALLENGE	SONY
4	PUZZLE FIGHTER 2	VIRGIN
5	DARK FORCES	VIRGIN

PLAYSTATION IMPORT TOP 5

1	CASTLEVANIA	KONAMI
2	TIME CRISIS	NAMCO
3	FINAL FANTASY VII	SQUARESOFT
4	TOBAL NO 2	SQUARESOFT
5	FINAL FANTASY TACTICS	SQUARESOFT

NINTENDO 64 U.K. TOP 5

1	ISS 64	KONAMI
2	SUPER MARIO 64	THE
3	TUROK: DINOSAUR HUNTER	ACCLAIM
4	WAVE RACE 64	THE
5	SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE	THE

NINTENDO IMPORT TOP 5

1	STARFOX 64	NINTENDO
2	BLAST CORPS	NINTENDO
3	J-LEAGUE PERFECT STRIKER	KONAMI
4	DOOM 64	GT
5	MARIO KART 64	NINTENDO

PC TOP 5

1	QUAKE MISSION PACK 2	ACTIVISION
2	X-WING VS TIE FIGHTER	VIRGIN
3	POD	UBI SOFT
4	PREMIER MANAGER '97	GREMLIN
5	STAR WARS: REBELLION	VIRGIN

16-BIT TOP 3

1	SONIC 3D	MEGADRIVE
2	MICRO MACHINES MILITARY	MEGADRIVE
3	DONKEY KONG 3	SNES

ARCADE TOP 5

1	SCUD RACE	AM2
2	STREET FIGHTER 3	CAPCOM
3	TEKKEN 3	NAMCO
4	VIRTUA FIGHTER 3	AM2
5	ARMADILLO RACERS	NAMCO

JAPANESE MULTI-FORMAT SALES TOP 10

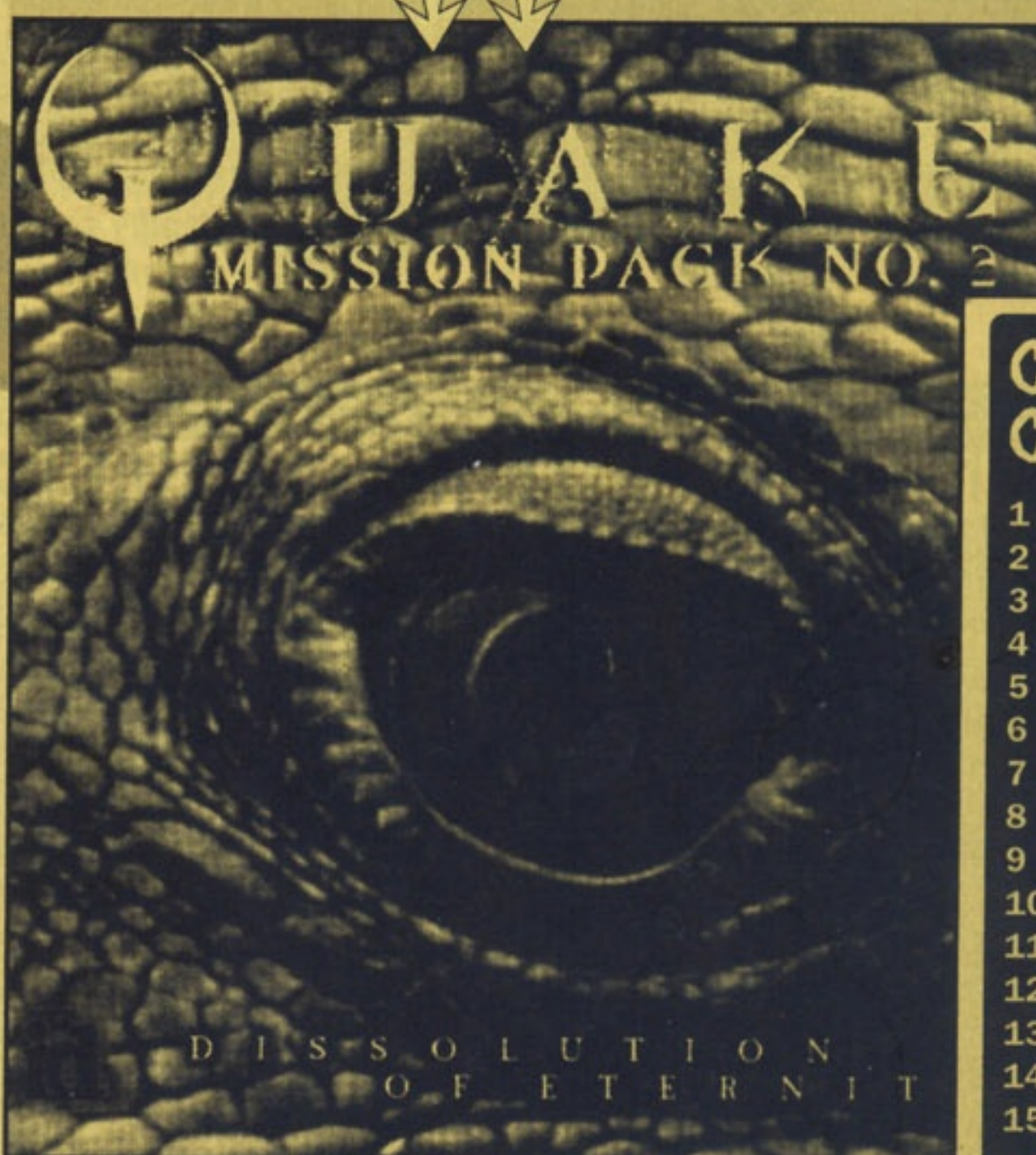
1	EVANGELION	SATURN
2	MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM 3	SATURN
3	FINAL FANTASY VII	PLAYSTATION
4	POCKET MONSTERS	GAME BOY
5	IQ: INTELLIGENT CUBE	PLAYSTATION
6	MACROSS DIGITAL MISSION V-FX	PLAYSTATION
7	KOWLOONS GATE	PLAYSTATION
8	CHORO Q 2	PLAYSTATION
9	SUPER BOMBERMAN 5	SUPER FAMICOM
10	FIGHTING DYNASTY	KOEI

AMERICAN MULTI-FORMAT SALES TOP 10

1	MARIO KART 64	NINTENDO 64
2	WAVE RACE 64	NINTENDO 64
3	SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE	NINTENDO 64
4	SUPER MARIO 64	NINTENDO 64
5	RALLY CROSS	PLAYSTATION
6	CRUISIN' USA	NINTENDO 64
7	MBA HANGTINE	NINTENDO 64
8	TOMB RAIDER	PLAYSTATION
9	JET MOTO	PLAYSTATION
10	GRETZKY 3D HOCKEY	NINTENDO 64

CVG TEAM'S MOST PLAYED GAMES OF THE MONTH

1	QUAKE (MISSION PACK 2)	PC CD-ROM
2	ISS 64	NINTENDO 64
3	FIGHTERS MEGAMIX	SATURN
4	BLAST CORPS	NINTENDO 64
5	RAGE RACER	PLAYSTATION



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- PHIL DAWSON (NOTHING)
- JAZZA RIGNALL (GOD)
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- PAUL GLANCEY (DEPUTY EDITOR)
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- TOM GUISE (STAFF WRITER 1992)
- JENNY ABROOK (DESIGNER)



Retro Computer Cabin



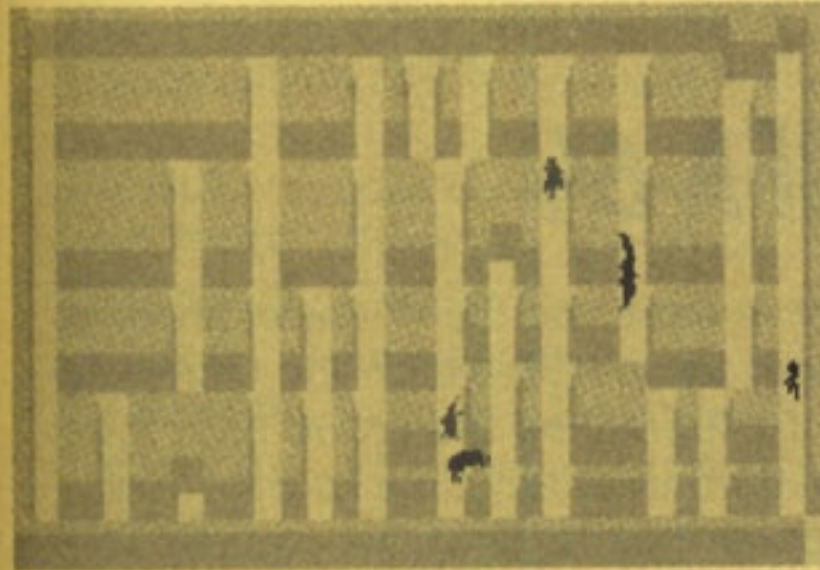
This month the Goblin rather tenuously provides a few retro alternatives to some of this year's 'latest' games.

Dying to get your hands on an English version of *PARAPPA THE RAPPA*, the very stylish rapping game on the PlayStation? Look no further than *BREAKDANCE* by Epyx - for this game you've got to put on your Sergio Tacchini track suit as you prepare to dance your way to the top in a four game contest. In the first you go down to 'battle' row after row of breakers as



With over 100 different dance steps and music that will get you 'Turtle Up Rockin' *BREAKDANCE* is a retro must.

QUAKE fans might get a slight feeling of deja vu by sampling *HALLS OF THE THINGS* by Crystal Computing, one of the first and fastest arcade adventures available on the Spectrum. You move through a multi-level maze, attacking monsters with arrows and lighting bolts. The 'things' eventually



ESCAPE 3D is dino-tastic dudes.

they attempt to invade your turf. A second game lets you 'break' with the famous hot feet to see who's got the most 'juice' in town (ooer!). A third challenges you to figure out the right sequence of steps to perform a back flip or suicide (along the lines of that other old game *MASTERMIND*) without getting 'wacked' (whatever that means). My favourite event is the freeform contest where you choreograph your moves (from over 14) and watch the computer act them out in slow-mo or normal speed.

gang up and attempt to fry you to death as you try to escape from the maze by picking up keys to open doors and gathering strength from milk bottles found along the way. Alright, its nothing like *QUAKE* in playability and graphical terms but can certainly be credited as providing the roots to the genre.

"That's just *ESCAPE* by New Generation software" I squealed on



THE GOBLINS TOP 5 LICENCE DEBACLES

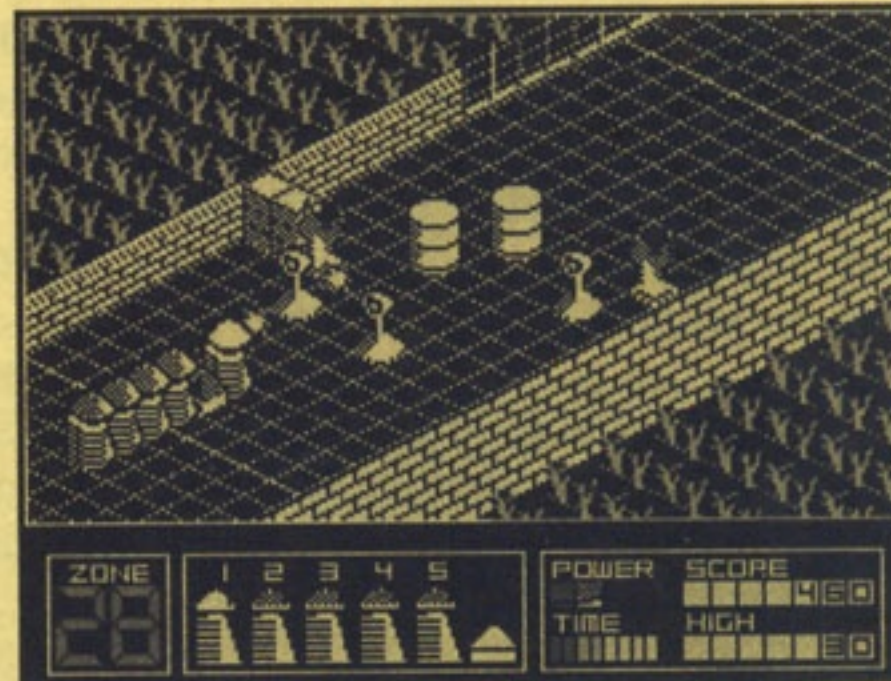
1. **GRANGE HILL.** Based on the plot of the 'novel' *After Hours*.
2. **SUPERGRAN.** Programmed by six year olds.
3. **THE DUKES OF HAZARD.** Great TV Crap game. Good fun to collect!
4. **AUF WIEDERSEHEN PET.** Build houses.
5. **PAUL DAVIES SIMULATOR.** Drink milk, eat bread. Sometimes boil milk on the bonus stages.

seeing *TUROK* for the first time, "or maybe *FORBIDDEN FOREST* on the C64' cos that had a bow and arrow and was sort of 3D ish" Anyway... *ESCAPE* by New Generation software was one of the first 3D maze games. Your little man runs around a maze trying to pick up a randomly hidden axe in order to escape, while being pursued by up to five dinosaurs. Level five of the game gets quite tough as a large pterodactyl is brought to life and flaps alarmingly around the maze intent to stop you from getting out. *ESCAPE* was one of the first Speccy games to be produced, but still retains

its technical excellence all these years later. By the way *TUROK* owners should enter the code DLKTDR to enter pen and ink mode for a nice effect resembling the look of 3D Softsolid (*DRILLER* ETC) on the C64, albeit alot quicker.

What do I like more than anything about the recent conversion of *MANX TT* on the Saturn? Well rather sadly its the fact that when the bike stops the biker puts his foot down just like the bloke did way back in 1984 on *FULL THROTTLE* by Micromega. Though, quite sadly, a talking point at the time when graphical touches of realism were few and far between, Mervyn Escourt's classic was mainly popular due to the excellent curving track and forty other bikers to beat. Racing fans should also check out Mervyn's other racing game *3D DEATHCHASE*, which I still regard as the finest 'speeder bike from Return Of The Jedi' game in existence. No kidding, those trees still look excellent.

BLASTCORPS is a pretty original title right? Well it is unless you've played the excellent *HIGHWAY ENCOUNTER* by Vortex. You control one of five Vortons (as you kill one off you gain control of the next) whose job it is to clear a path and push a bomb down the highway to the enemies base. The other Vortons will push the bomb until its blocked by the many roadside obstacles, but don't forget to blast away the enemy who



HIGHWAY ENCOUNTER has stood the test of time. In fact so do most games released by Vortex software.

seven times on the way, and the edge of the busy road is electrified!

You either love *DISCWORLD* or hate it. I personally can't stand the 'humour' and constant 'I can't do that there' prattle that accompanies the dull looking graphics. It reminds me of the equally annoying *BORED OF THE RINGS* by cult humorist/programmer Fergus McNeil that set about satirizing Tolkein's venerable trilogy. The 'jokes' are everything in this *QUILL* penned adventure with Fordo the Boggit being suckered into taking the great ring to the land of Dormor with his pals Murky, Spam and Pimply. *The QUILL* and *ILLUSTRATOR* also make very professional packages to help you map and create your own adventure. I once wrote a very competent but highly unimaginative title that involved you turning on the computer in my bedroom or something, Sigh... the good old days.



