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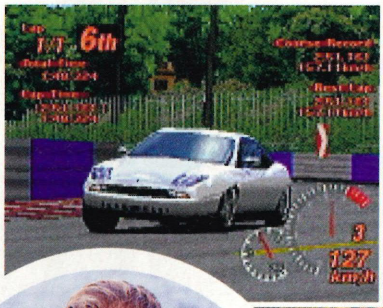

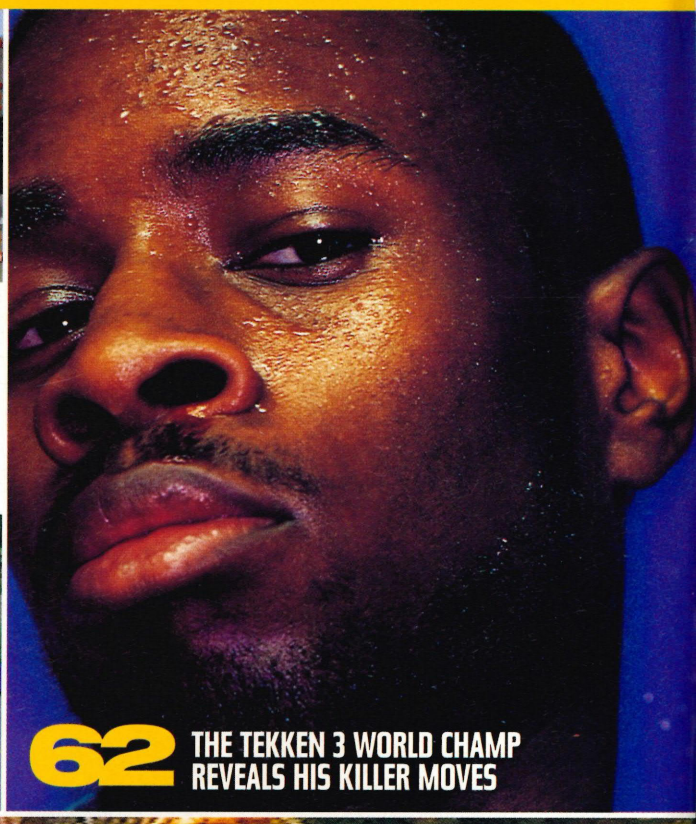

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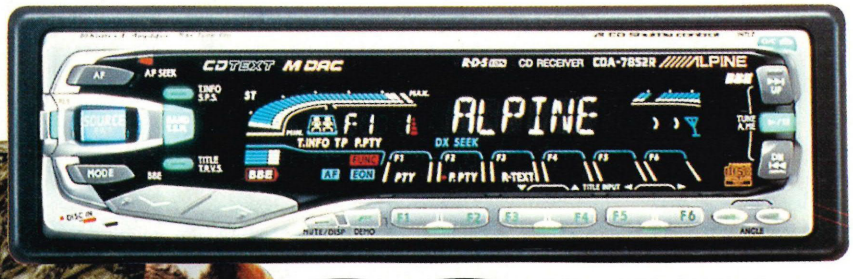


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## PS 2 – IT'S THE ONE FOR YOU

I need to get some things straight about PlayStation 2:
**1)** Am I to assume that it will play DVDs without an add-on?
**2)** Apart from the new Dual Shock, are Sony going to make a new controller?
**3)** I heard that they will not release a modem with the console as 56k will be out dated by new speeds of modem. Is this going to affect its sales as Dreamcast is released with a modem? Answer them or my legion of goats will be released upon your asses!

***KAI GOAT GOD, by Yahoo!***
**Your answers are yes, yes and no. Lock up your goats, herdboy!**

Excellent pictures of PS 2. But one thing bothers me. In the section 'when & how much', the price in Japan, is that a ballpark figure? Because five pages on it has dropped from £242 to£227.

***Trev Garston, Watford***
**The Yen rate changed as we wrote the five pages.**

Loved your PS 2 coverage. There were fake shots of it in last month's *Face* and in some other PlayStation mag so it was cool to see the real thing in your mag finally. Can't wait to see more.

***Justin Delaney, Kent***
**Turn to p94 for more PS 2 heat.**




**▲ Thinking of Dreamcast? Keep a grip on your wallet as this little baby will do it all and more – but not till 2000**




## STICKER ENTRIES

***Here's some of our favourite sticker sheet sentences. Ten winners will be announced in next issue and will get a copy of the s-o-o cool Sled Storm.***

**'I love sniffing myself and looking at dog's kissing women'**
Used on my brother's briefcase
***Daniel Benjamin, Newcastle***

**'I love kissing myself'**
Used on my husband's lunch box (?)
***Mrs L Couch, Plymouth***

**'Your mum's looking at fat ginger men eating dog's crap and sniffing dead sheep'**
Stuck on my blackboard in my student room
***Ricky Beer, Dover***

**'I love looking at your mum's fat face and huge body'**
Used it on my worst enemy in an argument
***Brett Wyndham, Waterlooville***

**'Hello, I am dead crazy and you are ugly'**
Used on my bedroom door
**Danielle Crane, Stockton-on-Tees**

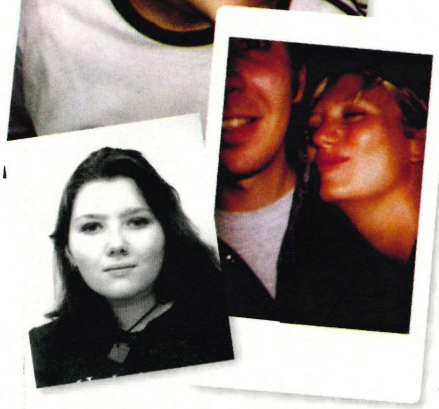
**'You are feckin' dead and I love your mum's body'** Used on a surprise pop-up birthday card to my worst enemy
***Katie Baldwin, Thetford***

## CUTTING UP THE COMPETITION

I'd like to know if you accept photocopies of competition forms because I do not enjoy cutting up my favourite magazine to enter your cool competitions.

***Chris Keegan, Kent***
**Photocopies are for skinflints! We're sorting this out for next month.**



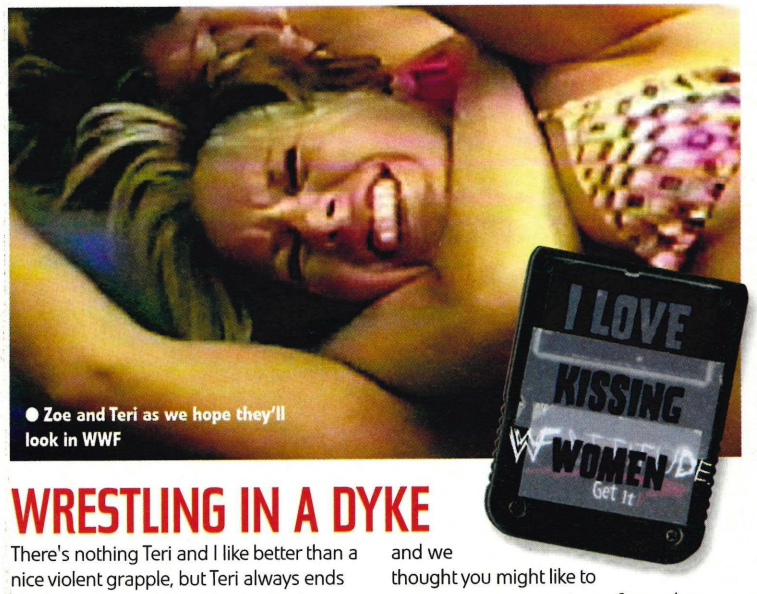


# ARE PLAYSTATION GIRLS DOGS?

Why are all girls who are really into their games absolute dogs? The ones I know (Final Fantasy 7 and Metal Gear fans) all look washed-up and in desperate need of some sun. They don't wash their hair and they don't dress smart. I'd rather go out with someone who hates PlayStation. At least she'd wear cool clothes.

***Tony Burridge, Dorset***

**Far left is Natalie Smith from Wolverhampton, near left is Emma Ford from London and top is Kaz Sharpe from Exeter. We don't spot a dog here, do you? We love PlayStation Girls so send us loadsa pics of yourselves to print and show this Burridge bloke up as a Twatmaster General.**




● Zoe and Teri as we hope they'll look in WWF

# WRESTLING IN A DYKE

There's nothing Teri and I like better than a nice violent grapple, but Teri always ends up dominating me – so thanks for the WWF Attitude tips. Now I might end up on top for a change!

There's a memory card with this letter and we thought you might like to see some representations of ourselves. Hope you enjoy getting to grips with us and our creations.

But now onto the hot subject of PlayStation 2. Now we've seen it for ourselves thanks to PlayStation Plus, we think it looks cool. We believe it has a more mature appearance than the Shagger Creamshaft which looks more at home on the shelves of Toys-R-Us, especially with its plasticy controllers and brightly coloured buttons. It'll be the games that matter on PS 2 and looking at your feature, these look really promising. We look forward to PlayStation Plus' usual unbiased judgement and reviews.

***Zoe & Teri, Kent***

**We couldn't open the memory card but we'll show Z&T fighting fit in the next issue.**

I was up late watching some run-down Channel 5 lesbian gameshow called 100% Sex. There I am learning that 'minks shag for eight hours' when I noticed a gorgeous brunette getting almost every question right and that her name is Zoe. You gotta admit – short, shoulder-length hair, name of Zoe – it's too strong a coincidence. So Zoe, please admit it so I know what you look like.

***Dr Pepper, by e-mail***

# LARA

## WHY LARA'S LATEST GOES TOO FOUR

Oi, Lara, noooo! Someone stop the dumb busty brunette from ruining PlayStation! I'm talking about Lara's Last Revelation – which in my opinion sucks a big one.

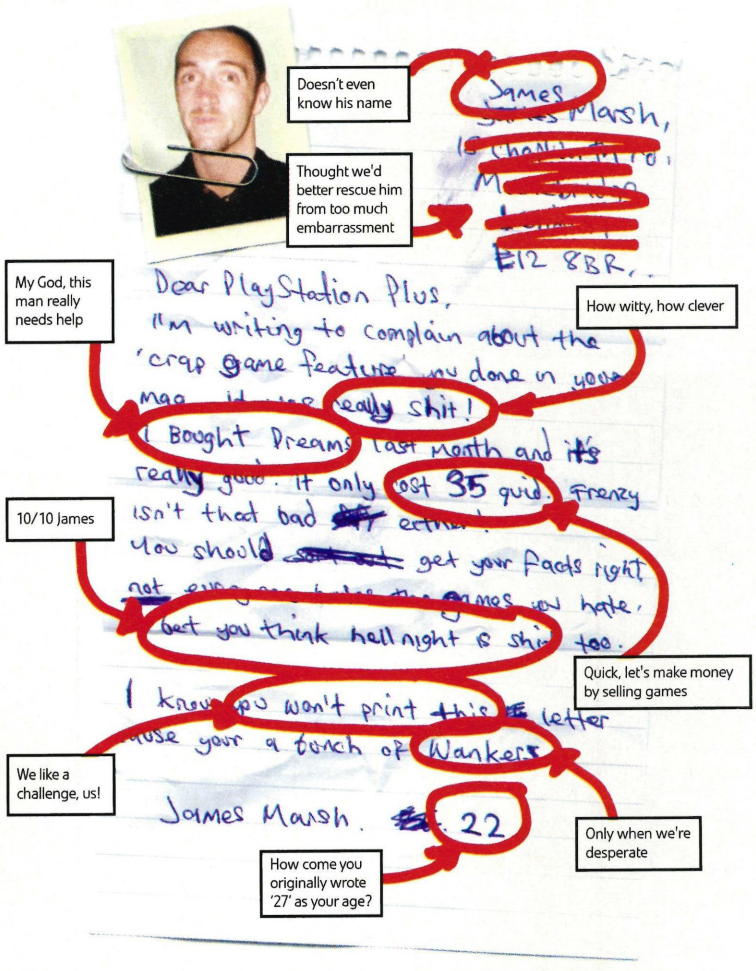
TR3 really stank and I'd hoped it was the last one before PS 2 (nice pictures by the way). But no such luck. It looks like more of the same old shite. I hope she gets crushed by a camel so we don't see her moony Lucozade mug again.

***Grant Kennedy, Welshpool, Powys***

**Better not turn to p88 then, Grant, where Croft is looking in rather tip-top form.**

# LETTER RIGHTING

## PRAY TO GOD YOUR LETTER DOESN'T END UP HERE




# PORNO CRISIS

Thanks for the brilliant article on Dino Crisis. I've heard a rumour that one of Regina's costumes consists of a basque, stockings and a pair of skimpy black panties. Please tell me this is true.

***David Hudson, Grantham***

**No, it's one of the dinosaurs that wears that kit. Think Lily Savage but...er...savager. Check out the Ultimate Dino Crisis Guide on the cover of this issue to see Regina's saucy kit.**

# STICKER UP

What a bloody great issue you had last month. The stickers were a great idea. The way you have changed the mag looks bloomin' brilliant. Keep it up and one day you might get your desserts – I might subscribe if you print this!

***Mark Haycock (HayCOCK!?), Swindon***

**Getcha cheque book out Straw Knob. But what do you reckon to this new-look issue? Send an e-mail to adam.smallman@ecm.emap.com**

# TIGHT BRIEFS

PlayStation Plus has become a bit shor...

***Luke Rawlinson, Co Kerry***

Put a picture of Jordan in you mag or I'll rip off your heads and shi...

***Luke Parker, Paignton, Devon***

Please, please, please, please print my letter 'cos I haven't had one prin....

***Jay, Wales***

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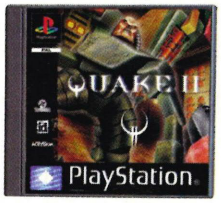


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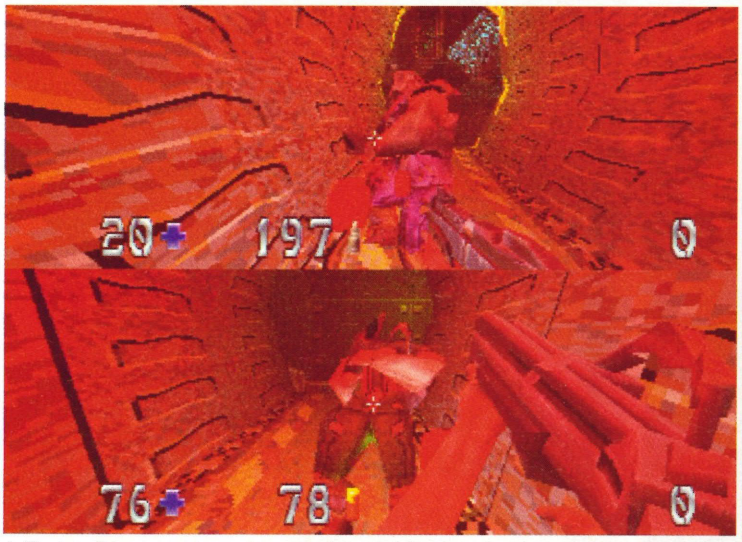



▲ To stay alive you must run at top speed most of the time, shooting as you go



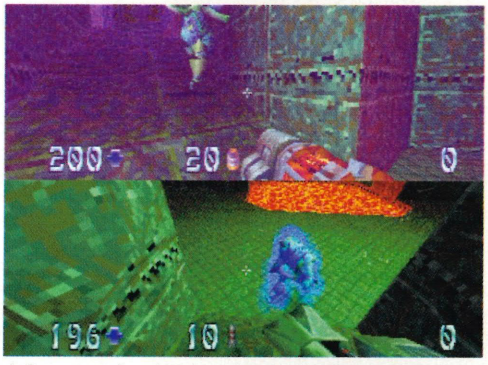

▲ The levels are small enough that it's still a top laugh with only two players in there

# THIS IS LIKE PLAYING PAINTBAL

## IN 2 OR 4-PLAYER MODES, QUAKE 2 GUARANTEES YOUR FRIENDS WILL END

**It's here. The classic blood-and-guts blaster Quake 2. The game where you use shotguns and rockets to turn alien vermin into flying gobbets of meat and sprays of warm gore. The one where you can hunt down your friends and neighbours in stunning multiplayer deathmatches. You know what this game feels like when you whack a sucker? Paintball in an abattoir.**

Quake 2 has the biggest, most varied arsenal you'll see in a PlayStation game. You can let rip with grenades, machine guns, pulse weapons and awesome rapid-firing rocket launchers. You can tank it around 3D levels exterminating waves of cyborg vermin, or, even better, frag your mates into smoking chunks. It's 100% pure violence in eye-bulging environments and in multiplayer, it's an absolute blast.




▲ Get max style points for using the slow but deadly railgun

## DEAD KNOBS AND BOOMSTICKS

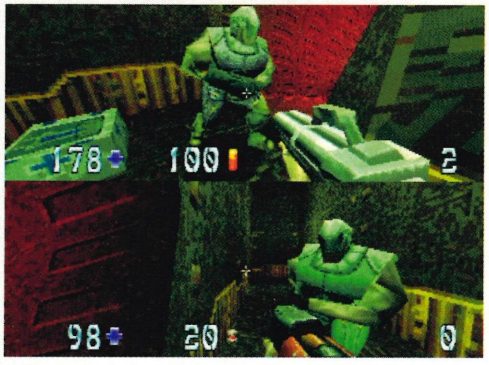
What's cool about the multiplayer side of Quake 2 is it boasts massive scope for slaughtering in style.

You know how you can piss your mate off by spinning them out in Ridge 4, or by fluking an overhead kick in FIFA? This has got that in spades. The list is long and very cool – shooting the sucker as you jump off a platform, greasing him with the painfully-slow-to-reload railgun, bouncing a grenade off the wall to detonate on his head.

There's piles of inventive ways to boost his blood pressure to bursting point – but watch your back.




▲ Capping rivals as you jump off the edge of a platform is the sign of a Quake master




▲ The super shotgun is ideal for close-range kills but it takes balls of steel to get close enough to use it




● (Top) Player 1 collects another frag to seal the round whilst (bottom) his victim gasps his last

## TURN YOUR MATES INTO MEAT PASTE!

You can play multiplayer in either two-player split-screen mode, or, if you've got two copies of the game and two PlayStations, with four players on two split screens. What happens next is simplicity itself.

The round starts up in one of 12 arenas piled high with the premium goodies out of the Quake 2 arsenal – a sort of Cache & Carry.

Your first step should be to get tooled up before heading out to hunt for human meat. Each time you go down (loser!) you reappear – the objective is simply to rack up the most kills or 'frags' you can. The standard setting is the first to ten wins.

The arenas are all small and that means it plays fast and bloody, even with only two people. We're talking a frag every 20 seconds here and that's a healthy amount in anyone's book.

# BLAM, BLAM, THANK YOU MA'AM

In two or four-player, one good shot with a big gun or even a Quad-boosted standard blaster can take you down no matter how many health packs and armour bonuses you've got.

So the games tend to be a race to grab a weapon, a bit of a firefight, followed by the damaged survivors frantically struggling to hunt down the other guy before he gets his hands on some quality heat.

It's not big, it's not clever, but it does add up to one of the most thrilling multiplayer experiences you can get on PlayStation.



▲ The fella on top's health is low, making him ripe for a quick death

# IN AN ABATTOIR

## UP AS CRISPY, NAPALM-FRIED NUGGETS




## 'IT'S A FIREFIGHT, FOLLOWED BY DAMAGED SURVIVORS FRANTICALLY STRUGGLING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON SOME QUALITY HEAT'



▲ Get health quickly after you put a bloke down



▲ Grab the nearest, biggest gun once you re-appear

# MAGIC MOMENTS

## FOUR HEARTWARMING BITS IN MULTIPLAYER QUAKE 2 THAT ARE THE SWEETEST THINGS

### 1 THE SNEAKY QUAD TRAP

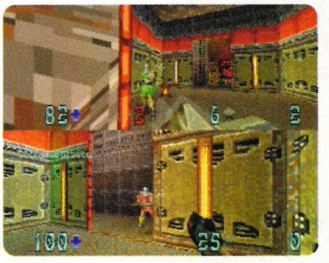
On the Forge level, there's a fine bit where a Quad bonus is sitting close to a trapdoor. It will quadruple your damage if you get it, but if your rival hits a button at the end of the corridor, it's death by lava for you.



▲ A throatful of lava for a Quad hunter

### 2 WISEGUYS USE GRENADES

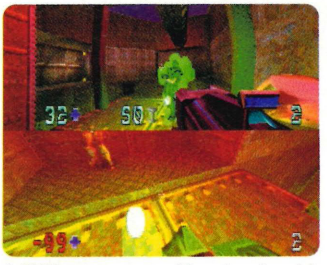
The Quickfire level is filled with tight corridors and the main weapon in there is a grenade launcher. If you get good, you can ricochet grenades off walls to cane saps standing in cover behind the doors. Satisfying!



▲ Lurker is set to get a ricochet surprise

### 3 A BIG, FRICKIN' RISK

On the Toxic Vats level, getting the super-powerful BFG plasma weapon is well risky. You have to sit still on a moving platform for about 10 seconds, making you easy pickings for a well-aimed rocket. Is it worth the risk?



▲ BFG's a monster tool but there's a risk

### 4 POOLSIDE ANTICS

Some of the multiplayer levels have big underwater bits. They alter how you play, since you move slowly while swimming but can't be damaged by rocket blasts, only bullseyes. Wait until someone's in the water then unload grenades into the pool.



▲ Pumping shedloads of grenades into pools will ruin a rivals' breast stroke

# GET THE MOST FROM THE CONTROLS

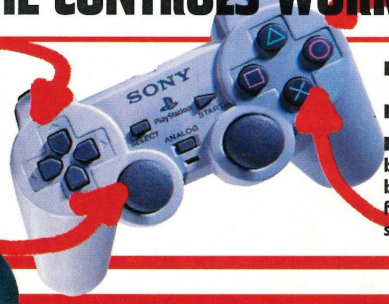
## YOU GET FULL 360 VISION BUT THE CONTROLS ARE TRICKY

Quake 2's unlike any corridor shooter you've ever seen on PlayStation, because it's all in glorious and proper 3D.

You can look up, down and around and move in any direction. You can jump and fire at people on high platforms whilst spinning. You can even use a rocket while jumping to blast yourself higher into the air.

And if you think that means a complex control system, you'd be right. To get the most out of your moves, you'll really need a Dual Shock. This will deliver maximum speed and smoothness. Alternatively, give the ASCII 360 a try.

### HOW THE CONTROLS WORK

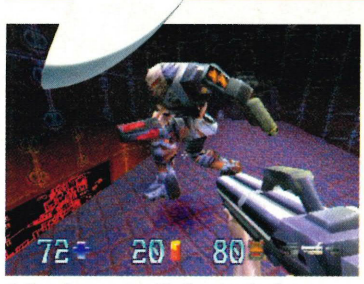


- Use L1 to change weapon
- Use the analogue stick to look up, down and around
- Use R1 to shoot
- Use R2 to jump
- Use these buttons to move backwards, forwards and sideways



### ASCII BALL PAD

Real professionals at Quake 2 on the PC use pads like this. Use the ball bit like a weird head to look up, down and around - move with the keys on the other side. You can get the ASCII 360 for £24.99.



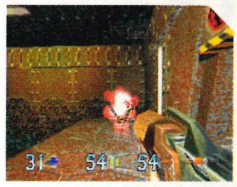
▲ Popping away with the standard pea shooter won't dig you out of a hole



▲ But a slice of Quad, a few full clips and an itchy finger can deliver you claret by the pint



● Picking up energy packs powers up your armour



▲ The hyperblaster's one of your best weapons but it runs out of ammo fast



▲ The game moves at high speed and very smoothly

### 'AMMO, WHERE'S THE GODDAMN AMMO?'

Even on the easiest of the three settings, ammo is always in short supply. You'll find yourself trying to economise by doing tricks like lobbing grenades onto high platforms or taking down a railgun-toting mutant with a puny blaster.

It never lets up. You'll have fought your way through to a big munitions dump and patched up your wounds with some medipacks. Then a door bursts open and an army of cyborg goons begin raking you with automatics.

Sure there's keys and stuff to find in here, and even mission objectives. But the main thing's always just pure, unrelenting killing.

### 'A DOOR BURSTS OPEN AND AN ARMY OF CYBORG GOONS BEGIN RAKING YOU WITH AUTOMATICS. NICE'

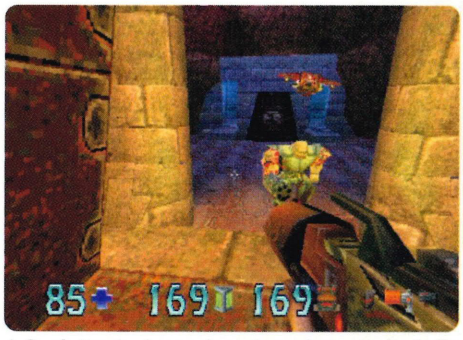
## STAY FROSTY, MARINE!

### FIVE THINGS TO HELP YOU STAY WHOLE IN YOUR SINGLE PLAYER STRUGGLE WITH THE STROGGS

You'll come up against all shapes and sizes of Strogg bad-ass in the single player game as you unleash your one-man blitzkrieg. Some of 'em are weak, some are tough – but luckily for you, most of them are thick as pigshit.

### QUAD DAMAGE

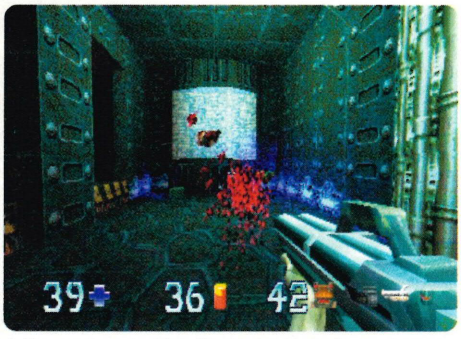
This'll quadruple the damage your weapons do for 20 seconds, reducing most enemies to cattle feed instantly. But be wary: if you spot Quad Damage, there's usually some huge mutha round the corner.



▲ Quad attracts pig-eared grunts you just gotta fend off

### SECRET AREAS

A lot of the really plum weapons and power-ups will be hidden in secret areas. You'll find them by jumping on boxes, edging along ledges, swimming into hard-to-reach bits or spotting a scar on a brick wall.



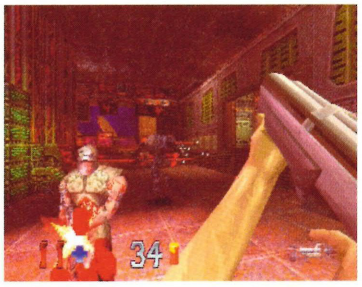
▲ You must spot odd wall patterns to reach secret areas



'CHATTERING MACHINE GUNS MIX IT UP WITH SHRIEKS, EXPLOSIONS AND GURGLING CRIES OF PAIN AS YOU DO BATTLE – AND IT SOUNDS GREAT'



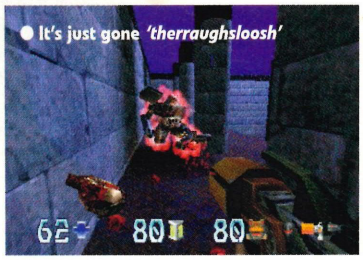

▲ The noise from the super-shotgun is fat, delicious and satisfying




▲ But your nerves get stretched as soon as you hear yourself taking hits

## 'METALLICA WENT OUT YEARS AGO'

The sounds in Quake 2 drench the mayhem with doses of reality. Chattering machine guns mix it up with shrieks, explosions and gurgling cries of pain while you battle - and it all sounds great. The dull *th'dunk* of the grenade launcher when it's popped is particularly class. On the downside is the classic soundtrack bollocks – a rubbish sort of sub-Metallica. Bring us darkcore drum 'n' bass!




## RESUPPLY

In each game, you get three 'Resupplies', which let you restart the level but with a big pack full of ammunition. Be warned – if you use up your Resupplies early on, you'll kick yourself 'cos the later levels are harder.




▲ Goons got the better of you? Try using a Resupply

## SPLASHBACK

If you use the more hardcore end of your armoury such as the rocket launcher, it's crucial to use the blast effects well. Try to get the enemy to bunch up before letting rip, and you'll cane them in one hit.




▲ Shrapnel and blast effects can inflict useful damage

## USE OF WEAPONS

Most weapons come in two sizes. Shotgun or super shotgun, machine gun or chain gun, hyperblaster or BFG. One uses more ammo but delivers a bigger punch, the other less ammo and less smack.



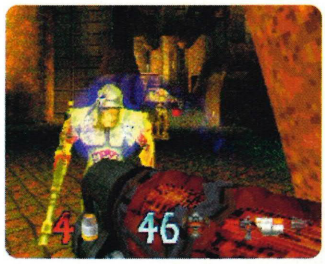

▲ The grenade launcher fires off bombs at high speed

# ALIEN DOGS

## THE I-SPY BOOK OF STROGGS, THEIR GUNS, AND THE WEAPONS TO KILL THEM WITH

### GRUNT

Grunts are armed with a range of weapons, from puny blasters to massive grenade launchers. One blast from the double-barrelled should bring them down, no problems.



▲ Grunts: simpletons easily slaughtered

### OGRE

These'll take two or three well-aimed blasts from the shotgun. You must keep moving while fighting or they'll pump chaingun ammo so fast you'll be dead in no time.



▲ Aim at the head and give it three pulls

### ROBOT

Armed to the max and highly resistant to quick deaths. Don't try to take them out from a distance. They need attention at close range, preferably from a big gun with Quad damage.



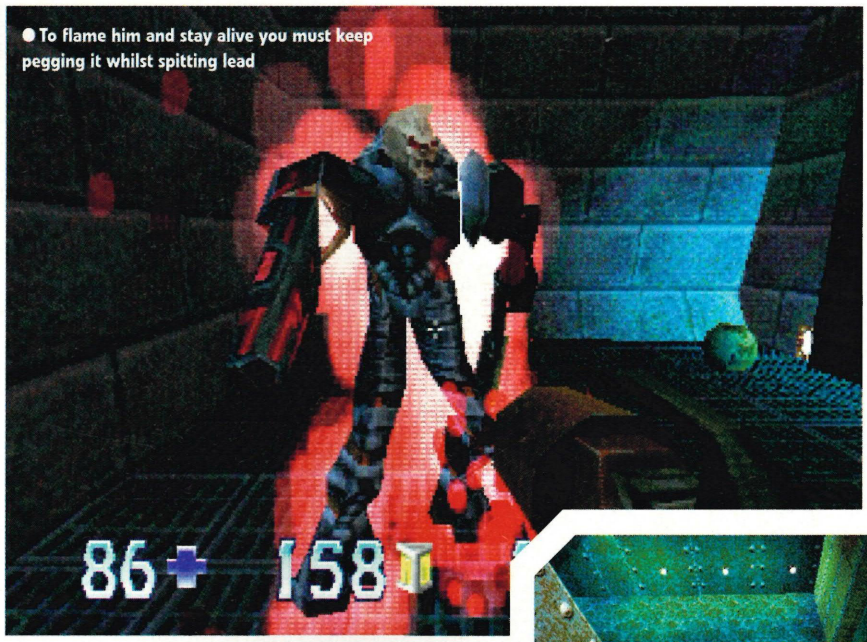
▲ 'Why ain't you goin' down my son?'

### STROGG DOG

Nasty, fast-moving hell hounds with horrible extending tongues that drain your energy. A big nuisance in the thick of battle where they can take a few hits.



▲ 'No tongues, no tongues!'



● To flame him and stay alive you must keep pegging it whilst spitting lead

## SUPER SHARP SHOOTER

Yes, the control system is sticky (see p12) but it does allow you to keep moving at speed while caning people in any direction you please.

The baddies take their time to raise their guns at you, but once they've drawn a bead, they'll pulverise you in seconds. If you stand still to aim, you're meat. Give it time, and you'll be able to blast robot beasts hiding on high platforms while running diagonally – all without breaking sweat. And once your skills are that sharp, you'll be the Daddy in multiplayer.



▲ Don't get too close to the edge or you'll trip and be this spider's prey. It's very tough so be well armed



● Run sideways while caning this goon with the machine gun. Yeah!

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But, to be fair, we should warn you that it's like no other game that's gone before. Even Final Fantasy 8 seems like child's play in comparison. Take on Final Fantasy 7, and find yourself sucked into a dark, dramatic world, where dreams and reality merge into each other.

This truly is the ultimate gaming experience that PlayStation has to offer: the best quality graphics, tons of cool variations on the way the game plays, and hours of movie-style footage that should give Hollywood a run for its money. You'll feel a serious chill go down your spine. You'll never go through anything like this.




▲ You get some cool battles early on when fighting as these guys



▲ Edea seduces your good guy Seifer

## THE SORCERESS, SHE'S HARD

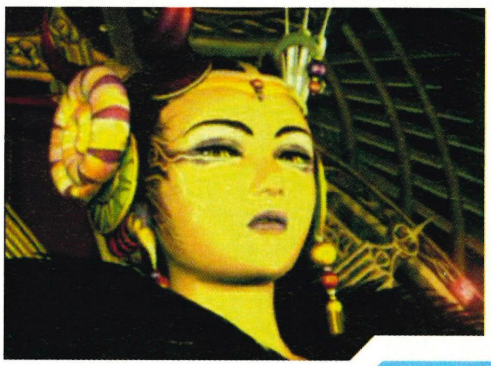
Anyone who played through the last game will remember Sephiroth, the scariest character we ever came across. Well, forget that pussycat, you've got serious competition this time around. Her name is Edea and she's a sorceress.

It's not his fault, but the president of Galbadia elected Edea as an ambassador for peace for the Galbadian government. But, of course, peace is the last thing on the sorceress' agenda.

Crowds gathered to hear Edea's public address must know something is wrong when the first thing they hear is 'Lowlifes...'. And then, 'Let us start a new reign of terror'. No, let's not. Instead, let's have our team join the revolution to kick your bony witch ass back to whatever hole it crawled from! You've had it, sorceress.



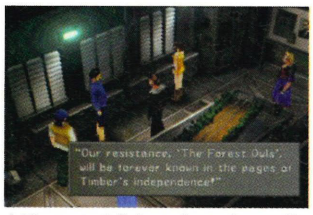
▲ Use awesome spells for the most impressive battles ever



▲ Everyone is dying because of Edea, the Sorceress. She's a scheming cow



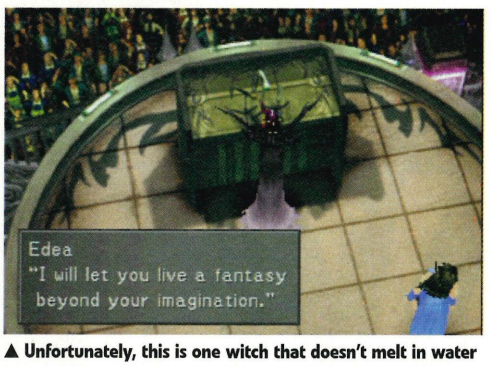

▲ Seifer defects to the dark side




▲ The townsfolk have formed guerrilla units who'll often help you out




▲ Soldiers working for the Galbadian army seriously believe they're fighting a just cause. It's really a shame to defeat them




▲ Unfortunately, this is one witch that doesn't melt in water



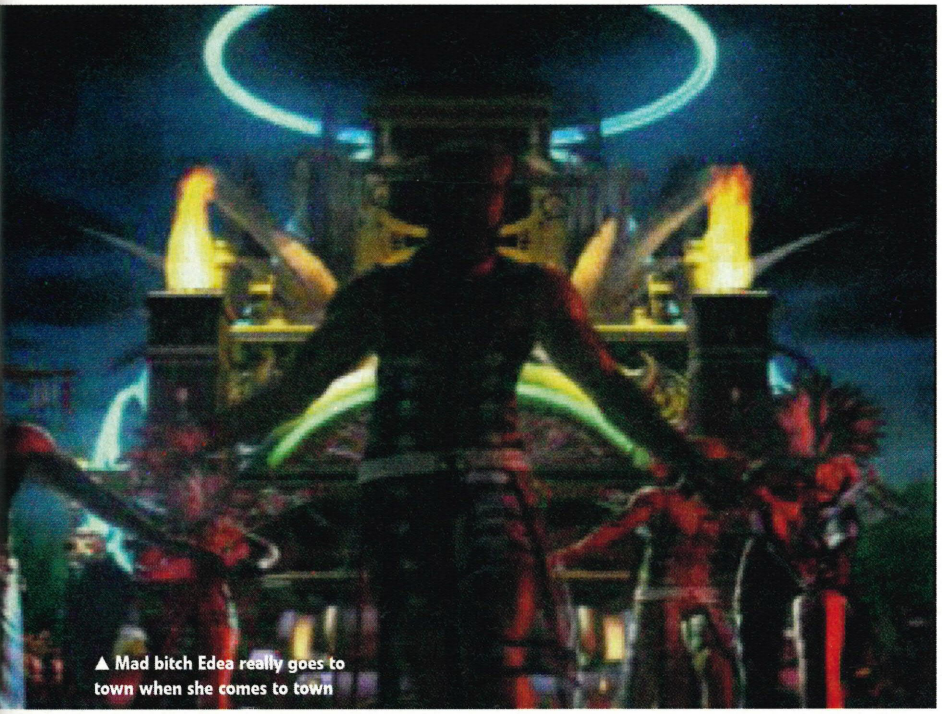
▲ Shiva is pretty damn sexy, as Guardian Forces go



▲ Kill her! Wha... oh, you can't! So now what?

# ITCH FROM HELL

## SS ALIVE? C'MON, THEN!

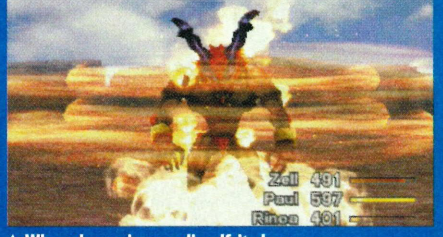


▲ Mad bitch Edea really goes to town when she comes to town

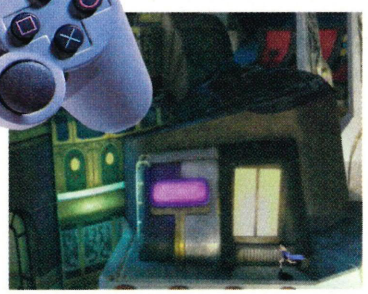
## 'REMEMBER SEPHIROTH? WELL, FORGET THAT PUSSYCAT, YOU'VE GOT SERIOUS COMPETITION THIS TIME AROUND'

### DUEL SHOCK

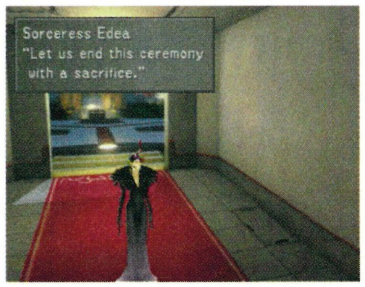
While everything is going off on screen, you get to feel the power through your Dual Shock controller. When your monster sidekicks, the Guardian Forces, come crashing down on the enemy, the controller almost jumps out of your hands! Likewise, when you score a perfect hit on an enemy, a sudden jolt. Other times, the effect is used to register pain or uneasy sensations that a character is experiencing.




▲ When demonic guardian Ifrit shows up, your controller shakes like hell. A Dual Shock's a must for FF8



▲ The blend between video sequences and full-on action is virtually seamless



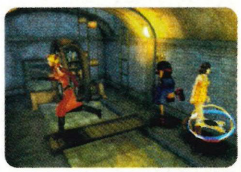

▲ Who is Edea talking about here? We're not telling, but you're not going to like it

## 'WE'VE COME TO KICK ASS'

### THESE GUYS ARE ON YOUR SIDE, SO KNOW THEM WELL

#### SQUALL LEONHART

Squall's the central character in FF8. He's mean, moody and doesn't take any shit. His weapon's a Gunblade – half revolver, half sword. Get it?



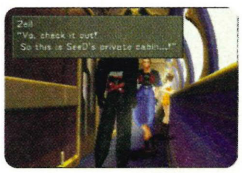
#### RINOA HEARTILLY

She's only 17 and is the leader of the Forest Owls resistance group, who call her Princess. She carries a Blaster Edge – a sharp-edged boomerang.



#### ZELL DINCHT

You get attitude the whole time from this guy. Thing is, he lives up to his promises, given the chance. Doesn't need a weapon, Zell fights with his fists!




#### SEIFER ALMASY

There are troubled kids, and there's Seifer. Even his instructor admits he's impossible to control. Like Squall, Seifer is equipped with a Gunblade.




#### QUISTIS TREPE

You first know her as the team's instructor at Garden. She may be dependable, but she isn't always so predictable, which gives you a scare at one stage.



#### SELPHIE TILMMITT

Coolest thing about this girl is her weapon – the nunchaku. Otherwise, she's a pain in the ass because she's always laughing at stupid things.



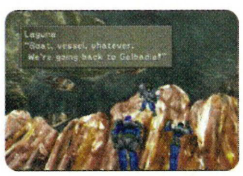

#### IRVINE KINNEAS

He's so cool, he can't help it. But he's also deeply misunderstood, or so he says. Irvine is assigned to your group as a sniper, and therefore carries a rifle.



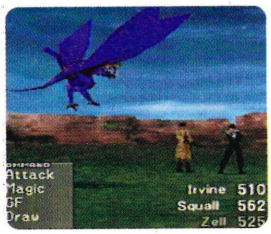

#### LAGUNA LOIRE

One of the Galbadian soldiers. The military becomes too much for his big heart. He may only live for poetry, but he's kick-ass tough with a machine gun.



# 6 TIPS IN THE FIRST STAGES

## ESSENTIAL SURVIVAL STRATEGY



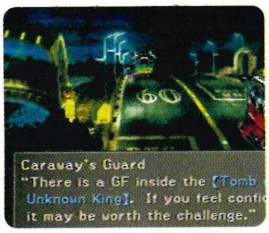

### 1 FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

Learn your skills and build up your strength early on in the game. Then take on as many enemies as possible in each new area to gain experience for yourself and the characters.




### 2 LOOK AFTER YOUR FORCES

Training your Guardian Forces to support you is essential. The game automatically selects a new skill after one is learned, but you should select them manually to suit your style.




### 3 DON'T RUSH THROUGH

You might be desperate to see what happens next, but racing through the game trying to save time is ultimately futile. Take it easy, you'll find useful people or things this way.



### 4 VARY YOUR TEAM

Sometimes you are prompted to switch team members – it's part of the plot. However, don't neglect to do this of your own accord. You gain strength and see more cool action this way.