CABIN FREEPLAY CLASSIFIED

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WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ALL THE FANZINES!!! COME ON, SEND EM IN OR YOU DON'T GET A MENTION. ALSO TELL ME ABOUT ANY COOL WEBSITES YOU MAY HAVE VISITED.

RETRODROID'S INTERNET HEAVEN!

This month I've done a lot of reading around the subject of serious game collecting. It's not so established in Europe yet, as it is in the US, but don't throw those old carts and systems out just yet.

The Digital Press Online - at <http://members.aol.com/digitpress/index.htm>
This is a detailed site for collectors, it is very US based, but the information is well worth a read.

The Colecovision was one of my favourite early systems (*LOOPING* was a particular fave), so have a look at John Dondzilla's homepage at www.monmouth.com/~pcjohn/. John was a programmed responsible for two or three Vectrex games, and his site also contains a wealth of good Coleco and Atari stuff. Best known on the net for his excellent FAQ's on the Sega Master System, Clint Dyer's handheld page has a treasure trove of great scanned images of all manner of rare equipment, so don't miss it. Go to www.best.com/~cdyer/

And finally, if you're a total otaku who collects various artifacts related to videogaming, it's worth a look at www.gamepen.com/gamewire/classic/classic.html to Dave's Video Game Page. Not only are there some great emulators which you may have missed, but there is also a selection of rare pop songs from classic games. A few people may remember "Pac Man Fever" but does anyone have the singles of songs written about Asteroids or Space Invaders?
(This site is excellent - GOBLIN).

Alex (Retrodroid) now powering down if that's alright...

TIPS

THE LEGEND OF LOMAS



I am back to my original super-villan form, and have taken control of the Images base on the Isle Of Dogs. I now demand tips of all kinds for the latest video and arcade games, and will reward any I see fit with a game of the sender's choice from HMV Games. Now go, and find solutions for me and remember... free games! Cheese!

PLAYSTATION

SUPER PUZZLE FIGHTER 2 TURBO

These secret characters can be accessed in Arcade, Master Arcade or Versus Mode. Do them all at the Character Select screen.

To play as Akuma, press L1+Circle.

To play as Anita, Player One should highlight Morrigan, hold Select, move to Donovan and press Circle. Player Two should highlight Felicia, hold Select, move to Donovan and press Circle.

To play as Dan, press L1+R1+Circle. That's all.

To play as Devilot, press R1+Circle.

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SATURN

MANX TT SUPERBIKE

To ride on one of the sheep from the fields around the course (and from the arcade), go to the Transmission Select screen and press **Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, Z, Y**. The sheep should make a noise to let you know that it's worked.

To access the superbikes, go to the Race Option screen (with Arcade, Saturn, and the other modes on it) and press **L+R+X+Y+Z** at the same time. The superbike option should appear on the Bike Select screen.

If you do both the sheep cheat and the superbike cheat, you can race on a supersheep!

To get a great start, follow this tip from **Michael Banner from Redditch**. At the beginning of a race, hold down the accelerator and put your brakes on to keep the revs at about 10. Then when the voice says "Go!" let go of the brakes. The voice should then say "Great start!" to let you know you've done it.

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NINTENDO 64

TUROK: DINOSAUR HUNTER

Here are all the cheats we printed last issue, as well as a few new ones. All of them should be entered on the Enter Cheat screen. Once you've put one in, the Cheat Menu should appear where you can switch on whichever ones you want at any time.

All Cheats	RBNSMTH
All Weapons	CMGTSMMGGTS
Spirit Mode	THSSLKSL
The Gallery	THBST
Infinite Lives	FRTHSTHTRLSCK
Infinite Ammo	BLLSRRFRND
Pen and Ink Mode	DLKTDR
View Credits	FDTHMGS
Disco Mode	SNFFRR
Small Enemies	DNCHN
Show Enemies	NSTHMNDNT
Weird Colours	LLTHCLRSFTHRN
Quack Mode	CLLHTNMTN
Greg Mode	GRGCHN

DOOM 64

To access the hidden Features menu with lots of cheat modes on it, enter this password: **?TJL BDFW BFGV JVVB**. Now start the game, press Start and select the Features menu to skip levels, get all the weapons, become invincible, etc.

In case you hadn't noticed, staying dead on the floor instead of restarting makes the game display some strange messages at the top of the screen. It's not a cheat or anything, it's just for fun.

FIFA 64

Just in case you didn't know, pressing any of the directions on the cross-key controller makes the crowd boo. You can do this at any time to wind your opponent up, or to make yourself feel better about playing such rubbish.

As with the Mega Drive *FIFA Soccer* games, pressing the various C buttons when you score a goal makes different celebration sounds.

HEXEN

To get to the cheat menu, go to the option screen and press **Up, Down, Left, Right, Y, Y, Z, Z, A, X, Up, Down, C, B**.

Now go into the miscellaneous option menu and there should be a cheat option. From here you can skip levels, look at all sorts of debug options and other cheats, plus play in link-up mode! Yes, unbelievably there really is a HIDDEN LINK-UP MODE! Of course, you need two Saturns, two TVs, two copies of *Hexen* and a link-up cable, but it really works - just about!



TIPS

FREEPLAY

KILLER INSTINCT GOLD

As *Killer Instinct Gold* comes out officially this month, here are the cheat codes for it. Most of these options can be accessed with skillful play, but if you're rubbish and want to remove the challenge, just cheat.

To play as Gargos, press **Z, A, R, Z, A, B** during any of the character story intros.

To get all of the new costume colours for every character (Gold, shadow, and white) without playing the training mode properly, press **Z, B, A, Z, A, L** on one of the intro screens (where it tells a character's story).

To give yourself all of the secret options, press **Z, B, A, L, A, Z** on a story intro screen.

To view the end game credits, press **Z, L, A, Z, A, R** on a story intro screen.

In 2-player mode, you can select your background by holding Up or Down and pressing one of the attack buttons on pad 1. To select your music, do the same on pad 2. To get the secret Sky Stage, both players need to **hold Down and press MK**.

PC CD-ROM

SKYNET

Richard Townsend from Middlesex has sent in a few cheats for *SkyNet*. While playing, press Alt and slash (\) to enter any of the following cheats.

- GARBLE** Toggle cheat modes
- SUPERUZI** Gives you the Super Uzi
- ILLBEBACK** Skip level
- ARNOLD** All weapons
- ICANTSEE** Displays viewscreen
- COUNTERS** Show map coordinates
- VERSION** Displays version

SCREAMER 2

Go to the options menu and enter any of these cheats from **Richard Townsend, Middlesex**.

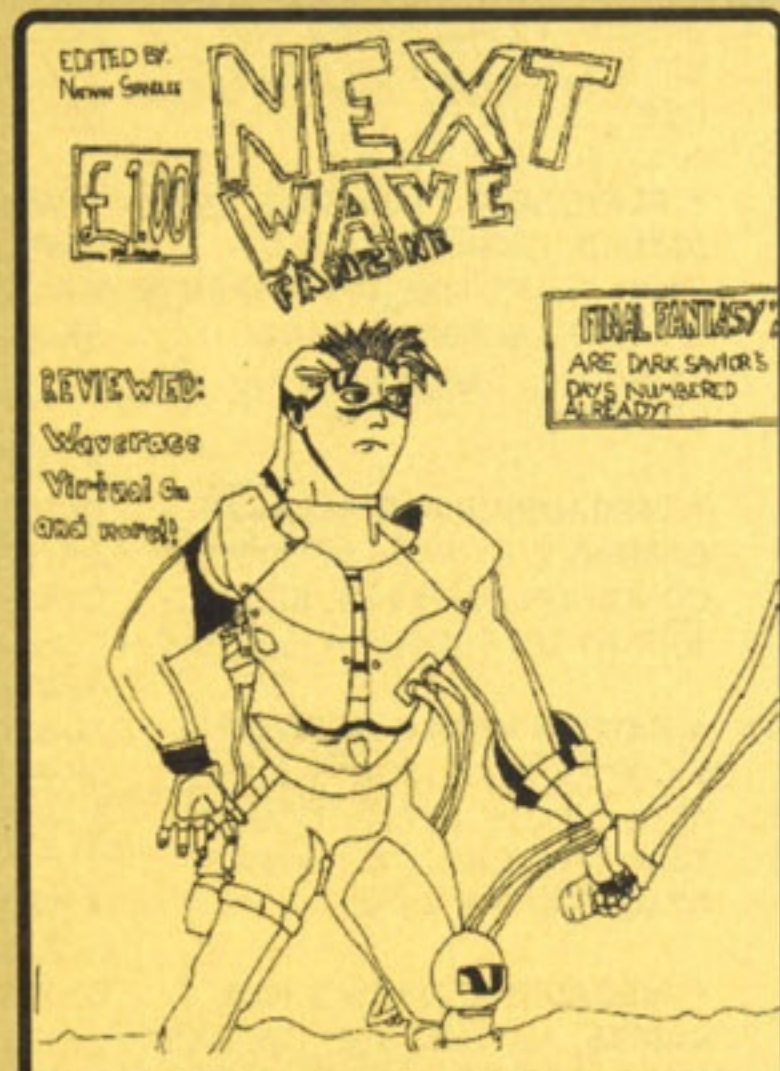
- MRTRK** Access all tracks
- CHMPA** Championship courses
- TACARTBCARTCCARTDCAR** Access all cars

COMMAND & CONQUER: RED ALERT

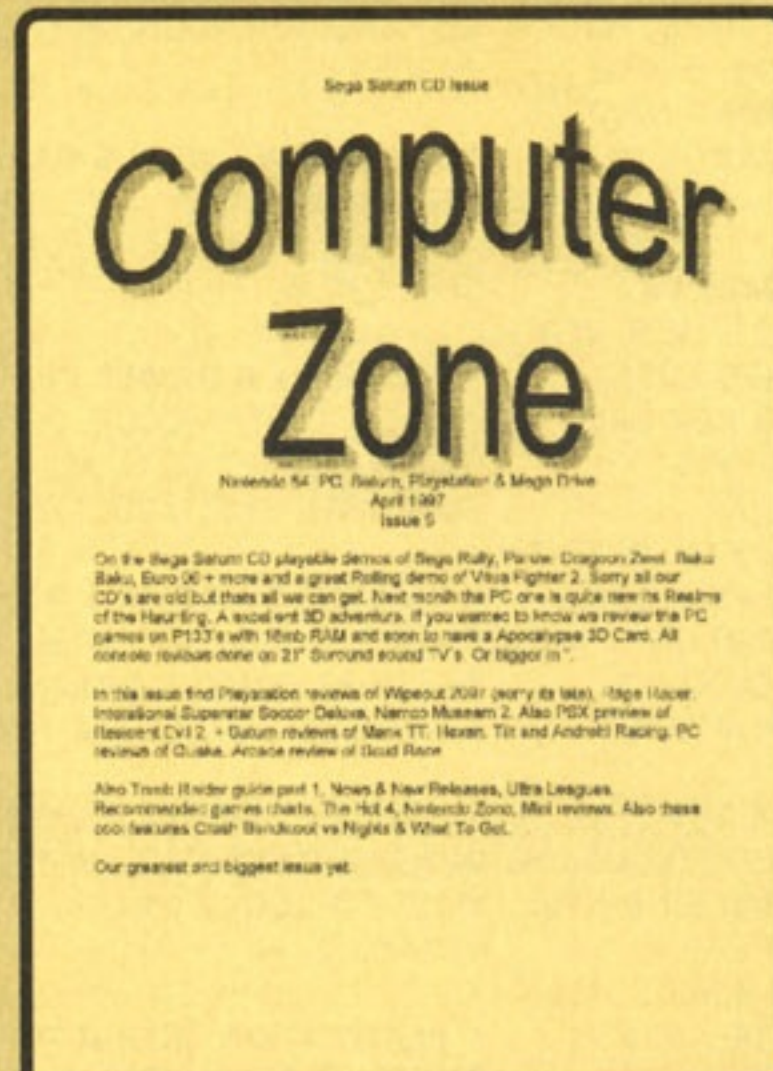
To start a secret game involving giant ants (*It Came From Red Alert*) hold the Shift key and click with the mouse on the round icon in the top right corner of the screen.

FREEPLAY FANZINES

HOME-MADE MAGAZINES WHERE THE READERS ARE THE WRITERS!



Next Wave is a new fanzine covering all consoles, with reviews, previews and tips.
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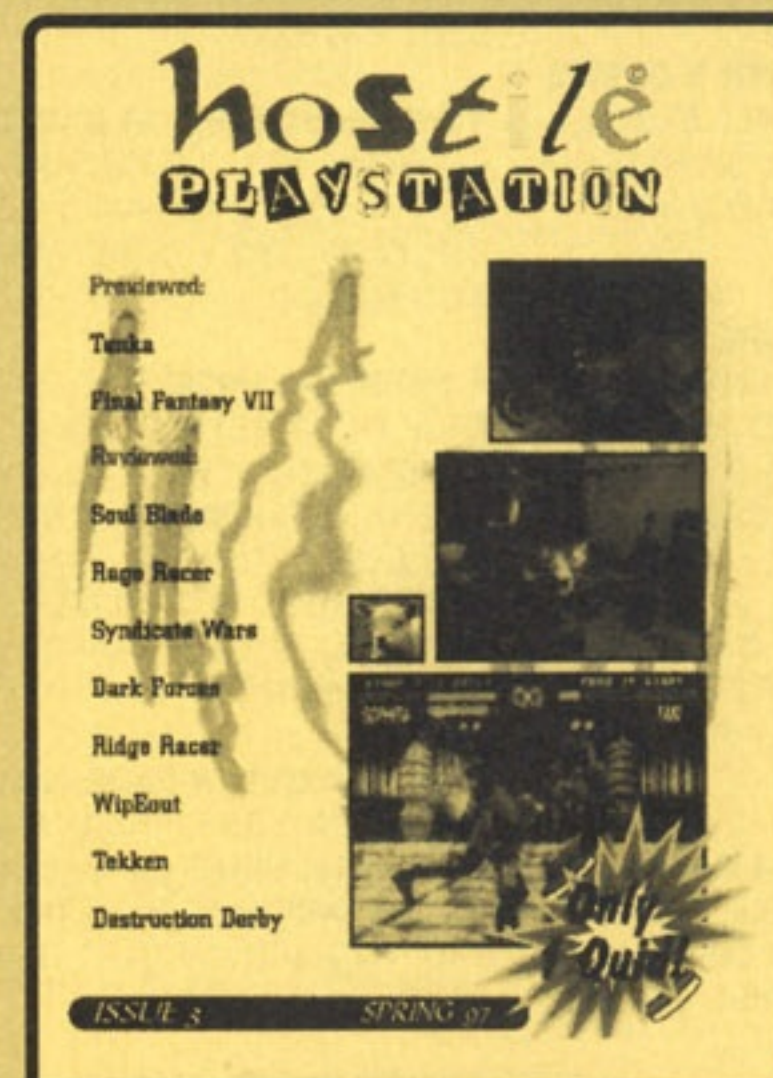
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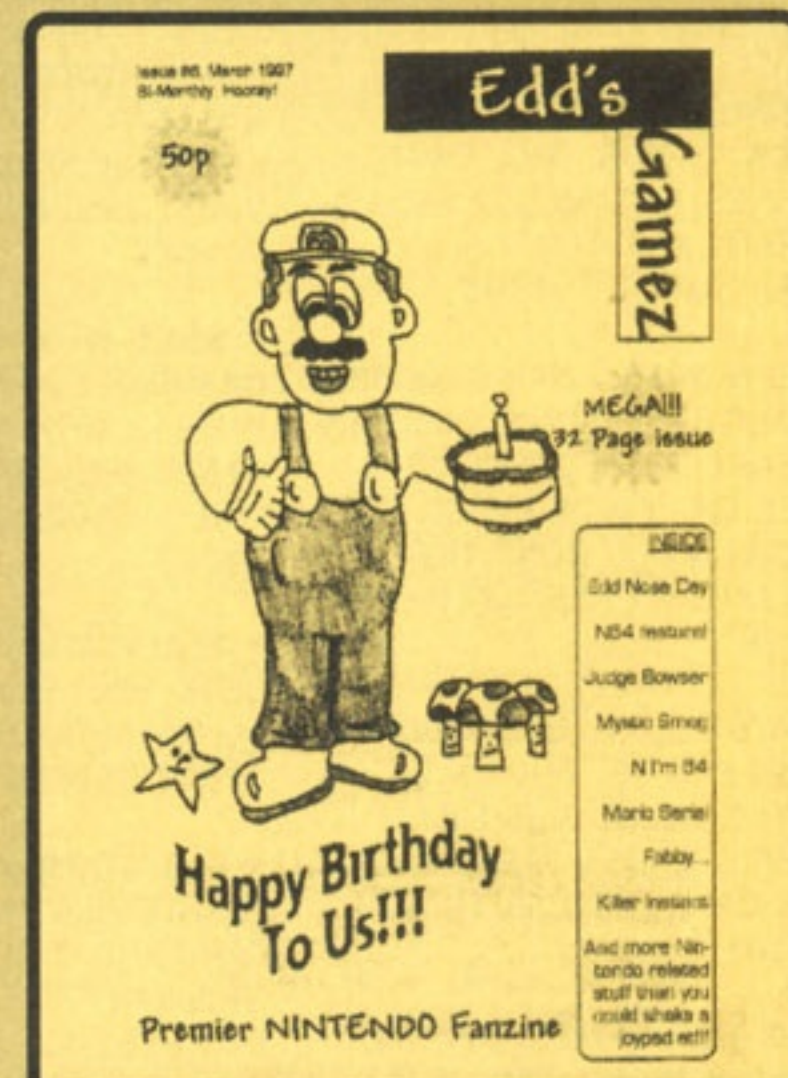
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WE'RE STUCK!