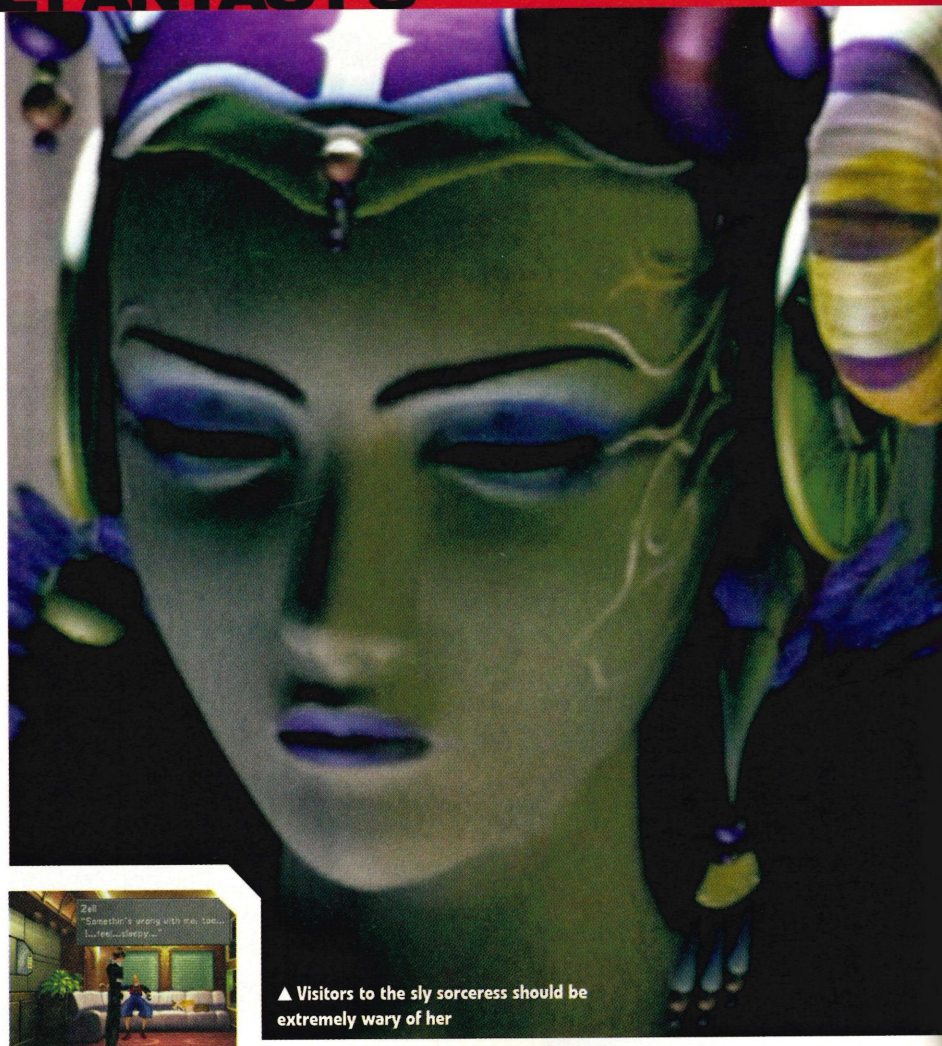

### 5 SAVE REGULARLY

Final Fantasy 8 is a big game, full of wonders. Saving your progress can be useful if you need to do some backtracking, but the main reason is you'll want to see some parts again.




### 6 PRACTICE YOUR HITS

You're in a long battle, your magic's low, and your potions are gone. You'll lose if feeble hits are all you can manage. Practice hitting that R1 button each time you strike for triple the power!



▲ Visitors to the sly sorceress should be extremely wary of her




**1** A noice attack can put your character to sleep

## IN YOUR DREAMS, MATE

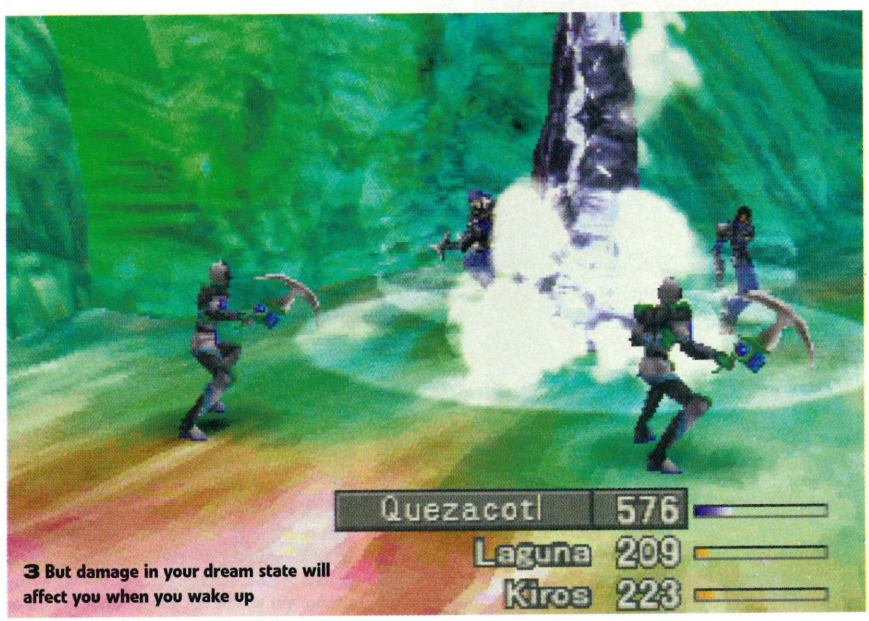


**2** Then you'll enter a dream world and have to fight

At unpredictable moments in the game your team fall into a deep sleep, dropping like stones after hearing an eerie high-pitched sound. It's a weird device the game uses to disorientate you.

While your team is unconscious, they act out the lives of other characters – Galbadian soldiers – who provide a subplot to the story. The really weird thing is that any injuries these dream egos sustain, however minor, impact on them when they wake up.

It's a mystery for sure, but one thing we know is that one of the dream soldiers, Laguna, becomes your real-life ally later on.




**3** But damage in your dream state will affect you when you wake up




## READ THE MAGAZINE

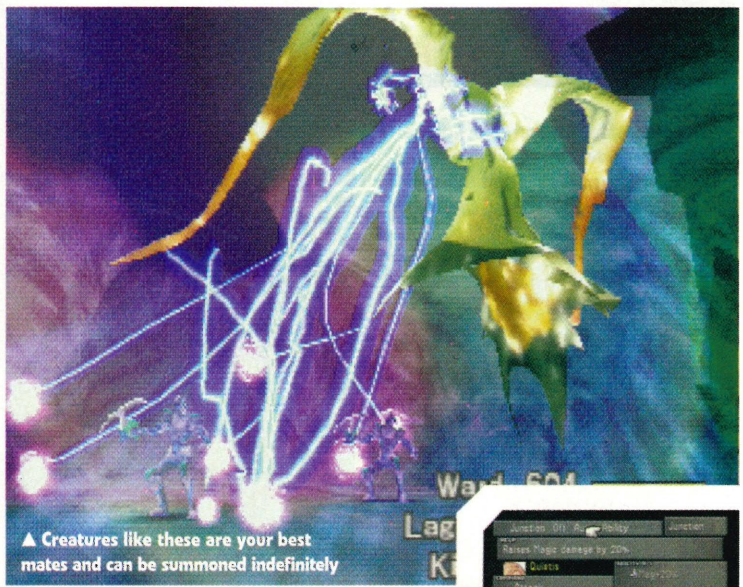
In keeping with the realistic approach to the game, the way you learn cool tips is to read the coolest magazines. So if you're looking for tips on how to upgrade your weapon, read Weapons Monthly. Or if you're wondering how to train Rinoa's dog to fight for you in battle, flick through the pages of Pet Pals for tips.




▲ Gun magazine can teach you how to upgrade your weapons



▲ Teach your dog new tricks by browsing the pages of Pet Pals magazine. Cute idea



▲ Creatures like these are your best mates and can be summoned indefinitely




▲ Your energy bar is exchanged for the GF's



▲ Squall is the leading FF8 character

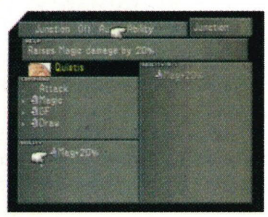
## JUNCTION'S COMPLEX CHOICES

The option called 'Junction' is central to the development of your characters. Mainly because it allows them to join forces with ultra-powerful, magical beings called the Guardian Forces. While all magical skills and monsters-to-the-rescue in Final Fantasy VII were managed by 'Materia' stones, in VIII the whole shebang is wrapped up in the GFs.

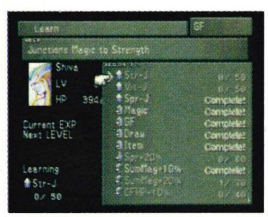
Junction also allows you to allocate abilities to characters, some of which are linked to the Guardian Forces. You can even select special attacks unique to each person, and choose Auto or Manual operation of weapons. Hey, we didn't say this was simple, but the flexibility's unbeatable.




▲ This is the massively hard-hitting Limit Break attack



▲ Allocate your abilities from here



▲ You can teach your GF new skills

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### PLUS RECKONS

Early on, you find yourself wanting to move FF8 along quicker. But once the sorceress has made her entrance, you'll be swearing until you start turning blue. But you will never forget sights like these. My God, those battles are awesome. **Paul**

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# FORMULA 1 99

**Schuey may be out of it but there are plenty of desperate wannabes pulling more Gs than a fighter pilot between you and the chequered flag**

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**This is the fourth Formula 1 game and, y'know what, nothing much has changed. You'll find the same drivers, the same teams and the same tracks. There have been a few barely noticeable changes in colour schemes and drivers moving from one team to another – but that's about it.**

So it's time for F1 99 to justify its existence. Well, it's like all sports games: people who're into them don't mind, it's the same old thing, it's just how up-to-date it is. And this is where Formula 1 99 kicks ass. All the teams and drivers are up-to-date – Schuey's on the injured list, although you can still play as him, and the tracks are taken from the '99 season, including the new Malaysian track, Sepang.

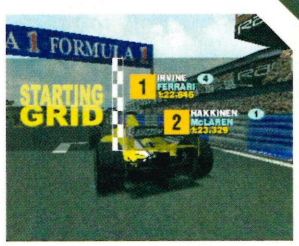
Naff and cheesy Murray Walker does the commentary. He's dead annoying and will leave you breathless with his endless store of clichés. Martin Brundle takes you around the tracks before you start, boring you rigid with hints on each of the corners. Stuff him, 'cos 18-inches behind your head lurks enough power to give Stalin a stalk and six-inches beneath you, enough grip to thrill the Boston Strangler.




● Take too much damage, such as this crushed aerofoil, and it's the pits for you



▲ The other cars sometimes swerve erratically across the track. Not good




▲ Your starting position really depends on your qualifying lap




▲ Watch out for knackered cars because it takes ages for them to be cleared off the track




▲ Check the skies, then your tyres. Rain will seriously affect your performance




▲ Check the track out in the Merc pace car before you race



▲ Too many bangs and your car will eventually fall to bits

# WHY BUY F1 99 WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY GOT 97?

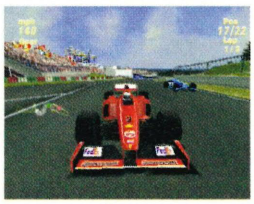
Forget about Formula 1 98 because it's pure dross. If you're into F1, then you probably have 97, which is the business. So how does 99 compare against it. Have a look at this and find out.

# F1 97 VS F1 99

## GRAPHICS



▲ F1 97's graphics are hi-res so everything's super-sharp, but a lot of the background scenery that pops into view is nasty



▲ F1 99 doesn't look as crisp, but this baby moves. It's much smoother and the backgrounds are really impressive

## GAMEPLAY

● In F1 97, it's dead easy to pick up and play in arcade mode, and there's just the right level of realism in the Grand Prix mode

● F1 99's good, but because you can't steer and brake at the same time (apparently you can't on a real F1 car, either), we don't like it quite so much

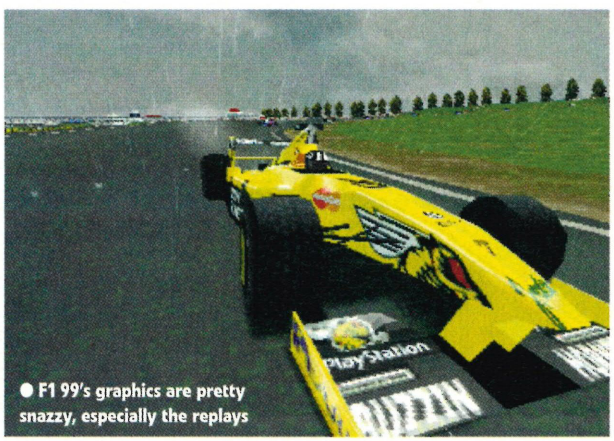
## TWO-PLAYER



▲ Only two cars race at the same time and the scenery breaks up all over the place. Don't bother with this crud



▲ This is not much better – the sky is slightly bluer. There are only two cars in the race and, though it's faster, it's not exciting



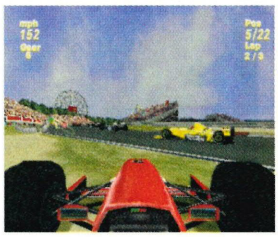
● F1 99's graphics are pretty snazzy, especially the replays




● In arcade mode you don't have to worry about crunching your motor

# 'I WANT TO RACE RIGHT NOW!'

If you can't be arsed with the simulation side of Grand Prix, go for the arcade mode. It's a quick race on one of eight courses, using any of the drivers and cars. And you don't have to worry about the car set-up or realism, just qualify to get a place on the grid – and go.



▲ If you spin out, you don't lose too much time. And you can even use the grass for shortcuts



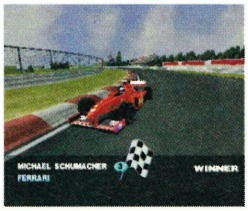

▲ You can still play with the car's set-up in arcade mode, but there's no point



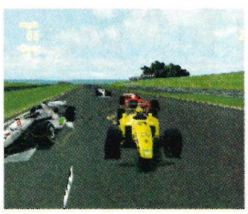
▲ The arcade mode's more like mucking about in bumper cars than racing in Formula 1

# TIME TO TAKE A REALITY CHECK

This is where hardcore F1 fans sign up. Choose a full season and you get to race all the circuits in order, opening new tracks as you progress, or tackle any unlocked tracks in a single race. You can keep the options simple, leaving the car set-up to the mechanics, or you can go all the way and fiddle with wing aerodynamics and suspension. Race rules – such as collisions, tyre wear, fuel consumption and warning flags – can be switched on or off, to make the race as realistic as you want. The trouble is, when everything's cranked up to maximum, it's really not much fun.




▲ The scoring's the same as in real life – 10 points for a win



▲ With realism cranked up to the max, it's so easy to trash your motor in seconds



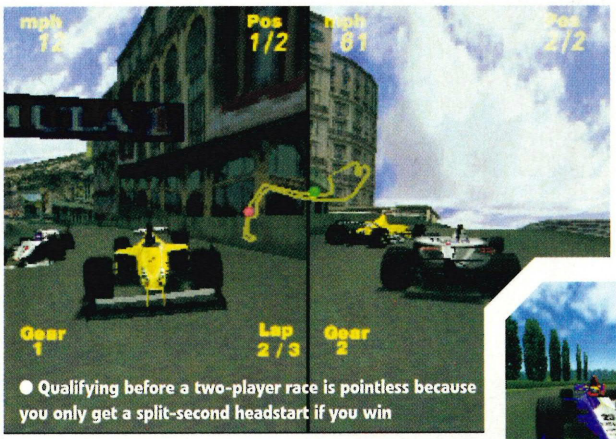

▲ It's easy to spin out in GP mode, so keep your speed down on corners

# 'YOU WERE BEHIND ME A SECOND AGO'

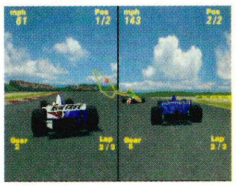
## WHY MULTIPLAYER F1 99 DOESN'T CUT IT AGAINST THE REST

Racing games are great when you're burning it up against a mate. Well, most of them are. Formula 1 99 won't beat your stick in multiplayer because it just isn't very exciting to play. You can choose your course and car, which is extremely cool, but there are no other drivers on the track. And all it takes is for one driver to be slightly better than the other, and you don't see anyone for three laps. Yawn.

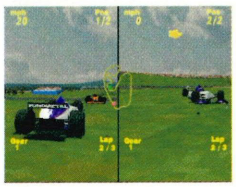
And the scenery? Well, don't hold your breath because a lot of the tracks are devoid of buildings, and tracks like Monaco look well shaky.




● Qualifying before a two-player race is pointless because you only get a split-second headstart if you win



▲ It's hard to see the track, so expect hitting the grass often



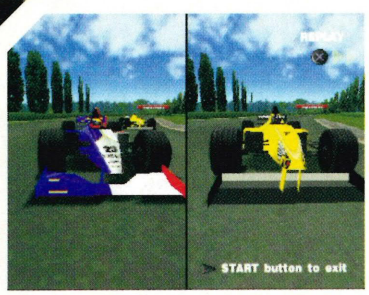
▲ Bored of racing? Why not play destruction derby instead



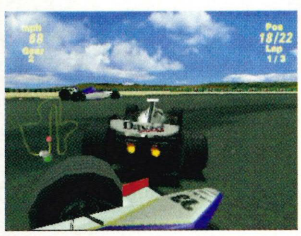

● Coming into a tight corner fast, it's hard on the brakes

## FOR GOD'S SAKE, BRAKE!

Formula 1 99's a realistic game, which is great. And if you're an F1 nutcase, you'll go mad over the realism level and all the options. But if you just want to muck about in a motor, you're going to be disappointed. For starters, you can steer when braking, which has something to do with the lack of anti-lock brakes on real cars. But who cares, we just wanna fun.



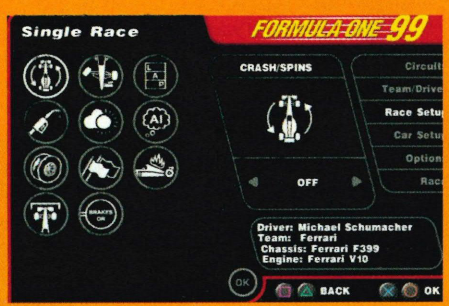

▲ The two-player replays are all in there, but they don't actually look too good



▲ Guess what, the front wheels don't turn so you'll fly off on to the grass

## YOU CHOOSE THE REALISM

You can change the world. You can stop the rain, make the sun shine, turn your rivals into idiots – you can do all of this in F1 99, at the tap of a button. The most useful stuff is brake and steering assist, making it easier to get around the course. There are also adjustments for tyre tread and wear, aerodynamics and artificial intelligence.




▲ You can try the various F1 features on the options screen

## 'YOU'LL LOVE THE REALISM, BUT IF YOU JUST WANT TO MUCK ABOUT IN A MOTOR, YOU'LL BE DISAPPOINTED'




▲ Lots of changes mean you'll be in the pits for forever

## IT'S THE GODDAMN PITS

We really like the pits in F1 99. They don't do anything particularly flash – aside from all the usual garage routine stuff, such as changing tyres, refuelling, that kind of thing – but it's dead easy to use – and super-fast. Just choose what you want done from the menu which appears, then wait for the guys to finish. And when the green lights come on, floor it!

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*Gran Turismo: the most detailed, driving game on the 'Station so far*




*Formula 1 97: still up there with the best – it looks sharp and plays smoothly*




## PLUS RECKONS

The graphics are sharp and it moves super-smooth. The two-player's dull, but play on your own and you won't get a better F1 game. It's crammed with techy options, though, so if you want a straight arcade racer, then don't bother. **Alex**

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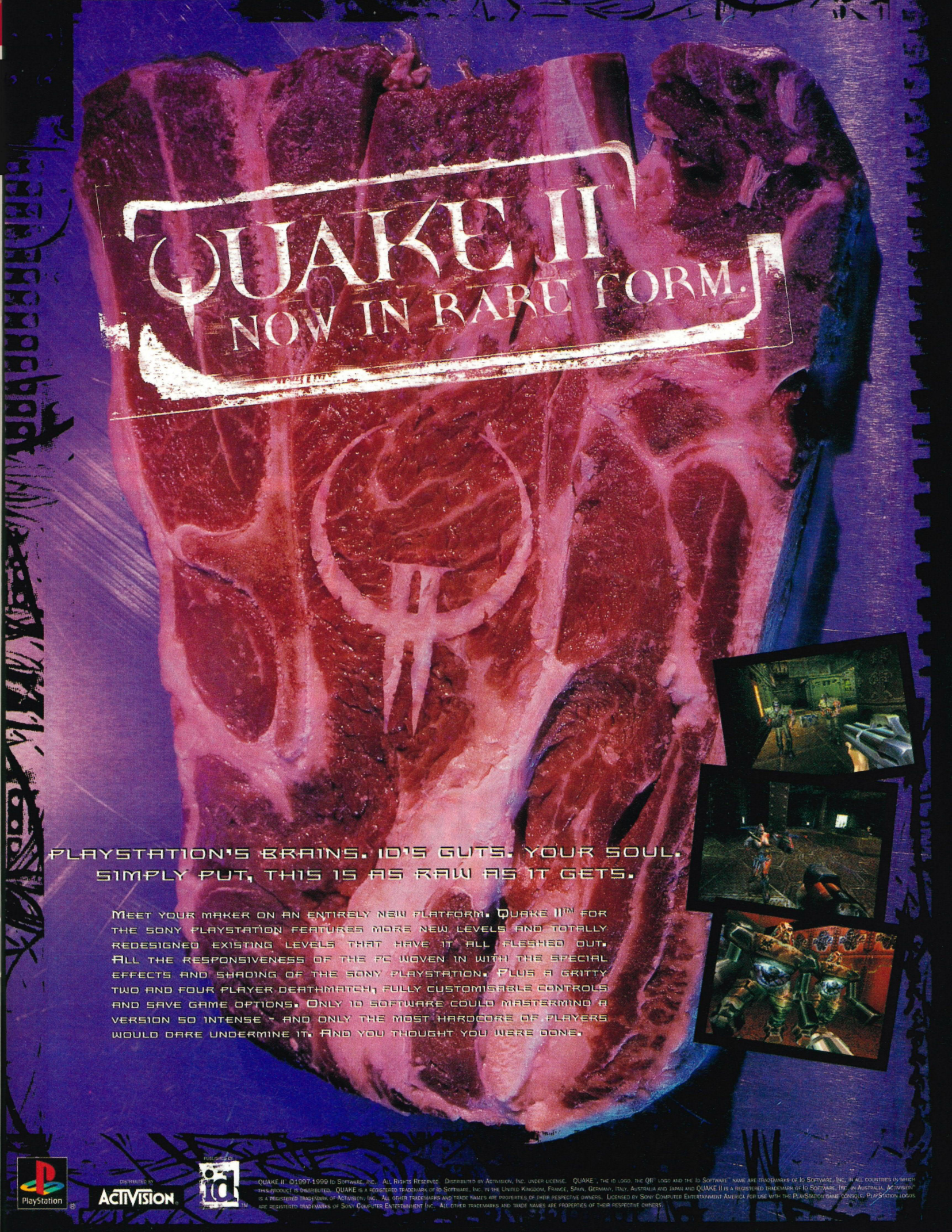
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# MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

## Warning: interest in this game could self-destruct in 20 seconds

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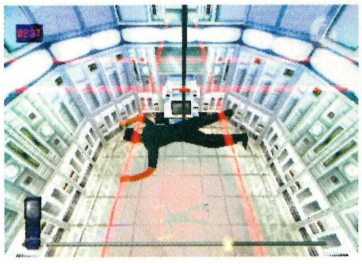
**Mission: Impossible is a wannabe Metal Gear, a pseudo Syphon Filter. It's crammed with variety and it sure tries hard with its neat ideas - levels in which you peer down on the action from above, a sniper mode, and fake faces you can wear for deception.**

But it's an espionage action thriller with little espionage, scant action, and naff all thrills. The word is, the game companies pay so much to get these big movie licenses that there's little cash left in the jar to make a decent game. Batman & Robin, The Crow, Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi – wiseguys know these and others belong in hospital incinerators.

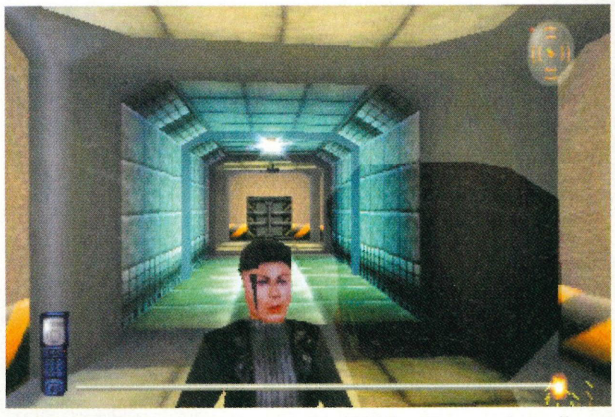
In Mission: Impossible you are Ethan Hunt, the Yanks' answer to James Bond. It's your job to make sense of this mish-mash game. You can break into computers, pilot a gun-boat, and attend parties dressed in other peoples' clothes. Are you confused yet? Well, here's the score.



▲ Remember this? Classic movie action




▲ When you're sneaking through enemy bases, watch out for booby traps



▲ Need a leggy, bronzed and bosomy side-kick? Try this moose instead!

## A BAD CASE OF THE SCHIZ

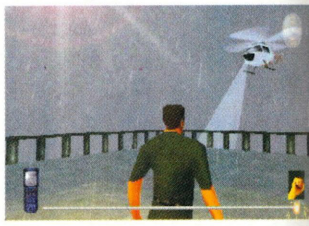
Mission:Imposible is a schizoid game. One mission you're shooters blazing, the next you're puzzle gazing. The trouble is, few of the missions work very well. The odd one pans out OK, such as the diplomat's party ('Ambassador, with these Ferrero Rocher you're spoiling us!'), where you're stuck without a weapon and must lure him down from upstairs with his favourite piano music. But then, quicker than you can say 'nuttah alert!', the gameplay switches style completely.



▲ There are loads of disguises you can use to get the top secret info you're after. Here, Ethan dresses as a waiter to infiltrate a diplomat's dinner party



▲ See the fuse line at the bottom? That's how much energy Ethan's got left



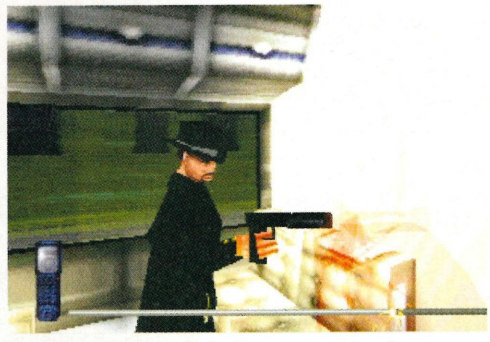
▲ The scenery on some levels looks rubbish



▲ OK-ish cutscenes carry the story along



▲ Nailing it along a rain-drenched train sounds good. It's not



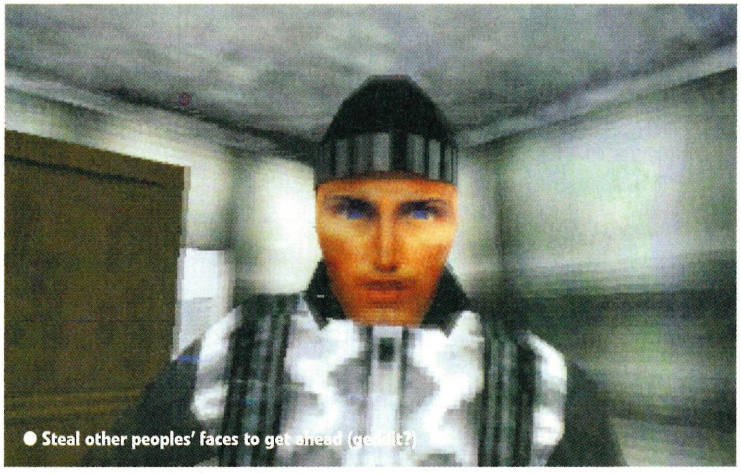
▲ Even at this range, the bad guys manage to miss



▲ Even though the base is crawling with guards, they're such crap shots you can run without fear of dying

# 'I'LL RE-ARRANGE YOUR FACE'

Actually, Mission: Impossible has some tricks and flourishes which hint how good it could have been. Neat ideas include being able to nick the identities of people to get pass checkpoints, and working alongside team members. Problem is, they've been chucked in the pan but no-one's turned up the gas. A stack of class weapons and a multiplayer option would've injected tension.



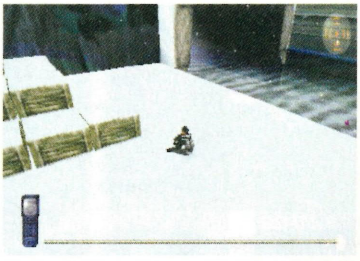
● Steal other peoples' faces to get ahead (geddit?)



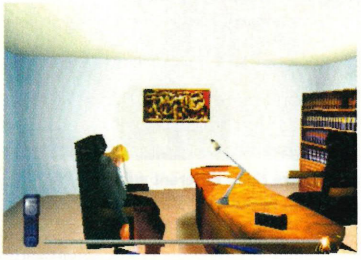
▲ Slip into aim mode and you can take out the bad guys from afar

# CRUISE FOR A BRUISE

Frankly, Ethan looks a bit of a dick thanks to rotten animation. When he leaps, it's like a gibbon with a trapped nerve. When he ambles, it's like Quasimodo with a hod. That's not the Tom Cruise we remember. Flaky graphics all round are not helped by the point-of-view which can make you feel as if you've had a Martini too many.



▲ Even Ethan gets bored playing this game



▲ Sleeping on the job – this guy's in trouble

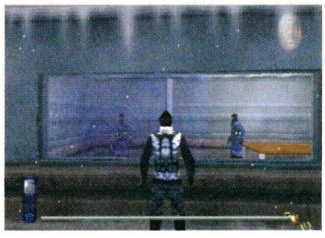



▲ Bag too many innocent bystanders and it's the end of the line for you

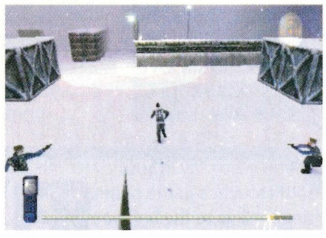
# UH-OH-7!

## THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN RUN

**Considering his status as a top agent, Hunt is woefully short of clever moves. There is no sneaking, no crawling, simply running and jumping. He can take 20 hits from an AK-47 before he even thinks about going all Reservoir Dogs on you, and the guards are more Securicor than Special Corps. If you want to finish a level fast then legging it is the best option.**



▲ Enemies can be dumb asses



▲ 'Stop or we'll miss!': guards are crap



▲ Use the sniper rifle to save your mate



▲ Aim for the bloke's head, not the girl

## LIKE THIS? TRY THESE

*Syphon Filter: fast-paced blaster crammed with weapons and missions*




*Metal Gear Solid: cracking spy game that's great while it lasts – which isn't long*




## PLUS RECKONS

Every stealth 'em up litter has its runt and Mission: Impossible is the weedy one you're left feeling sorry for. Cool ideas with loads of potential are wrecked by ropey graphics and gameplay which really sucks – a big disappointment. **Steve O**

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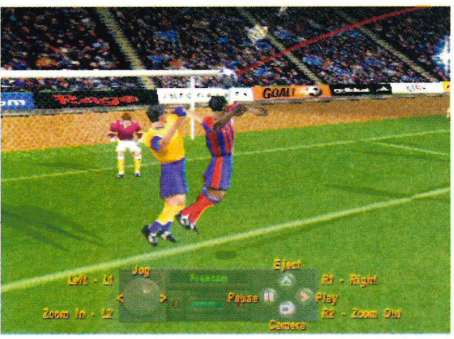
# UEFA STRIKER

## Packed with neat details and a pukka license to boot (arf-arf), this FIFA/ISS challenger slips up in the penalty box



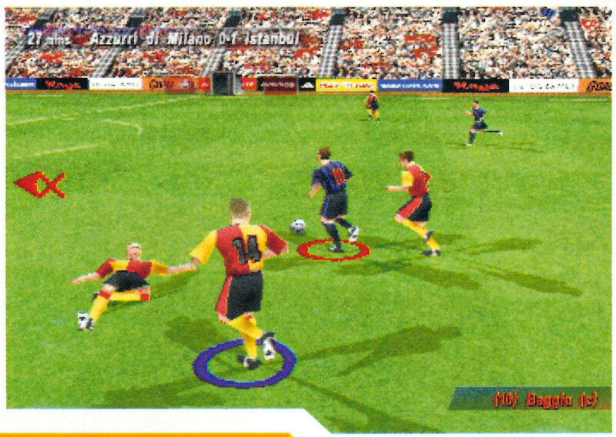

▲ Scoring from a cross isn't too difficult



▲ There are three different weather conditions. In the snow, the ball is orange

**Sky's got its interactive football channel, but if you want more than a couple of different camera angles you're best of sticking with the 'Station.**

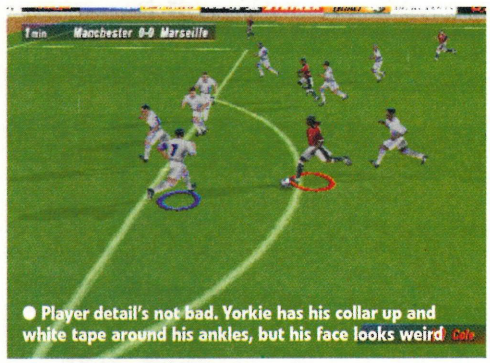
The latest hopeful to tackle FIFA and ISS is UEFA Striker, one of the better footy games on the machine. Thing is, even though it's a proper licenced UEFA game, with almost all of the European teams and players in the cup, not all the proper names are in there. Arsenal aren't called Arsenal here, they're Highbury. That's naff. And while you can string a few tasty passes together and smash in some Goal of the Month contenders, you'll feel unsatisfied with the whole package. Here's why...




▲ Hit slide tackle and your guy will glide across the grass for ages. Realistic this ain't



▲ Although UEFA Striker's easy to pick up and play, it doesn't offer the same level of control as ISS Evolution




● Player detail's not bad. Yorkie has his collar up and white tape around his ankles, but his face looks weird

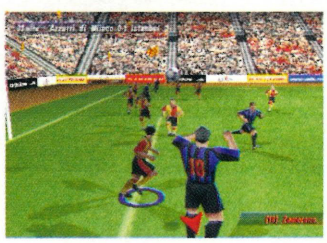
## GOALS GALORE

### GUARANTEED WAYS TO SCORE. NO FAIR!

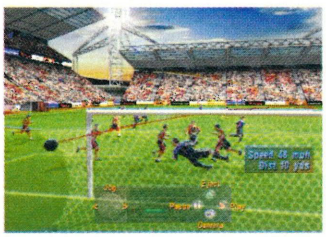
**Sticking in a Beckham thunderbolt from 40 yards is all well and good, but it's not realistic in this game. The keepers palm away everything from that range. What really sucks, and is guaranteed to piss your mates off, is there are a couple of sure-fire ways to score. Sure, it's cheesy, but whenever you're trailing, go one-on-one with the keeper, draw him out, sprint directly away from him and tap the ball. Goal, every time.**



▲ Shoot directly at the goal...



▲ And the keeper palms it away



▲ Hold shoot down for a harder shot

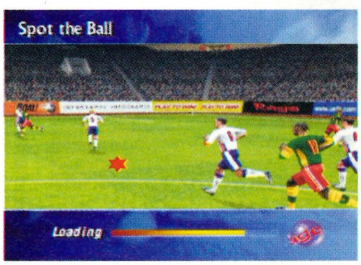


▲ Draw out the keeper and shoot

## GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL

Those of you who play in Sunday league'll like the little touches in the game. Stuff like players appealing as the ball goes out, and the orange ball in the snow, are great. Small details most games overlook.

And the stadiums are top-notch in quality, except there's nobody in the dug out: Manager? Subs? Physio? Anybody? But you also have silly faults, like slide tackles that go on for 15 yards and once a player animation has started, there's no stopping it - no matter how long it takes.




▲ Spot the ball to unlock hidden teams



▲ The stadiums look good, but so what?

### PLUS RECKONS

Not be the greatest footy game, but UEFA's good fun in short bursts. But the longer you play, the more frustrated you'll get at its shortcomings. Go for ISS instead. **Steve**

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▲ The other riders are good, but you're guaranteed to come first after a few races




▲ As well as racing, there's a secret stunt track so you can pull off cool tricks




▲ You must balance speed with stamina, so free-ride down hills and pedal up slopes

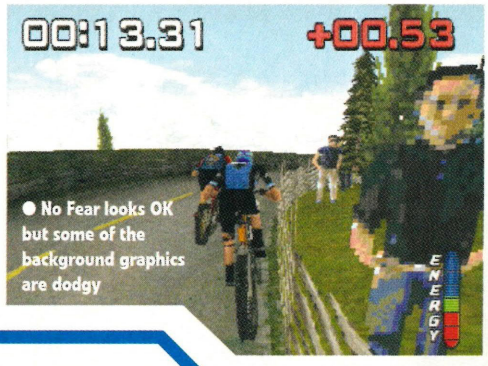
# NO FEAR DOWNHILL BIKING

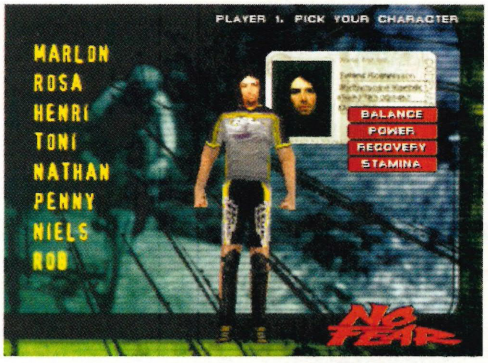
**The people behind TOCA and Micro Machines attempt a pedal-powered, alloy-framed Colin McRae for you**

**Downhill mountain-biking: an extreme sport enjoyed by goatee-bearded drop-outs who break bones for a thrill, and who haven't washed their hair in weeks.**

The PlayStation's armchair equivalent, No Fear Downhill Biking, is the ponce's cop out. You won't crack ribs and, more importantly, you won't go for days without a shower.

Instead you'll compete as one of eight riders, burning down 25 of the most dangerous trails you've seen. There are rocks, rivers and boulders to avoid, championships to win and tricks to pull off. And that's just the start.




▲ You start with six riders to choose from, each with different skills. There are two hidden bikers as well

## UNLOCK MORE STUFF BY WINNING RACES

You can compete on three skill levels. These change the trail you're riding on. For example, race on the Volcano in the amateur league and the course'll be short and simple. Tackle the same location in pro or expert and the track's longer, with sharper turns and nasty obstacles. Win races and you get custom parts which increases the performance of your bike.

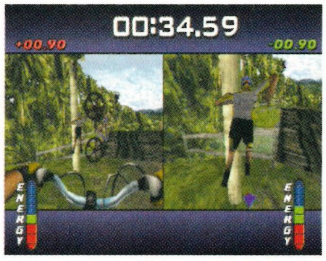



▲ Tough corners on pro level

## TWO-PLAYER

### DON'T GET FOOLED BY THE MULTIPLAYER PROMISE - IT'S DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY

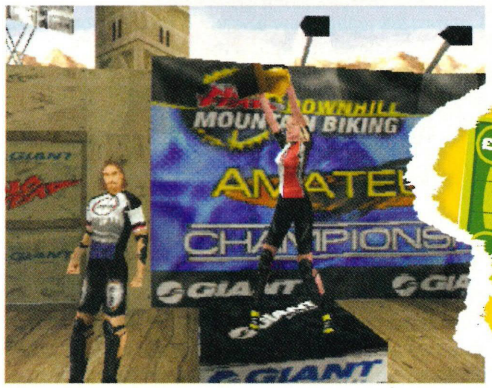
We like two-player games at Plus, but this one's not so hot. The screen's tiny so it's hard to see what's going on, and the scenery is always popping into view so it's difficult to work out where the trail goes. The thing that really gets on our tits though is the four-player. It's a cop out, because you and your three mates never race at the same time, only individually or one-on-one. That sucks, big time.




▲ The screen's dead small in the two-player, making it tough to see what's going on and where the track goes




▲ In the tournament mode, choose you favourite course and race up to three other mates. Not much fun though




▲ To unlock new courses, finish three trials in first place

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## PLUS RECKONS

No Fear plays OK, but the graphics are blocky and the multiplayer's not much fun. All right for a bit, but off-road racing doesn't get better than Colin McRae. **Alex**

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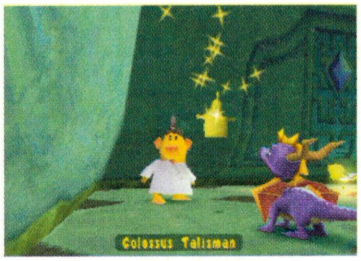
▲ Some enemies fire back at you, so kill 'em straight off with a headbutt




▲ To exit a level you're already in, you must earn the Talisman from the stage



▲ Each level has a power-up that's activated once you've killed a set number of bad guys

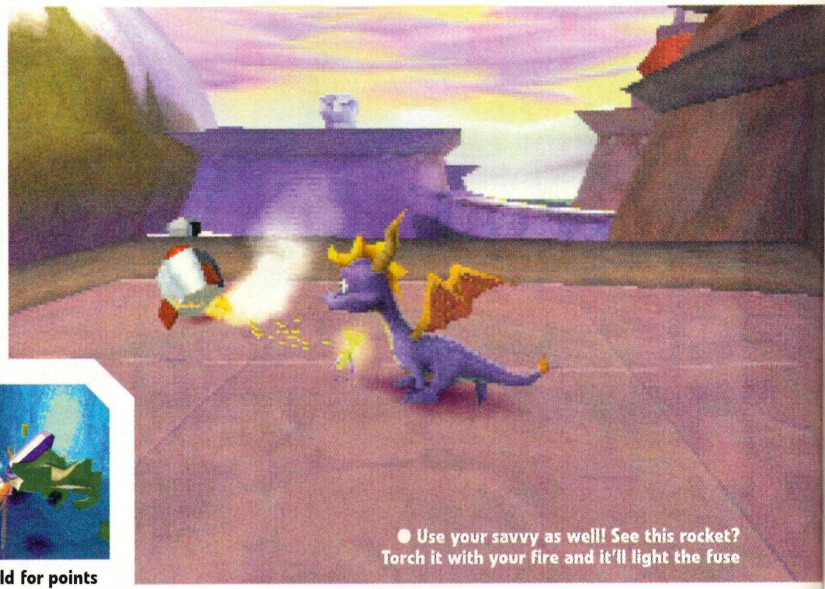
# SPYRO 2: GATEWAY TO GLIMMER

## It's the kind of cute game you take the piss out of your girlfriend for playing, but deep down you want to play for yourself

**The thing about these cute-looking games is almost all of them play really well. And because of that, you like them.**

Thing is, you'd never admit to your mates you spent all last night gliding around a cartoon world as a purple dragon, with only a fly for company? So maybe it's time we all admitted like Spyro.

It's a decent enough game, one which'll last you for ages. On top the main jumpy-fly bits, there are loads of sub-games and hidden levels to check out, and by doing so you can open up entire new sections of the game. That's cool, but it takes dedication. Have you got the stomach to handle this much cuteness, just to get the last gem and reach the last boss?