Don't know what to do next? Ready to smash your games system to pieces? Don't worry, write to CVG and let everyone know that you're not very good at games. Write down exactly where you're stuck and send it to the tips address, marked **I'M STUCK!**

Dear CVG,
I finally clocked *Rage Racer* yesterday and the title screen went gold. Could you please tell me what I do from here, are there any other cheats in there?
Thanks a lot.

Ben Wood (16)

CVG: Nothing, as far as we know. That's it. From now on, you just need to try to get the best lap times to send in to our High Scores section!

Dear CVG,

I am stuck on *NIGHTS* for the Saturn and would be very grateful if you could help me. I have completed all of the dreams as Elliot and Claris that are mentioned in the instruction manual, but I can't seem to get any kind of ending sequence or a final boss. Also, I have noticed that when I choose my level, there is a fourth icon which I can't choose. Please, please, help me.

Yours faithfully,
Matthew Neale.

CVG: To access the last stage for each character you need to get above a 'C' ranking on every course. You get one ending for each character, one for finishing it with both, and the best ending for finishing it with all 'A's'.



TIPS

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HIGH SCORES, CVG,

37-39 MILLHARBOUR,
THE ISLE OF DOGS,
LONDON, E14 9TZ

COOL BOARDERS (PS)

All scores (except one) by
Matthew Hopkins (MATT) from Crewe.

NOVICE

Best Time 1'02"251
Best Total Points 7448
Best Trick Total 4127
Best Trick 131
(fakie to misty 1080° tall grab)

ADVANCED

Best Time 2'10"284
Best Total Points 6213
Best Trick Total 2914
Best Trick 924
(misty 720° tall grab)

EXPERT

Best Time 2'17"095
Best Total Points 6657
Best Trick Total 3065
Best Trick 843
(fakie to misty 540° tall grab)

SPECIAL

Best Time 2'37"806
Ady Leyland (ADY), Lancashire
Best Total Points 4850
Best Trick Total 2884
Best Trick 794
(fakie to misty 540° tall grab)

EXTRA

Best Time 1'15"319
Best Total Points 11920
Best Trick Total 8294
Best Trick 1926
(fakie to misty 1800° tall grab)

RESIDENT EVIL (PS)

Completed in 01:43'06
Hannu Grano, Klaukkala, Finland

SOUL EDGE (PS)

Arcade Mode 0'28"89 (Taki)
DJ Dirty (DJD), Funksville

Special Weapon Survival Mode
245 Wins (Taki)
DJ Dirty (DJD), Dudeworld

RIDGE RACER REVOLUTION (PS)

NOVICE
Best Lap 0'43"193
Paul Beckett, Shropshire
Best Race 2'16"405
Ian T, Canterbury

NOVICE EXTRA

Best Lap 0'43"877
Paul Beckett, Shropshire
Best Race 2'13"169
Revo Jaansoo and **Toomas Veeber (XL)**

INTERMEDIATE

Best Lap 0'59"220
Thomas Darbyshire, Wigan
Best Race 2'59"705
Miroslav Jeftic (M.J), Ruma,
Yugoslavia

INTERMEDIATE EXTRA

Best Lap 1'00"431
Miroslav Jeftic (M.J), Ruma,
Yugoslavia
Best Race 3'05"762
Miroslav Jeftic (M.J), Ruma,
Yugoslavia

EXPERT

Best Lap 1'02"925
Ben Williams (B.W), Glos.
Best Race 3'13"218
Matthew McMillan (MAT), Bearsden

EXPERT EXTRA

Best Lap 1'02"459
Matthew McMillan (MAT), Bearsden
Best Race 3'16"774
Miroslav Jeftic (M.J), Ruma,
Yugoslavia

TEKKEN 2 (PS)

86 Wins (Jack 2)
Yasuhiro Hunter (YAS), Oxford

Time Attack 1'57"96 (Bruce)
Yasuhiro Hunter (YAS), Oxford

WIPEOUT 2097 (PS)

Phantom Class Times

Talon's Reach
Best Lap 0'18"0
Toomas Veeber (XL), Amsterdam
Best Race 1'38"9
Toomas Veeber (XL), Amsterdam

Sagarmatha

Best Lap 0'22"0
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick
Best Race 1'54"6
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

Valparaiso

Best Lap 0'35"4
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick
Best Race 3'02"3
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

Phenitia Park

Best Lap 0'29"0
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Best Race 2'43"3
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

Gare D'Europa

Best Lap 0'35"8
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Best Race 3'17"7
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

Odessa Keys

Best Lap 0'36"3
Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick
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Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

Vostok Island

Best Lap 0'34"3
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Best Lap 0'30"3
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Mark Andrews (WAL), Warwick

FIGHTERS MEGAMIX (SAT)

Survival Mode, FV Setting, Wolf Stage

3 Mins, BM 24 Wins
Jonathan Town, Wakefield
7 Mins, Urabahn 31 Wins
Paolo Tarvilli (ZAK)
15 Mins, Rentahero 98 Wins
Ed Lomas (EDD), CVG

VAMPIRE HUNTER (SAT)

1, 635, 200 (Morrigan)
Yasuhiro Hunter (YAS), Oxford

STREET FIGHTER ALPHA 2 (SAT)

Survival Mode 5'01"83 Level 8
David Hines (GMR), Doncaster

2,648,300 Level 8
David Hines (GMR), Doncaster

SUPER PUZZLE FIGHTER (SAT)

210, 000 (Donovan)
Yasuhiro Hunter (YAS), Oxford

DAYTONA USA: CCE (SAT)

Three Seven Speedway
0'15"24
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

National Park Speedway
0'31"76
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

Dinosaur Canyon
0'42"96
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

Seaside Street Galaxy
1'30"56
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

Desert City
0'44"24
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

CHRISTMAS NIGHTS (SAT)

2171 Link Attack
William Curley, Surrey
0'09"244 Time Attack
Romeo Mazzei (R.M), Amsterdam

NIGHTS (SAT)

Reala beaten with 107 seconds remaining
William Curley, Surrey
Jackle beaten with 102 seconds remaining
William Curley, Surrey
Wizeman beaten with 72 seconds remaining
Luke Bishop (BISH), Bournemouth

351 Link (Spring Valley 1)
Tom Russon
93030 Points (Spring Valley 1)
Tom Russon
505200 Points (Spring Valley)
Tom Russon

373 Link (Frozen Bell 1)
Paul Lautier, London
583300 Points (Frozen Bell)
Paul Lautier, London

395 Link (Splash Garden 1)
Paul Lautier, London

362 Link (Soft Museum 1)
Clifford Bonney (C.B), Oxford

SUPER MARIO 64 (N64)

Princess Slide 0'19"9
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

MARIO KART 64 (JAPANESE N64)

NOKO NOKO BEACH
Best Lap 30"81
Best Race 1'39"79
DJ Dirty (DJD), Coolhampton

KARA KARA DESERT
Best Lap 36"06
Best Race 1'53"98
DJ Dirty (DJD), Groovechester

LUIGI CIRCUIT
Best Lap 35"61
Best Race 1'47"26
Kevin Branston, Baldock

WAVE RACE 64 (JAPANESE N64)

SANDY BEACH
Best Lap 0'21"412
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'07"395
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

SUNSET BAY
Best Lap 0'23"226
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'14"372
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

MILKY LAKE
Best Lap 0'25"256
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'18"732
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

MARINE FORTRESS
Best Lap 0'23"944
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'21"779
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

PORT PIRATE
Best Lap 0'28"510
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'28"103

CASTLE CITY
Best Lap 0'30"637
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'34"359

COOL WAVE
Best Lap 0'28"400
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'29"393
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

SOUTHERN ISLAND
Best Lap 0'25"784
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel
Best Race 1'21"909
Ronen Yitzhak, Bnei Brak, Israel

Yo, DJ DIRTY
HERE WITH MY
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PLAYSTATION
WICKED.



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Wot you dun

Hello all
Regular readers of the
magazine will recognise
me as 'Hunter'
the all-knowing
art loving dog.

Voted 'Section of the month'* for the last seven months 'D.W.Y.D' is here once more *for you!*

KEY	 <p>Pictures wot have been traced or copied or knocked up in 5 minutes get a turd. DON'T DO IT!</p>	<p>Originality, creativity, style, fun, and not copied straight off another magazine. DO IT MORE!</p> 	 <p>NEW A lot worse than a turd !!</p>
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A new award for my section this month rat fans! Worse than a turd even! This award will be given once a month to the worst drawing of the month only. Next month, maybe I'll dish out another award but who knows! I'm like that you know.

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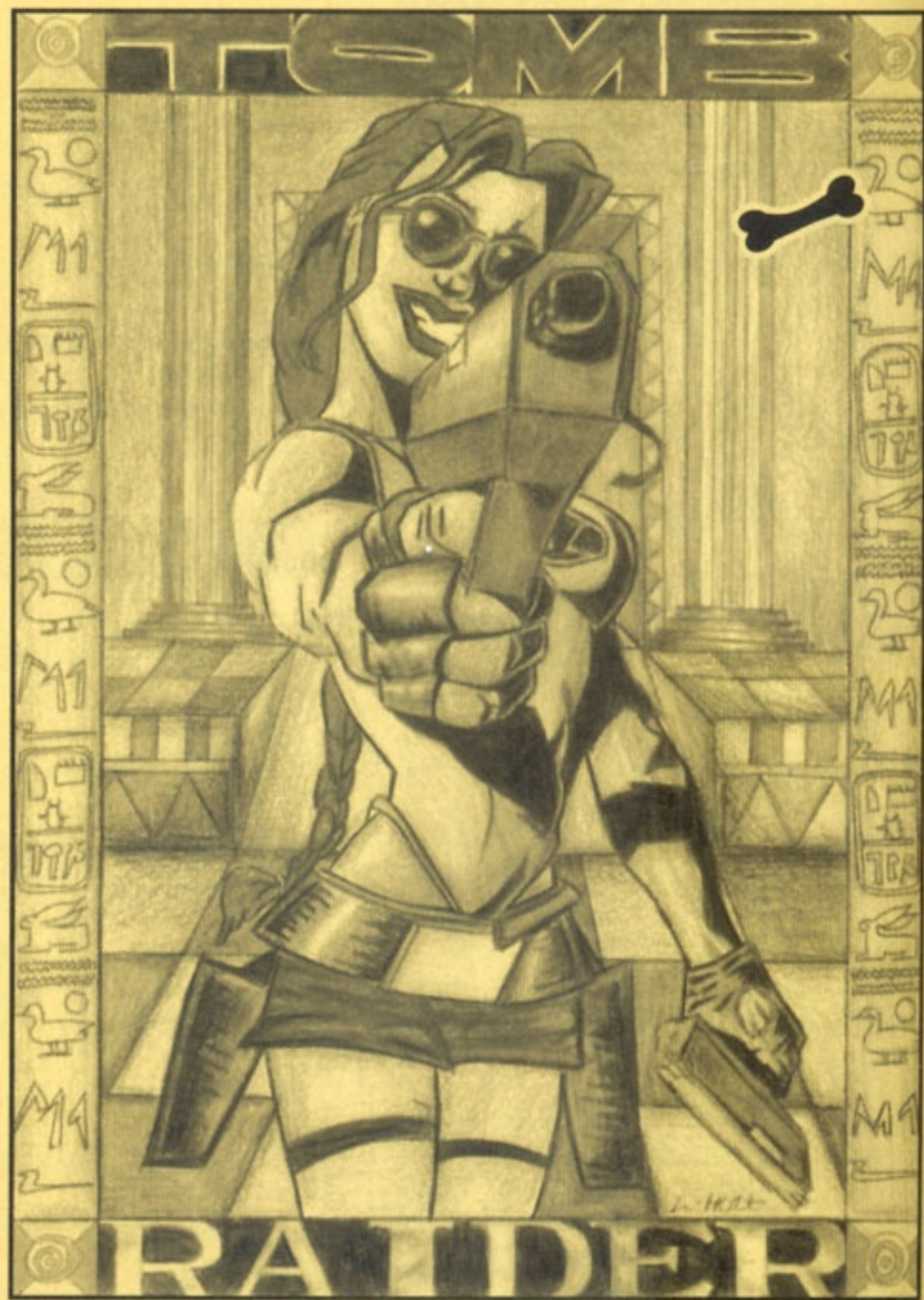
Me and my beautiful body, Designed to kill, with a slightly elegant side as well. Where's my tail Robert Bradley?