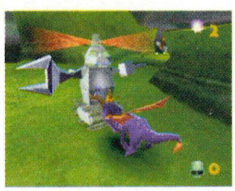
● Use your savvy as well! See this rocket? Torch it with your fire and it'll light the fuse



● Big boss guys. No worries, just torch the git



▲ Grab the gold for points



▲ Puzzles are very basic indeed



▲ Spyro 2's graphics are neat, if a little cute

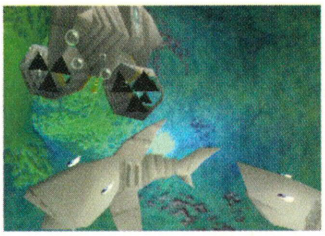
### SWEET SUB-GAMES

Have a natter with some of the locals and you'll uncover a load of neat sub-games which, if you win, give out a stash of gems or orbs. Once you've saved up a certain number of orbs, new sections of the game open up. It's only then you realise you're only a pathetic 11% through the game. Bugger.

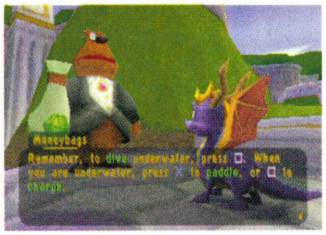
## MR MONEYBAGS

### THIS GUY'S WALLET AIN'T BEAR!

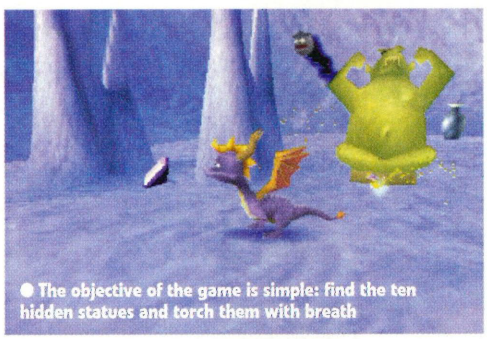
**Meet Mr Moneybags, the helpful bear. He's minted and like all good rich folk, he's a stingy tightwad to go with it. He holds loads of information you need, and can open up hidden sections too. Trouble is, you need cash to get it out of him. And cash in Spyro 2 are the gems that are scattered through the game. Certain skills, like diving, only cost a 100 gems, which is nothing. But, later on in the game, he'll slap a hefty 500-gem price tag on something as small as opening a bridge. Scum bag.**



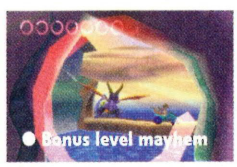
▲ Show him the money and he lends you his sub to get past the sharks



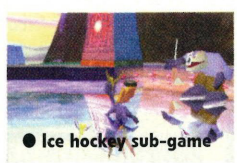

▲ In two seconds, and providing you've got the cash, you're an expert diver



● The objective of the game is simple: find the ten hidden statues and torch them with breath



● Bonus level mayhem



● Ice hockey sub-game

### PLUS RECKONS

It's a kid's game but it's got enough neat touches to make it appeal to every-one. Stomach the sweetness and you'll find it challenging and packed with levels. **Steve**

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# WCW MAYHEM

## Only in the US can obese, oiled-up blokes in tiny Speedos with very bad make-up become this sucessful. God bless America

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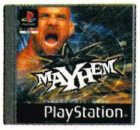


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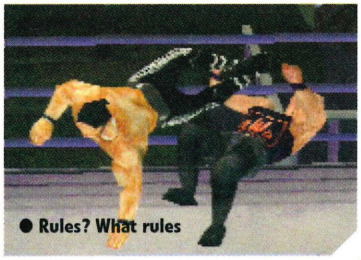
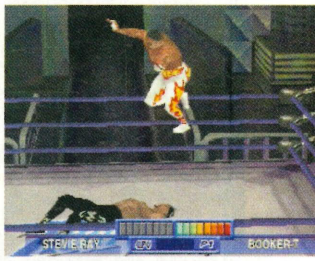
**Wrestling is crap. Utter rubbish. But somehow it's compelling enough to draw in huge audiences and make grown men scream and point at their genitalia screaming 'Suck it'. Bizarre.**

But while WWF is the really cool bloke who gets all the girls, WCW is like the fat kid at school who never gets picked for anything. It's the wrestling league that serves as a retirement ground for old gits from the WWF.

So Hulk Hogan is here. So is Randy Savage and Lex Luger. These wrestlers take part in one of 15 different events, ranging from the simple one-on-one to full-on four man brawls. And like the wrestler who compete, WCW Mayhem is tired and cannot compete with the best of them.



● Rules? What rules



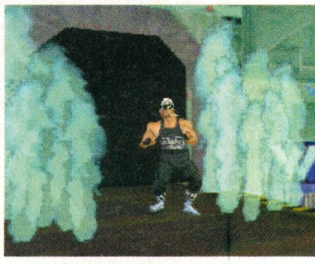

▲ Tap in combos to do special moves




▲ He's not so macho now. Randy Savage in Come Dancing shocker



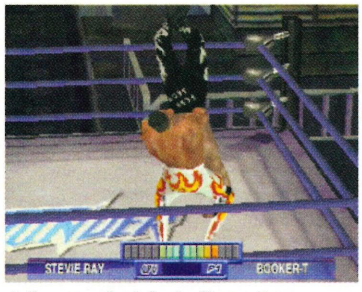

▲ Hammer the button to attack. How riveting



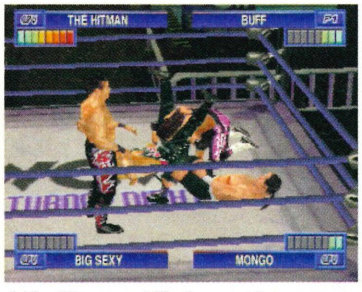
▲ For God's sake retire!

## 'OOH, ME PILEDRIVERS ARE KILLING ME'

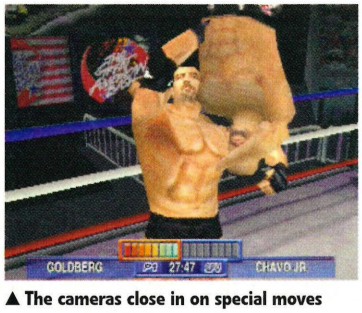
There's nothing funnier than picking up a mate by his pants and slamming him on to the mat. This is the best bit about WCW, because it has a load of moves for you to learn and pull off. At the bottom end of the scale, you can do everything from the simple piledriver right don't to the pub brawl-esque stamping on the face move. With a bit of practice you can jump from the top ropes, stick someone's head between your legs and sit on people's faces. Good, clean family fun!



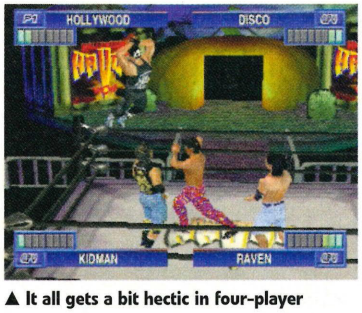

▲ Hang on, that's in the Karma Sutra




▲ The Hitman and Big Sexy get it on




▲ The cameras close in on special moves




▲ It all gets a bit hectic in four-player

## CREATE A WRESTLER

### MAKE YOUR OWN FAT TOSSPOT!

**Why pick one strange looking muscleman in a leotard when you can make your own? Problem is, you can't *really* create your own bloke because you can only choose from a set number of faces, body shapes and hairstyles. You can pick from some bizarre looking skins too, like a Robocop-style body and weird alien costumes. But that's it. This could have been cool with a bit more choice, but as it is it's nothing special.**




▲ This is where you switch between skinheads and dodgy mullets




▲ 'In the red corner, Bellend!' Laughs ahoy with the create wrestler option

## PLUS RECKONS

Not complete toss, but WWF Attitude is still the one to play. The graphics are OK, but the controls are too simple and the characters aren't great. Oops. **Steve**

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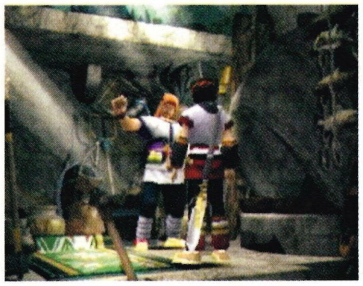


▲ Your best mate gives you some tips

# JADE COCOON

## Breed vicious, magical cyber-pets, then use them to save the world from the evil wizard

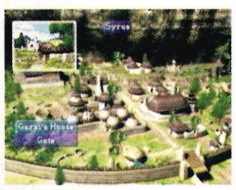
**Jade Coccoon's an epic RPG where you control a monster-trainer. You've got to capture magical animals in a quest to save the world from an evil wizard. It's all big eyes and bright colours, mixed up with the kind of weirdness that makes you wonder what substances they put in the water supply over in Japan.**

The odd thing is, it plays extremely well. It plods along at that s-l-o-w pace RPG fans love, but the locations look great, the dialogue's well-written and well-acted, and there's a lot of fun to be had creating new monsters, by combining the ones you catch out in the woods.

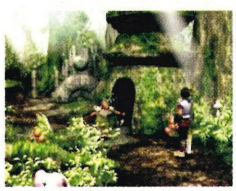
You spend most of the game mixing monsters up into new and deadly combinations, then using them to fight. There's a complex fighting and experience system to get to grips with before you can get the most out of your monsters, and there's also some girly fun to be had from mixing two up to make a strangely beautiful child. There's an infinite number of monsters to make as well, which is cool. But that's it – there's no blasting, just cyber-pet breeding, and that's well girly.



● Combat's a slow, turn-based affair. Here, you're capturing a monster



▲ Your village: there are lots of people here, and they're all *very* talkative



▲ The magical woods where you catch your monsters



▲ The lush green outdoor locations look absolutely amazing

## PLUS RECKONS

Unless the idea of breeding monsters grabs you from the start, be careful. This looks good and plays pretty slick, but it's limited. One for the girlfriend. **Keri**

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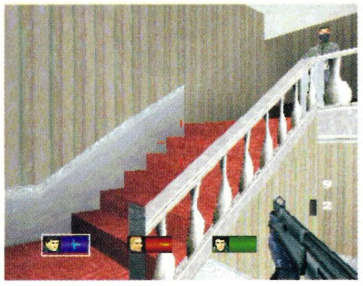
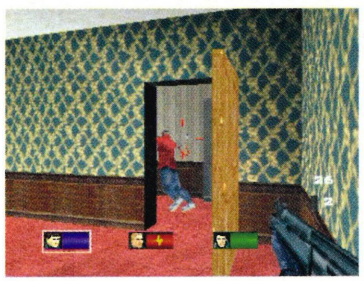


▲ The graphics are incredibly basic

# RAINBOW SIX

## You, three team-mates, a terrorist army and a load of kick-ass weaponry. Party hard!



▲ The enemy animation is pretty lousy

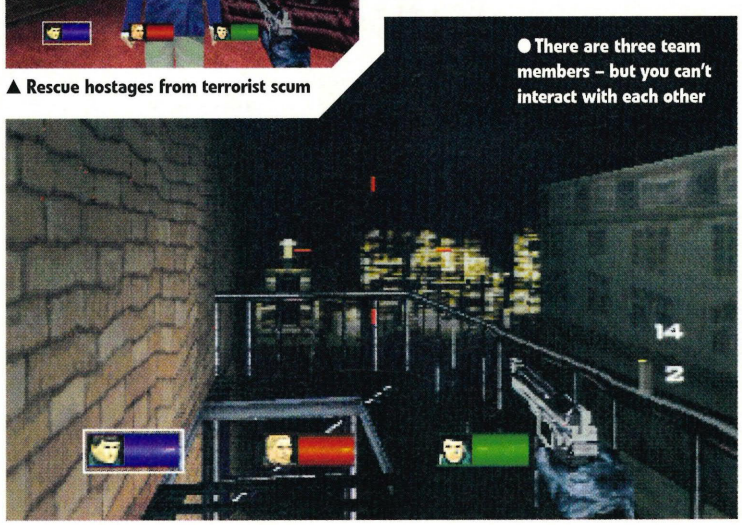
**Head up a team of SAS hard men, battling terrorists who've taken over embassies and oil rigs in this strategic 3D shooter.**

The graphics are simple, animation's a bit jerky and the levels are pretty sparse. But what's sharp here are the ideas: you have objectives like rescuing hostages, and a team of guys to achieve it with. You choose your team, where they start and the weapons they carry, then send each of them out in turn to hold positions and rescue hostages.

Sadly, the gameplay lets it down. Nothing much happens to the other team members when you're controlling someone else, so you lose the feeling you're leading a team in a crisis situation. There's a lack of variety in the missions too. If this is what SAS life is like, give us Civvy Street any day of the week.



▲ Rescue hostages from terrorist scum



● There are three team members – but you can't interact with each other

## PLUS RECKONS

There are some nice ideas in there, but the teamwork bit makes missions feel bitty, the lack of variety means boredom sets in quickly, and the graphics really suck. **Keri**

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**A year ago Tekken 3 came to PlayStation and it's still far and away the best beat 'em up ever released. It moves fast, it looks great, and it's got 28 characters and more than 1500 moves to master.**

Tekken 3's an arcade masterpiece of the 90s, and many had predicted the PlayStation wouldn't be able to handle the graphics of the arcade version. They were wrong. Every character, (plus the two extras, Gon and Dr Boskonovitch), every move, every level, all made it to the PlayStation, so you can enjoy quality fighting in your own home.

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The gameplay's fast and furious, and it's easy to pick up and play. But there are enough moves and combos to keep you coming back for a long time.

If you've already got Tekken 2, you won't find many surprises here. A lot of the characters return for number three, along with their trademark moves. But it's Tekken 3's slick gameplay that makes it better than its predecessor. And with a handful of bonus games, you'd be a fool to miss out.

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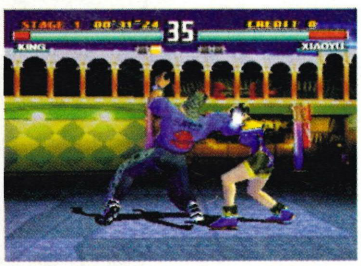
Law's a good choice for beginners


▲ There are tons of moves to master for each character, including instant death moves


▲ You can go for lightning-fast jabs and kicks, or hard-hitting wrestling moves

## PLUS RECKONS

Loads of cool characters, thousands of moves and super-fast gameplay. This is the best beat 'em up money can buy, and on Platinum, an unmissable bargain. **Gus**

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# MEDIEVIL

**You are Sir Dan Fortesque, raised from the dead to hack 'n' slash your ways through 20 levels of zombies and monsters conjured by the wizard Zarok, in probably the best 3D platformer for PlayStation.**

Trashing the undead with a variety of weapons can get a bit dull, but stacks of surprises keep you going – from the camp residents of the Hall of Heroes to the huge stained-glass demon that jumps out on you with its giant red heart on display.

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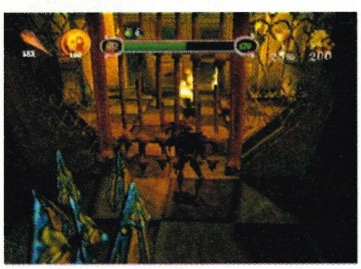
▲ There's loads of nifty puzzles


▲ Combat's simple, but fast-moving


▲ Sir Dan jumps over huge rolling boulders

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**1 PLAYER** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

## PLUS RECKONS

Not quite up to the likes of Ape Escape, and showing signs of wear, but this still plays really well. Loads to do, too. **Gus**

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## METAL GEAR SOLID VR MISSIONS

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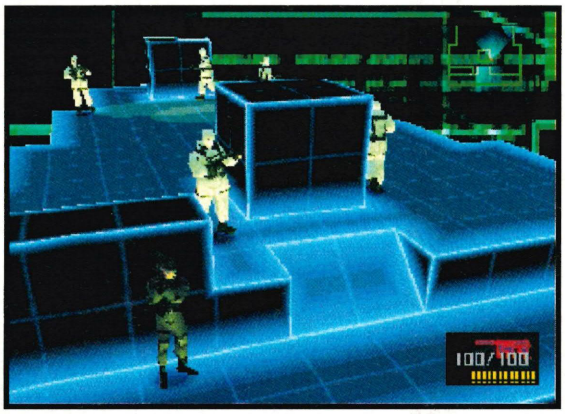

Only a fool would fail to rate Metal Gear Solid as one of the best PlayStation games ever, but the one complaint was that the game was much too short. So prepare to gorge yourself on 300 new bite-sized missions based on the Tron-style training bits from part one.

There's a whole section devoted to the Stinger missile launcher, and 15 stages devoted to mines. It's usually a question of having to knock out a certain number of guards without being seen. But be warned, some of the later stages are for Metal Gear masters only.

Don't go thinking this is another Metal Gear, though. This is a great puzzle game, not a stealth adventure. If you want spy action, look elsewhere.

**PLUS RECKONS**

The gameplay's very fine-tuned, but it really is just a sequence of puzzles. If that doesn't grab you, then steer clear. **Gus**

**7** OUT OF TEN

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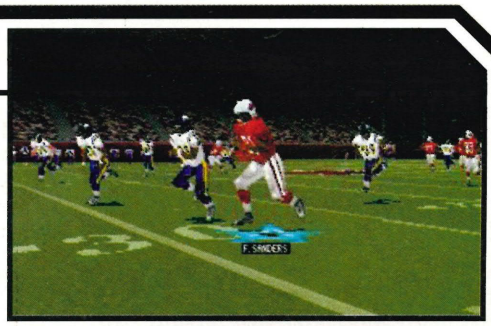

The old Madden games used to play slow and look crap. But this one's really fast-moving, arcadey and sharp-looking. The players are chunky muthas now, and there's new animation showing them mucking about on the touchline. The gameplay's been simplified, too, so you don't need to know thousands of 'plays' off by heart to get the most out of it. And it moves really fast as well. Well worth £40.

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This makes a complicated sport easy to get to grips with, and it's fast and fun to play. **Gus**

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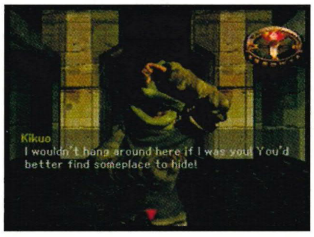


Hellnight is the shittiest hopeful to fall off the Resident Evil bandwagon. Surviving a Tokyo tube crash and faced with the prospect of limping through an underground monster complex, it involves legging it through a badly-drawn 3D maze, meeting dull 'characters' and solving banal puzzles.

The graphics are terrible, the 'puzzles' are crap. This is disgustingly bad. **Gus**

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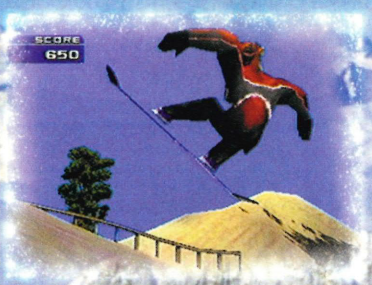




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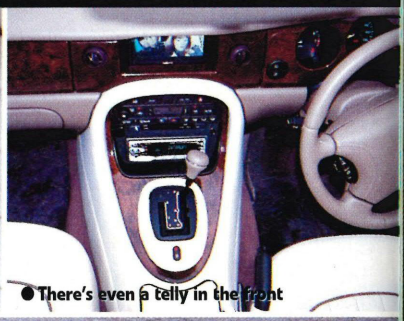
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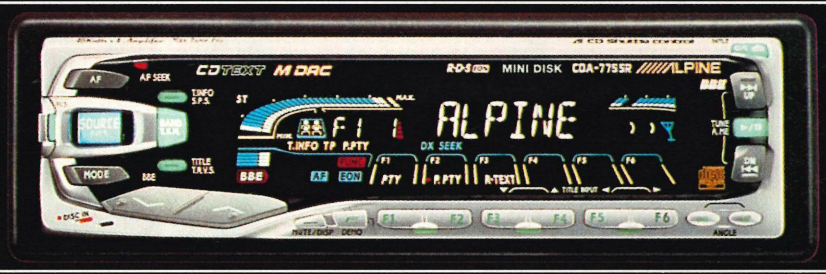


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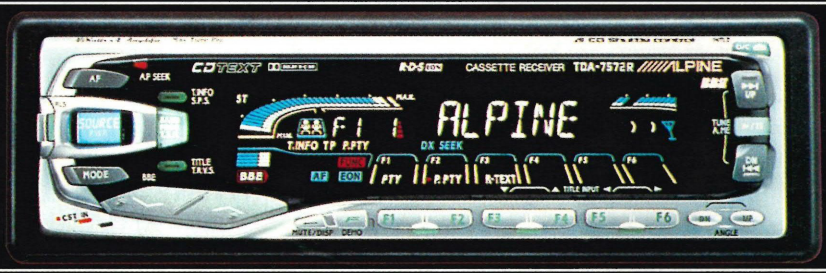


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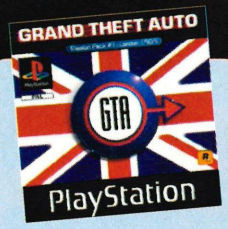


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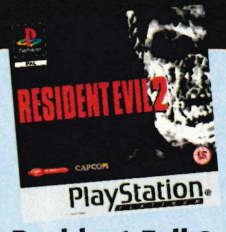


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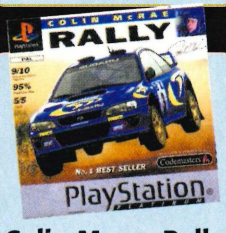


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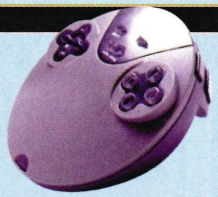

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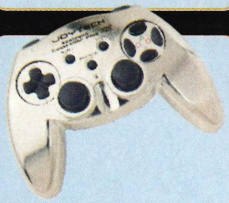

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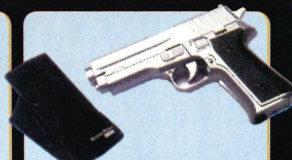

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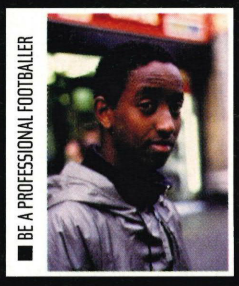


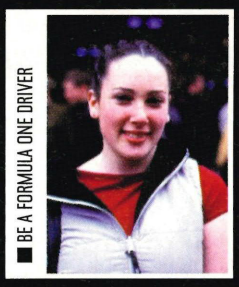


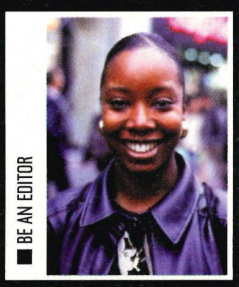


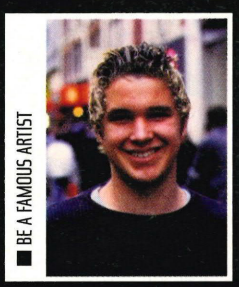


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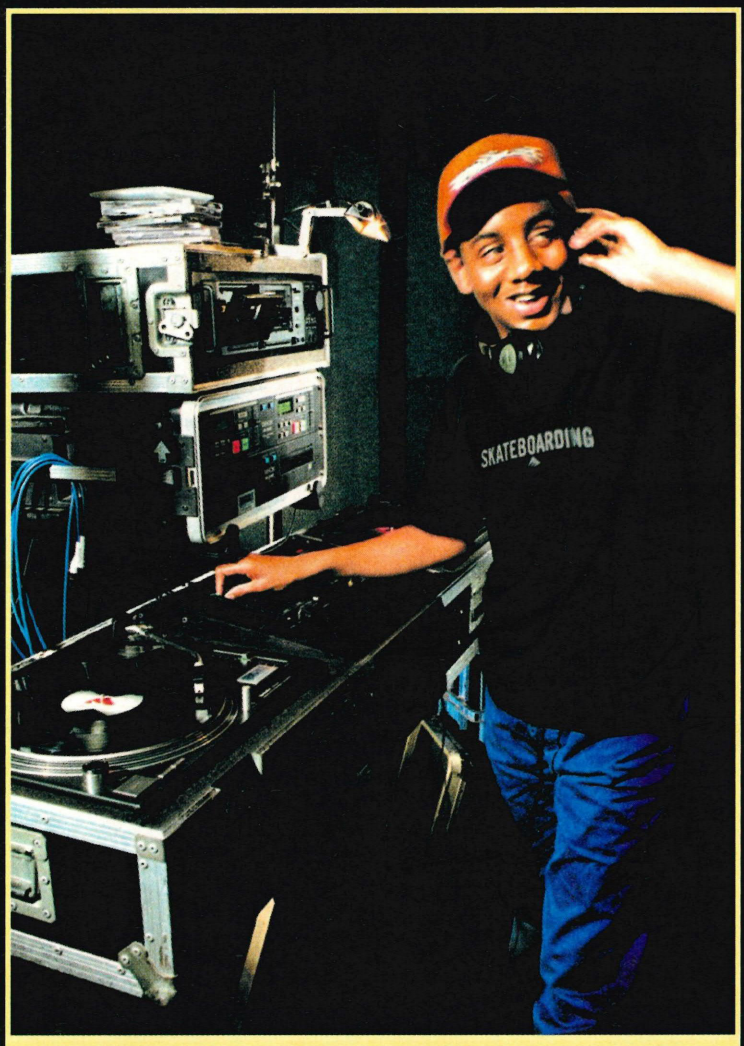


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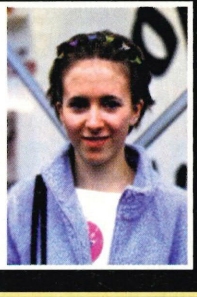


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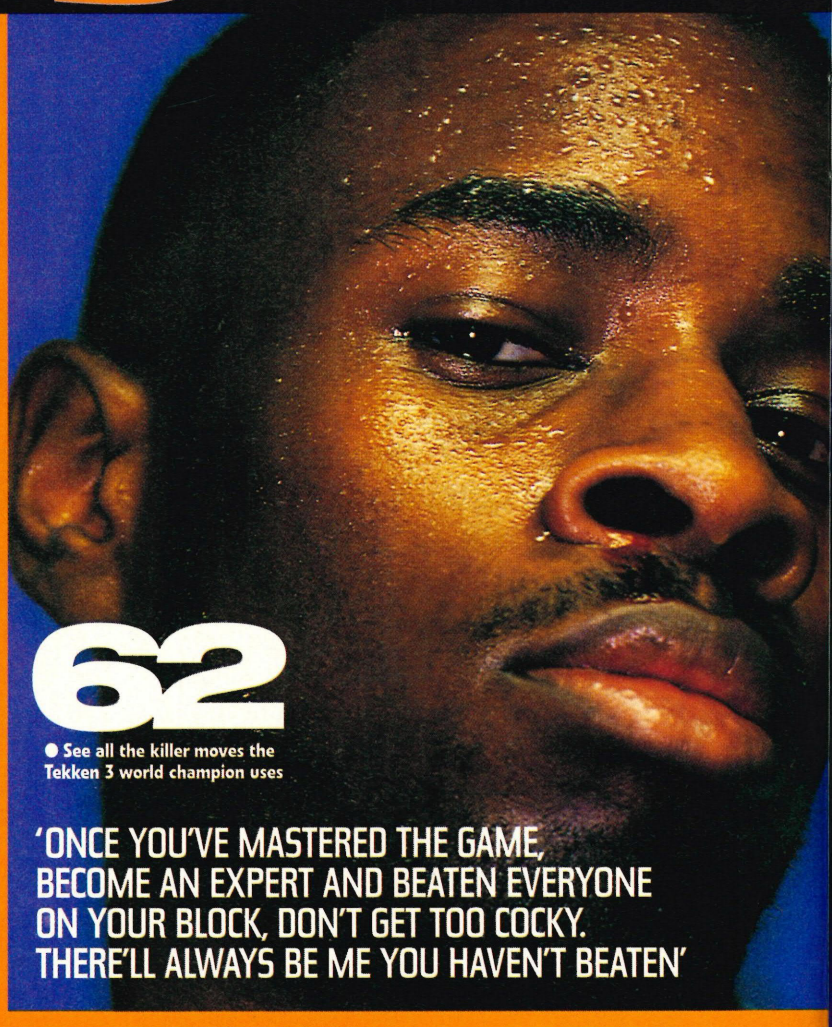

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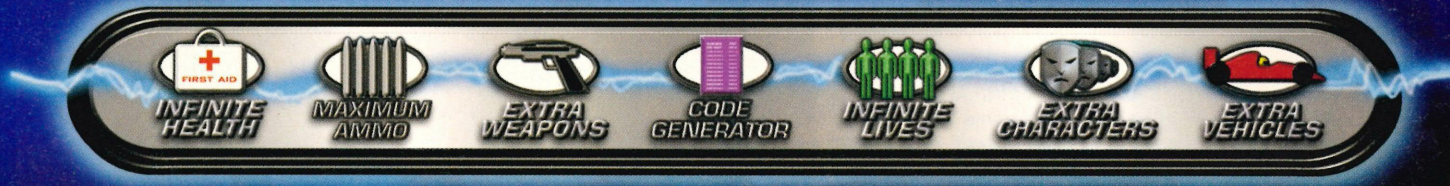





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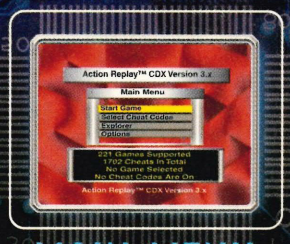


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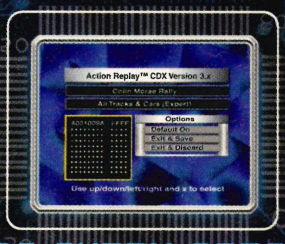


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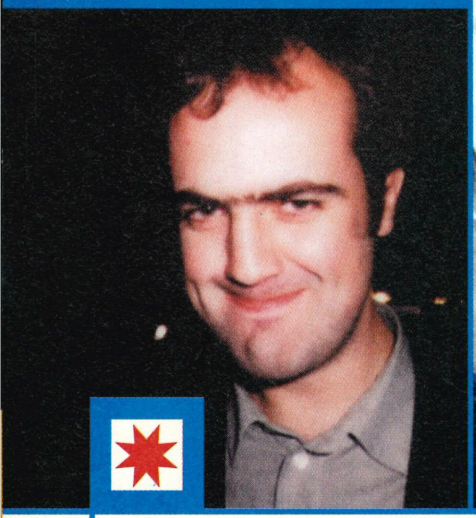
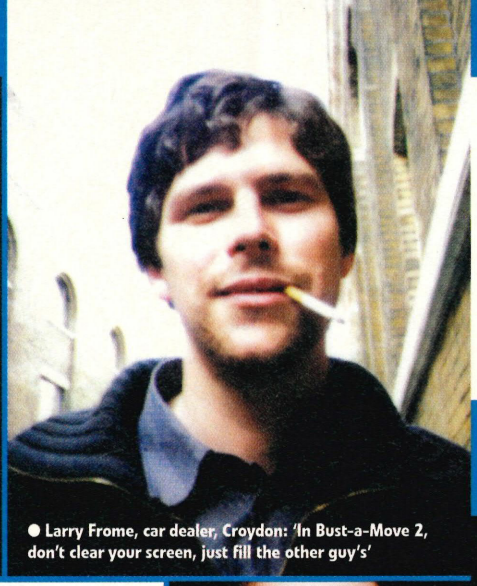




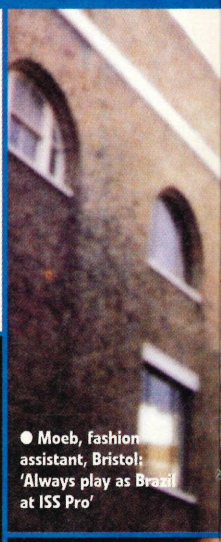
● Larry Frome, car dealer, Croydon: 'In Bust-a-Move 2, don't clear your screen, just fill the other guy's'

## ISS PRO 98

### 'MY CHEESY, EASY WAY TO SAVE PENALTIES EVERY TIME'

'The trick to penalties in ISS Pro is just to look at the other bloke's pad to see which way he's going to send the ball, then send your goalie over that way. You've got to have a bit of a poker face though, because if your mate sees you leaning over to look, he'll probably clock you one.' **Angelo, window-fitter, Brighton**





● Moeb, fashion assistant, Bristol: 'Always play as Brazil at ISS Pro'

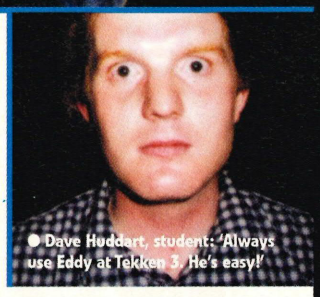


● Warren Pole, road tester for Superbike mag, London: 'I don't need to cheat, mate. Got that?'

## APE ESCAPE

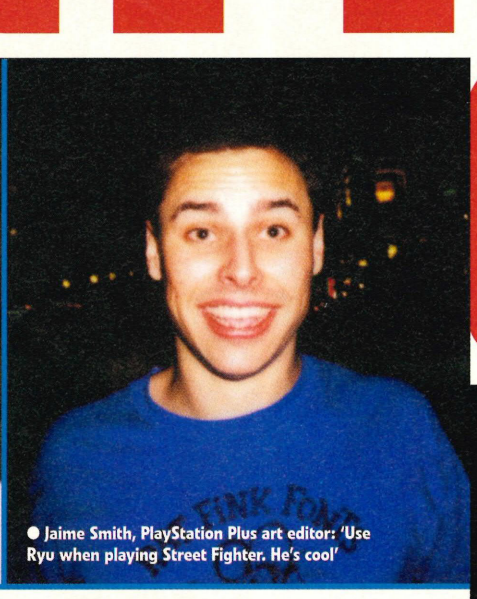
### 'I FALL OFF CLIFFS AGAIN AND AGAIN – WITHOUT DYING!'

'If you fall off a cliff, or off the edge of a level, you can stop yourself dying. Just press Start to pause the game as you fall off, then exit to the Time Station. When you appear in the Time Station, you'll have the same number of lives as when you fell off' **Ben James, advertising executive, London**



● Dave Huddart, student: 'Always use Eddy at Tekken 3. He's easy!'



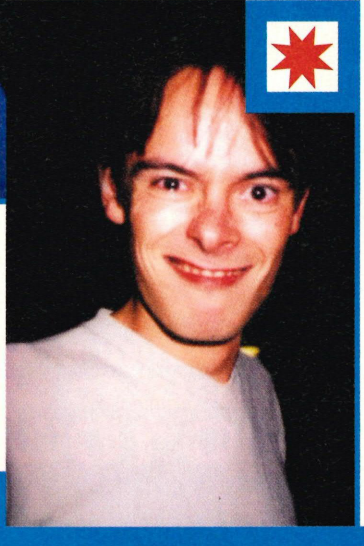


● Jaime Smith, PlayStation Plus art editor: 'Use Ryu when playing Street Fighter. He's cool'

## METAL GEAR SOLID

### 'THERE'S A WAY TO BEAT SNIPER WOLF WITHOUT HER GETTING A SHOT AT YOU.'

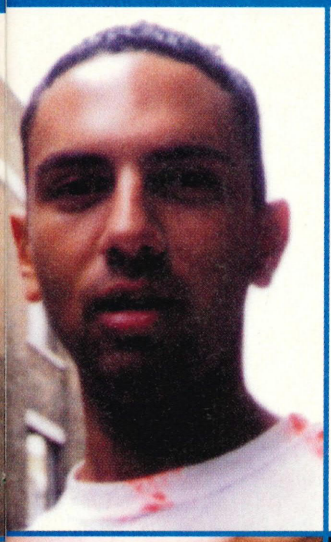
'The second time you meet Sniper Wolf, out in the snow, you can kill her by hiding behind a little mound of snow next to you and firing Nikita missiles at her. She can't see you, and she won't move out of the path of the missiles, either.' **Mike Mac, photographer, London**



## TEKKEN 3

### 'I BEAT TEKKEN FORCE AND GOT DR BOSKONOVITCH WITHOUT EVEN TRYING. EASY!'

'The Tekken Force mode you have to play through four times to get Dr B is really easy, if you know how to do it. Just pick the little dinosaur Gon and tap ◉ really fast. He'll do this tail spin which none of the baddies can block, and you can just keep doing it 'til you've won' **Owen Jones, office manager, Bradford**

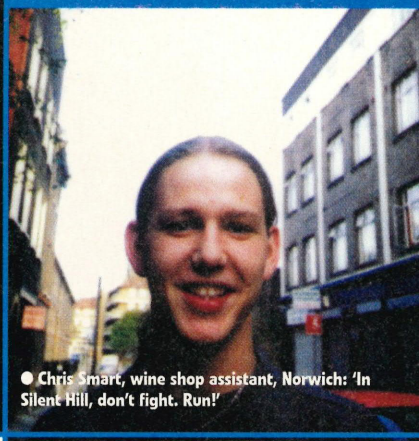


## TENCHU: STEALTH ASSASSIN

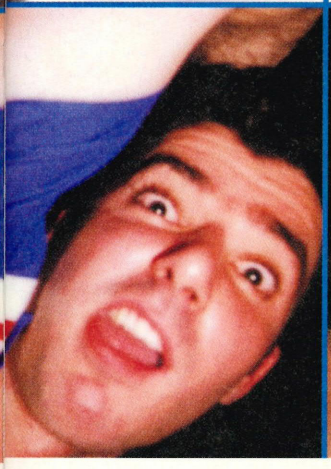
### 'ALWAYS CHOOSE THE POISONED RICE'

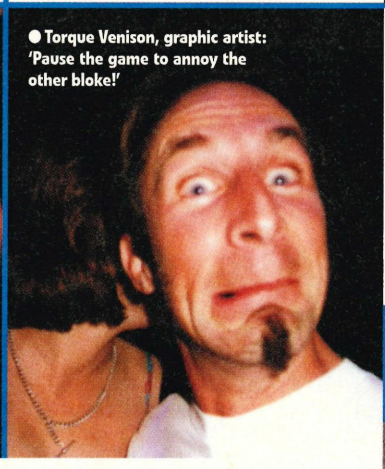
'One of the best bits of kit is the Poisoned Rice. It's not quite as cool as the shurikens, but it'll confuse enemies and let you get undetected kills on them. You can do that cool special move where you cut their throats from behind. Poisoned rice is really good for getting rid of your annoying mates as well.'
**Rory Lane, cycle courier, London**





● Chris Smart, wine shop assistant, Norwich: 'In Silent Hill, don't fight. Run!'



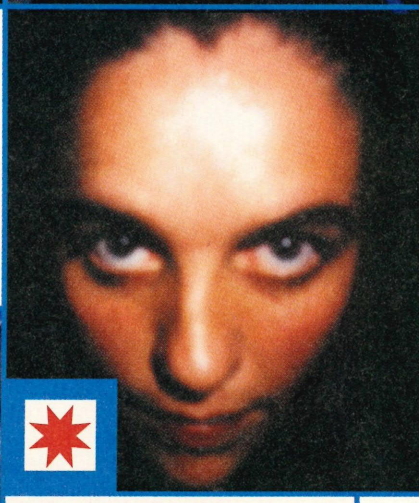


● Torque Venison, graphic artist: 'Pause the game to annoy the other bloke!'