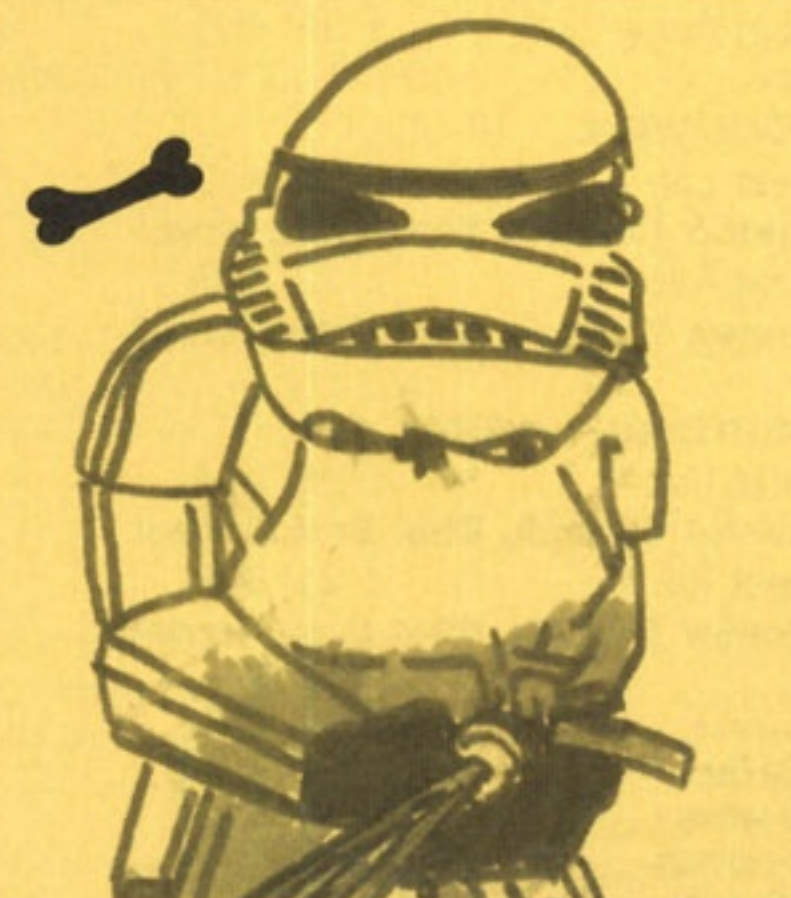
Excellent car this, just like mine in fact. All it needs is my private plates and I'm off! Thanks to Marcus Wood.



Mean Yob makes another come-back onto our sacred pages, this time as Quake Lord. Martin Drake.



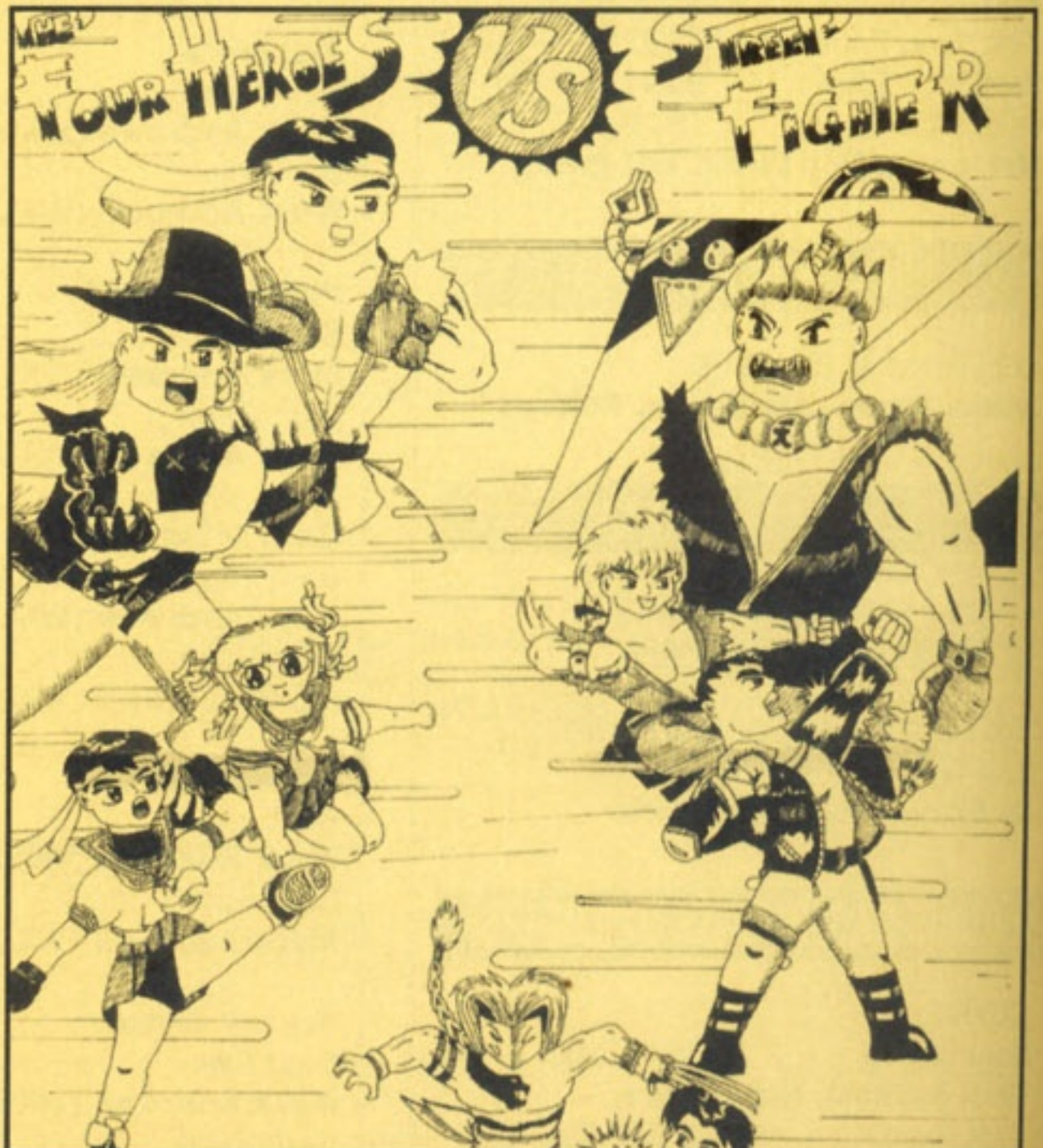
Hello Darling! Everyone's favourite game doll! Check out April CVG for the nude cheat. Lindsey Holt.



Nice piece of work, but unfortunately no name. Shame.



Yeeahhh Boy! That's more like it, Sonic and Mario are small fry compared to me! Yei Wee Yang.



Four Heroes vs Street Fighter eh! Let's have some more like this, like SF vs me! Joseph Sherwood.

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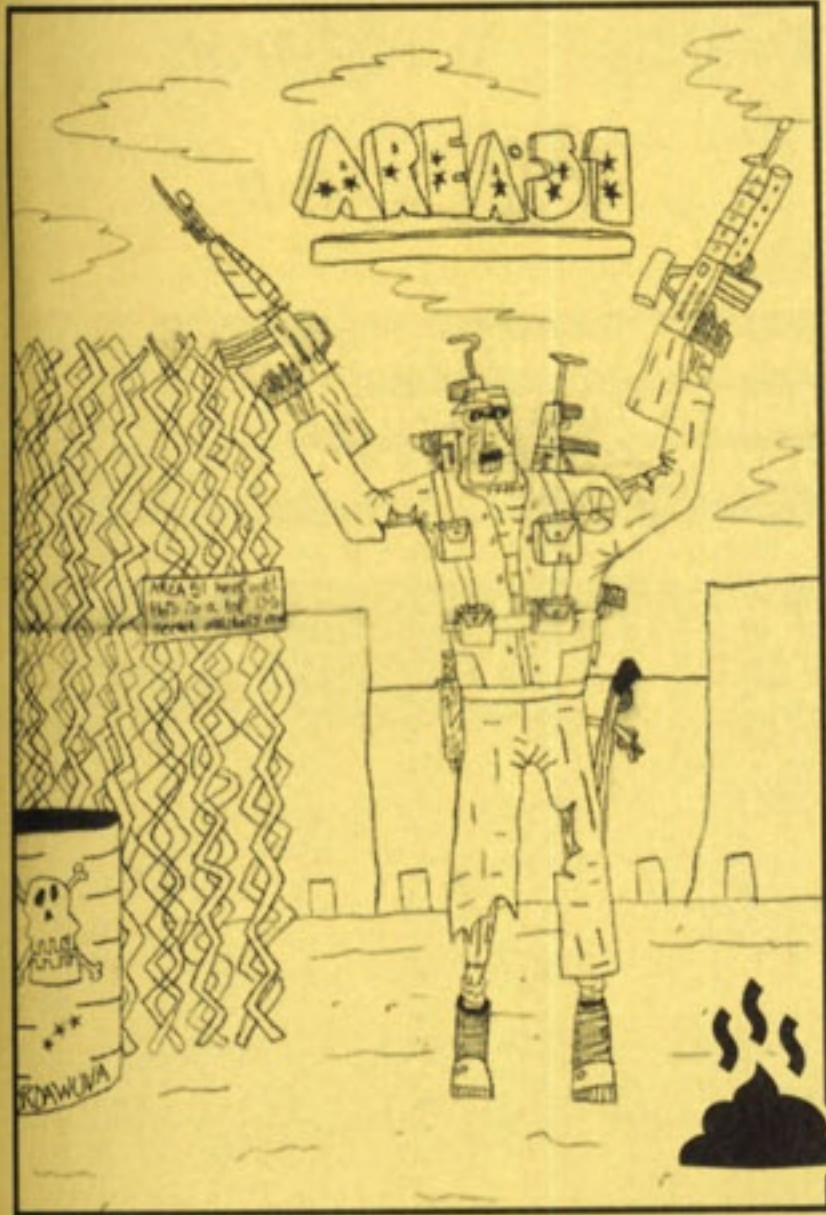
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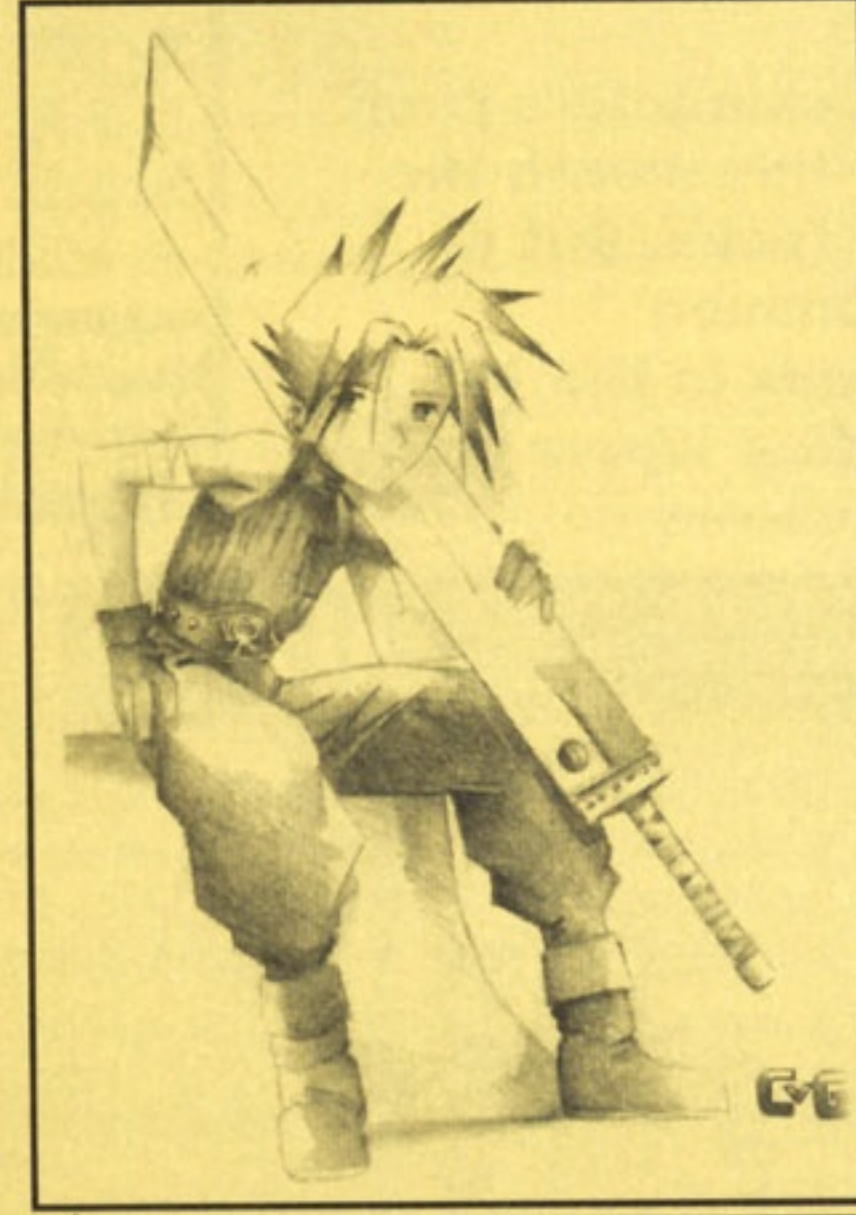
Ⓢ Namco kick bum! That's the general opinion on the streets. Personally I think all games suck but that's just me I guess. Ta Aaron Brogan.



Ⓢ Excellent artwork this. Phil, Tom, Jaime and Ed never looked so good. The other character was superb too thanks to Steven James.



Ⓢ Guns and violence! Blooming heck, you people just don't stop! Next month no violence! Ta Adam Insan.



Ⓢ Lovely bit of work this. Nice to have a peaceful looking piece of artwork for a change, thanks Cass Opera. We love you.

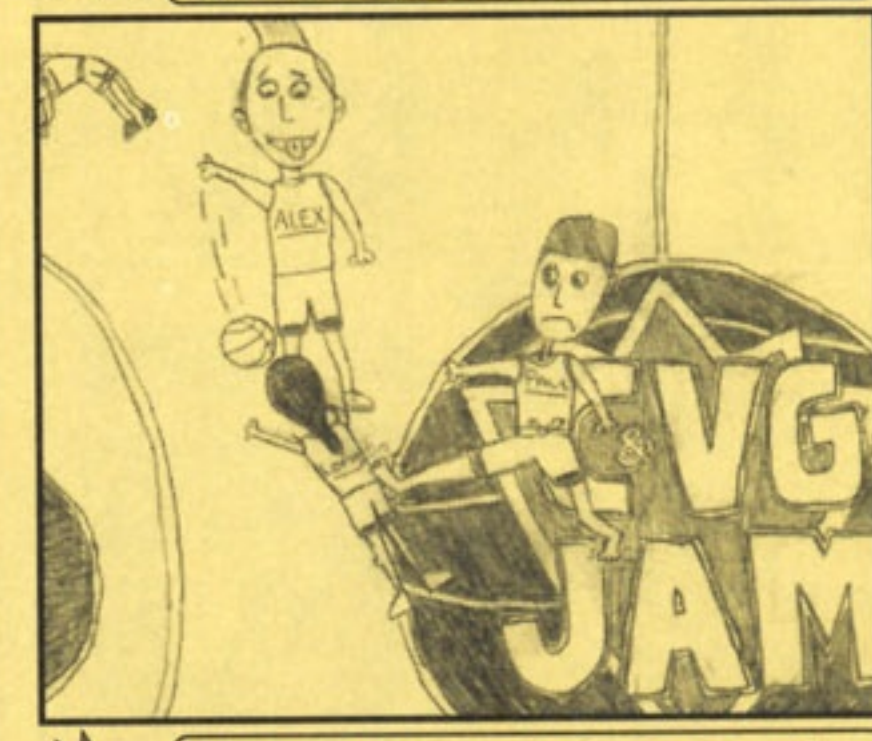


Ⓢ CVG Jam! Yeah we like that, thanks Sim Nurklik.