## COLIN MCRAE RALLY

### 'ALWAYS USE THE DITCHES TO TURN. IT'S TRICKY, BUT COOL'

'One of the most important skills in Colin McRae Rally is using the ditches to turn your car. In real life it'd probably rip the wheel off, but in the game, if you dip your front wheel into the ditch as you turn, you'll be able to swing the car round really hard.' **Sadie Joseph, telecoms engineer, London**



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## GRAN TURISMO

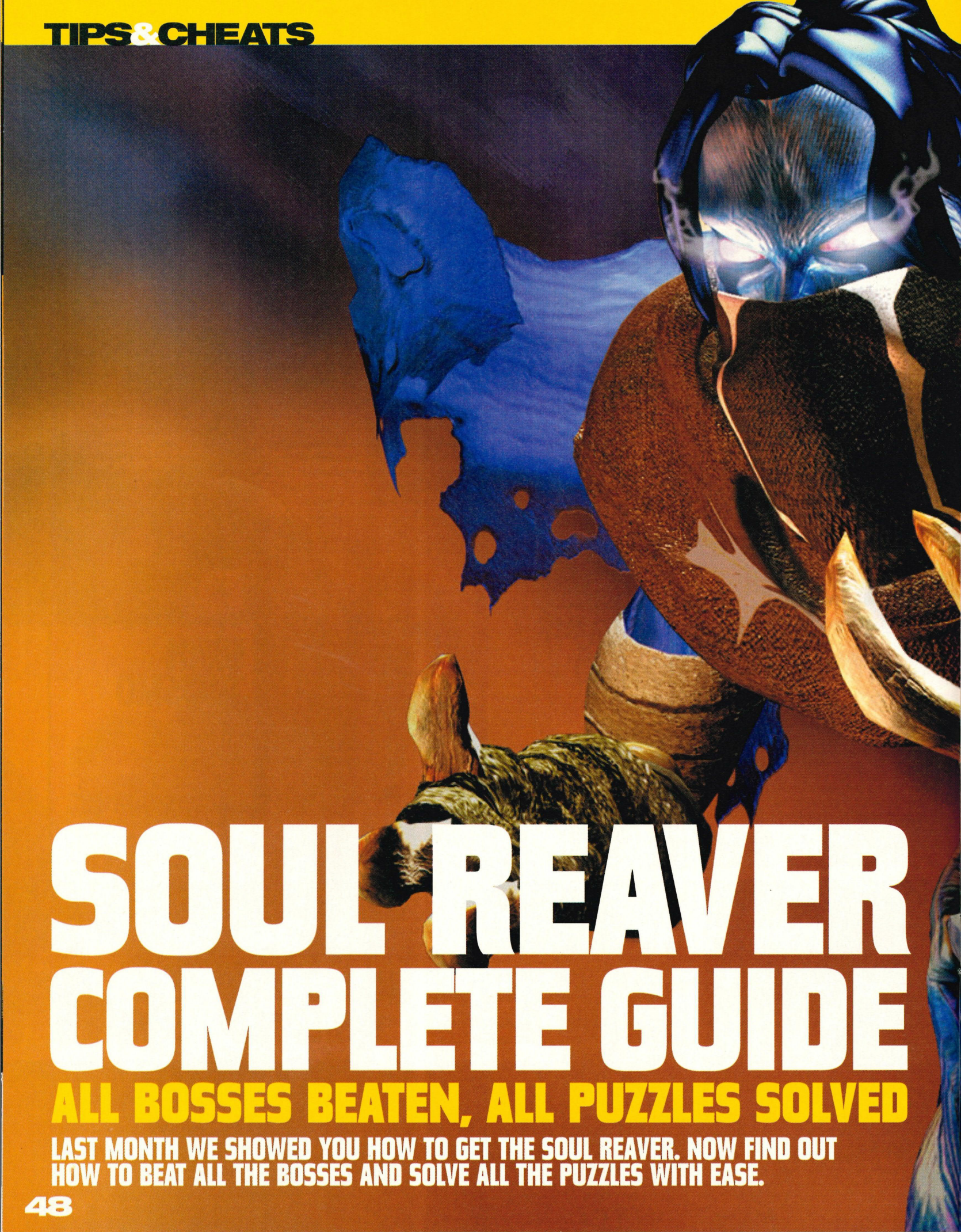
### 'THERE'S A MUCH QUICKER WAY TO DO THE HIGH-SPEED RING'

'Try bouncing off the walls if your motor's fast enough. Swing your car into the bends and you'll bounce out in a straight line going at high speed. It's loads faster than braking.'
**Michelle Delaney, PA, Kent**



● Dave Wilson, typist, Jedburgh: 'Always use ankle kicks in Mortal Kombat. It's not pretty, but they really work'

# BASTA



# SOUL REAVER COMPLETE GUIDE

## ALL BOSSES BEATEN, ALL PUZZLES SOLVED

**LAST MONTH WE SHOWED YOU HOW TO GET THE SOUL REAVER. NOW FIND OUT HOW TO BEAT ALL THE BOSSES AND SOLVE ALL THE PUZZLES WITH EASE.**



# Portal know-how

**FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO THE PORTALS CAN BE A NIGHTMARE – THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME. FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO MAKE IT EASIER**

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▲ Whenever you see a portal room go in and activate it, whether you think you'll return or not

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▲ Often you'll see the clans symbols on flags and buildings. These relate to the portals

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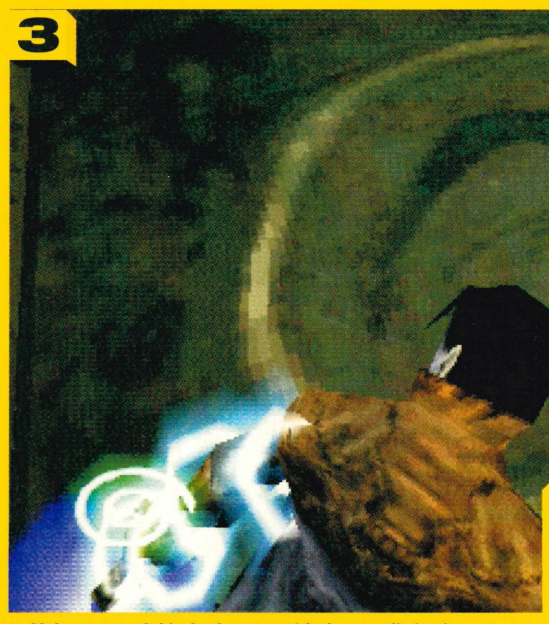

▲ Make a note of this. In the area with the two distinctive screwdriver-like pillars is this symbol. If you get lost, find a portal room and warp to the area with the same symbol. Easy



▲ Do a quick sketch of the symbols and a description of what you did there

4



▲ When you first come out of a new portal room, make a note of what you see. Look for things like buildings, lakes... anything to jog your memory

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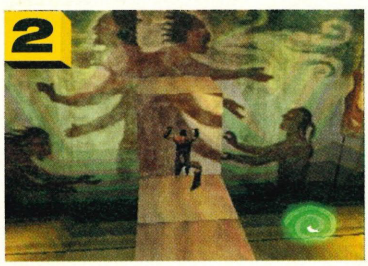
## PUZZLE ONE

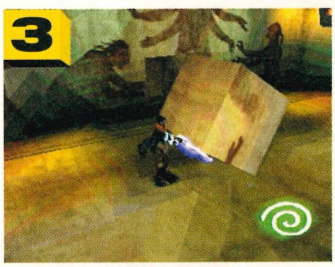
**THE FIRST OF MANY BLOCK PUZZLES. PATIENCE IS THE KEY, AS THIS PUZZLE ISN'T TOO HARD – YOU'VE JUST GOT TO MATCH UP THE PICTURES. THE ONLY TRICKY BIT IS WORKING OUT HOW TO GET THE BLOCK OFF THE LEDGE**



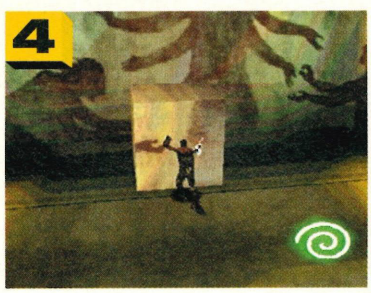

▲ Take care of the spiders first, otherwise they'll bug you while you're solving the puzzle




▲ Flip the block so the correct pattern is showing, then slide it in




▲ You can flip the blocks using L1 & □. This is essential for this puzzle




▲ Slide the block in to complete the mural. You'll hear a click if you've done it right




▲ Move this block to get the one closest to the wall. This fits in the hole to the left




▲ For this block, push it so the pattern is pointing upwards, then tip it into the hole




▲ Tip the block towards the wall into which you've just placed a block




▲ Tip the block so it's facing upwards. Rotate the pattern so it's the right way up, then flip it to the right. Now flip it towards the wall with the hole, then over to the left and finally two flips towards the wall




▲ To finish off the puzzle, flip it towards the right. The pattern should be the right way round. Now simply drag it towards the hole. Sorted

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## PUZZLE TWO

### THIS TIME YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE A CONDUIT FOR A CURRENT OF AIR

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▲ Red arrows show air flow connection

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▲ Flip the block so the hole is pointing up. Push to the left. Place it in the hole on the left

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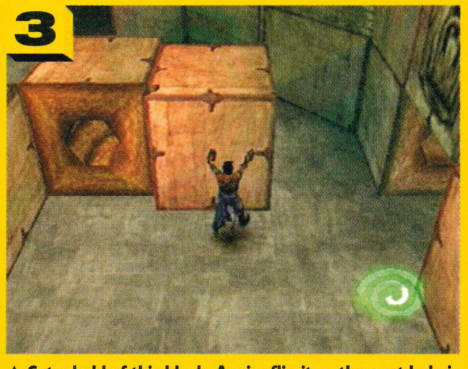

▲ Get a hold of this block. Again, flip it so the vent hole is pointing upwards

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▲ The blocks will change colour if you've put them in right order. If they don't, try again

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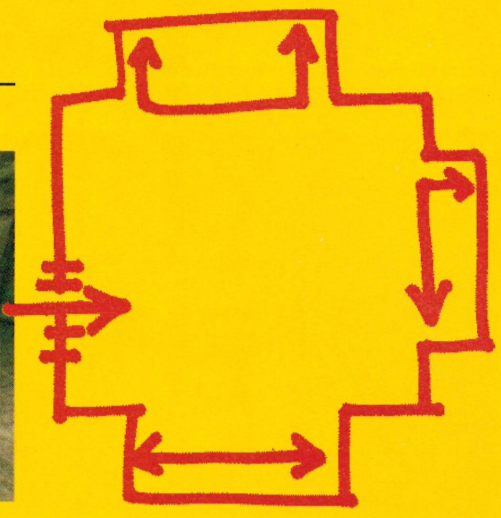
▲ Red arrows show air flow connection



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▲ Flip the block towards the hole, repeat, now push it in the hole

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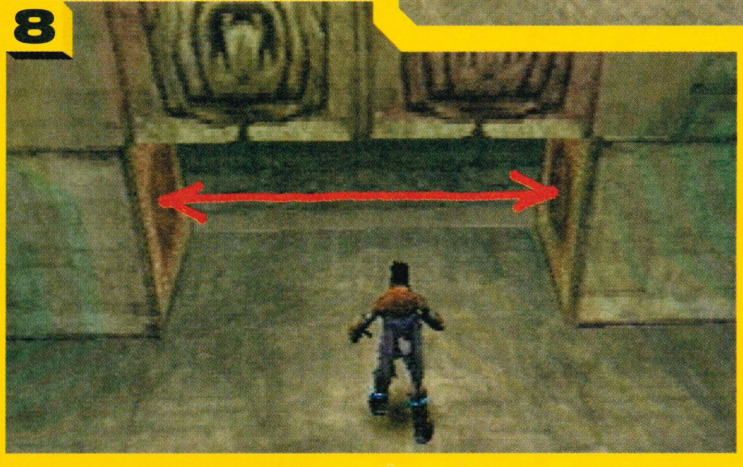

▲ This block shouldn't need turning, just manoeuvre it towards the hole

Red arrows show air flow connection

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▲ Flip this block so the hole is pointing up and turn to the left. Slide it into the left of the hole

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▲ Flip this block towards the red iron gate, then into the last hole. That's it, you've complete the puzzle

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## PUZZLE THREE

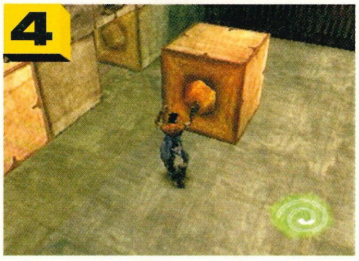
### SIMILAR TO THE LAST, BUT THE BLOCKS ARE STACKED UP




▲ Keep pushing the blocks to the ledge near the plane portal. Jump up on to the ledge and push the blocks off until they're in a line




▲ Now you must move the next block, dragging it twice to the right. When it's in position, tip it so the ventilation hole is pointing upwards




▲ Now you need to tip the block sideways and then slot it into the next hole along. The next block shouldn't need any turning, just drag it, then slot it in the hole




▲ The block on the end of the line needs flipping twice. Now all you need to do is push it into the hole opposite. See, we told you it wasn't too difficult




▲ Tip the next block so its hole is pointing upwards. Flip it left and slide it into the gap

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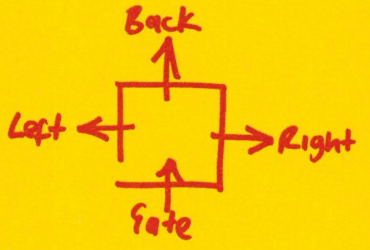
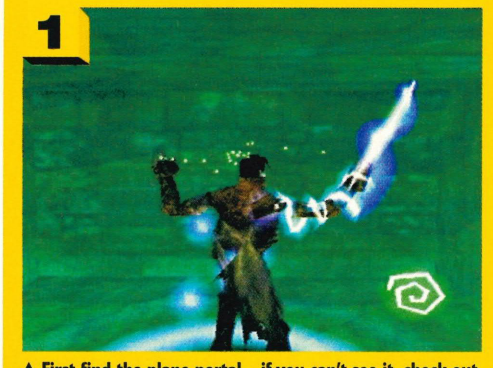
## PUZZLE FOUR




### FIND THE HIDDEN BLOCKS NEEDED TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE




▲ First find the plane portal – if you can't see it, check out the area directly in front of the entrance door




▲ Take the block in the far right-hand corner. Drag it twice to the right, and one drag out from the wall




▲ Flip it forwards, then left. Pull it into the middle of the room. Flip it towards the gate, then towards the left wall

## PUZZLE FOUR CONTINUED...




▲ Grab the left block, pull it into the middle and flip towards the right wall. Flip twice to the left wall, then slot it in




▲ Move the far right block away from the wall. Flip to the left, flip to the gate, one flip to the right and into the far left hole




▲ Yank it into the middle. Flip once to the left wall, then to the gate and one to the right wall. Slide it into the rear left hole



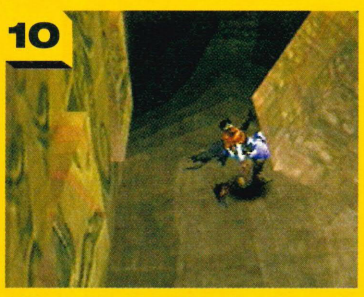

▲ Separate the new blocks. You'll see that the block nearest Raziel will slot into the hole without turning




▲ The block in the far left of the room should just slide into the far left hole on the furthest wall




▲ The block in the far right of the room should slot neatly into the hole over in the right-hand wall




▲ The final block should be flipped once to the right, then once to the back and finally once to the left




▲ This is what you've been working for throughout these last four puzzles: a load of lovely crystals



# Fighting Zephon

**ZEPHON'S A TOUGH BOSS. NORMAL ATTACKS DO LITTLE DAMAGE – HIS WEAK POINT ARE THE EGGS HE LAYS WHEN HIT. WHEN SET ON FIRE THEY'RE HANDY WEAPONS, SO USE 'EM!**




▲ Zephon fires powerful shards of white energy at you. Jump to avoid or your health's seriously drained




▲ Keep running to avoid Zephon's claws, but get close enough to tempt him to attack



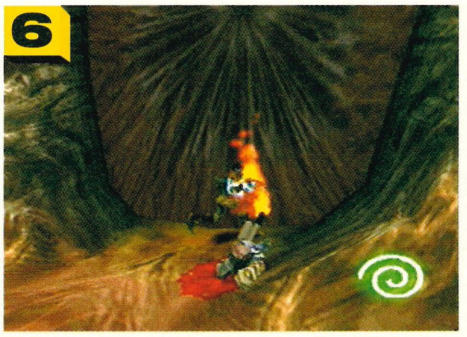

▲ Either hit his claws while they're moving, which we reckon is pretty damn tricky




▲ Or go for them when they're stuck in the ground – much safer and much easier




▲ When you hit Zephon drops an egg out of his ass. Ignore the stench and go pick it up




▲ Run over to the flaming torch by the entrance. Get close enough to set the egg on fire

## FIGHTING ZEPHON CONTINUED...




▲ Chuck the burning bum egg so it lands smack-bang in the middle of Zephon's body, as shown above




▲ If you get hit, return to the spectral plane, use the ghouls to regenerate energy and get back to battle using the portal




▲ Repeat the burning bum egg trick three times and this sucker'll lay down and die. Don't mess with Raz, sucker!

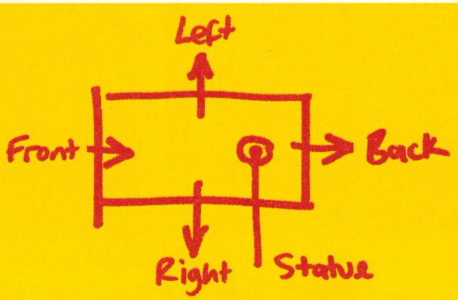



▲ One last tip to remember: watch out for the mighty Zephon's lunging attacks, they're nasty

# Search for the Stone Glyph

## PUZZLE FIVE: THIS ONE'S ROCK HARD

**YOU'LL FIND THIS TOUGH, BUT REMEMBER THIS – THERE'S A HIDDEN LEDGE WITH THE BLOCKS NEEDED TO FINISH THE PUZZLE.**



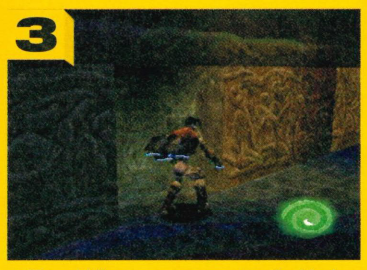




▲ The block on the right-side wall can be placed into the nearby hole without having to flip it over




▲ Stack the two blocks in the back room in front of the cube that's on top of a block. Now drag it onto the floor




▲ The middle stone goes next to the block you've just done. Flip it towards the far wall, then to the left edge. Drag it to the hole




▲ Of the two blocks left, take the one with a pattern on. Flip left, back and right. Place it in the left-hand side wall



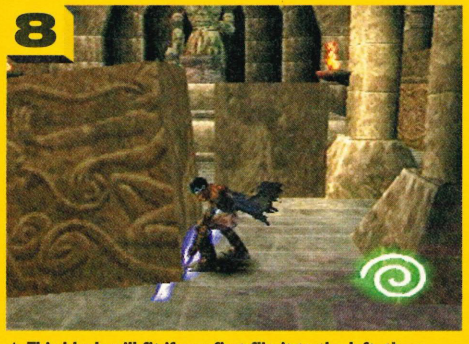

▲ In the back room, on the back wall is a secret ledge containing the block for the furthest left hole on the left



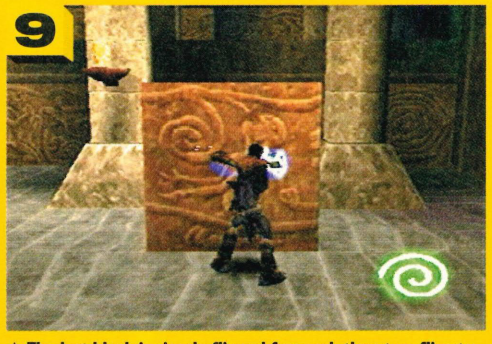

▲ Move this block out from the wall, flip to the left, flip to the back and then to the right



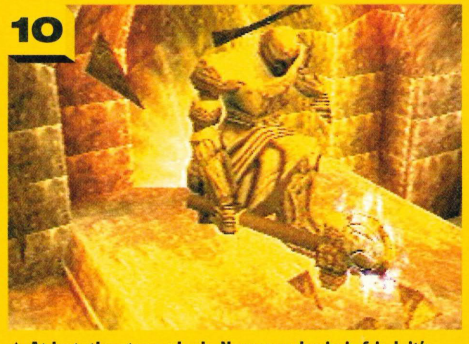

▲ Just to the left of the statue is a block that doesn't fit the pattern. Swap this with the other nearby block




▲ This block will fit if you first flip it to the left, then towards the back and then the right




▲ The last block is simply flipped forward, then two flips to the left and one to the back




▲ At last, the stone glyph. Now your brain is fried, it's time to kick some more zombie ass



# Defeating Morlock

## KNOCK HIM ABOUT, THEN HIT HIM WITH THE SOUL REAVER



▲ Morlock fires shards of white energy at you. Avoid or your health's sapped



▲ If you're knocked into the water, climb out, stock up on energy and get fighting



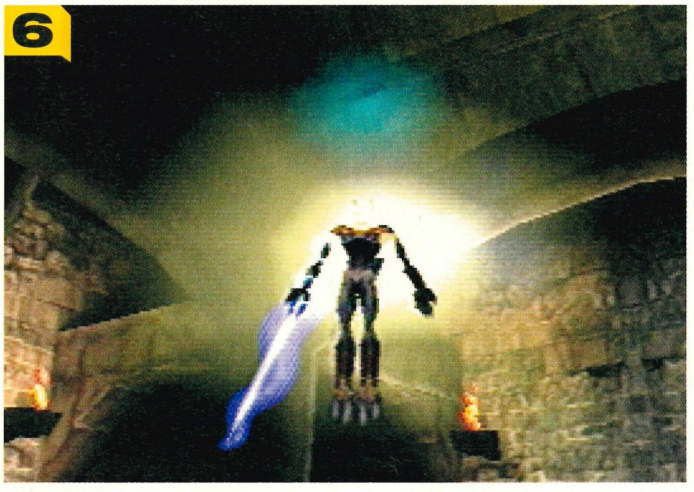
▲ Morlock usually reappears here, so make a mental note of this spot. Remember, get ready to jump to avoid his attacks when he does reappear



▲ Patience is the key – keep plugging away with your trusty old Soul Reaver



▲ When he rocks from side to side, like all the other vampires, finish him off



▲ And the reward? A major upgrade for your Soul Reaver. Cool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# Kicking Rahab's ass

## DISPOSE OF RAHAB BY SMASHING THE WINDOWS WITH YOUR FORCE PROJECTILE

1



▲ Break the glass windows (as circled) because Rahab's ultra-sensitive to the light. Wuss

3



▲ Hold L2 & R2, and press △ to fire off a blast of energy. Use the Dpad to direct your force projectile at the windows to shatter them

5



▲ Rahab will send shockwaves towards you, so make sure you're always standing in the centre of the pillar, otherwise you'll be knocked off

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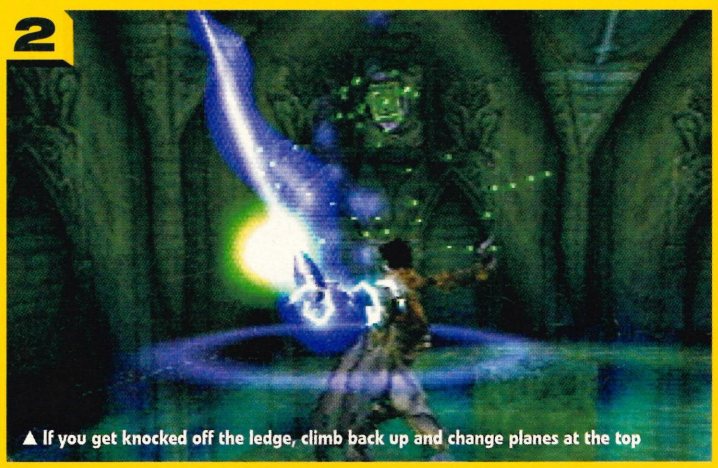

▲ If you get knocked off the ledge, climb back up and change planes at the top

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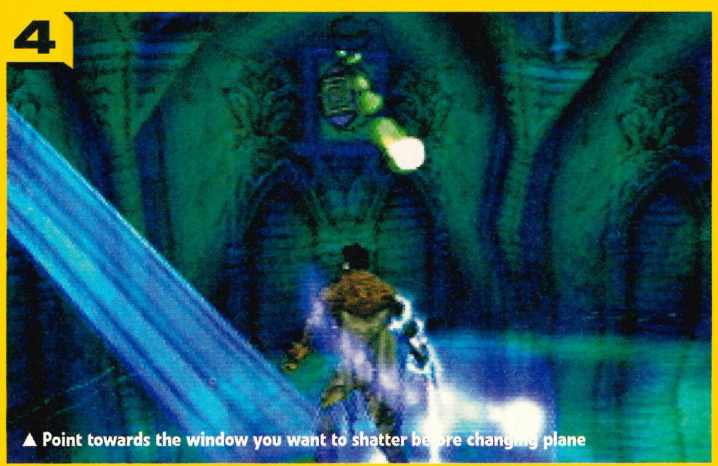

▲ Point towards the window you want to shatter before changing plane

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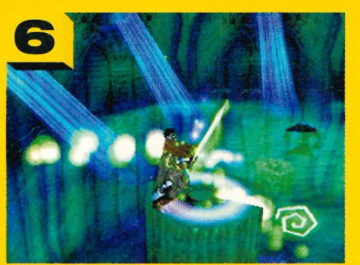

▲ If you get knocked off you don't need to go to the bottom to replenish your energy

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▲ You want to end up with all windows shattered and sunlight streaming in

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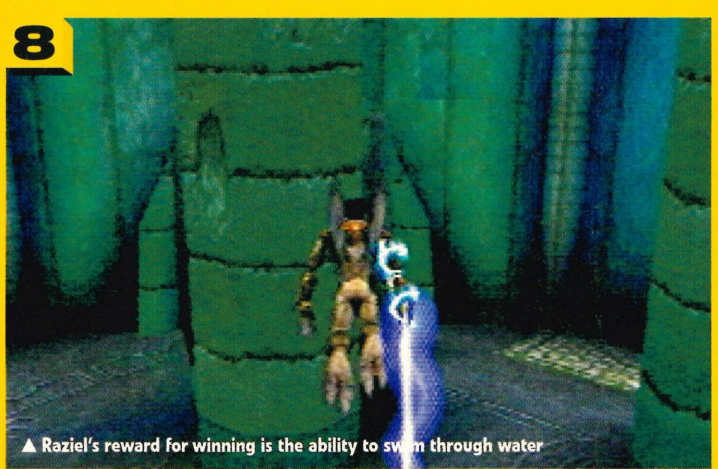


▲ Raziel's reward for winning is the ability to swim through water



# Dumah's going down

**DUMAH'S MASSIVE BAST AND PACKS A POWERFUL PUNCH. THE ONLY WAY TO KILL HIM IS TO GET HIM TO CHASE YOU TO THE FURNACE ROOM, THEN TORCH HIM ALIVE!**



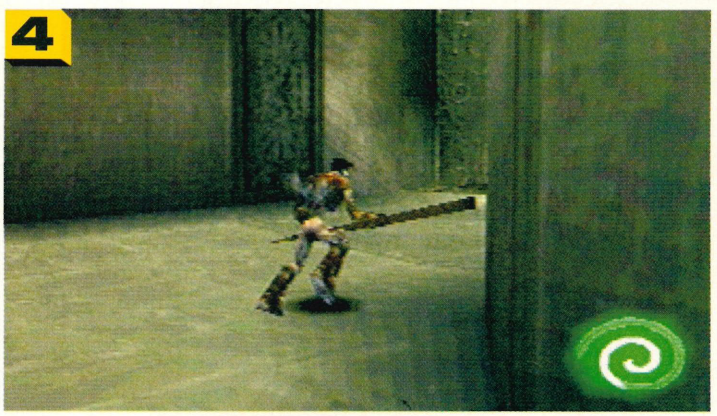

▲ When you remove the three spears from Dumah's body he springs back into life



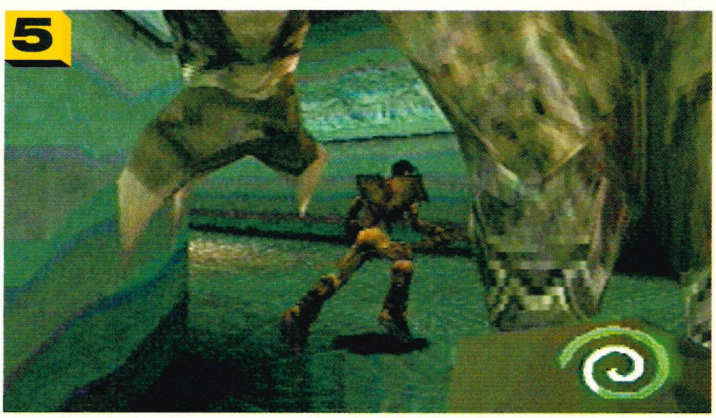

▲ Use autoface (R2) to get him to follow you. This may take a couple of attempts




▲ Go right at the block you used to jump up to the higher ledge (to push over the obelisk)



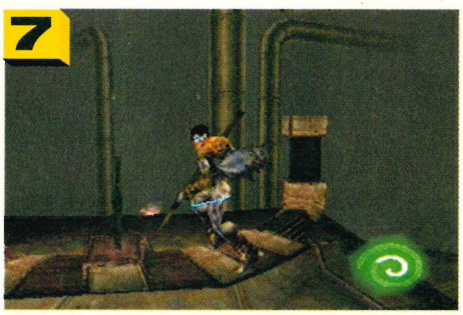

▲ Right at the end, over the wooden drawbridge, making sure he's still following you




▲ Leg it round the central room and straight towards the furnace room




▲ Run onto the ledge circling the room and turn the gas on by using the switch




▲ On the other side, yank the switch to ignite the gas




▲ We're cooking tonight! Dumah goes down!




▲ And you've got the essential constrict ability. Sweet

# Oracle Caves

## PUZZLE SIX

**THIS PUZZLE IS CONFUSING, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO CHANGE PLANES TO GO BETWEEN THE HALVES OF THE ROOM**

1



▲ Remove the block marked with a green '7'. Push it into the lower level of the room

2



▲ Remove the block from the opposite hole (marked 'Z') and push it into the green '7' hole

3



▲ In the spectral plane, go past the dial, through the other gate and change planes

4



▲ Now take the block you shoved into the lower level and drag it to the side of the room you're now in, and push it up onto the higher level

5



▲ Push the block in the hole marked with a black 'Z'. Swap planes

6




▲ Take the block marked with a green '7'

7



▲ Place it in the hole marked by a black 'O'

8



▲ Doing this will open up a set of gates

# Oracle Caves

## PUZZLE SEVEN

**THE AIM IS TO TURN THE LENS SO THE DOOR OPENS. ONCE THAT'S DONE, IT'S ON TO PART TWO OF THIS PUZZLE**

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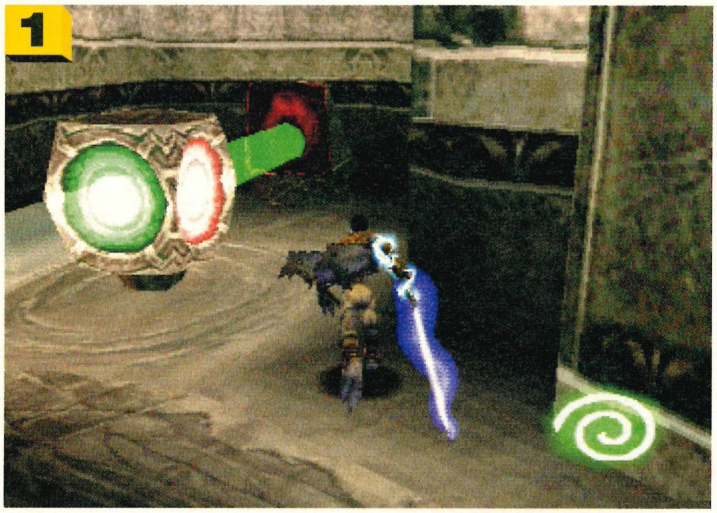

▲ Turn the red and green lens using constrict, so green is projected on the symbol

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▲ For the area with two lenses, turn one to red and one to blue, so purple shines through

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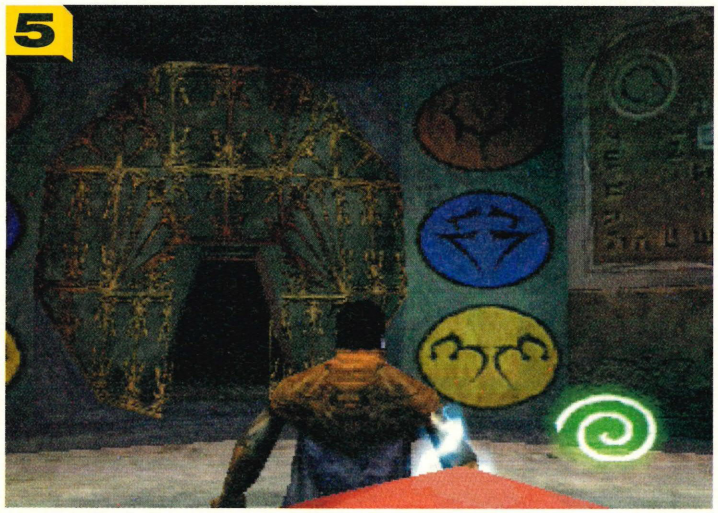

▲ In the next room make a note of the symbols attributed to each colour

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▲ Turn the red and blue lens so blue is projected onto the symbol behind

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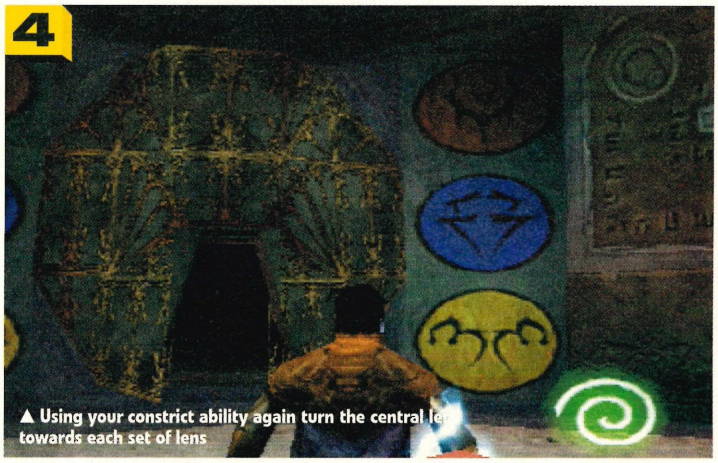

▲ Using your constrict ability again turn the central le towards each set of lens

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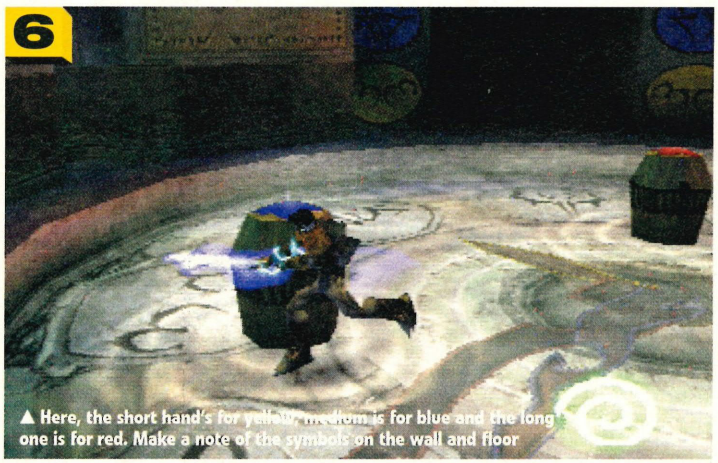

▲ Here, the short hand's for yellow, medium is for blue and the long one is for red. Make a note of the symbols on the wall and floor

7



▲ Turn each coloured barrel, however many times clockwise or anti-clockwise, is required to move the correct hand to the correct symbol

# Killing Kain

## THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

**IN THIS FIGHT KAIN REPEATS THE TACTICS HE USED IN YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER. HE'LL MATERIALISE, ATTACK AND THEN REAPPEAR SOMEWHERE ELSE. TO DEFEAT HIM YOU MUST HIT HIM ONCE ON EVERY LEVEL OF THIS HUGE ROOM**

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▲ Welcome to Kain's inner chamber. This is the last battle of the game so get ready

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▲ After a brief cutscene, Kain stands up and prepares to fight

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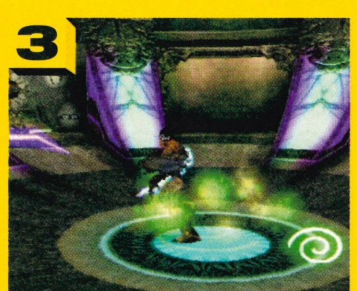

▲ See the central pool? Stay in this bit and you can't be hurt by Kain. However, the Soul Reaver doesn't reach him

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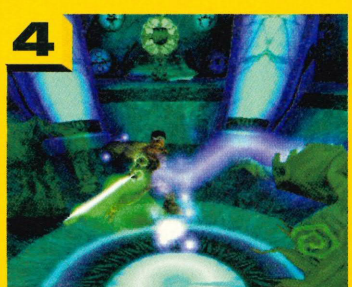

▲ If you do get sent back to the spectral plane, watch out for the ghouls, they'll suck you dry given the chance

5



▲ Hit him while he's recharging. When he disappears he'll reappear roughly opposite

6



▲ Each time you hit him he'll move up a level, making it harder to reach him

7



▲ If you do get hit, and are still in the material plane head for the centre to recharge

8



▲ When you've hit him on each tier, he's beat, but alas, he's not destroyed

9



▲ He slopes off into a blackhole, Raziel follows, but to find what?

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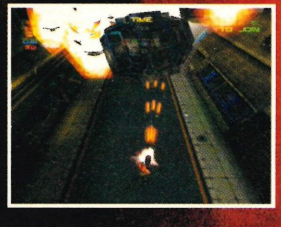

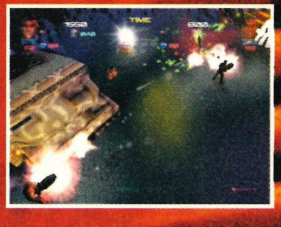

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# TEKKEN 3

## THE WORLD CHAMPION REVEALS HIS SECRETS

**TOP TIPS, HINTS AND SECRETS FOR THE NEWLY-PLATINUM TEKKEN 3 FROM THE MAN WHO KNOWS IT ALL. GET YOUR SKILLS UP TO SPEED – AND FAST!**

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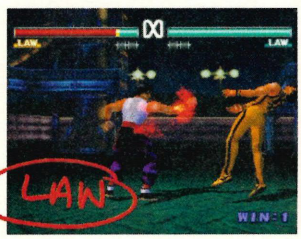
## 1 TOP 3 FIGHTERS FOR BEGINNERS

### BEAT EDDY ANY DAY. USE PAUL, NINA AND LAW AND WIN EASILY

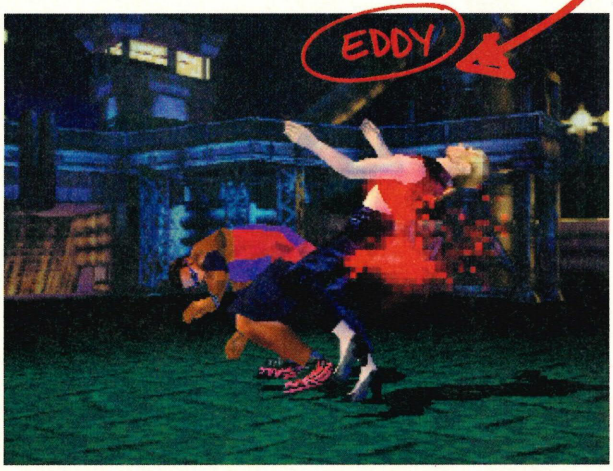



▲ Law's punch attack works well: ←+□, △, □

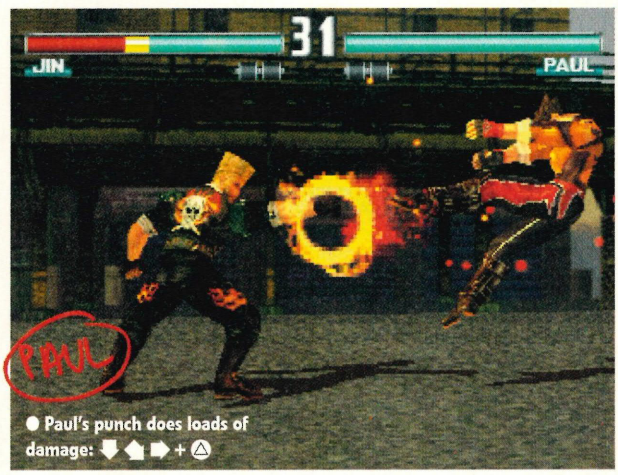



▲ Nina's kick is quick 'n' hefty: ◆ + ✕, ●

'Eddy can give you beginner's luck, but he won't make you good at the game, or teach you how to time your attacks.'

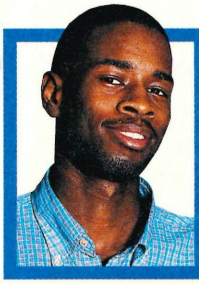



▲ Eddy's sweeping kicks look cool, but you won't learn how to play Tekken by using him, 'cos you can win just by bashing the buttons



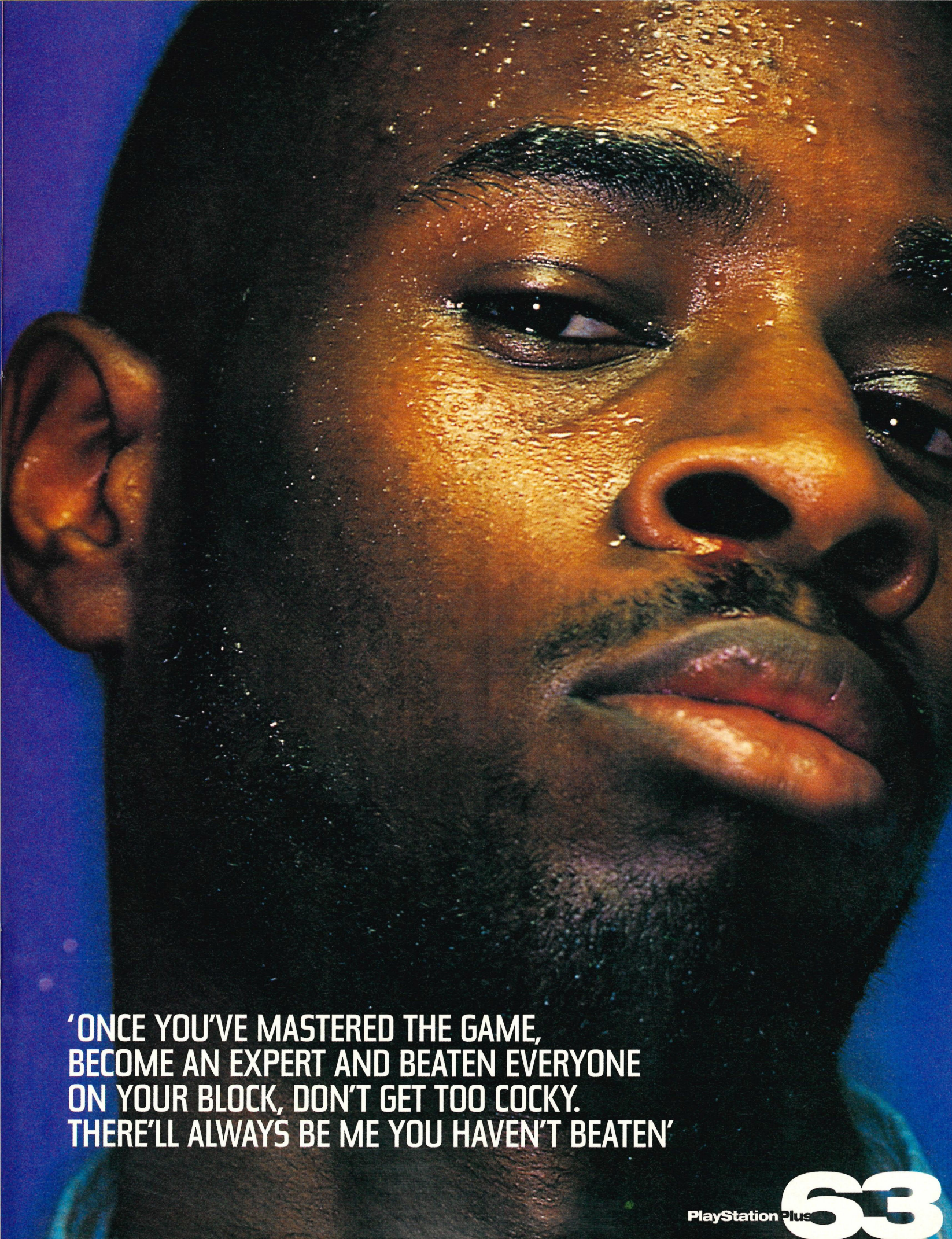

● Paul's punch does loads of damage: ↓ ◆ → + △

'Paul Phoenix, Nina Williams and Forest Law are good for beginners. Their moves are easy and they do a lot of damage, and the strategy you have to use is pretty simple. You can win even when you only know a few moves, and using them'll teach you timing, which is the main part of becoming a master of Tekken 3'



### MEET THE DON

Ryan Hart, 20, from London, won 12 Tekken 3 tournaments before beating 1,500 people to come top in the World Tekken 3 Championships in Namco County Hall in Westminster, winning himself a cool £5,000.


'ONCE YOU'VE MASTERED THE GAME,
BECOME AN EXPERT AND BEATEN EVERYONE
ON YOUR BLOCK, DON'T GET TOO COCKY.
THERE'LL ALWAYS BE ME YOU HAVEN'T BEATEN'

# 'LEARN HOW TO BLOCK BEFORE Y

## 2 LEARNING THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

### CUNNING TRICKS THAT'LL LEAVE YOUR OPPONENTS BROKEN AND BLEEDING

'The best form of attack is always to chain quick attacks like uppercuts, jabs and shin kicks into flurries of blows so that you can keep your opponent in the air, unable to hit back.'

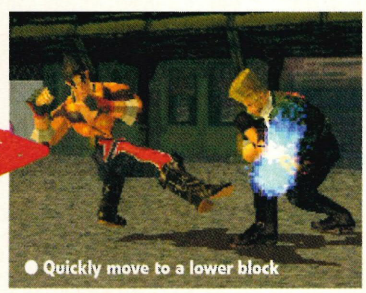


● Forest Law's flurries of flip kicks can keep an enemy flying

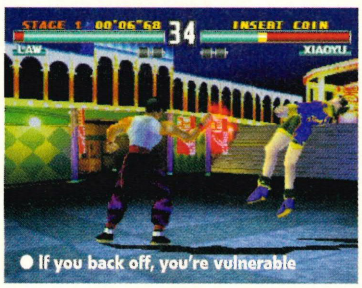
'Learn to block before you learn to attack. No matter how well you know your character's moves, you won't win unless you learn how to block against every character's attacks.'



● Block Jin's kick high at first


● Quickly move to a lower block

'Try to avoid backing away – if you back off, you can't block for a moment. Restrict yourself to backing off once or twice a round maximum.'



● If you back off, you're vulnerable



● Hwoarang is left wide open

'After you've been knocked down, use the tech-roll to surprise your opponent – but be careful. Overuse can lead to you being a bit predictable.'



● Hit any of the attack buttons at the EXACT moment you hit the ground after a fall, and you'll roll out of the fall instantly. It takes split-second timing


▲ Jin rolls up and kicks


▲ Before Law can even respond, Jin's hooked his ankle



▲ Paul bounces forward, ready to punch

> Master all the different ways of getting up from a fall. If you keep doing it the same way, you'll be knocked back down. One of the best tricks is to roll back then hop forwards and punch. There's 20 ways to do it. Just about any key combination with ⬆ will do something different

## 3 GIVE YOUR OPPONENT FLYING LESSONS!

### JUGGLE COMBOS: KEEP YOUR OPPONENT UP IN THE AIR, UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK

'Doing attacks where you keep your opponent floating in the air unable to hit you back (juggle combos) is one of the most important skills in Tekken 3. The best characters for doing that are Heihachi Mishima, Ling Xiaoyu and Jin Kazama. There are no strict rules for how to combine attacks to keep opponents floating – it's down to knowing which attacks are quick, and timing them well. Just keep practising.'

# OU START LEARNING TO ATTACK'



● Jin's uppercuts send opponents flying into the air

'Jin's a good character for doing juggle combos, because he's got a lot of simple attacks to knock you into the air, and loads of quick moves to follow up with.'



'Heihachi has a lot of attacks that'll knock you high into the air: his Dragon Uppercut is particularly good for it.'



'Xiaoyu's juggle combos are really easy to do: it's a question of hitting one attack button, then the next.'

## 4 ALWAYS PRESS HOME THE ADVANTAGE

### YOU GOTTA HIT 'EM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN

'Every character has a certain number of attacks that work to keep you down on the floor, but some are better at doing it than others. If you can keep someone floored and keep hitting them, you'll win the match quickly.'



▲ Jin's good at keeping people floored. Use: ◀, ■ + ▲; or ▶ ▼ ◀ + ●; or ▶+ ●



▲ These punches keep people down and do loads of damage: ▼ ■; or ▶ and ■ +▲



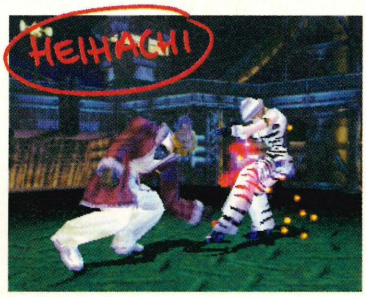
▲ Heihachi's range of downward punches and stomping moves are deadly: ▼ + ■ ; or ▶ ▼ ◀ + ●; or ▲ + ■

## 5 WIPE THEM OUT WITH UNBLOCKABLE ATTACKS!

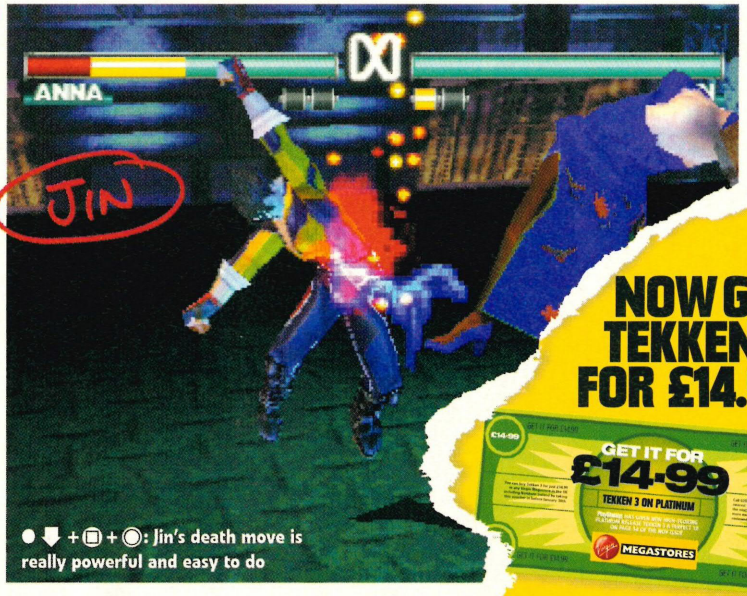
'The unblockable death moves that each character has are a bit slow to use, but there are a few which are very effective.'



▲ ▶ + ■ + ●: this death move is really fast and effective



▲ ◀+ ■ + ●: Heihachi will even defend himself as he builds up to it



● ▼ + ■ + ●: Jin's death move is really powerful and easy to do

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## THE FINAL WORD

'Always keep your eye on what your opponent is doing: timing your responses to their moves is the key to staying alive.'

# TIPS&CHE



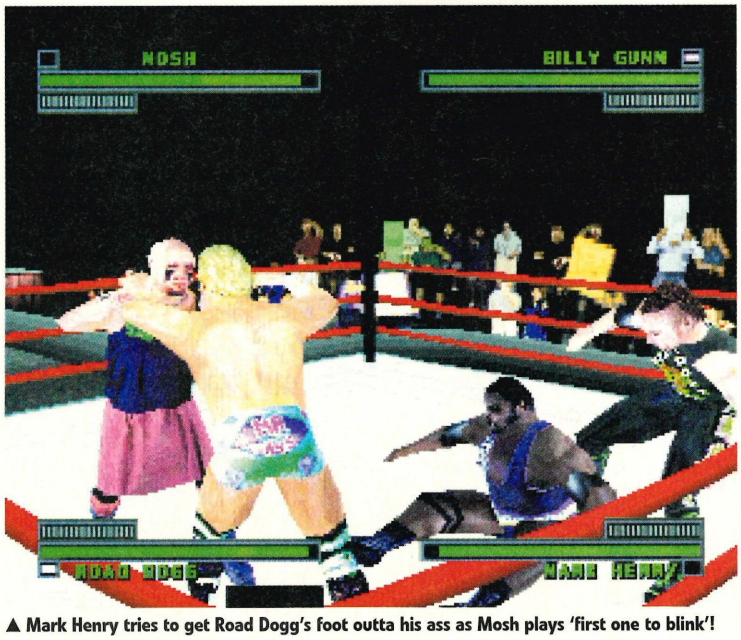
■ Mankind gives a macho cuddle. WWF Attitude extras below

# WWF Attitude

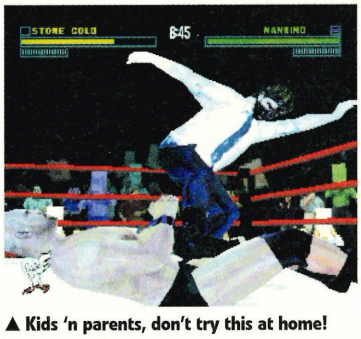
## SECRET FIGHTERS AND COSTUMES

### NEW COSTUMES

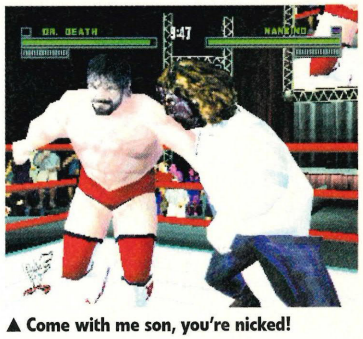
Choose new goons to deal destruction with by holding L1 L2 or R2, then hit ⊗ to choose. Each wrestler has at least three different suits. Doesn't work in Career mode.




▲ Mark Henry tries to get Road Dogg's foot outta his ass as Mosh plays 'first one to blink'!




▲ Kids 'n parents, don't try this at home!




▲ Come with me son, you're nicked!

### CAREER MODE EXTRAS

Work through Career Mode and get ranked first. The next title fight, if won, will open the following extras. The first bonus is what you'll get when you first complete it, and you'll get the others for every successive attempt you win.

#### HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BELT

*1) Bleep mode*
*(naughty language is bleeped out)*
*2) Ego mode*
*(heads swell when winning about)*
*3) Play as Al Snow's dummy Head*

#### EUROPEAN BELT

*1) Play as Sable & Marc Mero*
*2) New Create-a-Wrestler items*
*3) Play as Jeff Robinson, 'The Trainer'*
*4) Squeak mode*

#### IC CHAMPIONSHIP BELT

*1) Play as Jacqueline and Chyna*
*2) Three extra Create-a-Wrestler attribute points*
*3) Big Head mode*

#### SUMMERSLAM

*Play as Sgt. Slaughter and Shawn Michaels*

#### KING OF THE RING

*Play as Taka & Kurrgan. Make sure you Save game before turning off*

# EATS

## Tony Hawk's Skateboarding

### MAXIMUM POINTS WITHOUT MAXIMUM EFFORT

#### CONTINUOUS GRIND

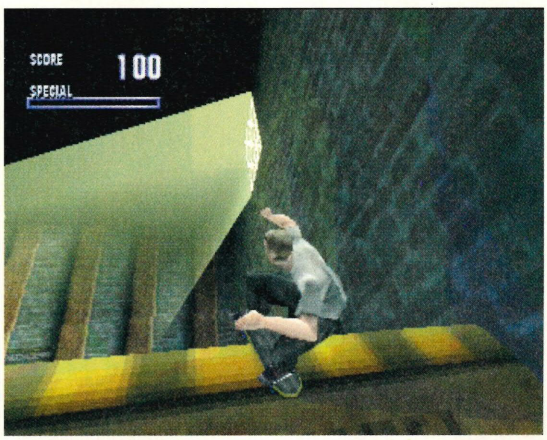
Just like real life, it's all about balance. If you start to topple to the left, lean right, and vice versa. This way you'll grind longer. Don't lean too far the other way, though, or you'll fall.




▲ Lean too far and you'll cock up a max points grind

#### EXTRA POINTS GLITCH

Skate towards the bowl and build up speed while in it. Ollie out to the video screen nearby. Try to land on top of it and hold jump. You can link up loads of tricks in a fixed position without landing.




▲ Balance in the right place, then trick move as much as you like

## Metal Gear Solid

### EASY WAYS TO DEFEAT ROCK HARD BOSSES

#### BEAT SNIPER WOLF

New keycard back in armoury room opens top left hut for Sniper Rifle. Now, position to see only one end of walkway. Use Sniper, take Diazepam if shakes in Sniper sight are too much.

#### BEAT PSYCHO MANTIS

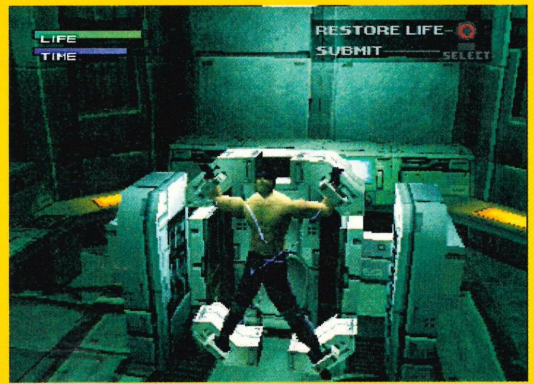
This is a real toughy, but it's easy when you know how. He can read your mind, but not if your joypad's in port 2! Switch ports and beat the crap outta him! Or play for 20 minutes in Port 1! S'up to you.

#### HANDLE TORTURE

Hitting button during torture can give you arthritis! Hold controller upside down and tap on a table. Wrist muscles move faster than fingers, it'll make your life easier. But avoid the tired fast-wrist-movement jokes.




▲ Take pill to stop the shakes. Or don't. We didn't, cos we're hard




▲ Bear the electric shock treatment to get the better ending

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# Driver

## USEFUL TIPS, WEIRD CHEATS

This game should seriously lower joyriding crime figures! What's the point in going out in the freezing cold when you can do the same indoors and not get done for it?

### INVINCIBILITY

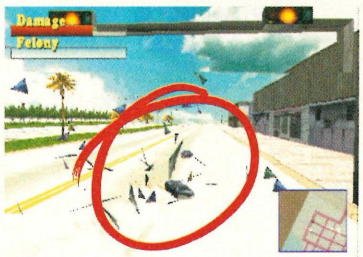
Main Menu. Hit L2 L2 R2 R2 L2 R2 L2 L1 R2 R1 L1 L1
Turn it on in the Cheats menu. Go get 'em, hoodlum! They can't touch ya!




▲ Ignore the rozzers, they can't touch you. In fact, let's go cause some major damage!

### MINI CARS

Main Menu. Quickly hit these buttons.
R1 R2 R1 R2 L1 L2 R1
R2 L1 R1 L2 L2 L2
Turn it on in the Cheats menu.




▲ God knows why, but this is what happens

### VIEW CREDITS

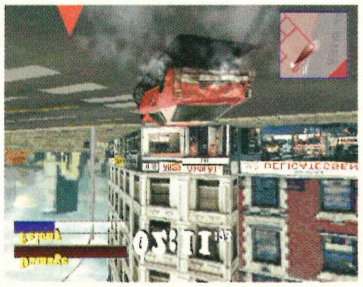
Main Menu. Quickly hit these buttons.
L1 L2 R1 R2 L1 R1
R2 L2 R1 R2 L1 L2 R1
Turn it on in the Cheats menu.




▲ Window shopping'll never be the same

### UPSIDE-DOWN MODE

Main Menu. Hit these buttons quickly.
R2 R2 R1 L2 L1 L2
L1 R2 R2 L2 R2 L1
Turn it on in the Cheats menu. Now drive like a criminally insane Aussie.



▲ Get into Driver, Aussie-style

### UNLOCK ALL CHEATS

Complete game. Make a save slot on the last 'President's Run' stage. Return to Menu and you'll see all cheats open in Cheats Menu. Make sure you keep the save slot or you'll lose the cheats.



▲ Unlock all cheats. Very useful, indeed

# V-Rally

## NO TIME LIMIT, NEW TRACKS

When the Infogrames logo appears, press ↑ ↓ △ + ● The words 'Lock Off' should appear. Hold L1 select your language then use the following table to input cheats. The rest is dead easy so don't hang around, get cheating!

| CHEAT | CODE |
|---|---|
| NO TIME LIMIT | ← + L1 |
| 18 EXTRA NARROW TRACKS | ← + L2 |
| RESTART IN ARCADE MODE | ← + R2 |
| ALL CHEATS | ← + L1 + L2 + R1 + R2 |

# Fisherman's Bait

## CATCH WHOPPERS EVERY TIME

### ATTRACT LOADS OF FISH

At Title Screen, hit △ ✕ ● ■ ↑ ↓ ← →. Do correctly and hear a splash noise. Start a game and fish'll be falling over themselves to be caught!




▲ Men with long rods and very small maggots do well in these murky depths

### STATS SCREEN

At Title Screen, press
↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ L1 R1 L1 R1
✕ ● ST
Enter Options menu, press SEL.
A rundown of how many and what types of fish you've caught, games played etc will show up on here.




▲ A handy list of fish you've caught

### SECRET LEVEL

Play the game fifty times. Then, once you've finished, enter memory card icon to see how many times you've played. Try playing a couple of minutes and turning off again a few times. After fifty, a new 'Concave Dam' level opens.




▲ Major reeling will get you to this level

# Croc 2

## COOL SHORTCUTS, MAX LIVES

### CHEAT MODE

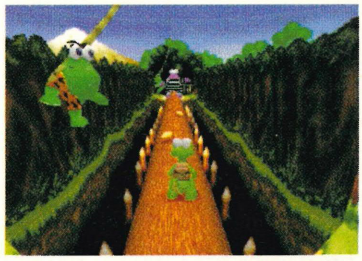
At the title screen, hold L1 and press △ ◁ ◁ ▷ ▢ △ △ ◁ ◉. Start a game. Press L2 + R2 to bring up a cheat mode. Turn on what you like.

### INFINITE LIVES

At the title screen, hold L1 and press ◉ ▽ ◁ △ ▷ △ ▽. Use this with the above cheat to breeze through the game, no problems. But don't complain when you've got nothing to play with, OK?

### WATER RACE SHORTCUT

Having trouble in the World 1 water race? Spent good money on the game and getting narked? Zip through the waterfall for a shortcut and continue on!



▲ The cheat mode makes a lot life easier




▲ Duck behind the waterfall for a shortcut

# WipEout

### FIRESTAR TRACK

Highlight 'One Player' on the Main Menu and hold L1 + R1 + ▷ + ▢ + ◉ + ST►. A new option'll appear – press ✕ to select it.

### RAPIER SHIP

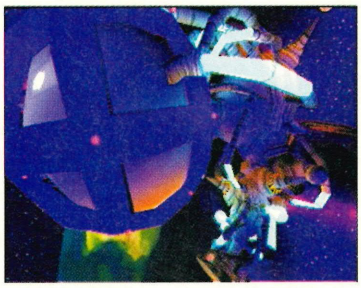
Highlight 'One Player' on the Main Menu and hold L2 + R2 + ◁ + SEL + ST►. Now you have a top-class ship without having to earn it.

# Crash Bandicoot 2

## MAKE LIFE EASY WITH MAX LIVES

### SECRET LEVELS

**1)** When Crash's sister says 'Make yourself useful', wait and a bonus stage'll appear.
**2)** Before 1st Checkpoint in 'Turtle Woods', belly flop on to menacing face shape.
**3)** In 'Unbearable' level, when second bear falls off bridge, jump into the hole he falls in.



▲ Finished the game? Check these levels

### UNLIMITED LIVES

Fed up with losing lives and going all the way back to the start? Not any more – go to the secret level off 'Unbearable'. Look for the bouncing box and fruit. Now go to the highest step and superjump up for two lives. Die and repeat.



▲ Don't be out for the count with this cheat




# Got a PlayStation problem? We'll sort it!

'Ahhh! I'm pulling my hair out, strand by strand. What's wrong with me? I can't get your V-Rally 2 cheats to work! Am I doing something wrong? Come on, let me know!'
***Tom Stockbridge***

**plus OK, OK, we screwed up. But don't worry, the guy responsible for the foul up has had his tongue removed with rusty scissors and his fingers broken with pliers. And you can rest easy, he won't bother you anymore.**

**So, now you're bald and your stress levels have skyrocketed, here are the cheats you so desperately need. Go on, enjoy 'em.**

***Enter these passwords at name entry screen:***

| Code | Cheat |
|---|---|
| _LDN_ | Doubles car power |
| _FLY_ | Cars jump higher |
| CBLC | 1st hidden track |
| CBLCA | 2nd hidden track |
| CBLCB | 3rd hidden track |
| CBLCC | 4th hidden track |
| CBLCD | 5th hidden track |

***All cars and tracks***
**In the game progression screen, at the options menu, press these buttons for awesome cheats. L1 R1 ◁ ▷ ◁ ▷ △ ▽ △ ▽ ✕ ✕ + SEL. Now highlight whichever car or track you want to access and press ✕ on top of them. Go into a game. They're there!**

'I've just picked up Tekken after rinsing out Tekken 2 and 3 and I want to know, how do you do Nina's arm-snapping move? I like it. Lots.'
***Shaun Trimble***

**plus Easy as pie, mate. In fact, it's so easy you're probably trying to hard. So forget about flash moves and super-hard combos, just try this for size. Press ▢ + ✕ together when you're close to the opponent. See, told you it was easy.**

'Isn't Bust-A-Groove the coolest thing to come on a round shiny object they call a games CD? I've been playing around on it for ages and managed to get quite a few of the secret characters. But is there anything else to it that I should know about?'
***Rudy Dyer***

**plus There sure is Rudy, and we're gonna tell you what the hell you're missing out on. To see all your favourite characters' moves in action in the Dance Preview mode, simply complete the whole game on Easy setting and the option will appear. Sorted.**

**Oh, here's another for you. To choose which level you should be dancing on, complete the game once with any character. Kick off another game in single player mode, then press L2 + SEL. When a song starts, simply skip across to the next levels of booty-shaking rhythms. Now you really can party like it's 1999. Hang on a sec, it is...**

# We'll answer any questions

Our experts are on hand to help you out with your PlayStation problems. If you're stuck, or you want tips, cheats or release dates, write your question on this form, rip out the page and follow the instructions overleaf. We'll answer it in next month's mag.

My question is: .....

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Name/address: .....

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# Sled Storm

## COOL NEW CHARACTERS

### PLAY AS TRACEY

Options Screen. Select 'Load/Save', then 'Password'. Press :

L1 ◉ ▢ △ R2 L1 ✕ △



▲ Rev up for an excellent racing game

### PLAY AS JACKAL

Options Screen. Select 'Load/Save', then 'Password'. Press:

L1 ◉ ▢ L2 R2 L1 ✕ △



▲ Head off for a collision course to oblivion

### PLAY AS GIO

Options Screen. Select 'Load/Save', then 'Password'. Press:

L1 ◉ ▢ L1 R2 L1 ✕ △



▲ Go off track to find hidden routes

### EXTRA POINTS

If you see ickle rabbits happily bounding across the course, squelch 'em for 7,500 points each!



▲ You can squash rabbits for extra points

# Silent Hill

## EASY WAY TO KILL LAST BOSS

Press ▷ or ◁. You won't run diagonally, but in circles. You'll end up almost behind it and it'll be vulnerable to your attacks. When it targets you again and starts firing lightning, restart the process. You'll send it to hell in no time at all. Told you it was easy.



▲ Dodge the lightning bolts and attack from behind. Repeat a few times and bingo

# SF EX Plus Alpha

## AWESOME FIGHTERS, NEW GAME

### BONUS GAME

Go to Practice Mode. Press SEL. Now, QUICKLY press △ △ ▷ △ ▷ △ SEL. Enter Practice Mode. A new option is now available for your beat 'em up pleasure. You won't be disappointed.

### FIGHT HIDDEN CHARACTERS

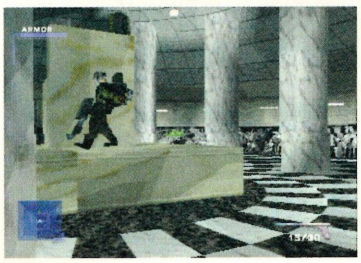
Go to Mode Select screen, highlight Practice. Press SEL △▷▽▷SEL. You'll see 'Here comes a new challenger!' on screen.

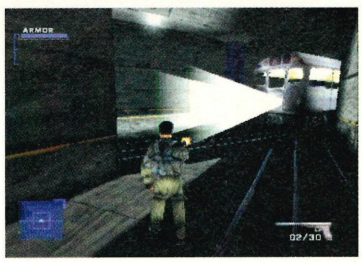
# Syphon Filter

## FILL UP WITH GUNS AND GEAR

### ALL WEAPONS / INFINITE AMMO

Start playing. Pause. Highlight Weapons Menu. Hold SEL + ◉ + L1 + R2 then, still holding, press ✕ . A menu will allow you to choose any weapon you like. Happy hunting!

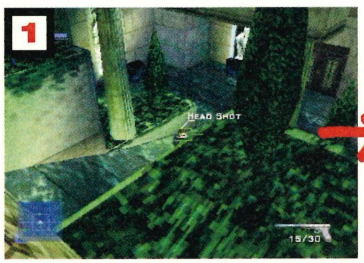




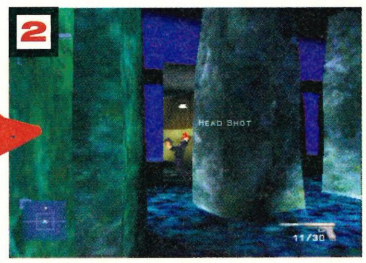
▲ When you're tooled up with all the guns and ammo, life's so much easier

### COMPLETE STEALTH MISSION

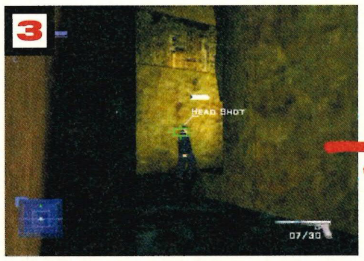
After running around and shooting almost everything willy nilly, you'll get to the NYC Expo Centre Reception level 6, where you must escape the sight of bodyguards and kill 'em without them raising the alarm – like, at all. This is difficult, but here's how to do it. Oh, remember to hit each guard with one shot to the head with Silenced 9mm. Here we go...



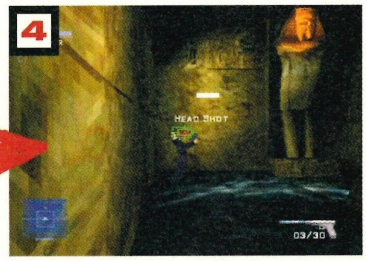

▲ Climb the ledge on left and wait for the guard to walk down slope. At the far wall, kill other guard. In the next room, hide by the left wall and take out guard that comes




▲ To the rocks room. Before you enter, wait for the guard to walk away, go down the left side of rocks and wait at the second-to-last before the door. Take out guard that appears




▲ Approach statue room. Shoot walking guard from afar. Inside, go to far right statue. Start to walk into the next corridor, then come back. Take out the guard coming




▲ One more guard before you reach the shuttered door. Play peek-a-boo by shuffling out, then running back. Hide behind corner, then lean out and blast his head off

# Worms

## HIDDEN SUBGAME, NEW GUNS

### BOXING RING

During play, do a Fire Punch or Dragonball and *quickly* hold ■ and press R1 L1 ● . One worm from each team will teleport to a boxing ring. Die and lose level.

### EXTRA WEAPONS

At Weapon Options screen, press ✕ + ■ ten times. If you don't get it the first time, try again a few times. Don't go calling us when you can't do it, though!

# Soul Reaver

## UNDEAD INVINCIBILITY

In game, press START to pause. Then press ◁ ▷ ◁ ▷ ■ ● ■ ●. If you hear a growl when you unpause, you're invincible. Giant 13-page guide starts on p48.



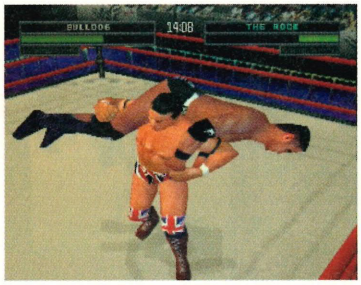
▲ Even though you're technically dead, you can't die. I know, it's pretty weird

# WWF Warzone

## NEW GRAPPLERS TO PLAY WITH

### HIDDEN WRESTLERS

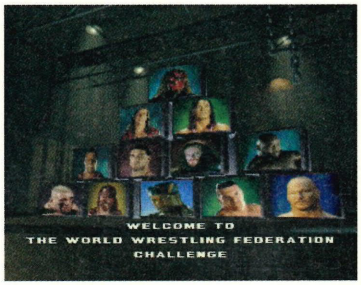
Do the following tasks to get the secret characters. Dude Love & Cactus Jack: Beat Challenge Title with Mankind. Sue the ring girl: Win World Title with Bret or Owen Hart on Medium setting. Trainer: Just enter training mode. Easy life.




▲ 'Don't EVER call me Ginger Spice!'

### CREATE LARA CROFT

First get the Ladies Night and New Duds cheats by completing Challenge mode with Triple H & kane. Then create with these specifications. Gender: female, Face: 2, Hair: Pullback, Tanktop: Adventure, Shorts: Safari, Belt: Chain 2, Accessories: Sunglasses 3.




▲ This isn't Lara. Create her with above tip

# Gran Turismo

## FAST ROUTE TO THE TOP

### GET EVERYTHING YOU WANT

The way to get the four extra tracks, all the secret cars, the ending movie and high-resolution mode is to beat every track with each type of car (A, B & C), under all three difficulty modes. It's not as easy as it sounds, but definitely worth it in the end.




▲ Complete the game in every difficulty mode and you get the awesome hi-res game

### EASY MONEY

Once you've gone through the game for a while, race the qualifier for the all-nighter. Use the GTO Special Edition or any other good car and get $20,000 just for qualifying.




▲ Make loads of cash with the above tip

### BEAT LICENCE TESTS

If you can't figure out how to beat the licence tests, just go to the Replay Theatre in the Main Screen. The demo movies'll show you exactly how to do it!



▲ Watch the FMV for hints

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**1**

*Tim Burston, Harrow, London*

*I've got :*
- ISS Pro 98

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Jonah Lomu Rugby
- Bloody Roar
- V-Rally

**2**

*Peter Dibsdale, Solihull, West Mids.*

*I've got :*




- Final Fantasy 7
- Fluid

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Tekken 3
- WipeOut 2097
- Vigilante 8

**3**

*Steven Wake, Ryde, Isle of Wight.*

*I've got :*
- WCW Nitro
- Alundra

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Wild Arms
- Breath of Fire 3
- Parappa

**4**

*Trevor Catford, Berkhamstead, Herts*

*I've got :*
- Atari Collection 2
- Crash Bandicoot
- Time Commando

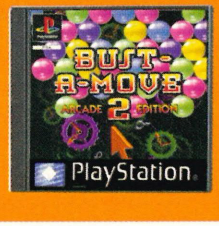
*My top 2 choices are:*
- Omega Boost
- Premier Manager 99

**5**

*Liam Winslow, Kettering, Northants*

*I've got :*
- Streetfighter 2
- Bust-a-Move 2
- WCW vs World

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Tomb Raider II
- Toshinden 3
- NHL 98

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*Mark Duckworth, Aberdeen*

*I've got :*




- Metal Gear Solid

*My top 2 choices are:*
- MDK
- Steel Reign

**7**

*Dave Hewitt, Kent.*

*I've got :*




- Mortal Kombat 4

*My top 3 choices are:*
- All Star Tennis
- Broken Sword
- Actua Golf 3

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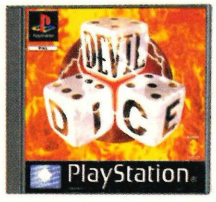
*Lisanne Delaney, Swindon, Wilts*

*I've got :*




- Devil Dice

*My top 2 choices are:*
- C&C: Red Alert
- Sim City

**9**

*Robbie Clark, LLanivet, Wales.*

*I've got :*
- Forsaken
- Ghost in the Shell

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Tekken 3
- Colin McRae Rally
- V-Rally 2

**10**

*David Chiprotti, West London.*

*I've got :*
- Streetfighter 2
- Steel Reign

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Streetfighter Ex
- Tetris Plus
- UEFA Champ 98/99

**11**

*Enrique de Souza Kirkaldy, Borders*

*I've got :*




- Tekken 3
- Abe's Oddysee

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Gran Turismo
- Wild 9
- Tomb Raider III

**12**

*Philip Ball, Dulwich, London*

*I've got :*
- Lucky Luke
- Tiger Woods 99

*My top 3 choices are:*
- Pro Pinball
- Timeshock
- Biofreaks

# ENTRAL

## 13
*Ed Harris, Dalston, London*

***I've got :***
- Max Power Racing
- Rayman

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Kula World
- WipeOut 2097
- Constructor

## 14
*Philip Wisehart, Manchester*

***I've got :***
- Colin McRae Rally
- Wayne Gretsky

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Tobal No 1
- WipeOut
- F1 97

## 15
*Eric Gosling, Warwick, Staffs*

***I've got :***




- Die Hard Trilogy
- Bloody Roar

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Ape Escape
- Colony Wars
- G-Police

## 16
*Zoe Good, Halesowen, West Midlands*

***I've got :***
- Descent

***My top 2 choices are:***
- Broken Sword
- Road Rash 3D

## 17
*Kevin Callaghan, Cheadle, Stockport.*

***I've got :***
- Poy Poy
- Max Power Racing
- Reboot

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Tenchu
- Grand Theft Auto
- Soviet Strike

## 18
*Pete Vestey, Falmouth, Cornwall*

***I've got :***
- City of Lost Children

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Bushido Blade
- Circuit Breakers
- Frogger 3D

## 19
*David Norton, Stockport, Cheshire*

***I've got :***
- Porsche Challenge
- Worms

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Asteroids
- Micro Machines V3
- Total NBA 96

## 20
*Lewis Grinniere, Chertsey, Surrey*

***I've got :***
- Air Combat
- Marvel Super Heroes

***My top 2 choices are:***
- A Bug's Life
- Buggy

## 21
*Alex Swain, Winchester, Hants*

***I've got :***




- G-Police
- Big Air

***My top 3 choices are:***
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- F1 97
- Bust-a-Move 2

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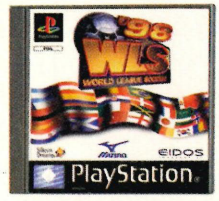
*Mark Davies, Kensal Rise, London.*

***I've got :***




- World League Soccer

***My top 2 choices are:***
- Final Fantasy 7
- Croc

## 23
*Daniel Owen, Leicester, Leics.*

***I've got :***

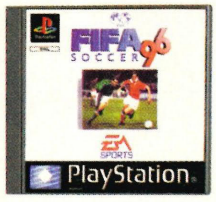



- WipEout

***My top 3 choices are:***
- Pandemonium!
- Need for Speed
- Tomb Raider III

## 24
*Chris Hayforth, Swansea, Wales.*

***I've got :***

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- Magic Carpet
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*James Simmons, Chichester, West Sussex.*

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- Bloody Roar 2

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*Andrew Markson, Norwich, East Anglia*

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- Resident Evil 2

***My top 3 choices are:***
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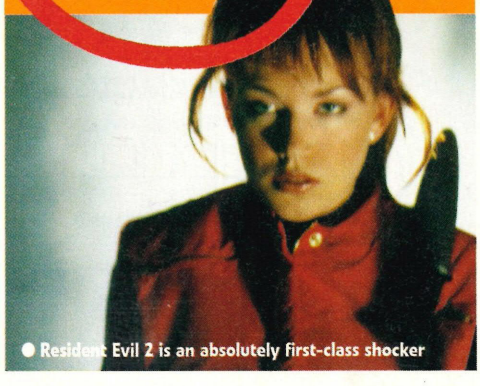

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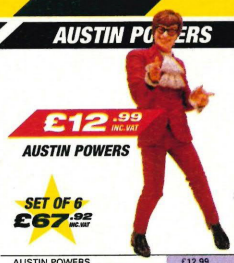

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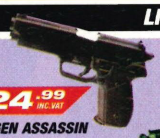

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## LONDON

GAME STATION (0171 380 0161)

| GAME | PART EX | CASH |
|---|---|---|
| Metal Gear Solid | £18 | £13 |
| FA Premier League Stars | £14 | £9 |
| Tomb Raider III | £18 | £13 |
| Total | £50 | £35 |

Game Station's part-ex deal is very good indeed, and because they have stores across the UK, there's a good chance you'll find a store nearby. They also accept second-hand pads and wheels

## BIRMINGHAM

THE GAME ZONE (0121 778 2009)

| GAME | PART EX | CASH |
|---|---|---|
| Metal Gear Solid | £14 | - |
| FA Premier League Stars | £14 | - |
| Tomb Raider III | £10 | - |
| Total | £38 | - |

The Game Zone will not pay cash for any second-hand game – you wouldn't get a fiver for Metal Gear, Gran Turismo and Res Evil 2. Their part-ex rate isn't great either, with Tomb III getting a mere £10

## PART-EXCHANGE: WHAT'S THE DEAL?

Part-exchange is where you trade your old games in for news ones. You won't receive cash for your stuff, just a credit note or a direct swop with another game. If your old games amount to less than the new ones, you have to make up the difference in cash.

### PLUS' RULES TO REMEMBER

It pays to shop around. Using our examples here, you risk losing as much as £22 simply because you didn't phone more shops. You don't have to actually go to the shop in person, either – most of these places run mail order departments or deal with customers directly over the phone. And mail order games tend to be cheaper than buying direct, so you'll get more in exchange for your old games. Just remember, you will need either a debit such as Switch, or credit card like Visa or Barclaycard, to place an order over the phone, or a cheque book or postal order from the post office when ordering through the post.

# ESSENTIAL 101 GAMES

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## THE BEST PLAYSTATION GAMES YOU SHOULD OWN

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**ABE'S ODDYSEE**

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

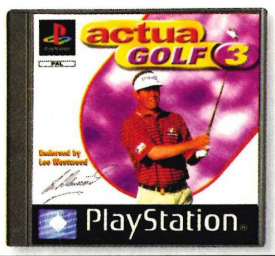
A great alien platform adventure game, with puzzles that get harder as you go through the game. Loads of laughs and character voices.




**ABE'S EXODDUS**

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Better puzzles than Oddysee and hours of laughs, especially when you get the poor old slaves to start slapping each other. Excellent stuff.




**ACTUA GOLF 3**

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-8 | 8

The best golf game around and easily the most realistic when used with the Dual Shock pad. A class multiplayer game with up to four mates.




**ACE COMBAT 2**

● PRICE £34.99 | ● PLAYERS 1 | 8

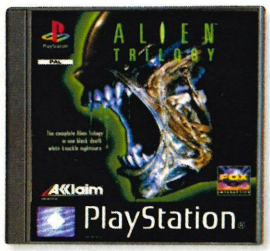
At last, a great-looking flight sim with a wide choice of missions and loads of planes to choose from. Use the Dual Shock pad for the best experience.




**ANNA KOURNIKOVA'S SMASH COURT TENNIS**

● PRICE £34.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-4 | 9

The greatest tennis game to hit your PlayStation. Supremely playable in one-player, but it's best with a multitap and three other mates.




### ALIEN TRILOGY

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 7

Doom-style first-player blast 'em up. Boasts big-ass weapons to collect and tons of acid-spitting aliens to blow to shreds. Graphics look a bit blocky.




### APE ESCAPE

PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

Only compatible with the Dual Shock pad, but if you've got one and you're into cutesy platform games, this has got fun and challenge by the bucketload.




### APOCALYPSE

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Bruce Willis saves the world again with this wise-cracking, great-playing blaster. A bit on the samey side but loads more fun with the Dual Shock.







### BLOODY ROAR 2

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Tekken 3 with teeth. Transform yourself into a slavering beast and smash mates to a bloody pulp. Rammed with great graphics and cool combos.




### BRIAN LARA CRICKET

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Get the hang of its tricky control system and you'll be playing the best cricket game on your PlayStation. It's great in two-player, too.




### BROKEN SWORD

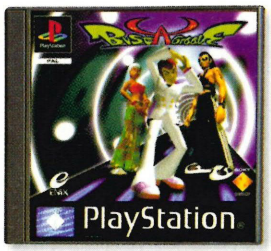
PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

A point-and-click adventure with rock-solid puzzles and neat graphics. Superb fun, but it can be frustrating as hell unless you're dead patient.

## BROKEN SWORD 2

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

Compared to the original, this has touched-up graphics, a whole new plot to follow and a load of new environments to explore. The jokes are funnier than before and the control system has been refined, but it's still got some of the toughest puzzles in any PlayStation point-and-click adventure. Are you up for the challenge?




### BUST-A-GROOVE

PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Quirky, wonderfully weird dancing game where choose your dancer, hit the floor and and pull off some slick moves in the ultimate boogie battle.




### BUST-A-MOVE 2

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

The concept's dead simple – aim your bubble gun to burst the coloured gems at the top of the screen. Things is, is addictive as hell. Two-player's great.




### CIVILISATION 2

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

An awesome God game similar to Sim City. You start the game in the Stone Age and progress through the years by building up your civilisation.




### COLIN MCRAE RALLY

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

An amazing rally game that's still the best. Good controls spell pedal-to-the-metal action, with awesome powerslides. Grab a mate for great two-player races.




### COLONY WARS VENGEANCE

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

A Colony Wars sequel with loads of new missions, set both in deep space and on planet surfaces. Use the Dual Shock for max effect.




### COMMAND AND CONQUER: RED ALERT

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Tool up your army for winning campaigns. Great two-player link-up lifts this strategy game above the rest.




### COOL BOARDERS 2

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Ignore the ropey graphics, this snow-board classic boasts an easy-to-use trick system and neat two-player mode.




### CRASH BANDICOOT 2

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

A damn good platformer that looks very cool. Boasts loads of variety and addictive platform action. And it's £20.




### CRASH BANDICOOT 3

PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

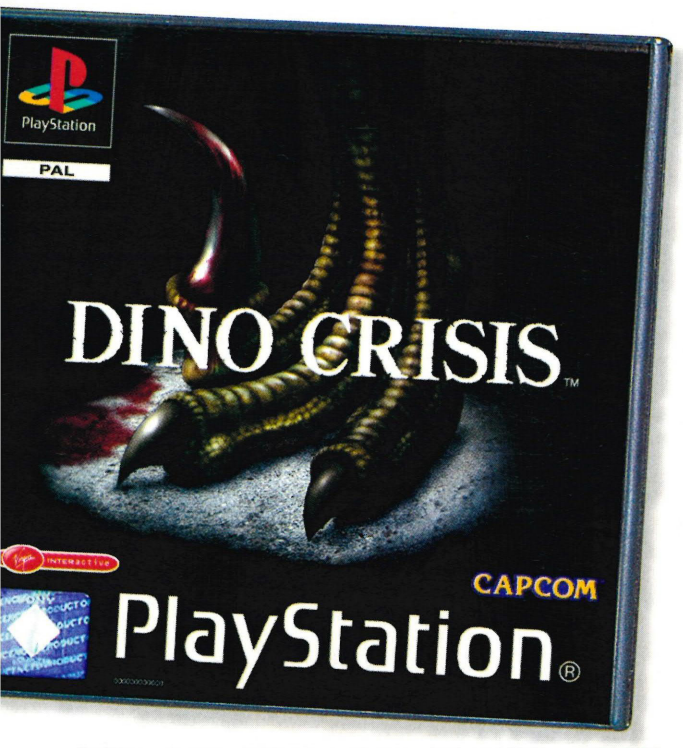
Better graphics and greater variation than Crash 2, this is great fun to play. Shame it's so short, really.




### DEAD OR ALIVE

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

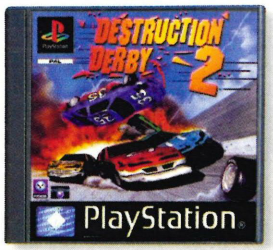
A very fast beat 'em up with great looks and sweet combos. Better still, all the girls have enormous hooters.




## DINO CRISIS

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

A T-Rex infested Resident Evil, with some of the most heart-thumping set-pieces you'll see in a game. With over-the-top action, a gripping storyline and a dinosaur army to test your arsenal on, this is a high-tension and brilliant game that's not for lightweights. The three endings and hidden games guarantee replay value, too.




### DESTRUCTION DERBY 2

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

The crash 'n' dash driving game gets a graphics refit. It's a great laugh mashing your motor in one-player, and the two-player's fun as well.




### DEVIL DICE

PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 8

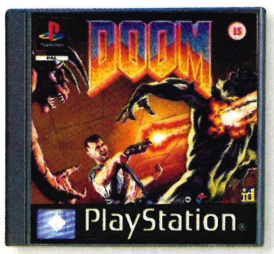
A clever and addictive puzzler where you, as a demon, have to turn dice to get them to match. The four-player option is a blinder, too.