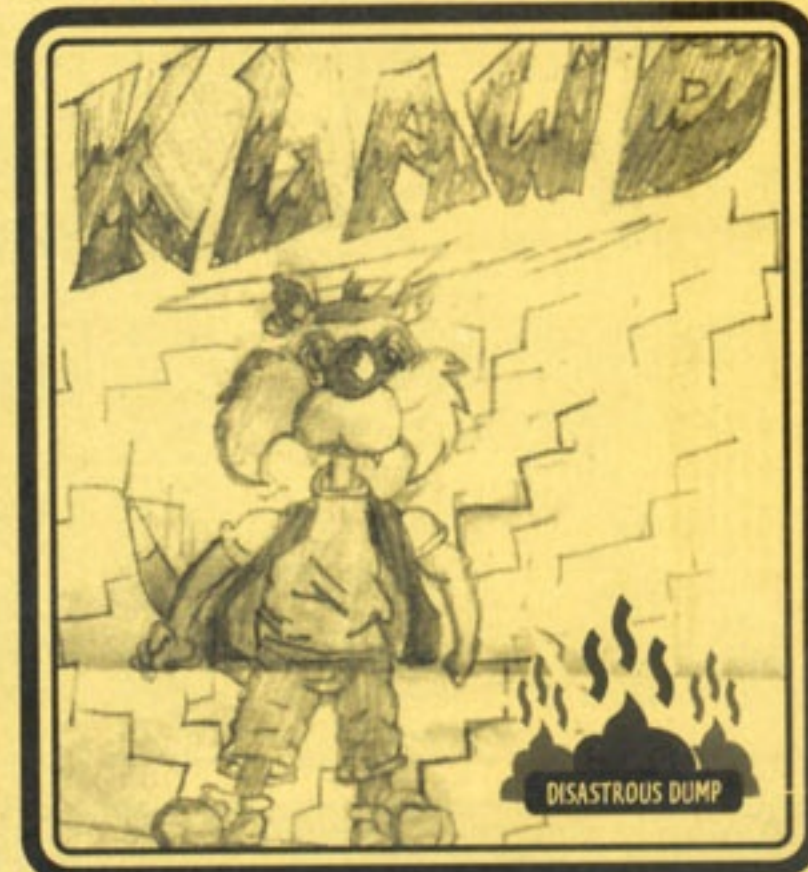
Ⓢ Hello gorgeous. Nice mask, cheers Andy Pritchard.



Ⓢ I hope for your sake your joking Dan Allen! Sushi blooming X... Even Ed Lomas is better than him. As for Phil Dawson, God help us...



Ⓢ Eh...now my body does not look like that Andrew Martin!



Ⓢ Klawd is banned from these pages! Automatic dump for you Paul Lovett!



Ⓢ Star Wars is quite the flavour of the month with you lot at the moment. This is one of the best by David Whitney.

Ⓢ Nice little number from the USA. Thanks Jeff Nevinz!



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FREEPLAY

FIGHTERS MEGAMIX

THE ULTIMATE COMBO GUIDE!



After the recent PlayStation escapades of *Star Gladiator*, *Tobal* and *Soul Edge*, the Yas Hunter Play Guide Machine goes in search of some ass-whooping combos for the equally ass-kicking *Fighters Megamix*.

Fighters Megamix is jam-packed with characters from the AM2 library – 32 to be exact – so this month the *Virtua Fighter* gang become the main focus. But as most of *VF2* and *VF3*'s combos are common knowledge and can be done on *Megamix* in the *VF* mode, these combos are for the *Fighting Vipers* mode.

KEY

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| G: GUARD (A) | K: KICK (C) |
| T: TOWARDS | D: DOWN |
| T: HOLD TOWARDS | D: HOLD DOWN |
| P: PUNCH (B) | U: UP |
| A: AWAY | U: HOLD UP |
| A: HOLD AWAY | |

*NOTE THAT THE TIMING FOR ALL THE COMBOS SHOULD BE ALTERED IF YOUR OPPONENT 'RECOVERS' IN MID AIR.

STAGGERING

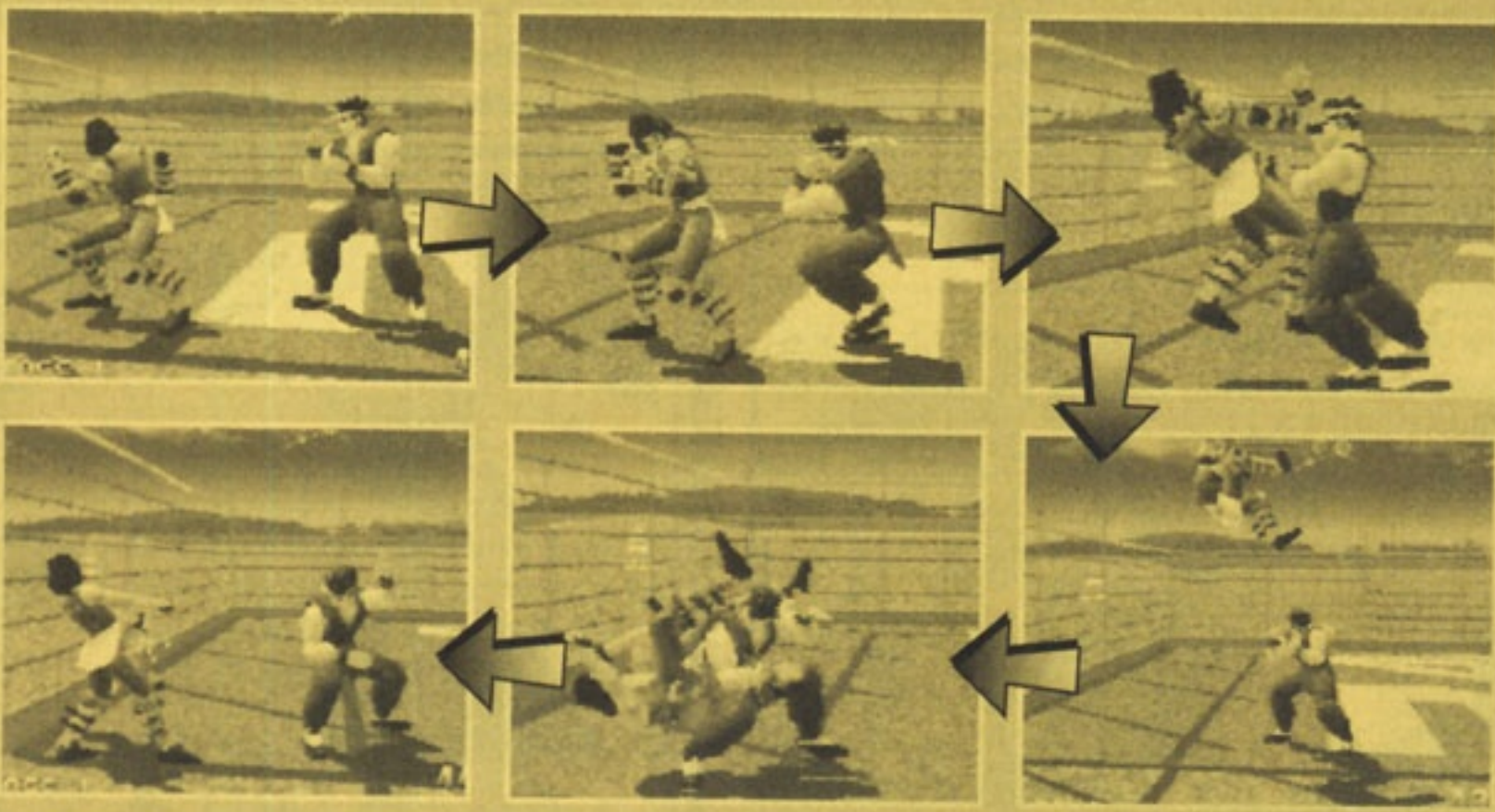
Staggering was one of the of main ways to attack in *Virtua Fighter*, but in *Fighting Vipers* mode the stagger is so slight that it's useless as a combo opener unless used as a counter. To top it off, most of the stagger moves won't break through the majority of the attacks like PPPKs. So forget it.

THROW BREAKS

If you're on the end of a giant swing or a splash mountain too often, why not break out of the throw? Press P+G to break out of all throws – except for command throws like splash mountain, in which case you must press t+P+G immediately.

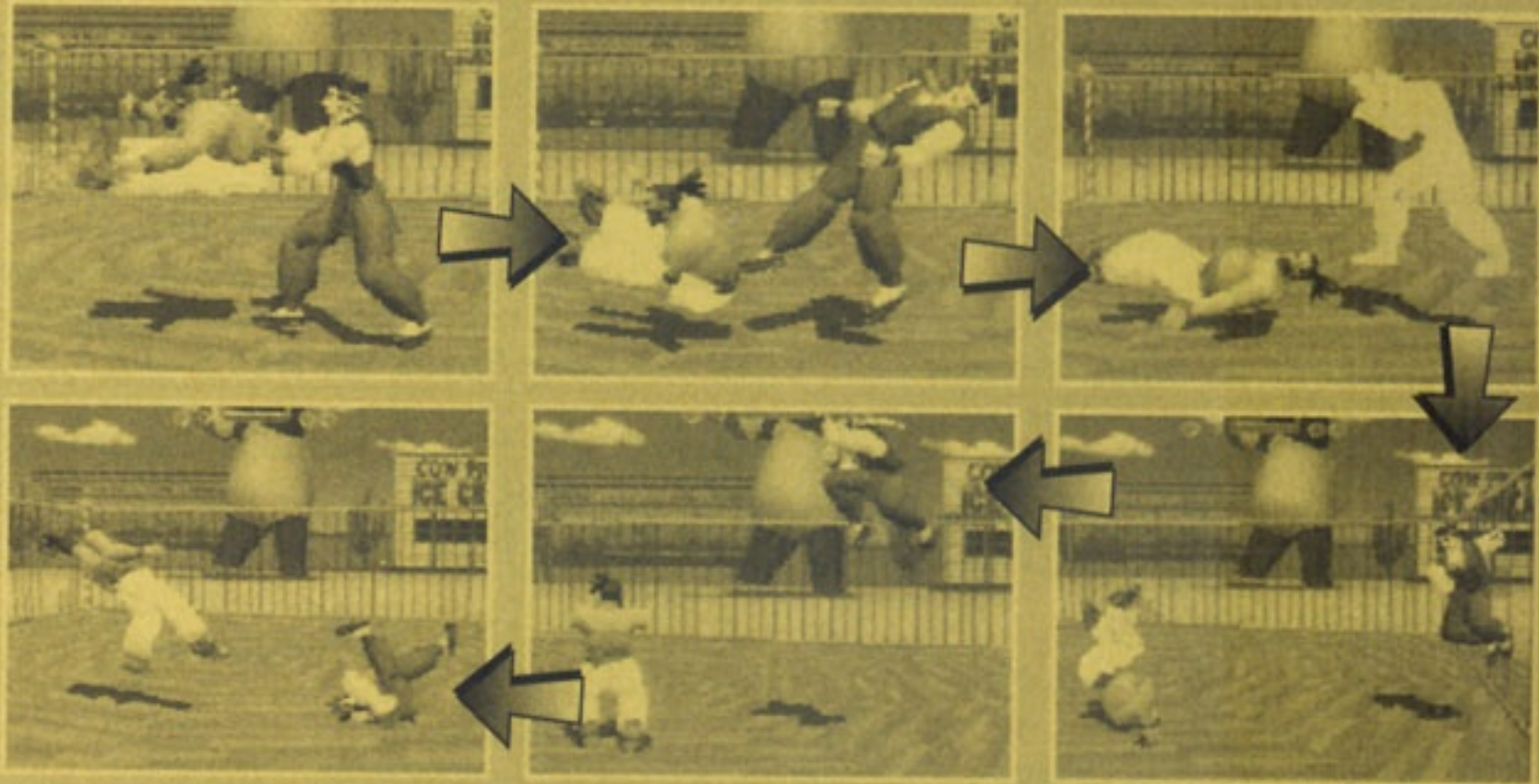
FLOATERS

Floaters send an opponent up into the air, leaving him open for a combo barrage. It's best to have a set routine in mind rather than having a 'shake out' as it's more damaging. More importantly, you have full control.



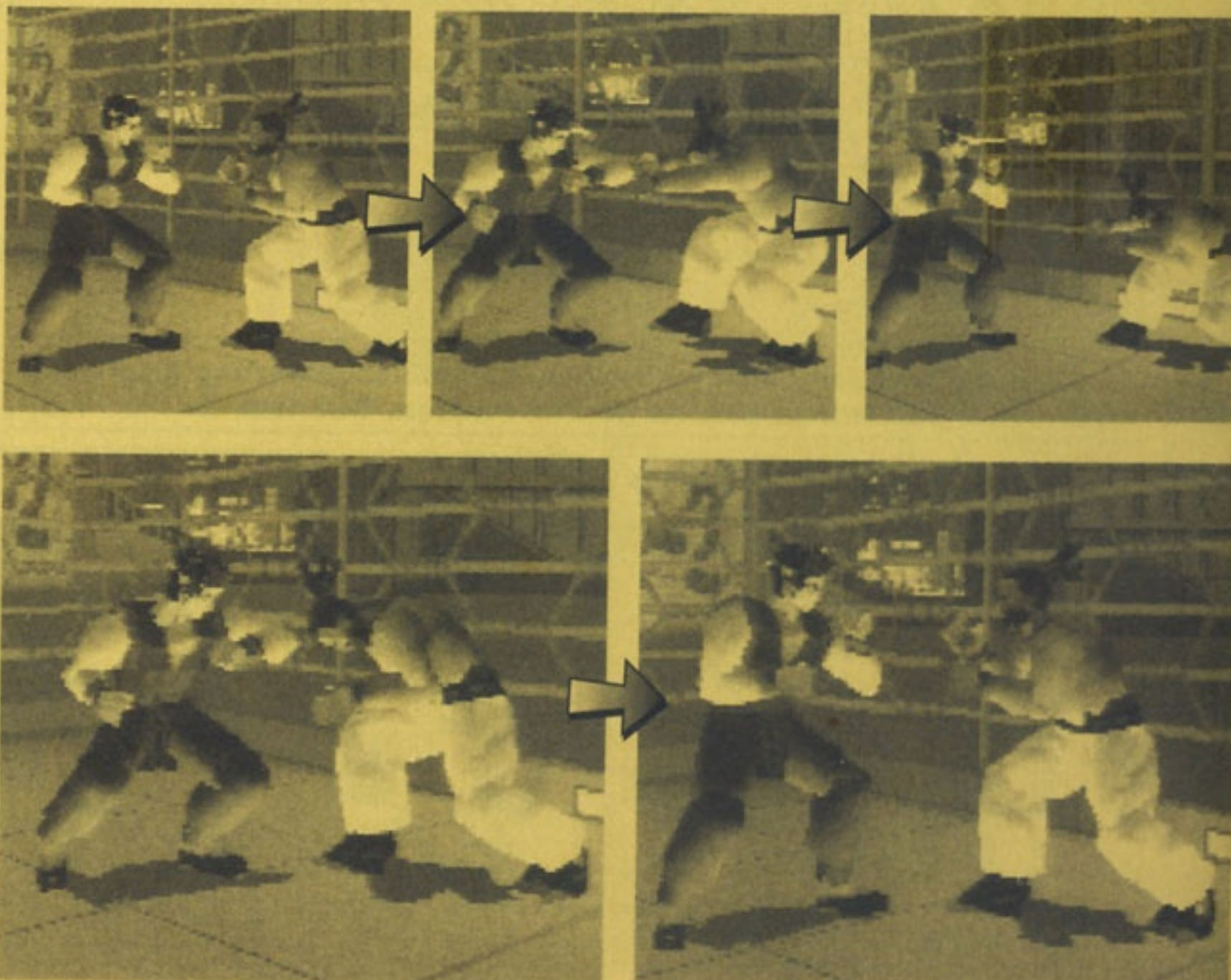
AERIAL RECOVERY

Once floated by an opponent all characters in *Megamix* can 'recover', which can help put you into an offensive position. A good recovery technique is to press A+B+C when floated and push Up and then towards+K to plant a nice drop kick on your opponent's forehead.



COUNTERS

Hitting an opponent while they're attacking is what countering is all about, giving you the advantage. A simple kick can become a floater when used as a counter. Best of all, the damage is increased by half.



AKIRA

He may seem cack for the beginner, but in the right hands Akira is devastating with most rounds over in 10 seconds or less. He has a move for every situation and power which is second to none. But watch out as he has a huge recovery time from special moves. The choice of the seasoned VF connoisseur.



D+A+P+G **POWER UPPERCUT (D+T,D+T+P)** **POWER UPPERCUT (D+T,D+T+P)**

GROUND PUNCH (D+T+P) **STEEL MOUNTAIN (A,T,T+P+K)** **TX2+K**

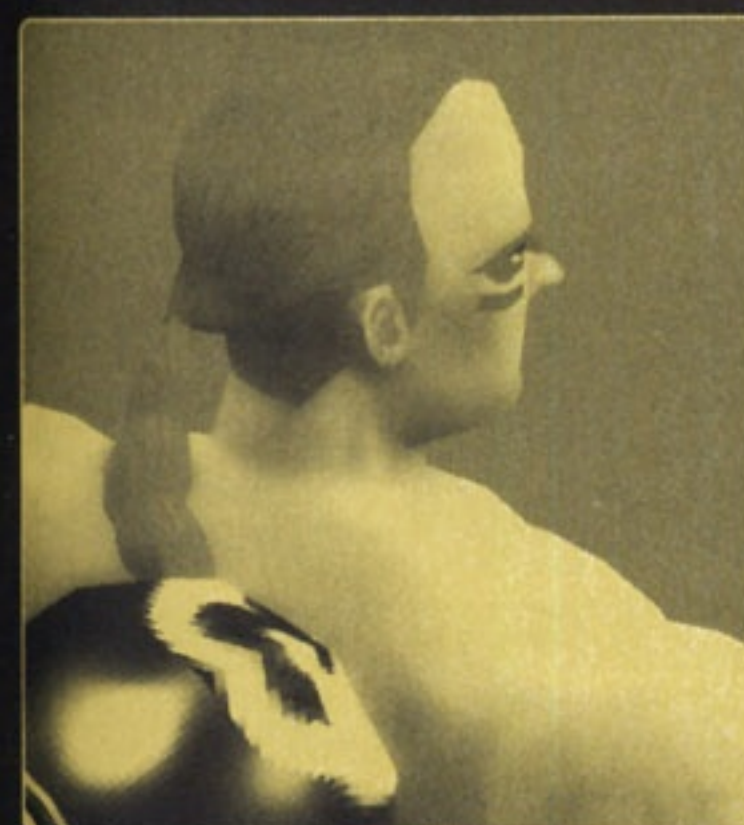
LOW HIT FLOAT • D+P • D, T+P+K • POWER UPPERCUTX2 • TX2+K • RUNNING KNEE • STEEL MOUNTAIN

ELBOW FLOAT • K(AS A COUNTER) • TX2+P • STEEL MOUNTAIN • GROUND PUNCH

OPEN GUARD COMBO • OPEN GUARD THROW (T+G+P) • TX2+K • UPPERCUT • STEEL MOUNTAIN • D+T+P

WOLF

One of the best characters in VF3, and does well to prove this point in FMM too. Wolf wasn't really in the running for the top spot in VF2 but the dodge button transforms the Canadian wrestler into a true powerhouse to rival Akira. Once you learn to pull off Wolf's throws from any position, much challenger ass shall be kicked!



CROUCH AN OPPONENT'S HIGH STRIKE

COUNTER THROW • CROUCHING JAB AN OPPONENT'S ATTACK • D+TX2+G+P

DOUBLE KNEE FLOAT • T+K • P • T+K • ELBOW DROP (D+T+P)

GIANT SWING (HALF CIRCLE T+G+P)

TRIPLE SHOULDER CHARGE • (BY A WALL) • SHOULDER CHARGE (A, T+P+K) • SHOULDER CHARGE • SHOULDER CHARGE • ELBOW DROP

JACKY

"Faster than lightning!" is what he claims. Faster than lightning he ain't. Sarah, Pai, Lau and Lion are much faster so don't expect many high number combos. Still, Jacky does have decent hitting power and top class combination attack variation by comparison. Very little thrills. The choice of beginners and the intermediates.



P **P** **P**

D+P+K, K, K, K **T+K**

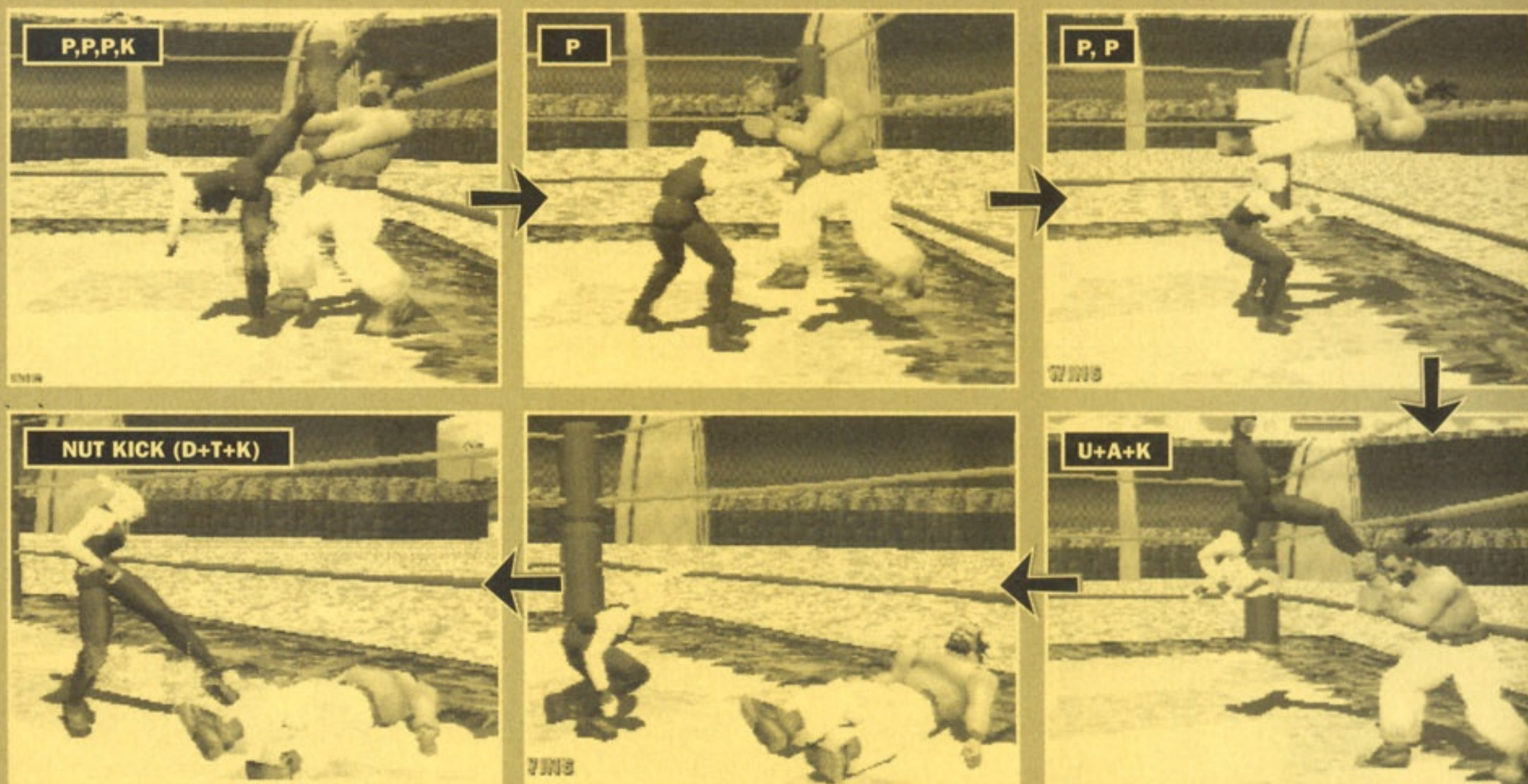
BASIC FLOAT • ESCAPE • KNEE(T+K) • A+P • SOMERSAULT KICK(U+A+K) • NUT KICK(D+T+K)

BLOCK SOMERSAULT • SPINNING BACKFIST (A+P) • LOW SPINNING BACKFIST (D+A+P) • IF BLOCKED SOMERSAULT KICK • NUT KICK

COUNTER STRIKE COMBO • CROUCHING STRAIGHT • P,P,T+P,K • NUT KICK

SARAH

Much speedier than her sibling, Sarah also has good strength which means big energy drain for the opponent. With a good range of floaters and standing attacks, Sarah is more or less an all-out attacking fighter with no reversals to her name. Just be cautious when fighting characters with reversals.



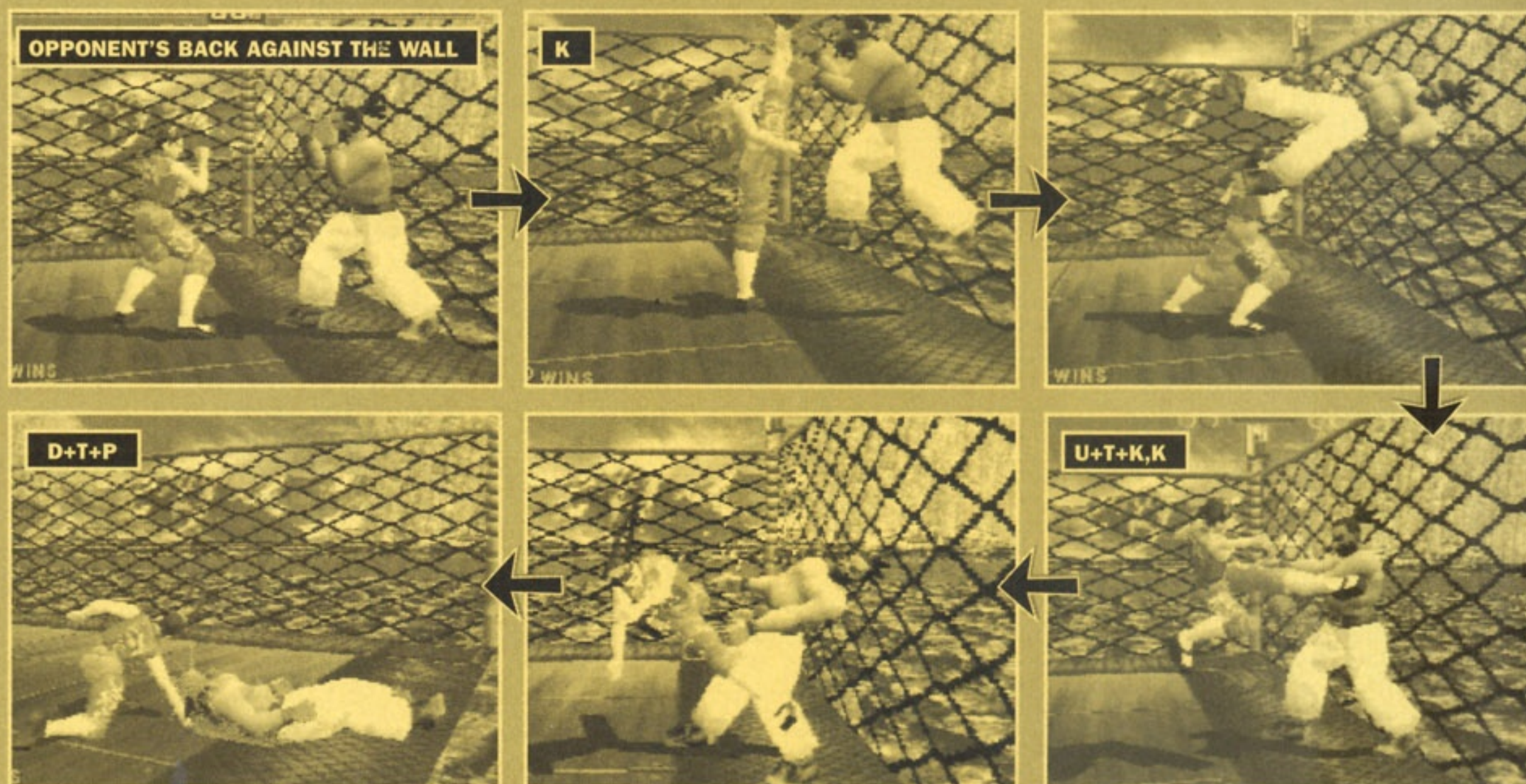
ELBOW KNEE FLOATER • ELBOW KNEE COMBO (T+PK) • SOMERSAULT KICK (U+A+K) • NUT KICK

DOUBLE DRAGON SMASH CANNON • DRAGON SMASH CANNON (D+A+K) • DRAGON SMASH CANNON • CROUCHING JAB • NUT SMASH

DRAGON SOMER • DRAGON SMASH CANNON • JAB • SOMERSAULT KICK • NUT KICK

PAI

Pai is synonymous with speed, agility, and cheapness as most of her repertoire consists of PPPK derivatives. Dictate the fight with her PPPKs and throws. Should your opponent try to retaliate, reverse their moves with Pai's vast range of counters.