### DIE HARD TRILOGY

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Bruce Willis is back for action in this great 'three games for the price of one' deal. The second bit's best played with a lightgun, but not the G-Con45.




### DOOM

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

The game that made you love shotguns, this is the original shoot 'em up in blood-streaked corridors. Class with a two-player link-up.




### DRIVER

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

A stunning Starsky and Hutch era driving game – imagine Grand Theft Auto crossed with Gran Turismo, with cool 70s funky music. Awesome.




### DUKE NUKEM: TIME TO KILL

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

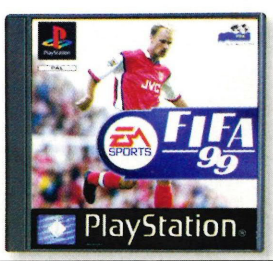
Violent corridor shoot 'em up, with dodgy one-liners and a Tomb Raider-style make-over. For once, forget the two-player mode, it just isn't fun.




### FADE TO BLACK

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

Looks a bit blocky, but if you're after a solid shooter that's brimming with brain-bursting puzzles, give this 3D adventure game a pop.




### FIFA 99

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Massively popular footy game with all the proper players and league teams. It's 12 months out of date but at least you can recreate last year's season.




### FINAL DOOM

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

A terrifically hard sequel to the classic first-person blaster, with 30 new ass-whipping levels. Strictly for the hardcore but great on link-up.




### FINAL FANTASY VII

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

A huge game – put aside six months to play it – with great characters and battles, and a cool plot. It's just gone Platinum which makes it a must-have.




### FORMULA 1 97

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

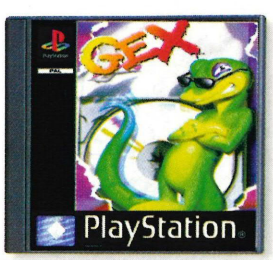
All the genuine drivers and teams from the 97 season. Neat graphics and slick gameplay are a plus, but the two-player mode is plain and unexciting.




### FUTURE COP: LAPD

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 7

Set in a Judge Dredd-style Mega City, you've got to hunt down perps using a cool robot that transforms into other vehicles.




### GEX 3D

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

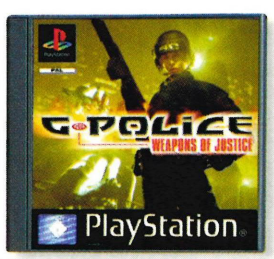
Great graphics set this apart from most other platformers. The levels are varied, but it takes time to get used to the controls.




### GHOST IN THE SHELL

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 7

Manga-style blaster featuring cool sci-fi robots going psycho with huge laser guns. Cool graphics and sounds, too.




### G- POLICE 2

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

Futuristic cop game with tough controls, but stick with it and you'll get a load of enjoyment bagging cyber-criminal ass.




### GRAN TURISMO

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

The daddy of all driving games. It's hyper-real, has a cool rock soundtrack and is absolutely rammed with tuning options.

'ISS PRO 98 IS THE MOST PLAYABLE FOOTBALL GAME ON THE PLAYSTATION.'




## ISS PRO 98

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Not the best-selling football game on the PlayStation but by far the most playable. It looks slick but plays even better. Beginners can pick it up and play reasonably well within minutes, and there's also enough tricks and skills to keep the expert player going for months. The downer is, it doesn't feature proper player names.




### GRAND THEFT AUTO

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

Steal cars, mug old ladies, shoot cops! OK, so the flat, 2D graphics are ugly, but this law-breaking epic has got gameplay where it counts.




### HERC'S ADVENTURE

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 7

Cartoon-style arcade adventure set in mythological Greece. You plays as one of three characters, whose task is to trounce the Romans. Easy.




### INTERNATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 9

Simple but exciting multiplayer Olympics game where the winner is the person who can hammer the buttons fastest. Great as a four-player.




### KULA WORLD

PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Bizarre puzzle game where you guide a beach ball round loads of weird psychadelic levels. Find the key, then escape. Simple but very addictive.




### LEGACY OF KAIN: SOUL REAVER

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

Skewer zombies and fight vampires in this Tomb Raider-style adventure that looks superb, plays brilliantly. It's an absolute monster.




### LMA MANAGER

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

The latest and arguably best football management game on the 'Station. All the stats are up-to-date and the controls are easy to use. Sweet.




### MEDIEVIL

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8

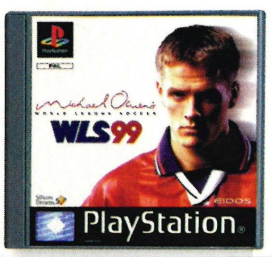
Use your money-off voucher in this issue (between pages 34-35) and get this stylish cartoon adventure, in which you battle an undead army, for just £14.99.




### METAL GEAR SOLID

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

Bond-style spy adventure with incredible graphics, a movie-style plot and spectacular action sequences. It's a shame it's over all too soon.




### MICHAEL OWENS WLS 99

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Not as immediately playable as ISS Pro 98, but there's a load of neat skills to learn and it plays smoothly. Boasts all the proper league teams and players.




### MICRO MACHINES V3

PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 9

You, three mates and a multitap, and you're guaranteed a top night in, as you race mini motors across table tops.




### MOTORHEAD

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

You won't even notice that the graphics are pretty basic because of the retina-wrenching speed this racing game shifts.




### MOTO RACER 2

PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

The only decent motorbike racing game, which features both motocross and road racing. The two-player's OK.




## MUSIC

PRICE £29.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9

DJ mixing game that's simple to use and allows wannabe Fat Boy's to create their own dance tunes. Choose from a selection of house, techno and ambient beats, then layer levels of sound over the top to create the ultimate rave classic. When you're done, save it to memory card and even create a video to go with it. Nice.




### NBA LIVE 98

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8 |
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The best of the NBA series, this top basketball sim allows up to eight players to compete at once, using two multitaps for a whole load of fun.




### NEED FOR SPEED 3

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8 |
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The best of the Need for Speed series, this very quick and slick-looking racer needs the Dual Shock pad for maximum entertainment.




### NFL BLITZ

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 7 |
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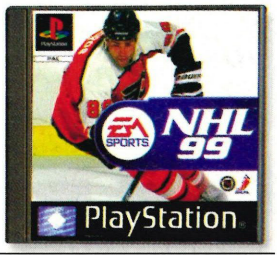
The only American footy game worth considering, because the rules have been simplified to make the play run more smoothly. Neat in multiplayer.




### NHL 99

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-8 | 8 |
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There are loads of hockey games, but this is the best thanks to slick looks and gameplay. Up to eight players if you use a multitap.




### NIGHTMARE CREATURES

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8 |
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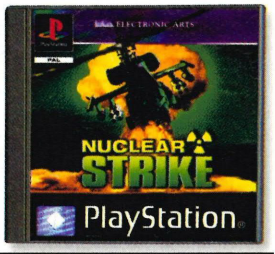
Gothic horror adventure set in Victorian London, where demons run riot on the city streets. And guess what? The demons must die!




### NUCLEAR STRIKE

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8 |
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Supremely tough helicopter shoot 'em up. Complete objectives by eliminating the terrorist threat and saving the world from nuclear war.

## 'IT'S PURE ARCADE ACTION AS YOU FLY THROUGH SPACE, BLASTING BOSS AFTER BOSS'




## OMEGA BOOST

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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You play a man in a robot suit who's up against an endless sequence of boss robots the size of blocks of flats, all of 'em armed with enough weaponry to vapourise entire galaxies. It's pure arcade action as you swoop through space blasting boss after boss. Gameplay's dumb, but the visuals are amazing.




## POINT BLANK 2

| PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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Extremely similar to the first Point Blank, but that's no bad thing. There's more variety in the challenges, some of which really push your sharp-shooting skills to the limit, and the quest mode has been refined to make it easier and more fun to play. Like the original, it really comes into its own as a two-player blast.




### PANDEMONIUM

| PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 7 |
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Ultra-bright psychadelic platformer with lush levels and loads of spells to play around with. Simple stuff, but entertaining nevertheless.




### PARAPPA THE RAPPER

| PRICE £29.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8 |
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Tap the buttons in time with the music to get Parappa to rap along with the tunes. It's short, but what's in there is stylish and a great laugh.




### POINT BLANK

| PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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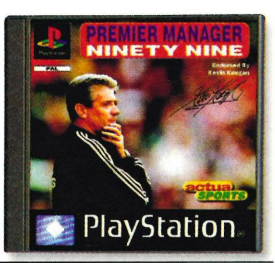
You'll need a lightgun to get the most out of this cartoon-style shooting gallery game. Great as a one-player but really good with two players.




### PREMIER MANAGER 99

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9 |
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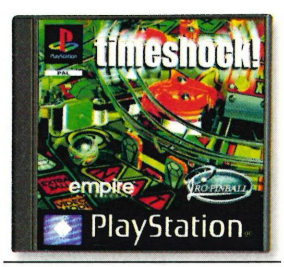
Not as up-to-date as LMA Manager, this is still a perfectly playable and easy to use footy management game.




### PRO PINBALL: TIMESHOCK

| PRICE £29.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 8 |
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The only pinball game you should own, with realistic ball movement. Even though it's only got one table, it's a cracker.




### RESIDENT EVIL

| PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 10 |
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Gore-soaked adventure with zombies, giant mutants and a lot of head-popping. Essential buying for any 'Station head.




### RESIDENT EVIL 2

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 10 |
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Although not as tough as the first, Res 2 has bigger weapons, nastier bad guys and four ways to complete it. There are loads of hidden extras tucked away.




### RETURN FIRE

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8 |
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Fast-paced arcade army game where you control a load of different tanks and generally shoot the crap out of the enemy. The two-player is fun.




### RIDGE RACER TYPE 4

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 10 |
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An absolutely stunning racer that's more fun than Gran Turismo. It's got stacks of cars and great courses, and it plays oh-so sweet. Get it now.




### ROLLCAGE

| PRICE £29.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8 |
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Cane sci-fi cars with monster-truck tyres through tunnels where you can ride up the walls and race along the roof. While shooting each other. Class.




### R-TYPE DELTA

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 7 |
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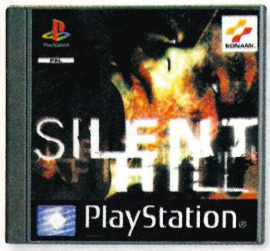
Side-on 2D shooter where one spaceship takes on endless waves of laser-pumping aliens. Tricksy arcade-style gameplay makes it one for the hardcore.




### SILENT HILL

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8 |
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Sinister adventure with classy horror flick atmos and loads of gore. Evil cutscenes and general creepiness are big on the menu. Combat's a bit limp, though.




### SLED STORM

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 9 |
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The best four-player racer ever to hit PlayStation. Annoy your mates by nipping in and out of hidden shortcuts as you cane 400-horsepower snowmobiles over mountain courses littered with huge drops, icy paths and massive jumps. Awesome in split-screen multiplayer, still brilliant as a one-player game.




### SOUL BLADE

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 8 |
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Use swords, knives and bloody great clubs to batter each other stupid in this fast-moving beat 'em up. Looks great, but the gameplay's way too simple.




### SOVIET STRIKE

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 7 |
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Pilot an assault chopper in a strategic struggle against commie ground and air forces in this fast-moving shoot 'em up. Looks old, but plays great.




### SPEED FREAKS

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 8 |
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Big-headed racers blast round huge, lush-looking courses shooting each other with comedy guns. Good fun, but the four-player's pretty lousy.




### SPYRO THE DRAGON

| PRICE £34.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 8 |
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Nauseatingly cute and obviously aimed at kids, but this platformer plays really smoothly, looks great and has tons of levels.




### STREET FIGHTER ALPHA 3

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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Huge two-dimensional versions of the Street Fighter gang slug it out in classic style. Loads of characters, old and new, and loads of moves.




### STREET FIGHTER EX PLUS ALPHA

| PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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The one where the Street Fighters go 3D. Looks great, plays fast, and there's hundreds of tricky moves to learn.




### SUPER PUZZLE FIGHTER 2 TURBO

| PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 10 |
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Cutesy versions of the Street Fighter mob fight by dropping gems at each other. Simply the best puzzle game available.




### SYNDICATE WARS

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1-4 | 7 |
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Ultra-violent futuristic strategy game where up to four players control overcoat-wearing secret agents armed with huge guns.




### SYPHON FILTER

| PRICE £39.99 | PLAYERS 1 | 9 |
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This spy thriller isn't that amazing to look at, but it's got fine-tuned gameplay and loads of tip-top firefights.




### TEKKEN 2

| PRICE £19.99 | PLAYERS 1-2 | 9 |
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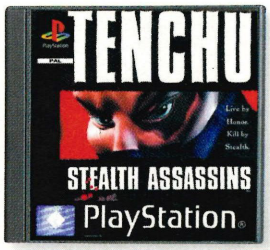
Plays fast and sweet. This hasn't got the looks of Platinum new boy Tekken 3, but it's still a rocking beat 'em up.




## TEKKEN 3

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 10

Unbeatable at its new Platinum price, this brilliant 3D beat 'em up is packed with class characters, looks amazing and boasts more than 1,500 moves.

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Ninja slash 'em up where you sneak into Japanese houses and slit people's throats for your master. Classy ninja weapons and cool swordplay.




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Platinum lightgun shooter where you must single-handedly wipe out a terrorist threat using just a pistol. Frantic, mindless action at its best.




## TOCA TOURING CAR 2

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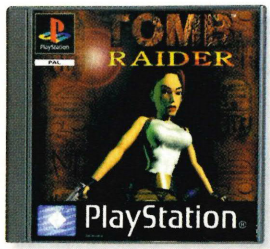
Race souped-up saloon cars around touring cars tracks in the UK. TOCA 2 looks as sweet as it plays, and is a good laugh in two-player too.




## TOMB RAIDER

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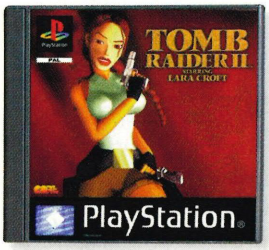
Lara's first outing is the perfect mix of action and puzzles. Although the graphics aren't quite so sharp as Tomb's 2 and 3, the gameplay's spot-on.




## TOMB RAIDER 2

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1 | 9

Rock-solid sequel which favours non-stop gunfights over brain-taxing puzzles. It's more frustrating than the first, but it takes longer to complete.




## TOMB RAIDER 3

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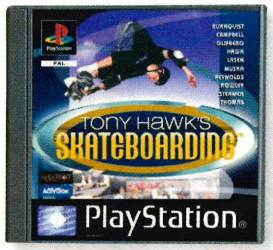
Yes, this is the worst Tomb Raider but it's still a class act. It offers more variety over 1 and 2 but little else. Which is another way of saying: 'It's still hot!'

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Super-real skateboarding game which looks the nuts and is dead easy to play. Loaded with awesome tricks, plus a mean two-player challenge.




## TWISTED METAL WORLD TOUR

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 7

Climb inside one of a handful of tooled motors, charging around battle arenas blasting the crap out of everything that moves. The multiplayer really shines.




## UM JAMMER LAMMY

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Parrapa sequel where guitar licks replace the raps of the original. The tap-in-time-with-music bit stays but there's an all-new two-player jam.




## WIP3OUT

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

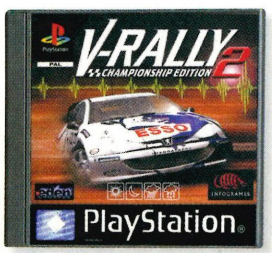
Although Wip3out offers nothing drastically new over the previous WipEout, visually it's a lot sharper and the gameplay's been tweaked so it plays very nicely. But what really makes this stand out is the hyper-cool soundtracks: with tunes by the Chemical Brothers, Sasha and Underworld, this'll keep you rushing well through the night.




## VIGILANTE 8

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Tooled-up motors fight it out in bizarre battle arenas. Use the cool weaponry and cars to frag your mate's ass in the two-player deathmatch.




## V-RALLY 2

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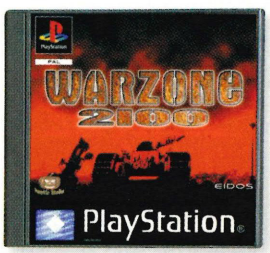
A dirt-drenched, mud-spattered off-road racer with loads of cars, stacks of tracks and solid gameplay. A top night in with three mates and a multitap.




## WARZONE 2100

● PRICE £39.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

A real-time war strategy game with loads of levels and plenty of challenge. Build up your army by mining resources, then launch an attack on the enemy.




## WIPEOUT 2097

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 9

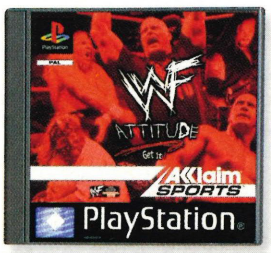
Super-quick futuristic racing game with a kick-ass techno soundtrack. Exceptionally good when linked-up.




## WORMS

● PRICE £19.99 | ● PLAYERS 1-2 | 8

Pointless in one-player mode, and it looks very basic. But as a multiplayer game it really is great fun for four players.

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Silent Hill is the most hyped game this year. The combat's limper than an impotence convention and it's far too short to keep anyone interested. Why do developers continue to churn out such shit? Why does it get an 8/10 rating?

Terry Smith

I'm a sexy lady and I like RPGs, so there, we're not all nerds! ~~Ever~~ Give other games some higher marks, not just Final Fantasy 7!!!

Nikki Valendar, Dartford x xxx

How come in your September issue, you reviewed Tomb Raider 2 TWICE!!! In the best games section it got 94%, then in Platinum section you gave it a meagre 89%!!!

You need a new ~~f~~ editor! May I suggest a trained chimp?

Joi Wong, Redruth

HELLO

Is anyone there?

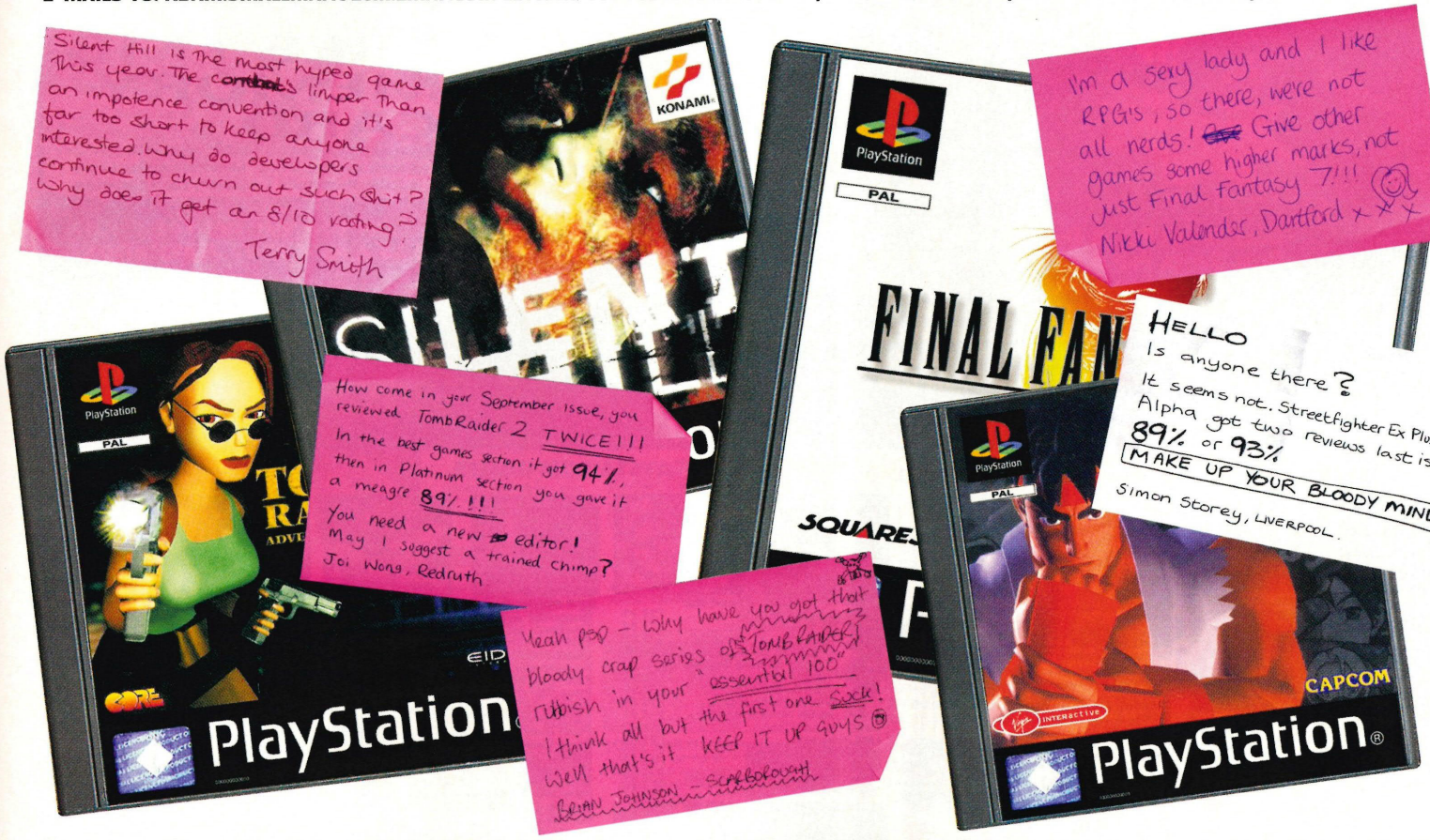
It seems not. Streetfighter Ex Plus Alpha got two reviews last issue, 89% or 93%.

MAKE UP YOUR BLOODY MINDS!

Simon Storey, LIVERPOOL.

Yeah PSP – why have you got that bloody crap series of Tomb Raider rubbish in your "essential 100"? I think all but the first one Suck! Well that's it KEEP IT UP GUYS

BRIAN JOHNSON Scarborough

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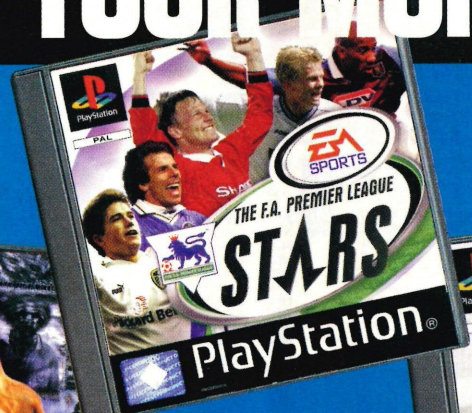


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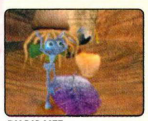

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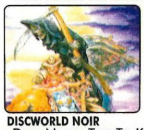

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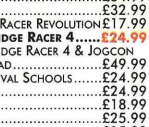

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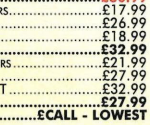



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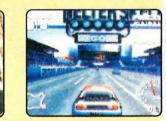

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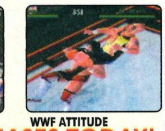

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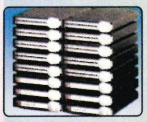

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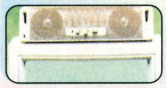

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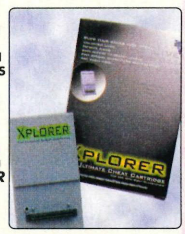

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LARA GOES BACK TO HER ROOTS FOR THE LAST PL

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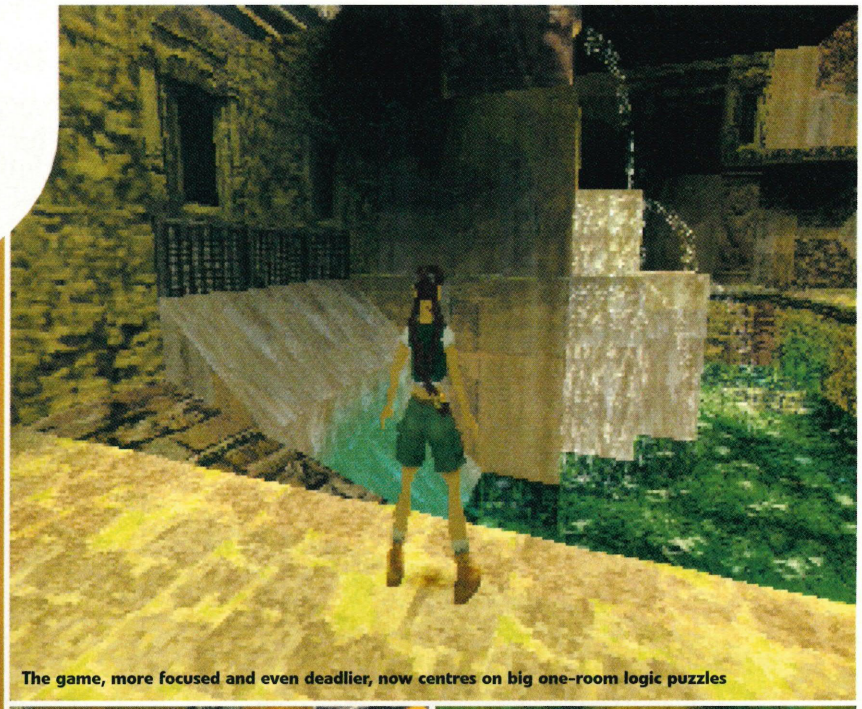
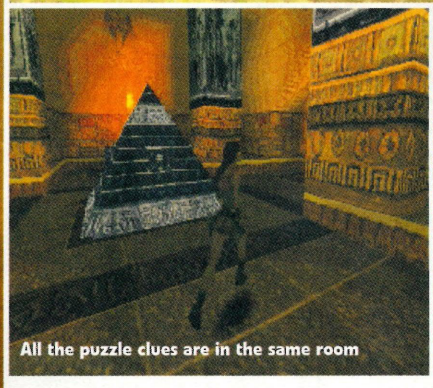
## YSTATION TOMB RAIDER. BUT WILL IT WORK?



The game, more focused and even deadlier, now centres on big one-room logic puzzles



All the puzzle clues are in the same room



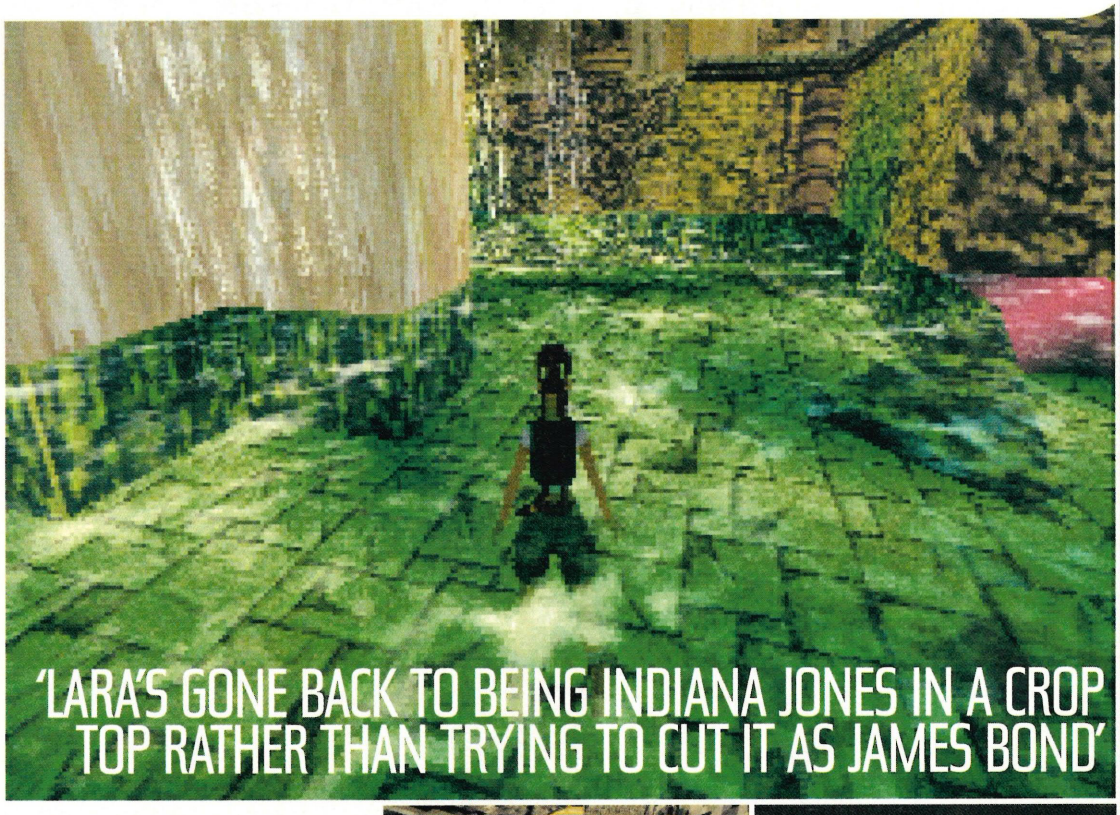
And the traps are deadlier than ever

**The fourth and final PlayStation Tomb Raider is coming, and the question is whether Lara's last fling is going to be hot, fresh and sparky enough to keep us ticking over until she shows up again on PlayStation 2**

Tomb Raiders II and III were a bit stale compared to the first one, and we had this sinking feeling that number four might just be another sad rehash conveniently warmed up for Christmas. But, two months back, we got exclusive screenshots and info that had us thinking Crofty might be back on form for her last PlayStation outing. Now we've had a play at an early version. It's too early to say if this one's the Tomb Raider of our dreams, but it's certainly showing fantastic promise.

For starters, the rock-hard logic puzzles that made the first Tomb Raider such an instant classic – remember Midas Palace? – are back in force. And the silly levels set in industrial complexes full of machine gun goons have vanished – it's all set in Egypt for the Last Revelation, and Lara's back to being Indiana Jones in a crop-top rather than trying to cut it as James Bond.

But what's massively cool about part four, is the clever new inventory system: you can use and combine items to solve puzzles – in one bit you »

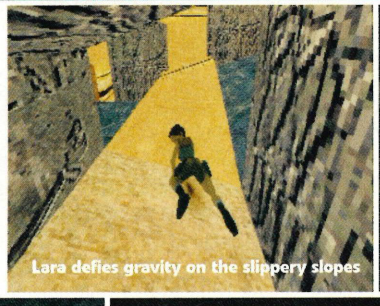


## 'LARA'S GONE BACK TO BEING INDIANA JONES IN A CROP TOP RATHER THAN TRYING TO CUT IT AS JAMES BOND'

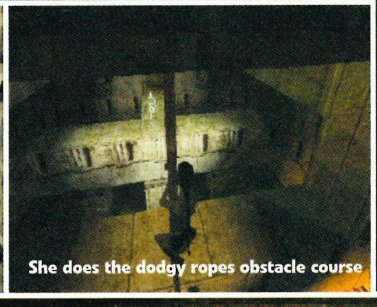
have to have a bow and a stick to make fire; or just to get extra use out of your items, such as by using binoculars with the rifle to do far-range sniper shots.

And all the undead enemies that you can only kill by using traps or huge falls are cool as a cucumber.

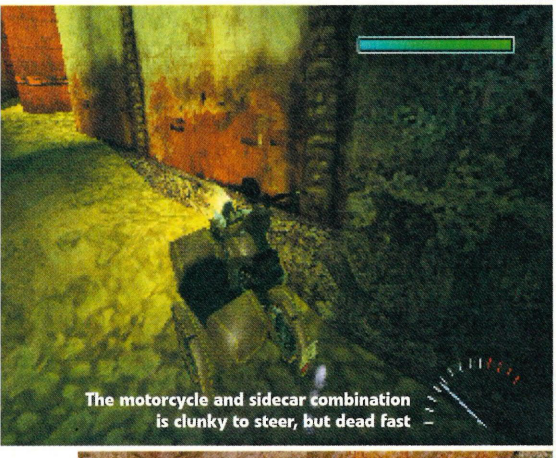
Also, the look, the Egyptian atmosphere, as you can see from these shots, are spot-on. For once, every element is right on the money.



Lara defies gravity on the slippery slopes



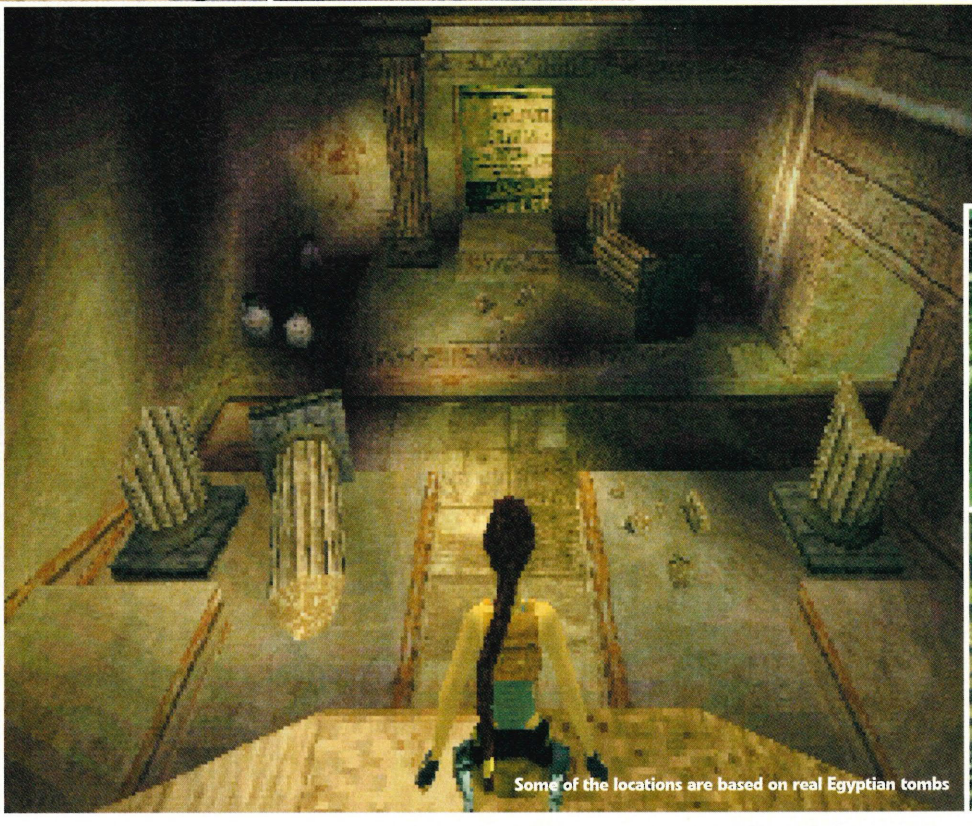
She does the dodgy ropes obstacle course



The motorcycle and sidecar combination is clunky to steer, but dead fast



The jeep's cool and it's faster than the quad bike in Tomb II



Some of the locations are based on real Egyptian tombs





In this game, there are two Laras, past and present, Lara at age 16 and this, the Lara we know and love

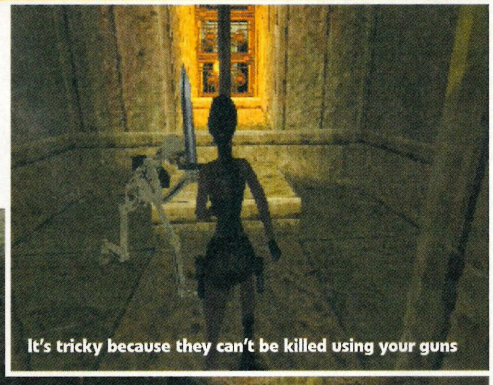
## CRUSH THOSE SKELETONS!

The coolest enemies in Last Revelation are the skeletons. These bastards can't be brought down with normal weapons. Instead, what you have to do is lure them to places where you can use huge weights and enormous falls to reduce them to splinters. »

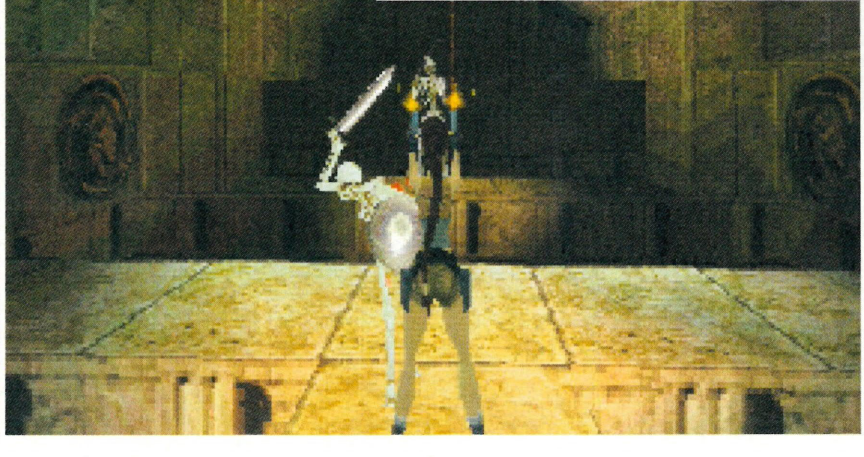




You have to lure skeletons to dangerous bits and blast 'em off the edge at a blink



It's tricky because they can't be killed using your guns



# COOL STUFF

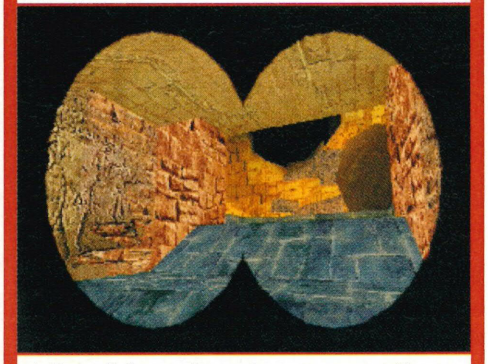
## THE NEW THINGS WE REALLY LIKE

### LIFE THROUGH A LENS

The snazzy, hi-tech binoculars are a new feature in Last Revelation, and they've had us wondering how Lara ever got by without them. They're a sniper's dream.



▲ They let you scope out hard-to-reach parts of the game, so that you can figure the way past the puzzles



▲ Since all the puzzles tend to centre around huge big rooms with multiple exits and dark corridors, having long-distance vision is a real godsend

### LARA AGED 16... MMMMM!

On the training level, you'll get to feast your eyes on a rather cute 16-year-old version of Lara. You check out Lara's moves with help from her teacher Von Croy – until he has a terrible accident.



▲ Young Lara: sexy, but she leaves Von Croy to die in a man-trap on a cliff in Cambodia. Vicious cow

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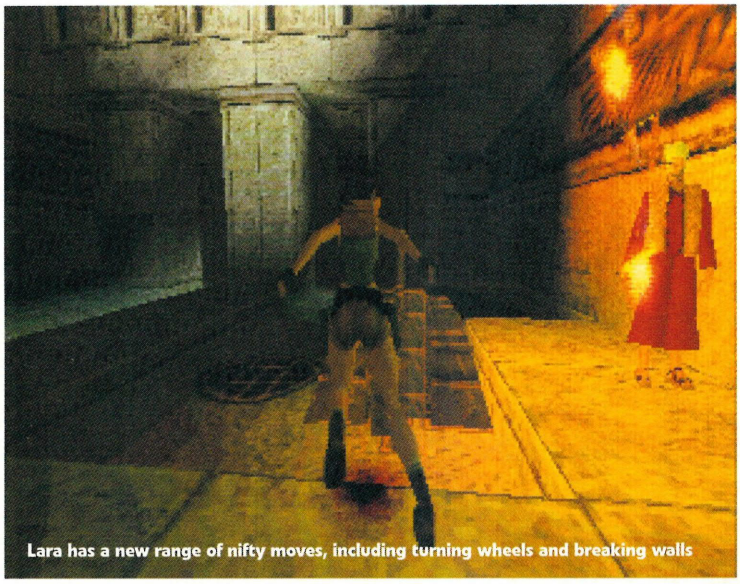
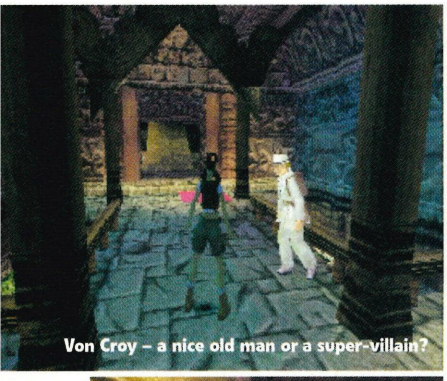
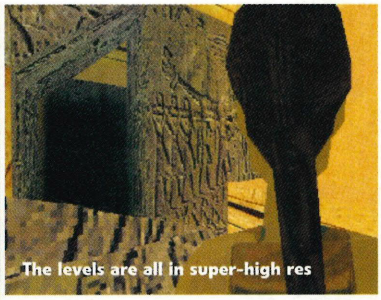


Lara has a new range of nifty moves, including turning wheels and breaking walls

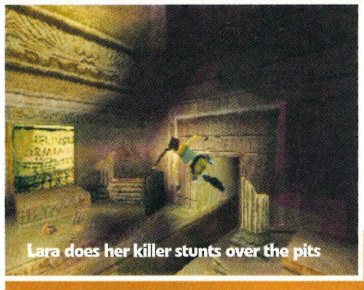
## 'THE PUZZLES THAT MADE TOMB 1 SUCH AN INSTANT CLASSIC ARE BACK'



Von Croy – a nice old man or a super-villain?