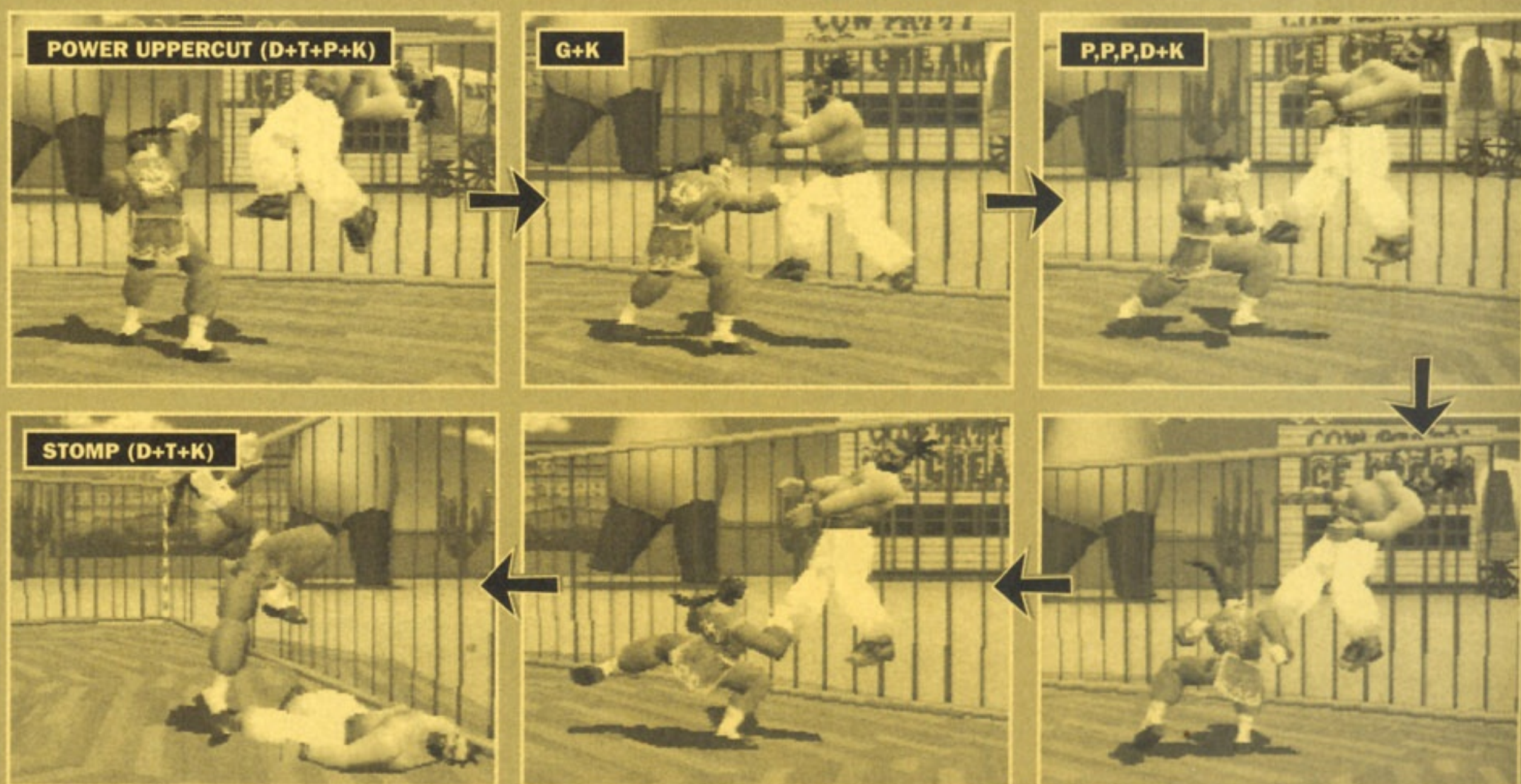
3 PPPK PATTERN • HIGH COMBO (P,P,P,K) • LOW COMBO (P,P,P,D+K) • HIGH COMBO (P,P,P,U+A+K)

CARTWHEEL COMBO • TX2+P,K • T+G+K • P,P,P,D+K • D+T+P

FLOATER • D+T+P,P,T+P • P,P • P,P,P,U+A+K • D+T+P

LAU

Pai's father shares many of her techniques, but when it comes to technical competence, Lau wins hands down. Pai may be faster but Lau has huge multi-hit combos. He also has decent power! But don't over estimate his strength as the likes of Akira and Janet will put you in your place with their reversals. The key for success lies in changing the timing of your PPPKs to confuse the opponent.



MID RIFF PPPK OPENER • DASHING PALM STRIKE (D+TX2+P) • P,P,P,K • STOMP

ARMOUR BREAKER PPPK • ARMOUR BREAKER UPPERCUT (A+G+P+K) • P,P,P,D+K • STOMP

JEFFRY

For the fans of Wolf who have become weary of the Canadian wrestler, Jeffrey is a good alternative. He has a huge range of command throws at his disposal, as well as a good compliment of hard hitting blows to make him a top contender. Play the patience game, and when the timing is right SPLASH MOUNTAIN!!!



TRIPLE UPPER (D+T+PX3)

STOMP

D+K,P

KNEE FLOAT • KNEE (T+K) • P • KNEE • STOMP (D+T+K)

SPLASH MOUNTAIN • JAB • SPLASH MOUNTAIN

WALL COMBO • WITH OPPONENT'S BACK AGAINST THE WALL, KNEE • P,P,P

KAGE

With his range of Cork Screw attacks as the base, incorporate Kage's PPPKs and throws to overwhelm the eager challenger. When competing against the veteran types, sit back and wait for your opponent to attack. When there's a gap, go in for the kill with a combination of 10 ft toss and PK combos.



JUMP OVER (T+G+P)

DRAGON PUNCH

NUT SQUASHER (D+T+K)

DRAGON PUNCH

WALL FLOAT • WITH YOUR BACK TO THE WALL, 10FT TOSS • DRAGON PUNCH (SHORYUKEN MOTION+P) • CORK SCREW • (TX2+G+K)

10FT TOSS (A+G+P) • LOW CORKSCREW (TX2+G+P+K) OR BIG SOMERSAULT KICK (U+A+G+K) OR IZUNA DROP (U+G+P) OR P,P,P,K

LOW BLOCK DRAGON PUNCH • SWEEP (TX2+K) • IF BLOCKED, DRAGON PUNCH • DRAGON PUNCH

LION

Lion excels in speedy attacks, but in terms of power he fails badly. When playing as the Mantis boy, make sure your opponent receives a Tekken style multiple hit rampage when floated to compensate for his lack of strength – but don't continue with the rest of your floating combo if your floater is blocked.



D+T+P+G

U+P+K

U+P

A+P,P,K

WALL COMBO • KNEE (T+K) • UPPERCUT (D+T+P) • PP,P • D+T+P

GUARD COUNTER COMBO • A+G+P+K • U+P+K • P,P,P • D+T+P

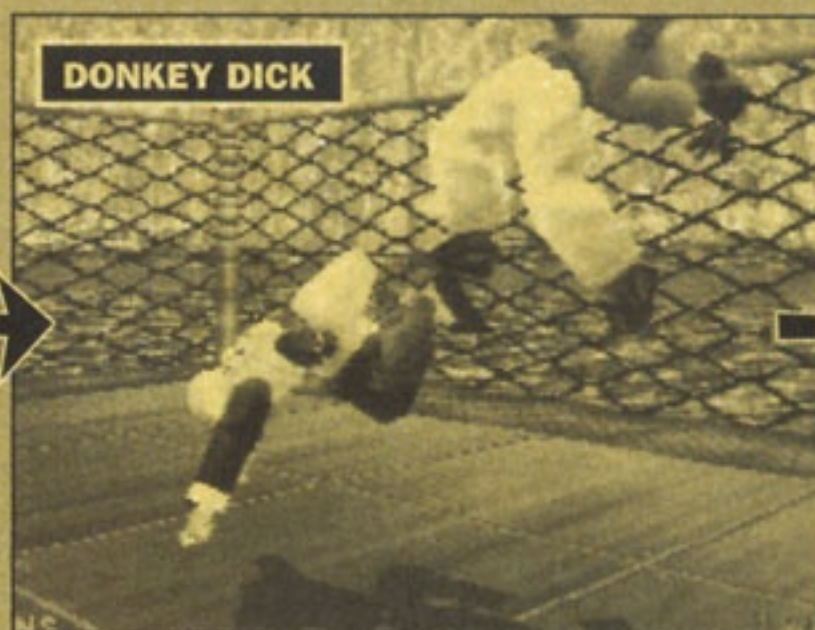
BLOCKED SWEEP PATTERN • D+K,K • IF BLOCKED U+P+K • IF AGAINST THE WALL FOLLOW WITH P,P,P

SHUN

A Shun player can become quite a handful for a even an Akira veteran who isn't well versed in the Drunken Master's repertoire. Shun's hand-standing-bottle swigging antics are definitely an advantage for him, but don't repeat the same set of moves again and again otherwise this advantage fades fast.



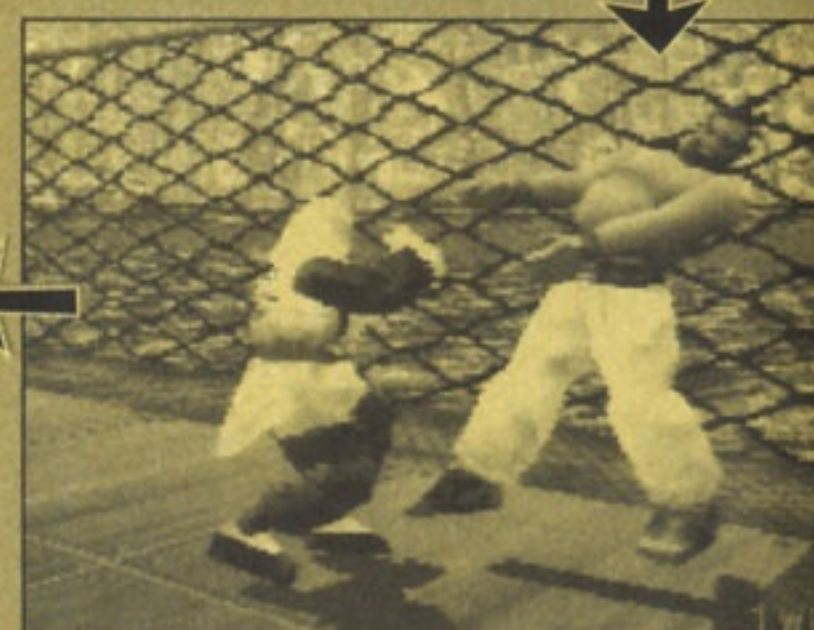
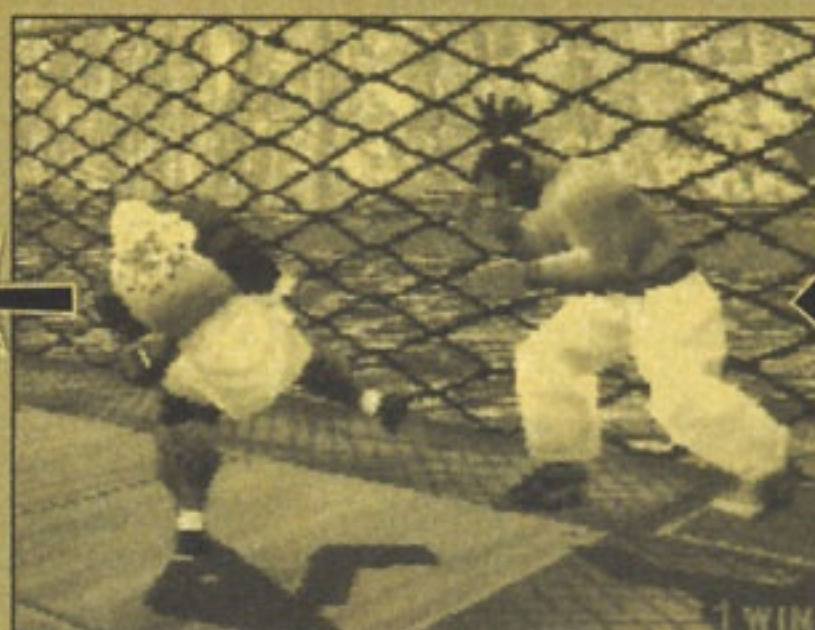
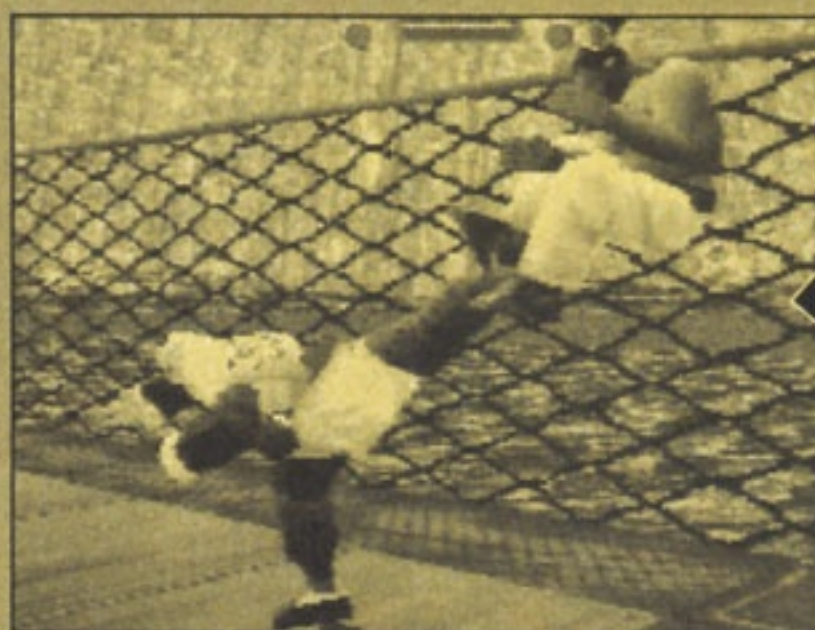
4 OR MORE BOTTLE NOTCHES



DONKEY DICK



P,P,D+A+K,K



DONKEY COUNTER KICK • DONKEY KICK+K • P+K • THIS WILL ADD 3 BOTTLE NOTCHES TO SHUN'S DRUNK-O-METER

TRIPLE DONKEY KICK • DONKEY KICK • DONKEY KICK • DONKEY KICK • D+T+P

(WITH OPPONENT AGAINST THE WALL), SCOOP • SCOOP ELBOW (QUARTER CIRCLE TOWARDS+P, A+P) • P,P,P • D+T+P

DURAL

Dural shares the majority of combos belonging to the 'normal' characters, plus she has some unique to her. Speed, power, and an enormous moves list are to Dural's advantage, but the big selection of moves can also lead to indecisiveness for a beginner. Have a repertoire of high, mid and low hitting combos to avoid confusion.



OPPONENT'S BACK AGAINST THE WALL



KNEE (T+K)



STEEL MOUNTAIN



TX2+K

10 FT TOSS COMBO • 10FT TOSS (A+G+P) • LOW CORK SCREW • (TX2+G+P+K) OR SOMERSAULT KICK (U+A+K) • OR P • STEEL MOUNTAIN

UPPERCUT STEEL MOUNTAIN • UPPERCUT (QUARTER CIRCLE TOWARDS+P) • P • STEEL MOUNTAIN (A,T,T+P+K) • NUT KICK (D+T+K)

KNEE FLOAT • KNEE • T+P, U+A+K • NUT KICK, OR P • STEEL MOUNTAIN

SECRETS!!

ALTERNATIVE KUMA CHAN

Kuma chan has two more alternative attires, but, unlike Honey, he changes his appearance entirely! Switch the machine on 31 times or more (you can find out how many times you've switched the Saturn on in the Book Keeping option). Press X on Kuma chan on the select screen to get Niku and Z for the AM2 palm tree.

VF1 SIBA

If you choose Siba by pressing X or Z, he will appear in his original VF1 AOU show form.