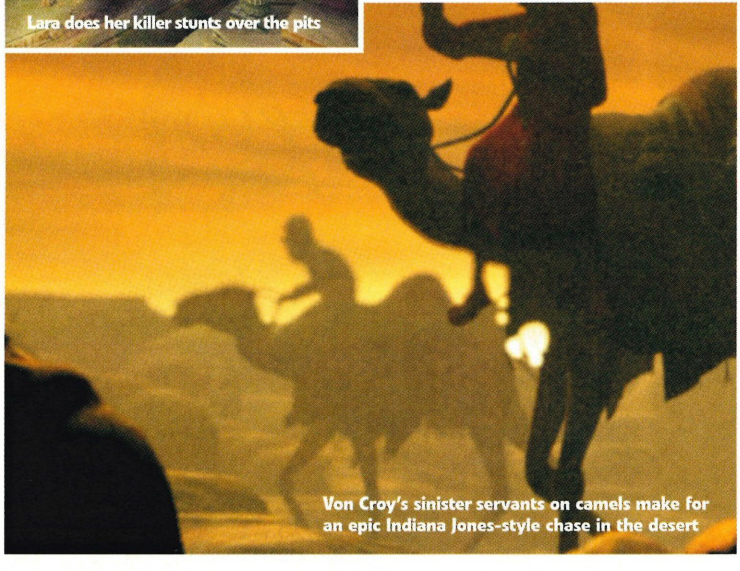
The levels are all in super-high res



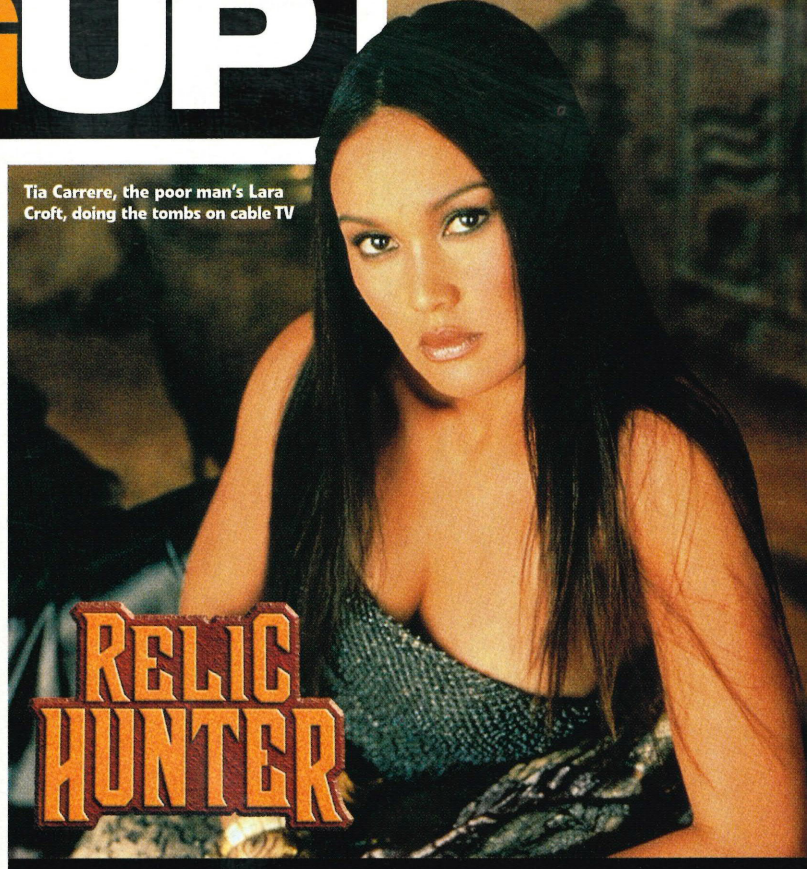
Lara does her killer stunts over the pits

### SAFARI SUIT OF DEATH!

The prize for 'least sinister game villain ever' has to go to Von Croy, Lara's mentor who turns evil after she leaves him to die in a mantrap. He's a sweet-looking little old man in a safari suit with a stick – not exactly Darth Vader material. There are two villains here, and we've got hopes the other villain, the evil-god Set, has more in the way of the vicious-bastard factor.



Von Croy's sinister servants on camels make for an epic Indiana Jones-style chase in the desert



Tia Carrere, the poor man's Lara Croft, doing the tombs on cable TV

RELIC HUNTER

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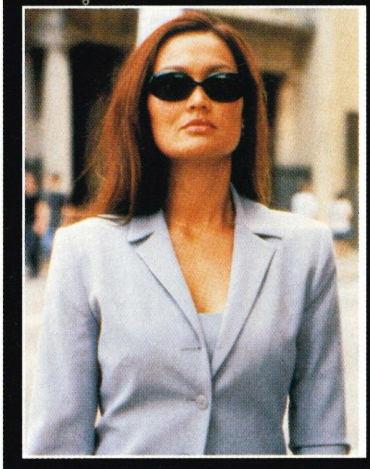
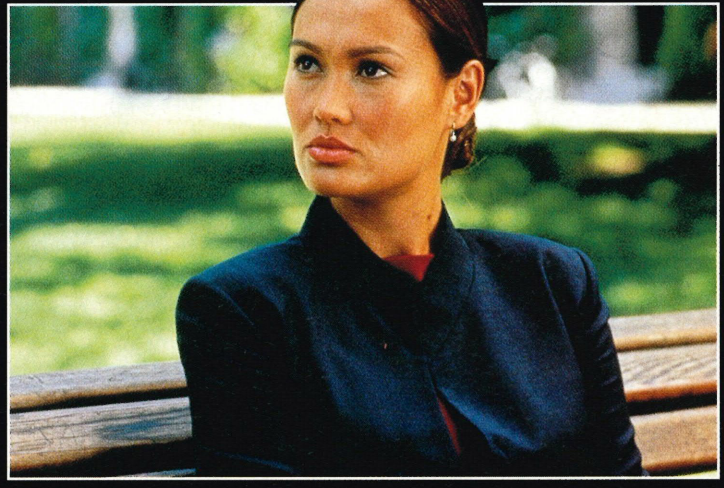


▲ Tia has a bit of style, but don't expect any substance. See Wayne's World

### Tia Carrere attempts Lara Croft in the new Yank lo-fi TV series Relic Hunter

Launching on Yank cable TV this month is Relic Hunter, a series starring a busty archaeologist who 'unravels the world's most intriguing mysteries in search of lost icons and rare treasures'. Starring True Lies actress Tia Carrere, it's even got a rip-off logo with the same lettering as Tomb Raider. Nobody's bothering to bring it to the UK screens just yet, but we're on the look out.



▲ She may have the busty-chick-with-attitude thing going, but can she cut it as Lara?

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# CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS

## PLAYSTATION'S BEST FOOTY GAMES MEET FOR A CHRISTMAS SHOWDOWN

## FIFA 2000

OUT NOV 5

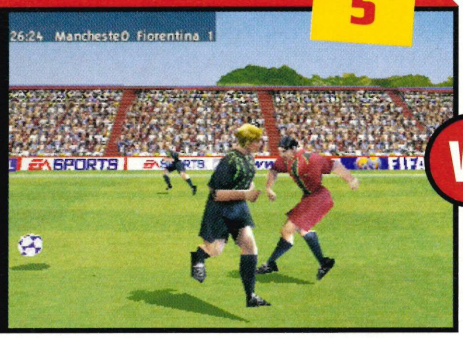
## ISS EVOLUTION

OUT DEC 10

### PASSING

There's a new passing system where 'safe' passes are highlighted. So do you risk a pass forward to a marked man or sideways to a man in the clear? This is challenging stuff.

**Directions where you can pass safely will be highlighted**

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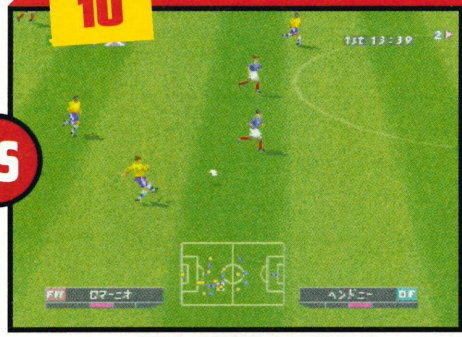


### PASSING

The passing's seriously smooth, and easy to get to grips with. The camera view makes it easy to tell when you can pass safely. Within minutes, you'll have a nifty passing network going.

**The ball moves around the pitch with a real fluidity**

### FREE KICKS

There's a new free kicks system where one button allows you to choose which player to pass to. △,○,□ and ✕ will appear over different players' heads. One tap, and it's there.

**Choose where to send the ball without your mate seeing**




VS



### FREE KICKS

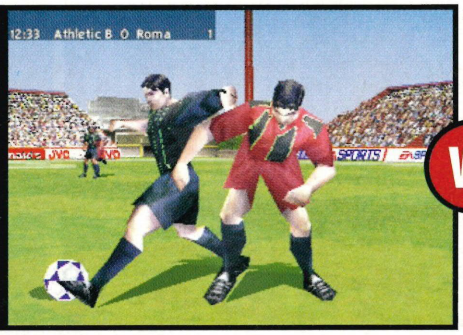
The free kicks have always been incredibly fluid in ISS – no big trails telling your mate where the ball's going to go. There's a bit less precision than in FIFA, but the system works well.

**It's pretty easy to slam home a scorching kick in ISS**

### SPECIAL MOVES

The controls are simple to get to grips with. For a start, there aren't too many special moves to worry about. But, with little or no knowledge, you can get slick plays going really easily.

**FIFA's ideal for a quick knockabout game**




VS



### SPECIAL MOVES

You can hold down shoulder buttons to get special moves. There are more special moves in Evolution than in any other football game, and they're pretty easy to learn.

**Pretty soon you'll be doing trickshots with confidence**

### ANYTHING ELSE SPECIAL?

You can save replays to memory card, plus there's about the best Create-a-Player mode we've seen on any footie game.

**Choose epic moments and treasure them forever**

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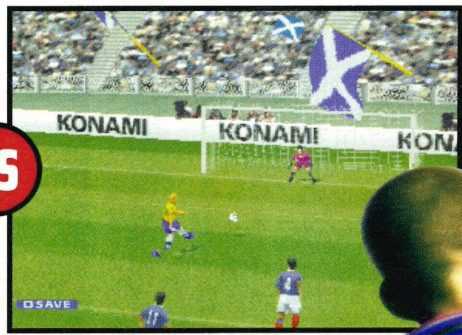



### ANYTHING ELSE SPECIAL?

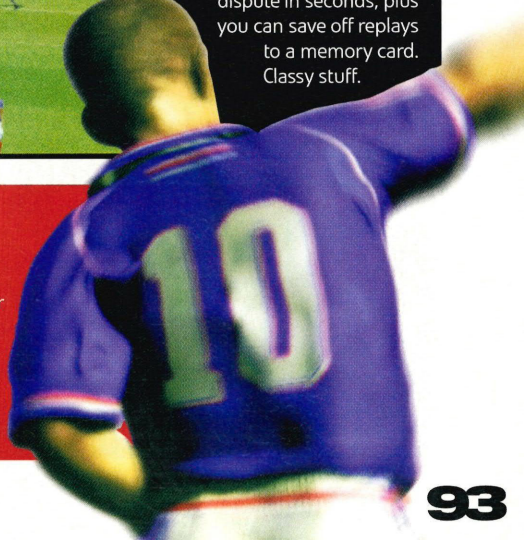
There's a touchline camera, so you can settle any dispute in seconds, plus you can save off replays to a memory card. Classy stuff.

## THE RACE FOR THE TITLE

What's particularly cool about ISS Evolution is that there's a lot of depth. Although it's easy to pick up and play, once you develop your skills, the play feels liquid – just like the footy you'll play yourself or watch on the telly.

FIFA 2000's very smooth to play. It's dead easy to get into, and the play fairly rockets up and down the pitch, with plenty goalmouth action. It feels a bit like Roy of the Rovers football rather than real Premiership action, but all the teams are there, with proper player names – unlike in ISS. And it's totally perfect post-pub fodder.

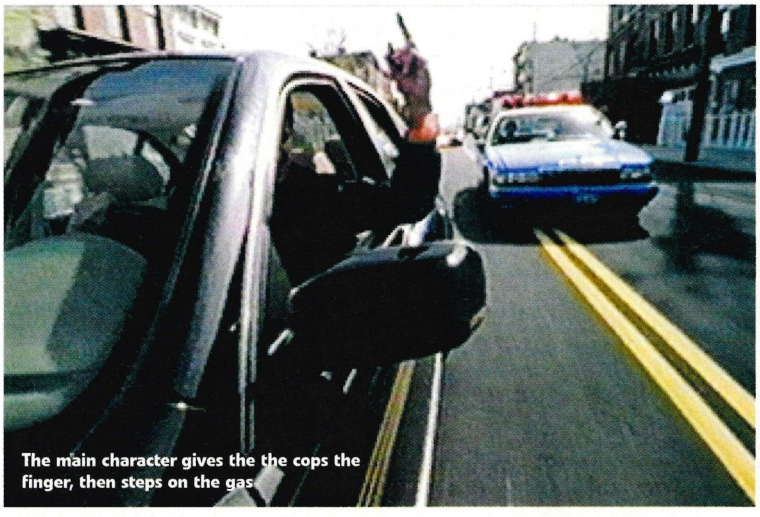
ISS is looking like our choice for this season, but check out the reviews in the next issue.



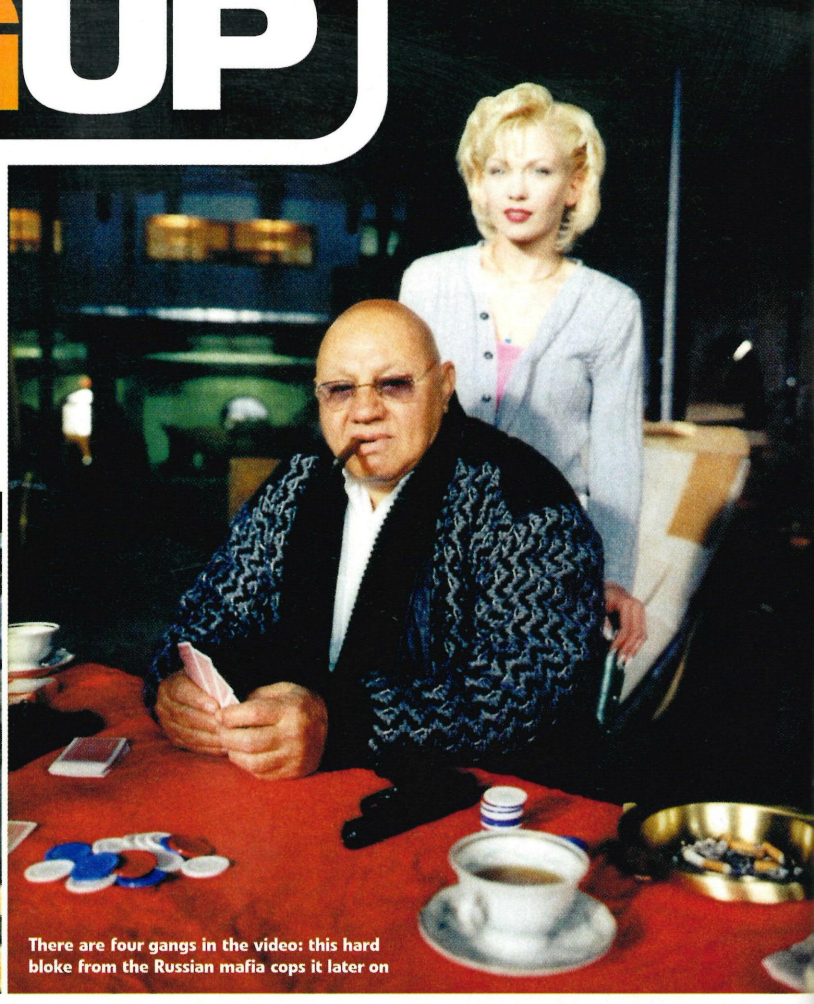
# THE GTA2 VIDEO THEY BANNED!

## This Grand Theft Auto 2 video is wicked in every way. And it won't be at a cinema near you

The promo video for the cars-and-crime sequel Grand Theft Auto 2 is jaw-droppingly violent. And now it's been banned from our cinema screens for being too sick. The vid's all in the style of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, but with less talking, more shooting and a superb soundtrack from ice-cool drum n' bass label Moving Shadow. It kicks off with a bloke nicking a truck full of narcotics after headbutting the driver. He then zooms around munching fistfuls of pills, while murdering people, spitting on corpses and sitting in on a *very* nasty piece of torture. It's still available as an 18-rated music video, and it's on the CD version of the track Wankers on Duty by German DJ Da Hool, or on the Moving Shadow compilation 99.1. Check it out now.



The main character gives the the cops the finger, then steps on the gas



There are four gangs in the video: this hard bloke from the Russian mafia cops it later on

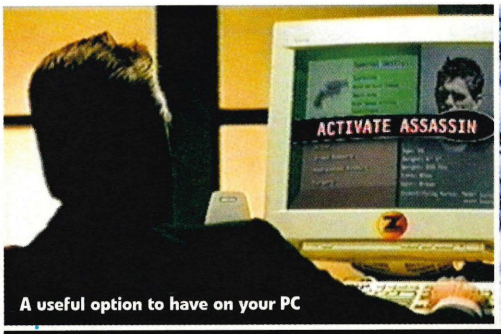


The Redneck gang from the game – on film. They're all Deliverance-style hicks armed with chainsaws

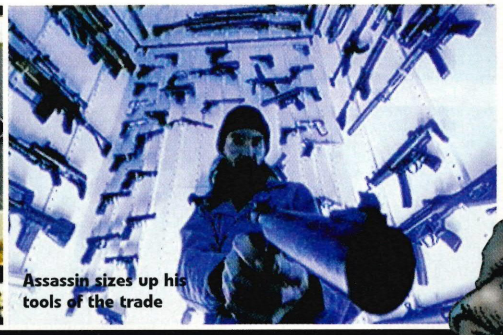


Two of the gangs settle their differences



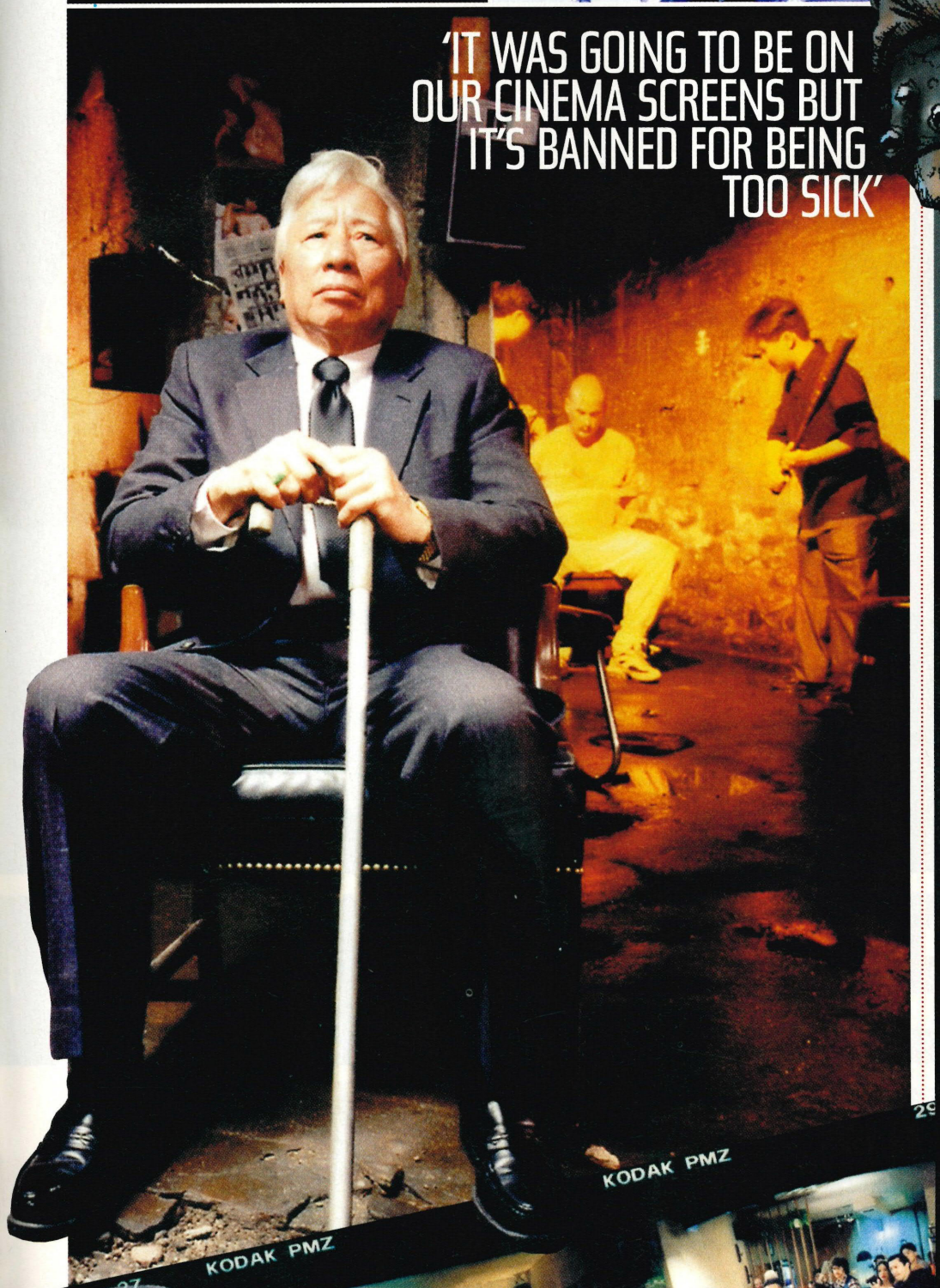


A useful option to have on your PC


Assassin sizes up his tools of the trade



'IT WAS GOING TO BE ON OUR CINEMA SCREENS BUT IT'S BANNED FOR BEING TOO SICK'






# ABOUT THE GAME

## Out 26 November, GTA2 promises urban violence and better graphics

Word is, Grand Theft Auto 2 is set to be as nasty as the promo vid seen here. If you thought the first was hardcore, and plenty of people did, you won't believe some of the action that goes down in number two. Check these screens out.



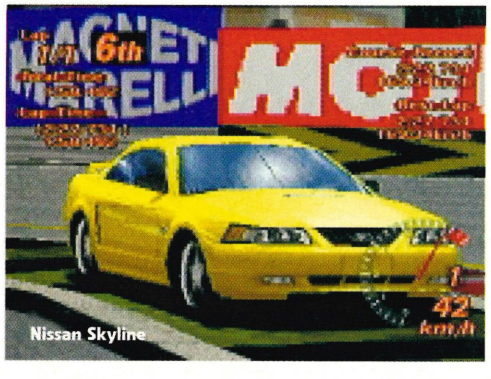
▲ The Russian mafia use a rocket launcher on a truck



▲ Pedestrians go up in flames as you petrol-bomb a car

# MORE REALISM TH

## GRAN TURISMO 2 IS HERE IN FOUR WEEKS' TIME!



Nissan Skyline

**GT 2 is set to be packed with more detail than the original ground-breaker. Feast your eyes on these tasters which show the expanding fleet of hot motors**

Gran Turismo 2 boasts over 500 different car models – that's 350 more than the first GT. It's got cars ranging from souped-up Mini Coopers to awesome sporty speedsters, such as the MGF pictured above. It's got classic Chevrolets, Jags and Mercs, and you can get different car models to suit three different kinds of races you get in GT2 – rally, road or race versions.

There are tracks ranging from city roads in Seattle to Tahitian rally tracks. You can go for a Le Mans-style endurance race – or if raw speed's your thing, you can see what your engine can do down at the High Speed Oval.

For real car fiends, there are even more treats in store. There's an in-depth tuning and accessories system on offer for every single car here, You'll have to think carefully about what set-up and extra bits you choose before you head out to race, because each track'll require slightly different performance. For instance, you'll need to choose soft compound tyres for short sprint races, harder compound for long races. On the ultra-hard Professional mode, you'll need to tweak just about every aspect of your car's set-up before hitting the track. But when the cars you're fiddling with are this classy, who's complaining?



Honda S2000

## INSANE LEVELS OF DETAIL

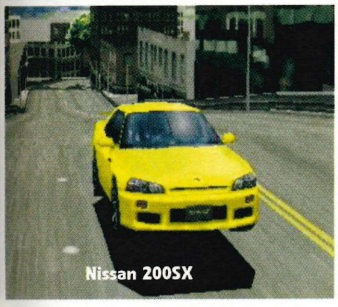
The attention to detail in Gran Turismo 2 is fantastic. The game designers didn't leave anything to the imagination in this one – they even recorded the real engine sounds of every single one of the 500 cars in the game for added authenticity. And each car's also got totally different handling – which means they'll all handle differently if you damage them.



Mini Cooper



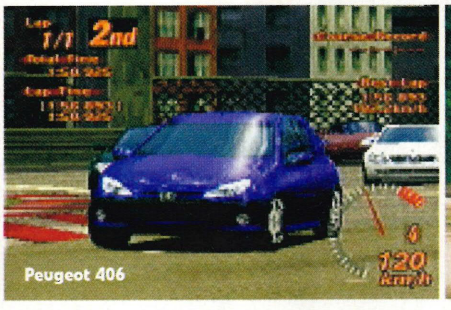
Jaguar XK8 convertible



Nissan 200SX



Subaru



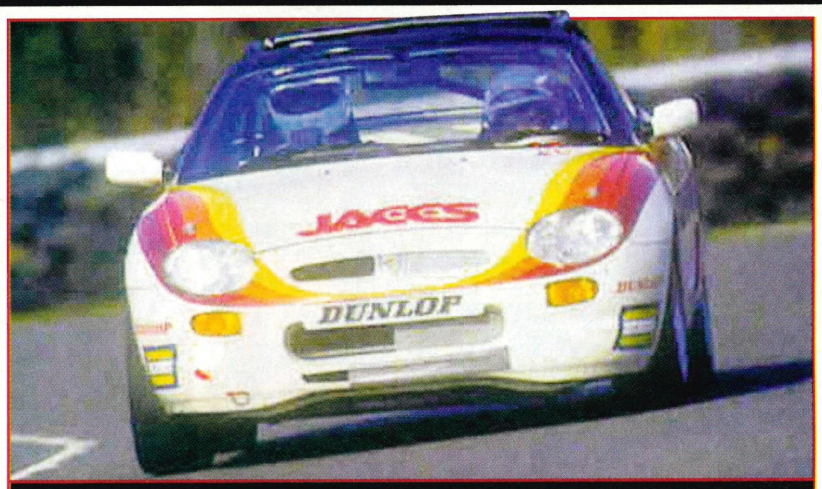
Peugeot 406



Lardy Jap tank we can't identify

## 'NOW, IF I JUST TWEAK THE REAR EXHAUST SPROCKET...'

### IN FOUR WEEKS' TIME YOU'LL BE TINKERING WITH THIS BEAUTY!




The MGF is one of the 500 awesome motors you'll get to tweak to your heart's content. Here's what a standard model can do, and the mods done on the racing version shown above:

**Max speed: 120mph** **0-60: 8.5 seconds** **Brake horsepower: 111**

- Changed air filter for improved air flow
- Mechanical tappets replace hydraulic ones
- Front-mounted oil cooler fitted
- Fluid hoses replaced with Aeroquip lines

# AN YOU CAN STAND



Lancia Integrale



The new VW Beetle



Rally spec Suburu

# EVERY WEEK HEAT GETS THE JUICE.




heat

The entertainment magazine



Raekwon uses lightning-fast Thai-style boxing moves to thrash his rivals



The boss characters are all amazingly vicious


ODB uses drunk-style moves


Switch enemies at speed


Method Man's slow but hard

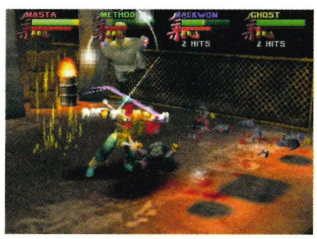

Genius is light on his feet

# ENTER THE WU-TANG

## Wu-Tang gang swop mics and decks for kicks and swords in this four-player beat 'em up

In a fortnight's time you should be able to buy the long-awaited beat 'em up from martial-arts-obsessed rappers the Wu-Tang Clan. And it looks great. Up to four players can slug it out on screen as the nine bad-asses from the Wu take on evil kung fu hardboys from ancient China. It moves fast and plays well. The music, which is half the point of the game, isn't on there yet, so we don't know whether the exclusive tracks that play as you fight are Wu-Tang-bangers or Wu-Tang-clangers.

Fighting's a frenzied combo-fest with few controls and simple moves. You can pick up advanced techniques by playing single player, where you travel through arenas ranging from ancient China to inner-city New York, learning 36 new combos or moves. And if you've got a multitap, you'll be able to use your new skills to beat three mates at once in a free-for-all all on a single screen. It feels like a real a free-for-all: you'll be fighting one bloke, turning round and bashing another, then smashing the last man with a hammer. And once you've knocked someone out, you'll get the chance to pull off ultra-bloody death moves where you rip out spinal cords or cut people in half. Cool.



▲ Really fluid four-player fights

## 'THE BAD-ASSES FROM WU TAKE ON THE KUNG FU HARDBOYS'



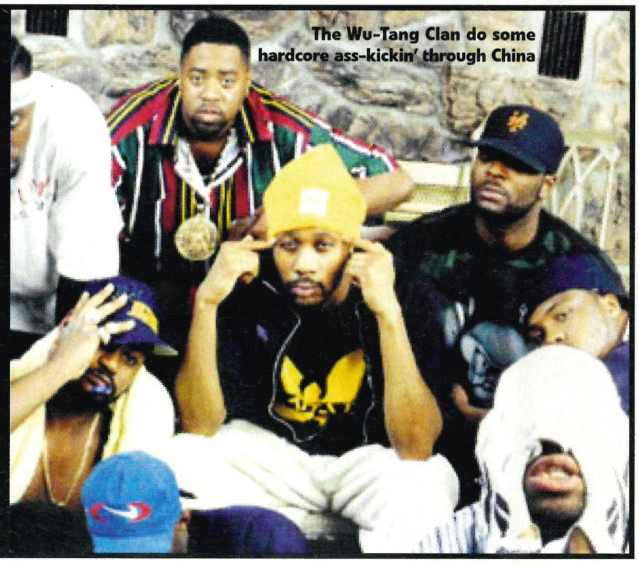
Meth deals heavy death blows with his hammer

### OL' DIRTY BASTARDS!

If you're a fan of Ghostface Kill-ah and the gang, you'll be wowed by the fact that their fighting styles in the game actually mirror their rapping styles. Method Man fights slow and hits hard, the GZA weaves in and out, and Ol' Dirty Bastard, naturally, goes for drunken style. Mad and bad stuff.



▲ The Liquid Swords of Genius


The Wu-Tang Clan do some hardcore ass-kickin' through China

## COOL STUFF

### ANCIENT SHAOLIN JOYPAD OF POWER

### THE WU-TANG PRESENT THE WEIRDEST JOYPAD EVER!



You can even get a special joypad styled after the Wu-Tang's ultra-cool 'Wu' symbol. An essential buy for any budding urban samurai, the pad'll hit the shelves at the same time as the game, on November 5.

## THE BOUNCER

The Bouncer's an amazing PlayStation 2 beat 'em up adventure which owes more to films like The Matrix than it does to Street Fighter. You'll be watching an amazing cutscene where huge explosions rip through the train station you're running through, then suddenly you're caning your joypad in a massive martial arts punch up in the smoking ruins.



Your characters vault out of the station with enemies on their tail

The station's still tearing itself to bits around you as you batter the bad guys

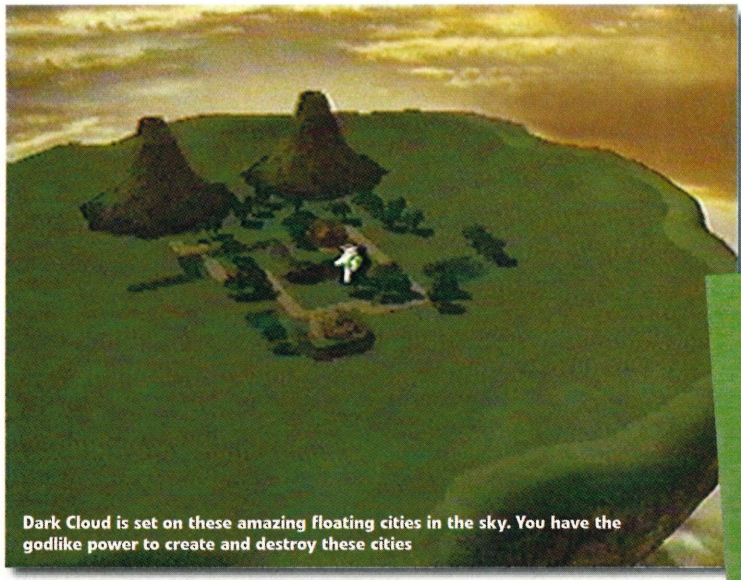
Explosions tear through the station, and water gushes in

Suddenly you're ankle-deep in water and debris, fighting against evil goons

It's just like an action film: the locations change, but the fighting goes on. Fight fast, or miss your train!

# PLAYSTATIO
# THE GAMES TO ROC

## MORE EXCLUSIVE SHOTS OF PLAYSTATION 2 IN ACTION. COMMAND ARMIES, DESTROY HUGE BUILDINGS, CREATE WORLDS!



Dark Cloud is set on these amazing floating cities in the sky. You have the godlike power to create and destroy these cities

## DARK CLOUD

The game centres around floating cities which you can create and destroy. You switch effortlessly between a view where you drop buildings, lakes and mountains onto a map and a view where you're suddenly *in* the landscape, surrounded by the massive, solid buildings and trees you've created. Amazing.




First choose what you want to build. You can create mountains, roads, houses, even rivers



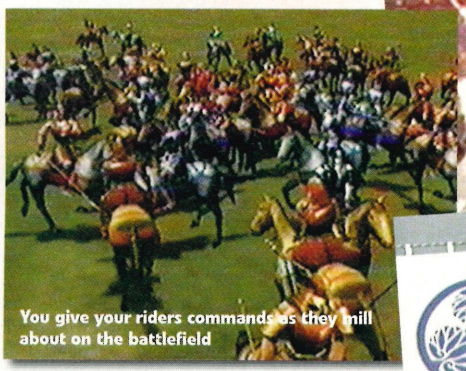
The view swoops in and suddenly you're this boy, right in the middle of the scene you've created

## KESSEN

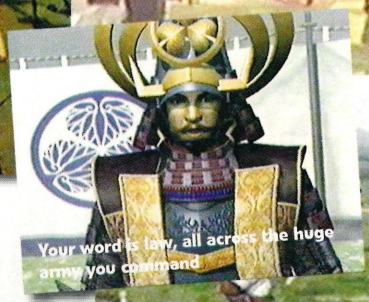
Samurai strategy epic Kessen's got a few surprises up its sleeve. The controls are simple, because the artificial intelligence in the game's sharp enough to keep your troops moving after you've given them simple commands. It all happens in real time, so it's hard and fast, and you can give as many, or as few, orders as you want. The result is lightning-fast action.



The artificial intelligence of your troops is high enough that they'll go on moving and fighting even if you don't give them specific orders



You give your riders commands as they mill about on the battlefield



Your word is law, all across the huge army you command



You can get as close to the action as you want to be: command one unit, or a whole wing of the army

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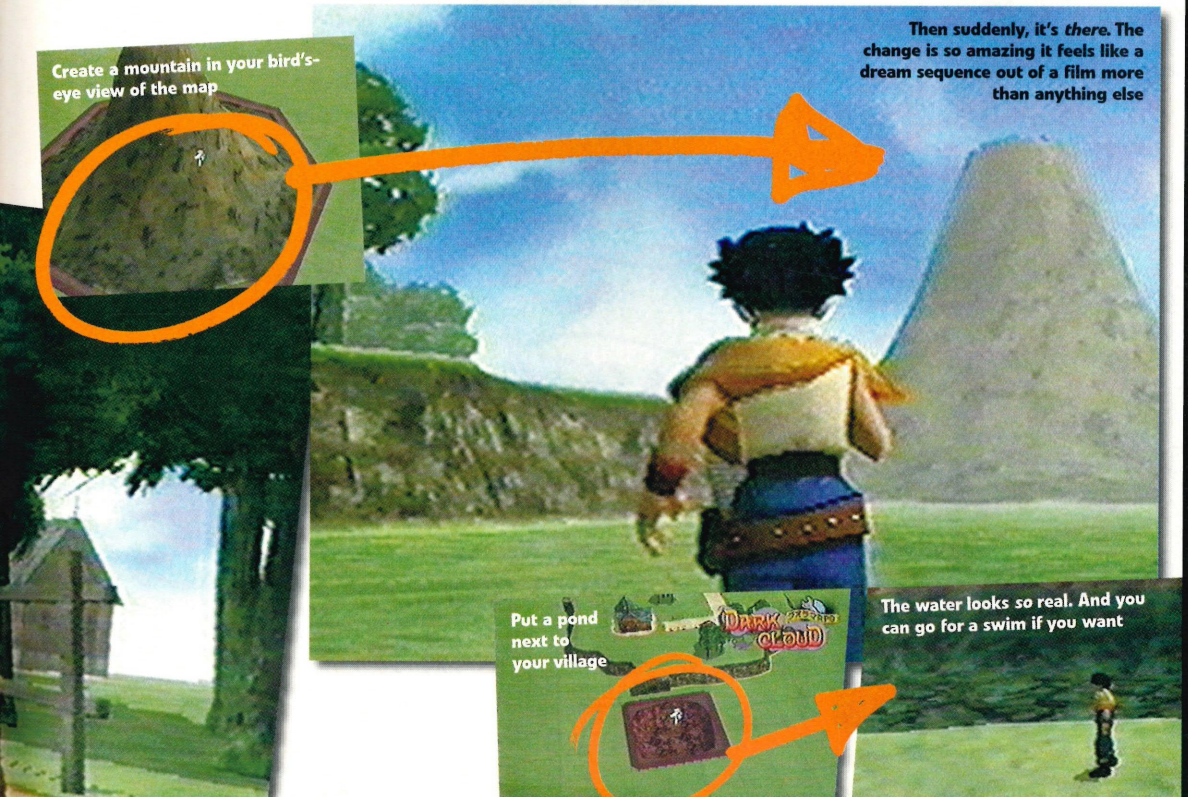


Create a mountain in your bird's-eye view of the map

Then suddenly, it's *there*. The change is so amazing it feels like a dream sequence out of a film more than anything else

Put a pond next to your village

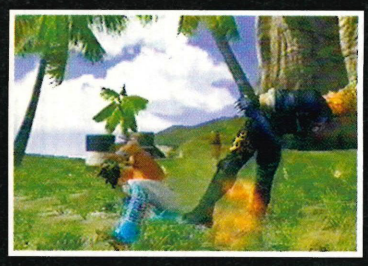
The water looks *so* real. And you can go for a swim if you want

# AND THERE'S MORE!




### GRAN TURISMO 2000

GT2000 looks amazing. The lighting effects are superb, but it's the realistic movement of the cars that catches your eye: it really feels like you're in a one-ton hulk of metal screeching round corners or spinning helplessly across the tarmac. It's so real your foot will reach for the brakes.



### TEKKEN TAG TOURNAMENT

This makes Tekken 3 look like a Game Boy title. The characters wince and grimace as you hit them. Grass quivers as you walk through it. Dust flies up around your feet. It's unbelievably fast, and it moves so smoothly it feels like you're watching a Bruce Lee film. We can't wait.



### THE NEW RIDGE RACER

This has the same arcadey feel that's made the Ridge Racer series so cool. These cars may look as solid and real as cars on TV, but try and take a corner in one and you'll find yourself powersliding round it at 250 miles per hour, wobbling a bit then screeching off down the straight.

### THE FUTURE

Expect news of Metal Gear Solid 2, Final Fantasy 10 and Tomb Raider 5 in the near future. They've also confirmed that the UK version of PlayStation 2 will be released in September next year. You'll always get all the PS2 news first in Plus!



# EXPLOSIVE GUITAR & MOLTEN BEATS

**Grind out cool tunes and rock anthems on the awesome Music 2000 out on 26 November**

We've played an early version of Music 2000, the game where even the tone deaf can make dance music. One word. *Unbelievable.*

There's 3,500 samples, ranging from parping trumpet licks and Hoover-type synth stabs to crunching rock guitar riffs. And they're all sharp as tacks.

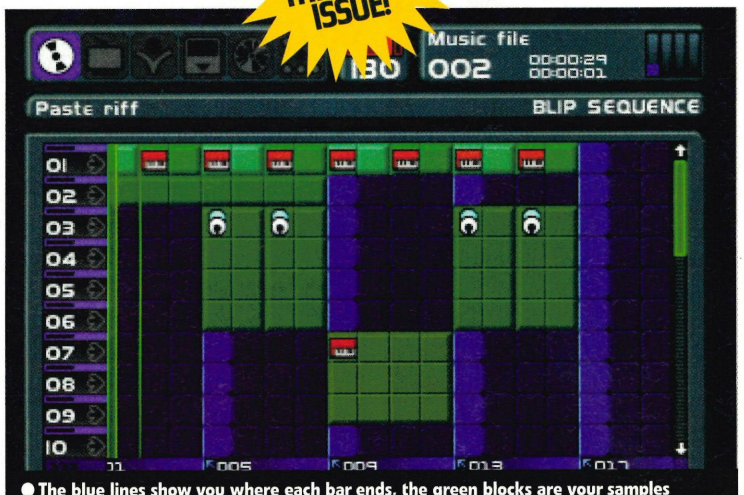
All you have to do is slot them into a grid with space for 24 audio tracks. They're all in the same key, and the grid shows you how to keep them in time, so it's well easy to create Pete Tong-style floor-fillers in minutes.

There's more range here than in last year's Music. You can make great tunes in styles from pop dance and sub-bass-heavy drum n' bass to rasping, crunchy big beat. You can compose your own samples with the easy-to-use riff editor. Or you can pop a CD into your PlayStation and lift up to 15 seconds out of it for use in your tunes. **Review next issue.**




● Jam mode lets up to three mates add riffs

**TOP DJ REVIEWS THIS NEXT ISSUE!**




● The blue lines show you where each bar ends, the green blocks are your samples

## WHEN'S THAT GAME OUT?

**HERE'S THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE OF BIG GAME RELEASES**

### RELEASE DATES

**OUT NOW**

- QUAKE 2
- STAR WARS: THE PHANTOM MENACE

**22 OCT**

- GTA 2
- F1 99

**29 OCT**

- DINO CRISIS
- RAINBOW 6
- FINAL FANTASY 8
- METAL GEAR SPECIAL MISSIONS
- OFFICIAL FORMULA ONE RACING
- MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

**5 NOV**

- WU-TANG: TASTE THE PAIN
- FIFA 2000
- SPYRO 2

**12 NOV**

- KNOCKOUT KINGS

**19 NOV**

- NO FEAR DOWNHILL RACING

**26 NOV**

- CRASH TEAM RACING
- MUSIC 2000

# INVASION OF THE JOYPADS FROM SPACE!



## Stolen space technology helps out in the world's first tilt-to-steer joypad

The Evolution pad from Gamester sets out to solve one of the great gaming problems of our time. You know how some people – for 'people', read 'wieners' – can't get their ickle heads round using buttons to steer in racing games, and instead they end up wrenching the pad left and right in their hands like it's a steering wheel? Well, the Evolution pad uses weird motion-sensing technology used in spacecraft and fighter jets to allow you to steer by doing just that. When we read the box, we expected it to be laughably bad, but it's actually pretty smooth, and very easy to get used to. At £29.99 a pop it should be – but still, if you're looking to get your little sis/girlfriend/idiot mate hooked on racing games, this is the way to do it.

**'IT USES MOTION-SENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM SPACECRAFT AND FIGHTER JETS!'**

# THE REAL CYBER PIXIE

## That strange girl off the PlayStation ads: here's what she really looks like and how they did that advert

You've seen her in the PlayStation ads, spouting all sorts of weird nonsense. But here's what Fiona McLane, 17, looks like before they digitally manipulated her picture to move her eyes further apart, make her eyebrows pointy, lengthen her arms and shrink her nose.

The idea was to make her look like a mixture of Kate Moss, Bjork, Betty Boo and a Victorian fairy. Well, we don't know about that, but they certainly made her look bloody odd. Watch out for 'Fifi' releasing a dance single, before the real Fiona goes back to her studies at drama college.



**Another girl, another planet: Fifi after her morphing makeover**



# THRASH YOUR DREAM CAR

## TOCA: World Touring Cars is due next Easter, with F1 tracks, Audi TTs and smashing action

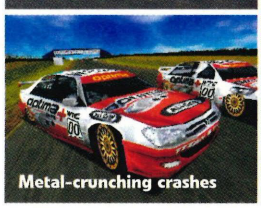
TOCA Touring Cars, the game that prompted one confused fan to write saying 'It's more realistic than driving in a real car' is back on our PlayStations early next year. TOCA: World Touring Cars features its trademark saloons tanking it around the world's top race tracks. And it promises new levels of reality that could see you brace your muscles for bonnet-bending broadsides.

One feature that made the first two TOCAs feel so good was the car damage, and TOCA: World boasts splintering bodywork by the crate load. Sheet metal will bunch up on impact, glass will shatter and axles will become as twisted as Hannibal Lecter.

Earlier TOCAs had very accurate handling, but it's become more hardcore for this one. Rookies will find themselves pirouetting helplessly on the grass, but the payoff when you learn to get to grips with it will be massive.

A range of new Audi TTs, Peugeots and Alfa Romeos will be on tap and fresh tracks include F1 circuits in Hockenheim, Monza and Suzuka. Roll on Easter!


Twitchy handling alert!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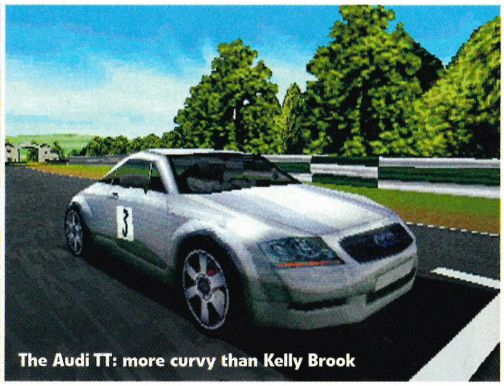
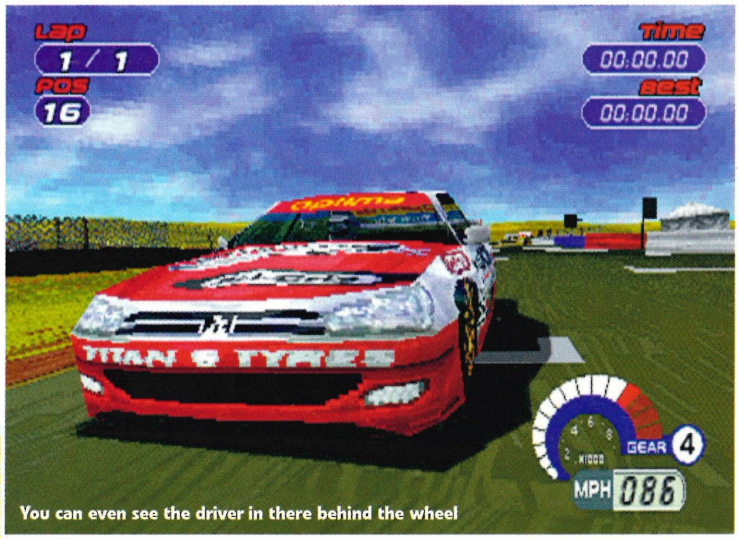
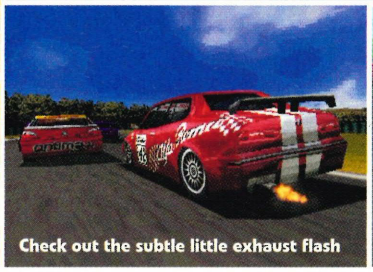
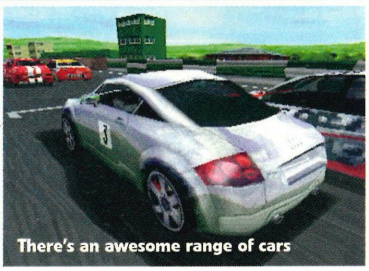

The Audi TT: more curvy than Kelly Brook



You can even see the driver in there behind the wheel


Check out the subtle little exhaust flash


There's an awesome range of cars



# MUTANT MANIACS VS THE ANUS OF DOOM

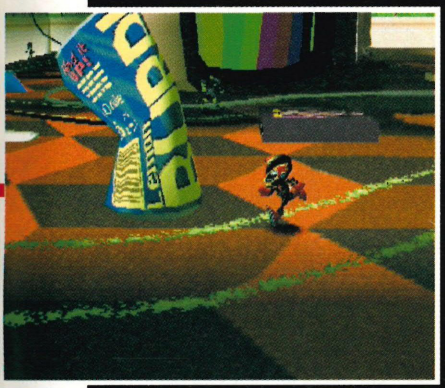
## Micro Machines 4: firecracker farts light up the racetrack as four wacky racers go for the burn

Micro Machines, the king of multiplayer racers, is back on the PlayStation from around March next year. And from the bits we've played, it's got all the ingredients to create the perfect late-night gaming experience.

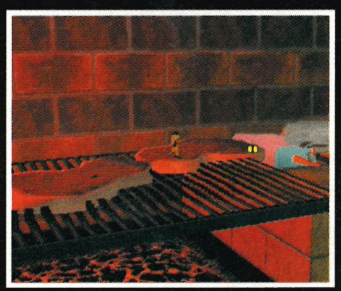
The miniature motors from MM3 have been replaced with tiny sprinting mutants, including a lightning-emitting man with a lightbulb for a head, and a red-skinned freak who emits flaming wind from his ass!

It's miniaturised indoor racing with competitors skirting around lakes of milk, hurdling sausages and slipping off table edges.

Micro Machines' superb environments get a lot more 3D, too. In one level, you'll slide down a kettle flex to reach the table surface, then climb commando-style across plastic netting to get up to the shelves. All the mutants boast killer moves and each'll have special powers you can access by collecting powerups on the track. It could be the best multiplayer of 2000.



▲ Don't go near this Maniac's asshole



▲ Fall off the steak and you're toast



▲ Race across the Simon Says game



▲ The cooker: touch the hobs and die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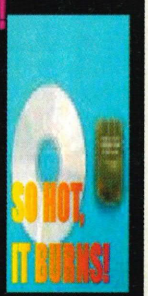


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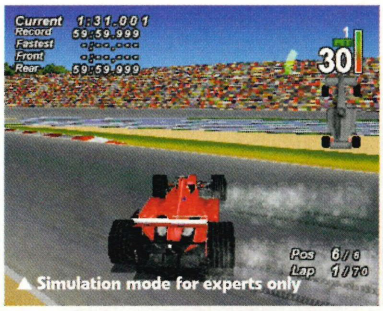

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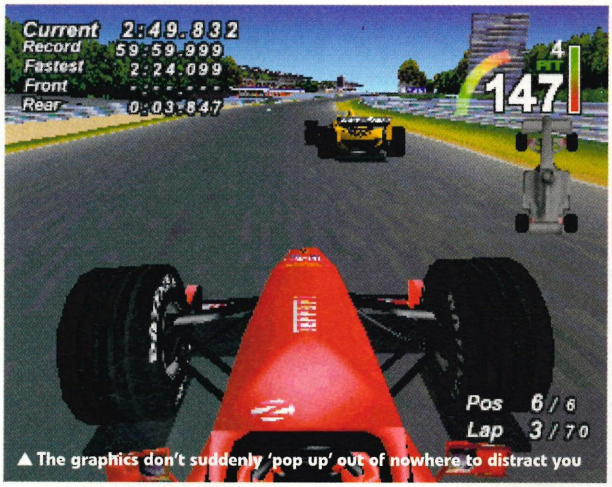
# A WINNING FORMULA?

'REALISTIC CRASHES THAT'LL ACTUALLY TEAR YOUR CAR TO BITS'

## The Official Formula One game: why is it official? Is it any cop?

We thought it was a bit odd, a game cropping up called Official Formula1, after three years of F1 games that looked pretty damn official to us. The answer's simple: both of them have the official licence from the F1 Association. But only this one's going to put it on the game box.

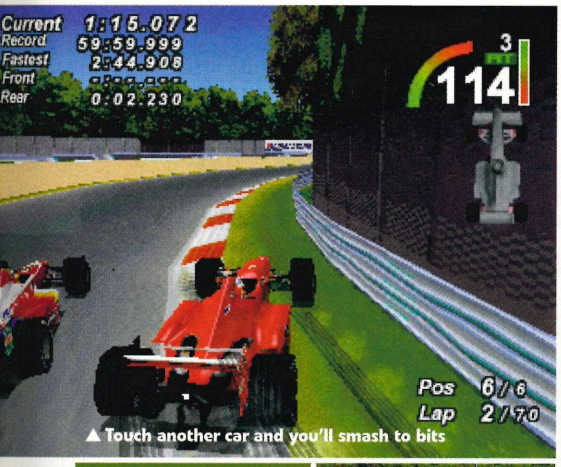
Both of them have the proper drivers, tracks and teams. And both of them have levels of detail and realism that'll make non-fans shake their heads in disbelief. But this one's going all-out to be even *more* detailed and simulation-style than F1 99. Brave words, but what's it got to back 'em up?



▲ The graphics don't suddenly 'pop up' out of nowhere to distract you

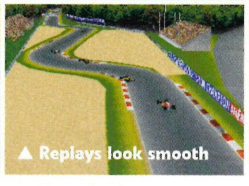
## IT'S TOO DAMN REAL!

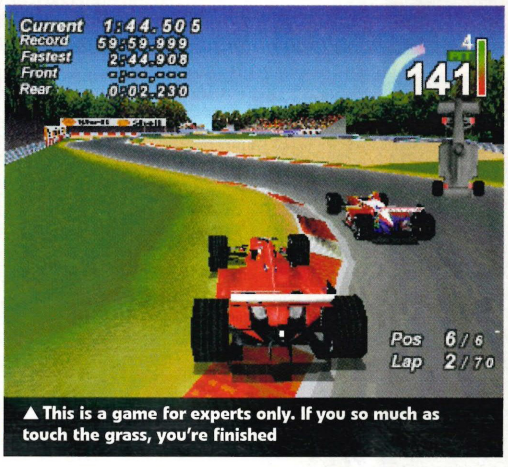
The handling and car physics here are the main focus of attention: obviously, you can change everything about your car, as with the F1 series, but we're promised more realistic tyre wear and fuel consumption, and shockingly more realistic crashes that will actually tear your car to bits.



▲ Touch another car and you'll smash to bits


▲ Irvine's Ferrari


▲ Replays look smooth



▲ This is a game for experts only. If you so much as touch the grass, you're finished

# FRESH STUFF

## WHY THE OFFICIAL GAME COULD RULE

### MAKE MINE A MCLAREN

What's cool is you've got the option to use accurate car models across the field. For instance, the McLarens will be dead fast but lacking in manoevrability, and Ferraris will be a smooth all-round drive. Choosing to have accurate models will make the races more unpredictable, and a load harder. It's more realistic too.

### QUITE LITERALLY THE PITS

Another ultra-realistic feature that'll have F1 fans drooling is the pitting in system. You can have it so you actually have a pit strategy, and if you pit in on the 19th lap when you said you'd do it on the 20th, the team will take slightly longer to change your tyres, because they won't be ready. As with all the simulation-type features on here, you'll be able to turn this option off. Thank God.

### PROPER TWO-PLAYER SHOCK!

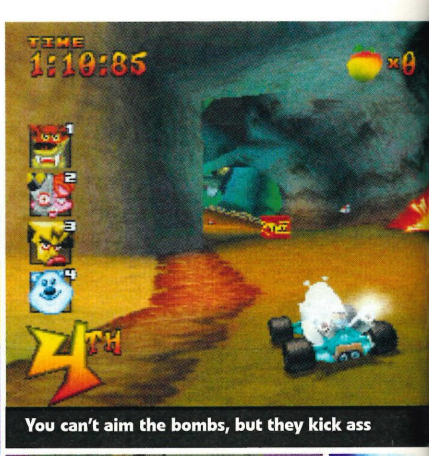
On p23 this month we complain bitterly about the split-screen two-player mode in F1 99. And it looks like Official Formula 1 really scores on that front. There's a full field of 24 cars on here in split-screen, and it moves at the same speed as the one-player. This is impressive stuff.

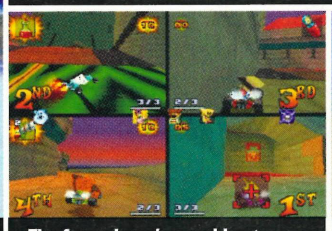
# COMINGUP


Clear the track with homing missiles


Fall off the edge and you're dead meat


Up close, the sheer weight of the Dingodile makes him pretty fearsome


You can't aim the bombs, but they kick ass


The four-player's a real hoot

# FOUR MEN. ONE BANDICO

## CRASH TEAM RACING: CARTOON CAR WARS YOU JUST GOTTA PLAY

Not long 'til the release of Crash Team Racing on November 24, the comedy kart effort starring various strange, big-eyed bits of Aussie wildlife out of the Crash Bandicoot series – and it's already looking sweet. Admittedly, the PlayStation can be a bit of a disappointment if you've got more than one mate, so anything four-player and decent makes us sit up and take notice.

The handling's arcadey and absolutely spot-on. And it looks like everything you'd expect from the PlayStation's sharpest marsupial, and the range of artillery, wacky powerups and health-restoring fruit boxes keeps everything stupid enough to be fun. The tracks are massive, bendy and littered with powerups and massive stunts, although some of the courses are maybe just a tiny bit too long. But, in spite of this, it's just as sharp in the split-screen four-player mode – and if you've got a multitap, this will be a must-have.

The only sniffy bits are it's not-exactly-supersonic speed, and the way the field can sometimes thin out over the long courses, leaving you all alone on the track with a payload of bombs you can't use. Hopefully, these gripes will be sorted out before the game hits the shelves.


Bombs will leave you flattened


The skyway track has loads of jumps


Using the Witchdoctor's Mask makes you invulnerable, so you can crash rivals off the track

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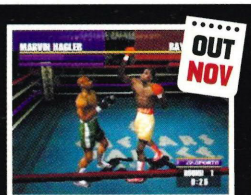
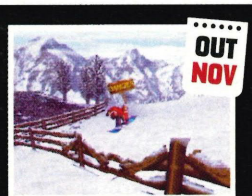



### KNOCKOUT KINGS 2000

Sharpened-up boxing sequel with the cream of the century's boxing talent spilling blood and sweat on to the canvas. This is a sheer knock-out game.



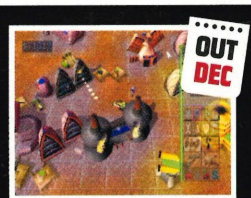

### MTV SNOWBOARDING

MTV tie-in snowboarding effort with classy looks, some nifty moves and a fine selection of mindless cock-rock tunes on the soundtrack.




### WORMS ARMAGEDDON

More knockabout war strategy action with gangs of psycho killer worms. Loads of laughs and no coordination needed, so it's ideal when you're pissed.




### DUNE 2000

Mind-melting sci-fi strategy, as blue-eyed tribesmen struggle with the high-tech troops of House of Atreides for control of the Oracle Spice.





There are huge chasms everywhere. Time your jumps well, or die

'IT'S RAMMED WITH SPOT-ON HANDLING, ASS-PLUGGING ROCKETS AND BIG STUNTS'



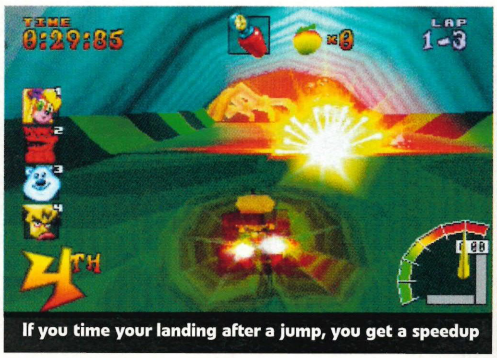


Deathmatch action in Battle Mode



Bomb other racers to pull ahead

# OT. LOTS OF FRUIT



If you time your landing after a jump, you get a speedup



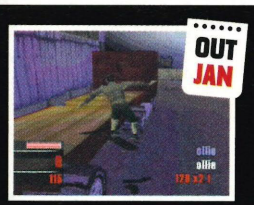
You flash red if a missile locks on to you



Use powerslides to get around tight corners

## Crash Team Racing

At its best, the action in Crash Team Racing is pure Wacky Races. In the four-player split-screen, you'll enjoy the sight of one of your mates barelling off the edge of a winding sky track with no kerb – until you find yourself with a homing rocket up your butt. But if you overtake the next guy fast enough, he'll be the one that cops it. And on the best tracks, it's that pace all the way. This is a killer racing game – unmissable.




### THRASHER SKATE AND DESTROY

Thrasher Skate and Destroy Skating thrills with the usual assortment of snazzy tricks and slack-jawed Yank boarders, but the graphics are a bit drab.




### EAGLE ONE: HARRIER ATTACK

Slick jet action where a team of tooled-up jets take on realistic ground and air forces to save the world.



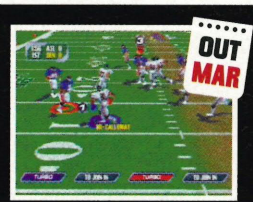

### JET-X

Stupidly fast jet aircraft fly low over hilly landscapes in this high-velocity Gran Turismo of the skies. It looks slick and it has in-depth gameplay.




### FEAR EFFECT

Cyberpunk Manga adventures set in a dark futuristic city with blindingly good cartoony graphics blending into lush cutscenes. Forceful stuff.




### NFL BLITZ 2000

The only playable American football game bounces back with sharper graphics and even faster gameplay. This is how the game should be played.




### RENEGADE RACERS

Dumb arcadey race and shoot thrills with slacker characters, such as hippies and Vietnam vets blowing each other to bits in glowing technicolour.

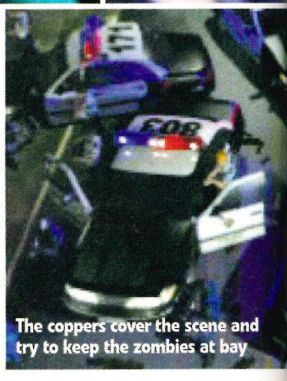


Day of the undead turns into a nightmarish reality as a congestion of walking corpses paralyse Raccoon City





# BLOOD FE



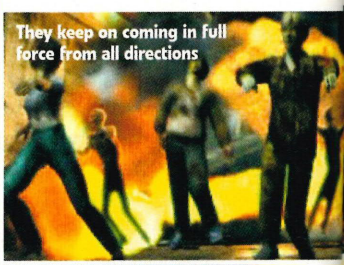
The coppers cover the scene and try to keep the zombies at bay



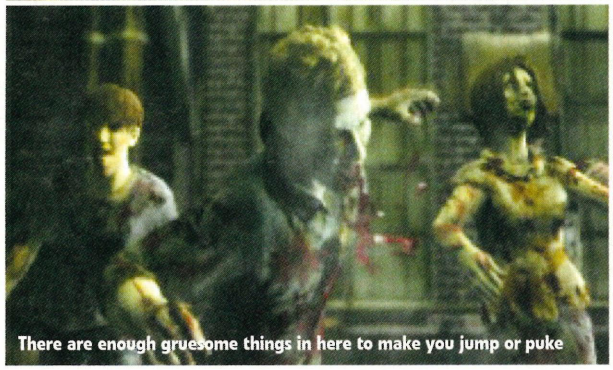
The decomposing corpses will shower you with bits of blood and entrails



The military and SWAT teams are called in to keep the stream of corpses under control



They keep on coming in full force from all directions



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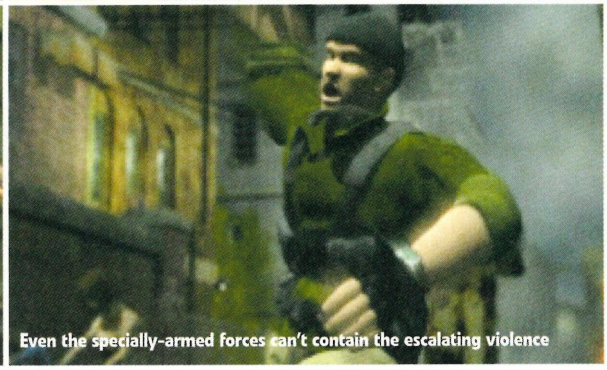
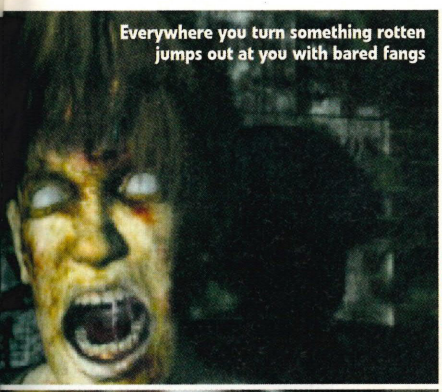


Even the specially-armed forces can't contain the escalating violence

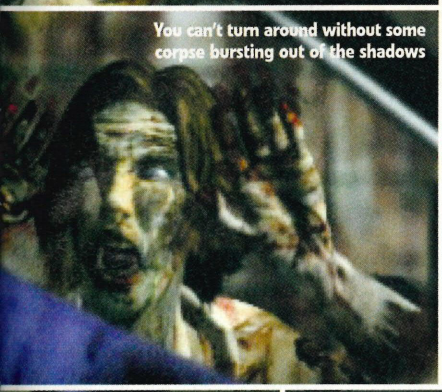


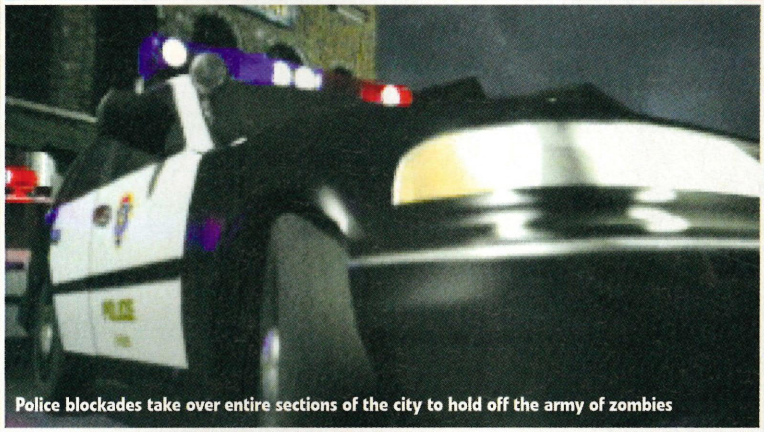
The explosions can't kill them fast enough


Everywhere you turn something rotten jumps out at you with bared fangs

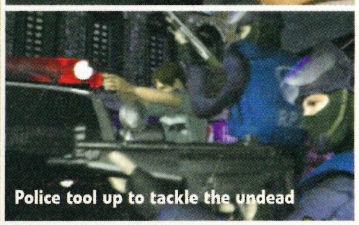

When you're ambushed by these mutants, you'll have to fight 'em or run


Sometimes ten zombies will be attacking you at once. A meat feast!

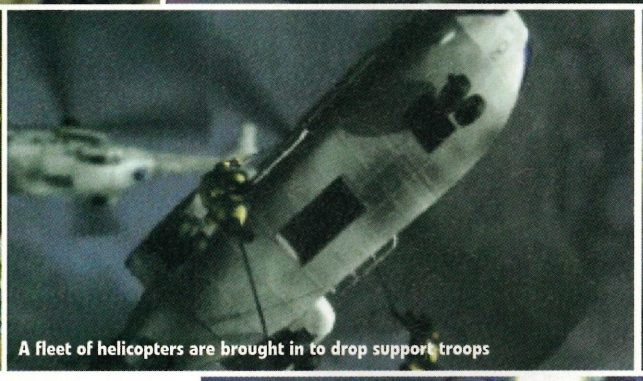

You can't turn around without some corpse bursting out of the shadows

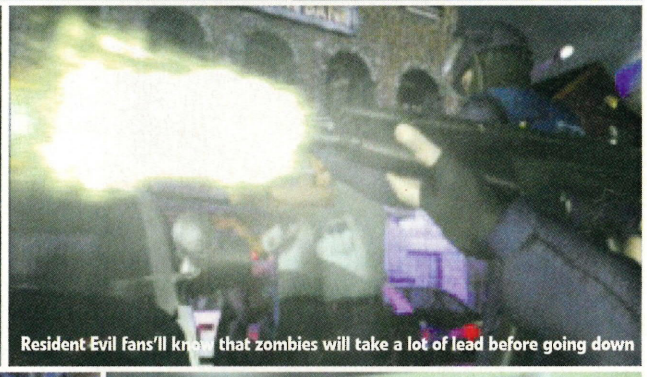

Police blockades take over entire sections of the city to hold off the army of zombies


Cops are no match for the hard-to-kill corpses


Police tool up to tackle the undead




A fleet of helicopters are brought in to drop support troops


Resident Evil fans'll know that zombies will take a lot of lead before going down

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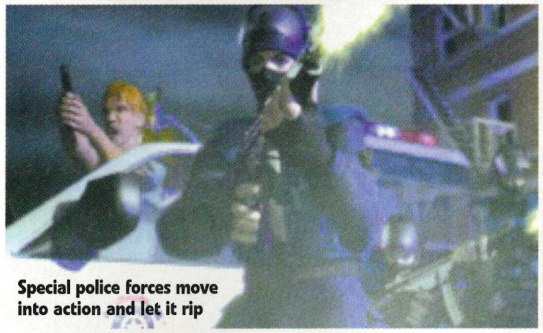
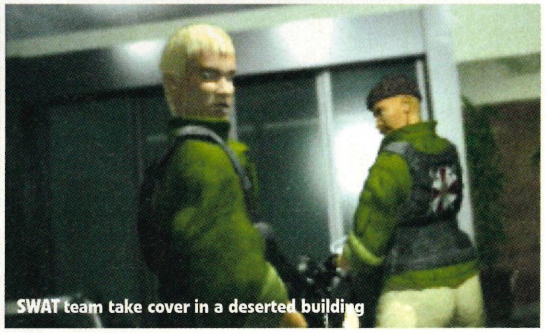

Special police forces move into action and let it rip


SWAT team take cover in a deserted building

## THE RESIDENT EVIL ZOMBIES ARE BACK IN TOWN. BUT THIS TIME, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THEM!

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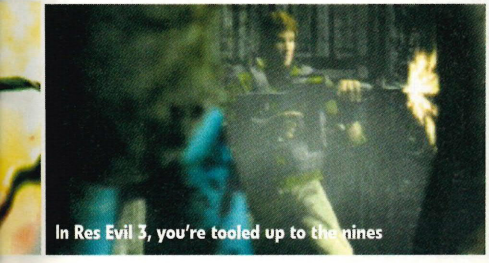
This is the intro to Resident Evil 3. It's like Night of the Living Dead on your PlayStation as the Raccoon City police tool up for one desperate last stand against an army of rotting corpses with glowing red eyes. You're tooled up to the nines with enough ammo to wipe out Australia, but there are thousands more zombies. And Resident Evil fans will know that it takes a hell of a lot of bullets to kill a zombie, and it doesn't look like these coppers are firing fast enough to hold back the tide of the undead. »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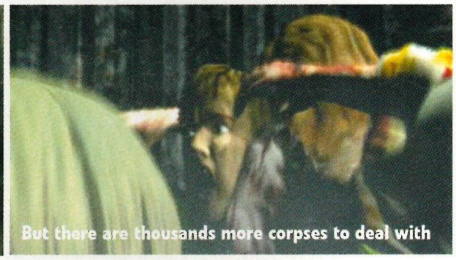
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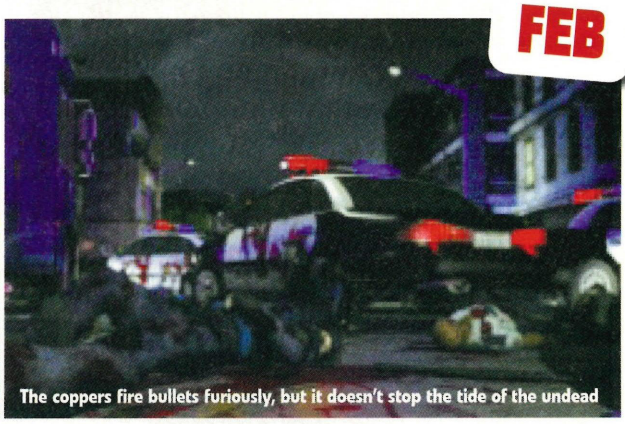
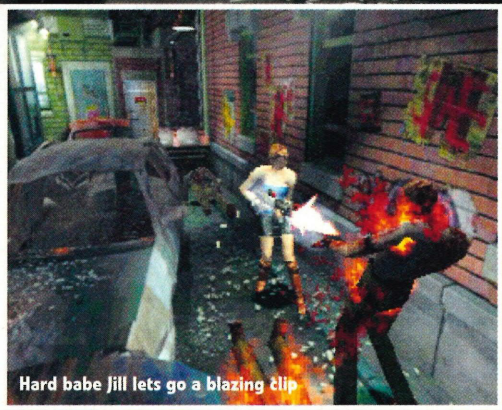

The coppers fire bullets furiously, but it doesn't stop the tide of the undead

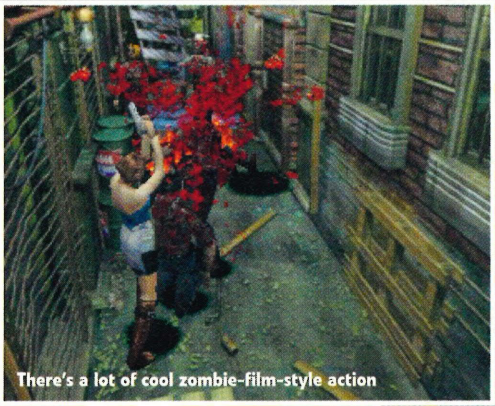



## THE DAY OF THE DEAD

The new Res Evil has built on some of the strengths of the two previous games, such as the set-piece showdowns which made you feel you were in the thick of an ultra-gory horror flick. Here, you've got cool zombie-film-style bits, like the bit where a gate opens and an army of zombies lurch towards you, and you can shoot a can of petrol to torch them – just like the closing shot of the Zombie Flesh Eaters.

In some scenes, you'll get a quick-fire menu up on screen, and you'll have to decide what you want to do. The whole plot of the game changes according to the choices you make, so think carefully. Lots of the set-pieces feature the Nemesis, an invincible eight-foot walking corpse with huge teeth. Do you fight, or do you run? Classic horror-flick stuff.


Hard babe Jill lets go a blazing clip


There's a lot of cool zombie-film-style action


With enough hits, you can dissolve their bodies into gory slush


Corpses convulse as you unload a magazine into 'em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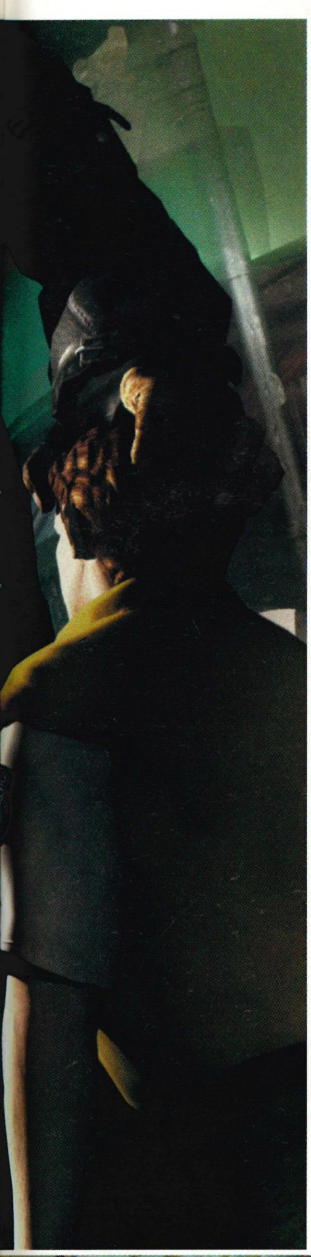
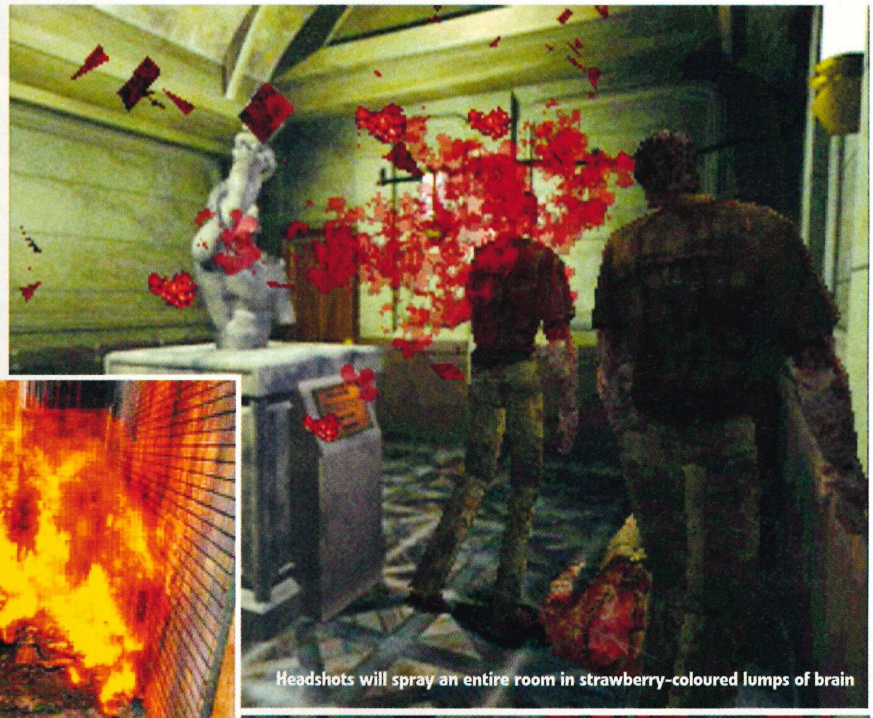


## YOU'VE BEEN MAIMED!

There are enough gruesome things in here to make you jump or puke. If you really blast zombies who're holding on to you, you can dissolve their bodies into gory slush, leaving their limbs dangling off you. Some zombies will keep crawling towards you once they've been blown in half.

Headshots will spray the entire room in strawberry-jam-coloured lumps of brain. Get it right, and you can even sever all but one of a zombie's limbs, so it drags itself towards you across the floor, using its one remaining arm.



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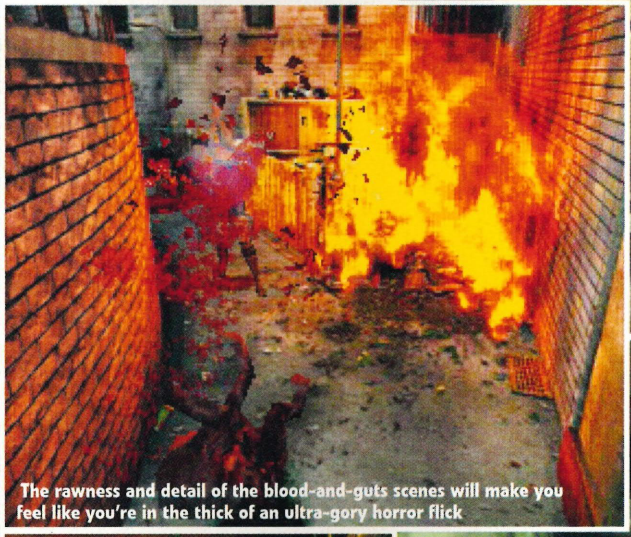
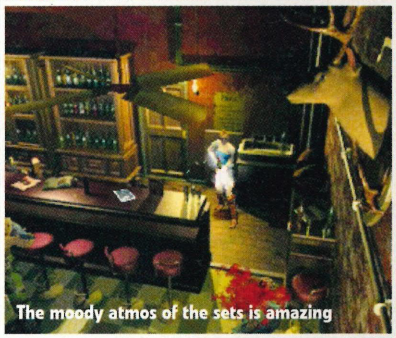


The rawness and detail of the blood-and-guts scenes will make you feel like you're in the thick of an ultra-gory horror flick





The moody atmos of the sets is amazing



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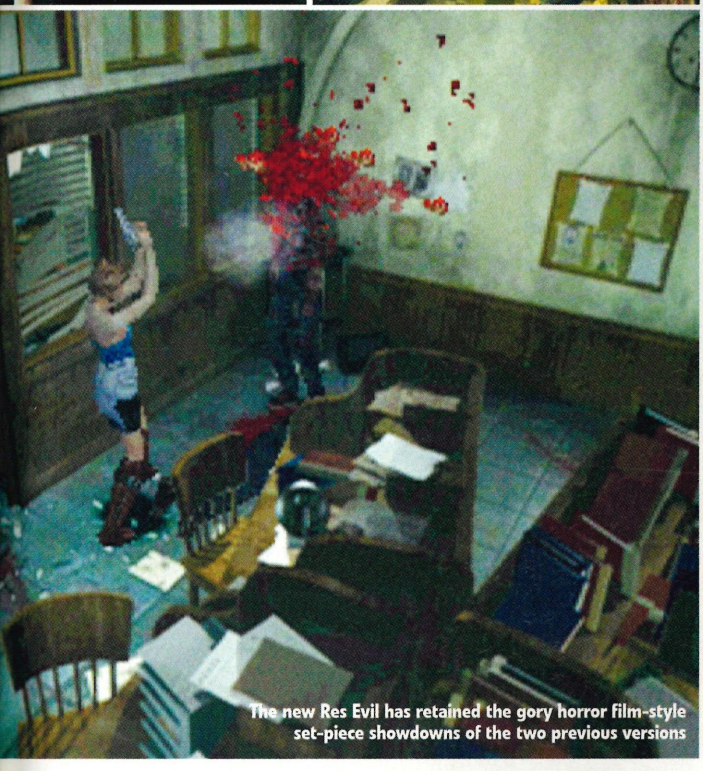

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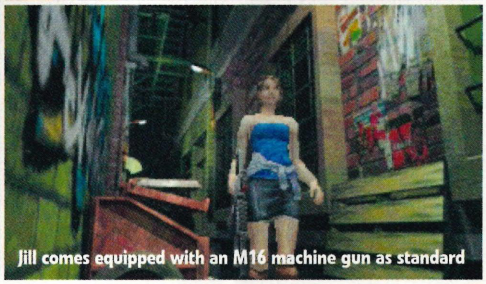

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## COLD STEEL, HOT LEAD

What's different about Part 3, is that you start up armed to the teeth. Jill comes equipped with an M16 machine gun as standard, and it beats the pants off the pathetic popguns you get in Resident Evil 2. Zombies convulse violently as you unload a magazine into them – you can even cut them in half with bullets.

Because you're heavily tooled up from the beginning, they've really gone to town on the number of zombies and other related mutants in the game. You can't walk ten feet without something rotten materialising out of nowhere and jumping out at you with bared fangs. And sometimes there will be ten zombies attacking you at once. This is real hardcore stuff. ■

# VOTE FOR YOUR LARA!

**In next year's forthcoming Tomb Raider movie, Lara Croft should be played by Catherine Zeta-Jones. Or Sandra Bullock. Or even Melinda Messenger (yeah, right!). At least, that's what you tell us.**

But we think it's time for some fresh faces to show up and get in with a shout. And for PlayStation Plus fans to stop pissing about and decide once and for all who should be PlayStation's favourite live-action heroine.

Over the next three issues, we'll introduce some absolute crackers who we think fit the part perfectly. And we want you to mark out of 10 how suitable the new girls will be for the role. Or, if you think they're rough-as, score your favourite actress or model for the part instead. After three issues, we'll total the scores, declare a winner and do a whacking great poster of your chosen doll.

Paramount, the Tomb Raider movie's production studio, hasn't said who is to play Lara, so we'll pass on your decision to them. We'll also chat with your top choice to ask her what she thinks.

First up is Nici Gerrard. Nici's an Australian model who does loads of picture shoots for surfing and fitness magazines Down Under, as well as trendy clothing companies. Our list of A-class Laras below shows she's in corking company.

Let us know who you think scores a perfect 10 and who's a big, fat zero.

- **Catherine Zeta-Jones from Zorro**
- **Carrie-Ann Moss from The Matrix**
- **Sandra Bullock from Speed**
- **Liz Hurley from Austin Powers**
- **Sarah-Michelle Gellar from Buffy**
- **Denise Richards from Starship Troopers**
- **Heather Graham from Austin Powers 2**
- **Kelly Brook**

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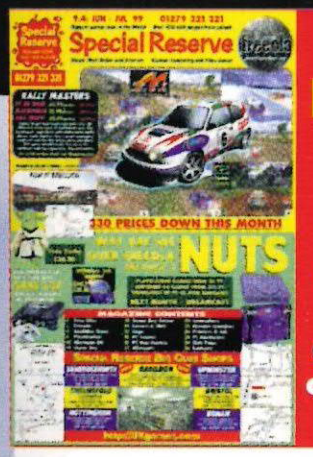

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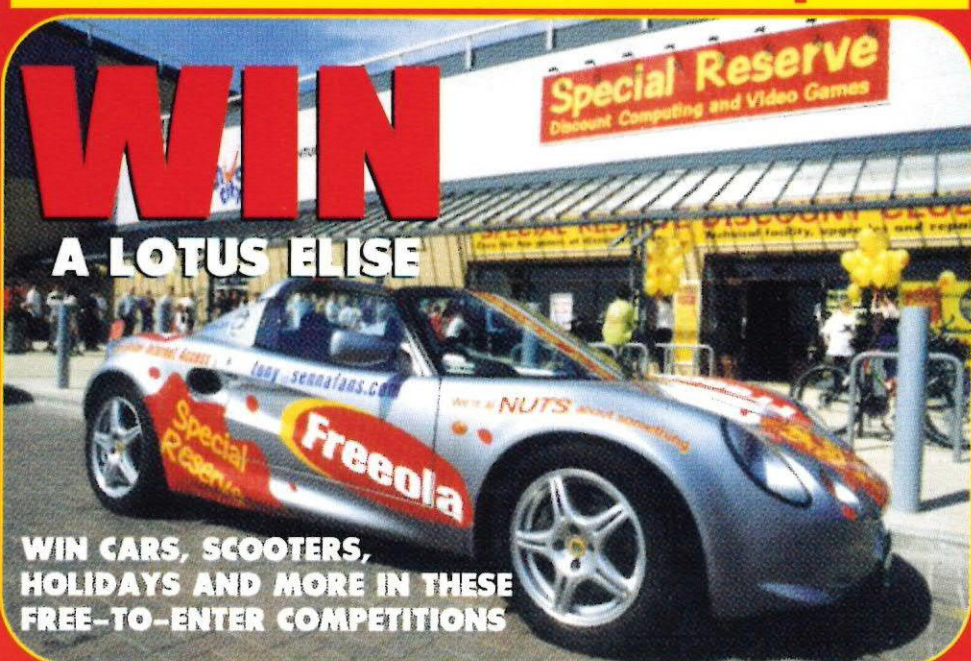


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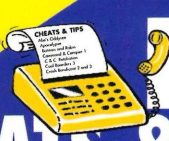


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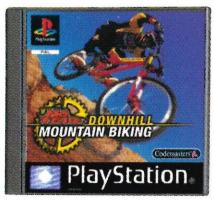


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