2 MORE ALTERNATIVE COLOURS FOR HONEY

After completing the A course, press X or Z when choosing Honey and she will be wearing her alternative costume. She has long stripey socks and what looks like two fire extinguishers on her back! Uh.. right.

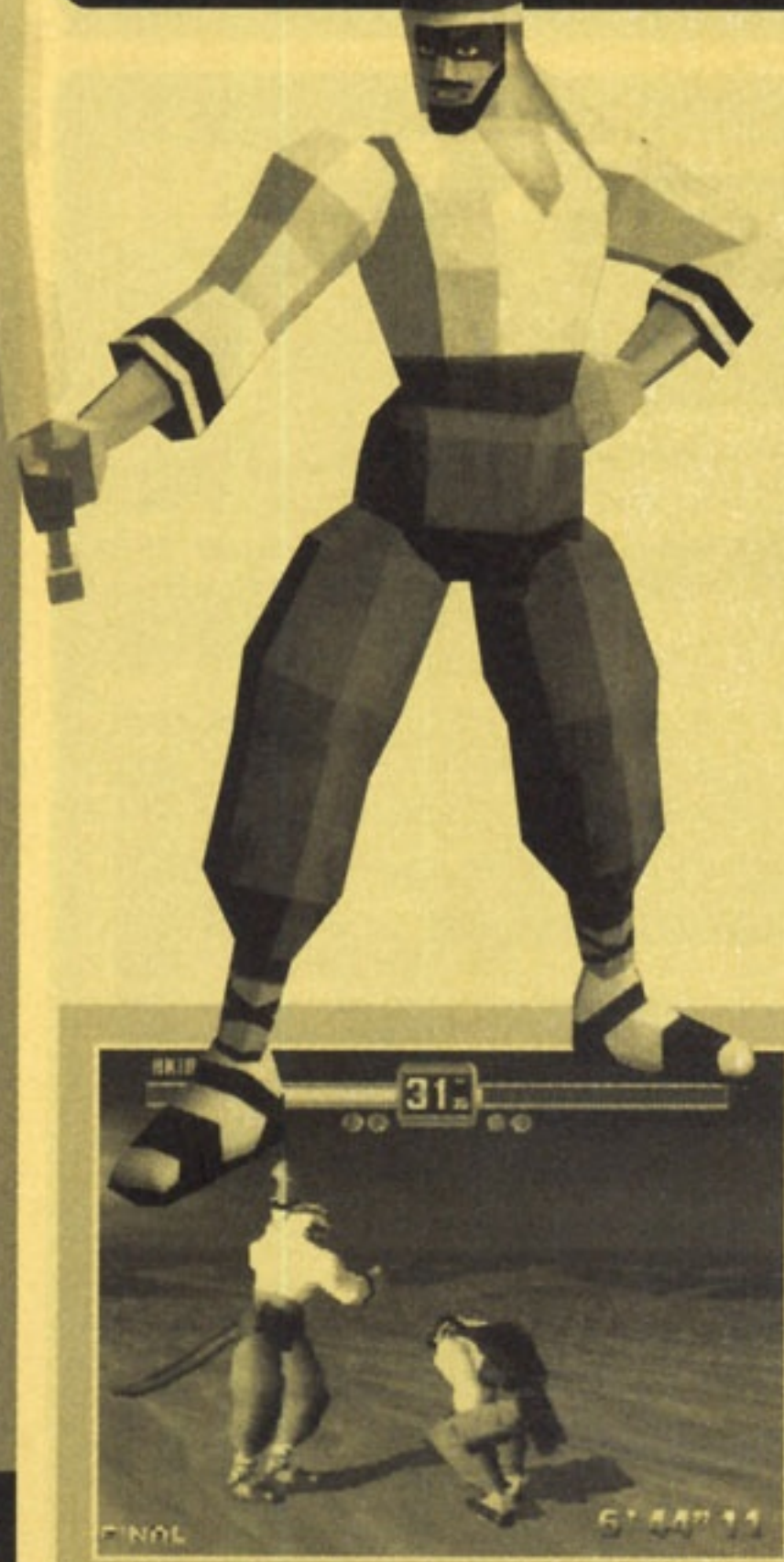
AFTERBURNER FLY OVER

To have the *Afterburner* plane fly over the ring at the beginning of the stage, hold X on both the 1P and the 2P pad. This only works on the BM stage.



END OF PART ONE

That's it for this month but if you want some more VF action, try playing as Janet. She plays very similar to VF3's Aoi Umenokoji and most her attack patterns can be used in the same way.



FREEPLAY FAN



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This is the part of the magazine where you tell the rest of the gaming community why you love a particular game or company. We don't want endless system bashing, and we don't want personal insults (unless they're particularly funny). We just want to hear YOU rant about your favourite things, letting everyone know why it's the best thing ever in the hope that you can convert the world to your way of thinking.



Dear Freeplay,

Congratulations C&VG on such an amazing mag, I've been reading since issue

150. Now though I just have to get this off my chest. I am writing in reply to Jon Taylor's and Bobby Newton's letter in issue 185 of C&VG. I agree with Sweeny Boy's letter from the same issue, he's got the right idea, like me he is sick of people's whining about which console's best. I love reading C&VG, it's a fantastic magazine. I also enjoy reading Freeplay as I like to know what others think of their consoles and games. What really p***es me off is when fools like the aforementioned moan about the writing staff being biased and claiming that PlayStation owners know nothing and how we are all up Sony's a**e. Jon Taylor claimed that "PlayStation owners know nothing about video games. I am a PlayStation owner and I have had a computer since I was about five years old. I want to work in the games industry and I am going to study software engineering and design at university in a couple of years. I enjoy following the going-on in the gaming world and, Jon Taylor, I am certain I know more about video games than you or most of your mates, if you have any.

The fact is that I am not a person who only likes Sony products and slags off anything else of other companies. I want a Saturn, they are great, unfortunately I can't afford it. I also want an N64 but I still can't afford it. I am happy with my PlayStation though. Jon Taylor asked why couldn't the PlayStation handle *X-Men* and *X-Men Vs Street Fighter*. It's because the PlayStation hardware is more suited to 3D, polygon based games its hardware is not designed for sprite based games but it can still handle most of them. It's like me saying that the Saturn is s**t because it can't pull off transparency effects. I don't though because I know that it is a class games machine, it is just that its hardware doesn't have the capability, but so what it doesn't affect the game play of most of its games does it? No.

(Offensive paragraph to Bobby Newton removed to protect the young)

Well kids, if you don't like the PlayStation and its owners sod off and read a Sega dedicated magazine because I am sick of reading your crap. The truth of the matter is that all consoles, PlayStation, Saturn and Nintendo 64 are all great but each excel in different areas that's the only difference!

Your sincerely,
Benson, Runcorn



Dear CVG/FreePlay Fan/whoever,

First and foremost, I'd just like to say – your column's excellent and so is your mag. Don't listen to anyone who says you're "bais" to Sony (you know who you are) because you're not OK!? I'm glad you got rid of that stupid Mean Yob, he was rubbish! Anyway, that's not why I'm writing, er, typing. The reason is: *Final Fantasy III*! It's the best game on the planet, bar none – you can keep your *Street Fighters*, *Mortal Kombats*, *Sonics* and *Crash Bandicoots*, anyone who's played this epic (sorry) masterpiece will tell you the same. "What about *FFVII*?" I hear you cry. *FFVII*, from what I've seen of it, looks like it's going to be the best thing since sliced Moogles. But where are Locke, Celes, Mog and company? Have Square just relegated them to some floating waste dump, never to be seen again (sob)? Without the characters, adversaries and realms of *FFIII*, nothing is going to seem the same. Who's this Cloud guy? Motorbikes? Get real! What kind of a name is Red XVIII? This isn't the *Final Fantasy* we all know and love! Enough of that, though – what it comes down to is this. *Final Fantasy III* is a superb game, no, make that experience, the likes of which cannot be surpassed. In Japan and the States (where they can get their copies straight off the shelves, without having to resort to [hnngh] importers), the internet is chocka with *FFIII* fanatics championing their favourite characters, and it's impossible to forget them. Even Shadow's dog, Interceptor, is instantly memorable. All I can wish for is that Square get round to making N64 *Final Fantasy*, with all the characters from *FFIII* included, and not some totally new creations, even if they are cool. It's like taking *Sonic*, dressing him in red overalls and saying he's *Mario*. I'm sure any true *FFIII* fans will agree with me.

Your *Final-Fantasy-III-is-really-the-best-ly*,
"Celes", Solitary Island



Dear CVG,

I love beat-em-ups. There I've said it. But wait, before you throw me into the pile of "my console's beat-em-ups are better than yours" I must plead that you read on for I have not come to whine on about which console is best (although I do own a Saturn) but instead which game is the best. If you've read my opening statement then you may be able to guess which game I am talking about. It is neither *Tekken 1* or *2*, it is not *Virtua Fighter 1* or *2*, it isn't *Soul Edge*... (blah blah blah, and on he goes, mentioning

every fighting game ever)...Well let me tell you now that the greatest console game of all time has to be, *Fighters Megamix*. But hang on. Greatest CONSOLE game yes, greatest GAME, no and it is here where I reveal the world's greatest game ever, *VIRTUA FIGHTER 3*. Games like this may come round once every few months but *Virtua Fighter 3* cannot be described as a simple beat-em-up. Everything about it is perfect. The graphics truly are to die for. Anybody who has seen the screenshots in your excellent mag will know how great the game looks but to see it rolling is pure magic... (blah blah blah, pointless ranting about 3D)

Going back to *Virtua Fighter 3*, it is a revolution. Not only are the graphics the greatest in any game, anywhere but the computer controlled fighters have lives of their own, the Artificial Life of the CPU opponent is so, so good. Each and every fight is different. Every single go I have had on the game has been a completely new experience and that is something that you cannot say about any other beat-em-up. Sega have to be applauded for creating this masterpiece, give me their address and I'll do it myself!!! (blah blah blah Model 3 technology)

Virtua Fighter 3 is the best game in a masterful series of beat-em-ups, thus making it an instant classic. If anybody can find anything at all that this game is bad at, please write into CVG although I suspect the only people who will answer this request are anti-Segaists or people who don't like genuinely exceptional games.

Virtua Fighter 3 is a masterpiece. The greatest beat-em-up of all time and a sure contender for greatest game. Your mag is a masterpiece. The greatest of it's kind and a contender for best ever!! My only query at it is this. *Virtua Fighter 3*, not in the top 5 recommended arcade games!!

I've just put it down as an April Fool!!! Cheers for listening,
Rob "Happy Clapper" Small
PS. Roll on *Virtua Fighter 4* on Model 4!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Dear CVG,

I was one of the few people who managed to buy a Nintendo 64 on March 1st without having first reserved myself a machine in advance. I bought *Mario 64* with the machine, and after playing it I've got to say, "believe the hype", *Mario* in 3D is truly an exceptional experience. Soon afterwards I rented *Turok* from a video store and again I was amazed, no other machine I've seen can come close to the graphical

capabilities of the N64.

You would expect that I am more than happy with my purchase. Wrong. What the heck are Nintendo and THE Games playing at! Look at the prices of N64 games. £60 *Mario*, £60 *Shadows of the Empire* and most ridiculous £70 *Turok*! Do Nintendo expect their machine to be owned only by lottery winners? Sure, I forked out sixty quid on *Mario 64*, but that game is a landmark title, full scores in many magazines. Not every game will match the brilliance of *Mario 64*, but it seems that most games will match or exceed the £60 price of it.

Console owners have always had to pay high prices for their games. Yes I think that £45 (the average for a new title) is expensive, but at least it is expected. Of course I realise that cartridges are more expensive to produce than CDs, and I don't expect Nintendo to be able to match Sony with its Platinum range of games (priced at £19.99). All I expect are reasonable and affordable prices for my games. No way is £60 for a game affordable. If prices stay this way, the next time I'll be buying another game it'll be from the bargain buckets when the N128 supercedes the N64.

I hope CVG shares my view that N64 owners are being asked to pay far, far too much and will print my letter to highlight this problem. I have written to THE Games to complain about the N64 game prices and I would ask that other disgruntled N64 owners do the same. I myself and not going to want (or be financially able) to buy more N64 games until I stop getting ripped-off. If all the N64 owners who read CVG refuse to be ripped-off too, by not buying any new games, I am sure that Nintendo will soon take notice.

If you're thinking about getting a N64 out there in CVG Land please take notice of this. Recently in my local shops the PlayStation's price has dropped to £130. That means that it is now possible to buy a PlayStation with NINE (Platinum Range) games for the price of the N64 with *Mario*.

Now can you understand why I feel ripped off? Nintendo, do the math. Yours sincerely,
Slightly Peeved.

Please note: We print FreePlay Fan letters exactly as we receive them, so make sure that you check your spelling and write in your best handwriting. If we change anything, we'll always let you know. Also, try not to make your letters ramble on too much or we'll throw them in the bin. Keep them to the point. And don't throw cats because they don't always land on their feet.

WRITE FOR FREEPLAY

FreePlay is YOUR section of the magazine. It needs YOUR input to make it what it is. Here's YOUR chance to contribute anything you think will be of interest to our other readers, or to sell off some old junk you don't want anymore. If you've got an idea for a new section which we could create in FreePlay, let us know. If your idea is good enough and we think that our readers will be interested, we'll give it a try! Whatever you do, don't forget your Most Wanted!

WRITE TO FREEPLAY AT THIS ADDRESS, BUT MAKE SURE TO WRITE ON THE ENVELOPE WHAT IT CONTAINS (HIGH SCORES, CLASSIFIEDS, FANZINES, ETC.) OTHERWISE THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE YOUR LETTER WILL GET LOST IN OUR CLEVER FILING SYSTEM.

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TIPS

Every month we aim to give you the latest cheats for all the biggest games. If you stumble across one yourself (not in another magazine) then send it in and you could be rewarded with the game of your choice! If you think you know everything about a game, send us a complete guide - with maps or diagrams if you want - and we'll take a look at that too!

HIGH SCORES

The High Scores page is where we find out who are the best games players in the country. If you think that it could be you, send us your high scores for the latest games in the arcade or on a home system. Don't forget to include your three-letter arcade tag name so that everyone can look out for your scores!

ART/CARTOONS

Hunter the grumpy dog wants your drawings. Send in anything game-related that you've done and he'll print his favourites - who knows, you may even get given a bone!

MOST WANTED

We want to know what you want to know about! Whenever you send anything to us, write the five games or machines you most want, in order of preference, on the back of your envelope. Every month we compile a chart and put the top 10 on the front page of FreePlay. If you are selling something in Classifieds, fill in the space for your Most Wanted below!

CLASSIFIEDS

You're bored of your 32 or 64-bit console and you want the latest 128-bit machine, right? No problem! Just fill in the form below, send it to us and we'll print your advert in the magazine! We'll take adverts for anything game-related just so long as it's legal. Any copiers and we'll pass your name on to the law!

FREEPLAY FAN

Tell everyone why your favourite game is the best. Let them know why you love a certain programming team. But please don't write in moaning about other games machines. Boring!

FANZINES

If you make a fanzine yourself, send us a copy to have a look at. If you also include all the details of how to get the latest issue, we'll print them in the magazine. Who knows, you could be the next Tim Boone!

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